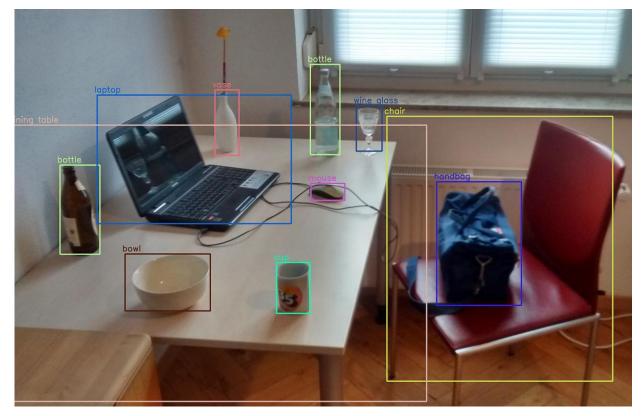


CS 4391 Introduction Computer Vision
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Object Detection

Localize objects in images and classify them



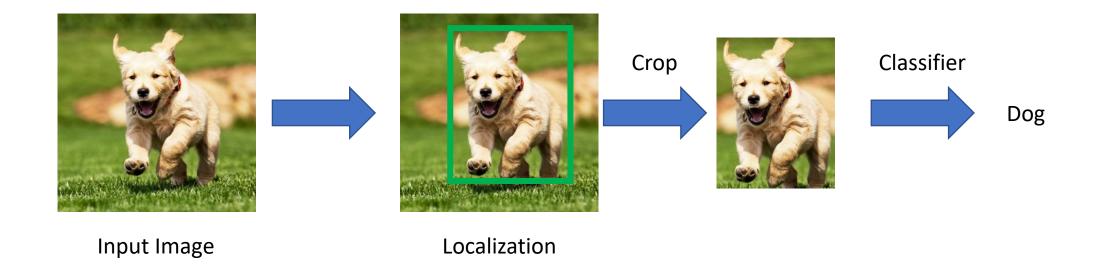
Wikipedia

Why using bounding boxes?

- Easy to store
 - (x, y, w, h): box center with width, height
 - (x1, y1, x2, y2): top left corner and bottom right corner
- Easy for image processing
 - Crop a region

Object Detection

• Localization + Classification

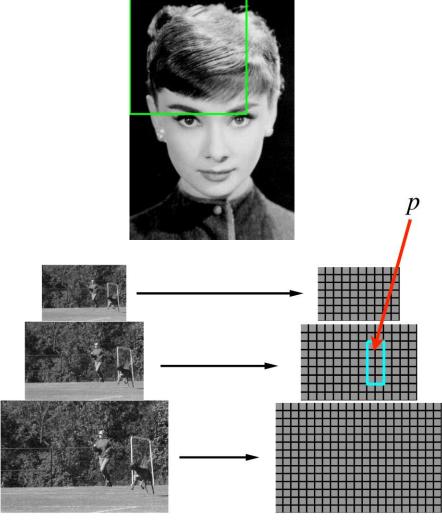


Localization: Sliding Window

Select a window with a fixed size

 Scan the input image with the window (bounding box)

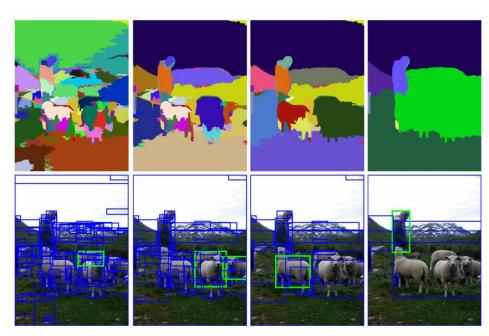
- How to deal with different object scales and aspect ratios?
 - Use boxes with different aspect ratios
 - Image pyramid



https://cvexplained.wordpress.com/tag/sliding-windows/

Localization: Region Proposal

- Leverage methods that can generate regions with high likelihood of containing objects
 - E.g., bottom-up segmentation methods, using edges



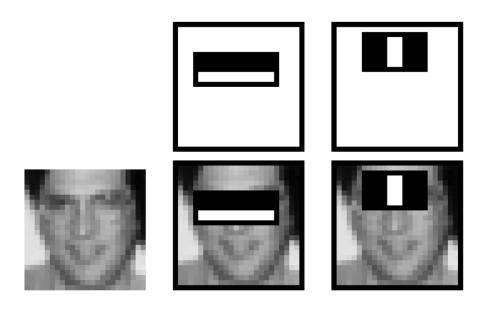
Selective Search, Sande et al., ICCV'11



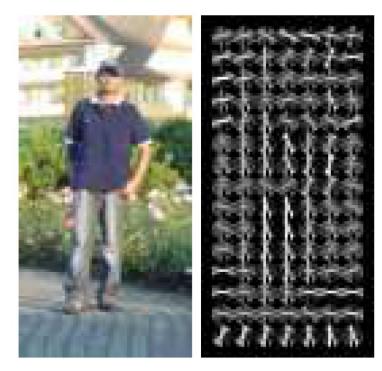
Edge Boxes. Zitnick & Dollar, ECCV'14

Classification: Features

- Traditional methods: Hand-crafted features
- Deep learning methods: learned features in the network



