Semantic Segmentation





Semantic Segmentation (outline)

- Fully-supervised CNN segmentation
 - from image labeling to pixel labeling
 - typical architectures fully convolutional networks, encoder/decoder, downsampling/upsampling, skip connections, etc
 - training loss function (cross entropy)
 - evaluation metrics (mIoU, pixel accuracy)

Next topic(s):

weakly-supervised semantic segmentation, self-supervision, noisy labels, etc



input



remember last topic:

image classification

learn to

somewhere in the image there is a **bicycle** and a **person**

image-level class **tags** (image labels or image tags)

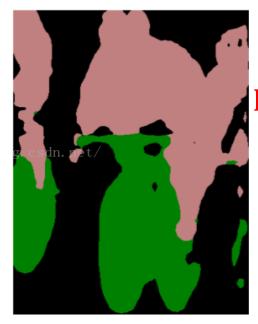


Semantic Segmentation

input



learn to predict



pixel-level labels

person bicycle background



Fully-supervised Semantic Segmentation

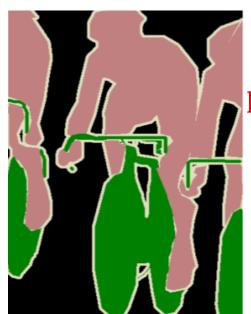
training uses **pixel-accurate Ground Truth**

target (GT mask)

input



learn to



hard to get

pixel-level labels

person bicycle background

Pascal dataset

(only) 11,530 fully-labeled images

http://host.robots.ox.ac.uk/pascal/VOC

Remember:

image-net has
>14,000,000
images with
image-level
labels (tags)



Fully-supervised Semantic Segmentation

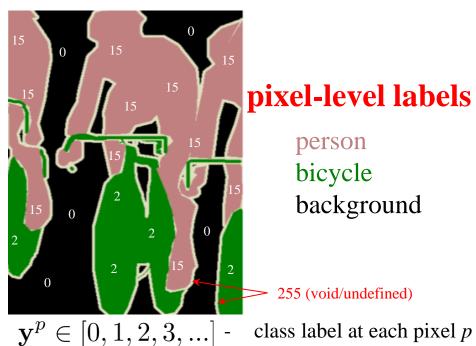
training uses **pixel-accurate Ground Truth**

input



learn to predict

target (GT mask)



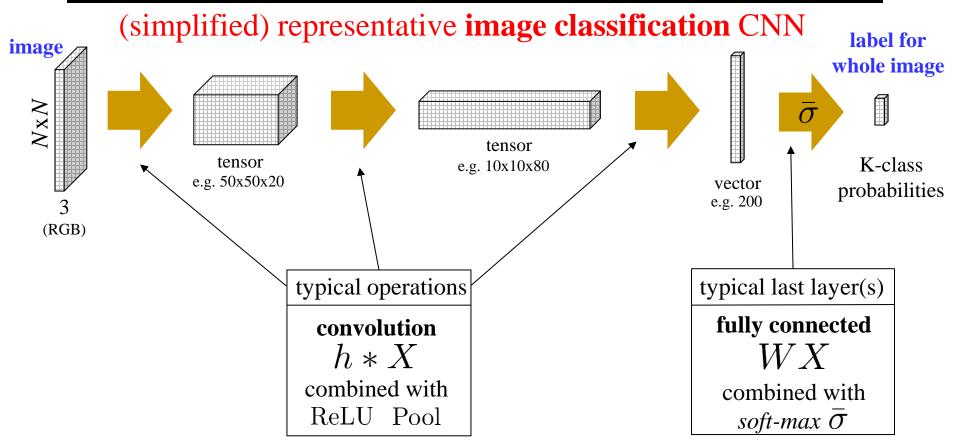
pixel labels (object classes) used in Pascal dataset:

0 - background

1-20 - airplane, bicycle, bird, boat, bottle, bus, car, cat, chair, cow, dining table, dog, horse, motorbike, person, potted plant, sheep, sofa, train, TV monitor

255 - *void* (class for pixel is undefined)

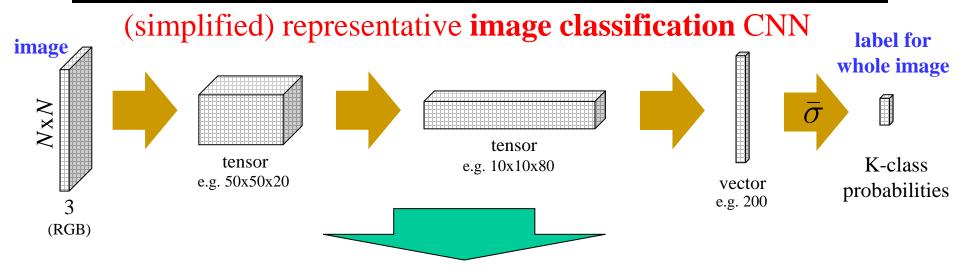


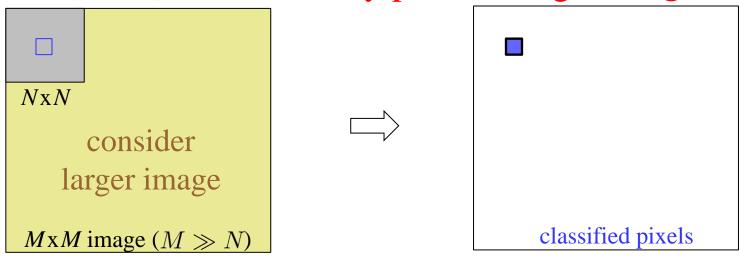


Q: How do we go from here to **image segmentation**?

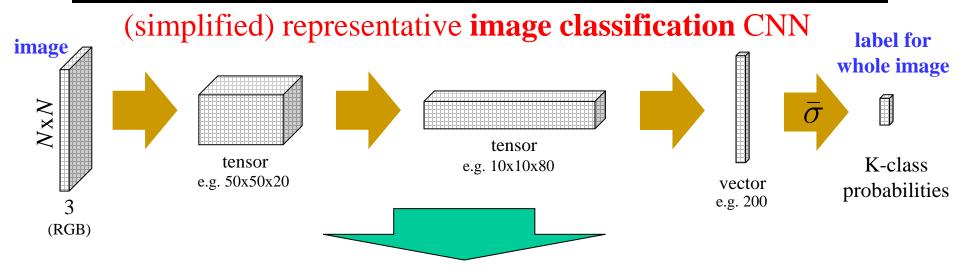
That is, how to extend NN methods for image classification to classification of image pixels?

