

Transfer learning

To leverage

- A common and highly effective approach on small image datasets
- Use a pre-trained network that was previously trained on a large-scale dataset
- If the original dataset is large and general enough, the spatial hierarchy of features learned by the pretrained network can act as a generic model of visual world
- Thus, the way the net extracts features is useful to many different vision problems



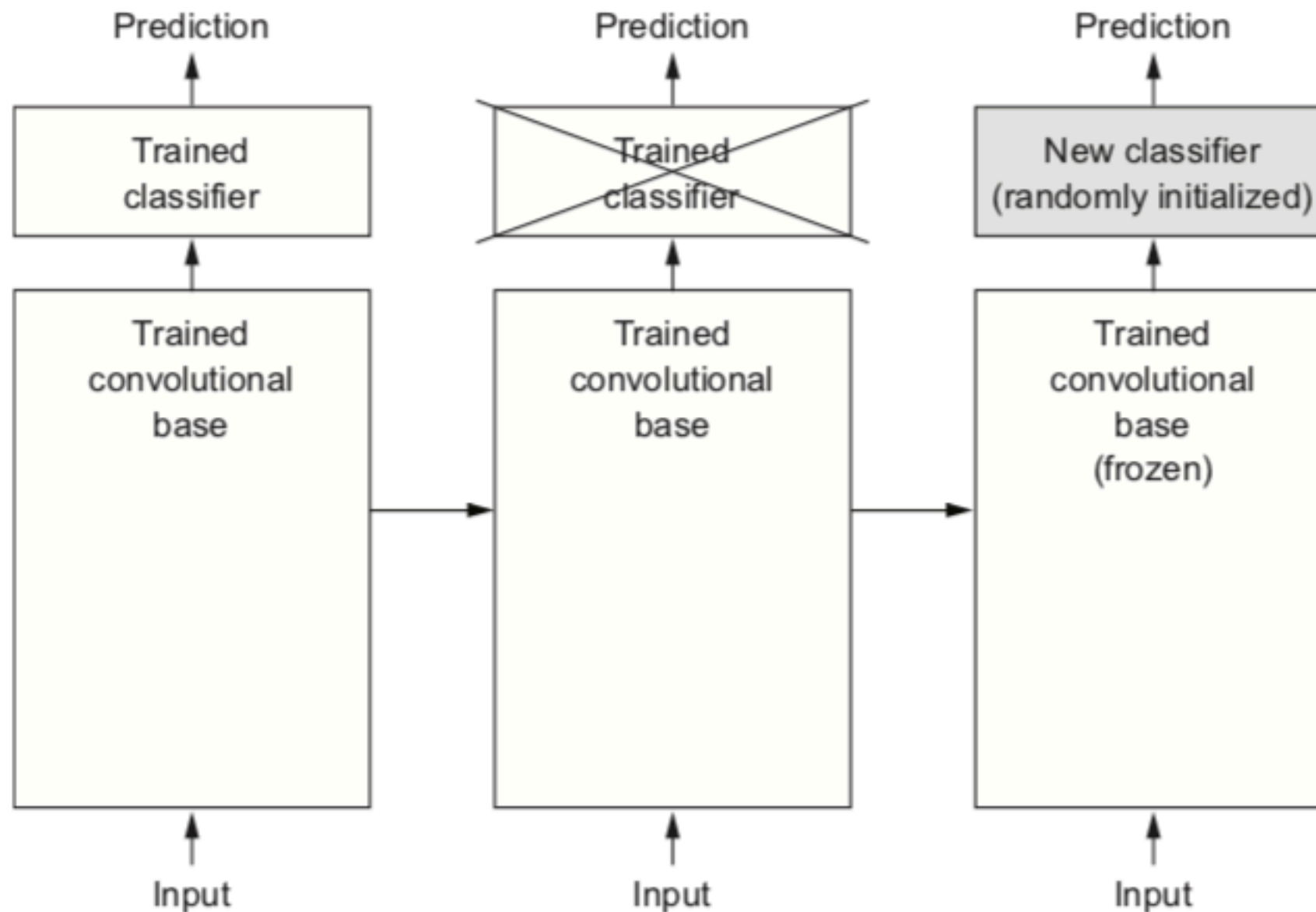
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Feature extraction

