

Lecture 13:

Segmentation and Attention

Administrative

- Assignment 3 due tonight!
- We are reading your milestones

Last time: Software Packages

Caffe

No need to write code!

1. Convert data (run a script)
2. Define net (edit prototxt)
3. Define solver (edit prototxt)
4. Train (with pretrained weights)

TensorFlow

```
1 import tensorflow as tf
2 import numpy as np
3
4 N, D, H, C = 64, 1000, 100, 10
5
6 x = tf.placeholder(tf.float32, shape=[None, D])
7 y = tf.placeholder(tf.float32, shape=[None, C])
8
9 w1 = tf.Variable(tf.random.randn(D, H).astype(np.float32))
10 w2 = tf.Variable(tf.random.randn(H, C).astype(np.float32))
11
12 a = tf.matmul(x, w1)
13 a_relu = tf.nn.relu(a)
14 scores = tf.matmul(a_relu, w2)
15 probs = tf.nn.softmax(scores)
16 loss = -tf.reduce_sum(y * tf.log(probs))
17
18 learning_rate = 1e-2
19 train_step = tf.train.GradientDescentOptimizer(learning_rate).minimize(loss)
20
21 xx = np.random.randn(N, D).astype(np.float32)
22 yy = np.zeros((N, C)).astype(np.float32)
23 yy[np.arange(N), np.random.randint(C, size=N)] = 1
24
25 with tf.Session() as sess:
26     sess.run(tf.initialize_all_variables())
27
28     for t in xrange(100):
29         _, loss_value = sess.run([train_step, loss],
30                                feed_dict={x: xx, y: yy})
31
32     print loss_value
```

Torch

```
1 require 'torch'
2 require 'nn'
3 require 'optim'
4
5 -- Batch size, input dim, hidden dim, num classes
6 local N, D, H, C = 100, 1000, 100, 10
7
8 -- Build a one-layer ReLU network
9 local net = nn.Sequential()
10 net:add(nn.Linear(D, H))
11 net: add(nn.ReLU())
12 net: add(nn.Linear(H, C))
13
14 -- Collect all weights and gradients in a single Tensor
15 local weights, grad_weights = net:getParameters()
16
17 -- Loss functions are called "criterions"
18 local crit = nn.CrossEntropyCriterion() -- Softmax loss
19
20 -- Callback to interface with optim methods
21 local function f(w)
22     assert(w == weights)
23
24     -- Generate some random input data
25     local x = torch.randn(N, D)
26     local y = torch.Tensor(N):random(C)
27
28     -- Forward pass: Compute scores and loss
29     local scores = net:forward(x)
30     local loss = crit:forward(scores, y)
31
32     -- Backward pass: compute gradients
33     grad_weights:zero()
34     local dscores = crit:backward(scores, y)
35     local dx = net:backward(x, dscores)
36
37     return loss, grad_weights
38 end
39
40 -- Make a step using Adam
41 local state = {learningRate=1e-3}
42 optim.adam(f, weights, state)
43
```

Theano

```
import theano
import theano.tensor as T

# Batch size, input dim, hidden dim, num classes
N, D, H, C = 64, 1000, 100, 10

x = T.matrix('x')
y = T.vector('y', dtype='int64')
w1 = T.matrix('w1')
w2 = T.matrix('w2')

# Forward pass: Compute scores
a = x.dot(w1)
a_relu = T.nnet.relu(a)
scores = a_relu.dot(w2)

# Forward pass: compute softmax loss
probs = T.nnet.softmax(scores)