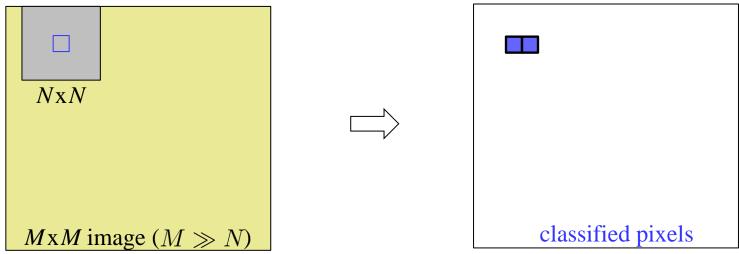




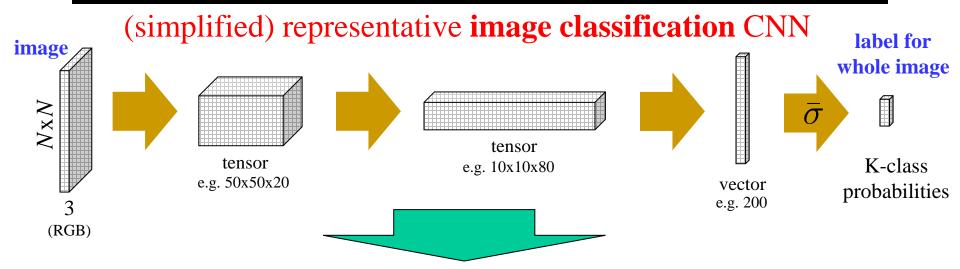


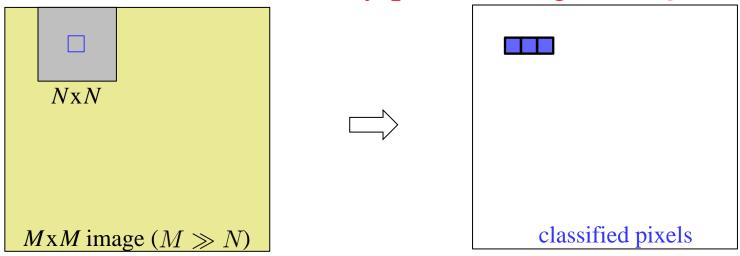




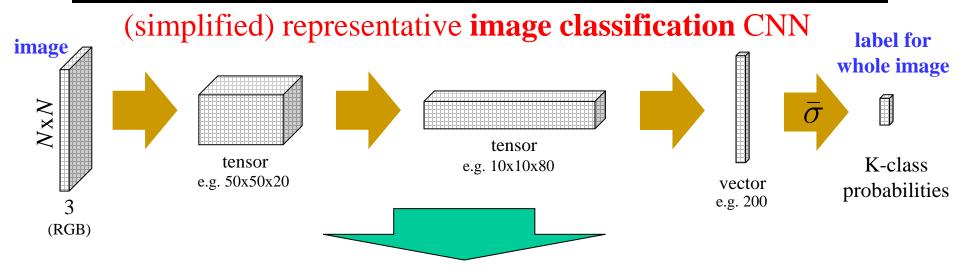


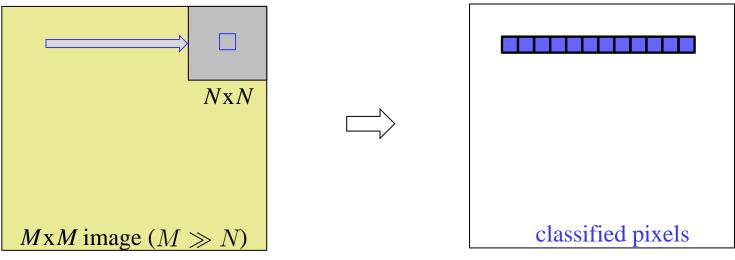




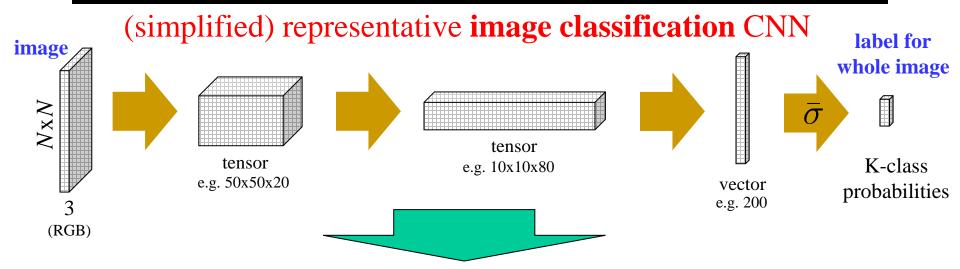




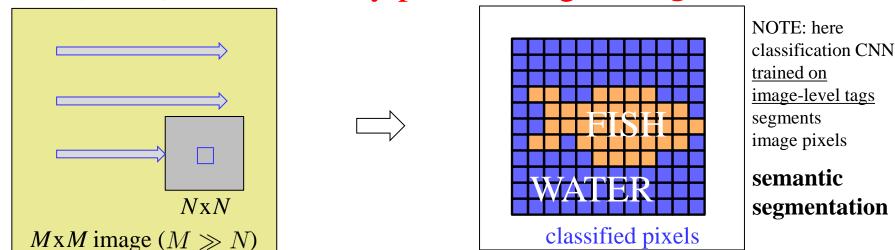






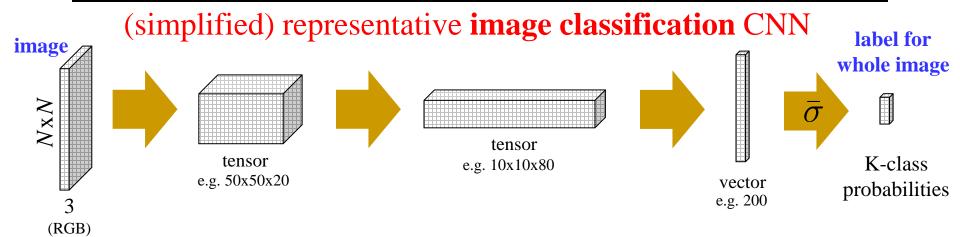


First (naïve) idea: classify pixels using sliding windows

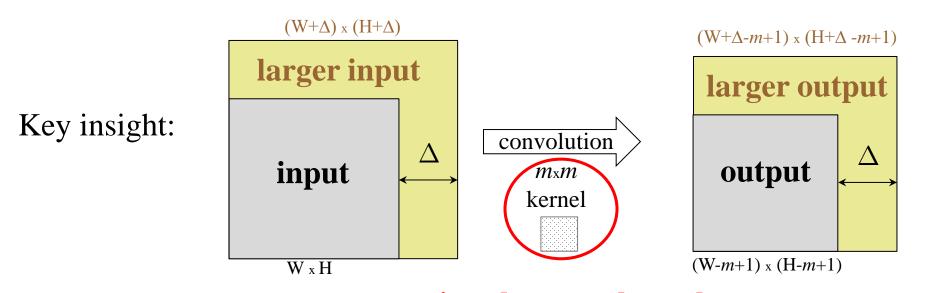


Not bad for a start, but pixels are classified independently (one-at-a-time). For example, such **one-pixel classifying network** can NOT learn **large spatial patterns** of the **whole** GT segmentation mask.



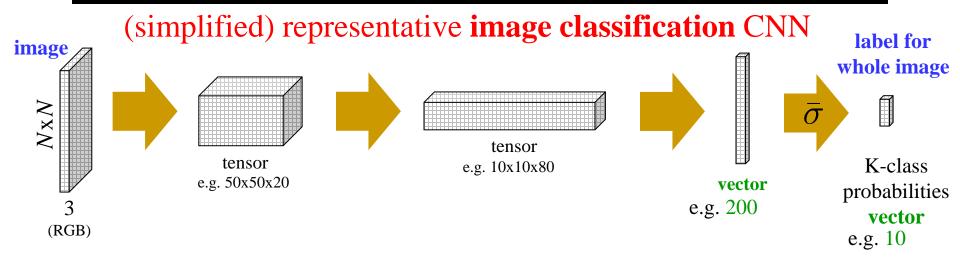


Better idea: convolutional kernel can be applied to input of any size!



using the same kernel

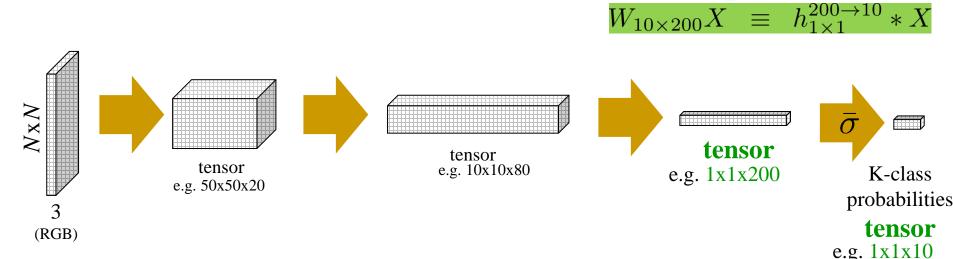




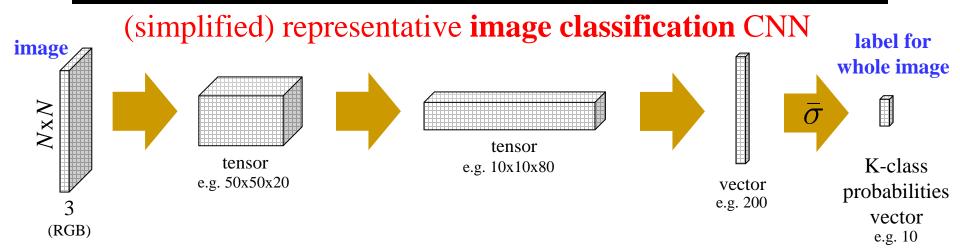
Better idea: convolutional kernel can be applied to input of any size! Assume all layers are convolutional.

