Understanding How ConvNets See

guided backpropagation

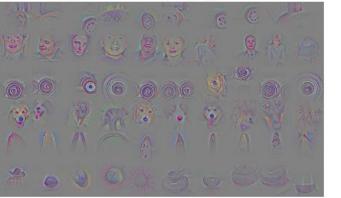


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Key ideas

- Can understand the mechanism of how the network computes an output by thinking about how individual neurons are computed
- The gradient of the cost with respect to a variable indicates how important the variable is
- Can differentiate a cost with respect to the *input* rather than the weights, and then change the *input*

Prerequisites

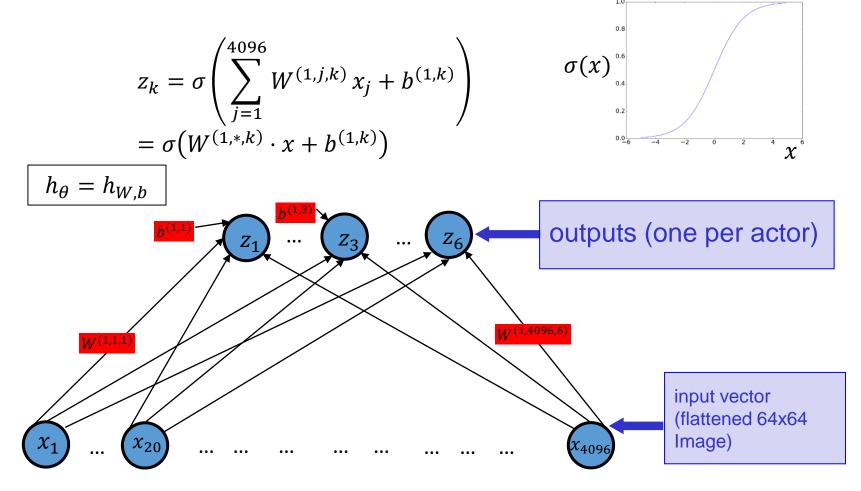
- Understand what a gradient does
- Understand how backpropagation works
- Convolutional layers and ReLU

Sample task

- Training set: 6 actors, with 100 64×64 photos of faces for each
- Test set: photos of faces of the same 6 actors
- Want to classify each face as one of ['Fran Drescher', 'America Ferrera', 'Kristin Chenoweth', 'Alec Baldwin', 'Bill Hader', 'Steve Carell']



The Simplest Possible Neural Network for Face Recognition

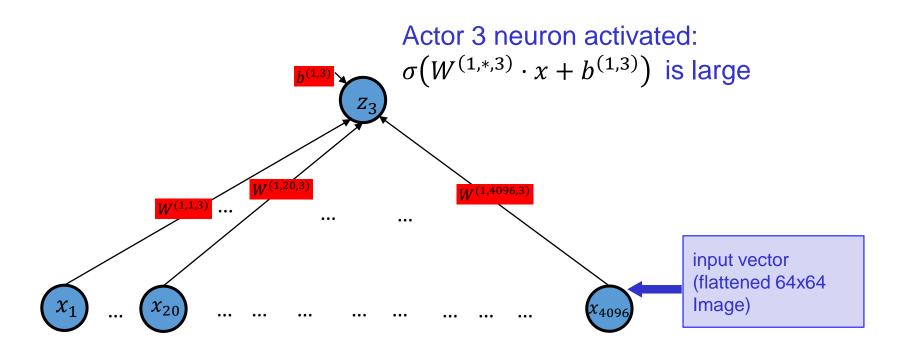


An interpretation

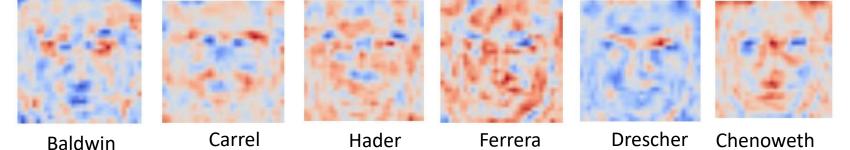
 z_1 is large if $W^{(1,*,1)} \cdot x$ is large z_2 is large if $W^{(1,*,2)} \cdot x$ is large z_3 is large if $W^{(1,*,3)} \cdot x$ is large

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 $W^{(1,*,1)}$, $W^{(1,*,2)}$, ..., $W^{(1,*,6)}$ are *templates* for the faces of actor 1, actor 2, ..., actor 6



