

Deep Learning

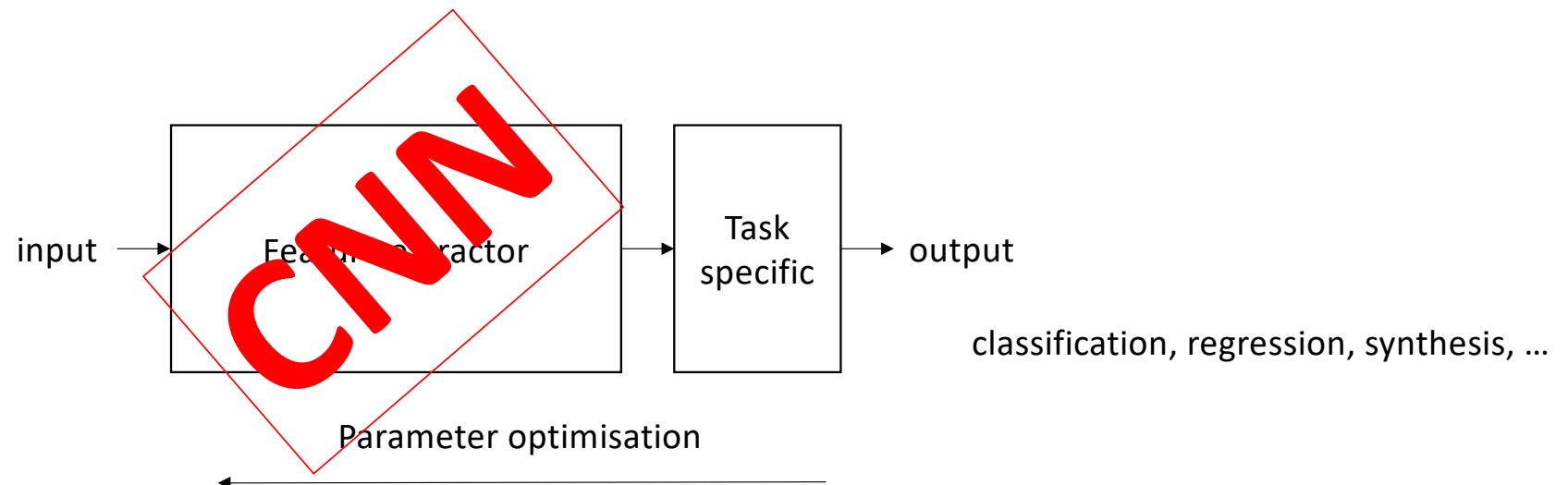
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Motivation

- Deep learning is **popular** because it works (often).
 - Big promise: just collect enough data and label it, then you get a magic black-box predictor that can predict any correlations at the click of a button. (only supervised setting really works well)
- Deep learning and Big data = **big money** = highly competitive and sometimes poisonous working environment.
- Deep learning can be **dangerous**, e.g. deep fakes, adversarial attacks, etc.



Fundamental learning system



- *CNN = convolutional neural network

Success stories

Self driving cars: https://youtu.be/zRnSmw1i_DQ

Conversational AI: <https://youtu.be/Xw-zxQSEzqo>
<https://youtu.be/jH-6-ZlgmKY> <https://chat.openai.com/>

Deep fakes: <https://youtu.be/gLoI9hAX9dw>

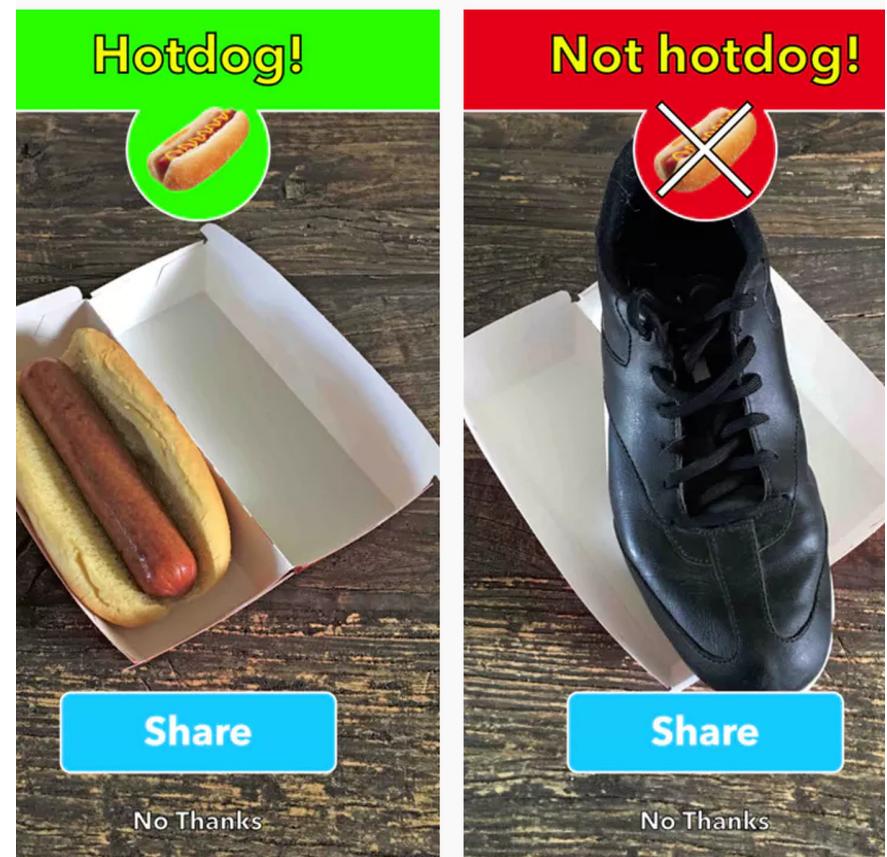
Neural rendering: <https://www.matthewtancik.com/nerf>

Image colourization: <https://youtu.be/mUXpxxyThr8>

Image captioning: <https://youtu.be/8BFzu9m52sc>

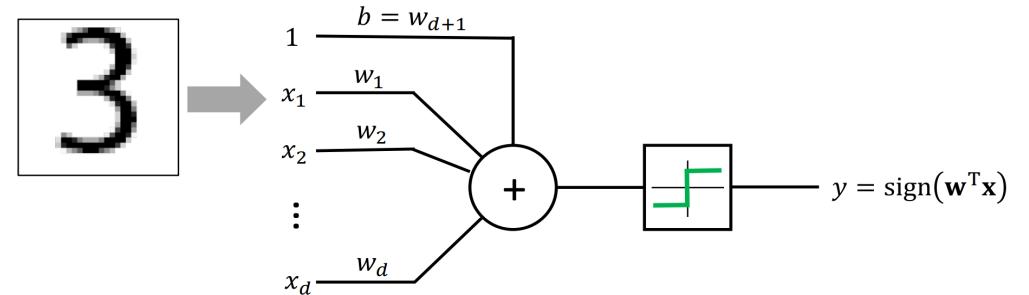
Automated diagnosis: <http://ratchet.lucidifai.com/>

Protein discovery: <https://alphafold.ebi.ac.uk/>



HBO and [Silicon Valley engadget.com](https://siliconvalley.engadget.com)

Why did neural networks fail in image analysis?



Stack a $32 \times 32 \times 3$ RGB image into a 3072×1 vector

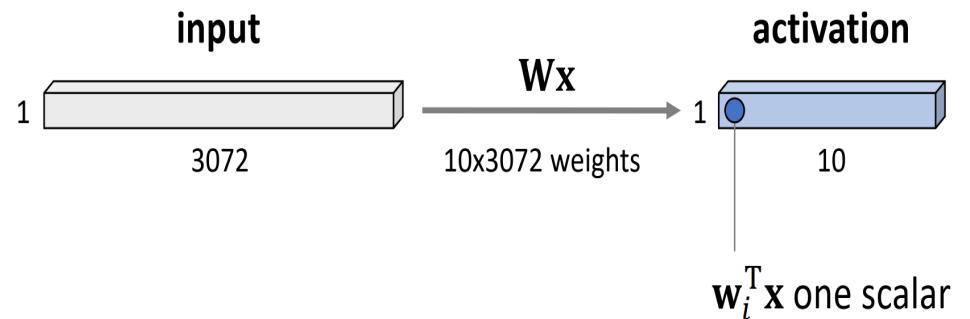


Figure: adapted from Fei Fei et al.



Universal Approximator

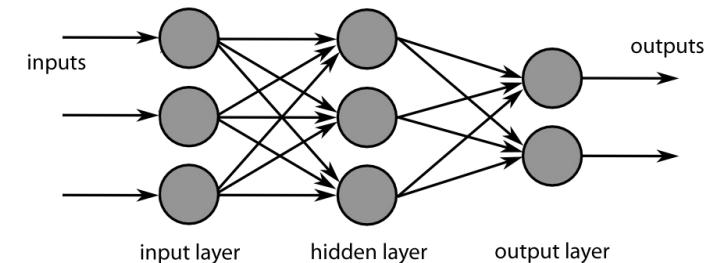
- Let $\varphi(\cdot)$ be a non-constant, bounded and monotonically increasing function
- For any $\epsilon > 0$ and any continuous function defined on a compact subset of \mathbb{R}^m , there exists an integer N , real constants $v_i, b_i \in \mathbb{R}$ and real vectors $w_i \in \mathbb{R}^N$ where $i = 1, \dots, N$, such that

$$F(x) = \sum_{i=1}^N v_i \varphi(w_i^T x + b_i) \text{ with } |F(x) - f(x)| < \epsilon$$

We can approximate *any* function with just one hidden layer with a sensible activation function!

In practice ϵ very large and curse of dimensionality!

Solution: break up problem in many smaller problems (layers)



The curse of dimensionality



Curse of dimensionality

As the number of features or dimensions grows,
the amount of data we need to generalise accurately grows exponentially!

To approximate a (Lipschitz) continuous function $f: \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$
with ϵ accuracy one needs $O(\epsilon^{-d})$ samples

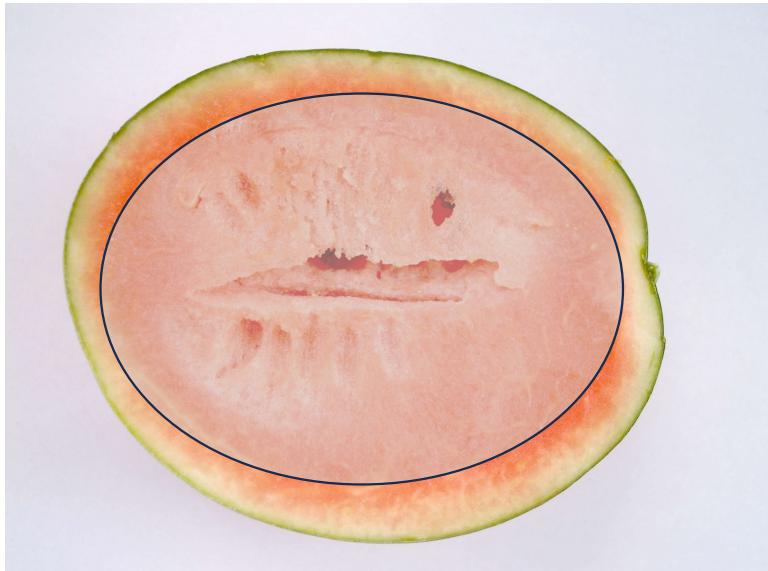
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<https://www.visiondummy.com/2014/04/curse-dimensionality-affect-classification/>

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Intuition

- Let's analyze a Pizza
- And a water melon
- Shrink by α





Intuition

- In n dimension the n -dimensional volume of the interior will be α^n times the volume of the original shape.
- The volume of the rind relative to the original volume therefore is

$$1 - \alpha^n$$

- As a function of α its rate of growth is

$$d(1 - \alpha^n) = -n\alpha^{n-1}d\alpha$$

- Beginning with no shrinking ($\alpha=1$) and noting α is *decreasing* ($d\alpha$ is negative), we find the initial rate of growth of the rind equals n .
- This shows that the volume of the rind initially grows much faster -- n times faster -- than the rate at which the object is being shrunk.
- in higher dimensions, relatively tiny changes in distance translate to much larger changes in volume.

Intuition

- If the salami is uniformly spread out over a high dimensional pizza
 - What proportion of the salami is near the boundary?
 - i.e. how much should we shrink the pizza to e.g. make it half of its volume, say half length like half-life of radioactive elements
 - The half-length is α , solve
$$\alpha^n = \frac{1}{2}; \alpha = 2^{-1/n} = e^{-(\log 2)/n} \approx 1 - \frac{\log 2}{n} \approx 1 - \frac{0.7}{n}$$
- 2D Pizza: half-length is 1–0.35
 - *half of the area of a pizza (n=2) lies within (approximately) 35/2 = 18% of its diameter from the boundary.*
- 3D Pizza: half-length is 1–0.23
 - *half the volume lies within 12% of its diameter from its boundary.*
- **In very large dimensions the half-length is very close to 1**
 - *n=350 dimensions it is greater than 98%*
 - *Thus, expect half of any 350-dimensional pizza's salami to lie within 1% of its diameter from its boundary*

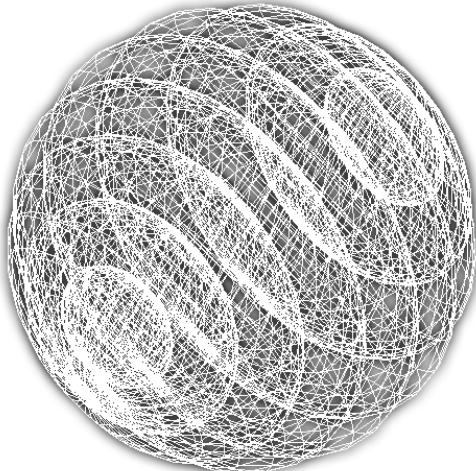


Intuition

- Without strong clustering, in higher dimensions n we can expect most Euclidean distances between observations in a dataset to be very nearly the same and to be very close to the diameter of the region in which they are enclosed. "Very close" means on the order of $1/n$.

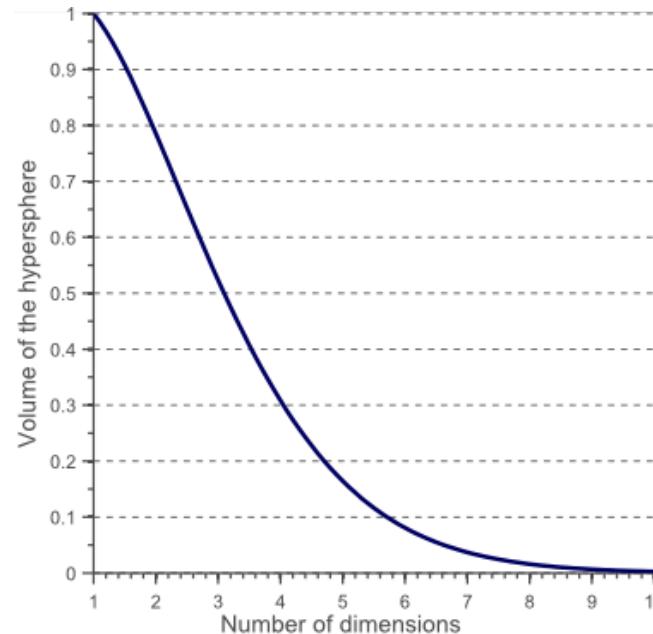


Intuition



Wikimedia hypersphere

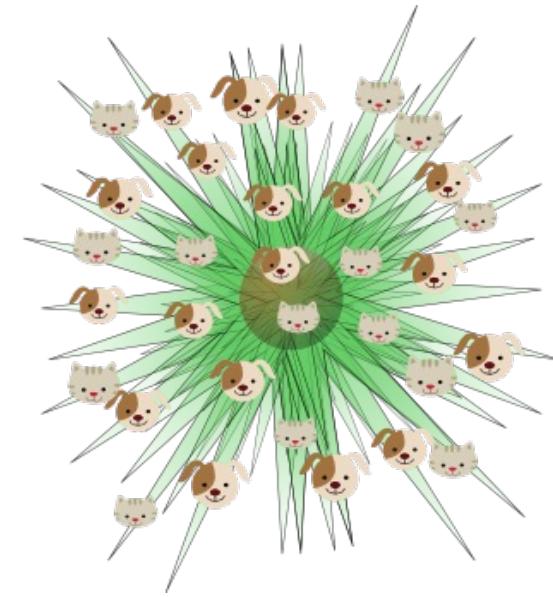
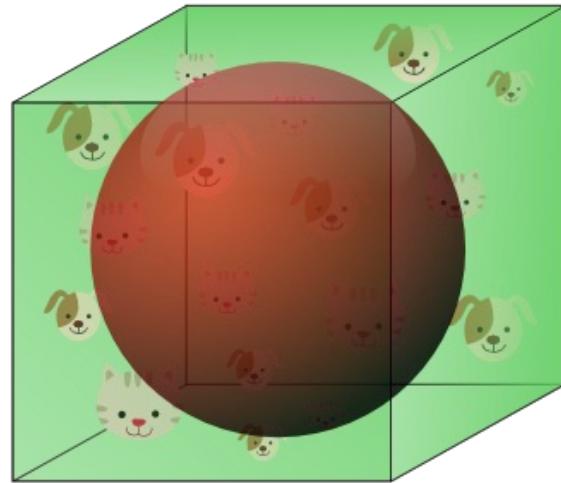
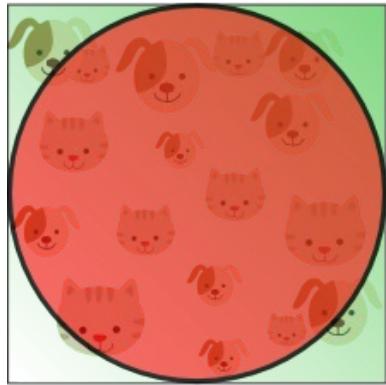
$$V_{sphere}(d) = \frac{\pi^{\frac{d}{2}}}{\Gamma\left(\frac{d}{2} + 1\right) 2^d} \sim O(c^{-d})$$



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The higher dimensional the feature space the more training samples will be in the corners of the hypercube, thus generalisation suffers.

