#### Announcement

Homework 1 has been set out

There will be total 3 homework assignments this semester

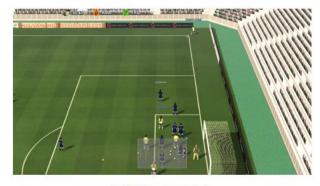
Final project topic: Google Research Football

## Google Research Football (GRF)

- A Novel Reinforcement Learning framework
- Building agents to master the football game
- Compatible with OpenAI Gym API







(a) Kickoff

(b) Yellow card

(c) Corner kick

#### **GRF Modes**

- Single-agent mode: 11 vs 11
  - Each team has 11 players
  - At each moment, AI only controls an active player who controls the ball
- Multi-agent mode: 5 vs 5
  - Each team has 5 players, including a rule-based keeper
  - Al controls 4 players
- Football academy
  - Curriculum learning
  - Scenarios: scoring, passing, running with the ball, etc.

## Single-Agent Mode: 11 vs 11



## Multi-Agent Mode: 5 vs 5



## Final Project on GRF

- We will have a tournament
- Tentative mode: Multi-Agent 5 vs 5
- Project grading: reports and tournament results
  - Research ideas are more important than tournament results
- Website:

https://ai.googleblog.com/2019/06/introducing-google-research-football.html

 The Framework Paper: <a href="https://arxiv.org/pdf/1907.11180.pdf">https://arxiv.org/pdf/1907.11180.pdf</a>

## Deep Reinforcement Learning

Lecture 6: Deep Learning for RL

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## Large-Scale Reinforcement Learning

- So far we have represented value functions by a lookup table
  - Every state s has an entry V(s), or
  - Every state-action pair (s, a) has an entry Q(s, a)
- Reinforcement learning should be used to solve large problems, e.g.
  - Backgammon: 10^20 states
  - Computer Go: 10^170 states
  - Helicopter, robot, ...: enormous continuous state space

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- Tabular methods clearly cannot handle this.. why?
  - There are too many states and/or actions to store in memory
  - It is too slow to learn the value of each state individually
  - You cannot generalize across states!

## Value Function Approximation (VFA)

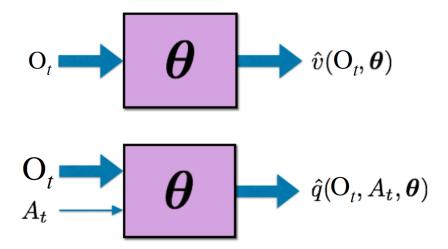
- Solution for large MDPs:
  - Estimate value function with function approximation
- Value function approximation (VFA) replaces the table with a general parameterized form:

$$\hat{v}(s,\,m{ heta})pprox v_\pi(s)$$
 or  $\hat{q}(s,a,\,m{ heta})pprox q_\pi(s,a)$   $S_t$   $m{ heta}_{A_t}$   $m{ heta}$   $\hat{v}(S_t,m{ heta})$ 

- Why this is a good idea?
  - Generalization: those functions can be trained to map similar states to similar values.

#### End-to-End RL

 End-to-end RL methods replace the hand-designed state representation with raw observations.



- Good: We get rid of manual design of state representations
- Bad: we need tons of data to train the network since O\_t usually WAY more high dimensional than hand-designed S\_t

## Which Function Approximation?

- There are many function approximators, e.g.
  - Linear combinations of features
  - Neural networks
  - Decision tree
  - Nearest neighbour
  - ...
- In this lecture we will consider:
  - Linear combinations of features
  - Neural networks

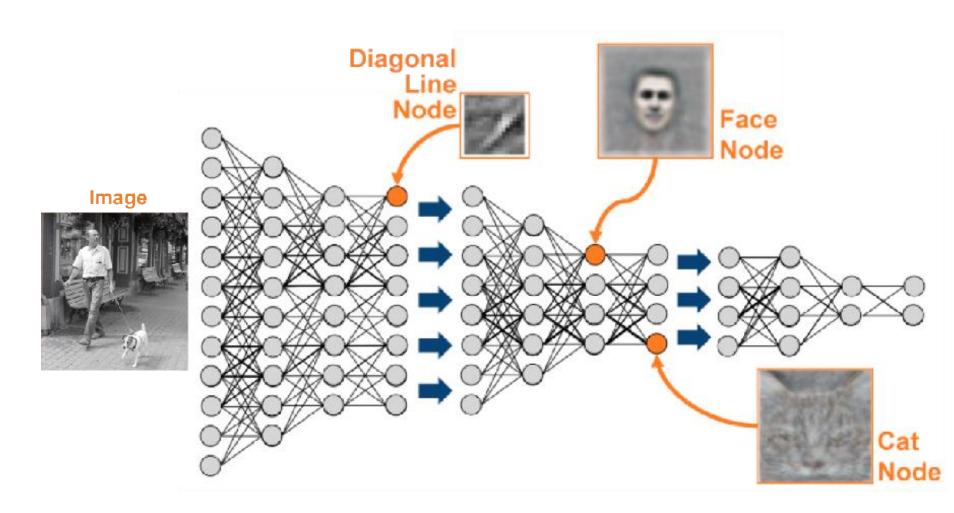
## Today's Lecture

Neural Networks

- Training Neural Networks
- Convolutional Neural Networks

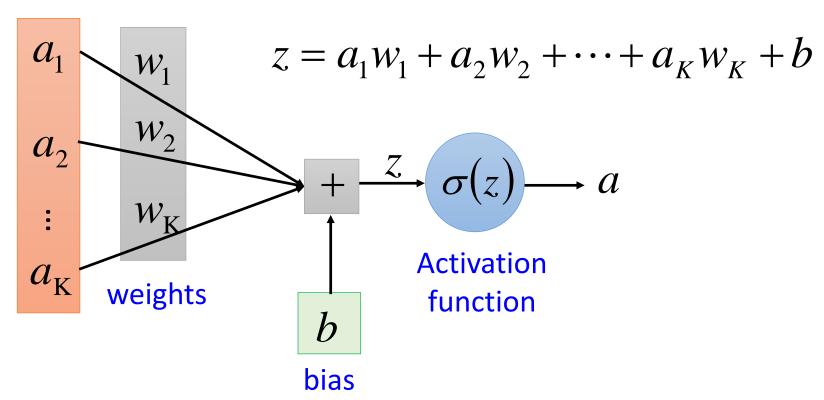
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## Deep Neural Networks



#### Element of Neural Network

#### **Neuron** $f: \mathbb{R}^K \to \mathbb{R}$

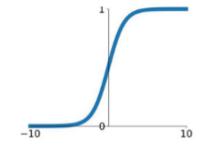


## Activation Function - Sigmoid

Sigmoid activation function:

#### **Sigmoid**

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

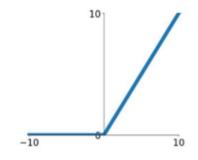


- Squashes the neuron's output between 0 and 1
- Always positive
- Bounded
- Strictly Increasing

#### **Activation Function - ReLU**

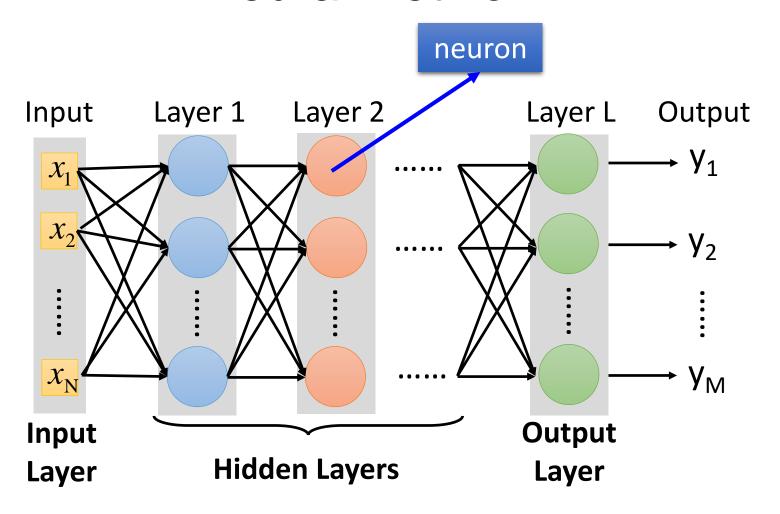
Rectified linear (ReLU) activation function

# $\begin{array}{l} \textbf{ReLU} \\ \max(0,x) \end{array}$



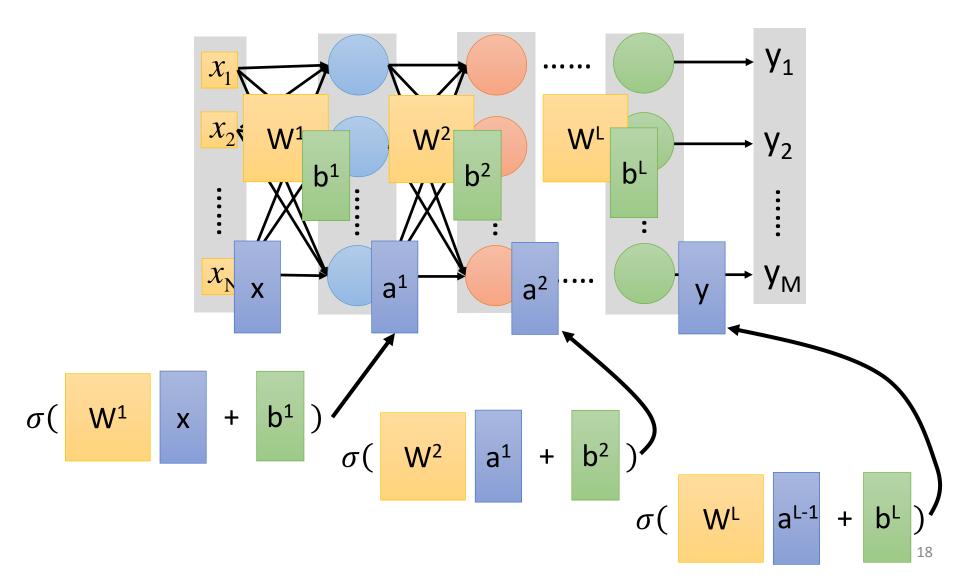
- Bounded belowby 0 (always non-negative)
- ➤ Tends to produce units with sparse activities
- Not upper bounded
- Increasing

