The Tricks You Must Know

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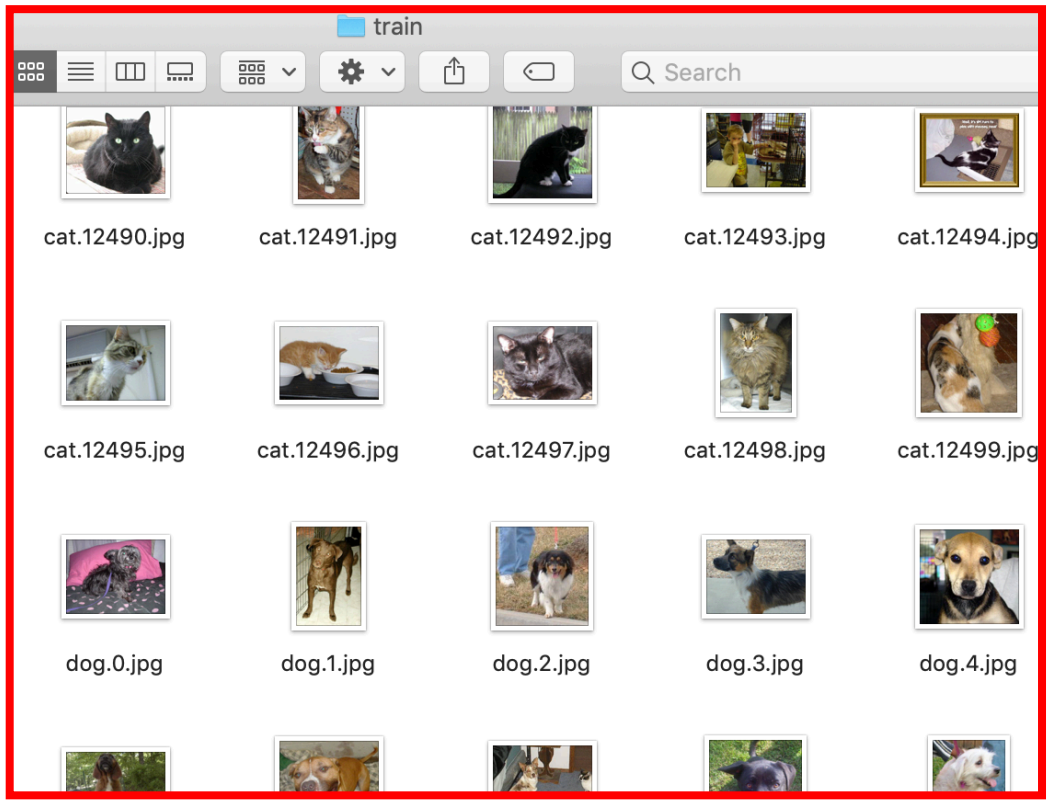

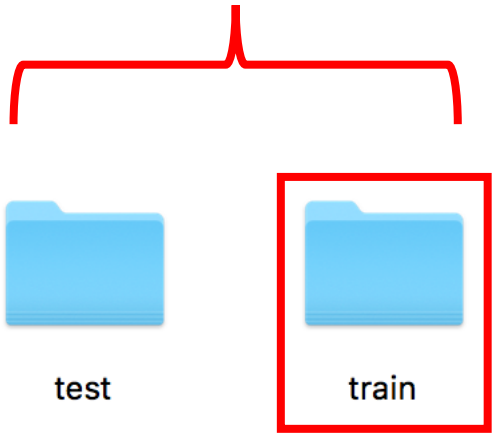

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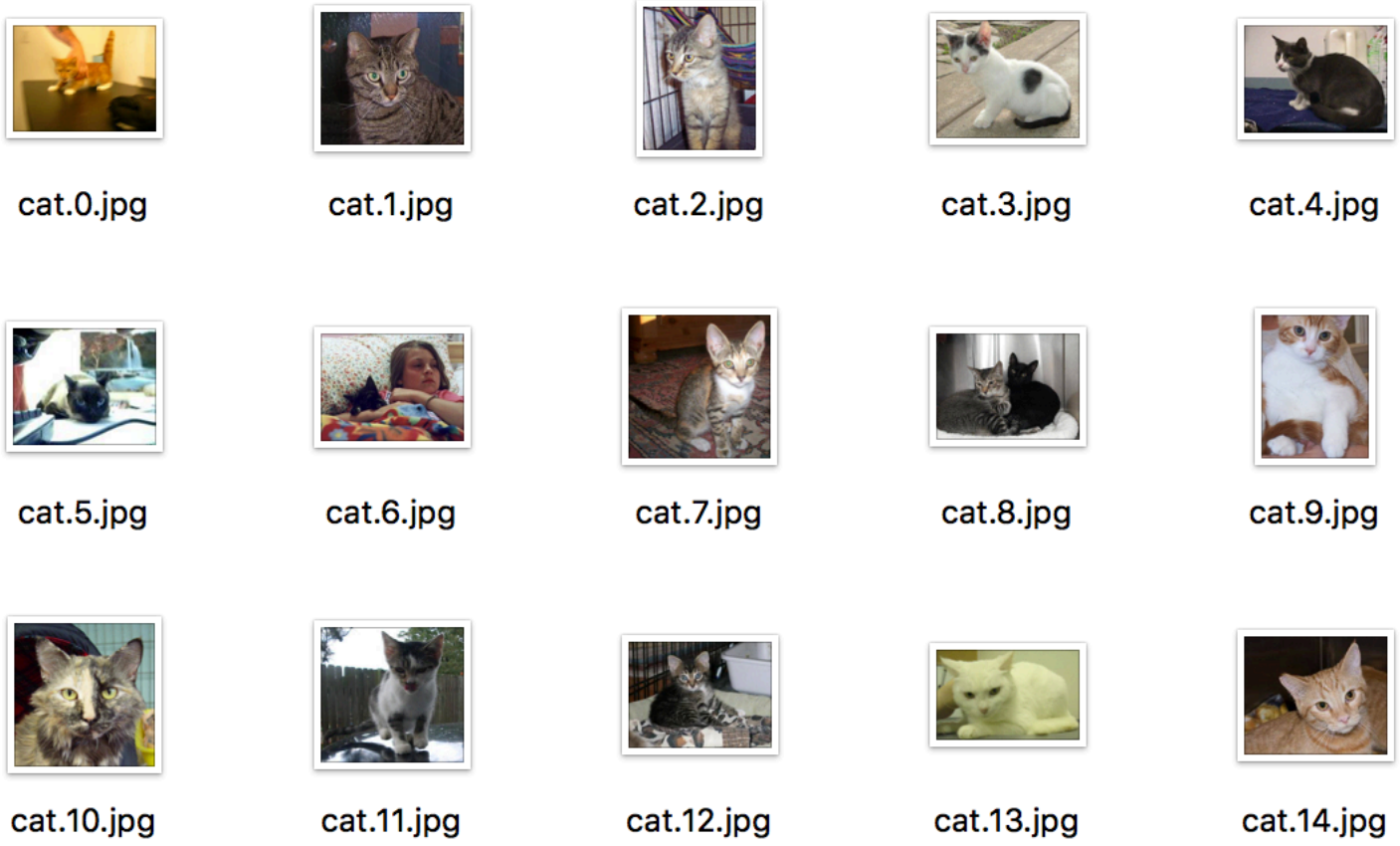

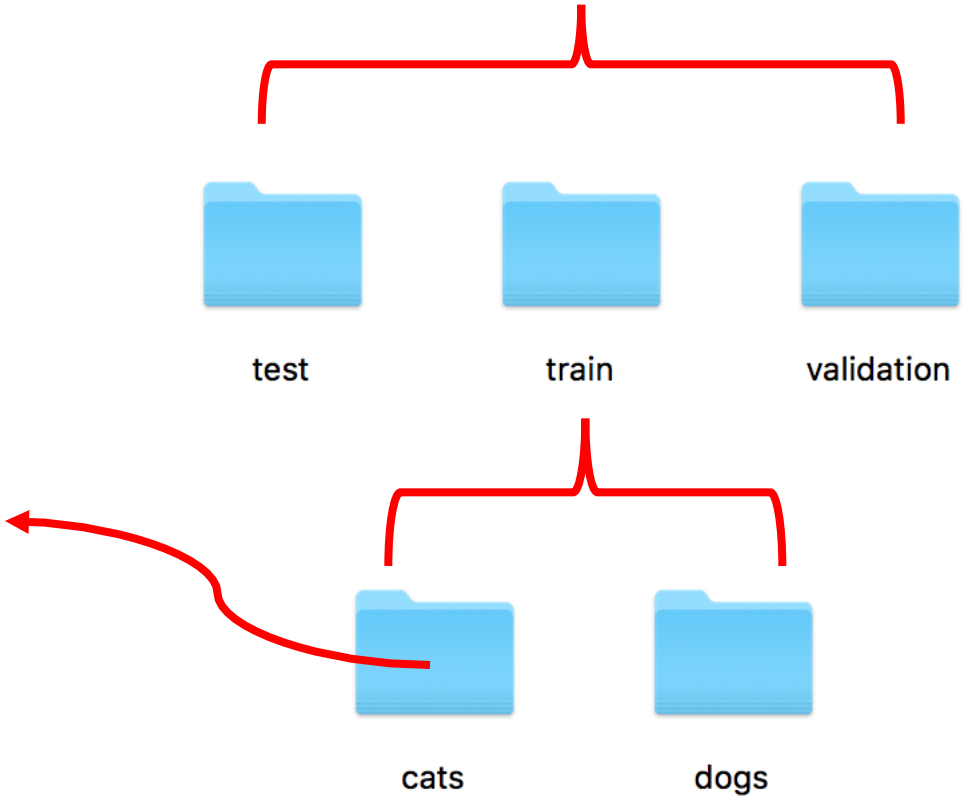

The Dogs vs. Cats Dataset

- The dataset has 25,000 training samples.

- I use a subset:
  - 2000 images for training,
  - 1000 images for validation,
  - 1000 images for test.

Implement a CNN Using Keras

1. Load and Process the Dataset

- Currently, the data sit on a drive as JPEG files.
- Data processing:
  1. Read the picture files.
  2. Decode the JPEG content to order-3 tensors.
  3. Resize the images to the the same shape, e.g., $150 \times 150 \times 3$.
  4. Rescale the pixel values (between 0 and 255) to the [0, 1] interval.

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from keras.preprocessing.image import ImageDataGenerator

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train_generator = train_datagen.flow_from_directory(
        # This is the target directory
        train_dir,
        # All images will be resized to 150x150
        target_size=(150, 150),
        batch_size=20,
        # Since we use binary_crossentropy loss, we need binary labels
        class_mode='binary')

validation_generator = test_datagen.flow_from_directory(
        validation_dir,
        target_size=(150, 150),
        batch_size=20,
        class_mode='binary')
```

```
Found 2000 images belonging to 2 classes.
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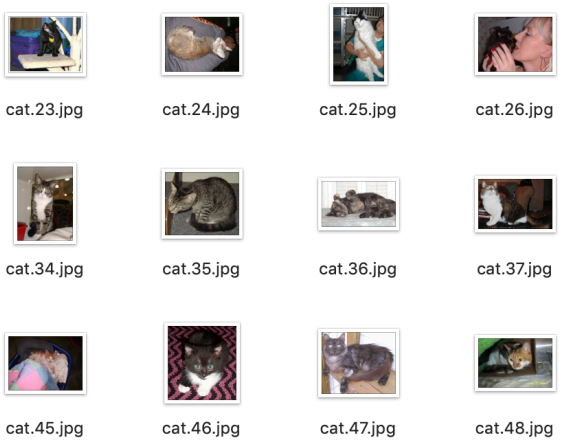
```

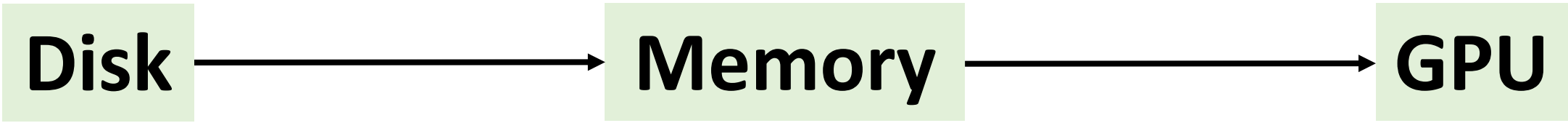
1. Load and Process the Dataset

```
for data_batch, labels_batch in train_generator:
    print('data batch shape:', data_batch.shape)
    print('labels batch shape:', labels_batch.shape)
    break
```

```
data batch shape: (20, 150, 150, 3)
labels batch shape: (20,)
```

1. Load and Process the Dataset





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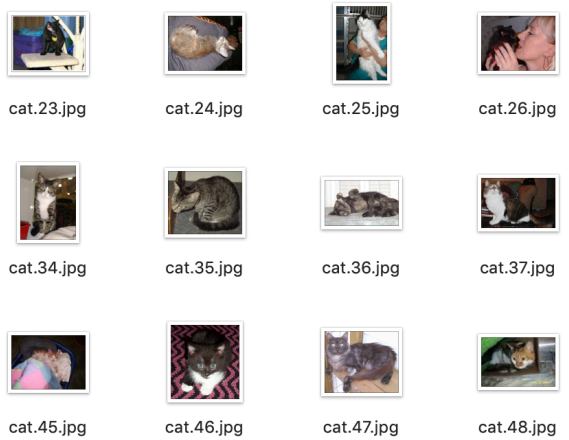

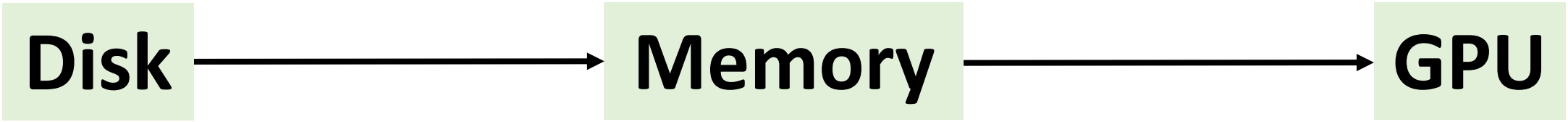

2. Build the CNN

```
from keras import layers
from keras import models

model = models.Sequential()
model.add(layers.Conv2D(32, (3, 3), activation='relu',
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2. Build the CNN

```
model.summary()
```

```
_________________________________________________________________
Layer (type)                 Output Shape              Param #
=================================================================
conv2d_1 (Conv2D)            (None, 148, 148, 32)      896
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max_pooling2d_1 (MaxPooling2 (None, 74, 74, 32)        0
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conv2d_2 (Conv2D)            (None, 72, 72, 64)        18496
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max_pooling2d_2 (MaxPooling2 (None, 36, 36, 64)        0
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conv2d_3 (Conv2D)            (None, 34, 34, 128)       73856
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max_pooling2d_3 (MaxPooling2 (None, 17, 17, 128)       0
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conv2d_4 (Conv2D)            (None, 15, 15, 128)       147584
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max_pooling2d_4 (MaxPooling2 (None, 7, 7, 128)         0
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flatten_1 (Flatten)          (None, 6272)              0
_________________________________________________________________
dense_1 (Dense)              (None, 512)               3211776
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dense_2 (Dense)              (None, 1)                 513
=================================================================
Total params: 3,453,121
Trainable params: 3,453,121
Non-trainable params: 0
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```

3. Train the CNN

Specify: optimization method, learning rate (LR), loss function, and metric.

