

Neural Nets & Convolutional Neural Networks

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Agenda

1) Feedforward Neural Networks

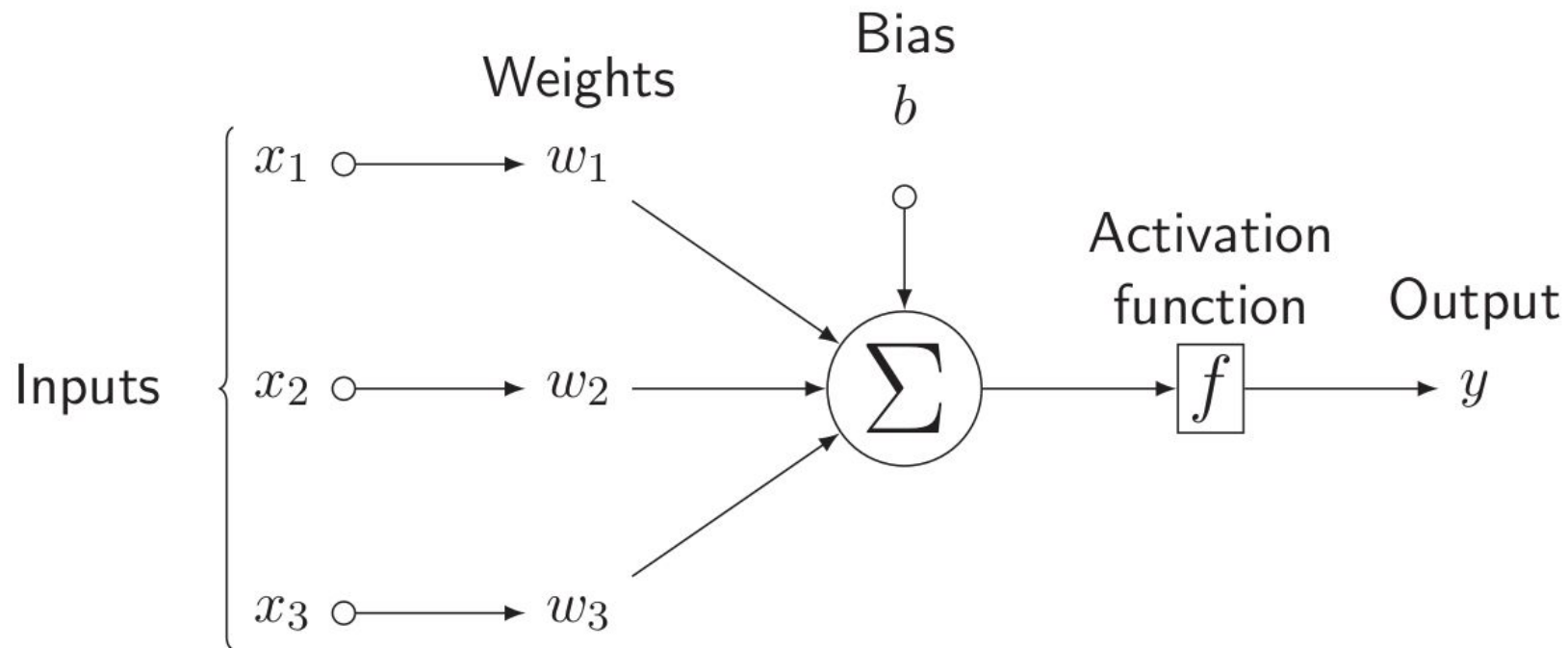
- The limitations of Perceptrons
- Multi-layer Perceptron
- Training: the forward and back-propagation
- Debugging tips
- Tutorial: Neural Nets for the tree height dataset

2) Convolutional Neural Networks

- Spatial locality structure
- Kernels, padding, pooling
- Classification tasks
- Saliency Analysis
- Tutorial: data batching, classification of satellite images, WandB

Perceptron: Threshold Logic

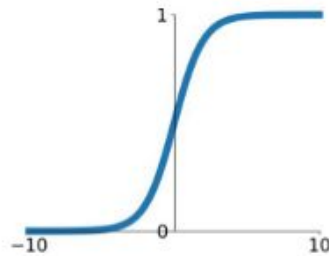
$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{perc}}(\mathbf{x}, y) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } y\mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}) > 0 \\ -y\mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}) & \text{if } y\mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}) \leq 0 \end{cases}$$



Activation functions

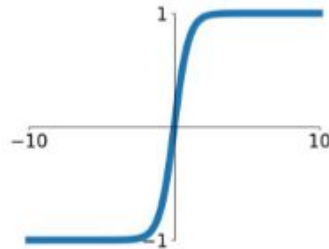
Sigmoid

$$\sigma(x) = \frac{1}{1+e^{-x}}$$



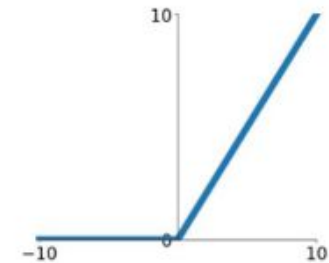
tanh

$$\tanh(x)$$



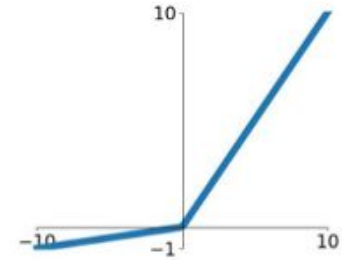
ReLU

$$\max(0, x)$$



Leaky ReLU

$$\max(0.1x, x)$$

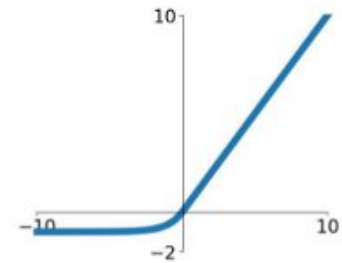


Maxout

$$\max(w_1^T x + b_1, w_2^T x + b_2)$$

ELU

$$\begin{cases} x & x \geq 0 \\ \alpha(e^x - 1) & x < 0 \end{cases}$$



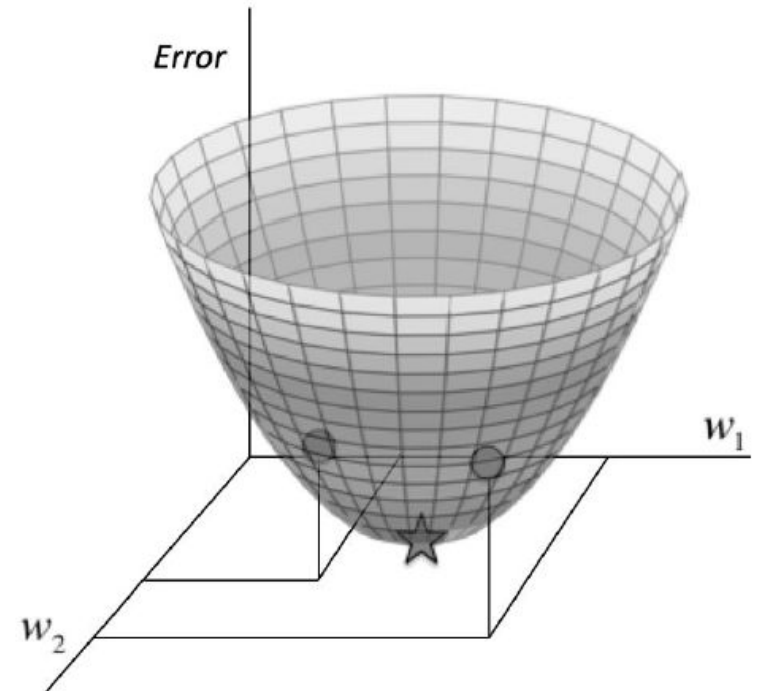
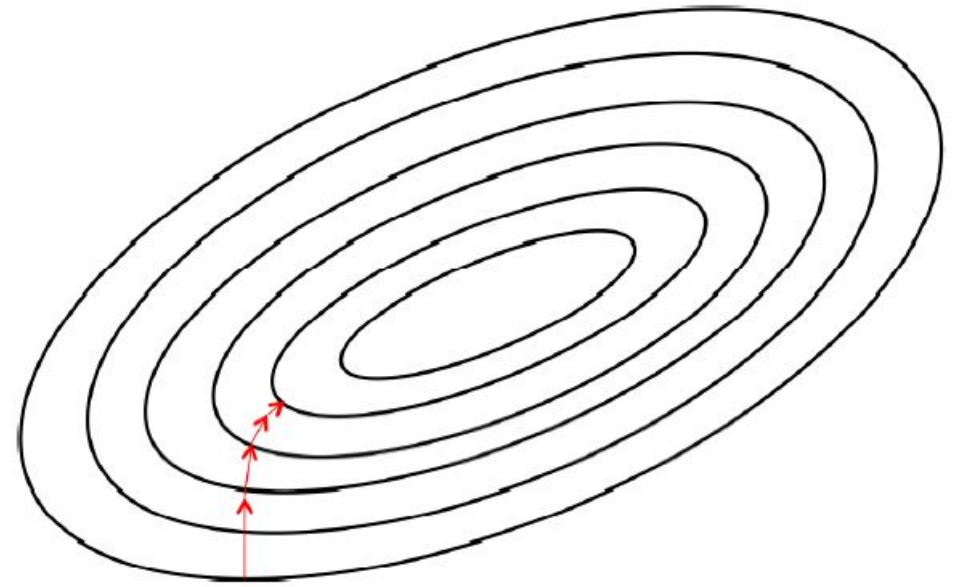
Optimizers (pt1)

Gradient

$$\Delta w_k = -\frac{\partial E}{\partial w_k}$$
$$= -\frac{\partial}{\partial w_k} \left(\frac{1}{m} \sum_i (w^T X_i - y_i)_i^2 \right)$$

$$w_{i+1} = w_i + \Delta w_k$$

Stochastic gradient descent (**SGD**)



Optimizers



Watch out for local minimal areas

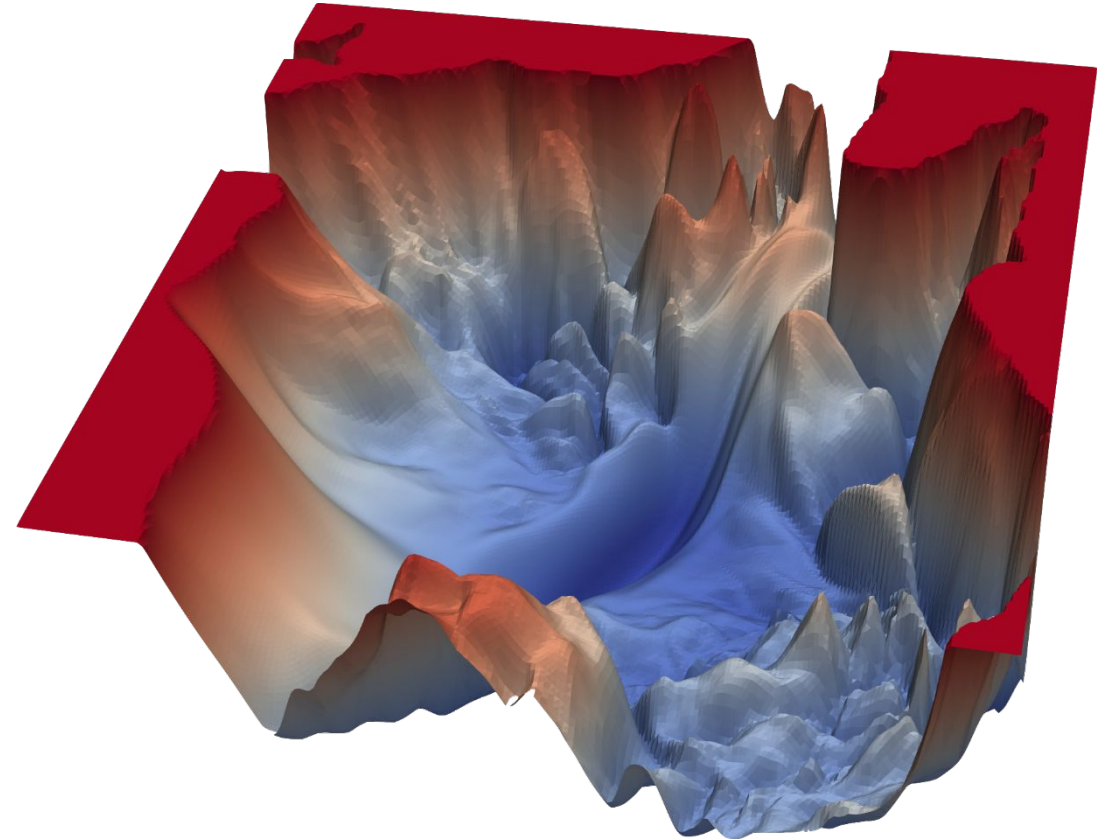
Hyperparameters

- Learning rate (α)

