### CNN Architectures for Image Classification

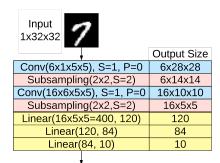
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#### Architectures

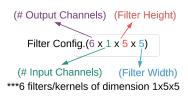
LeNet5 AlexNet VGG Inception ResNet DenseNet

## LeNet5(1998)



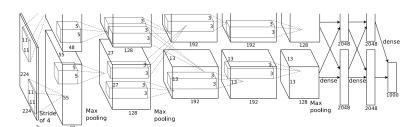
#### Unnormalized Class Scores

Sc	ore	1.5	6.9	7.6	-7.1	-3.8	-3.5	-1.9	8.2	-2.8	7.2
Cla	ass	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9



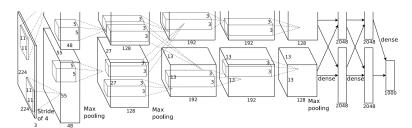
$$M_{new} = \frac{M_{old} + 2P - F}{S} + 1$$
  
 $M_{old} = 32$ ,  
 $Stride(S) = 1$ ,  
 $Padding(P) = 0$   
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Input (2v224v224)

#### Novelties/Significance

- ► GPU implementation (2×NVIDIA GTX 580 3GB GPUs).
- ReLU as nonlinearity.
- ► Local Response Normalization (LRN).
- Data augmentation.
- $ightharpoonup \sim 10\%$  improvement on standard benchmark compared to traditional approaches.

### Data Augmentation

- ▶ Trained on ImageNet dataset comprising  $\sim 1.2M$  training samples.
- ▶ 5 (224 × 224) patch extraction from each training samples.
  - 4 from 4 corners + 1 from the center.
    - horizontal flipping of 5 patches gives 10 patches/image.
  - averaging the scores from 10 (224  $\times$  224) patches in test phase.
- Obtained illumination invariance of the object identities using the PCA trick :

$$\begin{bmatrix} r(x,y) \\ g(x,y) \\ b(x,y) \end{bmatrix} += \begin{bmatrix} | & | & | \\ e_1 & e_2 & e_3 \\ | & | & | \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_1 \lambda_1 \\ \alpha_2 \lambda_2 \\ \alpha_3 \lambda_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\alpha_i \sim \mathcal{N}(0,0.1)$$

### Local Response Normalization

$$b_{x,y}^{k} = \frac{a_{x,y}^{k}}{\left(\gamma + \alpha \sum_{i=\max(0,N/2)}^{\min(D-1,k-N/2)} (a_{x,y}^{i})^{2}\right)^{\beta}}$$
(1)

 $a_{x,y}^k =$  unnormlized activity generated by the kernel k at position (x,y)  $b_{x,y}^k =$  normalized activity corresponding to  $a_{x,y}^k$  D = total number of kernels/feature maps  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, N-$  determined using the validation set.

Imposes lateral inhibition amongst the neighboring elements in the feature maps.

#### Results-AlexNet

► Trained for 90 epochs on 1.2M images for 5 – 6 days using 2xNVIDIA GTX 580 3GB GPUs

Table: ILSVRC 2010 Test Set

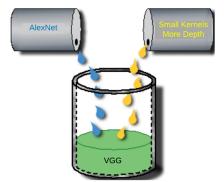
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Max-Pool(2x2,S=2)	64x112x112
Conv(128x64x3x3), S=1, P=1	128x112x112
Conv(128x128x3x3), S=1, P=1	128x112x112
Max-Pool(2x2,S=2)	128x56x56
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Max-Pool(2x2,S=2)	512x14x14
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Conv(512x512x3x3), S=1, P=1	512x14x14
Max-Pool(2x2,S=2)	512x7x7=25088
Linear(25088, 4096) (102M)	4096
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- AlexNet: variable size kernels based on heuristics, hard to modify.
- VGG: deeper network with fixed size kernels, so comparatively easier to play with, no use of LRN.

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- ▶ Dense evaluations (150 per sample) at the test time.

