

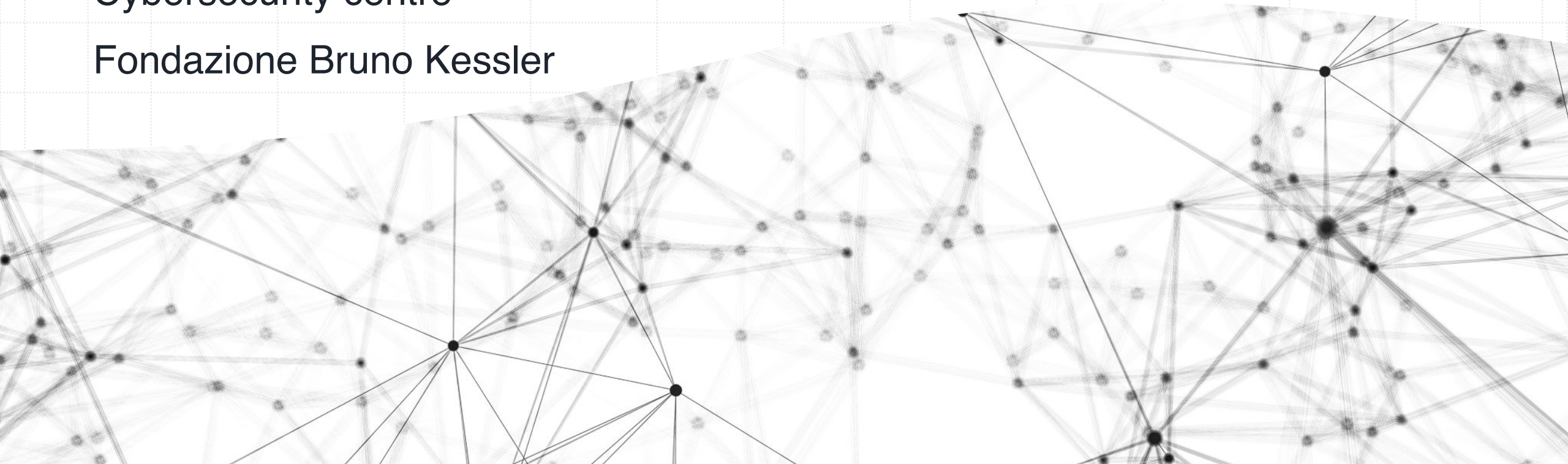


Model training

Roberto Doriguzzi Corin

Cybersecurity centre

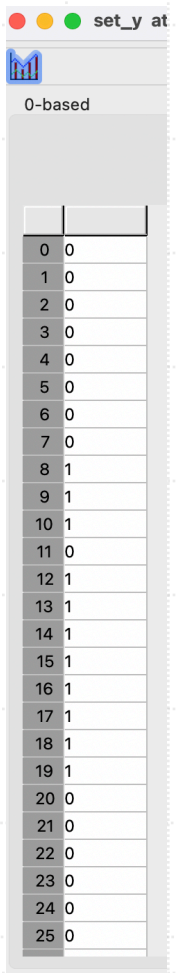
