



An Enhanced Deep Convolutional Encoder-Decoder Network for Road Segmentation on Aerial Imagery

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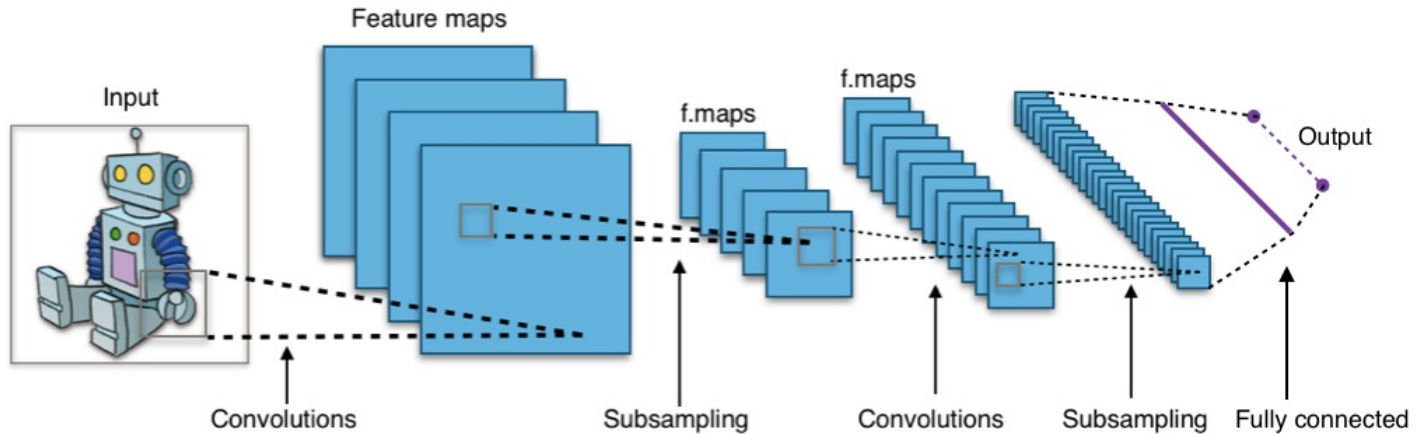
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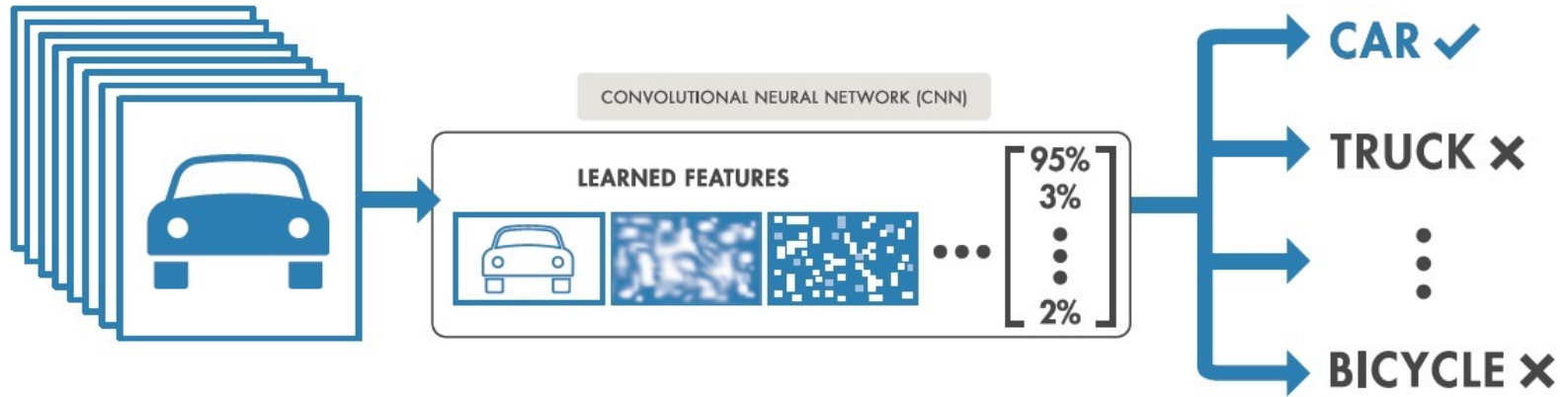
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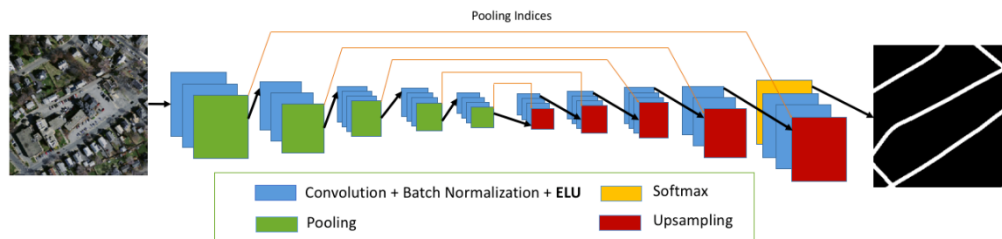
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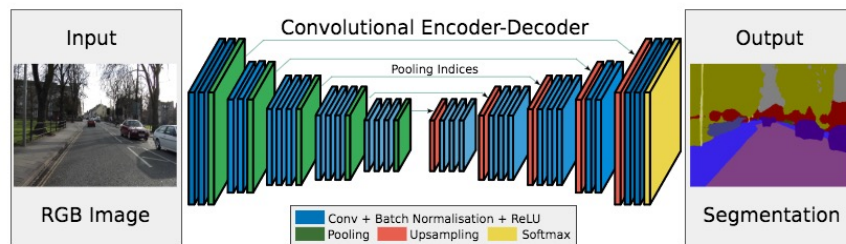
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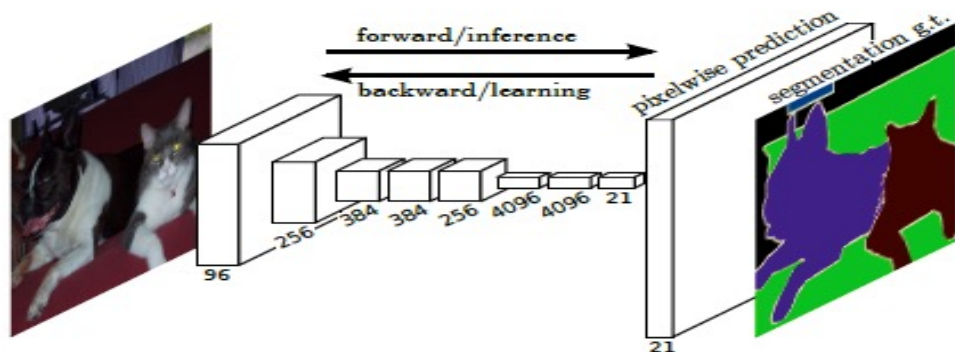
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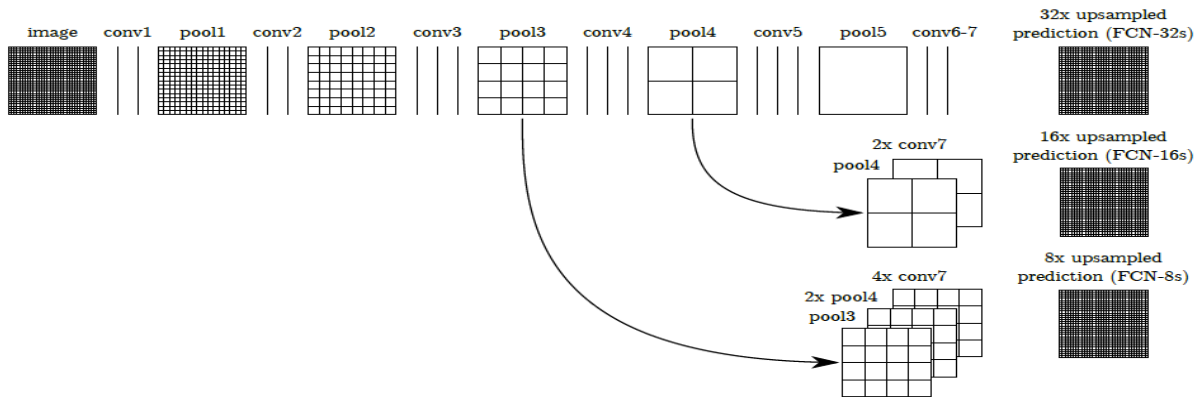
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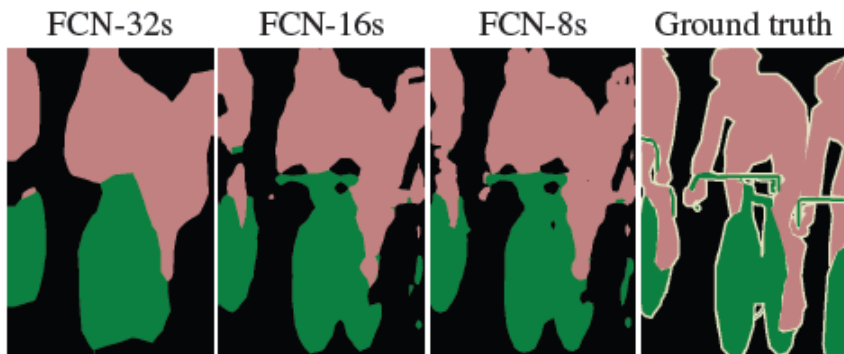
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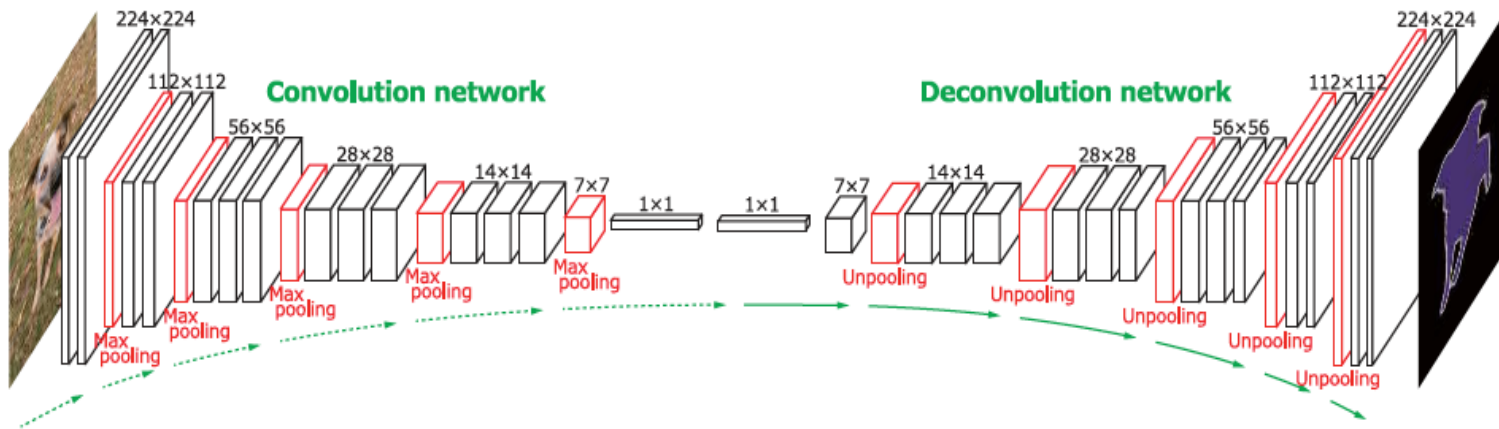
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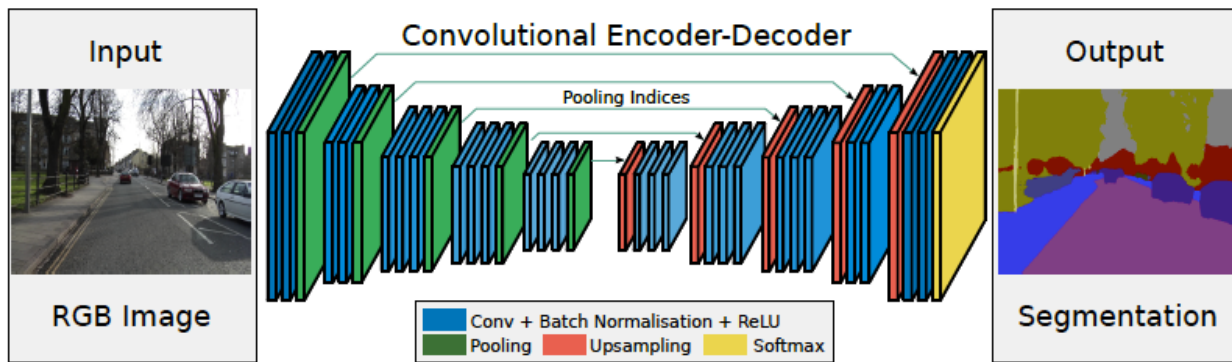
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PASCAL VOC Data Sets

- **PASCAL VOC** is a standard recognition dataset and benchmark with detection and semantic segmentation challenges.
 - The semantic segmentation challenge annotates 20 object classes and background.



