

# *Fast R-CNN*

## Object detection with Caffe

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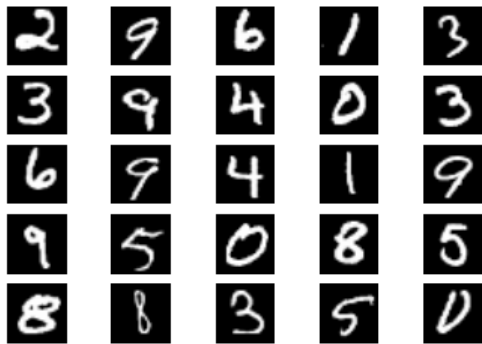
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# Goals for this section

- Super quick **intro to object detection**
- Show **one way to tackle obj. det. with ConvNets**
- Highlight some **more sophisticated uses of Caffe**
  - Python layers
  - Multi-task training with multiple losses
  - Batch sizes that change dynamically during `Net::Forward()`
- Pointers to open source code so you can **explore, try, and understand!**

# Image classification (mostly what you've seen)

- $K$  classes
- Task: Assign the correct class label to the whole image



Digit classification (MNIST)

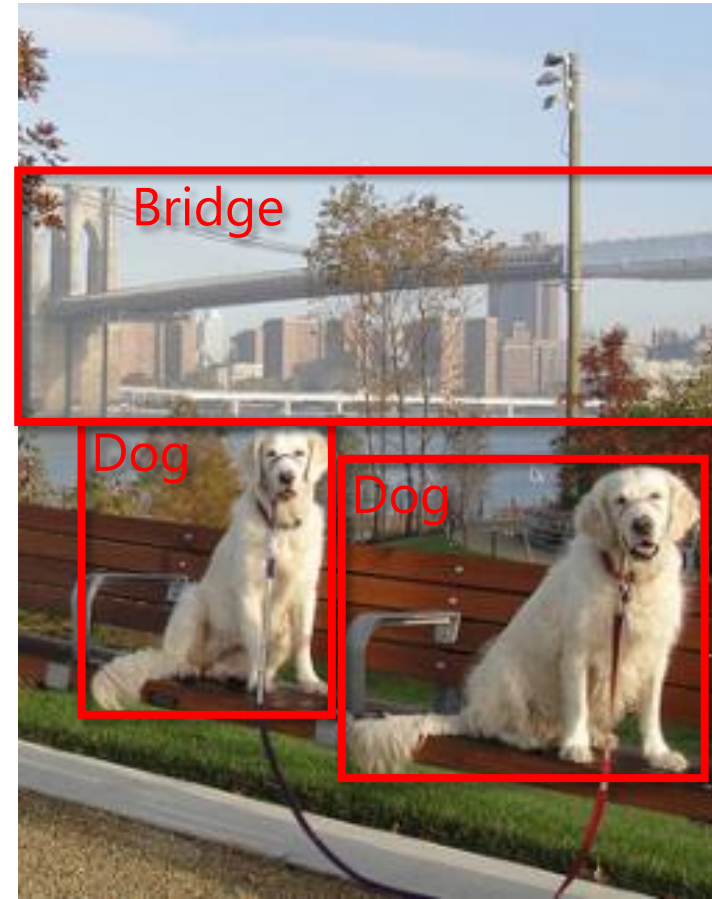


Object recognition (Caltech-101, ImageNet, etc.)

# Classification vs. Detection



Easyish, these days



Still quite a lot harder

# Problem formulation

The Visual World  $\approx K$  object classes

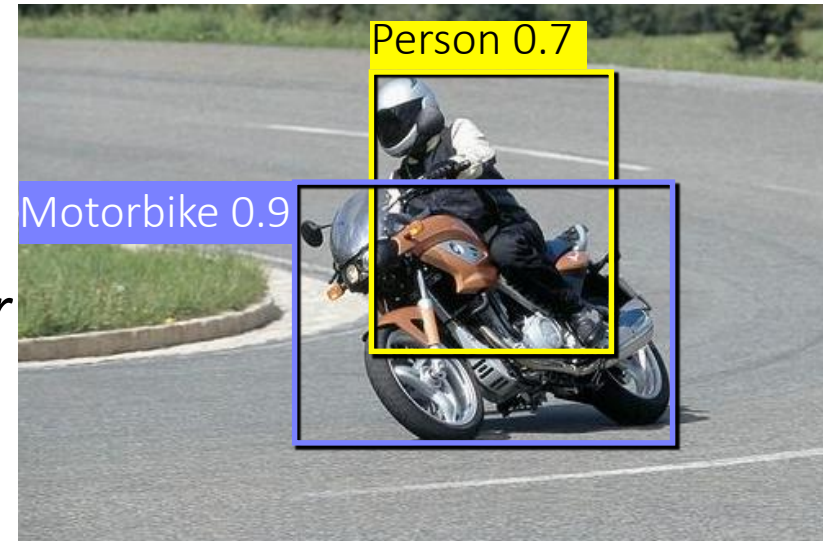
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Input