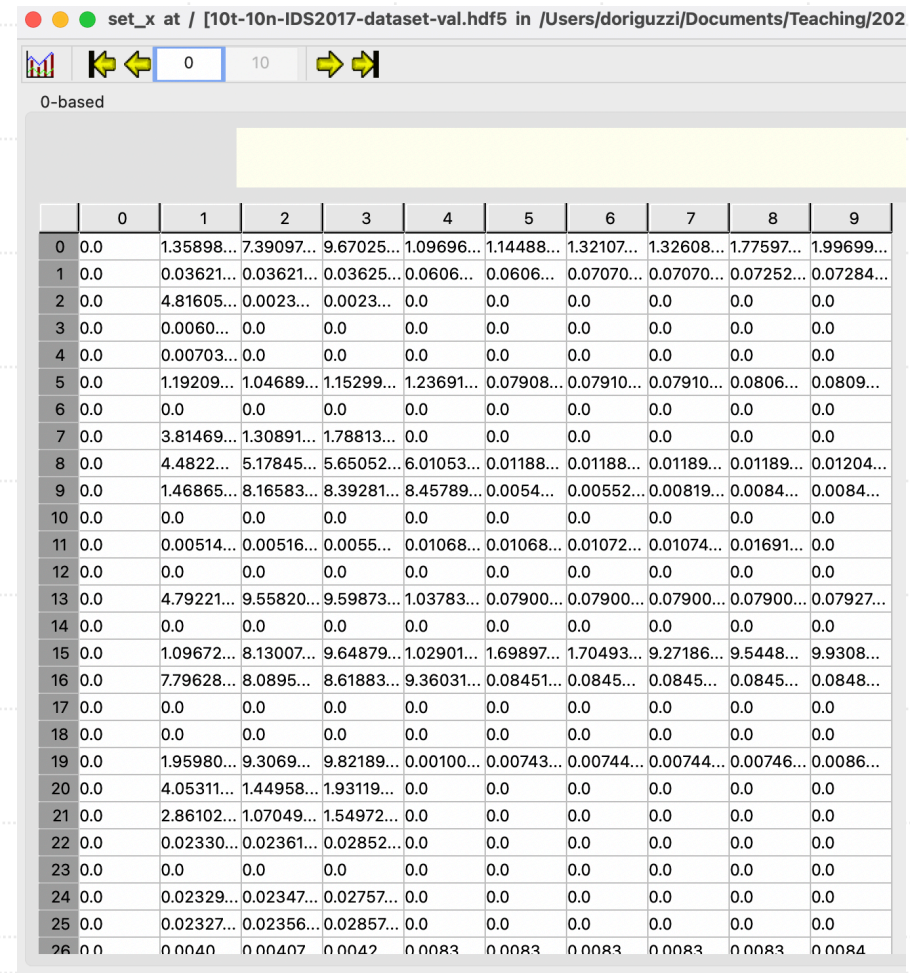
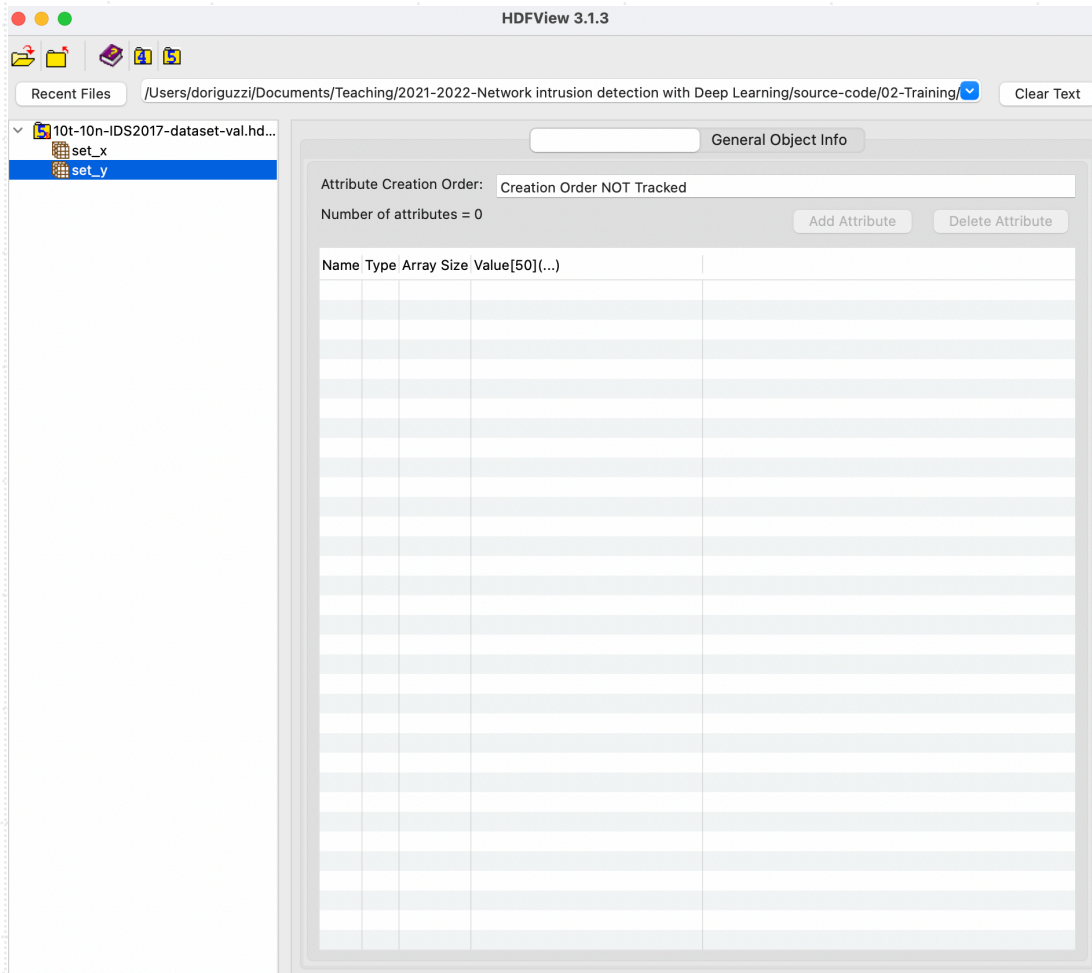
Fondazione Bruno Kessler





