

# Convolutional Neural Networks

Training course: Machine learning for weather prediction

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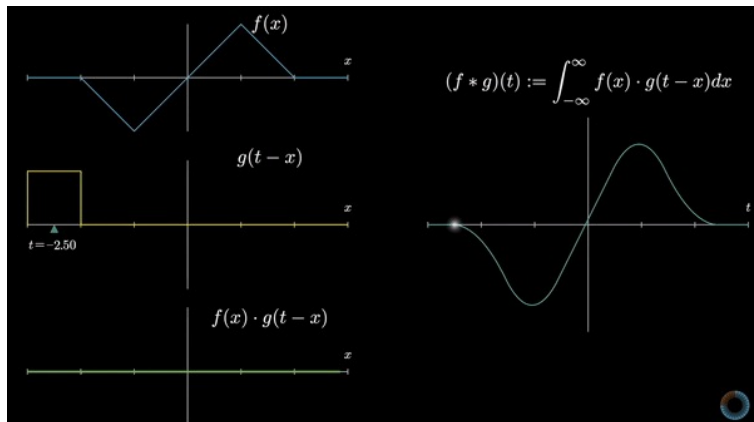
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# Outline

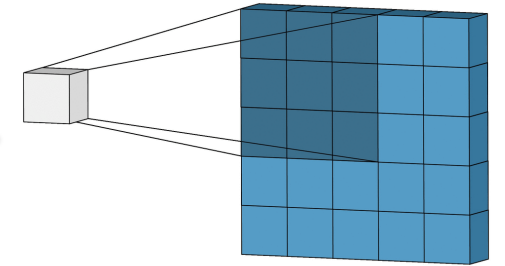
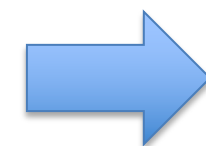
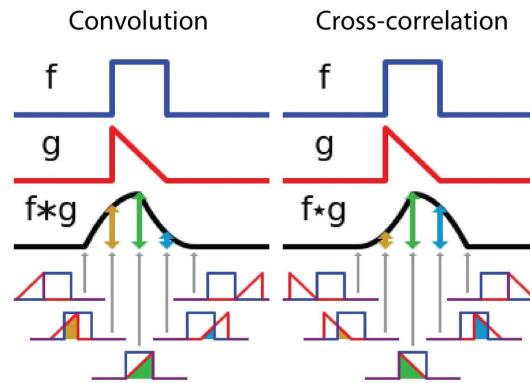
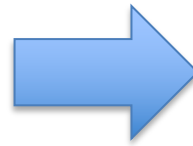
- **What is a convolution?**
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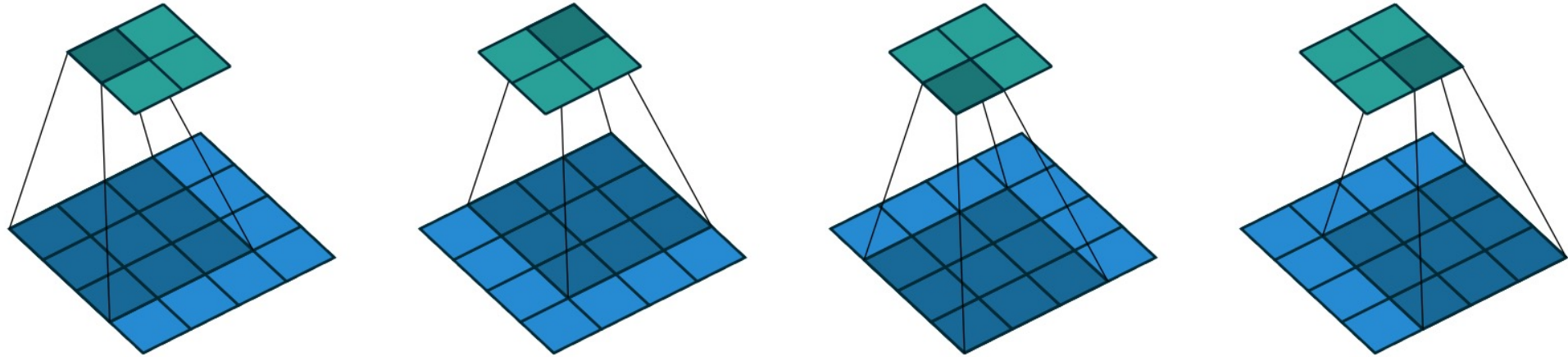


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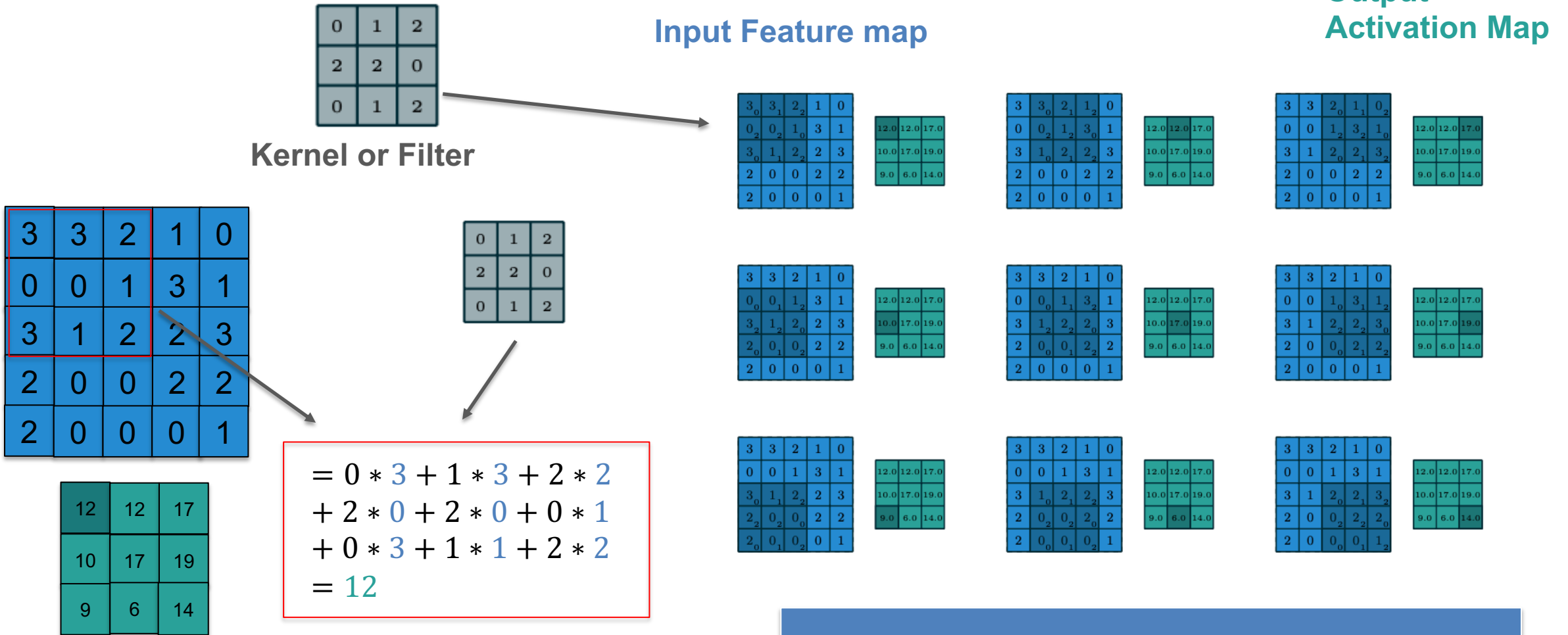
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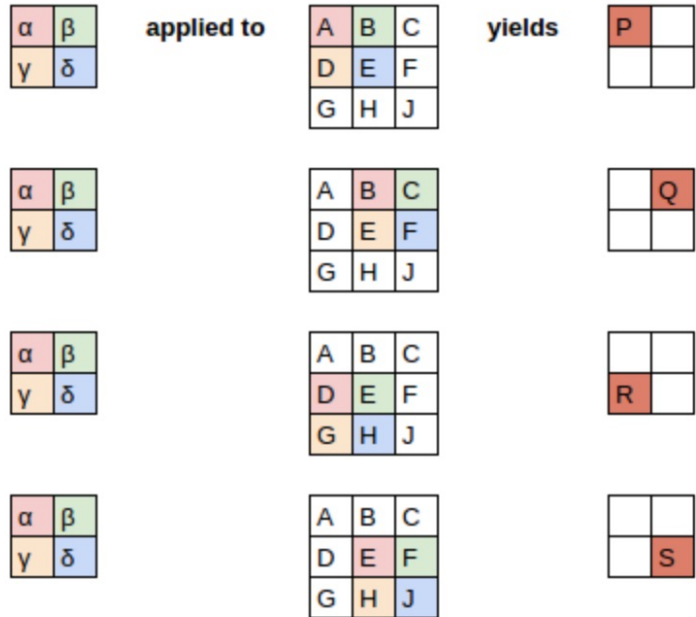
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Convolve a filter with the image = spatially sliding it over the image and computing the dot product

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Convolutions are still linear transforms

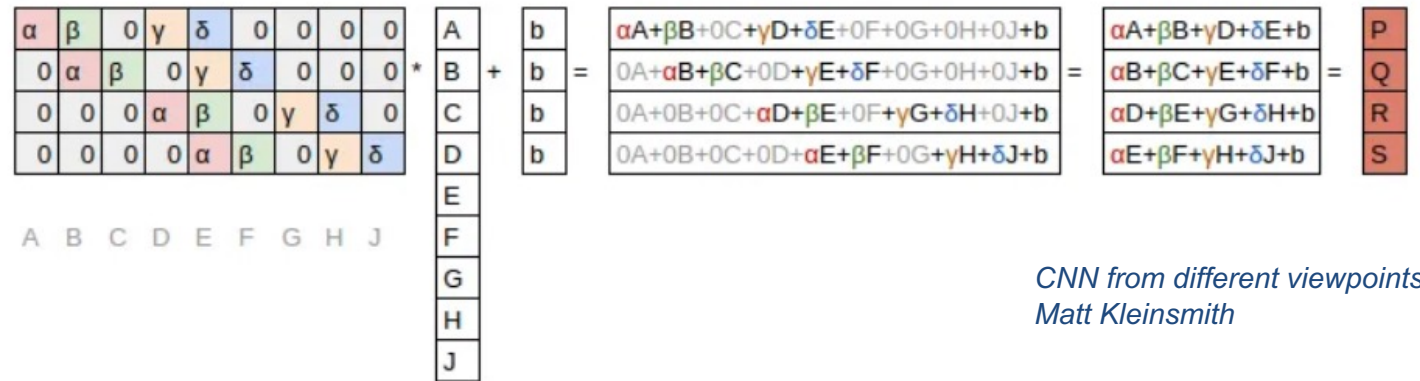


$$\begin{aligned} \alpha * A + \beta * B + \gamma * D + \delta * E + b &= P \\ \alpha * B + \beta * C + \gamma * E + \delta * F + b &= Q \\ \alpha * D + \beta * E + \gamma * G + \delta * H + b &= R \\ \alpha * E + \beta * F + \gamma * H + \delta * J + b &= S \end{aligned}$$

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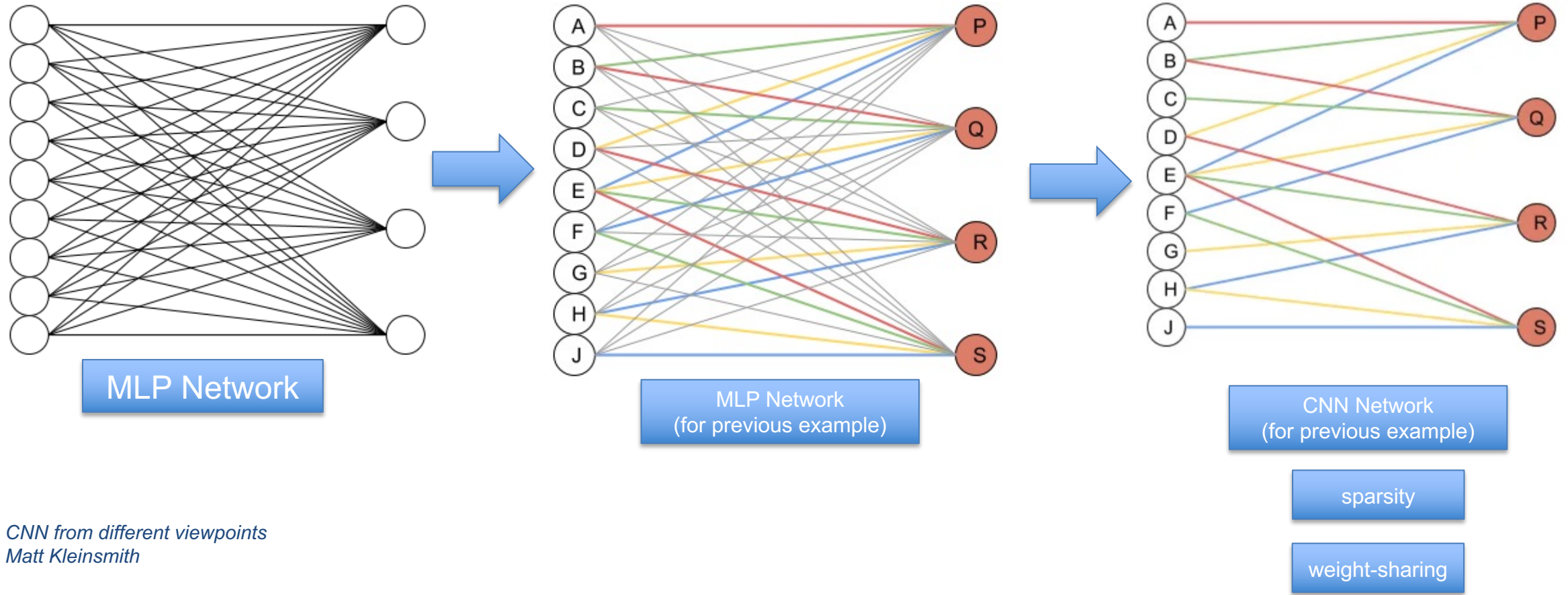
$$Y = \sum (\text{weight} * \text{input}) + \text{bias}$$



CNN from different viewpoints  
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Convolutions can be seen as \*special\* type of matrix multiplication

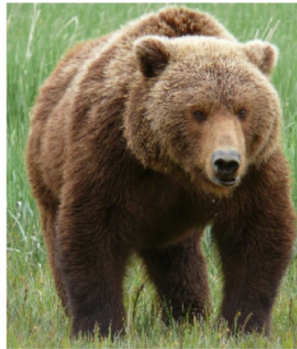
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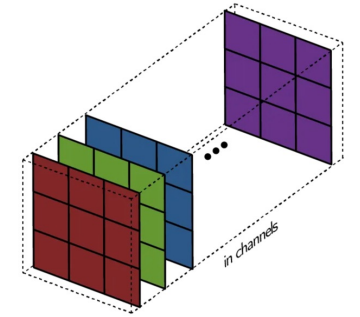
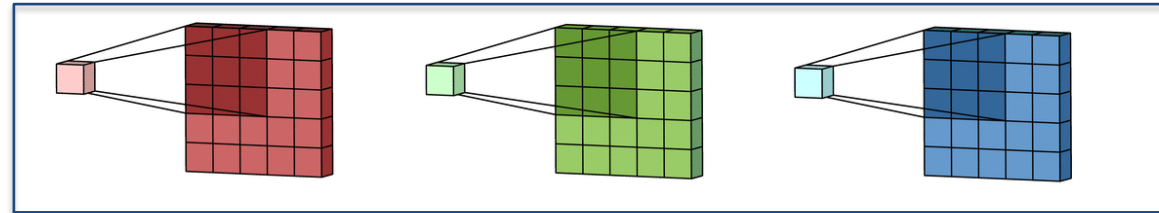
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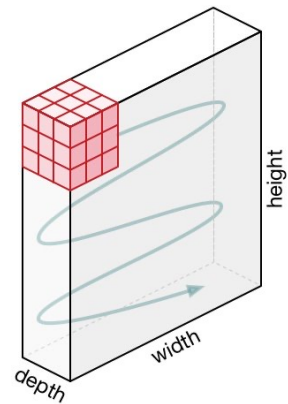
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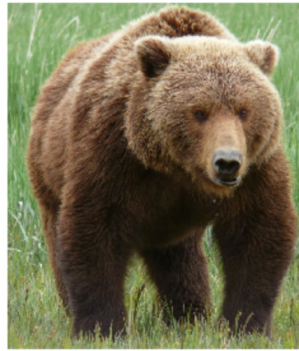