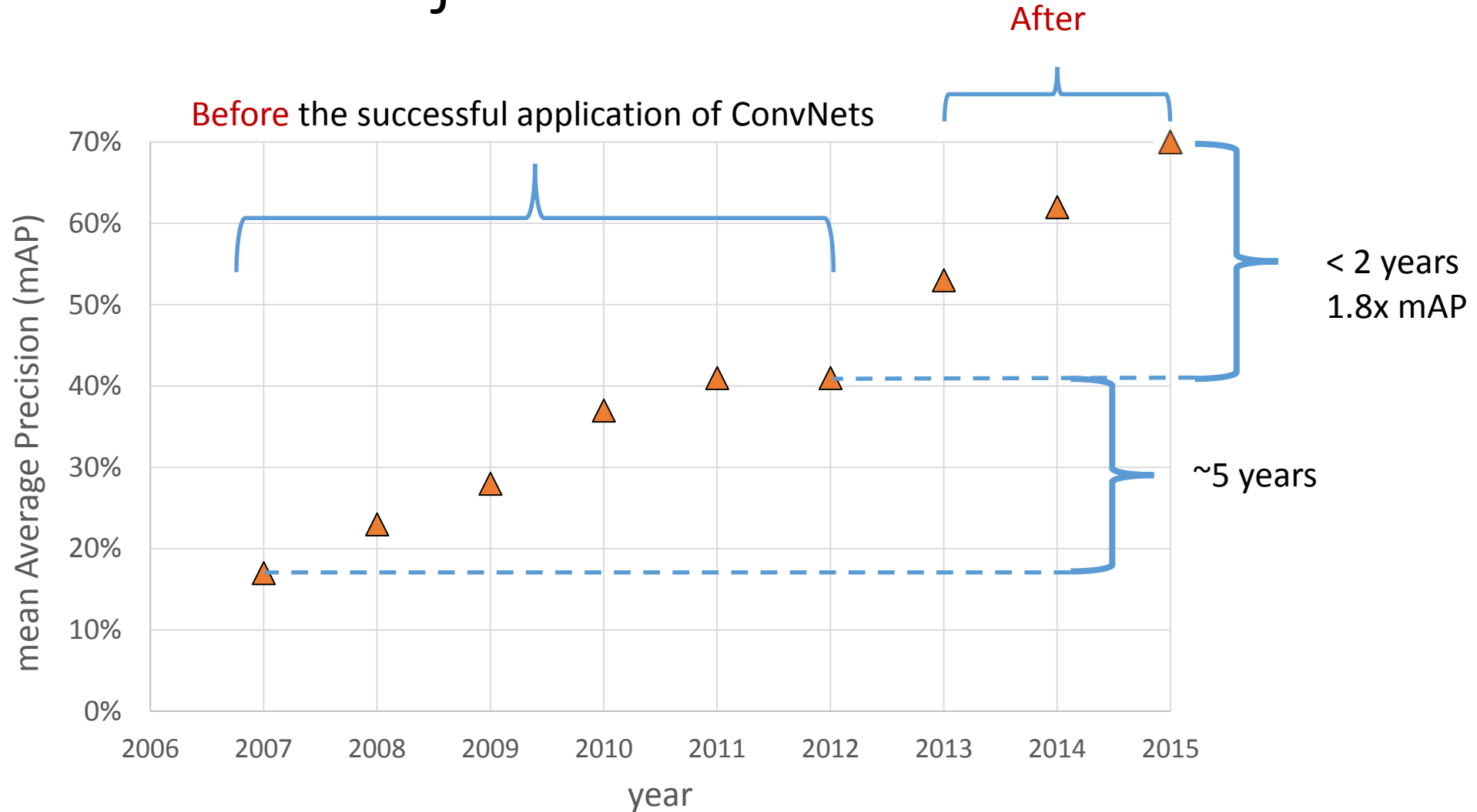
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→  
*Yet another  
Object  
Detection  
Algorithm*



*Desired output*

\*Actual results may vary

# PASCAL VOC object detection



Precision: higher is better

# Fast R-CNN (Region-based Convolutional Networks)

## A fast object detector implemented with Caffe

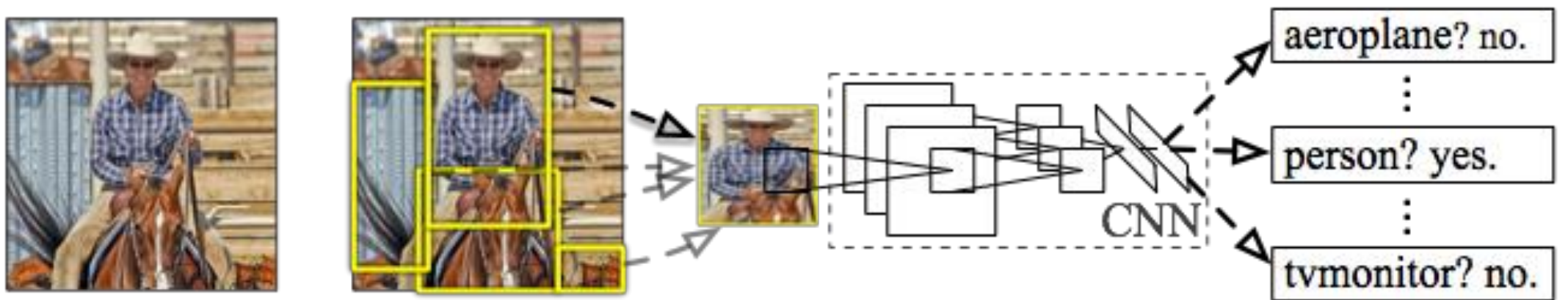
- Caffe fork on GitHub that adds two new layers (ROIPoolingLayer and SmoothL1LossLayer)
- Python (using pycaffe) / more advanced Caffe usage
- A type of Region-based Convolutional Network (R-CNN)

Let's see how it works!



Quick background

# Region-based Convolution Networks (R-CNNs)



Input  
image

Extract region  
proposals (~2k / image)  
e.g., selective search  
[van de Sande, Uijlings et al.]

Compute CNN  
features on  
regions

Classify and refine  
regions



A man wearing a cowboy hat, sunglasses, and a plaid shirt is riding a brown horse in a corral. The horse has a white blaze on its face. The background shows wooden slats and a metal fence.

## Two output types:

2.  $P(cls = k \mid box = n, image)$   
for each  $NK$  boxes

Net::Forward() takes 60 to 330ms

Given an image and object proposals,  
detection happens with a single call to the `Net::Forward()`

Image

A man wearing a cowboy hat, sunglasses, and a plaid shirt is riding a brown horse in a corral. The horse has a white blaze on its face. The background shows wooden fences and other horses.

