

# CS194/294-129: Designing, Visualizing and Understanding Deep Neural Networks

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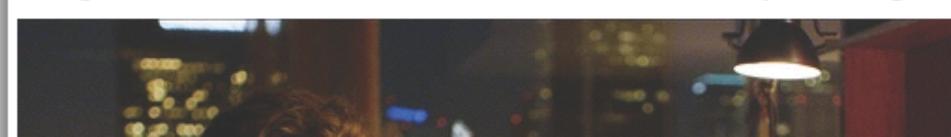
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## Game-playing software holds lessons for neuroscience

DeepMind computer provides new way to investigate how the brain

## Google a step closer to developing machines with human-like intelligence

Algorithms developed by Google designed to encode thoughts, could computers with 'common sense' within a decade, says leading AI



# Deep Learning: Hype or Hope?

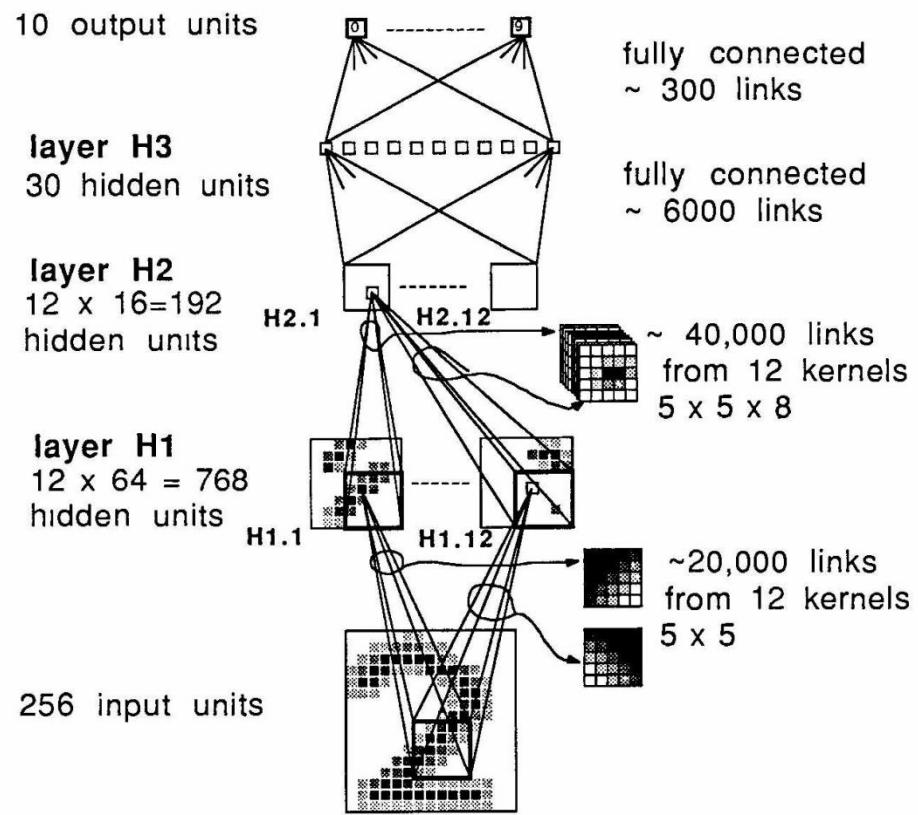
Hype: (n) “extravagant or intensive publicity or promotion”

Hope: (n) “expectation of fulfillment or success”

# Milestones: Digit Recognition

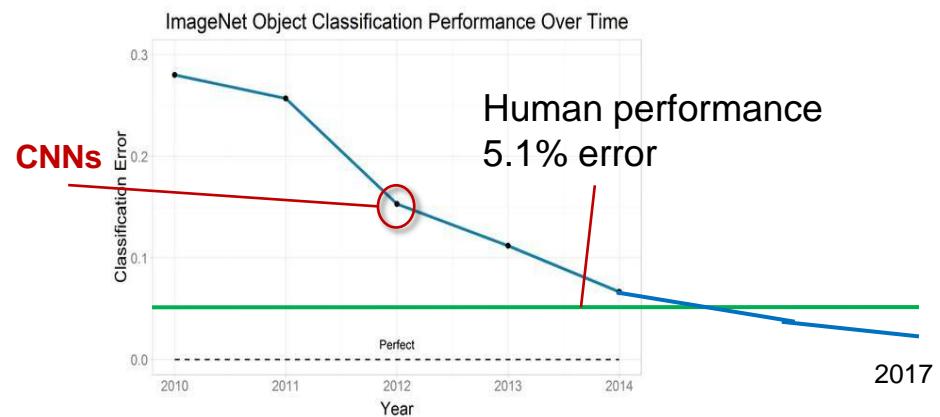
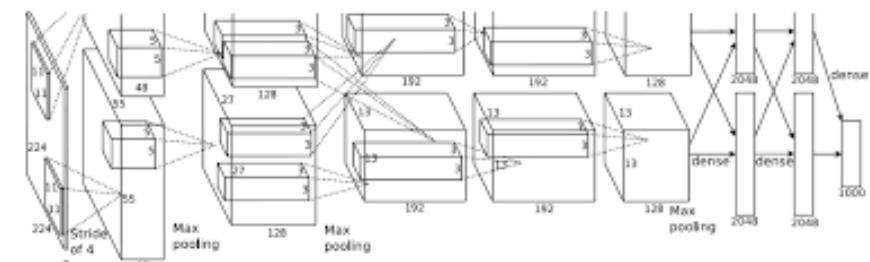
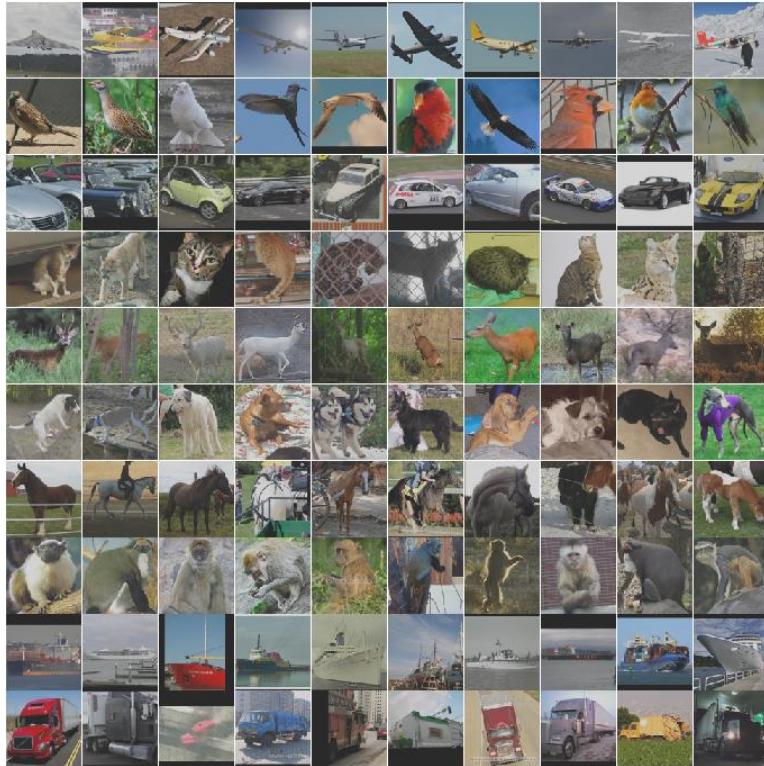
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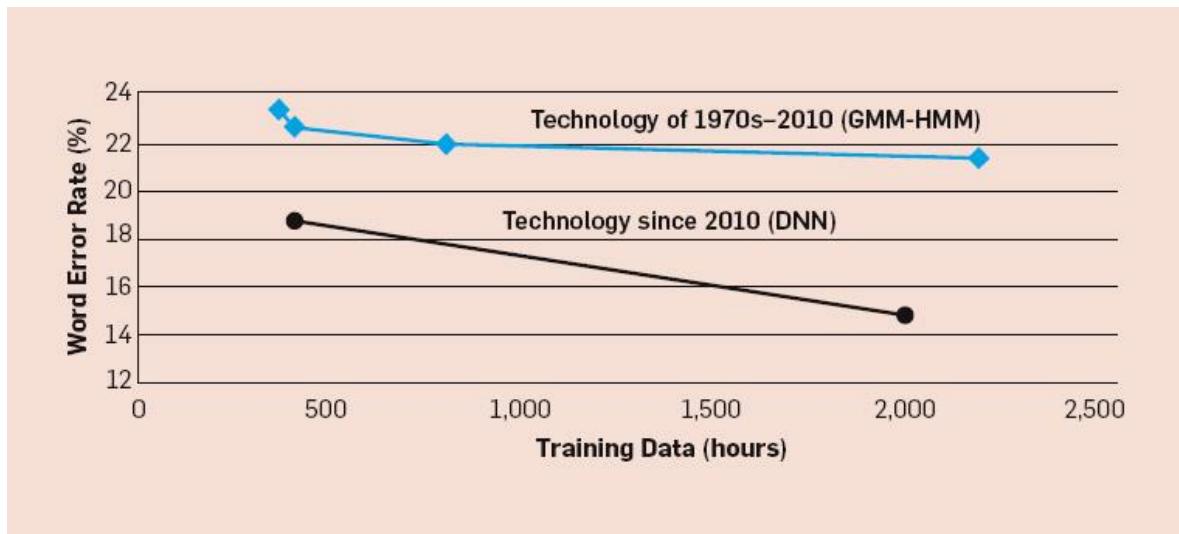
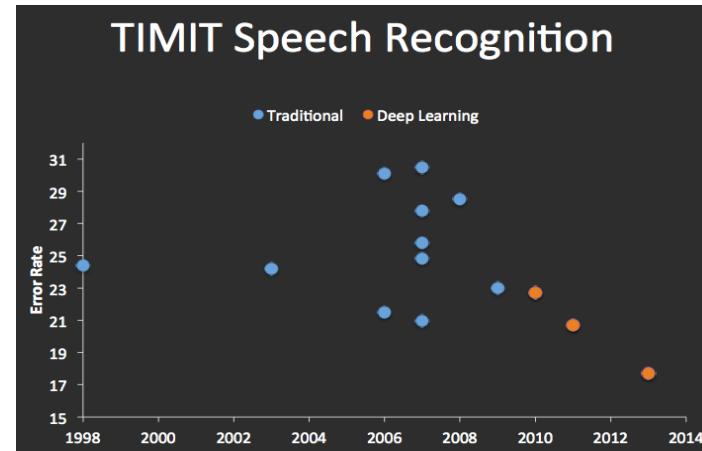
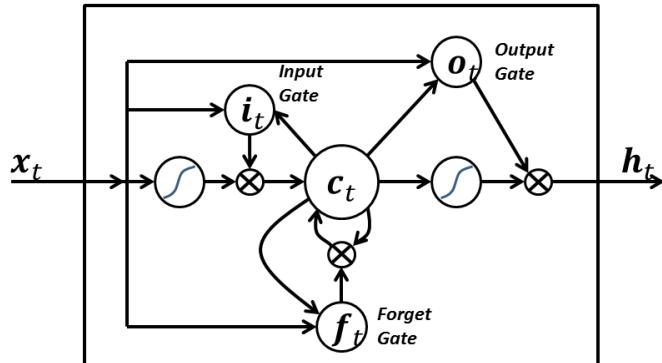
# Milestones: Image Classification

Convolutional NNs: AlexNet (2012): trained on 200 GB of ImageNet Data



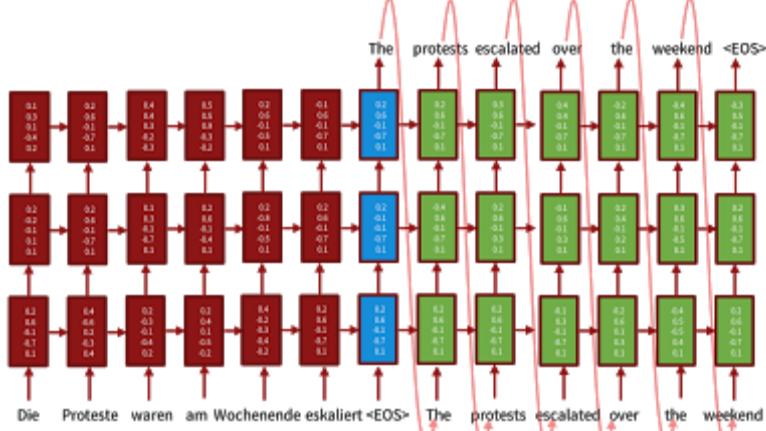
# Milestones: Speech Recognition

Recurrent Nets: LSTMs (1997):



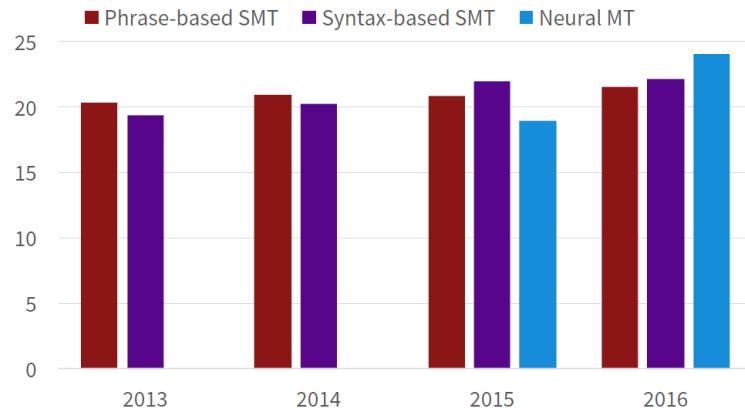
# Milestones: Language Translation

Sequence-to-sequence models with LSTMs and attention:



## Progress in Machine Translation

[Edinburgh En-De WMT newstest2013 Cased BLEU; NMT 2015 from U. Montréal]



From [Sennrich 2016, [http://www.meta-net.eu/events/meta-forum-2016/slides/09\\_sennrich.pdf](http://www.meta-net.eu/events/meta-forum-2016/slides/09_sennrich.pdf)]

Source Luong, Cho, Manning ACL Tutorial 2016.