Outline

- Hdf5 file format
- Optimizers
- Training a binary model for DDoS attack detection
- Laboratory: implement a multi-class model for DDoS attack detection





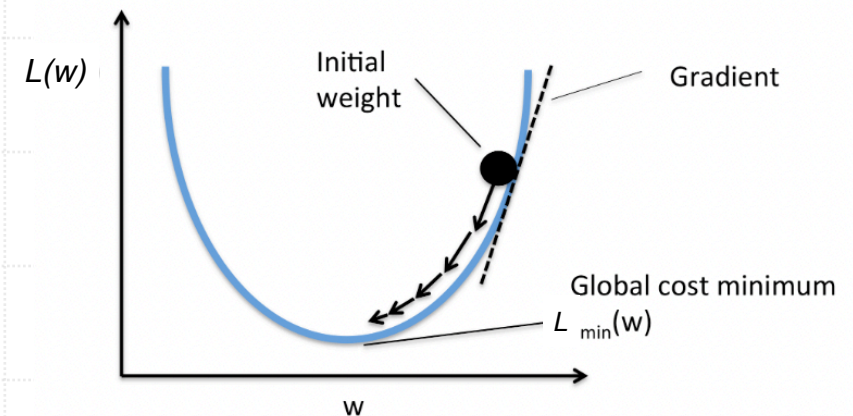
Optimizers

Optimizers *are algorithms or methods used to change the parameters of your neural network (e.g., weights and learning rate) in order to reduce the loss.*

Learning Rate *defines how big/small the steps are gradient descent takes into the direction of the local minimum are determined by the learning rate.*

Gradient Descent

- **Batch gradient descent:** all the data used into a single step per training epoch. We take the average of the gradients of all the training samples. Vectorization can be used to leverage parallel computation.
- **Stochastic gradient descent:** one sample for each step. The parameters are updated more frequently.
- **Mini-batch gradient descent:** steps with mini-batches of samples. Multiple steps each epoch, with the gain in speed thanks to vectorization.

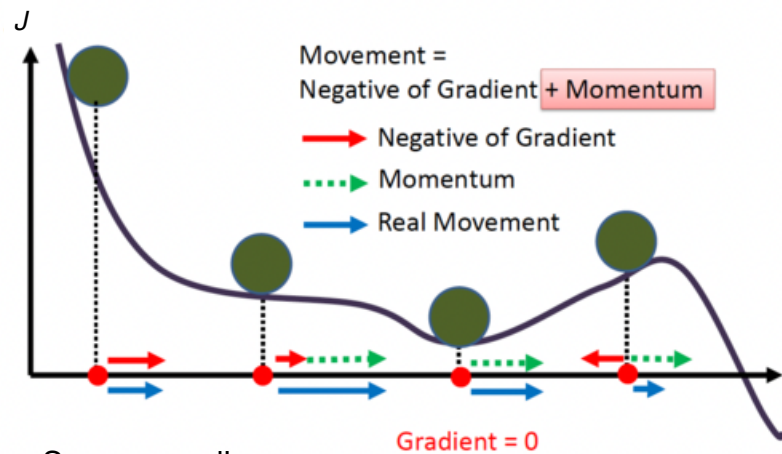


Source: sebastianraschka.com

$$w_t = w_{t-1} - \eta \frac{\partial L}{\partial w_{t-1}}$$

Gradient Descent with Momentum

- Momentum is a hyper-parameter (like the learning rate) that has been introduced to:
 - Faster escape from plateaus
 - Escape from a local minima
 - Tune the updates based on past gradients
 - Momentum $\beta = 0.9$ works well in practice



Source: medium.com

Learning rate

$$w_t = w_{t-1} - \alpha \cdot m_t$$

$$m_t = \beta m_{t-1} + (1 - \beta) \frac{\partial J}{\partial w_{t-1}}$$

Exponential
moving average

Adam (adaptive momentum estimation)

