Separation between NN and kernel

- For approximation and optimization, neural network has no advantage over kernel. Why NN gives better performance: generalization.

- [Allen-Zhu and Li '20] Construct a class of functions $\mathscr{F}$ such that $y = f(x)$ for some $f \in \mathscr{F}$:
  - no kernel is sample-efficient;
  - Exists a neural network that is sample-efficient.

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Convolutional Neural Networks

Multi-layer Neural Network

$$a^{(1)} = x$$

$$z^{(2)} = \Theta^{(1)} a^{(1)}$$

$$a^{(2)} = g\left(z^{(2)}\right)$$

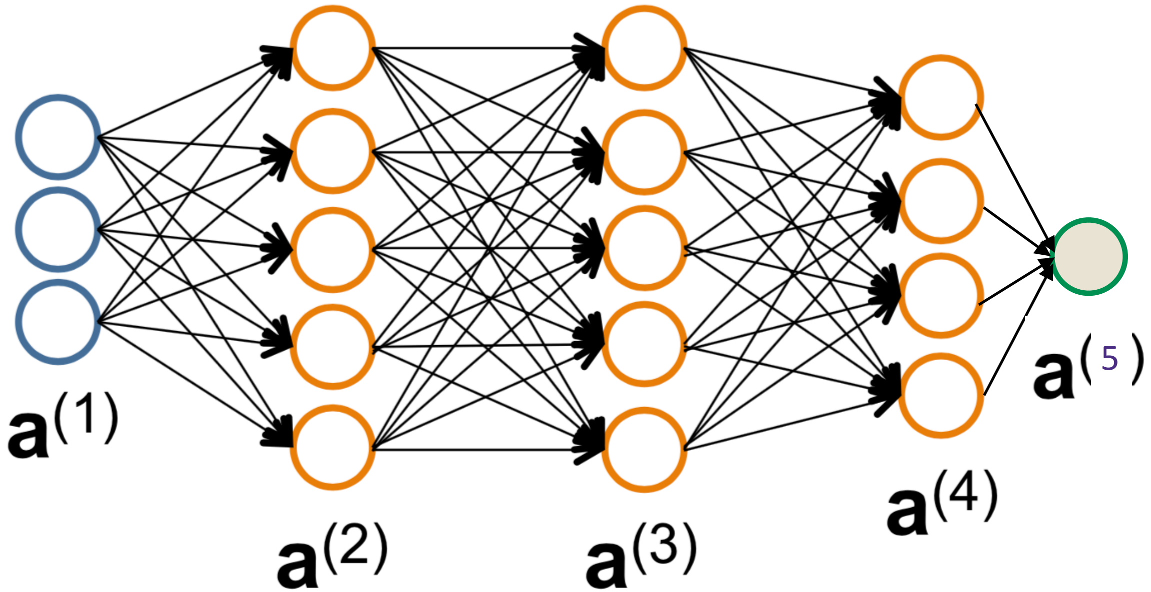
$$\vdots$$

$$z^{(l+1)} = \Theta^{(l)} a^{(l)}$$

$$a^{(l+1)} = g\left(z^{(l+1)}\right)$$

$$\vdots$$

$$\hat{y} = a^{(L+1)}$$



$$L(y, \hat{y}) = y \log(\hat{y}) + (1 - y)\log(1 - \hat{y})$$

$$g(z) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-z}}$$

Binary
Logistic
Regression

Neural Network Architecture

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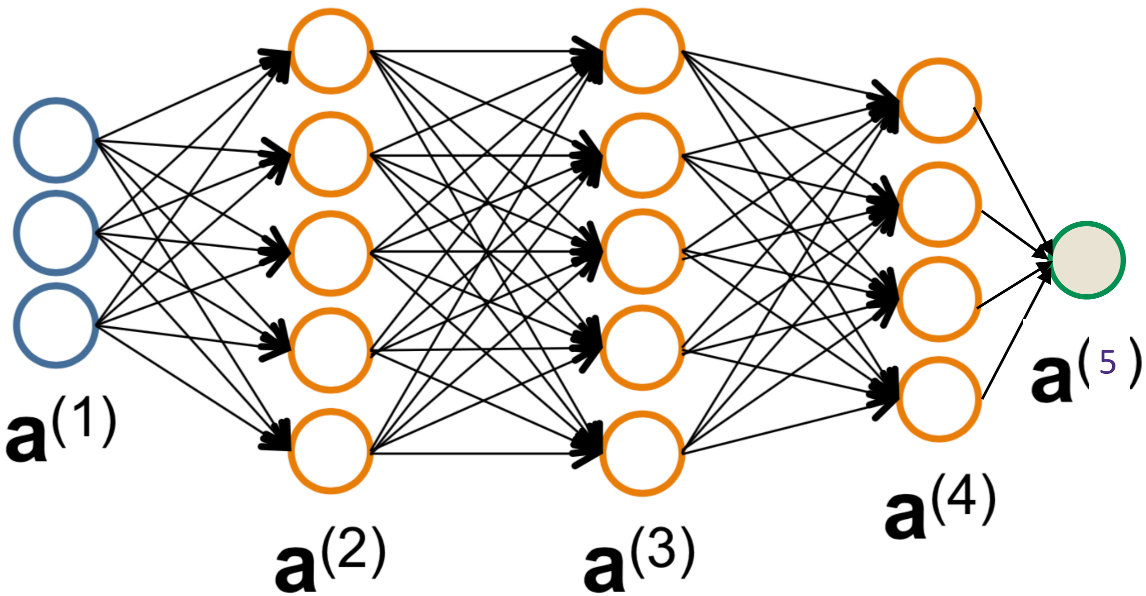

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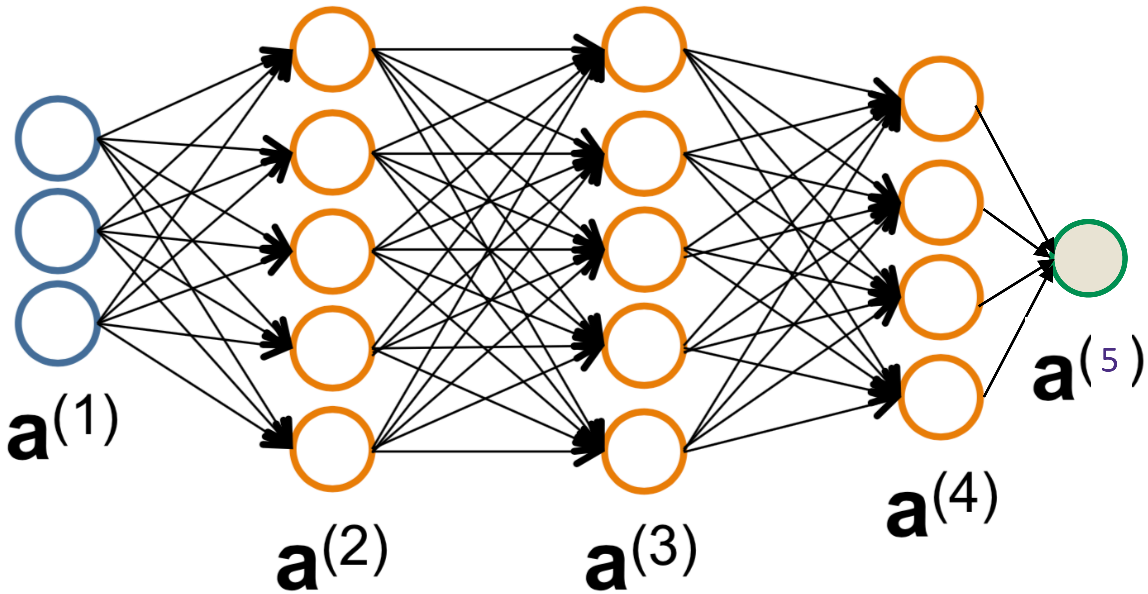

We say a layer is **Fully Connected (FC)** if all linear mappings from the current layer to the next layer are permissible.

$$\mathbf{a}^{(k+1)} = g(\Theta \mathbf{a}^{(k)}) \quad \text{for any } \Theta \in \mathbb{R}^{n_{k+1} \times n_k}$$

A lot of parameters!! $n_1 n_2 + n_2 n_3 + \cdots + n_L n_{L+1}$

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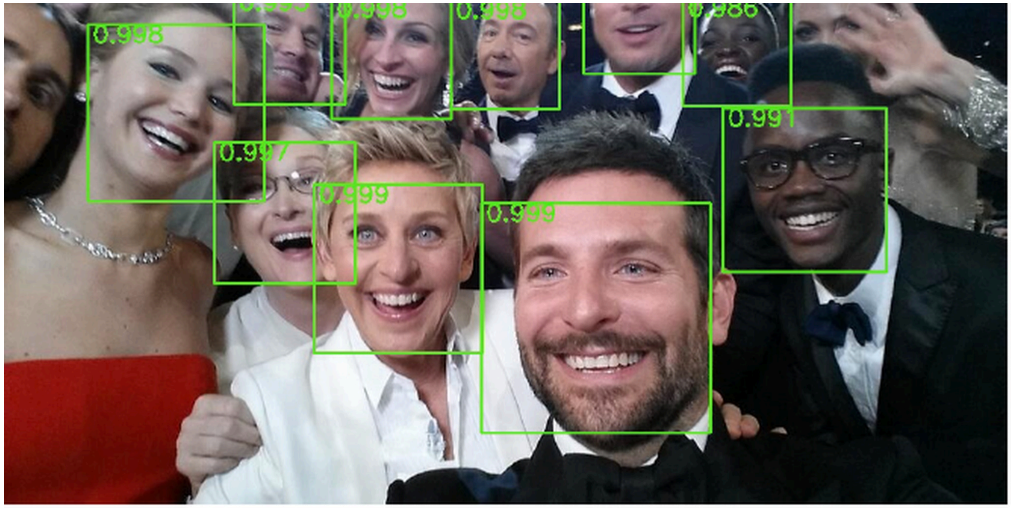
Objects are often **localized in space** so to find the faces in an image, not every pixel is important for classification—makes sense to drag a window across an image.