Viola and Jones: rectangle features

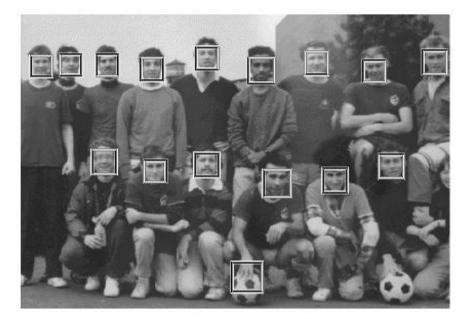


Dadal & Triggs: Histograms of Oriented Gradients

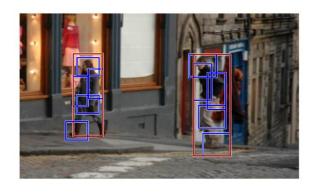
Classification: Classifiers

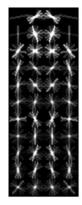
- Traditional methods
 - AdaBoost
 - Support vector machines (SVMs)

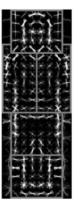
- Deep learning methods
 - Neural networks

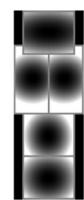


Viola and Jones: AdaBoost Robust Real-time Object Detection. IJCV, 2001.









Felzenszwalb et al: SVM

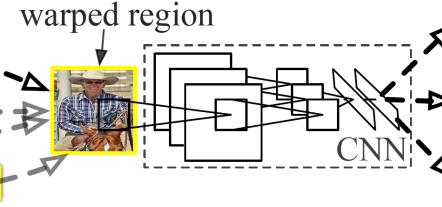
Object detection with discriminatively trained part-based models . TPAMI, 2009.

R-CNN



1. Input image





2. Extract region proposals (~2k)

Selective Search

3. Compute CNN features

4. Classify regions

tvmonitor? no.

aeroplane? no.

person? yes.

SVM

Rich feature hierarchies for accurate object detection and semantic segmentation. Girshick et al., CVPR, 2014

R-CNN

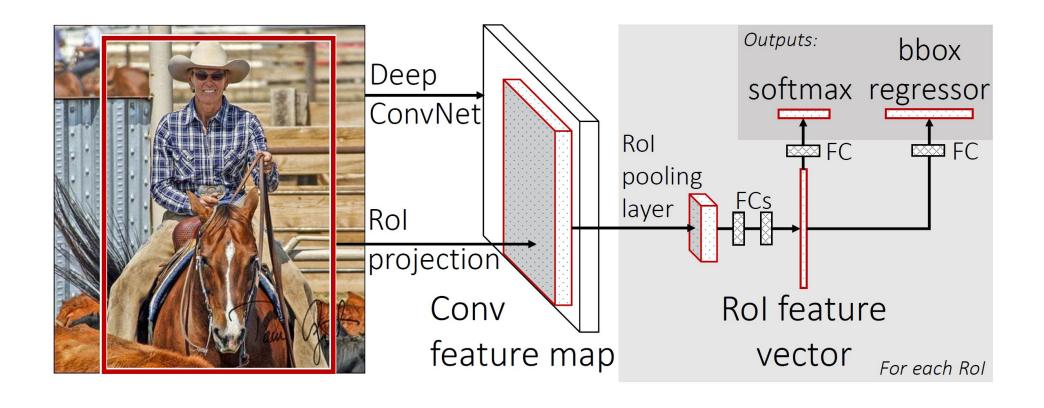
VOC 2007 test	aero	bike	bird	boat	bottle	bus	car	cat	chair	cow	table	dog	horse	mbike	person	plant	sheep	sofa	train	tv	mAP
R-CNN pool ₅	51.8	60.2	36.4	27.8	23.2	52.8	60.6	49.2	18.3	47.8	44.3	40.8	56.6	58.7	42.4	23.4	46.1	36.7	51.3	55.7	44.2
R-CNN fc ₆	59.3	61.8	43.1	34.0	25.1	53.1	60.6	52.8	21.7	47.8	42.7	47.8	52.5	58.5	44.6	25.6	48.3	34.0	53.1	58.0	46.2
R-CNN fc ₇	57.6	57.9	38.5	31.8	23.7	51.2	58.9	51.4	20.0	50.5	40.9	46.0	51.6	55.9	43.3	23.3	48.1	35.3	51.0	57.4	44.7
R-CNN FT pool ₅	58.2	63.3	37.9	27.6	26.1	54.1	66.9	51.4	26.7	55.5	43.4	43.1	57.7	59.0	45.8	28.1	50.8	40.6	53.1	56.4	47.3
R-CNN FT fc ₆	63.5	66.0	47.9	37.7	29.9	62.5	70.2	60.2	32.0	57.9	47.0	53.5	60.1	64.2	52.2	31.3	55.0	50.0	57.7	63.0	53.1
R-CNN FT fc7	64.2	69.7	50.0	41.9	32.0	62.6	71.0	60.7	32.7	58.5	46.5	56.1	60.6	66.8	54.2	31.5	52.8	48.9	57.9	64.7	54.2
R-CNN FT fc ₇ BB	68.1	72.8	56.8	43.0	36.8	66.3	74.2	67.6	34.4	63.5	54.5	61.2	69.1	68.6	58.7	33.4	62.9	51.1	62.5	64.8	58.5
DPM v5 [20]	33.2	60.3	10.2	16.1	27.3	54.3	58.2	23.0	20.0	24.1	26.7	12.7	58.1	48.2	43.2	12.0	21.1	36.1	46.0	43.5	33.7
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BB: bounding box regression