- Two approaches to use pre-trained network: feature extraction and fine-tuning

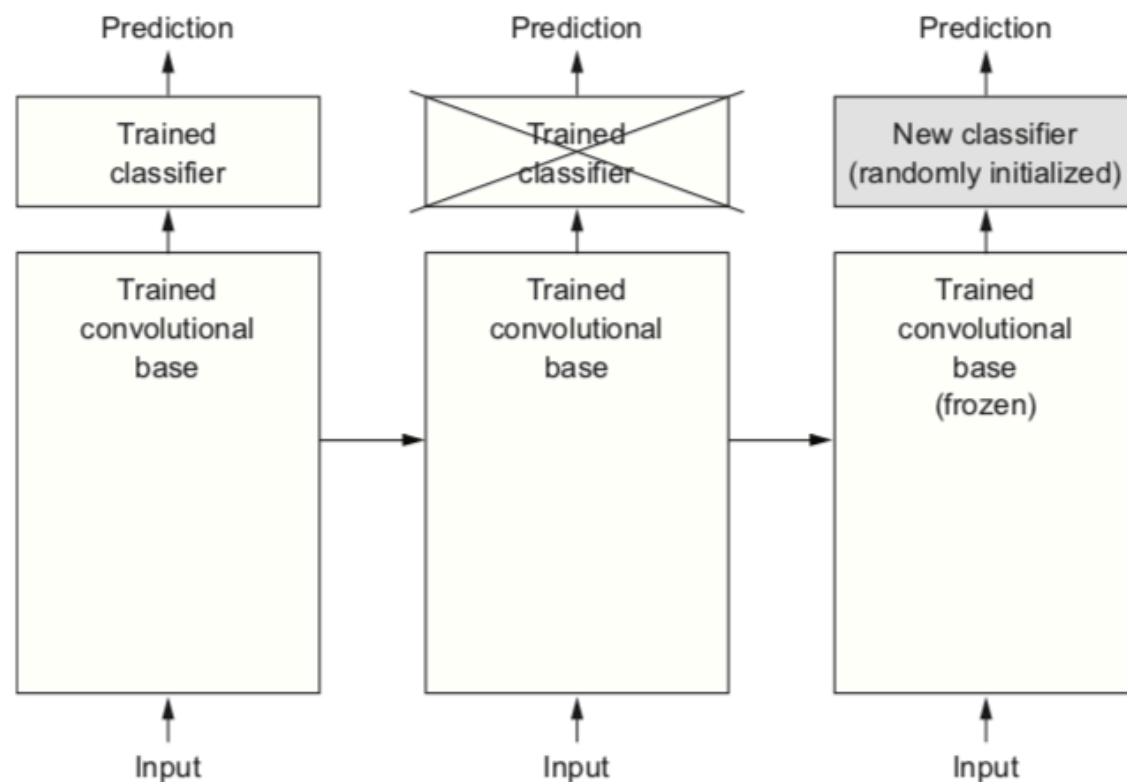


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- Can we re-use the classifier?
- Representations learned by convnet base likely more generic, thus reusable
- Representations learned by classifier more specific to the set of classes the model was arranged to be trained on, not so reusable



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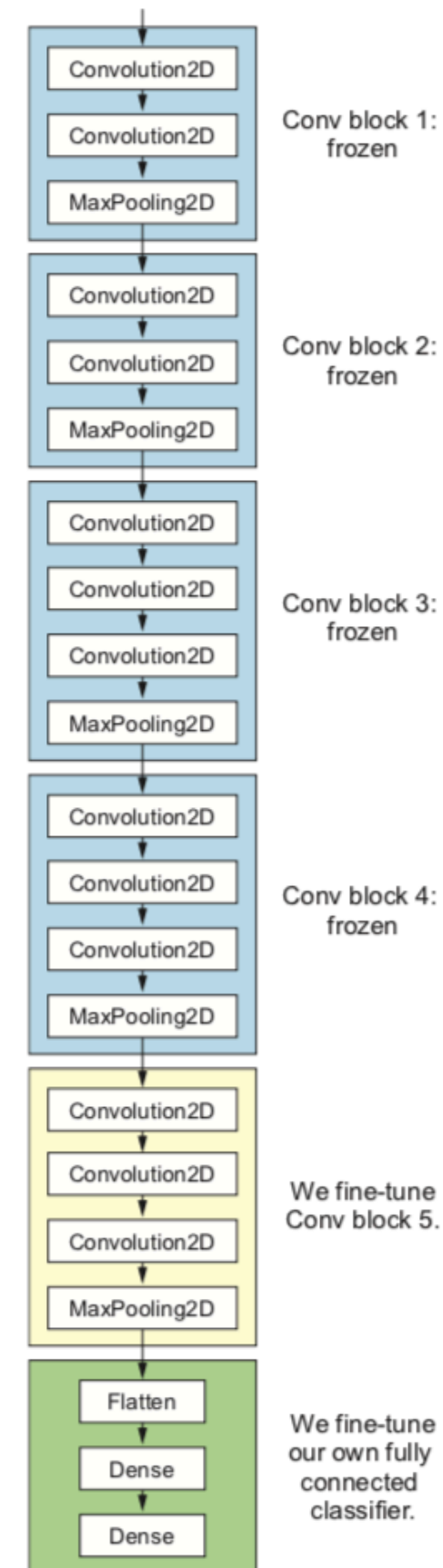
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Fine tuning

