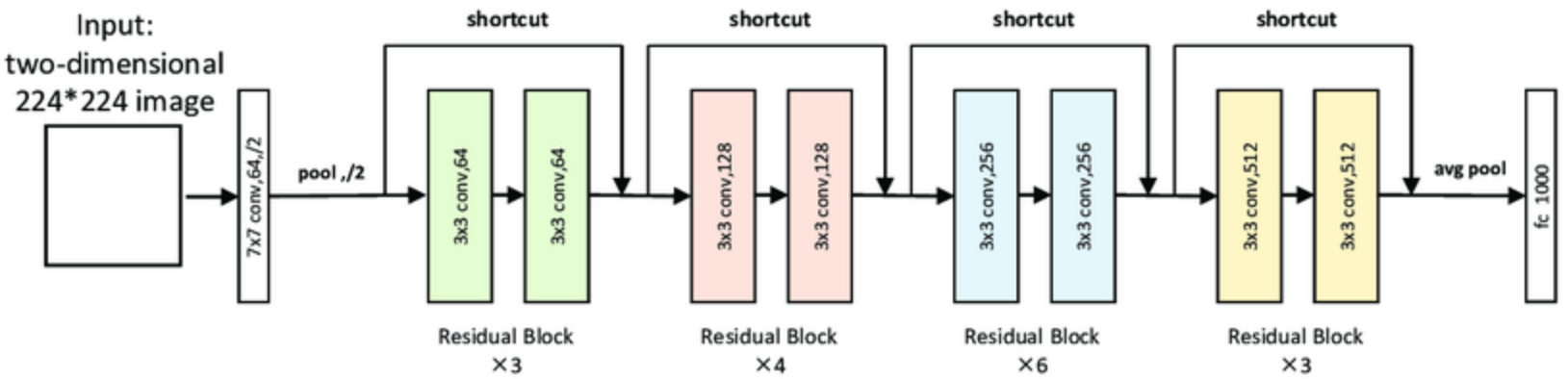
Implementing your own Neural Network

Explanation of building blocks



nn.Module

- The base class for all neural network components
- Allows you to organize layers and their parameters modularly
- Automatically tracks all parameters for optimization
- Must implement forward() method defining computation

nn.Parameter

- Special tensor that gets automatically tracked
- Used for learnable weights and biases
- Will be updated during backpropagation
- Example:

```
self.weight = nn.Parameter(torch.randn(3, 4))
```

