

Computer Vision

Convolutional Neural Networks

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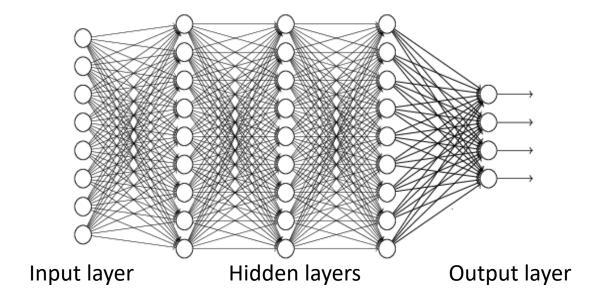


Classic MLP

Multi-Layer Perceptron (MLP)



- Neurons are arranged in layers
- Layer i is (fully) connected with layer i+1
 - no connections within layer
 - no connections to any other layers
 - no feedback
- Information flow from one layer to the next: feed-forward
- network has no internal state

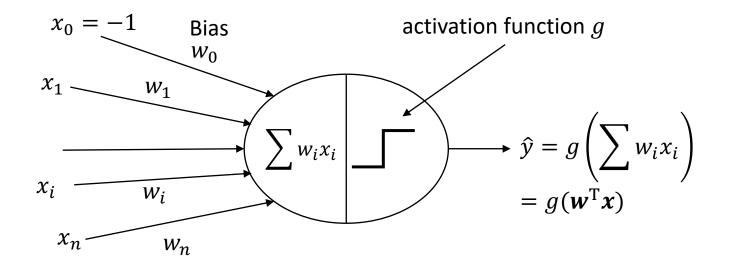


- number of input/output units is problem dependent
- number of layers/hidden units determined by developer
- Training: Error feedback with iterative non-linear optimization (error backpropagation)

McCulloch-Pitts Unit (Perceptron)



- Simplified model of a real neuron
- Output: linear function of the input + (non-linear) threshold value



Activation Functions (Classic)



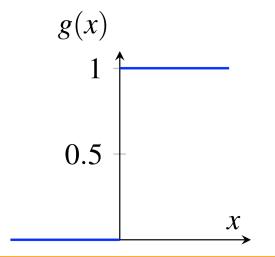
- (a) Step function / threshold function
- (b) Sigmoid function (also: logistic function)

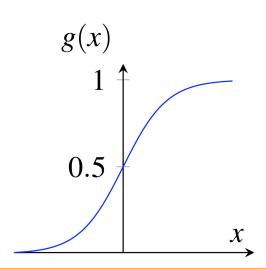
$$g(x) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-x}}$$

Calculating the derivative is easy:

$$g'(x) = g(x)(1 - g(x))$$

• Changing the bias w_0 moves the position of the threshold

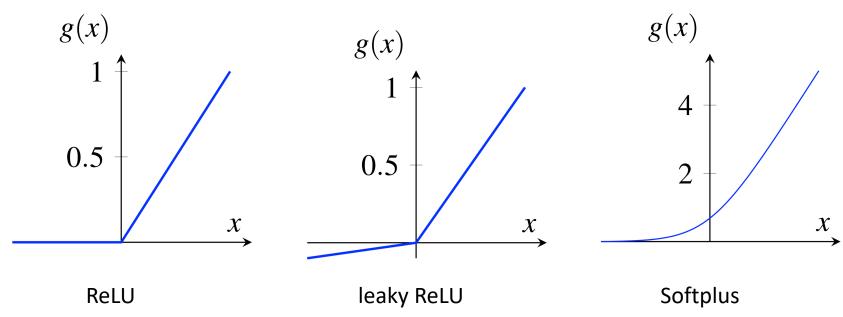




Activation function - ReLU



- Ramp function $g(x) = \max(0, x)$
- ReLU = Rectified Linear Unit
- now the most widely used activation function in deep neural networks (for inner neurons)
- Variants
 - Leaky ReLU: 1st derivative non-zero in the negative range
 - Softplus: smooth approximation of ReLU



Activation function – Softmax



- a normalized exponential function $g(x_j) = \frac{e^{x_j}}{\sum_i e^{x_i}}$
- Smooth approximation of the MAX function
 - increases large values and suppresses small values
- used in the output layer
- behaves like a discrete probability density function
- Example
 - input 1 2 3 4 1 2 3
 - becomes 0,024 0,064 0,175 0,475 0,024 0,064 0,175

