

# Lecture 13:

## Segmentation and Attention

# Administrative

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

# Last time: Software Packages

## Caffe

No need to write code!

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

## TensorFlow

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

## Torch

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

## Theano

```
import theano
import theano.tensor as T

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Lasagne

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Keras

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

D, H, C = 1000, 100, 10

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

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

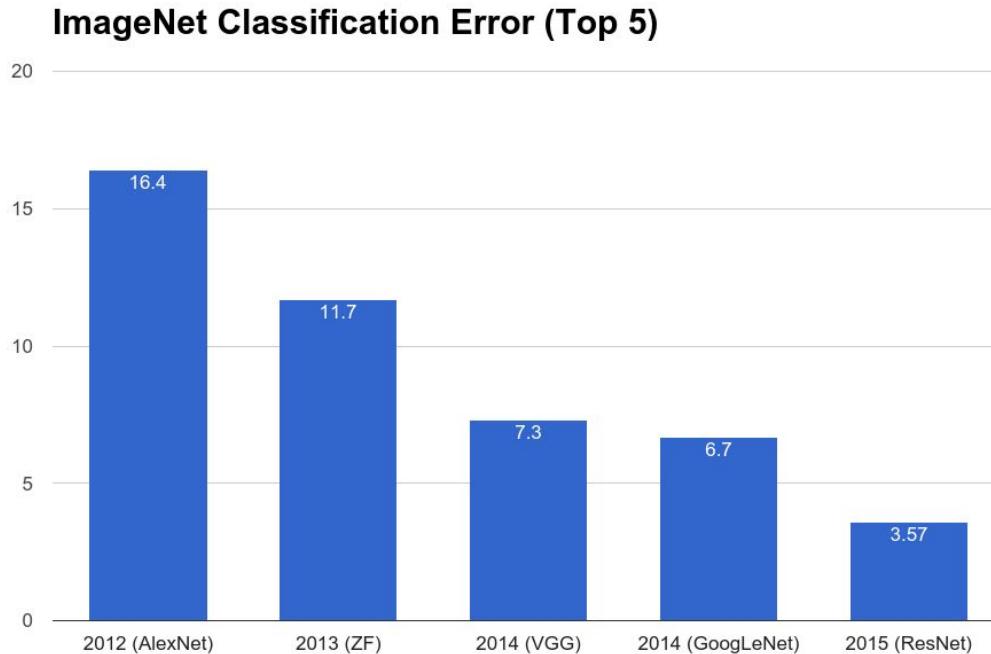
N, N_batch = 1000, 32
X = np.random.randn(N, D)
y = np.random.randint(C, size=N)
y = np_utils.to_categorical(y)

model.fit(X, y, nb_epoch=5, batch_size=N_batch, verbose=2)
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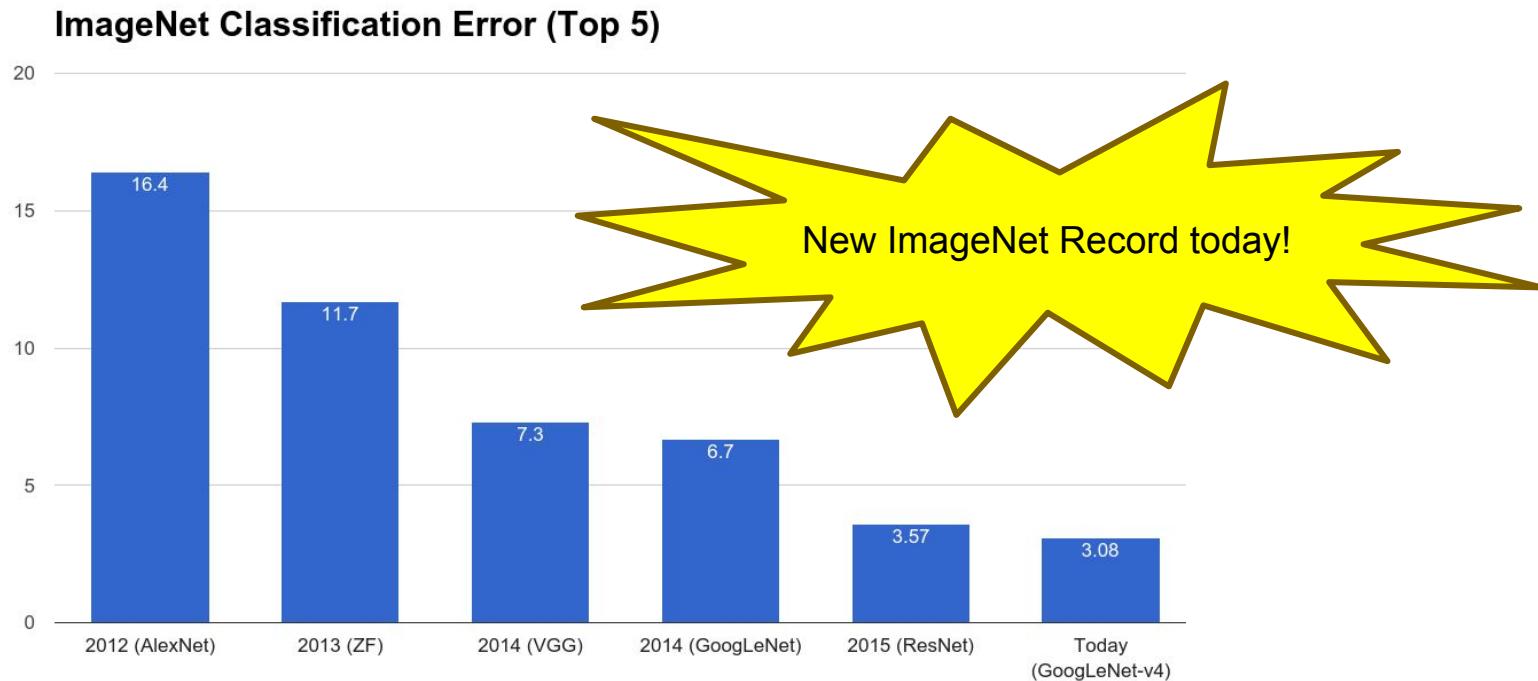
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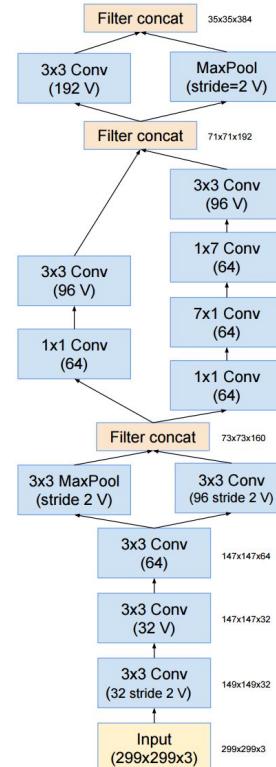
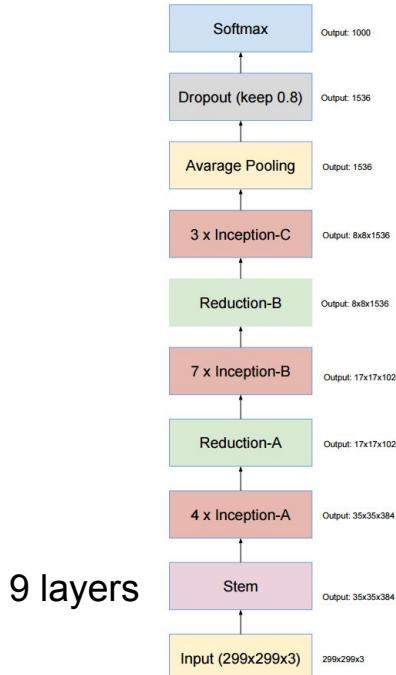


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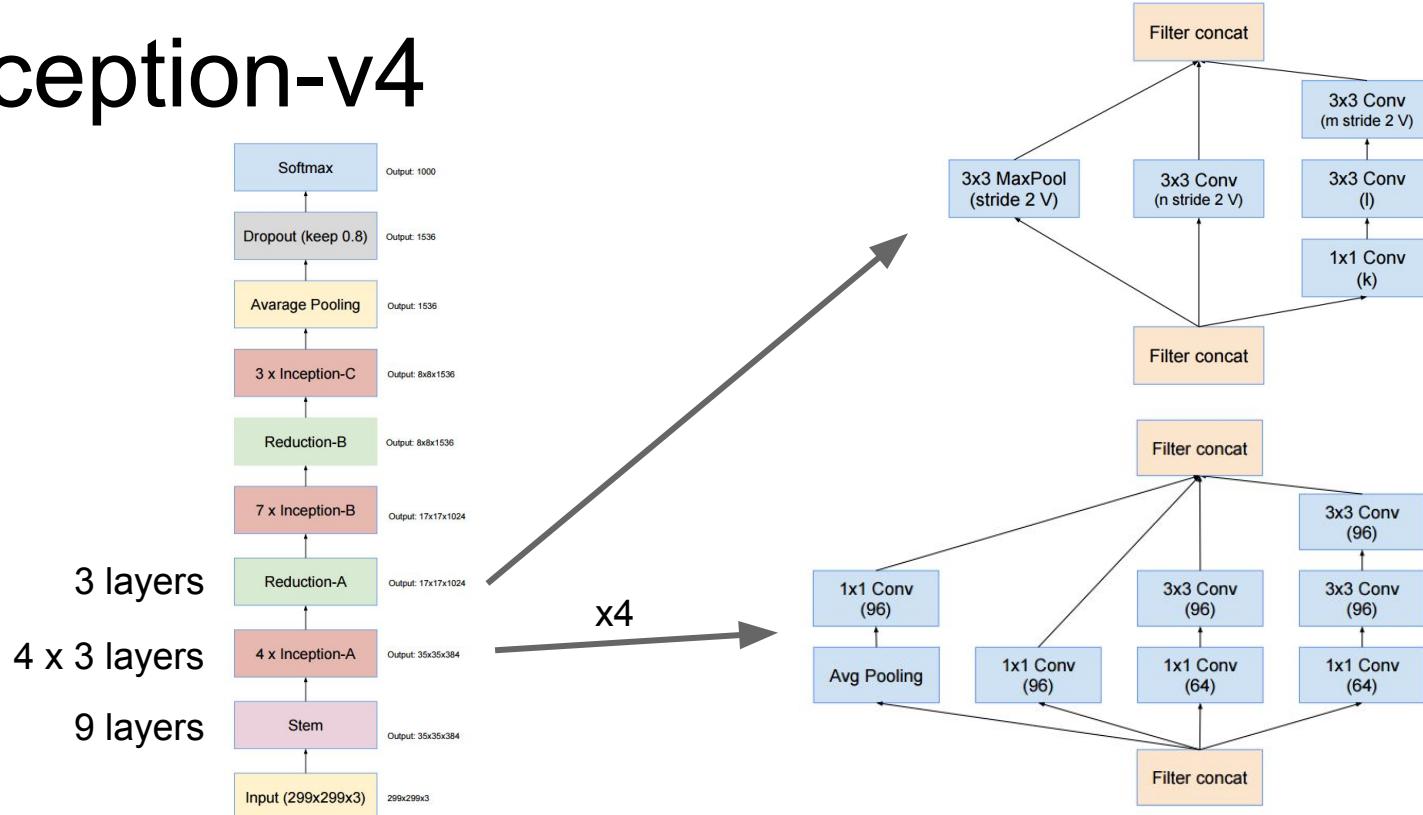
$1 \times 7, 7 \times 1$  filters

Strided convolution  
AND max pooling

$V =$  Valid convolutions  
(no padding)

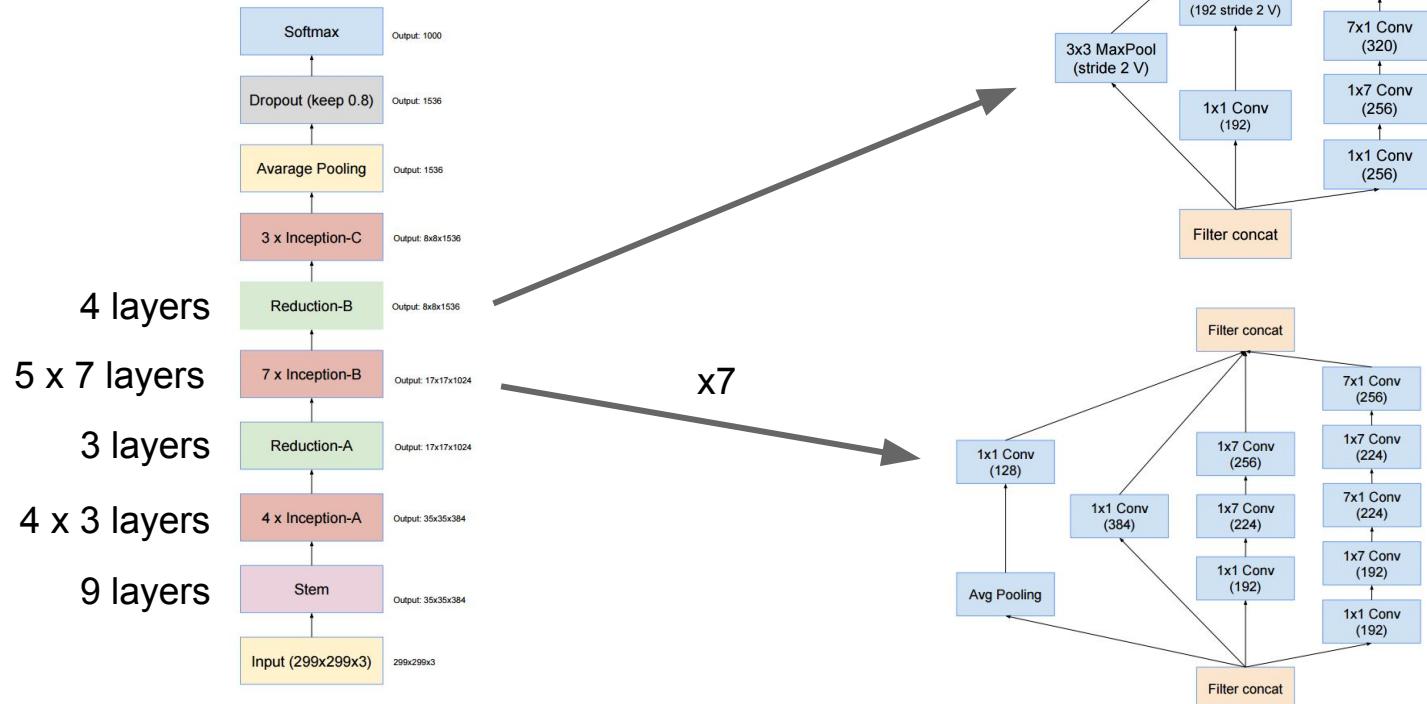
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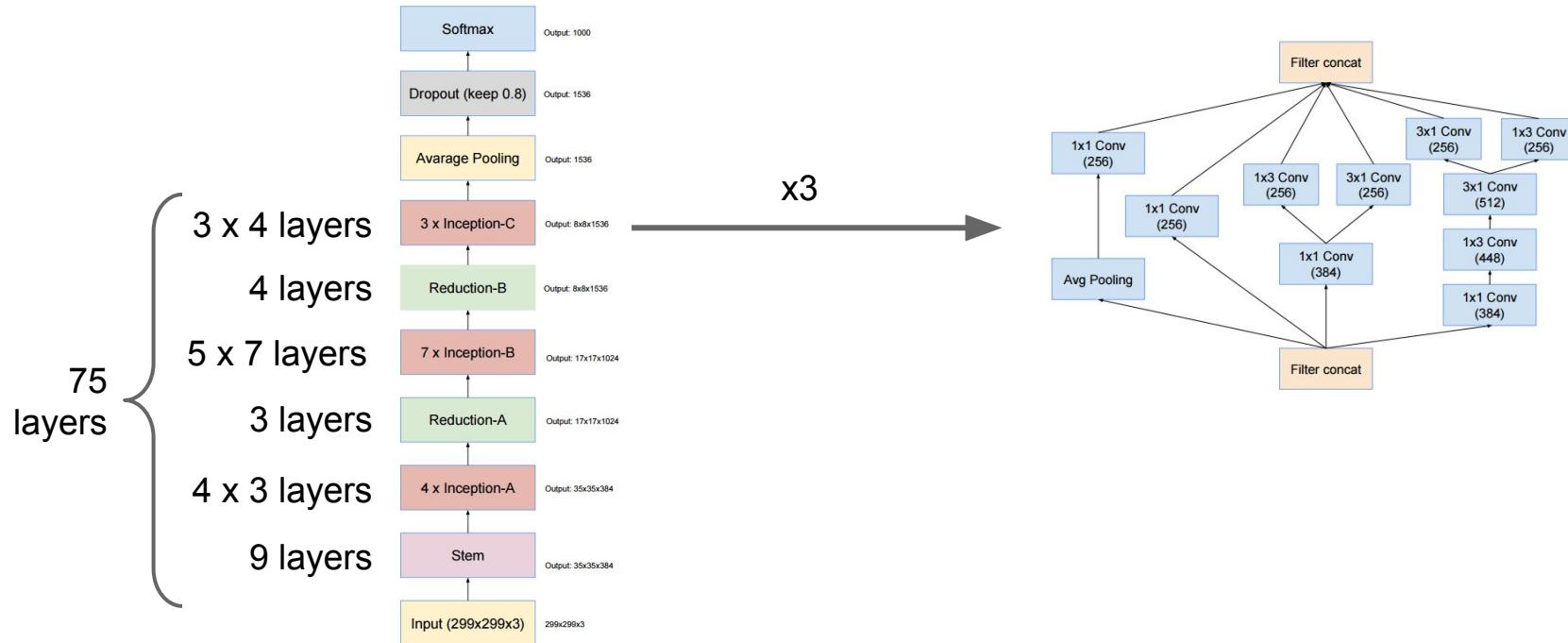
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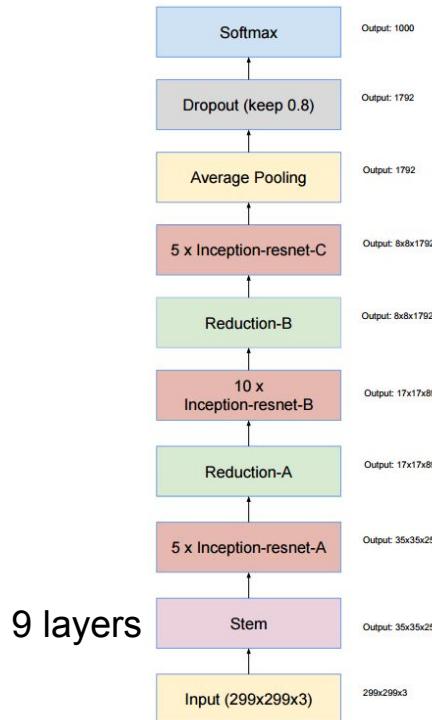
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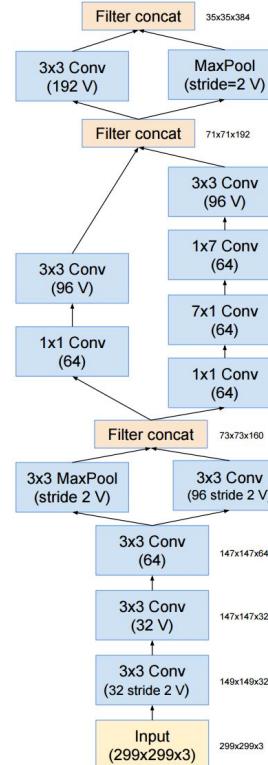


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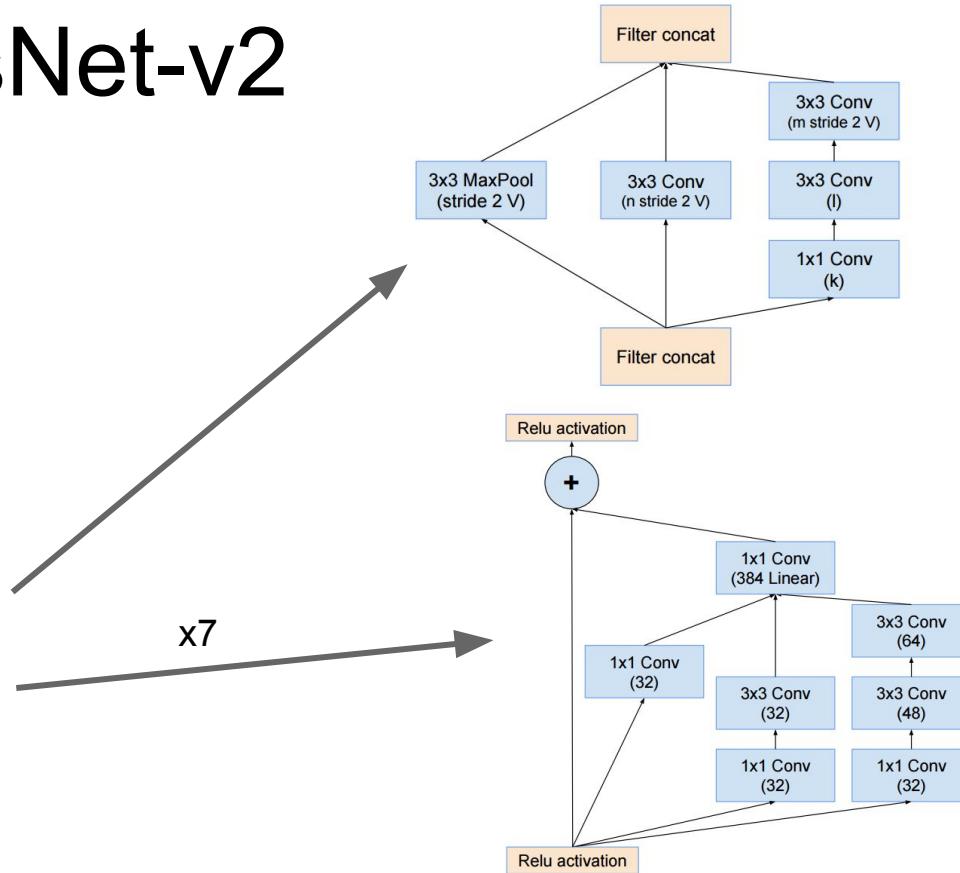
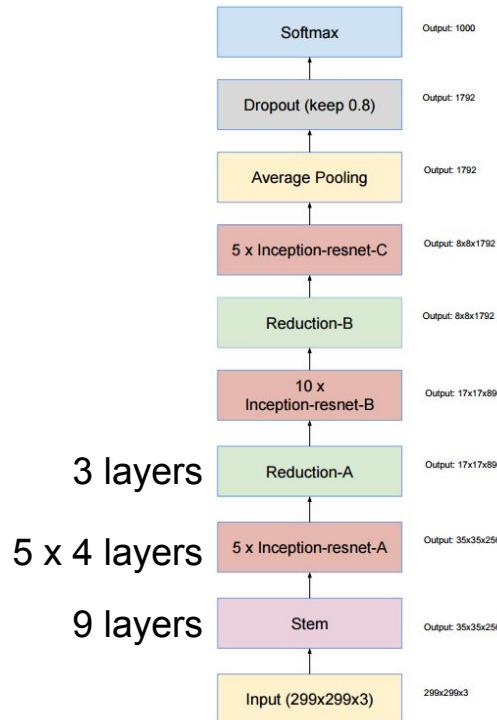
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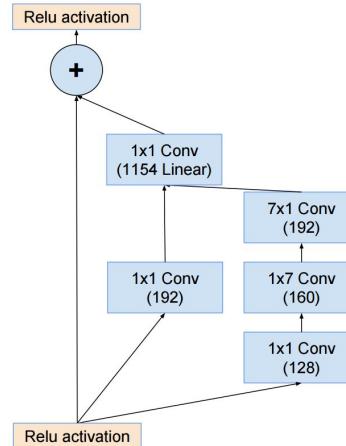
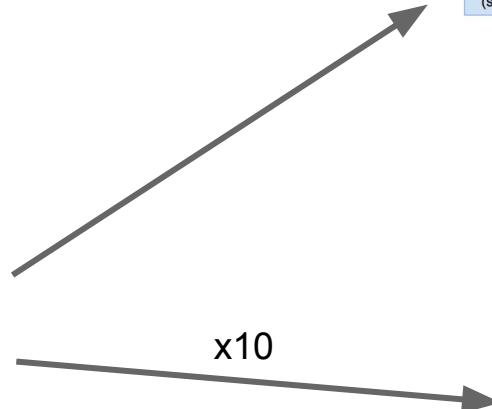
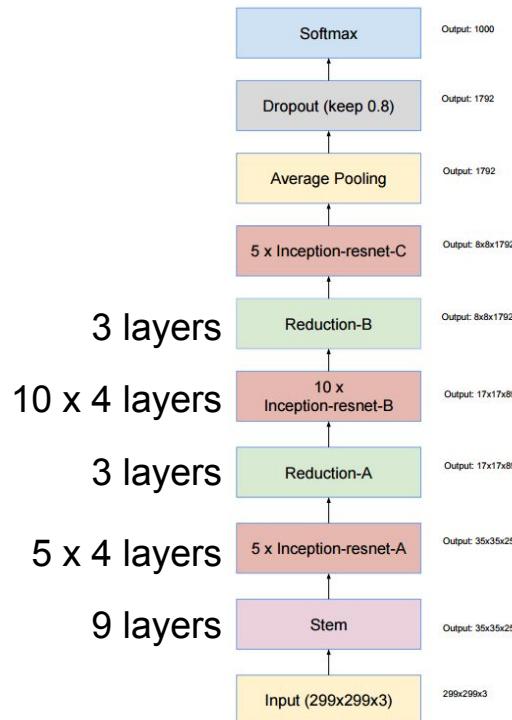
9 layers



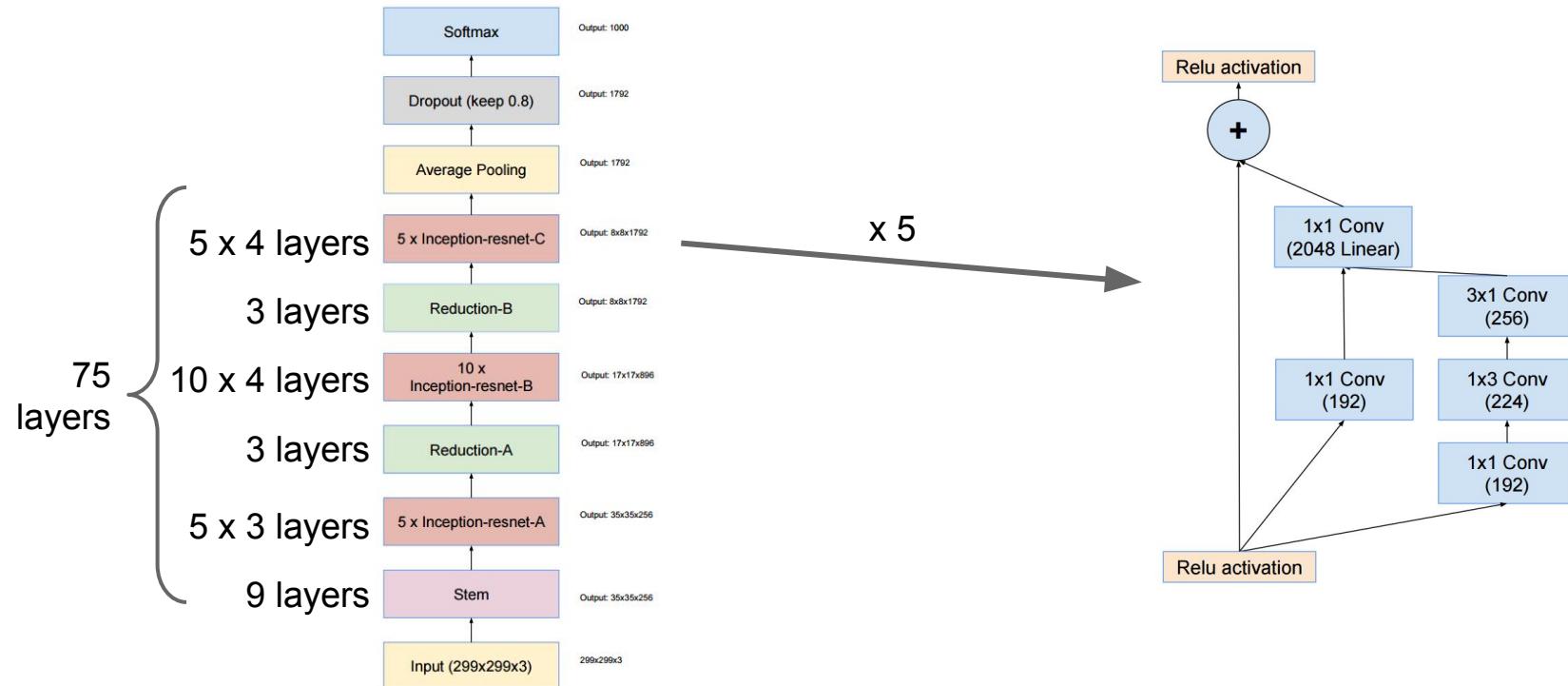
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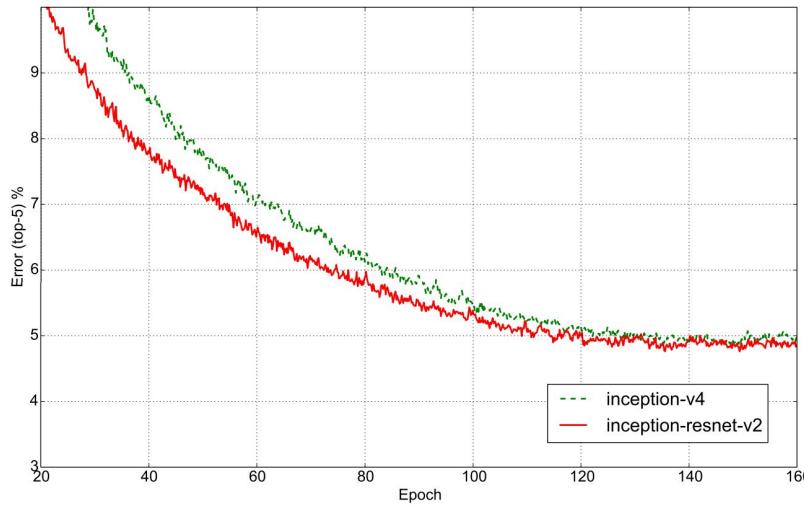
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Residual and non-residual converge to similar value, but residual learns faster

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# Segmentation

# Computer Vision Tasks

**Classification**



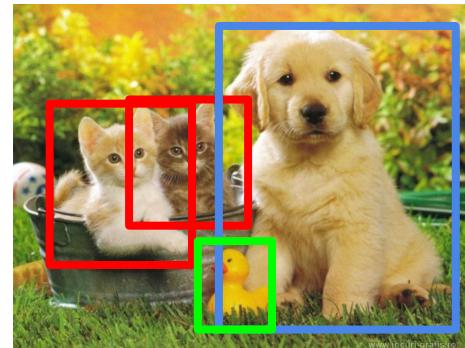
CAT

