Neural Networks

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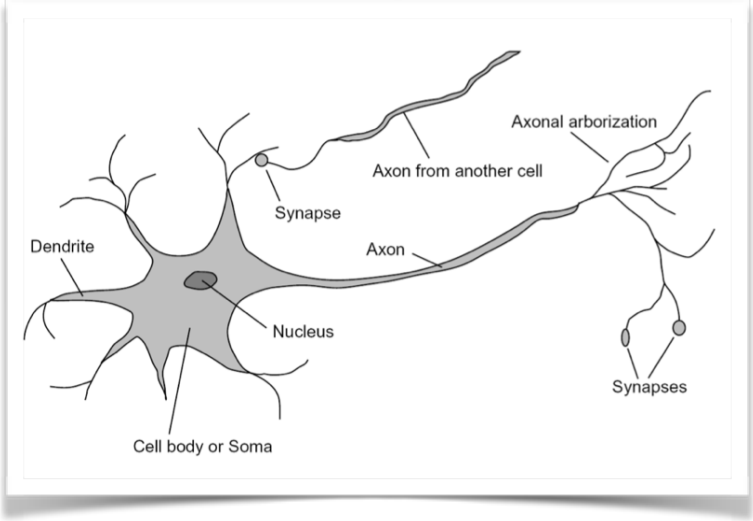
Motivation

- One of the main weakness of linear models is that they are linear
- Decision trees can model non-linear boundaries
- Neural networks are yet another non-linear classifier
- Take the biological inspiration further by chaining together perceptrons
- Allows us to use what we learned about linear models:
  - Loss functions, regularization, optimization



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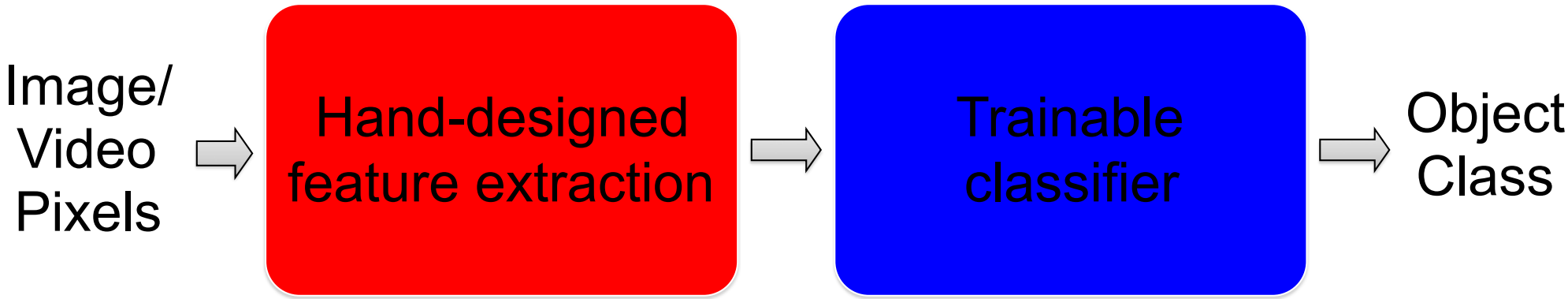
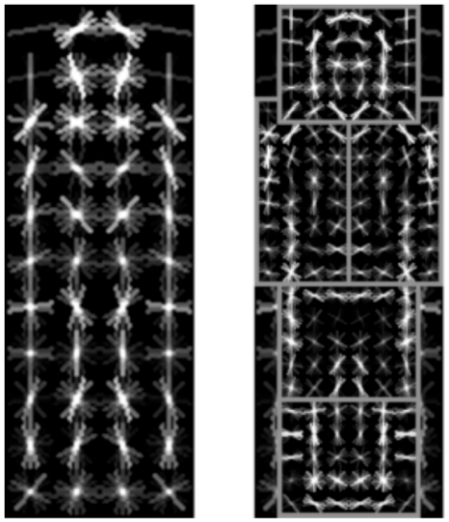
Traditional recognition approach



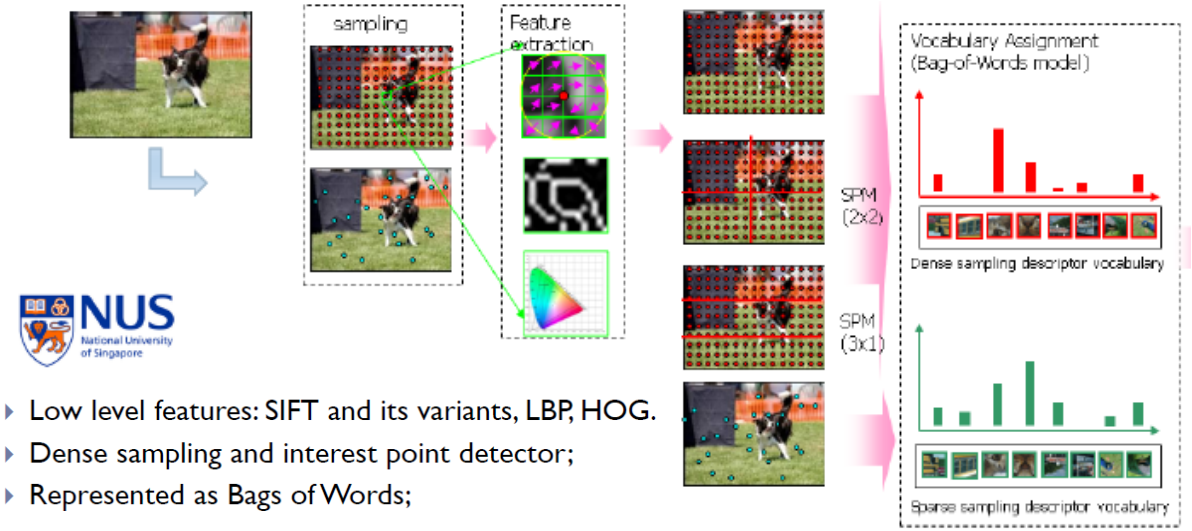
- Features are not learned
- Trainable classifier is often generic (e.g. SVM)

Traditional recognition approach

- Features are key to recent progress in recognition
- Multitude of hand-designed features currently in use
  - SIFT, HOG, ……
- Where next? Better classifiers? Or keep building more features?



Felzenszwalb, Girshick, McAllester and Ramanan, PAMI 2007



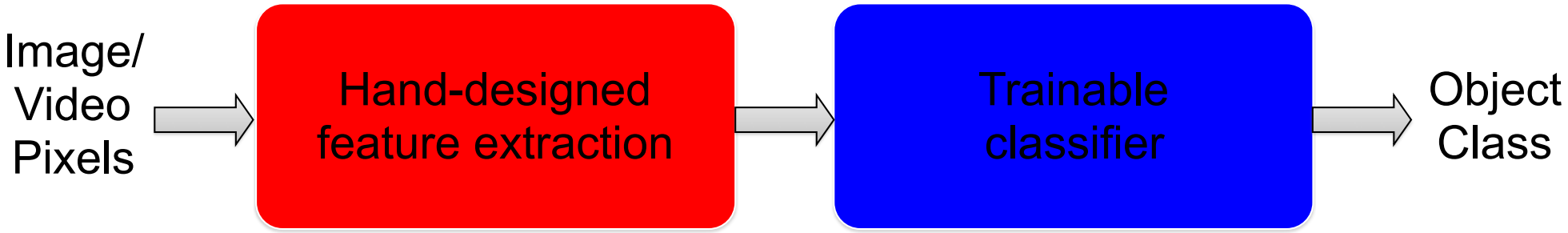
Yan & Huang
(Winner of PASCAL 2010 classification competition)

What about learning the features?

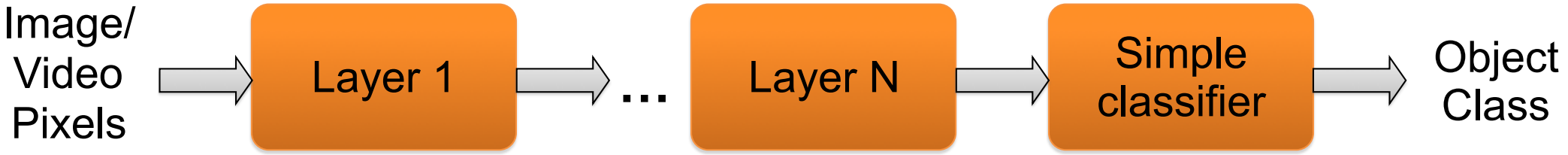
- Learn a ***feature hierarchy*** all the way from pixels to classifier
- Each layer extracts features from the output of previous layer
- Train all layers jointly

“Shallow” vs. “deep” architectures

Traditional recognition: “Shallow” architecture



Deep learning: “Deep” architecture



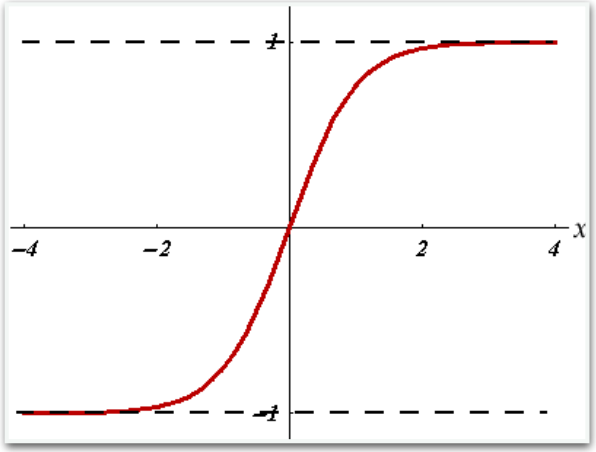
Two-layer network architecture

$$y = \mathbf{v}^T \mathbf{h}$$

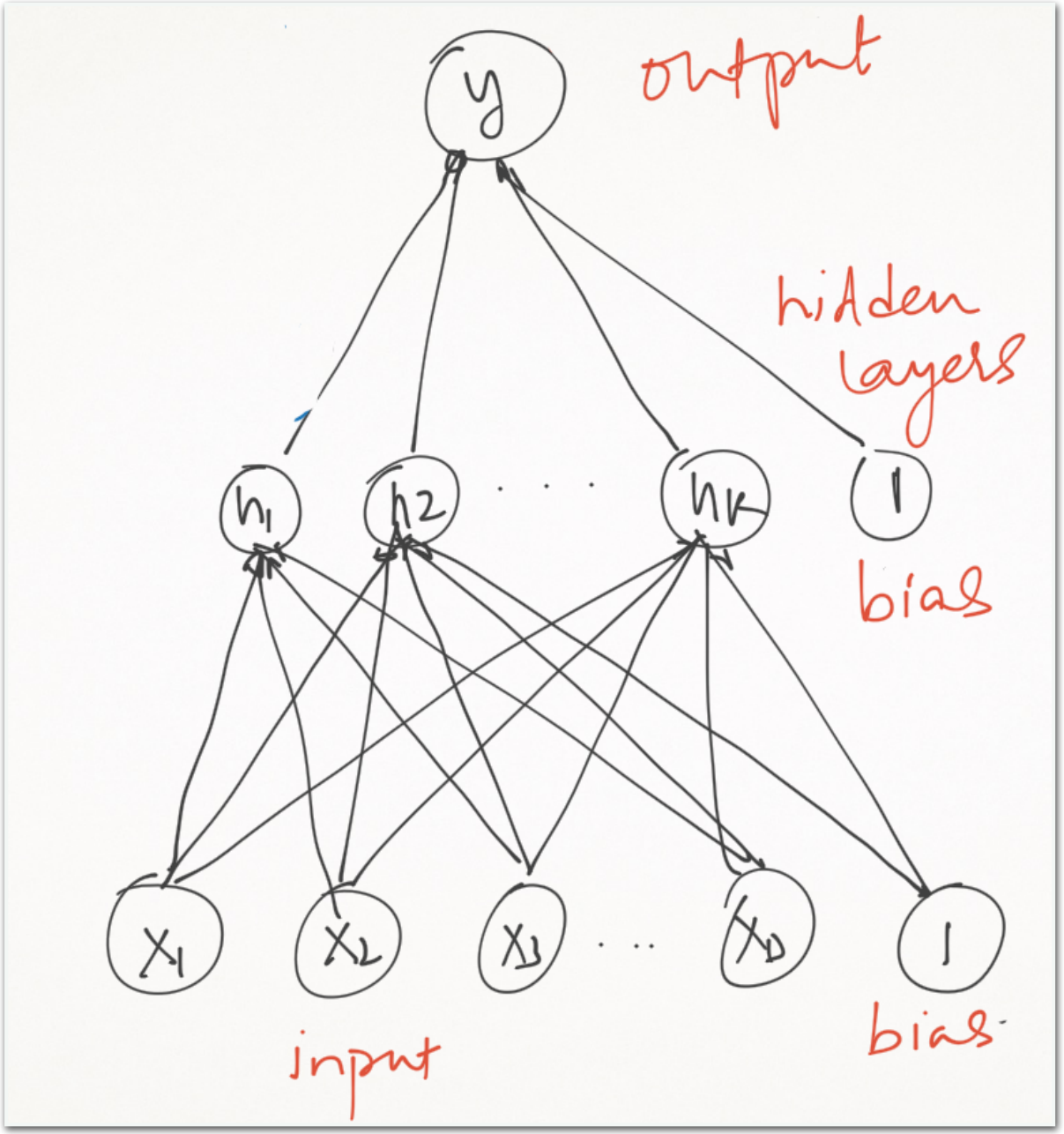
Non-linearity is important

link function

$$h_i = f(\mathbf{w}_i^T \mathbf{x})$$



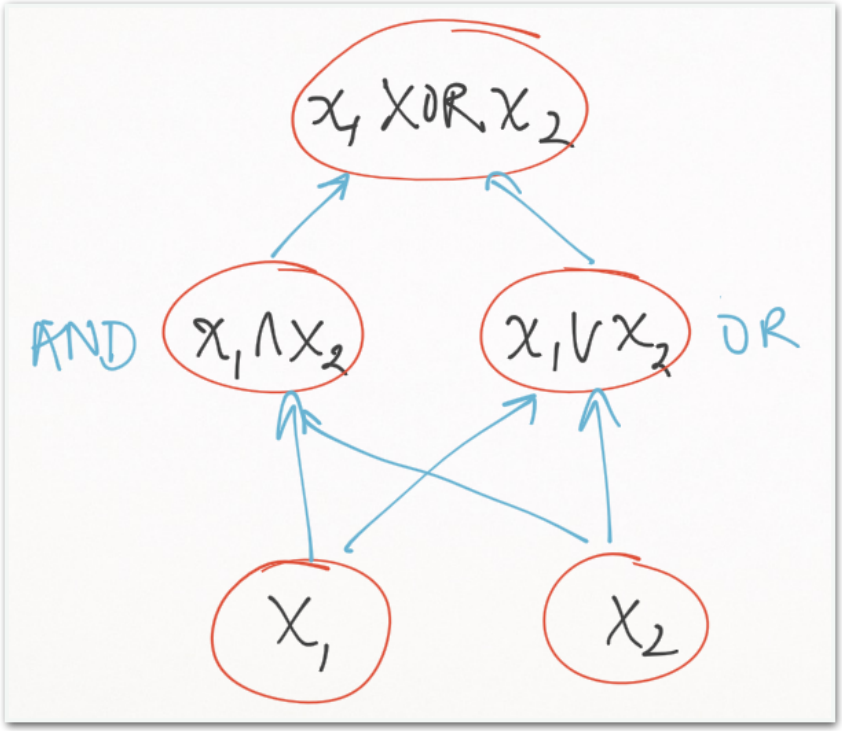
$$\tanh(x) = \frac{1 - e^{-2x}}{1 + e^{-2x}}$$



The XOR function

- We saw that a perceptron cannot learn the XOR function
- **Exercise:** come up with the parameters of a two layer network with two hidden units that computes the XOR function
  - Here is a table with a bias feature for XOR

y	x_0	x_1	x_2
+1	+1	+1	+1
+1	+1	-1	-1
-1	+1	+1	-1
-1	+1	-1	+1



Do we gain anything beyond two layers?