loss = T.nnet.categorical_crossentropy(probs, y).mean()

# Backward pass: compute gradients
dw1, dw2 = T.grad(loss, [w1, w2])

f = theano.function(
    inputs=[x, y, w1, w2],
    outputs=[loss, scores, dw1, dw2],
)
```

Lasagne

```
import numpy as np
import theano
import theano.tensor as T
import lasagne

N, D, H, C = 64, 1000, 100, 10

x = T.matrix('x')
y = T.vector('y', dtype='int64')

relu = lasagne.nonlinearities.rectify
softmax = lasagne.nonlinearities.softmax
net = lasagne.layers.InputLayer(shapes=(None, D), input_var=x)
net = lasagne.layers.DenseLayer(net, H, nonlinearity=relu)
net = lasagne.layers.DenseLayer(net, C, nonlinearity=softmax)

probs = lasagne.layers.get_output(net)
loss = lasagne.objectives.categorical_crossentropy(probs, y).mean()

params = lasagne.layers.get_all_params(net, trainable=True)
updates = lasagne.updates.nesterov_momentum(loss, params,
                                             learning_rate=1e-2, momentum=0.9)

train_fn = theano.function([x, y], loss, updates=updates)

xx = np.random.randn(N, D)
yy = np.random.randint(C, size=N).astype(np.int64)

for t in xrange(100):
    loss_val = train_fn(xx, yy)
    print loss_val
```

Keras

```
from keras.models import Sequential
from keras.layers.core import Dense, Activation
from keras.optimizers import SGD
from keras.utils import np_utils

D, H, C = 1000, 100, 10

model = Sequential()
model.add(Dense(input_dim=D, output_dim=H))
model.add(Activation("relu"))
model.add(Dense(input_dim=H, output_dim=C))
model.add(Activation("softmax"))

sgd = SGD(lr=1e-3, momentum=0.9, nesterov=True)
model.compile(loss="categorical_crossentropy", optimizer=sgd)

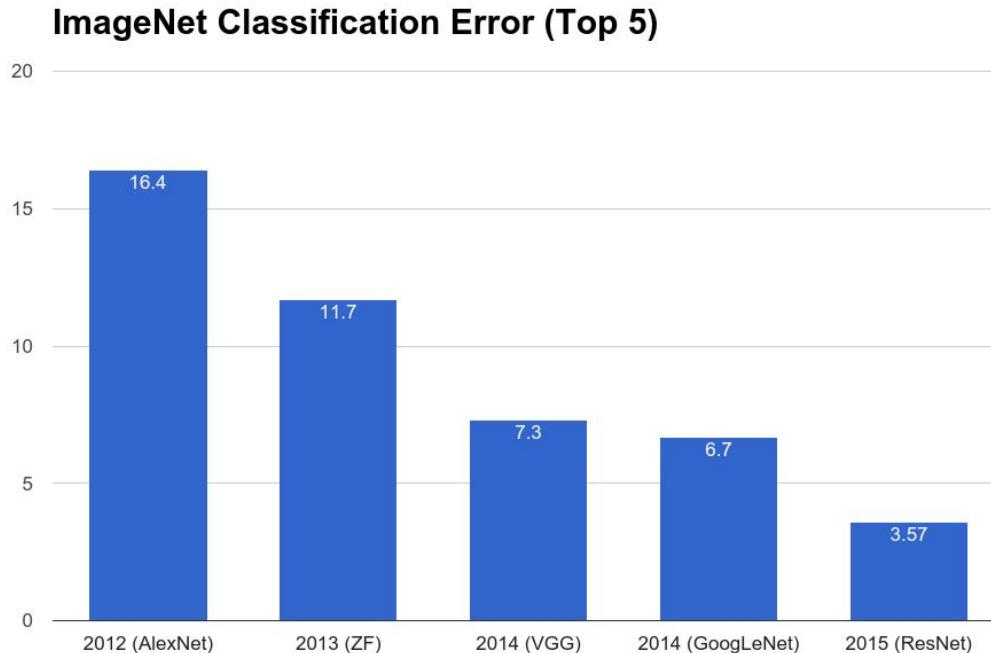
N, N_batch = 1000, 32
X = np.random.randn(N, D)
y = np.random.randint(C, size=N)
y = np_utils.to_categorical(y)

model.fit(X, y, nb_epoch=5, batch_size=N_batch, verbose=2)
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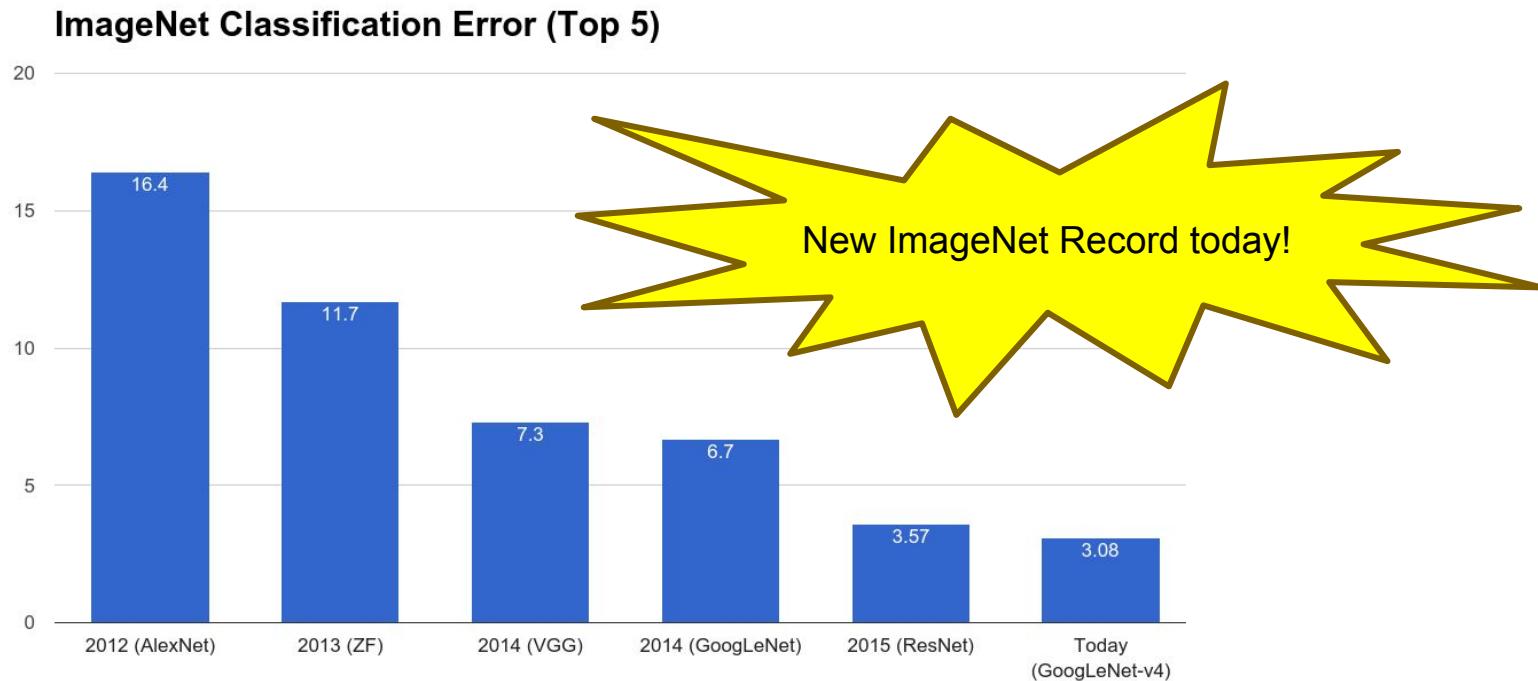
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- (Soft) Attention
 - Discrete locations
 - Continuous locations (Spatial Transformers)

But first....

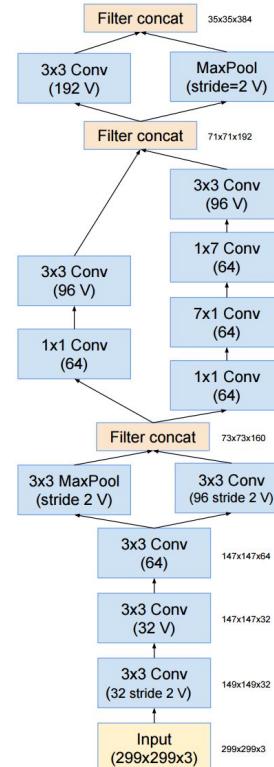
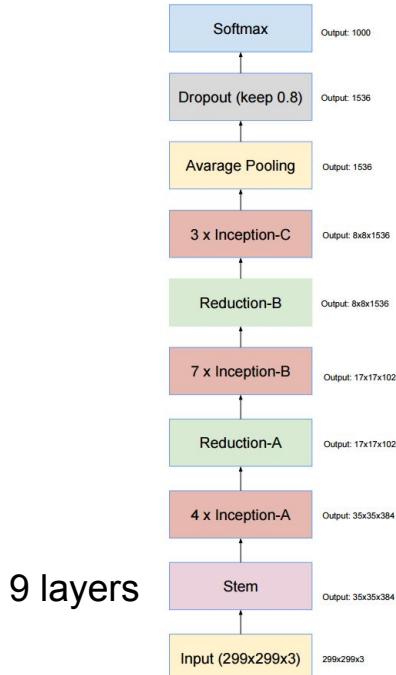


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Inception-v4



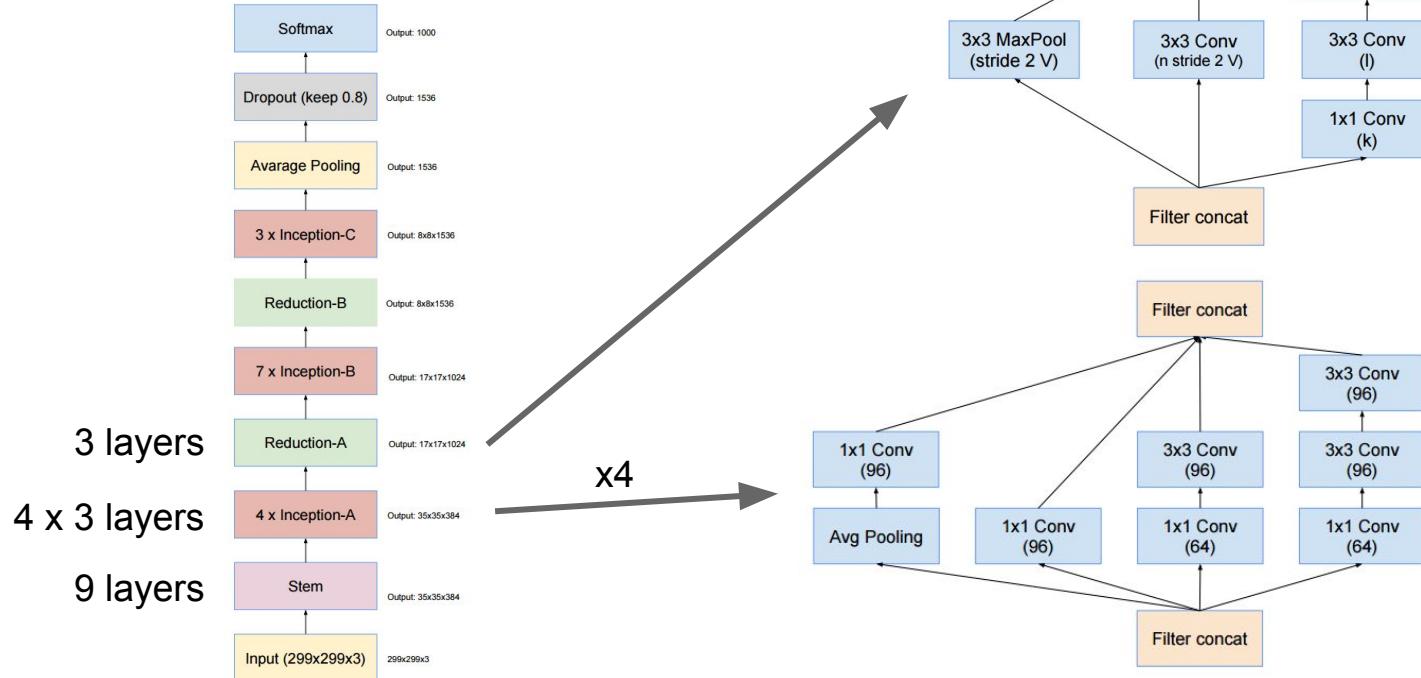
$1 \times 7, 7 \times 1$ filters

Strided convolution
AND max pooling

$V =$ Valid convolutions
(no padding)

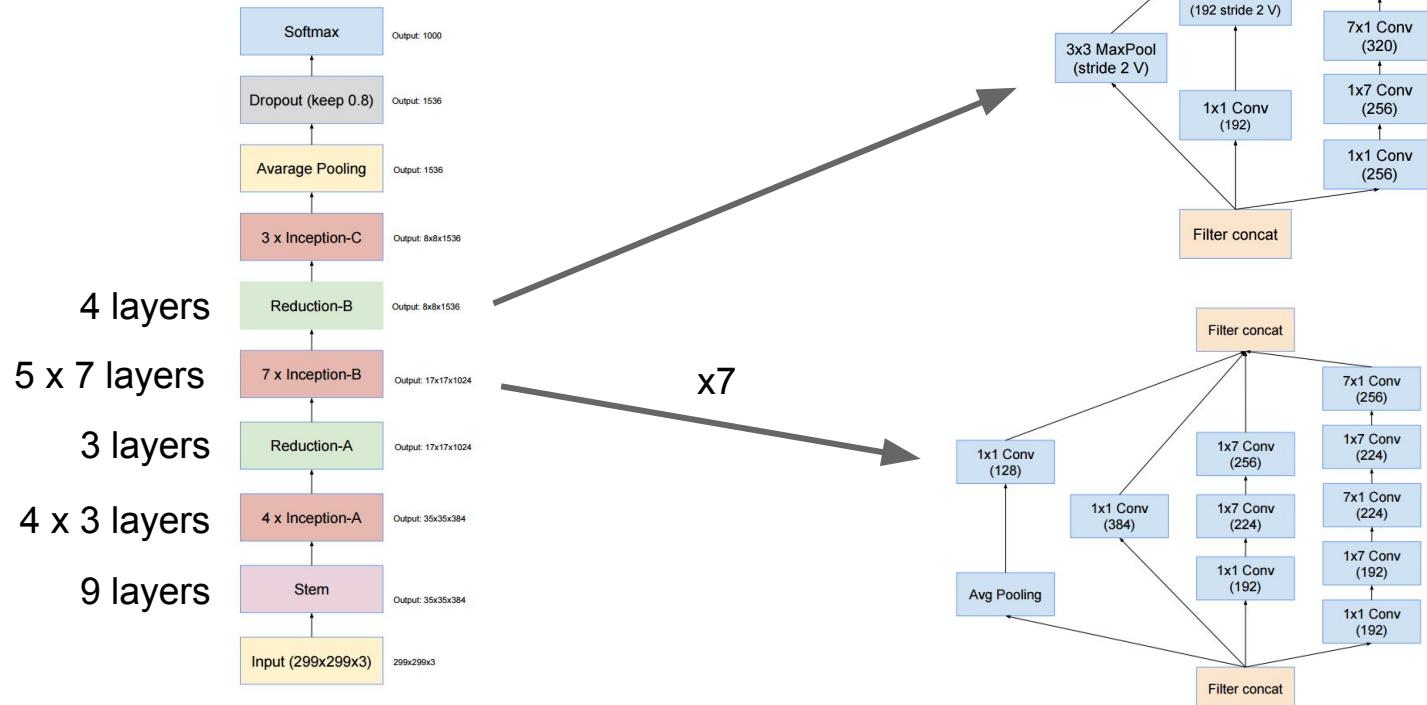
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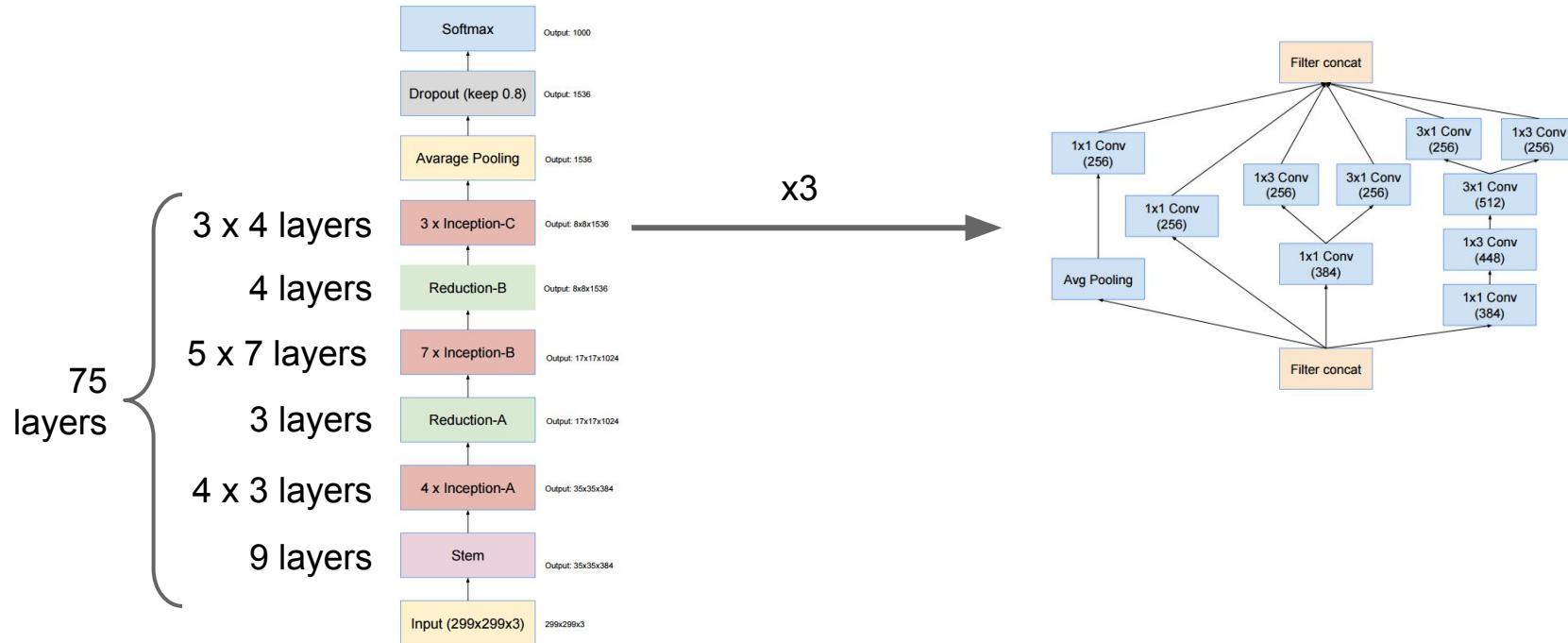
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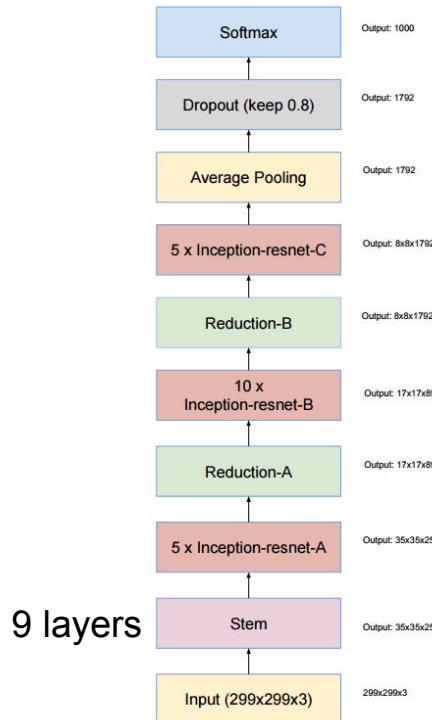
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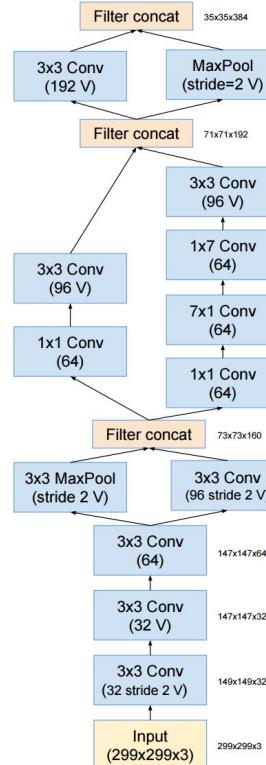


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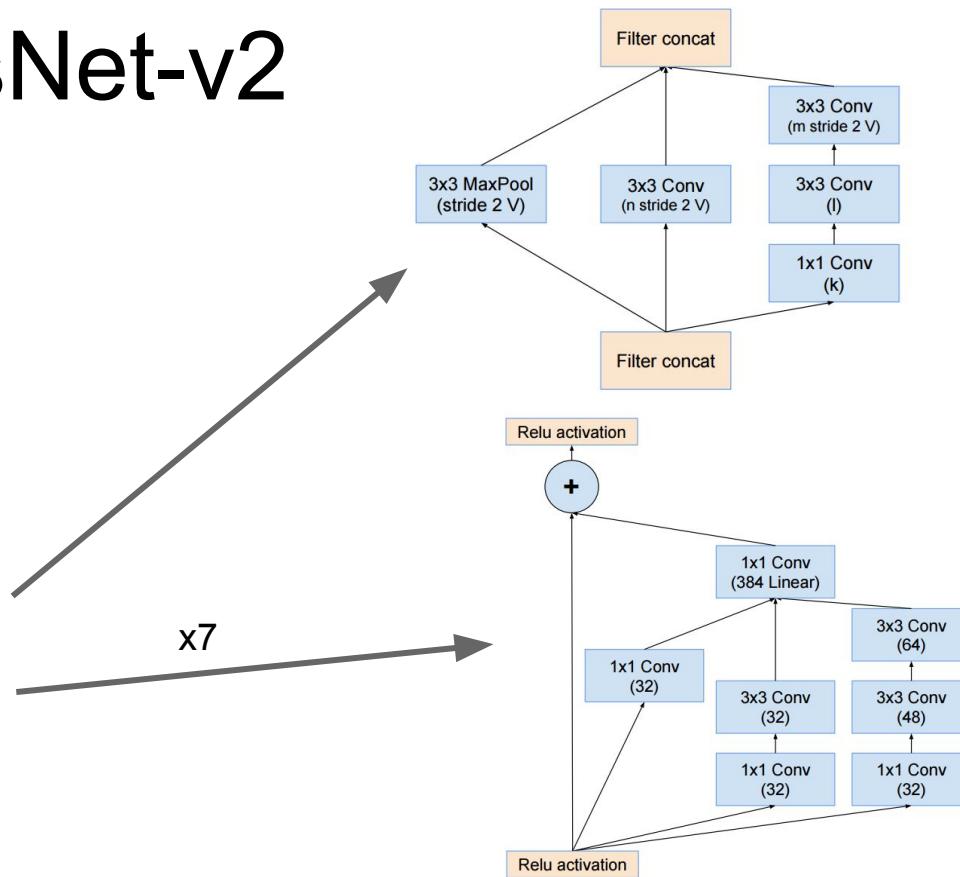
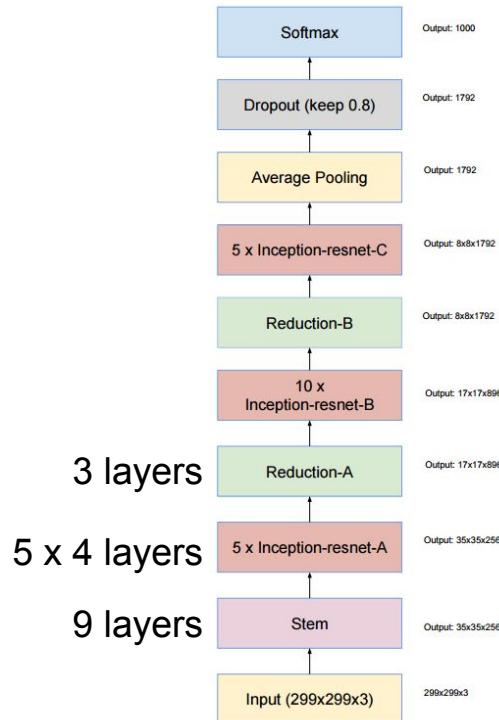
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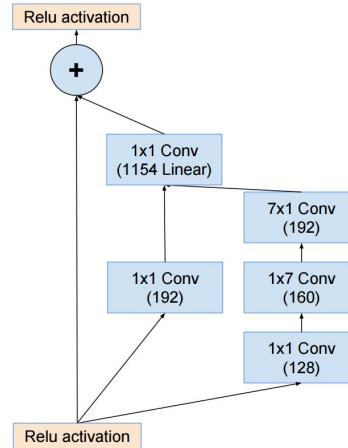
