Introduction to Computer Vision

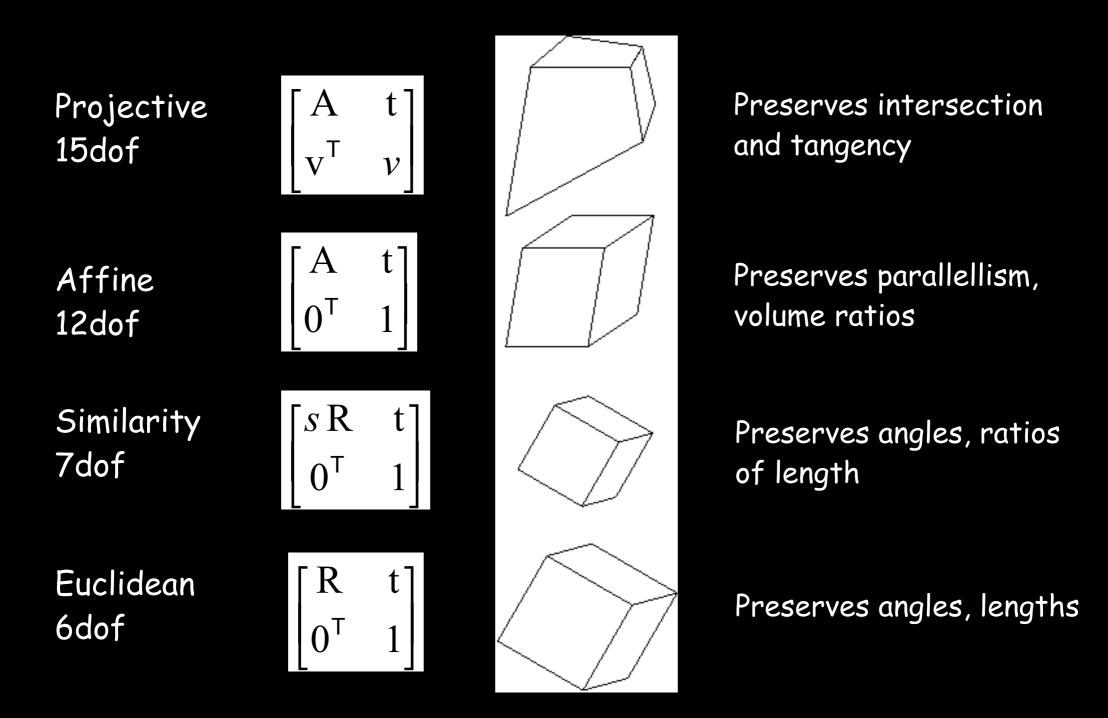
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Outline

- Wrap-up of SfM
- Recognition, classical methods, and supervised learning
- Introduction to neural networks

Types of ambiguity



- With no constraints on the camera calibration matrix or on the scene, we get a projective reconstruction
- Need additional information to upgrade the reconstruction to affine, similarity, or Euclidean

Structure from Motion

Given m pictures of n points, can we recover

- the three-dimensional configuration of these points?
- the camera configurations?

The Euclidean (perspective) Structure-from-Motion Problem

Given *m* (internally) calibrated perspective images of *n* fixed points P_i we can write

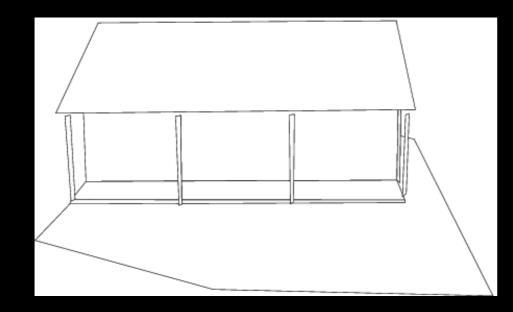
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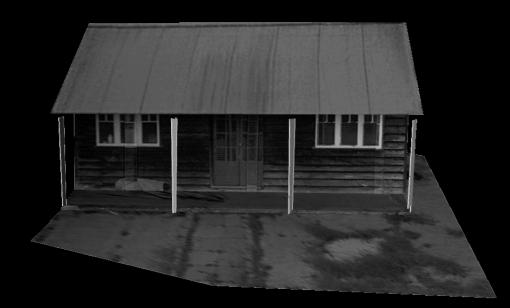
Problem: estimate the *m* 3x4 matrices $M_i = [R_i t_i]$ and the n positions P_j from the *mn* correspondences p_{ij} . 2*mn* equations in 11*m* (or rather 5*m*)+3*n* unknowns

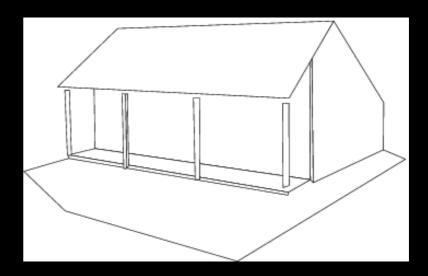


Overconstrained problem, that can be solved using (non-linear) least squares!

Euclidean (= similarity) ambiguity







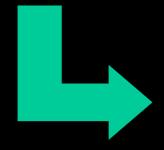


The Projective Structure-from-Motion Problem

Given *m* uncalibrated perspective images of *n* fixed points P_j we can write

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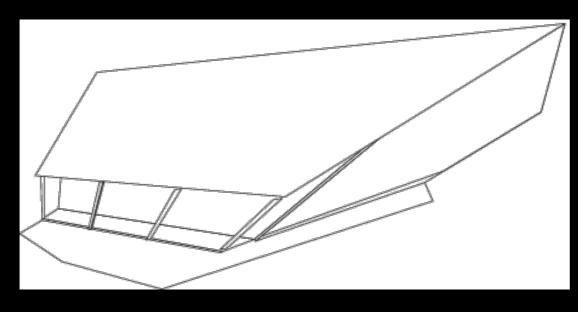
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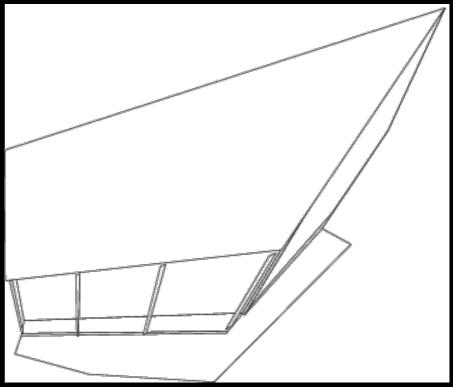


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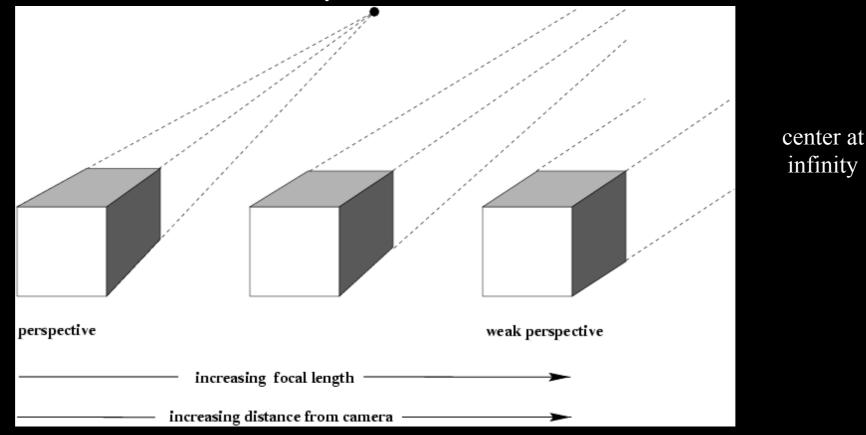


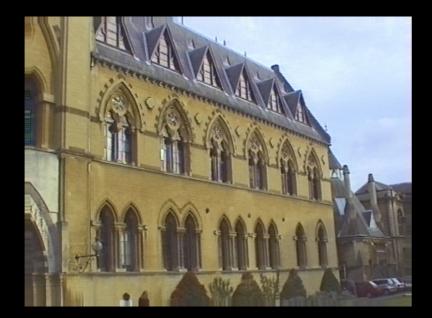




Structure from motion

Let us now look at simpler, affine cameras







The Affine Structure-from-Motion Problem

Given *m* images of *n* fixed points P_{i} we can write

$$\boldsymbol{p}_{ij} = \mathcal{M}_i \begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{P}_j \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \mathcal{A}_i \boldsymbol{P}_j + \boldsymbol{b}_i \text{ for } i = 1, \dots, m \text{ and } j = 1, \dots, n.$$

Problem: estimate the m 2x4 matrices M and the n positions P_j from the mn correspondences p_{ij} .

2mn equations in 8m+3n unknowns

Overconstrained problem, that can be solved using (non-linear) least squares!

The Affine Epipolar Constraint

Note: the epipolar lines are parallel.

The Affine Fundamental Matrix

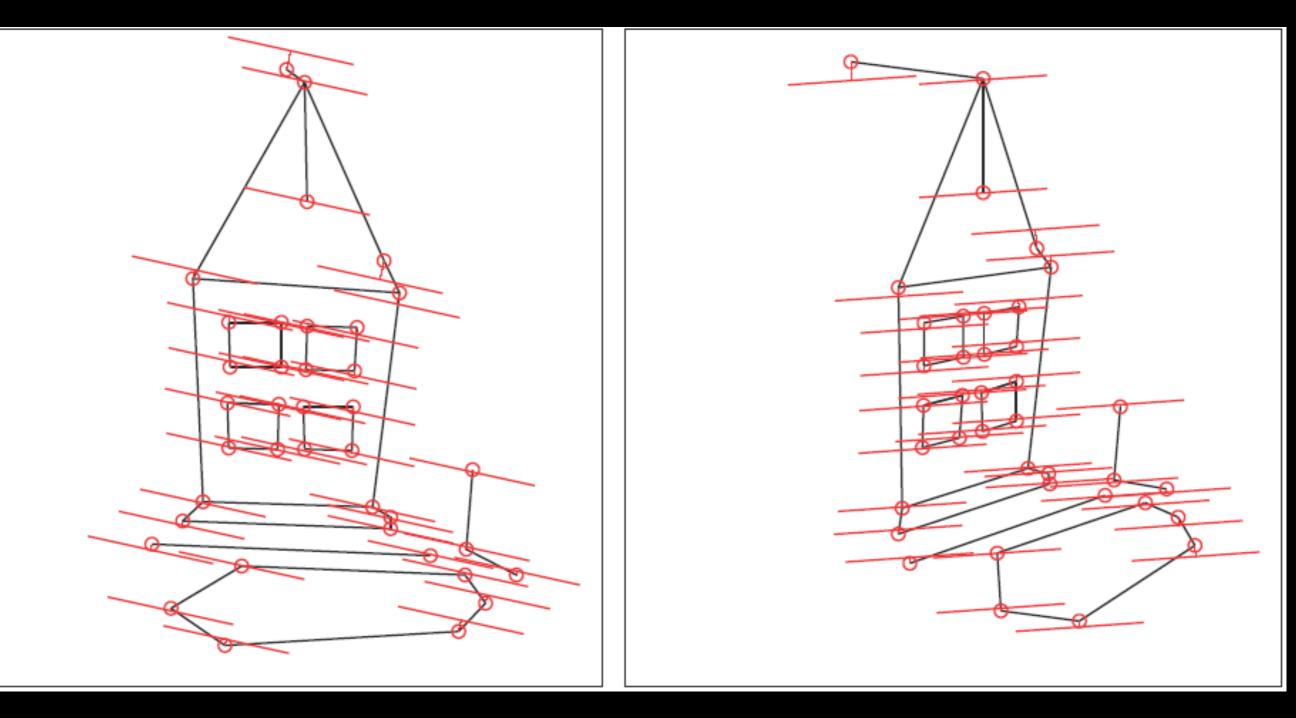
$$\alpha u + \beta v + \alpha' u' + \beta' v' + \delta = 0$$

$$(u, v, 1)\mathcal{F}\begin{pmatrix}u'\\v'\\1\end{pmatrix} = 0$$

where

$$\mathcal{F} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & \alpha \\ 0 & 0 & \beta \\ \alpha' & \beta' & \delta \end{pmatrix}$$

Affine case..



Mean errors: 3.24 and 3.15pixel (without normalization 160.92 and 158.54pixel).

The Affine Epipolar Constraint

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An Affine Trick.

$$\mathcal{M} = (\mathcal{A} \quad \mathbf{b}) \qquad \mathcal{M}' = (\mathcal{A}' \quad \mathbf{b}') \qquad \mathbf{P}$$
$$\tilde{\mathcal{M}} = \mathcal{M}\mathcal{Q} \qquad \tilde{\mathcal{M}}' = \mathcal{M}'\mathcal{Q} \qquad \tilde{\mathbf{P}} = \mathcal{Q}^{-1}\mathbf{P}$$
$$\tilde{\mathcal{M}} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \qquad \tilde{\mathcal{M}}' = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ a & b & c & d \end{pmatrix} \qquad \tilde{\mathbf{P}}$$
$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & u \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & v \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & u' \\ a & b & c & v' - d \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{\mathbf{P}} \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = 0 \qquad \qquad \tilde{\mathbf{P}} = \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \\ u' \end{pmatrix}$$

Multiple affine images

Suppose we observe a static scene with m fixed cameras.

$$\boldsymbol{p}_{i} = \mathcal{M}_{i} \begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{P} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \mathcal{A}_{i} \boldsymbol{P} + \boldsymbol{b}_{i} \quad \text{for} \quad i = 1, \dots, m$$
$$\boldsymbol{q} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{p}_{1} \\ \cdots \\ \boldsymbol{p}_{m} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \boldsymbol{r} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{b}_{1} \\ \cdots \\ \boldsymbol{b}_{m} \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{A} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{A}_{1} \\ \cdots \\ \mathcal{A}_{m} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathcal{D} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (\boldsymbol{q}_1 \quad \dots \quad \boldsymbol{q}_n) = \mathcal{AP} + \boldsymbol{r} \text{ with } \mathcal{P} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (\boldsymbol{P}_1 \quad \dots \quad \boldsymbol{P}_n)$$

Multiple affine images

Idea: pick one of the points (or their center of mass) as the origin.

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What if we could factorize D? (Tomasi and Kanade, 1992)

Singular Value Decomposition

Theorem: When \mathcal{A} has a rank greater than p, $\mathcal{U}_p \mathcal{W}_p \mathcal{V}_p^T$ is the best possible rank-p approximation of \mathcal{A} in the sense of the Frobenius norm.

