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Deep Learning = Learning Representations/Features

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The traditional model of pattern recognition (since the late 50's)

Fixed/engineered features (or fixed kernel) + trainable classifier



End-to-end learning / Feature learning / Deep learning

Trainable features (or kernel) + trainable classifier



This Basic Model has not evolved much since the 50's

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- Built at Cornell in 1960
- The Perceptron was a linear classifier on top of a simple feature extractor
- The vast majority of practical applications of ML today use glorified linear classifiers or glorified template matching.
- Designing a feature extractor requires considerable efforts by experts.



$$y = sign\left(\sum_{i=1}^{N} W_{i}F_{i}(X) + b\right)$$



Architecture of "Mainstream" Pattern Recognition Systems

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Modern architecture for pattern recognition Speech recognition: early 90's – 2011 MFCC Mix of Gaussians fixed unsupervised supervised

Object Recognition: 2006 - 2012



Deep Learning = Learning Hierarchical Representations

It's deep if it has more than one stage of non-linear feature transformation



Feature visualization of convolutional net trained on ImageNet from [Zeiler & Fergus 2013]

Trainable Feature Hierarchy

Hierarchy of representations with increasing level of abstraction

Each stage is a kind of trainable feature transform

Image recognition

▶ Pixel → edge → texton → motif → part → object

🗾 Text

lacktriangleright \rightarrow word \rightarrow word group \rightarrow clause \rightarrow sentence \rightarrow story

Speech

Sample \rightarrow spectral band \rightarrow sound \rightarrow ... \rightarrow phone \rightarrow phoneme \rightarrow word



Learning Representations: a challenge for ML, CV, AI, Neuroscience, Cognitive Science...

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- How can a perceptual system build itself by looking at the world?
- How much prior structure is necessary
- ML/AI: how do we learn features or feature hierarchies?
 - What is the fundamental principle? What is the learning algorithm? What is the architecture?

Neuroscience: how does the cortex learn perception?

- Does the cortex "run" a single, general learning algorithm? (or a small number of them)
- CogSci: how does the mind learn abstract concepts on top of less abstract ones?

 Deep Learning addresses the problem of learning hierarchical representations with a single algorithm
 or perhaps with a few algorithms



The Mammalian Visual Cortex is Hierarchical

The ventral (recognition) pathway in the visual cortex has multiple stages Retina - LGN - V1 - V2 - V4 - PIT - AIT

Lots of intermediate representations



Let's be inspired by nature, but not too much

It's nice imitate Nature,

But we also need to understand

- How do we know which details are important?
- Which details are merely the result of evolution, and the constraints of biochemistry?
- For airplanes, we developed aerodynamics and compressible fluid dynamics.
 - We figured that feathers and wing flapping weren't crucial
- QUESTION: What is the equivalent of aerodynamics for understanding intelligence?



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L'Avion III de Clément Ader, 1897 (Musée du CNAM, Paris) His "Eole" took off from the ground in 1890, 13 years before the Wright Brothers, but you probably never heard of it (unless you are french).

A hierarchy of trainable feature transforms

- Each module transforms its input representation into a higher-level one.
- High-level features are more global and more invariant
- Low-level features are shared among categories



How can we make all the modules trainable and get them to learn appropriate representations?

Feed-Forward: multilayer neural nets, convolutional nets



Feed-Back: Stacked Sparse Coding, Deconvolutional Nets [Zeiler et al.]



Bi-Drectional: Deep Boltzmann Machines, Stacked Auto-Encoders



Three Types of Training Protocols

Purely Supervised

- Initialize parameters randomly
- Train in supervised mode
 - typically with SGD, using backprop to compute gradients
- Used in most practical systems for speech and image recognition
- Unsupervised, layerwise + supervised classifier on top
 - Train each layer unsupervised, one after the other
 - Train a supervised classifier on top, keeping the other layers fixed

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Good when very few labeled samples are available

Unsupervised, layerwise + global supervised fine-tuning

- Train each layer unsupervised, one after the other
- Add a classifier layer, and retrain the whole thing supervised
- Good when label set is poor (e.g. pedestrian detection)

Unsupervised pre-training often uses regularized auto-encoders

Do we really need deep architectures?

Theoretician's dilemma: "We can approximate any function as close as we want with shallow architecture. Why would we need deep ones?"

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$$y = \sum_{i=1}^{P} \alpha_i K(X, X^i) \qquad y = F(W^1.F(W^0.X))$$

kernel machines (and 2-layer neural nets) are "universal".

Deep learning machines

$$y = F(W^{K}.F(W^{K-1}.F(....F(W^{0}.X)...)))$$

Deep machines are more efficient for representing certain classes of functions, particularly those involved in visual recognition
 they can represent more complex functions with less "hardware"

We need an efficient parameterization of the class of functions that are useful for "AI" tasks (vision, audition, NLP...)

Why would deep architectures be more efficient? [Bengio & LeCun 2007 "Scaling Learning Algorithms Towards AI"]

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A deep architecture trades space for time (or breadth for depth)

- more layers (more sequential computation),
- but less hardware (less parallel computation).

Example1: N-bit parity

- requires N-1 XOR gates in a tree of depth log(N).
- Even easier if we use threshold gates
- requires an exponential number of gates of we restrict ourselves to 2 layers (DNF formula with exponential number of minterms).

Example2: circuit for addition of 2 N-bit binary numbers

- Requires O(N) gates, and O(N) layers using N one-bit adders with ripple carry propagation.
- Requires lots of gates (some polynomial in N) if we restrict ourselves to two layers (e.g. Disjunctive Normal Form).
- Bad news: almost all boolean functions have a DNF formula with an exponential number of minterms O(2^N).....

Shallow vs Deep == lookup table vs multi-step algorithm

"shallow & wide" vs "deep and narrow" == "more memory" vs "more time"

- Look-up table vs algorithm
- Few functions can be computed in two steps without an exponentially large lookup table
- Using more than 2 steps can reduce the "memory" by an exponential factor.



Which Models are Deep?



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Are Graphical Models Deep?

There is no opposition between graphical models and deep learning.

- Many deep learning models are formulated as factor graphs
- Some graphical models use deep architectures inside their factors

Graphical models can be deep (but most are not).

