

Lecture 13: Object Detection

A3 Grades, Midterm Grades

We are working on grading these this week
(Course staff needs spring break too!)

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I will send out a poll via Piazza tonight

Lecture Format

COVID cases have fallen dramatically since the start of the semester

How would people feel about in-person lecture starting next week?

Will include question in the poll to be sent tonight



Source: <https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2021/us/michigan-covid-cases.html>

Last Time: Deep Learning Software

Static Graphs vs Dynamic Graphs

PyTorch vs TensorFlow

So Far: Image Classification



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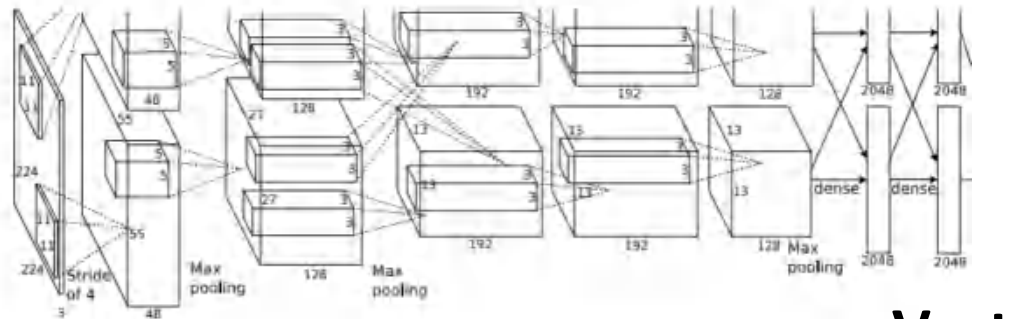


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Computer Vision Tasks

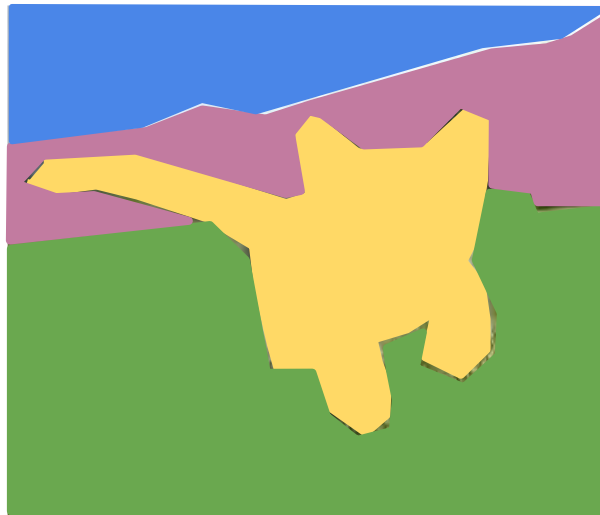
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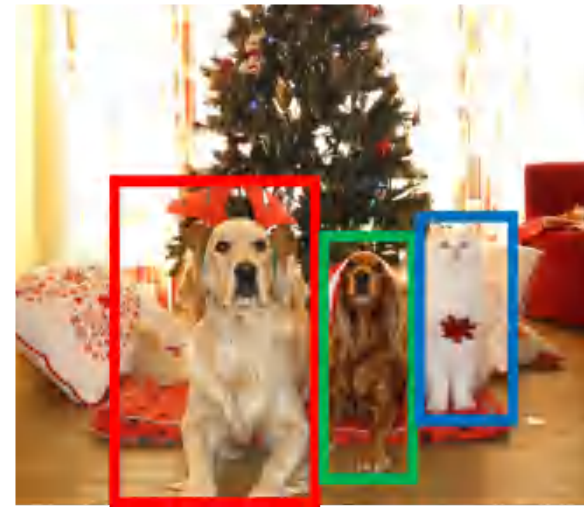
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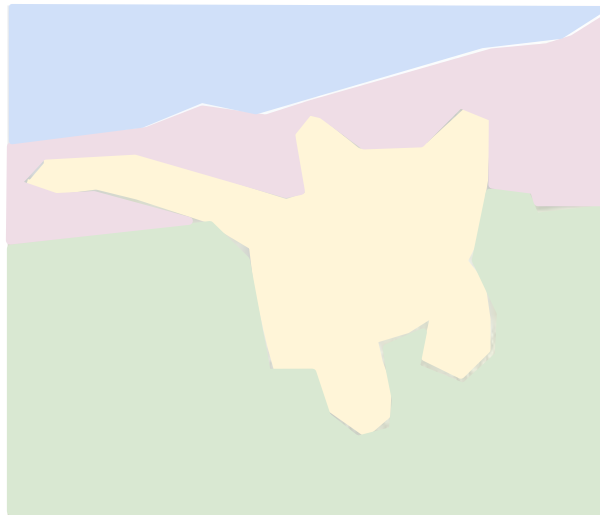
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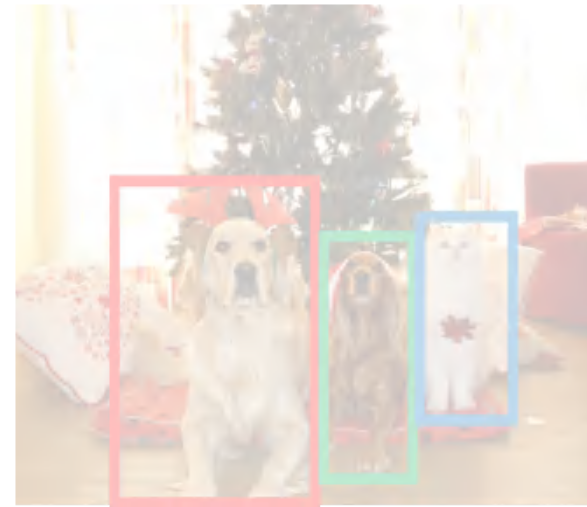
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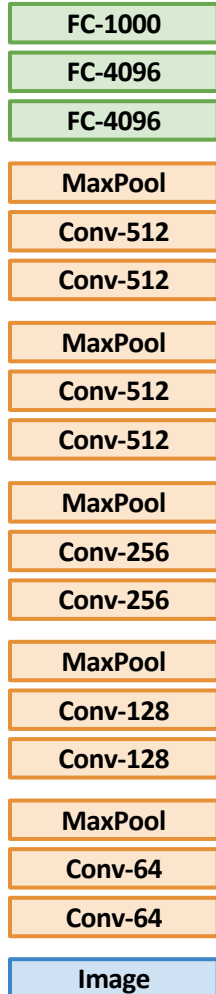
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Transfer Learning: Generalizing to New Tasks

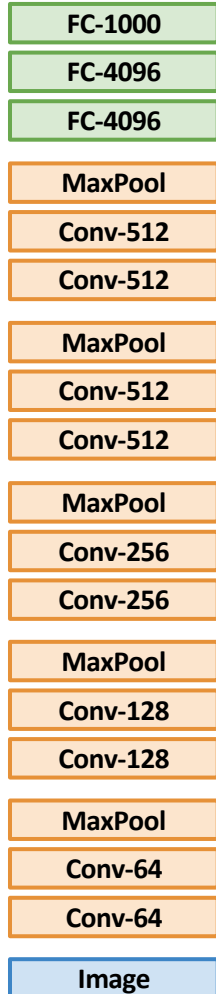
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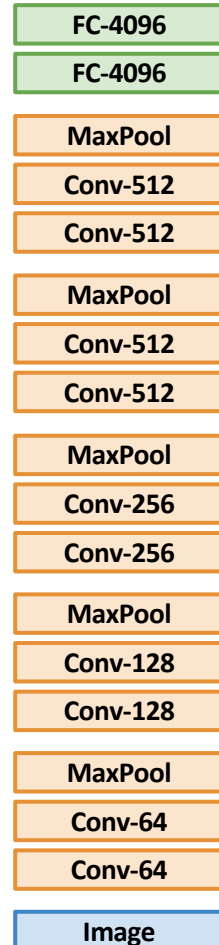


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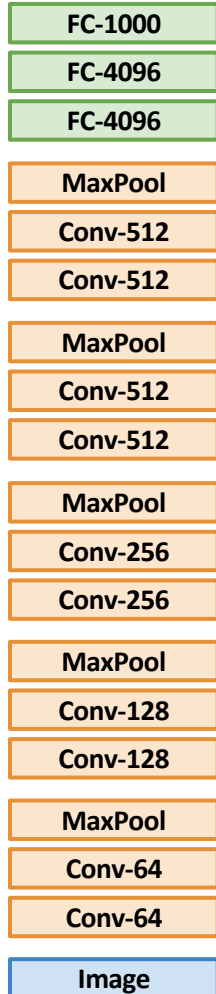


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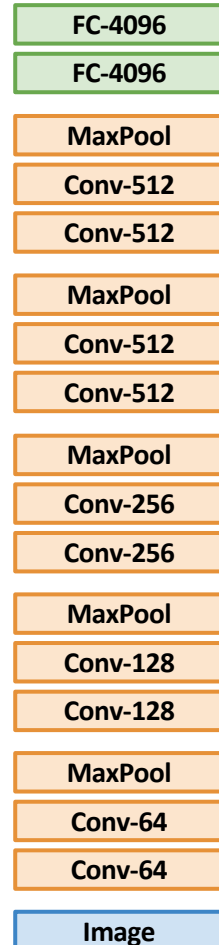
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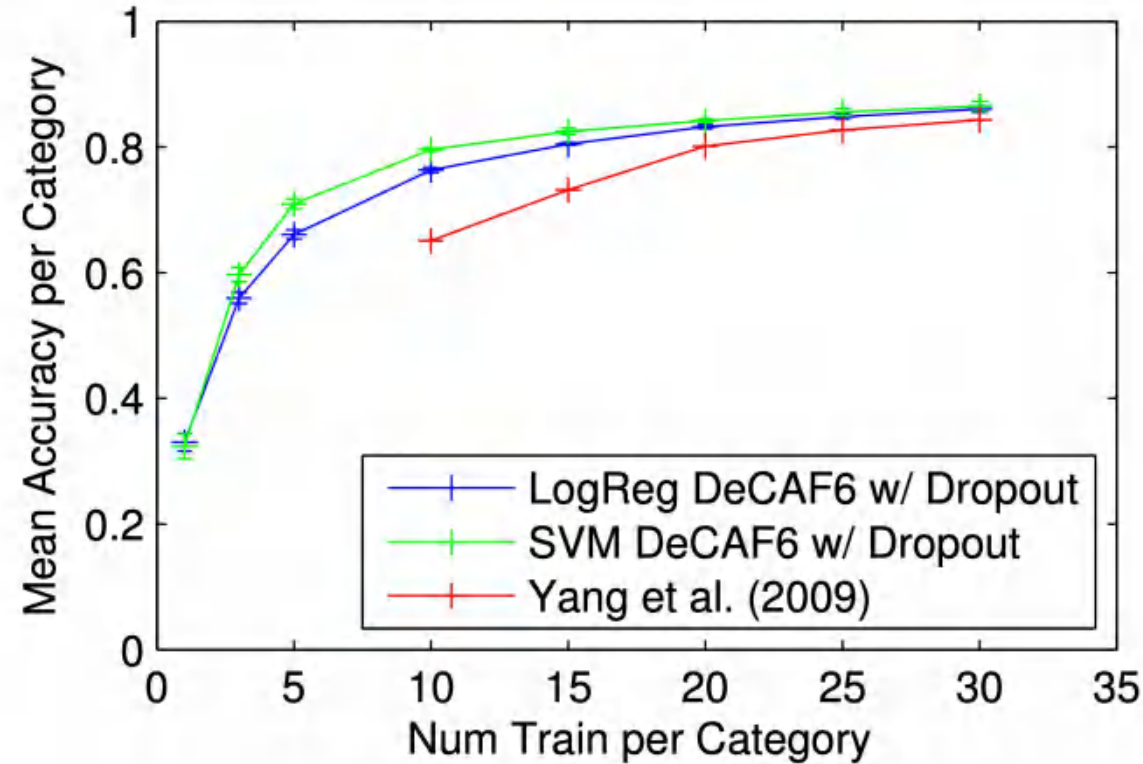
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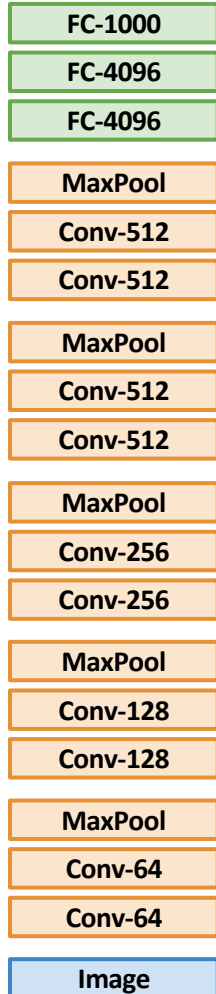
Classification on Caltech-101



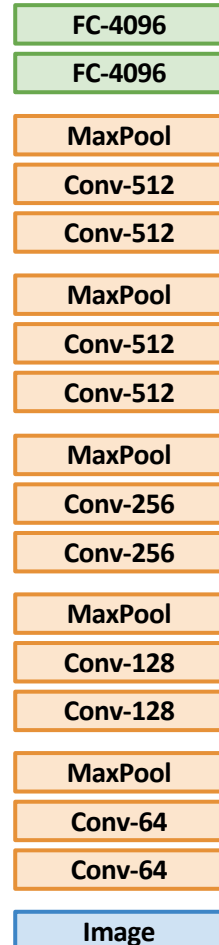
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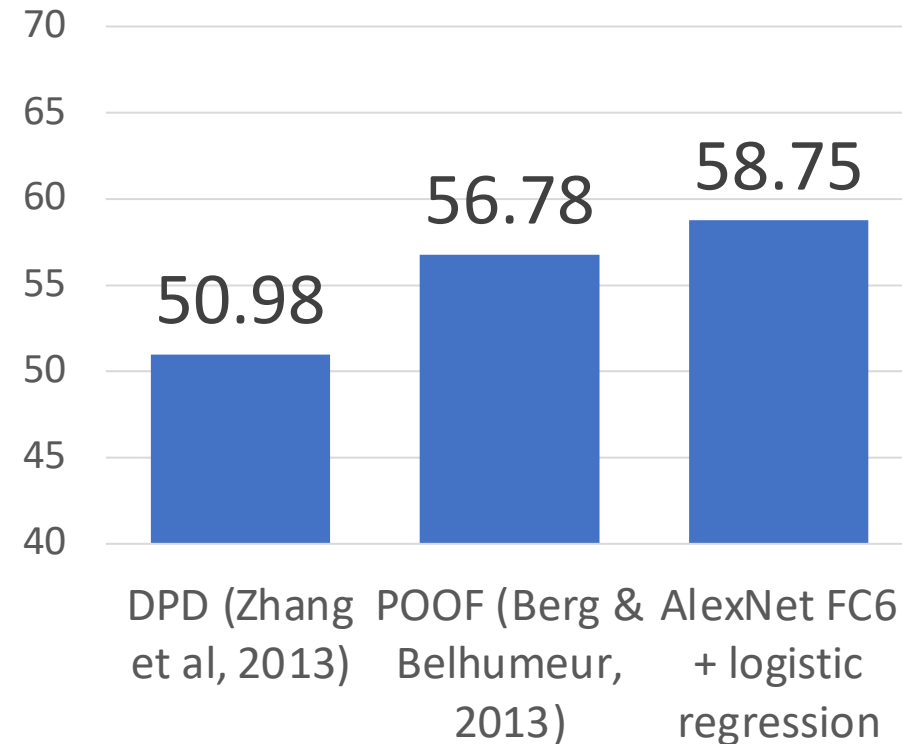
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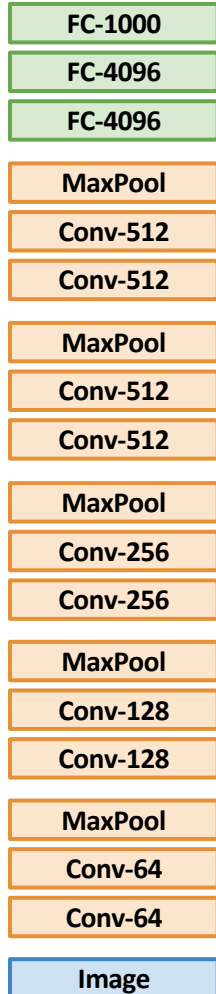
Bird Classification on Caltech-UCSD



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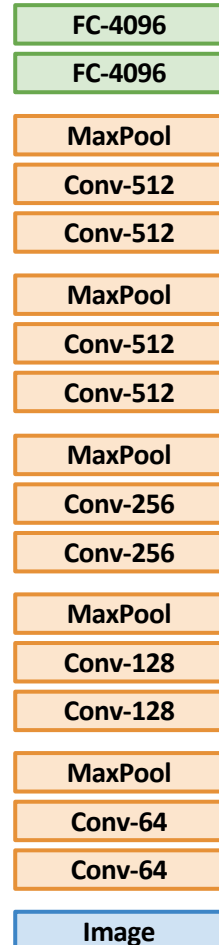
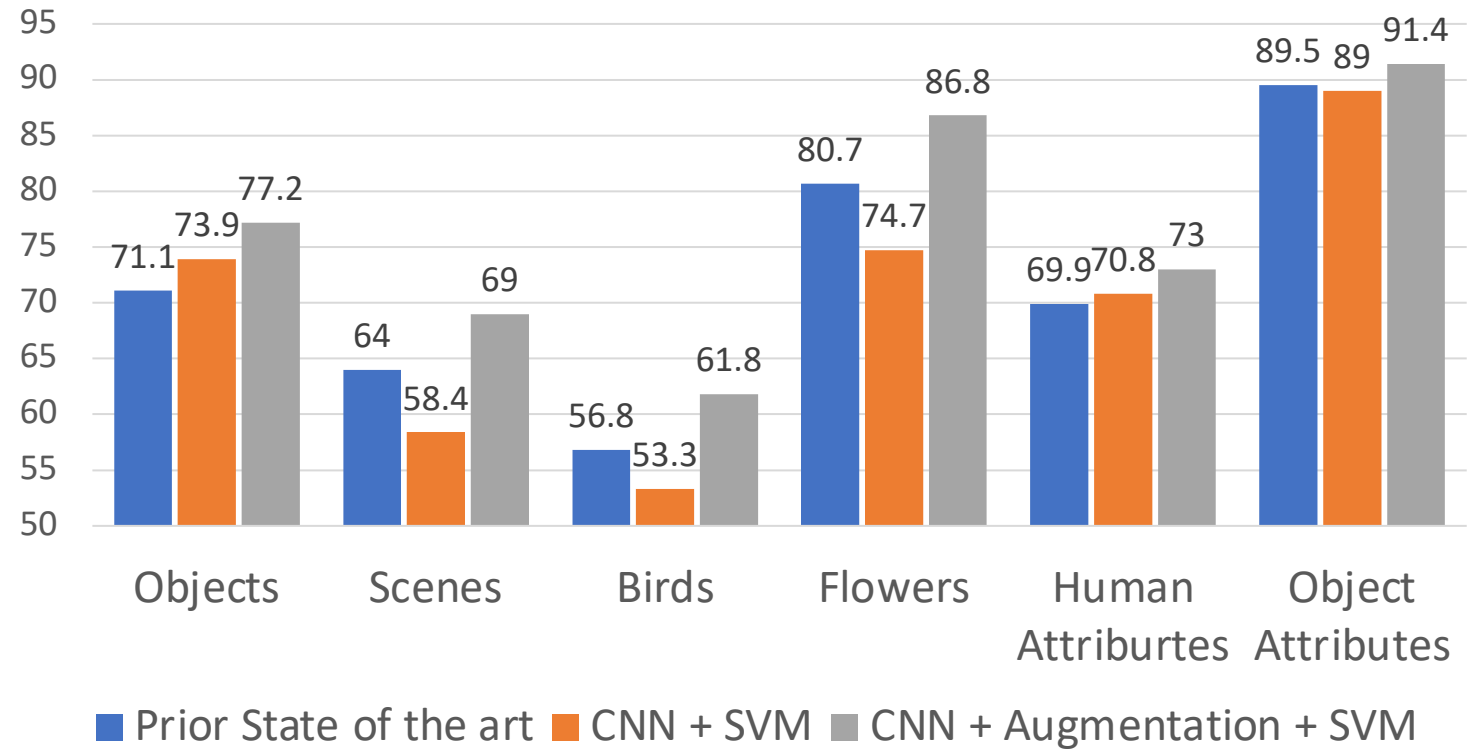


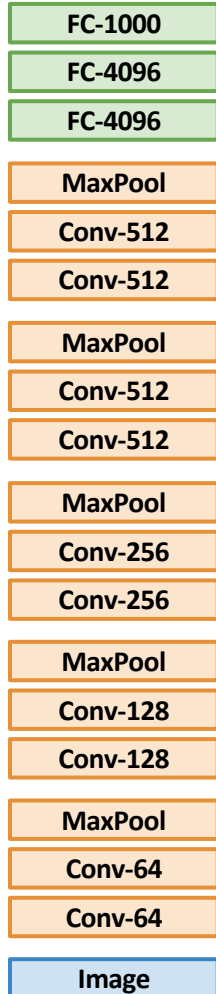
Image Classification



Razavian et al, "CNN Features Off-the-Shelf: An Astounding Baseline for Recognition", CVPR Workshops 2014