Visualizing the parameters W



Baldwin $W^{(1,*,1)}$

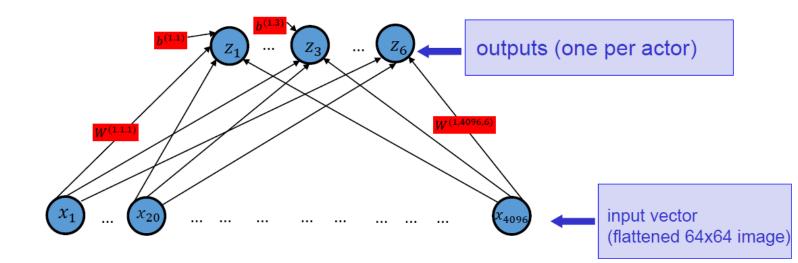
Carrel $W^{(1,*,2)}$

Hader $W^{(1,*,3)}$

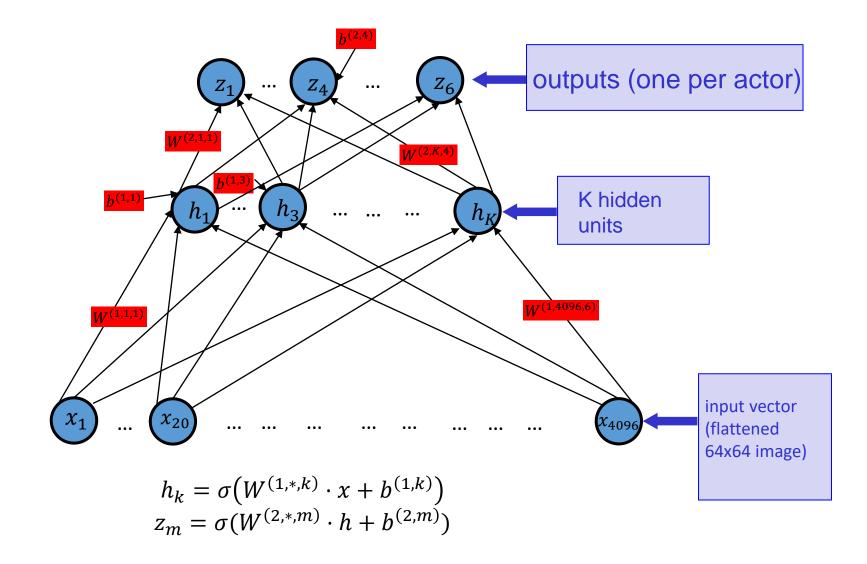
Ferrera $W^{(1,*,4)}$

Drescher $W^{(1,*,5)}$

Chenoweth $W^{(1,*,6)}$



One hidden layer

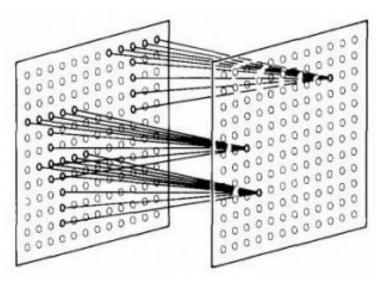


Visualizing a One-Hidden-Layer NN



What Does a Neuron Do in a ConvNet? (1)

 A neuron in the first hidden layer computes a weighted sum of pixels in a patch of the image for which it is responsible

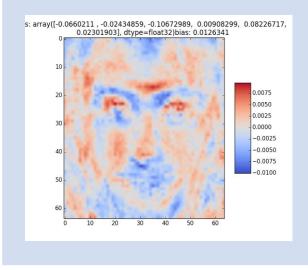


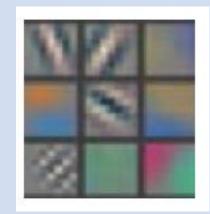
K. Fukushima, "Neurocognitron: A self-organizing Neural Network Model for a Mechanism of Pattern Recognition Unaffected by Shift in Position" (Biol. Cybernetics 1980)

What Does a Neuron Do in a ConvNet? (2)

• For neurons in the first hidden layer, we can visualize the weights.