Visual Object Classes Challenge



[click on an image to see the annotation]

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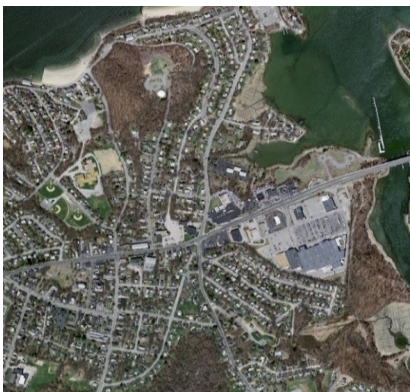


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Related Work (Standard data set)

- Massachusetts roads dataset (Mass. Roads). (Very high resolution imagery)
 - 1500x1500 pixels (Resolution = 1 meter²/pixel)
 - Training set = 1108, Validation set = 14, Test set = 49
 - made publicly available on website: <https://www.cs.toronto.edu/~vmnih/data/>

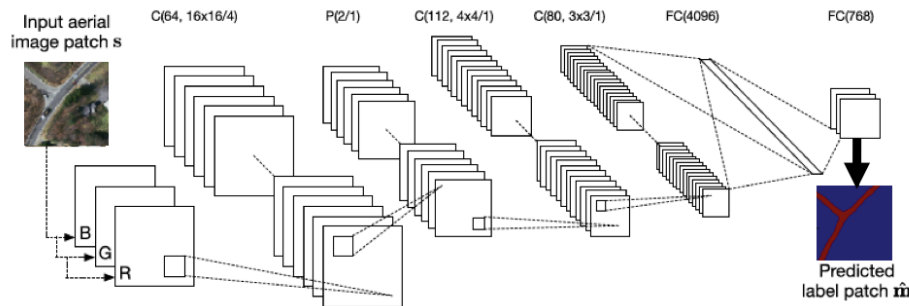


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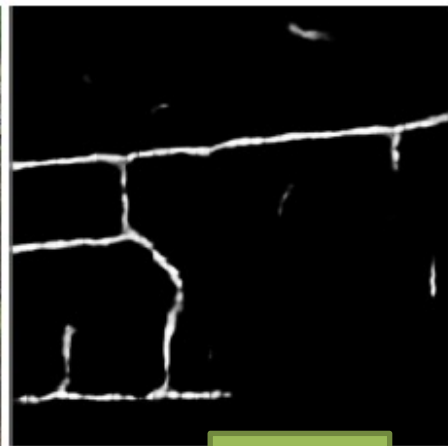
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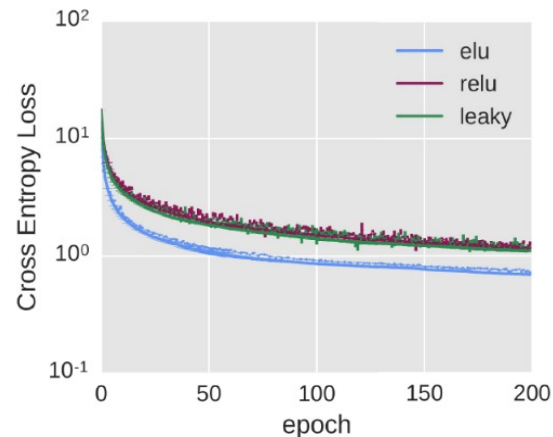
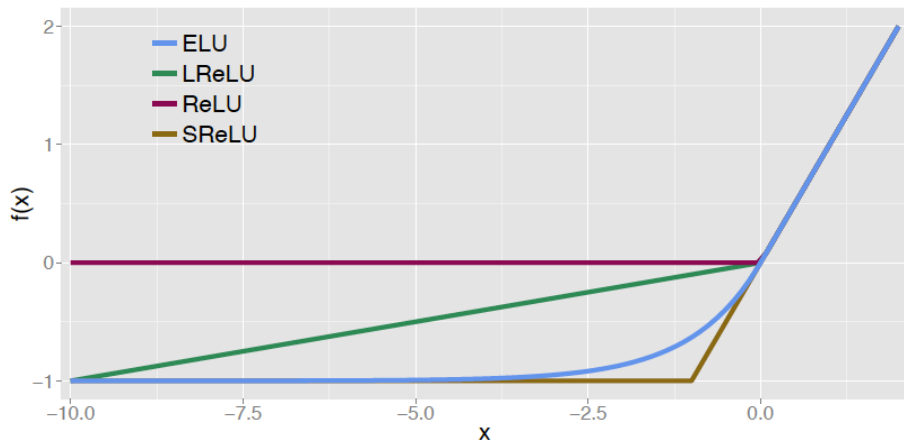
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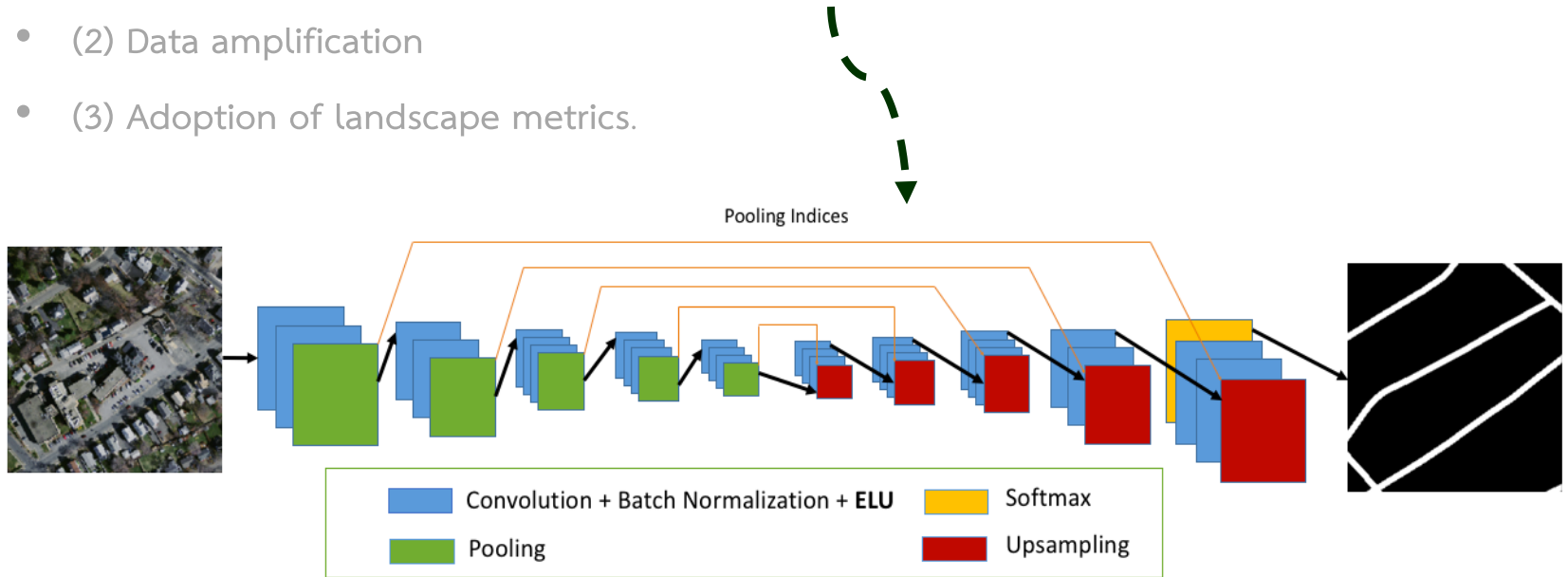
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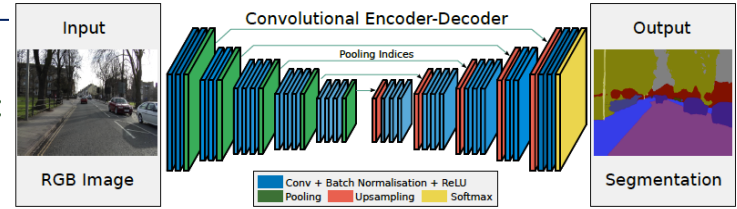
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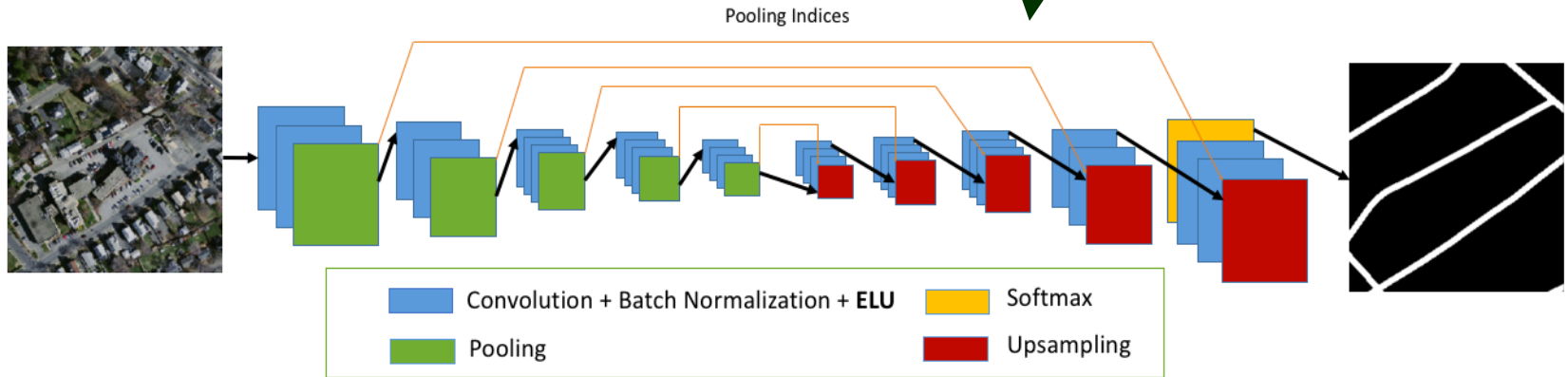