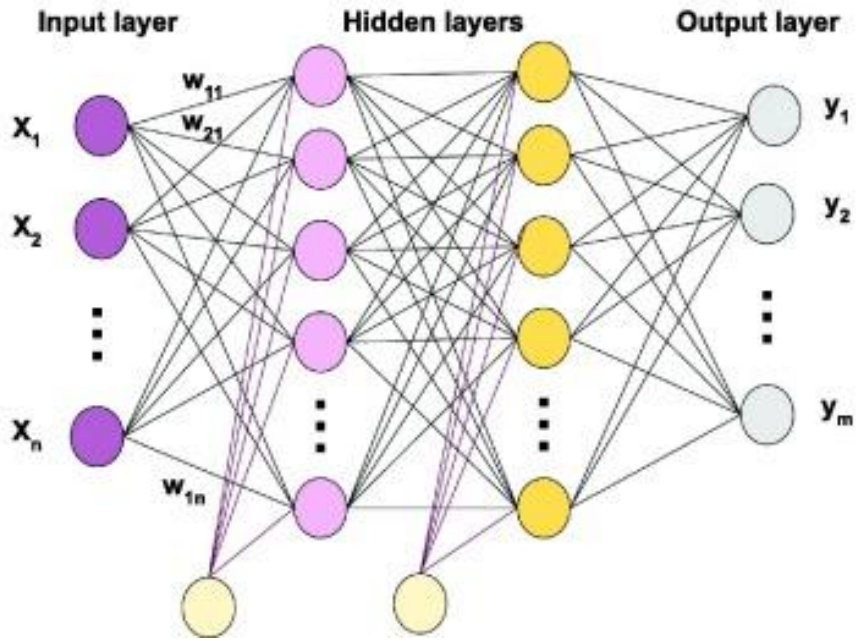
nn.Sequential

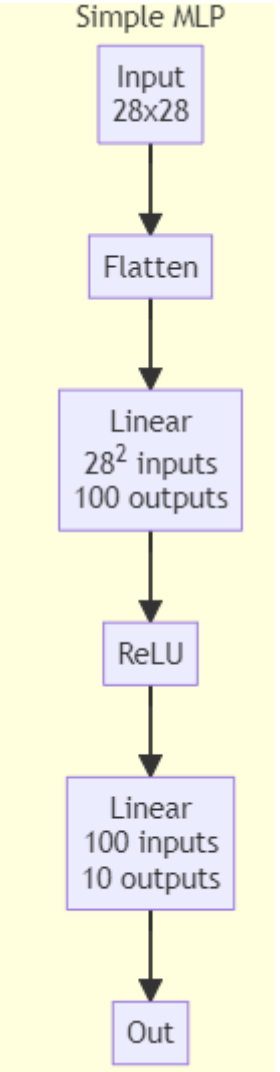
- Container to stack modules in sequence
- Automatically chains forward() calls
- Useful for linear architectures
- Example:

```
nn.Sequential(
    nn.Linear(10, 20),
    nn.ReLU(),
    nn.Linear(20, 30)
)
```

Multyilayer Perceptron

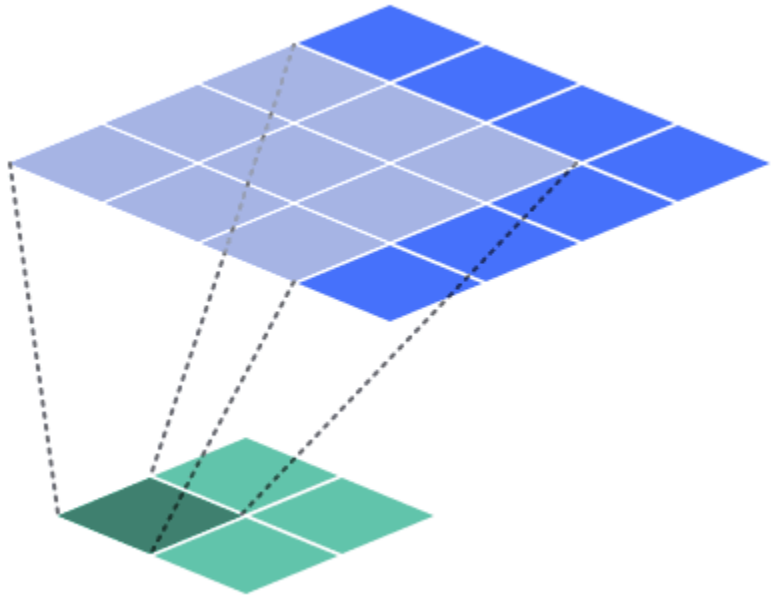
- The classic simplest neural network
- A stack of fully connected layers with activation functions
- No sense of space in the neural network structure
- Works with any kind of data
- Also, still part of Transformer architecture





Convolution

- You can make use of the “local” structure of the image
- An “edge detector” (for example)acts the same on parts of the image