#### **Neural Network**

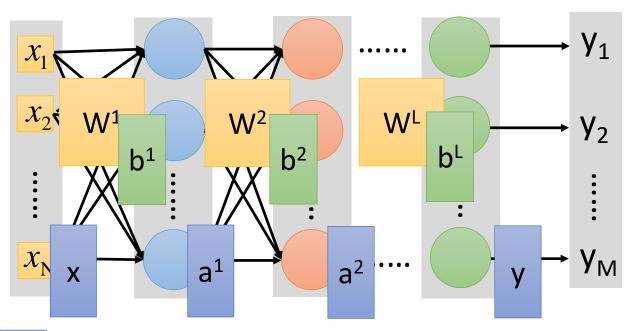


Deep means many hidden layers

#### **Neural Network**



#### **Neural Network**



$$y = f(x)$$

Using parallel computing techniques to speed up matrix operation

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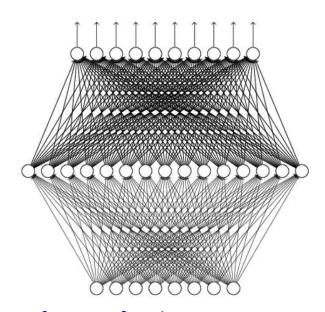
## Universal Approximation Theorem

Any continuous function f

$$f: \mathbb{R}^N \to \mathbb{R}^M$$

Can be realized by a network with one hidden layer

(given **enough** hidden neurons)

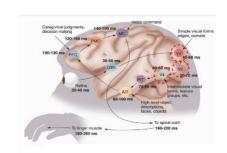


Reference for the reason:
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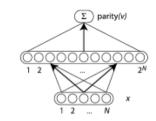
Why "Deep" neural network not "Fat" neural network?

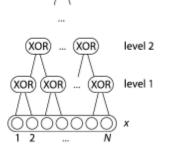
## Why Use Deep Networks?

- Motivation from Biology
  - Visual Cortex



- Motivation from Circuit Theory
  - Compact representation





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- Modularity
  - More efficiently using data
- In Practice: works better for many domains
  - Hard to argue with results

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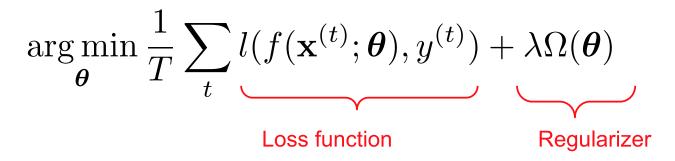
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## **Training**

Empirical Risk Minimization:



- Learning is cast as optimization.
  - For classification problems, we would like to minimize classification error, e.g., logistic or cross entropy loss.
  - For regression problems, we would like to minimize regression error, e.g., L1 or L2 distance from groundtruth

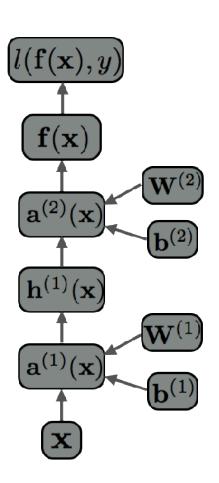
#### Stochastic Gradient Descend

- Perform updates after seeing each example:
  - $\begin{array}{ll} \textbf{- Initialize:} & \boldsymbol{\theta} \equiv \{\mathbf{W}^{(1)}, \mathbf{b}^{(1)}, \dots, \mathbf{W}^{(L+1)}, \mathbf{b}^{(L+1)} \} \\ \textbf{- For t=1:T} \\ & \textbf{- for each training example} & (\mathbf{x}^{(t)}, y^{(t)}) \\ & \Delta = -\nabla_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} l(f(\mathbf{x}^{(t)}; \boldsymbol{\theta}), y^{(t)}) \lambda \nabla_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \Omega(\boldsymbol{\theta}) \\ & \boldsymbol{\theta} \leftarrow \boldsymbol{\theta} + \alpha \ \Delta \end{array} \end{array}$
- Training a neural network, we need:
  - Loss function:  $l(\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}^{(t)}; \boldsymbol{\theta}), y^{(t)})$
  - A procedure to compute gradients:  $\nabla_{\theta} l(\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}^{(t)}; \theta), y^{(t)})$
  - Regularizer and its gradient:  $\Omega(\theta)$   $\nabla_{\theta}\Omega(\theta)$

## Computational Flow Graph

 Forward propagation can be represented as an acyclic flow graph

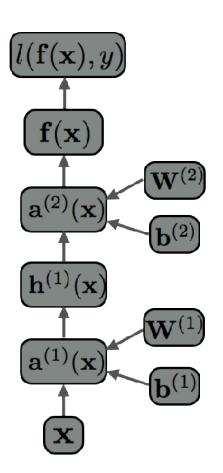
- Forward propagation can be implemented in a modular way:
  - Each box can be an object with an fprop method, that computes the value of the box given its children
  - Calling the fprop method of each box in the right order yields forward propagation



## Computational Flow Graph

- Each object also has a bprop method
  - it computes the gradient of the loss with respect to each child box.

 By calling bprop in the reverse order, we obtain backpropagation



#### Mini-batch and Momentum

- Make updates based on a mini-batch of examples (instead of a single example)
  - the gradient is the average regularized loss for that mini-batch
  - can give a more accurate estimate of the gradient
- Momentum: Can use an exponential average of previous gradients:

$$\overline{\nabla}_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}^{(t)} = \nabla_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} l(\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}^{(t)}), y^{(t)}) + \beta \overline{\nabla}_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}^{(t-1)}$$

can get pass plateaus more quickly, by "gaining momentum"

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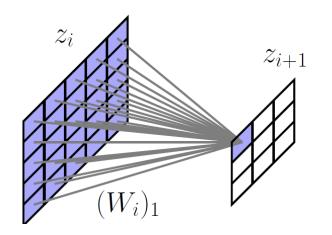
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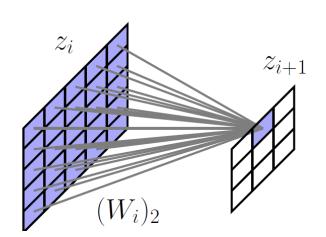
## Problems with Fully Connected Networks

A 256x256 (RGB) image  $\Longrightarrow$  ~200K dimensional input x

A fully connected network would need a very large number of parameters, very likely to overfit the data

Generic deep network also does not capture the "natural" invariances we expect in images (translation, scale)

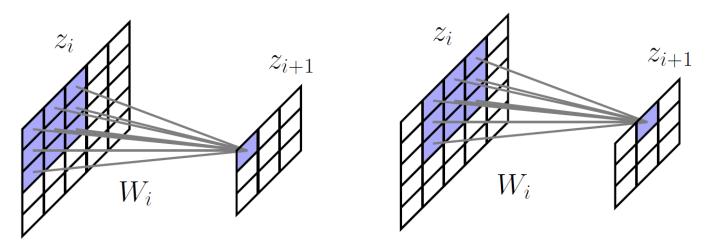




## Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs)

To create architectures that can handle large images, restrict the weights in two ways

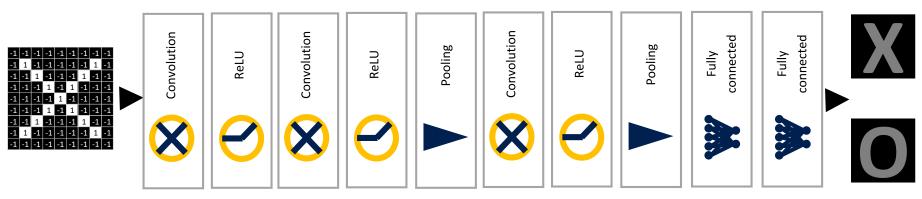
- Require that activations between layers only occur in "local" manner
- 2. Require that all activations share the same weights



These lead to an architecture known as a convolutional neural network

## Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs)

- Containing different types of layers
  - Convolution
  - Non-linearity
  - Pooling (or downsampling)
  - Fully connected layer



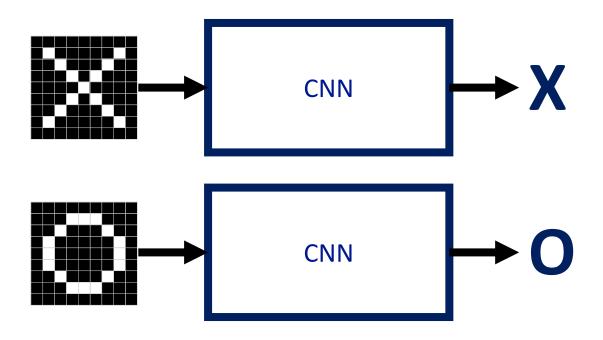
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## A toy ConvNet: X's and O's