```
from keras import optimizers

model.compile(loss='binary_crossentropy',
              optimizer=optimizers.RMSprop(lr=1e-4),
              metrics=['acc'])
```

3. Train the CNN

```
history = model.fit_generator(
      train_generator,
      steps_per_epoch=100,
      epochs=30,
      validation_data=validation_generator,
      validation_steps=50)
```

- Totally $n = 2000$ training samples.
- Batch size is $b = 20$.
- Thus $\frac{n}{b} = 100$ batches per epoch.

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```
Epoch 1/30
100/100 [==============================] - 9s - loss: 0.6898 - acc: 0.5285 - val_loss: 0.6724 - val_acc: 0.5950
Epoch 2/30
100/100 [==============================] - 8s - loss: 0.6543 - acc: 0.6340 - val_loss: 0.6565 - val_acc: 0.5950
Epoch 3/30
100/100 [==============================] - 8s - loss: 0.6143 - acc: 0.6690 - val_loss: 0.6116 - val_acc: 0.6650
Epoch 4/30
100/100 [==============================] - 8s - loss: 0.5626 - acc: 0.7125 - val_loss: 0.5774 - val_acc: 0.6970
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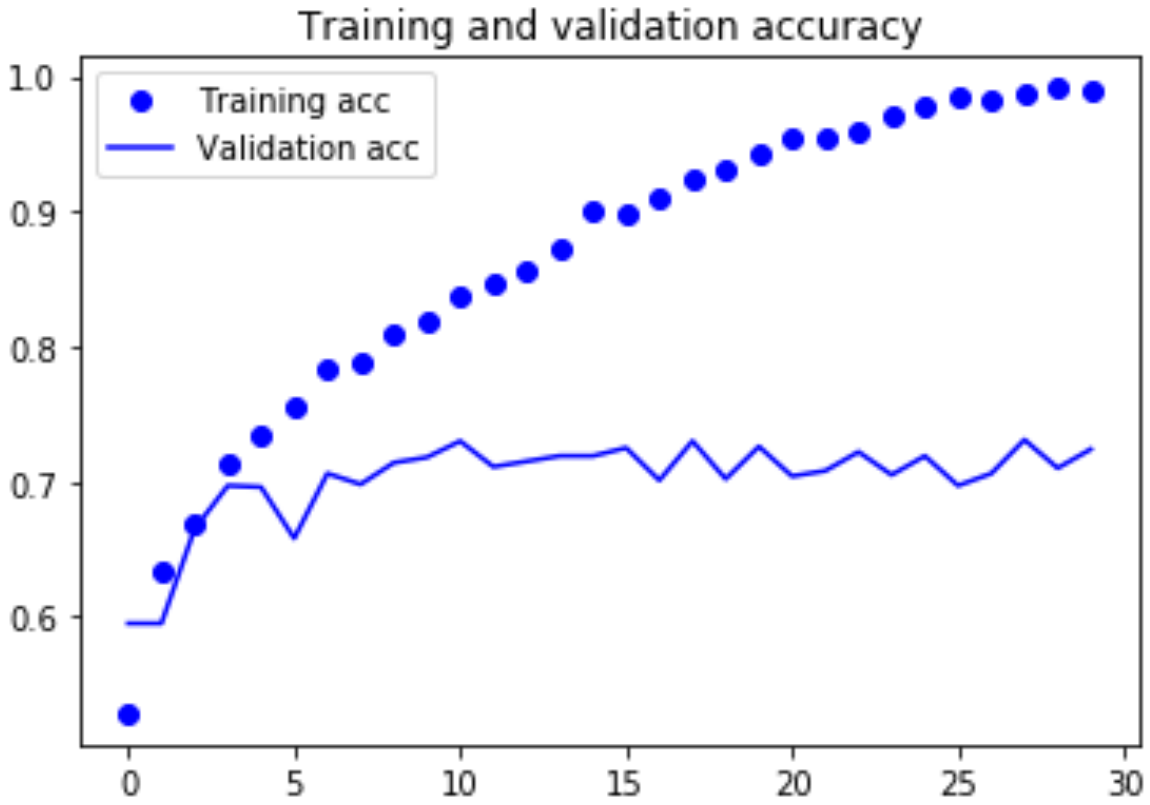
```
Epoch 29/30
100/100 [==============================] - 8s - loss: 0.0375 - acc: 0.9915 - val_loss: 0.9987 - val_acc: 0.7100
Epoch 30/30
100/100 [==============================] - 8s - loss: 0.0387 - acc: 0.9895 - val_loss: 1.0139 - val_acc: 0.7240
```

4. Examine the Results

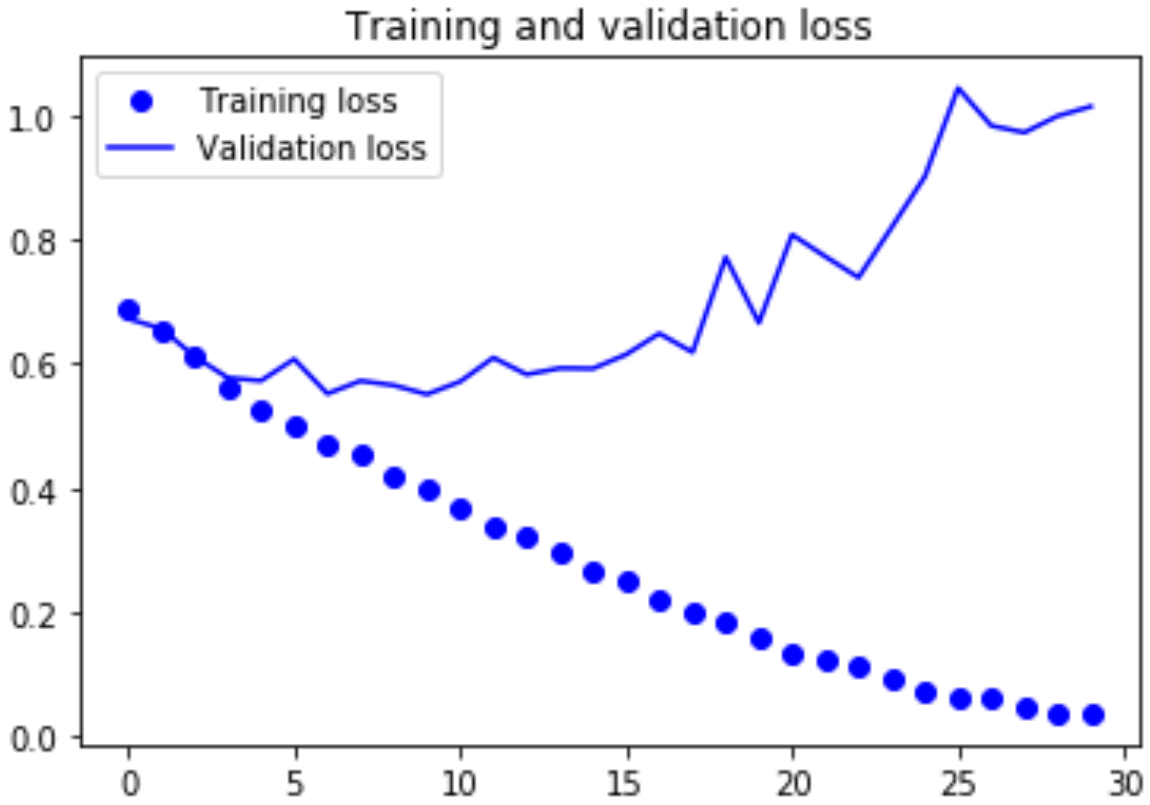
Plot the ***accuracy*** against ***epochs*** (1 epoch = 1 pass over the data).



- Training acc: 99.0%
- Validation acc: 72.4%
- Perhaps overfitting

4. Examine the Results

Plot the ***loss*** against ***epochs*** (1 epoch = 1 pass over the data).



- Training loss is decreasing.
- Validation loss decreases and then increase.

Why Overfitting?

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```

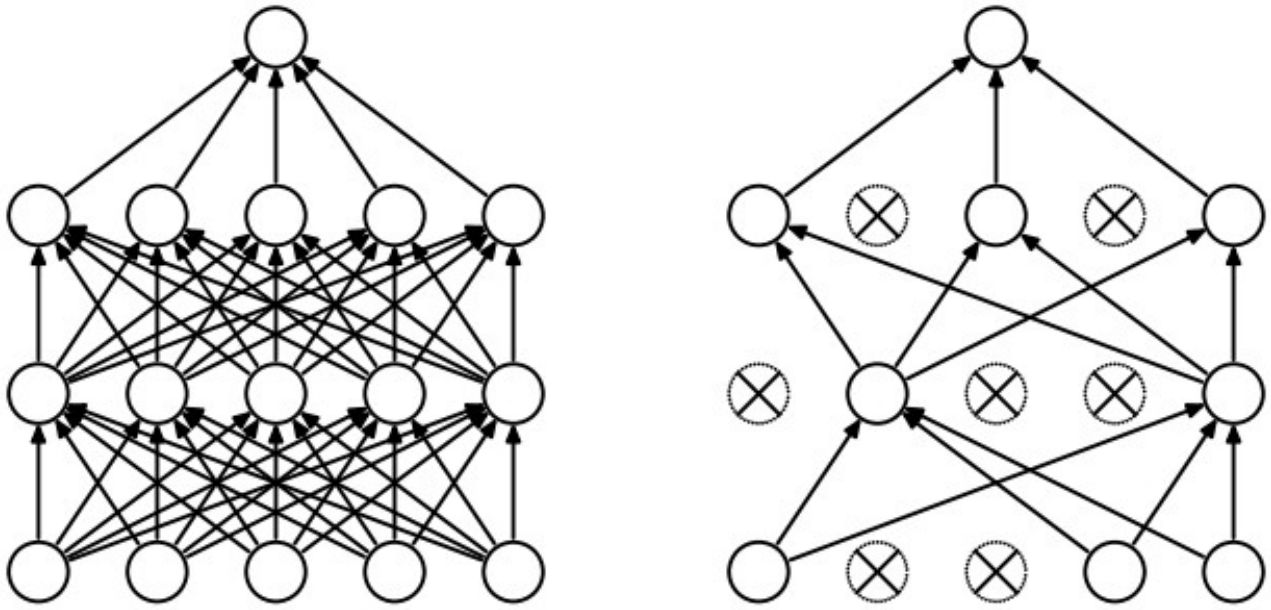
- 2K images for training,
- 3.4M parameters.

- Over $3M$ parameters; Just $2K$ training samples.
- Overfitting is not surprising.

Trick 1: Dropout

Dropout: Basic Idea

- Train
  - In each iteration of training (1 forward + 1 backward), randomly mask 50% (or an arbitrary percentage) of the neurons.



(a) Standard Neural Net

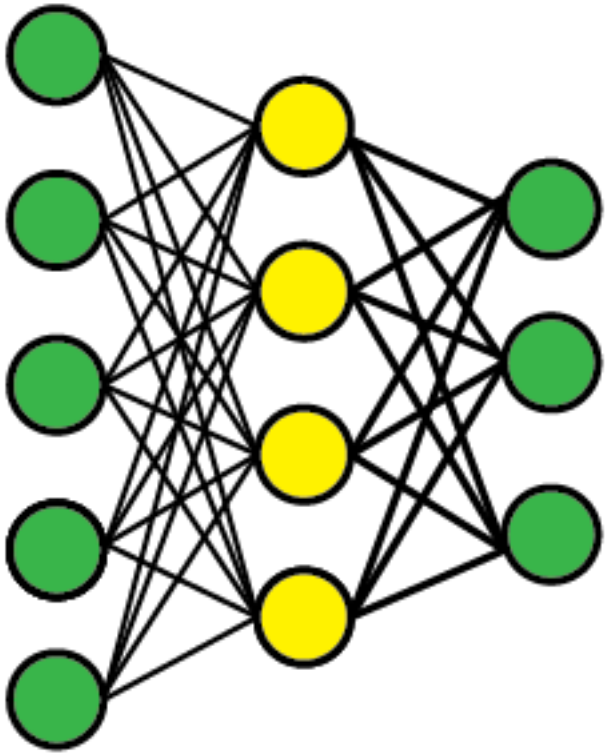
(b) After applying dropout.

Dropout: Basic Idea

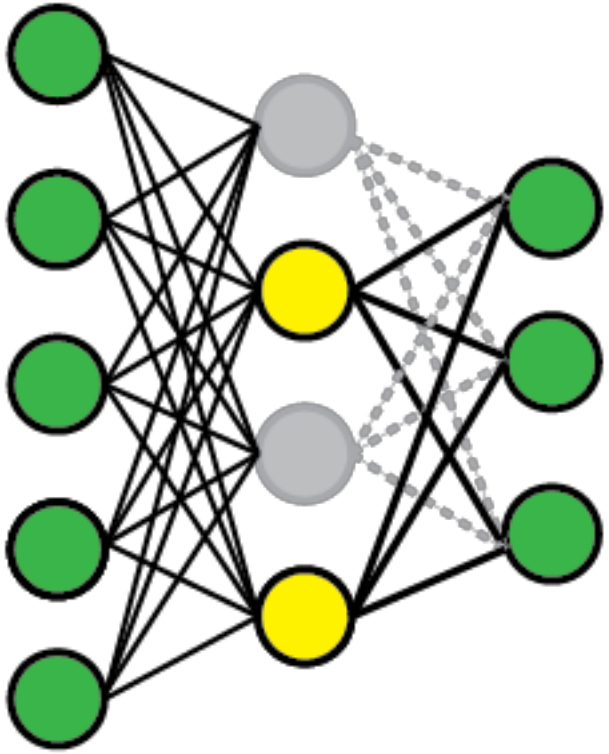
- Train
  - In each iteration of training (1 forward + 1 backward), randomly mask 50% (or an arbitrary percentage) of the neurons.
- Prediction
  - No dropout.
  - Use all the parameters.

Dropout: Implementation

Do dropout for this layer



- **For a batch of training samples**
  - Randomly choose 50% of the neurons.
  - Set the selected neurons to zeros.
  - Multiply the unselected neurons by $\frac{1}{0.5} = 2$.



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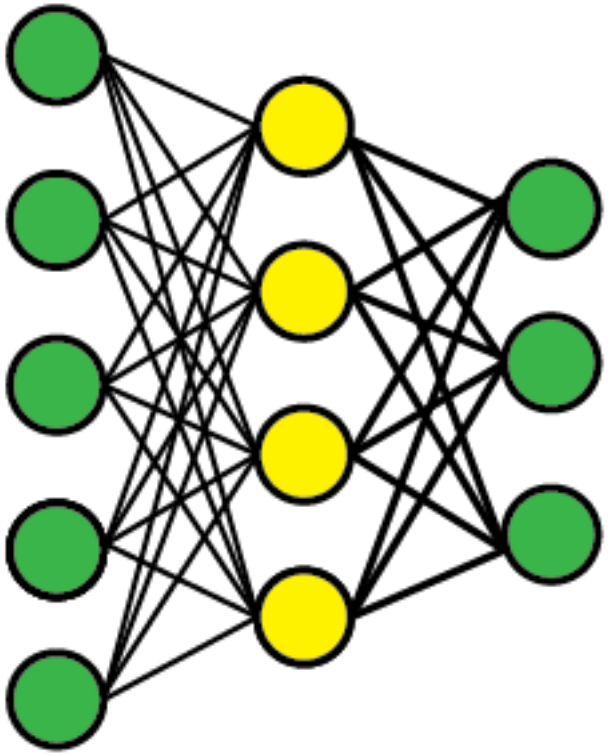
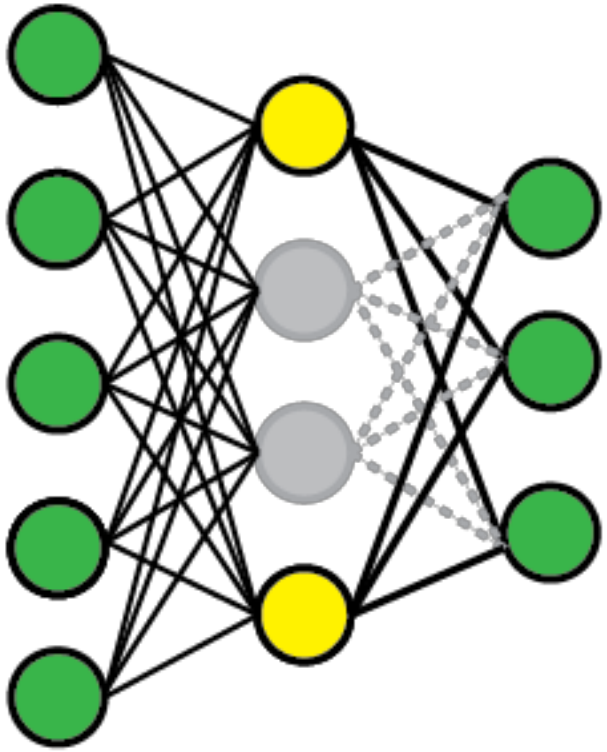


- For a batch of training samples…
- For another batch, do an independent random sampling.



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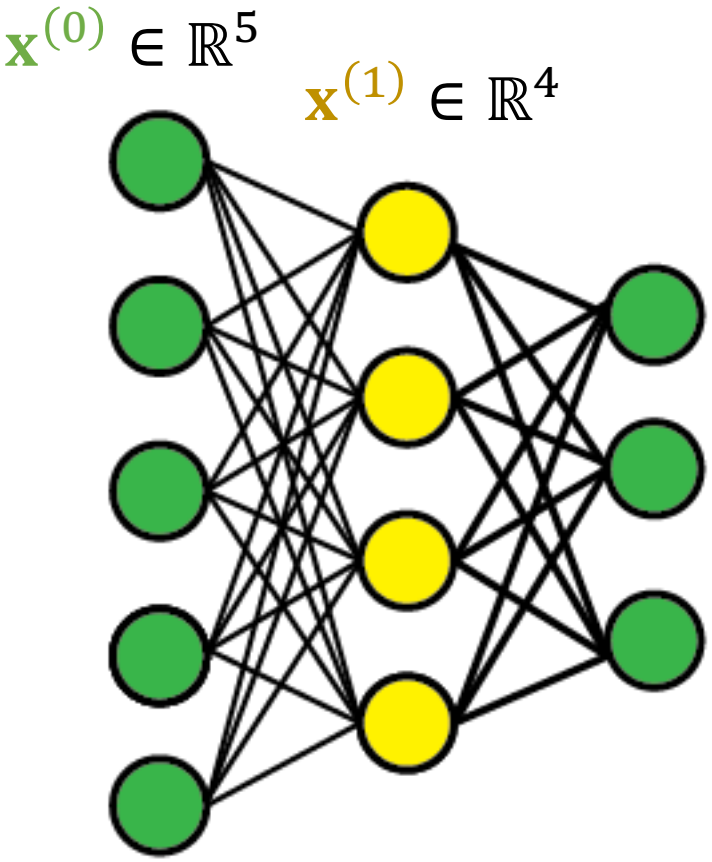
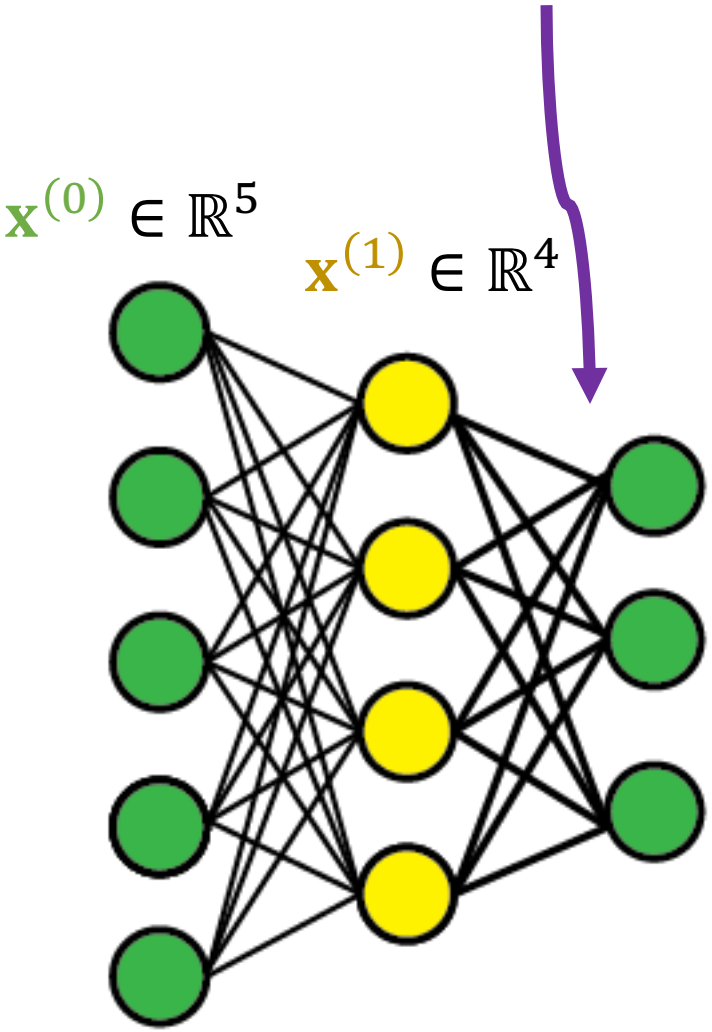


- **Input**: vector $\mathbf{x}^{(0)} \in \mathbb{R}^5$.
- $\mathbf{z}^{(1)} = \mathbf{W}^{(0)}\,\mathbf{x}^{(0)} \in \mathbb{R}^4$.
- $\mathbf{x}^{(1)} = \max\{\mathbf{0},\ \mathbf{z}^{(1)}\} \in \mathbb{R}^4$.
- $\mathbf{z}^{(2)} = \mathbf{W}^{(1)}\,\mathbf{x}^{(1)} \in \mathbb{R}^3$.
- **Output**: $\mathrm{SoftMax}\left(\mathbf{z}^{(2)}\right) \in \mathbb{R}^3$.

Dropout: Implementation

Regularize this layer



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- Add a dropout layer
- $\mathbf{z}^{(2)} = \mathbf{W}^{(1)}\,\tilde{\mathbf{x}}^{(1)} \in \mathbb{R}^3$.
- **Output**: $\mathrm{SoftMax}(\mathbf{z}^{(2)}) \in \mathbb{R}^3$.

- $\mathbf{m} \in \mathbb{R}^4$ is a random vector. (Each entry is 0 or 2, w.p. 50%.)
- Apply $\mathbf{m}$ to $\mathbf{x}^{(1)}$:

$$\tilde{\mathbf{x}}^{(1)} = \mathbf{m} \circ \mathbf{x}^{(1)}.$$

"$\circ$" is elementwise multiplication.

Keras's Dropout Layer

- Dropout only before the 1st dense layer to regularize the 1st dense layer.
- Because the 1st dense layer has too many trainable parameters.

