

BASICS OF NEURAL NETWORKS

Session: CNNs fundamentals



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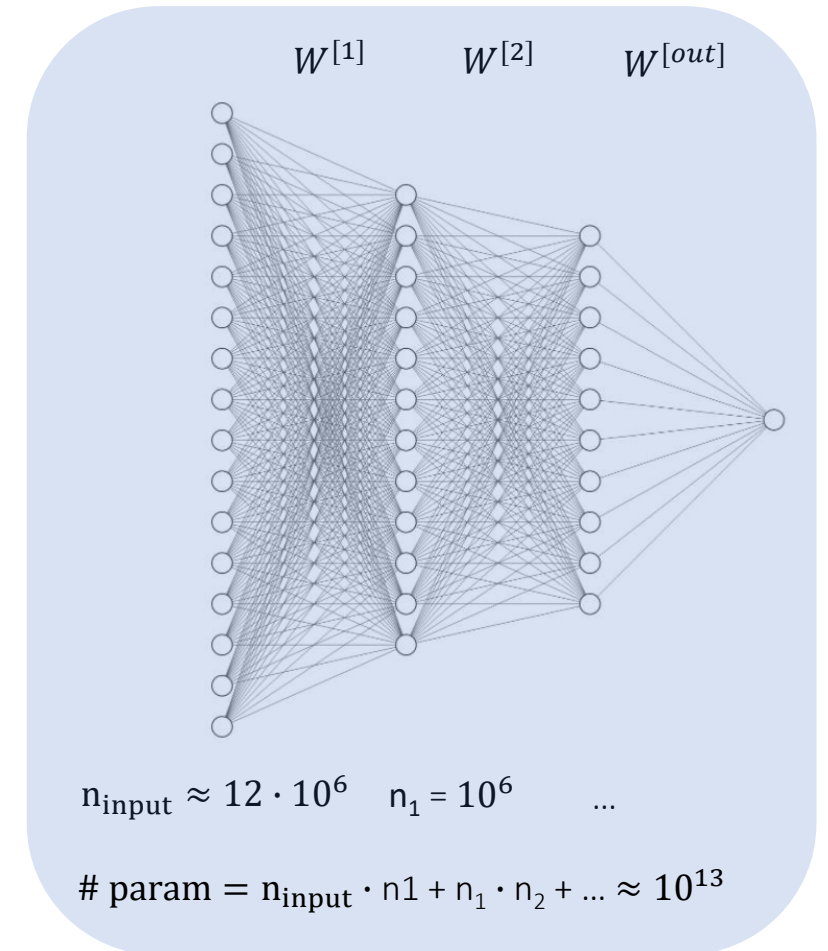
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MLPs FOR IMAGES

► Its power source becomes a problem:

- MLPs works properly only for very small images (e. g. MNIST, Fashion-MNIST).
 - Drawbacks:
 - Only work in 1D: image flattening is needed.
 - Dense layers: are fully connected.
- #parameters number explosion: unfeasible its use
 - Currently, easily image resolution > 12 Mpixels (e. g. $12 \cdot 1024 \times 1024$)
 - Input layer: $n_{input} \approx 12 \cdot 10^6$ neurons.
 - hidden_1: $n_1 = 10^6$ neurons.
 - $\#W^{[1]} \approx 12 \cdot 10^6 \cdot 10^6 \approx 10^{13}$

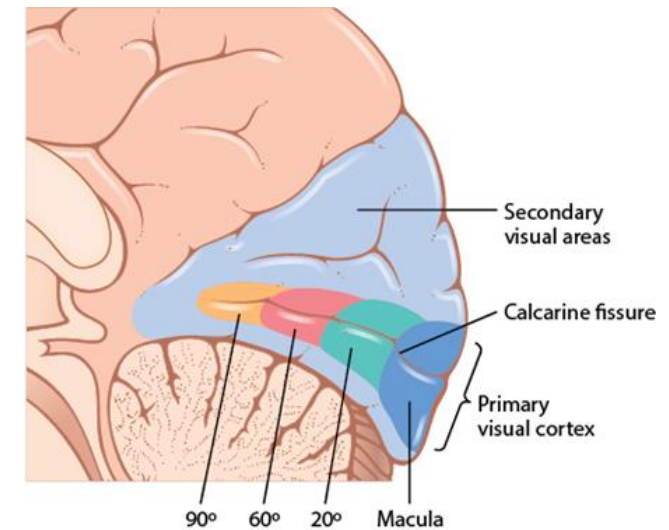


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REFOCUSING IS NEEDED FOR IMAGE PROBLEMS

► Inspiration source: brain structures

- The senses are intrinsically related to living creatures.
 - a) **Perception** is processed in brain zones **non-related to conscious activity**.
 - We do it unconsciously.
 - We are not able to express it using rules. e. g. find a cat in an image.
 - b) There are **specialized areas in the brain** for each sense:
 - Vision: visual cortex. Hearing: auditive cortex.
 - c) Successive brain areas form a **preprocessing pipeline**:
 - Before reaching brain areas of conscious activity.
 - d) There are brain **zones that combine information from different senses**.

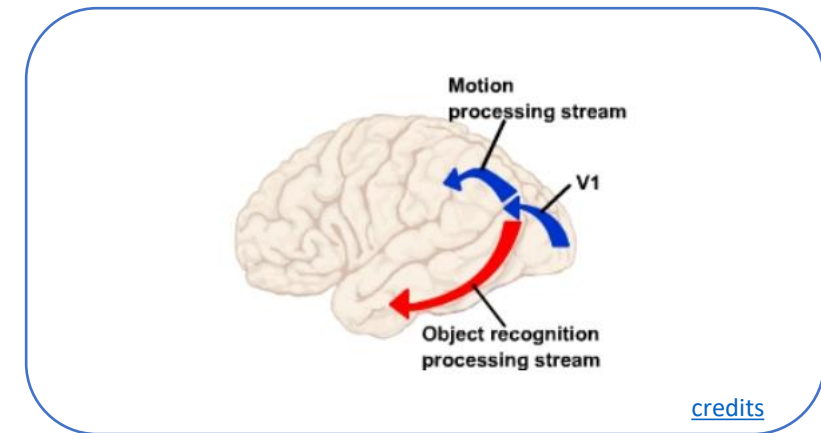
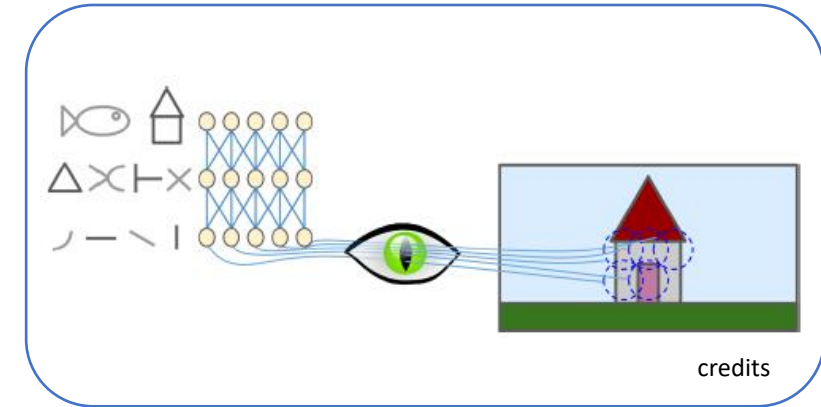


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VISUAL CORTEX NEUROPHYSIOLOGY

► Image processing in brain:

- Hubel & Torsten. Nobel Medicine Prize in 1981 for research on visual cortex.
- a) Idea of **local receptive field**:
 - **Mapping retina -> cortex**: small neuron groups react to stimulus in concrete regions of the visual field.
 - **Overlapping groups** cover the whole visual field.
- b) Groups of neurons **reacts to simple patterns**.
 - E. g. V, H orientations.
- c) Other groups of neurons react to more complex patterns:
 - **Combination of simpler patterns**.



