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Deep Learning

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Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs)

Applied Data Science

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Spatial Data

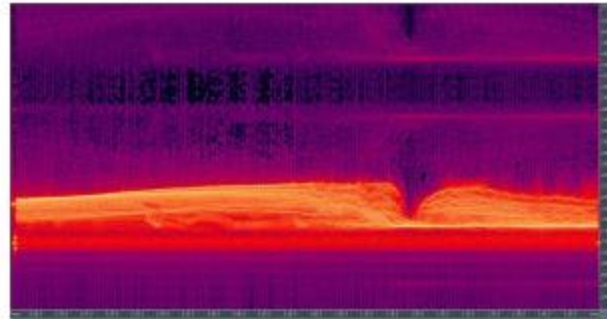
- **Definition:** Spatial data refers to data where the arrangement or location of elements is important.

2D

Images

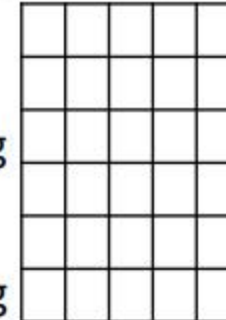


Audio (spectrogram)



Text (word embeddings)

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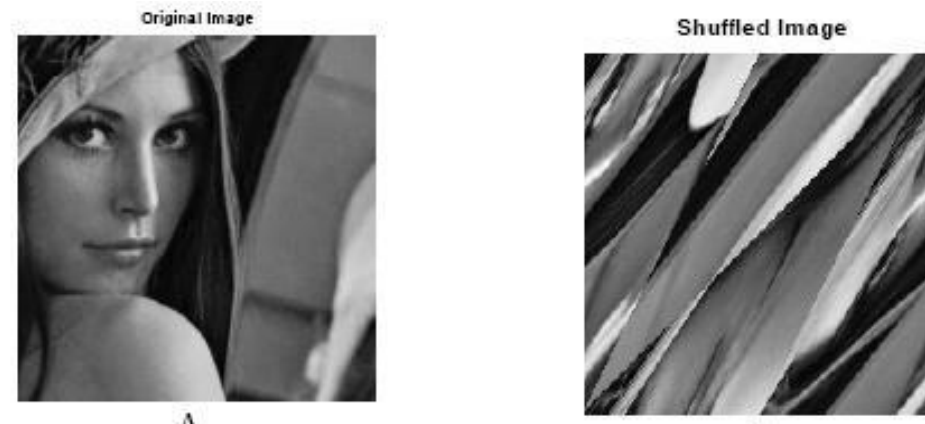
3D

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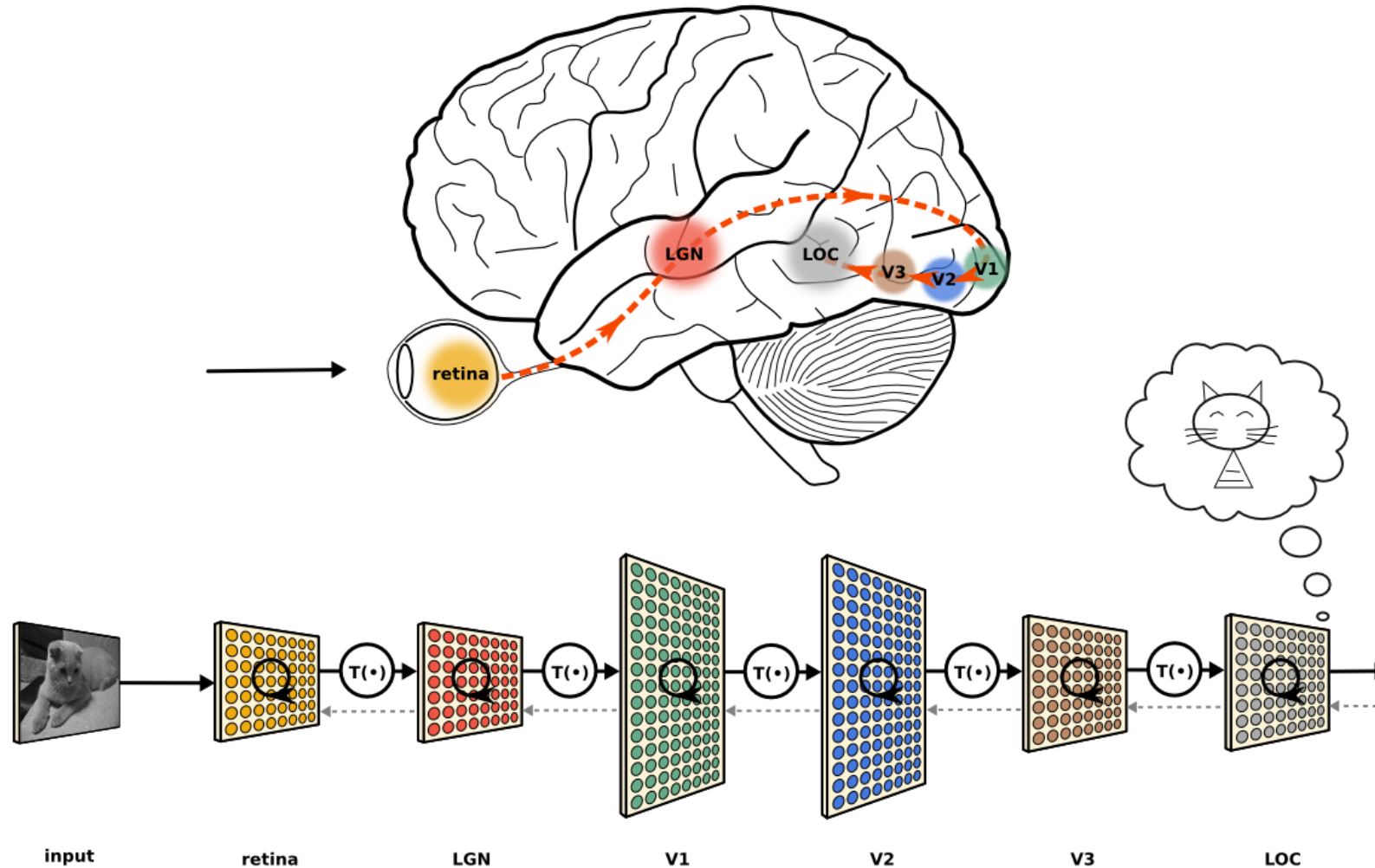


Why Spatial Structure Matters?

- **Local Patterns:** In spatial data, nearby elements (e.g., pixels) often have strong relationships.
 - Example: Edges, textures, and objects in an image are defined by neighboring pixel values.
- **Context Preservation:** Spatial arrangement helps capture context.
 - Example: In an image, nearby pixels form features like eyes, while distant pixels represent unrelated parts (e.g., background).



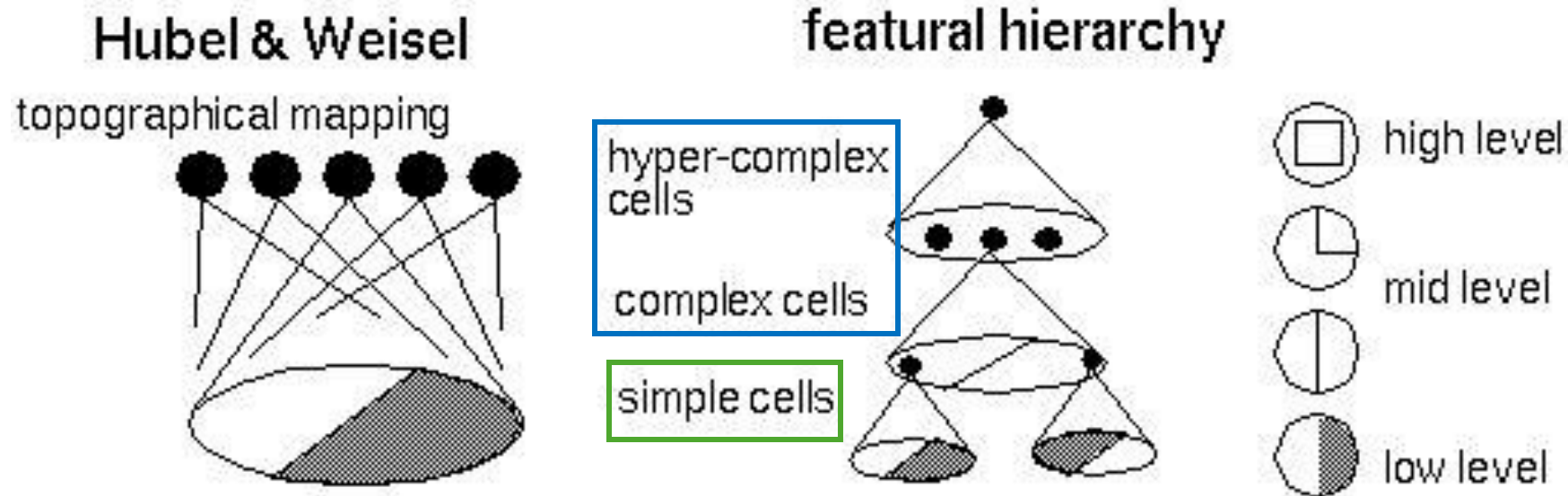
Motivation: How Vision Systems Work



de-Wit, L. H., Kubilius, J., de Beeck, H. P. O., & Wagemans, J. (2013). Configural Gestalts Remain Nothing More Than the Sum of Their Parts in Visual Agnosia. In *i-Perception* (Vol. 4, Issue 8, pp. 493–497). SAGE Publications. <https://doi.org/10.1068/i0613rep>

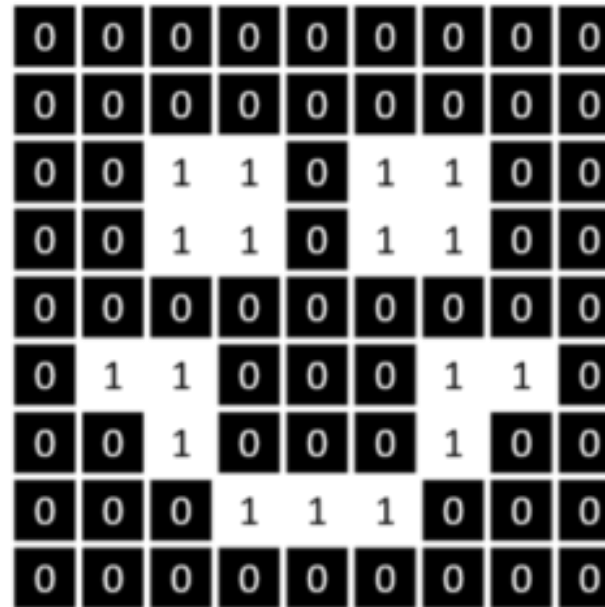
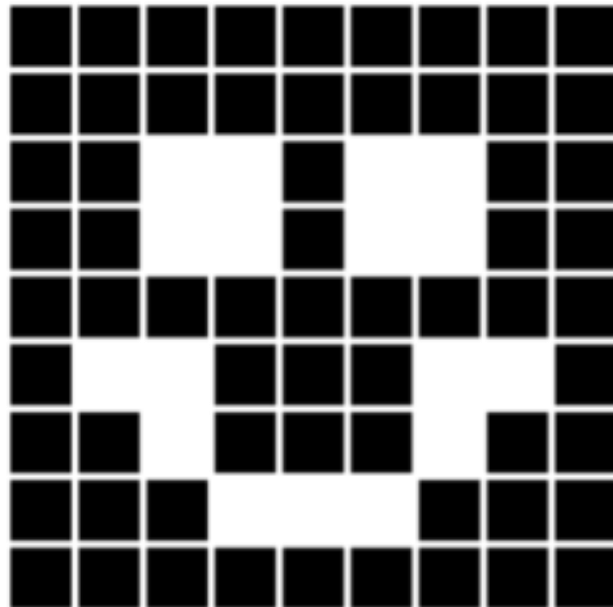
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- **Key Idea:** cells are organized as a hierarchy of feature detectors, with **higher level features** responding to patterns of activation in **lower level cells**



What computers "see"?

- Images are Numbers



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Binary Images

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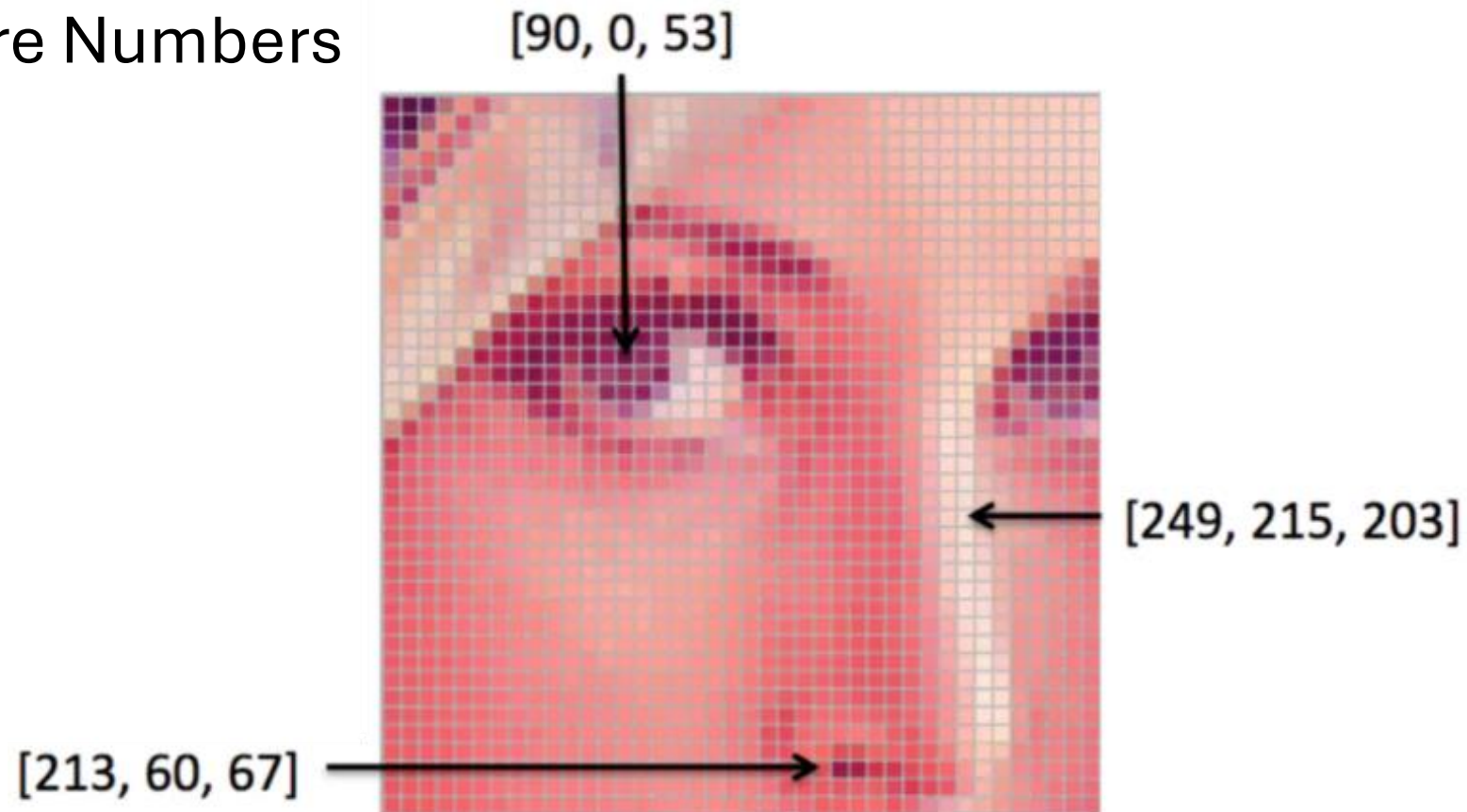
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Greyscale Images

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Color Images

Neocognitron



“In this paper, we discuss how to synthesize a neural network model in order to endow it an ability of pattern recognition like a human being... the network acquires a similar structure to the hierarchy model of the visual nervous system proposed by Hubel and Wiesel.”

- Fukushima, Neocognitron: A Self-organizing Neural Network Model for a Mechanism of Pattern Recognition Unaffected by Shift in Position. Biological Cybernetics, 1980.

Neocognitron

Cascade of **simple**
and **complex** cells:

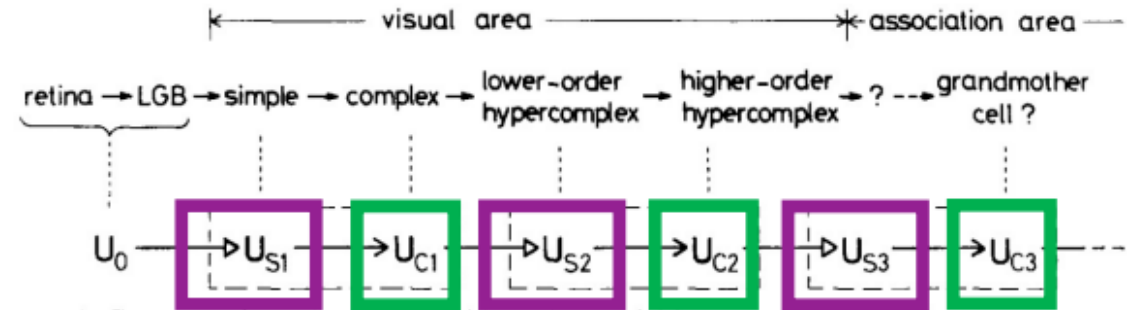


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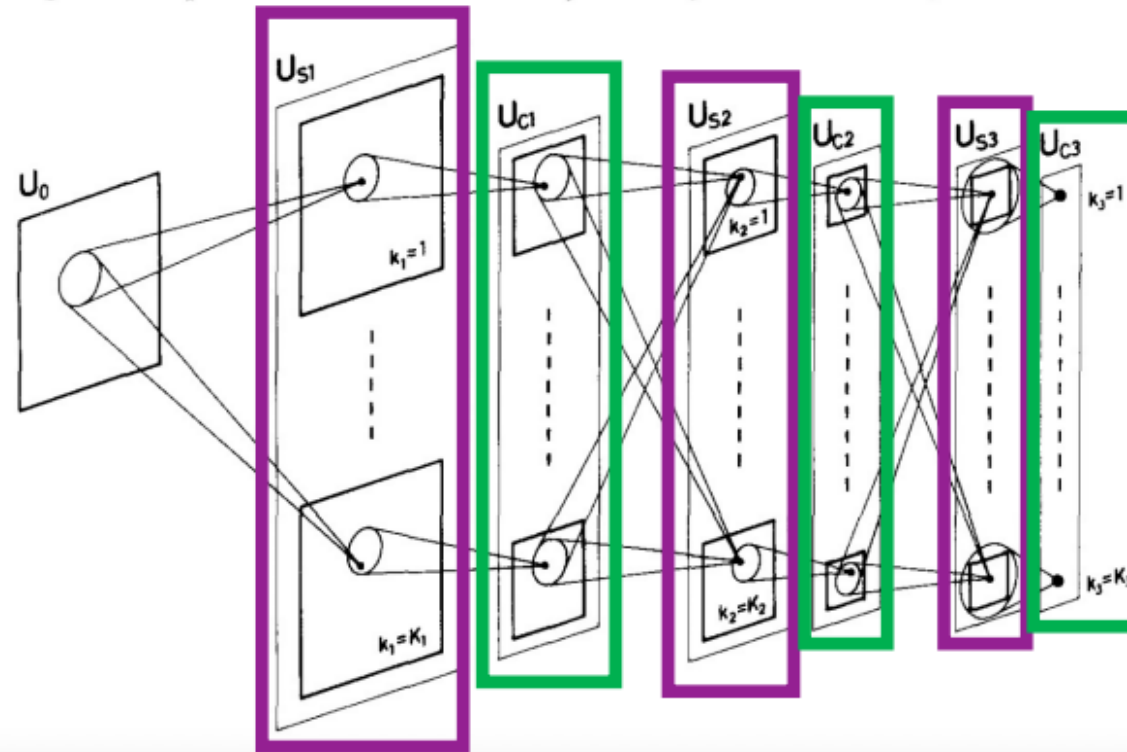


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Fukushima, 1980.