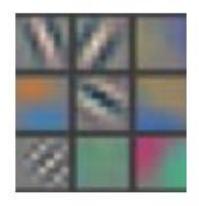
Example weights for fullyconnected single-hidden layer network for faces, for one neuron Weights for 9 features in the first convolutional layer of a layer for classifying ImageNet images





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What Does a Neuron Do in a ConvNet? (3)



- The neuron would be activated the most if the input looks like the weight matrix
- These are called "Gabor-like filters"
- The colour is due to the input being 3D. We visualize the strength of the weight going from each of the R, G, and B components

What Does a Neuron Do in a ConvNet (4)

 Another to figuring out what kind of images active the neuron: just try lots of images in a dataset, and see which ones activate the neuron the most

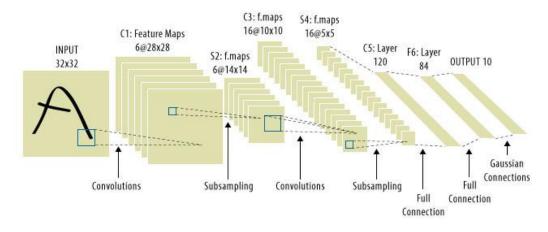


For each feature, fine the 9 images that produce the highest activations for the neuron, and crop out the relevant patch



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Aside: Relevant Patch?



- Each neuron is affected by some small patch in the layer below
- Can recursively figure out what patch in the input layer each neuron is affected
- Neurons in the top layers are affected by (almost) the entire image

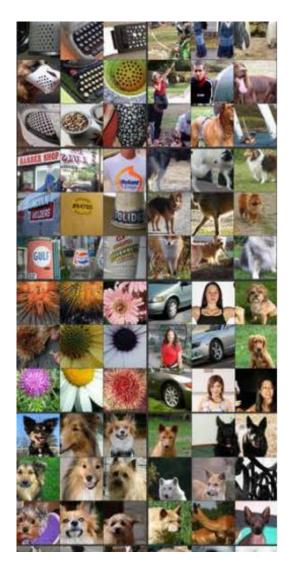
This allows us to look at layers besides the first one: layer 3



Layer 4



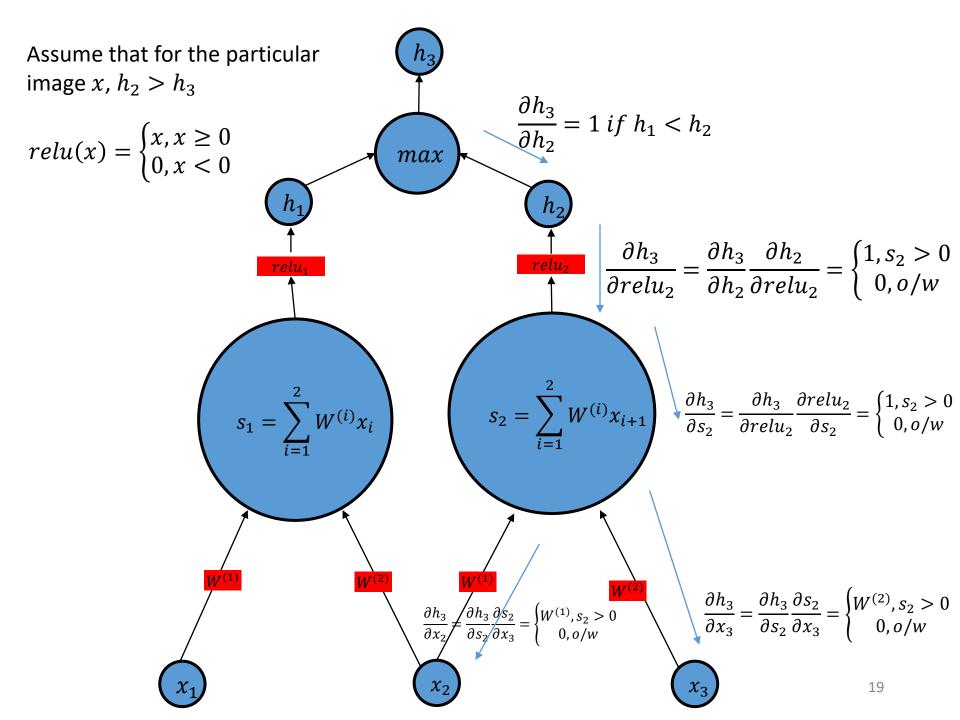
Layer 5





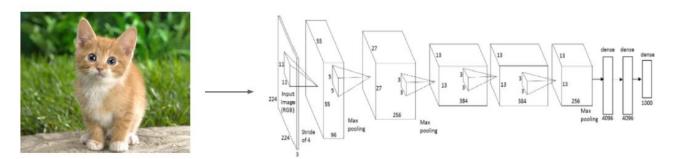
Which Pixels in the Input Affect the Neuron the Most?

