

CV / VLM

Unit 3: Transfer Learning for CV



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Pre-trained Models & Transfer Learning

Introduction to popular
pre-trained models

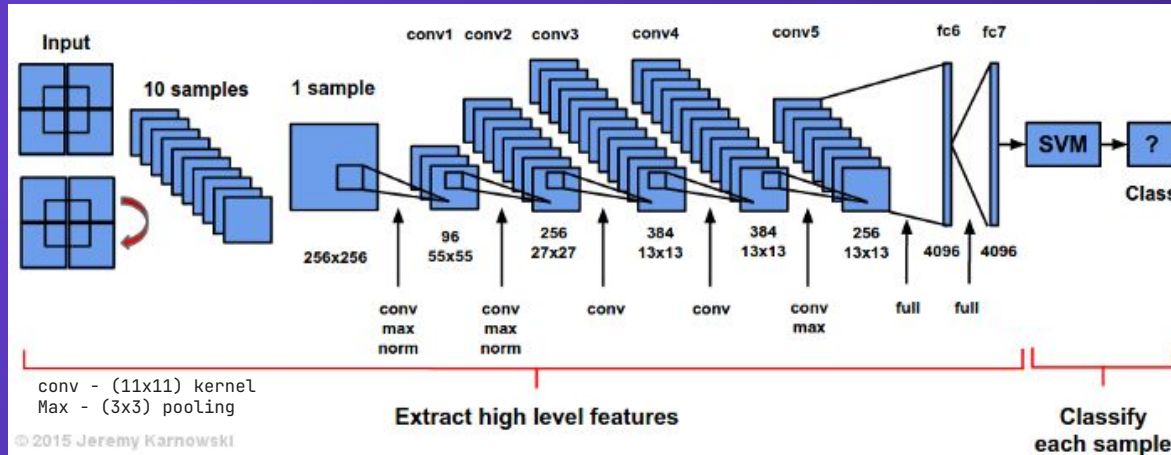
AlexNet

AlexNet competed in the ImageNet Challenge in Sep 2012

- Achieved top-5 error of 15.3%

Its author, Alex Krizhevsky, proposed that the **depth of the model** was essential for its high performance.

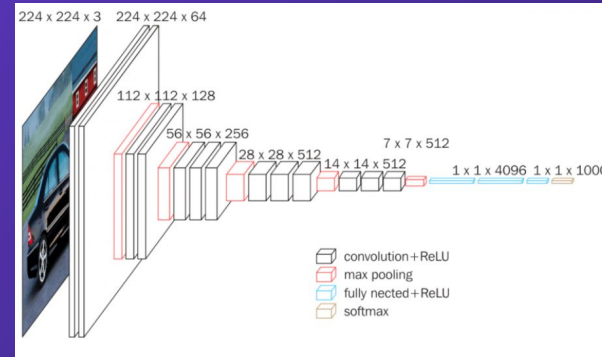
- This was made computationally feasible by being among the first to use GPUs for training



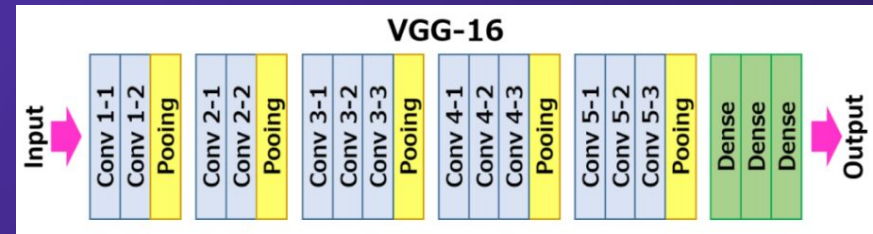
Schematics of Alexnet + SVM, Adopted from [AlexNet Visualization](#) | Jeremy Karnowski

Visual Geometric Group (VGG)

- VGG is characterized by its depth. A VGG16 has 16 weight layers (hence the name).
- It is proposed in 2014 for ImageNet.
- The architecture consists of a consistent arrangement of convolution layers and max-pooling layers.
- The input tensor size for VGG16 is 224x244 with 3 RGB channels.
- Focused on usage of small 3x3 convolution filters and 2x2 max_pooling layers.



