

Recognition: Overview

This book has a lot of material:

K. Grauman and B. Leibe

Visual Object Recognition

Synthesis Lectures On Computer Vision, 2011

How It All Began...

MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
PROJECT MAC

Artificial Intelligence Group
Vision Memo, No. 100,

July 7, 1966

THE SUMMER VISION PROJECT

Seymour Papert

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

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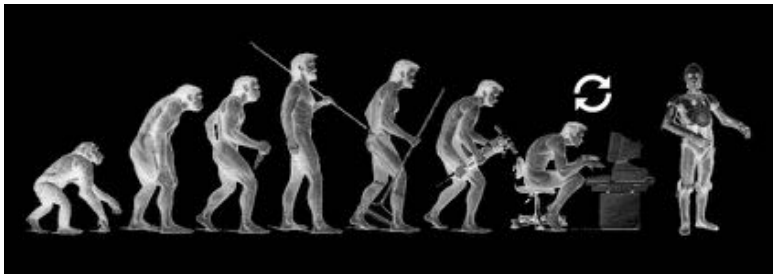
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Figure: Singularity?



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Figure: Nah... Let's start by having a more intelligent Roomba.



<http://realitypod.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/08/Wall-E.jpg>

The Recognition Tasks

- Let's take some typical tourist picture. What all do we want to recognize?



[Adopted from S. Lazebnik]

The Recognition Tasks

- Identification: we know this one (like our DVD recognition pipeline)



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The Recognition Tasks

- Scene classification: what type of scene is the picture showing?

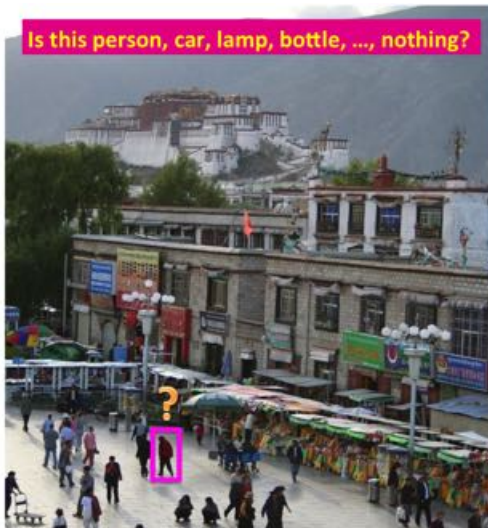


- outdoor/indoor
- city/forest/factory/etc.

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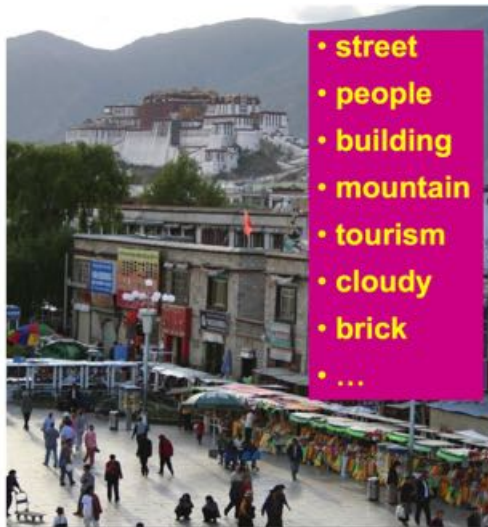
- Classification: Is the object in the window a person, a car, etc



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The Recognition Tasks

- Image Annotation: Which types of objects are present in the scene?

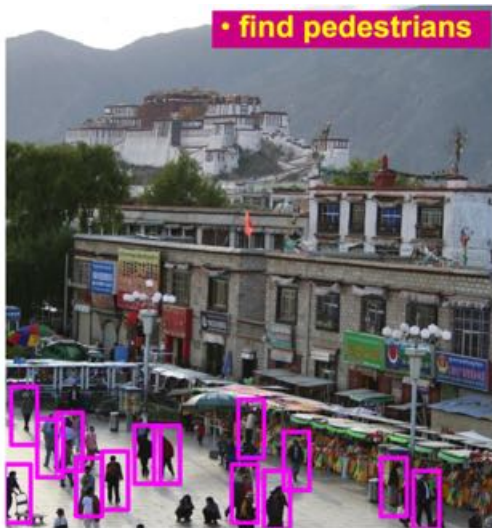


- street
- people
- building
- mountain
- tourism
- cloudy
- brick
- ...

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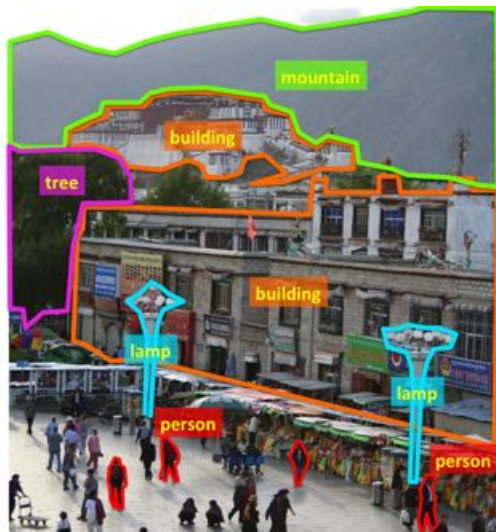
- Detection: Where are all objects of a particular class?



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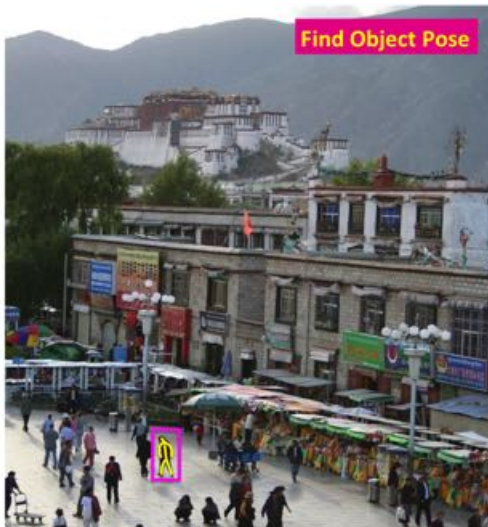
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- Segmentation: Which pixels belong to each class of objects?



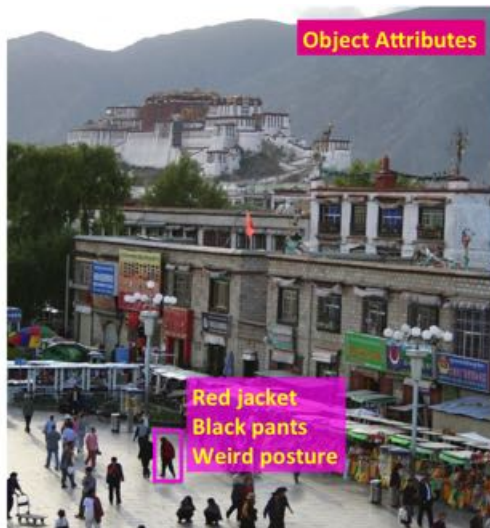
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- Pose estimation: What is the pose of each object?



The Recognition Tasks

- Attribute recognition: Estimate attributes of the objects (color, size, etc)



The Recognition Tasks

- Commercialization: Suggest how to fix the attributes ;)



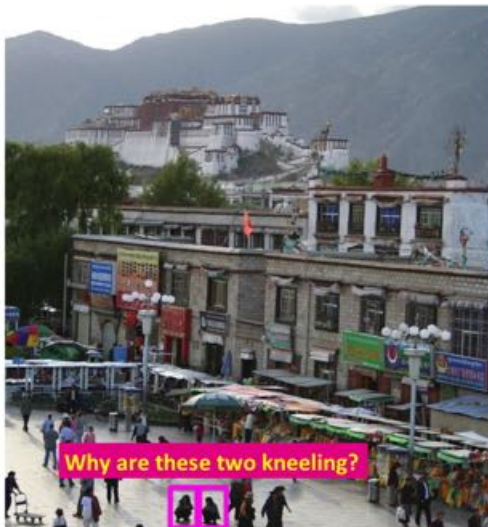
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- Action recognition: What is happening in the image?



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- Surveillance: Why is something happening?

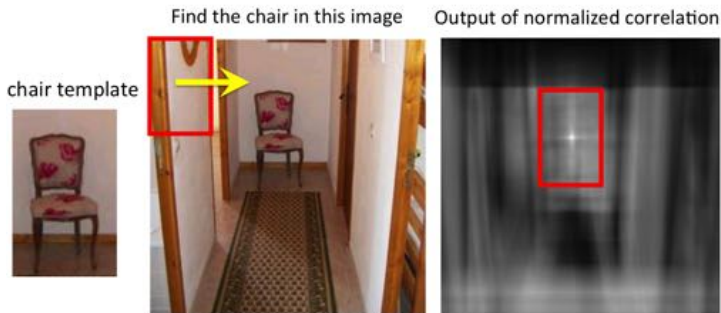


Try Before Listening to the Next 8 Classes

- Before we proceed, let's first give a shot to the techniques we already know
- Let's try object class detection
- These techniques are:
 - Template matching (remember Waldo in Lecture 3-5?)
 - Large-scale retrieval: store millions of pictures, recognize new one by finding the most similar one in database. This is a Google approach.

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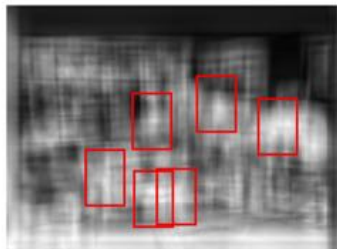


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Pretty much garbage
Simple template matching is
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My biggest concern while making this slide was:
how do I justify 50 years of research, and this course, if this experiment did work?