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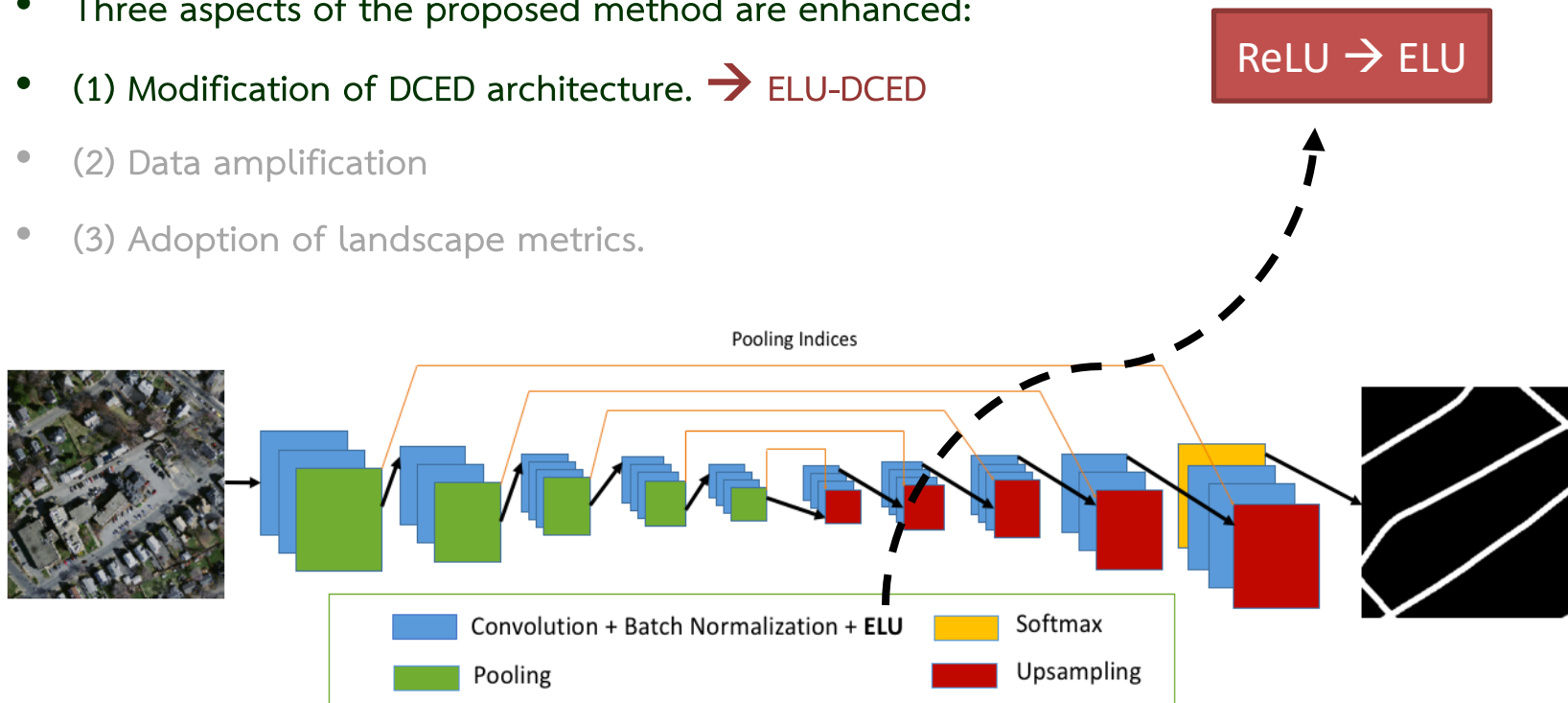


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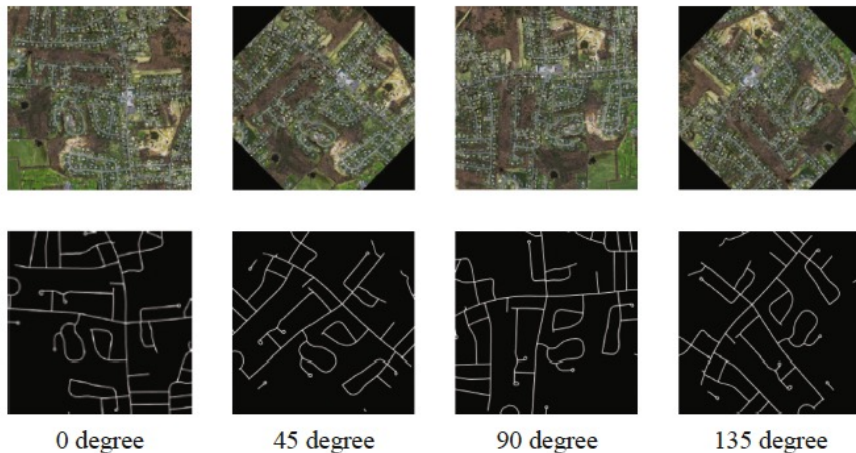
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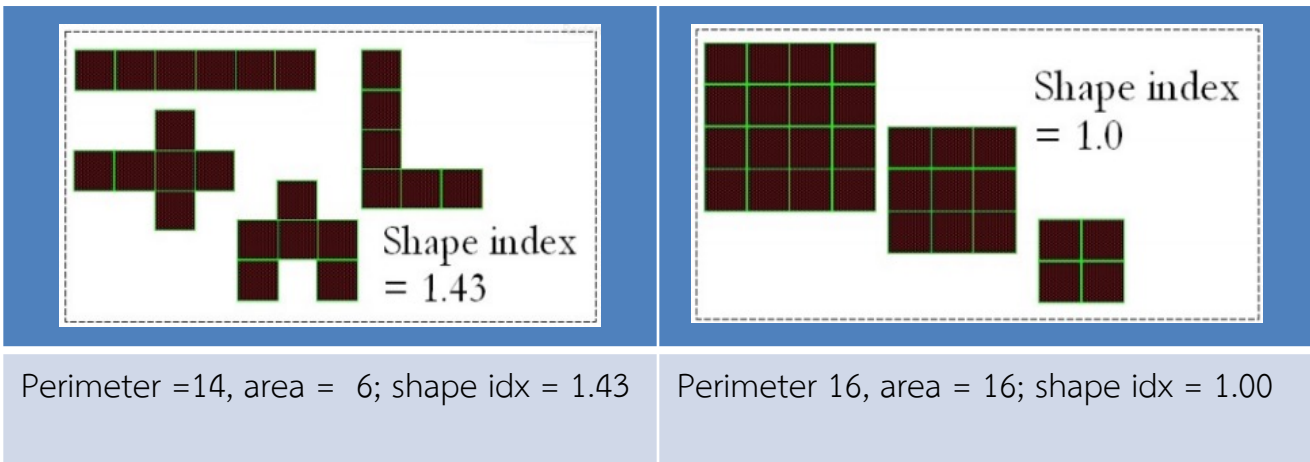
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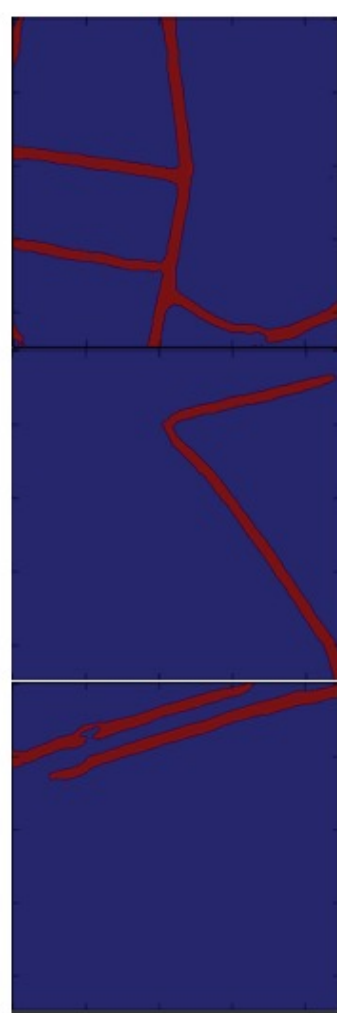
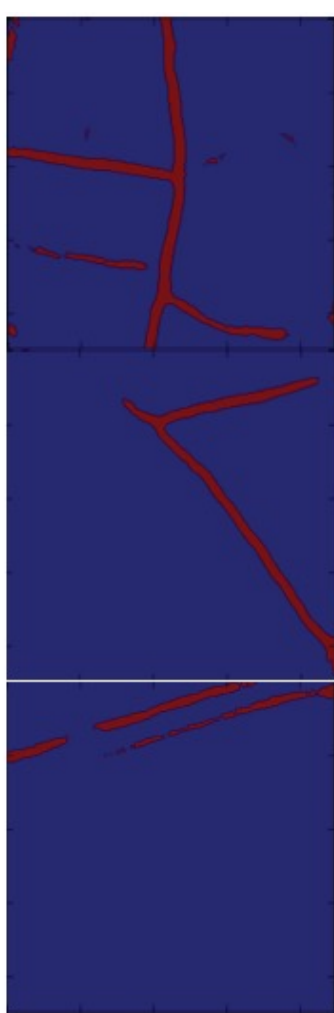
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	FCN-8s [2]	0.762	0.762	0.762
	SegNet [6]	0.773	0.765	0.768
Proposed Method	ELU-DCED	0.852	0.733	0.788
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Satellite Image

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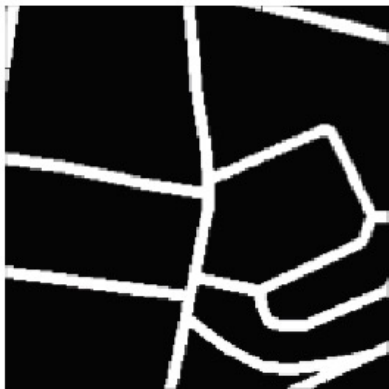
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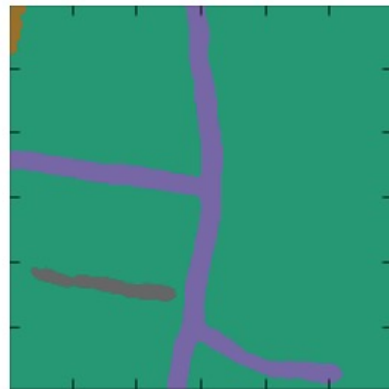
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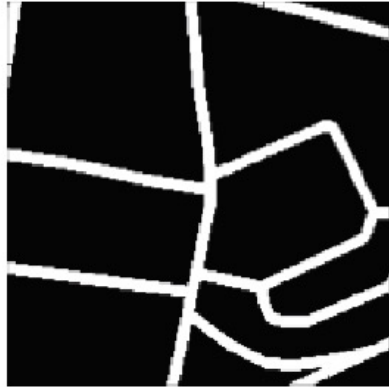


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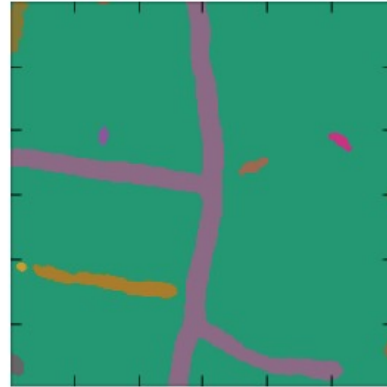
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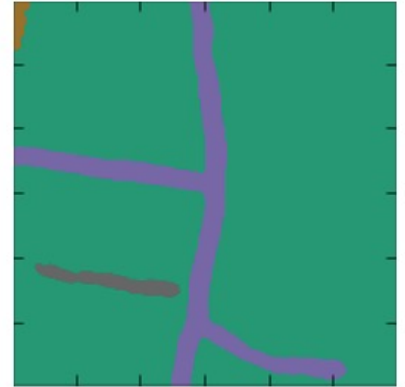
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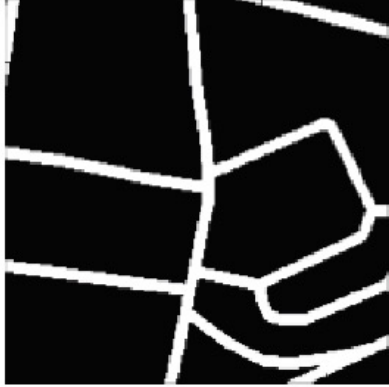
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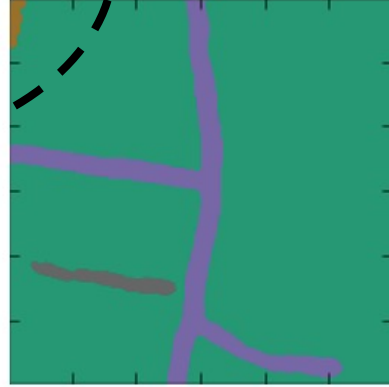
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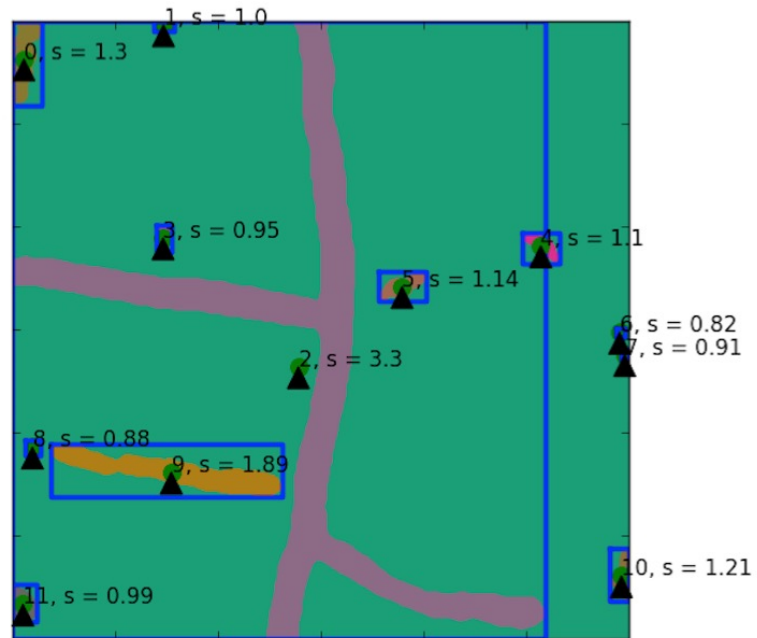


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Extracted roads with removing noises.