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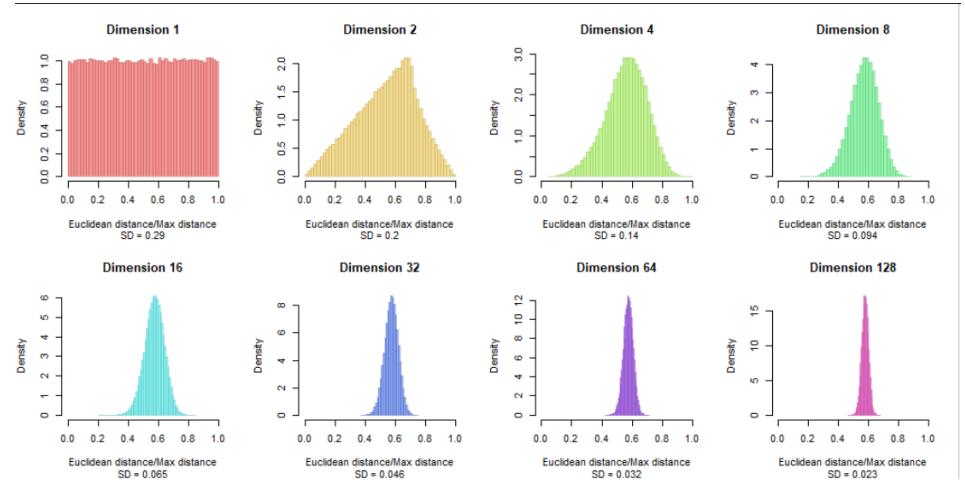


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<https://stats.stackexchange.com/questions/451027/mathematical-demonstration-of-the-distance-concentration-in-high-dimensions>

Intuition

- Unit cube is asymmetric.
- To remove the asymmetry, roll the interval around into a loop where the beginning point 0 meets the end point 1: d -torus in n dimensions
- Plot distribution of normalized distance between different samples in different dimensional space
- This normalization has centered the histograms near 0.58
- around any given point on a high-dimensional torus nearly all other points on the torus are nearly the same distance away!





Curse of dimensionality

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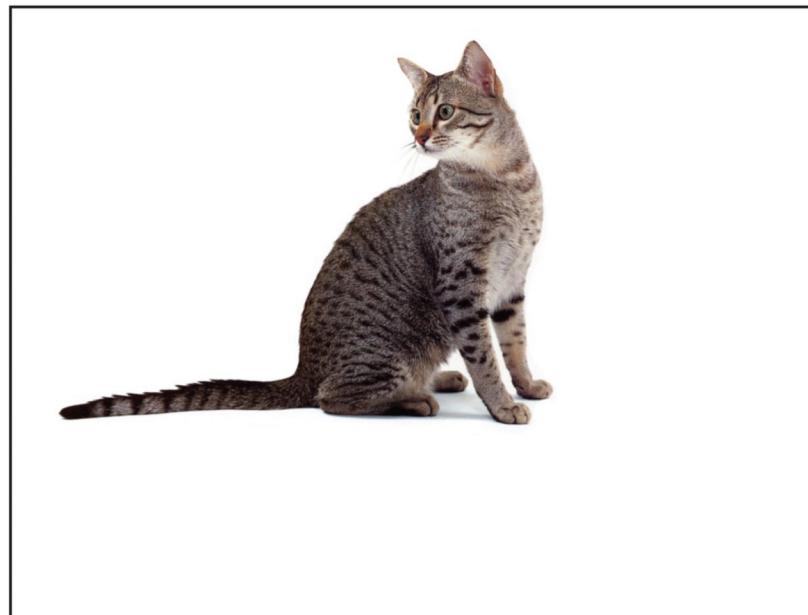
Input image resolution = 12 Mpixel * 3 channels = 36M elements

With $\epsilon \sim 0.1$, we need $10^{36000000}$ samples to approximate this function space
(10^{78} to 10^{82} atoms in the known, observable universe)

Invariance and Equivariance

Invariance and equivariance

- Shift invariance



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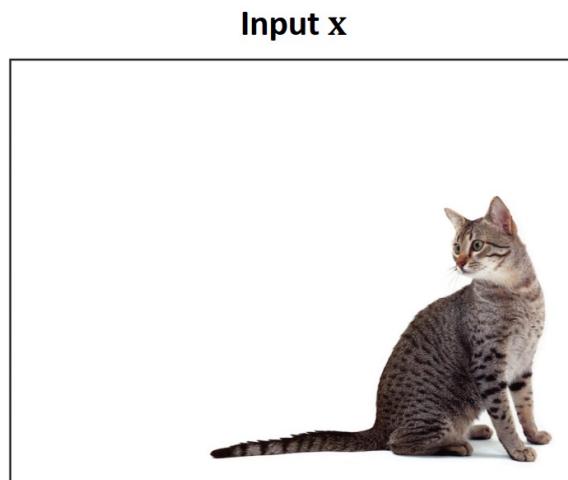
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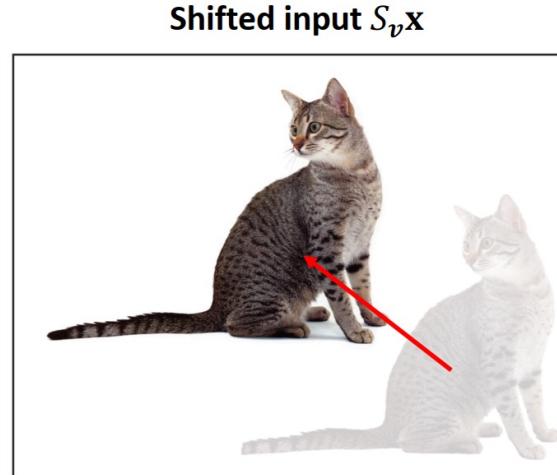
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Shift invariance



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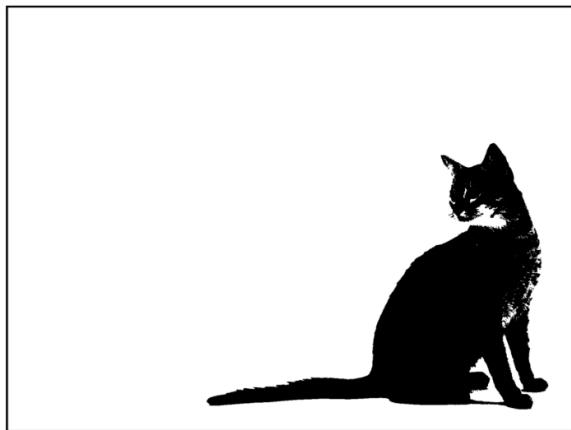
Output $f(S_v \mathbf{x}) = 1$

- ‘Cat detector’ $f: \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

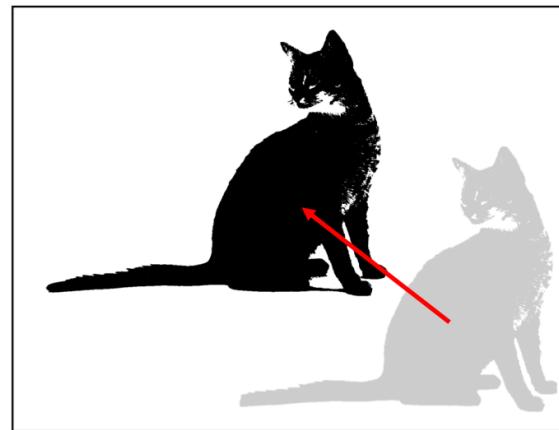


Shift equivariance

Input \mathbf{x}



Shifted input $S_v \mathbf{x}$



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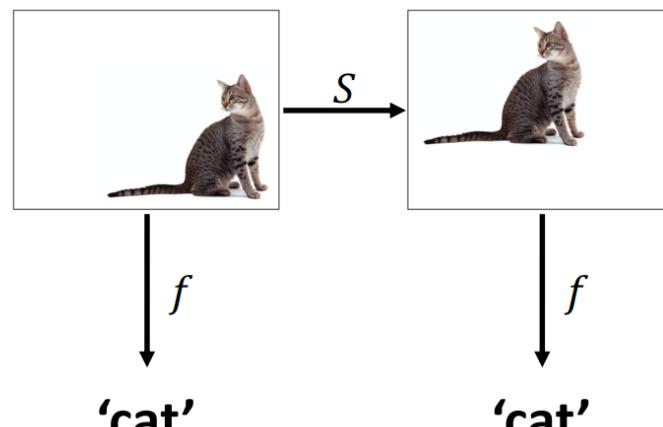
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- ‘Cat segmentor’ $\mathbf{f}: \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$
- Shift operator $S_v: \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$ shifting the image by vector v

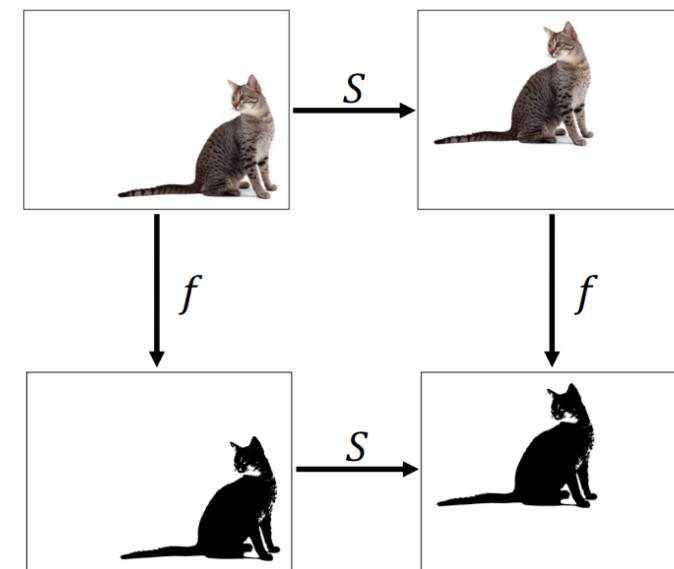


Invariance vs equivariance

Invariance



Equivariance



Output is the same

Output is shifted like the input

Inductive bias/assumptions

- First principle: translation invariance
 - a shift in the input should simply lead to a shift in the hidden representation
- second principle: locality
 - we believe that we should not have to look very far away from any location (i,j) in order to glean relevant information to assess what this area contains

translation invariance and locality – sliding window

Subimage $\hat{I}_{i,j} = I[i:i+m, j:j+n]$

- Correlation

$$C_{i,j} = \sum_{x=0}^{m-1} \sum_{y=0}^{n-1} \hat{I}_{i,j}(x, y) \cdot K(x, y)$$

Kernel (template) k



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Image I

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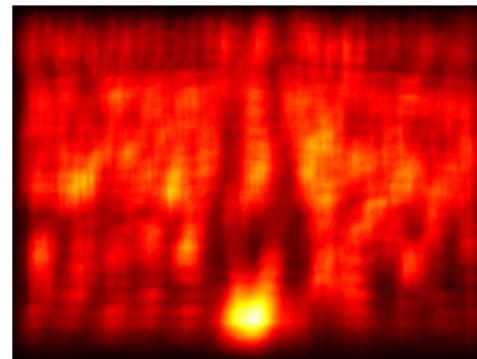
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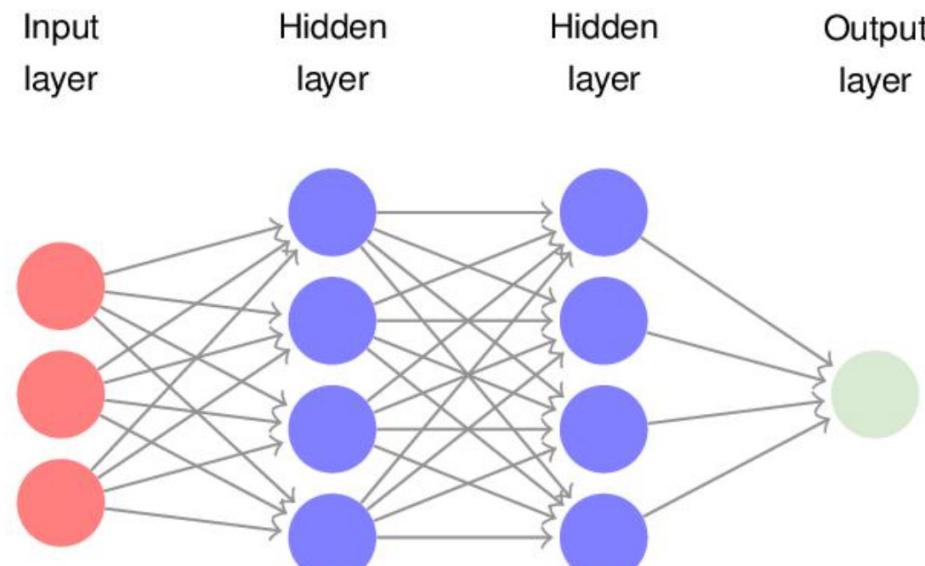
Cross-Correlation Map



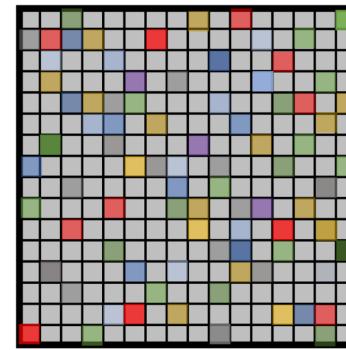
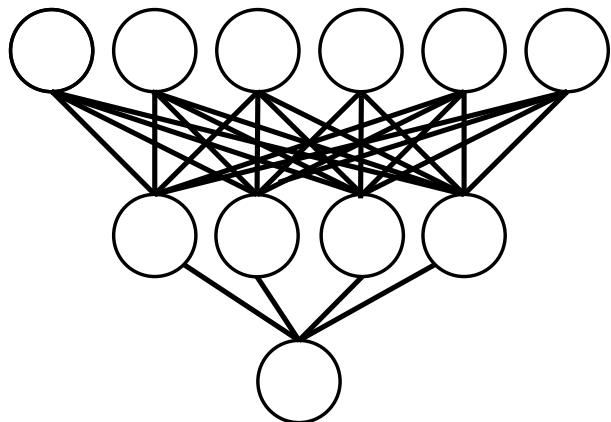
Convolutions

Fully connected neural networks

- Each input is connected to each node
- Can represent any kind of (linear) relationship between inputs

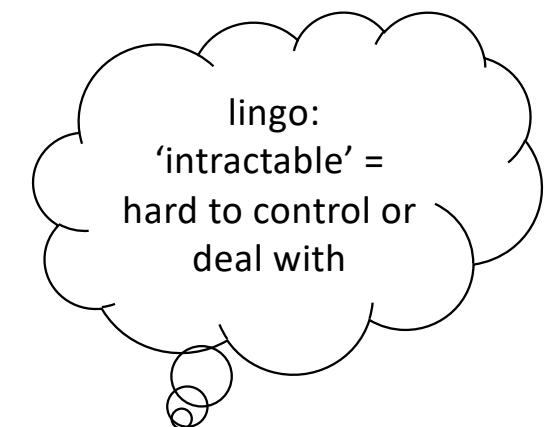


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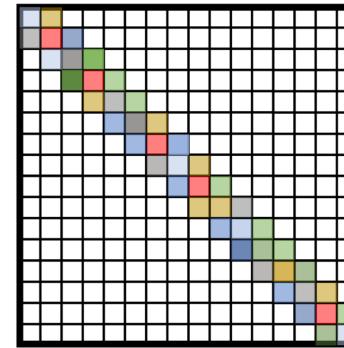
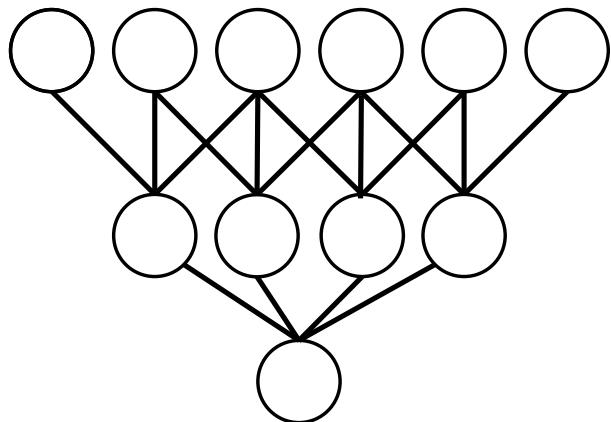


$$y_j = w_{j,1}x_1 + \dots + w_{j,n}x_n$$

n^2 parameters, e.g., $36M^2$ parameters!



Sparingly connected neural networks

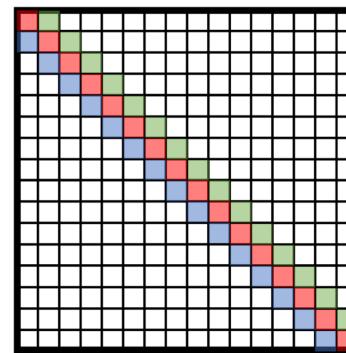
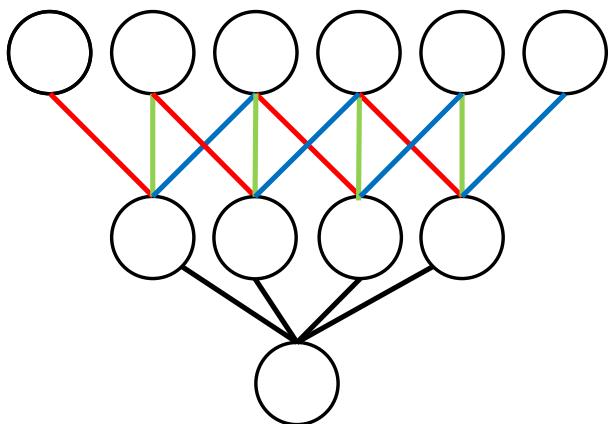


$$y_j = w_{j,i-1}x_{i-1} + w_{j,i}x_i + w_{j,i+1}x_{i+1}$$

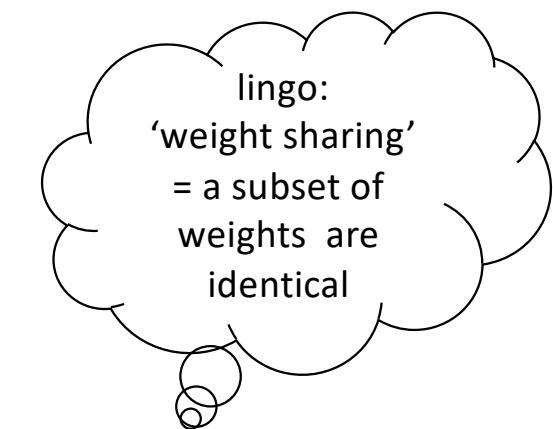
Each input neuron is connected to a small number k of hidden neurons.
Sparse connections: $k \cdot n$ parameters, e.g., $3 \cdot 36M$ parameters!