Target Functions for Classification



objective function, loss function

- cross entropy (also: log loss)
 - to compare two probability densities
 - Calculation (single sample): $-\sum_{i=0}^{m-1} y_i \operatorname{ld} p_i$ m: #classes, y_i : desired output (usually 0 or 1), p_i : actual output
 - Instead of Id, you can of course also use In for the optimization (why?)
- binary cross entropy
 - Cross entropy for two classes
 - Calculation simplified to: $-(y \operatorname{ld} p + (1-y) \operatorname{ld} (1-p))$

Activation/target function - Classification



Two classes

- use a single neuron in the output layer
- Activation of output layer: Sigmoid
- Activation of inner layers: ReLU
- Target function: binary cross entropy

Several disjoint classes

- use one neuron per class (1-out-of-n coding, one-hot) in the output layer
- Activation of output layer: Softmax
- Activation of inner layers: ReLU
- Target function: Cross entropy

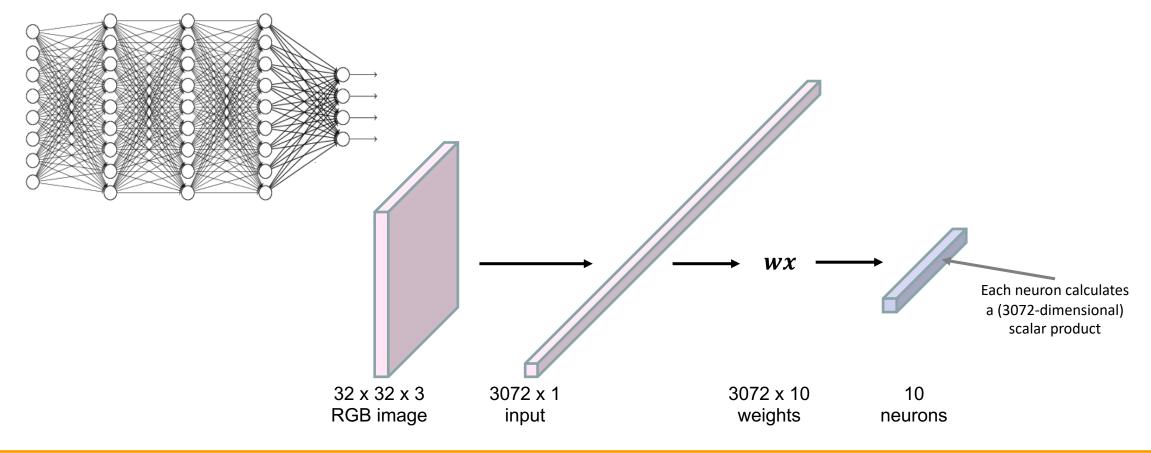
Several non-disjoint classes

- use one neuron per class in the output layer
- Activation of output layer: Sigmoid
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- Target function: binary cross entropy

MLP in Image Classification



- Are all edges of the fully connected network really needed?
- Can neurons share edges?



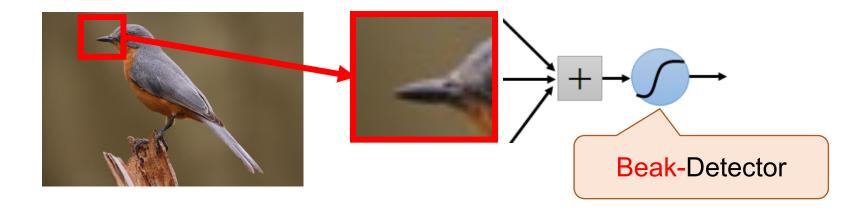


CNN

Recognition of Image Parts



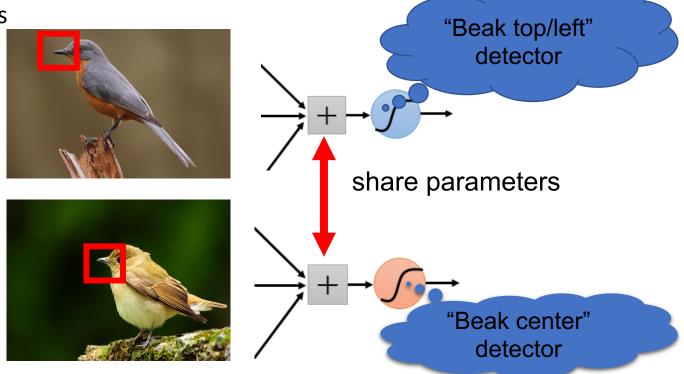
- many patterns are smaller than the complete image
- for small regions: less parameters required