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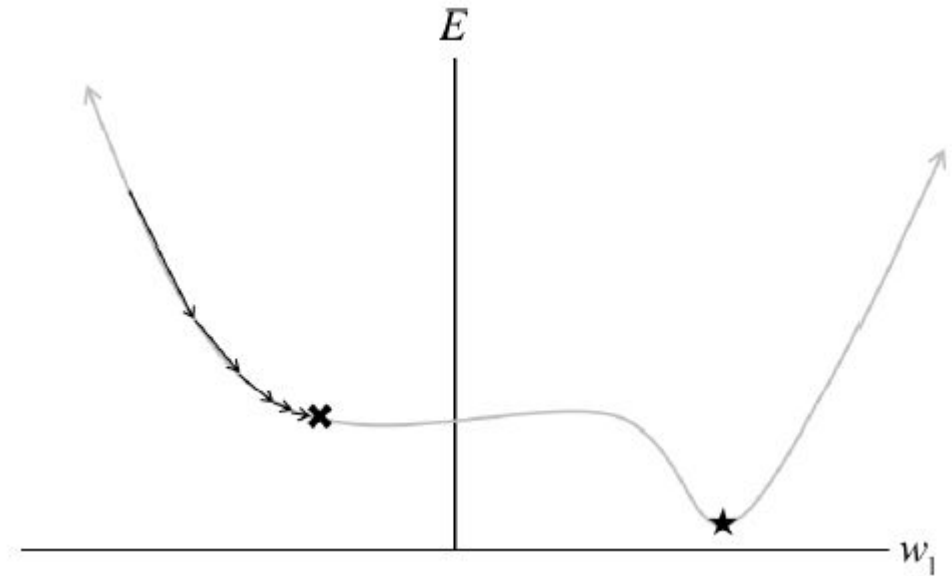
Hyperparameters

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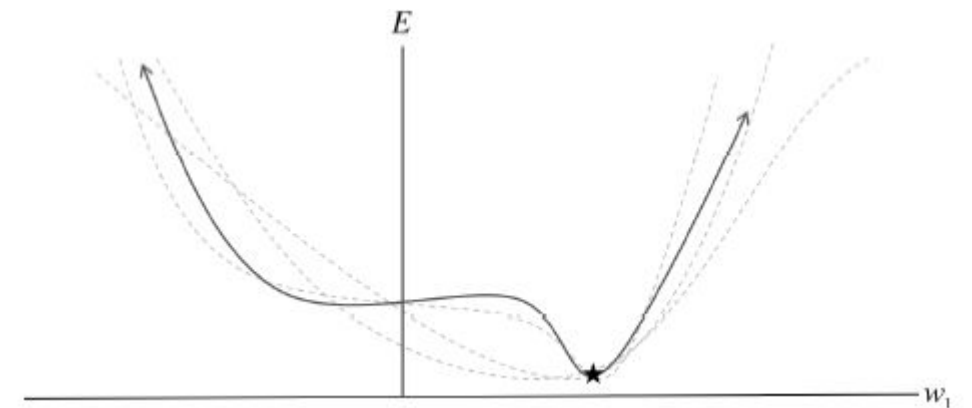
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Local Minima



Multiple samples

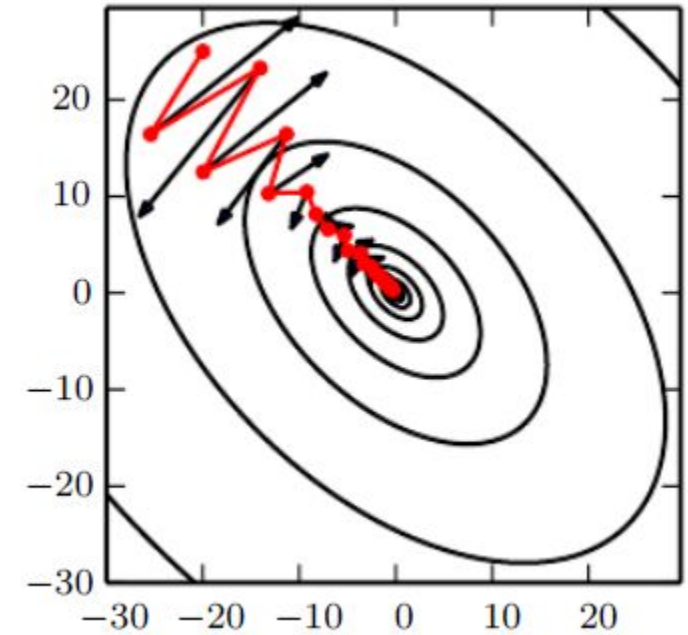
Optimizers

Hyperparameters

- Learning rate (α)
- Momentum (β)

$$v_{i+1} = v\beta - \alpha \frac{\partial}{\partial w_k} \left(\frac{1}{m} \sum_i (w^T X_i - y_i)_i^2 \right)$$

$$w_{i+1} = w_i + v$$



SGD

SGD+Momentum

Stochastic gradient descent with momentum (**SGD+Momentum**)

Optimizers

Hard to pick right hyperparameters

- Small learning rate: long convergence time
- Large learning rate: convergence problems

Adagrad: adapts learning rate to each parameter

$$\Delta w_{k,t} = -\alpha \frac{\partial E_t}{\partial w_{k,t}} = -\alpha \nabla_w E(w_t)$$

- Learning rate might decrease too fast
- Might not converge

$$g_{t,i} = \nabla_w E(w_{t,i})$$

$$G_{t+1,i} = G_{t,i} + g_{t,i} \odot g_{t,i}$$



$$w_{t+1,i} = w_{t,i} - \frac{\alpha}{\sqrt{G_{t,i} + \epsilon}} g_{t,i}$$

Optimizers

RMSprop: decaying average of the past squared gradients

Adadelta

$$E[g^2]_t = \gamma E[g^2]_{t-1} + (1 - \gamma) g_t^2$$

Exponentially decaying average

$$E[\Delta_w^2]_t = \gamma E[\Delta_w^2]_{t-1} + (1 - \gamma) \Delta_w^2$$

$$\Delta w_t = \frac{\sqrt{E[\Delta_w^2]_t + \epsilon}}{\sqrt{G_{t,i} + \epsilon}} g_t$$

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Optimizers

ADAM: decaying average of the past gradients and its square

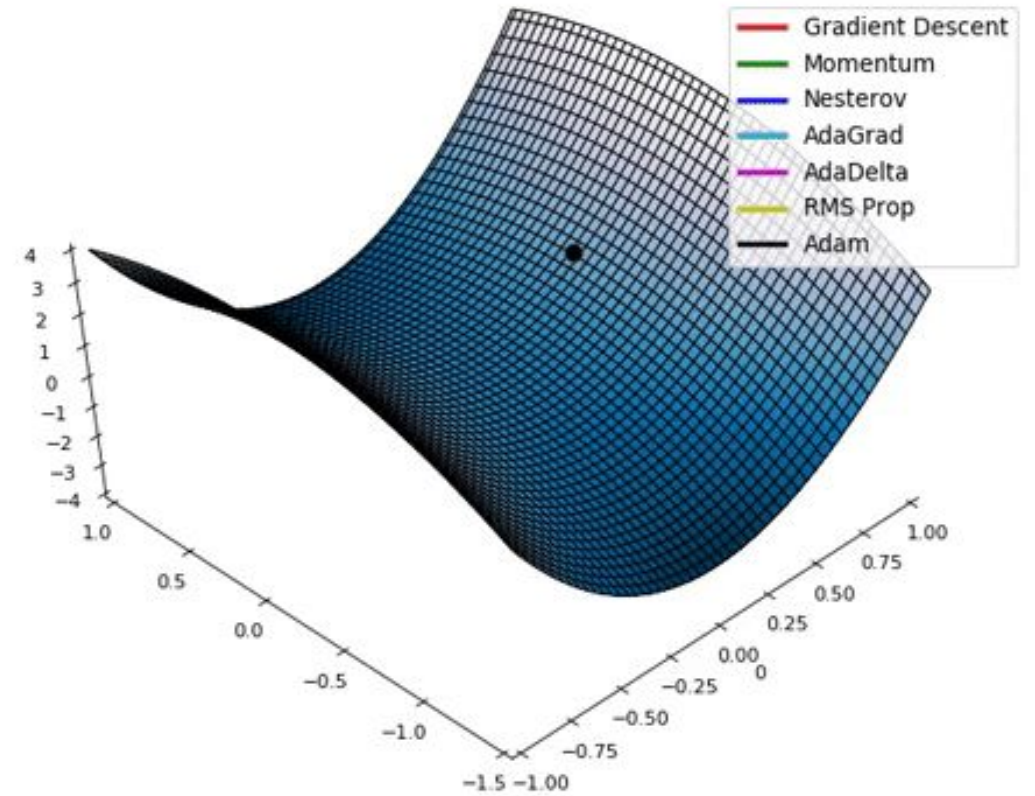
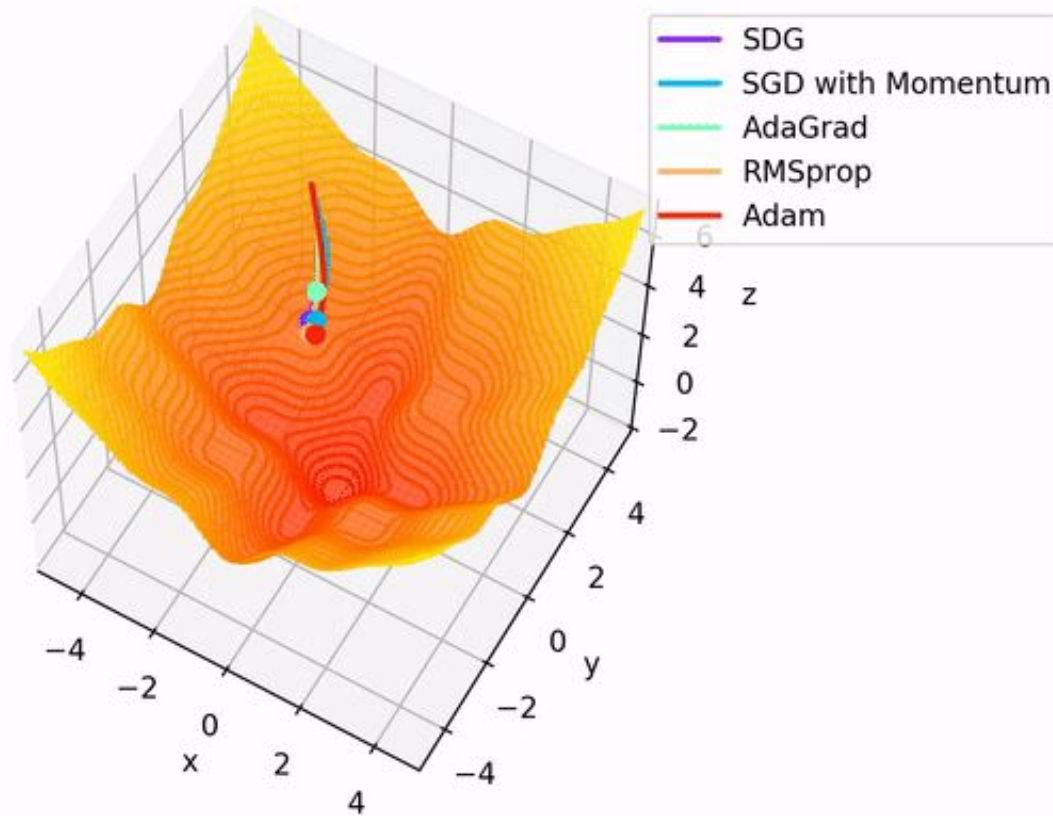
RMSprop / Adadelta

$$g_{t,i} = \nabla_w E(w_{t,i})$$

$$G_{t+1,i} = \gamma G_{t,i} + (1 - \gamma) g_{t,i} \odot g_{t,i} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \begin{aligned} v_t &= \beta_2 v_{t-1} + (1 - \beta_2) g_t^2 & \hat{v}_t &= \frac{v_t}{1 - \beta_2^t} \\ m_t &= \beta_1 m_{t-1} + (1 - \beta_1) g_t & \hat{m}_t &= \frac{m_t}{1 - \beta_1^t} \end{aligned}$$

$$w_{t+1,i} = w_{t,i} - \frac{\alpha}{\sqrt{\hat{v}_t} + \epsilon} \hat{m}_t$$

Optimizer Comparison

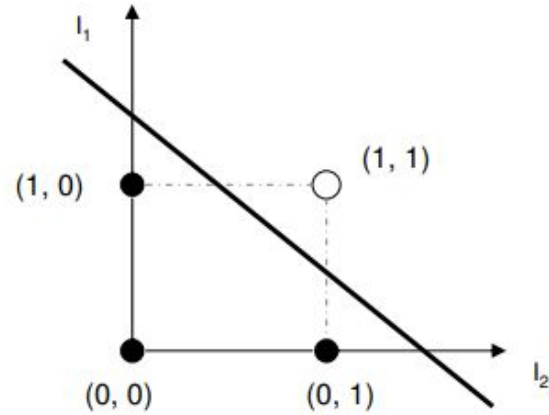


Which optimizer is the best?