Image

1. *NK* regressed object boxes

## Minimal post-processing:

- Non-maximum suppression (NMS)

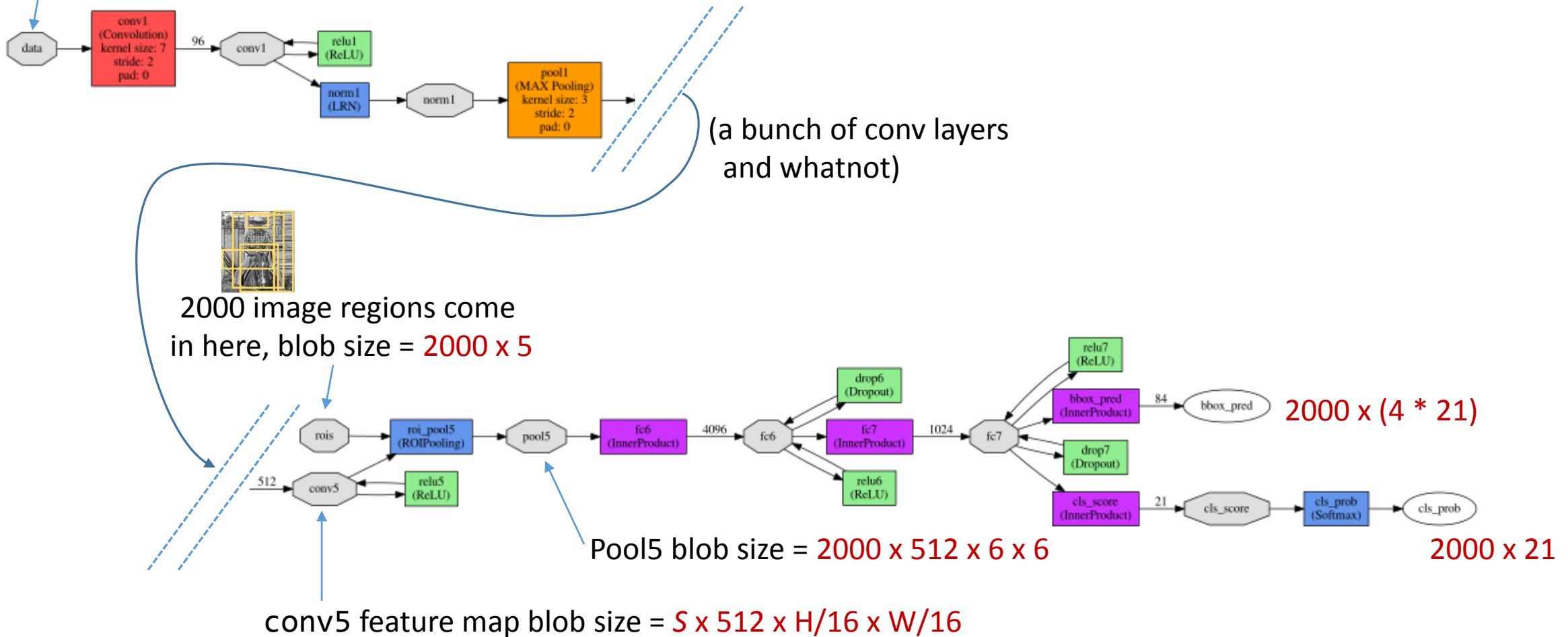
## Object proposals comes from:

- Selective Search (2s / image) [van de Sande/Uijlings et al.]
- EdgeBoxes (0.2s / image) [Zitnick & Dollar]
- MCG (30s / image) [Arbelaez et al.]
- Etc.

# Zooming into the net



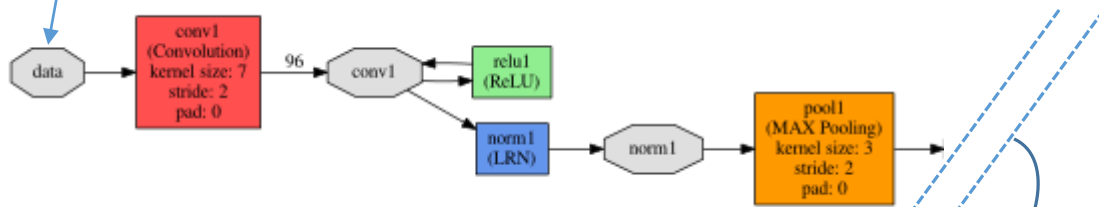
image comes in here, blob size =  $S \times 3 \times H \times W$  (e.g.,  $S = 1$  or  $5$ ,  $H = 600$ ,  $W = 1000$ )



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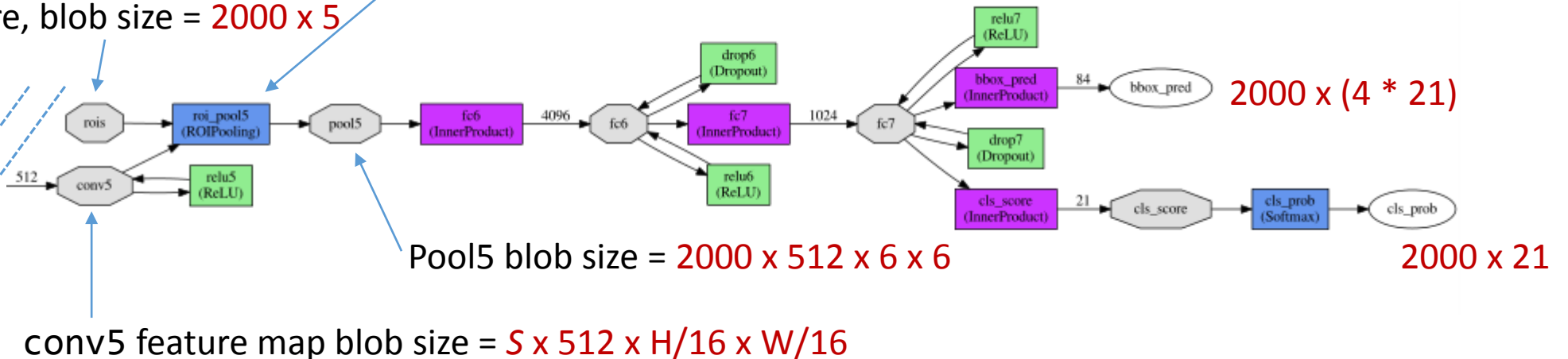