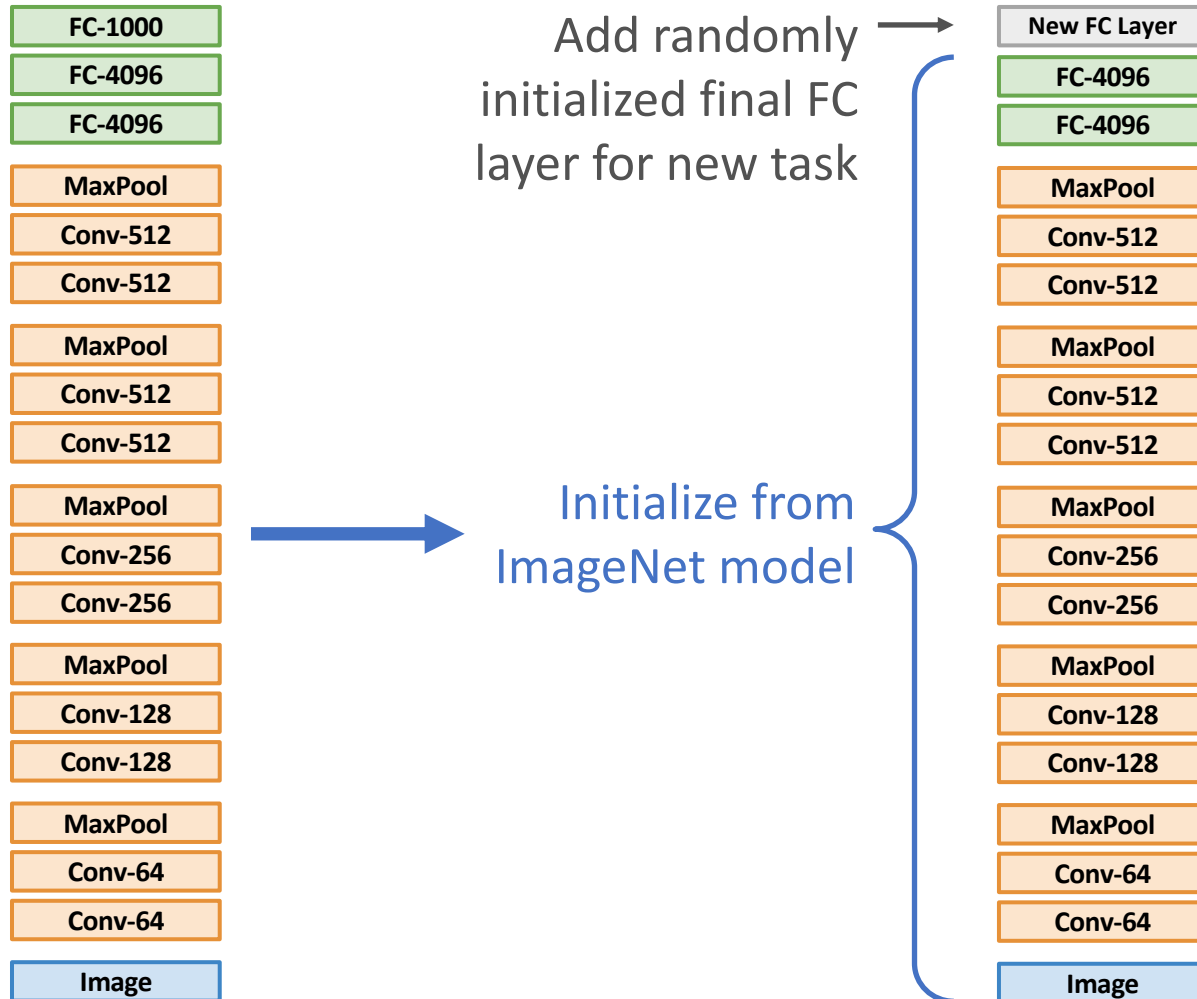
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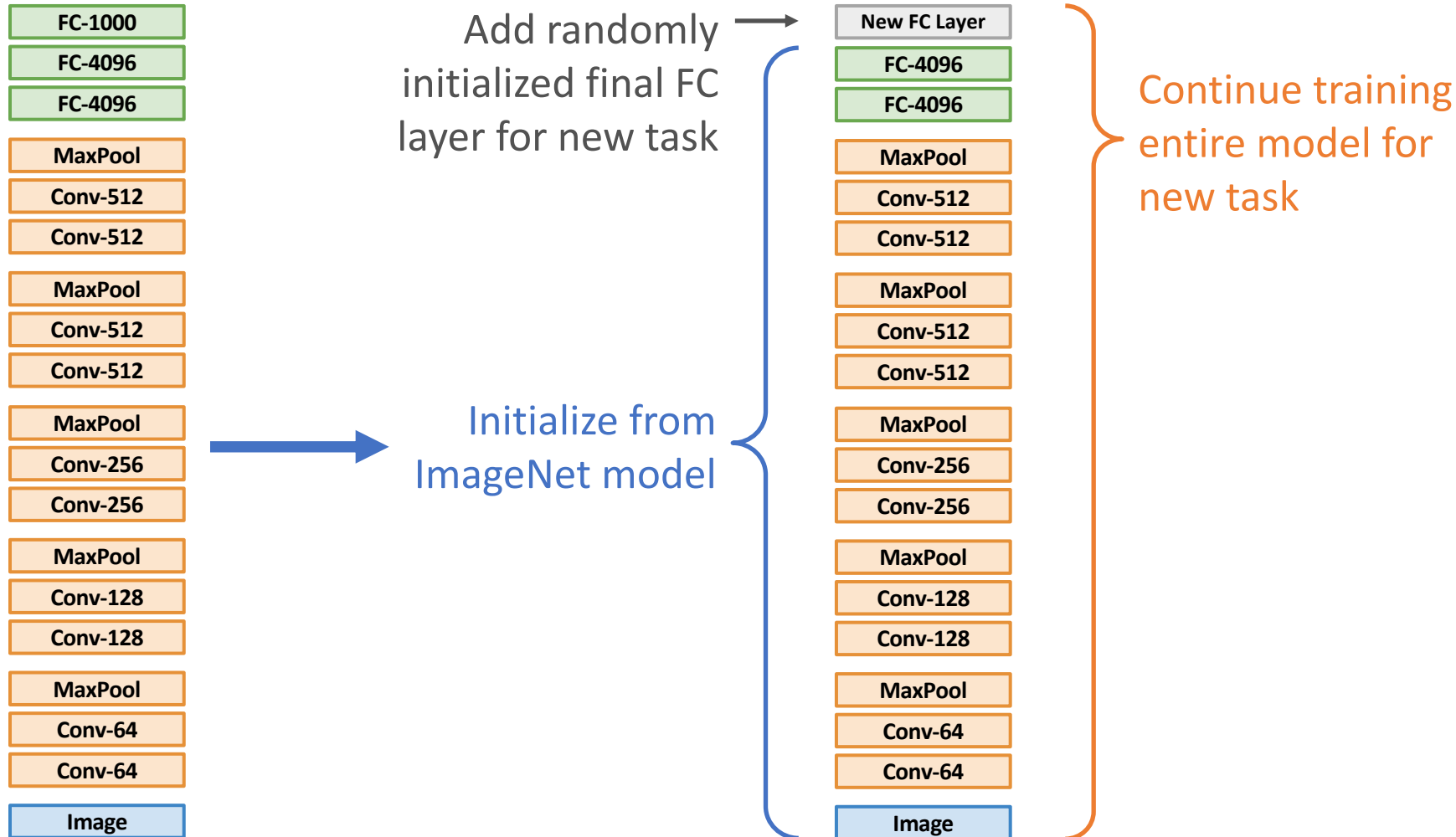
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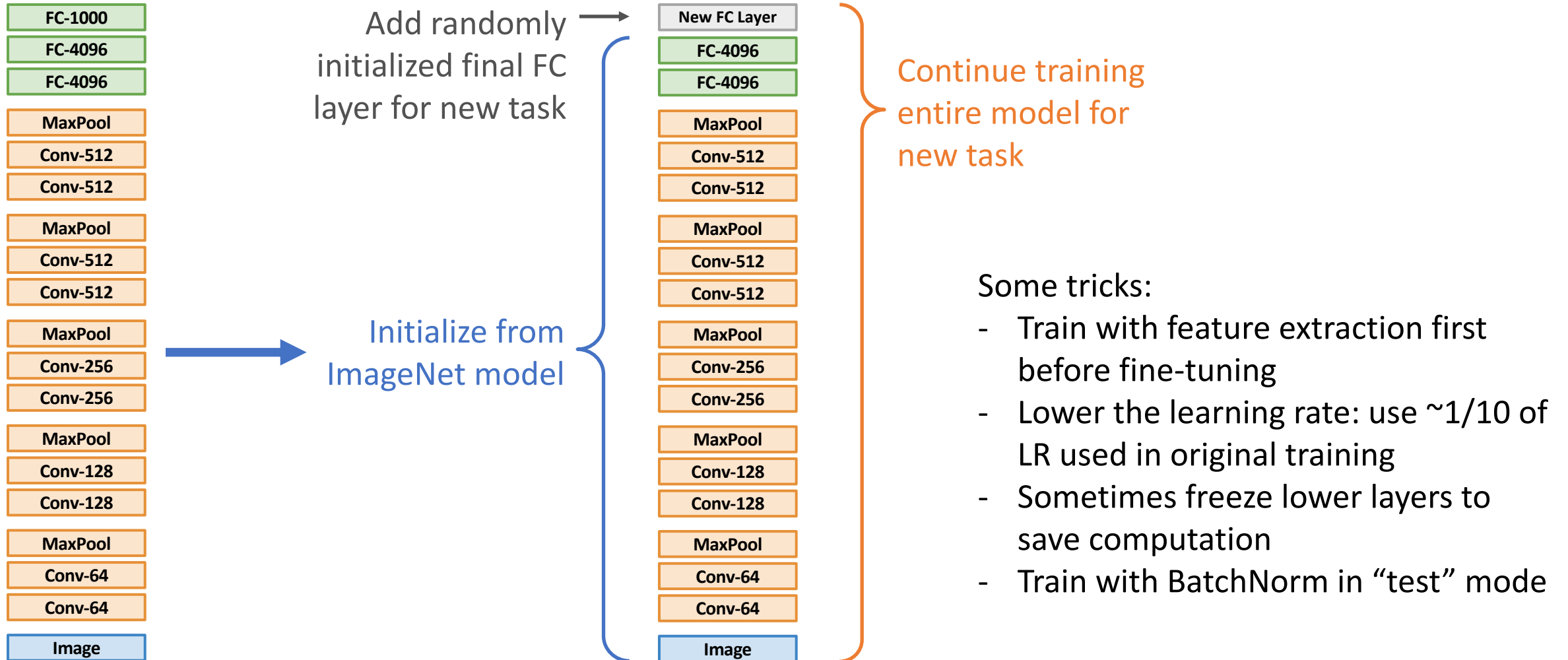
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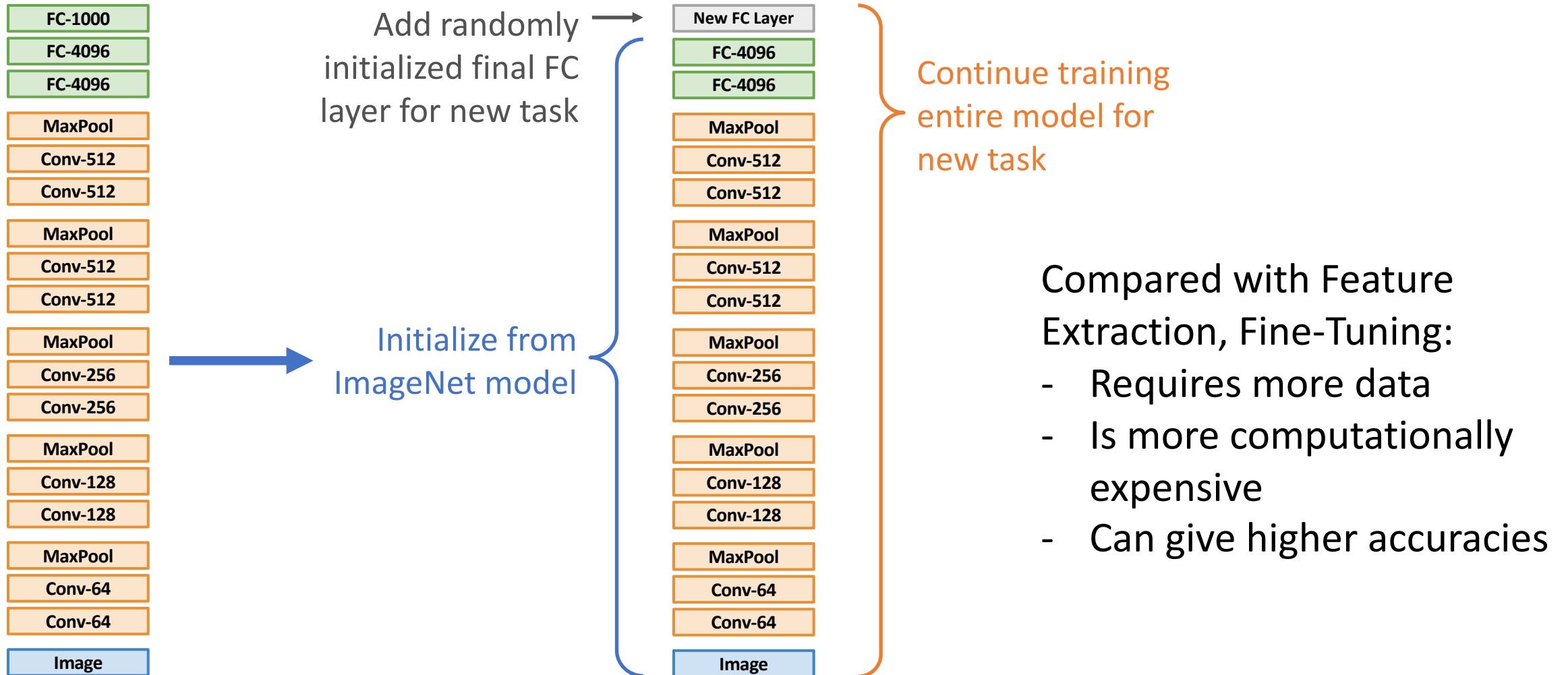
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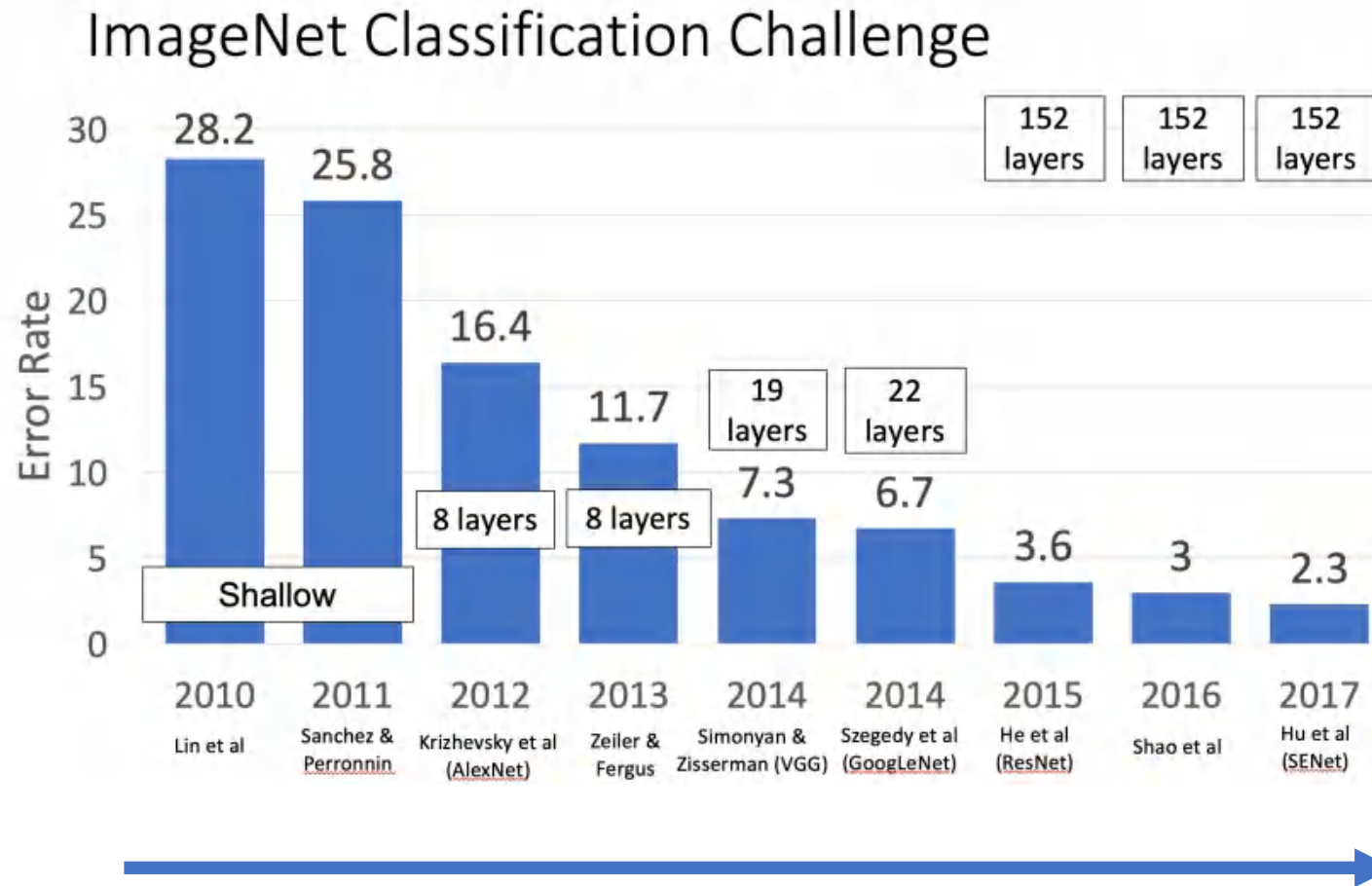


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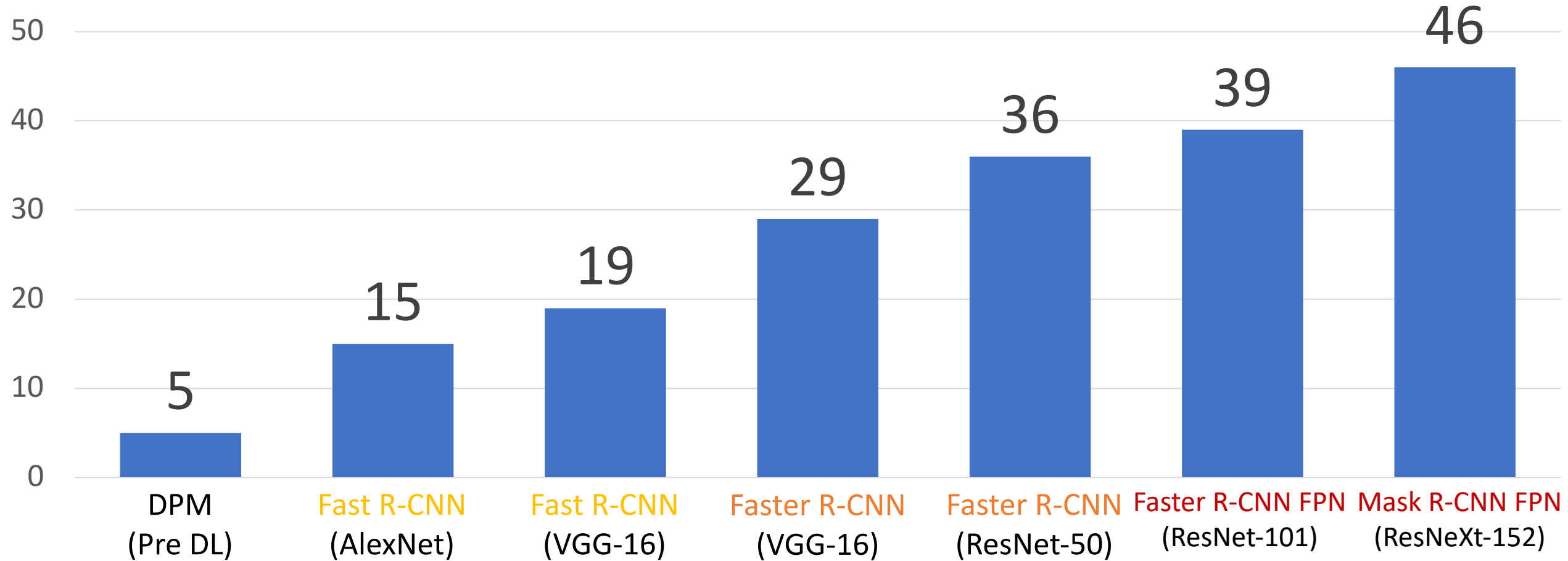
Transfer Learning: Architecture Matters!



Improvements in CNN architectures lead to improvements in many downstream tasks thanks to transfer learning!

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Object Detection on COCO

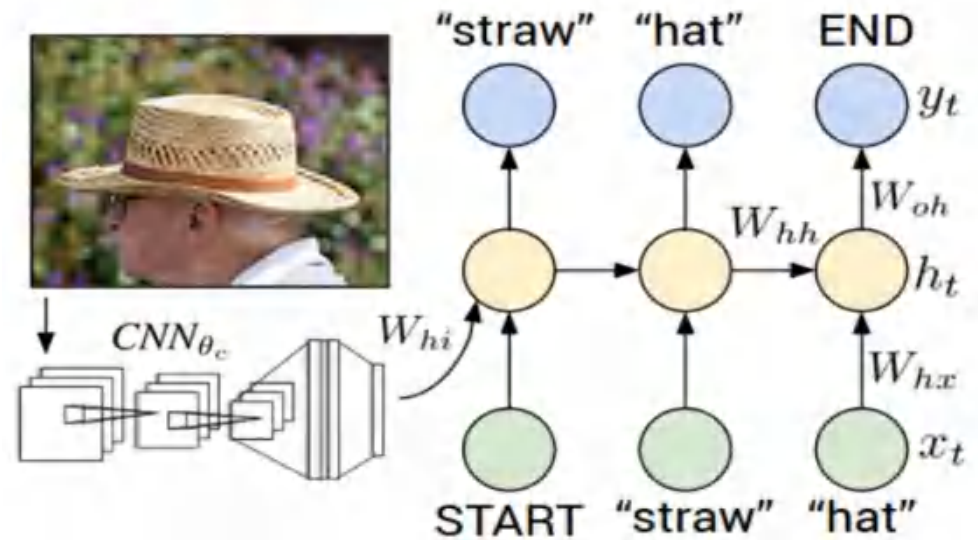
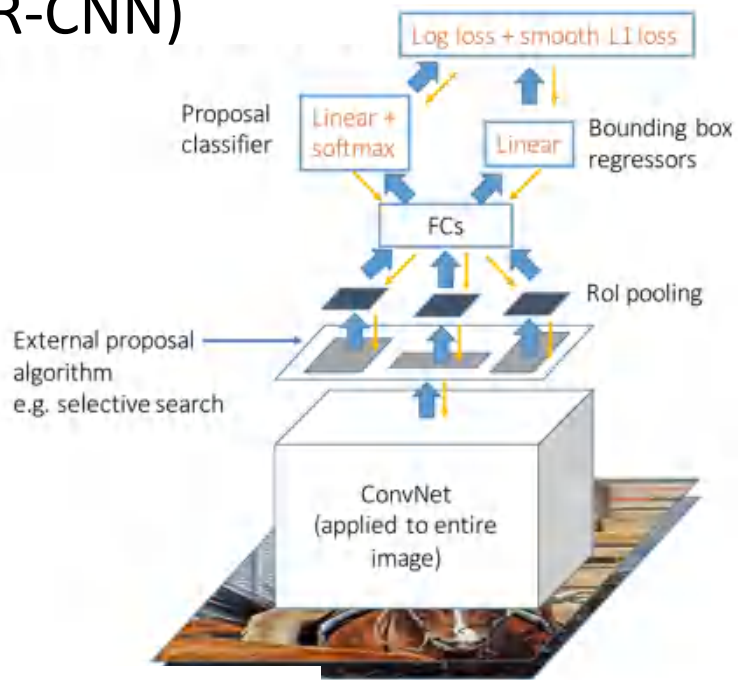


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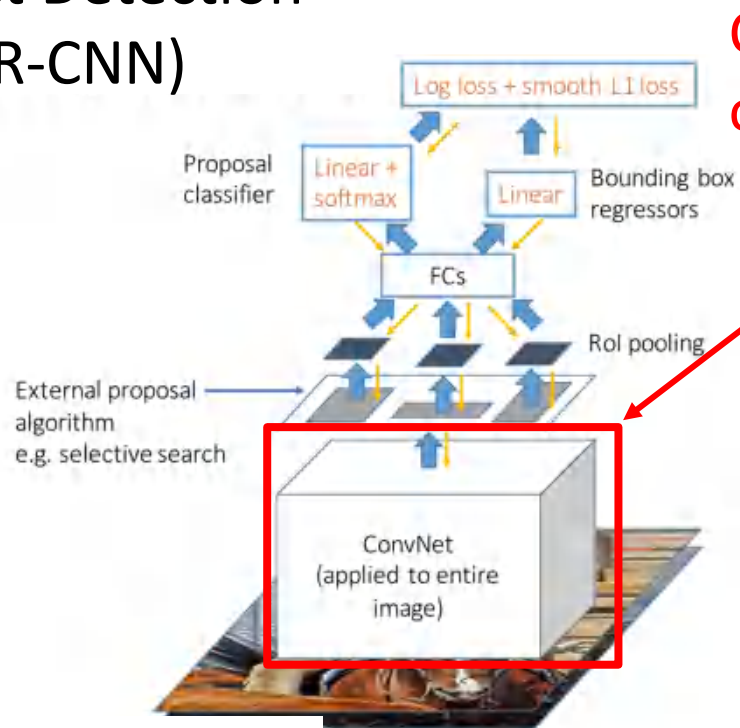
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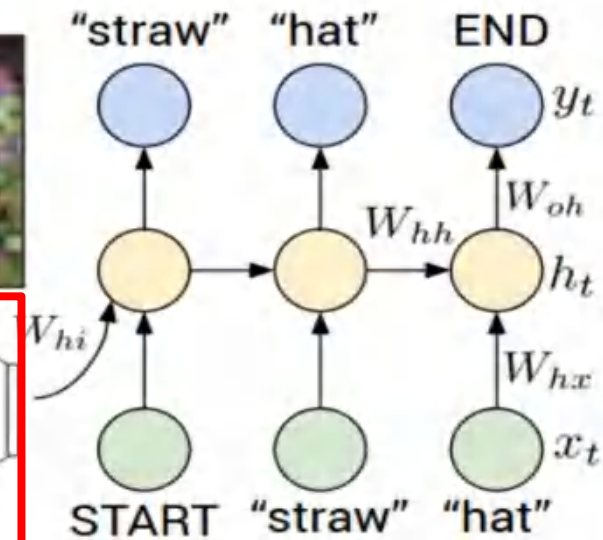
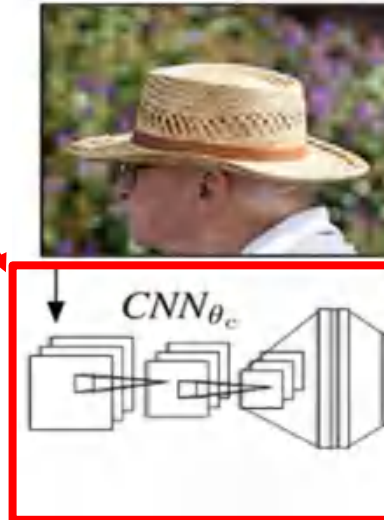


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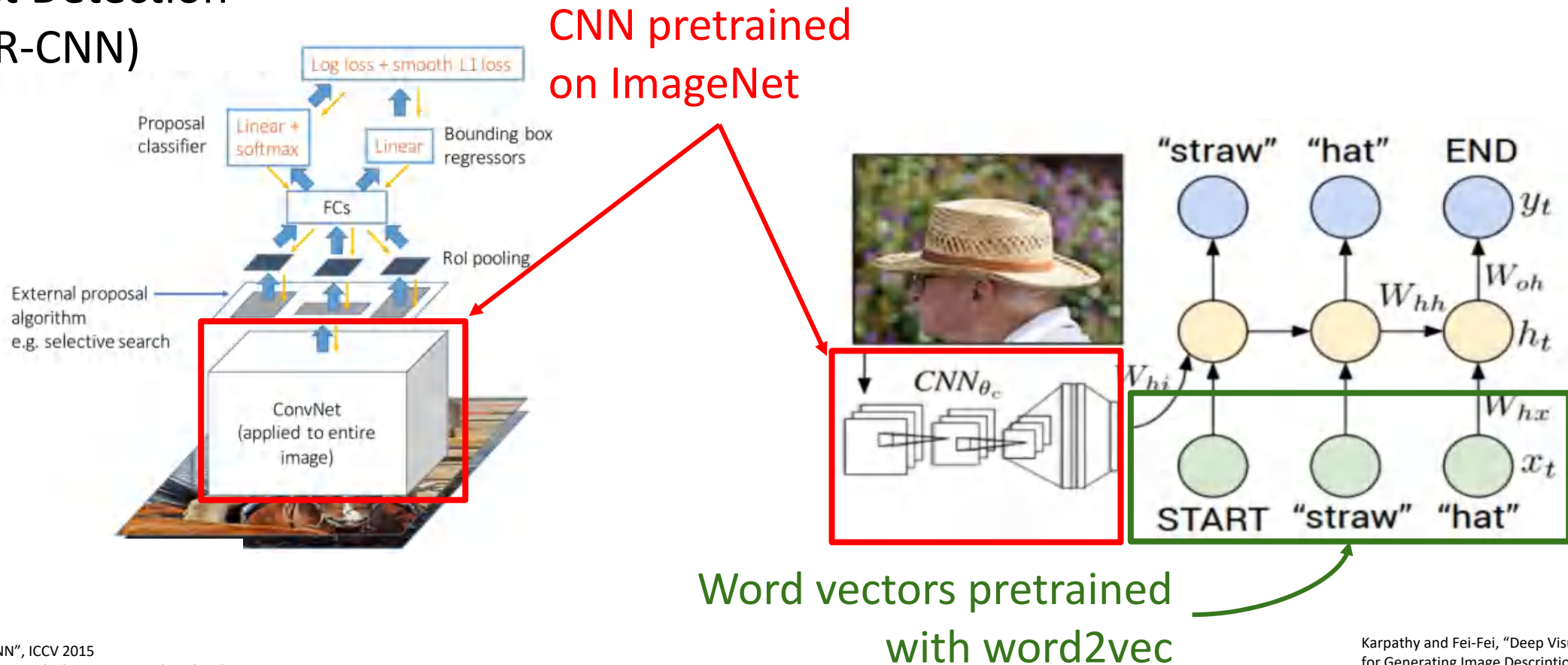


CNN pretrained
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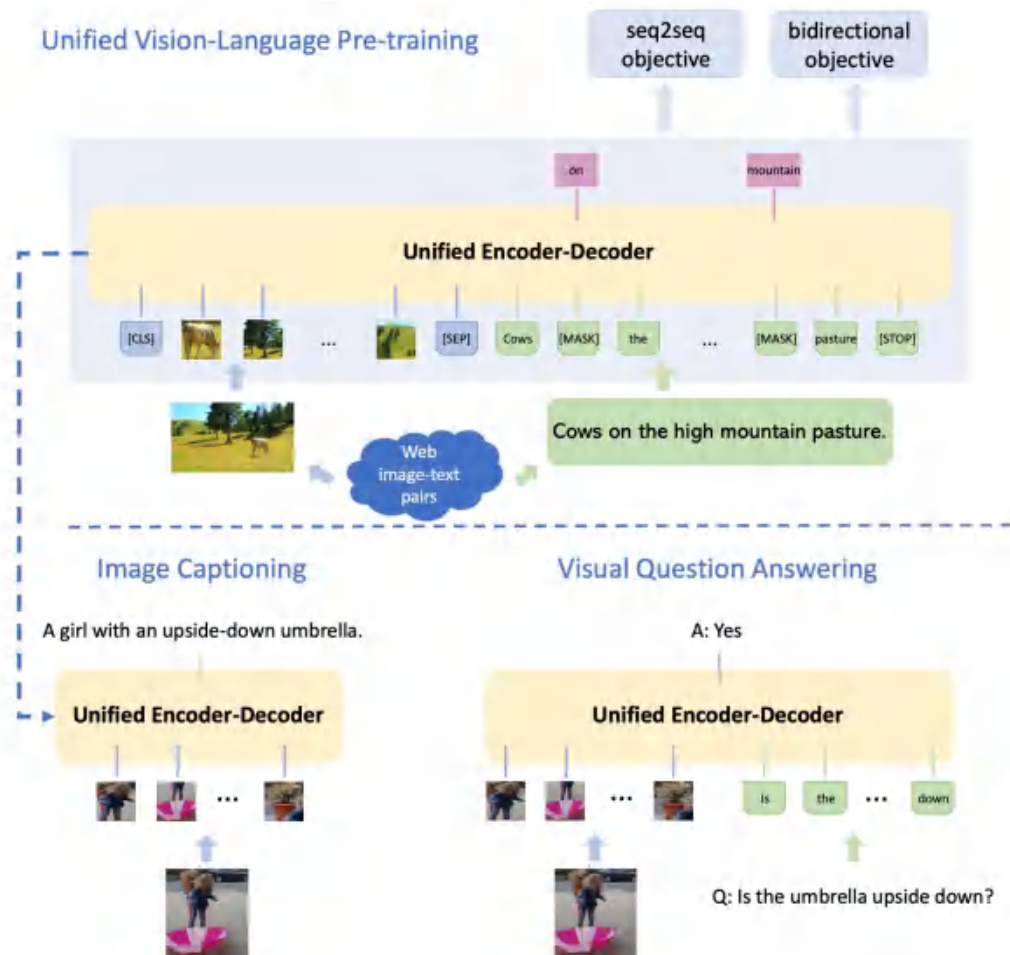


Girshick, "Fast R-CNN", ICCV 2015
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Karpathy and Fei-Fei, "Deep Visual-Semantic Alignments
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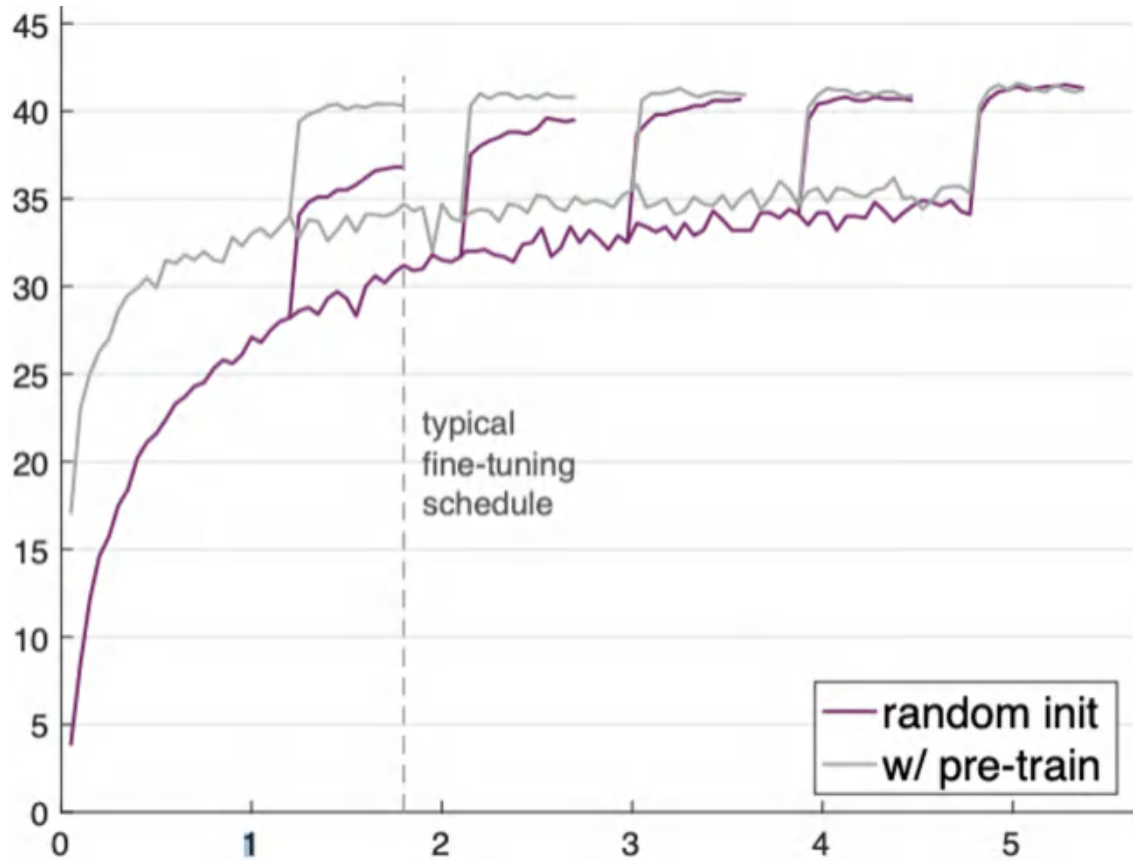


1. Train CNN on ImageNet
2. Fine-Tune (1) for object detection on Visual Genome
3. Train BERT language model on lots of text
4. Combine (2) and (3), train for joint image / language modeling
5. Fine-tune (5) for image captioning, visual question answering, etc.