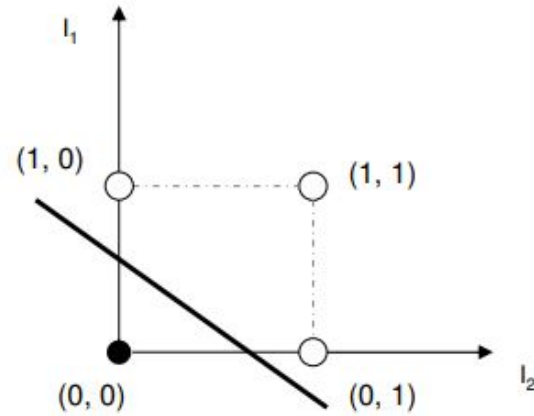
Multi-layer Perceptron

Limitations of the Perceptron

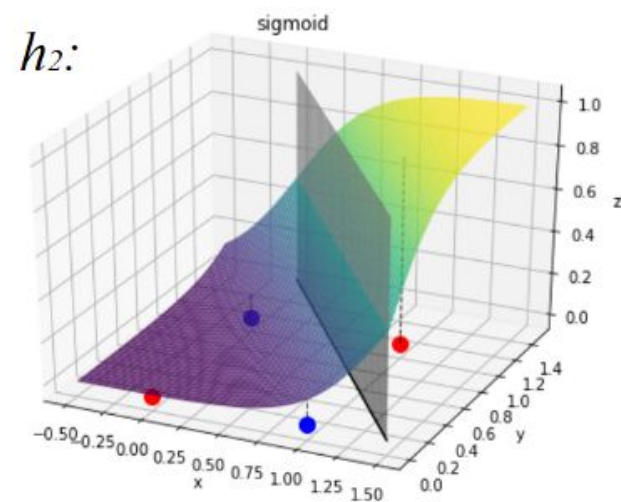
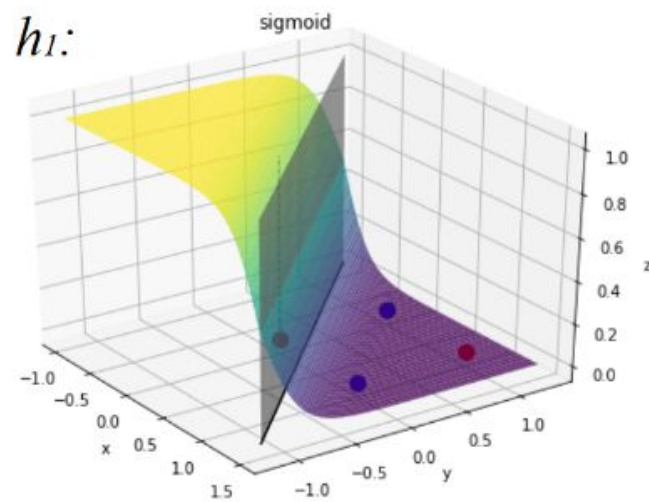
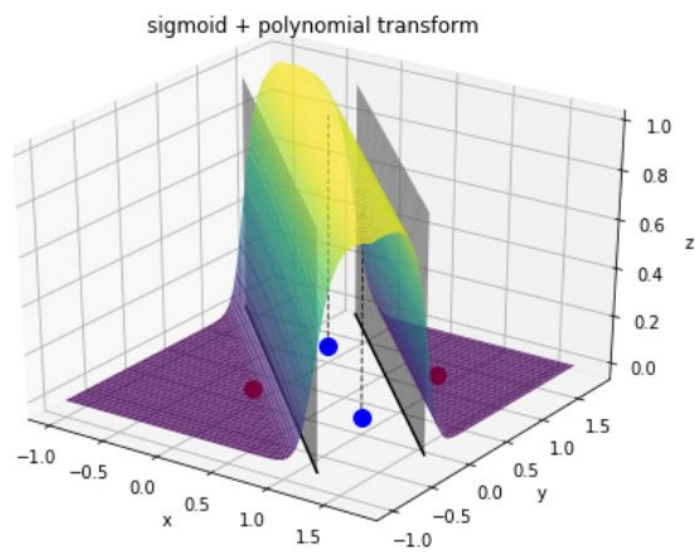
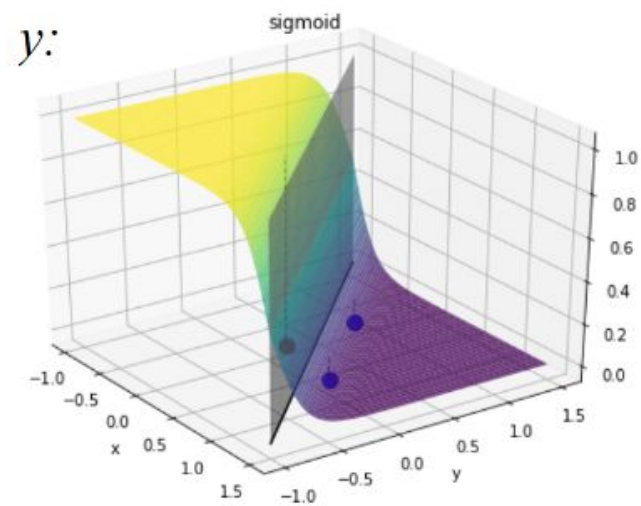
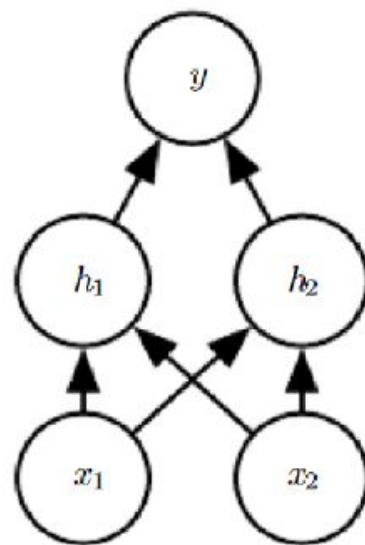
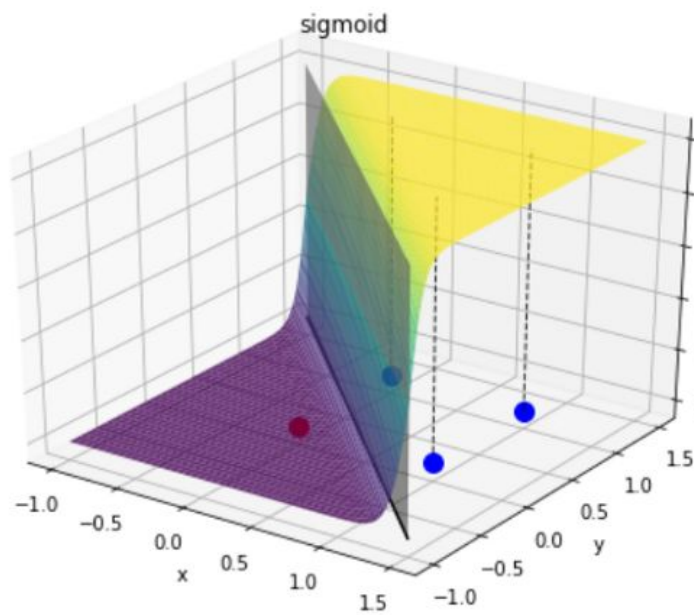
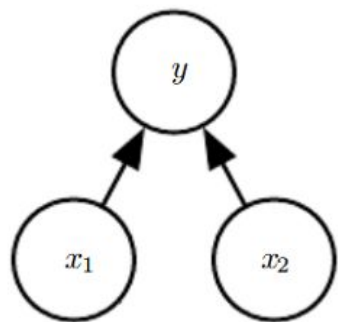
AND		
I_1	I_2	out
0	0	0
0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	1



OR		
I_1	I_2	out
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0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	1