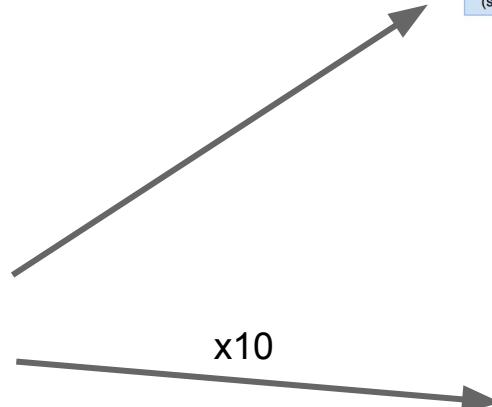
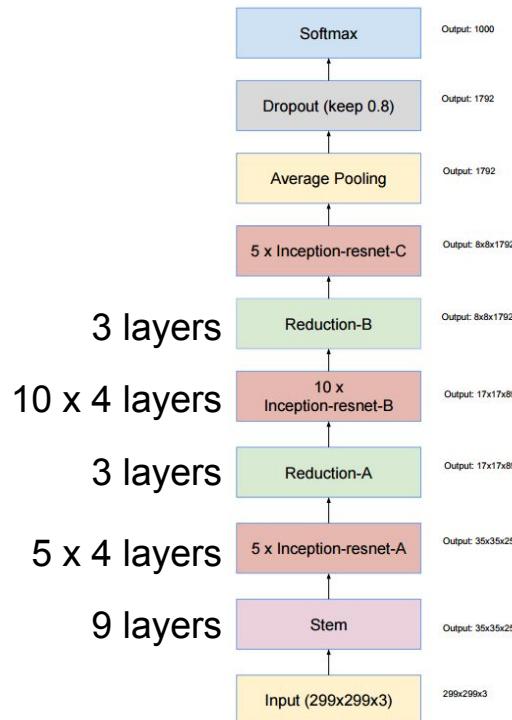
9 layers



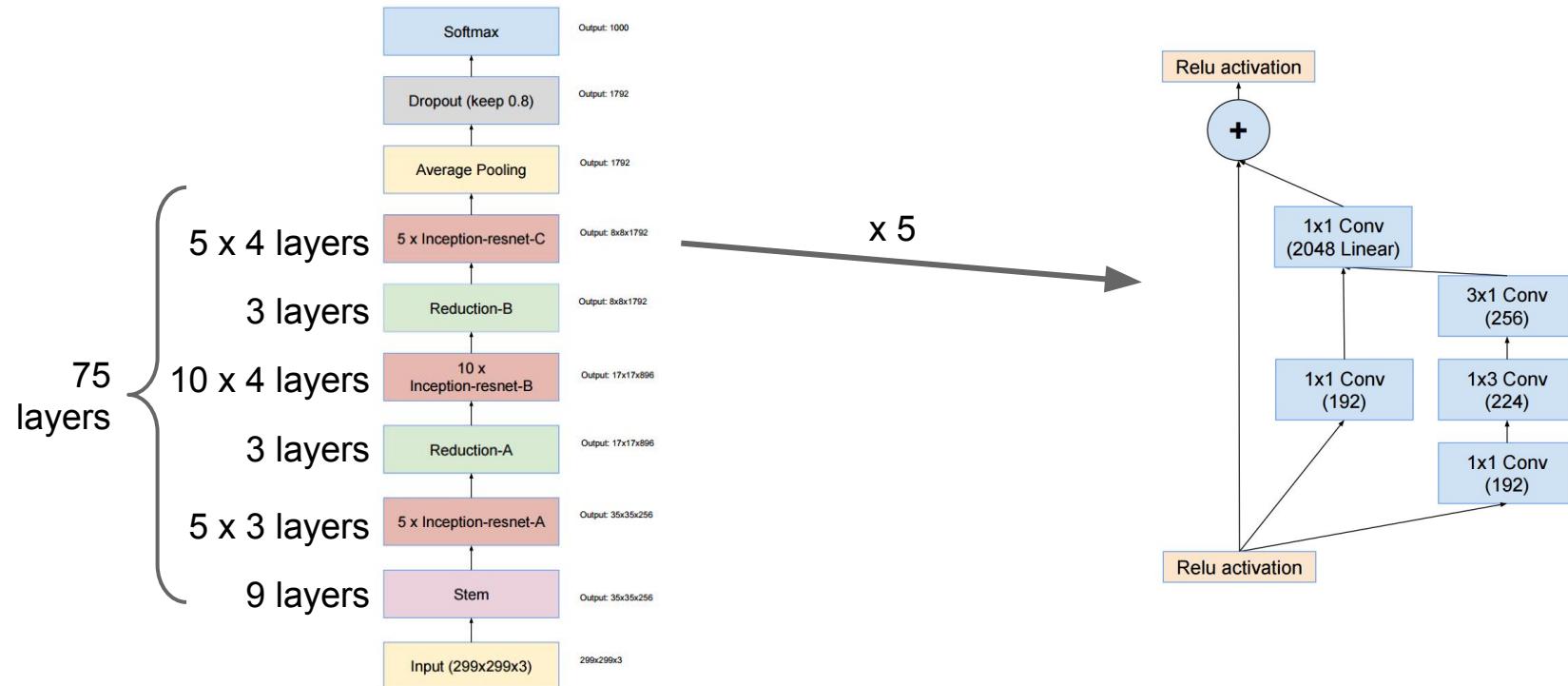
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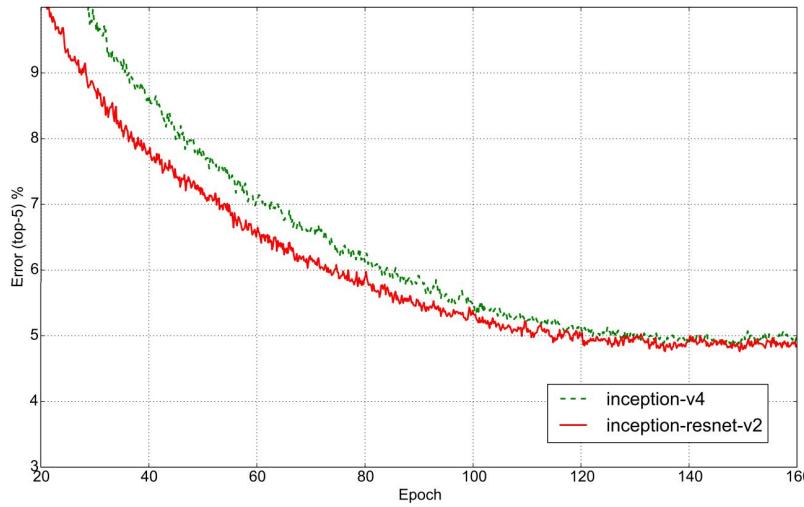
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Residual and non-residual converge to similar value, but residual learns faster

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Segmentation

Computer Vision Tasks

Classification



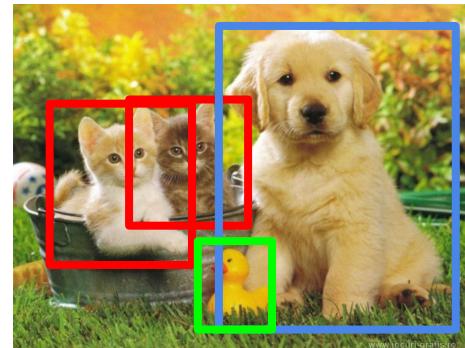
CAT

Classification + Localization



CAT

Object Detection



CAT, DOG, DUCK

Segmentation



CAT, DOG, DUCK

Single object

Multiple objects

Computer Vision Tasks

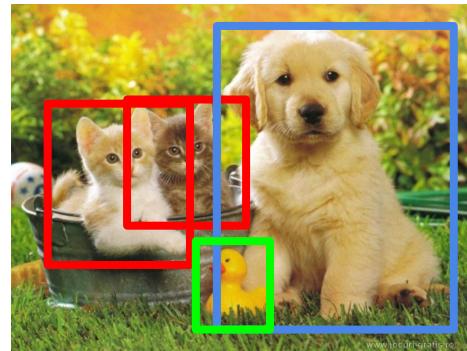
Classification



**Classification
+ Localization**



Object Detection



Segmentation



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Computer Vision Tasks

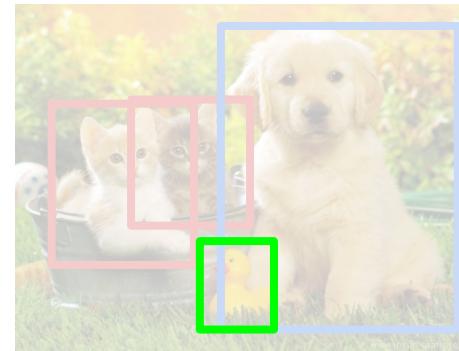
Classification



Classification
+ Localization



Object Detection



Segmentation



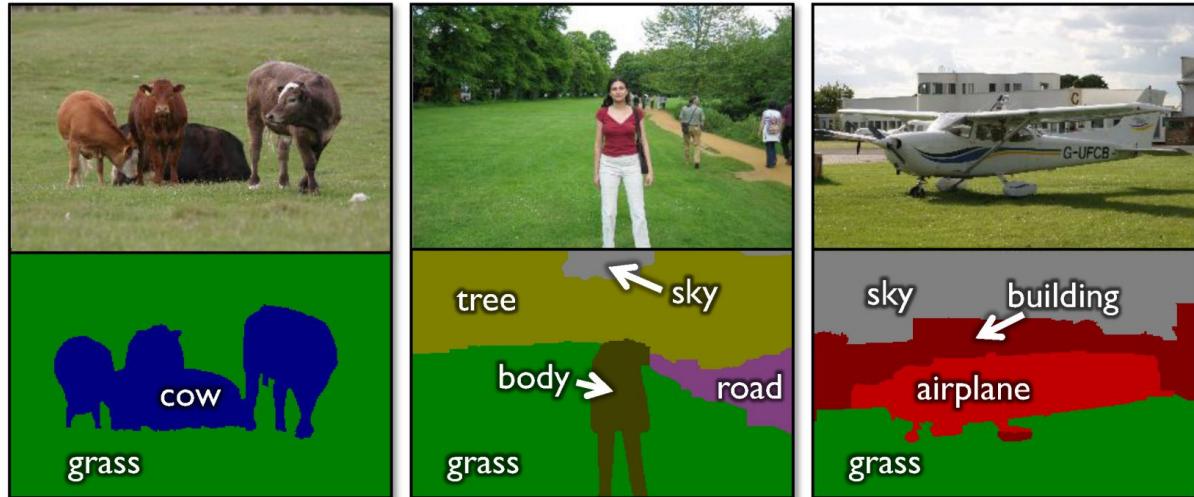
Today

Semantic Segmentation

Label every pixel!

Don't differentiate instances (cows)

Classic computer vision problem



object classes	building	grass	tree	cow	sheep	sky	airplane	water	face	car
bicycle	flower	sign	bird	book	chair	road	cat	dog	body	boat

Figure credit: Shotton et al, "TextonBoost for Image Understanding: Multi-Class Object Recognition and Segmentation by Jointly Modeling Texture, Layout, and Context", IJCV 2007

Instance Segmentation

Detect instances,
give category, label
pixels

“simultaneous
detection and
segmentation” (SDS)

Lots of recent work
(MS-COCO)

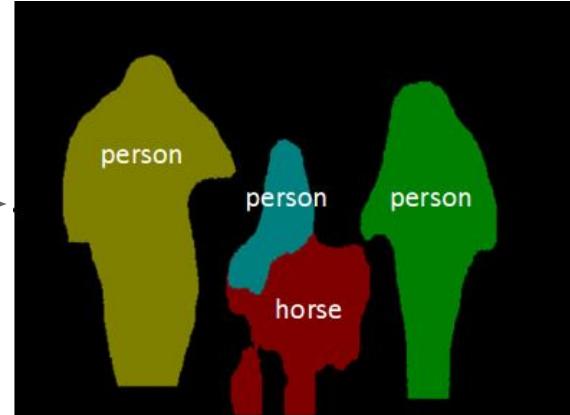


Figure credit: Dai et al, “Instance-aware Semantic Segmentation via Multi-task Network Cascades”, arXiv 2015

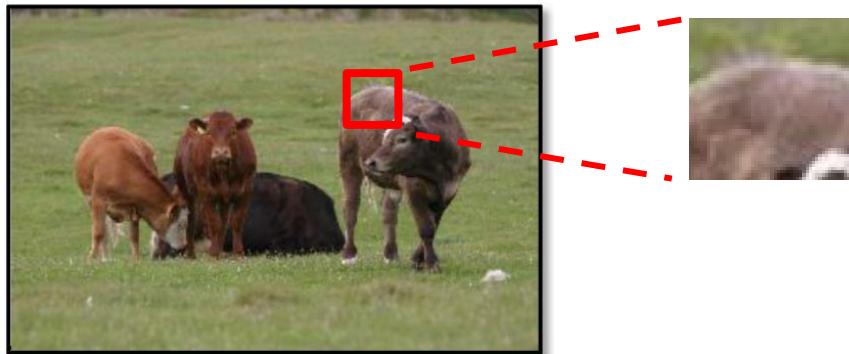
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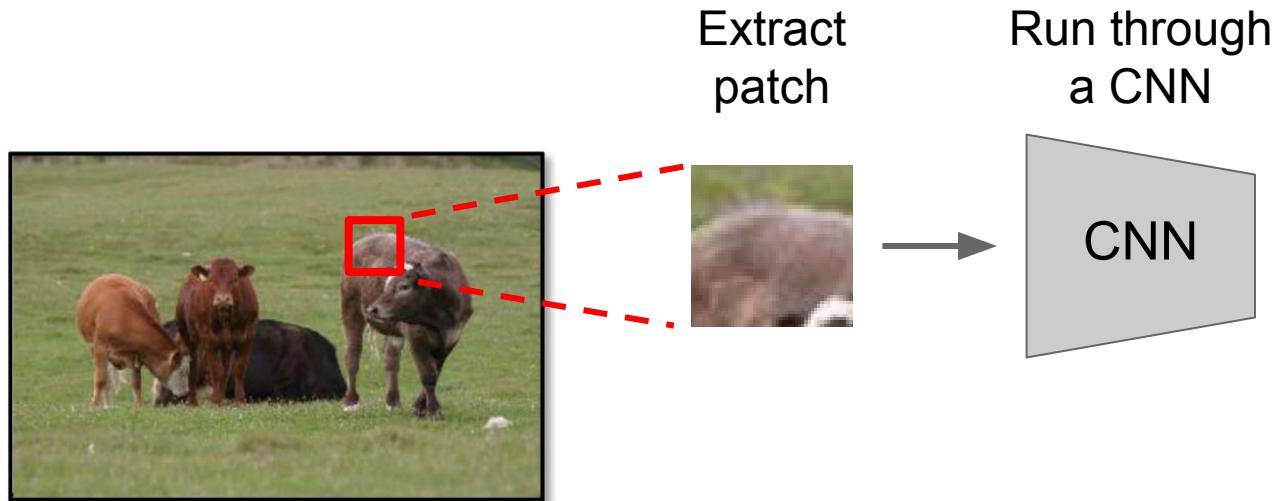


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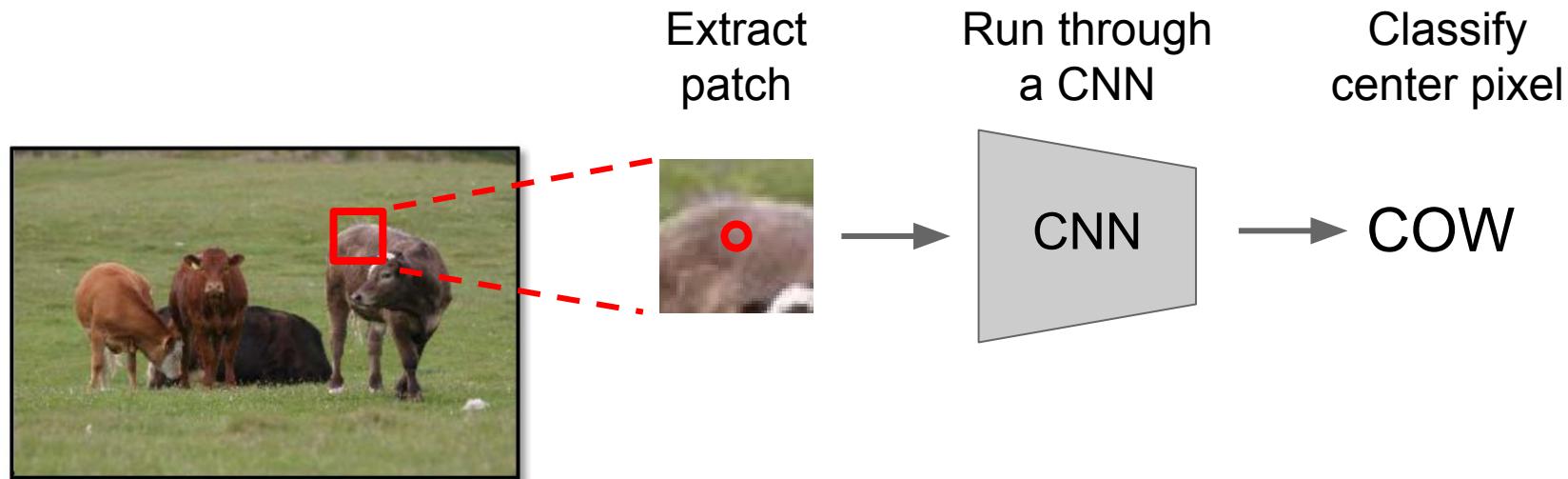
Extract
patch



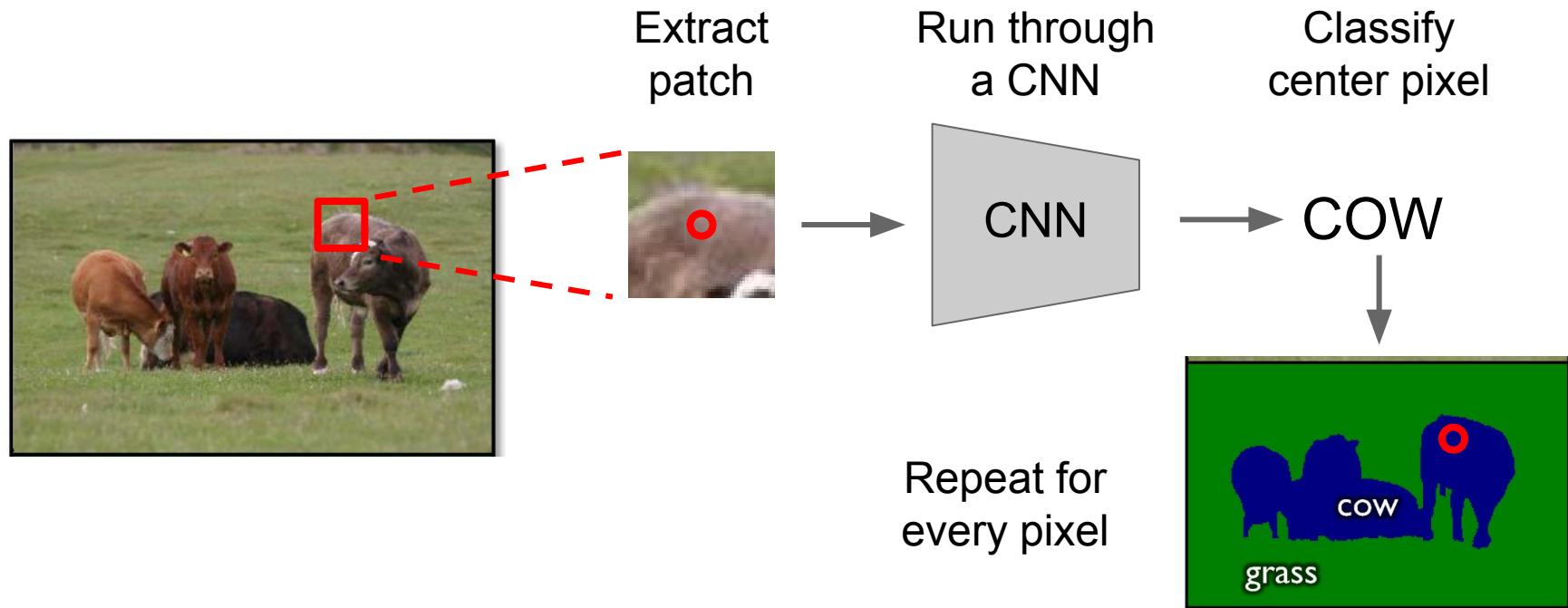
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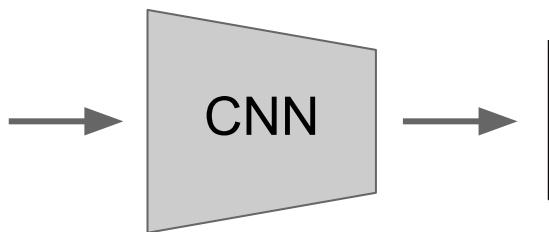


Semantic Segmentation



Semantic Segmentation

Run “fully convolutional” network
to get all pixels at once



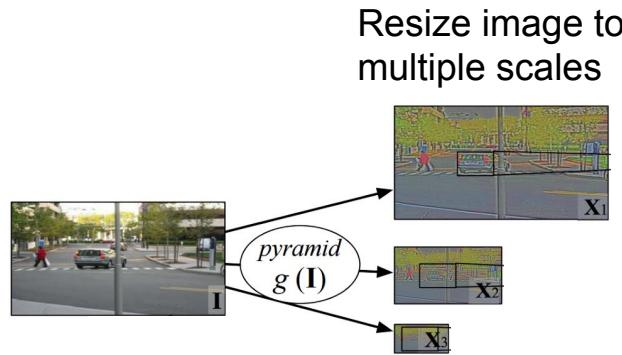
Smaller output
due to pooling

Semantic Segmentation: Multi-Scale



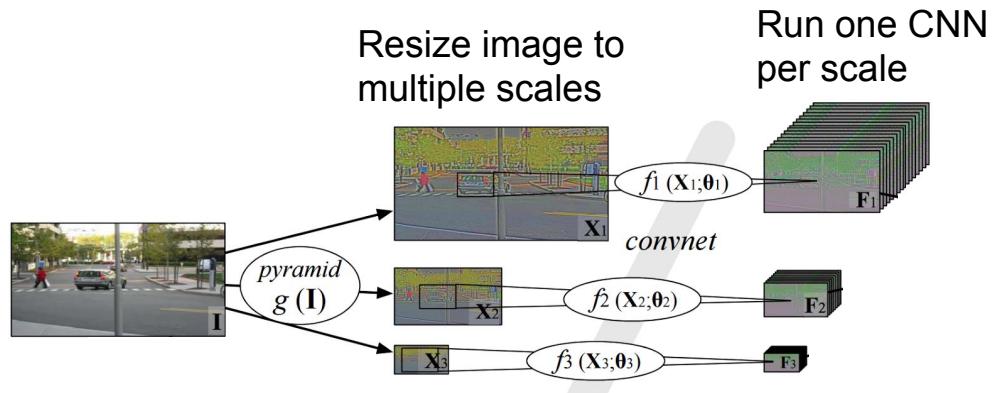
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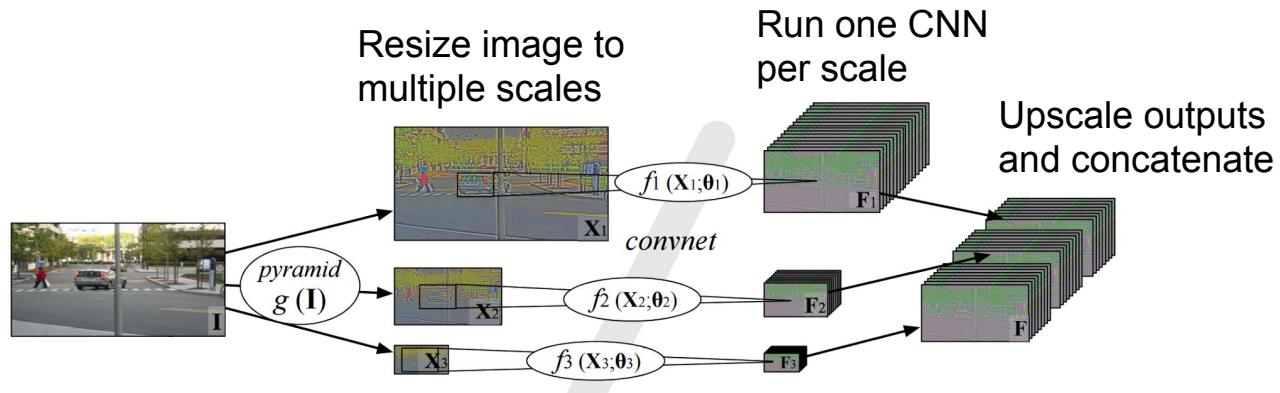
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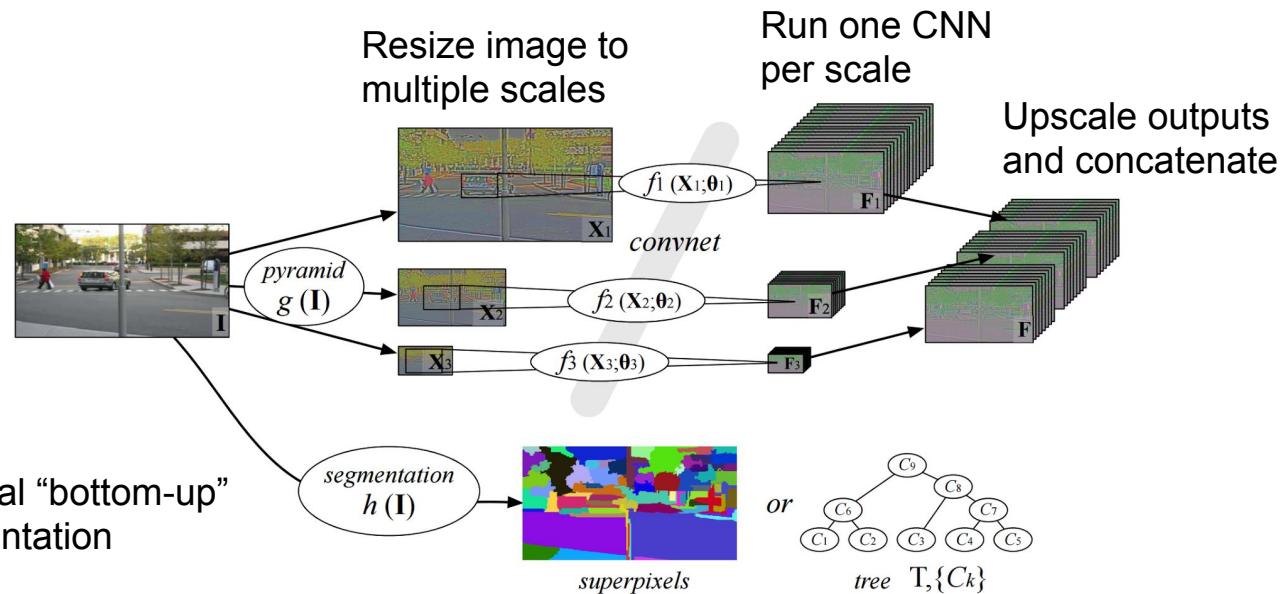
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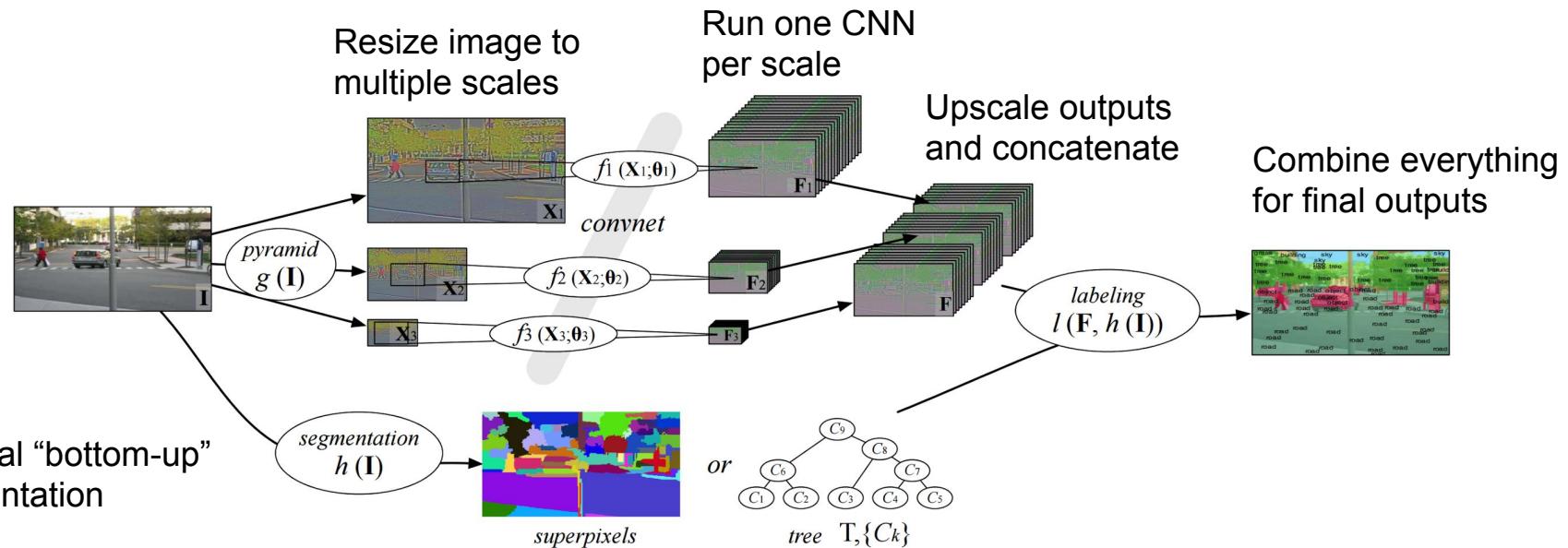
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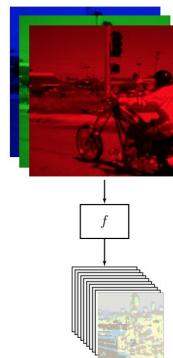
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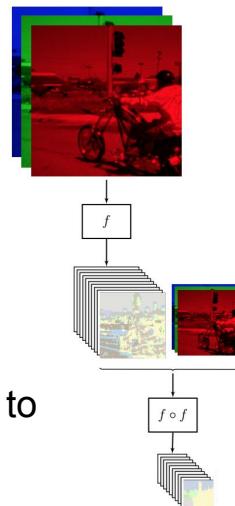
