

Trustworthy AI Systems

-- Image Segmentation

Instructor: Guangjing Wang

guangjingwang@usf.edu

Group Member

- Two to three students will form a group
- Midterm project: any machine learning application projects
- Final project: evaluating midterm project based on (ONE or TWO) trustworthy AI principles
- 09/08 Group Checkpoints: providing names of your teammates

Quizzes and Slides

- Each **open-book quiz** will contain 25 single choice questions in 50 minutes with pen and paper.
 - You are not required to memorize or recite everything in the lecture
 - You need to understand points in the lecture: what, why, how
 - You are expected to spend more time beyond the lectures e.g., reading papers, checking the open-source code, API documentation...
- Be a graduate student
 - The learning style changes compare to your undergraduate study
 - There is no required homework or exercise...
 - You need to learn how to learn, how to practice...
- Slides are shared on Canvas

Paper Review (Not a Homework)

- Paper review is a basic task for a researcher
 - Paper Summary
 - Strengths
 - Weaknesses
 - Questions
 - Future Opportunities

When you read a paper, thinking:

- What are the research problem and motivation?
- What are the challenges and technical contributions?
- How is the experimental evaluation?
- How are the related work and overall writing?

Last Lecture

- Image classification
 - Can be extend to any classification problems
- Convolutional neural network
 - The key components: convolution, pool, activation, normalization
 - The general structure design of CNN, e.g., ResNet
- Some practices for project
 - Data preprocessing
 - Transfer learning
 - Regularization
 - Hyperparameter tuning during training

- An image of dimensions $W_{in} \times H_{in}$.
- A filter of dimensions $K \times K$.
- Stride S and padding P .

Shape of output activation map

$$W_{out} = \frac{W_{in} - K + 2P}{S} + 1$$
$$H_{out} = \frac{H_{in} - K + 2P}{S} + 1$$

Computer Vision Tasks

Classification



CAT

No spatial extent

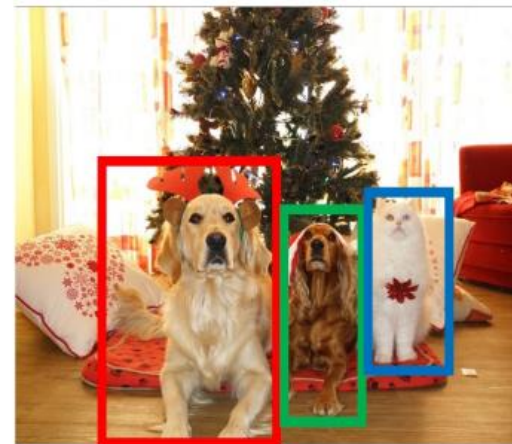
Semantic Segmentation



GRASS, CAT, TREE,
SKY

No objects, just pixels

Object Detection



DOG, DOG, CAT

Multiple Object

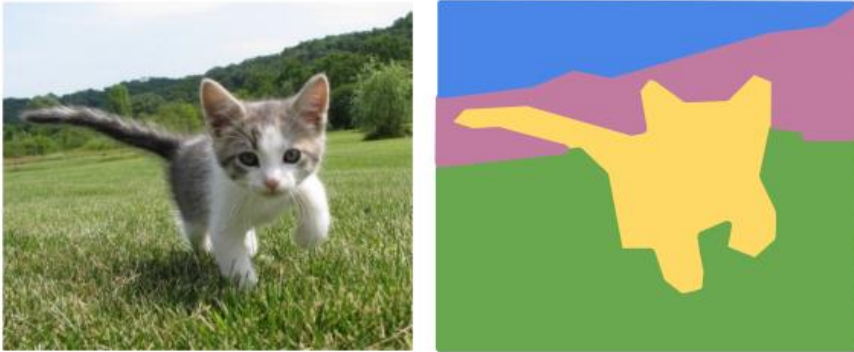
Instance Segmentation



DOG, DOG, CAT

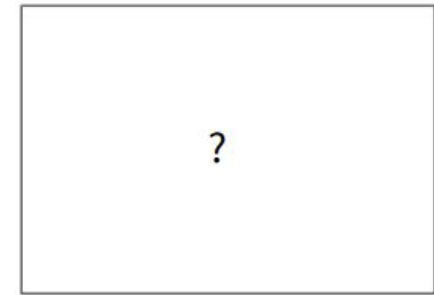
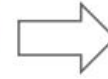
[This image is CC0 public domain](#)

Semantic Segmentation: Problem



GRASS, CAT, TREE,
SKY, ...

Paired training data: for each training image, each pixel is labeled with a semantic category.



At test time, classify each pixel of a new image.

Label each pixel in the image with a category label.