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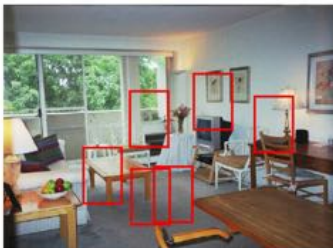
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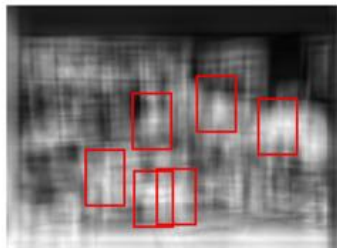


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A “popular method is that of template matching, by point to point correlation of a model pattern with the image pattern. These techniques **are inadequate for three-dimensional scene analysis for many reasons, such as occlusion, changes in viewing angle, and articulation of parts.**” Nevatia & Binford, 1977.

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Recognition via Retrieval by Similarity

- Upload a photo to Google image search and check if something reasonable comes out



query



Recognition via Retrieval by Similarity

- Upload a photo to Google image search
- Pretty reasonable, both are Golden Gate Bridge



query



Recognition via Retrieval by Similarity

- Upload a photo to Google image search
- Let's try a typical bathtub object



query



Recognition via Retrieval by Similarity

- Upload a photo to Google image search
- A bit less reasonable, but still some striking similarity



query



Recognition via Retrieval by Similarity

- Make a beautiful drawing and upload to Google image search
- Can you recognize this object?

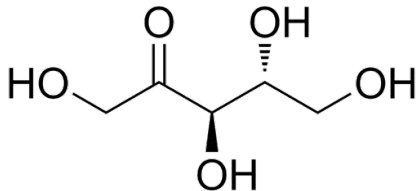


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Recognition via Retrieval by Similarity

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- Not a very reasonable result

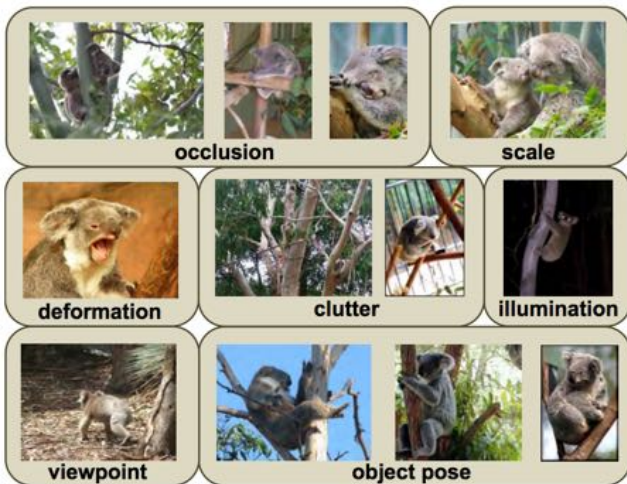


other retrieved results:



Why is it a Problem?

- Difficult scene conditions



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Why is it a Problem?

- Huge within-class variations. Recognition is mainly about modeling variation.



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Inspiration: The Brain

- Many machine learning methods inspired by biology, eg the (human) brain
- Our brain has $\sim 10^{11}$ neurons, each of which communicates (is connected) to $\sim 10^4$ other neurons

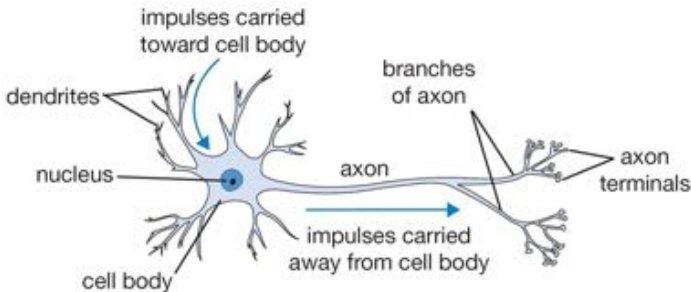


Figure: The basic computational unit of the brain: Neuron

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Mathematical Model of a Neuron

- Neural networks define functions of the inputs (*hidden features*), computed by neurons
- Artificial neurons are called *units*

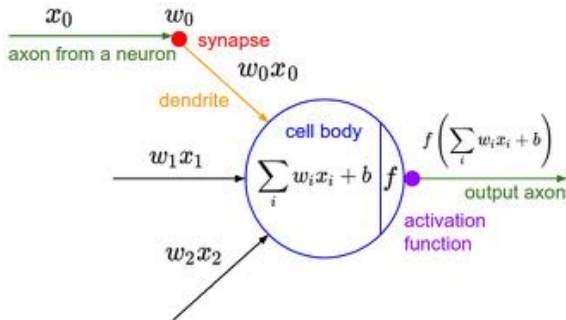


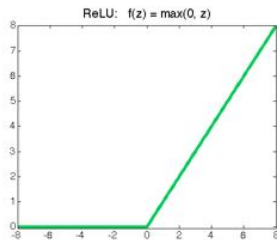
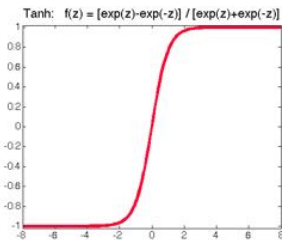
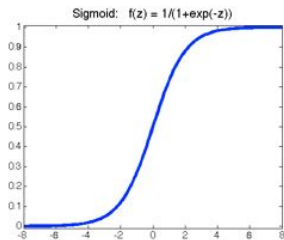
Figure: A mathematical model of the neuron in a neural network

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Activation Functions

Most commonly used activation functions:

- Sigmoid: $\sigma(z) = \frac{1}{1+\exp(-z)}$
- Tanh: $\tanh(z) = \frac{\exp(z)-\exp(-z)}{\exp(z)+\exp(-z)}$
- ReLU (Rectified Linear Unit): $\text{ReLU}(z) = \max(0, z)$



Neuron in Python

- Example in Python of a neuron with a sigmoid activation function

```
class Neuron(object):  
    # ...  
    def forward(inputs):  
        """ assume inputs and weights are 1-D numpy arrays and bias is a number """  
        cell_body_sum = np.sum(inputs * self.weights) + self.bias  
        firing_rate = 1.0 / (1.0 + math.exp(-cell_body_sum)) # sigmoid activation function  
        return firing_rate
```

Figure: Example code for computing the activation of a single neuron

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Neural Network Architecture (Multi-Layer Perceptron)

- Network with one layer of four hidden units:

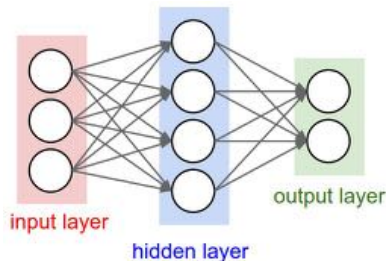
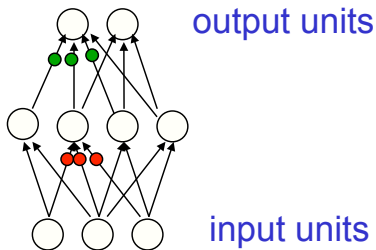


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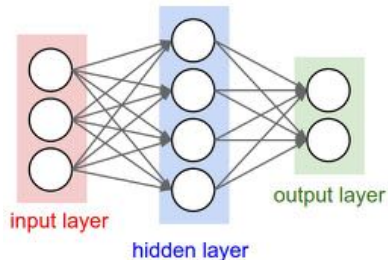
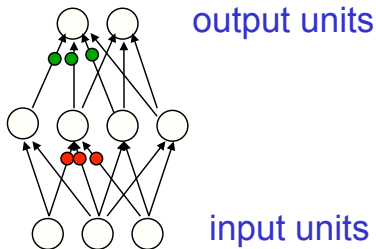


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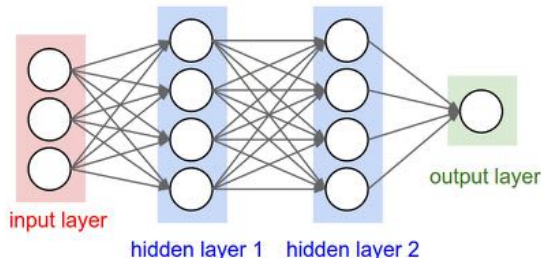


Figure: A 3-layer neural net with 3 input units, 4 hidden units in the first and second hidden layer and 1 output unit

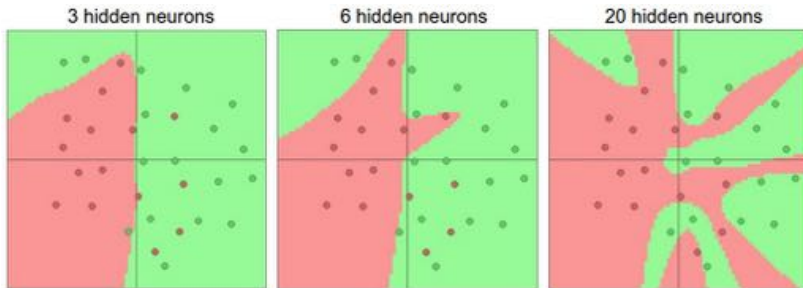
- Naming conventions; a N -layer neural network:
 - $N - 1$ layers of hidden units
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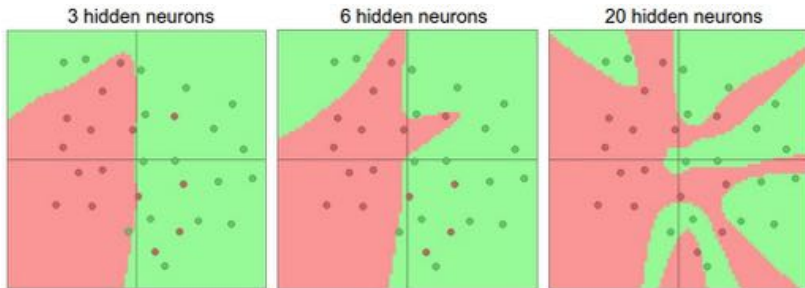


