

Convolutional neural networks (CNNs) Stefan Funk - Erlangen Centre for astroparticle physics (ECAP)

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CNNS IN THE PHYSICS DEPARTMENT AT FAU

- ➤ At FAU (Physics department):
	- ➤ 1st semester: Datenverarbeitung
	- ➤ Later Wahlfächer like: "Machine learning and data analysis in science" and "Machine learning for physicists"
	- ► https://florianmarquardt.github.io/deep learning basics linkmap.html
	- ➤ Currently no single course in physics focussed on Deep Learning
- ➤ But of course also courses in other departments (e.g. Data Sciences, …)
- ➤ What I will describe is one or two lectures on CNNs in the context of the above lectures
	- ➤ Will assume that everything about machine learning, ANN, back propagation, … has been covered

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GOAL OF THE LECTURE

- ➤ At the end of this lecture, the students should
	- ➤ Understand the basic building blocks of a convolutional neural network
	- ➤ Understand why CNNs are very powerful in extracting features
	- ➤ Understand how modern CNNs are built
	- ➤ Be able to build their own CNN for a classification task

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REMINDER LAST LECTURE

- ➤ We introduced fully connected neural networks (aka multi-layer perceptrons) for 2-class and *K*-class classification and regression
	- ➤ Learned about weights, learned about activation function (e.g. ReLU)
- ➤ We learned how to train a network for a given cost function J, using **back propagation**
- ➤ Neural networks are prone to overfitting, often necessary to include **regularization**

CNNS IN A NUT-SHELL

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Input image

- ➤ Inspired by visual cortex (small region of cells sensitive to specific regions of the visual field)
	- ► Some neurons fire when they see vertical edges, others for diagonal ones (e.g. [https://](https://arxiv.org/pdf/1406.3284.pdf) [arxiv.org/pdf/1406.3284.pdf\)](https://arxiv.org/pdf/1406.3284.pdf)

➤ CNN learns to look features (=values of the filters) on its own through learning

- ➤ Technically: slide convolution 'filter' over input volume
- ➤ Learning part: determine optimal parameter of filters

➤ Able to derive patterns in a highly-complex input space

THE CHALLENGE

What We See

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What Computers See

THE POWER OF CNNS

➤ Different image - same meaning

OK, let's get started understanding CNNs

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STEPS THAT SHOULD BE COVERED IN A LECTURE ON CNNS

- ➤ The basic blocks of machine learning and CNNs
	- 1. The core of CNNs: convolution in artificial neural networks
	- 2. Learning in CNNs
	- 3. (Useful tools: Striding, zero padding and pooling)
	- 4. Typical CNN architectures
	- 5. Data augmentation and pre-processing

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- ➤ Imagine an RGB image 32x32 pixels $(i.e. 32x32x3=3072$ input values)
- ➤ Imagine a set of six 5x5 filters to learn the features of the image.
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	- ➤ Therefore create a network that contains the following features:
		- ➤ **Sparse interactions** (Kernel much smaller than input). Nodes are connected locally (convolution) but not fully connected (exact location of feature in image does not matter)
		- ➤ **Parameter sharing** (rather than learning a separate set of parameters for every location, only one set is learned - the Kernel weights - over the whole image)
		- ➤ **Translational equivariance** (if we shift the input, we also shift the output)

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Receptive field

The receptive field in Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN) is the region of the input space that affects a particular unit of the network

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CNN: weights shared among neurons

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- \triangleright For CNN: Each filter has $(5x5+1)$ parameters, for the three layers, i.e. $(5x5+1)x3x6 = 468$ weights

Fully connected NN:

1 - THE CORE OF CNNS: UNDERSTANDING CONVOLUTION - MATHEMATICAL BASICS

- In mathematics, convolution defined as operation
- Convolution is commutative:

- In discrete form convolution can be written as: $(f * g)(n) =$
- In the CNN: two-dim image $I(i, j)$ and kernel (or filter) functions $K(i, j)$, for which a convolution can be written as

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(f * g)(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(\tau)g(t - \tau)d\tau
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f, *g* real-valued functions)

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(I*K)(i,j) = \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} I(m,n)K(i-m,j-n) = (K * I)(i,j) = \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} I(i-m,j-n)K(m,n)
$$

\nwith $K(i,j)$, $I(i,j) = 0$ if i, j outside the image or Kernel

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Weights in kernel stay constant as we move across the image

Image

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Feature

Vertical edge detection

Vertical edge detection

Vertical edge detection

Horizontal edge detection

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1 - THE CORE OF CNNS: EDGE DETECTION AT WORK

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1 - THE CORE OF CNNS: WHY ARE CNNS SO USEFUL?