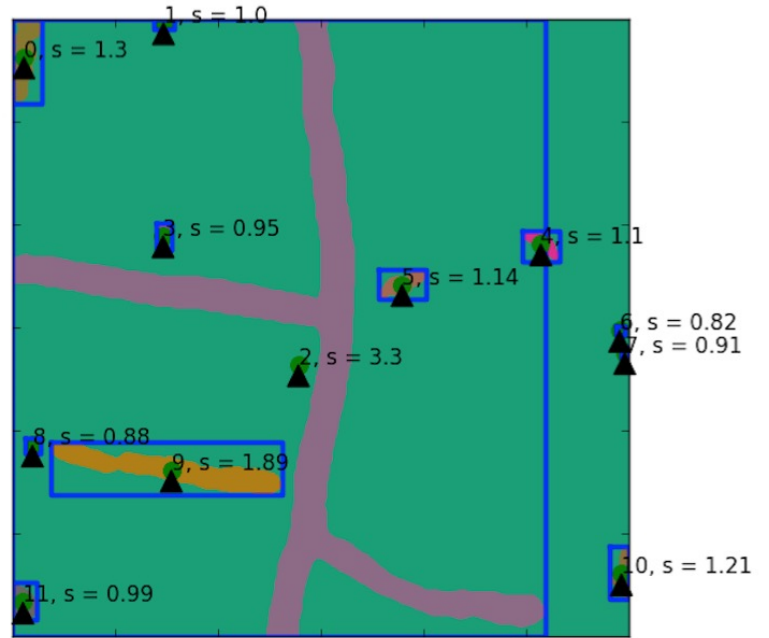
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EXPERIMENTAL RESULT ON MASS. ROAD DATA SET



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Future work

- In future work, more choices of image segmentation techniques, optimization techniques and/or other activation functions will be investigated and compared to obtain the best DCED-based framework for semantic road segmentation.

Q&A

Thank you

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- CUDA 7.5
- CuDNN 5.1
- Nvidia GeForce GTX 960 (4 GB)



theano

Lasagne

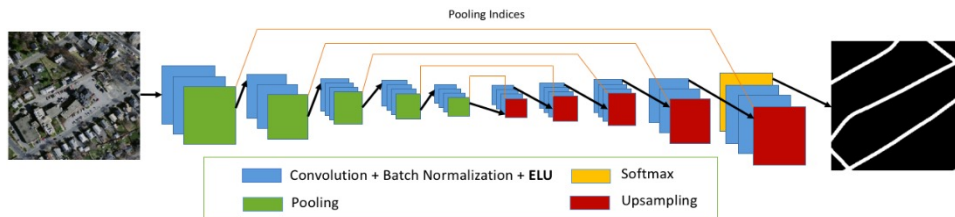


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- The training procedure took approximately 32 hours for the original training datasets.
- 48 hours for the amplified training datasets, and finished after 200 epochs.
- In each epoch, 576 seconds were used for the original training datasets
- 864 seconds were used for the amplified training datasets.

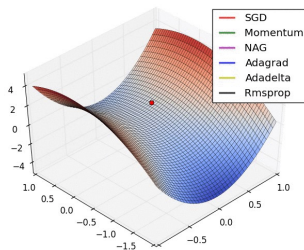
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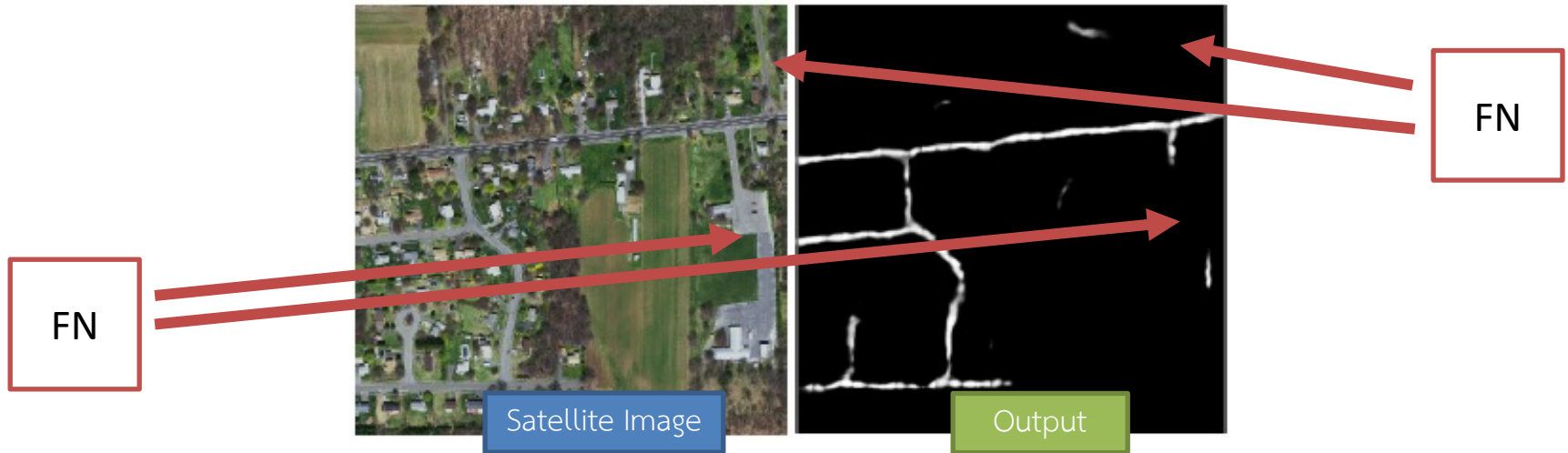
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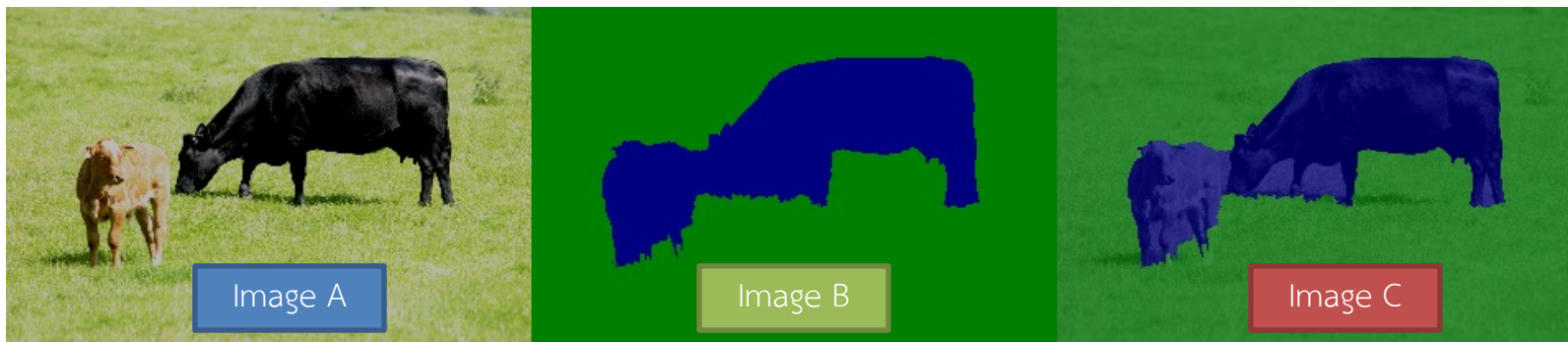
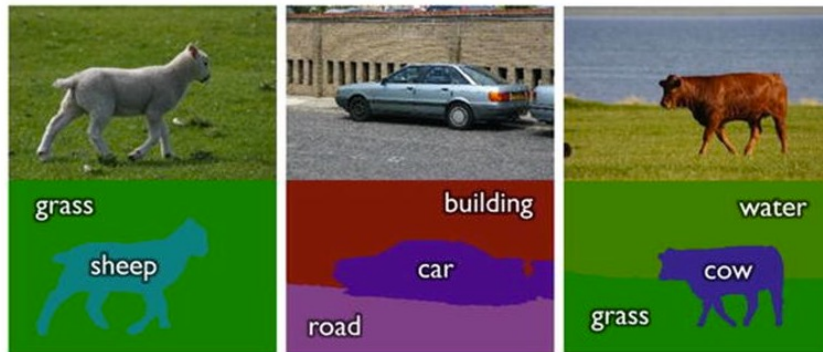


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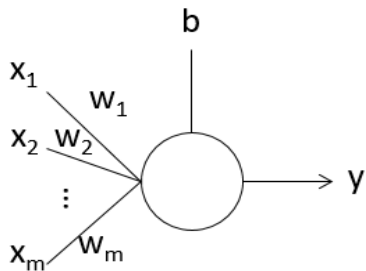
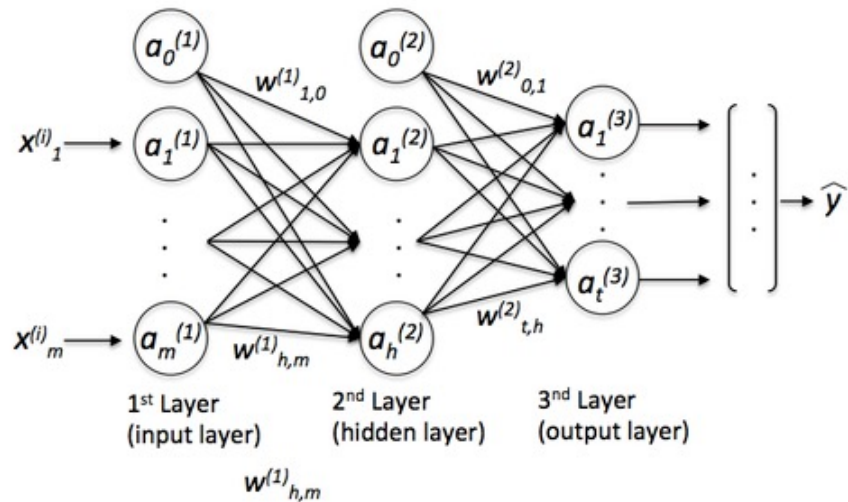
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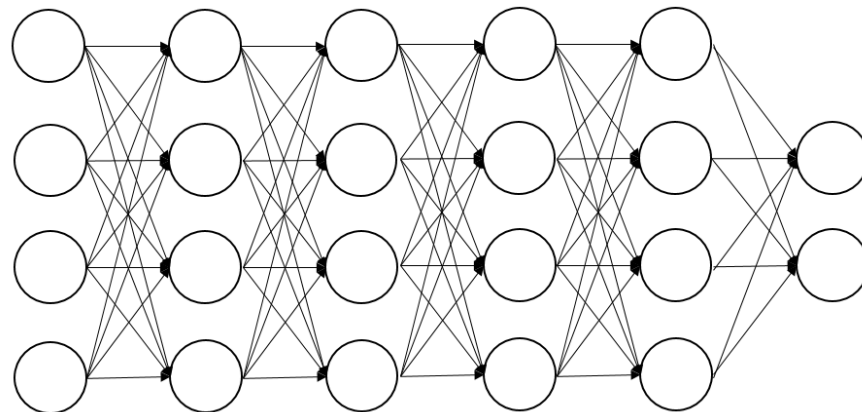
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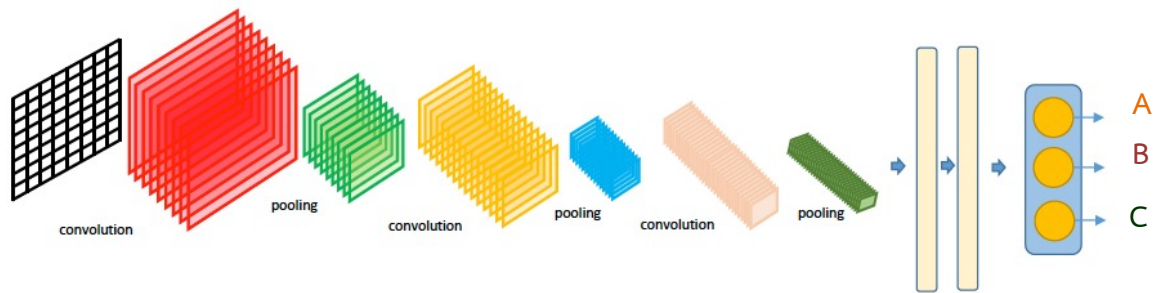
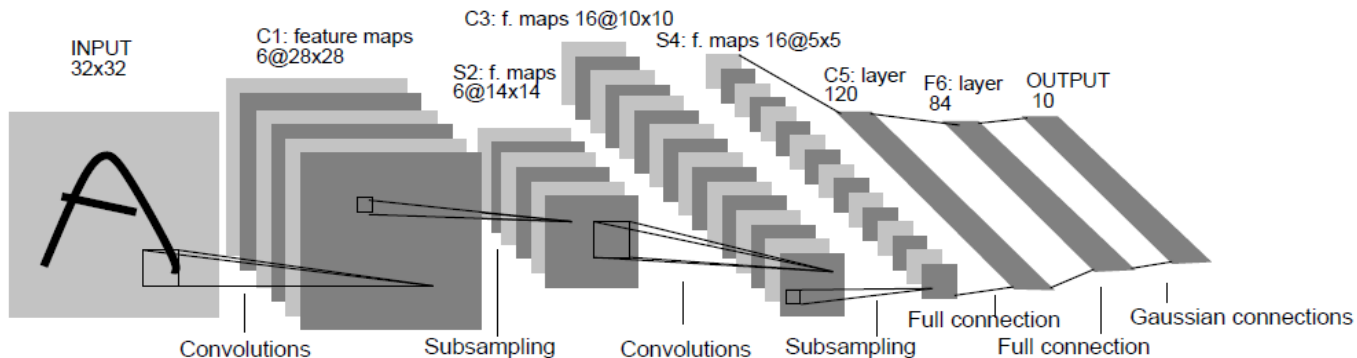


