

# CSCI567 Machine Learning (Fall 2024)

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# Outline

- 1 Multiclass Classification
- 2 Neural Nets
- 3 Convolutional neural networks (ConvNets/CNNs)

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The materials borrow heavily from the following sources:

- Stanford Course CS231n: <http://cs231n.stanford.edu/>
- Dr. Ian Goodfellow's lectures on deep learning:  
<http://deeplearningbook.org>

Both website provides tons of useful resources: notes, demos, videos, etc.

# Image Classification: A core task in Computer Vision



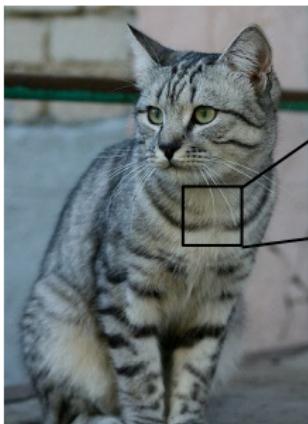
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(assume given set of discrete labels)  
{dog, cat, truck, plane, ...}



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# The Problem: Semantic Gap



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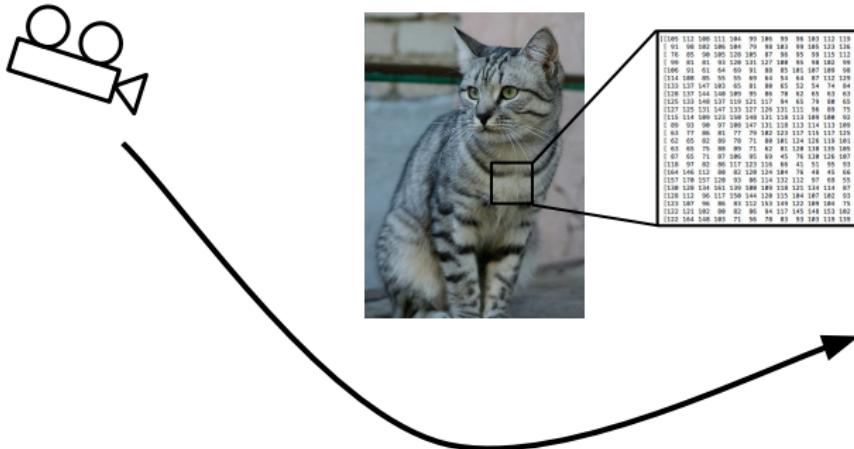
What the computer sees

An image is just a big grid of numbers between [0, 255]:

e.g. 800 x 600 x 3  
(3 channels RGB)

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## Challenges: Viewpoint variation



All pixels change when  
the camera moves!

## Challenges: Illumination



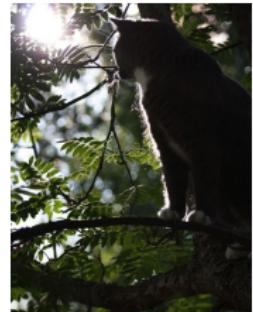
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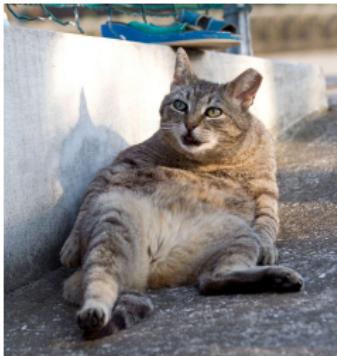


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## Challenges: Deformation



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# Challenges: Occlusion



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## Challenges: Background Clutter



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## Challenges: Intraclass variation



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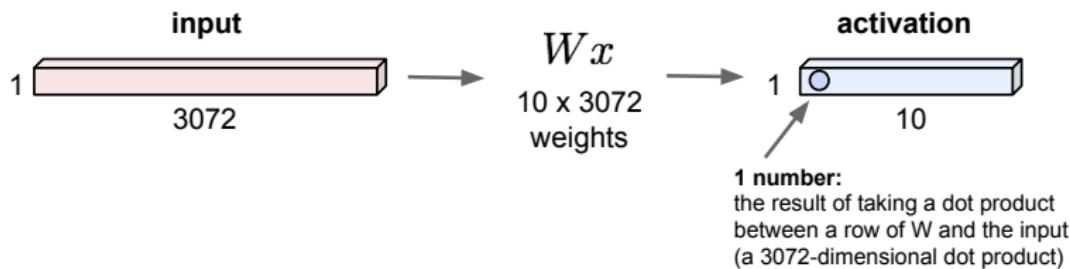
## Main ideas

- need a lot of data that exhibits those variations
- need more specialized models to capture the invariance