Neocognitron

Simple cells extract local features using a sliding filter:

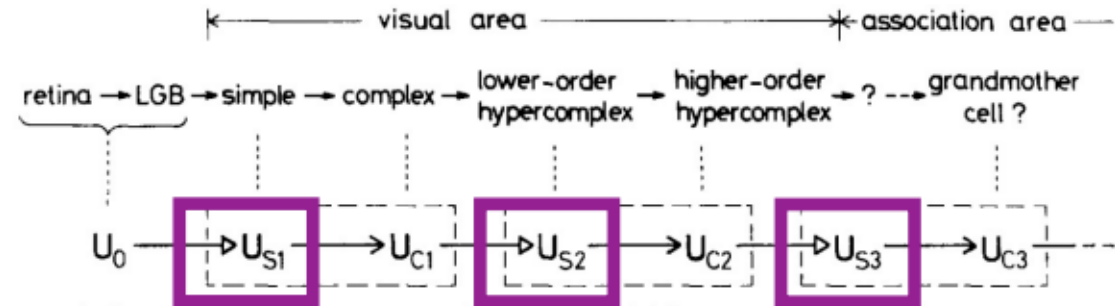
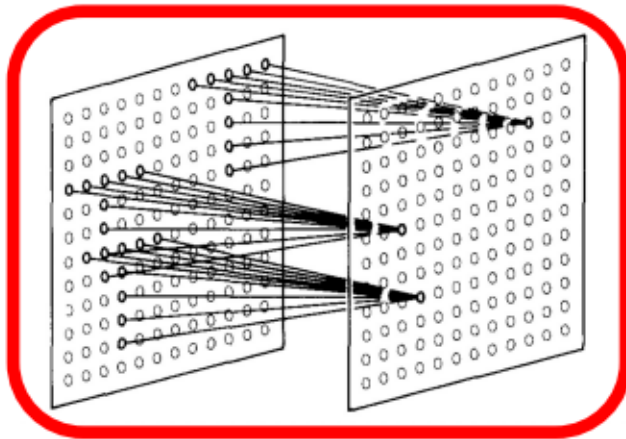


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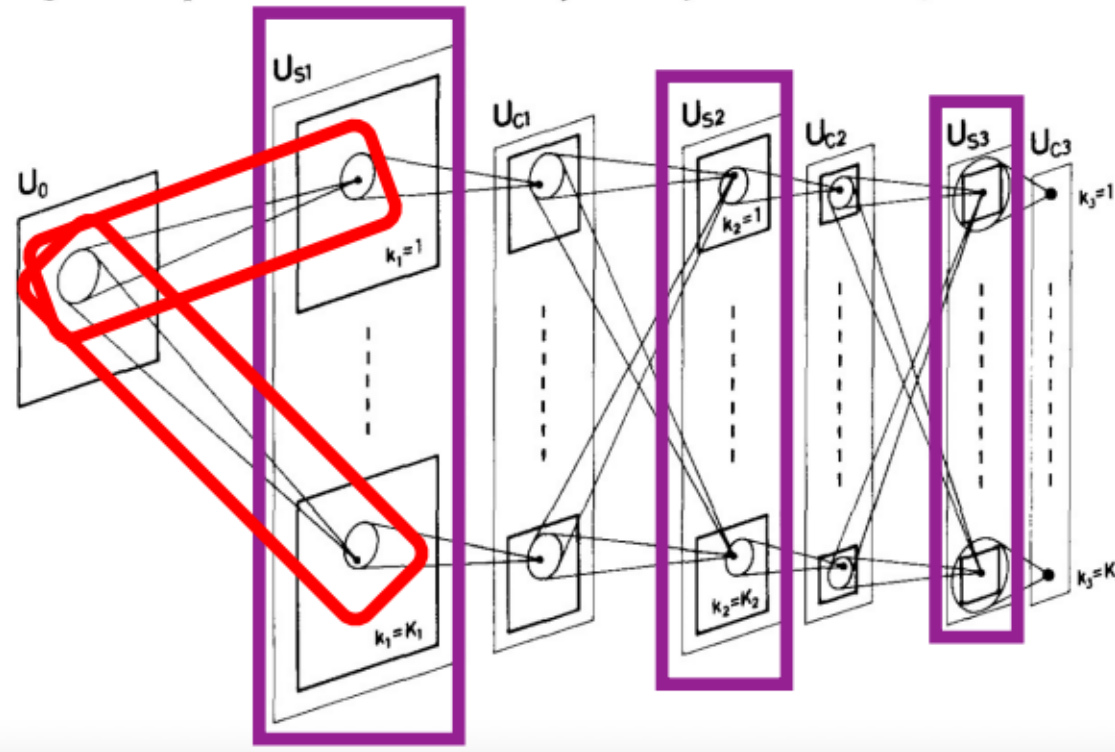


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Complex cells fire when any part of the local region is the desired pattern

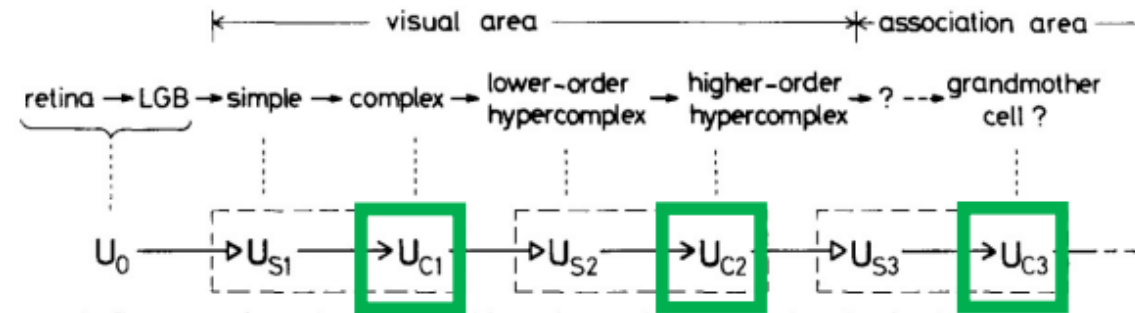


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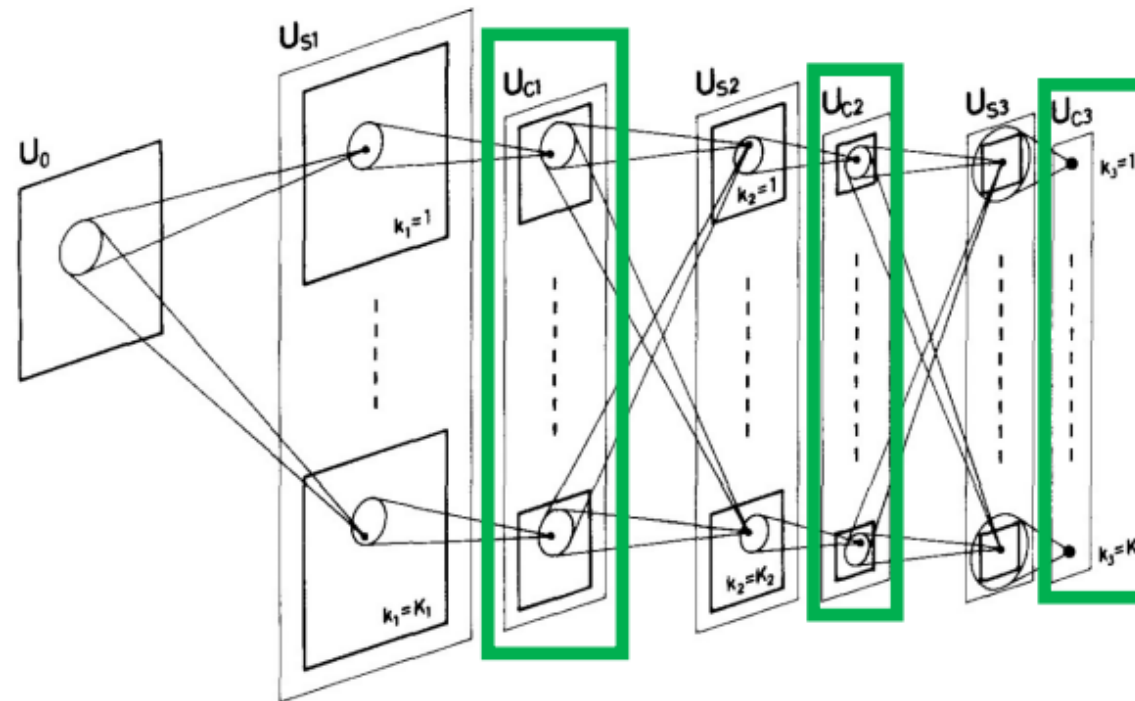


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Neocognitron

1. ~ Convolutional layers

→ modifiable synapses

→ unmodifiable synapses

2. ~ Pooling Layers

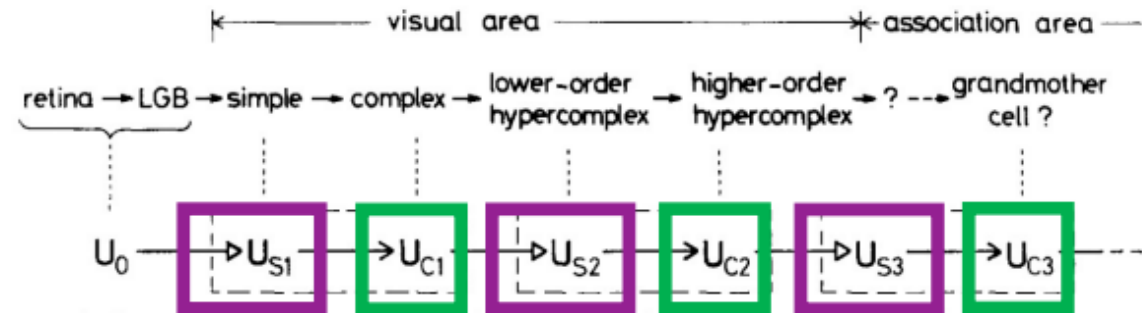


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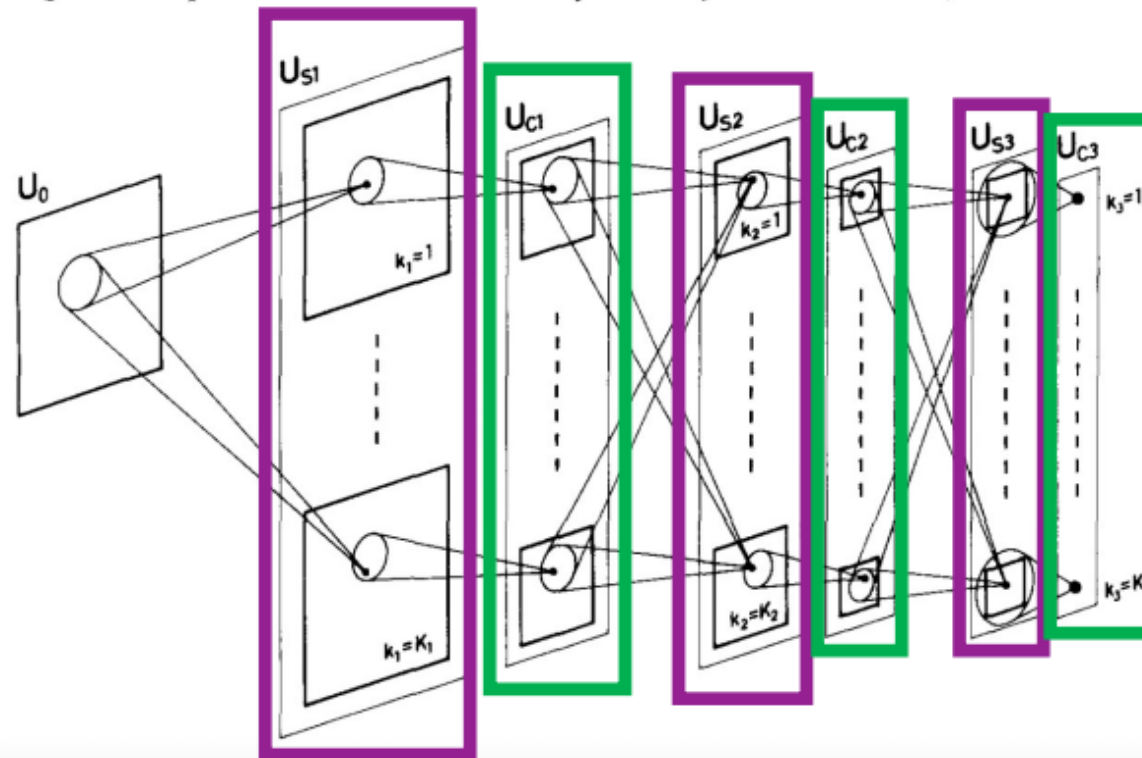
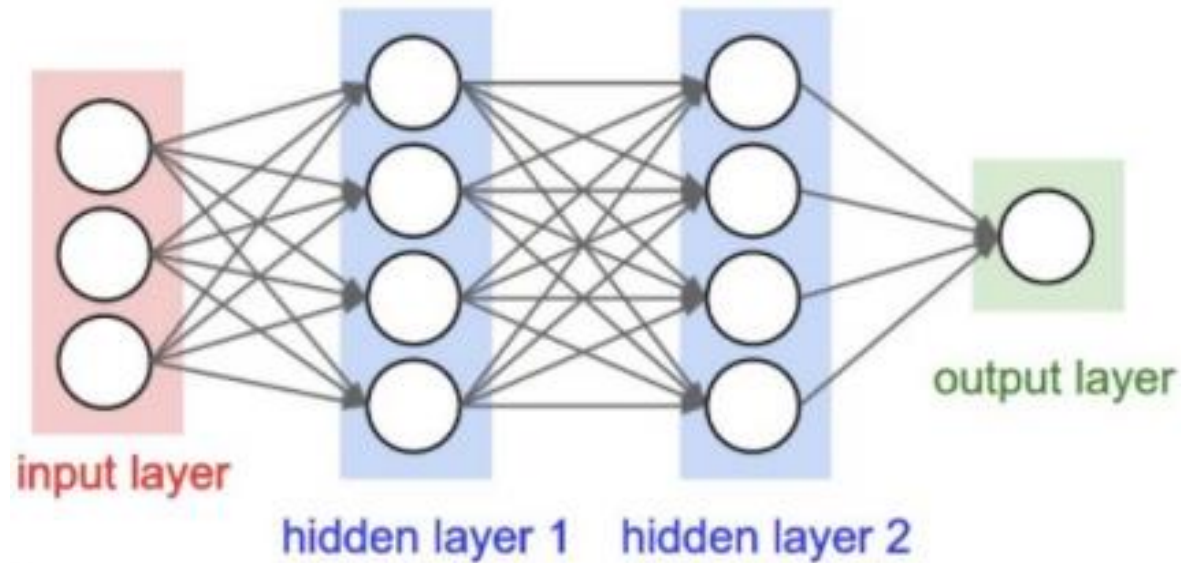


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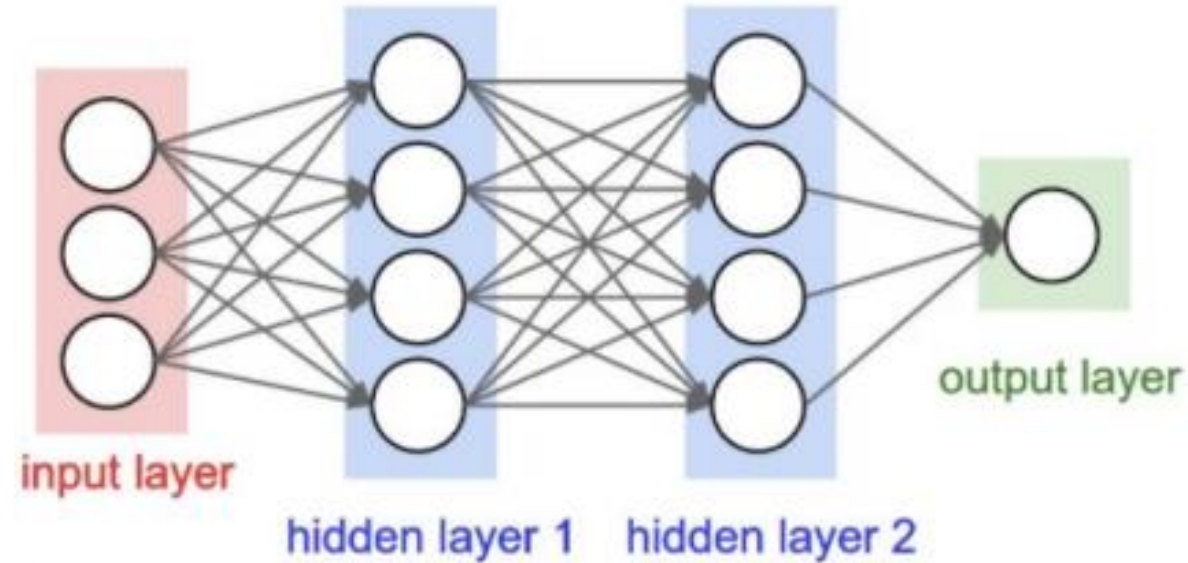
Challenges of Fully Connected Networks

- Fully-Connected Layers are Limited



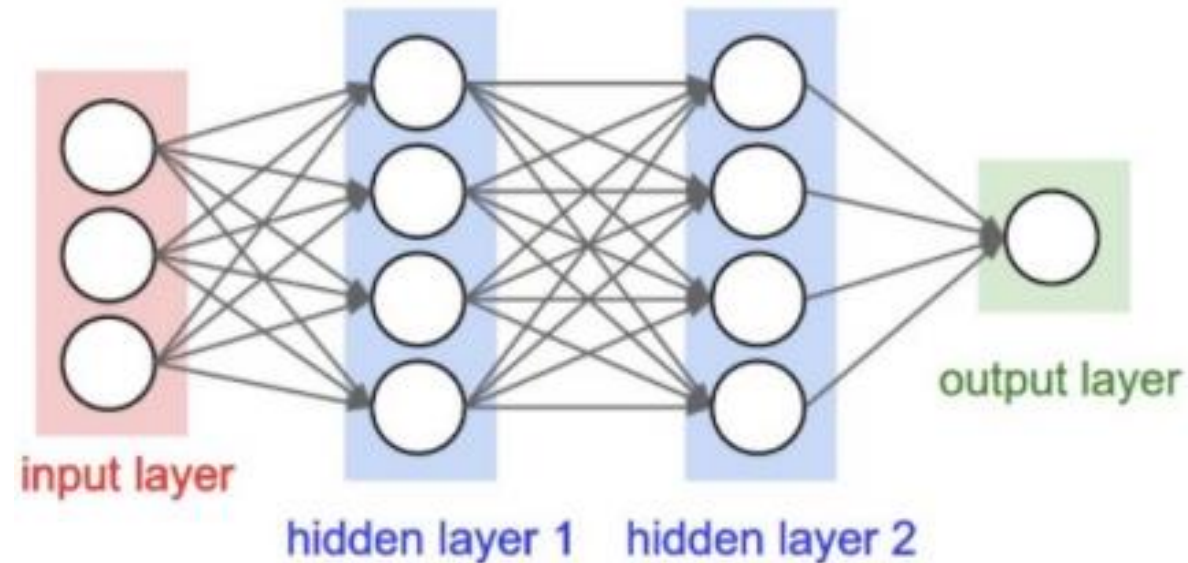
- Each node provides input to each node in the next layer.
- No spatial information!

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 - $640 \times 480 \times 3 \times 100 + 100 \times 100 + 100 \times 1 = 92,170,100$
 - e.g., how many weights are in a 2048X1536 image (3.1 Megapixel image)?
 - $2048 \times 1536 \times 3 \times 100 + 100 \times 100 + 100 \times 1 = 943,728,500$



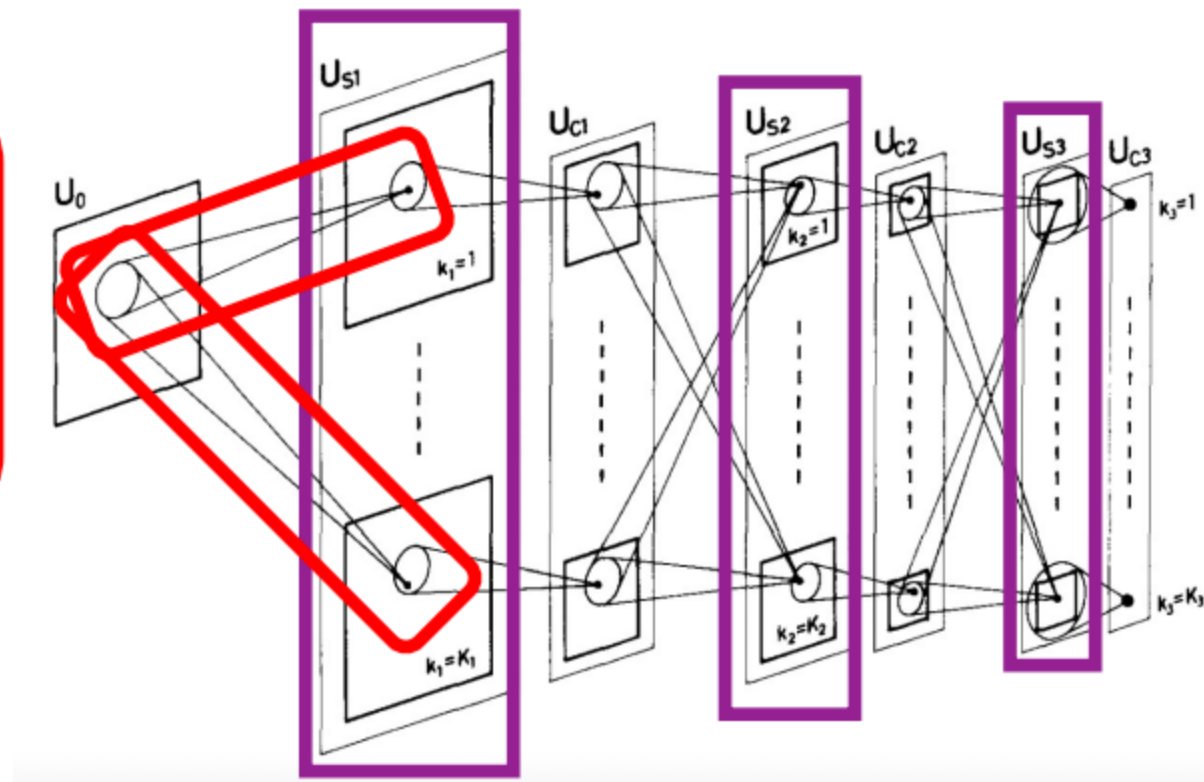
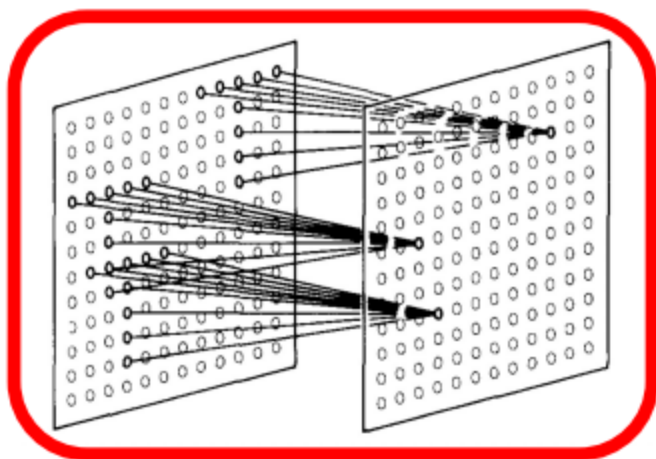
Challenges of Fully Connected Networks

- **Issue:** many model parameters in fully connected networks
- **Many model parameters and so...**
 - Greater chance to overfit
 - Increased training time
 - Needs more training data

Convolutional Layers

- **Idea:** each node receives input only from a small neighborhood in previous layer and parameter sharing