**Classification + Localization**



CAT

**Object Detection**



CAT, DOG, DUCK

**Segmentation**



CAT, DOG, DUCK

Single object

Multiple objects

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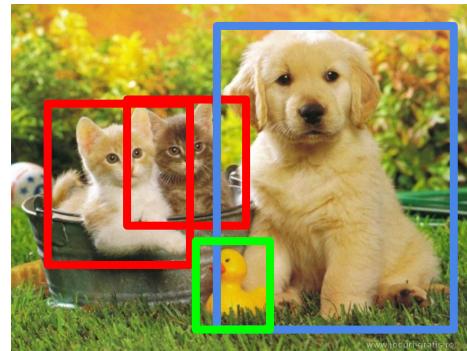
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**Classification  
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Object Detection



Segmentation



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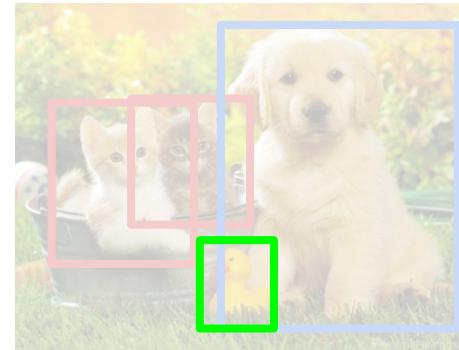
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Segmentation



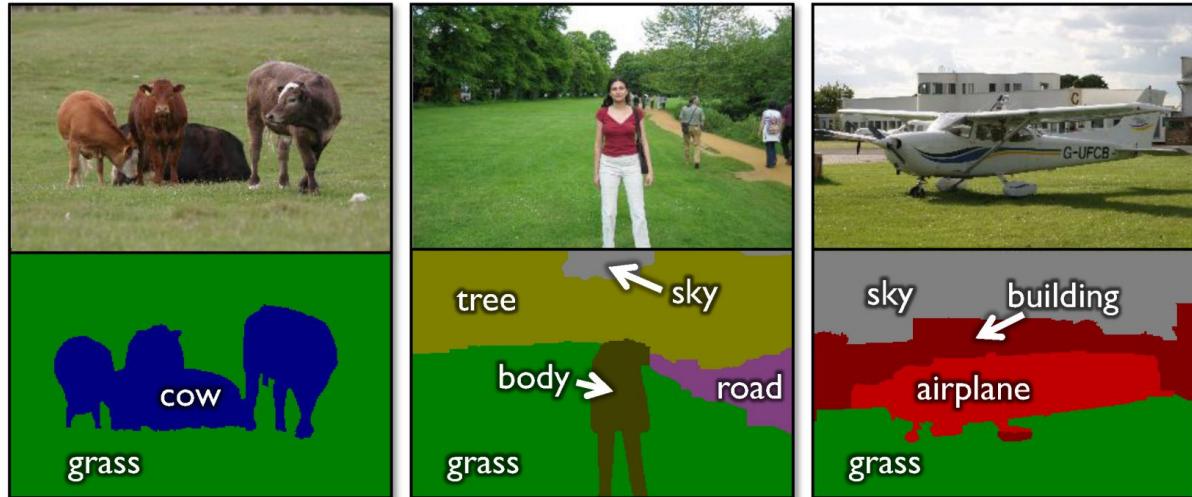
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# Semantic Segmentation

Label every pixel!

Don't differentiate instances (cows)

Classic computer vision problem



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

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

# Instance Segmentation

Detect instances,  
give category, label  
pixels

“simultaneous  
detection and  
segmentation” (SDS)

Lots of recent work  
(MS-COCO)

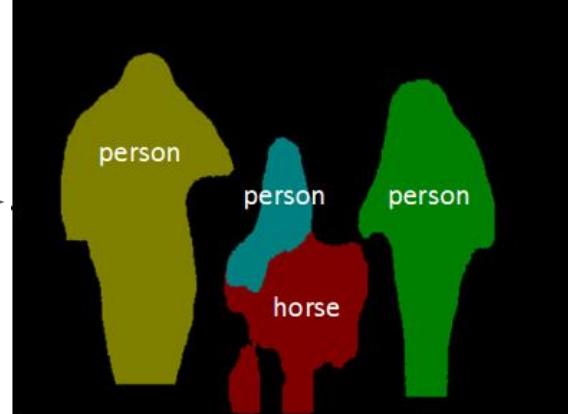


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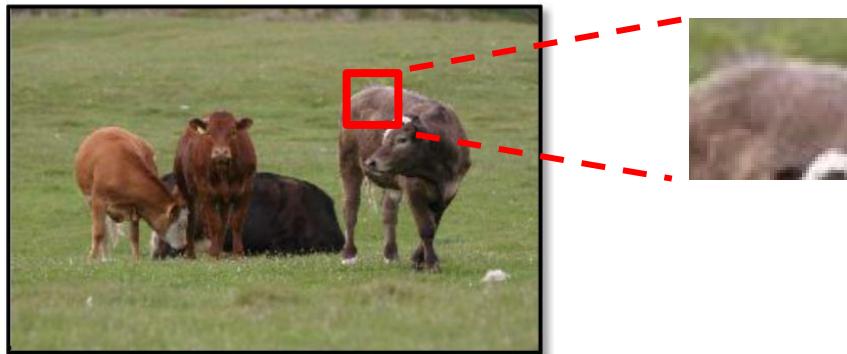
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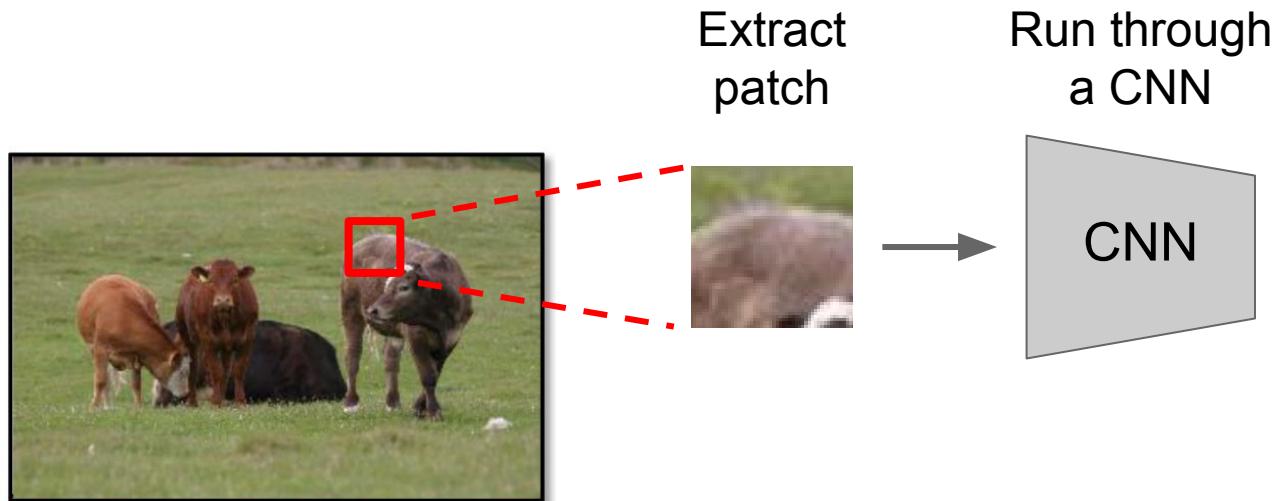


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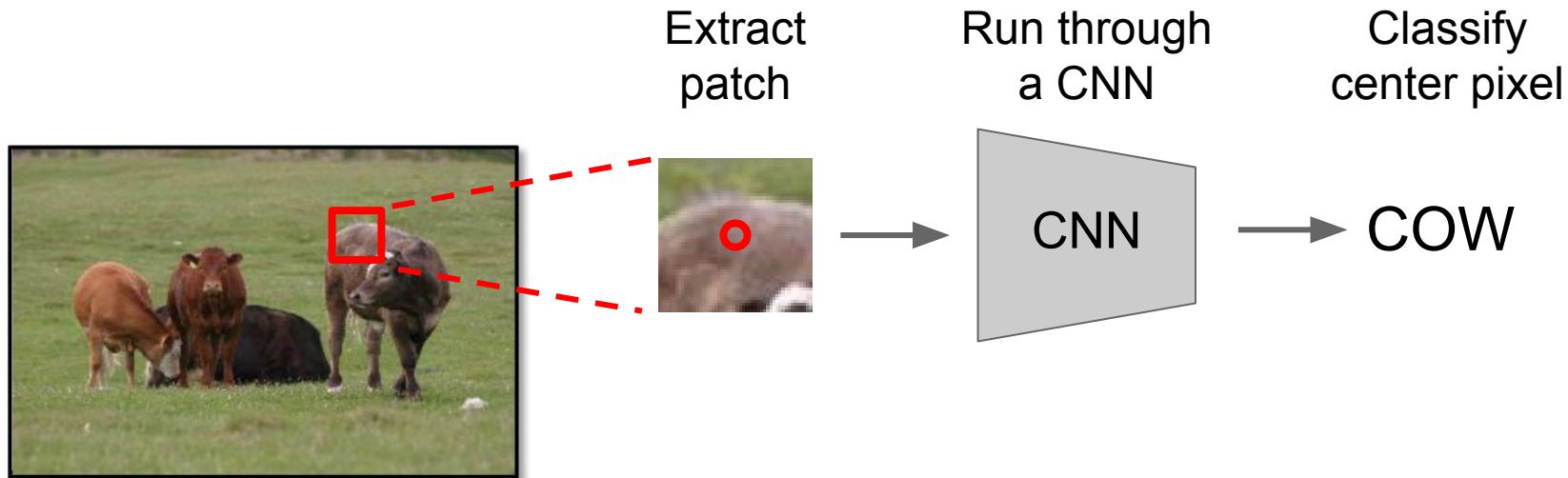
Extract  
patch



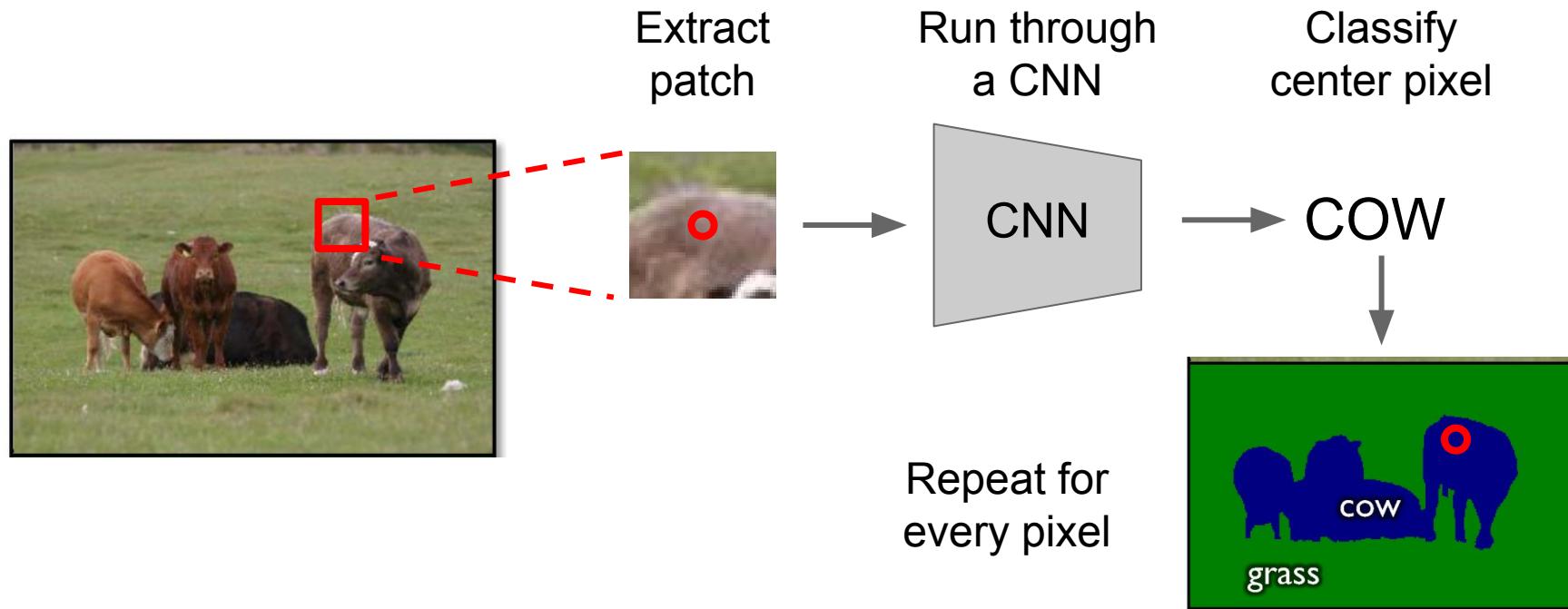
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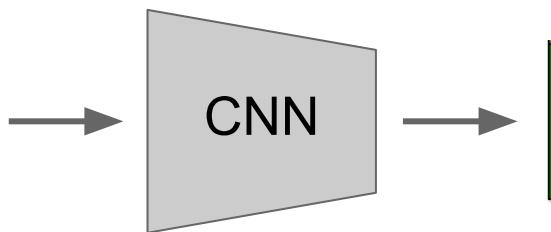


# Semantic Segmentation



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



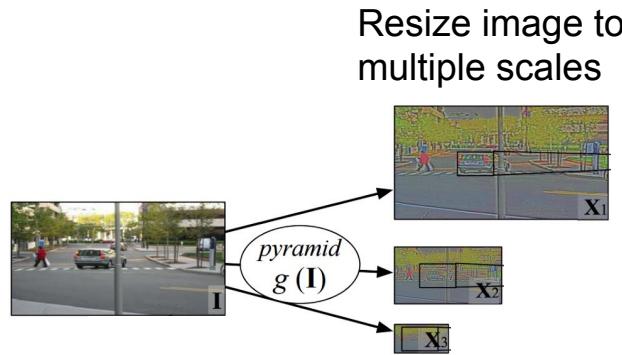
Smaller output  
due to pooling

# Semantic Segmentation: Multi-Scale



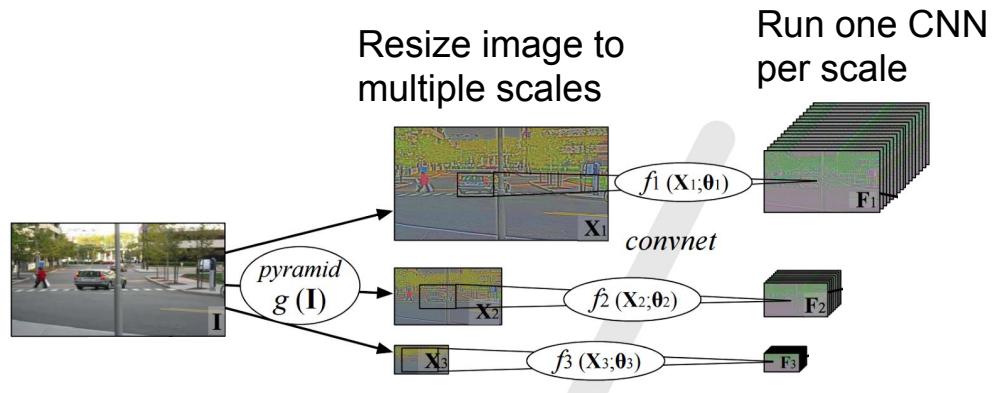
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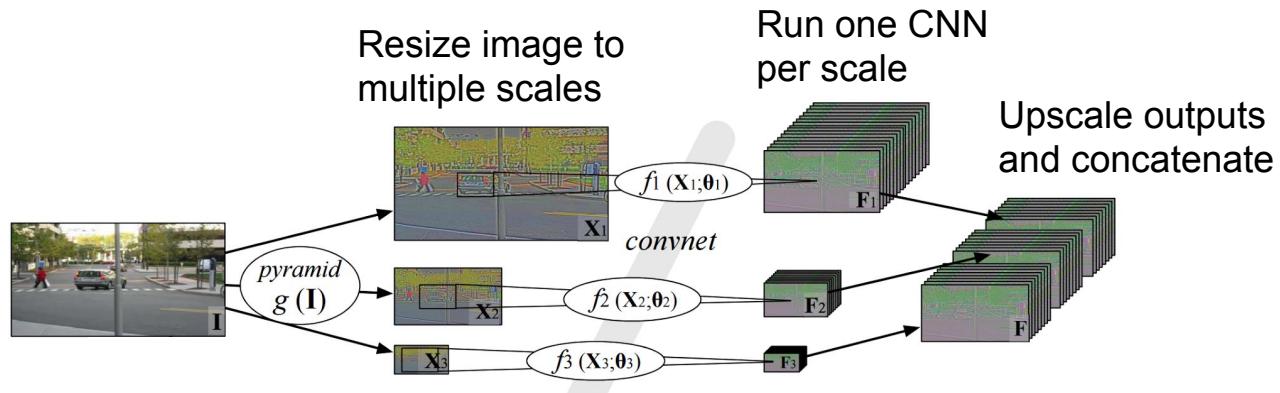
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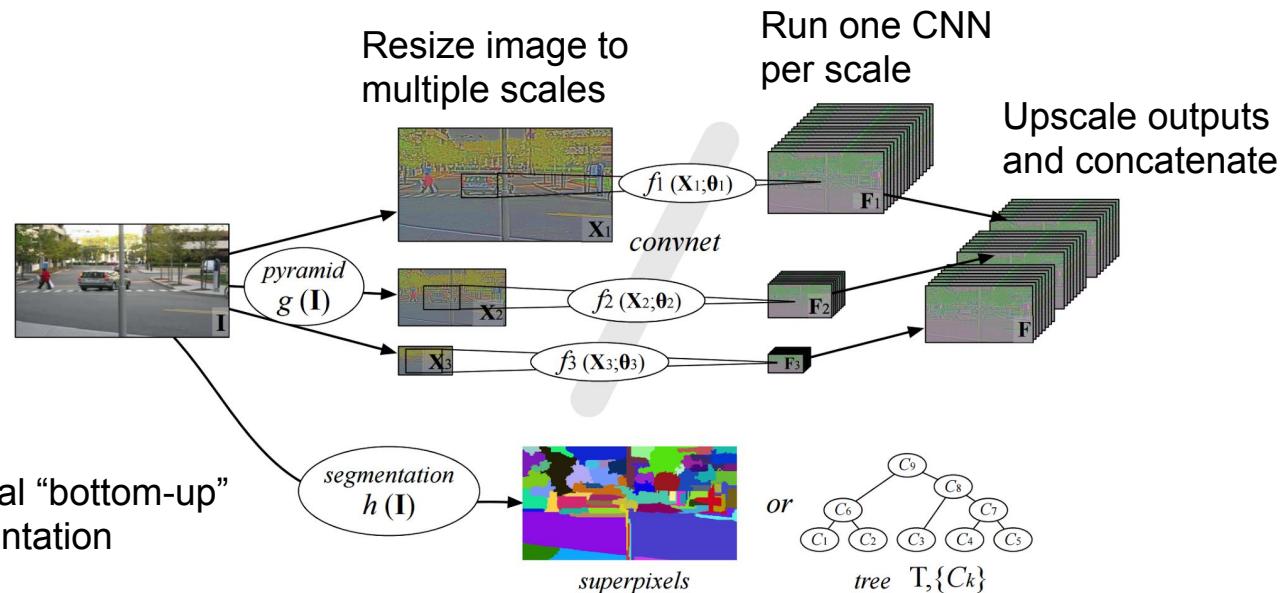
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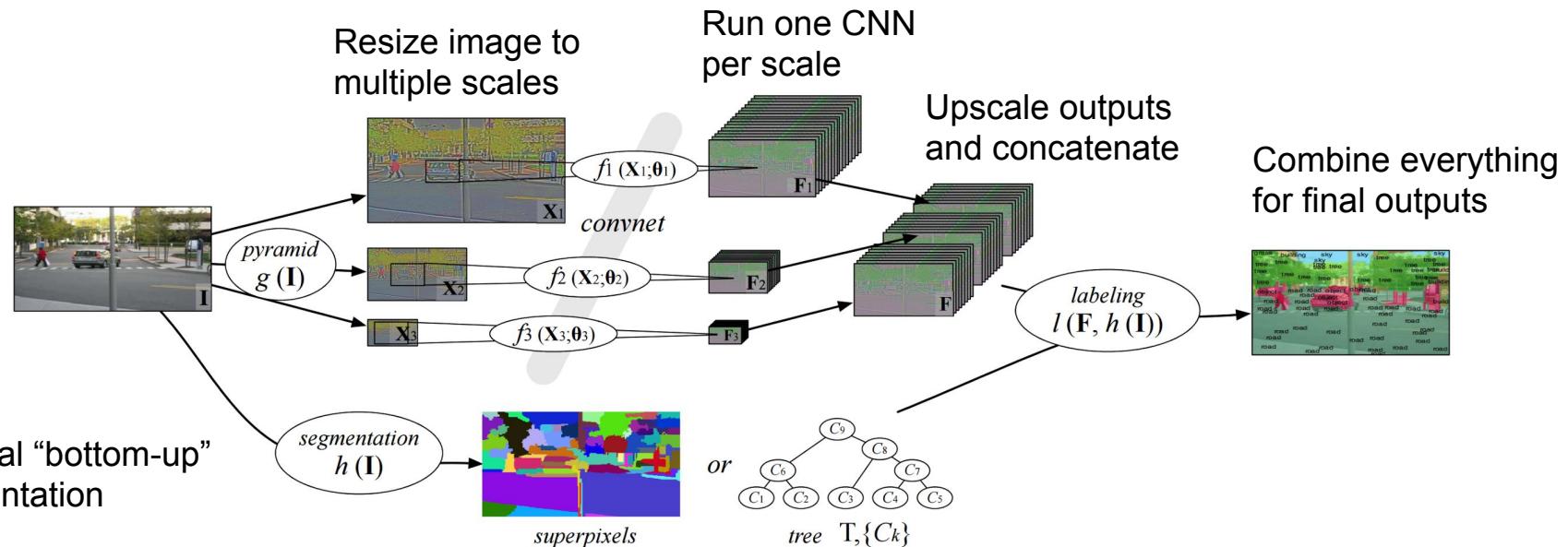
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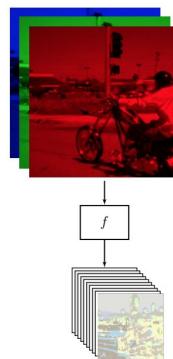
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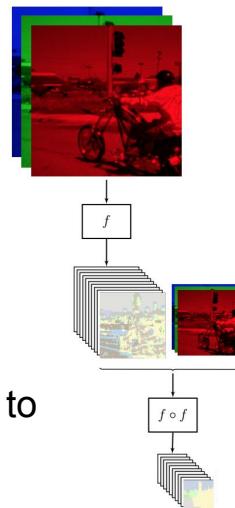
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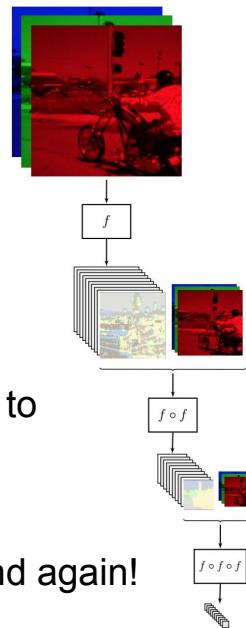


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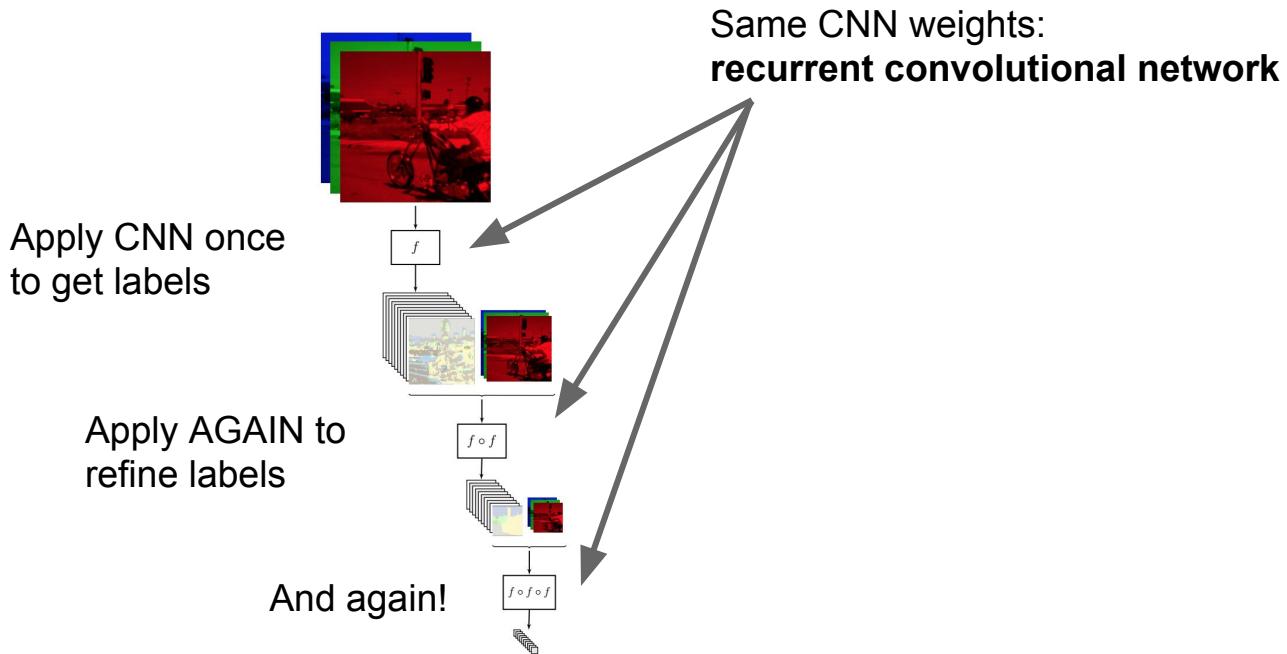
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And again!