We can take

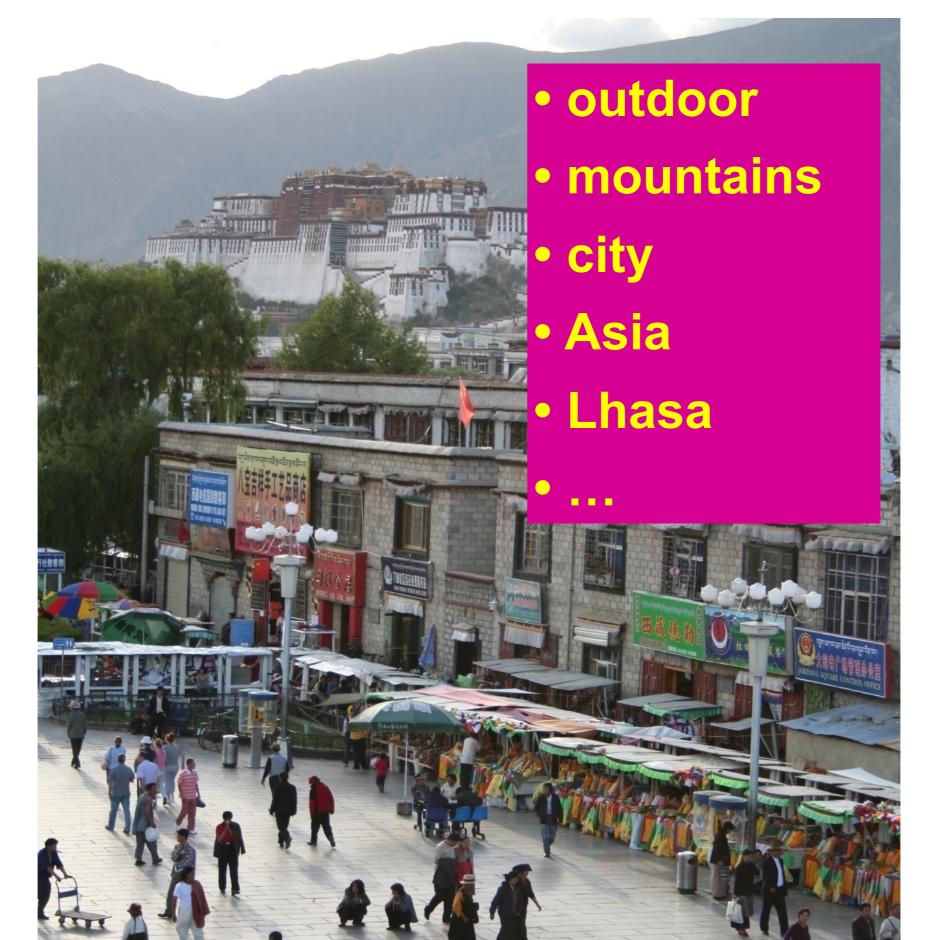
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Recognition, classical approaches, and ML

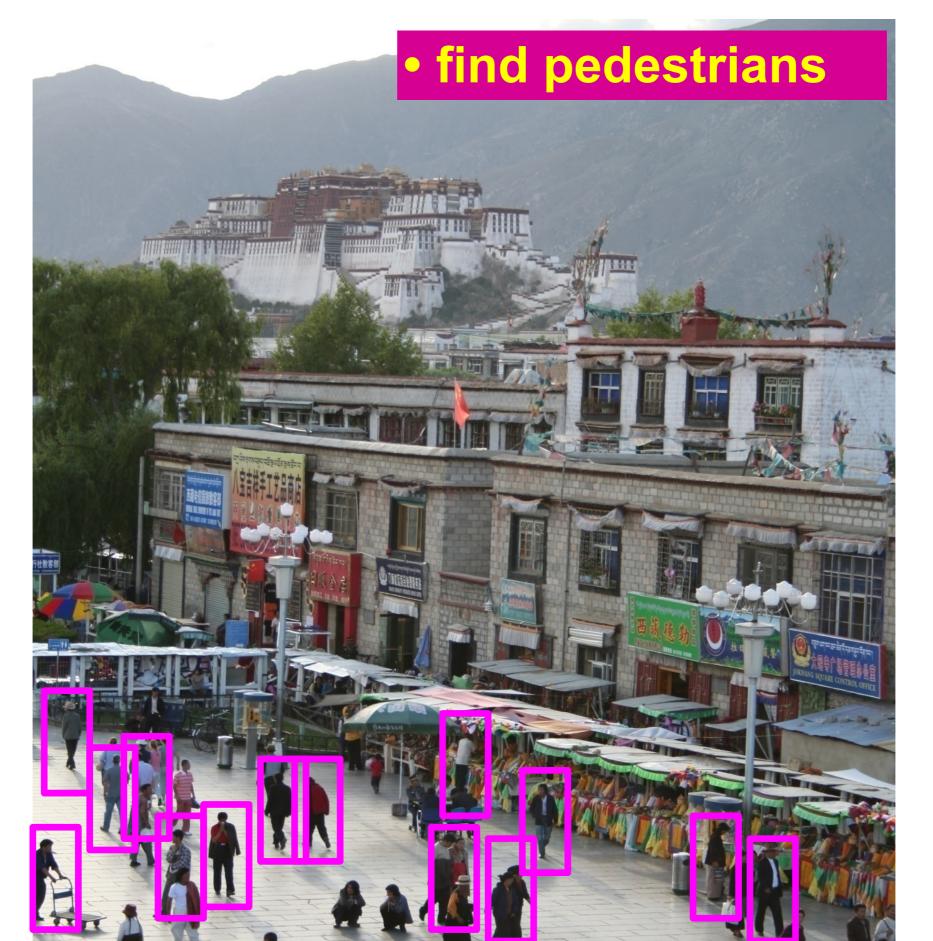
Common recognition tasks



Image classification and tagging



Object detection



Activity recognition



Semantic segmentation



Semantic segmentation

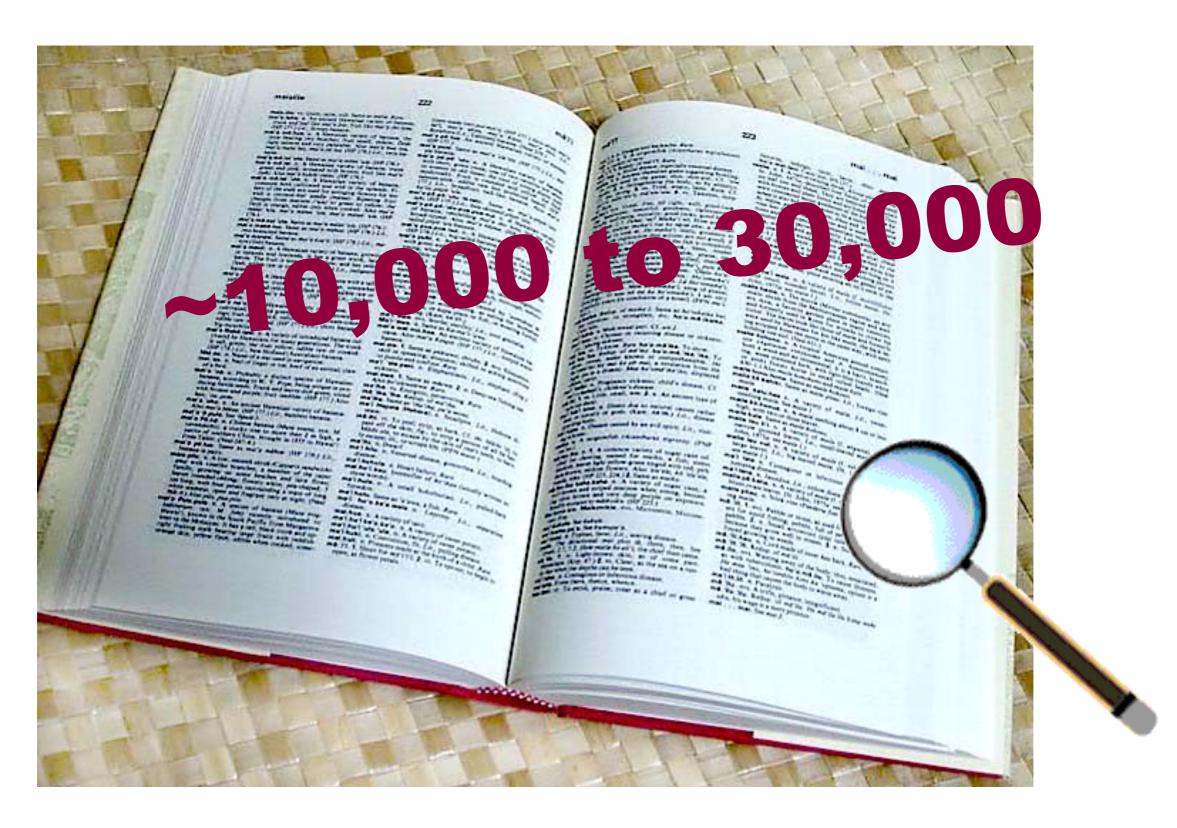


Image description

This is a busy street in an Asian city. Mountains and a large palace or fortress loom in the background. In the foreground, we see colorful souvenir stalls and people walking around and shopping. One person in the lower left is pushing an empty cart, and a couple of people in the middle are sitting, possibly posing for a photograph.



How many visual object categories are there?



Biederman 1987



Within-class variations







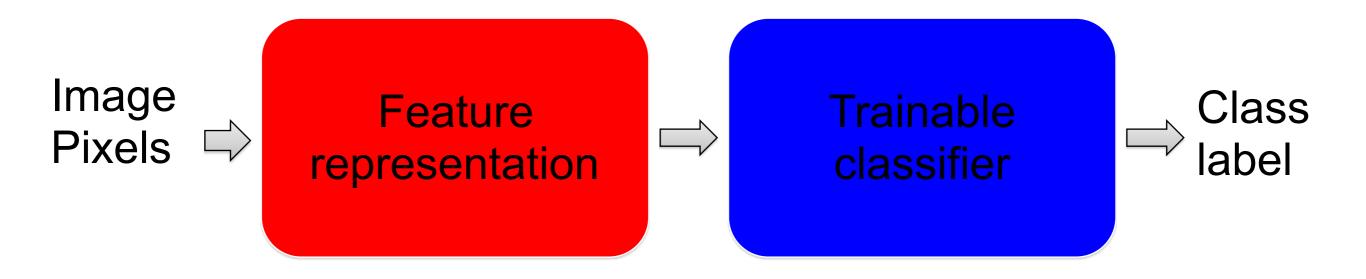






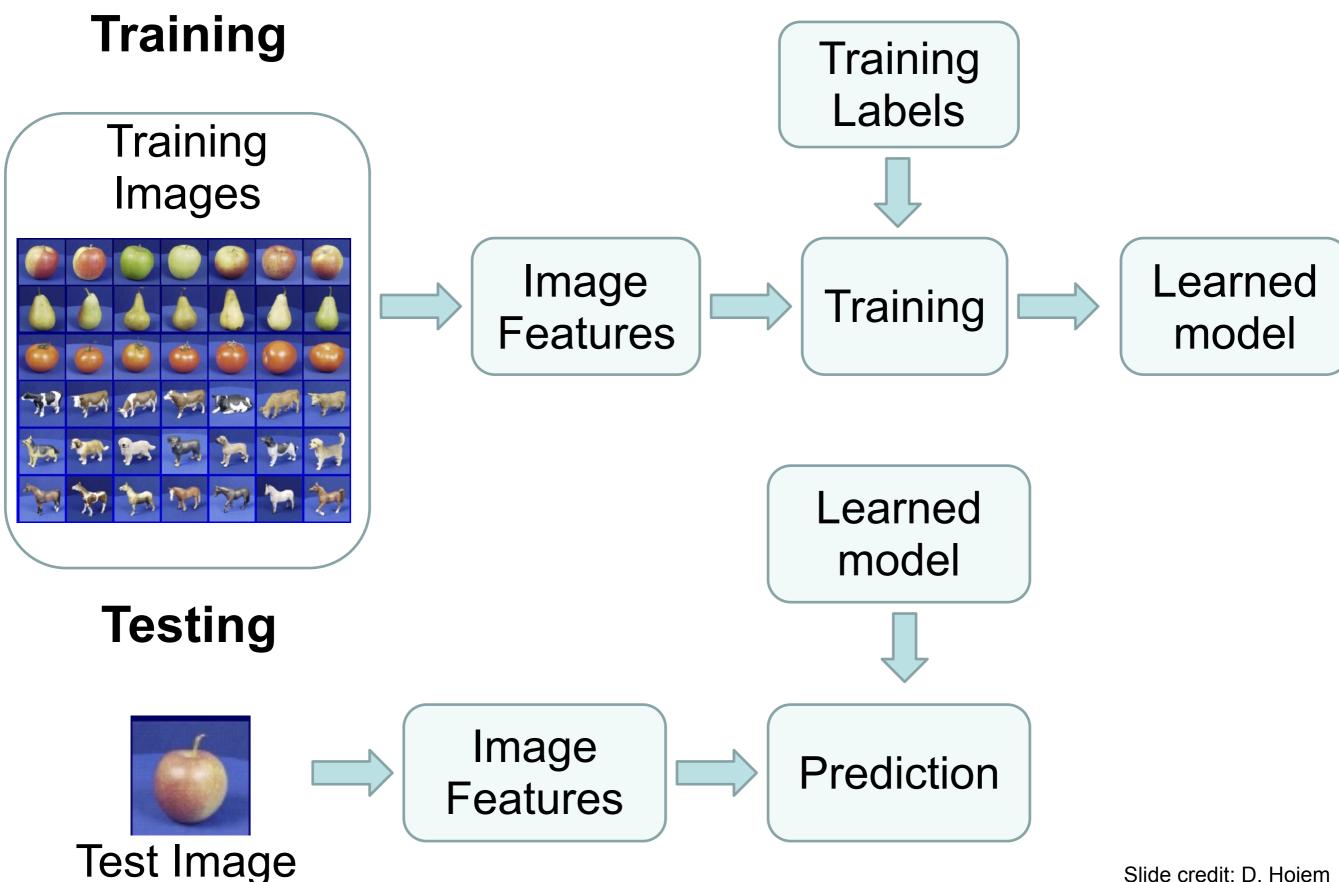
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"Classic" recognition pipeline



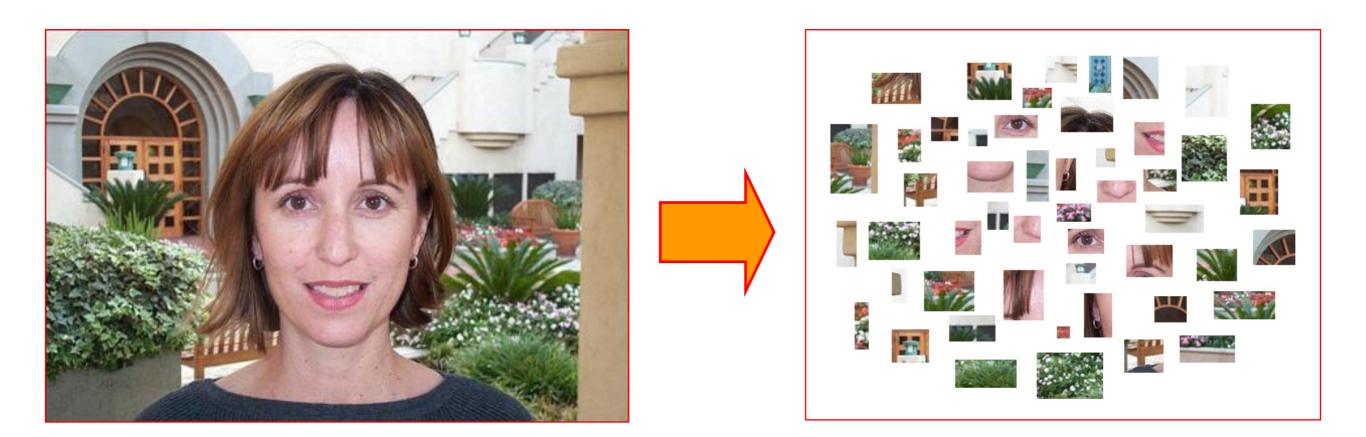
- Hand-crafted feature representation
- Off-the-shelf trainable classifier