(top) VGG-16 | CNN model for Classification and Detection - All about Machine Learning (techcraft.org)



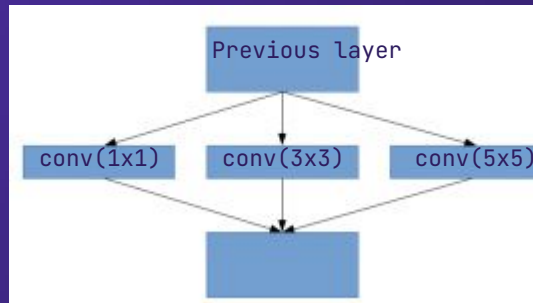
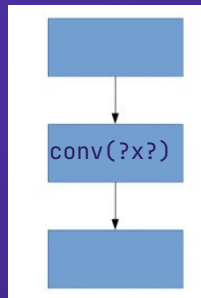
Very Deep Convolutional Networks for Large-Scale Image Recognition -
Proposed by K. Simonyan and A. Zisserman

InceptionNet (GoogLeNet)

InceptionNet was developed to improve upon the performance of previous CNNs in the ImageNet Challenge in 2014. It features:

Inception modules

- Definitions: A combination of 1x1, 3x3, and 5x5 convolutions on the previous layer.
- Details: its researchers suggest that, instead of just a deeper network, we would also benefit from sparsely connected network architectures (instead of fully connected networks) within convolutional layers.



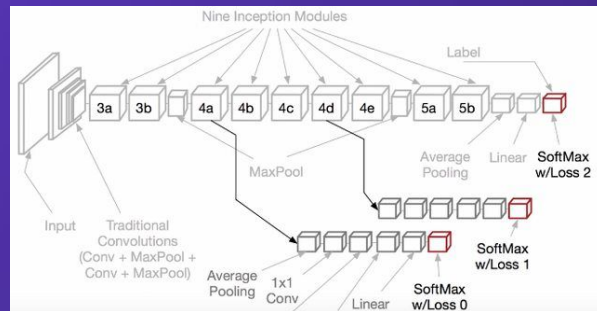
(top left) Densely connected architecture - Convolution Modules
(top right) Sparsely connected architecture - Inception Modules

InceptionNet (GoogLeNet)

Auxiliary Classifier for Training

- The use of intermediate classifiers (softmax).

It utilized a total of three loss layers instead of a single layer.



(top) Visual schematics of InceptionNet, with focus on SoftMax layers

These Features are designed to address:

Vanishing gradients problem during training (back-propagation algorithm)

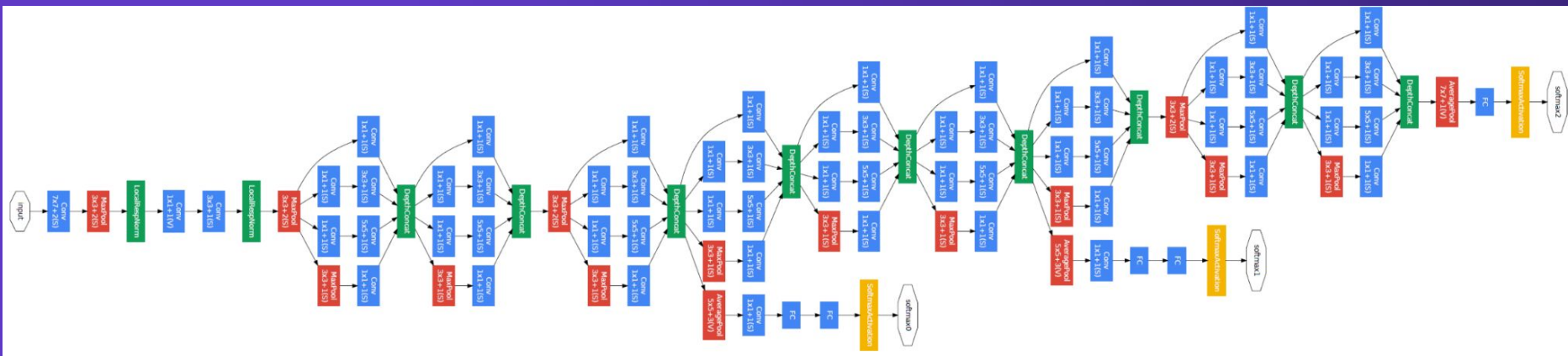
- Intuitively, with deeper layers, the gradients carry less and less information with each subsequent depth, thereby hindering parameters to be learnt.