Zhou et al, "Unified Vision-Language Pre-Training for Image Captioning and VQA", AAAI 2020

Transfer Learning can help you converge faster

COCO object detection



If you have enough data and train for much longer, random initialization can sometimes do as well as transfer learning

He et al, "Rethinking ImageNet Pre-Training", ICCV 2019

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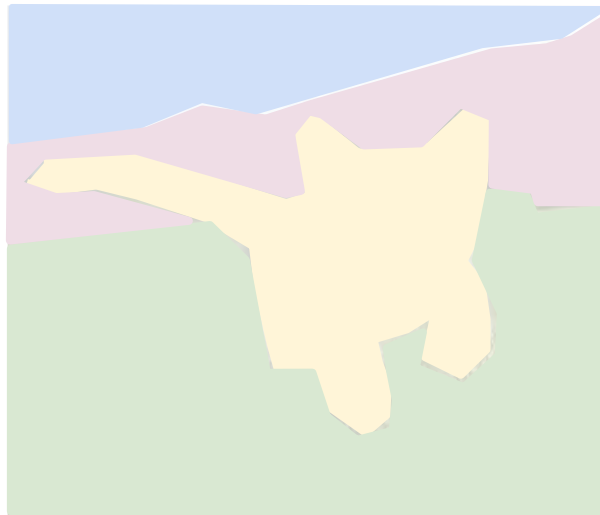
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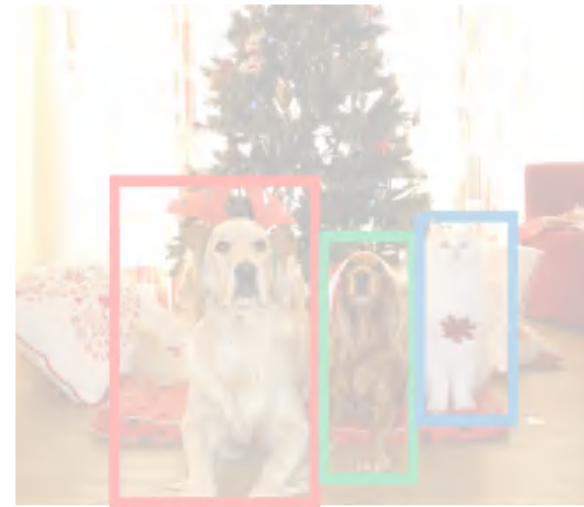
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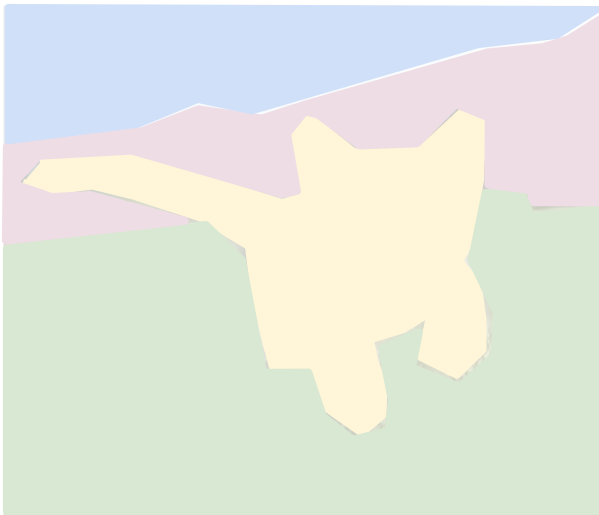
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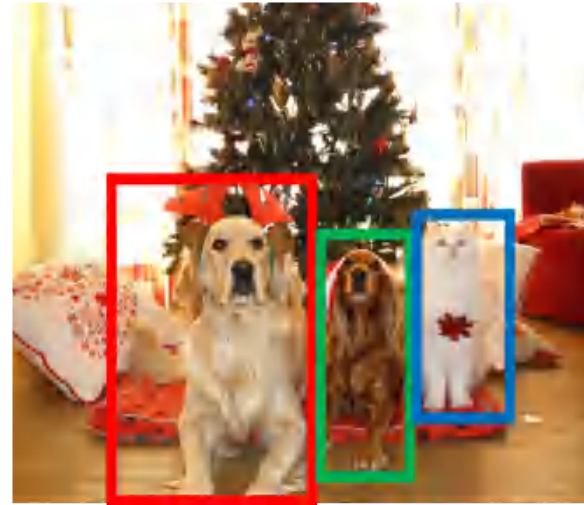
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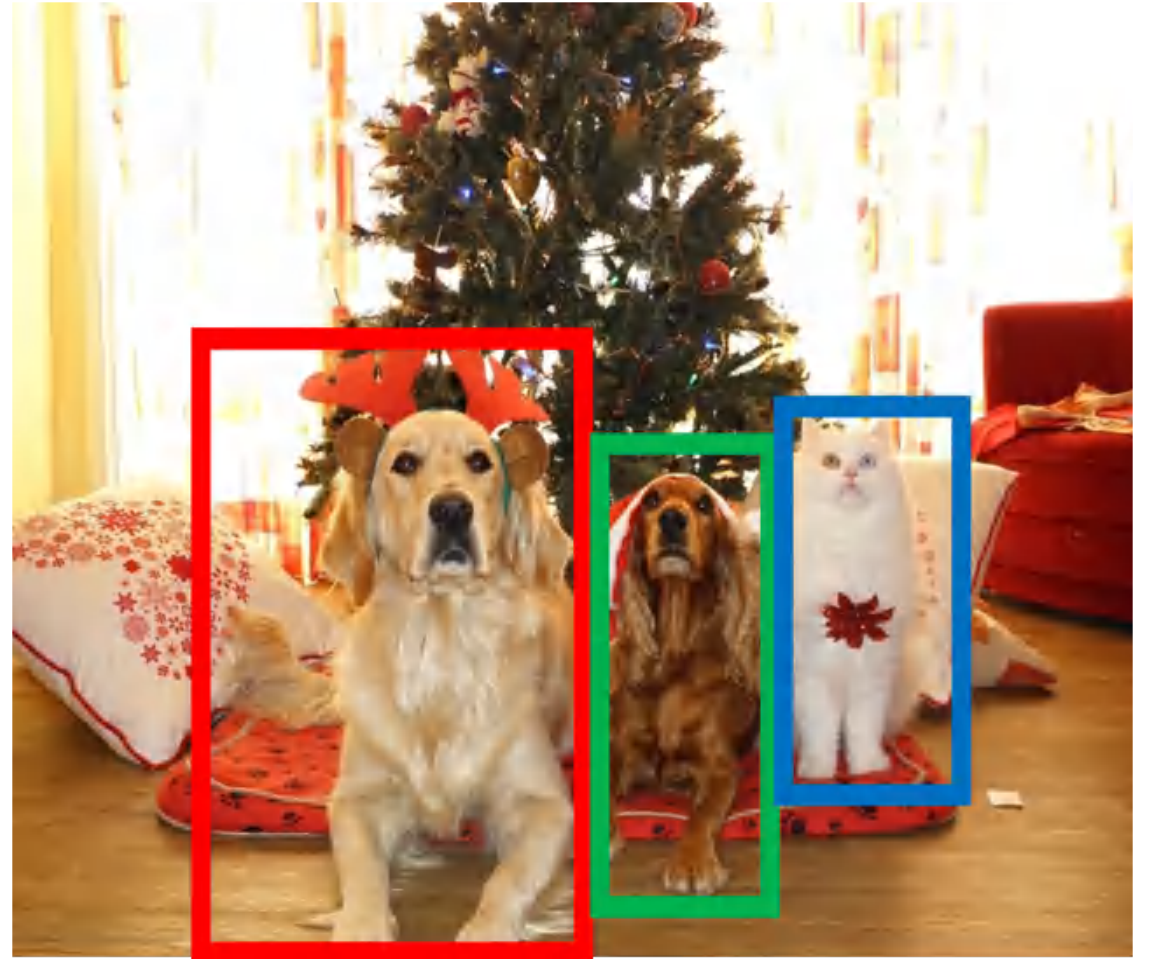
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Object Detection: Task Definition

Input: Single RGB Image

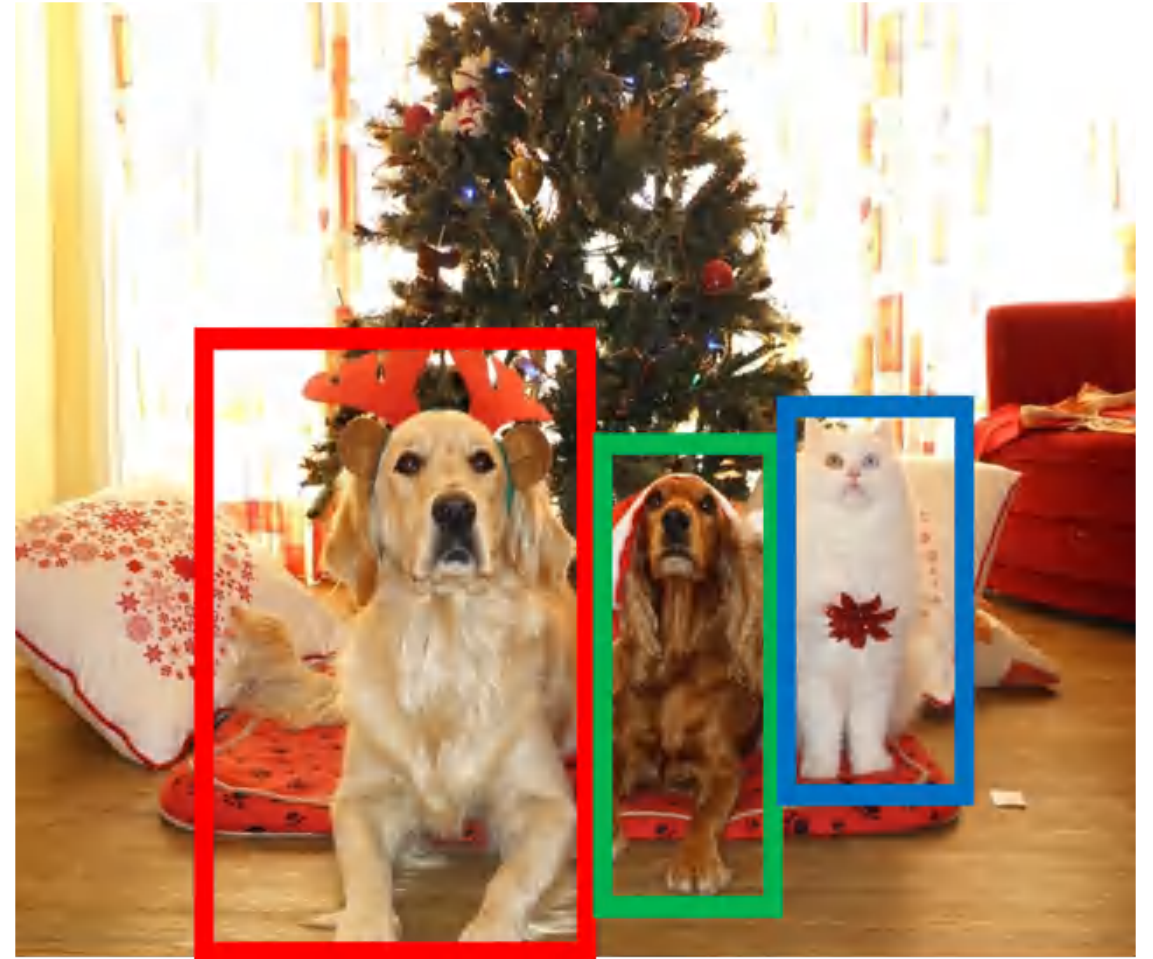
Output: A set of detected objects;
For each object predict:

1. Category label (from fixed, known set of categories)
2. Bounding box (four numbers: x, y, width, height)



Object Detection: Challenges

- **Multiple outputs:** Need to output variable numbers of objects per image
- **Multiple types of output:** Need to predict "what" (category label) as well as "where" (bounding box)
- **Large images:** Classification works at 224x224; need higher resolution for detection, often ~800x600



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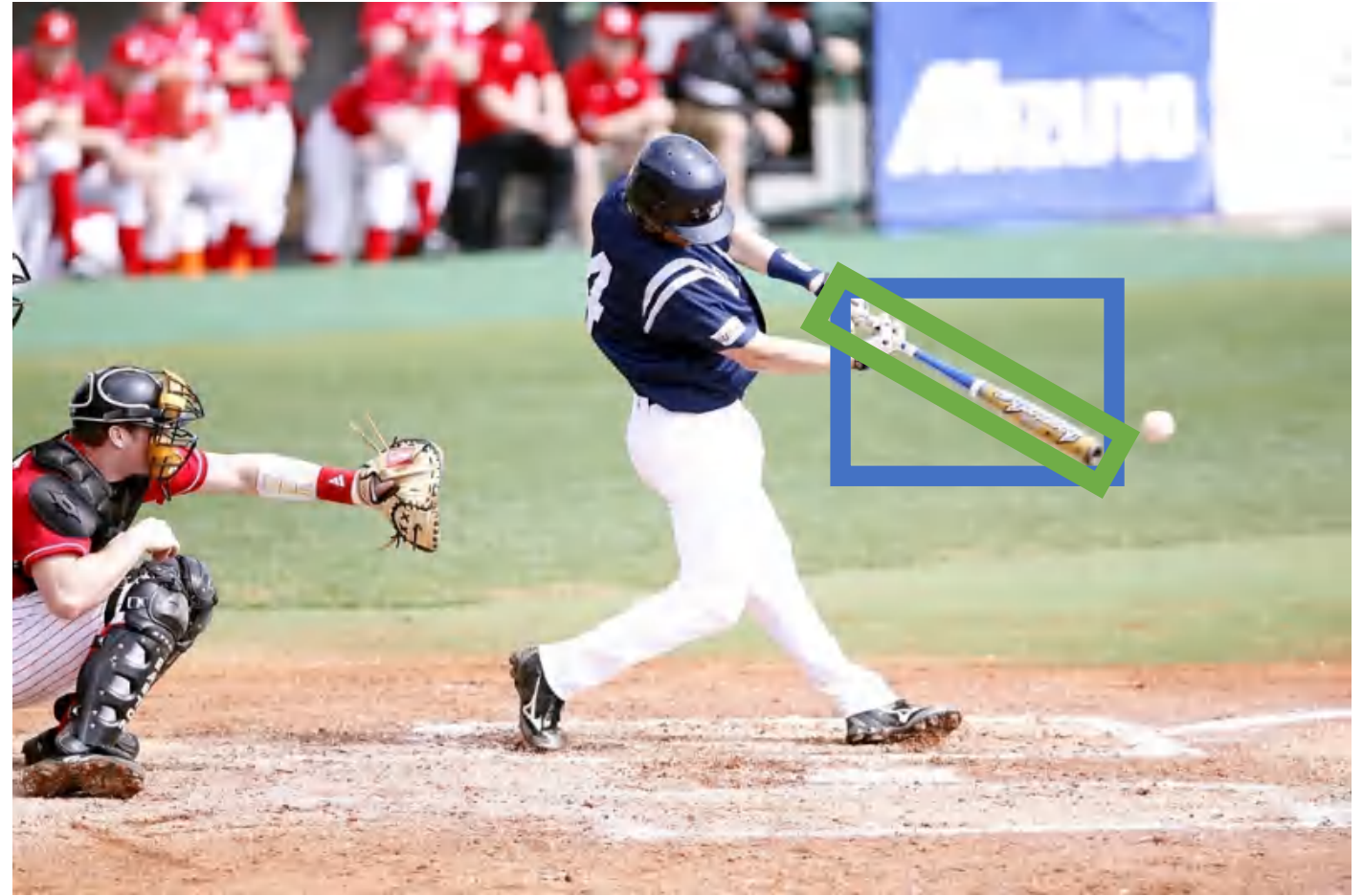
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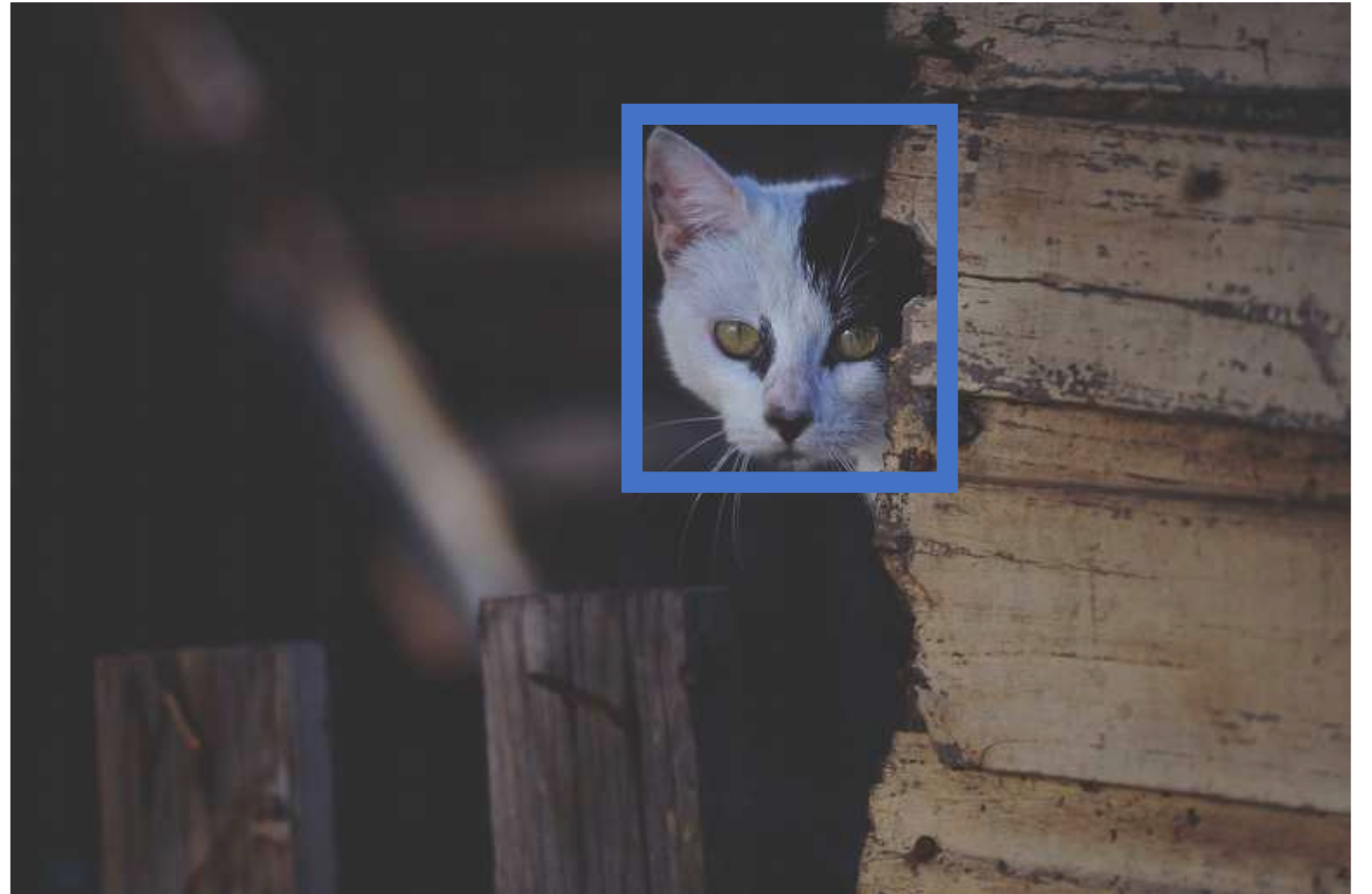
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Oriented boxes are much less common