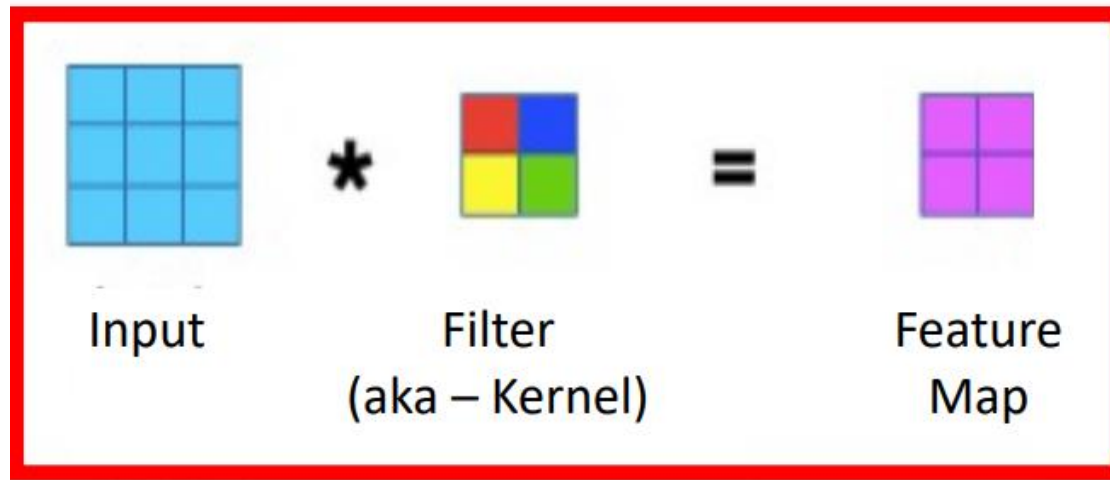
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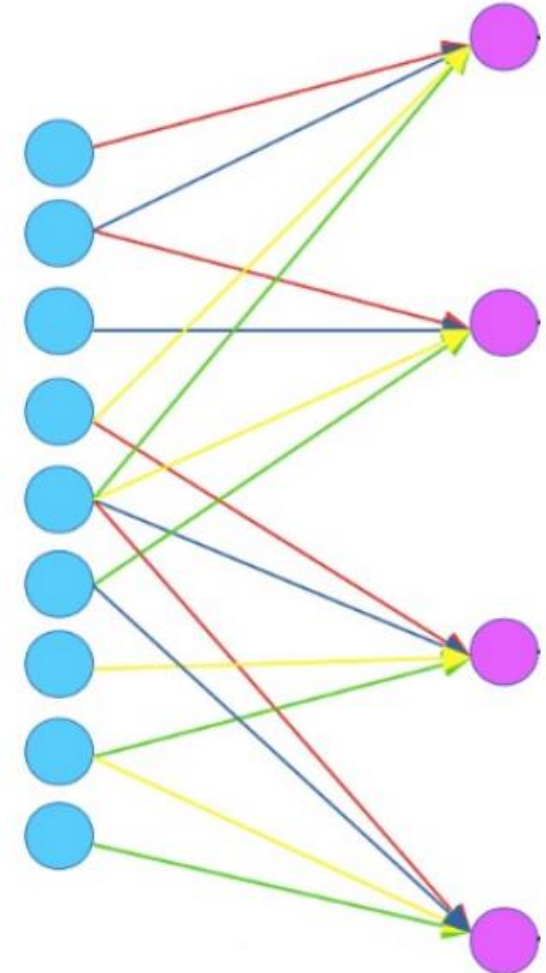
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Convolution

- Applies a linear **filter** (e.g., 2D)



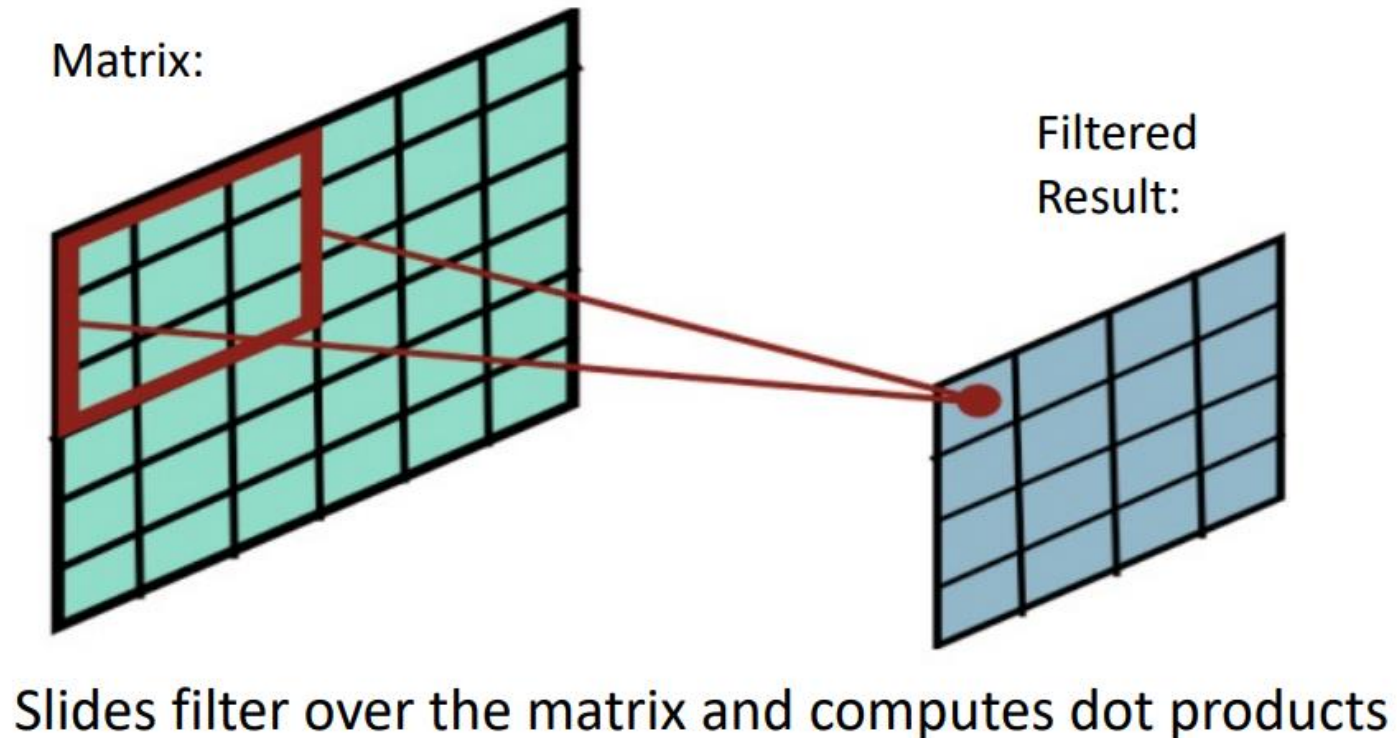
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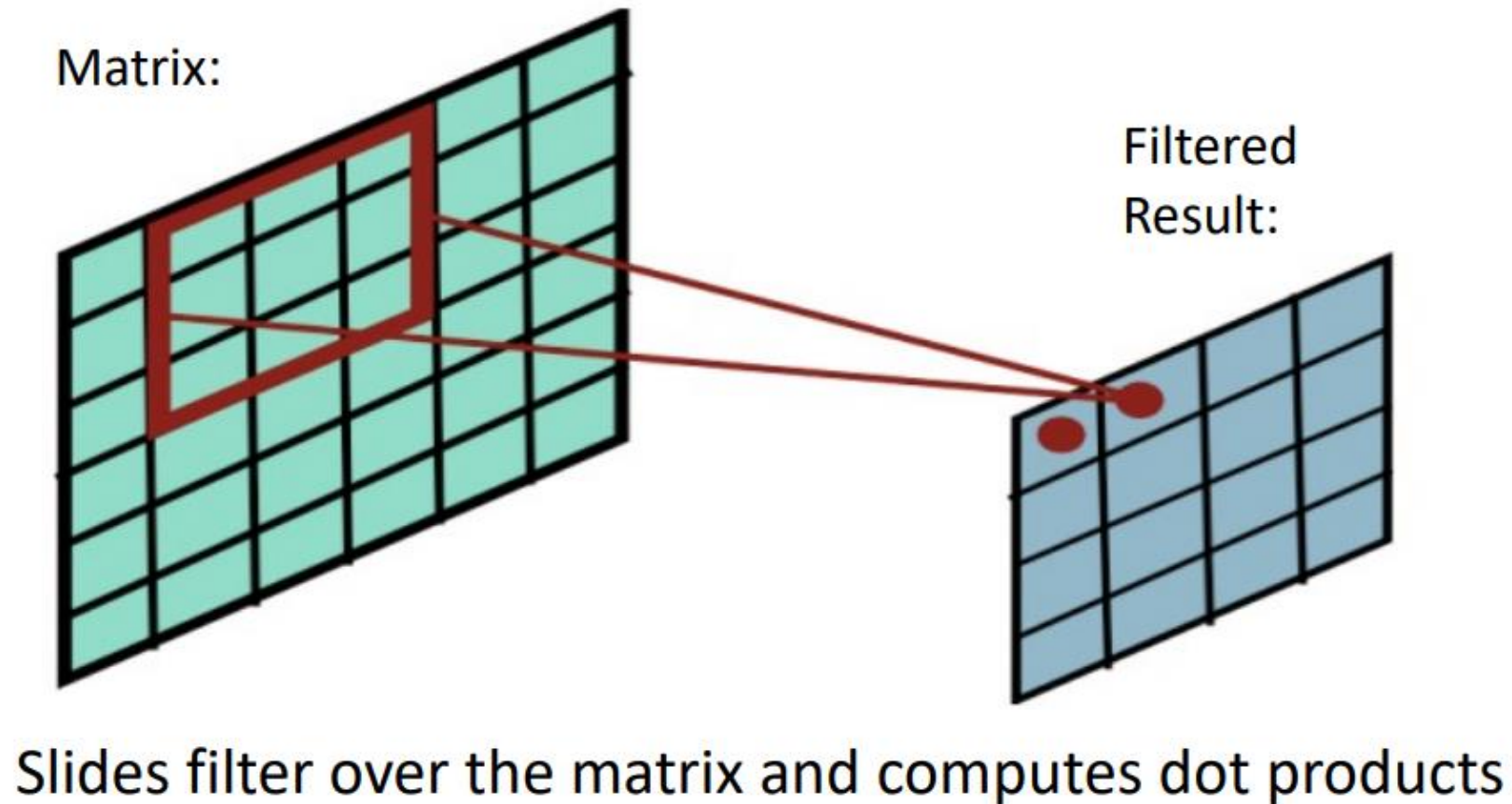
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2D Filtering

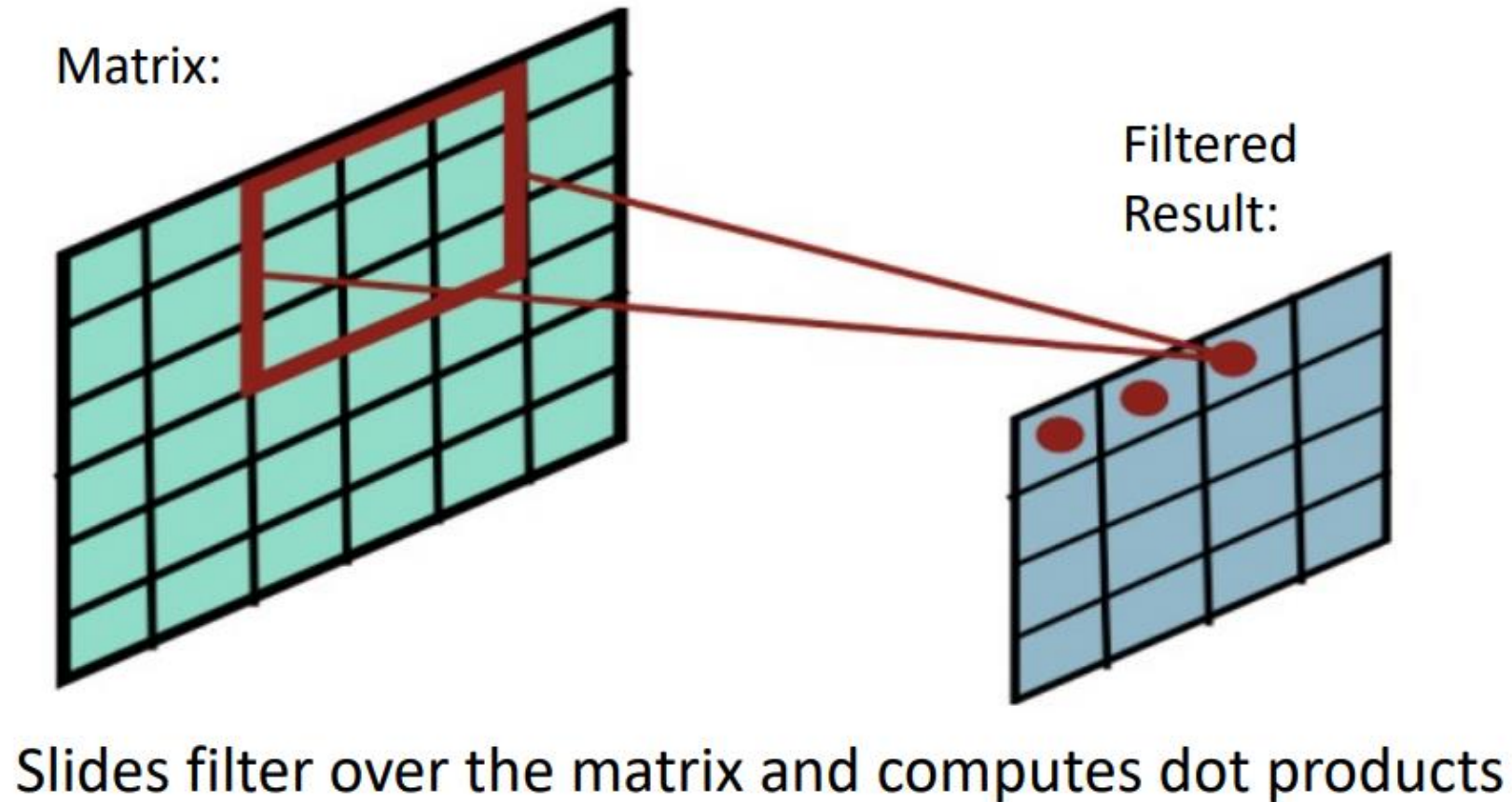
- Compute a **function of local neighborhood** for each location in matrix
- A **filter** specifies the function for how to combine neighbors' values



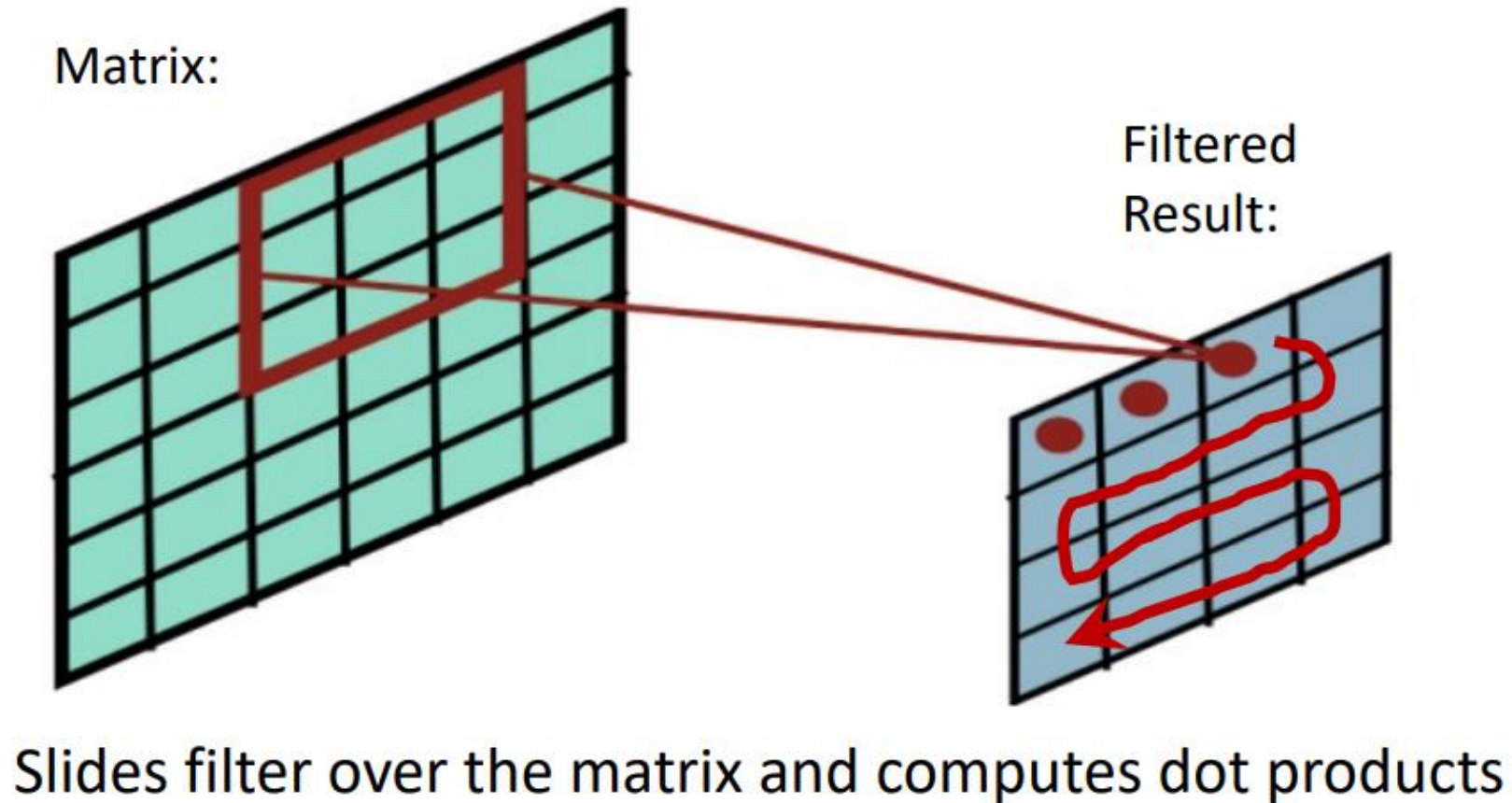
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2D Filtering: Example

Input

1	1	1	0	0
0	1	1	1	0
0	0	1	1	1
0	0	1	1	0
0	1	1	0	0

Filter

1	0	1
0	1	0
1	0	1

Feature Map

?	?	?
?	?	?
?	?	?

Dot Product = $1*1 + 1*0 + 1*1 + 0*0 + 1*1 + 1*0 + 0*1 + 0*1 + 0*0 + 0*0 + 1*1$

Dot Product = 4

2D Filtering: Example

Input

1	1	1	0	0
0	1	1	1	0
0	0	1	1	1
0	0	1	1	0
0	1	1	0	0

Filter

1	0	1
0	1	0
1	0	1

Feature Map

4	?	?
?	?	?
?	?	?

2D Filtering: Example



Input

1	1	1	0	0
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Filter

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Feature Map

4	3	?
?	?	?
?	?	?

2D Filtering: Example



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Filter

1	0	1
0	1	0
1	0	1

Feature Map

4	3	4
?	?	?
?	?	?

2D Filtering: Example



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1	1	1	0	0
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0	0	1	1	1
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Filter

1	0	1
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Feature Map

4	3	4
2	?	?
?	?	?

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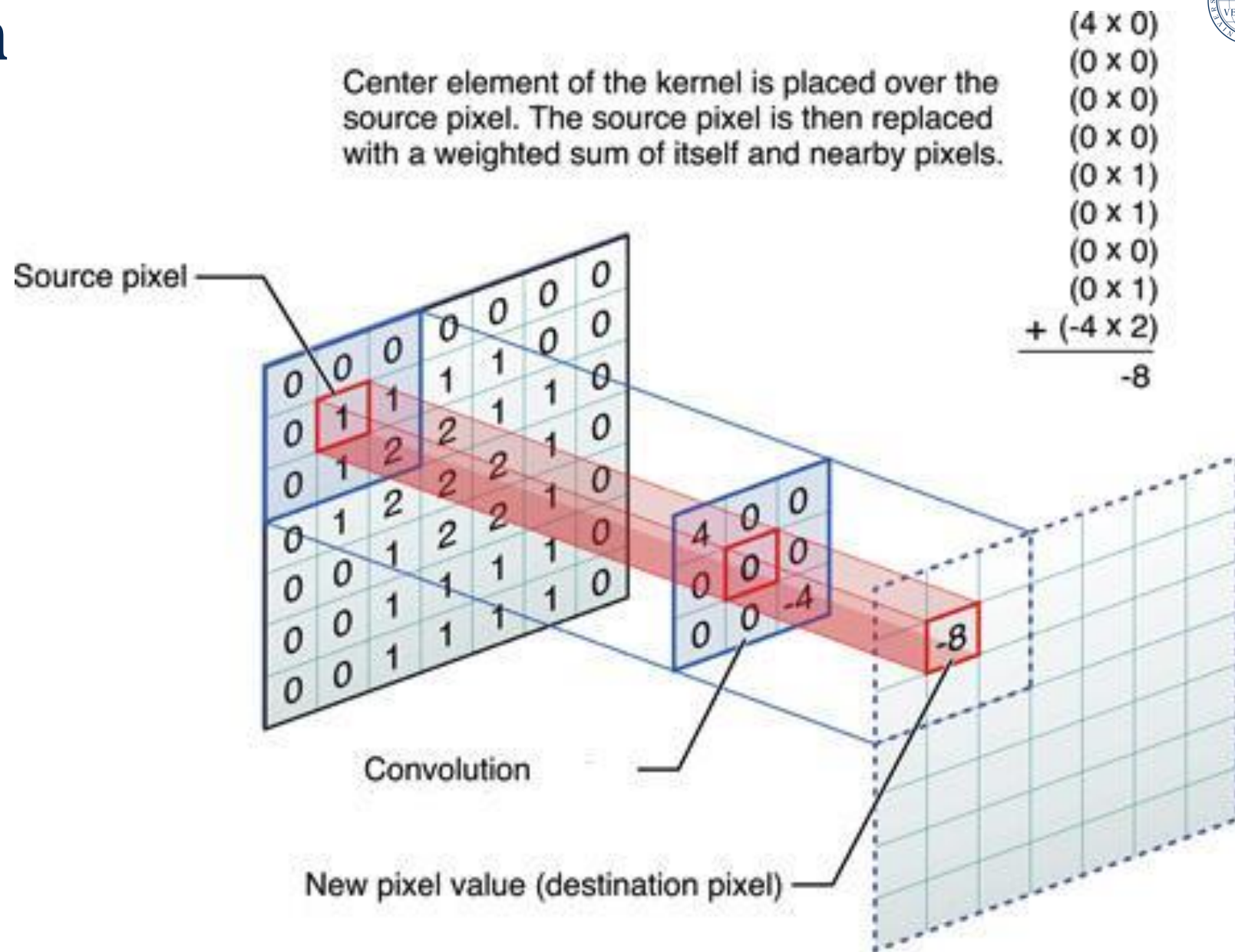
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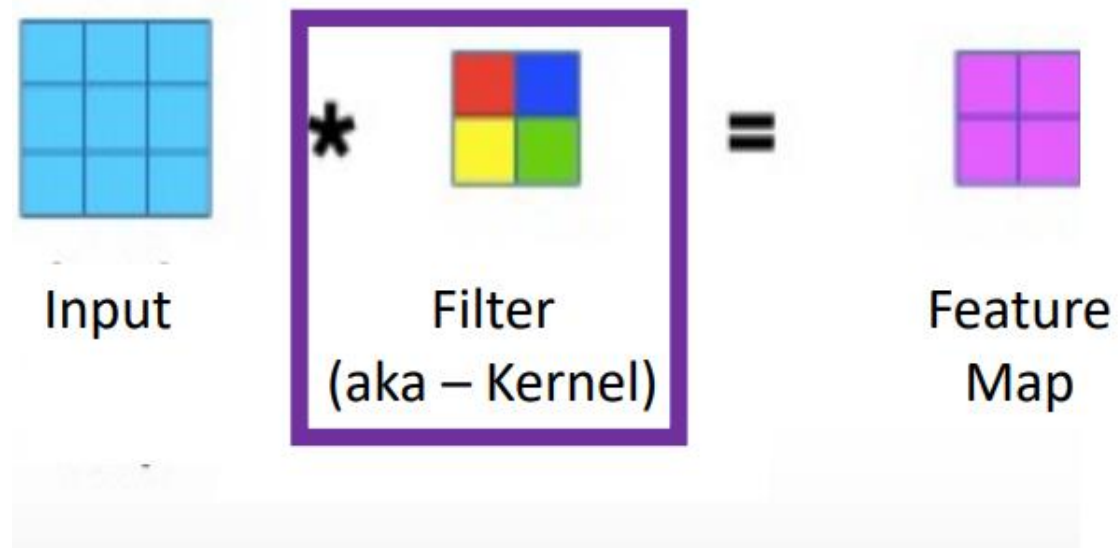
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Convolution

