

Deep Learning

History, Approaches, Applications



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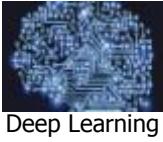


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- A Brief History of Neural Networks
- What is Deep Learning?
- What is it good for? - Application Examples
- Software for Deep Learning
- About this Meetup Group & Next Events

II: Practical Session

- Who is here and why?
- Discussion of hot topics



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A Brief History of Neural Networks





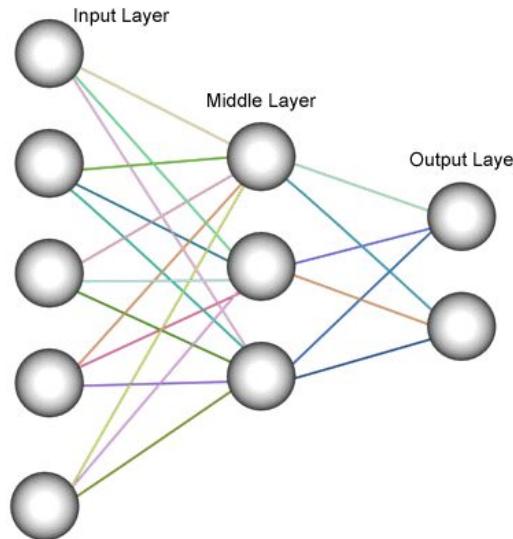
Neural Networks

are loosely inspired by biological neurons
that are interconnected and communicate with each other



Neural Networks

In reality, a neural network is just a **mathematical function**:

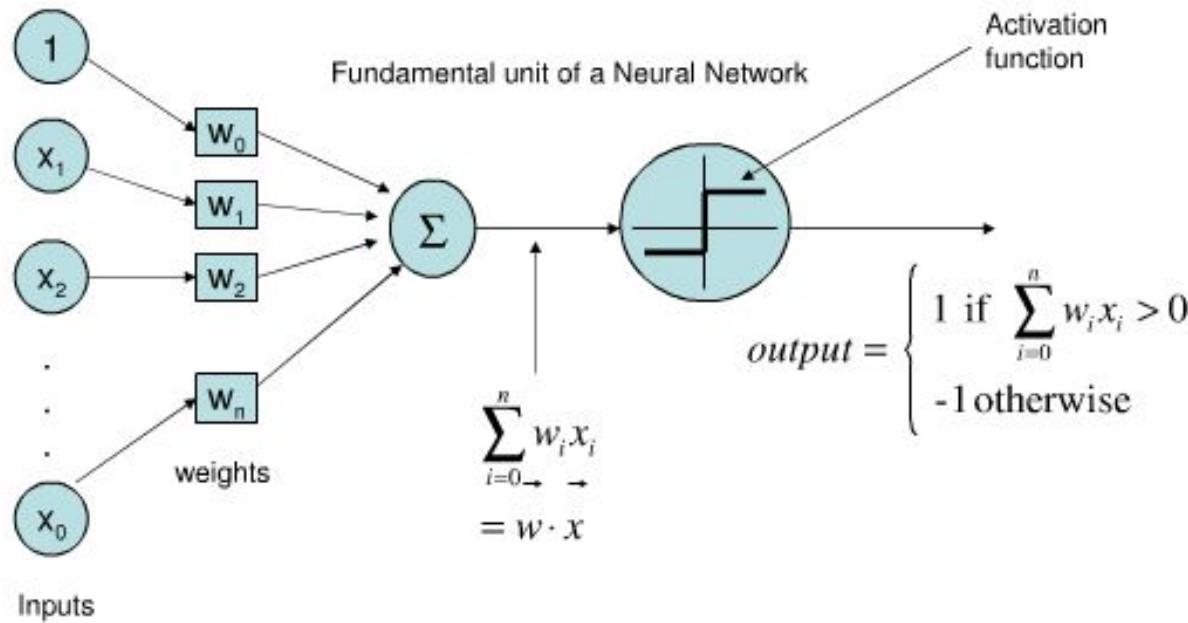


- in which the “**neurons**” are **sets of adaptive weights**, i.e. numerical parameters that are **tuned by a learning algorithm**,
- and which has the capability of approximating non-linear functions of their inputs.



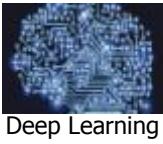
Origins of Neural Networks

1958: Rosenblatt: The Perceptron



Linear binary classifier using a step function

For the first time a NN could solve simple classification problems merely from training data



Ups & Downs of Neural Networks

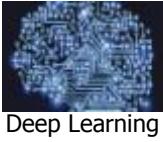
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NNs and AI have experienced several hype cycles, followed by disappointment, criticism, and funding cuts:

1950s - 70s: Golden years of AI (funded by DARPA):
solve algebra, play chess & checkers, reasoning, semantic nets
"within ten years a digital computer will be the world's chess champion"

1969: shown that XOR problem cannot be solved by Perceptron
(led to the invention of multi-layer networks later on)

Mid 1970s: Chain reaction that begins with pessimism in the AI community, followed by pessimism in the press, followed by a severe cutback in funding, followed by the “end” of serious research (“AI winter”)

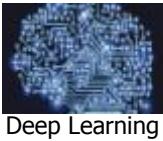


Ups & Downs of Neural Networks

1980s: Governments (starting in Japan) and industry provide AI with billions of dollars. Boom of “expert systems”.

1986: Backpropagation had been invented in the 1970s, but only 1986 it became popular through a famous paper by David Rumelhart, Geoffrey Hinton, and Ronald Williams. It showed that also complex functions became solvable through NNs by using multiple layers.

Late 1980s: Investors - despite actual progress in research - became disillusioned and withdrew funding again.



Why no Deep Learning in the 1980s?

Neural Networks could not become “deep” yet - because:

- Computers were slow. So the neural networks were tiny and could not achieve (the expected) high performance on real problems.
- Datasets were small. There were no large datasets that had enough information to constrain the numerous parameters of (hypothetical) large neural networks.
- Nobody knew how to train deep nets. Today, object recognition networks have > 25 successive layers of convolutions. In the past, everyone was very sure that such deep nets cannot be trained. Therefore, networks were shallow and did not achieve good results.



Ups & Downs of Neural Networks

1991: Hornik proved 1 hidden layer network can model any continuous function (universal approximation theorem)

1991/92 Vanishing Gradient: problem in multi-layer networks where training in front layers is slow due to backpropagation diminishing the gradient updates through the layers. Identified by Hochreiter & Schmidhuber who also proposed solutions.

1990s - mid 2000s:

Due to lack of computational power, interest in NNs decreased again and other Machine Learning models, such as Bayesian models, Decision Trees and Support Vector Machines became popular.



Resurrection of Deep Learning in the 2000s

2000s: Hinton, Bengio and LeCun (“The fathers of the age of deep learning”) join forces in a project

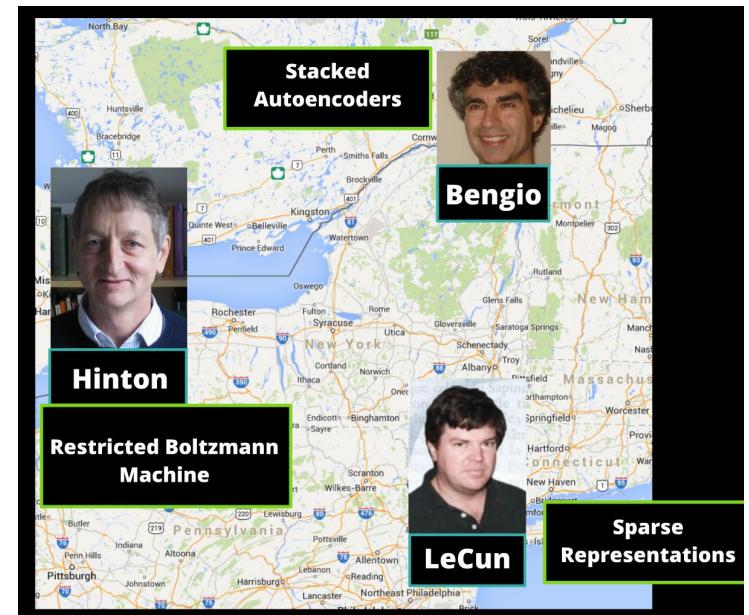
They overcome some problems that caused deep networks not to learn anything at all