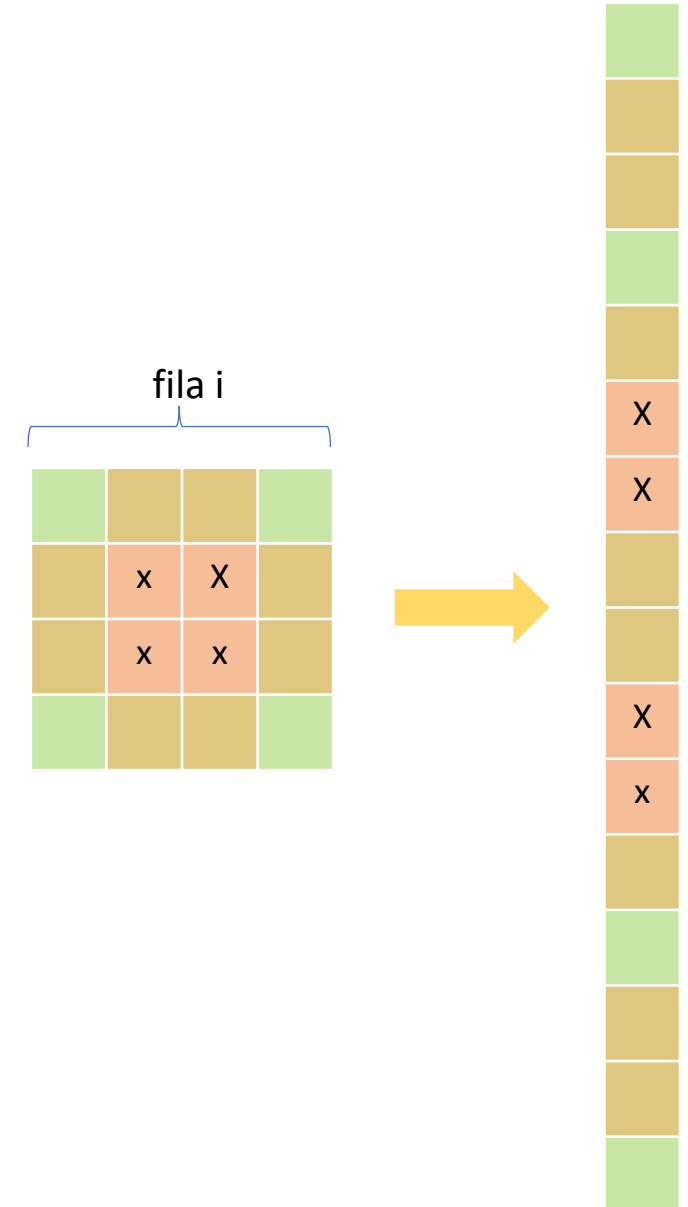
APPLY CORTEX IDEAS TO NEURAL NETWORKS

► Constraints on architectures (LeCun, 1998):

- Idea:
 - At our disposal, **a priori knowledge of the problem**.
 - **Constraints on model architecture**, based on this knowledge.
- Impact:
 - **Improvement of model generalization capacity**.
 - **A significant reduction of #parameters**.

Directly applicable in images:

- **Flattening** -> **loss of neighbourhood info**.
- It makes sense to **define a grid**.
- Good idea to **extract local features and combine** them.

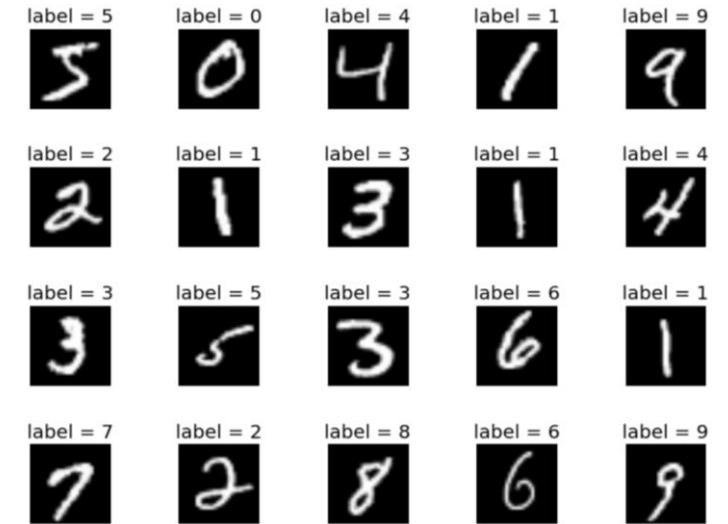


► LeNet-5 (LeCun, 1989-1998):

- Applied the novel backpropagation technique to images problems.
- Selected problem: [handwritten digits recognition](#).
- Released a reference [dataset: MNIST](#).
- [Foundation of current CNNs](#).

A model ahead of its time:

- It was not popular at its time: due to the lack of computation HW.
- Explosion of interest in CNNs: (when GPUs appeared)
 - In AlexNet (2012): a slight variation of LeNet trained on GPU
 - [Won the ImageNet: image recognition challenge](#).
 - Since then, CNNs became the de facto tool for image classification.



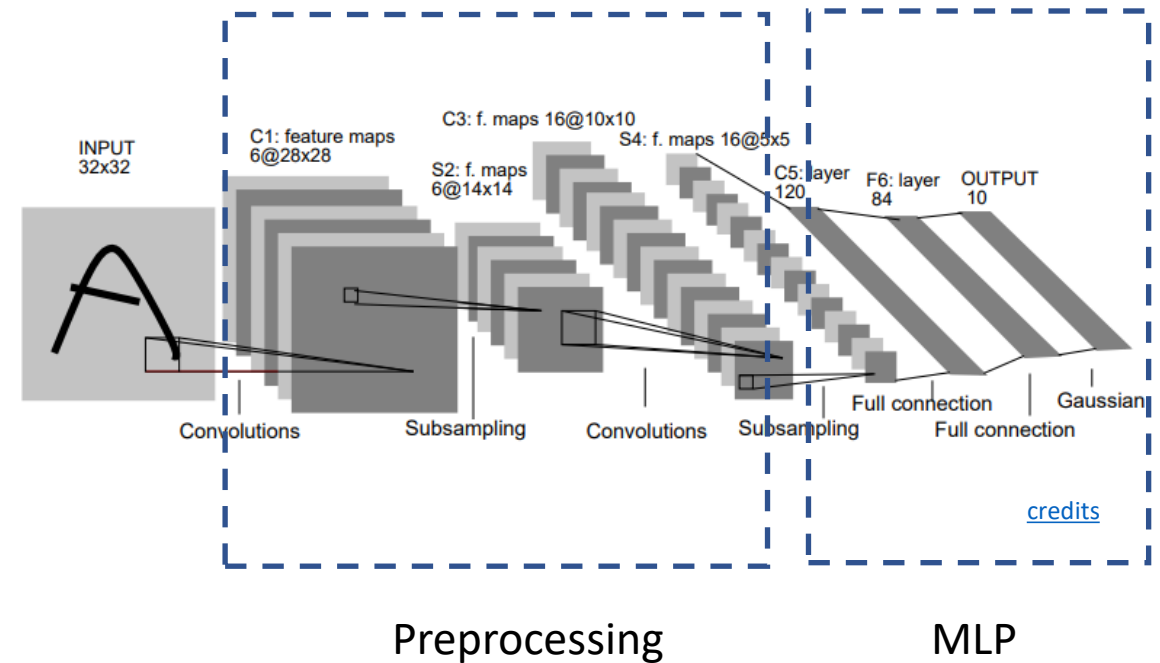
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► Constraints on the architecture:

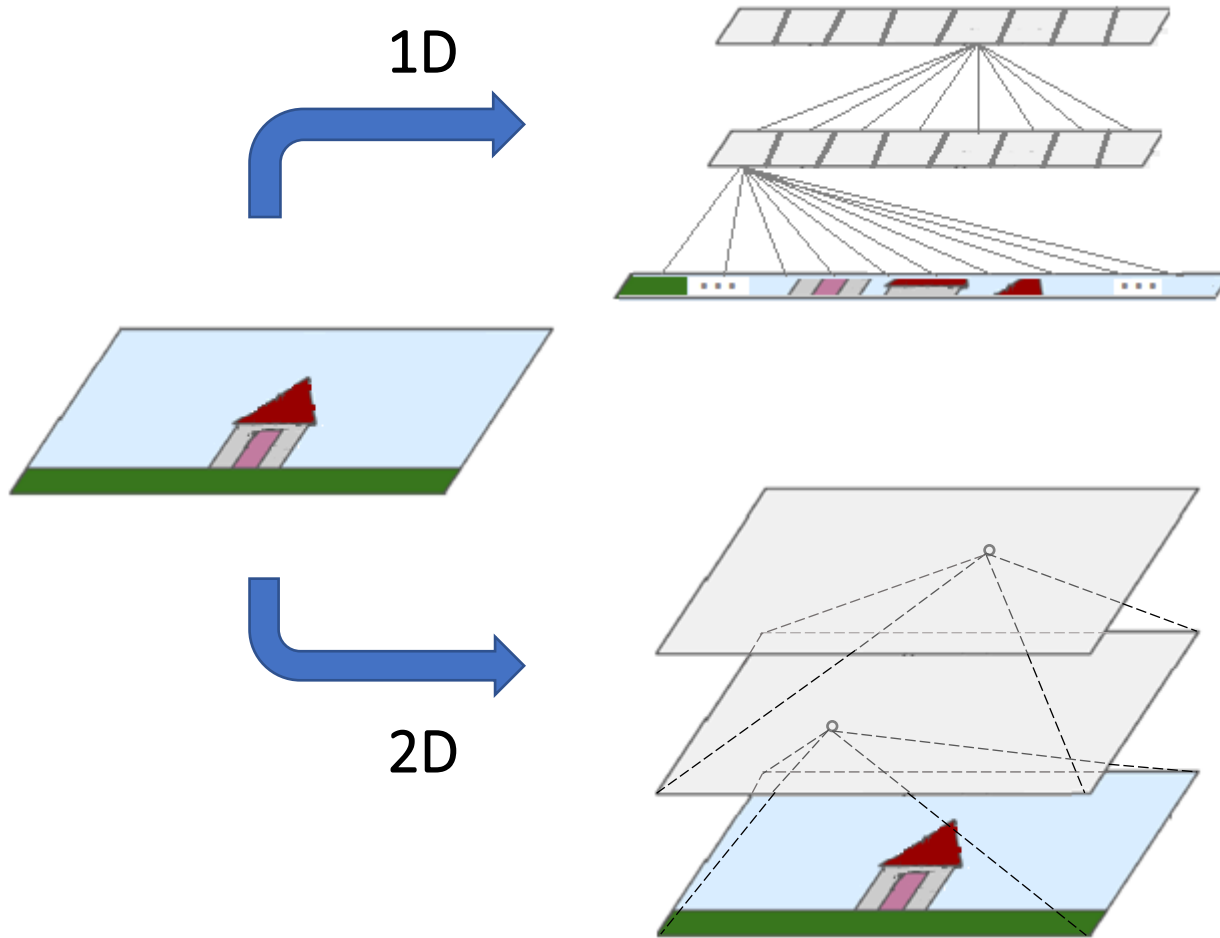
- CNN has two blocks:
 - A final “classical” MLP predicting the class.
 - A new “preprocessing block” before the MLP

Why this preprocessing block:

- MLP still needs a flattened 1D-array.
- Idea: inject in this 1D-array as much info as possible.
- Creating new layers that perform operations in 2D:
 - Convolutional layer: extracts image features.
 - Pooling layer: subsamples image.