Steps



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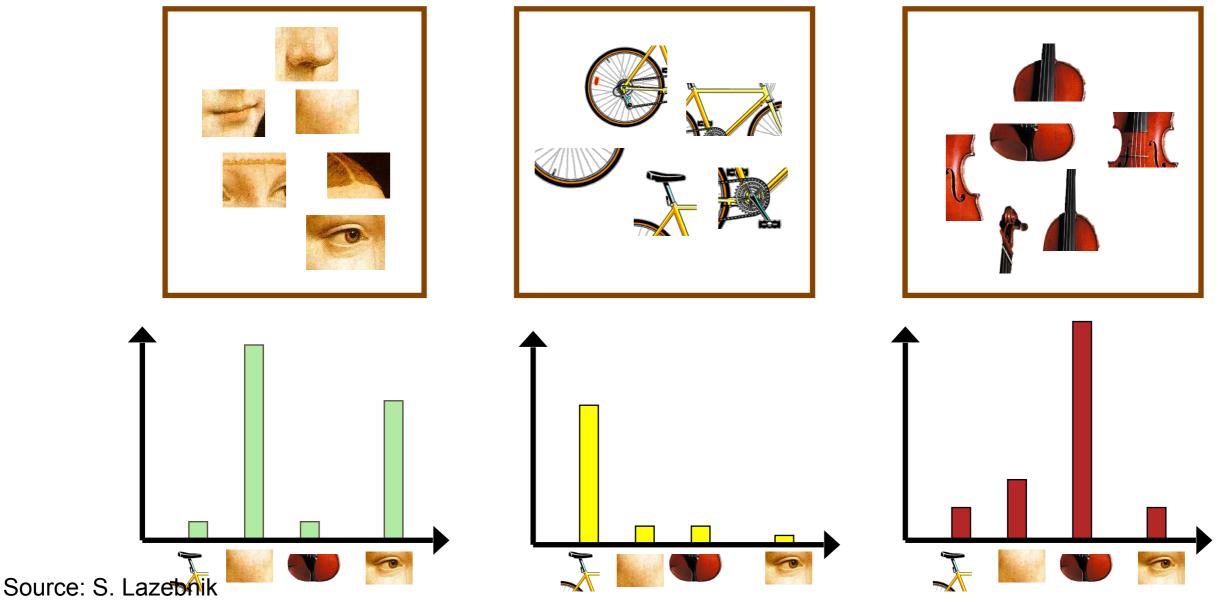
"Classic" representation: Bag of features



Source: S. Lazebnik

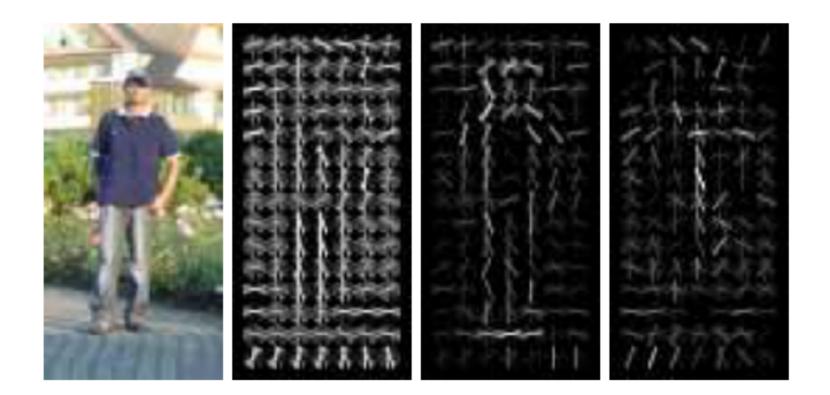
Bag of features: Outline

- 1. Extract local features
- 2. Learn "visual vocabulary"
- 3. Quantize local features using visual vocabulary
- 4. Represent images by frequencies of "visual words"



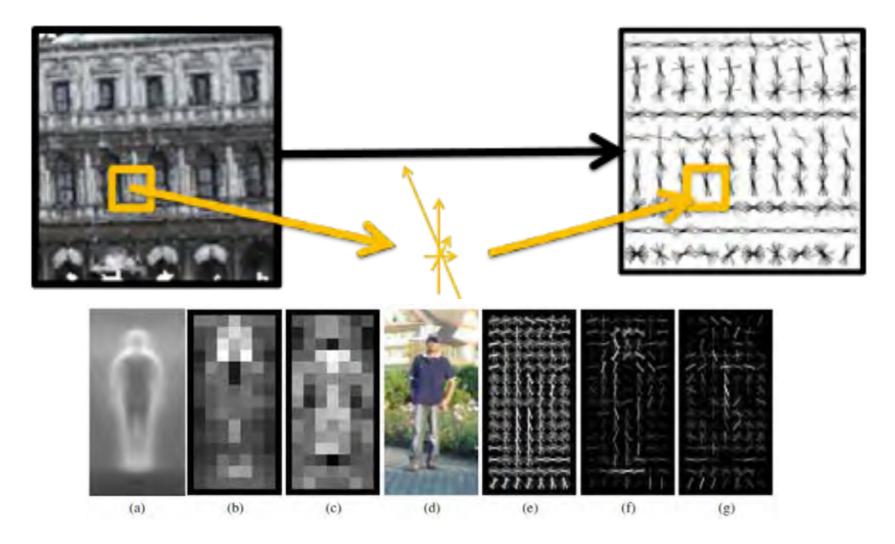
Contour based classification

• HOG+SVM+sliding window, Dalal and Trigs [2005]



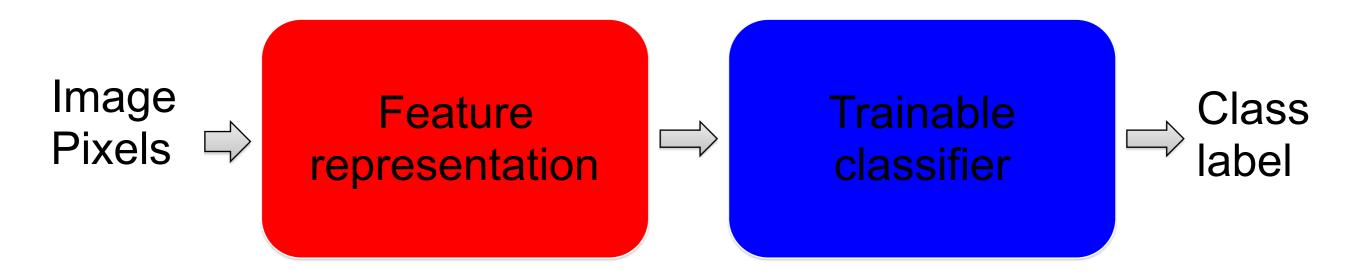
Histograms of Oriented Gradients

• Use Histograms



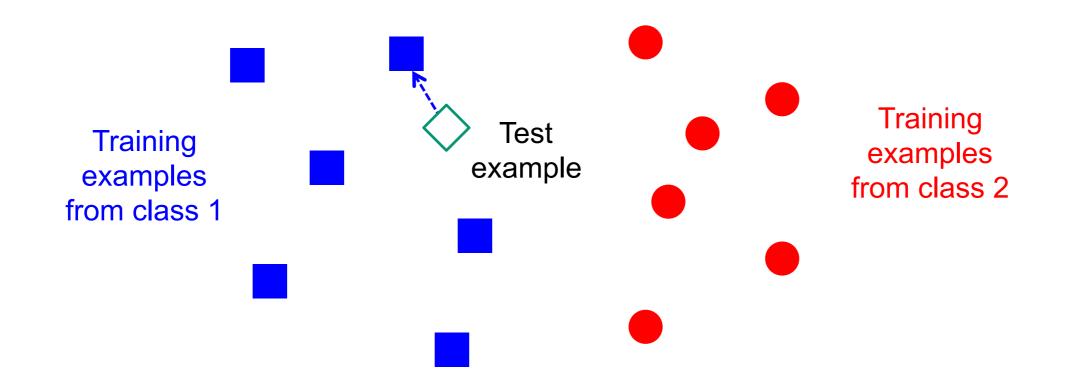
Dalal, N., & Triggs, B. Histograms of oriented gradients for human detection. CVPR 2005.

"Classic" recognition pipeline



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Non-parametric learning: nearest neighbor

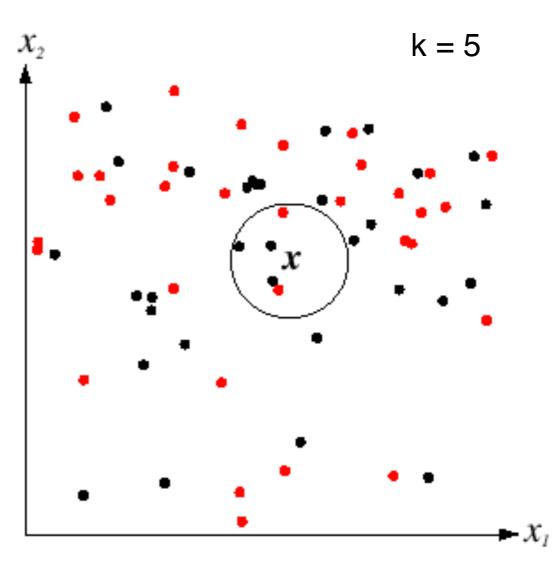


$f(\mathbf{x}) =$ label of the training example nearest to \mathbf{x}

All we need is a distance or similarity function for our inputs No training required!

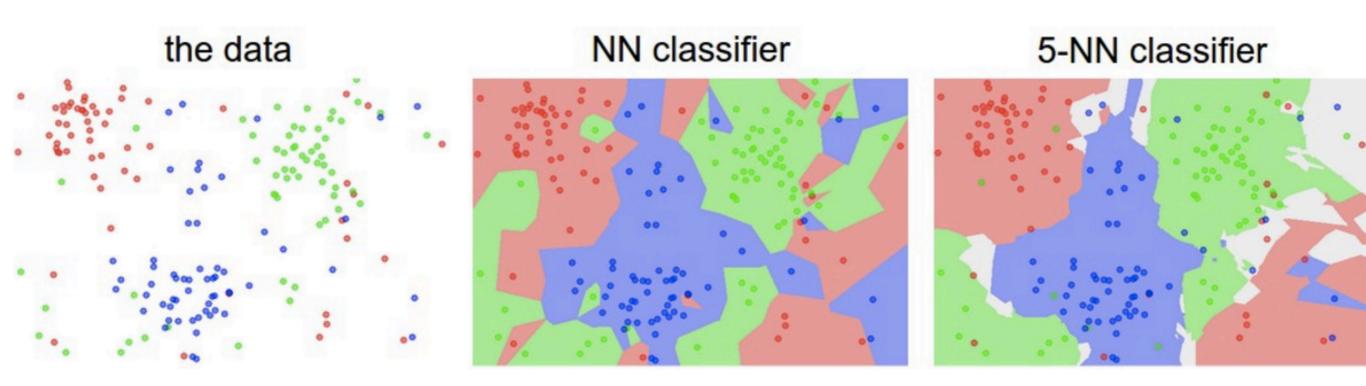
K-nearest neighbor classifier

- For a new point, find the k closest points from training data
- Vote for class label with labels of the k points



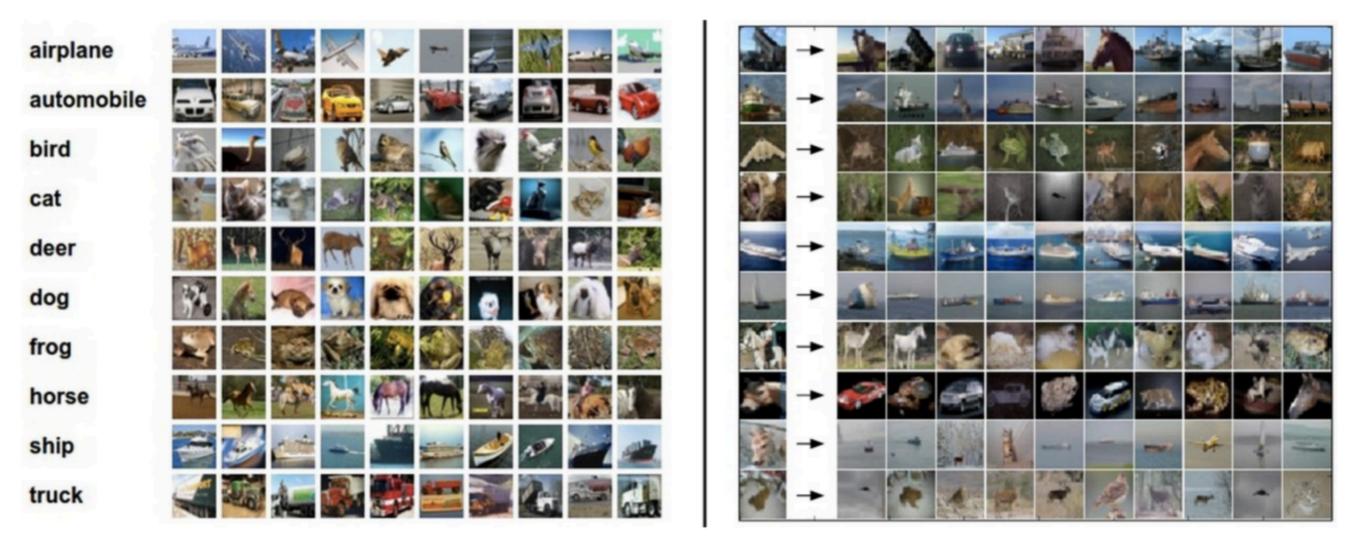
K-nearest neighbor classifier

Which classifier is more robust to *outliers*?



Credit: Andrej Karpathy, <u>http://cs231n.github.io/classification/</u> Source: S. Lazebnik

K-nearest neighbor classifier



Left: Example images from the CIFAR-10 dataset. Right: first column shows a few test images and next to each we show the top 10 nearest neighbors in the training set according to pixel-wise difference.

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Parametric supervised learning

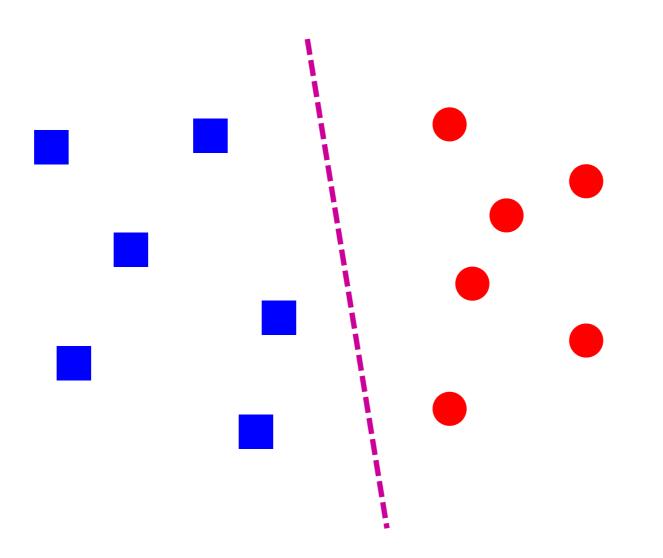
- Data $\{(x_1,y_1),...,(x_n,y_n)\}$
- A function class $\mathscr{F} = \{f_{\theta} \mid \theta \in \mathbb{R}^d\}$
- A loss function $\ell: \mathcal{Y} \times \mathcal{Y} \to \mathbb{R}$
- Minimize the empirical risk

$$\hat{L}(\theta) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \ell(f_{\theta}(x_i), y_i)$$