Early work, e.g.,
Y. LeCun et al.,
did this

Weight sharing neural networks



$$y_j = w_{-1}x_{i-1} + w_0x_i + w_{+1}x_{i+1}$$



Each input neuron is connected to a small number k of hidden neurons
and weights are shared
Shared weights (position independent): k parameters, e.g. 3 parameters!



Convolution

$$(f * g)(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(\tau)g(t - \tau)d\tau \text{ for } f, g : [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

Correlation

$$(f \star g)(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(\tau)g(t + \tau)d\tau \text{ for } f, g : [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

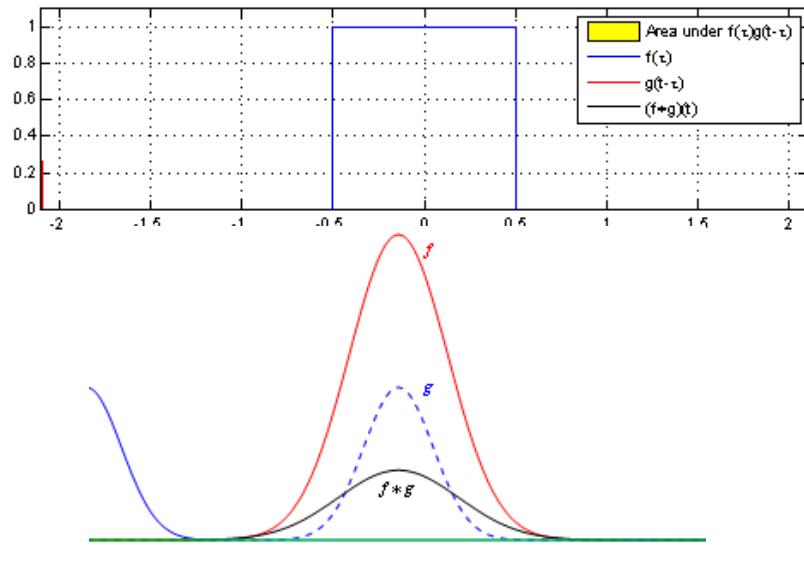


Convolution discrete version

- Given array u_t and w_t , their convolution is a function s_t

$$s_t = \sum_{a=-\infty}^{+\infty} u_a w_{t-a}$$

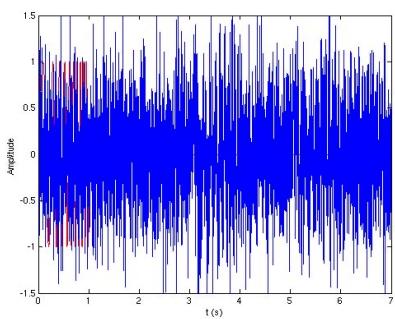
- When either u_t and w_t are not defined, they are assumed to be 0



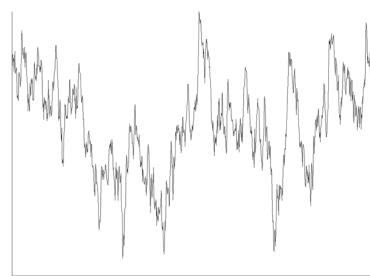
wikipedia.org

Why not simply input = output for this feature detector?

Signals in the wild:



Features in the wild:



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Network output (continuous):

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Some features of convolution are similar to cross-correlation:

for real-valued functions, of a continuous or discrete variable, it differs from cross-correlation only in that either $f(x)$ or $g(x)$ is reflected about the y-axis; thus it is a cross-correlation of $f(x)$ and $g(-x)$, or $f(-x)$ and $g(x)$.

Watch:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N-zd-T17uiE>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=laSGqQa5O-M>



Properties of convolutions

- Commutativity, $f * g = g * f$
- Associativity, $f * (g * h) = (f * g) * h$
- Distributivity, $f * (g + h) = (f * g) + (g * h)$
- Associativity with scalar multiplication, $a(f * g) = (af) * g$

Why Convolutions for pattern-matching?

- *Historical Reasons:* The operation in CNNs resembles the discrete 2D convolution operation, even though it's technically cross-correlation. The term "convolution" in CNNs has stuck due to historical reasons and convention. Computational advantages for large kernels with FFT. Mathematical advantages for probability distributions.
- *Flipped Kernels:* In some contexts, before applying the convolution operation, the kernel is flipped both horizontally and vertically. Once flipped, applying cross-correlation will be equivalent to applying convolution with the original kernel. However, **in CNNs, the kernels are learned, so it doesn't matter if they are flipped or not; the network will learn the appropriate values during training.**
- Regardless of whether true convolution (with kernel flipping) or cross-correlation is used, the result of training will be the same. The network will adjust its weights based on the feedback from the loss during backpropagation. Thus, for the purpose of training neural networks, the distinction between the two becomes largely irrelevant.
- *Implementation:* In deep learning frameworks like TensorFlow or PyTorch, the operation performed in the convolutional layers is actually cross-correlation. However, they still use the term "convolution" due to convention.

Examples of 2D image filters



(wikipedia)

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & 8 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 5 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\frac{1}{16} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



Edge Detection



Sharpen



Gaussian Blur

Remember: in CNNs all learned through backpropagation, dependant on the task!

Slide credit: Smola, Li 2019



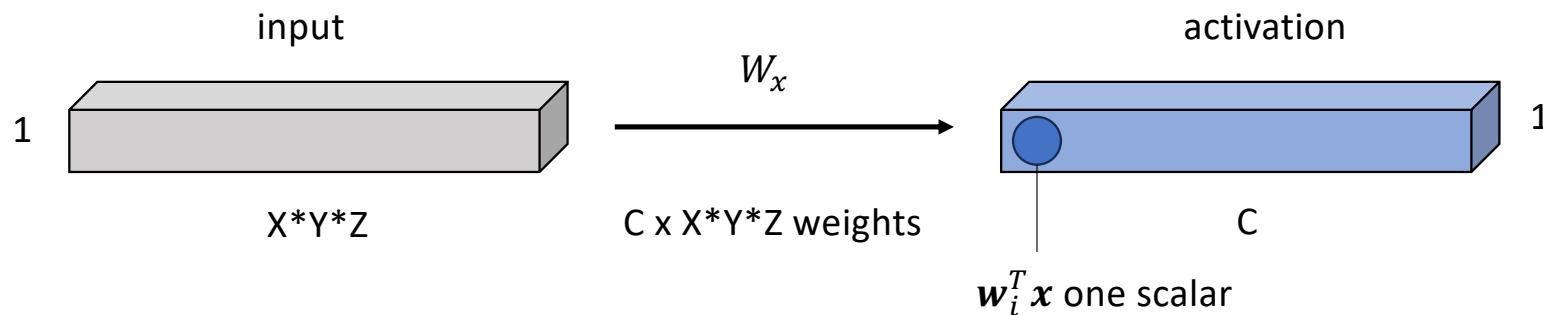
CNN building blocks

- Convolutional Layer
- Pooling Layer
- Fully Connected Layer
- Flatten Layer
- Dropout
- Batch Normalization
- Activation Function
- Loss Function
- Optimizer



Input Tensor conventional NNs

Instead of stacking a [X,Y,Z] RGB image into a $X*Y*Z \times 1$ vector for a conventional NN categorising in C classes



- we have priors about the data!

First principle: translation invariance

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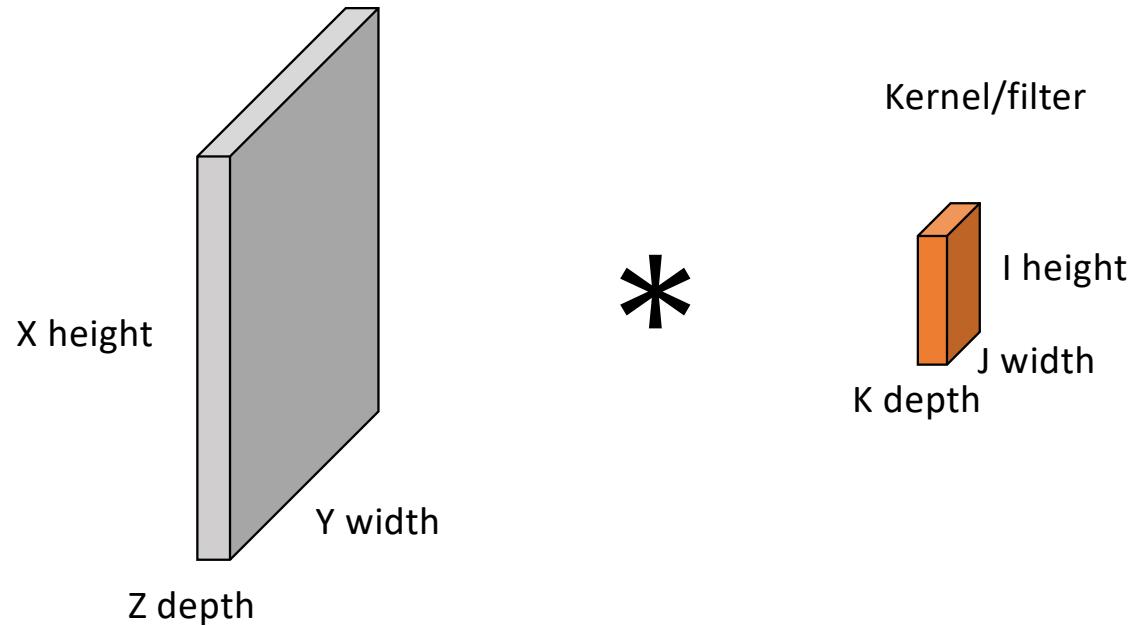
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Kernel

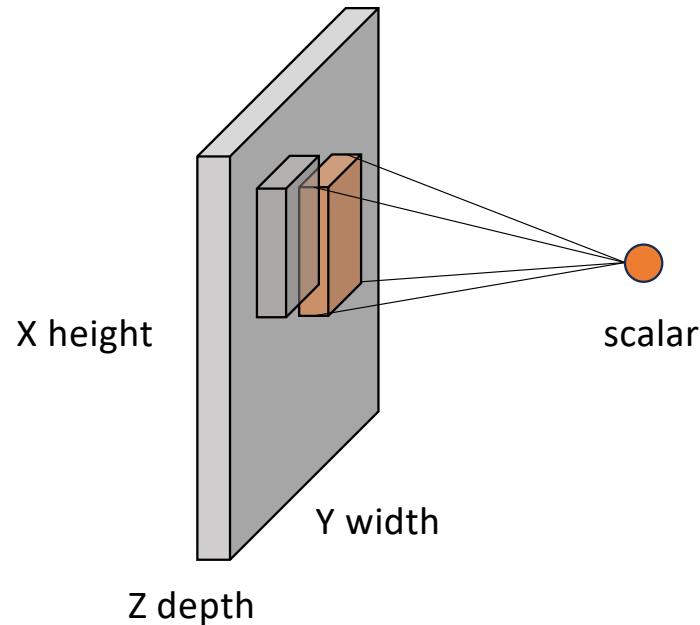
We keep locality as a $[X,Y,Z] * [I,J,K]$ convolution



Convolution



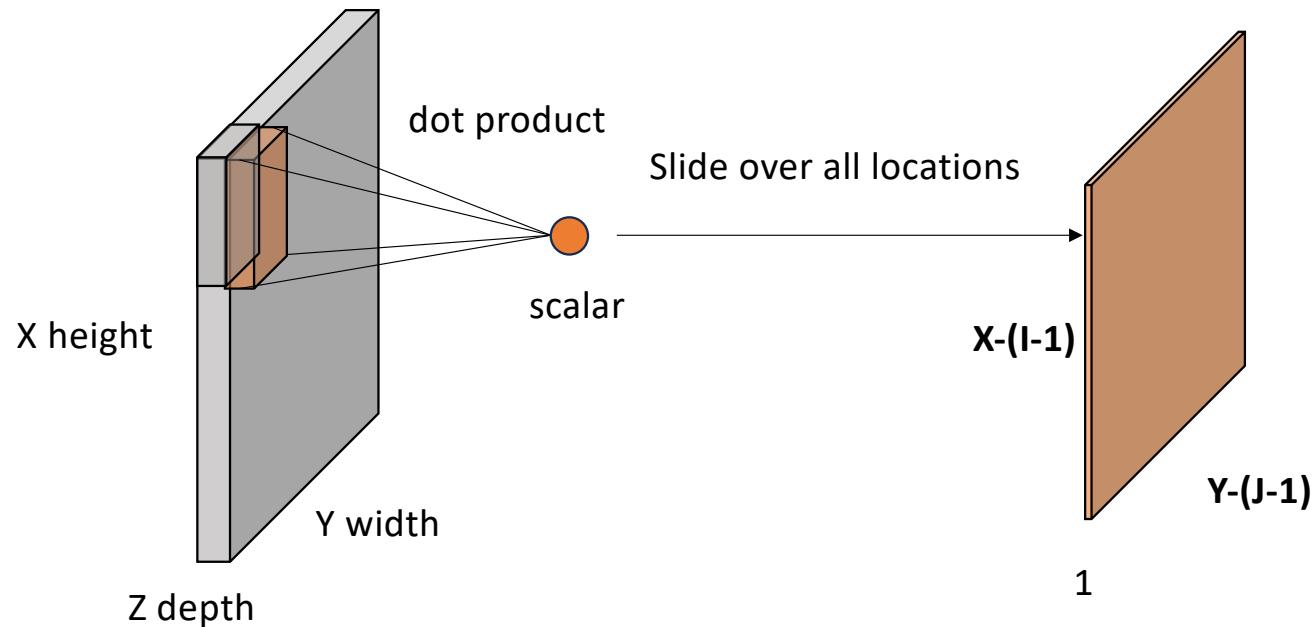
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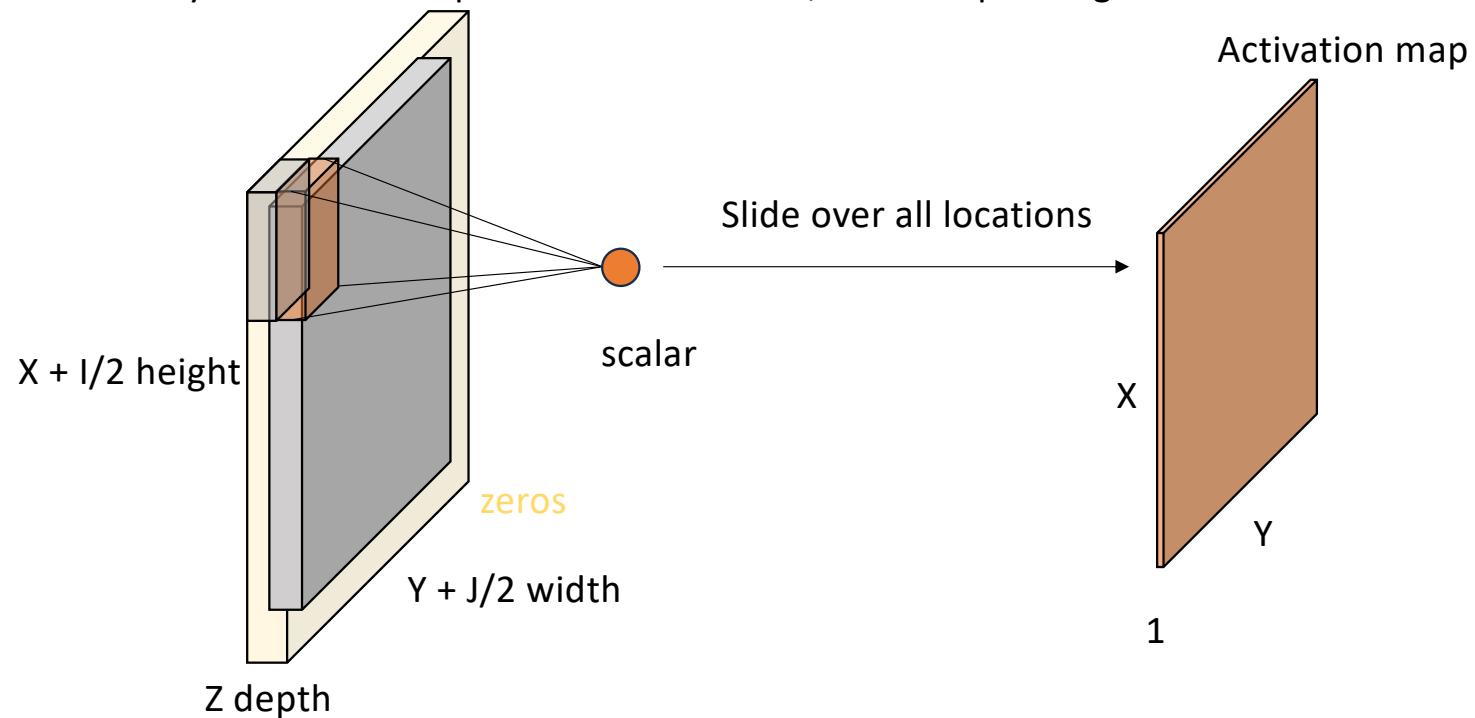
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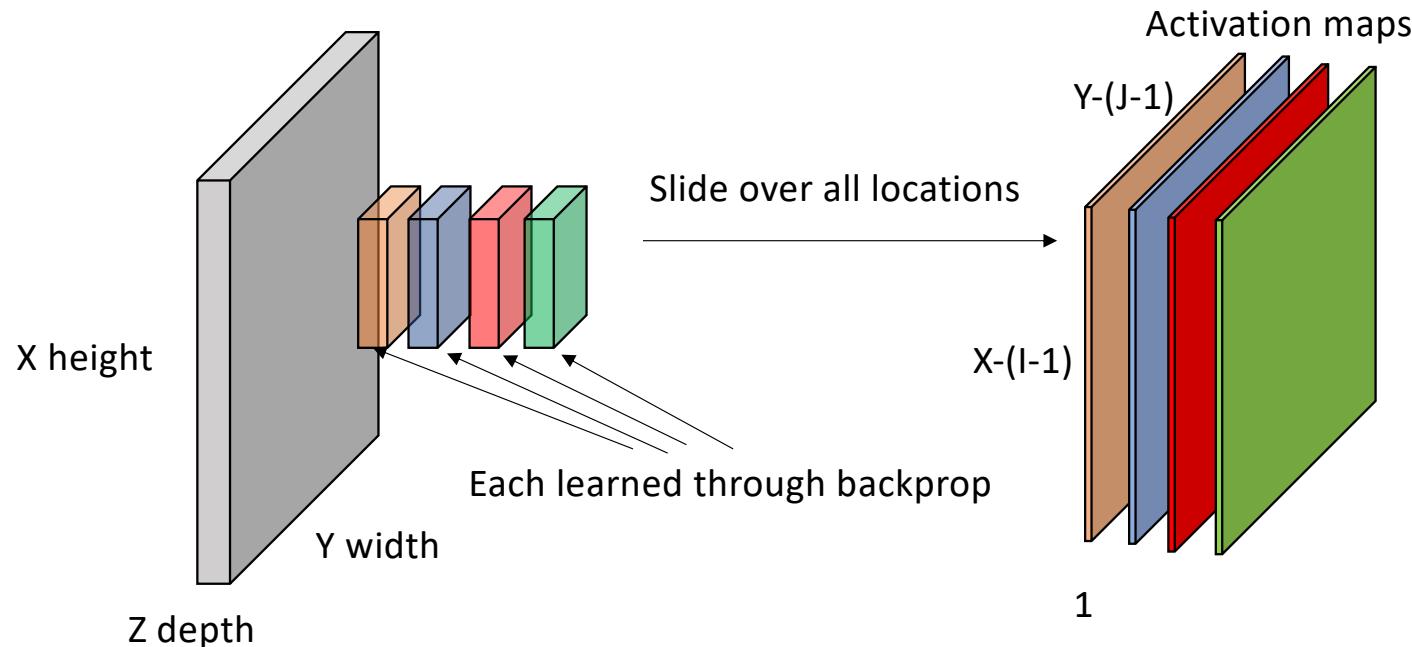
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Feature extraction