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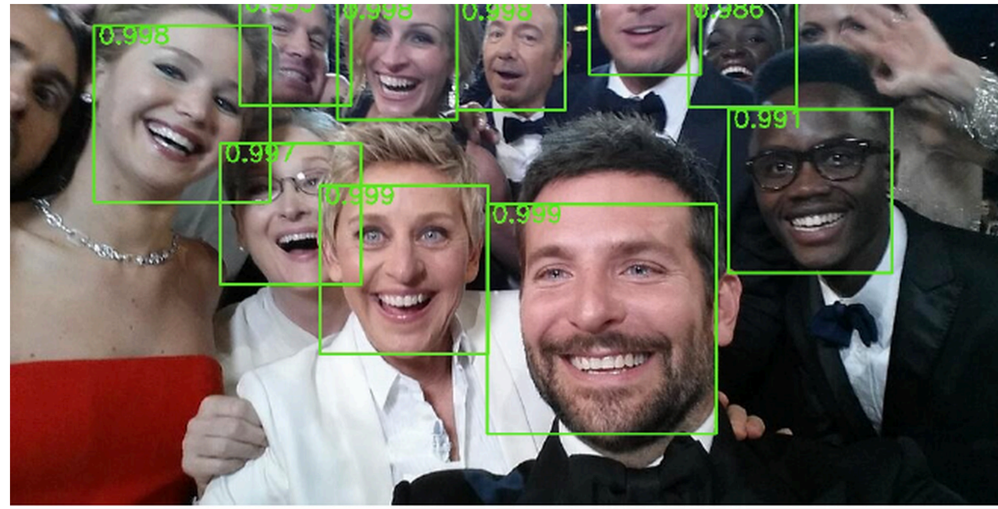
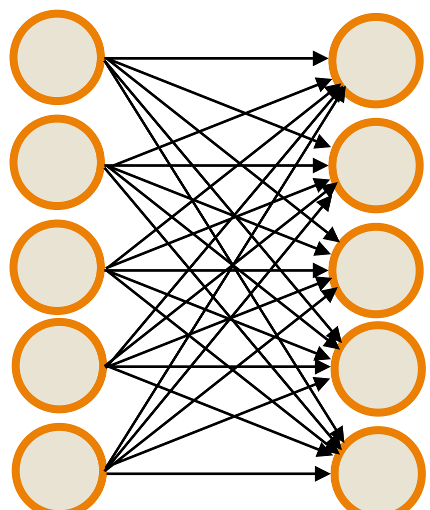


Similarly, to identify edges or other local structure, it makes sense to only look at **local information**



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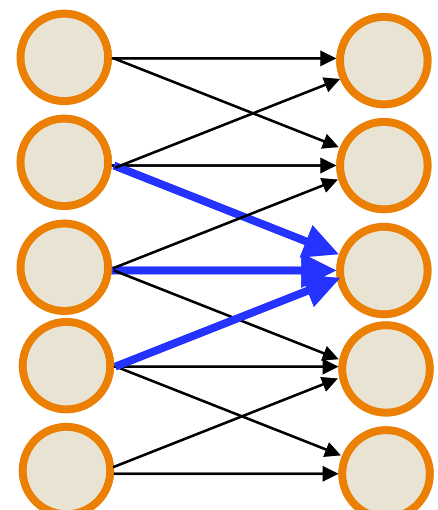

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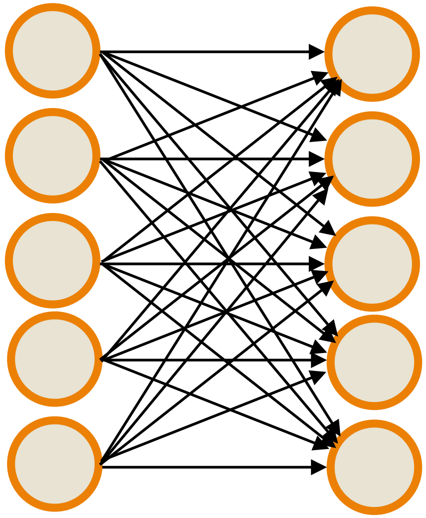

$\mathbf{a}^{(k)}$ $\mathbf{a}^{(k+1)}$

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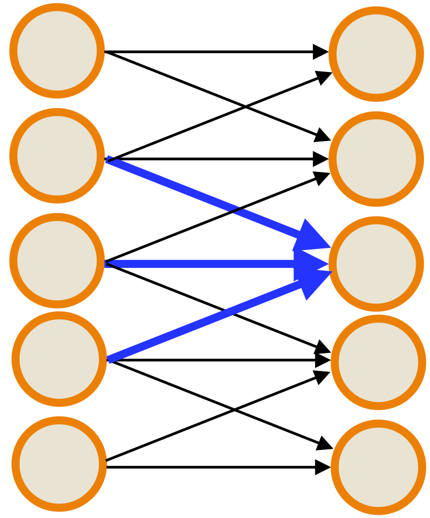

$\mathbf{a}^{(k)}$ $\mathbf{a}^{(k+1)}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \Theta_{0,0} & \Theta_{0,1} & \Theta_{0,2} & \Theta_{0,3} & \Theta_{0,4} \\ \Theta_{1,0} & \Theta_{1,1} & \Theta_{1,2} & \Theta_{1,3} & \Theta_{1,4} \\ \Theta_{2,0} & \Theta_{2,1} & \Theta_{2,2} & \Theta_{2,3} & \Theta_{2,4} \\ \Theta_{3,0} & \Theta_{3,1} & \Theta_{3,2} & \Theta_{3,3} & \Theta_{3,4} \\ \Theta_{4,0} & \Theta_{4,1} & \Theta_{4,2} & \Theta_{4,3} & \Theta_{4,4} \end{bmatrix} \qquad \begin{bmatrix} \Theta_{0,0} & \Theta_{0,1} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \Theta_{1,0} & \Theta_{1,1} & \Theta_{1,2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \Theta_{2,1} & \Theta_{2,2} & \Theta_{2,3} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \Theta_{3,2} & \Theta_{3,3} & \Theta_{3,4} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \Theta_{4,3} & \Theta_{4,4} \end{bmatrix}$$

Parameters: n^2 $3n-2$

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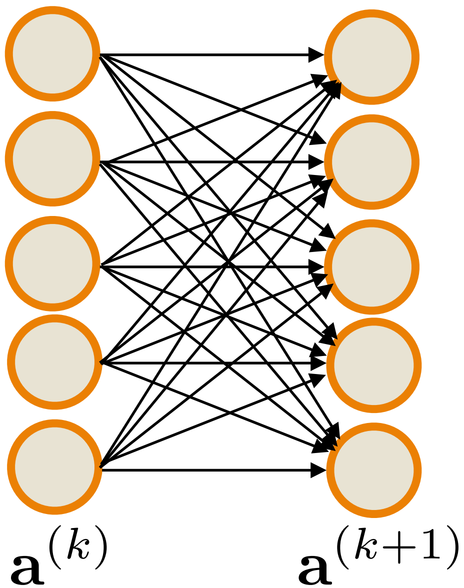
Neural Network Architecture



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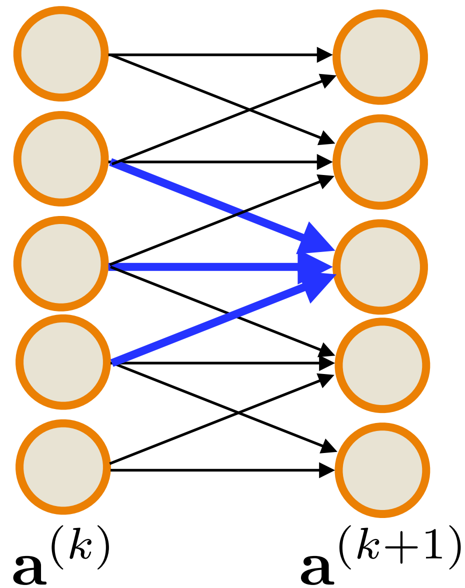

Mirror/share local weights everywhere (e.g., structure equally likely to be anywhere in image)

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Neural Network Architecture

Fully Connected (FC) Layer

$$\begin{bmatrix} \Theta_{0,0} & \Theta_{0,1} & \Theta_{0,2} & \Theta_{0,3} & \Theta_{0,4} \\ \Theta_{1,0} & \Theta_{1,1} & \Theta_{1,2} & \Theta_{1,3} & \Theta_{1,4} \\ \Theta_{2,0} & \Theta_{2,1} & \Theta_{2,2} & \Theta_{2,3} & \Theta_{2,4} \\ \Theta_{3,0} & \Theta_{3,1} & \Theta_{3,2} & \Theta_{3,3} & \Theta_{3,4} \\ \Theta_{4,0} & \Theta_{4,1} & \Theta_{4,2} & \Theta_{4,3} & \Theta_{4,4} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{a}_i^{(k+1)} = g\left(\sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \Theta_{i,j}\mathbf{a}_j^{(k)}\right)$$

Convolutional (CONV) Layer (1 filter)

$$\begin{bmatrix} \theta_1 & \theta_2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \theta_0 & \theta_1 & \theta_2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \theta_0 & \theta_1 & \theta_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \theta_0 & \theta_1 & \theta_2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \theta_0 & \theta_1 \end{bmatrix}$$

m=3

$$\mathbf{a}_i^{(k+1)} = g\left(\sum_{j=0}^{m-1} \theta_j \mathbf{a}_{i+j}^{(k)}\right) = g([\theta * \mathbf{a}^{(k)}]_i)$$

Convolution*

$\theta = (\theta_0, \ldots, \theta_{m-1}) \in \mathbb{R}^m$ is referred to as a “filter”

Example (1d convolution)

$$(\theta * x)_i = \sum_{j=0}^{m-1} \theta_j x_{i+j}$$

1	1	1	0	0

Input $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$

1	0	1

Filter $\theta \in \mathbb{R}^m$

Output $\theta * x$

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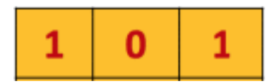

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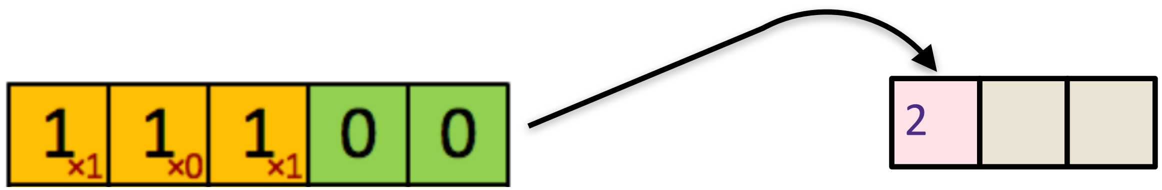

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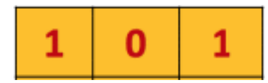