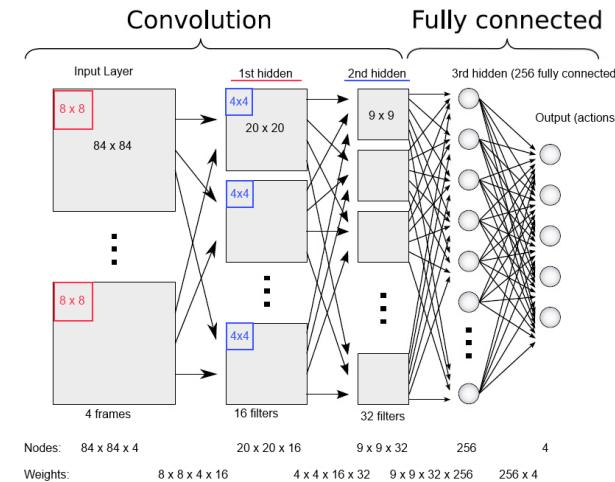
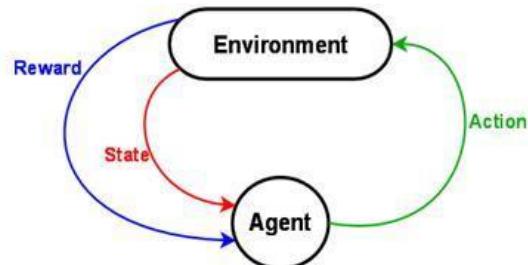
# Neural Text Processing 2017

## State of the art results on NLP application-level tasks

Task	Test set	Metric	Best non-neural	Best neural	Source
Machine Translation	Enu-deu newstest16	BLEU	31.4	34.8	<a href="http://matrix.statmt.org">http://matrix.statmt.org</a>
	Deu-enu newstest16	BLEU	35.9	39.9	<a href="http://matrix.statmt.org">http://matrix.statmt.org</a>
Sentiment Analysis	Stanford sentiment bank	5-class Accuracy	71.0	80.7	<a href="#">Socher+ 13</a>
Question Answering	WebQuestions test set	F1	39.9	52.5	<a href="#">Yih+ 15</a>
Entity Linking	Bing Query Entity Linking set	AUC	72.3	78.2	<a href="#">Gao+ 14b</a>
Image Captioning	COCO 2015 challenge	Turing test pass%	25.5	32.2	<a href="#">Fang+ 15</a>
Sentence compression	Google 10K dataset	F1	0.75	0.82	<a href="#">Filipova+ 15</a>
Response Generation	Sordoni dataset	BLEU-4	3.98	5.82	<a href="#">Li+ 16a</a>

# Milestones: Deep Reinforcement Learning

In 2013, Deep Mind's arcade player bests human expert on six Atari Games. Acquired by Google in 2014.,.



In 2016, Deep Mind's alphaGo defeats former world champion Lee Sedol



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**Yes !**

# Critiques

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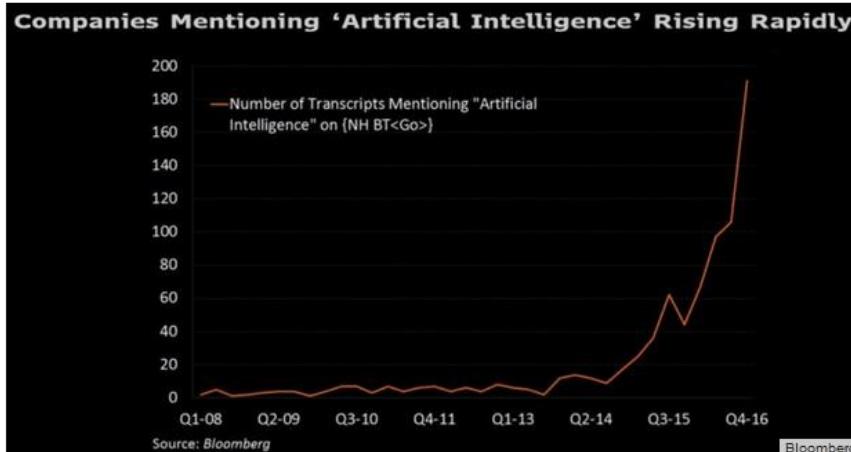
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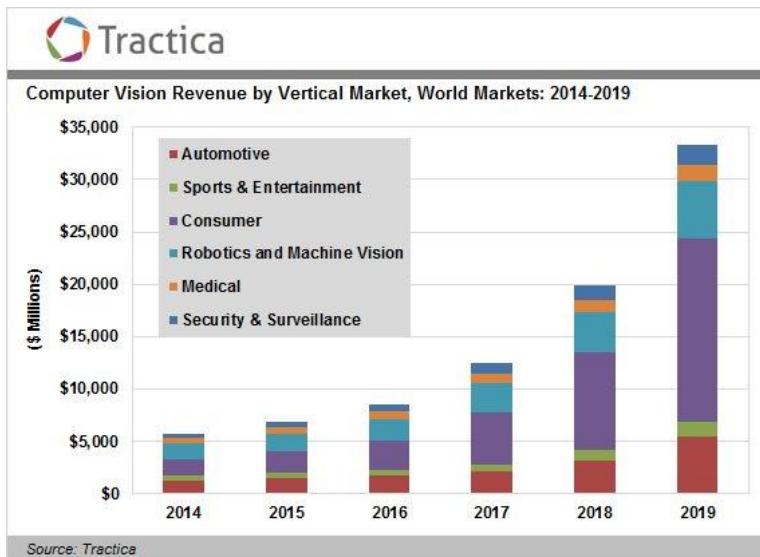
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# Setting Expectations ... Badly

MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY  
PROJECT MAC

Artificial Intelligence Group  
Vision Memo. No. 100.

July 7, 1966

## THE SUMMER VISION PROJECT

Seymour Papert

The summer vision project is an attempt to use our summer workers effectively in the construction of a significant part of a visual system. The particular task was chosen partly because it can be segmented into sub-problems which will allow individuals to work independently and yet participate in the construction of a system complex enough to be a real landmark in the development of "pattern recognition".

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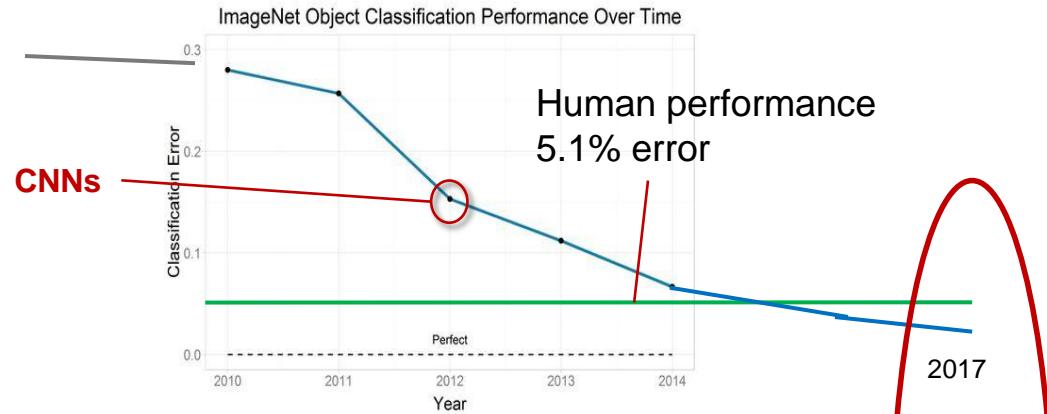
- In fact, those folks ignored all the data about AI system performance on real problems, and generalized instead from artificial ones.
- The assertion depends on either
  - AI systems → intrinsically poor performance
  - AI researcher → always over-estimate

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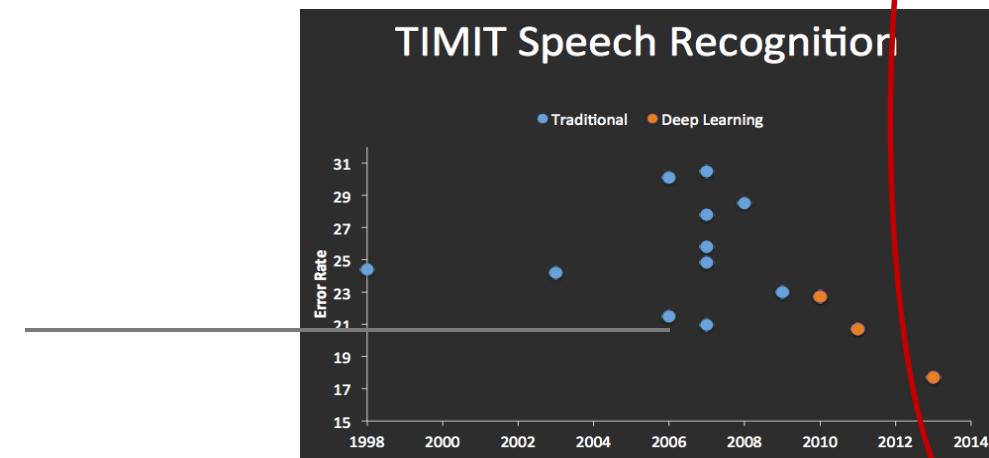
- As a concept “general intelligence” has been the bane of AI research.
- Progress in AI has recently been dictated mostly by economic importance, not “AI-hardness”. The “AI-hard” list shrinks every year: Jeopardy, Go, Science Exams, Face recognition, Translation,...

# Data on Classical AI vs. Deep Learning:

Performance floor



Performance floor



Where's the floor?

# Opportunities:

Of course!

- Science, engineering, entertainment, education, communication, organization, recreation, medicine, driving, games (real and virtual), transportation, commerce, e-trading, name-your-topic...

# Risks:

Yes!

- Economic: displacing jobs
- Existential: security, systems running amok



Hawking, Musk, Gates have been highlighting the risks of new AI technologies.

# Learning about Deep Neural Networks

Yann Lecun (Facebook research head, DNN pioneer)  
quote: DNNs require:

*“an interplay between intuitive insights, theoretical modeling, practical implementations, empirical studies, and scientific analyses”*

i.e. there isn't a single framework or core set of principles to explain everything (c.f. graphical models for machine learning).

We try to cover the ground in Lecun's quote.

