

# CS280 Spring 2023 Assignment 2

## Part A

Convolutional Neural Network

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## 1. Convolution Cost (10 points)

Assume an input of shape  $c_i \times h \times w$  and a convolution kernel of shape  $c_o \times c_i \times k_h \times k_w$ , padding of  $(p_h, p_w)$ , and stride of  $(s_h, s_w)$ .

- What is the computational cost (multiplications and additions) for the forward propagation?

**Solution:**

The output size has the formula as follows:

$$c_{out} = \#\{kernels\}$$
$$h_{out} = \left\lfloor \frac{h_{in} + 2 \times padding\_size_h - (kernel\_size_h - 1) - 1}{stride\_size_h} + 1 \right\rfloor$$
$$w_{out} = \left\lfloor \frac{w_{in} + 2 \times padding\_size_w - (kernel\_size_w - 1) - 1}{stride\_size_w} + 1 \right\rfloor$$

Substitute  $h_{in}, w_{in}, padding\_size_h, padding\_size_w, stride\_size_h, stride\_size_w, kernel\_size_h$  and  $kernel\_size_w$  with  $h, w, p_h, p_w, s_h, s_w, k_h$  and  $k_w$  respectively, the output size is

$$c_{out} = c_0$$
$$h_{out} = \left\lfloor \frac{h + 2p_h - k_h}{s_h} + 1 \right\rfloor$$
$$w_{out} = \left\lfloor \frac{w + 2p_w - k_w}{s_w} + 1 \right\rfloor$$

Then for each element in output, it is calculated by  $c_i \times k_h \times k_w$  times multiplications and  $c_i \times k_h \times k_w - 1$  times additions. Thus, the computational cost is

$$cost = c_0 \left\lfloor \frac{h + 2p_h - k_h}{s_h} + 1 \right\rfloor \left\lfloor \frac{w + 2p_w - k_w}{s_w} + 1 \right\rfloor (2c_i k_h k_w - 1)$$

- What is the memory footprint?

## 2. Convolution Kernel (10 points)

Assume there are two convolution kernels of size  $k_1$  and  $k_2$  respectively (with no nonlinear activation function in-between).

- Prove that the results of the two convolution operations can be expressed by a single convolution operation.

**Proof:**

Define the input as  $X$  and  $Y, Z$  are the output of the first and the second convolution layer, where

$$Y = conv_1(X)$$

$$Z = conv_2(Y)$$

Then define  $A(x, y)$  as the element at position  $(x, y)$  of  $A$ . By the definition of convolution operation, we have

$$\begin{aligned} Z(i, j) &= \sum_{p=0}^{k_2-1} \sum_{q=0}^{k_2-1} kernel_2(p, q) Y(i + p, j + q) \\ Y(i + p, j + q) &= \sum_{m=0}^{k_1-1} \sum_{n=0}^{k_1-1} kernel_1(m, n) X(i + p + m, j + q + n) \end{aligned}$$

Substitute  $Y(i + p, j + q)$  into  $Z(i, j)$  and we get:

$$\begin{aligned} Z(i, j) &= \sum_{p=0}^{k_2-1} \sum_{q=0}^{k_2-1} kernel_2(p, q) \sum_{m=0}^{k_1-1} \sum_{n=0}^{k_1-1} kernel_1(m, n) X(i + p + m, j + q + n) \\ &= \sum_{p=0}^{k_2-1} \sum_{q=0}^{k_2-1} \sum_{m=0}^{k_1-1} \sum_{n=0}^{k_1-1} kernel_2(p, q) kernel_1(m, n) X(i + p + m, j + q + n) \\ &= \sum_{a=0}^{k_3-1} \sum_{b=0}^{k_3-1} kernel_3(a, b) X(i + a, j + b) \end{aligned}$$

where  $k_3 = k_2 + k_1 - 1$  and

$$\begin{aligned} kernel_3(a, b) &= \sum_{x=\max(0, a-k_1+1)}^{\min(a, k_2-1)} \sum_{y=\max(0, b-k_1+1)}^{\min(b, k_2-1)} kernel_2(x, y) \cdot kernel_1(a - x, b - y) \\ &= kernel_2 * kernel_1 \end{aligned}$$

**Remark:**  $kernel_3$  is the "real" convolution result between  $kernel_1$  and  $kernel_2$ . It's different from the image convolution operation described in the question, which is actually correlation operation.

Since  $Z(i, j) = \sum_{a=0}^{k_3-1} \sum_{b=0}^{k_3-1} kernel_3(a, b) X(i + a, j + b)$ ,  $Z(i, j)$  can be computed from single convolution.

- What is the dimensionality of the equivalent single convolution?

**Solution:**

Based on the previous proof, we know  $Z(i, j) = \sum_{a=0}^{k_3-1} \sum_{b=0}^{k_3-1} kernel_3(a, b) X(i + a, j + b)$  where  $k_3 = k_1 + k_2 - 1$ , we know that the kernel size of equivalent single convolution is  $(k_1 + k_2 - 1) \times (k_1 + k_2 - 1)$ .

- Is the converse true, i.e., Can a convolution operation be decomposed into two smaller convolution operations?

**Solution:**

The converse is false,