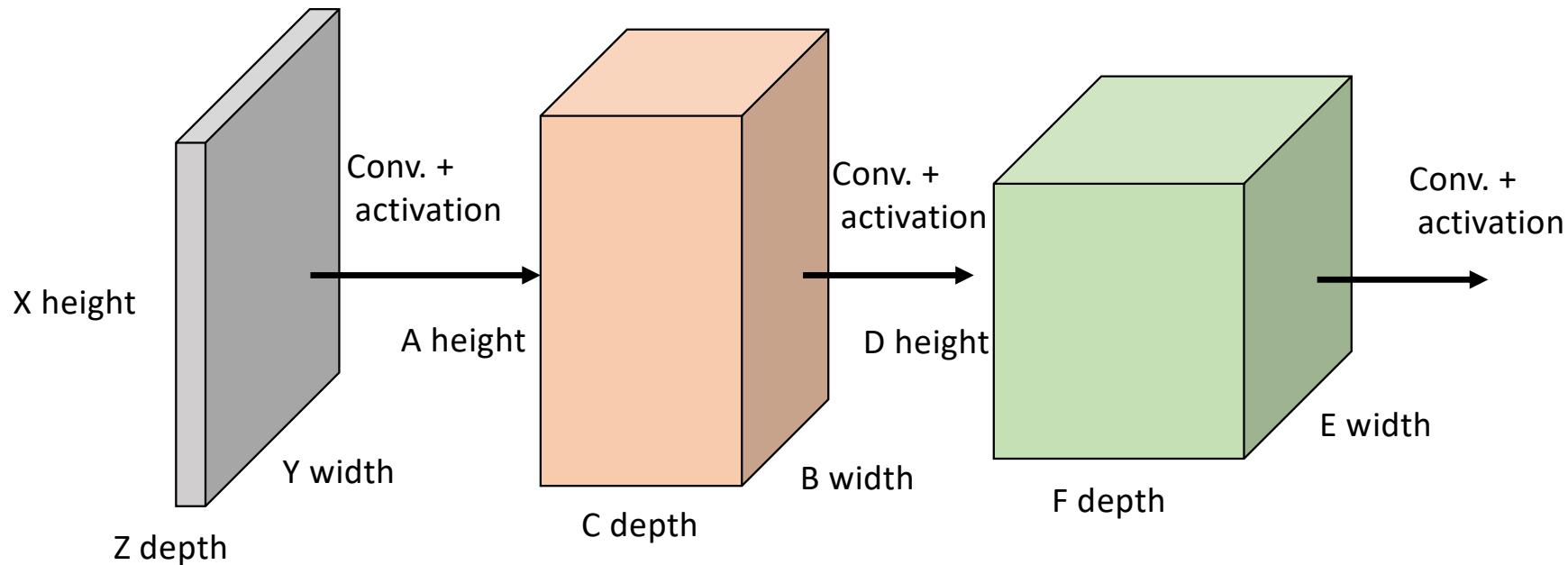
Convolutional layers can learn as many kernels as you like (of the same dimension)



CNN



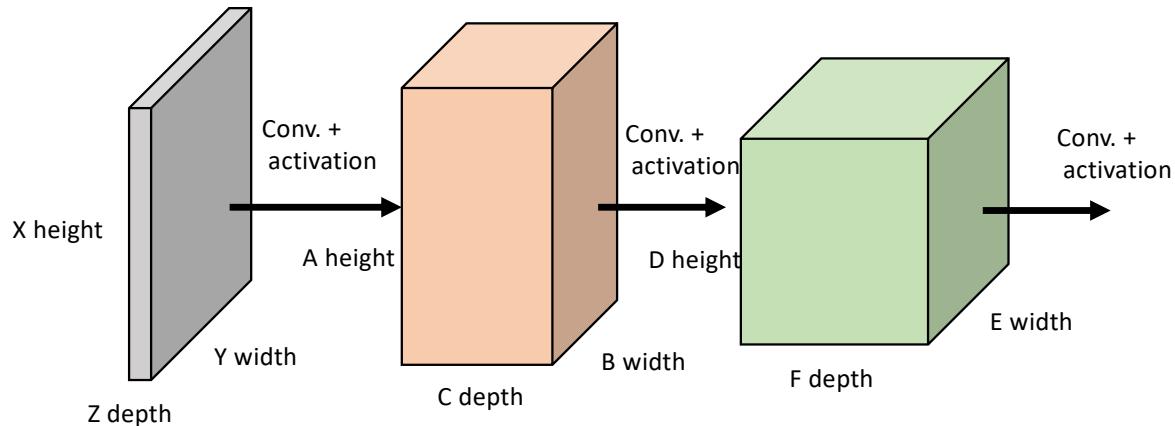
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Parameters

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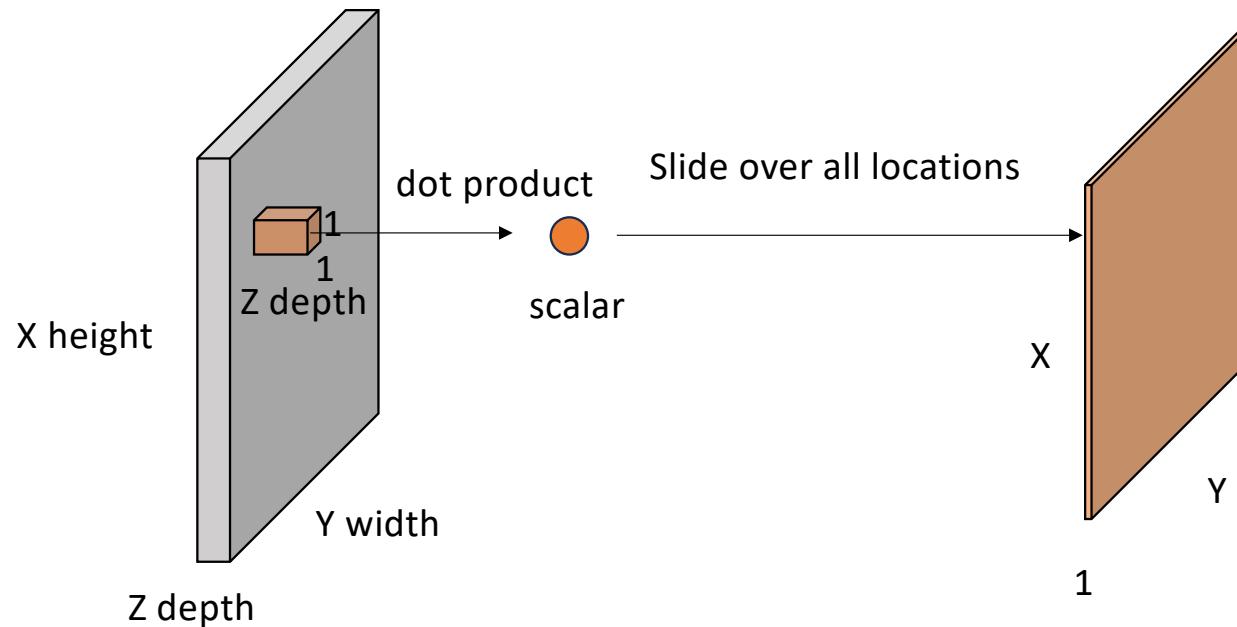


Each filter: $I * J * K + 1$ (bias) parameters to learn

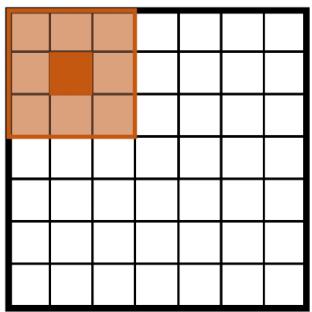
1x1 Convolution – reduce depth/NN across depth



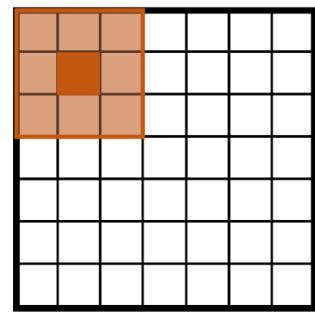
Learn to aggregate many channels into one



Padding and strides



7x7 input
3x3 filter
stride 1
no padding

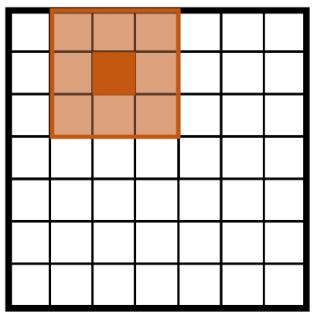


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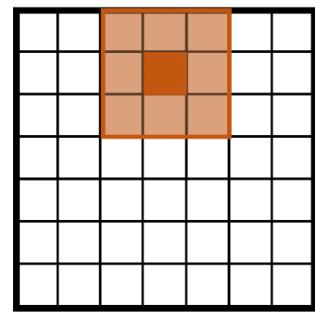
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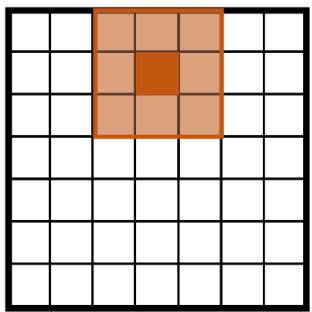


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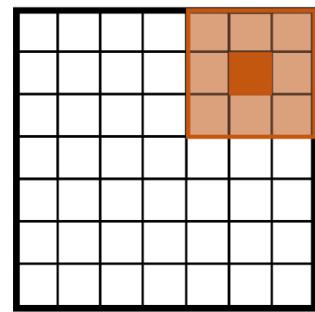
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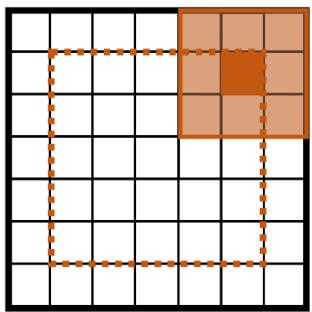


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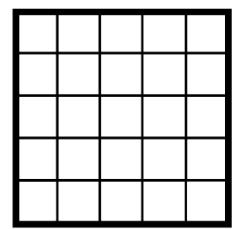
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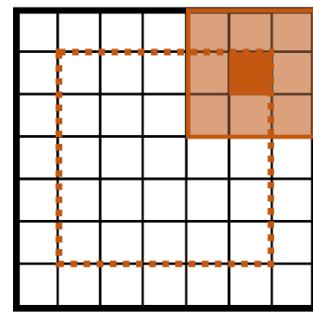
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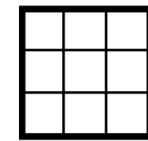
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5x5 output



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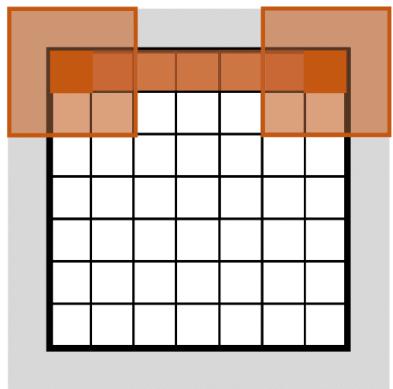


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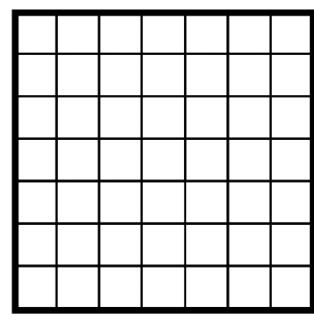
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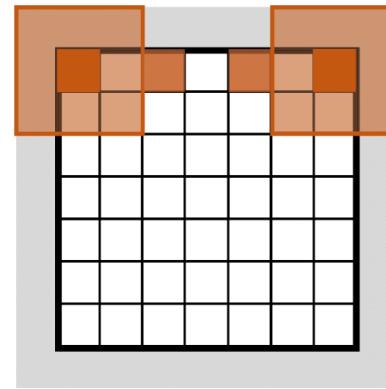
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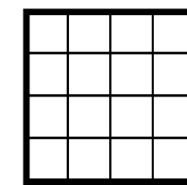
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7x7 output



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4x4 output

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Computational complexity

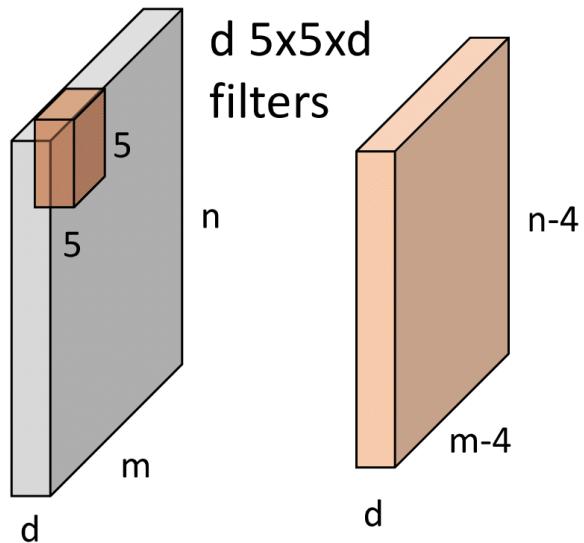


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Factorized convolution

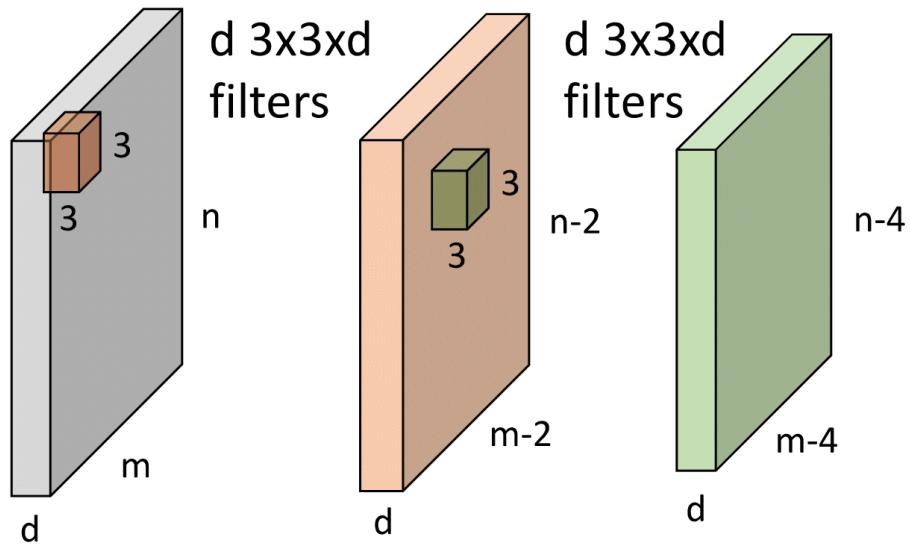
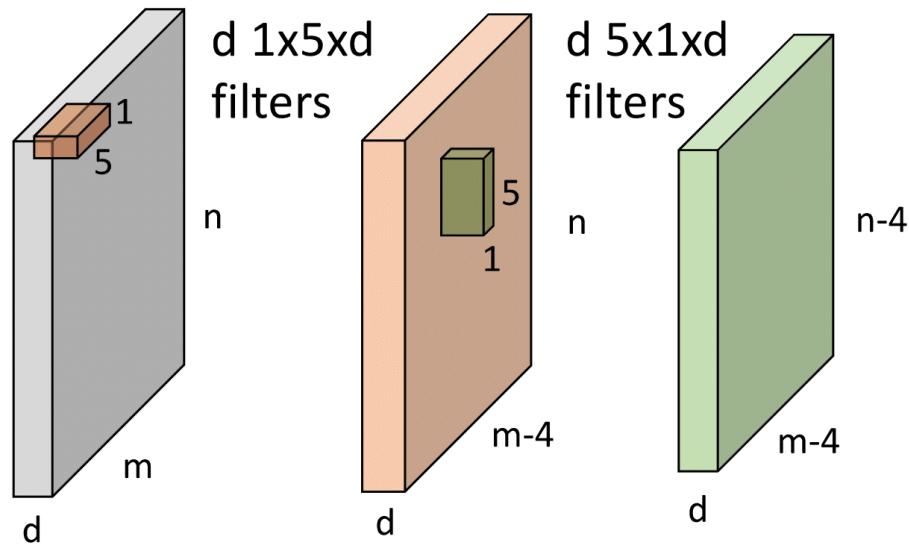


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Separable convolution



e.g. $m=n=32$, $d=3$
 $32 \times 28 \times 3 \times 5 \times 3 + 1 +$
 $28 \times 28 \times 3 \times 5 \times 3 + 1 =$
75602 ops

vs. 5×5
 $28 \times 28 \times 3 \times 5 \times 5 \times 3 + 1 =$
176401 ops

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Pooling



- Permutation-invariant aggregation+downsampling (typically max or avg)
- Reduces resolution
- Hierarchical features
- Contributes to approximate shift/deformation invariance

6	1	2	4
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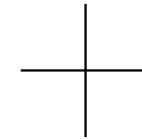


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The diagram illustrates a pooling operation. A 4x4 input grid contains the following values:

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3	5	2	0
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The maximum value in each row is highlighted in orange: 6, 6, 7, and 2. These four values are then aggregated into a single output value, also highlighted in orange, which is 6.