• Hope that this "generalizes": if (X, Y) is a r.v., we would like to minimize

$$L(\theta) = \mathbb{E}[\ell(f_{\theta}(X), Y)]$$

Linear classifiers

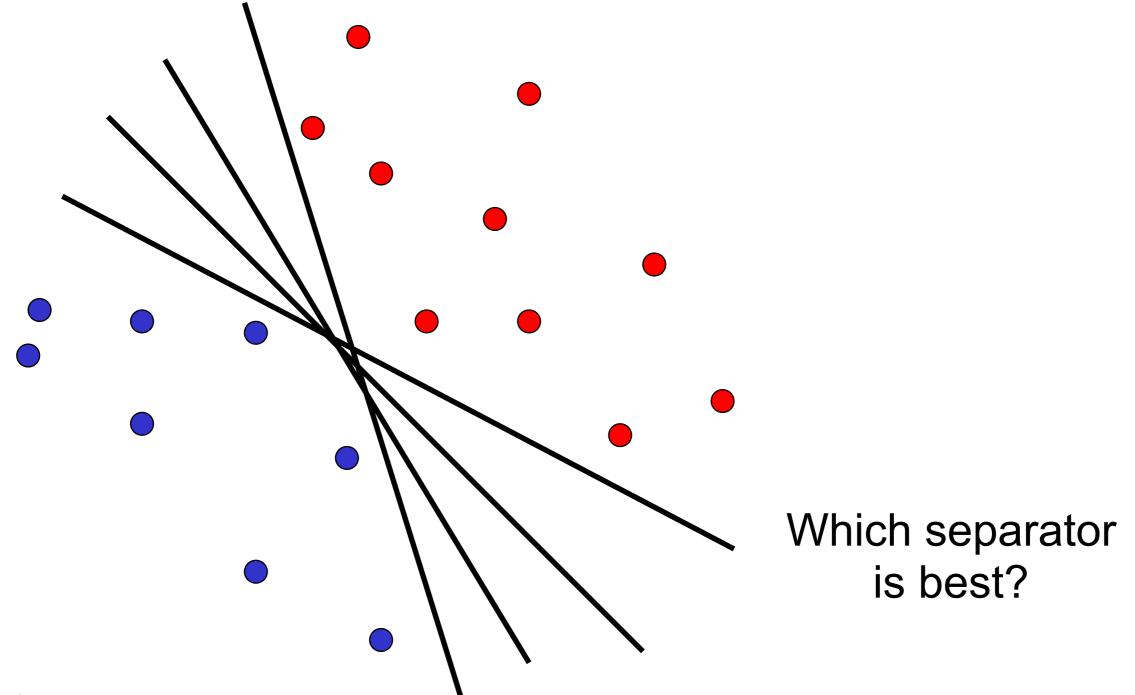


Find a *linear function* to separate the classes:

 $f(\mathbf{x}) = sgn(\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x} + b)$

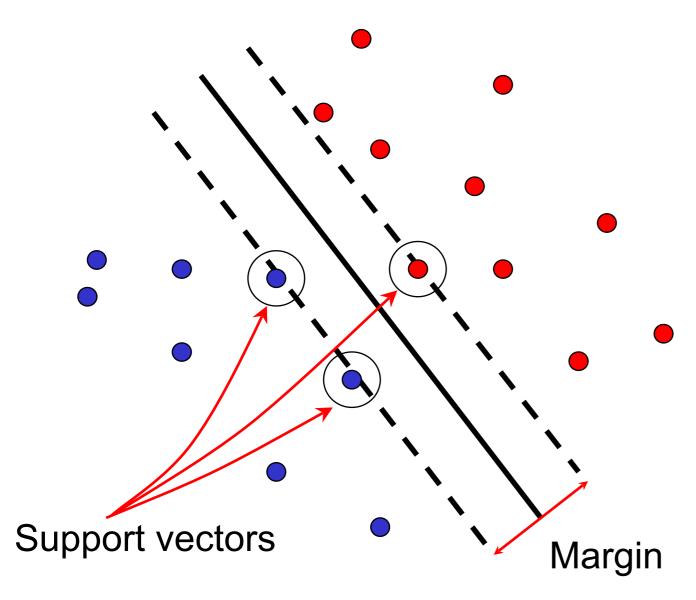
Linear classifiers

• When the data is linearly separable, there may be more than one separator (hyperplane)



Support vector machines

• Find hyperplane that maximizes the *margin* between the positive and negative examples



 \mathbf{x}_i positive $(y_i = 1)$: $\mathbf{x}_i \cdot \mathbf{w} + b \ge 1$ \mathbf{x}_i negative $(y_i = -1)$: $\mathbf{x}_i \cdot \mathbf{w} + b \le -1$ For support vectors, $\mathbf{x}_i \cdot \mathbf{w} + b = \pm 1$ Distance between point
and hyperplane: $\frac{|\mathbf{x}_i \cdot \mathbf{w} + b|}{||\mathbf{w}||}$ Therefore, the margin is $2/||\mathbf{w}||$

C. Burges, <u>A Tutorial on Support Vector Machines for Pattern</u> <u>Recognition</u>, Data Mining and Knowledge Discovery, 1998

Finding the maximum margin hyperplane

- 1. Maximize margin 2 / ||w||
- 2. Correctly classify all training data:

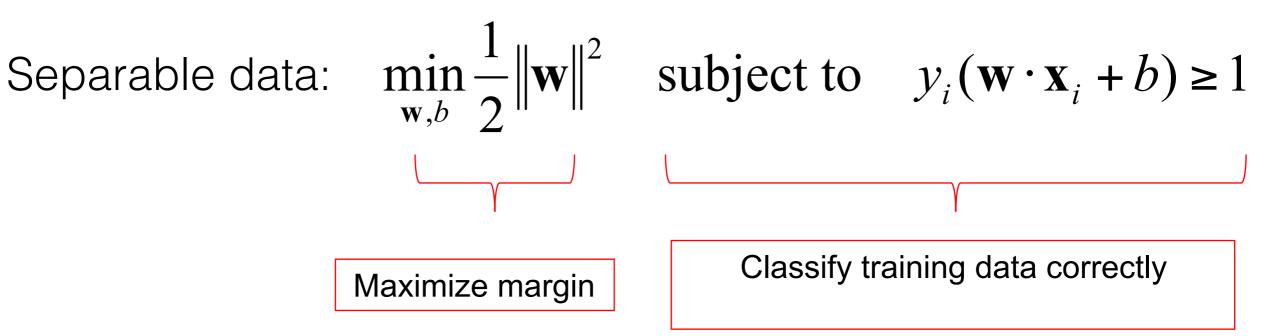
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Quadratic optimization problem:

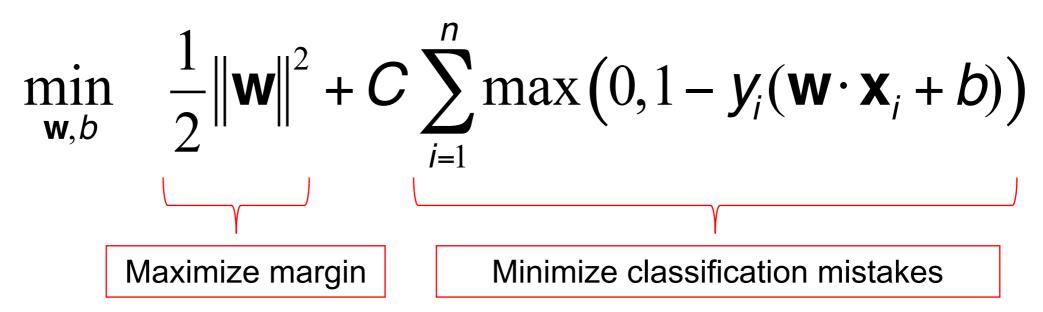
$$\min_{\mathbf{w},b} \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{w}\|^2 \quad \text{subject to} \quad y_i(\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x}_i + b) \ge 1$$

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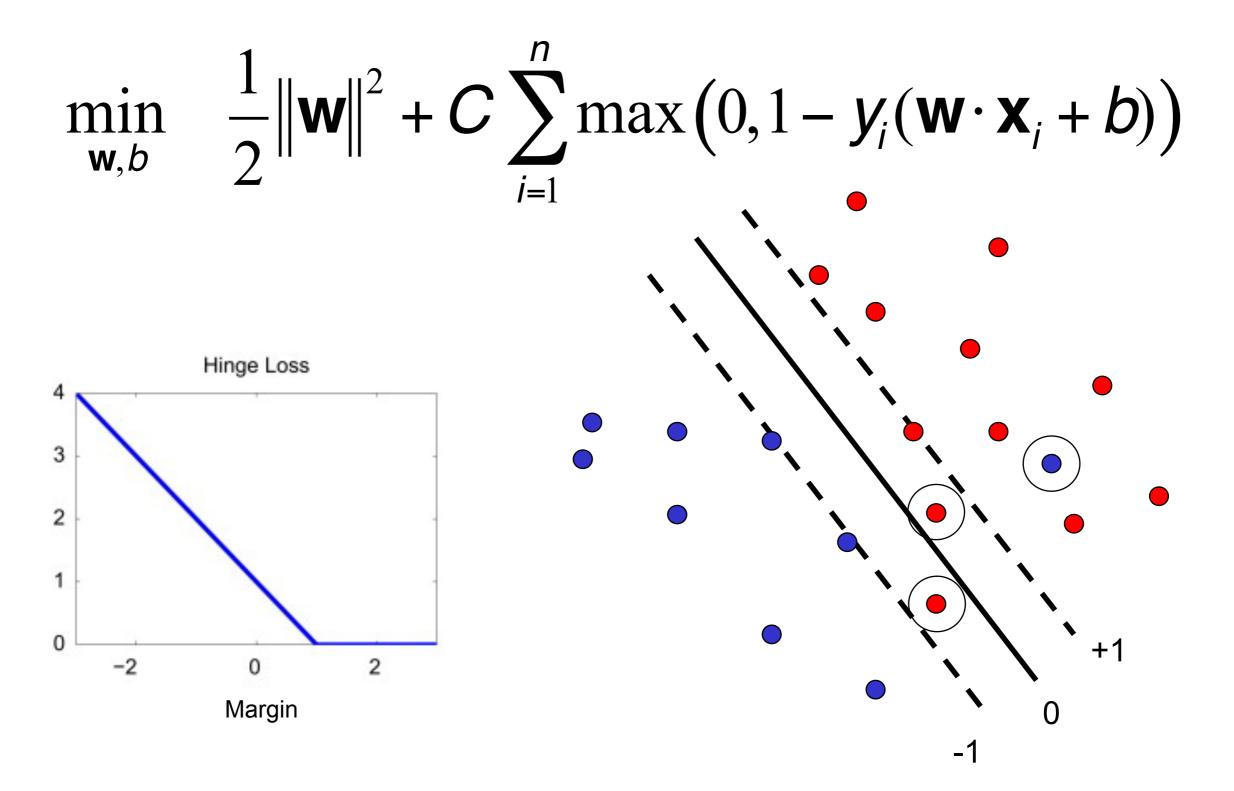
SVM parameter learning



Non-separable data:



SVM parameter learning

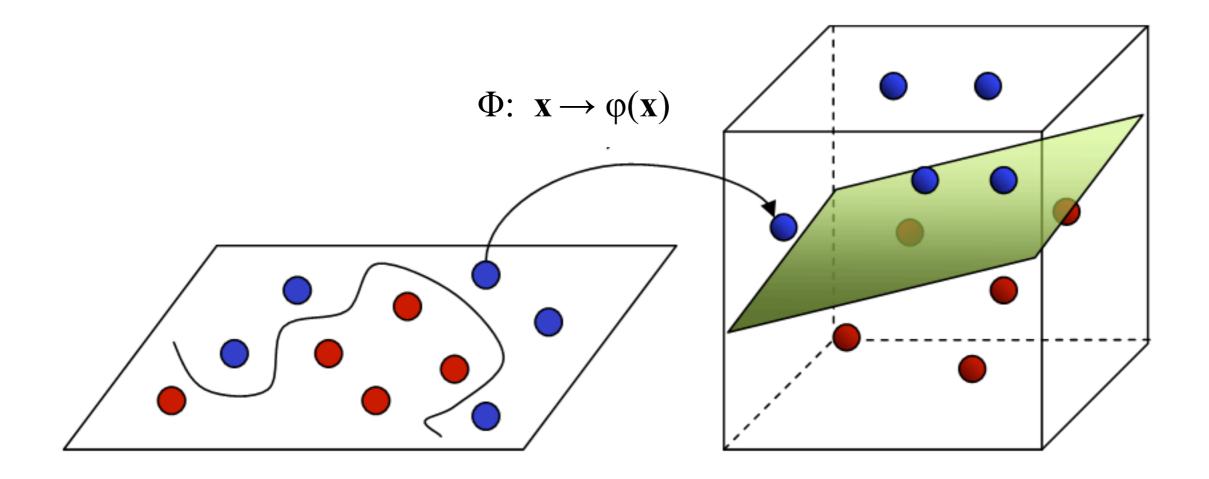


Source: S. Lazebnik Demo: <u>nttp://cs.staniord.e</u>

Demo: <u>http://cs.stanford.edu/people/karpathy/svmjs/demo</u>

Nonlinear SVMs

 General idea: the original input space can always be mapped to some higher-dimensional feature space where the training set is separable



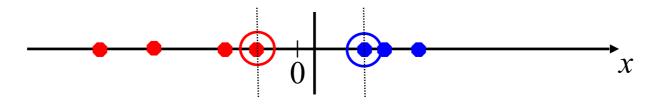
Input Space

Feature Space

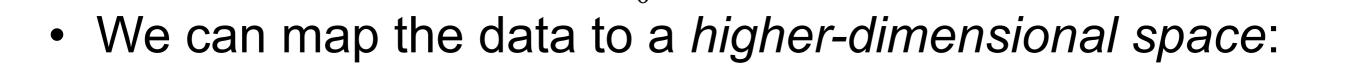
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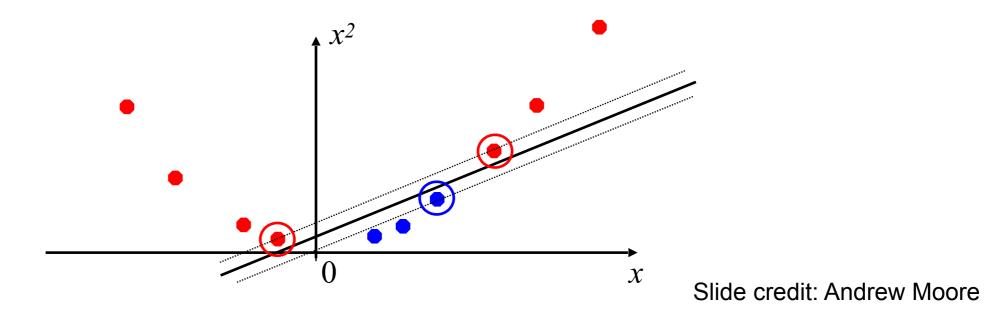
Nonlinear SVMs

• Linearly separable dataset in 1D:



• Non-separable dataset in 1D:





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The kernel trick

- General idea: the original input space can always be mapped to some higher-dimensional feature space where the training set is separable
- The kernel trick: instead of explicitly computing the lifting transformation φ(x), define a kernel function K such that

$$K(\mathbf{x},\mathbf{y}) = \boldsymbol{\varphi}(\mathbf{x}) \cdot \boldsymbol{\varphi}(\mathbf{y})$$

(to be valid, the kernel function must satisfy *Mercer's condition*)

The kernel trick

• Linear SVM decision function:

$$\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x} + b = \sum_{i} \alpha_{i} y_{i} \mathbf{x}_{i} \cdot \mathbf{x} + b$$

learned
weight Support
vector

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The kernel trick

• Linear SVM decision function:

$$\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x} + b = \sum_{i} \alpha_{i} y_{i} \mathbf{x}_{i} \cdot \mathbf{x} + b$$

• Kernel SVM decision function:

$$\sum_{i} \alpha_{i} y_{i} \varphi(\mathbf{x}_{i}) \cdot \varphi(\mathbf{x}) + b = \sum_{i} \alpha_{i} y_{i} K(\mathbf{x}_{i}, \mathbf{x}) + b$$