Factor Graph: sum of energy functions

Over inputs X, outputs Y and latent variables Z. Trainable parameters: W

$$-\log P(X, Y, Z/W) \propto E(X, Y, Z, W) = \sum_{i} E_{i}(X, Y, Z, W_{i})$$



Deep Learning: A Theoretician's Nightmare?

Deep Learning involves non-convex loss functions

- With non-convex losses, all bets are off
- Then again, every speech recognition system ever deployed has used non-convex optimization (GMMs are non convex).

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But to some of us all "interesting" learning is non convex

- Convex learning is invariant to the order in which sample are presented (only depends on asymptotic sample frequencies).
- Human learning isn't like that: we learn simple concepts before complex ones. The order in which we learn things matter.

Deep Learning: A Theoretician's Nightmare?

No generalization bounds?

Actually, the usual VC bounds apply: most deep learning systems have a finite VC dimension **Y** LeCun

- We don't have tighter bounds than that.
- But then again, how many bounds are tight enough to be useful for model selection?

It's hard to prove anything about deep learning systems

Then again, if we only study models for which we can prove things, we wouldn't have speech, handwriting, and visual object recognition systems today.

Deep Learning: A Theoretician's Paradise?

Deep Learning is about representing high-dimensional data

- There has to be interesting theoretical questions there
- What is the geometry of natural signals?
- Is there an equivalent of statistical learning theory for unsupervised learning?
- What are good criteria on which to base unsupervised learning?

Deep Learning Systems are a form of latent variable factor graph

- Internal representations can be viewed as latent variables to be inferred, and deep belief networks are a particular type of latent variable models.
- The most interesting deep belief nets have intractable loss functions: how do we get around that problem?

Lots of theory at the 2012 IPAM summer school on deep learning

Wright's parallel SGD methods, Mallat's "scattering transform", Osher's "split Bregman" methods for sparse modeling, Morton's "algebraic geometry of DBN",....

Deep Learning and Feature Learning Today

Deep Learning has been the hottest topic in speech recognition in the last 2 years

- A few long-standing performance records were broken with deep learning methods
- Microsoft and Google have both deployed DL-based speech recognition system in their products
- Microsoft, Google, IBM, Nuance, AT&T, and all the major academic and industrial players in speech recognition have projects on deep learning

Deep Learning is the hottest topic in Computer Vision

- Feature engineering is the bread-and-butter of a large portion of the CV community, which creates some resistance to feature learning
- But the record holders on ImageNet and Semantic Segmentation are convolutional nets

Deep Learning is becoming hot in Natural Language Processing

Deep Learning/Feature Learning in Applied Mathematics

The connection with Applied Math is through sparse coding, non-convex optimization, stochastic gradient algorithms, etc...

In Many Fields, Feature Learning Has Caused a Revolution (methods used in commercially deployed systems)

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Speech Recognition I (late 1980s)

Trained mid-level features with Gaussian mixtures (2-layer classifier)

Handwriting Recognition and OCR (late 1980s to mid 1990s)

Supervised convolutional nets operating on pixels

- Face & People Detection (early 1990s to mid 2000s)
 - Supervised convolutional nets operating on pixels (YLC 1994, 2004, Garcia 2004)
 - Haar features generation/selection (Viola-Jones 2001)
- Object Recognition I (mid-to-late 2000s: Ponce, Schmid, Yu, YLC....)
 - Trainable mid-level features (K-means or sparse coding)

Low-Res Object Recognition: road signs, house numbers (early 2010's)

- Supervised convolutional net operating on pixels
- Speech Recognition II (circa 2011)
 - Deep neural nets for acoustic modeling

Object Recognition III, Semantic Labeling (2012, Hinton, YLC,...)

Supervised convolutional nets operating on pixels

In Several Fields, Feature Learning Has Caused Revolutions: Speech Recognition, Handwriting Recognition

- U= unsupervised, S=supervised, X=unsupervised+supervised
- Low-level feat. \rightarrow mid-level feat. \rightarrow classifier \rightarrow contextual post-proc

Speech Recognition

- Early 1980s: Dyn. time Warping
- Late 1980s: Gaussian Mix. Model
- 1990s: discriminative GMM
- 2010: deep neural nets



Handwriting Recognition and OCR

- Early 80's: features+classifier
- Late 80's: supervised convnet
- Mid 90's: convnet+CRF



In Several Fields, Feature Learning Has Caused Revolutions: Object Detection, Object Recognition, Scene Labeling

Face & People Detection (1993-now)

- Supervised ConvNet on pixels (93, 94, 05, 07)
- Selected Haar features + Adaboost (2001)
- Unsup+Sup ConvNet on raw pixels (2011)

Object Recognition

- SIFT/HoG+sparse code+pool+SVM (06)
- unsup+sup convnet (07,10)
- supervised convnet (2012)

Semantic Segmentation / scene labeling
 unsup mid-lvl, CRF (2009, 10, 11, 12)
 supervised convnet (2008, 12, 13)



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What Are Good Feature?

Discovering the Hidden Structure in High-Dimensional Data The manifold hypothesis

Learning Representations of Data:

Discovering & disentangling the independent explanatory factors

- The Manifold Hypothesis:
 - Natural data lives in a low-dimensional (non-linear) manifold
 - Because variables in natural data





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Example: all face images of a person

- 1000x1000 pixels = 1,000,000 dimensions
- But the face has 3 cartesian coordinates and 3 Euler angles
- And humans have less than about 50 muscles in the face
- Hence the manifold of face images for a person has <56 dimensions</p>

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- The perfect representations of a face image:
 - Its coordinates on the face manifold
 - Its coordinates away from the manifold

We do not have good and general methods to learn functions that turns an image into this kind of representation



Data Manifold & Invariance: Some variations must be eliminated

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Azimuth-Elevation manifold. Ignores lighting.

[Hadsell et al. CVPR 2006]



Basic Idea for Invariant Feature Learning

Embed the input non-linearly into a high(er) dimensional space

In the new space, things that were non separable may become separable

Pool regions of the new space together

Bringing together things that are semantically similar. Like pooling.