- ➤ Reduce number of computations (**sparse interactions, parameter sharing**) and memory requirements
- ➤ Intuitively: CNN will learn filters that activate for some kind of feature in the image like an edge or blotch of some color; often useful to learn that regardless of position in image **translational equivariance:**
- ➤ Equivariance not **always** useful: e.g. when different features are present at different positions in an image, like a face in the upper part. Then don't use weight sharing

https://florianmarquardt.github.io/deep_learning_basics_linkmap.html

Now that we understand the basic mechanics of a CNN, how does the learning work?

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2 UNDERSTAND LEARNING IN CNNS: REMEMBER - TRAINING OF WEIGHTS A neural network I assume this has been OUTPL **OUTPUT** covered in the general introduction to ANNs output layer **Complicated nonlinear** function that depends on

all the weights and biases

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y^{\rm out}=F_w(y^{\rm in})
$$

INPUT

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neural network

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$$
y^{\rm out} \approx F(y^{\rm in})
$$

desired "target" function

$$
F_w(y^{\text{in}}) - F(y^{\text{in}}) \| ^2
$$

norm

$$
\underset{\text{all samples}}{\text{average over}}
$$

➤ Define a cost function. *J* =

Weight

Before we can build our CNN, we need three more things

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- ➤ To reduce computational cost we can shift the kernel by more the one pixel, that is, choose a stride $s > 1$
- ➤ This is equivalent to a down sampled convolution:

➤ Which comes at the expense that features can not be extracted as finely

$$
z_{i,j,k}^{[l]} = c(K, a^{[l-1]}, s)_{i,j,k} = \sum_{m} \sum_{n} \sum_{p} a_{m,(j-1)\times}^{[l-1]}
$$

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- Padding edges with *p* **business** so that dimensions don't change zeros, allows one to make arbitrarily deep CNNs
- Avoids some edge effects

Same convolution: zero padding

3 USEFUL TOOLS - STRIDING, PADDING - OUTPUT SIZE OF CNN

padding $p^{[l]}$, one output image in the convolutional layer will have width

$$
W^{[l]} = (W^{[l-1]} - f^{[l]} + 2p^{[l]})/s^{[l]} + 1
$$

- \triangleright Strides constrained so that $W^{[l]}$ is an integer
- ► With $s^{[l]} = 1$, zero padding with $p^{[l]} = (f^{[l]} 1)/2$ will give $W^{[l]} = W^{[l-1]}$

► With input of width $W^{[l-1]}$, and kernel with receptive field of size $f^{[l]}$, stride $s^{[l]}$ and zero

 \blacktriangleright With input of width w , and kernel with receptive field of size f , stride s and zero padding p , one output image in the convolutional layer will have width

- ➤ Strides constrained so that w_2 is an integer
- \blacktriangleright With $s=1$, zero padding with $p = (f - 1)/2$ will give $w_2 = w$

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w_2 = (w - f + 2p)/s + 1
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- ➤ Result of convolution passed to non-linear activation function (e.g. Rectified Linear Unit RELU)
- ➤ Result of non-linear activation function usually passed to a 'pooling layer' that reduces spatial size (like a downsampling)
	- ➤ Most common: 2x2 filter with stride 2 that selects the maximum of the input fields (MAX pool)

 $y=0$

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max pool with 2x2 filters and stride 2

POOLING

➤ Helps to make representation **invariant** against small translations

➤ Invariance to local translations useful if we care more about a feature itself than its

position in the image

Pooling Stage (MAXPool)

Detector Stage

POOLING WITH DOWNSAMPLING

- ➤ Pooling summarizes activations of whole neighborhood
- ➤ Thus, makes sense to use fewer pooling units than detector units
- \blacktriangleright Example with stride $s = 2$:

OK, so we have the building blocks. Let's build a CNN.