Expressive power of a two-layer network

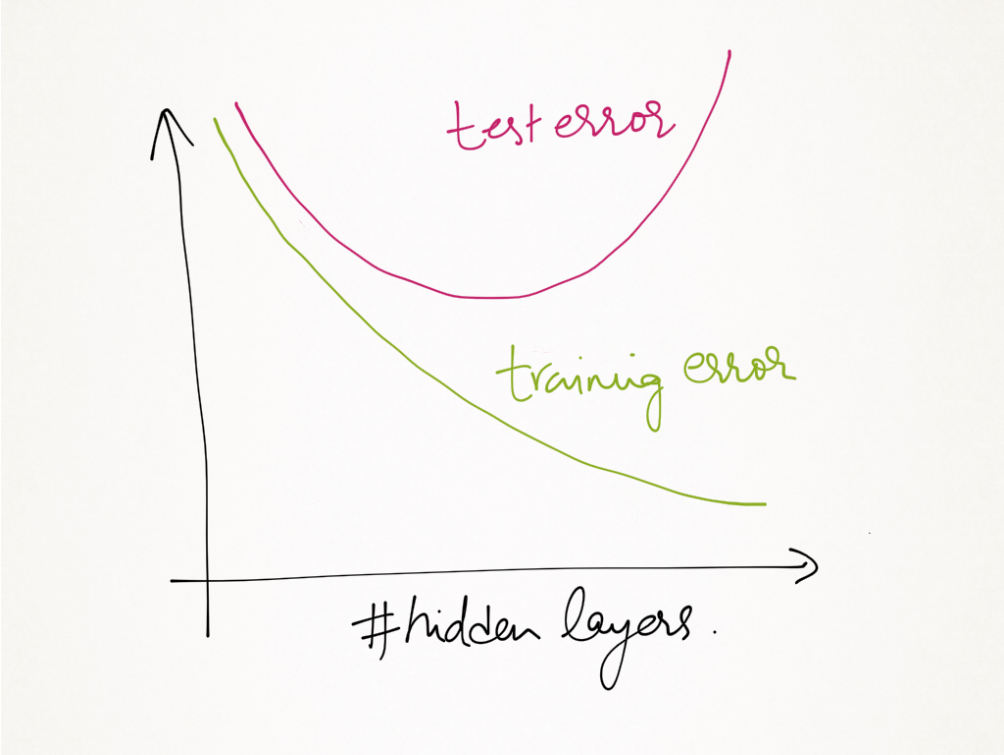
- **Theorem [Kurt Hornik et al., 1989]:** Let F be a continuous function on a bounded subset of D-dimensional space. Then there exists a two-layer network F with finite number of hidden units that approximates $\hat{F}$ arbitrarily well. Namely, for all x in the domain of F, $|F(x)-\hat{F}(x)| < \varepsilon$

- Colloquially "a two-layer network can approximate any function"
  - This is true for arbitrary link function

- Going from one to two layers dramatically improves the representation power of the network

How many hidden units?

- D dimensional data with K hidden units has(D+2)K+1 parameters
  - (D+1)K in the first layer (1 for the bias) and K+1 in the second layer
- With N training examples, set the number of hidden units K ~ N/D to keep the number of parameters comparable to size of training data
- K is both a form of regularization and inductive bias
- Training and test error vs. K



Training a two-layer network

- Optimization framework:

$$\min_{W,v} \sum_n \frac{1}{2} \left(y_n - \sum_i \mathbf{v}_i f(\mathbf{w}_i^T \mathbf{x}_n) \right)^2$$

- Loss minimization: replace squared-loss with any other
- Regularization:
  - Add a regularization (e.g. l_2-norm of the weights)
  - Other ideas: dropout, batch normalization, etc

- Optimization by gradient descent
  - Highly non-convex problem so no guarantees about optimality

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- Computing gradients: second layer

$$\frac{dL_n}{d\mathbf{v}} = -\left(y_n - \mathbf{v}^T \mathbf{h}_n \right) \mathbf{h}_n$$

least-squares regression

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- Computing gradients: first layer
  - Chain rule of derivatives

$$\frac{dL_n}{d\mathbf{w}_i} = \sum_j \frac{dL_n}{d\mathbf{h}_j} \frac{d\mathbf{h}_j}{d\mathbf{w}_i}$$

O if $i \neq j$

$$\frac{dL_n}{d\mathbf{w}_i} = -\left(y_n - v^T h_n \right) v_i f'(\mathbf{w}_i^T \mathbf{x_n}) \mathbf{x}_n$$

also called as back-propagation

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Practical issues: gradient descent

- Easy to get gradients wrong!
  - One strategy is to learn *v* by fixing *W* (least-squares) and then learn *W* by fixing *v* and iterate between the two steps.
- Use online gradients (or stochastic gradients)

$$\mathbf{w} \leftarrow \mathbf{w} - \eta \frac{dL_n}{d\mathbf{w}}$$

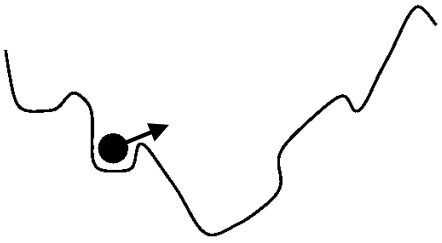
$$\frac{dL}{d\mathbf{w}} = \sum_n \frac{dL_n}{d\mathbf{w}}$$

batch online

- Learning rate: start with a high value and reduce it when the validation error stops decreasing
- Momentum: move out small local minima
  - Usually set to a high value: $\beta = 0.9$

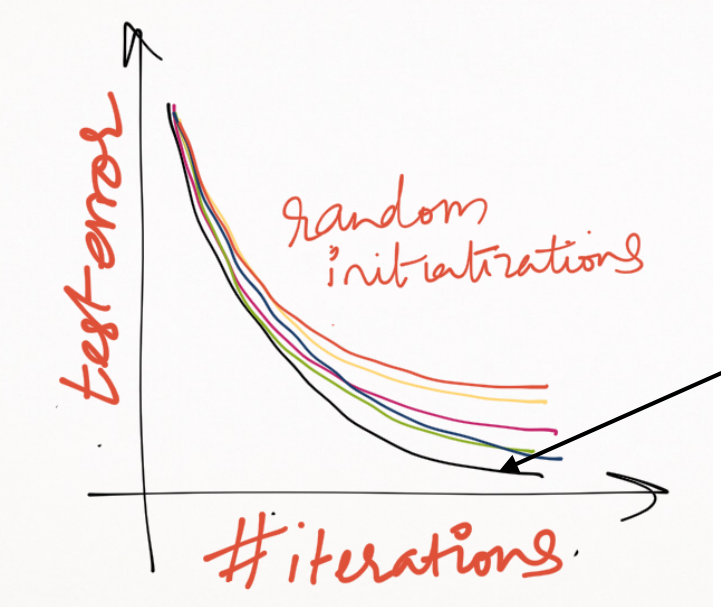
$$\Delta\mathbf{w}^{(t)} = \beta\Delta\mathbf{w}^{(t-1)} + (1-\beta)\left(-\eta\frac{dL_n}{d\mathbf{w}^{(t)}}\right)$$

$$\mathbf{w}^{(t+1)} \leftarrow \mathbf{w}^t + \Delta\mathbf{w}^{(t)}$$



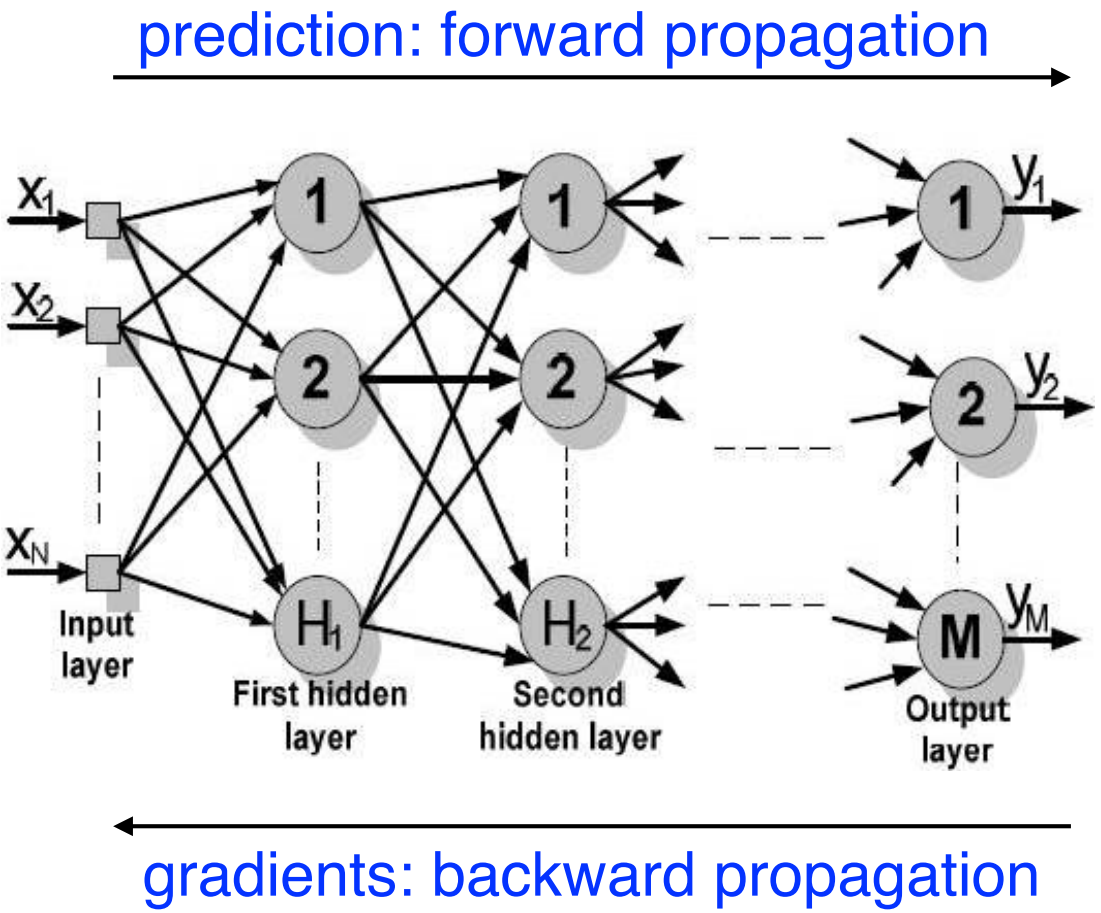
Practical issues: initialization

- Initialization didn't matter for linear models
  - Guaranteed convergence to global minima as long as step size is suitably chosen since the objective is convex
- Neural networks are sensitive to initialization
  - Many local minima
  - **Symmetries:** reorder the hidden units and change the weights accordingly to get another network that produces identical outputs
- Train multiple networks with randomly initialized weights



Beyond two layers

- The architecture generalizes to any directed acyclic graph (DAG)
  - For example a multi-layer network
  - One can order the vertices in a DAG such that all edges go from left to right (topological sorting)



Breadth vs. depth

- Why train deeper networks?
- We will borrow ideas from theoretical computer science
  - A boolean circuit is a DAG where each node is either an input, an AND gate, an OR gate, or a NOT gate. One of these is designated as an output gate.
  - Circuit complexity of a boolean function f is the size of the smallest circuit (i.e., with the fewest nodes) that can compute f.

- **The parity function:** the number of 1s is even or odd

$$\text{parity}(\mathbf{x}) = \left(\sum_d x_d \right) \mod 2$$

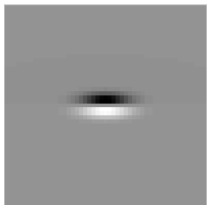
- **[Håstad, 1987]** A depth-*k* circuit requires $\exp\left(n^{\frac{1}{k-1}}\right)$ to compute the parity function of *n* inputs

Breadth vs. depth

- Why **not** train deeper networks?
- Selecting the architecture is daunting
  - How many hidden layers
  - How many units per hidden layer
- Vanishing gradients
  - Gradients shrink as one moves away from the output layer
  - Convergence is slow
- Training deep networks is an active area of research
  - Layer-wise initialization (perhaps using unsupervised data)
  - Engineering: GPUs to train on massive labelled datasets

Convolutional neural networks

- Images are not just a collection of pixels
  - Lots of local structure: edges, corners, etc
  - These statistics are translation invariant
- The convolution operation:



filter: horizontal edge

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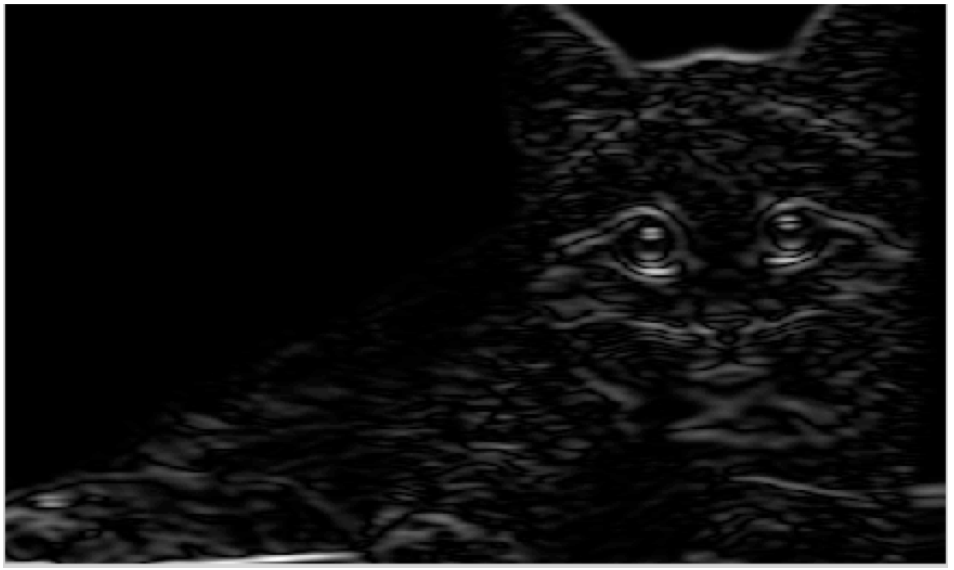

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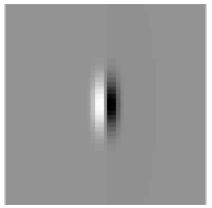

filter: vertical edge

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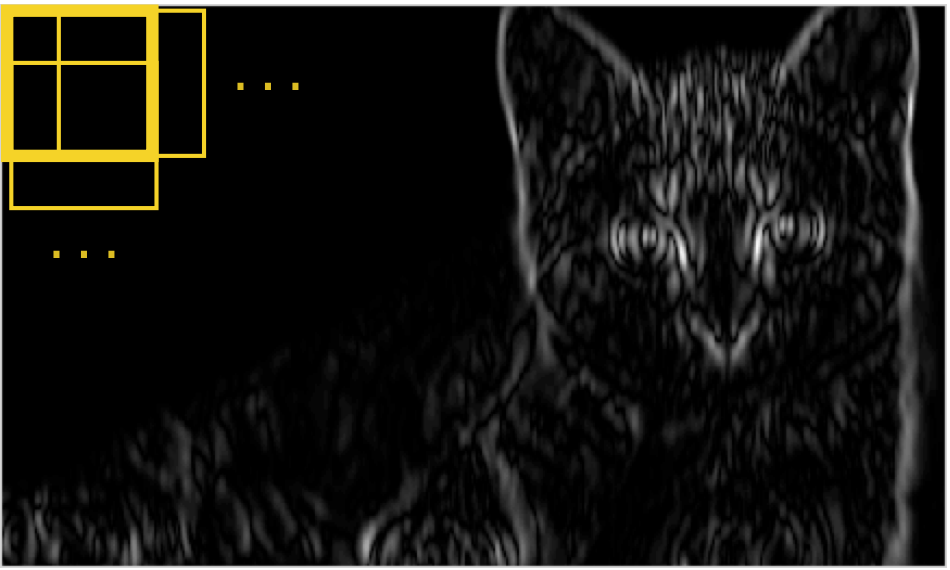
- The pooling operation: subsample the output
  - Invariance to small shifts
  - Options: max, sum Parameters: window size, stride

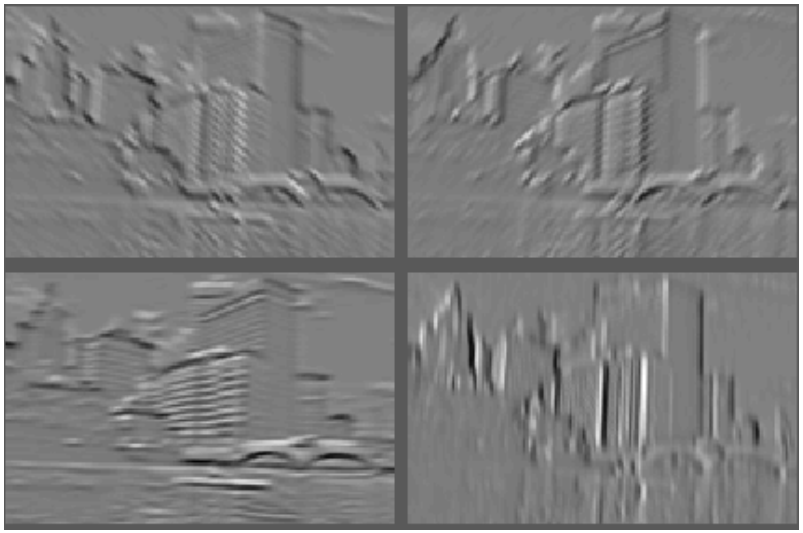
max



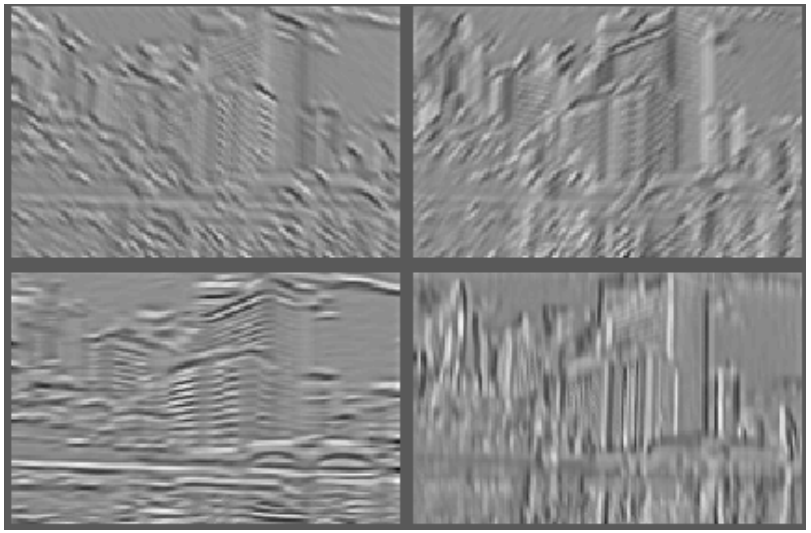
max-pooling

Normalization

- Within or across feature maps
- Before or after spatial pooling



Feature Maps



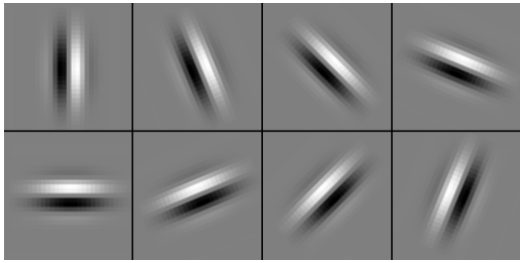
Feature Maps
After Contrast Normalization