2006: Breakthrough with Layer-wise pre-training by unsupervised learning (using RBMs)

2010s: Important new contributions:

- Simpler initialization (without pre-training)
- Dropout
- Simpler activations: Rectifier Units (ReLUs)
- Batch Normalization

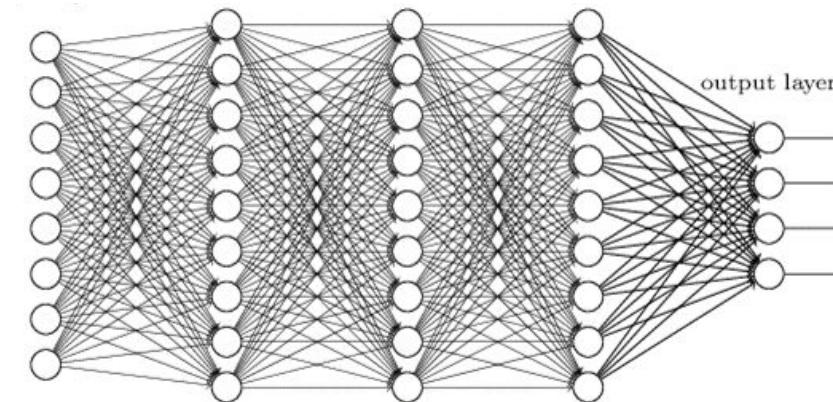
→ not a re-invention of NNs but paved the way for very deep NNs





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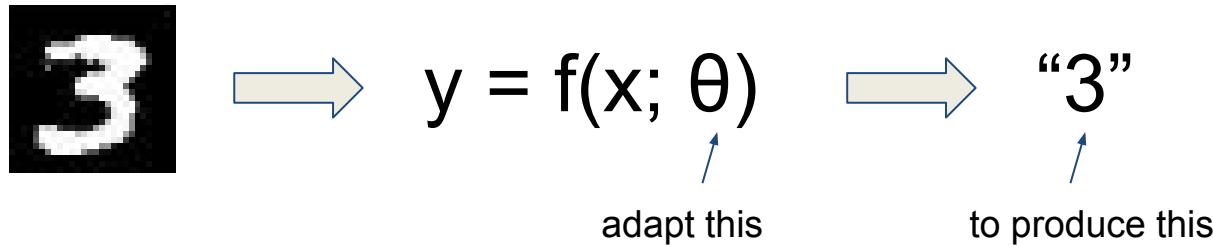
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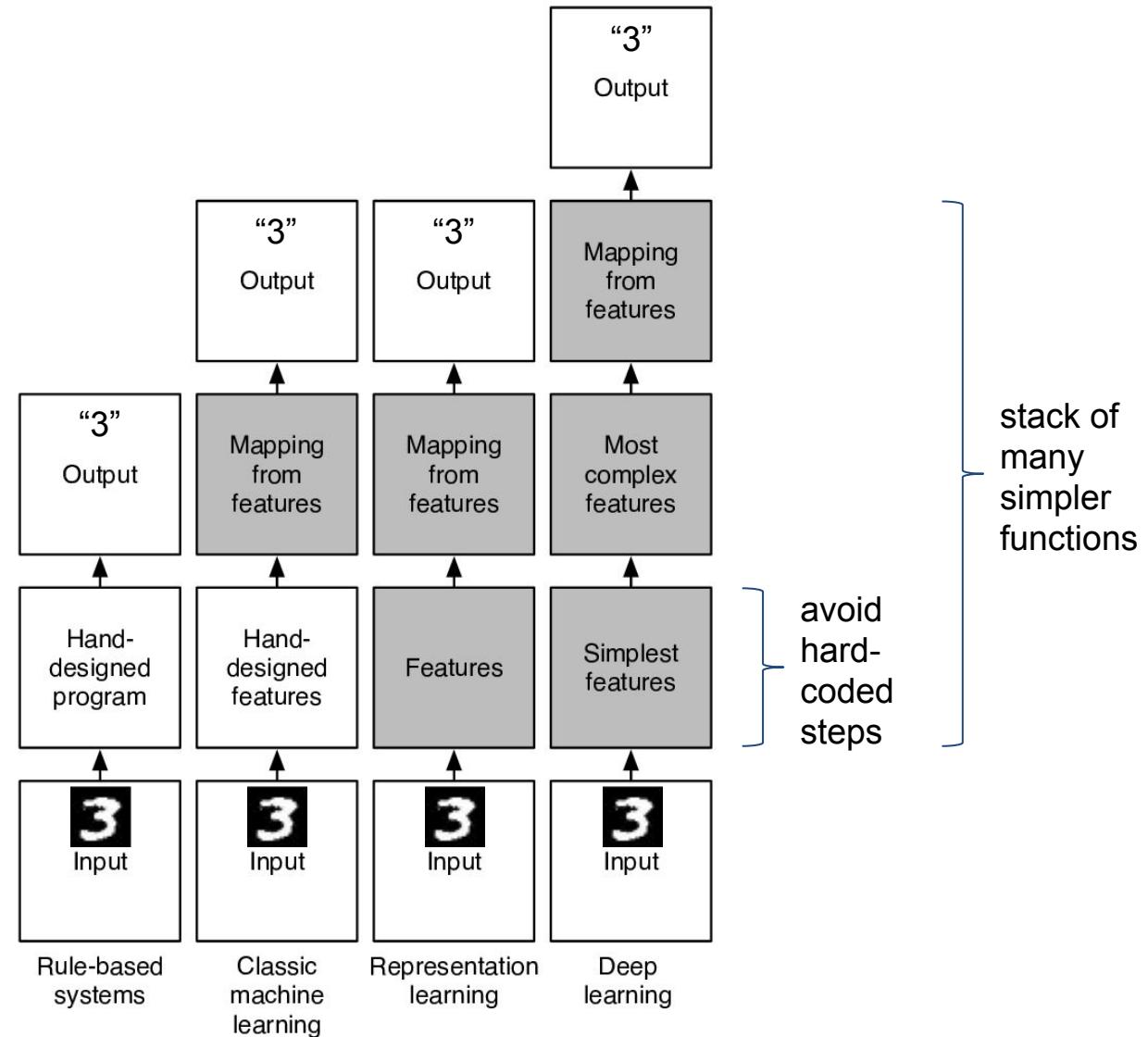
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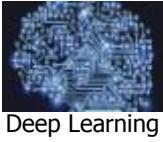


- **Deep learning:** Learnable function is a *stack of many simpler functions* that often have the same form
 - Often, it is an artificial neural network
 - Often, one tries to minimize hard-coded steps



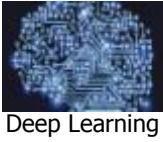
Machine Learning Paradigms





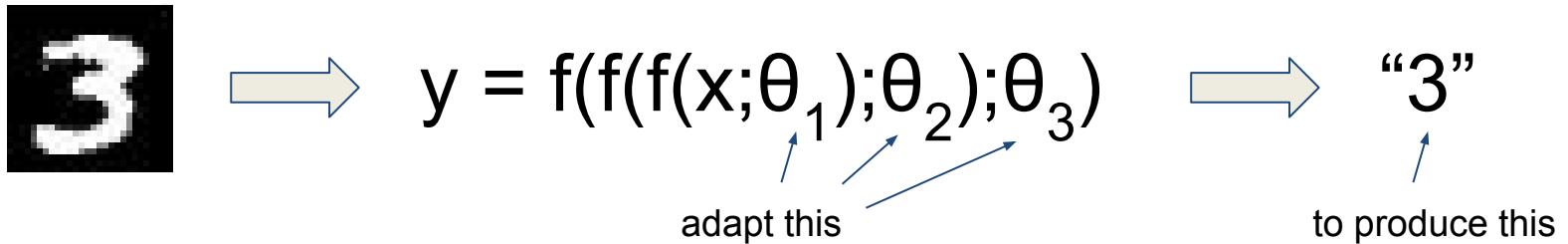
Inspiration for Going “Deep”