PROBLEMS: FROM 1D TO 2D



Problems:

- In dense layers:
 - **Interconnection:** each neuron one layer
 - With all neurons of the previous layer.
- Impact:
 - **Huge number of weights** (parameters)
- Extension to 2D dense layers:
 - An even **bigger number of weights**.
 - An **alternative approach is needed**.

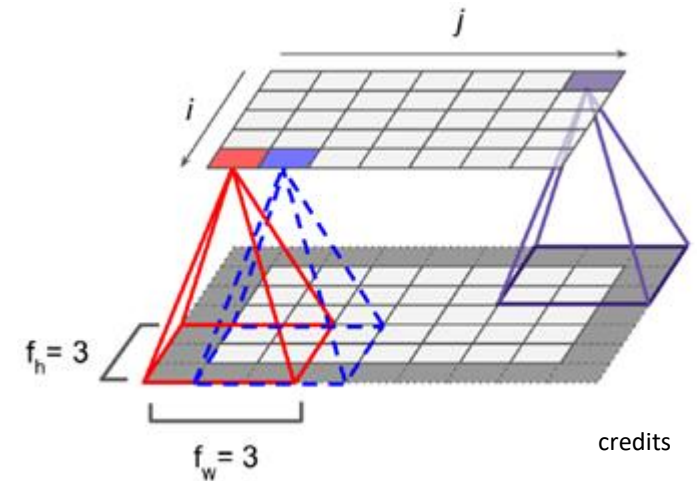
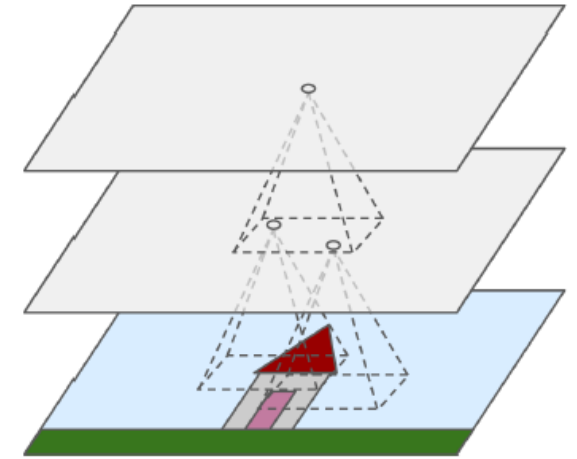
CONVOLUTIONAL LAYER: INTUITION

► Emulating local receptive fields:

- Goal: avoid losing pixel neighbourhood info.
- Perform operations in 2D: no flattening.
- Each neuron of the layer:
 - No more connected to all neurons of the previous layer.
 - Is only connected to a rectangle (f_W, f_H): pixel local info es captured.

Intuitive interpretation of layer operation:

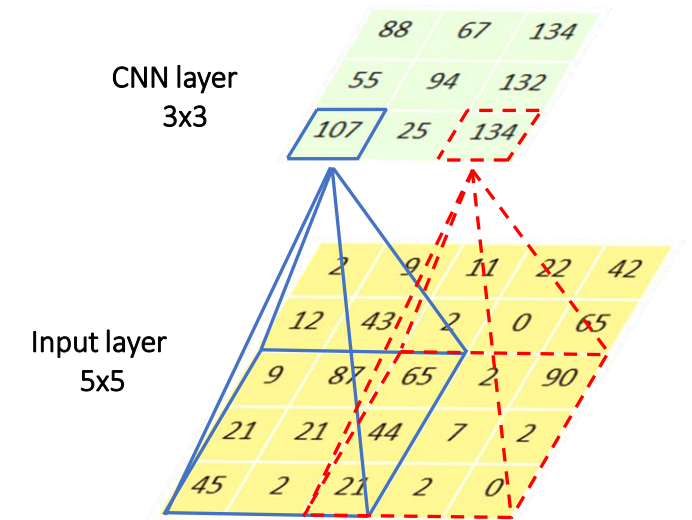
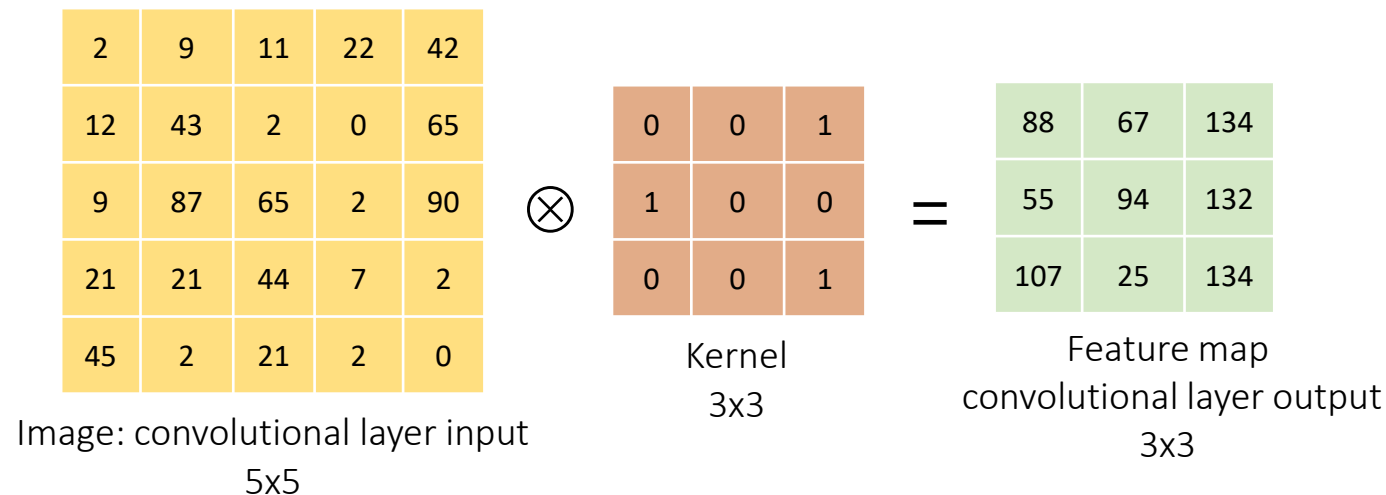
- All pixels (i, j) of the convolutional layer are traversed.
- An operation is applied on a rectangle of pixels of the previous layer.



CONVOLUTIONAL LAYER: OPERATION

► Renaming a dense 2D-layer operation: convolution

- Input image= **matrix** of values in range 0-255 (grayscale)
- **Kernel** (or filter): 3x3, 5x5, 7x7. $Dim(Kernel) \ll Dim(Image)$
 - Classical dense layer (but 2D) and with all weights zero except for the concrete rectangle of the kernel
- **Convolution**: $H = I \otimes K$, **element-wise** product of both matrices and a final **sum** of all its elements.
 - Output layer: **Feature Map**.



CONVOLUTION BY HAND

2 ₀	9 ₀	11 ₁	22	42
12 ₁	43 ₀	2 ₀	0	65
9 ₀	87 ₀	65 ₁	2	90
21	21	44	7	2
45	2	21	2	0

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convolution		
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Kernel

0	0	1
1	0	0
0	0	1

2	9	11	22	42
12	43	2	0	65
9 ₀	87 ₀	65 ₁	2	90
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KERNEL UTILITY: FEATURE EXTRACTION

Identity kernel

Feature map 1


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0	0	0
0	1	0
0	0	0


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Outline kernel

Feature map 2


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-1	-1	-1
-1	8	-1
-1	-1	-1


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Sobel left

Feature map 3


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1	0	-1
2	0	-2
1	0	-1


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Sobel bottom

Feature map 4


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-1	-2	-1
0	0	0
1	2	1


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Lighten kernel

Feature map 5


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0	0	0
0	2	0
0	0	0


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Darken kernel

Feature map 6

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0	0	0
0	0,5	0
0	0	0

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CONV LAYER = PARTICULAR DENSE LAYER

► CNN training: kernel weights

► Sparse weights:

- **Dense layers:** each neuron has weights to all neurons of the prev. layer.
- **Conv layers:** each neuron has only weights to a rectangle of the previous layer.