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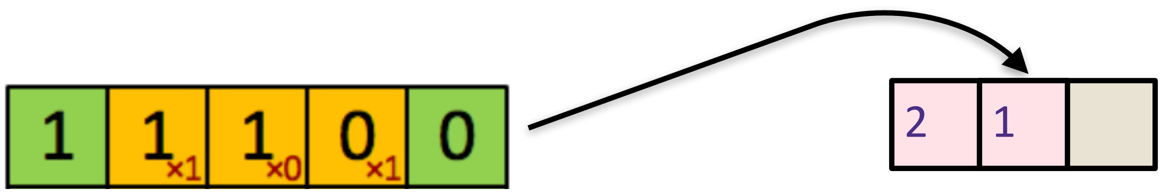

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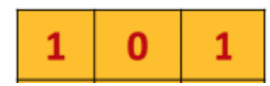

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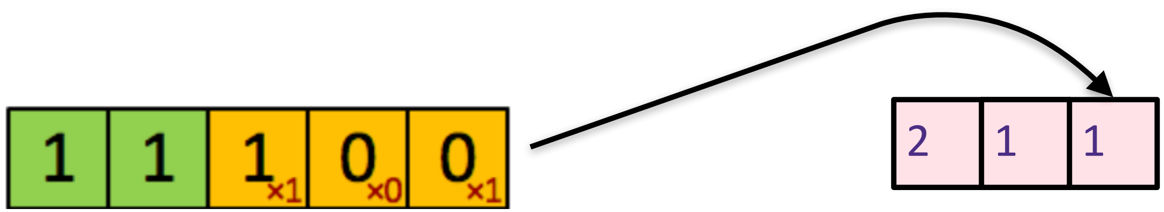
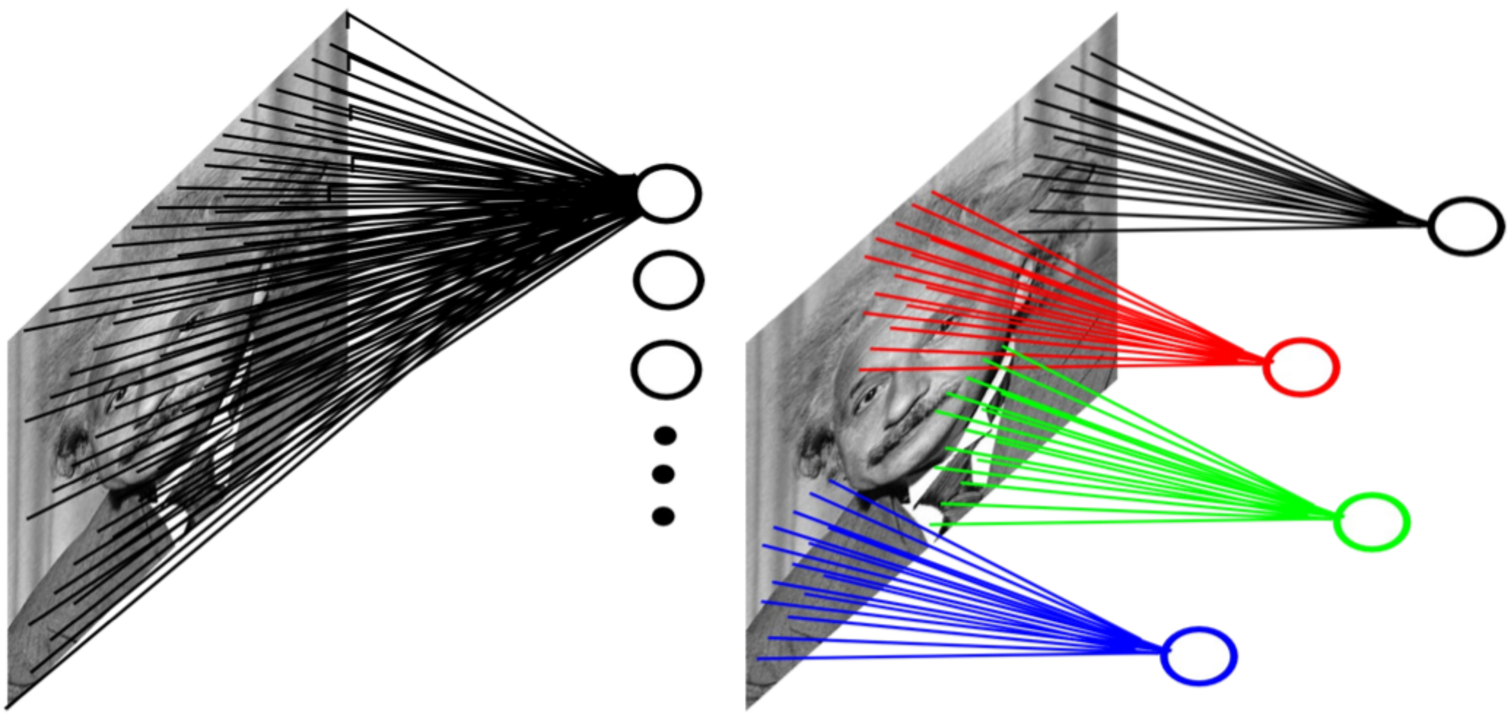


Output $\theta * x$

2d Convolution Layer

- **Example: 200x200 image**
  - Fully-connected, 400,000 hidden units = 16 billion parameters
  - Locally-connected, 400,000 hidden units 10x10 fields = 40 million params
  - Local connections capture local dependencies



Convolution of images (2d convolution)

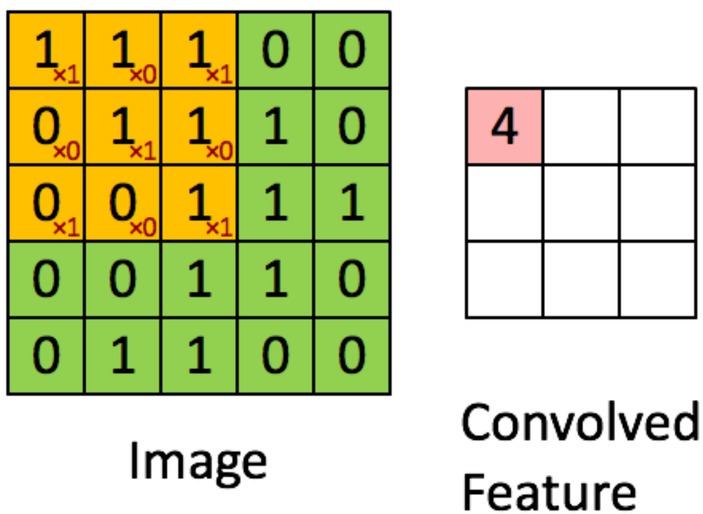
$$(I * K)(i,j) = \sum_m \sum_n I(i+m, j+n)K(m,n)$$

1	1	1	0	0
0	1	1	1	0
0	0	1	1	1
0	0	1	1	0
0	1	1	0	0

Image I

1	0	1
0	1	0
1	0	1

Filter K



$I * K$

Convolution of images

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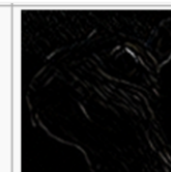
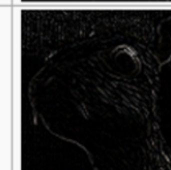
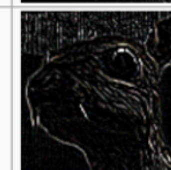
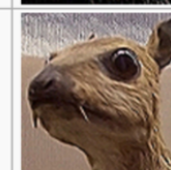
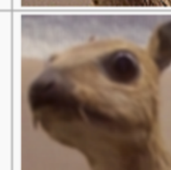
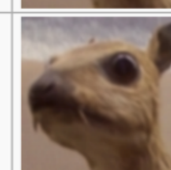
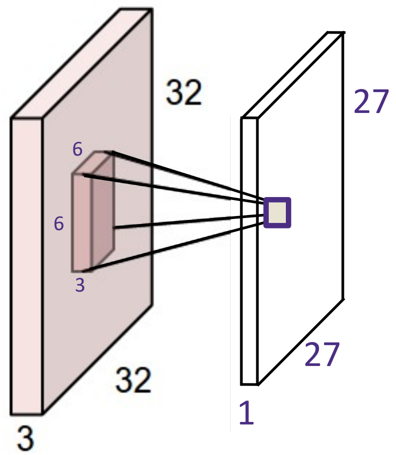
Image I

Operation	Filter K	Convolved Image $I * K$
Edge detection	$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$	
	$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -4 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$	
	$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & 8 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$	
Sharpen	$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 5 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$	
Box blur (normalized)	$\frac{1}{9}\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$	
Gaussian blur (approximation)	$\frac{1}{16}\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$	

Stacking convolved images



$$x \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n \times r}$$

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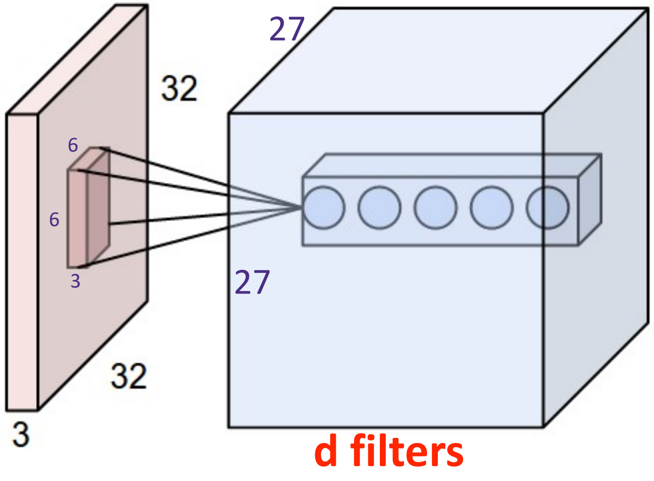
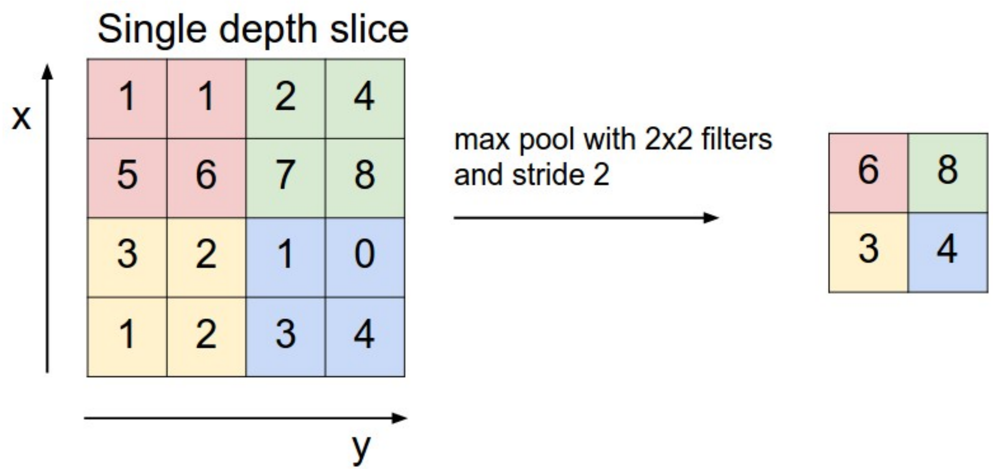
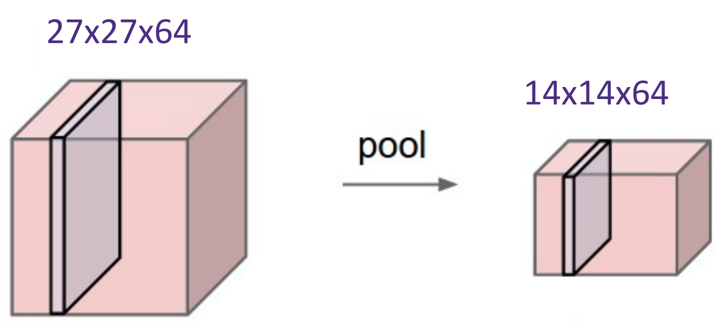


Repeat with d filters!