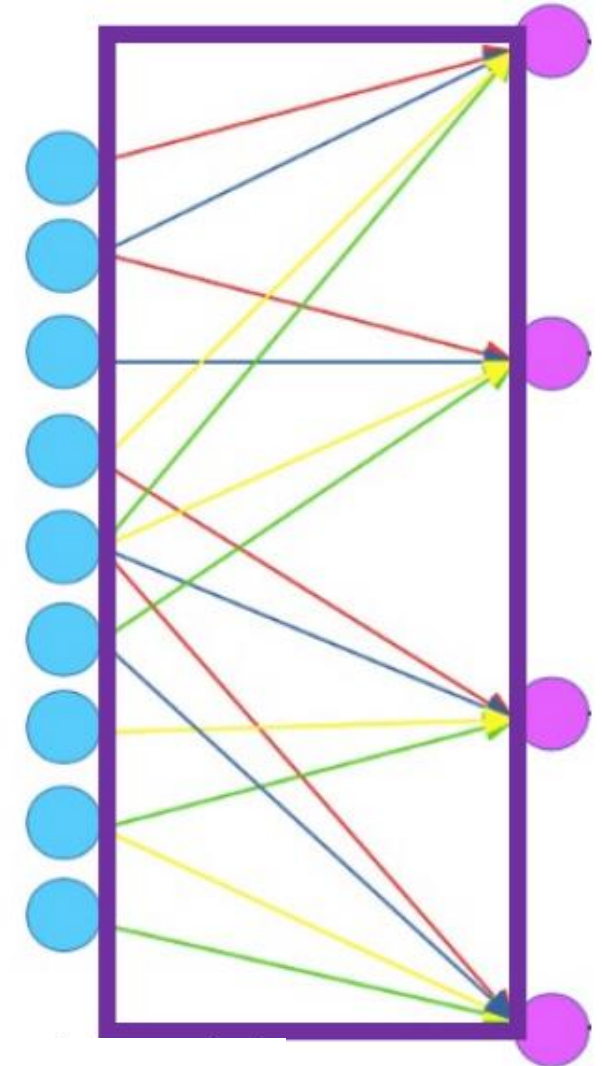


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Convolutional Layer: Parameters to Learn



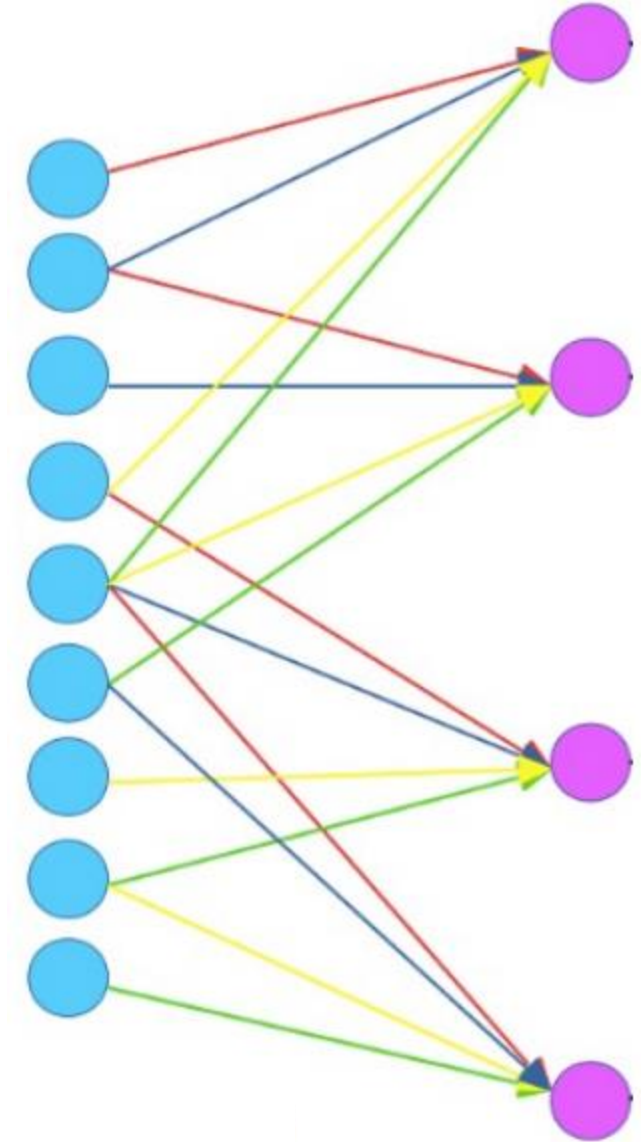
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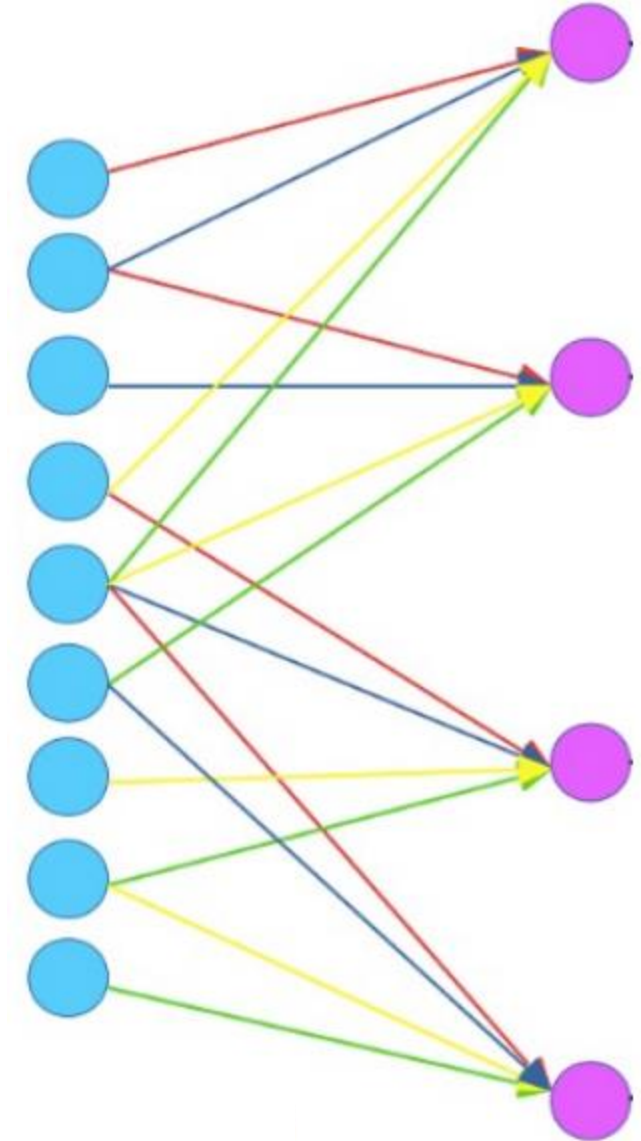
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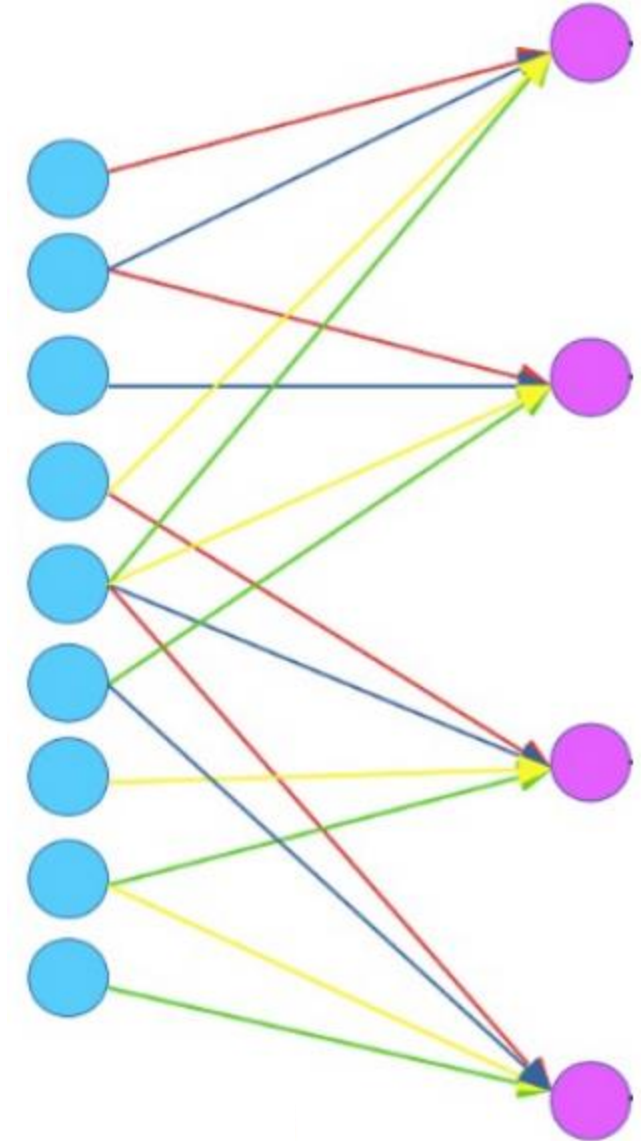
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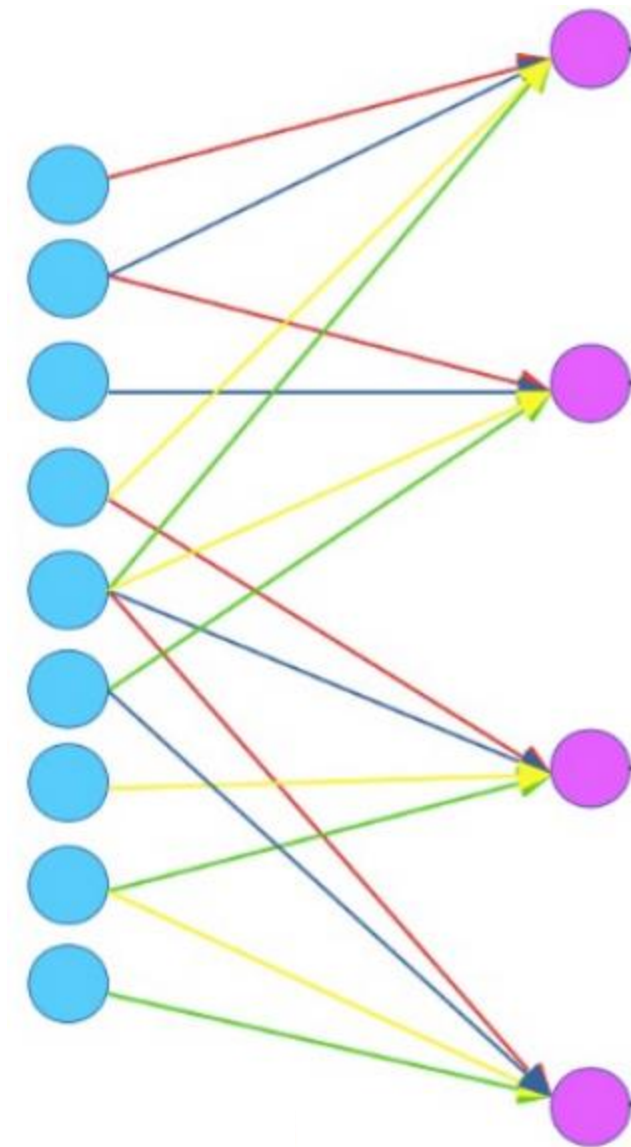
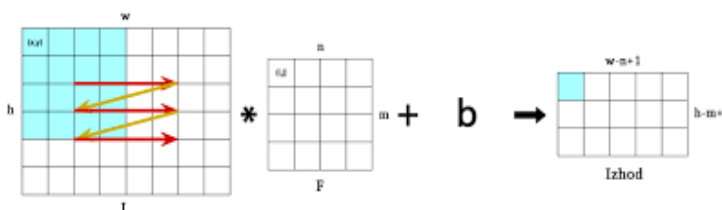
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 - **36 (9 turquoise nodes x 4 magenta nodes)**
- For shown example, how many parameters must be learned?



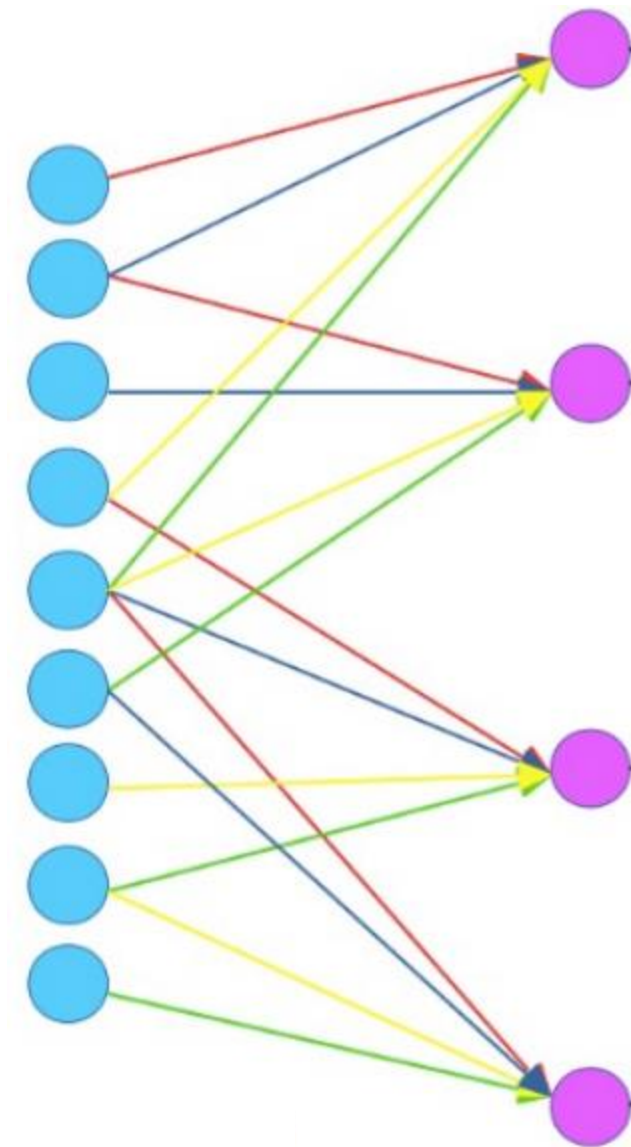
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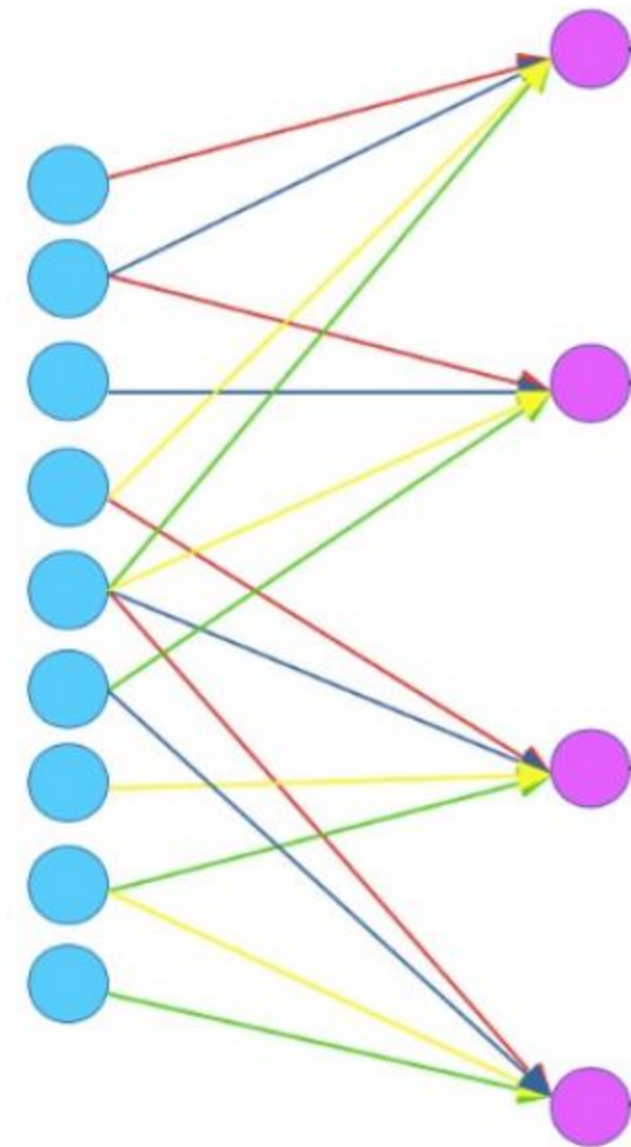
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 - **40 (36 weights + 4 bias)**



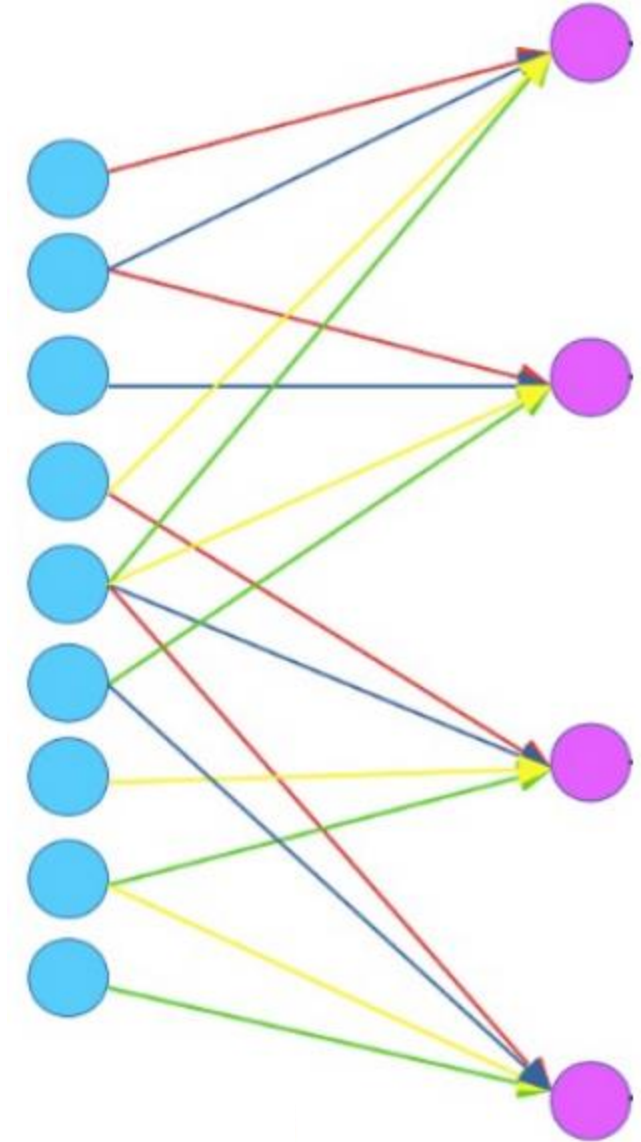
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- **Parameter sharing** significantly reduces number of parameters to learn and so storage requirements
- **Sparse connectivity** (rather than full) also significantly reduces the number of computational operations required