Similar Patterns

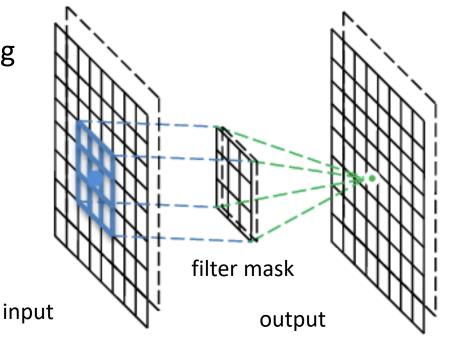


- similar patterns can be found in different image locations
- Idea: Train many small detectors that
 - move over the image
 - share parameters





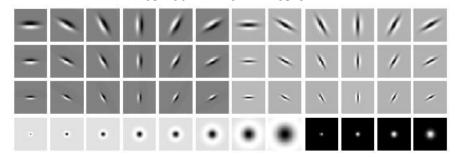
- hence: CNN Convolutional Neuronal Network
- consists of (linear) convolution filters
- the filter masks are learned during training
- first used with backpropagation in LeNet (1989-1998): LeCun, Bottou, Bengio, Haffner. Gradient-Based Learning Applied to Document Recognition. Proc. of the IEEE 86(11): 2278-2324, 1998.