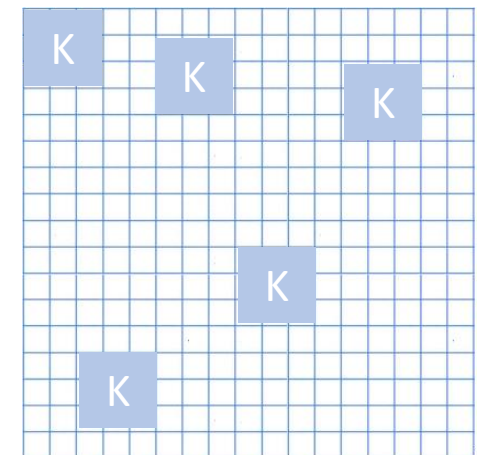
► Parameter (weights) sharing:

- **Dense layers:** $W^{[i]}$, in general, weight values are different.
- **Convolutional:** kernel weights are shared by all neurons in the layer.

► Equivariance to translation:

- Kernel can detect the feature in **any area of the image (under translation)**.
- Non-equivariance under other transformations (e. g. rotation).

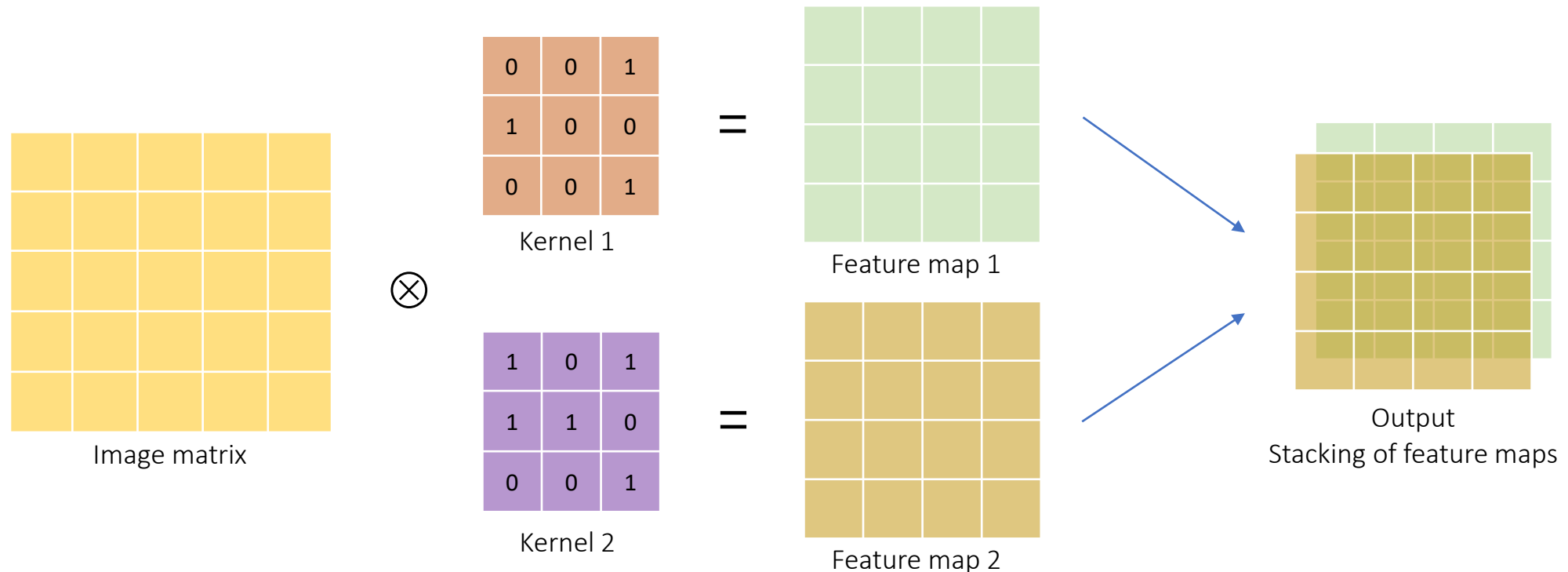
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3	9	13	8	21	17	4	2	1	4	3	9	13	8	21	17	4
8	32	1	2	34	18	7	78	10	7	8	32	1	2	34	18	7
9	22	3	9	8	71	12	22	17	3	9	22	3	9	8	71	12
13	21	21	9	2	47	1	81	21	9	13	21	21	9	2	47	1
21	12	53	12	91	24	81	8	91	2	21	12	53	12	91	24	81
61	8	33	82	19	87	16	3	1	55	61	8	33	82	19	87	16
54	4	78	24	18	11	4	2	99	5	54	4	78	24	18	11	4
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1	2	31	2	9	7	34	22	11	5	1	2	31	2	9	7	34
11	92	4	3	2	2	3	3	2	1	11	92	4	3	2	2	3
3	9	13	8	21	17	4	2	1	4	3	9	13	8	21	17	4
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9	22	3	9	8	71	12	22	17	3	9	22	3	9	8	71	12
13	21	21	9	2	47	1	81	21	9	13	21	21	9	2	47	1
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STACKING OF FEATURE MAPS

► More than one kernel can be applied:

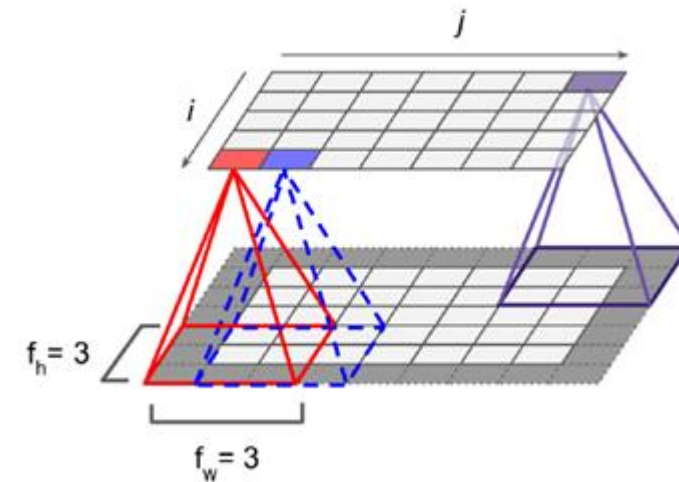
- Each kernel generates a feature map.
- Apply different kernels to an image, as much as needed.
- Each kernel has its own weights.



CONV LAYER PARAMETERS: PADDING

► Conv layer alters original image shape:

- **No-padding:** loss of $(f_H - 1)$ rows and $(f_W - 1)$ columns.
- **Zero-padding:**
 - Original image margins are padded with zeros.
 - Goal: maintain original image size after conv layer application.



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3x3

5x5 + padding = No
(in TF, *valid*)

0_0	0_0	0_1	0	0	0	0
0_1	2_0	9_0	11	22	42	0
0_0	12_1	43_0	2	0	65	0
0	9	87	65	2	90	0
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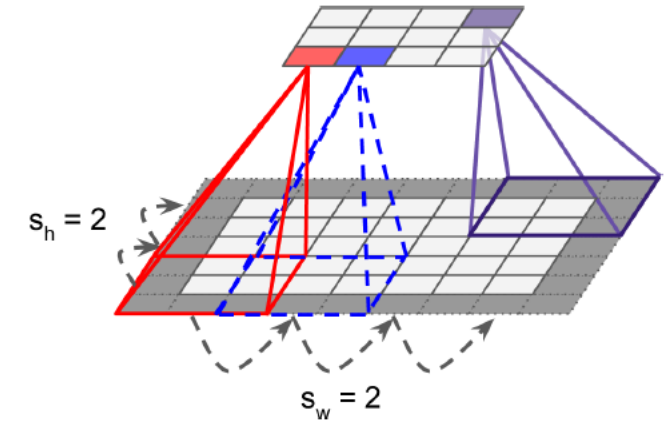
5x5

5x5 + padding = si
(in TF, *same*)

CONV LAYER PARAMETERS: STRIDE

► Kernel sliding control:

- **Stride**: kernel displacement while sliding along the image.
- Typically, **stride = 1**.
- If **stride > 1**, output size < original image size.
- If necessary, S_V : vertical stride \neq S_H : horizontal stride.



0 ₀	0 ₀	0 ₁	0	0	0	0
0 ₁	2 ₀	9 ₀	11	22	42	0
0 ₀	12 ₁	43 ₀	2	0	65	0
0	9	87	65	2	90	0
0	21	21	44	7	2	0
0	45	2	21	2	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Stride = 2

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Stride = 2

12		
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FROM MATRICES TO TENSORS

► Images representation:

- **Grayscale image:** 1 x 2D-array.
- **Colour image:** 3 x 2D-arrays (or channels).
 - 1 channel for each colour: Red (R), Green (G), Blue (B).
- Depending on the problem extra channel are possible:
 - E. g. satellite images: multiple additional infrared channels.