Semantic Segmentation: Refinement



Apply CNN once
to get labels

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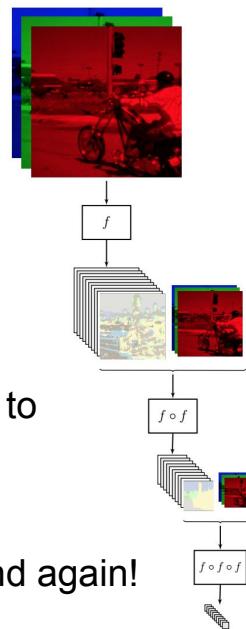


Apply CNN once
to get labels

Apply AGAIN to
refine labels

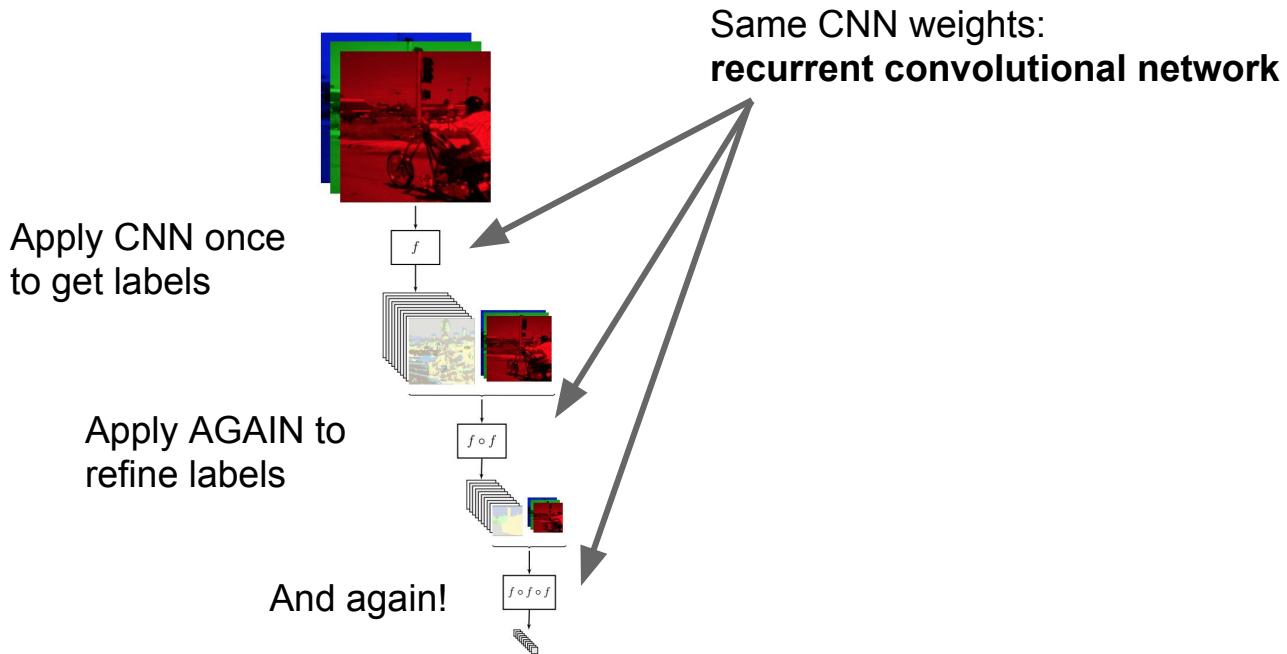
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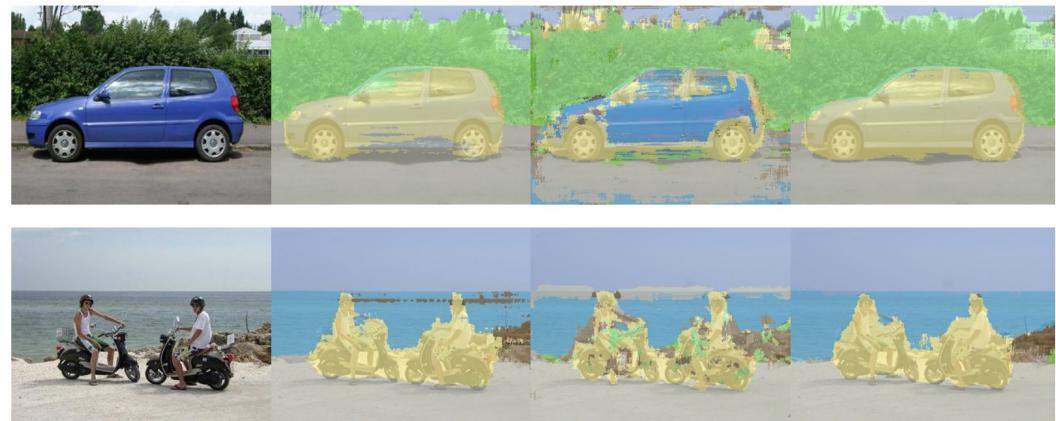
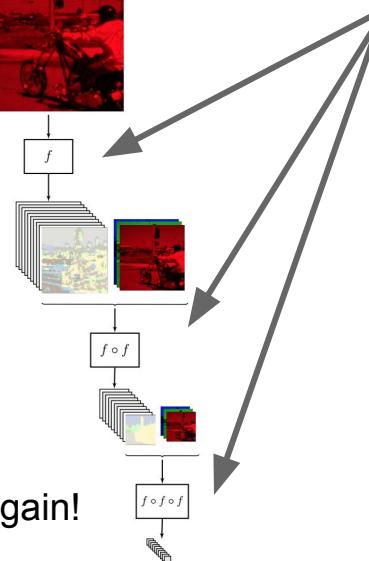
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Same CNN weights:
recurrent convolutional network

Apply AGAIN to
refine labels

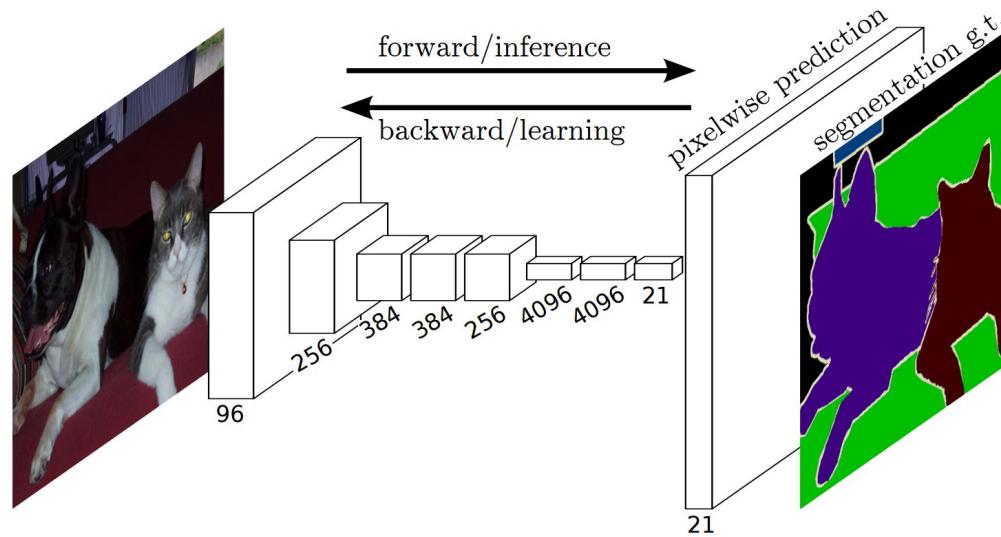
And again!



More iterations improve results

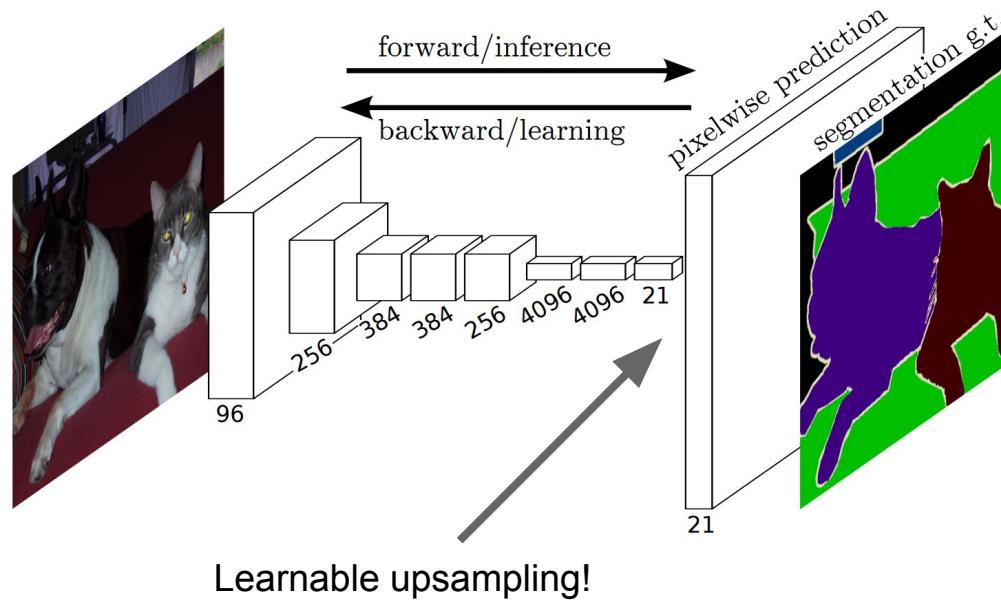
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Semantic Segmentation: Upsampling



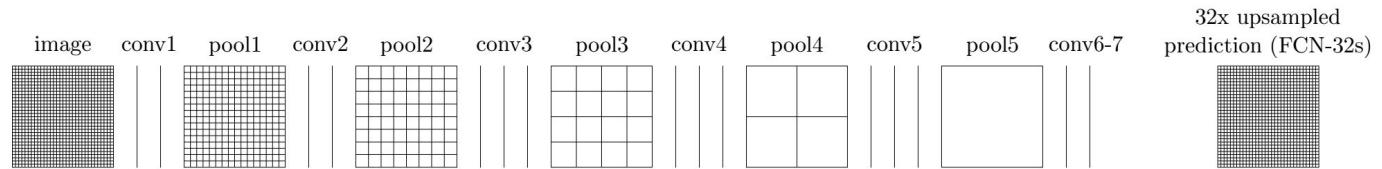
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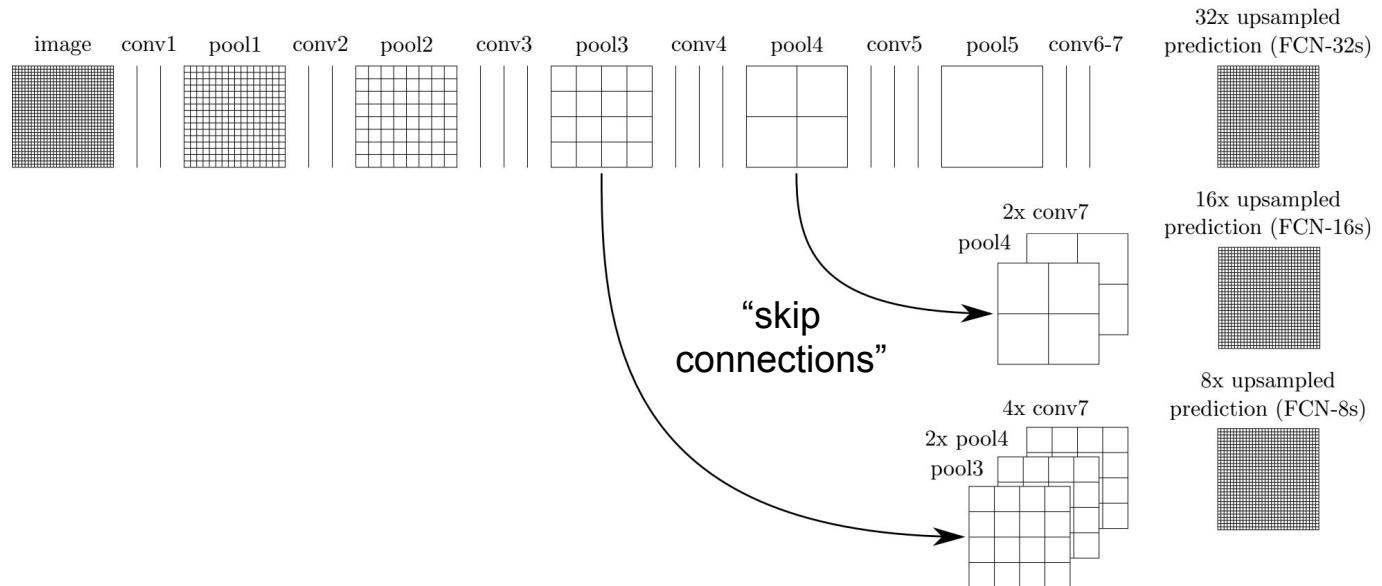
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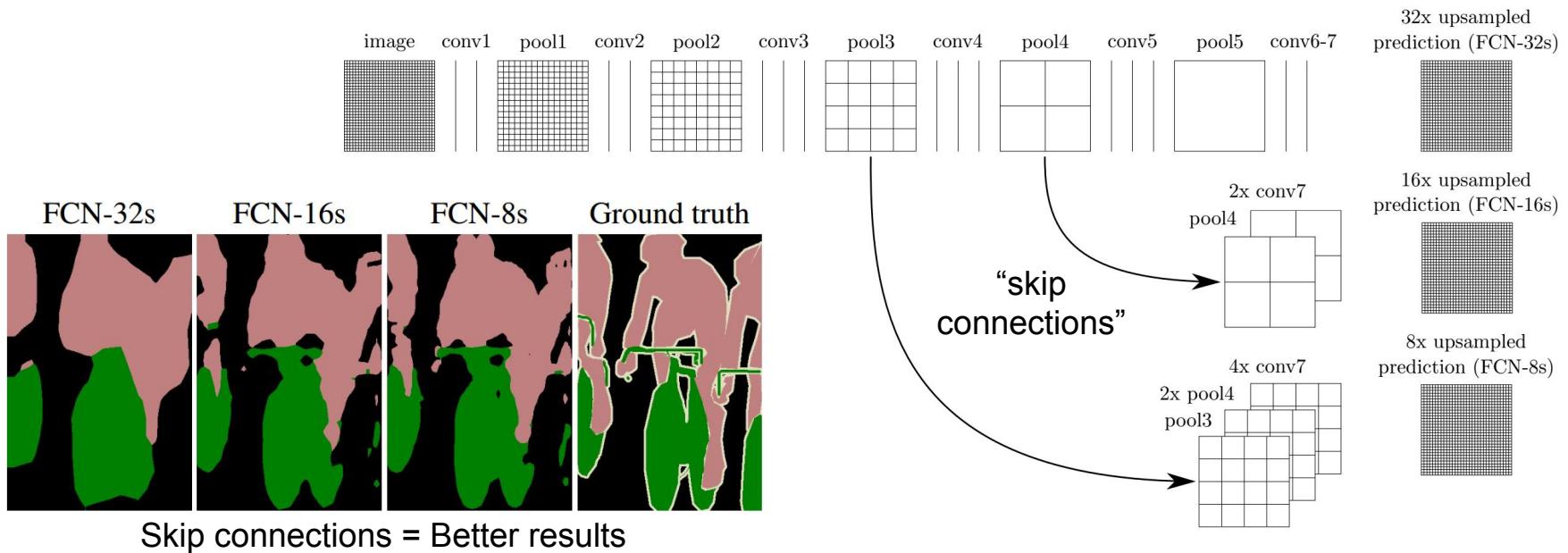
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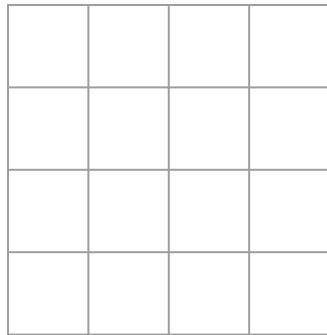
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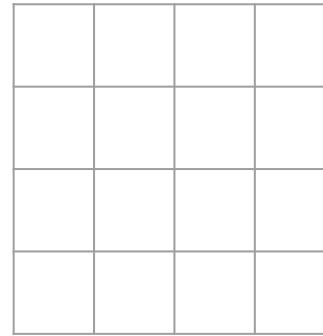
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Typical 3×3 convolution, stride 1 pad 1



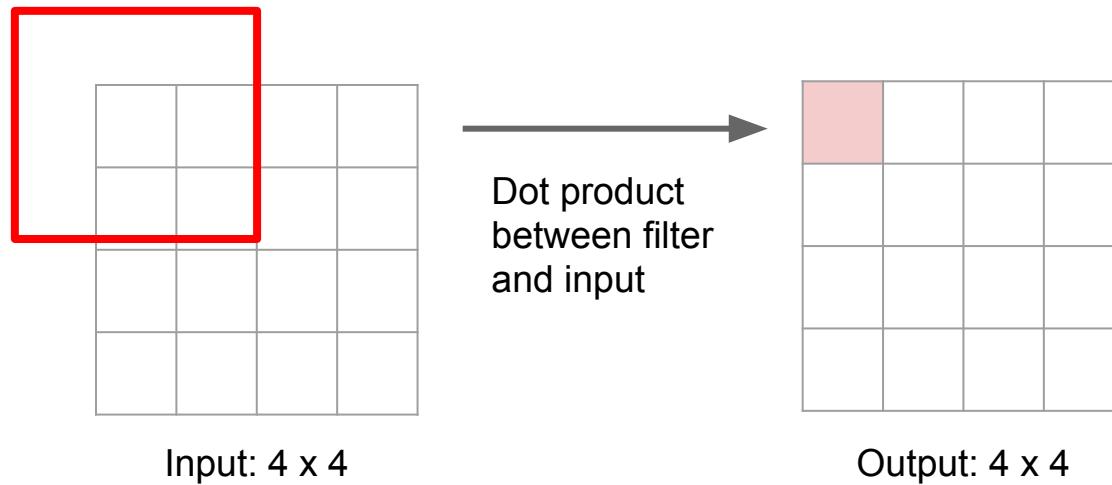
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Output: 4×4

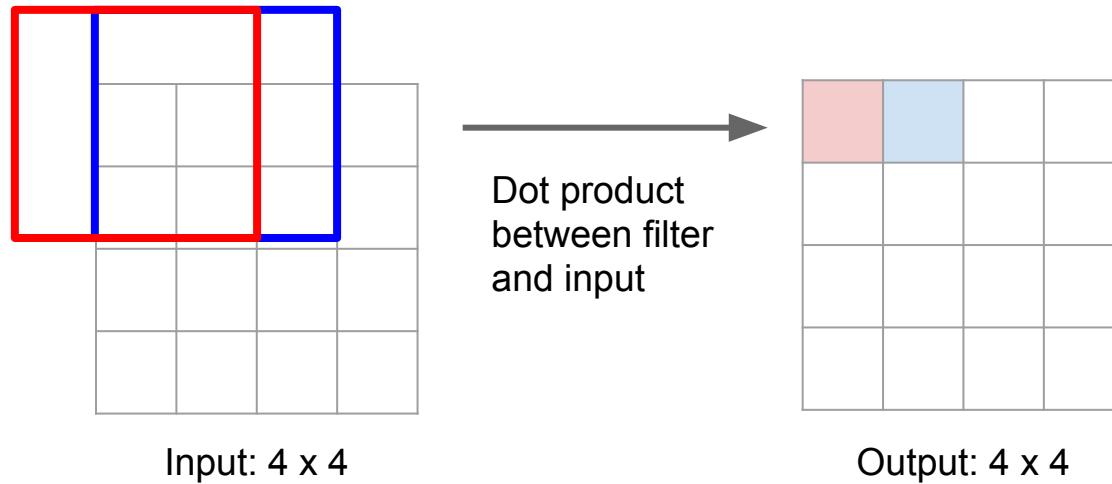
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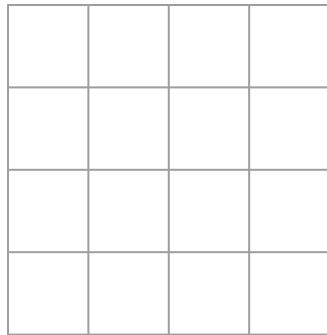
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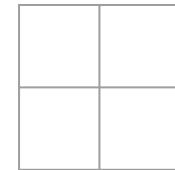


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Typical 3×3 convolution, **stride 2** pad 1



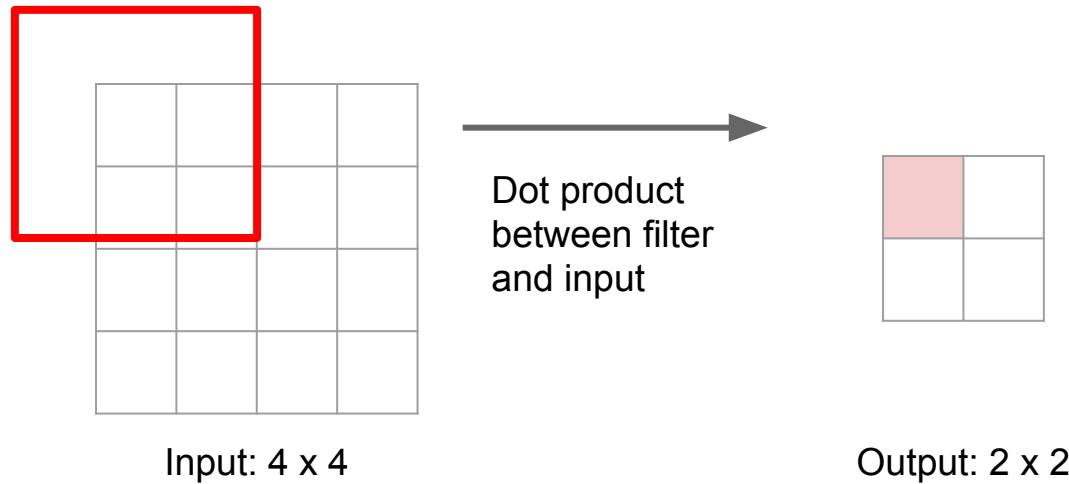
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Output: 2×2

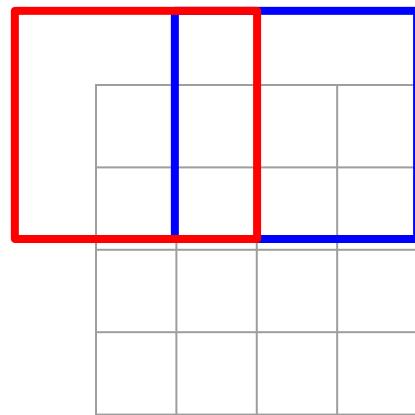
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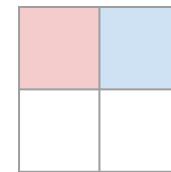
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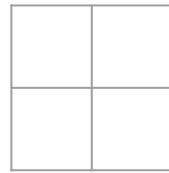
Dot product
between filter
and input



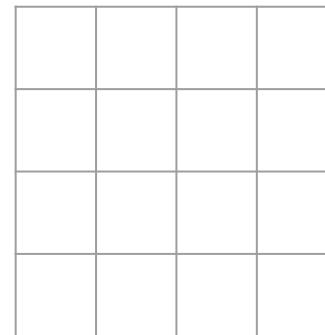
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3 x 3 “deconvolution”, stride 2 pad 1



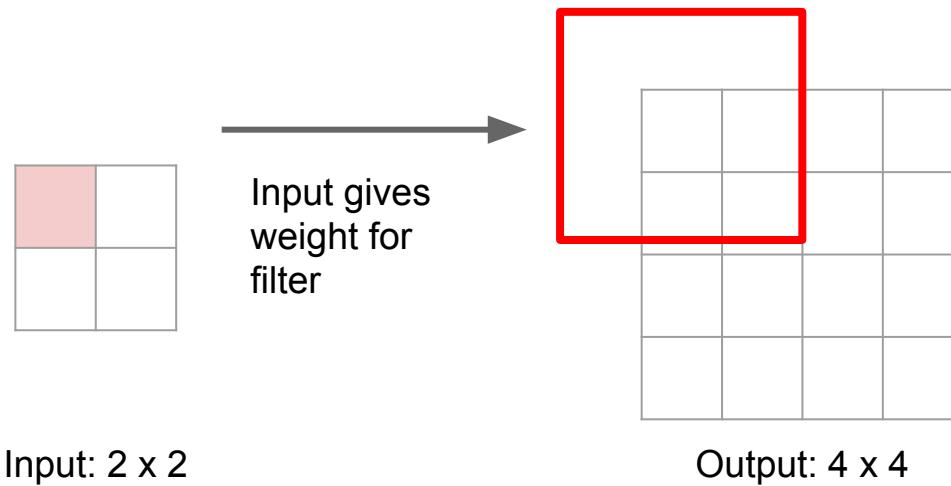
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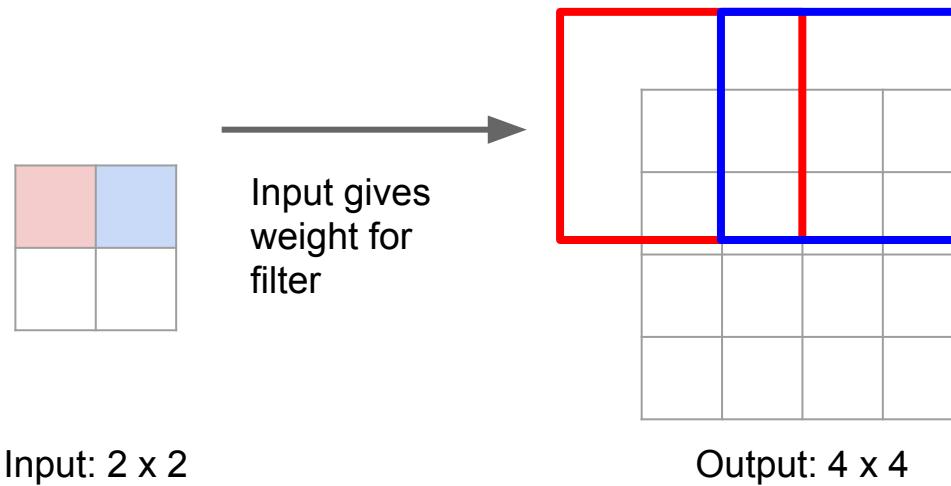
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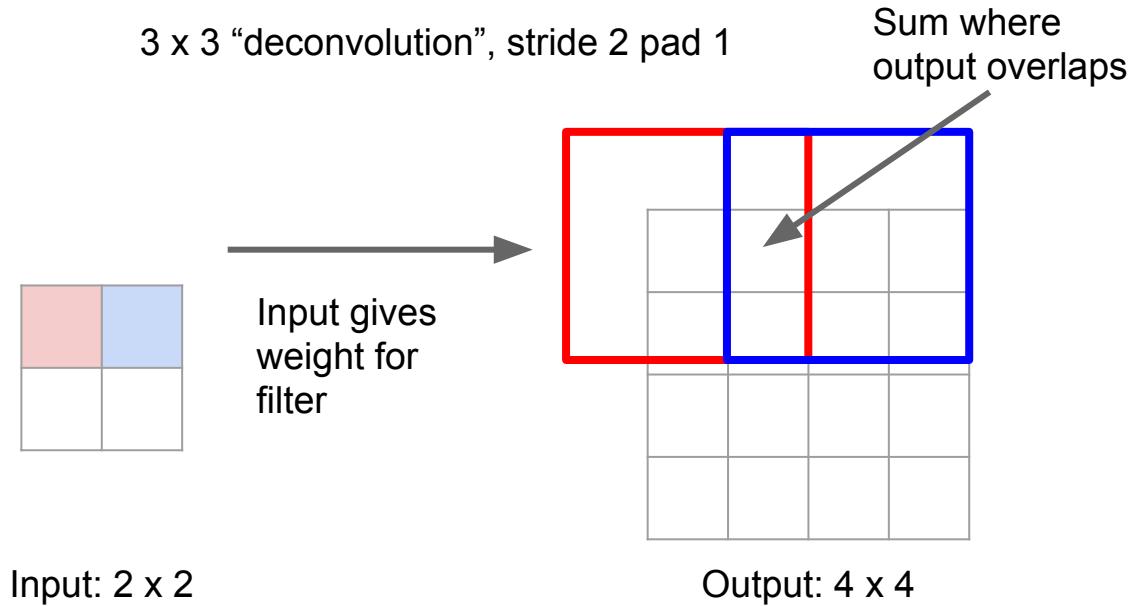


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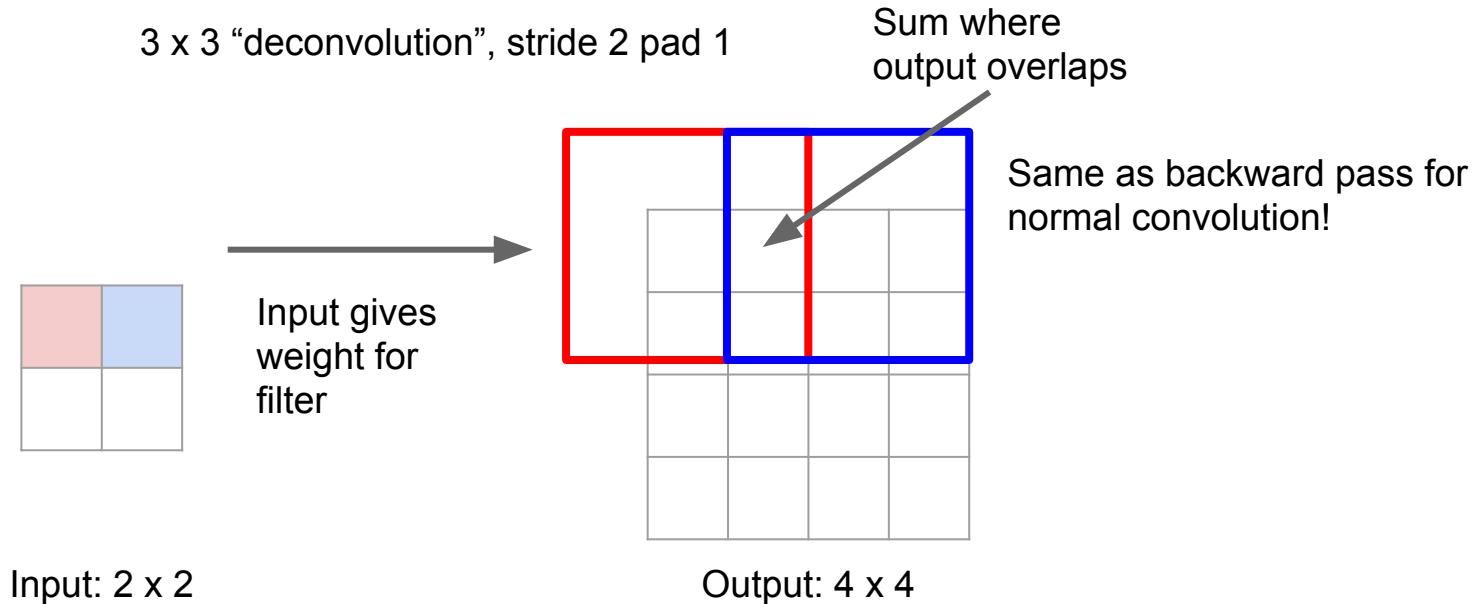
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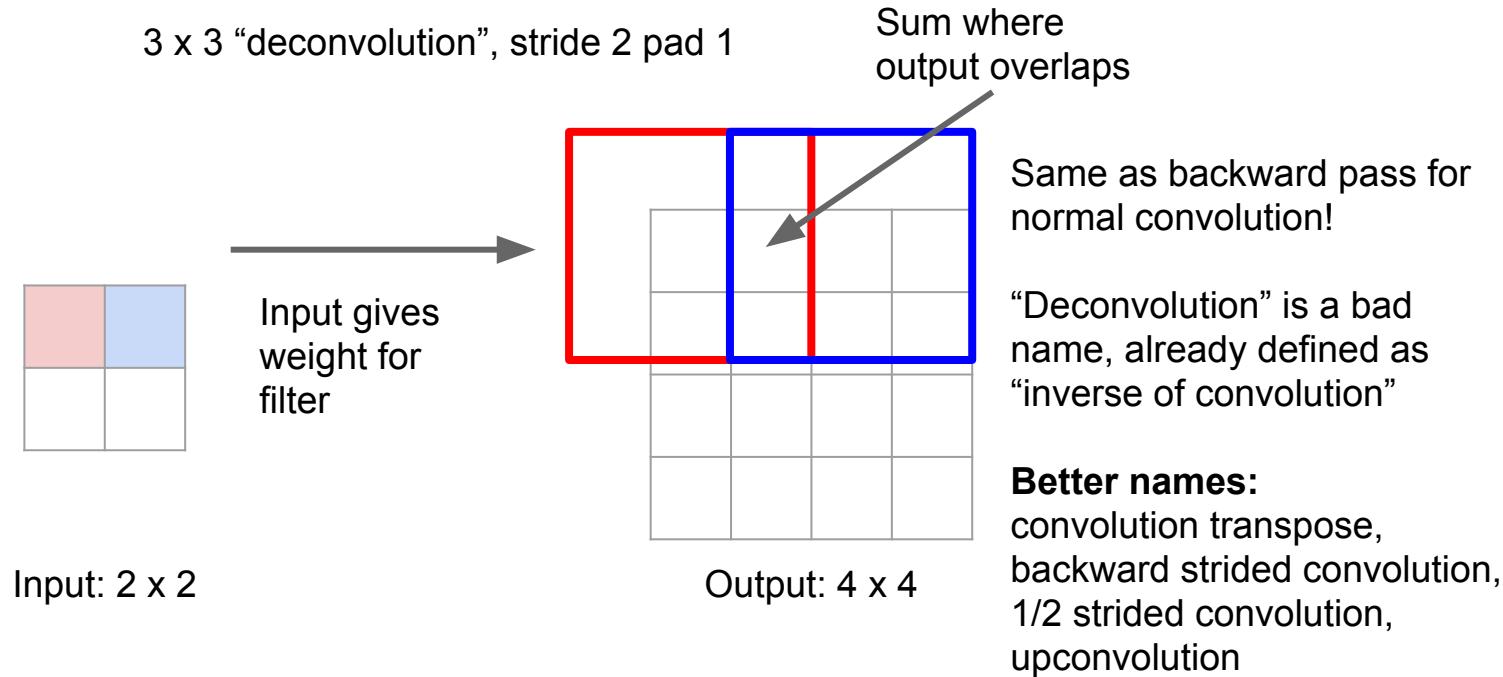
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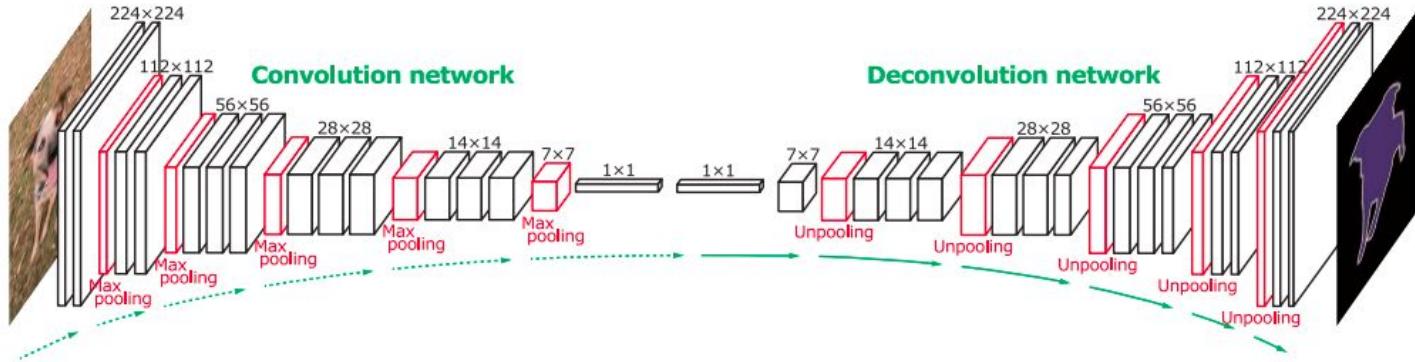
Great explanation
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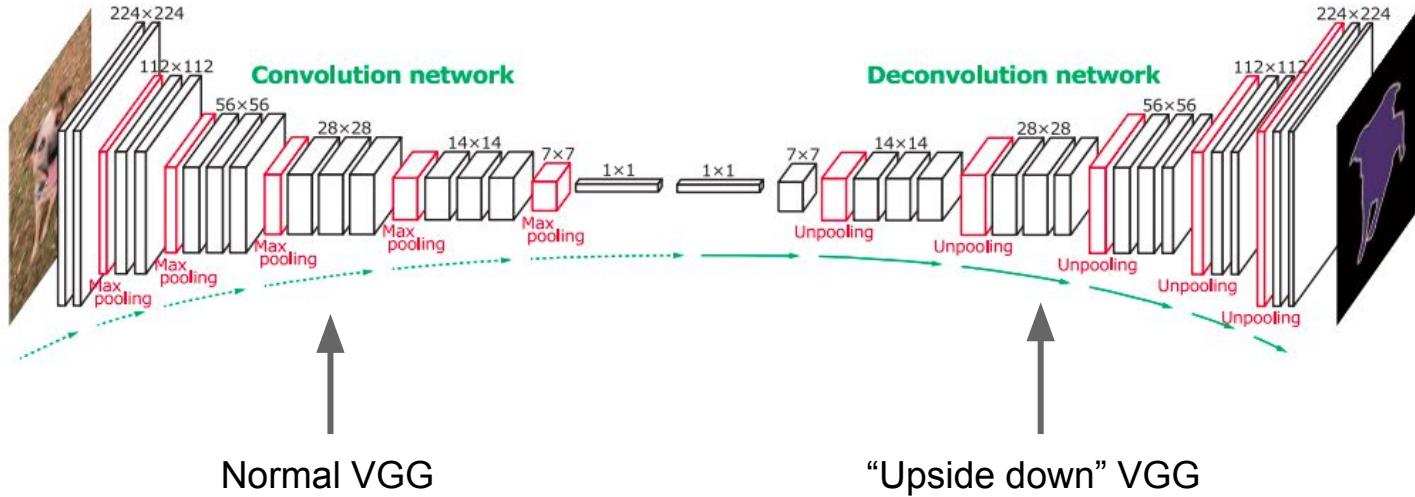
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6 days of training on Titan X...