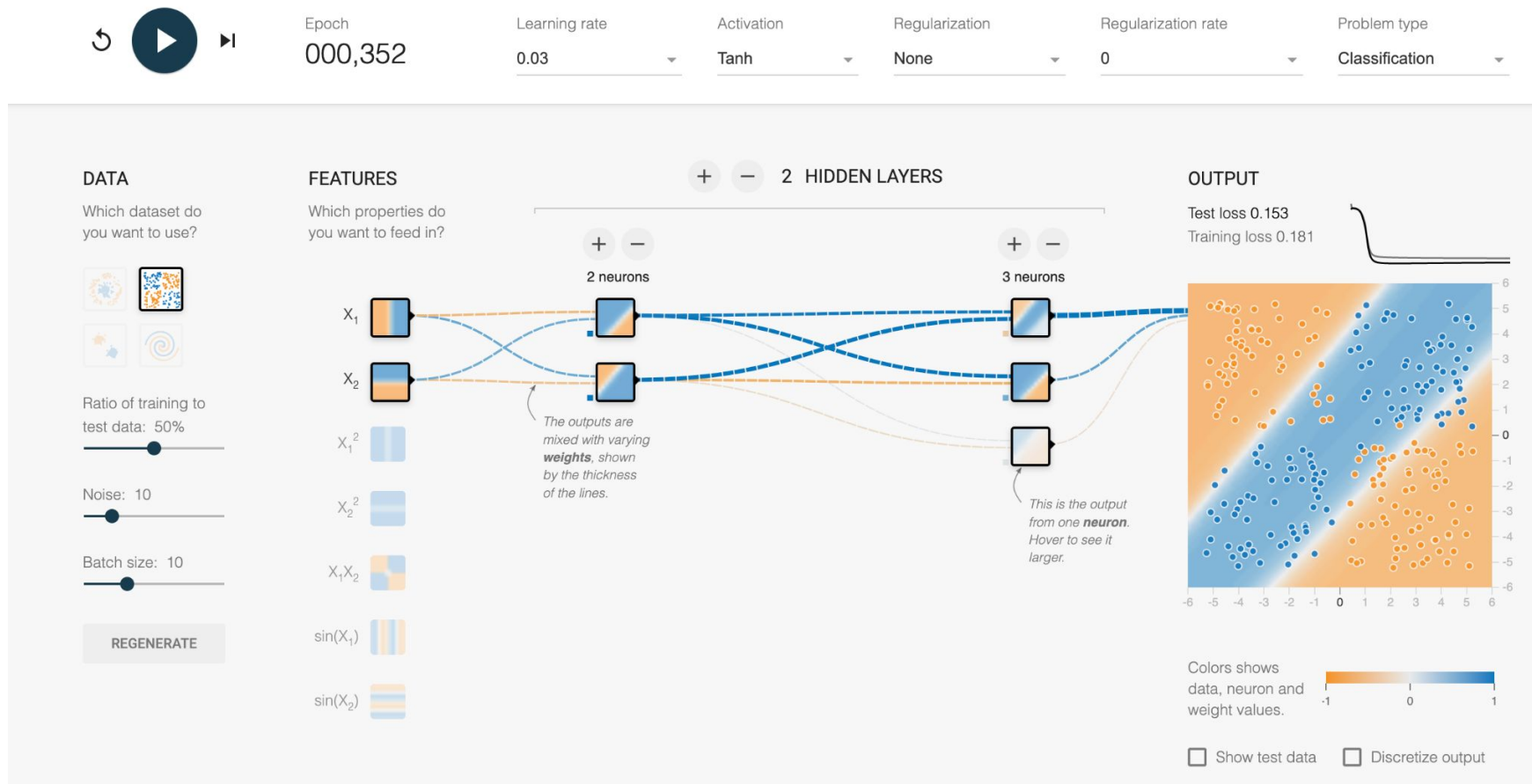


Perceptron



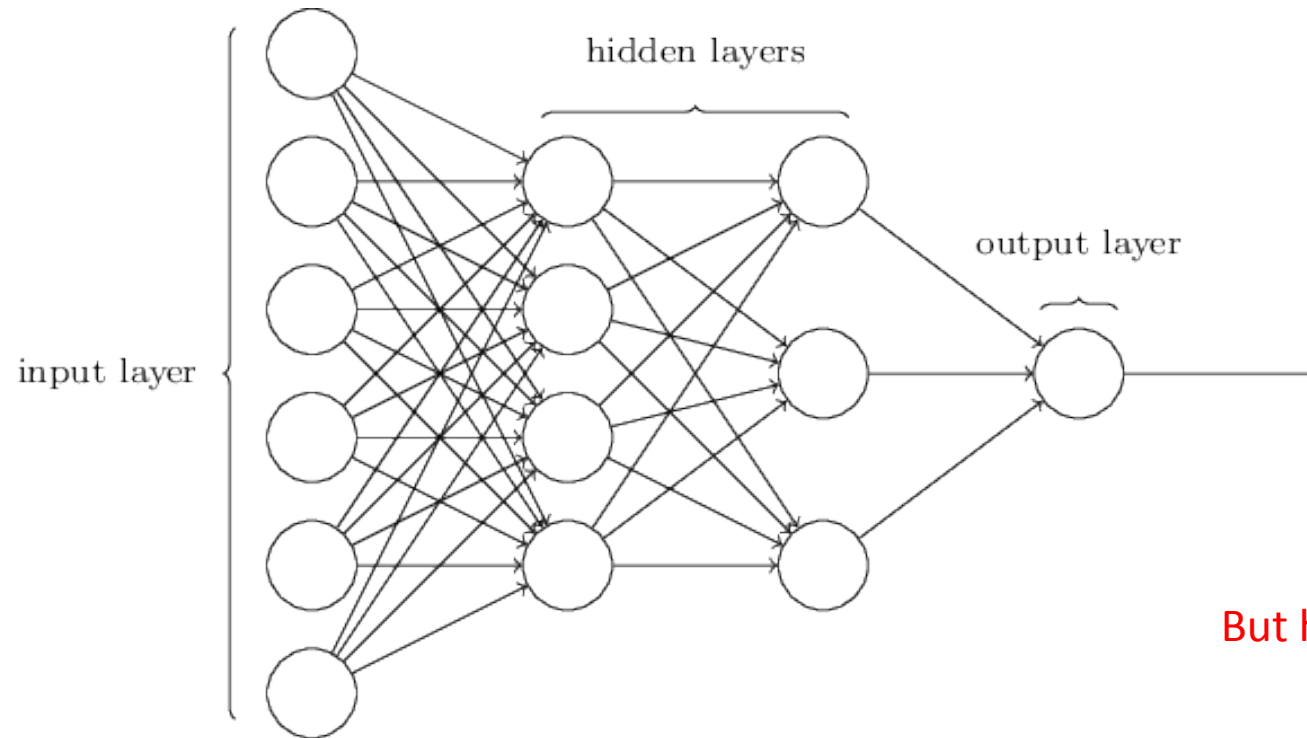
Let's play with it!

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Architecture of Neural Networks



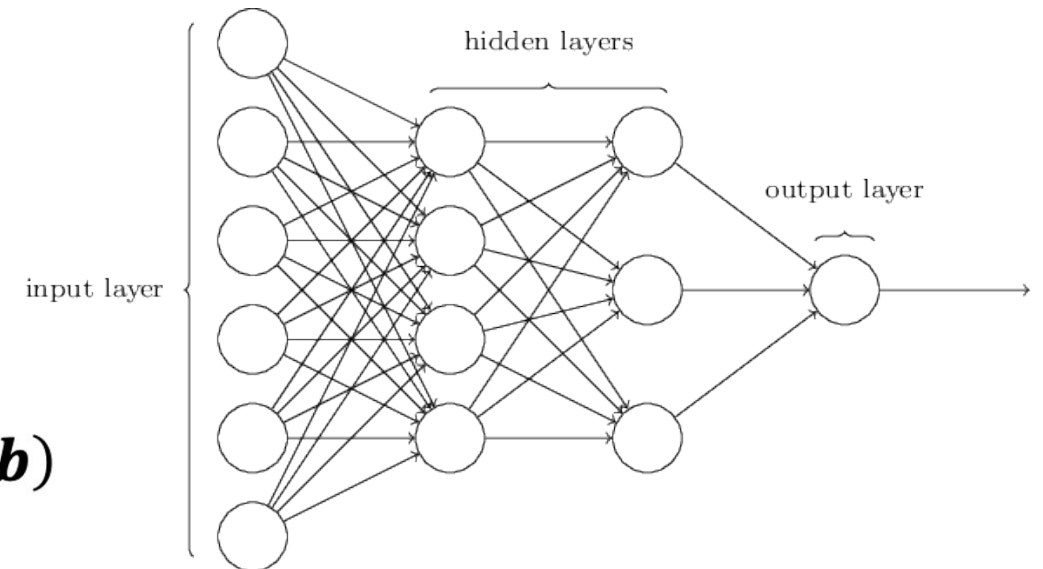
But how do we train it?

- Sometimes called multi-layer perceptron (MLP)
- Output from one layer is used as input for the next (Feedforward network)

Forward Propagation

- Store weights and biases as matrices
- Suppose we are considering the weights from the second (hidden) layer to the third (output) layer
 - w is the weight matrix with w_{ij} the weight for the connection between the i th neuron in the second layer and the j^{th} neuron in the third layer
 - b is the vector of biases in the third layer
 - a is the vector of activations (output) of the 2nd layer
 - a' is the vector of activations (output) of the third layer

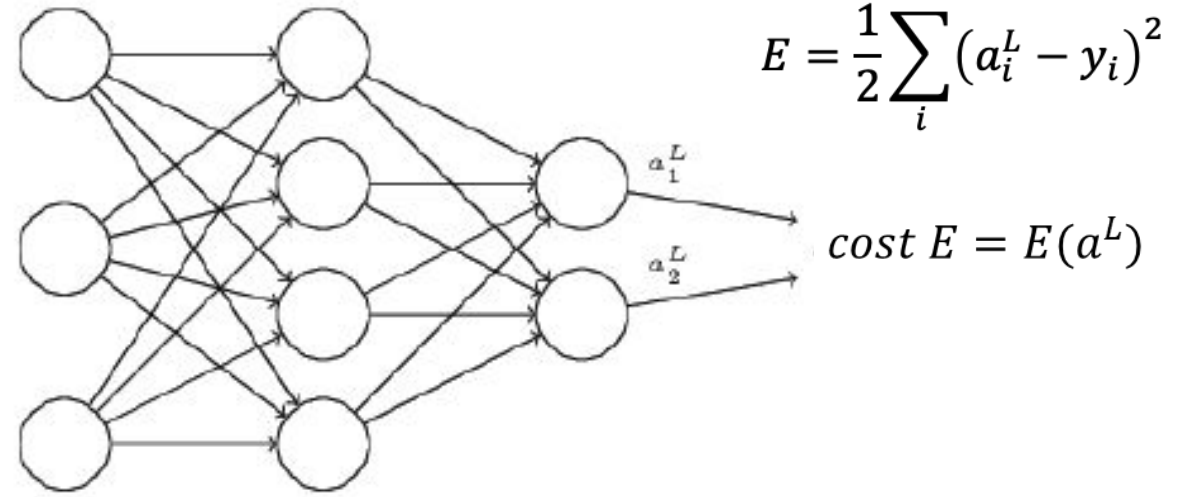
$$\mathbf{a'} = \sigma(\mathbf{w}\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b})$$



Backpropagation

- Input x :** Set the corresponding activation a^1 for the input layer.
- Feedforward:** For each $l = 2, 3, \dots, L$ compute $z^l = w^l a^{l-1} + b^l$ and $a^l = \sigma(z^l)$.
- Output error δ^L :** Compute the vector $\delta^L = \nabla_a C \odot \sigma'(z^L)$.
- Backpropagate the error:** For each $l = L - 1, L - 2, \dots, 2$ compute $\delta^l = ((w^{l+1})^T \delta^{l+1}) \odot \sigma'(z^l)$.
- Output:** The gradient of the cost function is given by $\frac{\partial C}{\partial w_{jk}^l} = a_k^{l-1} \delta_j^l$ and $\frac{\partial C}{\partial b_j^l} = \delta_j^l$.

$$\frac{\partial E}{\partial w_{ji}^l} = \frac{\partial E}{\partial a_i^l} \frac{\partial a_i^l}{\partial z_j^l} \frac{\partial (w_{ji}^l a_i^{l-1})}{\partial w_{ji}^l}$$



$$z_j^l = \sum_i w_{ji}^l a_i^{l-1} + b_j^l \quad a_j^l = \sigma \left(\sum_i w_{ji}^l a_i^{l-1} + b_j^l \right) = \sigma(z_j^l)$$

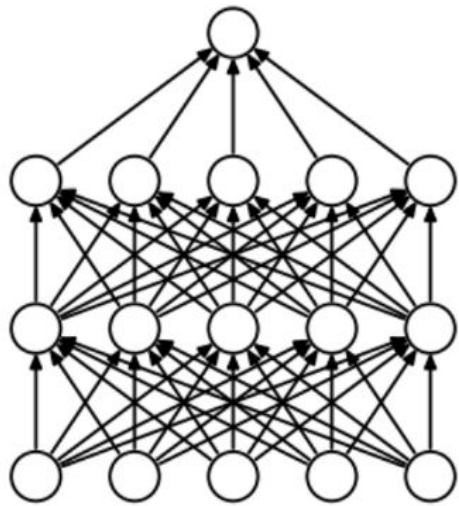
$$\delta_j^L \equiv \frac{\partial E}{\partial z_j^L} = \frac{\partial E}{\partial a_i^L} \frac{\partial a_i^L}{\partial z_j^L} = \frac{\partial E}{\partial a_j^L} \sigma'(z_j^L) \quad (1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_j^l &\equiv \frac{\partial E}{\partial z_j^l} = \frac{\partial E}{\partial z_i^{l+1}} \frac{\partial z_i^{l+1}}{\partial z_j^l} = \frac{\partial z_i^{l+1}}{\partial z_j^l} \delta_i^{l+1} \\ &= \frac{\partial (\sum_i w_{ij}^{l+1} a_j^l + b_i^{l+1})}{\partial z_j^l} \delta_i^{l+1} = \sum_i w_{ij}^{l+1} \delta_i^{l+1} \sigma'(z_j^l) \quad (2) \end{aligned}$$

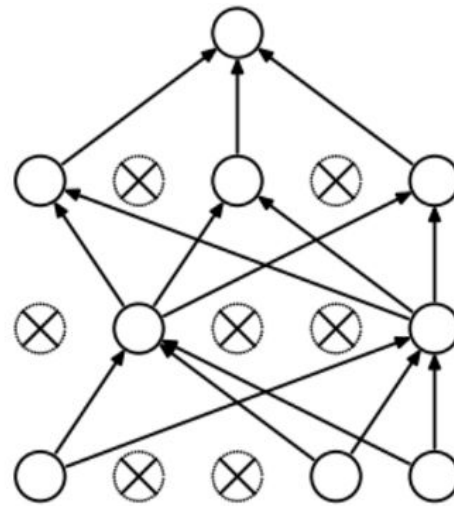
Extra Regularization for Neural Nets

Dropout: accuracy in the absence of certain information

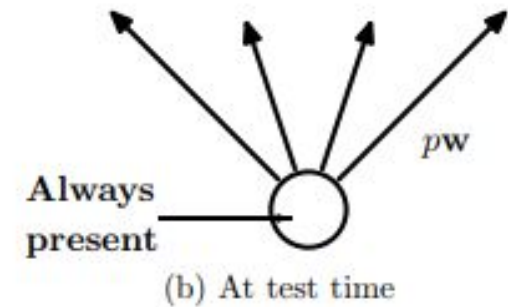
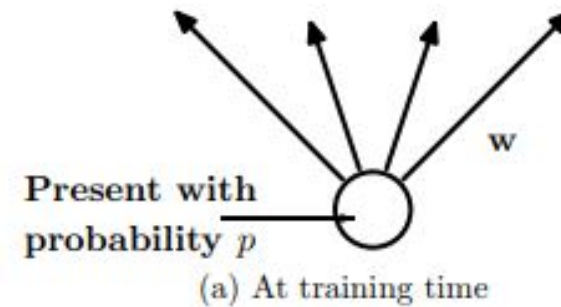
- Prevent dependence on any one (or any small combination) of neurons