- **After we have trained the added classifier with the convnet base frozen**, we can unfreeze a few top layers of the frozen base model (layers that are near to the classifier)
- Fine-tuning: we train the newly unfreezed layers together with the classifier

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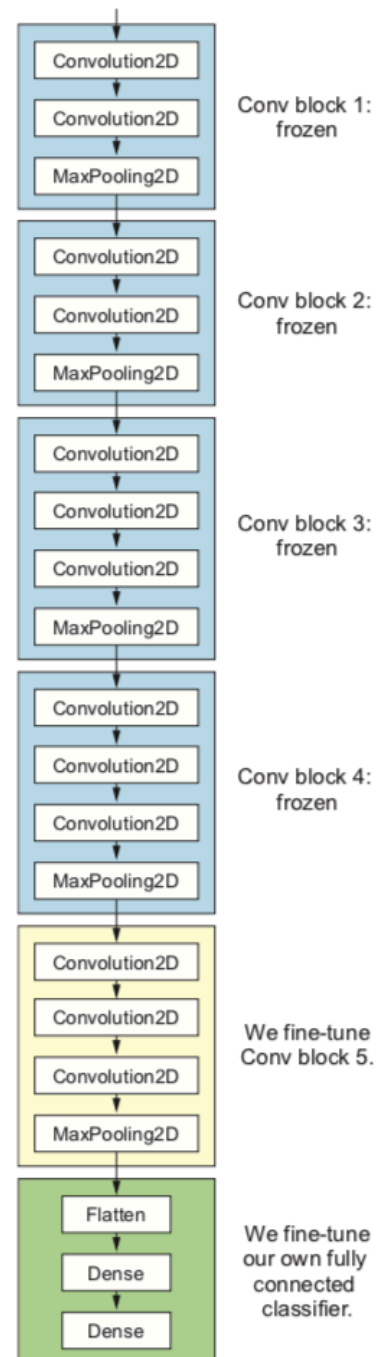
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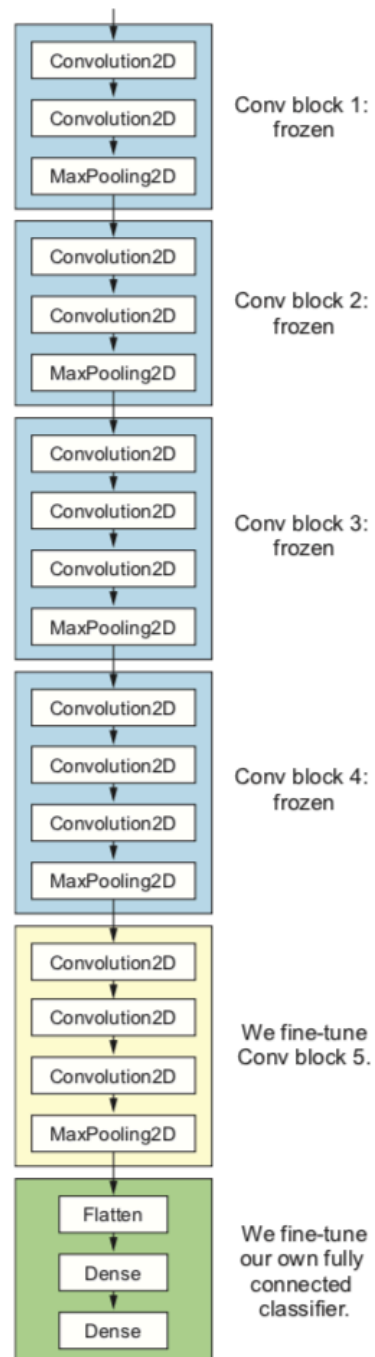
- Must the classifier be trained before we perform a fine-tuning?
- Yes, else the errors back-propagated will be too large and distort the weights of the just unfreezed layers
- Note: we are doing **fine-tuning** on both the unfreezed layers and classifier, **not re-train** the both



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- Can unfreeze and fine-tune more layers?
- Things to consider: Earlier layers in the base net (layers that are near to input) encode more generic and more reusable features; this is something you want to keep
- Later layers are more specific, you want to fine-tune them to make them fit for your problem
- Pre-trained networks usually have much more parameters and are much more powerful (that's why you want to use them); re-train more layers will easily lead to overfitting on small dataset