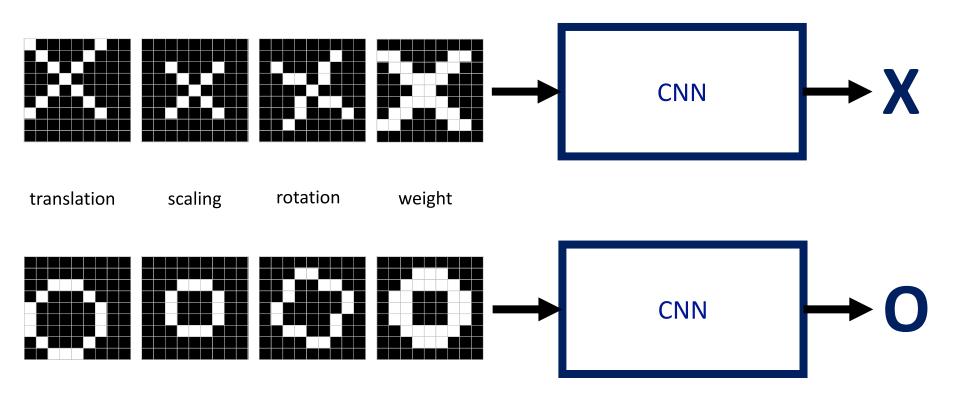
Says whether a picture is of an X or an O



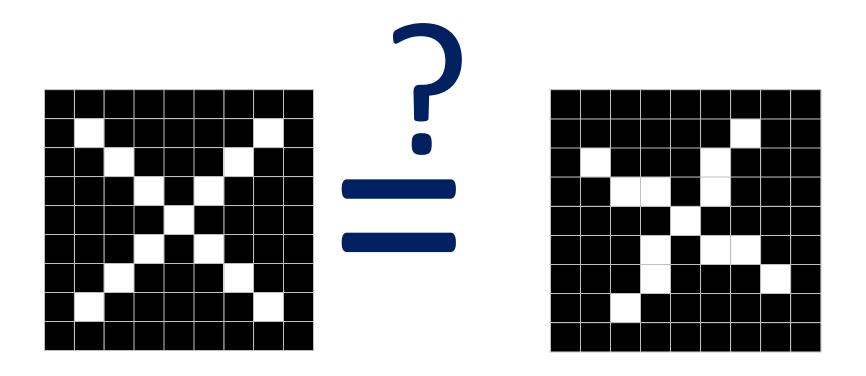
## For example



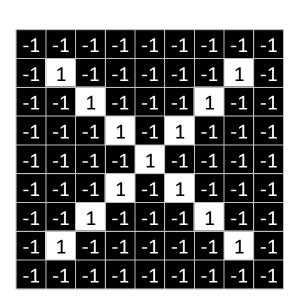
### Trickier cases



## Deciding is hard



## What computers see



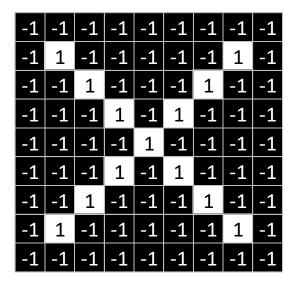


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#### What computers see

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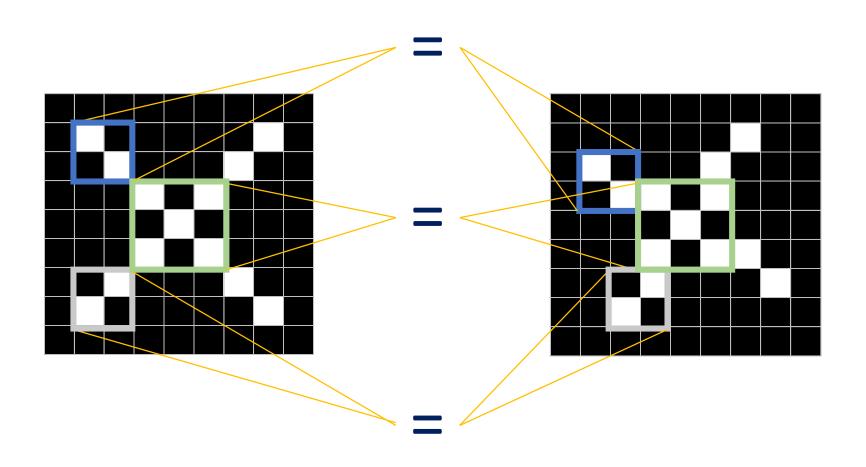
### Computers are literal



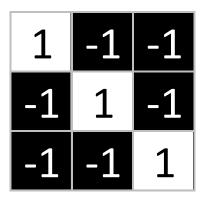


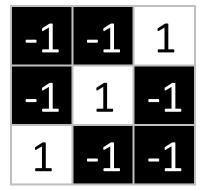
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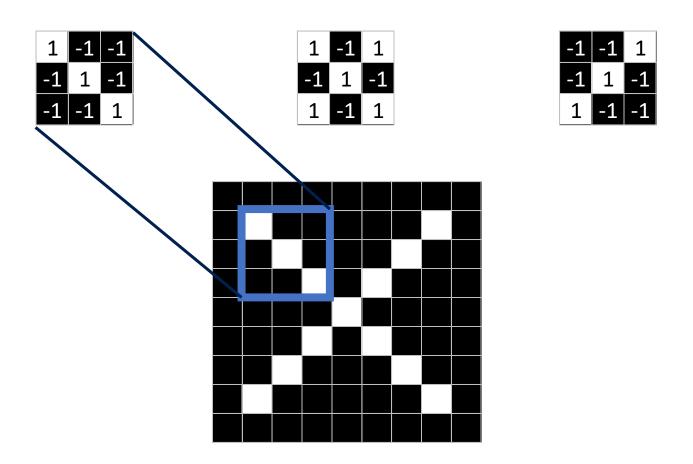
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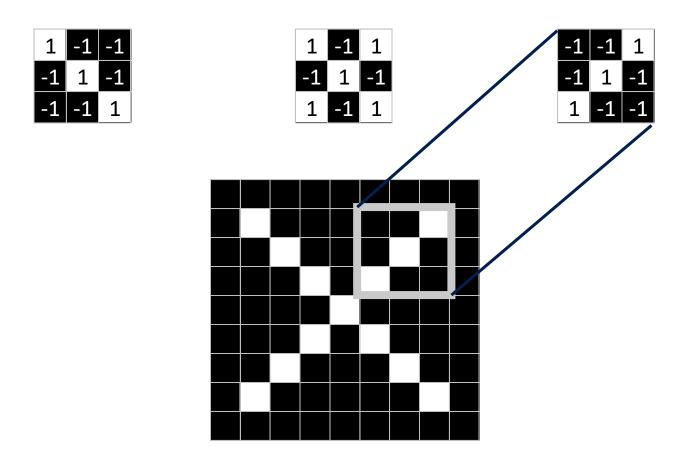


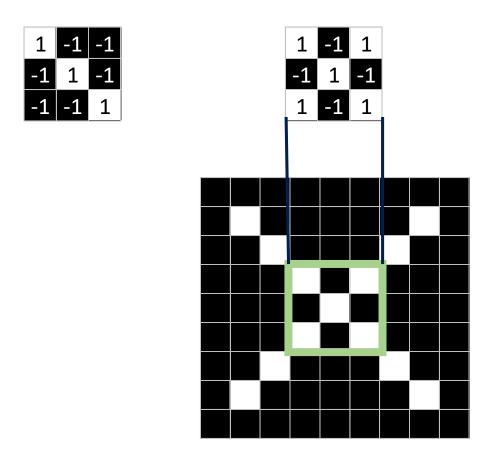
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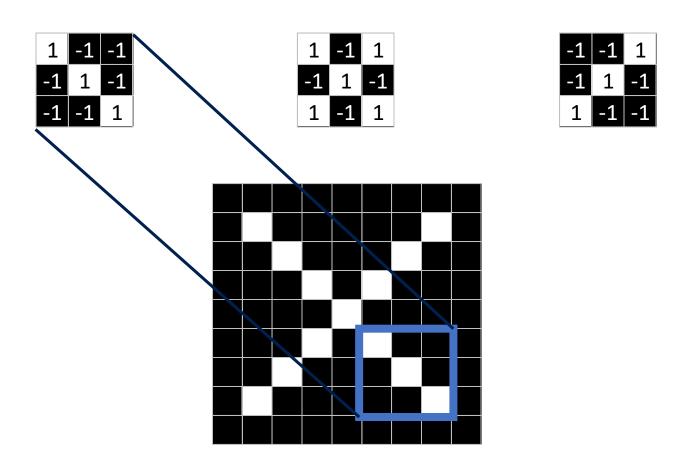