Instance Segmentation

Instance Segmentation

Detect instances,
give category, label
pixels

“simultaneous
detection and
segmentation” (SDS)

Lots of recent work
(MS-COCO)

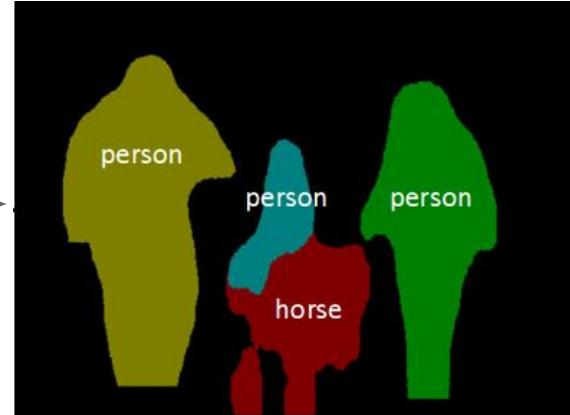


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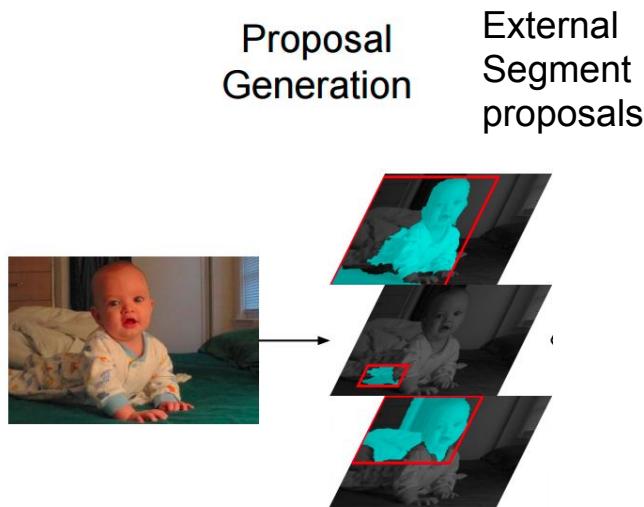
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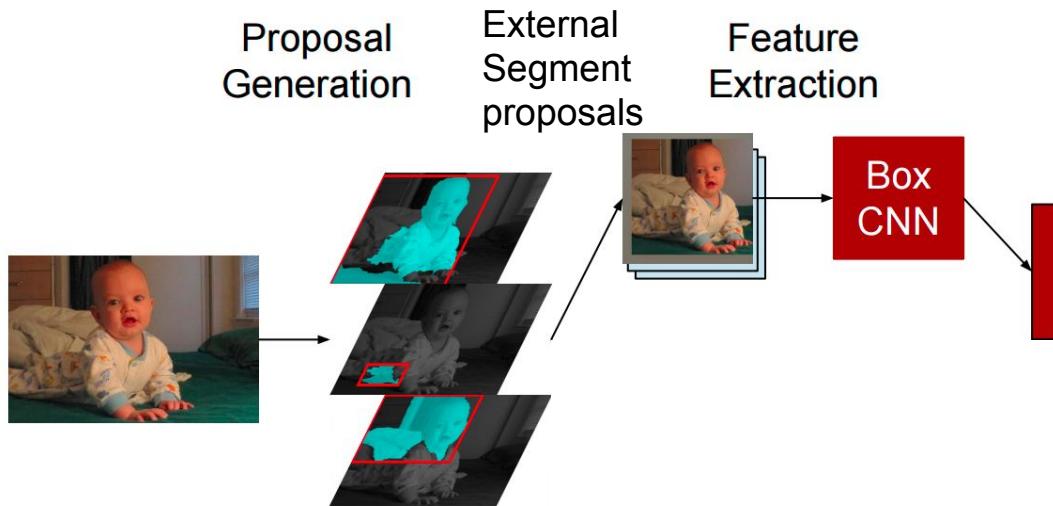
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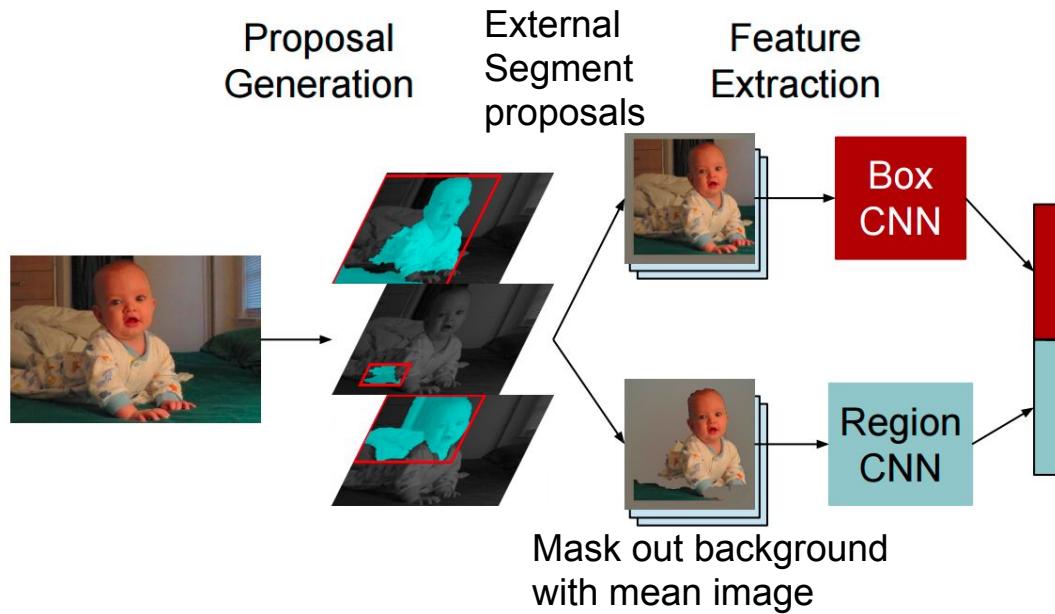
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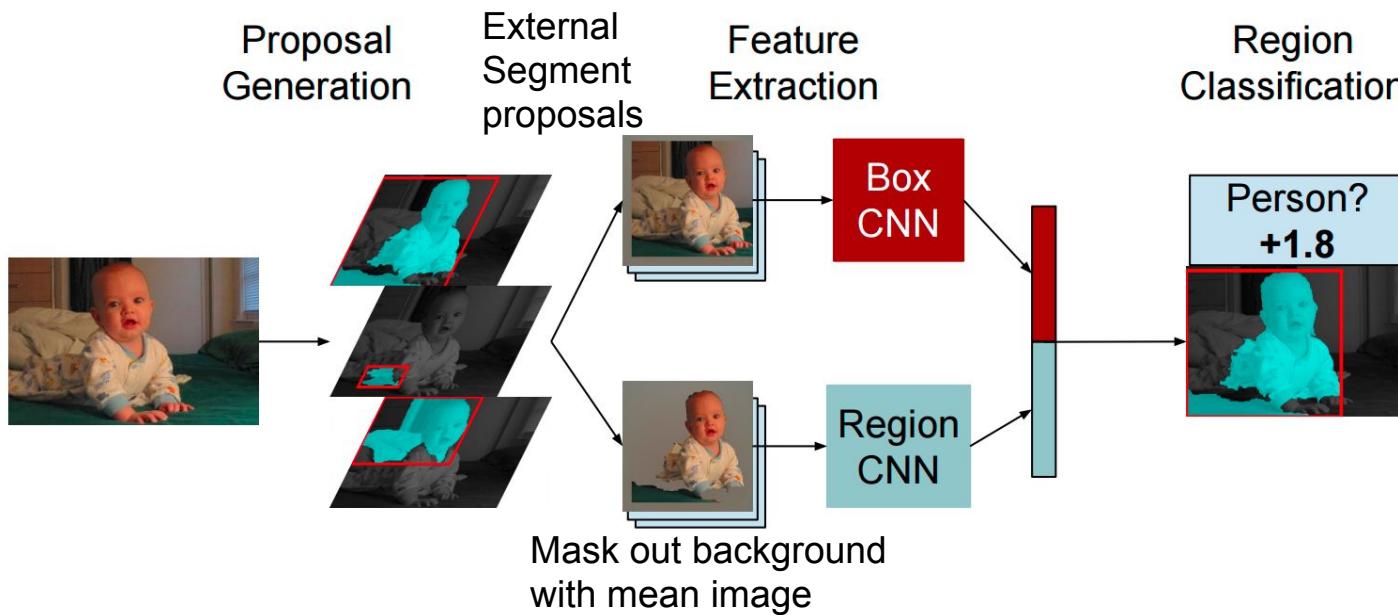
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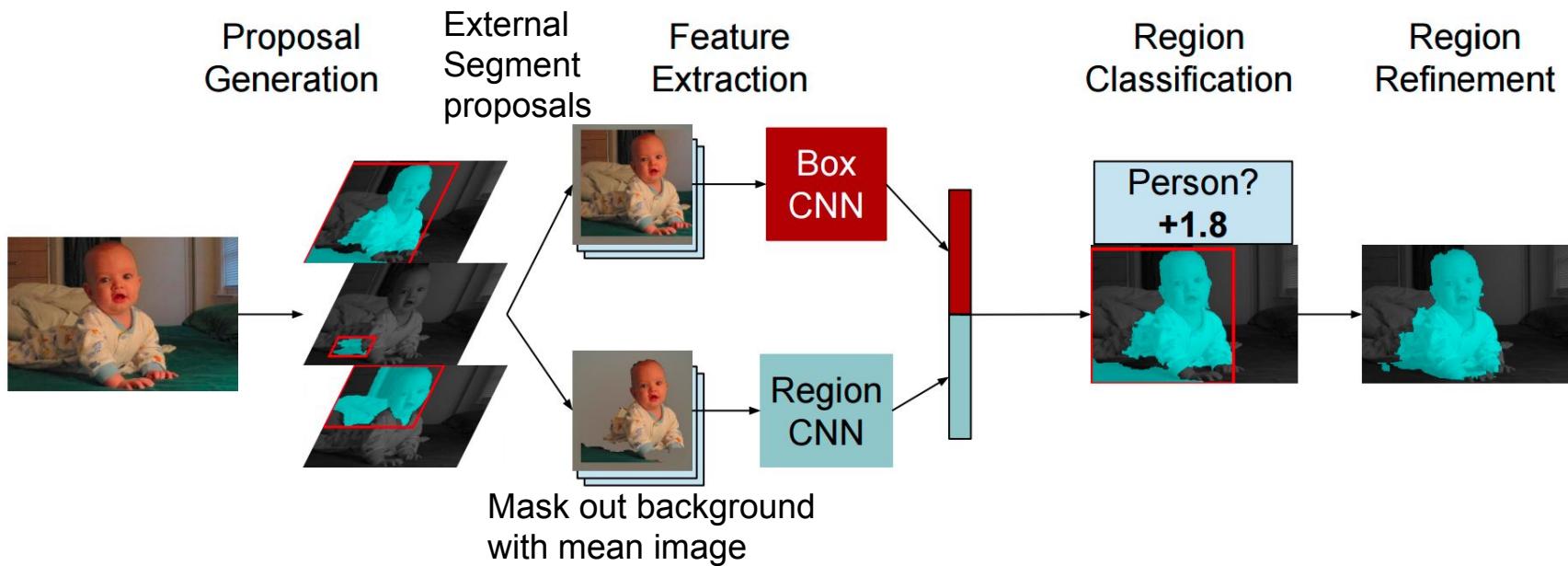
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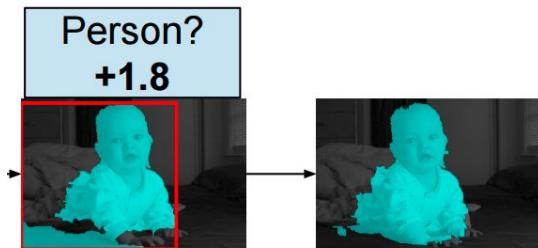
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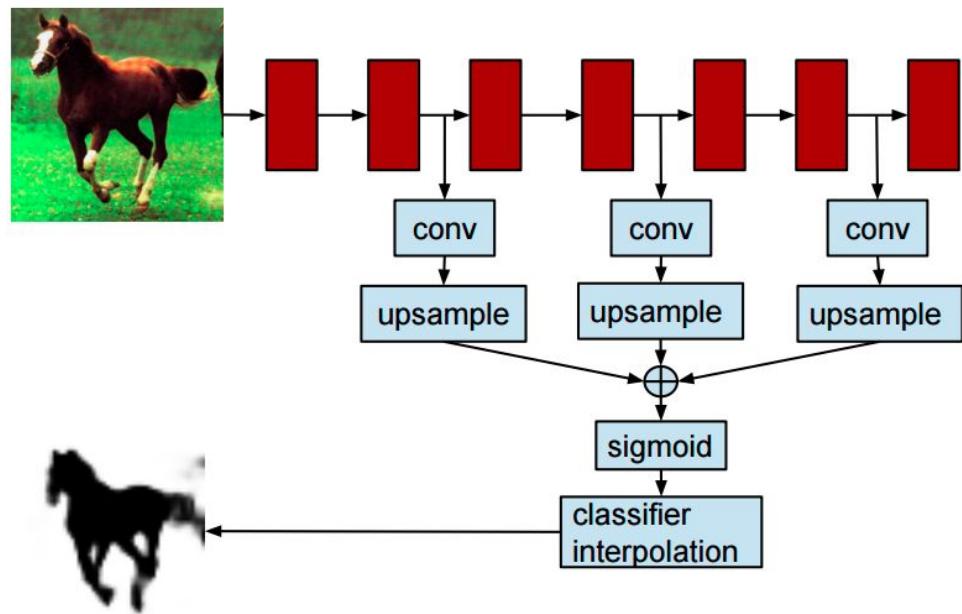
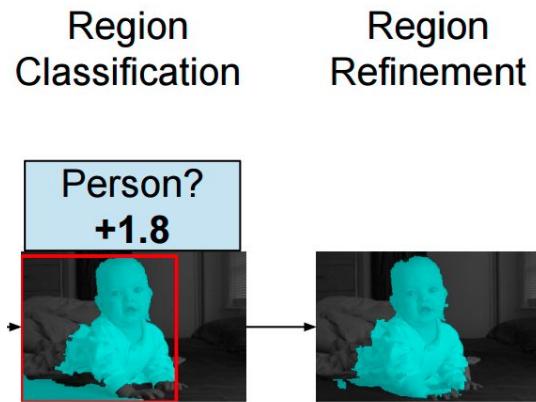
Instance Segmentation: Hypercolumns

Region
Classification Region
Refinement



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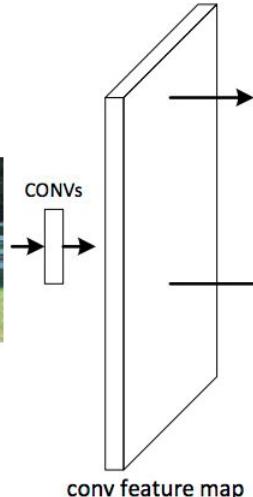


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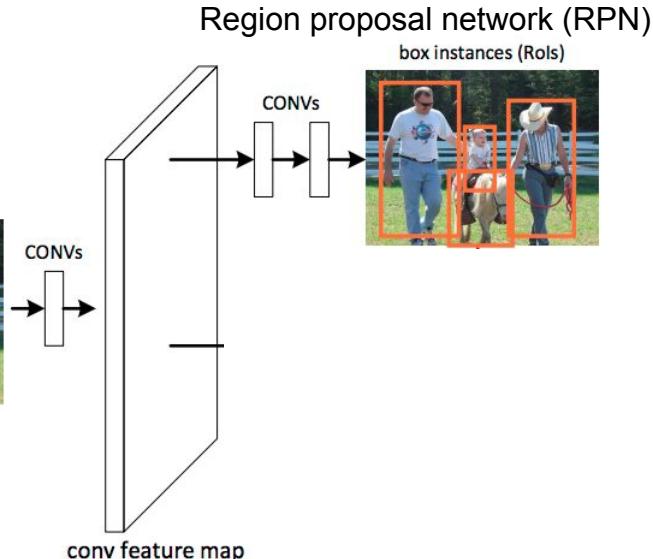


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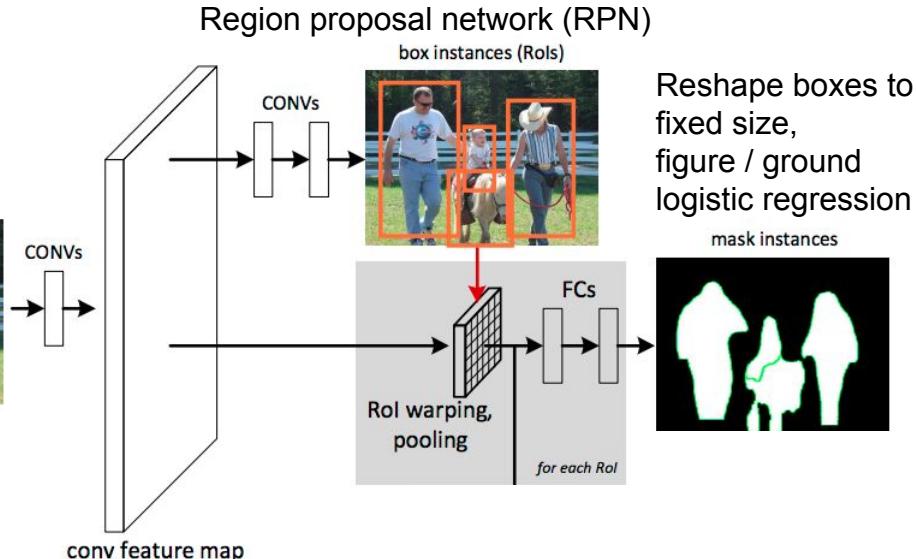


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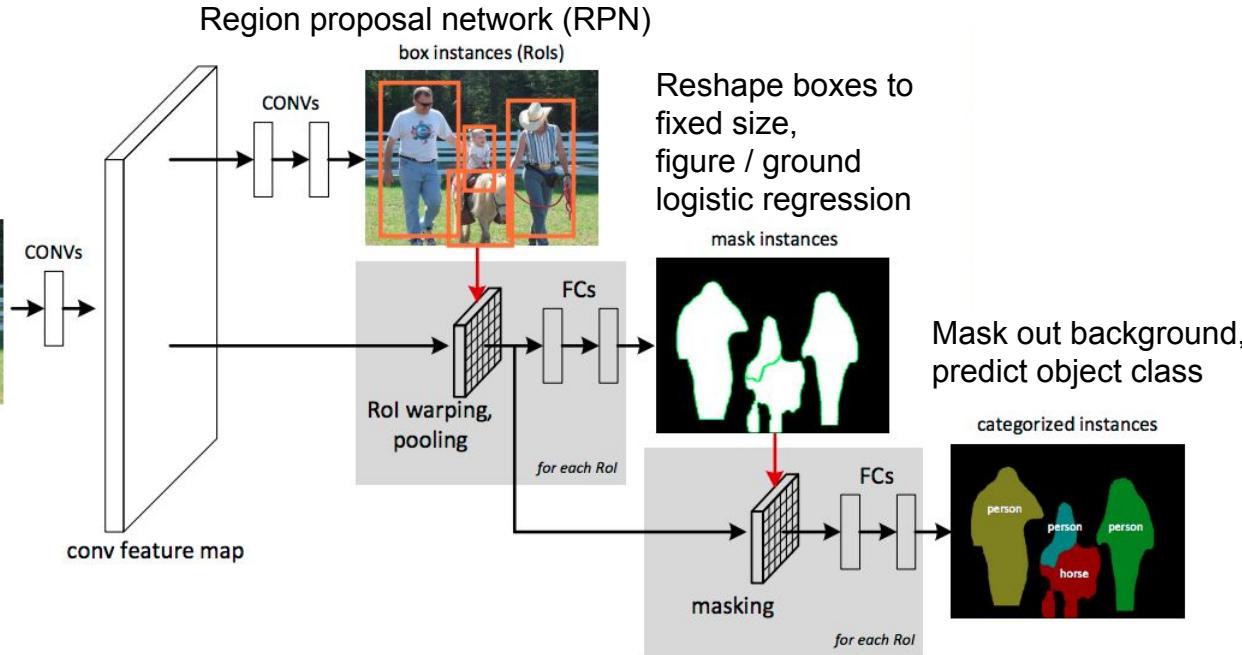


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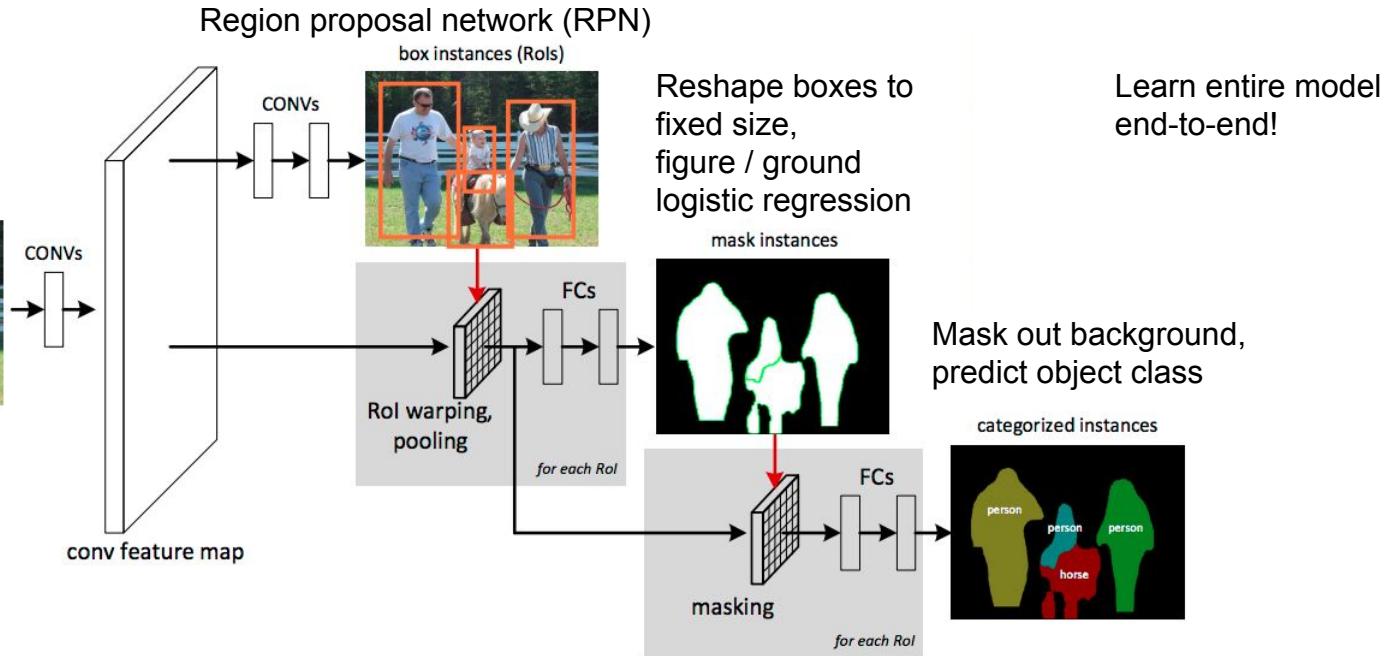


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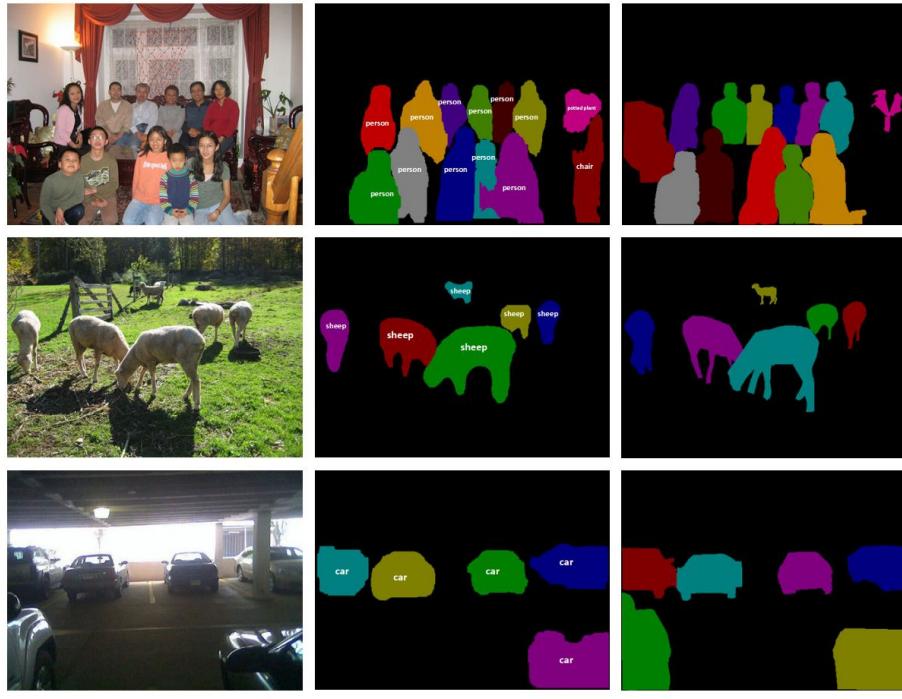
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Predictions

Ground truth

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Segmentation Overview

- Semantic segmentation
 - Classify all pixels
 - Fully convolutional models, downsample then upsample
 - Learnable upsampling: fractionally strided convolution
 - Skip connections can help
- Instance Segmentation
 - Detect instance, generate mask
 - Similar pipelines to object detection

Attention Models

Recall: RNN for Captioning

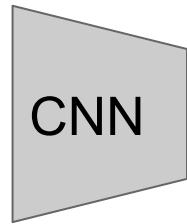


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 $H \times W \times 3$

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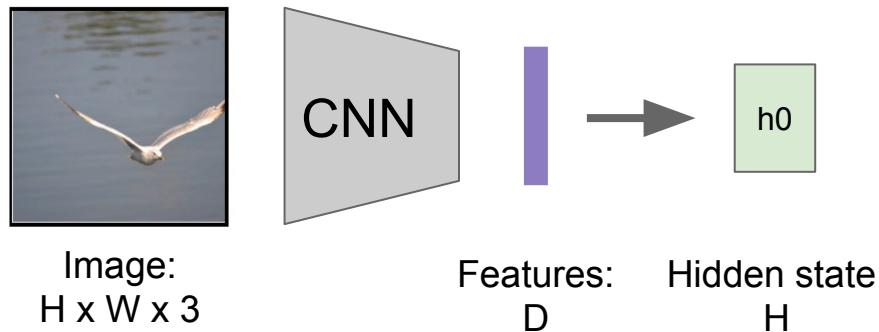
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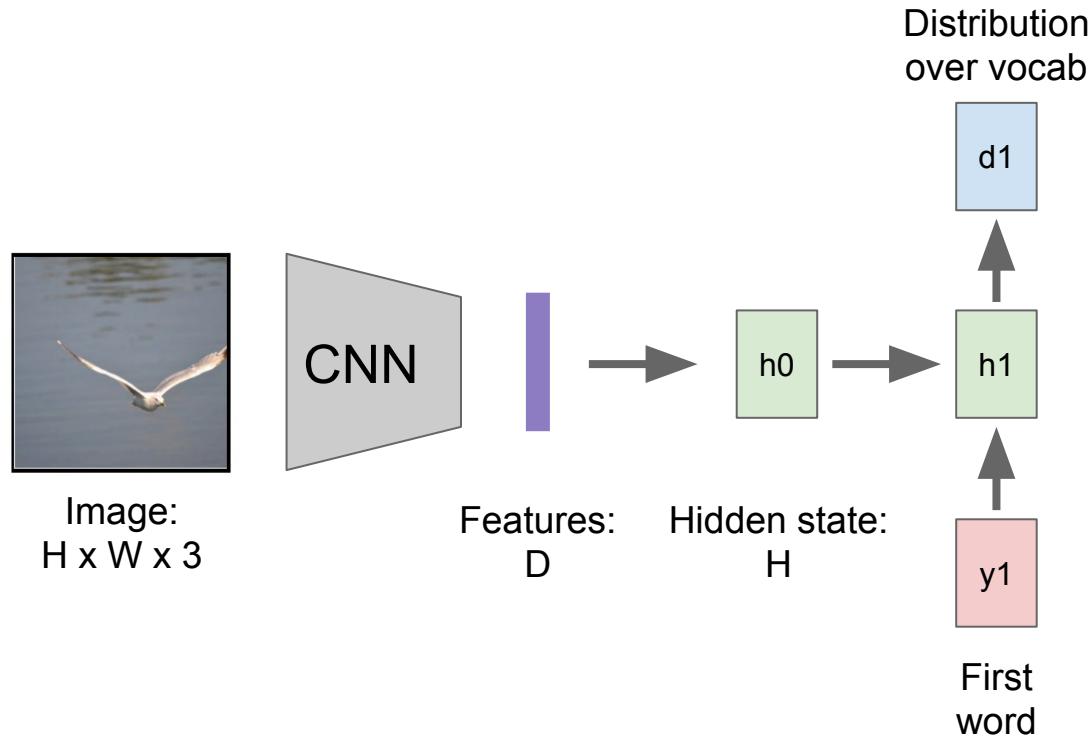
