

Session # 3:
Squeeze &
Excitation Nets

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Neural Networks* & Universal Approximation Theorem

NN aim to find any mathematical function or (series of)
 transformation which map an input (x) to output (y);

$$y = f(x)$$

The Universal Approximation Theorem tells us that Neural Networks (with sufficient number of nodes/neurons and layers) can approximate any function f(x), i.e. NN has a universality

* Multi Layer Perceptron | Fully Connected NN | Dense NN

Inductive Bias

The final meaning of bias we will consider here is inductive bias; in this meaning, all machine learning relies on some sort of bias. This type of bias is frequently implicit in the technique, and is also referred to as model bias or representation bias. Rather than a source of statistical error, this type of bias can be thought of as a set of assumptions being made (usually a priori) about which possible solutions are worth considering, which should be preferred, and which can be ignored. Without a bias of this type, machine learning not would be possible.

The spatial inductive bias of deep learning, Benjamin R. Mitchell

Instead of considering huge neural networks for all kind of data and tasks, we would prefer to make some assumptions on the nature of the data.

Without an Inductive Bias

- Without some form of inductive bias to restrict the hypothesis space;
 - the basic tasks of machine learning would become impossible: generalization and evaluation,
 - need a dataset representing the true distribution of the data.

The Need for Biases in Learning Generalizations, Tom Mitchell

With Inductive Bias

- Restricts the hypothesis space, i.e. ease the neural network design depending on the data being worked on.
- A number of possible models crossing points A and
 B is infinitesimal. Inductive bias would help to
 limit the choices (e.g., linear model)
- Less data and less computation

Examples for Inductive Biases

- Occam's Razor: a bias towards the simplicity.
- ☐ Graph NN relational inductive bias
- Recurrent NN recurrent inductive bias (sequential input)
 - Transformers process the input in parallel, not sequentially...

Samira Abnar's Blog Post: https://samiraabnar.github.io/articles/2020-05/recurrence

Convolutional Neural Networks ...

CNN as an Inductive Bias

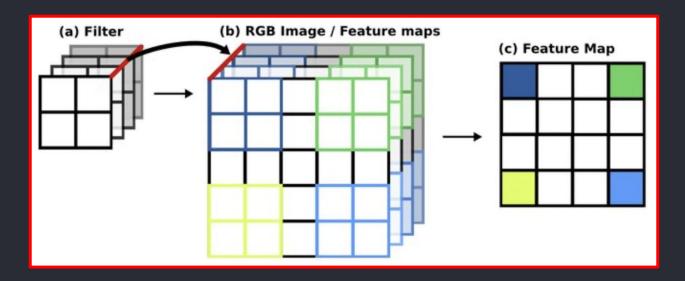
- When we work on data with spatial dimensions, we can leverage the prior belief/knowledge of visual data.
- CNNs are special type of NN which have a very powerful inductive bias
 - spatial structure such as local connectivity.
- I think, all CNN architecture designs try to enhance the inductive bias:
 - Residual connections
 - Attention

Squeeze & Excitation Network

SENet proposes some additional "inductive bias"

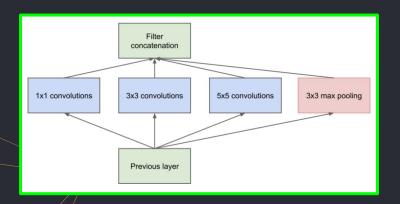
 the relationship between feature map channels and feature recalibration.

- Central theme in Computer Vision is to search for task and data dependent powerful representation for visual data.
- Deep Learning is about representation learning...
- CNN is a DNN consists of convolutional, non-linear activation and pooling and fully connected layers in principle.

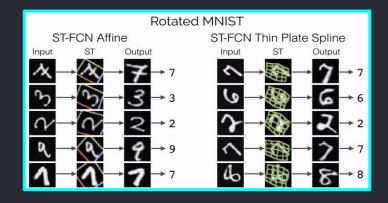


Convolutional layers fuse spatial and channel-wise information together.

