

CSCI567 Machine Learning (Fall 2025)

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Administration

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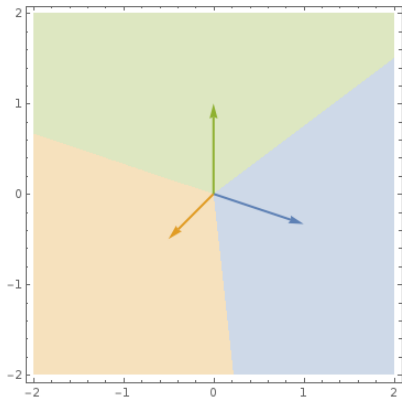
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Linear models: from binary to multiclass



$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{w}_1 &= (1, -\frac{1}{3}) \\ \mathbf{w}_2 &= (-\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}) \\ \mathbf{w}_3 &= (0, 1) \end{aligned}$$

- **Blue class:**
 $\{\mathbf{x} : 1 = \operatorname{argmax}_k \mathbf{w}_k^T \mathbf{x}\}$
- **Orange class:**
 $\{\mathbf{x} : 2 = \operatorname{argmax}_k \mathbf{w}_k^T \mathbf{x}\}$
- **Green class:**
 $\{\mathbf{x} : 3 = \operatorname{argmax}_k \mathbf{w}_k^T \mathbf{x}\}$

$$\mathcal{F} = \left\{ f(\mathbf{x}) = \operatorname{argmax}_{k \in [C]} \mathbf{w}_k^T \mathbf{x} \mid \mathbf{w}_1, \dots, \mathbf{w}_C \in \mathbb{R}^D \right\}$$

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Softmax + MLE = minimizing cross-entropy loss

Maximize probability of see labels $y_1, \dots, y_N$ given $\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_N$

$$P(\mathbf{W}) = \prod_{n=1}^N \mathbb{P}(y_n \mid \mathbf{x}_n; \mathbf{W}) = \prod_{n=1}^N \operatorname{softmax}(\mathbf{W} \mathbf{x}_n)_{y_n} = \prod_{n=1}^N \frac{e^{\mathbf{w}_{y_n}^T \mathbf{x}_n}}{\sum_{k \in [C]} e^{\mathbf{w}_k^T \mathbf{x}_n}}$$

By taking **negative log**, this is equivalent to minimizing

$$F(\mathbf{W}) = \sum_{n=1}^N \ln \left(\frac{\sum_{k \in [C]} e^{\mathbf{w}_k^T \mathbf{x}_n}}{e^{\mathbf{w}_{y_n}^T \mathbf{x}_n}} \right) = \sum_{n=1}^N \ln \left(1 + \sum_{k \neq y_n} e^{(\mathbf{w}_k - \mathbf{w}_{y_n})^T \mathbf{x}_n} \right)$$

This is the **multiclass logistic loss**, a.k.a **cross-entropy loss**.

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Kernel functions

Definition: a function $k : \mathbb{R}^D \times \mathbb{R}^D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is called a **kernel function** if there exists a function $\phi : \mathbb{R}^D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^M$ so that for any $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}' \in \mathbb{R}^D$,

$$k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') = \phi(\mathbf{x})^T \phi(\mathbf{x}')$$

Examples we have seen

$$k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') = (\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{x}')^2$$

$$k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') = \sum_{d=1}^D \frac{\sin(2\pi(x_d - x'_d))}{x_d - x'_d}$$

$$k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') = (\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{x}' + c)^d \quad \text{(polynomial kernel)}$$

$$k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') = e^{-\frac{\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'\|_2^2}{2\sigma^2}} \quad \text{(Gaussian/RBF kernel)}$$

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Kernelizing ML algorithms

Key idea: rewrite the algorithm so that its dependence on the transformed dataset Φ is only through the Gram matrix $\mathbf{K} = \Phi \Phi^T$.

Perceptron (primal form with ϕ)

issue: time/space linear in M

Initialize $\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{0} \in \mathbb{R}^M$

Repeat:

- Pick a data point index n uniformly at random
- If $\operatorname{sgn}(\mathbf{w}^T \phi(\mathbf{x}_n)) \neq y_n$, update $\mathbf{w} \leftarrow \mathbf{w} + y_n \phi(\mathbf{x}_n)$

Kernelized Perceptron

independent of M

Initialize $\alpha_m = 0$ for all $m \in [N]$

Repeat:

- Pick a data point index n uniformly at random
- If $\operatorname{sgn}(\sum_{m=1}^N \alpha_m k(\mathbf{x}_m, \mathbf{x}_n)) \neq y_n$, update $\alpha_n \leftarrow \alpha_n + y_n$

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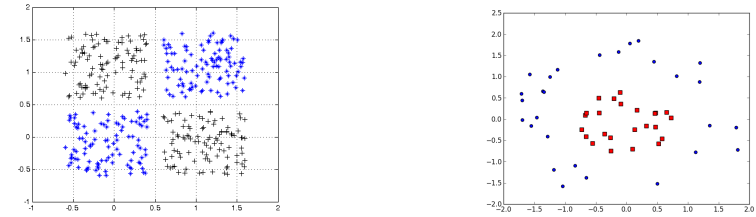
2 Neural Nets

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- Backpropagation
- Preventing overfitting

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Linear models are not always adequate



We can use a nonlinear mapping as discussed:

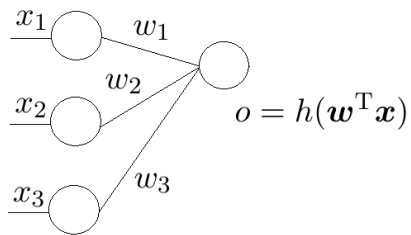
$$\phi(x) : x \in \mathbb{R}^D \rightarrow z \in \mathbb{R}^M$$

Instead of manually picking ϕ or kernel k , *can we learn this nonlinear mapping from data?*