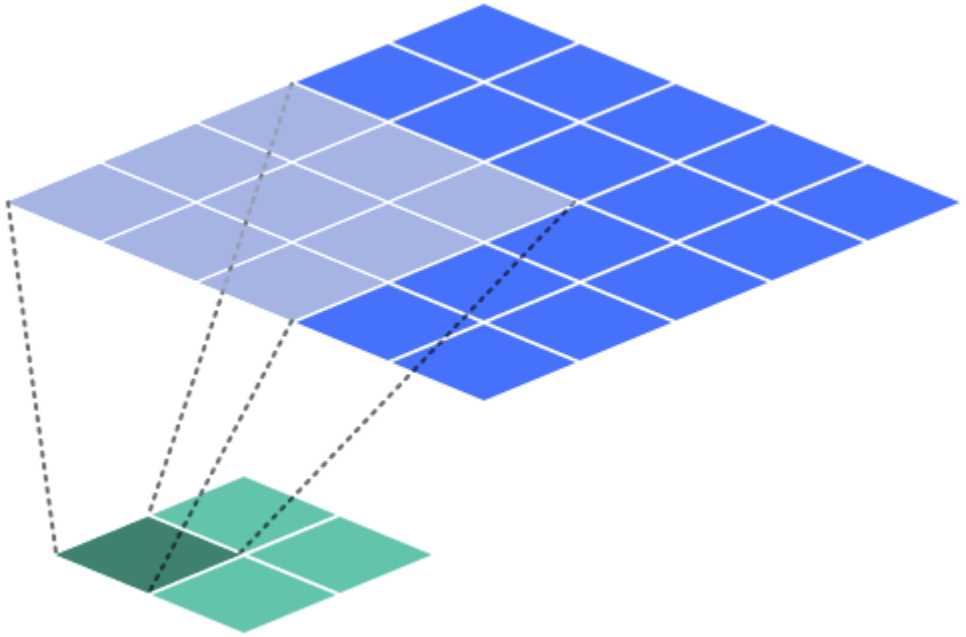
Parameters

kernal: 3
stride: 1
padding: 0
output_padding: 0
dilation: 1

Kernel
Output
Input

Convolution - stride

- You can give the image, as it passes through the network, lower resolution, by skipping steps
- Here, no pixel gets completely lost



Parameters

kernal: 3

stride: 2

padding: 0

output_padding: 0

dilation: 1

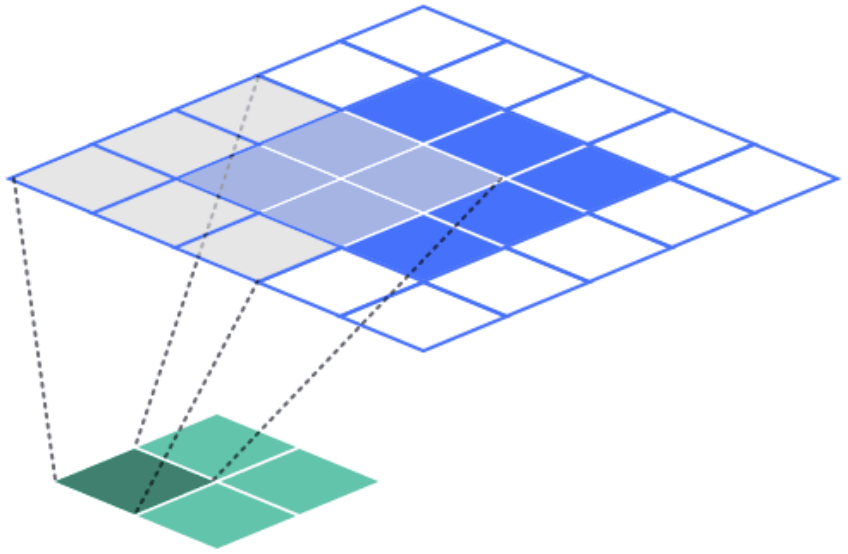
Kernel

Output

Input

Convolution - padding

- Pixels on the border of the image get viewed only once, image gets smaller
- Image gets smaller without stride
- Add “empty” pixels outside the image to cancel this effect



