# Convolutional Neural Networks I 

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## A Convolutional Network



## The code

In [ ]

```
mnist_cnn_model = Sequential() # Create sequential model
# Add network layers
mnist_cnn_model.add(Conv2D(32, (3, 3), activation='relu', input_shape=(28, 28, 1)))
mnist_cnn_model.add(MaxPooling2D((2, 2)))
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mnist_cnn_model.add(Flatten())
mnist_cnn_model.add(Dense(64, activation='relu'))
mnist_cnn_model.add(Dense(10, activation='softmax'))
mnist_cnn_model.compile(optimizer=optimizer,
    loss=loss,
    metrics=metrics)
history = mnist_cnn_model.fit(train_images, train_labels,
epochs=epochs,
batch_size=batch_size,
verbose=verbose,
validation_split=0.2,
# validation_data=(X_val, y_val) # IF you have val data
shuffle=True)
```


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## Feed forward Neural Network, Multilayer Perceptron (MLP)

A function is a relation that associates each element $x$ of a set $X$ to a single element $y$ of a set $Y$


Neural networks can approximate a wide variety of functions


## Quick review of MLPs



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 layer

hidden layer 1
hidden layer 2

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## $Y$ is a linear combination of these basis

 functions.We learn the coefficients of the basis functions $W_{j}^{(2)}$ as well as the parameters of the basis functions $\left(W_{j}^{(1)}, \beta_{j}\right)$

## Main drawbacks of MLPs

- MLPs use one node for each input (e.g. pixel in an image, or 3 pixel values in RGB case). The number of weights rapidly becomes unmanageable for large images.
- Training difficulties arise, overfitting can appear.
- MLPs react differently to an input (images) and its shifted version - they are not translation invariant.


## MLP: number of weights



How many weights?

- If $X \in \mathbb{R}$ then $\left|\mathrm{W}_{i}\right|=1$
- If $X \in \mathbb{R}^{m}$ then $\left|\mathrm{W}_{i}\right|=\mathrm{m}$
hidden layer 1


## MLP: number of weights for images



If we consider each pixel as an independent predictor, then $X \in \mathbb{R}^{4 x 4}$ or 16 predictors, there are 16 weights for each node in the fist hidden layer.

A strong motivation for performing model selection is to avoid overfitting, which we saw can happen when:

- there are too many predictors
- the feature space is high dimensional
- the polynomial degree is too high
- too many cross-terms are considered


## Common Dataset: MNIST

MNIST, a dataset of handwritten digits that are commonly used to train and test machine learning models. It contains 60,000 28x28 black and white images in 10 different classes for training and another 10,000 for testing. Each pixel is a feature: an MLP would have $28 x 28 x 1+1=785$ weights per neuron!

Label: 5


Label: 0


Label: 1


## Common Dataset: CIFAR10

CIFAR10, a dataset of images that are commonly used to train machine learning models. It contains 60,000 $32 \times 32$ color images in 10 different classes.

Each pixel is a feature: an MLP would have $32 x 32 x 3+1=3073$ weights per neuron!


## Common Dataset: ImageNet

Example: ImageNet, a large visual database designed for use in visual object recognition software research. More than 14 million images have been hand-annotated into 1000 classes by the project to indicate what objects are pictured. In at least one million of the images, bounding boxes are also provided.

Images are usually $224 \times 224 \times 3$ : an MLP would have 150129 weights per neuron. If the first
 layer of the MLP is around 128 nodes, which is small, this already becomes very heavy to train.

Me using neural network for simple regression problem


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- Summarize input (image) with high level features => feature extraction or representation learning


## Feature extraction



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3. Oval shape head
4. Glasses

# WAIT FOR IT 

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## Image analysis

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Round, elongated oval with orange protuberance

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## Now what?

| with orange or black | Long white neck, can |
| :--- | :--- |
| beak, can be turned | bend around, not |
| necessarily straight |  |



## Now what?



We need to be able to deal with these cases


And these


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## Image features

- We've been basically talking about detecting features in images, in a very naïve way.
- Researchers built multiple computer vision techniques to deal with these issues: SIFT, FAST, SURF, BRIEF, etc.
- However, similar problems arose: the detectors where either too general or too over-engineered. Humans were designing these feature detectors, and that made them either too simple or hard to generalize.