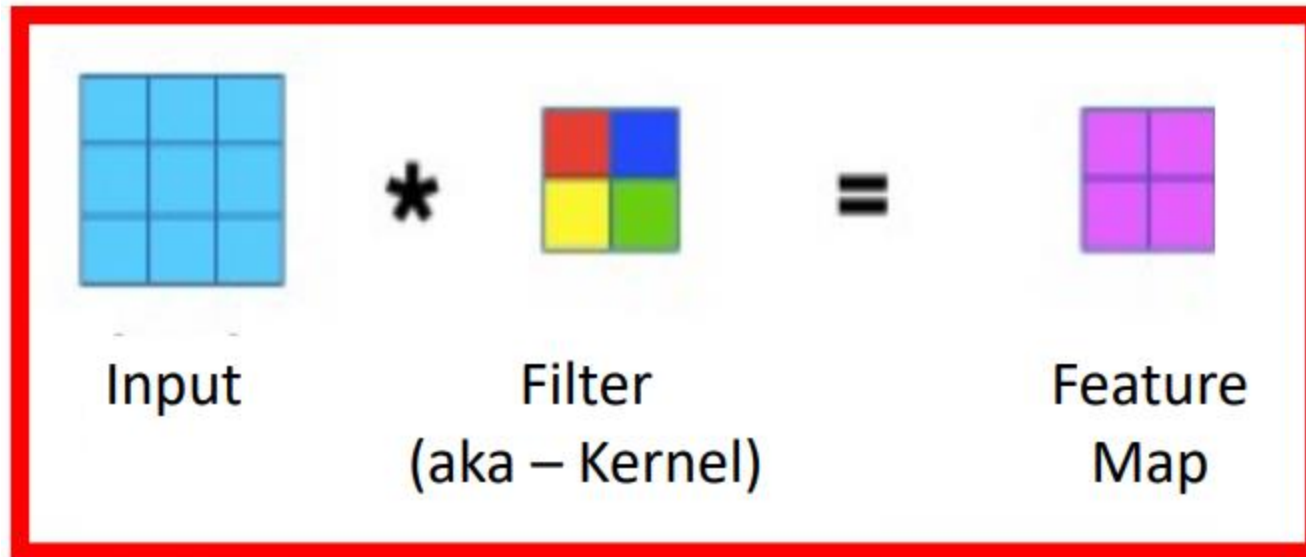


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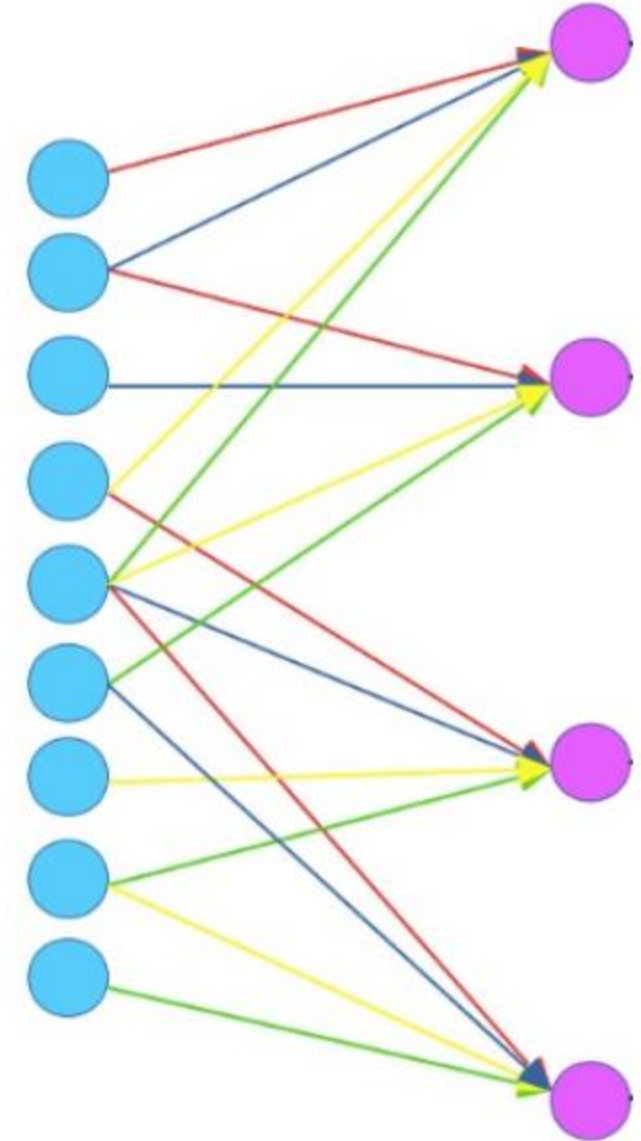
- **Neocognitron has hard-coded filter values... we will cover models that learn the filter values**



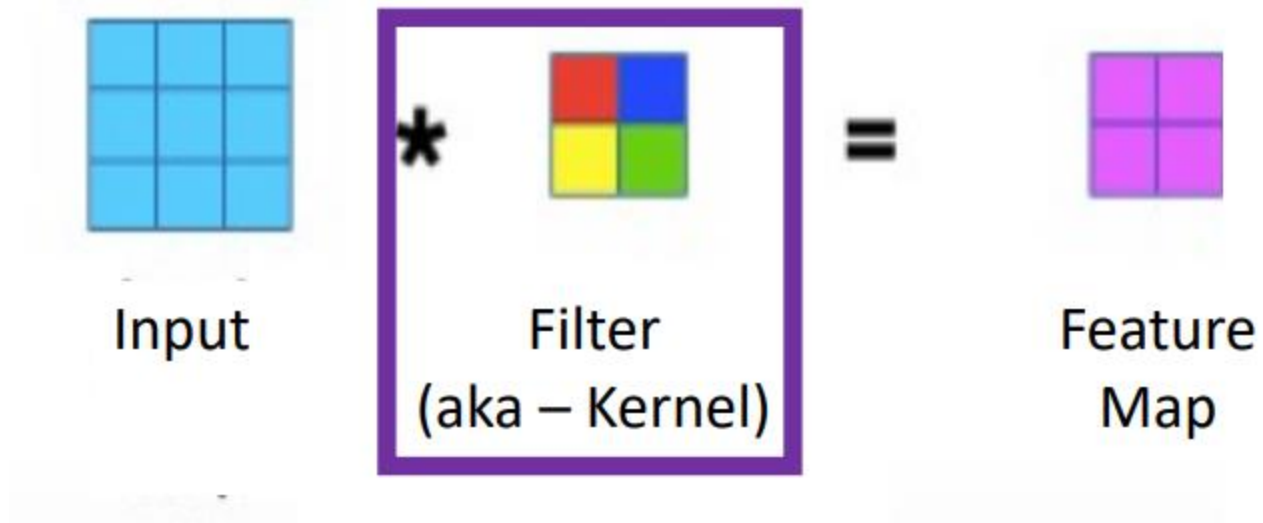
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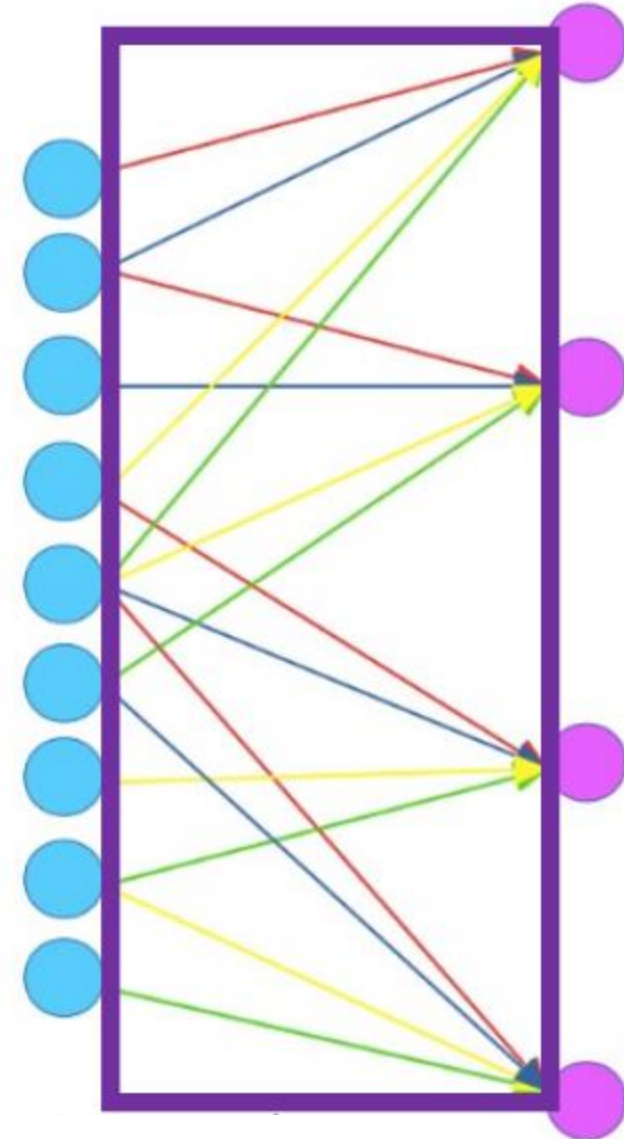
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Filter: What Does It Do?



Filter



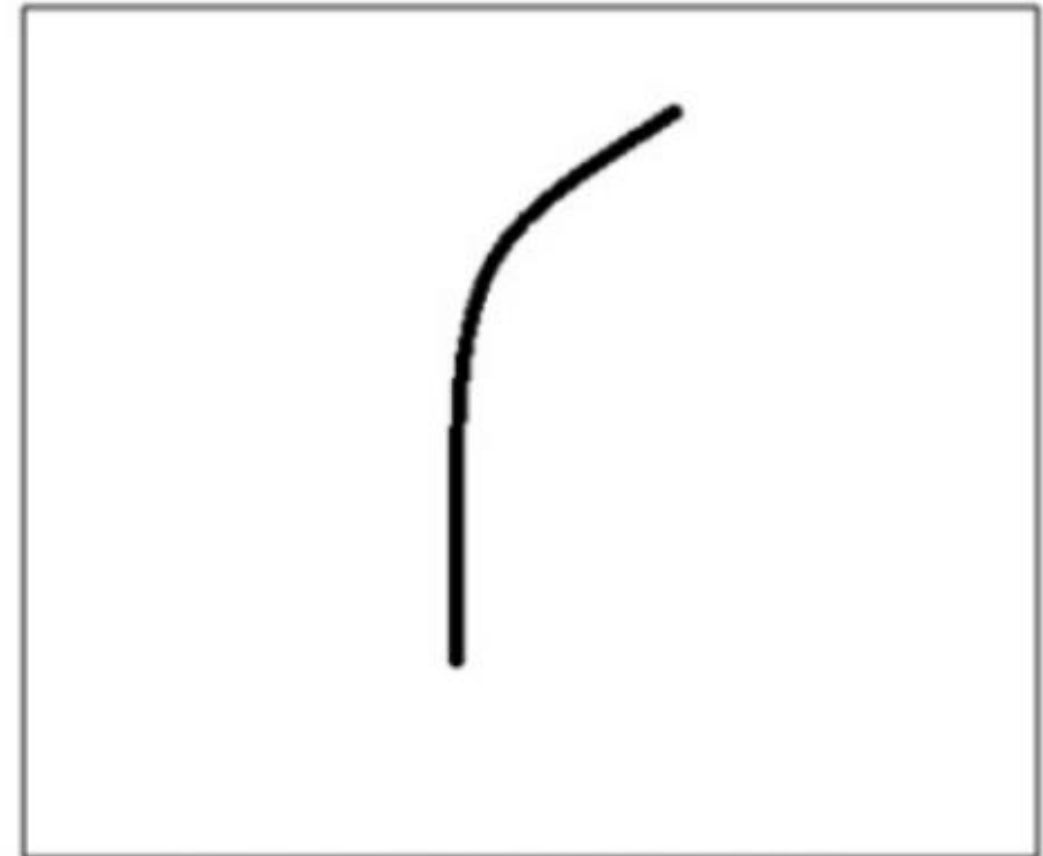
Filter: What Does It Do?

- e.g.,

Filter

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0	0	0	30	0	0	0
0	0	0	30	0	0	0
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Visualization of Filter

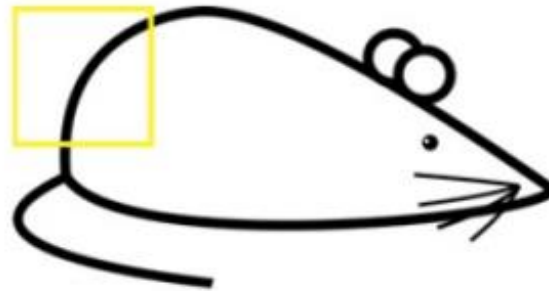


<https://adeshpande3.github.io/A-Beginner%27s-Guide-To-Understanding-Convolutional-Neural-Networks/>

Filter: What Does It Do?

- e.g.,

Filter Overlaid on Image



Image

0	0	0	0	0	0	30
0	0	0	0	50	50	50
0	0	0	20	50	0	0
0	0	0	50	50	0	0
0	0	0	50	50	0	0
0	0	0	50	50	0	0
0	0	0	50	50	0	0

*

Filter

0	0	0	0	0	30	0
0	0	0	0	30	0	0
0	0	0	30	0	0	0
0	0	0	30	0	0	0
0	0	0	30	0	0	0
0	0	0	30	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Weighted Sum = ?

Weighted Sum = $(50 \times 30) + (20 \times 30) +$
 $(50 \times 30) + (50 \times 30) + (50 \times 30)$

Weighted Sum = 6600 **(Large Number!!)**

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Filter: What Does It Do?

- e.g.,

Filter Overlaid on Image



Image

0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	40	0	0	0	0	0
40	0	40	0	0	0	0
40	20	0	0	0	0	0
0	50	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	50	0	0	0	0
25	25	0	50	0	0	0

Filter

*

0	0	0	0	0	30	0
0	0	0	0	30	0	0
0	0	0	30	0	0	0
0	0	0	30	0	0	0
0	0	0	30	0	0	0
0	0	0	30	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Weighted Sum = ?

Weighted Sum = 0 **(Small Number!!)**

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Filter: What Does It Do?

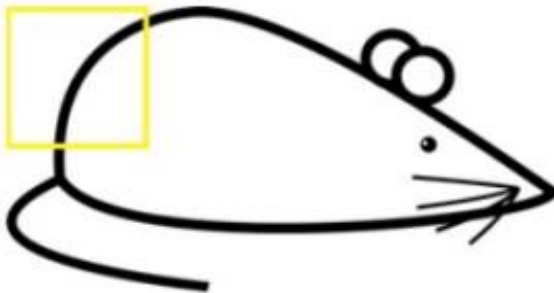
- e.g.,

This Filter is a Curve Detector!

0	0	0	0	0	30	0
0	0	0	0	30	0	0
0	0	0	30	0	0	0
0	0	0	30	0	0	0
0	0	0	30	0	0	0
0	0	0	30	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0



Filter Overlaid on Image (**Big Response!**)



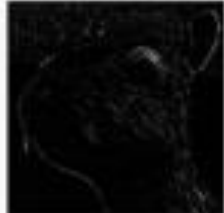






Filter Overlaid on Image (**Small Response!**)



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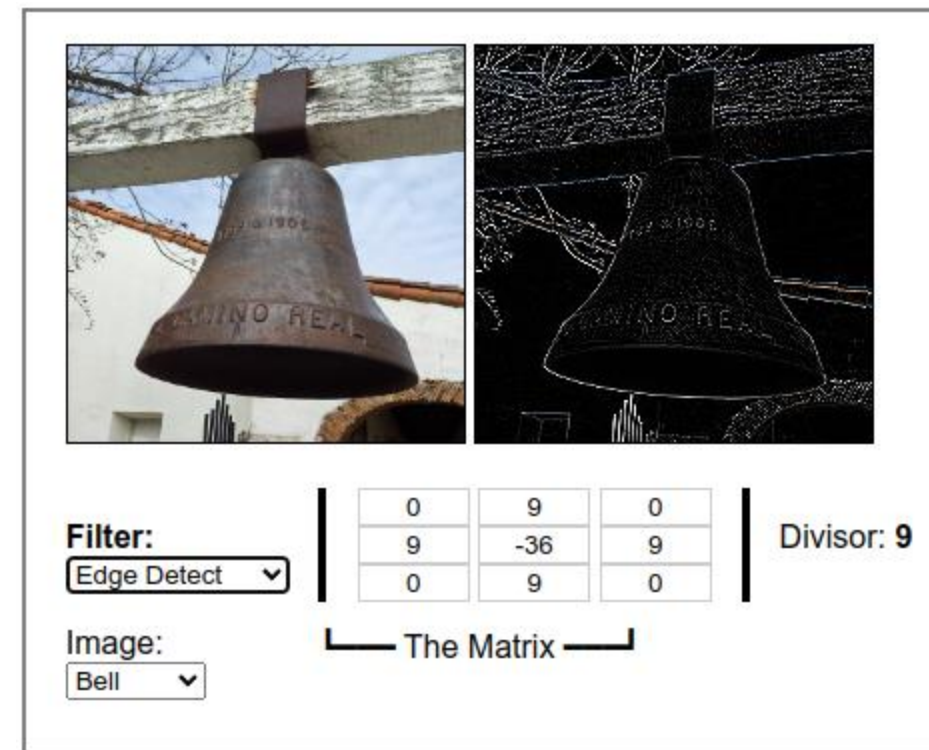
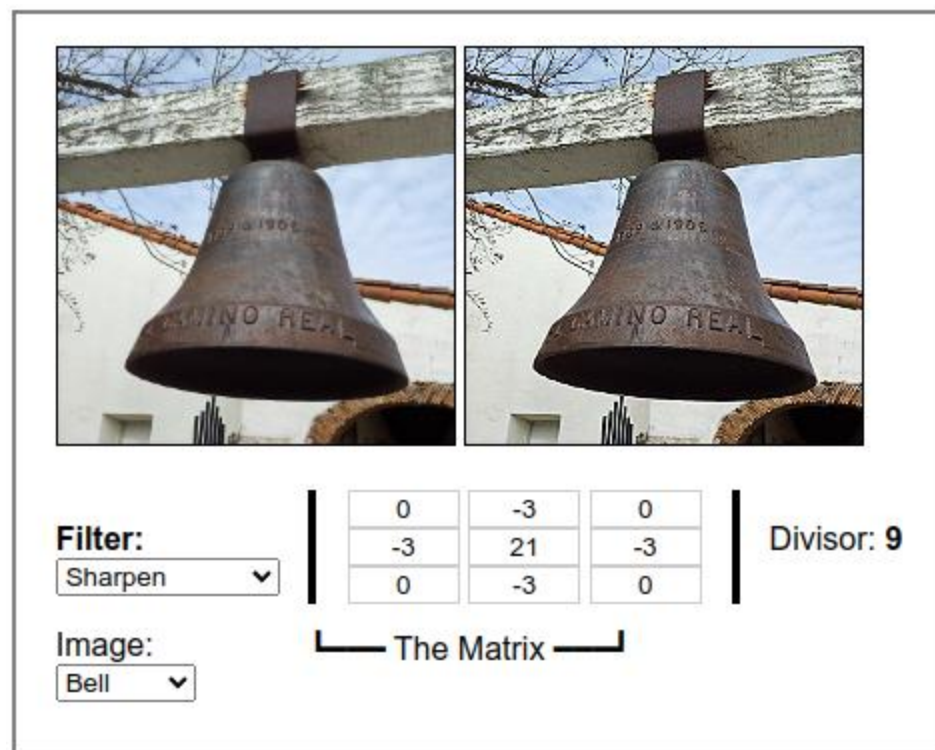
Filters Detect Different Features

Operation	Filter	Convolved Image
Identity	$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$	
Edge detection	$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$	
	$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -4 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$	
	$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & 8 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$	

Operation	Filter	Convolved Image
Sharpen	$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 5 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$	
Box blur (normalized)	$\frac{1}{9} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$	
Gaussian blur (approximation)	$\frac{1}{16} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$	

