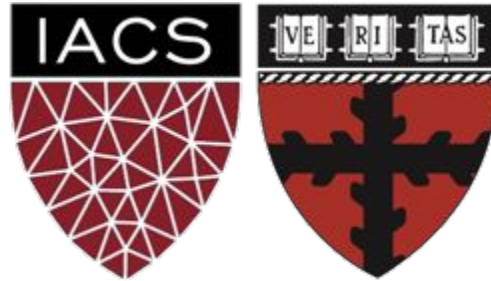


# Advanced Section 2: Semantic Segmentation and Object Detection

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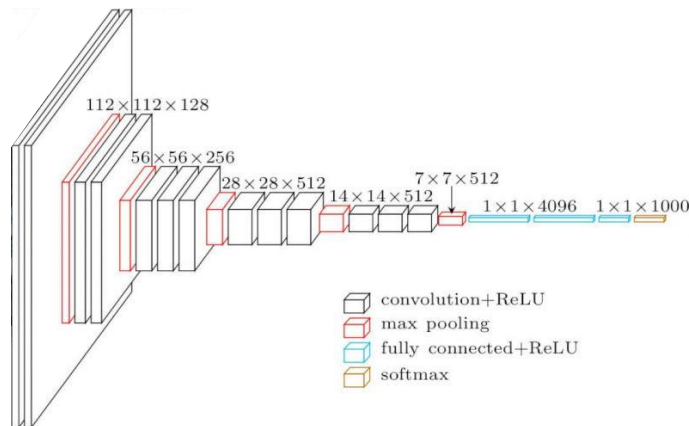
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# Tasks: Image Classification: Fully-Connected CNN

- Fundamental to computer vision given a set of labels {dog, cat, human, ...}
- Predict the most likely class

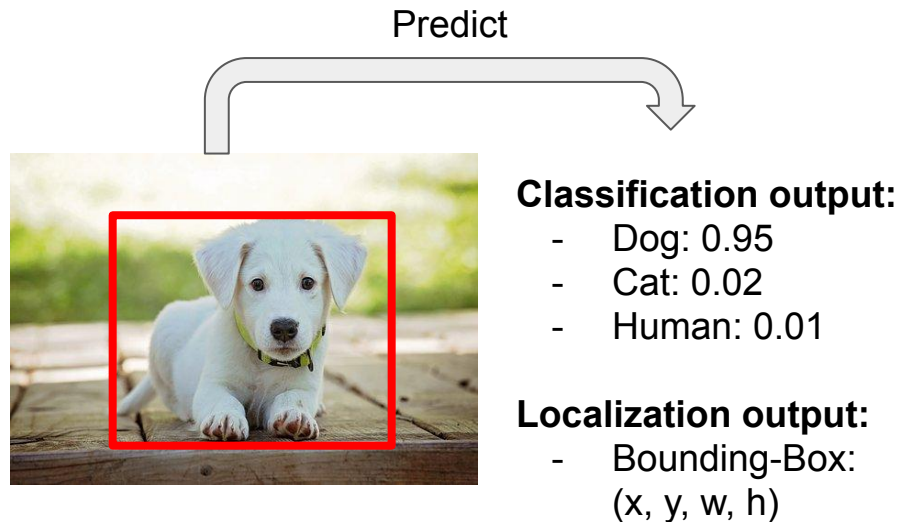
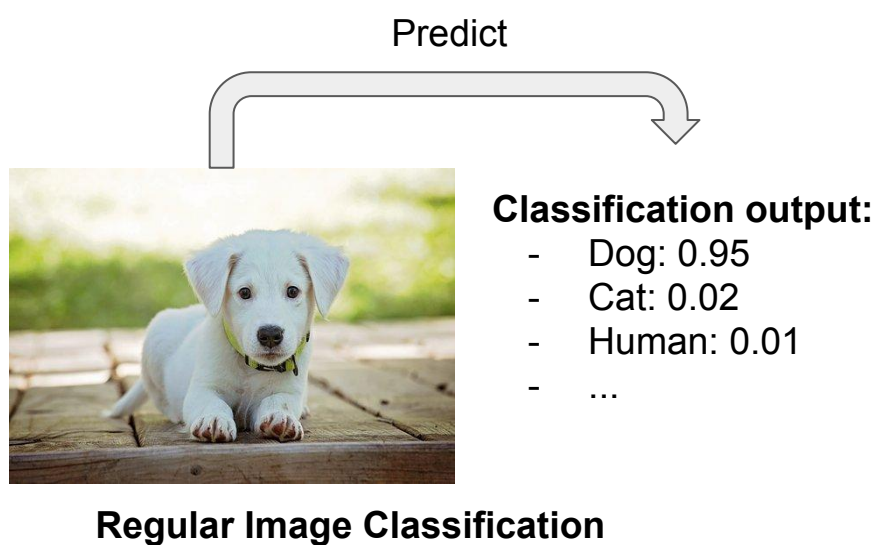


## Classification output (C = 1000):

- Dog: 0.95
- Cat: 0.02
- Human: 0.01
- ...

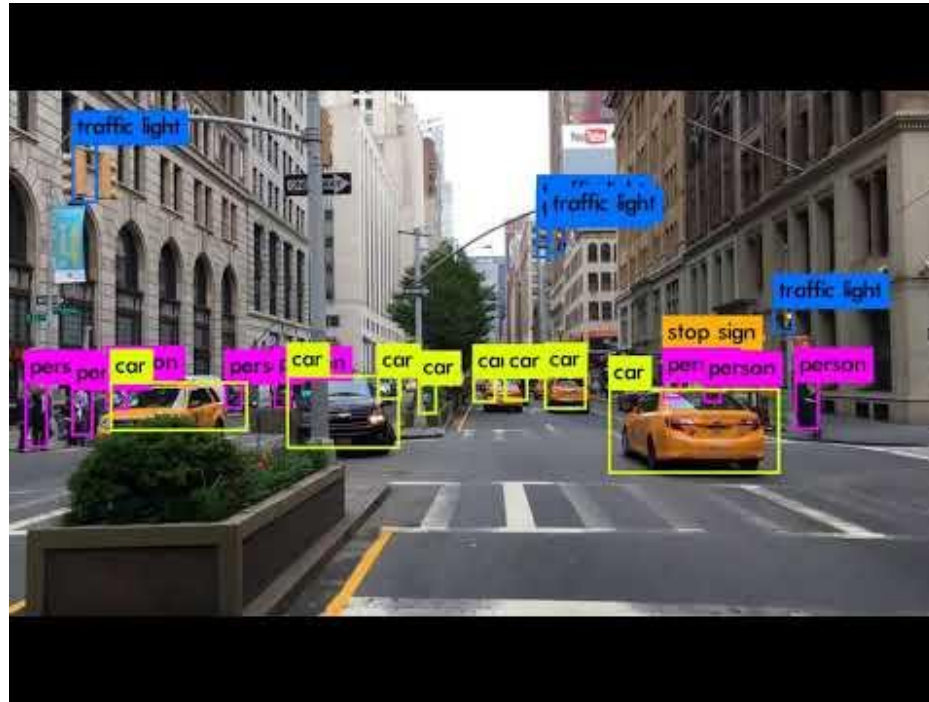
# Tasks: From Image Classification to **Classification + Localization**