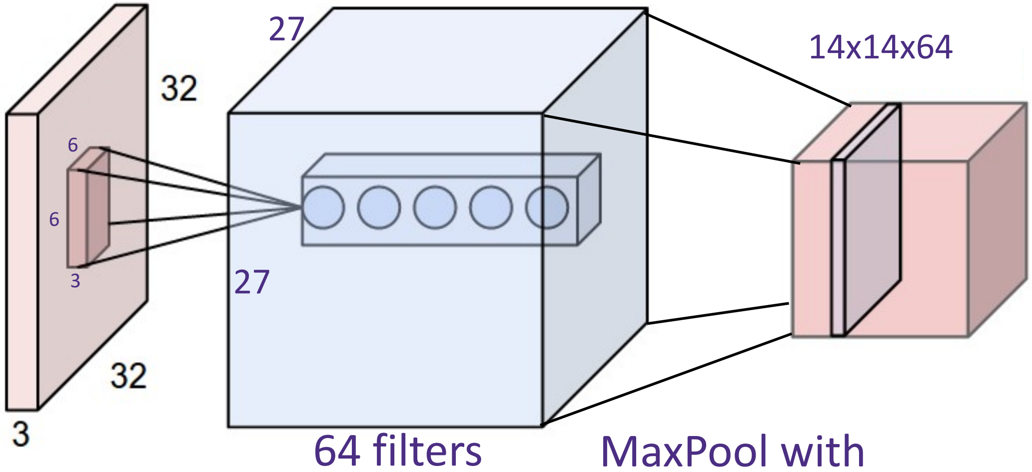
Pooling

Pooling reduces the dimension and can be interpreted as “This filter had a high response in this general region”





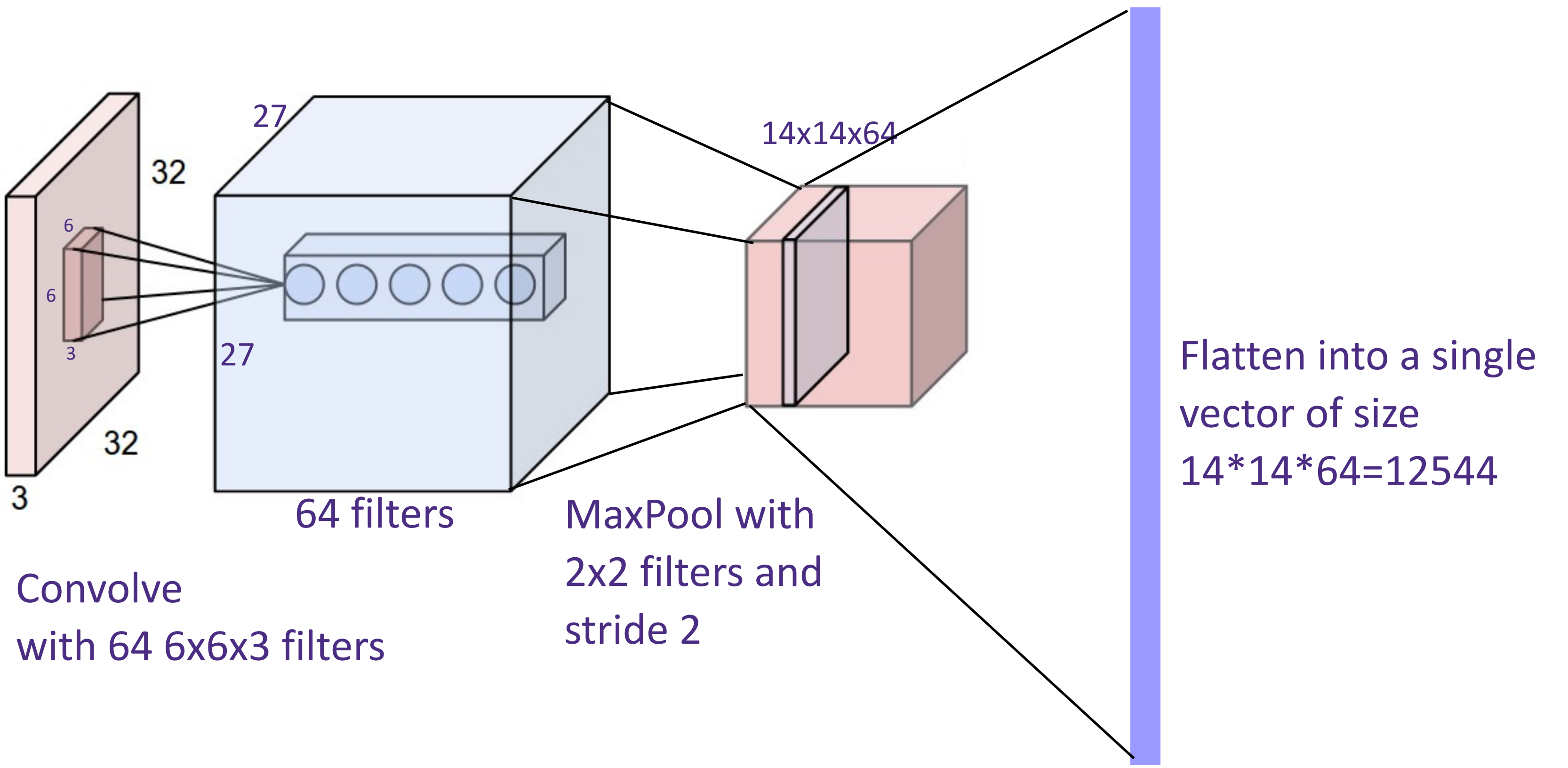
Pooling Convolution layer



Convolve
with 64 6x6x3 filters

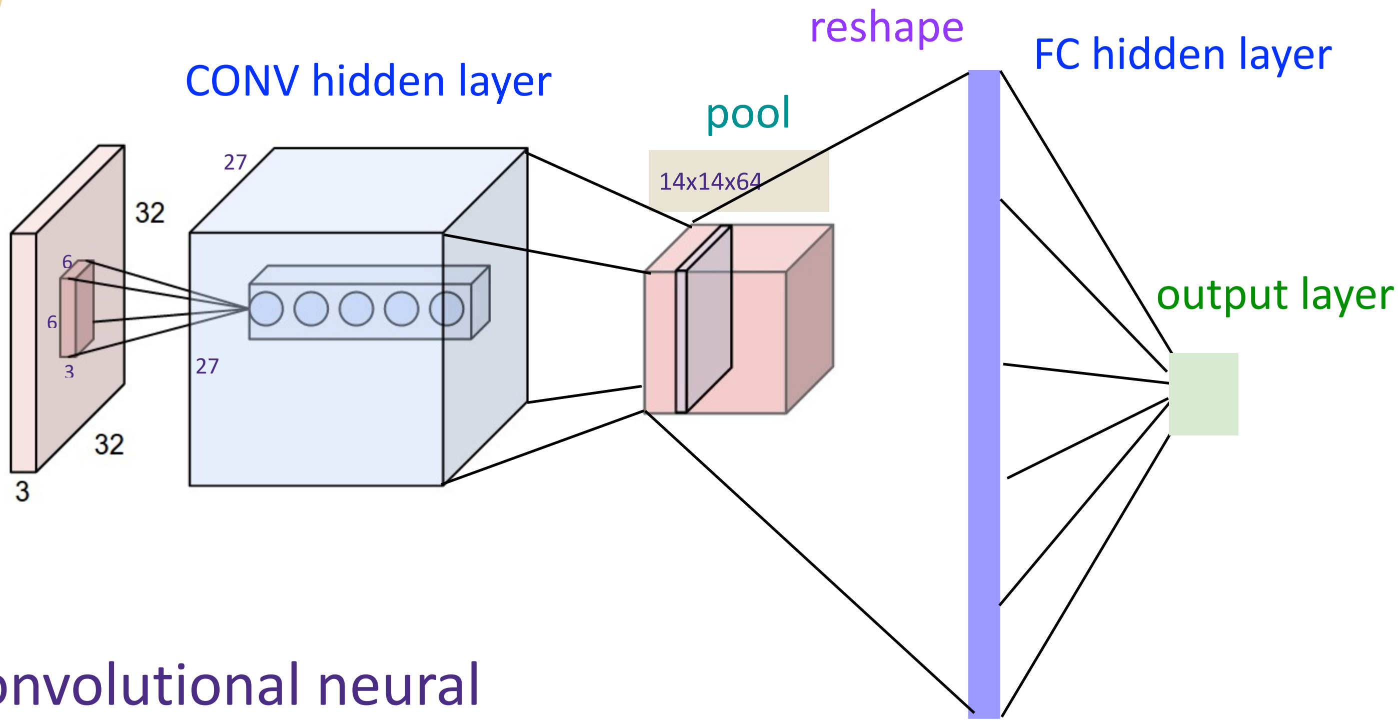
MaxPool with
2x2 filters and
stride 2

Flattening



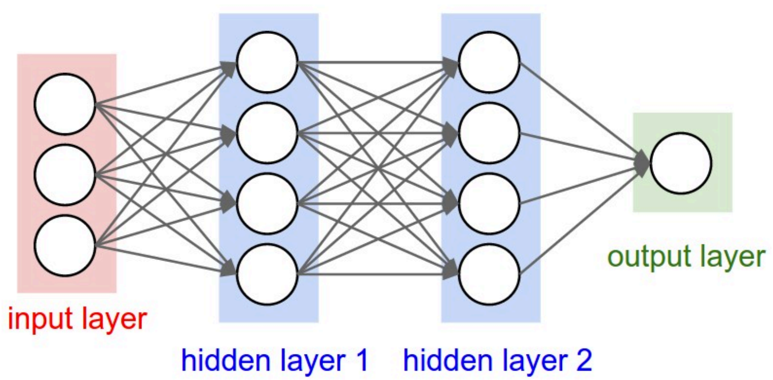
27
32
6
6
3
27
14x14x64
32
3
64 filters
Convolve
with 64 6x6x3 filters
MaxPool with
2x2 filters and
stride 2
Flatten into a single
vector of size
14*14*64=12544

Training Convolutional Networks



Recall: Convolutional neural networks (CNN) are just regular fully connected (FC) neural networks with some connections removed.