```
model = models.Sequential()
model.add(layers.Conv2D(32, (3, 3), activation='relu',
                        input_shape=(150, 150, 3)))
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              metrics=['acc'])
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Why Does Dropout Work?

- In training, dropout forces the network to make decision based on part of the features.
  - This is also why dropout layer is added before the dense layer.

- Dropout is a regularization [1].
  - Alleviate overfitting.
  - Like the L1 and L2 norm regularizations.
  - But dropout is empirically better.

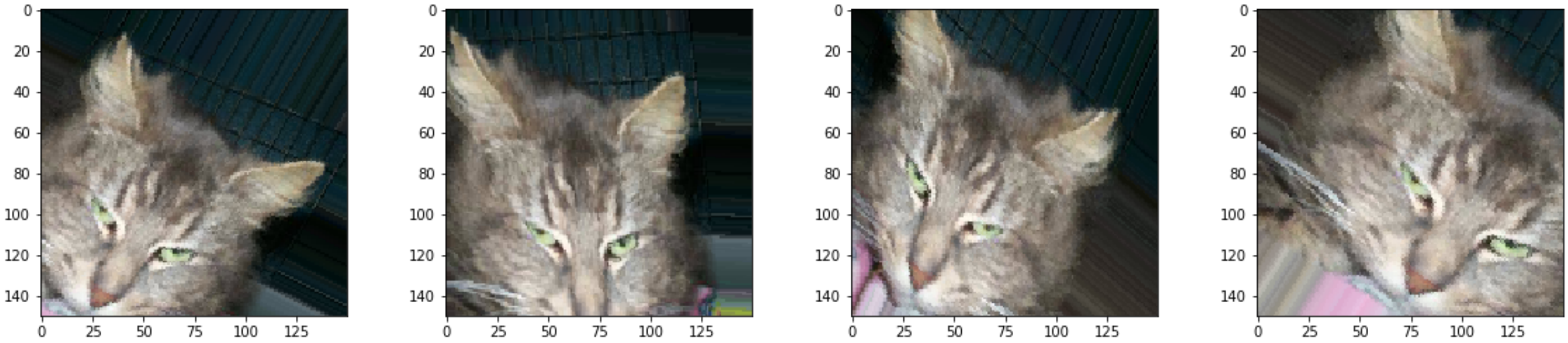
Reference:

1. Wager, Wang, & Liang. Dropout Training as Adaptive Regularization. In *NIPS*, 2013.

Trick 2: Data Augmentation

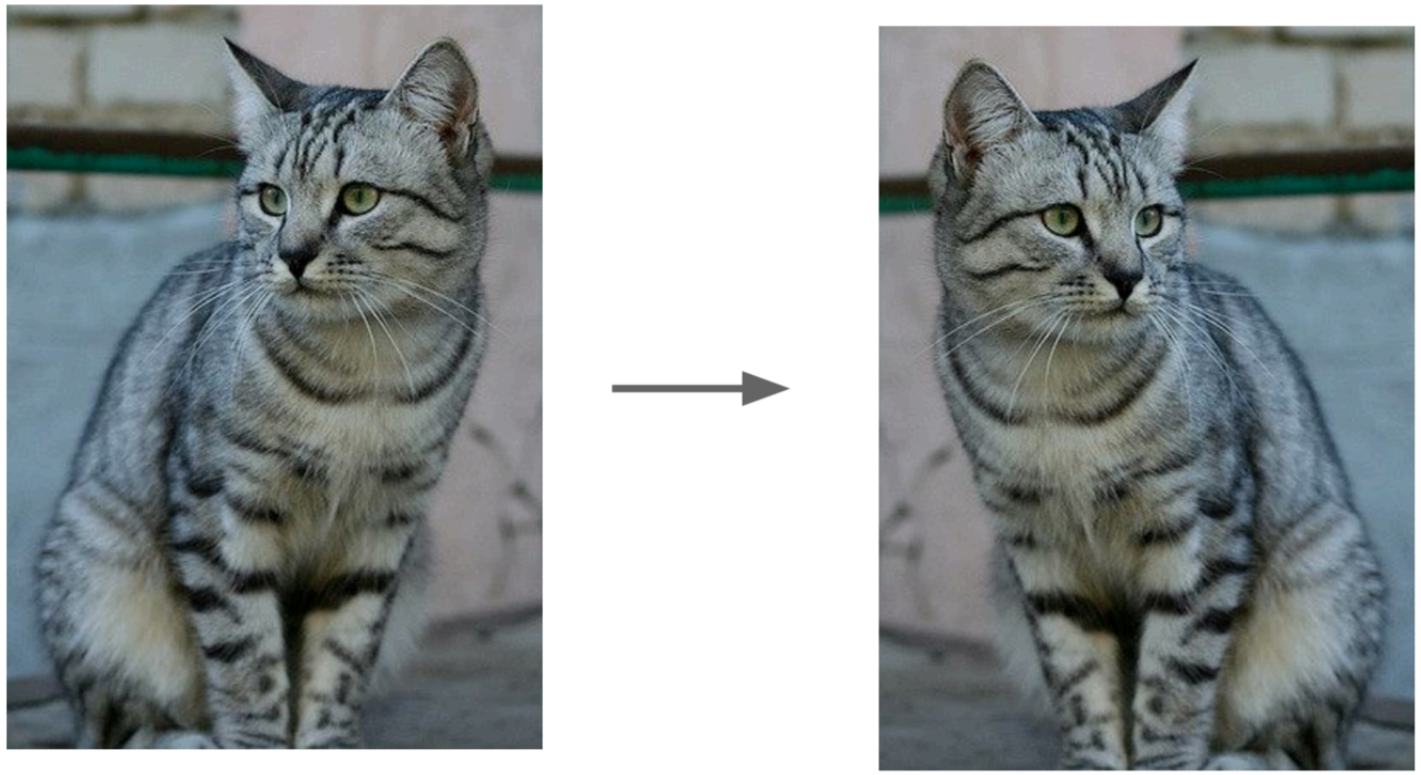
Data Augmentation

- Data augmentation: generating more training samples from existing training data.
- E.g., flip, rotation, crop, shift, add random noise.



