Faster R-CNN: Towards Real-Time Object Detection with Region Proposal Networks

State-of-the-art object detection networks depend on region proposal algorithms to hypothesize object locations. Advances like SPPnet [7] and Fast R-CNN [5] have reduced the running time of these detection networks, exposing region proposal computation as a bottleneck. In this work, we introduce a *Region Proposal Network* (RPN) that shares full-image convolutional features with the detection network, thus enabling nearly cost-free region proposals. An RPN is a fully-convolutional network that simultaneously predicts object bounds and objectness scores at each position. RPNs are trained end-to-end to generate high-quality region proposals, which are used by Fast R-CNN for detection. With a simple alternating optimization, RPN and Fast R-CNN can be trained to share convolutional features. For the very deep VGG-16 model [19], our detection system has a frame rate of 5fps (*including all steps*) on a GPU, while achieving state-of-the-art object detection accuracy on PASCAL VOC 2007 (73.2% mAP) and 2012 (70.4% mAP) using 300 proposals per image. Code is available at `https://github.com/ShaoqingRen/faster_rcnn`.

빠른 Region Proposal 을 위해 Region Proposal Network(RPN) 을 학습

Region proposal methods typically rely on inexpensive features and economical inference schemes. Selective Search (SS) [22], one of the most popular methods, greedily merges superpixels based on engineered low-level features. Yet when compared to efficient detection networks [5], Selective Search is an order of magnitude slower, at 2s per image in a CPU implementation. EdgeBoxes [24] currently provides the best tradeoff between proposal quality and speed, at 0.2s per image. Nevertheless, the region proposal step still consumes as much running time as the detection network.

Fast RCNN 의 selective search 는 시간이 오래걸림

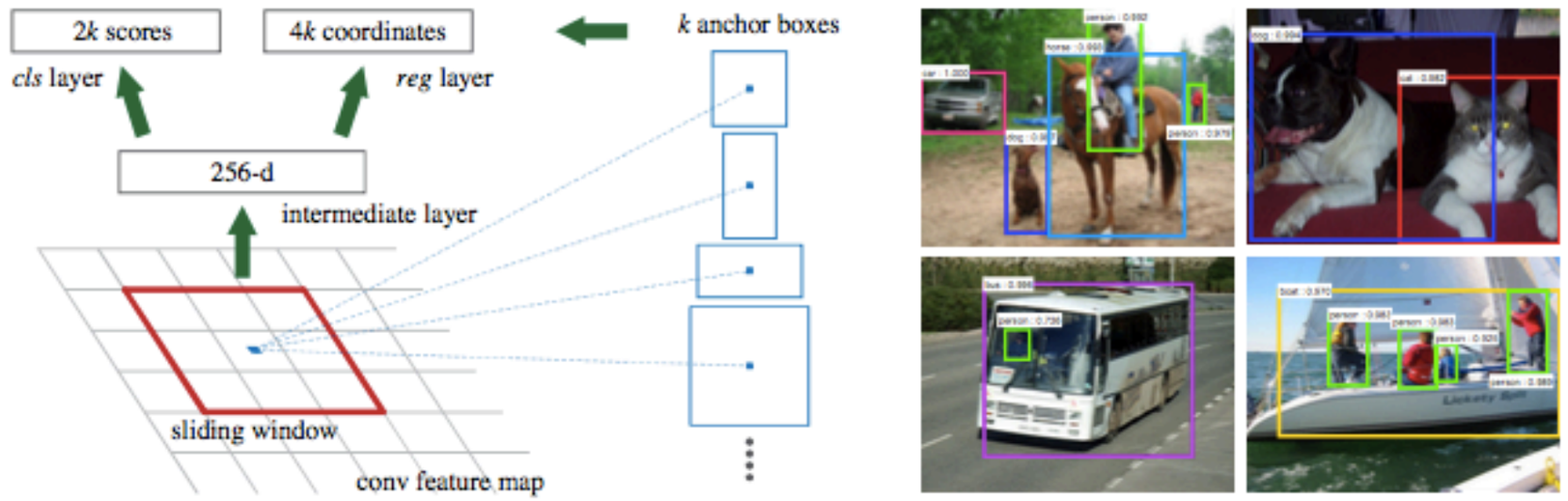
tection network's computation. To this end, we introduce novel *Region Proposal Networks* (RPNs) that share convolutional layers with state-of-the-art object detection networks [7, 5]. By sharing convolutions at test-time, the marginal cost for computing proposals is small (*e.g.*, 10ms per image).

Our observation is that the convolutional (conv) feature maps used by region-based detectors, like Fast R-CNN, can also be used for generating region proposals. On top of these conv features, we construct RPNs by adding two additional conv layers: one that encodes each conv map position into a short (*e.g.*, 256-d) feature vector and a second that, at each conv map position, outputs an objectness score and regressed bounds for k region proposals relative to various scales and aspect ratios at that location ($k = 9$ is a typical value).

기존의 deep neural network 를 활용하여 region proposal 을 학습

A Region Proposal Network (RPN) takes an image (of any size) as input and outputs a set of rectangular object proposals, each with an objectness score.[1] We model this process with a fully-convolutional network [14], which we describe in this section. Because our ultimate goal is to share computation with a Fast R-CNN object detection network [5], we assume that both nets share a common set of conv layers. In our experiments, we investigate the Zeiler and Fergus model [23] (ZF), which has 5 shareable conv layers and the Simonyan and Zisserman model [19] (VGG), which has 13 shareable conv layers.