Train with SGD!



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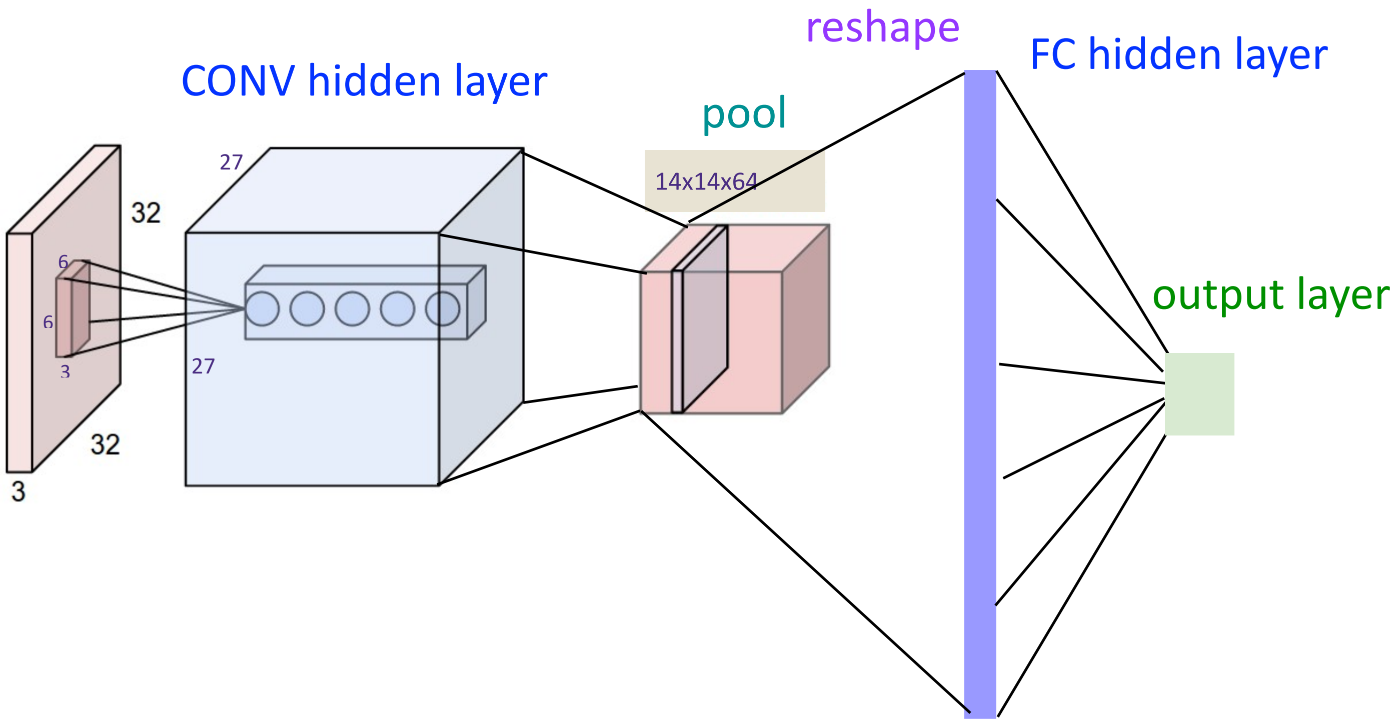
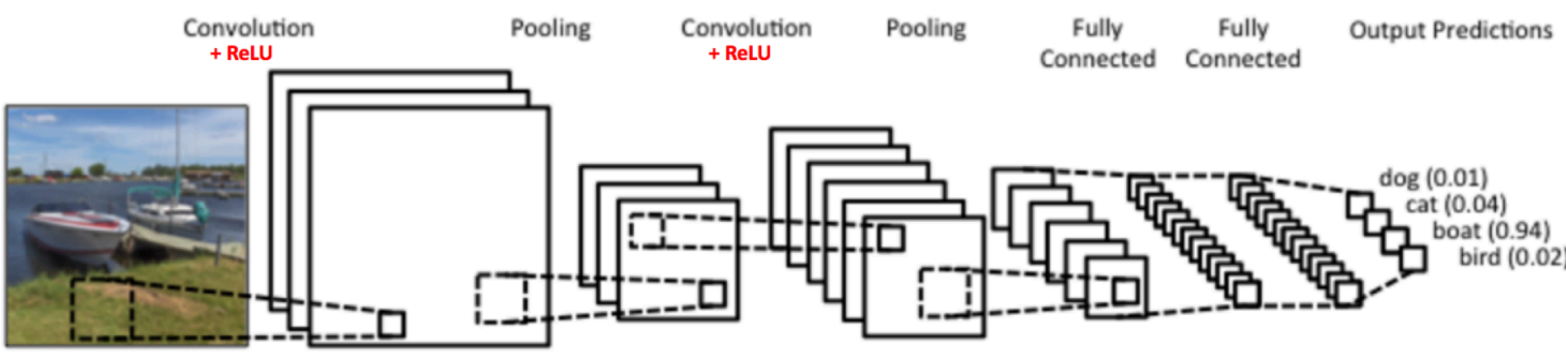
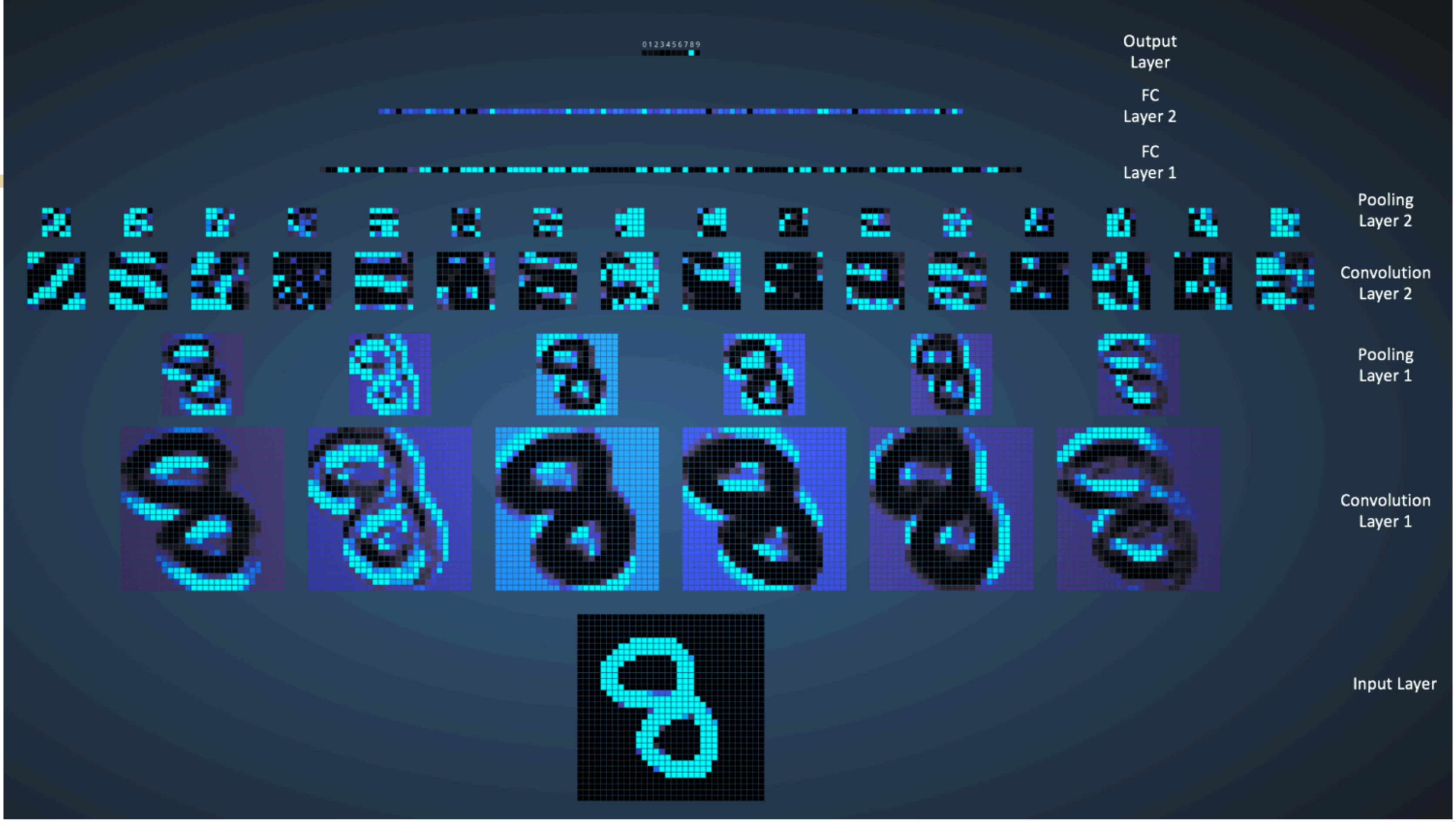