- Localization demands to compute **where 1 object is present in an image**
- Limitation: only 1 object (also non-overlapping)
- Typically implemented using a bounding box (x, y, w, h)



# Tasks: From Classification + Localization to **Object Detection**

- Classification and Localization extended to multiple objects



Youtube "YOLO in New York" by Joseph Redmon (creator of YOLO)

# Tasks: From Classification to **Semantic Segmentation**

- **Image Classification:** assigning a single label to **the entire picture**
- **Semantic segmentation:** assigning a semantically meaningful label to **every pixel in the image**



Person  
Bicycle  
Background

# Why Object Detection and Semantic Segmentation

## Computer vision:

- Autonomous vehicles
- Biomedical Imaging detecting cancer, diseases, ...
- Video surveillance:
  - Counting people
  - Tracking people
- Aerial surveillance
- Geo Sensing: tracking wildfire, glaciers, .. via satellite

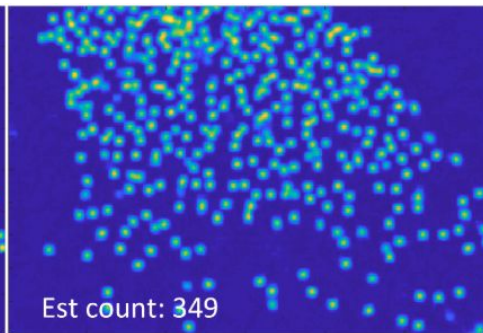
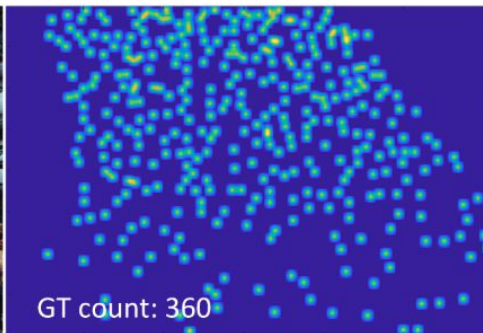
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## Note:

- Efficiency/inference-time is important!
- How many frames/sec can we predict?
- Must for real-time segmentation & detection.



Youtube: "Tensorflow DeepLab v3 Xception Cityscapes" ( [link](#) )



# How to measure quality in detection and segmentation?

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- **Pixel Accuracy:**
  - Percent of pixels in your image that are classified correctly
  - Our model has 95% accuracy! Great!

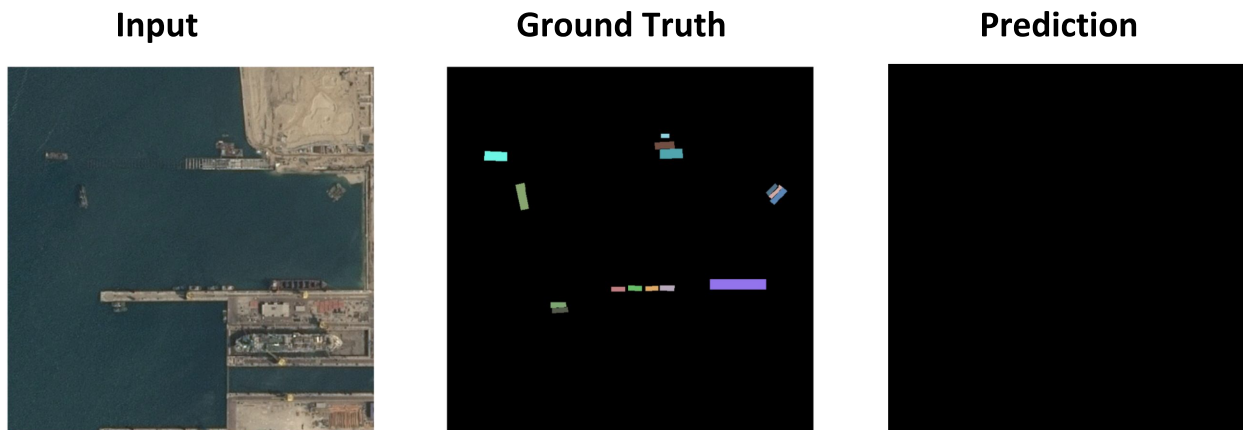


Image from [Vlad Shmyhlo](#) in article: Image Segmentation: Kaggle experience (Part 1 of 2) in TDS

- **Problem with accuracy: unbalanced data!**



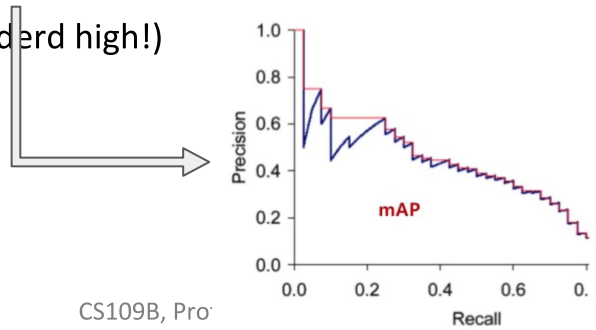
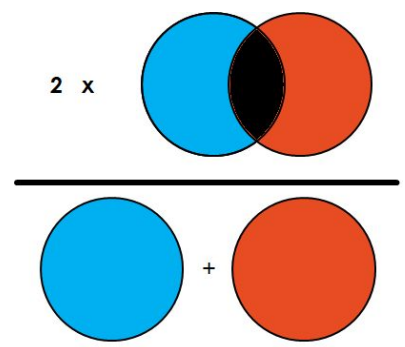
# How do we measure accuracy?

- **Pixel Accuracy:** Percent of pixels in your image that are classified correctly
- **IOU:** Intersection-Over-Union (Jaccard Index):  $\text{Overlap} / \text{Union}$



IoU calculation visualized. Source: Wikipedia

- **DICE:** Coefficient (F1 Score):  $2 \times \text{Overlap} / \text{Total number of pixels}$
- **mAP:** Mean Average Precision: AUC of Precision-Recall curve
- standard in literature, 0.5 is considered high!