1 filter with 3 kernels

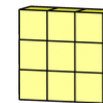
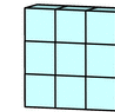
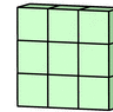
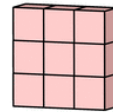


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**Can't forget the  
Bias term!**

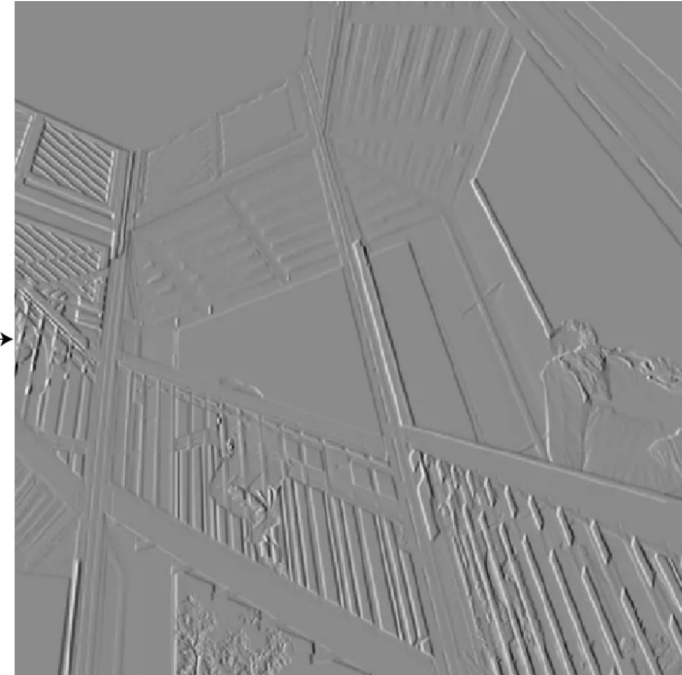
# What is a convolution?

Automatic Feature Extraction



$$\begin{bmatrix} +1 & 0 & -1 \\ +2 & 0 & -2 \\ +1 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Horizontal Sobel kernel

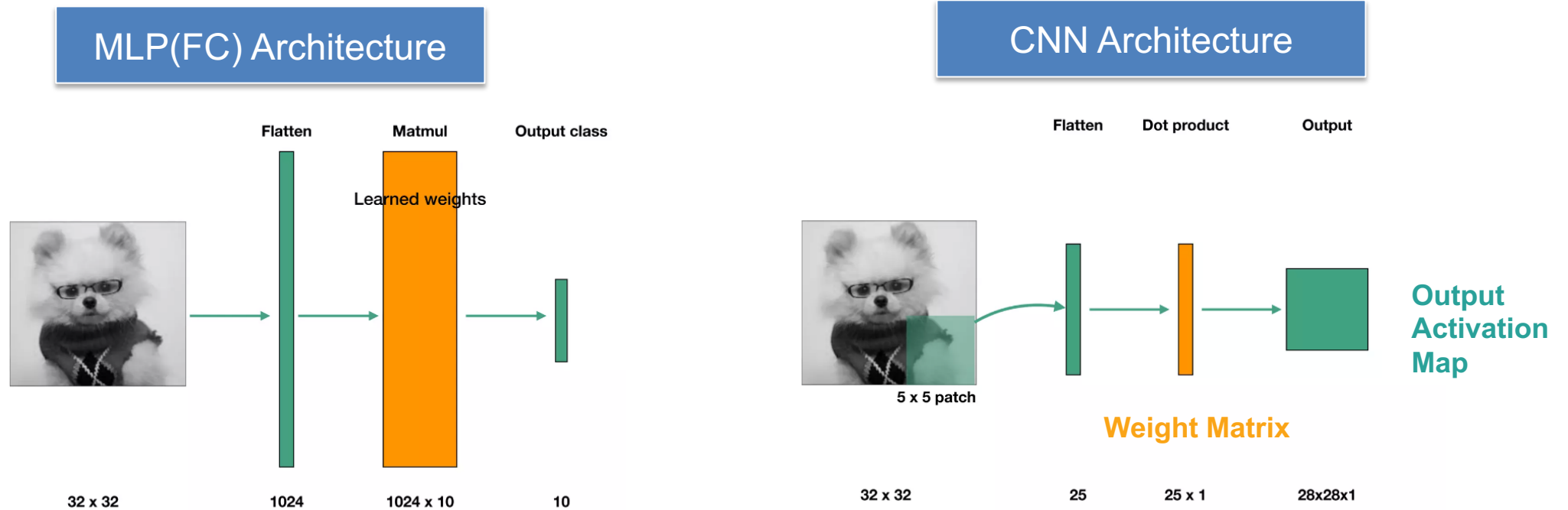


Applying a vertical edge detector kernel

<https://setosa.io/ev/image-kernels/>

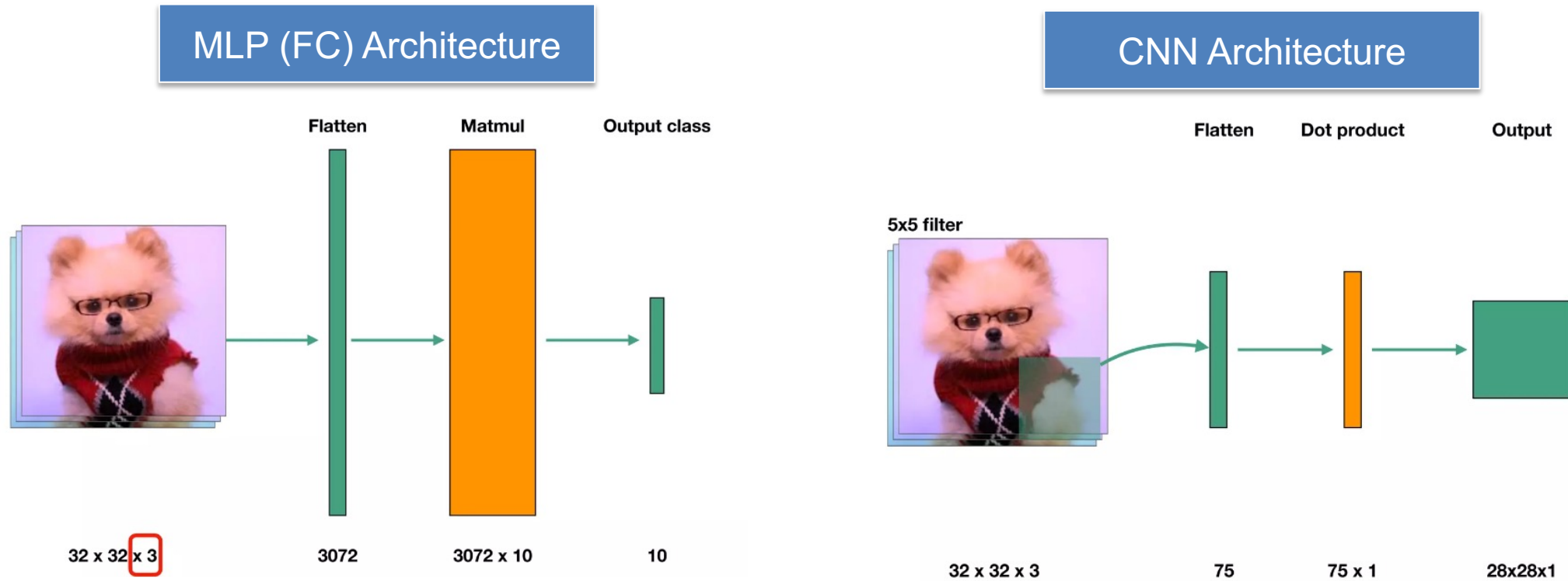
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- Poor scaling with image size
- Inefficient weight use – no “weight sharing”
- FC do not provide translation invariance nor equivariance

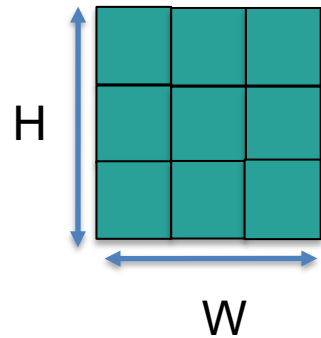
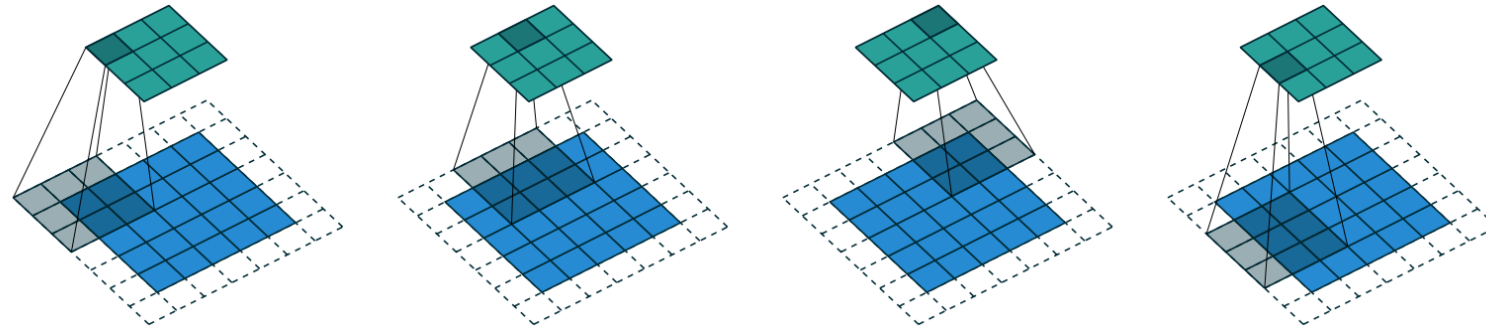
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# Convolution's Arithmetic

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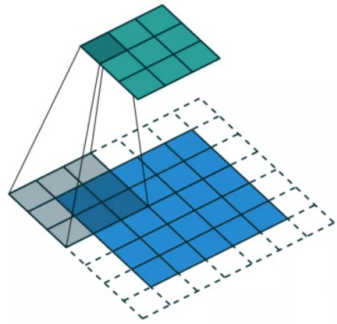
The shape of the output feature map (W,H) is defined based on:

- Shape of the input feature map (W,H)
- The Kernel size (w,h)
- The stride (s)
- The padding (p)

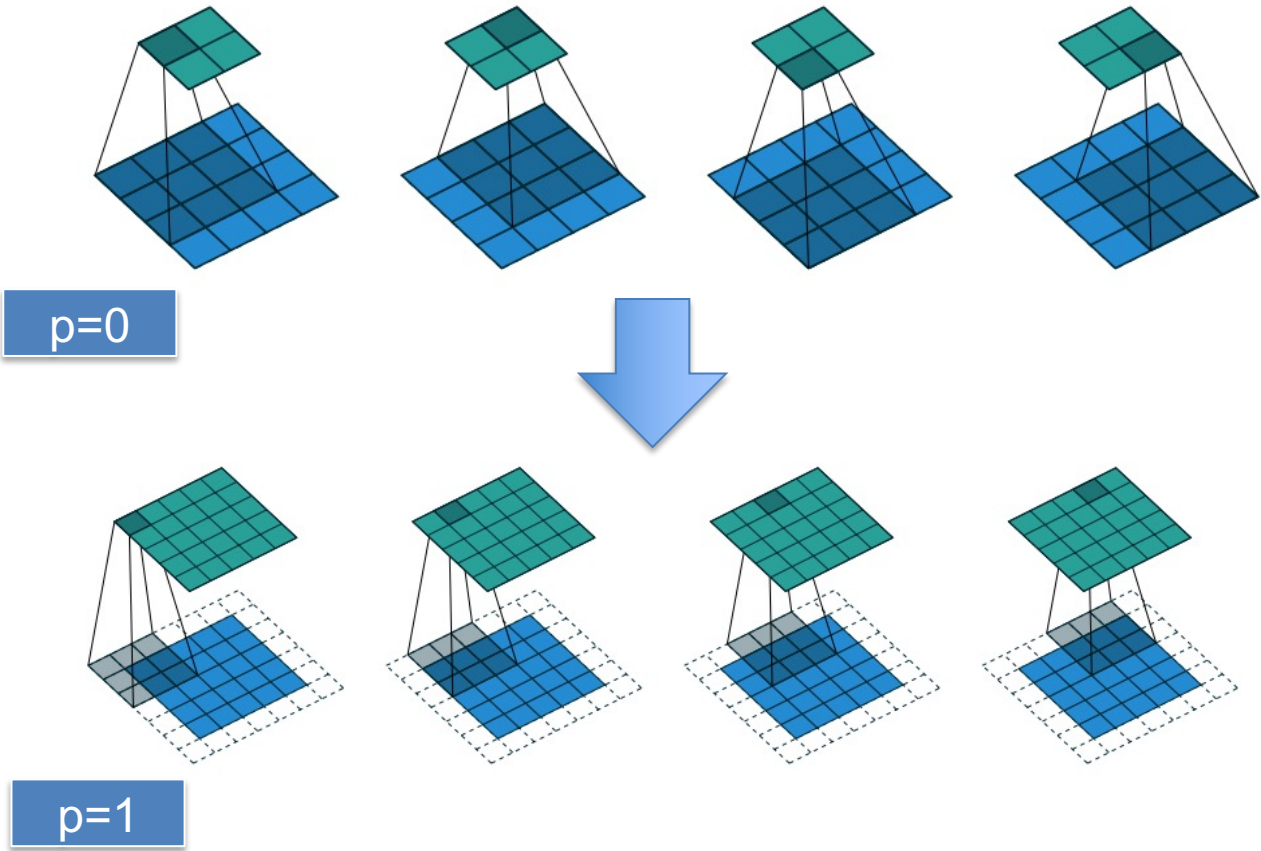


# Convolution's arithmetic

## Padding



- Padding solves the problem of filters running out of image
- Done by adding extra rows/cols to the input (usually set to 0)



# Convolution's arithmetic

## Padding

### Padding mode:

See [torch.nn.CircularPad2d](#), [torch.nn.ConstantPad2d](#), [torch.nn.ReflectionPad2d](#), and [torch.nn.ReplicationPad2d](#) for concrete examples on how each of the padding modes works. Constant padding is implemented for arbitrary dimensions. Circular, replicate and reflection padding are implemented for padding the last 3 dimensions of a 4D or 5D input tensor, the last 2 dimensions of a 3D or 4D input tensor, or the last dimension of a 2D or 3D input tensor.