일반적인 fully convolution network (VGG)를 사용하여 학습



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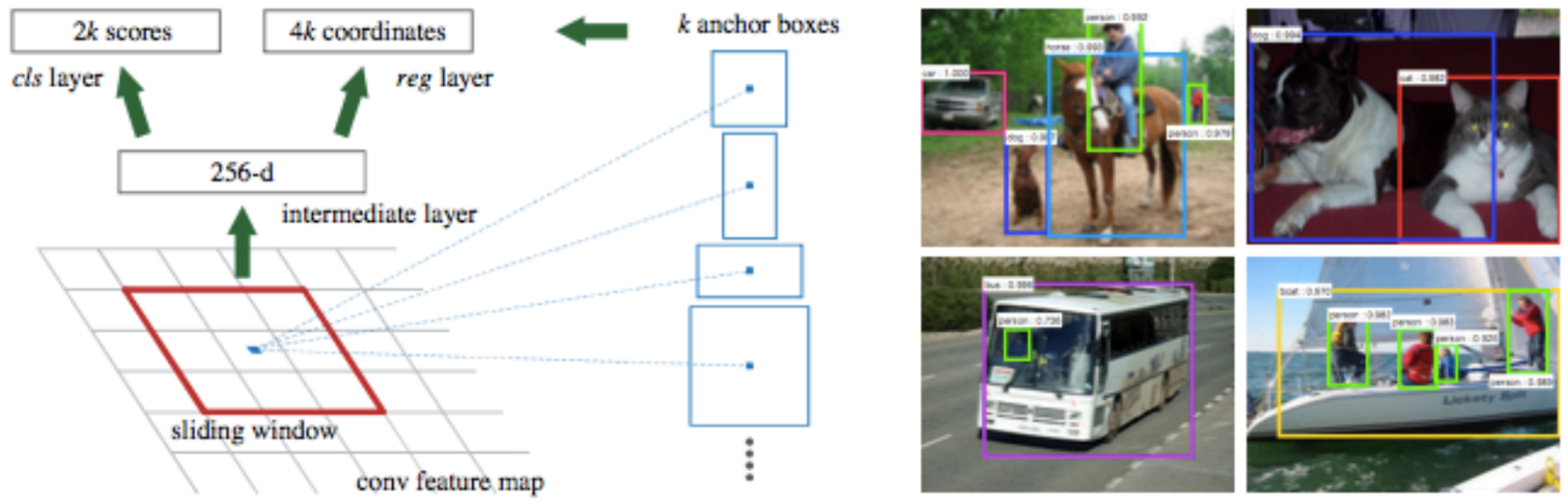
feature map. Each sliding window is mapped to a lower-dimensional vector (256-d for ZF and 512-d for VGG). This vector is fed into two sibling fully-connected layers—a box-regression layer (*reg*) and a box-classification layer (*cls*). We use $n = 3$ in this paper, noting that the effective receptive field on the input image is large (171 and 228 pixels for ZF and VGG, respectively). This mini-network is illustrated at a single position in Fig. 1 (left). Note that because the mini-network operates in a sliding-window fashion, the fully-connected layers are shared across all spatial locations. This architecture is naturally implemented with an $n \times n$ conv layer followed by two sibling 1×1 conv layers (for *reg* and *cls*, respectively). ReLUs [15] are applied to the output of the $n \times n$ conv layer.

Sliding window 로 지나가면서 k 개의 다양한 크기의 anchor 를 생성하고 각 anchor 를 box-classification 과 regression layer 로 나눈다.



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Translation-Invariant Anchors

At each sliding-window location, we simultaneously predict k region proposals, so the *reg* layer has $4k$ outputs encoding the coordinates of k boxes. The *cls* layer outputs $2k$ scores that estimate probability of object / not-object for each proposal.[2] The k proposals are parameterized *relative* to k reference boxes, called *anchors*. Each anchor is centered at the sliding window in question, and is associated with a scale and aspect ratio. We use 3 scales and 3 aspect ratios, yielding $k = 9$ anchors at each sliding position. For a conv feature map of a size $W \times H$ (typically $\sim$2,400), there are WHk anchors in total. An important property of our approach is that it is *translation invariant*, both in terms of the anchors and the functions that compute proposals relative to the anchors.

K = 9
cls layer : object / not-object 를 구분하는 레이어
reg layer : regressor box 를 추정하는 레이어

$$L(\{p_i\},\{t_i\}) = \frac{1}{N_{cls}}\sum_i L_{cls}(p_i, p_i^*) + \lambda\frac{1}{N_{reg}}\sum_i p_i^* L_{reg}(t_i, t_i^*).$$

For training RPNs, we assign a binary class label (of being an object or not) to each anchor. We assign a positive label to two kinds of anchors: (i) the anchor/anchors with the highest Intersection-over-Union (IoU) overlap with a ground-truth box, or (ii) an anchor that has an IoU overlap higher than 0.7 with any ground-truth box. Note that a single ground-truth box may assign positive labels to multiple anchors. We assign a negative label to a non-positive anchor if its IoU ratio is lower than 0.3 for all ground-truth boxes. Anchors that are neither positive nor negative do not contribute to the training objective.