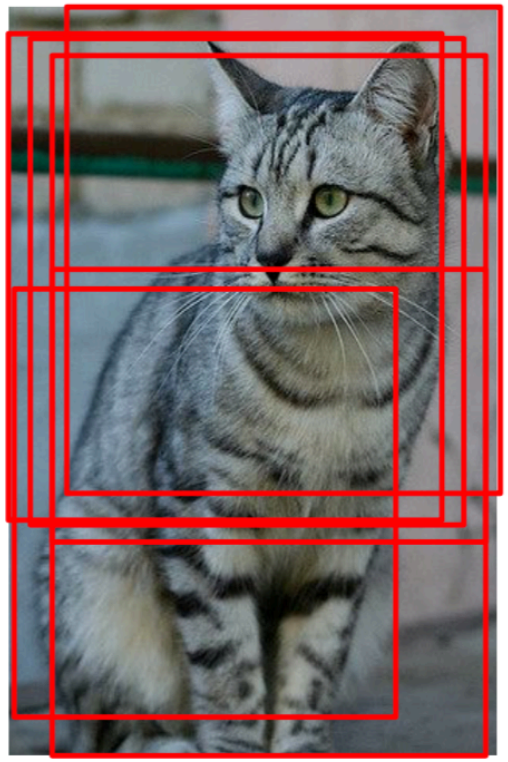
Data Augmentation: Examples

Horizontal Flips



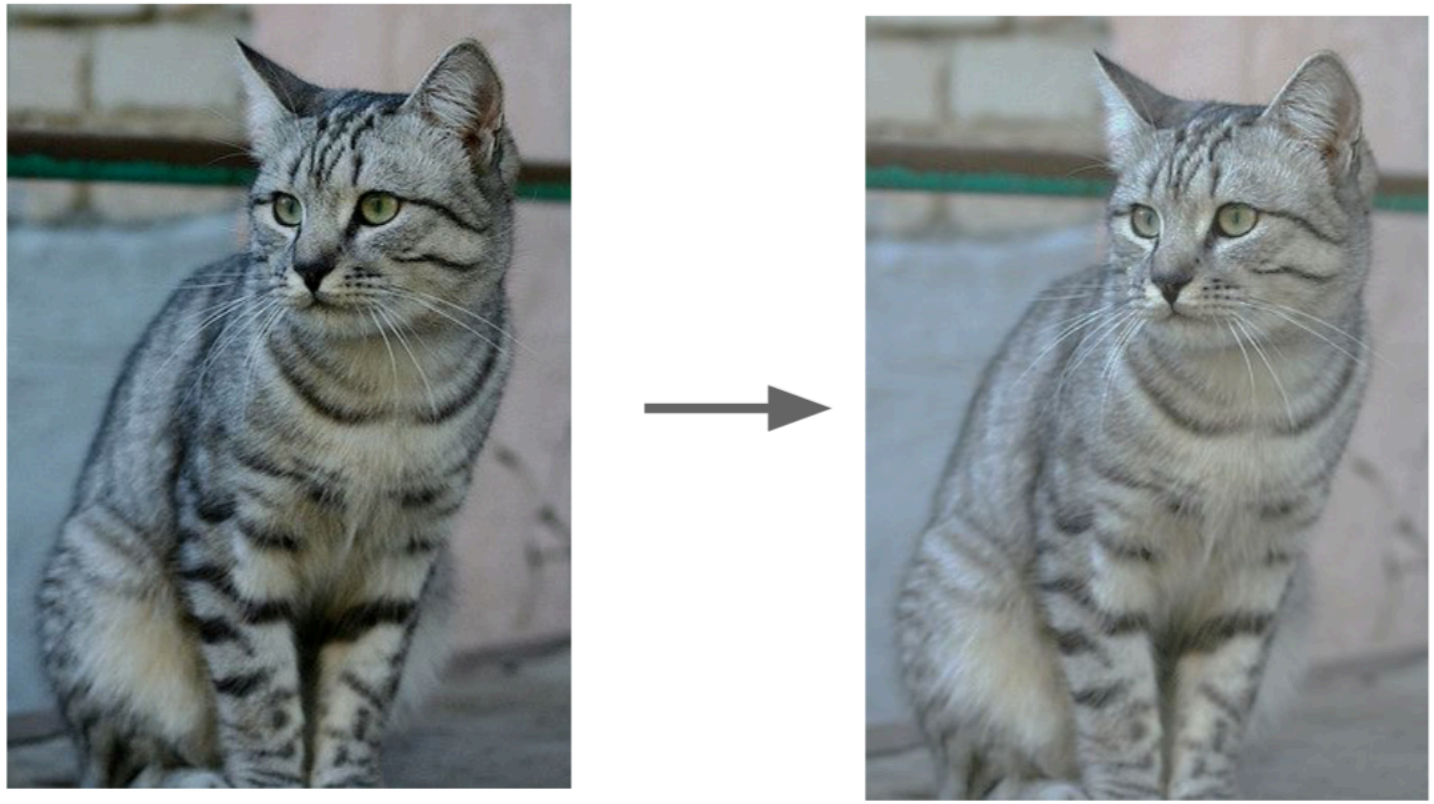
Data Augmentation: Examples

Random crops and scales



Data Augmentation: Examples

Color Jitter (randomize contrast and brightness)



Setup Data Augmentation Using Keras

```
train_datagen = ImageDataGenerator(
    rescale=1./255,
    rotation_range=40,
    width_shift_range=0.2,
    height_shift_range=0.2,
    shear_range=0.2,
    zoom_range=0.2,
    horizontal_flip=True,)
```

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train_generator = train_datagen.flow_from_directory(
        # This is the target directory
        train_dir,
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        target_size=(150, 150),
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      epochs=100,
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```

```
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100/100 [==============================] - 24s - loss: 0.6857 - acc: 0.5447 - val_loss: 0.6620 - val_acc: 0.5888
Epoch 2/100
100/100 [==============================] - 23s - loss: 0.6710 - acc: 0.5675 - val_loss: 0.6606 - val_acc: 0.5825
Epoch 3/100
100/100 [==============================] - 22s - loss: 0.6609 - acc: 0.5913 - val_loss: 0.6663 - val_acc: 0.5711
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Epoch 99/100
100/100 [==============================] - 22s - loss: 0.3255 - acc: 0.8581 - val_loss: 0.3518 - val_acc: 0.8460
Epoch 100/100
100/100 [==============================] - 22s - loss: 0.3280 - acc: 0.8491 - val_loss: 0.3776 - val_acc: 0.8439
```
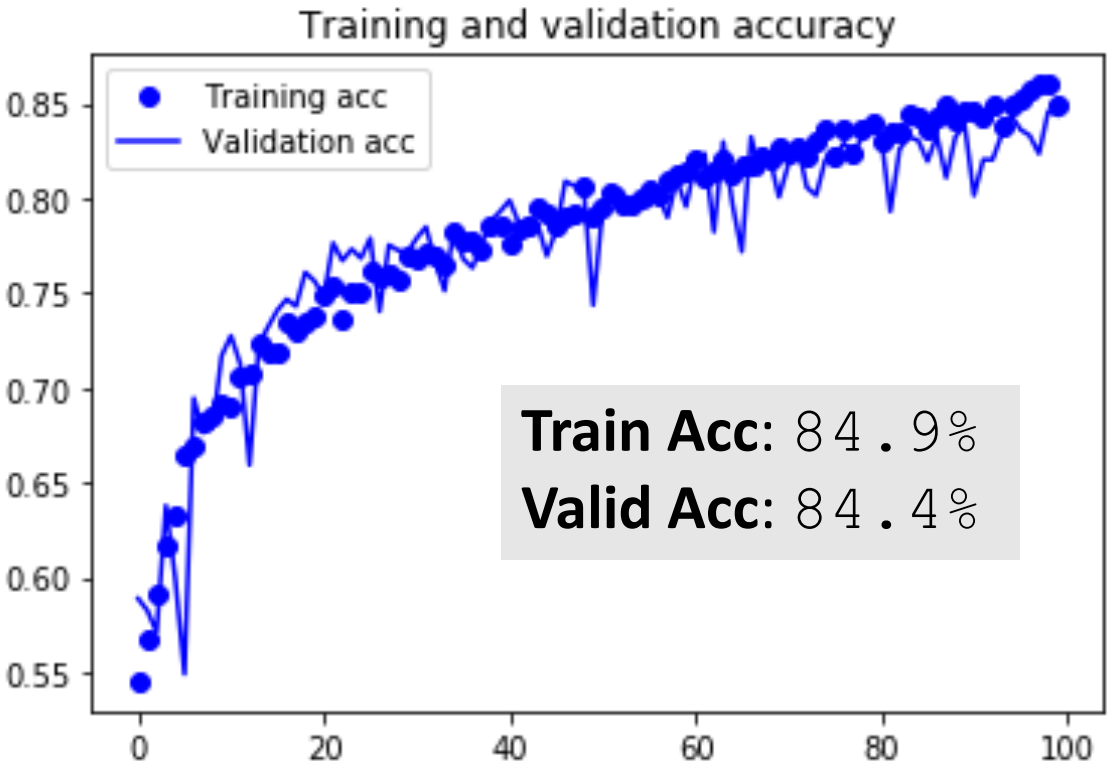
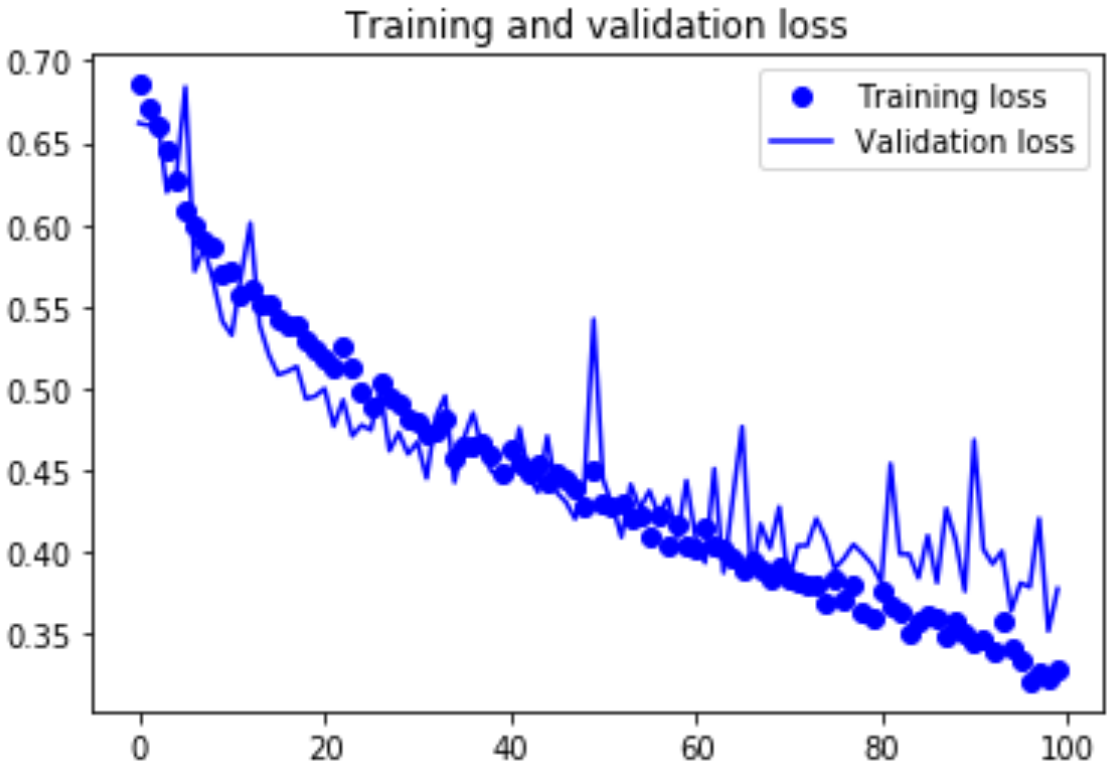

Examine the Results

accuracy against ***epochs***



loss against ***epochs***



Take-Home Message

- To train a ConvNet for images, always use data augmentation.
  - It gives you more data for free!

- If a layer has too many parameters, put a dropout layer before it.
  - Regularization prevents overfitting.
  - The training becomes a little slower.

Trick 3: Pretrain

Train a Deep Neural Network?

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- We have trained a neural net with 4 Conv Layers and 2 FC Layers.
- Relatively shallow.

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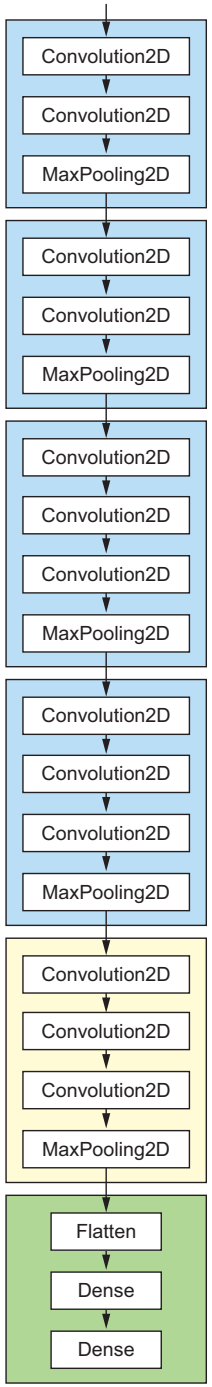


the VGG16 network

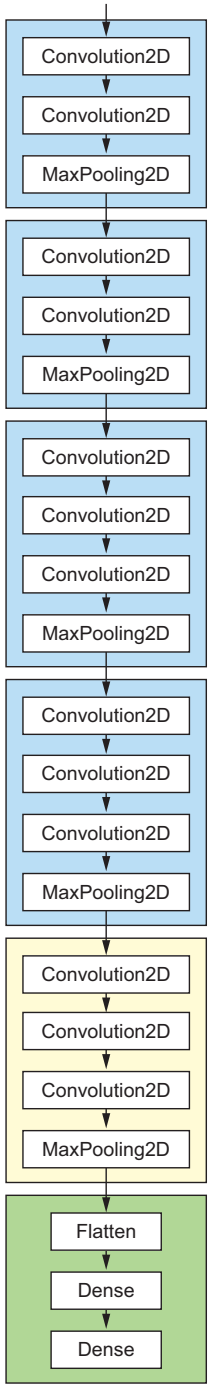
Can we train a deep neural network?