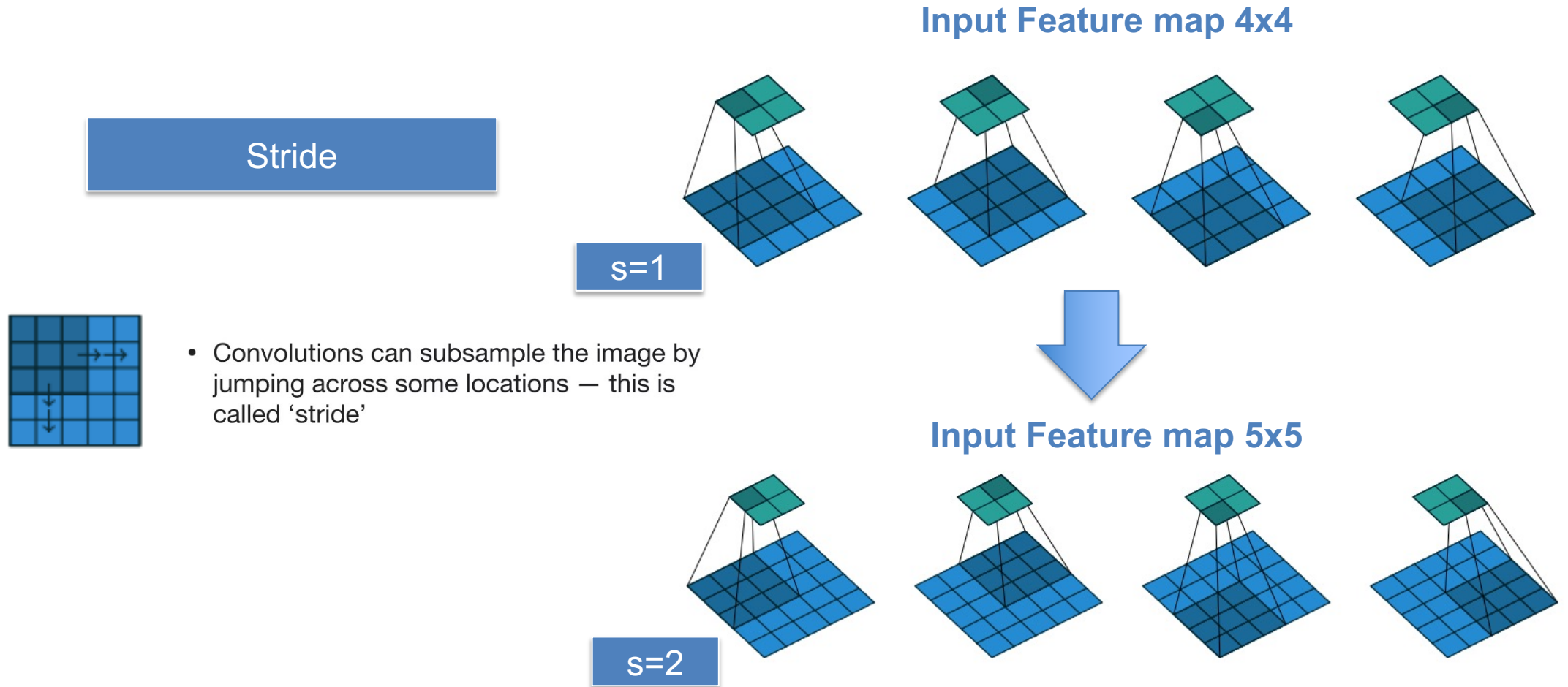
[Pytorch Ref](#)

Replication Padding								Reflection Padding								Circular Padding								
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5	5	0	8	7	8	1	1	0	5	0	8	7	8	1	8	1	5	0	8	7	8	1	5	
1	1	9	5	0	7	7	7	9	1	9	5	0	7	7	7	7	1	9	5	0	7	7	1	
6	6	0	2	4	6	6	6	0	6	0	2	4	6	6	6	6	6	0	2	4	6	6	6	
9	9	7	6	6	8	4	4	7	9	7	6	6	8	4	8	4	9	7	6	6	8	4	9	
8	8	3	8	5	1	3	3	3	8	3	8	5	1	3	1	3	3	8	3	8	5	1	3	8
7	7	2	7	0	1	0	0	2	7	2	7	0	1	0	1	0	7	2	7	0	1	0	7	
7	7	2	7	0	1	0	0	3	8	3	8	5	1	3	1	3	1	5	0	8	7	8	1	5

- padding: string, either "valid" or "same" (case-insensitive). "valid" means no padding. "same" results in padding evenly to the left/right or up/down of the input. When padding="same" and strides=1, the output has the same size as the input.

[Tensorflow Ref](#)