The most popular nonlinear models nowadays: **neural nets**

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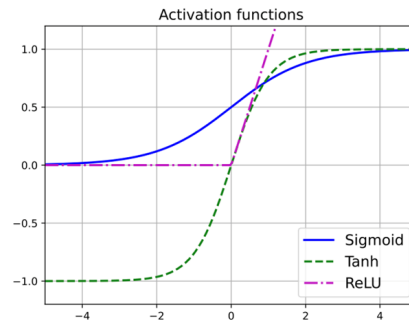
Linear model as a one-layer neural net



$$h(a) = a \text{ for linear model}$$

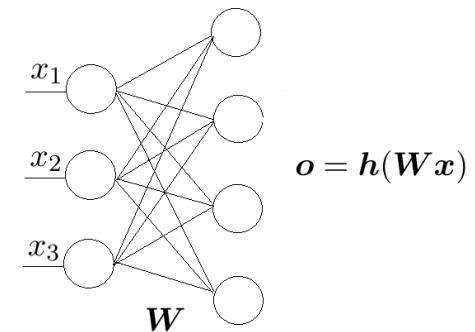
To create non-linearity, can use

- Rectified Linear Unit (**ReLU**): $h(a) = \max\{0, a\}$
- sigmoid function: $h(a) = \frac{1}{1+e^{-a}}$
- TanH: $h(a) = \frac{e^a - e^{-a}}{e^a + e^{-a}}$
- many more



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More output nodes

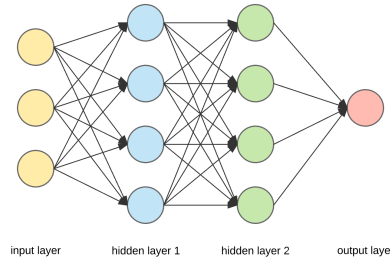


$$W \in \mathbb{R}^{4 \times 3}, h : \mathbb{R}^4 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^4 \text{ so } h(a) = (h_1(a_1), h_2(a_2), h_3(a_3), h_4(a_4))$$

Can think of this as a nonlinear mapping: $\phi(x) = h(Wx)$

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More layers



Becomes a network:

- each node is called a **neuron**
- h is called the **activation function**
 - can use $h(a) = 1$ for one neuron in each layer to **incorporate bias term**
 - output neuron can use $h(a) = a$
- #layers refers to #hidden_layers (plus 1 or 2 for input/output layers)
- **deep** neural nets can have many layers and **millions** of parameters
- this is a **feedforward, fully connected** neural net, there are many variants (convolutional nets, recurrent nets, transformers, etc.)

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How powerful are neural nets?

Universal approximation theorem (Cybenko, 89; Hornik, 91):

A feedforward neural net with a single hidden layer can approximate any continuous functions.

It might need a huge number of neurons though, and **depth helps!**

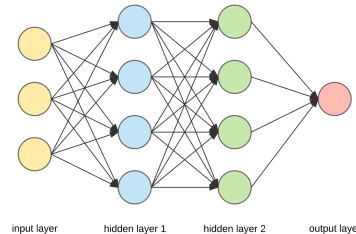
Designing network architecture is important and very complicated

- for feedforward network, need to decide number of hidden layers, number of neurons at each layer, activation functions, etc.

Demo: <http://playground.tensorflow.org>

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Math formulation



An L-layer neural net can be written as

$$f(x) = h_L(W_L h_{L-1}(W_{L-1} \cdots h_1(W_1 x)))$$

To ease notation, for a given input x , define recursively

$$o_0 = x, \quad a_\ell = W_\ell o_{\ell-1}, \quad o_\ell = h_\ell(a_\ell) \quad (\ell = 1, \dots, L)$$

where

- $W_\ell \in \mathbb{R}^{D_\ell \times D_{\ell-1}}$ is the weights between layer $\ell - 1$ and ℓ
- $D_0 = D, D_1, \dots, D_L$ are numbers of neurons at each layer
- $a_\ell \in \mathbb{R}^{D_\ell}$ is input to layer ℓ
- $o_\ell \in \mathbb{R}^{D_\ell}$ is output of layer ℓ
- $h_\ell : \mathbb{R}^{D_\ell} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{D_\ell}$ is activation functions at layer ℓ

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Learning the model

No matter how complicated the model is, our goal is the same: minimize

$$F(W_1, \dots, W_L) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N F_n(W_1, \dots, W_L)$$

where

$$F_n(W_1, \dots, W_L) = \begin{cases} \|f(x_n) - y_n\|_2^2 & \text{for regression} \\ \ln \left(1 + \sum_{k \neq y_n} e^{f(x_n)_k - f(x_n)_{y_n}} \right) & \text{for classification} \end{cases}$$

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How to optimize such a complicated function?

Same thing: apply **SGD**! even if the model is *nonconvex*.

What is the gradient of this complicated function?

Chain rule is the only secret:

- for a composite function $f(g(w))$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial w} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial g} \frac{\partial g}{\partial w}$$

- for a composite function $f(g_1(w), \dots, g_d(w))$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial w} = \sum_{i=1}^d \frac{\partial f}{\partial g_i} \frac{\partial g_i}{\partial w}$$

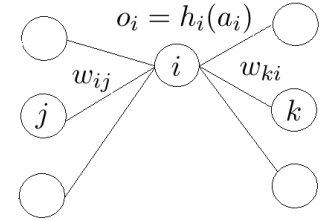
the simplest example $f(g_1(w), g_2(w)) = g_1(w)g_2(w)$

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Computing the derivative

Drop the subscript ℓ for layer for simplicity.

Find the **derivative of F_n w.r.t. to w_{ij}**



$$\frac{\partial F_n}{\partial w_{ij}} = \frac{\partial F_n}{\partial a_i} \frac{\partial a_i}{\partial w_{ij}} = \frac{\partial F_n}{\partial a_i} \frac{\partial (w_{ij} o_j)}{\partial w_{ij}} = \frac{\partial F_n}{\partial a_i} o_j$$

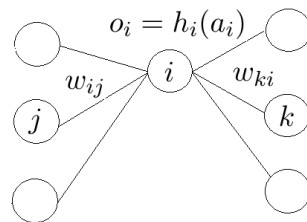
$$\frac{\partial F_n}{\partial a_i} = \frac{\partial F_n}{\partial o_i} \frac{\partial o_i}{\partial a_i} = \left(\sum_k \frac{\partial F_n}{\partial a_k} \frac{\partial a_k}{\partial o_i} \right) h'_i(a_i) = \left(\sum_k \frac{\partial F_n}{\partial a_k} w_{ki} \right) h'_i(a_i)$$