Compare: SIFT Descriptor

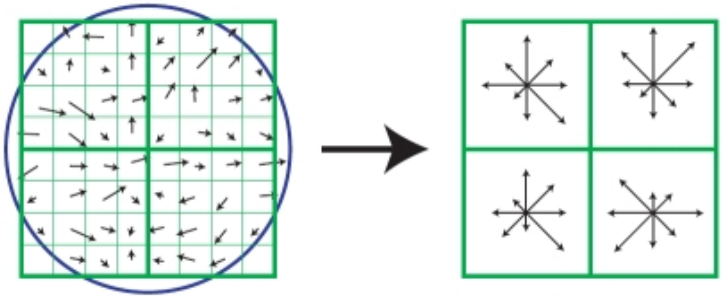
Lowe
[IJCV 2004]

Image Pixels

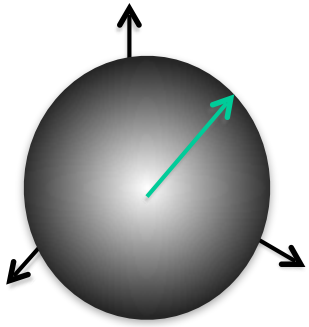
Apply oriented filters



Spatial pool (Sum)



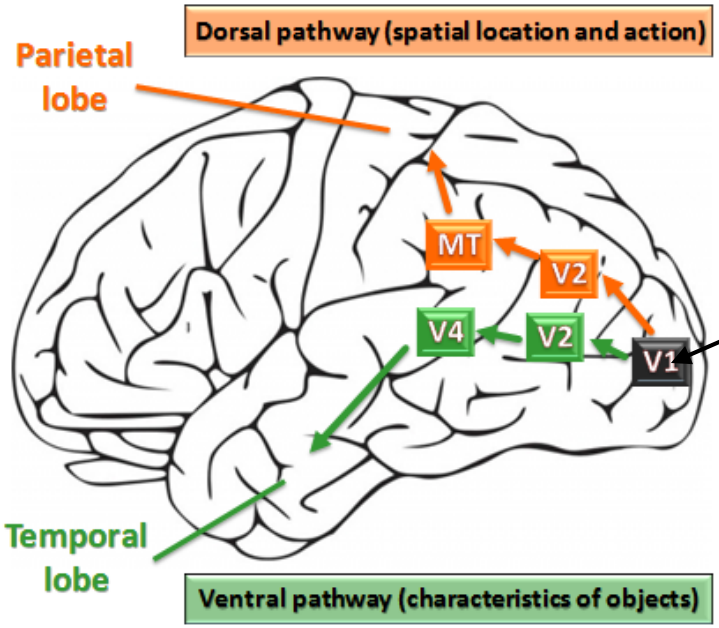
Normalize to unit length



Feature Vector

Convolutional neural networks

- A CNN unit contains the following layers:
  1. Convolutional layer containing a set of filters
  2. Pooling layer
  3. Non-linearity
- Deep CNN: a stack of multiple CNN units
  - Inspired by the human visual system (V1, V2, V3 ….)



Hubel and Weisel, 1968
Structure of V1
"simple" cells: edge detectors

Example: LeNet5

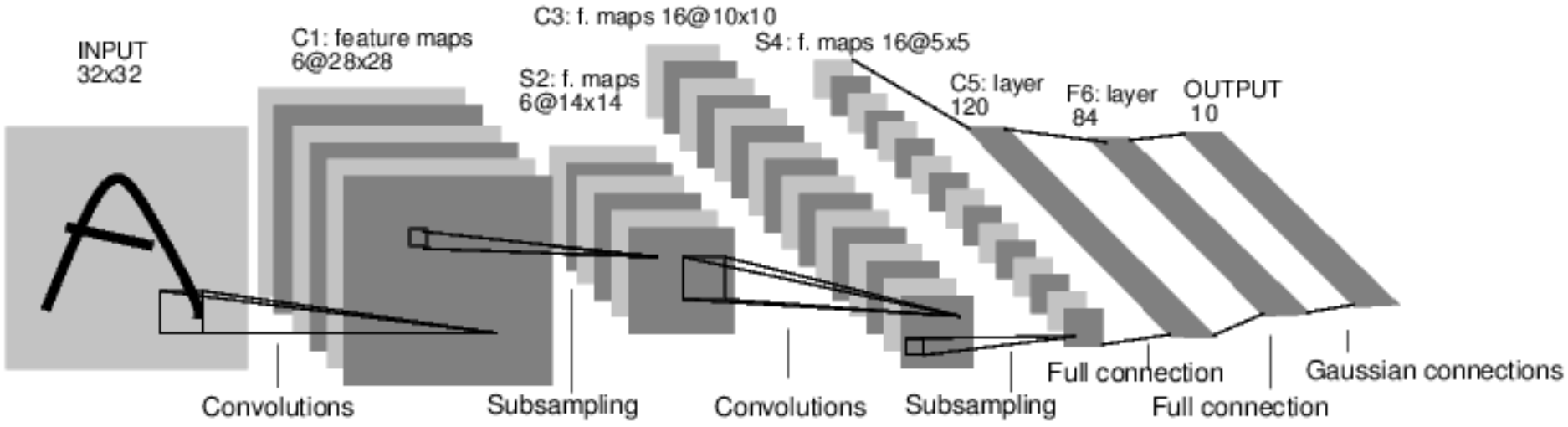


image → 6 5x5 → 2x2 → 16 6x6 → 2x2 → 120 5x5 → full → full

- C1: Convolutional layer with 6 filters of size 5x5
- Output: 6x28x28
- Number of parameters: (5x5+1)*6 = 156
- Connections: (5x5+1)x(6x28x28) = 122304
- Connections in a fully connected network: (32x32+1)x(6X28x28)

LeCun 98

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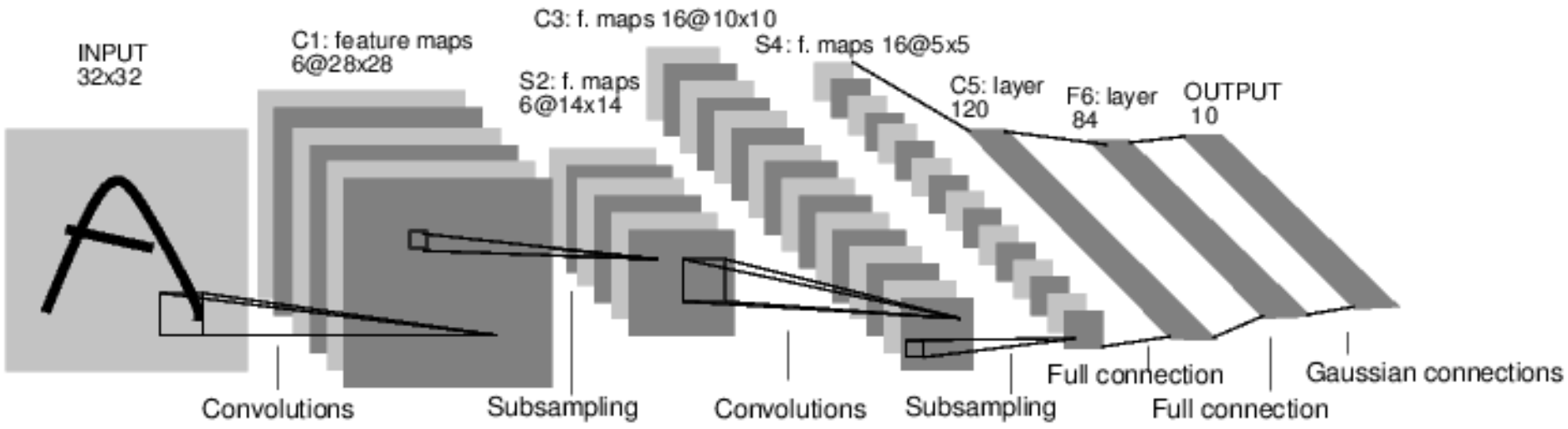

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- S2: Subsampling layer
- Subsample by taking the sum of non-overlapping 2x2 windows
  - Multiply the sum by a constant and add bias
- Number of parameters: 2x6=12
- Pass the output through a sigmoid non-linearity
- Output: 6x14x14

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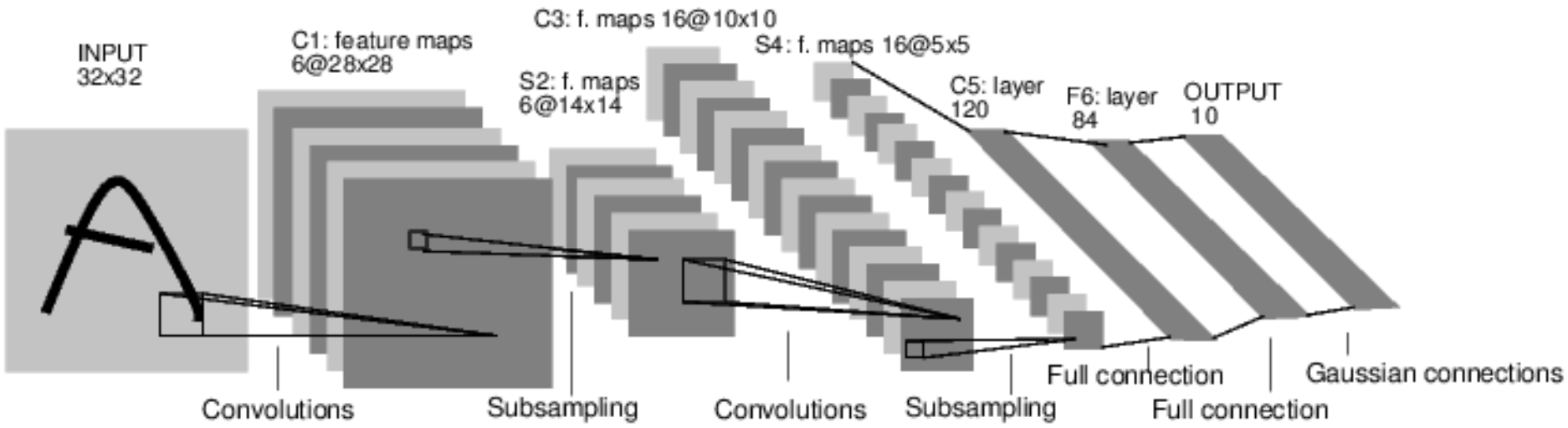

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- C3: Convolutional layer with 16 filters of size 6x6
- Each is connected to a subset:
- Number of parameters: 1,516
- Number of connections: 151,600
- Output: 16x10x10

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
0	X				X	X	X			X	X	X	X		X	X
1	X	X				X	X	X			X	X	X	X		X
2	X	X	X				X	X	X			X		X	X	X
3		X	X	X			X	X	X	X			X		X	X
4			X	X	X			X	X	X	X		X	X		X
5				X	X	X			X	X	X	X		X	X	X

TABLE I

EACH COLUMN INDICATES WHICH FEATURE MAP IN S2 ARE COMBINED BY THE UNITS IN A PARTICULAR FEATURE MAP OF C3.

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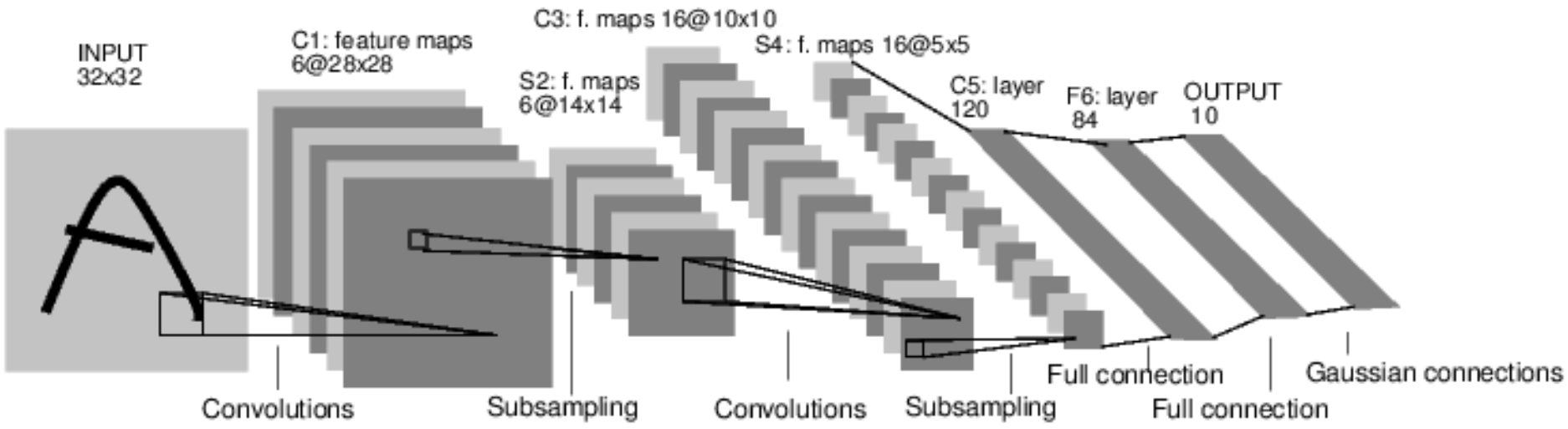

- S4: Subsampling layer
- Subsample by taking the sum of non-overlapping 2x2 windows
  - Multiply by a constant and add bias
- Number of parameters: 2x16 = 32
- Pass the output through a sigmoid non-linearity
- Output: 16x5x5

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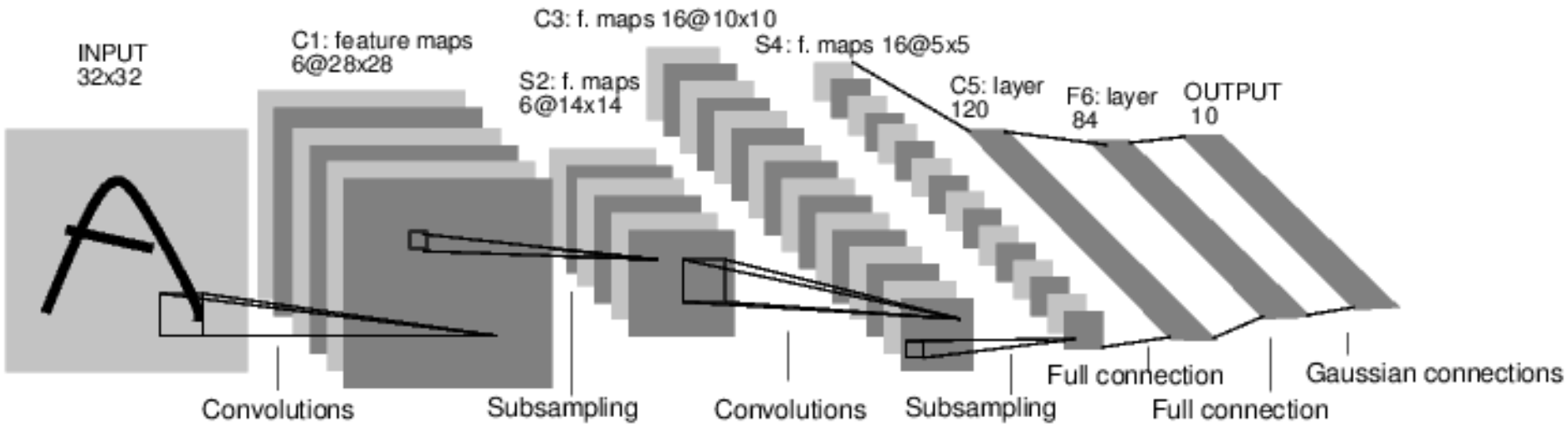