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A	A-LRN	В	C	D	Е
11 weight	11 weight	13 weight	16 weight	16 weight	19 weight
layers	layers	layers	layers	layers	layers
	i	nput ( $224 \times 2$	24 RGB imag	e)	
conv3-64	conv3-64	conv3-64	conv3-64	conv3-64	conv3-64
	LRN	conv3-64	conv3-64	conv3-64	conv3-64
			pool		
conv3-128	conv3-128	conv3-128	conv3-128	conv3-128	conv3-128
		conv3-128	conv3-128	conv3-128	conv3-128
			pool		
conv3-256	conv3-256	conv3-256	conv3-256	conv3-256	conv3-256
conv3-256	conv3-256	conv3-256	conv3-256	conv3-256	conv3-256
			conv1-256	conv3-256	conv3-256
					conv3-256
		max			
conv3-512	conv3-512	conv3-512	conv3-512	conv3-512	conv3-512
conv3-512	conv3-512	conv3-512	conv3-512	conv3-512	conv3-512
			conv1-512	conv3-512	conv3-512
					conv3-512
			pool		
conv3-512	conv3-512	conv3-512	conv3-512	conv3-512	conv3-512
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			pool		
			4096		
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		soft-	-max		

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					conv3-512
		max	pool		
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					conv3-512
			pool		
			4096		
			4096		
		FC-	1000		

lasteq Possible to train from scratch with Xavier-Glorot(2010) initialization  $\mathop{!!!}$ 

#### Results-VGG

► Training on 1.2M ImageNet samples with 4xNVIDIA TITAN Black 6GB GPUs takes 2 – 3 weeks depending on the architecture.

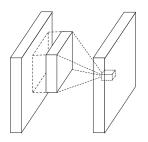
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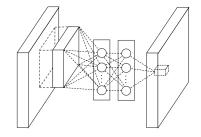
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(a) Linear convolution layer



(b) Mlpconv layer

## Network In Network (NIN)

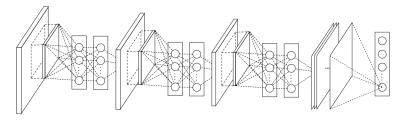


Figure 2: The overall structure of Network In Network. In this paper the NINs include the stacking of three mlpconv layers and one global average pooling layer.

- ▶ Replacement of linear convolution with MLP-NN.
- Replacement of HUGE (!!!) Fully-Connected (FC) layers with a single Global Average Pooling (GAP) layer
  - More than 90-95% reduction of training parameters  $\implies$  much less prone to overfitting.
  - More emphasis on convolutional features (head of the architecture).

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## Breaking down Convolution ... (1)

► Straightforward  $5 \times 5$  convolution  $M \equiv Multiplication$  and  $A \equiv Addition$ 

a <sub>11</sub>	<b>a</b> 12	<b>a</b> 13	a <sub>14</sub>	<b>a</b> 15
<b>a</b> 21	<b>a</b> 22	<b>a</b> 23	<b>a</b> <sub>24</sub>	<b>a</b> <sub>25</sub>
a <sub>31</sub>	<b>a</b> <sub>32</sub>	<b>a</b> 33	<b>a</b> 34	a <sub>35</sub>
a <sub>41</sub>	a <sub>42</sub>	a <sub>43</sub>	a <sub>44</sub>	a <sub>45</sub>
<b>a</b> 51	<b>a</b> 52	<b>a</b> 53	<b>a</b> 54	<b>a</b> 55

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output<sub>33</sub> = 
$$a_{11}h_{11} + a_{12}h_{12} + \cdots + a_{31}h_{31} + a_{32}h_{32} + \cdots + a_{54}h_{54} + a_{55}h_{55}$$
  
 $\equiv 25M + 24A$ 

The filter  $(h_{ij})$  will slide over the image  $(a_{ij})$  for each position once totalling 25 times.

So, total number of gross multiplication and addition = 25(25M + 24A) = 625M + 600A

## Breaking down Convolution ... (2)

- ▶ Breaking down  $5 \times 5$  convolution into 2 consecutive  $3 \times 3$  convolutions
  - ▶ Step 01: Convolving 5 × 5 matrix with 3 × 3 filter

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$$b_{22} = a_{11} h_{11} + a_{12} h_{12} + \dots + a_{32} h_{32} + a_{33} h_{33}$$
  
 $\equiv 9M + 8A$ 

This set of operation is performed 25 times, once for each  $a_{ii}$ So, total multiplication + addition in the first step

$$= 25(9M + 8A) = 225M + 200A$$

### Breaking down Convolution ... (3)

- ▶ Breaking down  $5 \times 5$  convolution into 2 consecutive  $3 \times 3$  convolutions
  - ▶ Step 02: Convolving  $3 \times 3$  intermediate matrix with another  $3 \times 3$  filter