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Computing the derivative

Adding the subscript for layer:

$$\frac{\partial F_n}{\partial w_{\ell, ij}} = \frac{\partial F_n}{\partial a_{\ell, i}} o_{\ell-1, j}$$



$$\frac{\partial F_n}{\partial a_{\ell, i}} = \left(\sum_k \frac{\partial F_n}{\partial a_{\ell+1, k}} w_{\ell+1, ki} \right) h'_{\ell, i}(a_{\ell, i})$$

For the last layer, for square loss

$$\frac{\partial F_n}{\partial a_{L, i}} = \frac{\partial (h_{L, i}(a_{L, i}) - y_{n, i})^2}{\partial a_{L, i}} = 2(h_{L, i}(a_{L, i}) - y_{n, i}) h'_{L, i}(a_{L, i})$$

Exercise: try to do it for cross-entropy loss yourself.

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Computing the derivative

Using **matrix notation** greatly simplifies presentation and implementation:

$$\frac{\partial F_n}{\partial \mathbf{W}_\ell} = \frac{\partial F_n}{\partial \mathbf{a}_\ell} \mathbf{o}_{\ell-1}^T \in \mathbb{R}^{D_\ell \times D_{\ell-1}}$$

$$\frac{\partial F_n}{\partial \mathbf{a}_\ell} = \begin{cases} \left(\mathbf{W}_{\ell+1}^T \frac{\partial F_n}{\partial \mathbf{a}_{\ell+1}} \right) \circ \mathbf{h}'_\ell(\mathbf{a}_\ell) & \text{if } \ell < L \\ 2(\mathbf{h}_L(\mathbf{a}_L) - \mathbf{y}_n) \circ \mathbf{h}'_L(\mathbf{a}_L) & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

where $\mathbf{v}_1 \circ \mathbf{v}_2 = (v_{11}v_{21}, \dots, v_{1D}v_{2D})$ is the element-wise product (a.k.a. Hadamard product).

Verify yourself! (But no need to remember this formula.)

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Putting everything into SGD

The **backpropagation** algorithm (**Backprop**)

Initialize $\mathbf{W}_1, \dots, \mathbf{W}_L$ randomly. Repeat:

- ① randomly pick one data point $n \in [N]$
- ② **forward propagation**: for each layer $\ell = 1, \dots, L$
 - compute $\mathbf{a}_\ell = \mathbf{W}_\ell \mathbf{o}_{\ell-1}$ and $\mathbf{o}_\ell = \mathbf{h}_\ell(\mathbf{a}_\ell)$ ($\mathbf{o}_0 = \mathbf{x}_n$)
- ③ **backward propagation**: for each $\ell = L, \dots, 1$
 - compute

$$\frac{\partial F_n}{\partial \mathbf{a}_\ell} = \begin{cases} \left(\mathbf{W}_{\ell+1}^T \frac{\partial F_n}{\partial \mathbf{a}_{\ell+1}} \right) \circ \mathbf{h}'_\ell(\mathbf{a}_\ell) & \text{if } \ell < L \\ 2(\mathbf{h}_L(\mathbf{a}_L) - \mathbf{y}_n) \circ \mathbf{h}'_L(\mathbf{a}_L) & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

- update weights

$$\mathbf{W}_\ell \leftarrow \mathbf{W}_\ell - \eta \frac{\partial F_n}{\partial \mathbf{W}_\ell} = \mathbf{W}_\ell - \eta \frac{\partial F_n}{\partial \mathbf{a}_\ell} \mathbf{o}_{\ell-1}^T$$

(Important: *should $\mathbf{W}_\ell$ be overwritten immediately in the last step?*)

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Important tricks to optimize neural nets

Many important tricks on top on Backprop

- **mini-batch**: randomly sample a batch of examples to form a stochastic gradient (common batch size: 32, 64, 128, etc.)
- **batch normalization**: normalize the inputs of each neuron over the mini-batch (to zero-mean and one-variance; c.f. Lec 1)
- **adaptive learning rate**: scale the learning rate of each parameter based on some moving average of the magnitude of the gradients
- **momentum**: make use of previous gradients (taking inspiration from physics)
- ...

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SGD with momentum (a simple version)

Initialize $\mathbf{w}_0$ and **velocity** $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$

For $t = 1, 2, \dots$

- form a stochastic gradient $\mathbf{g}_t$
- update velocity $\mathbf{v} \leftarrow \alpha \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{g}_t$ for some discount factor $\alpha \in (0, 1)$
- update weight $\mathbf{w}_t \leftarrow \mathbf{w}_{t-1} - \eta \mathbf{v}$

Updates for first few rounds:

- $\mathbf{w}_1 = \mathbf{w}_0 - \eta \mathbf{g}_1$
- $\mathbf{w}_2 = \mathbf{w}_1 - \alpha \eta \mathbf{g}_1 - \eta \mathbf{g}_2$
- $\mathbf{w}_3 = \mathbf{w}_2 - \alpha^2 \eta \mathbf{g}_1 - \alpha \eta \mathbf{g}_2 - \eta \mathbf{g}_3$
- ...

Adam (most popular) $\approx$ SGD + adaptive learning rate + momentum

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Overfitting

Overfitting is very likely since neural nets are too powerful.

Methods to overcome overfitting:

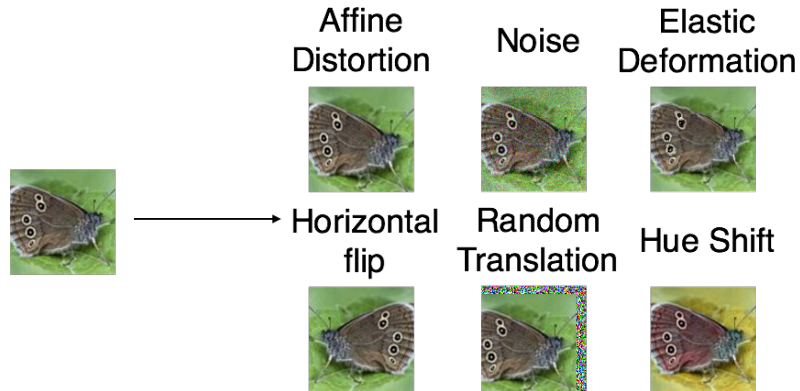
- data augmentation
- regularization
- dropout
- early stopping
- ...

