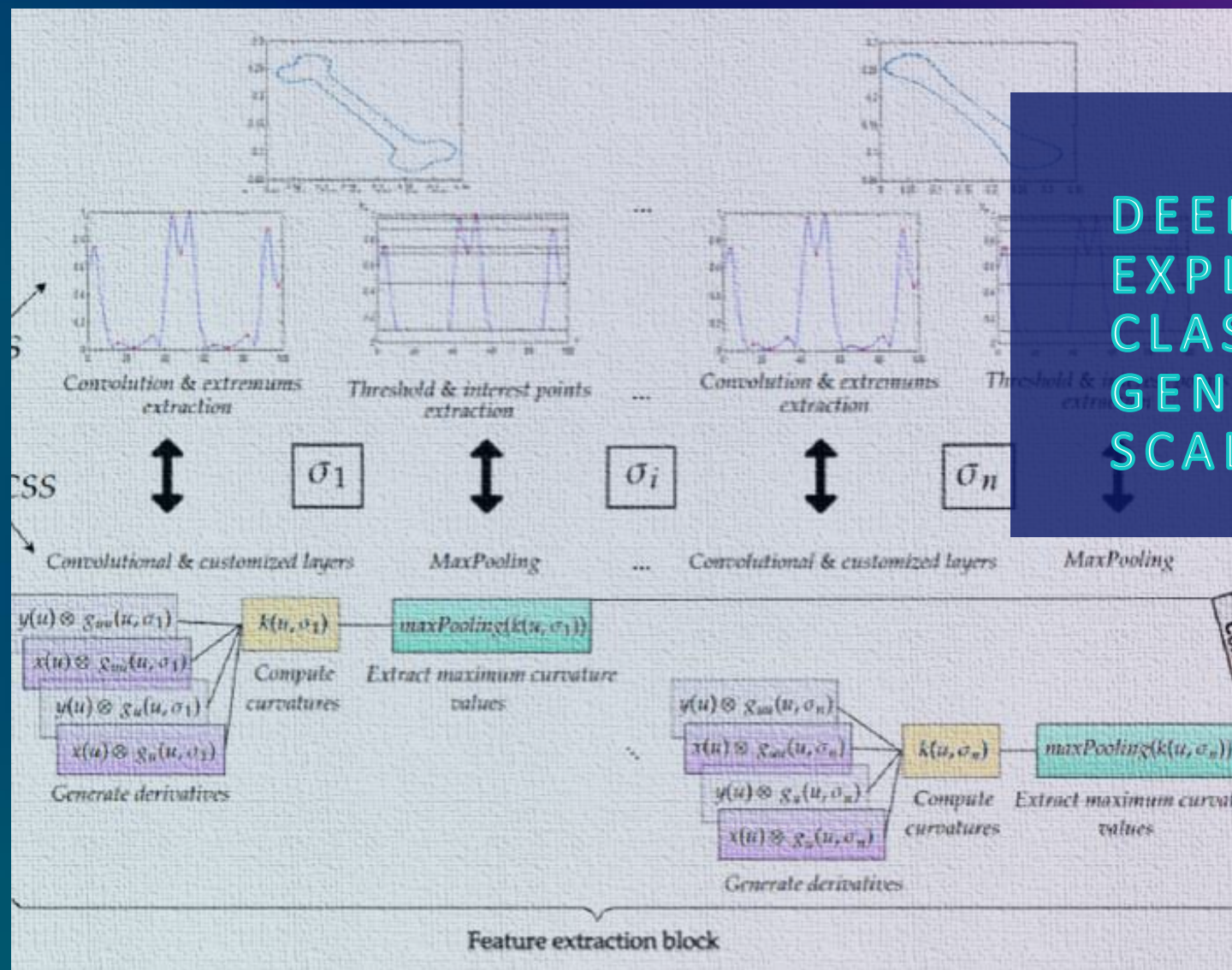


DEEPGCSS: A ROBUST AND EXPLAINABLE CONTOUR CLASSIFIER PROVIDING GENERALIZED CURVATURE SCALE SPACE FEATURES

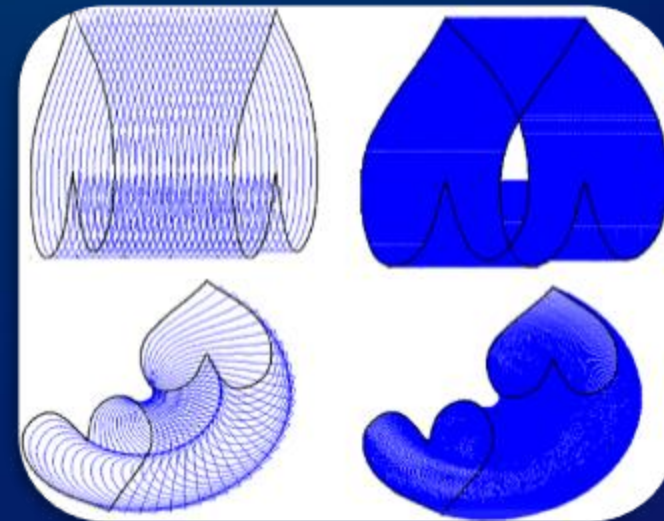
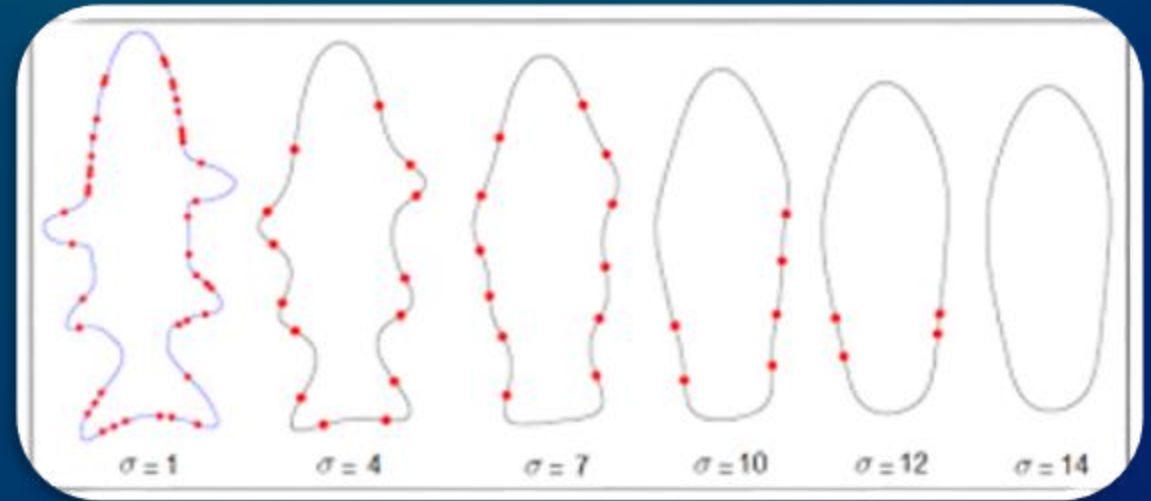


