

# Image Segmentation

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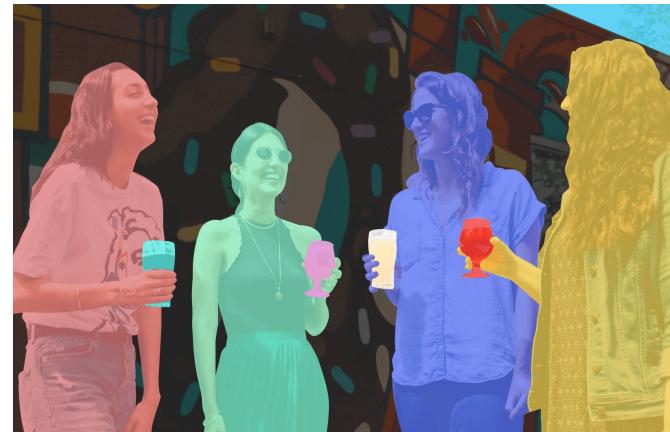
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# Image Segmentation

## What is Image Segmentation?

Image Segmentation is the computer vision task of identifying and locating an object (or objects) in an image by dividing it into irregularly shaped regions, called segments, that correspond to the shapes of different objects or parts of the scene.



# Image Segmentation

## Object Detection vs Segmentation

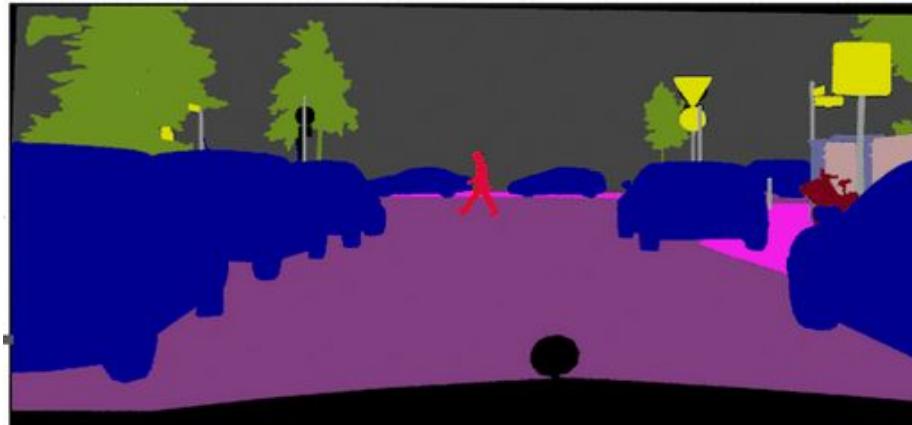
It is similar to object detection, but while detection is satisfied with rectangular bounding boxes around objects, segmentation traces out the contours of objects at a pixel level.



Object Detection (left)    Image Segmentation (right)

# Image Segmentation : Types

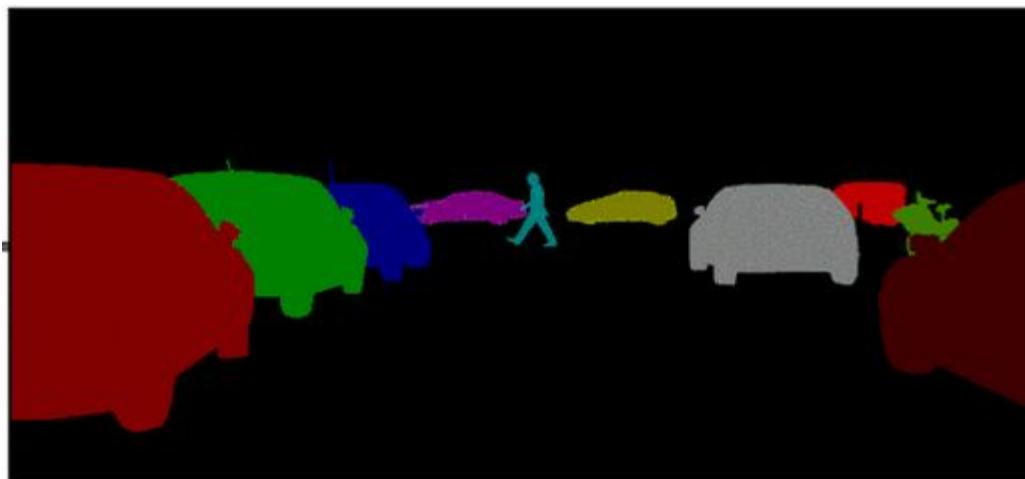
- Based on their core functionality, the **three types of segmentation are semantic, instance, and panoptic.**
- **Semantic Segmentation:** Semantic segmentation is only interested in the classes of objects, not individual objects.
- Each segment corresponds to one class covering the objects of that class, even if they're far apart in the scene.



Semantic Segmentation

# Image Segmentation : Types

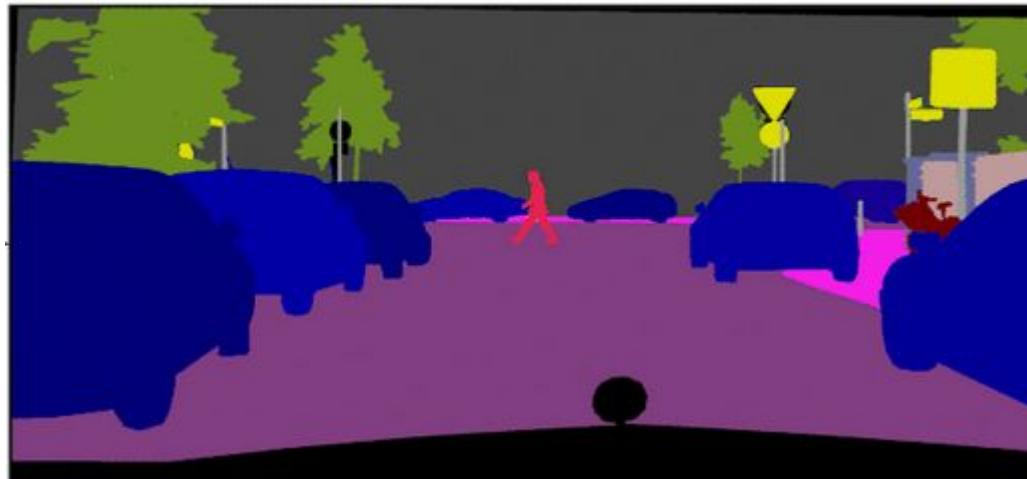
- **Instance Segmentation:** Instance or object segmentation not only identifies the classes but also differentiates each object within a class.
- Each segment corresponds to an individual object instance. It assigns both a class label and a unique object identifier to each pixel. Uncountable background elements, like the sky or the ground, are usually ignored.



Instance Segmentation

# Image Segmentation : Types

- **Panoptic Segmentation:** Panoptic segmentation just combines semantic and instance segmentation.
- Like instance segmentation, it differentiates each object within a class. Like semantic segmentation, it labels the background elements, too.



Panoptic Segmentation

# Image Segmentation (Advance) : Segmentation Tasks

Based on the nature of their inputs, other types of segmentation tasks are:

- **Referring or text-guided segmentation:** It takes a text description as additional input and segments the objects or background that match that description.



# Image Segmentation (Advance) : Segmentation Tasks

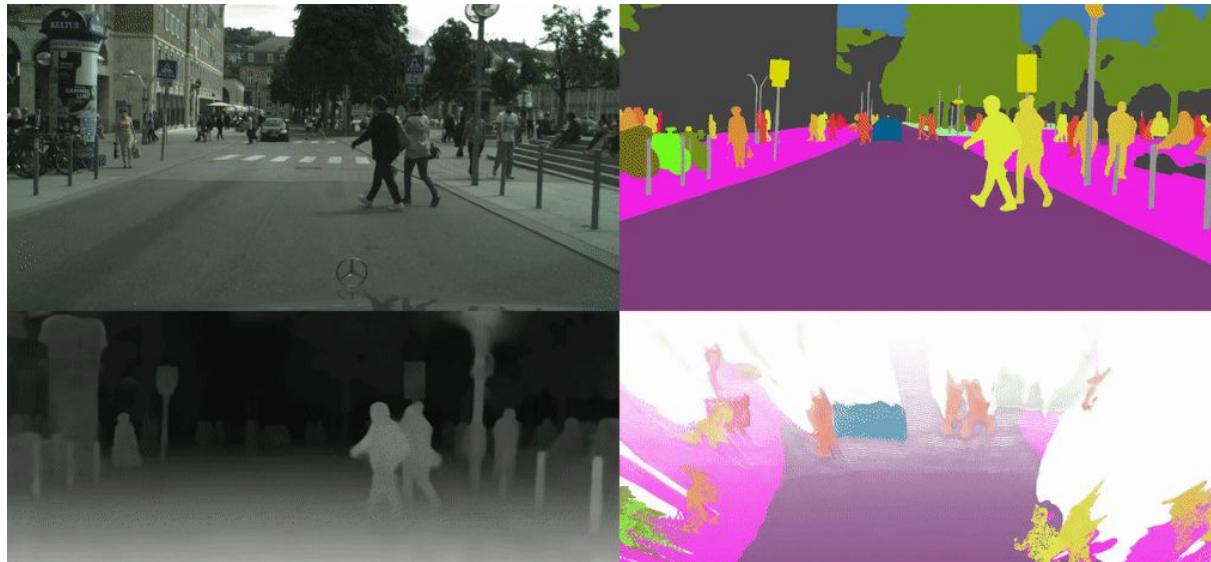
Based on the nature of their inputs, other types of segmentation tasks are:

- **Zero-shot segmentation:** Normally, only the classes seen during training are segmented. But zero-shot segmentation goal is to segment even unseen new classes without retraining a model. It does this by relating the unseen classes to known classes.
- **One-shot segmentation:** One-shot segmentation is a type of zero-shot segmentation where each unseen class is provided via an example image. It relates the example image to known classes based on visual similarities.

# Image Segmentation (Advance) : Segmentation Tasks

Based on the nature of their inputs, other types of segmentation tasks are:

- **Video segmentation:** Segmentation normally works on images. But when the input is a video, it's called video segmentation. Video segmentation must not only segment objects but also track them with the same identifiers between frames.

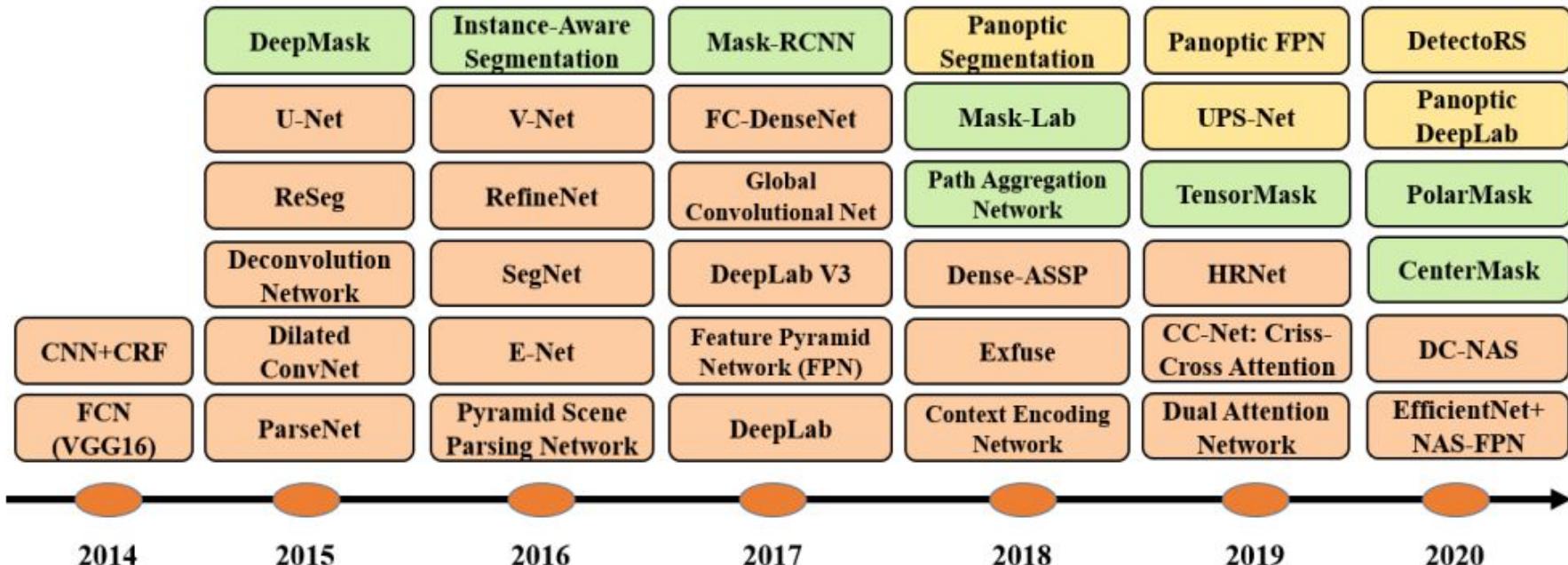


# Image Segmentation

## Modern Deep Learning Approaches to Image Segmentation and Instance Segmentation

- **Transformers** and convolutional neural networks (CNNs) are the two broad approaches to modern segmentation.
- CNNs, like **U-Net** and the **Fully Convolutional Network** for semantic segmentation and **mask R-CNN** for instance segmentation, remain popular.

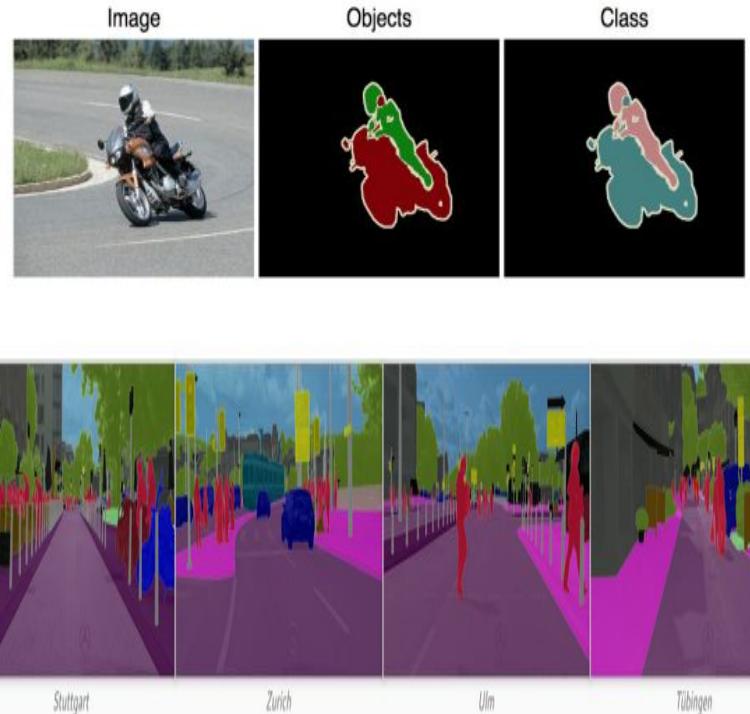
# Image Segmentation : Segmentation Algorithms (A timeline)



# Image Segmentation : Datasets

- **2D Datasets (RGB Images)**

- PASCAL Visual Object Classes (VOC) →
- PASCAL Context
- Microsoft Common Objects in Context (MS COCO)
- Cityscapes →
- ADE20K /MIT Scene Parsing (SceneParse150)
- Sift Flow
- Stanford background
- Berkeley Segmentation Dataset (BSD)
- Youtube-Objects
- KITTI ...



# Image Segmentation : Datasets (Contd)

Dataset	Classes	Size	Train	Validation	Test	Resolution (pixels)
PASCAL-Context	540	19740	4998	5105	9637	$387 \times 470$
ADE20K	150	25210	20210	2000	3000	-
KITTI	5	252	140	-	112	$1392 \times 512$
Cityscapes	30	5K fine, 20K coarse	2975	500	1525	$1024 \times 2048$
IDD	34	10004	7003	1000	2001	$1678 \times 968$
Virtual KITTI	14	21260	-	-	-	$1242 \times 375$
IDDA	24	1M	-	-	-	$1920 \times 1080$

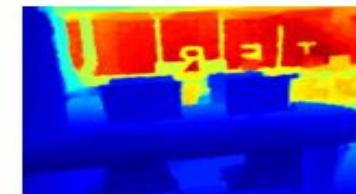
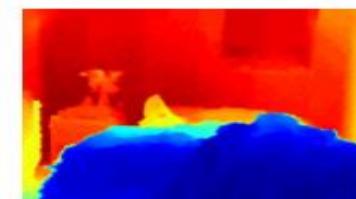
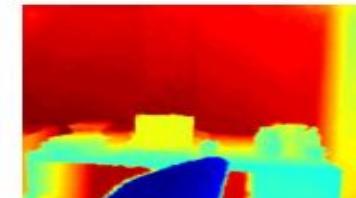
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- **2.5D Datasets (RGB + Depth images)**
  - NYU-D V2
  - SUN-3D
  - SUN RGB-D
  - UW RGB-D Object Dataset
  - ScanNet

RGB Image



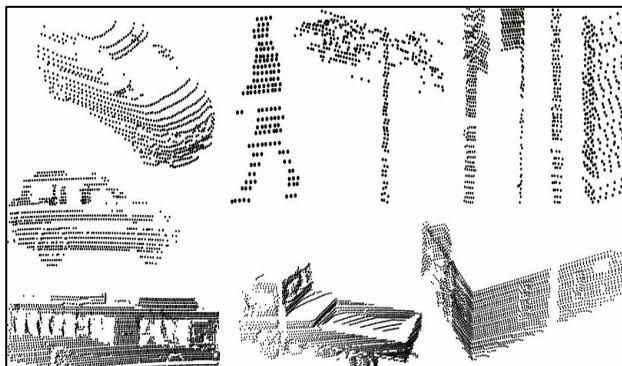
Depth Image



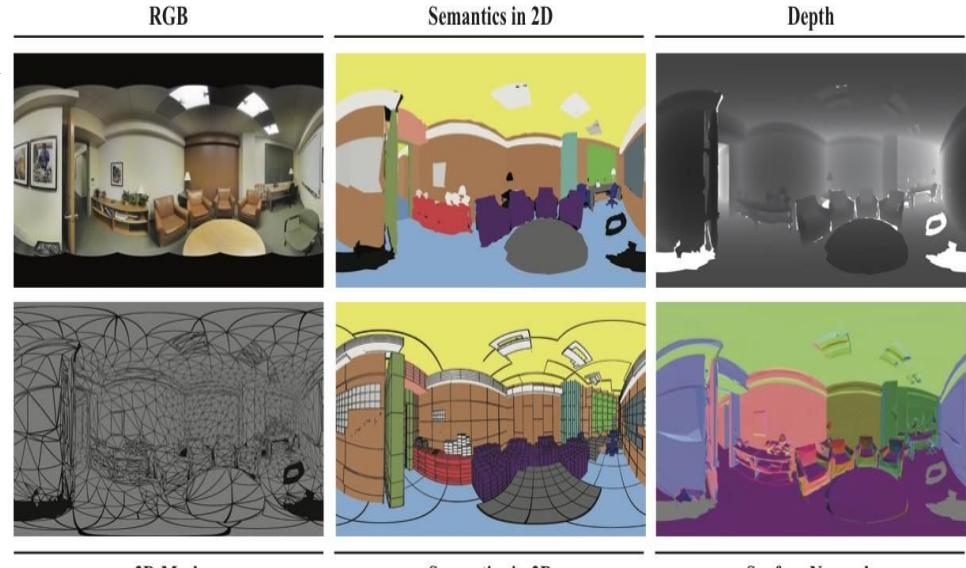
# Image Segmentation : Dataset (Contd.)

- **3D Datasets** (images are provided via meshes or other volumetric representations, such as point clouds.)

- Stanford 2D-3D
- ShapeNet Core
- Sydney Urban Objects Dataset



Point Clouds

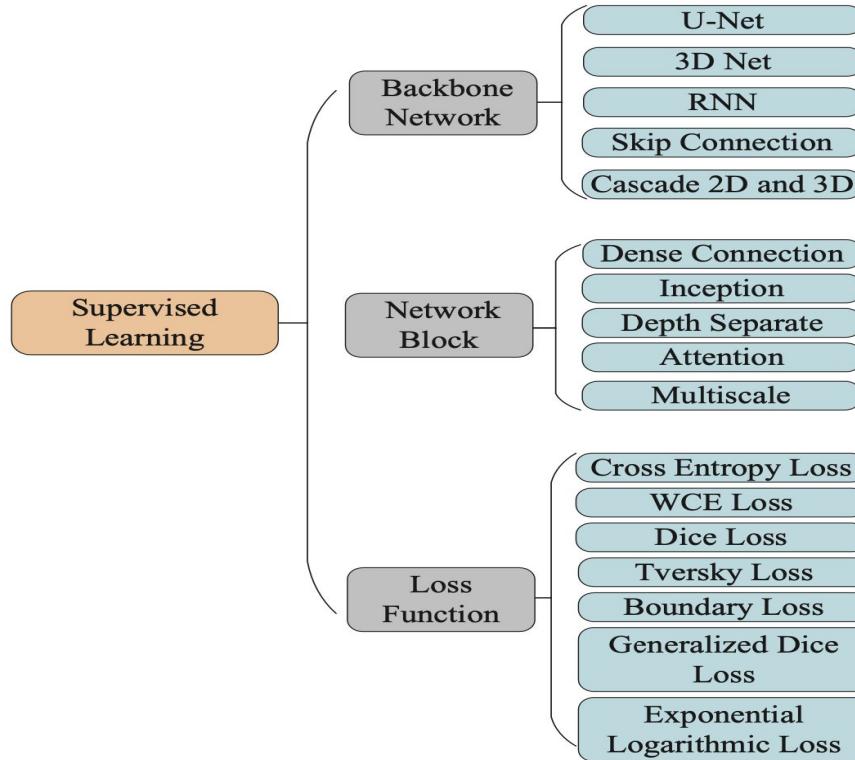


3D Mesh

Semantics in 3D

Surface Normals

# Image Segmentation: Supervised Learning based Segmentation (Evolution)



# Image Segmentation : Loss Function

- Cross Entropy Loss

- $CE(p, \hat{p}) = -(p \log(\hat{p}) + (1 - p) \log(1 - \hat{p}))$

where  $p$  is the probability of the sample belongs to the True class and  $\hat{p}$  is the predicted value. (In case of Binary segmentation.)

- Weighted Cross Entropy Loss

- $WCE(p, \hat{p}) = -(\beta p \log(\hat{p}) + (1 - p) \log(1 - \hat{p}))$

- Dice Loss

- $\text{Dice}(A, B) = \frac{2 \times |A \cap B|}{A + B} \times 100\%$

where A is a predicted segmentation result and B is a real segmentation result. A and B are segments.

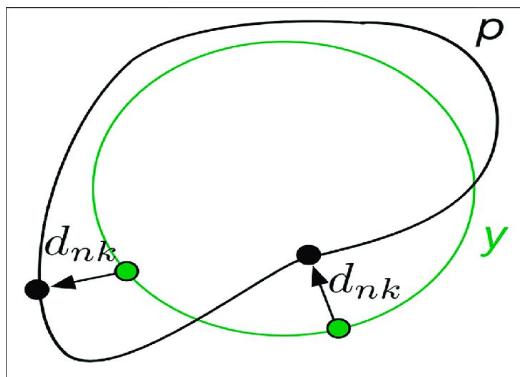
# Image Segmentation : Loss Function (Contd)

- Tversky Loss

- $$TL(p, \hat{p}) = \frac{p, \hat{p}}{p, \hat{p} + \beta(1 - p, \hat{p}) + (1 - \beta)(p, 1 - \hat{p})}$$

where  $p$  is the probability of the segment belongs to the True class and  $\hat{p}$  is the predicted value.  $\beta$  is the regularization constant.

- Boundary Loss



- **Boundary loss** used in semantic segmentation tasks to encourage precise boundary localization.
- It addresses the **problem of blurry or imprecise boundaries** in segmented regions by **penalizing misalignments** between **predicted boundaries** and **ground truth boundaries**.
- The **loss encourages** the network to **produce sharper and more accurate boundaries**.

# Image Segmentation : Evaluation Metrics

- **Precision :**  $P = \frac{TP}{TP + FP}$
- **Recall:**  $R = \frac{TP}{TP + FN}$
- **Accuracy:**  $Accuracy = \frac{TP + TN}{TP + TN + FP + FN}$

**F1 - score:** F1 Score = 
$$\frac{2}{\frac{1}{Precision} + \frac{1}{Recall}} = \frac{2 \times Precision \times Recall}{Precision + Recall}$$

- **Pixel Accuracy:** ratio of pixels properly classified, divided by the total number of pixels. For K + 1 classes (K foreground classes and the background) pixel accuracy is defined as:

$$PA = \frac{\sum_{i=0}^K p_{ii}}{\sum_{i=0}^K \sum_{j=0}^K p_{ij}}$$

where  $p_{ij}$  is the number of pixels of class i predicted as belonging to class j.

- **Mean Pixel Accuracy (MPA):** ratio of correct pixels computed in a per-class manner and averaged over the total number of classes.

$$MPA = \frac{1}{K+1} \sum_{i=0}^K \frac{p_{ii}}{\sum_{j=0}^K p_{ij}}.$$

# Image Segmentation : Evaluation Metrics

- **Jaccard Index / Intersection over Union (IoU):** area of intersection between the predicted segmentation map and the ground truth, divided by the area of union between the predicted segmentation map and the ground truth.

$$\text{IoU} = J(A, B) = \frac{|A \cap B|}{|A \cup B|}$$

where A and B denote the ground truth and the predicted segmentation maps, respectively. It ranges between 0 and 1.

- **Dice coefficient:** similar to IoU. Defined as: Twice the overlap area of predicted and ground-truth maps, divided by the total number of pixels in both images.

$$\text{Dice} = \frac{2|A \cap B|}{|A| + |B|}$$

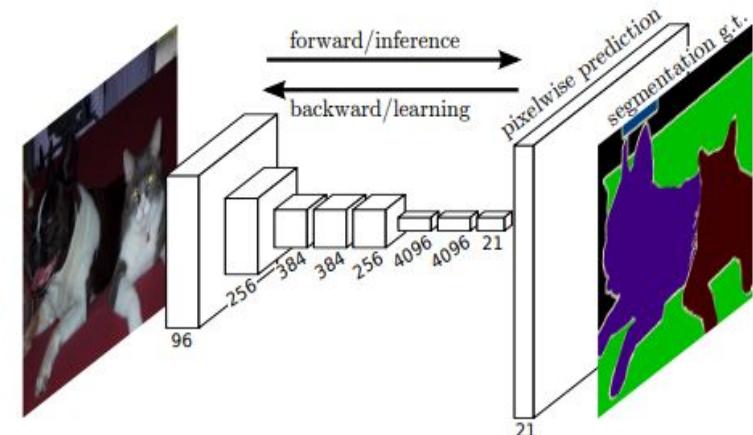
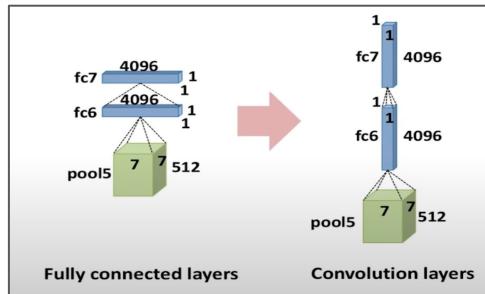
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CNN Based

# Fully Convolutional Networks: Architecture

J. Long, E. Shelhamer and T. Darrell, "Fully convolutional networks for semantic segmentation," 2015 IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR), Boston, MA, USA, 2015, pp. 3431-3440, doi: 10.1109/CVPR.2015.7298965.

- One of the first deep learning works for semantic image segmentation.
- Modifies existing CNN architectures, such as VGG16 by replacing all fully-connected layers with the fully-convolutional layers.



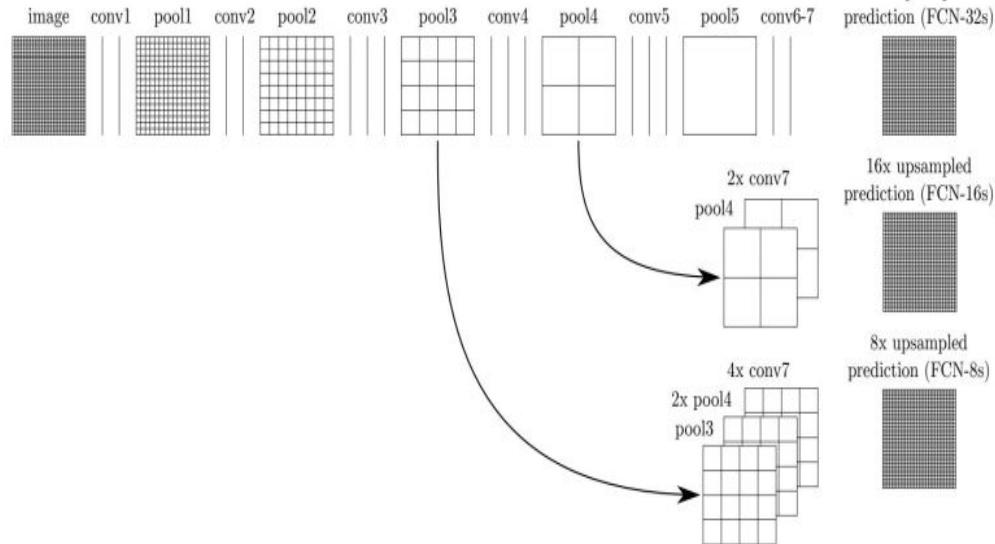
A fully convolutional image segmentation network

- As a result, the model outputs a spatial segmentation map instead of classification scores.

CNN Based

# Fully Convolutional Networks: Skip Connections

- Semantic segmentation has an inherent tension between semantics and location: global information resolves *what* while local information resolves *where*.
- Skip connections: feature maps from the final layers of the model are up-sampled and fused with feature maps of earlier layers.
- Combines semantic information (from deep, coarse layers) and appearance information (from shallow, fine layers)

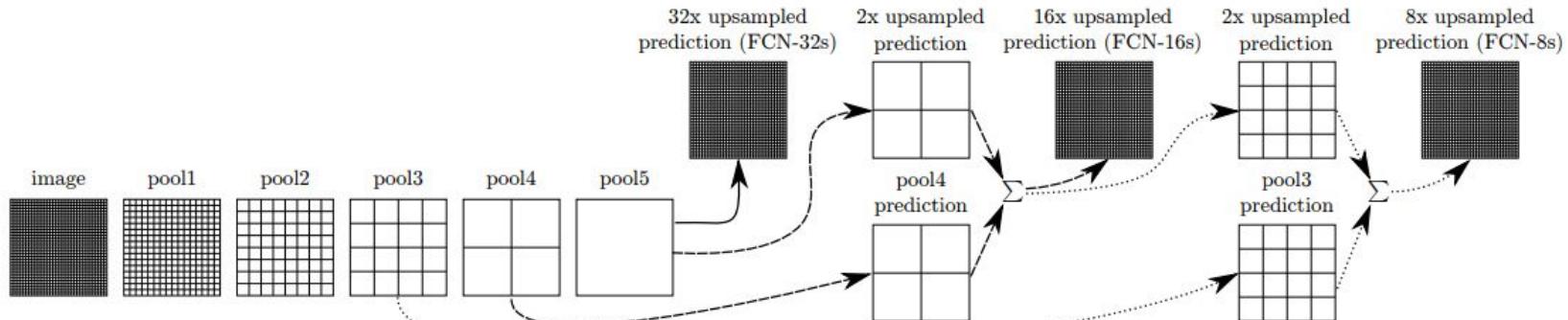


*Skip connections combine coarse, high-level information and fine, low-level information to produce accurate segmentations.*

CNN Based

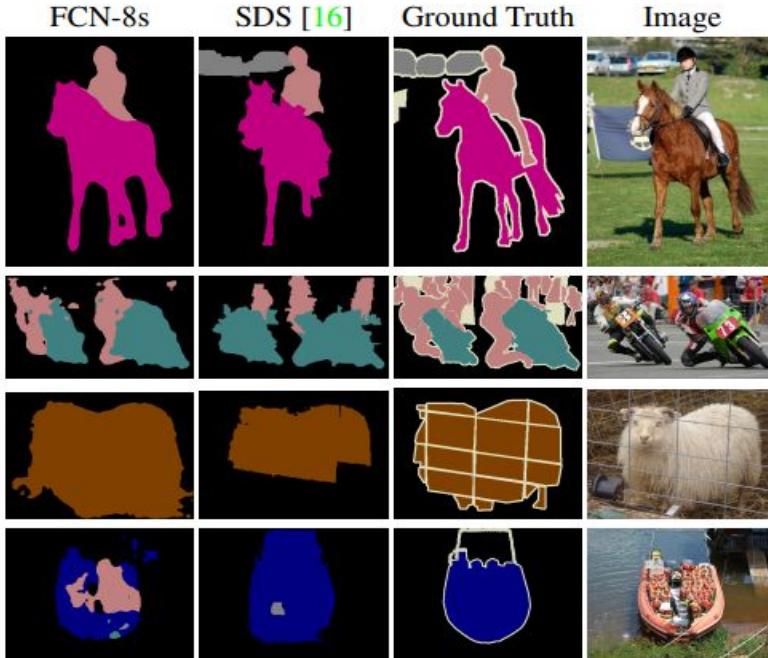
# Fully Convolutional Networks: Skip Connections

- Divide the output stride in half by **predicting from a 16 pixel stride layer**. Add a  $1 \times 1$  convolution layer on top of pool4 to produce additional class predictions.
- Fuse this output with the predictions computed on top of conv7 at stride 32 by adding a  $2\times$  upsampling layer and **summing both predictions**. This is called **FCN-16s**.
- Continue in this fashion by fusing predictions from pool3 with a  $2\times$  upsampling of predictions fused from pool4 and conv7, building the net **FCN-8s**.