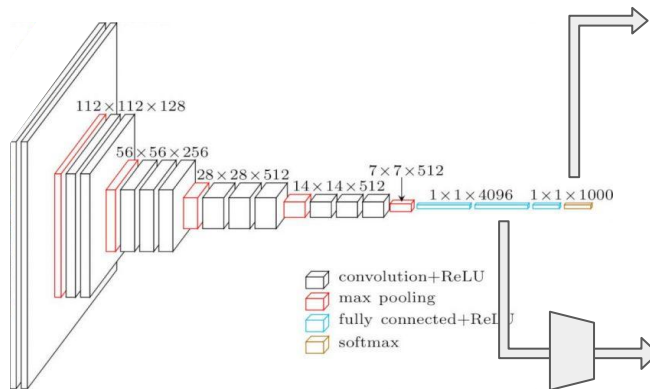
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# Object detection: let's classify and locate

- Object detection is just classification and localization combined
  - Classification: Using standard CNN
  - Localization: Regression problem for predicting box coordinates
  - **Combined loss:** Classification (Softmax) + Regression (L2)



**Classification output:**

Dog: 0.95  
Cat: 0.02  
Human: 0.01

**Softmax Loss**

**Multi-Task Learning**

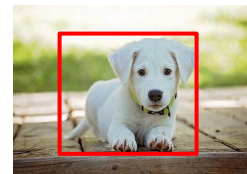
**Localization output:**

Bounding-Box:  
(x, y, w, h)  
(x, y, width, height)

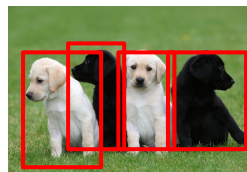
**L2-norm Loss**

# Object detection: From single to multiple objects: **Sliding Windows?**

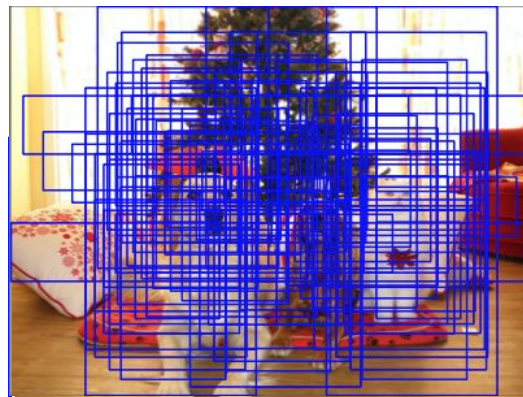
- Might work for single object, but not for multiple objects:
- Each image containing “ $x$ ” objects :  
needs “ $x$ ” number of classification and localization outputs.
- Solution for multiple objects:
  - Crop the image “in a smart way”
  - Apply the CNN to each crop
- Can we just **use sliding windows?**
  - **Problem:** Need for applying CNN to huge number of locations, scales, bbox aspect ratios: very computationally expensive!
  - **Solution:** Region Proposals methods to find object-like regions.



Dog: (x, y, w, h )



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# Object detection: Multiple objects? Region Proposal Networks!

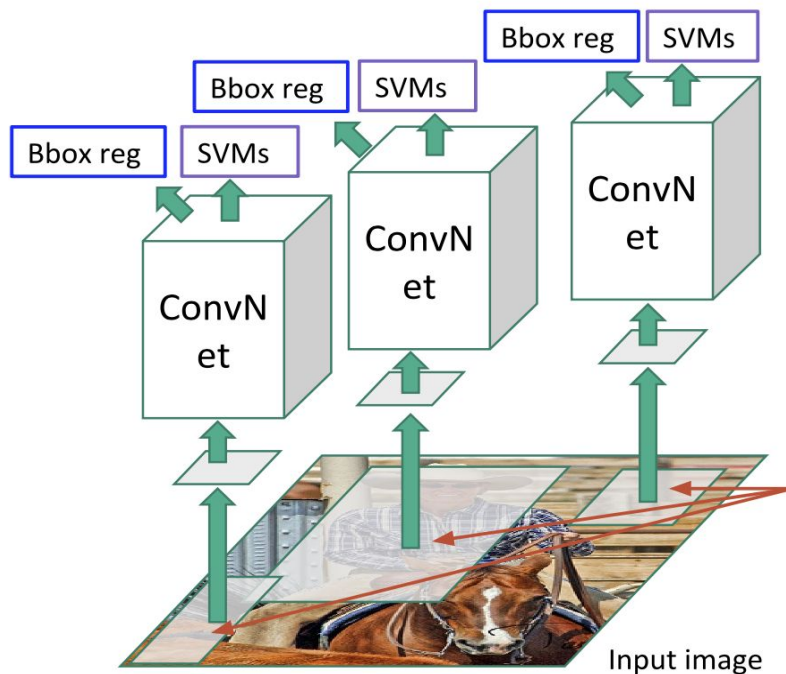
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- **Solution:** Region Proposals methods to find object-like regions:
- **“Selective Search Algorithm:** returns boxes that are likely to contain objects
  - Use hierarchical segmentation
  - Start with small superpixels
  - Merge based on similarity



**Output:** Where are object like regions?

No classification yet.

# The evolution of R-CNN: R-CNN , Fast R-CNN, Faster R-CNN

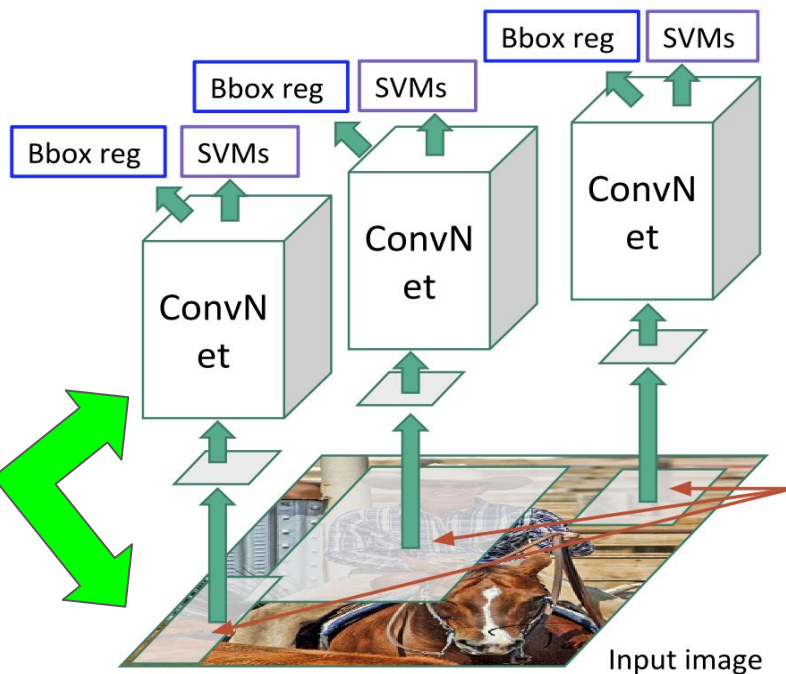


## R-CNN = Region-based CNN

- Correct BBox by Bbox regressor ( $dx, dy, dw, dh$ )
- Classify regions with SVMs
- Forward each region through CNN
- Resize proposed RoI (224x224)
- Region of Interest (RoI) from selective search region proposal (approx 2k)
- **Problem:** need to do 2k independent forward passes for each image! ('slow' R-CNN)