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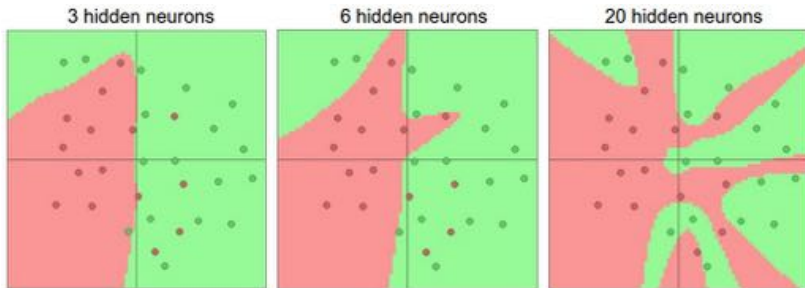
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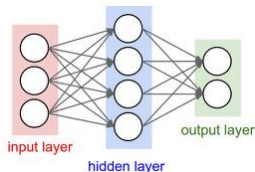
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Neural Networks

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 - *Forward pass*: performs inference
 - *Backward pass*: performs learning

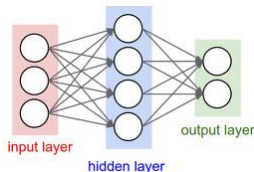
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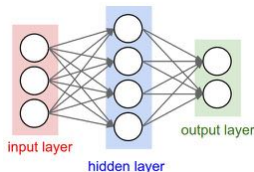


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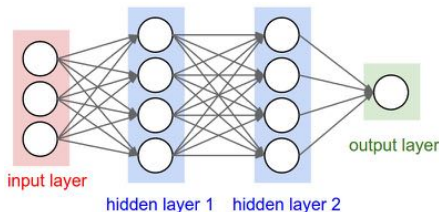
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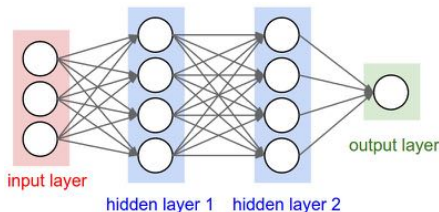


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Toy Code (Matlab): Neural Net Trainer

```
% F-PROP
for i = 1 : nr_layers - 1
    [h{i}  jac{i}] = nonlinearity(W{i} * h{i-1} + b{i});
end
h{nr_layers-1} = W{nr_layers-1} * h{nr_layers-2} + b{nr_layers-1};
prediction = softmax(h{1-1});

% CROSS ENTROPY LOSS
loss = - sum(sum(log(prediction) .* target)) / batch_size;

% B-PROP
dh{1-1} = prediction - target;
for i = nr_layers - 1 : -1 : 1
    Wgrad{i} = dh{i} * h{i-1}';
    bgrad{i} = sum(dh{i}, 2);
    dh{i-1} = (W{i}' * dh{i}) .* jac{i-1};
end

% UPDATE
for i = 1 : nr_layers - 1
    W{i} = W{i} - (lr / batch_size) * Wgrad{i};
    b{i} = b{i} - (lr / batch_size) * bgrad{i};
end
```

This code has a few bugs with indices...

Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN)

- To work with images we typically use Neural Networks with special architecture

Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN)

- Remember our Lecture 2 about filtering?

Input "image"



Filter



Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN)

- If our filter was $[-1, 1]$, we got a vertical edge detector

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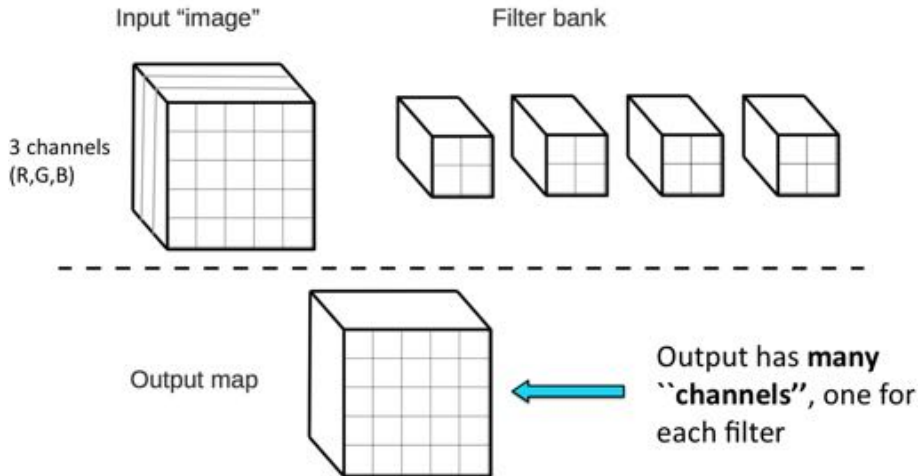


Output map



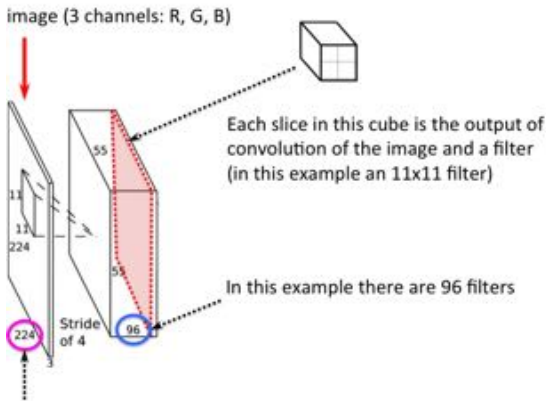
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- Now imagine we didn't only want a vertical edge detector, but also a horizontal one, and one for corners, one for dots, etc. We would need to take many filters. A **filterbank**.



Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN)

- Applying a filterbank to an image yields a cube-like output, a 3D matrix in which each slice is an output of convolution with one filter, and an activation function.

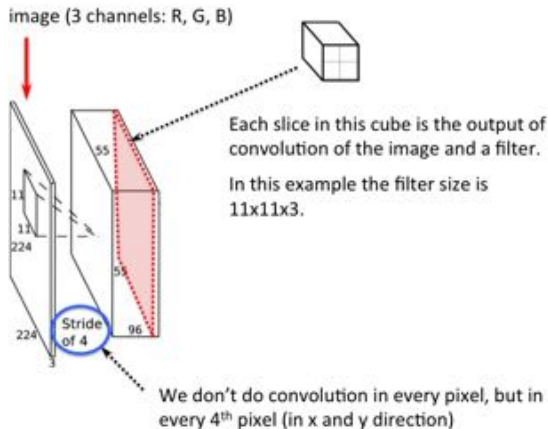


In this example our network will always expect a 224x224x3 image.

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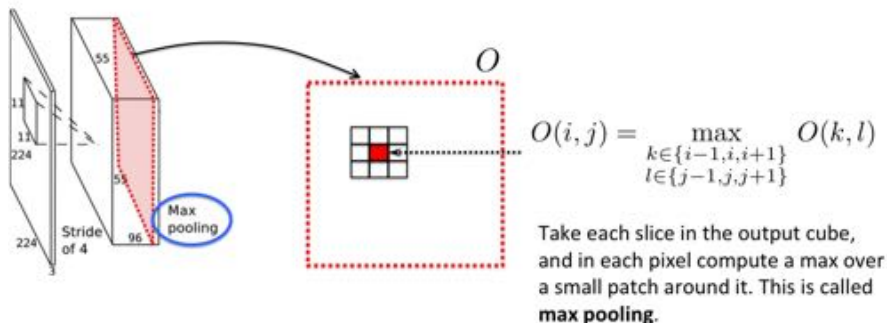
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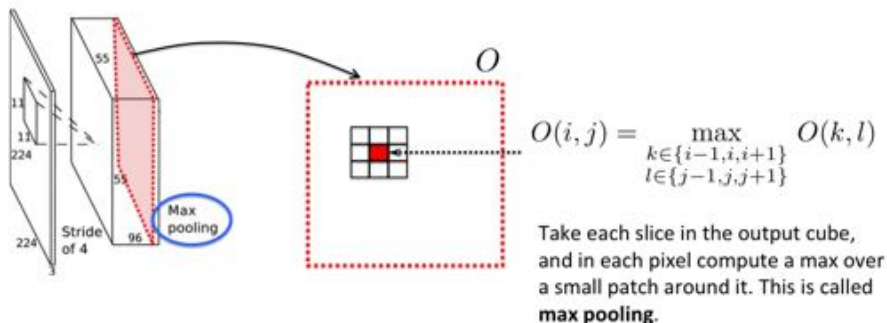
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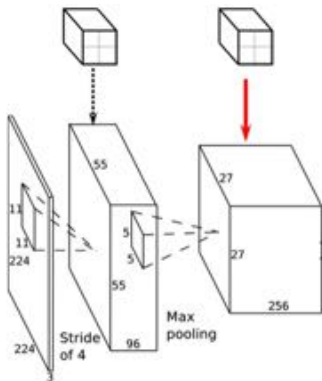
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Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN)

- Now add another “layer” of filters. For each filter again do convolution, but this time with the output cube of the previous layer.