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KEY COMPONENTS OF DEEPGCSS

- Generalized Curvature Scale Space (GCSS) Descriptors
- Deep Neural Network
- Robustness
- Explainability



RELATED WORKS

ON ROBUSTNESS AND ACCURACY

“In our paper, we have proved that the accuracy metric is not enough to evaluate deep contour classifiers since the robustness that varies as a function of the attack is not necessarily correlated with the model accuracy.”

[Paper](#)

ROBUSTNESS

Measures the model's ability to maintain performance when faced with such challenges.

ACCURACY

Reflects how well a model performs under ideal conditions, but it does not indicate how the model handles challenges such as attacks, distortions, rotations, noise, or other disruptions.

ON TYPES OF SHAPE DESCRIPTORS

- Region based
- Contour based
- CSS Specific

Math Intro: CSS in 3 Steps

1. Arc Length Parameterization

2. Smoothing

3. Curvature

$$\Gamma : [0, 1] \mapsto \mathbb{R}^2 \quad t \mapsto [x(t), y(t)]^T$$

$$\Gamma^*(s) = [x(\phi^{-1}(s)), y(\phi^{-1}(s))]^T$$

$$\phi(u) = s(u) - s(0) = \int_0^u \Gamma'(u) du$$

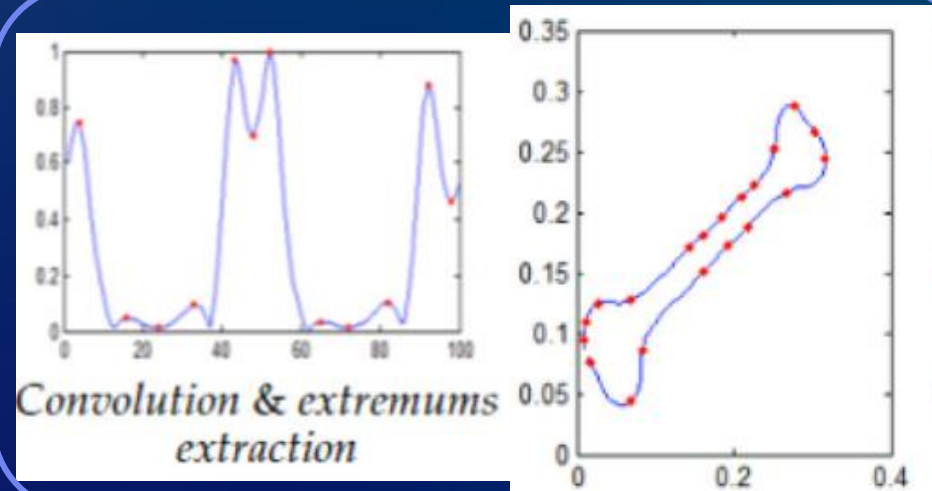
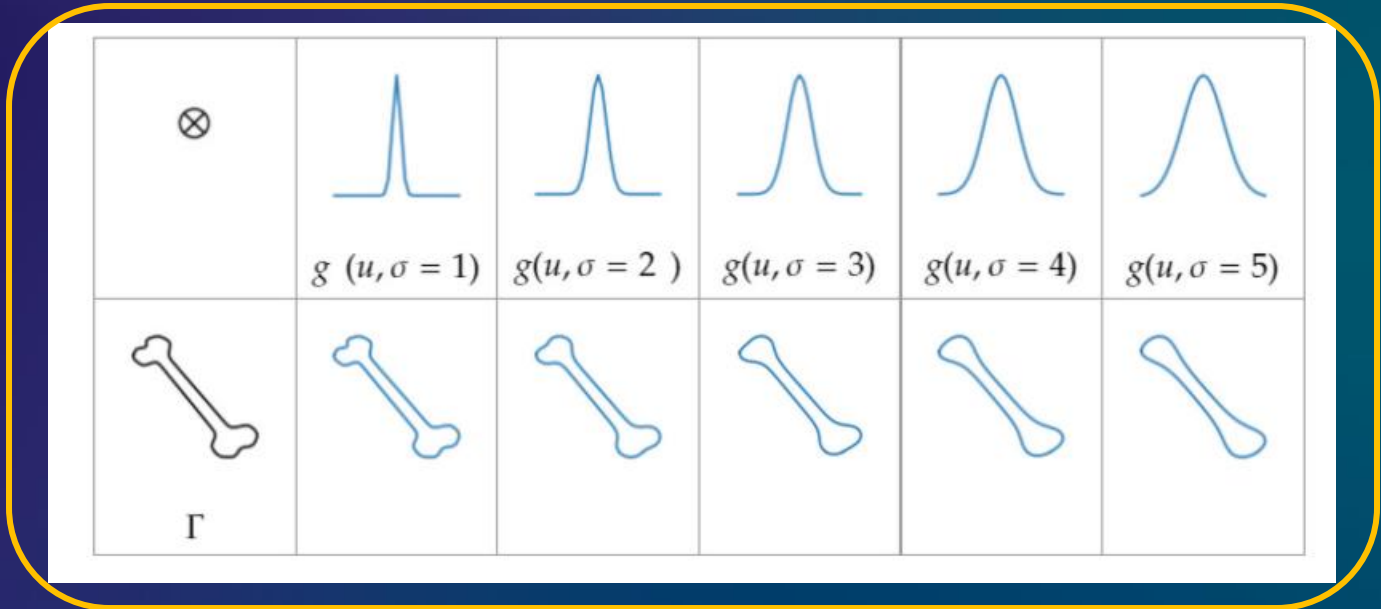
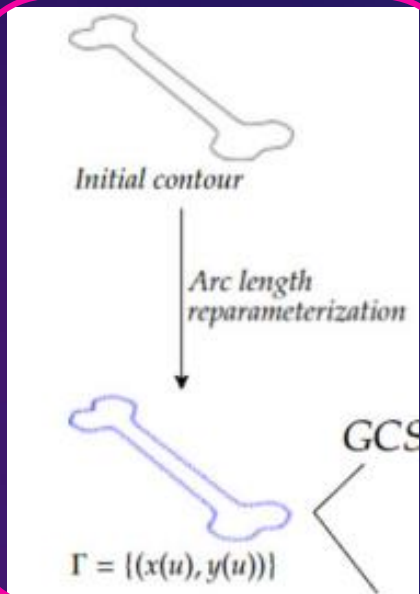
$$g(s, \sigma) = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{\frac{-s^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