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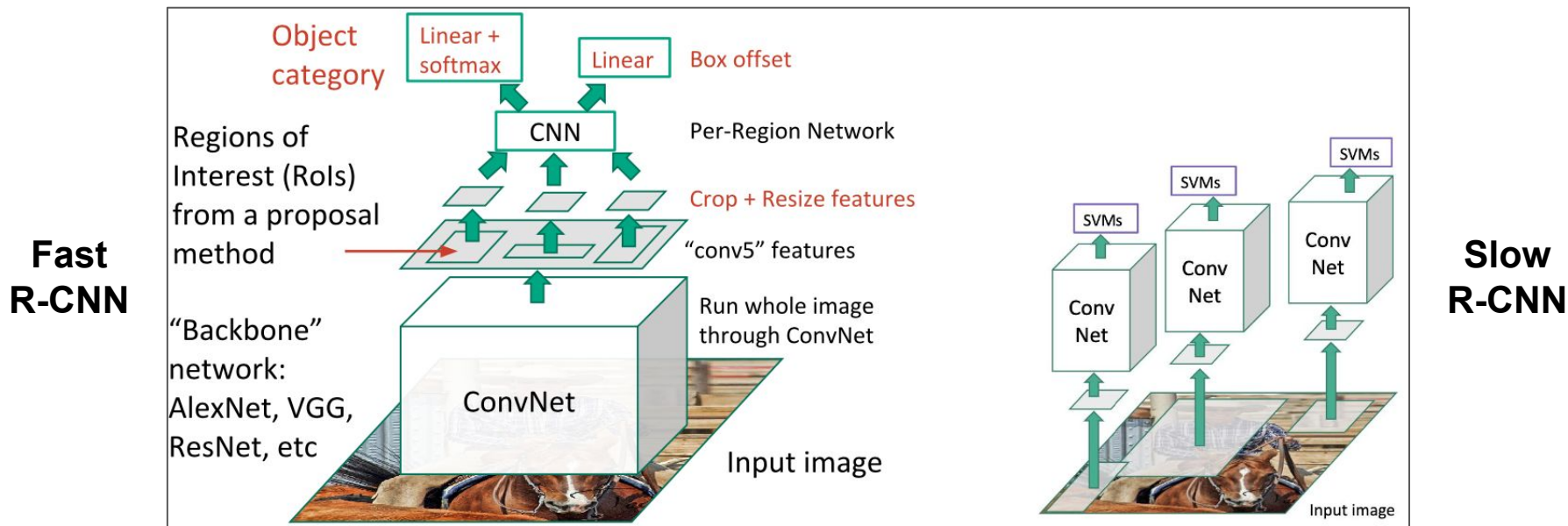
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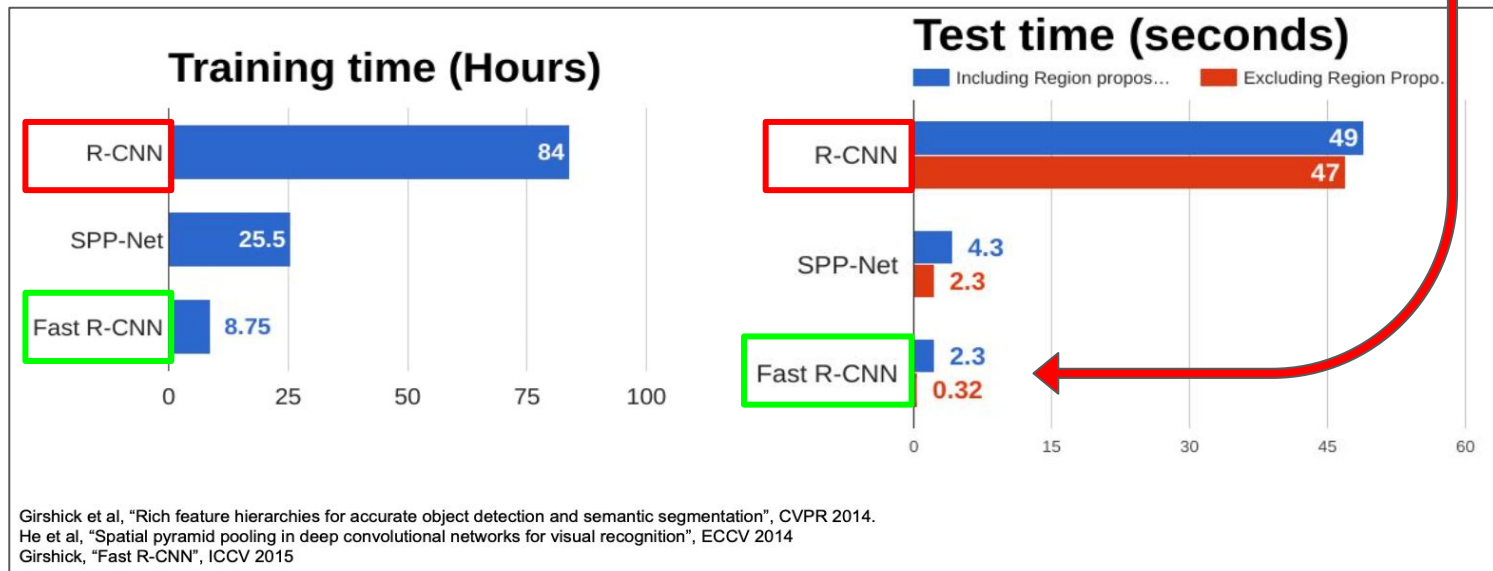
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- Even inference is slow: 47s/image with VGG16 [Simonyan & Zisserman, ICLR 15]
- **Solution:** can we process (CNN forward pass) the image before cropping generates 2k regions?





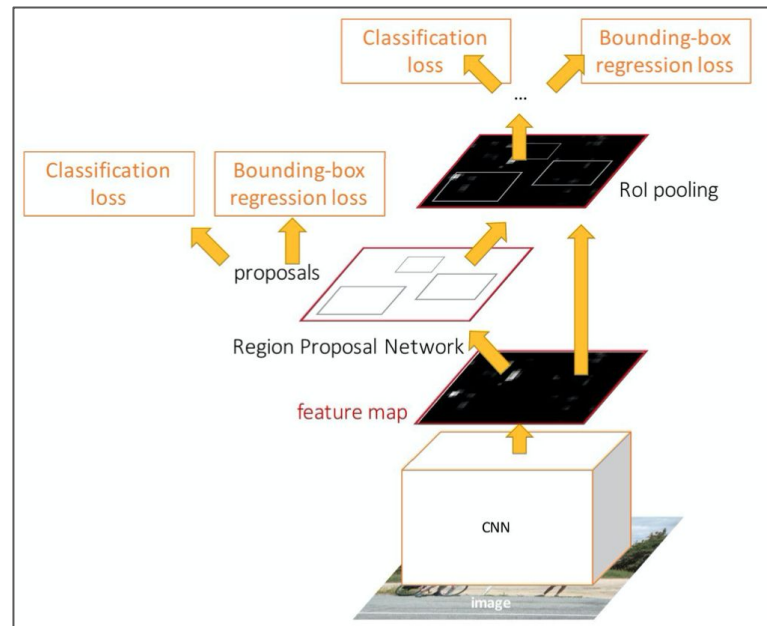
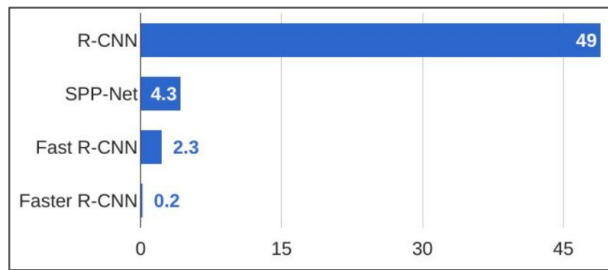
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- Fast R-CNN much faster than R-CNN
- Runtime dominated by region proposals; is an iterative method ('like selective search')
- **Solution:** can we Make CNN do proposals!      Fast R-CNN → Faster R-CNN