SIFT feature descriptor


FAST corner detection algorithm

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Multiple techniques for this:

- Unsupervised (K-means, PCA, ...).
- Supervised Dictionary learning
- Neural Networks!


## Some extra things to consider



- Nearby Pixels are more strongly related that distant ones
- Objects are built up out of smaller parts
- Images are Local and Hierarchical


## And images are invariant



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Each neuron from first layer has one weight per pixel. Recall, the importance of the predictors (here pixels) is given by the value of the coefficient, here the weight W .


In this case, the red weights will be larger to better recognize cat.


In this case, the blue weights will be larger.

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We are learning redundant features. Approach is not robust, as cats could appear in yet another position.

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## Do the same for all images

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## Convolution and cross-correlation

- A convolution of $f$ and $g,(f * g)$, is defined as the integral of the product, having one of the functions inverted and shifted:

$$
(f * g)(t)=\int_{a} f(a) g\left(\bar{t}_{-}-a\right) d a
$$

- Discrete convolution:

$$
(f * g)(t)=\sum_{a=-\infty}^{\infty} f(a) g(t-a)
$$

- Discrete cross-correlation:

$$
(f \star g)(t)=\sum_{a=-\infty}^{\infty} f(a) g(t+a)
$$

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## "Convolution" Operation in action

What does convolving an image with a Kernel do?

## "Convolution" Operation in action

What does convolving an image with a Kernel do?
Edge detection


$$
\text { * }\left[\begin{array}{ccc}
-1 & -1 & -1 \\
-1 & 8 & -1 \\
-1 & -1 & -1
\end{array}\right]
$$



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Different filters identify different features.

## RGB Image (7x7x3)



3 Feature Maps
(7x7x3)

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Layer 3, Filter 1: Combines diagonal lines to identify shapes

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The general idea of CNNs is to intelligently adapt to properties of images:

- Pixel position and neighborhood have semantic meanings.
- Elements of interest can appear anywhere in the image.


## Convolutions - what happens at the edges?

If we apply convolutions on a normal image, the result will be down-sampled by an amount depending on the size of the filter.


We can avoid this by padding the edges in different ways.

## Padding



Full padding. Introduces zeros such that all pixels are visited the same number of times by the filter. Increases size of output.


Same padding. Ensures that the output has the same size as the input.

## Stride

Stride controls how the filter convolves around the input volume.

The formula for calculating the output size is:

$$
o=\frac{W-K+2 P}{S}+1
$$

Where O is output dim, W is the input dim, K is the filter size, P is padding and $S$ the stride

Stride $=1$
$7 \times 7$ Input Volume



Stride = 2
$7 \times 7$ Input Volume
$3 \times 3$ Output Volume


## Exercise: Pavlos vs Not Pavlos

The aim of this exercise is to train a dense neural network and a CNN to
 compare the parameters between them

- Augment the dataset since we only have one image of Pavlos and the eagle
- Build a simple feed-forward network and train it
- Use the convolution layer to build a simple CNN and train it like the network before
- Compare performance and parameters



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## Common Question after this class

1. It is said that people often choose 3 or 5 as the size of the kernel, are there any advantages this kernel size could have?
2. Why do we need pooling?
3. Would it be possible that CNN without pooling could also have good performance? Are there any alternative?
4. How to calculate the number of parameters in a CNN?
5. Does a CNN with more convolutional layers necessarily have a better performance than a CNN with less layers?
6. Why we need a dense layer after the whole convolved layers?
7. Do CNNs have any drawbacks such as vanishing or exploding gradients like simple MLPs?