- Rephrased: which pixels would make the neuron not turn on if they had been different?
- In other words, for which inputs is $\frac{\partial neuron}{\partial x_i}$ large?

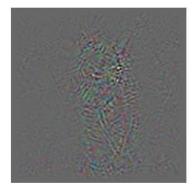


Typical Gradient of a Neuron

- Visualize the gradient of a particular neuron with respect to the input x
- Do a forward pass:



• Compute the gradient of a particular neuron using backprop:



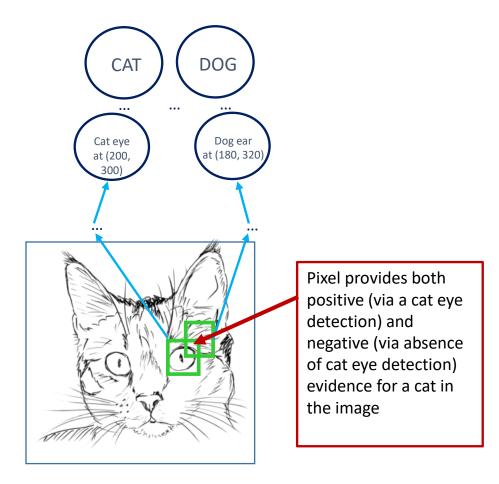
Typical Gradient of a Neuron

- Mostly zero away from the object, but the results are not very satisfying
- Every pixel influences the neuron via multiple hidden neurons.



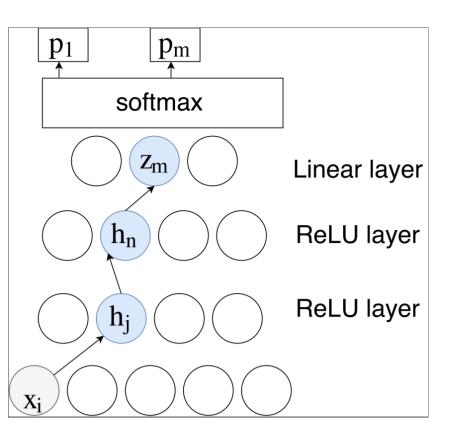
The network is trying to detect kittens everywhere, and the same pixel could fit a kitten in one location but not another, leading to its overall effect on the kitten neuron to be 0

Typical Gradient of a Neuron



- Idea: neurons act like detectors of particular image features
- We are only interested in what image features the neuron detects, not in what kind of stuff it *doesn't* detect

- Instead of computing $\frac{\partial p_m}{\partial x}$, only consider paths from xto p_m where the weights are positive and all the units are positive (and greater than 0). Compute this modified version of $\frac{\partial p_m}{\partial x}$
- Only consider evidence for neurons being active, discard evidence for neurons having to be not active