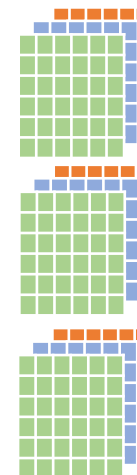
Grayscale (2D-Tensor)

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9	9	2	6	1	8
1	4	9	8	7	3
0	4	2	5	0	6
6	3	0	3	3	1
7	5	1	3	7	4

Colour-3 channels (3D-Tensor)

2	7	1	6	0	0
9	9	2	6	1	8
1	4	9	8	7	3
0	4	2	5	0	6
6	3	0	3	3	1
7	5	1	3	7	4

Mini-batch



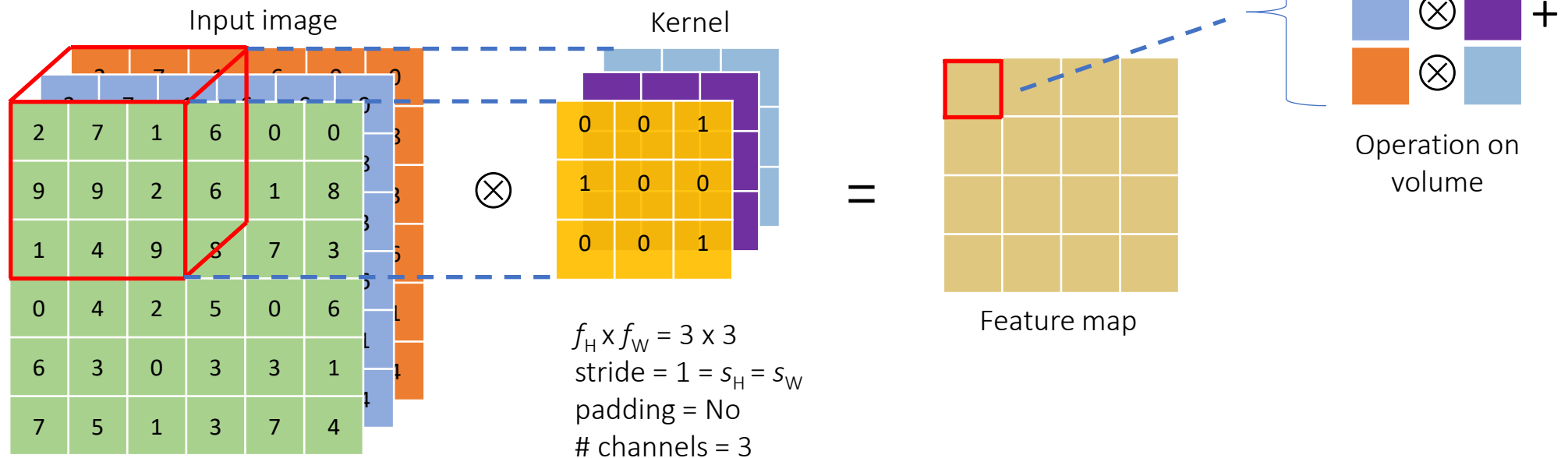
► In NN frameworks:

- 3D-tensors: [*height*, *width*, *channels*]
- Mini-batch: [*batchsize*, *height*, *width*, *channels*]

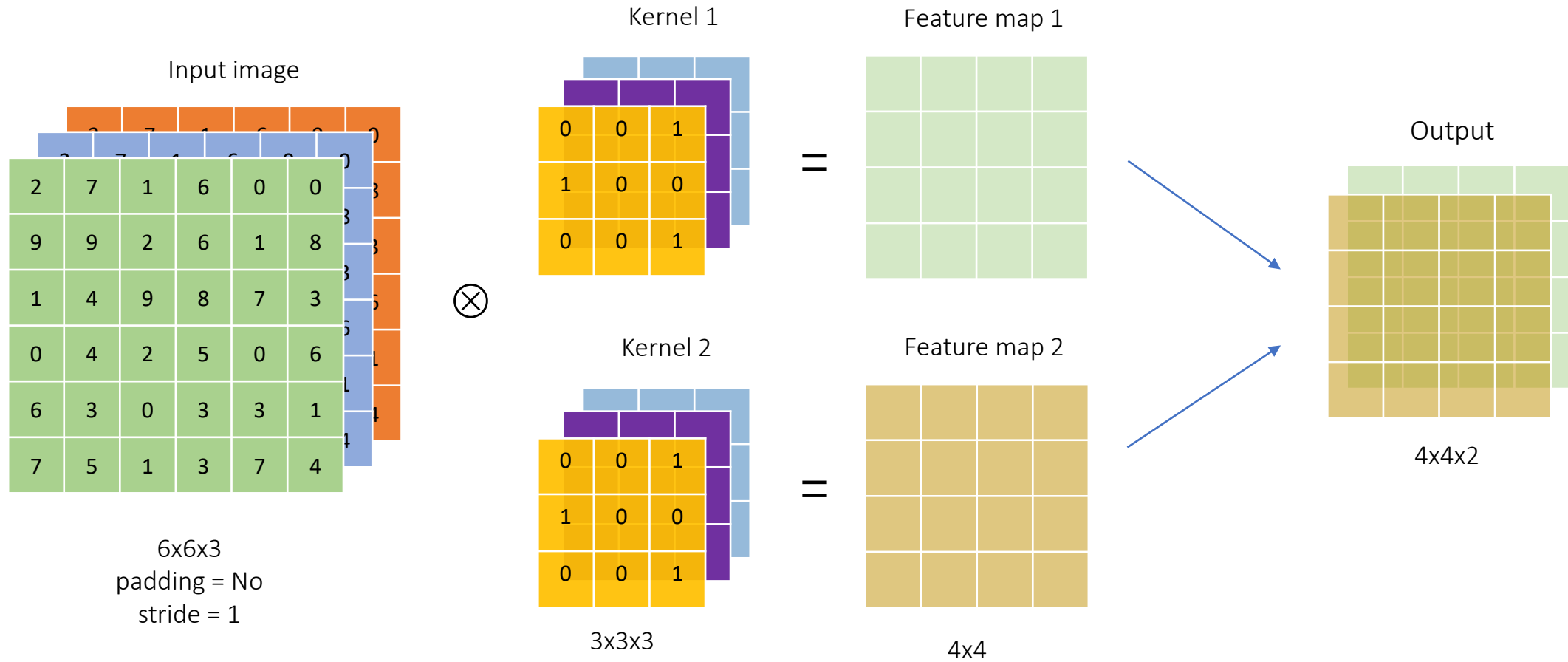
IMAGES WITH MULTIPLE CHANNELS

► Convolutions on volume:

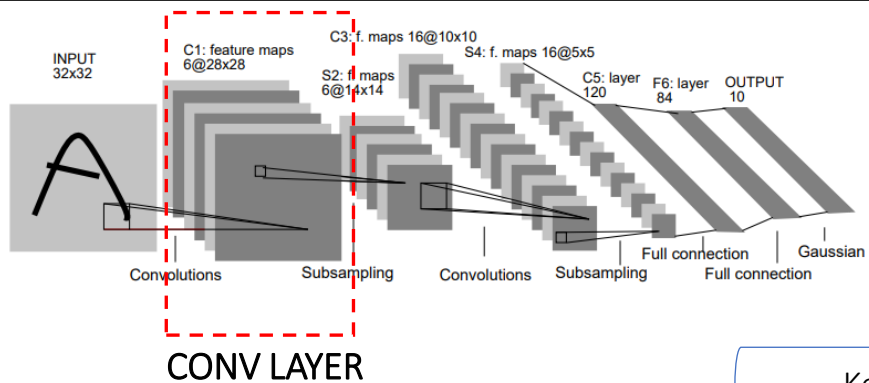
- Now kernel has multiple channels
- $\text{\#channels kernel} = \text{\#channels image}$
- \sum (each kernel “channel” acts on its associated image channel).
- Output = 1 feature map.