# This Course (please interrupt with questions)

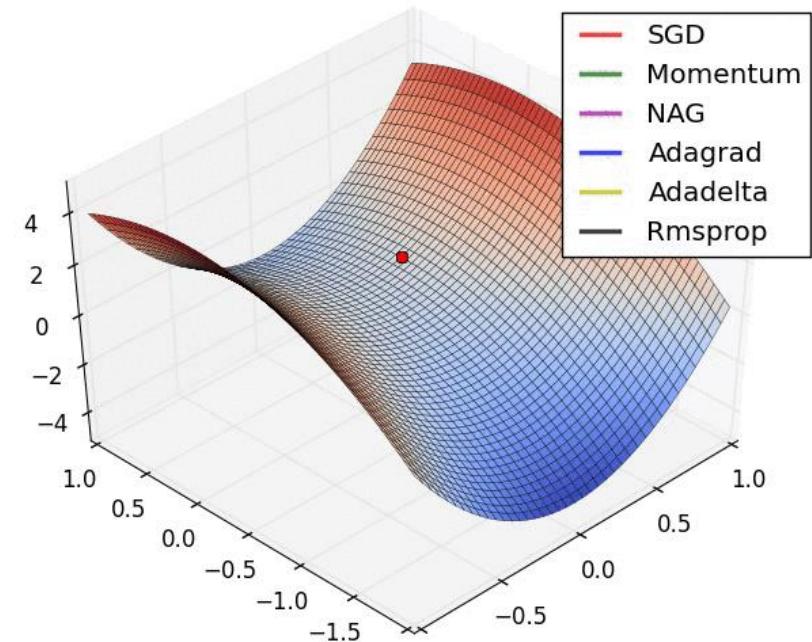
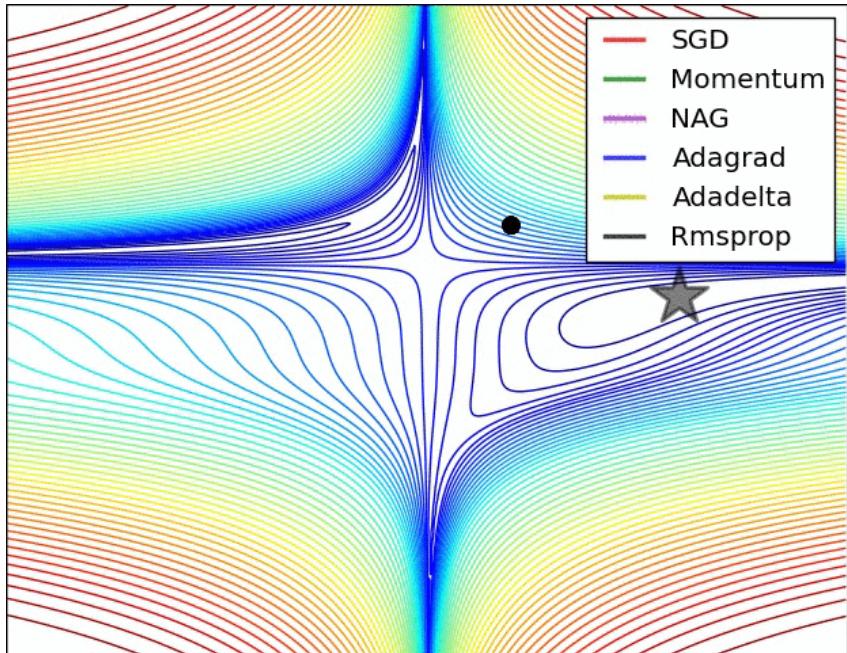
## Goals:

- Introduce deep learning to a broad audience.
- Review principles, techniques and visualization for understanding deep networks.
- Develop skill at designing networks for applications.

## Materials:

- Book(s)
- Notes
- Lectures

# The role of Animation



From A. Karpathy's cs231n notes.

# This Course: bCourses page

Please sign in to the bCourses, you should see the course page. Its also linked from my home page.

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <https://bcourses.berkeley.edu/courses/1468734>. The browser interface includes a back button, forward button, search bar, and other standard navigation controls.

The main content area displays the following information:

- Course Information:** COMPSCI 194 - LEC 129, Spring 2018.
- Title:** CS194/294-129 Designing, Visualizing and ...
- Status:** Published (highlighted in green).
- Description:** Deep Networks have revolutionized computer vision, speech recognition, natural language and robotics. They have growing impact in the sciences and medicine, and are starting to touch many other aspects of life. Unlike many other computational tools though, they do not follow a closed set of theoretical principles. In Yann LeCun's words they require "an interplay between intuitive insights, theoretical modeling, practical implementations, empirical studies, and scientific analyses." This course attempts to cover that ground, and has three goals:
  - \* Design principles and best practices: design motifs that work well in particular domains, structure optimization and parameter optimization.
  - \* Visualizing deep networks. Exploring the training and use of deep networks with visualization tools.
  - \* Understanding deep networks. Methods with formal guarantees: generative and adversarial models.
- Links:** Import from Commons, Choose Home Page, View Course Stream, Course Setup Checklist, New Announcement, View Course Analytics.
- Coming Up:** Nothing for the next week.

# bCourses main page has the schedule

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General DNN  
principles

Deep nets and  
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Capstone  
Vision lecture

Capstone natural  
language lecture

Capstone  
robotics lecture

# This Course

## Work:

- Class Participation: 10%
- 2 Midterms: 30%
- Final Project (in groups): 30%
- 4 Assignments : 30%

Audience: primarily EECS undergrads and grads.

This semester the class is a 194/294 (special topics). It doesn't have centrally scheduled discussion sections,  
***but...***

# Optional Discussion Sections

We will schedule 4x 1-hour discussion sections per week.

You wont formally register for these, and you can attend any one of them.

We need to schedule these to fit your schedules, and the GSIs availability, and room availability.

***Please fill out “Assignment 0” on bCourses by Thursday 1/18, 10pm.***

***No discussions this week but we would like to start them next week.***

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# Discussion Section Poll

When filling out the poll, consider:

- If you rarely or never attend section, its best if you don't fill out the poll so we can match times to students who do.
- If you almost always attend sections, please place an asterisk next to your name in the poll so we can maximize coverage for those students who attend most of the time.
- Please fill out ***all*** the times you can make so we have maximum chance of satisfying everyone's constraints.
- The poll is only visible to instructors.
- ***Please complete the poll by 10pm, Thursday, Jan 18th.***

# Course Staff

John Canny



GSIs:



Erin Grant



Carlos Florensa

# Prerequisites

- Knowledge of calculus and linear algebra, Math 53/54 or equivalent.
- Probability and Statistics, CS70 or Stat 134. CS70 is bare minimum preparation, a stat course is better.
- Machine Learning: CS189, strongly encouraged but not required.
- Programming, CS61B or equivalent. Assignments will mostly use Python.

# Logistics

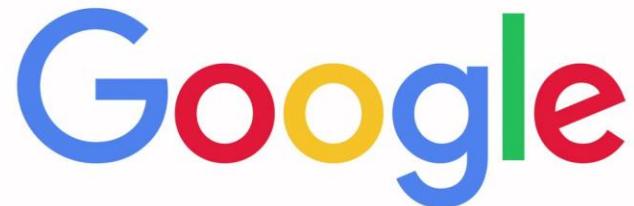
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- Instructor: John Canny lastname@berkeley.edu
- Time: MW 5pm - 6:30pm
- Location: 105 Northgate
- Discussion: Join Piazza for announcements and to ask questions about the course
- Office hours:
  - John Canny - M 2:00-3:00, in 637 Soda
- Webcasts (slides + audio) should be available from the bCourses page.

# Course Project

- Will consume about 2/3 of the semester.
- In teams of 3-4.
- Can be combined with other course projects
- We encourage “open-source” projects that can be archived.
- You will “check-in” with the GSIs several times during the semester.
- Final poster and report due at the end of the semester.

# Acknowledgement

- A grant from Google provided partial support for GSIs and readers. Thanks!



# Questions ?

Coming up: Some rationale for deep neural networks...

# The Waitlist:

The class is full for now.

There may be some movement from the waitlist, but this is impossible to predict. Last time, there was less movement than normal...

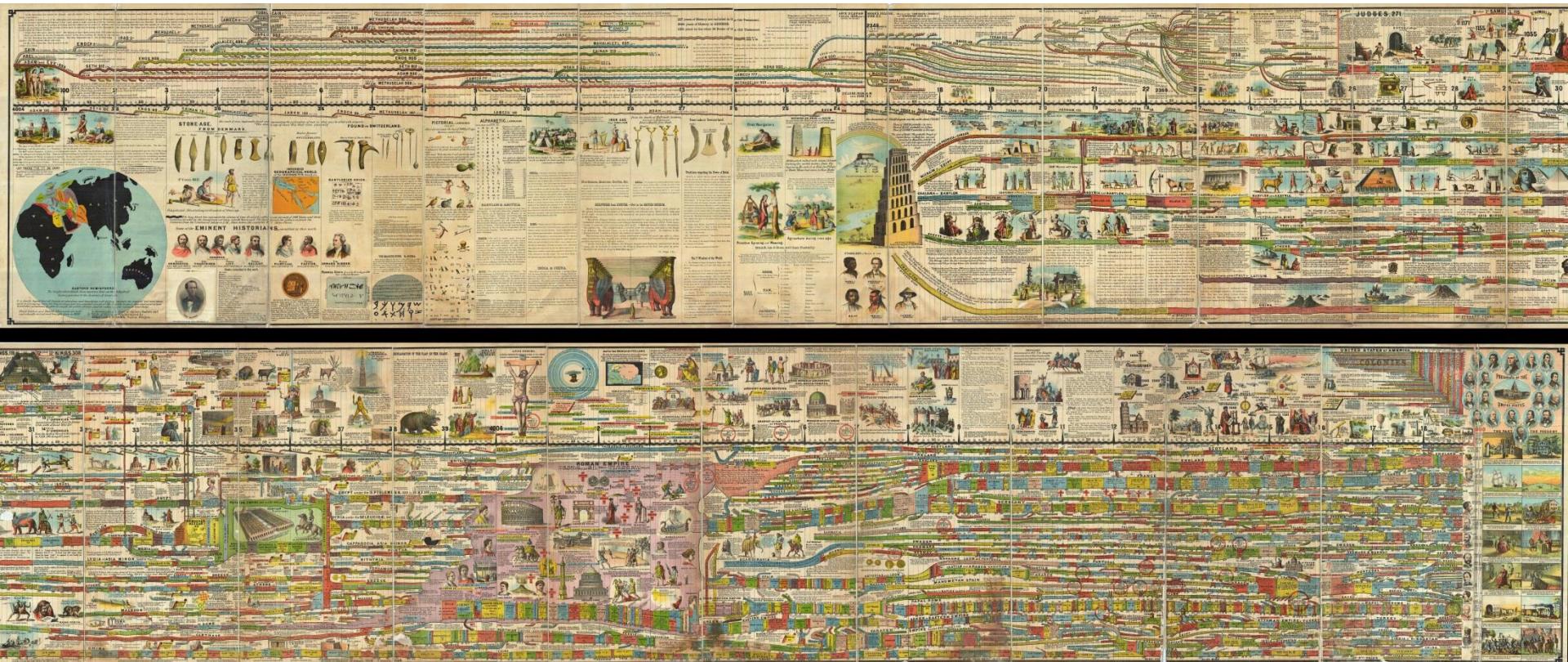
This course should be 182/282A next time and fully-resourced and taught at larger scale.

To know more, consult a professional psychic...



# Some History

- Reading: the Deep Learning Book, Introduction



# Phases of Neural Network Research

- 1940s-1960s: Cybernetics: Brain like electronic systems, morphed into modern control theory and signal processing.
- 1960s-1980s: Digital computers, automata theory, computational complexity theory: simple shallow circuits are very limited in what they can represent...
- 1980s-1990s: Connectionism: complex, non-linear networks, back-propagation.
- 1990s-2010s: Computational learning theory, graphical models: Learning is computationally hard, simple shallow circuits are very limited in what they can learn...
- 2006→: Deep learning: End-to-end training, large datasets, explosion in applications.

# Citations of the “LeNet” paper

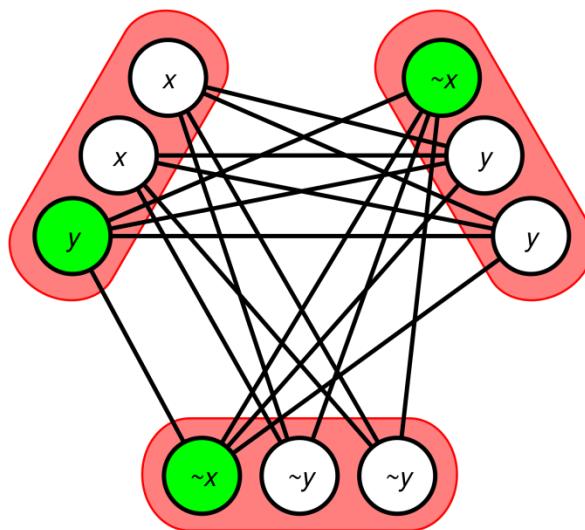
- Recall the LeNet was a modern visual classification network that recognized digits for zip codes. Its citations look like this:



- The 2000s were a golden age for machine learning, and marked the ascent of graphical models. But not so for neural networks.

# Why the success of DNNs is surprising

- From both complexity and learning theory perspectives, simple networks are very limited.
  - Can't compute parity with a small network.
  - NP-Hard to learn "simple" functions like 3SAT formulae, and i.e. training a DNN is NP-hard.



# Why the success of DNNs is surprising

- The most successful DNN training algorithm is a version of gradient descent which will only find local optima. In other words, it's a greedy algorithm. Backprop:

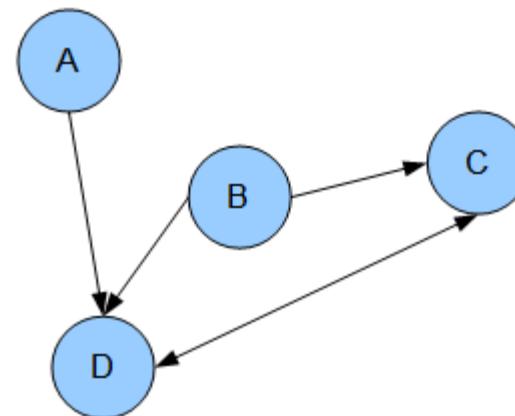
$$\text{loss} = f(g(h(y)))$$

$$d \text{ loss}/dy = f'(g) \times g'(h) \times h'(y)$$

- Greedy algorithms are even more limited in what they can represent and how well they learn.
- If a problem has a greedy solution, its regarded as an “easy” problem.