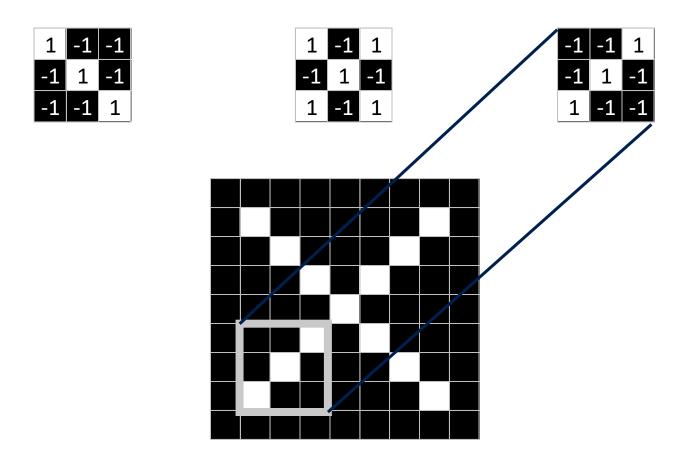


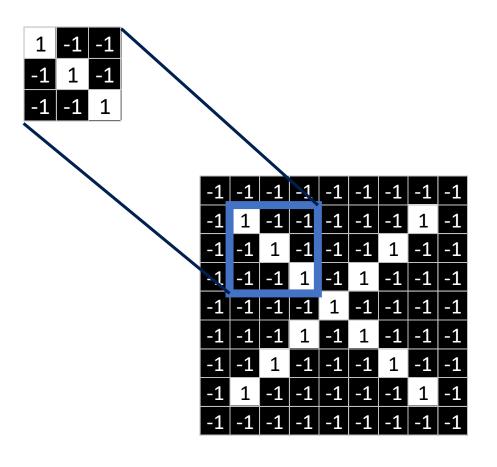




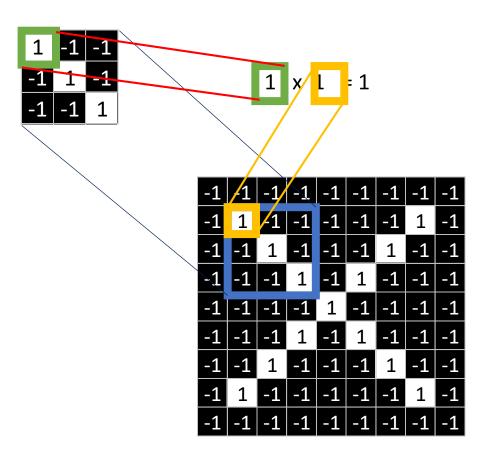
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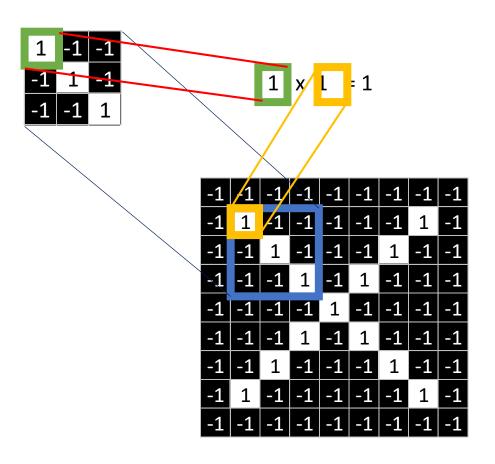


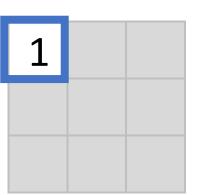


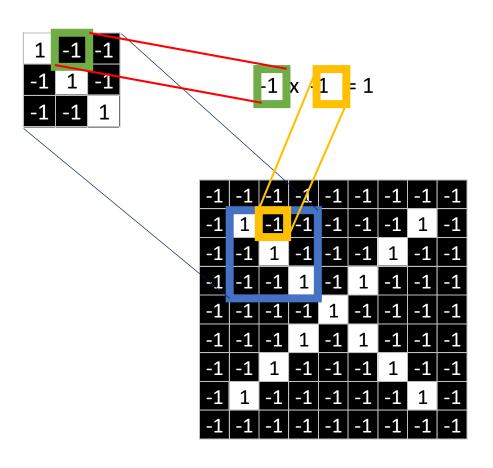


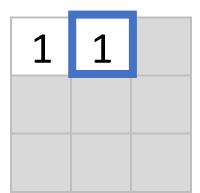
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- Multiply each image pixel by the corresponding feature pixel.
- 3. Add them up.
- 4. Divide by the total number of pixels in the feature.

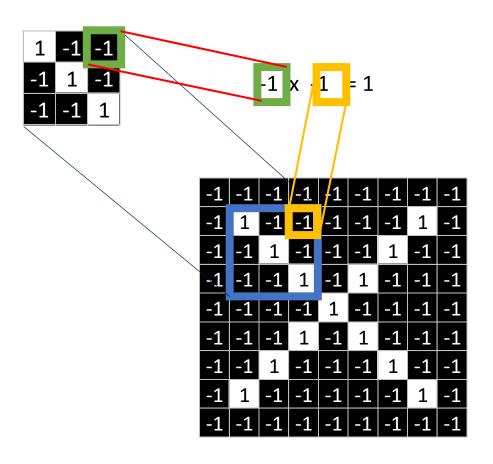


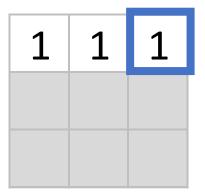


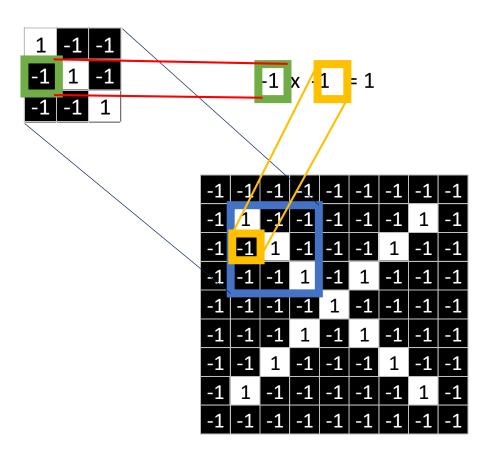




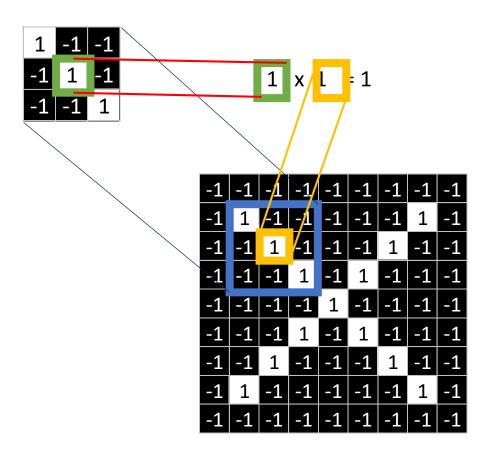


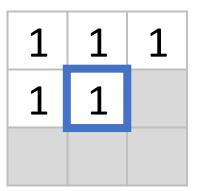


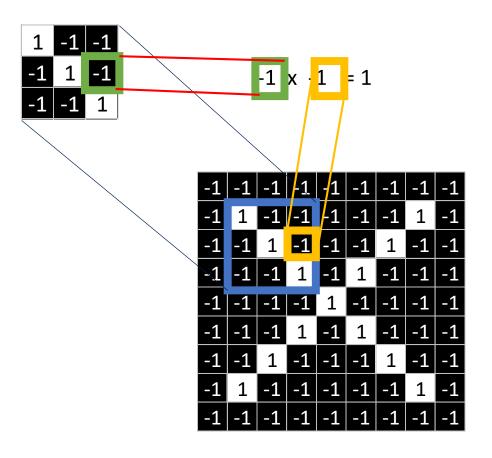




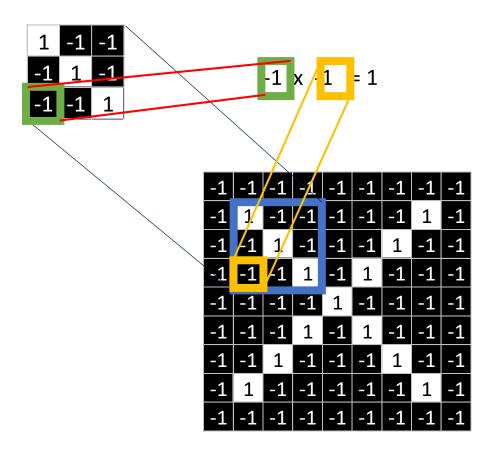
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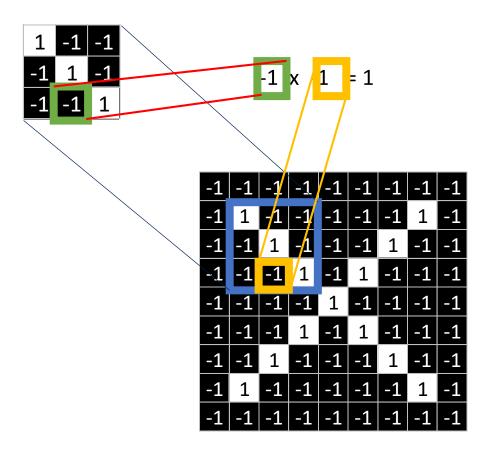