## RoI Pooling Layer:

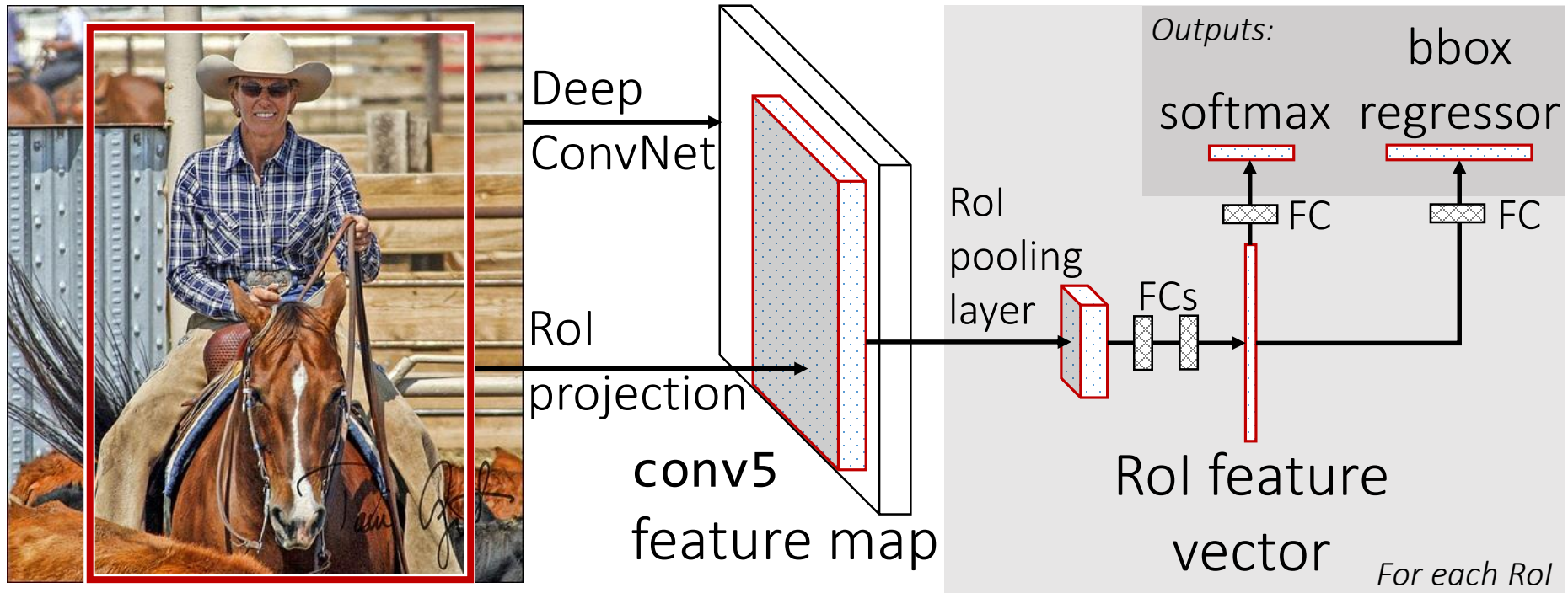
- *adaptive max pooling layer*
- *dynamically expands batch from  $S$  to  $R$  (e.g., 2000)*



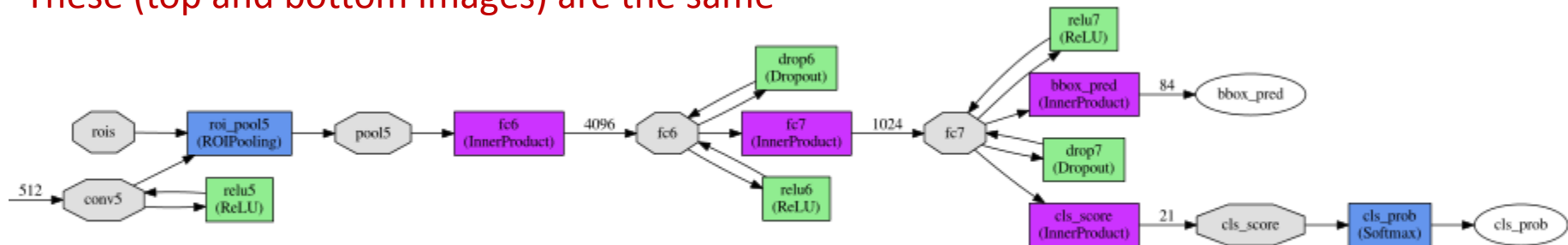
2000 image regions come in here, blob size =  $2000 \times 5$



# Another view of the same thing



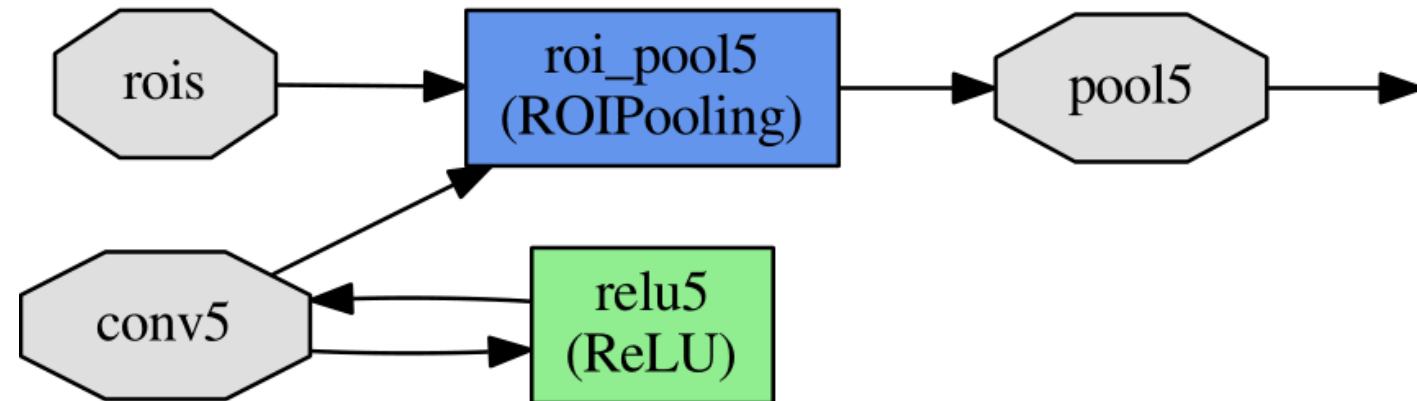
These (top and bottom images) are the same



# RoI Pooling Layer

- Special case of SPPnet's SPP layer [He et al. ECCV'14]
- Two inputs ("bottoms")
  - Conv feature map:  $S \times 512 \times H \times W$
  - Regions of Interest:  $R \times 5$ 
    - 5 comes from  $[r, x1, y1, x2, y2]$ , where  $r$  in  $[0, R - 1]$  specifies an image batch index