Features from AlexNet

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Fast R-CNN



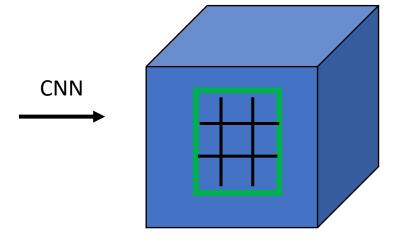
Fast R-CNN. Girshick, ICCV, 2015

Rol Pooling

Divide the mapping RoI into H x W grids

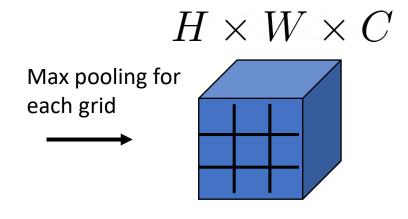


(x,y,h,w)



Rol mapping to feature map

$$s \times (x, y, h, w)$$
$$s = \frac{1}{16}$$



$$7 \times 7$$
 Rol pooling in Fast R-CNN

Bounding Box Regression

G: ground truth, P: input Rol

Predict bounding box regression offset for K object classes

$$t^k = \begin{pmatrix} t_{\rm X}^k, t_{\rm Y}^k, t_{\rm W}^k, t_{\rm h}^k \end{pmatrix} \quad G = (G_x, G_y, G_w, G_h) \quad P = (P_x, P_y, P_w, P_h)$$
 Offset G: ground truth P: input Rol

$$t_x = (G_x - P_x)/P_w$$
 $\hat{G}_x = P_w d_x(P) + P_x$
 $t_y = (G_y - P_y)/P_h$ $\hat{G}_y = P_h d_y(P) + P_y$
 $t_w = \log(G_w/P_w)$ $\hat{G}_w = P_w \exp(d_w(P))$
 $t_h = \log(G_h/P_h).$ $\hat{G}_h = P_h \exp(d_h(P)).$

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Fast R-CNN

Bounding box regress target

Loss function

$$L(p,u,t^u,v) = L_{\mathrm{cls}}(p,u) + \lambda[u \geq 1]L_{\mathrm{loc}}(t^u,v)$$
 ax classification probabilities

True class label

Softmax classification probabilities

$$p = (p_0, \dots, p_K)$$

$$t^u = (t_{\mathbf{x}}^u, t_{\mathbf{y}}^u, t_{\mathbf{w}}^u, t_{\mathbf{h}}^u)$$

$$L_{\text{loc}}(t^u,v) = \sum_{i \in \{\mathbf{x},\mathbf{y},\mathbf{w},\mathbf{h}\}} \text{smooth}_{L_1}(t^u_i - v_i) \qquad \text{smooth}_{L_1}(x) = \begin{cases} 0.5x^2 & \text{if } |x| < 1 \\ |x| - 0.5 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

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Fast R-CNN

	Fa	st R-CN	N	F	SPPnet		
	S	\mathbf{M}	L	S	\mathbf{M}	\mathbf{L}	$^{\dagger}\mathbf{L}$
train time (h)	1.2	2.0	9.5	22	28	84	25
train speedup	18.3×	14.0×	$8.8 \times$	$1 \times$	$1\times$	$1\times$	3.4×
test rate (s/im)	0.10	0.15	0.32	9.8	12.1	47.0	2.3
⊳ with SVD	0.06	0.08	0.22	-	-	-	-
test speedup	98×	$80 \times$	146×	1×	$1\times$	$1\times$	20×
⊳ with SVD	169×	150×	213 ×	-	-	-	-
VOC07 mAP	57.1	59.2	66.9	58.5	60.2	66.0	63.1
	56.5	58.7	66.6	_	-	-	-

S: AlexNet, M: VGG, L: deep VGG SVD for FCs layers

$$W \approx U \Sigma_t V^T$$

Fast R-CNN. Girshick, ICCV, 2015

Summary

- Two-stage detectors
 - R-CNN, Fast R-CNN
 - Region proposal + classification
 - Good performance, slow

Further Reading

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