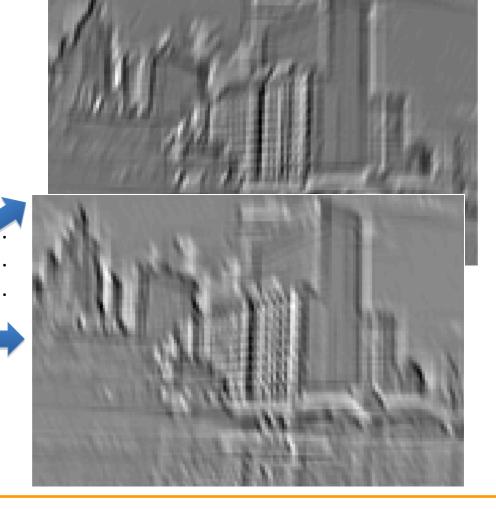
Convolution = Feature Extraction



Filter bank with k filters

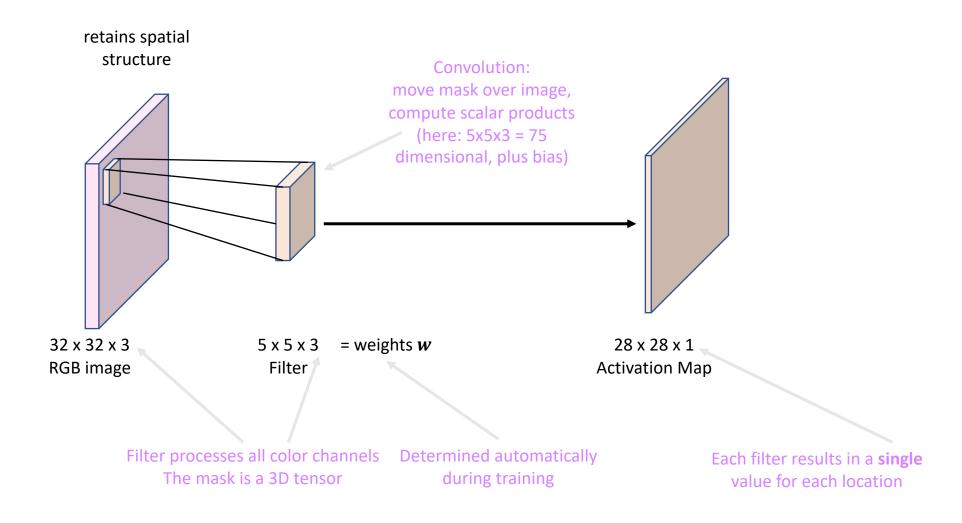


k Feature Maps

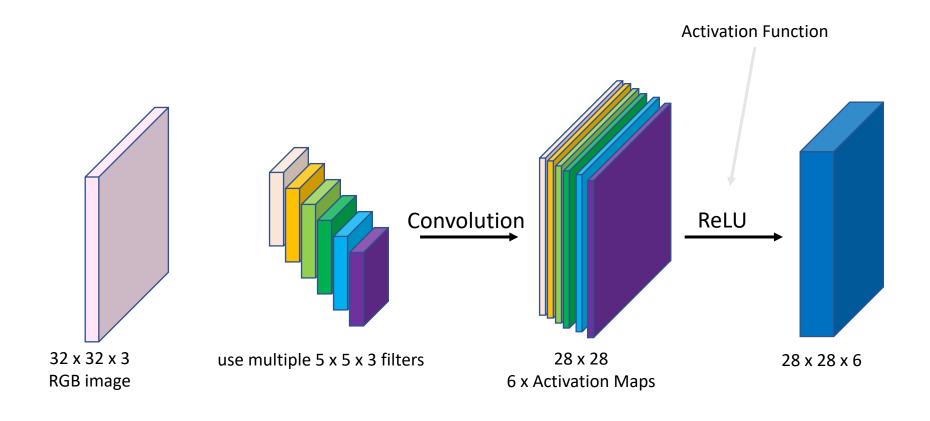






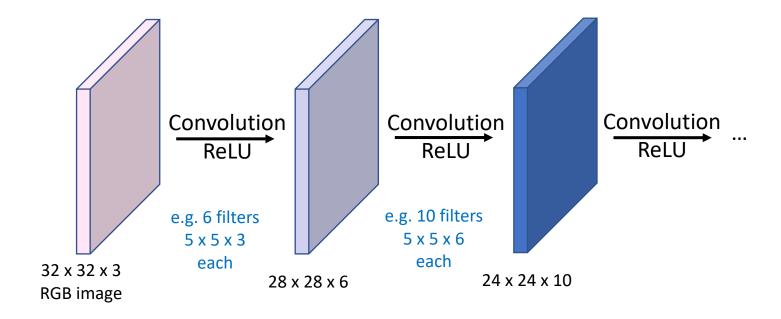








Convolution and activation are now repeated several times Idea: Combine low-level features, combine again etc.



Hyperparameter – Stride



the filter mask can be moved by more than one pixel (stride) this differs from the "normal" convolution operation

Example: 7x7 image with 3x3 filter

х	X	X	X	х	
x	X	X	X	х	
x	X	X	X	х	
x	X	X	X	х	
х	Х	X	Х	х	

Stride 1

Output: 5x5

X	X	X	
Х	X	X	
х	х	Х	

Stride 2

Output: 3x3

Х		Х	
х		X	

Stride 3 asymmetric border – stride does not match

Hyperparameter – Stride



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		F		
N	F			
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Stride *S*

Size of output:
$$\frac{N-F}{S}+1$$

If result is integer: Stride and filter size match

Example
$$N = 7, F = 3$$
:

$$S = 1: \frac{7-3}{1} + 1 = 5$$

$$S = 2: \frac{7^{-3}}{2} + 1 = 3$$

$$S = 2: \frac{7^{-3}}{2} + 1 = 3$$
$$S = 3: \frac{7^{-3}}{3} + 1 = 2,33$$

Hyperparameter – Pad



- Problem: Input size for a layer is getting smaller and smaller
- Solution: Padding of border
 - with zeros (Zero-Padding)
 - with copies of the border pixels

0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0								0
0								0
0								0
0								0
0								0
0								0
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0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

For filter size $F \times F$ $\frac{F-1}{2}$ values are lost at the border

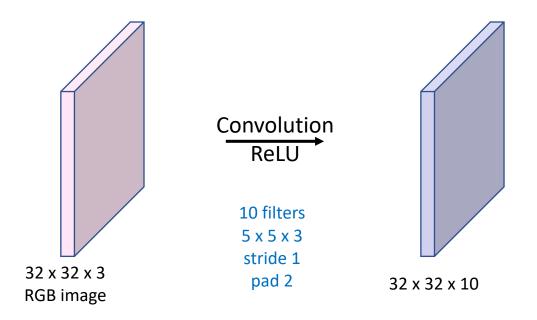
Examples:

F = 3: Padding with 1

F = 5: Padding with 2

F = 7: Padding with 3

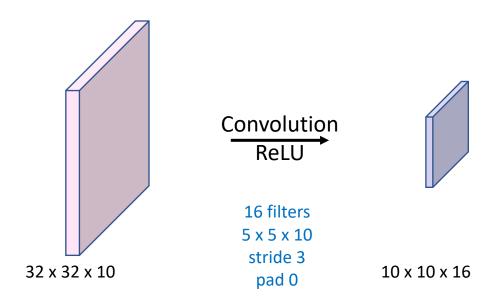




Number of parameters for this layer:

each filter has $5 \cdot 5 \cdot 3 + 1 = 76$ parameters (+1 because of bias)

10 filters, total: $76 \cdot 10 = 760$ parameters



Number of parameters for this layer: each filter has $5 \cdot 5 \cdot 10 + 1 = 251$ parameters (+1 because of bias) 16 filters, total: $251 \cdot 16 = 4016$ parameters

Hyperparameters – Convolution



- Number K and size F of filters
- Stride *S*
- Size of padding P
- typical values:
 - K = power of 2, e.g. 32, 64, 128, 512
 - F = 3, S = 1, P = 1
 - F = 5, S = 1, P = 2
 - F = 5, S = 2, P = matching
 - F = 1, S = 1, P = 0
- transforms a layer of size $W \times H \times D$ into a layer of size $W' \times H' \times D'$:

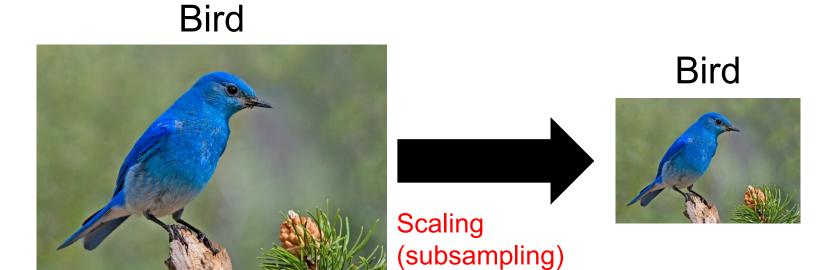
$$W' = \frac{W - F + 2P}{S} + 1$$
, $H' = \frac{H - F + 2P}{S} + 1$, $D' = K$

• Number of weights: $(F \cdot F \cdot D) \cdot K + K$

Pooling

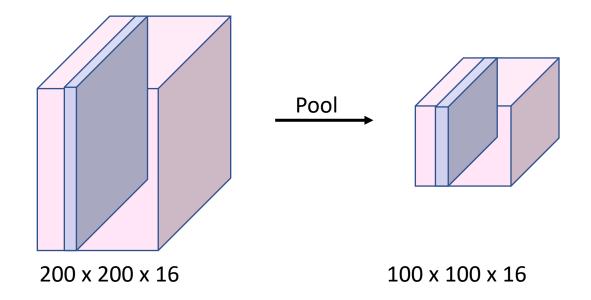


- scaling does not change the object
- objective: smaller-sized layers





each activation map is processed separately



Pooling

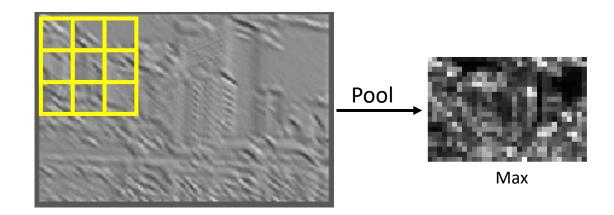


MAX-Pooling: Use the largest element within a windows of size $F \times F$

Average-Pooling: Use the mean value of all elements within a windows of size

Example: MAX-Pooling using 2x2 windows and stride S=2

2	1	2	4			
7	3	1	5	Pool	7	5
6	7	1	8		9	8
9	3	4	2			



Hyperparameters – Pooling



- Size *F* of windows
- Stride *S*
- Typical values:

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$$F = 2$$
, $S = 2$

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$$F = 3$$
, $S = 2$

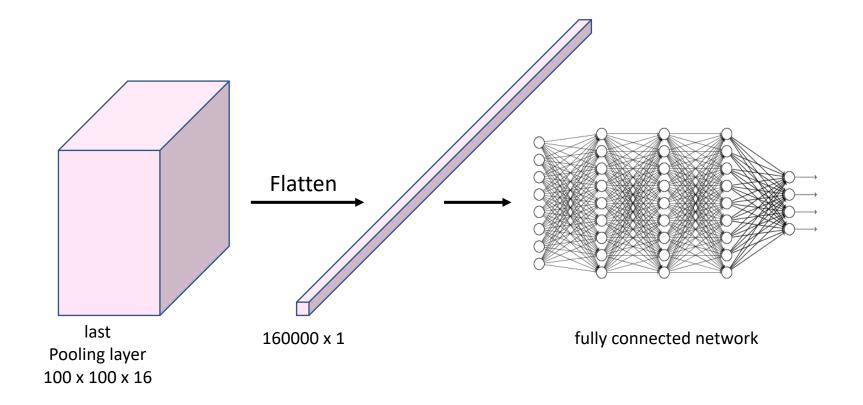
• transforms a layer of size $W \times H \times D$ into a layer of size $W' \times H' \times D'$: $W' = \frac{W-F}{S} + 1$, $H' = \frac{H-F}{S} + 1$, D' = D

• Number of weights: none

Fully Connected Layers / Flatten

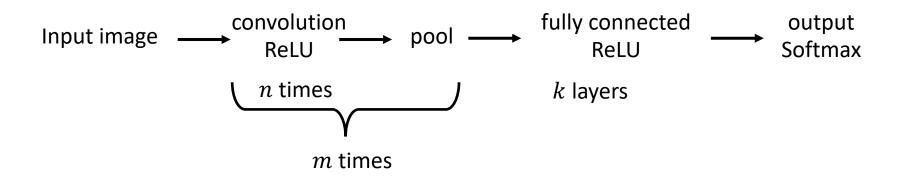


- at the end: fully connected layers as before (MLP)
 - → Flattening



Typical Standard Architecture

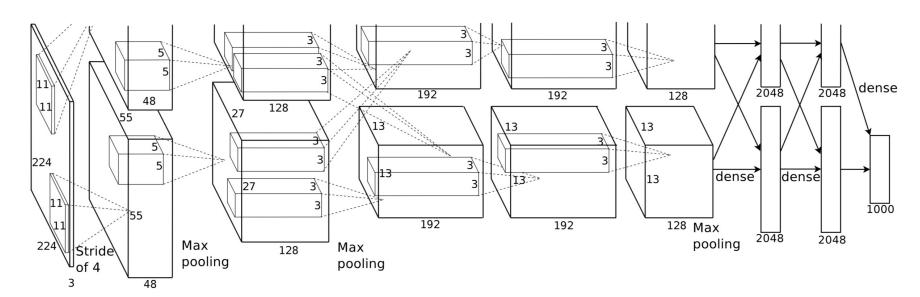




- *n* ca. 3, up to ca. 5
- *m* large
- $0 \le k \le 2$
- General tendency:
 - use smaller filter sizes and deeper architecture
 - away from pooling/fully connected layers towards pure convolutional layers

Alexnet





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Pre-Processing:

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VGGNet



- 8 layers (AlexNet) \rightarrow 16-19 layers (VGG16/19)
- 3x3 convolution only, stride 1, pad 1; 2x2 max-pool stride 2
- a series of three 3x3 convolution layers has the same effective receptive field as a single 7x7 filter layer
 - but: three 3x3 is deeper, with more non-linearities
 - and has less parameters:
 - one 7x7 layer with depth d has $49d^2 + d$ weights
 - three 3x3 layers only $27d^2 + d$

VGG16: 138 million parameters

VGG19: 144 million parameters

Softmax
FC 1000
FC 4096
FC 4096
Pool
3x3 conv, 256
3x3 conv, 384
Pool
3x3 conv, 384
Pool
5x5 conv, 256
11x11 conv, 96
Input

Pool	3
3x3 conv, 512	3
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3x3 conv, 128	3
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3x3 conv, 64	
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VGG16	

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Pool	Pool
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3x3 conv, 128	3x3 conv, 128
Pool	Pool
3x3 conv, 64	3x3 conv, 64
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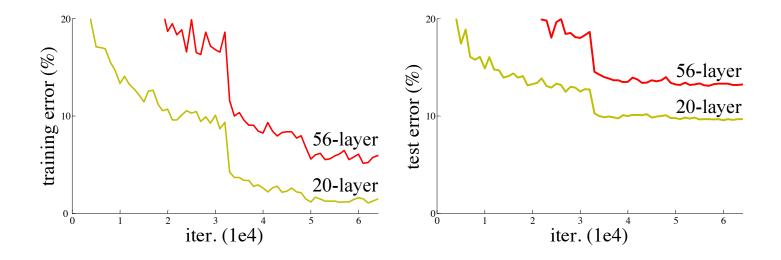
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VGG19

So, more and more Layers?