# Convolution's arithmetic



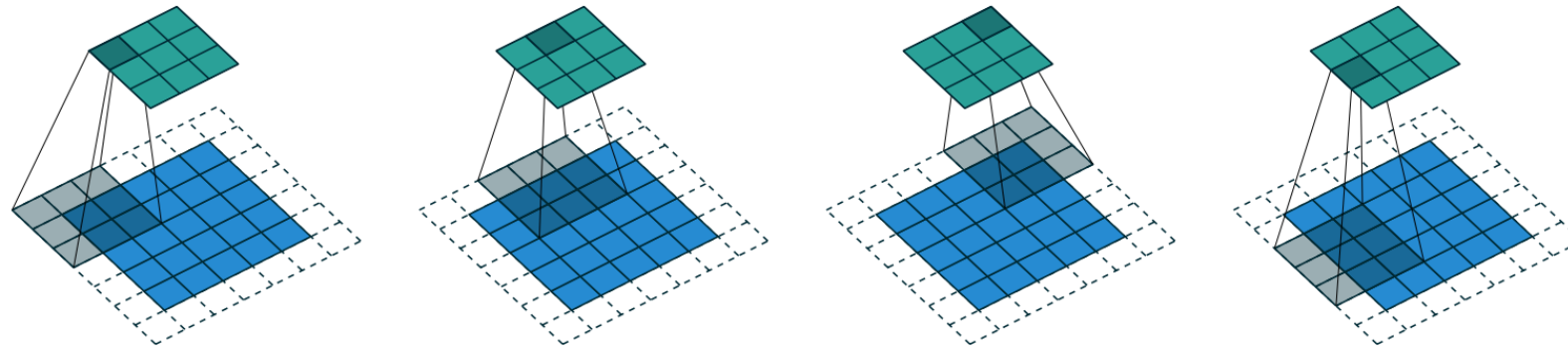
# Convolution's arithmetic

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import torch.nn as nn
m = nn.Conv2d(in_channels=16, out_channels=33, kernel_size=3, stride=1, padding=1)
m
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Conv2d(16, 33, kernel_size=(3, 3), stride=(1, 1), padding=(1, 1))
```

- Input:  $(N, C_{in}, H_{in}, W_{in})$  or  $(C_{in}, H_{in}, W_{in})$
- Output:  $(N, C_{out}, H_{out}, W_{out})$  or  $(C_{out}, H_{out}, W_{out})$ , where

$$H_{out} = \left\lceil \frac{H_{in} + 2 \times padding[0] - kernel\_size[0]}{stride[0]} + 1 \right\rceil$$

$$W_{out} = \left\lceil \frac{W_{in} + 2 \times padding[1] - kernel\_size[1]}{stride[1]} + 1 \right\rceil$$



# Convolution's arithmetic

## Padding + Stride

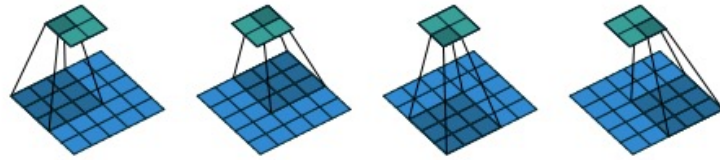


Figure 2.5: (No zero padding, arbitrary strides) Convolving a  $3 \times 3$  kernel over a  $5 \times 5$  input using  $2 \times 2$  strides (i.e.,  $i = 5$ ,  $k = 3$ ,  $s = 2$  and  $p = 0$ ).

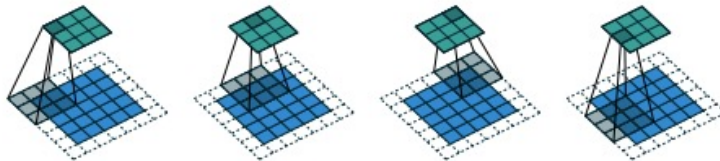


Figure 2.6: (Arbitrary padding and strides) Convolving a  $3 \times 3$  kernel over a  $5 \times 5$  input padded with a  $1 \times 1$  border of zeros using  $2 \times 2$  strides (i.e.,  $i = 5$ ,  $k = 3$ ,  $s = 2$  and  $p = 1$ ).

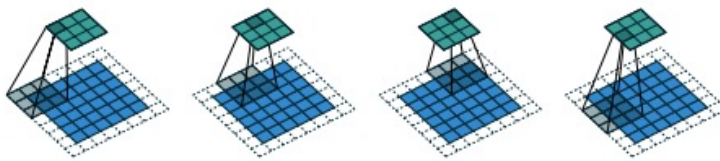


Figure 2.7: (Arbitrary padding and strides) Convolving a  $3 \times 3$  kernel over a  $6 \times 6$  input padded with a  $1 \times 1$  border of zeros using  $2 \times 2$  strides (i.e.,  $i = 6$ ,  $k = 3$ ,  $s = 2$  and  $p = 1$ ). In this case, the bottom row and right column of the zero padded input are not covered by the kernel.

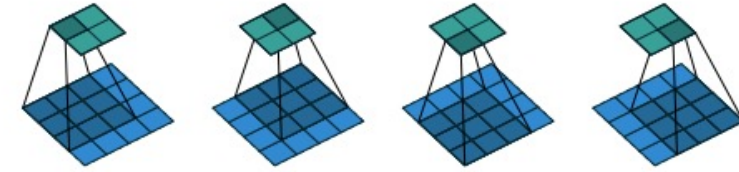


Figure 2.1: (No padding, unit strides) Convolving a  $3 \times 3$  kernel over a  $4 \times 4$  input using unit strides (i.e.,  $i = 4$ ,  $k = 3$ ,  $s = 1$  and  $p = 0$ ).

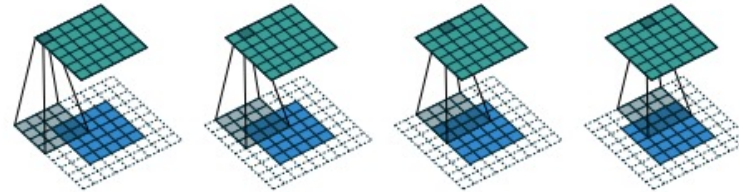


Figure 2.2: (Arbitrary padding, unit strides) Convolving a  $4 \times 4$  kernel over a  $5 \times 5$  input padded with a  $2 \times 2$  border of zeros using unit strides (i.e.,  $i = 5$ ,  $k = 4$ ,  $s = 1$  and  $p = 2$ ).

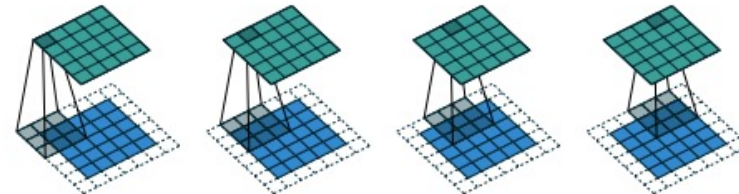


Figure 2.3: (Half padding, unit strides) Convolving a  $3 \times 3$  kernel over a  $5 \times 5$  input using half padding and unit strides (i.e.,  $i = 5$ ,  $k = 3$ ,  $s = 1$  and  $p = 1$ ).

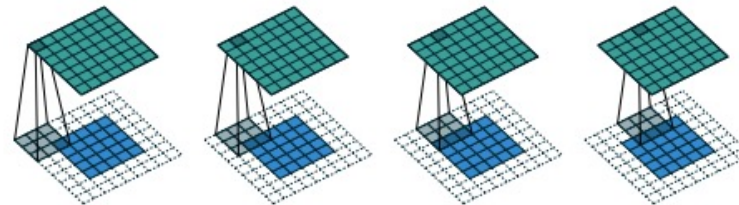
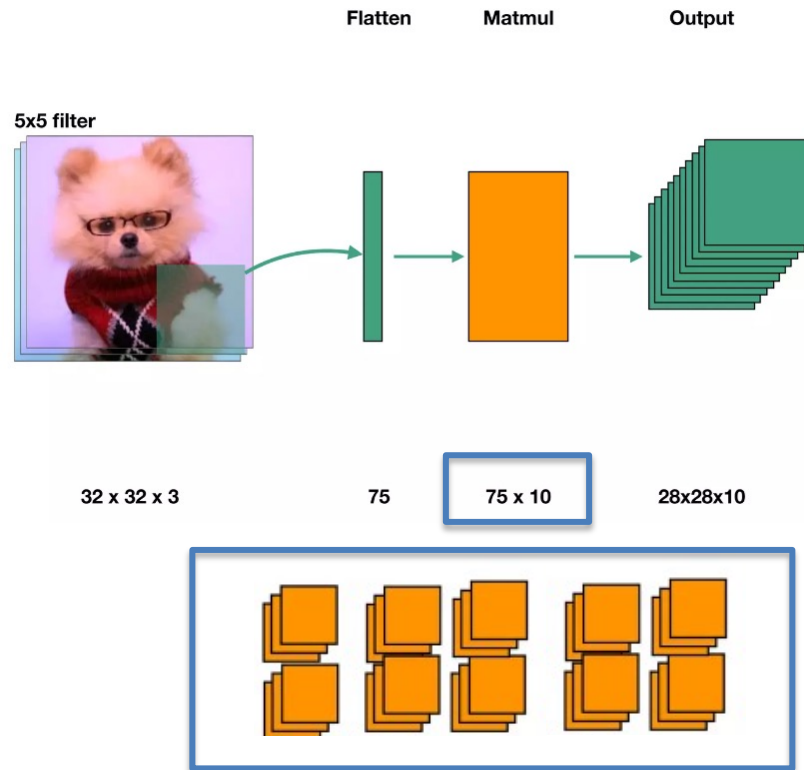