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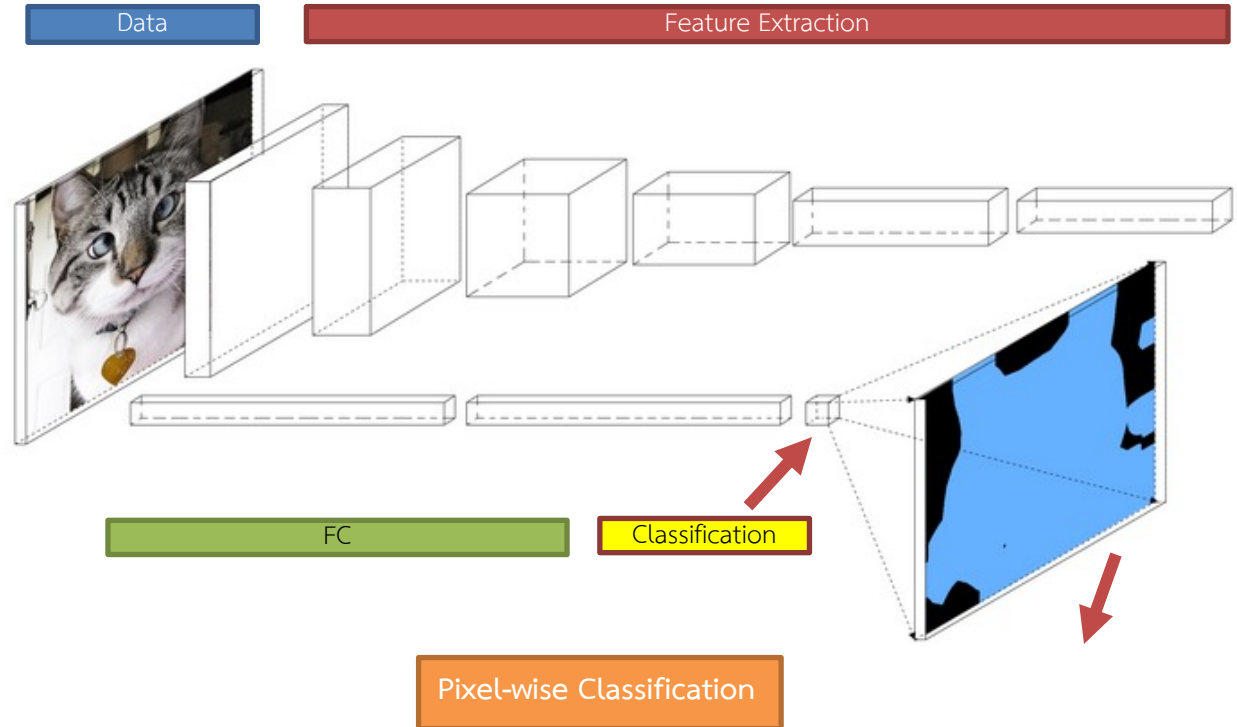
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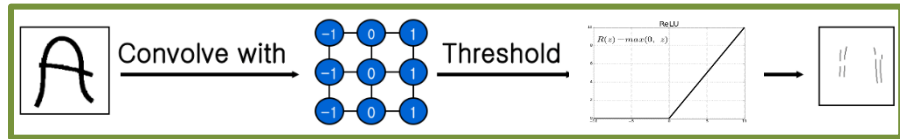


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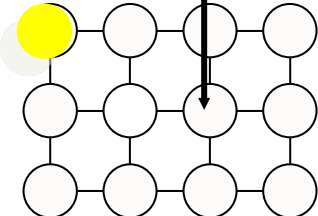
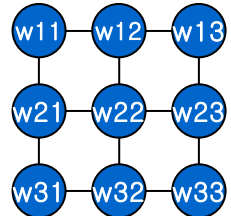
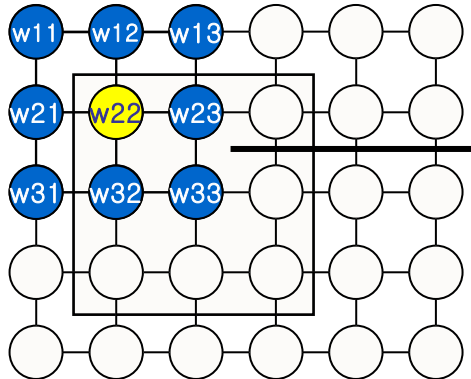
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ReLU is the most interesting

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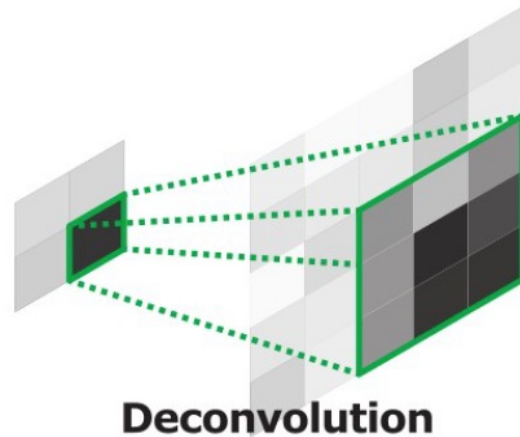
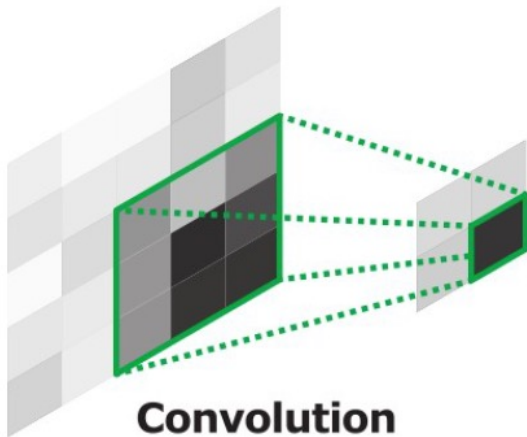
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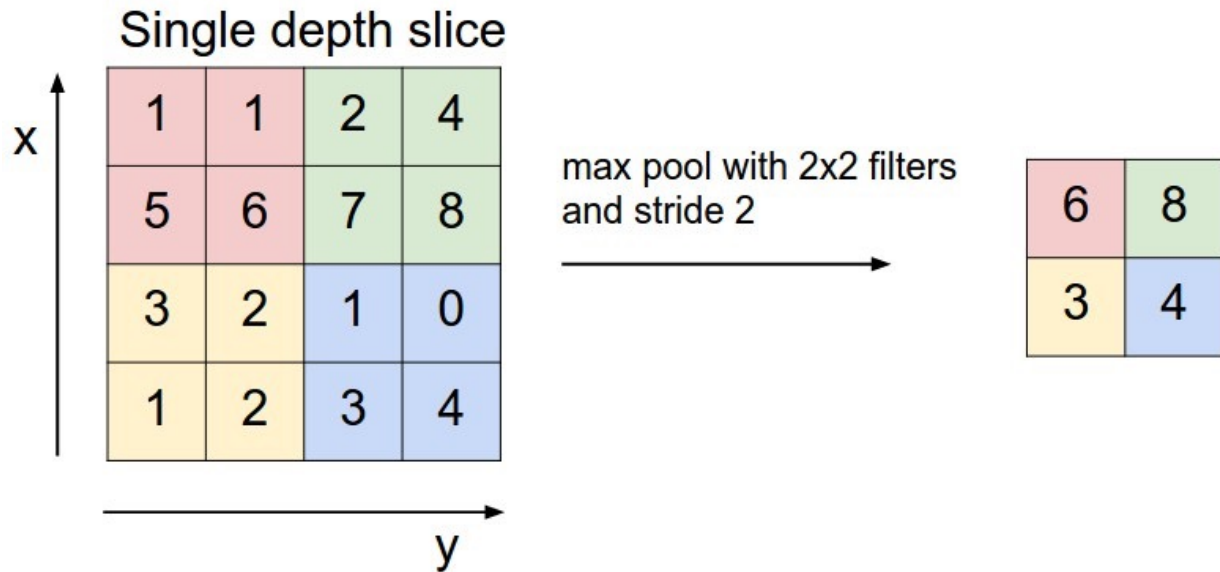
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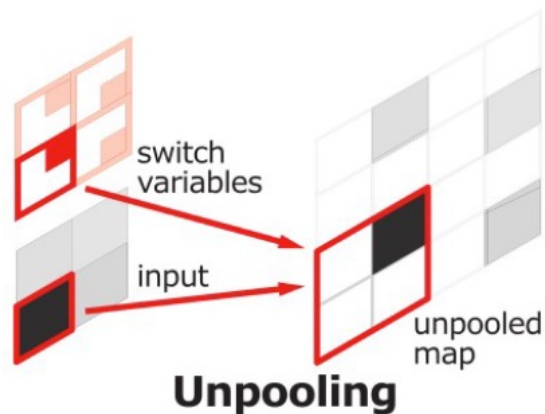
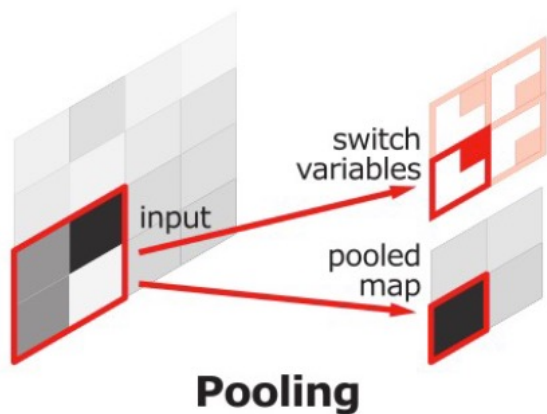
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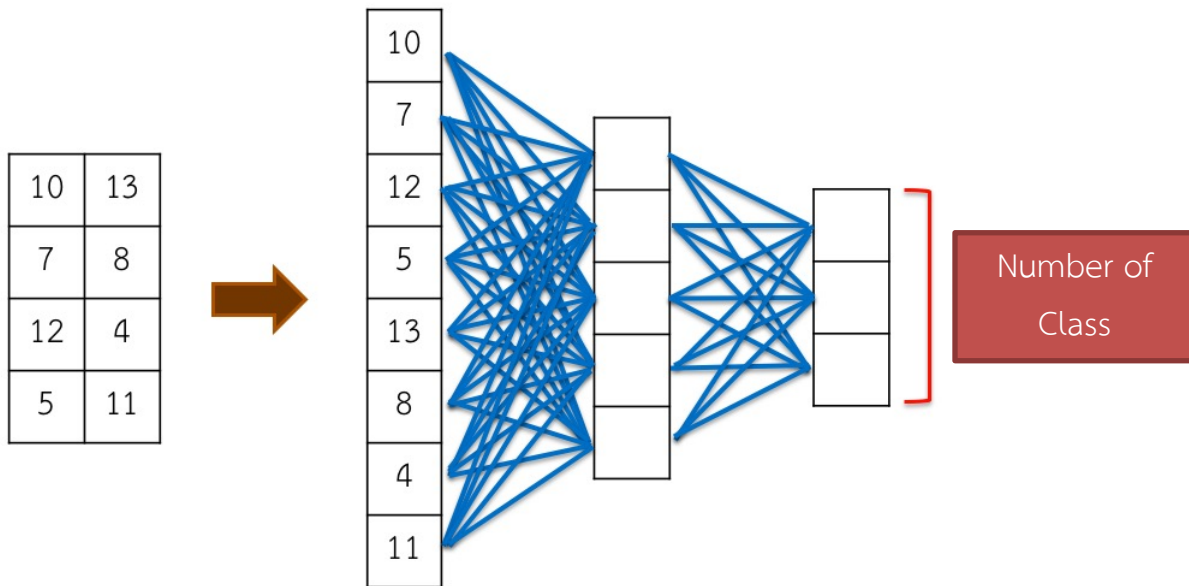
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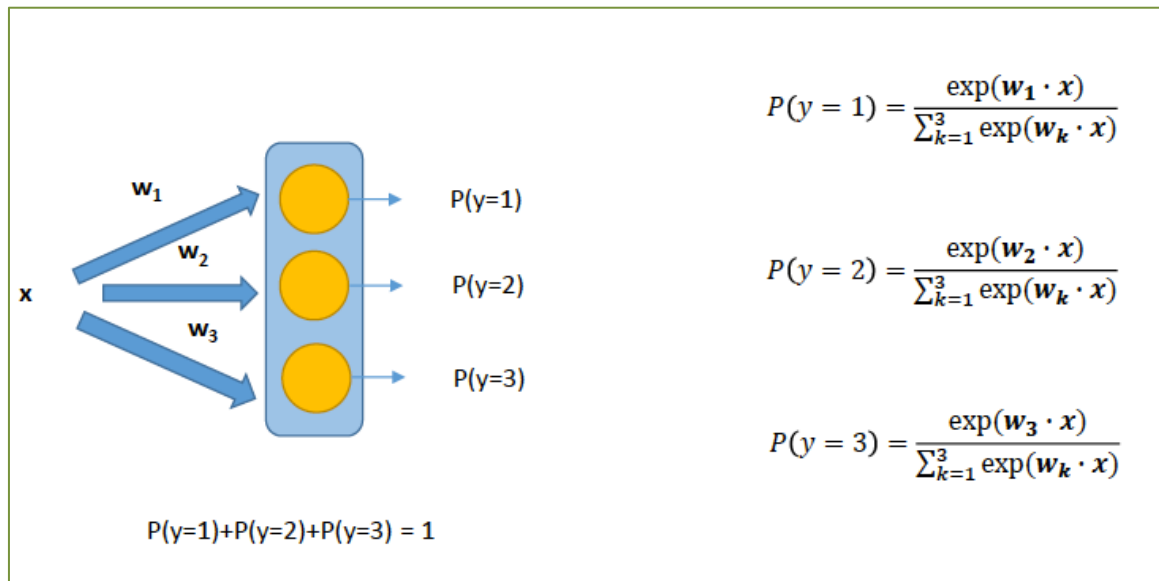
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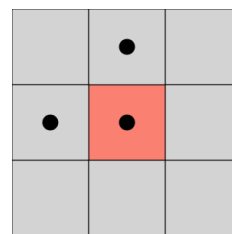
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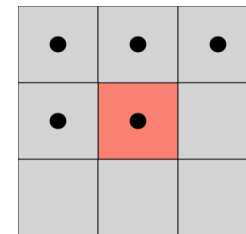