What about last (fully connected) layer?

No problem:







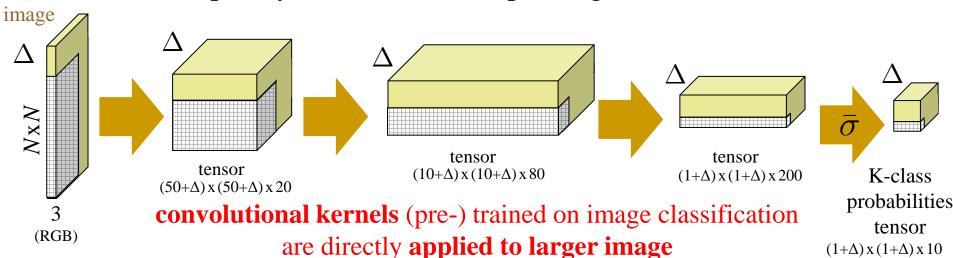
Better idea: convolutional kernel can be applied to input of any size!

Assume all layers are convolutional.

consider

larger

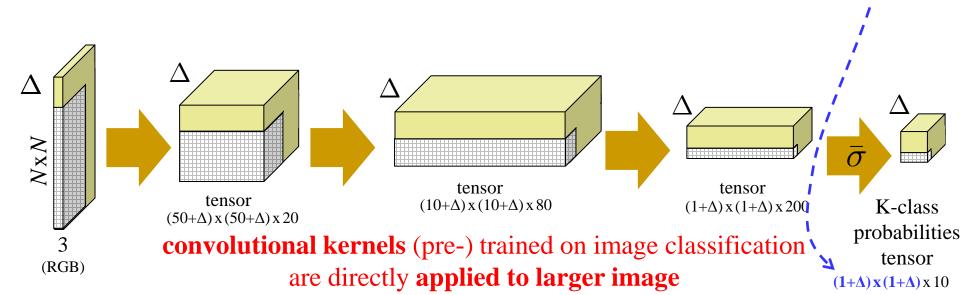
For simplicity, also assume no pooling and no stride (for now)



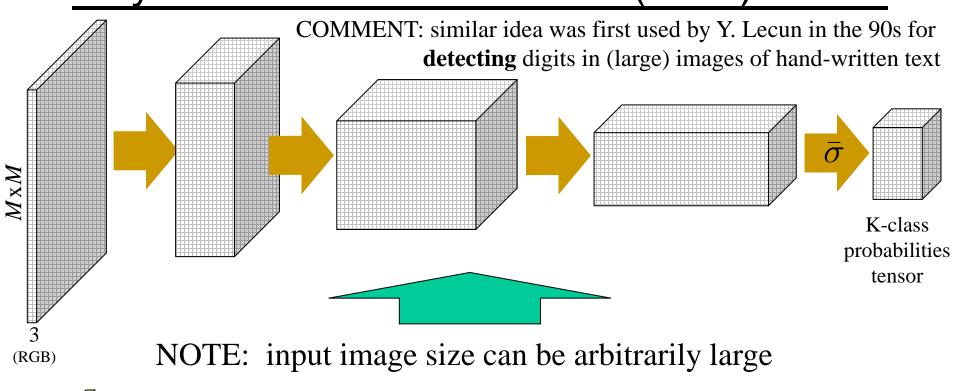


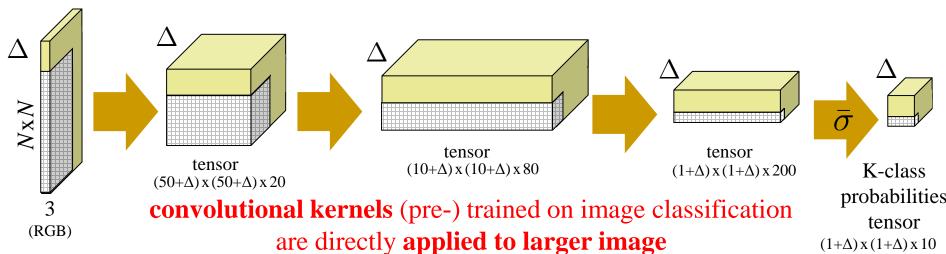
Now, network output has some spatial resolution!

Intuition: K-class probabilities in the gray part of the output have "receptive field" in the gray part of the input image, while yellow output is supported by different NxN sections of the larger image