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Data augmentation

Data: the more the better. How do we get more data?

Exploit prior knowledge to add more training data



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Regularization

L2 regularization: minimize

$$F'(\mathbf{W}_1, \dots, \mathbf{W}_L) = F(\mathbf{W}_1, \dots, \mathbf{W}_L) + \lambda \sum_{\ell=1}^L \|\mathbf{W}_\ell\|_2^2$$

Simple change to the gradient:

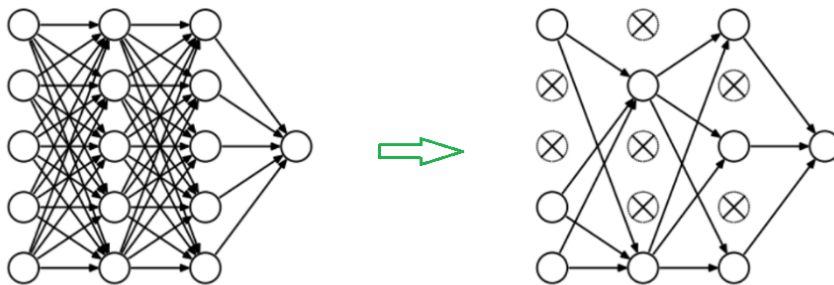
$$\frac{\partial F'}{\partial w_{ij}} = \frac{\partial F}{\partial w_{ij}} + 2\lambda w_{ij}$$

Introduce *weight decaying effect*

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Dropout

Independently delete each neuron with a fixed probability (say 0.5), during each iteration of Backprop (only for training, not for testing)

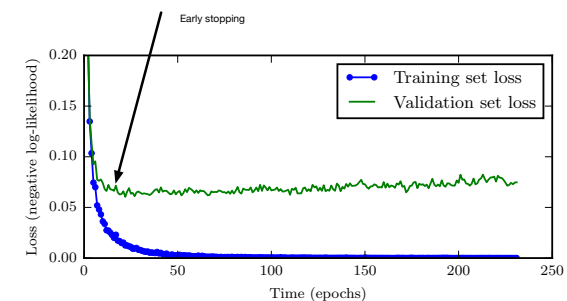


Very effective, makes training faster as well

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Early stopping

Stop training when the performance on validation set stops improving



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Conclusions for neural nets

Deep neural networks

- are hugely popular, achieving *best performance* on many problems
- do need *a lot of data* to work well
- take *a lot of time* to train (need GPUs for massive parallel computing)
- take some work to select architecture and hyperparameters
- are still not well understood in theory

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Acknowledgements

Not much math, a lot of empirical intuitions

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.

Also, demo from <https://poloclub.github.io/cnn-explainer/>

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Image Classification: A core task in Computer Vision

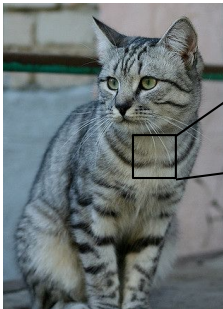


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(assume given set of discrete labels)
{dog, cat, truck, plane, ...}

→ cat

The Problem: Semantic Gap



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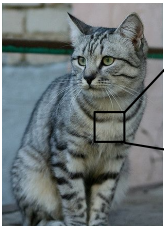
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What the computer sees

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

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

Challenges: Viewpoint variation



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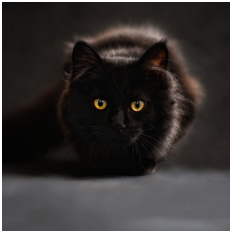
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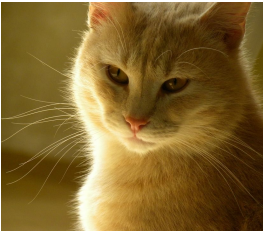
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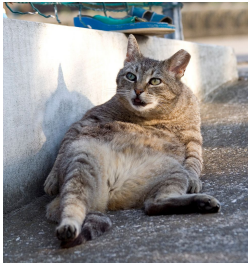


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Challenges: Deformation



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Challenges: Occlusion



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Challenges: Background Clutter



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Challenges: Intraclass variation



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Fundamental problems in vision

The key challenge

How to train a model that can tolerate all those variations?

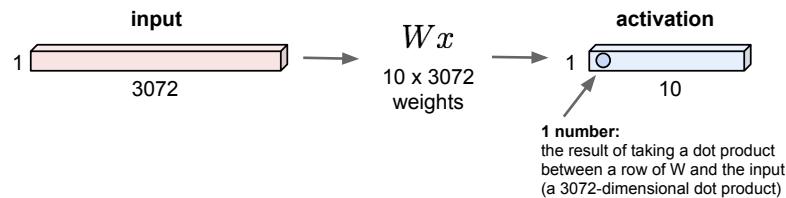
Main ideas

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

Issues of standard NN for image inputs

Fully Connected Layer

32x32x3 image -> stretch to 3072 x 1



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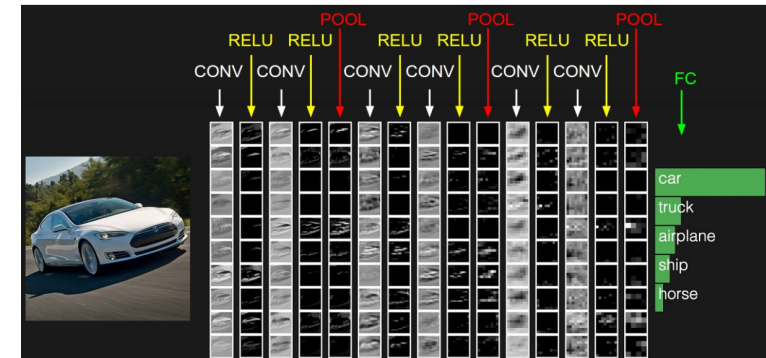
Spatial structure is lost!

