

AlexNet — “The Big Dropout Net”

Rhyme:

“Two towers tall, ReLUs all;
Big filters start, five-by-five call.
Dropout guards when data’s small —
AlexNet wins it all.”

What this helps you recall

- Two-stream GPU split → “two towers tall”
- ReLU activation → “ReLUs all”
- First conv uses large filters (11×11, then 5×5) → “big filters... five-by-five call”
- Dropout introduced → “dropout guards”
- ImageNet 2012 winner → “wins it all”

ZFNet — “The Zoom-and-Fix Net”

Rhyme:

“Alex was wide, ZF zoomed inside;
Seven-by-seven to see the stride.
Deconv shows where features hide —
Fix the net and ride.”

✓ *What this helps you recall*

- Improved AlexNet → “Alex was wide... ZF zoomed inside”
- Changed 11×11 → 7×7 first filter → “seven-by-seven”
- Reduced stride for better feature capture → “see the stride”
- Introduced deconv visualizations → “where features hide”

GoogLeNet (Inception) — “The Multi-Path Net”

Rhyme:

“One net, many paths in sight;
One-three-five in fusion tight.
Bottlenecks make the model light —
GoogLeNet keeps depth just right.”

✓ *What this helps you recall*

- Inception module = many parallel paths → “many paths in sight”
- Uses 1×1, 3×3, 5×5 kernels together → “one-three-five in fusion tight”
- Uses 1×1 bottlenecks for dimensionality reduction → “bottlenecks... light”
- Very deep but efficient → “depth just right”

ResNet — “The Skip-Connection Net”

Rhyme:

“If learning fails, skip the trail;
Add it back so gradients sail.
Hundreds deep without a bail —
ResNet wins the trail.”

✓ *What this helps you recall*

- Skip connections / identity mapping → “skip the trail”
- Solves vanishing gradient → “gradients sail”
- Extremely deep models (50/101/152) → “hundreds deep”
- Breakthrough performance → “wins the trail”

Gradient Descend

“Batch is slow but steady in sight,
SGD jumps left and right.
Mini-batch makes learning tight,
Momentum rolls with extra might,
Nesterov looks ahead for the right-step
light.”