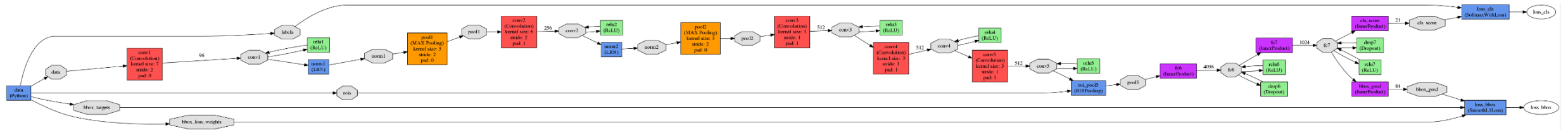
```
188 layer {  
189   name: "roi_pool5"  
190   type: "ROIPooling"  
191   bottom: "conv5"  
192   bottom: "rois"  
193   top: "pool5"  
194   roi_pooling_param {  
195     pooled_w: 6  
196     pooled_h: 6  
197     spatial_scale: 0.0625 # 1/16  
198   }  
199 }
```





# The train-time net

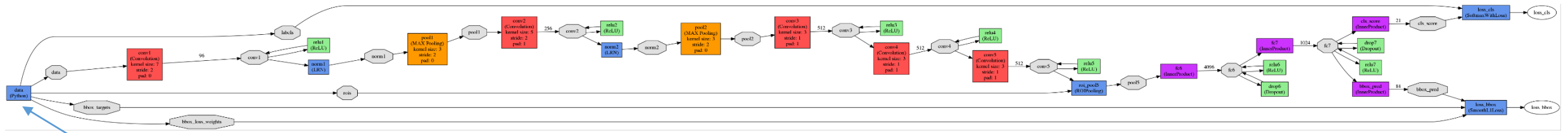
Single fine-tuning operation all in Caffe



Even more boxes and arrows  
Let's look at them



# The train-time net (exotic data layers)

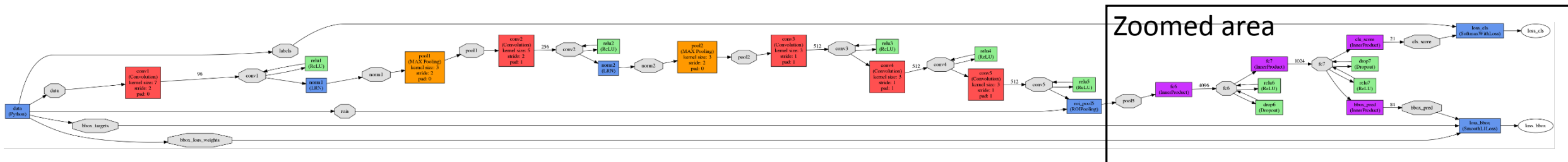
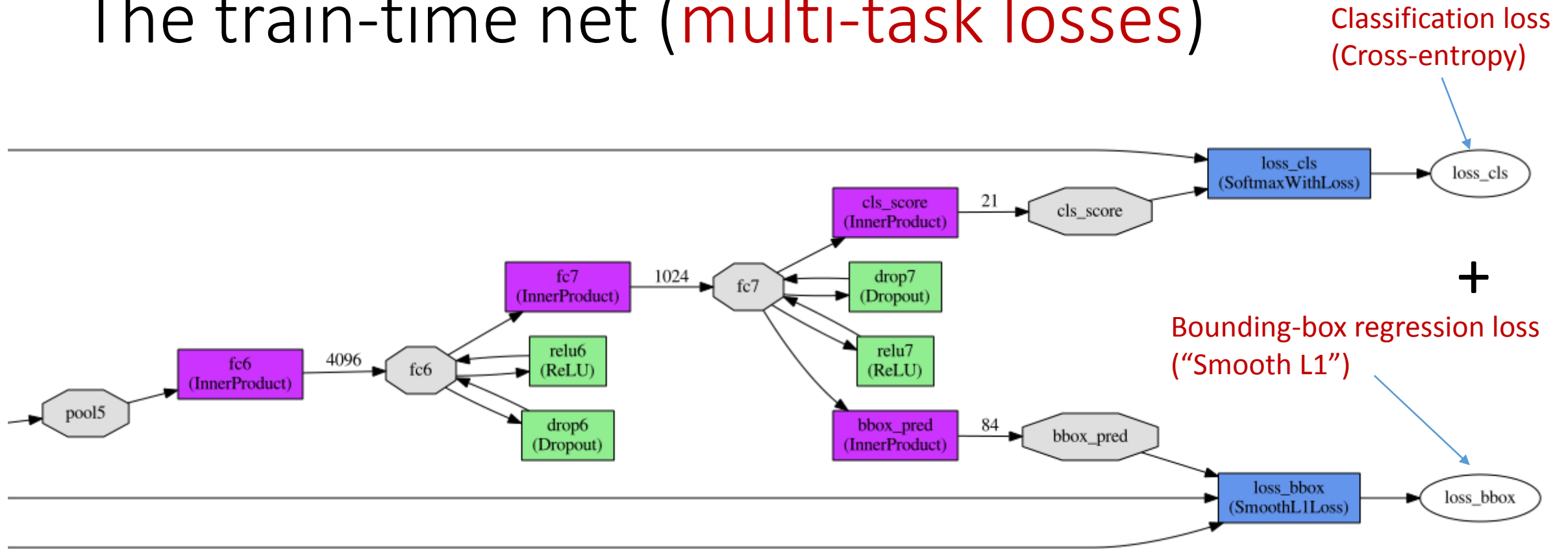


## Custom Python data layer

- Samples 2 images
- From each sampled image, takes 64 RoIs
- Input batch is initially 2 elements
- Gets expanded by the RoI Pooling Layer to 128 elements
- Outputs 5 “tops”
  - data [images]
  - rois [regions of interest]
  - labels [class labels for the rois]
  - bbox\_targets [box regression targets]
  - bbox\_loss\_weights [...details...]

```
2 layer {
3   name: 'data'
4   type: 'Python'
5   top: 'data'
6   top: 'rois'
7   top: 'labels'
8   top: 'bbox_targets'
9   top: 'bbox_loss_weights'
10  python_param {
11    module: 'roi_data_layer.layer'
12    layer: 'RoIDataLayer'
13    param_str: "'num_classes': 21"
14  }
15 }
```

# The train-time net (multi-task losses)



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rbgirshick

authored on May 6

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
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rbgirshick on Apr 1 add spatial scale message field; fix some variable naming