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Solution: Convolutional Neural Net (ConvNet/CNN)

A special case of fully connected neural nets

- usually consist of **convolution layers**, ReLU layers, **pooling layers**, and regular fully connected layers
- key idea: *learning from low-level to high-level features*



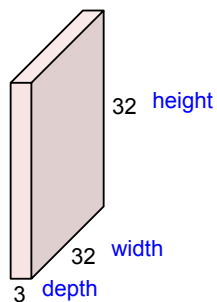
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Convolution layer

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

Convolution Layer

32x32x3 image -> preserve spatial structure



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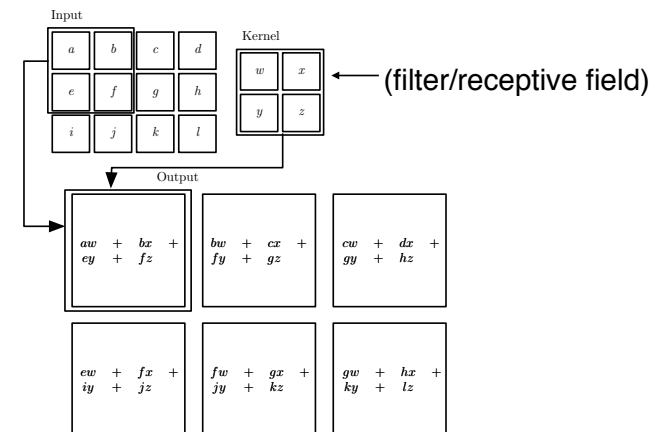
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Convolution

2D Convolution

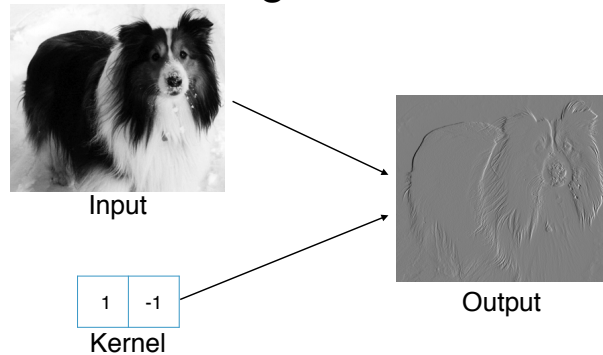


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Why convolution makes sense?

Main idea: **if a filter is useful at one location, it should be useful at other locations.**

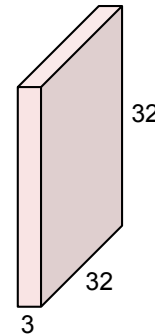
A simple example why filtering is useful



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Convolution Layer

32x32x3 image



5x5x3 filter



Convolve the filter with the image
i.e. "slide over the image spatially,
computing dot products"

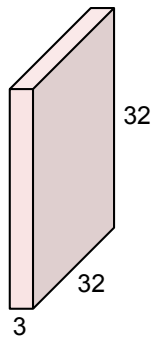
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Convolution Layer

32x32x3 image



Filters always extend the full
depth of the input volume

5x5x3 filter

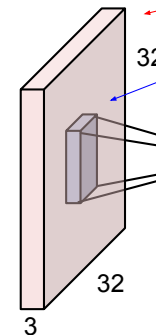


Convolve the filter with the image
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Convolution Layer

32x32x3 image

5x5x3 filter w



1 number:

the result of taking a dot product between the
filter and a small 5x5x3 chunk of the image
(i.e. $5 \times 5 \times 3 = 75$ -dimensional dot product + bias)

$$w^T x + b$$

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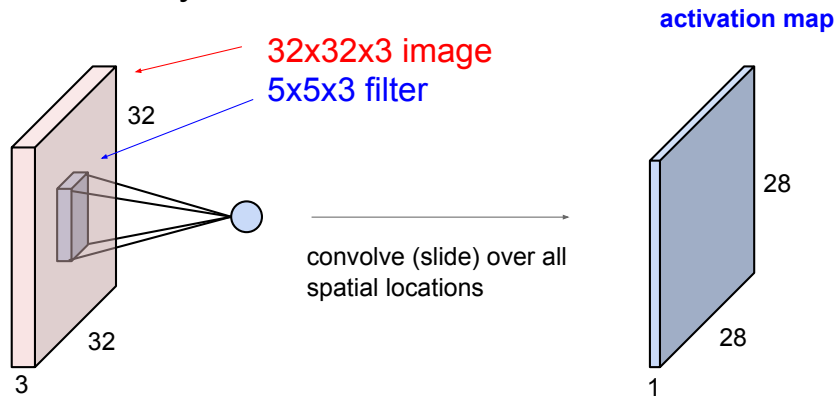
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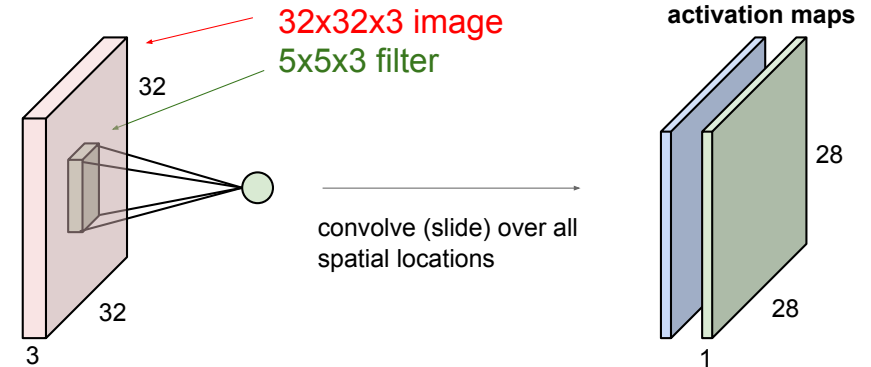
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Convolution Layer