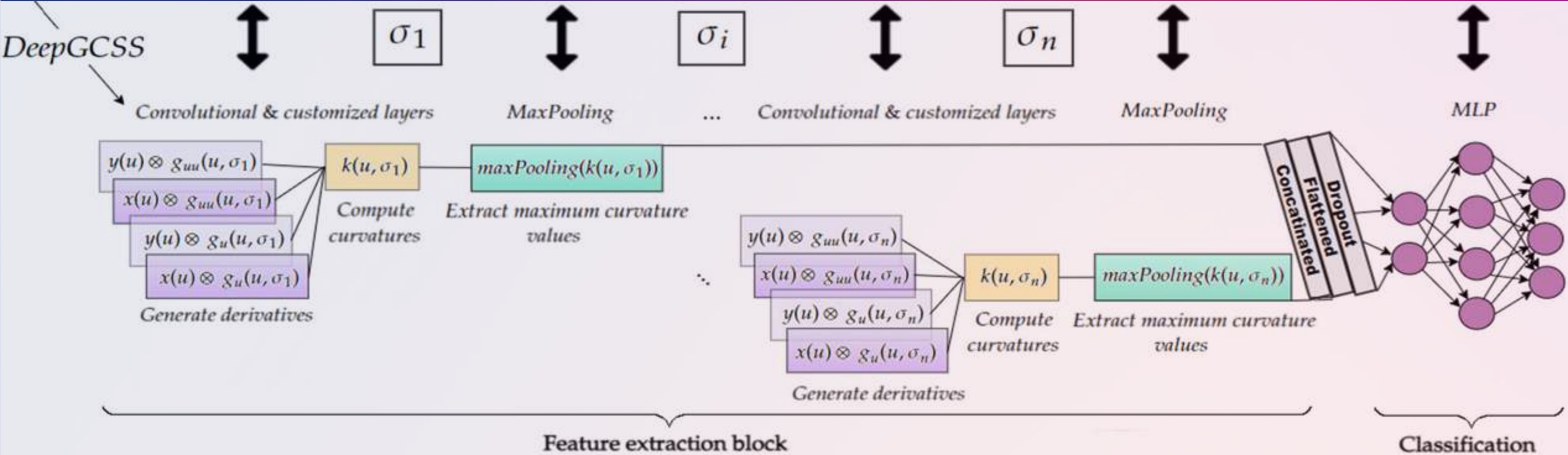
$$x(s, \sigma) = x(s) \otimes g(s, \sigma)$$

$$y(s, \sigma) = y(s) \otimes g(s, \sigma)$$

$$\kappa(s, \sigma) = \frac{\dot{x}(s, \sigma)\ddot{y}(s, \sigma) - \dot{y}(s, \sigma)\ddot{x}(s, \sigma)}{(\dot{x}^2(s, \sigma) + \dot{y}^2(s, \sigma))^{3/2}}$$

$$\kappa(s, \sigma) = \dot{x}(s, \sigma)\ddot{y}(s, \sigma) - \dot{y}(s, \sigma)\ddot{x}(s, \sigma)$$





DeepGCSS

Contour Detection:

- The process begins with detecting the contours of objects in an image, then parameterizing the contour.

Feature Extraction:

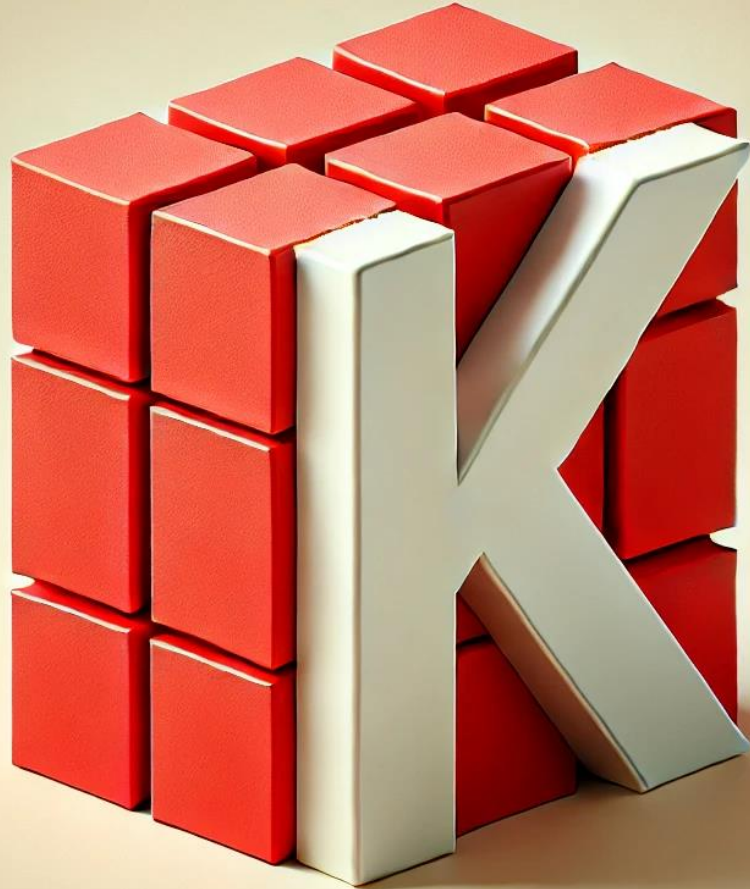
- The GCSS descriptors are computed for the detected contours via curvature formula and MaxPooling.

Feature Learning:

- The extracted features are fed into the deep neural network.

Classification:

- Once trained, the network can classify new contours by analyzing their GCSS descriptors.