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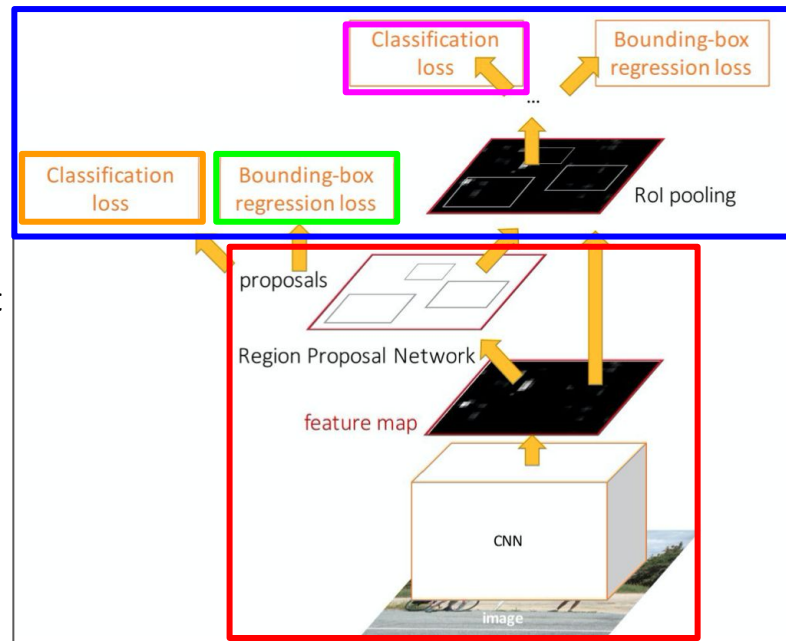
- **Faster R-CNN**: Make CNN to do proposals! (single forward, not iterative selective search)
- **CNN Region Proposal Network (RPN)**: predicting region proposals from features
- Otherwise same as Fast R-CNN: crop and classify
- End-to-end quadruple loss:
  - RPN classify object / not object
  - RPN regress box coordinates
  - Final classification score (object classes)
  - Final box coordinates
- Test-time seconds per image:



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# Two-Stage object detector

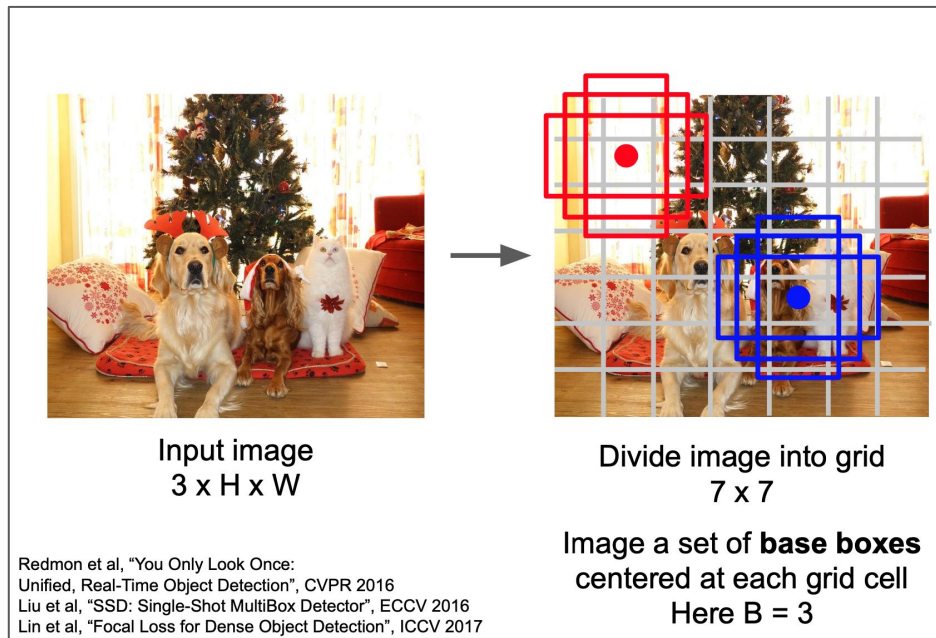
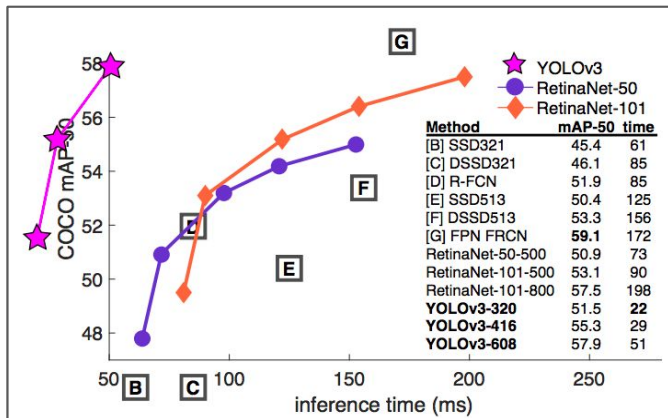
- Previously we said: “Multiple objects? Thus Need for Region Proposal Networks!”
- **Faster R-CNN is a two-stage object detector**
  - a. **Stage 1:** Backbone network + RPN (once / image)
  - b. **Stage 2:** crop - predict object & bbox (once / region)
- What is our RPN again?
- RPN runs prediction on many many anchor boxes
  - **Loss 1:** Tells is does the anchor bbox contain an object
  - **Loss 2:** For the top 300 boxes its adjusts the box
- What is the difference between our 2 classification losses?
  - **one is detecting/classifying: object ‘yes/no’**
  - **one is classifying specific categories: dog ‘yes/no’ ,...**
- Do we really need two stages?
- Can’t we do category-specific RPN directly?



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# Single-Stage Detection without Region Proposals: YOLO, SSD

- Within each of the  $N \times N$  grid regress over each  $B$  base boxes, predict:  $(dx, dy, dh, dw, \text{confidence}) = 5$
- Predict  $C$  category specific class scores
  - **Output** :  $N \times N \times S (5B + C)$
- YOLOv3: YOU ONLY LOOK ONCE : Joseph Redmon
  - predicts at 3 scales,  $S = 3$
  - Predicts 3 boxes at each scale,  $B=3$
  - Darknet-53 as feature extractor (similar to ResNet 152, and 2x faster!)