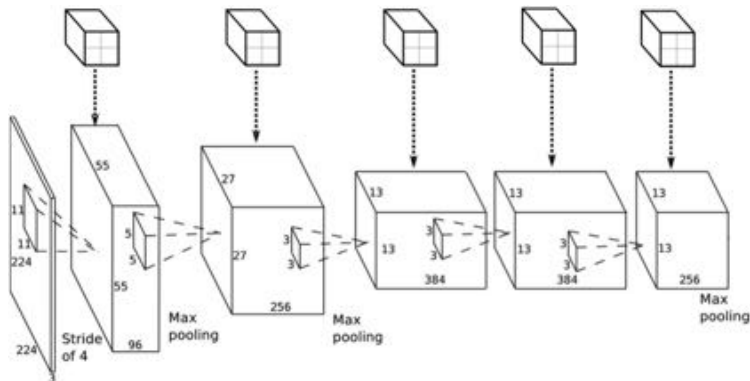
Add one more layer of filters

These filters are convolved with the output of the previous layer. The results of each convolution is again a slice in the cube on the right.

What is the dimension of each of these filters?

Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN)

- Keep adding a few layers. Any idea what's the purpose of more layers? Why can't we just have a full bunch of filters in one layer?



Do it recursively
Have multiple “layers”

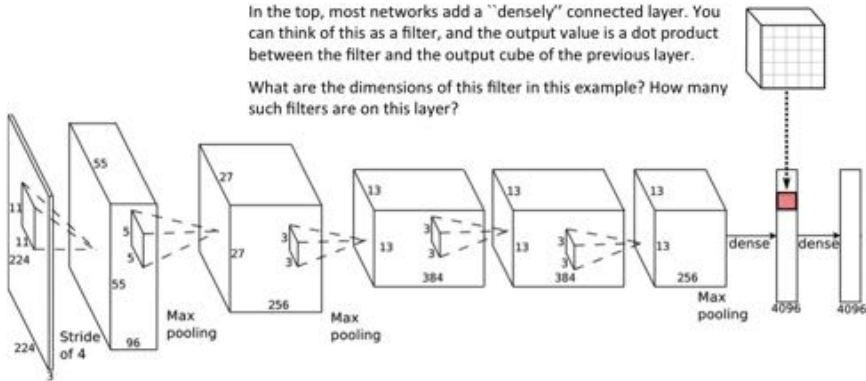
[Pic adopted from: A. Krizhevsky]

Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN)

- In the end add one or two **fully** (or **densely**) connected layers. In this layer, we don't do convolution we just do a dot-product between the "filter" and the output of the previous layer.

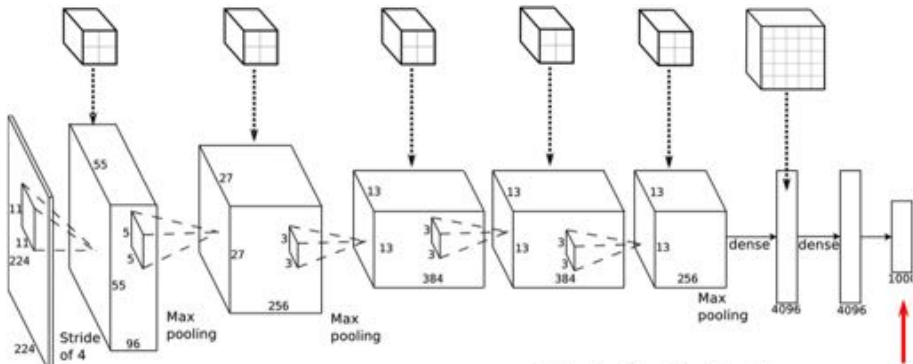
In the top, most networks add a "densely" connected layer. You can think of this as a filter, and the output value is a dot product between the filter and the output cube of the previous layer.

What are the dimensions of this filter in this example? How many such filters are on this layer?



Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN)

- Add one final layer: a **classification** layer. Each dimension of this vector tells us the probability of the input image being of a certain class.



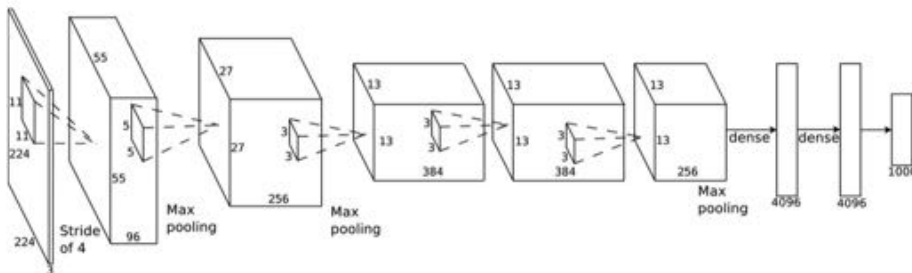
Add a **classification** "layer".

For an input image, the value in a particular dimension of this vector tells you the probability of the corresponding object class.

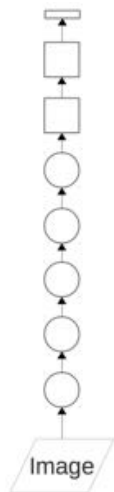
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Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN)

- This fully specifies a network. The one below has been a popular choice in the fast few years. It was proposed by UofT guys: A. Krizhevsky, I. Sutskever, G. E. Hinton, *ImageNet Classification with Deep Convolutional Neural Networks*, NIPS 2012. This network won the Imagenet Challenge of 2012, and revolutionized computer vision.
- How many parameters (weights) does this network have?



Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN)



- Trained with stochastic gradient descent on two NVIDIA GPUs for about a week
- 650,000 neurons
- 60,000,000 parameters
- 630,000,000 connections
- **Final feature layer: 4096-dimensional**



Convolutional layer: convolves its input with a bank of 3D filters, then applies point-wise non-linearity



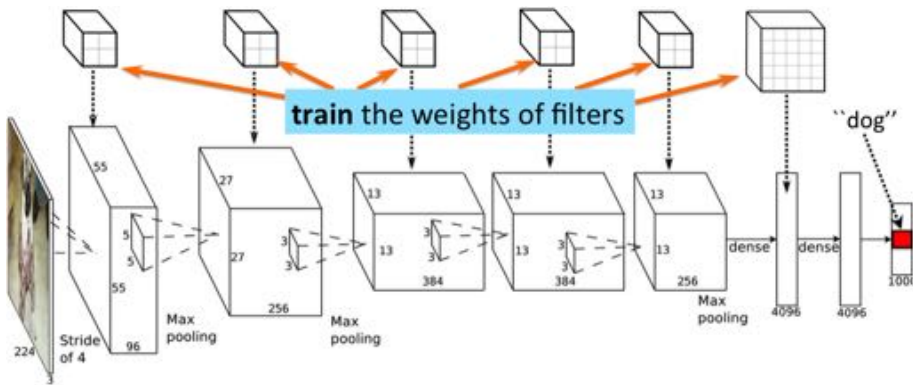
Fully-connected layer: applies linear filters to its input, then applies point-wise non-linearity

Figure: From: <http://www.image-net.org/challenges/LSVRC/2012/supervision.pdf>

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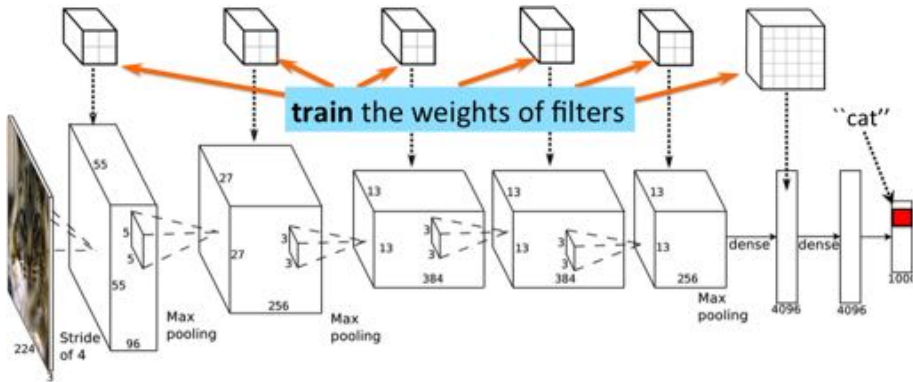
- The trick is to not hand-fix the weights, but to **train** them. Train them such that when the network sees a picture of a dog, the last layer will say “dog”.



[Pic adopted from: A. Krizhevsky]

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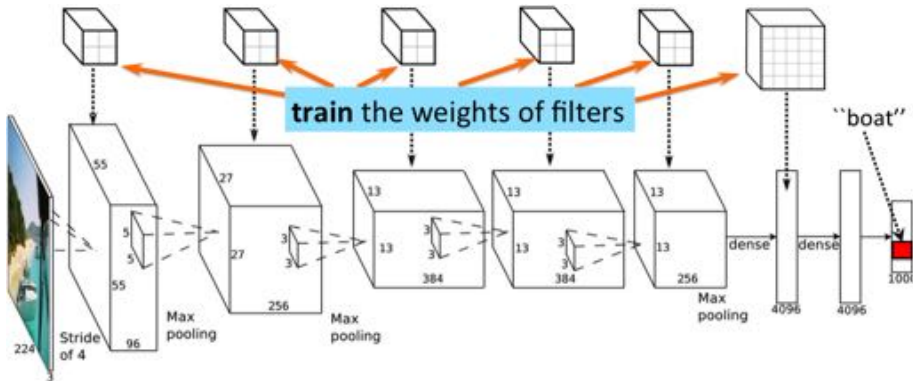
- Or when the network sees a picture of a cat, the last layer will say “cat”.



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Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN)

- Or when the network sees a picture of a boat, the last layer will say “boat” ... The more pictures the network sees, the better.



Train on **lots** of examples. Millions. Tens of millions. Wait a week for training to finish.
Share your network (the weights) with others who are not fortunate enough with GPU power.