Non-Linear Expansion → Pooling

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Entangled data manifolds Non-Linear Dim Pooling. Expansion, Aggregation Disentangling ? 3 Q 0 8 Ç S

Sparse Non-Linear Expansion \rightarrow Pooling

Use clustering to break things apart, pool together similar things



Overall Architecture: Normalization → Filter Bank → Non-Linearity → Pooling

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Stacking multiple stages of

- ▶ [Normalization \rightarrow Filter Bank \rightarrow Non-Linearity \rightarrow Pooling].
- Normalization: variations on whitening
 - Subtractive: average removal, high pass filtering
 - Divisive: local contrast normalization, variance normalization

Filter Bank: dimension expansion, projection on overcomplete basis

Non-Linearity: sparsification, saturation, lateral inhibition....

Rectification (ReLU), Component-wise shrinkage, tanh, winner-takes-all

Pooling: aggregation over space or feature type

$$X_i; \ L_p: \sqrt[p]{X_i^p}; \ PROB: \frac{1}{b} \log\left(\sum_i e^{bX_i}\right)$$

Deep Supervised Learning (modular approach)

Multimodule Systems: Cascade



- Complex learning machines can be built by assembling modules into networks
- Simple example: sequential/layered feed-forward architecture (cascade)
- Forward Propagation:

et
$$X = X_0$$
,
 $X_i = F_i(X_{i-1}, W_i) \quad \forall i \in [1, n]$

$$E(Y, X, W) = C(X_n, Y)$$

Multimodule Systems: Implementation



Each module is an object

- Contains trainable parameters
- Inputs are arguments
- Output is returned, but also stored internally

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Example: 2 modules m1, m2

Torch7 (by hand)

- hid = m1:forward(in)
- out = m2:forward(hid)

Torch7 (using the nn.Sequential class)

- > model = nn.Sequential()
- > model:add(m1)
- > model:add(m2)
- >out = model:forward(in)

Computing the Gradient in Multi-Layer Systems



To train a multi-module system, we must compute the gradient of E with respect to all the parameters in the system (all the W_i). **Y** LeCun

- Let's consider module *i* whose fprop method computes $X_i = F_i(X_{i-1}, W_i)$.
- Let's assume that we already know $\frac{\partial E}{\partial X_i}$, in other words, for each component of vector X_i we know how much E would wiggle if we wiggled that component of X_i .
Computing the Gradient in Multi-Layer Systems



We can apply chain rule to compute $\frac{\partial E}{\partial W_i}$ (how much *E* would wiggle if we wiggled each component of W_i):

∂E	$_ \partial E$	$\partial F_i(X_{i-1}, W_i)$
$\overline{\partial W_i}$	$-\overline{\partial X_i}$	∂W_i

$$[1 \times N_w] = [1 \times N_x] \cdot [N_x \times N_w]$$

 $\frac{\partial F_i(X_{i-1}, W_i)}{\partial W_i}$ is the Jacobian matrix of F_i with respect to W_i .

$$\left[\frac{\partial F_i(X_{i-1}, W_i)}{\partial W_i}\right]_{kl} = \frac{\partial \left[F_i(X_{i-1}, W_i)\right]_k}{\partial [W_i]_l}$$

Element (k, l) of the Jacobian indicates how much the k-th output wiggles when we wiggle the l-th weight. Using the same trick, we can compute $\frac{\partial E}{\partial X_{i-1}}$. Let's assume again that we already know $\frac{\partial E}{\partial X_i}$, in other words, for each component of vector X_i we know how much E would wiggle if we wiggled that component of X_i .

We can apply chain rule to compute $\frac{\partial E}{\partial X_{i-1}}$ (how much E would wiggle if we wiggled each component of X_{i-1}):

$$\frac{\partial E}{\partial X_{i-1}} = \frac{\partial E}{\partial X_i} \frac{\partial F_i(X_{i-1}, W_i)}{\partial X_{i-1}}$$

 $\frac{\partial F_i(X_{i-1}, W_i)}{\partial X_{i-1}}$ is the Jacobian matrix of F_i with respect to X_{i-1} .

- F_i has two Jacobian matrices, because it has to arguments.
- Element (k, l) of this Jacobian indicates how much the k-th output wiggles when we wiggle the l-th input.

The equation above is a recurrence equation!



Jacobians and Dimensions

derivatives with respect to a column vector are line vectors (dimensions: $[1 \times N_{i-1}] = [1 \times N_i] * [N_i \times N_{i-1}])$

$$\frac{\partial E}{\partial X_{i-1}} = \frac{\partial E}{\partial X_i} \frac{\partial F_i(X_{i-1}, W_i)}{\partial X_{i-1}}$$

(dimensions: $[1 \times N_{wi}] = [1 \times N_i] * [N_i \times N_{wi}]$):

$$\frac{\partial E}{\partial W_i} = \frac{\partial E}{\partial X_i} \frac{\partial F_i(X_{i-1}, W_i)}{\partial W}$$

we may prefer to write those equation with column vectors:

$$\frac{\partial E}{\partial X_{i-1}}' = \frac{\partial F_i(X_{i-1}, W_i)'}{\partial X_{i-1}} \frac{\partial E}{\partial X_i}'$$
$$\frac{\partial E}{\partial W_i} = \frac{\partial F_i(X_{i-1}, W_i)'}{\partial W} \frac{\partial E}{\partial X_i}'$$

Back Propgation

To compute all the derivatives, we use a backward sweep called the **back-propagation** algorithm that uses the recurrence equation for $\frac{\partial E}{\partial X_i}$



Multimodule Systems: Implementation



Linear Module

The input vector is multiplied by the weight matrix.



- fprop: $X_{\text{out}} = WX_{\text{in}}$
- bprop to input: $\frac{\partial E}{\partial X_{\text{in}}} = \frac{\partial E}{\partial X_{\text{out}}} \frac{\partial X_{\text{out}}}{\partial X_{\text{in}}} = \frac{\partial E}{\partial X_{\text{out}}} W$
- by transposing, we get column vectors: $\frac{\partial E}{\partial X_{\text{in}}}' = W' \frac{\partial E}{\partial X_{\text{out}}}'$
- bprop to weights: $\frac{\partial E}{\partial W_{ij}} = \frac{\partial E}{\partial X_{\text{out}i}} \frac{\partial X_{\text{out}i}}{\partial W_{ij}} = X_{\text{in}j} \frac{\partial E}{\partial X_{\text{out}i}}$
- We can write this as an outer-product: $\frac{\partial E}{\partial W}' = \frac{\partial E}{\partial X_{\text{out}}}' X'_{in}$