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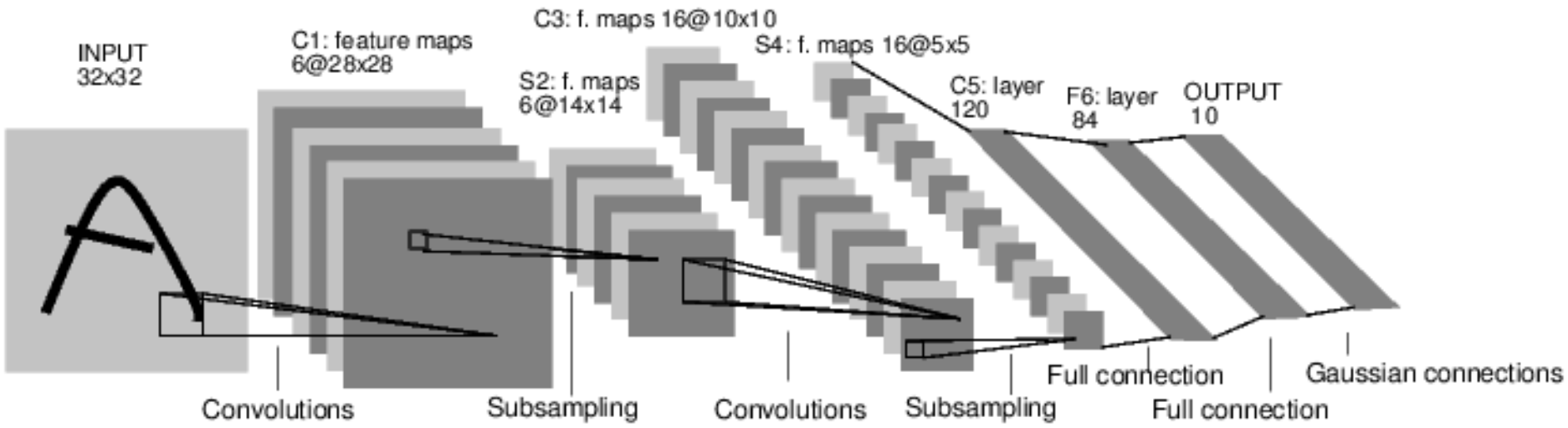
- C5: Convolutional layer with 120 outputs of size 1x1
- Each unit in C5 is connected to all inputs in S4
- Number of parameters: (16x5x5+1)*120 = 48120

Example: LeNet5



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- F6: fully connected layer
- Output: 1x1x84
- Number of parameters: (120+1)*84 = 10164

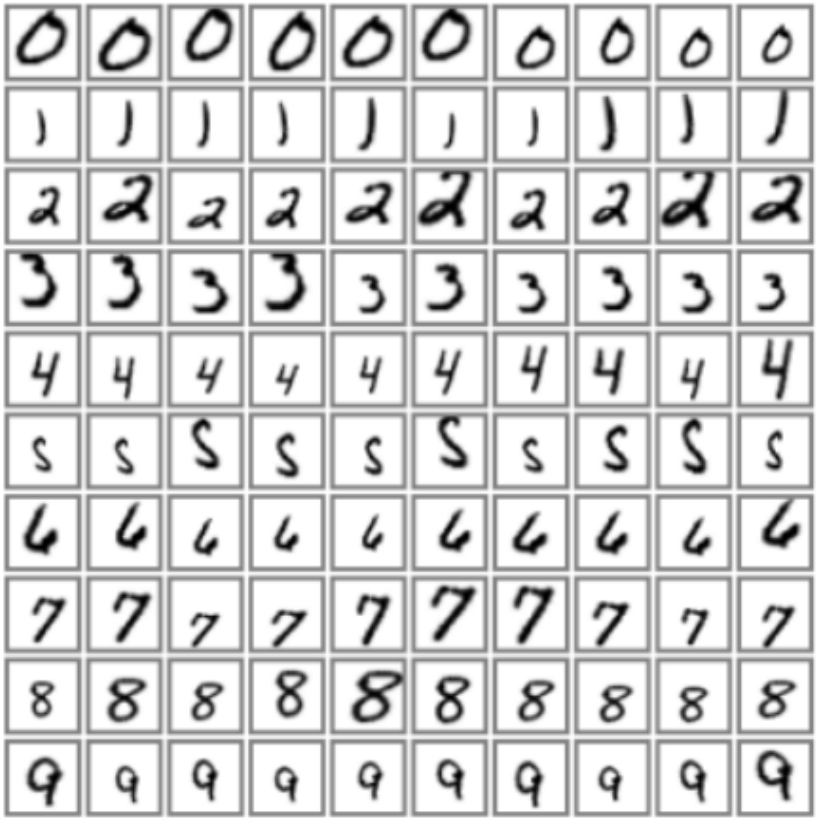
- OUTPUT: 10 Euclidean RBF units (one for each digit class)

$$y_i = \sum_j (x_j - w_{ij})^2.$$

MNIST dataset

60,000 original datasets

Test error: 0.95%



540,000 artificial distortions

+ 60,000 original

Test error: 0.8%

3-layer NN, 300+100 HU [distortions]
Test error: 2.5%

http://yann.lecun.com/exdb/mnist/

MNIST dataset: errors on the test set

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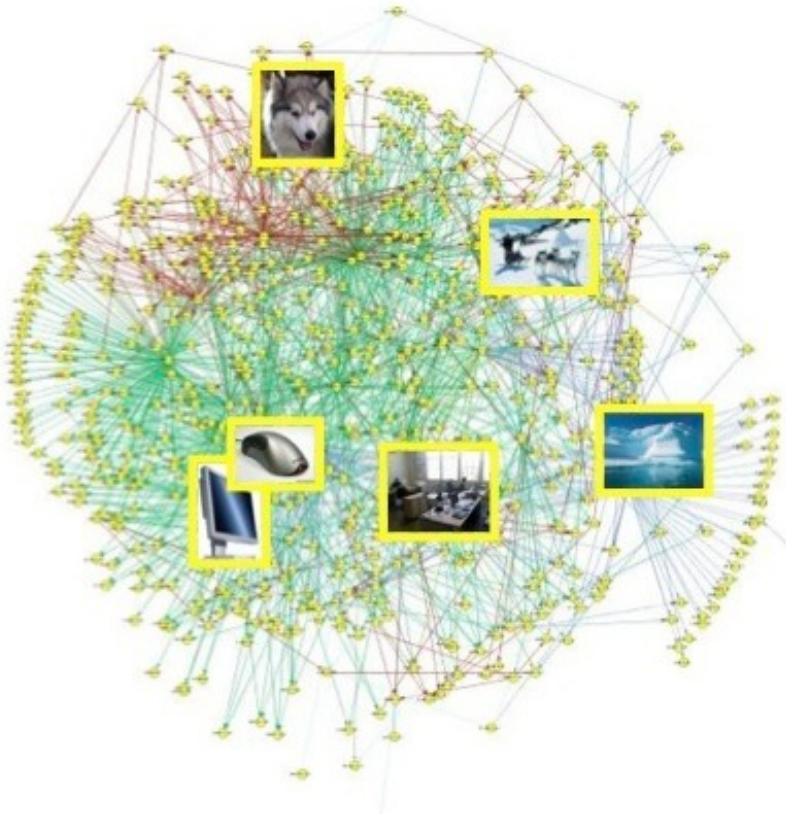
ImageNet Challenge 2012



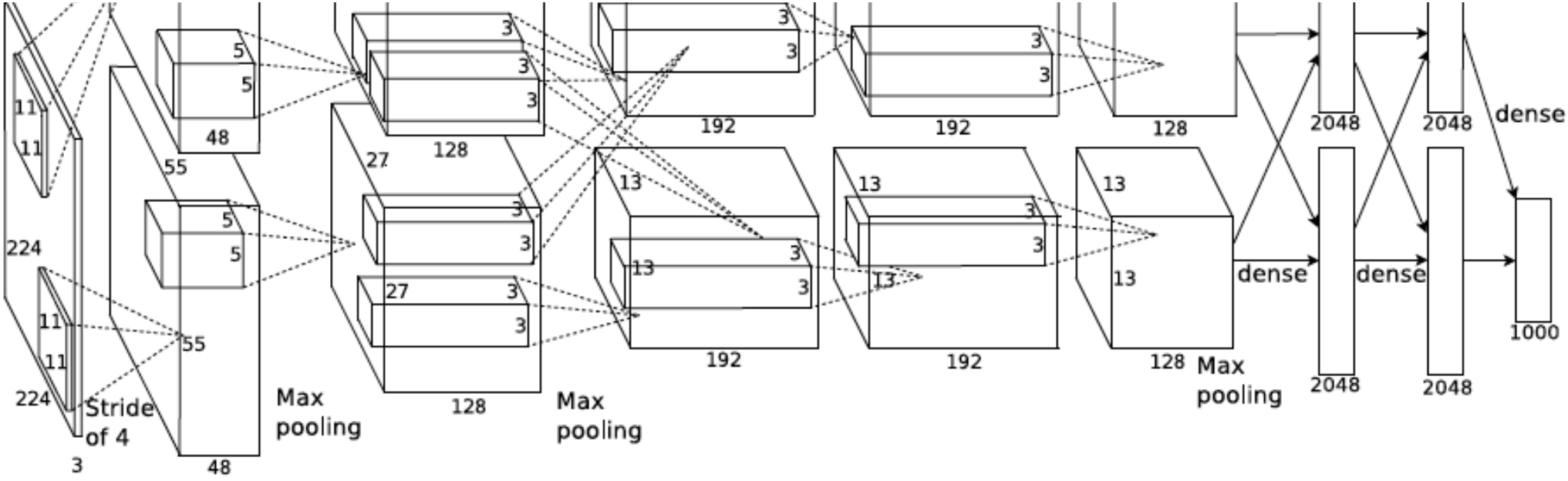
[Deng et al. CVPR 2009]

IMAGENET

- 14+ million labeled images, 20k classes
- Images gathered from Internet
- Human labels via Amazon Turk
- The challenge: 1.2 million training images, 1000 classes

ImageNet Challenge 2012

- Similar to LeCun'98 with some differences:
  - Bigger model (7 hidden layers, 650,000 units, 60,000,000 params)
  - More data (10^6 vs. 10^3 images) — ImageNet dataset [Deng et al.]
  - GPU implementation (50x speedup over CPU) ~ 2 weeks to train
  - Some twists: Dropout regularization, ReLU max(0,x)
- Won the ImageNet challenge in 2012 by a large margin!

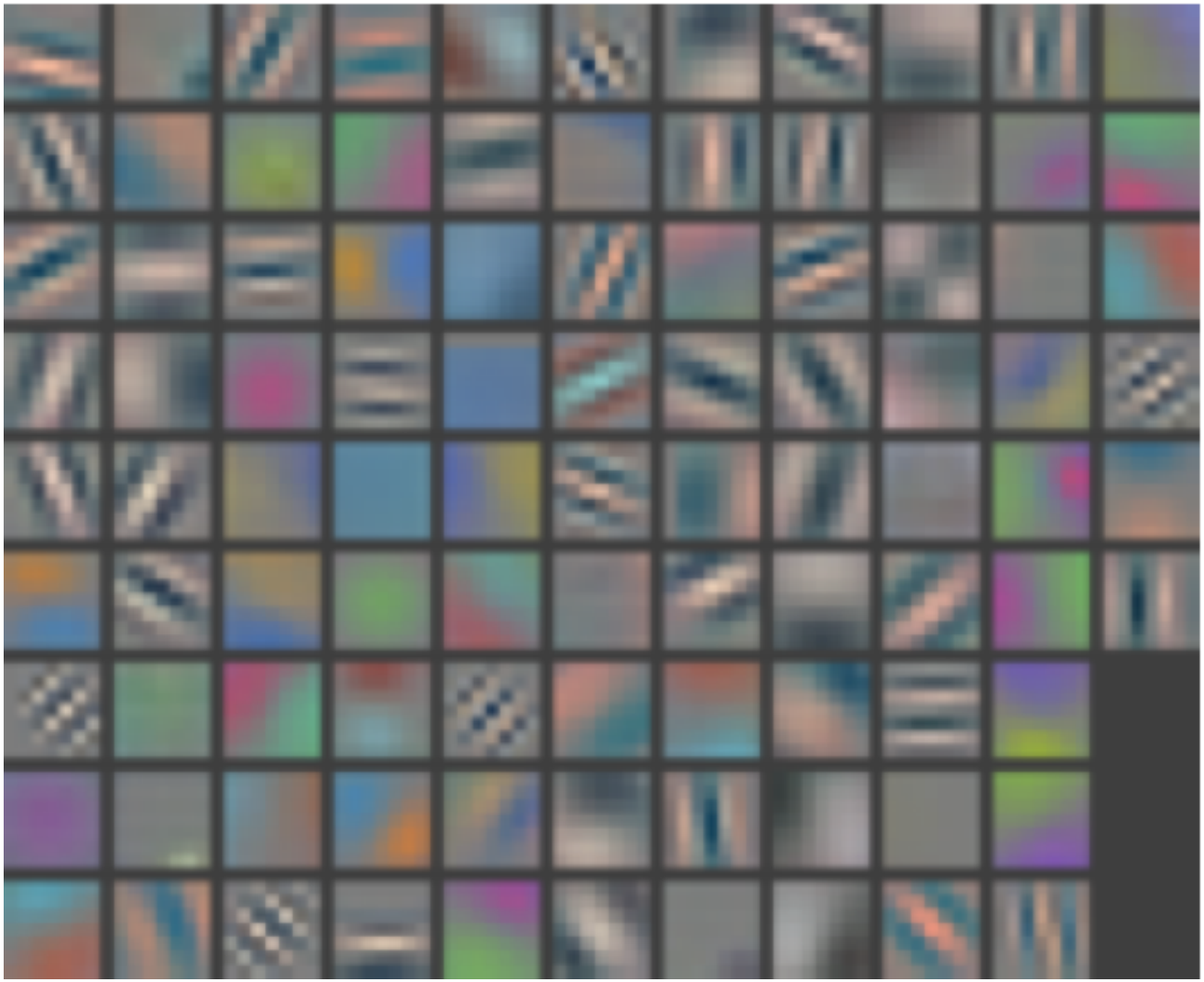


Krizhevsky, I. Sutskever, and G. Hinton,
ImageNet Classification with Deep Convolutional Neural Networks, NIPS 2012

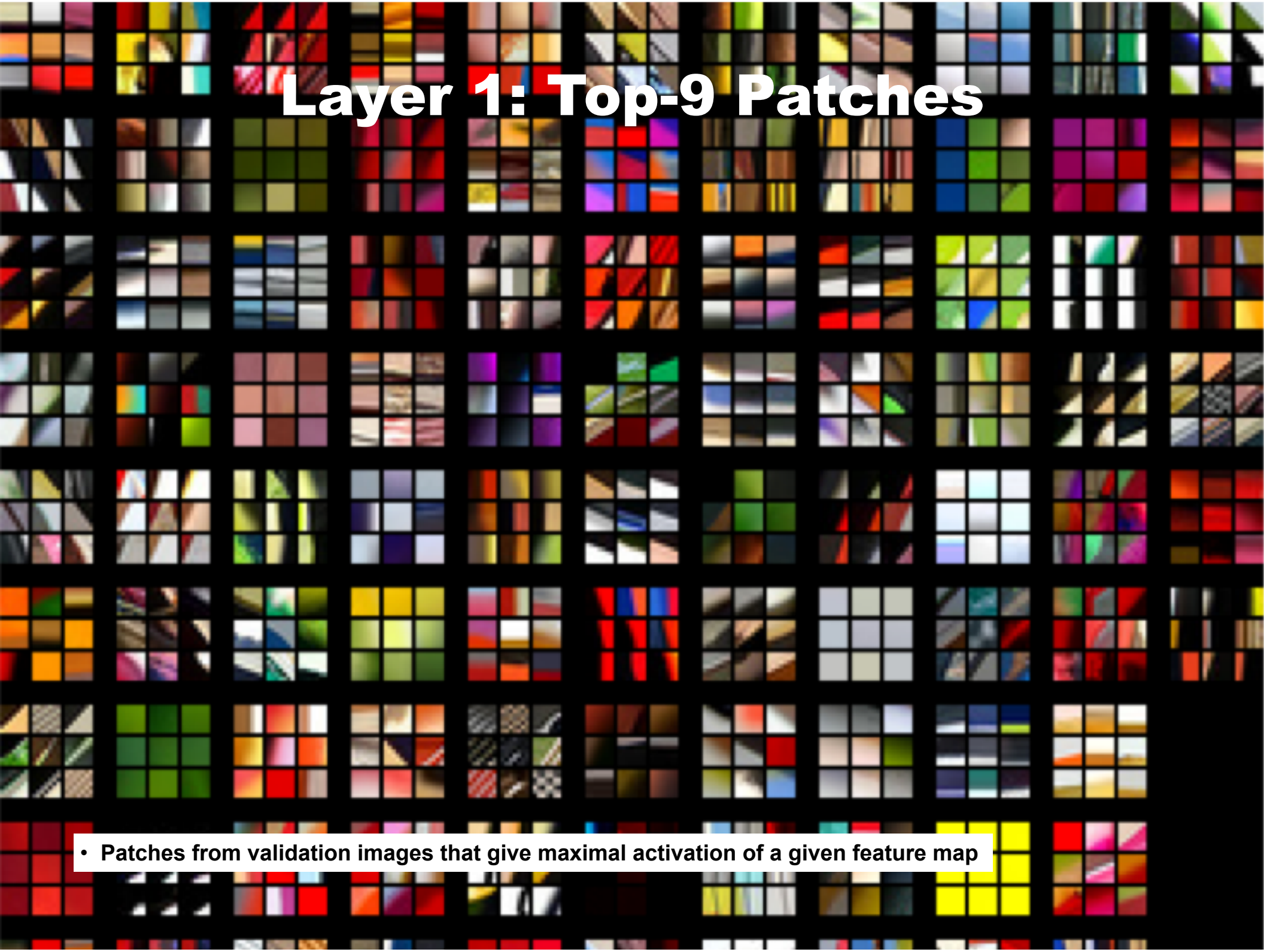
What do these networks learn?