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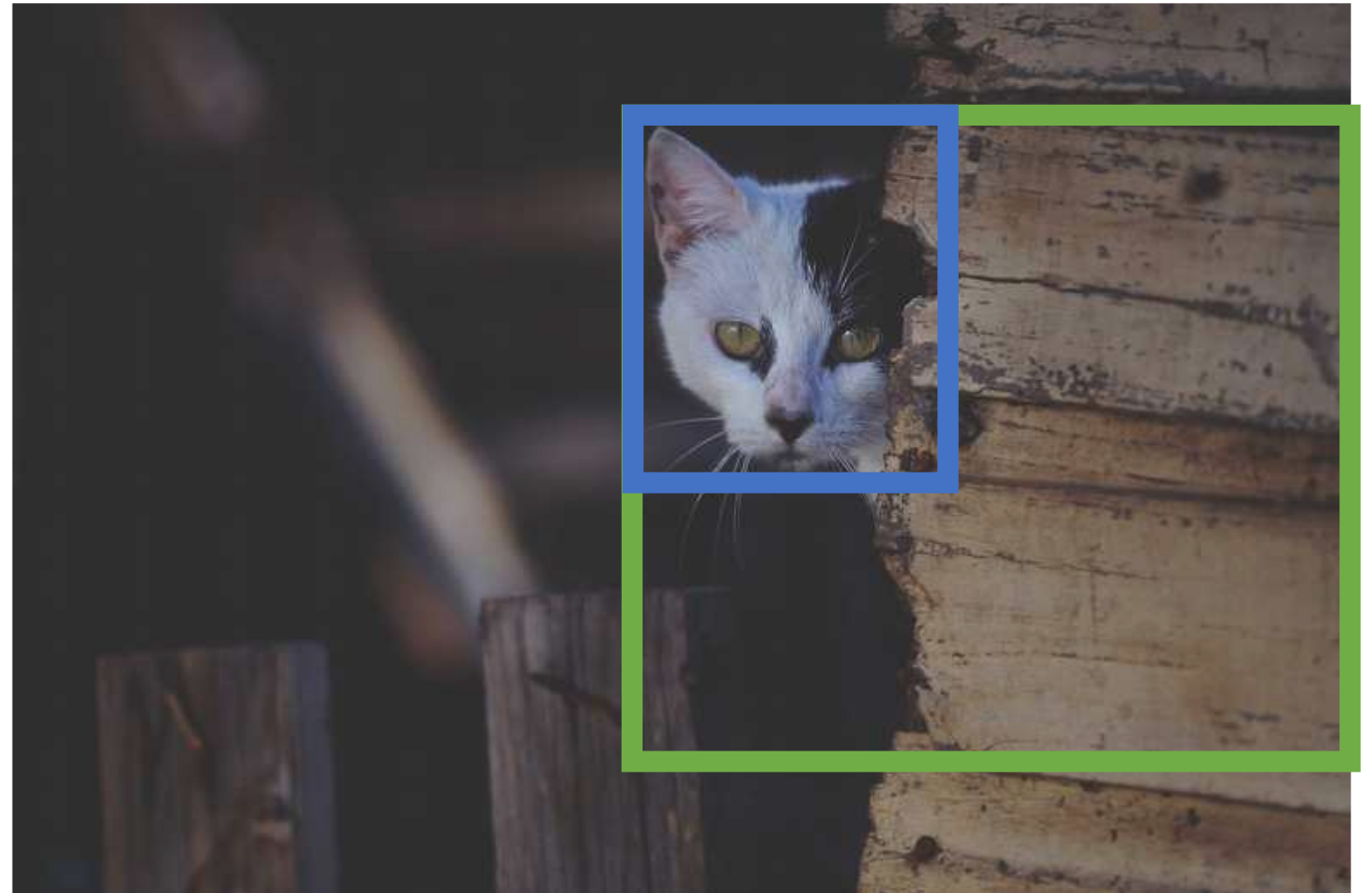
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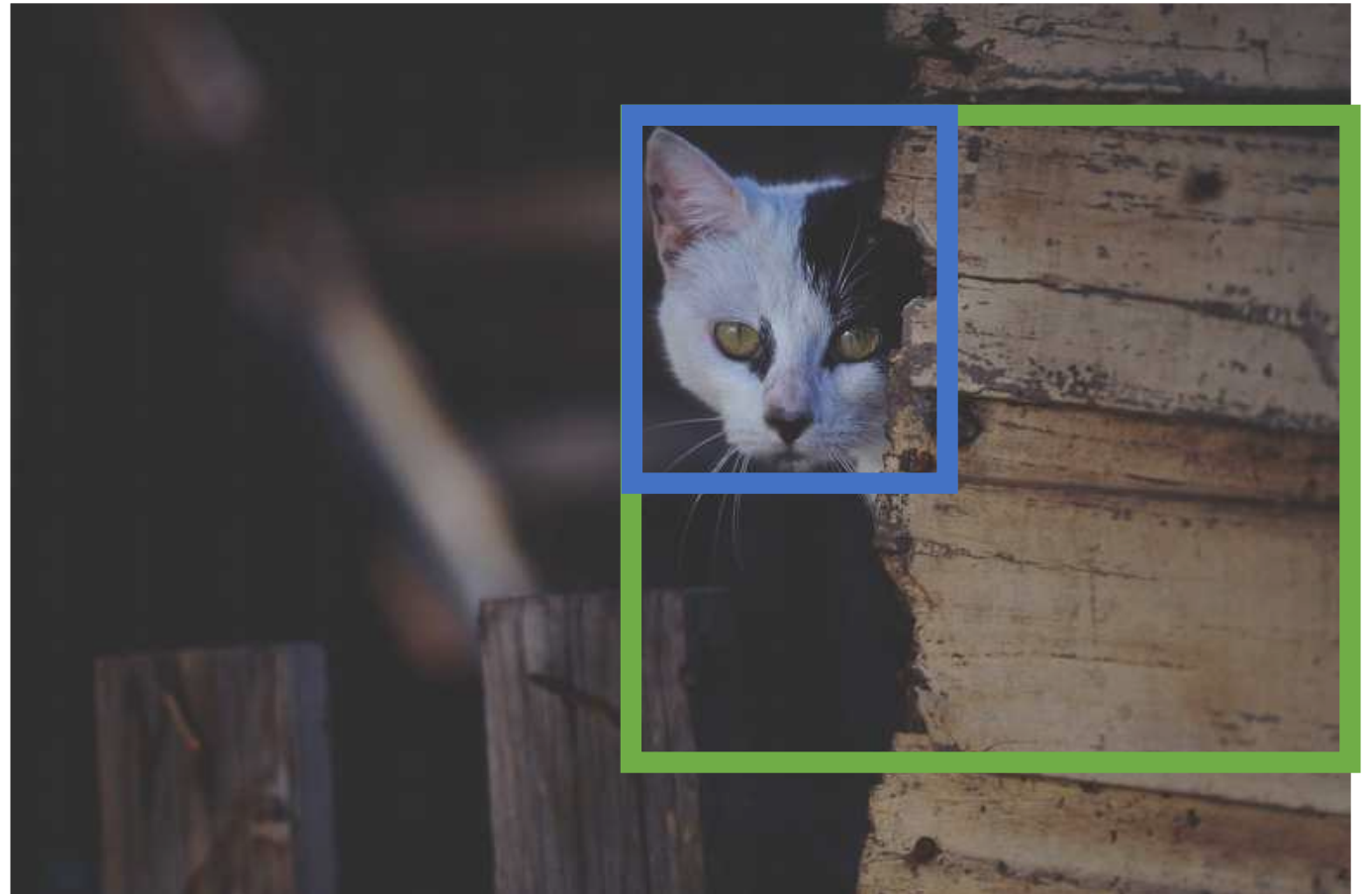
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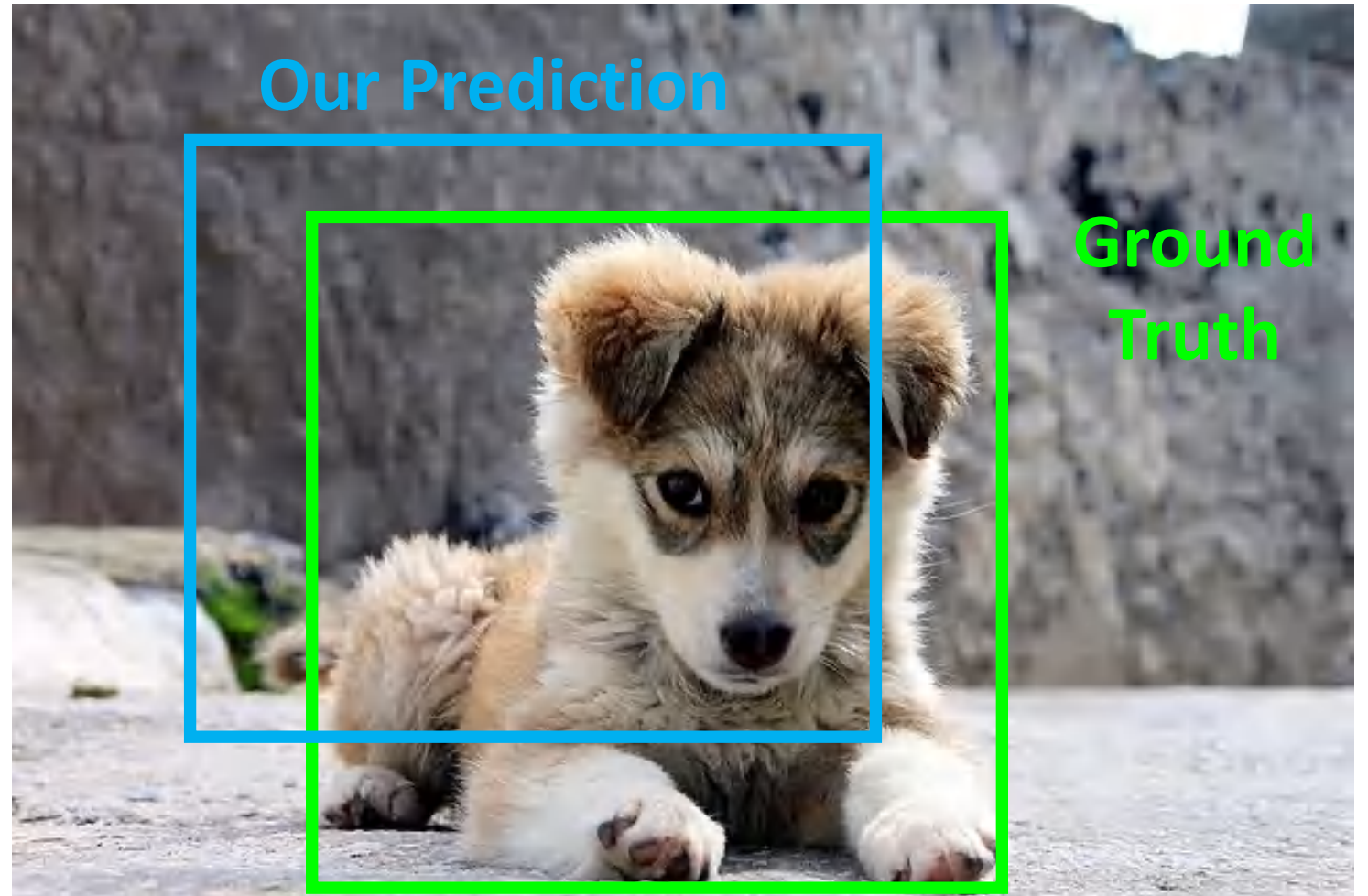


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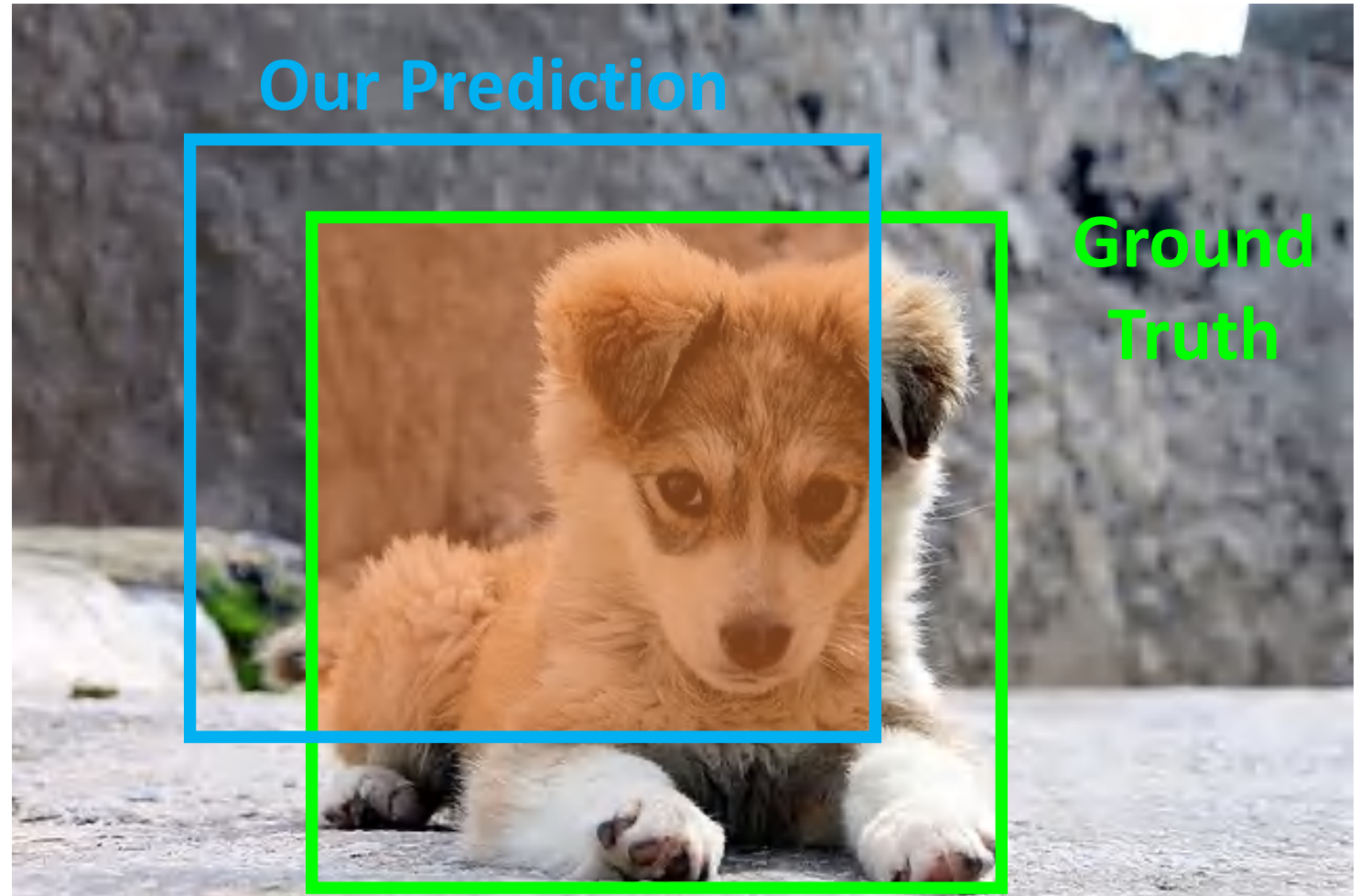
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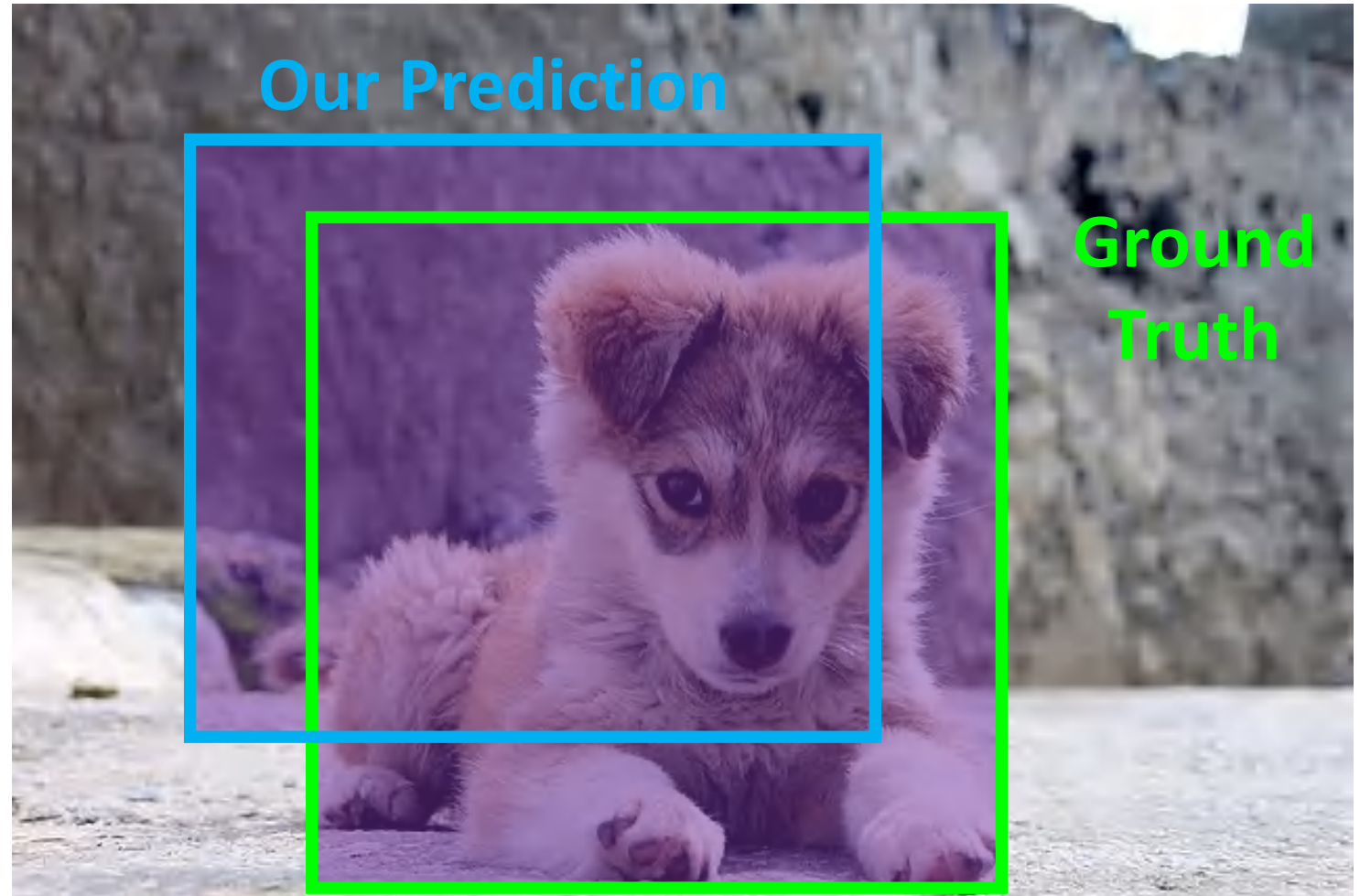
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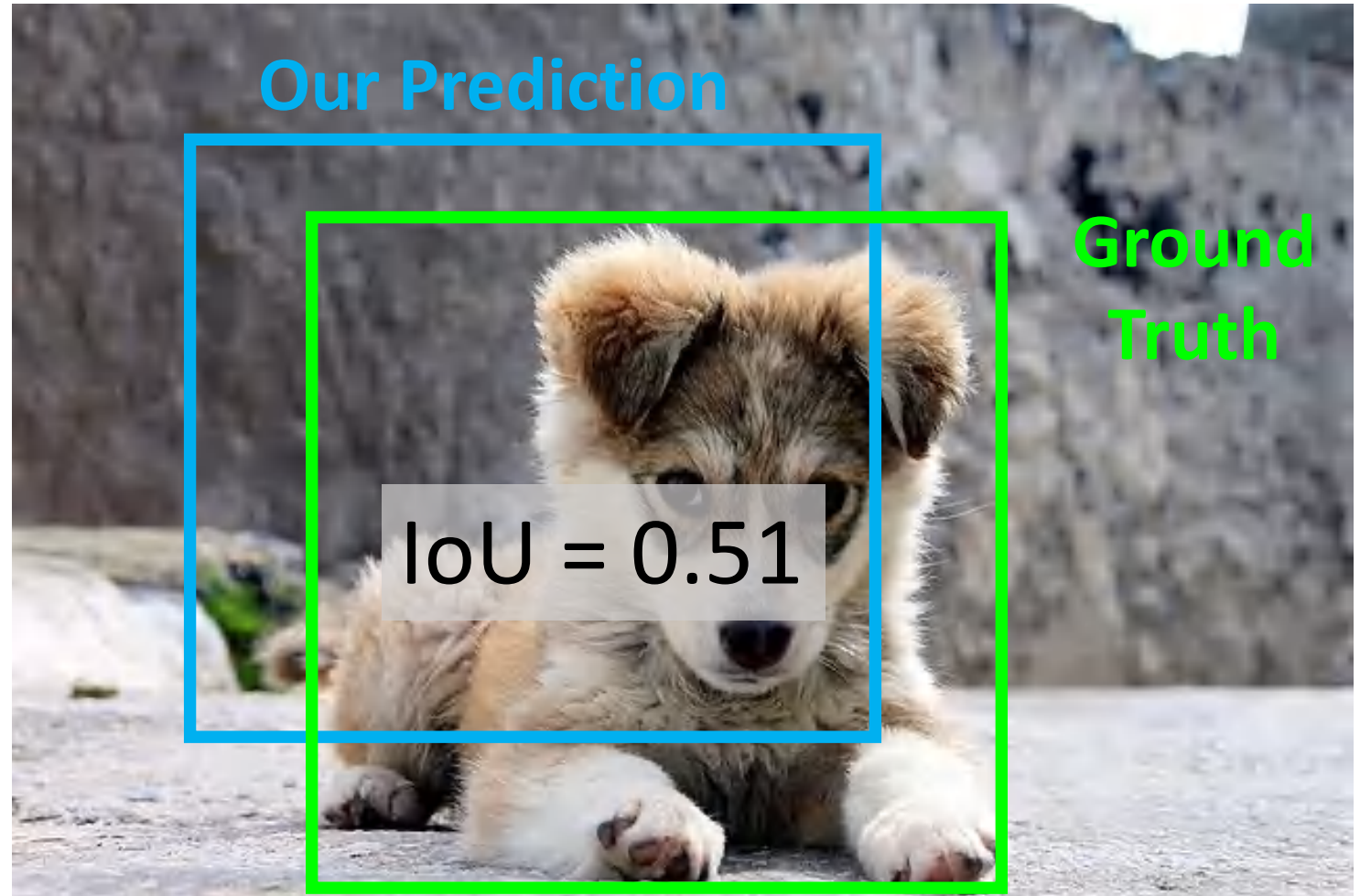
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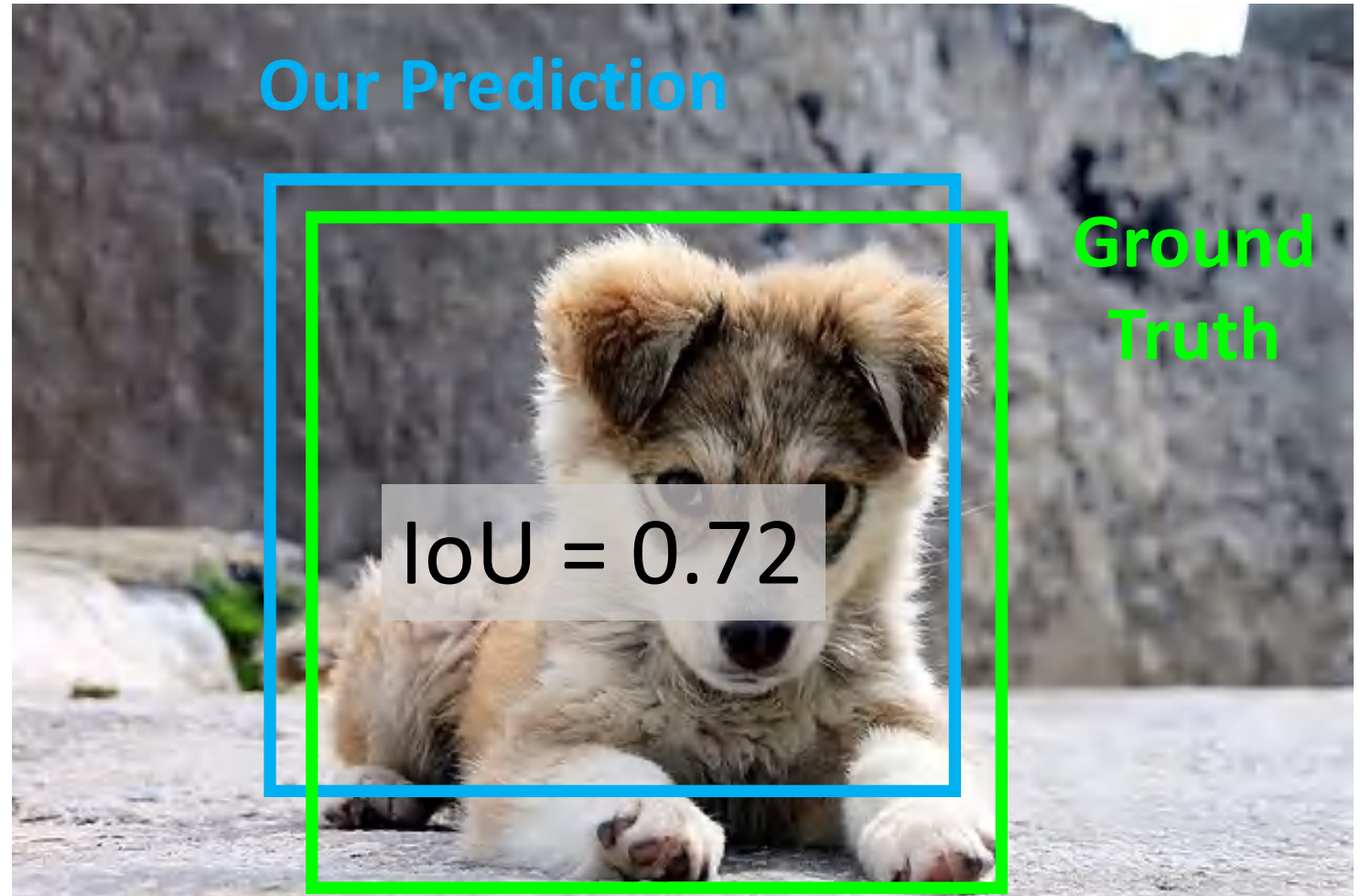
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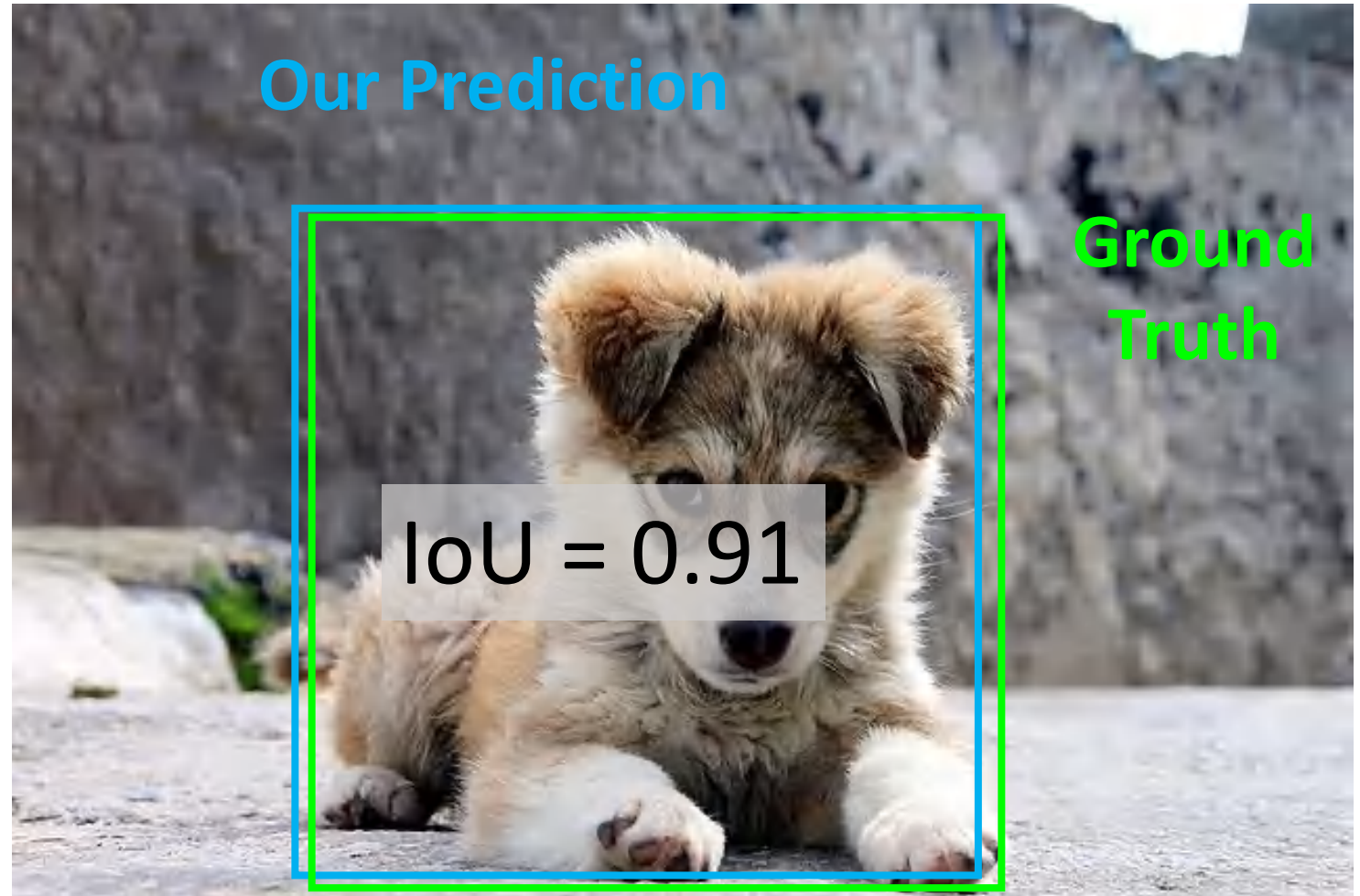
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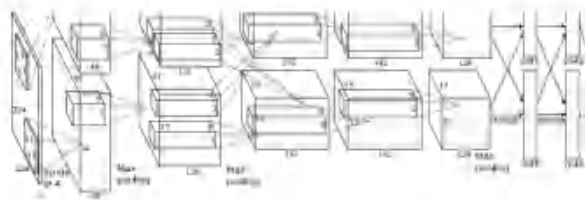


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Detecting a single object



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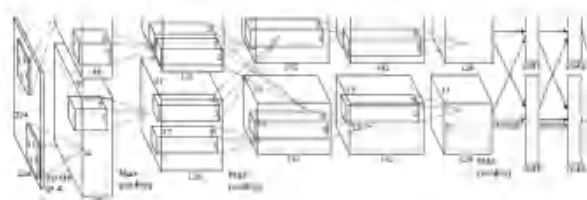
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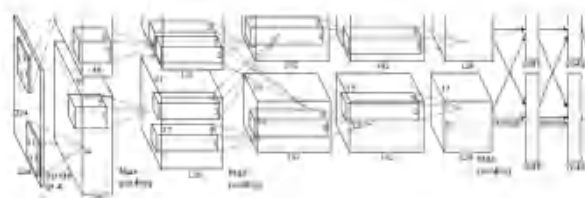
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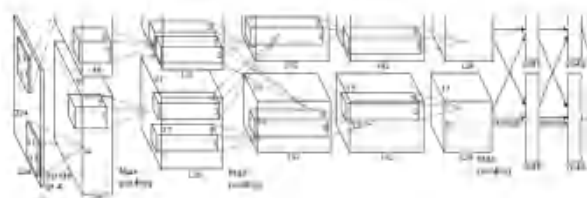
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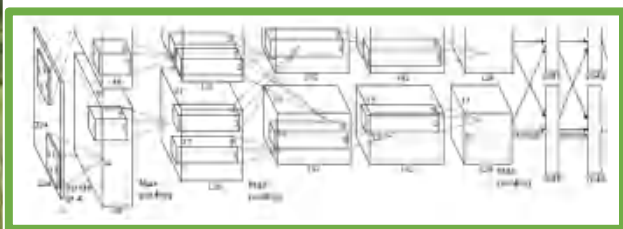
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Problem: Images can have
more than one object!