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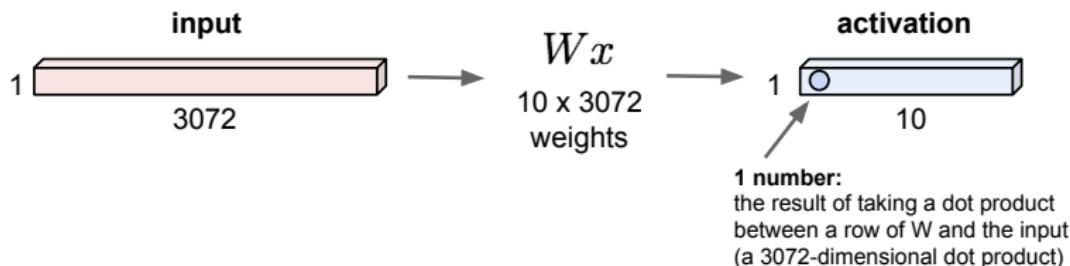
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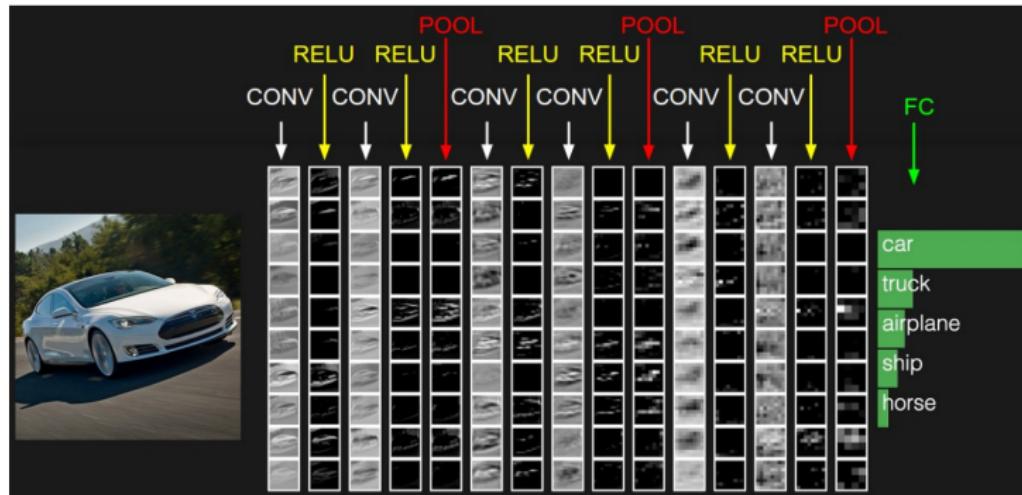
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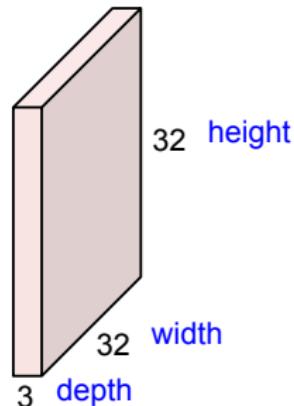


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Arrange neurons as a **3D volume** naturally

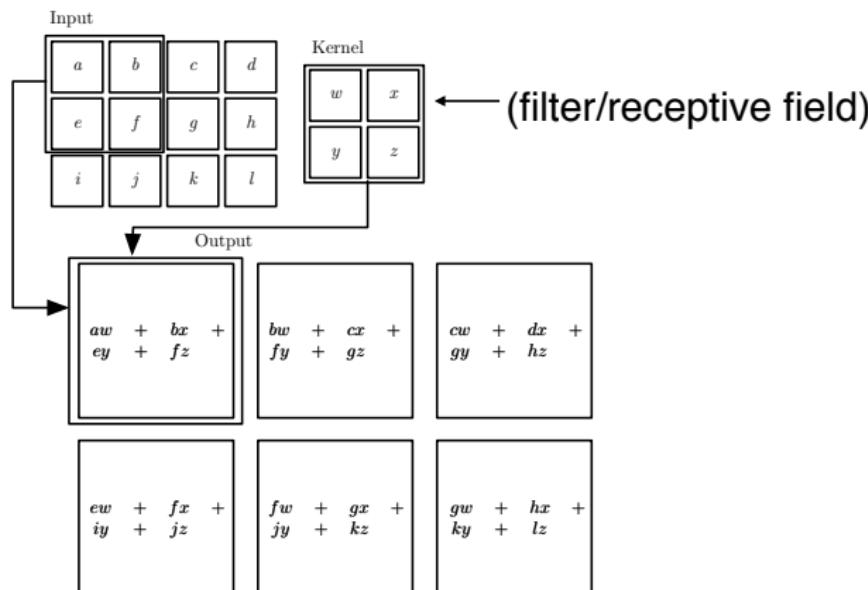
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32x32x3 image -> preserve spatial structure



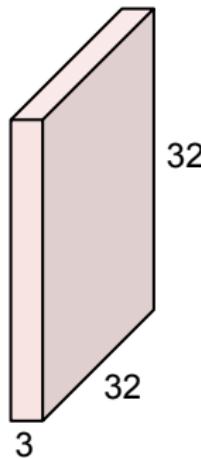
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## 2D Convolution