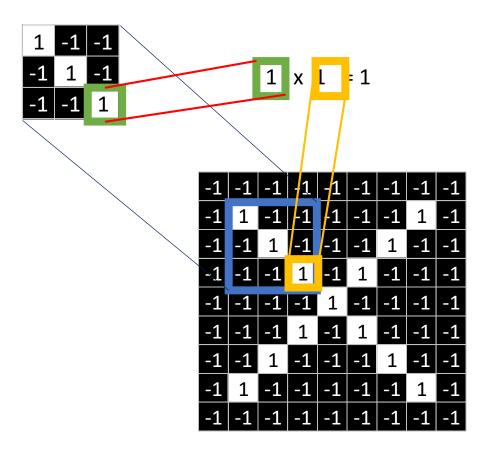
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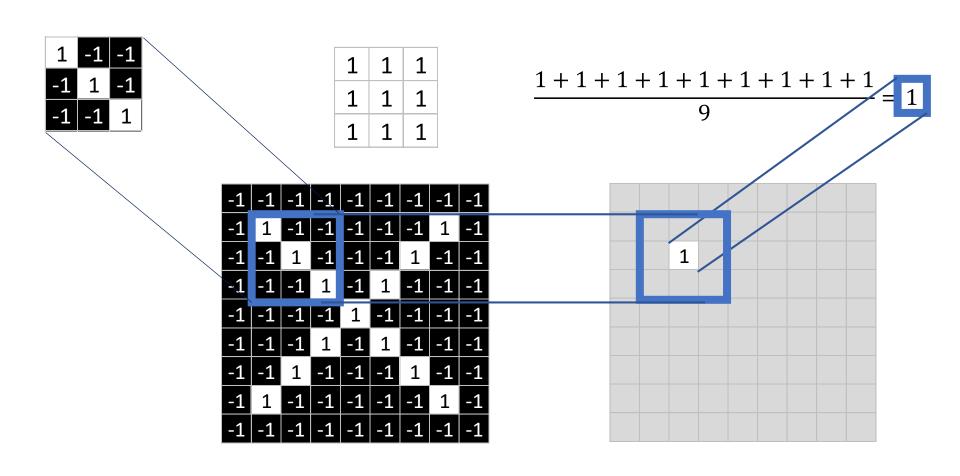
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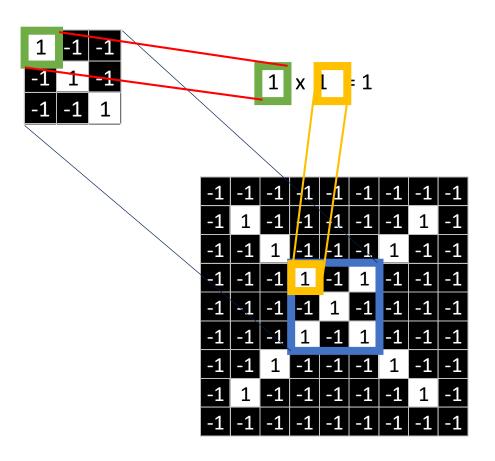


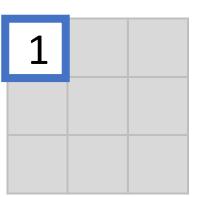
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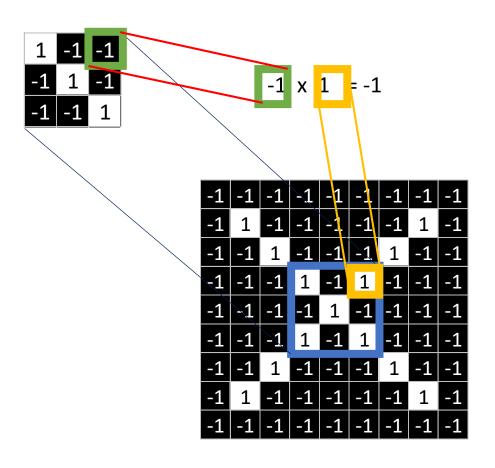


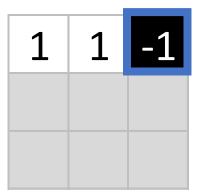
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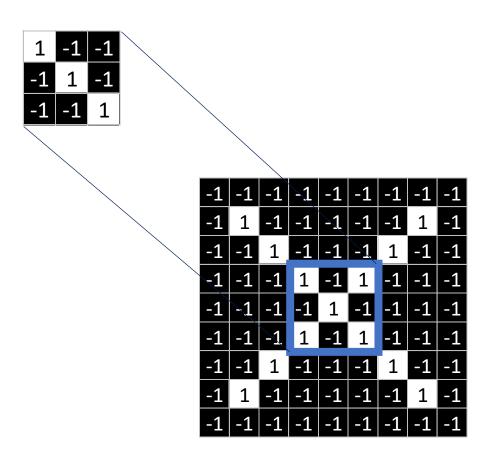




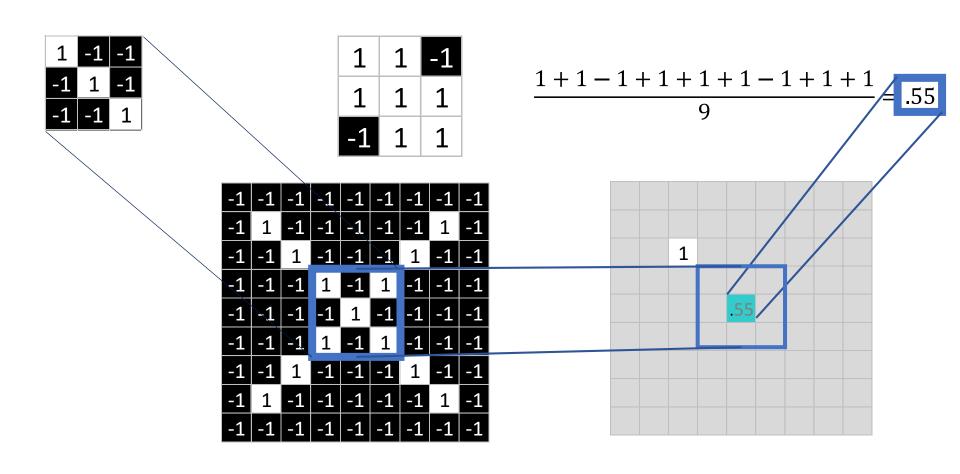




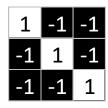


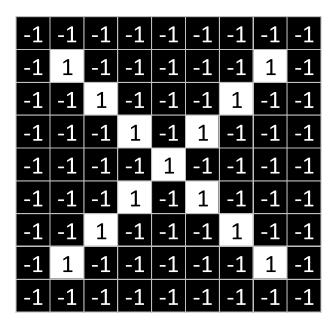


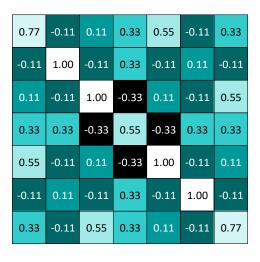
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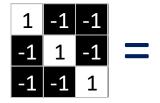




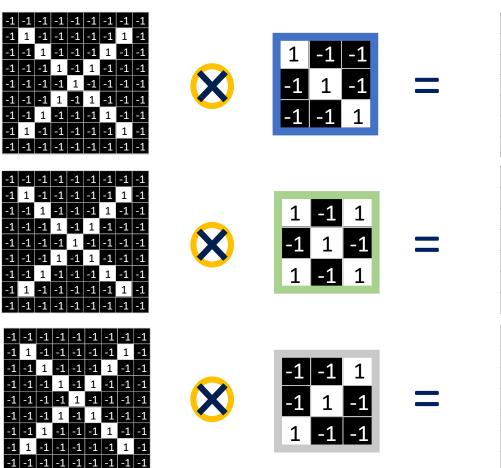
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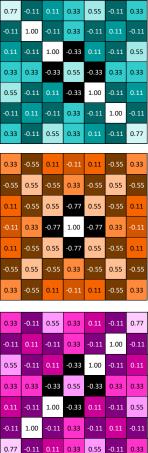
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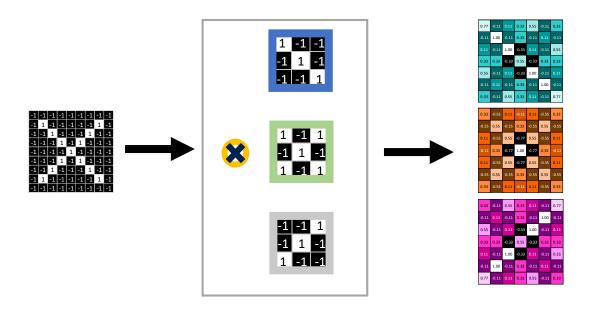
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0.33	0.33	-0.33	0.55	-0.33	0.33	0.33
0.55	-0.11	0.11	-0.33	1.00	-0.11	0.11
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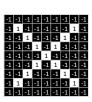
#### Convolution layer

One image becomes a stack of filtered images

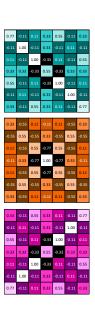


#### Convolution layer

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### Convolution in Image Processing

Convolutions (typically with *prespecified* filters) are a common operation in many computer vision applications



Original image z



Gaussian blur

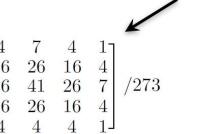


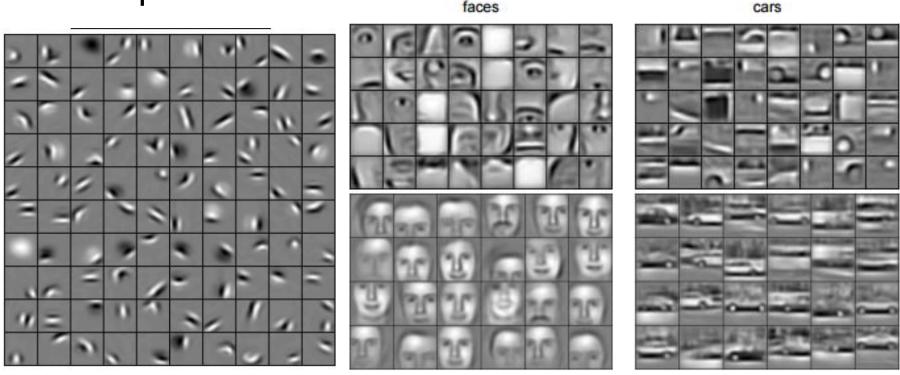


Image gradient

$$z*\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 7 & 4 & 1 \\ 4 & 16 & 26 & 16 & 4 \\ 7 & 26 & 41 & 26 & 7 \\ 4 & 16 & 26 & 16 & 4 \\ 1 & 4 & 4 & 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix}/273 \qquad \left( \left( z*\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 1 \\ -2 & 0 & 2 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right)^2 + \left( z*\begin{bmatrix} -1 & -2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right)^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