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Pooling



- Applied to each channel separately

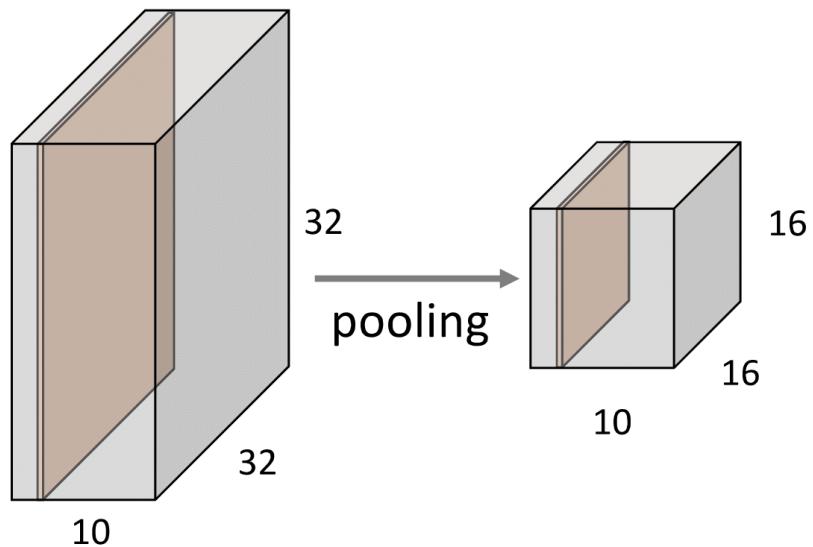
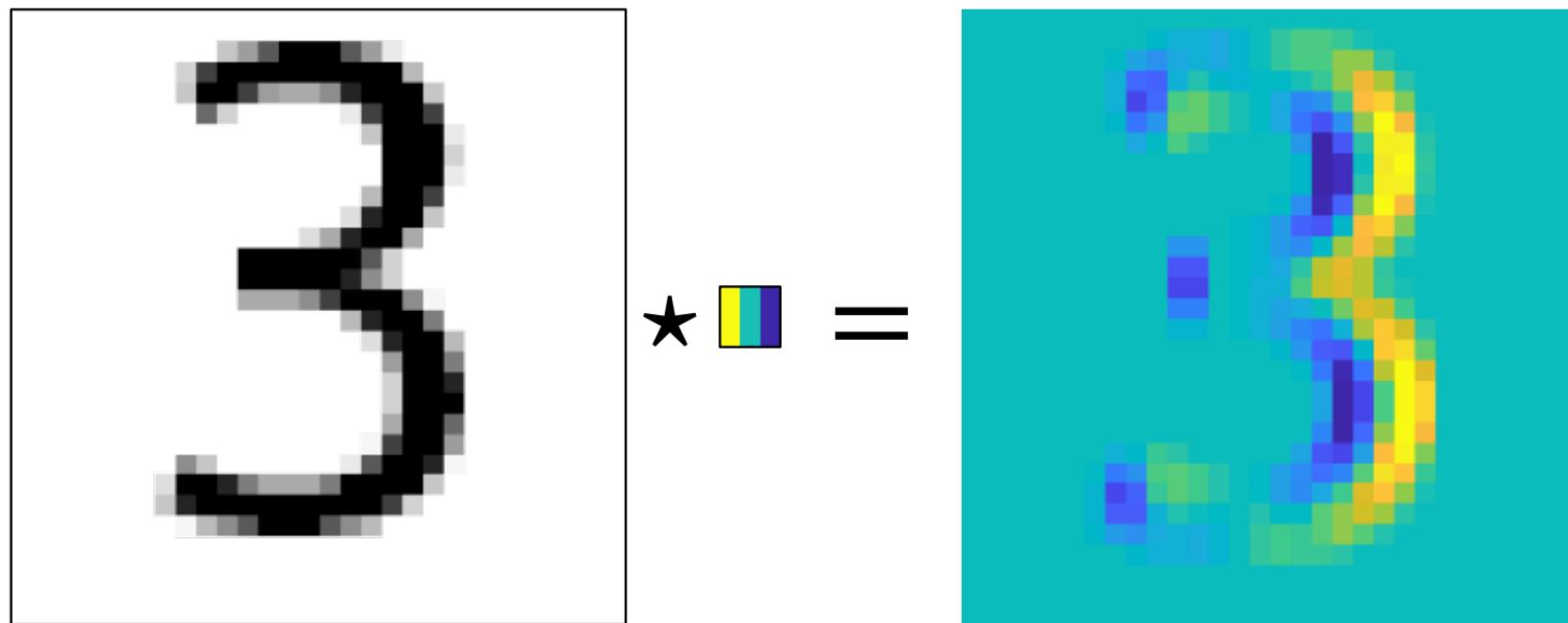


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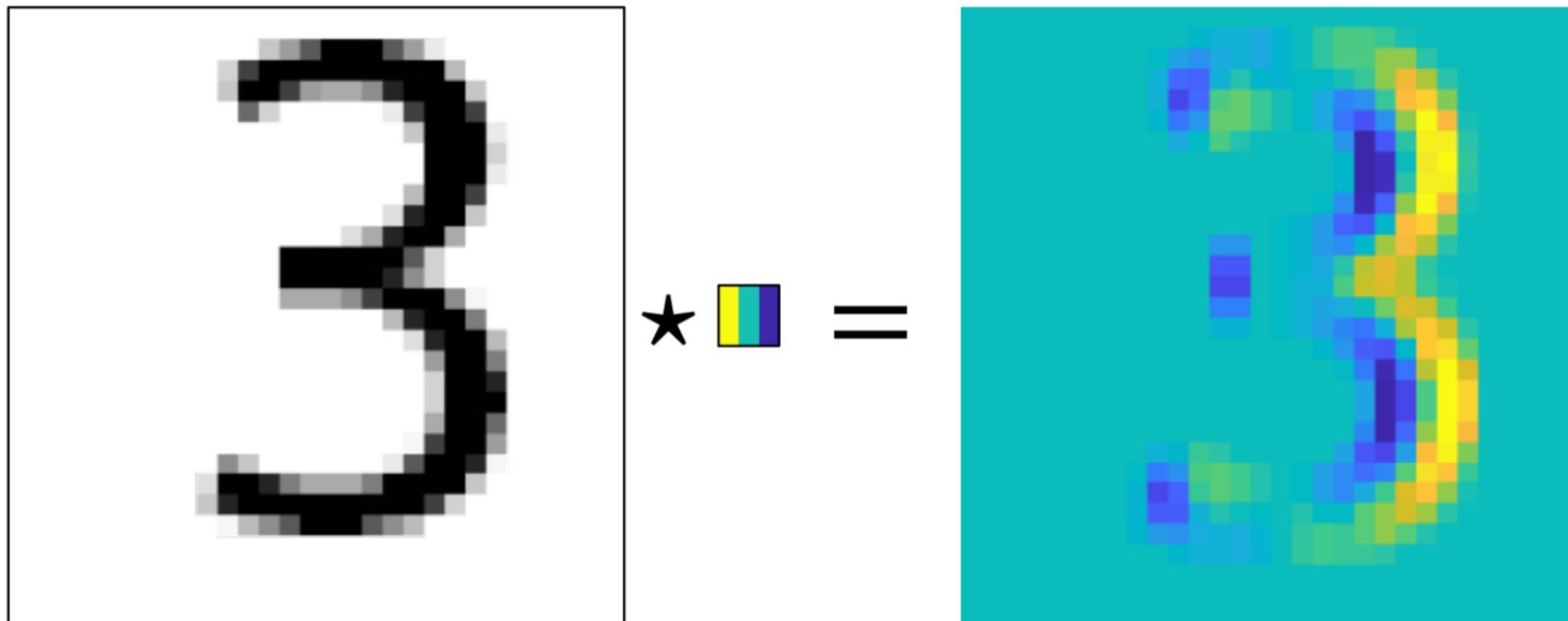
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Equivariance in CNNs



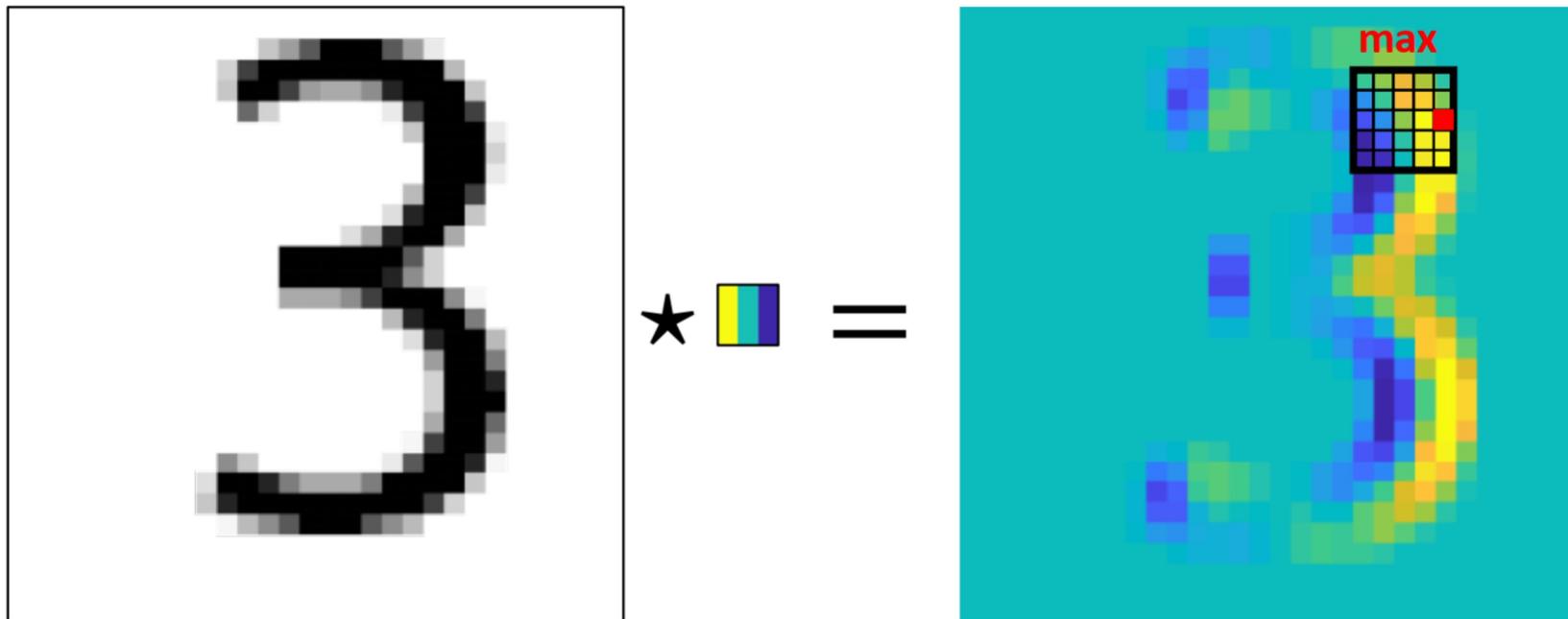
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Equivariance in CNNs



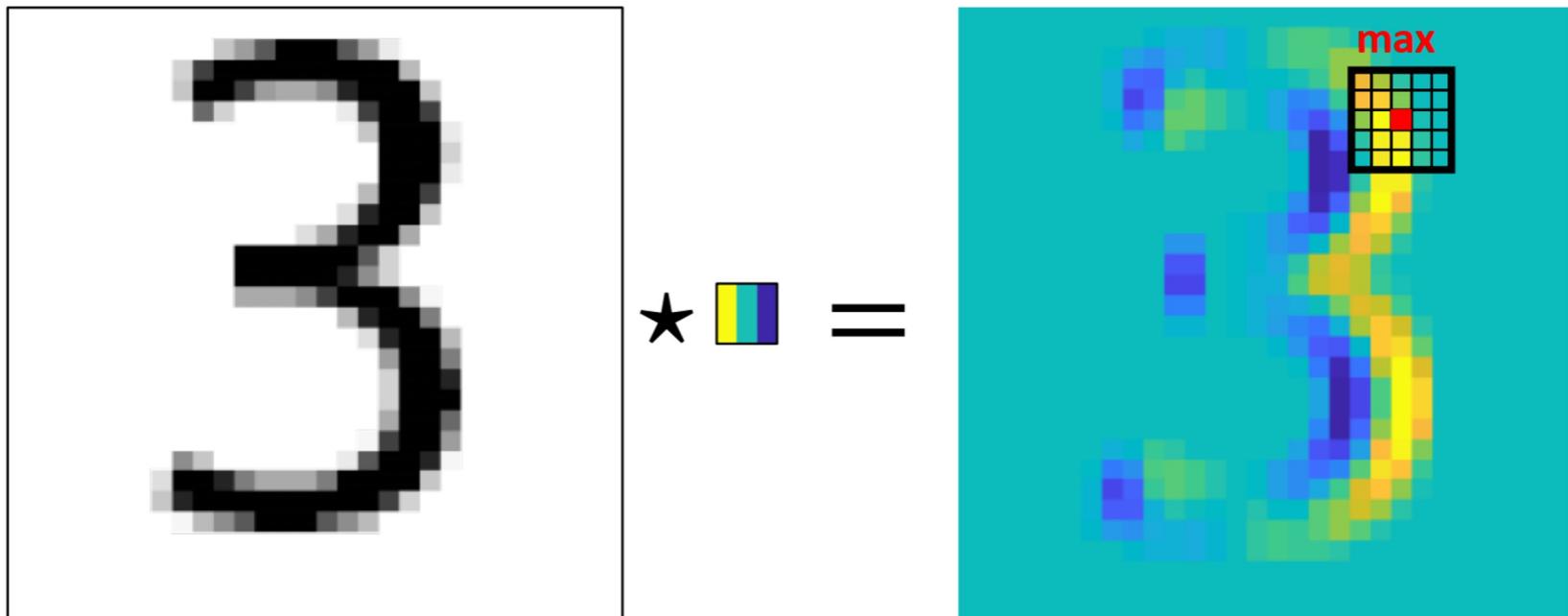
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Approximate invariance in CNNs with pooling



Output of convolutional layer+max pooling (~shift invariant)

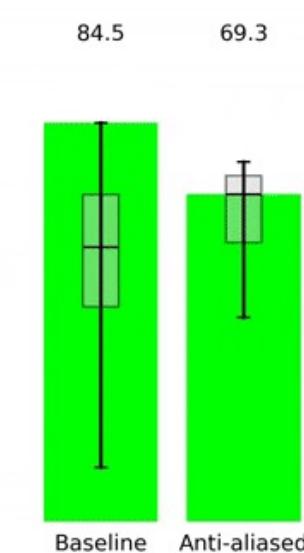
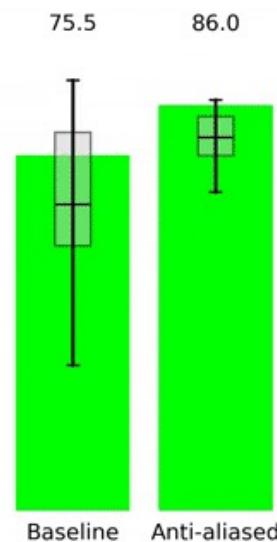
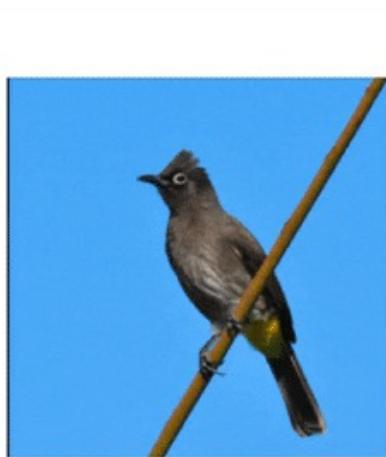
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Not the full story...