Real example network: LeNet





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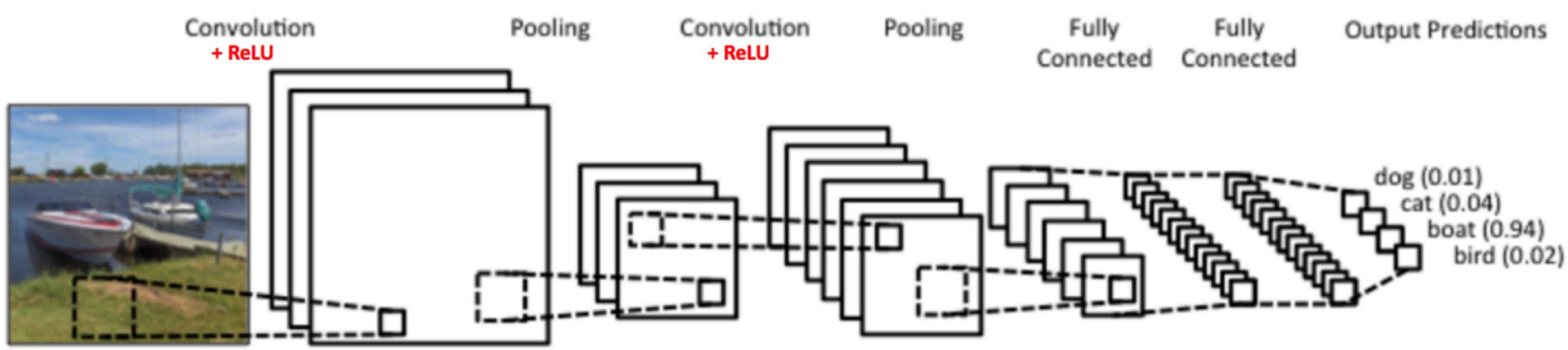


Famous CNNs

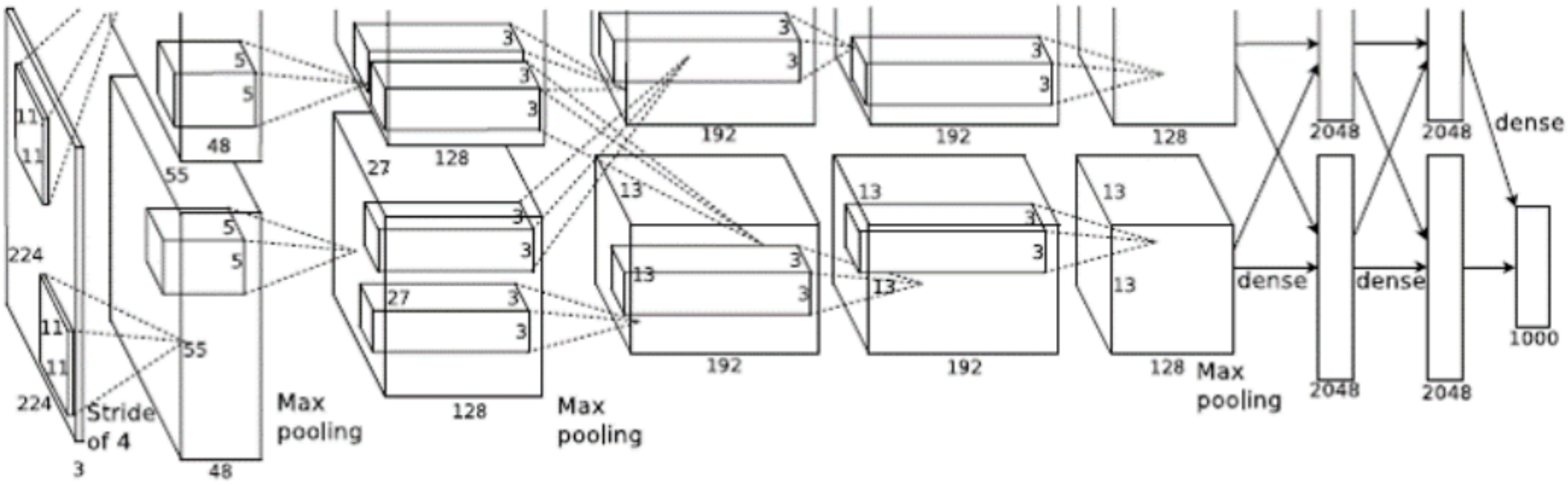
ImageNet Dataset

~14 million images, 20k classes

Deng et al. “Imagenet: a large scale hierarchical image database” ‘09

AlexNet

Breakthrough on ImageNet: ~the beginning of deep learning era



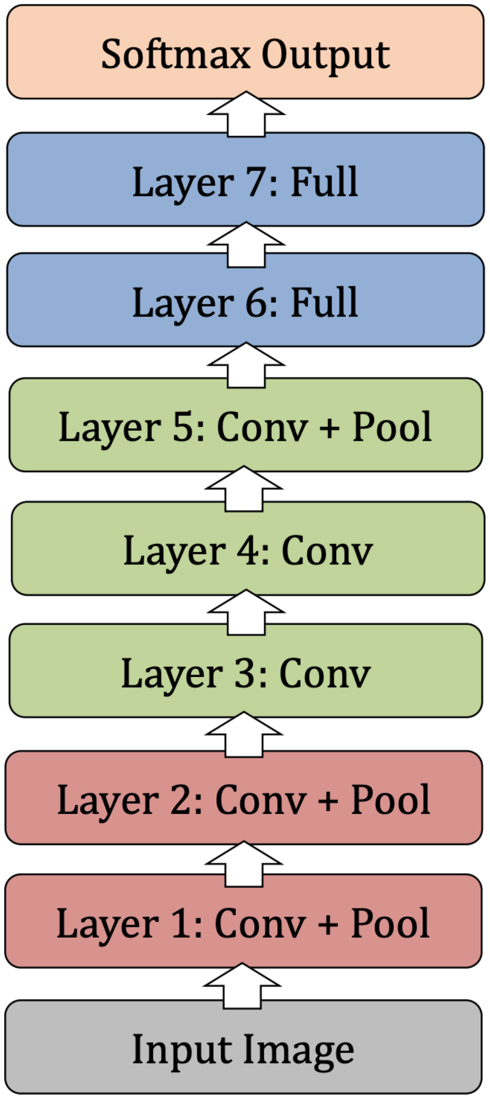
Krizhevsky, Sutskever, Hinton “ImageNet Claasification with Deep Convolutional Neural Networks”, NIPS 2012.

AlexNet

8 layers, ~60M parameters

Top5 error: 18.2%

Techniques used:
ReLU activation, overlapping pooling, dropout, ensemble (create 10 patches by cropping and average the predictions), data-augmentation (intensity of RGB channels)



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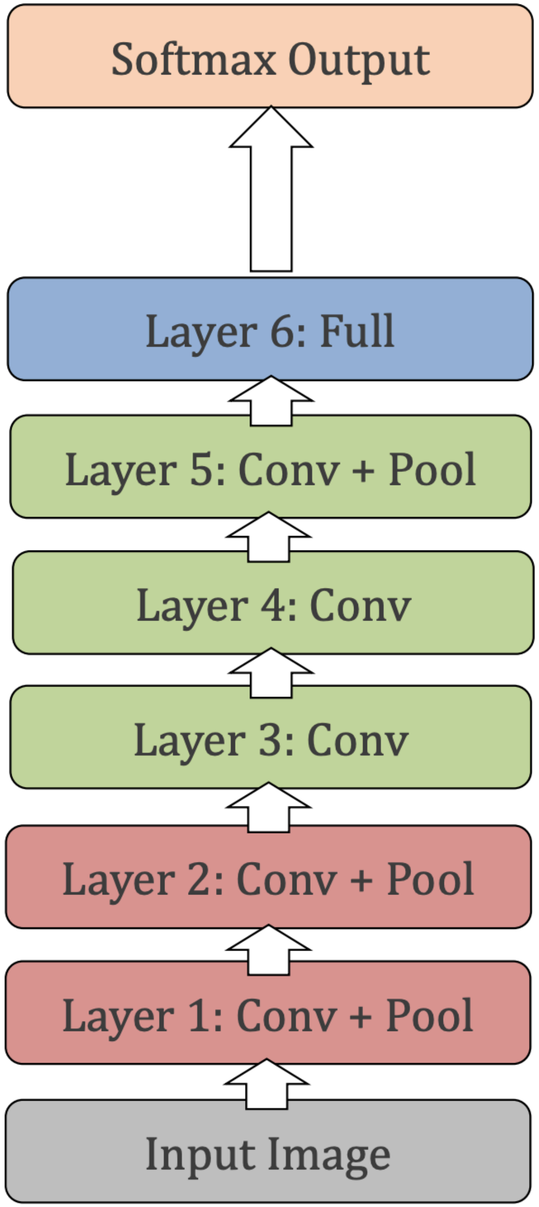
AlexNet

Remove top fully-connected layer 7

~16 million parameters

1.1% drop in performance



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AlexNet

Remove both fully connected layers 6 and 7

Drop ~50 million parameters

5.7% drop in performance

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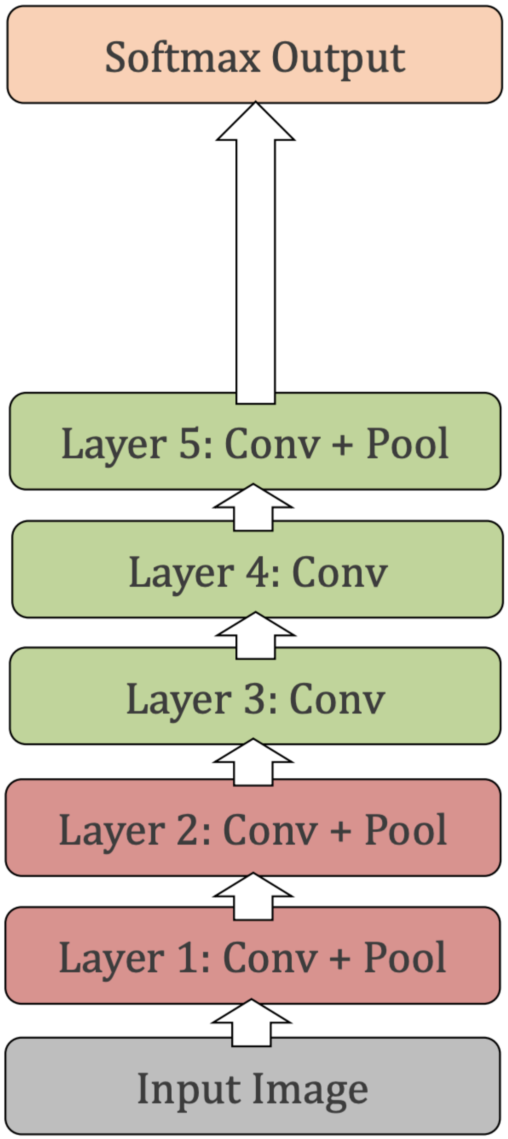
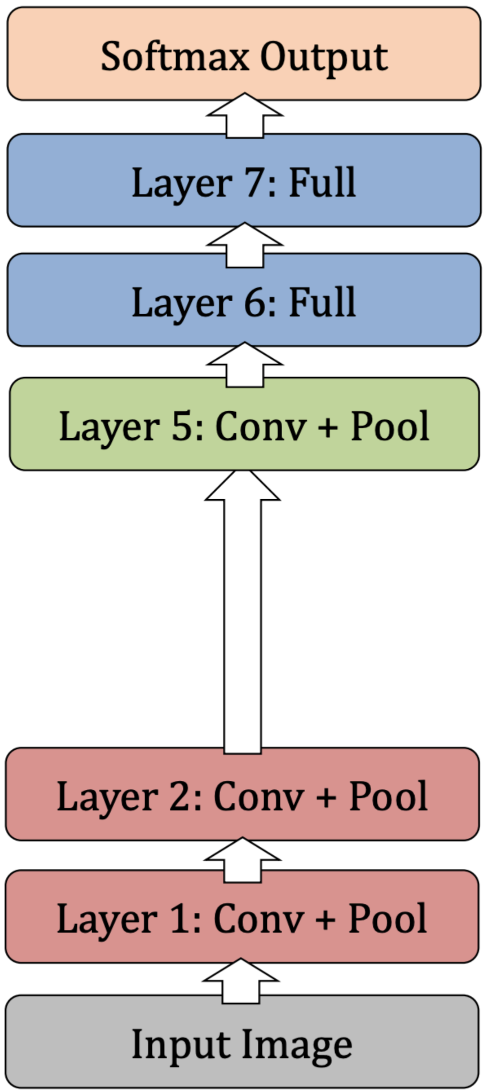