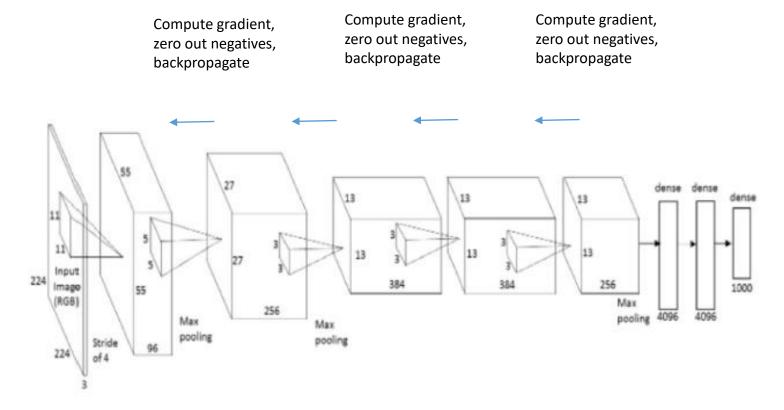
Guided Backpropagation: Computation

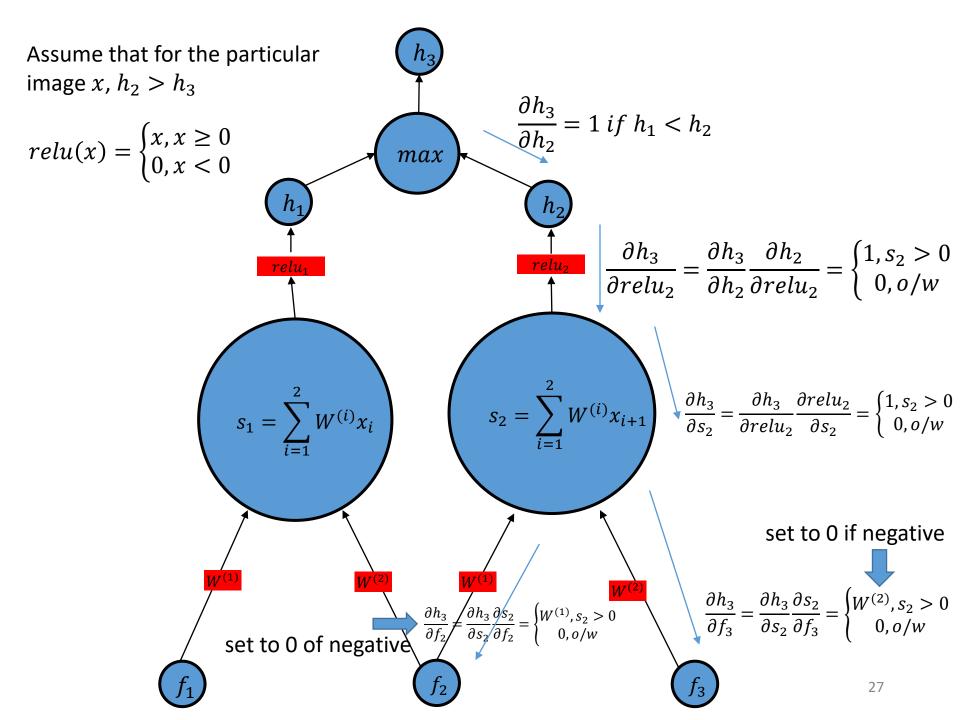
• When performing the backward pass we already know " $\frac{\partial neuron}{\partial h^{(l,i)}}$ " for every *i*

• If
$$\frac{\partial h^{(l,r)}}{\partial h^{(l,-1,j)}} < 0$$
, set it to 0

• Compute "
$$\frac{\partial neuron}{\partial h^{(l-1,j)}}$$
" = = \sum_{i} " $\frac{\partial neuron}{\partial h^{(l,i)}}$ "" $\frac{\partial h^{(l,i)}}{\partial h^{(l,-1,j)}}$ "

- Repeat
- If a path contains negative weights, it will be ignored, since a negative weight corresponds to a negative $\frac{\partial h^{(l,i)}}{\partial h^{(l,-1,j)}}$





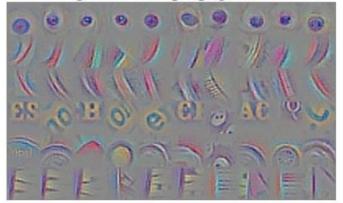


Backprop



Guided Backprop

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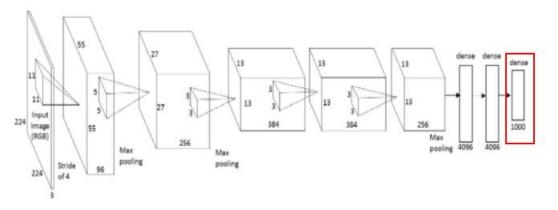
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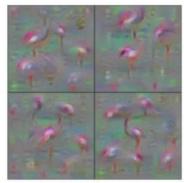


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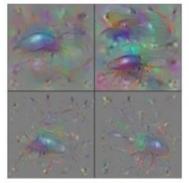
What About Doing Gradient Ascent?