• This gives a nonlinear decision boundary in the original feature space

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Gaussian kernel

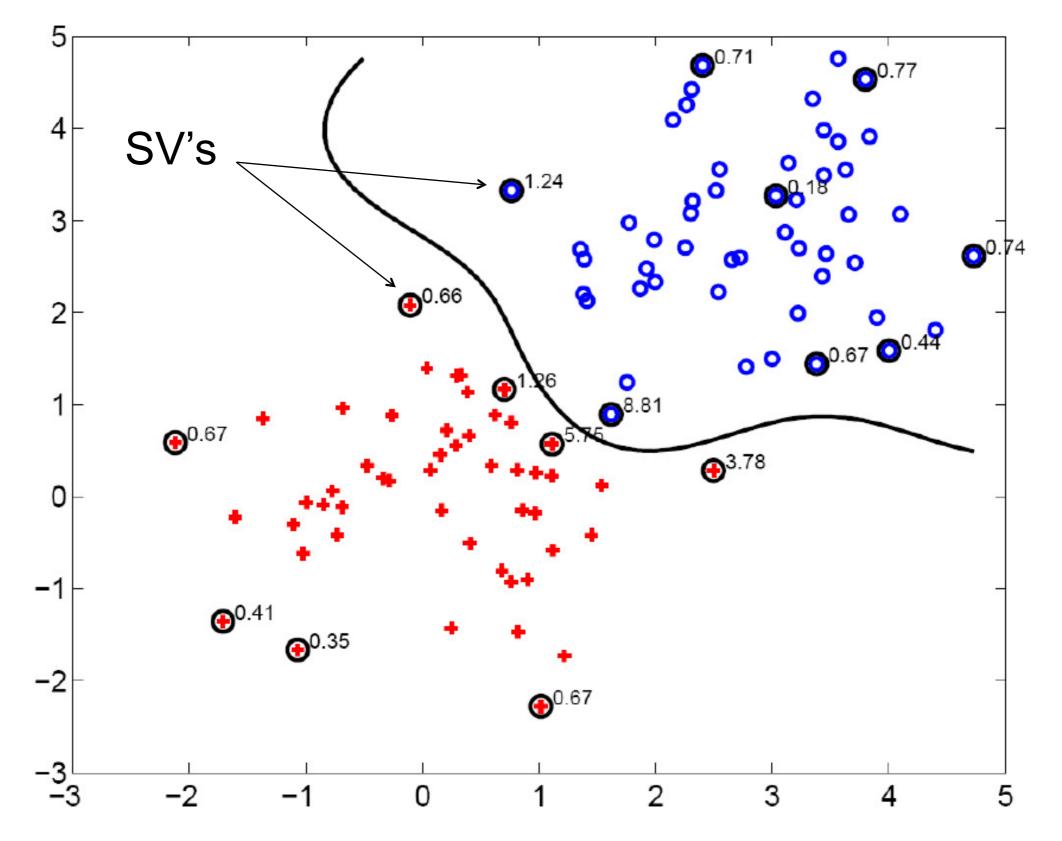
• Also known as the radial basis function (RBF) kernel:

$$K(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \exp\left(-\frac{1}{\sigma^2} \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\|^2\right)$$

$$K(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$$

 $||\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}||$

Gaussian kernel



SVMs: Pros and cons

- Pros
 - Kernel-based framework is very powerful, flexible
 - Training is convex optimization, globally optimal solution can be found
 - Amenable to theoretical analysis
 - SVMs work very well in practice, even with very small training sample sizes
- Cons
 - No "direct" multi-class SVM, must combine two-class SVMs (e.g., with one-vs-others)
 - Computation, memory (esp. for nonlinear SVMs)

Best practices for training classifiers

- Goal: obtain a classifier with good generalization or performance on never before seen data
- 1. Learn parameters on the training set
- 2. Tune *hyperparameters* (implementation choices) on the *held out validation set*
- 3. Evaluate performance on the test set
 - Crucial: do not peek at the test set when iterating steps 1 and 2!

Training Data	
Held-Out Data	
Test Data	

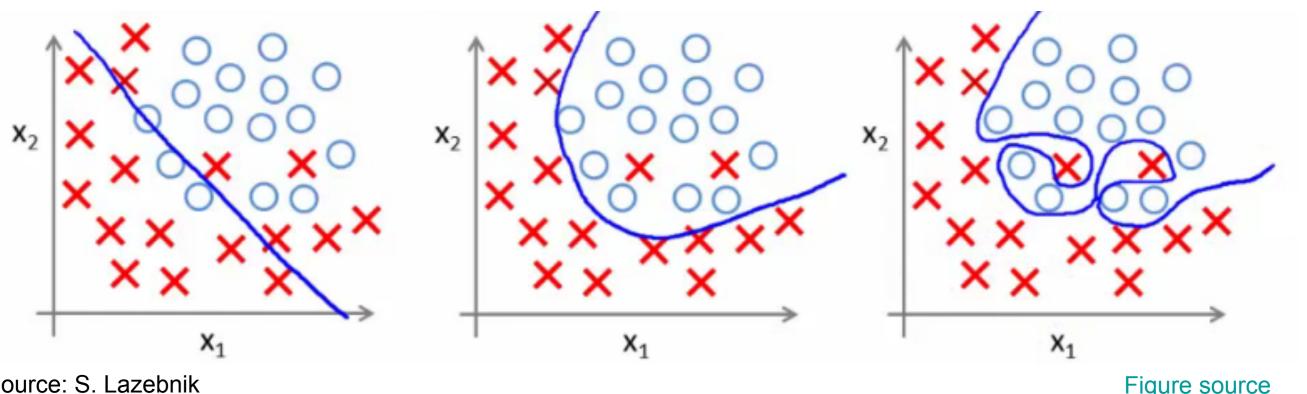
Underfitting and overfitting

- **Underfitting:** training and test error are both *high* ullet
 - Model does an equally poor job on the training and the test set
 - The model is too "simple" to represent the data or the model is not trained well
- **Overfitting:** Training error is *low* but test error is *high* \bullet
 - Model fits irrelevant characteristics (noise) in the training data
 - Model is too complex or amount of training data is insufficient.

Underfitting

Good tradeoff

Overfitting

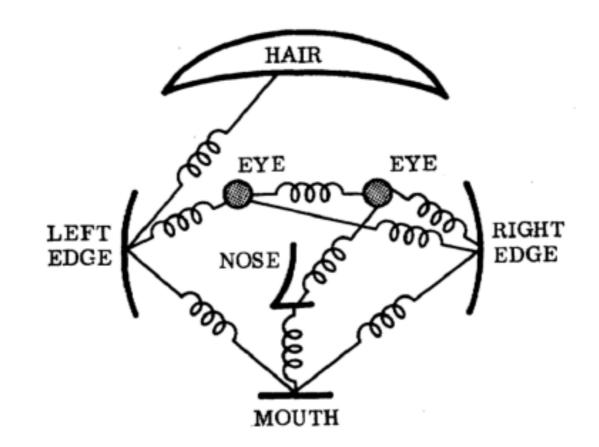


Summary: classical detection pipeline

- 1. Sample a test region (e.g. densely)
- 2. Compute a descriptor (e.g. BoW, Histogram of Gradients)
- 3. Apply a simple classifier (e.g. Linear)

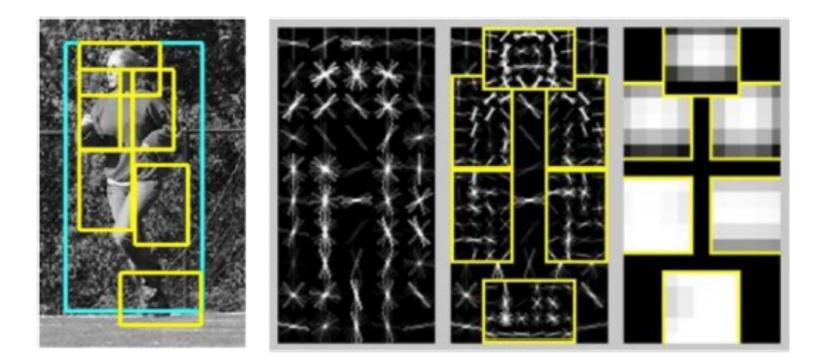
Constellation approach

• Fischler and Elschlager [1973]



Deformable parts model

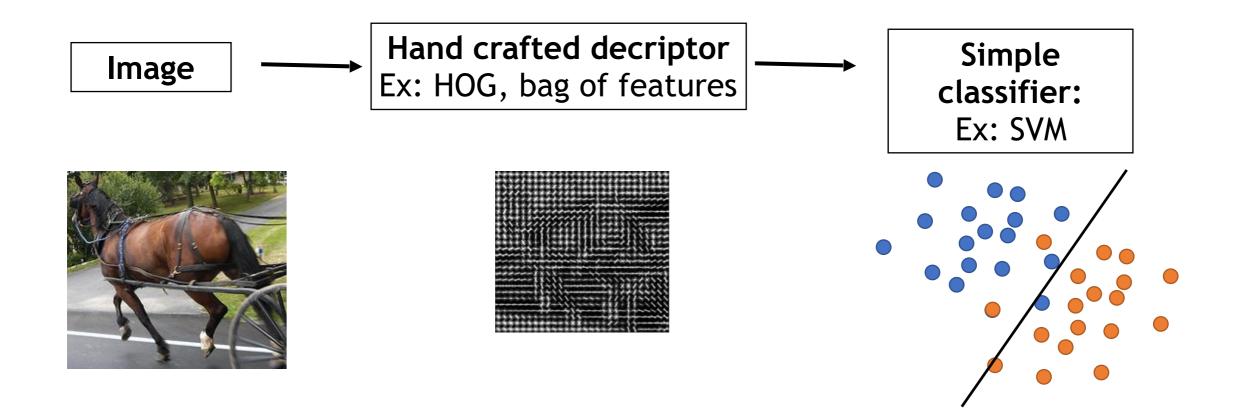
• DPM, Felzenszwalb et al. [2010] Reference for classification until 2014.



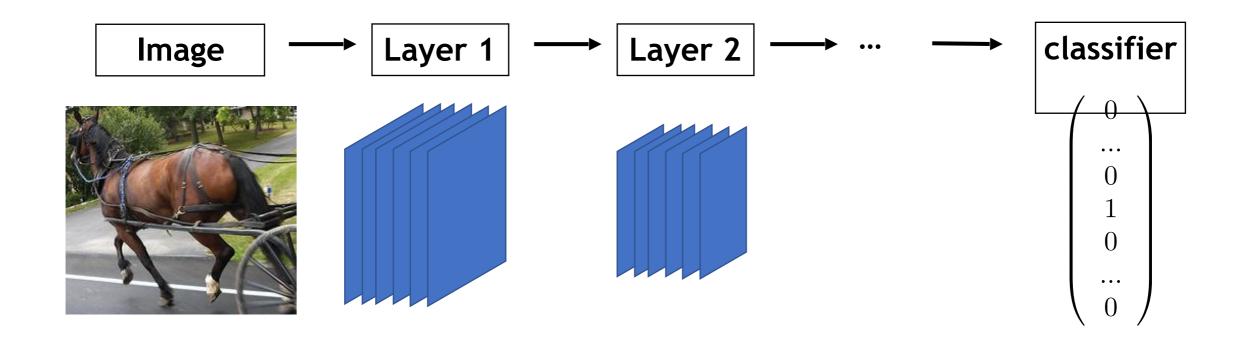
Introduction to Neural Networks

Many slides from M. Aubry

Example: classical vision



Deep Learning



- Idea:
 - 1. Learn intermediate representation
 - 2. Compose intermediate representations

Implicit hypothesis: this compositionality is useful for the data we have

Deep representation learning

- Simple idea: learn ϕ (with a simple form)
- Combine more than two layers, learn $f \circ \phi_1 \circ \phi_2 \circ \phi_3$... = hierarchical representation, multilayer perceptron

Relationship/difference with kernels:

- The mapping is explicit and learned (often implicit and hand designed in kernel methods)
- The result of the mapping is relatively low dimensional
- Not a convex problem -> no guarantees

Relation to Kernel idea

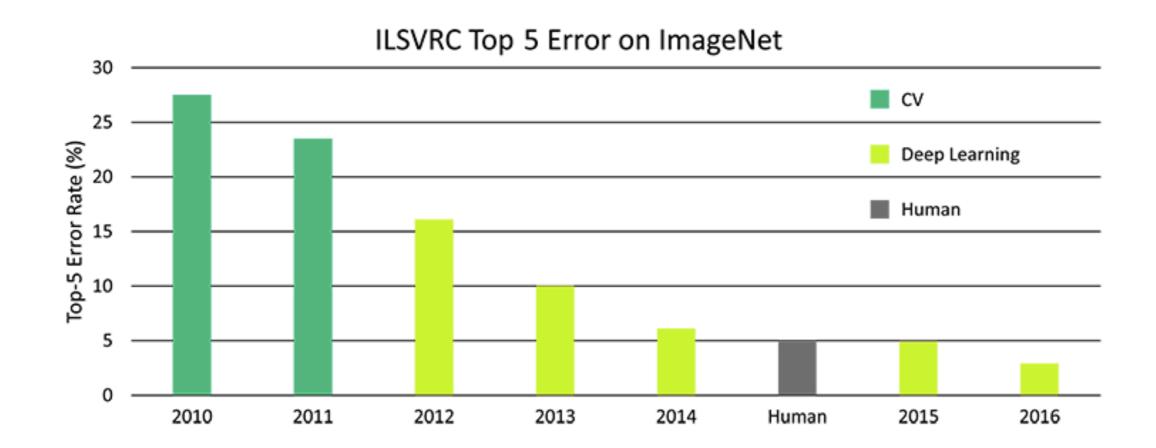
Supervised learning:

- n training data pairs $(x_1,y_1),...,(x_n,y_n)\in\mathcal{X} imes\mathcal{Y}$
- Learn a linear predictor/decision function $\hat{f}: \mathcal{X} \to \mathcal{A}$ (Logistic regression, SVM...)

Kernel:

- Replace the dot product < x | y > by a kernel $K(x, y) = <\phi(x) | \phi(y) >$
- Can be interpreted as learning a classifier $\hat{f} \circ \phi$
- More powerful, but you have to design the kernel

Results



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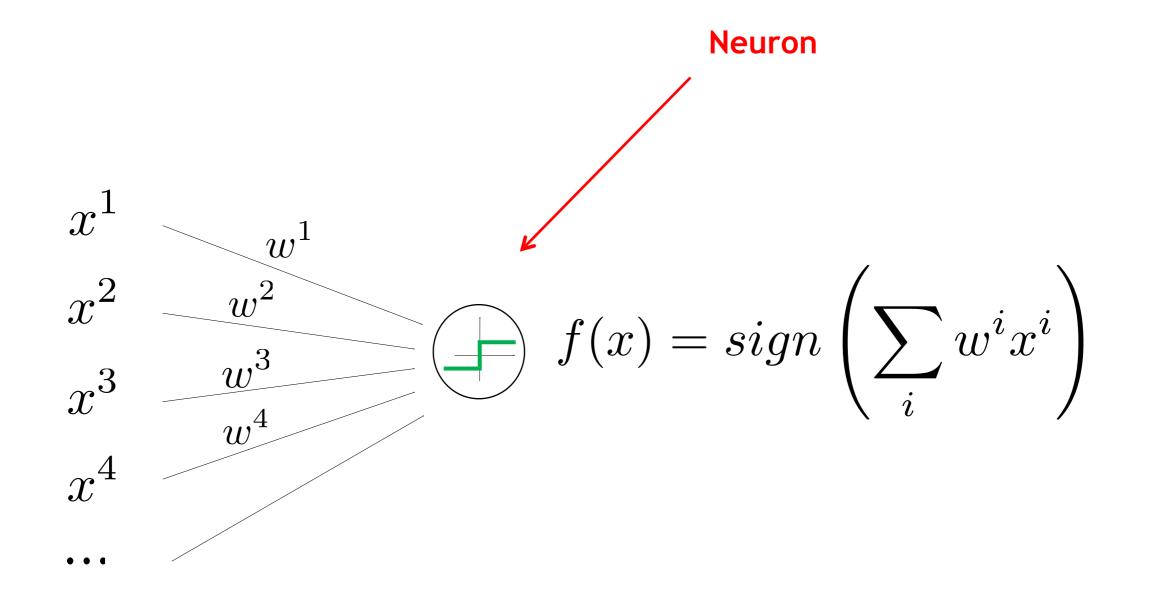
Perceptron