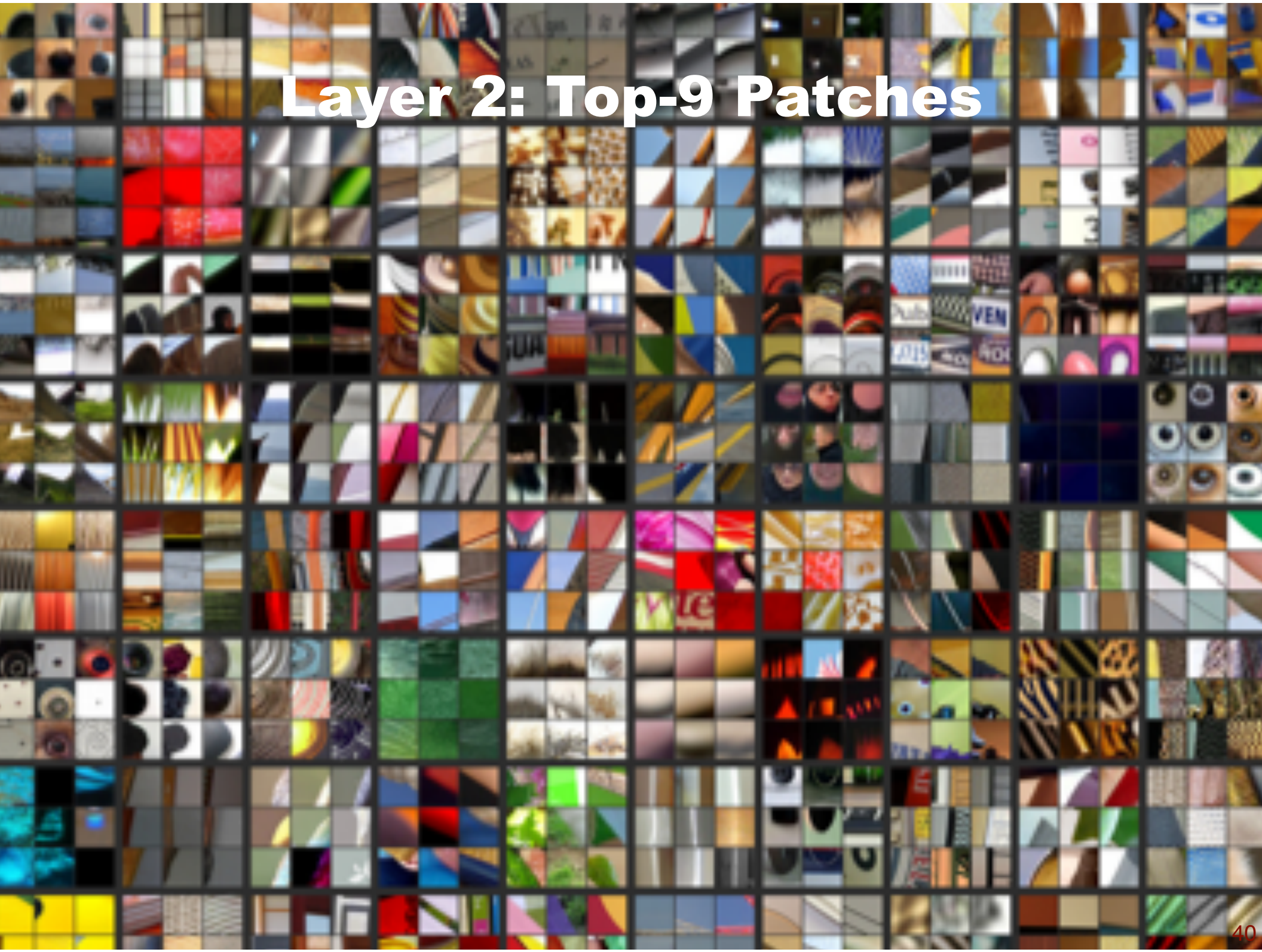
- How do we visualize a complicated, non-linear function?
- **Good paper:** Visualizing and Understanding Convolutional Networks, Matthew D. Zeiler, Rob Fergus, ECCV 2014
- **Good toolbox:** Understanding Neural Networks Through Deep Visualization, Jason Yosinski, Jeff Clune, Anh Nguyen, Thomas Fuchs, and Hod Lipson, ICML Deep Learning Workshop, 2015
  - http://yosinski.com/deepvis
- Many other resources online (search for visualizing deep networks)

Layer 1: Learned filters



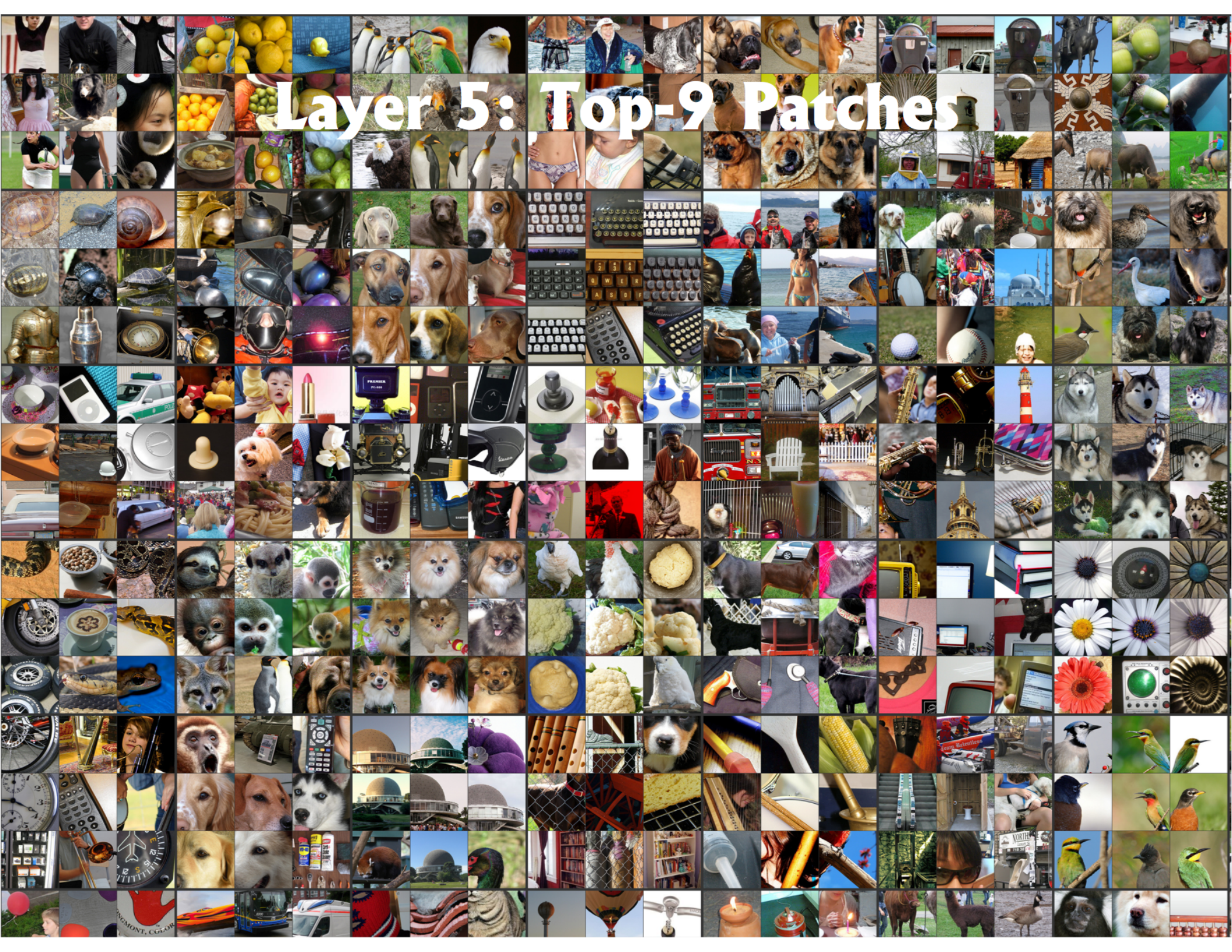
similar to “edge” and “blob” detectors


Layer 1: Top-9 Patches
• Patches from validation images that give maximal activation of a given feature map


Layer 2: Top-9 Patches


Layer 3: Top-9 Patches


Layer 4: Top-9 Patches


Layer 5: Top-9 Patches

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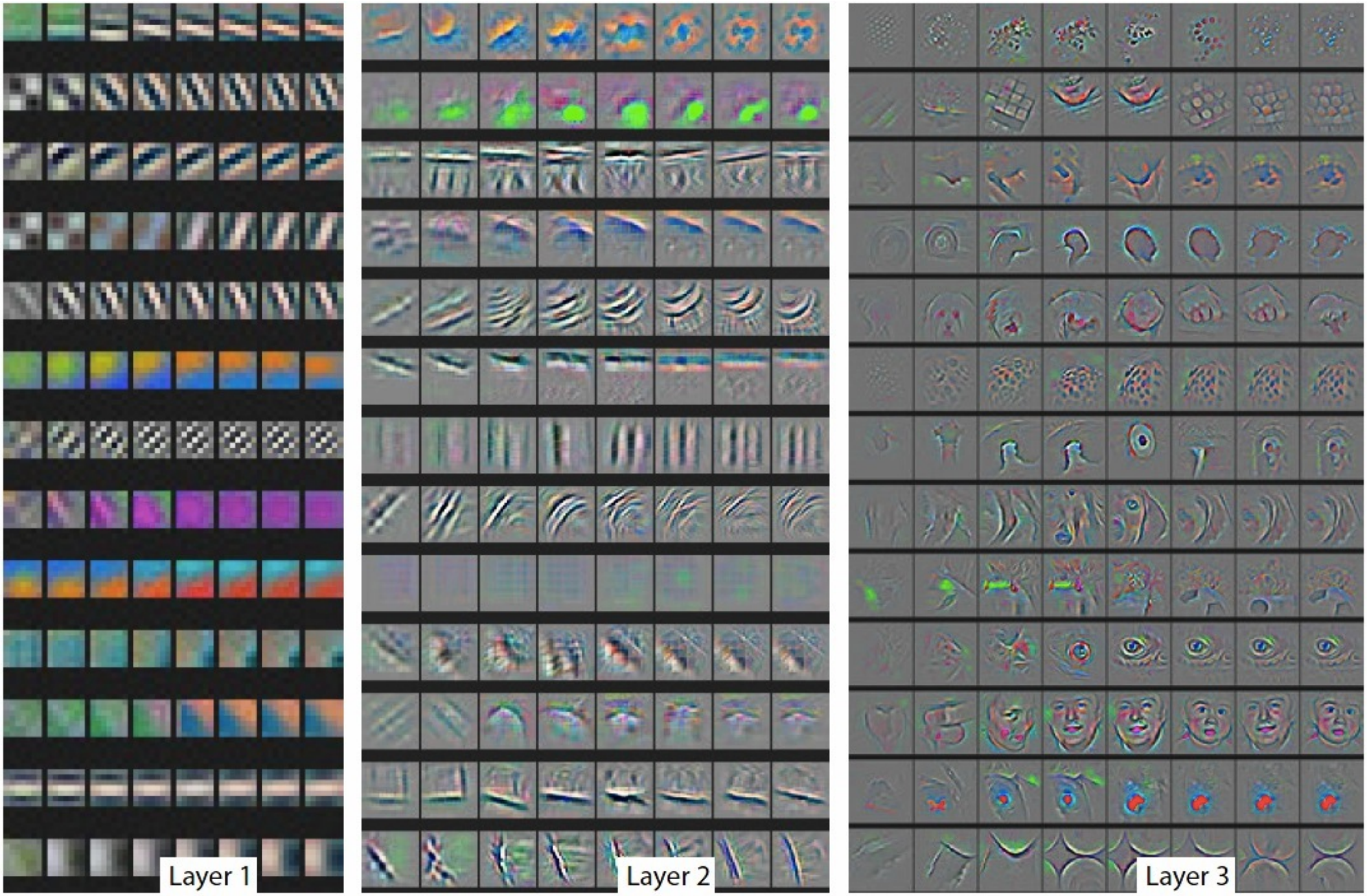

