

## Image Classification

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### Outline



- ▶ What is "image classification"?
- ▶ Why is "image classification" important?
- How does "image classification" work?
- "Image classification" methods Using machine
- The need for AI to understand image data
- Convolutional Neural Network (CNN)
- When do we use pre-trained image features?
- Hands-on Tutorial



### What is "image classification"?

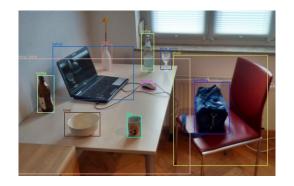
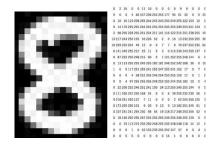


Image classification is a basic task for human, but still one of the most important tasks that computer vision engineers can tackle.



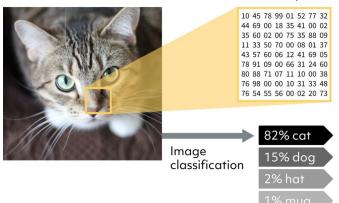
### What makes image classification a very important task?



An image is a large grid of numbers between [0, 255] An image can be of size  $800 \times 600$  pixels, each pixel is represented via three numbers, which provide values of RGB (red, green, blue) channels



### What the computer sees





- Viewpoint
- ► Illumination











**▶** Deformation











Occlusion









► Clutter







► Intraclass variation





### How does Image classification work in machines?

- ▶ In digital image processing, image classification is done by automatically grouping pixels into specified categories, so-called "classes."
- ► The algorithms separate the image into different classes based on their prominent features or specific patterns

Image classification techniques are mainly divided into two categories:

- Supervised
- Unsupervised

Where is it used?

Robotics, Computer Vision, NLP, information retrieval, etc.



### Representing images with "features"

- CV vs NLP features
- Visual features
  - Color, size, center, orientation, etc.
  - Invariant to transformations
- Lexical features / semantic classes
  - Labels, context
- Learned vs. pre-engineered features
  - We need to choose how to represent an image



### Visual feature: color



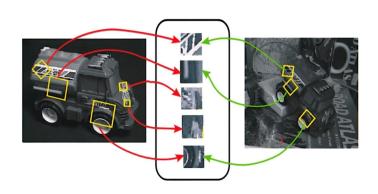


### Visual features: SIFT, HOG, SURF

- ► SIFT: Scale-Invariant Image Transform
  - Commonly used in CV
  - Extract invariant (not changeable) image features
  - Applied to grayscale images
  - Mathematically complicated, computationally heavy
  - Based on histogram of gradients, e.g. computing the gradients of each pixel in the image takes a lot of time
  - Quite slow compared to SURF
  - Does not work well with lighting changes and blur



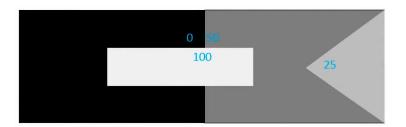
### Visual features: SIFT





### Visual features: HOG(Histogram of Oriented Gradients)

- ▶ **HOG:**: compute centered horizontal and vertical gradients
  - Tries to extract contrasts in various image parts
  - Computes gradients magnitudes and their directions





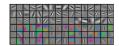
### The need for AI to understand image data

- Supervise learning task
  - Convolutional Neural Networks as feature extractors hierarchical layer-wise representation learning
  - Extract invariant (not changeable) image features
  - CNN is a hierarchical deep learning model which is able to model data at more and more abstract representations
  - CNN features are highly adaptive, they are trained end-to-end
  - CNN can learn features similar to SIFT and HOG from training examples alone, which is quite cool. Therefore, using CNNs minimizes feature engineering

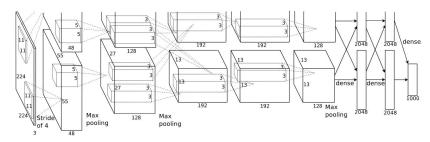


#### Convolutional Neural Network (CNN)

- Used for object detection, image classification, image captioning, etc.
- Alex Krizhevsky, Ilya Sutskever, and Geoffrey E. Hinton. 2012. ImageNet classification with deep convolutional neural networks. In Proceedings of the 25th International Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems - Volume 1 (NIPS'12). Curran Associates Inc., Red Hook, NY, USA, 1097–1105.





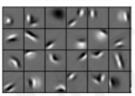




### **Learning Feature Representation**

Can we learn a hierarchy of features directly from the data insted of hard engineering?