- Humans organize their ideas and concepts **hierarchically**
- Humans **first learn simpler concepts** and then compose them to represent more abstract ones
- Engineers **break-up solutions into multiple levels** of abstraction and processing
- It would be good to **automatically learn** / discover these concepts



Let's Get Concrete

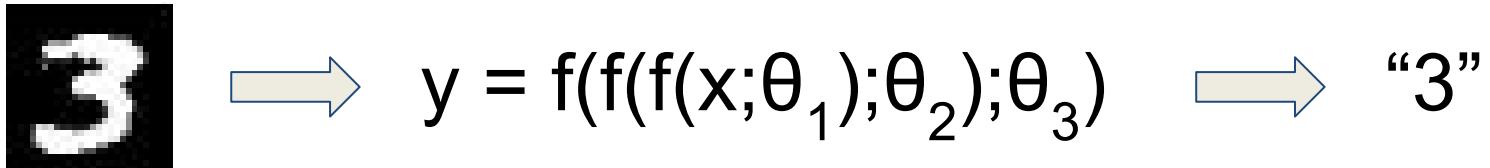
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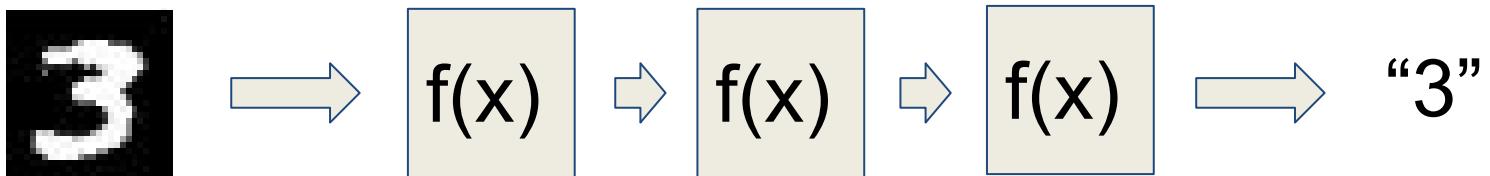
- Most commonly used functions:
 - Matrix product: $f(x; \theta) = W^T x$
 - 2D Convolution: $f(x; \theta) = x * W$
 - Subsampling
 - Element-wise nonlinearities (sigmoid, tanh, rectifier)



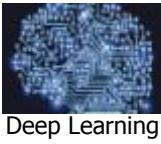
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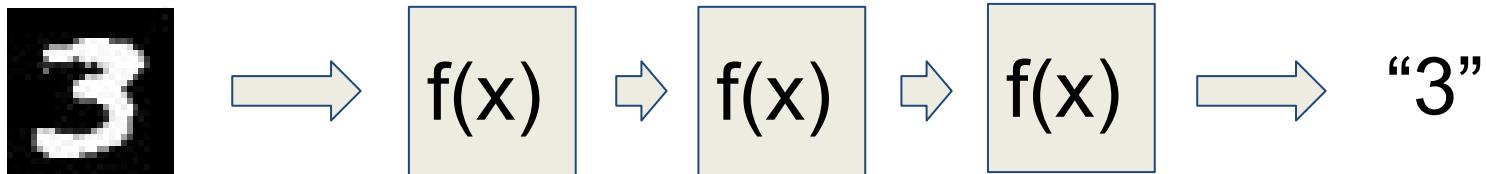
It is convenient to express repeated function application as a flow chart:



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Typical “layer”: matrix product followed by biased nonlinearity,
$$f(x) = \phi(W^T x + b)$$

Can be visualized as follows: A single output value is computed as a **weighted sum of its inputs, followed by a nonlinear function**. The value is termed “neuron”, the weighting coefficients are termed “connection weights”. (Superficially similar to biological neurons.)

The diagram shows a single neuron layer. On the left, an input vector x is shown as a vertical stack of nodes. These nodes are connected to a central column of nodes representing the weighted sum $W^T x + b$. The connections are labeled with blue lines, representing connection weights. The central column has two nodes; the top one is connected to the output node $f(x)$ via a blue line, and the bottom one is connected to it via a blue line with a small square symbol, likely representing a nonlinear activation function like a ReLU. The output node $f(x)$ is also shown as a vertical stack of nodes.



Mathematical Reasons for Going “Deep”

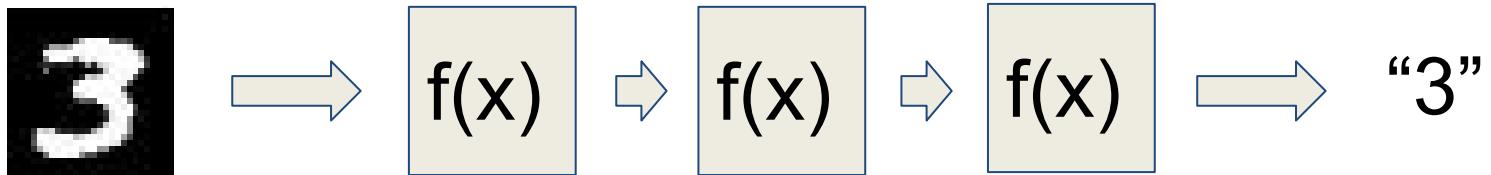
A neural network with a single hidden layer of enough units can approximate any continuous function arbitrarily well. In other words, it can solve whatever problem you’re interested in!
(Cybenko 1998, Hornik 1991)

But:

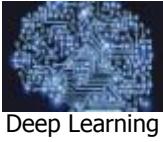
- “Enough units” can be a very large number. There are functions representable with a small, but deep network that would require exponentially many units with a single layer.
(e.g., Hastad et al. 1986, Bengio & Delalleau 2011)
- The proof only says that a shallow network *exists*, it does not say how to find it. Evidence indicates that it is easier to train a deep network to perform well than a shallow one.



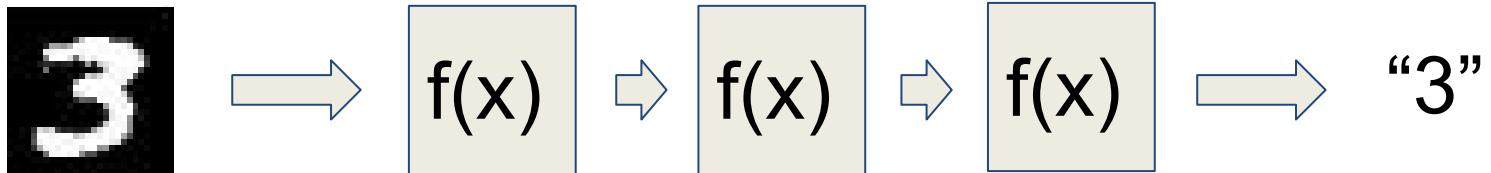
Training Neural Networks



- **Machine learning:** Express problem as a function, automatically adapt parameters from data.
- **Neural Networks:** Function consists of “layers”, each has some tunable values (e.g., connection weights).
- **Training:**
 - **Randomly initialize** tunable values
 - Define **cost function** telling how well the network does (on a set of training examples)
 - **Iteratively** adapt tunable values to **minimize value of cost function** (following simple gradient-based rule)
- For each step there exist recipes from the 1980s. Only the first step required better recipes for deep networks.