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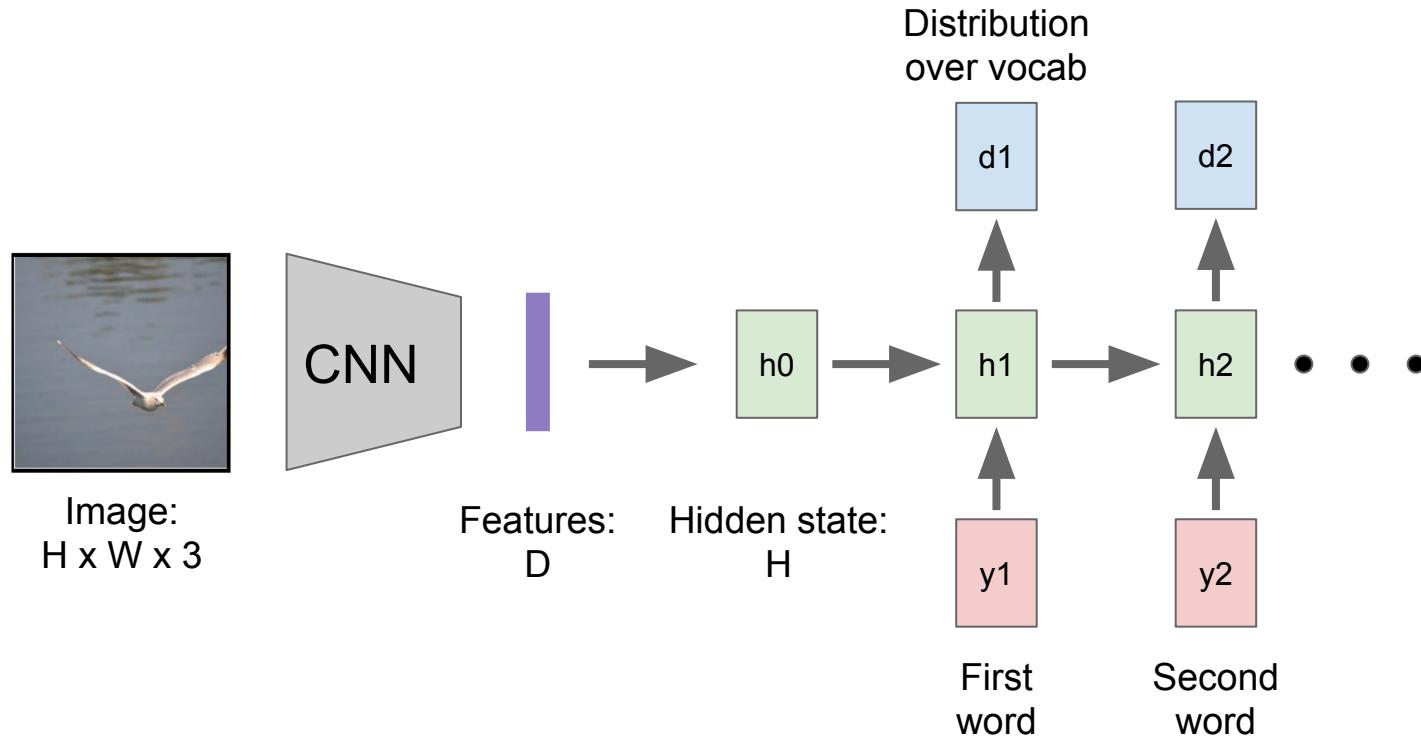
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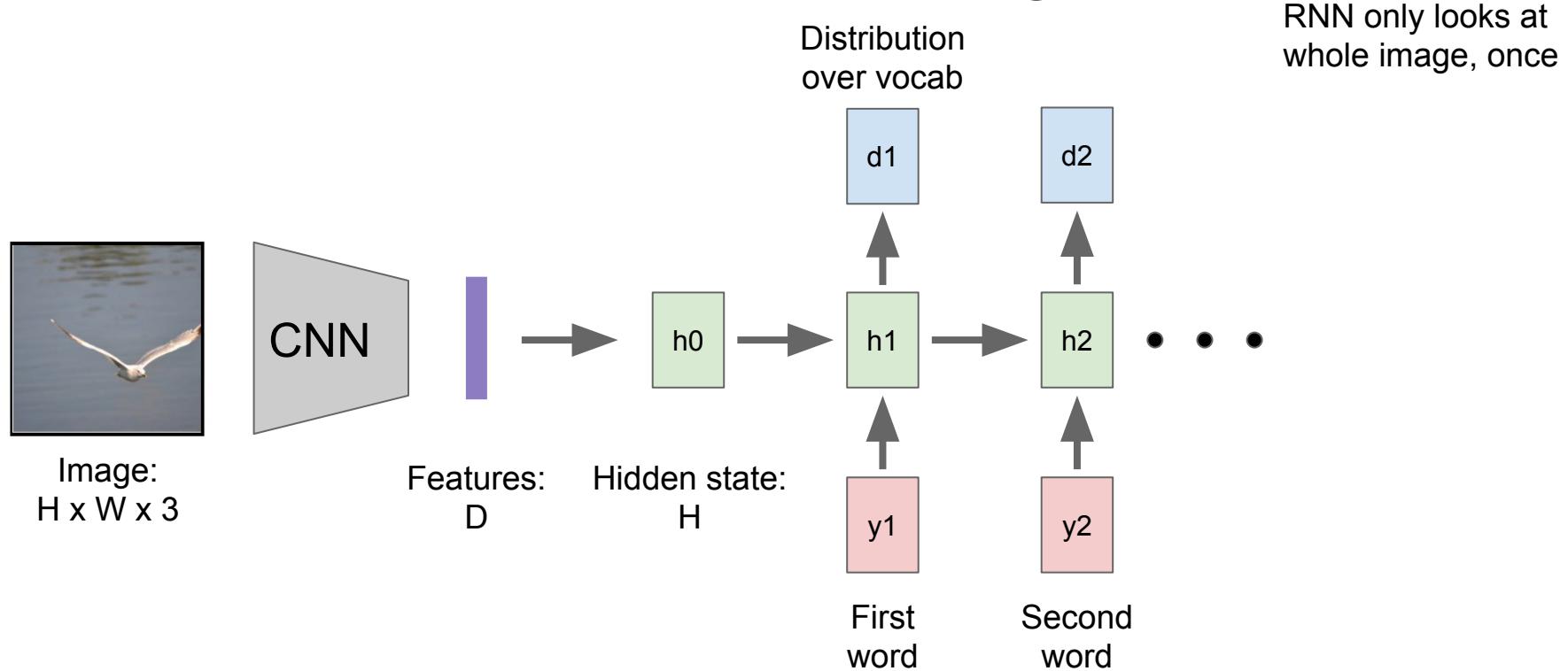
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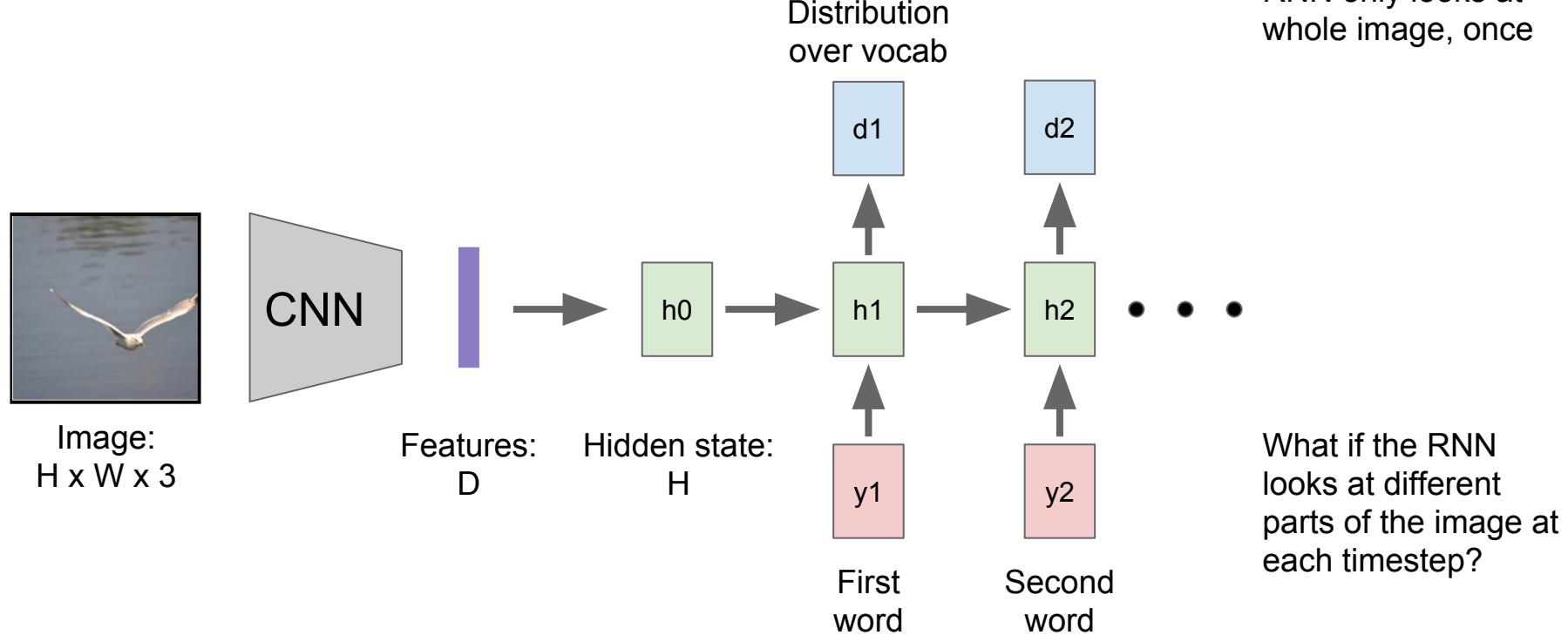
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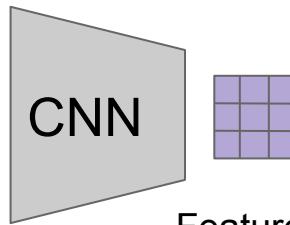
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Soft Attention for Captioning



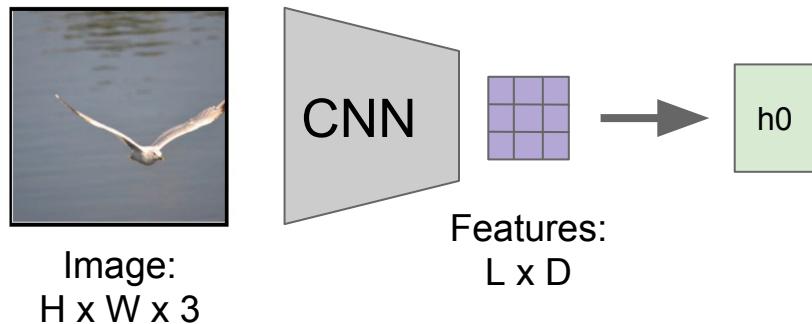
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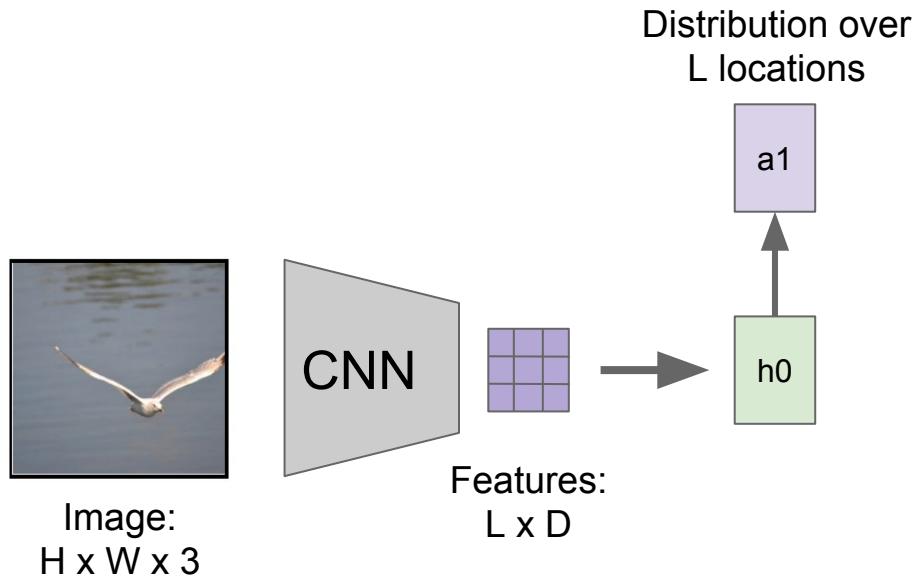
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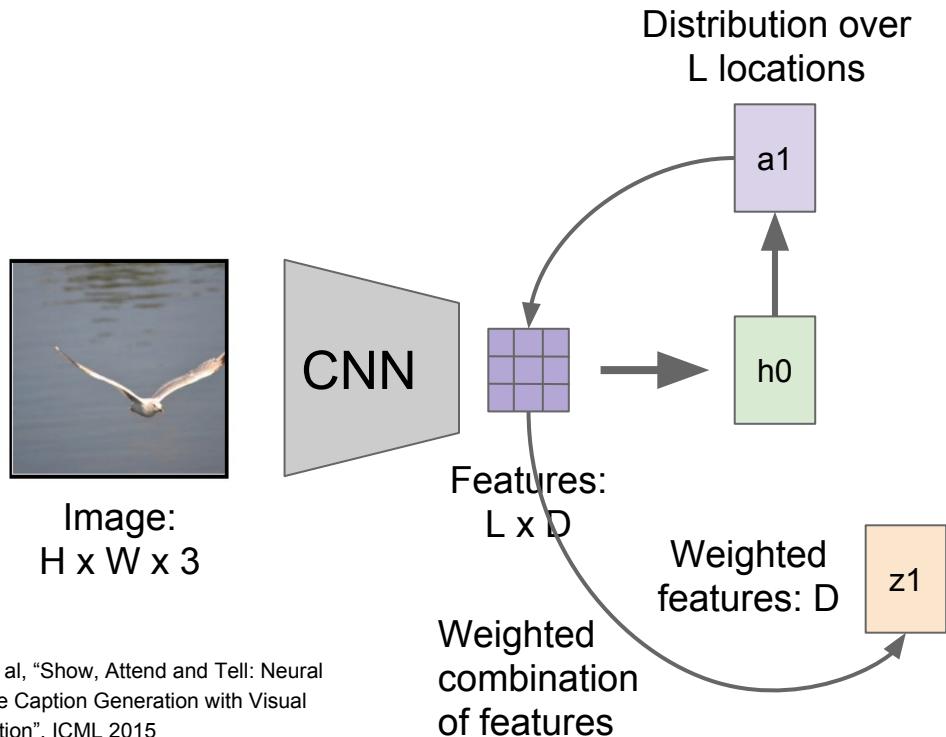
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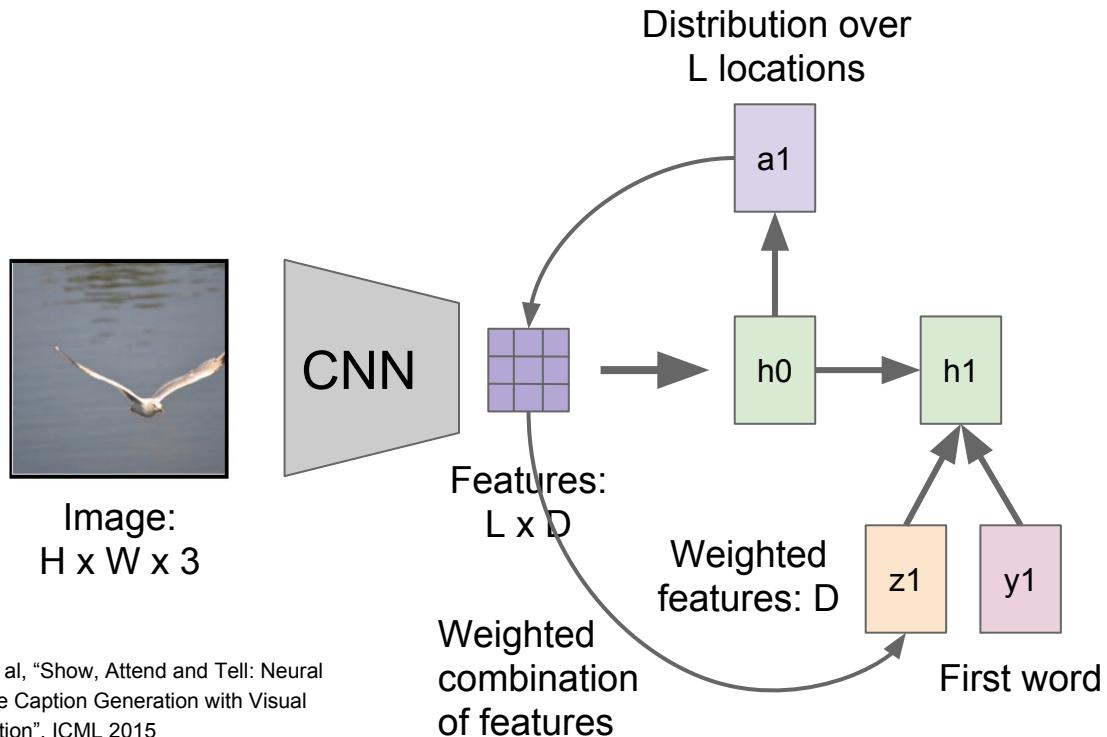
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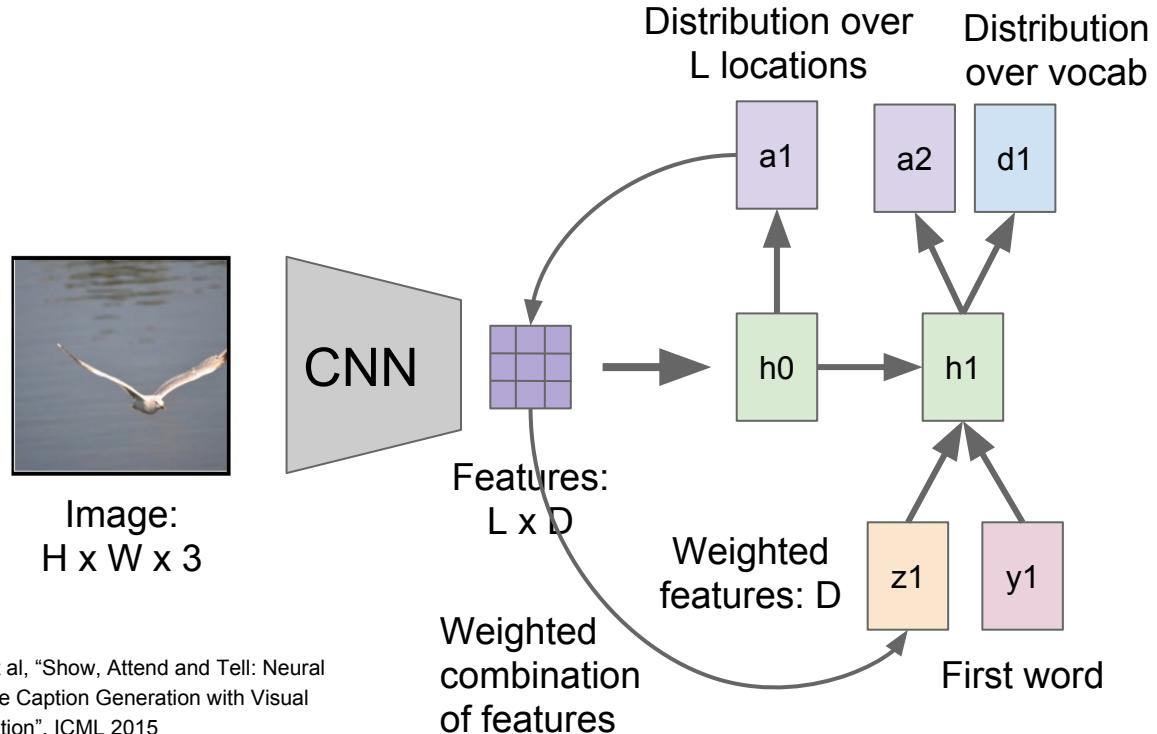
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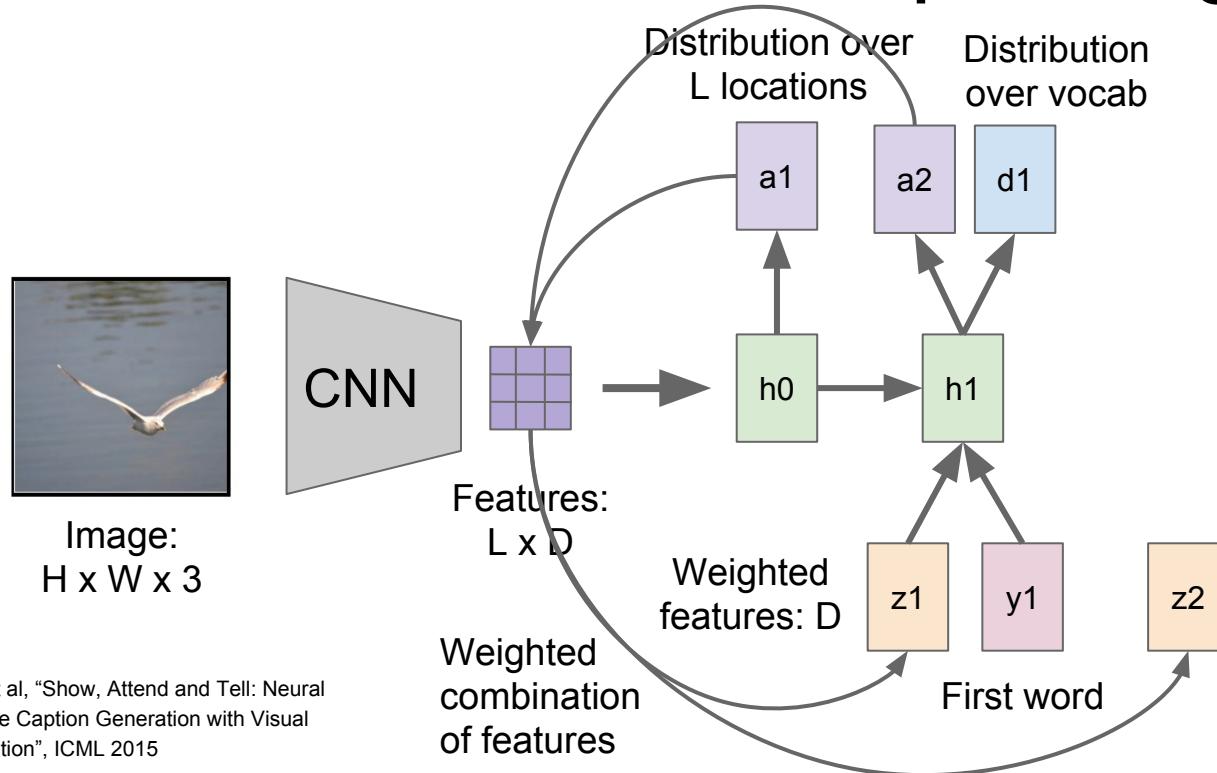
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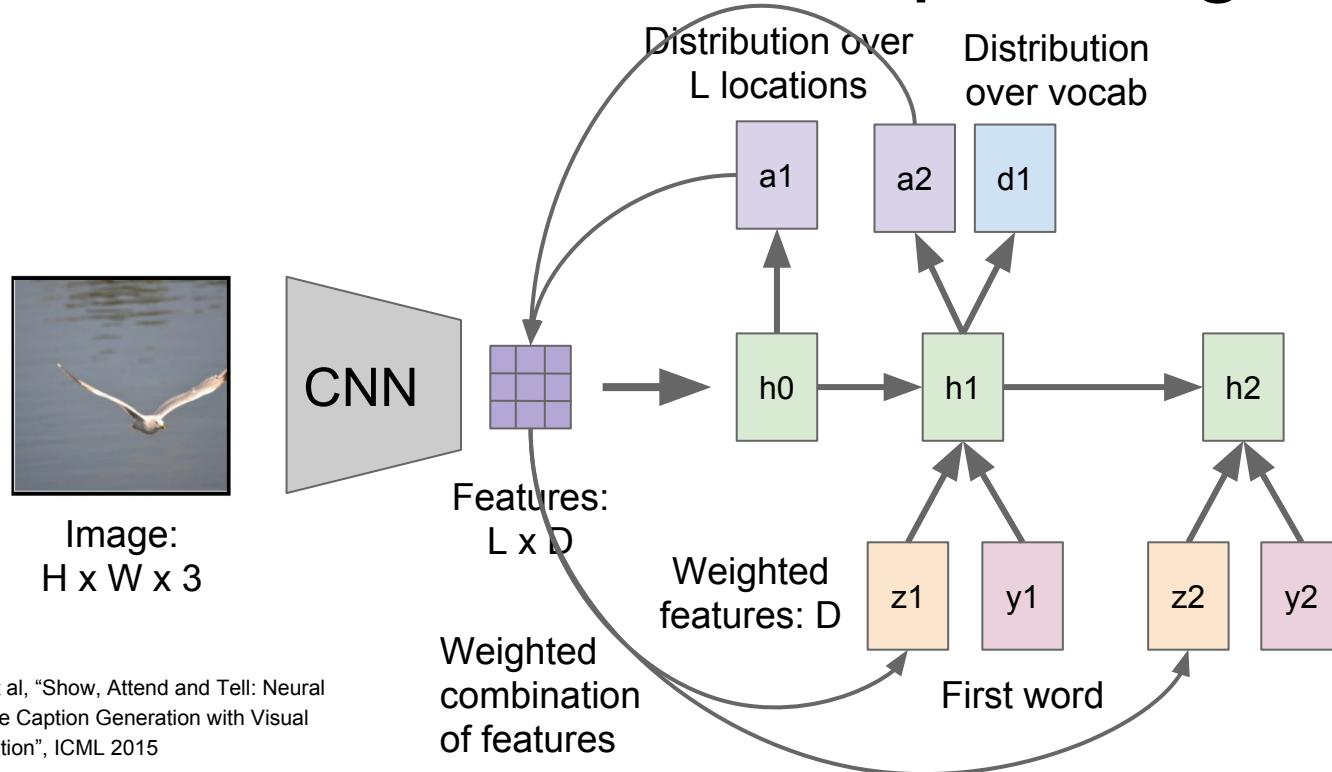
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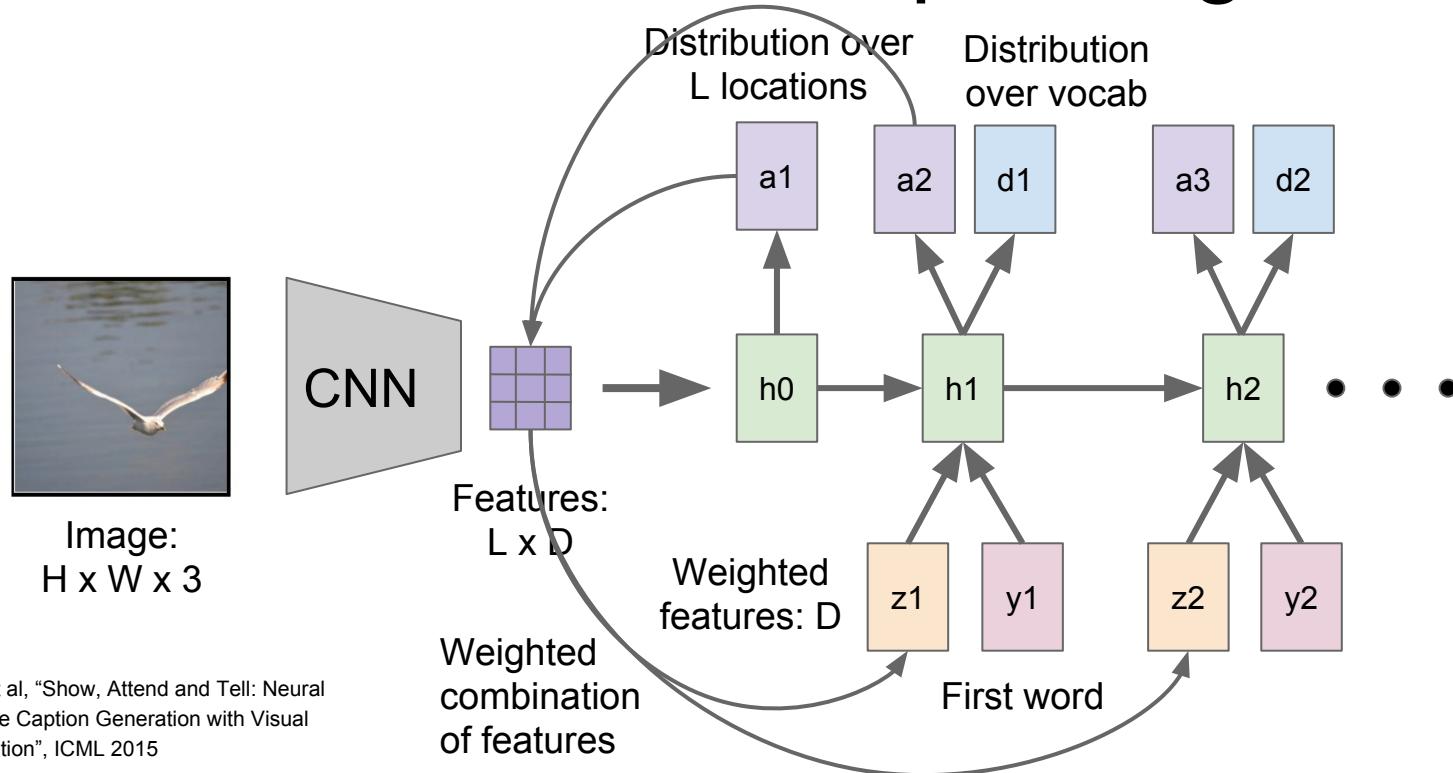
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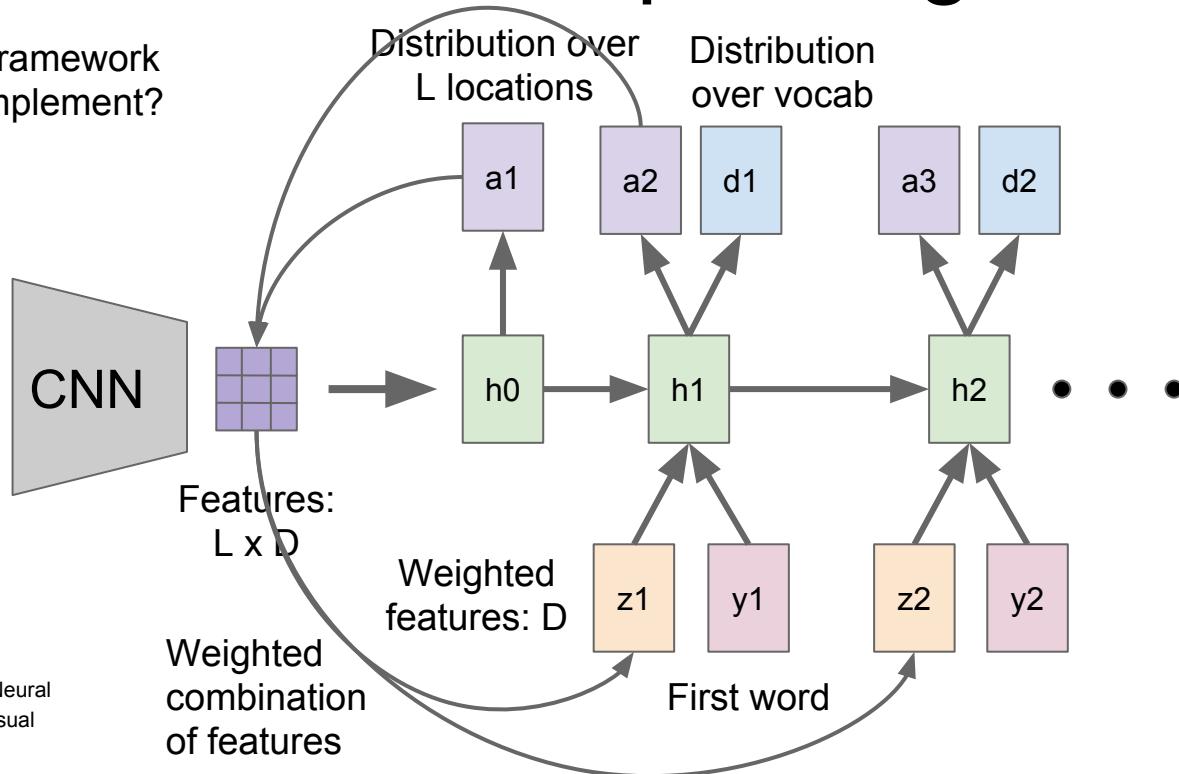
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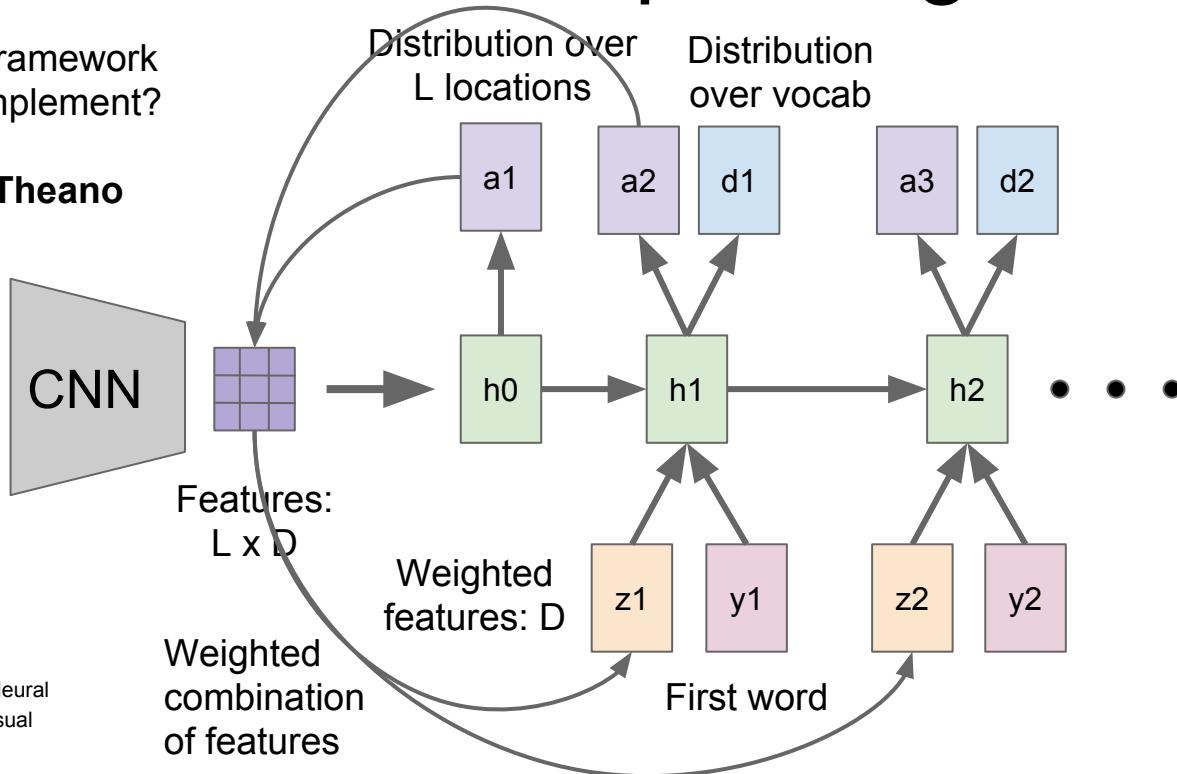
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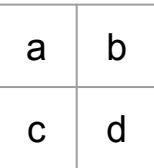
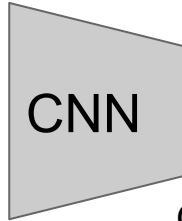


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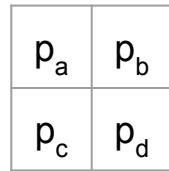


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Grid of features
(Each D-dimensional)

From
RNN:



Distribution over
grid locations

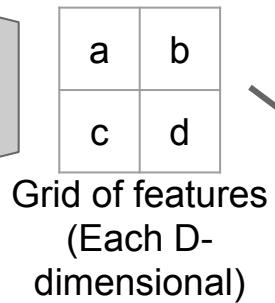
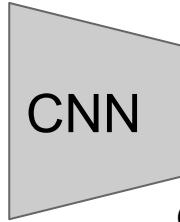
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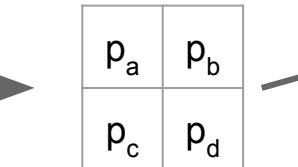


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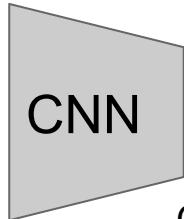
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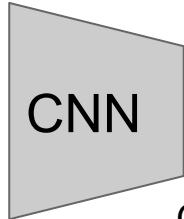
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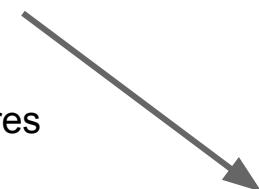
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Hard attention:
Sample ONE location
according to p , $z =$ that vector

With argmax, dz/dp is zero
almost everywhere ...