Semantic Segmentation: Classification Problem

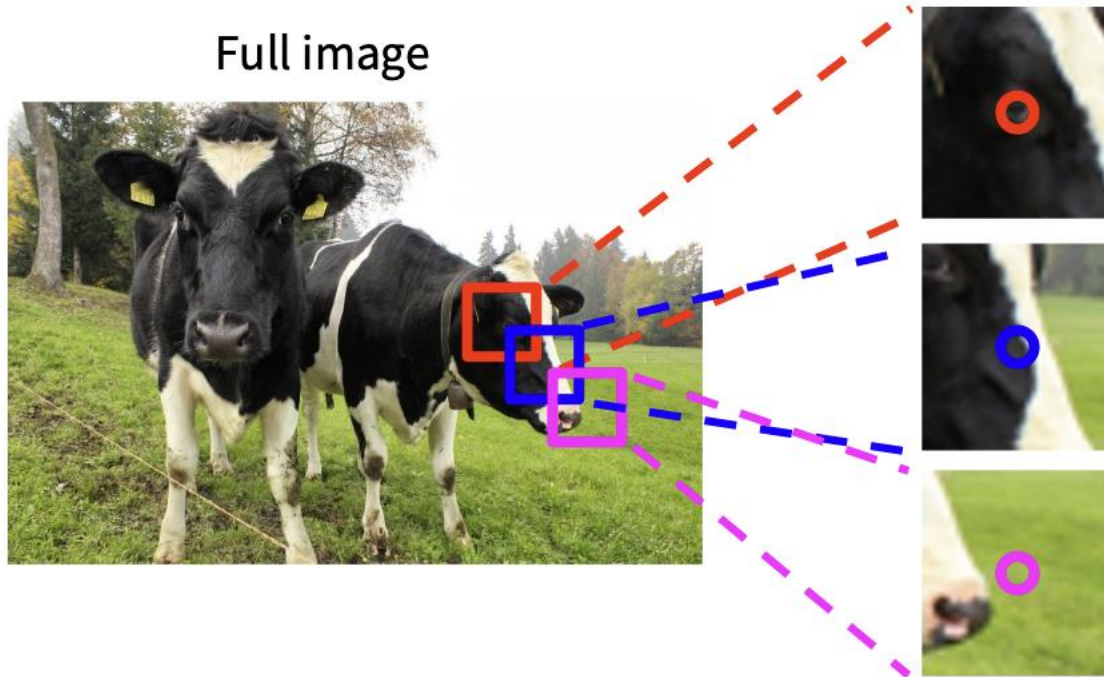
Full image



Classify each pixel

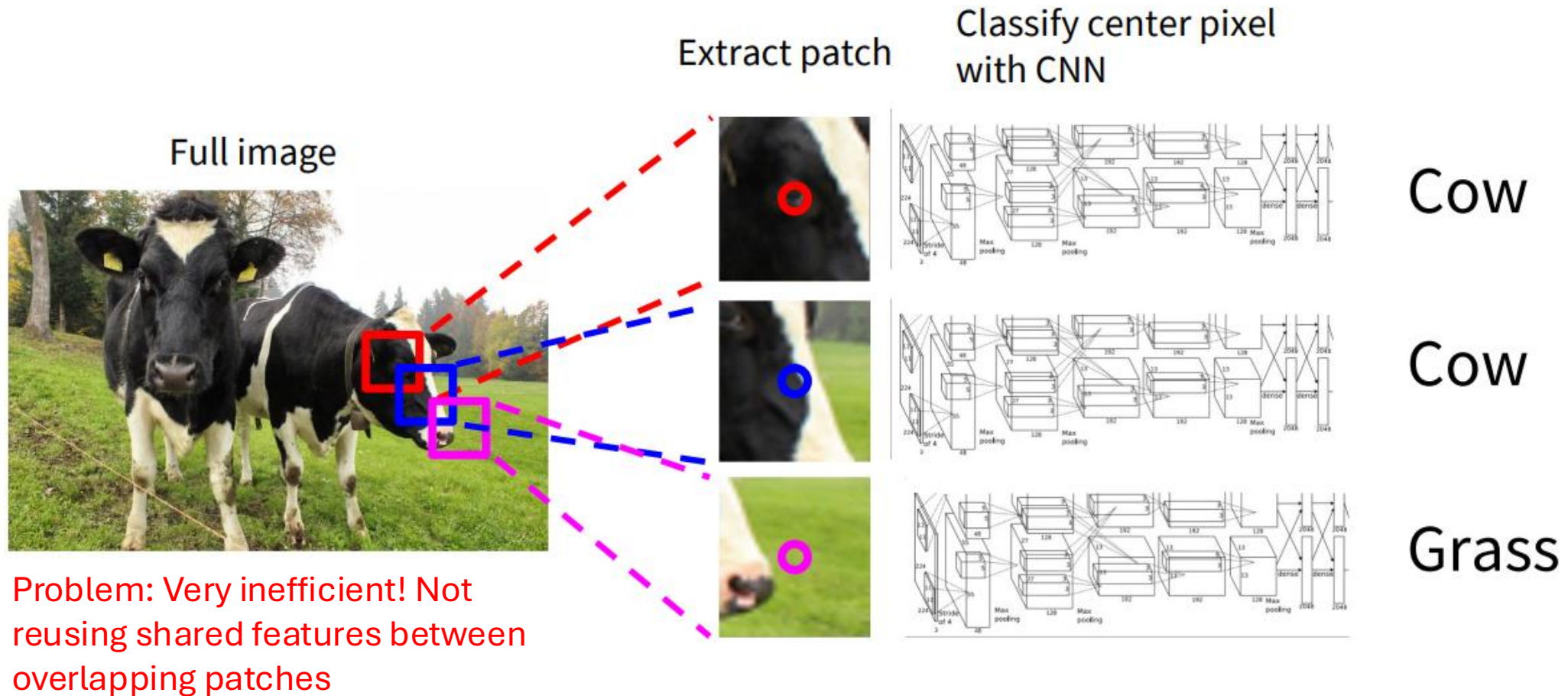
- Impossible to classify without the context
- How do we include context information?

Semantic Segmentation Idea: Sliding Window



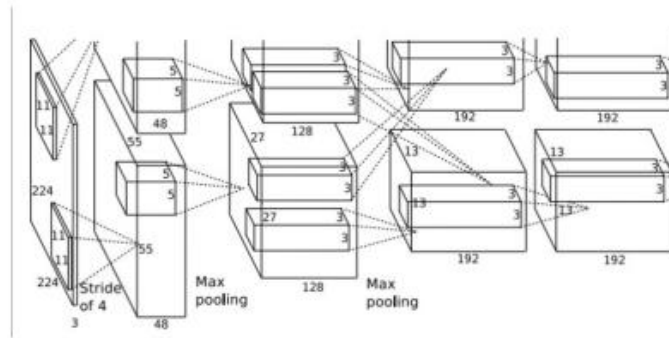
How do we model context information?

Semantic Segmentation Idea: Sliding Window



Semantic Segmentation: Convolution (1)

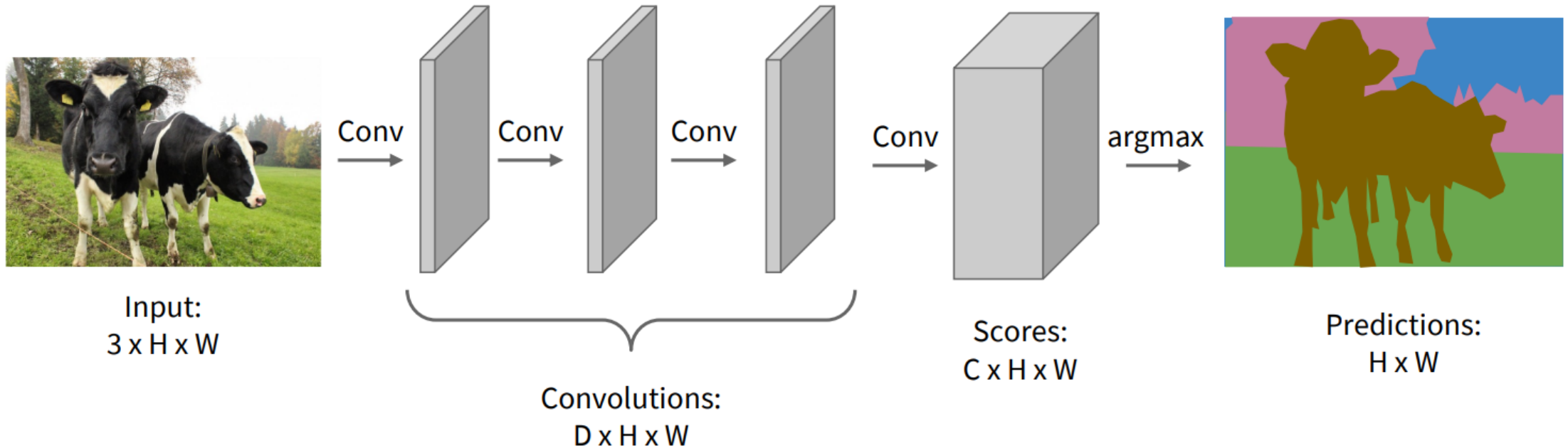
Full image



Encode the entire image with conv net, and do semantic segmentation on top

Potential problem? (hint: input shape, output shape)

Semantic Segmentation: Convolution (2)



- Do not use the down-sampling operators
- Potential problem? (hint: computation)

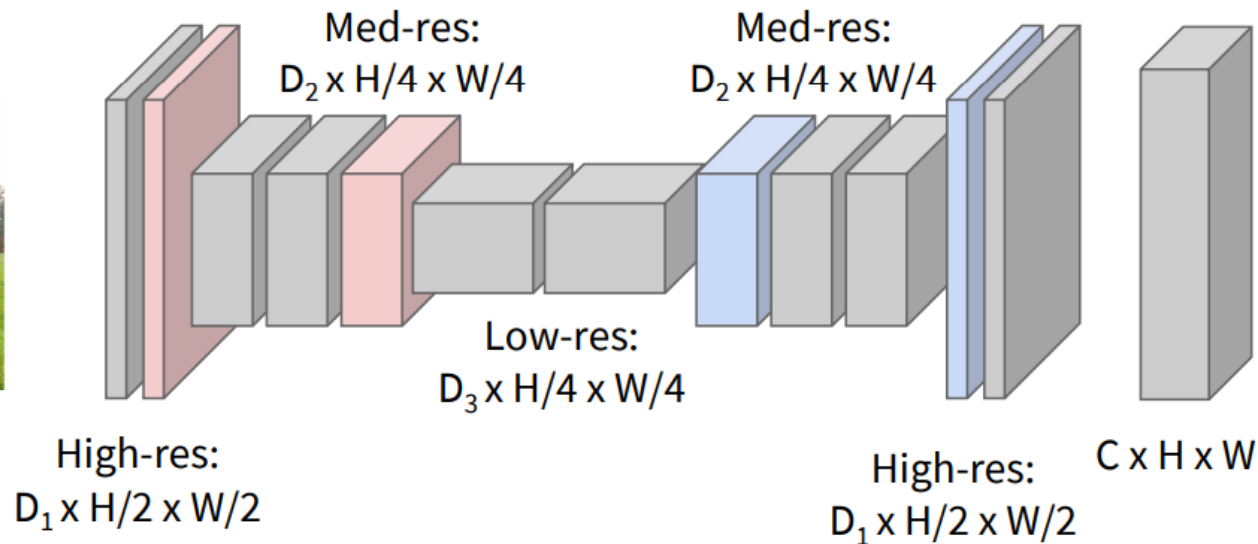
Semantic Segmentation: Convolution (3)

Downsampling:
Pooling, strided
convolution



Input:
 $3 \times H \times W$

Design network as a bunch of convolutional layers, with
downsampling and upsampling inside the network!