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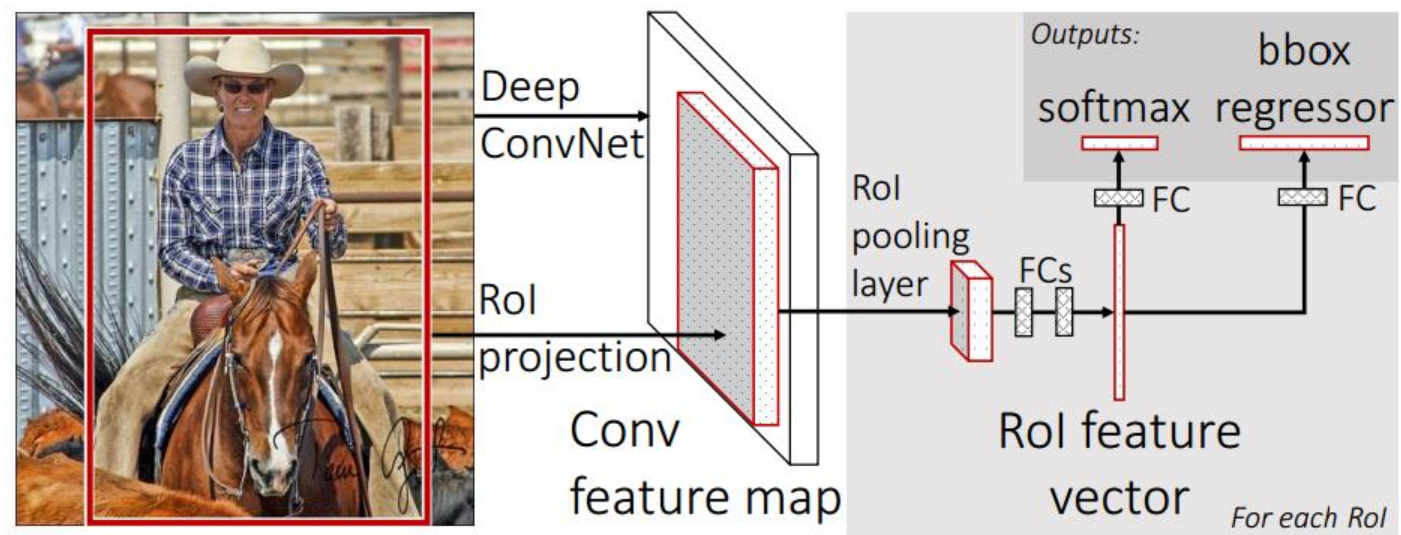
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5 // Written by Ross Girshick
6 // -----
7
8 #include <float>
9
10 #include "caffe/fast_rcnn_layers.hpp"
11
12 using std::max;
13 using std::min;
14
15 namespace caffe {
16
17 template <typename Dtype>
18 __global__ void ROIPoolForward(const int nthreads, const Dtype* bottom_data,
19     const Dtype spatial_scale, const int channels, const int height,
20     const int width, const int pooled_height, const int pooled_width,
21     const Dtype* bottom_rois, Dtype* top_data, int* argmax_data) {
22     CUDA_KERNEL_LOOP(index, nthreads) {
23         // (n, c, ph, pw) is an element in the pooled output
24         int pw = index % pooled_width;
25         int ph = (index / pooled_width) % pooled_height;
26         int c = (index / pooled_width / pooled_height) % channels;
27         int n = index / pooled_width / pooled_height / channels;
28     }
29 }
```

## Region of Interest (RoI) Pooling Layer

Expands a small batch into a big batch



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rbgirshick on Mar 30 add license blurb; split out fast r-cnn layers into separate header file

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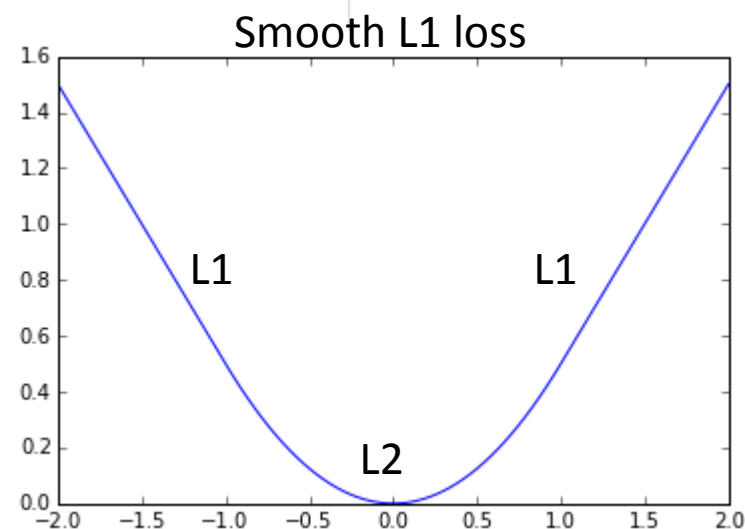
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8 #include "caffe/fast_rcnn_layers.hpp"
9
10 namespace caffe {
11
12 template <typename Dtype>
13 __global__ void SmoothL1Forward(const int n, const Dtype* in, Dtype* out) {
14     // f(x) = 0.5 * x^2    if |x| < 1
15     //           |x| - 0.5  otherwise
16     CUDA_KERNEL_LOOP(index, n) {
17         Dtype val = in[index];
18         Dtype abs_val = abs(val);
19         if (abs_val < 1) {
20             out[index] = 0.5 * val * val;
21         } else {
22             out[index] = abs_val - 0.5;
23         }
24     }
25 }
26 }
```