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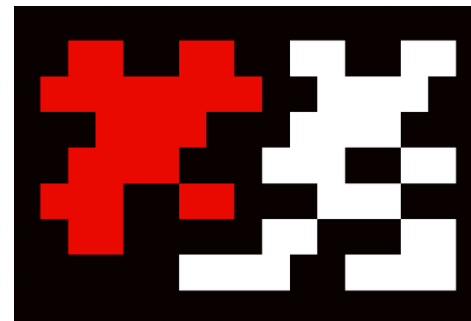
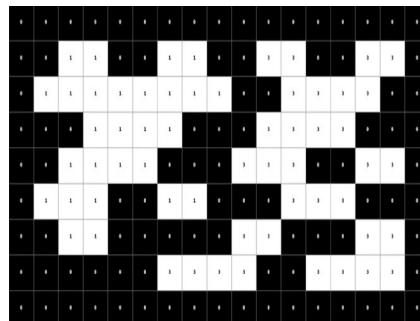
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Example: Connected-Component Labeling

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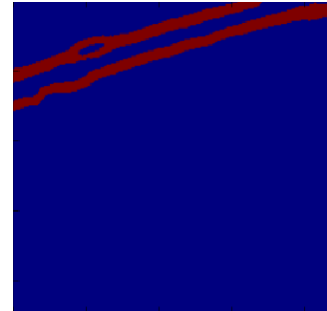
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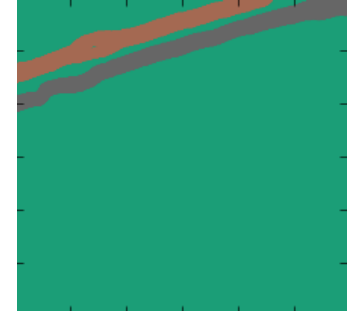
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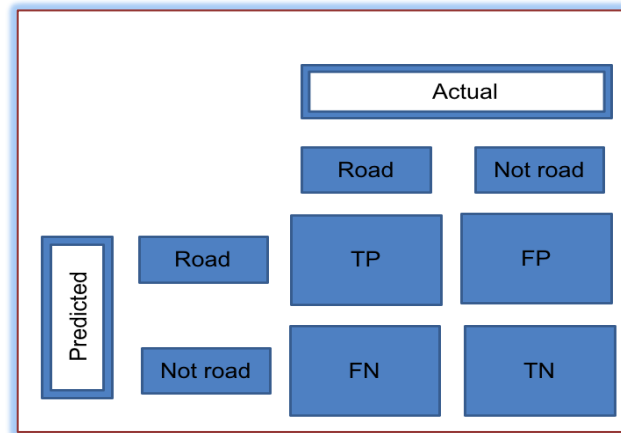
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$$\text{Precision} = \frac{TP}{TP + FP}$$
$$\text{Recall} = \frac{TP}{TP + FN}$$
$$F1 = \frac{2 \times \text{Precision} \times \text{Recall}}{\text{Precision} + \text{Recall}}$$

Thank you

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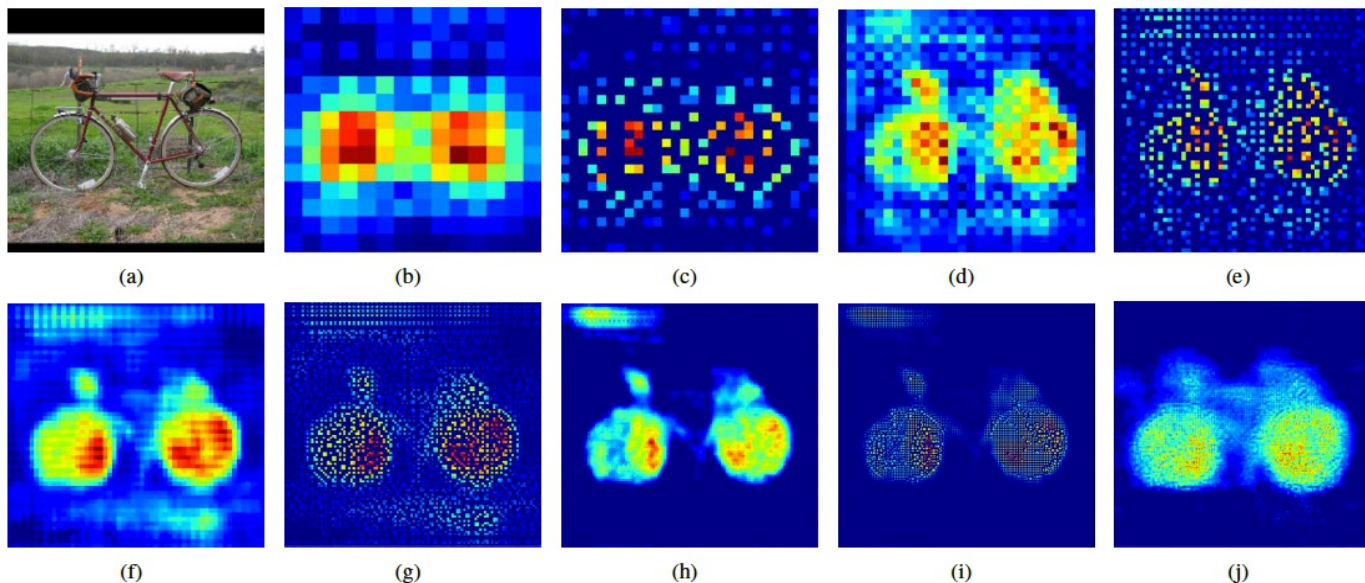


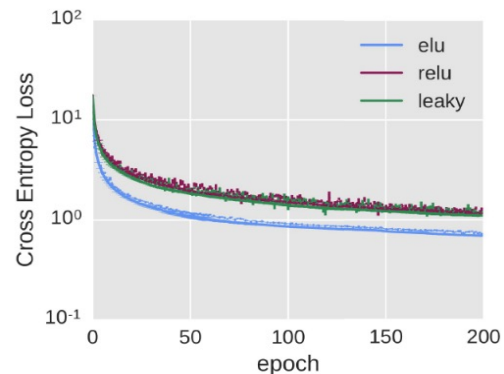
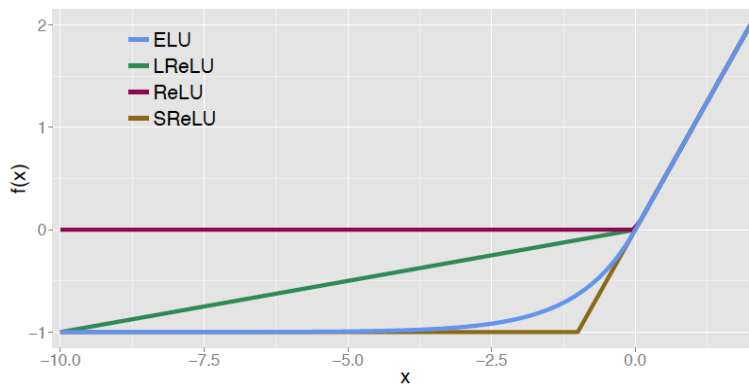
Figure 4. Visualization of activations in our deconvolution network. The activation maps from (b) to (j) correspond to the output maps from lower to higher layers in the deconvolution network. We select the most representative activation in each layer for effective visualization. The image in (a) is an input, and the rest are the outputs from (b) the last 14×14 deconvolutional layer, (c) the 28×28 unpooling layer, (d) the last 28×28 deconvolutional layer, (e) the 56×56 unpooling layer, (f) the last 56×56 deconvolutional layer, (g) the 112×112 unpooling layer, (h) the last 112×112 deconvolutional layer, (i) the 224×224 unpooling layer and (j) the last 224×224 deconvolutional layer. The finer details of the object are revealed, as the features are forward-propagated through the layers in the deconvolution network. Note that noisy activations from background are suppressed through propagation while the activations closely related to the target classes are amplified. It shows that the learned filters in higher deconvolutional layers tend to capture class-specific shape information.