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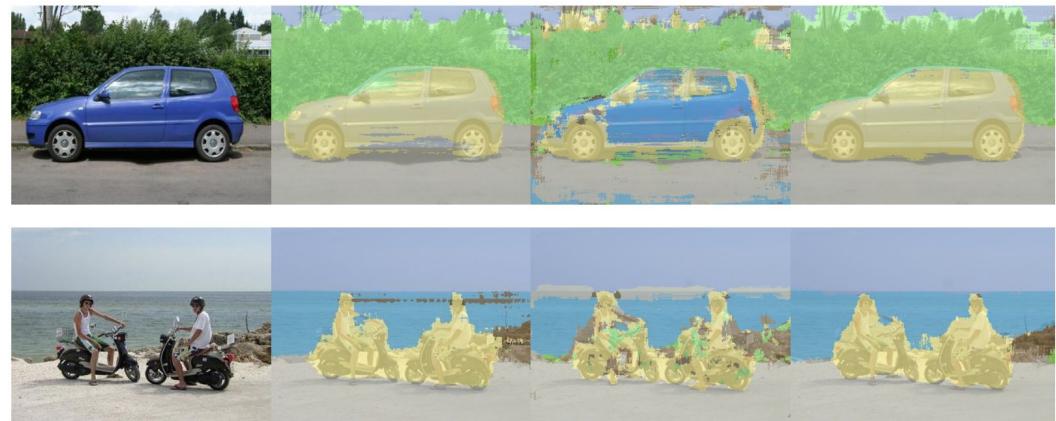
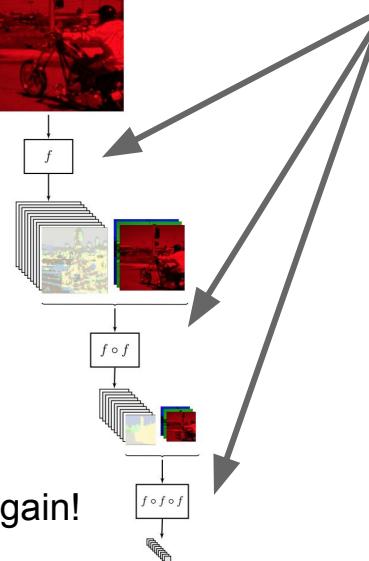
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Same CNN weights:  
**recurrent convolutional network**

Apply AGAIN to  
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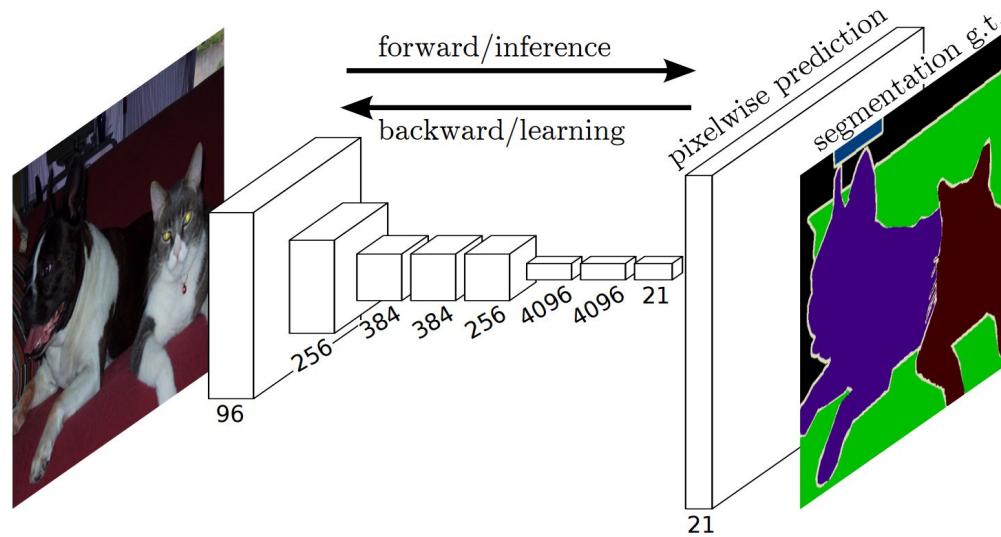
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More iterations improve results

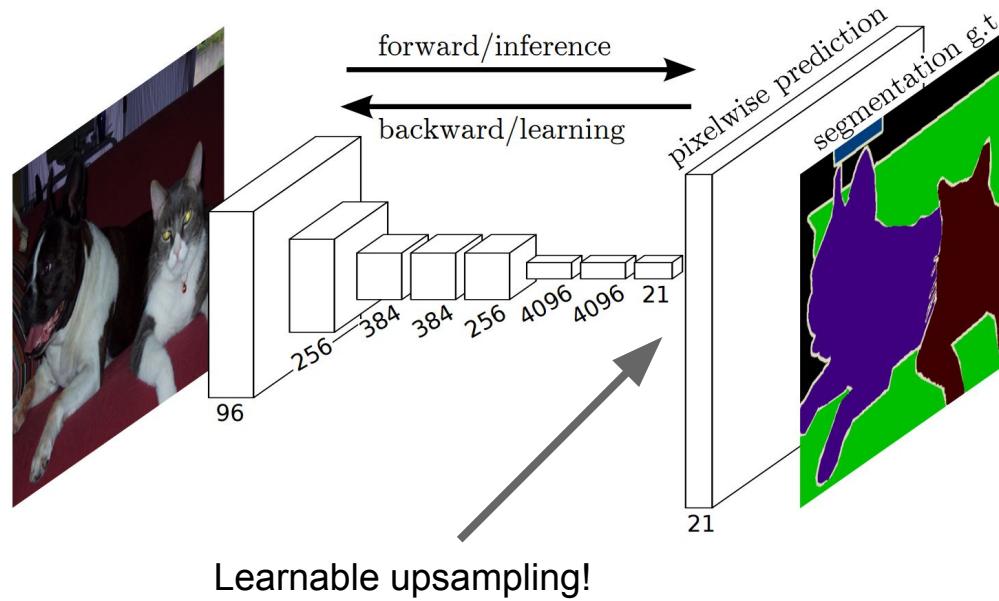
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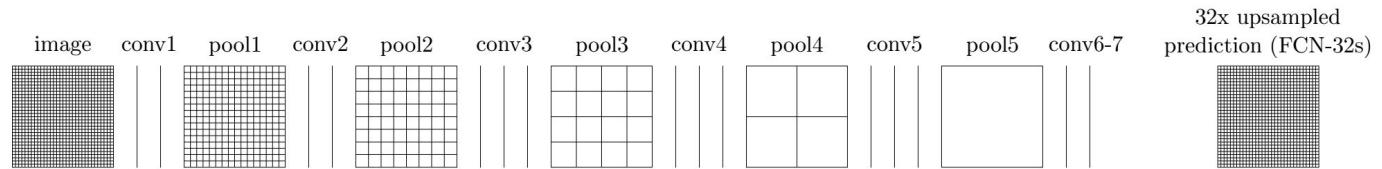
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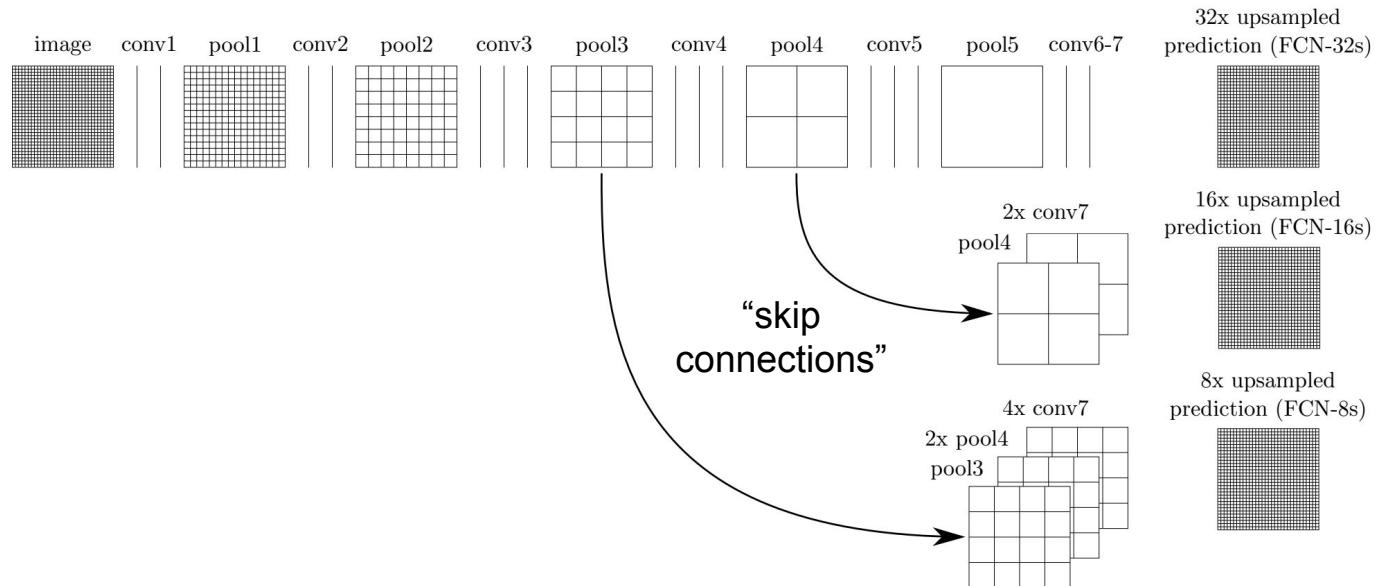
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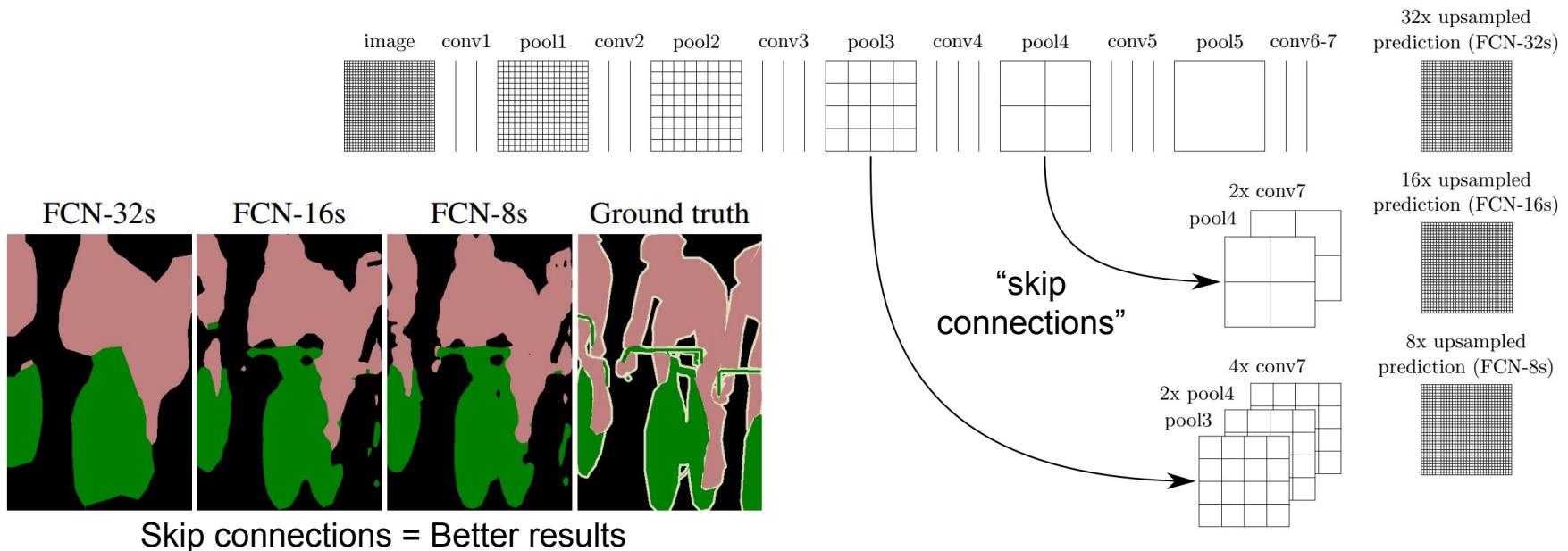
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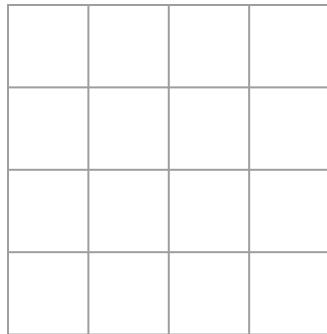
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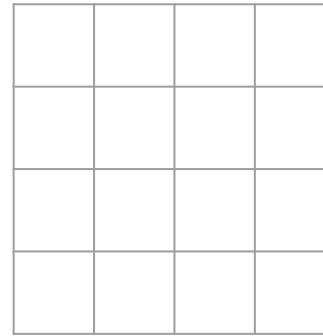
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Typical  $3 \times 3$  convolution, stride 1 pad 1



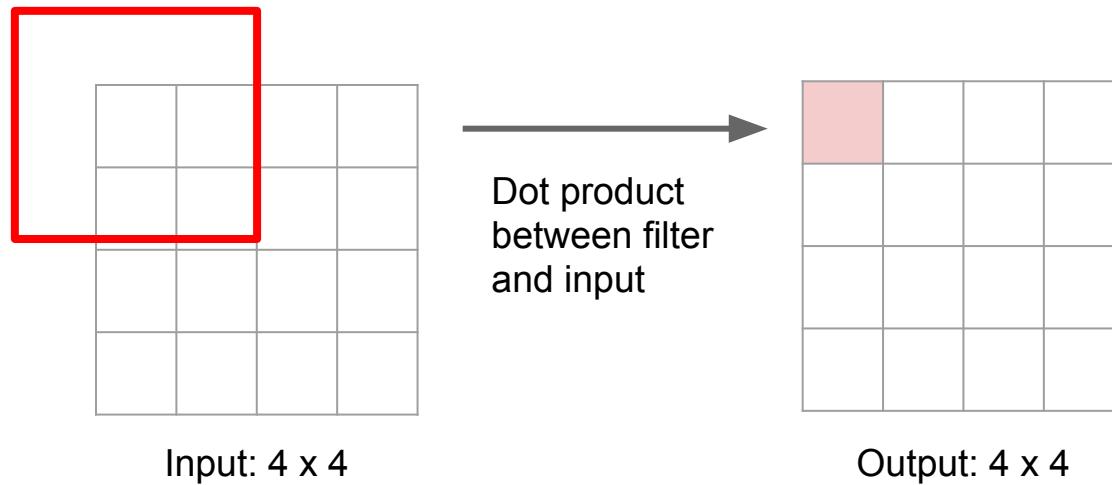
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Output:  $4 \times 4$

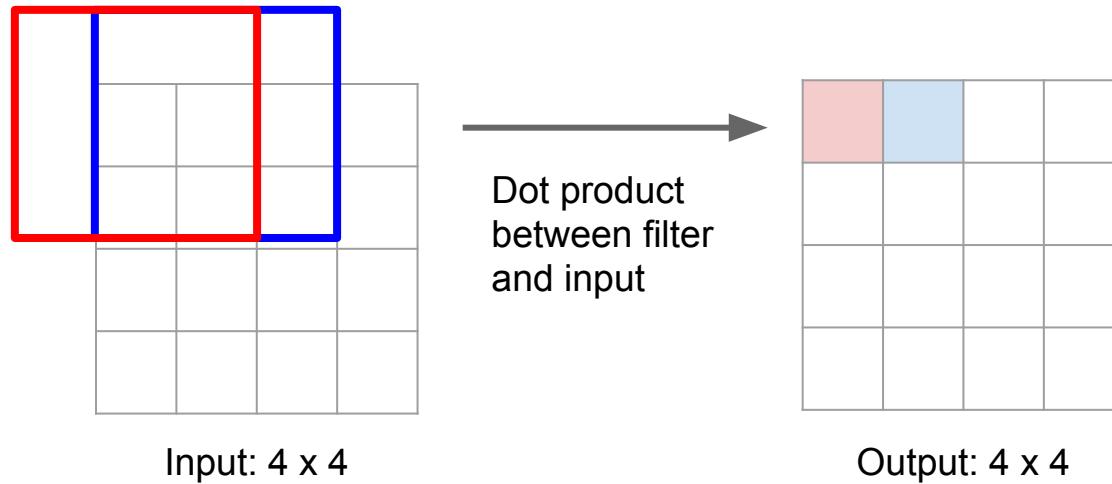
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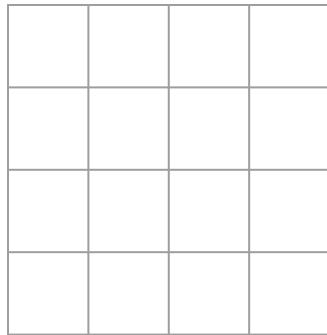
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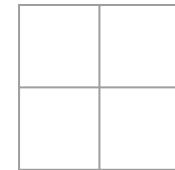


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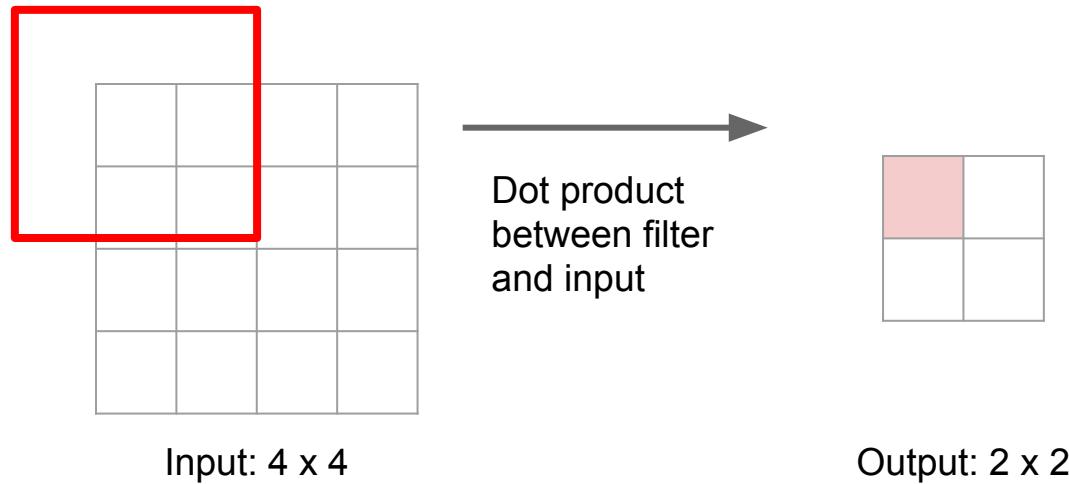
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Output:  $2 \times 2$

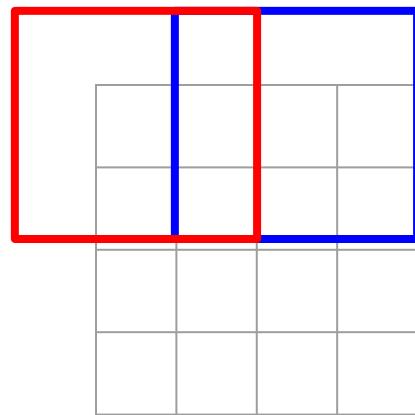
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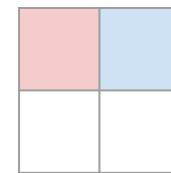
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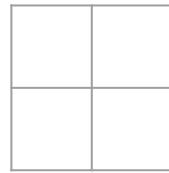
Dot product  
between filter  
and input



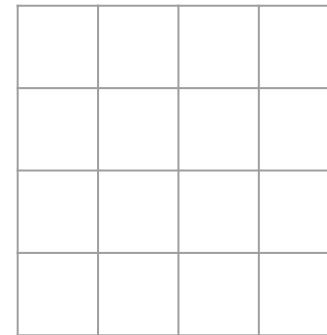
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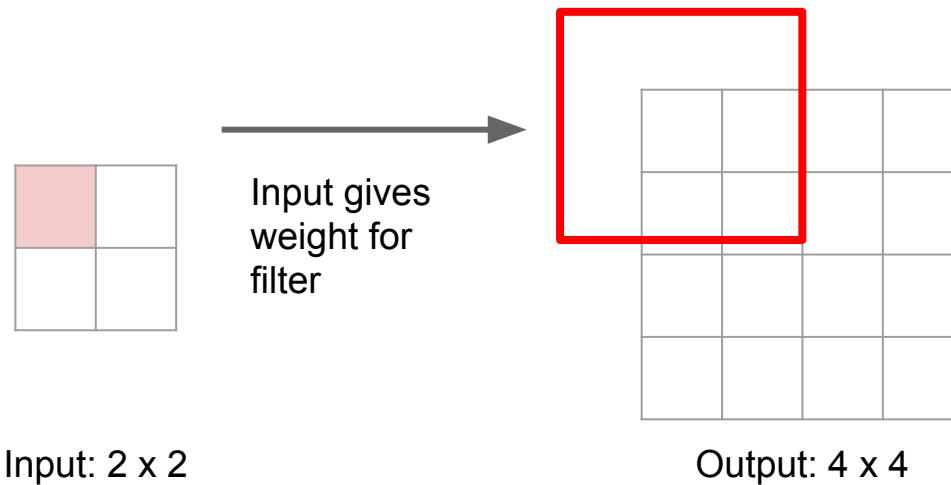