Can't use gradient descent;
need reinforcement learning

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Soft Attention for Captioning

Soft attention



Hard attention



A

bird

flying

over

a

body

of

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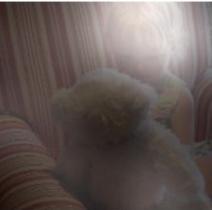
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A dog is standing on a hardwood floor.

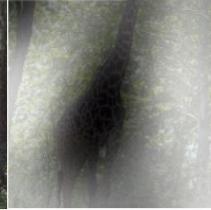
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A little girl sitting on a bed with a teddy bear.



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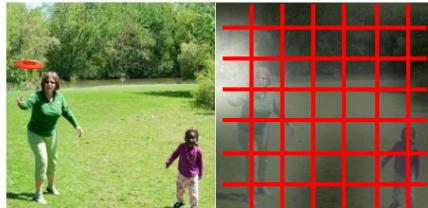


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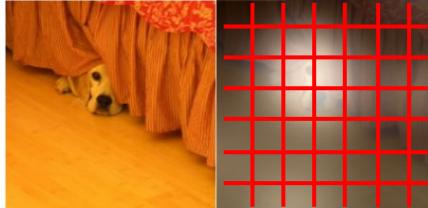
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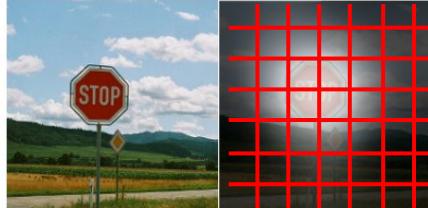
Attention constrained to fixed grid! We'll come back to this



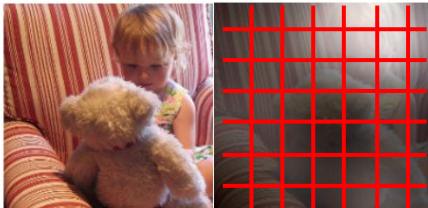
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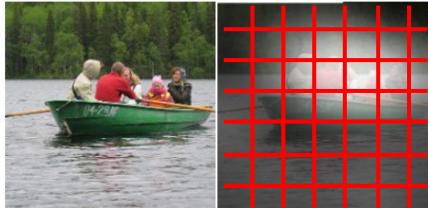
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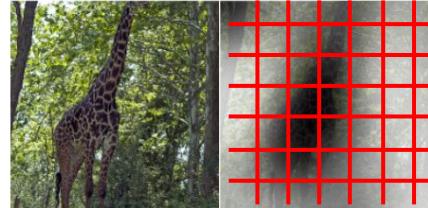
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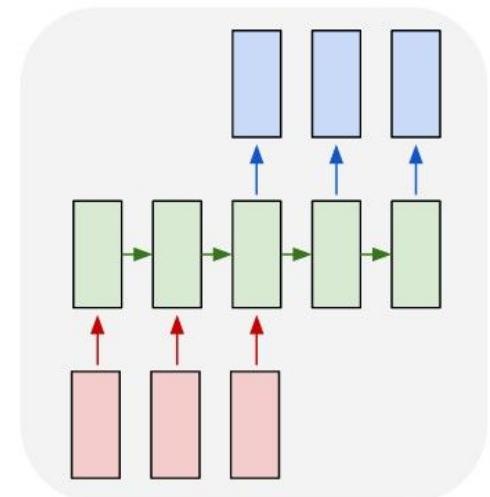
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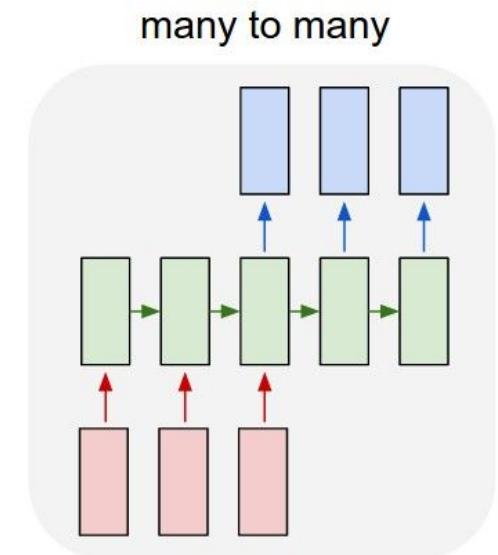
“Mi gato es el mejor” -> “My cat is the best”

many to many



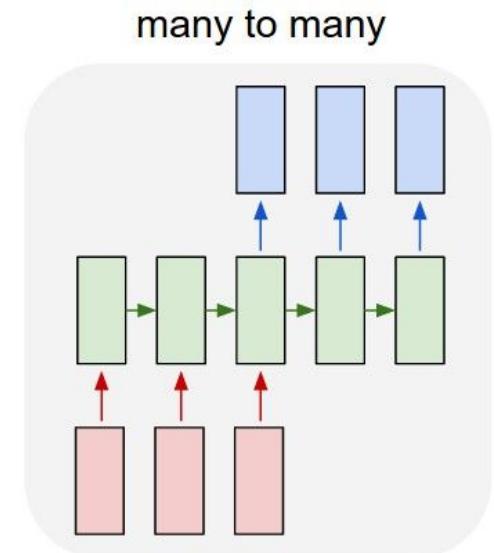
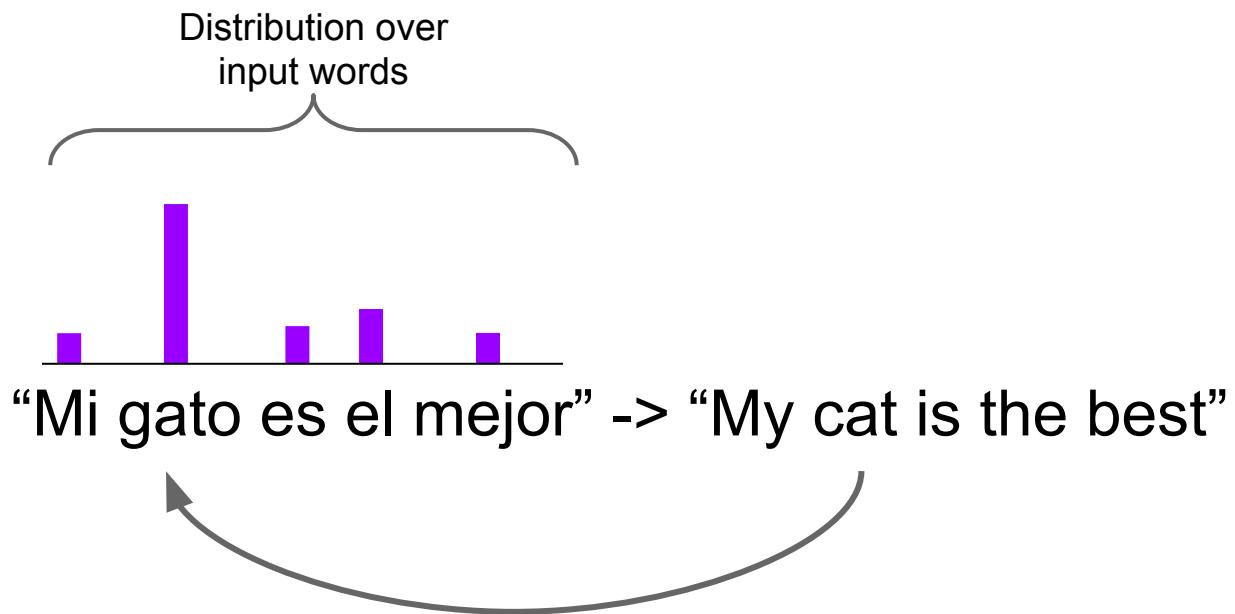
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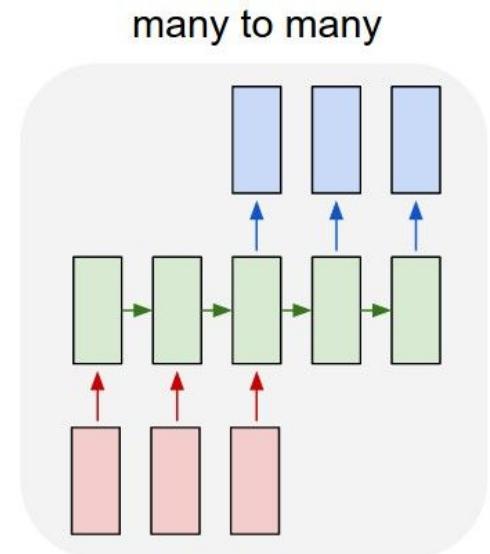
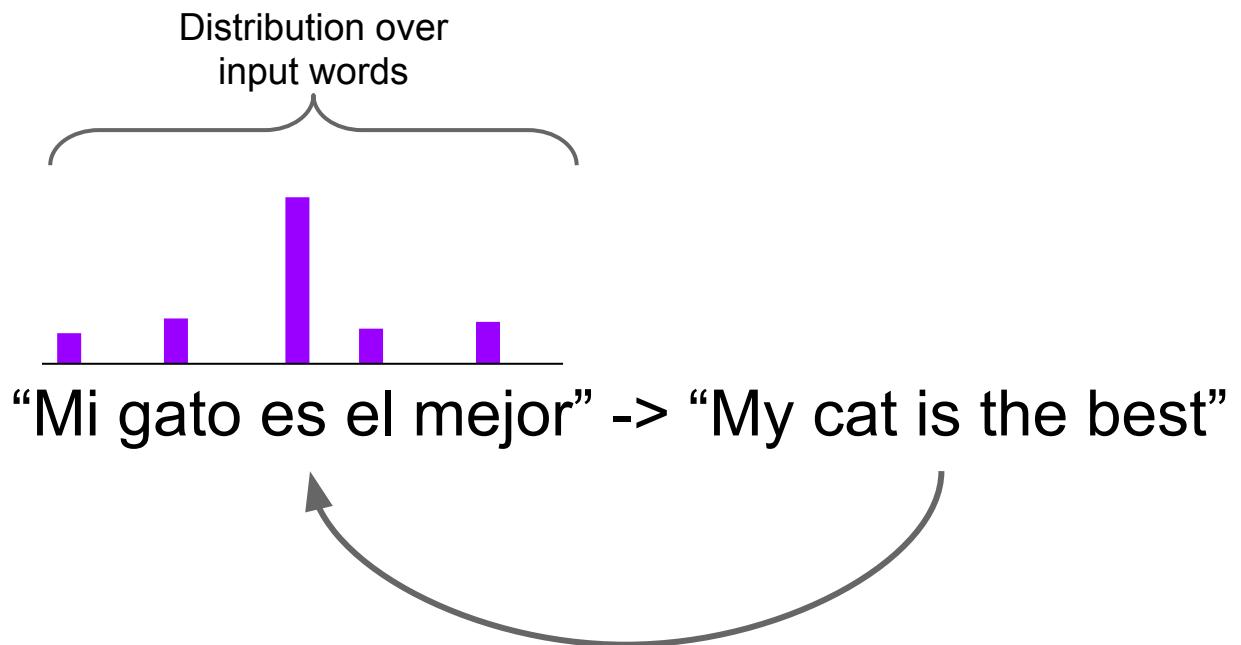
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Soft Attention for Everything!

Machine Translation, attention over input:

- Luong et al, "Effective Approaches to Attention-based Neural Machine Translation," EMNLP 2015



Speech recognition, attention over input sounds:

- Chan et al, "Listen, Attend, and Spell", arXiv 2015
- Chorowski et al, "Attention-based models for Speech Recognition", NIPS 2015

Video captioning, attention over input frames:

- Yao et al, "Describing Videos by Exploiting Temporal Structure", ICCV 2015

What season does this appear to be?
GT: fall Our Model: fall



What is soaring in the sky?
GT: kite Our Model: kite



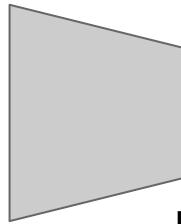
Image, question to answer, attention over image:

- Xu and Saenko, "Ask, Attend and Answer: Exploring Question-Guided Spatial Attention for Visual Question Answering", arXiv 2015
- Zhu et al, "Visual7W: Grounded Question Answering in Images", arXiv 2015

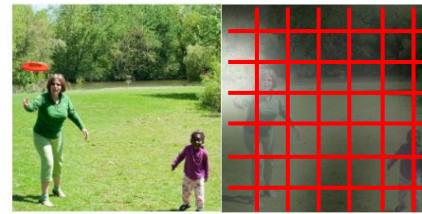
Attending to arbitrary regions?



Image:
 $H \times W \times 3$



Features:
 $L \times D$

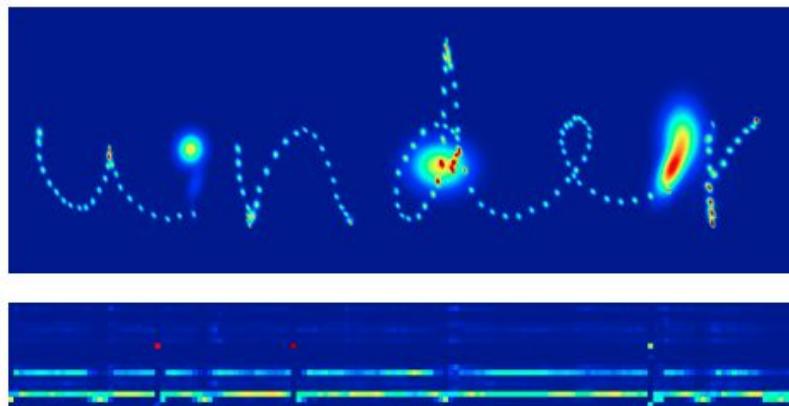


A woman is throwing a frisbee in a park.

Attention mechanism from Show, Attend, and Tell only lets us softly attend to fixed grid positions ... can we do better?

Attending to Arbitrary Regions

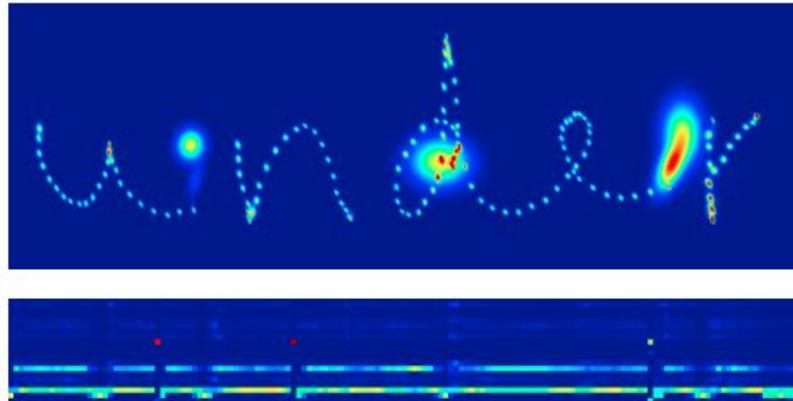
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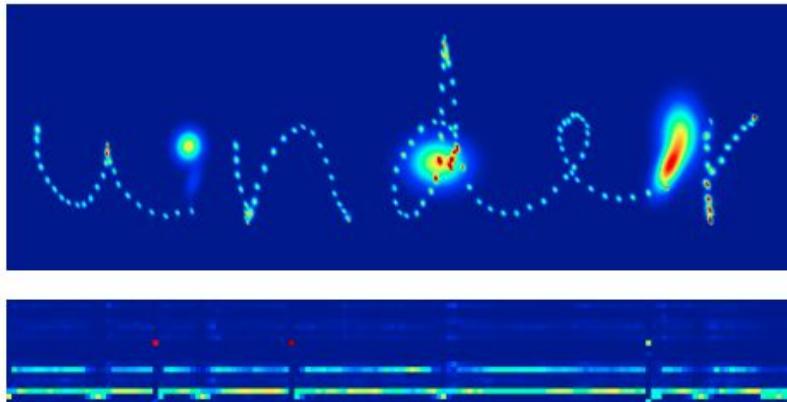
Which are real and which are generated?