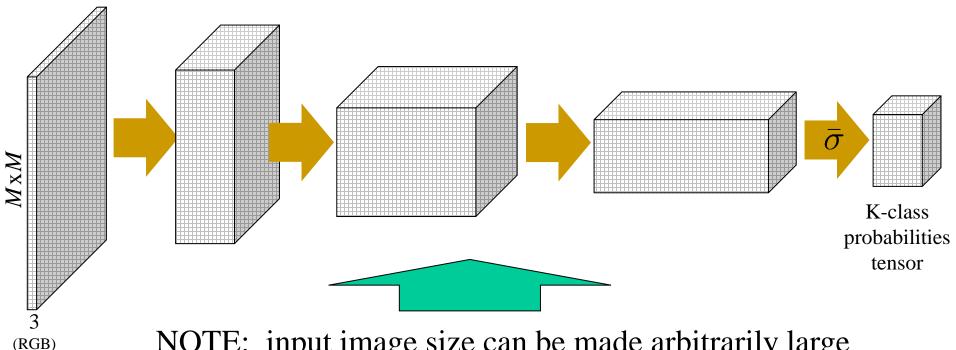




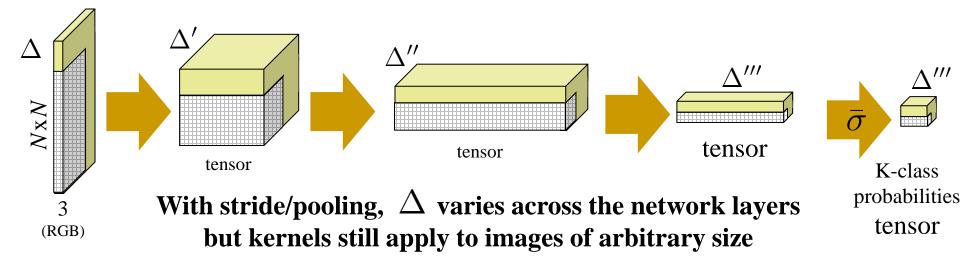




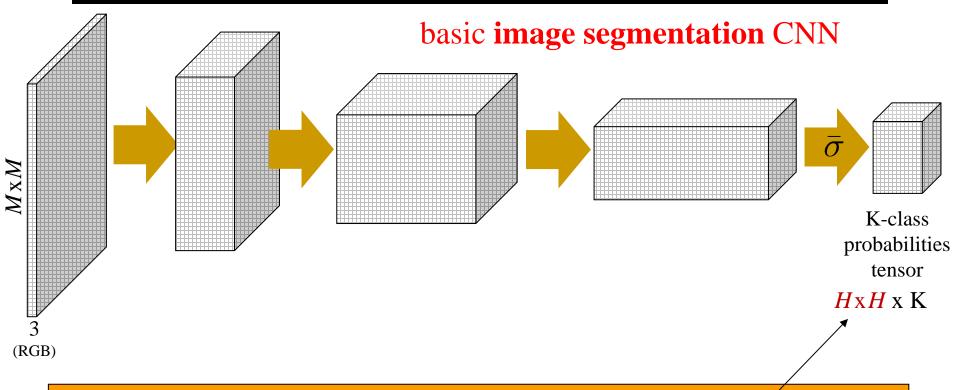




NOTE: input image size can be made arbitrarily large





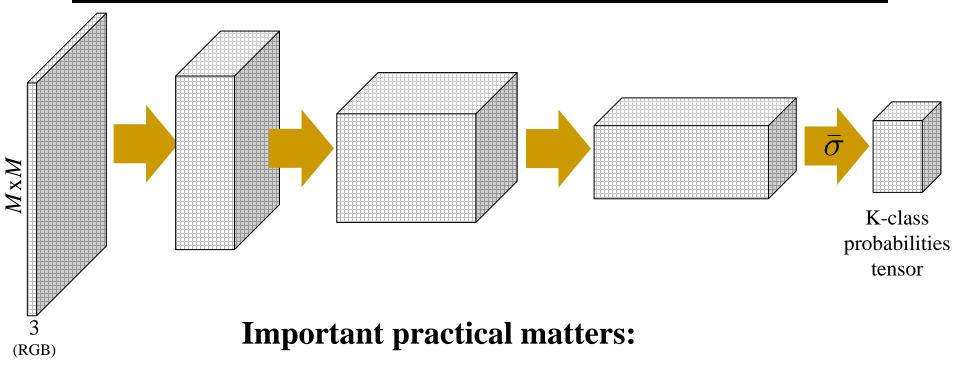


NOTE: since this network's prediction/output has <u>spatial resolution</u>, it can be trained directly using (whole) segmentation masks/targets

(hmmm..., our earlier naïve one-pixel classifying network can also be trained using individual pixels from GT mask, the devil is in the details - extensions typically used in segmentation networks, as discussed in the following slides)

Our first "proper" segmentation CNN end-to-end trainable by image segmentation GT masks

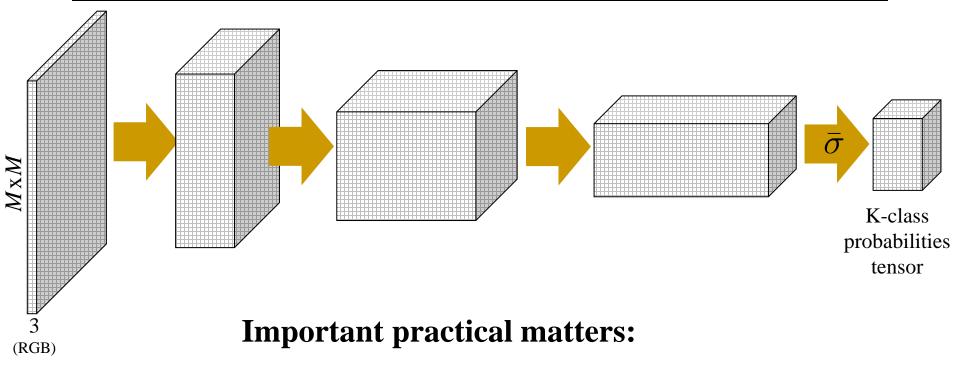




FCN can be initialized from network (kernels) pre-trained on huge image classification training datasets (e.g. *ResNet* trained on *image net*) learning good high-dimensional features (embedding) at later layers

Then can be **re-trained** (*domain adaptation*) to any specific segmentation dataset **based on GT segmentation masks** (targets)





works better (after re-training) with **pooling, stride, dilation** giving wider "receptive field" for output layer elements/pixels

... even though such operations generally decrease output resolution therefore, requiring **output up-sampling**, **skip connections**, **etc.** to improve the resolution



Popular CNN architectures for segmentation

various ideas/details on

- **FCN** (2015)

fully convolutional network for segmentation

skip connections

Fully Convolutional Networks for Semantic Segmentation

Fully Convolutional Networks for Semantic Segmentation Long, Shelhamer, Darrell - CVPR 2015

- **SegNet** (2015)

encoder / decoder

Segnet: A deep convolutional encoder-decoder

architecture for image segmentation

Badrinarayanan, Kendall, Cipolla – TPAMI 2017

- **UNet** (2015) encoder / decoder with symmetric skip connections

*U-net: Convolutional networks for biomedical image segmentation*Ronneberger, Fischer, Brox - MICCAI 2015 / Nature Methods 2019

- **DeepLab** (2015) atrous convolutions, spatial pyramid pooling, etc.

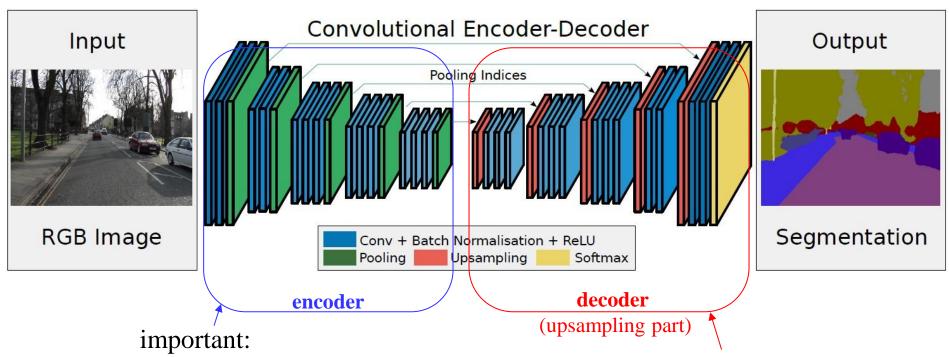
DeepLab: Semantic Image Segmentation with Deep Convolutional Nets, Atrous Convolutions, and Fully Connected CRFs

Chen, Papandreou, Kokkinos, Murphy, Yuille — TPAMI 2018 / ICLR 2015



Common Structure: Encoder/Decoder

Segnet: A deep convolutional encoder-decoder architecture for image segmentation Badrinarayanan, Kendall, Cipolla — TPAMI 2017



encoder convolutional layers are typically pre-trained on *image net*

Encoder's main goal is to learn good discriminative features

decoder upsamples encoder-generated features (classification delayed to the network end)

Comment: feature dimensions at the encoder output could be gradually decreased with upsampling (too expensive, otherwise)

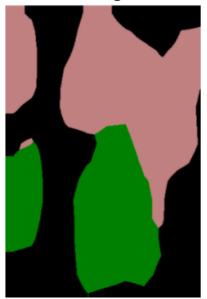


Need for upsampling

Ground truth target



Predicted segmentation



soft-max applied directly to encoder's output features

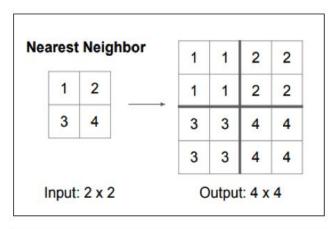
Primary goal of the decoder is (to learn) to upsample

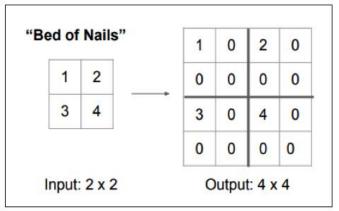
COMMENT: some upsampling steps in the decoder could be learned, while some are hand-engineered. (The same comment is also valid for the encoder)

