Convolutional Neural Networks



[LeNet-5, LeCun 1980]

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Visual Cortex



Modularity and the Brain

- Different bits of the cortex do different things.
 - Local damage to the brain has specific effects
 - Specific tasks increase the blood flow to specific regions.
- But the cortex looks pretty much the same all over.
 - Early brain damage makes functions relocate
- The cortex is made of general purpose stuff that has the ability to turn into special purpose hardware in response to experience.
 - This gives rapid parallel computation plus flexibility
 - Conventional computers get flexibility by having stored programs, but this requires very fast central processors to perform large computations.

Blindsight

- Case D.B.
- Area around the right calcarine fissure was removed for treatment of angioma
- Reported not seeing anything in the left visual field
- Able to point out where the light was in the left visual field
- Blindsight residual visual abilities within a field detected in the absence of acknowledged awareness



What Does V1 do?

- David Hubel and Torsten Wiesel (Nobel Prize recipients, 1981) showed that individual ("simple cell") neurons in a cat's V1 cortex fire in reaction to seeing lines at a certain angle in a certain location
- Other ("complex cell") neurons fired at lines regardless of orientation



Hierarchical Organization of Cells



• <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4nwpU7GFYe8</u>

The Invariance Problem

- Our perceptual systems are very good at dealing with invariances
 - translation, rotation, scaling
 - deformation, contrast, lighting, rate
- We are so good at this that its hard to appreciate how difficult it is.
 - Its one of the main difficulties in making computers perceive.
 - We still don't have generally accepted solutions.

Computing Features

- Idea: each neuron on the higher layer is detecting the same feature, but in different locations on the lower layer
 - Detecting=the output is high if the feature is present
- It's the same feature because the weights are the same
- Note: each neuron is only connected with non-zero weights to a small area in the input

The red connections all have the same weight.





Feature Detection

- The weights of each unit in the upper layer can be represented as a 2D array
- To compute the input to each neuron in the upper layer, we are computing the dot product between the 2D array (called *kernel*) and the area of the lower layer to which the neuron is connected (called the *receptive field*)



3x3 weights array for a 3x3 area in the input

• The operation of computing the feature layer from the lower layer is called *convolution* (technically, "cross-correlation," but the differences between convolution and cross-correlation is unimportant here.)

Convolution Example: Sobel Filter

2

1





Vertical Edge (absolute value)

Convolution Example: Sobel Filter



*	1	2	1	
	0	0	0	
	-1	-2	-1	



Horizontal Edge (absolute value)

Convolution Example: Blob Detection



3 3 5 3 0 3 5 3 3 3 5 2 5 3 -12 -23 -12 2 0 5 2 5 0 -23 -40 - 23-23 -12 5 3 -123 5 2 2 0 3 5 3 3 5 3 3 3
 0
 2
 3
 5
 5
 5
 3
 2
 0

 0
 0
 3
 2
 2
 2
 3
 0
 0















=> 5x5 output

7



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





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N

Output size: (N - F) / stride + 1

In practice: Common to zero pad the border



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

(recall:) (N - F) / stride + 1

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7x7 output!

in general, common to see CONV layers with stride 1, filters of size FxF, and zero-padding with (F-1)/2. (will preserve size spatially) e.g. F = 3 => zero pad with 1

F = 5 = 2 zero pad with 2

F = 7 => zero pad with 3

Pooling Features ("subsampling")

- The job of complex cells
- Max Pooling
 - Is there a diagonal edge somewhere × in an area of the image?
 - Take the maximum over the responses to the feature detector in the area
- Average Pooling
 - Is there a blobs pattern in an area of the image?
 - Take the average over the responses to the feature detectors in the area
- Max Pooling generally works better



max pool with 2x2 filters and stride 2

6	8	
3	4	

Max Pooling as Hierarchical Invariance

- At each level of the hierarchy, we use an "or" to get features that are invariant across a bigger range of transformations.
- (Average Pooling is a little bit like an "AND")



Putting it All Together



- Different types of layers: convolution and subsampling.
- Convolution layers compute features maps: the response to multiple feature detectors on a grid in the lower layer
- Subsampling layers pool the features from a lower layer into a smaller feature map

Why Convolutional Nets

- It's possible to compute the same outputs in a fully connected neural network, but
 - The network is much harder to learn
 - There is more danger of overfitting if we try it with a really big network
 - A convolutional network has fewer parameters due to weight sharing*
- It makes sense to detect features and then combine them
 - That's what the brain seems to be doing

LeNet:



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Convolutional Networks and Capacity Control

• Discussion