CNN Based

# Fully Convolutional Networks: Performance



Dataset	Pixel acc.	Mean acc.	Mean IU	f.w. IU
Pascal VOC	62.7	-	-	-
NYUDv2	65.4	46.1	34.0	49.5
SIFT Flow	85.2	51.7	39.5	76.1

Performance on various Datasets

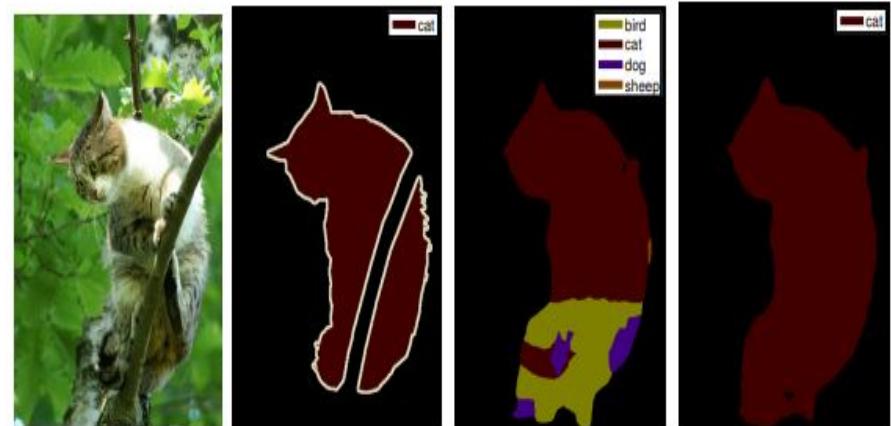
Fully convolutional segmentation performance  
on PASCAL Dataset

CNN Based

# ParseNET

Liu, W., Rabinovich, A., & Berg, A. C. (2015). *ParseNet: Looking Wider to See Better*. 1–11. <http://arxiv.org/abs/1506.04579>

- **FCN's Drawback:** Does not deal with the global context information efficiently.

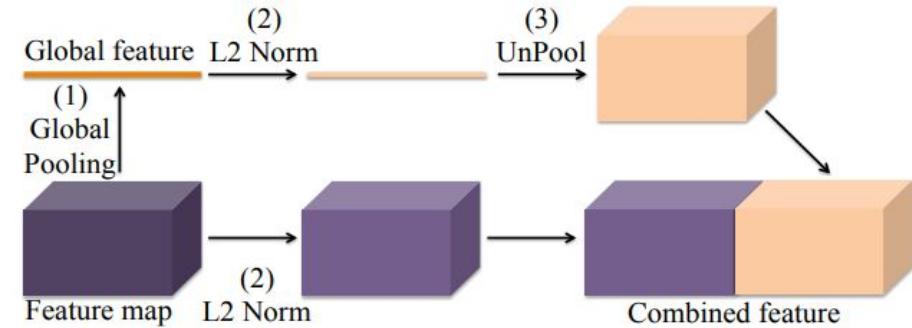


(a) Image    (b) Truth    (c) FCN    (d) ParseNet

CNN Based

# ParseNET

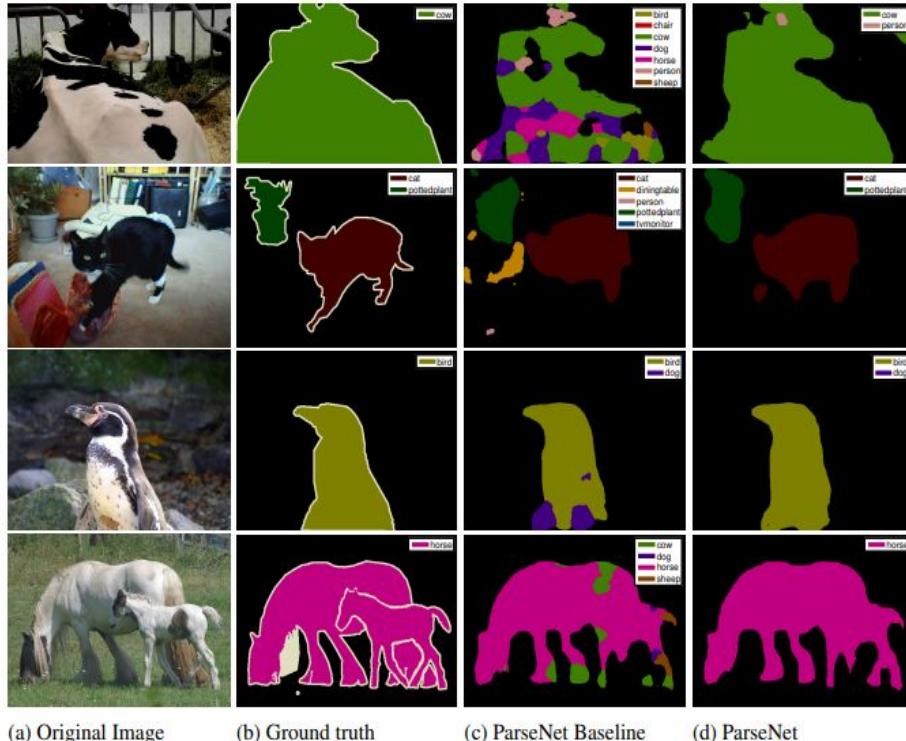
- **Solution:** ParseNet adds global context to FCNs. The feature map for a layer is pooled over the whole image to result in a context vector. The context vector is unpooled and the resulting feature map is appended with the standard feature map.
- L2 normalization addresses the different scale of features from different layers.



(e) ParseNet context module overview.

CNN Based

# ParseNET: Performance

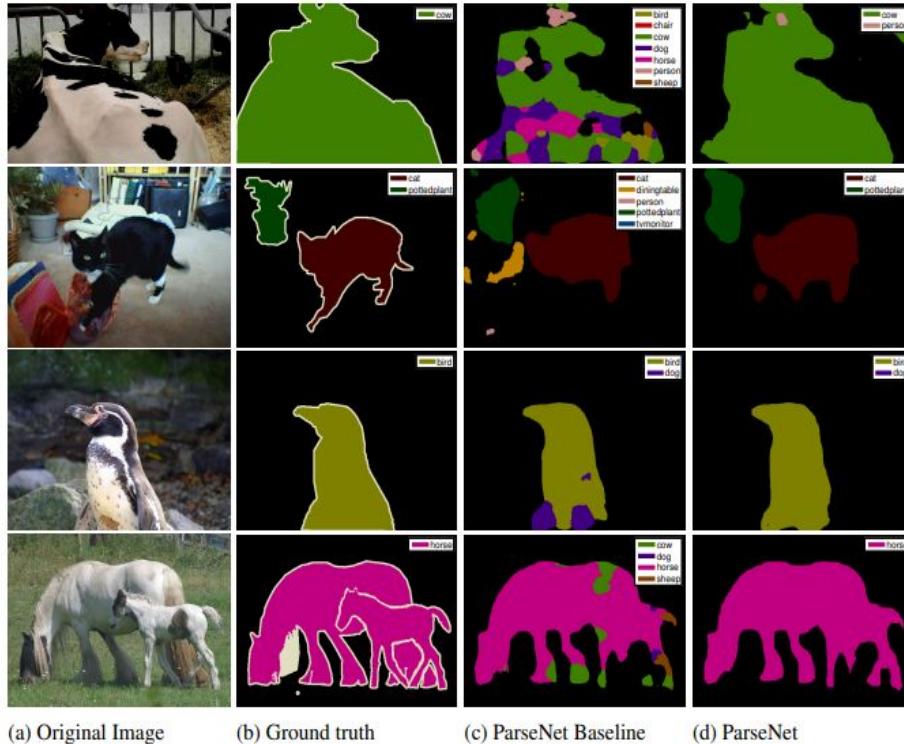


Global context helps for classifying local patches

Dataset	Pixel acc.	Mean acc.	Mean IU	f.w. IU
Pascal VOC	65.82	-	-	-
Pascal Context	-	-	36.64	-
SIFT Flow	86.8	52.0	40.4	78.1

CNN Based

# ParseNET: Performance



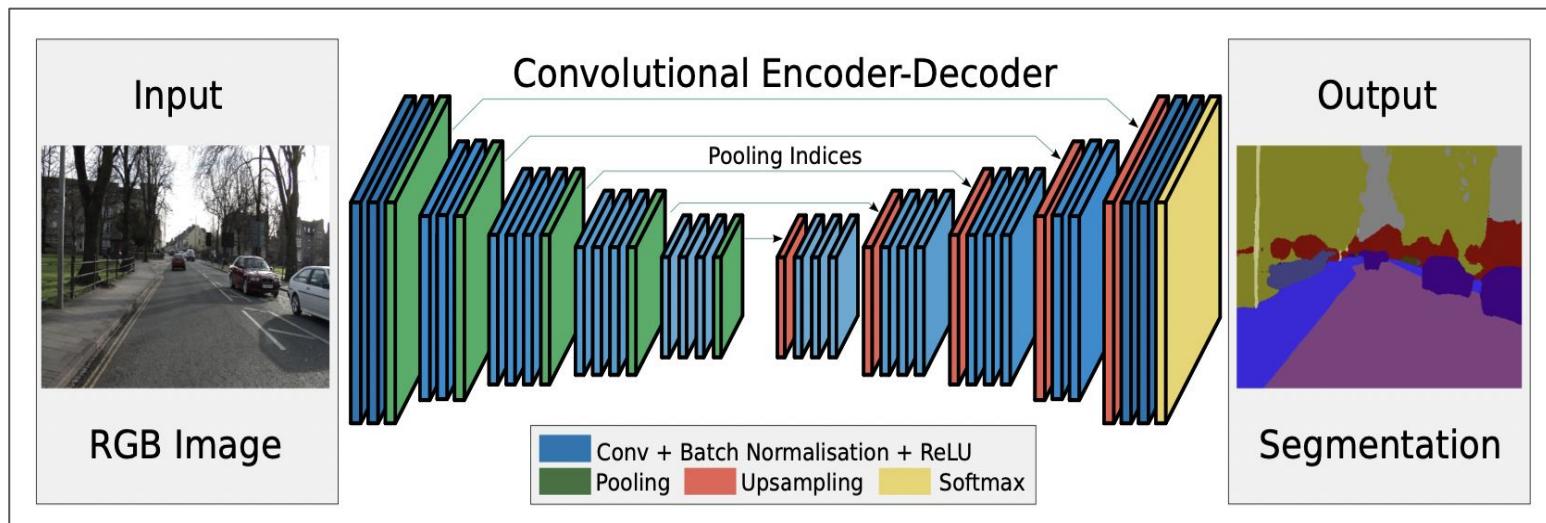
Global context helps for classifying local patches

- Demonstrates that relying on the **largest receptive field** of FCN network does not provide sufficient global context and is not sufficient to capture global context.
- Therefore, modeling global context directly is required.

Encoder-Decoder Based

# SegNet: A Deep Convolutional Encoder-Decoder Architecture for Image Segmentation

Badrinarayanan, V., Kendall, A., & Cipolla, R. (2017). SegNet: A Deep Convolutional Encoder-Decoder Architecture for Image Segmentation. *IEEE Transactions on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence*, 39(12), 2481–2495. <https://doi.org/10.1109/TPAMI.2016.2644615>

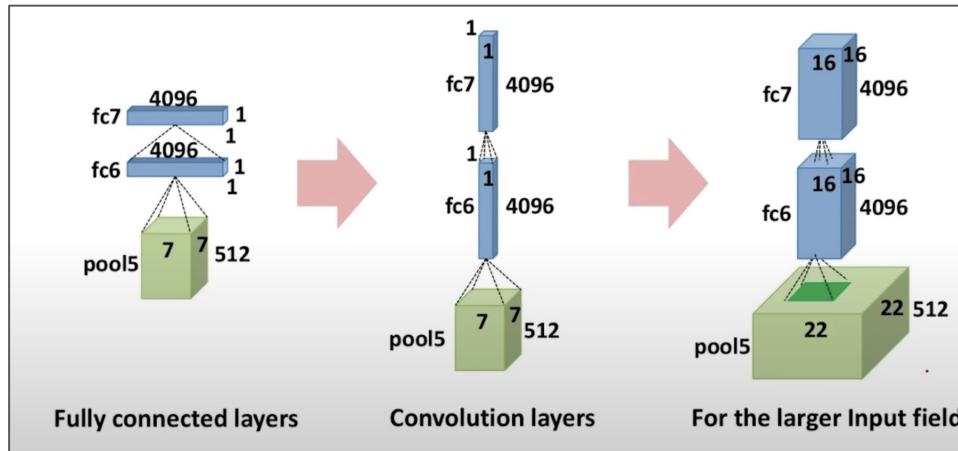


Semantic pixel-wise segmentation using SegNet

# SegNet: (FCNet) Background

## Fully Convolutional Segmentation models

- Convolutionalization of FC layers refers to **replacing fully connected layers with convolutional layers** in a neural network architecture, particularly in segmentation models.
- Adapting a classification model like VGG16, Google net to fully convolutional networks helps **transfer** their **learned representations** by **fine-tuning to the segmentation task**.
- Also handles **variable input image sizes**, which is otherwise fixed by the dimension of dense layer.



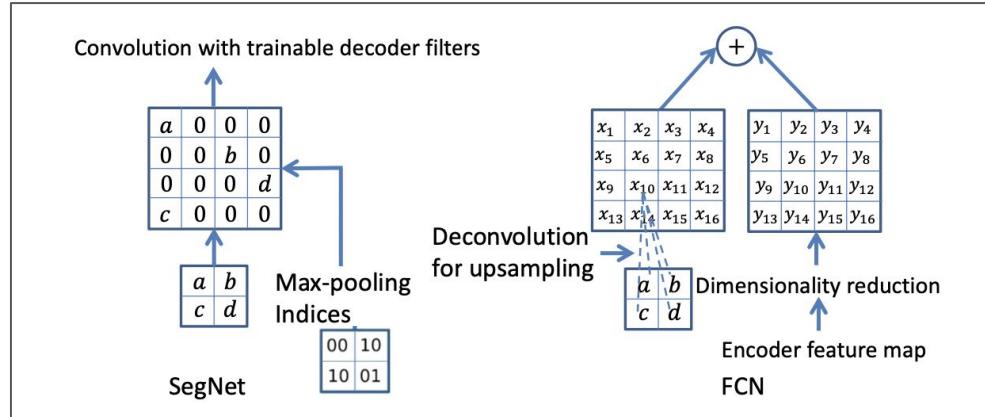
# SegNet: Network Features

## Fully Convolutional Encoder-Decoder Segmentation models

- SegNet Architecture has:
  - **Encoder Network**: understands the **what** of the image
  - **Decoder Network**: understands **where** of the problem [Localization]
  - **Final pixel-wise classification layer** [Softmax]
- Loss function : **Sum of pixel-wise Cross Entropy Losses.**
- The network is trained such that **encoder extracts most relevant features from input.**
- **Decoder** uses these features to result in **pixel-wise labelling** of the input.
- **Upsampling** is performed so that output is the same size as input image.

# SegNet: Key Contribution: Upsampling

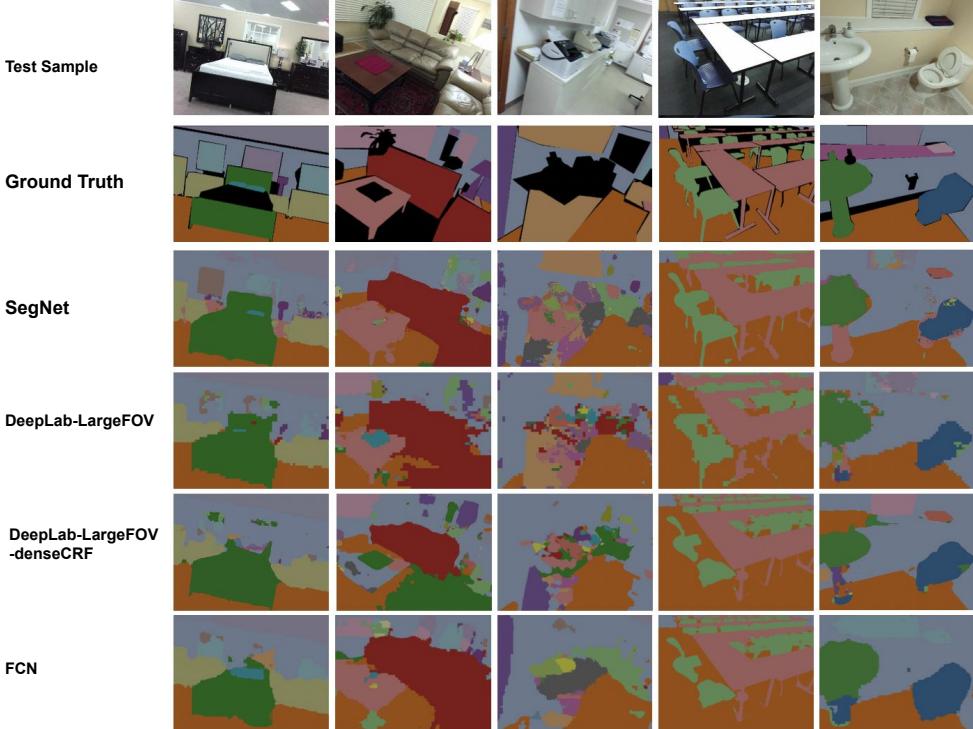
- Unlike FCN, which had only one upsampling layer at the end, SegNet has a **sequence of decoder layers**.
- Each Decoder stage uses **pooling Indices** of corresponding max-pool layers to perform upsampling.
- **Max-pool indices:** Location of maximum feature value for each pooling window for each encoder feature map.



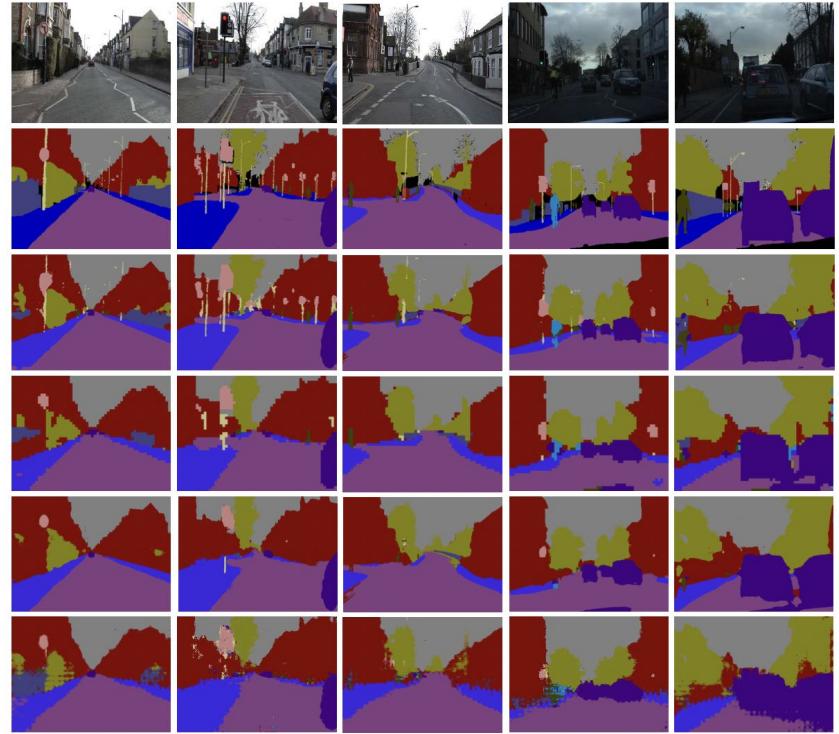
- The resulting **sparse feature maps** are followed by **convolution layers** to obtain dense feature maps.
- **Memory efficient**, compared to storing full encoder feature maps [11 times less than FCN].
- **Output:** Volume having the size of input image resolution and  $C+1$  no. of channels, where  $C$ =no. of classes.

# SegNet: Performance

Indoor Scene Segmentation: SUN RGB-D dataset



Road Scene Segmentation: CamVid dataset

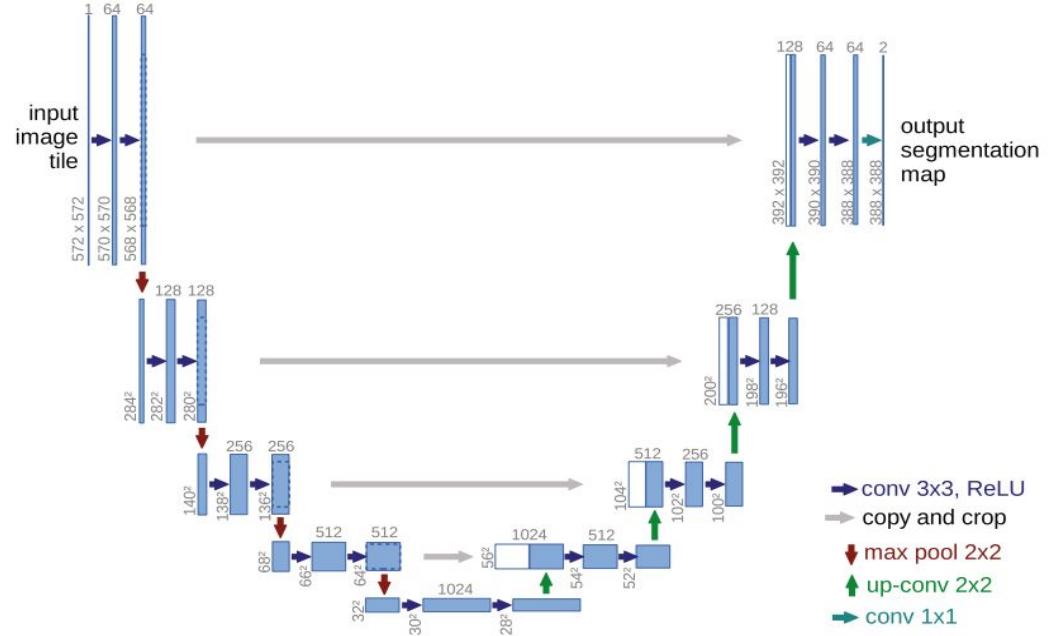


SegNet shows superior performance, particularly with its ability to delineate boundaries, qualitatively. It also outperforms FCN, DeepLab and DeconvNet by obtaining highest Global average accuracy(G), class average accuracy(C) and mIOU.

# Encoder-Decoder Based U-Net

Ronneberger, O., Fischer, P., & Brox, T. (2015). U-net: Convolutional networks for biomedical image segmentation. In Medical Image Computing and Computer-Assisted Intervention—MICCAI 2015: 18th International Conference, Munich, Germany, October 5–9, 2015, Proceedings, Part III 18 (pp. 234–241). Springer International Publishing.

- Unet modifies and extends FCN.  
**Perfect symmetry.**
- Initially proposed for segmenting biological microscopy images
- In FCNs, **high resolution features** from the contracting path are combined with the upsampled output. (**Skip Connections**)
- **Major Modification:** the upsampling part has a **large number of feature channels**, which allows the network to propagate context information to higher resolution layers.

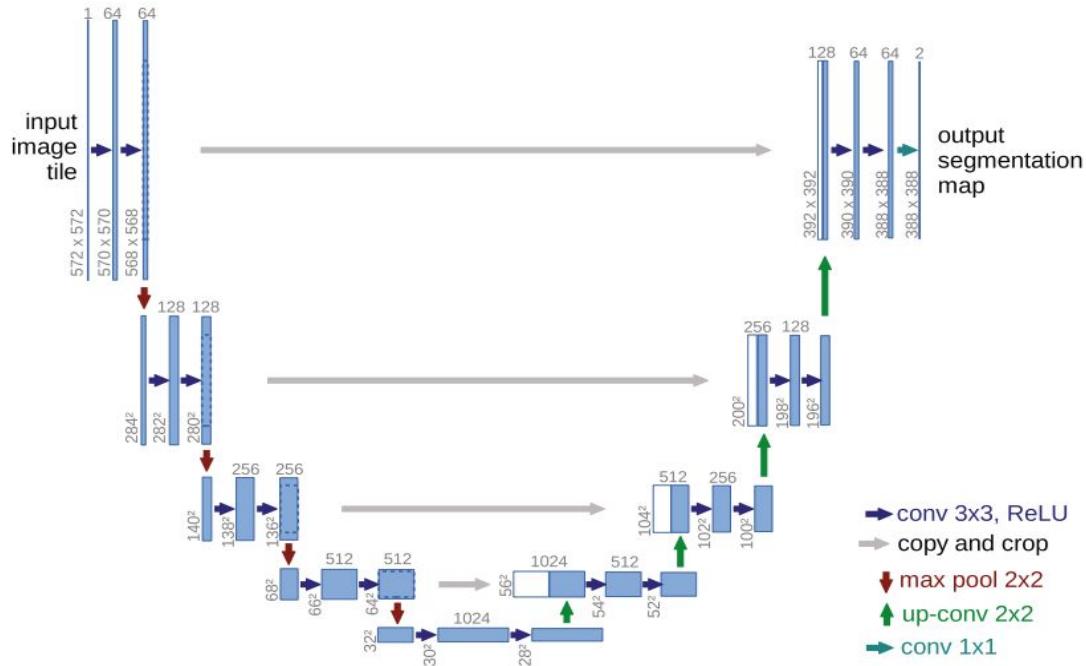


U-net architecture (each blue box: a multi-channel feature map - size and shape on top and lower left for 32 x 32 pixels)

## Encoder-Decoder Based

# U-Net : Architecture

- **Downsampling:** two  $3 \times 3$  convolutions, each followed by a ReLU and a  $2 \times 2$  max pooling
- **Upsampling of the feature map is** followed by a  $2 \times 2$  convolution (up-convolution), a concatenation with the correspondingly cropped feature map from the contracting path, and two  $3 \times 3$  convolutions, followed by ReLU
- Finally, a  **$1 \times 1$  convolution** processes the feature maps to **generate a segmentation map** that categorizes each pixel of the input image.

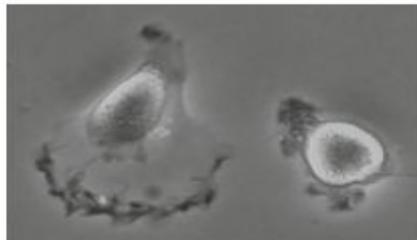


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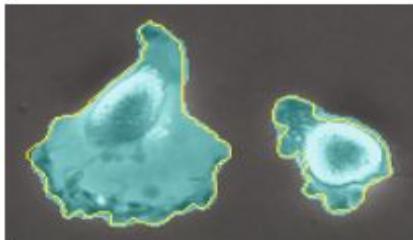
## Encoder-Decoder Based

# U-Net: Performance

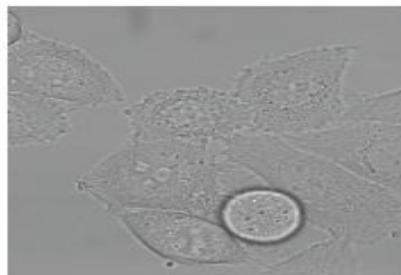
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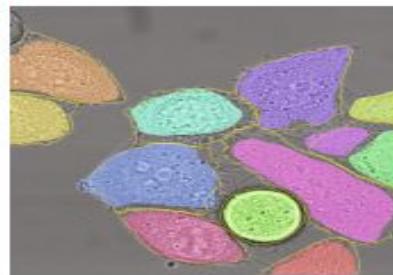
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c



d



- The U-net architecture achieves good performance on very different biomedical segmentation applications.
- Results on PhC-U373 and DIC-HeLa dataset for average IoU (intersection over union):

Dataset	Average IOU
PhC-U373	0.9203
DIC-HeLa	0.7756

(a) input image of the “PhC-U373” data set.

(b) Segmentation result (cyan mask) with manual ground truth (yellow border)

(c) input image of the “DIC-HeLa” data set.

(d) Segmentation result.

# VNet (for 3D/Volumetric Data)

- For 3D volumes in (Medical)
- Due to more parameters residual connections are used for effective training by avoiding vanishing gradients and faster convergence.
- Residual help to have deeper networks.
- But too many parameters, memory and GPUs.

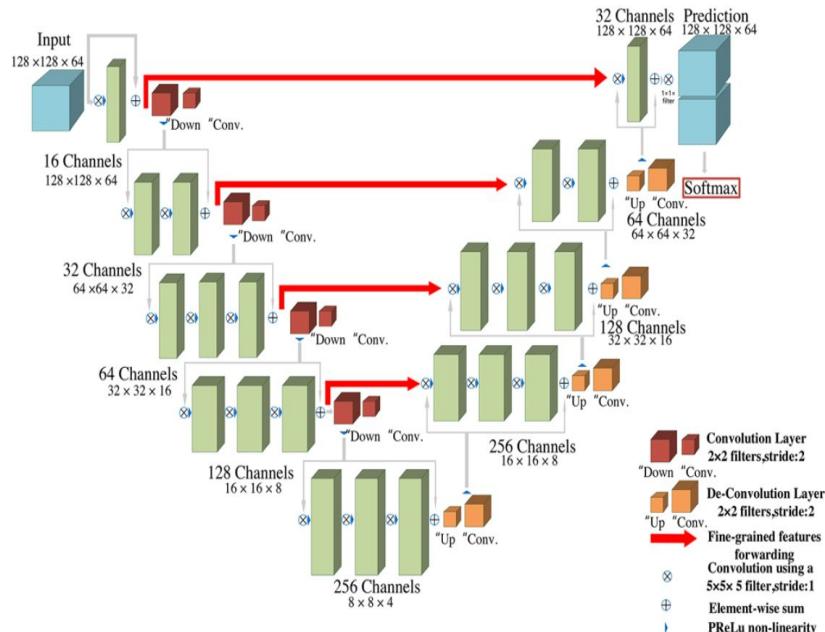


FIGURE 4 The V-Net architecture [35]

# Dense Connection Architecture (Improved U-Net)

- Input of each layer comes from the o/p of all previous layers
- Replacing each sub block with dense connections
- Useful for rich features but less robust due to more parameters.