(a) Standard Neural Net

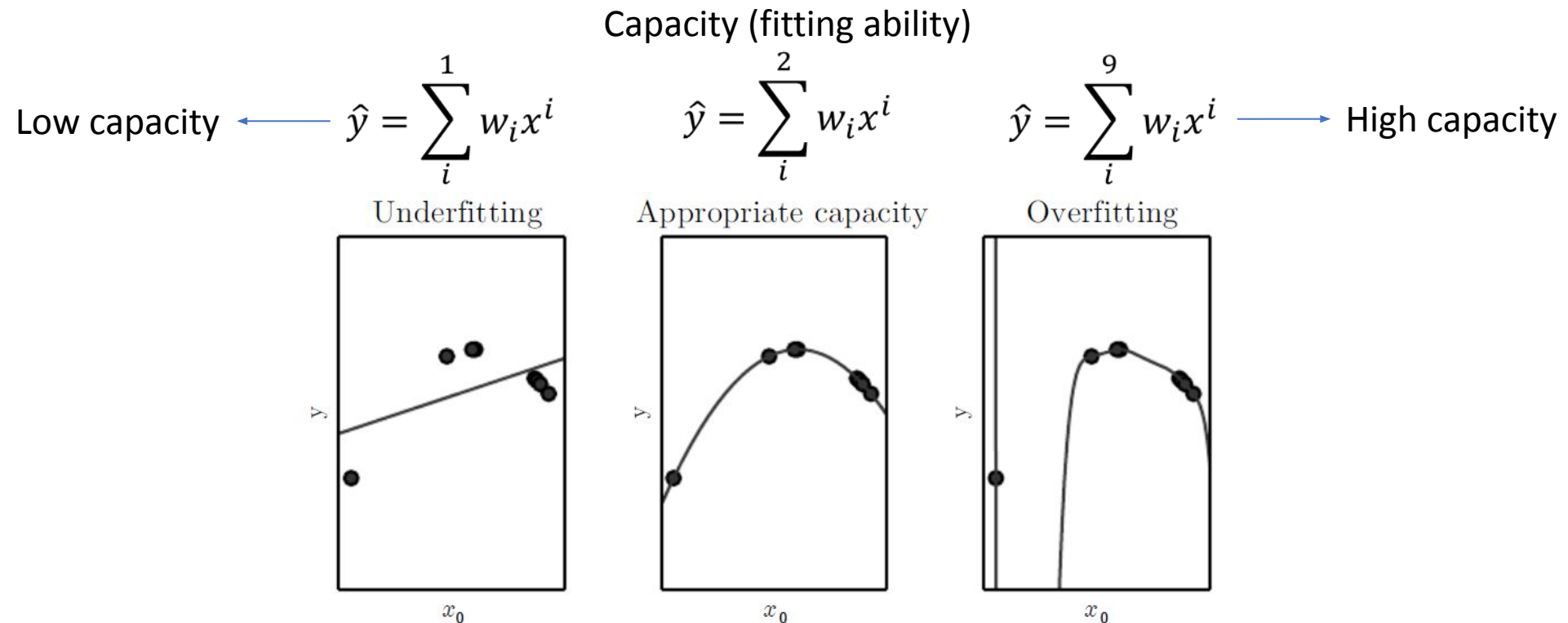


(b) After applying dropout.



Capacity, Overfitting and Underfitting

- 1) Make training error small
- 2) Make the gap between training and test error small



Back to the code

When people want to use Machine Learning without math



How training works

1. In each ***epoch***, randomly shuffle the training data
2. Partition the shuffled training data into ***mini-batches***
3. For each mini-batch, apply a single step of **gradient descent**
 - **Gradients** are calculated via ***backpropagation*** (the next topic)
4. Train for multiple epochs

Debugging a neural network

- What can we do?
 - Should we change the learning rate?
 - Should we initialize differently?
 - Do we need more training data?
 - Should we change the architecture?
 - Should we run for more epochs?
 - Are the features relevant for the problem?
- Debugging is an art
 - We'll develop good heuristics for choosing good architectures and hyper parameters

Extra readings

Deep Learning [book](#):

- Chapter 5.9: Intro to Stochastic Gradient Descent (SGD)
- Chapter 6: Multilayer perceptrons
- Chapter 6.2.2: Output Units (Activation functions)
- Chapter 6.5: Back-Propagation
- Chapter 8.3: Basic Algorithms (Optimizers)

Convolutional Neural Networks

Taking An Image as an Input



a soccer player is kicking a soccer ball



a street sign on a pole in front of a building

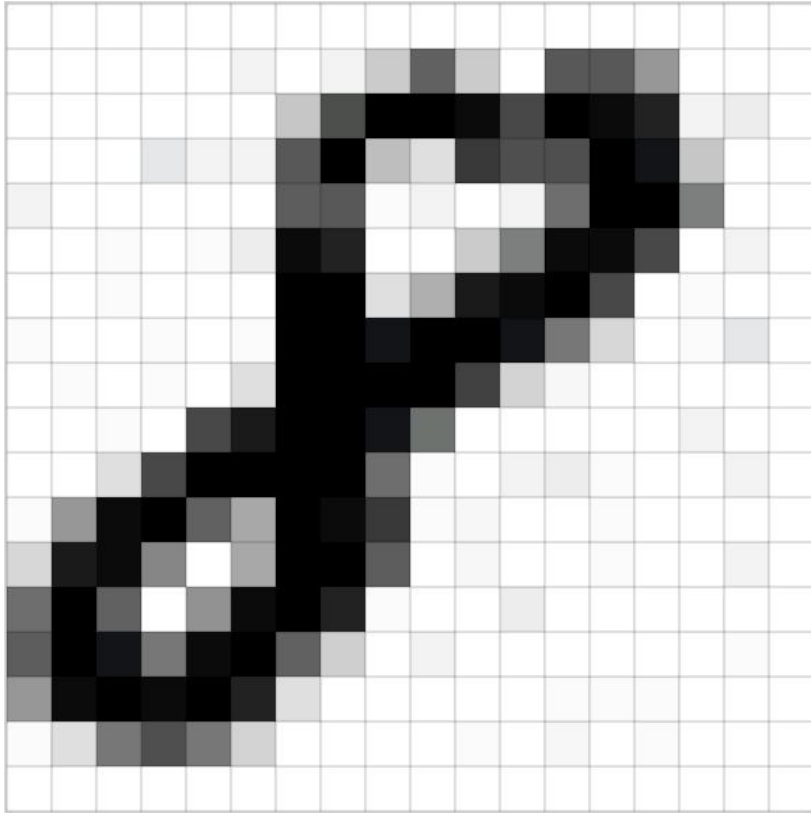


a couple of giraffe standing next to each other

NNs have been very good at classifying real world images

First architecture was LeNet formulated by Yann Lecun in 1988

Images are a series of Pixel Values



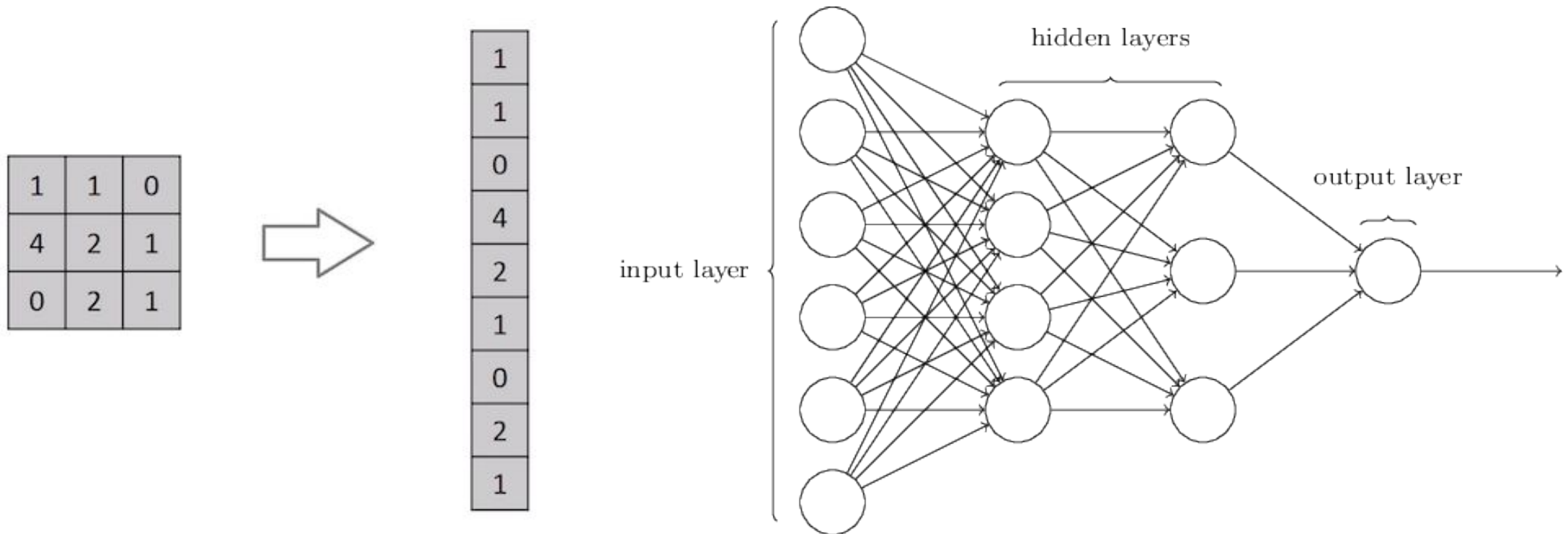
Grayscale images:

0=Black

255 = White

Spatial locality structure

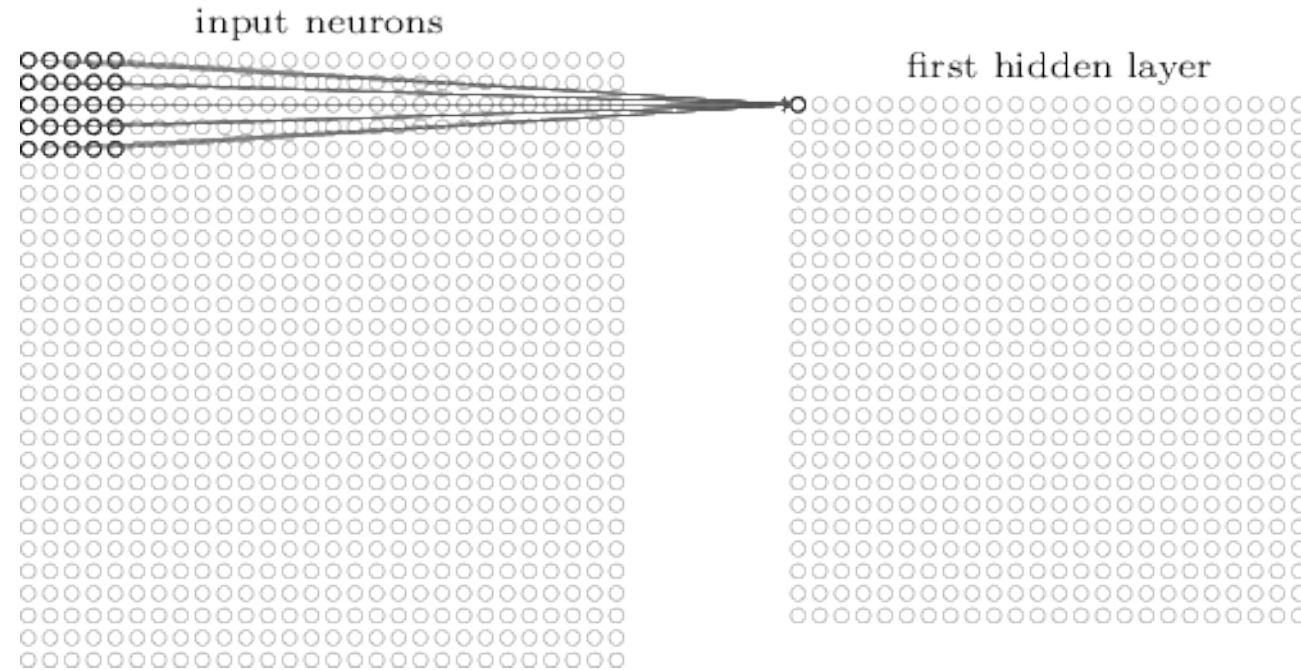
Handling images with Neural Networks



Works well for simple images, but fails when there are more complex patterns in the image