Figure 2.4: (Full padding, unit strides) Convolving a  $3 \times 3$  kernel over a  $5 \times 5$  input using full padding and unit strides (i.e.,  $i = 5$ ,  $k = 3$ ,  $s = 1$  and  $p = 2$ ).

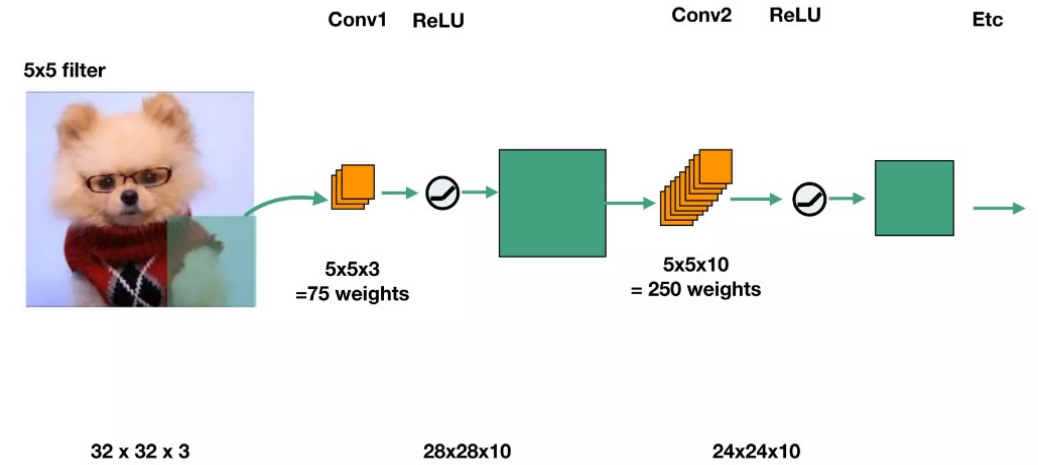
# Building a Convolutional Neural Network (CNN)

# Building a CNN

## Multiple Channel Outputs

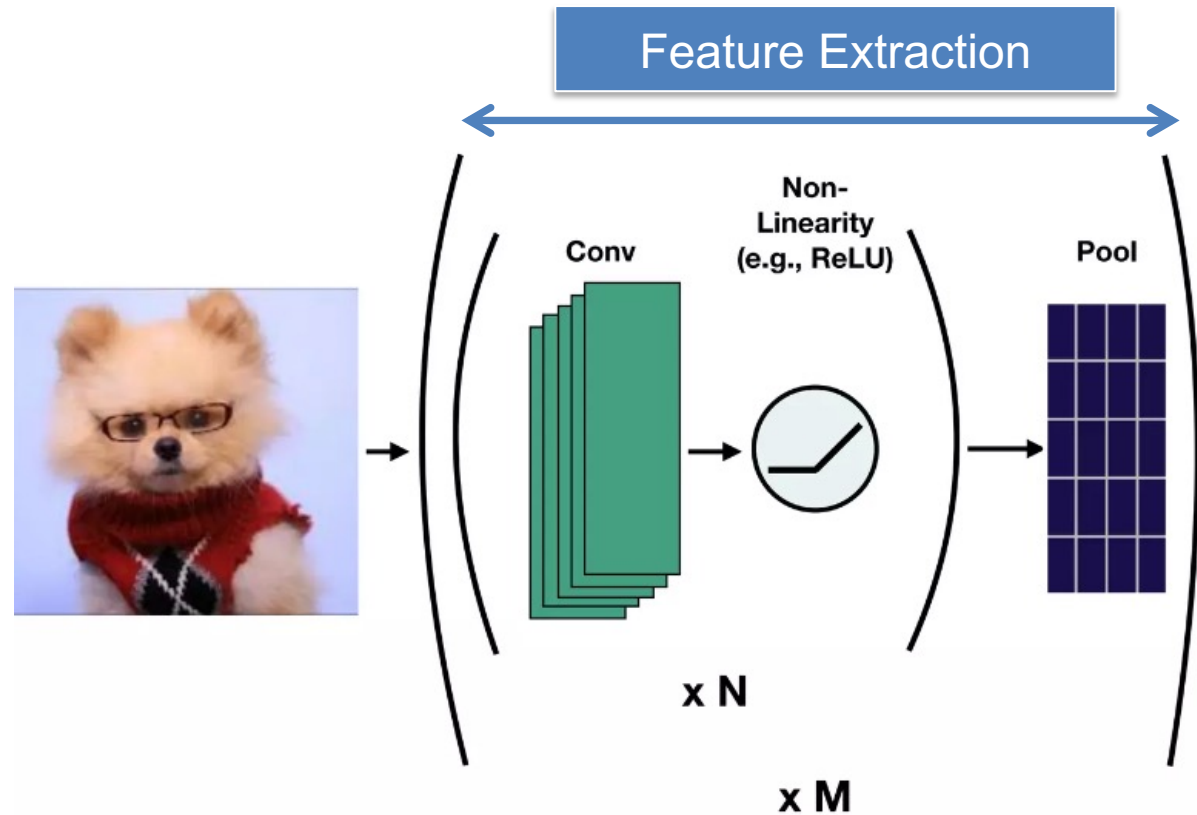


## Stacking of Conv Layers



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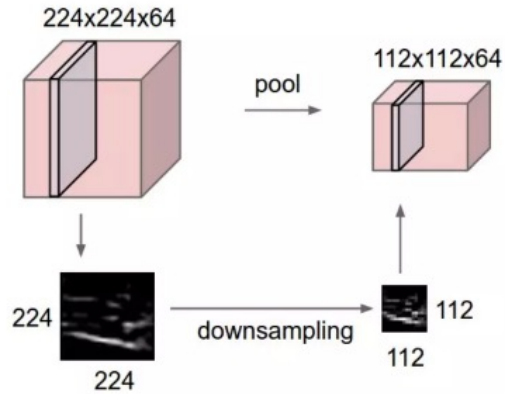
1. **Convolution:** Apply filters to generate feature maps.
2. **Non-linearity:** Often ReLU.
3. **Pooling:** Downsampling operation on each feature map.

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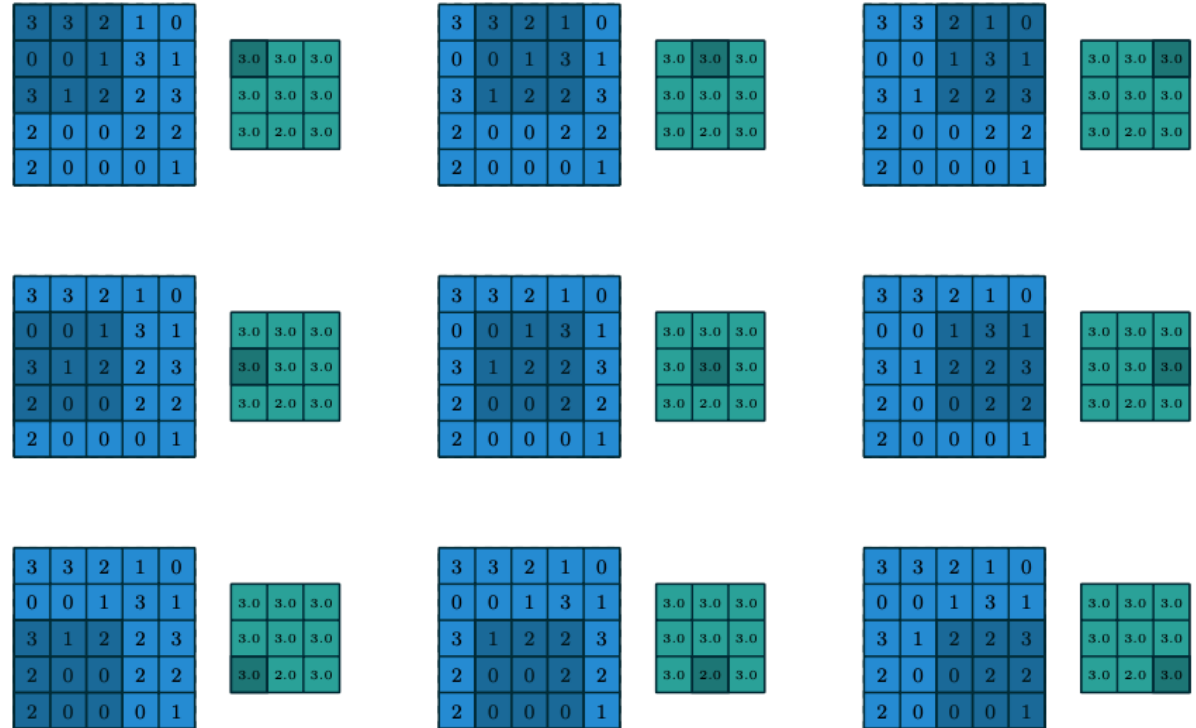


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## Pooling



Pooling works very much like a discrete convolution, but replaces the linear combination described by the kernel with some other function.



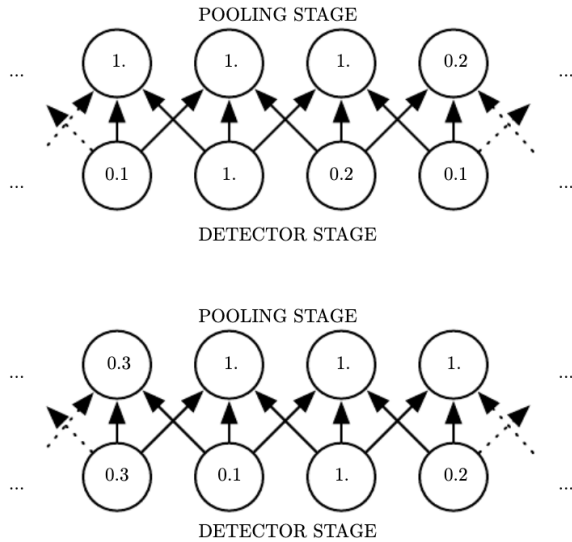
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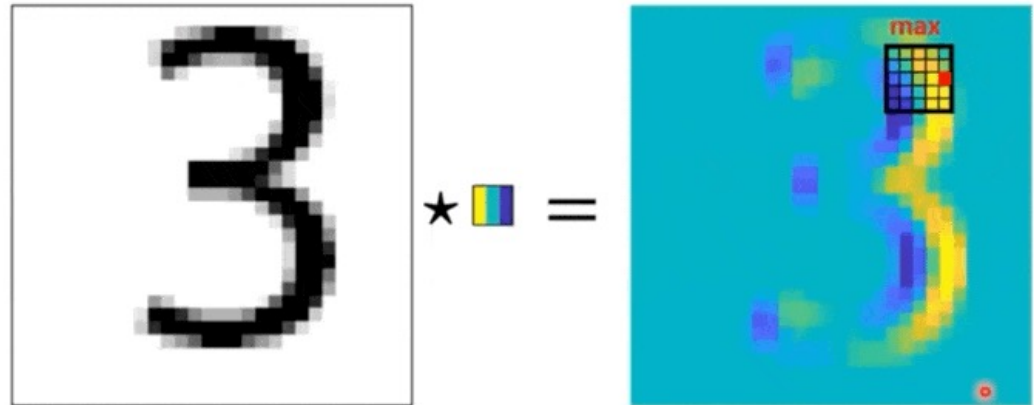
Pooling



Translation Invariance



Approximate invariance in CNNs with pooling



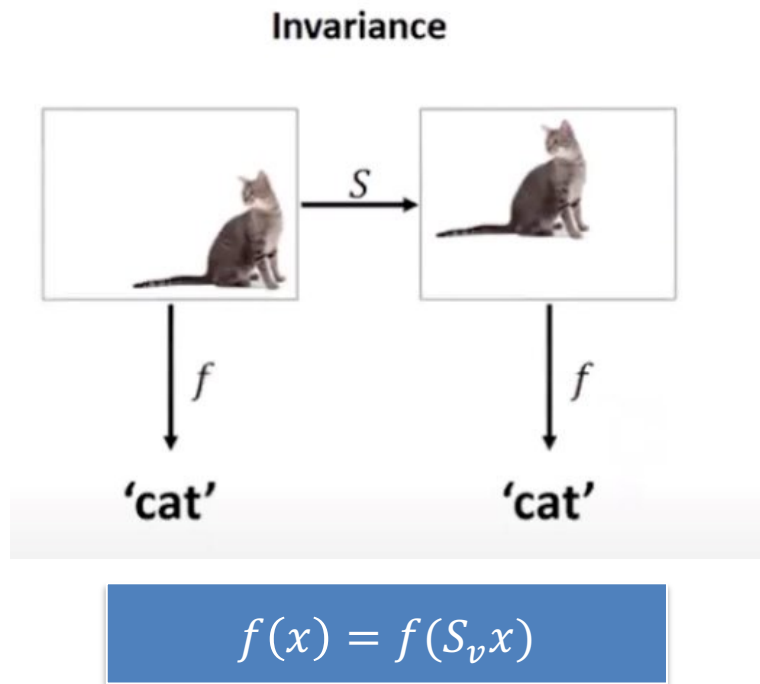
Output of convolutional layer+max pooling (~shift invariant)

Figure 9.8: Max pooling introduces invariance. (Top) A view of the middle of the output of a convolutional layer. The bottom row shows outputs of the nonlinearity. The top row shows the outputs of max pooling, with a stride of one pixel between pooling regions and a pooling region width of three pixels. (Bottom) A view of the same network, after the input has been shifted to the right by one pixel. Every value in the bottom row has changed, but only half of the values in the top row have changed, because the max pooling units are sensitive only to the maximum value in the neighborhood, not its exact location.

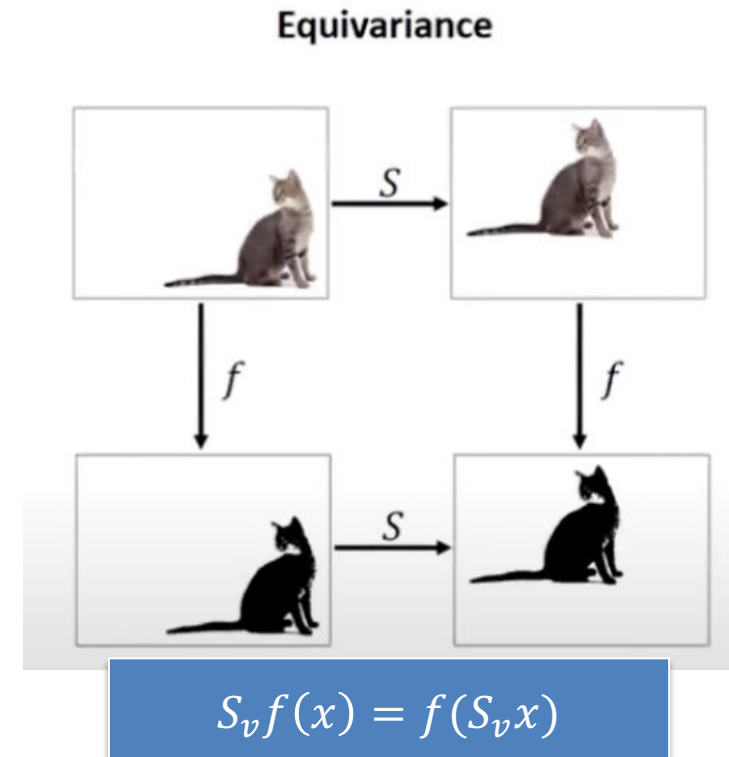
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## Translation Invariance



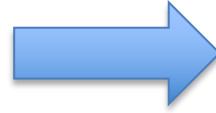
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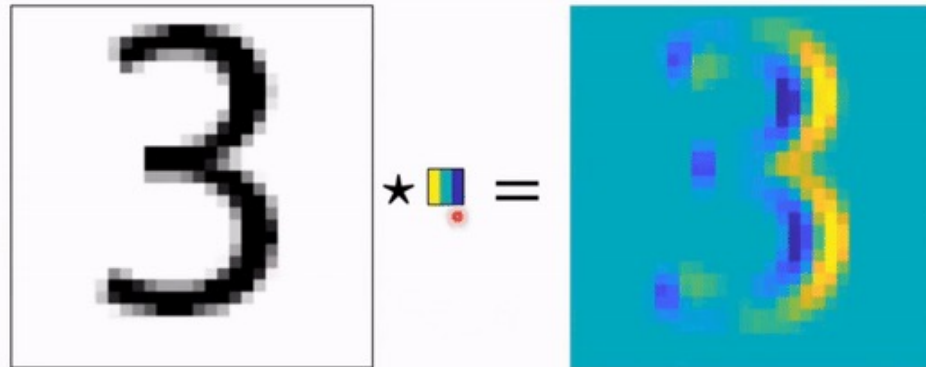
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Parameter Sharing



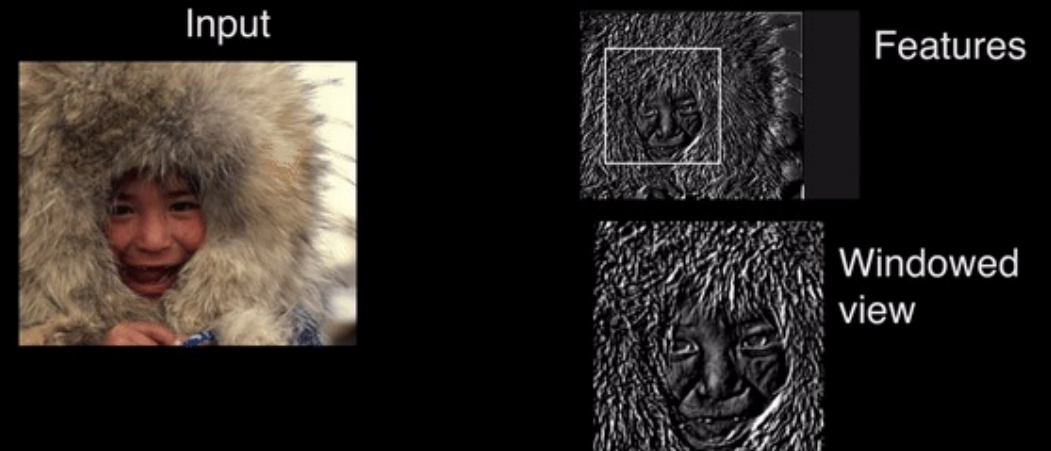
Translation Equivariance

Equivariance in CNNs



Output of convolutional layer (shift equivariant)

Existing CNNs: Translation Equivariance

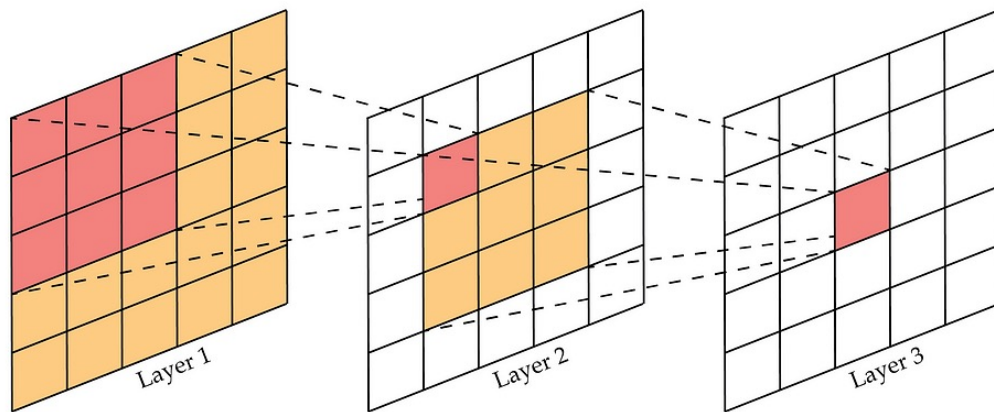


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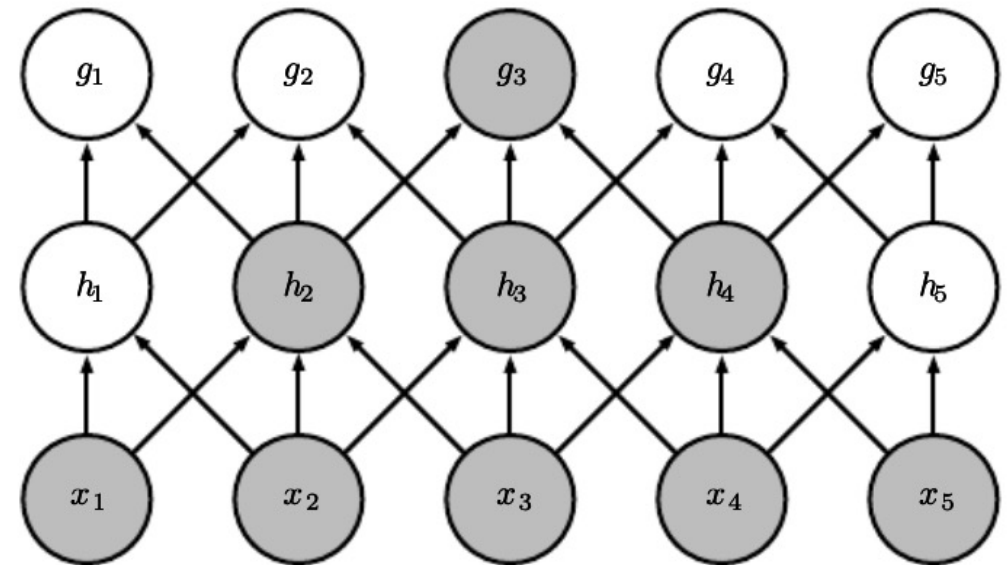