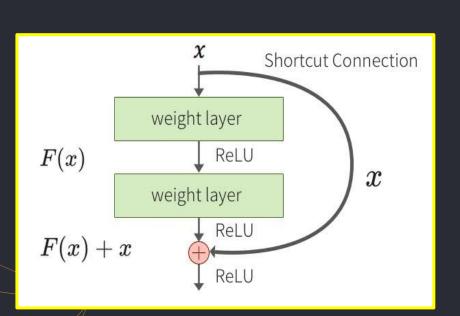
- Representations produced by CNN can strengthened by integrating learning mechanisms to capture spatial correlations between features.
- Inception family: multi-scale processing



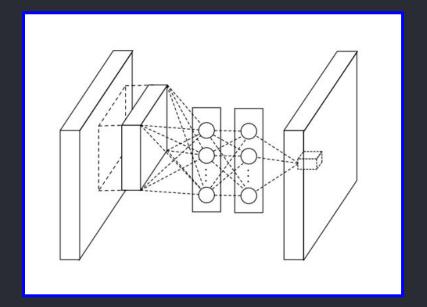
Spatial Transformer Nets: spatially transform feature maps



ResNet: deep and identity based skip connections

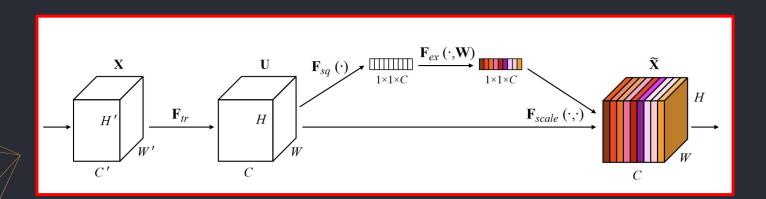


Network in Network:cross-channel correlations

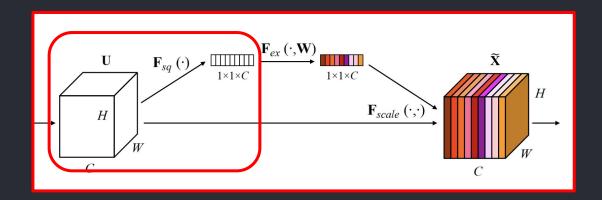


- Each learned filters operates with a local receptive field unable to exploit contextual information outside if the region.
- SENet investigates the relationship between feature map channels.
- Explicitly models the interdependencies between the channels.
- Feature recalibration: helps the network to learn global information to selectively emphasise informative features while suppressing the less useful ones which ease the learning process.

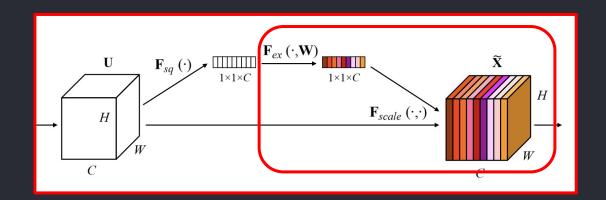
- SE Block intrinsically introduce dynamics conditioned on input self-attention function.
- SE Block excites:
 - class-agnostic informative features at earlier layers,
 - class-specific informative features at later layers.



- Squeeze: global information embedding
 - Global average pooling: generates channel-wise statistics.
 - Local descriptors with expressive statistics of the whole feature map.

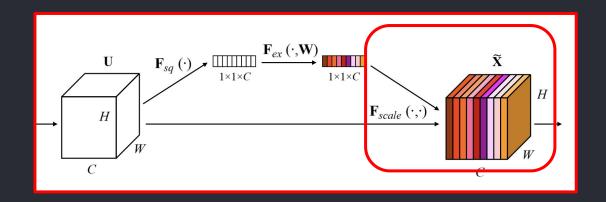


- ☐ Excitation: adaptive re-calibration
 - Captures the channel-wise dependencies
 - Maps input specific descriptor to a set of channel weights

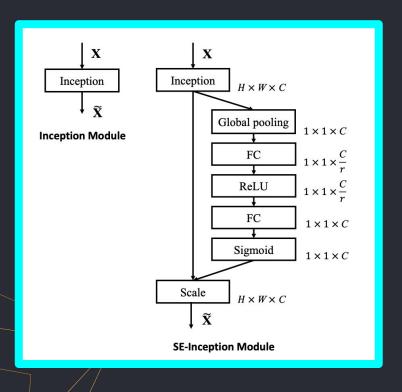


☐ Re-scaling:

- Channel-wise multiplication between the scalar and the input feature map
- Constructs the new tensor with spatial dimension

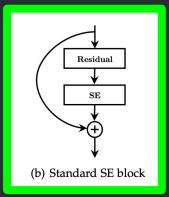


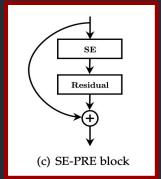
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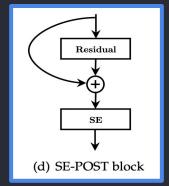