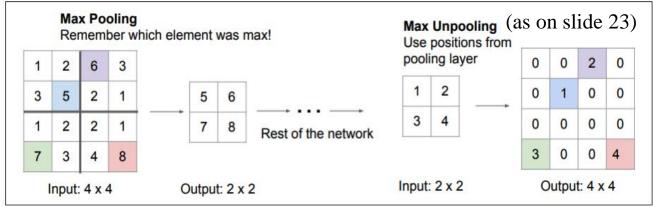


Methods for Upsampling

illustrations credit: Fei-Fei Li

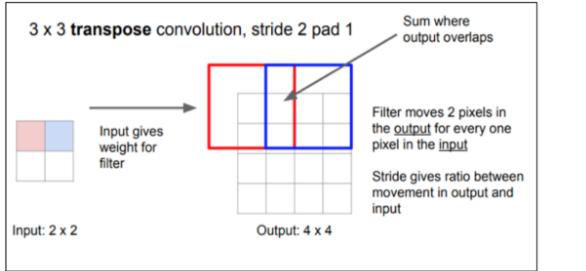






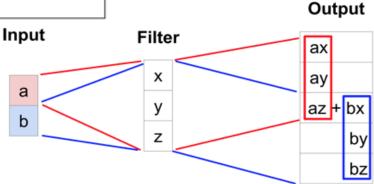


Methods for Upsampling



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Simpler 1D illustration:



Weights for such transpose convolution kernel (filter) can be learned.

Why should transpose convolution work well for upsampling?



0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11

Input Image

14

15

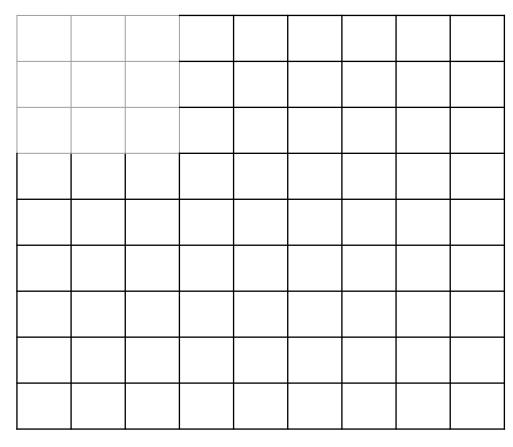
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Kernel

0.25	0.5	0.25
0.5	1	0.5
0.25	0.5	0.25

kernel=3x3 stride=2 padding=1





First Element x Kernel

0	1	2	3
4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15

Input Image

Kernel

0.25	0.5	0.25
0.5	1	0.5
0.25	0.5	0.25

Element x Kernel

0	0	0
0	0	0
0	0	0

kernel=3x3 stride=2 padding=1



Added Result

0	1	2	3
4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15

Input Image

Kernel

0.25	0.5	0.25
0.5	1	0.5
0.25	0.5	0.25

Element x Kernel

0	0	0
0	0	0
0	0	0

kernel=3x3 stride=2 padding=1

0	0	0			
0	0	0			
0	0	0			



Next Element x Kernel

0	1	2	3
4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15

Input Image

Kernel

0.25	0.5	0.25
0.5	1	0.5
0.25	0.5	0.25

Element x Kernel

0.25	0.5	0.25
0.5	1	0.5
0.25	0.5	0.25

kernel=3x3 stride=2 padding=1

0	0	0			
0	0	0			
0	0	0			



Added Result

0	1	2	3
4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15

Input Image

Kernel

0.25	0.5	0.25
0.5	1	0.5
0.25	0.5	0.25

Element x Kernel

0.25	0.5	0.25
0.5	1	0.5
0.25	0.5	0.25

kernel=3x3 stride=2 padding=1

0	0	0.25	0.5	0.25		
0	0	0.5	1	0.5		
0	0	0.25	0.5	0.25		



Next Element x Kernel

0	1	2	3
4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15

Input Image

Kernel

0.25	0.5	0.25
0.5	1	0.5
0.25	0.5	0.25

Element x Kernel

0.5	1	0.5
1	2	1
0.5	1	0.5

kernel=3x3 stride=2 padding=1

0	0	0.25	0.5	0.25		
0	0	0.5	1	0.5		
0	0	0.25	0.5	0.25		



Added Result

0	1	2	3
4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15

Input Image

Kernel

0.25	0.5	0.25
0.5	1	0.5
0.25	0.5	0.25

Element x Kernel

0.5	1	0.5
1	2	1
0.5	1	0.5

kernel=3x3 stride=2 padding=1

0	0	0.25	0.5	0.75	1	0.5	
0	0	0.5	1	1.5	2	1	
0	0	0.25	0.5	0.75	1	0.5	



Next Element x Kernel

0	1	2	3
4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15

Input Image

Kernel

0.25	0.5	0.25
0.5	1	0.5
0.25	0.5	0.25

Element x Kernel

0.75	1.5	0.75
1.5	3	1.5
0.75	1.5	0.75

kernel=3x3 stride=2 padding=1

0	0	0.25	0.5	0.75	1	0.5	
0	0	0.5	1	1.5	2	1	
0	0	0.25	0.5	0.75	1	0.5	



Added Result

0	1	2	3
4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15

Input Image

Kernel

0.25	0.5	0.25
0.5	1	0.5
0.25	0.5	0.25

Element x Kernel

0.75	1.5	0.75
1.5	3	1.5
0.75	1.5	0.75

kernel=3x3 stride=2 padding=1

0	0	0.25	0.5	0.75	1	1.25	1.5	0.75
0	0	0.5	1	1.5	2	2.5	3	1.5
0	0	0.25	0.5	0.75	1	1.25	1.5	0.75



Next Element x Kernel

0	1	2	3
4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15

Input Image

Kernel

0.25	0.5	0.25
0.5	1	0.5
0.25	0.5	0.25

Element x Kernel

1	2	1
2	4	2
1	2	1

kernel=3x3 stride=2 padding=1

0	0	0.25	0.5	0.75	1	1.25	1.5	0.75
0	0	0.5	1	1.5	2	2.5	3	1.5
0	0	0.25	0.5	0.75	1	1.25	1.5	0.75



Added Result

0	1 2		3
4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15

Input Image

Kernel

0.25	0.5	0.25
0.5	1	0.5
0.25	0.5	0.25

Element x Kernel

1	2	1
2	4	2
1	2	1

kernel=3x3 stride=2 padding=1

0	0	0.25	0.5	0.75	1	1.25	1.5	0.75
0	0	0.5	1	1.5	2	2.5	3	1.5
1	2	1.25	0.5	0.75	1	1.25	1.5	0.75
2	4	2						
1	2	1						



Added Result

0	1	2	3
4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15

Input Image

Kernel

0.25	0.5	0.25
0.5	1	0.5
0.25	0.5	0.25

Element x Kernel

1.25	2.5	1.25
2.5	5	2.5
1.25	2.5	1.5

kernel=3x3 stride=2 padding=1

0	0	0.25	0.5	0.75	1	1.25	1.5	0.75
0	0	0.5	1	1.5	2	2.5	3	1.5
1	2	2.5	3	2	1	1.25	1.5	0.75
2	4	4.5	5	2.5				
1	2	2.5	2.5	1.5				



Added Result

0	1	2	3
4	5	6	7
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Input Image

Kernel

0.25	0.5	0.25
0.5	1	0.5
0.25	0.5	0.25

Element x Kernel

1.5	3	1.5
3	6	3
1.5	3	1.5

kernel=3x3 stride=2 padding=1

0	0	0.25	0.5	0.75	1	1.25	1.5	0.75
0	0	0.5	1	1.5	2	2.5	3	1.5
1	2	2.5	3	3.5	4	2.75	1.5	0.75
2	4	4.5	5	5.5	6	3		
1	2	2.5	2.5	2.75	3	1.5		