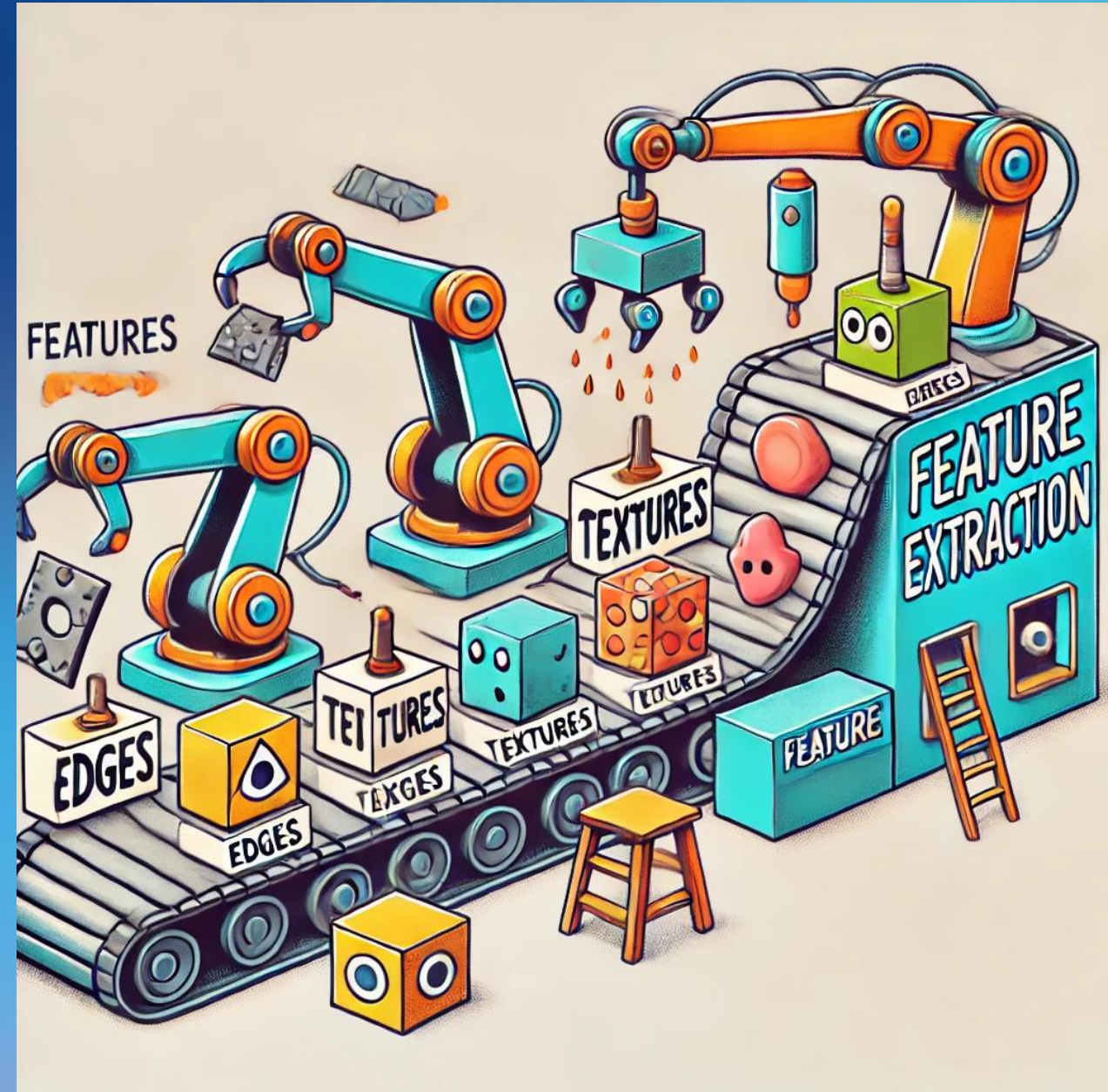
BUILDING BLOCKS WITH KERAS

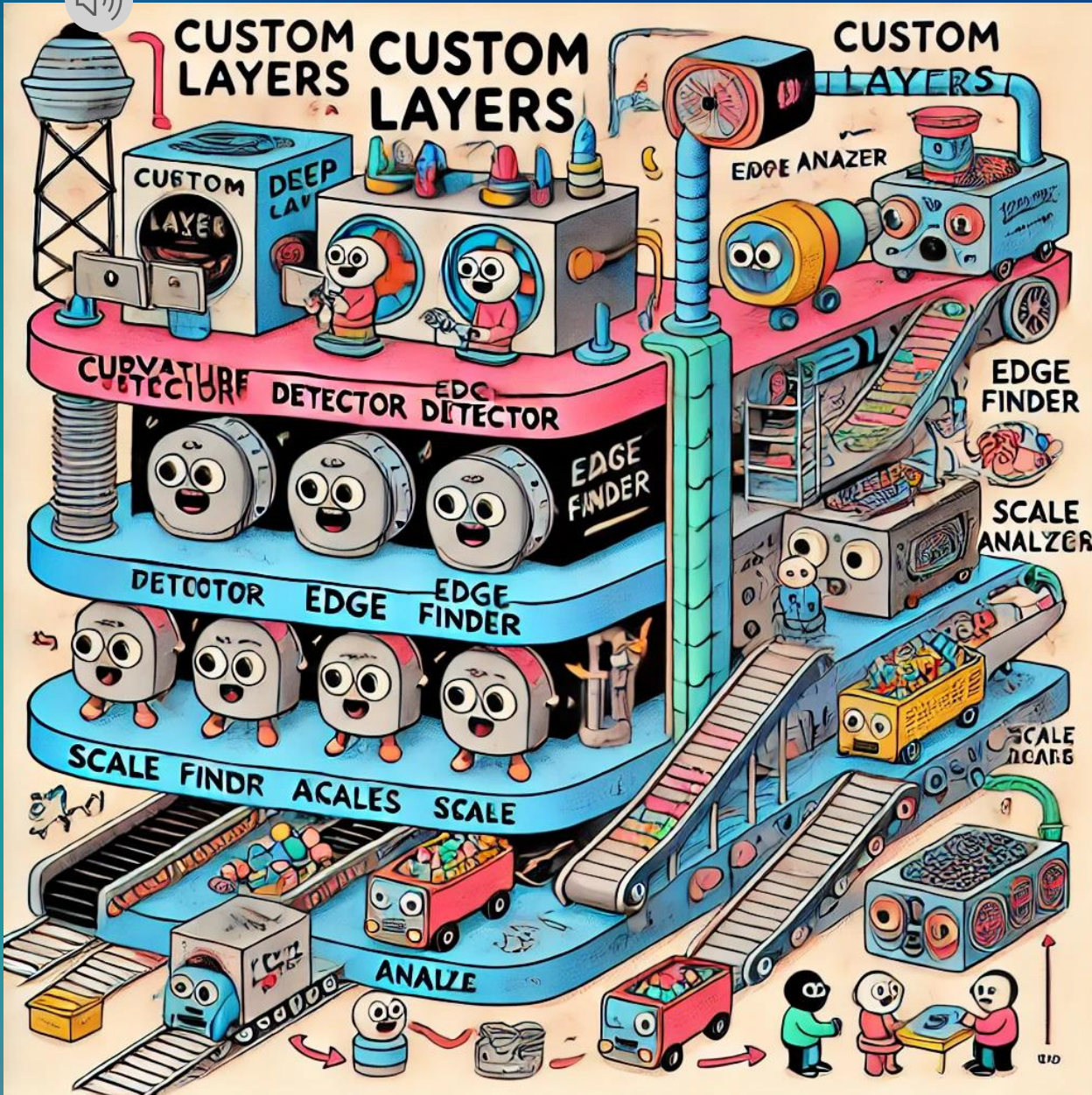
- Input Layer
- Conv2D
- Pooling Layer
- Batch Normalization
- Dense Layers



THE GCSS PART

- Purpose
- GCSS Mimic
- Convolution Layers
- Multiple Scales





CHALLENGES AND CUSTOM LAYERS

- Hard to replicate GCSS features
- Custom Layers Are a must
- Balance
- Keras defining custom processing



UNIQUE METHODS

Traditional GCSS:

- Handcrafted Features
- Interpretable

Deep Learning:

- Automated feature extraction
- powerful

DeepGCSS:

- Best of both worlds



RESULTS

MNIST

- 70K handwritten digits
- 60K used for training
- 10K used for validation

MPEG – 7

- Shapes
- 70 types of objects with 20 different shapes
- Total of 1,400 shapes



Fig. 2 MNIST Dataset: On the top, samples from the MNIST image dataset; On the bottom, corresponding samples for MNIST contour dataset

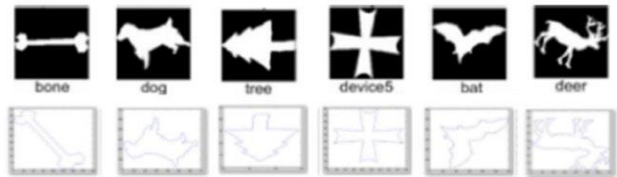


Fig. 3 MPEG-7 Dataset: On the top, some samples from MPEG-7 image dataset; On the bottom, samples from MPEG-7 contour dataset