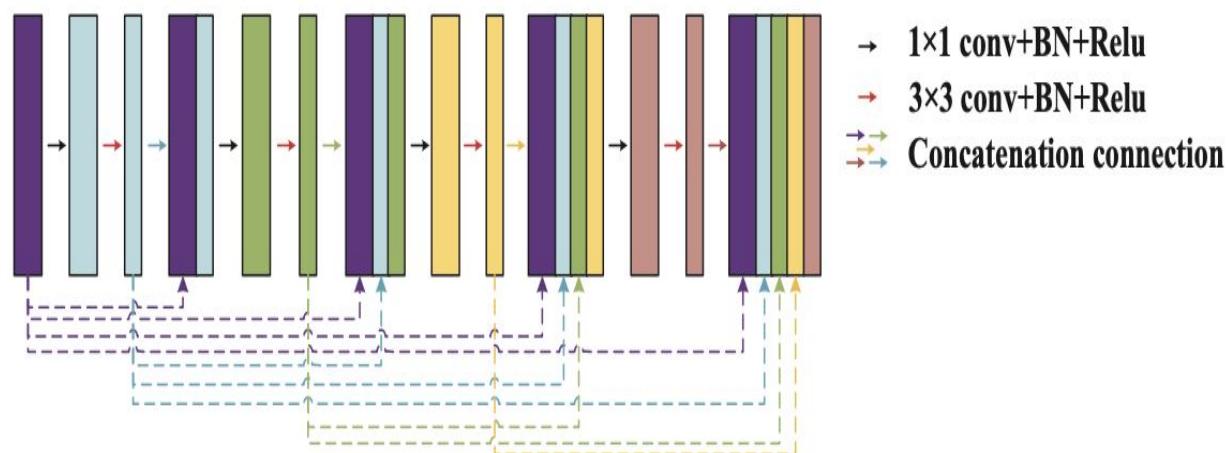


FIGURE 6 Dense connection architecture [70]

# U-Net++ Architecture

- Learn feature importance of different layers
- Skip connection are designed to add different types of inputs bridging semantic gap.
- Weight pruning to manage parameters due to dense conn.
- BCE and DC loss.
- Deep Supervision

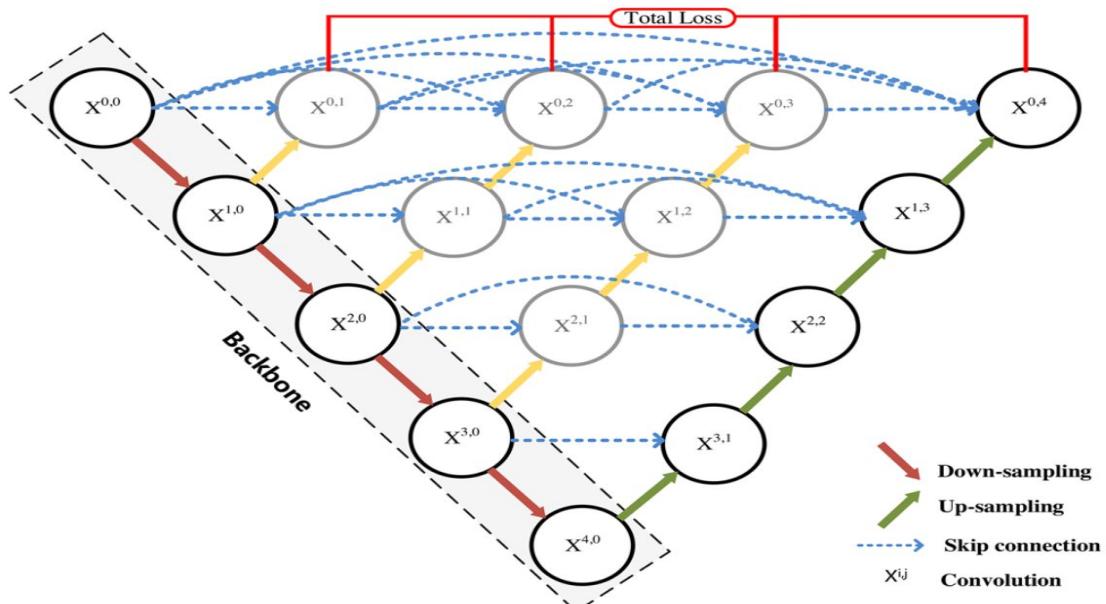
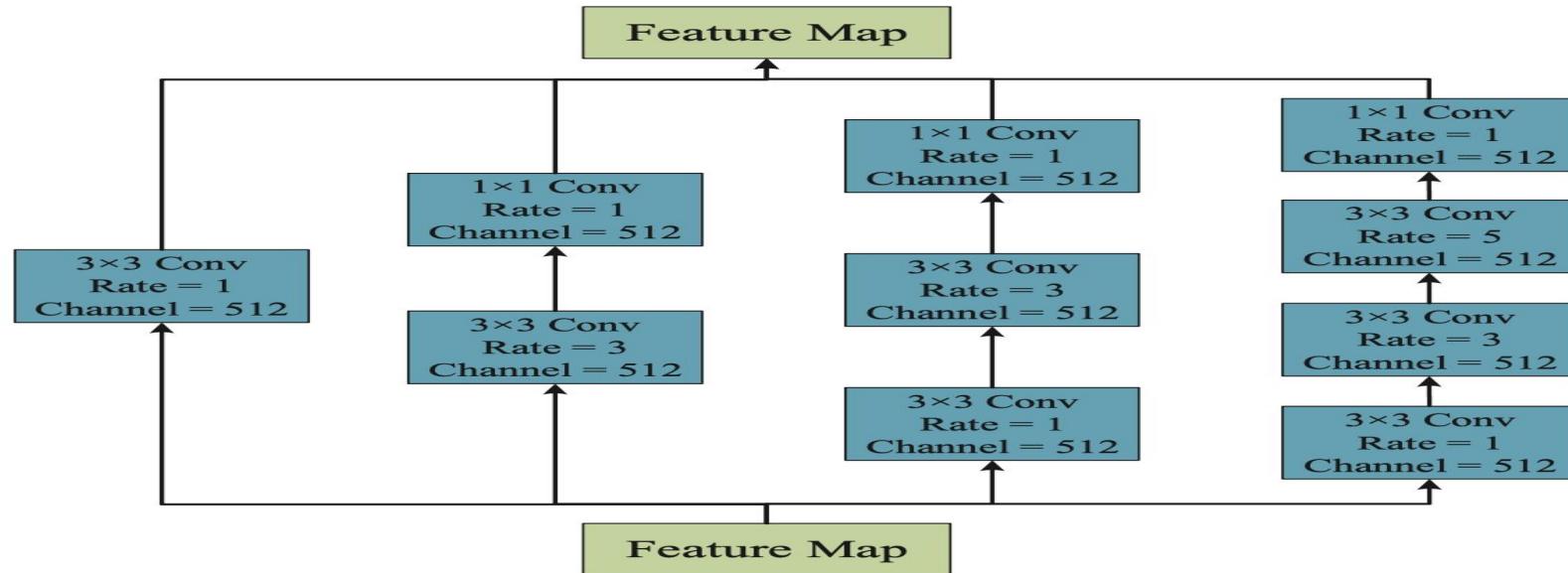


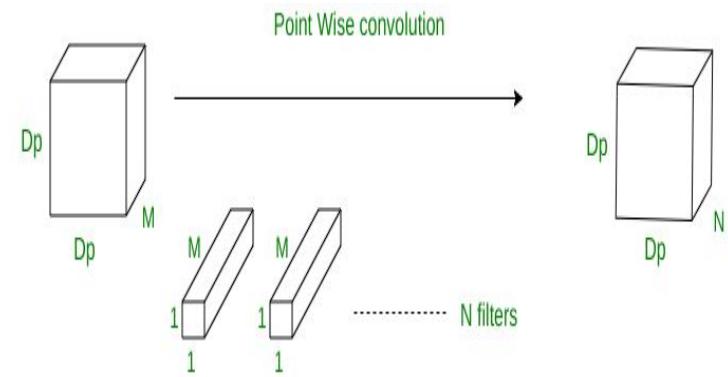
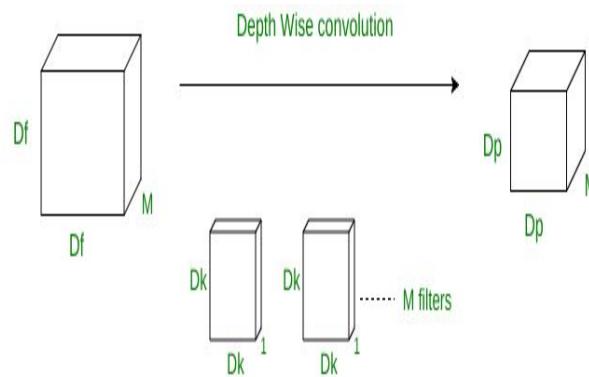
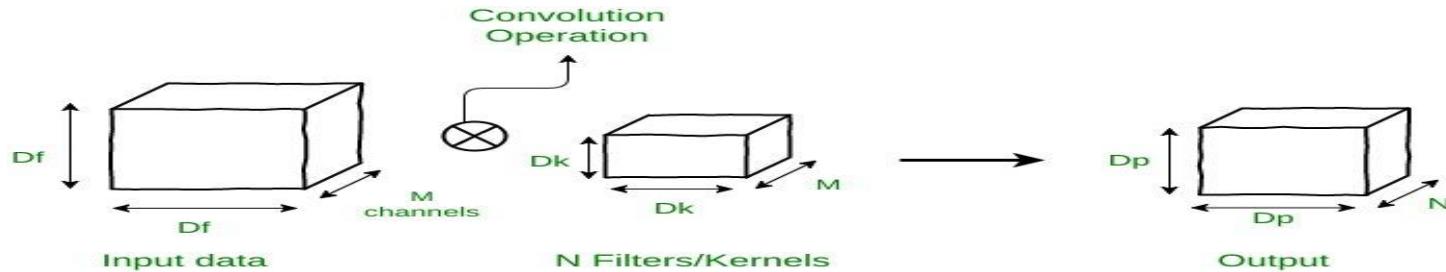
FIGURE 7 The U-Net++ architecture [71]

# CE-Net using Inception and Atrous Convolution



**FIGURE 8** The inception architecture [75]. It contains four cascade branches with the gradual increment of the number of atrous convolution, from 1 to 1, 3, and 5, then the receptive field of each branch will be 3, 7, 9, and 19. Therefore, the network can extract features from different scales

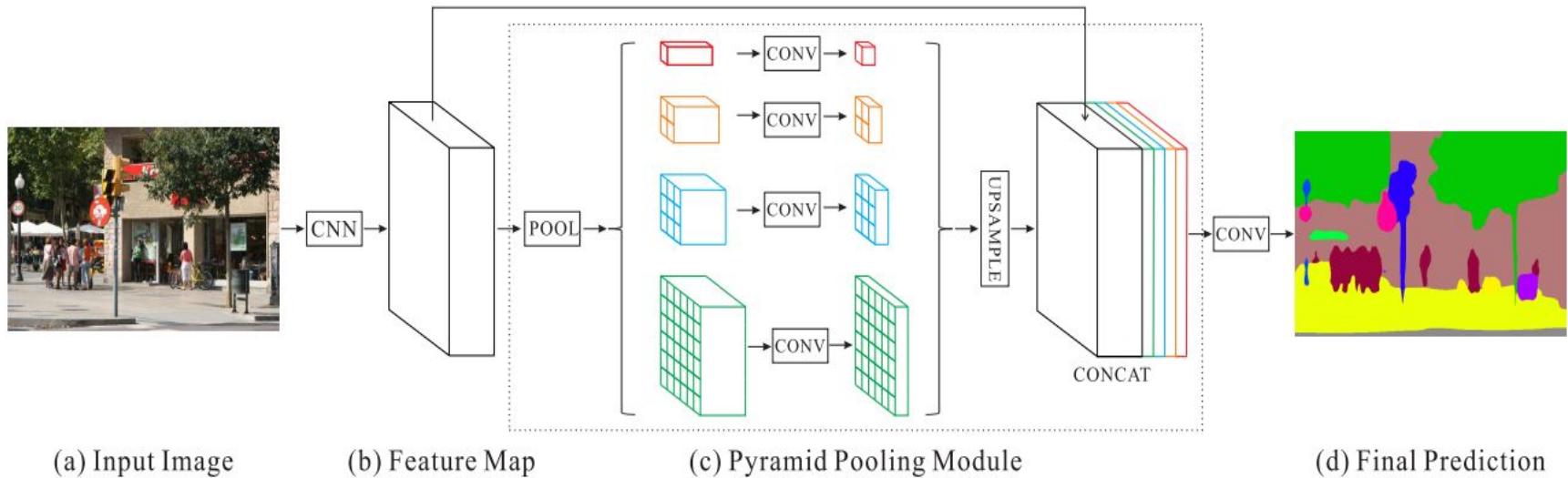
# MobileNet-V1,V2, LVNet (Depthwise Convolution)



## Multi-Scale and Pyramid Network Based Models

# PSPNet : Pyramid Scene Parsing Network

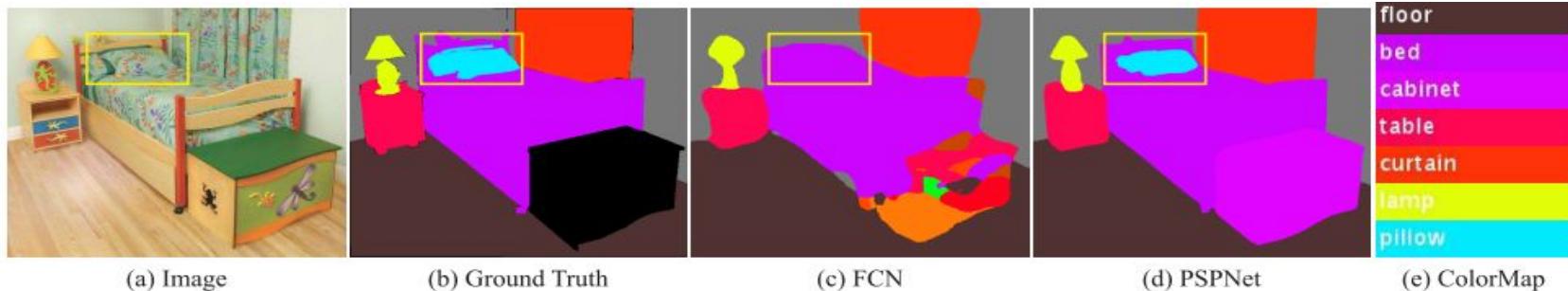
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A pyramid parsing module is applied to get different sub-region representations, followed by upsampling and concatenation layers to get final feature representation

# PSPNet : Architecture

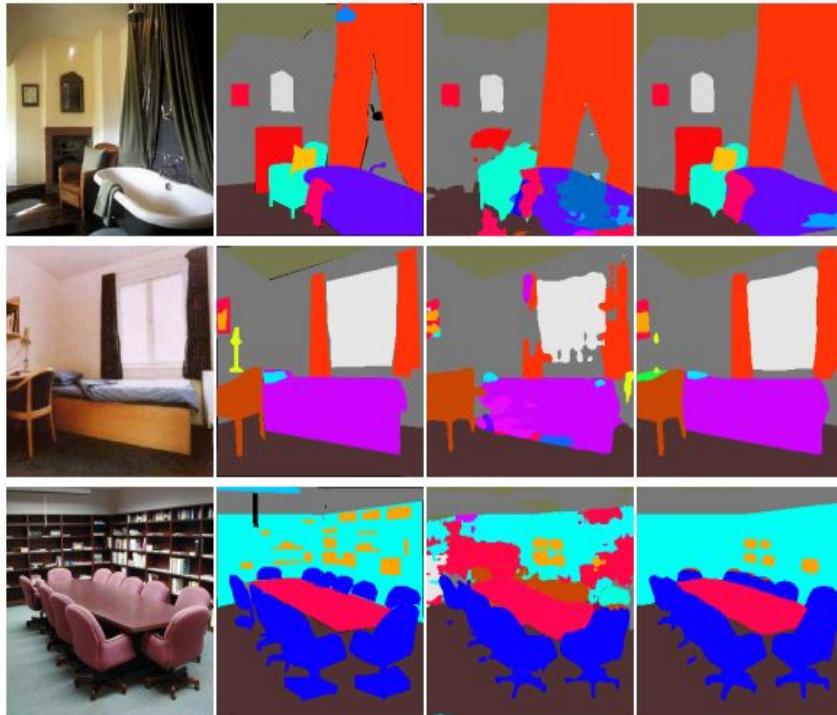
- Different patterns are extracted from the input image using a residual network (ResNet) as a feature extractor, with a dilated network.
- These feature maps are then fed into a pyramid pooling module to distinguish patterns of different scales. They are pooled at four different scales, each one corresponding to a pyramid level and processed by a  $1 \times 1$  convolutional layer to reduce their dimensions.
- The outputs of the pyramid levels are up-sampled and concatenated with the initial feature maps to capture both local and global context information. Finally, a convolutional layer is used to generate the pixel-wise predictions



Performance on ADE20K Dataset

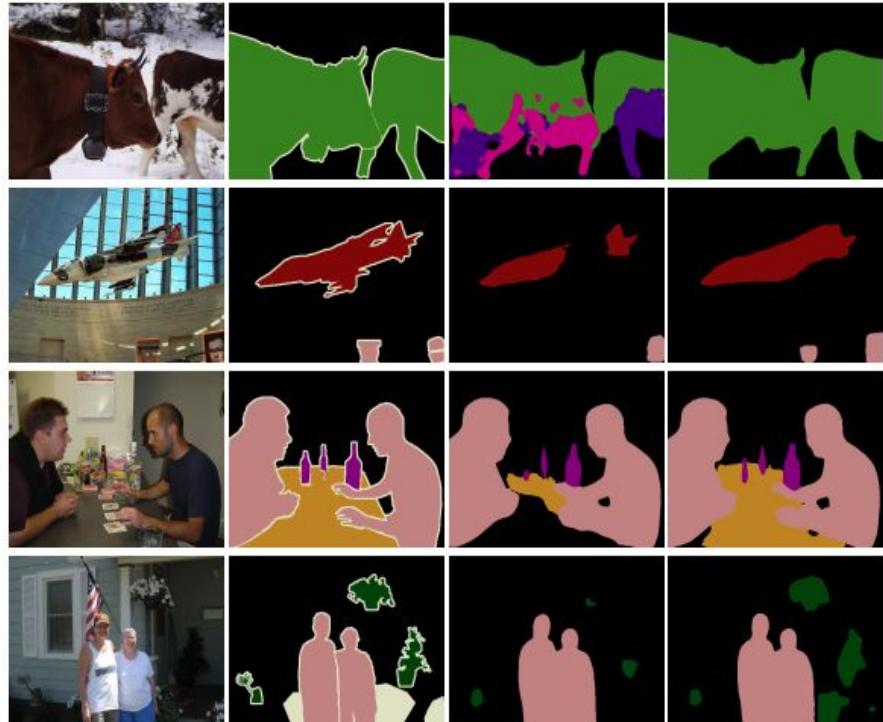
Multi-Scale and Pyramid Network Based Models

# PSPNet : Performance



(a) Image    (b) Ground Truth    (c) Baseline    (d) PSPNet

More Results on ADE20K Dataset

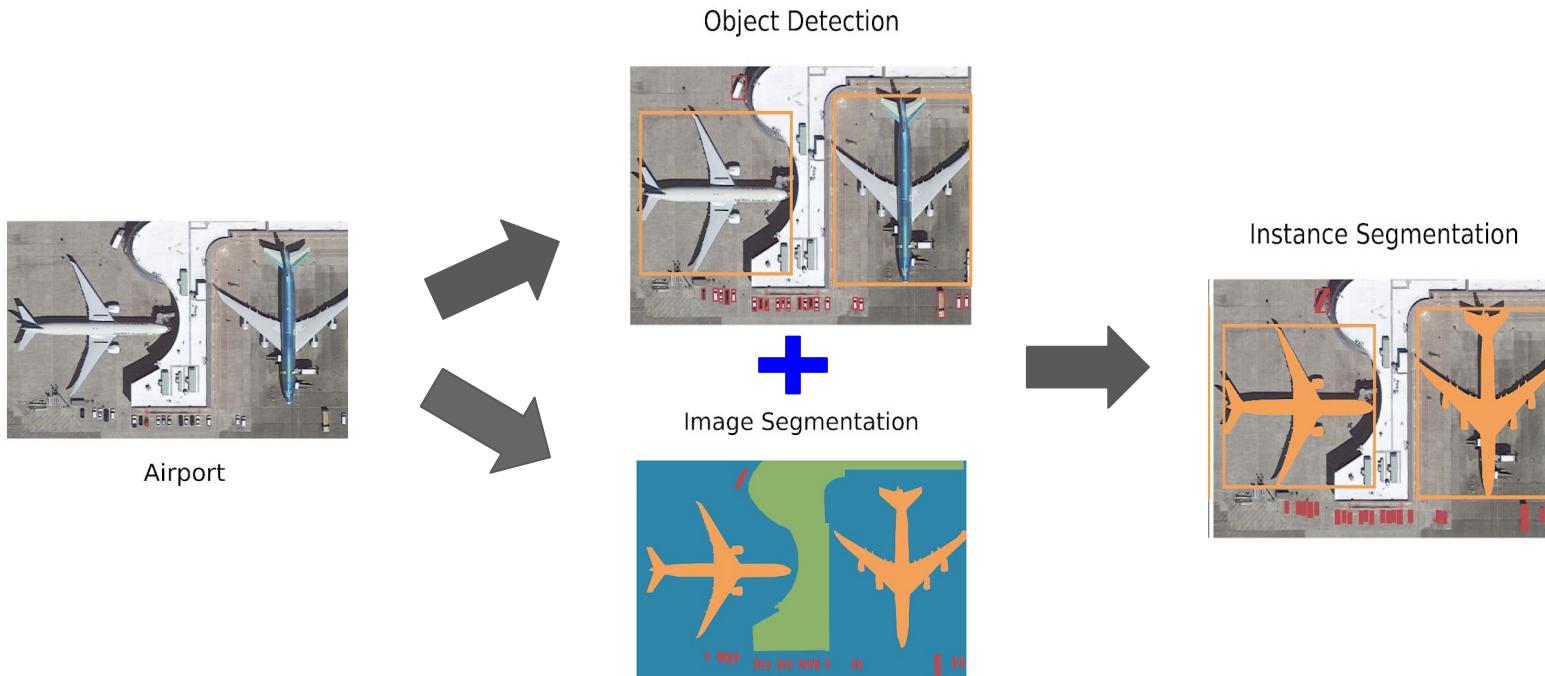


(a) Image    (b) Ground Truth    (c) Baseline    (d) PSPNet

Visual improvements on PASCAL VOC

CNN based Image segmentation Models

# Mask Region based CNN (Mask R-CNN) : Motivation

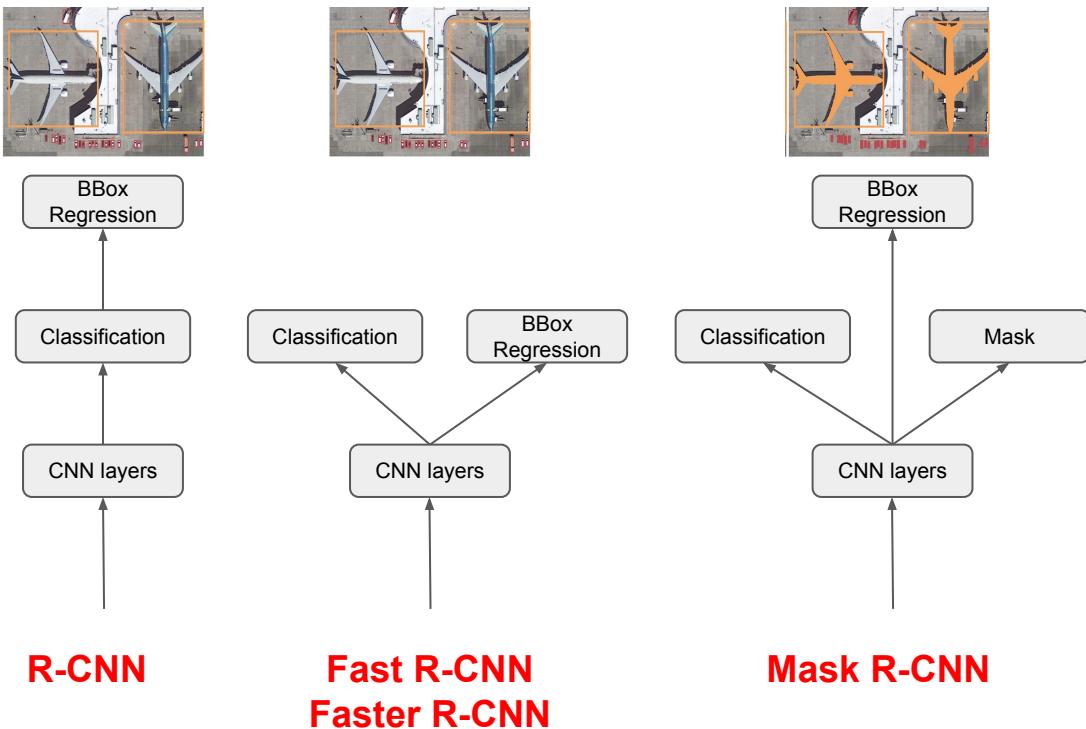


- Main **motivation** is to simultaneously detect and segment individual objects within an image and provide pixel-level segmentation masks for precise object boundary delineation.

## CNN based Image segmentation Models

# Mask R-CNN

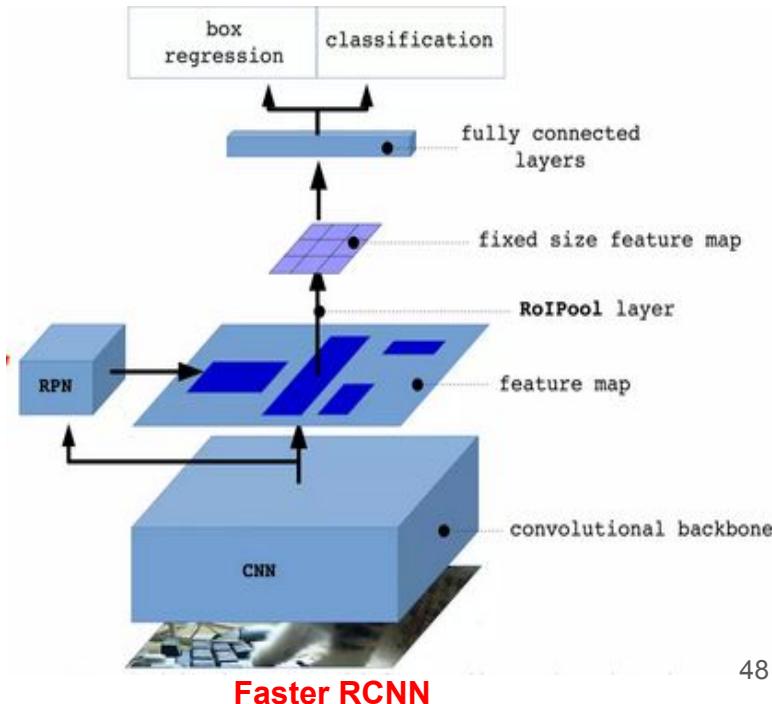
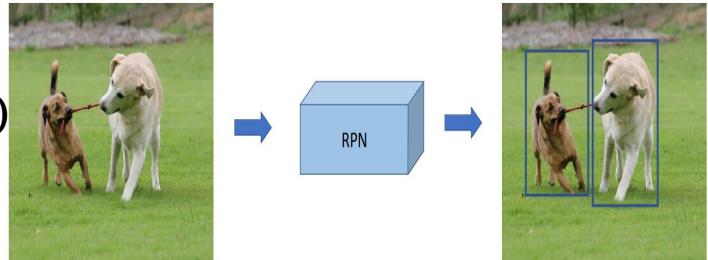
- Approach to instance segmentation.
- Two Subproblems-
  - Object detection
  - Semantic segmentation
- Builds on top of Faster R-CNN by adding a parallel branch.



CNN based Image segmentation Models

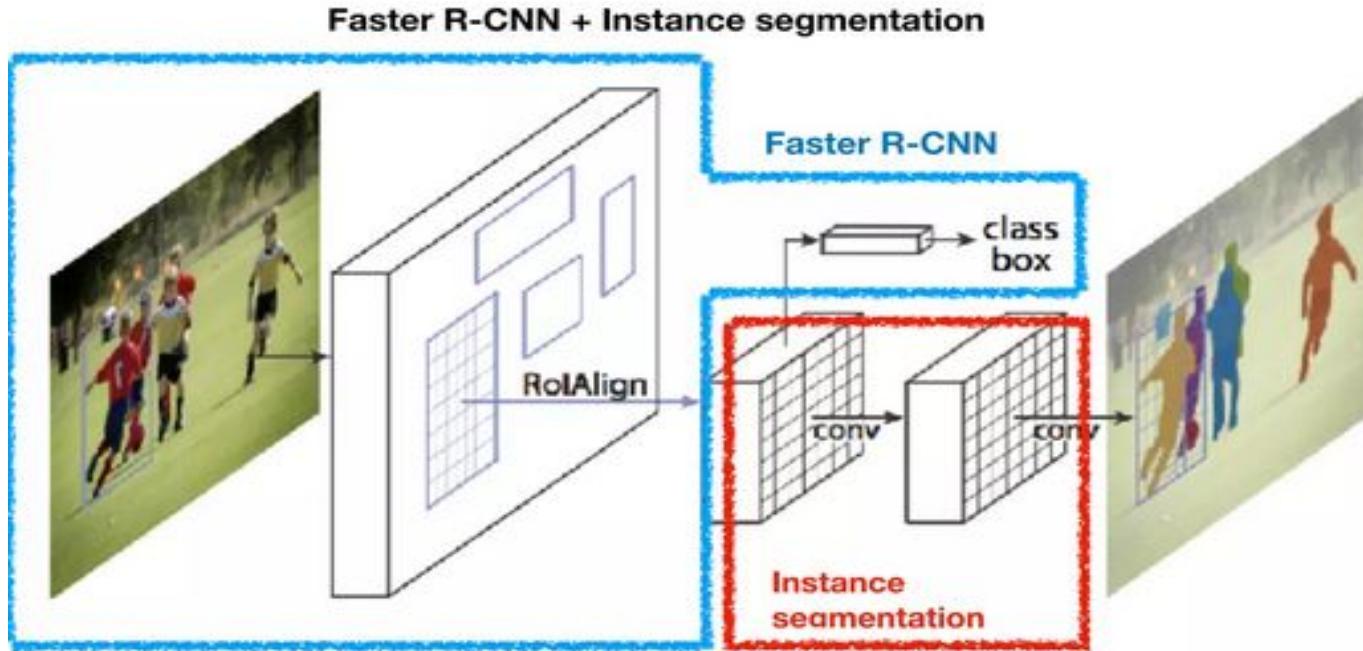
# Mask R-CNN : Background (Faster R-CNN)

- Convolution **backbone** take image and results in the Feature map.
- RPN(**Region proposal network**) generates region proposals by scanning the feature map.
- **RoIPool layer** takes these region proposals, then divides them into a grid of fixed spatial bins and RoIPool layer performs max pooling within that region.
- Equal size feature map is fed into subsequent fully connected layers to perform **object classification** and **bounding box regression**.



CNN based Image segmentation Models

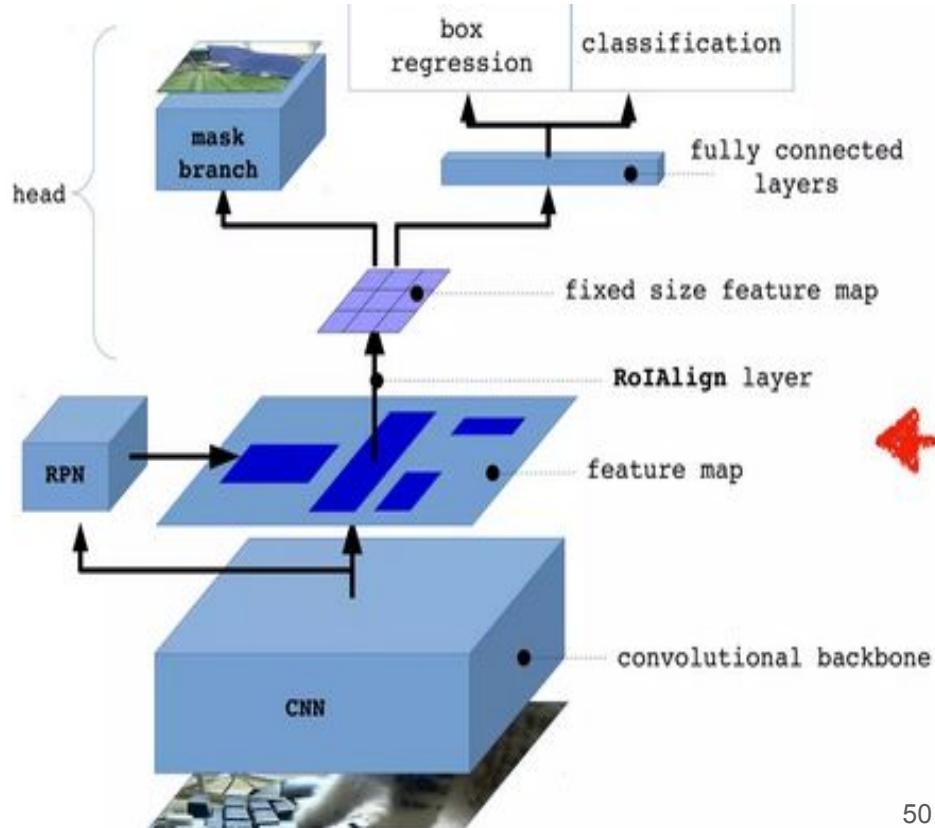
# Mask R-CNN



- Builds on top of **Faster R-CNN** by adding a **parallel branch** of Fully convolutional Network which results in the **masks**.