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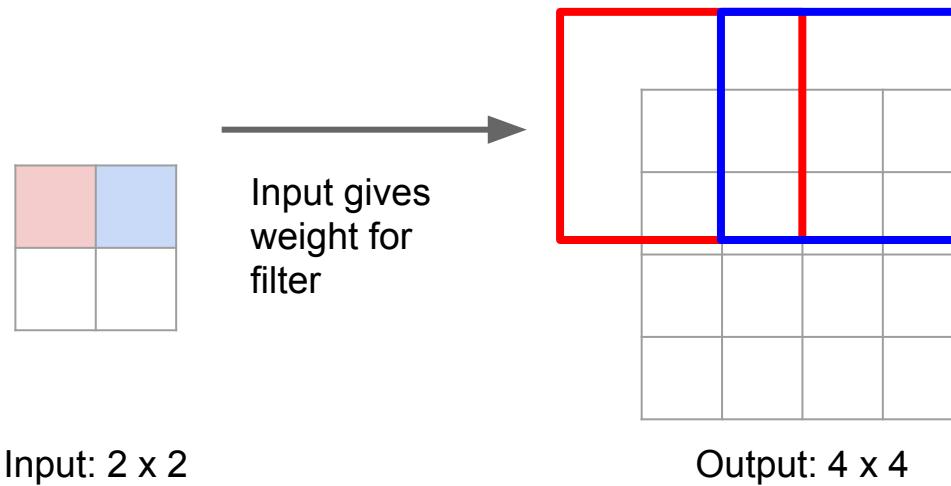
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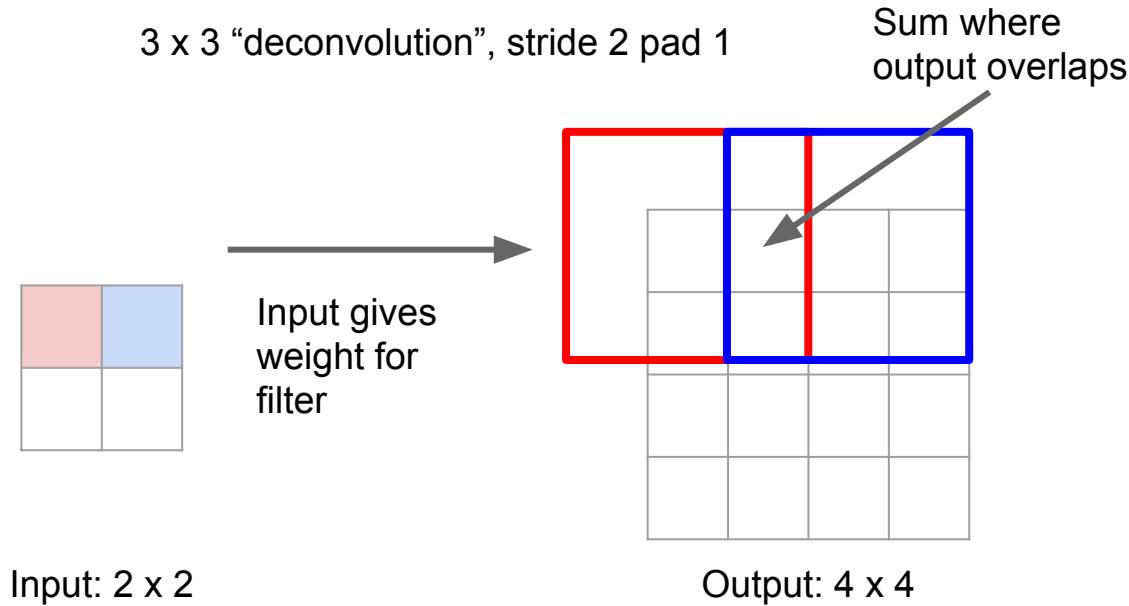


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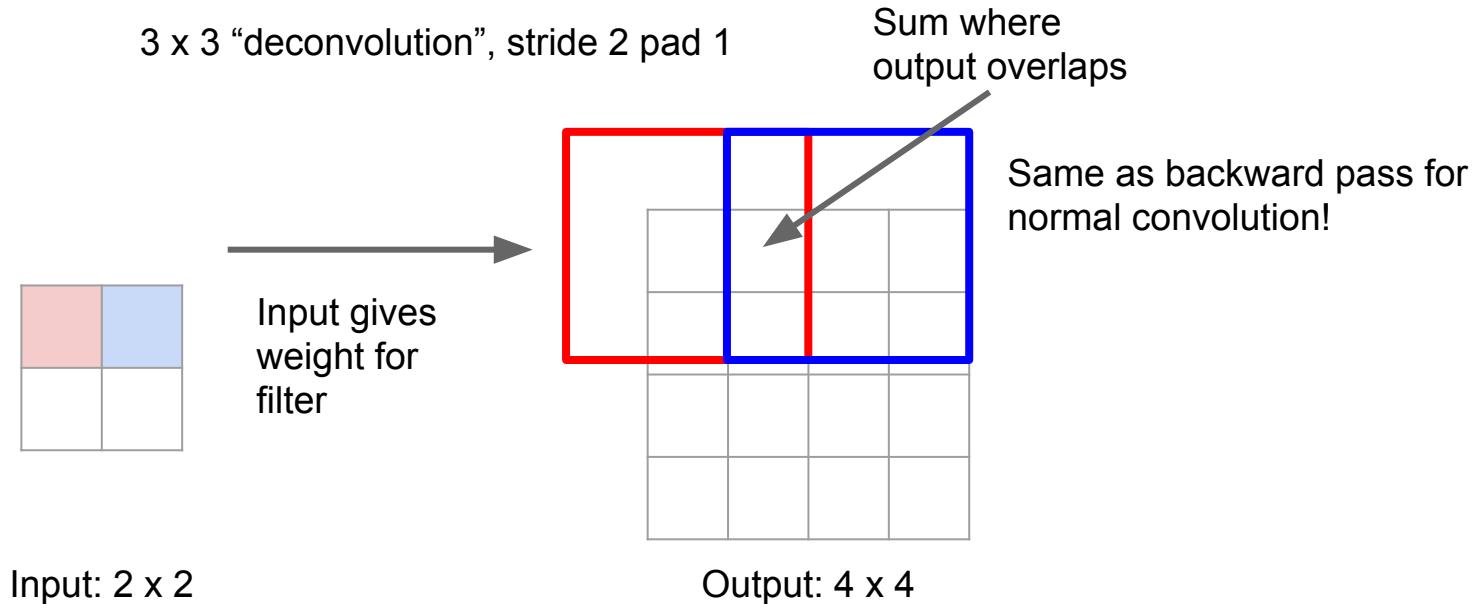
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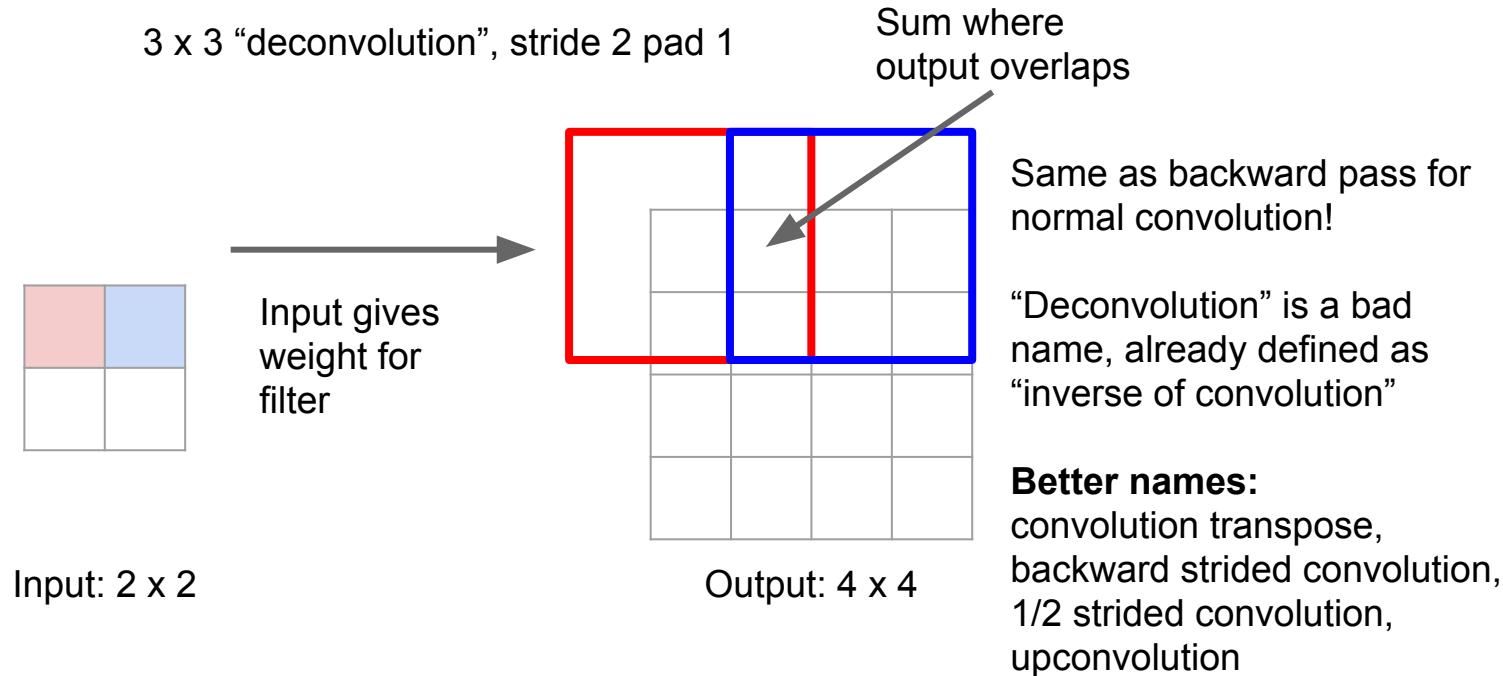
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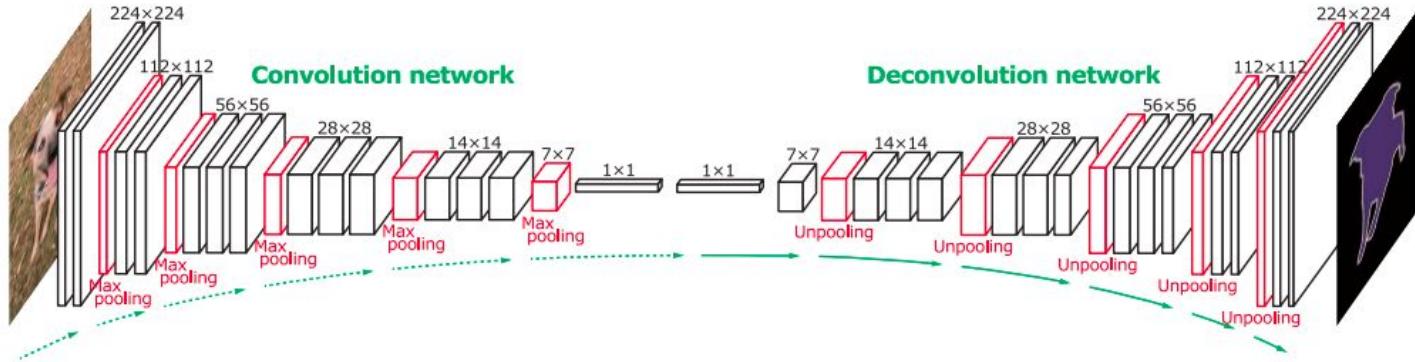
Great explanation  
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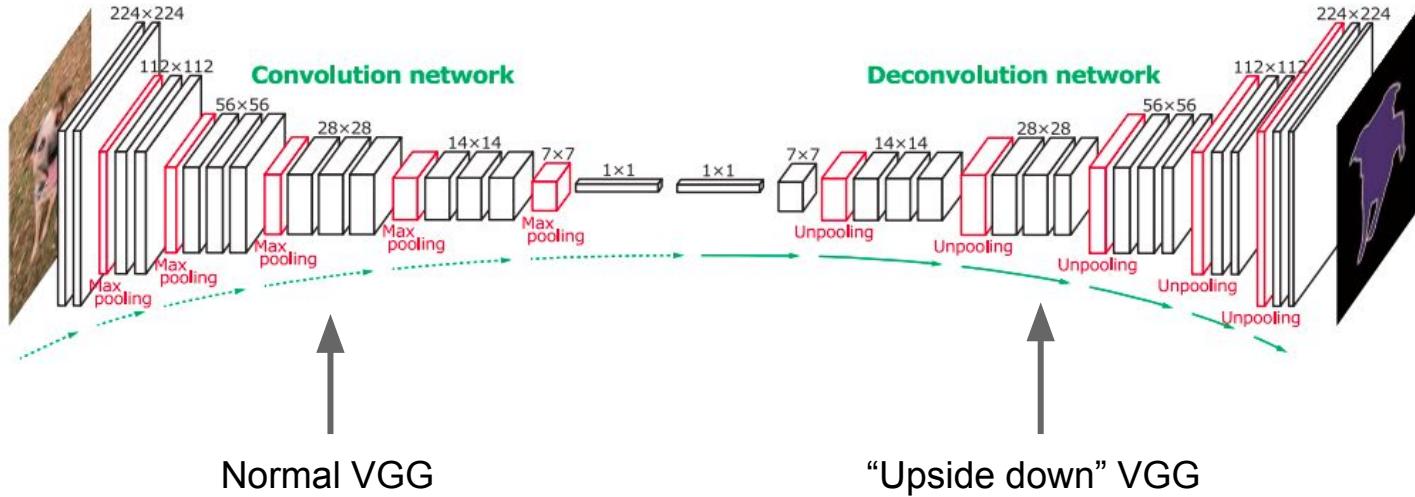
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6 days of training on Titan X...

# Instance Segmentation

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Detect instances,  
give category, label  
pixels

“simultaneous  
detection and  
segmentation” (SDS)

Lots of recent work  
(MS-COCO)

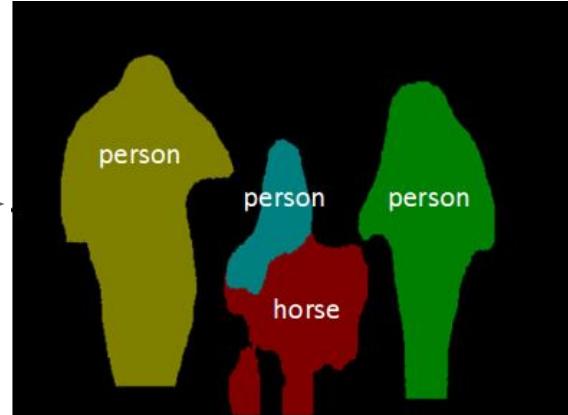


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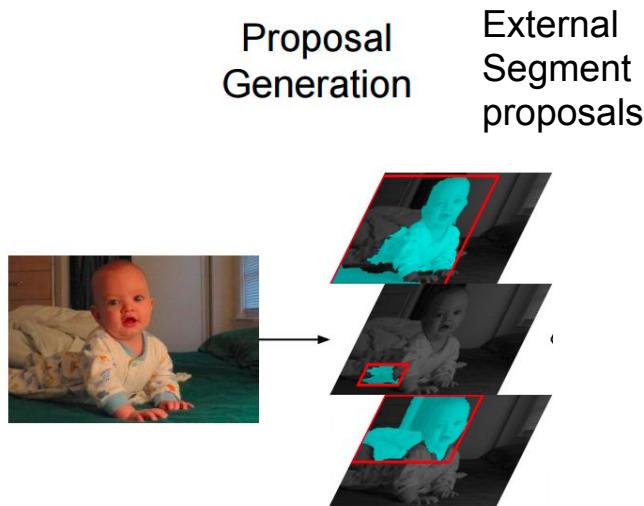
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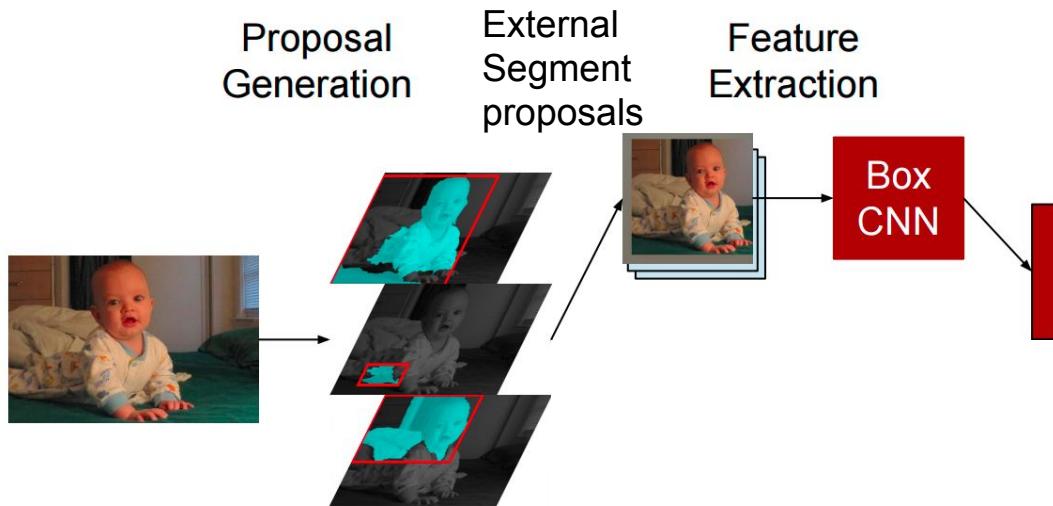
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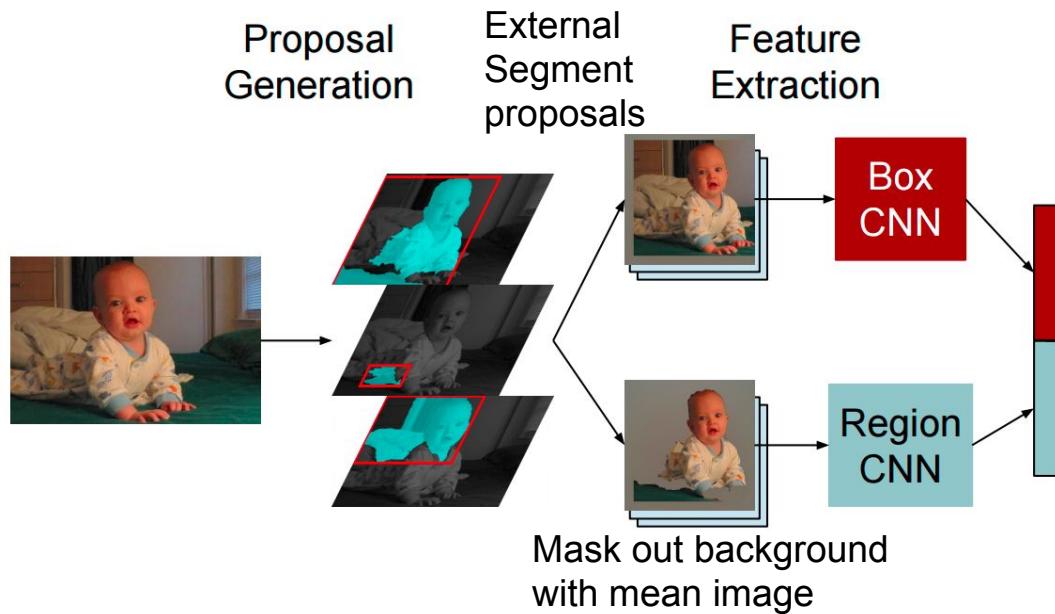
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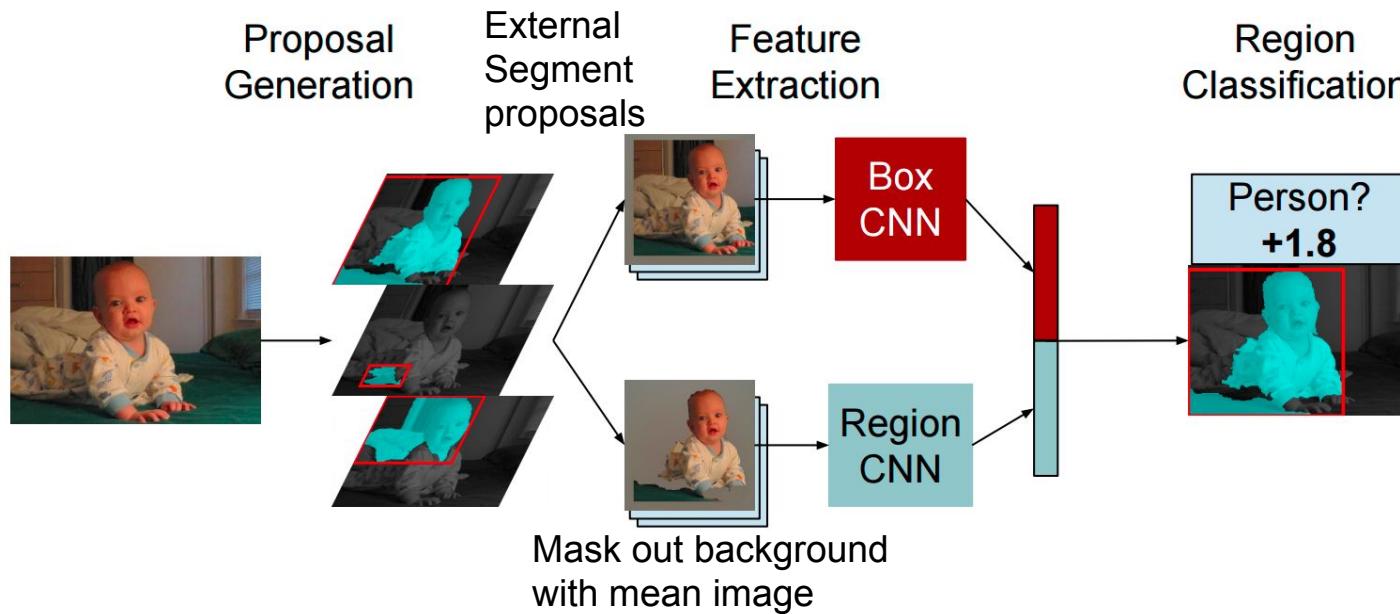
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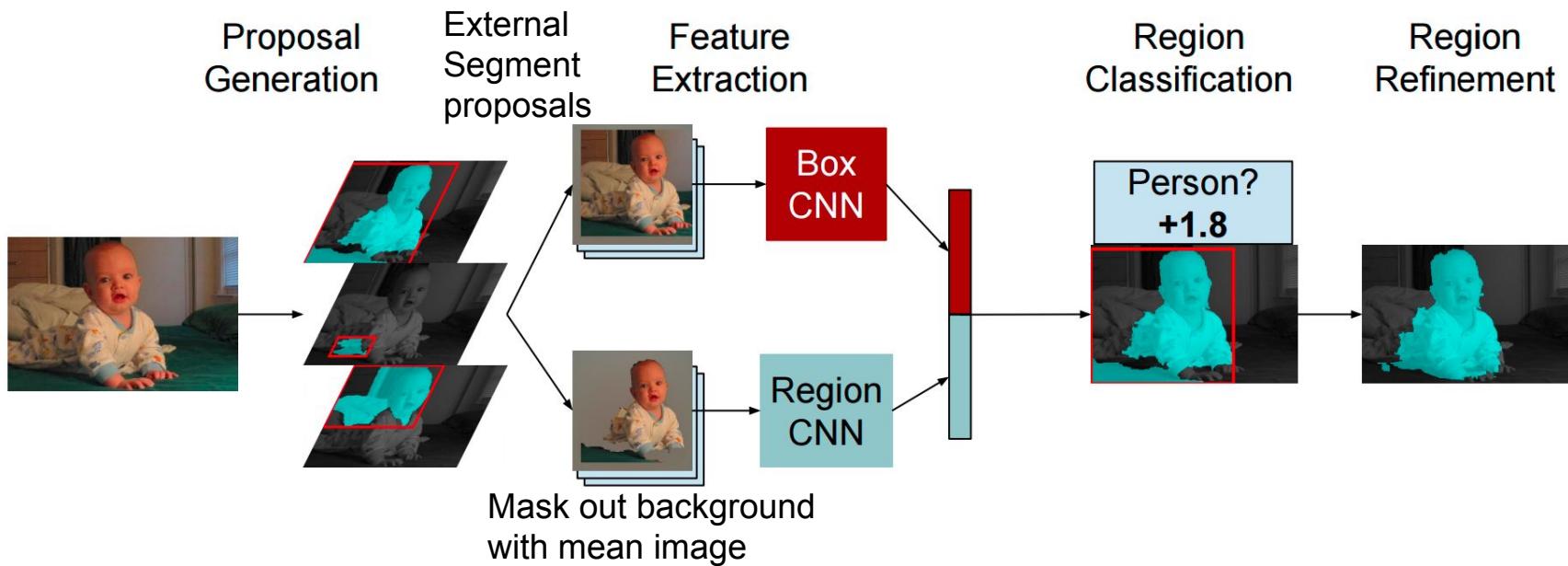
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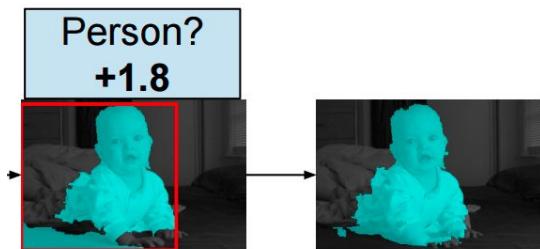
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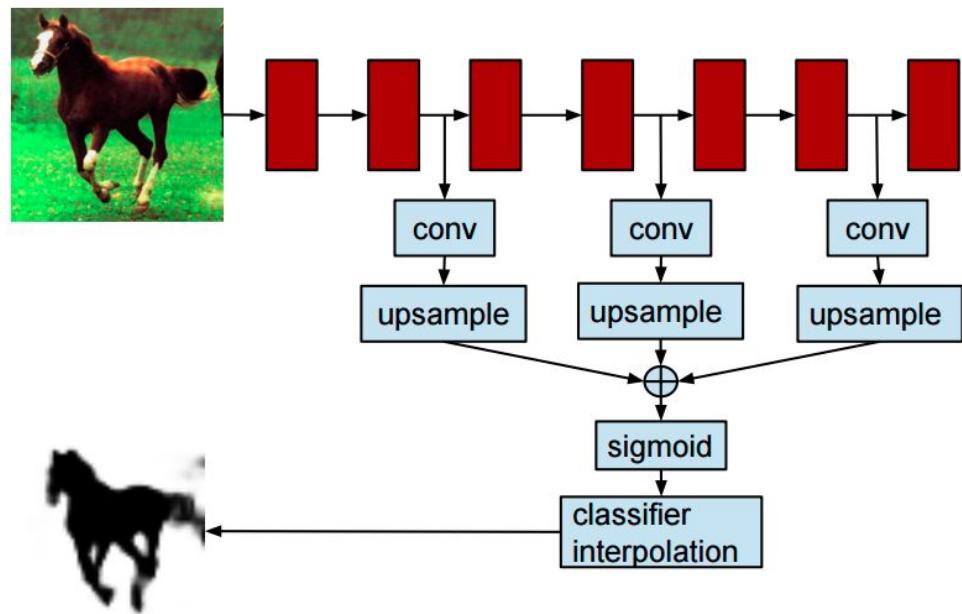
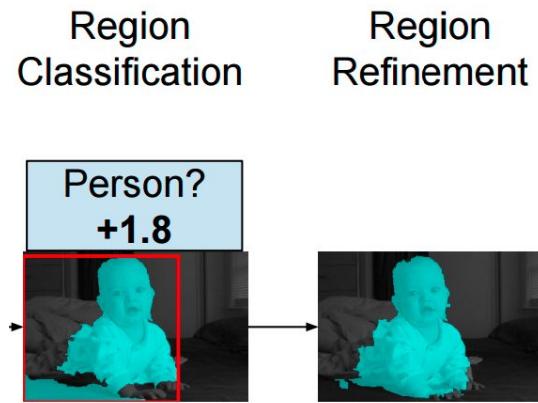
# Instance Segmentation: Hypercolumns

Region  
Classification      Region  
Refinement



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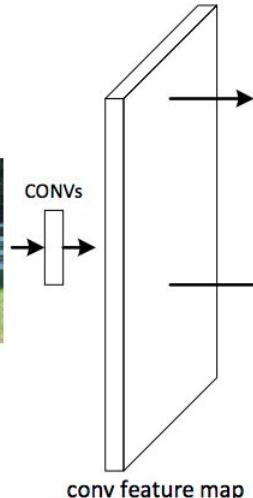


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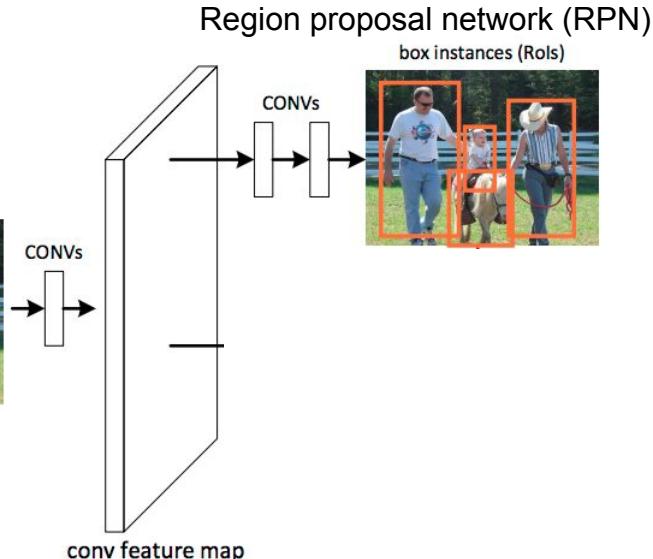


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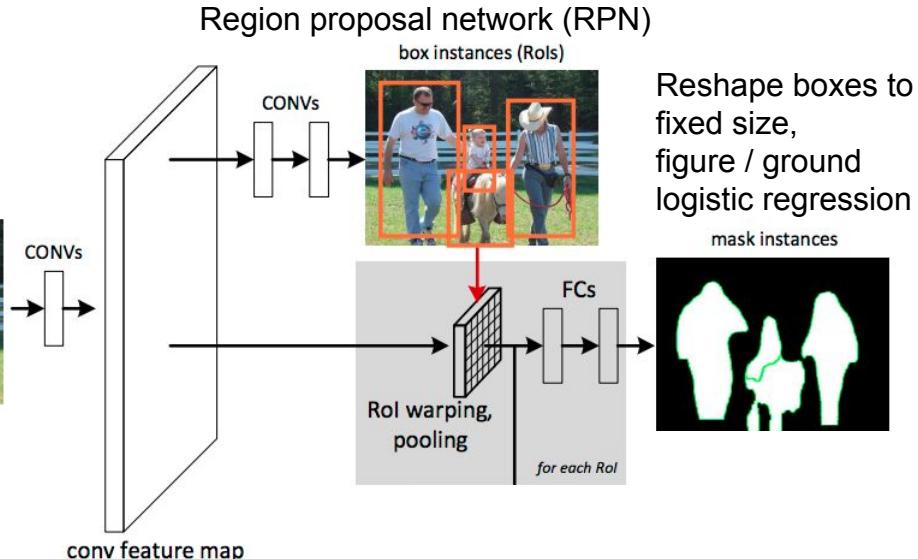