MULTIPLE CHANNELS & MULTIPLE KERNELS

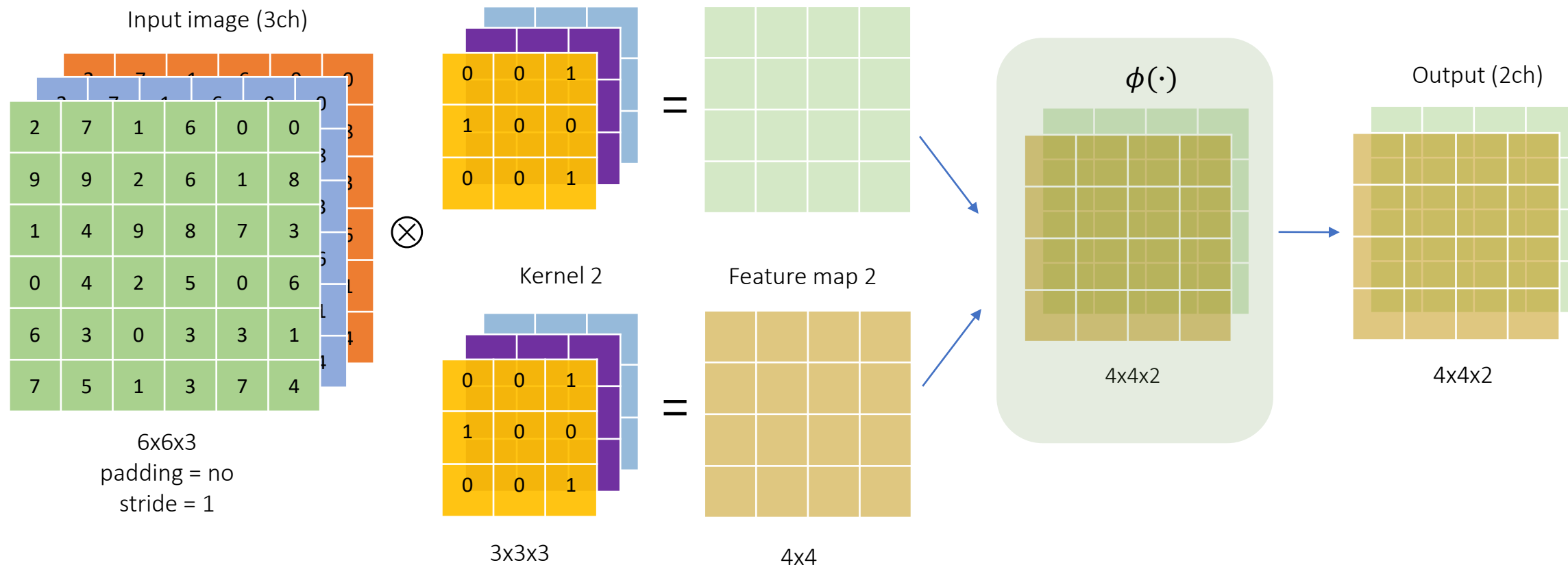


WHOLE CONVOLUTIONAL LAYER



Training: learn kernel weights

CONVOLUTIONAL LAYER (extracting 2 features)



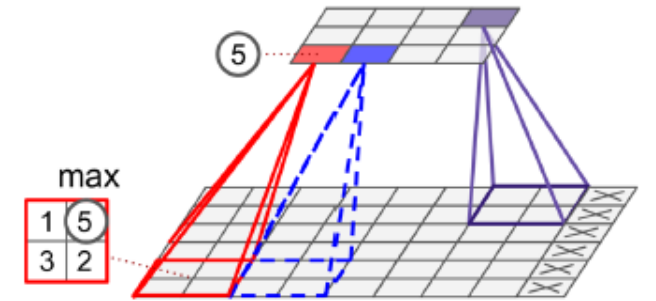
POOLING: LAYER

► Subsampling:

- Goal: **reduce size** of each feature map.
- Parallelism with convolution:
 - **Pooling kernel** = identity kernel. Typ. 2x2.
 - Not sum, but another aggregation operation: **AVG, MAX**
- Applied to each input channel separately
- **# input channels = # output channels**.

Layer parameters:

- **No-Padding**, to reduce output size.
- **Stride > 1**, to reduce output size. Typ. stride = 2.



Avg Pooling

8	5	2	7
1	6	0	3
2	4	7	1
5	1	8	0

5	3
3	4

Max Pooling

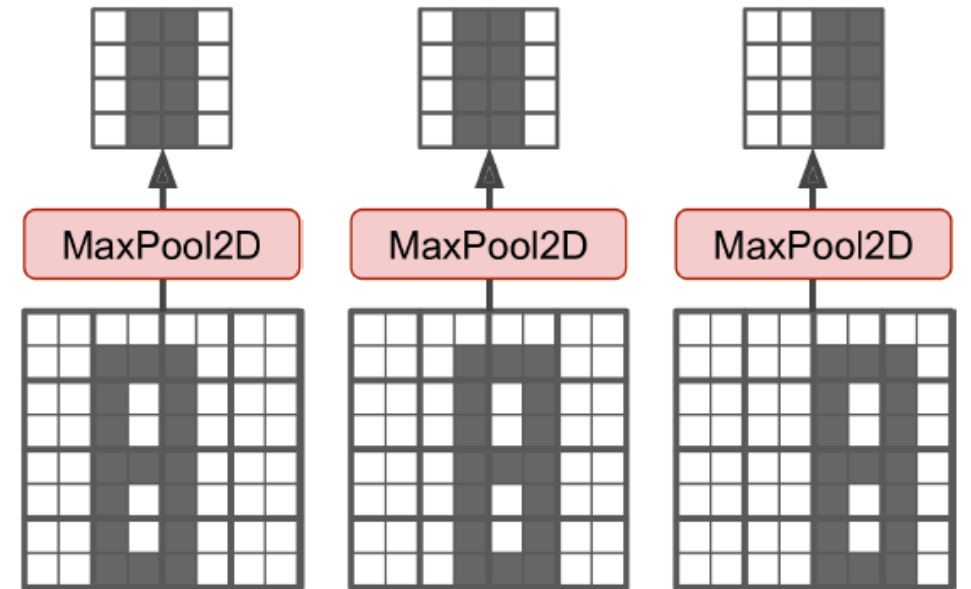
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1	6	0	3
2	4	7	1
5	1	8	0

8	7
5	8

POOLING LAYER: INVARIANCE

► Common pooling layers:

- Older: [AvgPool2D](#).
 - Averaging: less info is lost.
- Better results: [MaxPool2D](#).
 - Preserves stronger features.
 - Sends clearer signals to the next layer.
- Lately: [GlobalAvgPool2D](#).
 - Highly destructive.
 - Return a unique value. Not a feature map.
 - Useful as an output layer.

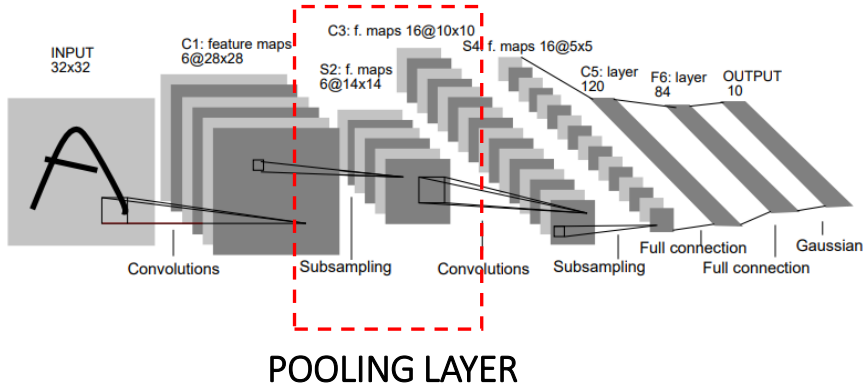


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Capture small invariances:

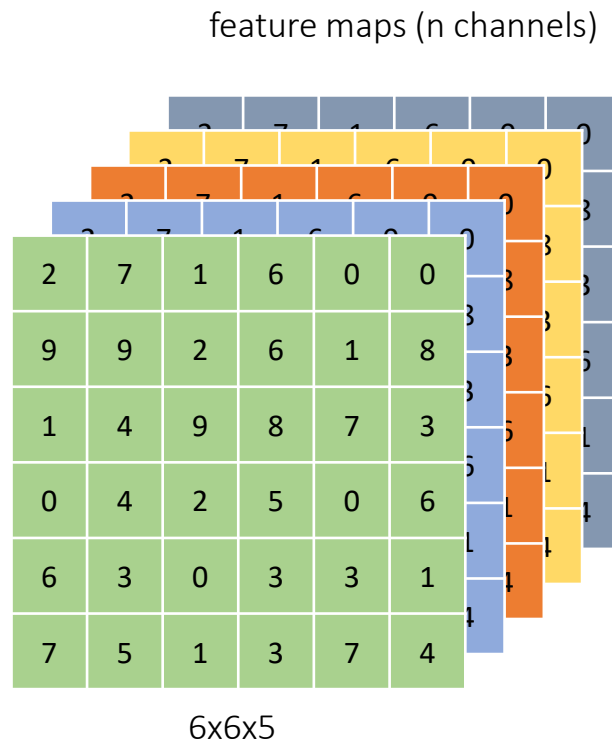
- Translations, rotations and scaling:
 1. Useful in [classification problems](#)
 2. Non-useful in [segmentation problems](#)