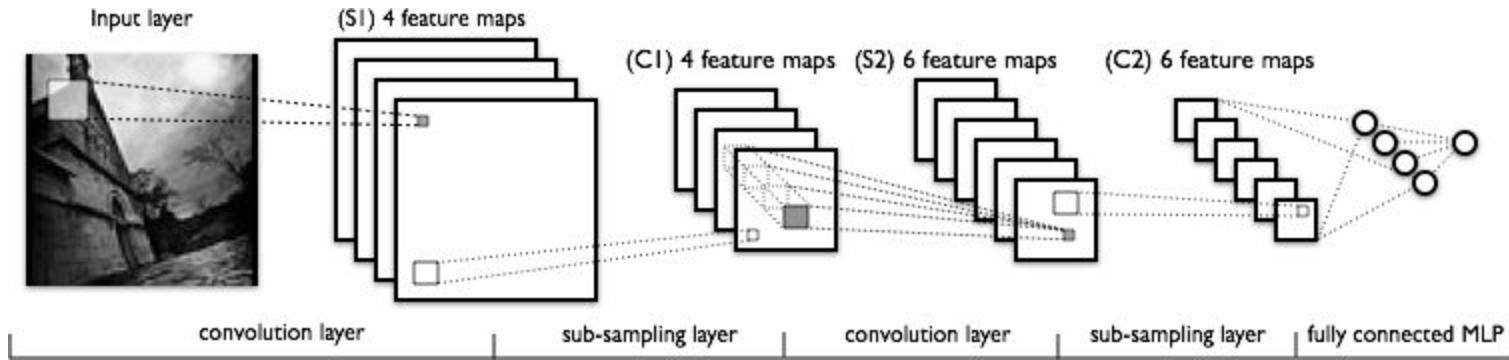
Popular Network Architectures



- Largest design space in employing deep learning:
Which functions (or “layers”) to use, and in which combination?
- Two popular architectures:
 - Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs)
 - Recurrent Neural Networks (RNNs)



Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs)



<http://deeplearning.net/tutorial/lenet.html>

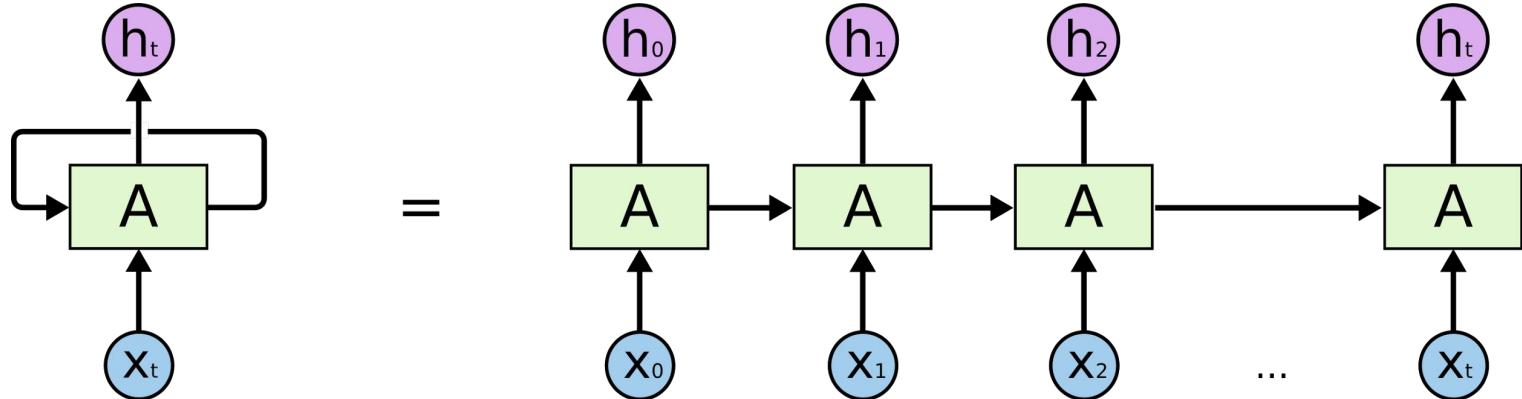
Combines three types of layers:

- **Convolutional layer:** performs 2D convolution of 2D input with multiple learned 2D kernels
- **Subsampling layer:** replaces 2D patches by their maximum (“max-pooling”) or average
- **Fully-connected layer:** computes weighted sums of its input with multiple sets of learned coefficients

Applies a nonlinear function after each linear operation (without, a deep network would be linear despite its depth).



Recurrent Neural Networks (RNNs)



- RNNs process **sequences** of same-sized elements
- **Recurrent layers** process an input element together with **their own output** from the previous element
- Useful for time series (text, sound, video)
- Can be seen as a deep network with shared weights, unrolled in time: depth = length of sequence



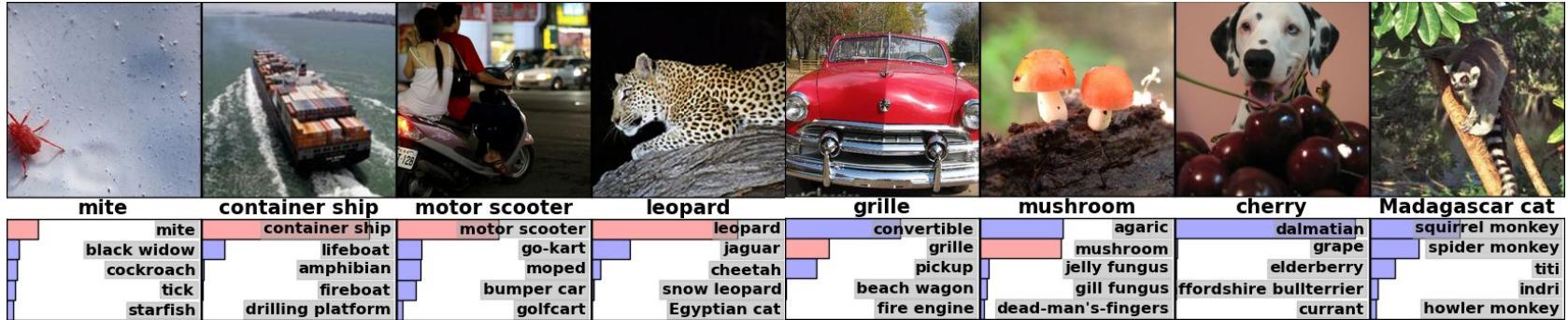
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What is it good for? **Application Examples**



Object Classification

IMAGENET Large Scale Visual Recognition Challenge:
1.2 million training images of 1000 classes



- 2012: AlexNet achieves 16.4% top-5 error (first deep net).
Second best entry: 26.2%.
- 2013: Clarifai: 11.7% top-5 error, or 11.2% with extra data
(most contestants used deep nets now).
- 2014: GoogLeNet: 6.7%. Andrej Karpathy (a human): 5.1%.
- 2015: ResNets: 3.6%.

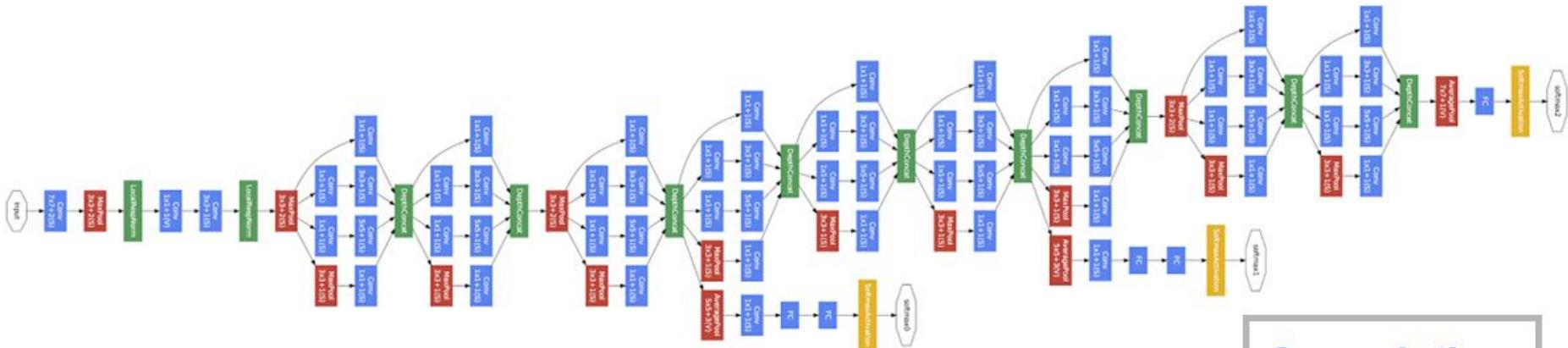


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GoogLeNet: 22 layers, with auxiliary classifiers