Tanh module (or any other pointwise function)



fprop: $(X_{out})_i = \tanh((X_{in})_i + B_i)$ bprop to input: $(\frac{\partial E}{\partial X_{in}})_i = (\frac{\partial E}{\partial X_{out}})_i \tanh'((X_{in})_i + B_i)$ bprop to bias: $\frac{\partial E}{\partial B_i} = (\frac{\partial E}{\partial X_{out}})_i \tanh'((X_{in})_i + B_i)$ $\tanh(x) = \frac{2}{1 + \exp(-x)} - 1 = \frac{1 - \exp(-x)}{1 + \exp(-x)}$

Euclidean Distance Module



fprop: X_{out} = ¹/₂ ||X_{in} - Y||²
bprop to X input: $\frac{\partial E}{\partial X_{in}} = X_{in} - Y$ bprop to Y input: $\frac{\partial E}{\partial Y} = Y - X_{in}$

Any Architecture works



Any connection is permissible

Networks with loops must be "unfolded in time".

Any module is permissible

As long as it is continuous and differentiable almost everywhere with respect to the parameters, and with respect to non-terminal inputs.

Module-Based Deep Learning with Torch

Torch7 is based on the Lua language

- Simple and lightweight scripting language, dominant in the game industry
- Has a native just-in-time compiler (fast!)
- Has a simple foreign function interface to call C/C++ functions from Lua

Torch7 is an extension of Lua with

- A multidimensional array engine with CUDA and OpenMP backends
- A machine learning library that implements multilayer nets, convolutional nets, unsupervised pre-training, etc
- Various libraries for data/image manipulation and computer vision
- A quickly growing community of users

Single-line installation on Ubuntu and Mac OSX:

curl -s https://raw.github.com/clementfarabet/torchinstall/master/install-all | bash

Torch7 Machine Learning Tutorial (neural net, convnet, sparse auto-encoder):

http://code.cogbits.com/wiki/doku.php

Example: building a Neural Net in Torch7

- Net for SVHN digit recognition
- 10 categories
 Input is 32x32 RGB (3 channels)

1500 hidden units

Creating a 2-layer net Make a cascade module Reshape input to vector Add Linear module Add tanh module Add Linear Module Add Linear Module

Create loss function module

```
Noutputs = 10;
nfeats = 3; Width = 32; height = 32
ninputs = nfeats*width*height
nhiddens = 1500
```

-- Simple 2-layer neural network
model = nn.Sequential()
model:add(nn.Reshape(ninputs))
model:add(nn.Linear(ninputs,nhiddens))
model:add(nn.Tanh())
model:add(nn.Linear(nhiddens,noutputs))
model:add(nn.LogSoftMax())

criterion = nn.ClassNLLCriterion()

See Torch7 example at http://bit.ly/16tyLAx

Example: Training a Neural Net in Torch7

```
one epoch over training set
for t = 1,trainData:size(),batchSize do
                                                      Get next batch of samples
  inputs, outputs = getNextBatch()
  local feval = function(x)
                                                      Create a "closure" feval(x) that takes the
                                                      parameter vector as argument and returns
    parameters:copy(x)
                                                      the loss and its gradient on the batch.
    gradParameters:zero()
    local f = 0
                                                      Run model on batch
    for i = 1,#inputs do
       local output = model:forward(inputs[i])
       local err = criterion:forward(output,targets[i])
       f = f + err
       local df do = criterion:backward(output,targets[i])
       model:backward(inputs[i], df do)
                                                      backprop
    end
    gradParameters:div(#inputs)
                                                      Normalize by size of batch
    f = f/\#inputs
    return f, gradParameters
                                                      Return loss and gradient
  end — of feval
  optim.sqd(feval, parameters, optimState)
                                                      call the stochastic gradient optimizer
end
```

Deep Supervised Learning is Non-Convex

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Example: what is the loss function for the simplest 2-layer neural net ever
 Function: 1-1-1 neural net. Map 0.5 to 0.5 and -0.5 to -0.5 (identity function) with quadratic cost:

 $y = \tanh(W_1 \tanh(W_0.x))$ $L = (0.5 - \tanh(W_1 \tanh(W_00.5)^2)$



Backprop in Practice

- Use ReLU non-linearities (tanh and logistic are falling out of favor)
- Use cross-entropy loss for classification
- Use Stochastic Gradient Descent on minibatches
- Shuffle the training samples
- Normalize the input variables (zero mean, unit variance)
- Schedule to decrease the learning rate
- Use a bit of L1 or L2 regularization on the weights (or a combination)
 - But it's best to turn it on after a couple of epochs
- Use "dropout" for regularization
 - Hinton et al 2012 http://arxiv.org/abs/1207.0580
- Lots more in [LeCun et al. "Efficient Backprop" 1998]
- Lots, lots more in "Neural Networks, Tricks of the Trade" (2012 edition) edited by G. Montavon, G. B. Orr, and K-R Müller (Springer)

Convolutional Networks

Convolutional Nets

Are deployed in many practical applications

Image reco, speech reco, Google's and Baidu's photo taggers

Have won several competitions

ImageNet, Kaggle Facial Expression, Kaggle Multimodal Learning, German Traffic Signs, Connectomics, Handwriting....

Are applicable to array data where nearby values are correlated

Images, sound, time-frequency representations, video, volumetric images, RGB-Depth images,.....

One of the few models that can be trained purely supervised



Fully-connected neural net in high dimension

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Example: 200x200 image

- Fully-connected, 400,000 hidden units = 16 billion parameters
- Locally-connected, 400,000 hidden units 10x10 fields = 40 million params
- Local connections capture local dependencies



Shared Weights & Convolutions: Exploiting Stationarity

Features that are useful on one part of the image and probably useful elsewhere.

All units share the same set of weights

Shift equivariant processing:

When the input shifts, the output also shifts but stays otherwise unchanged.

Convolution

- with a learned kernel (or filter)
- Non-linearity: ReLU (rectified linear)

$$A_{ij} = \sum_{kl} W_{kl} X_{i+j.\ k+l}$$

The filtered "image" Z is called a feature map $Z_{ii} = max(0, A_{ii})$

Example: 200x200 image

- 400,000 hidden units with 10x10 fields = 1000 params
- 10 feature maps of size 200x200, 10 filters of size 10x10



Multiple Convolutions with Different Kernels

Detects multiple motifs at each location

- The collection of units looking at the same patch is akin to a feature vector for that patch.
- The result is a 3D array, where each slice is a feature map.