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4 TYPICAL CNN ARCHITECTURES: THE FIRST SUCCESSFUL CNN - ALEX NET

https://cv-tricks.com/cnn/understand-resnet-alexnet-vgg-inception/

Several filters (kernels)

e.g. one for smoothing, one for contours, etc.

4 TYPICAL CNN ARCHITECTURES: THE FIRST SUCCESSFUL CNN - ALEX NET

- ➤ developed by Alex Krizhevsky, Ilya Sutskever and Geoff Hinton. First to popularize CNNs for computer vision, won 2012 ImageNet contest. Significantly outperformed runner up
- ➤ First to implement maxpool layers, ReLU activation and dropout layers
- ➤ nowadays can be implemented in 35 lines of Torch code
- ➤ How was the exact configuration chosen? Trial and error


```
class AlexNet(nn.Module):
def __init__(self, num_classes: int = 1000) \rightarrow None:super(AlexNet, self). __init__()
     self.features = nn.Sequential(nn.Conv2d(3, 64, kernel_size=11, stride=4, padding=2),
         nn.ReLU(inplace=True),
        nn.MaxPool2d(kernel_size=3, stride=2),
        nn.Conv2d(64, 192, kernel_size=5, padding=2),
         nn.ReLU(inplace=True),
        nn.MaxPool2d(kernel_size=3, stride=2),
        nn.Conv2d(192, 384, kernel_size=3, padding=1),
        nn.ReLU(inplace=True),
        nn.Conv2d(384, 256, kernel_size=3, padding=1),
        nn.ReLU(inplace=True),
        nn.Conv2d(256, 256, kernel_size=3, padding=1),
        nn.ReLU(inplace=True),
        nn.MaxPool2d(kernel_size=3, stride=2),
     self. avgpool = nn. AdaptiveAvgPool2d((6, 6))self.classifier = nn.Sequential(
         nn.Dropout(),
        nn.Linear(256 * 6 * 6, 4096)nn.ReLU(inplace=True),
         nn.Dropout(),
         nn.Linear(4096, 4096),
        nn.ReLU(inplace=True),
        nn.Linear(4096, num_classes),
def forward(self, x: torch.Tensor) -> torch.Tensor:
     x = self.features(x)x = self.avgpool(x)x = torch.flatten(x, 1)
     x = self.classifier(x)return x
```


4 TYPICAL CNN ARCHITECTURES

➤ Typical architecture of CNN generally will look like:

➤ In general: prefer repeated convolutions with small kernels over one convolution with large

➤ Use zero padding such that convolution does not change spatial dimensions, only use pooling

- kernel
- for that. Otherwise, you have to make sure that striding works
- part

➤ Fully connected layers to classify based on the high-level features learned in the convolution

➤ Consider re-using pre-trained networks and tweak them for your problem

Input
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\rightarrow
$$
 ((Conv \rightarrow ReLU) \times N \rightarrow Pooling?) \times M \rightarrow (FC \rightarrow ReLU) \times K \rightarrow FC
Feature extraction

4 TYPICAL CNN ARCHITECTURES: DEVELOPMENT FOLLOWING ALEXNET

Deeper, e.g. Inception (GoogLeNet)

convolution

max pooling

channel concatenation

channel-wise normalization

fully-connected layer

softmax

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4 TYPICAL CNN ARCHITECTURES: COULD GO MUCH DEEPER HERE

- ➤ Degradation problem, batch normalisation, residual blocks, ResNet
- ➤ Dense convolutional networks
- ➤ Network efficiency, …

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NOW LET'S APPLY IT - TENSORFLOW, OR KERAS

- ➤ Convenient neural network package for python
- ➤ Set up and training of a network in a few lines
- ➤ Based on underlying neural network package (also provides run-time compilation to CPU and GPU) either *tensorflow* or *theano*.

SUMMARY

➤ Machines exploit physics contained in data deeper than before

➤ CNNs are the workhorse for many of the more advanced applications, as example in

Deconv softmax

investigations of causality, stability, uncertainties