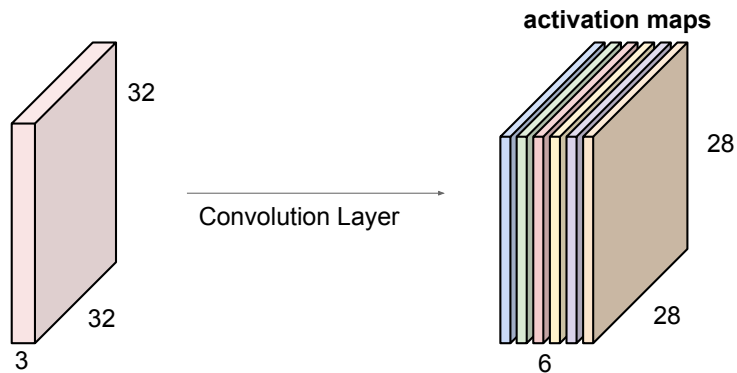


Convolution Layer

consider a second, **green** filter

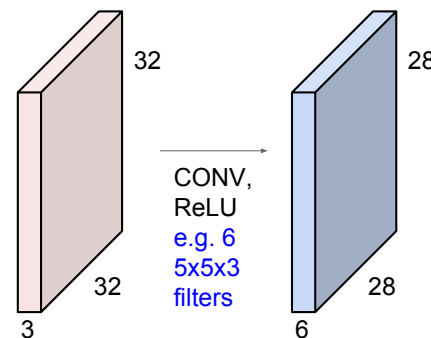


For example, if we had 6 5x5 filters, we'll get 6 separate activation maps:

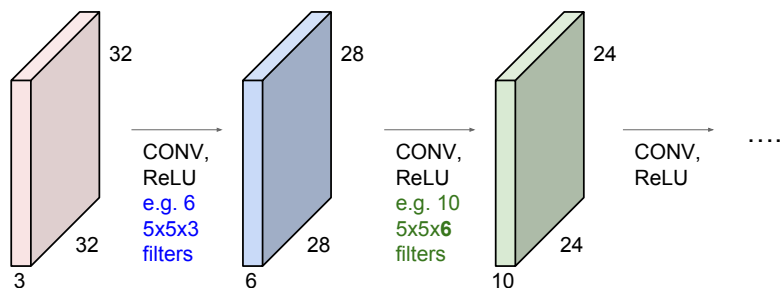


We stack these up to get a "new image" of size 28x28x6!

Preview: ConvNet is a sequence of Convolution Layers, interspersed with activation functions



Preview: ConvNet is a sequence of Convolutional Layers, interspersed with activation functions



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Demo: <https://poloclub.github.io/cnn-explainer>

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Connection to fully connected NNs

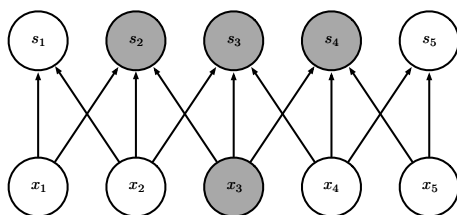
A convolution layer is a special case of a fully connected layer:

- filter = weights with **sparse connection**

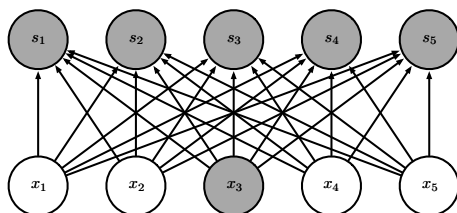
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Local Receptive Field Leads to Sparse Connectivity (affects less)

Sparse connections due to small convolution kernel



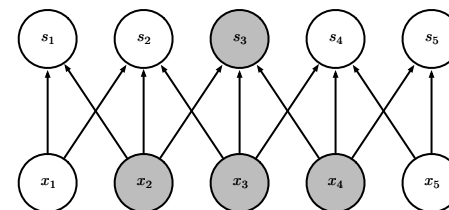
Dense connections



(Goodfellow 2016)

Sparse connectivity: being affected by less

Sparse connections due to small convolution kernel



Dense connections

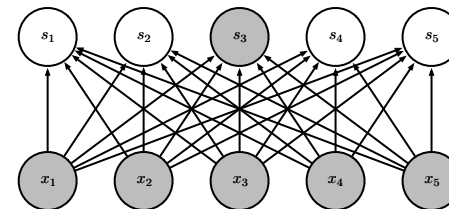


Figure 9.3

(Goodfellow 2016)

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- **parameters sharing**

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Parameter Sharing

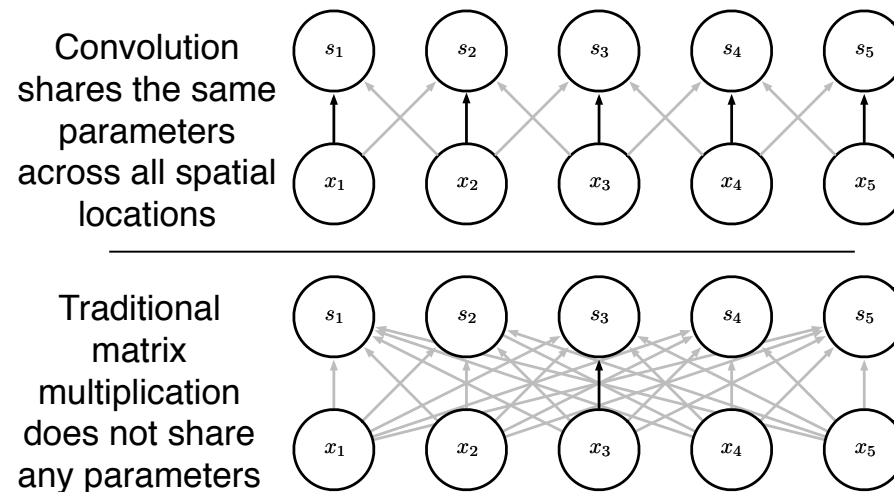


Figure 9.5

(Goodfellow 2016)

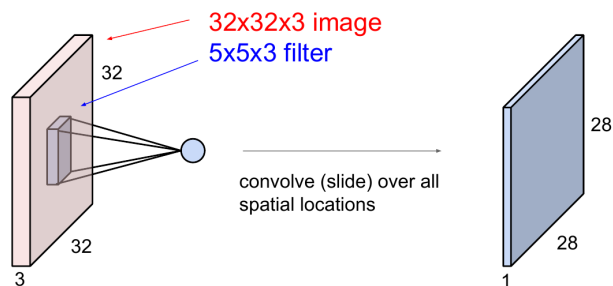
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Much fewer parameters! Example (ignore bias terms):