[Inception Network | Implementation Of GoogleNet In Keras \(analyticsvidhya.com\)](#)

[Understanding GoogLeNet Model - CNN Architecture - GeeksforGeeks](#)

[deep learning - Google Inception model:why there is multiple softmax? - Cross Validated \(stackexchange.com\)](#)

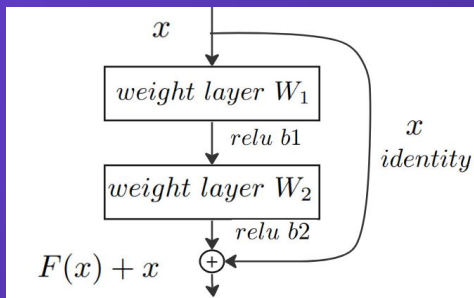
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Residual Neural Networks (ResNet)

- Proposed in 2015 for ImageNet Challenge.
- Introduced to address 'vanishing gradient problem'
- It circumvents the vanishing gradient problem by providing an alternative path for the gradient:

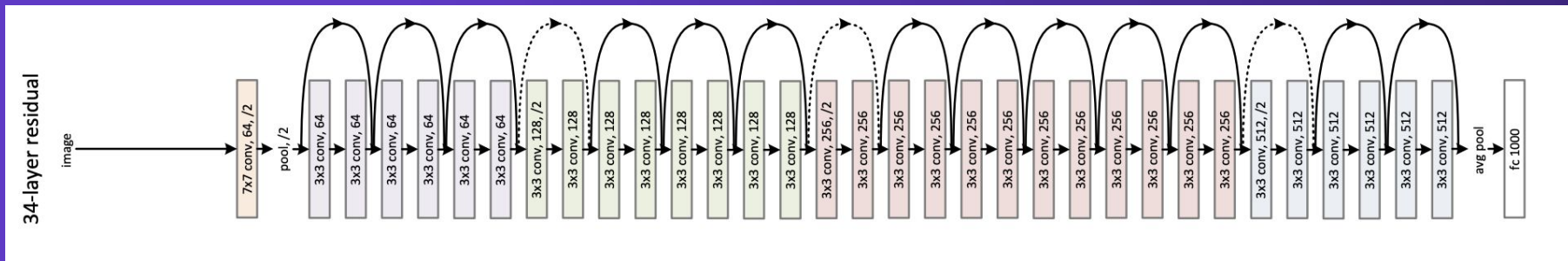
To be explored in more depth in Unit 6!



(left) Directly summing the (input - x) previous layers to the results of the next layers (output $F(x) + x$).

Residual Neural Networks (ResNet)

- Overview



(top) Resnet34 with its residuals layers (the Bolded Curved Line) in between the layers

There are two variants of Convolutional Resnet block

- Solid Lines - Basic Block
- Dotted Lines - Bottleneck Block (has an extra 1x1 convolutional layers for dimension reduction and restoration)