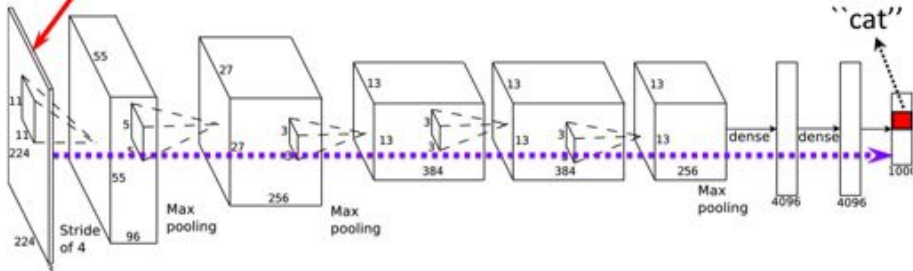
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Classification

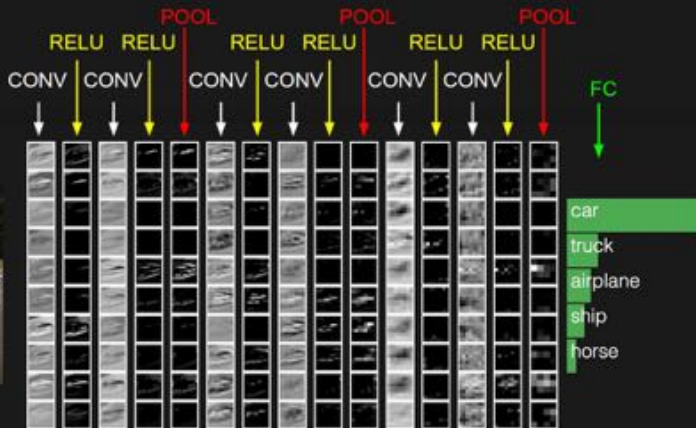
- Once trained we can do classification. Just feed in an image or a crop of the image, run through the network, and read out the class with the highest probability in the last (classification) layer.



What's the class of this object?



Example



[<http://cs231n.github.io/convolutional-networks/>]

Classification Performance

- Imagenet, main challenge for object classification: <http://image-net.org/>
- 1000 classes, 1.2M training images, 150K for test



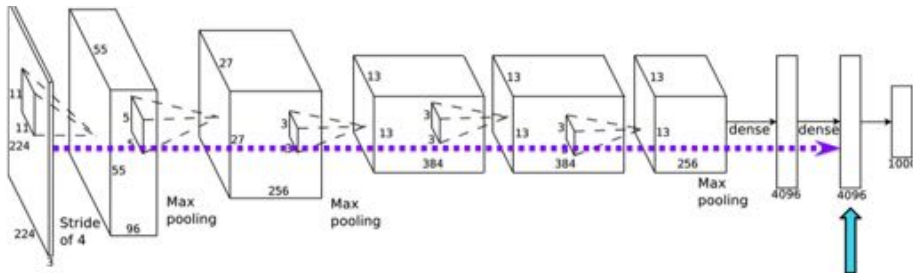
Classification Performance Three Years Ago (2012)

- A. Krizhevsky, I. Sutskever, and G. E. Hinton rock the Imagenet Challenge

Team name	Filename	Error (5 guesses)	Description
SuperVision	test-preds-141-146.2009-131-137-145-146.2011-145f.	0.15315	Using extra training data from ImageNet Fall 2011 release
SuperVision	test-preds-131-137-145-135-145f.txt	0.16422	Using only supplied training data
ISI	pred_FVs_wLACs_weighted.txt	0.26172	Weighted sum of scores from each classifier with SIFT+FV, LBP+FV, GIST+FV, and CSIFT+FV, respectively.
ISI	pred_FVs_weighted.txt	0.26602	Weighted sum of scores from classifiers using each FV.
ISI	pred_FVs_summed.txt	0.26646	Naive sum of scores from classifiers using each FV.
ISI	pred_FVs_wLACs_summed.txt	0.26952	Naive sum of scores from each classifier with SIFT+FV, LBP+FV, GIST+FV, and CSIFT+FV, respectively.

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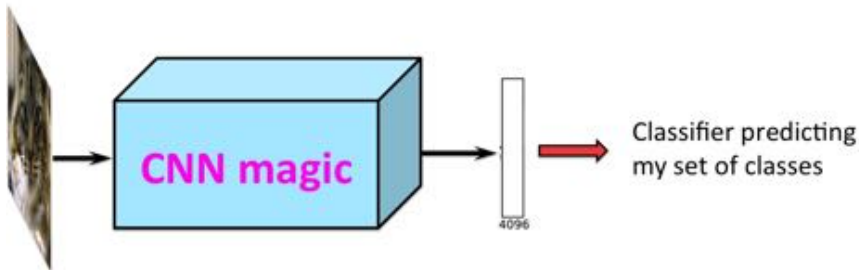


Vision people are mainly interested in this vector. **You can use it as a descriptor.** A much better descriptor than SIFT, etc.

Train your own classifier on top for your choice of classes.

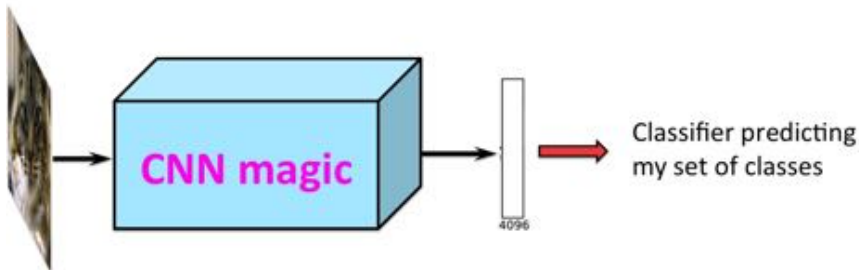
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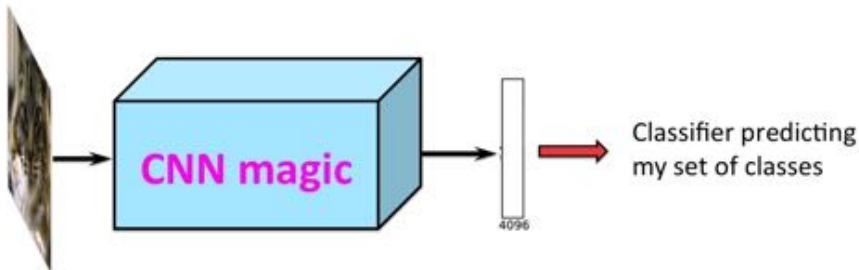
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- Everywhere where we were using SIFT (or anything else), you can use NNs.



And Detection?

- For classification we feed in the full image to the network. But how can we perform detection?



Find all objects of interest in this image!

And Detection?

- Generate lots of proposal bounding boxes (rectangles in image where we think any object could be)
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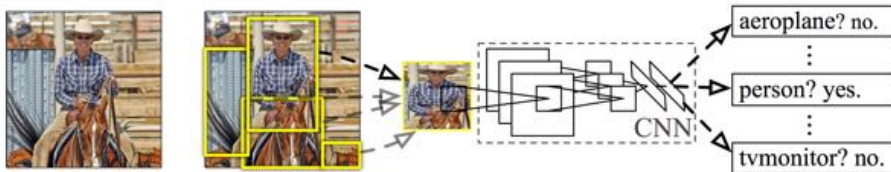


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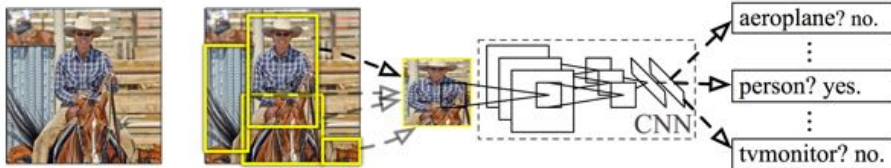


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- If the warped image looks weird and doesn't resemble the original object, don't worry. Somehow the method still works.
- This approach, called R-CNN, was proposed in 2014 by Girshick et al.

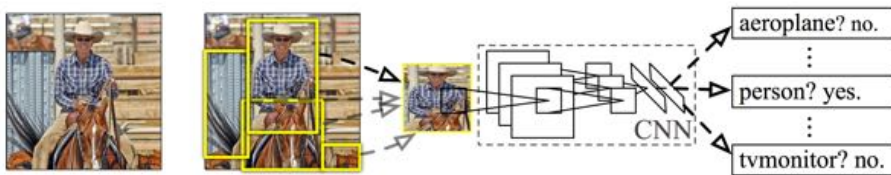


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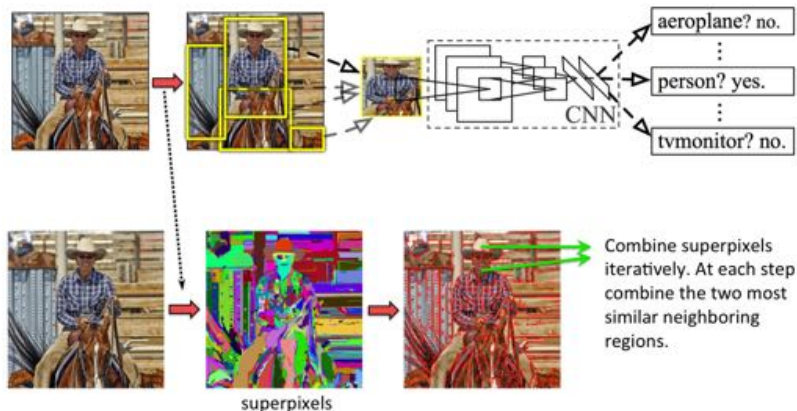


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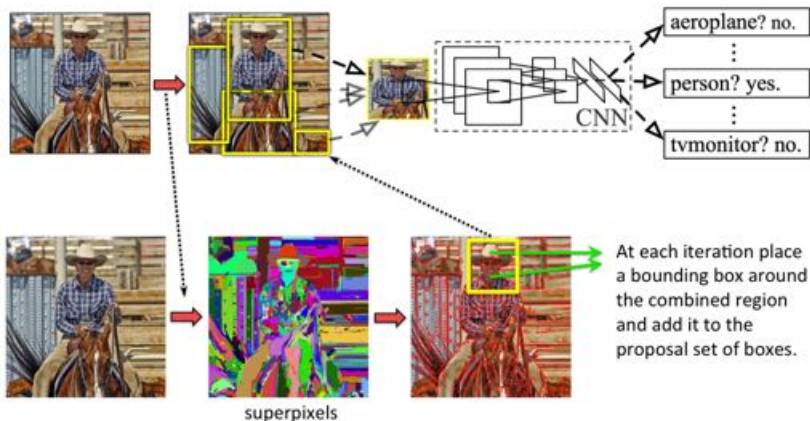


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Detection Datasets

- **PASCAL VOC challenge:** <http://pascallin.ecs.soton.ac.uk/challenges/VOC/>.