<i>b</i> <sub>11</sub>	b <sub>12</sub>	b <sub>13</sub>	b <sub>14</sub>	b <sub>15</sub>
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$$o_{22} = b_{11}k_{11} + b_{12}k_{12} + \dots + b_{32}k_{32} + b_{33}k_{33}$$
  
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Like before, this set of operation is performed 25 times, once for each  $b_{ij}$  So, total multiplication + addition in the first step

$$= 25(9M + 8A) = 225M + 200A$$

# Breaking down Convolution ... (4)

a <sub>11</sub>	<b>a</b> 12	<b>a</b> 13	<i>a</i> 14	<b>a</b> 15
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► Computational cost of straightforward  $5 \times 5$  convolution = 625M + 600A.

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► Computational cost of  $5 \times 5$  convolution using consecutive  $3 \times 3$  convolutions = 450M + 400A.

# Breakding down Convolution ... (5)

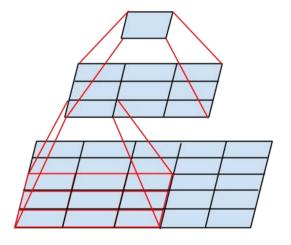


Figure 1. Mini-network replacing the  $5 \times 5$  convolutions.

## Breakding down Convolution ... (6)

Breakding down  $3 \times 3$  convolution into  $3 \times 1$  and  $1 \times 3$  convolutions (assymetric breakdown).

▶ Let us calculate the average of a  $3 \times 3$  matrix.

► The average kernel is a separable filter (rank-1 matrix).

## Inception Modules ... (1)

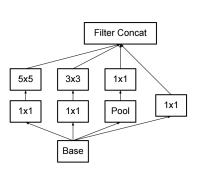
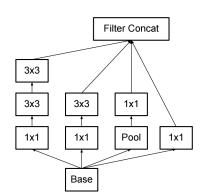
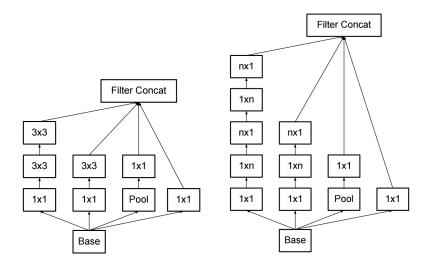


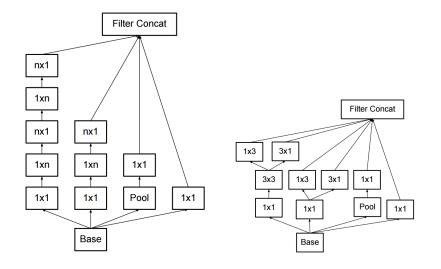
Figure 4. Original Inception module as described in [20].



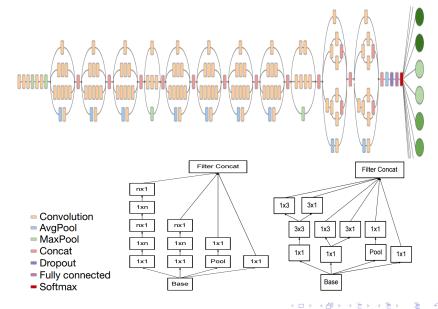
# Inception Modules ... (2)



# Inception Modules - Final



# Inception-v3(2014/2016)



### Results-Inception

▶ Trained for 100 epochs on NVIDIA Kepler GPUs.

Method	Error	(%)
Method	Top-1	Top-5
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### Analysis of Network Depth

▶ Simply stacking up lots of convolutional layers make performance worse.

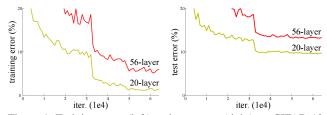


Figure 1. Training error (left) and test error (right) on CIFAR-10 with 20-layer and 56-layer "plain" networks. The deeper network has higher training error, and thus test error. Similar phenomena on ImageNet is presented in Fig. 4.

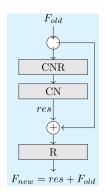
Current gradient-descent solvers are bad at optimizing the training parameters for identity mapping.

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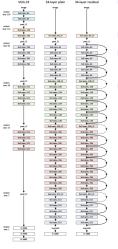
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- This idea of "Learning by Comparison" can be implemented in CNN using shortcut/bypass connections.