# Mask R-CNN

- Convolution backbone results in the feature map.
- RPN(**Region proposal network**) generates region proposals by scanning feature map.
- RoIPool layer takes these region proposals, then divides them into a grid of fixed spatial bins.
- **RoIAlign** layer uses bilinear interpolation to sample the exact locations on the feature map for each sub-region.
- **Mask R-CNN outputs** a binary mask for each RoI in parallel to **predict** the **class** and **box offset**.

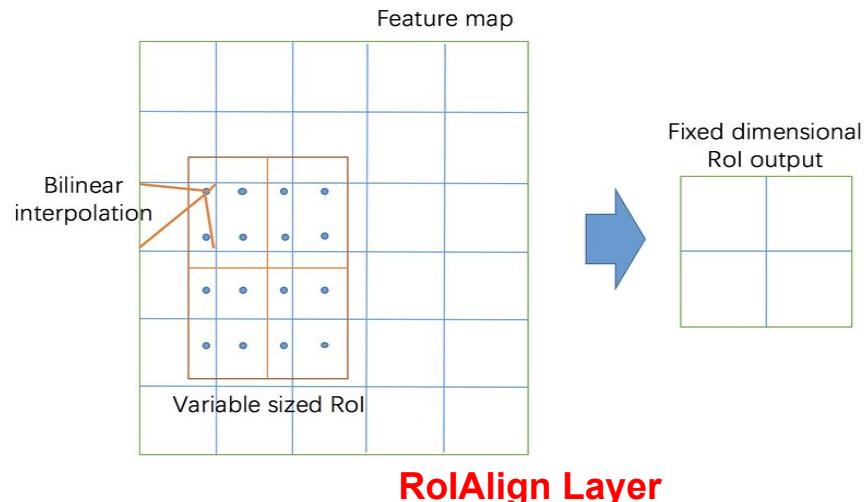


# Mask R-CNN : RoIAlign

- **RoIPool** (Region of Interest Pool) was proposed as an improvement over RoIPool to address the misalignment problem.
- RoIPool avoids this misalignment by using bilinear interpolation to sample the exact locations on the feature map for each sub-region.

input									
0.88	0.44	0.14	0.16	0.37	0.77	0.96	0.27		
0.19	0.45	0.57	0.16	0.63	0.29	0.71	0.70		
0.66	0.26	0.82	0.64	0.54	0.73	0.59	0.26		
0.85	0.34	0.76	0.84	0.29	0.75	0.62	0.25		
0.32	0.74	0.21	0.39	0.34	0.03	0.33	0.48		
0.20	0.14	0.16	0.13	0.73	0.65	0.96	0.32		
0.19	0.69	0.09	0.86	0.88	0.07	0.01	0.48		
0.83	0.24	0.97	0.04	0.24	0.35	0.50	0.91		

**RoIPool Layer**



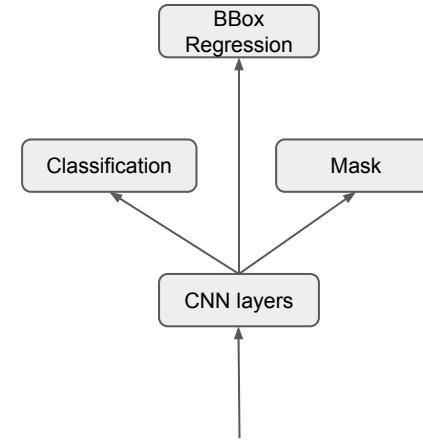
# Mask R-CNN : Loss Function

## Multitask loss:

- $L_{cls}$ : negative log likelihood
- $L_{box}$  : smooth  $L1$  loss
- $L_{mask}$ : mean binary cross-entropy

Loss function for each sampled RoI is:

$$L = L_{cls} + L_{box} + L_{mask}$$



**Mask R-CNN**

CNN based Image segmentation Models

# Mask R-CNN : Results



Experiments on Cityscapes

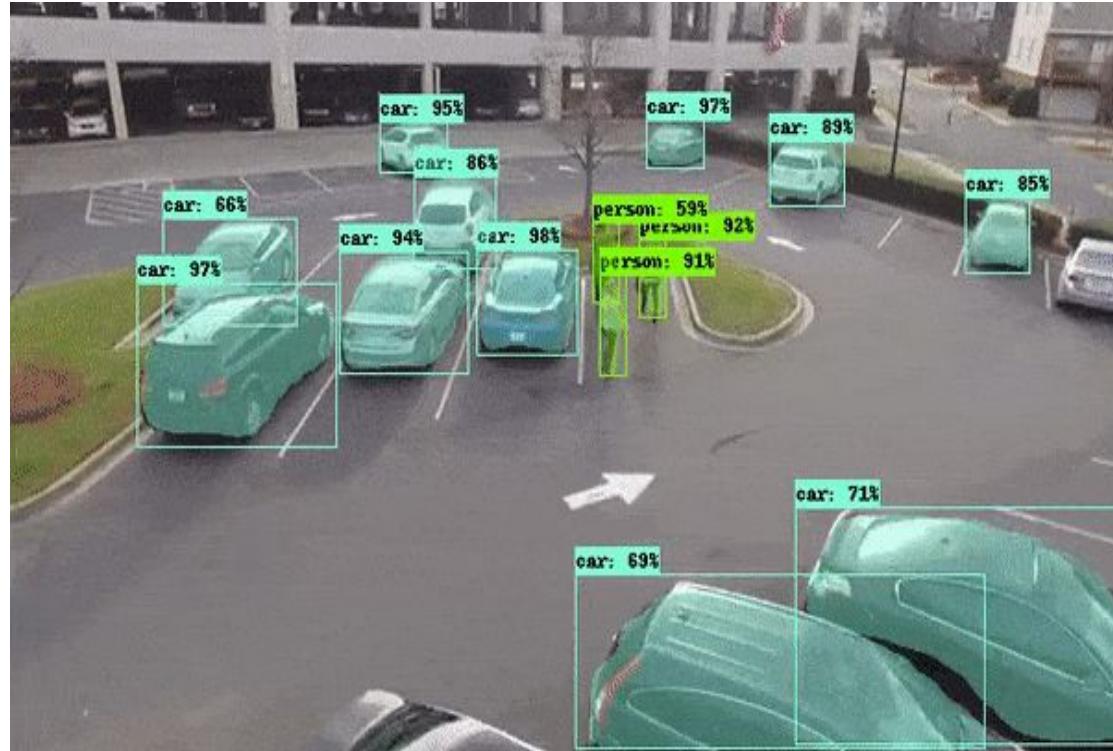


Mask R-CNN for Human Pose Estimation

# Mask R-CNN : Some more models for Instance Segmentation

Many other instance segmentation models have been developed based on **R-CNN** such as:

- R-FCN
- MaskLab
- DeepMask
- PolarMask
- CenterMask



Transformer based

# ViT : Vision Transformer

## The Transformer Architecture

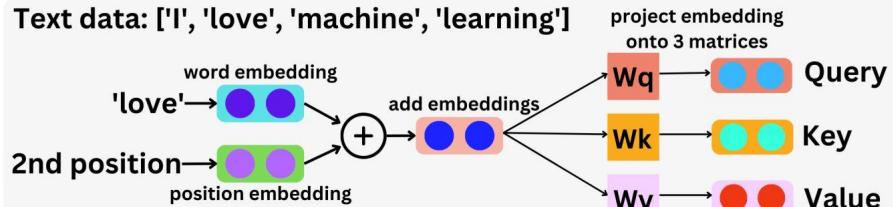
- It was introduced by Vaswani, Ashish, et al. in the paper **"Attention is all you need"** *Advances in neural information processing systems 30* (2017).

## Transformers: Attention is all you need!

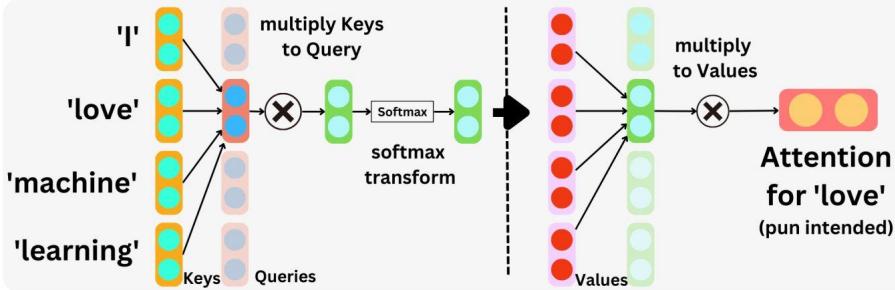
### Step 1: Create the Query, Key, Value

Text data: ['I', 'love', 'machine', 'learning']

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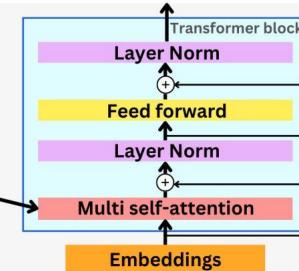


### Step 2: Create the Attention



### Step 3: Duplicate Attention and include inTransformer

Repeat the above process multiple times

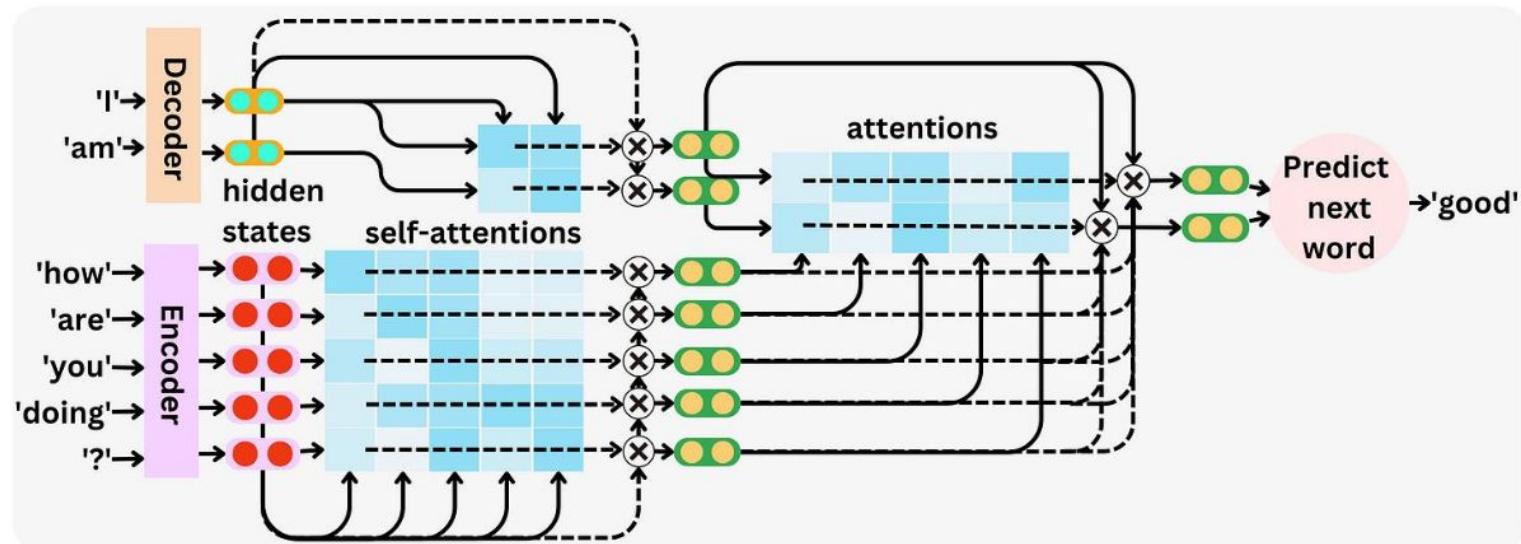


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# ViT : Vision Transformer

## The Self-attention mechanism

### Self-attention mechanism



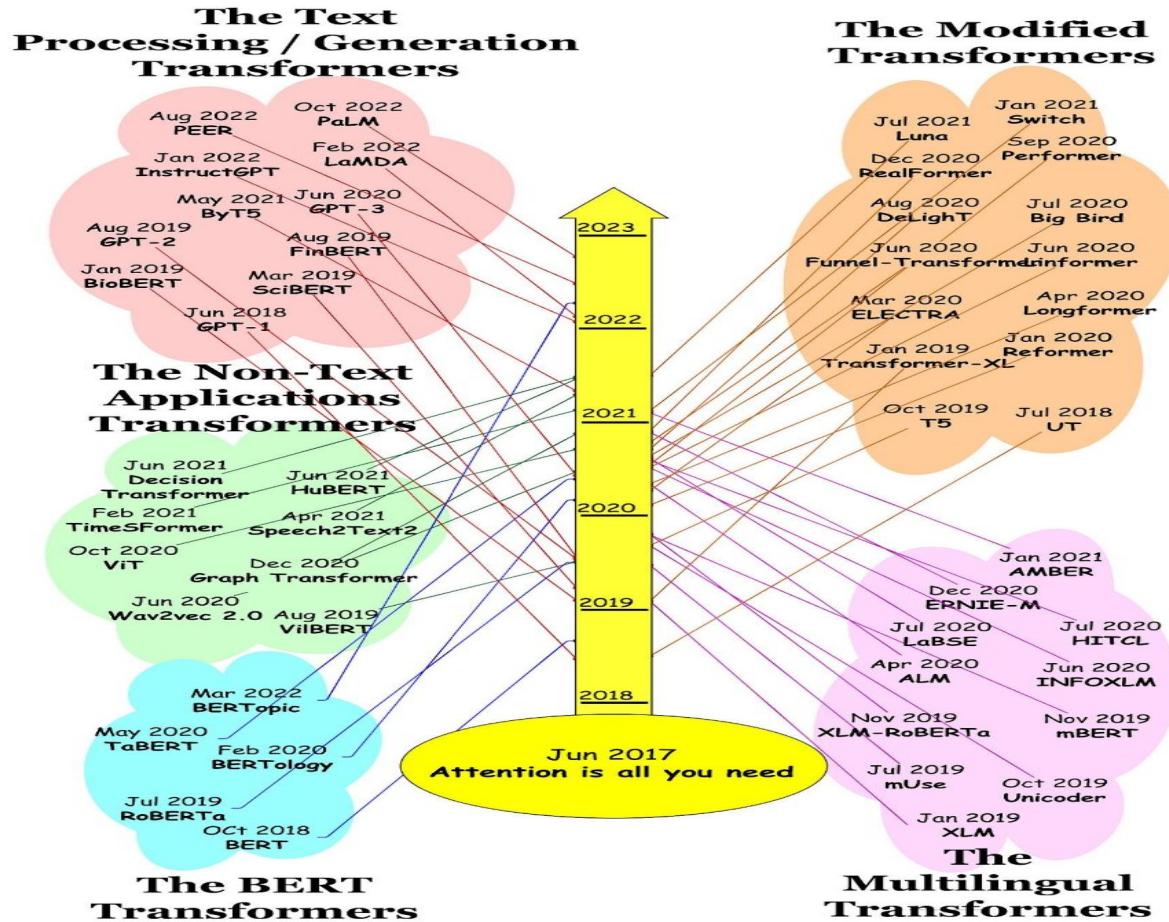
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# ViT : Vision Transformer

## ViT Introduction:

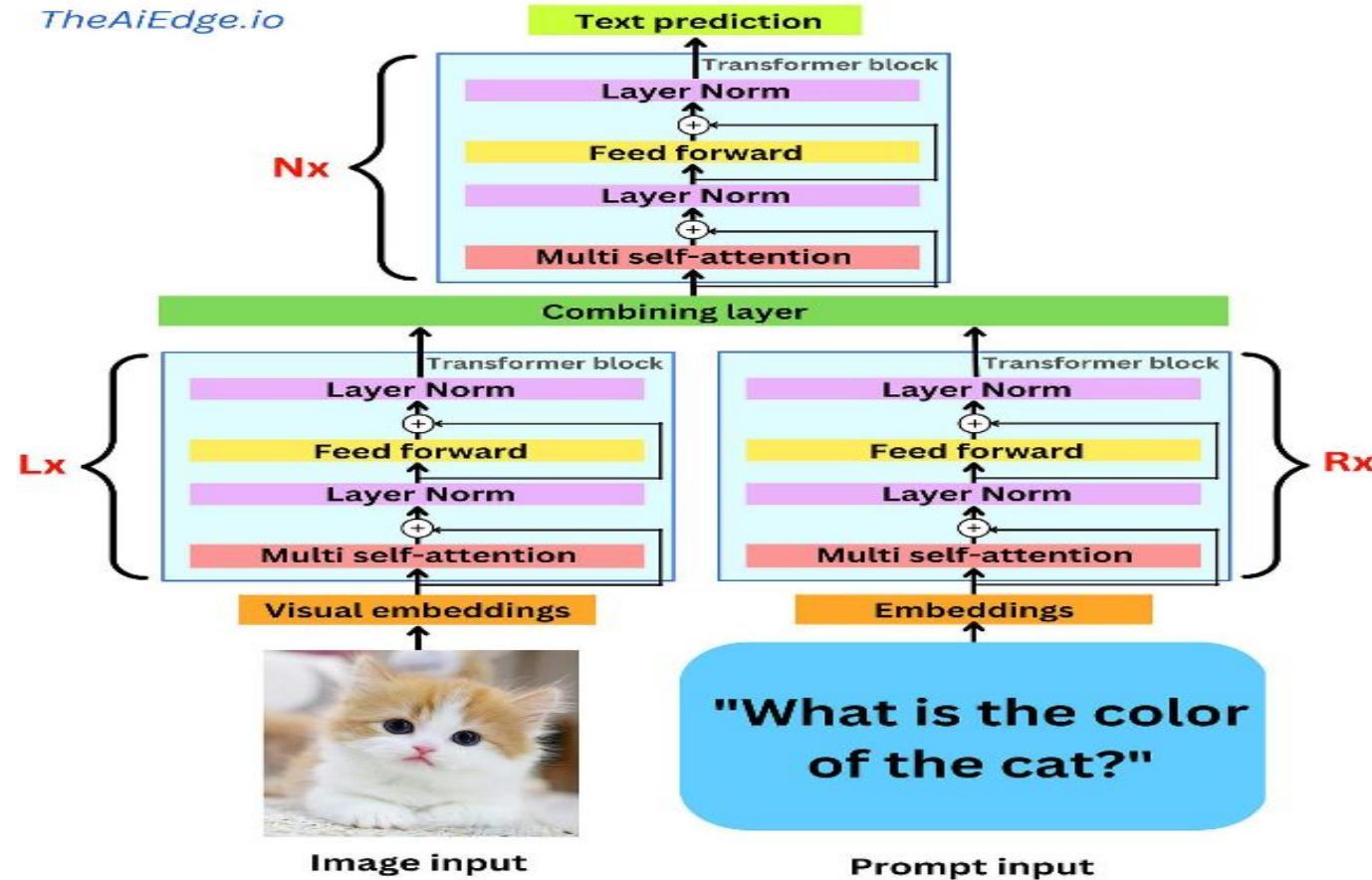
- In natural language processing (NLP) the prevalent architecture today is the Transformer.
- But the modeling in computer vision has long been dominated by convolutional neural networks (CNNs).
- The Vision Transformer (ViT) model was proposed in [An Image is Worth 16x16 Words: Transformers for Image Recognition at Scale.](#)
- It's the first paper that successfully trains a Transformer encoder on ImageNet, attaining very good results compared to familiar convolutional architectures.

# Transformers : History Timeline



# GPT 4 : Largest Language Model

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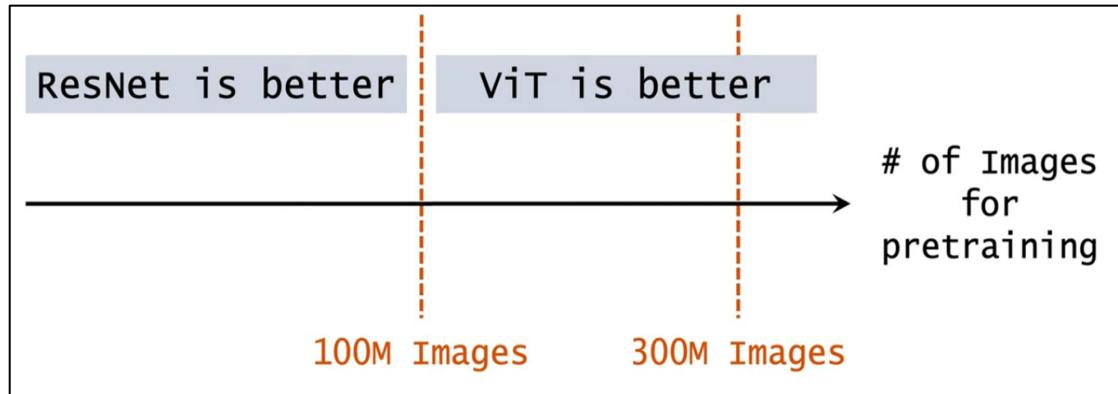


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# ViT : Vision Transformer

## Motivation of using ViT in CV:

- In image classification the best architecture were CNNs (ResNet).
- ViT *beats* CNN's when the dataset for pretraining is sufficiently large. (at least 100 million images).
- ViT is the successful application of Transformers in CV.

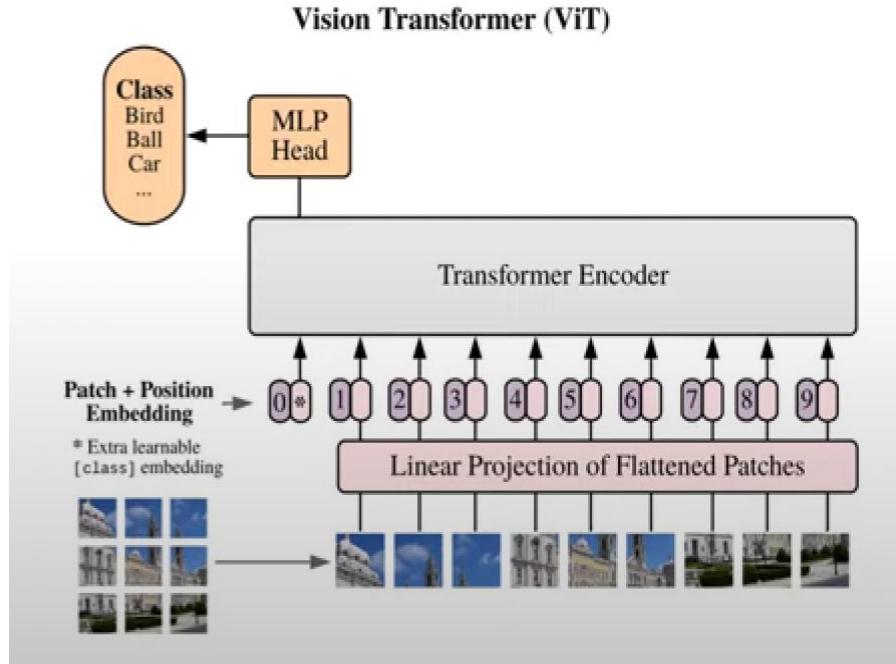


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# ViT : Vision Transformer

## ViT Model overview (for the classification task):

- First, split an image into fixed-size patches, linearly embed each of them, add position embeddings, and feed the resulting sequence of vectors to a standard Transformer encoder.
- In order to perform classification, use the standard approach of adding an extra learnable “classification token” to the sequence.



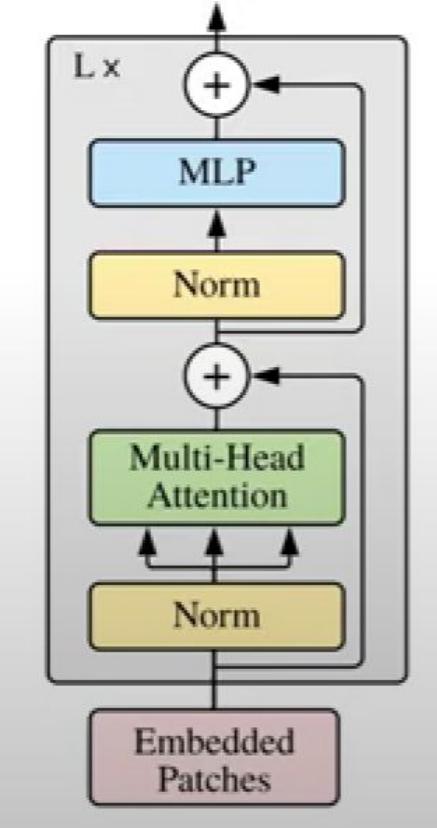
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# ViT : Vision Transformer

## ViT Model overview (for the classification task):

- The illustration of the Transformer encoder was inspired by Vaswani et al. (2017).
- A Transformer Encoder Network contains:
  - Multi-head Self-Attention Layer (MSA)
  - + Dense Layer (MLP)
  - + Skip-Connections
  - + Layer Norm (LN)
- It consists of alternating layers of multi headed self-attention (MSA) and multi-layer perceptron (MLP) blocks. Layernorm (LN) is applied before every block, and residual connections after every block.

Transformer Encoder

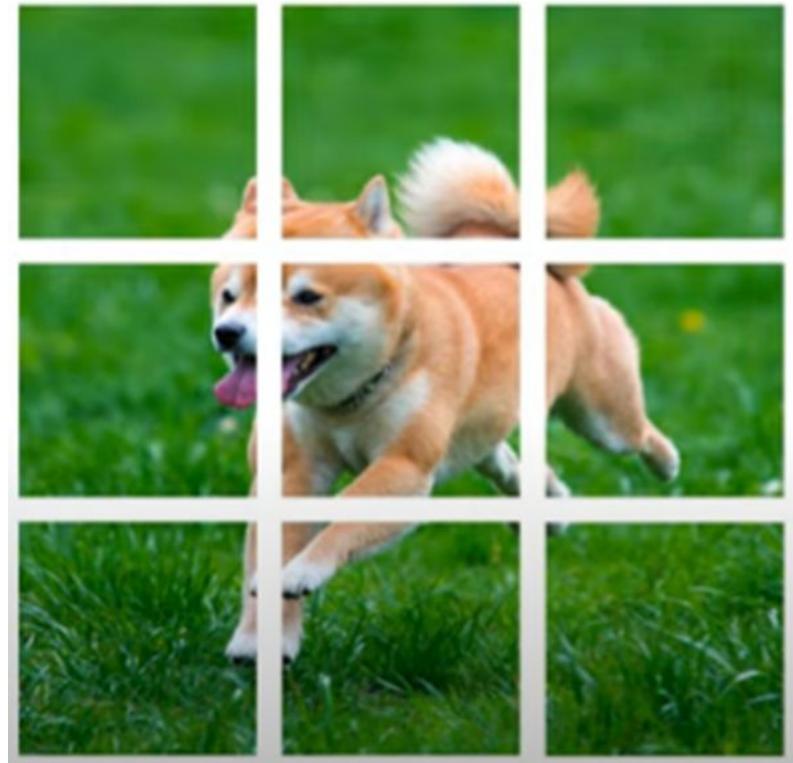


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# ViT : Vision Transformer

## Training ViT as a Classifier:

- Split the image into patches.
- Patches may or may not overlap.
- Which Patch-size to use?
  - The paper uses a patch size of 16 x 16.
- What Stride to use?
  - The paper uses a stride of 16 x 16 (horizontal stride x vertical stride).

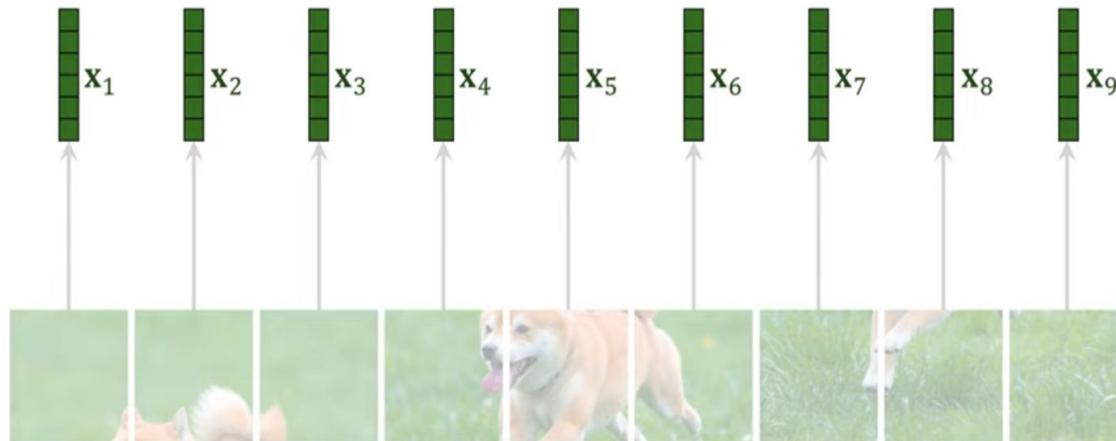


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# ViT : Vision Transformer

## Training ViT as a Classifier:

- The next step is to flatten the patches i.e. to convert patches ( $h, w, c$ ) to vectors ( $hwc, 1$ ).

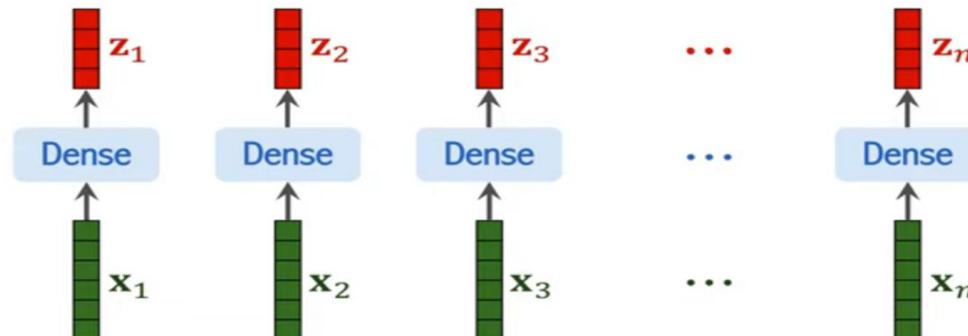


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# ViT : Vision Transformer

## Training ViT as a Classifier:

- Now, pass the reshaped vectors ( $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$ ) from the **dense layer** to get embeddings. In other words, the first layer of the Vision Transformer linearly projects the flattened patches into a lower-dimensional space.
- Positional encodings** are then added to  $z_1, z_2, z_3, \dots, z_n$ .