Convolution
Pooling
Softmax
Other

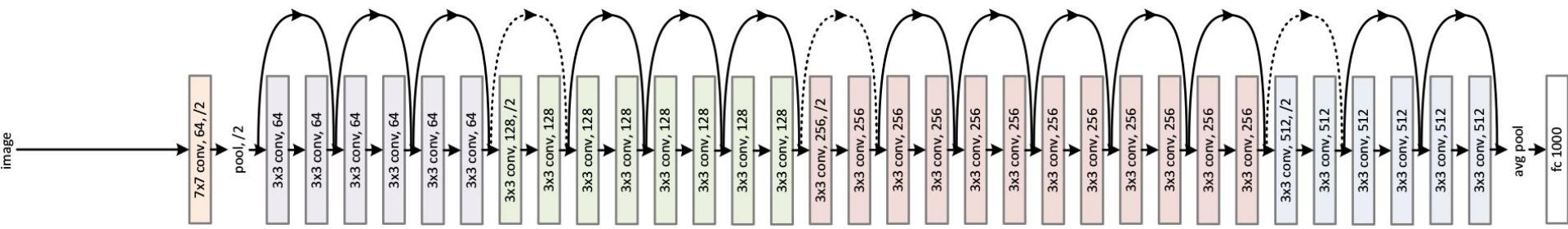


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ResNet: 152 layers, with shortcut connections (here: 38 layers)



Dec 2015: Deep Residual Learning for Image Recognition, <http://arxiv.org/abs/1512.03385>

Mar 2016: Identity Mappings in Deep Residual Networks, <http://arxiv.org/abs/1603.05027>

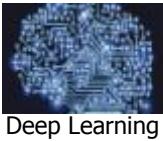


Image Captioning

Input: Photograph. **Output:** Textual description.
Method: CNN to analyze image, RNN to output text

Describes without errors



A person riding a motorcycle on a dirt road.

Describes with minor errors



Two dogs play in the grass.

Somewhat related to the image



A skateboarder does a trick on a ramp.

Unrelated to the image



A dog is jumping to catch a frisbee.



A group of young people playing a game of frisbee.



Two hockey players are fighting over the puck.



A little girl in a pink hat is blowing bubbles.



A refrigerator filled with lots of food and drinks.

Depth Estimation

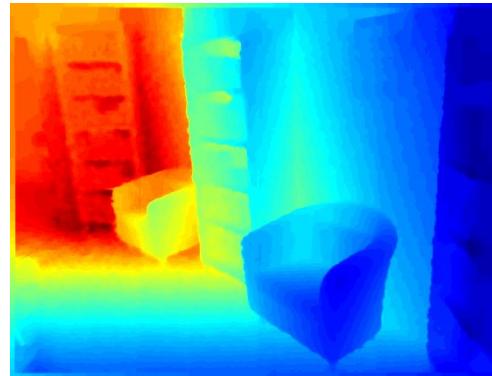
Input: Single photograph

Output: Its depth map (how far is each pixel from the observer)

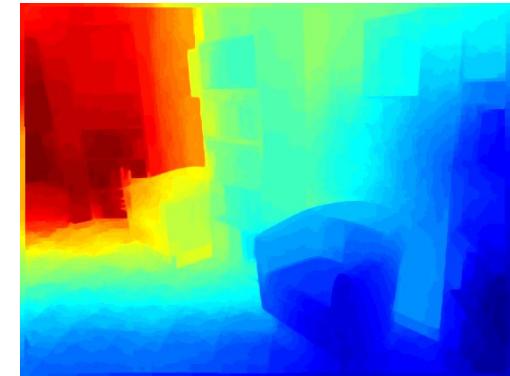
Method: fully-convolutional network



input



ground truth



network prediction

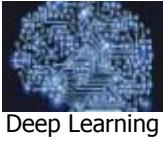
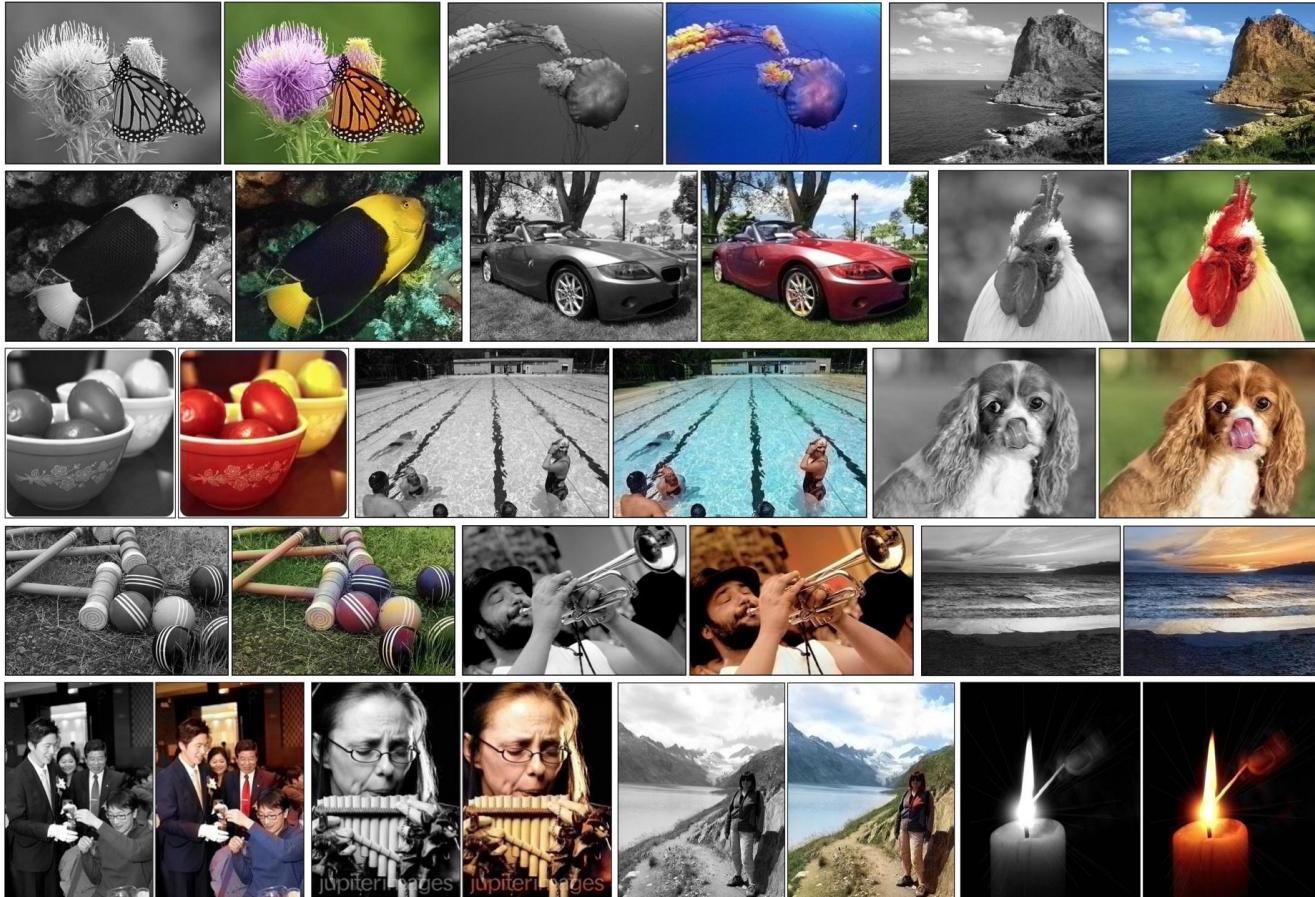
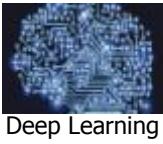


Image Colorization

Input: Gray-scale image. **Output:** Colored image.
Method: fully-convolutional network