AlexNet

Remove upper convolutio / feature extractor layers (layer 3 and 4)

Drop ~1 million parameters

3% drop in performance



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AlexNet

Remove top fully connected layer 6,7 and upper convolution layers 3,4.

33.5% drop in performance.

Depth of the network is the key.

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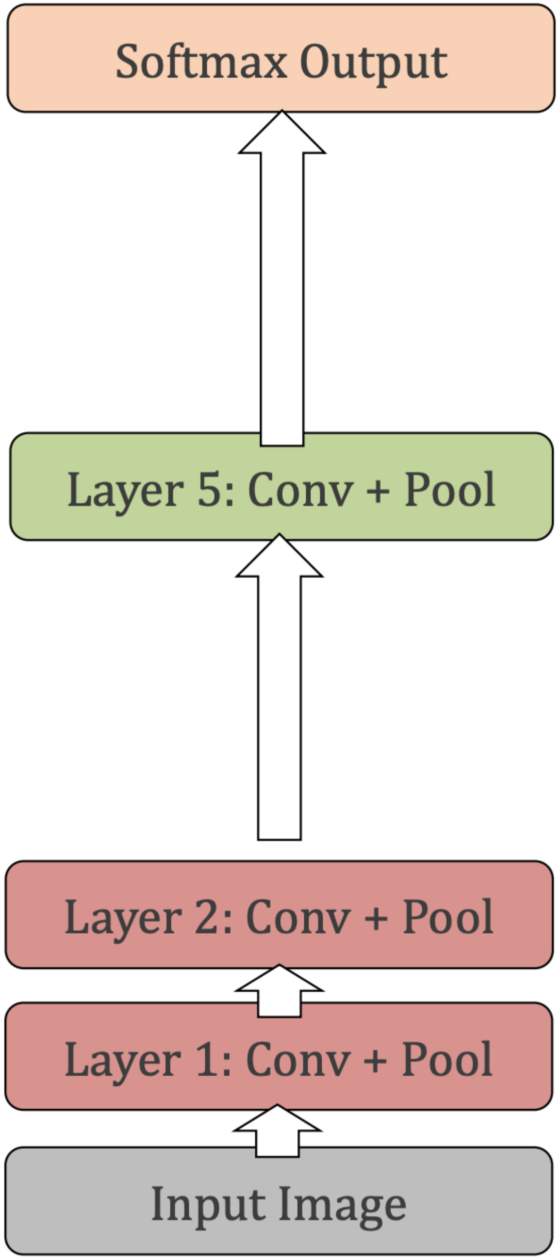


GoogLeNet

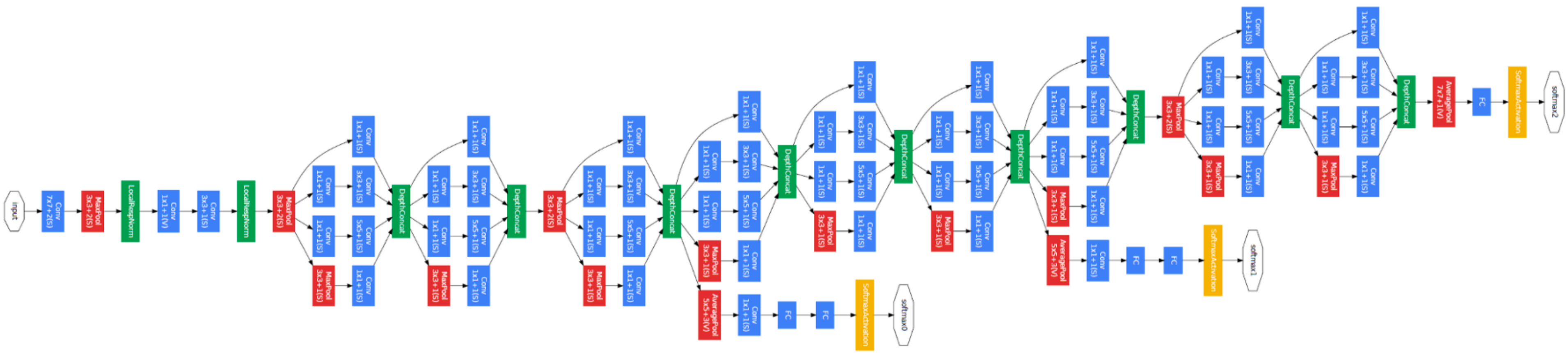
Motivation: multiscale nature of images

Large kernel for global features, and **smaller kernel** for local features.

Idea: have multiple different-size kernels at any layer.

[Going Deep with Convolutions, Szegedy et al. ’14]

GoogLeNet



Large kernel for global features, and **smaller kernel** for local features.

Idea: have multiple different-size kernels at any layer.

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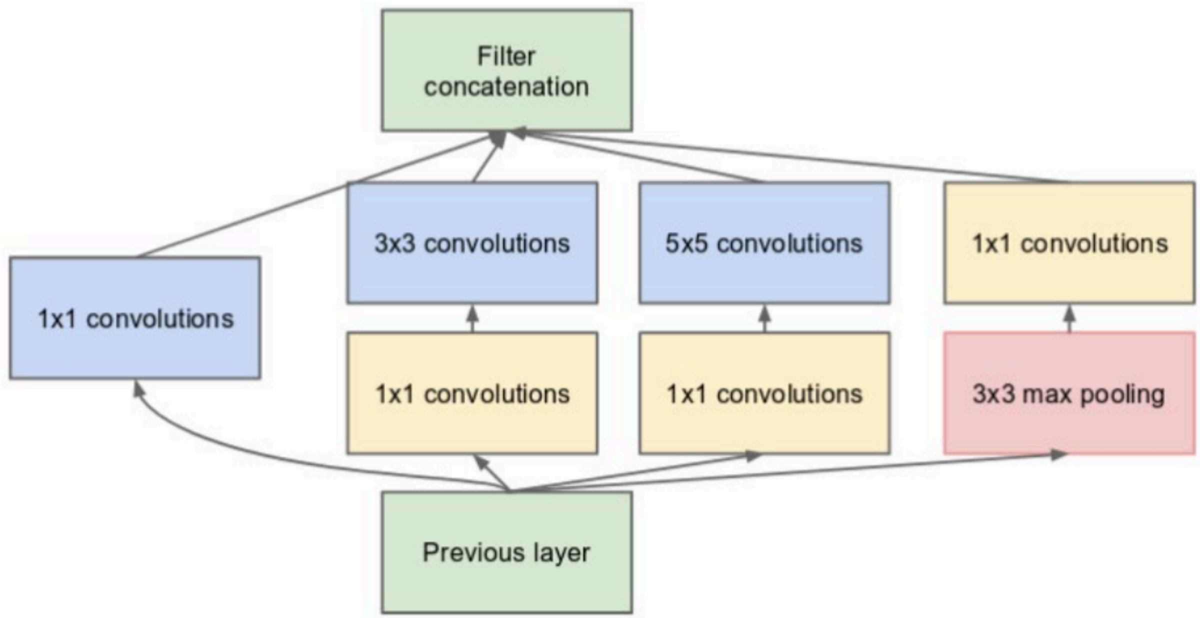
Inception Module



Multiple filter scales at each layer

Dimensionality reduction to keep computational requirements down

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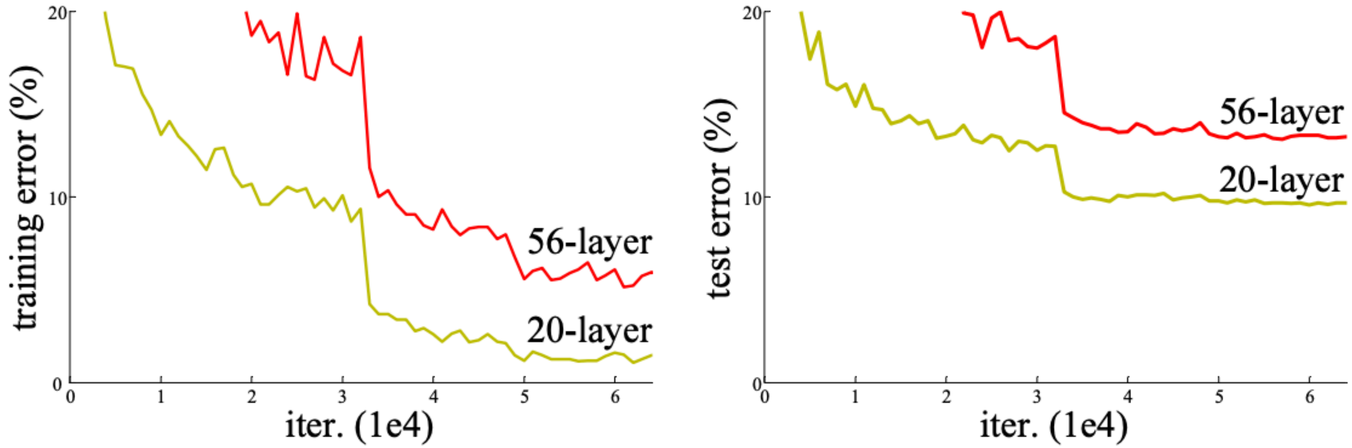