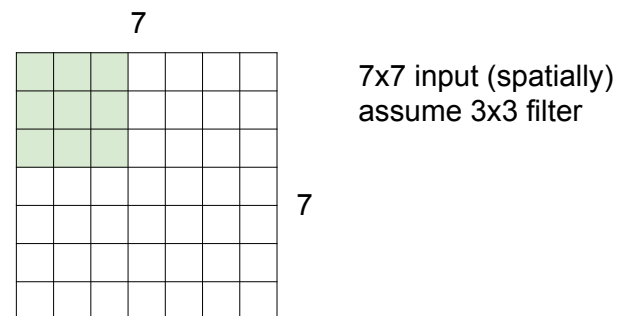
- FC: $(32 \times 32 \times 3) \times (28 \times 28) \approx 2.4M$
- CNN: $5 \times 5 \times 3 = 75$



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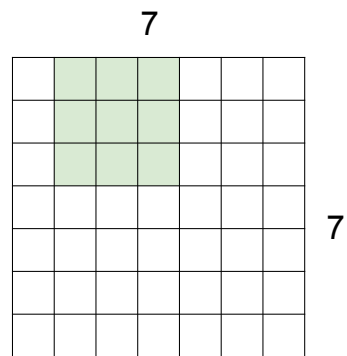
Spatial arrangement: stride and padding

A closer look at spatial dimensions:



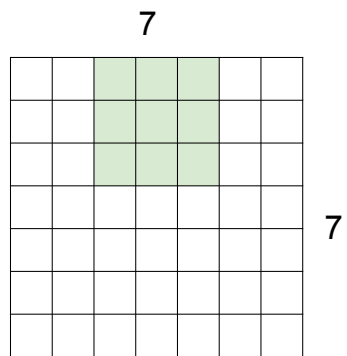
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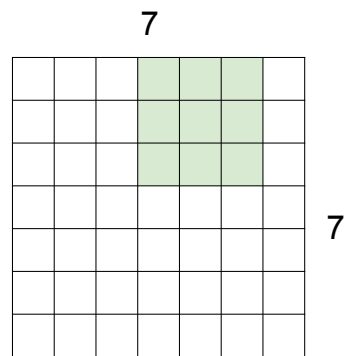
7x7 input (spatially)
assume 3x3 filter

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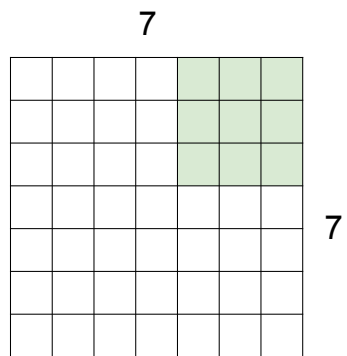
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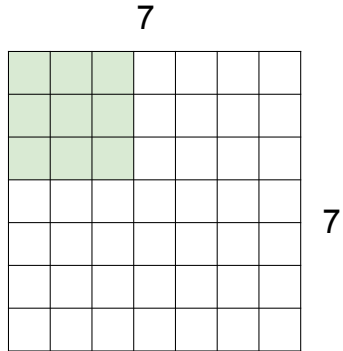
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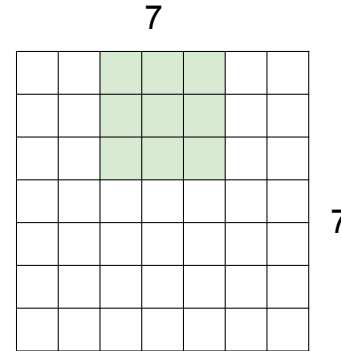
=> 5x5 output

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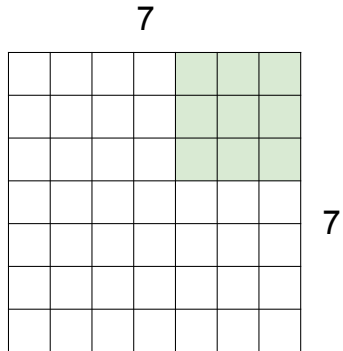
7x7 input (spatially)
assume 3x3 filter
applied **with stride 2**

A closer look at spatial dimensions:



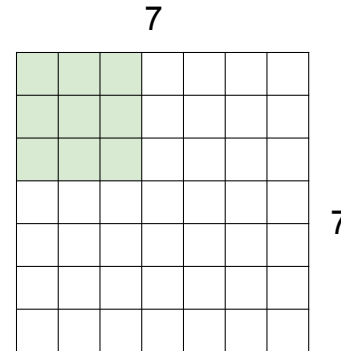
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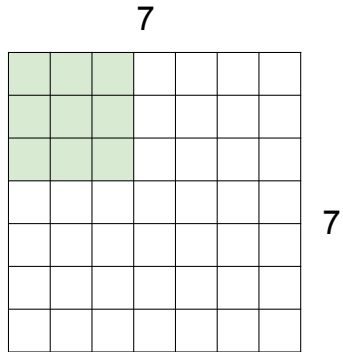
7x7 input (spatially)
assume 3x3 filter
applied **with stride 2**
=> 3x3 output!

A closer look at spatial dimensions:



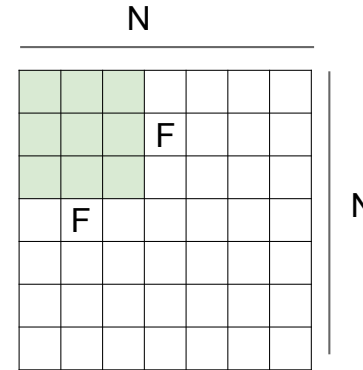
7x7 input (spatially)
assume 3x3 filter
applied **with stride 3?**

A closer look at spatial dimensions:



7x7 input (spatially)
assume 3x3 filter
applied **with stride 3?**

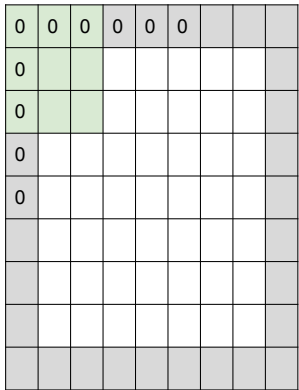
doesn't fit!
cannot apply 3x3 filter on
7x7 input with stride 3.



