Transfer learning – Next big thing

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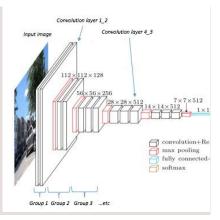
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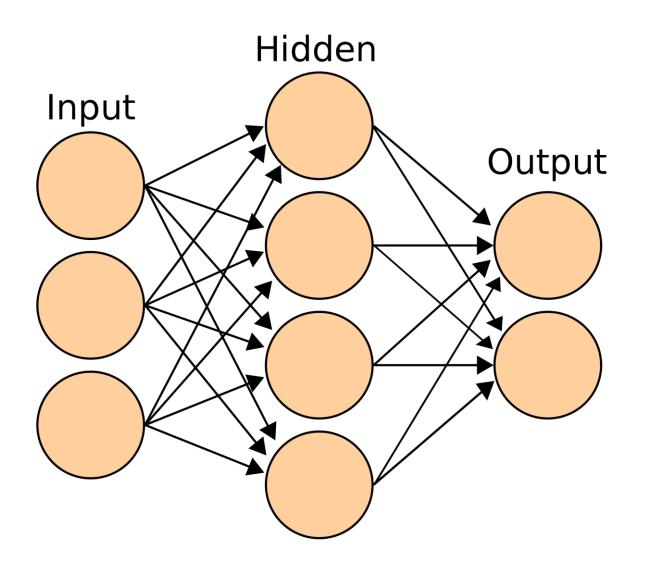
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Traditional NN don't scale well to full images

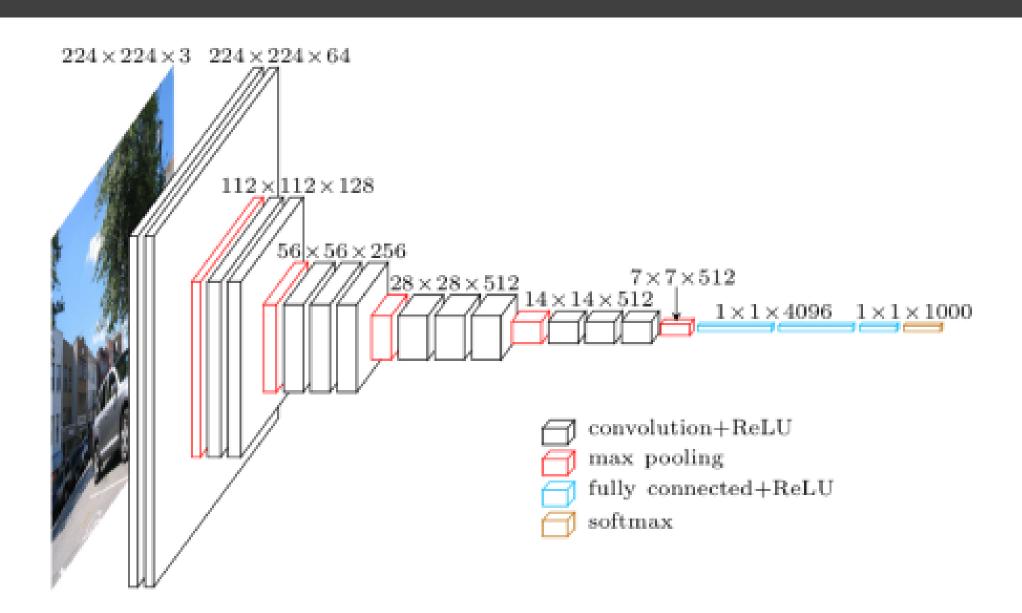


- Consider an image of size 32*32*3 (CIFAR-10 images), each neuron have 32*32*3 = 3072 weights
- A low resolution image these days are around 200*200*3 while leads to 120,000 weights
- Also we need more than one neuron obviously
- We also need more than one layer

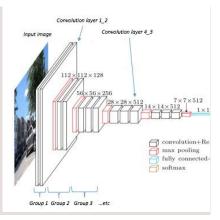
Convolution NN takes advantage that input consists images

- Typically a ConvNets will consist of three layers
 - Convolutional Layers
 - Pooling layer
 - Fully Connected layer
- Basic architecture [INPUT CONV RELU POOL FC]
- Convolution layer will compute the output of neurons that are connected to local regions in the input,
 each computing a dot product between their weights and a small region they are connected to in
 the input volume (https://distill.pub/2016/deconv-checkerboard/)
- **Relu** layer will apply an elementwise activation function, such as the max(0,x) thresholding at zero.
- Pool layer will perform a downsampling operation along the spatial dimensions (width, height)
- Fully connected layer will compute the classes. Each neuron in this layer is connected to all the inputs