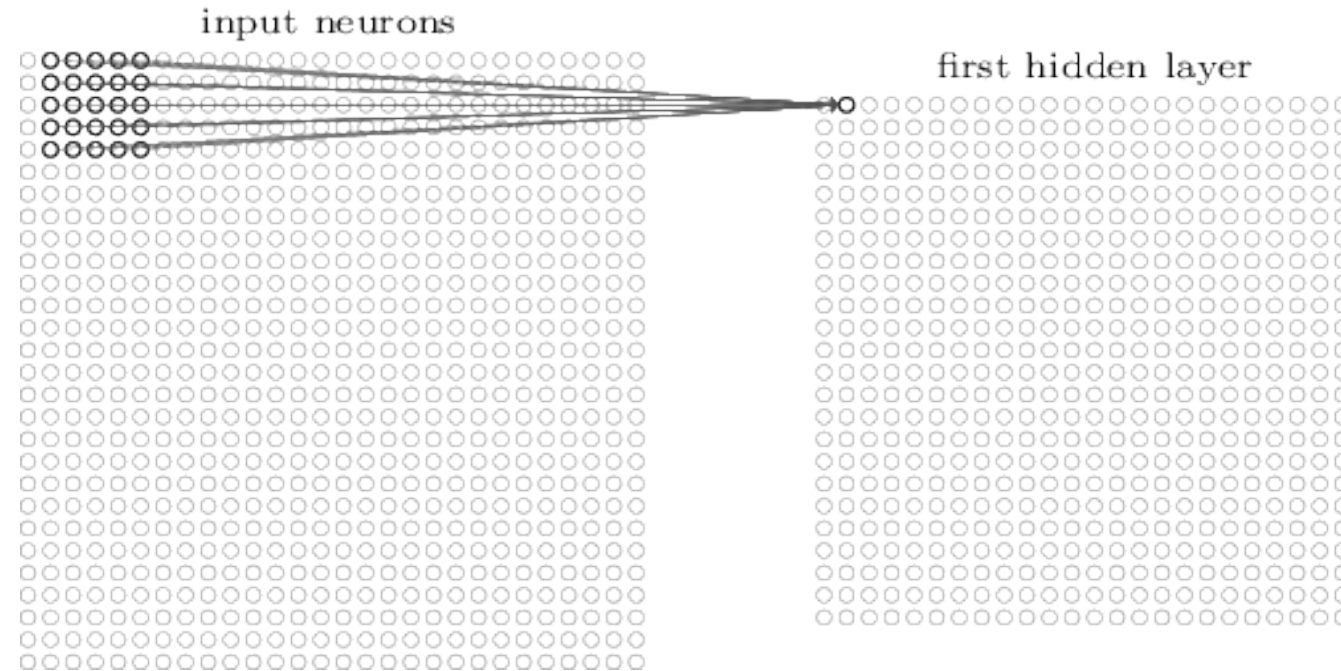
Local receptive fields

Make connections in small, localized regions of the input image



Local receptive fields

Slide the local receptive field over by one (or more) pixel and repeat



The convolution operation

Image

1	1	1	0	0
0	1	1	1	0
0	0	1	1	1
0	0	1	1	0
0	1	1	0	0

1	0	1
0	1	0
1	0	1

Filter/
Feature detector

1 _{x1}	1 _{x0}	1 _{x1}	0	0
0 _{x0}	1 _{x1}	1 _{x0}	1	0
0 _{x1}	0 _{x0}	1 _{x1}	1	1
0	0	1	1	0
0	1	1	0	0

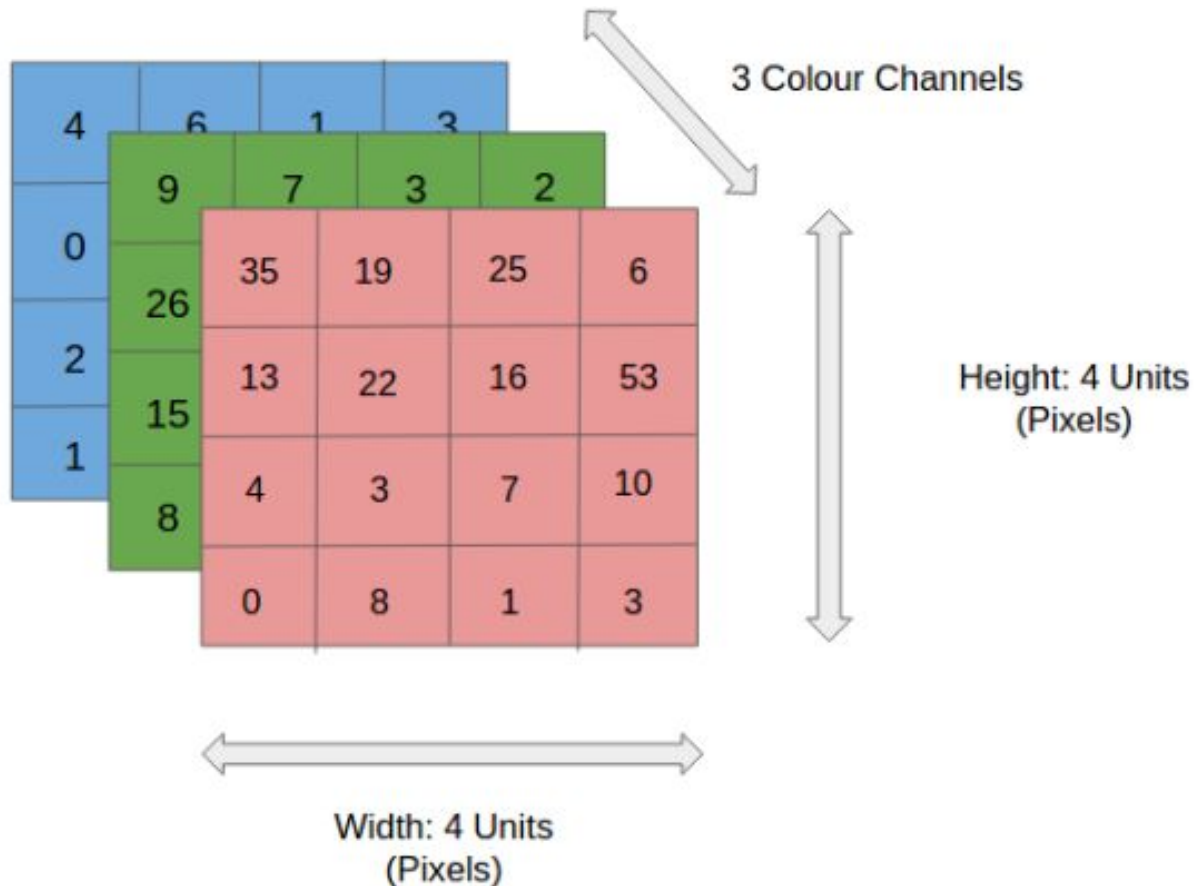
Image

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Convolved
Feature

1. Pointwise multiply
2. Add results
3. Translate filter

Convolutional Neural Networks



1 _{x1}	1 _{x0}	1 _{x1}	0	0
0 _{x0}	1 _{x1}	1 _{x0}	1	0
0 _{x1}	0 _{x0}	1 _{x1}	1	1
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Image



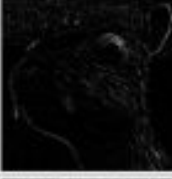




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Convolved Feature

Filters

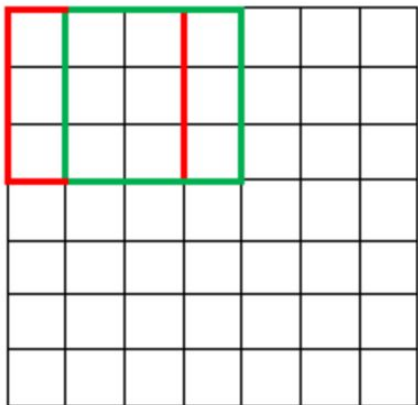
Original Image



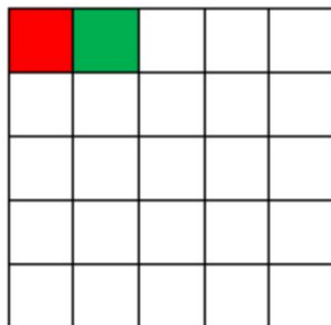
Operation	Filter	Convolved Image
Identity	$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$	
Edge detection	$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$	
	$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -4 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$	
	$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & 8 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$	
Sharpen	$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 5 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$	
Box blur (normalized)	$\frac{1}{9} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$	
Gaussian blur (approximation)	$\frac{1}{16} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$	

Stride

7 x 7 Input Volume

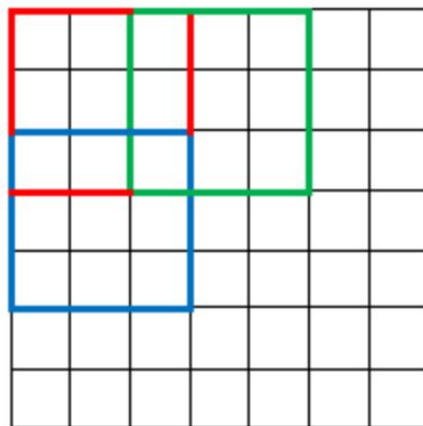


5 x 5 Output Volume

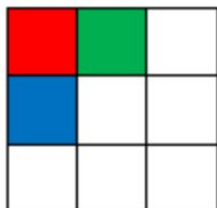


Stride 1

7 x 7 Input Volume



3 x 3 Output Volume



Stride 2

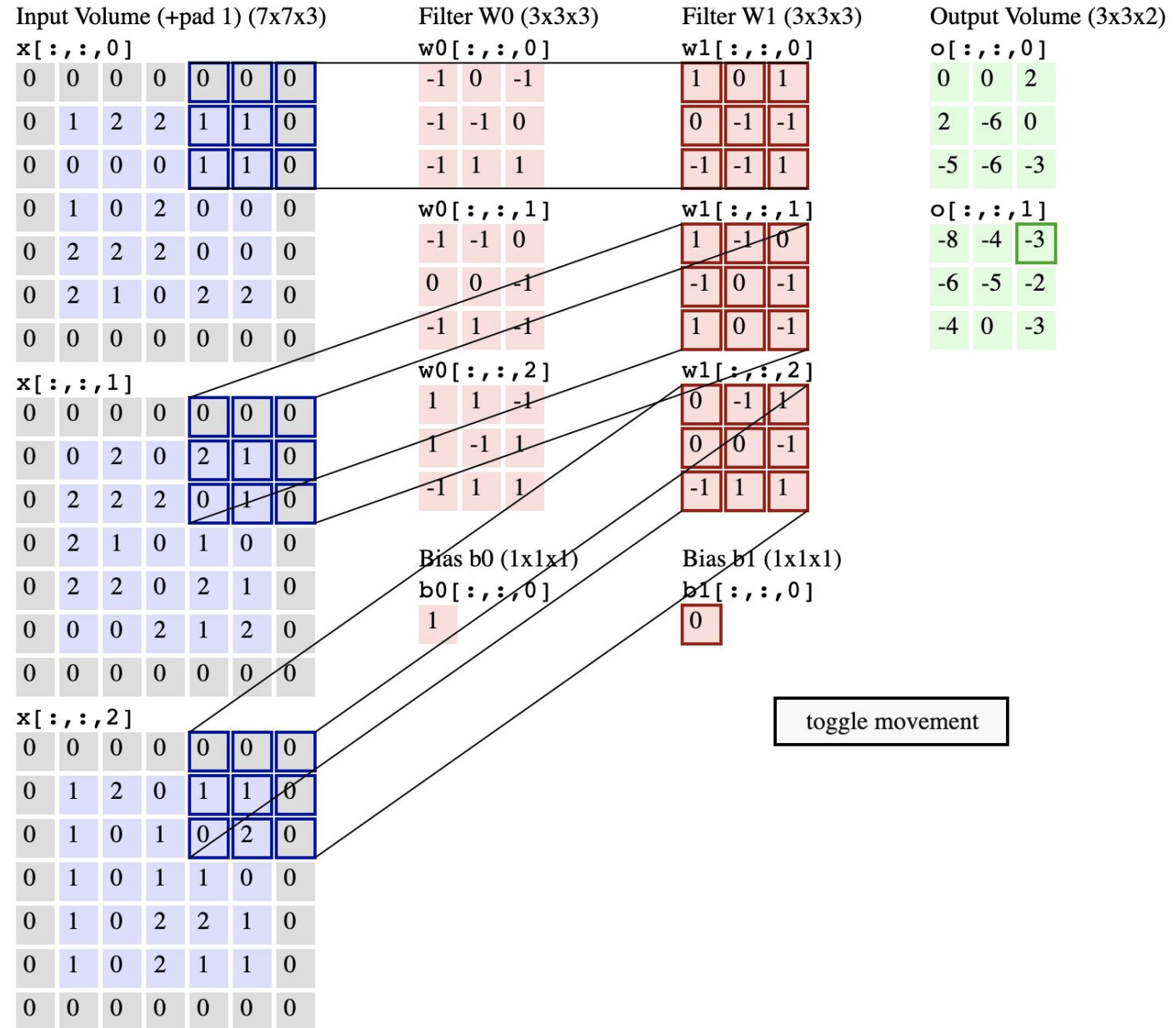
CNN over the image channels

- Input: $W \times H \times D$
- Requires four hyperparameters:
 - Number of filters K ,
 - their spatial extent F ,
 - the stride S ,
 - the amount of zero padding P