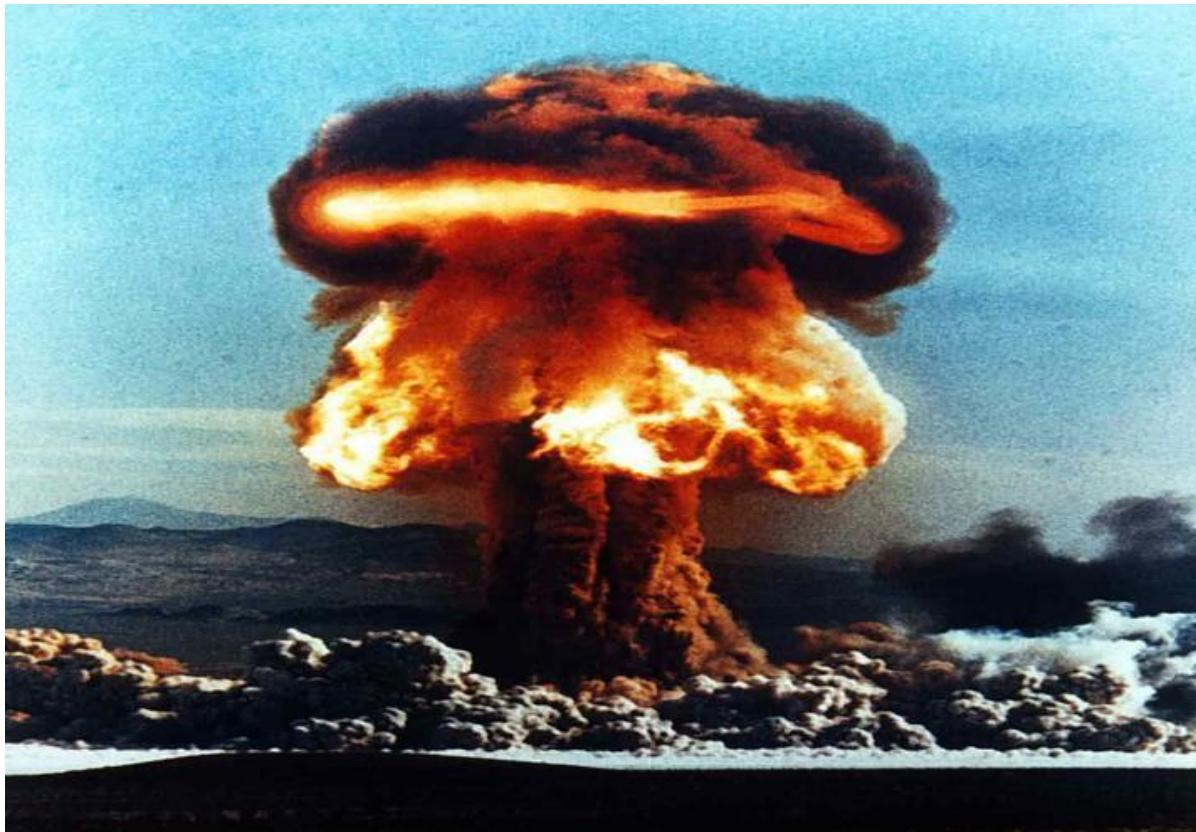
Mar 2016: Colorful Image Colorization, <http://arxiv.org/abs/1603.08511>, <http://richzhang.github.io/colorization/>



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Starting point: ConvNet trained for object classification

Use network in reverse: Modify the input image to maximize classification confidence (for given class, or the most probable)



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Neural Style Transfer

Starting point: ConvNet trained for object classification
Use network in reverse: Find image that matches high-level representation of photograph and low-level repr. of painting



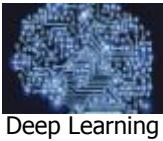


Image Generation

Generative Adversarial Networks: One network transforms random noise into images, a second one tries to distinguish generated from real images. Both are trained at the same time.



Photographs of bed rooms that do not actually exist

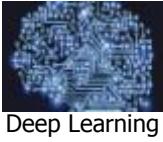
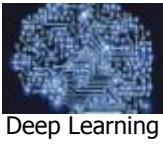


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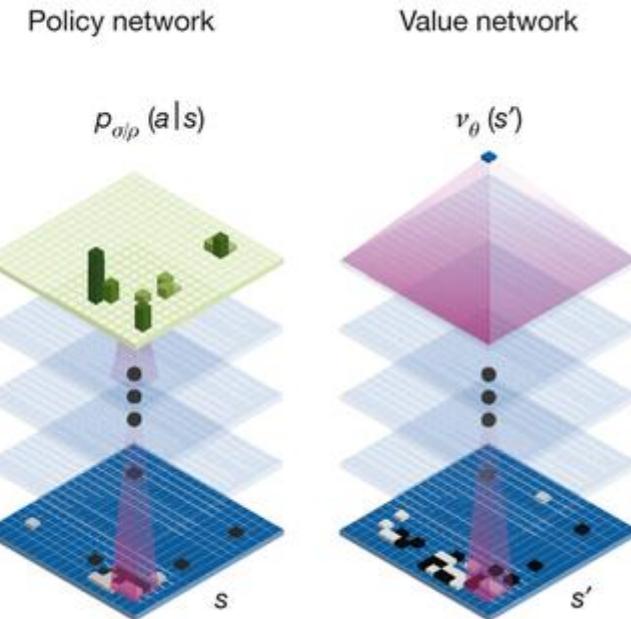


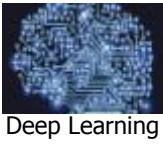
Generated album covers



Google AlphaGo

Input: Go board (stone positions and some helping markers)
Output: Position for next move (policy) or likely winner (value)
Method: CNN with supervised and reinforcement learning
Combined with Monte-Carlo Tree Search for playing





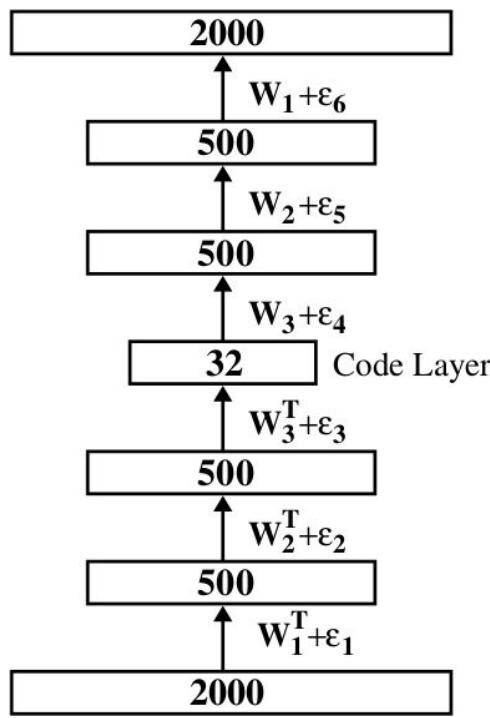
Semantic Hashing

Input and Output: Document word count vectors

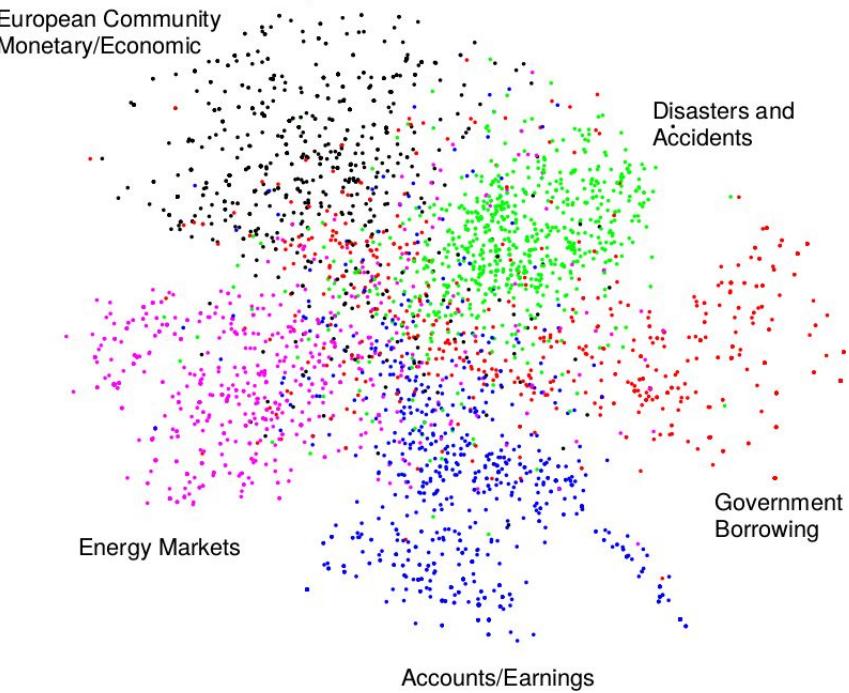
Method: MLP auto-encoder

Learns to transform input to short bit codes and back.

Bit codes useable for very fast retrieval of similar documents.