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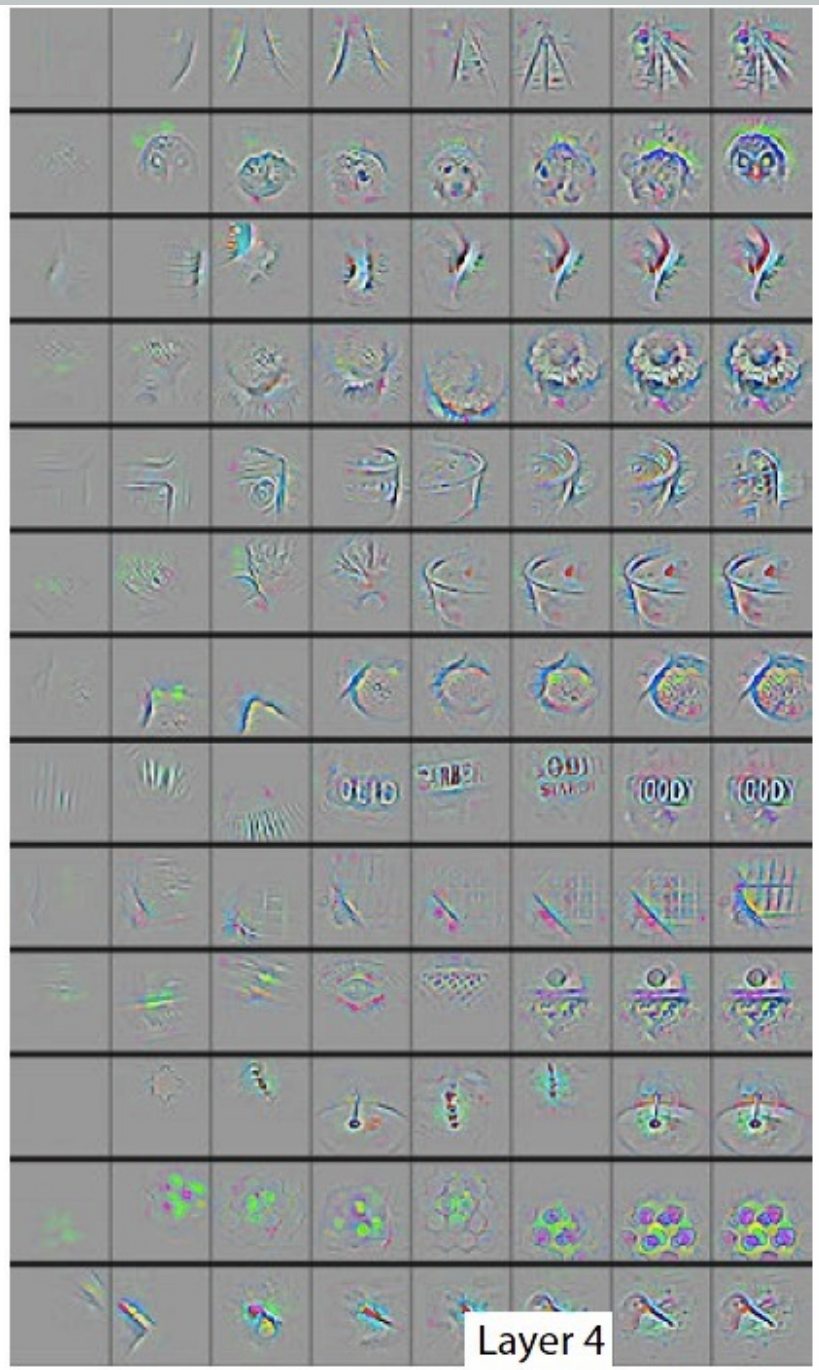
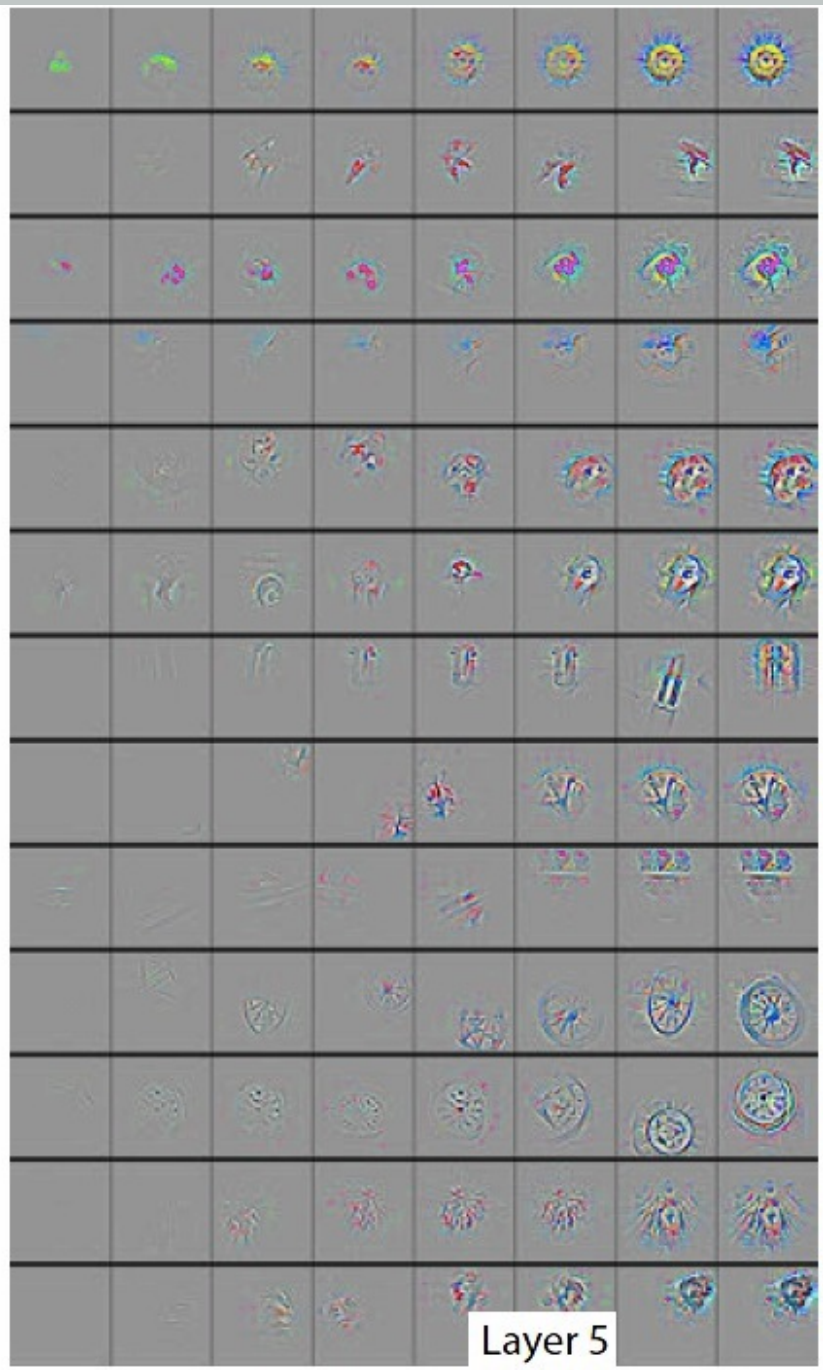
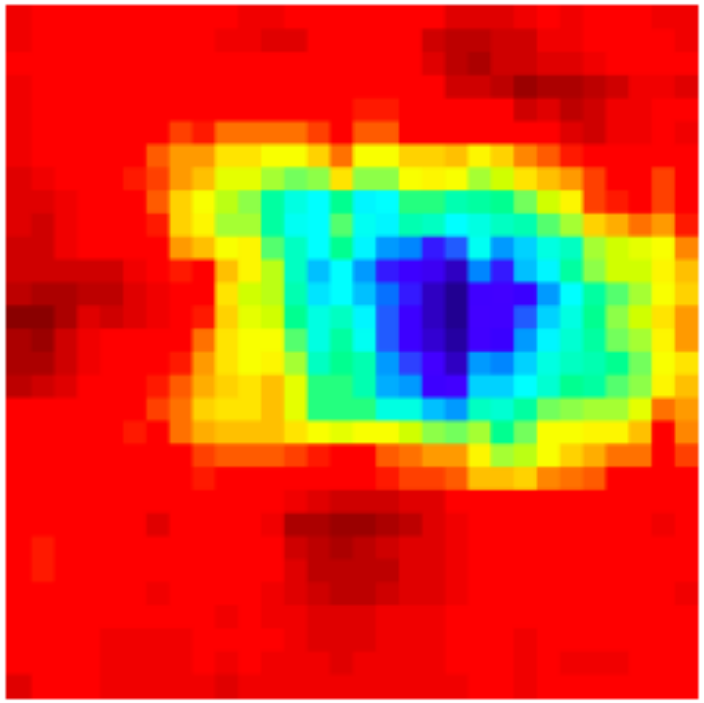




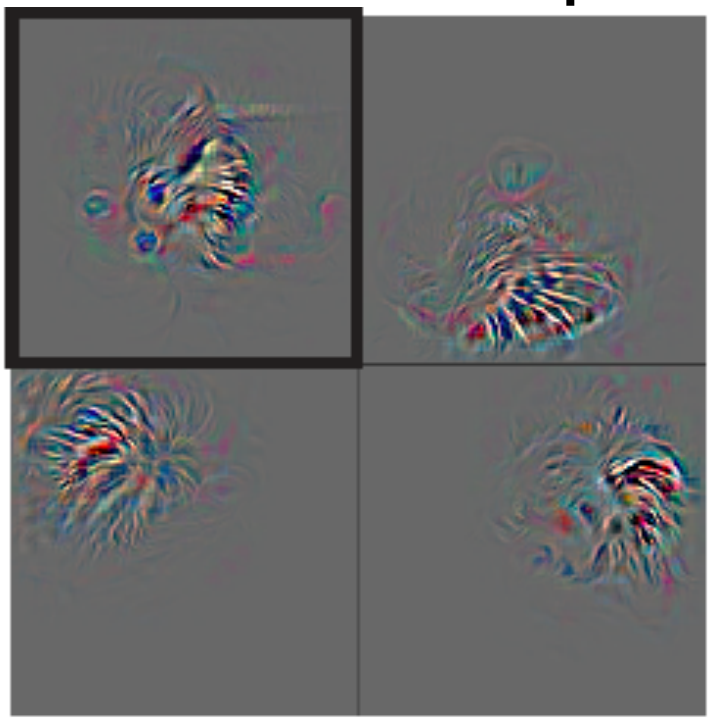
Occlusion Experiment

- Mask parts of input with occluding square
- Monitor output (class probability)

Total activation in most active 5th layer feature map



Other activations from same feature map



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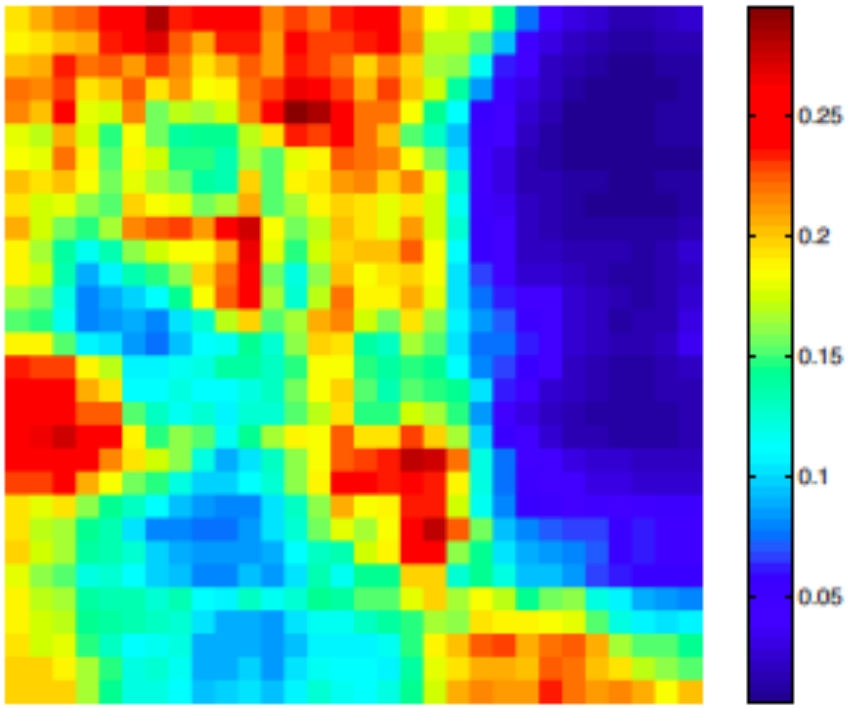
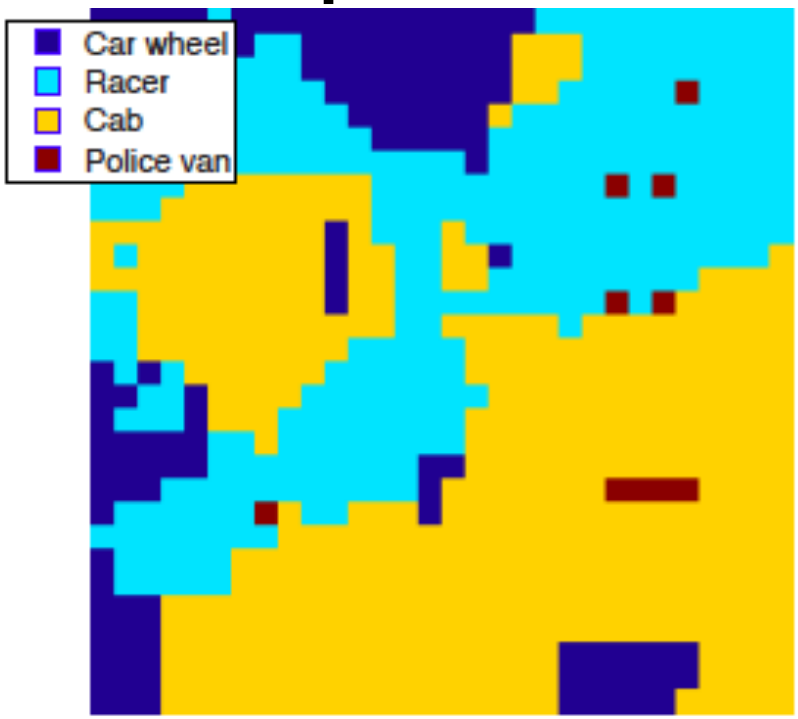


Most probable class



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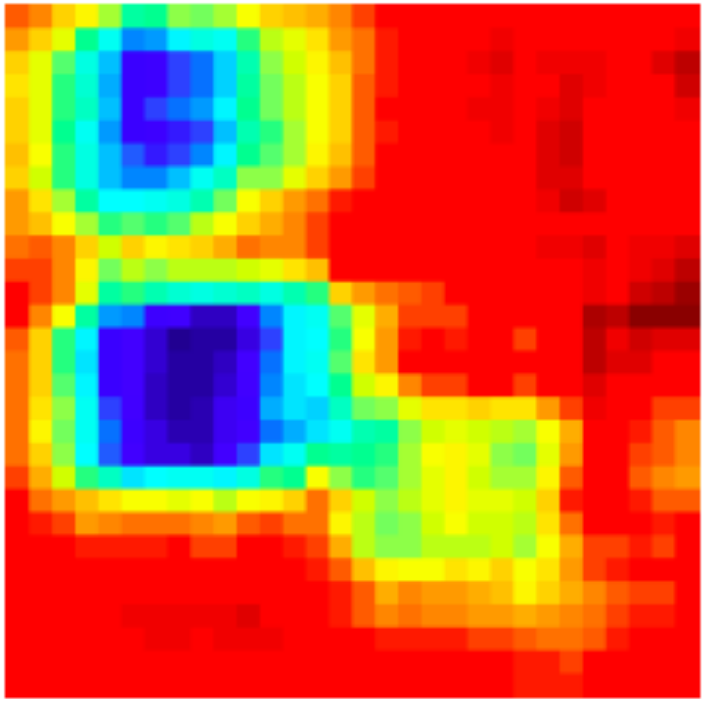

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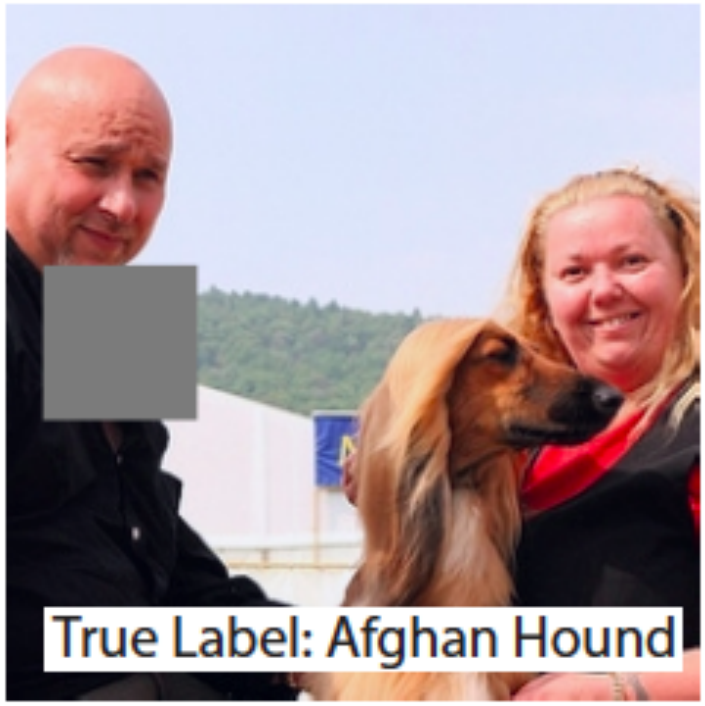

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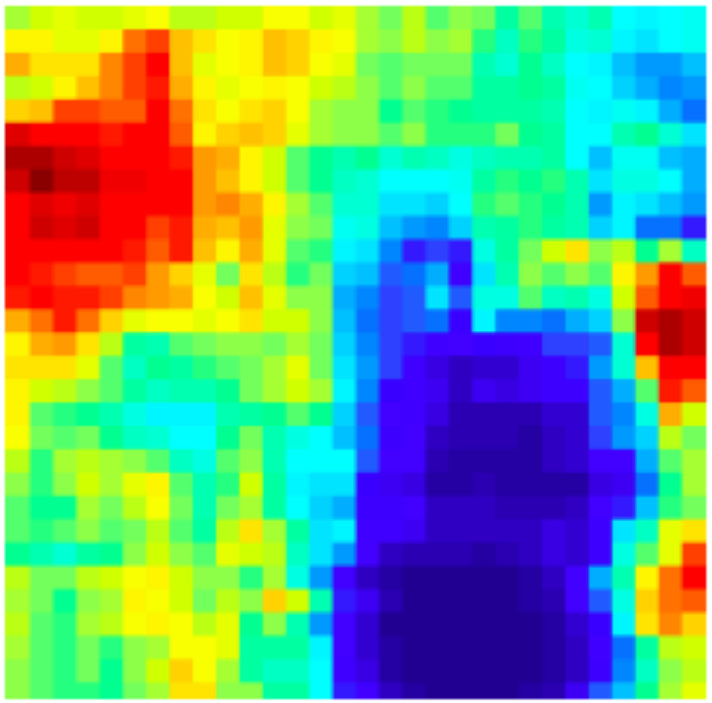

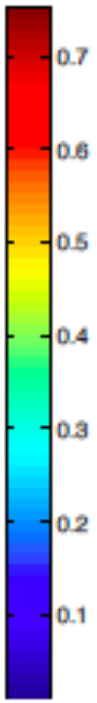

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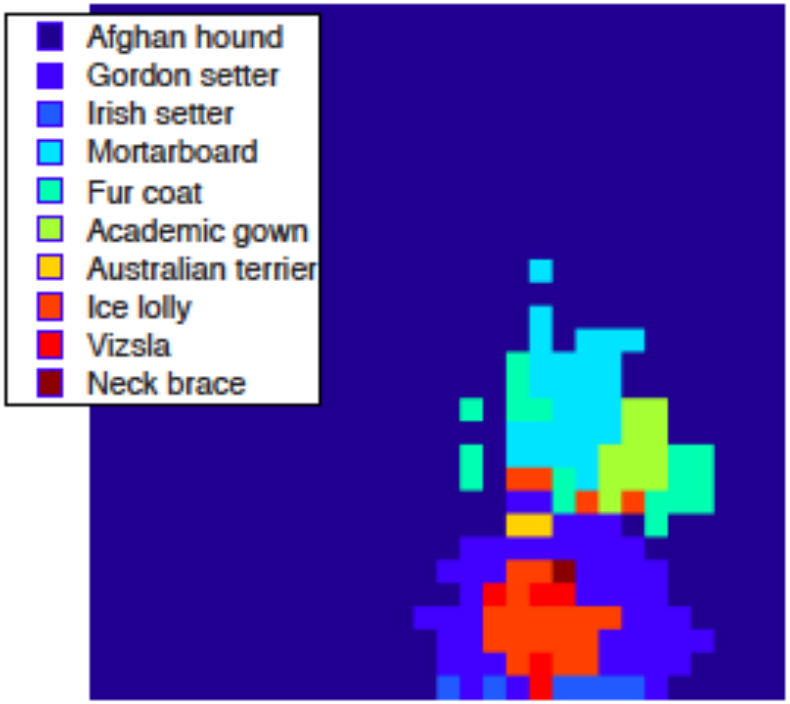