• Output: $W_2 \times H_2 \times D_2$

where:

- $W_2 = (W - F + 2P) / S + 1$
- $H_2 = (H - F + 2P) / S + 1$
- $D_2 = K$

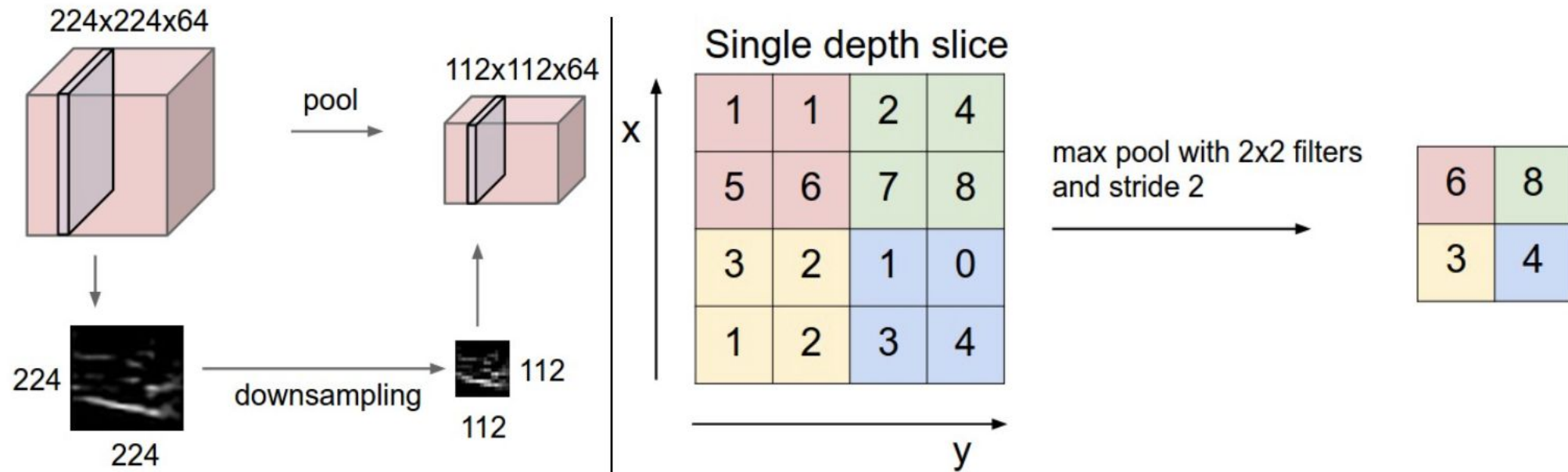


Kernels



Example filters learned by Krizhevsky et al. Each of the 96 filters shown here is of size $[11 \times 11 \times 3]$, and each one is shared by the 55×55 neurons in one depth slice. Notice that the parameter sharing assumption is relatively reasonable: If detecting a horizontal edge is important at some location in the image, it should intuitively be useful at some other location as well due to the translationally-invariant structure of images. There is therefore no need to relearn to detect a horizontal edge at every one of the 55×55 distinct locations in the Conv layer output volume.

Pooling



Pooling layer downsamples the volume spatially, independently in each depth slice of the input volume. Left: In this example, the input volume of size $[224 \times 224 \times 64]$ is pooled with filter size 2, stride 2 into output volume of size $[112 \times 112 \times 64]$. Notice that the volume depth is preserved. Right: The most common downsampling operation is max, giving rise to max pooling, here shown with a stride of 2. That is, each max is taken over 4 numbers (little 2×2 square).

Pooling layers

- Intuition: the exact location of a feature isn't as important as its rough location
 - Helps prevent overfitting
- Reduces the number of parameters needed in later layers
- L_2 pooling is also common (L_2 norm)

Fully connected layer to combine

- Convolutional layers detected features
- Pooling layers reduced complexity
- Now we have a set of feature maps

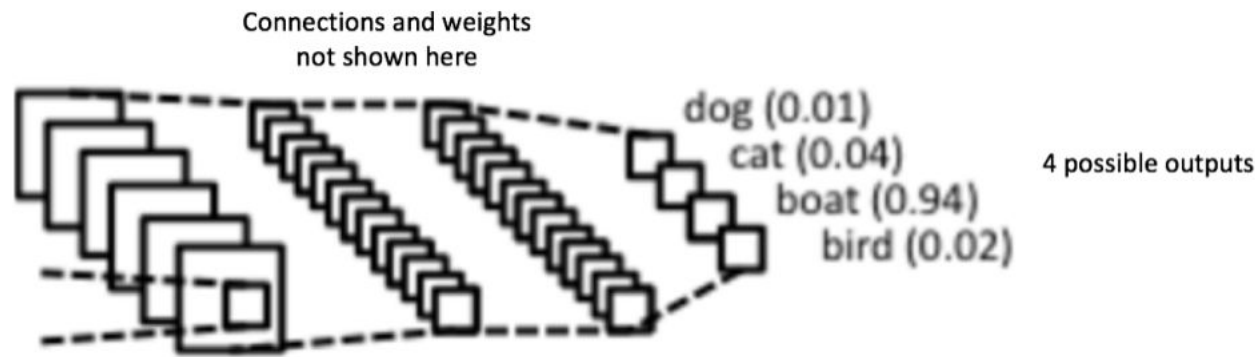
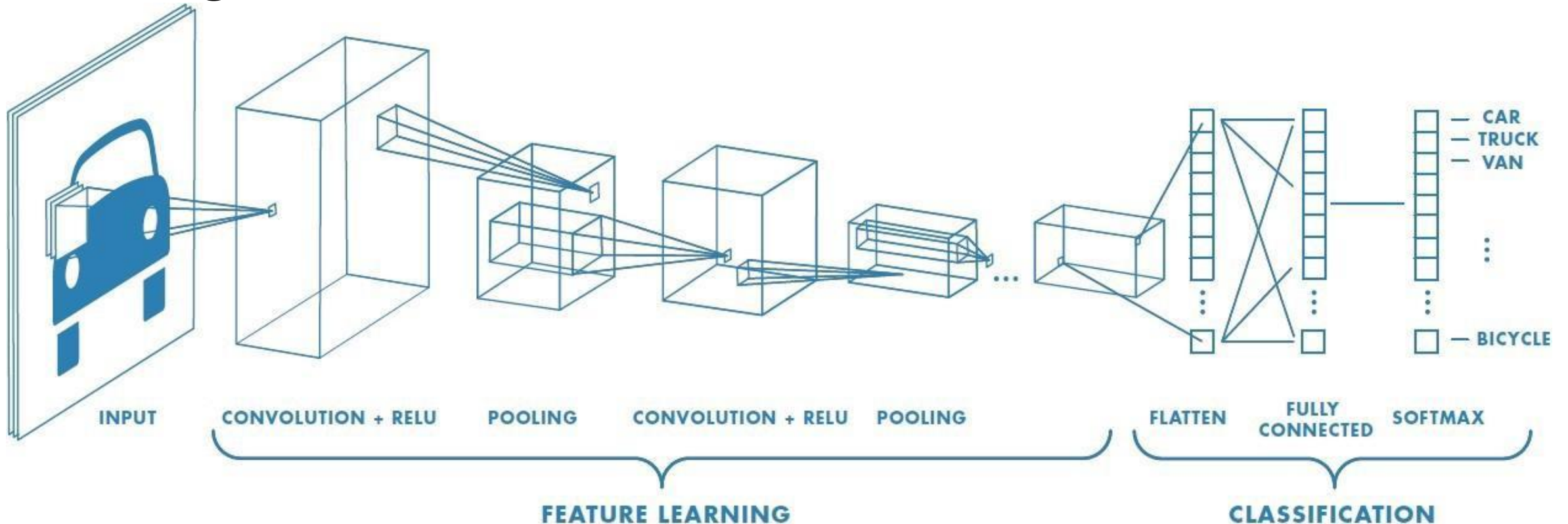


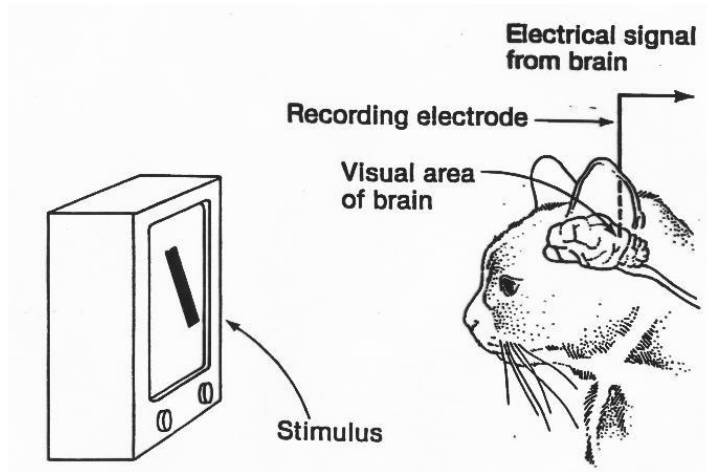
Image Classification with CNN



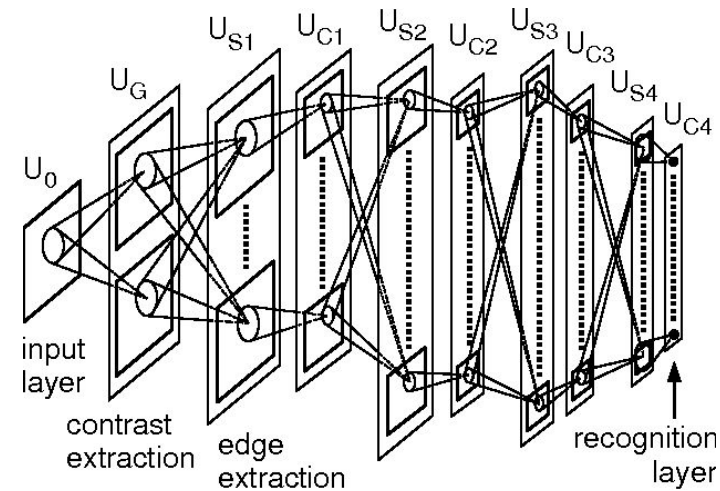
- CONV and POOL layers output high-level features of input
- Fully connected layer uses these features for classifying input image
- Express output as probability of image belonging to a particular class

$$\text{softmax}(y_i) = \frac{e^{y_i}}{\sum_j e^{y_j}}$$

CNN and brain architecture



Hubel and Wiesel, 1959-1968

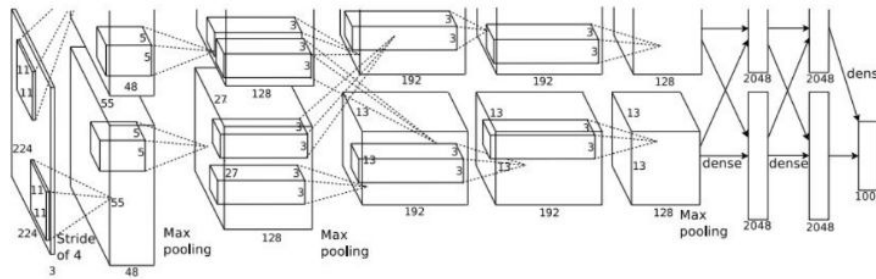
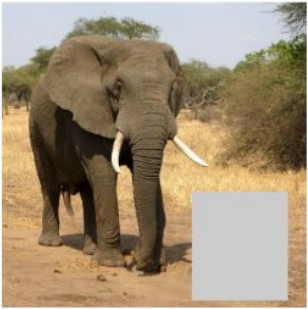