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Padding
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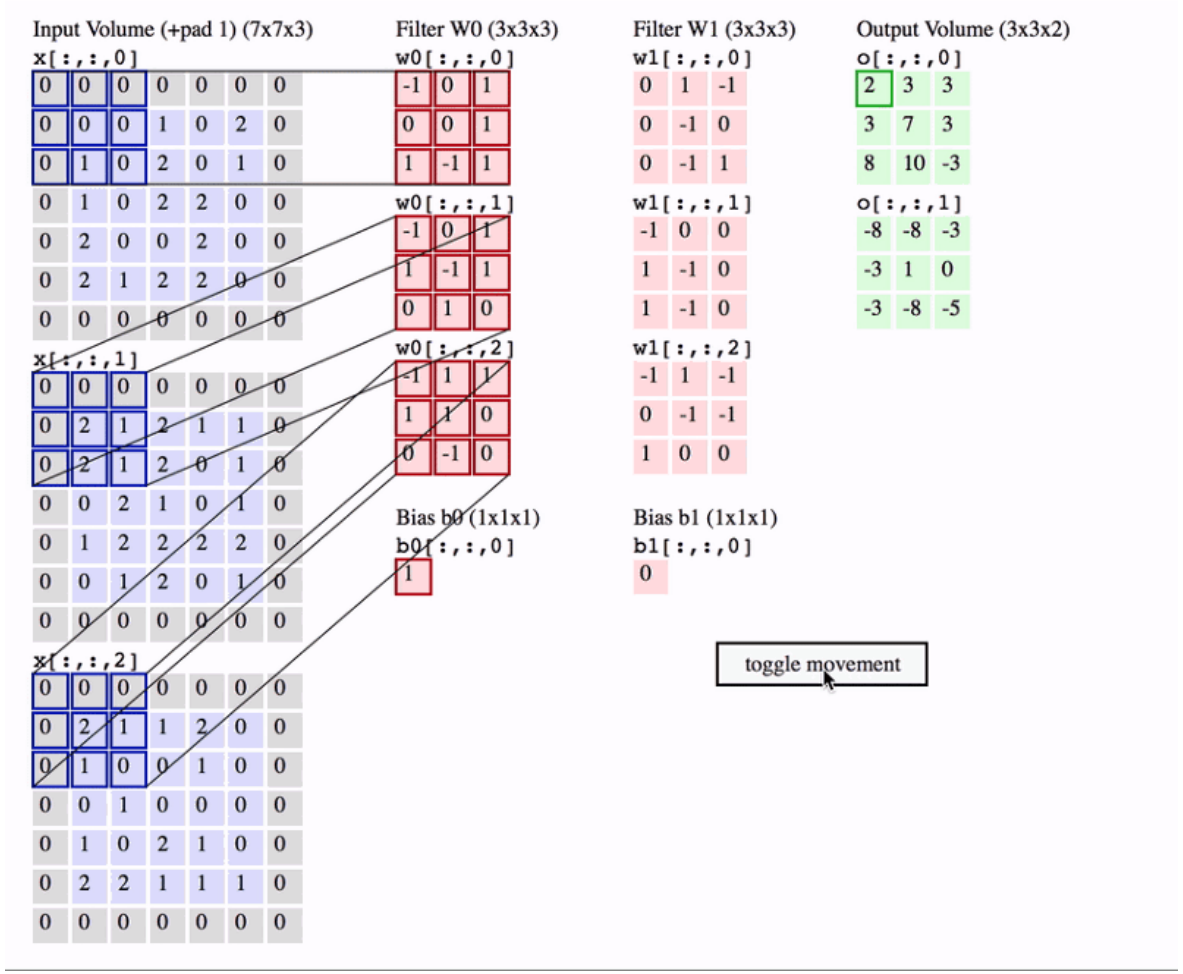
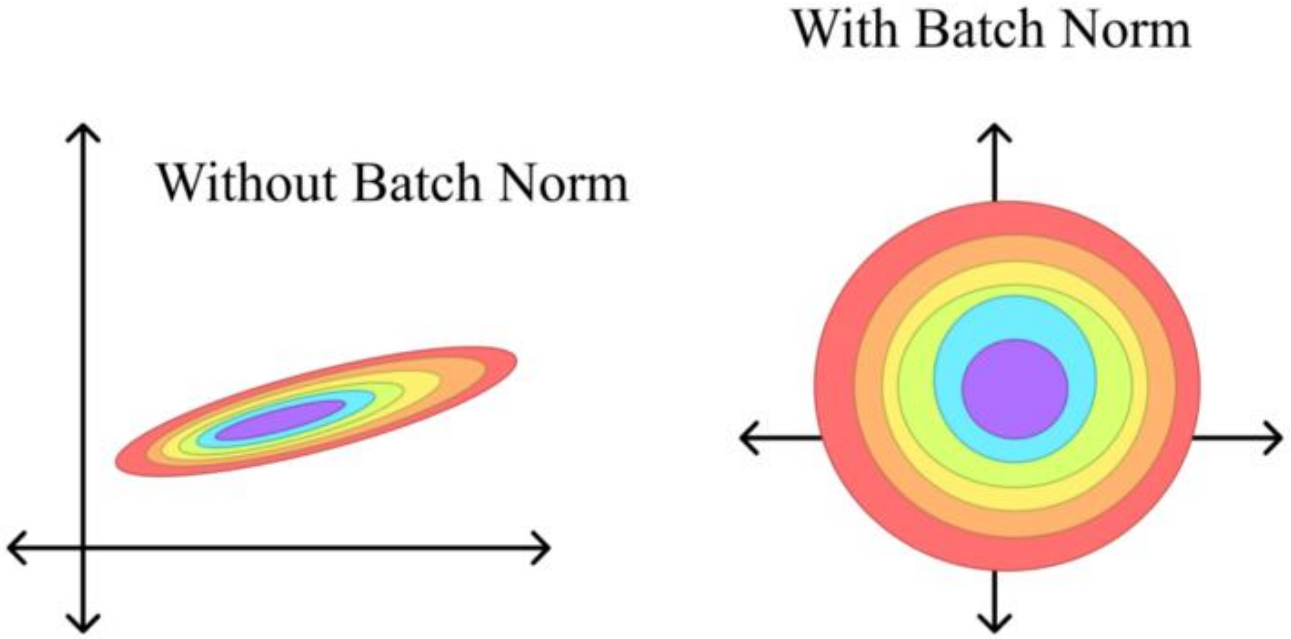
Convolution - channels