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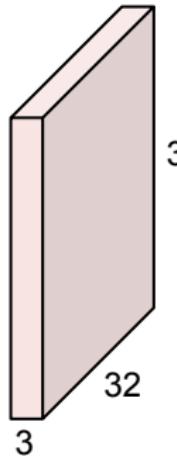
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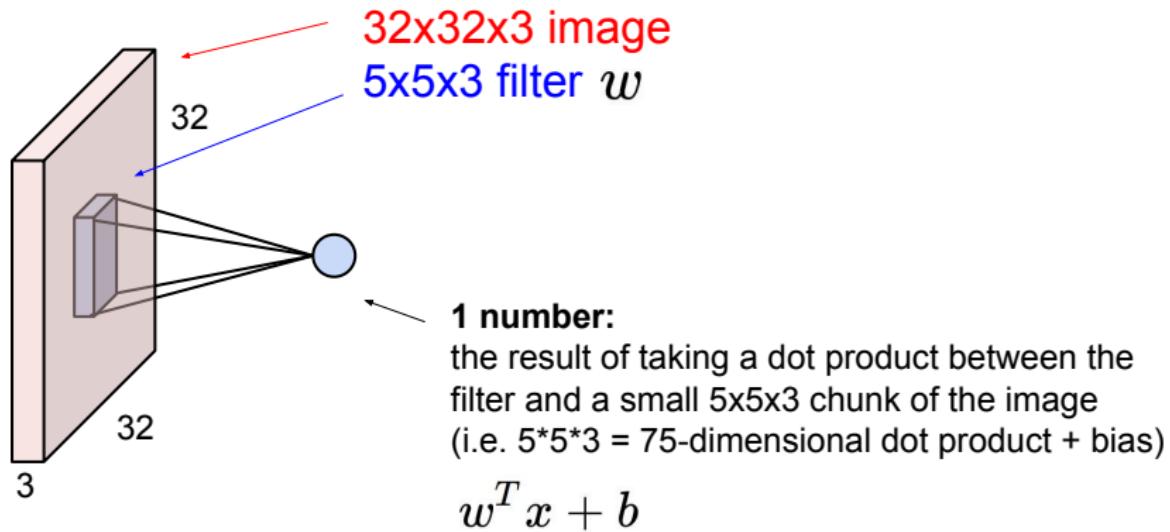
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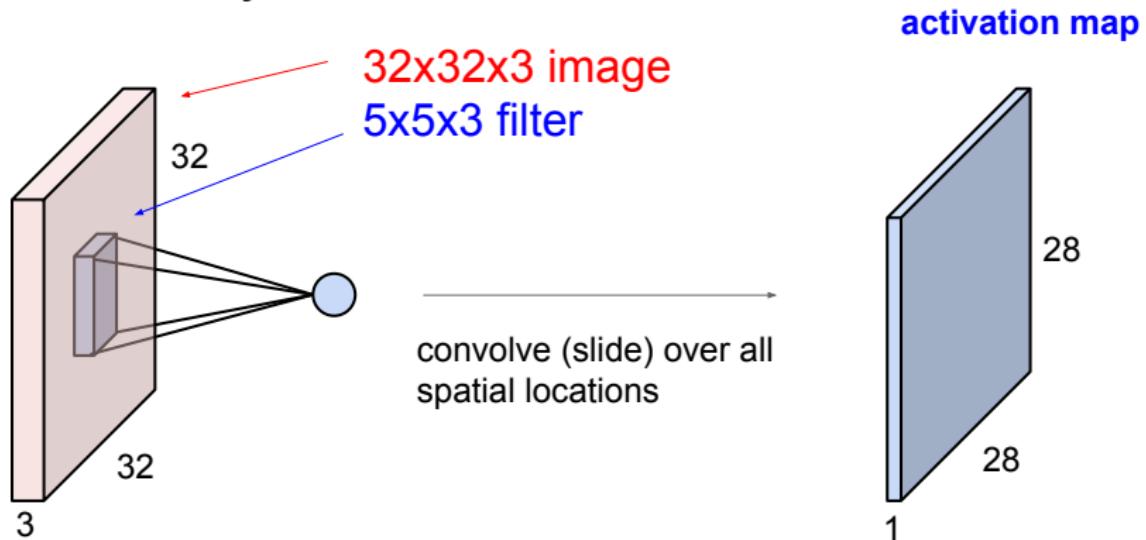
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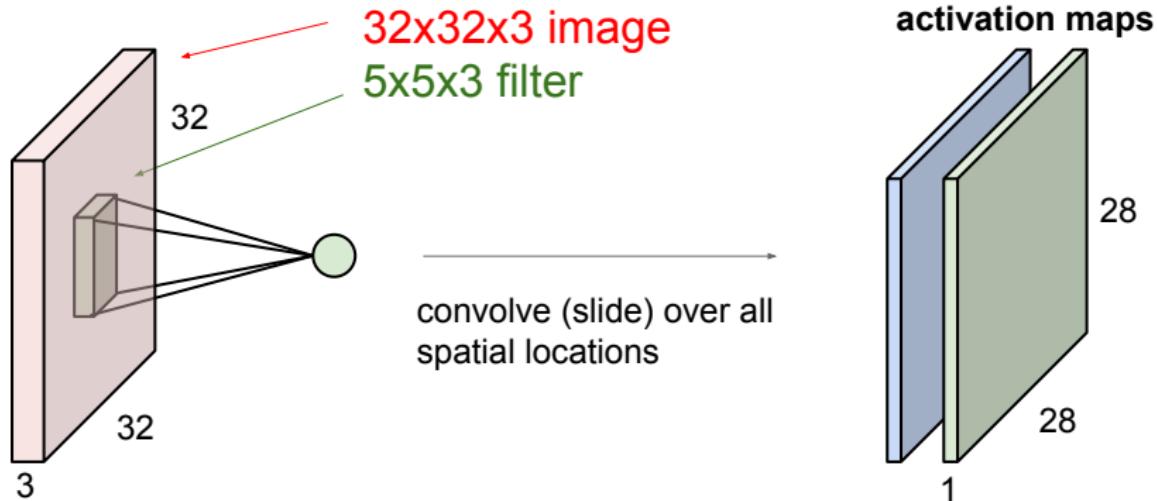