Here, i is the index of an anchor in a mini-batch and p_i is the predicted probability of anchor i being an object. The ground-truth label p_i^* is 1 if the anchor is positive, and is 0 if the anchor is negative. t_i is a vector representing the 4 parameterized coordinates of the predicted bounding box, and t_i^* is that of the ground-truth box associated with a positive anchor. The classification loss L_{cls} is log loss over two classes (object *vs.* not object). For the regression loss, we use $L_{reg}(t_i, t_i^*) = R(t_i - t_i^*)$ where R is the robust loss function (smooth L_1) defined in [5]. The term $p_i^* L_{reg}$ means the regression loss is activated only for positive anchors ($p_i^* = 1$) and is disabled otherwise ($p_i^* = 0$). The outputs of the *cls* and *reg* layers consist of $\{p_i\}$ and $\{t_i\}$ respectively. The two terms are normalized with N_{cls} and N_{reg}, and a balancing weight λ.[3]

Region Proposal 을 위한 loss function 을 정의
- object / not object classification 에 관한 loss
- regression loss 를 합친 loss function 을 사용

Optimization

The RPN, which is naturally implemented as a fully-convolutional network [14], can be trained end-to-end by back-propagation and stochastic gradient descent (SGD) [12]. We follow the "image-centric" sampling strategy from [5] to train this network. Each mini-batch arises from a single image that contains many positive and negative anchors. It is possible to optimize for the loss functions of all anchors, but this will bias towards negative samples as they are dominate. Instead, we randomly sample 256 anchors in an image to compute the loss function of a mini-batch, where the sampled positive and negative anchors have a ratio of *up to* 1:1. If there are fewer than 128 positive samples in an image, we pad the mini-batch with negative ones.

We randomly initialize all new layers by drawing weights from a zero-mean Gaussian distribution with standard deviation 0.01. All other layers (*i.e.*, the shared conv layers) are initialized by pre-training a model for ImageNet classification [17], as is standard practice [6]. We tune all layers of the ZF net, and conv3_1 and up for the VGG net to conserve memory [5]. We use a learning rate of 0.001 for 60k mini-batches, and 0.0001 for the next 20k mini-batches on the PASCAL dataset. We also use a momentum of 0.9 and a weight decay of 0.0005 [11]. Our implementation uses Caffe [10].

Result

Table 1: Detection results on **PASCAL VOC 2007 test set** (trained on VOC 2007 trainval). The detectors are Fast R-CNN with ZF, but using various proposal methods for training and testing.

train-time region proposals		**test-time region proposals**		
method	# boxes	method	# proposals	mAP (%)
SS	2k	SS	2k	58.7
EB	2k	EB	2k	58.6
RPN+ZF, shared	2k	RPN+ZF, shared	300	**59.9**
ablation experiments follow below				
RPN+ZF, unshared	2k	RPN+ZF, unshared	300	58.7
SS	2k	RPN+ZF	100	55.1
SS	2k	RPN+ZF	300	56.8
SS	2k	RPN+ZF	1k	56.3
SS	2k	RPN+ZF (no NMS)	6k	55.2
SS	2k	RPN+ZF (no *cls*)	100	44.6
SS	2k	RPN+ZF (no *cls*)	300	51.4
SS	2k	RPN+ZF (no *cls*)	1k	55.8
SS	2k	RPN+ZF (no *reg*)	300	52.1
SS	2k	RPN+ZF (no *reg*)	1k	51.3
SS	2k	RPN+VGG	300	59.2

Result

Table 2: Detection results on **PASCAL VOC 2007 test set**. The detector is Fast R-CNN and VGG-16. Training data: "07": VOC 2007 trainval, "07+12": union set of VOC 2007 trainval and VOC 2012 trainval. For RPN, the train-time proposals for Fast R-CNN are 2k. †: this was reported in [5]; using the repository provided by this paper, this number is higher (68.0±0.3 in six runs).

method	# proposals	data	mAP (%)	time (ms)
SS	2k	07	66.9†	1830
SS	2k	07+12	70.0	1830
RPN+VGG, unshared	300	07	68.5	342
RPN+VGG, shared	300	07	69.9	**198**
RPN+VGG, shared	300	07+12	**73.2**	**198**

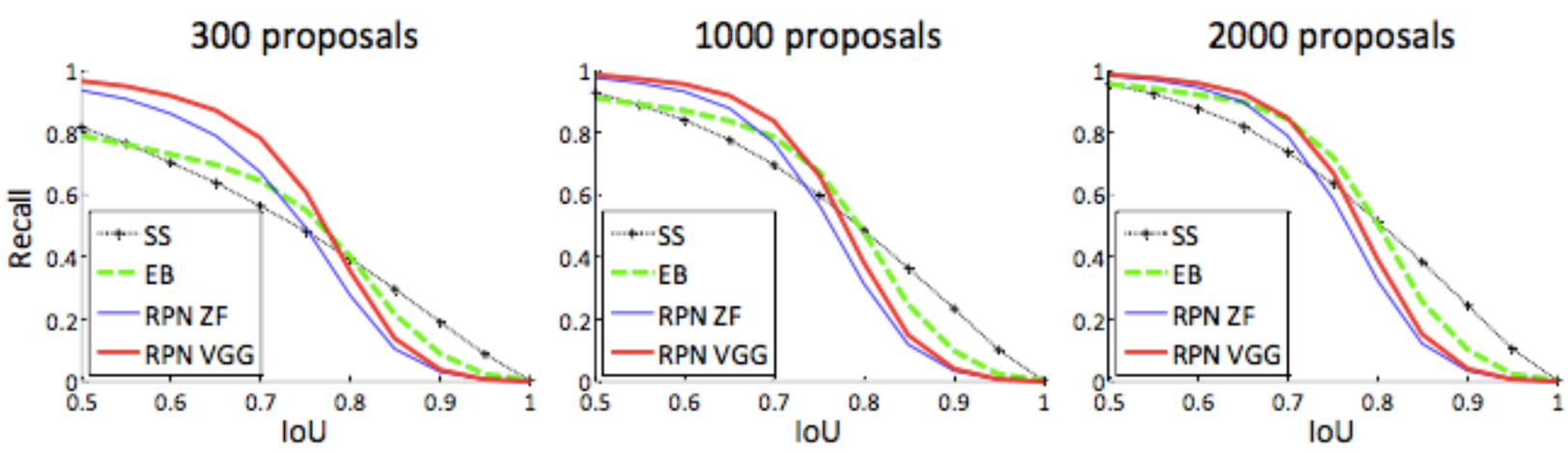

Figure 2: Recall *vs.* IoU overlap ratio on the PASCAL VOC 2007 test set.