Upsampling:
???



Predictions:
 $H \times W$

Upsampling

- Non-learnable upsampling
 - Fill the same
 - Fill zeros
 - Max Unpooling
 - You design it...
- Learnable upsampling
 - Transposed convolution

“Bed of Nails”

1	2
3	4

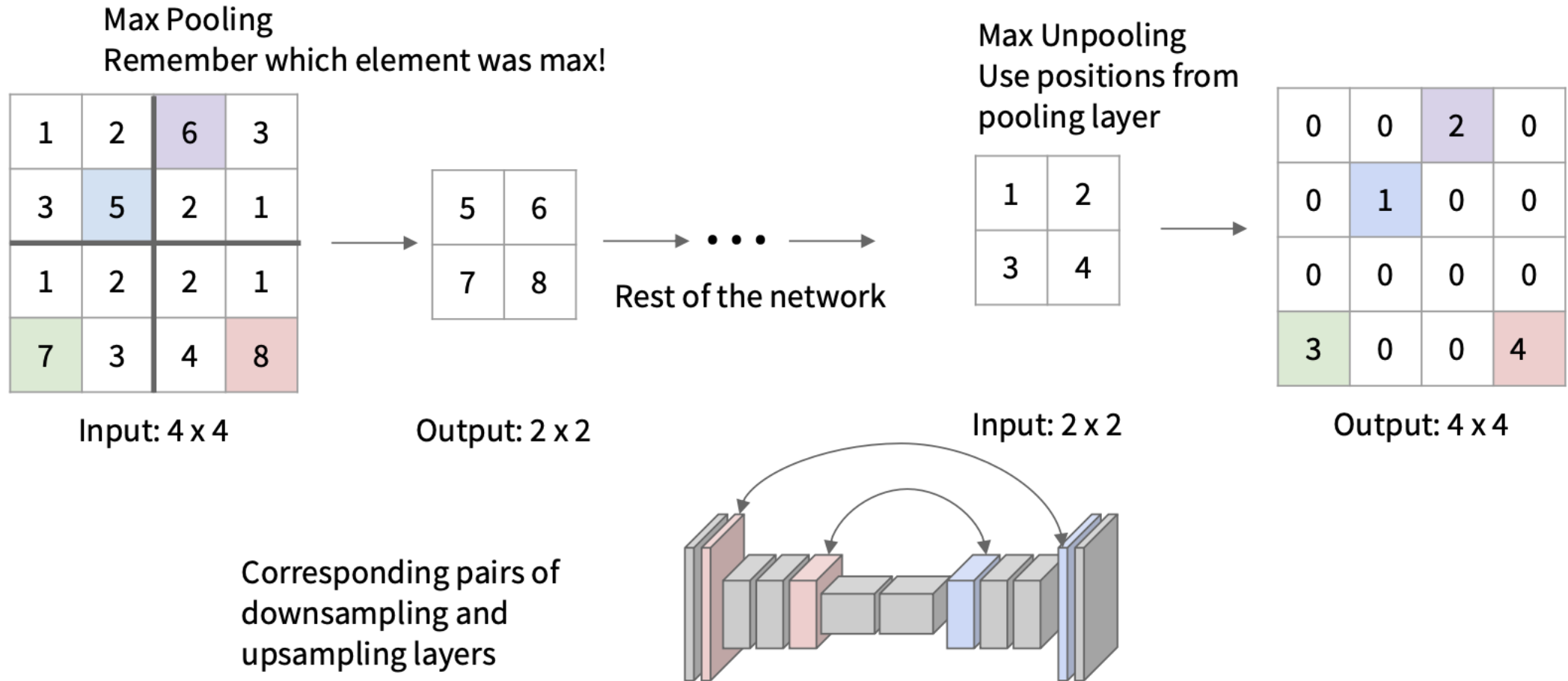
Input: 2 x 2



1	0	2	0
0	0	0	0
3	0	4	0
0	0	0	0

Output: 4 x 4

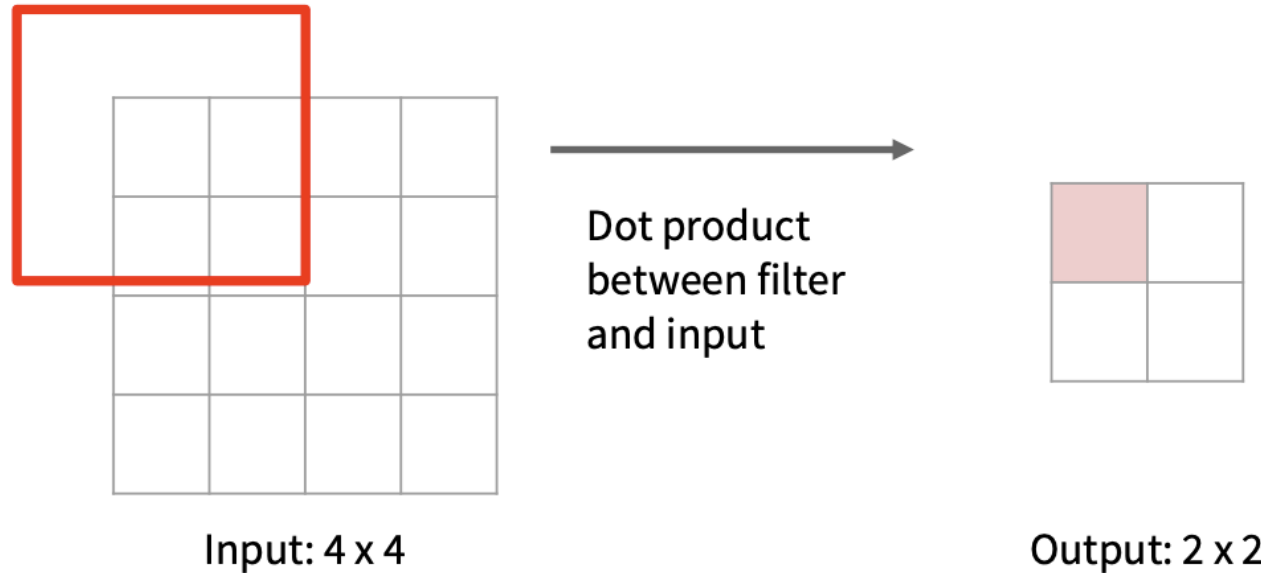
Max Unpooling: Remember location then fill