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- Clevert (2016)

The *exponential linear unit* (ELU) with $0 < \alpha$ is

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x & \text{if } x > 0 \\ \alpha (\exp(x) - 1) & \text{if } x \leq 0 \end{cases}, \quad f'(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x > 0 \\ f(x) + \alpha & \text{if } x \leq 0 \end{cases}.$$



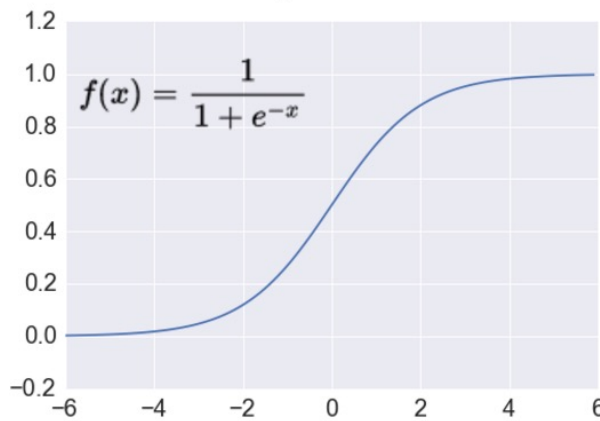
- The Rectified linear unit (ReLU), the leaky ReLU (LReLU, $\alpha = 0.1$), the shifted ReLUs (SReLU), and the exponential linear unit (ELU, $\alpha = 1.0$).

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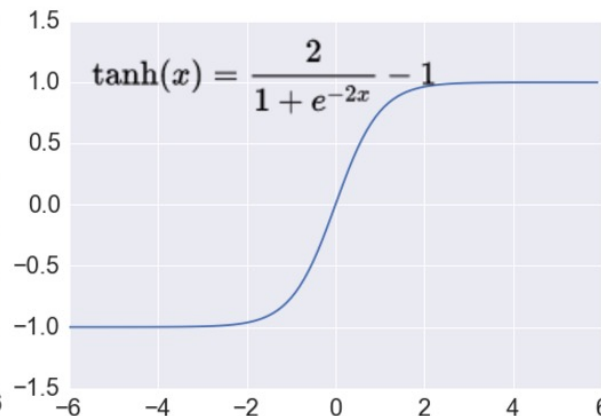
popularity activation function



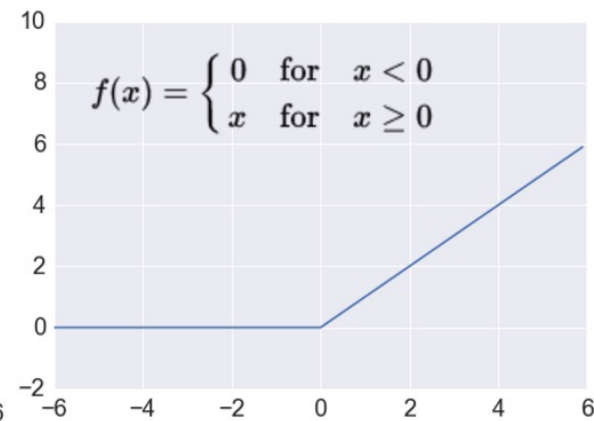
Sigmoid



TanH

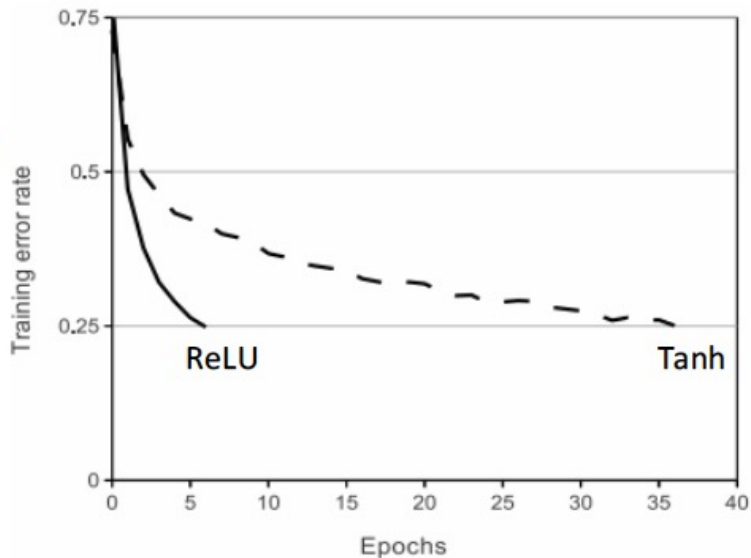
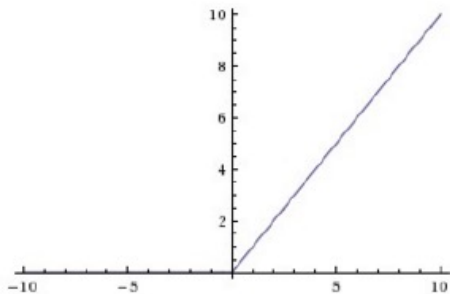


ReLU



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- Sigmoid
- Tanh
- Rectified linear unit (ReLU): $f(x) = \max(0, x)$
 - Become very popular in the last few years.



[<http://cs231n.github.io/convolutional-networks/>]

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How does ELU activation function help convergence, and what's its advantages over ReLU or sigmoid or tanh function?

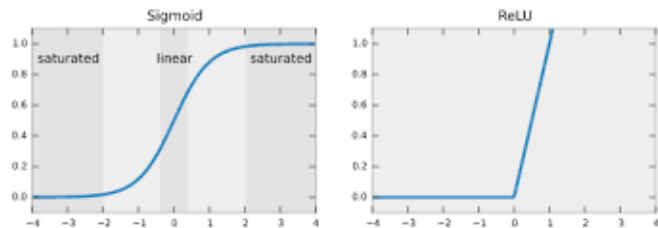


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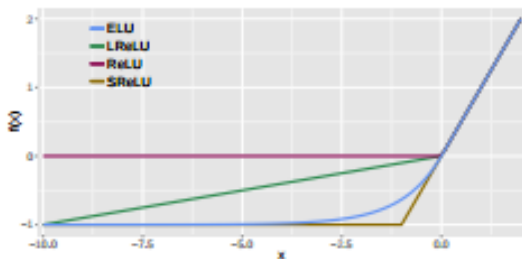
ELU(Exponential linear unit) function takes care of the Vanishing gradient problem. The other mentioned activation functions are prone to reaching a point from where the gradient of the functions does not change.

Lets start with the advantages that relu gives over sigmoid and tanh (tanh and sigmoid are simailar) so if you look at the following plot sigmoid/tanh gets saturated for large values of x , so as your activation value increases the corresponding gradient approaches zero and the corresponding neurons effectively learn nothing. But with relu you do not have that problem as you will get finite gradient no matter what the value of x .



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But the problem with relu is that it's mean is not zero. If the mean value of activation is zero you get a faster learning. But if you use just a linear activation function (which would have mean activation zero) your overall network becomes linear and which will effectively be equal to a single layer network and with linear networks there is very little that you can learn from the data, that's why we use non linear activation functions. Now what ELU does is that it tries to make the mean activation close to zero and as it is an exponential function it does not saturate(I have not used this activation function yet), you can conclude this from ELU graph.



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How does softmax function work in AI field?



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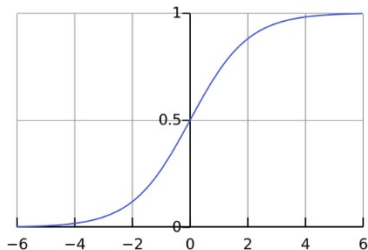
The softmax function is important in the field of machine learning because it can map a vector to a probability of a given output in binary classification.

The softmax (logistic) function is defined as:

$$h_{\theta}(x) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-\theta^T x)},$$

where θ represents a vector of weights, and x is a vector of input values. This function is used to approximate a target function $y \in \{0, 1\}$ in binary classification. The softmax function produces a scalar output $h_{\theta}(x) \in \mathbb{R}, 0 < h_{\theta}(x) < 1$.

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This can be seen as the *confidence* that your test point has an output value of 1. When $-\theta^T x$ is very small, then the probability $y = 1$ is small. When $-\theta^T x$ is very large, $h_\theta(x)$ approaches 1 as the probability that $y = 1$ approaches 100%.

Note that this is also widely used in artificial neural network design, as the "activation function" of each neuron. Each neuron receives a vector of outputs from other neurons that fired, each axon with its own weighting. These are then linearly combined and used in the softmax function to determine if the next neuron fires or not.

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Why is it better to use Softmax function than sigmoid function?



Sri Krishna, Works on Deep learning for vision. BITSian.

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I'm guessing you're asking **only wrt** the last layer for classification, in general Softmax is used (Softmax Classifier) when 'n' number of classes are there. Sigmoid or softmax both can be used for binary (n=2) classification.

Sigmoid:

$$S(t) = \frac{1}{1+e^{-t}}$$

Softmax:

$$h_{\theta}(x) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-\theta^T x)},$$

Softmax is kind of Multi Class Sigmoid, but if you see the function of Softmax, the sum of all softmax units are supposed to be 1. In sigmoid it's not really necessary.

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Digging deep, you can **also** use **sigmoid** for **multi-class** classification. When you use a softmax, basically you get a probability of each class, (**joint distribution and a multinomial likelihood**) whose sum is bound to be one. In case you use sigmoid for multi class classification, it'd be like a **marginal distribution and a Bernoulli likelihood**, $p(y_0/x)$, $p(y_1/x)$ etc

As told earlier, in the case of softmax, **increasing** the output value of one class makes the the others go down ($\sum=1$). So, sigmoids can probably be preferred over softmax when your outputs are **independent** of one another. To put it more simple, if there are multiple classes and each input can belong to **exactly** one class, then it absolutely makes sense to use softmax, in the **other** cases, sigmoid seems better.

One more thing is, people mostly use **ReLU** activations these days (in the hidden layers) and using sigmoid blows up ReLU apparently, might be one of the reason why people prefer softmax.

PS - In case you're talking about activation functions in hidden layers, softmax isn't really used. And ReLU is better to use than sigmoid.

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What is difference between SVM and Neural Networks?



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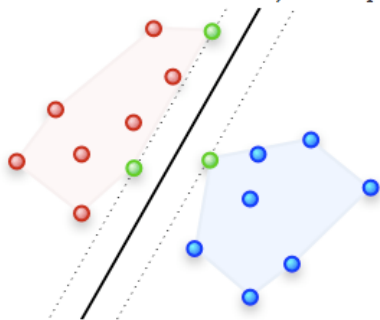
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SVM and NN are both supervised learning methods, but they work a bit differently. As [Eren](#) mentioned, in theory they may not be that different from each other.

Support Vector Machine

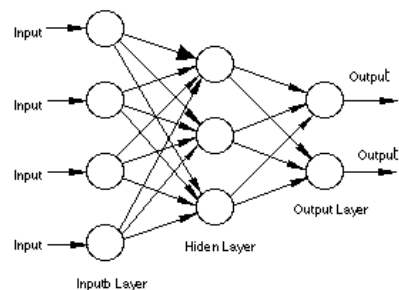
SVM fits a hyperplane/function between 2 different classes given a maximum margin parameter. This hyperplane attempts to separate the classes so that each falls on either side of the plane, and by a specified margin. There is a specific cost function for this kind of model which adjusts the plane until error is minimized.



Neural Network

A neural network has several input, hidden, and output nodes. Each node applies a function some data (could be softmax, linear, logistic), and returns an output. Every node in the proceeding layer takes a weighted average of the outputs of the previous layer, until an output is reached. The reasoning is that multiple nodes can collectively gain insight about solving a problem (like classification) that an individual node cannot. The cost function differs for this type of model -- the weights between nodes adjust to minimize error.