Added Result

0	1	2	3
4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15

Input Image

Kernel

0.25	0.5	0.25
0.5	1	0.5
0.25	0.5	0.25

Element x Kernel

1.75	3.5	1.75
3.5	7	3.5
1.75	3.5	1.75

kernel=3x3 stride=2 padding=1

0	0	0.25	0.5	0.75	1	1.25	1.5	0.75
0	0	0.5	1	1.5	2	2.5	3	1.5
1	2	2.5	3	3.5	4	4.5	5	2.5
2	4	4.5	5	5.5	6	6.5	7	3.5
1	2	2.5	2.5	2.75	3	3.25	3.5	1.75



Added Result

0	1	2	3
4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15

Input Image

Kernel

0.25	0.5	0.25
0.5	1	0.5
0.25	0.5	0.25

Element x Kernel

2	4	2
4	8	4
2	4	2

kernel=3x3 stride=2 padding=1

0	0	0.25	0.5	0.75	1	1.25	1.5	0.75
0	0	0.5	1	1.5	2	2.5	3	1.5
1	2	2.5	3	3.5	4	4.5	5	2.5
2	4	4.5	5	5.5	6	6.5	7	3.5
3	6	4.25	2.5	2.75	3	3.25	3.5	1.75
4	8	4						
2	4	2						



Added Result

0	1	2	3
4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15

Input Image

Kernel

0.25	0.5	0.25
0.5	1	0.5
0.25	0.5	0.25

Element x Kernel

3.75	7.5	3.75
7.5	15	7.5
3.75	7.5	3.75

kernel=3x3 stride=2 padding=1

Output Image

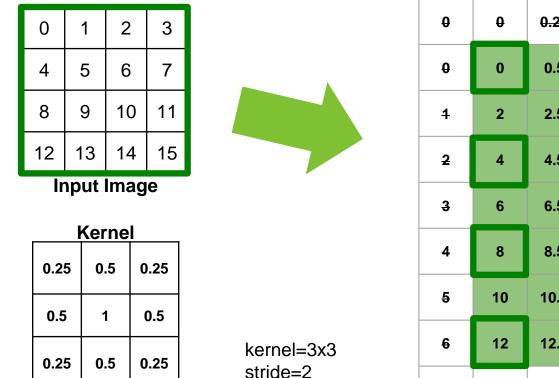
0	0	0.25	0.5	0.75	1	1.25	1.5	0.75
0	0	0.5	1	1.5	2	2.5	3	1.5
1	2	2.5	3	3.5	4	4.5	5	2.5
2	4	4.5	5	5.5	6	6.5	7	3.5
3	6	6.5	7	7.5	8	8.5	9	4.5
4	8	8.5	9	9.5	10	10.5	11	5.5
5	10	10.5	11	11.5	12	12.5	13	6.5
6	12	12.5	13	13.5	14	14.5	15	7.5
3	6	6.25	6.5	6.75	7	7.25	7.5	3.75

illustrations credit: Soroosh Baselizadeh



Note: this result is equivalent to Bilinear Interpolation

Output Image



padding=1

0	0	0.25	0.5	0.75	4	1.25	1.5	0.75
0	0	0.5	1	1.5	2	2.5	3	1.5
1	2	2.5	3	3.5	4	4.5	5	2.5
2	4	4.5	5	5.5	6	6.5	7	3.5
3	6	6.5	7	7.5	8	8.5	9	4 .5
4	8	8.5	9	9.5	10	10.5	11	5.5
5	10	10.5	11	11.5	12	12.5	13	6.5
6	12	12.5	13	13.5	14	14.5	15	7.5
3	6	6.25	6.5	6.75	7	7.25	7.5	3.75

Bilinear Interpolation is a <u>special case</u> of transpose convolution.

The corresponding transpose convolution kernels exists for any stride (code https://gist.github.com/mjstevens777/9d6771c45f444843f9e3dce6a401b183)

V. Dumoulin, and F. Visin. "A guide to convolution arithmetic for deep learning." arXiv preprint arXiv:1603.07285 (2016).



Transpose Convolution and Bilinear Interpolation

Thus...

the transpose convolution should be at least as good as bilinear interpolation.

In particular, transpose convolution kernel can be initialized to replicate bilinear interpolation, but one might learn a "better" upsampling kernel during training.



Transpose Convolution: other names

- Deconvolution: not a very good name as it is commonly used for the inverse of convolution. Moreover, in image analysis, "deconvolution" also stands for a standard non-linear image reconstruction problem.
- Backward convolution: If we think about convolution of an input image as a matrix multiplication operation, then transposed convolution could be related to the backward pass when the loss gradient is backpropagated though the standard convolutional layer.
- *Fractionally-strided convolution*: transposed convolution with stride s is equivalent to a standard convolution with stride 1/s, as follows: insert (s-1) zeros between pixels, then apply regular conv using the same kernel (see example on the next slide).

see Sections 4 in [1] and 3.3 in [2]

- [1] Vincent Dumoulin and Francesco Visin. "A guide to convolution arithmetic for deep learning." arXiv preprint arXiv:1603.07285 (2016).
- [2] Jonathan Long, Evan Shelhamer, and Trevor Darrell. "Fully convolutional networks for semantic segmentation." *Proceedings of the IEEE conference on computer vision and pattern recognition*. 2015. illustrations credit: Soroosh Baselizadeh



Fractionally-strided Convolution

Fractional Stride

0	1	2	3
4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15

Input Image

Kernel

0.25	0.5	0.25
0.5	1	0.5
0.25	0.5	0.25

Standard Convolution

kernel=3x3 stride=½ (inserting one zero between pixels, then apply conv with stride=1) padding=1



Transposed Convolution

kernel=3x3 stride=2 padding=1

Zero-interleaved Image

(also zero-padded)

0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	1	0	2	0	3	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	4	0	5	0	6	0	7	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	8	0	9	0	10	0	11	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	12	0	13	0	14	0	15	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Now, apply standard convolution...

illustrations credit: Soroosh Baselizadeh

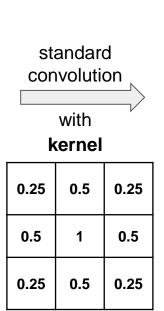


Fractionally-strided Convolution

Zero-interleaved Image

(also zero-padded)

0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	1	0	2	0	3	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	4	0	5	0	6	0	7	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	8	0	9	0	10	0	11	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	12	0	13	0	14	0	15	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



0	0.5	1	1.5	2	2.5	3
2	2.5	3	3.5	4	4.5	5
4	4.5	5	5.5	6	6.5	7
6	6.5	7	7.5	8	8.5	9
8	8.5	9	9.5	10	10.5	11
10	10.5	11	11.5	12	12.5	13
12	12.5	13	13.5	14	14.5	15

Output



Transposed vs Fractionally-strided Convolution

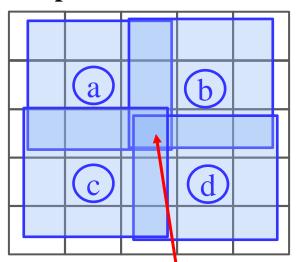
Upsampling Example:







transpose convolution (slide 26)



kernel k

fractionally-strided convolution

0	0	0	0	0
0	a	0	b	0
0	0	0	0	0
0	С	0	d	0
0	0	0	0	0

output of transpose convolution using k with stride 2 for the pixel in the center

$$ak_{1,1} + bk_{-1,1} + ck_{1,-1} + dk_{-1,-1}$$

output of standard convolution using k with stride 1/2 for the pixel in the center