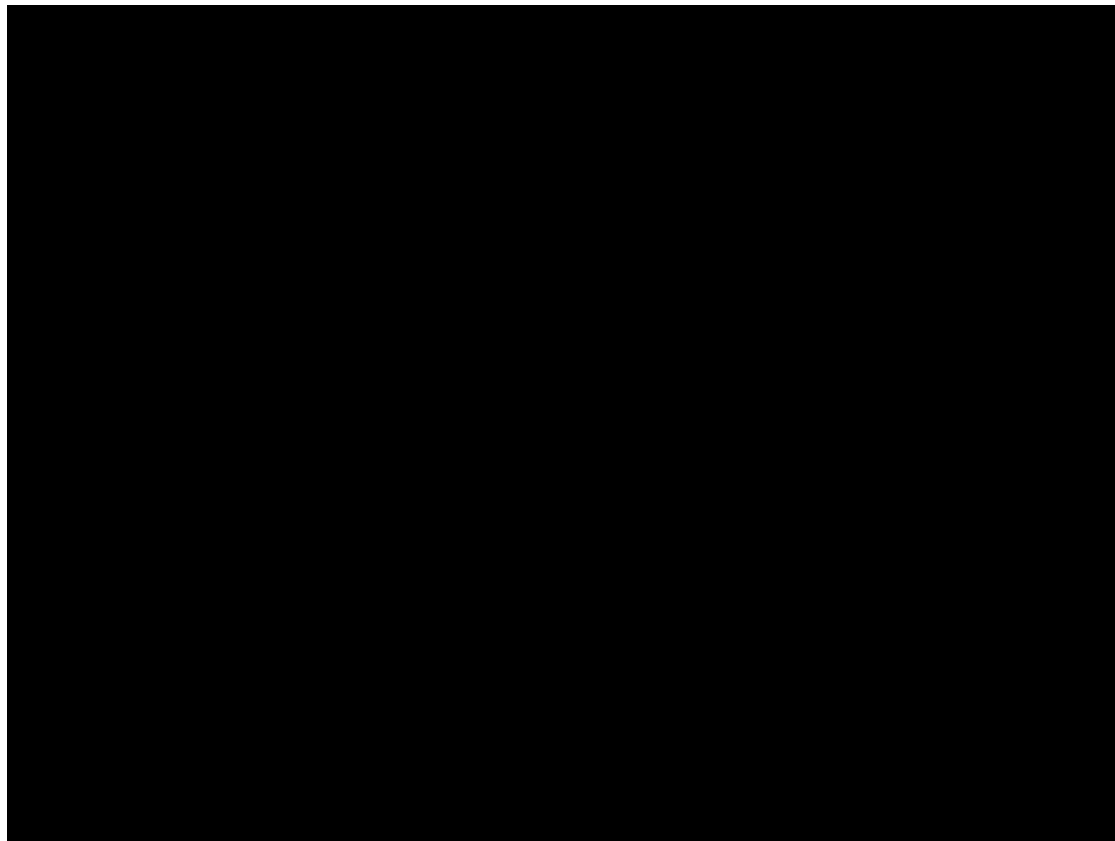
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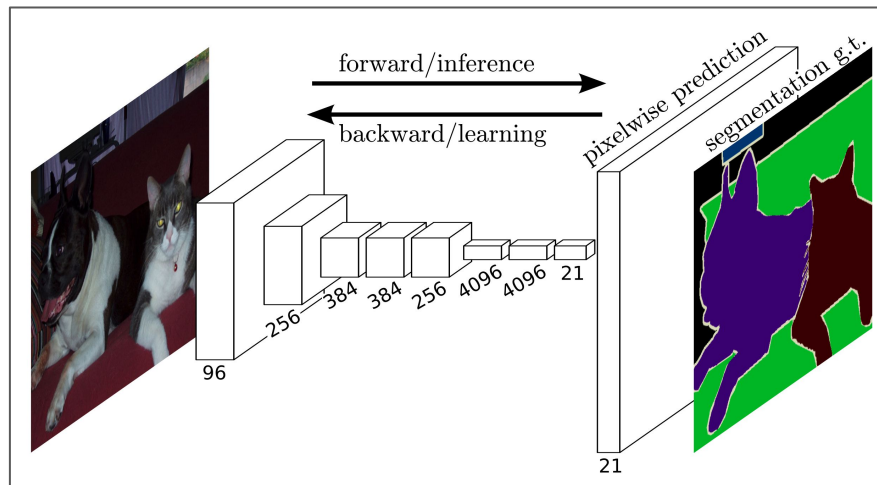
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# Semantic segmentation: Classify every pixel

- **Image Classification:** assigning a single label to **the entire picture**
- **Semantic segmentation:** assigning a semantically meaningful **label to every pixel in the image**
  - So our output shouldn't be a class prediction ( $C$  numbers) but a picture ( $C \times w \times h$ )
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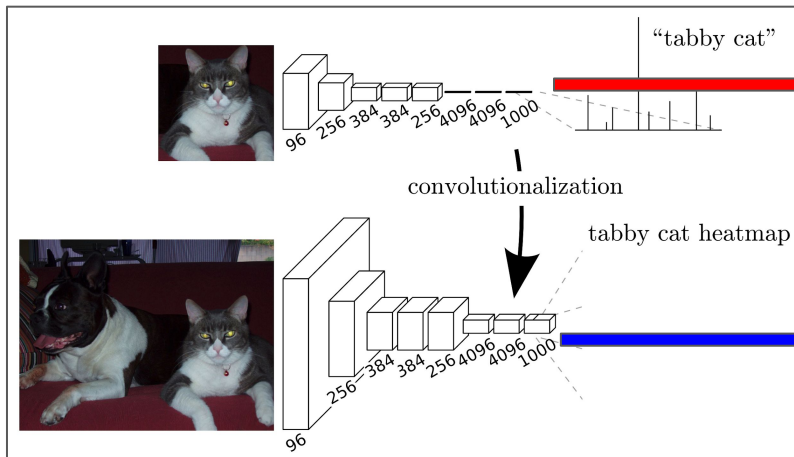
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Many forward passes! Overlapping features not used.
- **Solution: FCN = Fully-Convolutional Networks! (not fully-connected)** (abbr. confusing!)
  - 1 network - 1 prediction would be a lot better
  - Why convolutions? every pixel is very much influenced by its neighbourhood

Image Classification

Image Segmentation



fully-connected layers

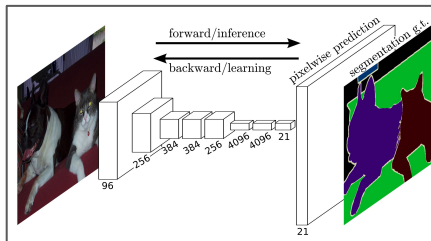
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fully convolutional layers