Fukushima, 1980

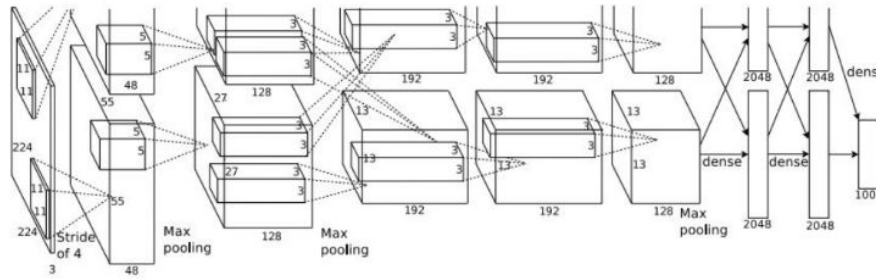
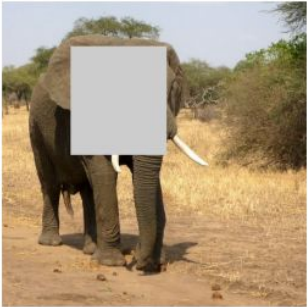
Brain “**inspired**” model

Which pixels matter: Saliency via Occlusion

Mask part of the image before feeding to CNN,
check how much predicted probabilities change



$$P(\text{elephant}) = 0.95$$



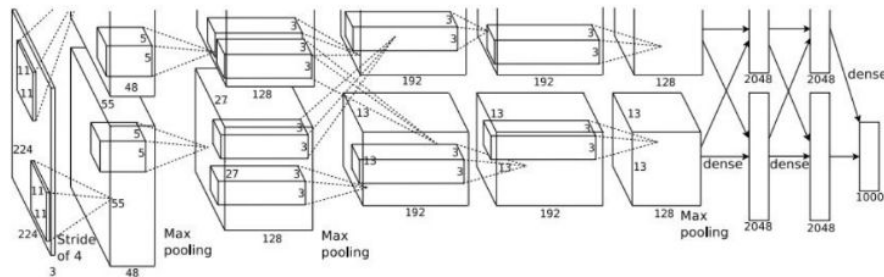
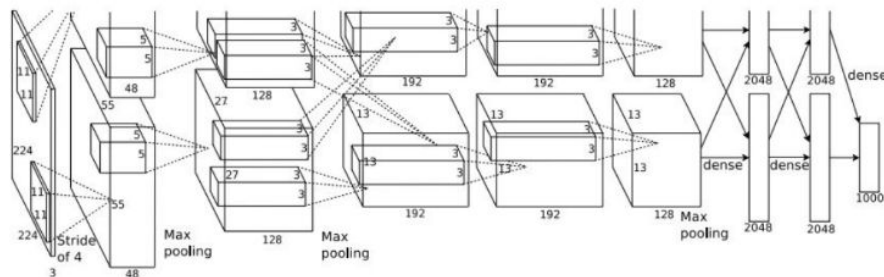
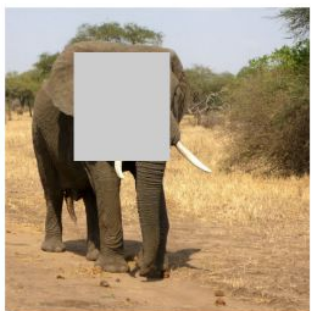
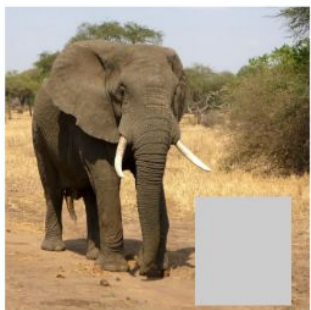
$$P(\text{elephant}) = 0.75$$

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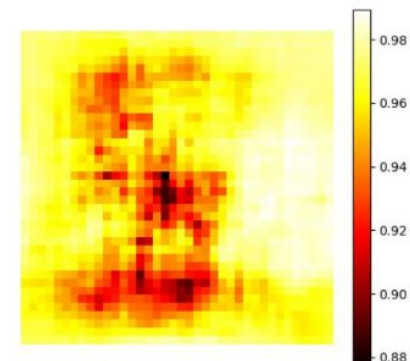
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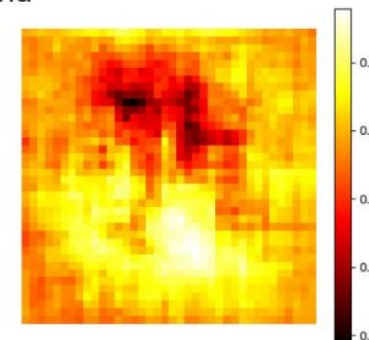
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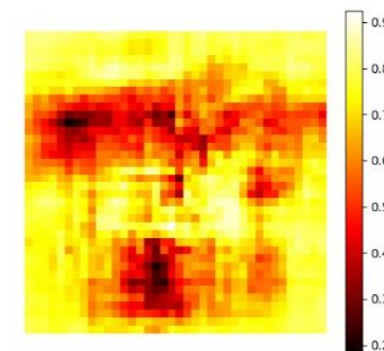
schooner



African elephant, *Loxodonta africana*

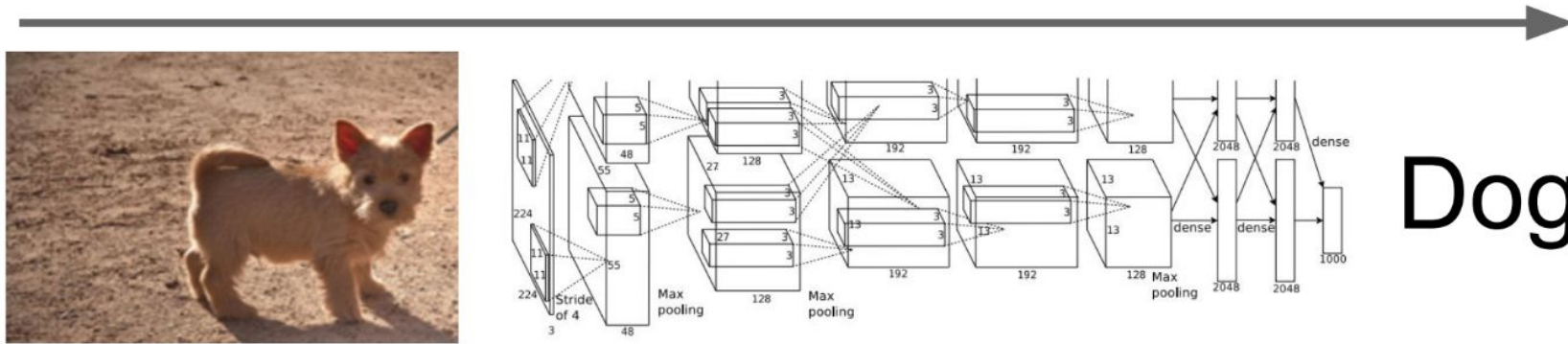


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Which pixels matter: Saliency via Backprop

Forward pass: Compute probabilities

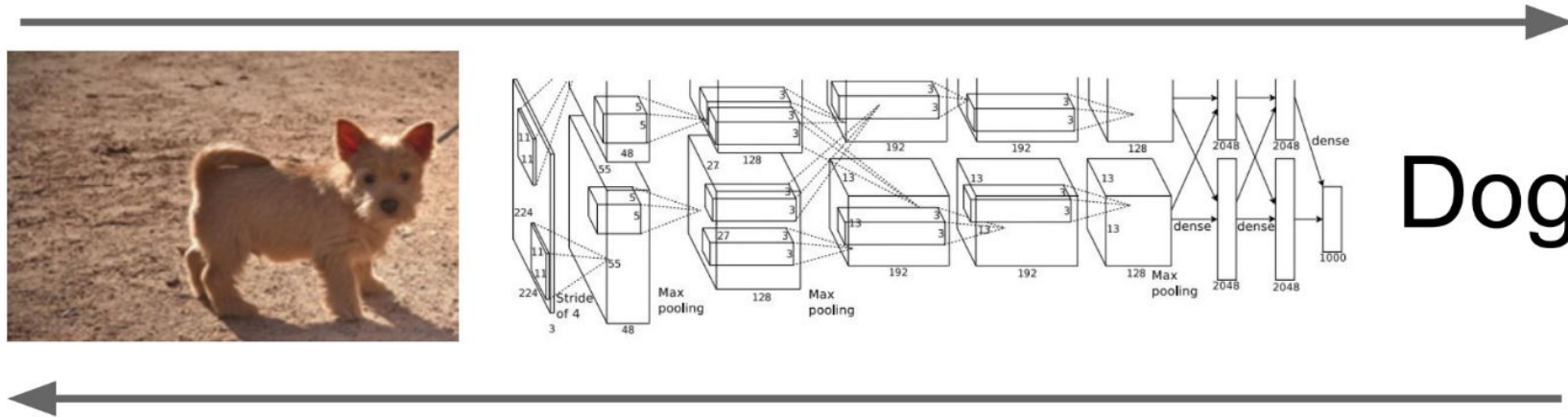


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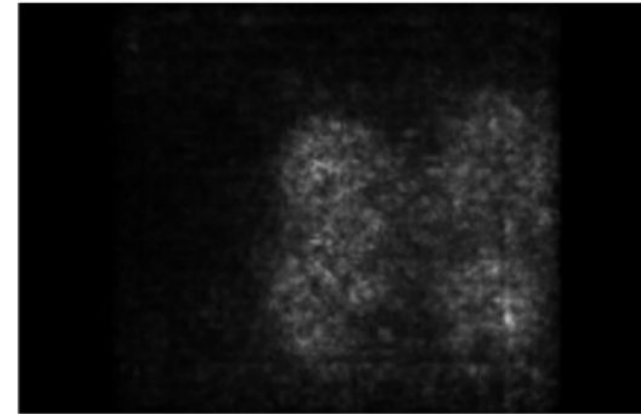
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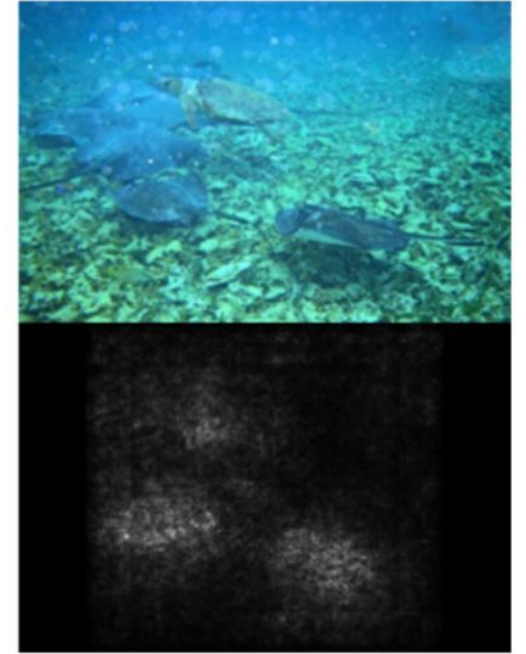
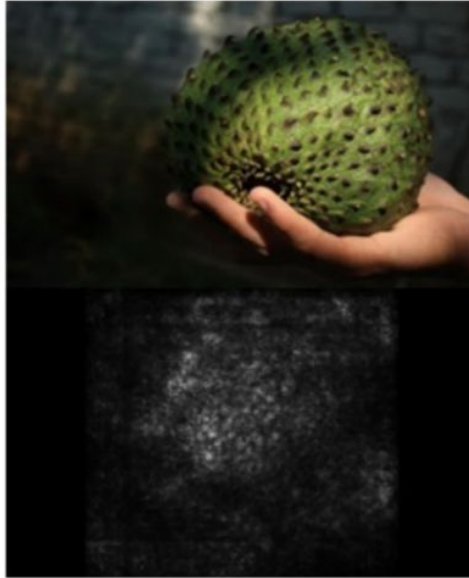
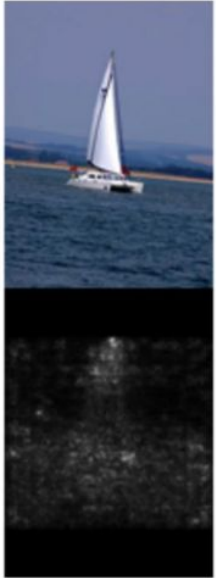
Forward pass: Compute probabilities



Compute gradient of (unnormalized) class score with respect to image pixels, take absolute value and max over RGB channels



Saliency Maps



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