Recall the Convolution Operation

3x3 convolution: Filter size/kernel size: 3x3

Recall: Normal 3 x 3 convolution, stride 2 pad 1

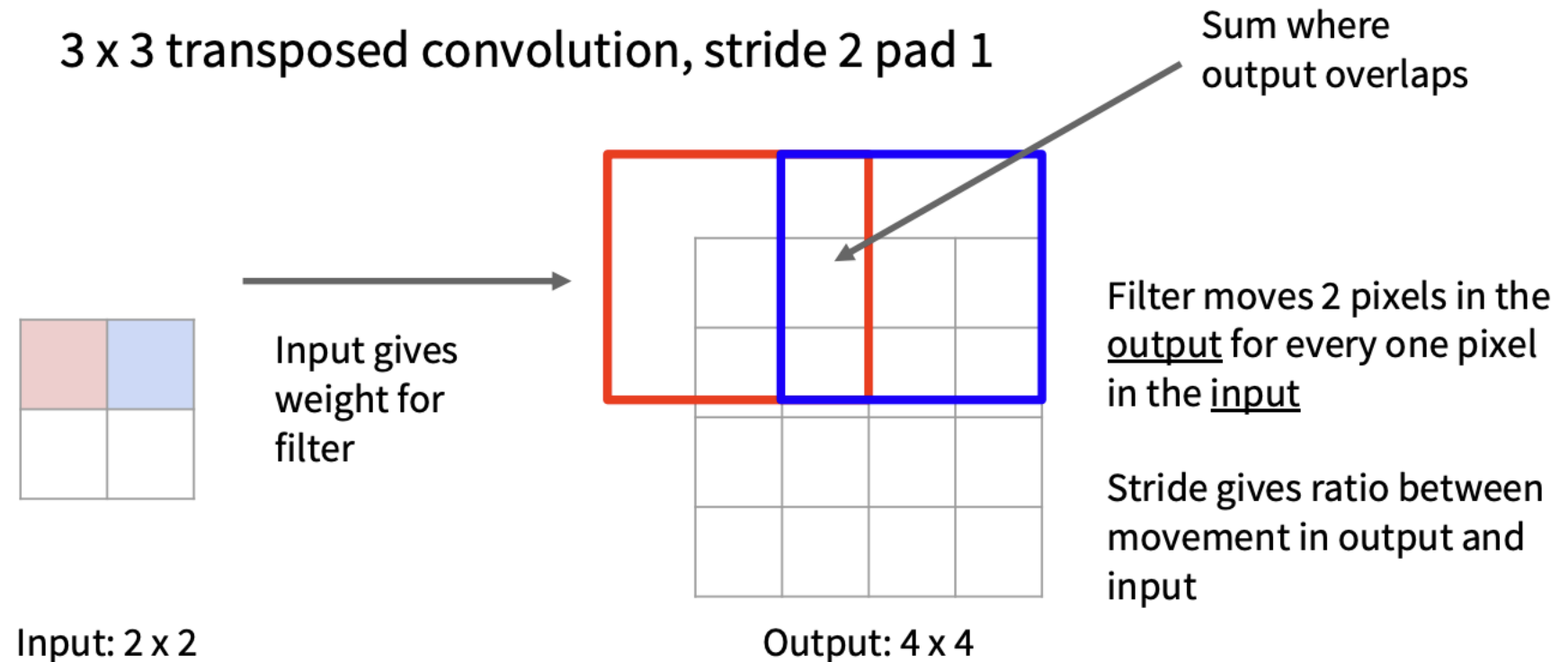


Stride gives ratio between movement in input and output

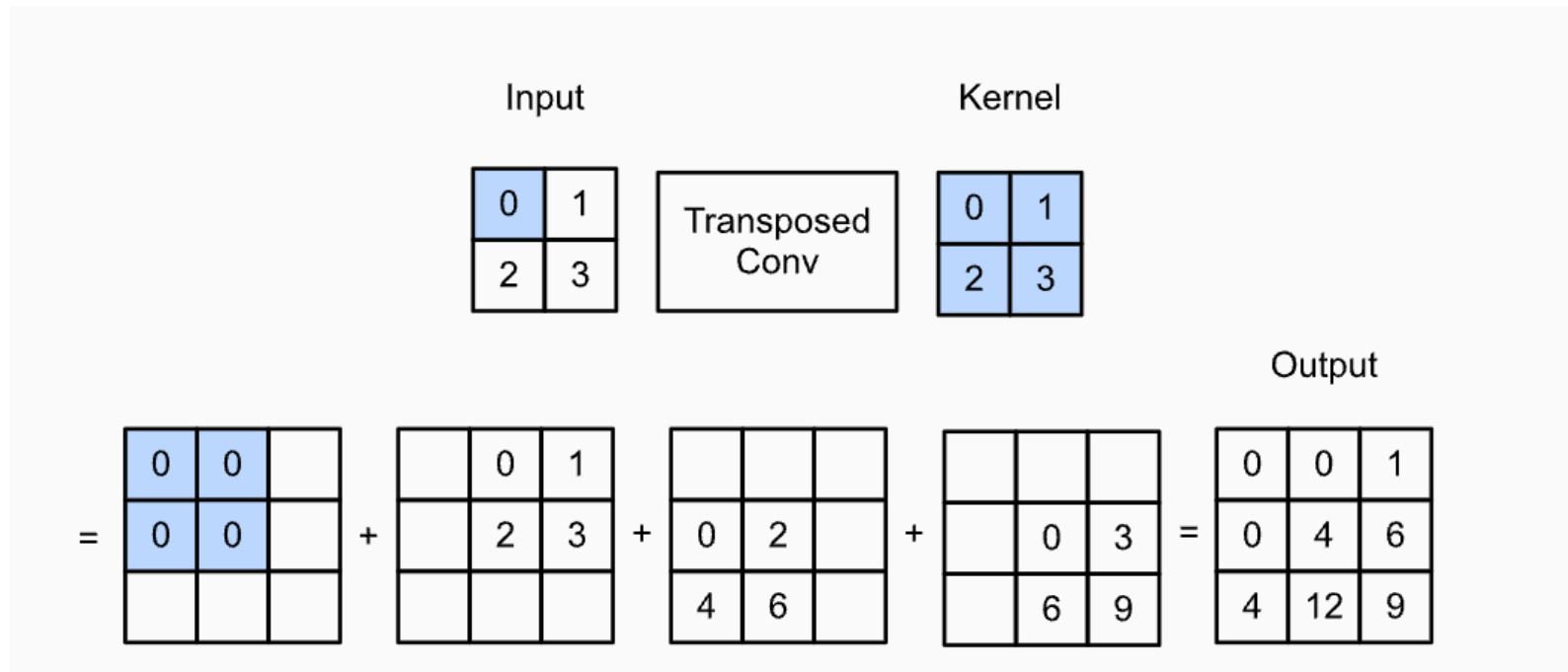
$$W_{\text{out}} = \frac{W_{\text{in}} - K + 2P}{S} + 1$$
$$H_{\text{out}} = \frac{H_{\text{in}} - K + 2P}{S} + 1$$

We can interpret strided convolution as “learnable downsampling”

Upsampling: Transposed Convolution

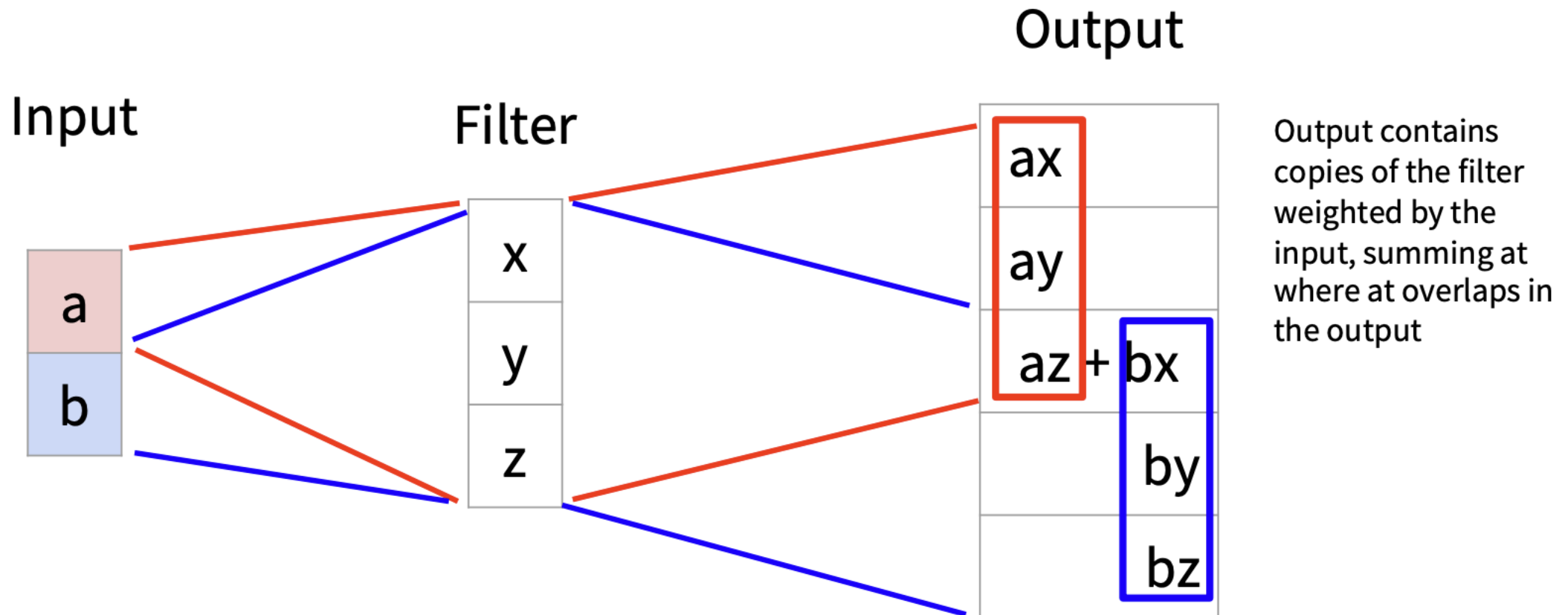


Transposed Convolution Example



Transposed convolution with a 2×2 kernel

Learnable Upsampling: 1D Example



Convolution as Matrix Multiplication

We can express convolution in terms of a matrix multiplication

$$\vec{x} * \vec{a} = X \vec{a}$$

$$\begin{array}{|c|} \hline \text{kernel} \\ \hline \begin{bmatrix} x & y & z & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & x & y & z & 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{array} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ a \\ b \\ c \\ d \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} ay + bz \\ bx + cy + dz \end{bmatrix}$$

