## **TensorFlow Convolution Layer**

Let's examine how to implement a CNN in TensorFlow.

TensorFlow provides the tf.nn.conv2d() and tf.nn.bias\_add() functions to create your own convolutional layers.

```
# Output depth
k_output = 64
# Image Properties
image\_width = 10
image_height = 10
color\_channels = 3
# Convolution filter
filter_size_width = 5
filter_size_height = 5
# Input/Image
input = tf.placeholder(
    tf.float32,
    shape=[None, image_height, image_width, color_channels])
# Weight and bias
weight = tf.Variable(tf.truncated_normal(
    [filter_size_height, filter_size_width, color_channels, k_output]))
bias = tf.Variable(tf.zeros(k_output))
# Apply Convolution
conv_layer = tf.nn.conv2d(input, weight, strides=[1, 2, 2, 1], padding='SAME')
# Add bias
conv_layer = tf.nn.bias_add(conv_layer, bias)
# Apply activation function
conv_layer = tf.nn.relu(conv_layer)
```

The code above uses the <code>tf.nn.conv2d()</code> function to compute the convolution with <code>weight</code> as the filter and <code>[1, 2, 2, 1]</code> for the strides. TensorFlow uses a stride for each <code>input</code> dimension, <code>[batch, input\_height, input\_width, input\_channels]</code>. We are generally always going to set the stride for <code>batch</code> and <code>input\_channels</code> (i.e. the first and fourth element in the <code>strides</code> array) to be <code>1</code>.

You'll focus on changing input\_height and input\_width while setting batch and input\_channels to 1. The input\_height and input\_width strides are for striding the filter over input. This example code uses a stride of 2 with 5x5 filter over input.

The tf.nn.bias\_add() function adds a 1-d bias to the last dimension in a matrix.