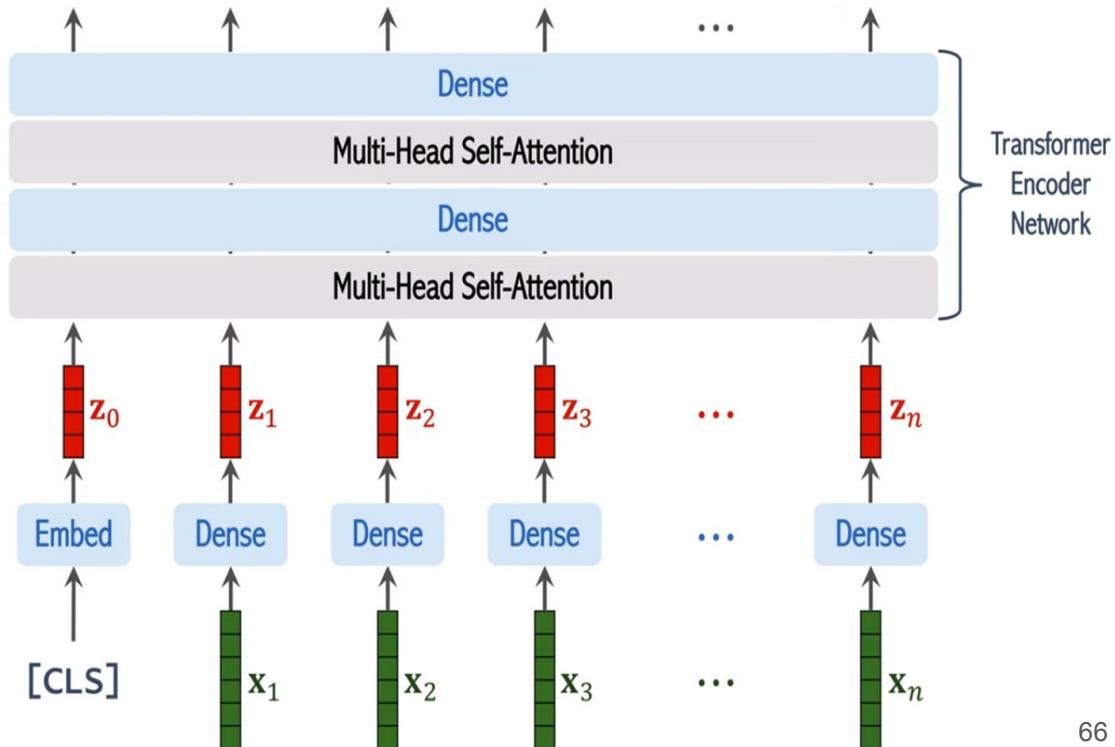
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# ViT : Vision Transformer

## Training ViT as a Classifier:

The CLS token:

- The [CLS] token is a randomly initialized vector which is **prepended** to the sequence of embedded patches.
- Its embeddings are learned.
- The state of the [CLS] token at the output of the Transformer encoder serves as the image representation.

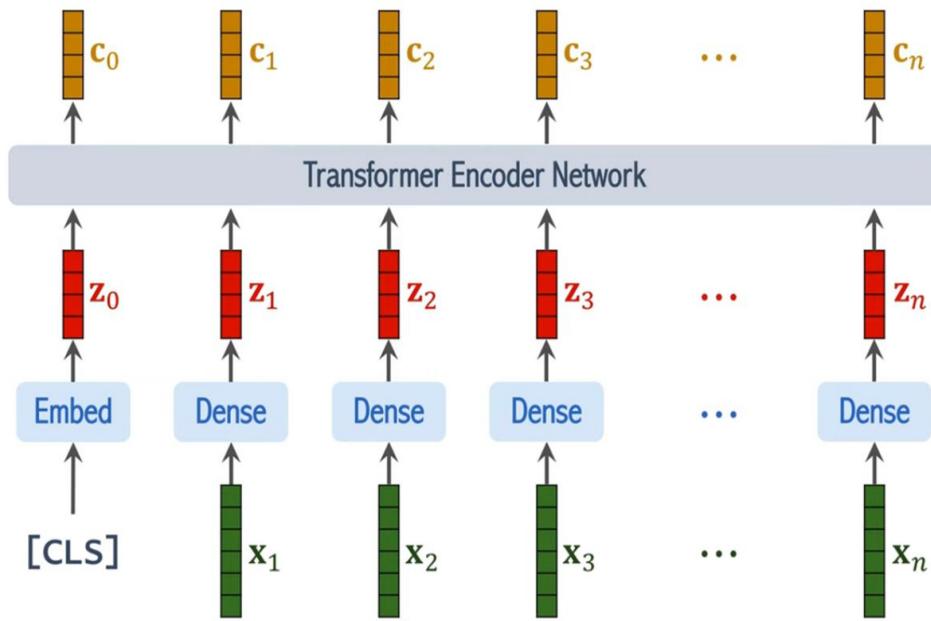


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# ViT : Vision Transformer

## Training ViT as a Classifier:

- $C_0, C_1, \dots, C_n$  vectors are output of transformer network.

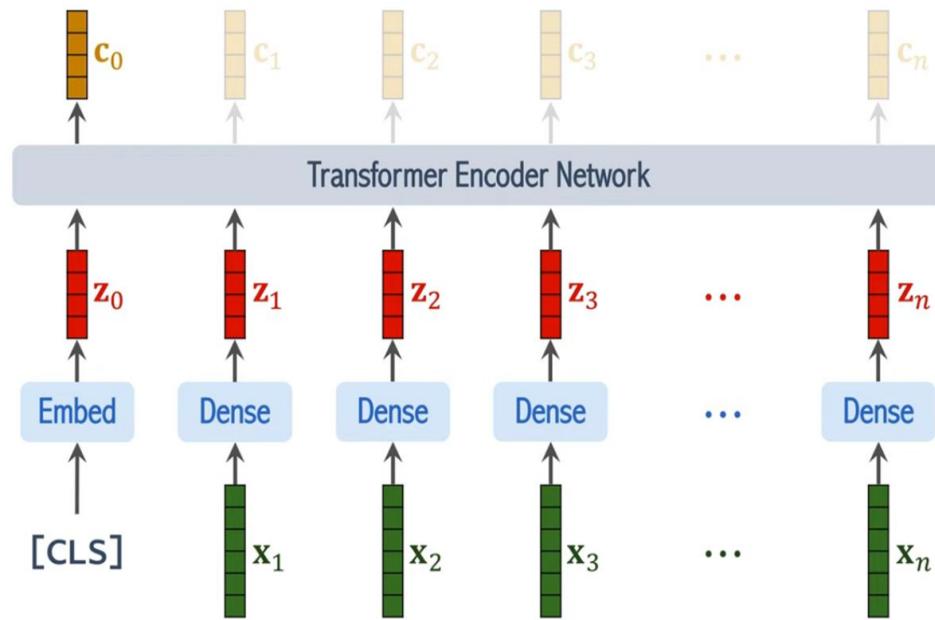


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## Training ViT as a Classifier:

- The classification is based on  $C_0$  only.
- Both during pre-training and fine-tuning, a classification head is attached to  $C_0$ . The classification head is implemented by a MLP with one hidden layer at pre-training time and by a single linear layer at fine-tuning time.

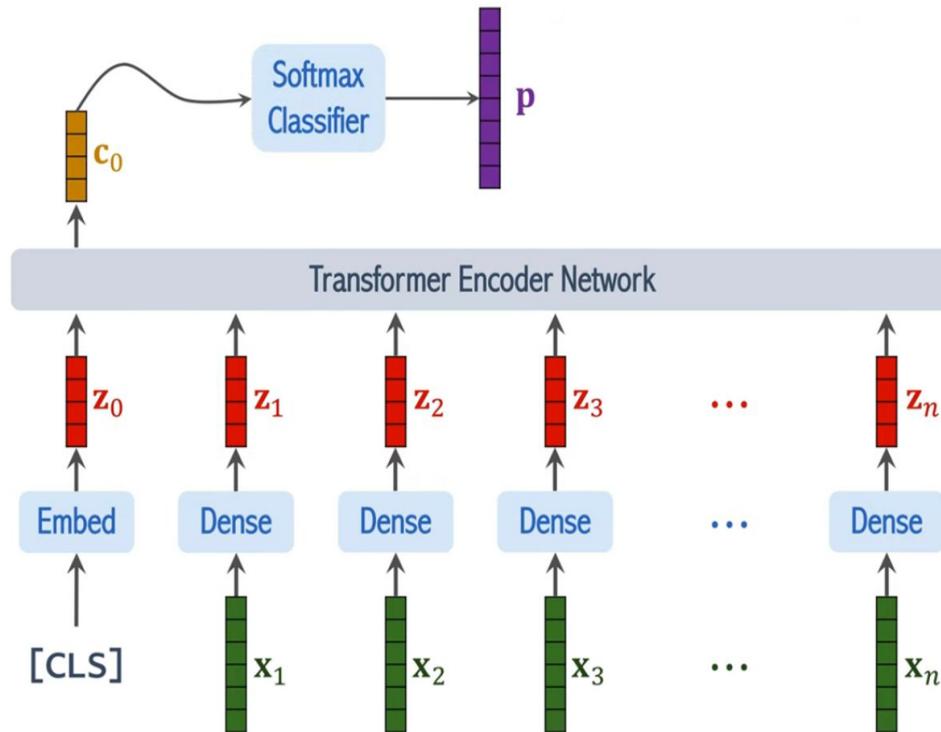


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## Training ViT as a Classifier:

- $c_0$  vector when passed through softmax classifier gives the vector  $p$  having **dim = number of classes**.

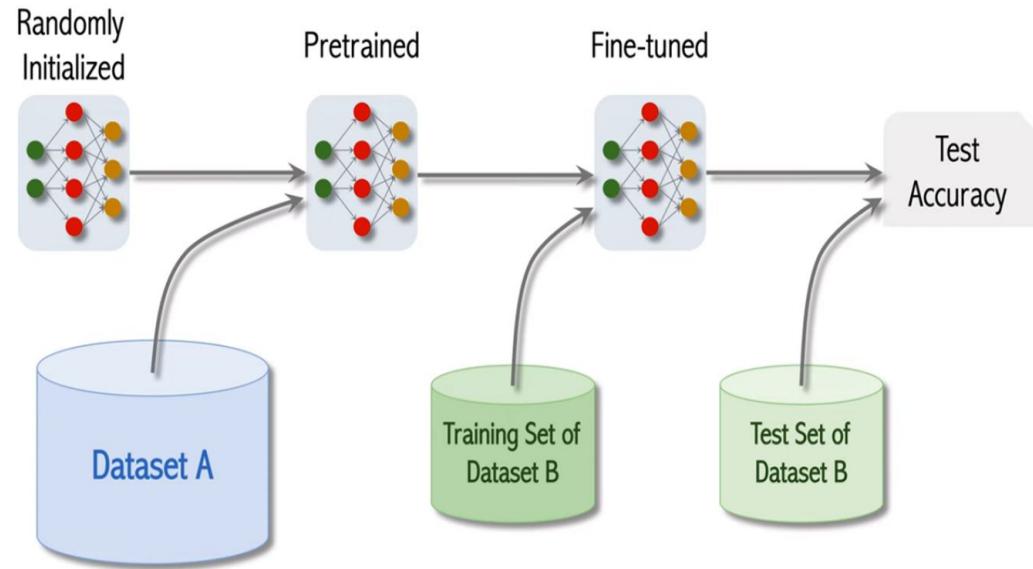


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# ViT : Vision Transformer

## Training ViT as a Classifier (Complete Training):

- Randomly initialize the model.
- Train the model on some large image dataset A. This will give a pretrained model.
- Fine-tune the model on the training dataset.
- Evaluate the dataset on the test-set of dataset B.



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# ViT : Vision Transformer

## **Architectural Patterns in Transformer-based Segmentation**

- **Vision transformer (ViT)** or its improved variants are the most common backbone networks.
- The improved variants include the following:
  - **Swin transformer:** Its shifted windows concept makes it similar to convolutions, allowing transformer blocks to form a hierarchical pyramid.
  - **Hybrid networks with convolutional blocks:** While transformers can take in more context, they are computationally less efficient due to the quadratic complexity of self-attention. Many variants add convolutional capabilities to make transformers more efficient. They include the convolutional vision transformer, co-scale, and LeViT.
  - **Improved spatial self-attention:** The twins models improve both accuracy and efficiency by optimizing spatial self-attention aspects.

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# ViT in Image Segmentation

**Some of the ViT models specialized for the task of Segmentation:**

- SEgmentation TRansformer (SETR)
- **Swin Transformer**
- Segmenter
- Segformer
- Pyramid Vision Transformer (PVT)
- Twins
- Dense Prediction Transformer (DPT)
- High Resolution Transformer (HR Former)
- Masked-Attention Mask Transformer (Mask2Former)

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# **Swin Transformer: Hierarchical Vision Transformer using Shifted Windows (ICCV 2021)**

## **Motivation:**

1. The paper seek **to expand the applicability of Transformer** such that it can serve as a general-purpose backbone for computer vision, as it does for NLP and as CNNs do in vision.
2. The authors observed significant challenges in **transferring Transformers' high performance in the language domain to the visual domain.**
3. The challenges can be explained by the **differences between the two modalities.**

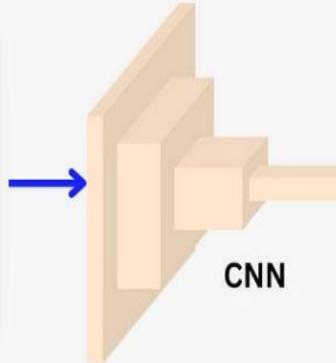
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# Swin Transformer: Image data vs Text data

## Image data with ConvNets



Image



CNN

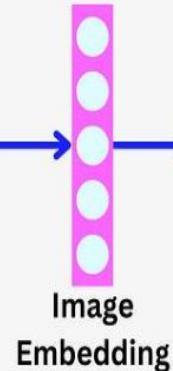


Image  
classification

'CAT'

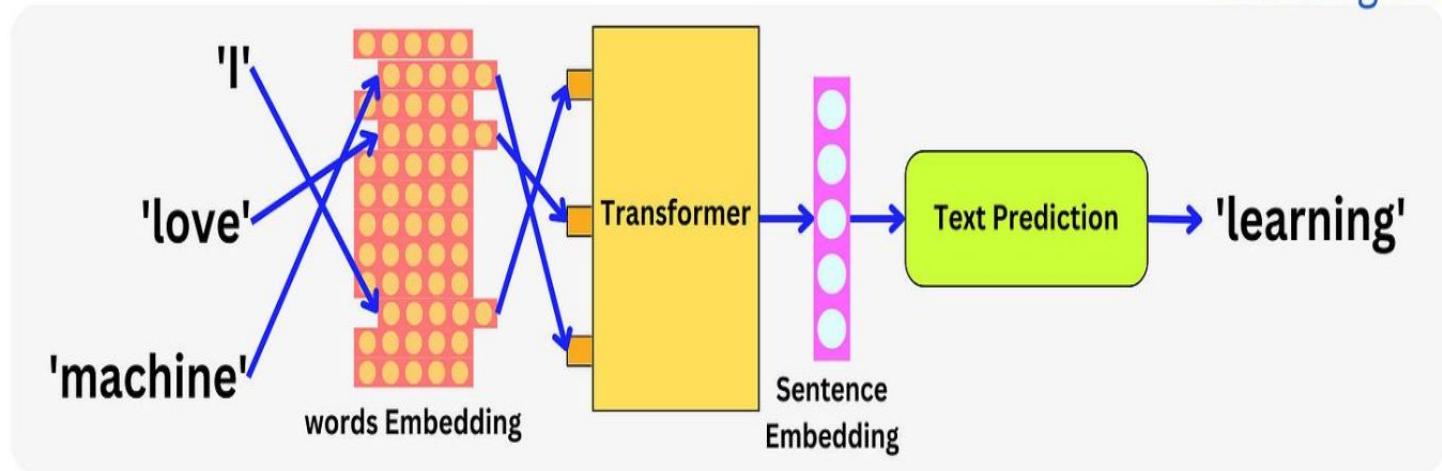
Input (Cat image) → CNN (learn local & global features) → Flatten the last layer features / Image Embedding(dim=1024/512) → Classify Cat image as 'CAT'

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# Swin Transformer: Image data vs Text data

## Text data with Transformers

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Input (Words) → Words Embedding

0.8	-0.1	0.8	-0.9	0.8	-0.5	-0.9
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Transformer: extract  
semantic Representations  
from Sentences

→ Text Prediction: Predict the next  
word of Sentence i.e 'learning'

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# Swin Transformer: Hierarchical Vision Transformer using Shifted Windows

## Key Difference between visual and textual signals:

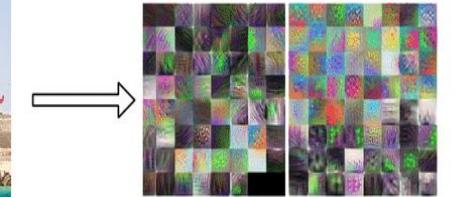
- Basic Elements
  - In Language Models the basic element is a **word token**.
  - In Computer Vision the basic element for processing may vary from a pixel to a portion of the image sometimes called a **patch**.
  - Also, An image representation is denser as compared to a textual representation.

Swin transformer takes care of the difference between a textual data and the image data.

Image



Visual representations (Dense)



Text

This is the oldest and most important defensive work to have been built along the North African coastline by the Arab conquerors in the early days of Islam. Founded in 796, this building underwent several modifications during the medieval period. Initially, it formed a quadrilateral and then was composed of four buildings giving onto two inner courtyards.

Textual representations (Sparse)



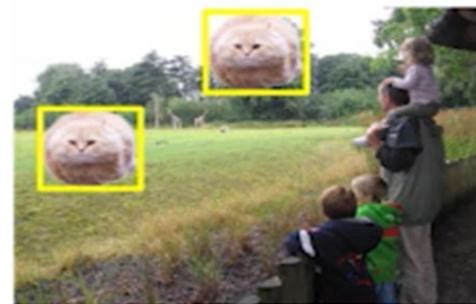
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# Swin Transformer: Hierarchical Vision Transformer using Shifted Windows

**Key Difference between visual and textual signals:**

- Translation Invariance
  - A visual object is insensitive to its location.
  - A word is sensitive to its location.

translation invariance



I am a **fat cat**.

**Fat cat** is me.

**Sensitive to absolute locations**

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# Swin Transformer: Hierarchical Vision Transformer using Shifted Windows

## Key Difference between visual and textual signals:

- Spatial Locality
  - Spatial Locality means that all those pixels which are stored nearby to a particular pixel have some correlation.
  - The correlation between the neighboring pixels is more prevalent in images than in the words of a sentence.

locality  
(spatial smoothness)



I like the **green grass**.

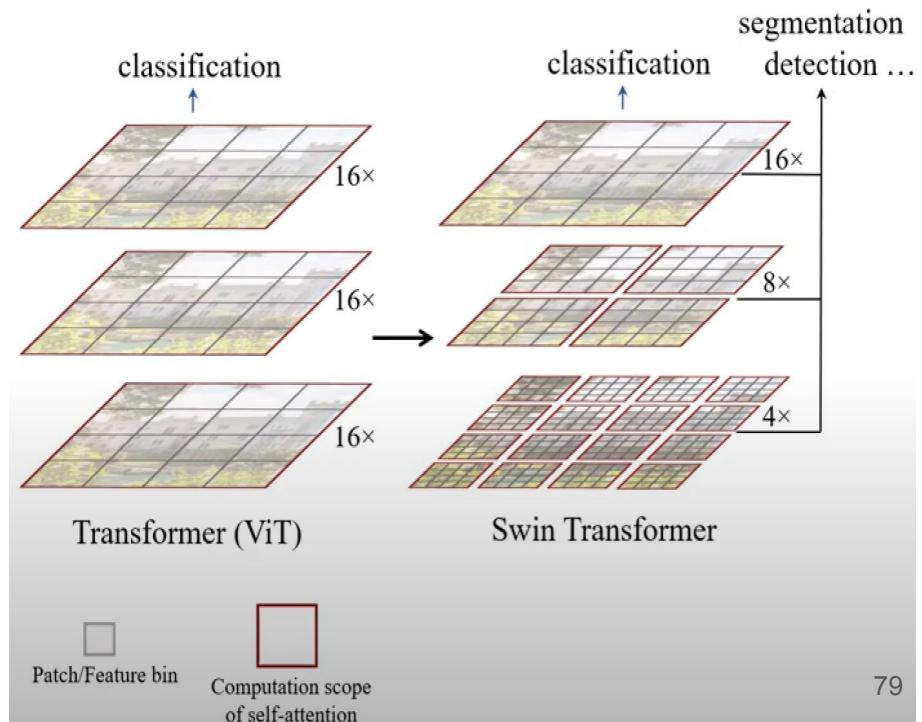
**No spatial smoothness**

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# Swin Transformer: Hierarchical Vision Transformer using Shifted Windows

## Architectural Details:

- The Figure shows the portion of an image processed at various layers in ViT (left) and in Swin (right).
- Swin Transformer builds hierarchical feature maps** by merging image patches (shown in gray) in deeper layers.
- It computes self-attention only within each **local window (shown in red)**. It can thus serve as a **general-purpose backbone** for both image classification and dense recognition tasks.
- In contrast, **ViT produce feature maps of a single low resolution**. The computation of self-attention is done globally.



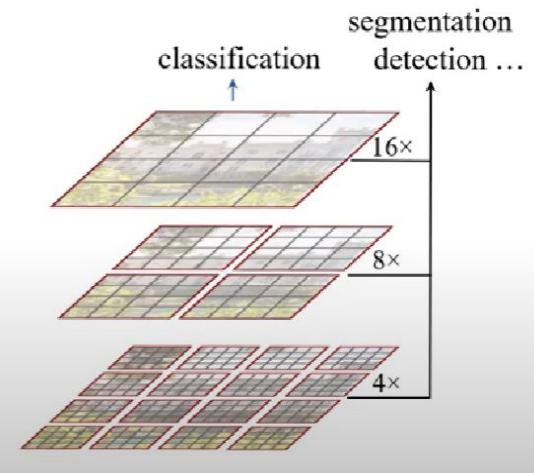
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# Swin Transformer: Hierarchical Vision Transformer using Shifted Windows

## Architectural Details:

### WHY Swin Transformer builds hierarchical feature maps?

- In existing Transformer-based models, tokens are all of a fixed scale, a property **unsuitable** for the vision applications.
- In Images **No matter how large a fat cat is... it's still a fat cat.**
- **Swin processes objects of different scales.** This goal is achieved by a hierarchical structure.



Transformer based

# Swin Transformer: Hierarchical Vision Transformer using Shifted Windows

## Attention Mechanism in ViT/Swin:

### Q, K, V and Attention:

- The unit of attention is a token (image patch).
- The **attention weights** of a Transformer block are computed between the key (K) and the query (Q).
- The weights quantifies how important is the key to the query. In the ViTs the key and the query comes from the same image, hence the weights determine which part of the image is important.
- Visualization is done through computing a 0–1 ligtness (i.e. attention weight) at each token.

$$\text{softmax} \left( \frac{\mathbf{Q} \times \mathbf{K}^T}{\sqrt{d_k}} \right) = \mathbf{Z}$$

Query image	Key image	Original
		

- The key image highlights the Airplane.
- The query image highlights all the image.

Q, K here are telling us -

We found an airplane, and we want all the locations in the image to know about this!

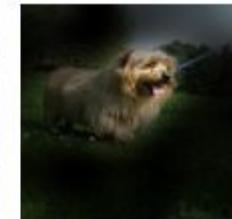
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# Swin Transformer: Hierarchical Vision Transformer using Shifted Windows

## Attention Mechanism in ViT/Swin:

### Q, K, V and Attention:

- Attention scores are then multiplied by the original image to get the **Attention maps**.
- The **attention map highlights the important region** in the image for the target class.



Original Image

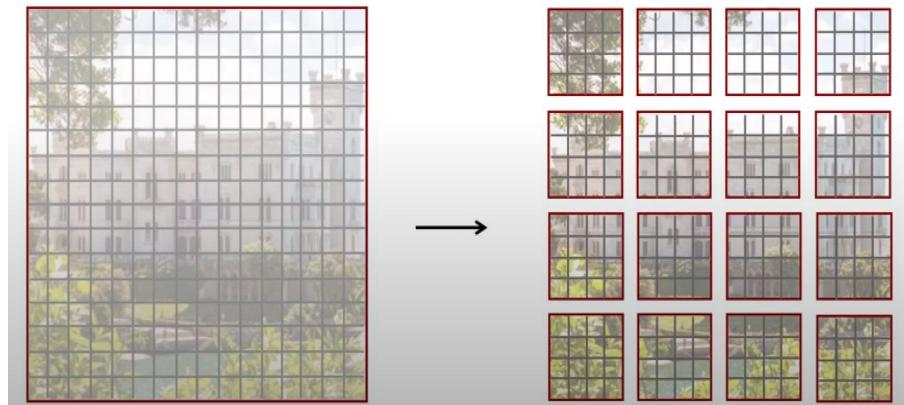
Attention Maps

Transformer based

# Swin Transformer: Hierarchical Vision Transformer using Shifted Windows

## Architectural Details:

- Swin transformer has **linear computation complexity** to input image size due to computation of self-attention only within each local window (shown in red).
- ViT have **quadratic computation complexity** to input image size due to computation of self-attention globally.



Attention score calculation  
in ViT =  $256^2$   
= 65536 (globally)

Attention score calculation  
in Swin =  $16 * 16^2$   
= 4096  
where  $n_1$  is the number of patches

Transformer based

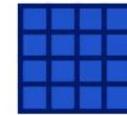
# Swin Transformer: Hierarchical Vision Transformer using Shifted Windows

## Architectural Details:

- ViT have quadratic computation complexity to input image size due to computation of self-attention globally.

### Standard MSA

Attention for each patch is computed against all patches, resulting in quadratic complexity



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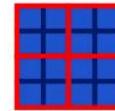
# Swin Transformer: Hierarchical Vision Transformer using Shifted Windows

## Architectural Details:

- Swin transformer has linear computation complexity to input image size due to computation of self-attention only within each local window.

### Window-based MSA

Attention for each patch is only computed within its own window (drawn in red). Window size is 2x2 in this example.



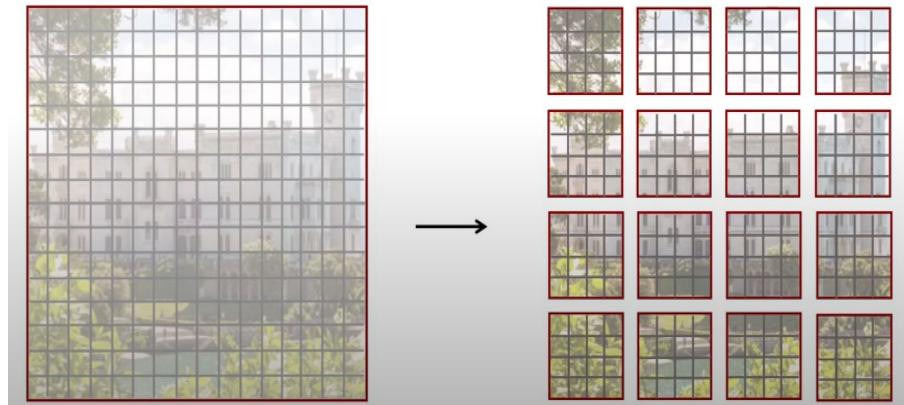
Transformer based

# Swin Transformer: Hierarchical Vision Transformer using Shifted Windows

## Architectural Details:

### WHY Swin Transformer needs to reduce the computational complexity?

- It is because of the much higher resolution of pixels in images compared to words in passages of text.
- There exist many vision tasks such as **semantic segmentation** that require **dense prediction at the pixel level**, and this would be intractable for Transformer on high-resolution images, as the computational complexity of its self-attention is quadratic to image size.



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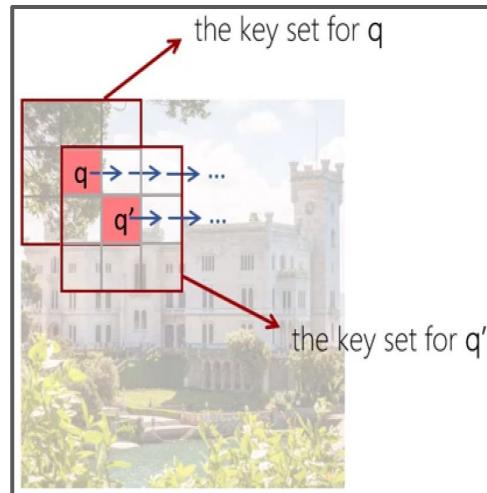
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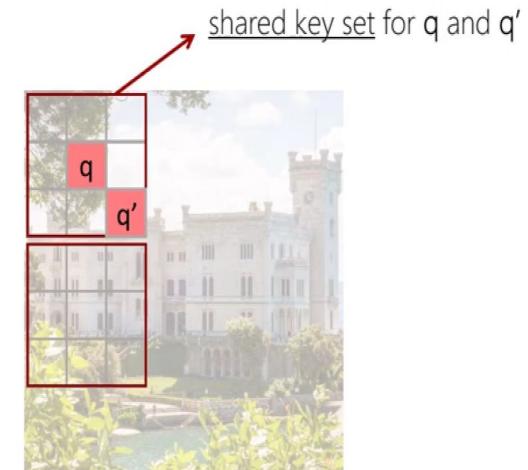
# Swin Transformer: Hierarchical Vision Transformer using Shifted Windows

## Architectural Details:

- Swin Transformer uses **non-overlapping windows** as opposed to the traditional sliding window approach.
- All query patches within a window share the same key set, which facilitates memory access in hardware.
- Shared keyset enables friendly memory access and is thus good for speed (larger than 3x).



Sliding window approach (left)



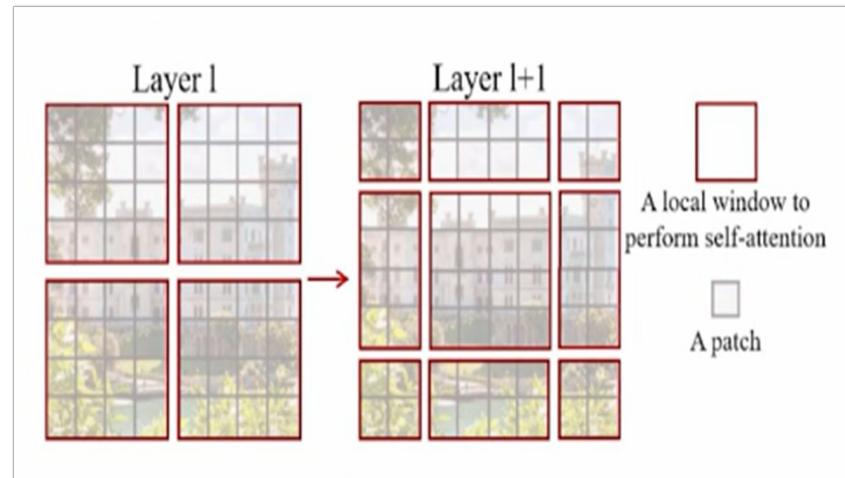
Non-overlapping window approach (right)

Transformer based

# Swin Transformer: Hierarchical Vision Transformer using Shifted Windows

## Architectural Details:

- A key design element of Swin Transformer is its **shift of the window partition** between consecutive self-attention layers.
- In layer  $l$  (left), a regular window partitioning scheme is adopted which **starts from the top-left pixel**, and the  $8 \times 8$  feature map is evenly partitioned into  $2 \times 2$  windows of size  $4 \times 4$  ( $M = 4$ ). The self-attention is computed within each window.  $M$  is the number of patches within each window.
- In the next layer  $l + 1$  (right), the window partitioning is shifted, resulting in new windows. **It adopts a windowing configuration that is shifted from that of the preceding layer, by displacing the windows by  $(LM/2J, LM/2J)$  pixels (forward and backward) from the regularly partitioned windows.**
- The self-attention computation in the new windows crosses the boundaries of the previous windows in layer  $l$ , providing connections among them.