Figure: PASCAL has 20 object classes, 10K images for training, 10K for test

Detection Performance in 2013: 40.4%

In 2013, no networks:

- Results on the main recognition benchmark, the **PASCAL VOC challenge**.

	mean	aero plane	bicycle	bird	boat	bottle	bus	car	cat	chair	cow	dining table	dog	horse	motor bike	person	potted plant	sheep	sofa	train	tv/monitor	submission date
segDPM [1]	40.4	61.4	53.4	25.6	25.2	35.5	53.7	50.6	50.8	19.3	53.8	26.8	40.4	48.3	54.4	47.1	34.8	38.7	35.0	52.8	43.1	24-Feb-2014
Boosted HOG-LBP and multi-context (LC, EOC, HLC) [2]	36.8	53.3	55.3	19.2	21.0	30.0	54.5	46.7	41.2	28.0	31.5	20.8	30.3	48.6	55.3	46.5	30.2	34.4	26.6	50.3	40.3	29-Aug-2010
MITUCLA_Hierarchy [3]	36.0	54.3	48.5	15.7	19.2	29.2	55.8	43.5	41.7	18.8	28.5	26.7	30.9	48.3	55.0	41.7	9.7	35.8	30.8	47.2	40.8	30-Aug-2010
HOG-LBP_context_classification_rescore_v2 [4]	34.2	49.1	52.4	17.8	12.0	30.8	53.5	52.8	37.3	17.7	30.8	27.7	29.5	51.9	56.3	46.3	9.8	34.8	27.9	49.5	38.4	30-Aug-2010
LSVM-MDPM [5]	33.7	52.4	34.3	19.0	15.8	35.1	54.2	49.1	31.8	15.5	26.2	13.3	21.3	43.4	51.6	47.5	9.1	31.1	19.4	46.8	38.0	26-Aug-2010
GOCTT1_LSVN_MDPM [6]	33.4	49.2	53.8	13.1	15.3	35.5	53.4	49.7	27.0	17.2	28.8	14.7	17.8	46.4	51.2	47.7	10.8	34.2	20.7	43.8	38.3	21-May-2012
Detection Monkey [7]	32.9	56.7	38.8	36.8	12.2	33.8	44.9	36.9	47.7	12.1	26.8	26.5	37.2	42.1	51.9	25.7	12.1	37.8	33.0	41.5	41.7	30-Aug-2010
BM+2C [8]	32.8	49.8	50.6	25.1	15.5	28.5	51.1	42.2	30.5	17.3	28.3	12.4	26.0	45.6	51.8	41.4	12.6	30.4	26.1	44.0	37.8	29-Oct-2010
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GroupLoc [9]	31.9	58.4	39.6	18.0	13.3	35.1	48.4	37.8	43.9	18.3	27.5	20.8	36.0	39.4	48.5	22.8	13.0	36.9	30.5	41.2	41.9	30-Aug-2010
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Boost_FCY_Segs [10]	26.1	52.7	33.7	13.2	13.0	34.2	43.2	31.9	35.6	5.8	25.4	14.4	20.8	38.1	41.7	25.0	5.8	26.3	18.1	37.8	28.1	30-Aug-2010
HOG-LBP + DHOG bag of words, SVM [11]	23.3	40.4	34.7	2.7	8.4	26.0	43.1	31.8	17.2	11.2	14.3	14.5	14.9	31.8	37.3	30.0	6.4	25.2	11.6	30.0	19.7	30-Aug-2010
Siv-Segs [12]	23.4	30.5	24.5	17.1	13.3	33.9	38.5	32.8	36.5	5.8	16.0	6.6	22.3	24.8	29.0	29.8	6.7	28.4	13.3	32.1	27.2	30-Aug-2010
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RandomParts [15]	14.2	23.8	31.7	1.2	1.4	11.1	29.7	19.5	14.2	0.8	11.3	7.0	4.7	16.4	31.5	16.0	1.1	15.6	10.2	14.7	21.0	25-Aug-2010
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Figure: Leading method segDPM is by Sanja et al. Those were the good times...

S. Fidler, R. Mottaghi, A. Yuille, R. Urtasun, Bottom-up Segmentation for Top-down Detection, CVPR'13

Detection Performance in 2014: 53.7%

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R-CNN	50.2	67.1	64.1	48.7	32.0	30.5	56.4	57.2	65.9	27.0	47.3	40.9	66.6	57.8	65.9	53.6	26.7	18.5	38.1	52.8	50.2	2014-Jan-30

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So Neural Networks are Great

- So networks turn out to be great.
- At this point Google, Facebook, Microsoft, Baidu “steal” most neural network professors from academia.

So Neural Networks are Great

- But to train the networks you need quite a bit of computational power. So what do you do?



So Neural Networks are Great

- Buy even more.



So Neural Networks are Great

- And train **more layers**. 16 instead of 7 before. 144 million parameters.

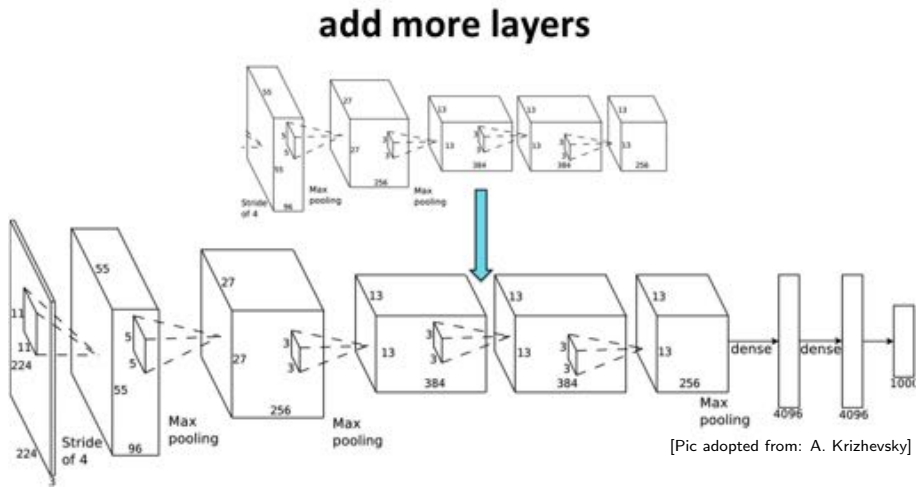
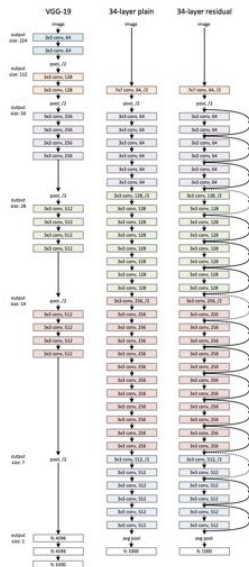
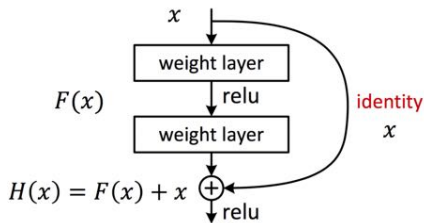


Figure: K. Simonyan, A. Zisserman, Very Deep Convolutional Networks for Large-Scale Image Recognition. arXiv 2014

150 Layers!

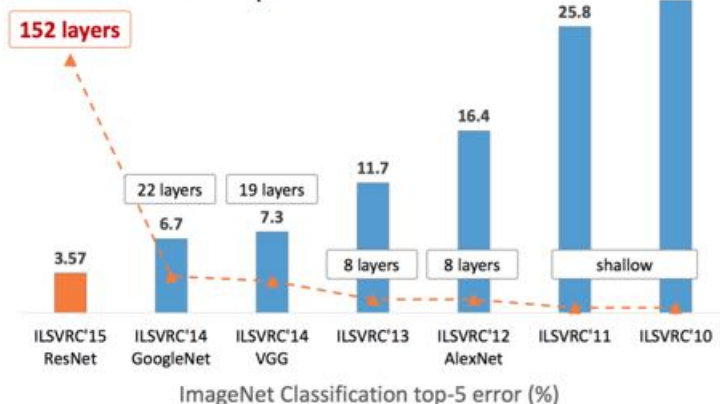
- Networks are now at 150 layers
- They use a skip connections with special form
- In fact, they don't fit on this screen
- Amazing performance!
- A lot of “mistakes” are due to wrong ground-truth



[He, K., Zhang, X., Ren, S. and Sun, J., 2015. Deep Residual Learning for Image Recognition. arXiv:1512.03385, 2016]