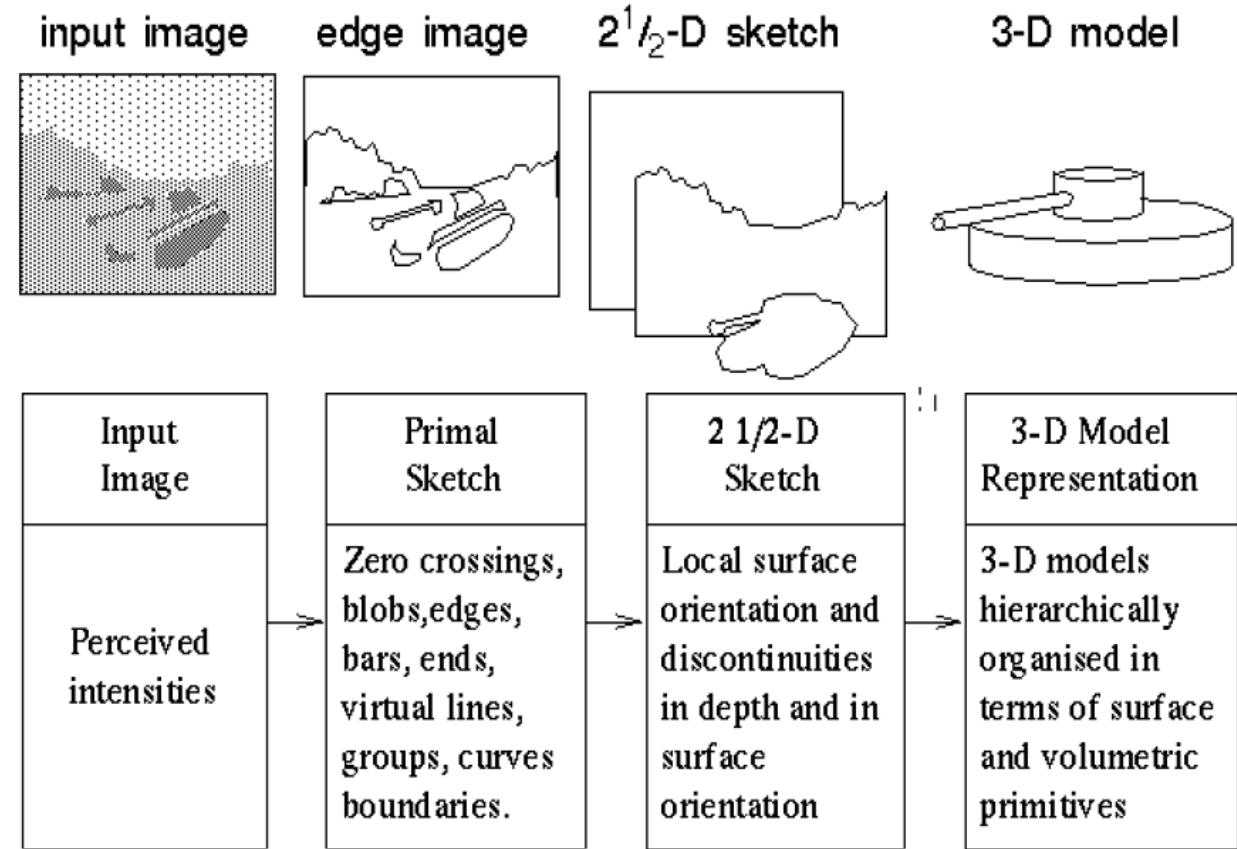
# Why the success of DNNs is surprising

- In graphical models, values in a network represent random variables, and have a clear meaning. The network structure encodes dependency information, i.e. you can represent rich models.
- In a DNN, node activations encode nothing in particular, and the network structure only encodes (trivially) how they derive from each other.



# Why the success of DNNs is ~~surprising~~ obvious

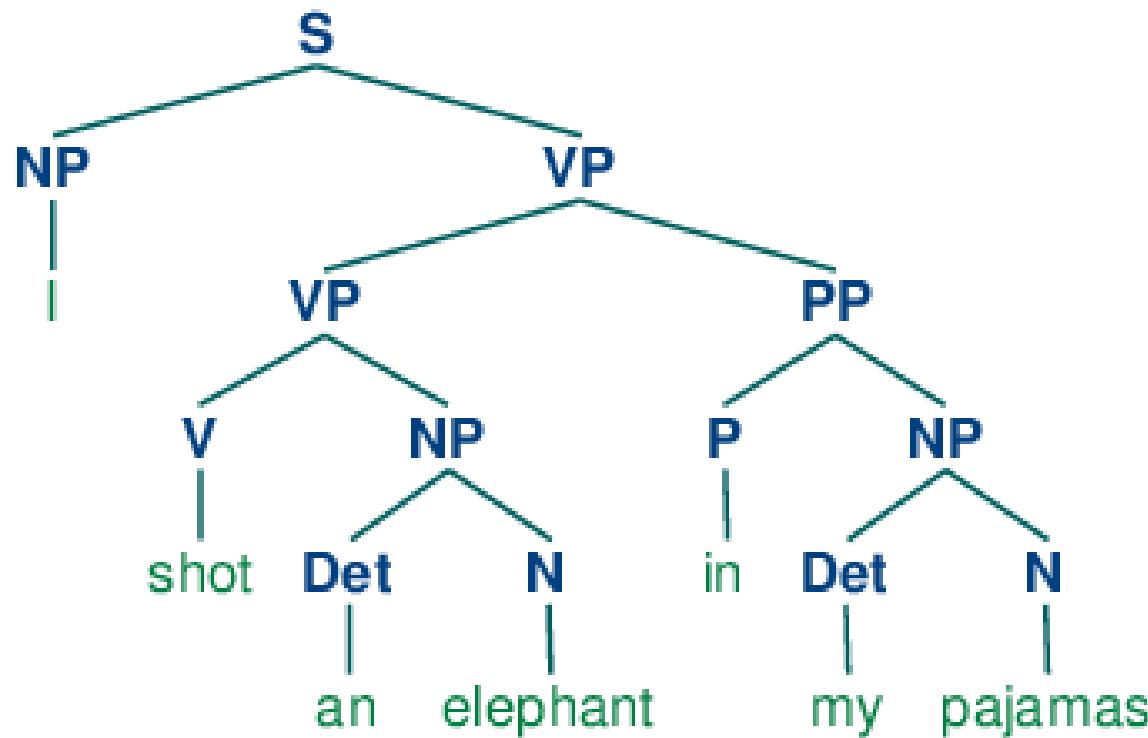
- Hierarchical representations are ubiquitous in AI. Computer vision:



Stages of Visual Representation, David Marr,  
1970s

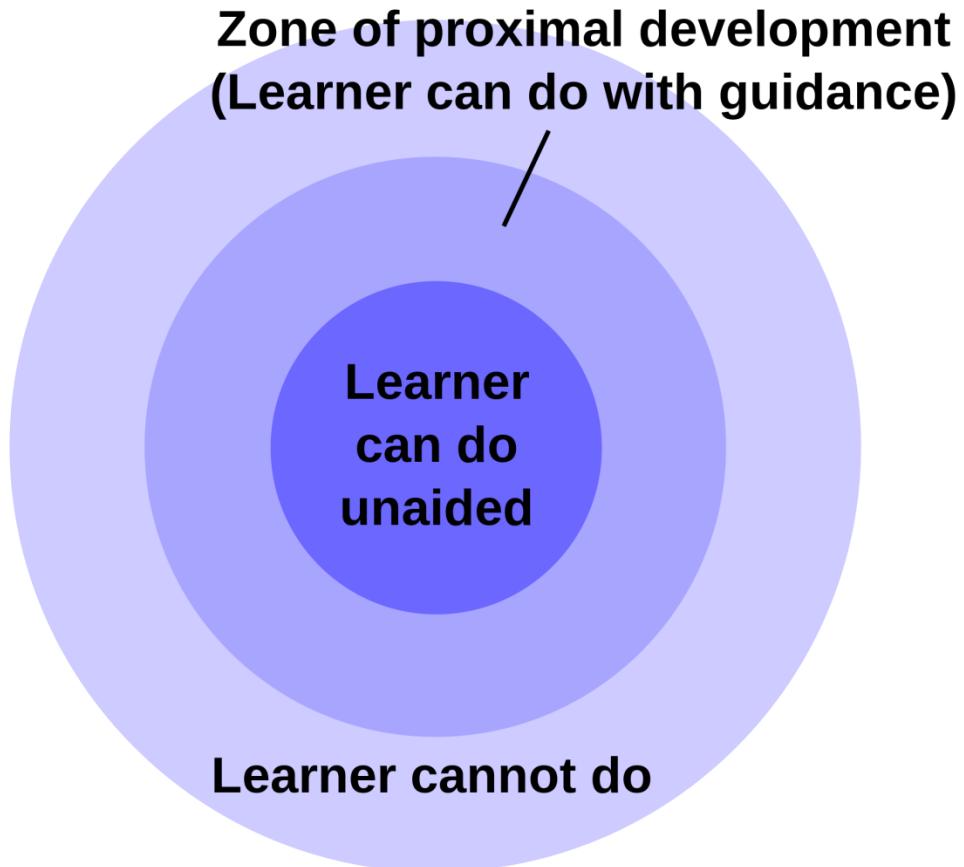
# Why the success of DNNs is ~~surprising~~ obvious

- Hierarchies are ubiquitous in natural language:



# Why the success of DNNs is ~~surprising~~ obvious

- Human Learning: is deeply layered.



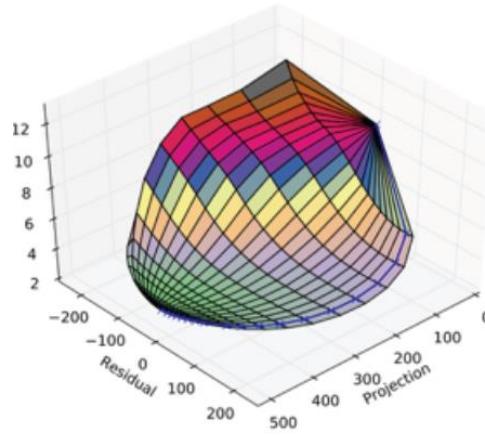
Deep expertise



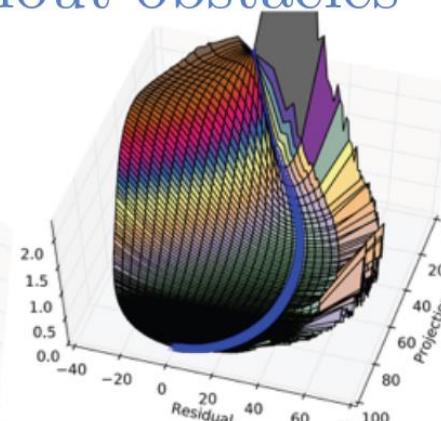
# Why the success of DNNs is ~~surprising~~ obvious

- What about greedy optimization?
- Less obvious, but it looks like many learning problems (e.g. image classification) are actually “easy” i.e. have reliable steepest descent paths to a good model.

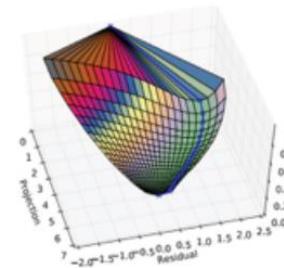
3-D plots without obstacles



LSTM



Adversarial  
ReLUs



Factored Linear

# Questions ?

Coming up: Computer Vision intro...

# Computer Vision – a brief history

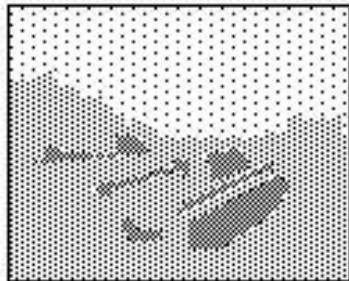
David Marr's approach 1970-80s

- Computation
- Algorithm
- Implementation

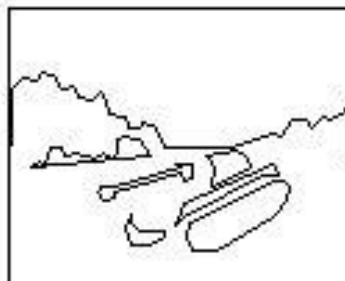


primal sketch and  
2 ½ D sketch.