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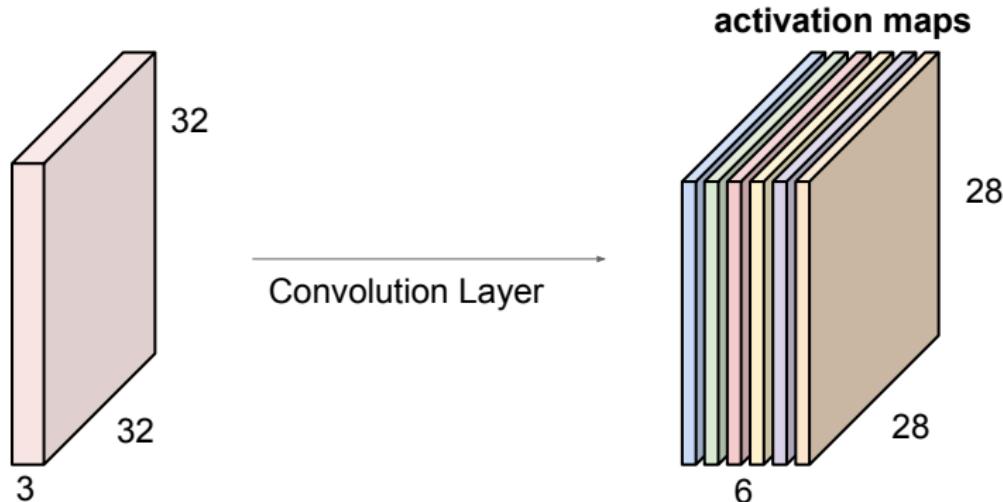


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consider a second, green filter

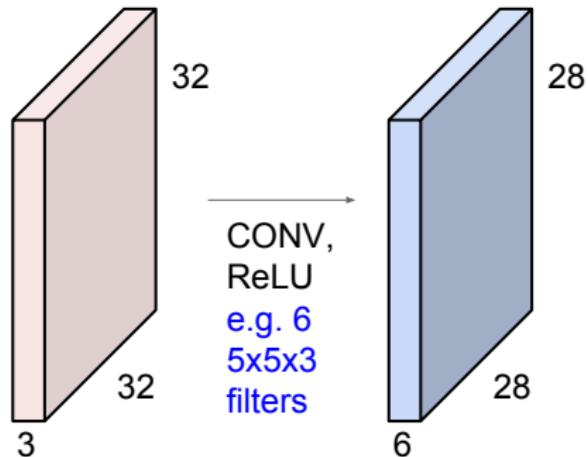


For example, if we had 6 5x5 filters, we'll get 6 separate activation maps:

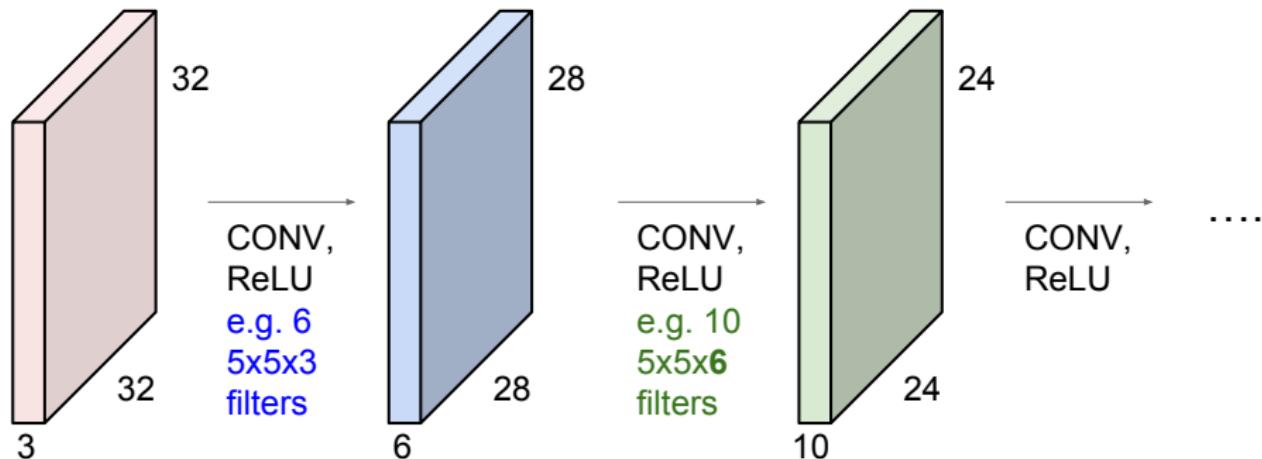


We stack these up to get a “new image” of size  $28 \times 28 \times 6$ !