- Typically, you have more then one convolution kernel active at once
- This leads to an additional output dimension per picture: channel
- Example: Colour or different features like different edges/objects



Batch Norm

- The value of the activation is less important then its relative size
- Example: brightness in an image / across images
- Normalize distribution



Batch Norm– how this gets calculated

Learnable parameters

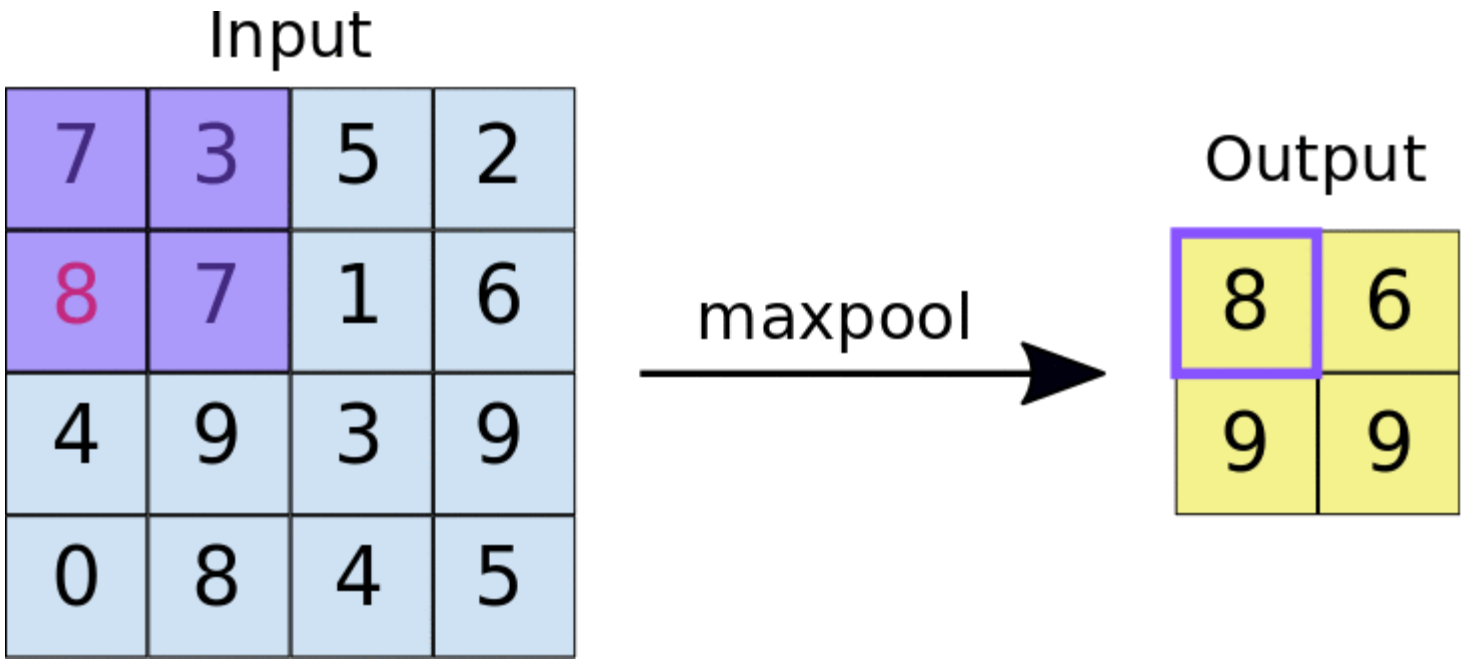
$$y = \frac{x - \mathrm{E}[x]}{\sqrt{\mathrm{Var}[x] + \epsilon}} * \gamma + \beta$$