You Only Look Once: Unified, Real-Time Object Detection

We present YOLO, a new approach to object detection. Prior work on object detection repurposes classifiers to perform detection. Instead, we frame object detection as a regression problem to spatially separated bounding boxes and associated class probabilities. A single neural network predicts bounding boxes and class probabilities directly from full images in one evaluation. Since the whole detection pipeline is a single network, it can be optimized end-to-end directly on detection performance.

Our unified architecture is extremely fast. Our base YOLO model processes images in real-time at 45 frames per second. A smaller version of the network, Fast YOLO, processes an astounding 155 frames per second while still achieving double the mAP of other real-time detectors. Compared to state-of-the-art detection systems, YOLO makes more localization errors but is less likely to predict false positives on background. Finally, YOLO learns very general representations of objects. It outperforms other detection methods, including DPM and R-CNN, when generalizing from natural images to other domains like artwork.

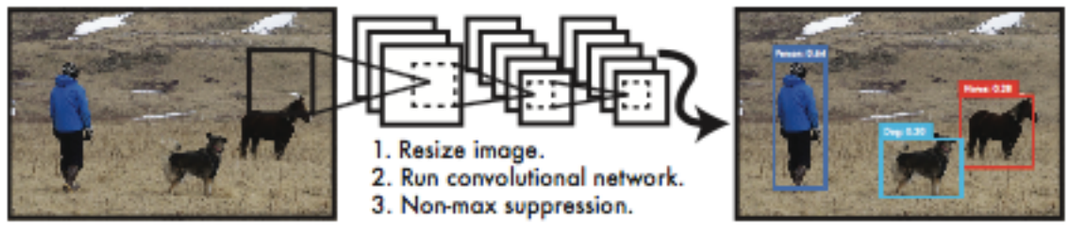

Figure 1: The YOLO Detection System. Processing images with YOLO is simple and straightforward. Our system (1) resizes the input image to 448×448, (2) runs a single convolutional network on the image, and (3) thresholds the resulting detections by the model's confidence.

We reframe object detection as a single regression problem, straight from image pixels to bounding box coordinates and class probabilities. Using our system, you only look once (YOLO) at an image to predict what objects are present and where they are.

First, YOLO is extremely fast. Since we frame detection as a regression problem we don't need a complex pipeline. We simply run our neural network on a new image at test time to predict detections. Our base network runs at 45 frames per second with no batch processing on a Titan X GPU and a fast version runs at more than 150 fps. This means we can process streaming video in real-time with less than 25 milliseconds of latency. Furthermore, YOLO achieves more than twice the mean average precision of other real-time systems. For a demo of our system running in real-time on a webcam please see our project webpage: http://pjreddie.com/yolo/.

Second, YOLO reasons globally about the image when making predictions. Unlike sliding window and region proposal-based techniques, YOLO sees the entire image during training and test time so it implicitly encodes contextual information about classes as well as their appearance. Fast R-CNN, a top detection method [14], mistakes background patches in an image for objects because it can't see the larger context. YOLO makes less than half the number of background errors compared to Fast R-CNN.

Third, YOLO learns generalizable representations of objects. When trained on natural images and tested on artwork, YOLO outperforms top detection methods like DPM and R-CNN by a wide margin. Since YOLO is highly generalizable it is less likely to break down when applied to new domains or unexpected inputs.