- It is hard!
  - The number of parameters is huge.
  - The deep network has a huge capacity.
  - We have merely $2K$ training samples.
- Naively training a deep network will results in overfitting, surely.

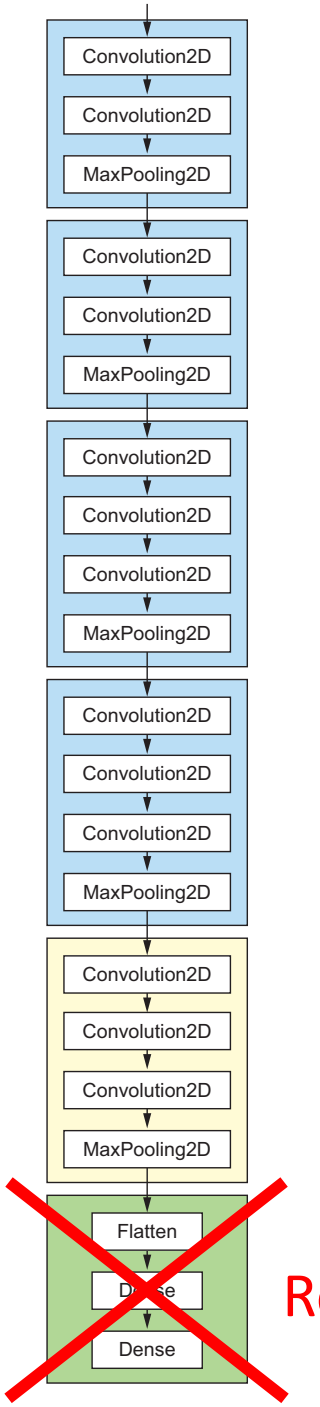
Solution: pretrain

Pretrain

1. Pre-train a deep net on large-scale dataset, e.g., ImageNet ($14M$ images with labels).



the VGG16 network



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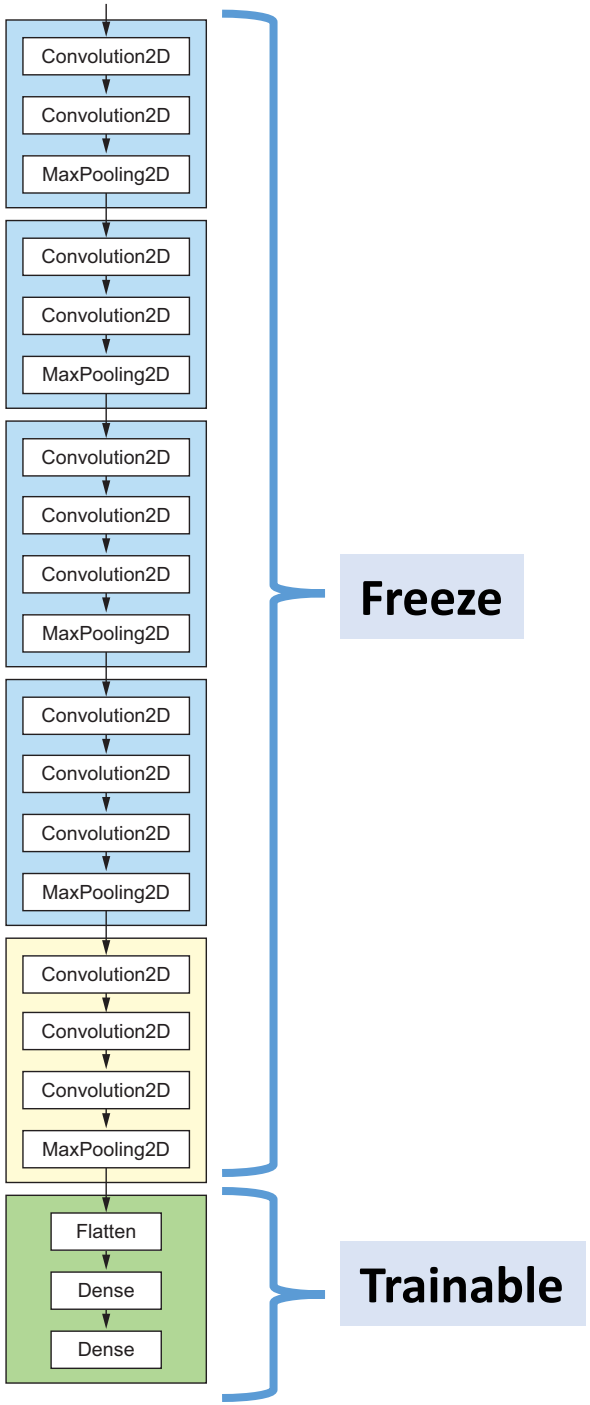
We need 1-dim output (binary classification --- cats v.s. dogs).

The output-layer of VGG16 has Softmax activation function, because ImageNet is multiclass.

We use sigmoid activation function for *binary* classification.



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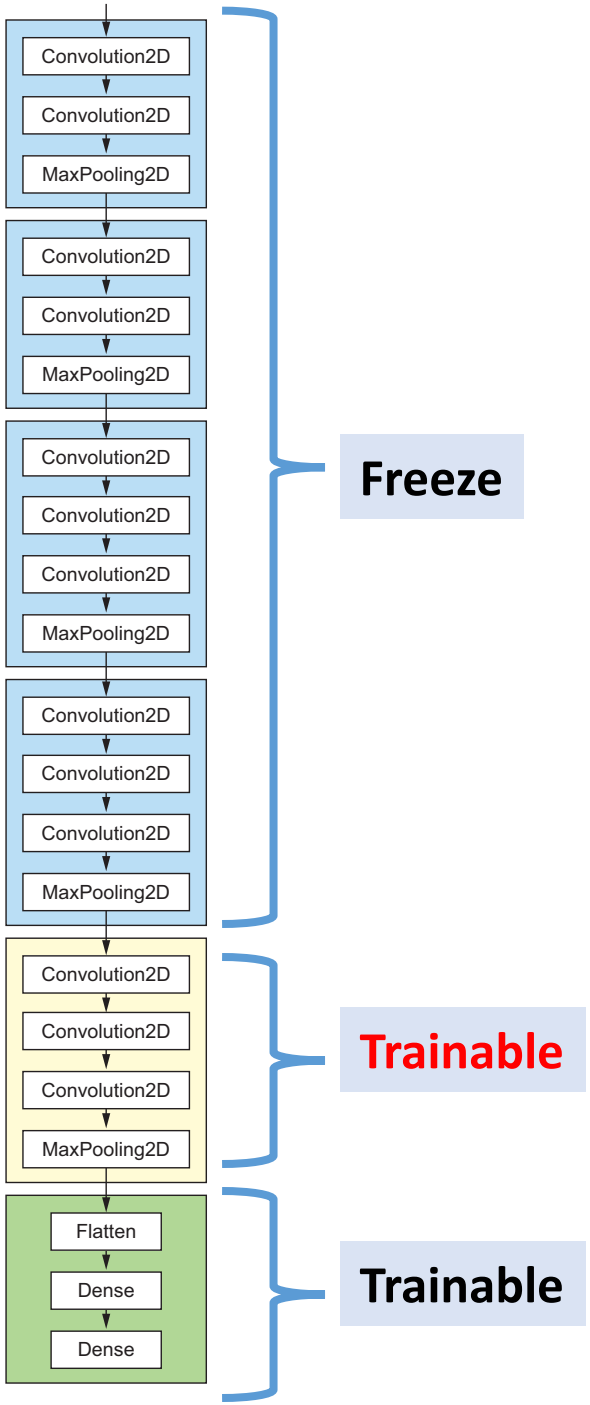

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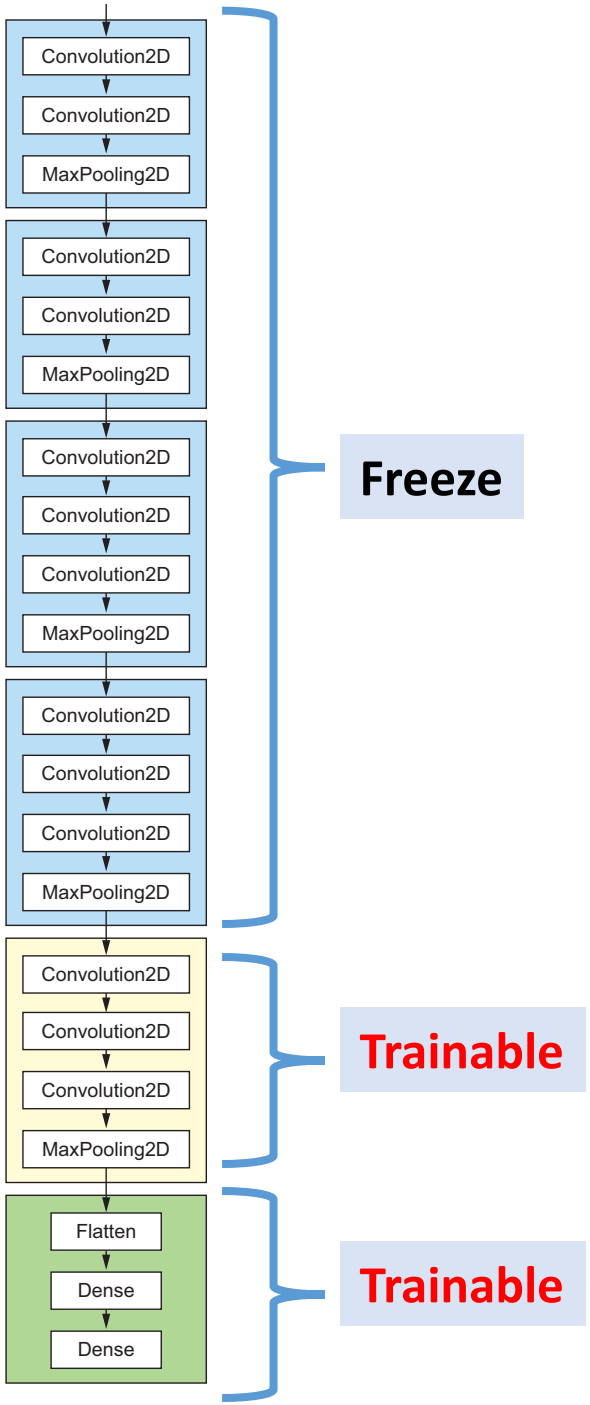

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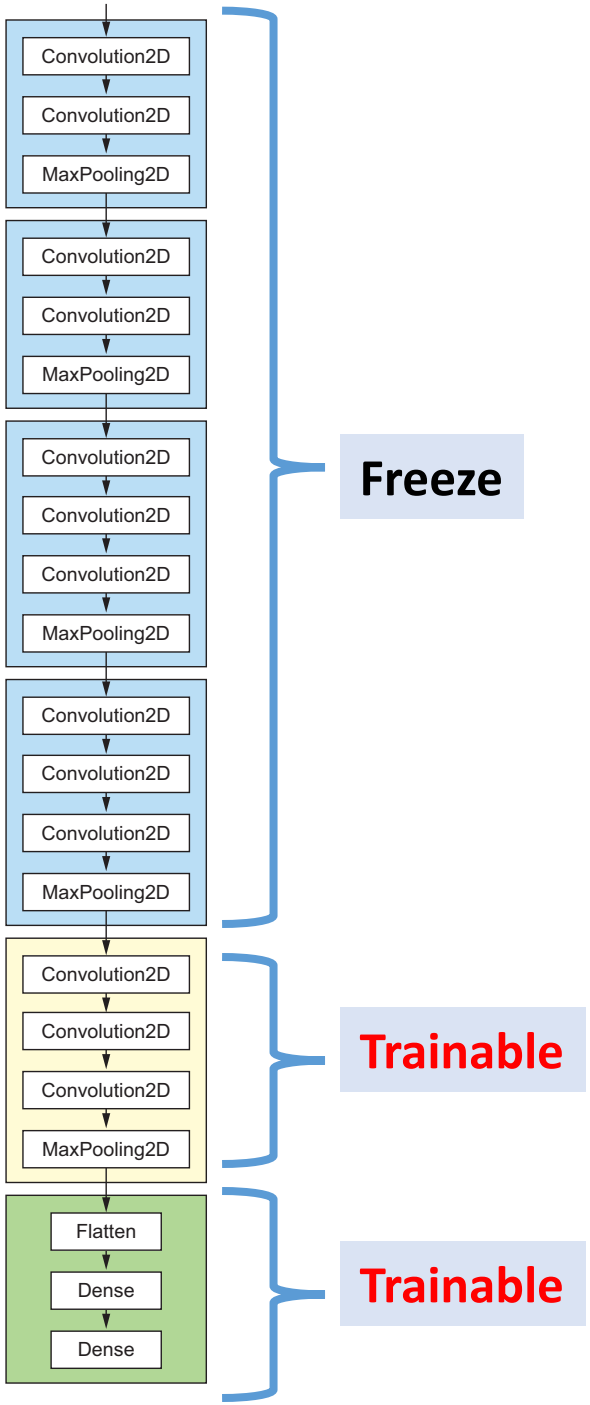

No. Merging Steps 4 & 5 is a bad idea.

- If the top layers are random, the initial gradients are large.
- The large gradient will destroy the Conv layers.
- Thus, train the Conv layer after training the top layers.