Reuters 2-D Embedding of 20-bit codes



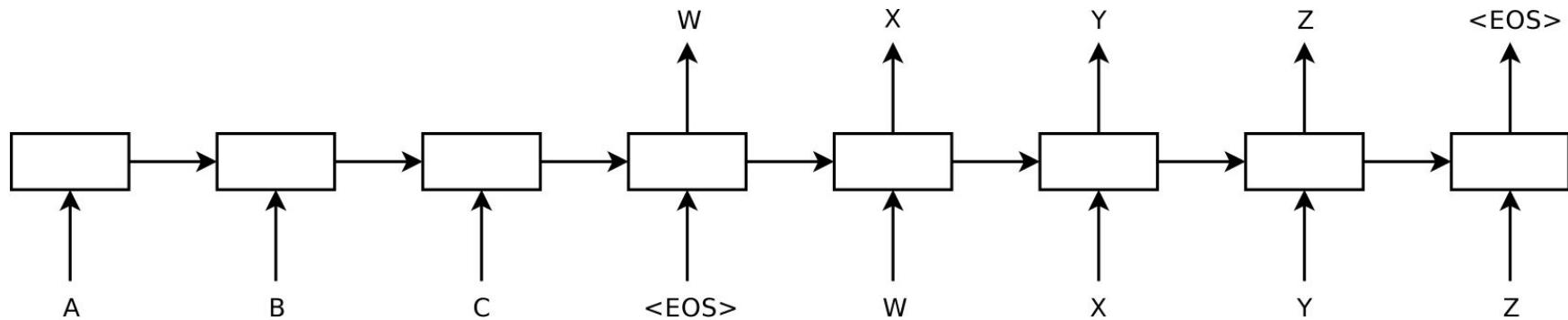


Machine Translation

Input: Sequence of English words

Output: Sequence of French words

Method: RNN (encode to vector, decode from vector)





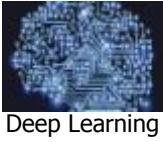
Text Generation

Input: a sequence of characters

Output: the most likely next character

Method: RNN (LSTM)

After training, can generate text from scratch (or from a seeding text), character by character. Must learn to combine characters to words, words to sentences, sentences to documents: can even learn document structure.



Text Generation

Trained on Shakespeare

PANDARUS:

Alas, I think he shall be come approached and the day
When little strain would be attain'd into being never fed,
And who is but a chain and subjects of his death,
I should not sleep.

Second Senator:

They are away this miseries, produced upon my soul,
Breaking and strongly should be buried, when I perish
The earth and thoughts of many states.

DUKE VINCENTIO:

Well, your wit is in the care of side and that.