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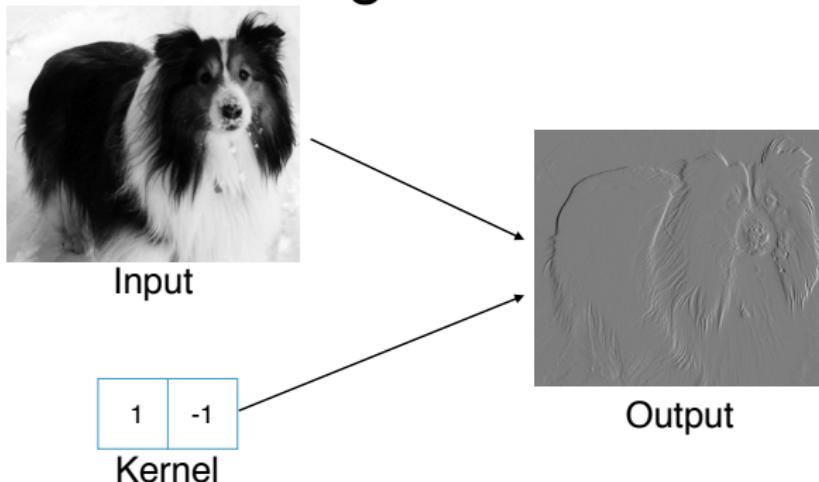
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### A simple example why filtering is useful



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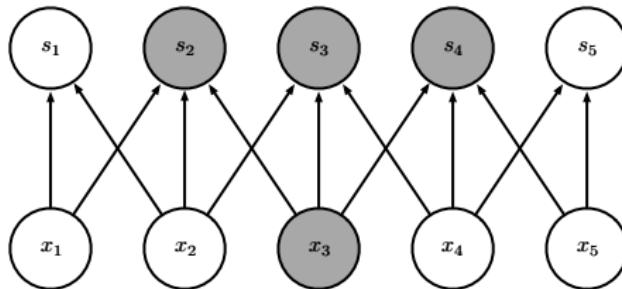
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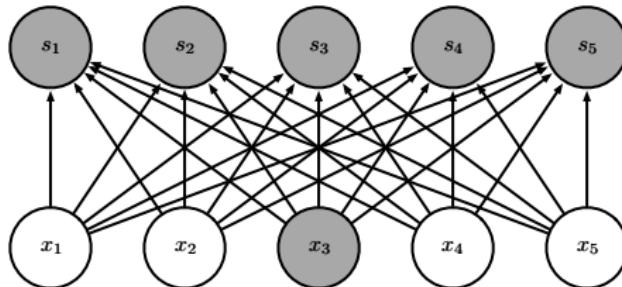
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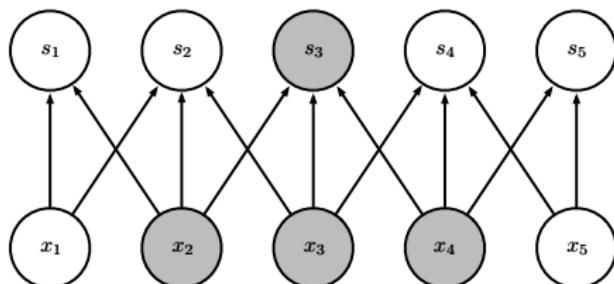


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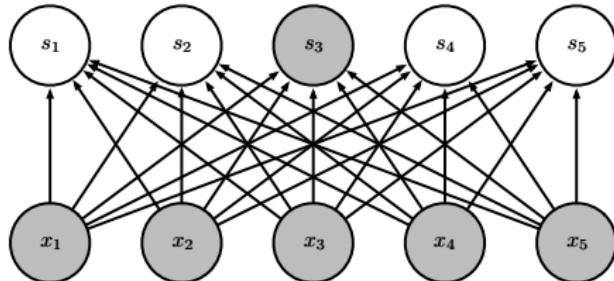


Figure 9.3

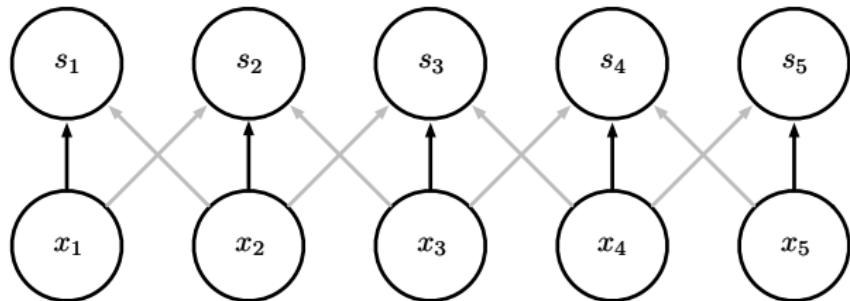
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# Parameter Sharing

Convolution  
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across all spatial  
locations