WHOLE POOLING LAYER

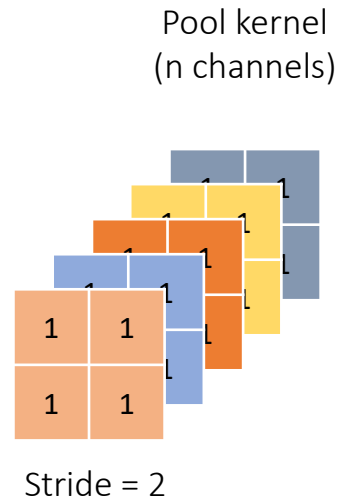


Training: nothing to learn. All weights = 1

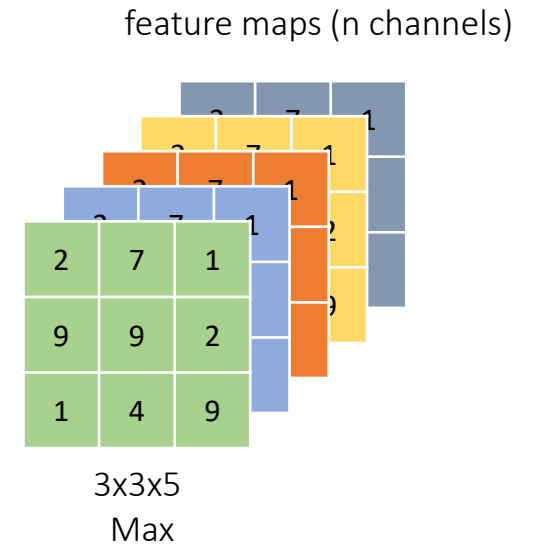
POOL LAYER: SUBSAMPLES 2:1



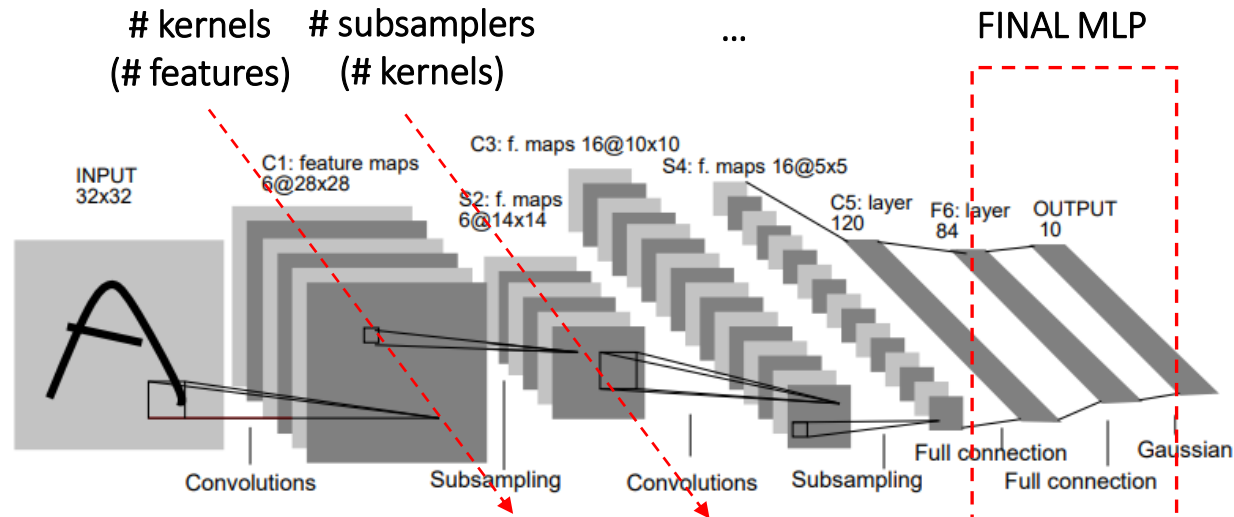
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TYPICAL CNN ARQUITECTURE

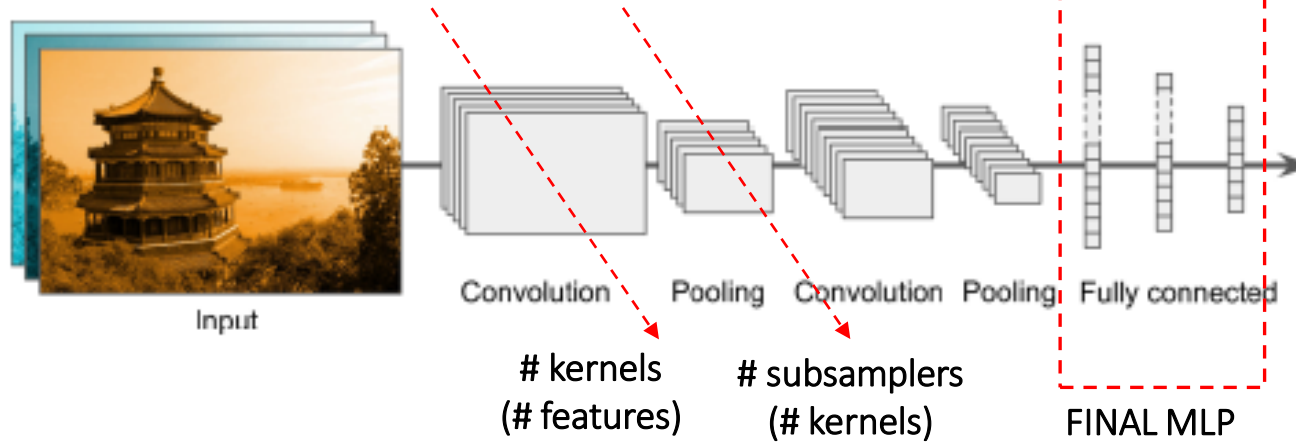


As image progresses:

kernels increases

several conv + pool blocks

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REFERENCE CHALLENGE

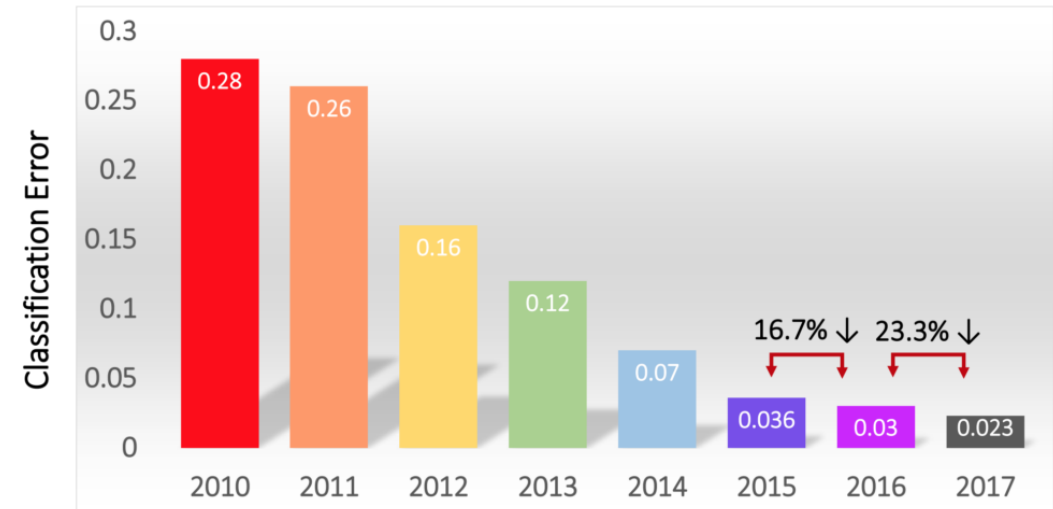
► ImageNET challenge (2010):

- ILSVRC (ImageNet Large Scale Visual Recognition Challenge)
- 1.2M images (up to 256 pixels).
- Classification problem.
- #classes = 10.000

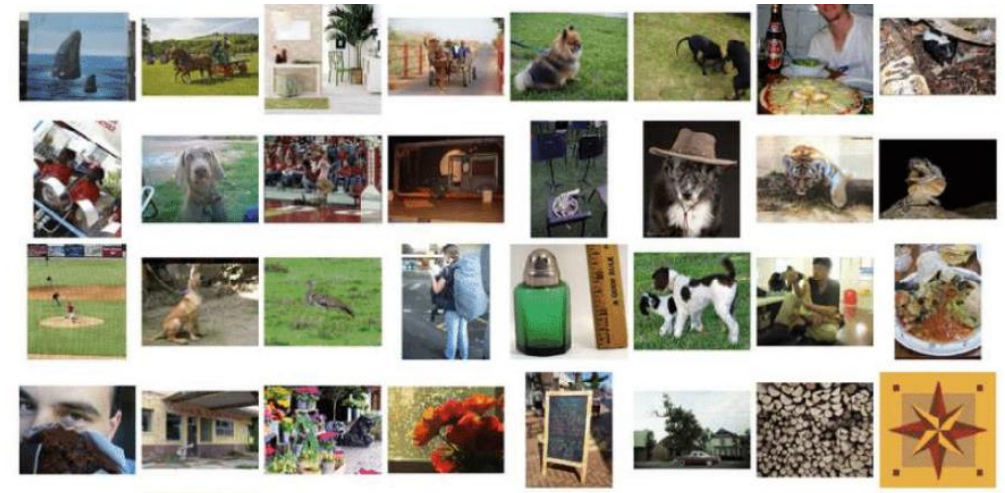
Winner model: top-5 error rate

- Classifier outputs probability of each class.
- Classes with top-5 probabilities are selected.
- % times correct class is not among them.
- Also exists top-1 rate.