# Smooth L1 Loss Layer

Robust to outliers  
Optimizer friendly














Per-dimension loss weights



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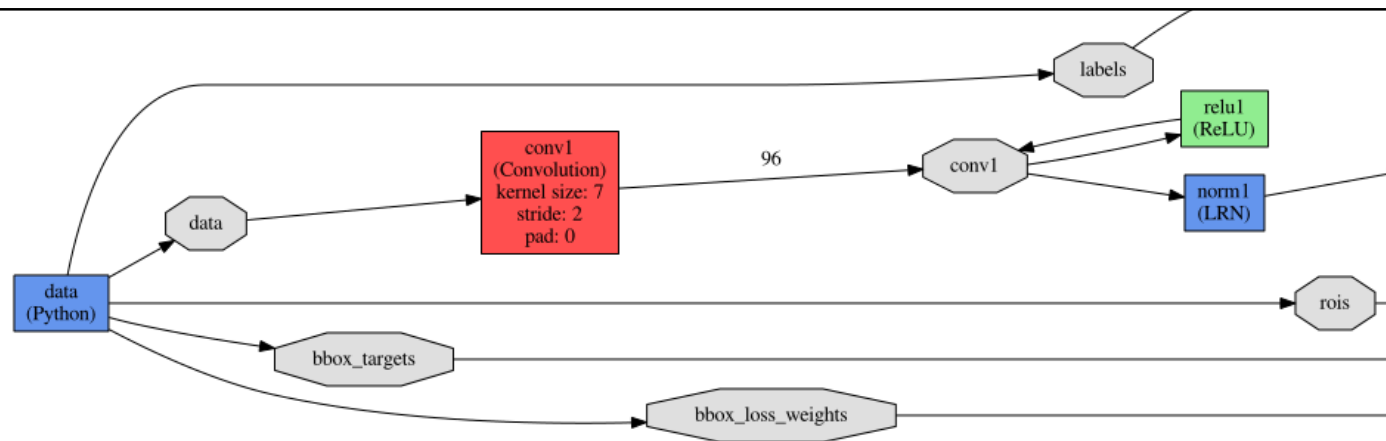
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6 # -----
7
8 """The data layer used during training to train a Fast R-CNN.
9
10 RoIDataLayer implements a Caffe Python layer.
11 """
12
13 import caffe
14 from fast_rcnn.config import cfg
15 from roi_data_layer.minibatch import get_minibatch
16 import numpy as np
17 import yaml
18 from multiprocessing import Process, Queue
19
20 class RoIDataLayer(caffe.Layer):
21     """Fast R-CNN data layer used for training."""
22
23     def _shuffle_roidb_inds(self):
24         """Randomly permute the training roidb."""
25         self._perm = np.random.permutation(np.arange(len(self._roidb)))
26         self._cur = 0
27
28     def _get_next_minibatch_inds(self):
29         """Return the roidb indices for the next minibatch."""
30         if self._cur + cfg.TRAIN.IMS_PER_BATCH >= len(self._roidb):
```

```
106     def forward(self, bottom, top):
107         """Get blobs and copy them into this layer's top blob vector."""
108         blobs = self._get_next_minibatch()
109
110         for blob_name, blob in blobs.iteritems():
111             top_ind = self._name_to_top_map[blob_name]
112             # Reshape net's input blobs
113             top[top_ind].reshape(*(blob.shape))
114             # Copy data into net's input blobs
115             top[top_ind].data[...] = blob.astype(np.float32, copy=False)
```

Python data layer  
for Fast R-CNNReshapes blobs  
on-the-fly

branch: master fast-rcnn / lib / fast\_rcnn / train.py

rbgirshick on Apr 27 improve docstrings

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7
8 """Train a Fast R-CNN network."""
9
10 import caffe
11 from fast_rcnn.config import cfg
12 import roi_data_layer.roidb as rdl_roidb
13 from utils.timer import Timer
14 import numpy as np
15 import os
16
17 from caffe.proto import caffe_pb2
18 import google.protobuf as pb2
19
20 class SolverWrapper(object):
21     """A simple wrapper around Caffe's solver.
22     This wrapper gives us control over the snapshotting process, w
23     use to unnormalize the learned bounding-box regression weight
24     """
25
26     def __init__(self, solver_prototxt, roidb, output_dir,
27                 pretrained_model=None):
28         """Initialize the SolverWrapper."""
29         self.output_dir = output_dir
```

Python training code

Custom solver loop  
with custom snapshot  
method














```
84 def train_model(self, max_iters):
85     """Network training loop."""
86     last_snapshot_iter = -1
87     timer = Timer()
88     while self.solver.iter < max_iters:
89         # Make one SGD update
90         timer.tic()
91         self.solver.step(1)
92         timer.toc()
93         if self.solver.iter % (10 * self.solver_param.display) == 0:
94             print 'speed: {:.3f}s / iter'.format(timer.average_time)
95
96         if self.solver.iter % cfg.TRAIN.SNAPSHOT_ITERS == 0:
97             last_snapshot_iter = self.solver.iter
98             self.snapshot()
99
100     if last_snapshot_iter != self.solver.iter:
101         self.snapshot()
```



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Tools for training, testing, and

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rbg@rbgk40:~/working/fast-rcnn/fast-rcnn$ ./tools/demo.py -h
usage: demo.py [-h] [--gpu GPU_ID] [--cpu]
               [--net {vgg16,caffenet,vgg_cnn_m_1024}]

Train a Fast R-CNN network

optional arguments:
  -h, --help            show this help message and exit
  --gpu GPU_ID          GPU device id to use [0]
  --cpu                Use CPU mode (overrides --gpu)
  --net {vgg16,caffenet,vgg_cnn_m_1024}
                        Network to use [vgg16]
rbg@rbgk40:~/working/fast-rcnn/fast-rcnn$ ./tools/demo.py --gpu 7
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Figure 1@rbgk40