Vector:
4096

Fully
Connected:
4096 to 1000

Class Scores

Cat: 0.9
Dog: 0.05
Car: 0.01
...

Correct label:
Cat

**Softmax
Loss**

**Multitask
Loss**

**Weighted
Sum** → **Loss**

$$L = L_{cls} + \lambda L_{reg}$$

Fully
Connected:
4096 to 4

**Box
Coordinates**
(x, y, w, h)

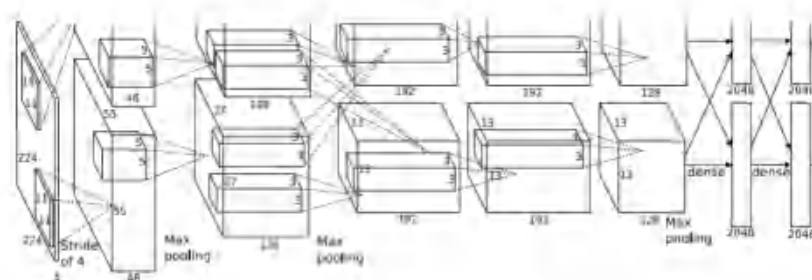
L2 Loss

Correct box:
(x', y', w', h')

“Where”

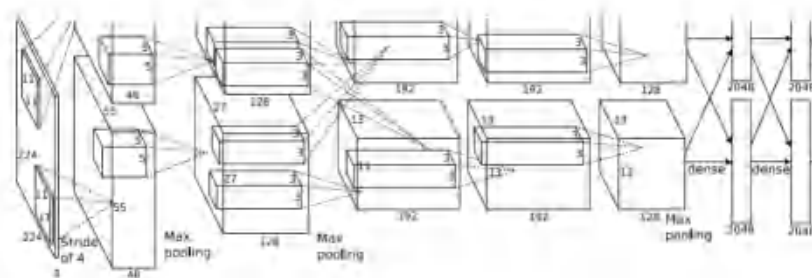
Detecting Multiple Objects

Need different numbers of outputs per image



CAT: (x, y, w, h)

4 numbers

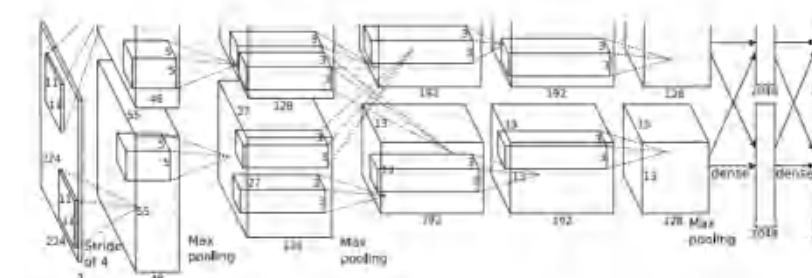


DOG: (x, y, w, h)

DOG: (x, y, w, h)

CAT: (x, y, w, h)

12 numbers



DUCK: (x, y, w, h)

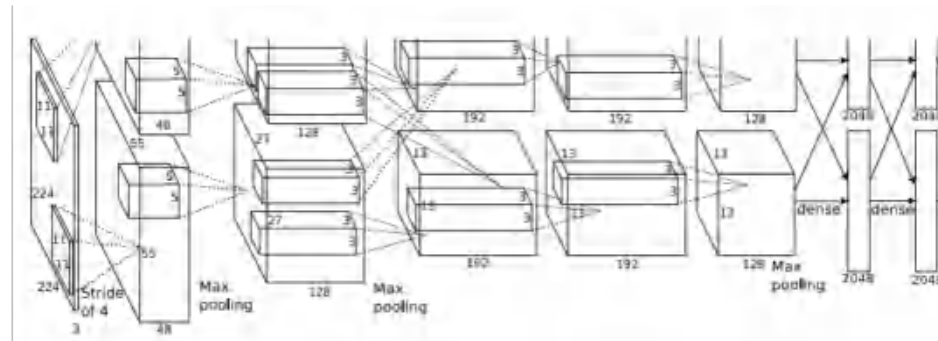
DUCK: (x, y, w, h)

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Many numbers!

Detecting Multiple Objects: Sliding Window

Apply a CNN to many different crops of the image, CNN classifies each crop as object or background



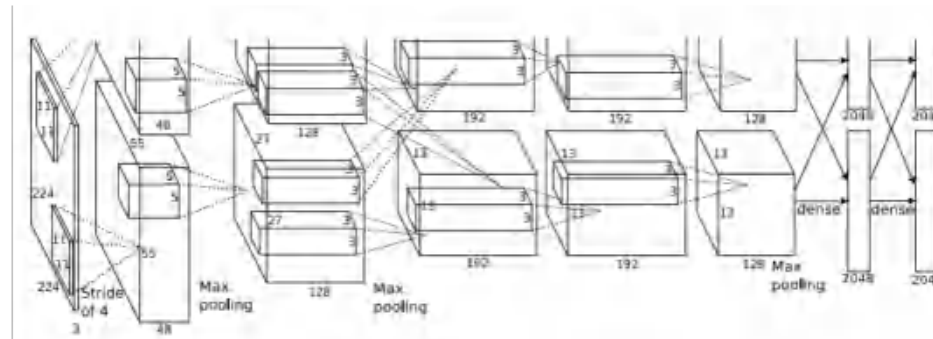
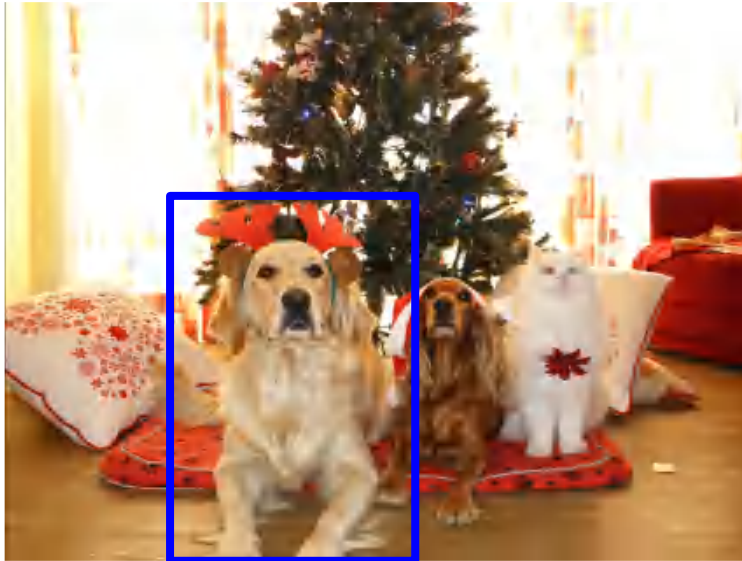
Dog? **NO**

Cat? **NO**

Background? **YES**

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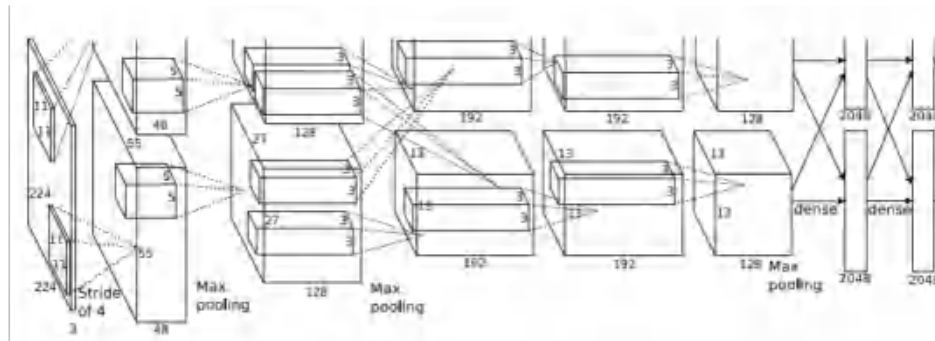
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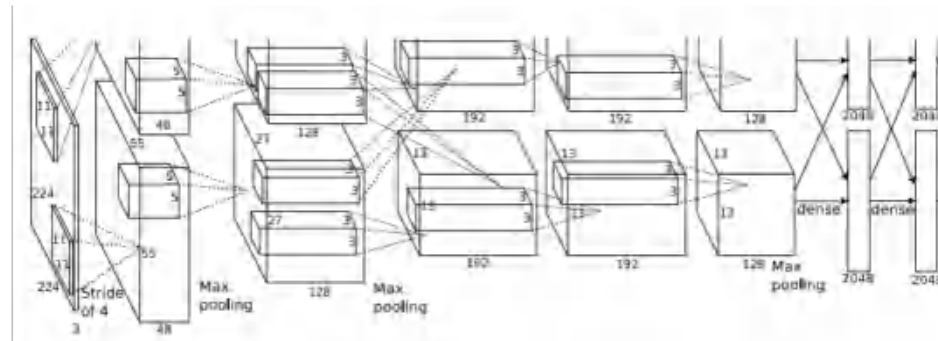
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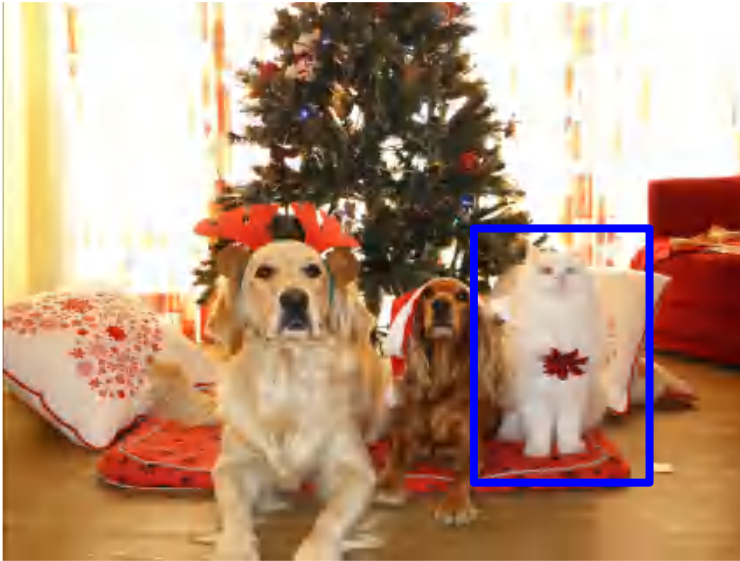
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$$= \frac{H(H + 1)}{2} \frac{W(W + 1)}{2}$$

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800 x 600 image
has ~58M boxes!
No way we can
evaluate them all



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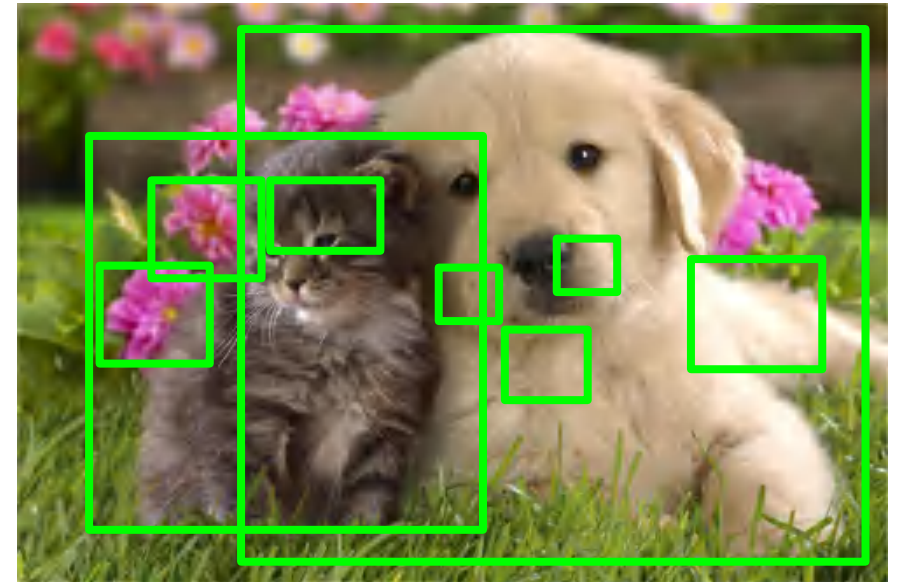
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Region Proposals

- Find a small set of boxes that are likely to cover all objects
- Often based on heuristics: e.g. look for “blob-like” image regions
- Relatively fast to run; e.g. Selective Search gives 2000 region proposals in a few seconds on CPU



Alexe et al, “Measuring the objectness of image windows”, TPAMI 2012
Uijlings et al, “Selective Search for Object Recognition”, IJCV 2013
Cheng et al, “BING: Binarized normed gradients for objectness estimation at 300fps”, CVPR 2014
Zitnick and Dollar, “Edge boxes: Locating object proposals from edges”, ECCV 2014

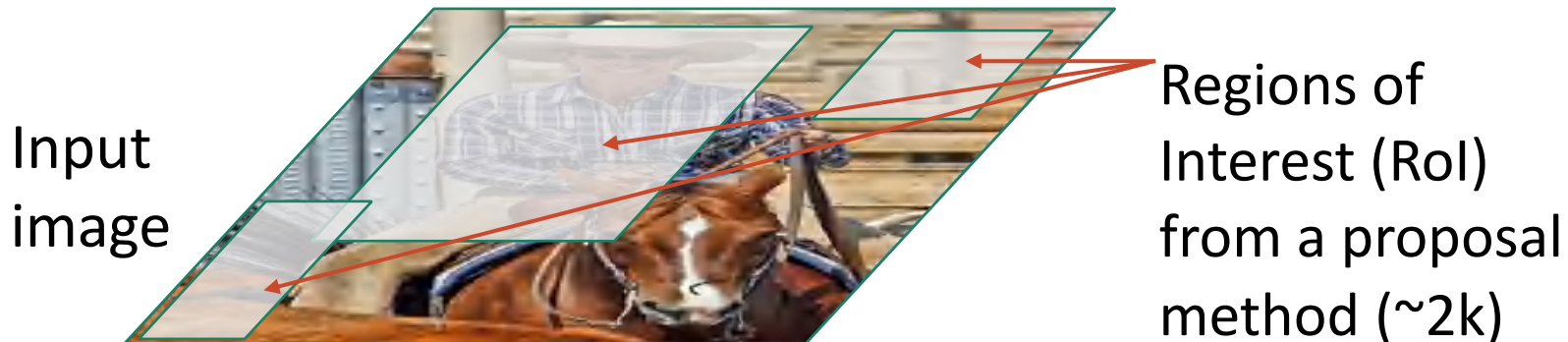
R-CNN: Region-Based CNN

Input
image



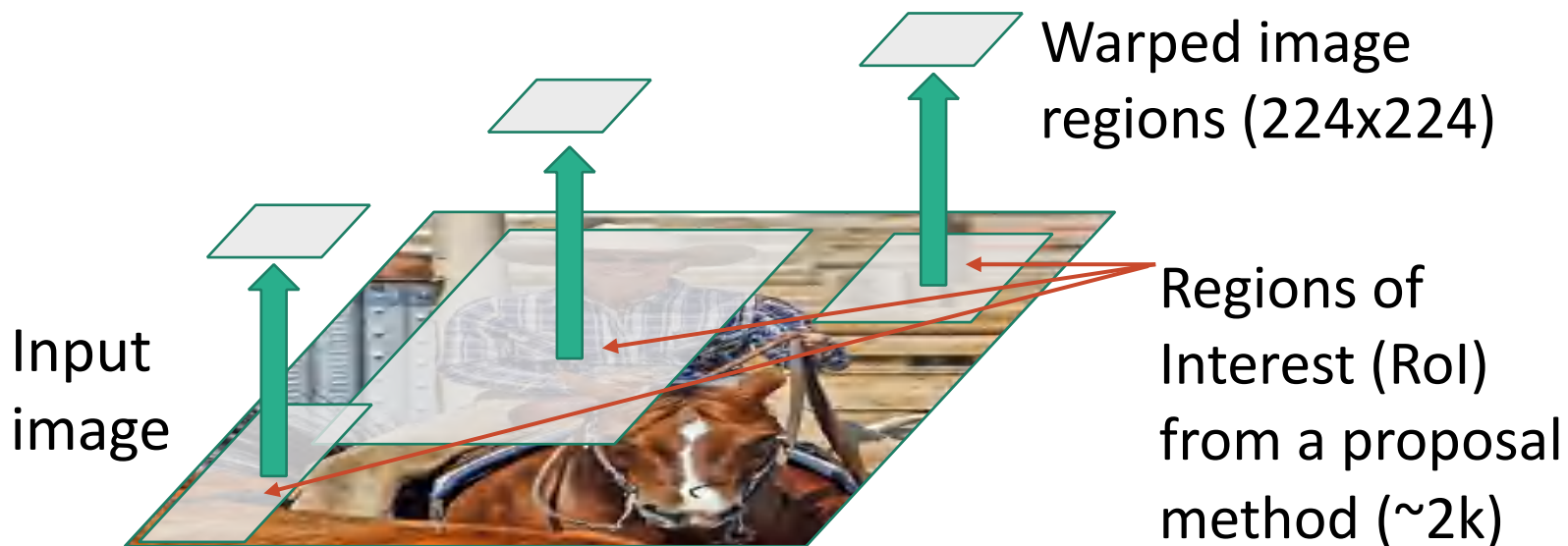
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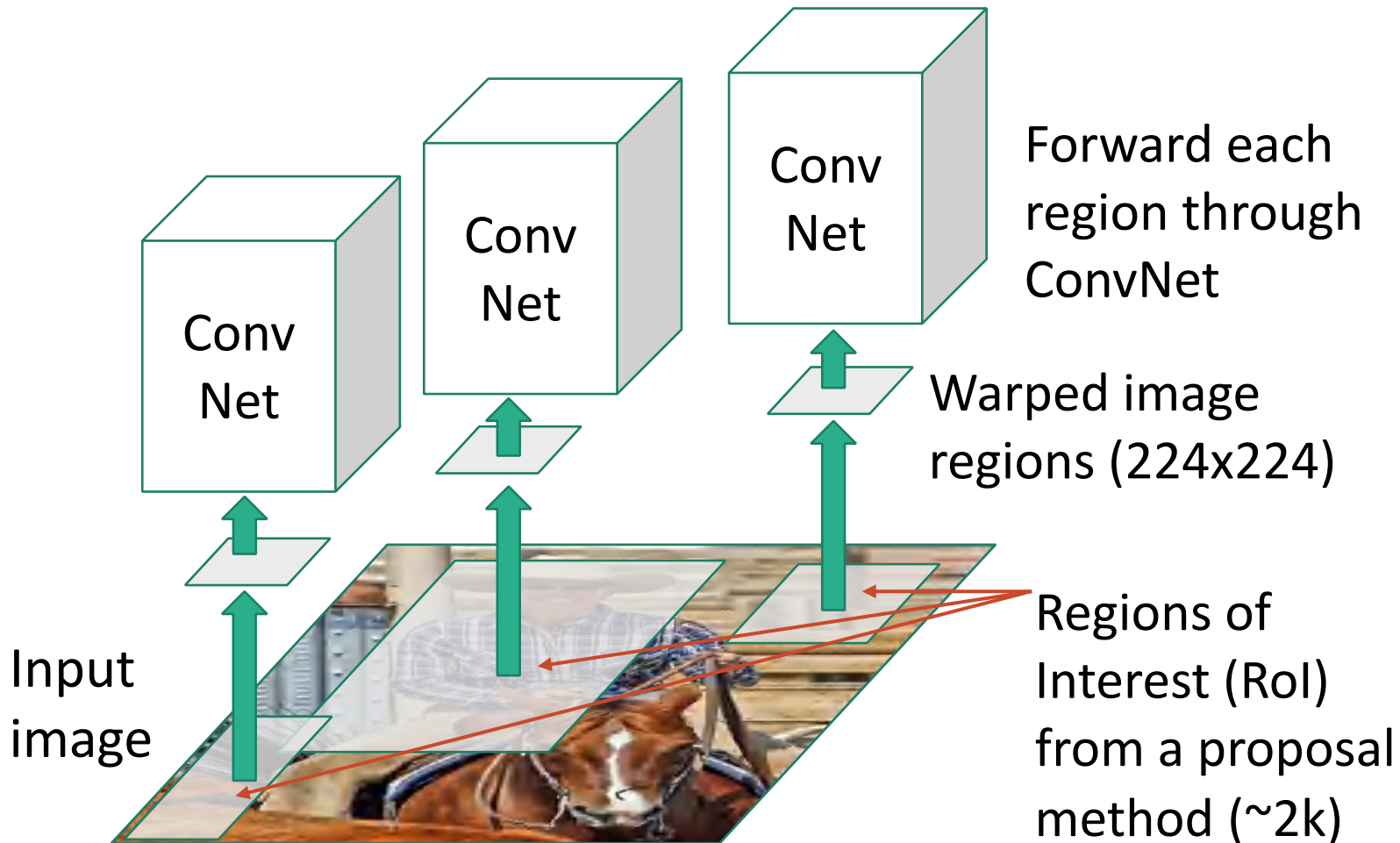
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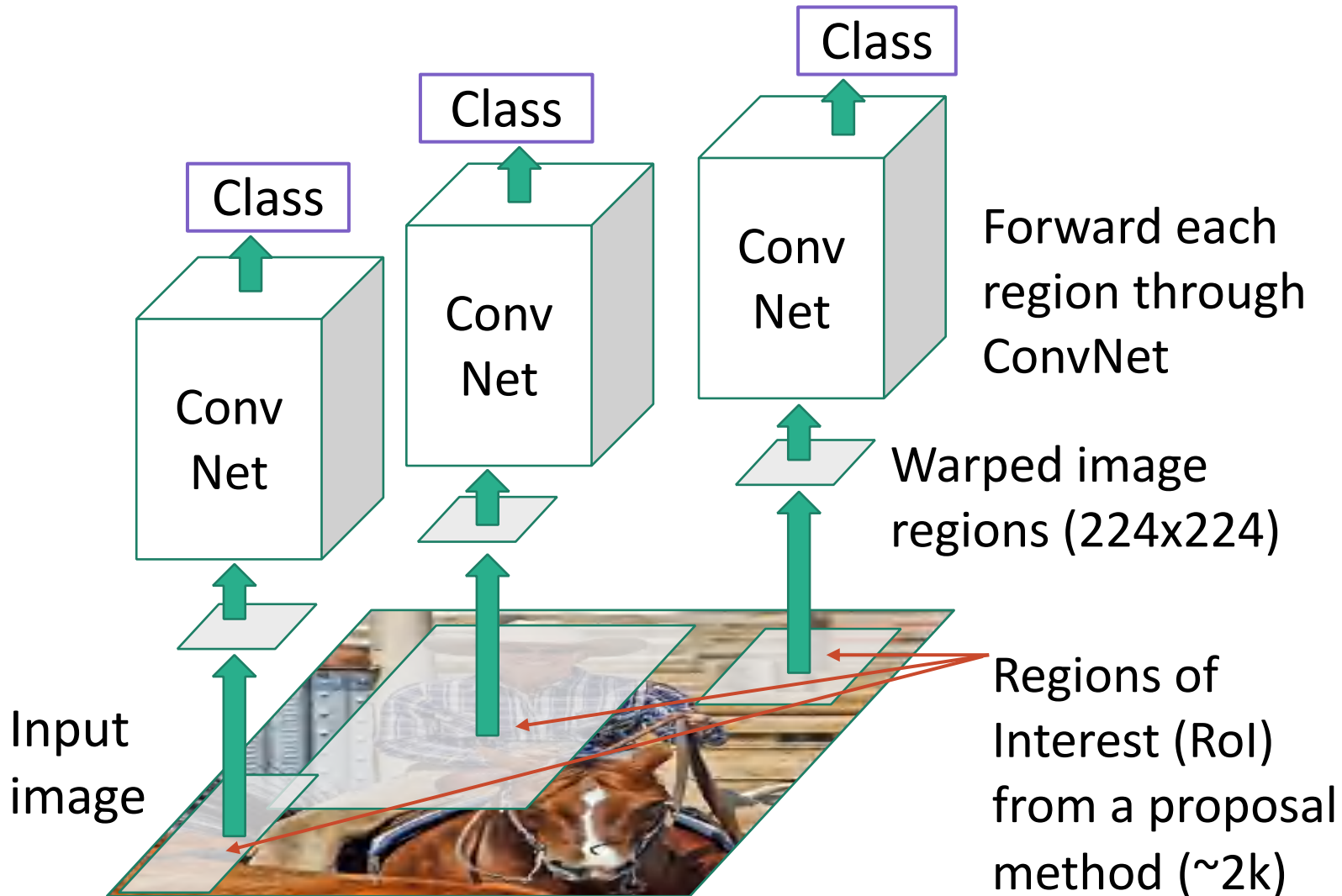
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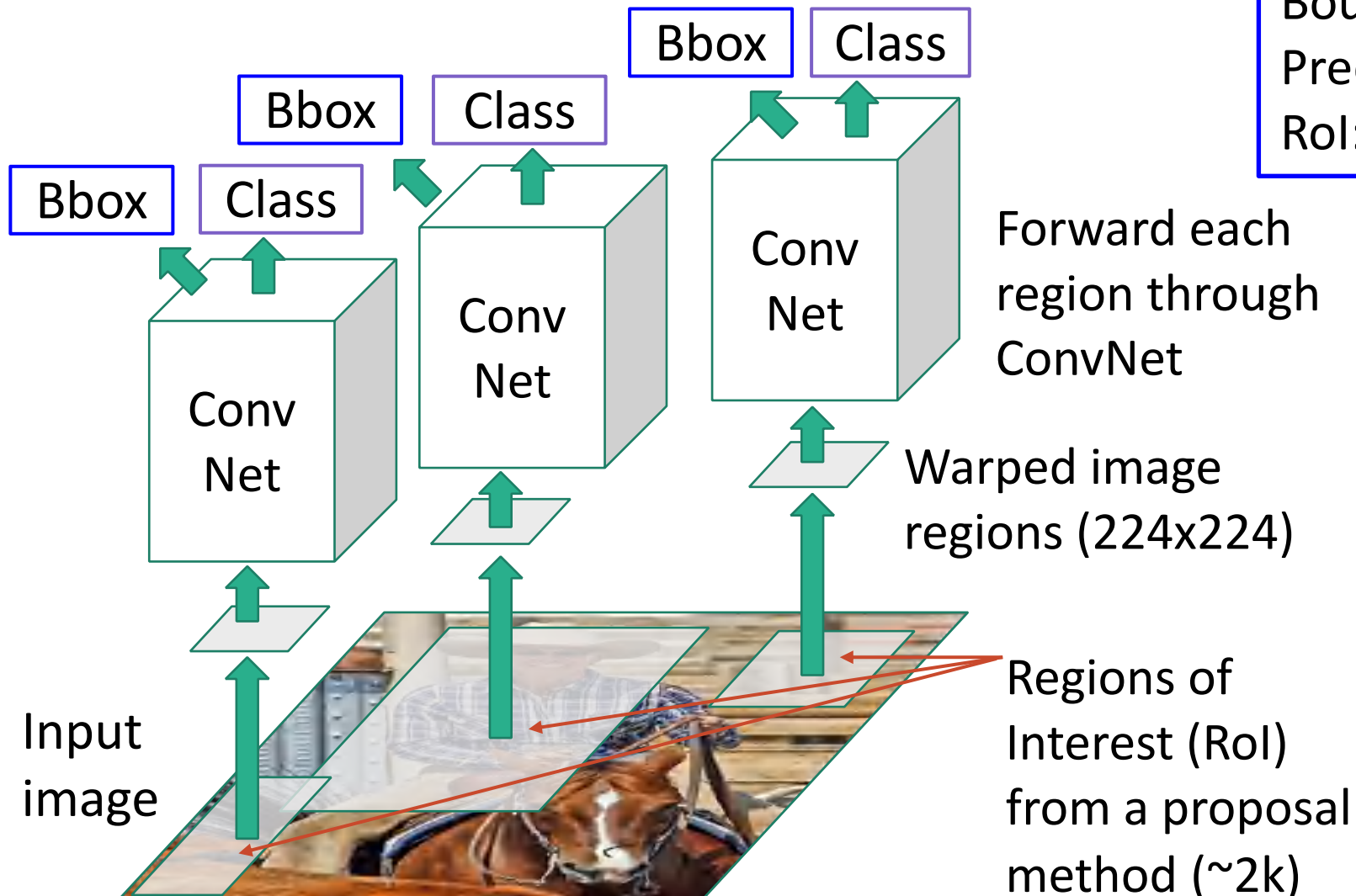
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Classify each region