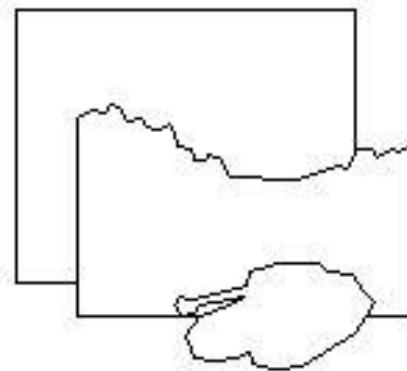
input image



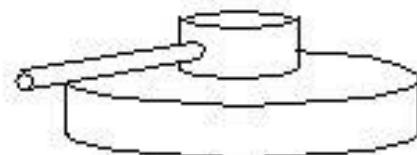
edge image



2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>-D sketch

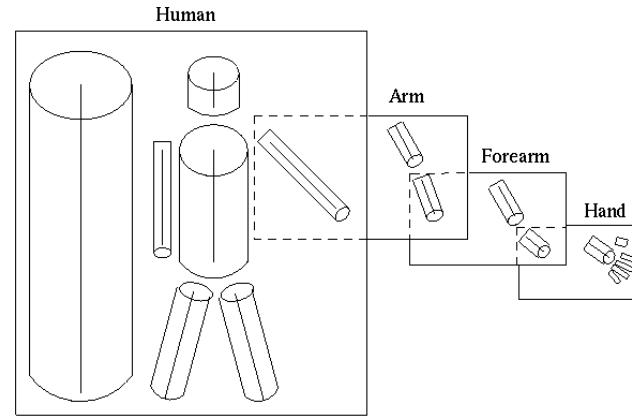
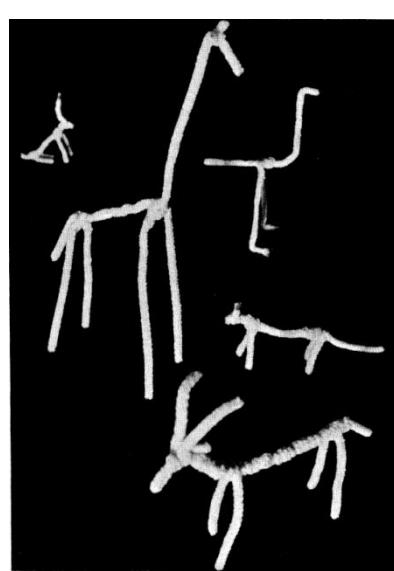


3-D model



# Computer Vision - Shape description

Skeletons and Cylinders: Marr and Nishihara 1978:



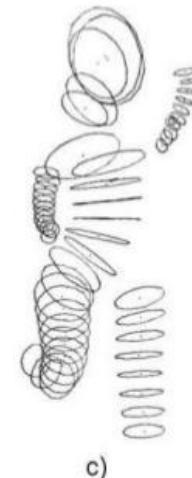
Tom Binford, generalized  
cylinders 1971



a)



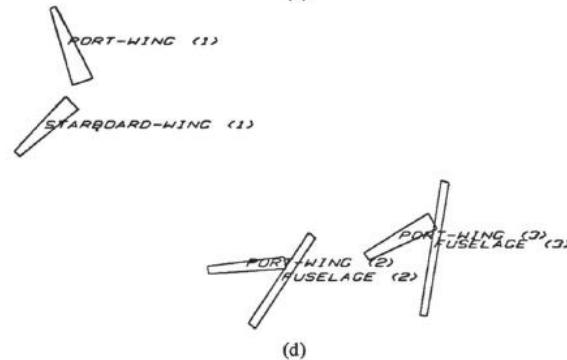
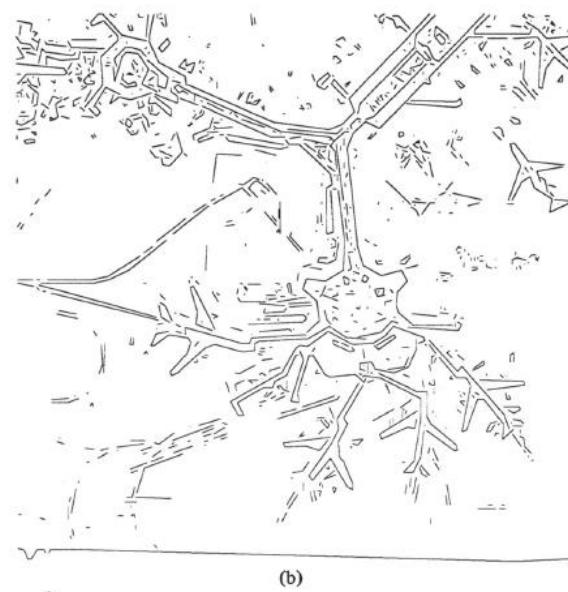
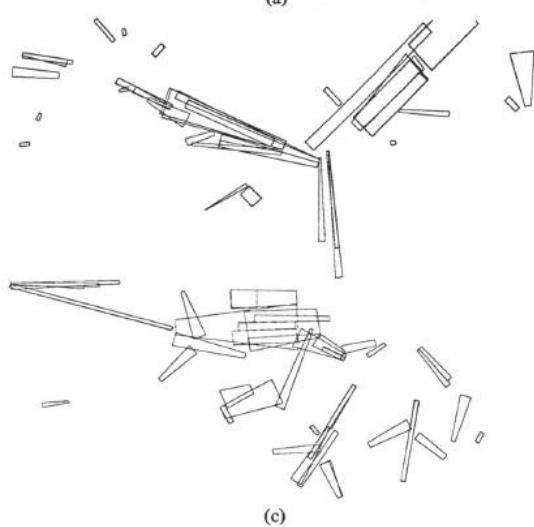
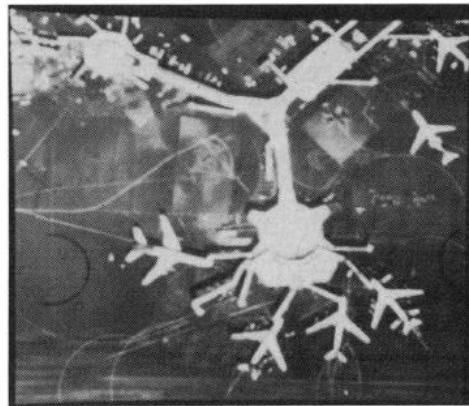
b)



c)

# Computer Vision - Shape matching

ACRONYM (Brooks 1982) matching with generalized cylinders + search!:



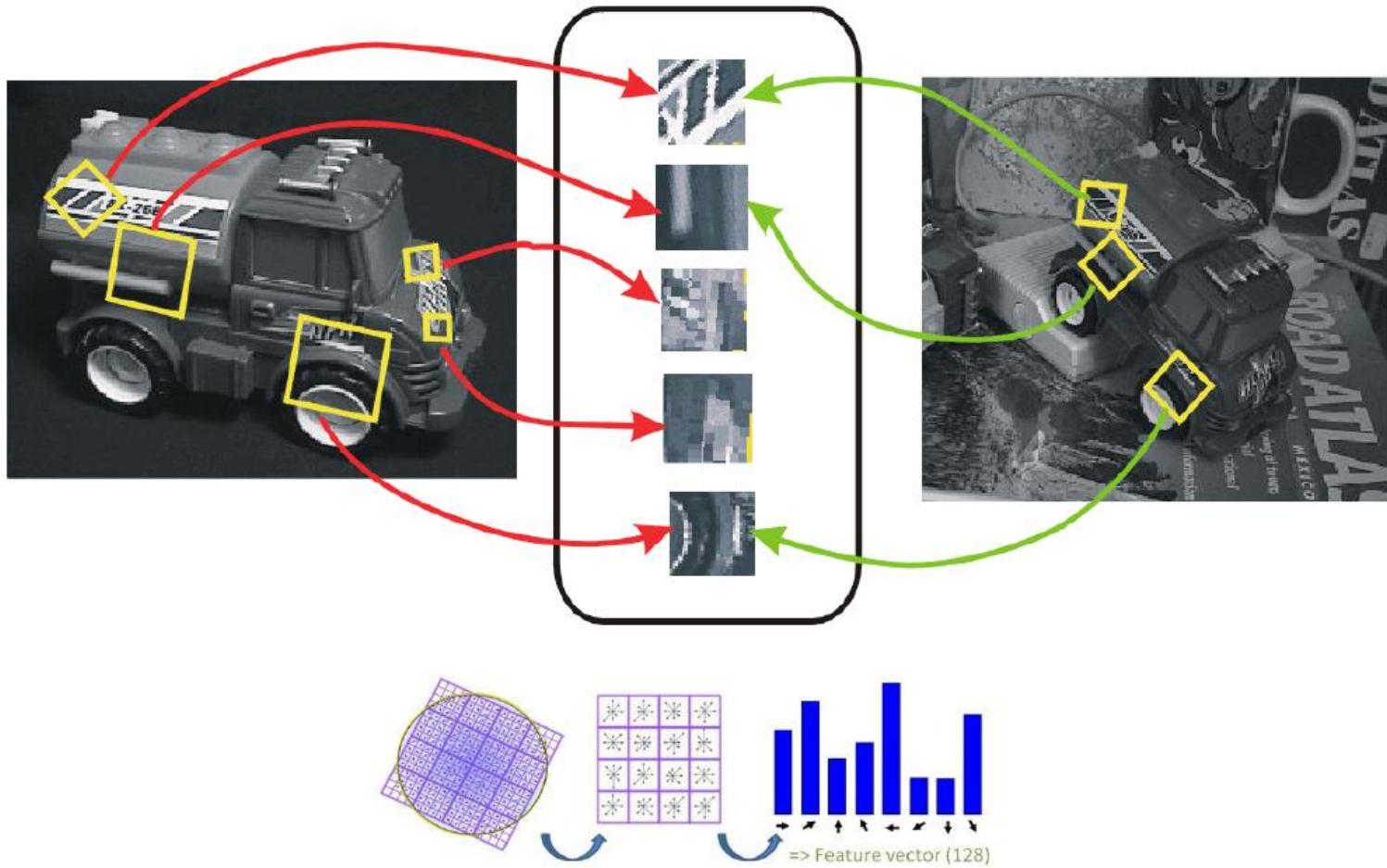
# Computer Vision - Eigenfaces

Turk and Pentland 1991:



A data-driven approach?

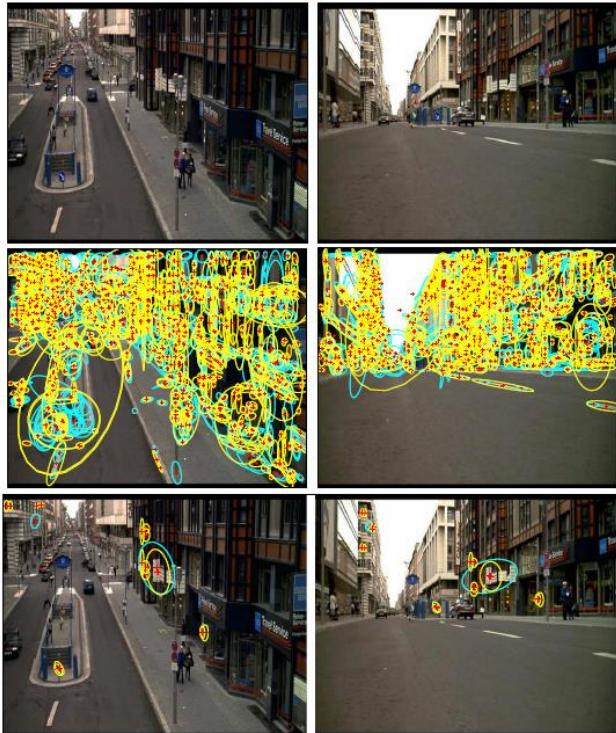
# Computer Vision – Invariant Features



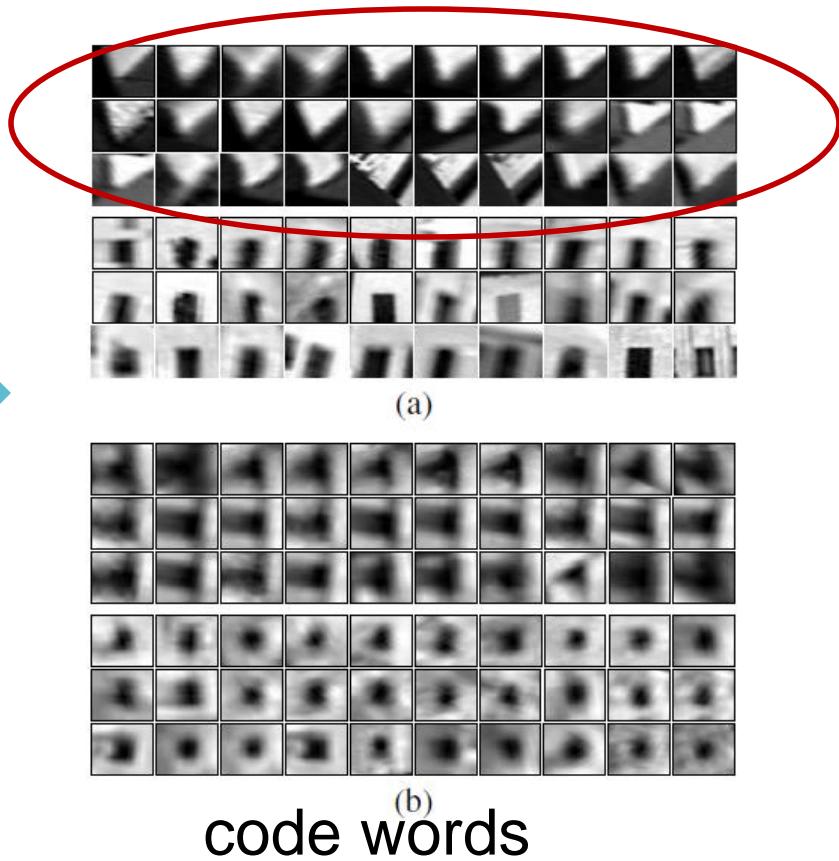
“SIFT” & Object Recognition, David Lowe, 1999