Example: 1D conv, kernel size=3,
stride=2, padding=1

Transposed convolution multiplies by the transpose of the same matrix:

$$\vec{x} *^T \vec{a} = X^T \vec{a}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x & 0 \\ y & 0 \\ z & x \\ 0 & y \\ 0 & z \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} ax \\ ay \\ az + bx \\ by \\ bz \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Example: 1D transposed conv, kernel size=3,
stride=2, padding=0

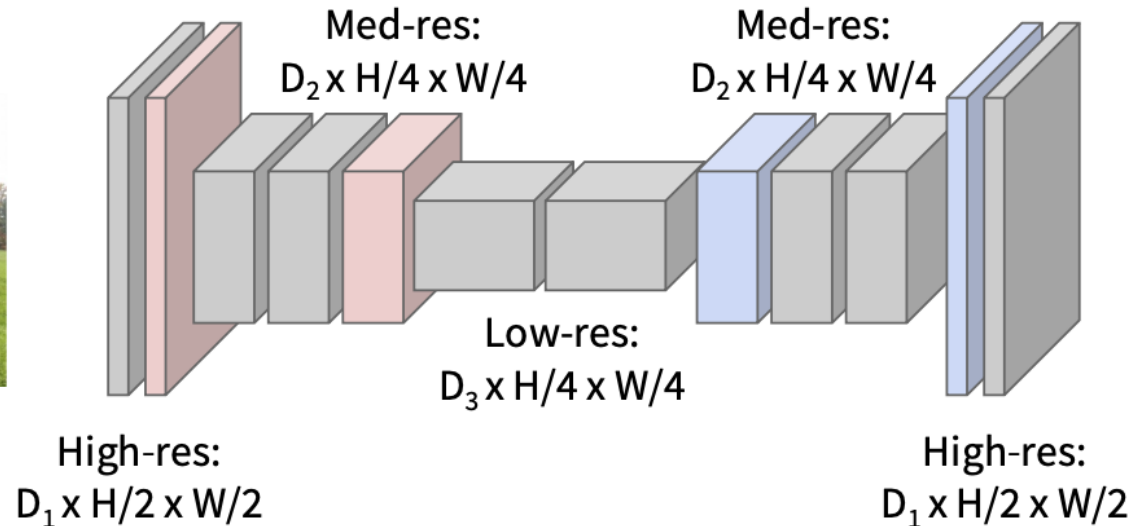
Semantic Segmentation: Fully Convolutional

Downsampling:
Pooling, strided
convolution



Input:
 $3 \times H \times W$

Design network as a bunch of convolutional layers, with
downsampling and **upsampling** inside the network!



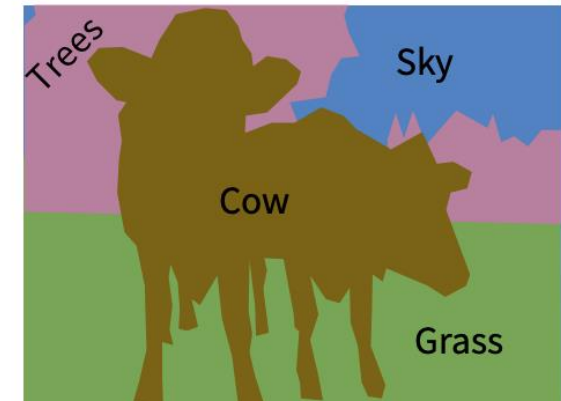
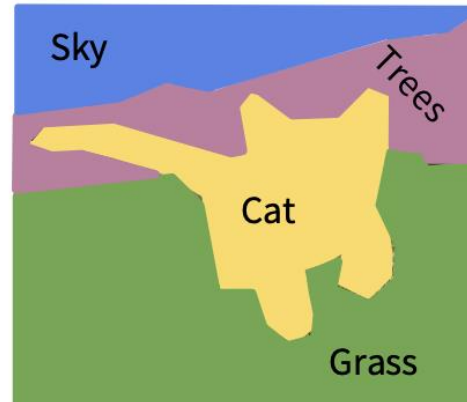
Upsampling:
Unpooling or strided
transposed convolution



Predictions:
 $H \times W$

Semantic Segmentation

- Label each pixel in the image with a category label
- Don't differentiate instances, only care about pixels