What happens when we use more layers and deeper networks?



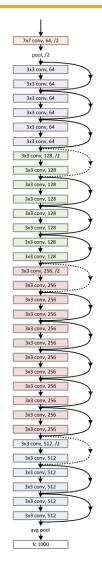
The model with 56 layers is obviously worse – in training as well as test

- The deeper network is worse. But this is not caused by overfitting.
- Conjecture: the optimization problem is harder for deeper networks

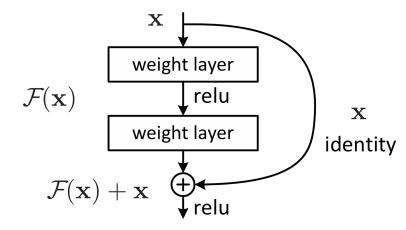
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ResNet – Residual Neural Network





- Connections can be skipped
- No sequence of fully connected layers at the end
- Batch Normalization



Idea: A deeper network should be at least as good as a flat one.

Problem:

- when there is no change from one block to the next, we'd just need an identity mapping
- in a standard CNN this is cumbersome: has to be created by training weights

Solution in ResNet:

Copy trained layers from flat model, set additional layers to identity mapping.

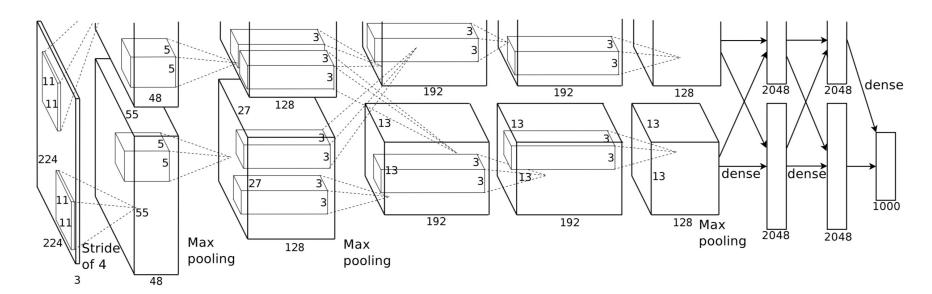
Result:

- shortcuts without additional parameters
- when identity is required: just set weights to zero

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Motivation





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How do we train such a huge model if we do not have a million images?

- Many datasets are small
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Transfer Learning

Transfer Learning



- Problem: We need a huge amount of labelled training data to train so many weights
- What if we have only a small data set?
- Reuse models trained on, e.g., ImageNet
 - for a different task on the same data
 - on different data for the same task
 - on different data for a different task

Models can be found, e.g.

https://huggingface.co/models

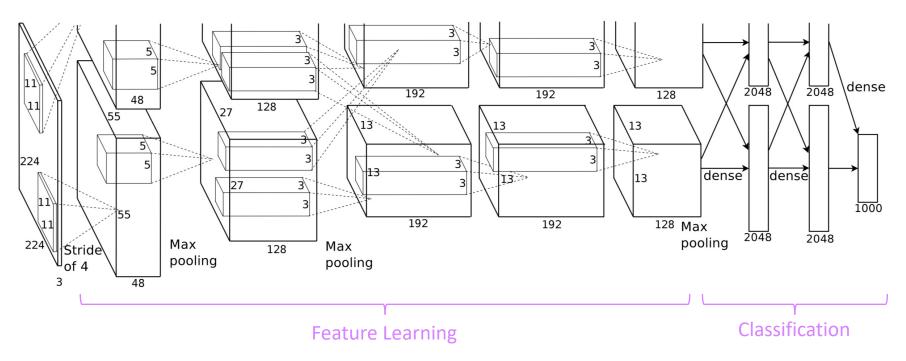
https://github.com/BVLC/caffe/wiki/Model-Zoo