- But striding ignores the Nyquist sampling theorem and aliases



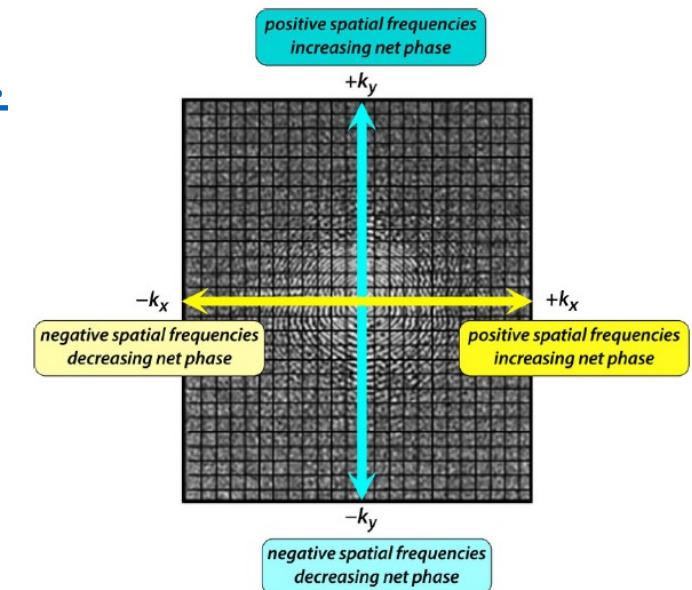
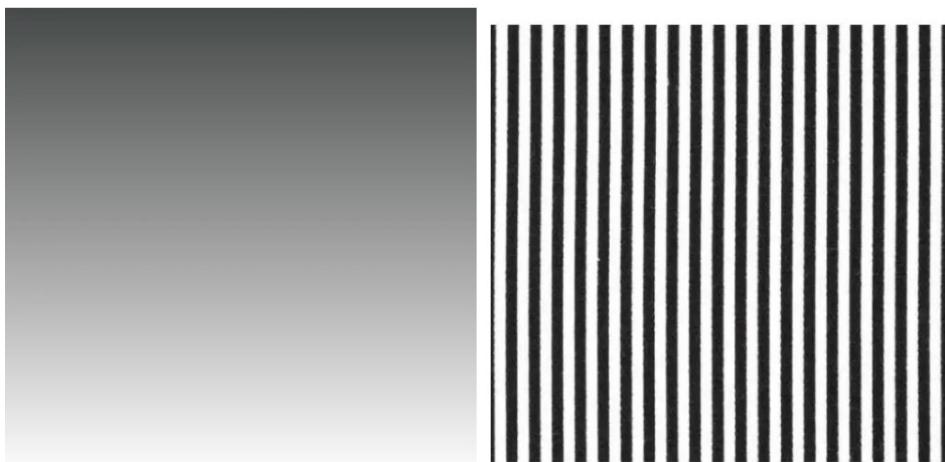
Nyquist sampling theorem = sample at least twice as fast to keep all information

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frequencies in images

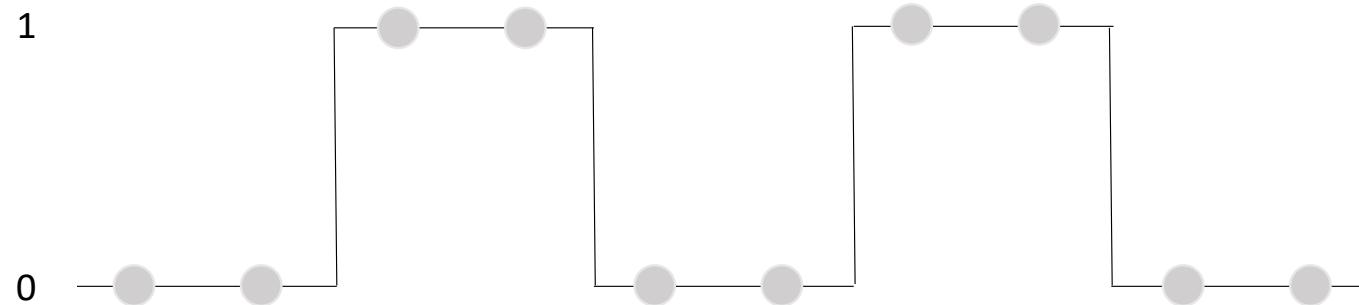
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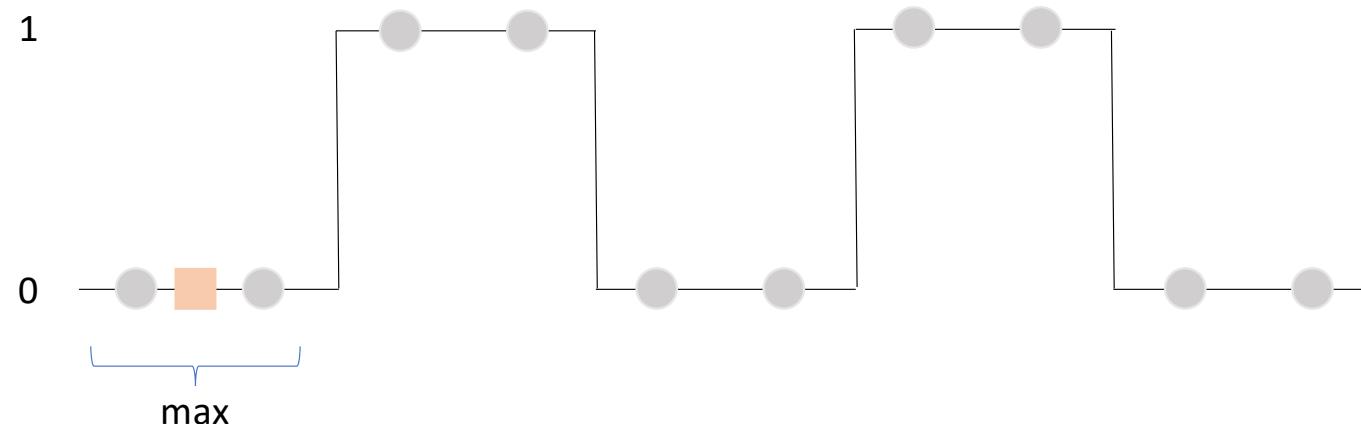
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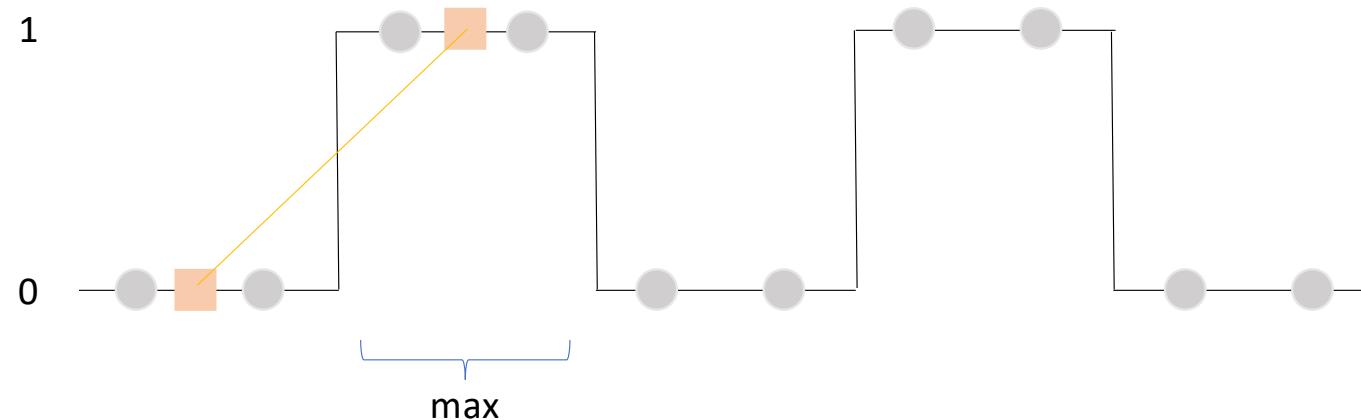
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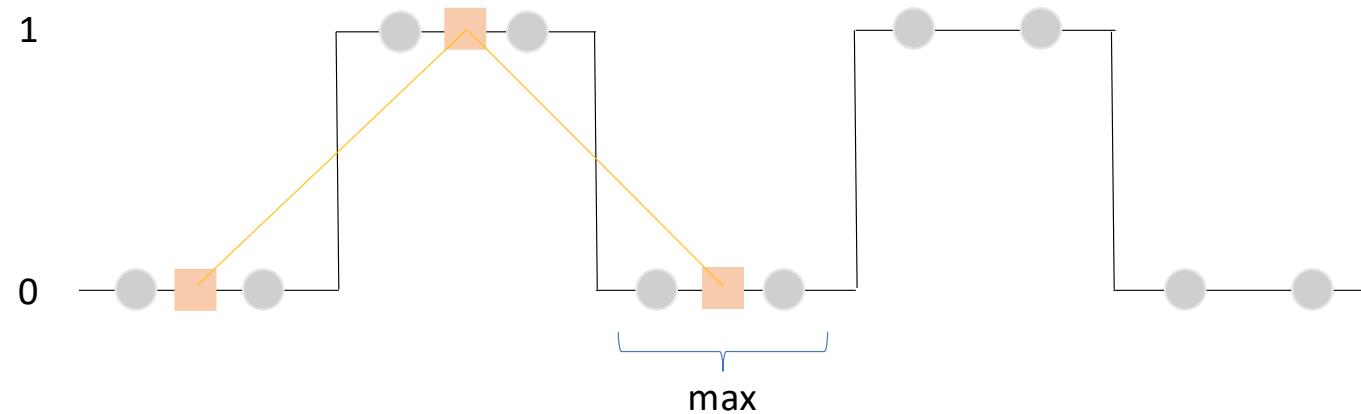
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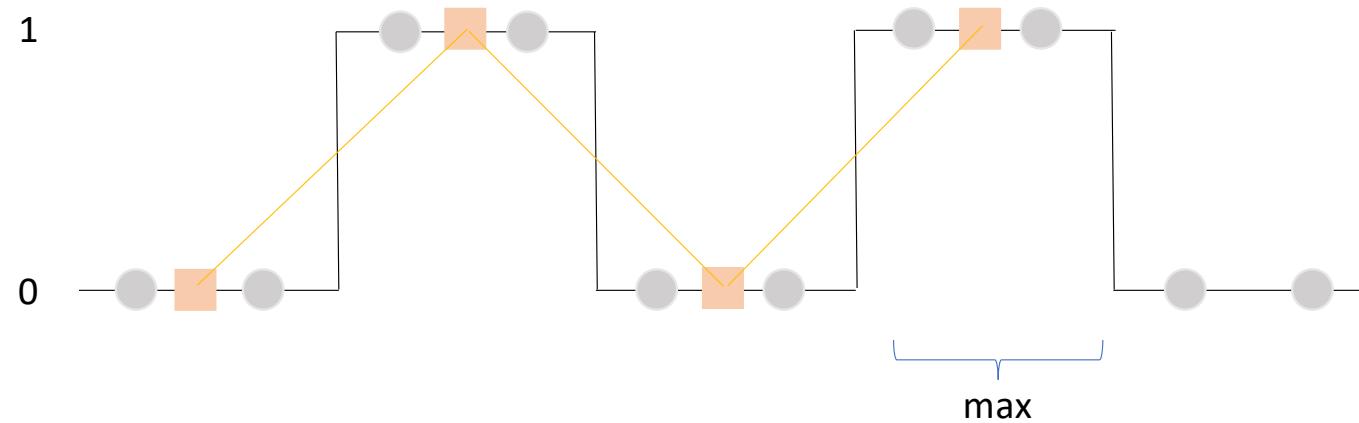
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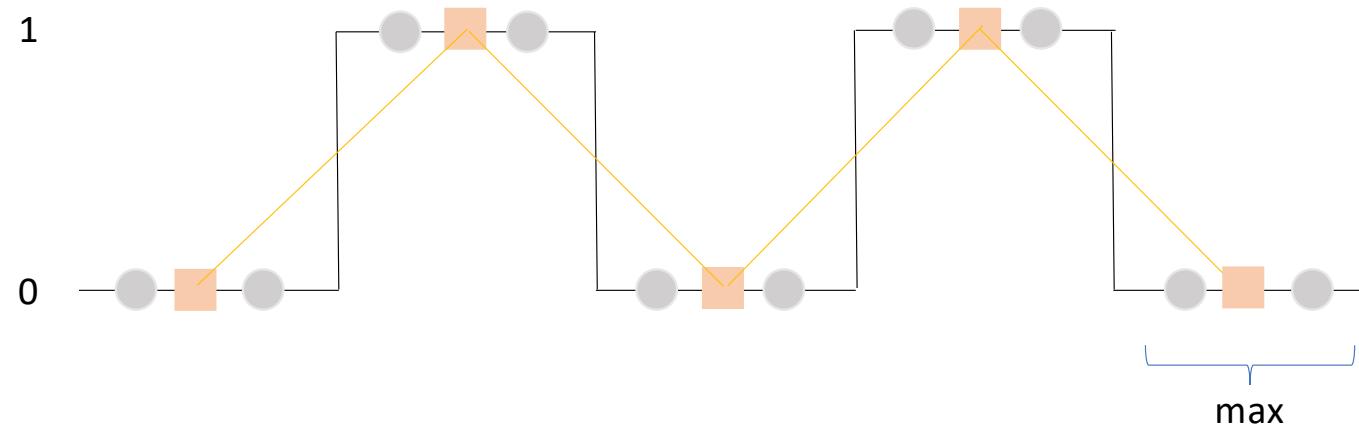
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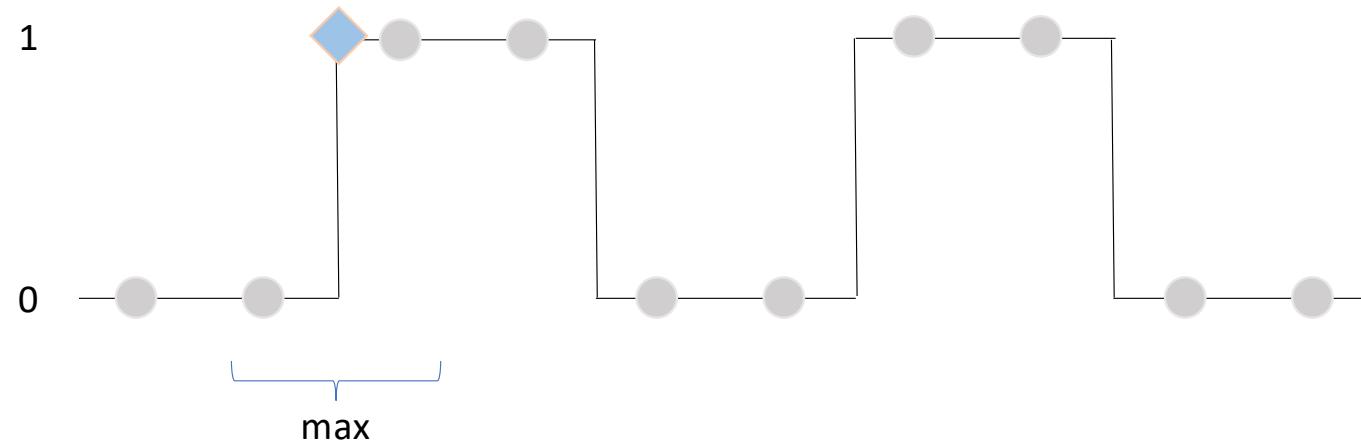
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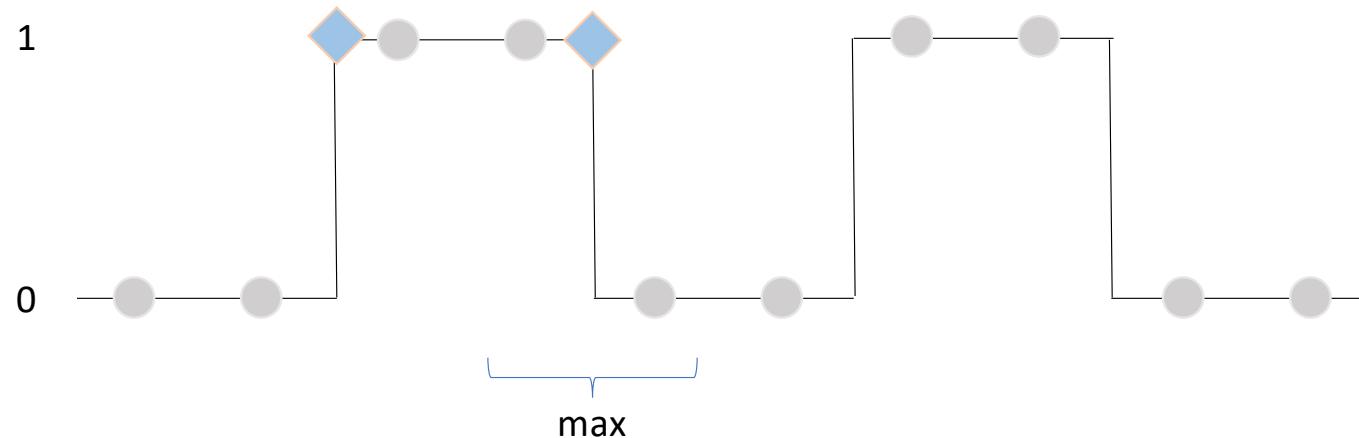
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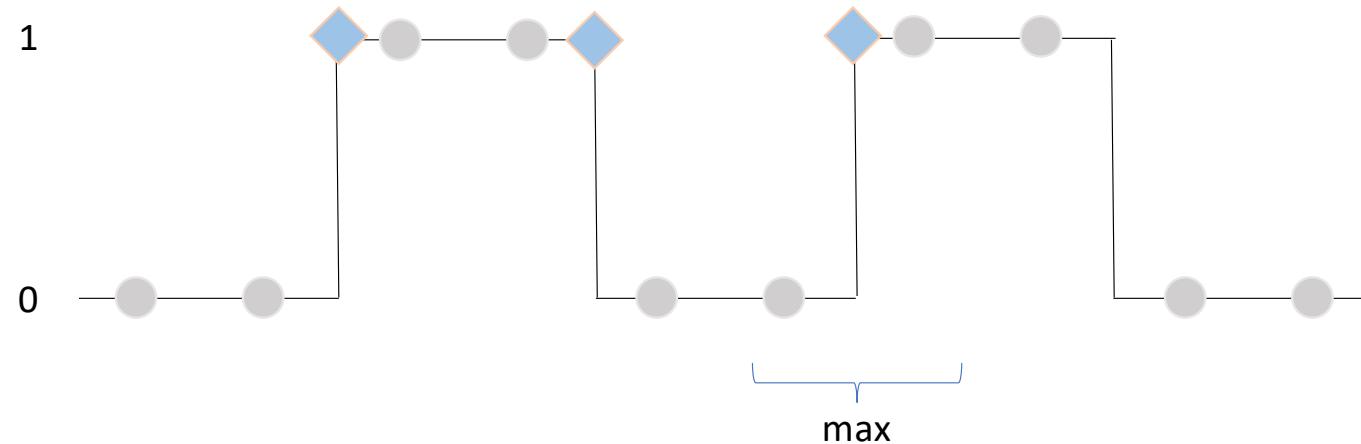
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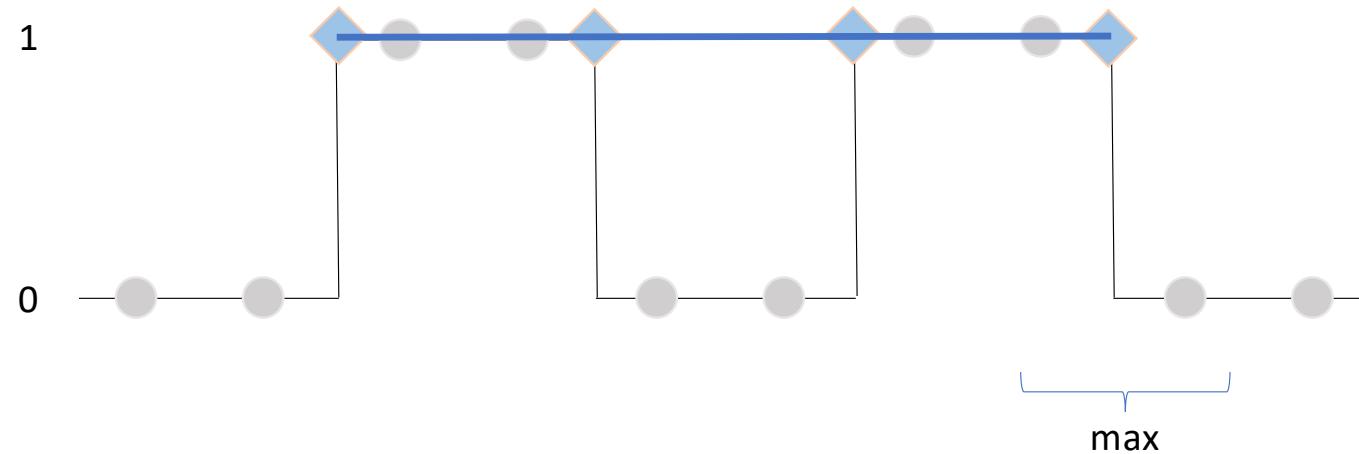
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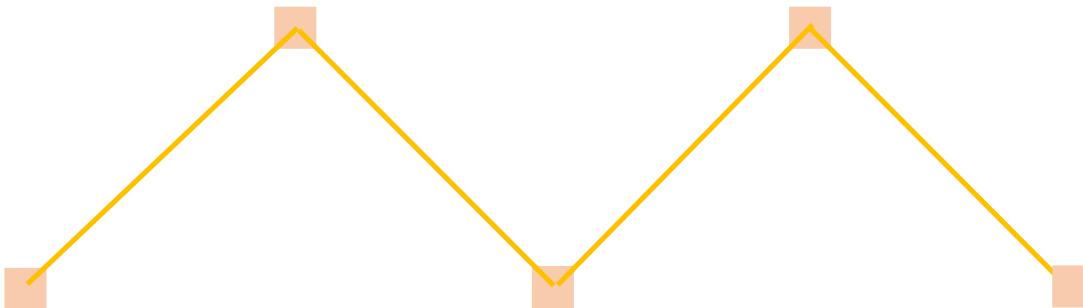