Early Hierarchical Feature Models for Vision

[Hubel & Wiesel 1962]:

- simple cells detect local features
- complex cells "pool" the outputs of simple cells within a retinotopic neighborhood.



Cognitron & Neocognitron [Fukushima 1974-1982]

The Convolutional Net Model (Multistage Hubel-Wiesel system)



Feature Transform: Normalization → Filter Bank → Non-Linearity → Pooling

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- Filter Bank → Non-Linearity = Non-linear embedding in high dimension
- Feature Pooling = contraction, dimensionality reduction, smoothing
- Learning the filter banks at every stage
- Creating a hierarchy of features
- Basic elements are inspired by models of the visual (and auditory) cortex
 - Simple Cell + Complex Cell model of [Hubel and Wiesel 1962]
 - Many "traditional" feature extraction methods are based on this
 - SIFT, GIST, HoG, SURF...
- [Fukushima 1974-1982], [LeCun 1988-now],
 - since the mid 2000: Hinton, Seung, Poggio, Ng,....

Convolutional Network (ConvNet)



Non-Linearity: half-wave rectification, shrinkage function, sigmoid
 Pooling: average, L1, L2, max
 Training: Supervised (1988-2006), Unsupervised+Supervised (2006-now)

Convolutional Network Architecture



Convolutional Network (vintage 1990)

If iters \rightarrow tanh \rightarrow average-tanh \rightarrow filters \rightarrow tanh \rightarrow average-tanh \rightarrow filters \rightarrow tanh



"Mainstream" object recognition pipeline 2006-2012 somewhat similar to ConvNets



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Fixed Features + unsupervised mid-level features + simple classifier

- SIFT + Vector Quantization + Pyramid pooling + SVM
 - [Lazebnik et al. CVPR 2006]
- SIFT + Local Sparse Coding Macrofeatures + Pyramid pooling + SVM
 - [Boureau et al. ICCV 2011]
- SIFT + Fisher Vectors + Deformable Parts Pooling + SVM
 - [Perronin et al. 2012]

Tasks for Which Deep Convolutional Nets are the Best

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- Handwriting recognition MNIST (many), Arabic HWX (IDSIA)
- OCR in the Wild [2011]: StreetView House Numbers (NYU and others)
- Traffic sign recognition [2011] GTSRB competition (IDSIA, NYU)
- Pedestrian Detection [2013]: INRIA datasets and others (NYU)
- Volumetric brain image segmentation [2009] connectomics (IDSIA, MIT)
- Human Action Recognition [2011] Hollywood II dataset (Stanford)
- Object Recognition [2012] ImageNet competition
- Scene Parsing [2012] Stanford bgd, SiftFlow, Barcelona (NYU)
- Scene parsing from depth images [2013] NYU RGB-D dataset (NYU)
- Speech Recognition [2012] Acoustic modeling (IBM and Google)
- Breast cancer cell mitosis detection [2011] MITOS (IDSIA)

The list of perceptual tasks for which ConvNets hold the record is growing.
Most of these tasks (but not all) use purely supervised convnets.

Ideas from Neuroscience and Psychophysics

- The whole architecture: simple cells and complex cells
- Local receptive fields
- Self-similar receptive fields over the visual field (convolutions)
- Pooling (complex cells)
- Non-Linearity: Rectified Linear Units (ReLU)
- LGN-like band-pass filtering and contrast normalization in the input

- Divisive contrast normalization (from Heeger, Simoncelli....)
 - Lateral inhibition
- Sparse/Overcomplete representations (Olshausen-Field....)
- Inference of sparse representations with lateral inhibition
- Sub-sampling ratios in the visual cortex
 - between 2 and 3 between V1-V2-V4
- Crowding and visual metamers give cues on the size of the pooling areas

Simple ConvNet Applications with State-of-the-Art Performance

Traffic Sign Recognition (GTSRB)

- German Traffic Sign Reco Bench
- 99.2% accuracy



House Number Recognition (Google)

Street View House Numbers



contrast normalizatior subtractive+divisive L2 Pooling & sub-sampling Convolution Shrinkage

THIS IS ONE STAGE OF THE CONVNET

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One Stage: Contrast Norm \rightarrow Filter Bank \rightarrow Shrinkage \rightarrow L2 Pooling

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Results on Caltech101 with sigmoid non-linearity

Single Stage System: $[64.F^{9 \times 9}_{CSG} - R/N/P^{5 \times 5}]$ - log_reg							
R/N/P	$R_{\rm abs}-N-P_{\rm A}$	$R_{abs}-P_{A} \\$	$N - P_M$	$N - P_{\mathbf{A}}$	P_A		
U^+	54.2%	50.0%	44.3%	18.5%	14.5%		
\mathbf{R}^+	54.8%	47.0%	38.0%	16.3%	14.3%		
U	52.2%	$43.3\%(\pm 1.6)$	44.0%	17.2%	13.4%		
\mathbf{R}	53.3%	31.7%	32.1%	15.3%	$12.1\%(\pm 2.2)$		
\mathbf{G}	52.3%						
Two Stage System: $[64.F_{CSG}^{9 \times 9} - R/N/P^{5 \times 5}] - [256.F_{CSG}^{9 \times 9} - R/N/P^{4 \times 4}]$ - log_reg							
R/N/P	$R_{\rm abs}-N-P_{\rm A}$	$R_{abs}-P_{A} \\$	$N - P_M$	$N - P_{\mathbf{A}}$	P_A		
$\mathrm{U^+U^+}$	65.5%	60.5%	61.0%	34.0%	32.0%		
R^+R^+	64.7%	59.5%	60.0%	31.0%	29.7%		
UU	63.7%	46.7%	56.0%	23.1%	9.1%		
$\mathbf{R}\mathbf{R}$	62.9%	$33.7\%(\pm 1.5)$	37.6%(±1.9)	19.6%	8.8%		
\mathbf{GT}	55.8%	← like HMAX model					
Single Stage: $[64.F_{CSG}^{9 \times 9} - R/N/P^{5 \times 5}]$ - PMK-SVM							
U	64.0%						
Two Stages: $[64.F_{CSG}^{9 \times 9} - R/N/P^{5 \times 5}] - [256.F_{CSG}^{9 \times 9} - R/N]$ - PMK-SVM							
UU	52.8%						

Local Contrast Normalization

- Performed on the state of every layer, including the input
- Subtractive Local Contrast Normalization
 - Subtracts from every value in a feature a Gaussian-weighted average of its neighbors (high-pass filter)

Divisive Local Contrast Normalization

- Divides every value in a layer by the standard deviation of its neighbors over space and over all feature maps
- Subtractive + Divisive LCN performs a kind of approximate whitening.