2. Unified Detection

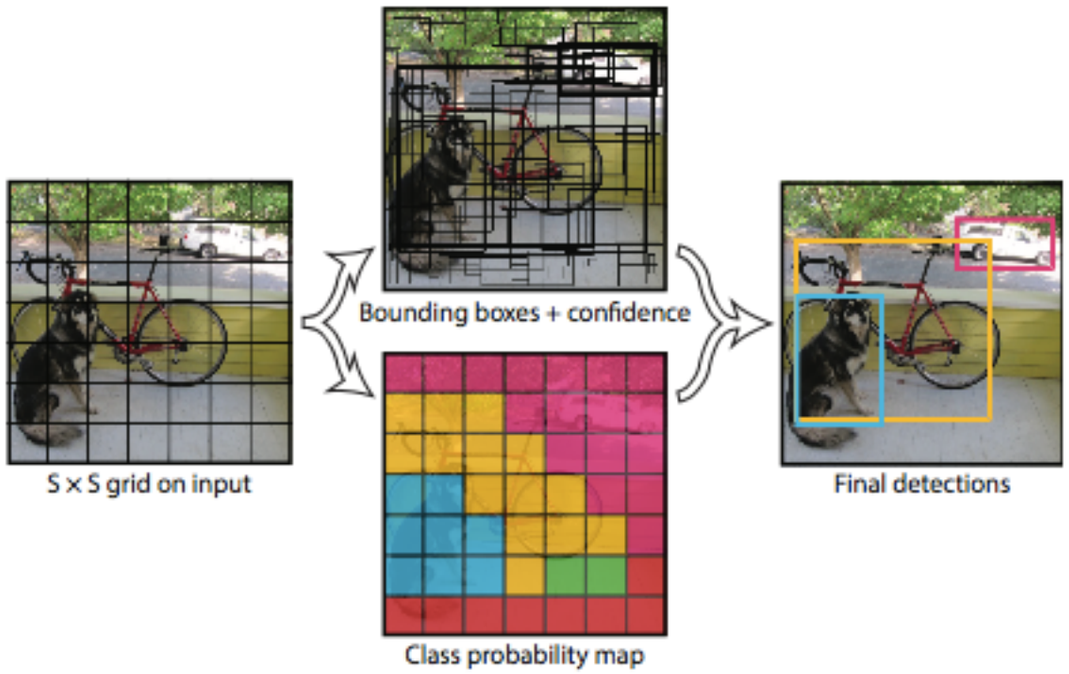

Figure 2: The Model. Our system models detection as a regression problem. It divides the image into an $S \times S$ grid and for each grid cell predicts B bounding boxes, confidence for those boxes, and C class probabilities. These predictions are encoded as an $S \times S \times (B * 5 + C)$ tensor.

Our system divides the input image into an $S \times S$ grid. If the center of an object falls into a grid cell, that grid cell is responsible for detecting that object.

Each grid cell predicts B bounding boxes and confidence scores for those boxes. These confidence scores reflect how confident the model is that the box contains an object and also how accurate it thinks the box is that it predicts. Formally we define confidence as $\Pr(\text{Object}) * \text{IOU}^{\text{truth}}_{\text{pred}}$. If no object exists in that cell, the confidence scores should be zero. Otherwise we want the confidence score to equal the intersection over union (IOU) between the predicted box and the ground truth.

For evaluating YOLO on PASCAL VOC, we use $S = 7$, $B = 2$. PASCAL VOC has 20 labelled classes so $C = 20$. Our final prediction is a $7 \times 7 \times 30$ tensor.

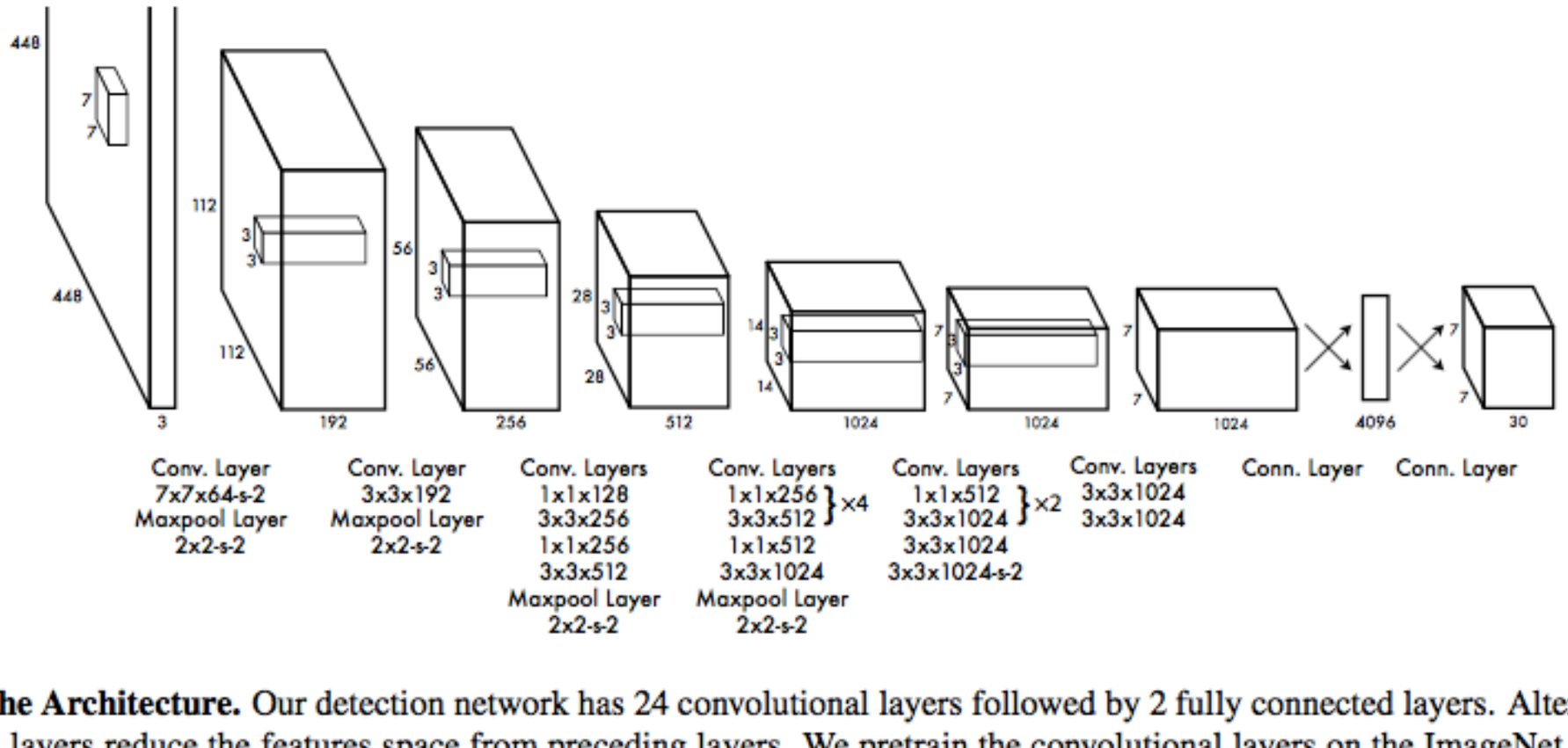

Figure 3: The Architecture. Our detection network has 24 convolutional layers followed by 2 fully connected layers. Alternating 1×1 convolutional layers reduce the features space from preceding layers. We pretrain the convolutional layers on the ImageNet classification task at half the resolution (224×224 input image) and then double the resolution for detection.