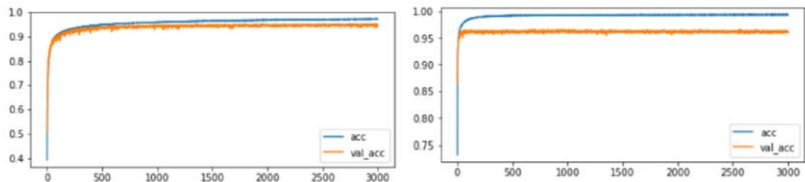


Fig. 5 Train and validation accuracy on MNIST digits contour dataset

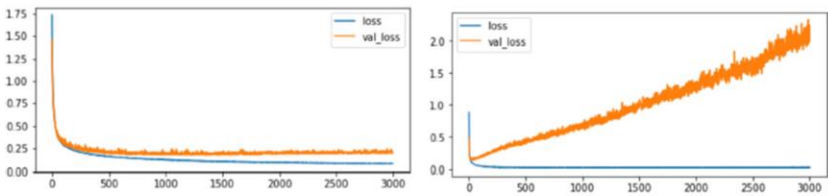


Fig. 6 Train and validation loss on MNIST digits contour dataset

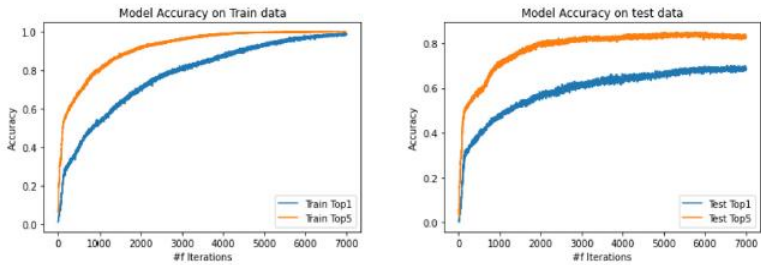


Fig. 7 DeepGCSS TOP1 and TOP5 accuracy on MPEG-7 contours dataset



ContourVerifier

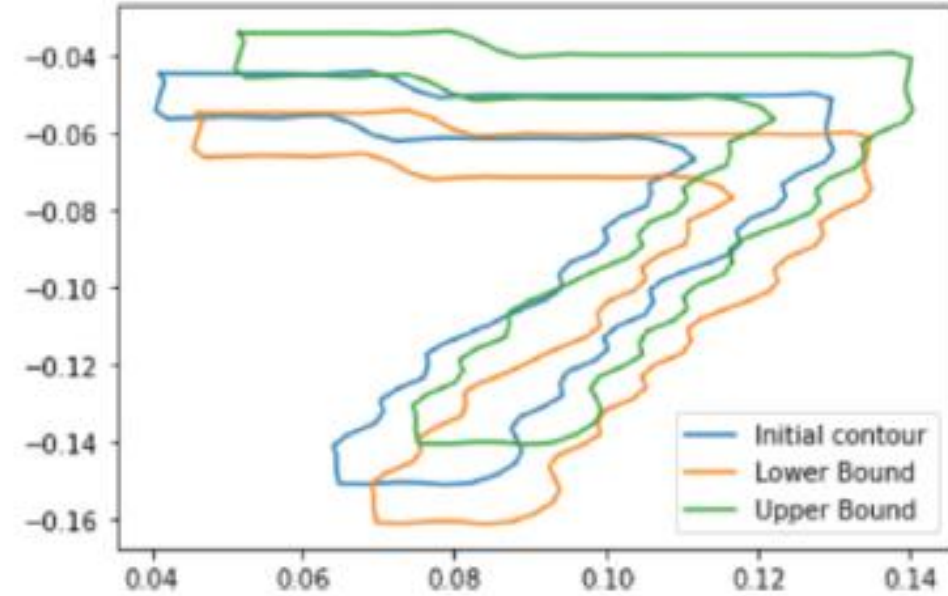
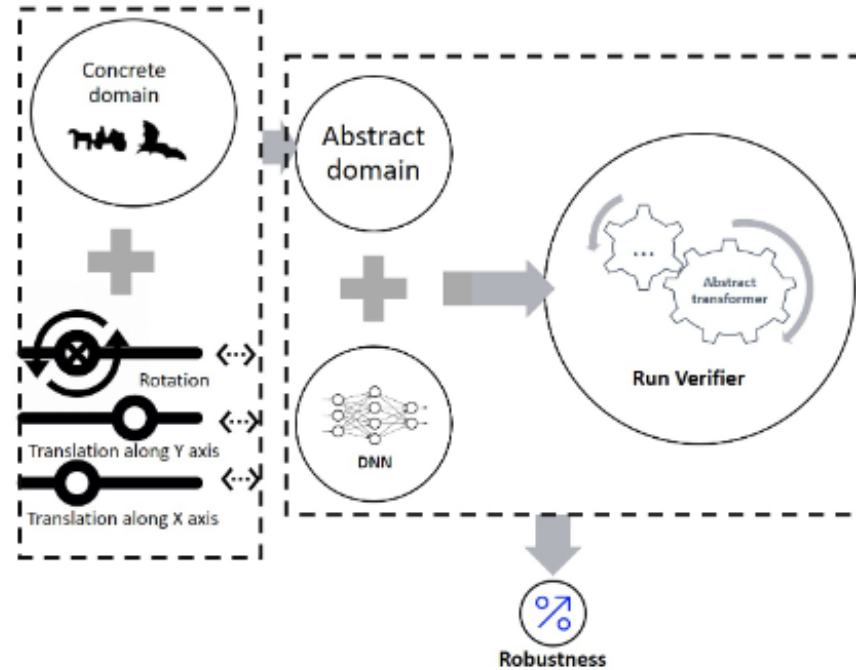


Fig. 8 Lower & Upper Bounds for translated contour (for $\text{dim1} = 0.005$ and $\text{dim2} = 0.01$) along x and y axis

ROBUSTNESS

ROBUSTNESS

Comparative Study Results:

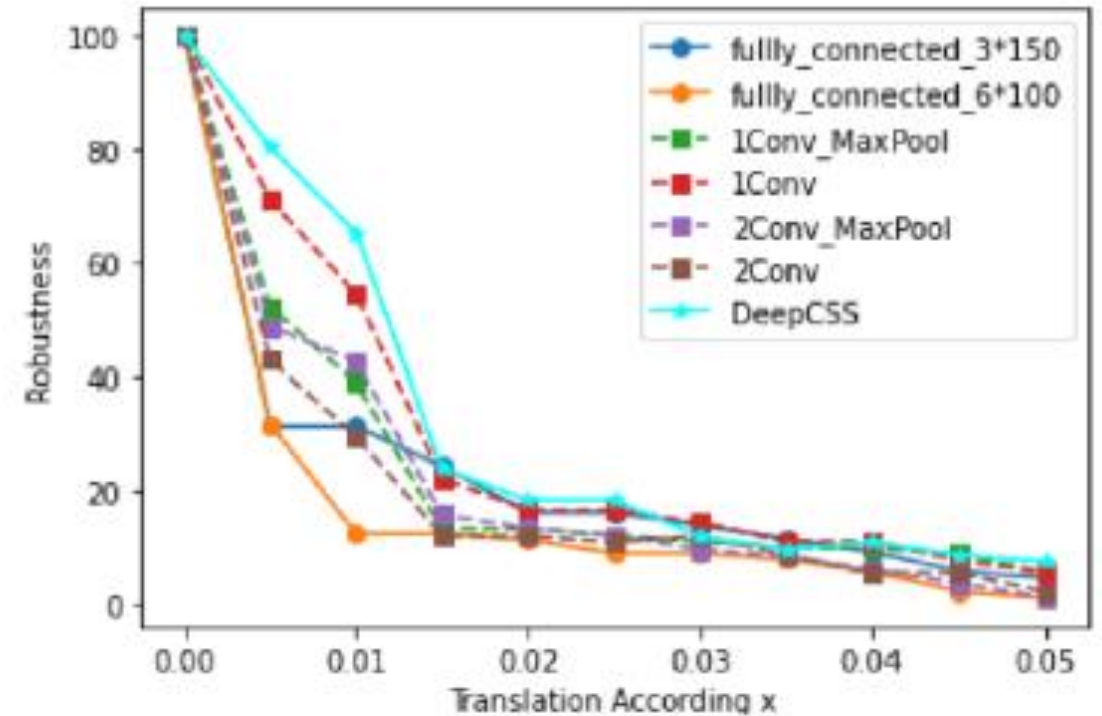
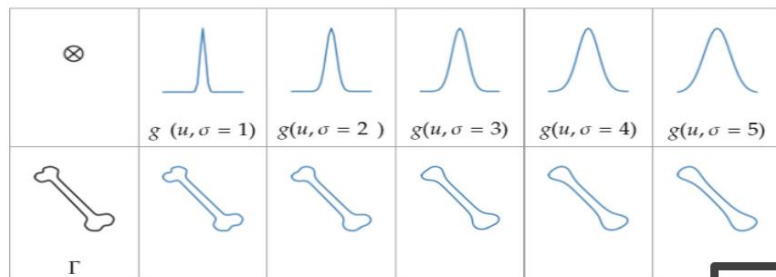


Fig. 9 Robustness variation according to the translation computed on 100 contours from MNIST contours dataset with different models including DeepGCSS

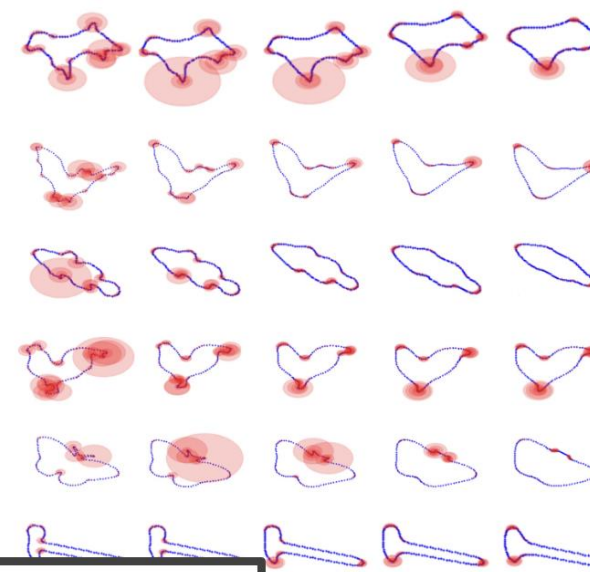


**RANDOM
Kernels**



**PREDEFINED
Kernels**

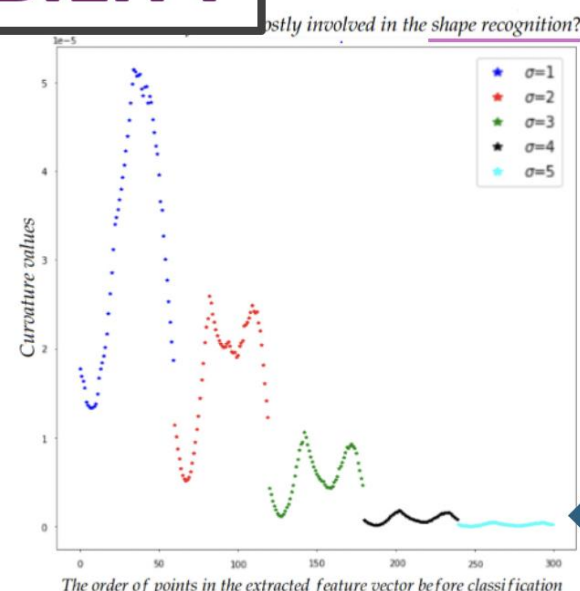
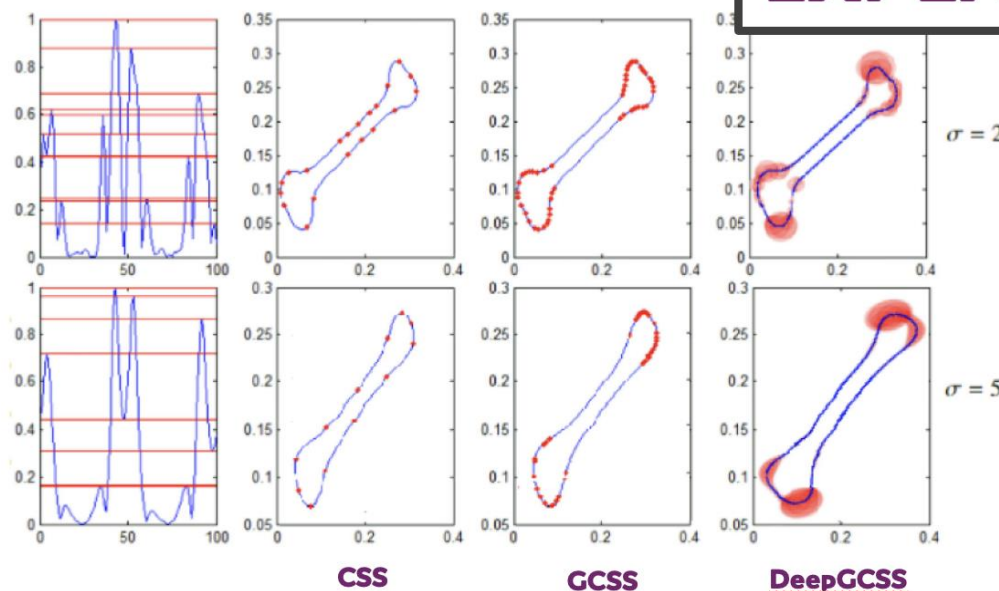
* Gaussian Kernel
(formula 4) :
$$g(s, \sigma) = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{s^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$