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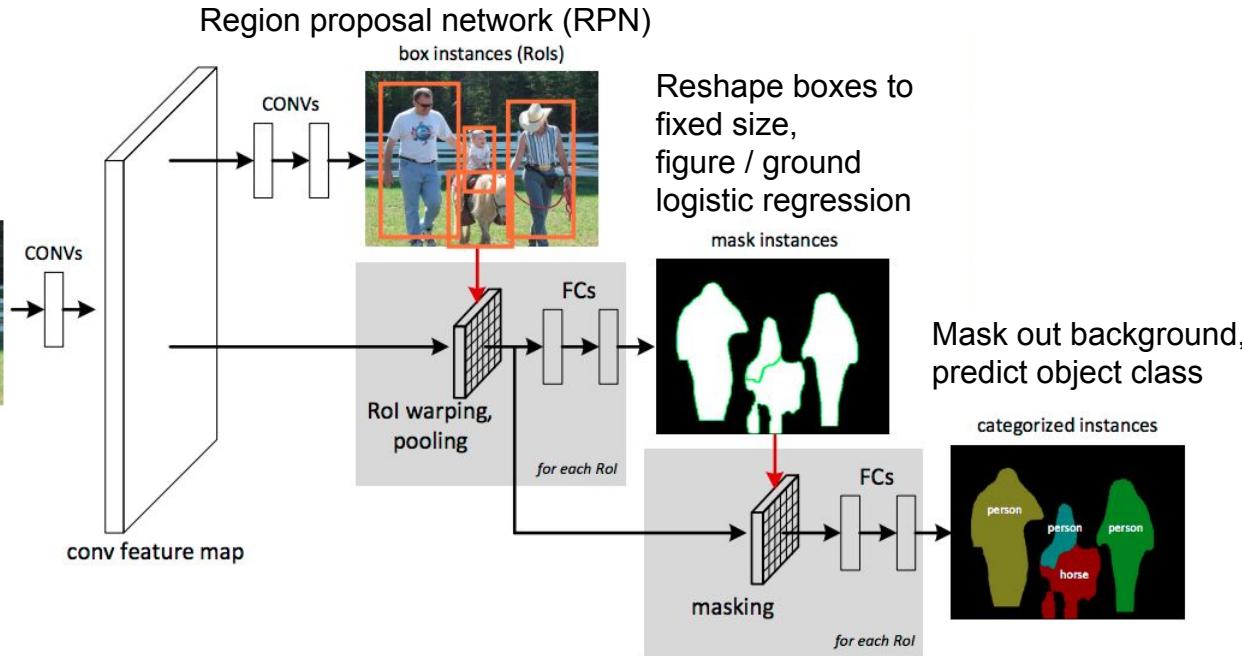
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Reshape boxes to  
fixed size,  
figure / ground  
logistic regression

mask instances

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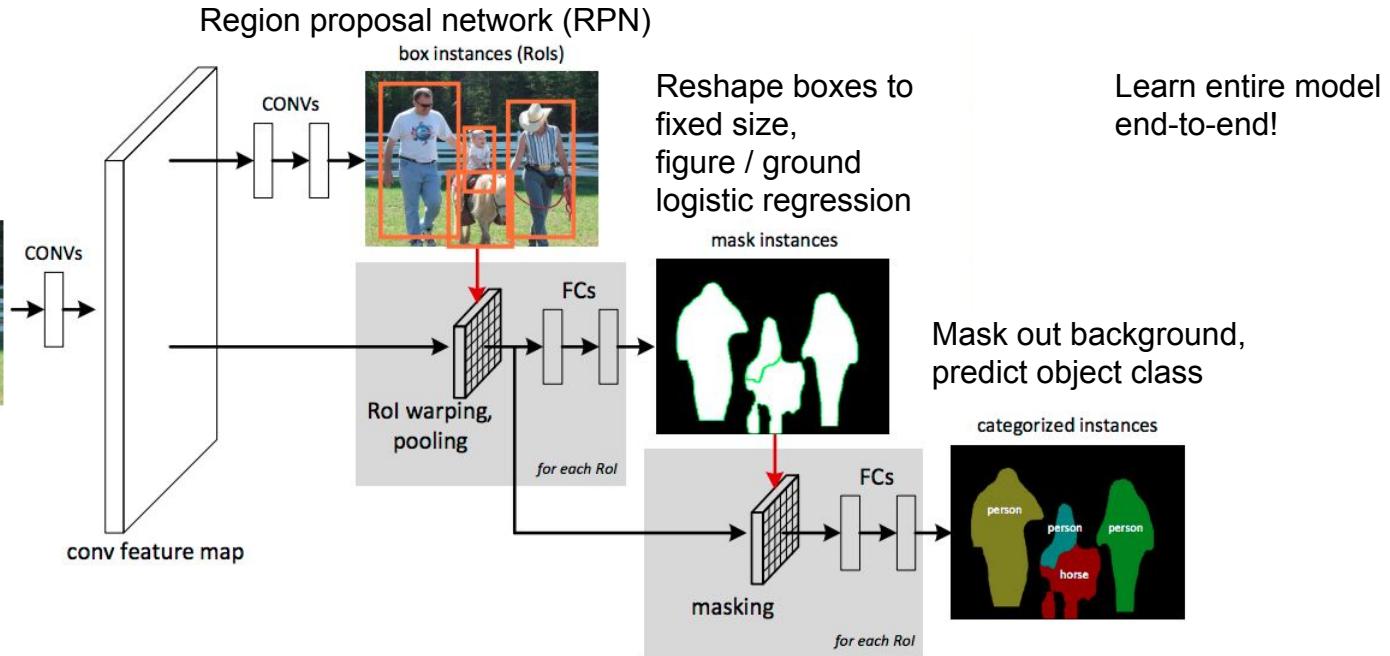


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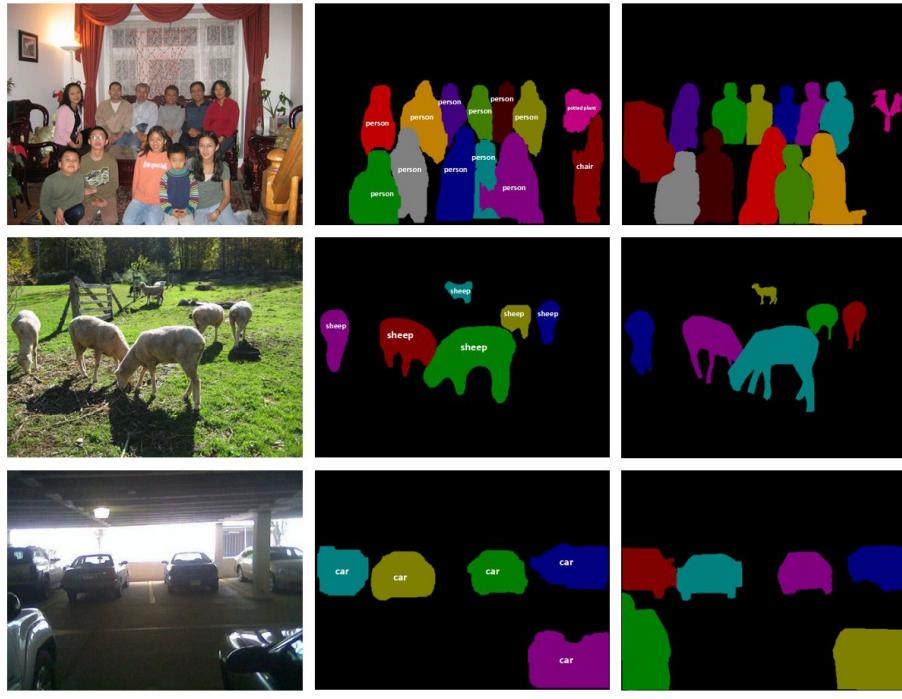
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Predictions

Ground truth

# Segmentation Overview

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

# Attention Models

# Recall: RNN for Captioning

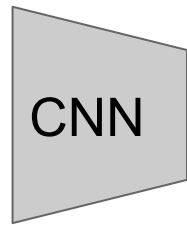


Image:  
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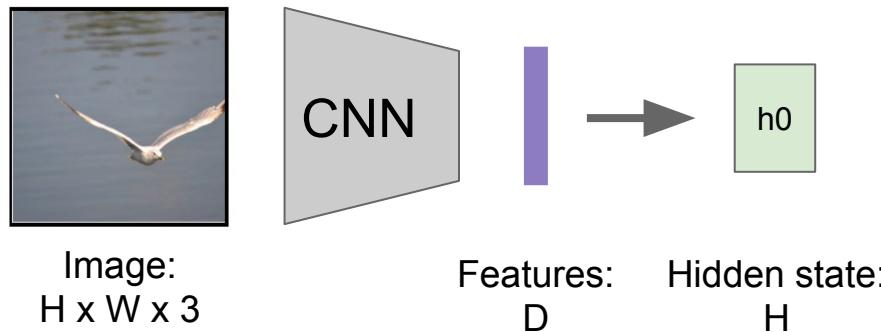
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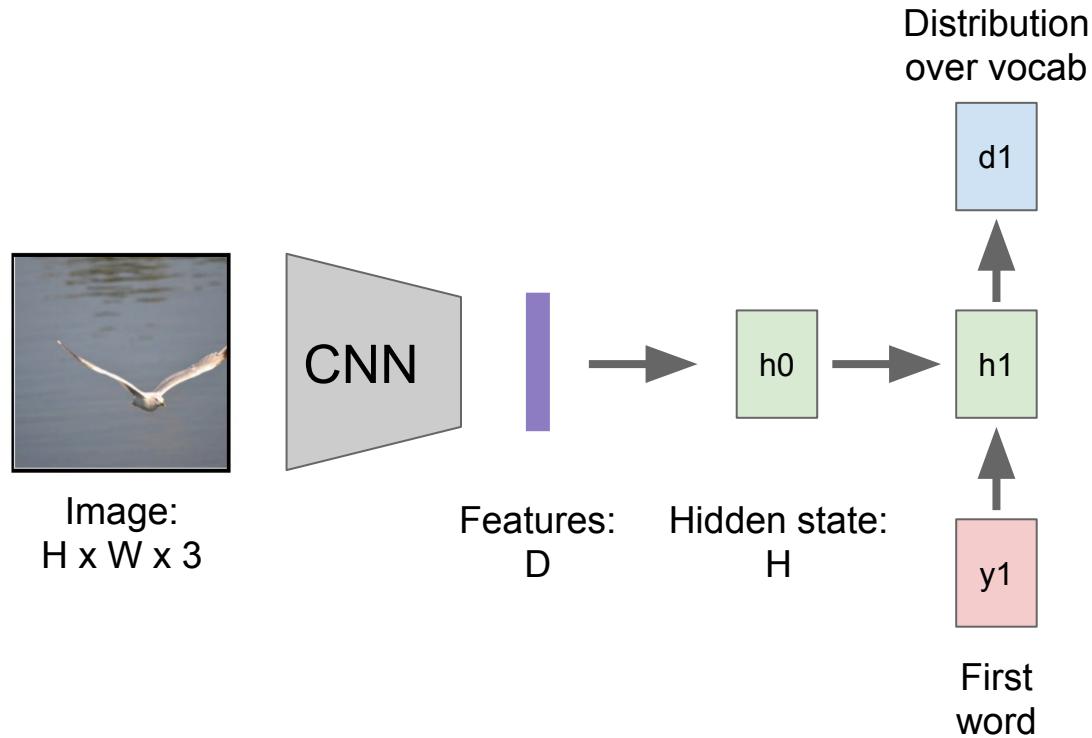
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 $D$



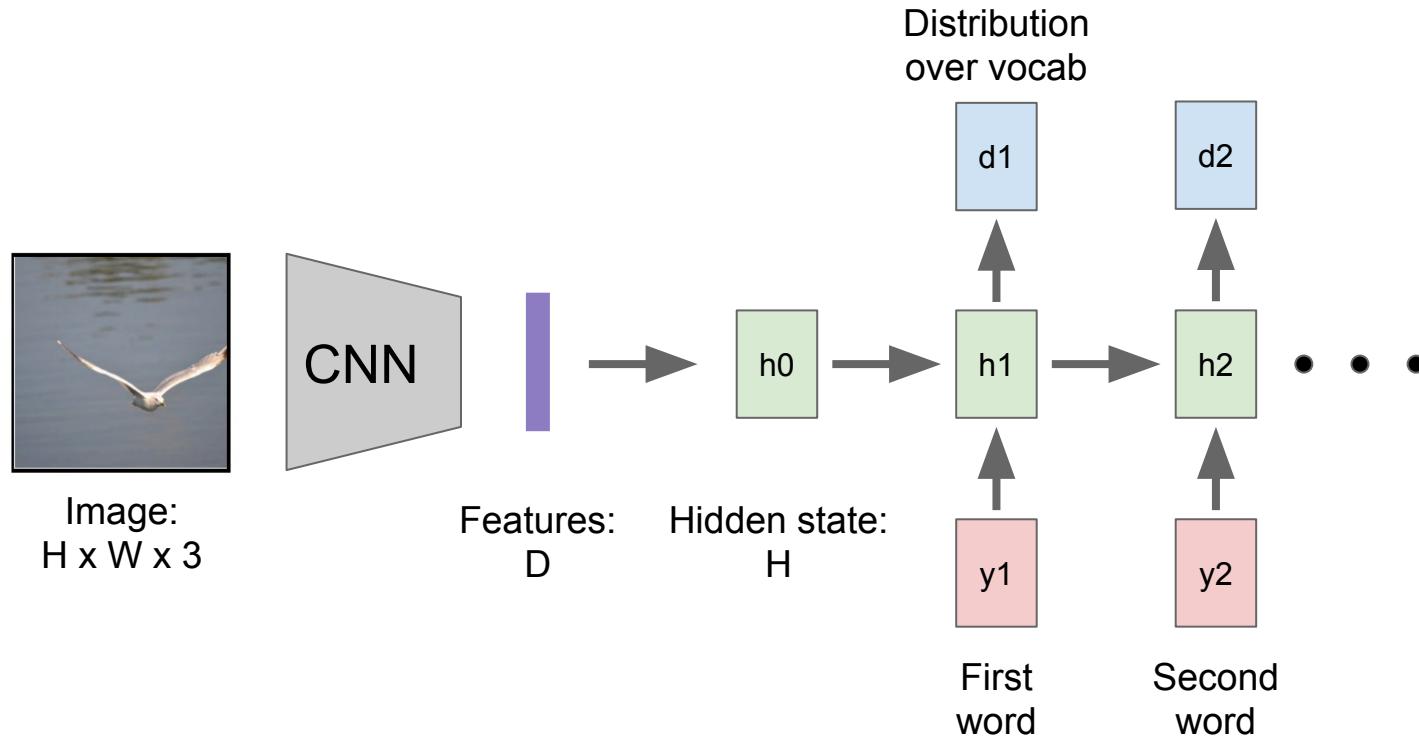
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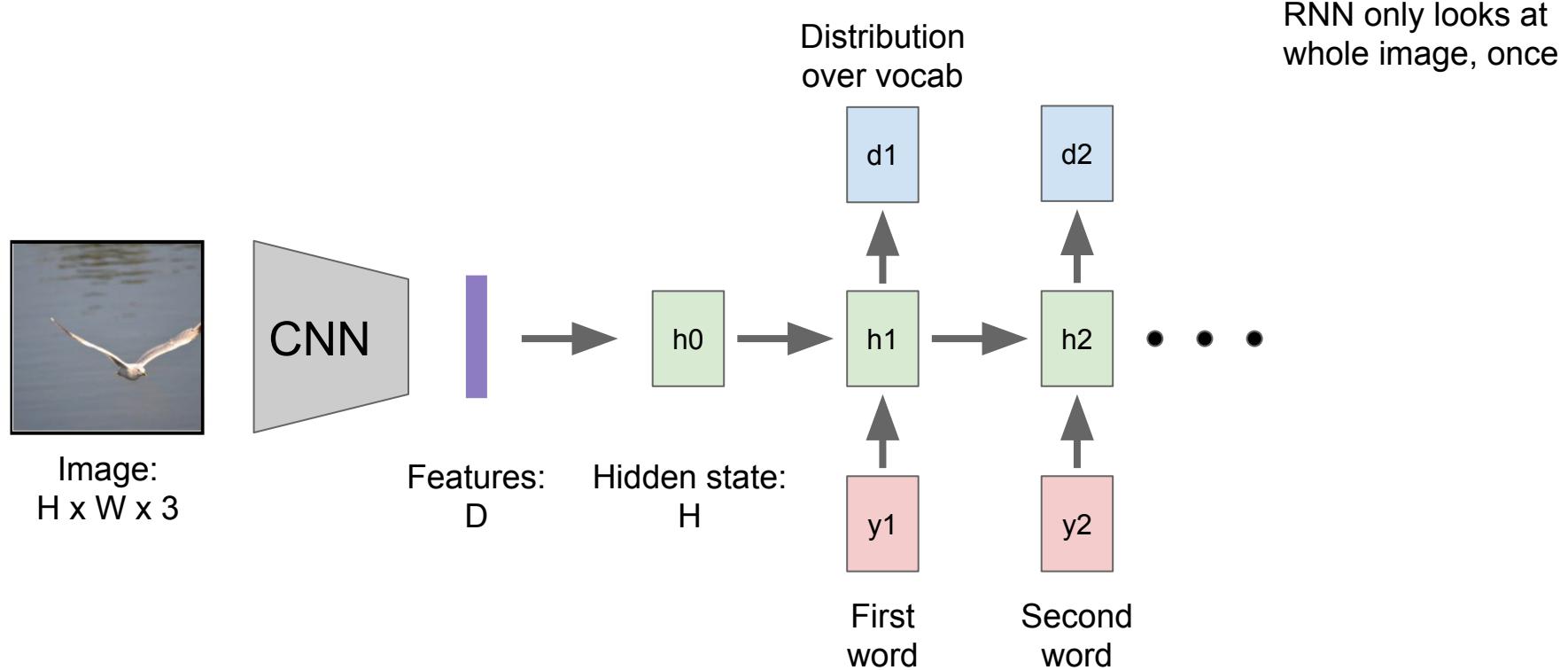
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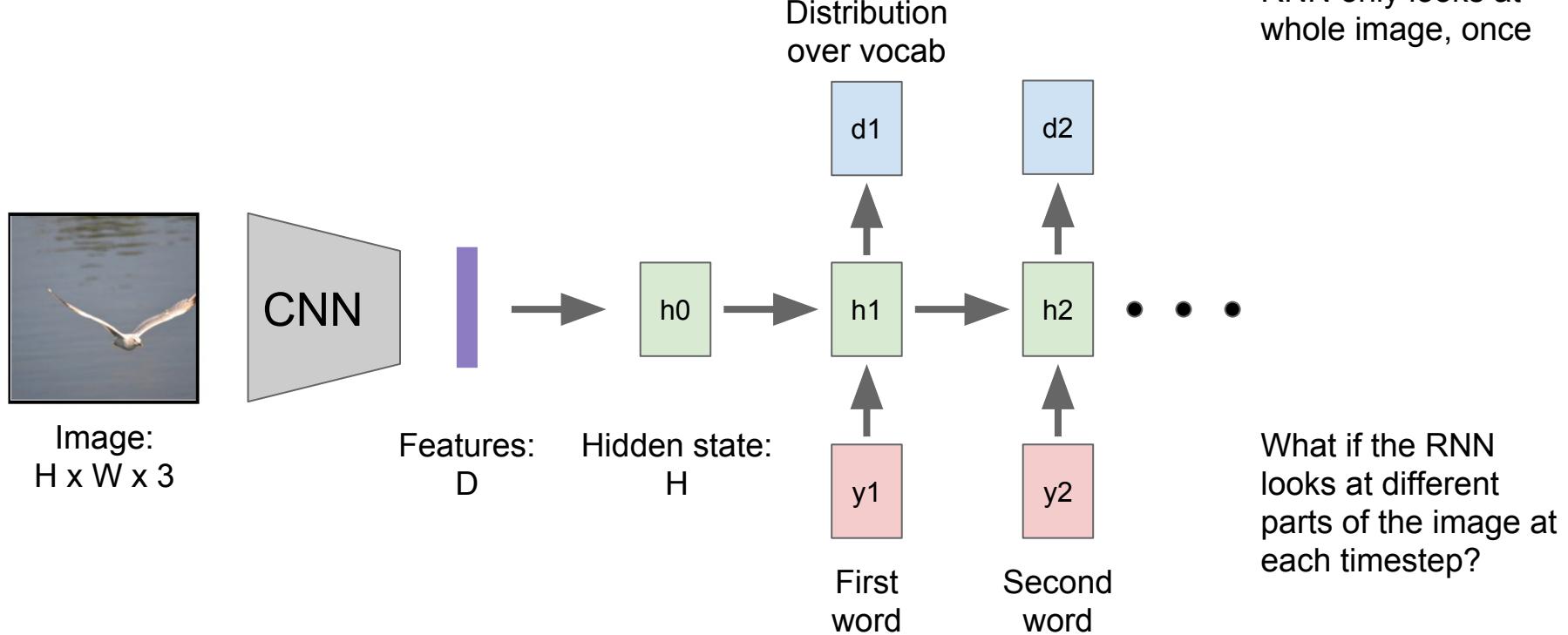
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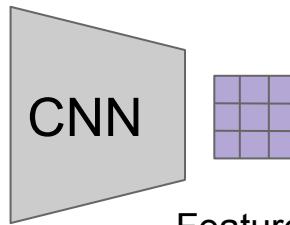
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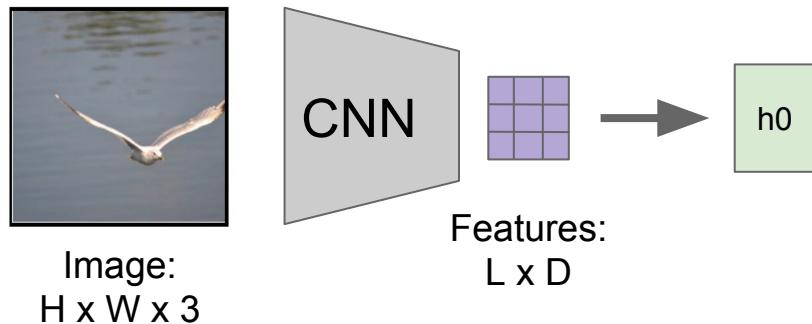
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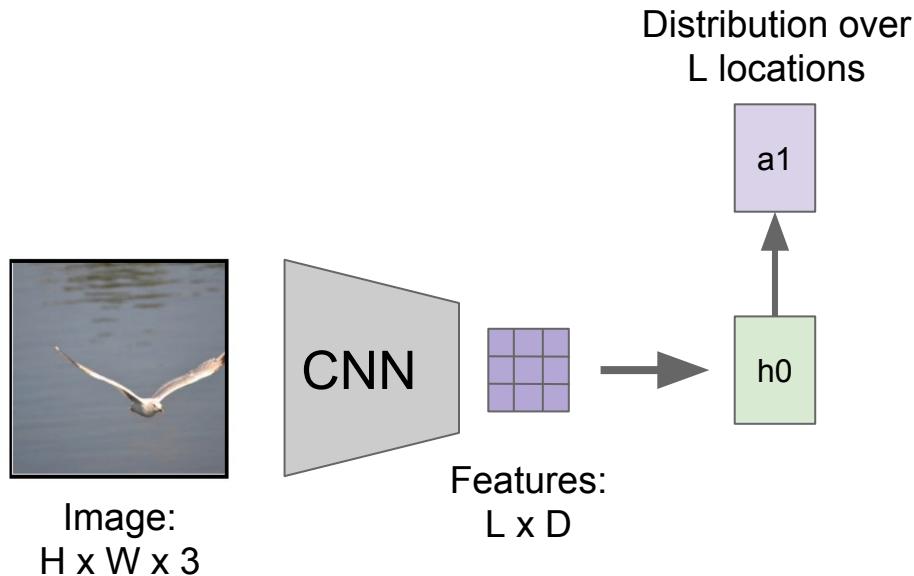
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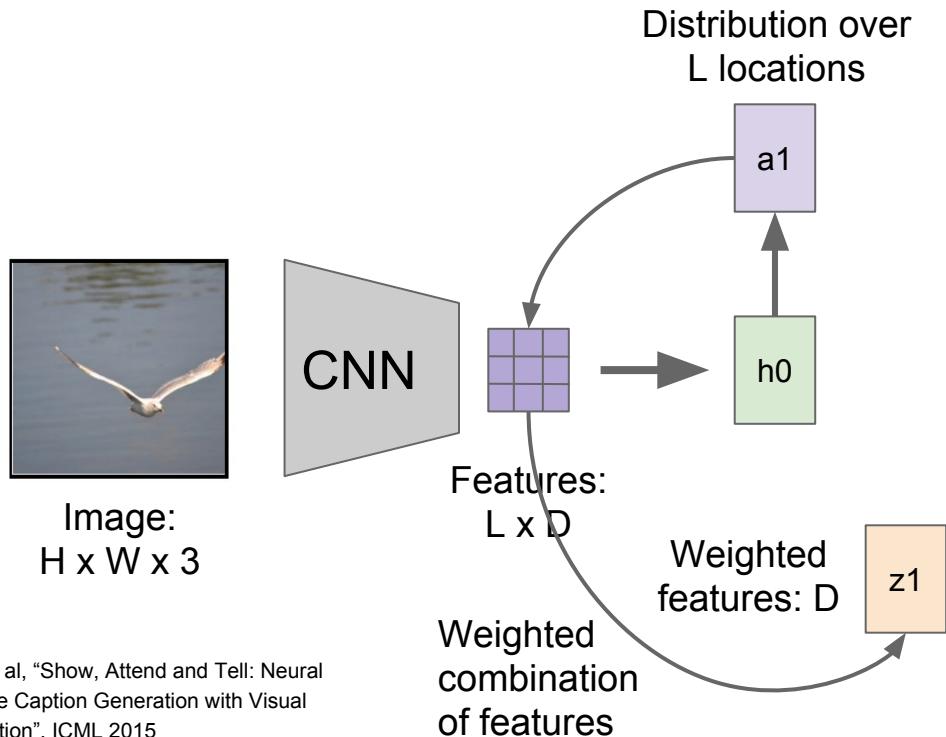
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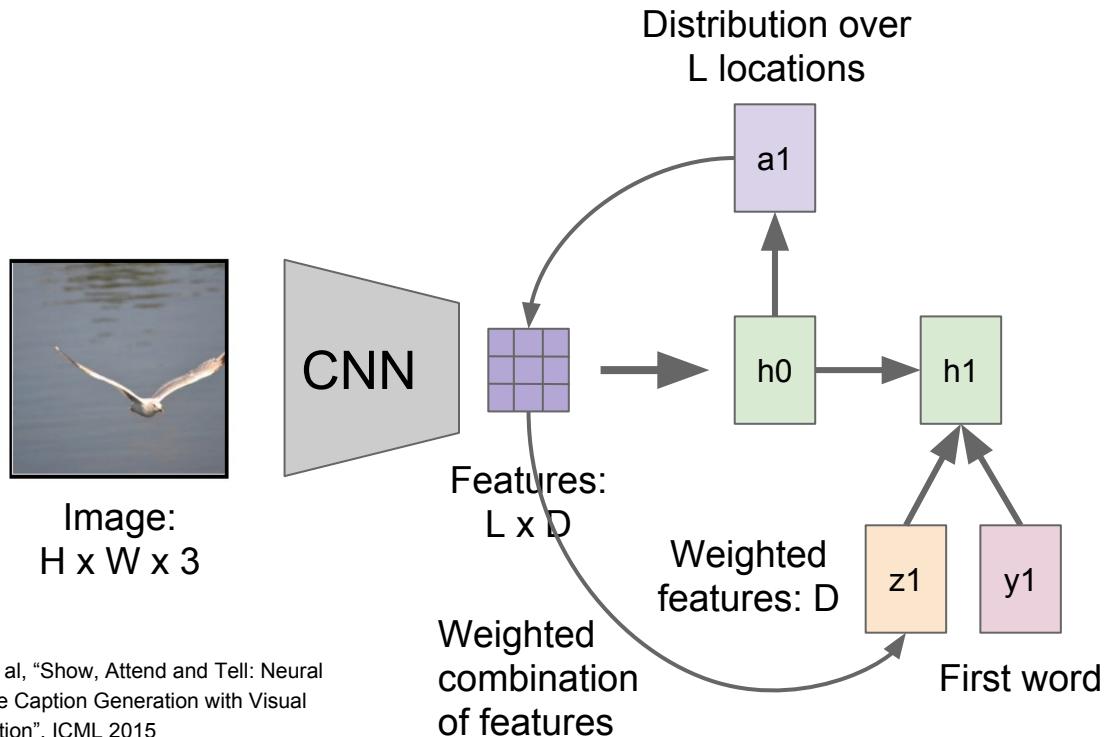
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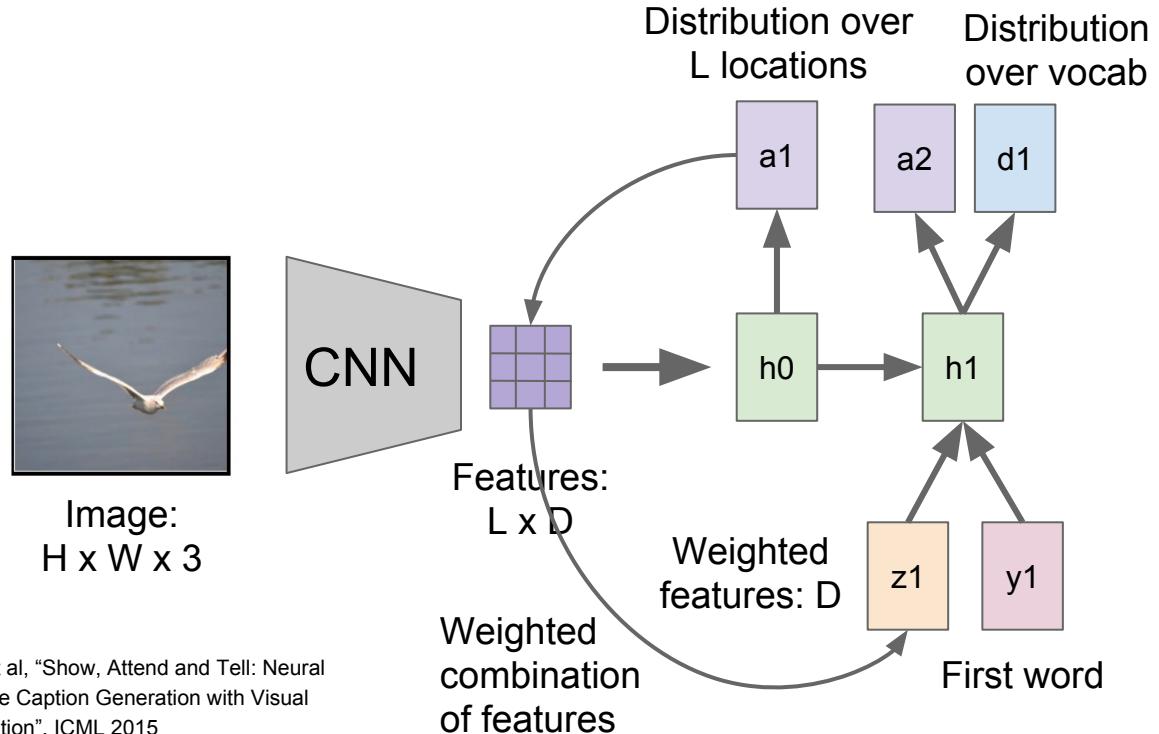
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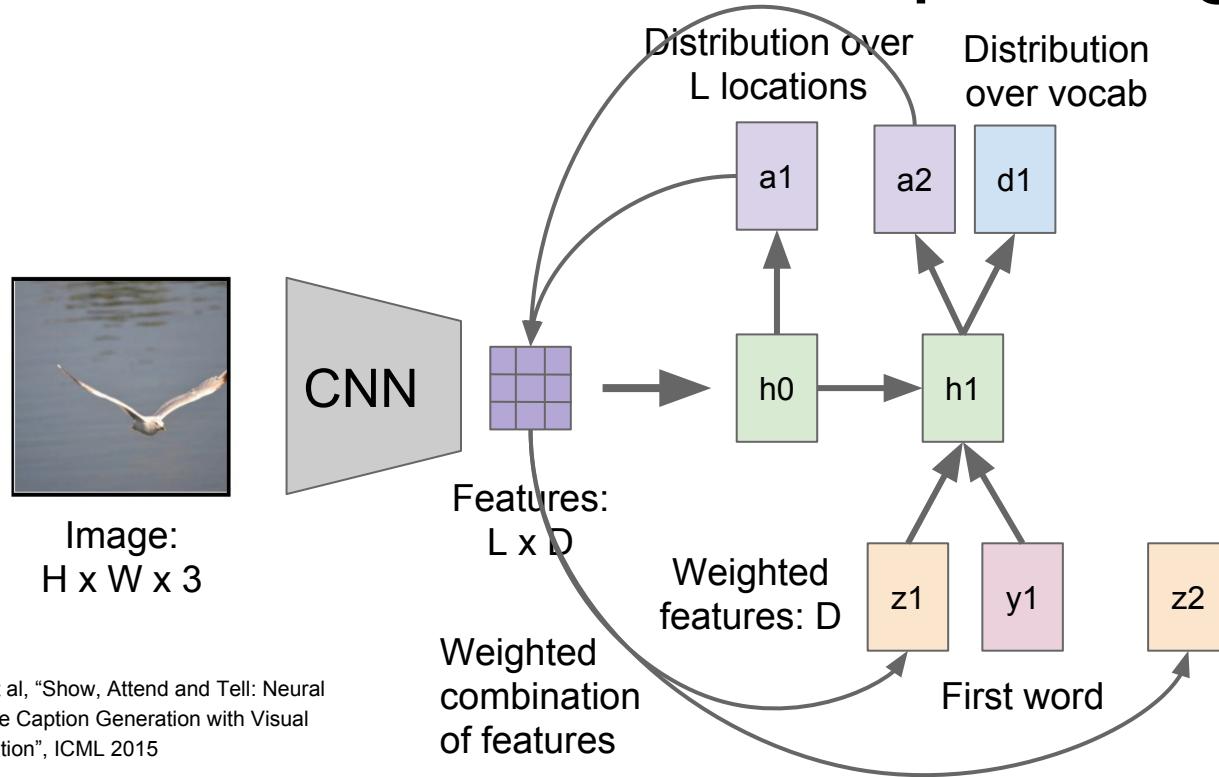
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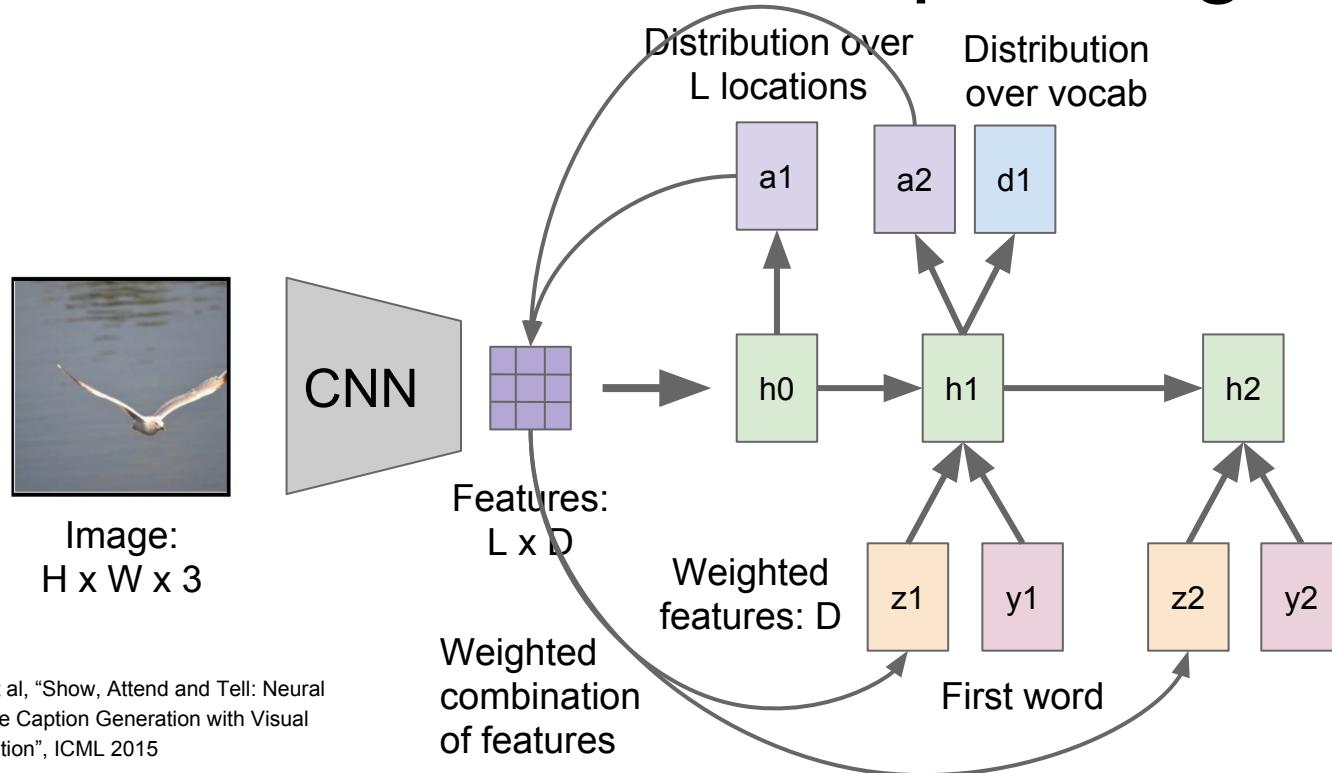
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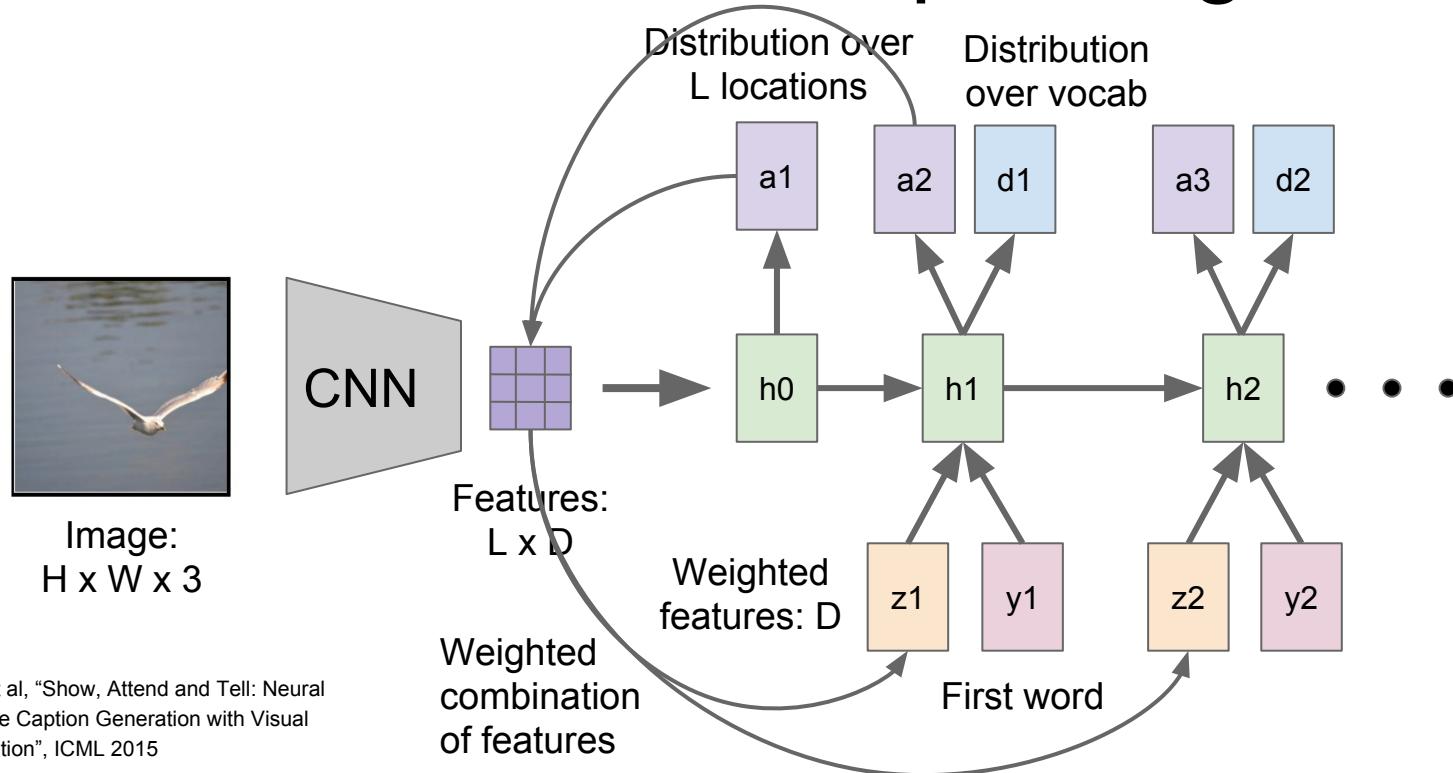