https://github.com/tensorflow/models

• This is called **Transfer Learning** – it's the rule, not the exception

Weight Transfer



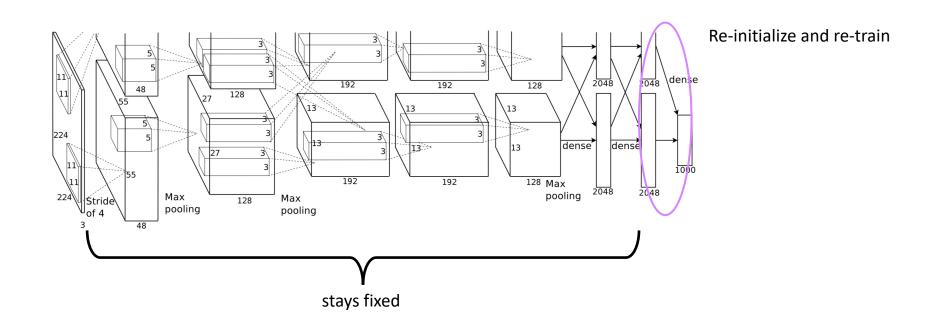


What should we transfer?

- Convolutional layers extract features
- Expectation: Less task-specific in earlier layers
- We cut the network at some depth in the feature extraction part
- The extracted parts can be
 - fixed by setting learning rate $\alpha = 0$ or
 - fine-tuned (using small learning rates)

Transfer-Learning — Small Data Set



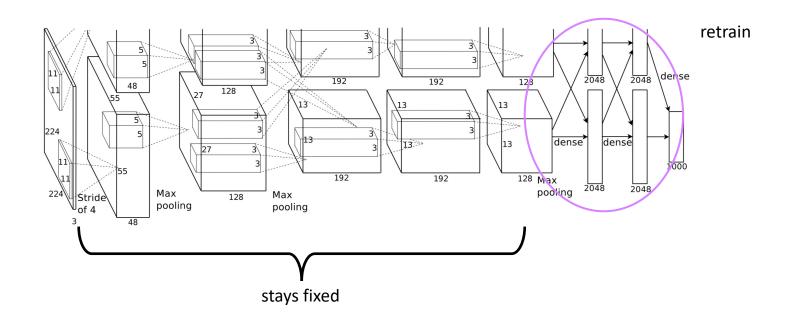


instead of re-training the last layer we can also use the network as a pure feature extractor:

- delete output layer
- the output of the previous layer generates a feature vector (here 4096 dimensional)
- use these to train a separate classifier (e.g., SVM)
- Advantage: no overfitting with small data sets

Transfer-Learning — Larger Data Set





- the larger the data set the more layers can be re-trained
- choose learning rate considerably smaller than that of the original network (e.g., 1/10 of that)

Regularization



- Regularization
 - Makes the trained model more robust and increases the ability to generalize
 - by avoiding extreme values for weights
- Examples
 - Data augmentation
 - Dropout
 - Batch normalization

Data Augmentation



Artificially enlarge dataset

But how?

Any transformation that is invariant to the class label:

Probably the same class:





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But you have to be careful!





Data Augmentation



- derive "new" data samples from existing ones
 - using a defined pattern
 - or using random parameters
- thus, the network will see new variations during training

Common transformations on images

- affine transformations (rotation, translation, mirroring, ...)
- elastic transformations
- lens distortions
- change resolution
- crop image parts
- random pixel noise
- random changes to color
 - contrast
 - intensity
 - RGB-values (e.g., using PCA by adding multiples of the principal axes)

Regularization – Dropout



- in each iteration, some neurons are randomly set to zero (i.e., they provide no output as if they were removed)
- typical value: 0.5 (= 50% probability of elimination)
- advantage:
 - forces the network to learn redundant representations of the classes
 - prevents different neurons from concentrating on the same features

• behaves like training with a large set of network models that share parameters (weights)

Batch Normalization



- Normalize neuron activation mean and variance
- used after
 - convolutional layer
 - fully connected layer
- is inserted between activation (filter/scalar product) and non-linearity (ReLU)
- Improves training
 - Higher learning rates possible
 - Reduces influence of initialization

Data extension



- "Data Augmentation"
- "New" data is derived from the existing data
 - according to a fixed pattern
 - or with random parameters
- This is how the net always sees variations during training
- Examples:
 - Mirror image
 - Select and scale random image sections
 - random changes in color
 - Contrast
 - Brightness
 - RGB values (e.g. with PCA by adding multiples of the main axes)
 - random combinations of changes in
 - Rotation
 - Translation
 - Lens distortion
 - ...

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