The Effect of Architectural Elements

Pyramid pooling on last layer: 1% improvement over regular pooling
Shrinkage non-linearity + lateral inhibition: 1.6% improvement over tanh
Discriminative term in sparse coding: 2.8% improvement

	Architecture	Protocol	%
	(1) $F_{\text{tanh}} - R_{abs} - N - P_A^{pyr}$	$\mathbf{R}^{+}\mathbf{R}^{+}$	65.4 ± 1.0
	- (2) $F_{\text{tanh}} - R_{abs} - N - P_A^{pyr}$	$\mathbf{U}^+\mathbf{U}^+$	66.2 ± 1.0
	(3) $F_{si} - R_{abs} - N - P_A$	$\mathbf{R}^{+}\mathbf{R}^{+}$	63.3 ± 1.0
	(4) $F_{si} - R_{abs} - N - P_A$	$\mathbf{U}\mathbf{U}$	60.4 ± 0.6
	(5) $F_{si} - R_{abs} - N - P_A$	$\mathbf{U}^+\mathbf{U}^+$	66.4 ± 0.5
>	(6) $F_{si} - R_{abs} - N - P_A^{pyr}$	$\mathbf{U}^+\mathbf{U}^+$	67.8 ± 0.4
	$(7) F_{si} - R_{abs} - N - P_A$	DD	66.0 ± 0.3
	(8) $F_{si} - R_{abs} - N - P_A$	$\mathbf{D}^+\mathbf{D}^+$	68.7 ± 0.2
	-(9) $F_{si} - R_{abs} - N - P_A^{pyr}$	$\mathbf{D}^+\mathbf{D}^+$	$\textbf{70.6} \pm \textbf{0.3}$

Results on Caltech101: purely supervised with soft-shrink, L2 pooling, contrast normalization

- Supervised learning with soft-shrinkage non-linearity, L2 complex cells, and sparsity penalty on the complex cell outputs: 71%
 College 101 is not belowing biased, to a small, etc.
 - Caltech101 is pathological, biased, too small, etc...



What does Local Contrast Normalization Do?

Original

Reconstuction With LCN

Without LCN


Why Do Random Filters Work?





Optimal Stimuli for each Complex Cell

Trained Filters For Simple Cells

Small NORB dataset

Two-stage system: error rate versus number of labeled training samples



Won the 2012 ImageNet LSVRC. 60 Million parameters, 832M MAC ops

4M	FULL CONNECT	4Mflop
16M	FULL 4096/ReLU	16M
37M	FULL 4096/ReLU	37M
	MAX POOLING	
442K	CONV 3x3/ReLU 256fm	74M
1.3M	CONV 3x3ReLU 384fm	224M
884K	CONV 3x3/ReLU 384fm	149M
	MAX POOLING 2x2sub	
	LOCAL CONTRAST NORM	
307K	CONV 11x11/ReLU 256fm	223M
	MAX POOL 2x2sub	
	LOCAL CONTRAST NORM	
35K	CONV 11x11/ReLU 96fm	105M



Object Recognition: ILSVRC 2012 results

ImageNet Large Scale Visual Recognition Challenge 1000 categories, 1.5 Million labeled training samples



Method: large convolutional net

- 650K neurons, 832M synapses, 60M parameters
- Trained with backprop on GPU
- Trained "with all the tricks Yann came up with in the last 20 years, plus dropout" (Hinton, NIPS 2012)
- Rectification, contrast normalization,...
- Error rate: 15% (whenever correct class isn't in top 5)
 Previous state of the art: 25% error

<u>A REVOLUTION IN COMPUTER VISION</u>

Acquired by Google in Jan 2013
Deployed in Google+ Photo Tagging in May 2013





leopard	motor scooter	container ship	mite
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jaguar	go-kart	lifeboat	black widow
cheetah	moped	amphibian	cockroach
snow leopard	bumper car	fireboat	tick
Egyptian cat	golfcart	drilling platform	starfish
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grille	mushroom	grape	spider monkey			
pickup	jelly fungus	elderberry	titi			
beach wagon	gill fungus	ffordshire bullterrier	indri			
fire engine	dead-man's-fingers	currant	howler monkey			



RETRIEVED IMAGES



ConvNet-Based Google+ Photo Tagger

Searched my personal collection for "bird"



Another ImageNet-trained ConvNet [Zeiler & Fergus 2013]

Convolutional Net with 8 layers, input is 224x224 pixels

- conv-pool-conv-pool-conv-conv-conv-full-full-full
- Rectified-Linear Units (ReLU): y = max(0,x)
- Divisive contrast normalization across features [Jarrett et al. ICCV 2009]

Trained on ImageNet 2012 training set

- 1.3M images, 1000 classes
- 10 different crops/flips per image

Regularization: Dropout

- [Hinton 2012]
- zeroing random subsets of units

Stochastic gradient descent

- for 70 epochs (7-10 days)
- With learning rate annealing



Object Recognition on-line demo [Zeiler & Fergus 2013]

http://horatio.cs.nyu.edu

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Demo created by: Matthew Zeiler					

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ConvNet trained on ImageNet [Zeiler & Fergus 2013]

	Val	Val	Test
Error %	Top-1	Top-5	Top-5
Deng et al. SIFT + FV [7]			26.2
Krizhevsky et al. [12], 1 convnet	40.7	18.2	
Krizhevsky et al. [12], 5 convnets	38.1	16.4	16.4
*Krizhevsky et al. [12], 1 convnets	39.0	16.6	
*Krizhevsky et al. [12], 7 convnets	36.7	15.4	15.3
Our replication of [12], 1 convnet	41.7	19.0	
1 convnet - our model	38.4 ± 0.05	16.5 ± 0.05	
5 convnets - our model (a)	36.7	15.3	15.3
1 convnet - tweaked model (b)	37.5	16.0	16.1
6 convnets, (a) & (b) combined	36.0	14.7	14.8

Features are generic: Caltech 256



3: [Bo, Ren, Fox. CVPR, 2013] 16: [Sohn, Jung, Lee, Hero ICCV 2011]

Features are generic: PASCAL VOC 2012

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Network first trained on ImageNet.