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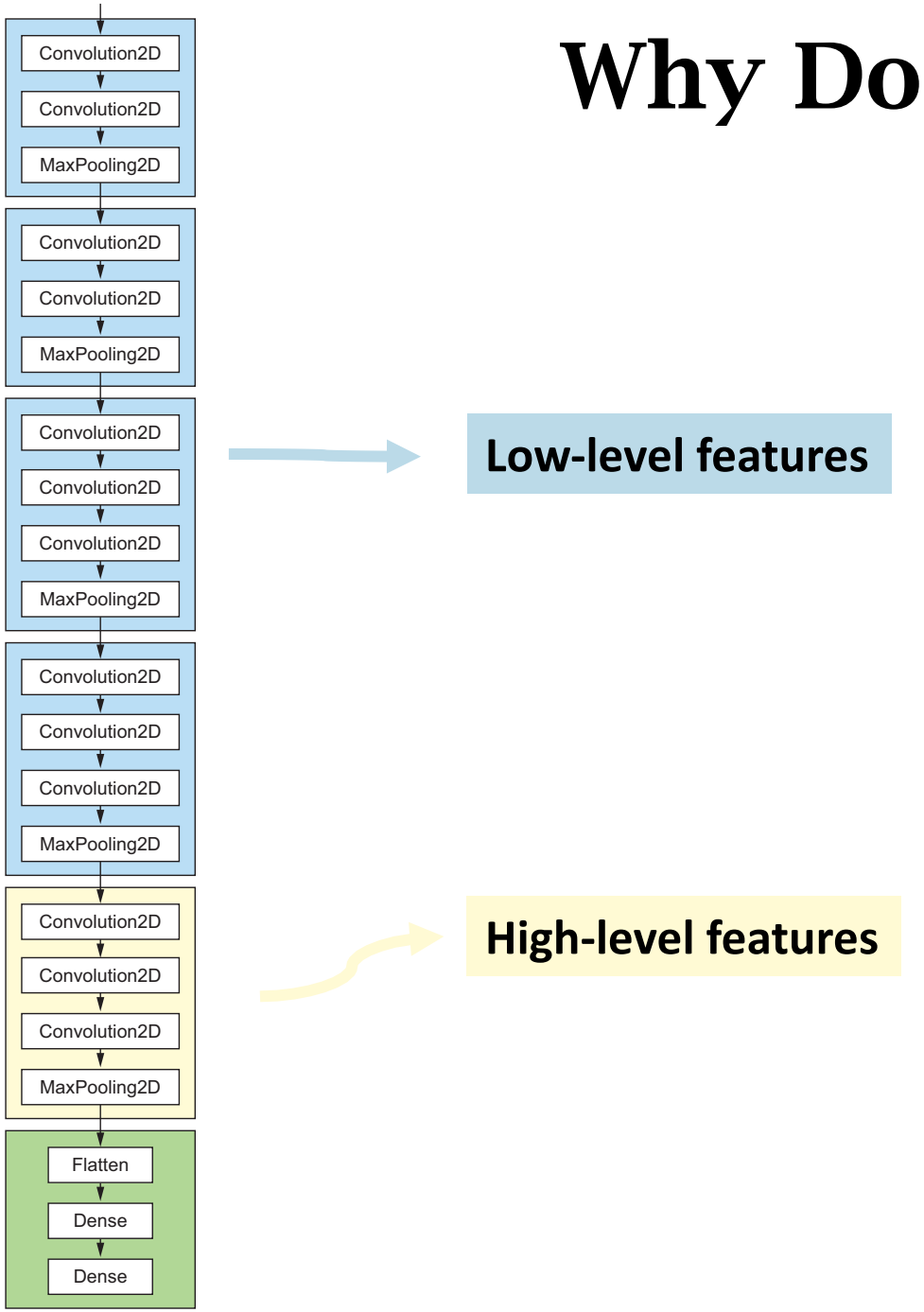
Why Does Pretrain Work?



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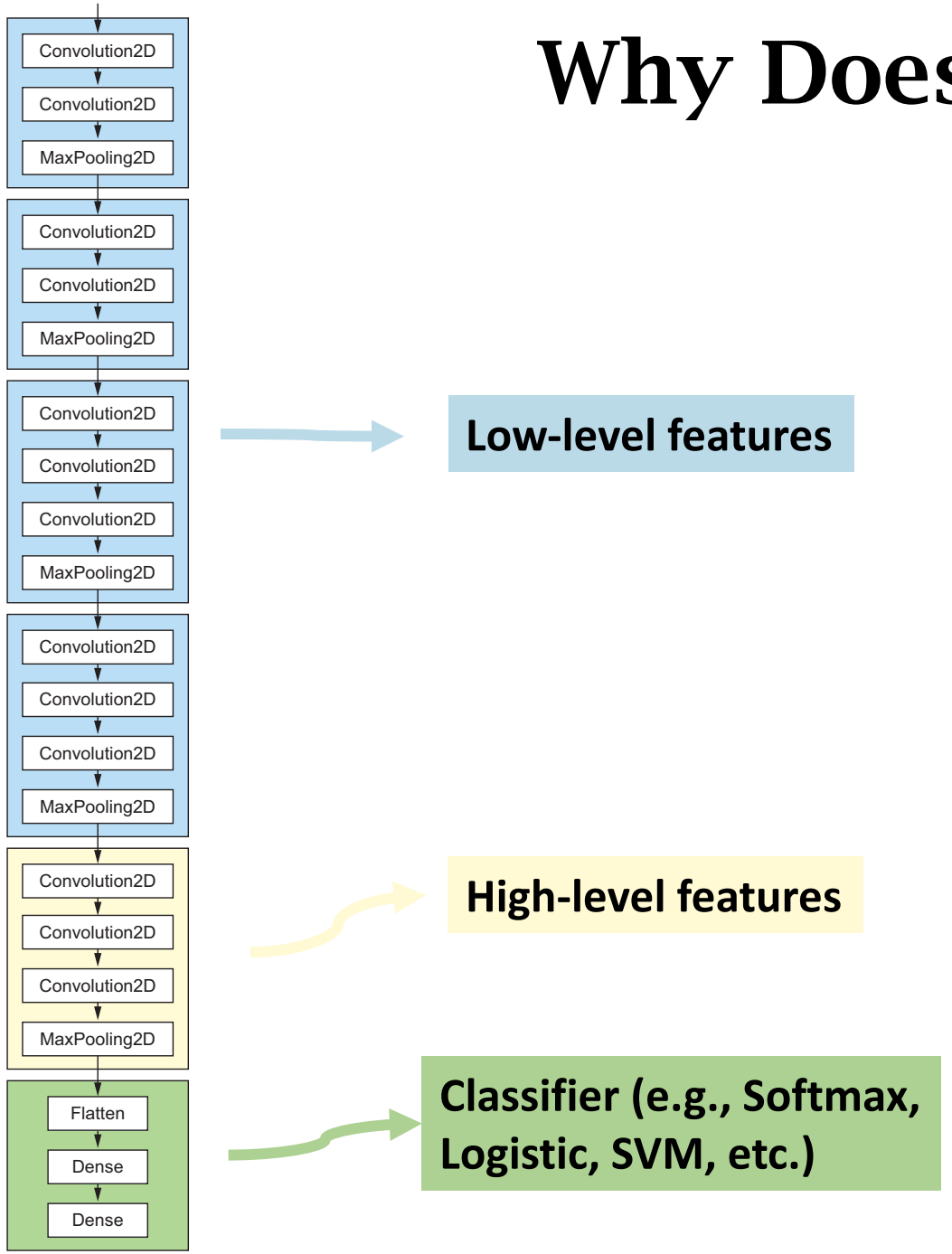

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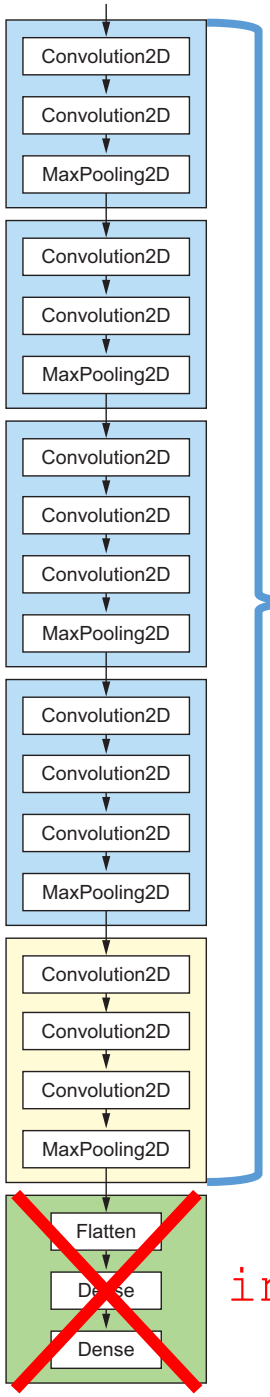
- Think of the ***high-level FC layers*** as a classifier which takes the extracted features as input.
- *Less* trainable parameters, *less* prone to overfitting.

Use a VGG16 Net Pretrained on ImageNet



Base

```
from keras.applications import VGG16

conv_base = VGG16(weights='imagenet',
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conv_base.summary()
```

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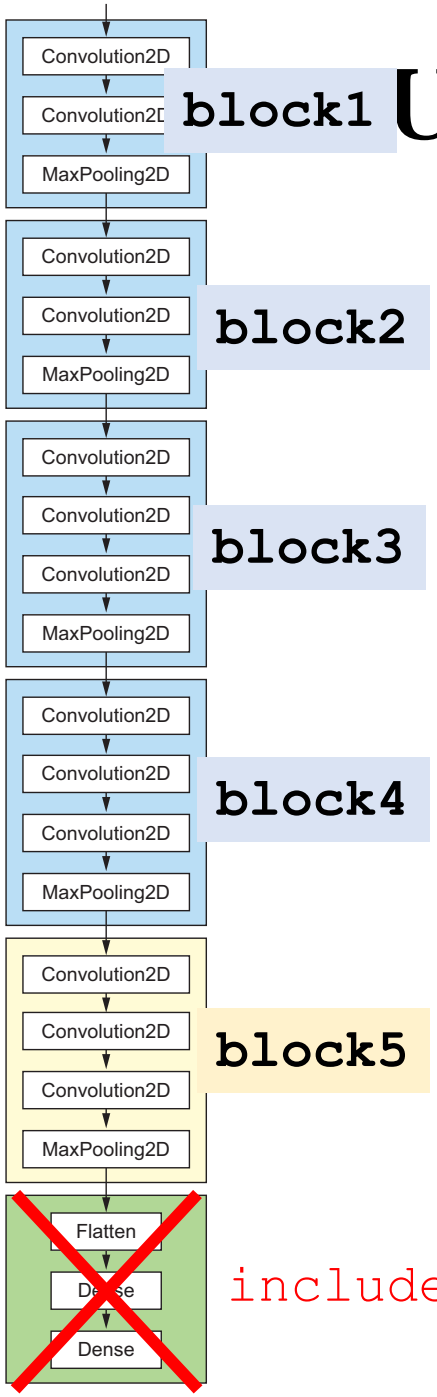

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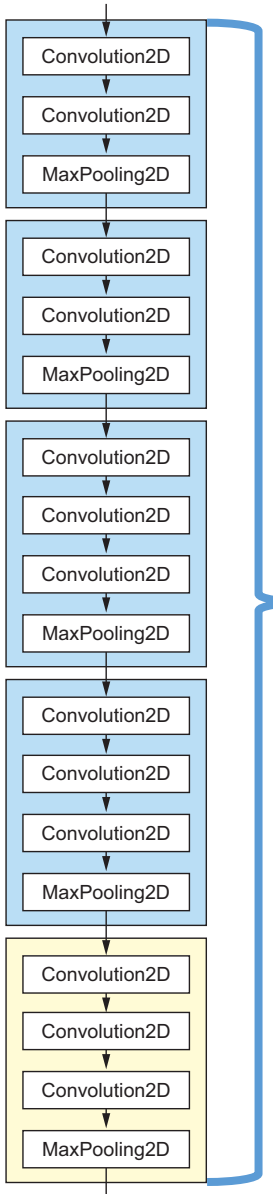

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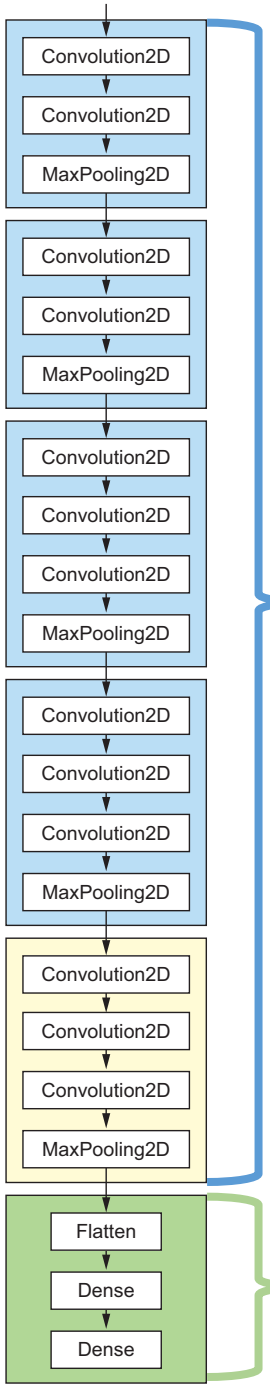

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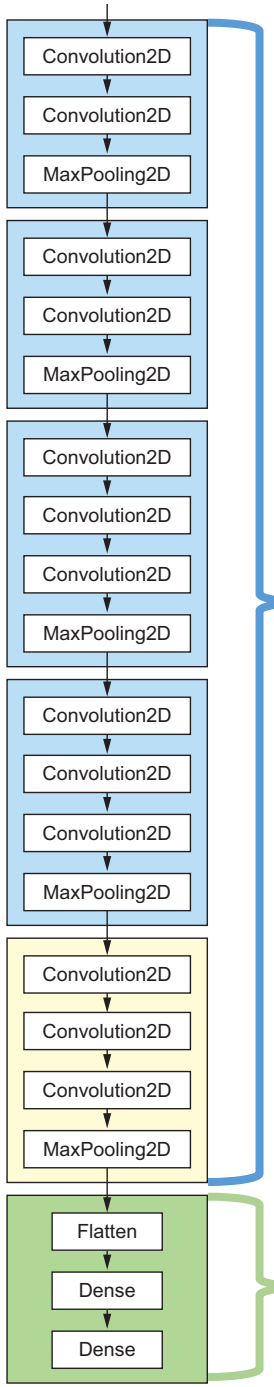