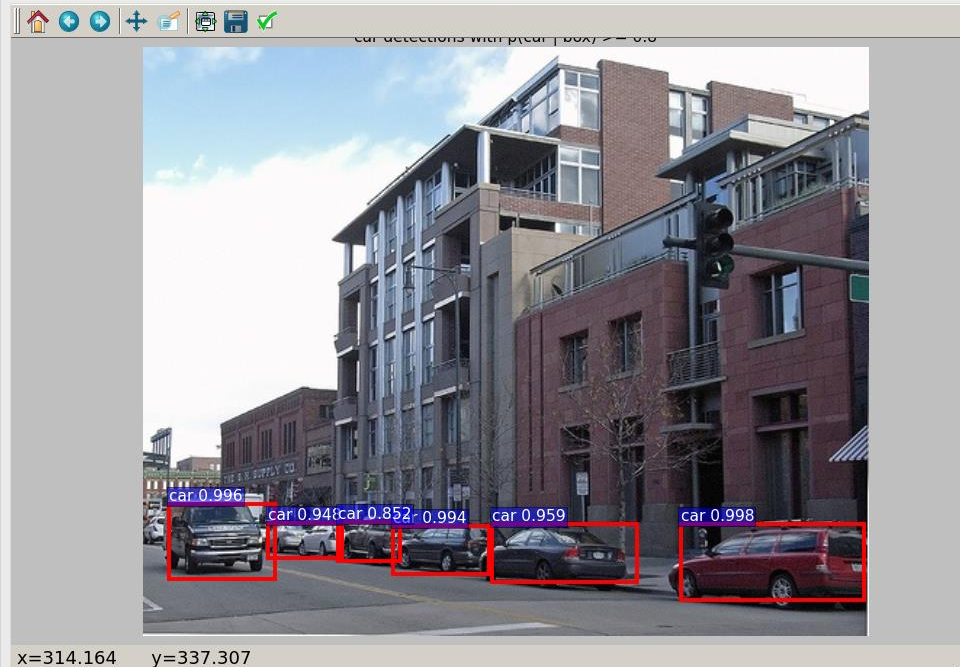


Figure 3@rbgk40

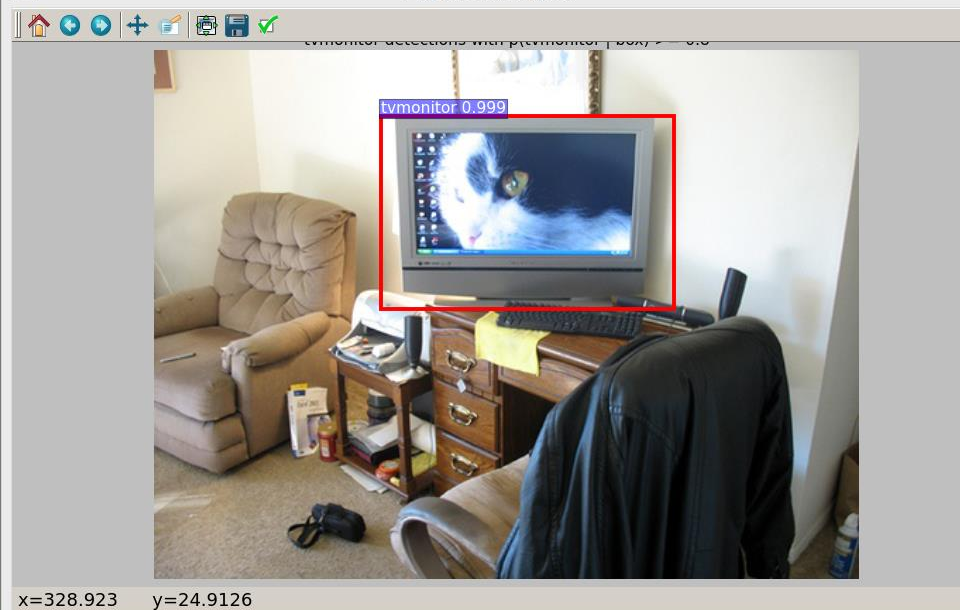
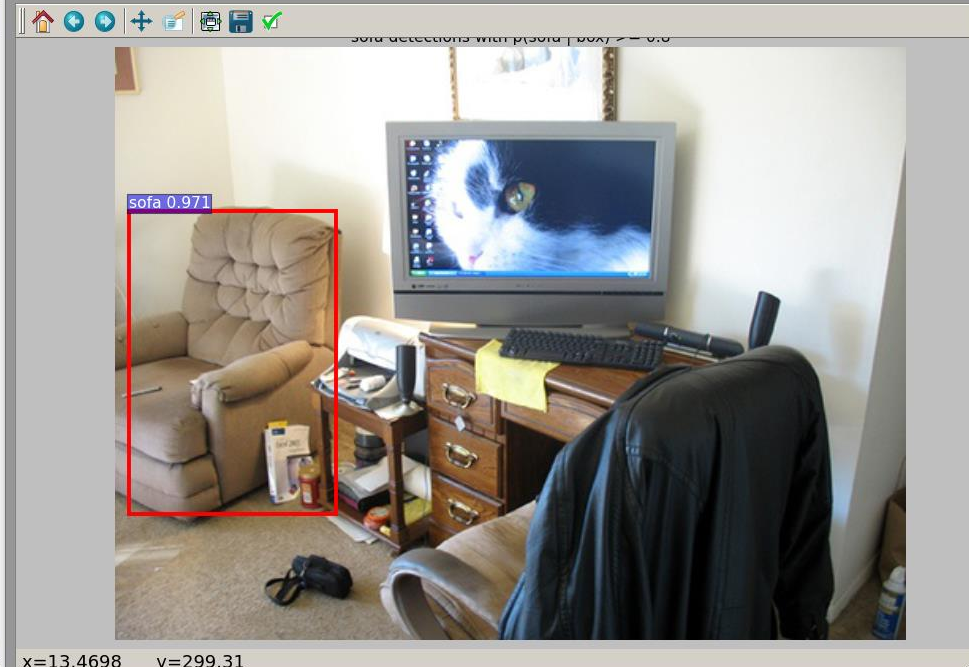


Figure 2@rbgk40



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2_1 does not need backward computation
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work initialization done.
ory required for data: 114633208
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large protocol message: If the message turns out to be larger than 2147483647 byte
s, parsing will be halted for security reasons. To increase the limit (or to disa
ble these warnings), see CodedInputStream::SetTotalBytesLimit() in google/protobuf
/io/coded_stream.h.
[libprotobuf WARNING google/protobuf/io/coded_stream.cc:78] The total number of by
tes read was 538766130

Loaded network /mnt/data/rbg/fast-rcnn/fast-rcnn/data/fast_rcnn_models/vgg16_fast_
rcnn_iter_40000.caffemodel
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Demo for data/demo/000004.jpg
Detection took 0.578s for 2888 object proposals
All car detections with  $p(\text{car} | \text{box}) \geq 0.8$ 
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Demo for data/demo/001551.jpg
Detection took 0.364s for 2057 object proposals
All sofa detections with  $p(\text{sofa} | \text{box}) \geq 0.8$ 
All tvmonitor detections with  $p(\text{tvmonitor} | \text{box}) \geq 0.8$ 

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- The detection network *also proposes objects*
- Marginal cost of proposals: 10ms
- VGG16 runtime  $\sim 200\text{ms}$  *including all steps*
- Higher mAP, faster
- Open-source Caffe code coming later this summer

*Region Proposal Network* shares conv layers with Fast R-CNN object detection network