Traditional  
matrix  
multiplication  
does not share  
any parameters

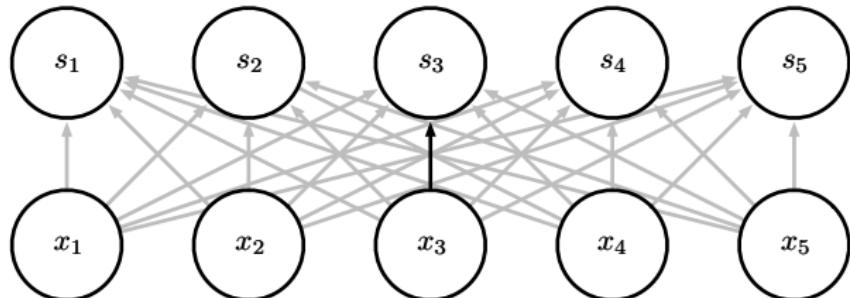


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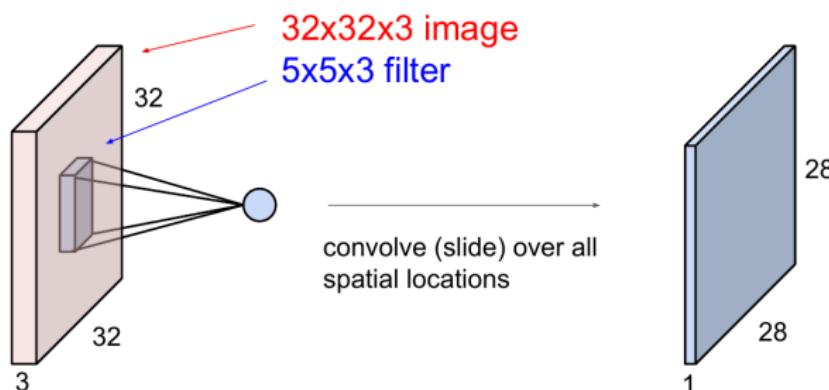
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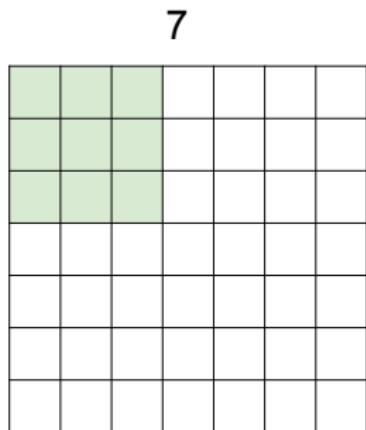
*Much fewer parameters!* Example (ignore bias terms):

- FC:  $(32 \times 32 \times 3) \times (28 \times 28) \approx 2.4M$
- CNN:  $5 \times 5 \times 3 = 75$



# Spatial arrangement: stride and padding

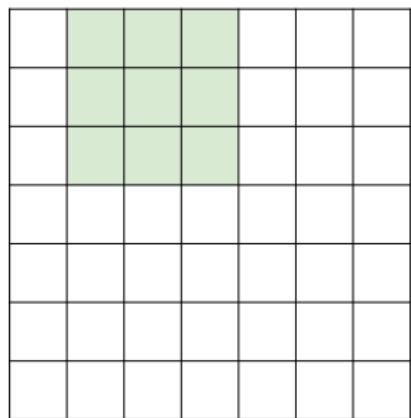
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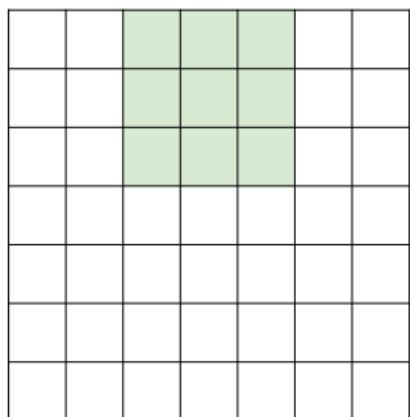


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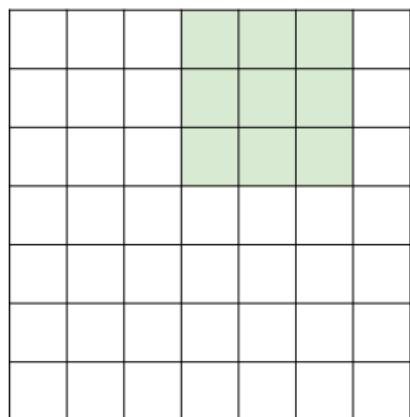