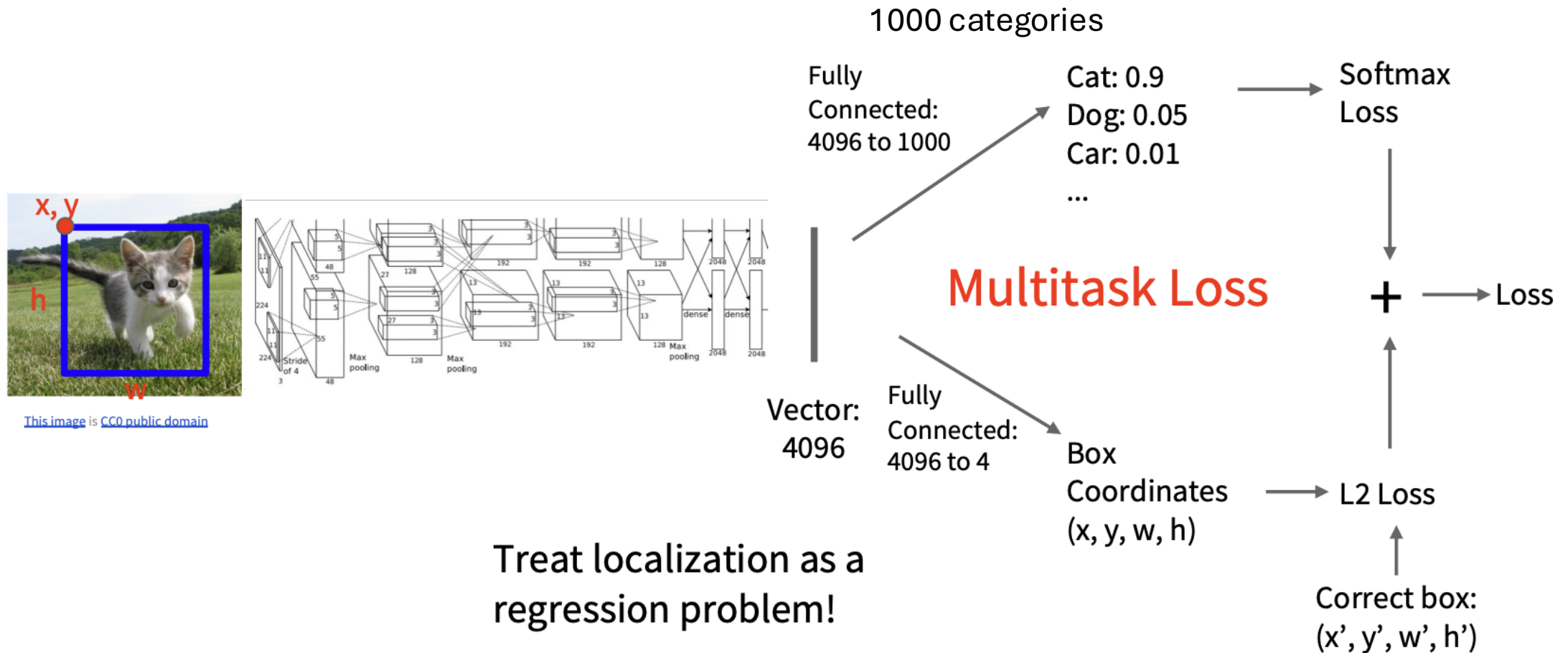


Take a break



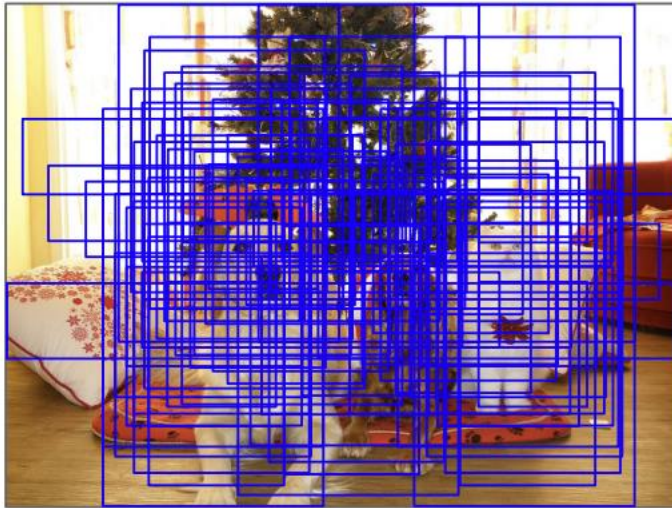
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JlPbilHxFbl>

Object Detection: Classification + Regression



Object Detection

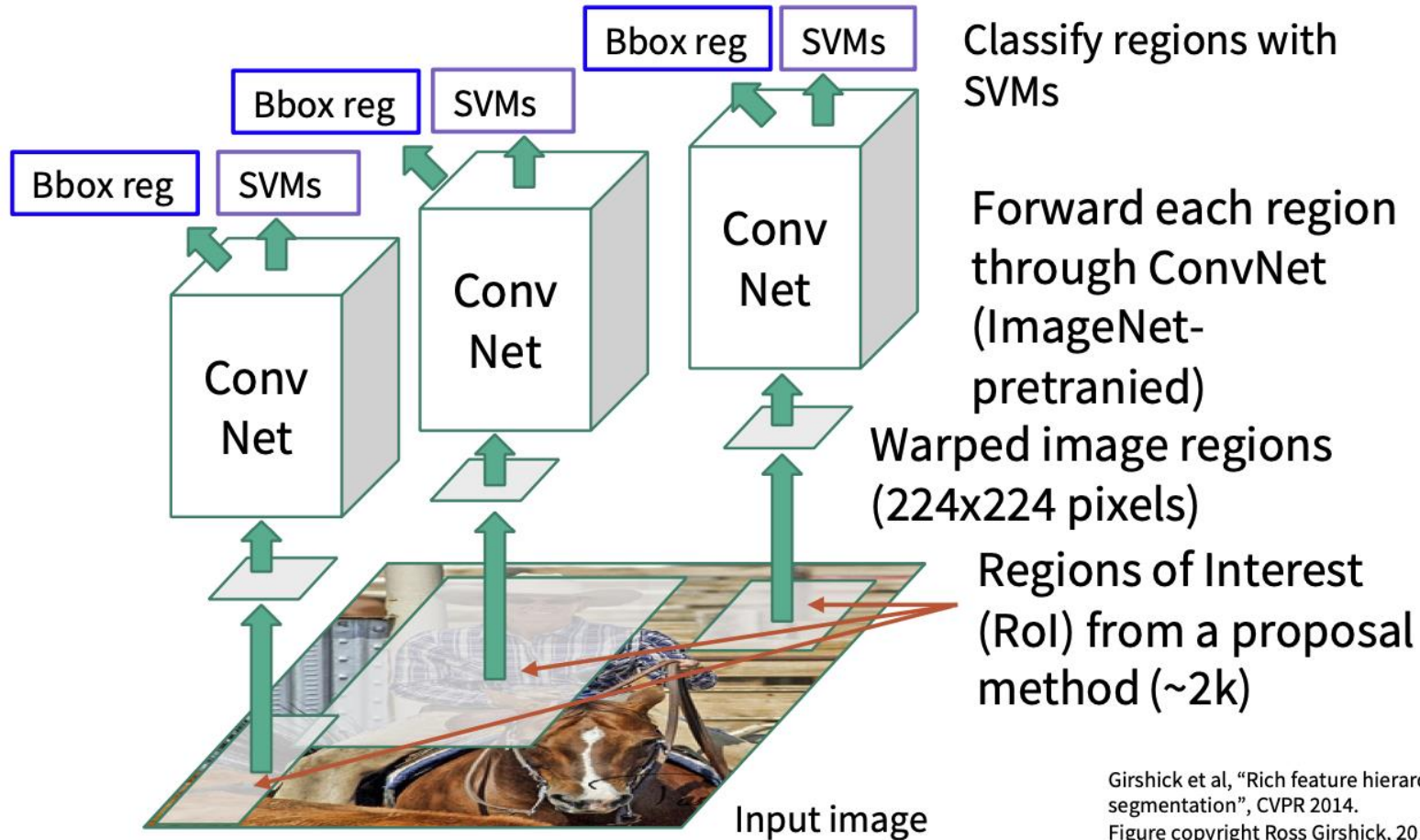
- What if there are multiple objects?
 - Apply a CNN to many different crops of the image, CNN classifies each crop as object or background



Problem: Need to apply CNN to huge number of locations, scales, and aspect ratios, very computationally expensive!

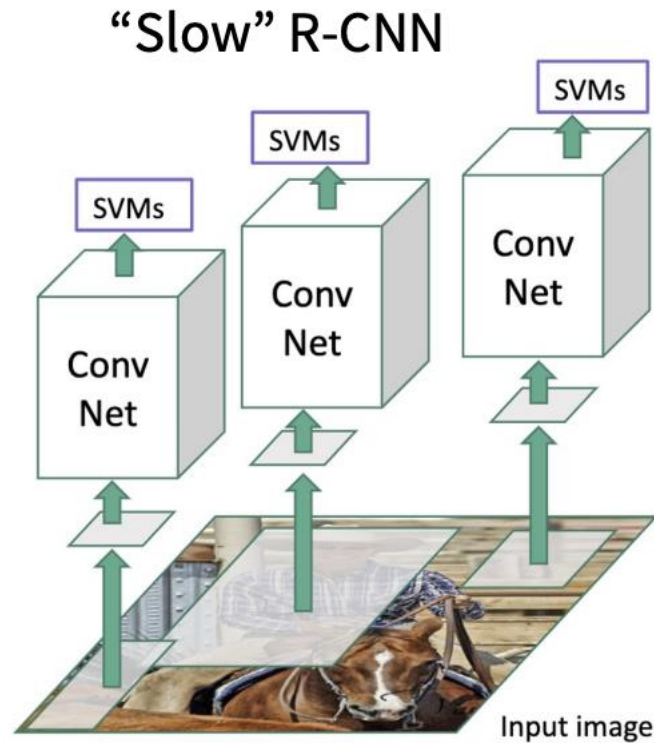
R-CNN

Problem: Very slow!
Need to do ~2k
independent forward
passes for each image!