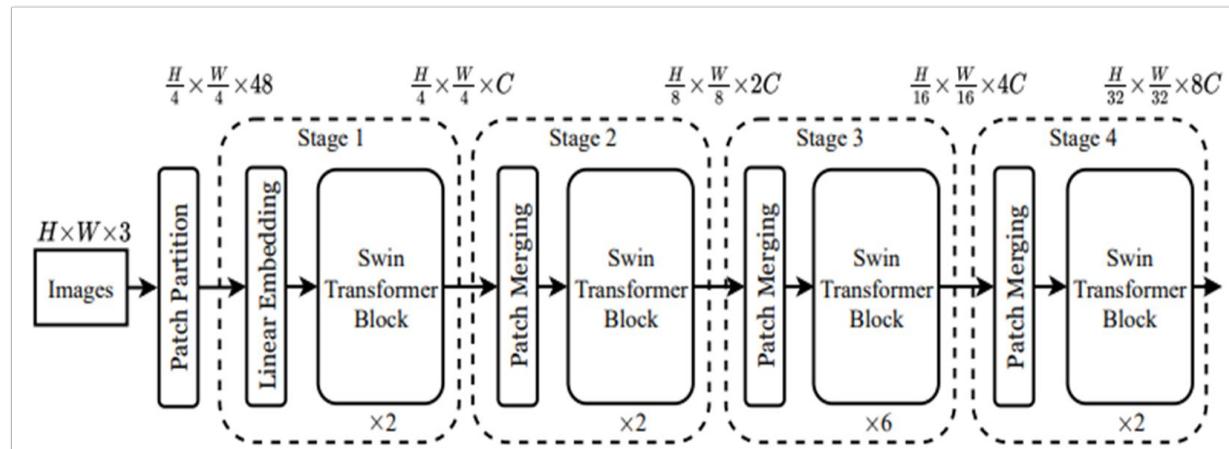


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# Swin Transformer: Hierarchical Vision Transformer using Shifted Windows

## Input:

- Swin Transformer first splits an input RGB image into non-overlapping patches by a patch partition module, (like ViT).
- Each patch is treated as a “token” and its feature is set as a concatenation of the raw pixel RGB values.
- A patch size of  $4 \times 4$  is used and thus the feature dimension of each patch is  $4 \times 4 \times 3 = 48$ .
- A linear embedding layer is applied on this raw-valued feature to project it to an arbitrary dimension  $C$ .
- $C$  is the channel number of the hidden layers in the first stage.

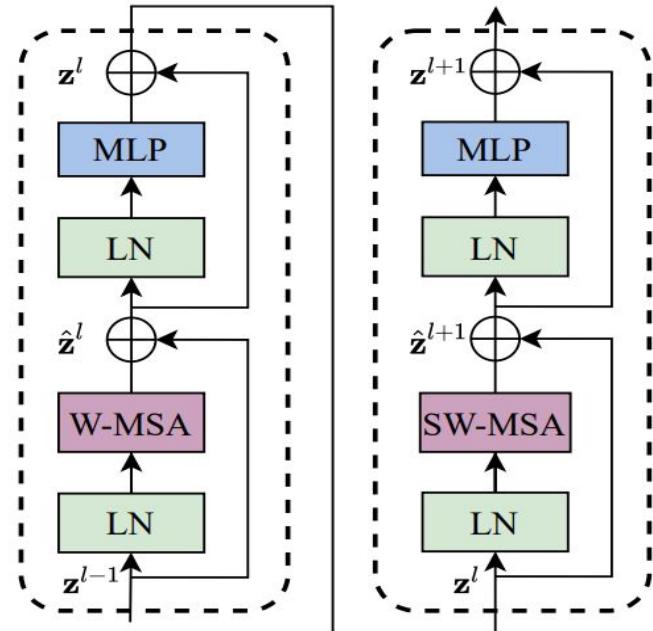


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# Swin Transformer: Hierarchical Vision Transformer using Shifted Windows

## Swin Transformer Block:

- A Swin Transformer block consists of a **shifted window based MSA module**, followed by a 2-layer **MLP** with **GELU** nonlinearity in between.
- A **LayerNorm (LN)** layer is applied before each MSA module and each MLP, and a **residual connection** is applied after each module.



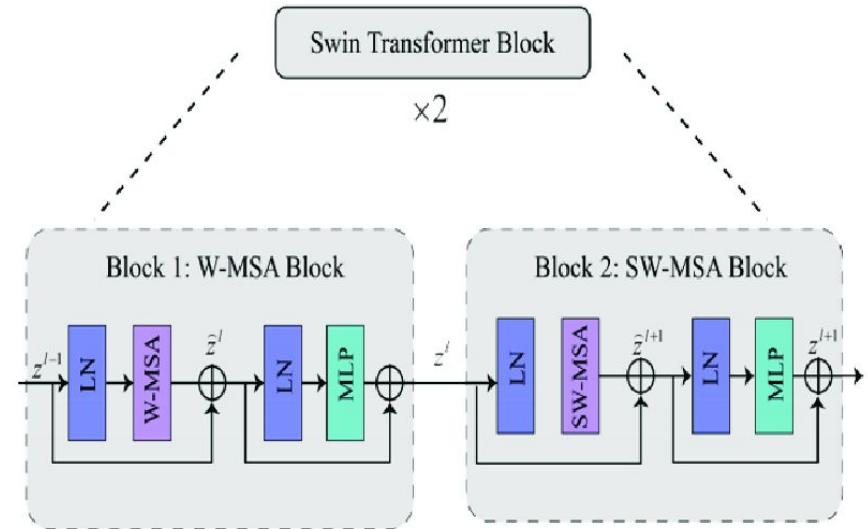
Two successive Swin  
transformer blocks.

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# Swin Transformer: Hierarchical Vision Transformer using Shifted Windows

## Swin Transformer Block (another view):

- Different versions of Swin Transformer differ in the number of Swin Transformer block layers, the size of hidden dimensions, the number of attention heads used by the W-MSA and SW-MSA layers, and the size of the MLP classifier.
- The "Swin-T" model (discussed here) has 12 Swin Transformer block layers, with hidden size 768, and uses 24 attention.



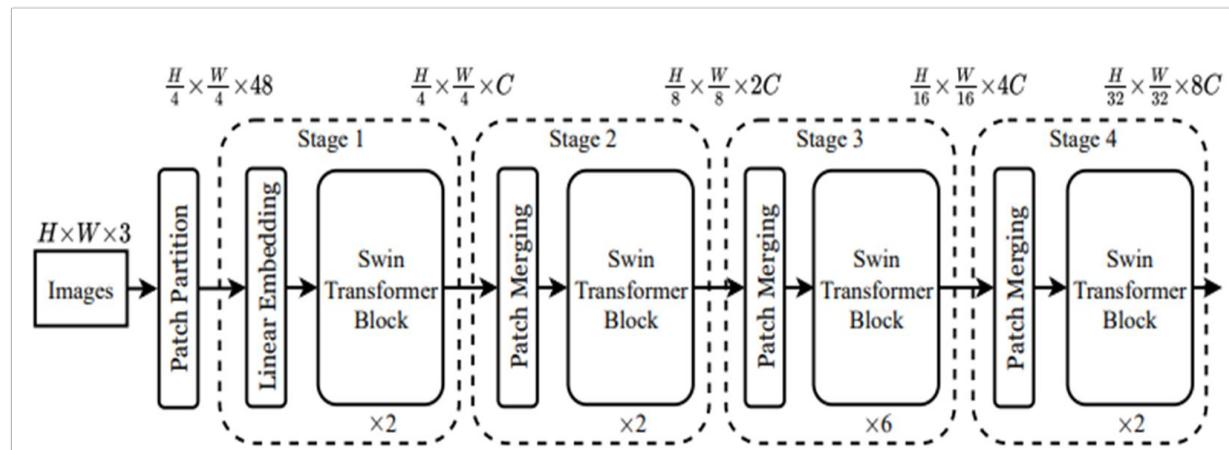
Two successive Swin transformer blocks.

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# Swin Transformer: Hierarchical Vision Transformer using Shifted Windows

## Stage 1:

- In stage-1 two **Swin Transformer blocks** are applied on the patch tokens.
- A **patch size of  $4 \times 4$**  is used and thus the feature dimension of each patch is  $4 \times 4 \times 3 = 48$ .
- A linear embedding layer is applied on this raw-valued feature to project it to an arbitrary dimension  $C$ .
- In other words,  $C$  is the channel number of the hidden layers in the first stage. ( $C=96$  in Swin-T)
- The Transformer blocks maintain the number of tokens ( $H/4 \times W/4$ ), and together with the linear embedding are referred to as “**Stage 1**”.

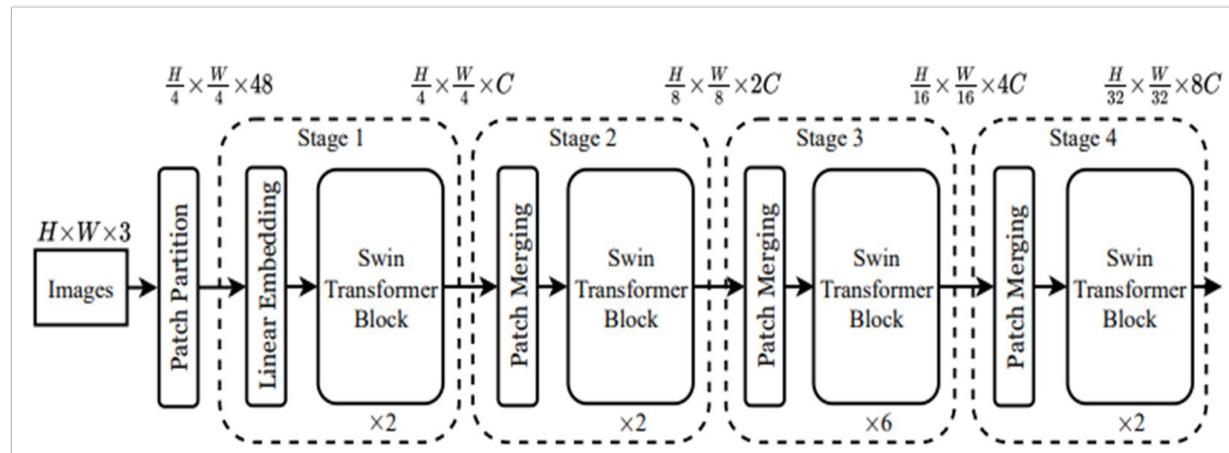


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# Swin Transformer: Hierarchical Vision Transformer using Shifted Windows

## Stage 2:

- To produce a **hierarchical representation**, **the number of tokens is reduced by patch merging layers** as the network gets deeper.
- The **output dimension** is set to  **$2C$** , and the resolution is kept at  **$H/8 \times W/8$** . This first block of patch merging and feature transformation is denoted as “**Stage 2**”.

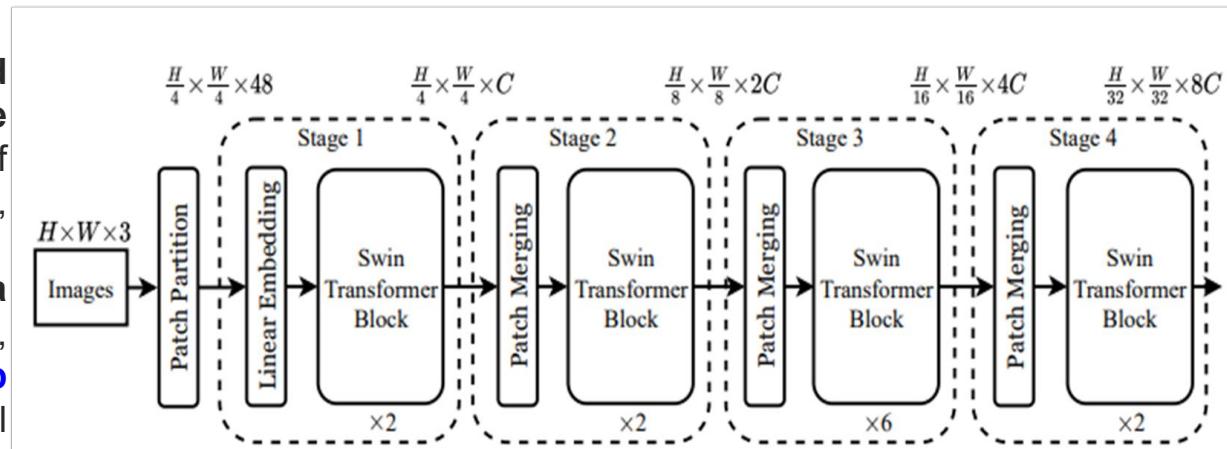


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# Swin Transformer: Hierarchical Vision Transformer using Shifted Windows

## Stage 3 & 4:

- The procedure is **repeated twice**, as “**Stage 3**” and “**Stage 4**”, with output resolutions of  $H/16 \times W/16$  and  $H/32 \times W/32$ , respectively.
- **These stages jointly produce a hierarchical representation, with the same feature map resolutions** as those of typical convolutional networks, such as VGGNet and ResNet, which can **conveniently replace the backbone networks in existing methods** for various vision tasks.



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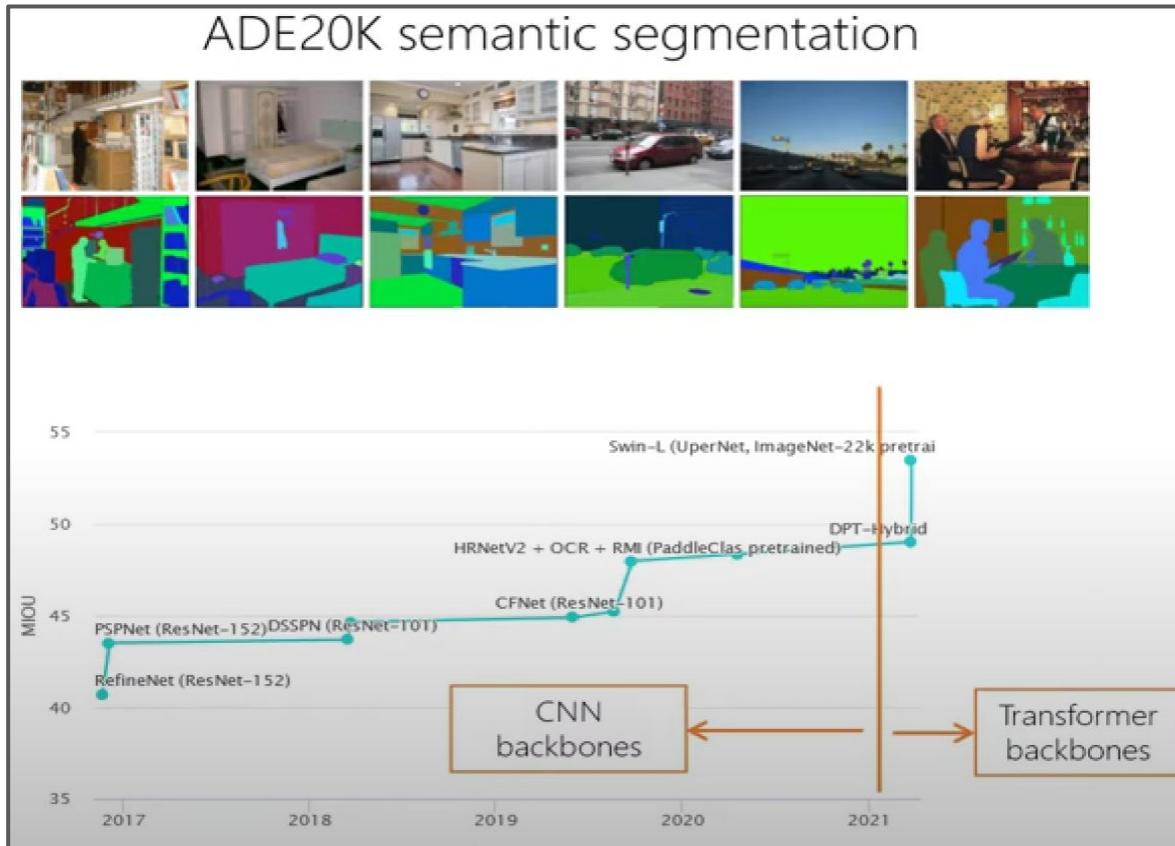


## Performance:

- On **ADE20K dataset, as shown above** (20,000 training images, 150 categories) : #1
- Swin Transformer achieves SOTA on major video benchmarks.

Transformer based

# ViT in Image Segmentation : Performance

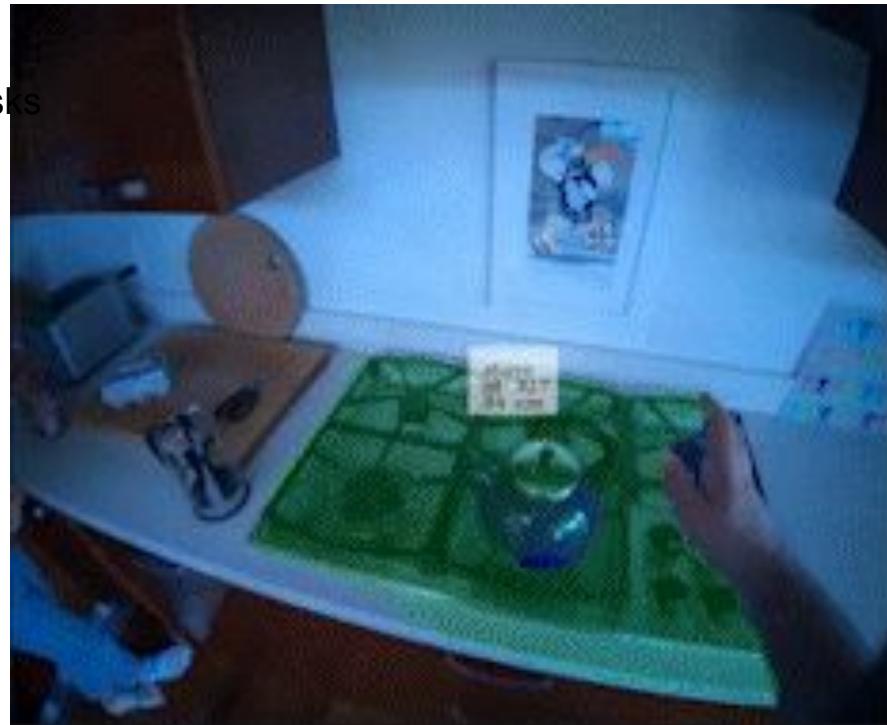


LLM and Prompt Engineering based

# SAM: Segment Anything

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- Foundation Model
  - Trained on SA-1B (1 billion masks and 11 M images) can be fine-tuned to downstream tasks
- **Promptable Segmentation Model**
- **Zero-shot generalization**
- **SA-1B dataset**
- **Inspired from models like ChatGPT**
- **Zero Shot Experiments**
  - Zero shot Single Point Valid Mask Evaluation
  - Zero-shot Edge Detection
  - Zero-shot Object Proposals
  - Zero-shot Instance Segmentation
  - Zero-shot Text-to-Mask
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**Dataset** [\[link\]](#)

11M images as the dataset for segment anything

# SAM:Segment Anything

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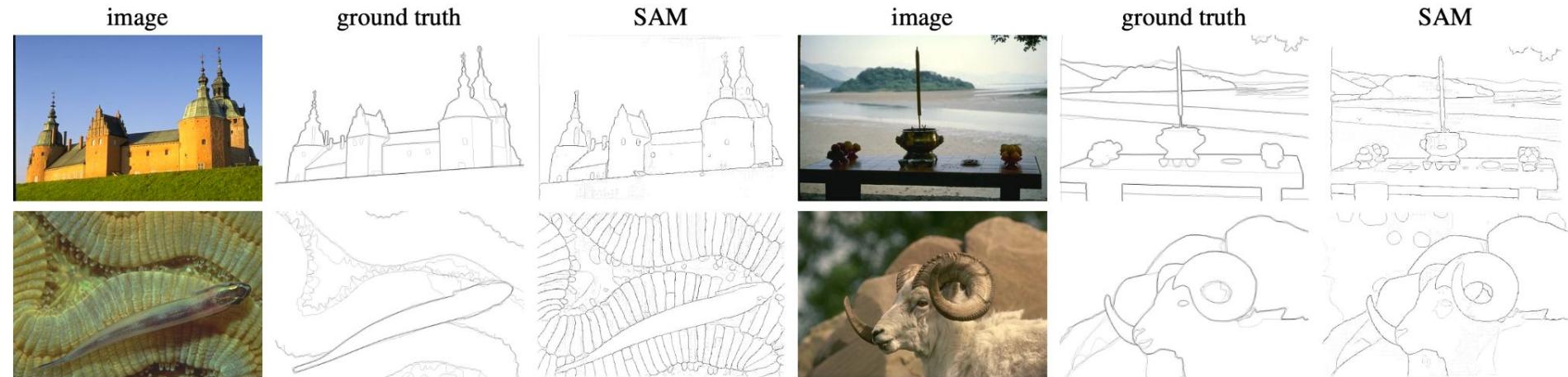


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Task

Something with analogous capabilities

**Promptable Segmentation Task**  
where the objective is predict valid segmentation masks given (point + bbox + mask + text) as a complete prompt  
**Pre-training Task**

Model

What is the corresponding **Model** Architecture?

Prompt is encoded along with the image encoding and is fed to the lightweight mask decoder, to generate mask. Where pre-training task was mentioned to be generate valid masks

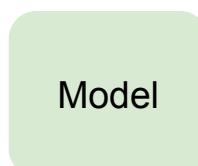
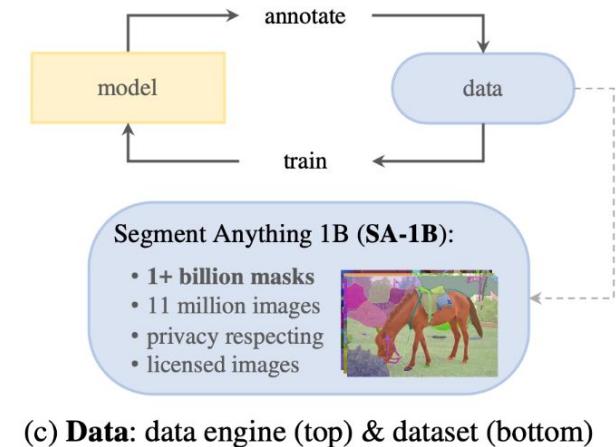
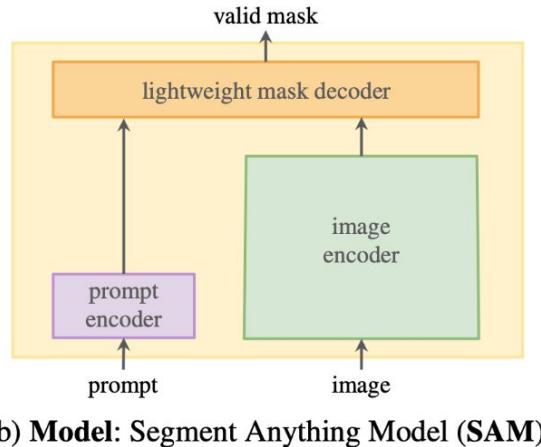
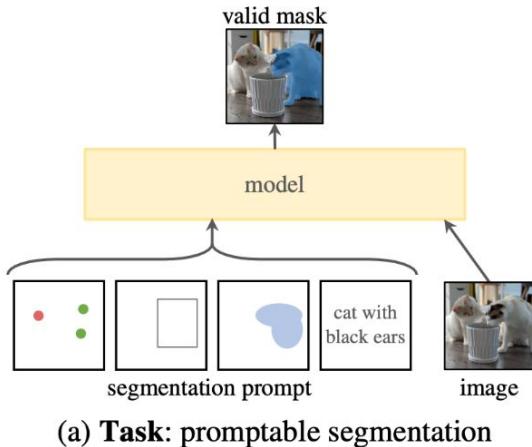
Data

What **Data** can power this task and model?

**Large Dataset**, which can help in generalization to downstream tasks.  
Meta generated SA-1B data to pretrain the whole model

# SAM:Segment Anything Methods

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# Light Weight Mask Decoder + Heavy Weight Encoder

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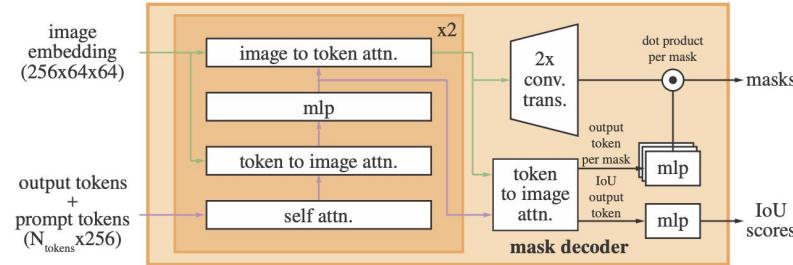
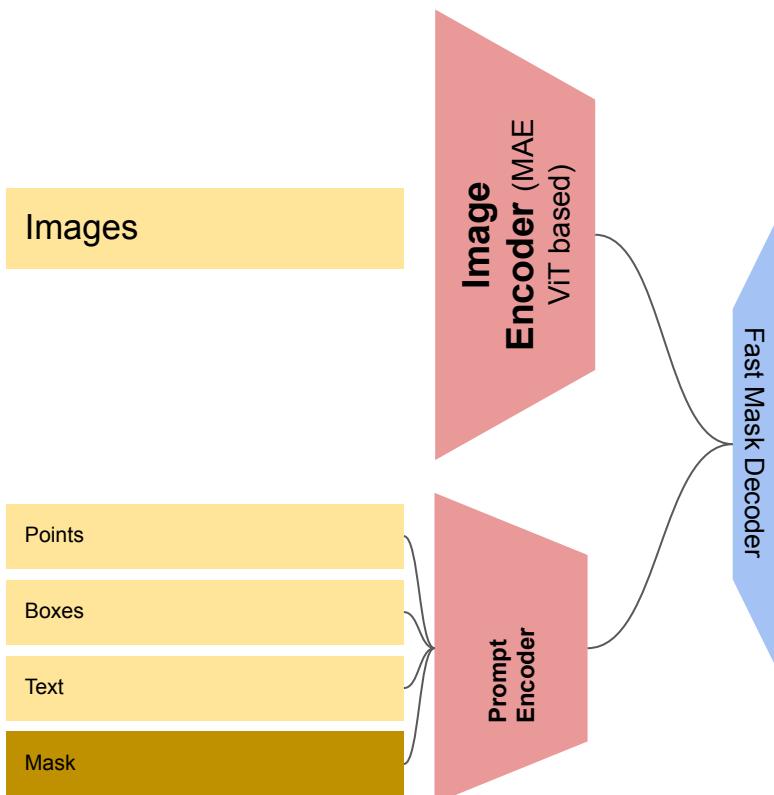


Figure 14: Details of the **lightweight mask decoder**. A two-layer decoder updates both the **image embedding** and **prompt tokens** via cross-attention. Then the image embedding is upscaled, from which the updated output tokens are used to dynamically predict masks. (Not illustrated for figure clarity: At every attention layer, positional encodings are added to the image embedding, and the entire original prompt token (including position encoding) is re-added to the token queries and keys.)

# Image Embeddings

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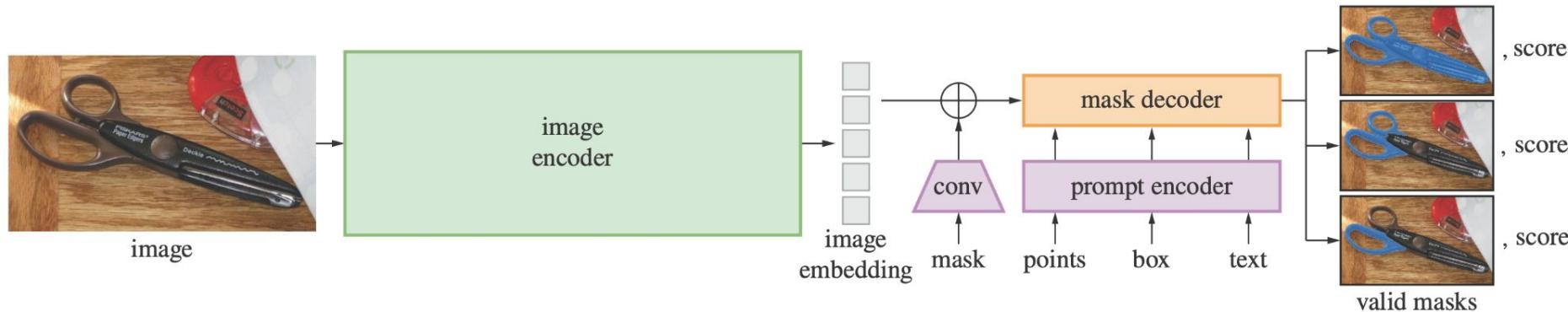


Figure 4: Segment Anything Model (SAM) overview. A heavyweight image encoder outputs an image embedding that can then be efficiently queried by a variety of input prompts to produce object masks at amortized real-time speed. For ambiguous prompts corresponding to more than one object, SAM can output multiple valid masks and associated confidence scores.

# SAM:Segment Anything

## Results

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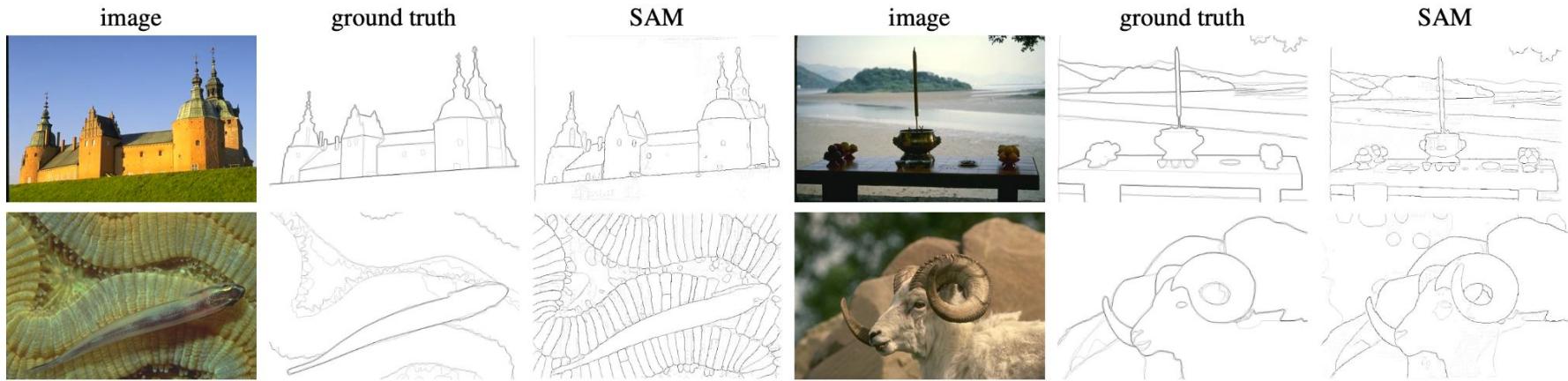


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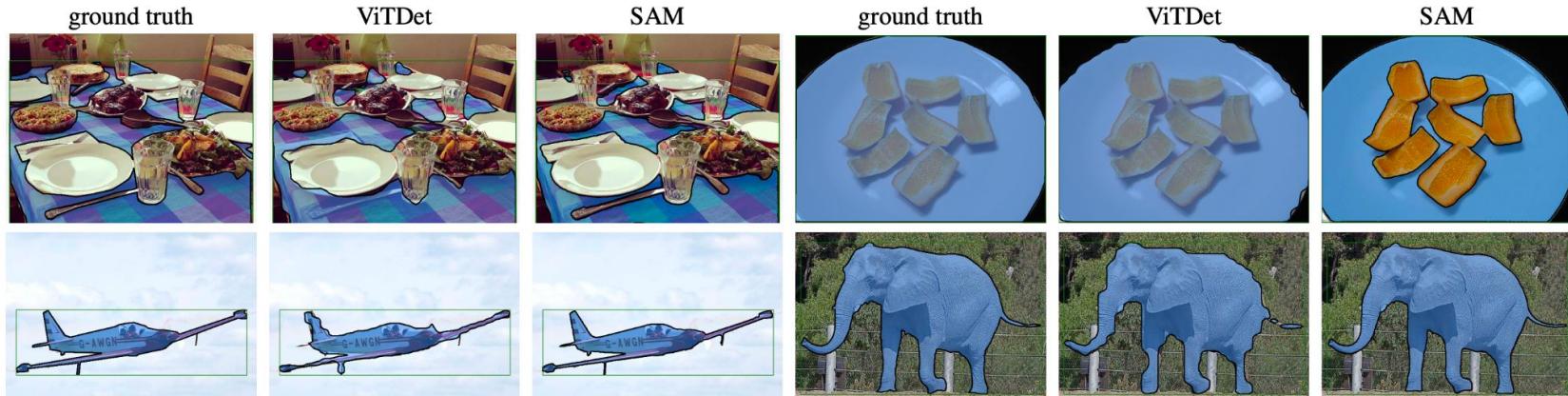
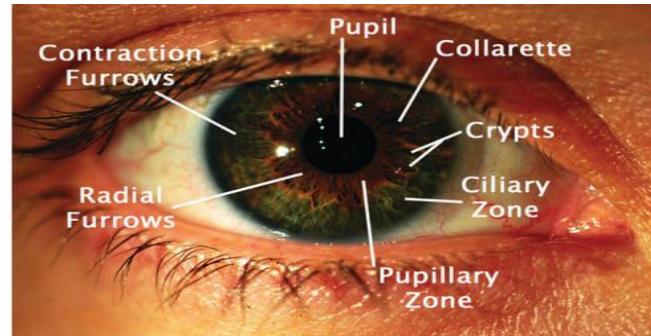


Figure 16: Zero-shot instance segmentation on LVIS v1. SAM produces higher quality masks than ViTDet. As a zero-shot model, SAM does not have the opportunity to learn specific training data biases; see top-right as an example where SAM makes a modal prediction, whereas the ground truth in LVIS is amodal given that mask annotations in LVIS have no holes.