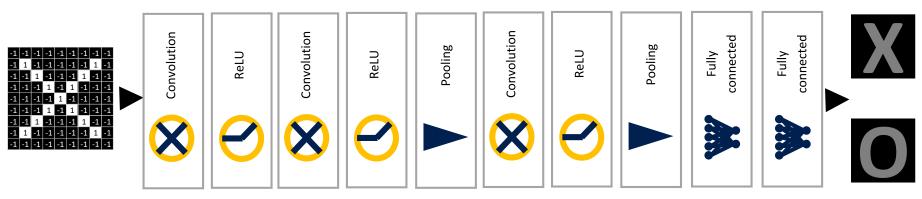
#### Learning CNNs

 Idea of a convolutional neural network, in some sense, is to let the network "learn" the right filters for a specific task



#### Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs)

- Containing different types of layers
  - Convolution
  - Non-linearity
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  - Fully connected layer



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#### Non-linearity Layer

Convolution is a linear operation

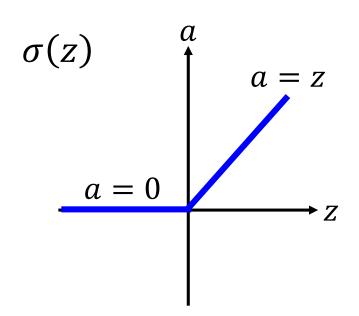
 Non-linearity layer creates an activation map from the feature map generated by the convolutional layer

Consisting an activation function (an element-wise operation)

 Rectified linear units (ReLus) is advantageous over the traditional sigmoid or tanh activation functions

#### A Common Activation Function in CNNs

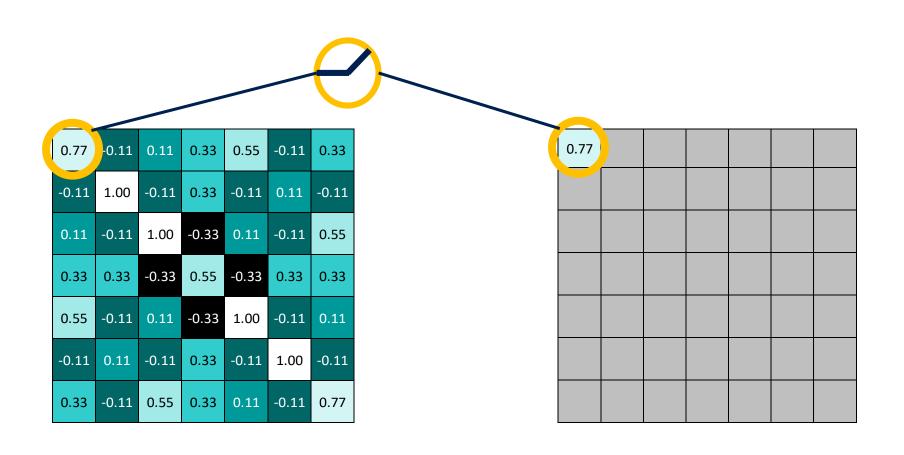
Rectified Linear Unit (ReLU)

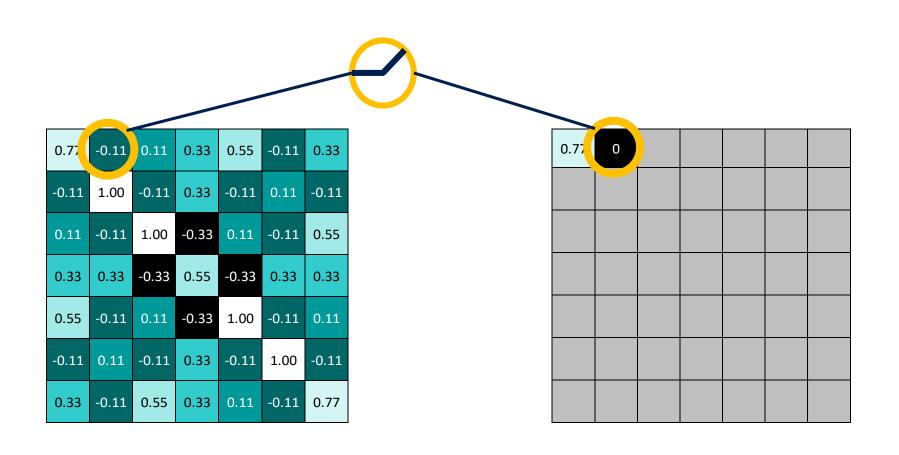


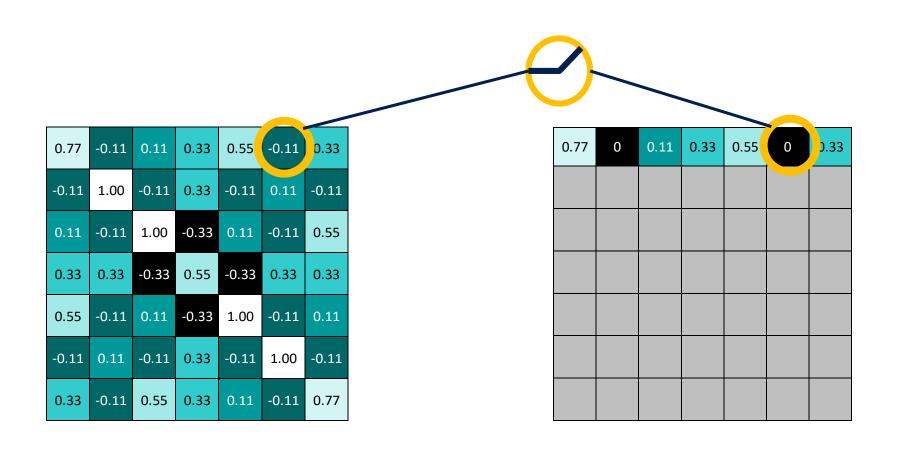
[Xavier Glorot, AISTATS'11] [Andrew L. Maas, ICML'13] [Kaiming He, arXiv'15]

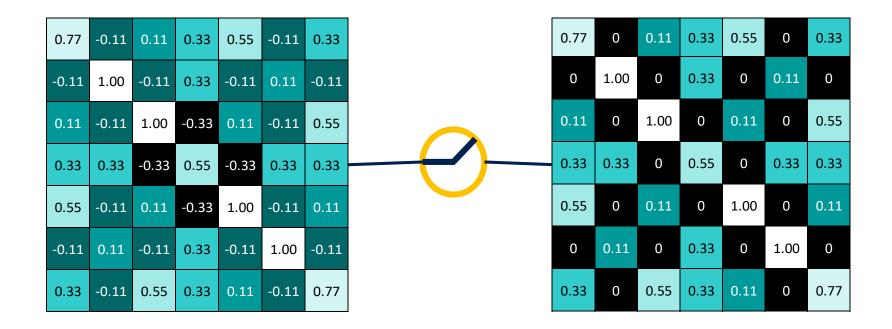
#### Reason:

- 1. Fast to compute
- 2. Cancellation problem
- 3. More sparse activation volume
- 4. Vanishing gradient problem









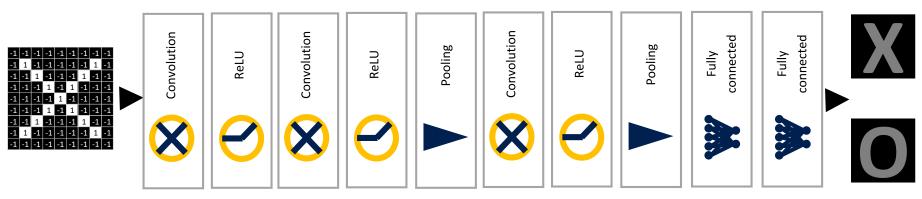
#### ReLU layer

A stack of images becomes a stack of images with no negative values.