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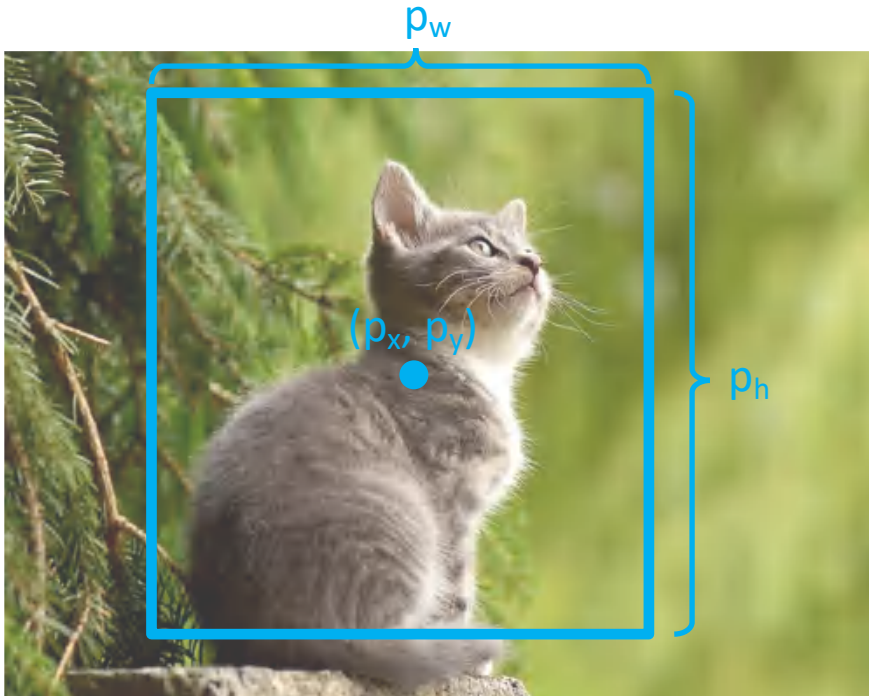
Bounding box regression:
Predict "transform" to correct the
RoI: 4 numbers (t_x , t_y , t_h , t_w)

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R-CNN: Box Regression

Consider a **region proposal** with center (p_x, p_y) , width p_w , height p_h

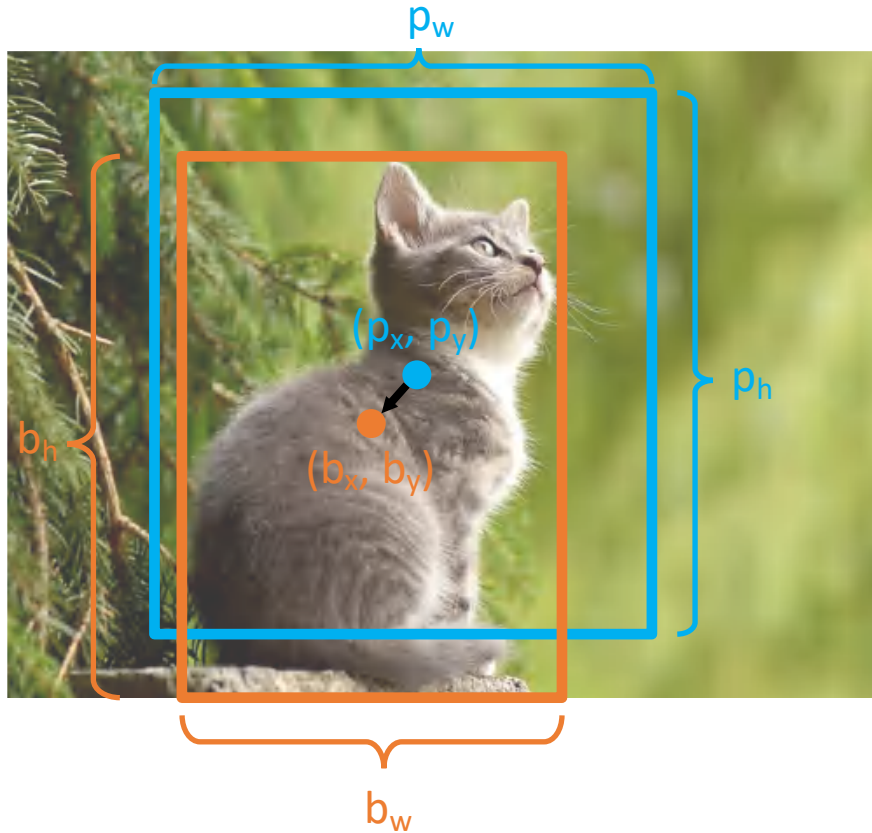
Model predicts a **transform** (t_x, t_y, t_w, t_h) to correct the region proposal



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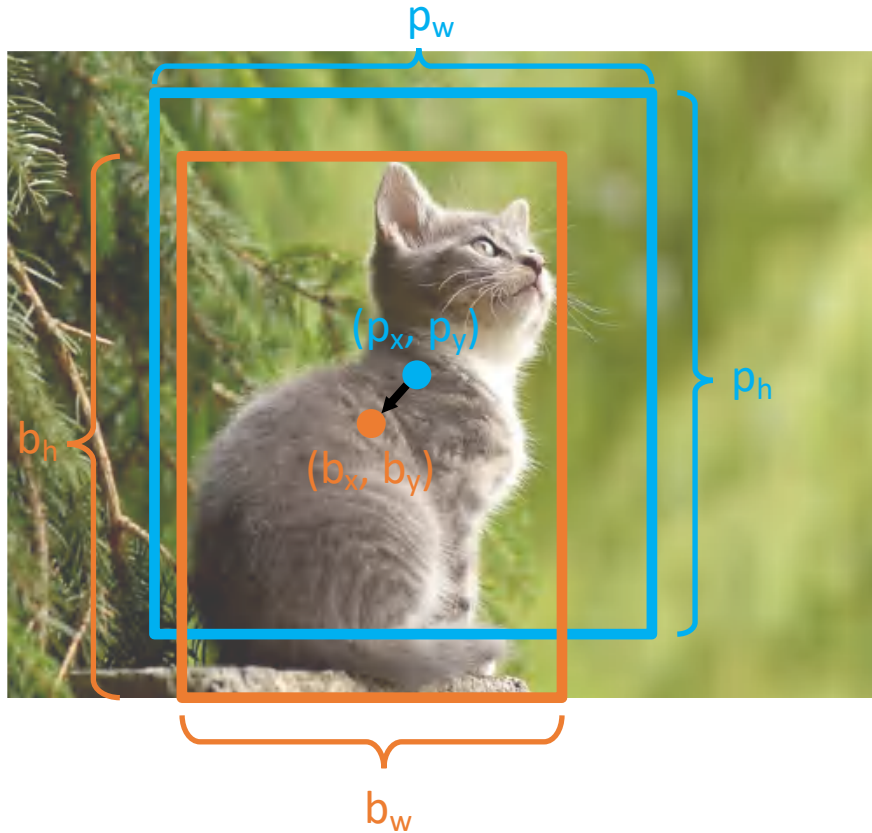
The **output box** is defined by:

$$\begin{aligned} b_x &= p_x + p_w t_x && \text{Shift center by amount relative to proposal size} \\ b_y &= p_y + p_h t_y \\ b_w &= p_w \exp(t_w) && \text{Scale proposal; exp ensures that scaling factor is } > 0 \\ b_h &= p_h \exp(t_h) \end{aligned}$$

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$$b_h = p_h \exp(t_h)$$

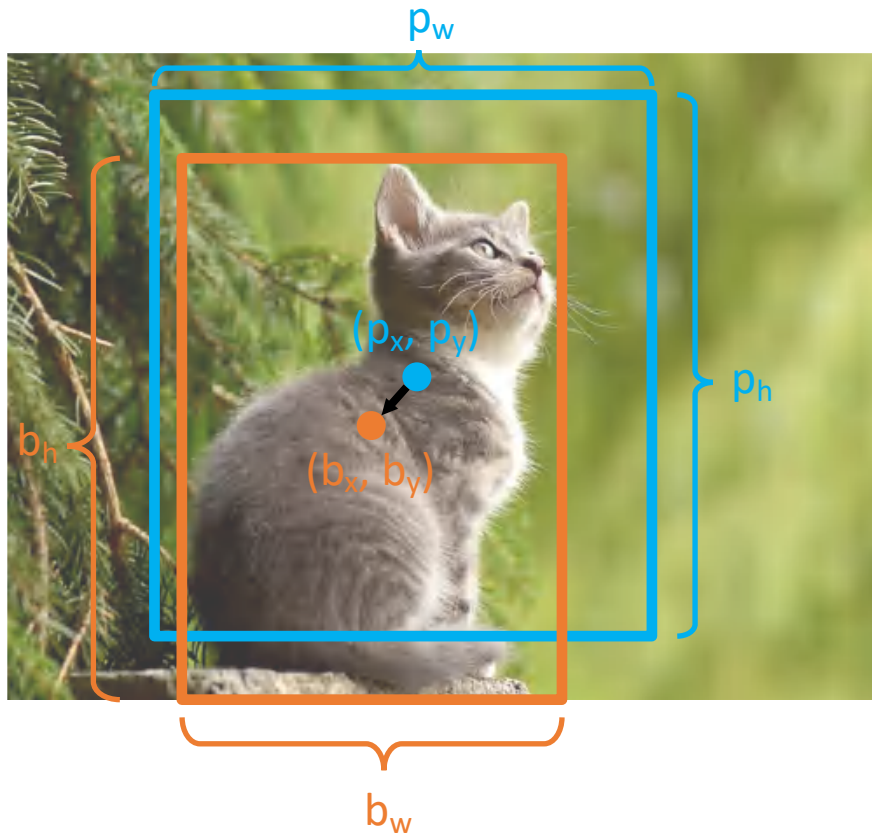
When transform is 0,
output = proposal

L2 regularization
encourages leaving
proposal unchanged

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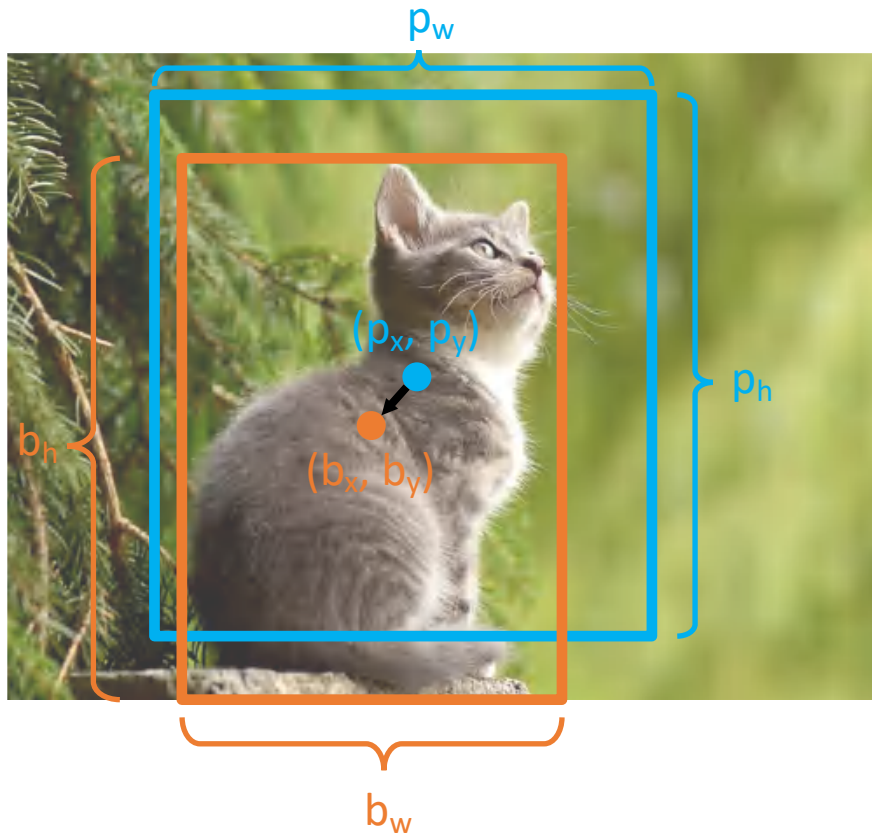
$$b_h = p_h \exp(t_h)$$

Scale / Translation invariance:
Transform encodes *relative* difference between proposal and output; important since CNN doesn't see absolute size or position after cropping

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$$b_y = p_y + p_h t_y$$

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Given **proposal** and **target output**, we can solve for the **transform** the network should output:

$$t_x = (b_x - p_x) / p_w$$

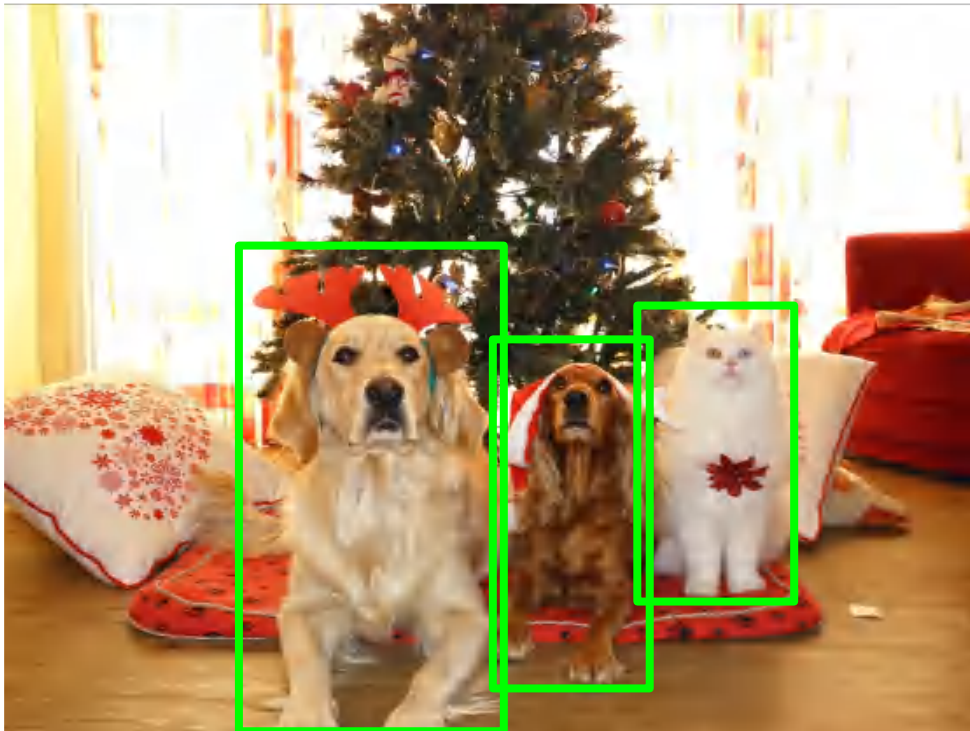
$$t_y = (b_y - p_y) / p_h$$

$$t_w = \log(b_w / p_w)$$

$$t_h = \log(b_h / p_h)$$

R-CNN Training

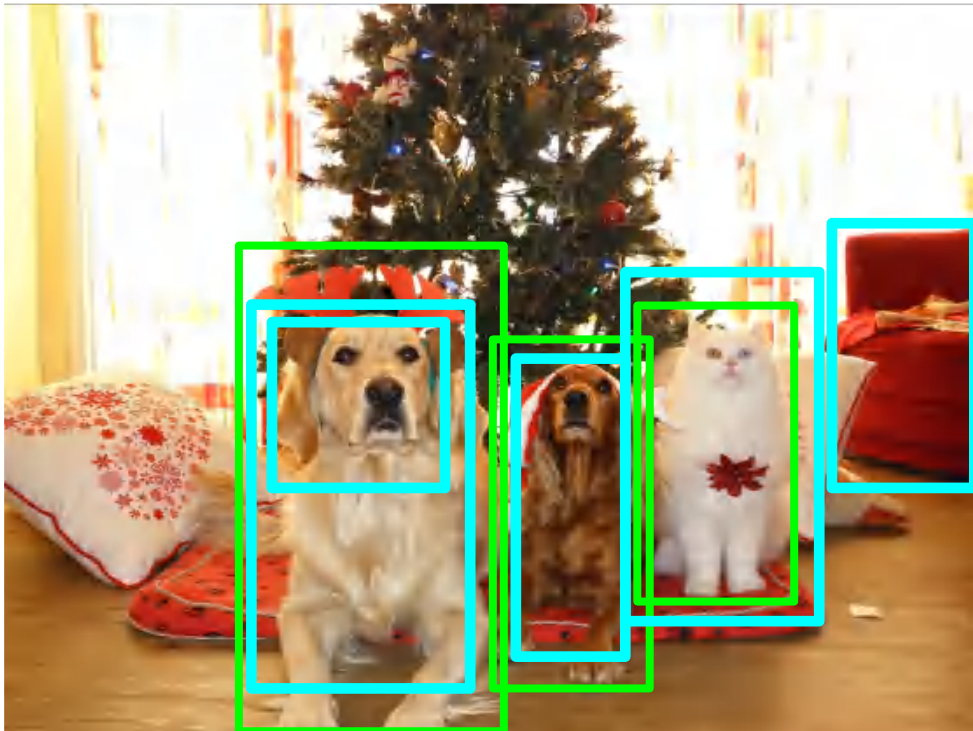
Input Image



Ground-Truth boxes

R-CNN Training

Input Image

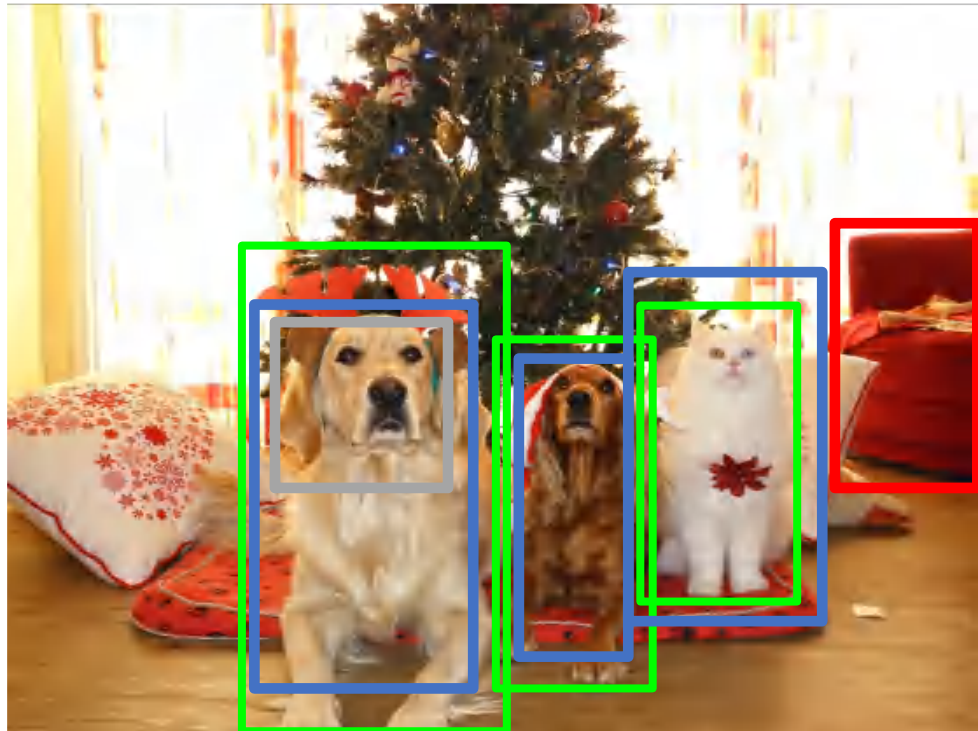


Ground-Truth boxes

Region Proposals

R-CNN Training

Input Image



GT Boxes

Positive

Neutral

Negative

Categorize each region proposal as **positive**, **negative**, or **neutral** based on overlap with ground-truth boxes:

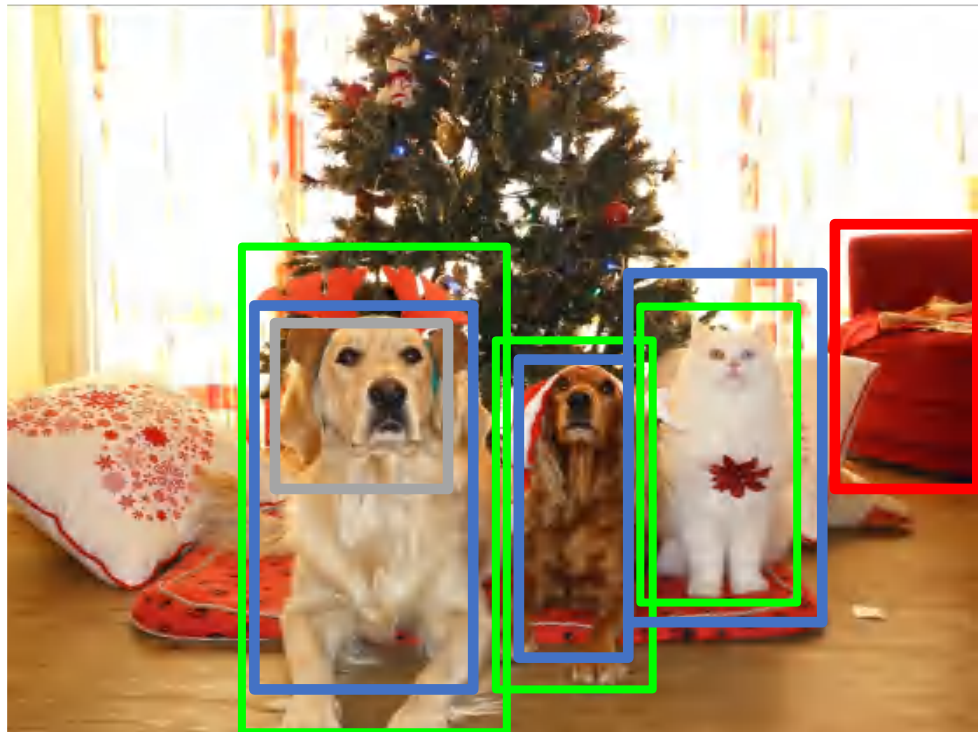
Positive: > 0.5 IoU with a GT box

Negative: < 0.3 IoU with all GT boxes

Neutral: between 0.3 and 0.5 IoU with GT boxes

R-CNN Training

Input Image

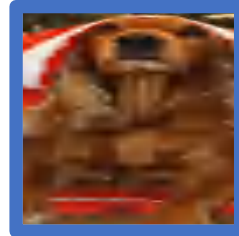
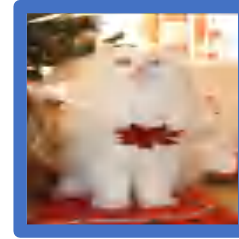
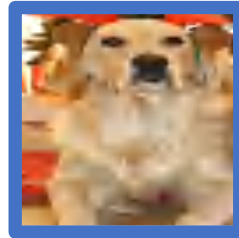


GT Boxes

Positive

Neutral

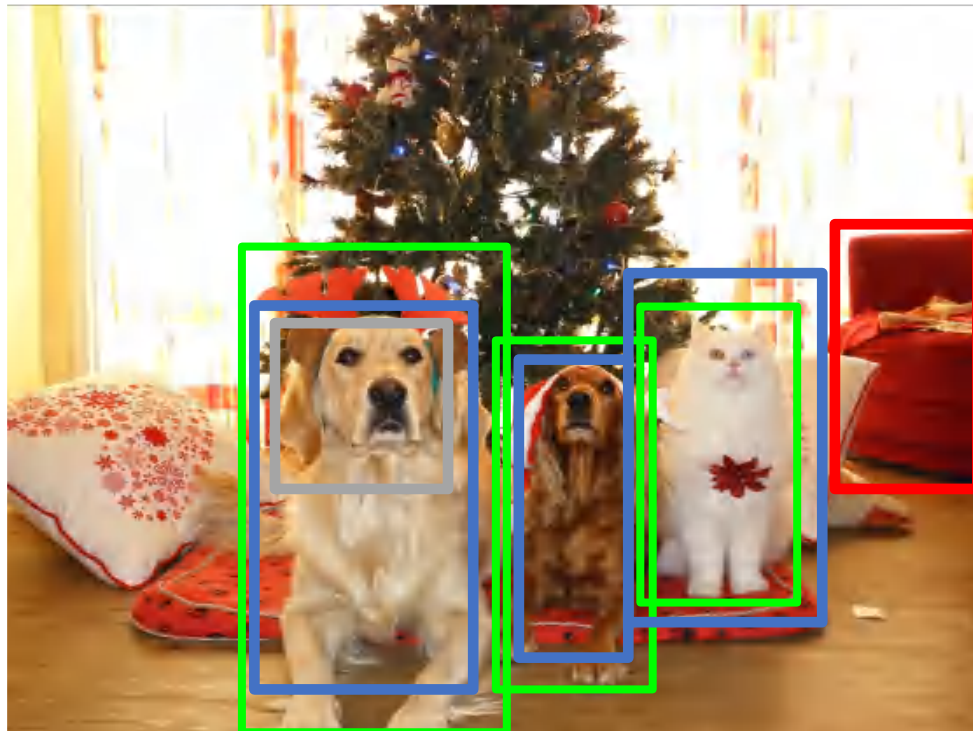
Negative



Crop pixels from
each positive and
negative proposal,
resize to 224 x 224

R-CNN Training

Input Image



GT Boxes

Positive

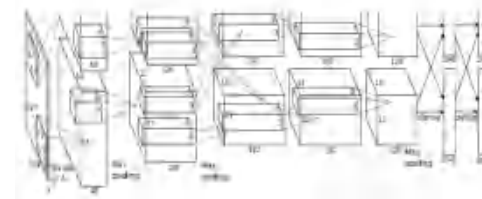
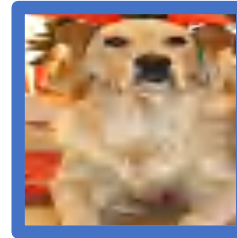
Neutral