<https://ujjwalkarn.me/2016/08/11/intuitive-explanation-convnets/>

Different Filters Detect Different Features



DEMO: <https://beej.us/blog/data/convolution-image-processing/>

Group Discussion



1. How would you design a filter to “brighten” an image?

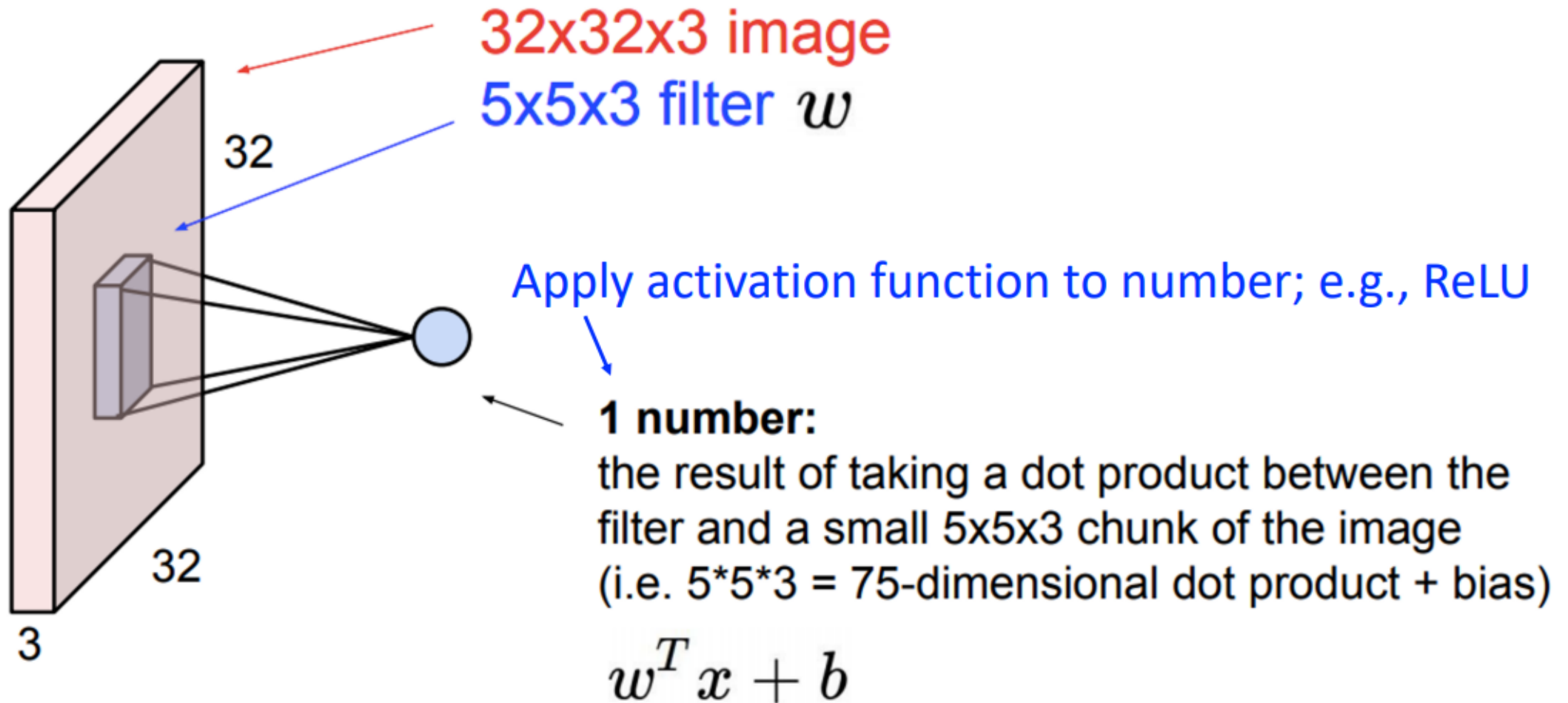


2. How would you design a filter to remove wrinkles/blemishes?



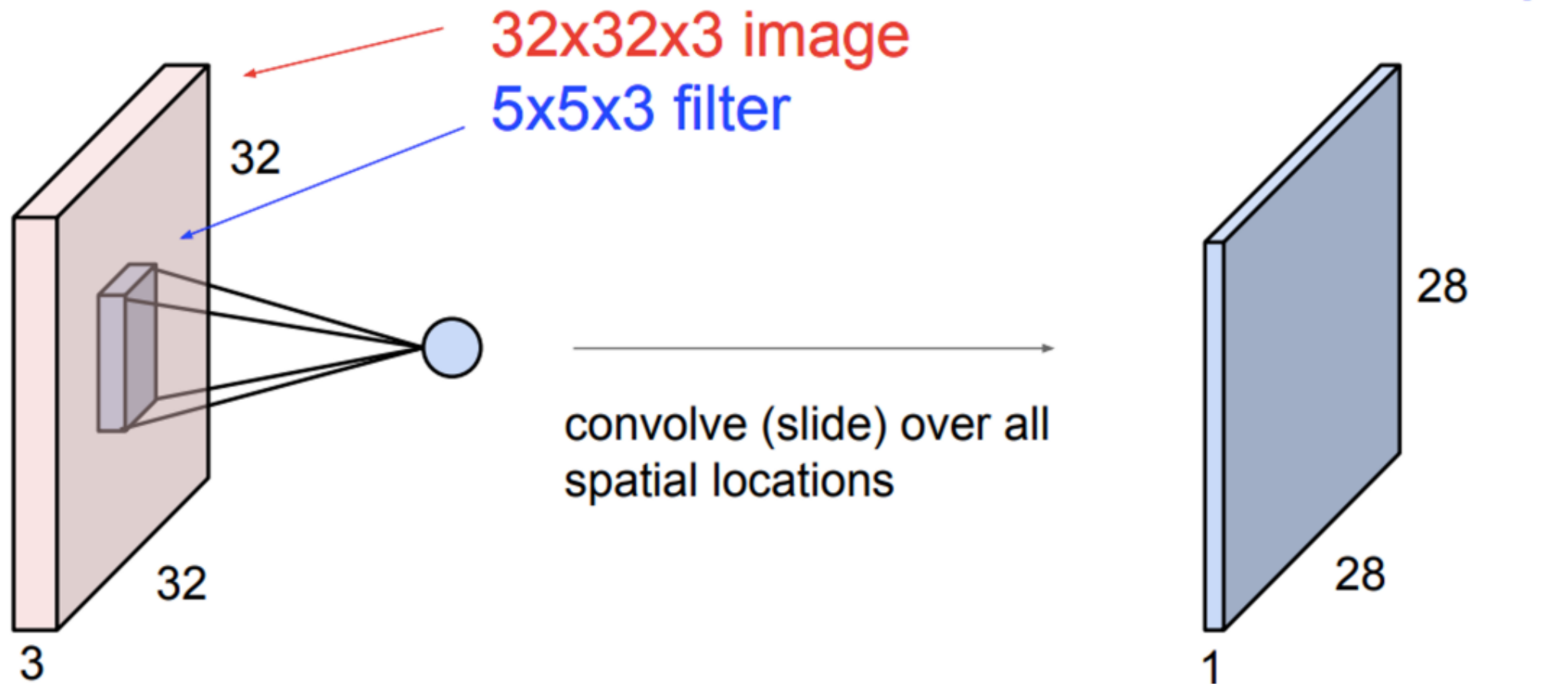
Convolutional Layer

- After applying the filter, introduce non-linearity



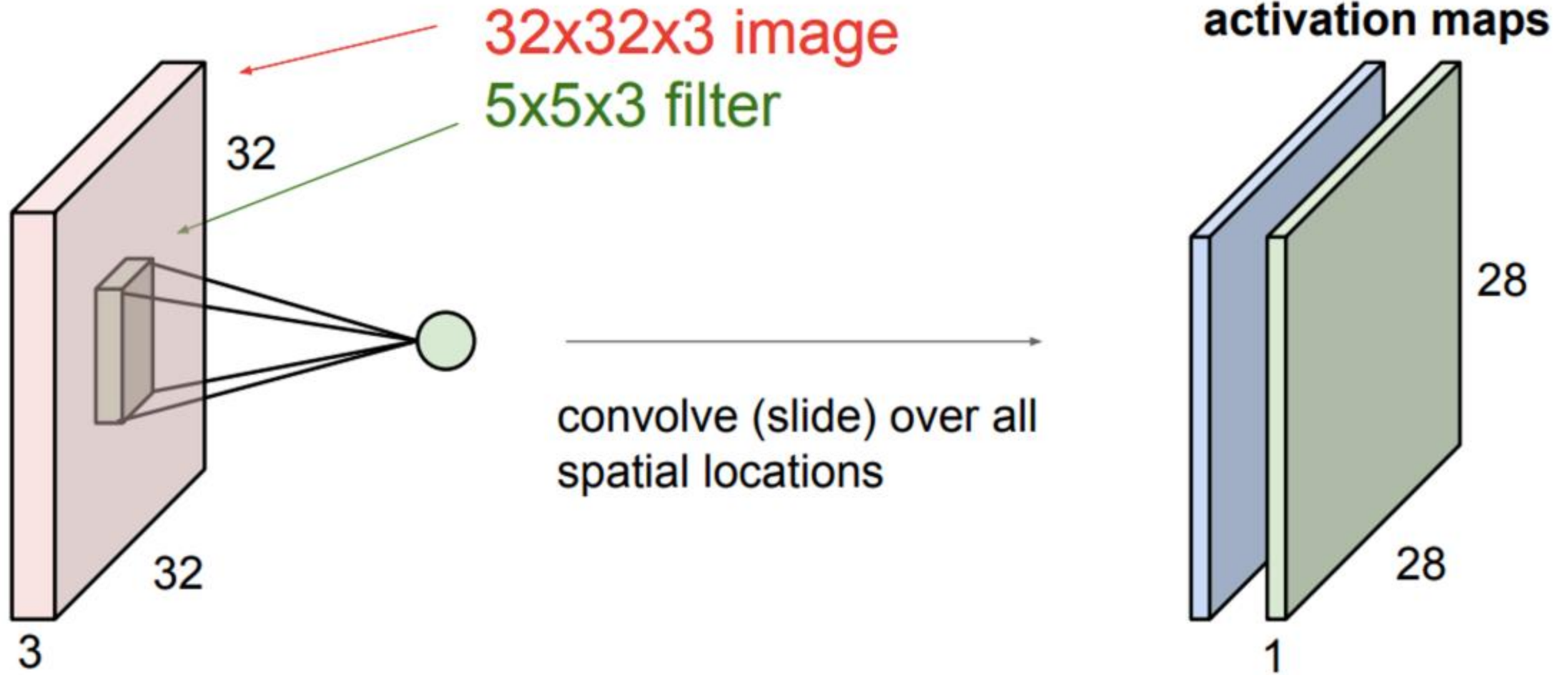
Convolutional Layer

- Slide filter across input



Convolutional Layer

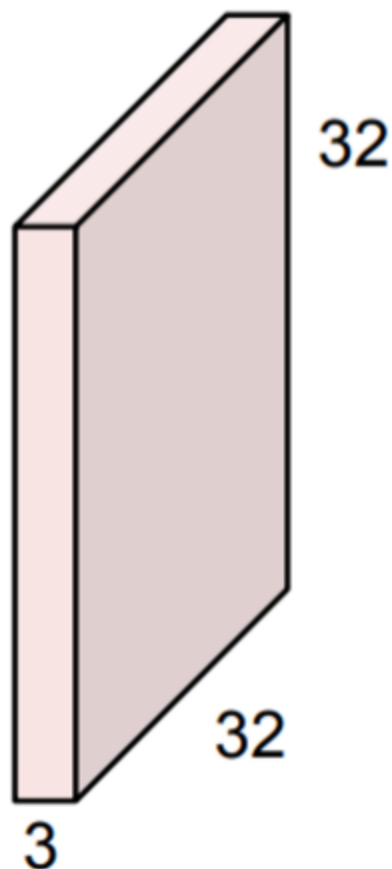
- Slide filter across input
- Consider a second, green filter.



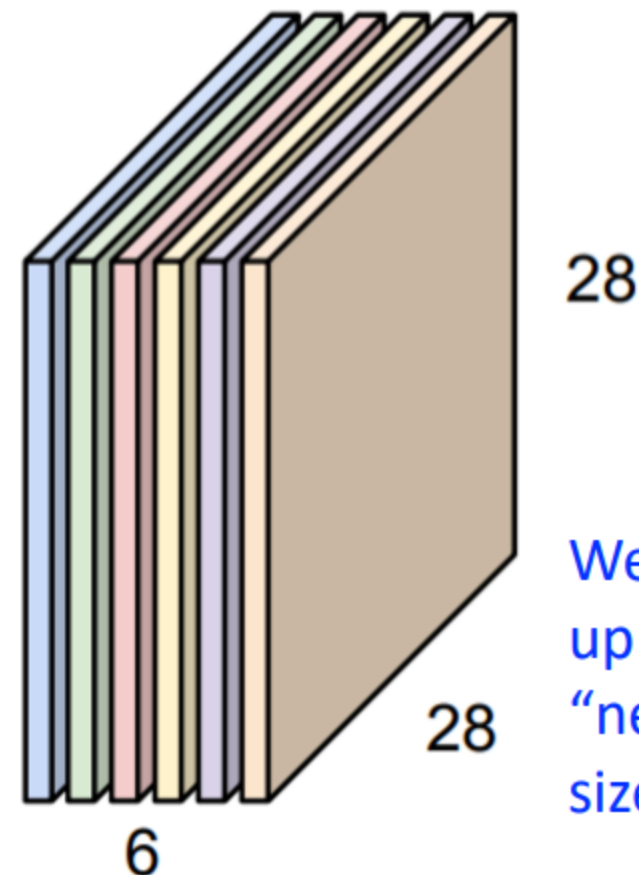
Convolutional Layer

if we had 6 5x5 filters, we'll get 6 separate activation maps:

activation maps



→
Convolution Layer

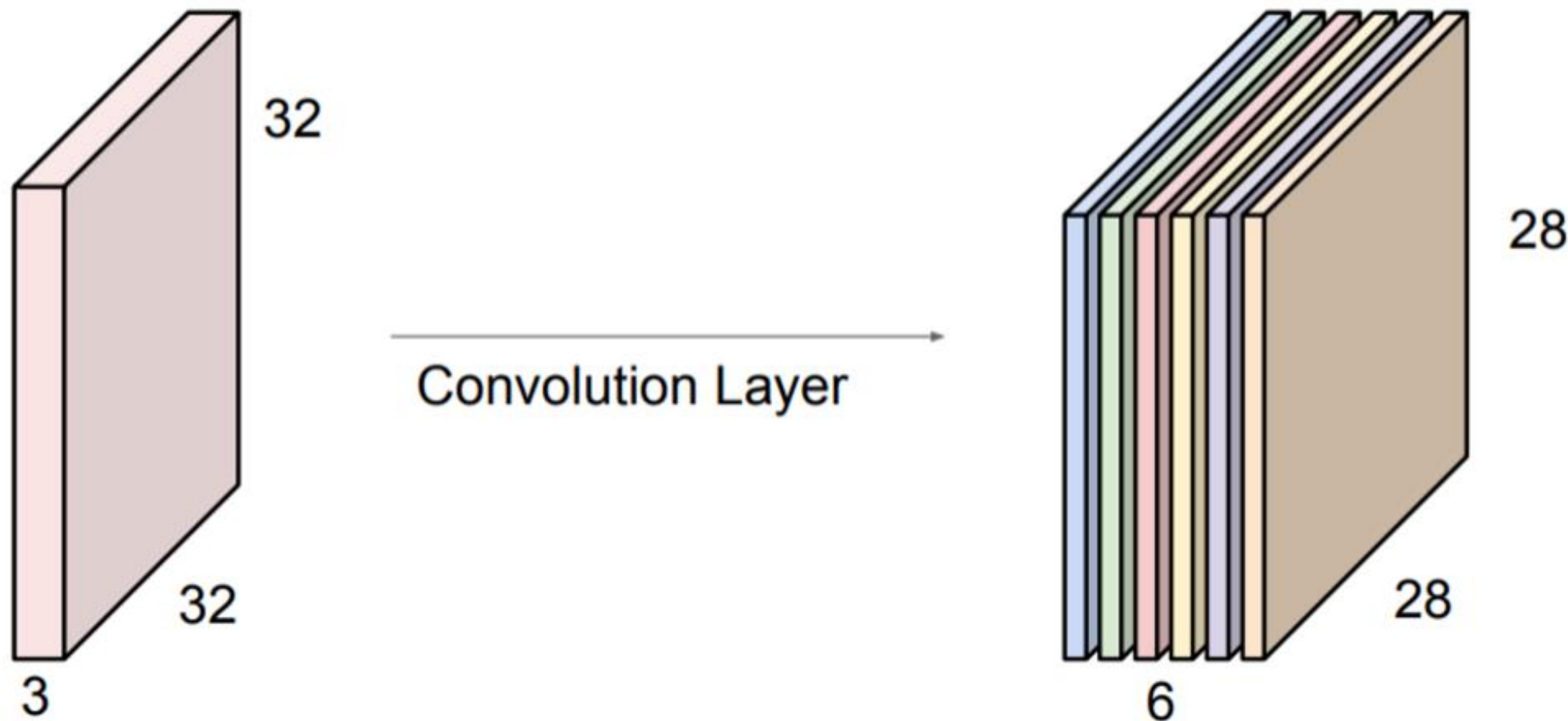


We stack these
up to get a
“new image” of
size 28x28x6!

Convolutional Layer: Parameters to Learn

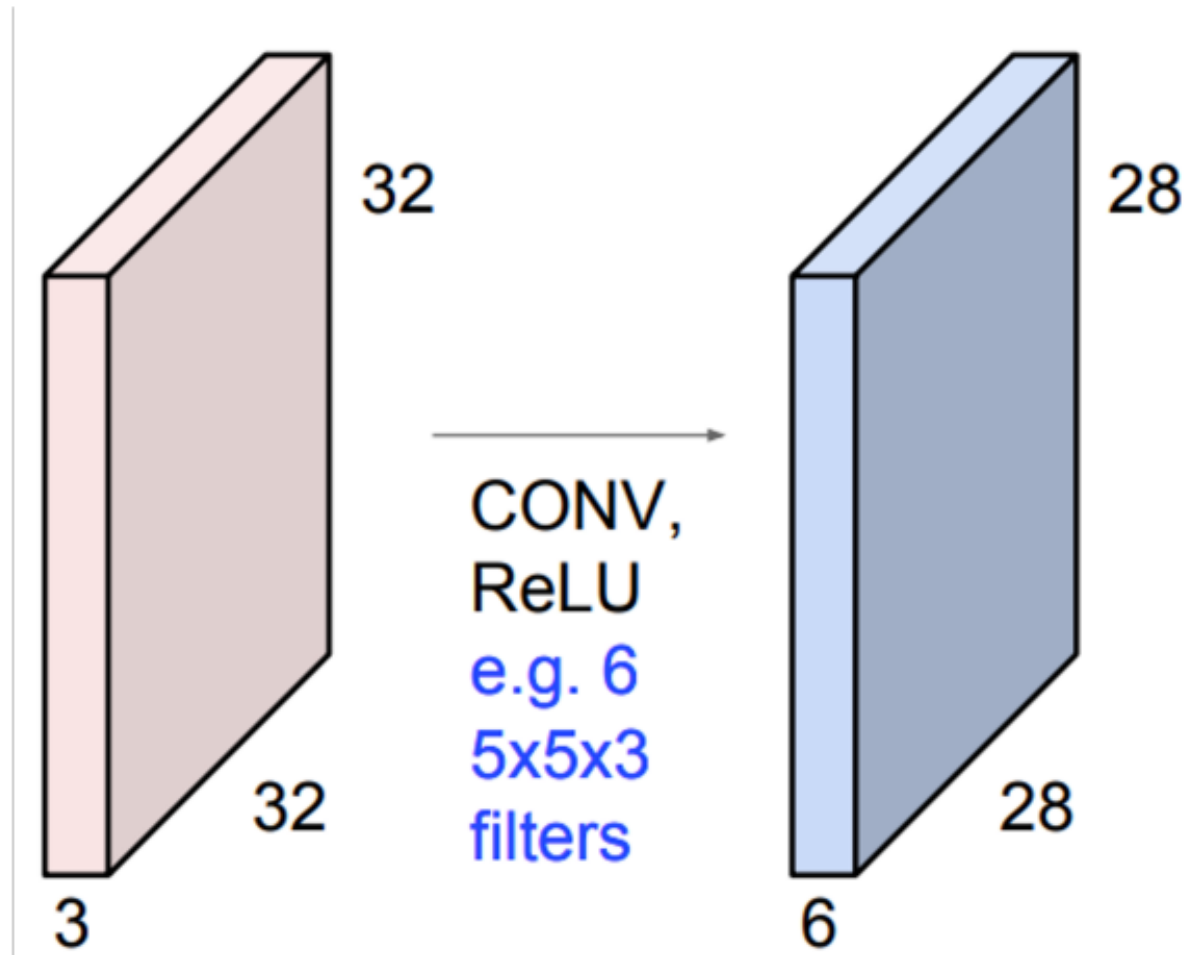
Parameters: bank of filters and biases used to create the activation maps (aka – feature maps)

activation maps



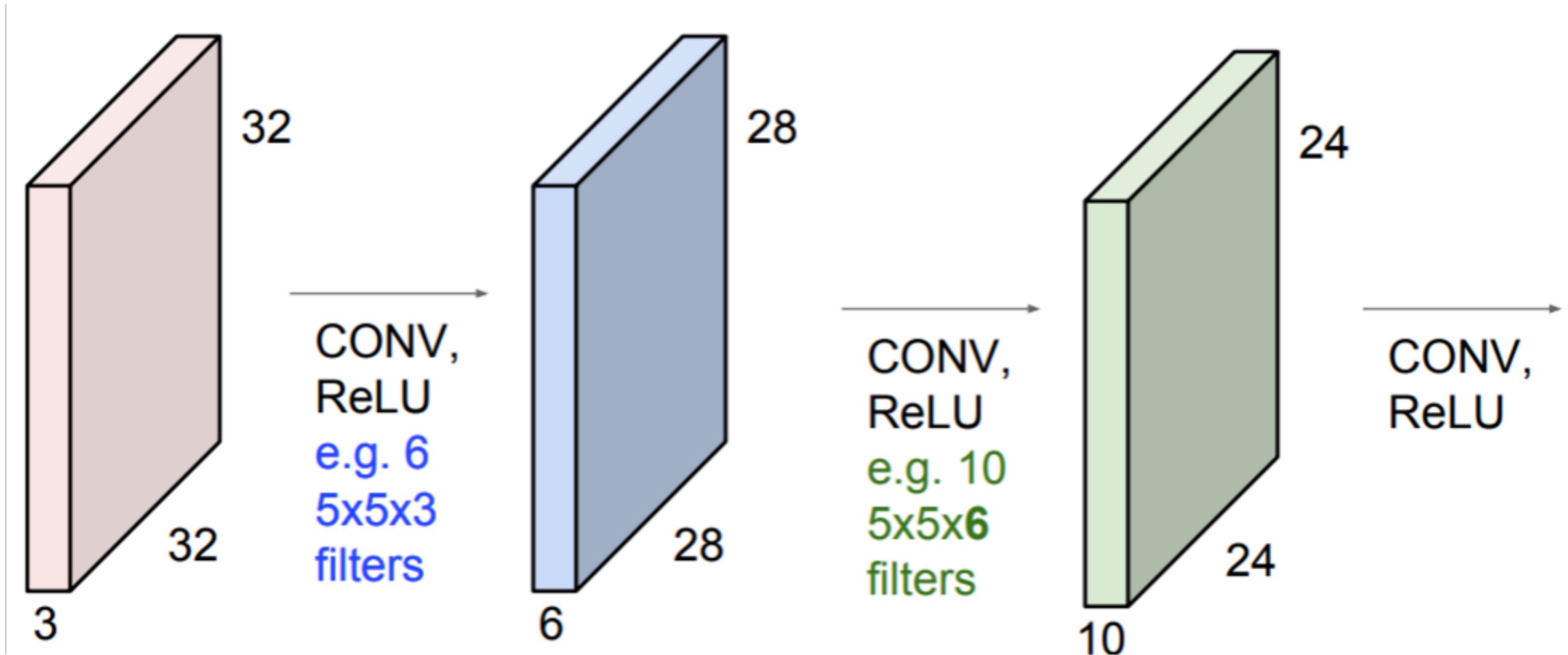
Convolutional Layers Stacked

Can then stack a sequence of convolution layers, interspersed with activation functions:



Convolutional Layers Stacked

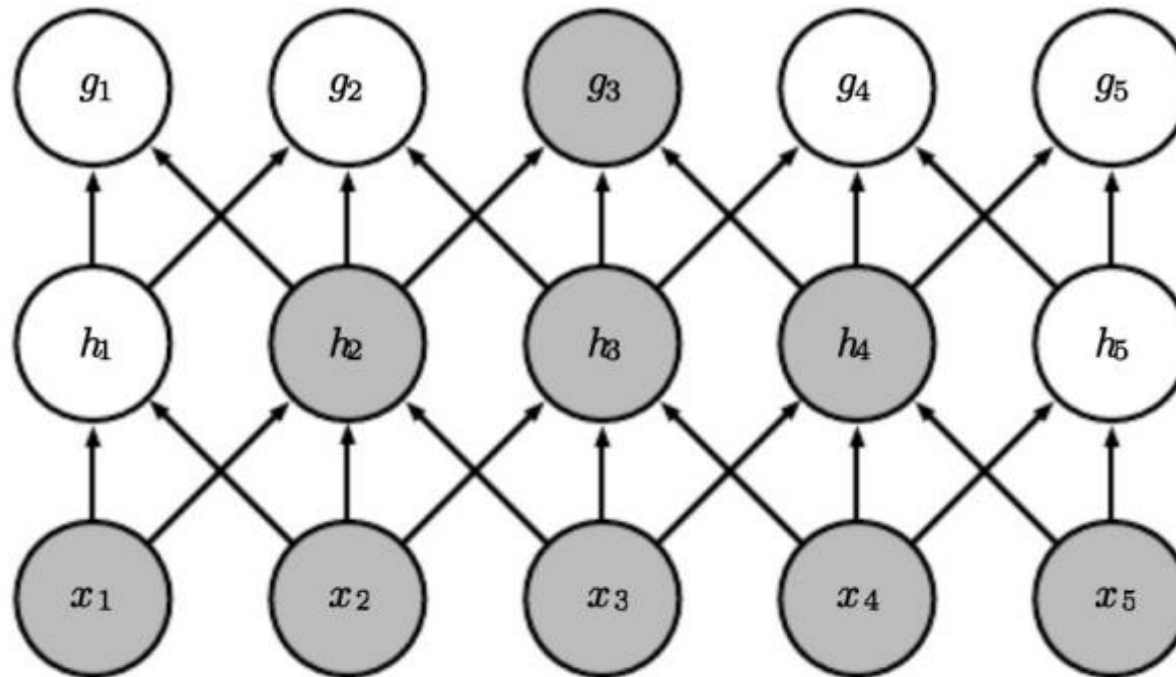
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Convolutional Layers Stacked