A basic VGG16 architecture



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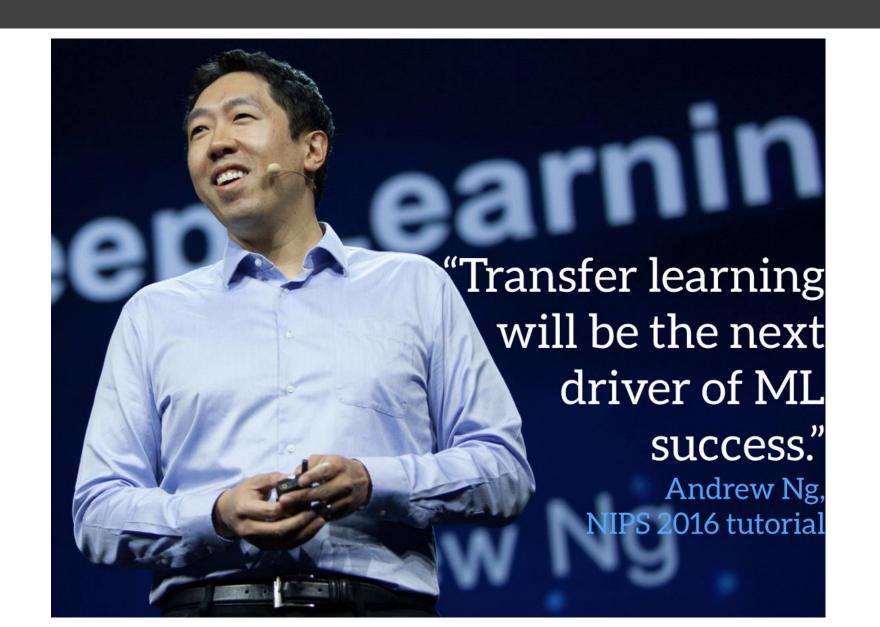
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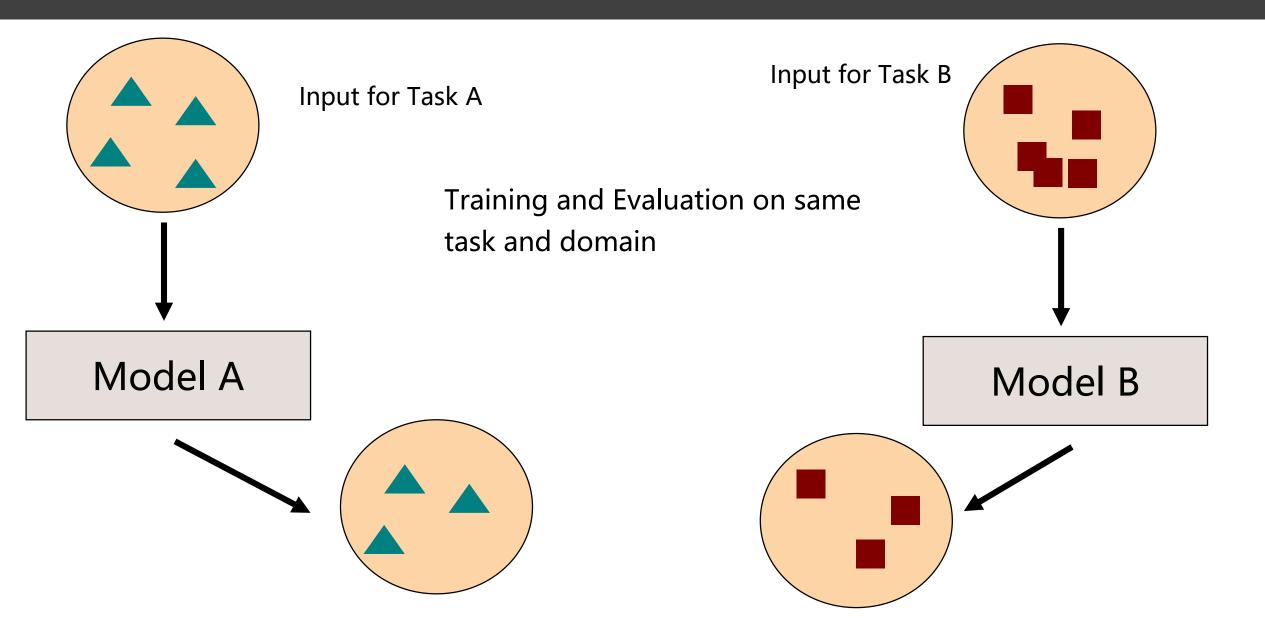