Text Generation

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Trained on Linux source code

```
static void do_command(struct seq_file *m, void *v)
{
    int column = 32 << (cmd[2] & 0x80);
    if (state)
        cmd = (int)(int_state ^ (in_8(&ch->ch_flags) & Cmd) ? 2 : 1);
    else
        seq = 1;
    for (i = 0; i < 16; i++) {
        if (k & (1 << 1))
            pipe = (in_use & UMXTHREAD_UNCCA) +
                ((count & 0x00000000fffffff8) & 0x000000f) << 8;
        if (count == 0)
            sub(pid, ppc_md.kexec_handle, 0x20000000);
        pipe_set_bytes(i, 0);
    }
    /* Free our user pages pointer to place camera if all dash */
    subsystem_info = &of_changes[PAGE_SIZE];
    rek_controls(offset, idx, &soffset);
    /* Now we want to deliberately put it to device */
    control_check_polarity(&context, val, 0);
    for (i = 0; i < COUNTER; i++)
        seq_puts(s, "policy ");
}
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The Unreasonable Effectiveness of Recurrent Neural Networks, <http://karpathy.github.io/2015/05/21/rnn-effectiveness/>



Speech Recognition

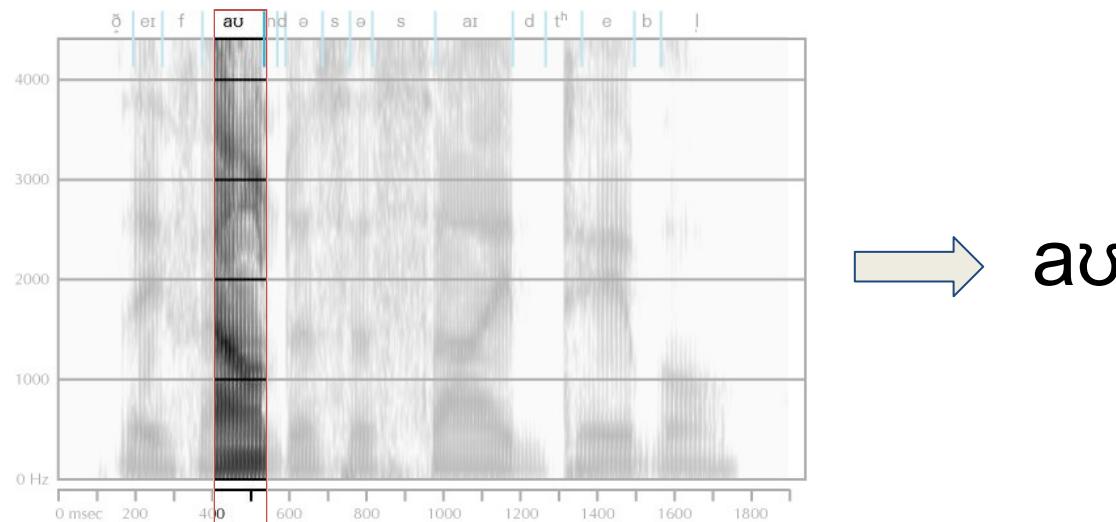
First successful networks in speech recognition:

Input: short spectrogram excerpt

Output: detected phoneme

Method: CNN

Has to be combined with word and language model, requires carefully-aligned training data.



Dec 2015: Deep Speech 2: End-to-End Speech Recognition in English and Mandarin, <http://arxiv.org/abs/1512.02595>



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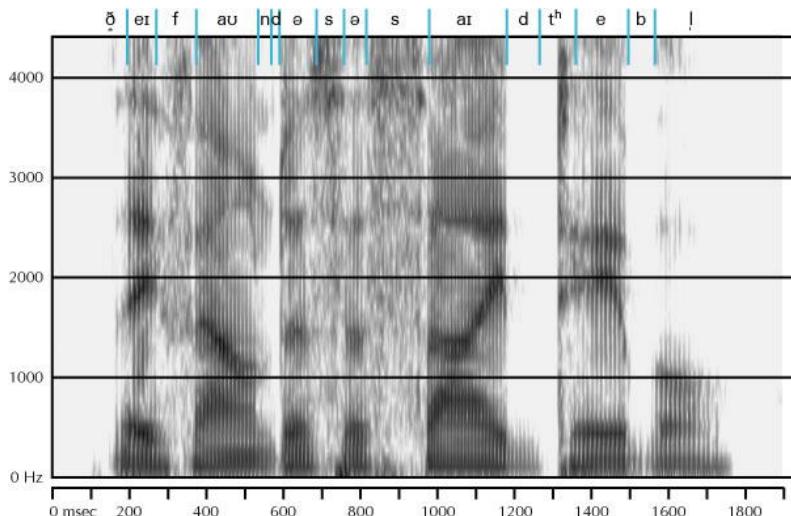
State of the art truly learns from end to end:

Input: spectrogram of recorded sentence

Output: transcribed sentence as a sequence of characters

Method: CNN for initial processing, RNN for temporal context

Works with coarsely aligned training data, learns word and language model on its own, learns English and Mandarin with the same architecture.

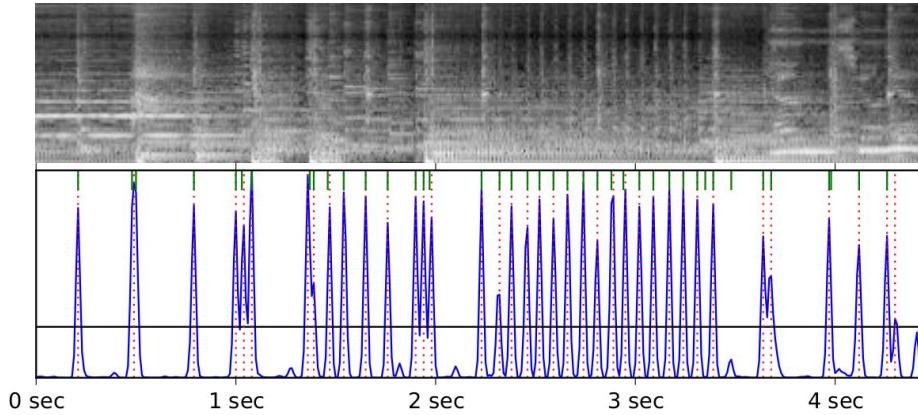


“They found us
a side table.”

(Very Basic) Music Perception

Input: log-frequency spectrogram (or excerpt)

Method: MLP or CNN



(Own work only:)

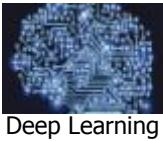
2012: Detect music, speech or both in radio broadcasts

2013: Use Semantic Hashing for fast music similarity search

2014: Detect onset times of all musical notes

2014: Find segments within music pieces (chorus, verse)

2015: Detect singing voice, with music-specific data
augmentation

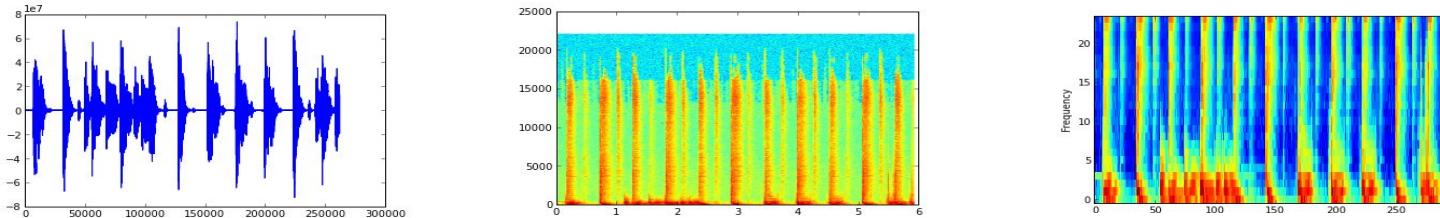


Music / Speech Discrimination

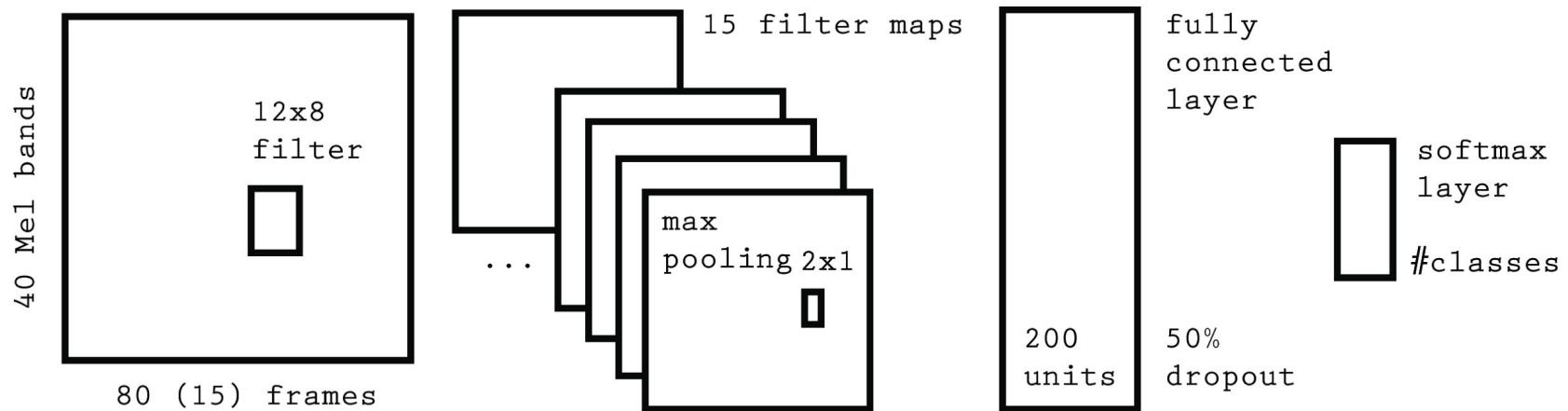
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Tom Lidy: winner MIREX 2015 music/speech classification (99.73%)

1. Pre-Processing: Waveform → Spectrogram → 40 Mel bands → Log scale



2. CNN with 1 layer, 15 filter maps + 1 full layer (input: 15 40x80 frames per file)





Software Frameworks

Python:

“low”-level:

- Theano
- TensorFlow (Google)

high-level:

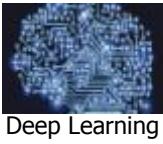
- Lasagne
- Keras
- Blocks
- Theanets
- Pretty Tensor (Google)
- ...

C++ / others*:

- Caffe
- Torch
- cuda-convnet2
- Chainer
- MXNet
- CNTK (Microsoft)
- Leaf (AutumnAI)
- ...

* (with bindings for other languages)

Hardware: GPU recommended! Most libraries support GPUs.

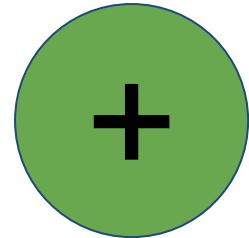


Some Conclusions

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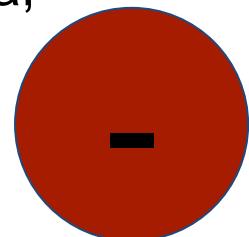
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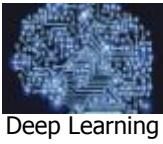
- benefitted a lot from recent progress in hardware
- are applicable to a wide range of tasks
- tend to require less domain knowledge
- often outperform “hand-crafting” or feature design



Potential drawbacks:

- while reducing the need for feature design, they open up new design spaces (network architecture, training data, training method) which may be less well understood
- large networks usually require large data sets
- ... and lots of computing power (and electricity)
- a lot of experimenting & parameter tweaking needed
- operation of a trained network is often hard to analyze (“black box”)





Recommended Links

A Brief Overview of Deep Learning

<http://yyue.blogspot.co.at/2015/01/a-brief-overview-of-deep-learning.html>

A Primer on Deep Learning

<https://www.datarobot.com/blog/a-primer-on-deep-learning/>

Online Books/Courses with Implementation Examples

<http://neuralnetworksanddeeplearning.com/>

<http://cs231n.stanford.edu/>

<http://deeplearning.net/tutorial>

Press: Deep Learning And Machine Intelligence Will Eat The World

<http://www.forbes.com/sites/anthonykosner/2014/12/29/tech-2015-deep-learning-and-machine-intelligence-will-eat-the-world/#1658f375282c>

More Readings: <http://deeplearning.net/reading-list/>

More Software Links: http://deeplearning.net/software_links/



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Questions?



Questions to the audience

- Who has worked with Neural Networks before?
- Who currently uses Deep Learning?
 - ... in research?
 - ... in industry?
- If so, which software do you use?
 - Caffe? Torch? Theano? Others?
- Who can talk about a topic in this or a future meetup?



Practical Session



What are your interests in Deep Learning? (& this meetup :-)

1. Write your questions or topics of interests onto yellow Post-It
2. Assign them to:

Research

Software

Applications

For experienced Deep Learners:

- add topics and/or applications that you work or worked on in a Post-it color other than yellow!

Let's then discuss! :-)



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Next Meetups



- **May 9:**
Alex Champandard:
“Neural Networks for Image Synthesis”
- **June 6:**
Gregor Miba: “Recurrent Neural Networks and TensorFlow”
Jan Schlüter:
“Open-source Deep Learning with Theano and Lasagne”

Want to hold a talk as well? Get in touch!

Also check out the Discussion Board:

<http://www.meetup.com/Vienna-Deep-Learning-Meetup/messages/boards/>



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IoT Meetup

IoT meetup is **looking for speakers** for the upcoming events:

- **May 4: IoT & Big Data**
- **June 1: IoT & AI / Machine Learning**

<http://www.iot-vienna.at>



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