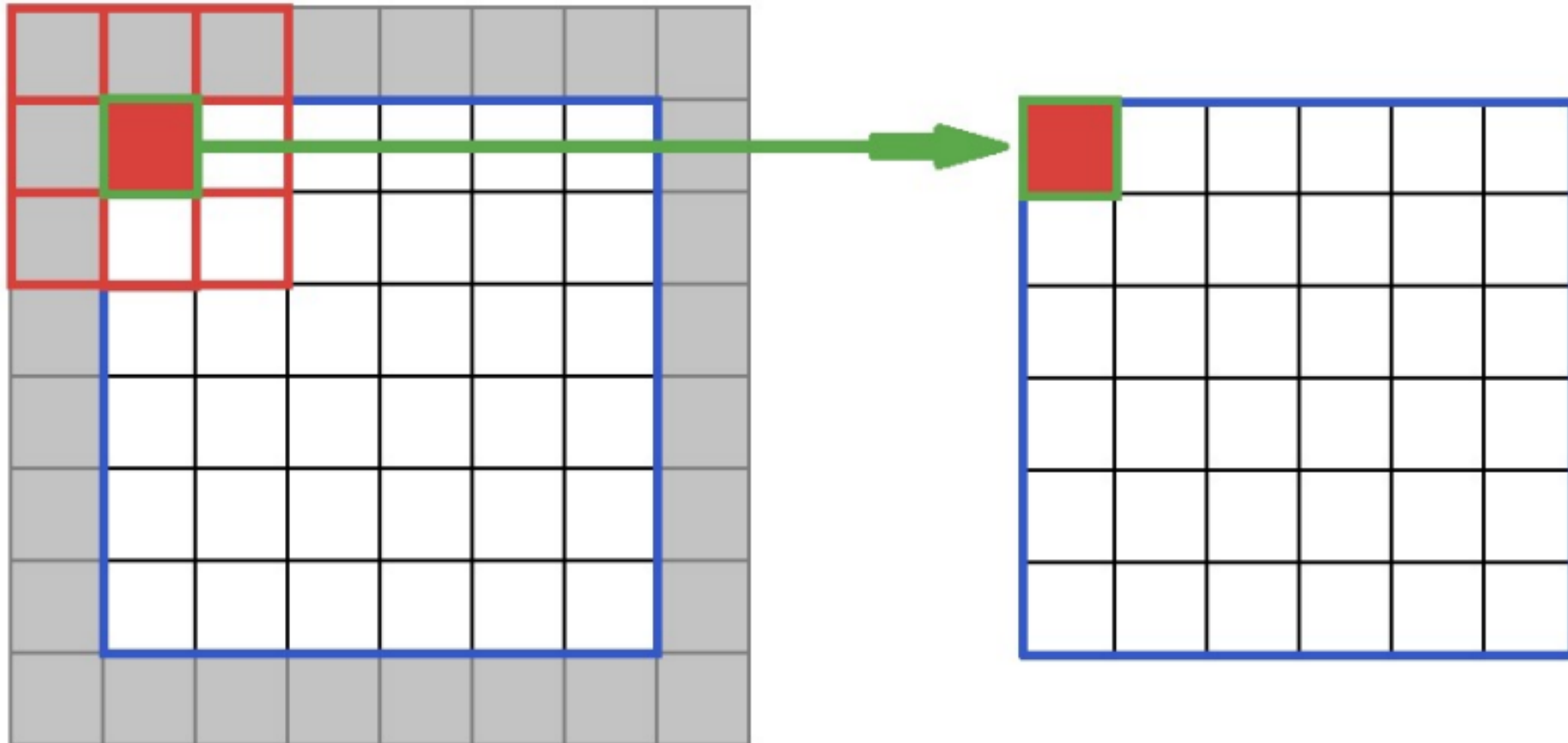
Can then stack a sequence of convolution layers, interspersed with activation functions:

Stacking many convolutional layers leads to identifying patterns in increasingly **larger regions of the input (e.g., pixel) space**.



Convolution: Implementation Details

- **Padding:** add values at the boundaries to control output size



Convolution: Implementation Details

- **Stride:** how many steps taken spatially before applying a filter
 - e.g., 2x2

Image

1	1	1	0	0
0	1	1	1	0
0	0	1	1	1
0	0	1	1	0
0	1	1	0	0

Filter

1	0	1
0	1	0
1	0	1

Feature Map

4	4
2	4

Parameters vs Hyperparameters in Convolutional Layers



- Hyperparameters:

- ?
- ?
- ?

- Parameters:

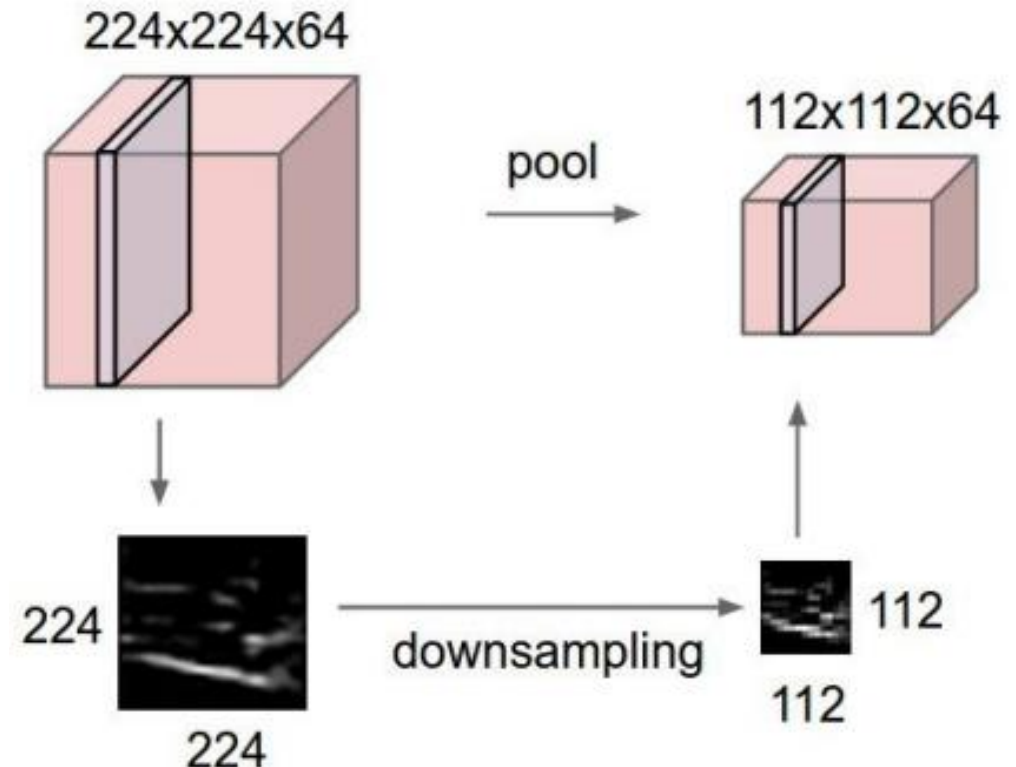
- ?
- ?

Parameters vs Hyperparameters in Convolutional Layers

- Hyperparameters:
 - **Number of filters** and their dimensions (**height and width**)
 - **Stride**
 - **Padding type**
- Parameters:
 - **Weights**
 - **Biases**

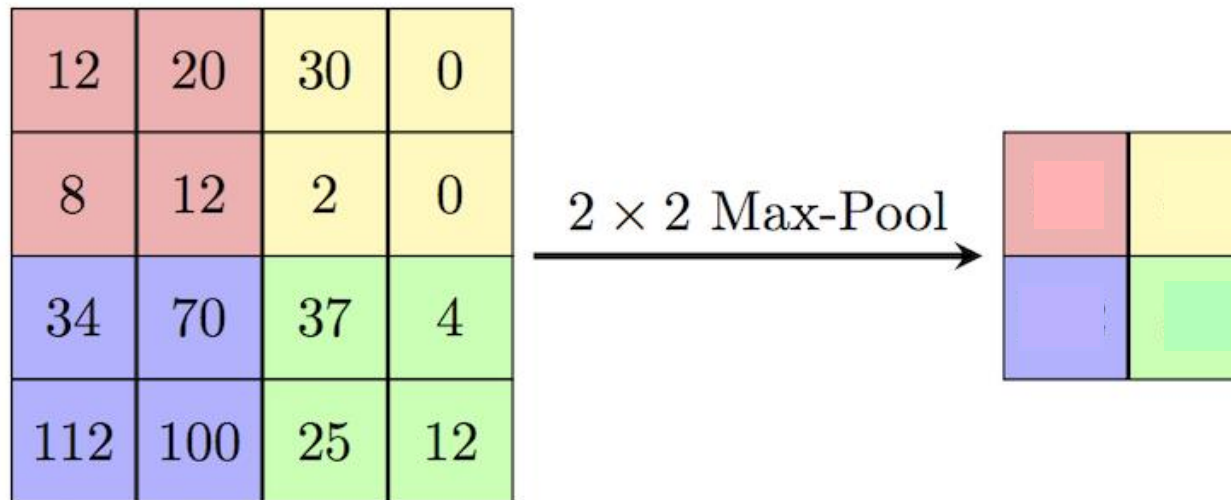
Pooling Layer

- Makes the representations **smaller and more manageable**
- Helps **retain important information** while discarding unnecessary details.
- Introduces some **invariance to small translations or distortions** (e.g., slight shifts in the image).
- Operates over each activation map independently:



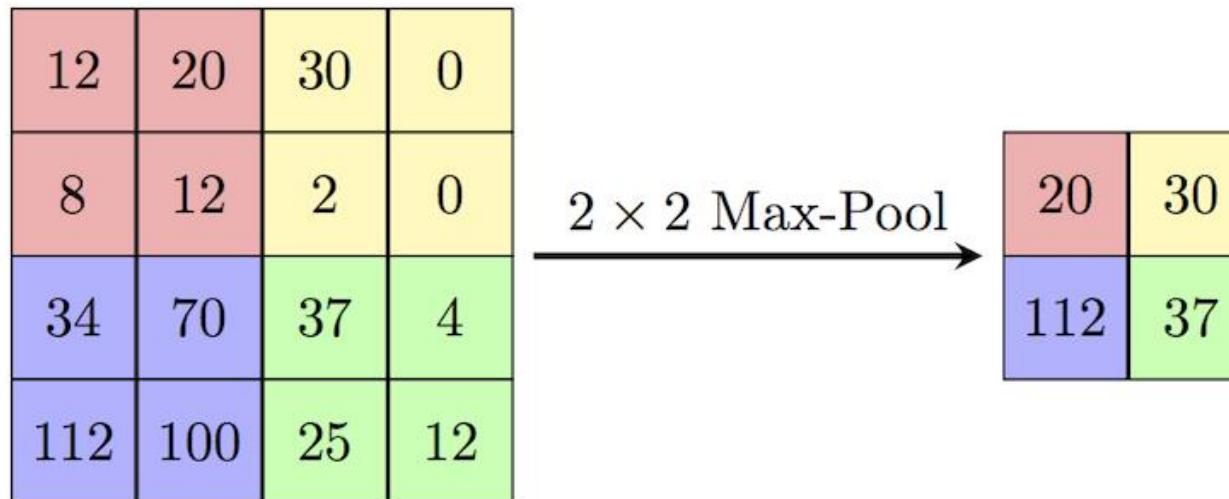
Types of Pooling

- **Max-pooling:** partitions input into a set of non-overlapping (generally) rectangles and outputs the maximum value for each chunk



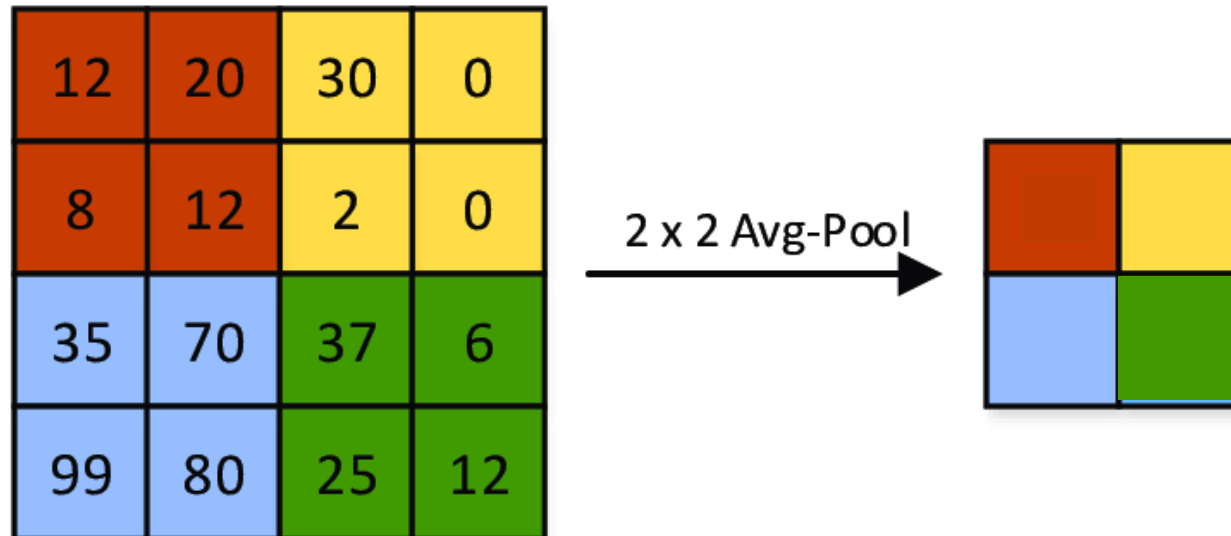
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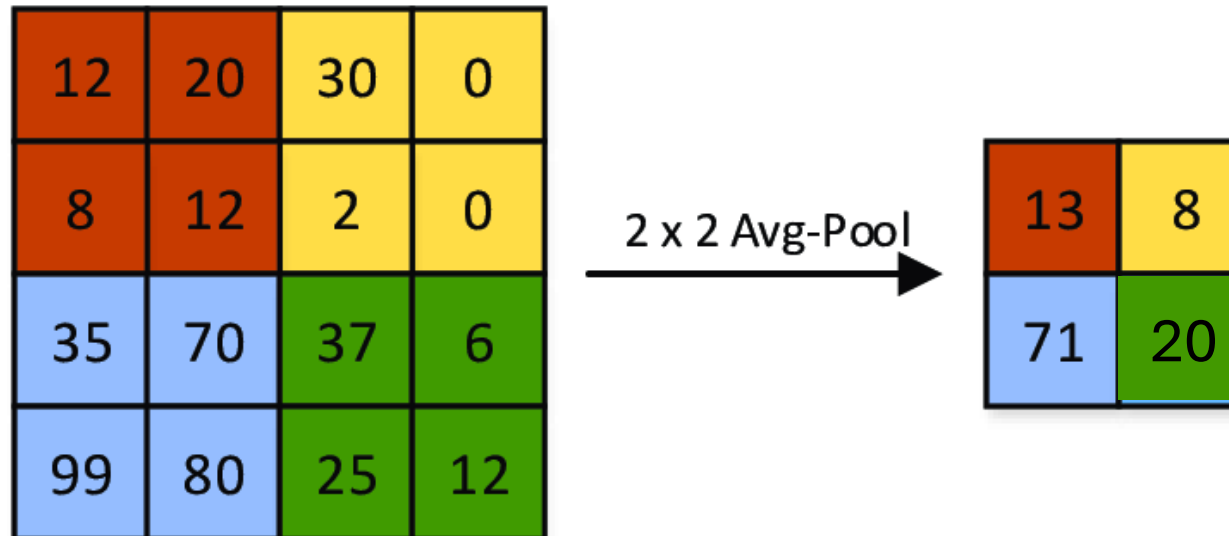
Types of Pooling

- **Average-pooling:** partitions input into a set of non-overlapping (generally) rectangles and outputs the average value for each chunk



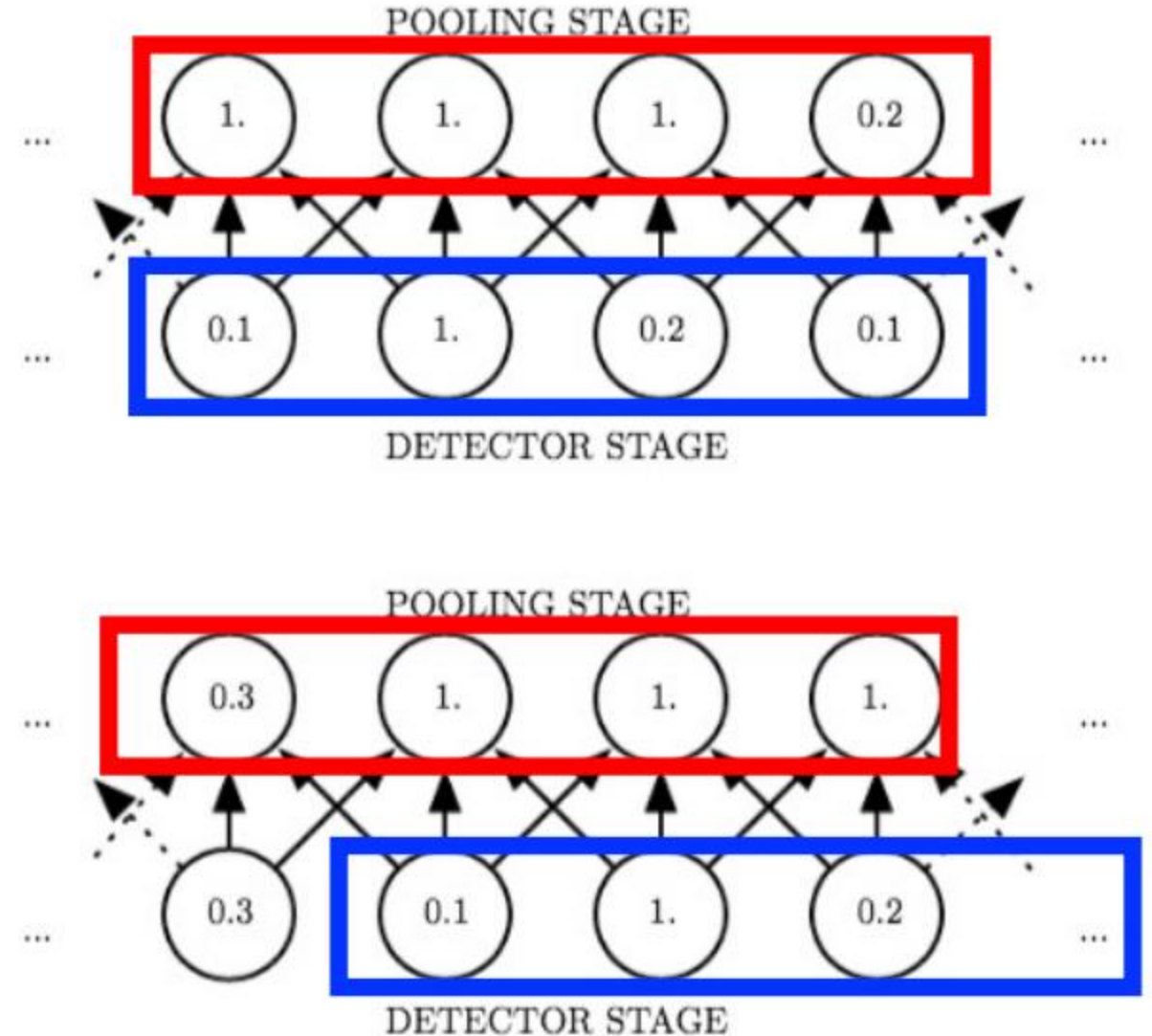
Types of Pooling

- **Average-pooling:** partitions input into a set of non-overlapping (generally) rectangles and outputs the average value for each chunk



Pooling Layer

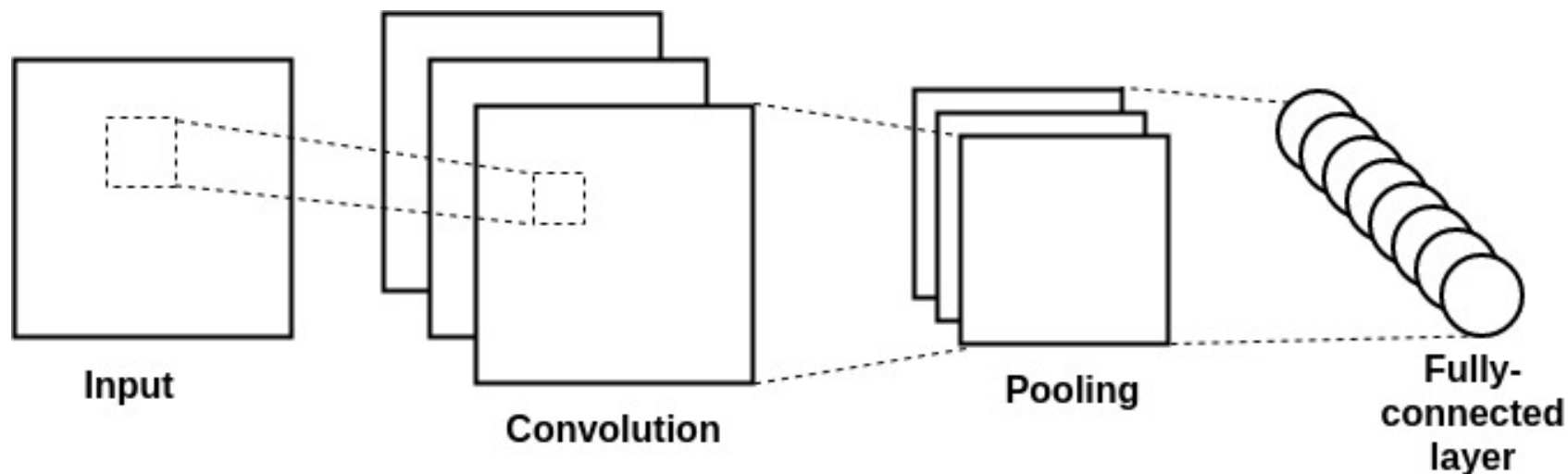
- Resilient to small translations
- e.g.,
 - Input: all values change (shift right)
 - Output: only half the values change