# Computer Vision – Bag-of-words

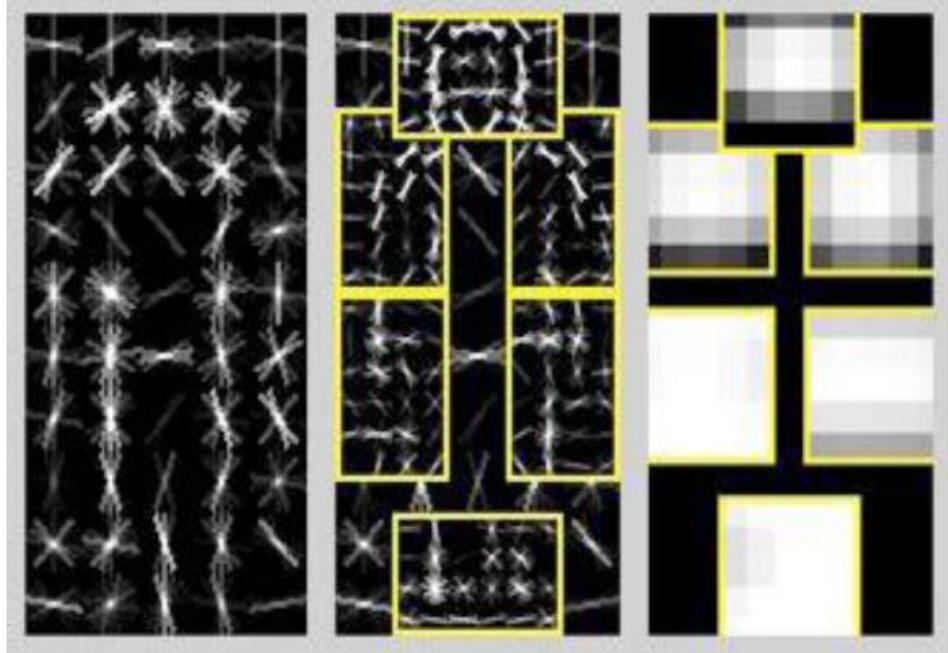
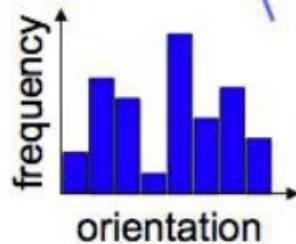
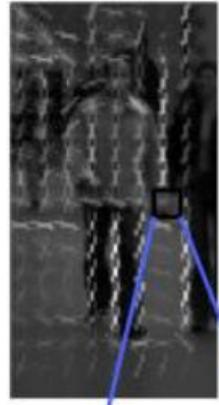
Sivic and Zisserman (2003) “Video Google”



SIFT → SA and MS regions  
(Shape Adapted, Maximally Stable)



# Computer Vision - Shape matching



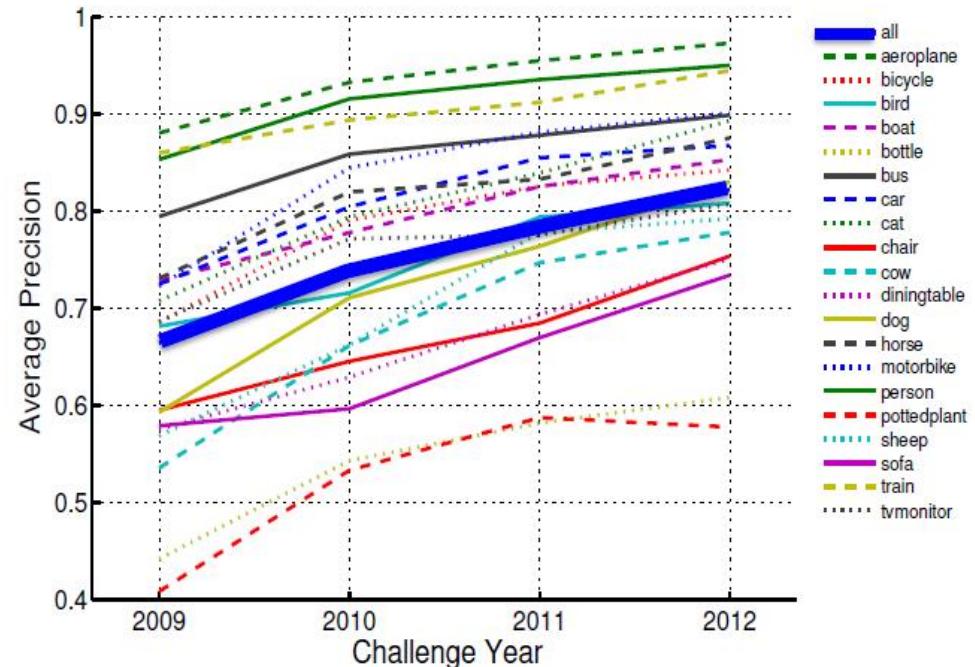
Histogram of Gradients (HoG)  
Dalal & Triggs, 2005

Deformable Part Model  
Felzenswalb, McAllester, Ramanan,  
2009

# Computer Vision – Challenge Datasets

## PASCAL Visual Object Challenge (20 object categories)

[Everingham et al. 2006-2012]





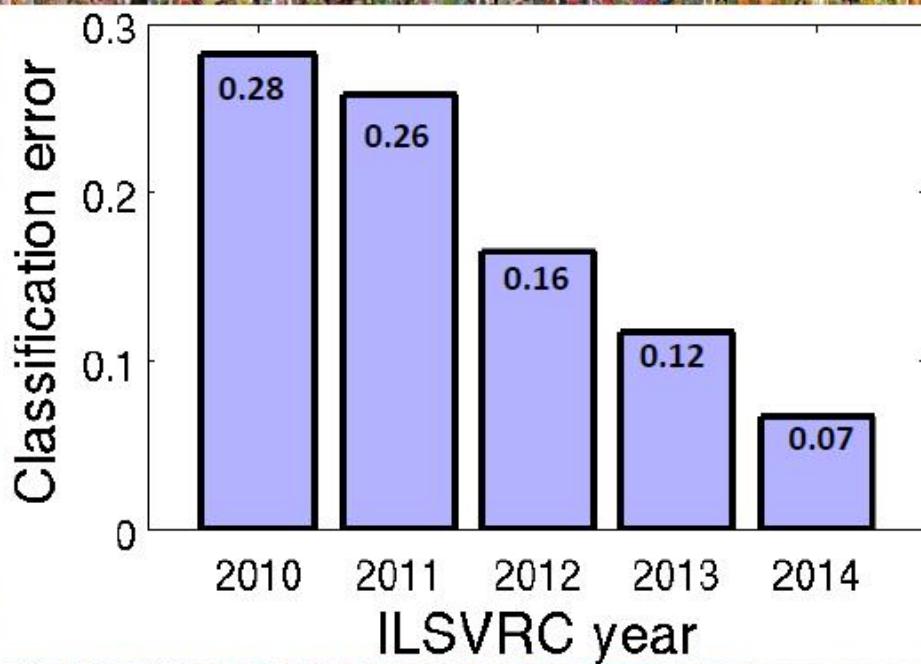
[www.image-net.org](http://www.image-net.org)

**22K** categories and **14M** images

- Animals
  - Bird
  - Fish
  - Mammal
  - Invertebrate
- Plants
  - Tree
  - Flower
  - Food
  - Materials
- Structures
  - Artifact
  - Tools
  - Appliances
  - Structures
- Person
- Scenes
  - Indoor
  - Geological Formations
- Sport Activities

Deng, Dong, Socher, Li, Li, & Fei-Fei, 2009

The Image Classification Challenge:  
1,000 object classes  
1,431,167 images



Russakovsky et al. arXiv, 2014

# IMAGENET Large Scale Visual Recognition Challenge

## Year 2010

NEC-UIUC



Dense grid descriptor:  
HOG, LBP

Coding: local coordinate,  
super-vector

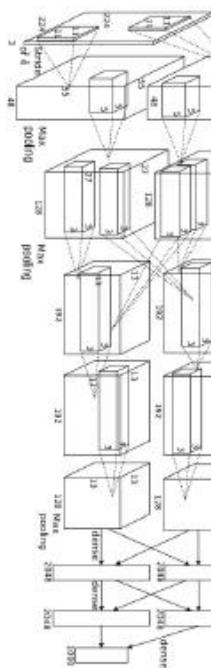
Pooling, SPM

Linear SVM

[Lin CVPR 2011]

## Year 2012

SuperVision



[Krizhevsky NIPS 2012]

## Year 2014

GoogLeNet

VGG

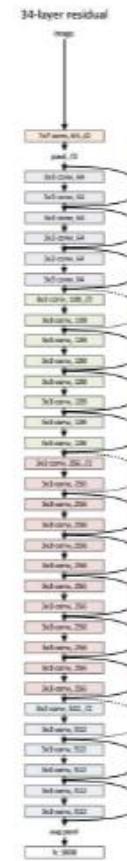


Legend:  
**image**  
conv-64  
conv-64  
maxpool  
conv-128  
conv-128  
maxpool  
conv-256  
conv-256  
maxpool  
conv-512  
conv-512  
maxpool  
FC-4096  
FC-4096  
FC-1000  
softmax

[Szegedy arxiv 2014] [Simonyan arxiv 2014]

## Year 2015

MSRA



# Image Classification: a core task in Computer Vision



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



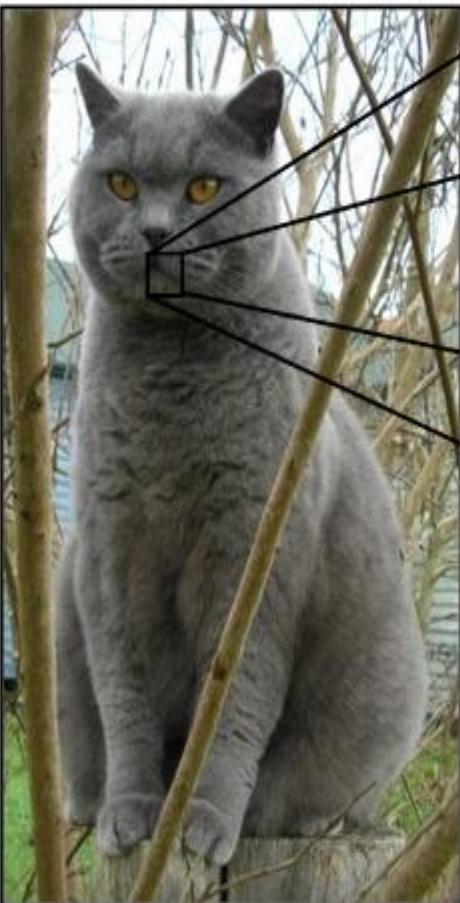
cat

# The problem:*semantic gap*

Images are represented as 3D arrays of numbers, with integers between [0, 255].