Results: Object Classification

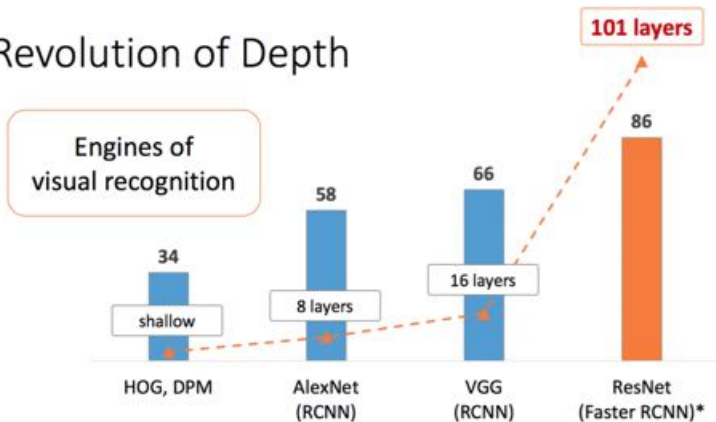
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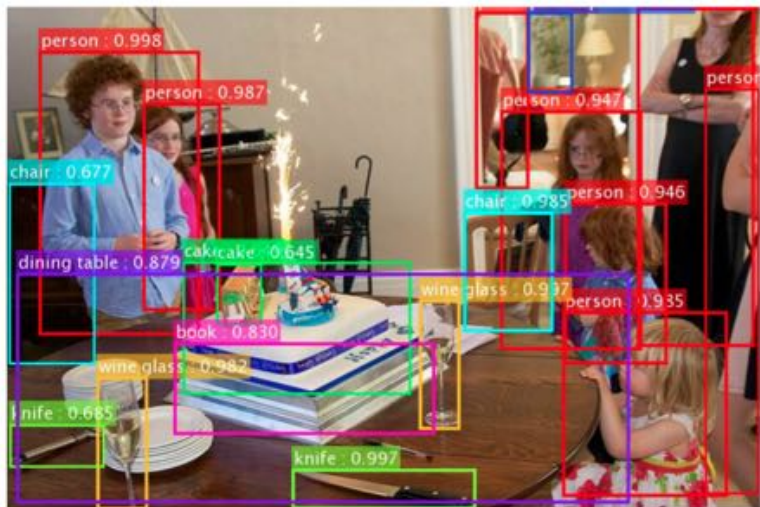
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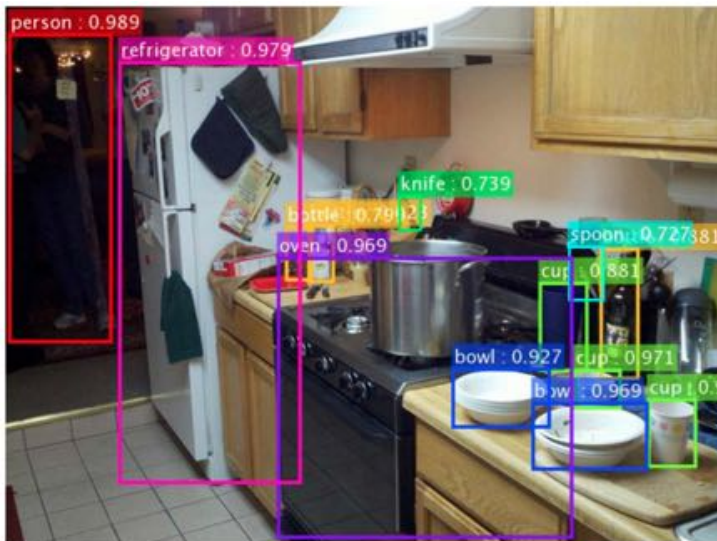
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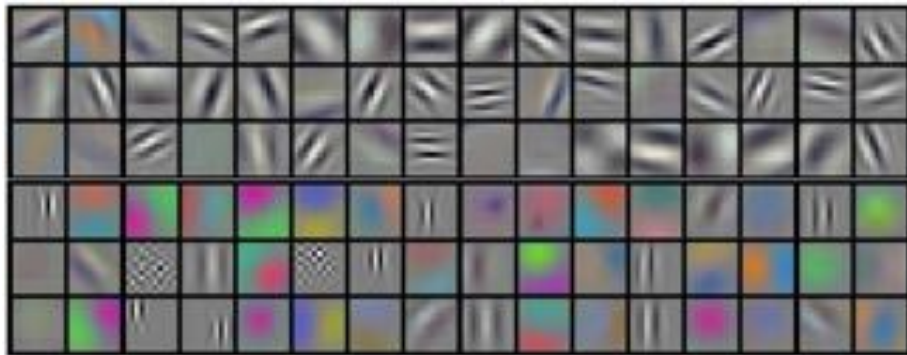


Figure: Filters in the first convolutional layer of Krizhevsky et al

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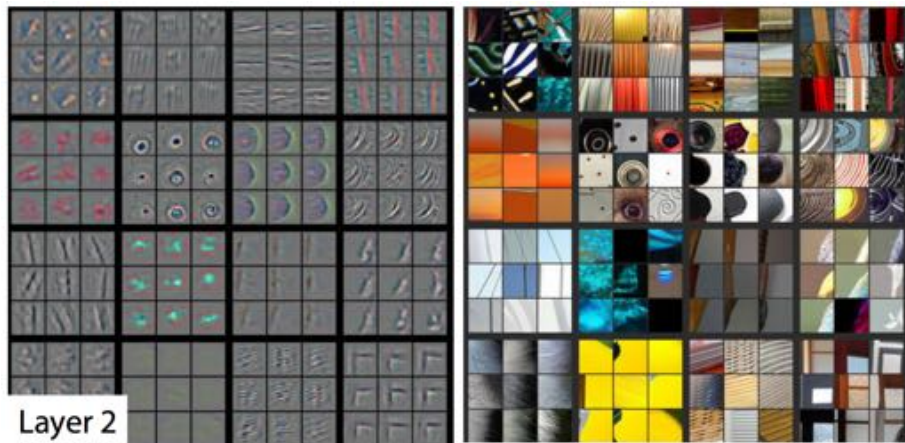


Figure: Filters in the second layer

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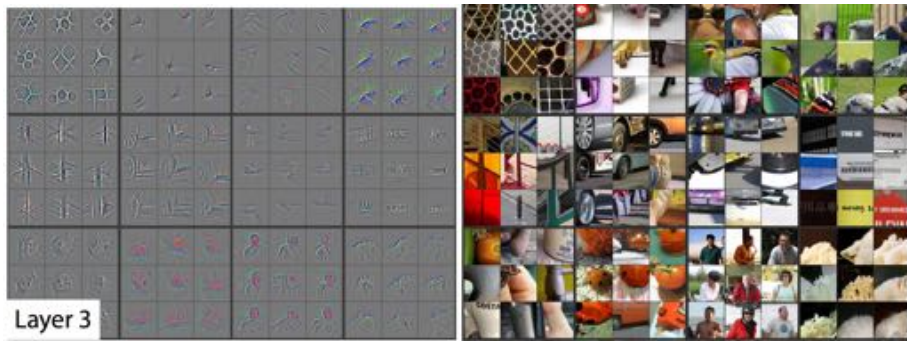
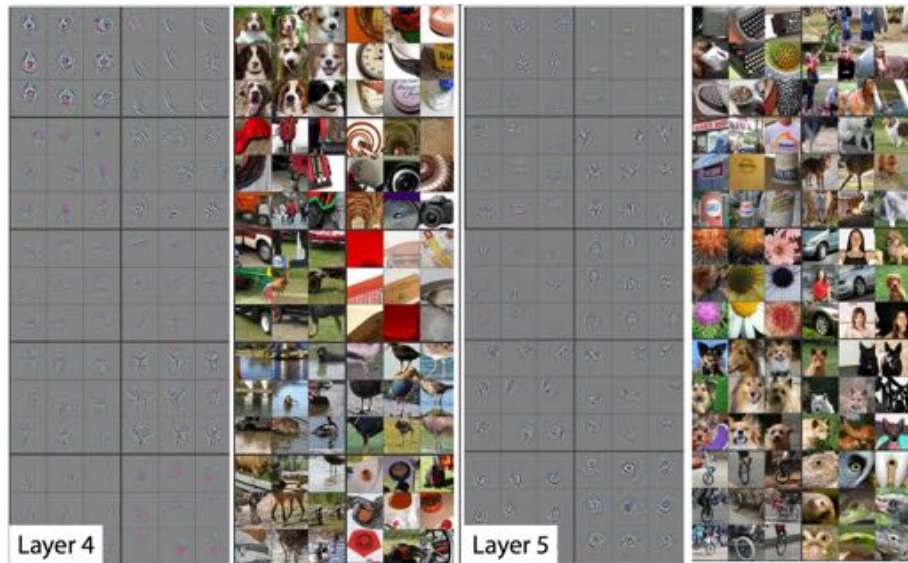


Figure: Filters in the third layer

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Neural Networks – Can Do Anything

- Classification / annotation
- Detection
- Segmentation
- Stereo
- Optical flow

How would you use them for these tasks?

Neural Networks – Years In The Making

- NNs have been around for 50 years. Inspired by processing in the brain.