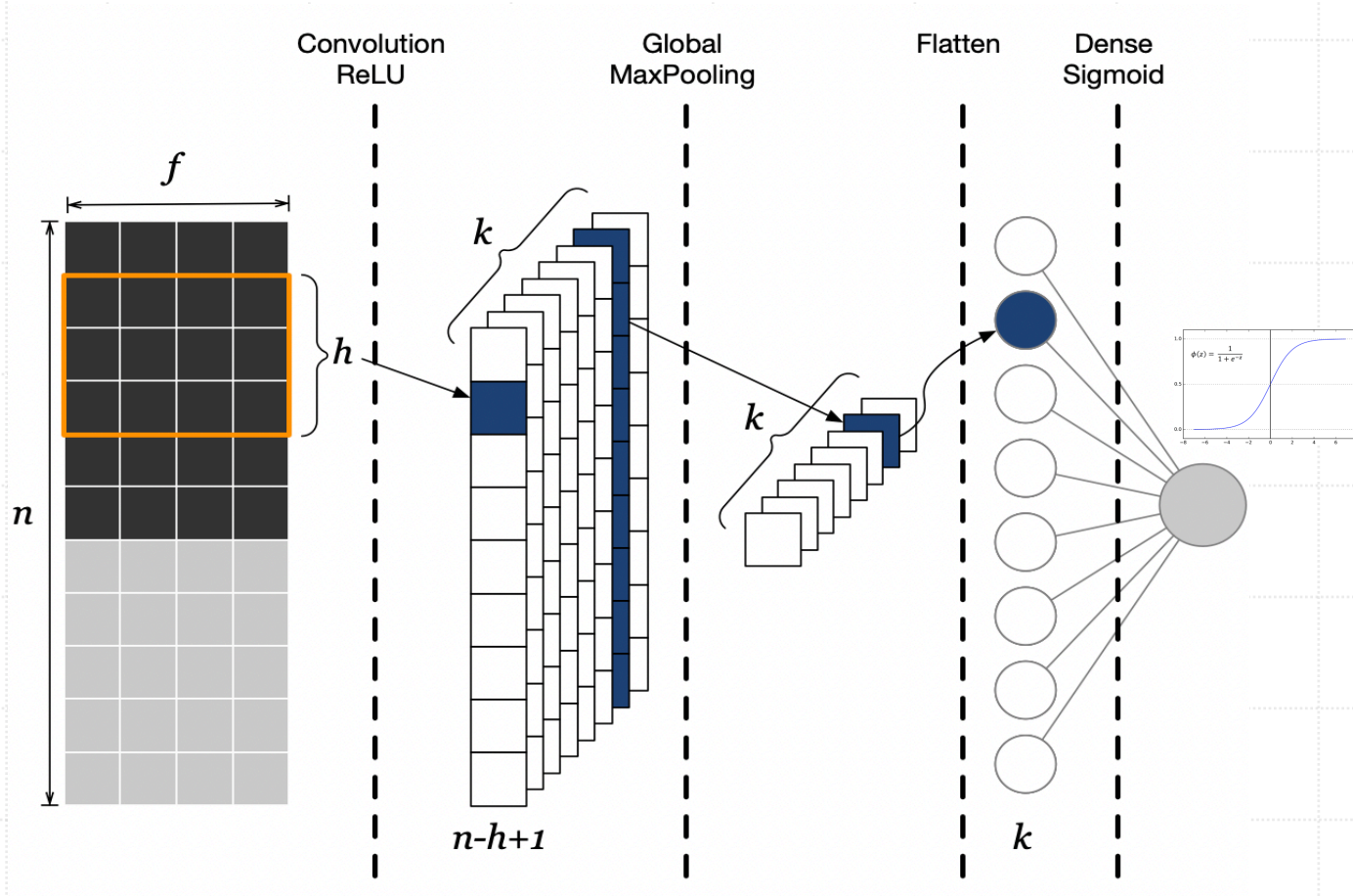
- Adam is an optimisation algorithm that can be used instead of the classical stochastic gradient descent
- The algorithm calculates an **exponential moving average** of the gradient and the squared gradient, and the parameters β_1 and β_2 control the decay rates of these moving averages (usually set to $\beta_1 = 0.9$ and $\beta_2 = 0.999$).
- Converges faster than SGD on large problems in terms of data and parameters

$$m_t = \beta_1 \cdot m_{t-1} + (1 - \beta_1) \cdot \frac{\partial J}{\partial w_{t-1}} \quad v_t = \beta_2 \cdot v_{t-1} + (1 - \beta_2) \cdot \left[\frac{\partial J}{\partial w_{t-1}} \right]^2$$