E.g.  
300 x 100 x 3

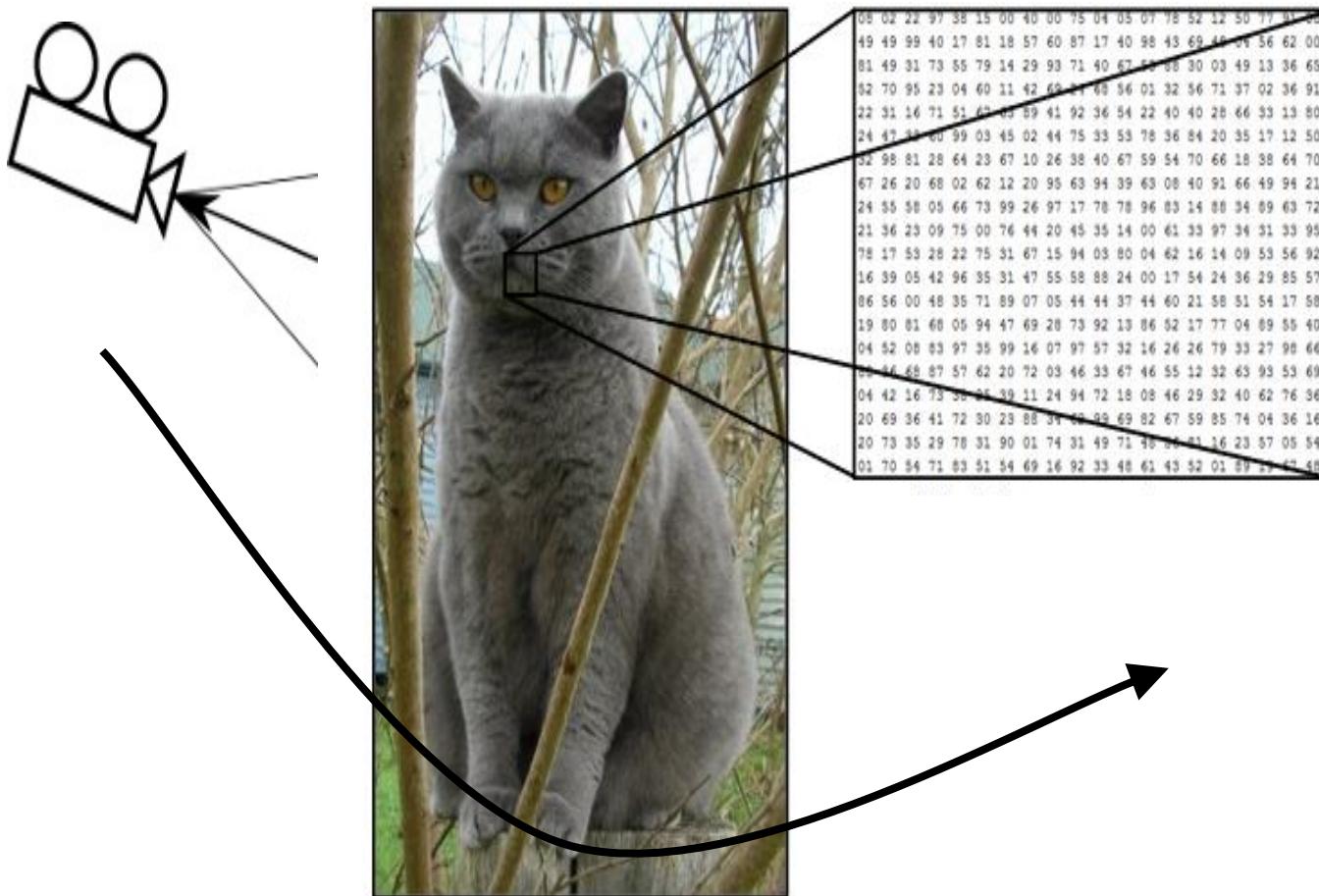
(3 for 3 color channels RGB)



08 02 22 97 38 15 00 40 00 75 04 05 07 78 52 12 50 77 01 08
49 49 99 40 17 81 18 57 60 87 17 40 98 43 69 46 59 56 62 00
81 49 31 73 55 79 14 29 93 71 40 67 50 08 30 03 49 13 36 65
52 70 95 23 04 60 11 42 68 31 68 56 01 32 56 71 37 02 36 91
22 31 16 71 51 62 63 89 41 92 36 54 22 40 40 28 66 33 13 80
24 47 38 60 99 03 45 02 44 75 33 53 78 36 84 20 35 17 12 50
32 98 81 28 64 23 67 10 26 38 40 67 59 54 70 66 18 38 64 70
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What the computer sees

# Challenges: Viewpoint Variation



# Challenges: Illumination



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# Challenges: Deformation



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# Challenges: Occlusion



# Challenges: Background clutter



# Challenges: Intraclass variation

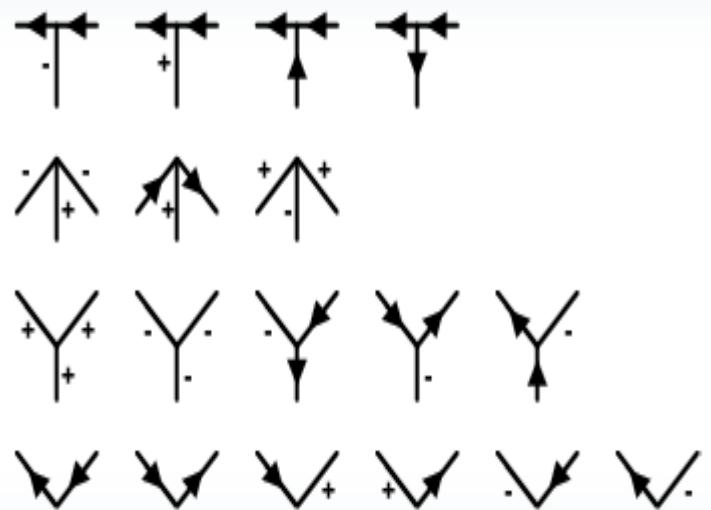


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# Classifying using constraints? ?



???



# Data-driven approach:

1. Collect a dataset of images and labels
2. Use Machine Learning to train an image classifier
3. Evaluate the classifier on a withheld set of test images

Example training set

```
def train(train_images, train_labels):  
    # build a model for images -> labels...  
    return model  
  
def predict(model, test_images):  
    # predict test_labels using the model...  
    return test_labels
```



# First classifier: Nearest Neighbor Classifier

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```

Remember all training images and their labels



Predict the label of the most similar training image



# Example dataset: CIFAR-10

**10 labels**

**50,000** training images, each image is tiny: 32x32

**10,000** test images.



# Example dataset: CIFAR-10

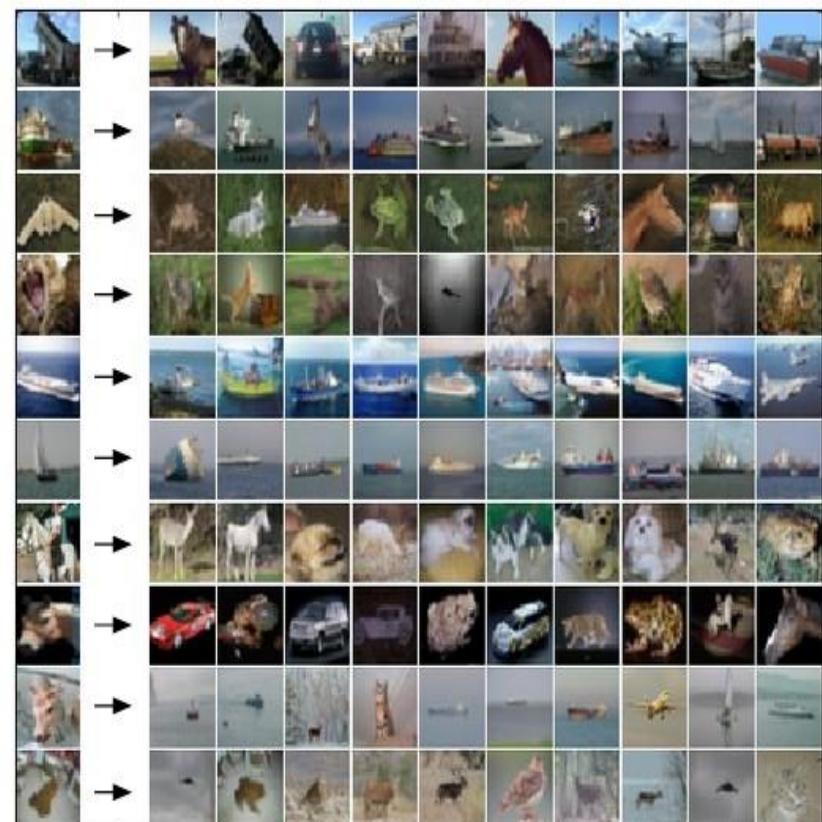
**10 labels**

**50,000** training images

**10,000** test images.



For every test image (first column),  
examples of nearest neighbors in rows



# How do we compare the images? What is the **distance metric**?

**L1 distance:**

$$d_1(I_1, I_2) = \sum_p |I_1^p - I_2^p|$$

test image				training image				pixel-wise absolute value differences			
56	32	10	18	10	20	24	17	46	12	14	1
90	23	128	133	8	10	89	100	82	13	39	33
24	26	178	200	12	16	178	170	12	10	0	30
2	0	255	220	4	32	233	112	2	32	22	108

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add → 456

The choice of distance is a **hyperparameter**  
common choices:

L1 (Manhattan) distance

$$d_1(I_1, I_2) = \sum_p |I_1^p - I_2^p|$$

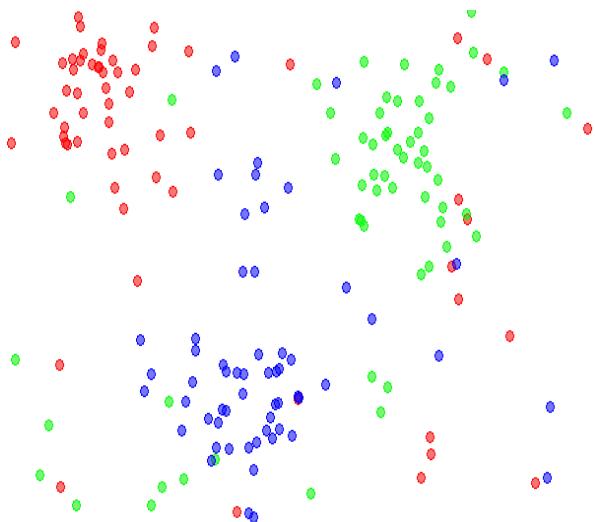
L2 (Euclidean) distance

$$d_2(I_1, I_2) = \sqrt{\sum_p (I_1^p - I_2^p)^2}$$

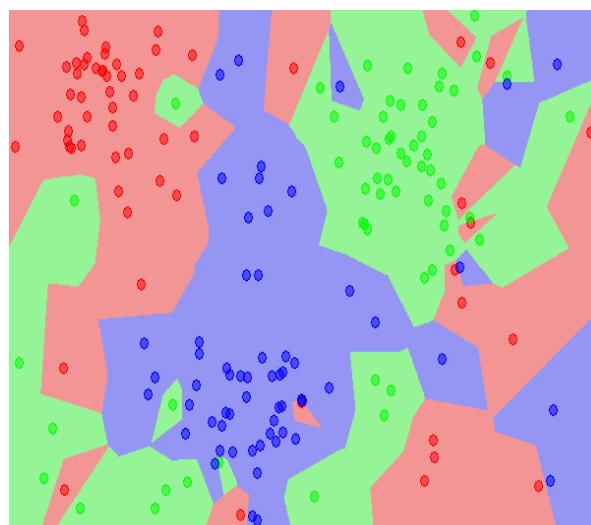
# k-Nearest Neighbor

find the k nearest images, have them vote on the label

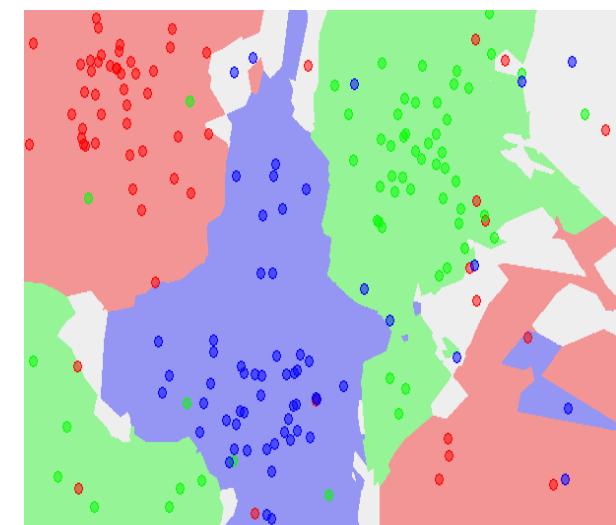
the data



NN classifier



5-NN classifier



[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/K-nearest\\_neighbors\\_algorithm](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/K-nearest_neighbors_algorithm)