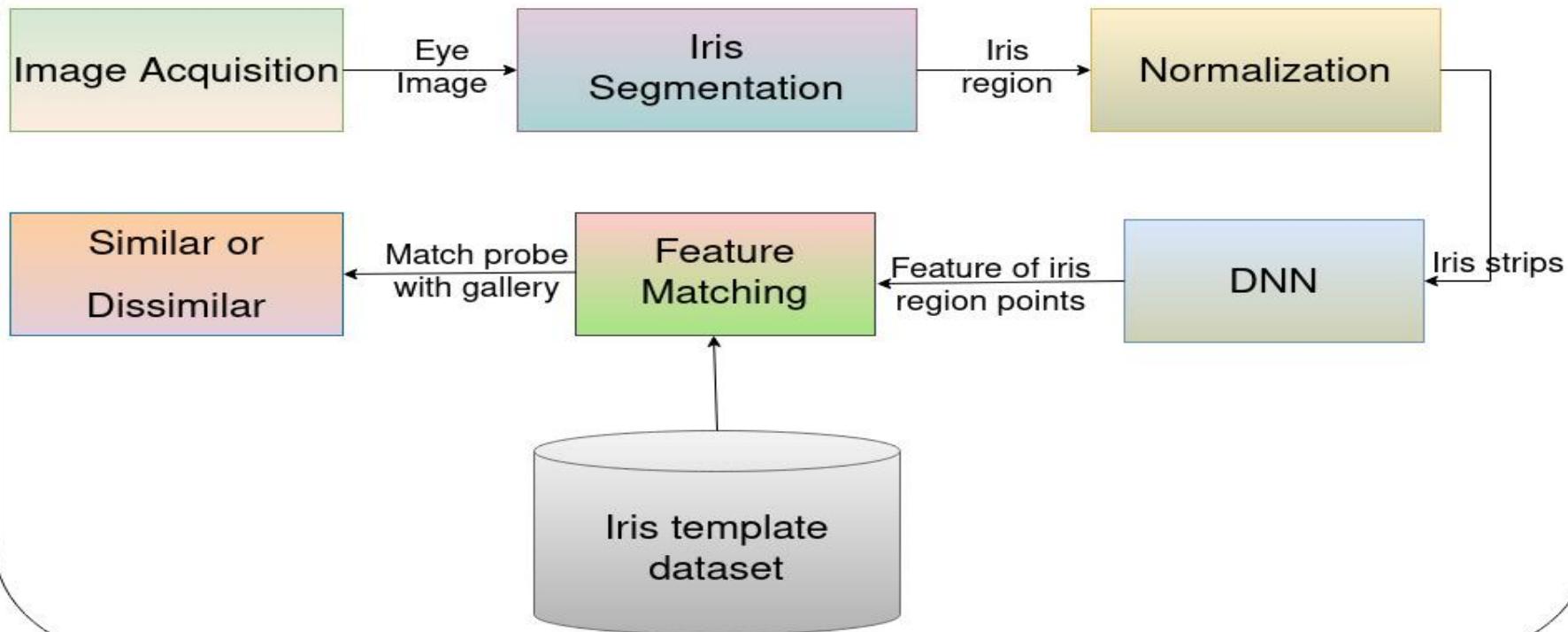
# Iris Recognition

- Iris recognition is a biometric technology that uses the unique patterns in the iris of the human eye for identification and authentication purposes.
- The most secure biometric modalities, as the patterns in the iris are highly stable throughout a person's lifetime and do not change with age.
- Iris recognition systems capture an image of the iris using specialized cameras and then extract and analyze the unique patterns within the iris.
- Iris templates are used for comparison and matching against a database of pre-enrolled templates to identify or authenticate individuals.
- Iris recognition offers several advantages over other biometric modalities, such as fingerprint or face recognition, including resistance to spoofing attacks and the ability to work in low light conditions.
- Challenges associated with iris recognition, such as variations in image quality, occlusions, and the need for cooperative subjects during image capture.



# Recognition : Iris Biometric trait

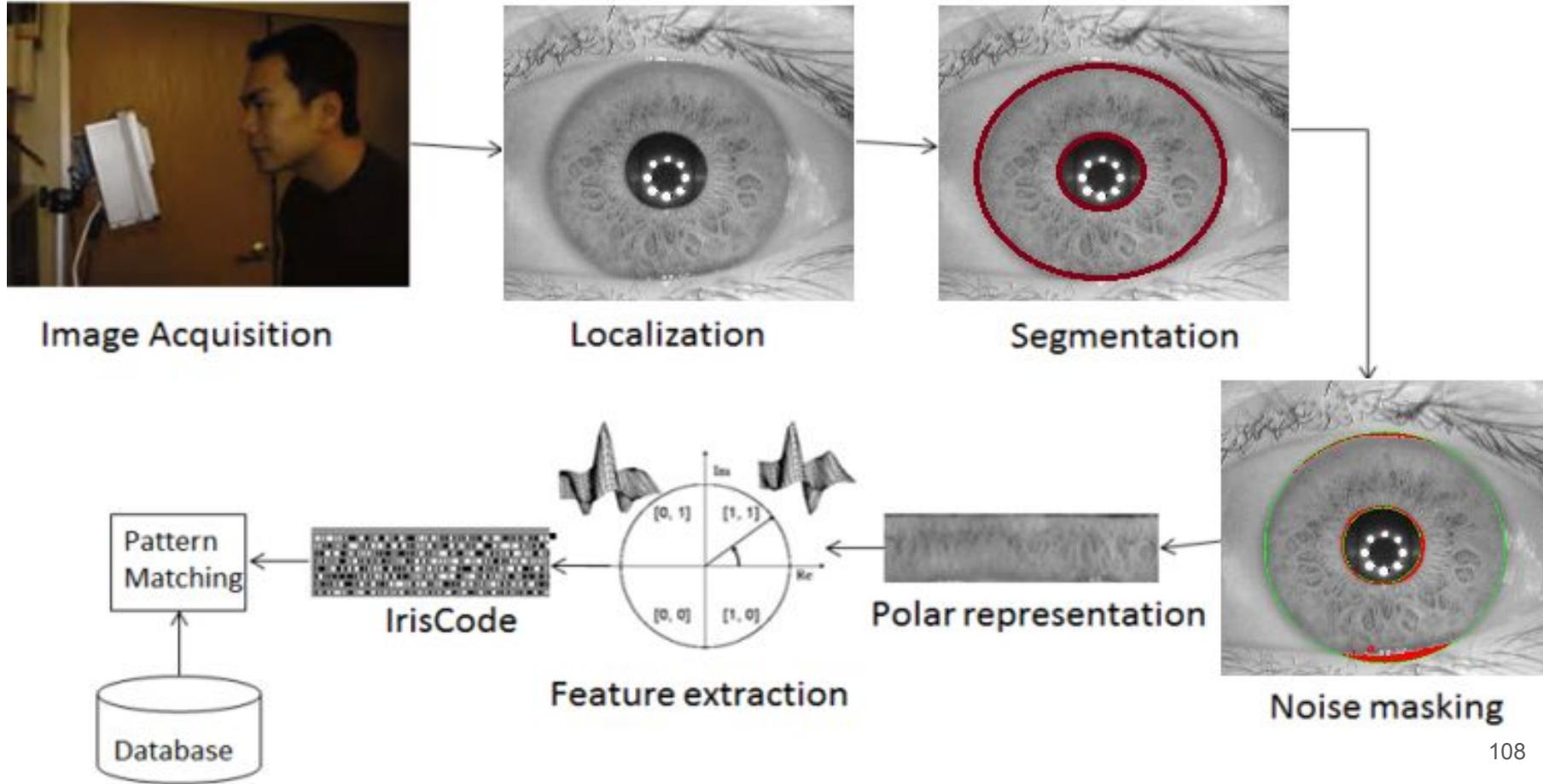
## Basic Iris Recognition



# Stages of Biometric Iris Recognition System

- **Sample Acquisition :** Initially the raw data is captured using the **data sensor**. It may require a setup and its own software routine. This is very critical and important stage as whatever is acquired in this stage will be used as the input to all the subsequent stages.
- **ROI Extraction :** From the raw data the actual region of interest (**ROI**) is extracted in this stage.
- **Quality Estimation :** The quality assessment of the sample ROI extraction is done in this stage. If the quality of the obtained ROI is poor then re-acquisition of the sample is done.
- **Sample Preprocessing :** In this stage the obtained ROI is **preprocessed** using several enhancement techniques. Also some transformations can be performed over it to get robust sample image representation.
- **Feature Extraction and Matching :** In this stage robust feature vectors are computed and stored. Then they are used to compute a score for any given matching which can decide whether a it is **genuine** or **impostor**.

# Iris Recognition Flow

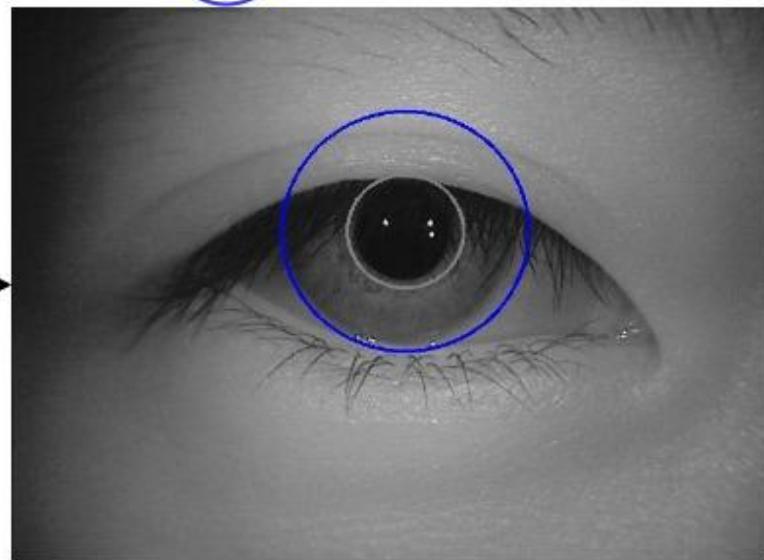


# Segmentation (Iris and Pupil)



Pupil Boundary

Pupil and Iris Boundary extraction

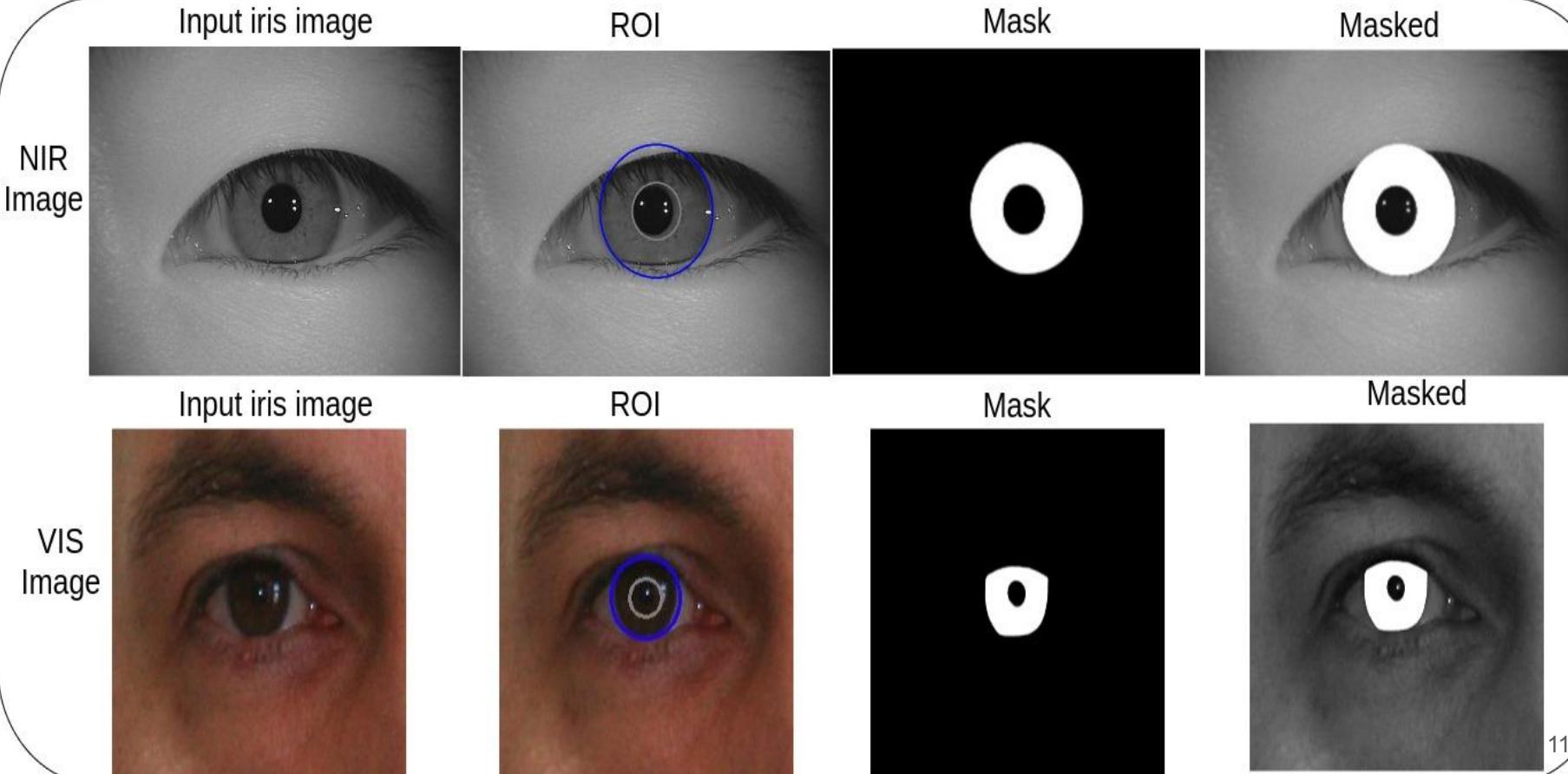


Iris Boundary

Input image

Localized iris & pupil

# Segmentation (Iris and Pupil)



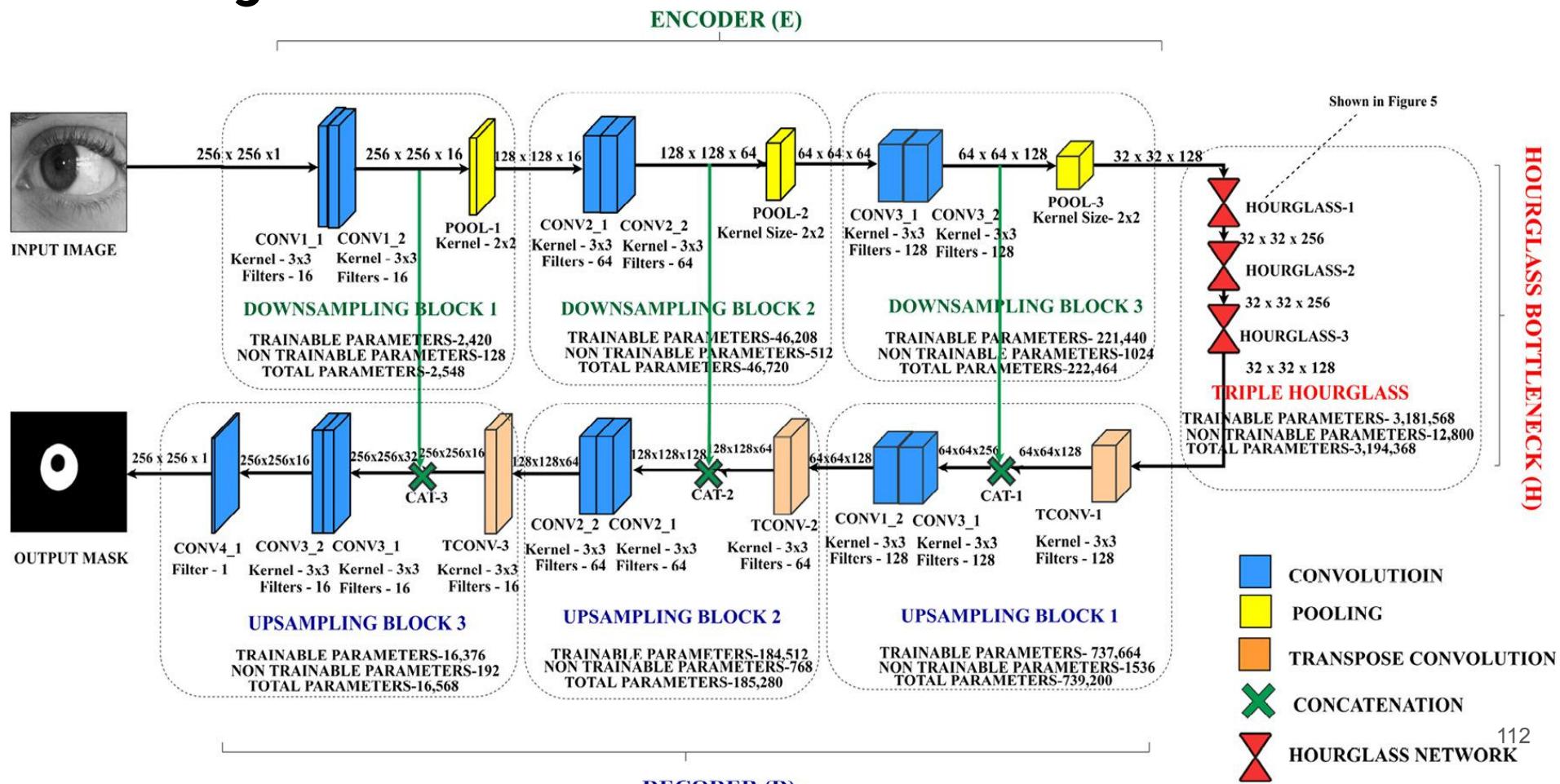
# **PixelSegNet: Pixel Level Iris Segmentation using Convolutional Encoder-Decoder with stacked Hourglass Bottleneck**

Jha, Ranjeet Ranjan, Gaurav Jaswal, Divij Gupta, Shreshth Saini, and Aditya Nigam. *IET biometrics* 9, no. 1 (2020): 11-24.

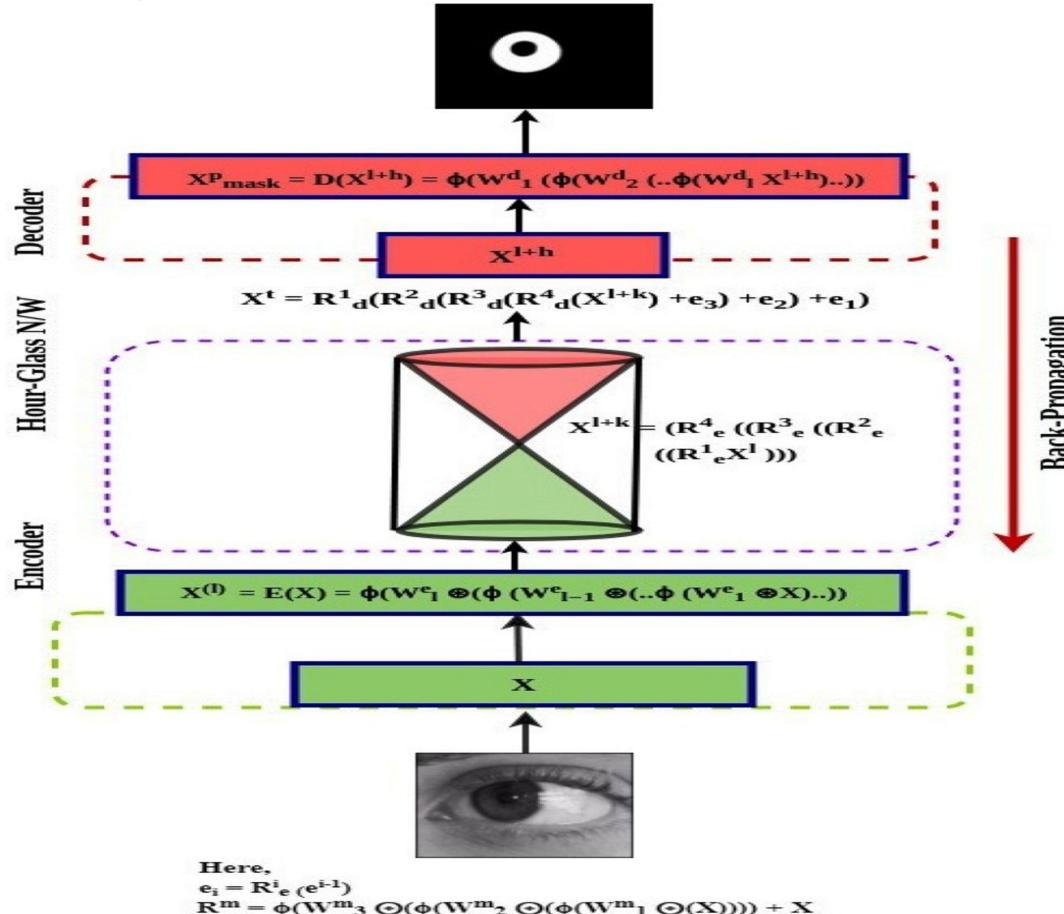
- **Aim :** To segmenting the images with variation in **scale**, **off-angle**, **occlusion** along with **poor contrast**, **blurriness**, etc.
- **PixISegNet** consists majorly of **three portions**, namely **encoder**, **decoder**, and **hourglass** as a bottleneck of the encoder–decoder combination.
- **Encoder** takes input image to give feature map representation holding the **contextual information** taken by the **decoder** as input to produce corresponding **segmentation mask**.
- Long **skip connections** are formed between the encoder and the decoder wherein the corresponding feature maps from the encoder before **downsampling** are concatenated with the corresponding feature maps of the decoder after **upsampling**.

# Convolutional Encoder - Decoder Network

## PixelSegNet:



# PixelSegNet: Segmentation Network



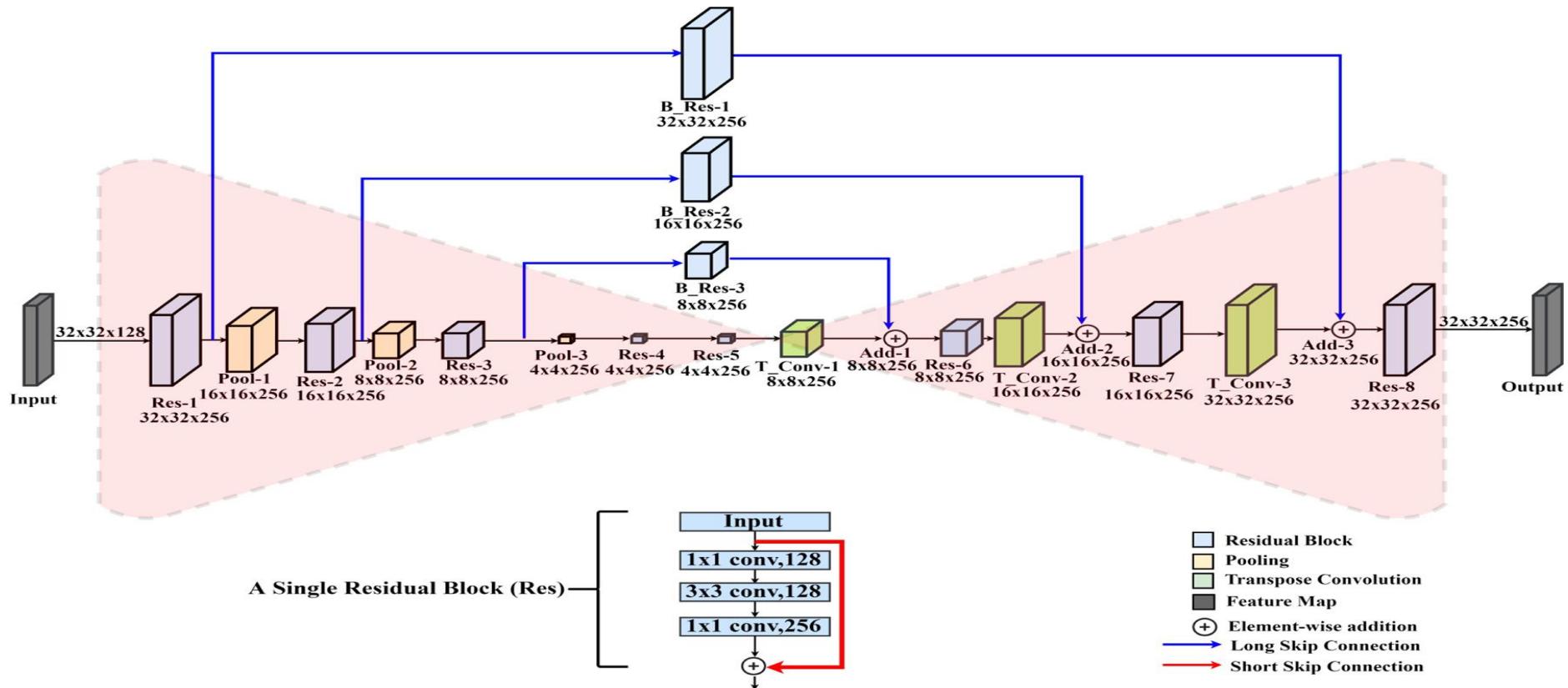
# PixelSegNet:

- The encoder network  $E$  maps the input image  $X$  to a latent representation,  $X^l$ .

$$X^l = E(X) = \phi(W_l^e \circledast (\phi(W_{l-1}^e \circledast (\cdots \phi(W_1^e \circledast X) \cdots))))$$

- Here  $W_1^e, W_2^e, \dots, W_l^e$  are the weights of the neurons at layers 1, 2, ...,  $l$ , respectively, and  $X$  is the input vector, including the bias.
- Activation function (typically *Sigmoid, Relu*) has been applied after each layer to introduce the non-linearity.
- **Encoder network architecture:** It consists of repeated sets of dual convolutions (with padding 1 and stride 1) succeeded by ReLU activation and batch normalisation. Subsequently, each set is succeeded by a max-pool operation (size and stride 2).
- Each set is repeated but with filters having varied **channel depths** of 16, 64, 128.
- The majority of iris images contain the iris in a regular and an equally distributed (circular or elliptical) manner.

# Hourglass Network



Hourglass Network along with Residual Block

# Hourglass Network

**Residual module :** Each layer in the Encoder/Decoder of  $H$  has been realised as a residual module.  $m$ th residual block with three layers

$$R^m(X) = \phi(W_3^m \circledast (\phi(W_2^m \circledast (\phi(W_1^m \circledast (X)))))) + X$$

**Hourglass encoder :** This network receives the input  $X^l$  from the encoder network E.

$$X^{l+k} = R_e^4(R_e^3(R_e^2(R_e^1(X^l))))$$

**Hourglass Decoder :** Hourglass decoder has been modelled with three long-term skip connections in order to preserve the spatial information.

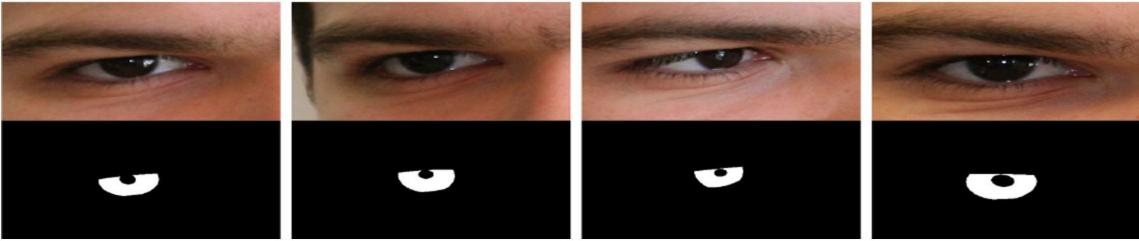
$$X^{l+h} = R_d^1(R_d^2(R_d^3(R_d^4(X^{l+k}) + e_3) + e_2) + e_1)$$

where  $e_1 = R_s^1(R_e^1(X^l))$

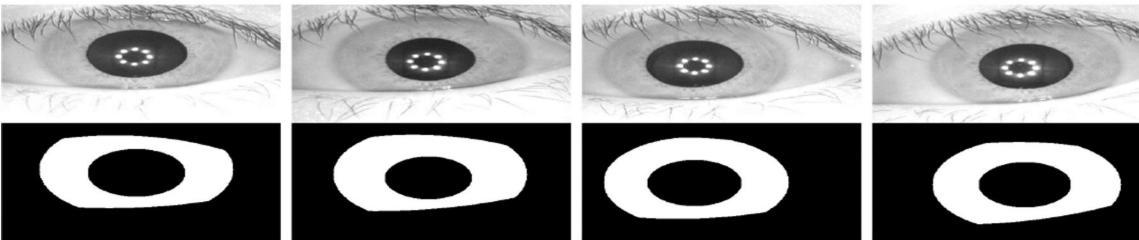
$$e_2 = R_s^2(R_e^2(R_e^1(X^l)))$$

$$e_3 = R_s^3(R_e^3(R_e^2(R_e^1(X^l))))$$

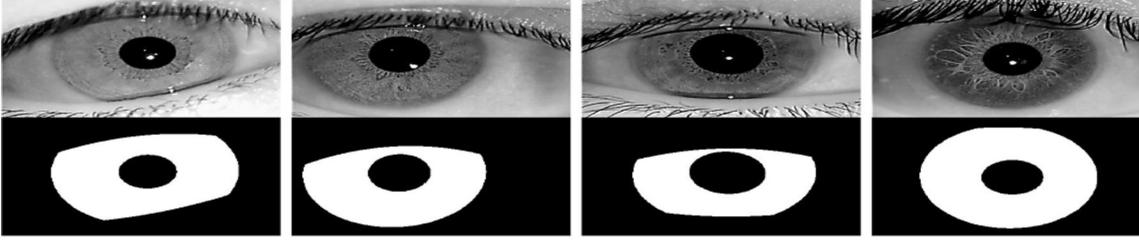
# Hourglass Network : Dataset



*UBIRIS-v2 images and corresponding ground-truth masks*



*CASIA-V3- Interval and corresponding ground-truth masks*



*IITD images and corresponding ground-truth masks*

## UBIRIS-V2

- 11,101 images of 261 distinct subjects
- Image size = 400\*300
- captured from 4 to 8 m
- Canon EOS 5D camera with focal length 400 mm

## CASIA-Iris V3 Interval

- 2655 images of 249 subjects
- collected using an iris sensor in two sessions with a time interval of one month
- Image size = 320\*280

## IITD data set

- 2240 images of the resolution 320x240
- captured using digital CMOS, JPC1000, JIRIS camera
- total of 224 subjects
- 48 and 176 are females and males

# PixelSegNet: Parameters

Network	Number of Parameters
Encoder network	314,048
Hourglass network	1,141,889
Decoder network	827,841
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,283,778</b>

## Important points:-

1. Skip connections in encoder (E)-decoder (D) network.
2. Significance of using hourglass (H) network as a bottleneck.
3. Stacked hourglass (H) as a bottleneck.
4. Residual connections in the hourglass (H).
5. Skip connections in Hourglass (H)

Convolutional Encoder - Decoder Network (Contd.)