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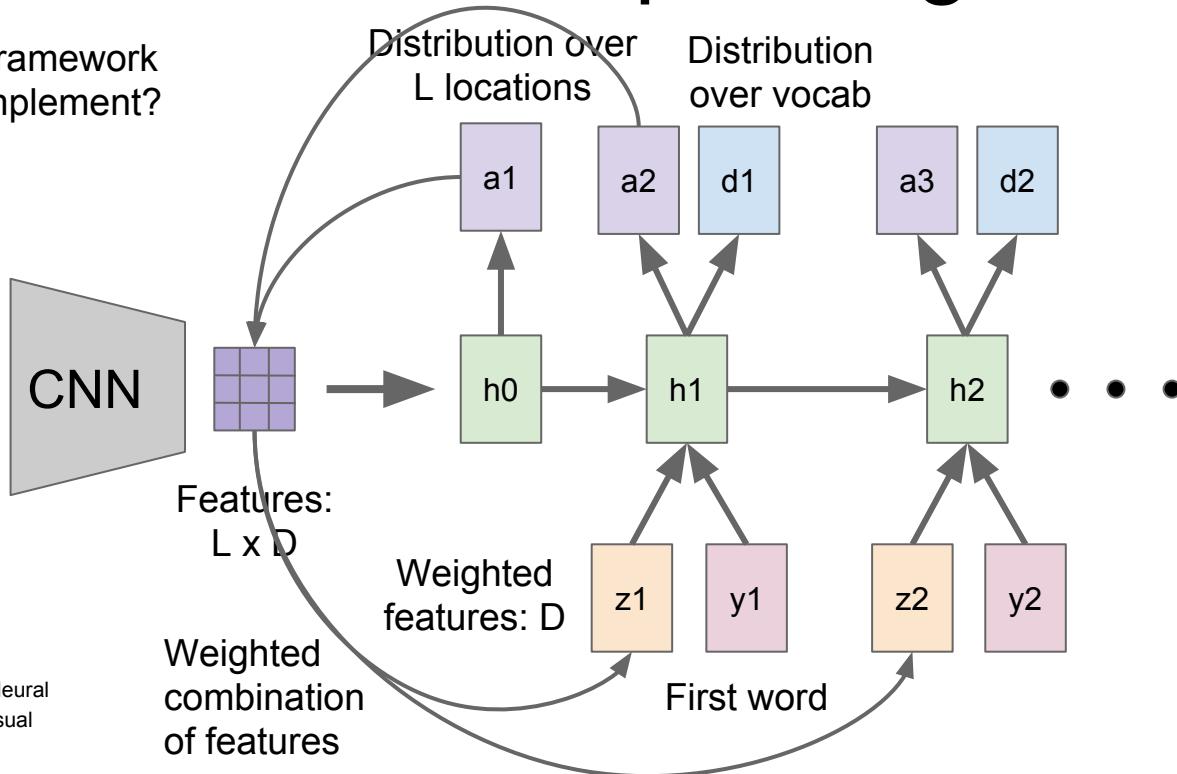
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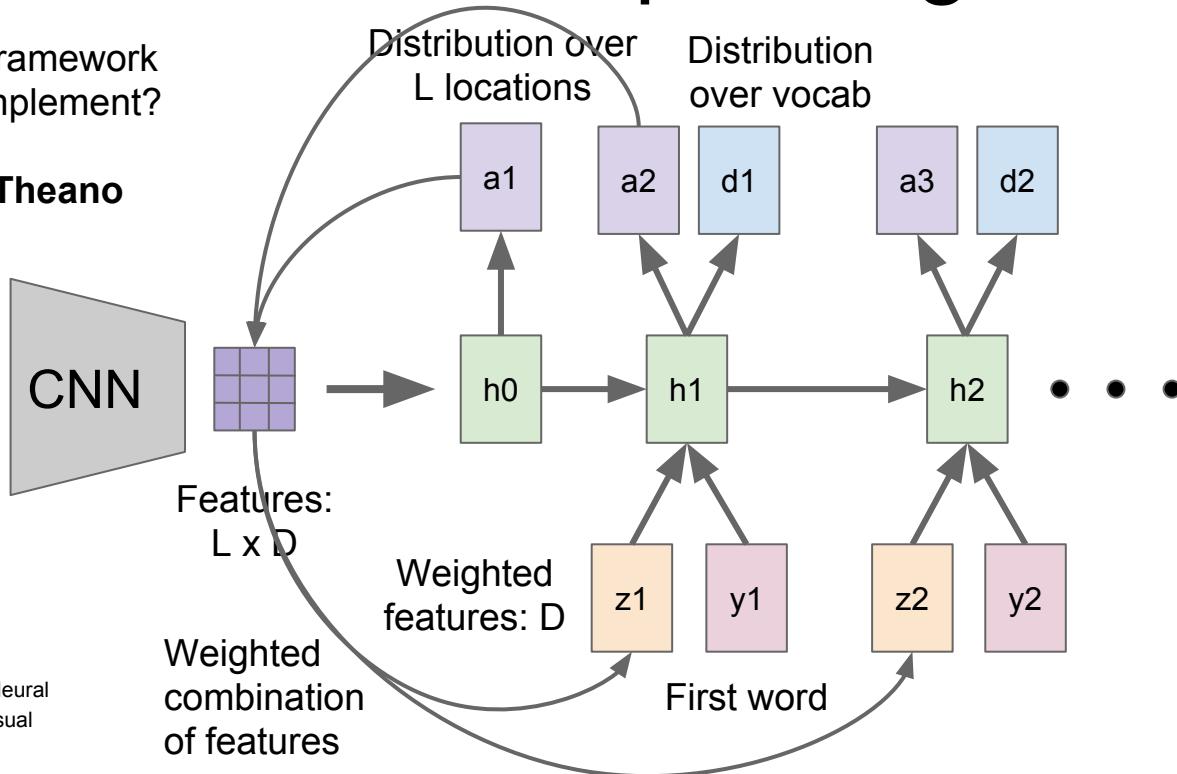
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Crazy RNN = Theano



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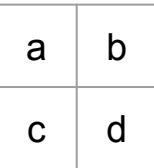
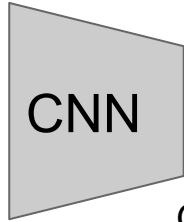


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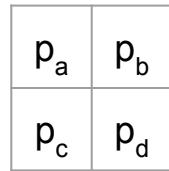


Image:  
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Grid of features  
(Each D-dimensional)

From  
RNN:



Distribution over  
grid locations

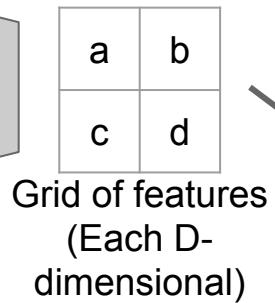
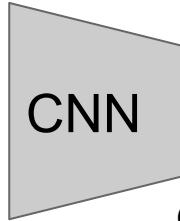
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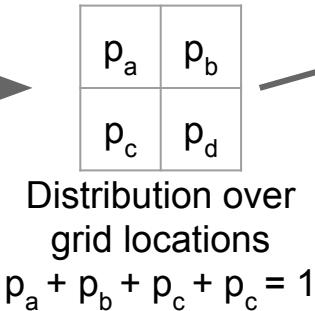


Image:  
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Context vector  $z$   
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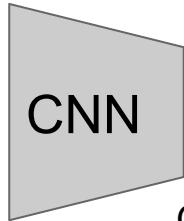


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## Soft attention:

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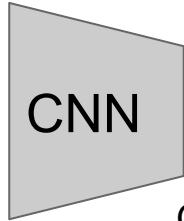
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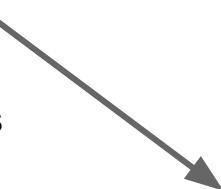
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From RNN:

$\rightarrow$

Distribution over grid locations  
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a	b
c	d



Context vector  $z$   
(D-dimensional)

$p_a$	$p_b$
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**Soft attention:**  
Summarize ALL locations  
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**Hard attention:**  
Sample ONE location  
according to  $p$ ,  $z =$  that vector

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

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# Soft Attention for Captioning

Soft attention



Hard attention



A

bird

flying

over

a

body

of

water

.

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# Soft Attention for Captioning