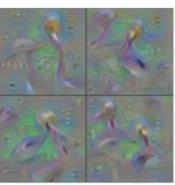
- Want to maximize the i-th output of the softmax
- Can compute the gradient of the i-th output of the softmax with respect to the *input x* (the W's and b's are fixed to make classification as good as possible)
- Perform gradient ascent on the *input*



Flamingo

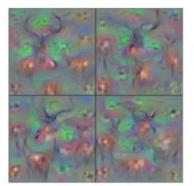


Ground Beetle

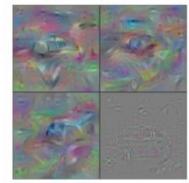


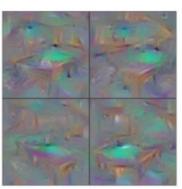
Pelican

Indian Cobra

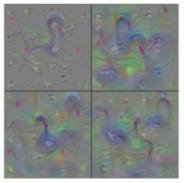


Hartebeest





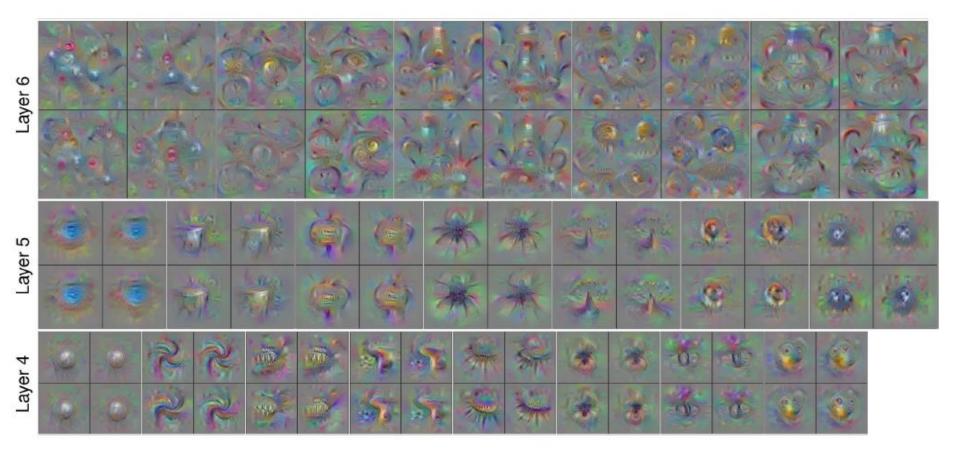
Billiard Table

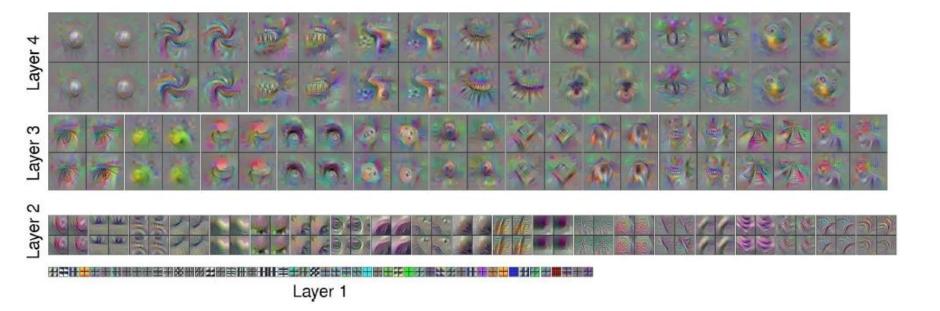


Black Swan

Station Wagon

Yosinski et al, Understanding Neural Networks Through Deep Visualization (ICML 2015)





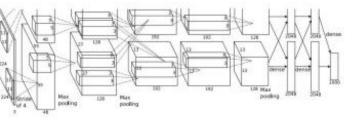


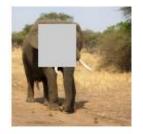
Nguyen et al, "Multifaceted Feature Visualization: Uncovering the Different Types of Features Learned By Each Neuron in Deep Neural Networks", ICML Visualization for Deep Learning Workshop 2016. Figures copyright Anh Nguyen, Jason Yosinski, and Jeff Clune, 2016; reproduced with permission.

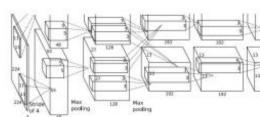
Which pixels matter: Saliency via Occlusion

Mask part of the image before feeding to CNN, check how much predicted probabilities change

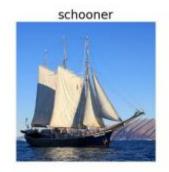


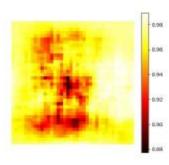






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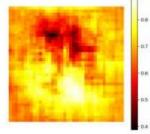