The final output of our network is the $7 \times 7 \times 30$ tensor of predictions.

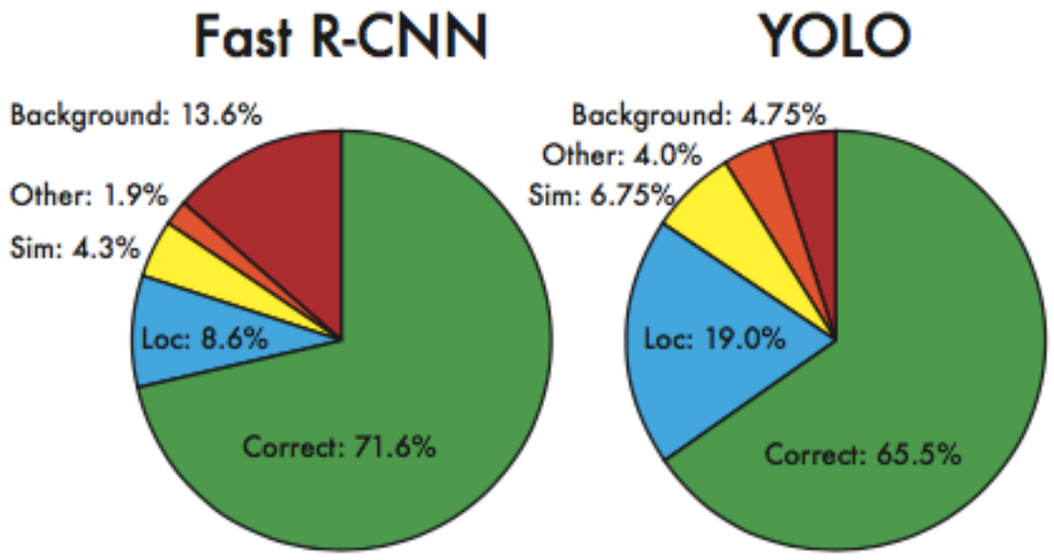

Figure 4: Error Analysis: Fast R-CNN vs. YOLO These charts show the percentage of localization and background errors in the top N detections for various categories (N = # objects in that category).

Figure 4 shows the breakdown of each error type averaged across all 20 classes.

YOLO struggles to localize objects correctly. Localization errors account for more of YOLO's errors than all other sources combined. Fast R-CNN makes much fewer localization errors but far more background errors. 13.6% of it's top detections are false positives that don't contain any objects. Fast R-CNN is almost 3x more likely to predict background detections than YOLO.

YOLO makes far fewer background mistakes than Fast R-CNN. By using YOLO to eliminate background detections from Fast R-CNN we get a significant boost in performance. For every bounding box that R-CNN predicts we check to see if YOLO predicts a similar box. If it does, we give that prediction a boost based on the probability predicted by YOLO and the overlap between the two boxes.

The best Fast R-CNN model achieves a mAP of 71.8% on the VOC 2007 test set. When combined with YOLO, its

	mAP	Combined	Gain
Fast R-CNN	71.8	-	-
Fast R-CNN (2007 data)	**66.9**	72.4	.6
Fast R-CNN (VGG-M)	59.2	72.4	.6
Fast R-CNN (CaffeNet)	57.1	72.1	.3
YOLO	63.4	**75.0**	**3.2**