In Training: Updated as a rolling average
In Deployment: Frozen

Activations: For taking activation statistics, all activations from the same channel are taken as draws from the same distribution (independent of location in picture)

MaxPooling (2d)

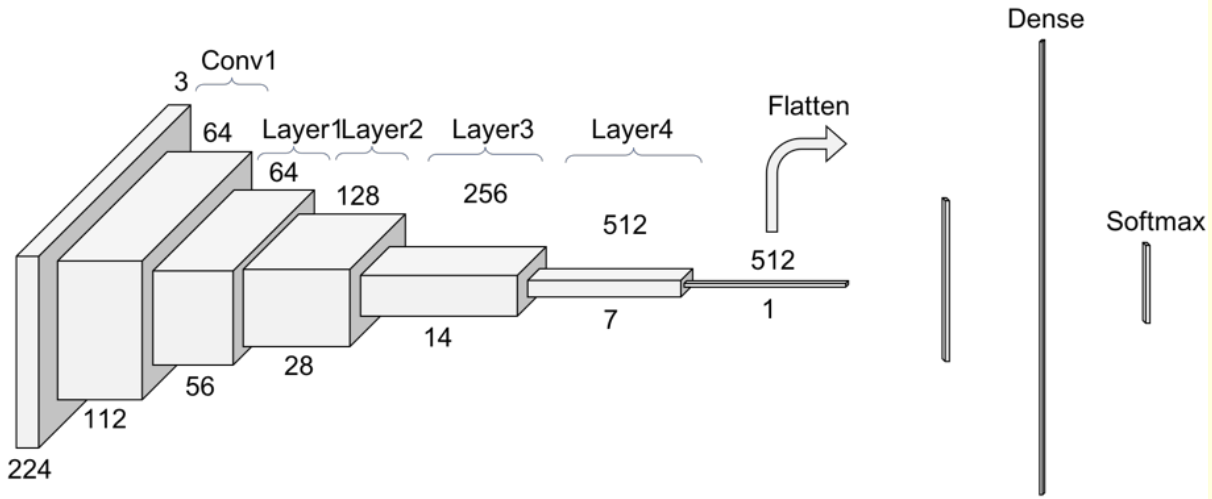
- Reduce the size of the resulting Image
- Taking the maximum of each kernel window
- Example: Object detection in a part of the image