A woman is throwing a frisbee in a park.

A dog is standing on a hardwood floor.

A stop sign is on a road with a mountain in the background.



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



A group of people sitting on a boat in the water.

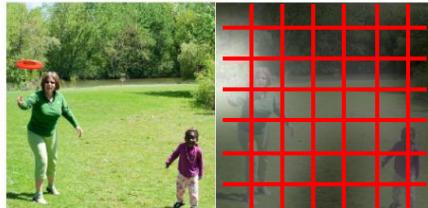


A giraffe standing in a forest with trees in the background.

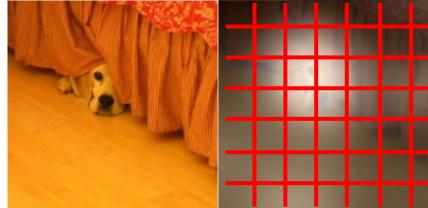
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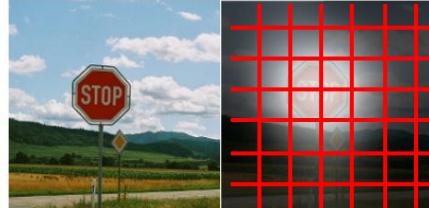
Attention constrained to fixed grid! We'll come back to this ....



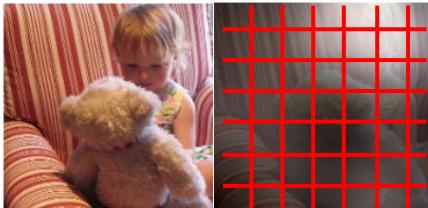
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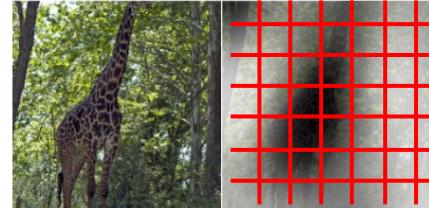
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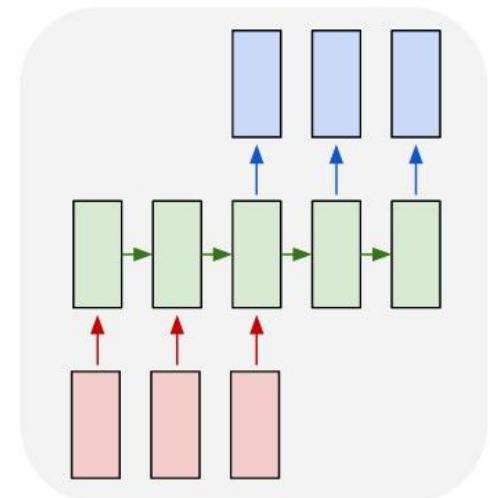
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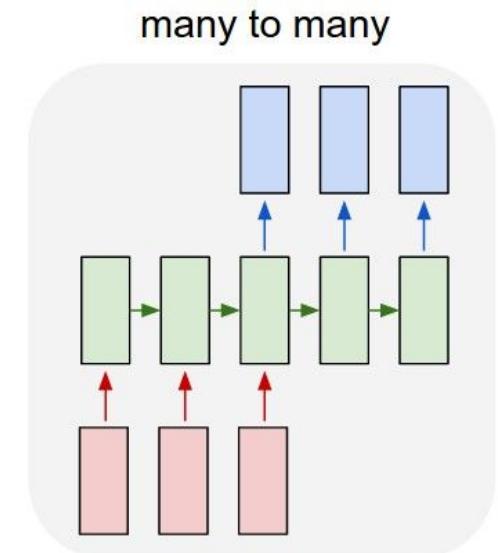
“Mi gato es el mejor” -> “My cat is the best”

many to many



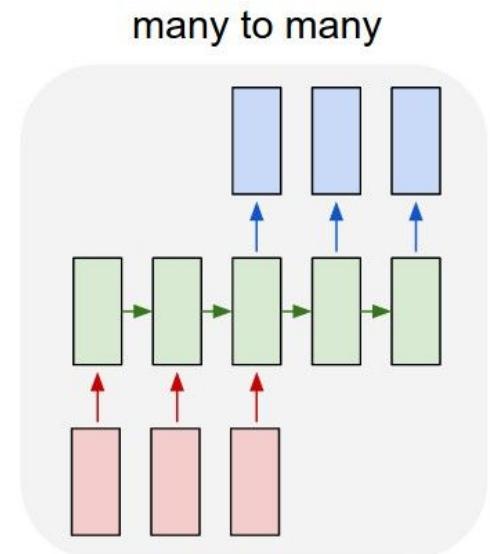
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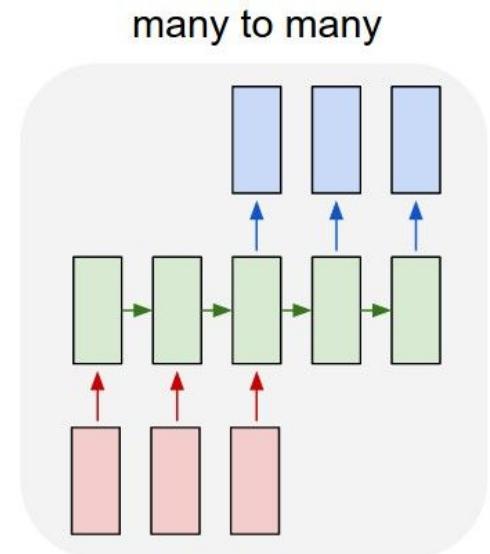
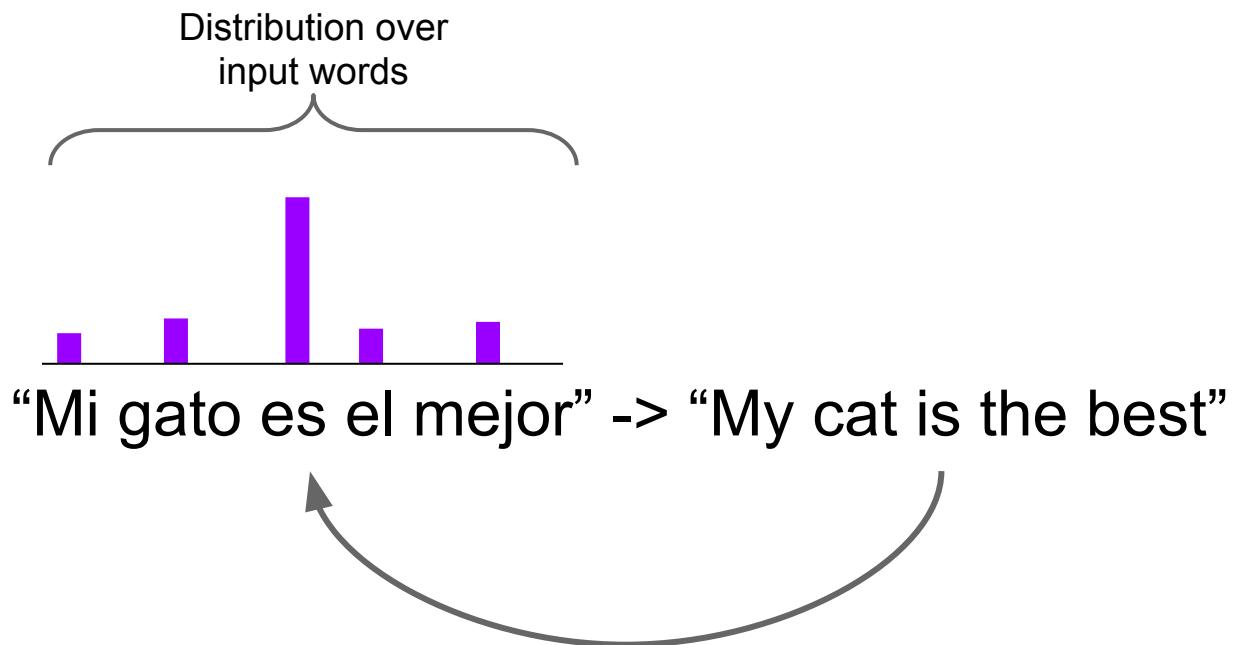
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# Soft Attention for Everything!

## Machine Translation, attention over input:

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



## Speech recognition, attention over input sounds:

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

## Video captioning, attention over input frames:

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

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



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



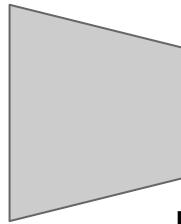
## Image, question to answer, attention over image:

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

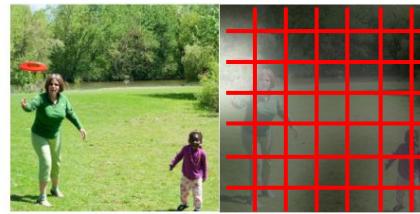
# Attending to arbitrary regions?



Image:  
 $H \times W \times 3$



Features:  
 $L \times D$

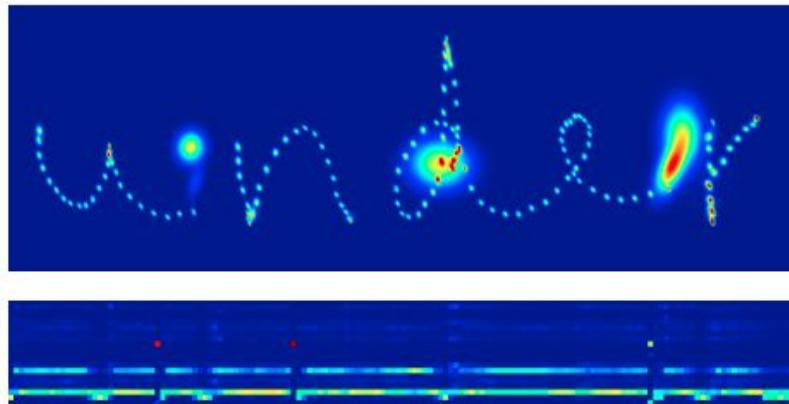


A woman is throwing a frisbee in a park.