Low level features



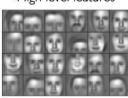
Edges, dark spots

Mid level features



Eyes, ears, nose

High level features

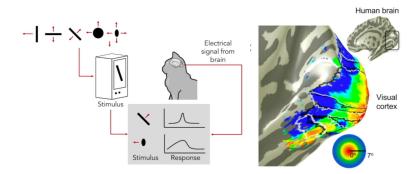


Facial structure



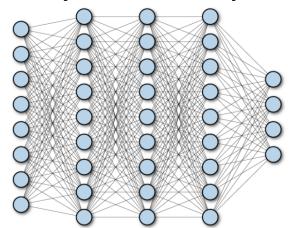
### CNNs: inspiration

► Hubel and Wiesel (1959, 1962, 1968): cat's visual cortex maps information in a structured and hierarchical way





# Fully Connected Layer



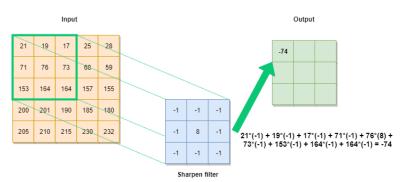




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Input: 2D image.

**Idea**: Connect patches of input to neurons in hidden layer. (Neuron connected to region of input only sees these values)

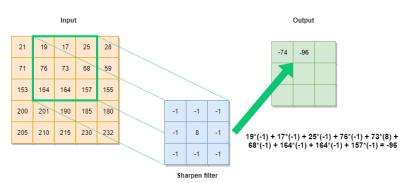




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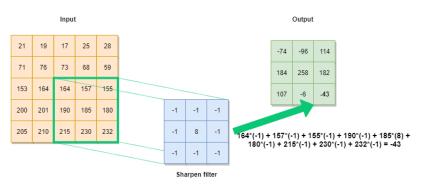




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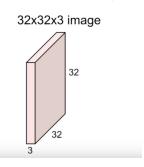
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# CNN: we want to preserve spatial structure

# **Convolution Layer**



### 5x5x3 filter

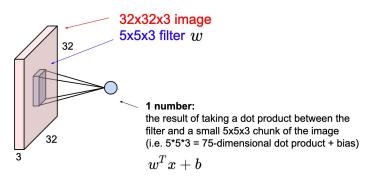


**Convolve** the filter with the image i.e. "slide over the image spatially, computing dot products"



# CNN: apply filter to the convolution layer

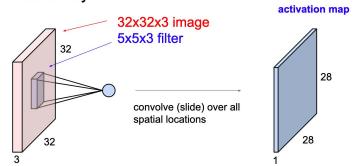
## **Convolution Layer**





# CNN: use filter to get an activation map

## **Convolution Layer**

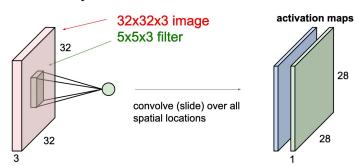




# CNN: maps per filter

## **Convolution Layer**

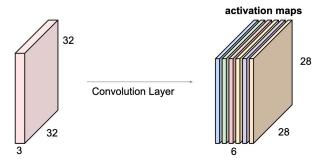
## consider a second, green filter





# CNN: activation maps

For example, if we had 6 5x5 filters, we'll get 6 separate activation maps:

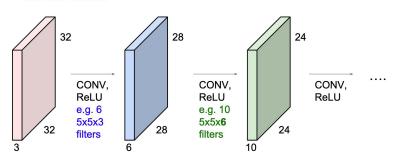


We stack these up to get a "new image" of size 28x28x6!



### CNN: a stack of CONV, FC, POOL + activations

**Preview:** ConvNet is a sequence of Convolutional Layers, interspersed with activation functions





### Pooling layer

# Single depth slice

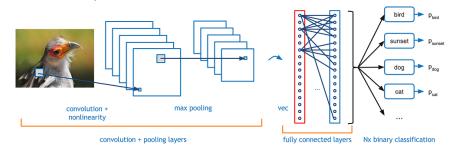
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5 6 7 8
3 2 1 0
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max pool with 2x2 filters and stride 2

6	8	
3	4	



Finally, the raw values which are predicted output by network are converted to probabilistic values with use of soft max function.

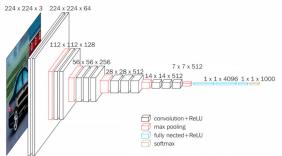




### CNN: conclusion

- ► Smaller filters, deeper architectures
- ► Tend to remove POOL and FC, keep CONV only

## Example CNN network structure, VGG16





### Useful Links

- PyTorch Image Classification Tutorial: https://pytorch.org/tutorials/beginner/blitz/cifar10\_tutorial.html
- ► TensorFlow Image Classification Tutorial: https://www.tensorflow.org/tutorials/images/classification
- More recent work on CNNs: https://github.com/matterport/Mask\_RCNN https://github.com/facebookresearch/detectron2
- Accuracy scores for published CNNs: Accuracy scores for published CNNs:
- Class code: https://github.com/sdobnik/aics/tree/master/tutorials/01image-classification/2021