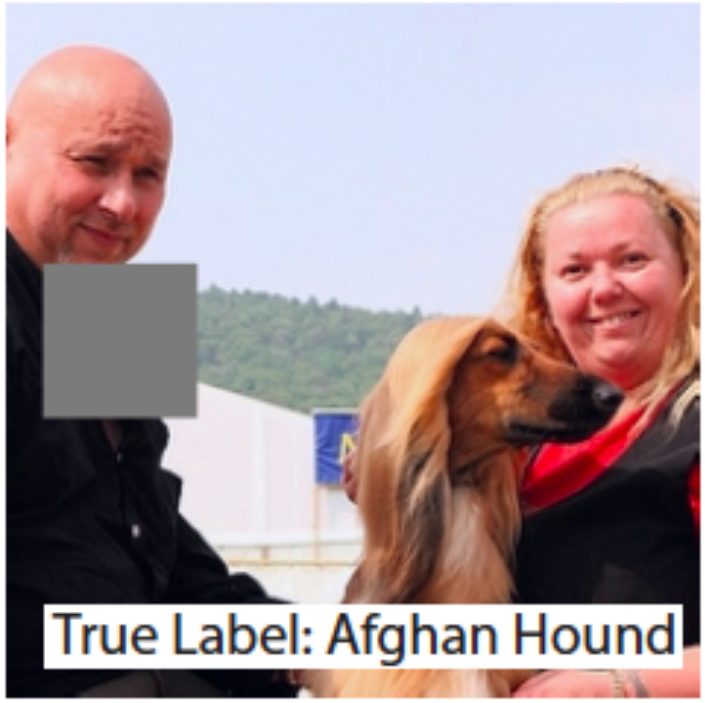

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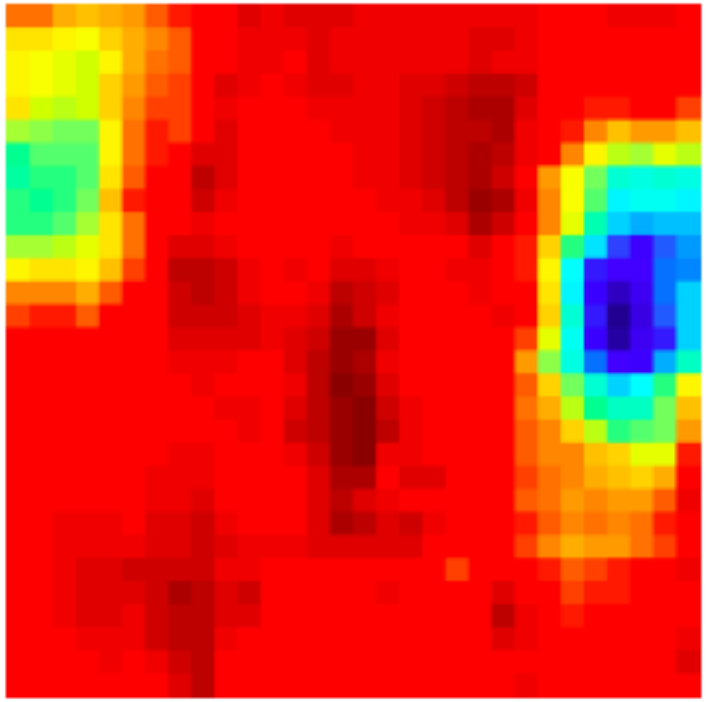

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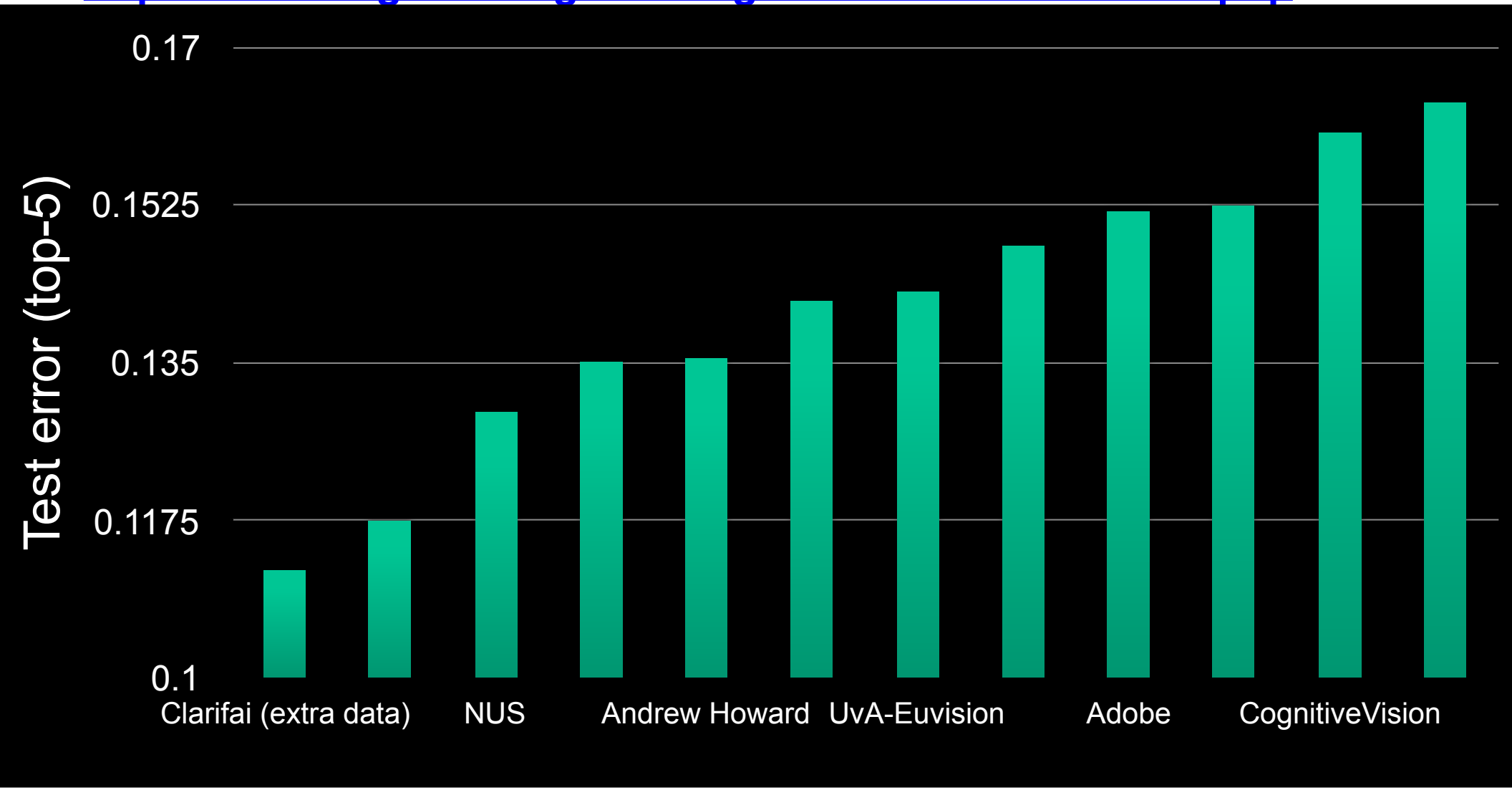
ImageNet Classification 2013 Results

http://www.image-net.org/challenges/LSVRC/2013/results.php



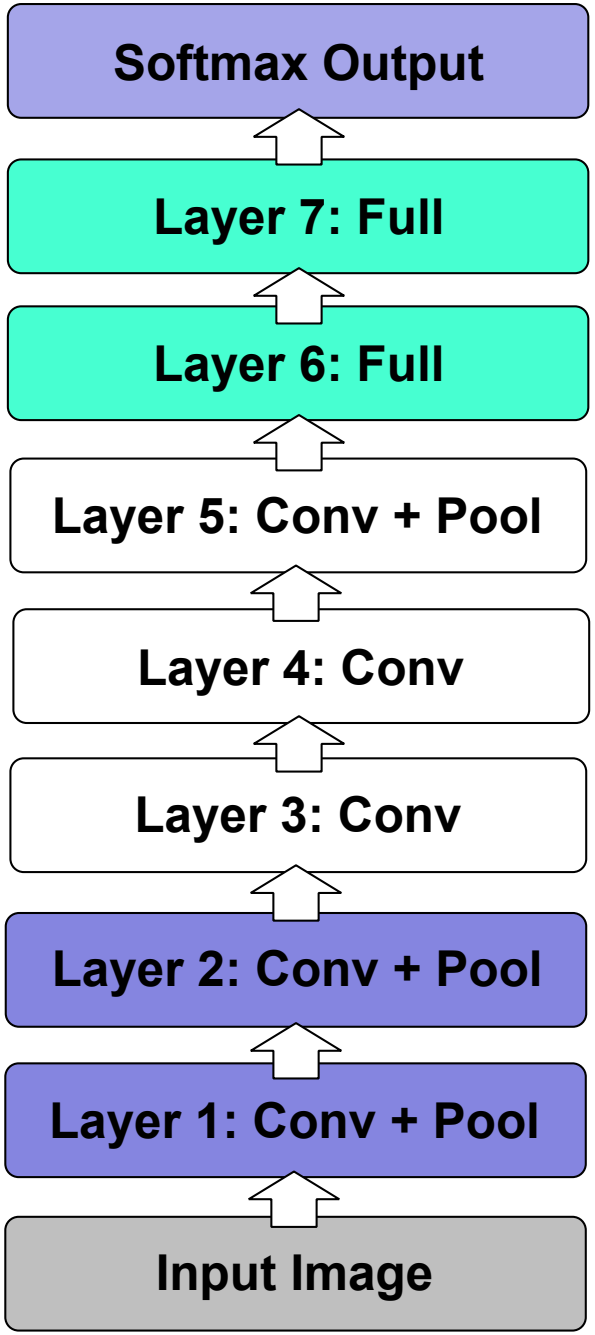
ImageNet 2014 - Test error at 0.07 (Google & Oxford groups)

http://image-net.org/challenges/LSVRC/2014/results

How important is depth?

Architecture of Krizhevsky et al.

- 8 layers total
- Trained on ImageNet
- 18.1% top-5 error



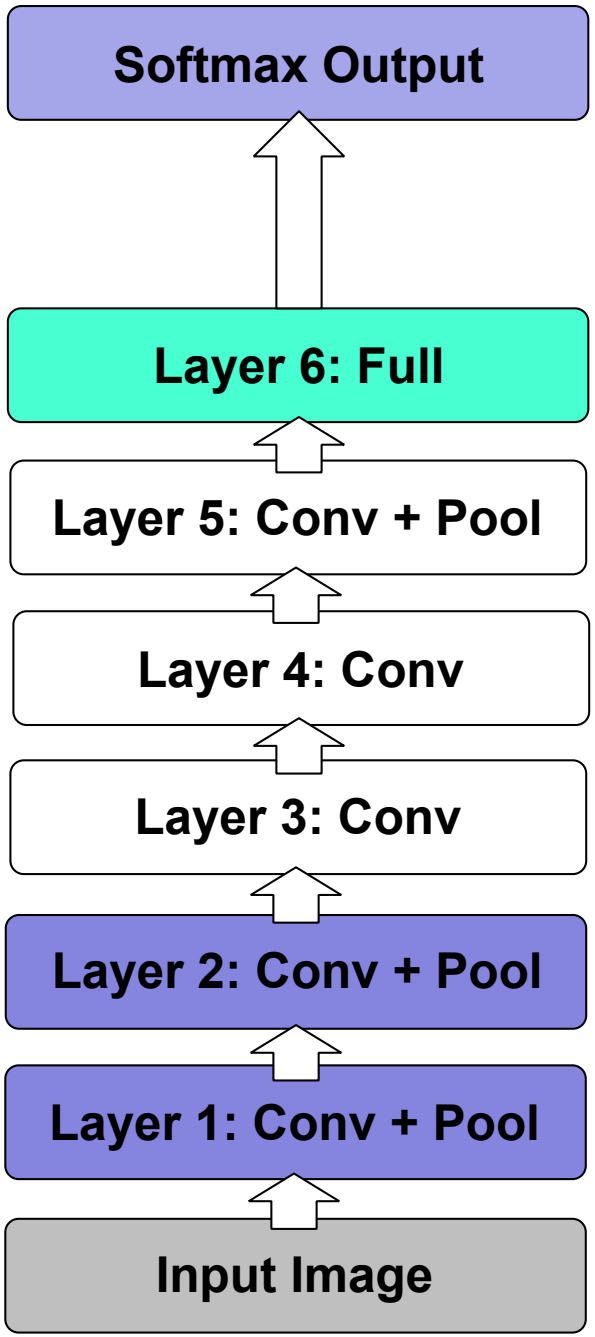
How important is depth?

Remove top fully connected layer

- Layer 7

Drop 16 million parameters

Only 1.1% drop in performance!



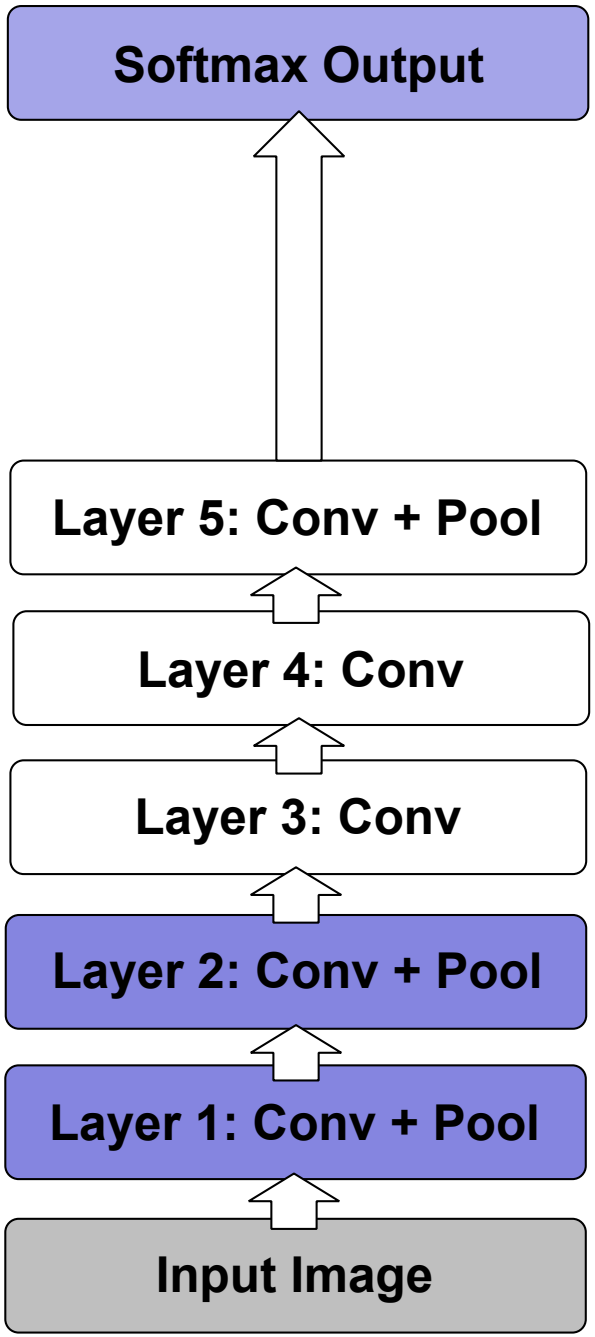
How important is depth?