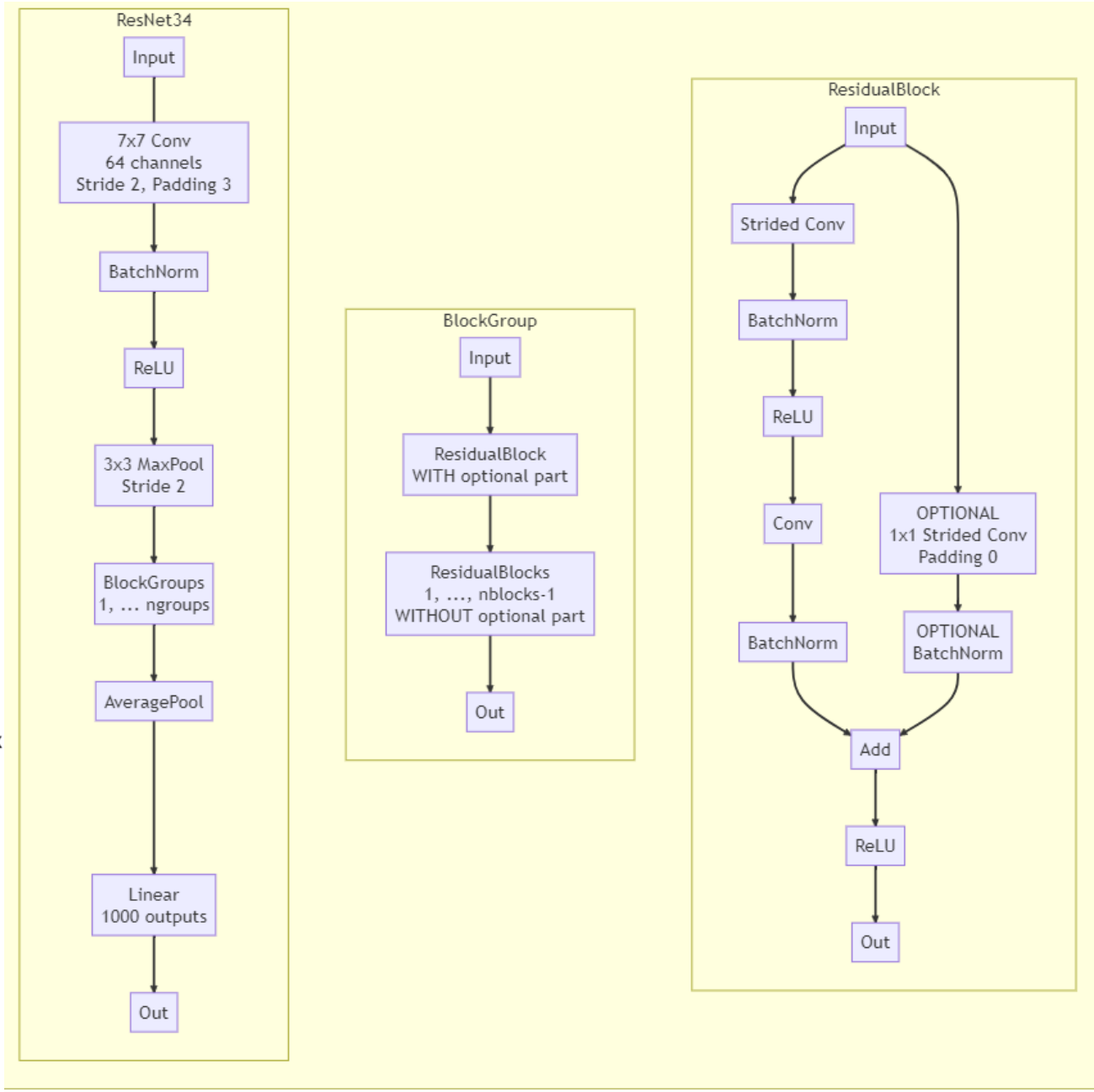


AveragePool

- Reduce resulting image to a single number
- Example: classifying an image with a single lable
- Average over space dimensions

ResNet 34


Conv1
3
64
Layer1
64
Layer2
128
Layer3
256
Layer4
512
Flatten
512
1
7
14
28
56
112
224
Dense
Softmax


ResNet34
Input
7x7 Conv
64 channels
Stride 2, Padding 3
BatchNorm
ReLU
3x3 MaxPool
Stride 2
BlockGroups
1, ... ngroups
AveragePool
Linear
1000 outputs
Out
BlockGroup
Input
ResidualBlock
WITH optional part
ResidualBlocks
1, ..., nblocks-1
WITHOUT optional part
Out
ResidualBlock
Input
Strided Conv
BatchNorm
ReLU
Conv
BatchNorm
OPTIONAL
1x1 Strided Conv
Padding 0
OPTIONAL
BatchNorm
Add
ReLU
Out