Last layer trained on Pascal VOC, keeping N-1 first layers fixed.

Acc %	[15]	[19]	Ours	Acc %	[15]	[19]	Ours
Airplane	92.0	97.3	96.0	Dining table	63.2	77.8	67.7
Bicycle	74.2	84.2	77.1	Dog	68.9	83.0	87.8
Bird	73.0	80.8	88.4	Horse	78.2	87.5	86.0
Boat	77.5	85.3	85.5	Motorbike	81.0	90.1	85.1
Bottle	54.3	60.8	55.8	Person	91.6	95.0	90.9
Bus	85.2	89.9	85.8	Potted plant	55.9	57.8	52.2
Car	81.9	86.8	78.6	Sheep	69.4	79.2	83.6
Cat	76.4	89.3	91.2	Sofa	65.4	73.4	61.1
Chair	65.2	75.4	65.0	Train	86.7	94.5	91.8
Cow	63.2	77.8	74.4	Tv/monitor	77.4	80.7	76.1
Mean	74.3	82.2	79.0	# won	0	15	5

[15] K. Sande, J. Uijlings, C. Snoek, and A. Smeulders. Hybrid coding for selective search. In PASCAL VOC Classification Challenge 2012,

[19] S. Yan, J. Dong, Q. Chen, Z. Song, Y. Pan, W. Xia, Z. Huang, Y. Hua, and S. Shen. Generalized hierarchical matching for sub-category aware object classification. In PASCAL VOC Classification Challenge 2012

Applying a ConvNet on Sliding Windows is Very Cheap!



- Traditional Detectors/Classifiers must be applied to every location on a large input image, at multiple scales.
- Convolutional nets can replicated over large images very cheaply.
- The network is applied to multiple scales spaced by 1.5.

Building a Detector/Recognizer: Replicated Convolutional Nets



480x480 -> 5,083 million multiply-accumulate ops







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ConvNets for Image Segmentation

- Biological Image Segmentation
 [Ning et al. IEEE-TIP 2005]
- Pixel labeling with large context using a convnet
- Cleanup using a CRF
 - Similar to a field of expert



ConvNet in Connectomics [Jain, Turaga, Seung 2007-present]

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3D ConvNet Volumetric Images

Each voxel labeled as "membrane" or "non-membra ne" using a 7x7x7 voxel neighborhood



ConvNets for Image Segmentation

Image Labeling for Off-Road Robots [Hadsell JFR 2008]

- ConvNet labels pixels as one of 3 categories
- Traversible/flat (green), non traversible (red), foot of obstacle (purple)
- Labels obtained from stereo vision and SLAM



Pedestrian Detection, Face Detection

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[Osadchy,Miller LeCun JMLR 2007],[Kavukcuoglu et al. NIPS 2010] [Sermanet et al. CVPR 2013]

ConvNet Architecture with Multi-Stage Features

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- Feature maps from all stages are pooled/subsampled and sent to the final classification layers
 - Pooled low-level features: good for textures and local motifs
 - High-level features: good for "gestalt" and global shape



[Sermanet, Chintala, LeCun CVPR 2013]

Pedestrian Detection: INRIA Dataset. Miss rate vs false positives



[Kavukcuoglu et al. NIPS 2010] [Sermanet et al. ArXiv 2012]

Results on "Near Scale" Images (>80 pixels tall, no occlusions)



Results on "Reasonable" Images (>50 pixels tall, few occlusions)



Unsupervised pre-training with convolutional PSD

128 stage-1 filters on Y channel.

Unsupervised training with convolutional predictive sparse decomposition



Unsupervised pre-training with convolutional PSD

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Stage 2 filters.

Unsupervised training with convolutional predictive sparse decomposition

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Semantic Labeling: Labeling every pixel with the object it belongs to

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Would help identify obstacles, targets, landing sites, dangerous areas Would help line up depth map with edge maps



Scene Parsing/Labeling: ConvNet Architecture

Each output sees a large input context:

46x46 window at full rez; 92x92 at ½ rez; 184x184 at ¼ rez

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[7x7conv]->[2x2pool]->[7x7conv]->[2x2pool]->[7x7conv]->

Trained supervised on fully-labeled images



Method 1: majority over super-pixel regions



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Method 2: optimal cover of purity tree



Scene Parsing/Labeling: Performance

Stanford Background Dataset [Gould 1009]: 8 categories

	Pixel Acc.	Class Acc.	CT (sec.)
Gould <i>et al.</i> 2009 [14]	76.4%	-	10 to 600s
Munoz <i>et al.</i> 2010 [32]	76.9%	66.2%	12s
Tighe <i>et al.</i> 2010 [46]	77.5%	-	10 to 300s
Socher <i>et al.</i> 2011 [45]	78.1%	-	?
Kumar <i>et al.</i> 2010 [22]	79.4%	-	< 600s
Lempitzky <i>et al.</i> 2011 [28]	81.9%	72.4%	> 60s
singlescale convnet	66.0 %	56.5 %	0.35s
multiscale convnet	78.8 %	72.4%	0.6s
multiscale net + superpixels	80.4%	74.56%	0.7s
multiscale net + gPb + cover	80.4%	75.24%	61s
multiscale net + CRF on gPb	81.4%	76.0%	60.5s

[Farabet et al. IEEE T. PAMI 2013]

Scene Parsing/Labeling: Performance

	Pixel Acc.	Class Acc.
Liu et al. 2009 [31]	74.75%	-
Tighe <i>et al.</i> 2010 [44]	76.9%	29.4%
raw multiscale net ¹	67.9%	45.9%
multiscale net + superpixels ¹	71.9%	50.8%
multiscale net + cover ¹	72.3%	50.8%
multiscale net + $cover^2$	78.5%	29.6%

SIFT Flow Dataset
[Liu 2009]:
33 categories

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	Pixel Acc.	Class Acc.
Tighe <i>et al.</i> 2010 [44]	66.9%	7.6%
raw multiscale net ¹	37.8%	12.1 %
multiscale net + superpixels ¹	44.1%	12.4 %
multiscale net + cover ¹	46.4%	12.5%
multiscale net + $cover^2$	67.8 %	9.5 %

[Farabet et al. IEEE T. PAMI 2012]

Barcelona dataset

[Tighe 2010]:

170 categories.