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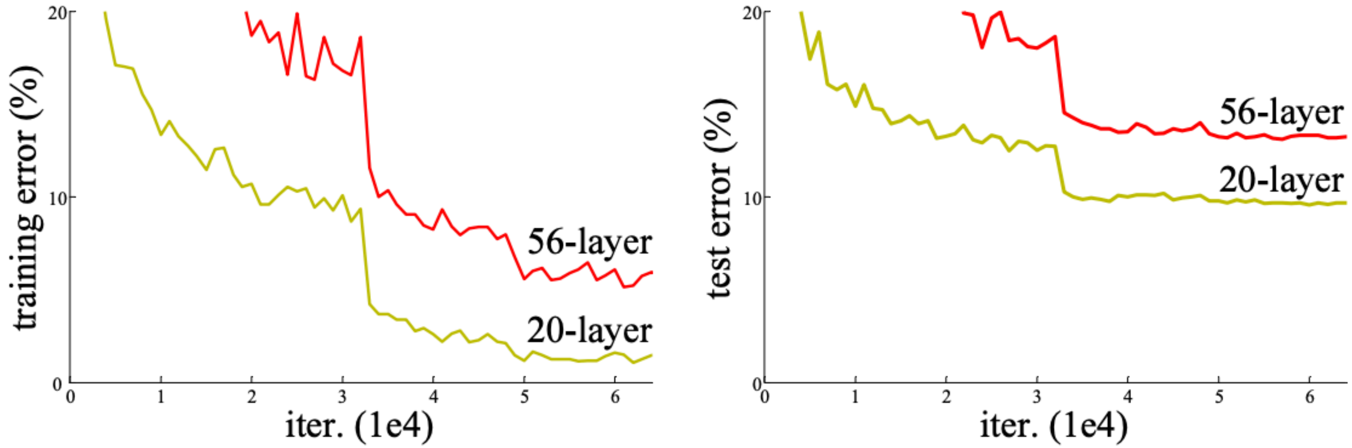

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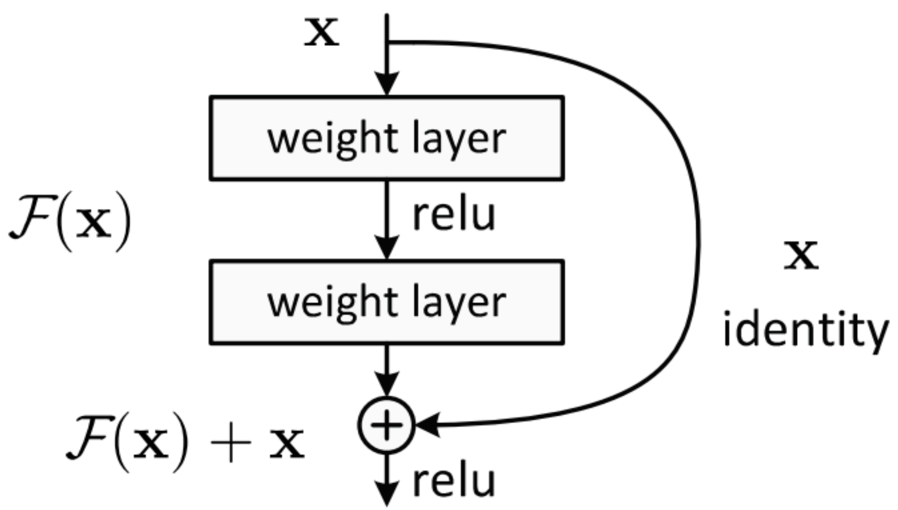
Idea: identity shortcut, skip one or more layers.

Justification: network can easily simulate shallow network ($F \approx 0$), so performance should not degrade by going deeper.



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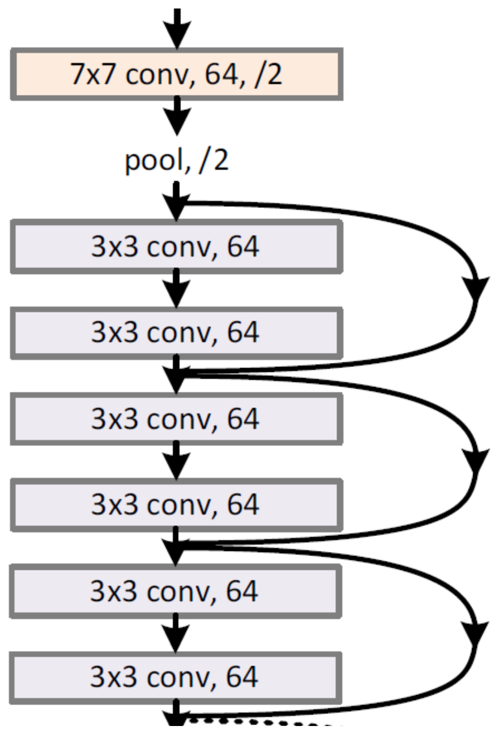
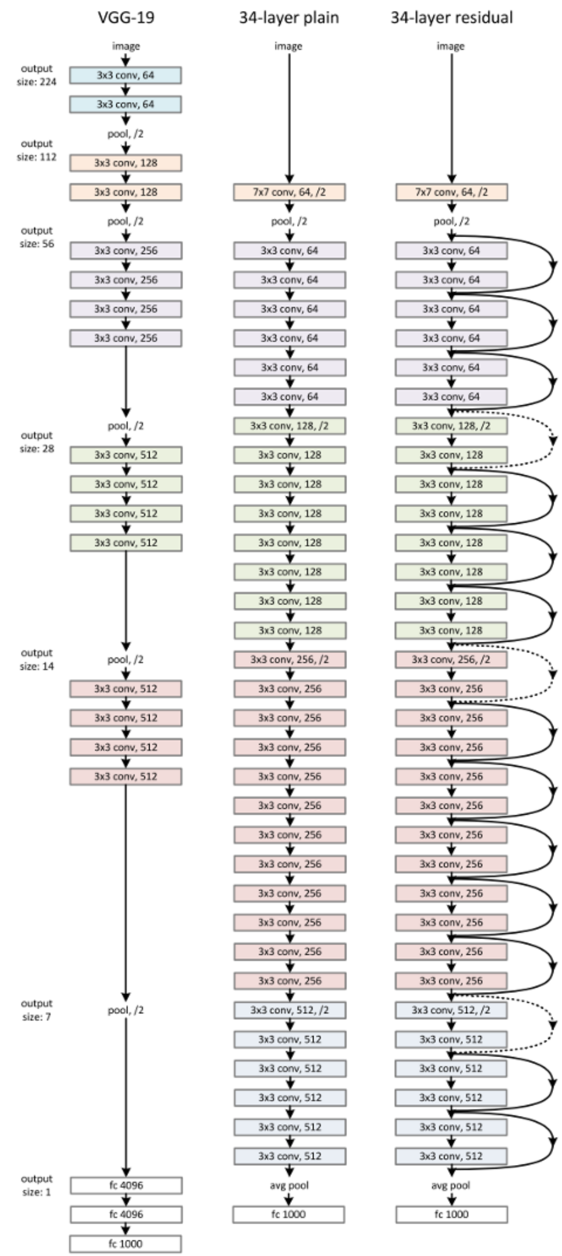
Residual Networks

- 3.57% top-5 error on ImageNet
- First deep network with > 100 layers.
- Widely used in many domains (AlphaGo)





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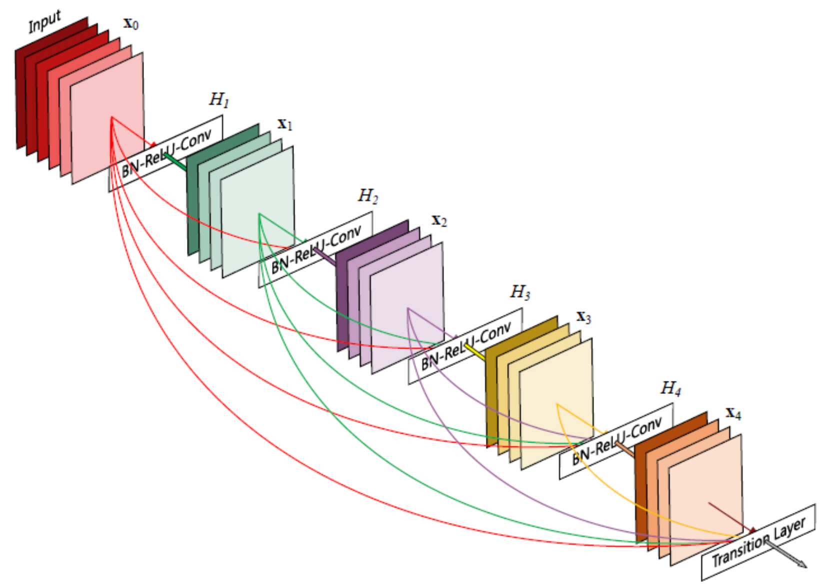
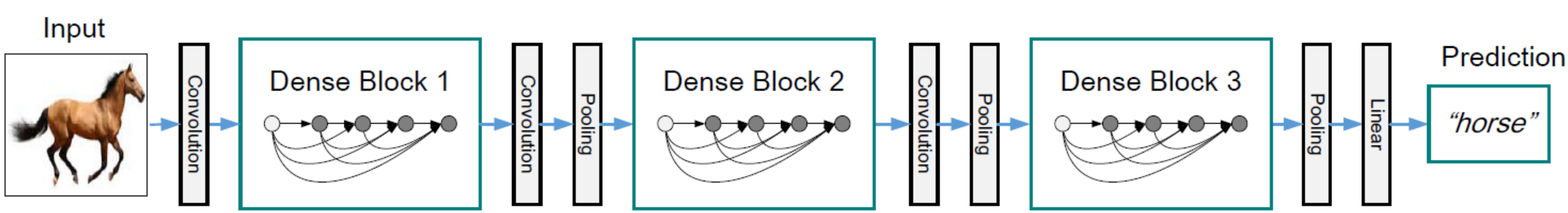
Densely Connected Network

Idea: explicit forward output of layer to all future layers (by concatenation)

Intuition: helps vanishing gradients, encourage reuse features (reduce parameter count)



Issues: network maybe too wide, need to be careful about memory consumption



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Neural Architecture / Hyper-Parameter Search

Many design choices:
- Number of layers, width, kernel size, pooling, connections, etc.
- Normalization, learning rate, batch size, etc.

Strategies:
- Grid search
- Random search [Bergestra & Bengio ’12]
- Bandit-based [Li et al. ’16]
- Gradient-based (DARTS) [Liu et al. ’19]
- Neural tangent kernel [Xu et al. ’21]
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