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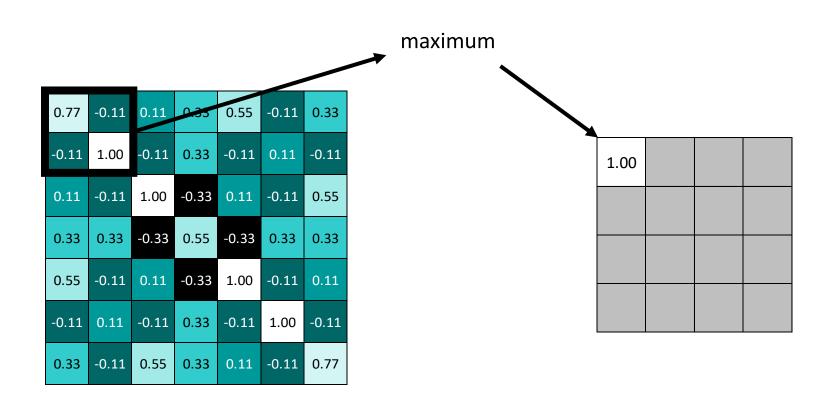
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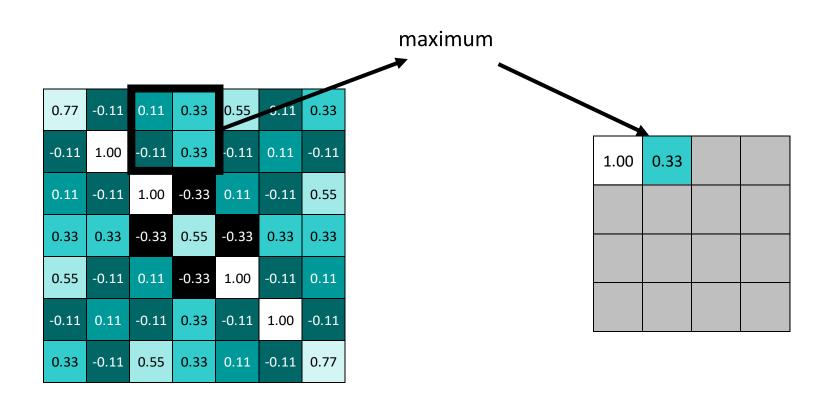
#### Pooling: Shrinking the Image Stack

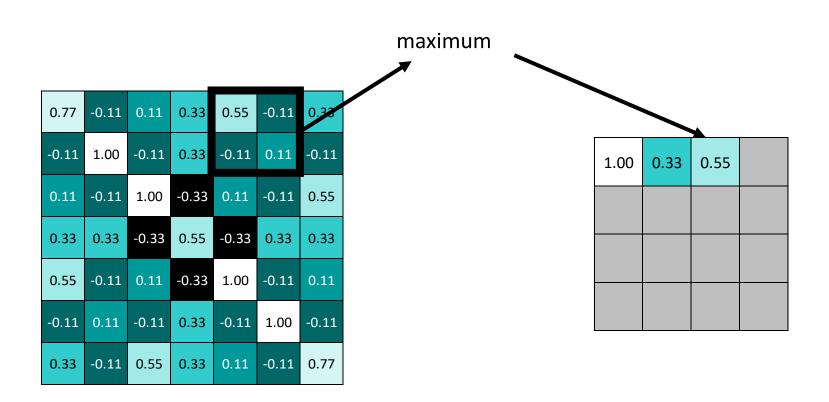
- Motivation: the activation maps can be large
- Reducing the spacial size of the activation maps
  - Often after multiple stages of other layers (i.e., convolutional and non-linear layers)

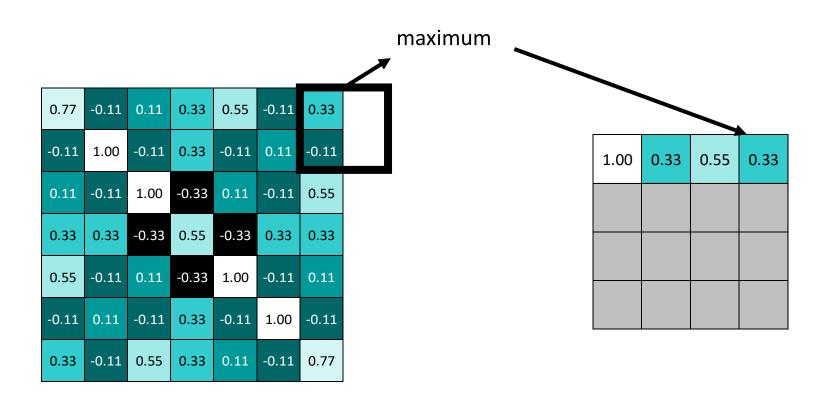
#### Steps:

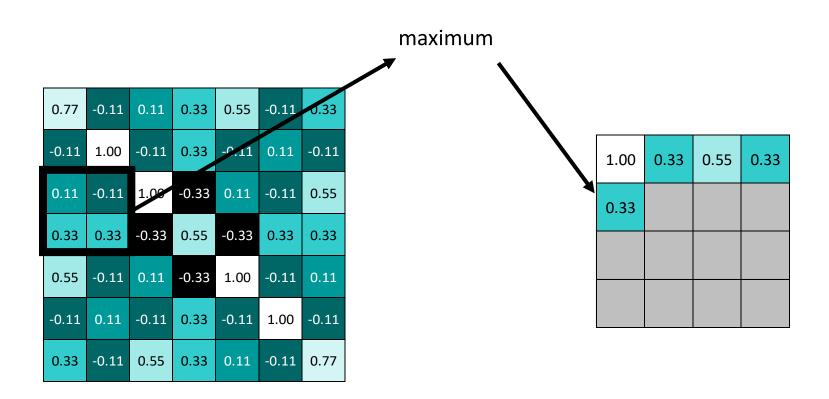
- 1. Pick a window size (usually 2 or 3).
- 2. Pick a stride (usually 2).
- 3. Walk your window across your filtered images.
- 4. From each window, take the maximum value.











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-0.11	1.00	-0.11	0.33	-0.11	0.11	-0.11
0.11	-0.11	1.00	-0.33	0.11	-0.11	0.55
0.33	0.33	-0.33	0.55	-0.33	0.33	0.33
0.55	-0.11	0.11	-0.33	1.00	-0.11	0.11
-0.11	0.11	-0.11	0.33	-0.11	1.00	-0.11
0.33	-0.11	0.55	0.33	0.11	-0.11	0.77

max pooling

1.00	0.33	0.55	0.33
0.33	1.00	0.33	0.55
0.55	0.33	1.00	0.11
0.33	0.55	0.11	0.77

0.77	-0.11	0.11	0.33	0.55	-0.11	0.33
-0.11	1.00	-0.11	0.33	-0.11	0.11	-0.11
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0.33	-0.55	0.11	-0.11	0.11	-0.55	0.33
0.33	-0.11	0.55	0.33	0.11	-0.11	0.77
-0.11	0.11	-0.11	0.33	-0.11	1.00	-0.11
0.55	-0.11	0.11	-0.33	1.00	-0.11	0.11
0.33	0.33	-0.33	0.55	-0.33	0.33	0.33
0.11	-0.11	1.00	-0.33	0.11	-0.11	0.55
-0.11	1.00	-0.11	0.33	-0.11	0.11	-0.11
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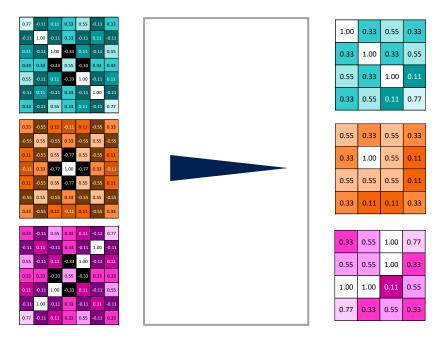
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0.33	0.55	0.11	0.77

0.55	0.33	0.55	0.33
0.33	1.00	0.55	0.11
0.55	0.55	0.55	0.11
0.33	0.11	0.11	0.33

0.33	0.55	1.00	0.77
0.55	0.55	1.00	0.33
1.00	1.00	0.11	0.55
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### Pooling layer

A stack of images becomes a stack of smaller images.



#### Pros and Cons of Pooling Layer

#### • Pros:

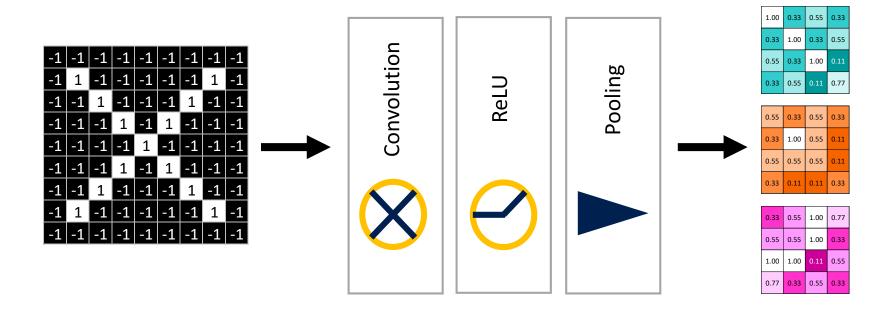
- Reducing the computational requirements
- Minimizing the likelihood of overfitting

#### Cons:

 Aggressive reduction can limit the depth of a network and ultimately limit the performance

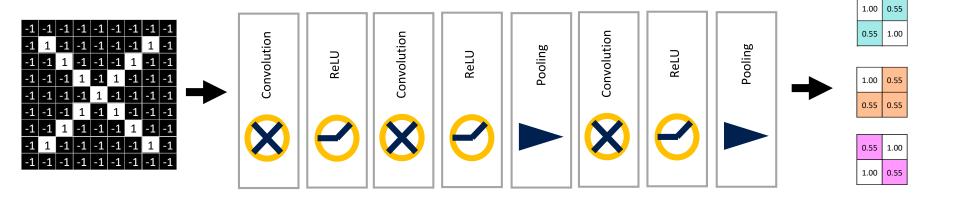
#### Layers get stacked

The output of one becomes the input of the next.



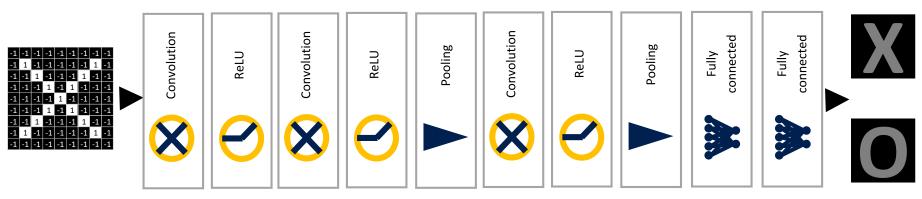
#### Deep stacking

Layers can be repeated several (or many) times.