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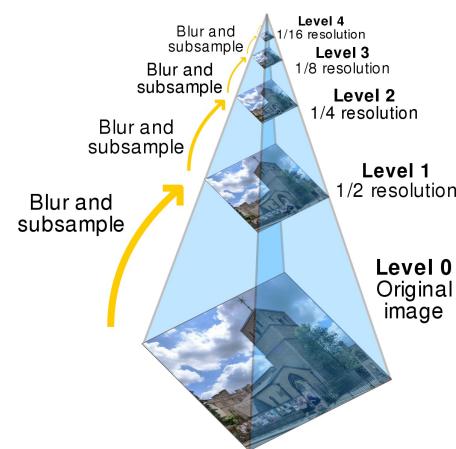
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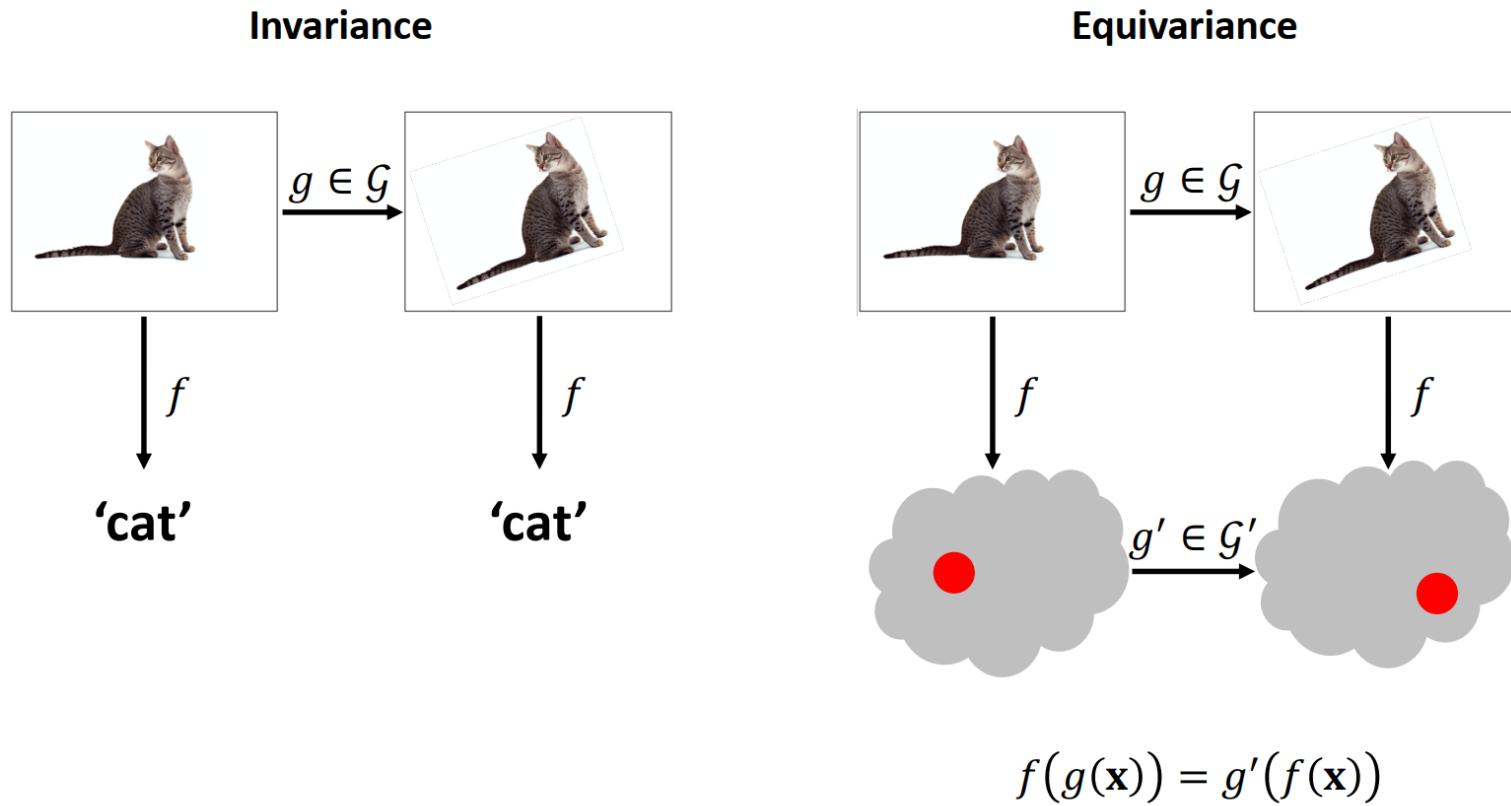
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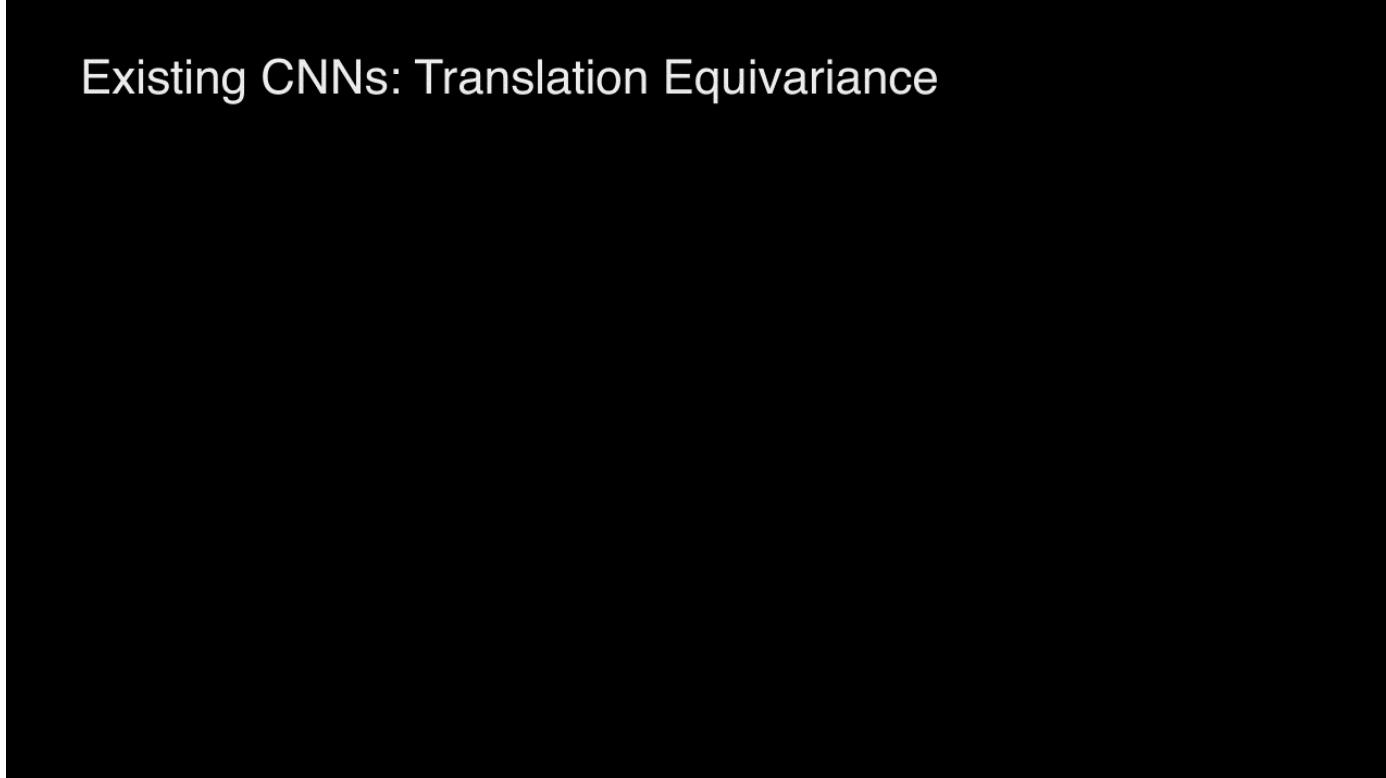


Beyond shifts: group equivariance



Rotation invariant CNNs

Existing CNNs: Translation Equivariance



Daniel Worrall et al.: Harmonic Networks: Deep Translation and Rotation Equivariance

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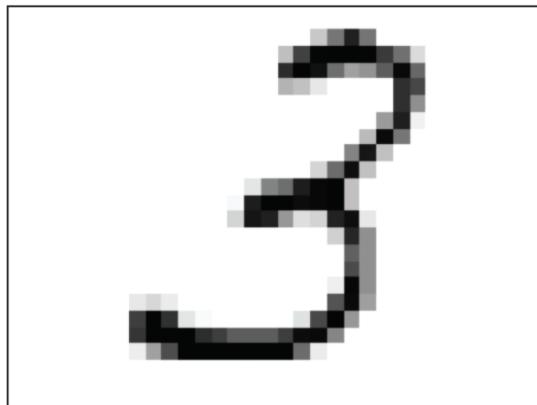
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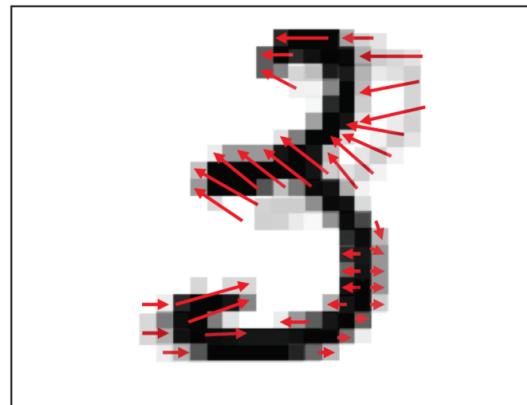
Approximate deformation invariance

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Output $f(\mathbf{x}) = 1$

Shifted input $S_v \mathbf{x}$



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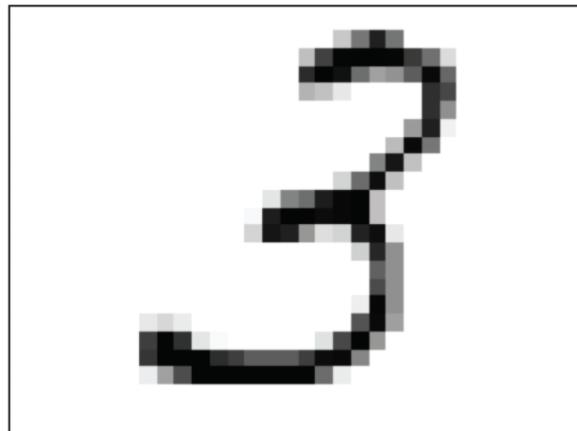
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Deformation invariance: $f(\mathbf{x}) \approx f(D_\tau \mathbf{x})$



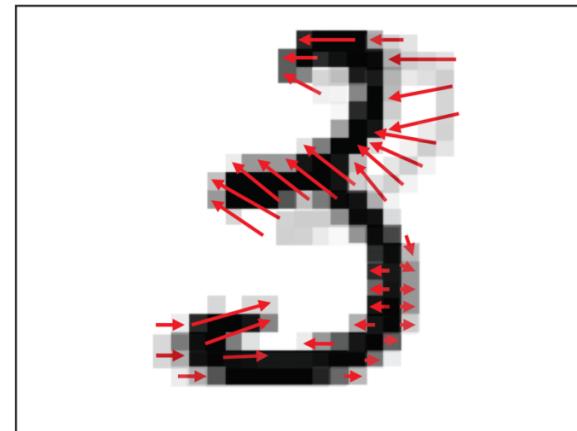
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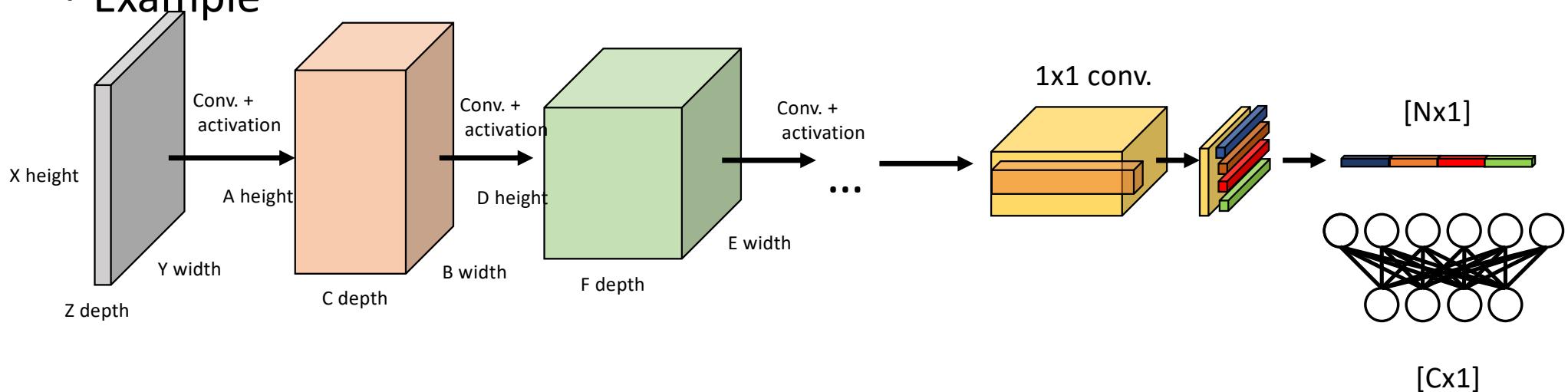
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$$\|f(\mathbf{x}) - f(D_\tau \mathbf{x})\| \approx \|\nabla \tau\|$$