Scene Parsing/Labeling: SIFT Flow dataset (33 categories)

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Samples from the SIFT-Flow dataset (Liu)



Scene Parsing/Labeling: SIFT Flow dataset (33 categories)

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Scene Parsing/Labeling

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[Farabet et al. ICML 2012, PAMI 2013]





[Farabet et al. ICML 2012, PAMI 2013]





[Farabet et al. ICML 2012, PAMI 2013]



No post-processing

Frame-by-frame

ConvNet runs at 50ms/frame on Virtex-6 FPGA hardware

But communicating the features over ethernet limits system performance

Scene Parsing/Labeling: Temporal Consistency

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Causal method for temporal consistency

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Temporal Consistency

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 S'_{t+1}





Temporally consistent segmentations $S_1(=S'_1), S_2$, and S_3

NYU RGB-Depth Indoor Scenes Dataset

407024 RGB-D images of apartments

[Silberman et al. 2012]

1449 labeled frames, 894 object categories





NYU RGB-D Dataset

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Captured with a Kinect on a steadycam





Results

	Class	Multiscale	MultiScl. Cnet	
	Occurrences	Convnet Acc. Farabet et al. (2013)	+depth Acc.	
bed	4.4%	30.3	38.1	
objects	7.1~%	10.9	8.7	
chair	3.4%	44.4	34.1	
furnit.	12.3%	28.5	42.4	
ceiling	1.4%	33.2	62.6	
floor	9.9%	68.0	87.3	
deco.	3.4%	38.5	40.4	
sofa	3.2%	25.8	24.6	
table	3.7%	18.0	10.2	
wall	24.5%	89.4	86.1	
window	5.1%	37.8	15.9	
books	2.9%	31.7	13.7	
TV	1.0%	18.8	6.0	
unkn.	17.8%	-	-	
Avg. Class Acc.	-	35.8	36.2	
Pixel Accuracy (mean)	-	51.0	52.4	
Pixel Accuracy (median)	-	51.7	52.9	
Pixel Accuracy (std. dev.)	-	15.2	15.2	

Results

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Depth helps a bit

- Helps a lot for floor and props
- Helps surprisingly little for structures, and hurts for furniture

	Ground	Furniture	Props	Structure	Class	Pixel	Comput.
					Acc.	Acc.	time (s)
Silberman et al. (2012)	68	70	42	59	59.6	58.6	>3
Cadena and Kosecka (2013)	87.9	64.1	31.0	77.8	65.2	66.9	1.7
Multiscale convnet	68.1	51.1	29.9	87.8	59.2	63.0	0.7
Multiscale+depth convnet	87.3	45.3	35.5	86.1	63.5	64.5	0.7

[C. Cadena, J. Kosecka "Semantic Parsing for Priming Object Detection in RGB-D Scenes" Semantic Perception Mapping and Exploration (SPME), Karlsruhe 2013]

Architecture for indoor RGB-D Semantic Segmentation

Similar to outdoors semantic segmentation method

- Convnet with 4 input channels
- Vote over superpixels



Scene Parsing/Labeling on RGB+Depth Images

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Scene Parsing/Labeling on RGB+Depth Images

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Ground truths



Our results

Labeling Videos

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Temporal consistency



(a) Output of the Multiscale convnet trained using depth information - frame by frame



(b) Results smoothed temporally using Couprie et al. (2013a)

[Couprie, Farabet, Najman, LeCun ICLR 2013] [Couprie, Farabet, Najman, LeCun ICIP 2013] [Couprie, Farabet, Najman, LeCun submitted to JMLR]

Semantic Segmentation on RGB+D Images and Videos

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Building a ConvNet Model: Example in Torch7

```
model = nn.Sequential()
-- stage 1 : filter bank -> squashing -> L2 pooling -> normalization
model:add(nn.SpatialConvolutionMM(nfeats, nstates[1], filtsiz, filtsiz))
model:add(nn.Tanh())
model:add(nn.SpatialLPPooling(nstates[1],2,poolsiz,poolsiz,poolsiz,poolsiz))
model:add(nn.SpatialSubtractiveNormalization(nstates[1], normkernel))
-- stage 2 : filter bank -> squashing -> L2 pooling -> normalization
model:add(nn.SpatialConvolutionMM(nstates[1],nstates[2],filtsiz,filtsiz))
model:add(nn.Tanh())
model:add(nn.SpatialLPPooling(nstates[2],2,poolsiz,poolsiz,poolsiz,poolsiz))
model:add(nn.SpatialSubtractiveNormalization(nstates[2], normkernel))
-- stage 3 : 2 fully-connected layers
model:add(nn.Reshape(nstates[2]*filtsize*filtsize))
model:add(nn.Linear(nstates[2]*filtsize*filtsize, nstates[3]))
model:add(nn.Tanh())
model:add(nn.Linear(nstates[3], noutputs))
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- http://www.torch.ch (Torch7: Lua-based dev environment for ML, CV....)
- http://code.cogbits.com/wiki/doku.php (Torch7 tutorials/demos by C. Farabet)
- http://eblearn.sf.net (C++ Library with convnet support by P. Sermanet)

Backprop in Practice

- Use ReLU non-linearities (tanh and logistic are falling out of favor)
- Use cross-entropy loss for classification
- Use Stochastic Gradient Descent on minibatches
- Shuffle the training samples
- Normalize the input variables (zero mean, unit variance)
- Schedule to decrease the learning rate
- Use a bit of L1 or L2 regularization on the weights (or a combination)
 - But it's best to turn it on after a couple of epochs
- Use "dropout" for regularization
 - Hinton et al 2012 http://arxiv.org/abs/1207.0580
- Lots more in [LeCun et al. "Efficient Backprop" 1998]
- Lots, lots more in "Neural Networks, Tricks of the Trade" (2012 edition) edited by G. Montavon, G. B. Orr, and K-R Müller (Springer)