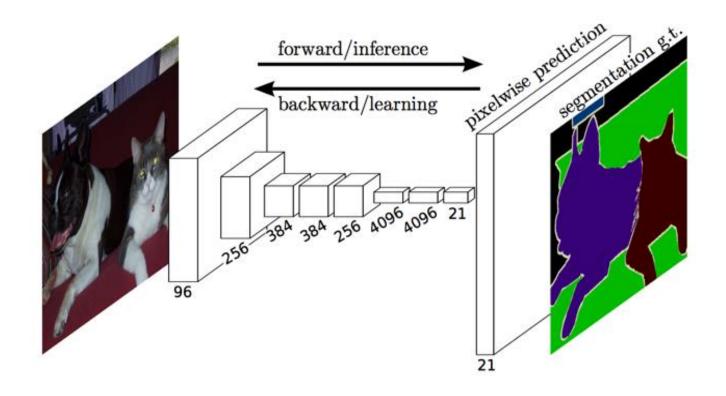
$$ak_{-1,-1} + bk_{1,-1} + ck_{-1,1} + dk_{1,1}$$

Homework exercise:

prove that for <u>non-symmetric</u> kernels one must use a "transposed" version of the kernel (flipped both horizontally & vertically) to get equivalence between the transposed convolution (as on slide 26) and the fractionally-strided convolution.



Fully Convolutional Networks (FCNs)

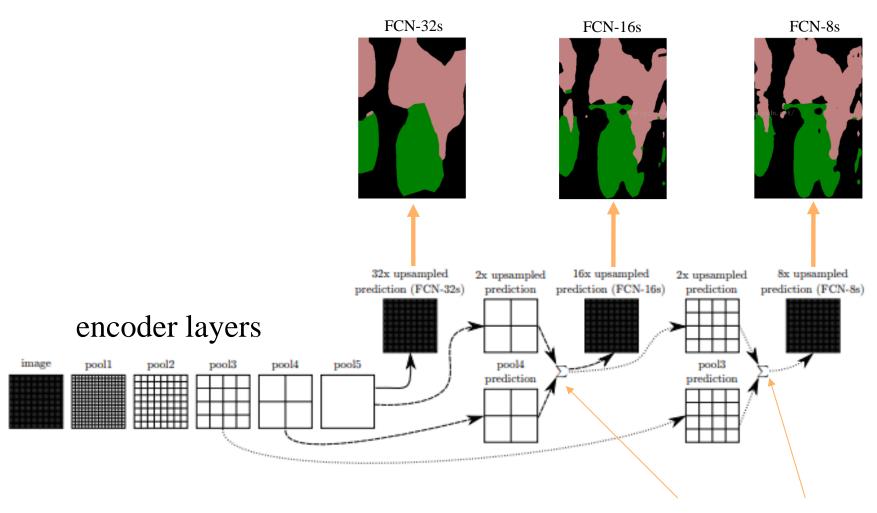


Upsample segmentation using "deconvolution" transposed convolution

Fully Convolutional Networks for Semantic Segmentation Long, Shelhamer, Darrell - CVPR 2015



Upsamping using skip connections



Fully Convolutional Networks for Semantic Segmentation Long, Shelhamer, Darrell - CVPR 2015 feature maps concatenation



concatenation

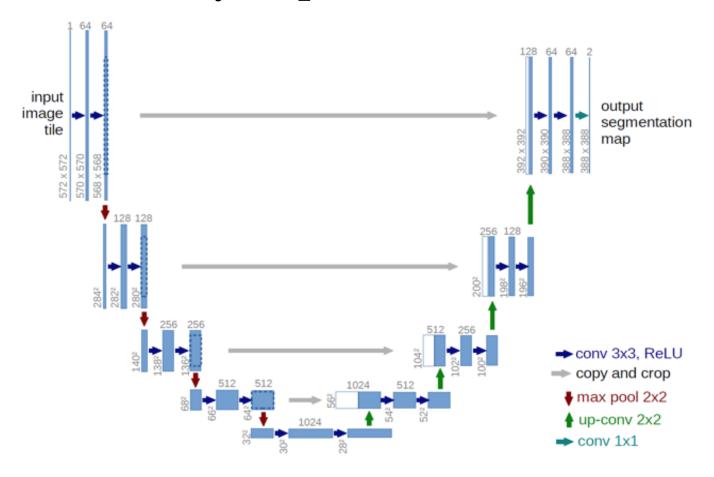
Skip connections: concatenation

feature vector for each point below feature map feature map "upsampled" "skipped" is a concatenation of feature vectors insider decoder from the two maps on the left from encoder NOTE: consequent convolutional kernel can learn how to combine (e.g. "average") individual features M M+Nfeature vector dimensions feature maps



U-net: expanding decoder with symmetry

and many skip connections

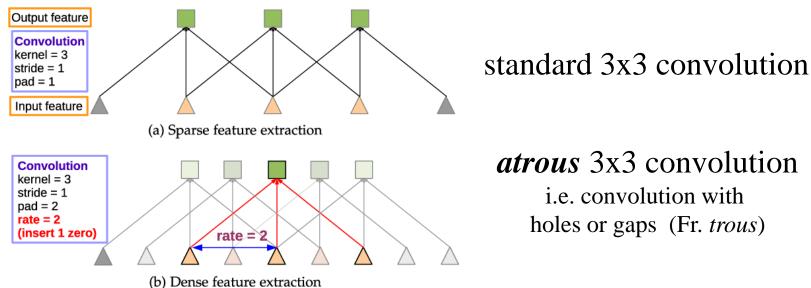


*U-net: Convolutional networks for biomedical image segmentation*Ronneberger, Fischer, Brox - MICCAI 2015 (now in *Nature Methods* 2019)



DeepLab

- encoder uses atrous convolutions (a.k.a. dilation) increasing receptive field without increase in kernel size (or significant decrease in output resolution)



Key insight: encoder can still use any standard kernels pre-trained on *image-net* classification (e.g. from *ResNet*) For example, pre-trained 3x3 kernels can be "dilated" into 5x5 kernels (as above) by adding "holes"



DeepLab

- encoder uses atrous convolutions (a.k.a. dilation) increasing receptive field without significant loss of resolution (unlike stride and pooling)
- decoder uses bilinear interpolation (see topic 4) for upsampling
- other ideas



(Training) Loss: Cross-Entropy

image sample *i*







 $\bar{\sigma}^p = (\bar{\sigma}_1, \bar{\sigma}_2, ..., \bar{\sigma}_K)$ prediction at each pixel p

(GT mask)

pixel-precise target



$$\mathbf{y}^p \in \{0, 1, 2, 3, ...\}$$
 - class label at each pixel p
 $\mathbf{\bar{y}}^p = (0, 0, 1, 0, ..., 0)$ - one-hot distribution at p

cross entropy at p

Loss over image *i*:

$$\sum_{p \in \mathbf{I}_i} \sum_{k} -\bar{\mathbf{y}}_k^p \ln \bar{\sigma}_k^p$$

sum of negative log-likelihoods (NLL)