Remove both fully connected layers

- Layer 6 & 7

Drop ~50 million parameters

5.7% drop in performance



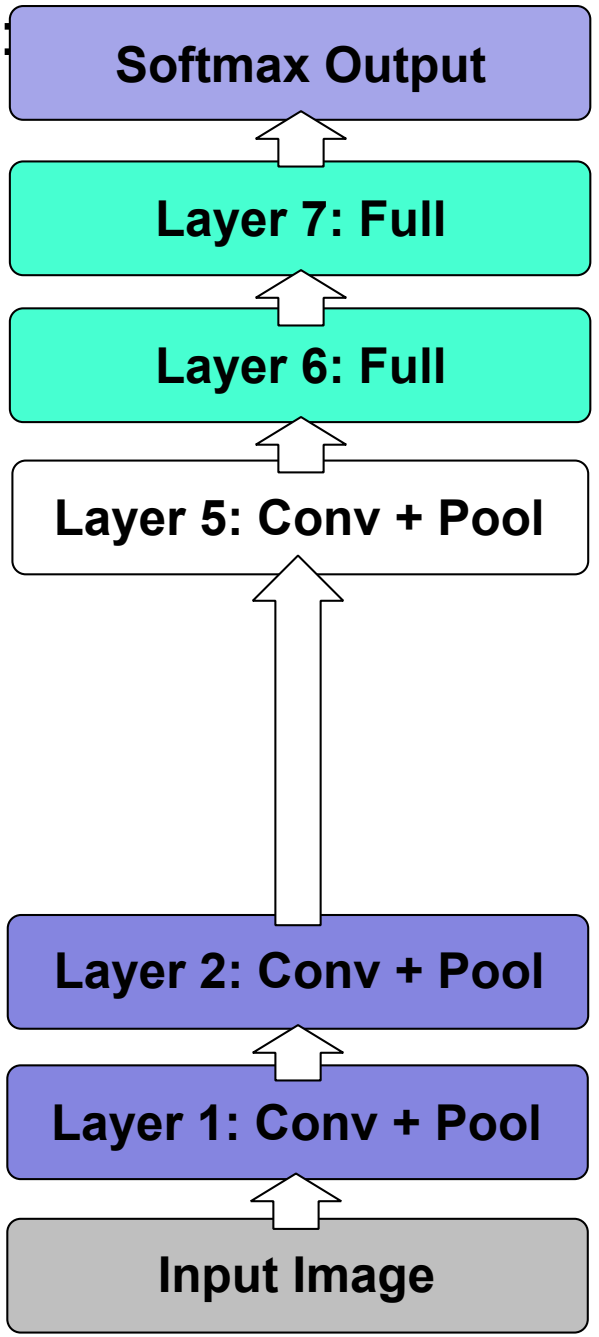
How important is depth?

Now try removing upper feature extractor layers:

- Layers 3 & 4

Drop ~1 million parameters

3.0% drop in performance



How important is depth?

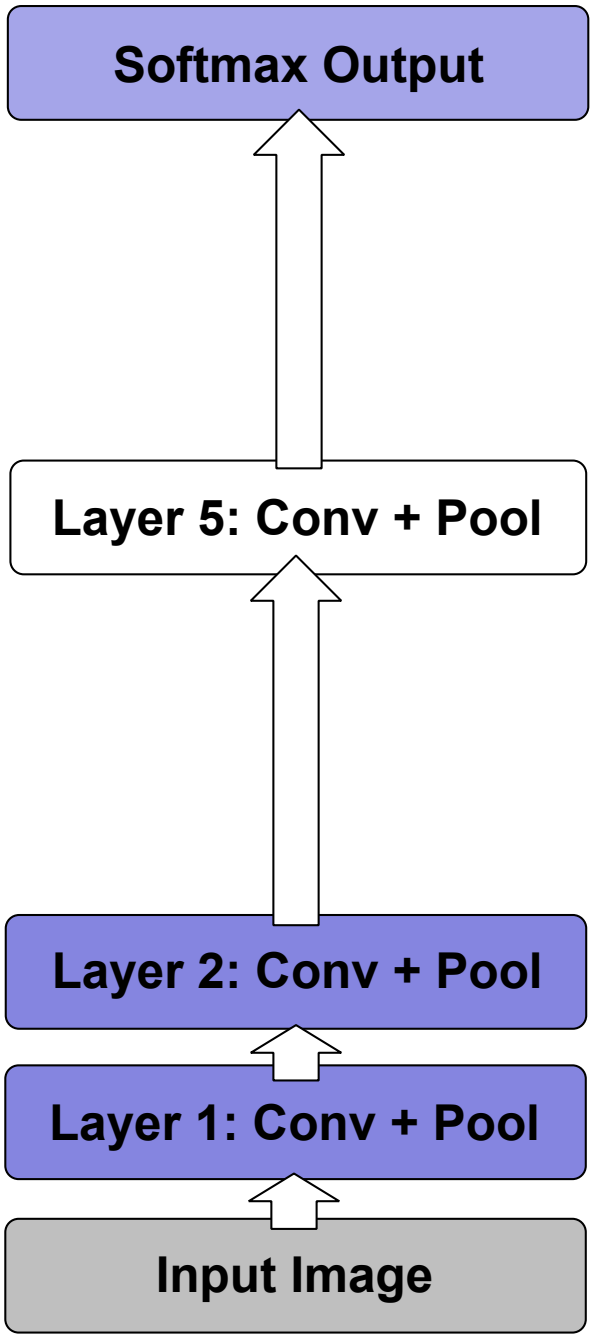
Now try removing upper feature extractor layers & fully connected:

- Layers 3, 4, 6 ,7

Now only 4 layers

33.5% drop in performance

→ Depth of network is key



Can we go deeper?

- Deep Residual Learning for Image Recognition, Kaiming He, Xiangyu Zhang, Shaoqing Ren, Jian Sun, ECCV 2016

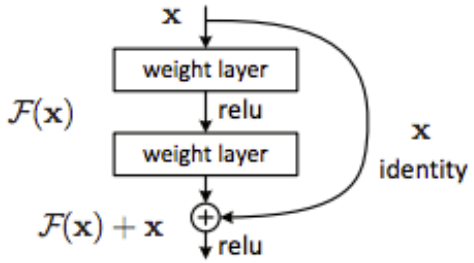
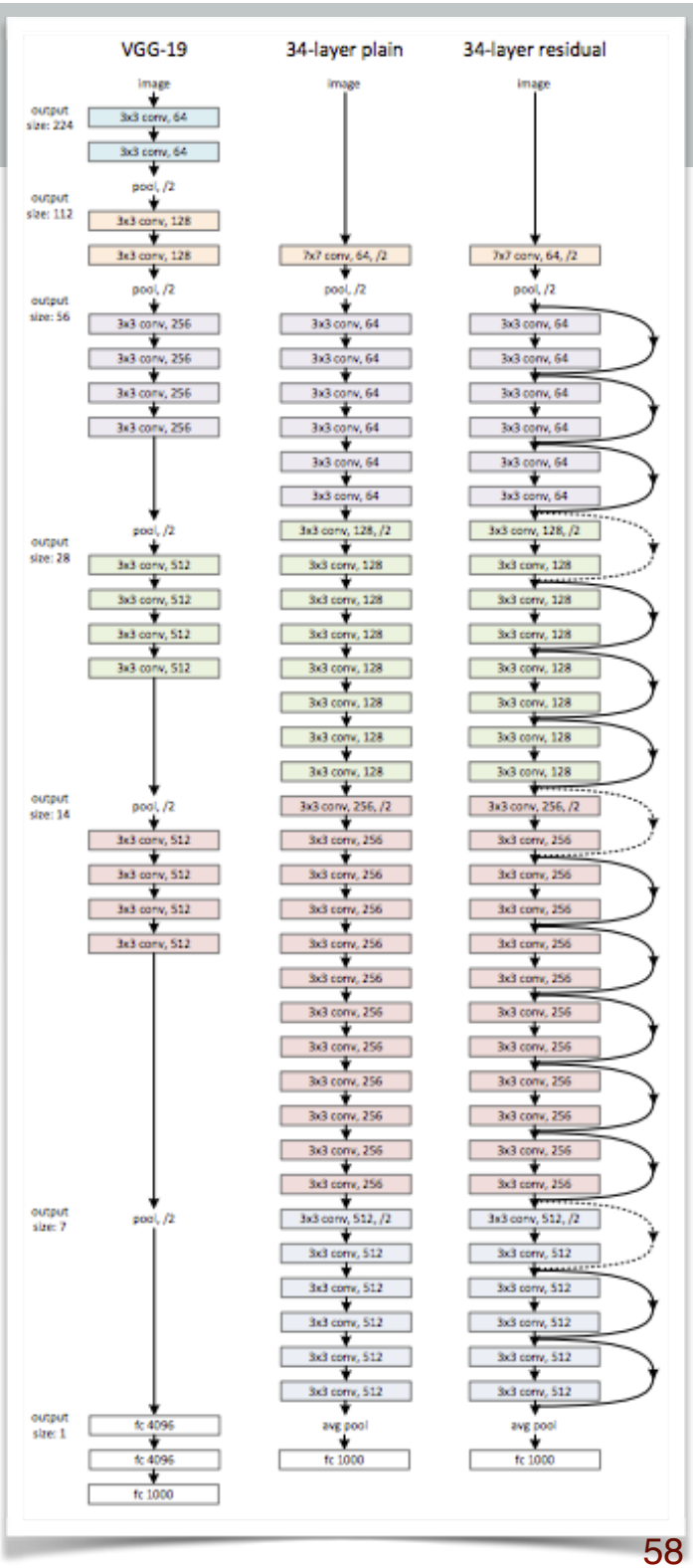


Figure 2. Residual learning: a building block.

- Winner of ImageNet challenge 2015
  - 5.7% top5 error
- VGG-19 (3x more layers than AlexNet)
- **ResNet** (2-20x more layers than VGG-19)



CNNs for small datasets

- Take model trained on ImageNet
- Take outputs of 6^{th} or 7^{th} layer before or after nonlinearity as features
- Train linear classifiers on these features (like retraining the last layer of the network)
- Optionally back-propagate: fine-tune features and/or classifier on new dataset

- Transfer learning
  - Techniques to generalize from one task to another
  - Training and testing distributions may be different
    - Will driving in Amherst help driving in Boston?

Tapping off features at each Layer

Plug features from each layer into linear classifier

	Cal-101 (30/class)	Cal-256 (60/class)
SVM (1)	44.8 ± 0.7	24.6 ± 0.4
SVM (2)	66.2 ± 0.5	39.6 ± 0.3
SVM (3)	72.3 ± 0.4	46.0 ± 0.3
SVM (4)	76.6 ± 0.4	51.3 ± 0.1
SVM (5)	$\mathbf{86.2 \pm 0.8}$	65.6 ± 0.3
SVM (7)	$\mathbf{85.5 \pm 0.4}$	$\mathbf{71.7 \pm 0.2}$

Higher layers are better

Results on benchmarks

[1] Caltech-101 (30 samples per class)

	$DeCAF_5$	$DeCAF_6$	$DeCAF_7$
LogReg	63.29 ± 6.6	84.30 ± 1.6	84.87 ± 0.6
LogReg with Dropout	-	86.08 ± 0.8	85.68 ± 0.6
SVM	77.12 ± 1.1	84.77 ± 1.2	83.24 ± 1.2
SVM with Dropout	-	$\mathbf{86.91 \pm 0.7}$	85.51 ± 0.9
Yang et al. (2009)		84.3	
Jarrett et al. (2009)		65.5	

[1] SUN 397 dataset (DeCAF)

	$DeCAF_6$	$DeCAF_7$
LogReg	$\mathbf{40.94 \pm 0.3}$	40.84 ± 0.3
SVM	39.36 ± 0.3	40.66 ± 0.3
Xiao et al. (2010)	38.0	

[1] Caltech-UCSD Birds (DeCAF)

Method	Accuracy
$DeCAF_6$	58.75
DPD + $DeCAF_6$	**64.96**
DPD (Zhang et al., 2013)	50.98
POOF (Berg & Belhumeur, 2013)	56.78

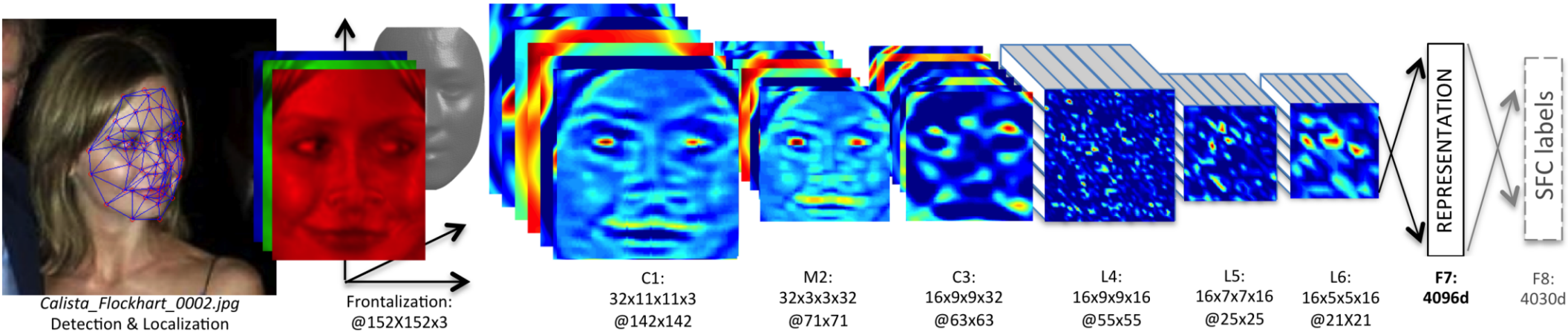
[2] MIT-67 Indoor Scenes dataset (OverFeat)

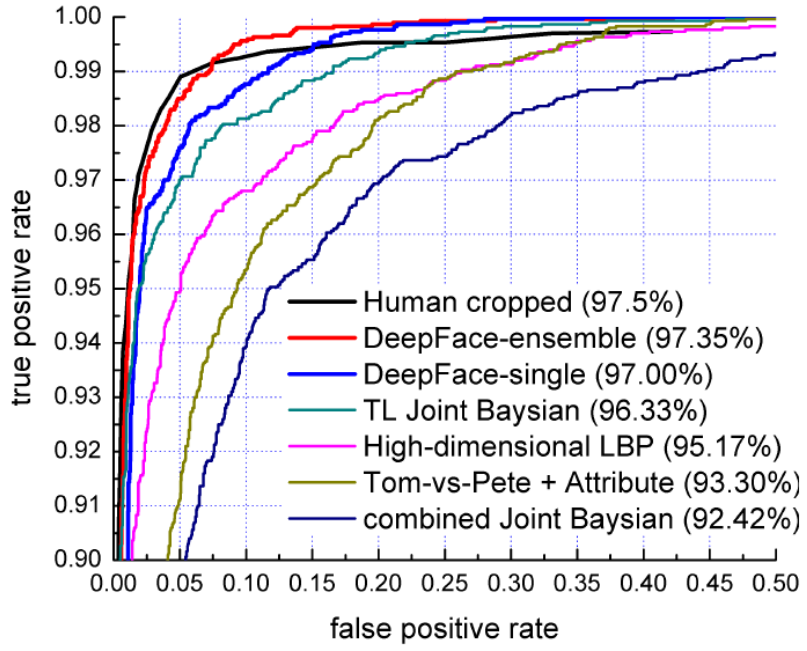
Method	mean Accuracy
ROI + Gist[36]	26.05
DPM[30]	30.40
Object Bank[25]	37.60
RBow[31]	37.93
BoP[22]	46.10
miSVM[26]	46.40
D-Parts[40]	51.40
IFV[22]	60.77
MLrep[11]	**64.03**
CNN-SVM	58.44

[1] J. Donahue, Y. Jia, O. Vinyals, J. Hoffman, N. Zhang, E. Tzeng, and T. Darrell, **DeCAF: A Deep Convolutional Activation Feature for Generic Visual Recognition**, arXiv preprint, 2014

[2] A. Razavian, H. Azizpour, J. Sullivan, and S. Carlsson, **CNN Features off-the-shelf: an Astounding Baseline for Recognition**, arXiv preprint, 2014

CNN features for face verification





Y. Taigman, M. Yang, M. Ranzato, L. Wolf, DeepFace: Closing the Gap to Human-Level Performance in Face Verification, CVPR 2014

Open-source CNN software

- **Cuda-convnet** (Alex Krizhevsky, Google)
  - High speed convolutions on the GPU
- **Caffe** (Y. Jia and others, Berkeley)
  - High performance CNNs
  - Flexible CPU/GPU computations
- **Overfeat** (NYU)
- **MatConvNet** (Andrea Vedaldi, Oxford)
  - An easy to use toolbox for CNNs from MATLAB
  - Comparable performance/features with Caffe
- **TensforFlow** (Google)
- **Torch** (Facebook, Google, academia, etc.)

- Many others ….

Summary

- Motivation: non-linearity
- Ingredients of a neural network
  - hidden units, link functions
- Training by back-propagation
  - random initialization, chain rule, stochastic gradients, momentum
  - Practical issues: learning, network architecture
- Theoretical properties:
  - A two-layer network is a universal function approximator
  - However, deeper networks can be more efficient at approximating certain functions
- Convolutional neural networks:
  - Good for vision problems where inputs have local structure
  - Shared structure of weights leads to significantly fewer parameters

Slides credit

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  - http://www.ibimapublishing.com/journals/CIBIMA/2012/525995/525995.html
- Cat image: http://www.playbuzz.com/abbeymcneill10/which-cat-breed-are-you
- More about the structure of the visual processing system
  - http://www.cns.nyu.edu/~david/courses/perception/lecturenotes/V1/lgn-V1.html
- ImageNet visualization slides are by Rob Fergus @ NYU/Facebook
  http://cs.nyu.edu/~fergus/presentations/nips2013_final.pdf
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