A Typical Neural Network



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Road network extraction: a neural-dynamic framework based on deep learning and a finite state machine

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(2) Learning-based methods.

Road extraction from imagery is actually a classification problem (Mnih 2013; Singh and Garg 2014). Features can be extracted and trained by many machine learning algorithms, e.g. neural networks and support vector machine (SVM) (Huang and Zhang 2009). However, due to lack of labelled samples and the complexity of road features, it is hard to make the most of the power in modern classifiers.

Barsi and Heipke (2003) proposed a road junction detector by training a neural network on a training data set of 542 junction and non-junction samples. Spectral and structural features at different scales are extracted and trained in several SVMs (Huang and Zhang 2009). The results of spectral and structural classification are integrated by applying a fusion method of majority voting. Principal component analysis (PCA) is applied to reduce the dimensionality of the input image patch, in this way large context can be used in training (Mnih and Hinton 2010; Mnih 2013). An unsupervised learning procedure was utilized for pretraining, before the restricted Boltzmann machines were trained with complicate large challenging urban data sets. These methods that learn to predict whether the objects are roads prove that it is very arduous because of the complexity of the surface.

Considering these deficiencies, the authors propose a semi-automatic neural-dynamic tracking framework based on deep convolutional neural networks (DNNs) and finite state machine (FSM). The framework consists of two processing steps: the training step and the tracking step.

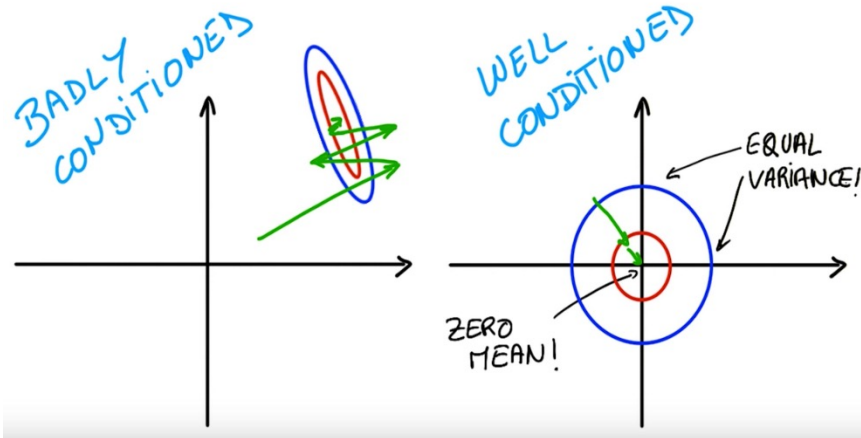
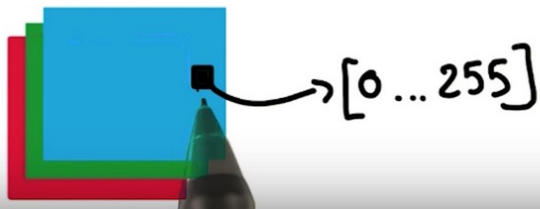
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- Normalization on each channel of satellite image.
 - R G B [[0,255] [0,255] [0,255]] => [[-1, 1), [-1, 1), [-1, 1)]

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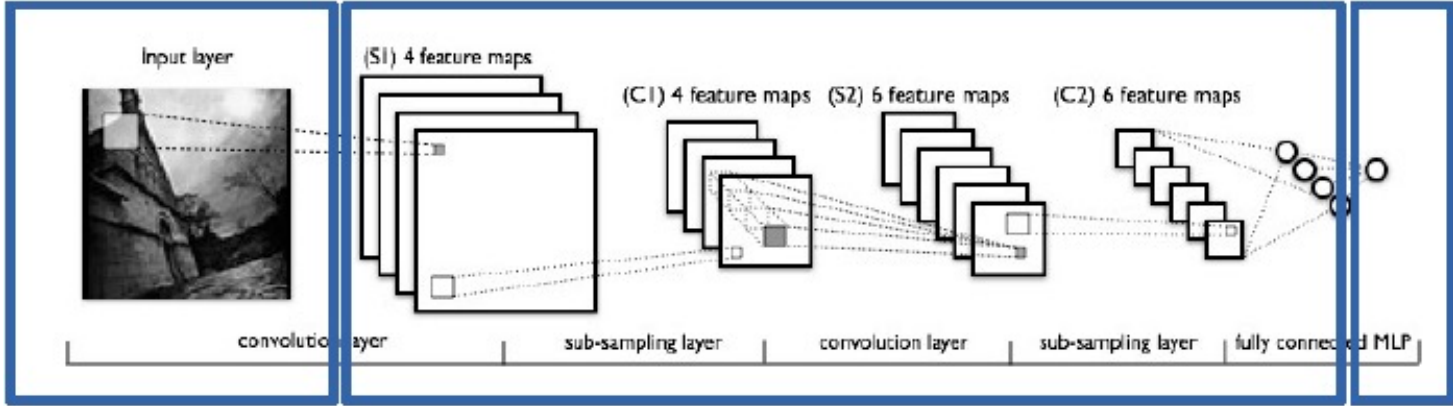
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- Normalization on one channel of target image.
 - Gray [0,255] => {0,1}

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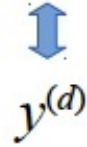


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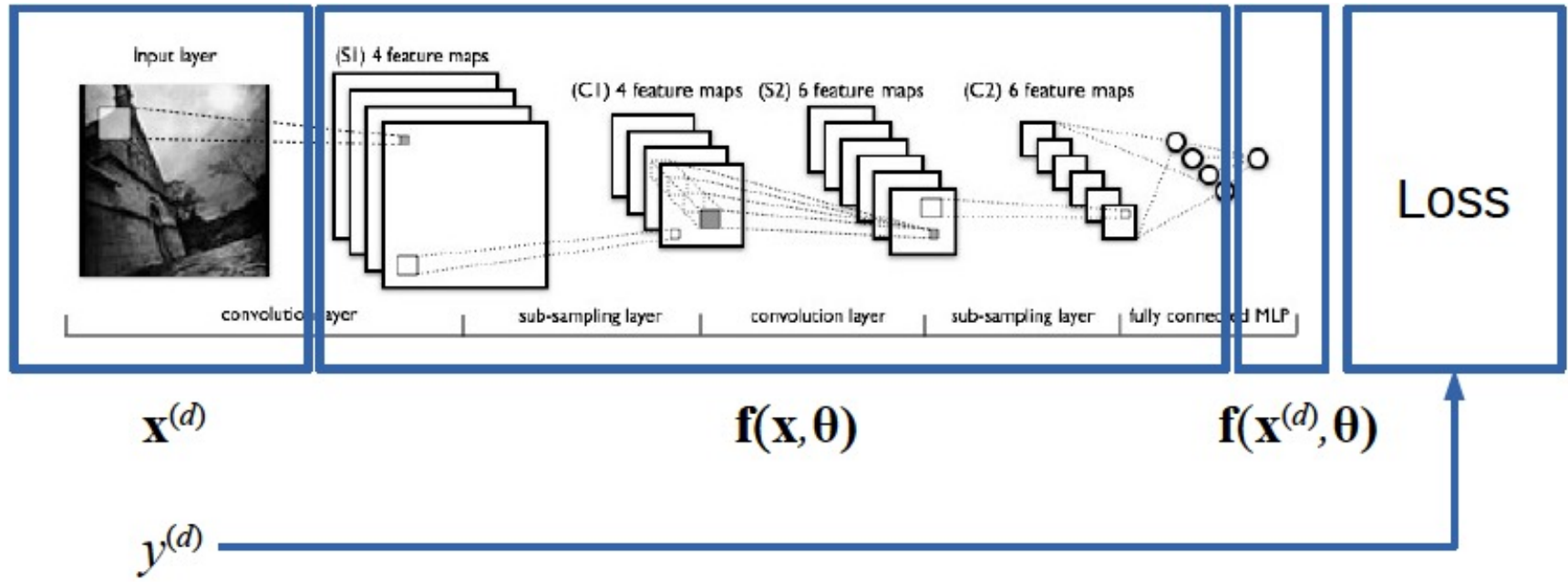
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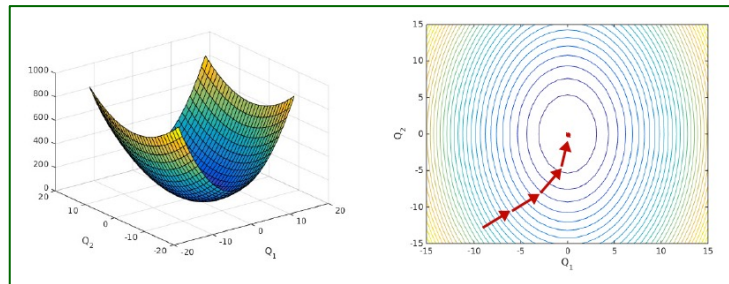
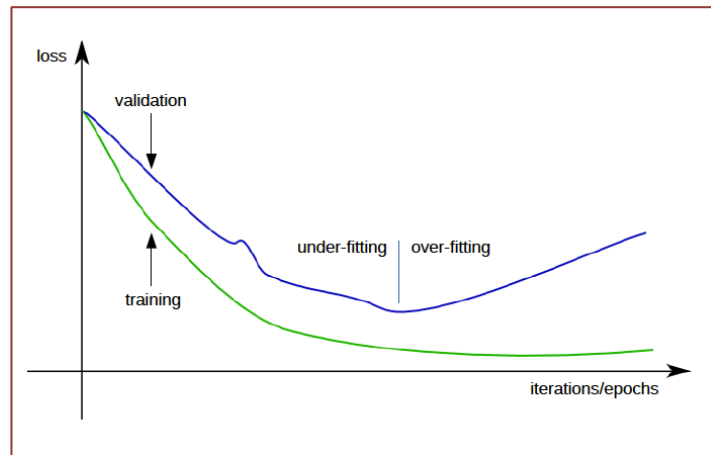
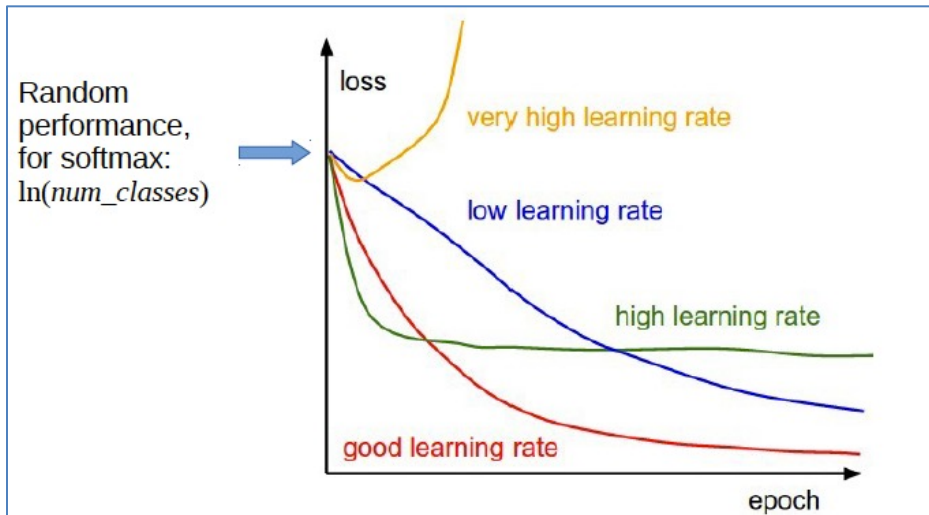


$$\mathbf{y}^{(d)}$$

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Softmax

- Generalization of the logistic function
 - Squashes the inputs to the [0 1] range

Logistic function: $\sigma(z) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-z}}$

Softmax function: $\sigma(\mathbf{z})_j = \frac{e^{z_j}}{\sum_i e^{z_i}}$

In **mathematics**, the **softmax function**, or **normalized exponential function**,^{[1]:198} is a generalization of the **logistic function** that "squashes" a K -dimensional vector \mathbf{z} of arbitrary real values to a K -dimensional vector $\sigma(\mathbf{z})$ of real values in the range (0, 1) that add up to 1. The function is given by



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