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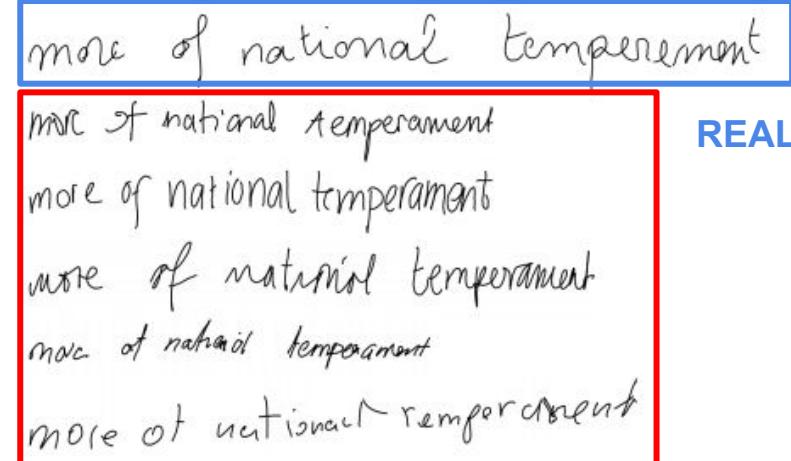
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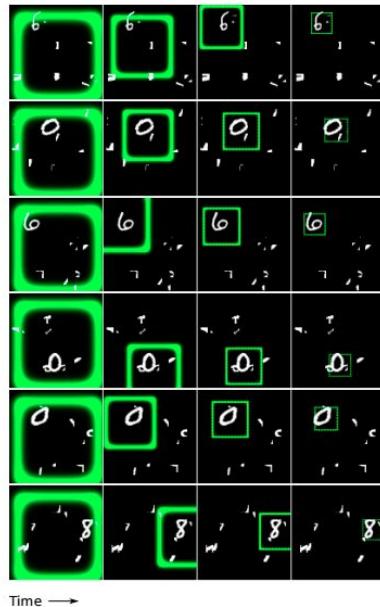
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Attending to Arbitrary Regions: DRAW

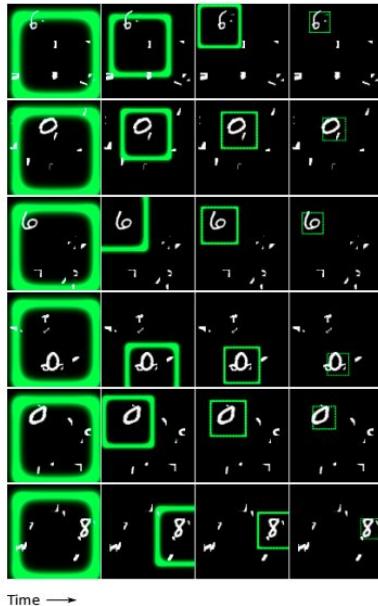
Classify images by attending to arbitrary regions of the *input*



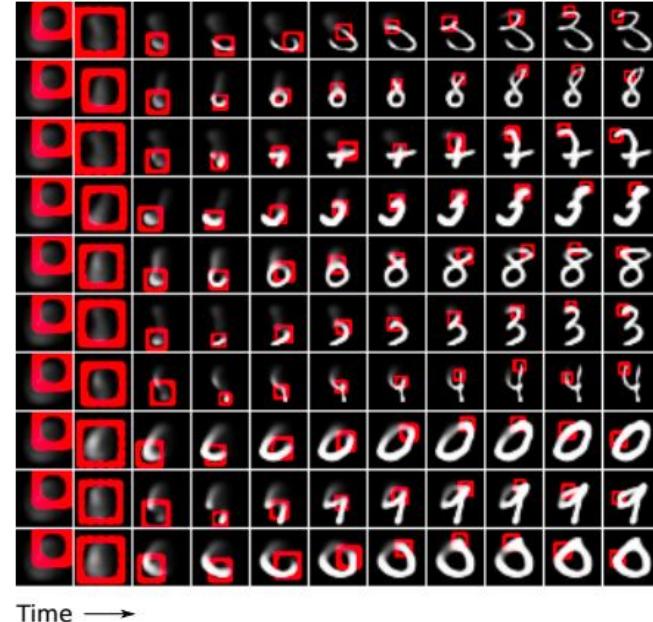
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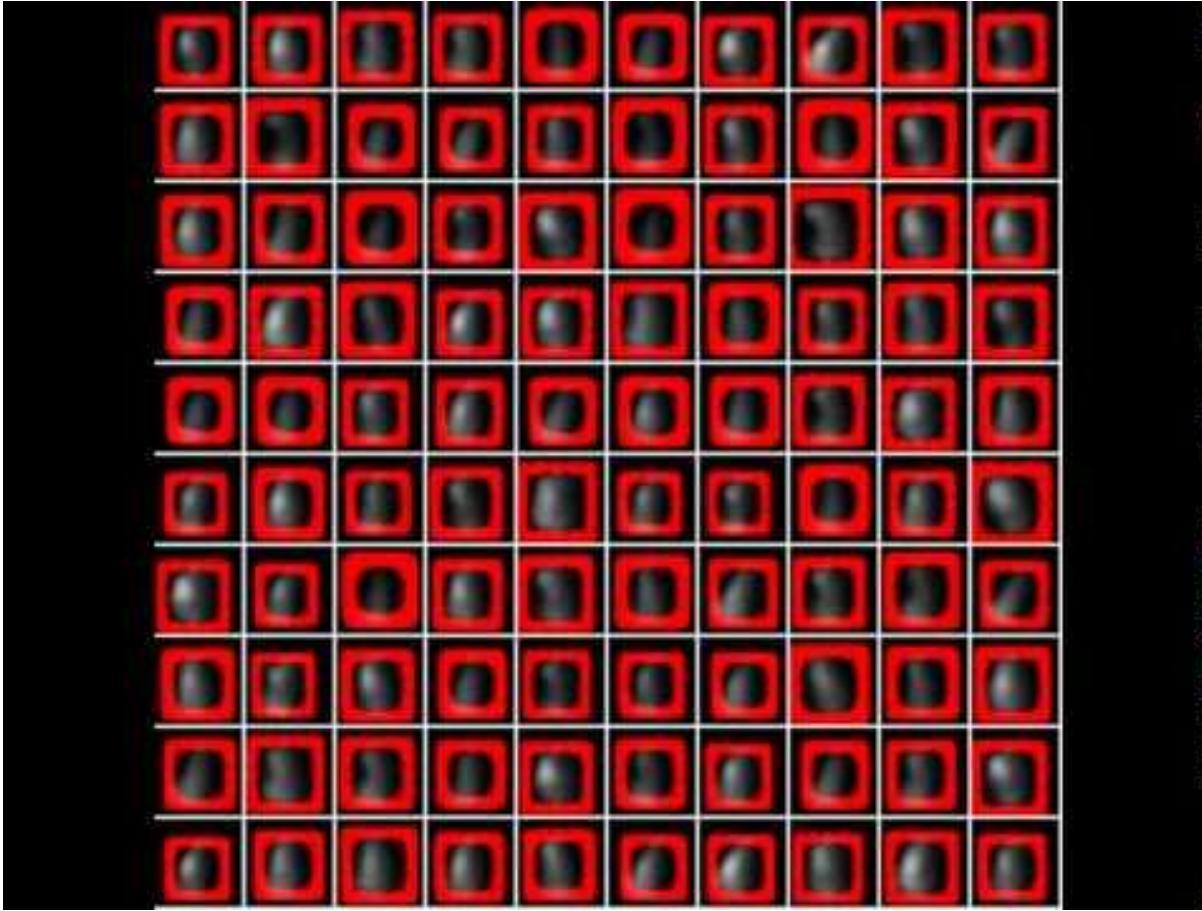
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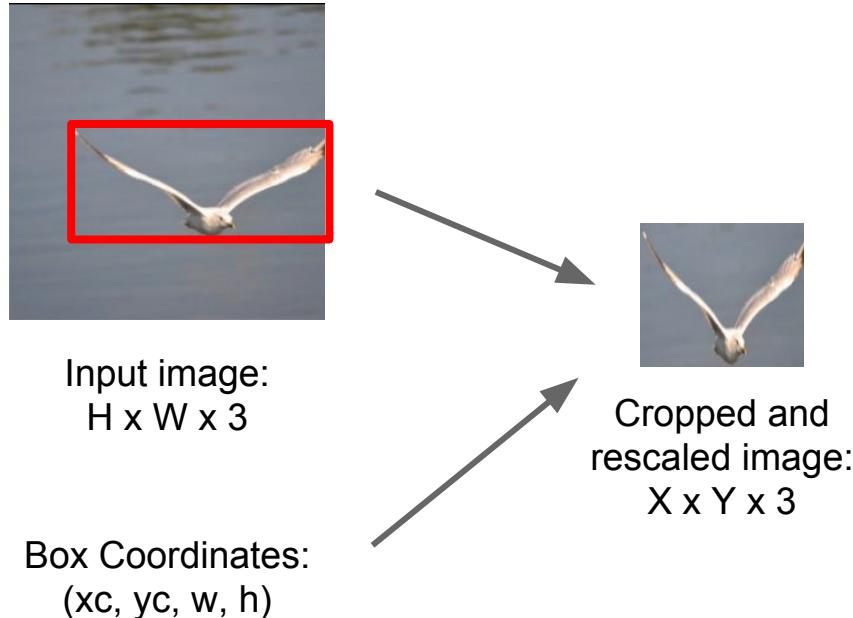
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Attending to Arbitrary Regions: Spatial Transformer Networks

Attention mechanism similar to DRAW, but easier to explain

Spatial Transformer Networks



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Spatial Transformer Networks



Input image:
 $H \times W \times 3$

Box Coordinates:
 (x_c, y_c, w, h)

Can we make this
function differentiable?



Cropped and
rescaled image:
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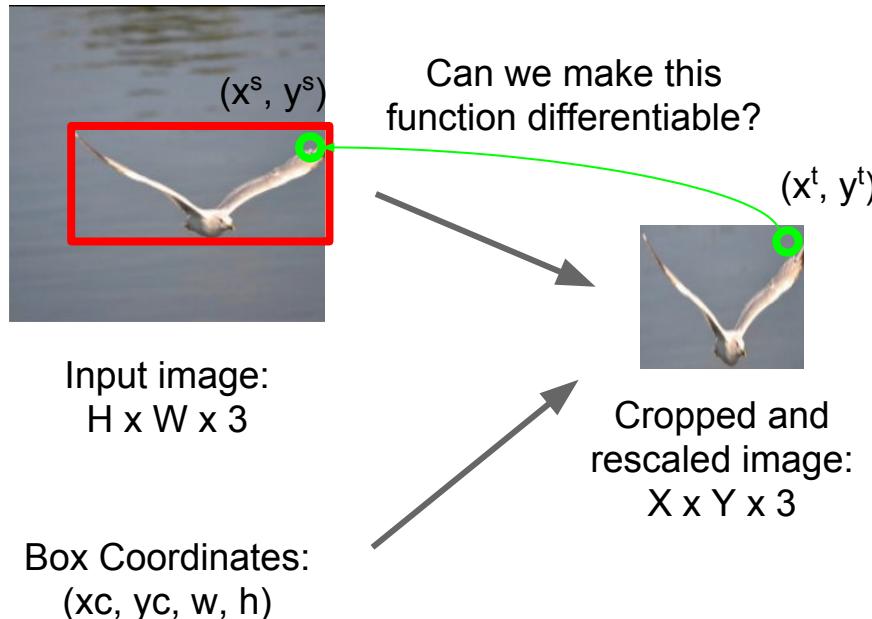


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Idea: Function mapping
pixel coordinates (x_t, y_t) of
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(x_s, y_s) of input

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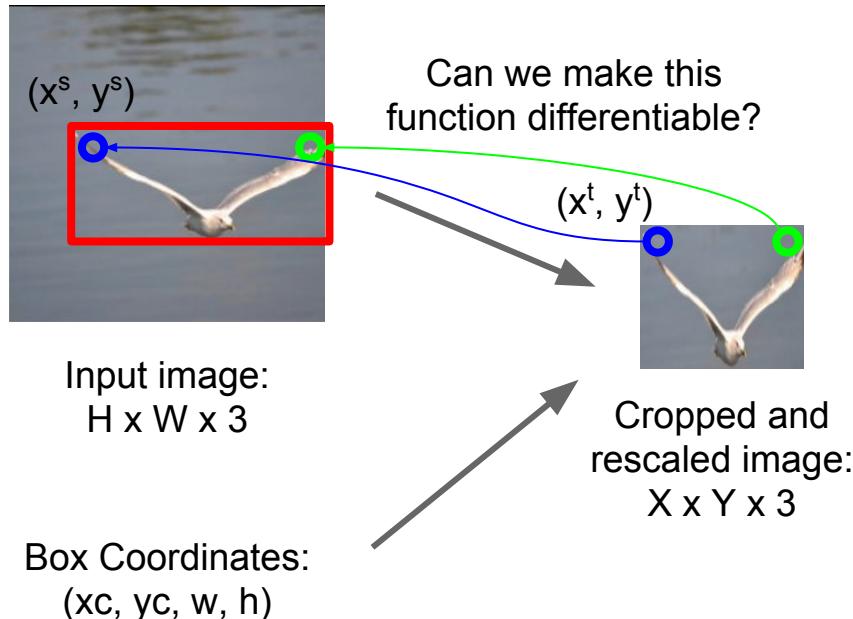


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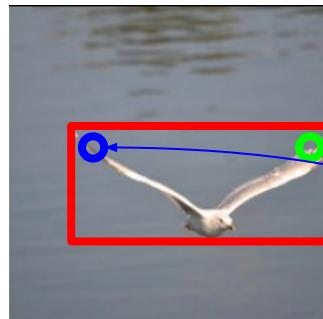


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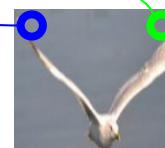
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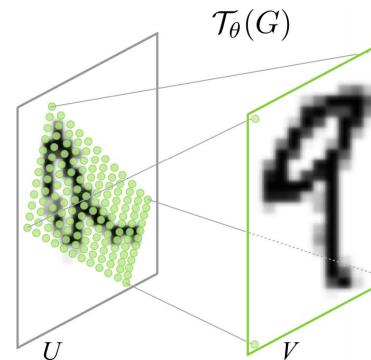
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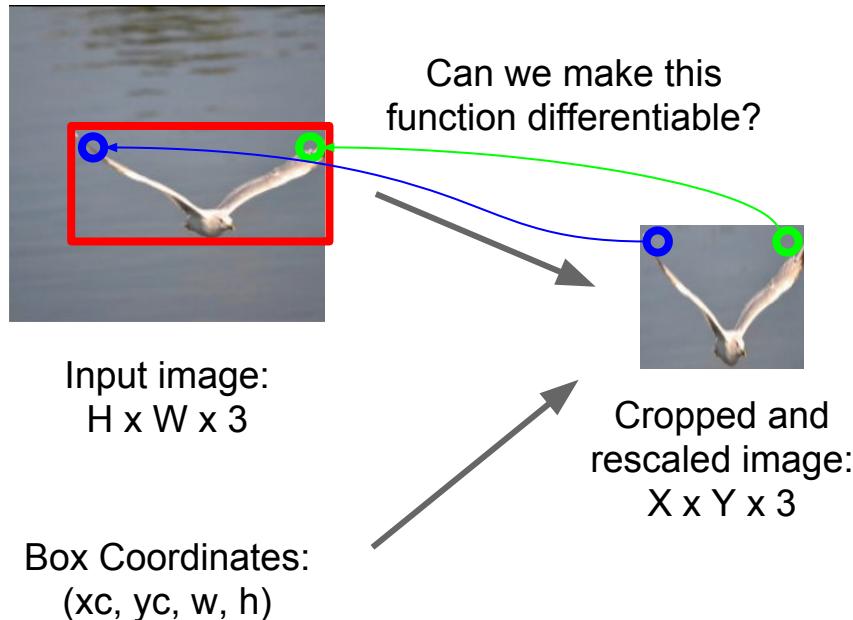
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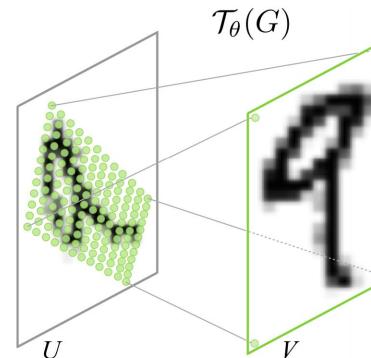
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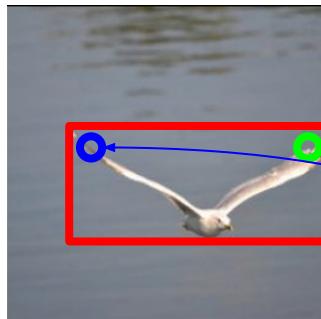


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Then use **bilinear interpolation** to compute output

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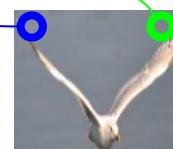
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Input image:
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Box Coordinates:
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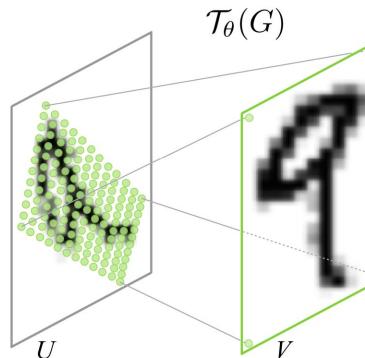


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Network
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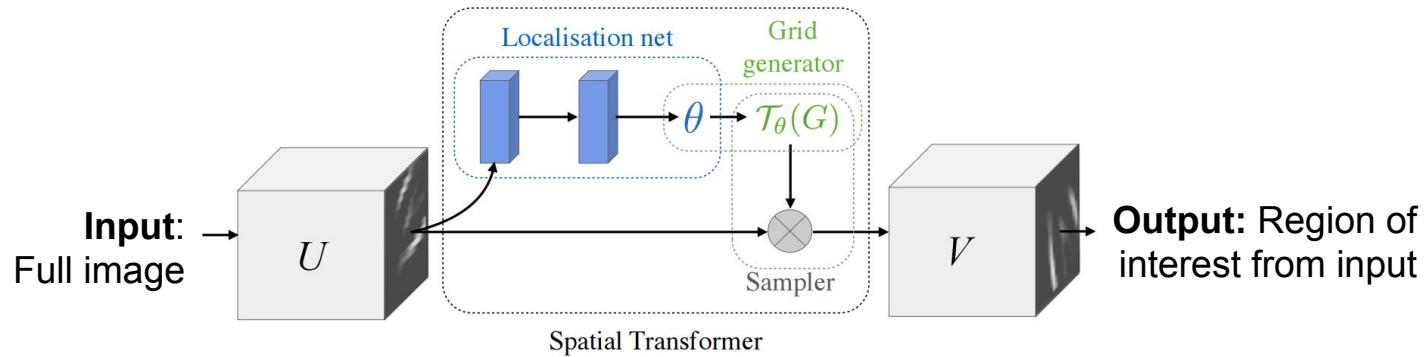


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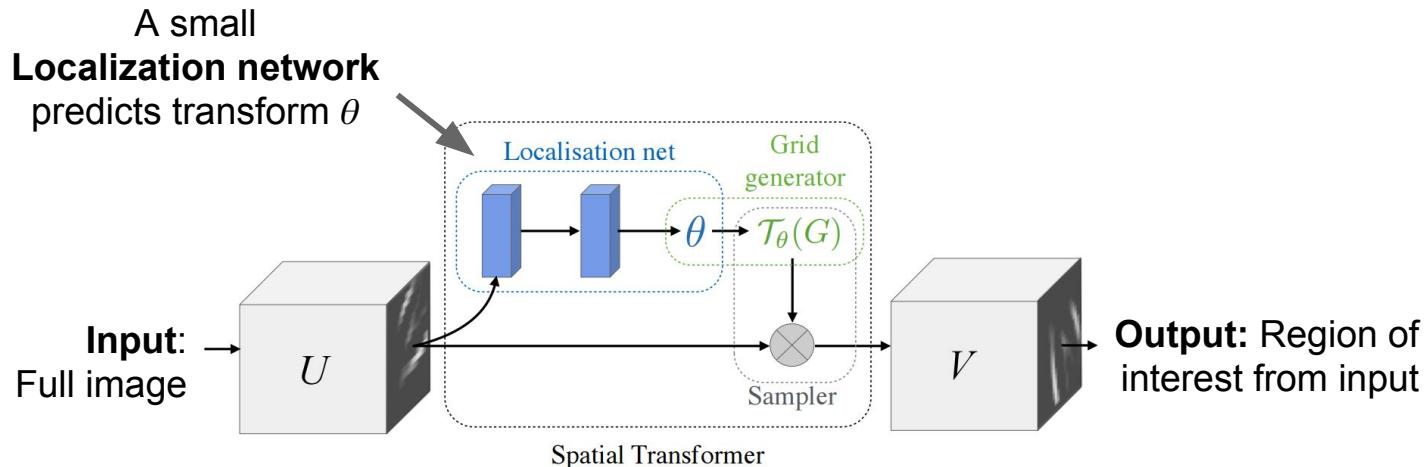
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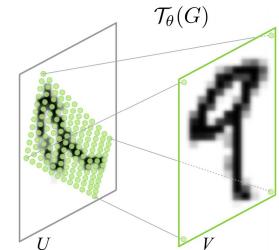
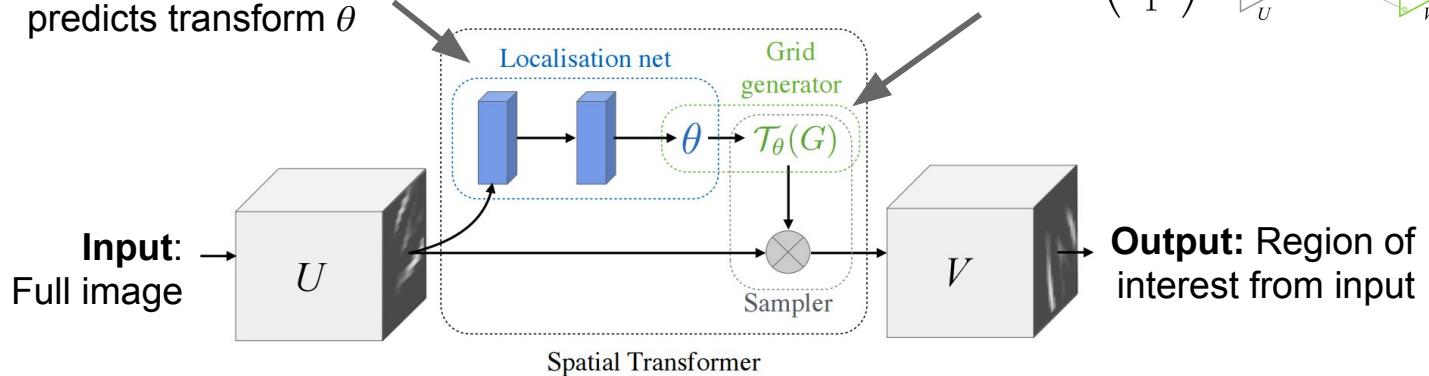


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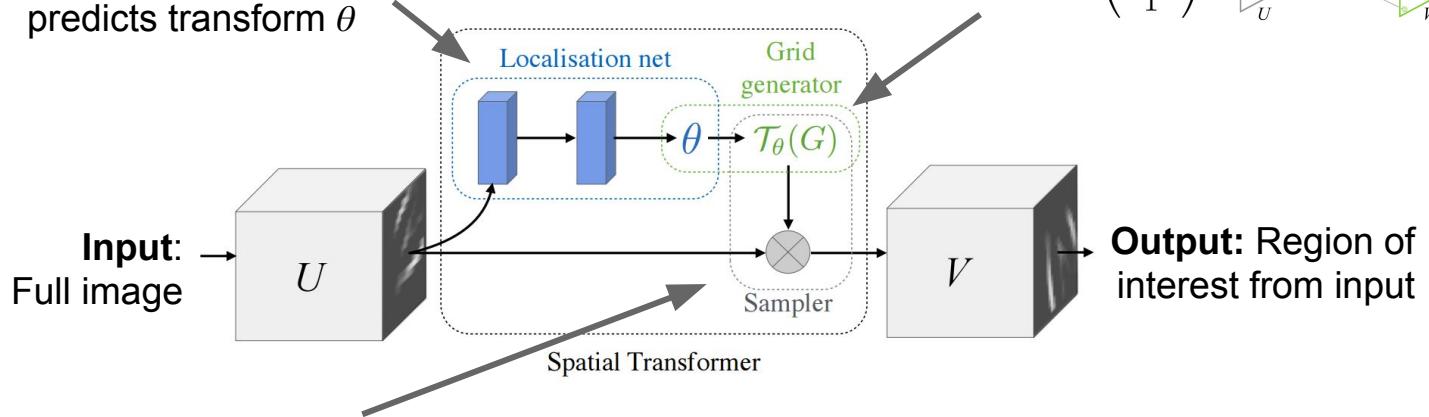
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Localization network
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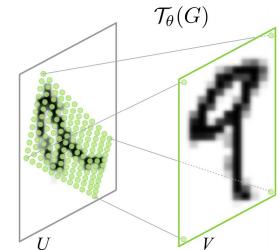


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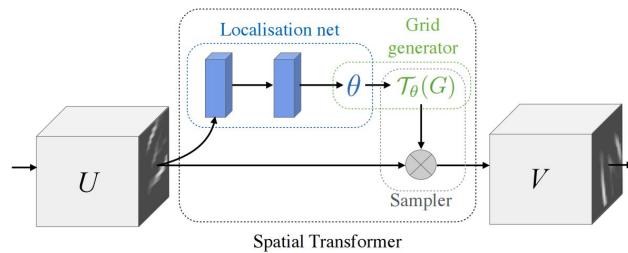


Sampler uses
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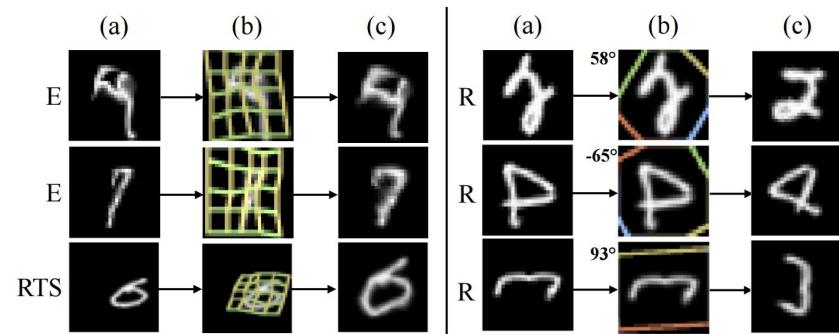


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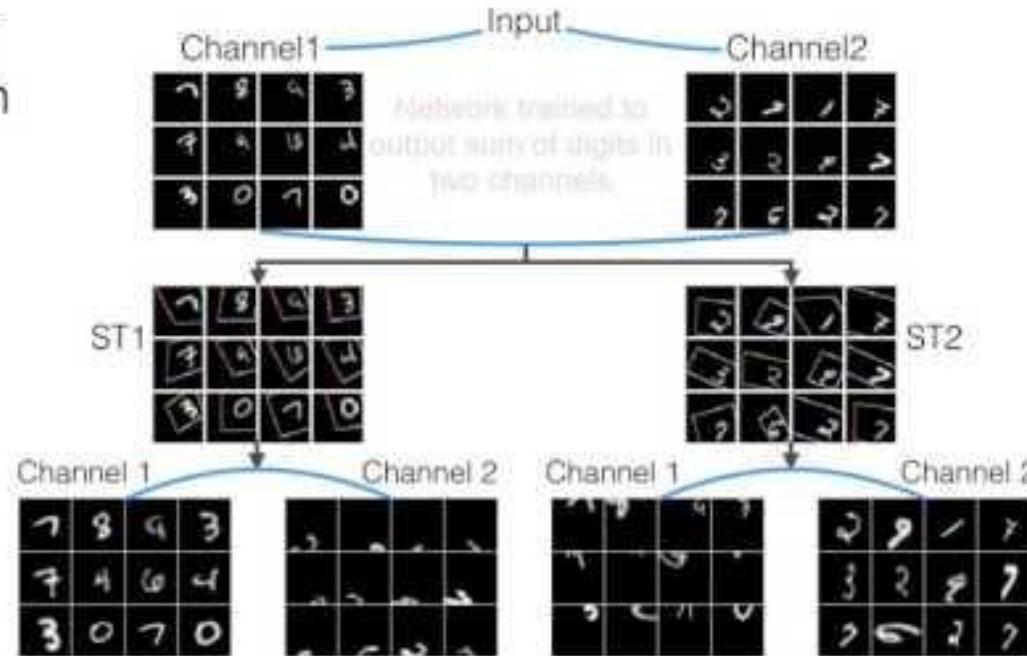
Differentiable “attention / transformation” module



Insert spatial transformers into a classification network and it learns to attend and transform the input



MNIST Addition



Attention Recap

- Soft attention:
 - Easy to implement: produce distribution over input locations, reweight features and feed as input
 - Attend to arbitrary input locations using spatial transformer networks
- Hard attention:
 - Attend to a single input location
 - Can't use gradient descent!
 - Need **reinforcement learning!**