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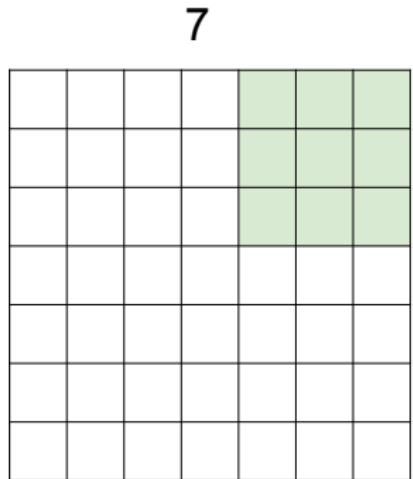
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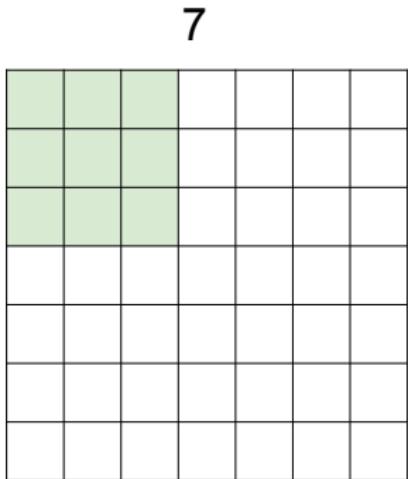
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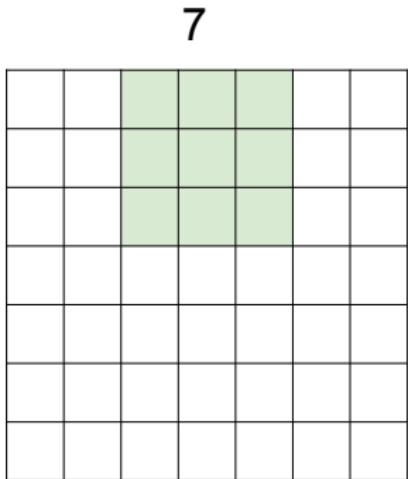
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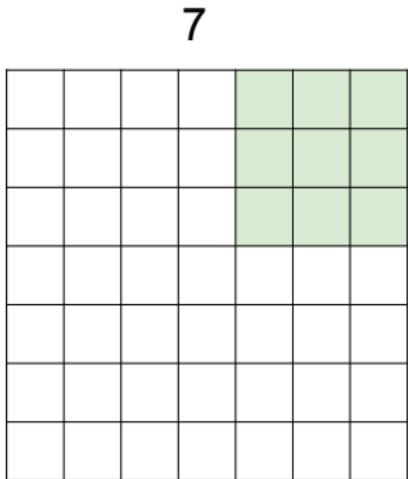
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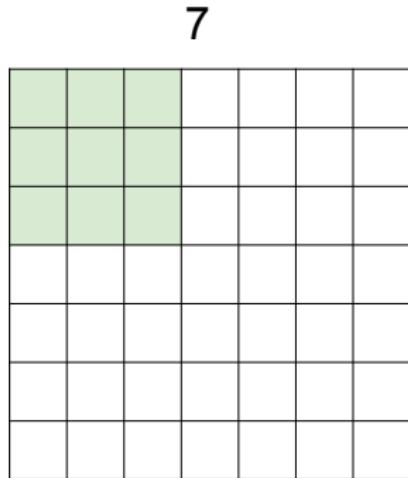
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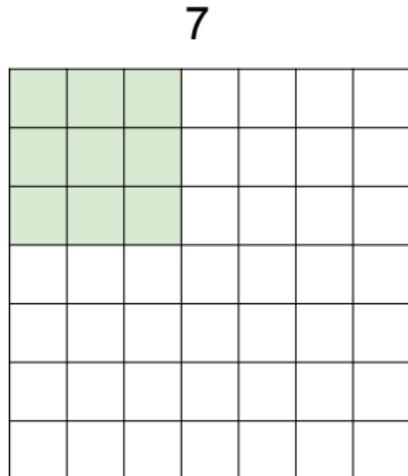
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**=> 3x3 output!**

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applied **with stride 3?**

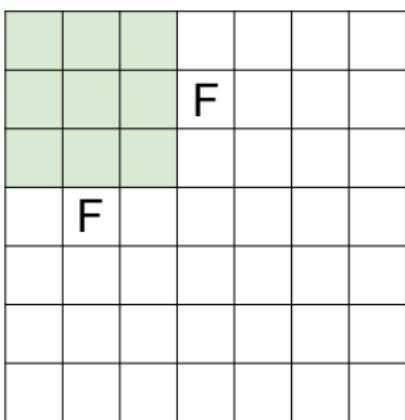
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**doesn't fit!**  
cannot apply 3x3 filter on  
7x7 input with stride 3.

N



N

Output size:  
**(N - F) / stride + 1**

e.g. N = 7, F = 3:

$$\text{stride 1} \Rightarrow (7 - 3)/1 + 1 = 5$$

$$\text{stride 2} \Rightarrow (7 - 3)/2 + 1 = 3$$

$$\text{stride 3} \Rightarrow (7 - 3)/3 + 1 = 2.33 \vdots$$

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(recall:)

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in general, common to see CONV layers with stride 1, filters of size FxF, and zero-padding with  $(F-1)/2$ . (will preserve size spatially)

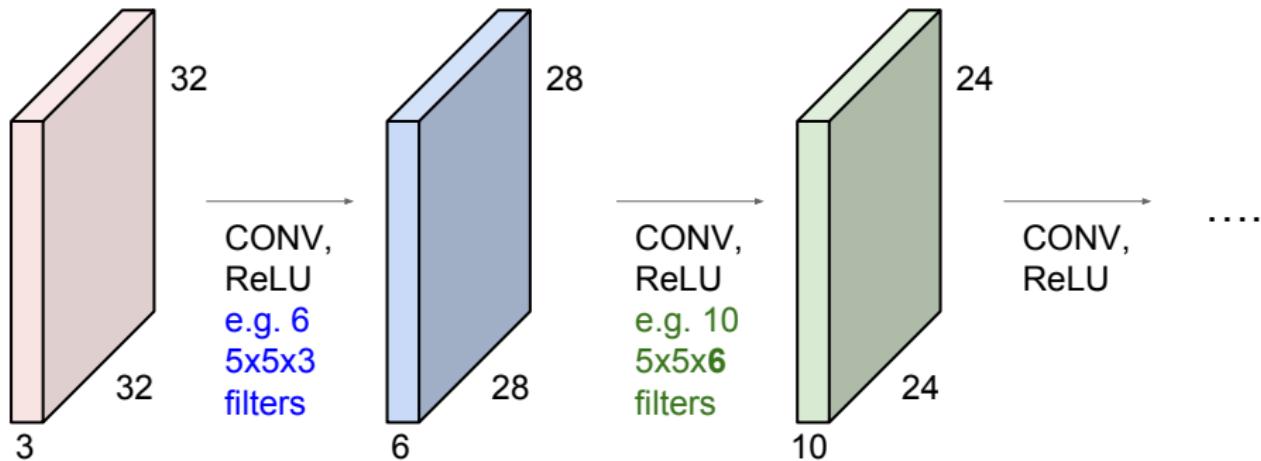
e.g.  $F = 3 \Rightarrow$  zero pad with 1