# Fully-Convolutional Networks

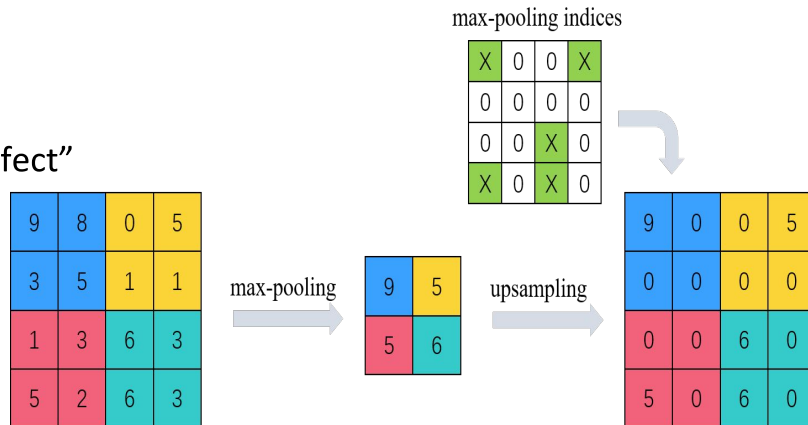
- **FCN:** design a network as a bunch of conv layers to make predictions for all pixels all at once.
  - **Encoder** (= Localization): **downsample** through **convolutions**
    - reduces number of params (bottleneck), can make network deeper
  - **Decoder** (= Segmentation): **upsampled** through **transposed convolutions**
  - **Loss:** cross-entropy loss on every pixel
- **Contribution:**
  - Popularize the use of end-to-end CNNs for semantic segmentation
  - Re-purpose imagenet pretrained networks for segmentation = Transfer Learning
  - Upsample using transposed layers
- **Negative:** upsampling = loss of information during pooling
  - 224x224 image downsampled to 20x20 back upsampled to 224x224



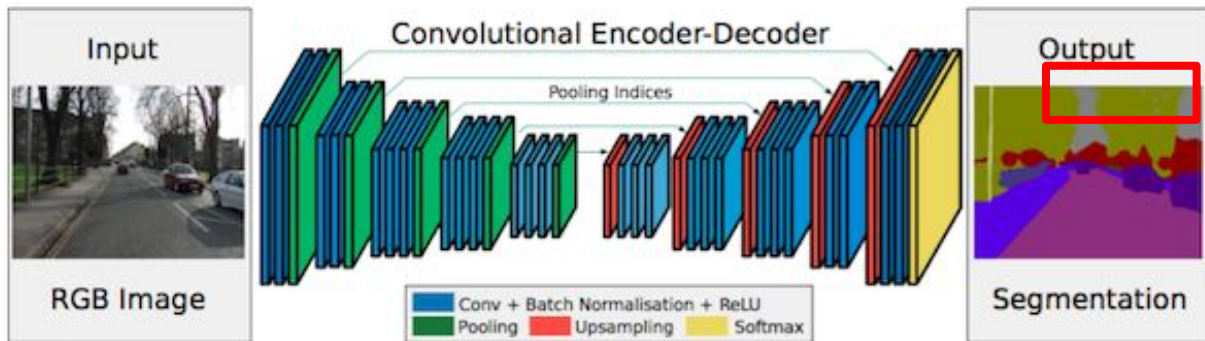
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# Segnet: pooling indices

- The indices from max pooling downsampling are transferred to the decoder: **pooling indices**
- Improves fine segmentation resolution, we want “pixel-perfect”
- More efficient since no transposed convolutions to learn

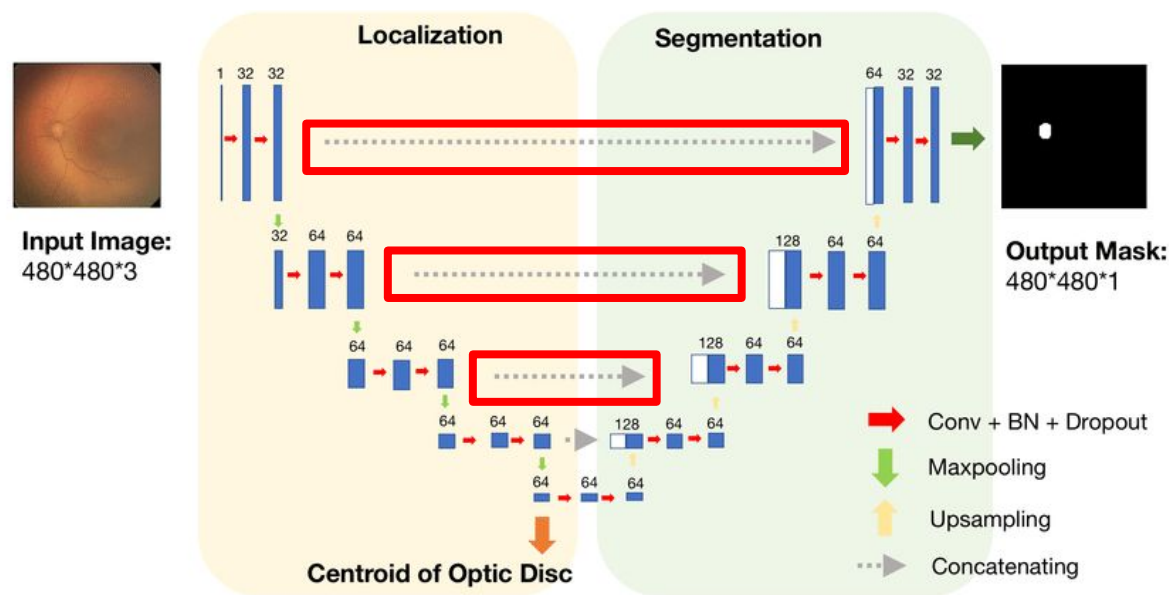


SegNet: A deep Convolutional Encoder-Decoder Architecture for Image Segmentation. ([link](#))



# U-NET: long skip connections

- The U-Net is an encoder-decoder using:
  - **location information** from the **downsampling** path of the **encoder**
  - **contextual information** in the **upsampling** path by the **“concatenating” long-skip connections**



# Faster R-CNN linked to Semantic Segmentation: Mask R-CNN

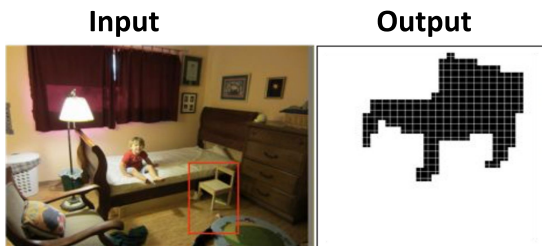
- **Object Detection:**

- E.g. Faster R-CNN or YOLO
- classification and Localization of **every object**