• Frank Rosenblatt, 1957

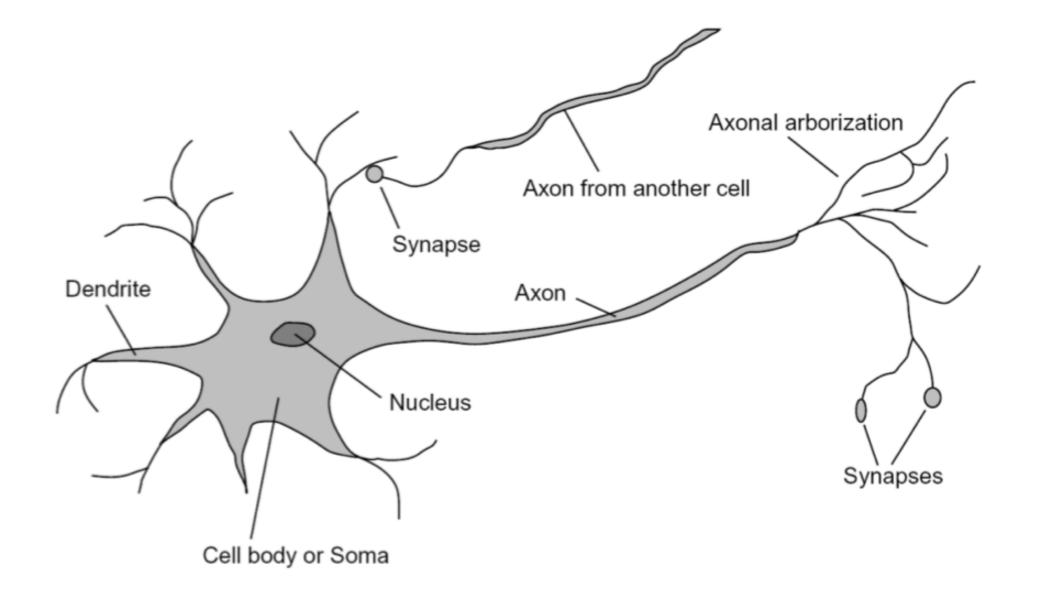
$$f(x) = sign\left(\sum_{i} w^{i} x^{i}\right)$$

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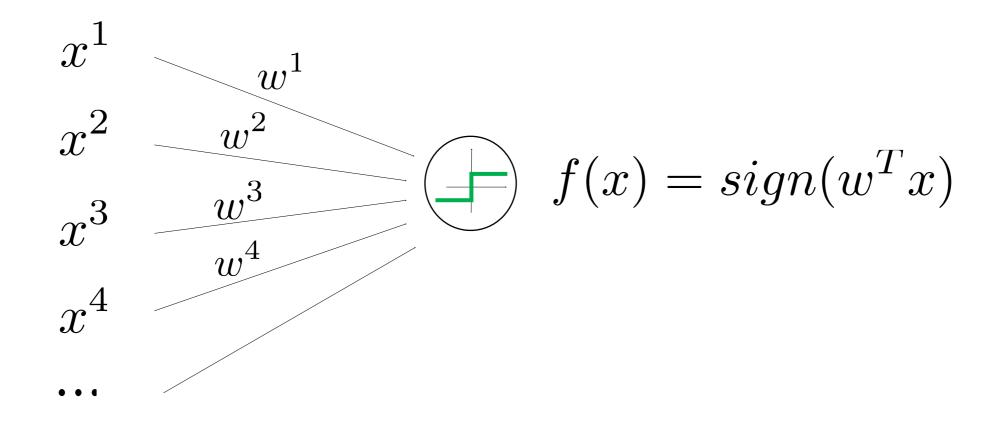
Biological neuron



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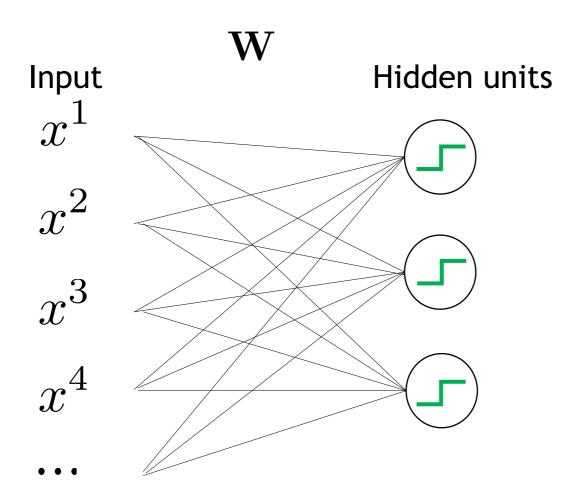
Perceptron

• Frank Rosenblatt, 1957

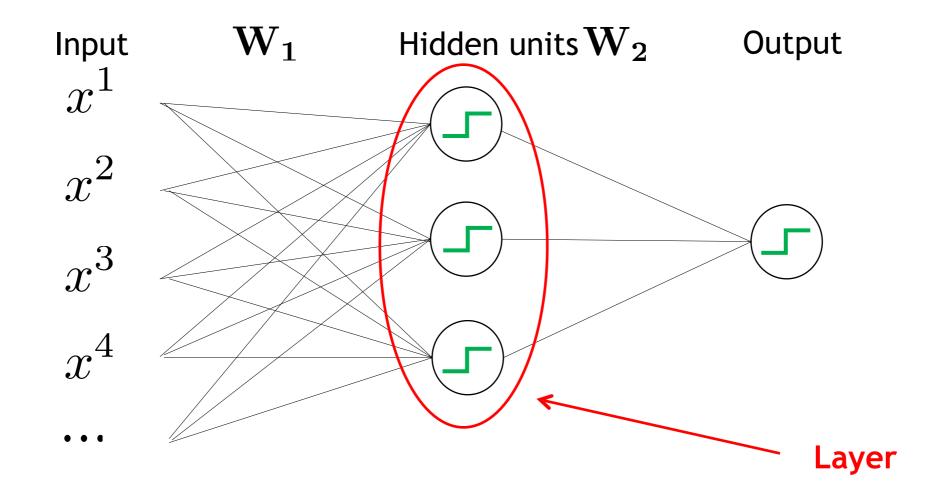


Issue: incapable of performing XOR (Minsky and Papert 1969)

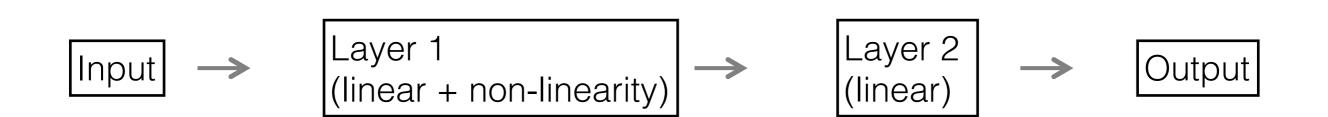
Perceptron



2 layers perceptron



Abstraction



Non linearities

- Sign, sigmoid, tanh, ReLu, "leaky" ReLu ($max(x, \epsilon x)$)
- In practice, some can make the networks harder to train.
- Lots of success with ReLu
 - Avoids extremely small derivatives (e.g. of a sigmoid)
 - Leads to sparse outputs
 - Very simple derivative
- Why non linearities?

Universal approximation theorem

- A 2 layer MLP with increasing continuous and bounded non linearity can approximate any continuous function on a compact given enough hidden neurons (Cybenko 1989)
- Alternative view: the set of parametric functions defined by 2layers MLPs is dense.
- Limitation: doesn't say anything about the number of hidden neurons required -> more layers, deeper networks could be more efficient (e.g. Bengio et al '07, Montufar et al '14)

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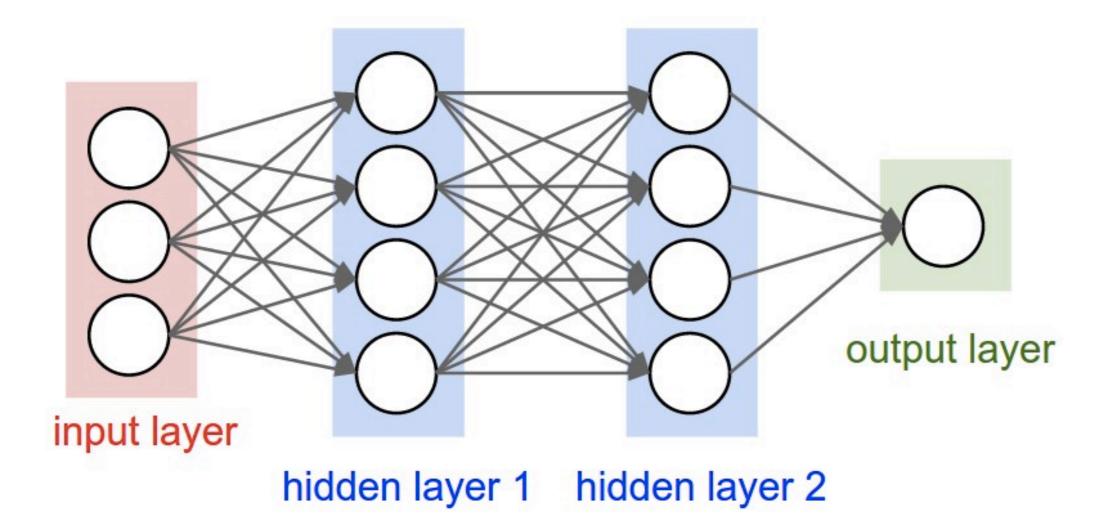
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Feed-forward NN

$$[\text{Input} \rightarrow [\text{Layer 1}] \rightarrow [\text{Layer 2}] \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow [\text{Layer N}] \rightarrow [\text{Output}]$$

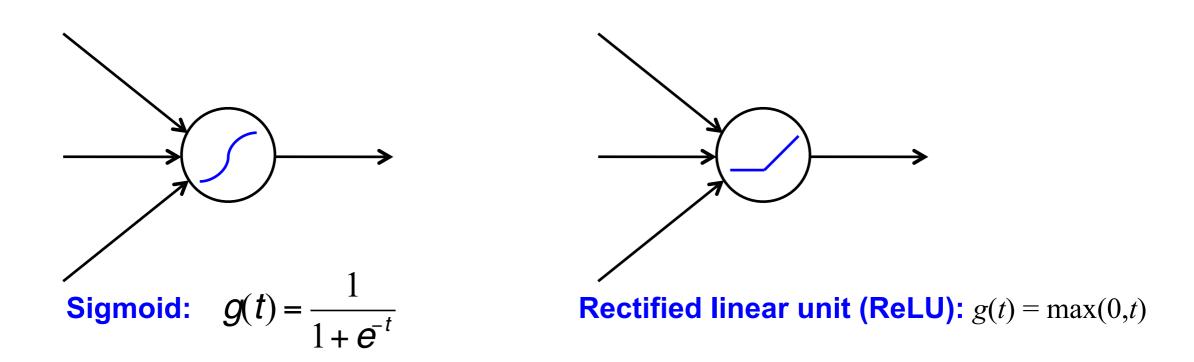
Multi-layer perceptron: all layers except the last one are Linear+NL and the last one is linear

Multi-layer perceptrons



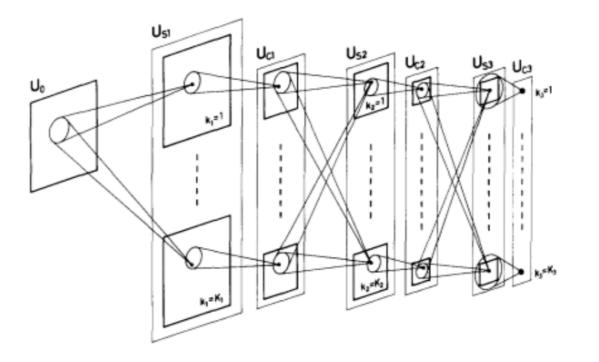
Multi-layer perceptrons

- Each perceptron to has a nonlinearity
- To be trainable, the nonlinearity should be *differentiable*

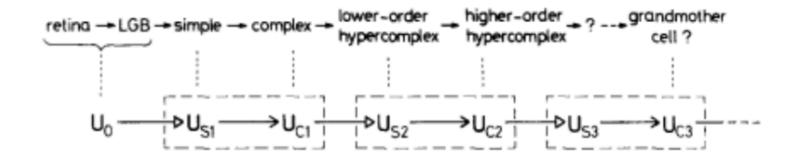


Neocognitron

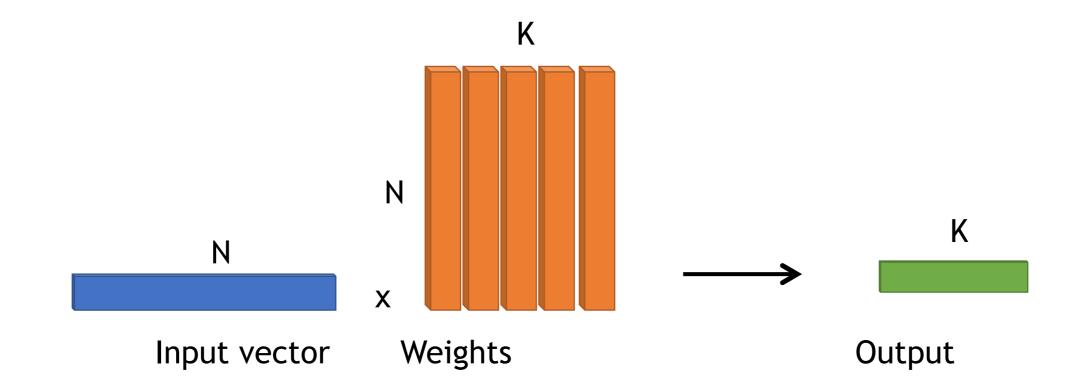
• Fukushima 1980



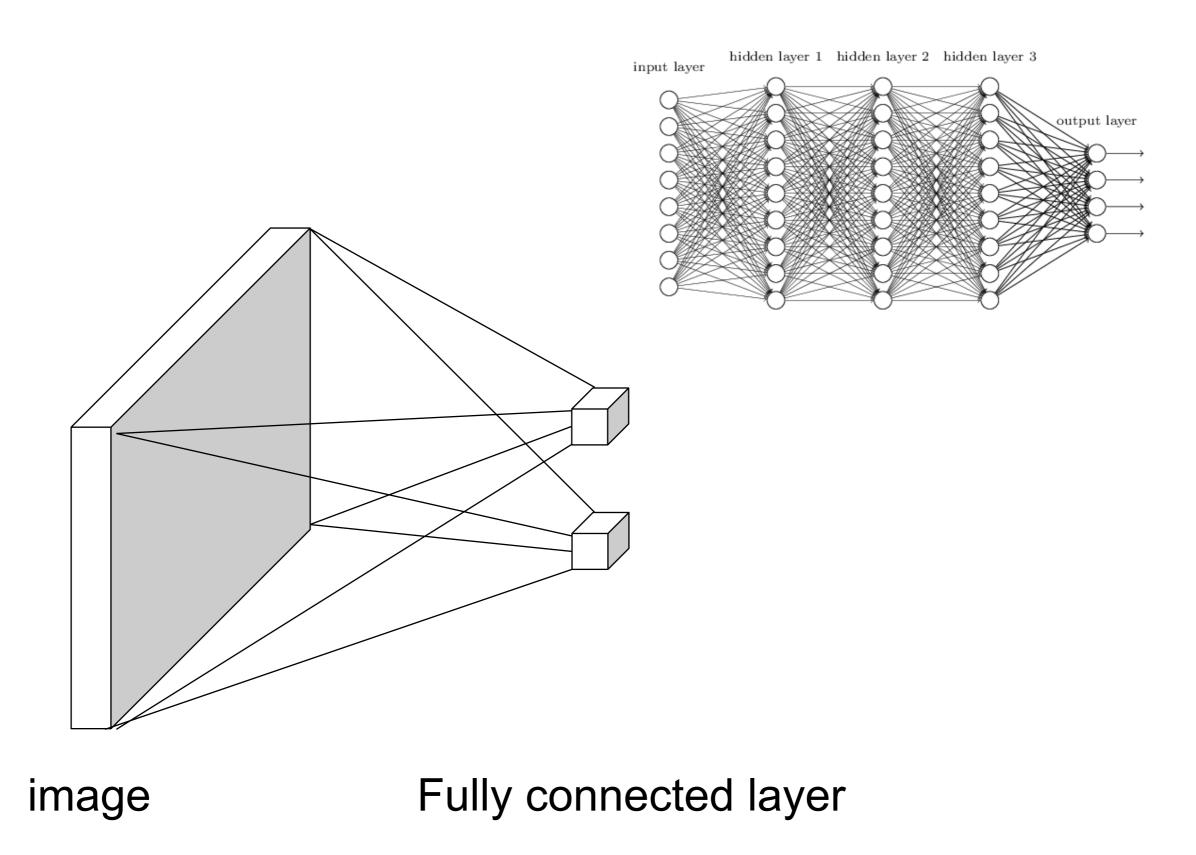
 Biological inspiration: Hubel and Wiesel 1962: simple and complex cells in the visual cortex