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

# Attending to Arbitrary Regions

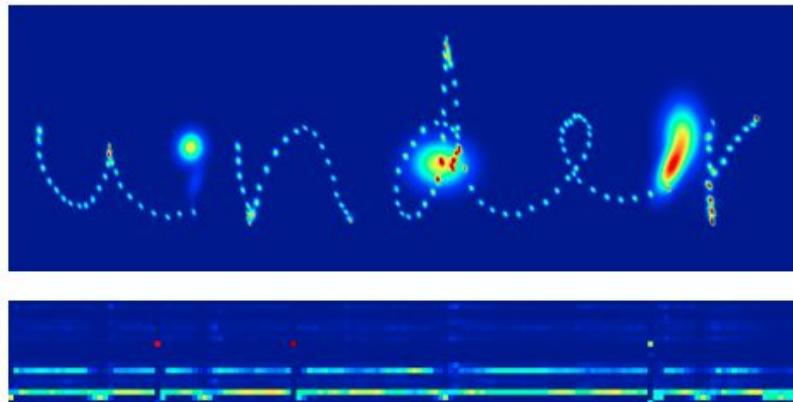
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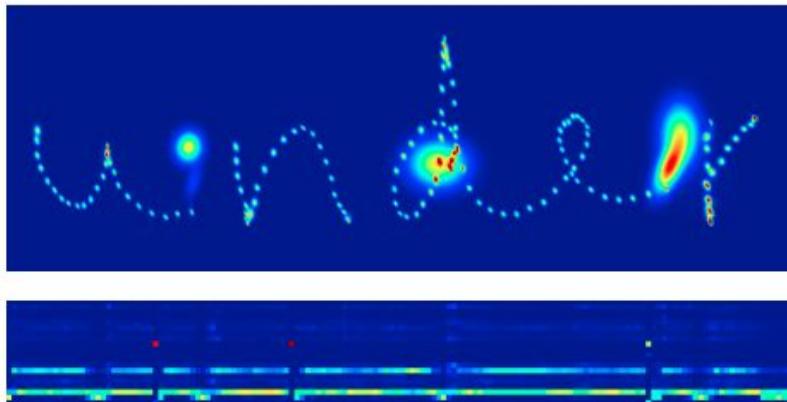
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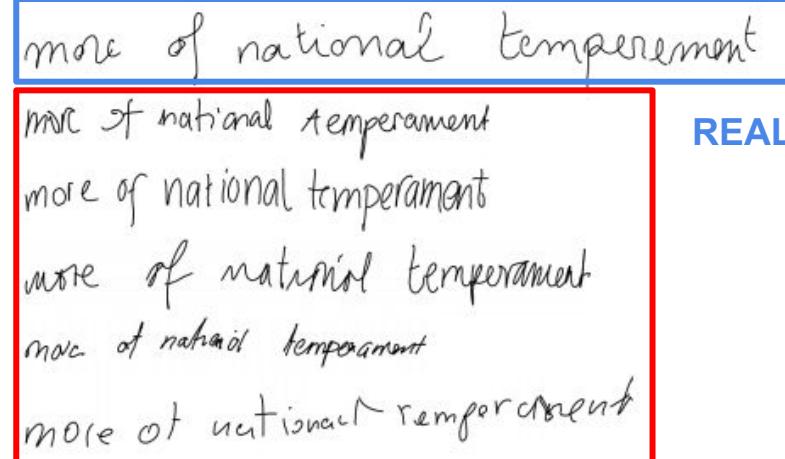
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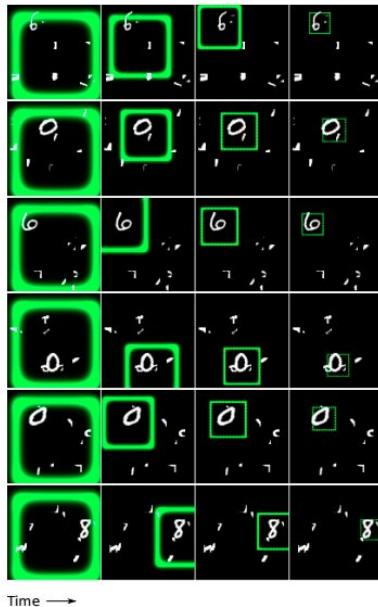


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# Attending to Arbitrary Regions: DRAW

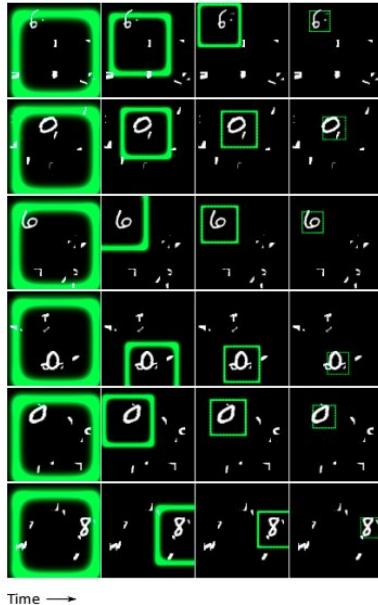
Classify images by attending to arbitrary regions of the *input*



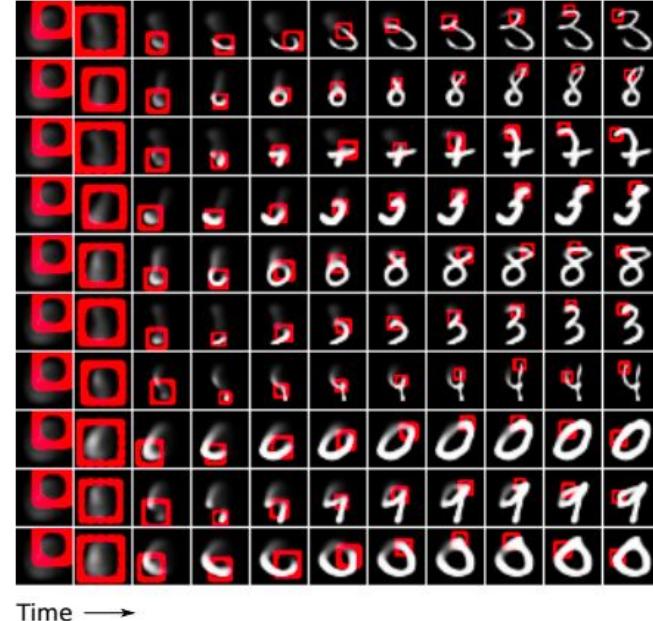
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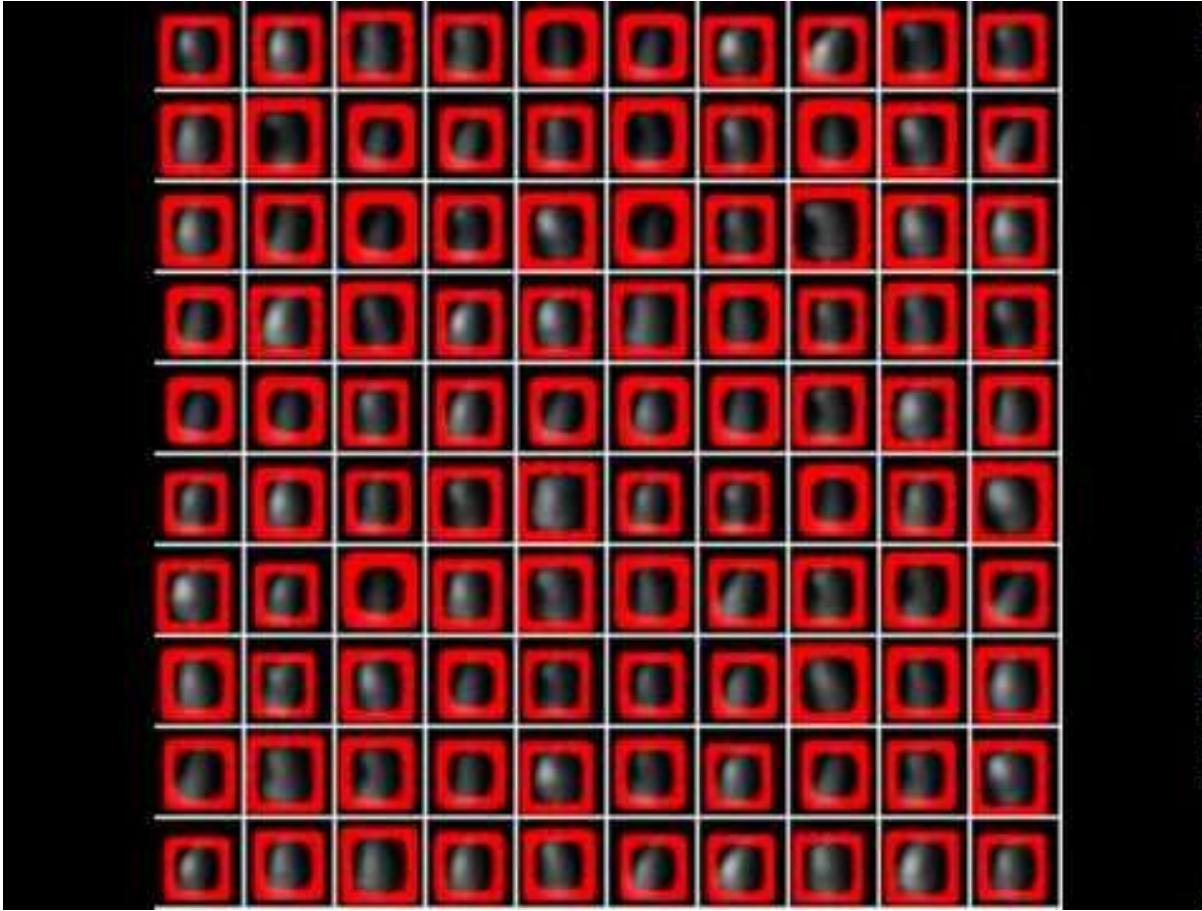
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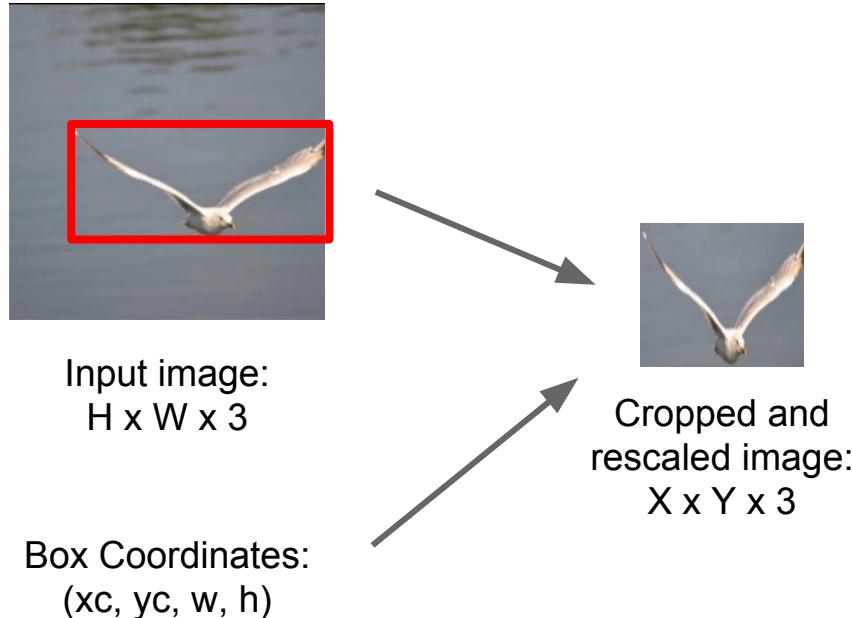
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# Attending to Arbitrary Regions: Spatial Transformer Networks

Attention mechanism similar to DRAW, but easier to explain

# Spatial Transformer Networks



Jaderberg et al, "Spatial Transformer Networks", NIPS 2015

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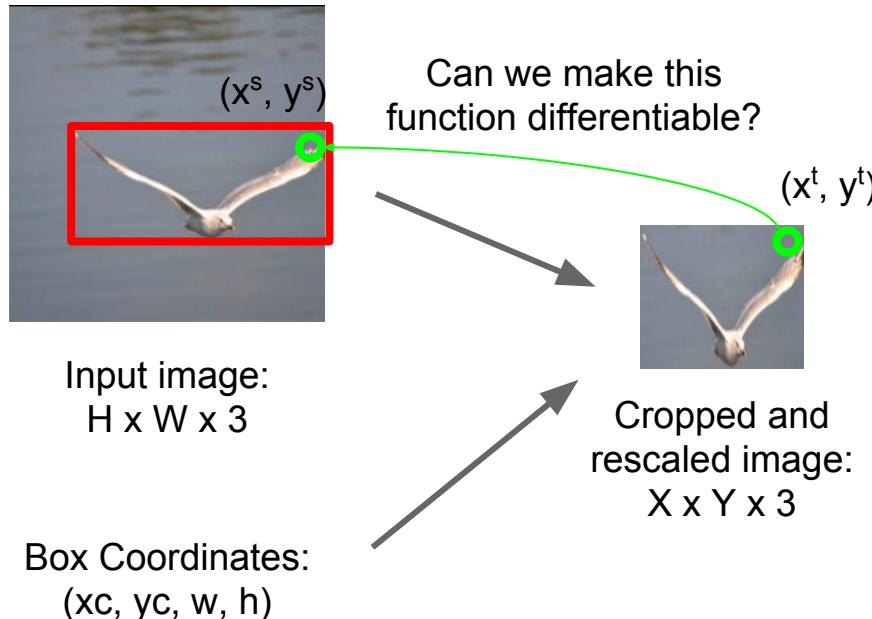


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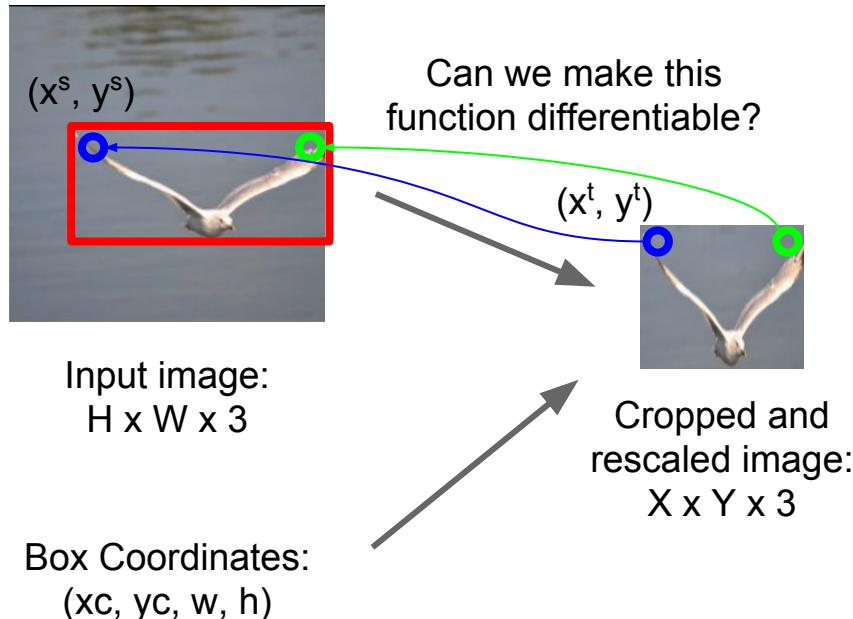


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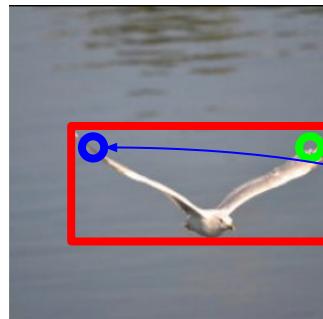


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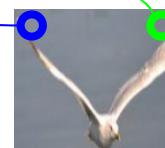
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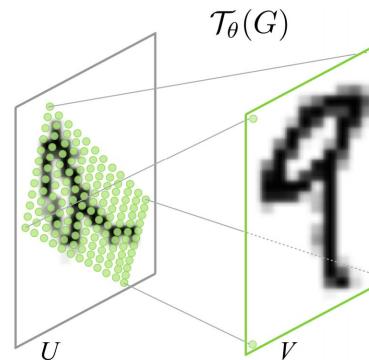
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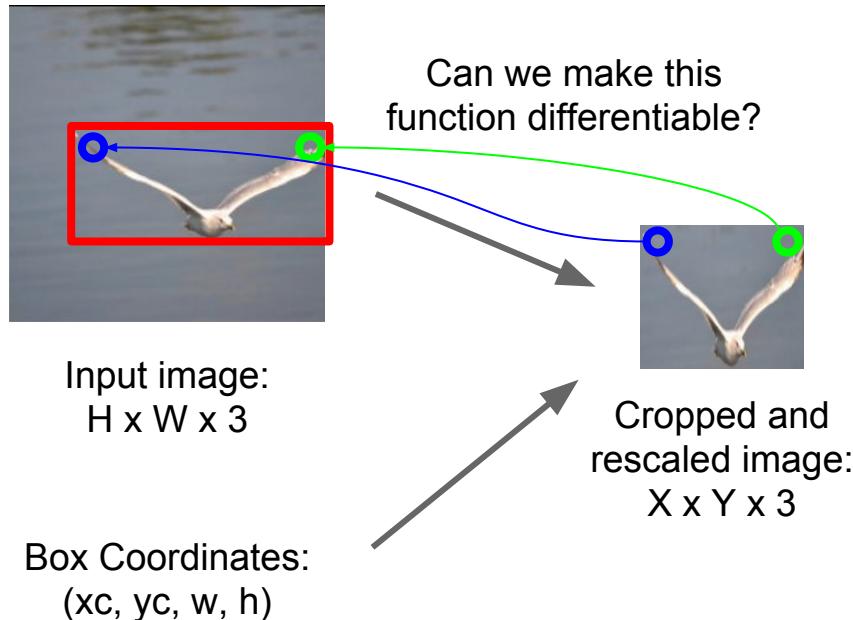
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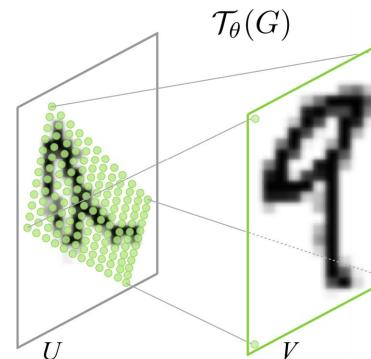
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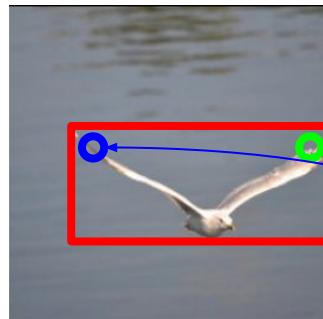


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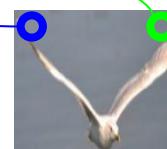
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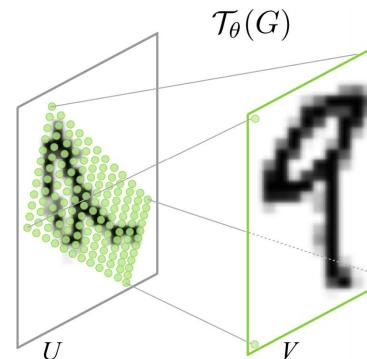


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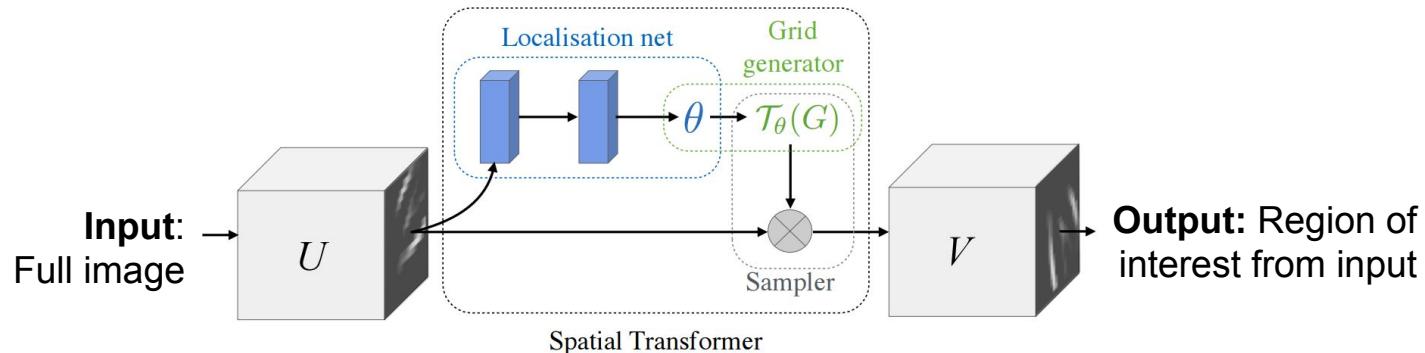


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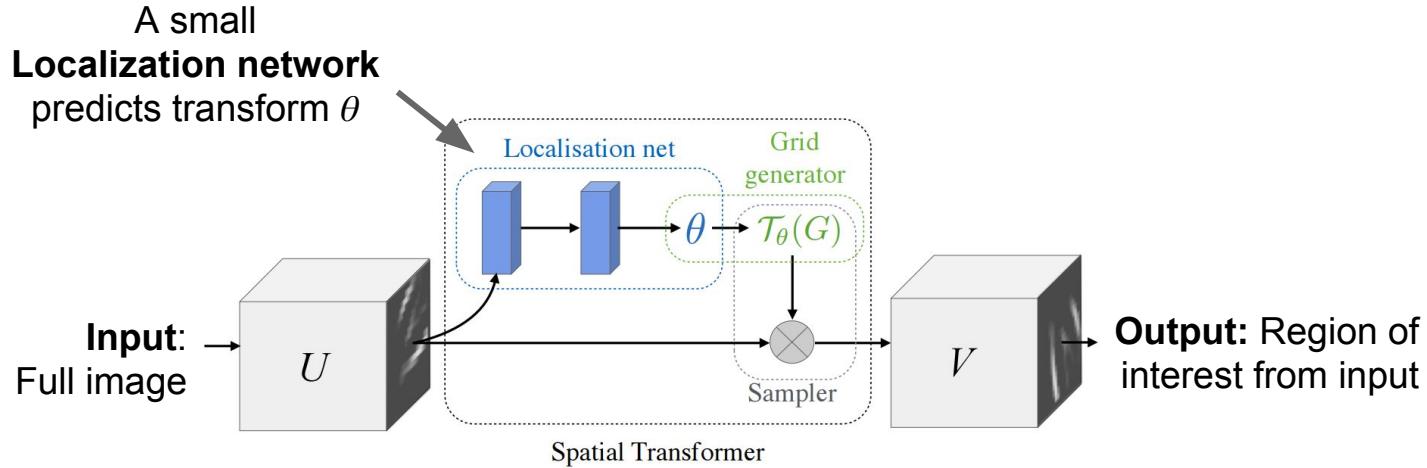
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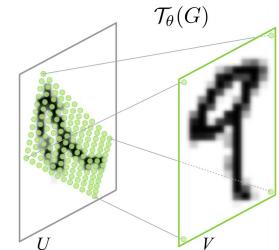
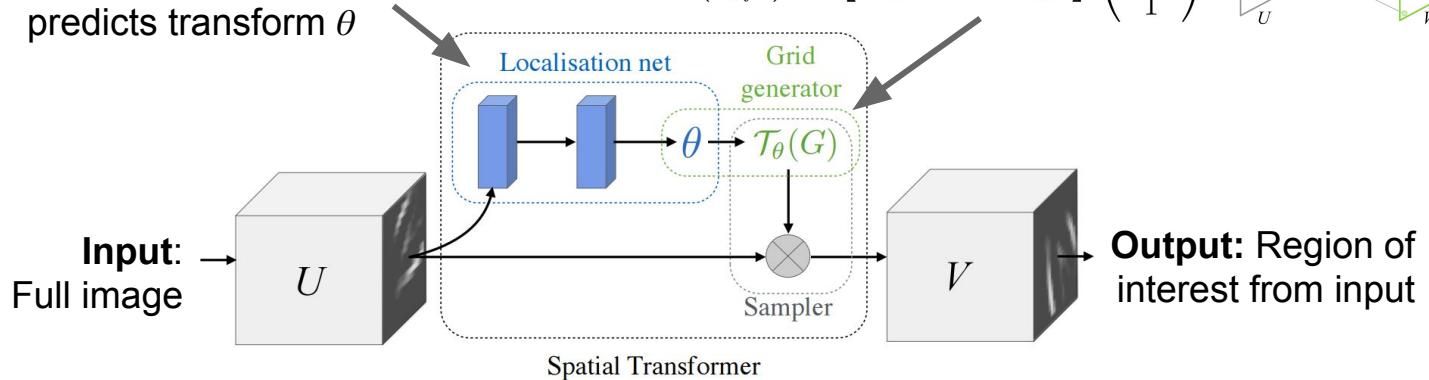


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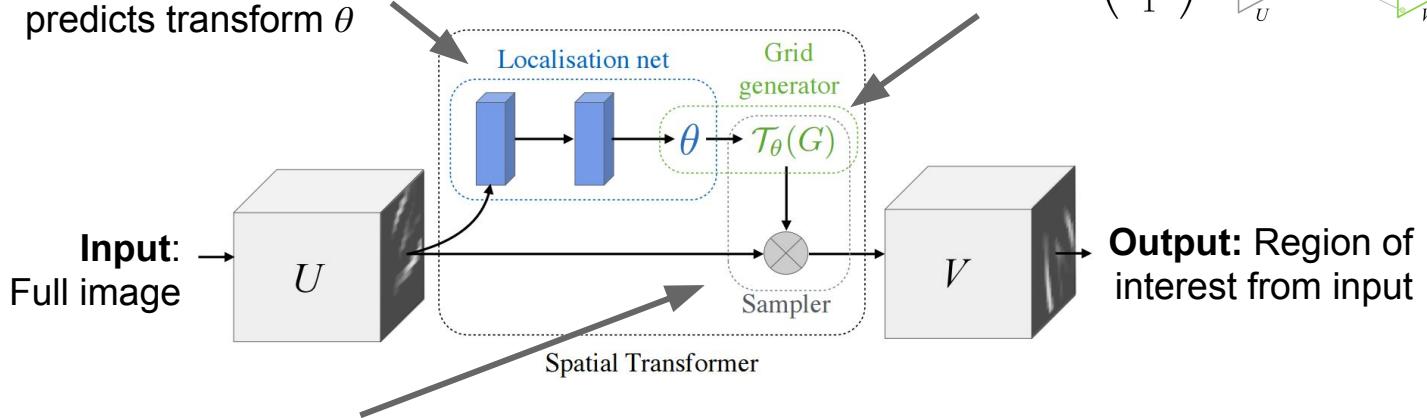
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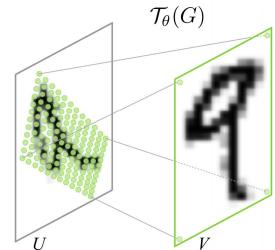


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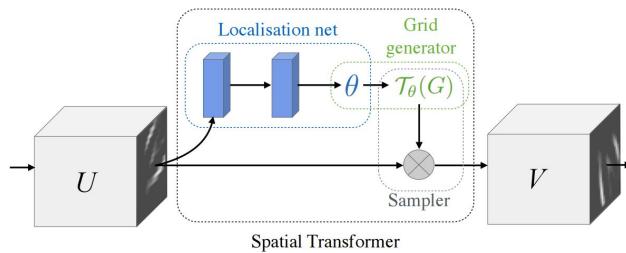


**Sampler** uses  
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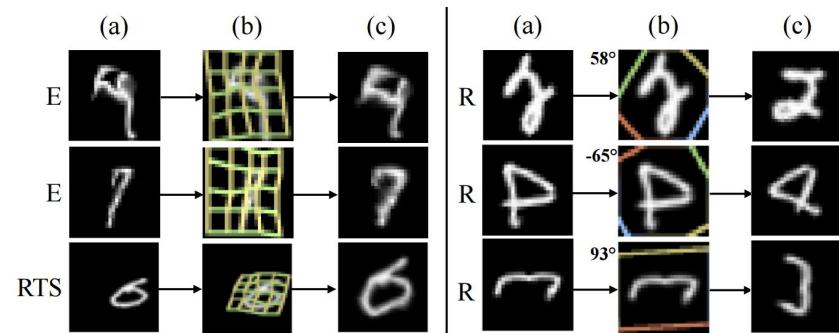


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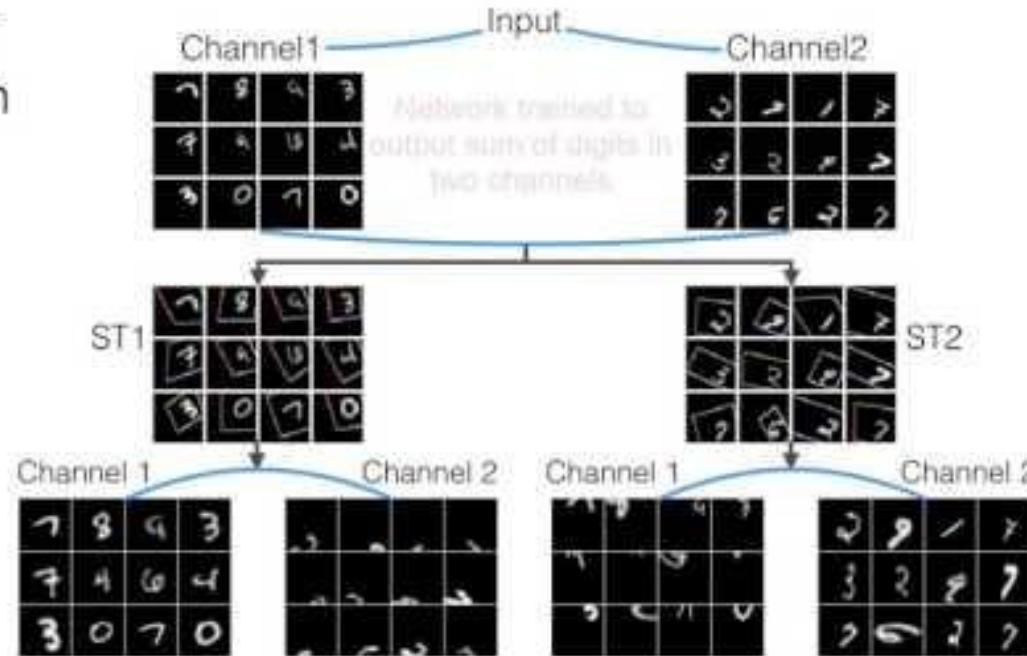
Differentiable “attention / transformation” module



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



## MNIST Addition



# Attention Recap

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