 $-\sum_{p\in I_i} \ln \bar{\sigma}_{\mathbf{y}^p}^p$

Total loss should also sum over all images i

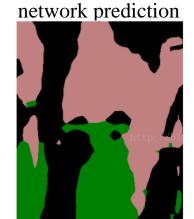


(Validation) Quality Metrics

image sample i

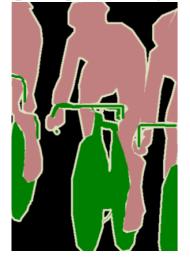


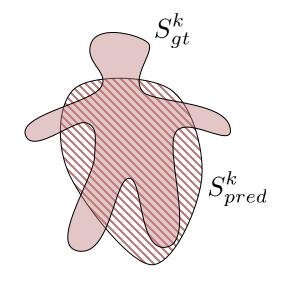




(GT mask)

pixel-precise target





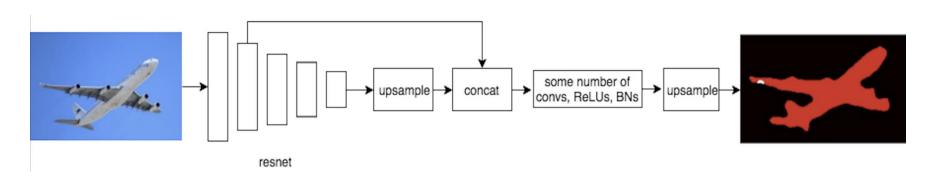
- Mean intersection over union $mIoU = \frac{1}{K} \sum_{k} \frac{|S_{gt}^k \cap S_{pred}^k|}{|S_{gt}^k \cup S_{pred}^k|} \in [0, 1]$ (focus on segments/classes, object sizes are irrelevant)
- There are also accuracy measures focused on pixels (what percentage of pixels is correctly classified)



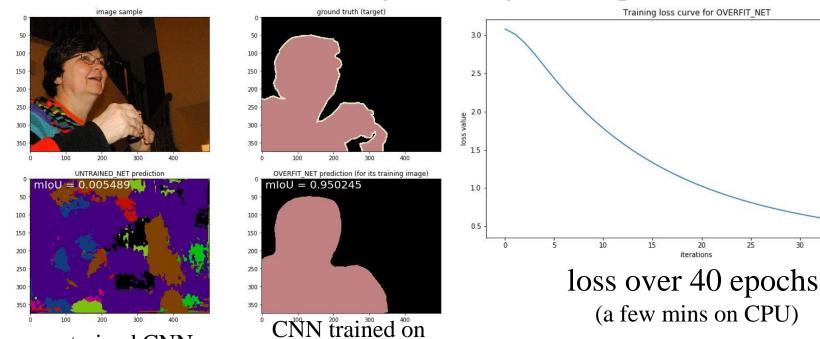
training loss

Assignment 5

untrained CNN



Training on a single example

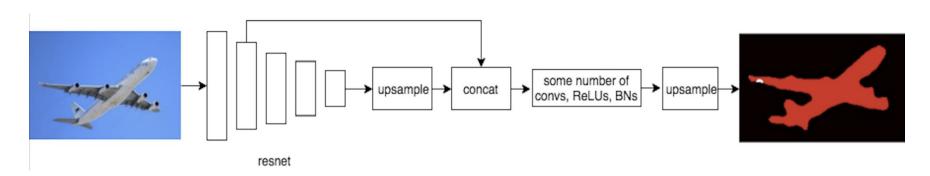


a single example

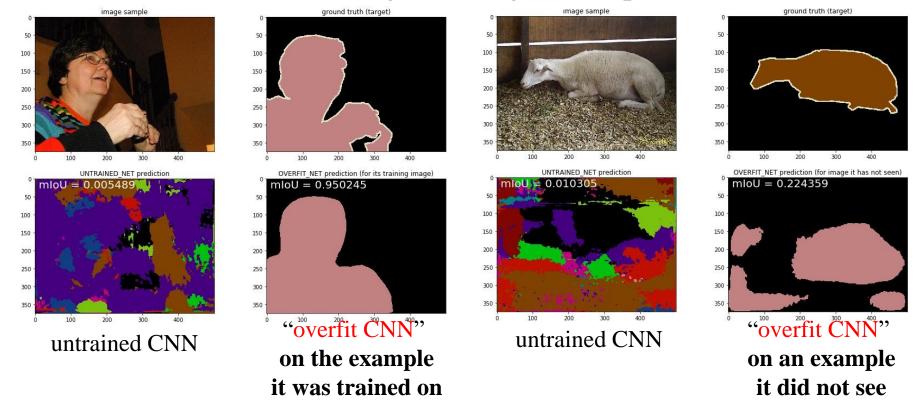
("overfit CNN")



Assignment 5



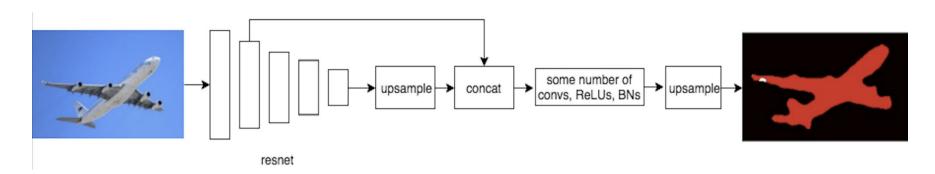
Training on a single example



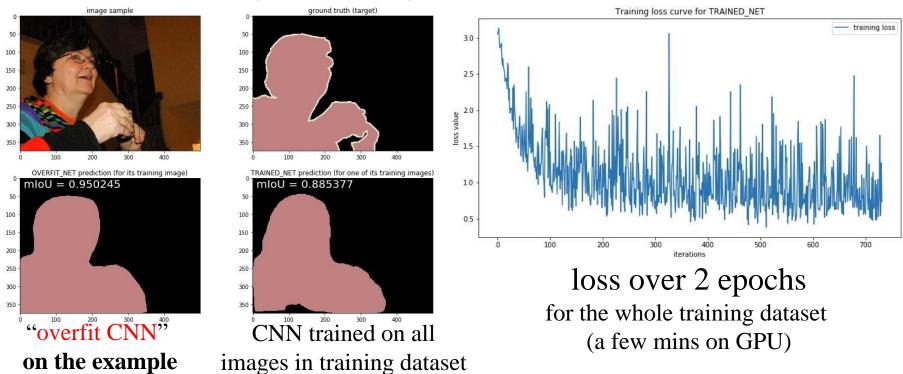


Assignment 5

it was trained on



Training on all images in the "training dataset"

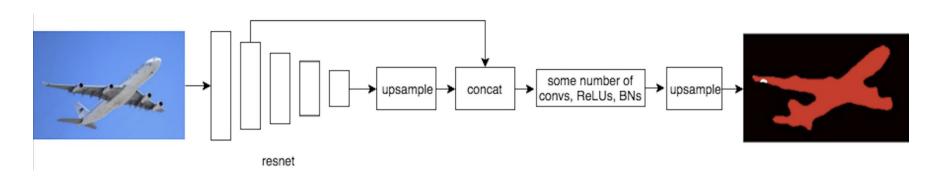


("fully-trained CNN")

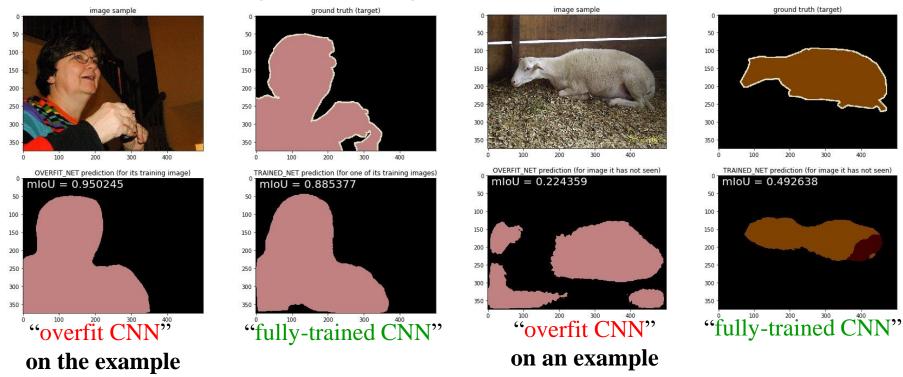


Assignment 5

it was trained on



Training on all images in the "training dataset"



it did not see