### ResNet(2015)



- Possible to train of much deeper models than before, e.g. ResNet50, ResNet101, ResNet152.
- Deeper models work better.
- Use of Global Average Pooling (GAP) instead of Fully Connected (FC) layers.
- Use of Batch-Normalization (running estimation of mini-batch mean and std and normalization afterward) instead of Dropout.

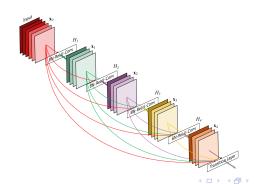
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### DenseNet(2017)

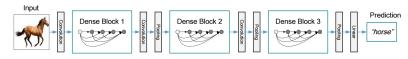


Figure 2: A deep DenseNet with three dense blocks. The layers between two adjacent blocks are referred to as transition layers and change feature-map sizes via convolution and pooling.

Layers	Output Size	DenseNet-121	DenseNet-169	DenseNet-201	DenseNet-264
Convolution	112 × 112	$7 \times 7$ conv, stride 2			
Pooling	56 × 56	$3 \times 3$ max pool, stride 2			
Dense Block	56 × 56	1 × 1 conv × 6	$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \times 1 \text{ conv} \\ \times 6 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \times 1 \text{ conv} \end{bmatrix} \times 6$	$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \times 1 \text{ conv} \\ 1 \times 1 \end{bmatrix} \times 6$
(1)	30 × 30	$\begin{bmatrix} 3 \times 3 \text{ conv} \end{bmatrix}^{\times 6}$	$\begin{bmatrix} 3 \times 3 \text{ conv} \end{bmatrix}^{\times 6}$	$\begin{bmatrix} 3 \times 3 \text{ conv} \end{bmatrix}^{\times 6}$	$\begin{bmatrix} 3 \times 3 \text{ conv} \end{bmatrix}^{\times 6}$
Transition Layer	56 × 56	$1 \times 1 \text{ conv}$			
(1)	28 × 28	$2 \times 2$ average pool, stride 2			
Dense Block	28 × 28	$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \times 1 \text{ conv} \\ 1 \times 12 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \times 1 \text{ conv} \\ 1 \times 12 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \times 1 \text{ conv} \\ 1 \times 12 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \times 1 \text{ conv} \\ 1 \times 12 \end{bmatrix}$
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Transition Layer	28 × 28	$1 \times 1 \text{ conv}$			
(2)	14 × 14	2 × 2 average pool, stride 2			
Dense Block	14 × 14	$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \times 1 \text{ conv} \\ 1 \times 24 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \times 1 \text{ conv} \\ 1 \times 32 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \times 1 \text{ conv} \\ 1 \times 48 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \times 1 \text{ conv} \\ \end{bmatrix} \times 64$
(3)		3 × 3 conv	3 × 3 conv	3 × 3 conv	3 × 3 conv 3 × 04
Transition Layer	14 × 14	1 × 1 conv			
(3)	7 × 7	2 × 2 average pool, stride 2			
Dense Block	7 × 7	$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \times 1 \text{ conv} \\ \end{bmatrix} \times 16$	$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \times 1 \text{ conv} \\ \times 32 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \times 1 \text{ conv} \\ \times 32 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \times 1 \text{ conv} \\ \times 48 \end{bmatrix}$
(4)		$\begin{bmatrix} 3 \times 3 \text{ conv} \end{bmatrix}^{-10}$	$\begin{bmatrix} 3 \times 3 \text{ conv} \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} 3 \times 3 \text{ conv} \end{bmatrix}^{32}$	3 × 3 conv
Classification	1 × 1	7 × 7 global average pool			
Layer		1000D fully-connected, softmax			

**Table 1:** DenseNet architectures for ImageNet. The growth rate for all the networks is k=32. Note that each "conv" layer shown in the table corresponds the sequence BN-ReLU-Conv.

### Final Results - Single Crop

Table: Accuracy on Single 224  $\times$  224 Crop

Method	Error (%)		
ivietilou	Top-1	Top-5	
AlexNet	43.45	20.91	
VGG16 + BN	26.63	8.50	
VGG19 + BN	25.76	8.15	
Inception-v3	22.55	6.44	
ResNet152	21.69	5.94	
DenseNet161	22.35	6.20	

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