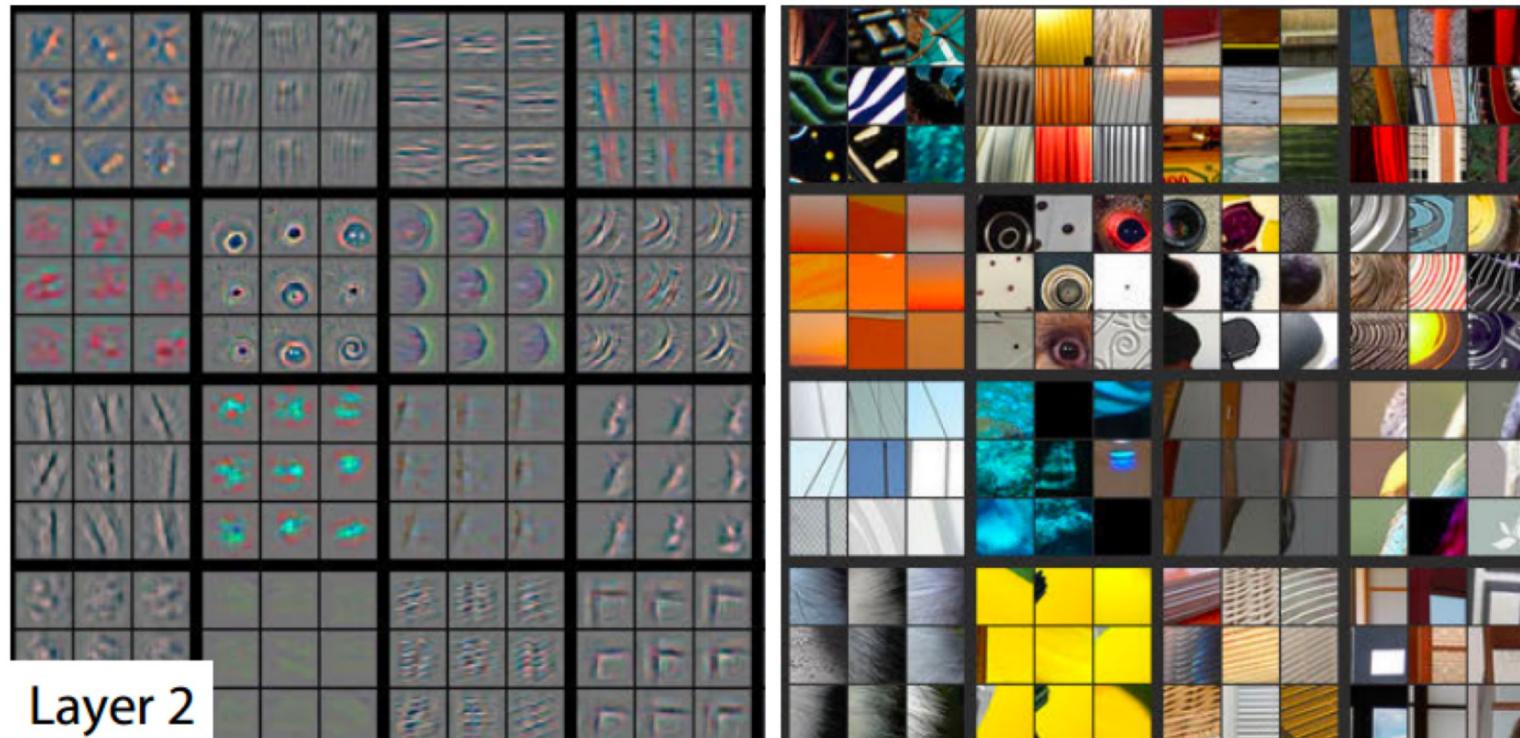


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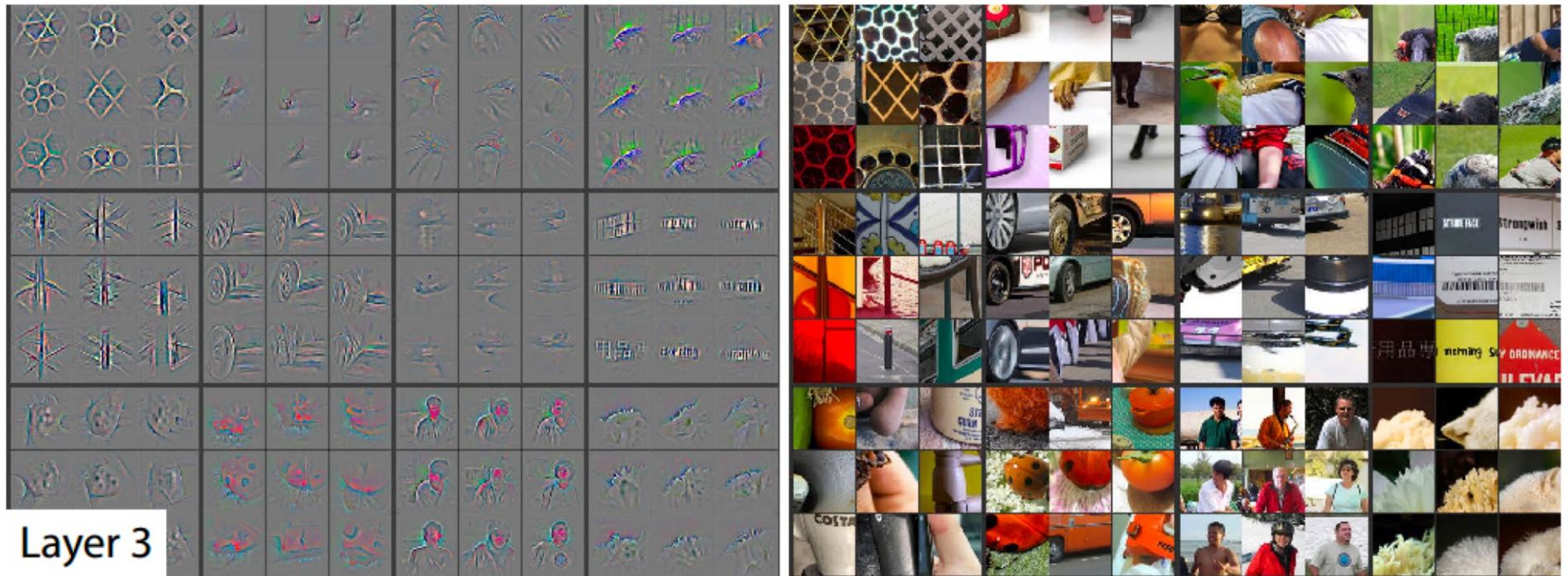
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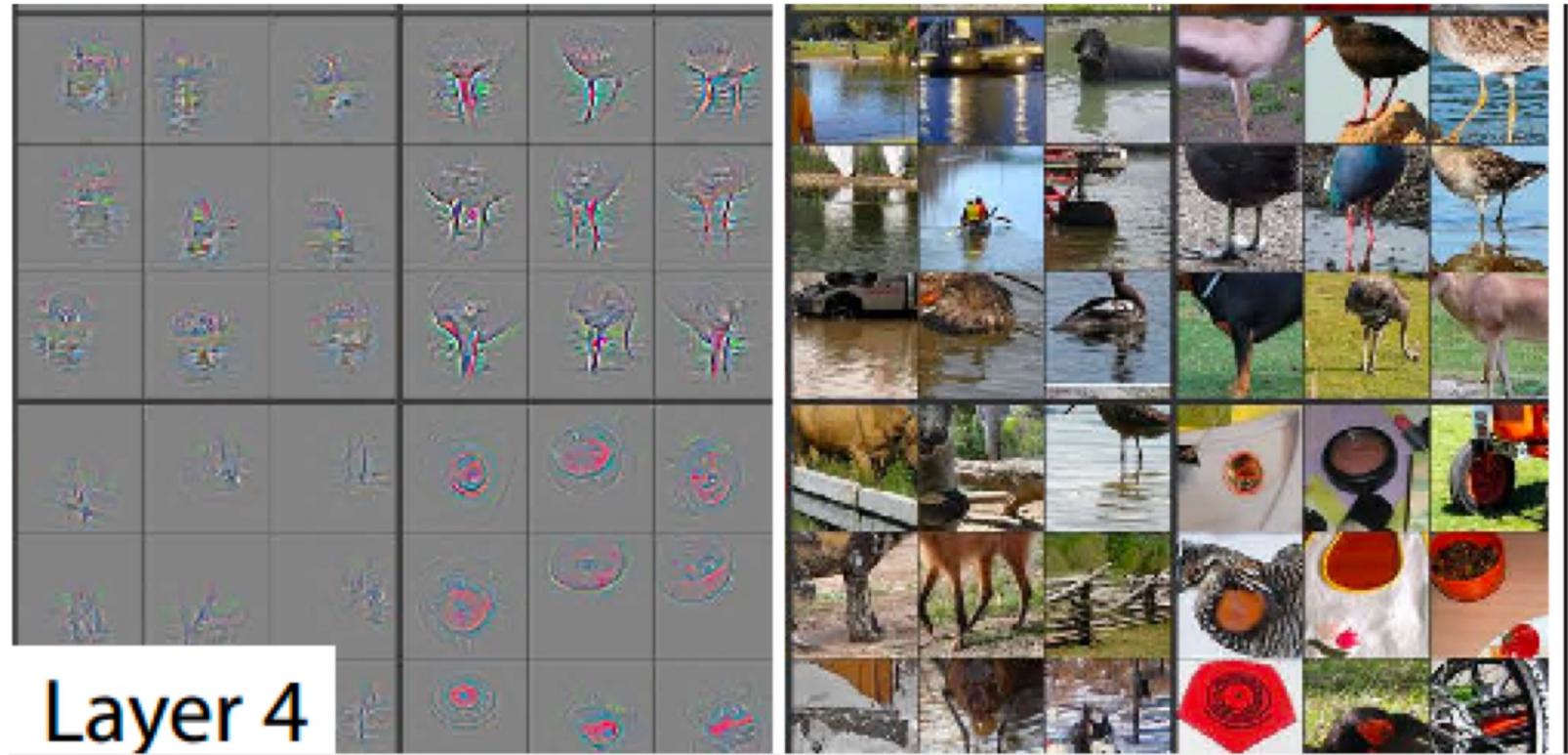
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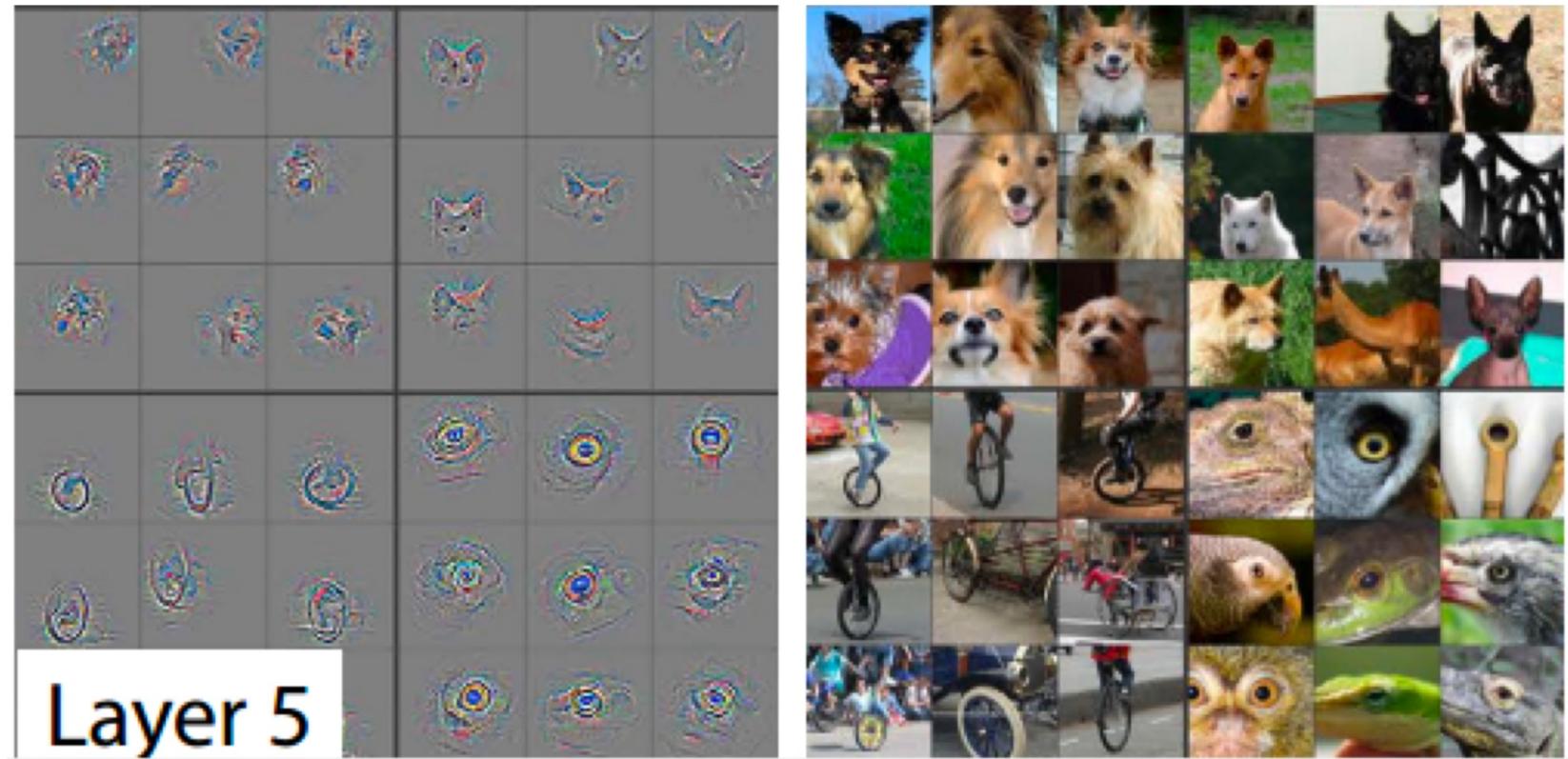
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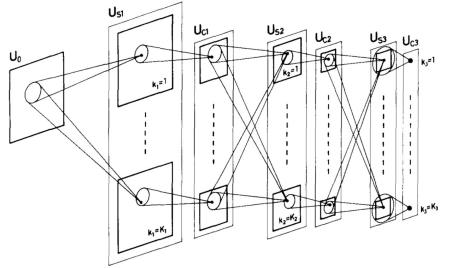


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Neocognitron

Neocognitron: A Self-organizing Neural Network Model for a Mechanism of Pattern Recognition Unaffected by Shift in Position

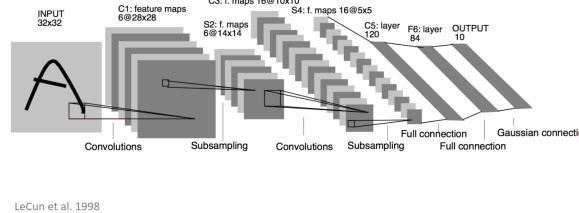


Fukushima 1980

Lacks backprop

Gradient-Based Learning Applied to Document Recognition

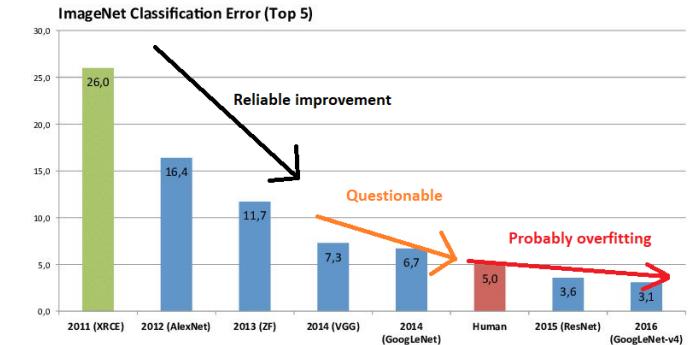
YANN LECUN, MEMBER, IEEE, LÉON BOTTOU, YOSHUA BENGIO, AND PATRICK HAFFNER



LeCun et al. 1998

Adds backprop

No GPUs, no success for larger problems...



Success in 2012!



what do we learn from that?

- a) feature selection is important to build good representations. As we will see, the key of deep learning is to learn this feature selection instead of doing it manually.
- b) finding the right amount of features is key. Too few or too many will have a severe impact on the generalization abilities of your predictor model. Too few is easy to understand but too many requires an intuition about sample sparsity in high-dimensional spaces.
- c) the more features we choose as input the sparser our training samples will be distributed in the feature space. This means that decision boundaries become really tight around the used training samples because they all live close to each other at the boundaries of the space and our model will overfit the training data.



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- a) weight sharing reduces the number of parameters from n^2 in a multi-layer perception to a small number, for example 3 as in our experiment or 3 by 3 image filter kernels or similar
- b) these filter kernels can be learned through back propagation exactly in the same way as you would train a multi-layer perception. Each layer may have many filter-kernels, so it will produce many filtered versions of the input with different filter functions.
- c) for real-valued functions, of a continuous or discrete variable, convolution differs from cross-correlation only in that either $f(x)$ or $g(x)$ is reflected about the y-axis; so it is a cross-correlation of $f(x)$ and $g(-x)$, or $f(-x)$ and $g(x)$.



what do we learn from that?

- a) convolutions can massively reduce the computational complexity of neural networks but the real power of CNNs is revealed when priors are implemented and for example spatial structure is preserved. This is also one of the reasons why CNNs have been so successful in Computer Vision
- b) CNNs are pipeline of learnable filters interleaved with nonlinear activation functions producing d-dimensional feature maps at every stage. Training works like a common neural network: initialise randomly, present examples from the training database, update the filter weights through backpropagation by propagating the error back through the network.
- c) convolution and pooling can be used to reduce the dimensionality of the input data until it forms a small enough representation space for either traditional machine learning methods for classification or regression or to steer other networks to for example generate a semantic interpretation like a mask of a particular object in the input.