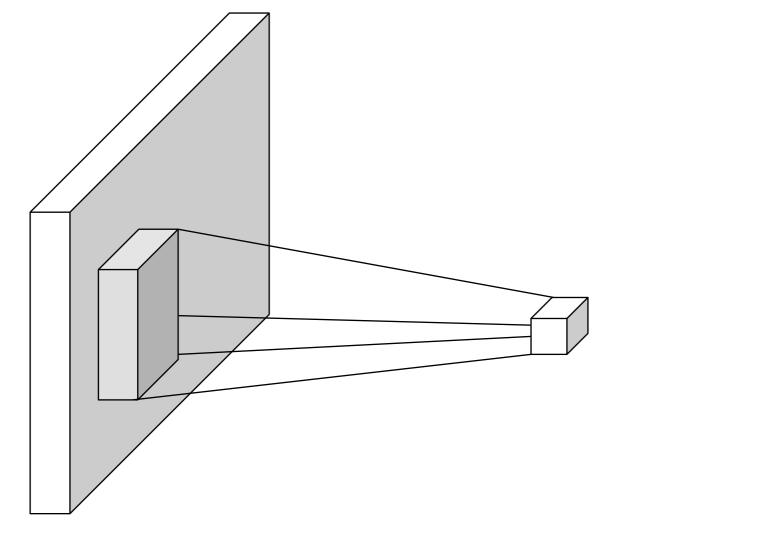


Linear



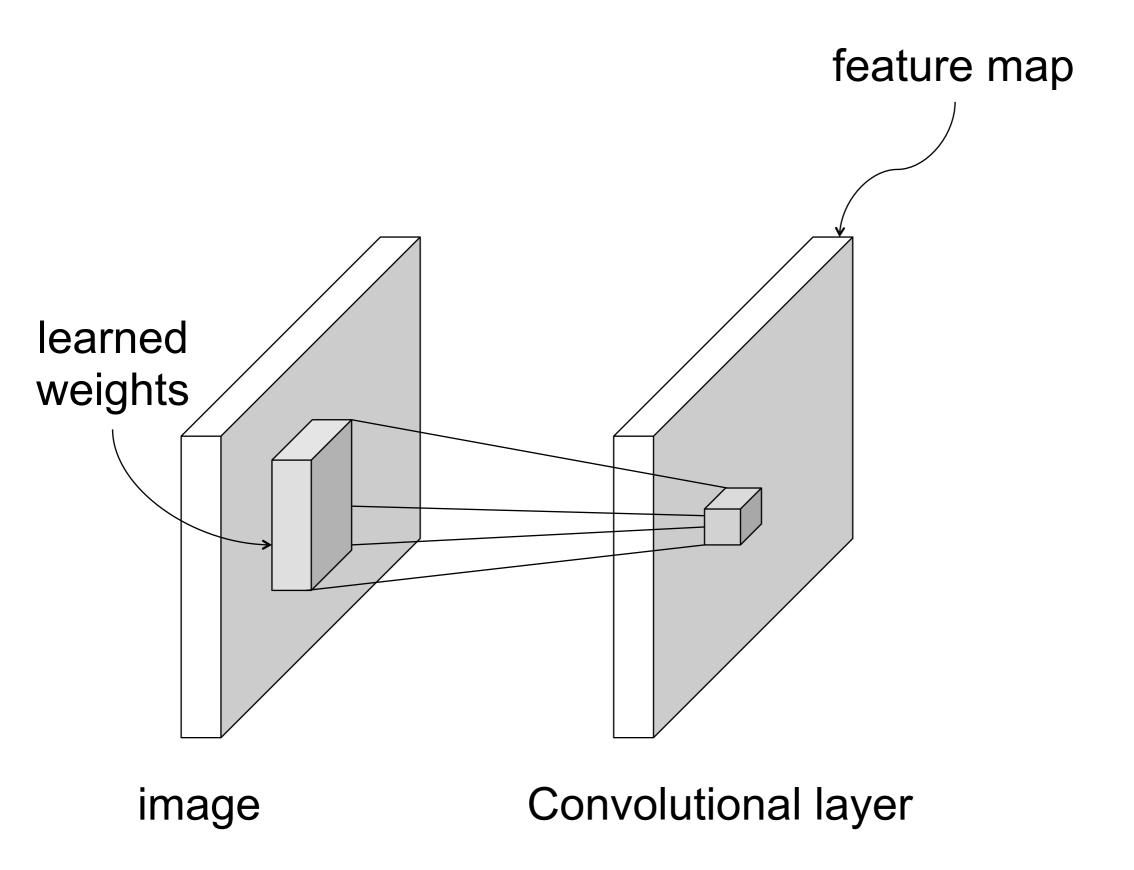
• Issue: lots of parameters

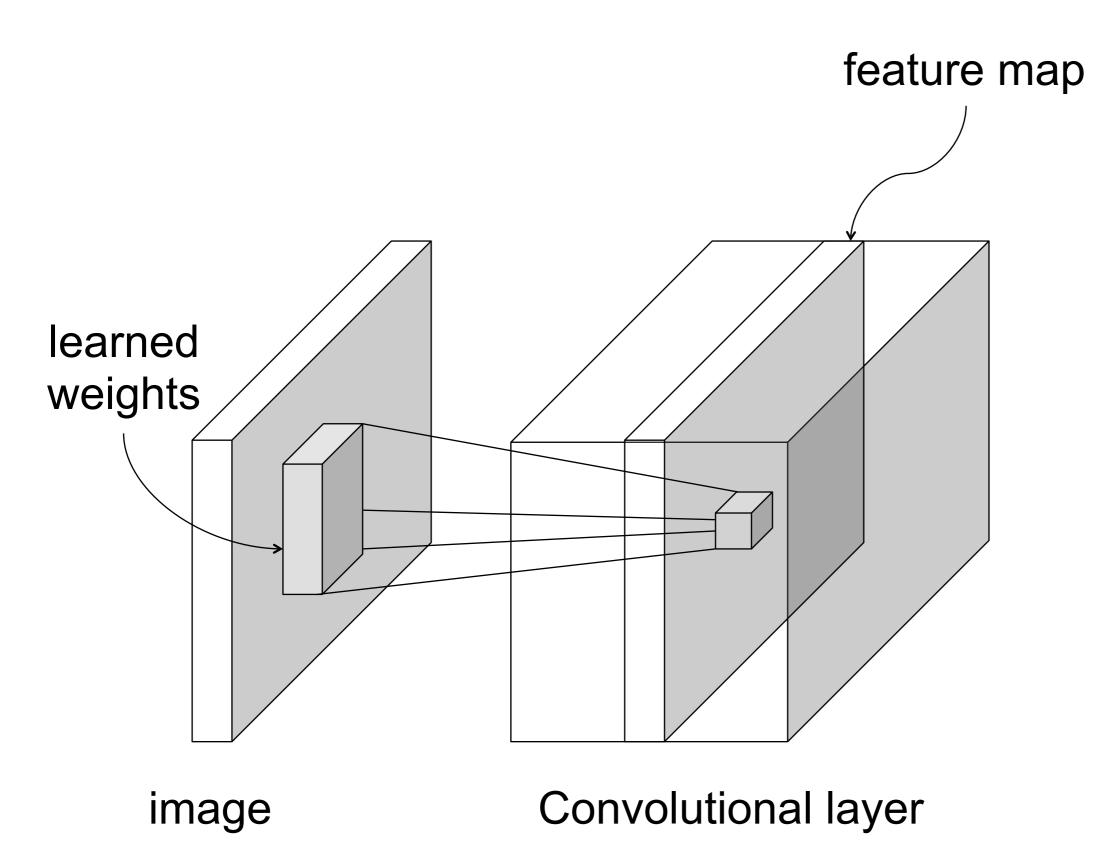




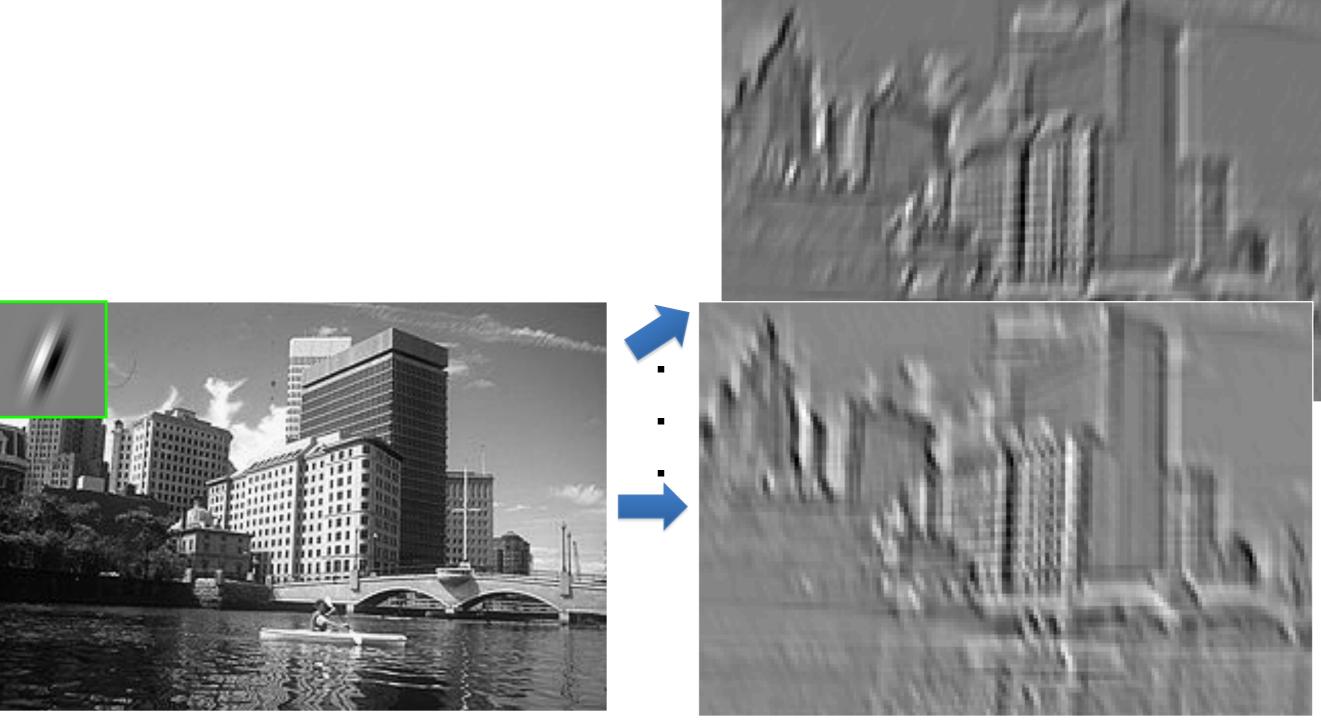
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Convolutional layer