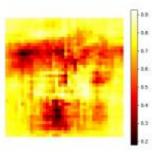
African elephant, Loxodonta africana











Deep Dream



Deep Dream

- Idea: want to exaggerate details in the image that look a little bit like recognizable objects
- Overview
 - Pick a layer in the ConvNet
 - It will have some neurons that are highly activated
 - There is a trade-off here: we can't make *all* of them be even more highly activated simultaneously
 - Idea: make the rich get richer. Change the input x with the most highly activated neurons influencing the change in the input the most

Change the input x with the most highly activated neurons influencing the change in the input the most

- Set the gradient at the layer that we picked to be *equal* to the activation at that layer
 - A hack: this is not the gradient at all
- Backpropagate the gradient to figure out how much to change the input
- Repeat
- Result: a feedback loop where the image looks more and more like the objects that were kind of detected at first







"Admiral Dog!"

"The Pig-Snail"

"The Camel-Bird"

"The Dog-Fish"

Neural Style Transfer



Gatys, Ecker, Bethge. "A Neural Algorithm of Artistic Style" (http://arxiv.org/abs/1508.06576)

Neural Style

- Task: given an input photo I and a painting P, produce a photo with the same contents as I, but with the style P
- Idea: use gradient descent again to change the input with the weights of the ConvNet constant, with a cost function that keeps x close to I (i.e., preserve the content) and makes the style of x close to the style of P
- Use a ConvNet that works for image classification
 - It knows how to represent images well

Cost function: content

- To keep the content close to the input I, make sure that $|x I|^2$ stays small
 - Not the best idea! The pixels might be a completely different colour in the x, but x and I can still be similar in content
- Even better: make sure that all the activations in all the different layers for the original image and for x stay the same:
- Make sure that $L_{content}(x, I) = \sum_{l,i,j} (F(x)_{i,j}^l F(I)_{i,j}^l)^2$ is small
 - $F(y)_{(i,j)}^{l}$ is the activation at layer *l* at location *j* in feature map *i*, for input *y*
- Will make sure that the high-level features in the image stay the same, too

Style

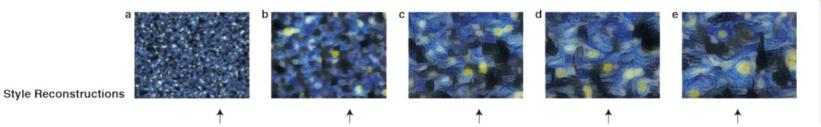
• Define the Gram matrix at layer las

$$G_{ij}^{l}(y) = \sum_{k} F(y)_{ik}^{l} F(y)_{jk}^{l}$$

- Discovery: the Gram matrix represents the style
 - G^l_{ij}(y) is large if at layer *l*, the i-th feature and the j-th feature tend to be discovered together a lot
 - (i.e., a lot of k's for which the product of both activations is large)

Style Reconstructions





• "Blue strokes at 40 degrees co-occur with blue strokes at 45 degrees?"

Cost function: style

Divide by the size of the layer to make sure every layer influences things equally for now

•
$$E_l(x,P) = \frac{1}{4N_l^2 M_l^2} \sum_{i,j} (G_{ij}^l(x) - G_{ij}^l(P))^2$$

• $L_{style}(x,P) = \sum_{l} w_{l} E_{l}(x,P)$

Cost function: overall

• $cost(x, I, P) = \alpha L_{style}(x, P) + \beta L_{content}(x, I)$

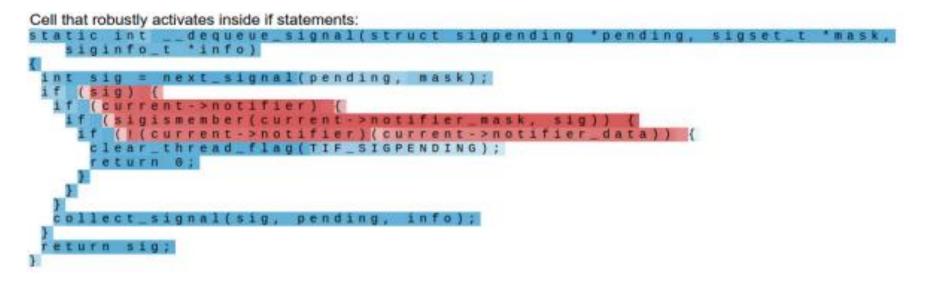
VISUALIZING AND UNDERSTANDING RECURRENT NETWORKS

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