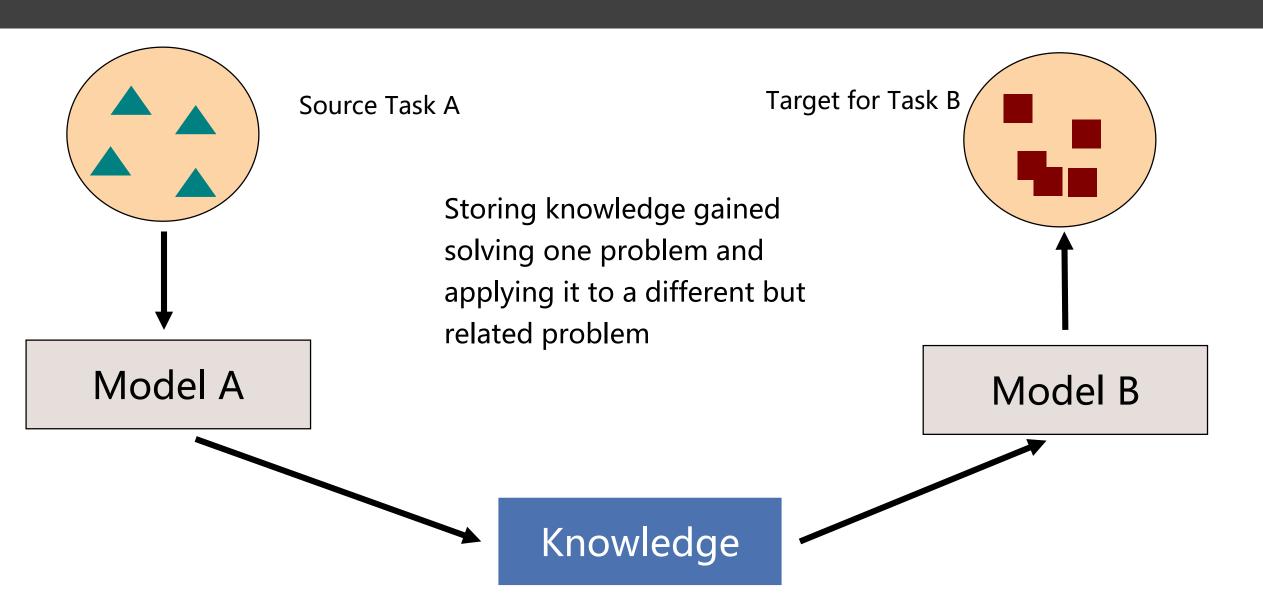
Because Andrew NG said so



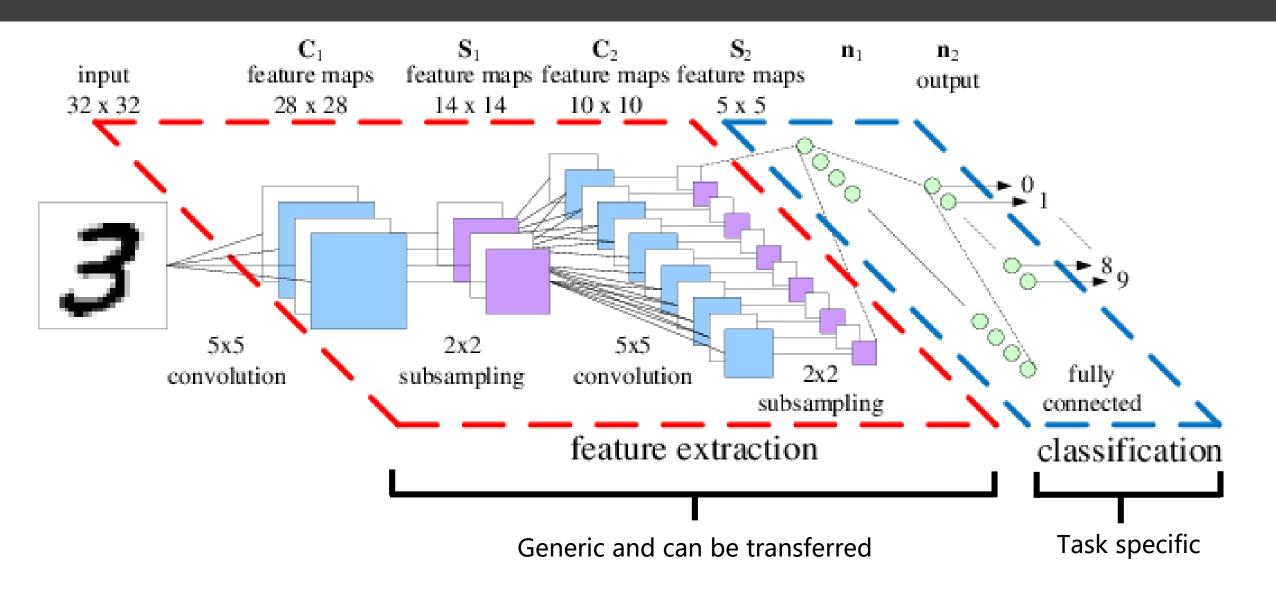
Classic machine learning requires retraining from start