# Example dataset: CIFAR-10

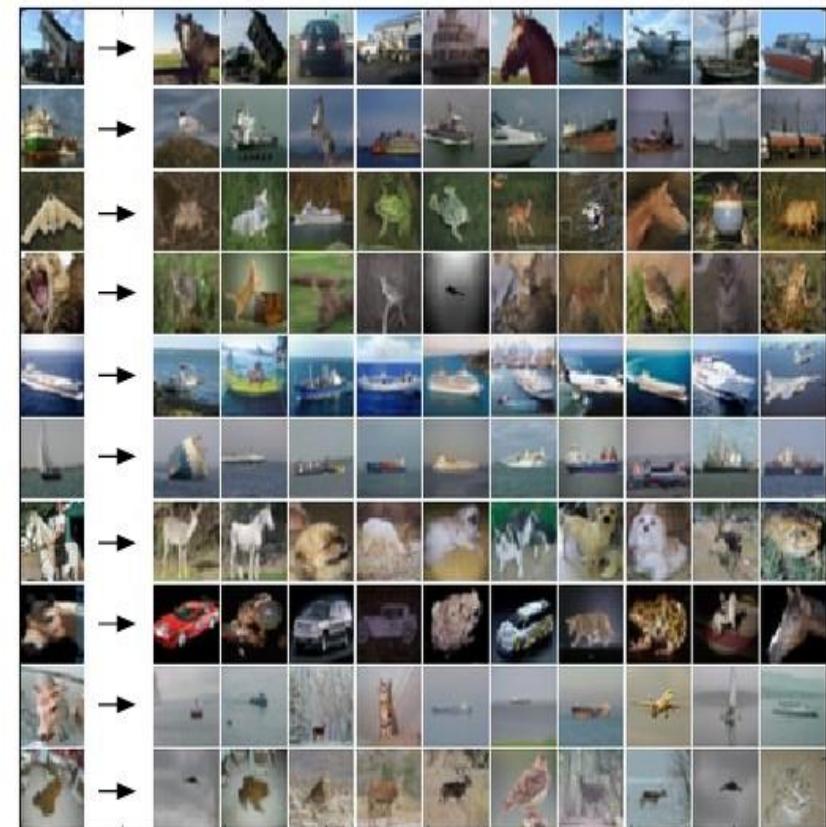
**10 labels**

**50,000** training images

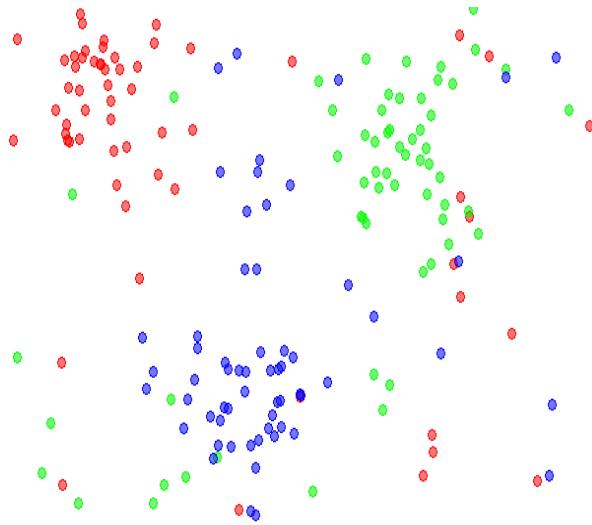
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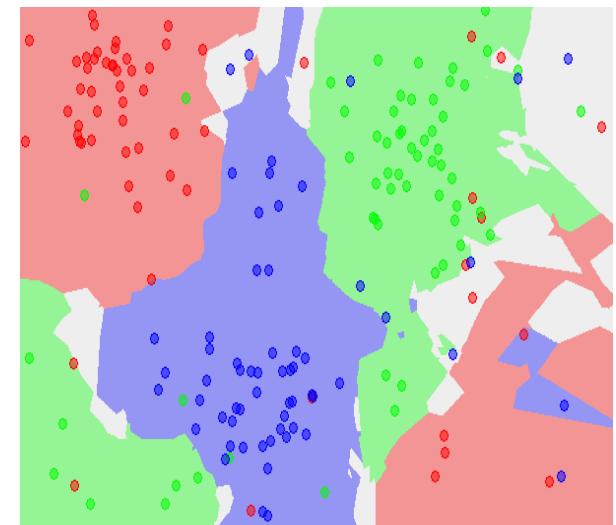
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NN classifier

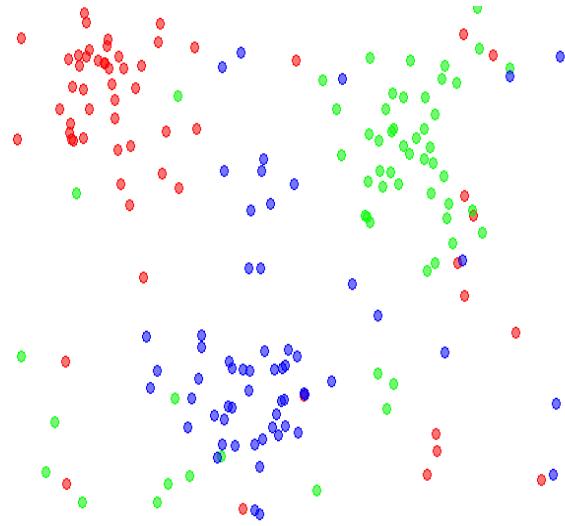


5-NN classifier

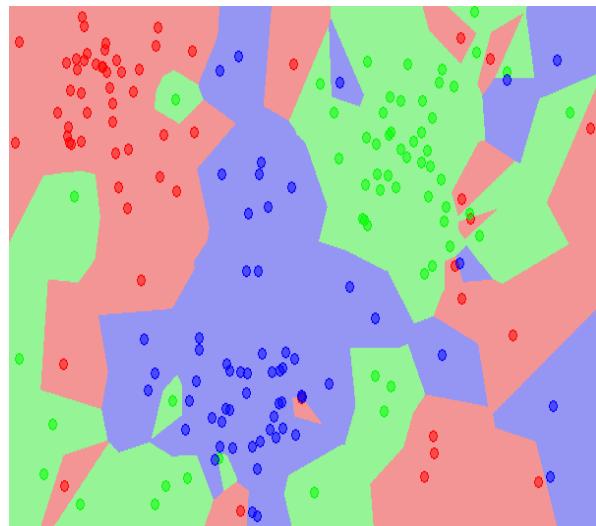


Q: what is the accuracy of the nearest neighbor classifier on the training data, when using the Euclidean distance?

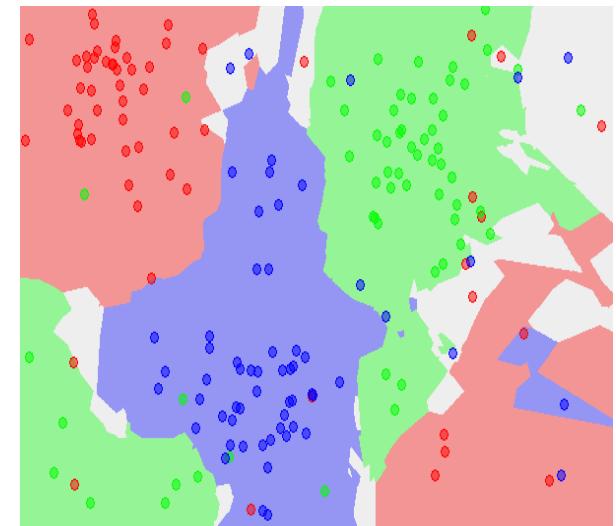
the data



NN classifier

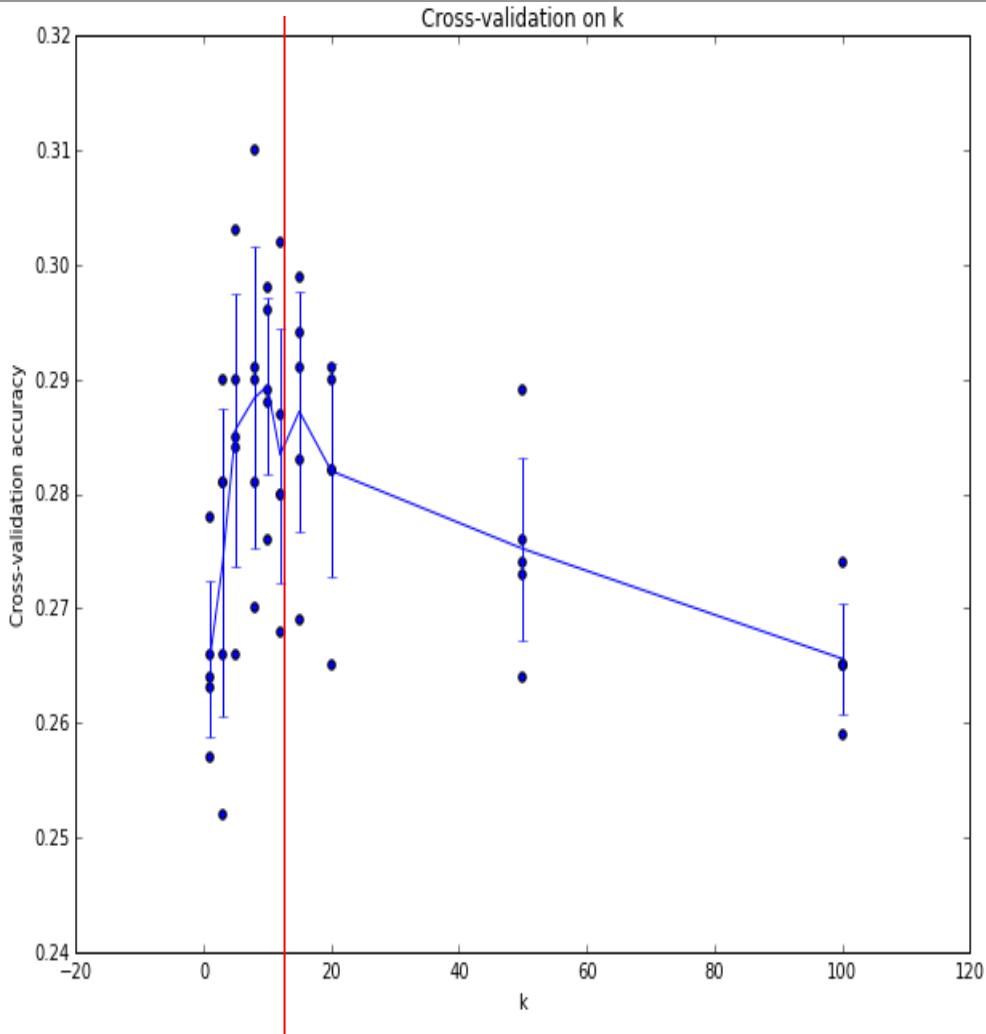


5-NN classifier



Q2: what is the accuracy of the  $k$ -nearest neighbor classifier on the training data?

# Hyperparameter tuning:



Example of  
5-fold cross-validation  
for the value of **k**.

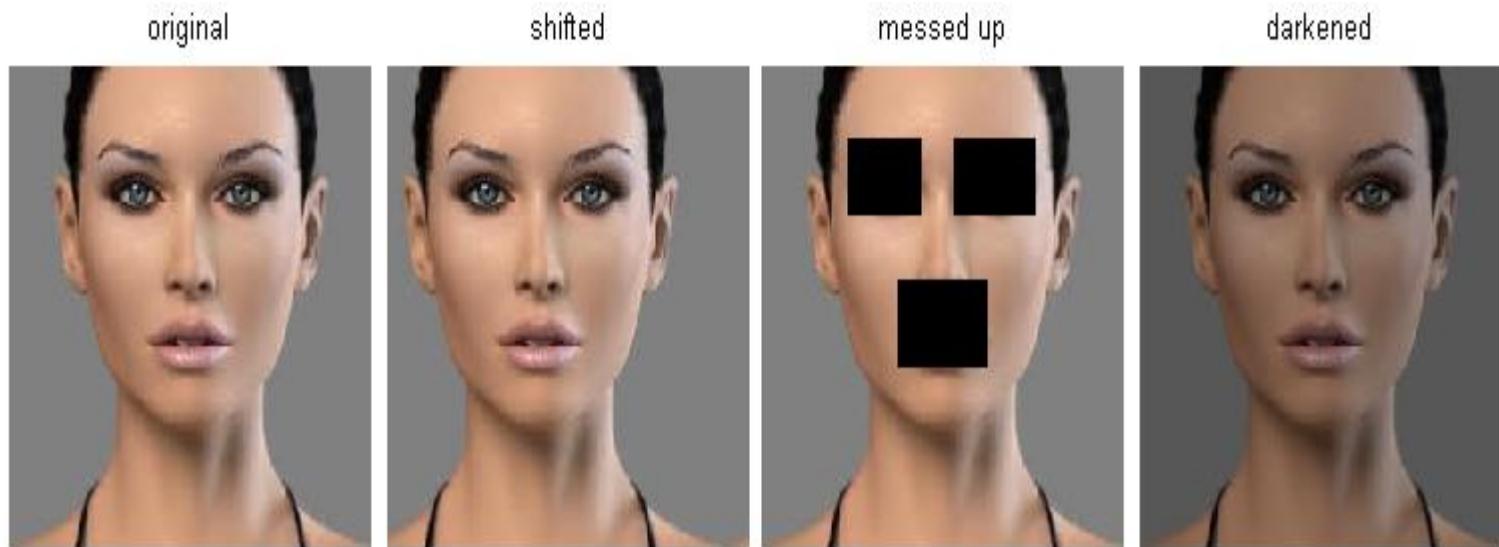
Each point: single  
outcome.

The line goes  
through the mean, bars  
indicated standard  
deviation

(Seems that  $k \approx 7$  works best  
for this data)

# k-Nearest Neighbor on images never used.

- terrible performance at test time
- distance metrics on level of whole images can be very unintuitive



(all 3 images have same L2 distance to the one on the left)

# Summary

- **Image Classification:** given a **Training Set** of labeled images, predict labels on **Test Set**. Common to report the **Accuracy** of predictions (fraction of correct predictions)
- We introduced the **k-Nearest Neighbor Classifier**, which predicts labels based on nearest images in the training set
- We saw that the choice of distance and the value of k are **hyperparameters** that are tuned using a **validation set**, or through **cross-validation** if the size of the data is small.
- Once the best set of hyperparameters is chosen, the classifier is evaluated once on the test set, and reported as the performance of kNN on that data.