$F = 5 \Rightarrow$  zero pad with 2

$F = 7 \Rightarrow$  zero pad with 3

## Remember back to...

E.g. 32x32 input convolved repeatedly with 5x5 filters shrinks volumes spatially!  
(32  $\rightarrow$  28  $\rightarrow$  24 ...). Shrinking too fast is not good, doesn't work well.



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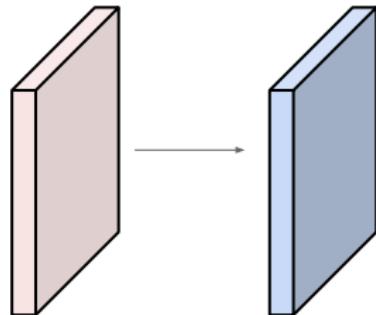
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**Common setting:**  $F = 3, S = P = 1$

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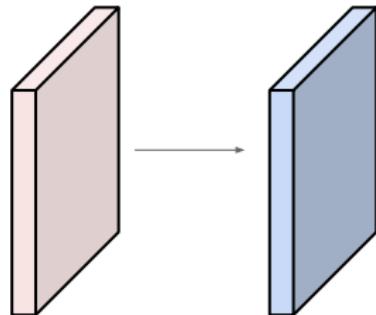


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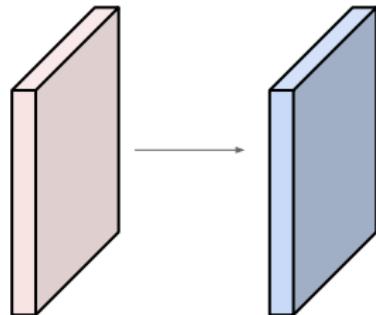
$(32+2*2-5)/1+1 = 32$  spatially, so

**32x32x10**

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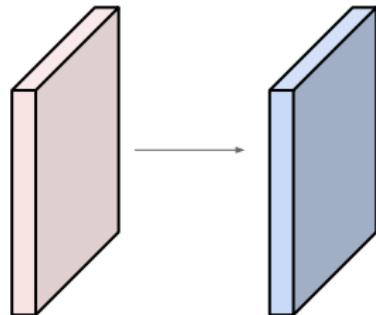


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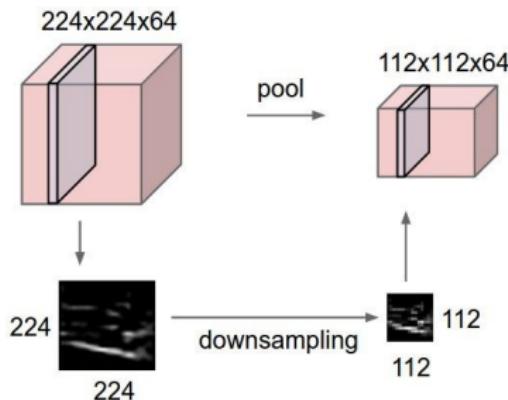
each filter has **5\*5\*3 + 1 = 76** params      (+1 for bias)

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{76 * 10 = 760}$$

# Another element: pooling

## Pooling layer

- makes the representations smaller and more manageable
- operates over each activation map independently:



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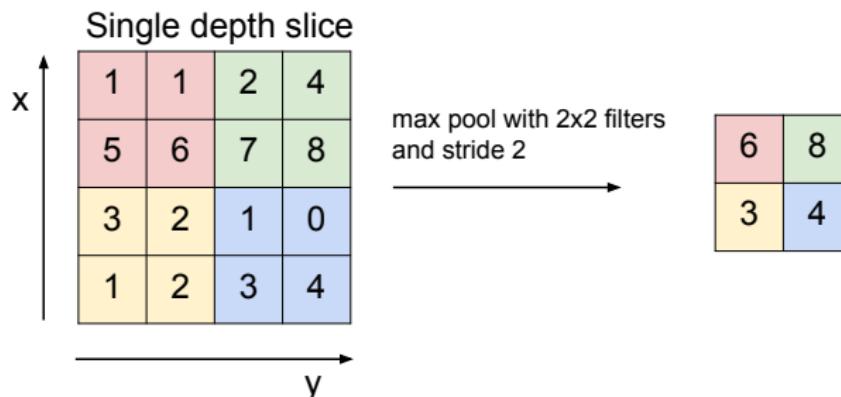
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