Pooling Layer: Benefits

- How many parameters must be learned?
 - None
- Benefits?
 - Builds in invariance to translations of the input
 - Reduces memory requirements
 - Reduces computational requirements

Convolutional Neural Networks

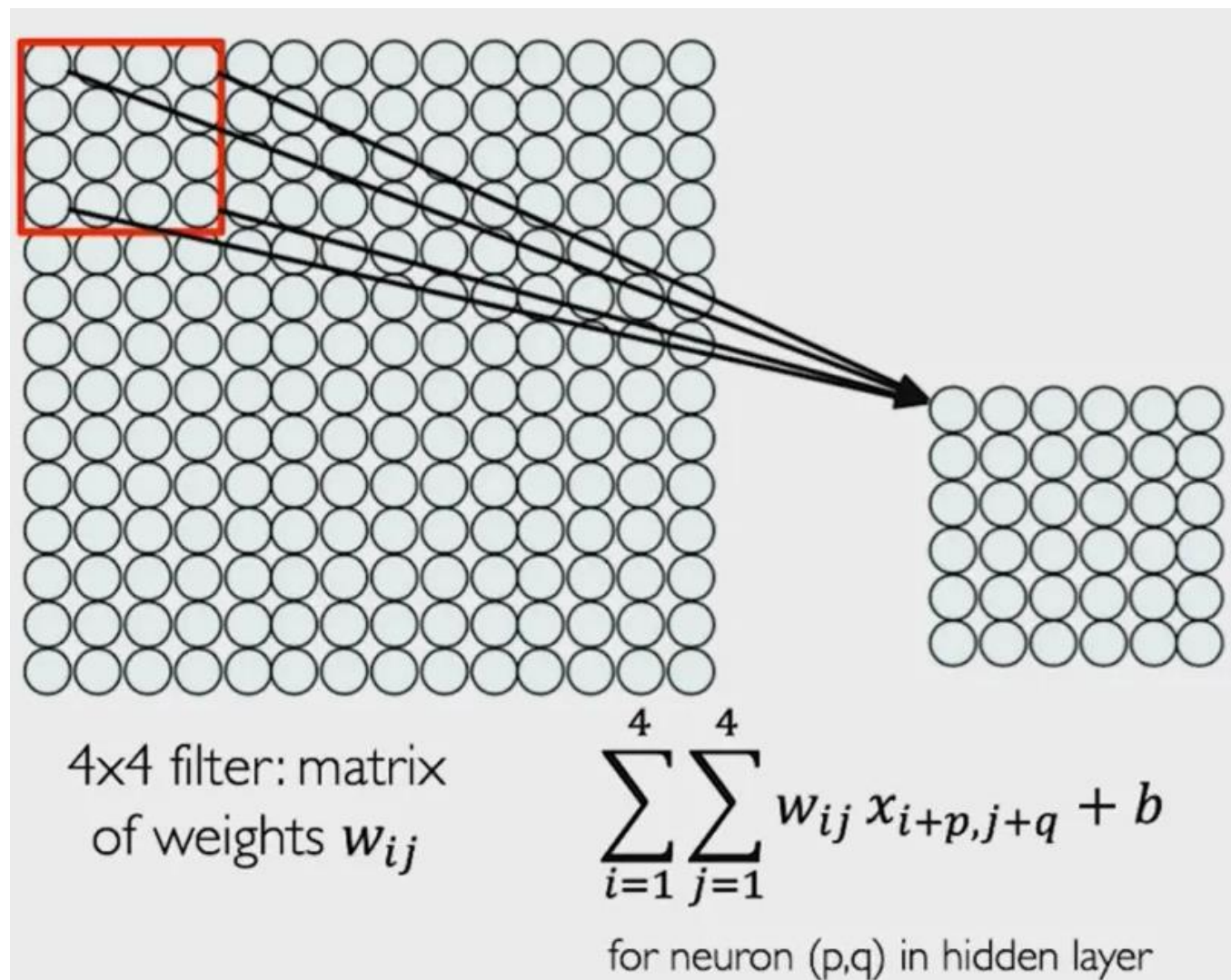


1. **Convolution:** apply filters to generate feature maps;
2. **Non-linearity:** Often ReLU;
3. **Pooling:** Downsampling operation on each feature map.

Train model with image data.
Learn weights of filters in convolutional layers.

Convolutional Neural Networks

- For a neuron in hidden layer:
 - Take inputs from patch
 - Compute weighted sum
 - Apply bias
- Applying a window of weights
- Computing linear combinations
- Activating with non-linear function

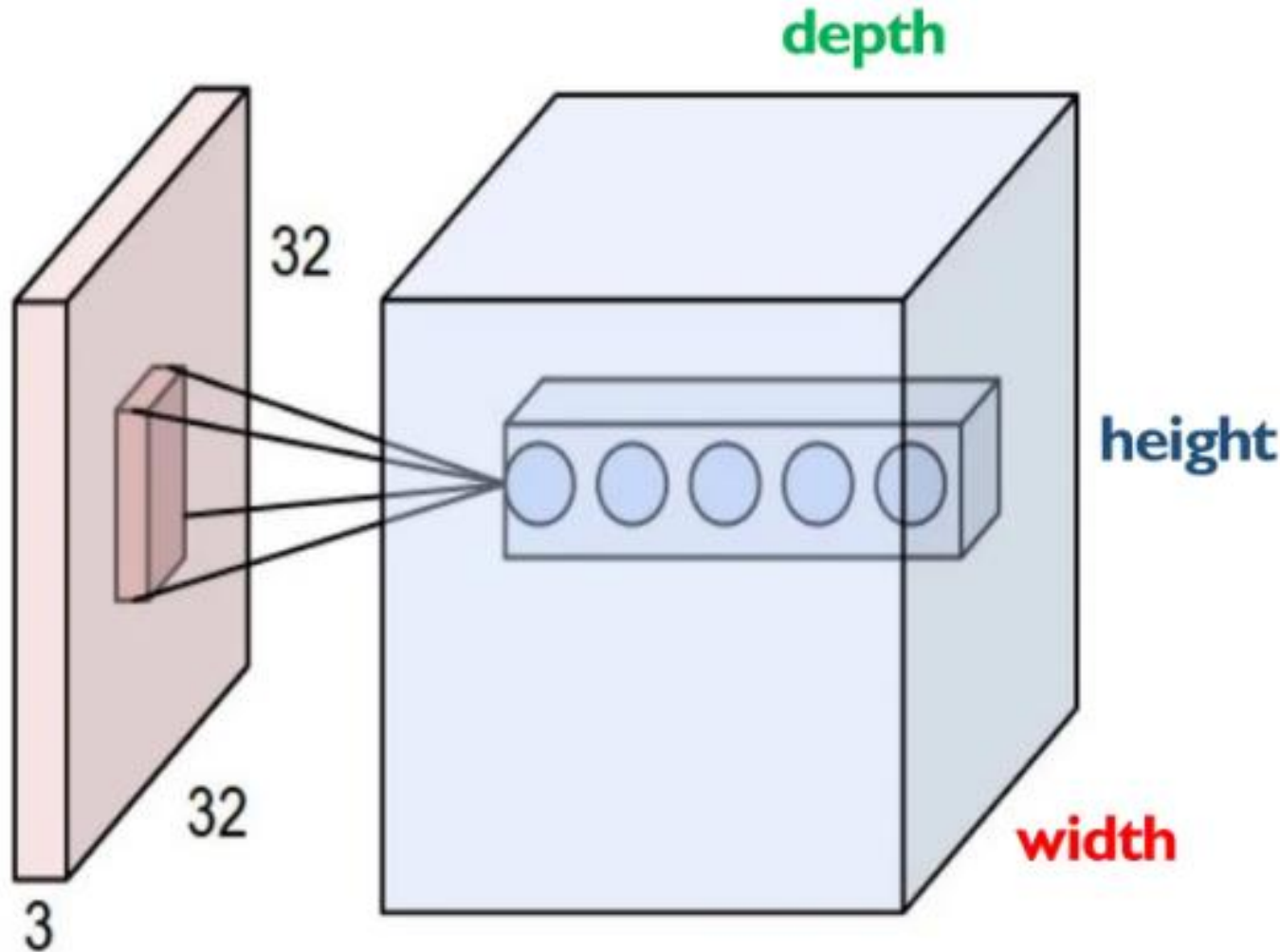


Convolutional Neural Networks



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Layer Dimensions:

$$h \times w \times d$$

where h and w are spatial dimensions
 d (depth) = number of filters

Stride:

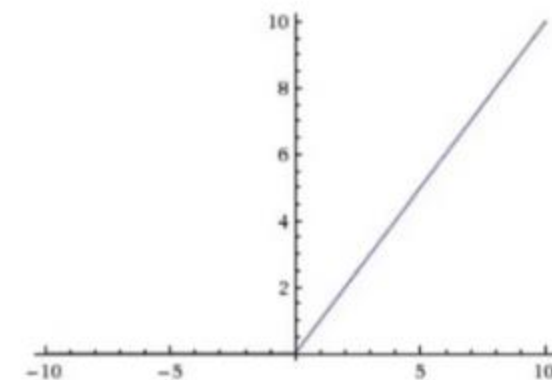
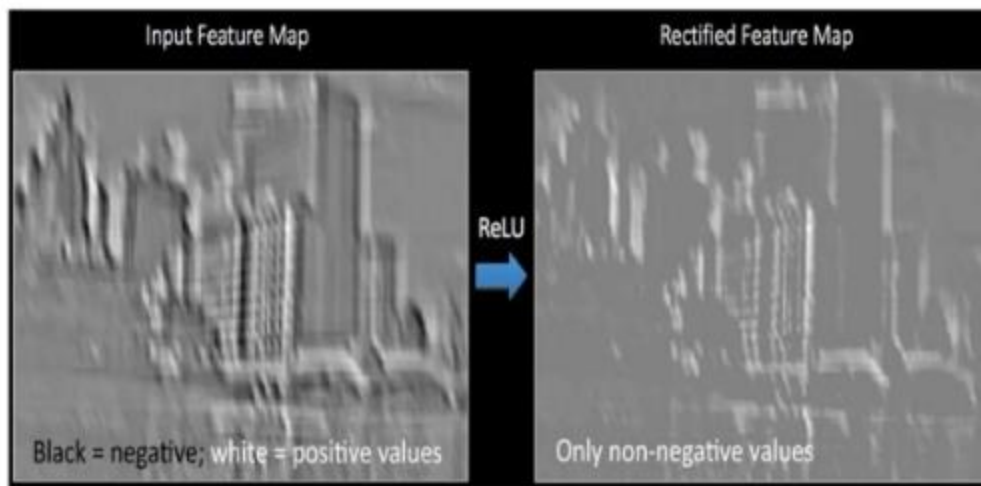
Filter step size

Receptive Field:

Locations in input image that a node is path connected to

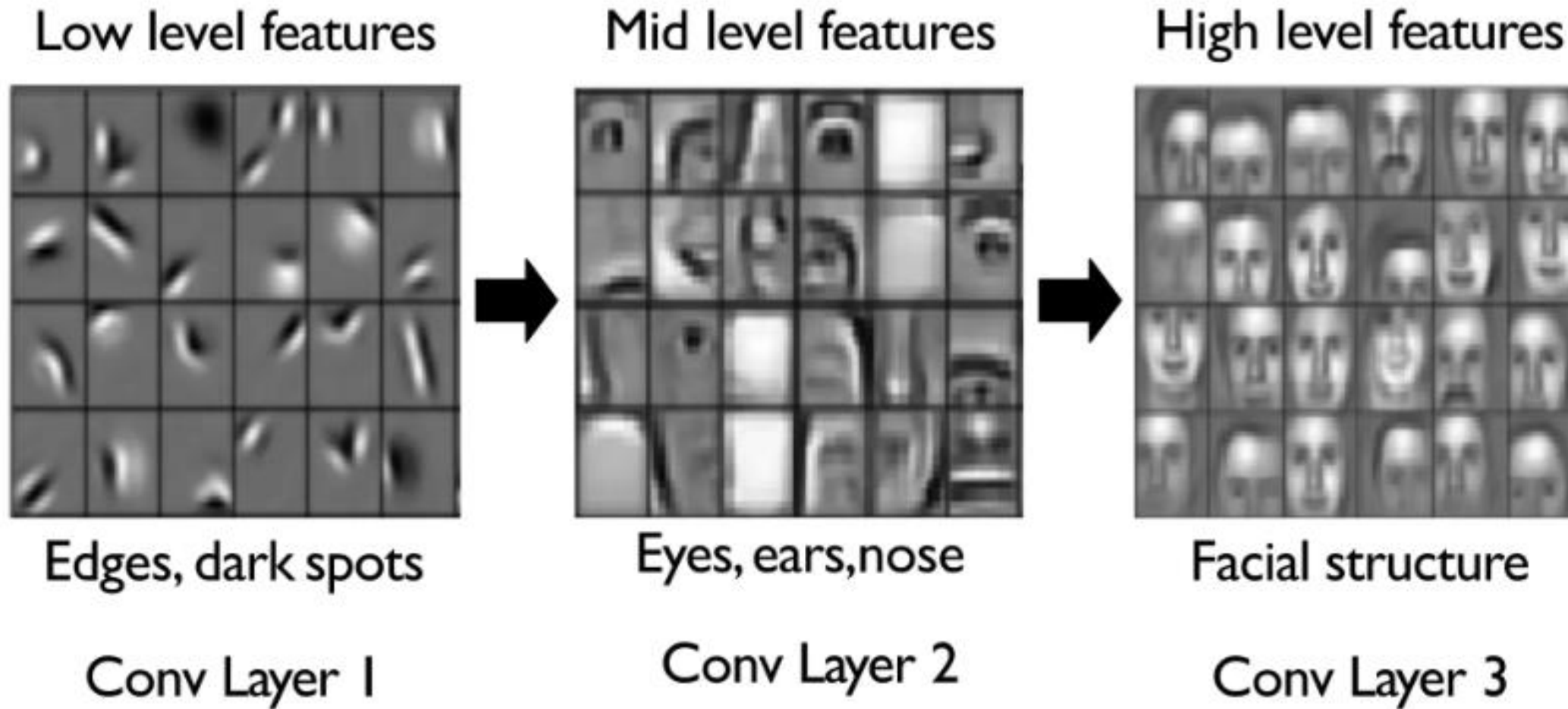
Convolutional Neural Networks

- Introducing non-linearity.
 - Apply after each convolutional layer
 - ReLU: pixel-by-pixel operation that replaces all negative values by zero.
 - Non-linear operation!

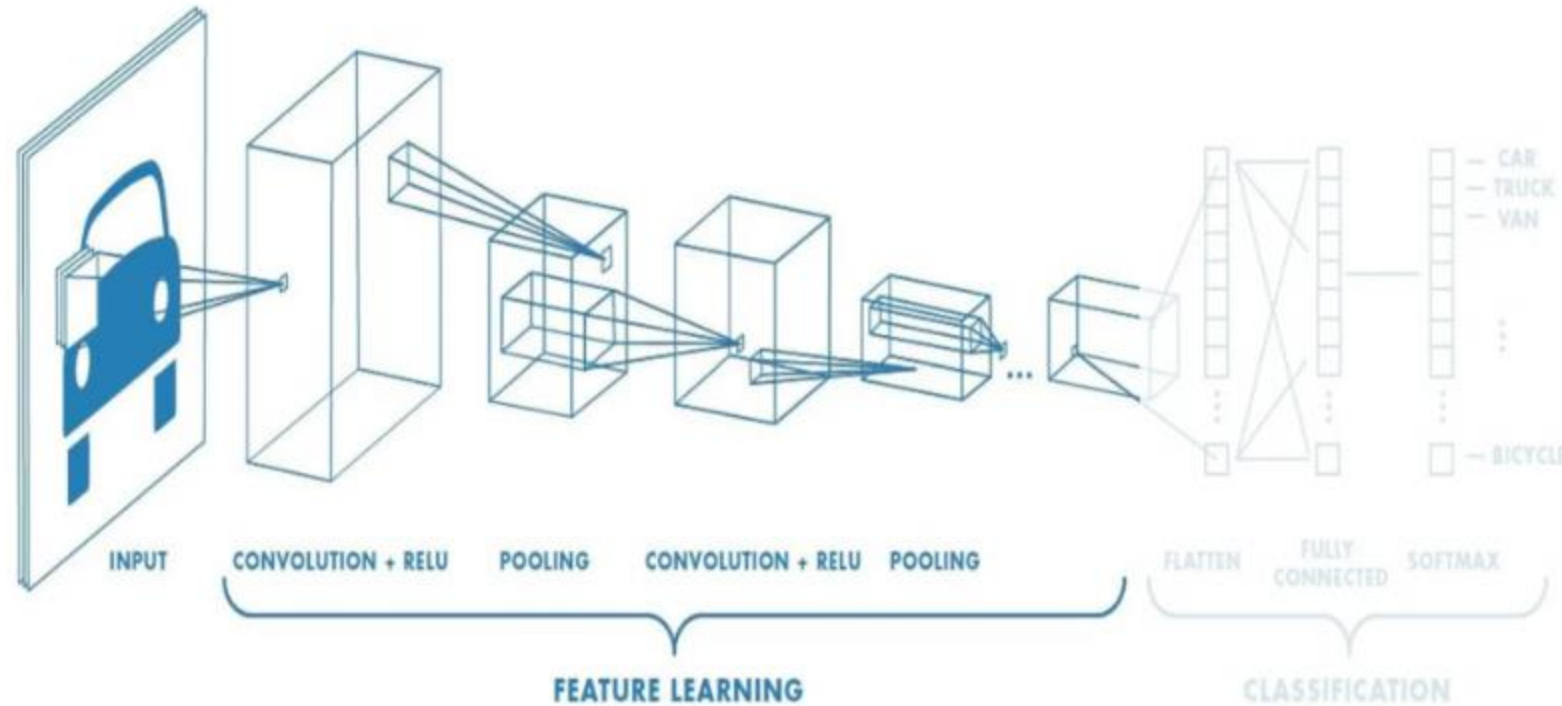


$$g(z) = \max(0, z)$$

Representation Learning in Deep CNNs

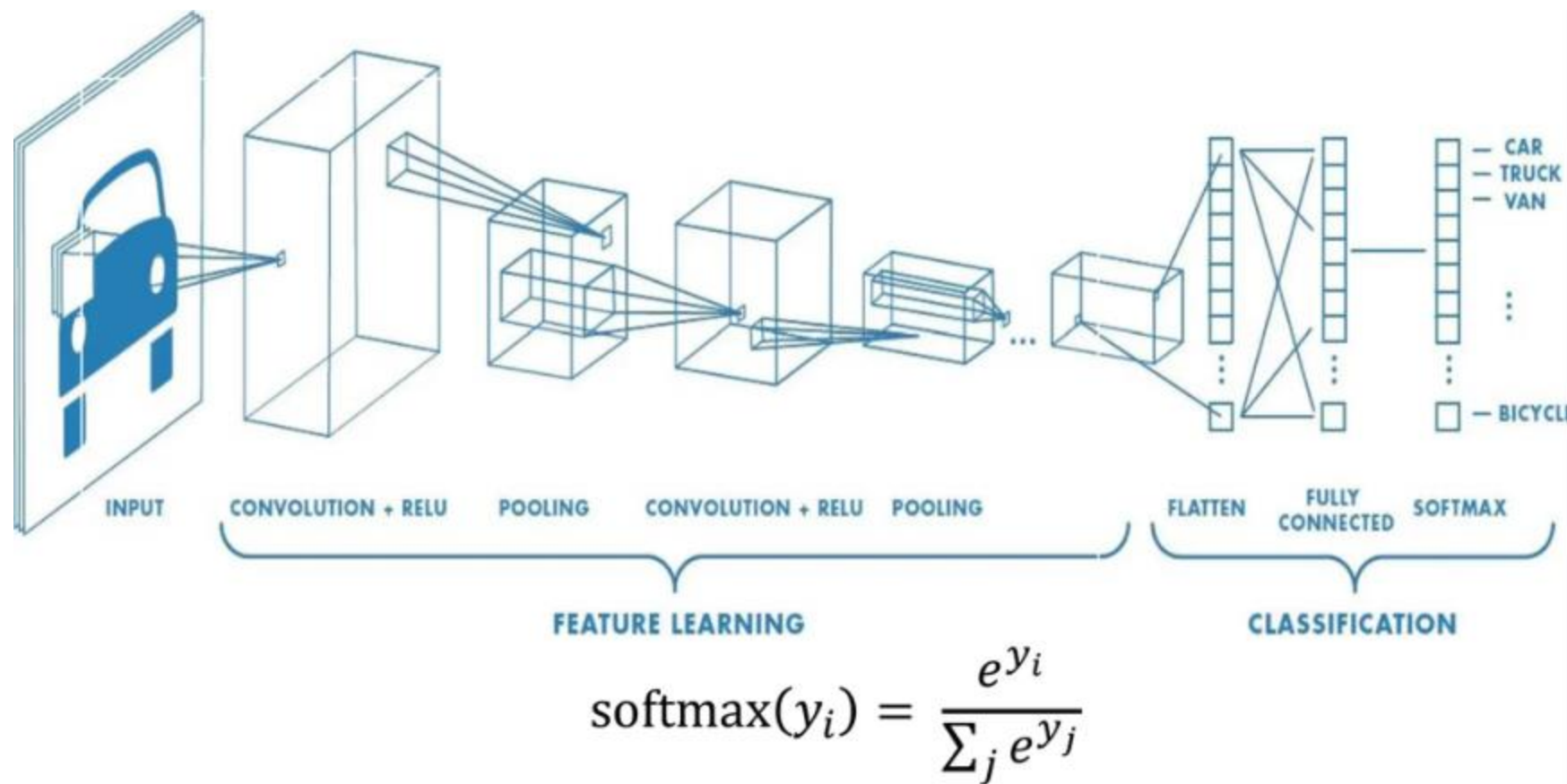


CNNs for Classification: Feature Learning



1. Learn features in input image through convolution
2. Introduce non-linearity through activation function (real world data is non-linear!)
3. Reduce dimensionality and preserve spatial invariance with pooling

CNNs for Classification: Predictions



- CONV and POOL layers output high-level features of input
- Fully connected layers uses these features for classifying input image
- Express output as probability of image belonging to a particular class