Training a binary classifier

- CNN model
- Pre-processed balanced dataset of benign and DDoS attack traffic (HTTP attack from the CIC-IDS2017 dataset, generated with the LOIC tool <https://www.imperva.com/learn/ddos/low-orbit-ion-cannon/>)
- Make it run and play with the hyper-parameters
- Change the optimizer
- Change the model (e.g., replace the CNN with a MLP)

Architecture of the CNN model



Hyperparameters

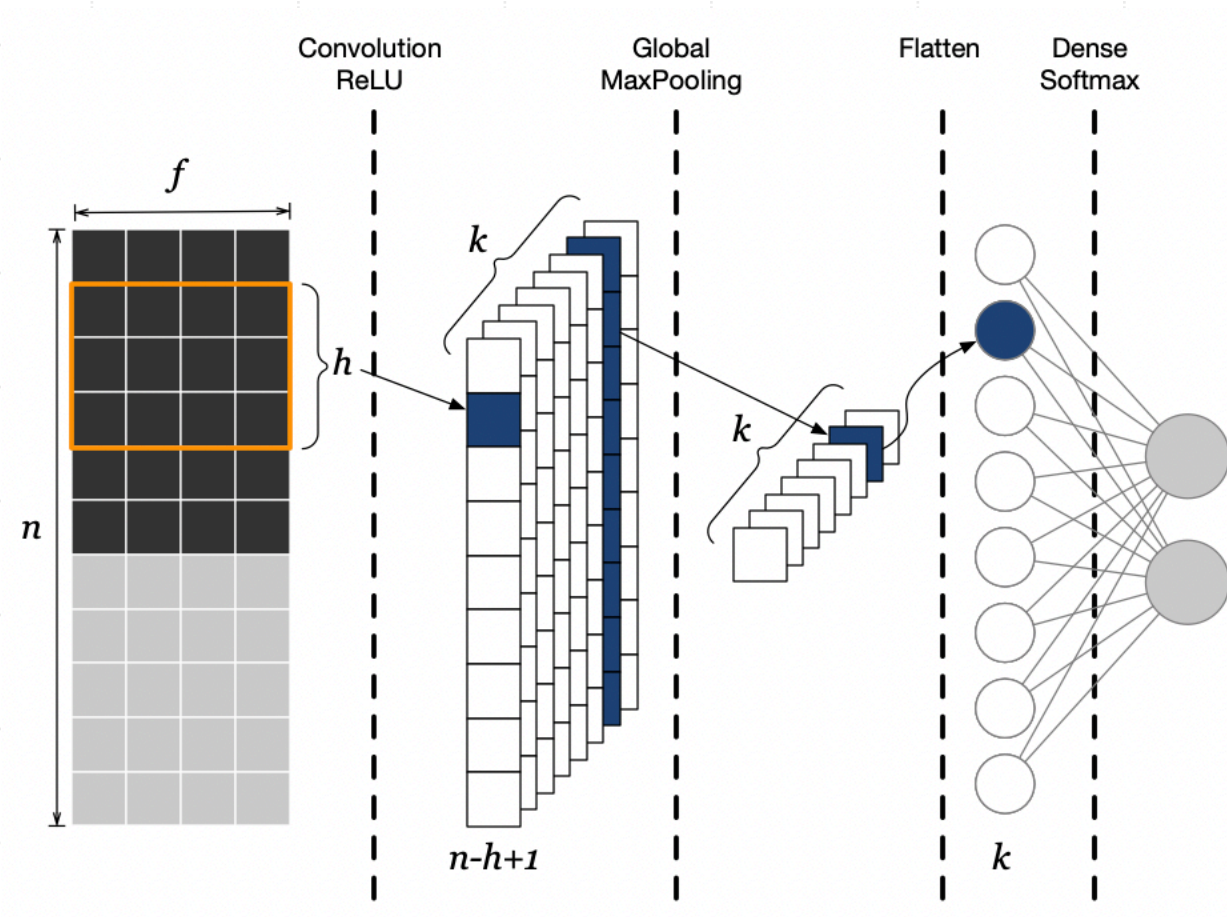
- $f=11$
- $n=10$
- $k=32$
- $h=3$
- Learning rate = 0.01



Lab: implement a 2-class classifier

- Same CNN model with different output
- Replace the binary classifiers with a 2-class classifier
- Pay attention to the format of the labels

Architecture of the multi-class CNN model



Hyperparameters

- $f=11$
- $n=10$
- $k=32$
- $h=3$
- Learning rate = 0.01