Output size:
 $(N - F) / \text{stride} + 1$

e.g. $N = 7, F = 3$:
stride 1 $\Rightarrow (7 - 3) / 1 + 1 = 5$
stride 2 $\Rightarrow (7 - 3) / 2 + 1 = 3$
stride 3 $\Rightarrow (7 - 3) / 3 + 1 = 2.33 \text{ :!}$

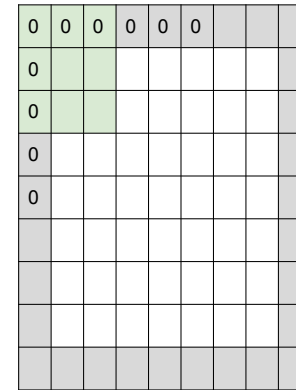
In practice: Common to zero pad the border



e.g. input 7x7
3x3 filter, applied with **stride 1**
pad with 1 pixel border $\Rightarrow$ what is the output?

(recall:)
 $(N - F) / \text{stride} + 1$

In practice: Common to zero pad the border



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7x7 output!

In practice: Common to zero pad the border

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0								
0								
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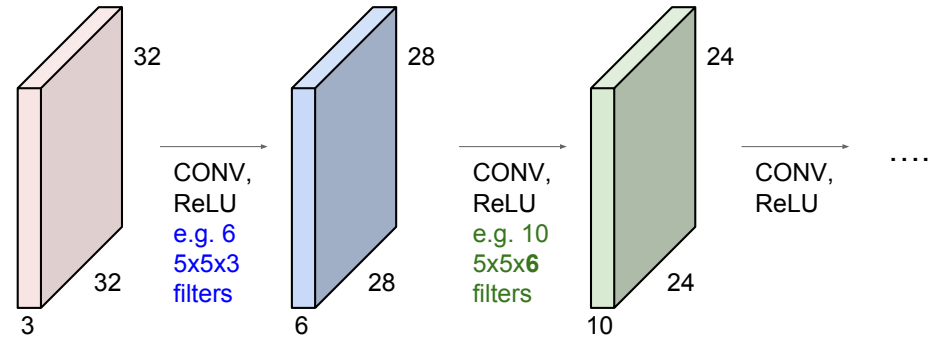
e.g. input 7x7
3x3 filter, applied with **stride 1**
pad with 1 pixel border => what is the output?

7x7 output!
 in general, common to see CONV layers with
 stride 1, filters of size $F \times F$, 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

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Remember back to...

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



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Summary for convolution layer

Input: a volume of size $W_1 \times H_1 \times D_1$

Hyperparameters:

- K filters of size $F \times F$
- stride S
- amount of zero padding P (for one side)

Output: a volume of size $W_2 \times H_2 \times D_2$ where

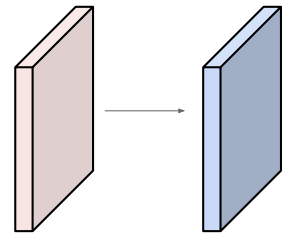
- $W_2 = (W_1 + 2P - F)/S + 1$
- $H_2 = (H_1 + 2P - F)/S + 1$
- $D_2 = K$

#parameters: $(F \times F \times D_1 + 1) \times K$ weights

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

Examples time:

Input volume: **32x32x3**
 10 5x5 filters with stride 1, pad 2



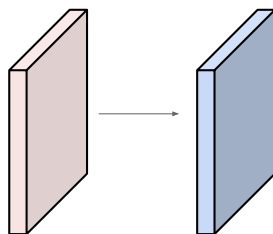
Output volume size: ?

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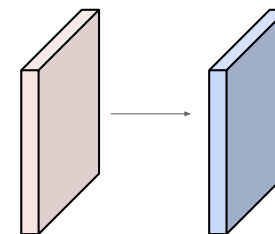
Output volume size:
 $(32+2*2-5)/1+1 = 32$ spatially, so
32x32x10



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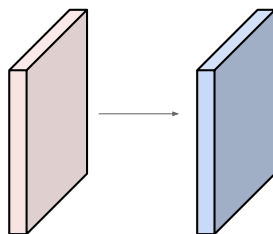
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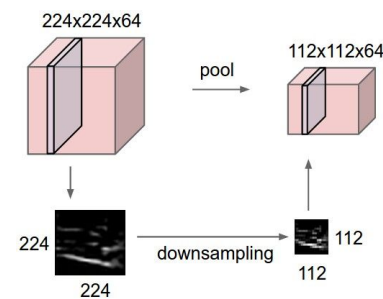
Number of parameters in this layer?
each filter has $5*5*3 + 1 = 76$ params (+1 for bias)
 $\Rightarrow 76*10 = 760$



Another element: pooling

Pooling layer

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



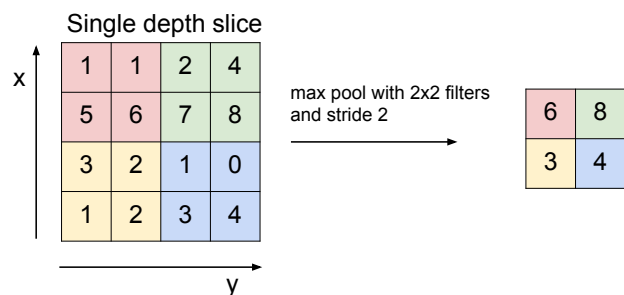
Pooling

Similar to a filter, except

- depth is always 1
- different operations: average, L2-norm, max
- no parameters to be learned

Max pooling with 2×2 filter and stride 2 is very common

MAX POOLING



Putting everything together

Typical architecture for CNNs:

Input $\rightarrow$ $[[\text{Conv} \rightarrow \text{ReLU}]^*N \rightarrow \text{Pool?}]^*M \rightarrow [\text{FC} \rightarrow \text{ReLU}]^*Q \rightarrow \text{FC}$

Common choices: $N \leq 5$, $Q \leq 2$, M is large

Well-known CNNs: LeNet, AlexNet, ZF Net, GoogLeNet, VGGNet, etc.

All achieve excellent performance on image classification tasks.

Demo: <https://poloclub.github.io/cnn-explainer>

How to train a CNN?

How do we learn the filters/weights?

Essentially the same as FC NNs: apply **SGD/backpropagation**