VOC 2012 test	mAP	aero	bike	bird	boat	bottle	bus	car	cat	chair	cow	table	dog	horse	mbike	person	plant	sheep	sofa	train	tv
MR_CNN_MORE_DATA [11]	**73.9**	**85.5**	**82.9**	**76.6**	**57.8**	**62.7**	**79.4**	77.2	86.6	**55.0**	**79.1**	**62.2**	87.0	**83.4**	**84.7**	78.9	45.3	73.4	65.8	80.3	74.0
HyperNet_VGG	71.4	84.2	78.5	73.6	55.6	53.7	78.7	**79.8**	87.7	49.6	74.9	52.1	86.0	81.7	83.3	**81.8**	**48.6**	**73.5**	59.4	79.9	65.7
HyperNet_SP	71.3	84.1	78.3	73.3	55.5	53.6	78.6	79.6	87.5	49.5	74.9	52.1	85.6	81.6	83.2	81.6	48.4	73.2	59.3	79.7	65.6
Fast R-CNN + YOLO	70.7	83.4	78.5	73.5	55.8	43.4	79.1	73.1	**89.4**	49.4	75.5	57.0	**87.5**	80.9	81.0	74.7	41.8	71.5	68.5	**82.1**	67.2
MR_CNN_S_CNN [11]	70.7	85.0	79.6	71.5	55.3	57.7	76.0	73.9	84.6	50.5	74.3	61.7	85.5	79.9	81.7	76.4	41.0	69.0	61.2	77.7	72.1
Faster R-CNN [28]	70.4	84.9	79.8	74.3	53.9	49.8	77.5	75.9	88.5	45.6	77.1	55.3	86.9	81.7	80.9	79.6	40.1	72.6	60.9	81.2	61.5
DEEP_ENS_COCO	70.1	84.0	79.4	71.6	51.9	51.1	74.1	72.1	88.6	48.3	73.4	57.8	86.1	80.0	80.7	70.4	46.6	69.6	**68.8**	75.9	71.4
NoC [29]	68.8	82.8	79.0	71.6	52.3	53.7	74.1	69.0	84.9	46.9	74.3	53.1	85.0	81.3	79.5	72.2	38.9	72.4	59.5	76.7	68.1
Fast R-CNN [14]	68.4	82.3	78.4	70.8	52.3	38.7	77.8	71.6	89.3	44.2	73.0	55.0	**87.5**	80.5	80.8	72.0	35.1	68.3	65.7	80.4	64.2
UMICH_FGS_STRUCT	66.4	82.9	76.1	64.1	44.6	49.4	70.3	71.2	84.6	42.7	68.6	55.8	82.7	77.1	79.9	68.7	41.4	69.0	60.0	72.0	66.2
NUS_NIN_C2000 [7]	63.8	80.2	73.8	61.9	43.7	43.0	70.3	67.6	80.7	41.9	69.7	51.7	78.2	75.2	76.9	65.1	38.6	68.3	58.0	68.7	63.3
BabyLearning [7]	63.2	78.0	74.2	61.3	45.7	42.7	68.2	66.8	80.2	40.6	70.0	49.8	79.0	74.5	77.9	64.0	35.3	67.9	55.7	68.7	62.6
NUS_NIN	62.4	77.9	73.1	62.6	39.5	43.3	69.1	66.4	78.9	39.1	68.1	50.0	77.2	71.3	76.1	64.7	38.4	66.9	56.2	66.9	62.7
R-CNN VGG BB [13]	62.4	79.6	72.7	61.9	41.2	41.9	65.9	66.4	84.6	38.5	67.2	46.7	82.0	74.8	76.0	65.2	35.6	65.4	54.2	67.4	60.3
R-CNN VGG [13]	59.2	76.8	70.9	56.6	37.5	36.9	62.9	63.6	81.1	35.7	64.3	43.9	80.4	71.6	74.0	60.0	30.8	63.4	52.0	63.5	58.7
YOLO	57.9	77.0	67.2	57.7	38.3	22.7	68.3	55.9	81.4	36.2	60.8	48.5	77.2	72.3	71.3	63.5	28.9	52.2	54.8	73.9	50.8
Feature Edit [33]	56.3	74.6	69.1	54.4	39.1	33.1	65.2	62.7	69.7	30.8	56.0	44.6	70.0	64.4	71.1	60.2	33.3	61.3	46.4	61.7	57.8
R-CNN BB [13]	53.3	71.8	65.8	52.0	34.1	32.6	59.6	60.0	69.8	27.6	52.0	41.7	69.6	61.3	68.3	57.8	29.6	57.8	40.9	59.3	54.1
SDS [16]	50.7	69.7	58.4	48.5	28.3	28.8	61.3	57.5	70.8	24.1	50.7	35.9	64.9	59.1	65.8	57.1	26.0	58.8	38.6	58.9	50.7
R-CNN [13]	49.6	68.1	63.8	46.1	29.4	27.9	56.6	57.0	65.9	26.5	48.7	39.5	66.2	57.3	65.4	53.2	26.2	54.5	38.1	50.6	51.6

Figure 6: Qualitative Results. YOLO running on sample artwork and natural images from the internet. It is mostly accurate although it does think one person is an airplane.

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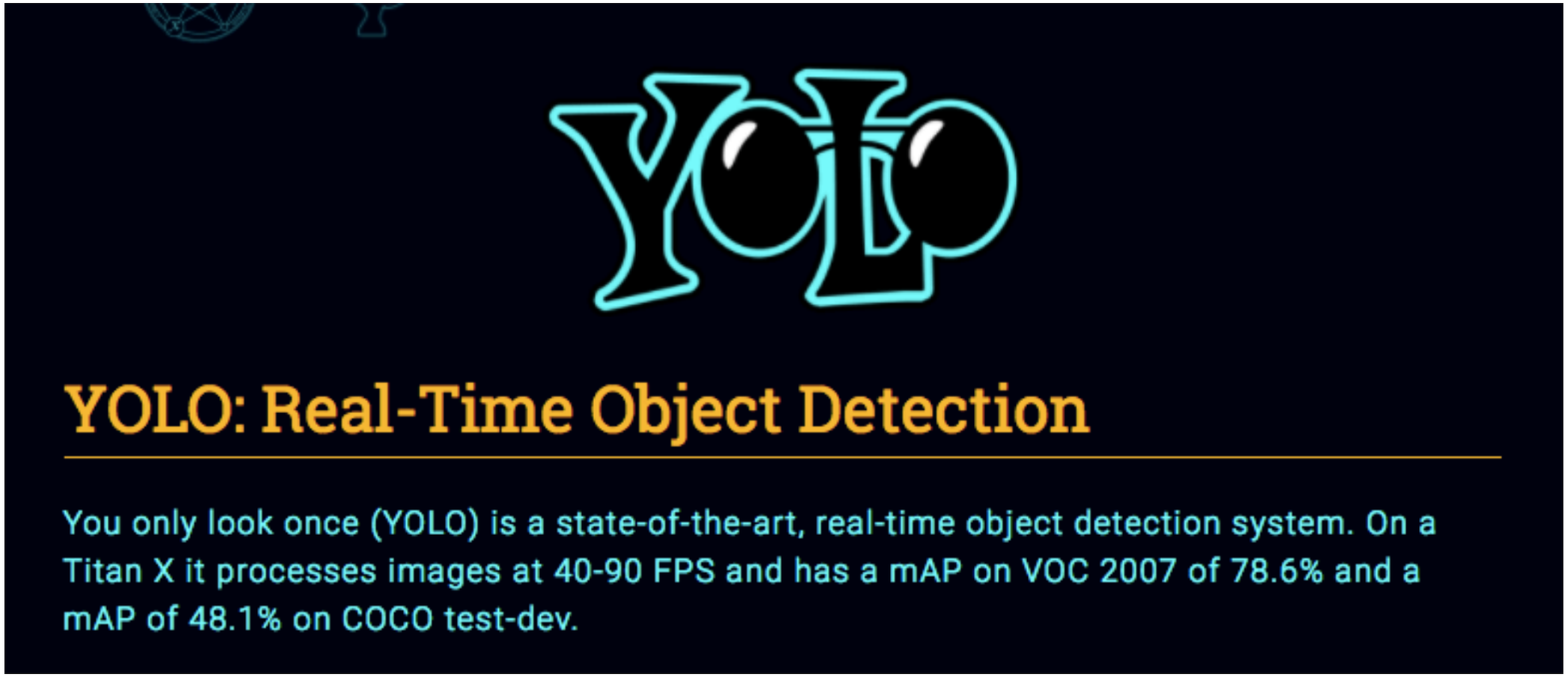