Transfer learning allows to transfer knowledge from one task to another



A large part of ConvNet is transferable



Transfer learning allows model to adapt for unseen scenarios

- We don't need extensive amount of data for a specific real scenario to train a deep learning model
- Major applications of transfer learning
 - Learning from simulations
 - Self driving cars can learn from data collected from driving car in GTA5
 - Robotics simulation can ease the data collection process from a real robot

Adapting to new domains

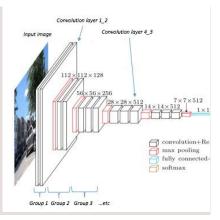
- General image classification can be used to train on new domains
- Speech models like Glove, Word2vec can be used to adapt to new domain specific text
- Voice recognition system built adapting to kids voice







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Transfer learning in ConvNet

Three major transfer learning scenarios look as follows:

ConvNet as feature extractor

- Take a ConvNet pretrained on dataset like ImageNet
- Remove the last fully connected layer
- Treat the last as a feature extractor for the new dataset
- Run a linear/tree based classifier on new features

Fine Tuning the ConvNet

- Replace the classifier of a Convnet saved on Imagenet
- Fine tune model weights of all the layers present in the model using new dataset
 - Tuning the last few layers give maximum increase in accuracy

Using a pretrained model

This involves using pretrained weights of someone else to finetune the existing model

When and how to finetune?

Scenario 1: New dataset is small and similar to original dataset

Recommendation: Use a Convnet as feature extractor and train a linear model on top of it, because of overfitting issues

Scenario 2: New dataset is large and similar to the original dataset **Recommendation:** Fine tuning the ConvNet by adding new fully connected layer would be best as we can prevent the overfitting issues because of large data size.

Scenario 3: New dataset is small but very different from the original dataset. **Recommendation:** Don't use a pretrained model and go for linear models only

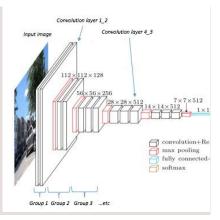
Scenario 4: New dataset is large and very different from the original dataset **Recommendation:** Train a Convnet from scratch. It is very often still beneficial to initialize with weights from a pretrained model. Fine tuning the entire network is best case scenario.

Practical advice/drawback using pretrained models

- Constraints from pretrained models
 - Restricted by the architecture used for training pretrained model
 - You can't arbitrarily take out Convolutional layers from the model

- Learning Rates
 - Always start with a small learning rate for ConvNet weights that are being fine tuned
 - We expect ConvNet weights to be good enough to be used, so we don't wish to distort them too quickly and too much

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Deep learning path Suggestion

Data science path - https://www.analyticsvidhya.com/blog/2017/01/the-most-comprehensive-data-science-learning-plan-for-2017/

My Deep learning track -

- 1) Machine learning by Andre NG(his first course and the most popular course in MOOC history) -> https://www.coursera.org/learn/machine-learning (Low difficulty)
- 2) Deep learning by Google on udacity https://www.udacity.com/course/deep-learning--ud730 (Hard)
- Practical deep learning for Coders by Jeremy Howard (Former Kaggle #1) http://course.fast.ai/ (Medium/Hard)
- 4) A book on deep learning (Goodfellow) http://www.deeplearningbook.org/ (If you need to understand deep math)
- 5) Andrew NGs deep learning track https://www.coursera.org/specializations/deep-learning (easy/medium)
- 6) Just some collection of good blogs http://colah.github.io/

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