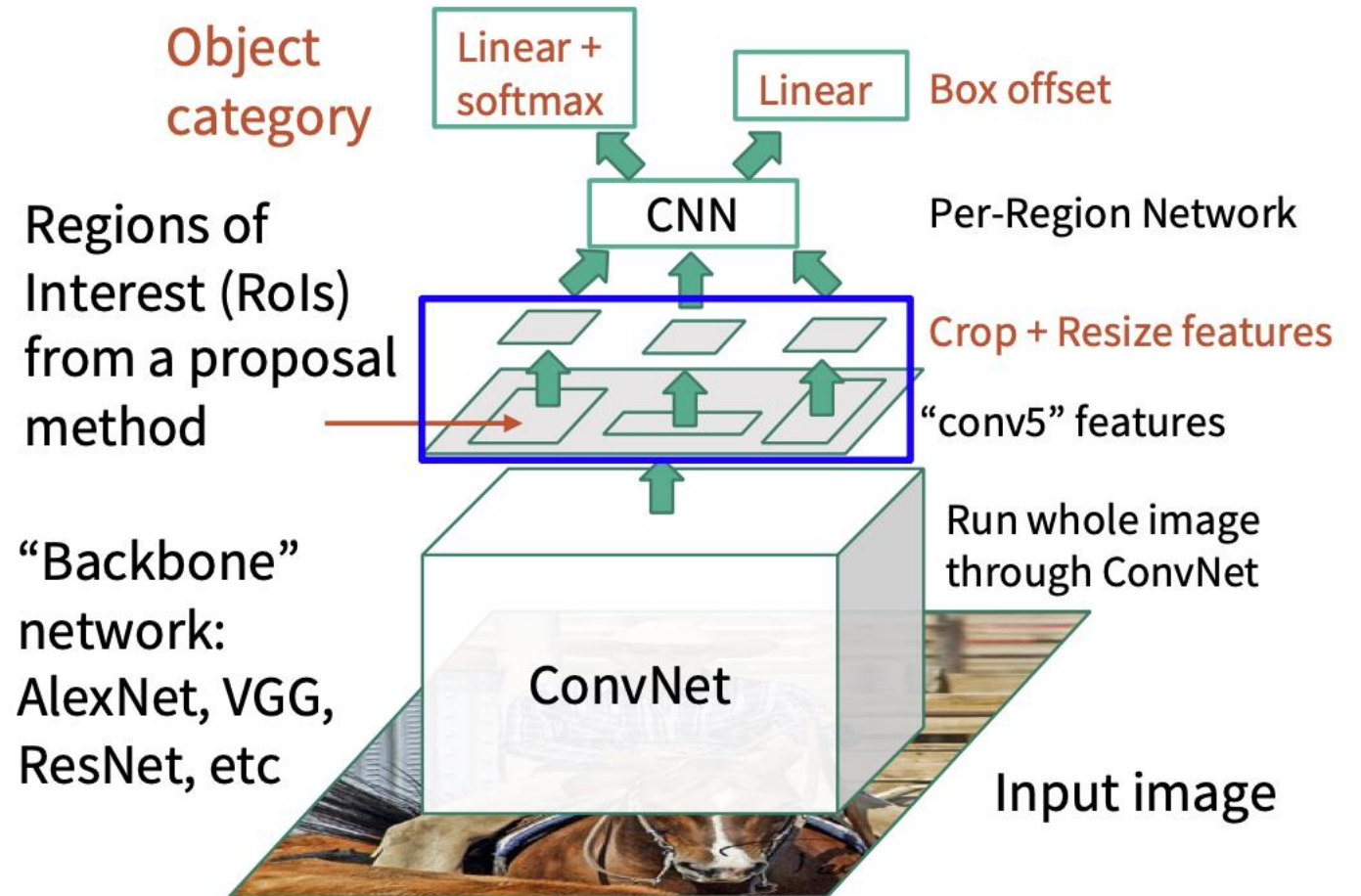


Girshick et al, "Rich feature hierarchies for accurate object detection and semantic segmentation", CVPR 2014.
Figure copyright Ross Girshick, 2015; [source](#). Reproduced with permission.