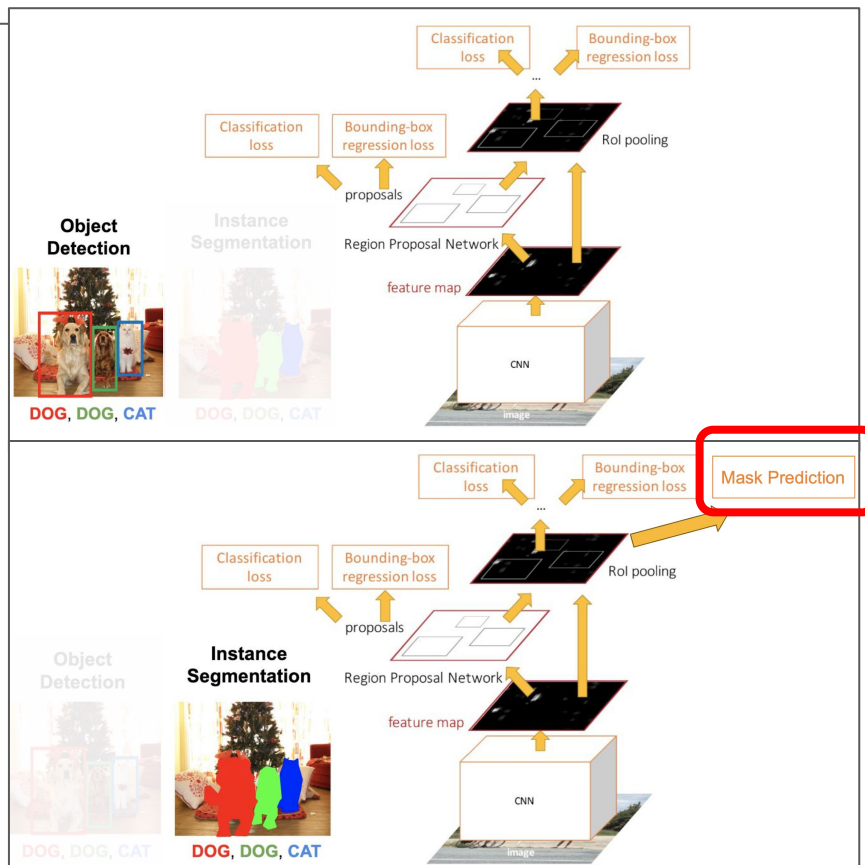
- **Semantic segmentation:**

- assigning a semantically meaningful label to **every pixel in the image**
- We can use the bbox prediction of R-CNN
- Train a network to get a pixel mask on each RoI
- Output binary 28x28 mask:

- Faster R-CNN -> **Mask R-CNN**



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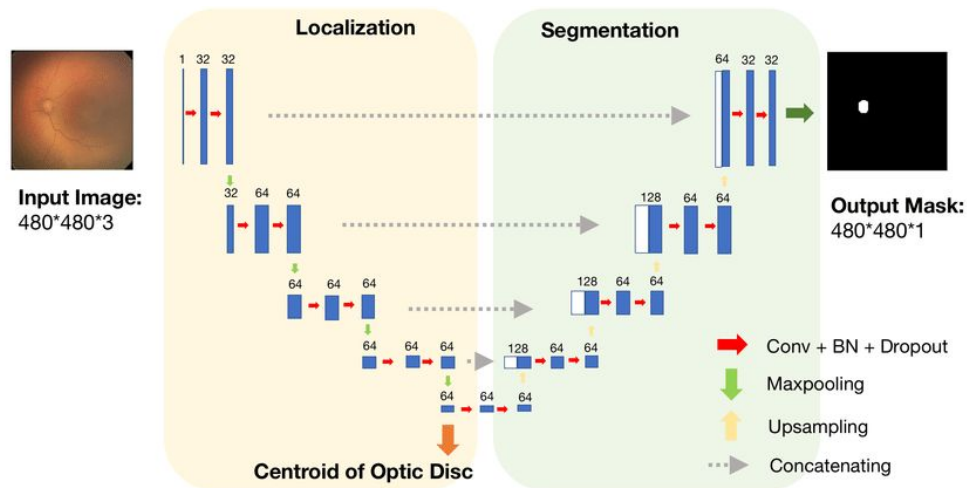
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# Code: Using Transfer-Learning to train a U-NET

Can we train a segmentation U-Net on only 500 images in 4 minutes on colab!?

**YES: Transfer Learning!**

- Use a MobileNet classification network to help the segmentation network to learn!
- How can we use the weights of the MobileNet in our U-Net?



# Code: Using Transfer-Learning to train a U-NET

How can we use the weights of the MobileNet in our U-Net?

- MobileNet goes from images by downsampling to a 1D number / class.
- The encoder of U-Net also downsamples
- We can construct the encoder of the U-Net to have exactly the layers as some low-, mid-, and high-level layers of the mobileNet and reuse their weights

```
selected_encoder = tf.keras.applications.mobilenet_v2.MobileNetV2(  
    input_shape=(INPUT_SPATIAL, INPUT_SPATIAL, 3),  
    include_top=False,  
    alpha=1.0,  
    weights='imagenet' if pretrained else None)
```

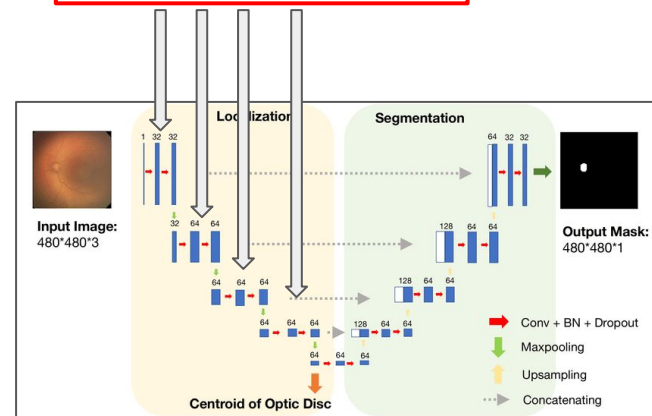
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conv0 = selected_encoder.get_layer("expanded_conv_project").output # 112 x 112  
conv1 = selected_encoder.get_layer("block_2_project").output # 56 x 56  
conv2 = selected_encoder.get_layer("block_5_project").output # 28 x 28  
conv3 = selected_encoder.get_layer("block_12_project").output # 14 x 14
```

```
up6 = selected_encoder.output  
conv7 = up6
```

```
up8 = concatenate([Upsampling2D()(conv7), conv3], axis=-1)  
conv8 = conv_block_simple(up8, 128, "conv8_1")
```

```
up9 = concatenate([Upsampling2D()(conv8), conv2], axis=-1)  
conv9 = conv_block_simple(up9, 64, "conv9_1")
```

## MobileNet Layers



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**YES: Transfer Learning! Notebook [HERE](#)**

**Use a MobileNet classification network to get a segmentation network to learn!**

Thanks to ComputeFest **Camilo Fosco** and **Vincent Casser**

2. Train a U-Net from scratch:

- 2.3 The segmentation network architecture
- 2.4 Training the network from scratch
- 2.5 Visualize results

3. Transfer Learning to the rescue: again?

- 3.1 Re-run training with pretrained encoder weights
- 3.4 Running on webcam images



# See you on Zoom!



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