## PixelSegNet Network : Loss Function

PixelSegNet network using two types of loss functions viz.

$$L(I^P, I^{gt}) = L_{ce}(I^P, I^{gt}) + L_{cl}(I^P, I^{gt})$$

[i] cross-entropy and [ii] content loss. Hence our total loss  $L$  can be defined as

**Cross-entropy Loss:** 
$$L_{ce}(I^P, I^{gt}) = \frac{-1}{m * n} \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{i=1}^m [I^{gt}(i, j) * \log(I^P(i, j)) + (1 - I^{gt}(i, j)) * \log(1 - I^P(i, j))]$$

**Content Loss :**

$$L_{cl}(I^P, I^{gt}) = \sum_{i=1}^c ||E(I^{gt}(i)) - E((I^P(i)))||^2$$

**Regularisation:**

$$J = L(Y^P, Y^{gt}) + \lambda \Omega(\theta)$$

# Hourglass Network : Performance parameters

## Mean Segmentation Error :

$$PCL_k(I^P, I^{gt}) = \frac{1}{m * n} \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{i=1}^m I^P(i, j) \oplus I^{gt}(i, j) \quad E_1 = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=1}^N PCL_k$$

Pixel-wise classification error  $PCL_k$  of any kth test image.

## Type II Error :

$$E_2^k = 0.5 * FPR + 0.5 * FNR$$

$$FPR = \frac{1}{m * n} \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{i=1}^m [((I^{gt}(i, j) \cdot I^P(i, j)) \oplus I^P(i, j))]$$

$$FNR = \frac{1}{m * n} \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{i=1}^m [((I^{gt}(i, j) \cdot I^P(i, j)) \oplus I^{gt}(i, j))]$$

## Jaccard index (JI)/intersection over union (IOU)

$$JI = \frac{1}{L} \sum_{i=1}^L \frac{C_{ii}}{G_i + P_i - C_{ii}}$$

## Precision:-

$$P = \frac{TP}{TP + FP}$$

## Recall :-

$$R = \frac{TP}{TP + FN}$$

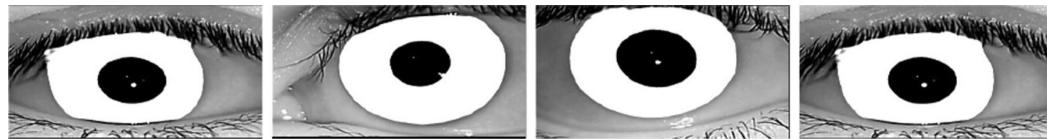
## F-Measure :-

$$F - measure = \frac{2RP}{R + P}$$

## Accuracy :-

$$\text{Accuracy} = \frac{TP + TN}{TP + TN + FP + FN}$$

# Hourglass Network : Result



a



b



c



d

*Results on challenging images  
(images containing variation, in  
contrast, rotation, blurriness etc.)*

**(a) IITD iris images,**

**(b) UBIRIS iris images,**

**(c) CASIA-iris-Interval images,**

**(d) CASIA-iris-Lamp images**

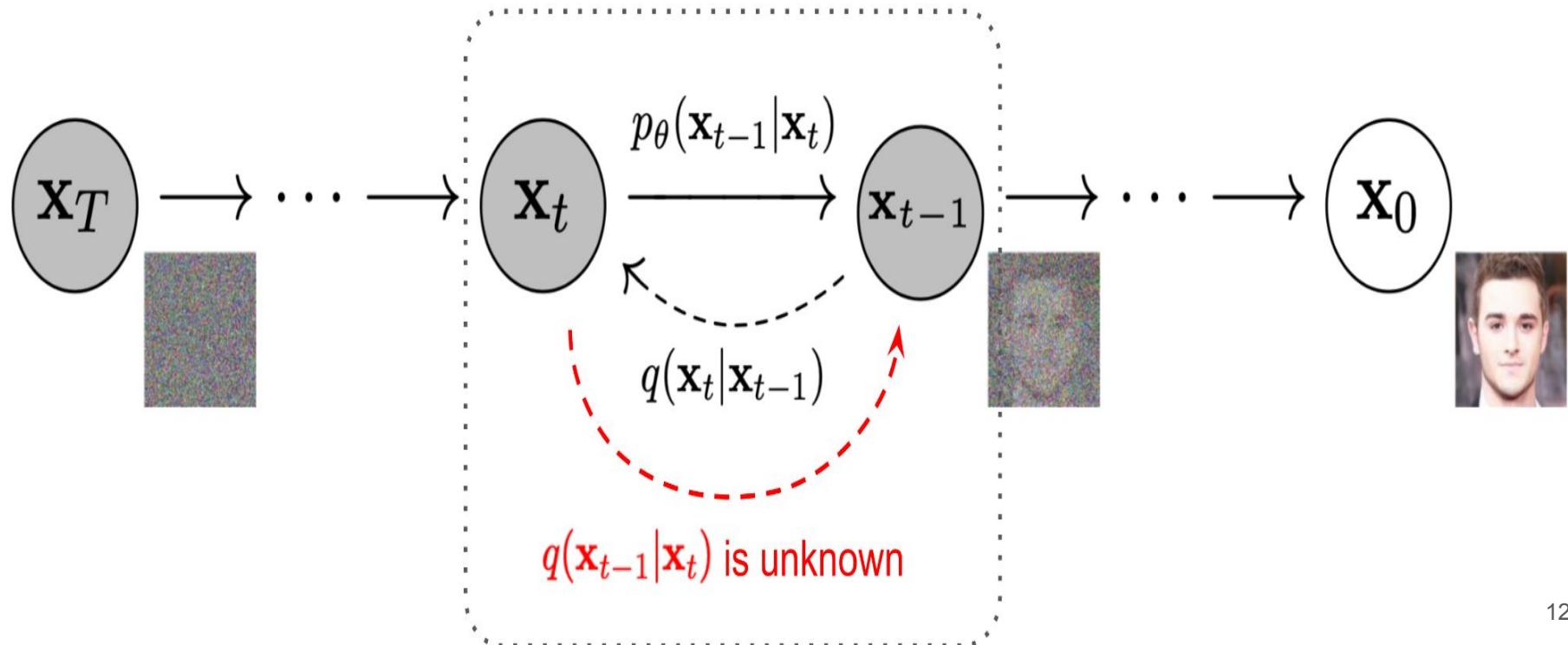
# DiffusionInst: Diffusion Model

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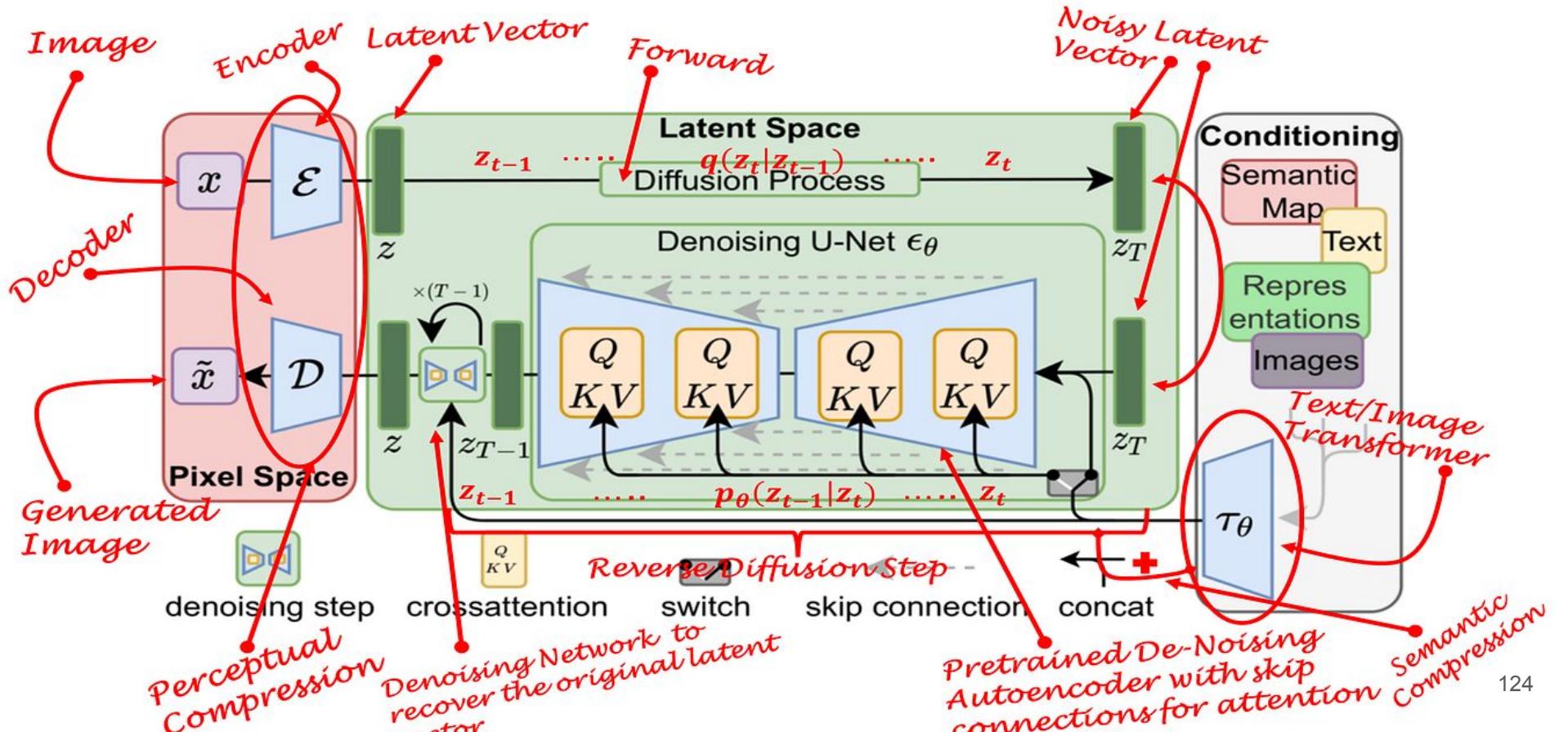
- Diffusion models usually use two Markov chains: a forward chain that perturbs the image to noise and a reverse chain that refines noise back to the image.
- Given a **data distribution**  $x_0 \sim q(x_0)$ , the forward noise perturbing process at time  $t$  is defined as  $q(x_t|x_{t-1})$ .
- It gradually adds Gaussian noise to the data according to a variance schedule  $\beta_1, \dots, \beta_T$ :  $q(x_t|x_{t-1}) = N(x_t; p(1 - \beta_t)x_{t-1}, \beta_t I)$ .
- Given  $x_0$ , we can easily obtain a sample of  $x_t$  by sampling a Gaussian vector  $\sim N(0, I)$  and applying the transformation as follows:  $x_t = \sqrt{\alpha_t}x_0 + (1 - \sqrt{\alpha_t})z$ , where  $\alpha_t = \prod_{s=0}^t (1 - \beta_s)$ .
- During training, a neural network is trained to predict  $x_0$  from  $x_t$  for different  $t \in \{1, \dots, T\}$ .
- While performing inference, we start from a random noise  $x_T$  and iteratively apply the reverse chain to obtain  $x_0$ .

# Diffusion Model

Use variational lower bound



# Diffusion Model

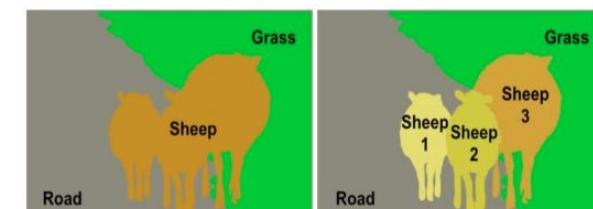
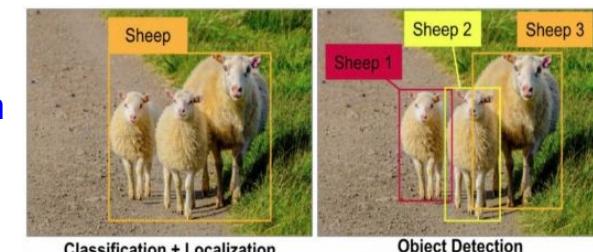


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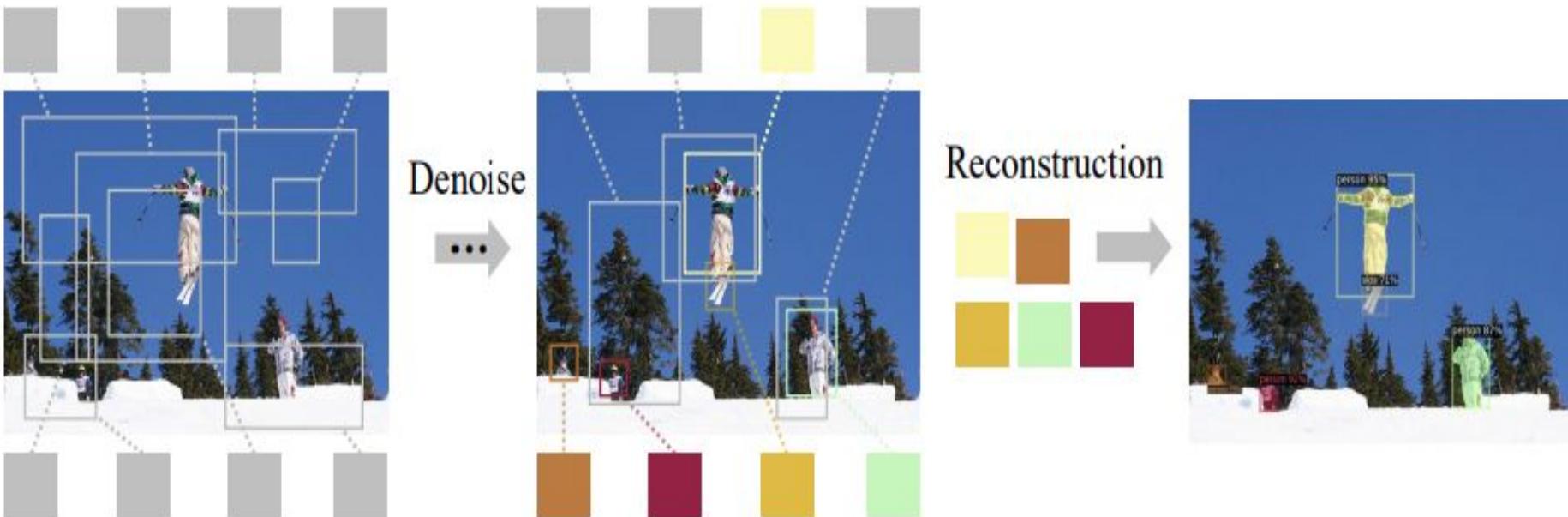
- Instance segmentation aims to represent objects with binary masks, which is a finer-grained representation compared to the bounding boxes of object detection.
- Instance segmentation is a computer vision task that involves **identifying objects** individually within an image, **assigning a unique label** to each object **pixel**.
- It combines object detection, which **localizes objects**, with semantic segmentation, which **classifies pixels**, enabling detailed understanding and **separation of multiple instances** within an image.

- **Two-stage methods** first **detect objects**, then **crop their region** features with RoI alignment to further classify each pixel.
- To adapt the diffusion model in instance segmentation is still an open problem.



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**Diffusion model for instance segmentation:** Author's propose to regard **instance segmentation** as a denoising diffusion process from **noisy bounding boxes** and **filters to instance masks** with a dynamic mask head for **mask reconstruction**.

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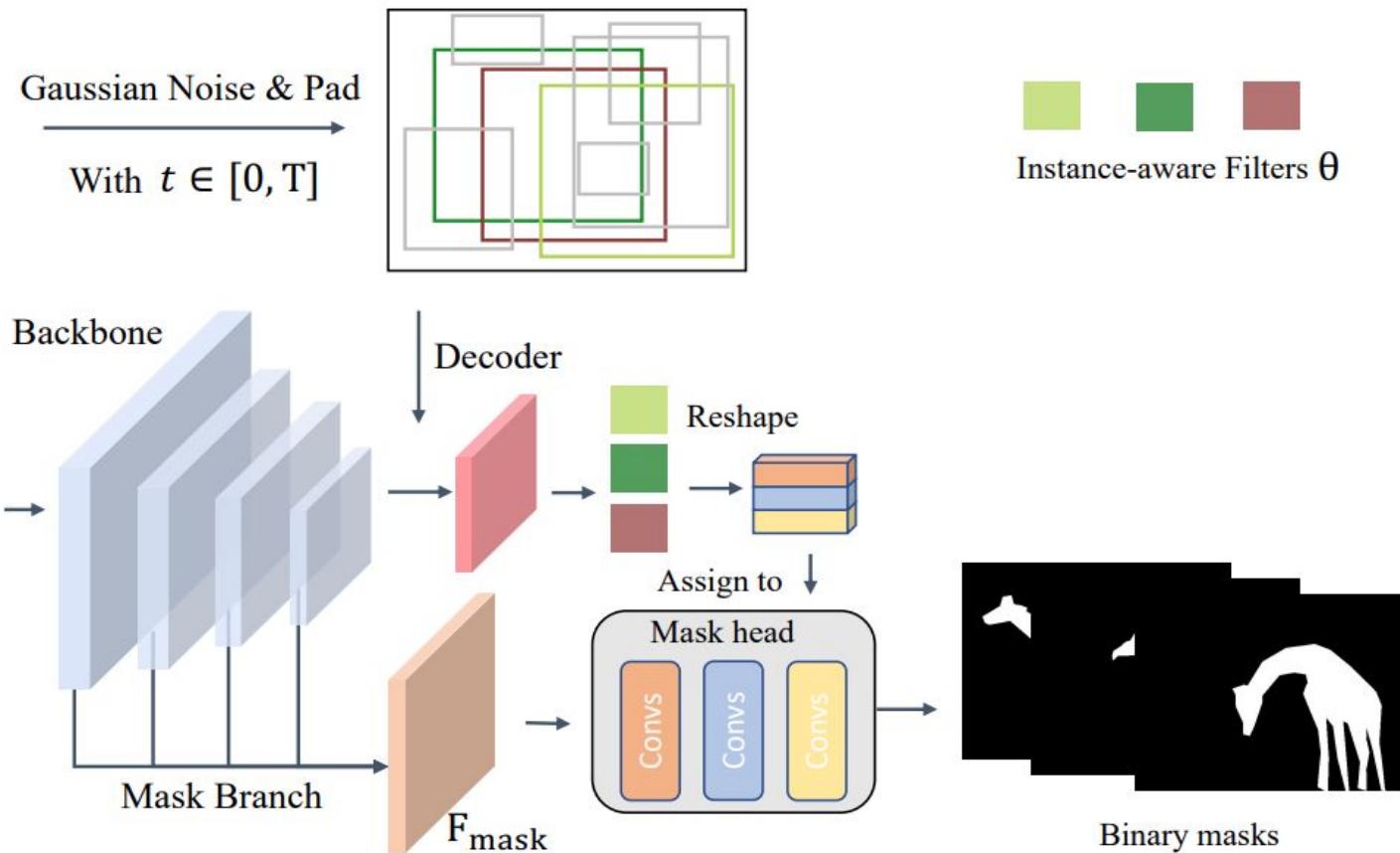
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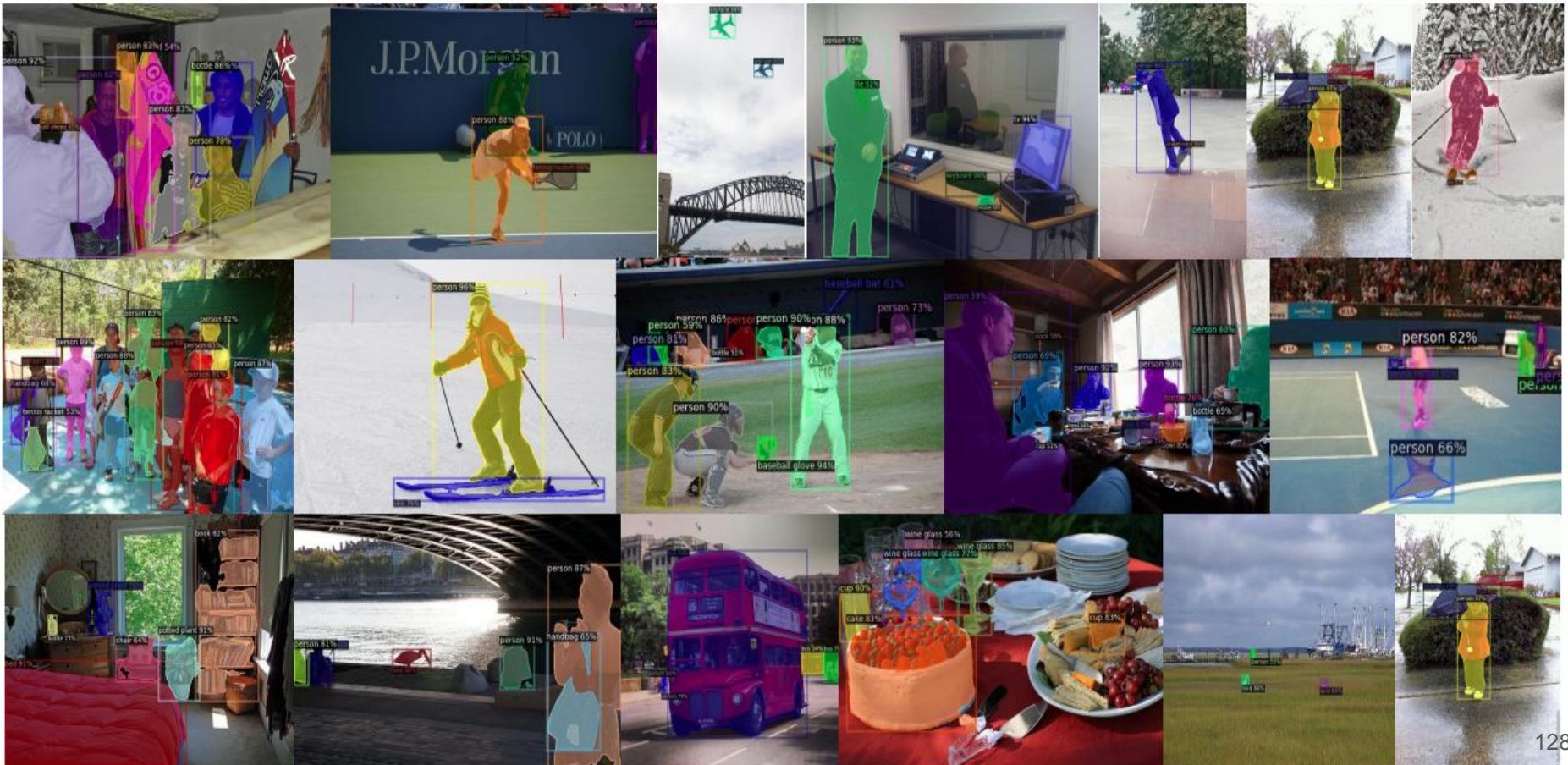
GroundTruth



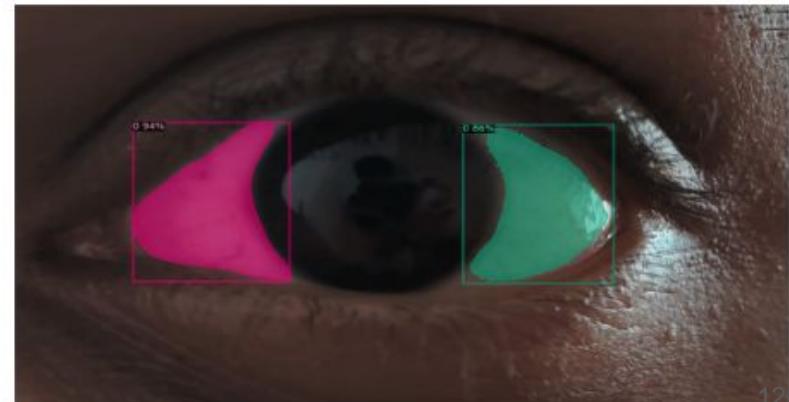
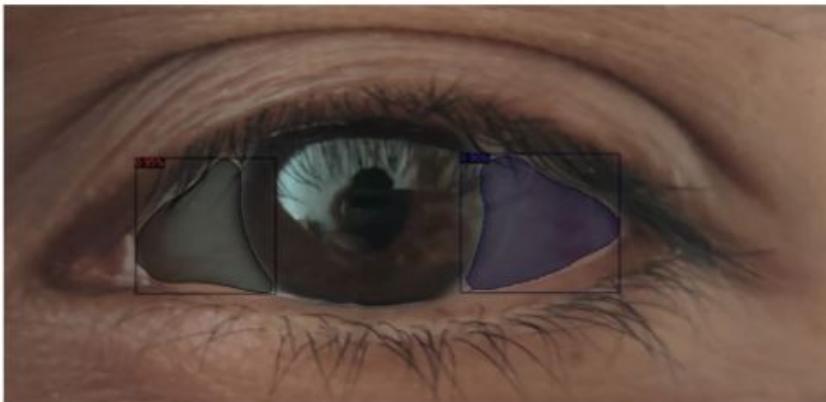
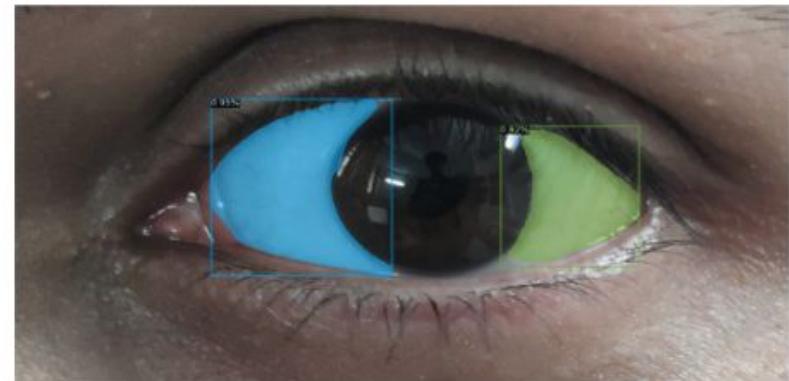
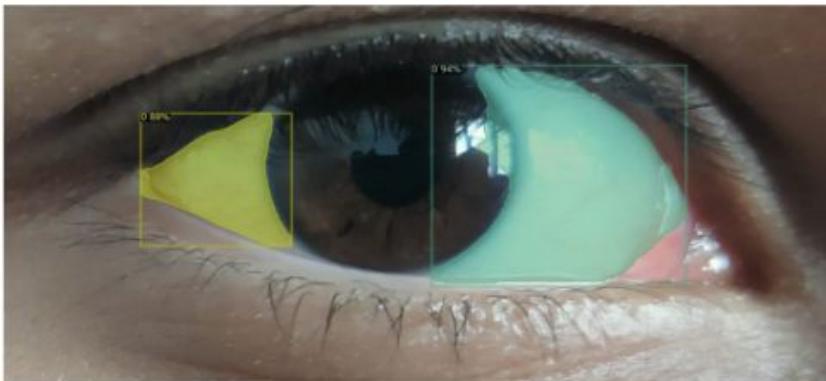
Input Image



# DiffusionInst: Performance on COCO 2017 Dataset

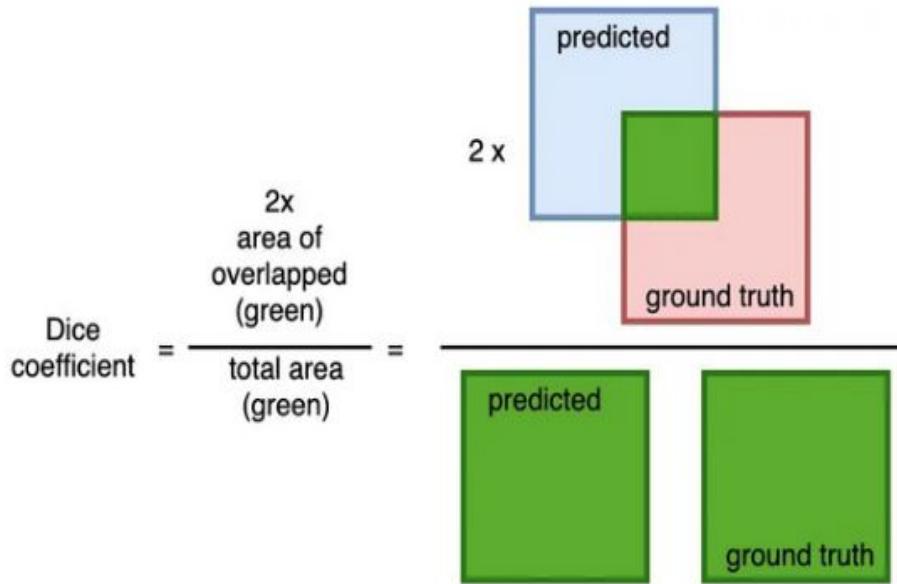


# DiffusionInst: Performance on Sclera Dataset



# DiffusionInst: Loss Function

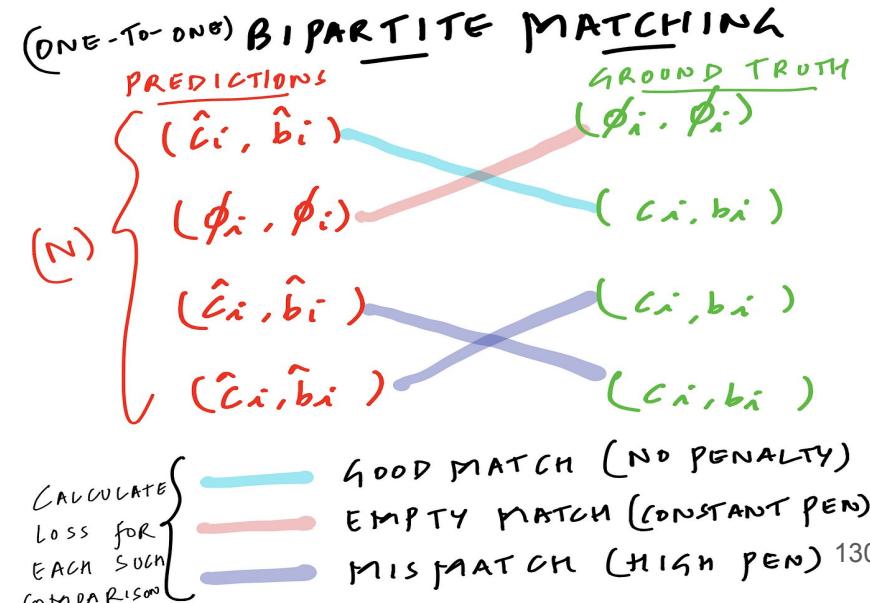
**Dice Loss :** Dice coefficient is a measure of overlap between two masks. 1 indicates a perfect overlap while 0 indicates no overlap.



## Set Prediction Loss :

- It produces an optimal bipartite matching between predicted and ground truth objects, and then optimize object-specific (bounding box) losses.

$$\hat{\sigma} = \arg \min_{\sigma \in \mathfrak{S}_N} \sum_i^N \mathcal{L}_{\text{match}}(y_i, \hat{y}_{\sigma(i)}),$$



# DiffusionInst: Evaluation Metrics

Evaluation metrics refer to the evaluation metrics used for object detection and segmentation detection tasks. These include :

- **Average Precision (AP):** Average Precision measures the accuracy of object detection and instance segmentation by considering the precision and recall trade-off. It calculates the area under the precision-recall curve.
- **Average Precision at IoU (Intersection over Union) thresholds:** This metric computes the Average Precision at specific IoU thresholds.
- **Average Precision for different object sizes:** COCO evaluation metrics also provide Average Precision values for objects of different sizes.
- AP - Average Precision
- AP50 - Average Precision at IoU threshold of 0.5
- AP75 - Average Precision at IoU threshold of 0.75
- APs - Average Precision for small objects
- APm - Average Precision for medium objects
- API - Average Precision for large objects

# Iris Segmentation: Applications

**Iris Recognition :** The iris region from an eye image, features such as texture, patterns, and unique characteristics can be extracted for identification or verification purposes. Iris recognition is widely used in access control systems, national identification programs, and secure authentication processes.

**Ocular Disease :** It can aid in the diagnosis and monitoring of ocular diseases. Segmenting the iris, ophthalmologists can analyze the structure and characteristics of the iris, which can provide valuable insights into conditions like glaucoma, diabetic retinopathy, and iris melanoma.

**Gaze Tracking :** Iris segmentation is essential for gaze tracking systems.

**Eye Tracking in Behavioral research :** It is used for eye tracking studies. By tracking the position and movement of the iris, researchers can gain insights into visual attention, perception, reading patterns, and user experience.

**Contact lens Fitting :** Measurements can be made to determine the appropriate size and shape of contact lenses for a person's eye

**Iris based Human Computer Interaction :** It is used in iris-based human-computer interaction systems, where the iris movements and patterns are used as input for controlling devices, interacting with virtual environments, or playing games.

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