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## Receptive Field

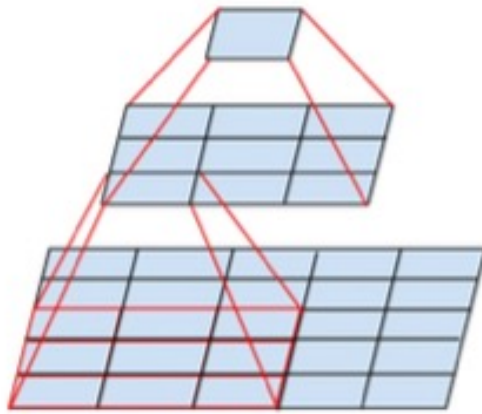


Receptive Field in Convolutional Neural Networks  
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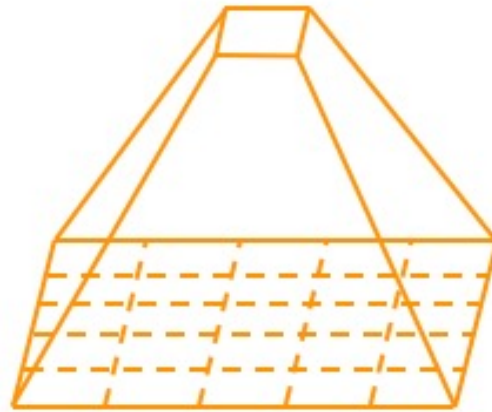


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*Deep Learning Book*

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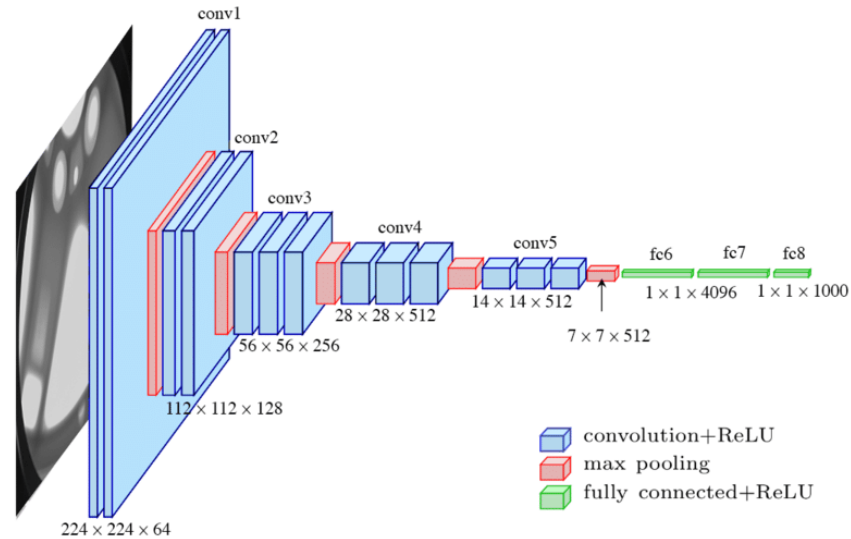
two successive  
3x3 convolutions



5x5 convolution

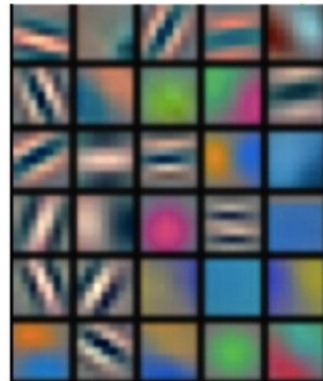
- The features that would be extracted will be highly local. This helps in capturing smaller, fine grained features in the image.
- Using kernels sequentially (i.e increasing number of layers) allows the network to learn a hierarchical feature representation

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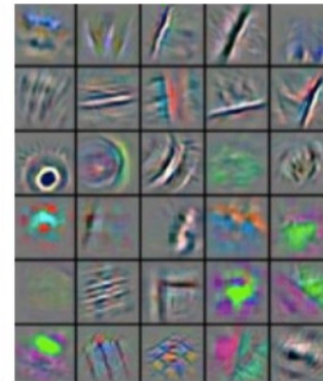


**4 stacked 3x3 convs get the same receptive field as a 9x9 conv, but use fewer parameters**

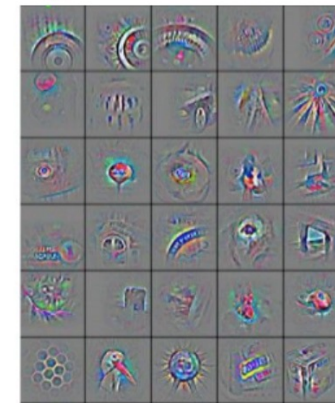
low-level features



mid-level features



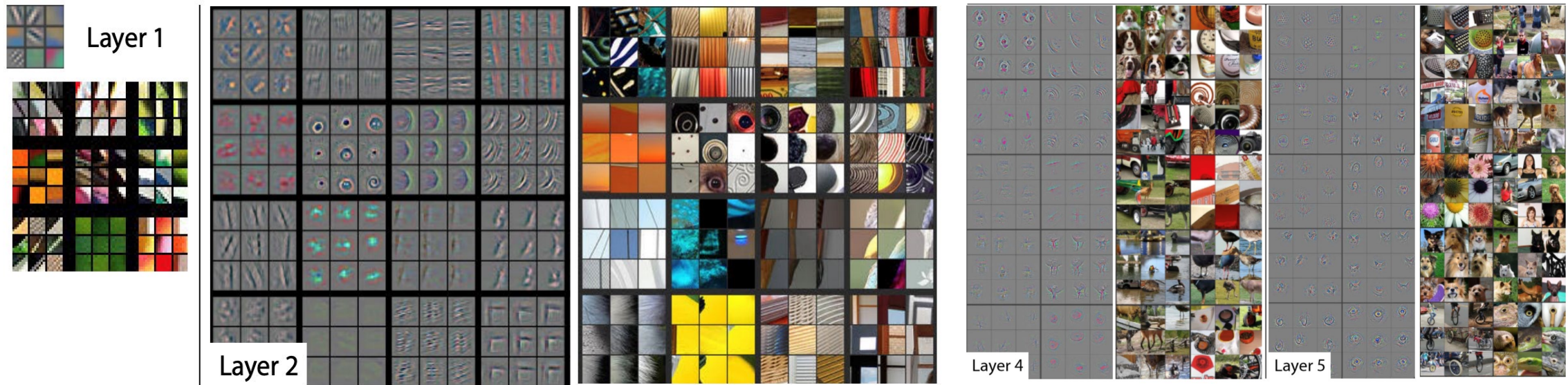
high-level features



Hierarchical Feature Learning

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## Hierarchical Feature Learning

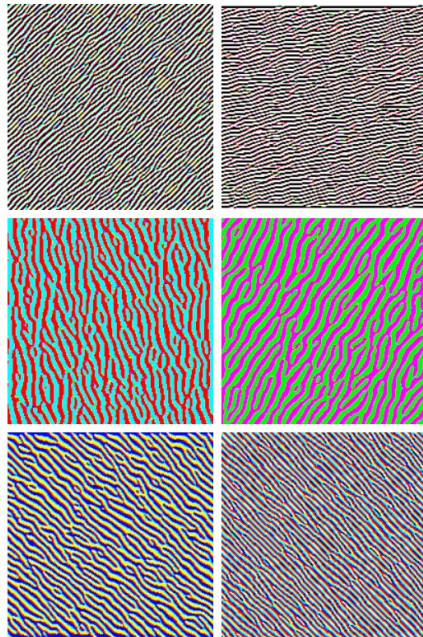


*Visualizing and Understanding Convolutional Networks*  
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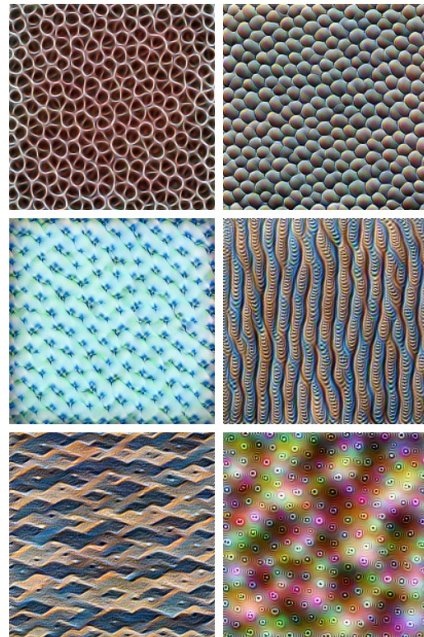


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## Hierarchical Feature Learning



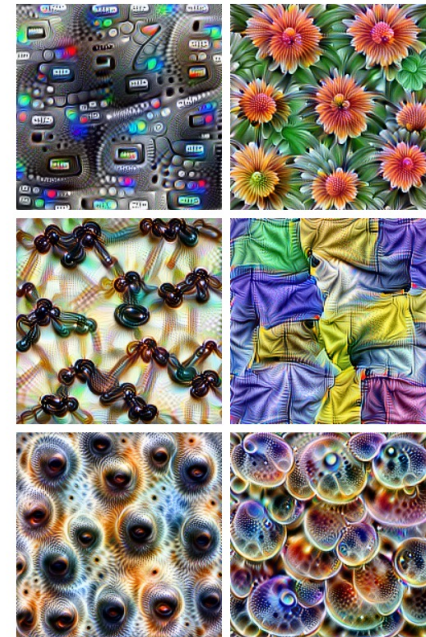
Edges (layer conv2d0)



Textures (layer mixed3a)



Patterns (layer mixed4a)



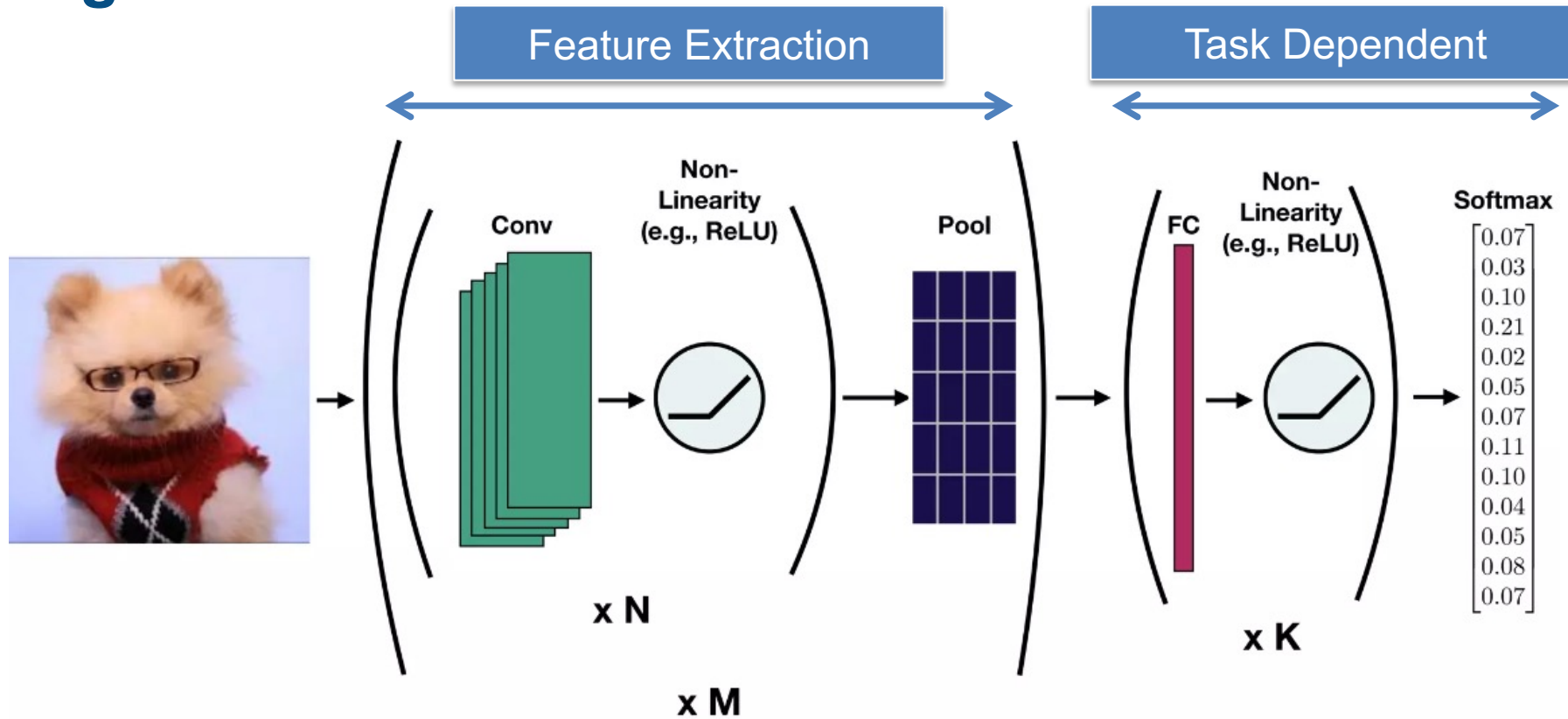
Parts (layers mixed4b & mixed4c)



Objects (layers mixed4d & mixed4e)

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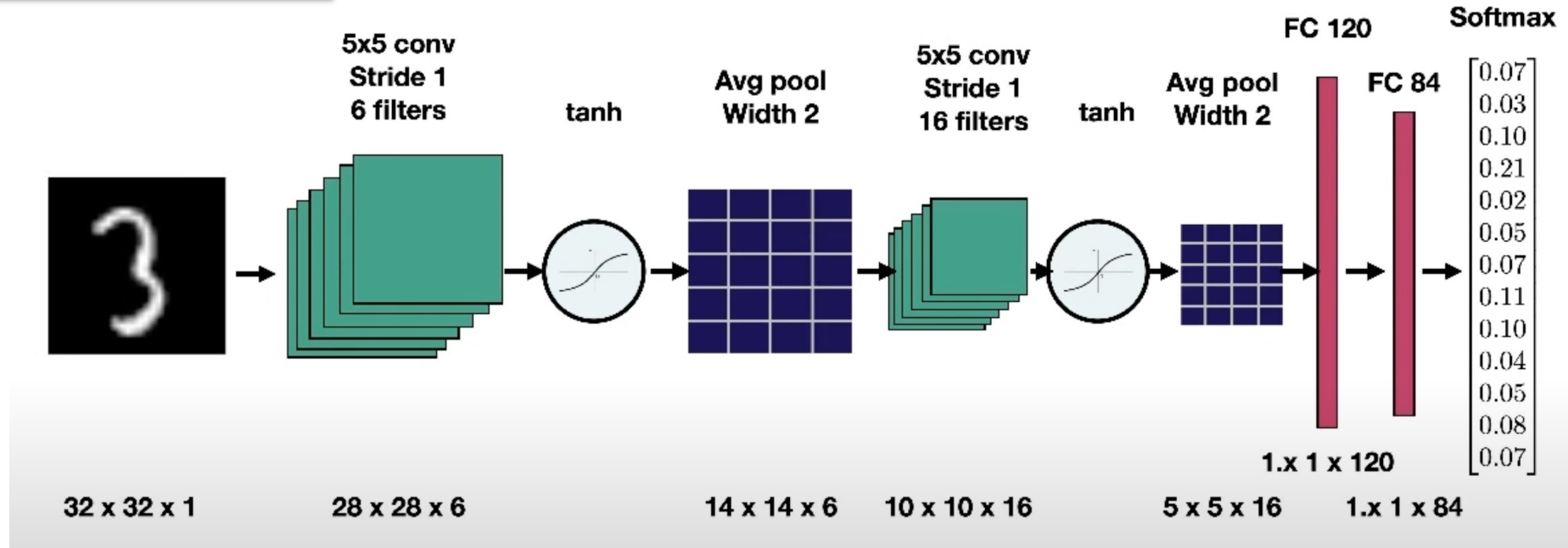


1. **Convolution:** Apply filters to generate feature maps.
2. **Non-linearity:** Often ReLU.
3. **Pooling:** Downsampling operation on each feature map.

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## LeNet Architecture



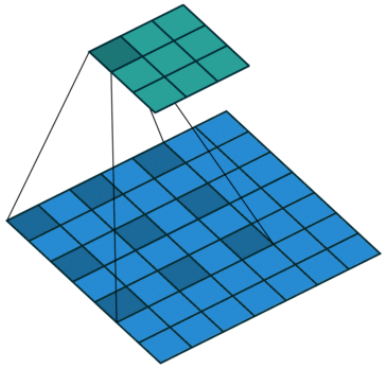
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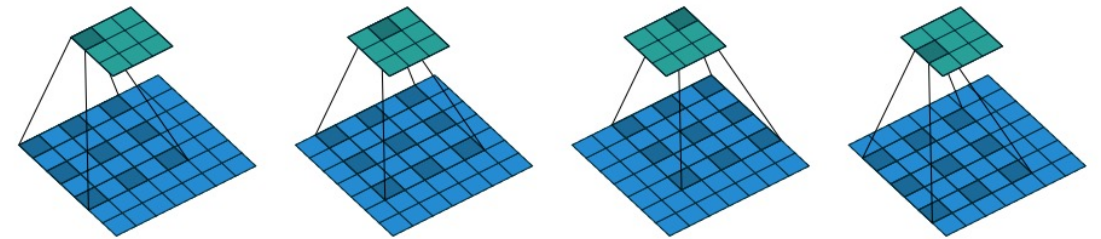
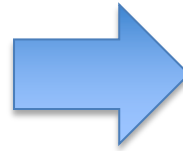
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## Dilated Convolutions



- Dilated convolutions can “see” a greater portion of the image by skipping pixels
- The (3, 3) 1-dilated convolution illustrated here has a (5, 5) receptive field
- Stacking dilated convolutions up quickly gets to large receptive fields