**DeepGCSS
Feature
Extraction**

highlights areas with
strong/ sharp curves
(explainable)

EXPLAINABILITY



Key Points in CSS
Representation:

Thresholding → max
pooling

Scale optimization →
autonomously
optimizes sigmas

Dropout Layer

APPLICATIONS OF DEEPGCSS

BETTER FOR:

Image / Video Analysis

Medical Image Analysis

Remote Sensing

Robotics / Computer Vision

(Loose Latency Requirement)

WORSE FOR:

Fine-Detail Analysis

Analysis Under Inconstant Lighting

Obscured Object Recognition

Real-Time Image Processing

(Strict Latency Requirement)



HYPOTHETICAL IMPROVEMENTS AND EXTENSIONS

DESCRIPTOR CHOICE

TYPES AND SCENARIOS

- Choice of descriptor can drastically change the accuracy, robustness, and computational cost of running the model
- Should be determined by computational cost and by application

EFFICIENCY

SYMMETRY ANALYSIS

- Implement a symmetry sorting algorithm
- Different paths for descriptors
- Model prefers Gaussian for less symmetric contours and Fourier for contours with higher radial symmetry

ROBUSTNESS

TOPOLOGY

- Utilize a topological descriptor like skeletonization or persistent homology
- Combine with gaussian smoothing and gaussian curvature descriptor
- Result: a model that very effectively can map a contour's global and local features

PARAMETERIZATION

AFFINE PARAMETERIZATION

- Different parameterization type
- Introduces curvature as a metric to determine how a contour is parameterized
- Adds a density component to parameterization
- Makes simple contours more unique

WHAT WE LEARNED FROM OUR DL PROJECT

"My favorite part of the paper/class was getting to learn about math that I wouldn't necessarily choose to (Gaussian smoothing, etc) and learning about the affine parameterization vs euclidean."
- Cole Rutledge

"I learned about accuracy of algorithms doesn't always correlate to real-world results. My favorite part would be understanding the implementation of tensor flow and keras." - Lance Swett



"I was shocked that applying predefined weights will result in a more robust system. It showed me the limitations of AI. I would like to explore how this idea relates to other areas of deep learning."
- Darius Stevens

"I learned robustness does not necessarily correlate with accuracy."
- Alecia DelCore

"I gained a deeper understanding of how mathematical concepts like Gaussian kernels can be applied to solve real-world problems in computer vision."
- Des Sheppard

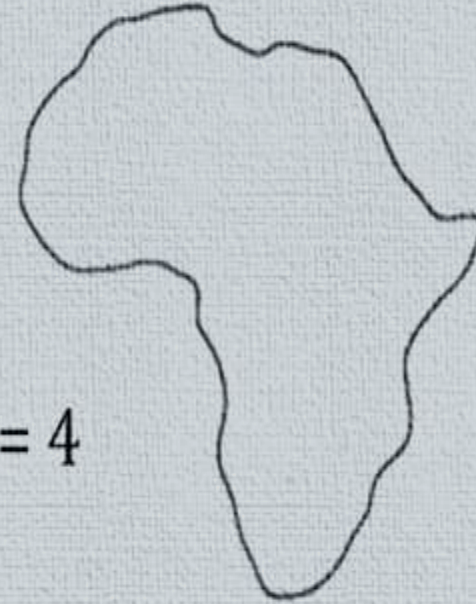
"I had a hard time understanding smoothing with Gaussian kernels. And why the smoothing was reducing how clear the images are."
- Chantiese Tyler

QUESTIONS?

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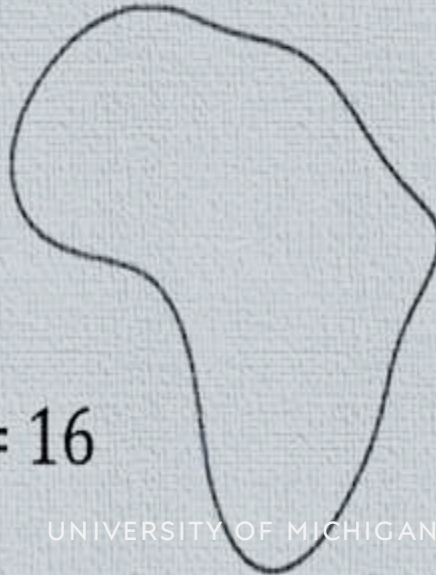
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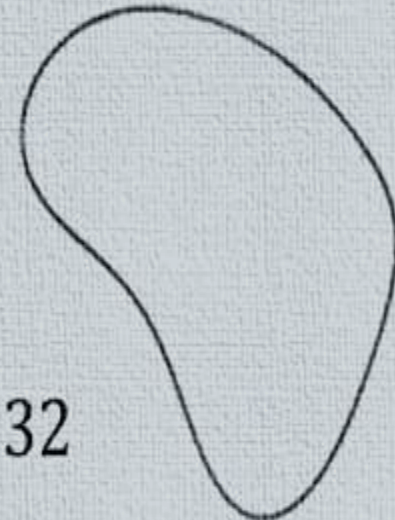
$\sigma = 8$



$\sigma = 16$



$\sigma = 32$



$\sigma = 64$