Detection Using A Pre-Trained Model

This post will guide you through detecting objects with the YOLO system using a pre-trained model. If you don't already have Darknet installed, you should do that first. Or instead of reading all that just run:

```
git clone https://github.com/pjreddie/darknet
cd darknet
make
```

Easy!

You already have the config file for YOLO in the `cfg/` subdirectory. You will have to download the pre-trained weight file here (258 MB). Or just run this:

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wget https://pjreddie.com/media/files/yolo.weights
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Then run the detector!

```
./darknet detect cfg/yolo.cfg yolo.weights data/dog.jpg
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layer     filters    size              input                output
    0 conv     32  3 x 3 / 1   416 x 416 x   3   ->   416 x 416 x  32
    1 max          2 x 2 / 2   416 x 416 x  32   ->   208 x 208 x  32
    .......
   29 conv    425  1 x 1 / 1    13 x  13 x1024   ->    13 x  13 x 425
   30 detection
Loading weights from yolo.weights...Done!
data/dog.jpg: Predicted in 0.016287 seconds.
car: 54%
bicycle: 51%
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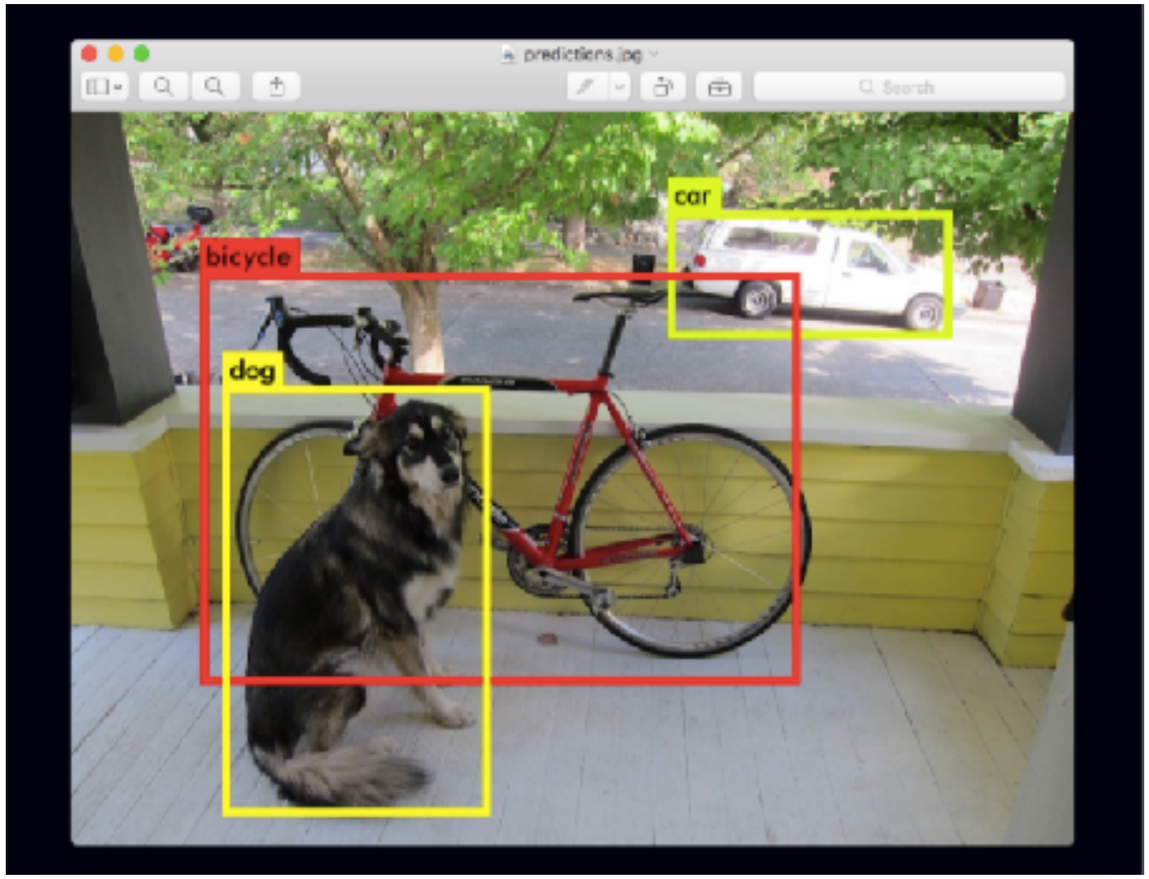

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