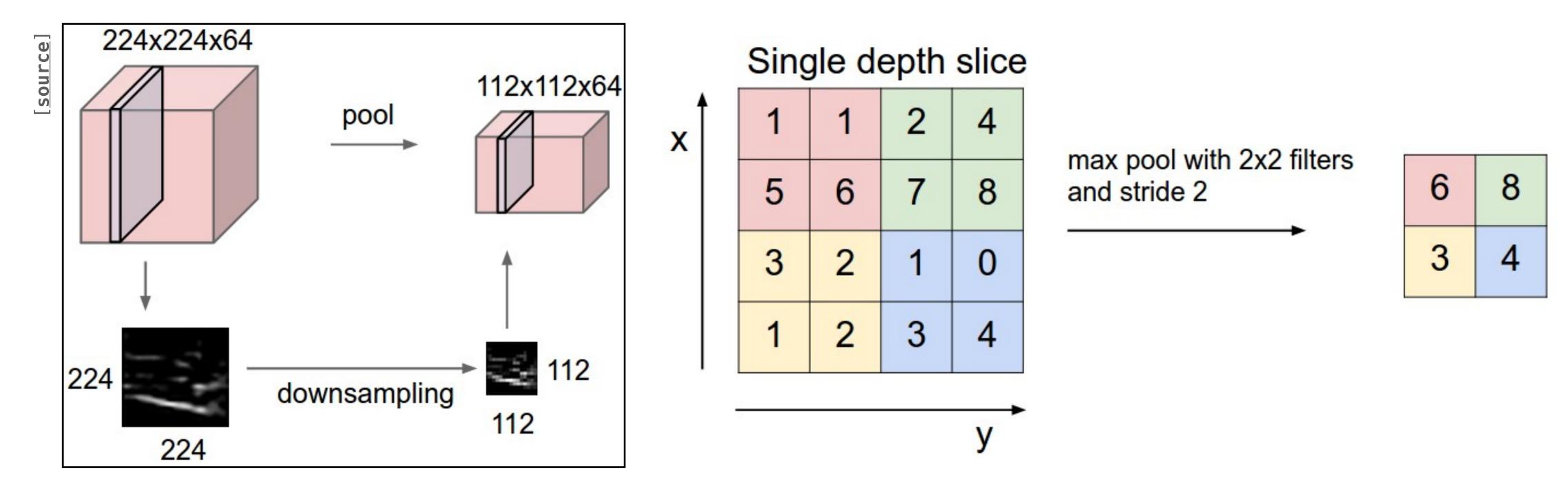
## Image Classification with Convolutional Networks

## pooling

- Downsample feature maps
- Max pooling works best because when looking for a feature it is better to look at the maximal presence rather than the average presence
- It's best practice to do un-strided convolutions then downsample with maxpooling rather than using strides to downsample



## Almost done for today...

Aspect	Forward Pass	Backward Pass
Direction	Input → Hidden Layers → Output	Output → Hidden Layers → Input
Purpose	Calculate output and loss	Update weights and biases to reduce loss
Mathematics	Linear transformations and activations	Gradients and chain rule
Focus	Prediction	Learning (optimization)

## what are **Epochs**?

- refers to one complete pass through the entire training dataset by the model. During this
  - 1. the model sees every single example in the training dataset once.
  - 2. It tries to learn by adjusting its weights through forward passes (making predictions) and backward passes (updating weights using the errors).
- more epochs = more practice = better learning
  (up to a point; too many epochs can lead to overfitting)