```
import torch.nn as nn
m = nn.Conv2d(16, 33, 3, stride=1, padding=1, dilation=2)
m
✓ 0.0s
Conv2d(16, 33, kernel_size=(3, 3), stride=(1, 1), padding=(1, 1), dilation=(2, 2))
```

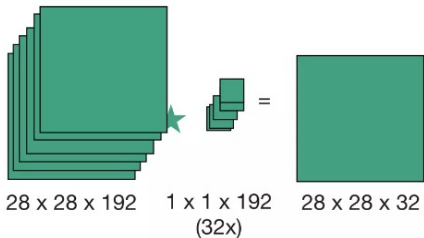
- Input:  $(N, C_{in}, H_{in}, W_{in})$  or  $(C_{in}, H_{in}, W_{in})$
- Output:  $(N, C_{out}, H_{out}, W_{out})$  or  $(C_{out}, H_{out}, W_{out})$ , where

$$H_{out} = \left\lfloor \frac{H_{in} + 2 \times \text{padding}[0] - \text{dilation}[0] \times (\text{kernel\_size}[0] - 1) - 1}{\text{stride}[0]} + 1 \right\rfloor$$

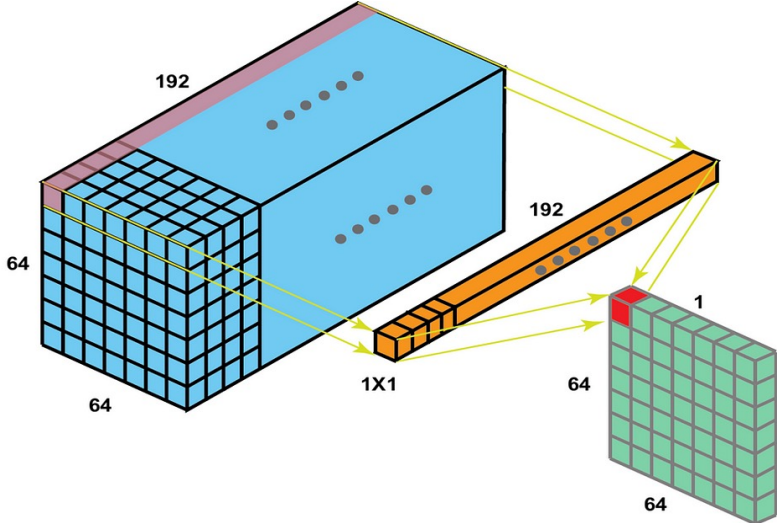
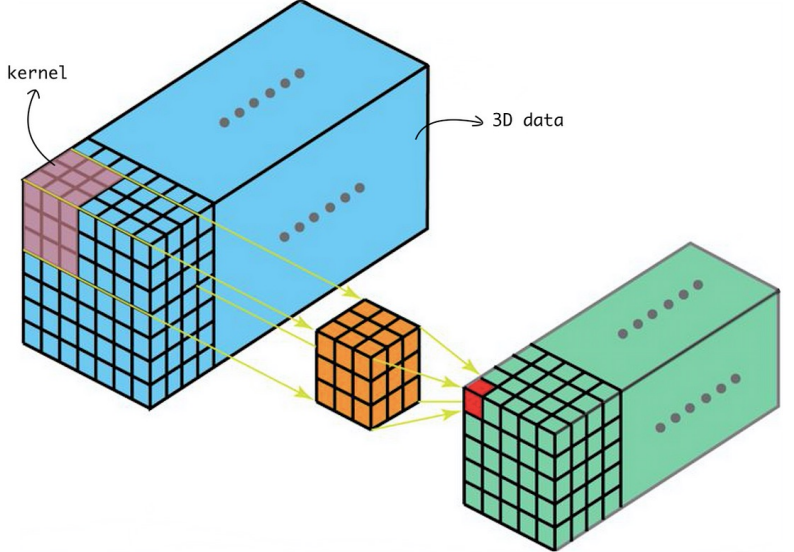
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## 1x1 Convolution

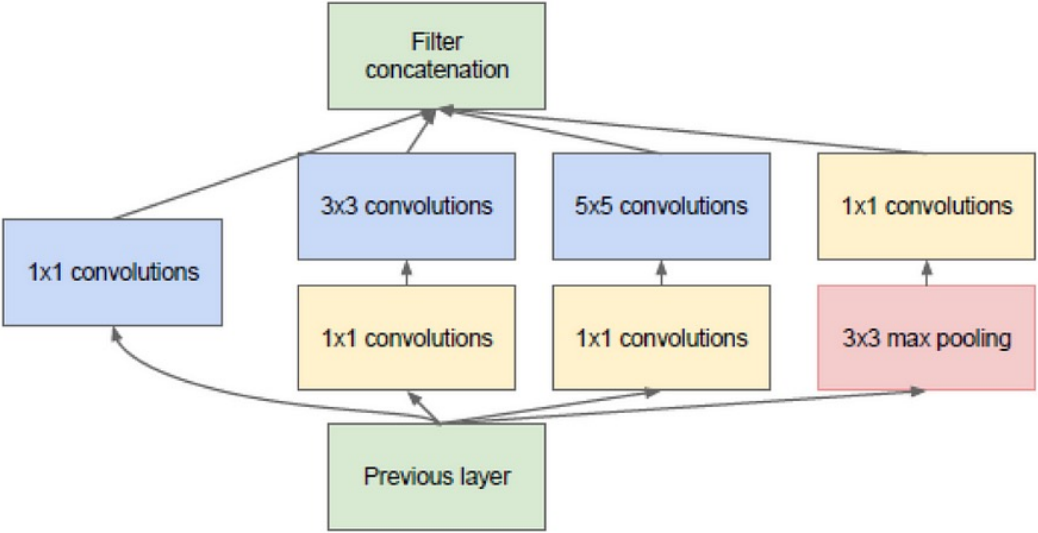


- A way to reduce the “depth” dimension of convolutional outputs
- Corresponds to applying an MLP to every pixel in the convolutional output
- Crucial to popular convnet architectures like Inception (GoogleNet)



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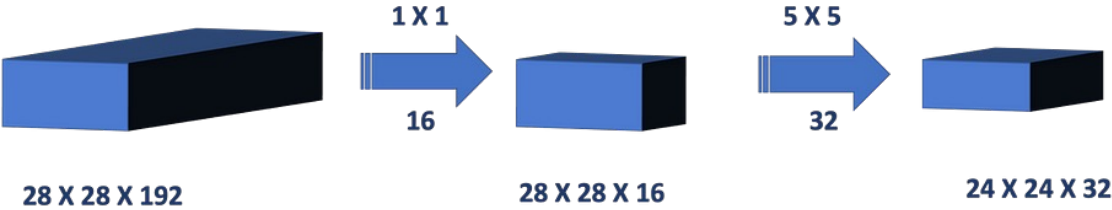
## 1x1 Convolution



(b) Inception module with dimensionality reduction



**Number of Operations :  $(28 \times 28 \times 32) \times (5 \times 5 \times 192) = 120.422$  Million Ops**



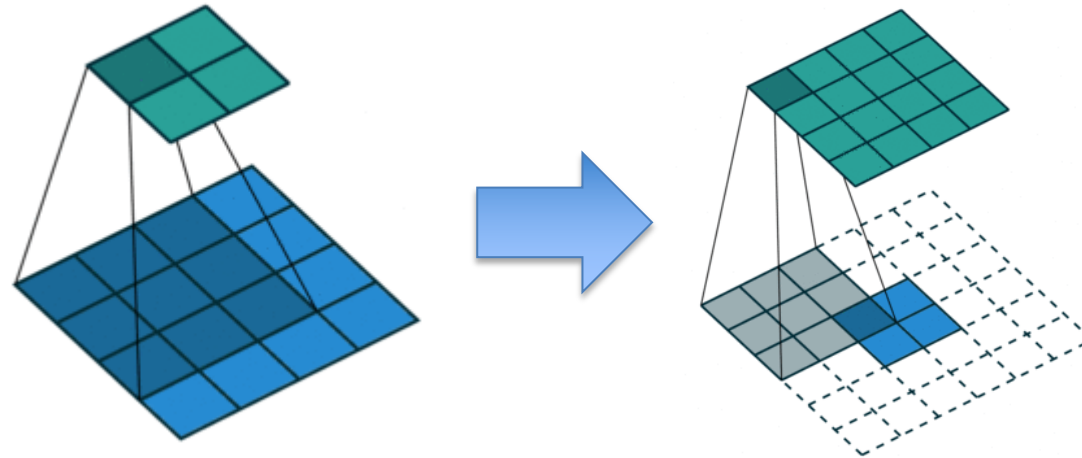
**Number of Operations for 1 X 1 Conv Step :  $(28 \times 28 \times 16) \times (1 \times 1 \times 192) = 2.4$  Million Ops**  
**Number of Operations for 5 X 5 Conv Step :  $(28 \times 28 \times 32) \times (5 \times 5 \times 16) = 10$  Million Ops**  
**Total Number of Operations = 12.4 Million Ops**

Going deeper with convolutions  
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Network In Network  
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# Building a CNN

## Transposed Convolution



- A transposed convolutional layer aims to **reconstruct** the spatial dimensions of the convolutional layer and reverses the downsampling techniques applied to it.
- In contrast to the regular convolution that reduces input elements via the kernel, the transposed convolution broadcasts input elements via the kernel, thereby producing an output that is larger than the input

## Note about Building CNNs – Pytorch and TensorFlow



### CONV2D