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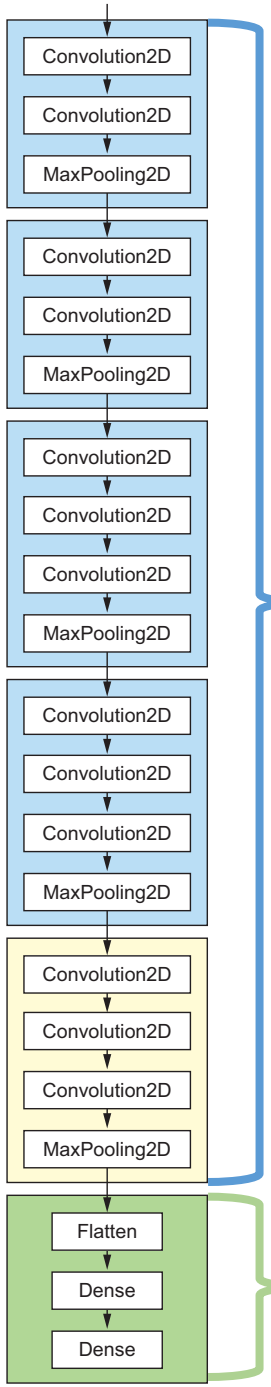

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After Training the New Top

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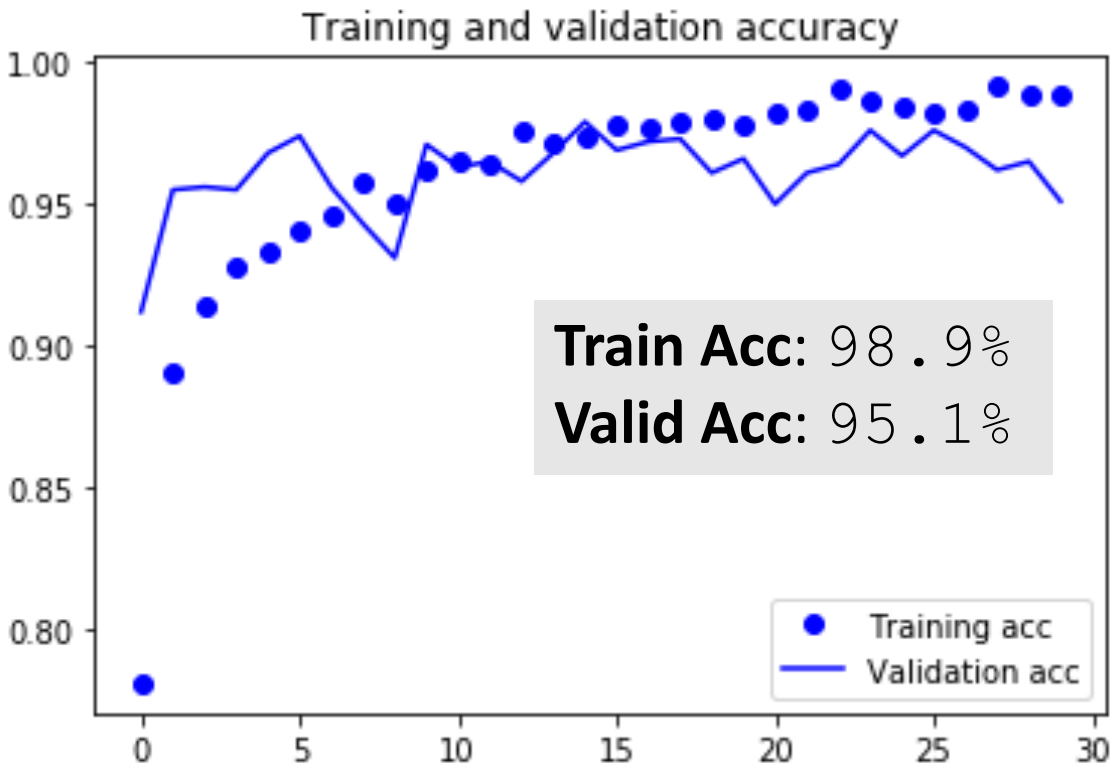
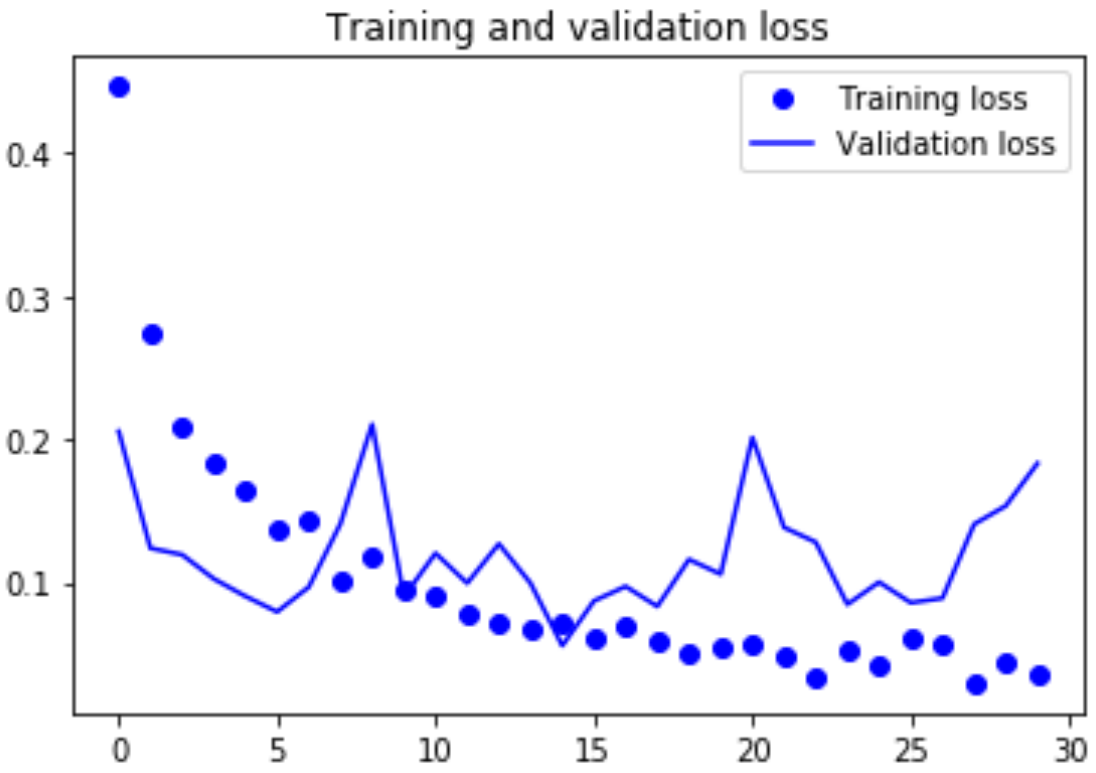


Train Acc: `98.9%`
Valid Acc: `95.1%`

loss against ***epochs***



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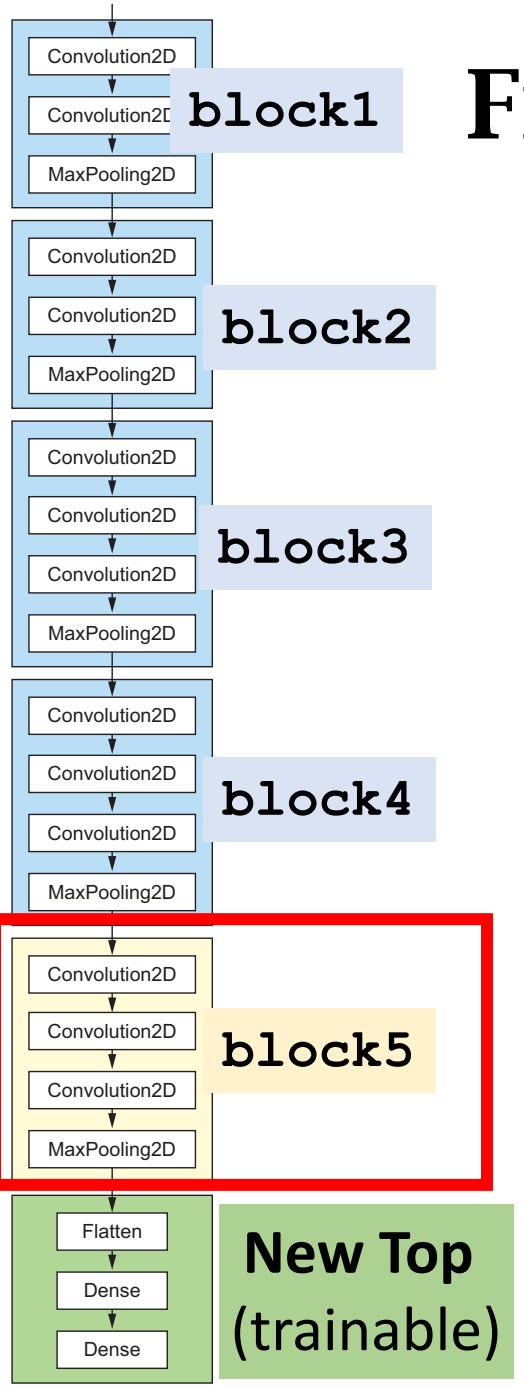

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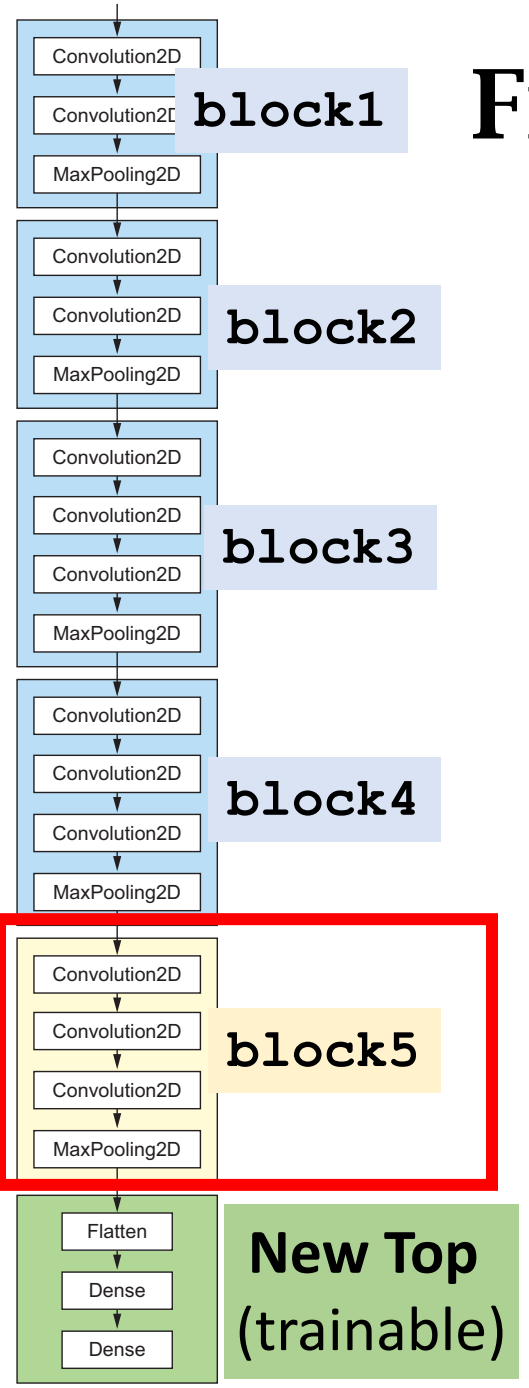


```
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conv_base.trainable = True

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    else:
        layer.trainable = False
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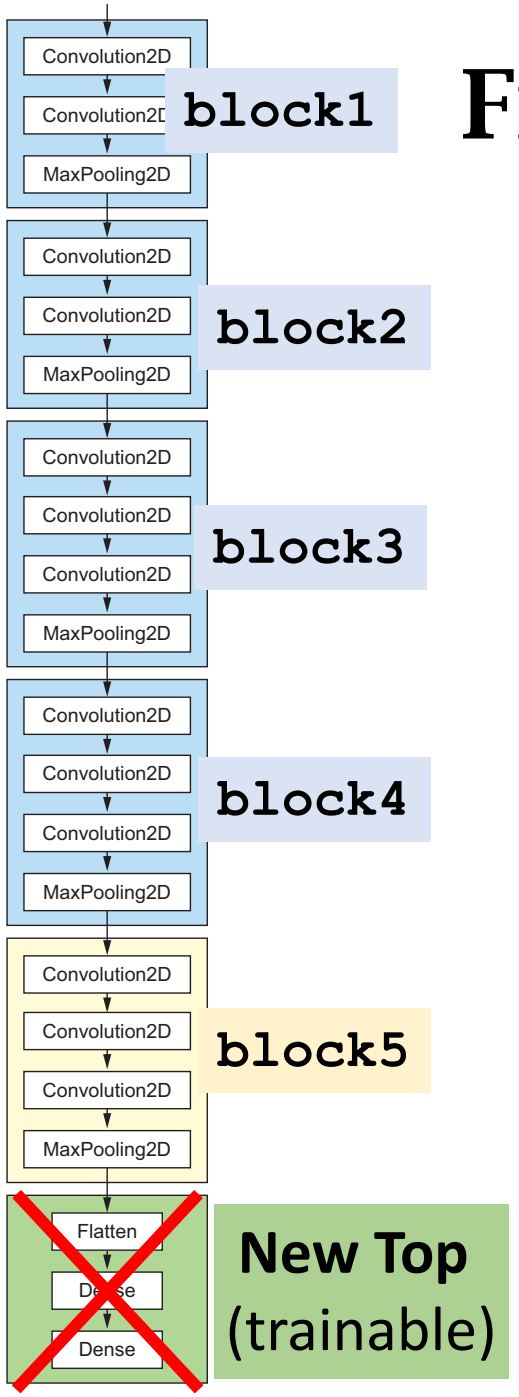


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Re-compile before training

```
model.compile(loss='binary_crossentropy',
              optimizer=optimizers.RMSprop(lr=1e-5),
              metrics=['acc'])
```

Fine Tuning the Top Conv Layers

```
history = model.fit_generator(
      train_generator,
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      epochs=100,
      validation_data=validation_generator,
      validation_steps=50)
```