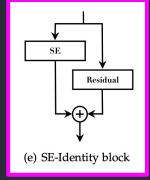
- Input → GAP → FC → ReLU → FC → sigmoid → output
- r: reduction ratio
- Sigmoid: gives the (importance) weights for each channel
 - Network-in-network design

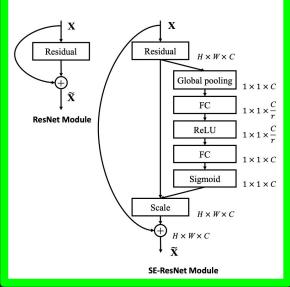
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Results: ImageNet

The validation set error-rates of CNN architectures and their SE counterparts:

	original		re-implementation			SENet		
	top-1 err.	top-5 err.	top-1 err.	top-5 err.	GFLOPs	top-1 err.	top-5 err.	GFLOPs
ResNet-50 [13]	24.7	7.8	24.80	7.48	3.86	$23.29_{(1.51)}$	$(6.62_{(1).86)}$	3.87
ResNet-101 [13]	23.6	7.1	23.17	6.52	7.58	$22.38_{(0.79)}$	6.U7 _(0.45)	7.60
ResNet-152 [13]	23.0	6.7	22.42	6.34	11.30	$21.57_{(0.85)}$	$5.73_{(0.61)}$	11.32
ResNeXt-50 [19]	22.2	-	22.11	5.90	4.24	$21.10_{(1.01)}$	$5.49_{().41)}$	4.25
ResNeXt-101 [19]	21.2	5.6	21.18	5.57	7.99	$20.70_{(0.48)}$	$5.01_{(0.56)}$	8.00
VGG-16 [11]	-	-	27.02	8.81	15.47	25.22 _(1.80)	7.70(1.11)	15.48
BN-Inception [6]	25.2	7.82	25.38	7.89	2.03	$24.23_{(1.15)}$	$7.14_{(0.75)}$	2.04
Inception-ResNet-v2 [21]	19.9^{\dagger}	4.9^{\dagger}	20.37	5.21	11.75	$19.80_{(0.57)}$	$4.79_{(0.42)}$	11.76

Results: Places365

- Places 365 is a scene classification challenge/dataset.
- Scene understanding assesses the generalization and abstraction ability.

TABLE 6 Single-crop error rates (%) on Places365 validation set.

-	top-1 err.	top-5 err.
Places-365-CNN [72]	41.07	11.48
ResNet-152 (ours)	41.15	11.61
SE-ResNet-152	40.37	11.01

Results: COCO

- MS COCO is an object detection challenge/dataset.
- Object detection is another assessment to measure the model's localization ability.

TABLE 7
Faster R-CNN object detection results (%) on COCO minival set.

	AP@IoU=0.5	AP
ResNet-50	57.9	38.0
SE-ResNet-50	61.0	40.4
ResNet-101	60.1	39.9
SE-ResNet-101	62.7	41.9

Conclusion

- SE Block: an architectural unit which improves the representational power of a network.
- Enables to perform dynamic channel-wise feature calibration.
- SE Blocks shed light on the inability of previous CNN architectures to model channel-wise feature dependencies..
- SE Blocks may help to advance the network pruning by selecting the most informative filters and/or feature maps.
- Can SE Blocks be used effectively during the test time excites the particular channels depending on the input image?

Suggested Links:

- Paper itself: <u>Squeeze-and-Excitation Networks</u>, <u>CVPR-2018</u>
- Squeeze and Excitation Networks Explained with PyTorch Implementation
- Squeeze-and-Excitation Networks by Paul-Louis Prove
- Squeeze-and-Excitation Networks by Rachel Draelos
- SENet Pytorch Implementation: <u>SENet-PyTorch</u>
- The need for biases in learning generalizations
- The spatial inductive bias of deep learning
- Distilling inductive biases

Last words

- Papers with Annotations (PwA)
- PwA version of the "Squeeze-and-Excitation Networks" paper is available at: https://github.com/Machine-Learning-Tokyo/papers-with-annotations/blob/master/convolutional-neural-networks/Squeeze-and-Excitation_Networks.pdf

TL; DR:

- · Squeeze-and-Excitation Block has been proposed as an add-on to various CNN archs with ease.
- · SE Block investigates the relationship between feature map channels
- SE Block emphasise informative features while suppressing the less useful ones.

 Squeeze-and-Excitation Networks

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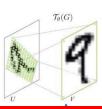
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