ImageNet Challenge classification error



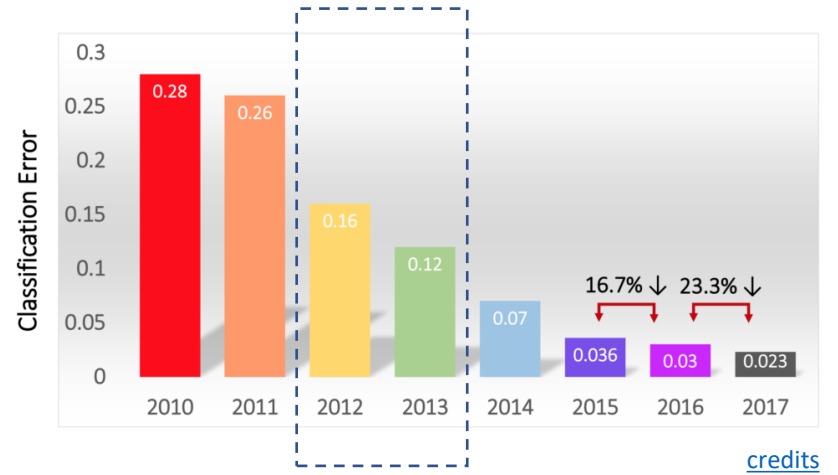
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FIRST HIT OF CNNs

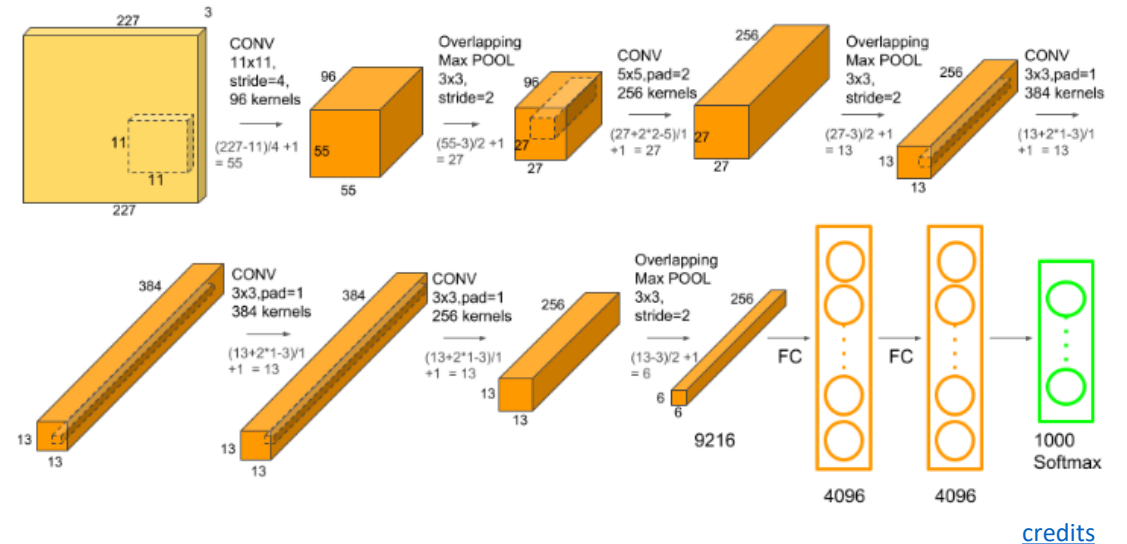
▶ AlexNet (2012, error 16%):

- Based on LeNet-5.
- First conv **stacking without pooling**.
- **# layers = 5 conv + 3 dense**
- **# params = 60M**
- Dropout 50%.
- Data augm.: brightness, shifting and flipping.



ZF Net (2013, error 12%)

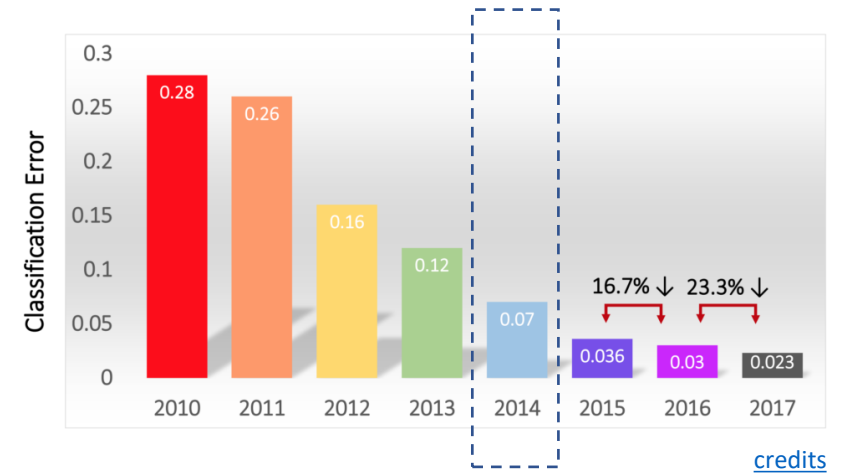
- Hyperparameters tuning:
 - #feature maps
 - kernel size, stride.



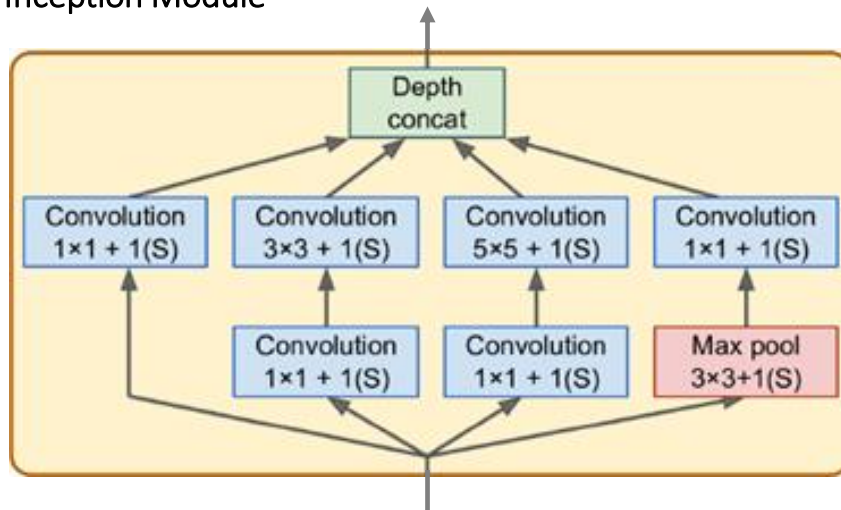
2nd SIGNIFICANT ADVANCE

► GoogLeNet (2014, error 7%):

- Innovation: Inception module.
- # layers = 22 (much deeper)
- # params = 6M

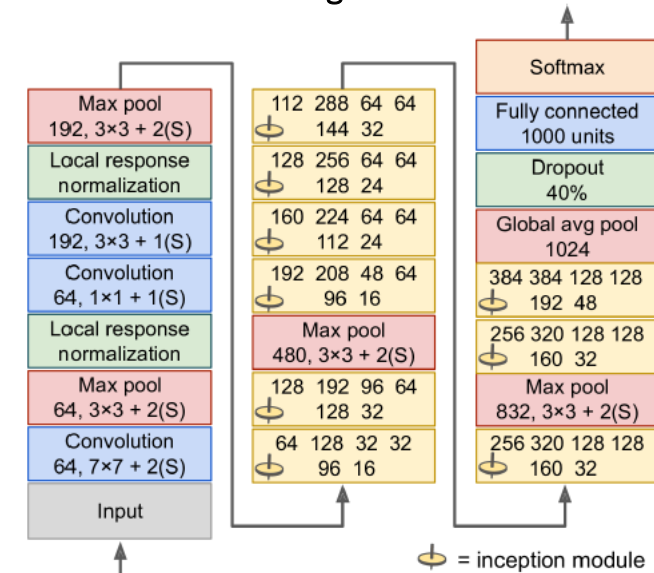


Inception Module



3x3 + 1(S) => Kernel 3x3 + Stride=1 + "Same"

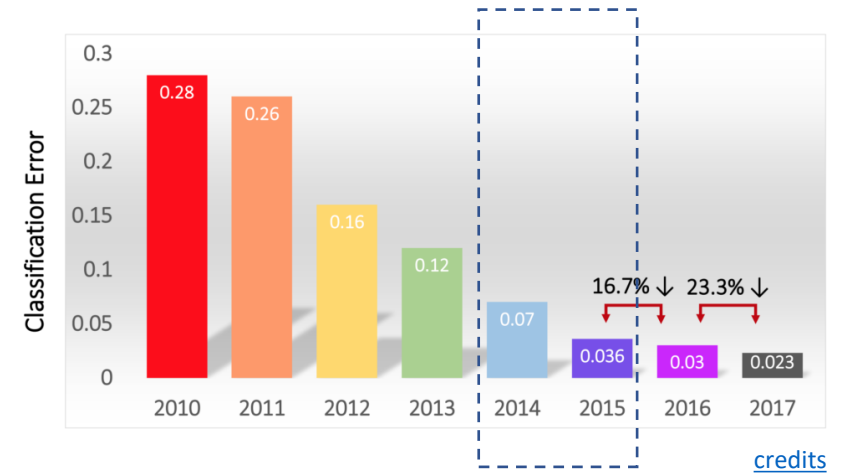
GoogleNet



2014 SILVER MEDAL: VGGNet

► VGGNet (2014, error 7.3%):

- A very simple classical.
- Stacking de 2 conv + pooling.
- # layers = 16, 19 conv + 2 dense.
- VGG16, VGG19, ...
- # params = 140M.



► ResNet (2015, error 3.6%):

- Innovation: residual nets.
- # layers = 152.
- # params = 11M .