Negative

Run each region through CNN

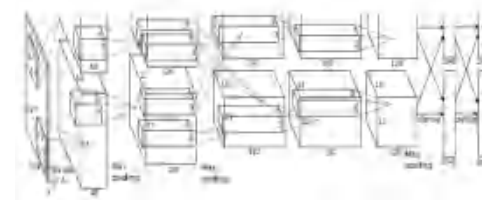
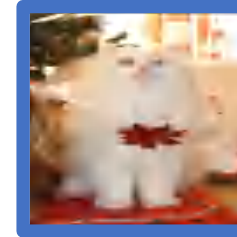
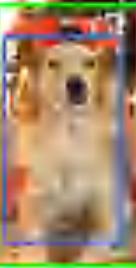
Positive regions: predict class and transform

Negative regions: just predict class



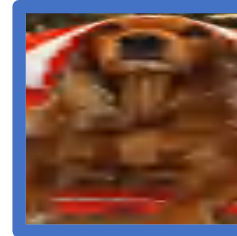
Class target: Dog

Box target: →



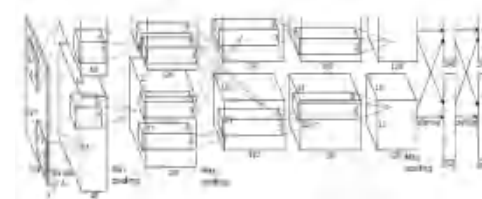
Class target: Cat

Box target: →



Class target: Dog

Box target: →

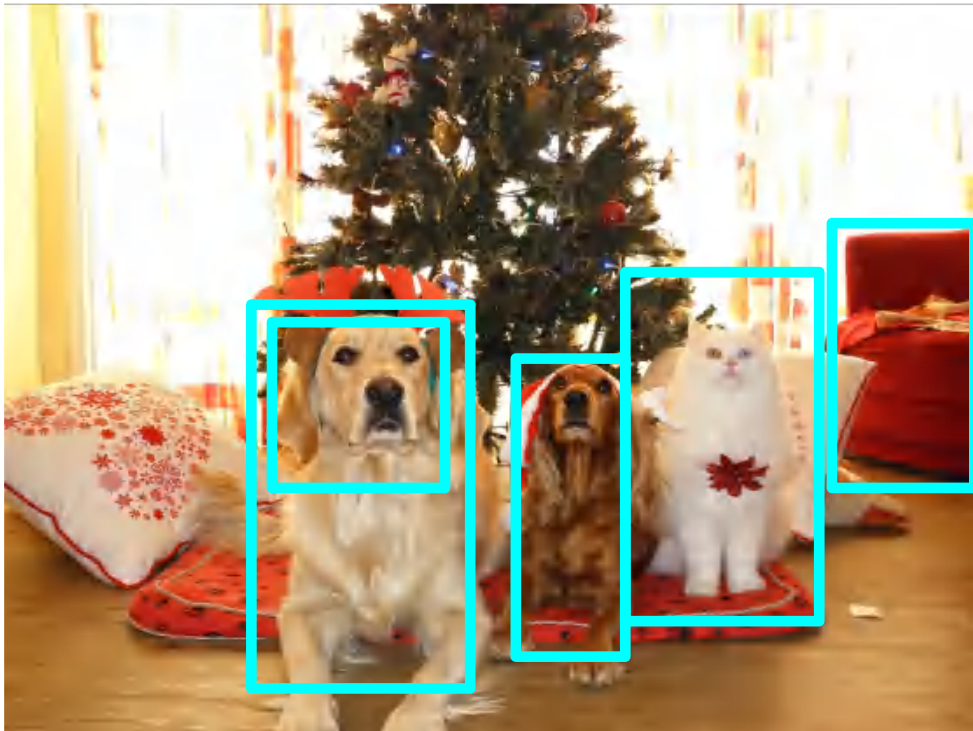


Class target: Background

Box target: None

R-CNN Test-Time

Input Image



Region Proposals

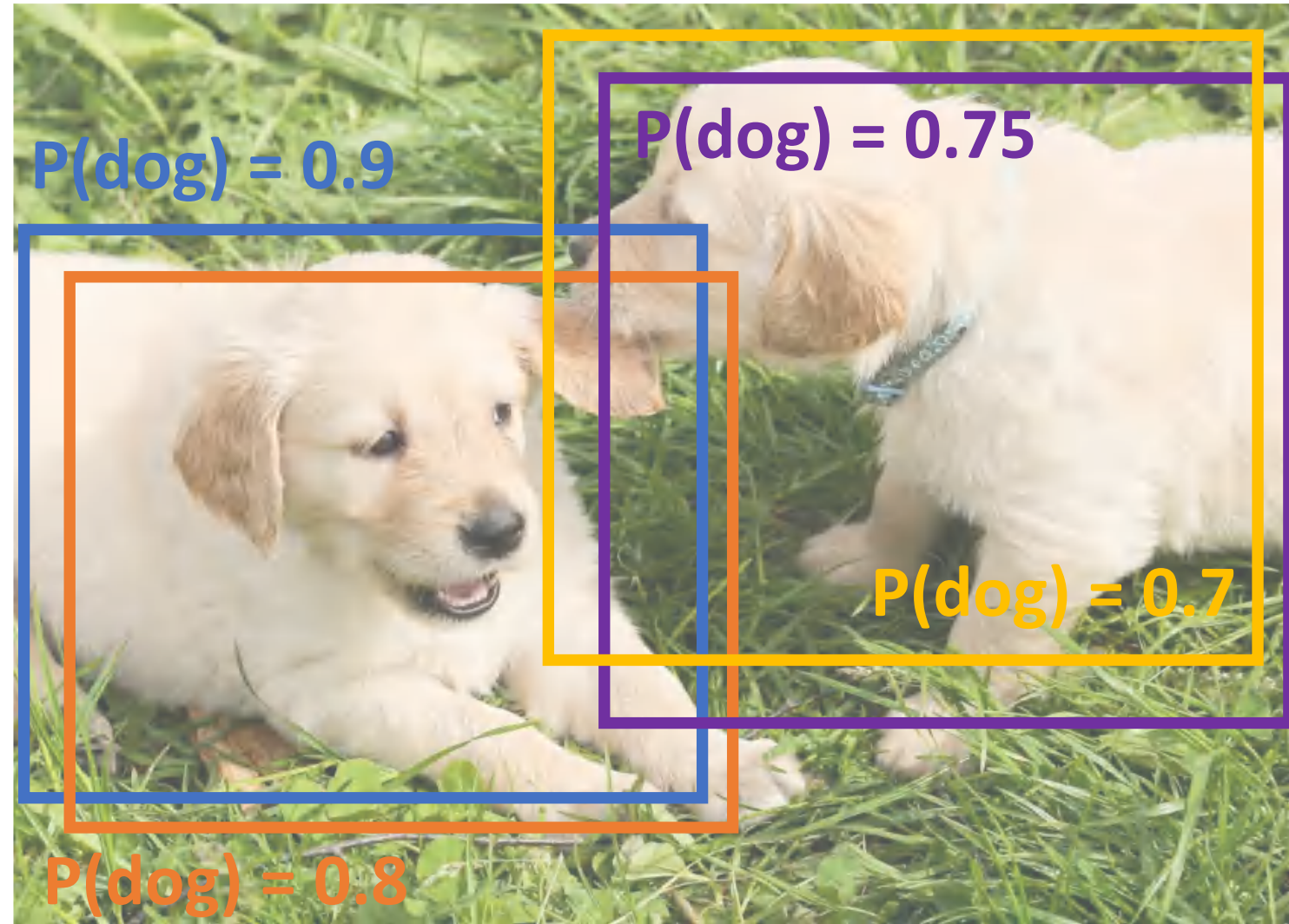
1. Run proposal method
2. Run CNN on each proposal to get class scores, transforms
3. Threshold class scores to get a set of detections

2 problems:

- CNN often outputs overlapping boxes
- How to set thresholds?

Overlapping Boxes

Problem: Object detectors often output many overlapping detections:



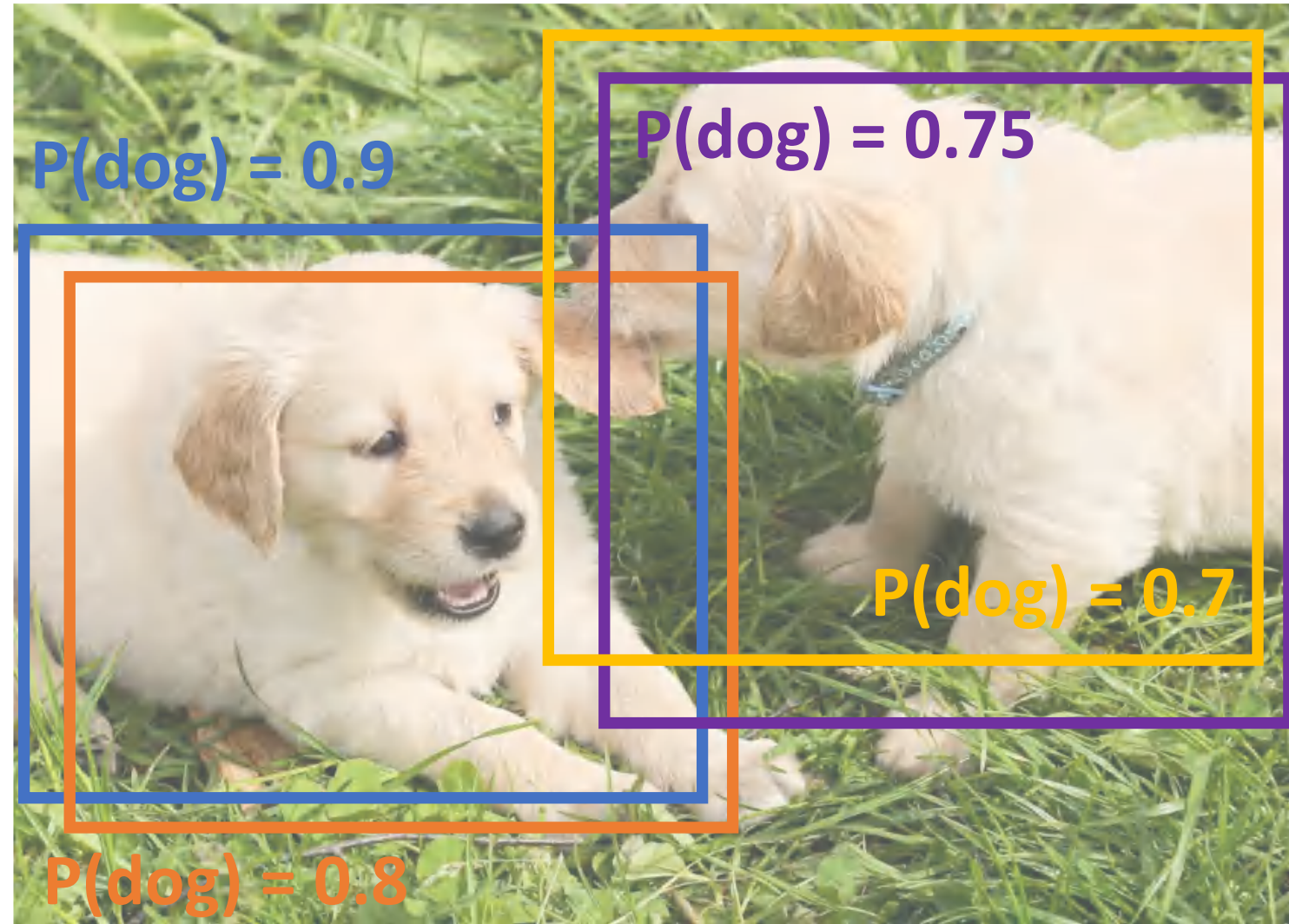
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1. Select next highest-scoring box
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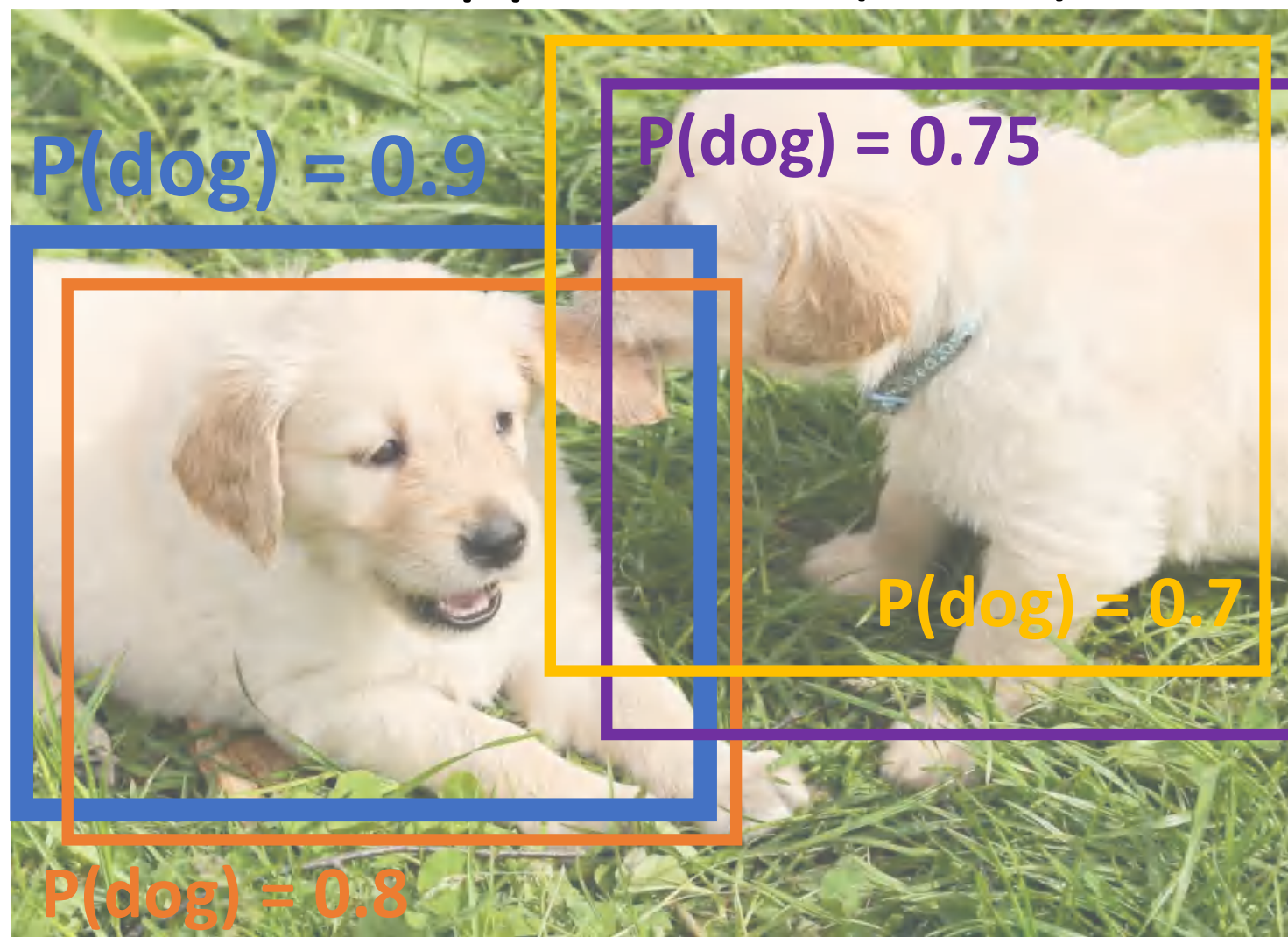
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$$\text{IoU}(\text{blue box}, \text{orange box}) = \mathbf{0.78}$$

$$\text{IoU}(\text{blue box}, \text{purple box}) = 0.05$$

$$\text{IoU}(\text{blue box}, \text{yellow box}) = 0.07$$



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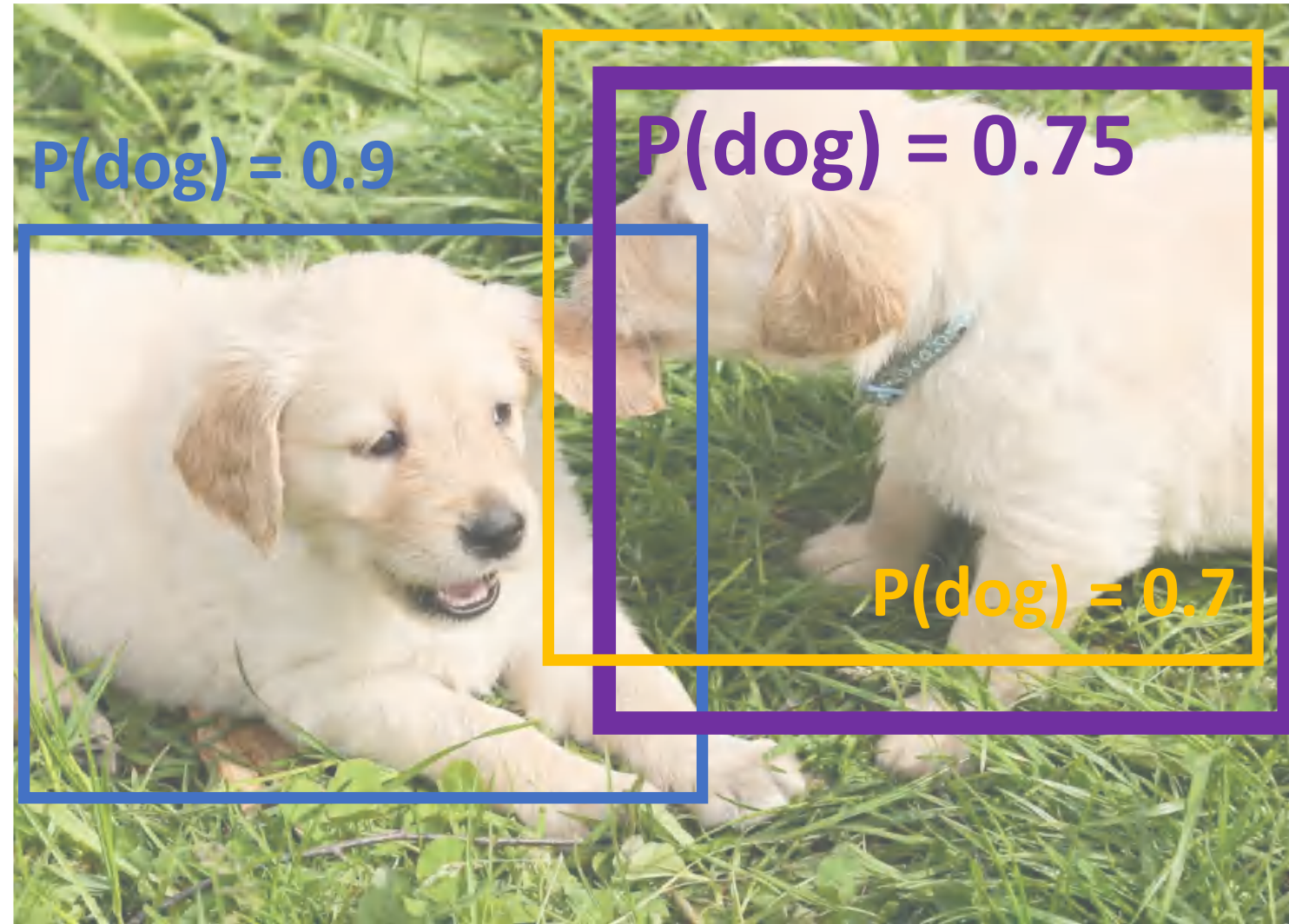
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$$\text{IoU}(\blacksquare, \blacksquare) = \mathbf{0.74}$$



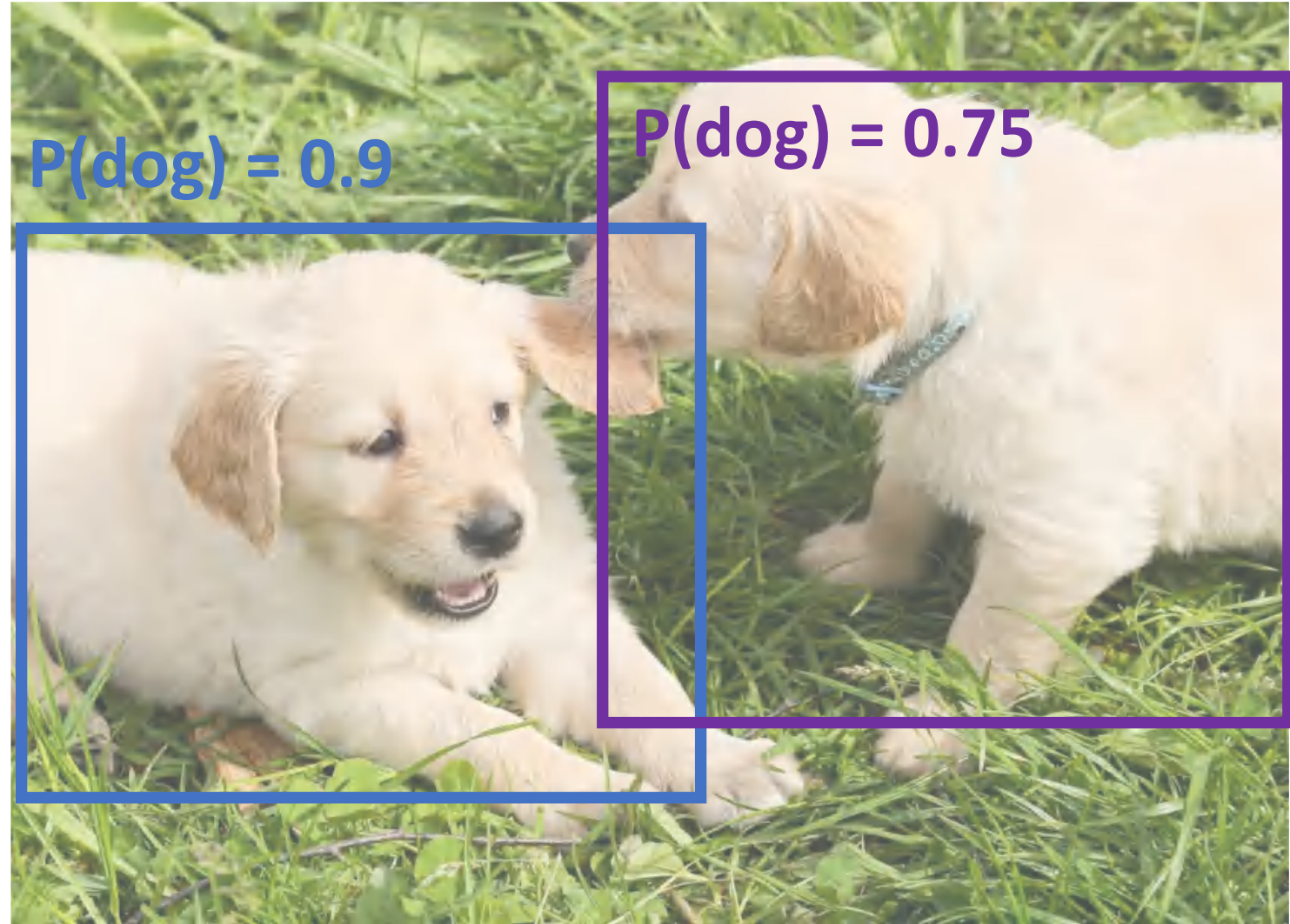
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Problem: NMS may eliminate "good" boxes when objects are highly overlapping... no good solution =(



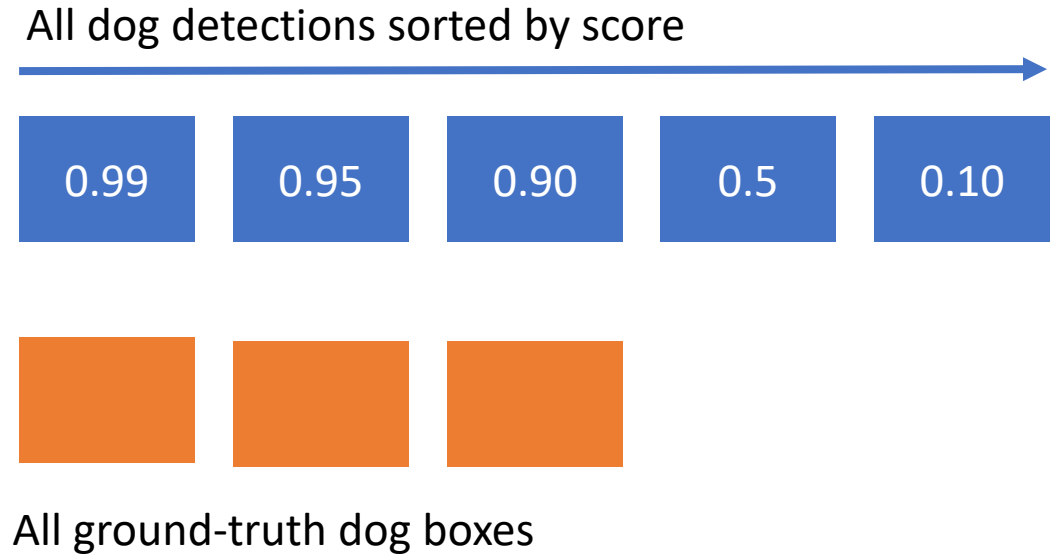
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Evaluating Object Detectors: Mean Average Precision (mAP)

1. Run object detector on all test images (with NMS)
2. For each category, compute Average Precision (AP) =
area under Precision vs Recall Curve