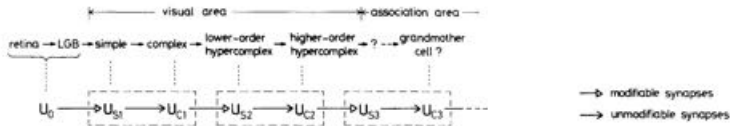


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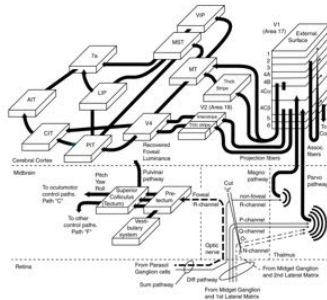
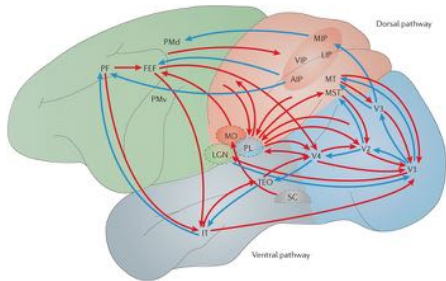
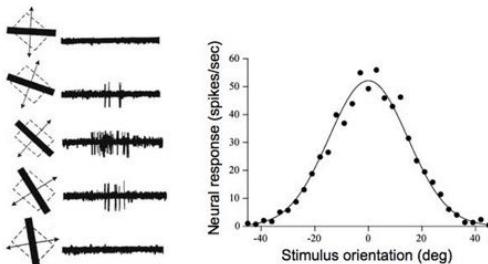


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- V1: selective to direction of movement (Hubel & Wiesel)

V1 physiology: orientation selectivity



Hubel & Wiesel, 1968

Figure: Pic from:

<http://www.cns.nyu.edu/~david/courses/perception/lecturenotes/V1/LGN-V1-slides/Slide15.jpg>

- V2: selective to combinations of orientations

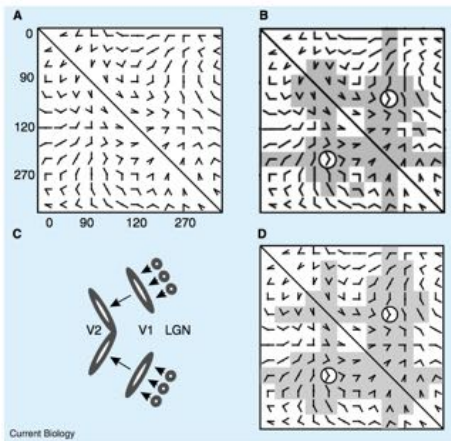


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Figure: G. M. Boynton and Jay Hegde, Visual Cortex: The Continuing Puzzle of Area V2, Current Biology, 2004

- V4: selective to more complex local shape properties (convexity/concavity, curvature, etc)

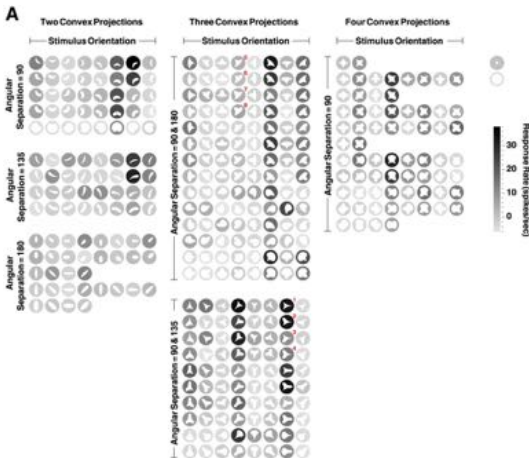


Figure: A. Pasupathy , C. E. Connor, Shape Representation in Area V4: Position-Specific Tuning for Boundary Conformation, Journal of Neurophysiology, 2001

- IT: Seems to be category selective

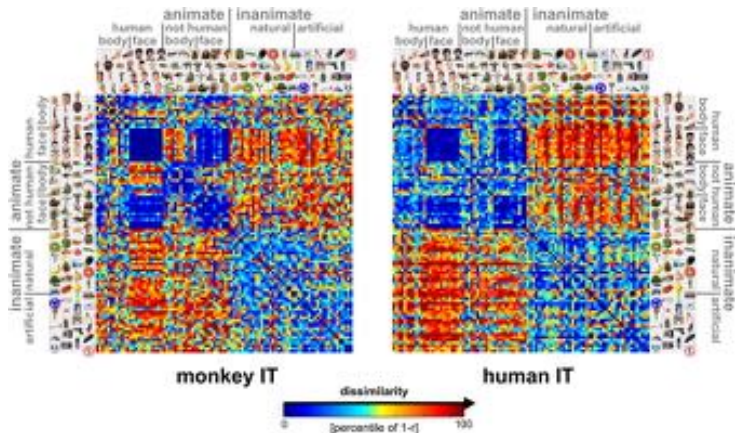


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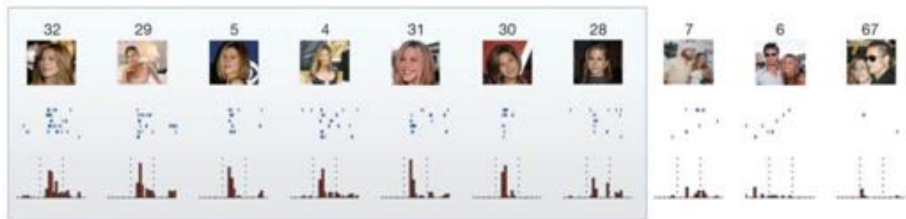


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GRANDMOTHER CELLS REVISITED

ARE NERVE CELLS such as the Jennifer Aniston neuron the long-debated grandmother cells? To answer that question, we have to be more precise about what we mean by grandmother cells. One extreme way of thinking about the grandmother cell hypothesis is that only one neuron responds to one concept. But if we could find one single neuron that fired to Jennifer Aniston, it strongly suggests that there must be more—the chance of finding the one and only one among billions is minuscule. Moreover, if only a single neuron would be responsible for a person's entire concept of Jennifer Aniston, and it were damaged or destroyed by disease or accident, all trace of Jennifer Aniston would disappear from memory, an extremely unlikely prospect.

A less extreme definition of grandmother cells postulates that many more than a solitary neuron respond to any one concept. This hypothesis is plausible but very difficult, if not impossible, to prove. We cannot try every possible concept to prove that the neuron fires only to Jennifer Aniston. In fact, the opposite is often the case: we often find neurons that respond to more than one concept. Thus, if a neuron fires only to one person during an experiment, we cannot rule out that it could have also fired to some other stimuli that we did not happen to show.

A single neuron
that responded to
Luke Skywalker
and his written
and spoken name
also fired to the
image of Yoda.

- Take the whole brain processing business with a grain of salt. Even neuroscientists don't fully agree. Think about computational models.



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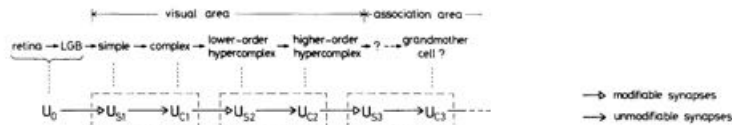


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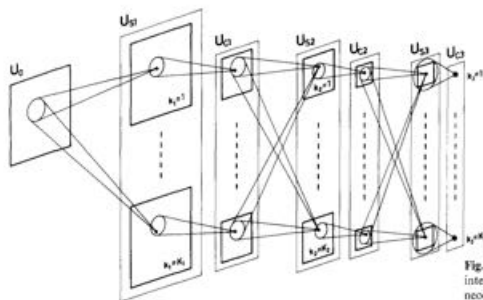


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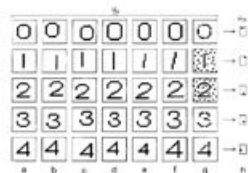


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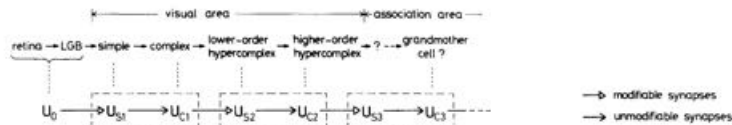


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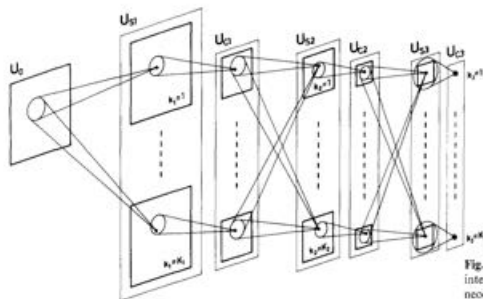


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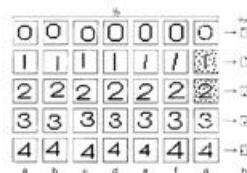


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- Some cool tricks in design and training:
 - A. Krizhevsky, I. Sutskever, G. E. Hinton, *ImageNet Classification with Deep Convolutional Neural Networks*, NIPS 2012
- Computational resources and tones of data
- NNs can **train millions** of parameters from tens of **millions of examples**



Figure: The Imagenet dataset: Deng et al. 14 million images, 1000 classes

Main code:

- Neural network packages:

`http://caffe.berkeleyvision.org/, Tensorflow, Theano,
Torch, PyTorch`

- Object detection:

`https://github.com/rbgirshick/rcnn
https://github.com/weiliu89/caffe/tree/ssd`

Summary – Stuff Useful to Know

- Important tasks for visual recognition: **classification** (given an image crop, decide which object class or scene it belongs to), **detection** (where are all the objects for some class in the image?), **segmentation** (label each pixel in the image with a semantic label), **pose estimation** (which 3D view or pose the object is in with respect to camera?), **action recognition** (what is happening in the image/video)
- Bottom-up grouping is important to find only a few rectangles in the image which contain objects of interest. This is much more efficient than exploring all possible rectangles.
- Neural Networks are currently the best feature extractor in computer vision.
- Mainly because they have multiple layers of nonlinear classifiers, and because they can train from millions of examples efficiently.
- Going forward design computationally less intense solutions with higher generalization power that will beat 100 layers that Google can afford to do.