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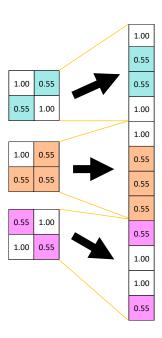
Multilayer perceptron

 Mapping the activation volume from previous layers into a class probability distribution

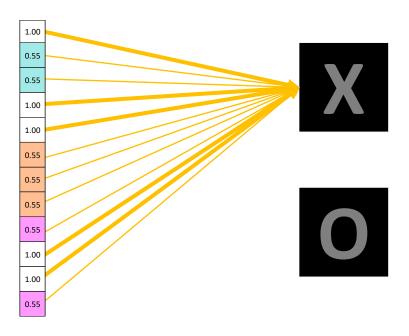
 Non-linearity is built in the neurons, instead of a separate layer

Viewed as 1x1 convolution kernels

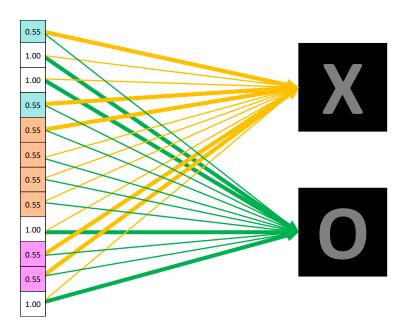
#### Every value gets a vote

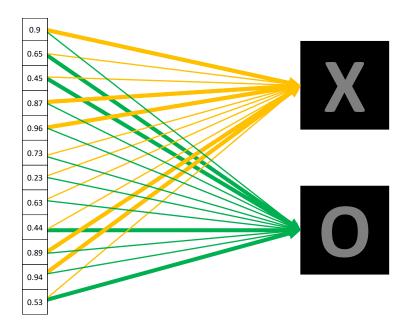


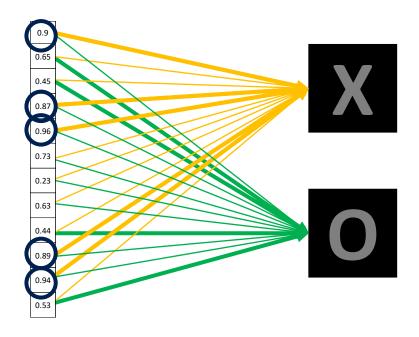
Vote depends on how strongly a value predicts X or O

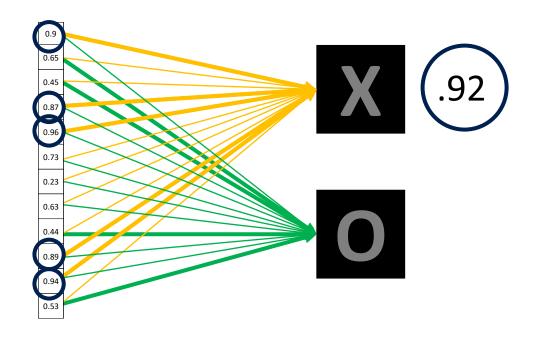


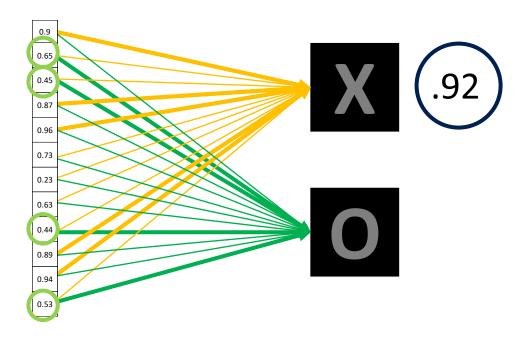
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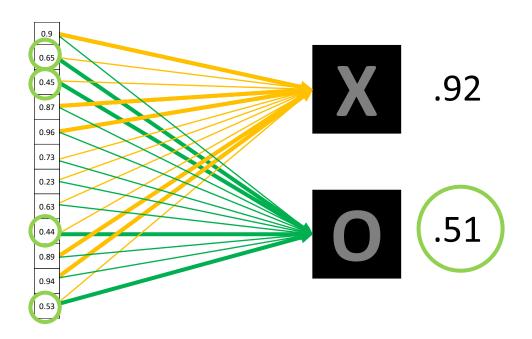


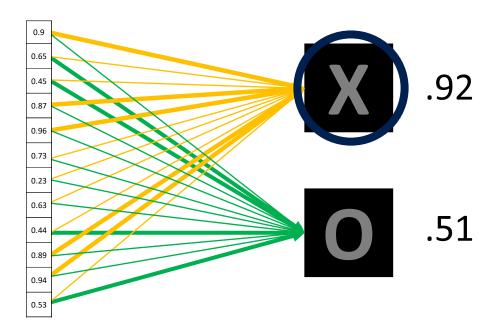




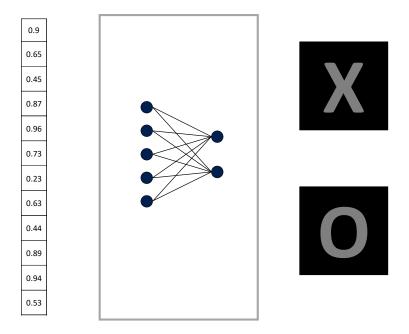




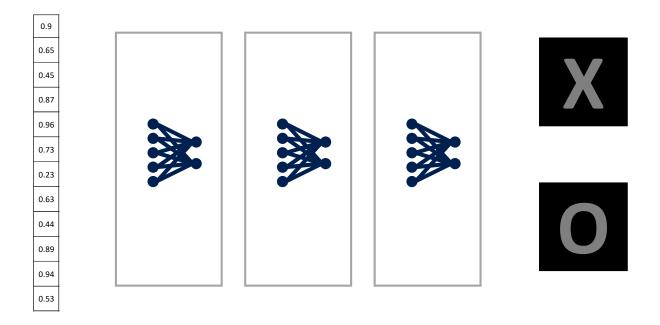




A list of feature values becomes a list of votes.

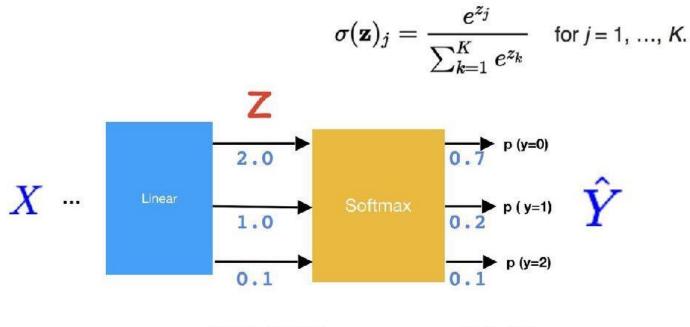


These can also be stacked.



#### Softmax

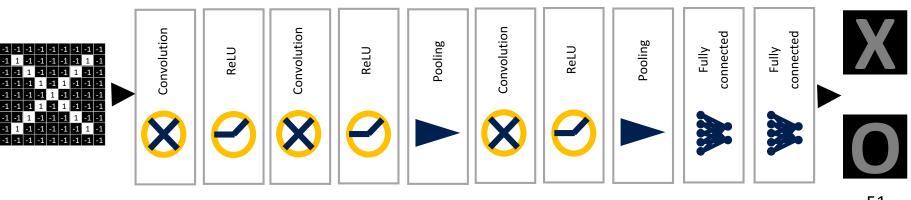
- For classification: Output layer is a regular, fully connected layer with softmax non-linearity
  - Output provides an estimate of the conditional probability of each class



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#### Putting it all together

A set of pixels becomes a set of votes.

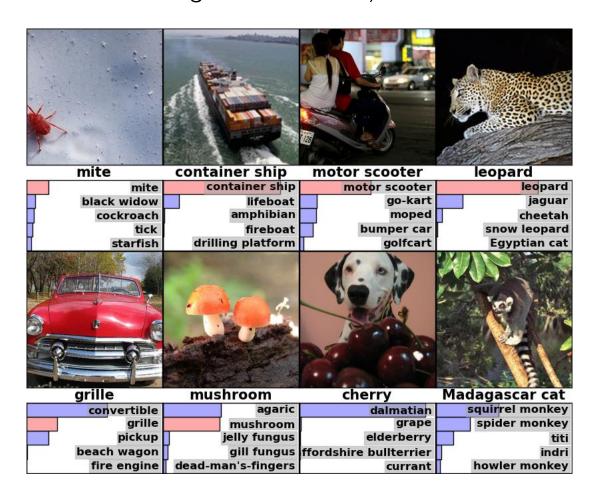


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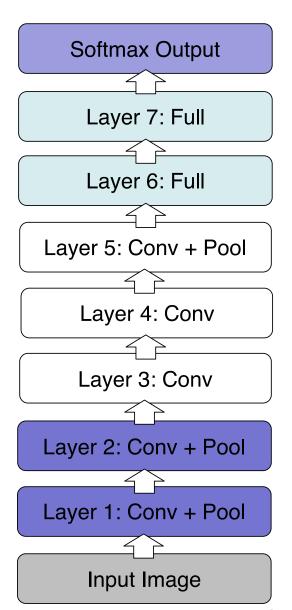
#### Breakthrough in Computer Vision

"AlexNet" (Krizhevsky et al., 2012), winning entry of ImageNet 2012 competition with a Top-5 error rate of 15.3% (next best system with highly engineered features based got 26.1% error)



#### **AlexNet**

- 8 layers total
- Trained on Imagenet dataset [Deng et al. CVPR'09]
- 18.2% top-5 error



#### Breakthrough in Computer Vision

#### ImageNet Classification Error (Top 5)