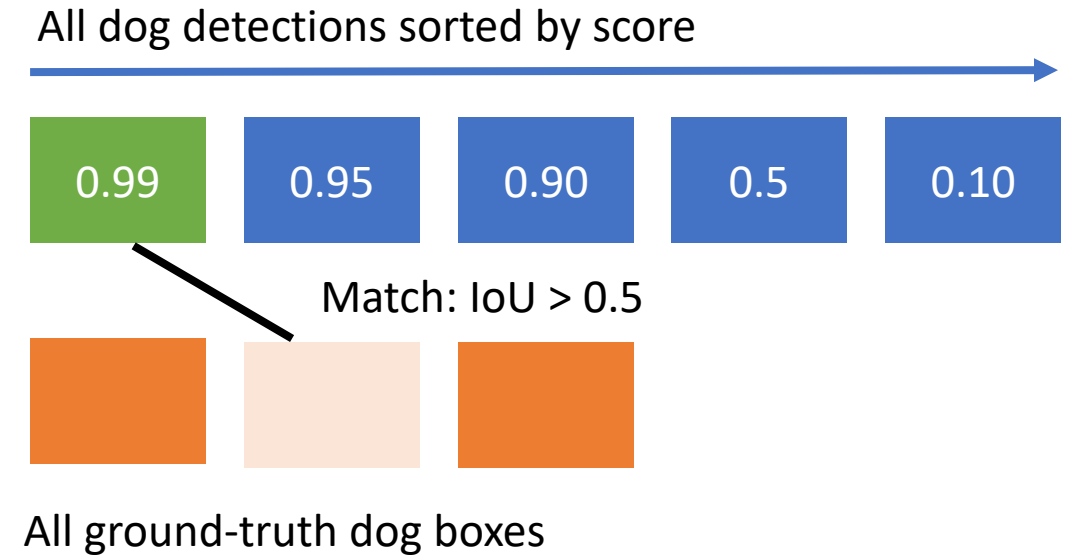
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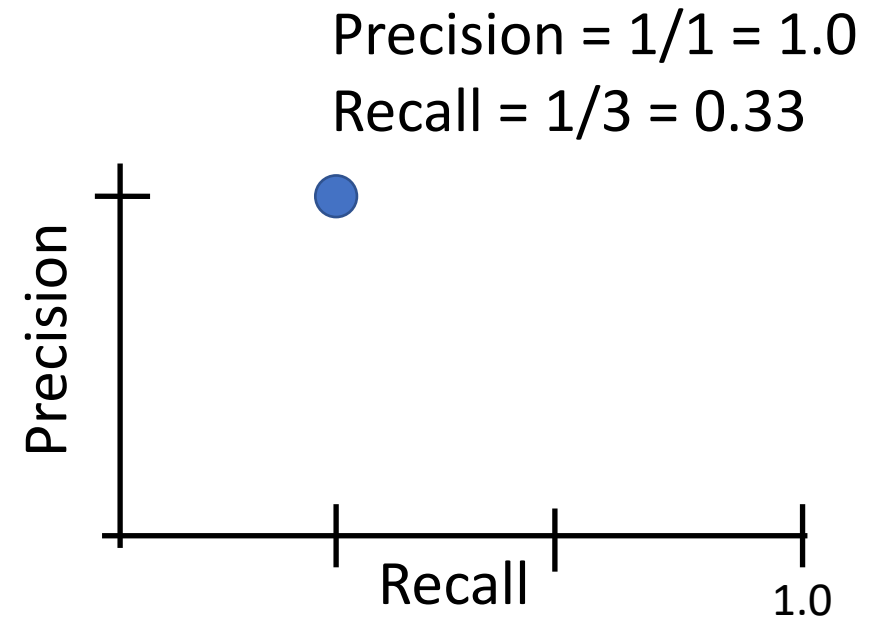
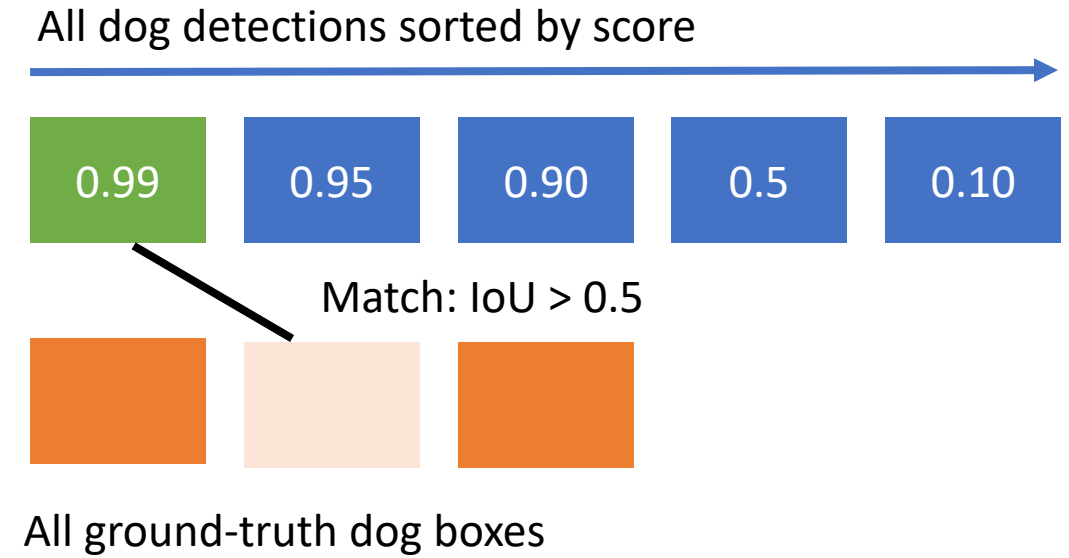
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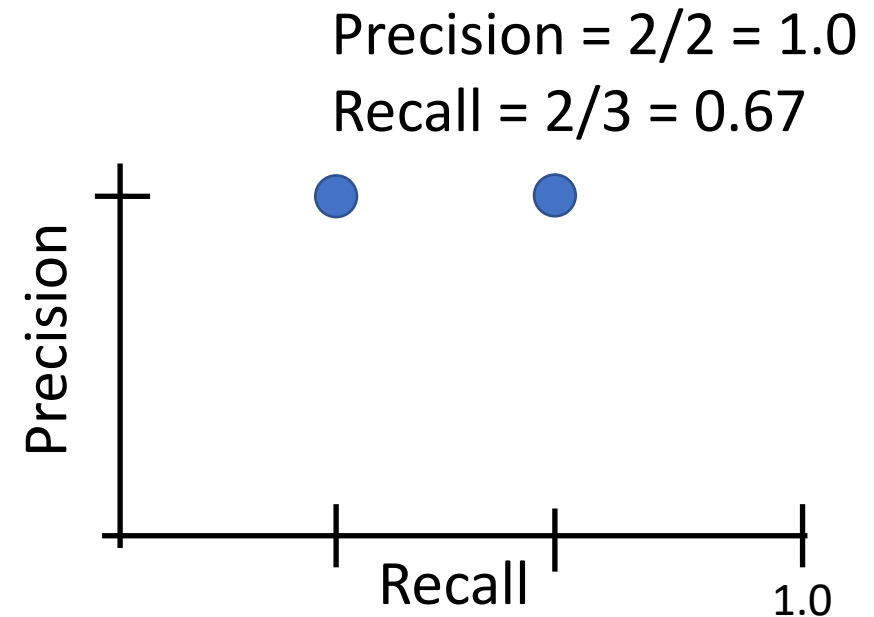
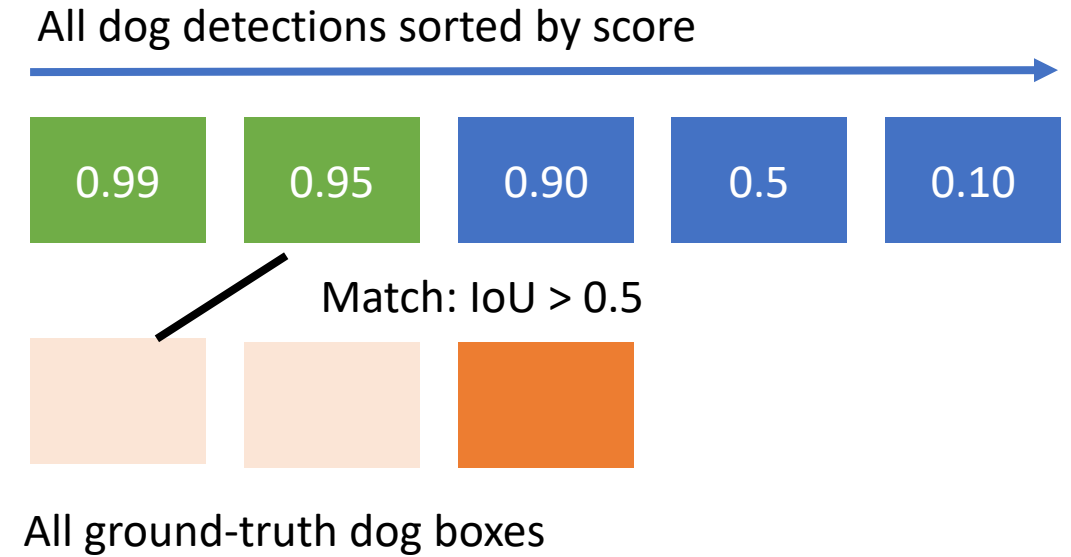
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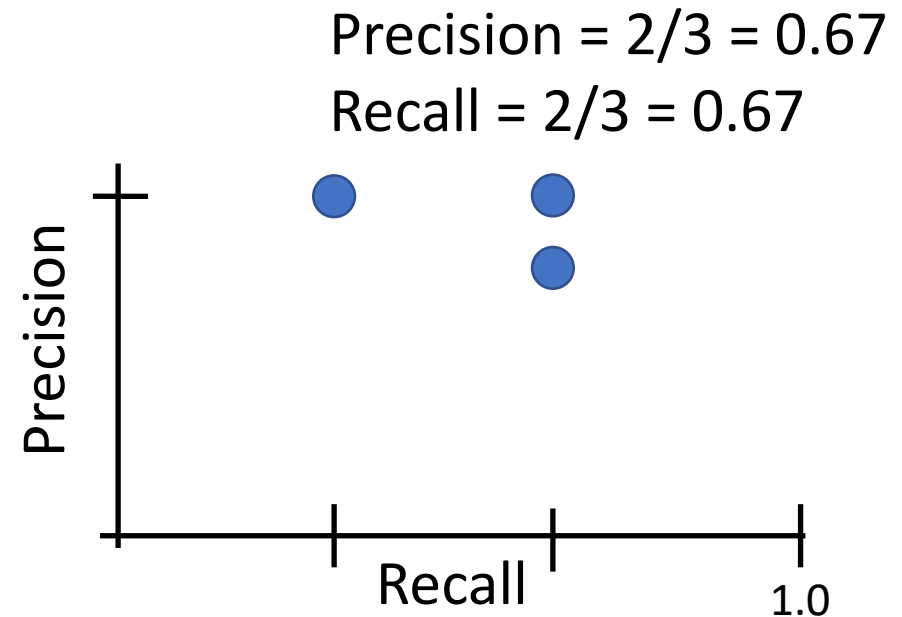
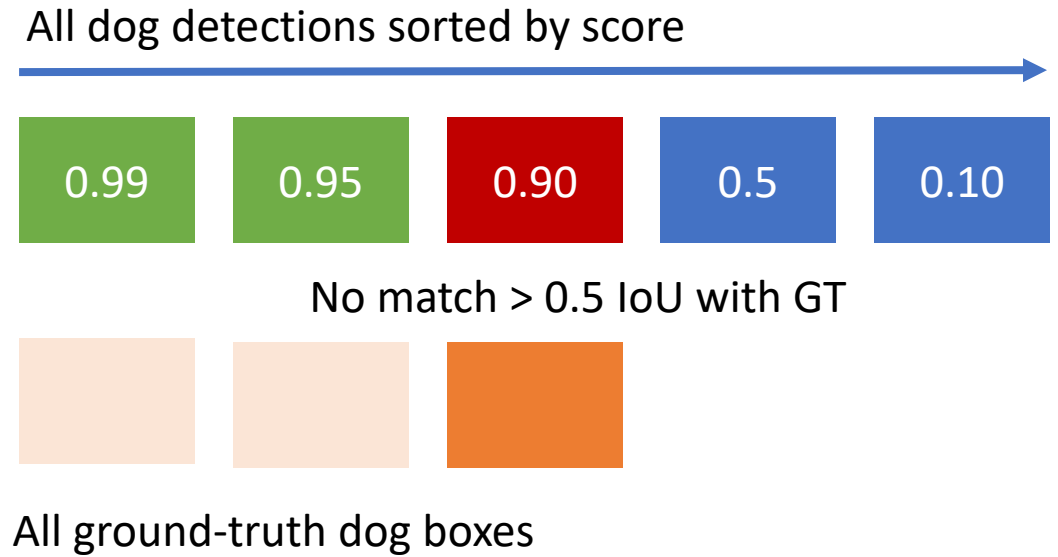
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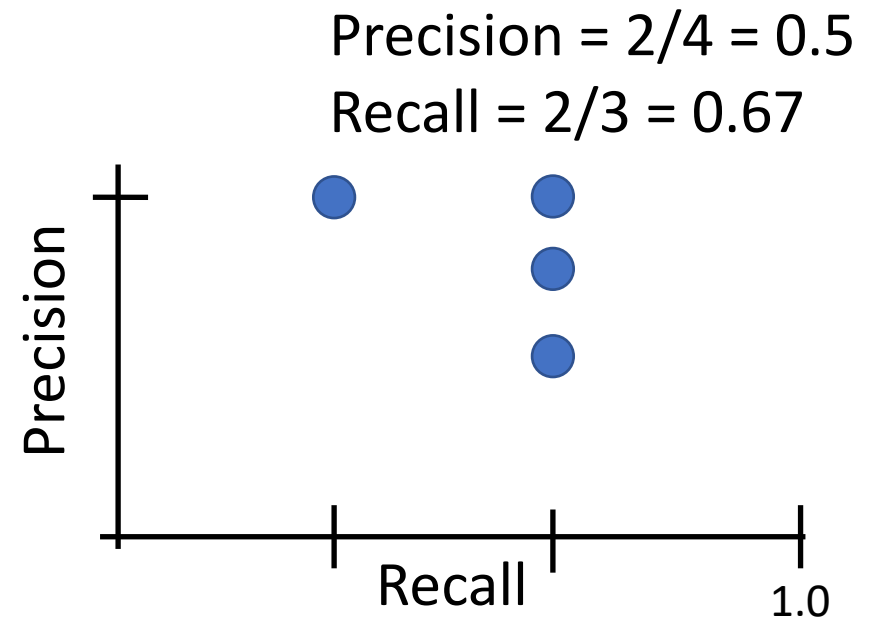
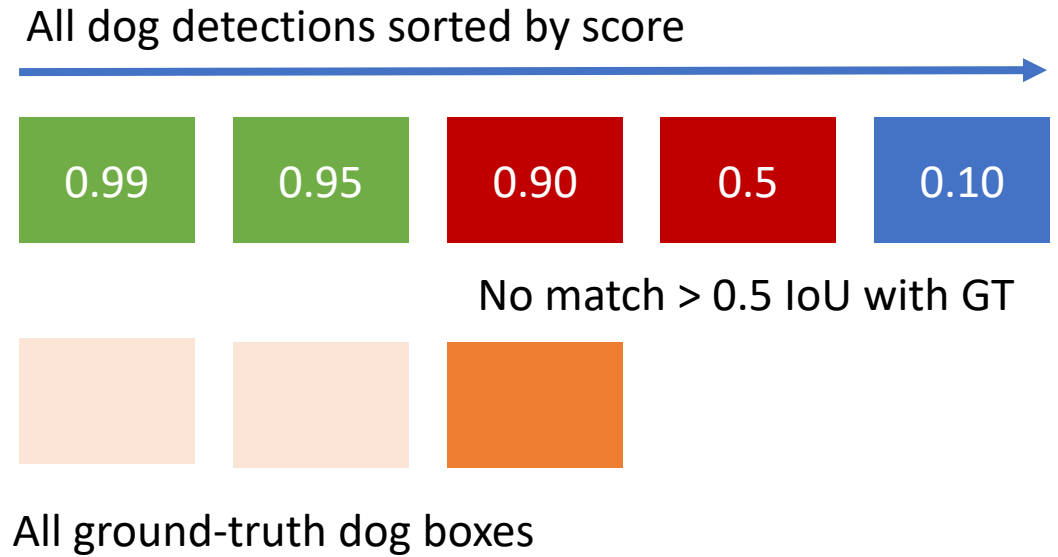
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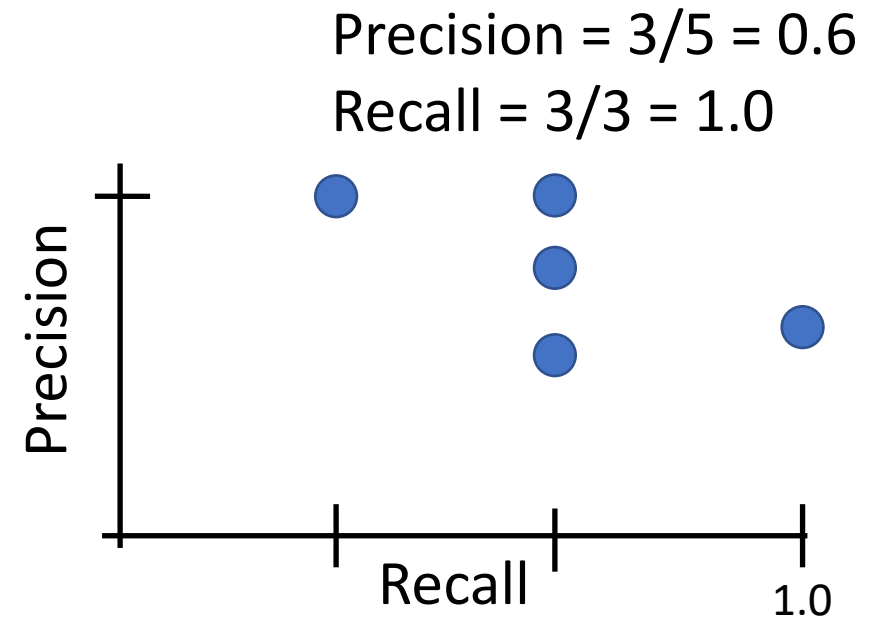
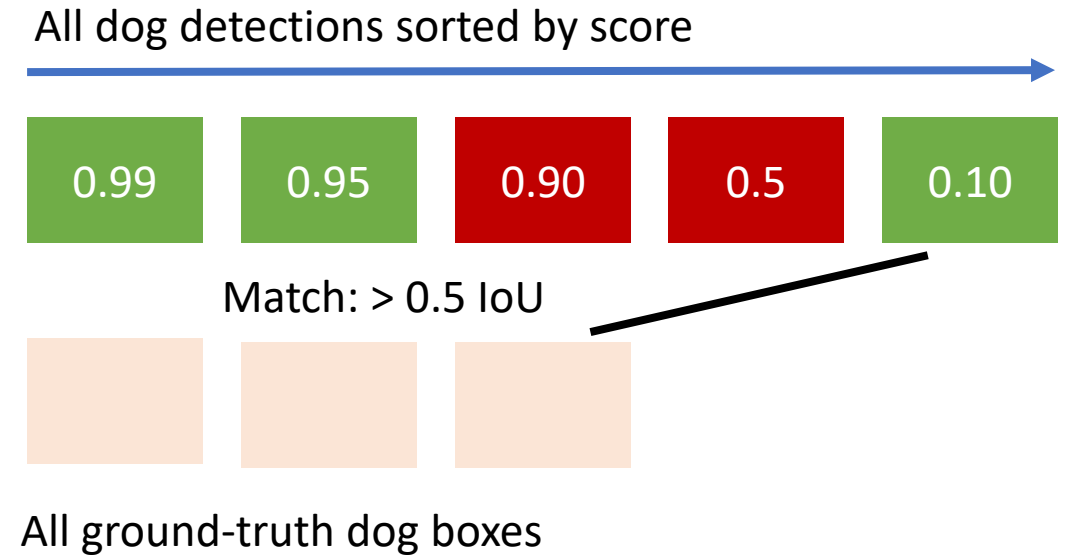
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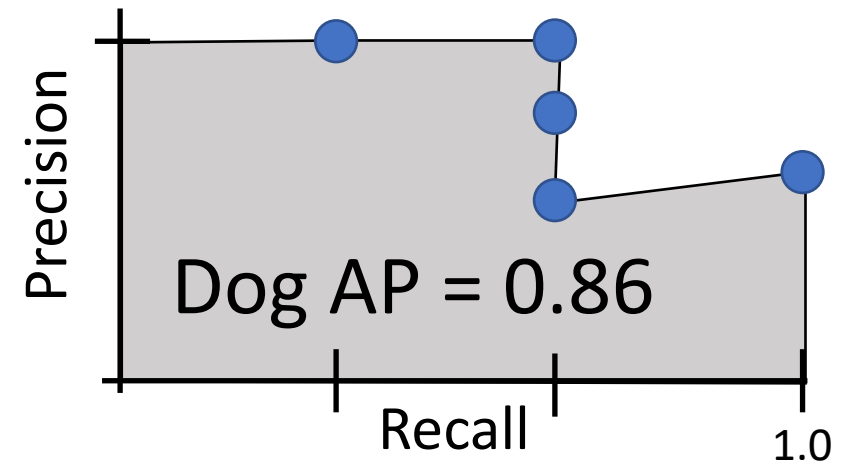
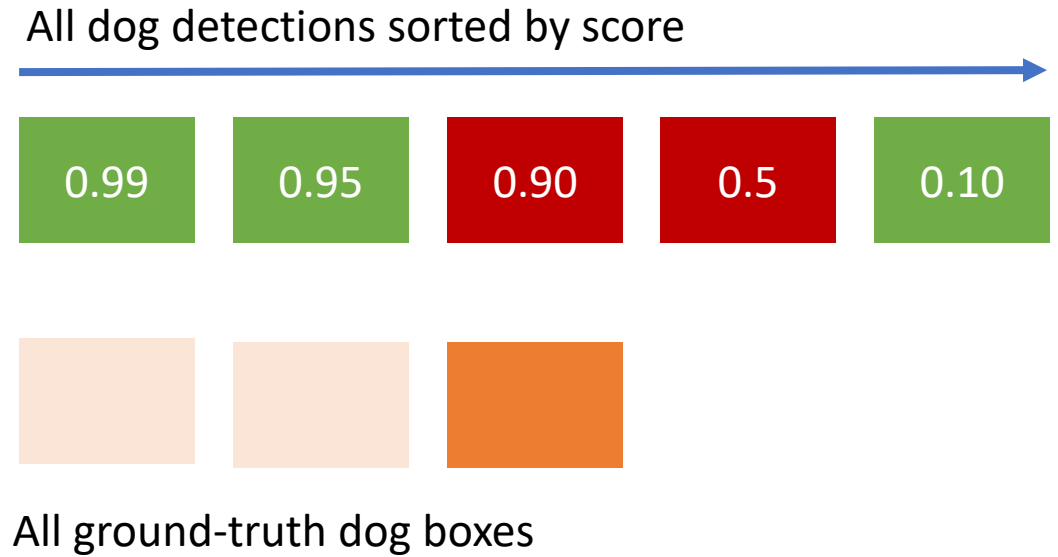
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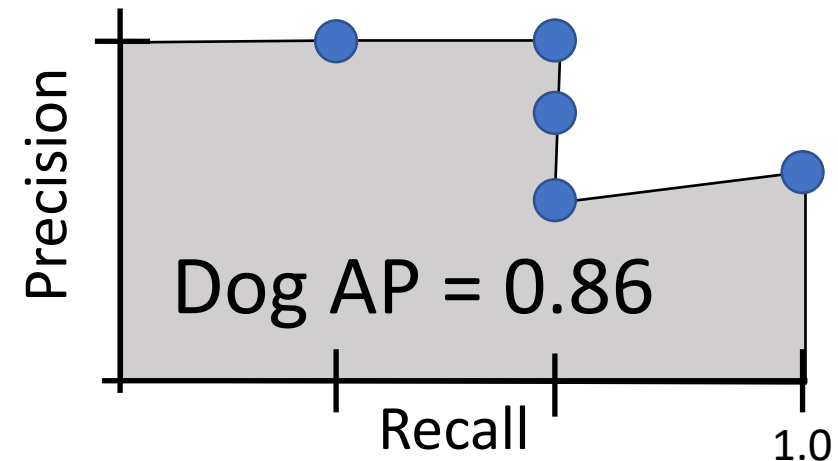
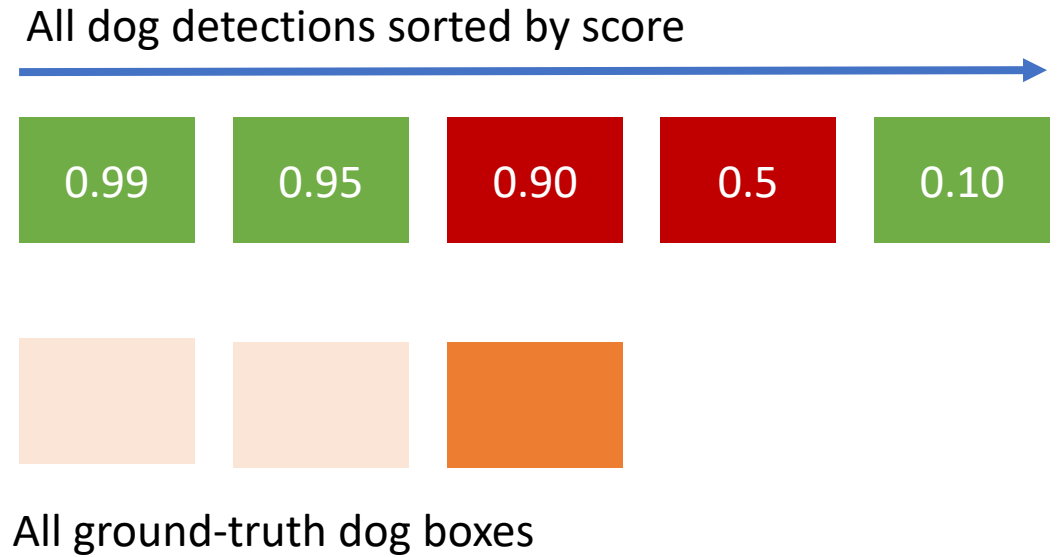
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How to get AP = 1.0: Hit all GT boxes with $\text{IoU} > 0.5$, and have no “false positive” detections ranked above any “true positives”



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Cat AP = 0.80

Dog AP = 0.86

mAP@0.5 = 0.77

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4. For “COCO mAP”: Compute mAP@thresh for each IoU threshold (0.5, 0.55, 0.6, ..., 0.95) and take average

$$\text{mAP}@0.5 = 0.77$$

$$\text{mAP}@0.55 = 0.71$$

$$\text{mAP}@0.60 = 0.65$$

...

$$\text{mAP}@0.95 = 0.2$$

$$\text{COCO mAP} = 0.4$$

Summary: Beyond Image Classification

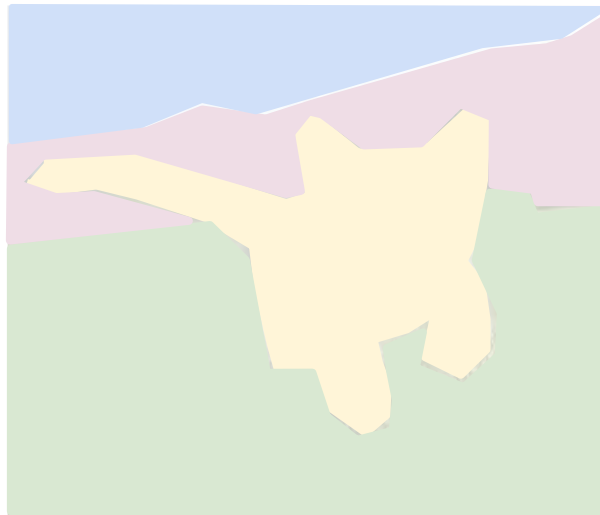
Classification



CAT

No spatial extent

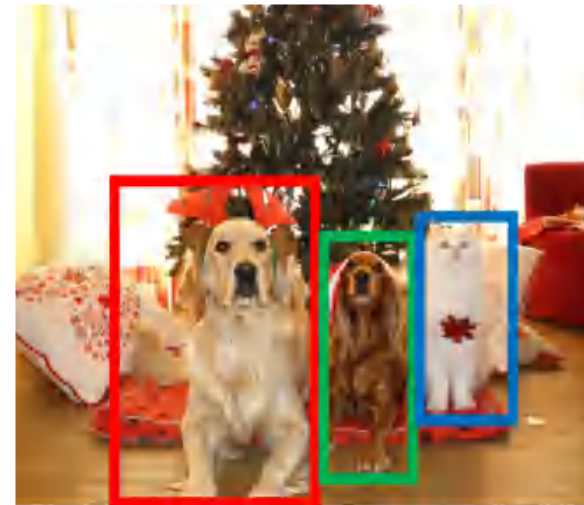
Semantic Segmentation



GRASS, CAT, TREE,
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No objects, just pixels

Object Detection



DOG, DOG, CAT

Multiple Objects

Instance Segmentation



DOG, DOG, CAT

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Summary

Transfer learning allows us to re-use a trained network for new tasks

Object detection is the task of localizing objects with bounding boxes

Intersection over Union (IoU) quantifies differences between bounding boxes

The **R-CNN** object detector processes **region proposals** with a CNN

At test-time, eliminate overlapping detections using **non-max suppression (NMS)**

Evaluate object detectors using **mean average precision (mAP)**

Next time:
Modern Object Detectors