```
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Epoch 3/100
100/100 [==============================] - 32s - loss: 0.0140 - acc: 0.9940 - val_loss: 0.1044 - val_acc: 0.9790
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Epoch 100/100
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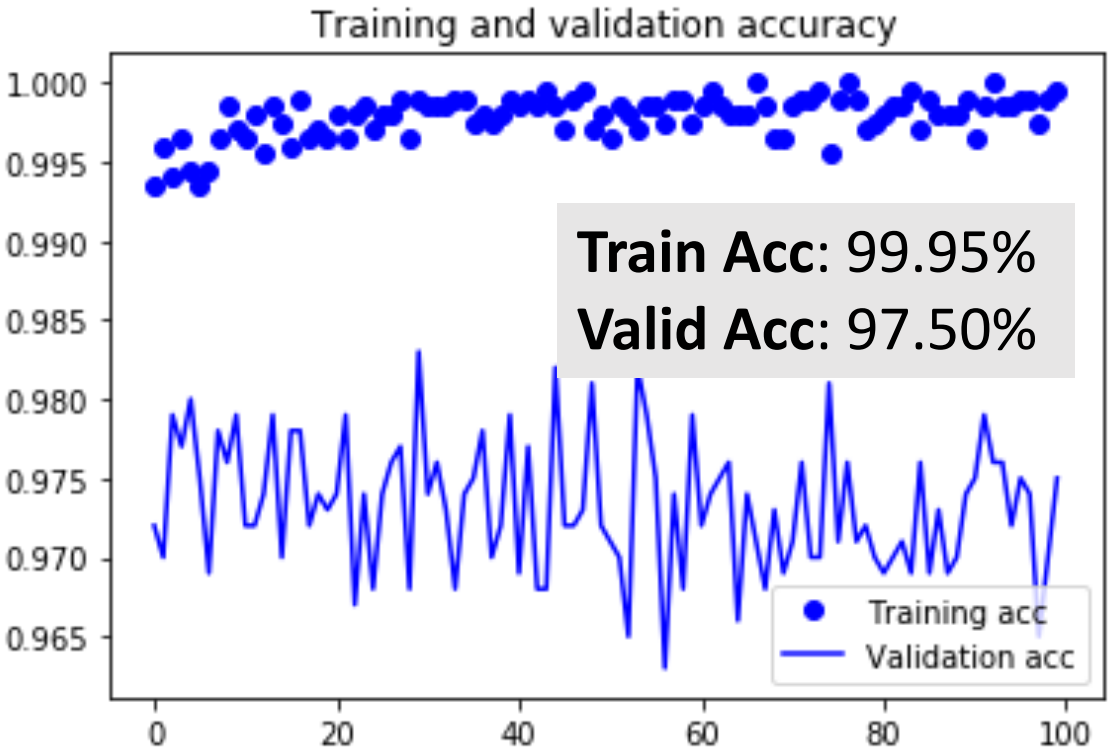

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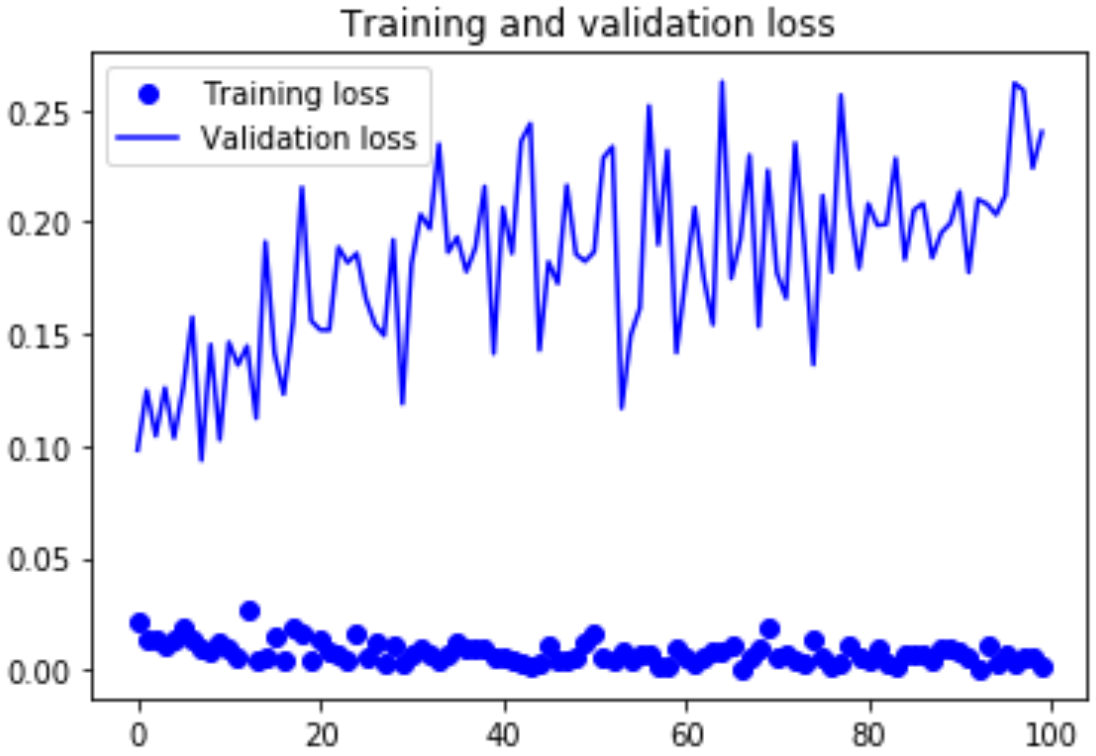

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Evaluate the model on the test set

```
test_generator = test_datagen.flow_from_directory(
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        batch_size=20,
        class_mode='binary')

test_loss, test_acc = model.evaluate_generator(test_generator, steps=50)
print('test acc:', test_acc)
```

```
Found 1000 images belonging to 2 classes.
test acc: 0.967999992371
```

Summary of the Results

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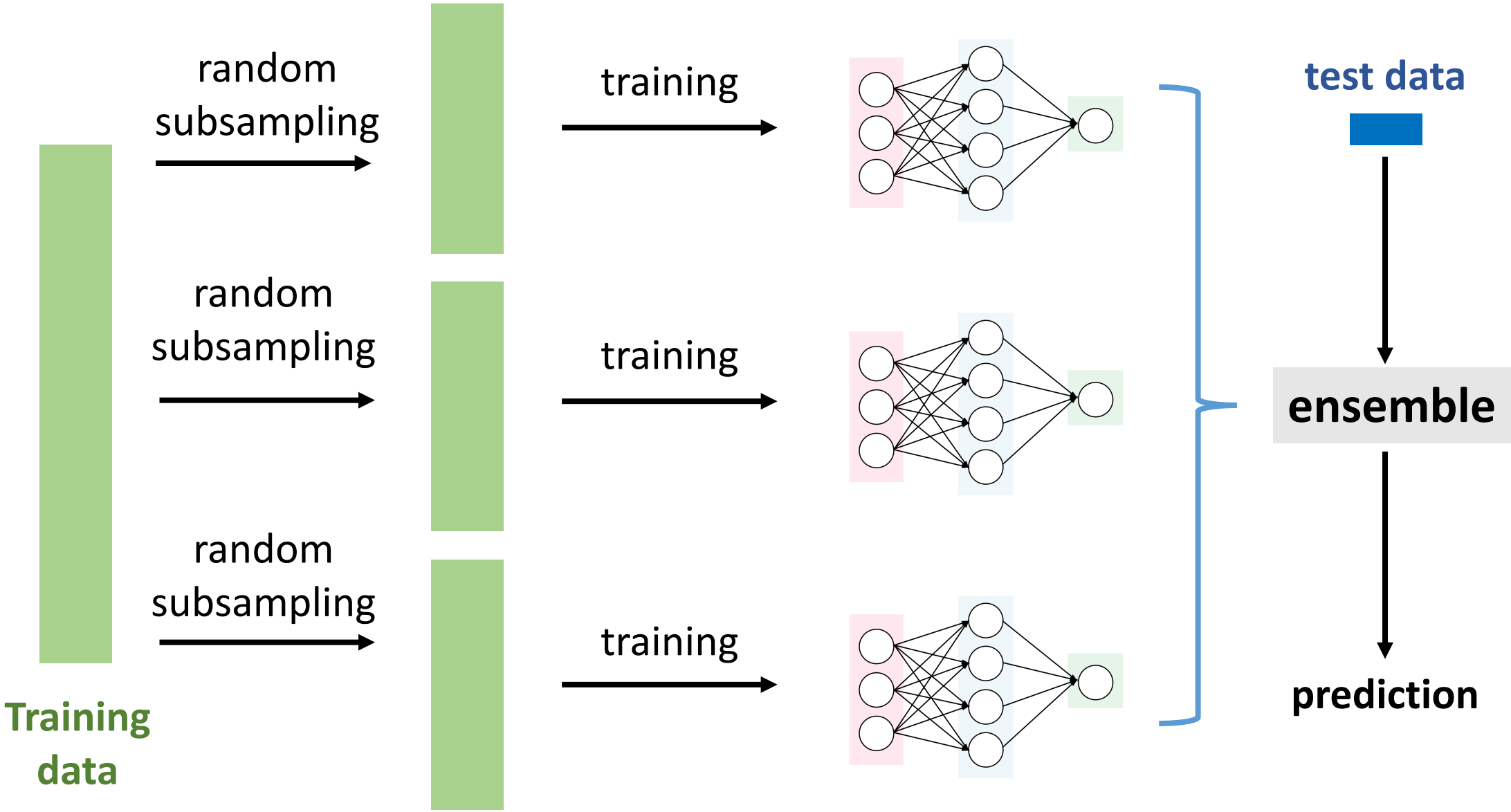

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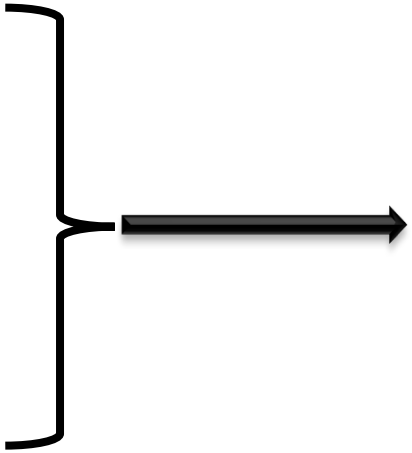

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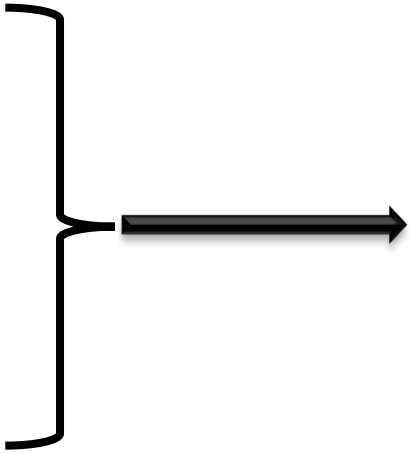

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- Ensemble method reduces variance.

Multi-Task Learning

Without Parameter Sharing

Model 1

Age

Model 2

Gender

Model 3

Race

Multi-Task Learning

Conv Base

Top 1

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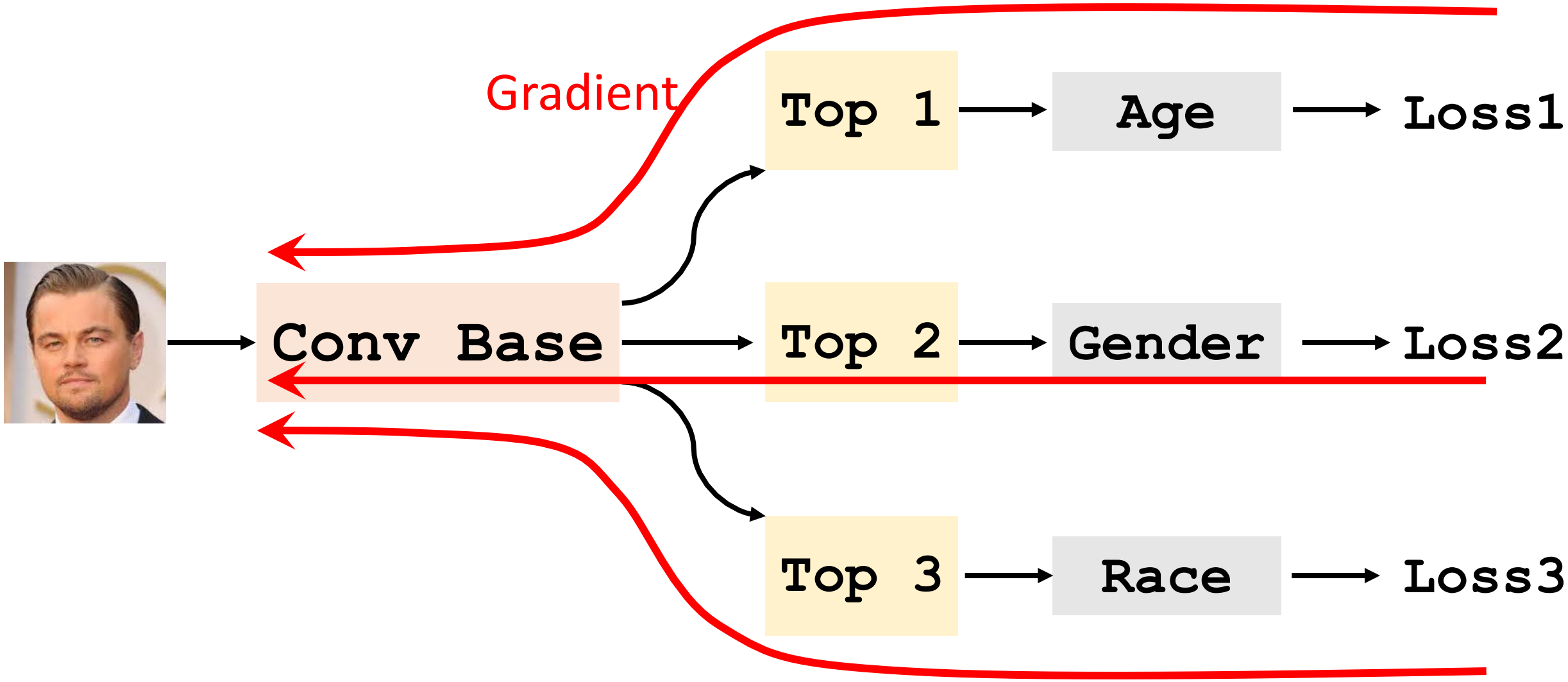
- Why hyper-parameters λ and γ?
  - Loss1 is ~10.
  - Loss2 and Loss3 are ~0.1.
  - Without the scaling, the Conv Base will be determined by the age task.

Multi-Task Learning



Summary

Tricks for Better Generalization

- Trick 1: Dropout regularization.
- Trick 2: Data augmentation.
- Trick 3: Pretrain.
- Trick 4: Ensemble methods.
- Trick 5: Multi-task learning.

Tricks for Better Optimization

- Trick 1: Batch normalization.
- Trick 2: Gradient injection (Google Inception Net).
- Trick 3: Skip connection (ResNet).