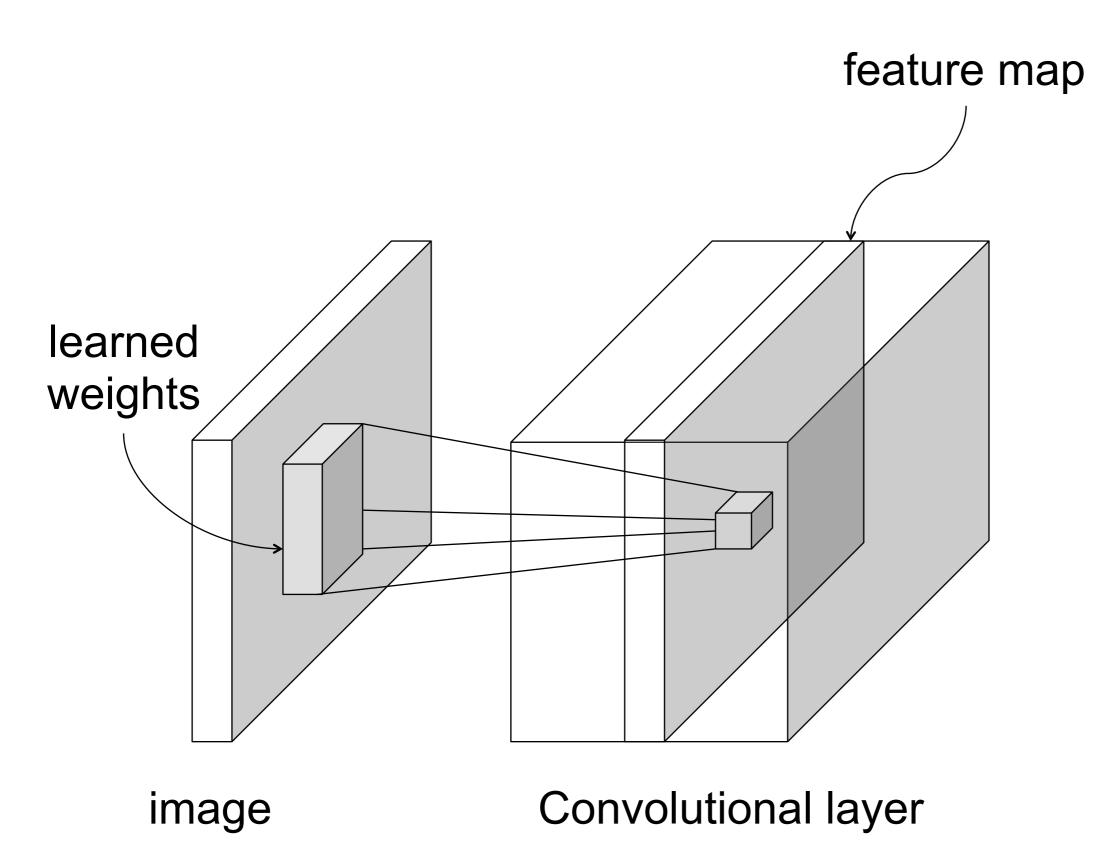
Convolution as feature extraction

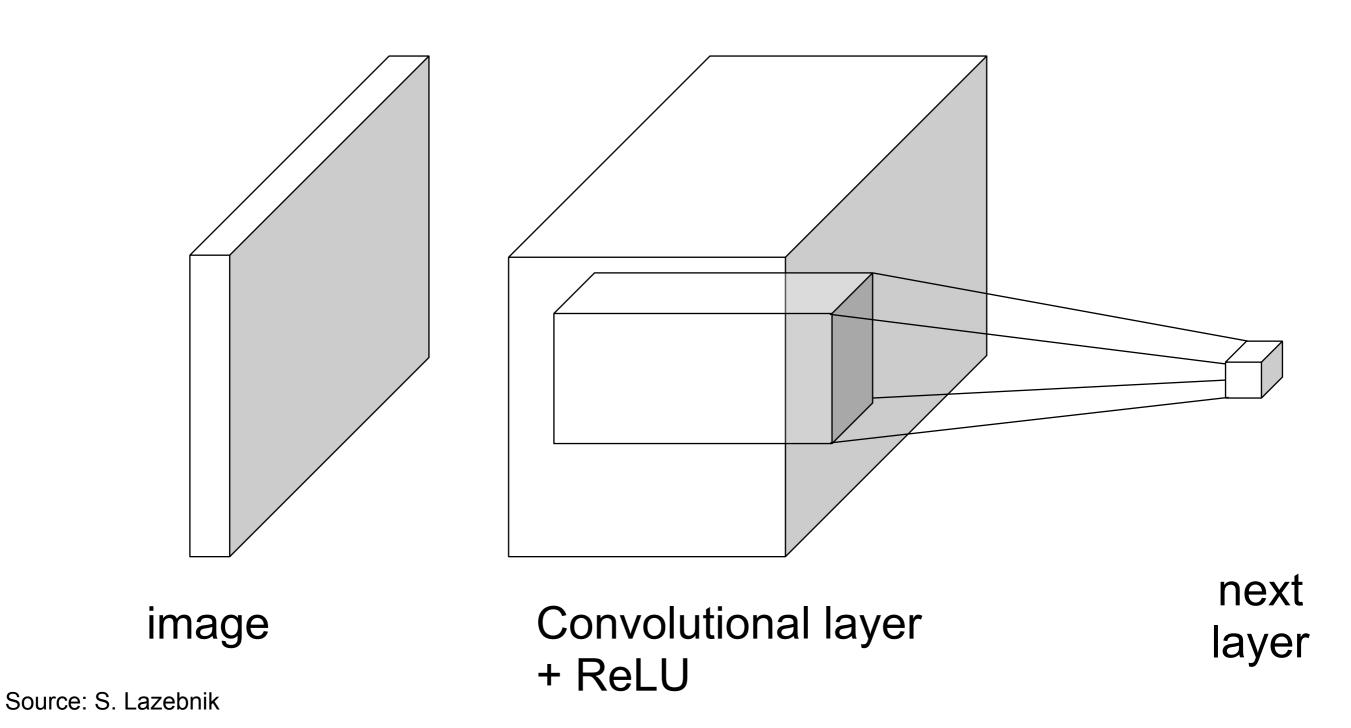


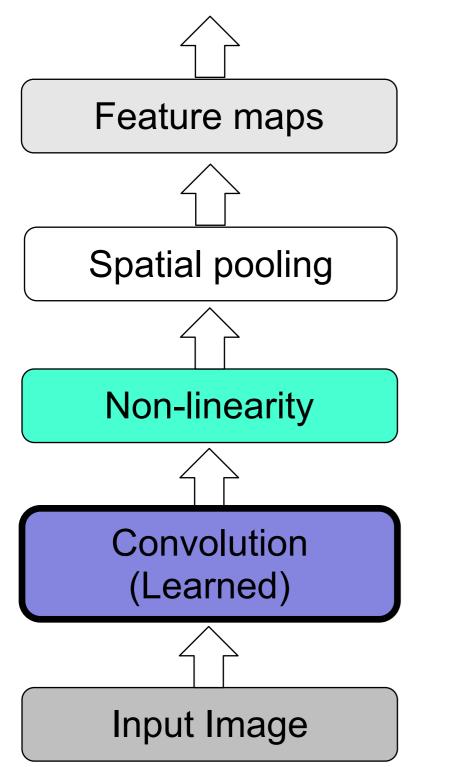
Feature Map

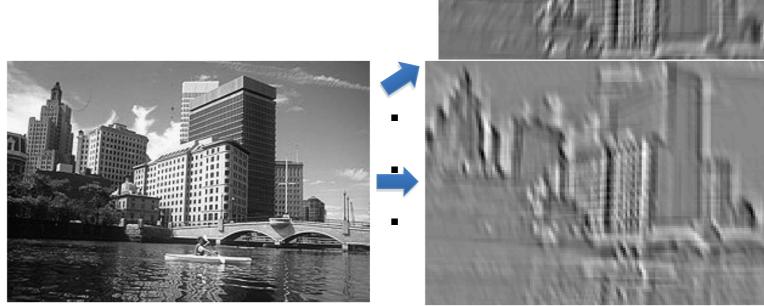
Source: S. Lazebnik

Input





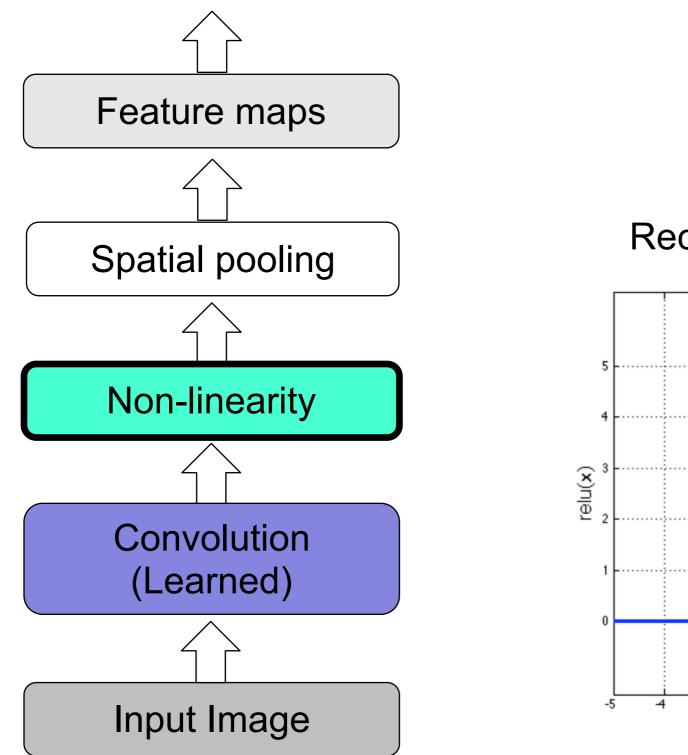




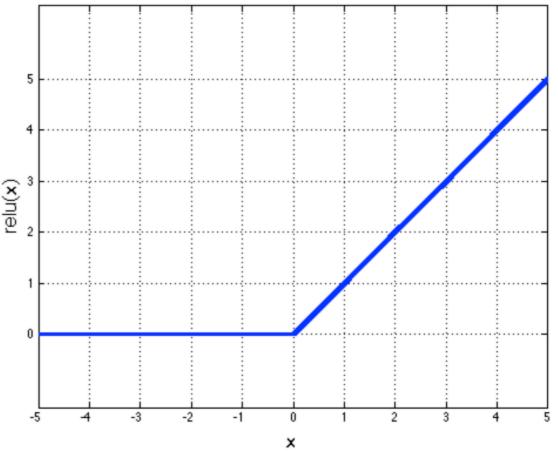


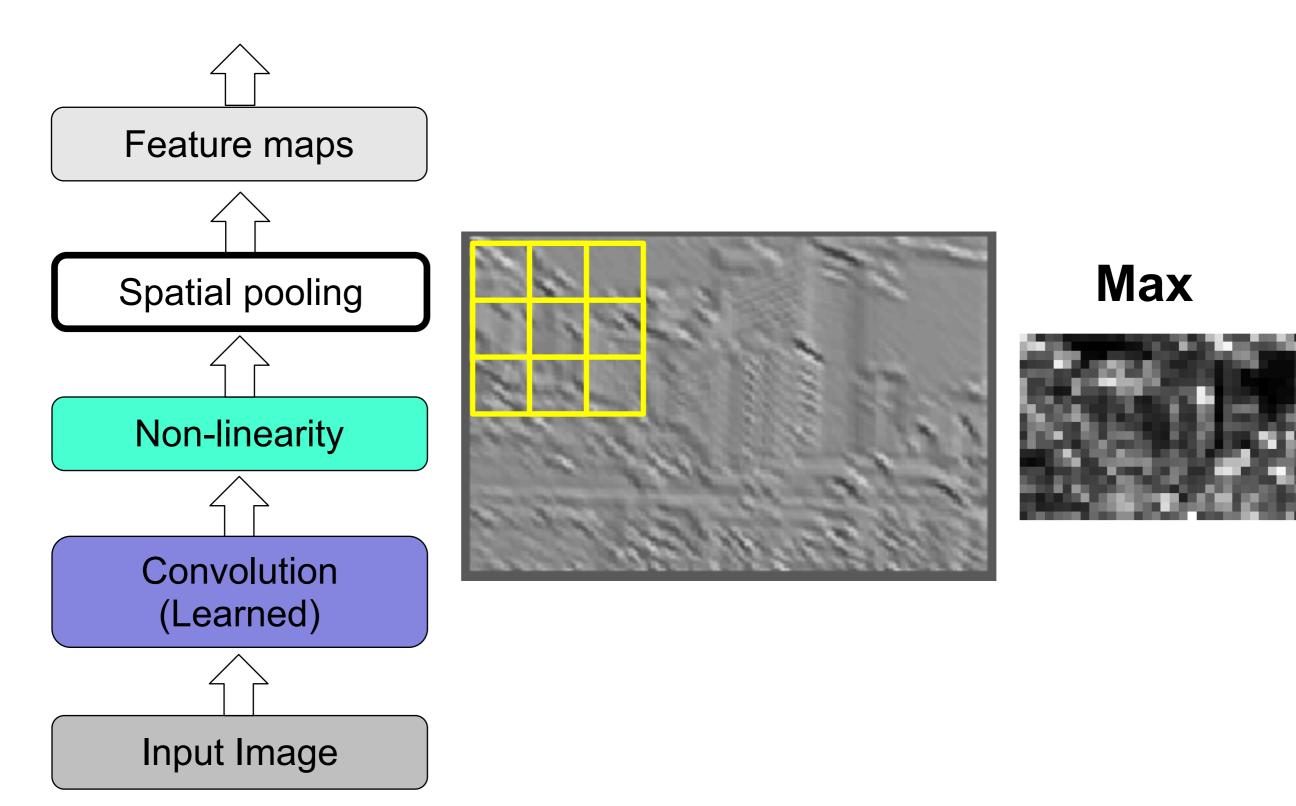
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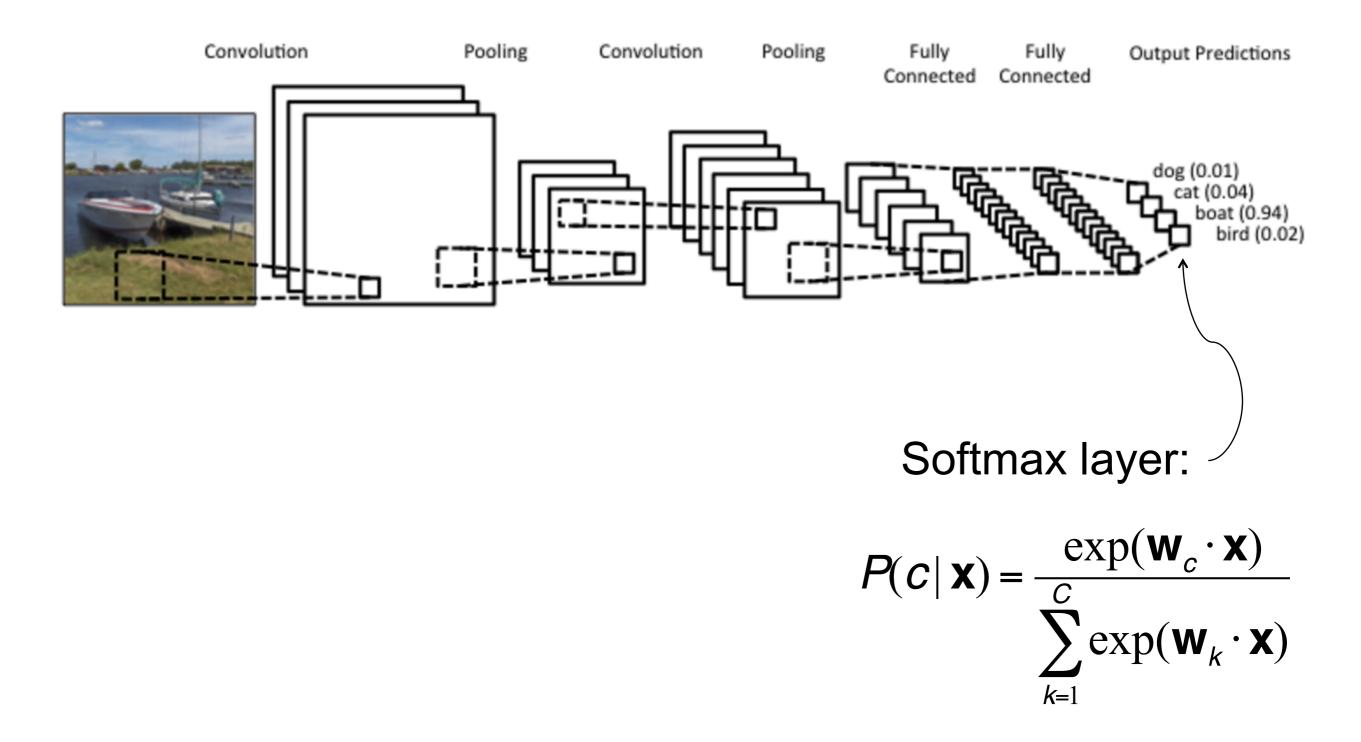
Source: R. Fergus, Y. LeCun



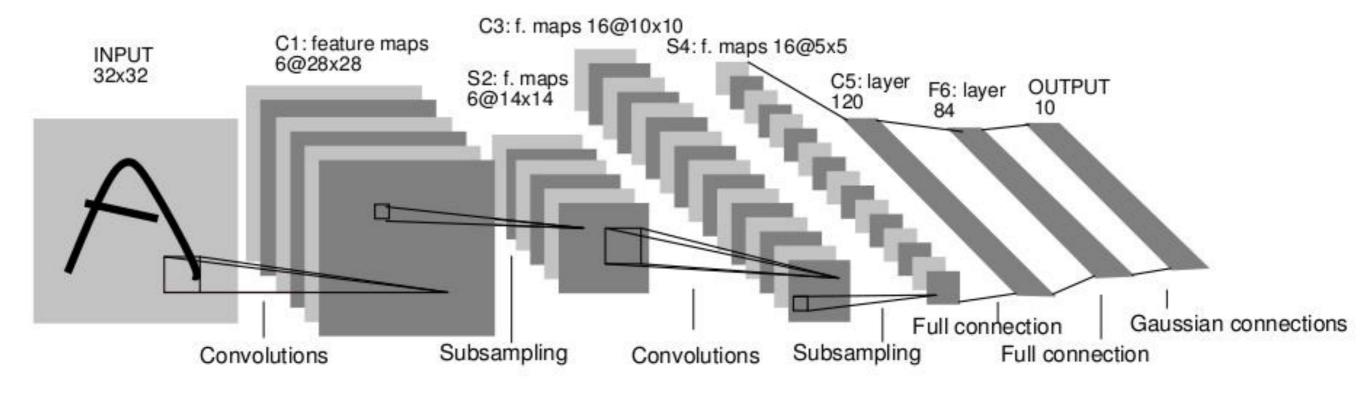
Rectified Linear Unit (ReLU)







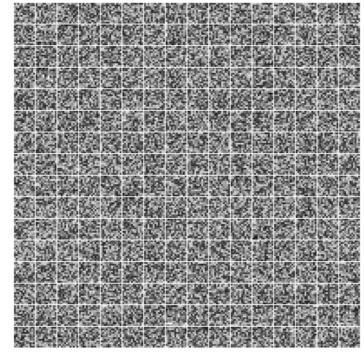
LeNet-5



Y. LeCun, L. Bottou, Y. Bengio, and P. Haffner, <u>Gradient-based learning applied to document</u> recognition, Proc. IEEE 86(11): 2278–2324, 1998.

LeNet: First layer

• Directly interpretable. E.g. LeNet 5 during training



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Gif from Y. LeCun

Questions

- How to define the loss?
- How to minimize the loss?