```
CLASS torch.nn.Conv2d(in_channels, out_channels, kernel_size, stride=1, padding=0, dilation=1, groups=1, bias=True, padding_mode='zeros', device=None, dtype=None) [SOURCE]
```

Applies a 2D convolution over an input signal composed of several input planes.

In the simplest case, the output value of the layer with input size  $(N, C_{in}, H, W)$  and output  $(N, C_{out}, H_{out}, W_{out})$  can be precisely described as:

$$\text{out}(N_i, C_{out_j}) = \text{bias}(C_{out_j}) + \sum_{k=0}^{C_{in}-1} \text{weight}(C_{out_j}, k) \star \text{input}(N_i, k)$$

- NCHW (Number of Samples, Channels, Height, Width) - channels precede height and width dimension

- NHWC (Number of Samples, Height, Width, Channels) - height and width dimensions comes first.



```
tf.nn.conv2d(  
    input,  
    filters,  
    strides,  
    padding,  
    data_format='NHWC',  
    dilations=None,  
    name=None  
)
```

The `input` tensor may have rank 4 or higher, where shape dimensions `[:-3]` are considered batch dimensions (`batch_shape`).

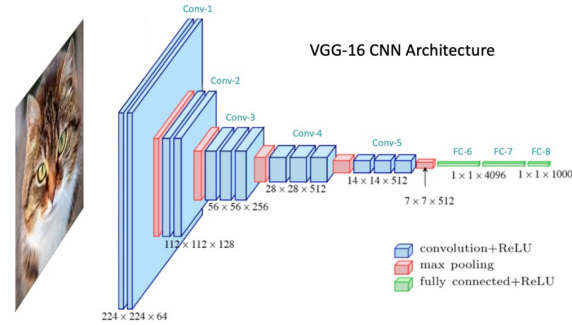
Given an input tensor of shape `batch_shape + [in_height, in_width, in_channels]` and a filter / kernel tensor of shape `[filter_height, filter_width, in_channels, out_channels]`, this op performs the following:

1. Flattens the filter to a 2-D matrix with shape `[filter_height * filter_width * in_channels, out_channels]`.
2. Extracts image patches from the input tensor to form a *virtual* tensor of shape `[batch, out_height, out_width, filter_height * filter_width * in_channels]`.
3. For each patch, right-multiplies the filter matrix and the image patch vector.

In detail, with the default NHWC format,



# Key concepts & Inductive Biases



Sparse connectivity

Locality

Inputs of variable size

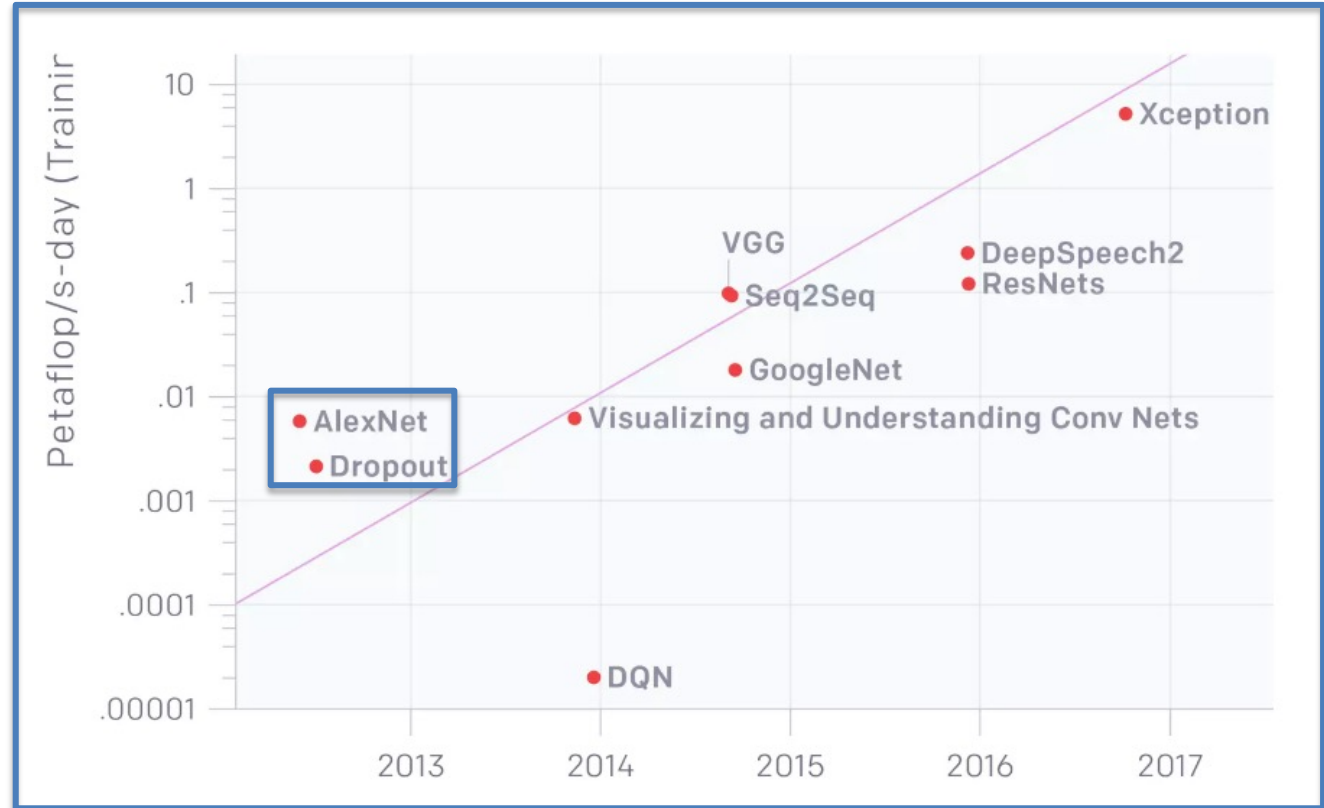
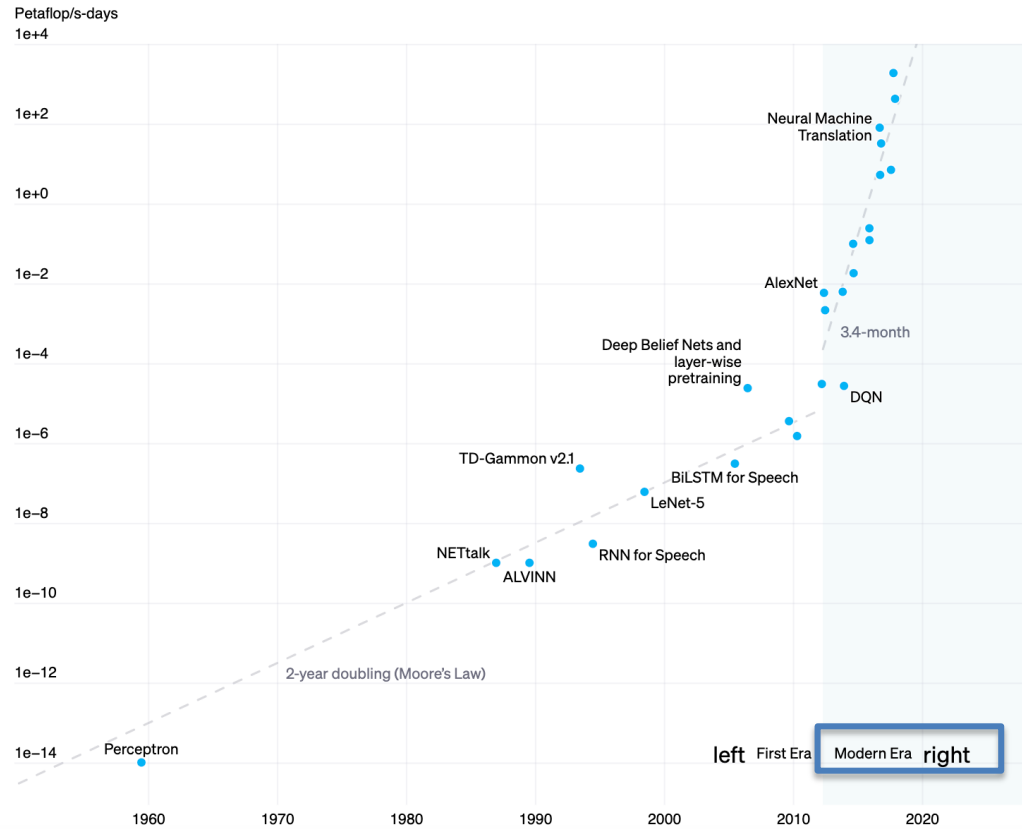
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Translation invariance – Pooling Layers

Hierarchical Feature Learning

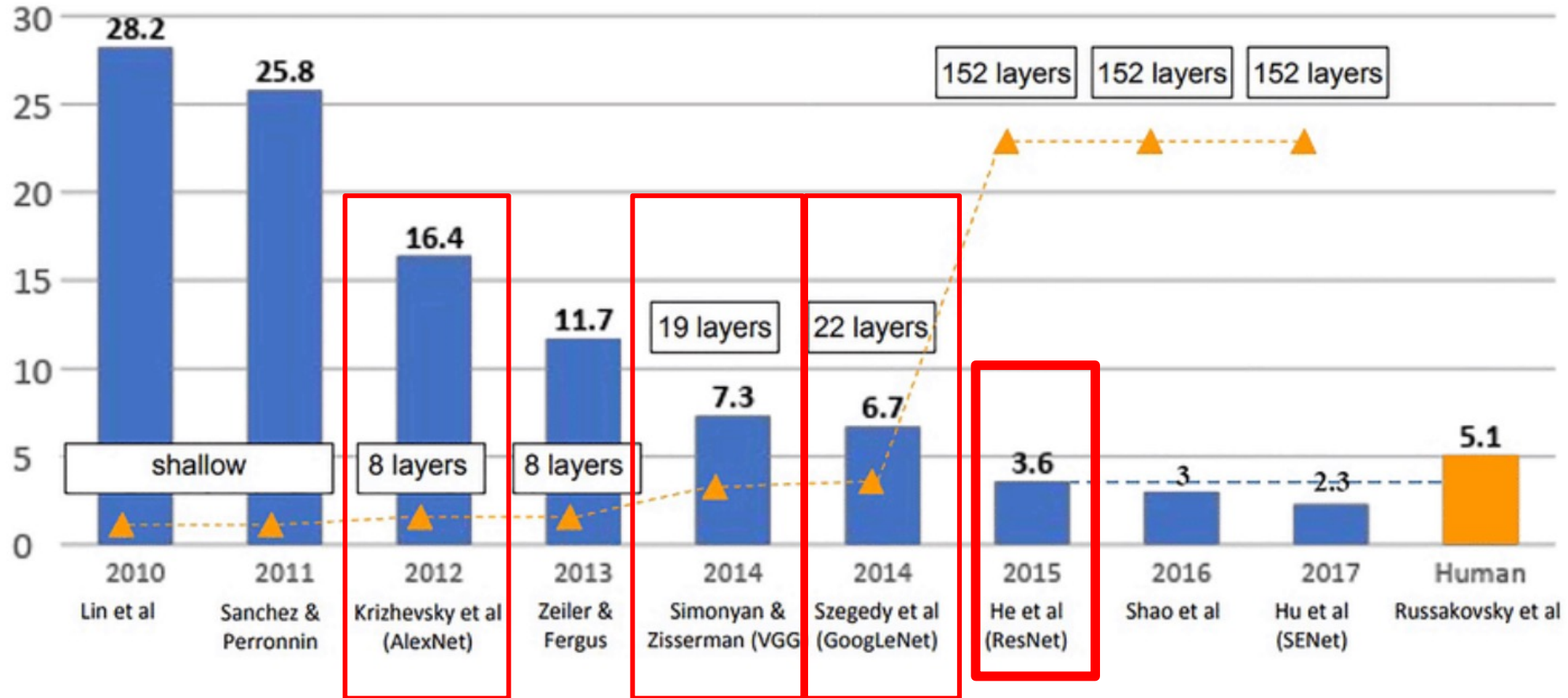
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# Popular CNN-based architectures



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# Popular CNN-based architectures - ResNets

## ResNet

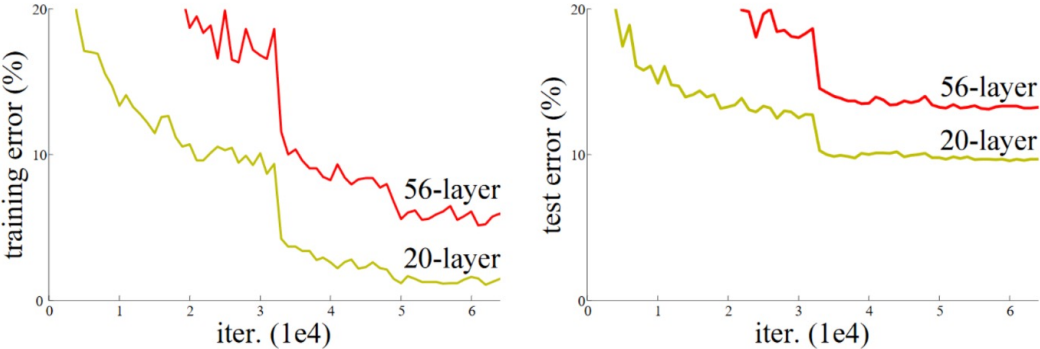
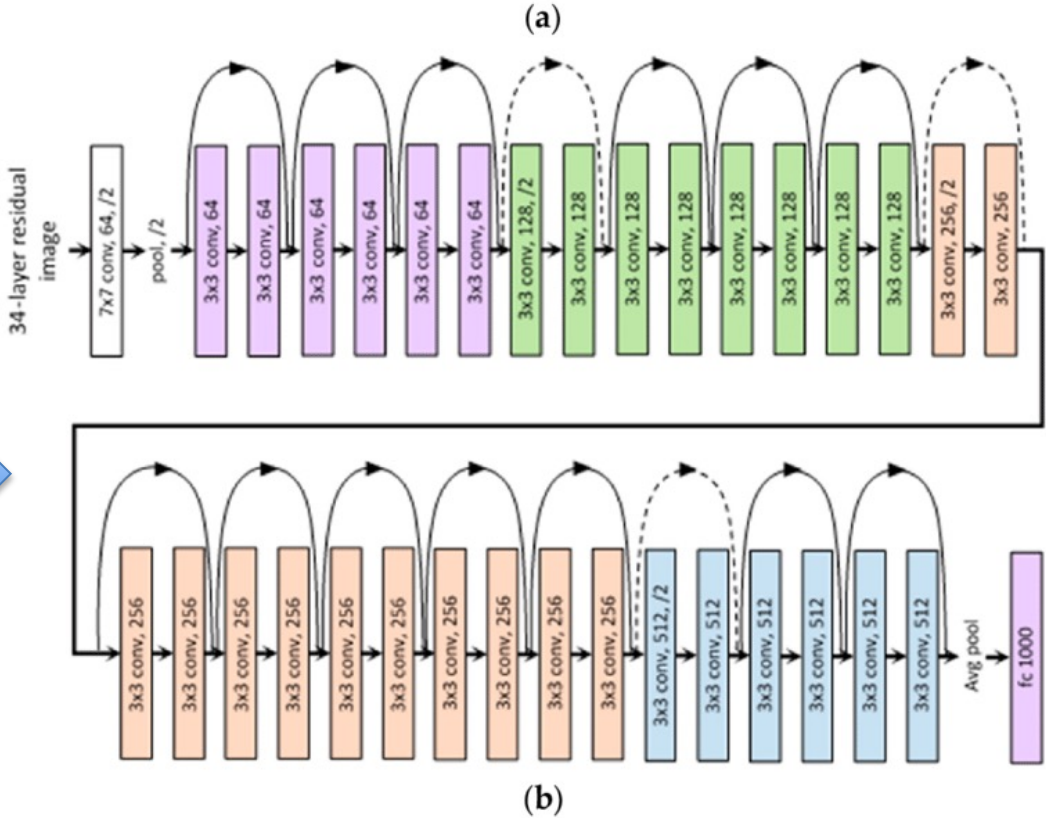


Figure 14.1: Training of networks of different depth (courtesy of Kaiming He et al.)

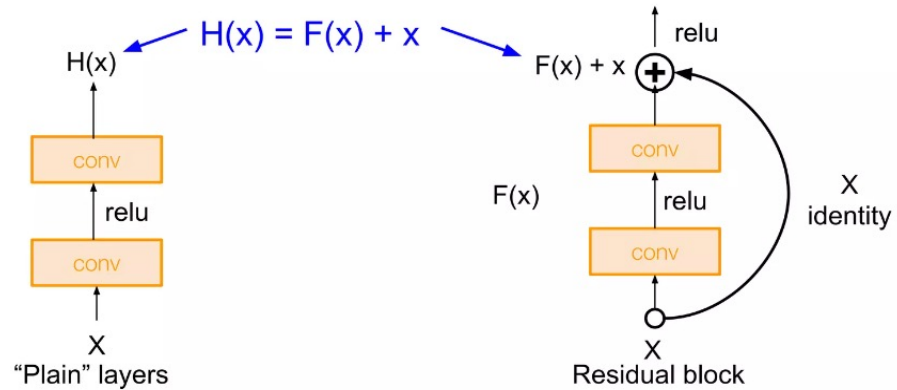
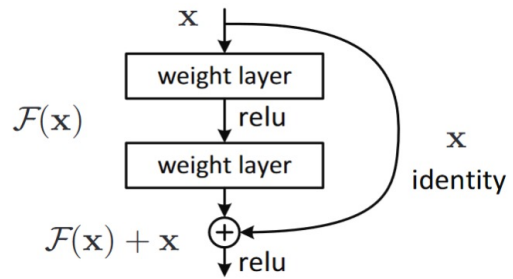
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ResNet-34 Layered architecture

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## Residual Blocks – Skip Connections



## Residual Blocks – Bottleneck Layer

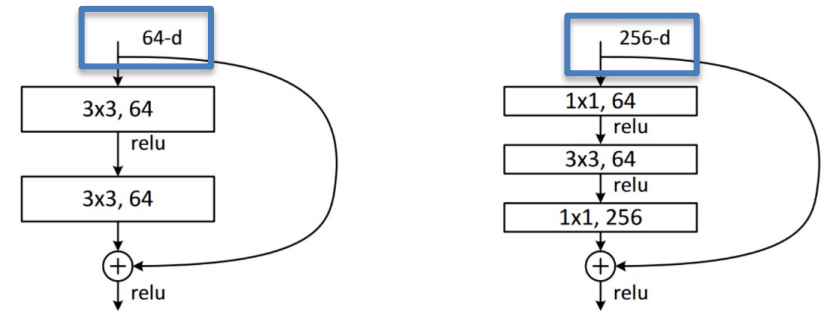
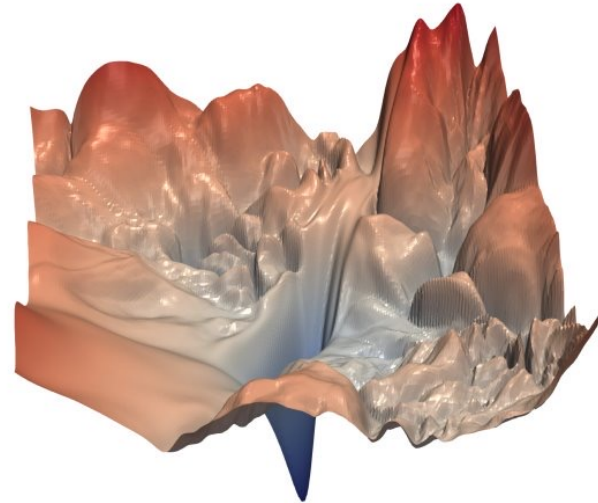
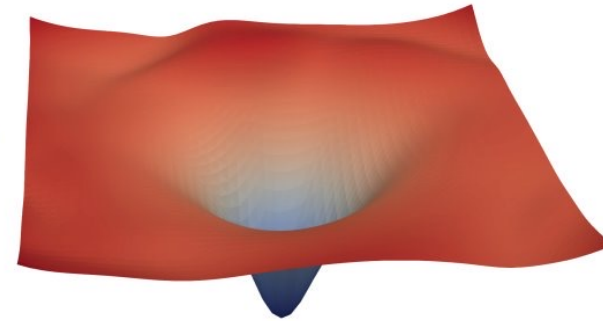


Figure 14.4: Comparison of regular and bottleneck ResNet blocks (courtesy of Kaiming He et al.)

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(a) without skip connections



(b) with skip connections

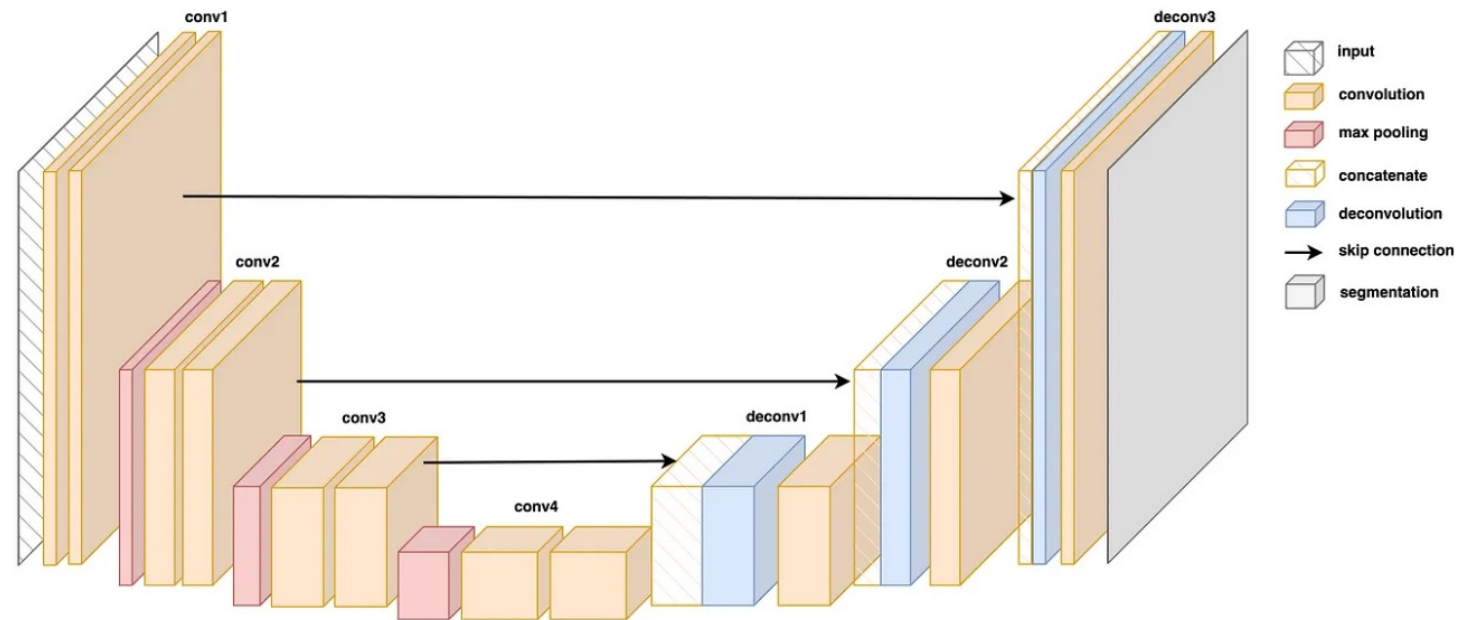
The loss surfaces of ResNet-56 with and without skip connections

Using skip connections helps smooth the loss function, which makes training easier as it avoids falling into a very sharp area.

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# Popular CNN-based architectures – U-Nets

## U-Net

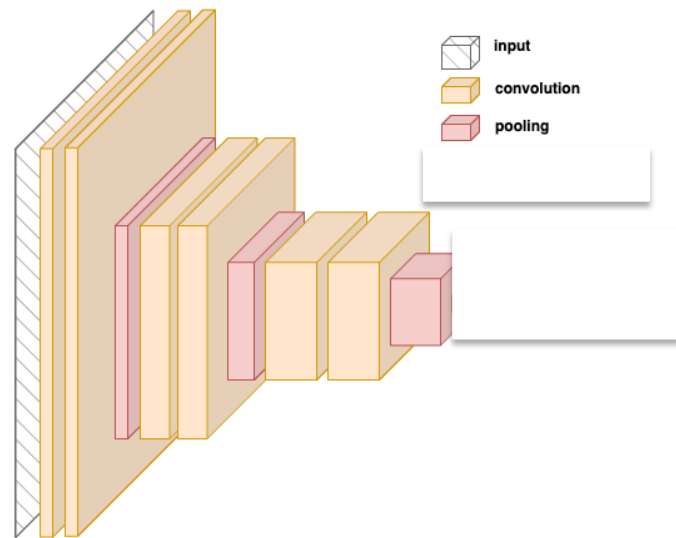


U-Net: Convolutional Networks for Biomedical Image Segmentation  
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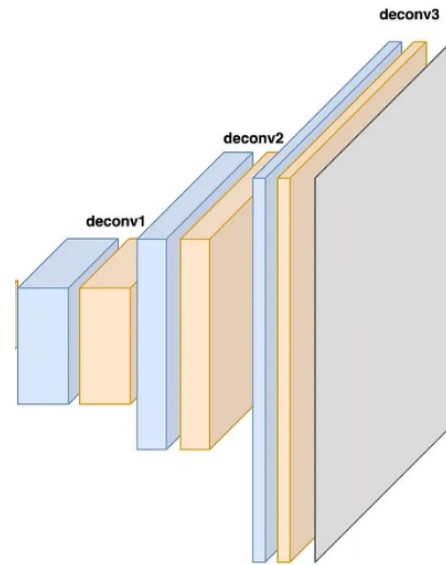


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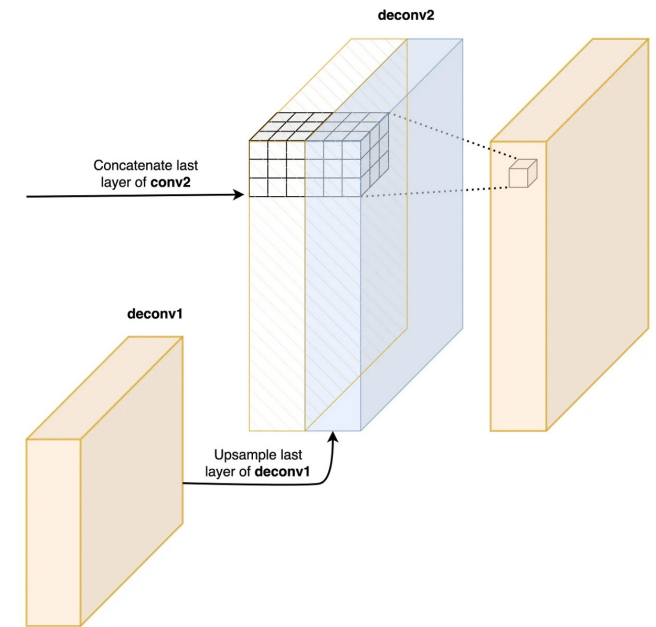
## U-Net



Encoder



Decoder



Skip Connections

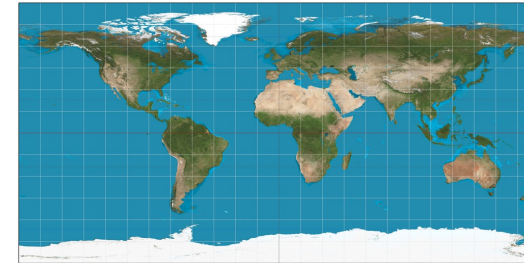
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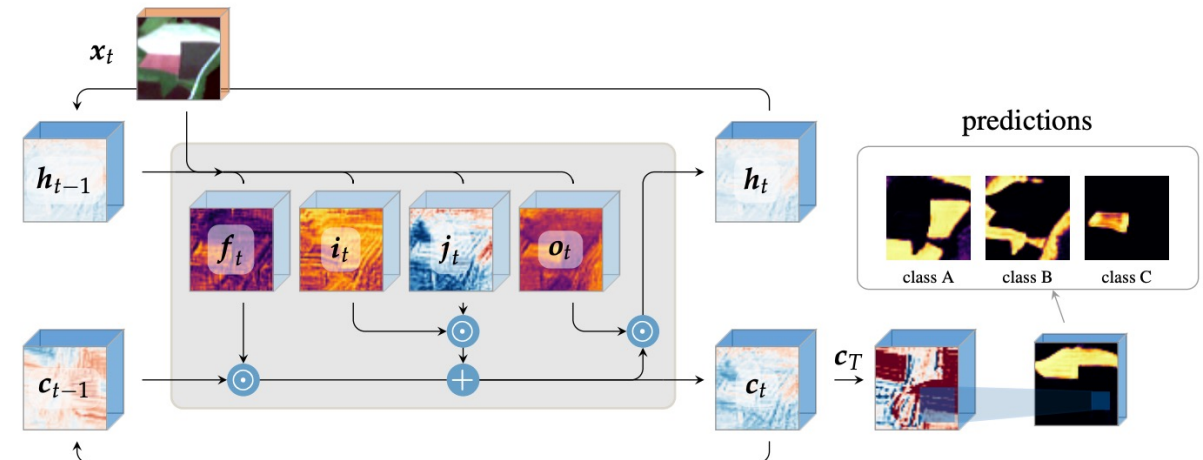
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4	9	7	6	6	8	4	9
3	8	3	8	5	1	3	8
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1	5	0	8	7	8	1	5



[https://github.com/pangeo-data/WeatherBench/blob/master/src/train\\_nn.py#L102](https://github.com/pangeo-data/WeatherBench/blob/master/src/train_nn.py#L102)

Spatio-Temporal Data - ConvLSTMS



Convolutional LSTMs for Cloud-Robust Segmentation of Remote Sensing Imagery  
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- ResNet
- SqueezeNet
- DenseNet
- Inception v3
- GoogLeNet
- ShuffleNet v2
- MobileNetV2
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- ResNeXt
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