R-CNN and Fast R-CNN

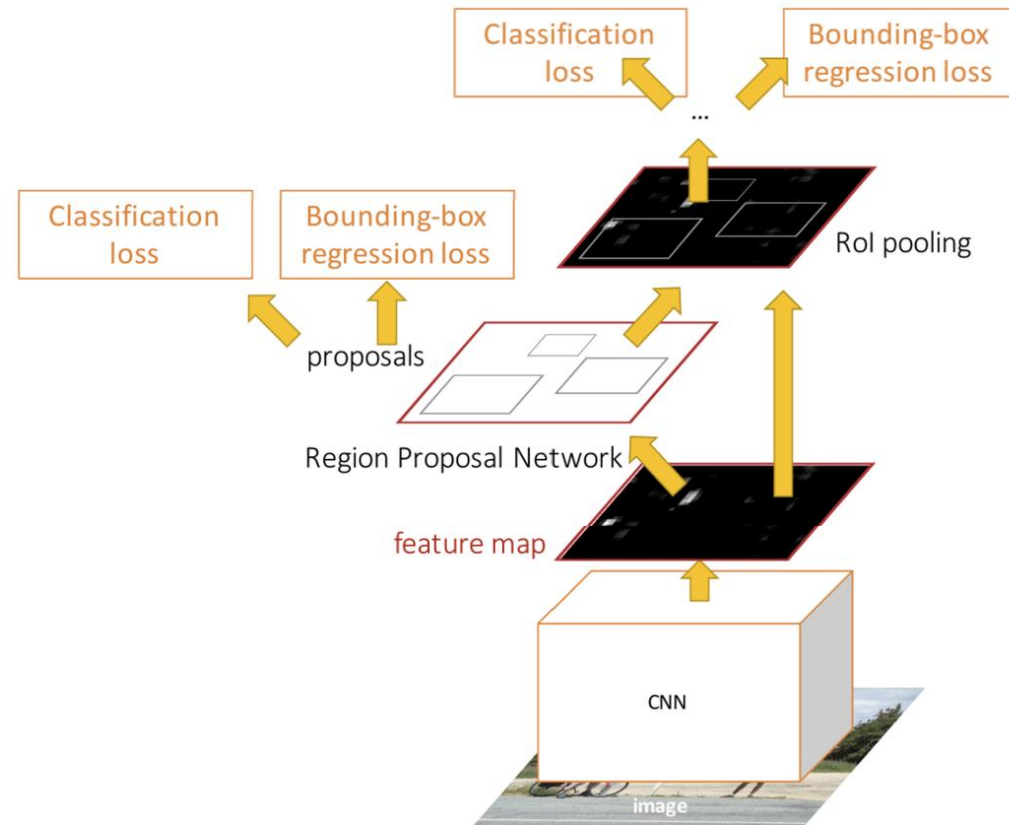


Extract around 2000 bottom-up region proposals from a proposal method



Faster R-CNN: Make CNN Do Proposals

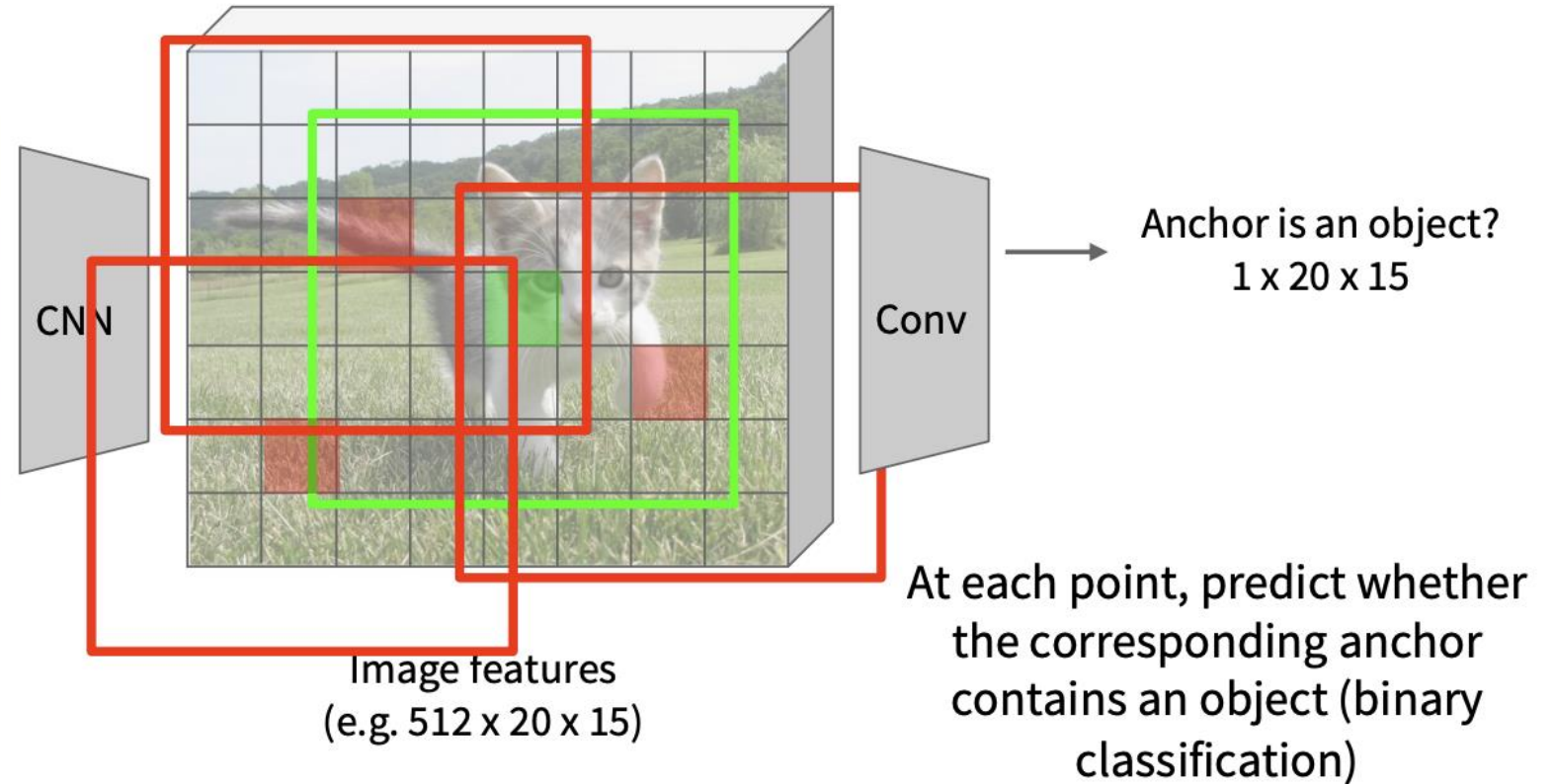
- Insert Region Proposal Network (RPN) to predict proposals from features



Region Proposal Network (1)



Input Image
(e.g. 3 x 640 x 480)



Region Proposal Network (2)

In practice use K different anchor boxes of different size / scale at each point. In this example, K is 1.



Input Image
(e.g. $3 \times 640 \times 480$)

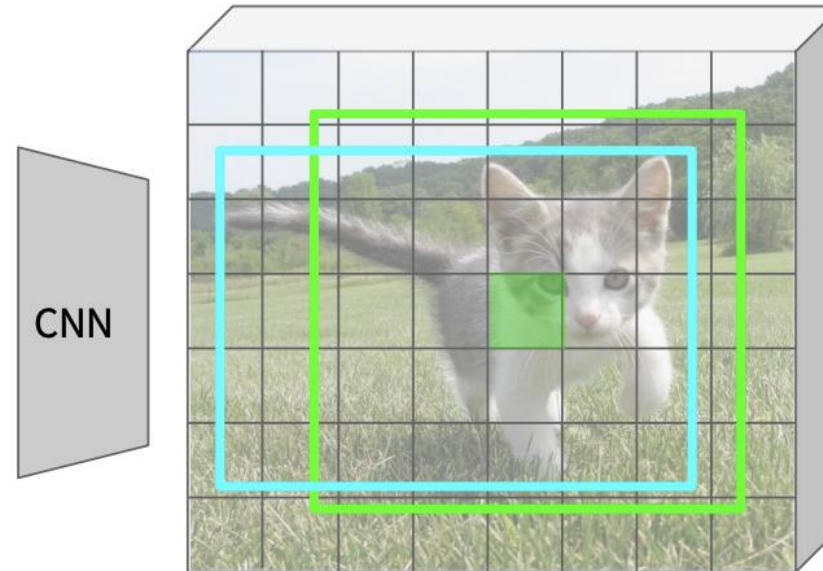
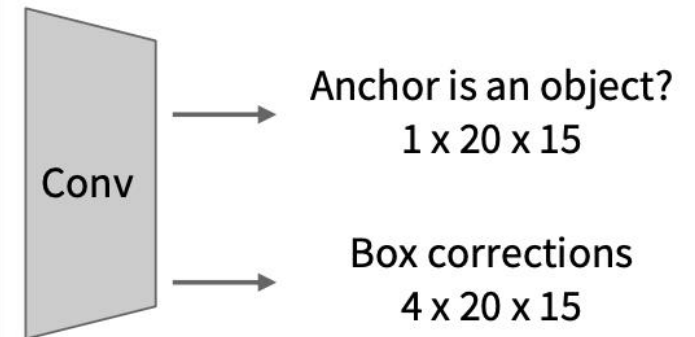


Image features
(e.g. $512 \times 20 \times 15$)



For positive boxes, also predict a corrections from the anchor to the ground-truth box (regress 4 numbers per pixel)

Faster R-CNN: Two Stages

Jointly train with 4 losses:

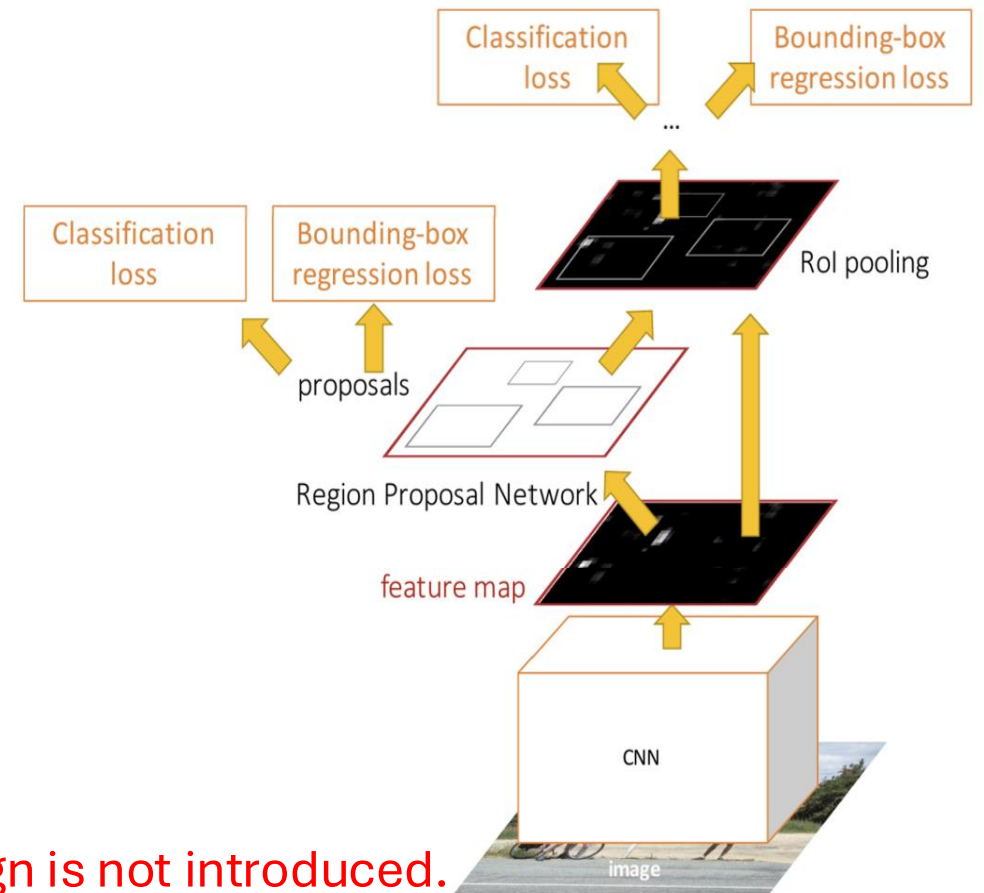
- RPN classify object / not object
- RPN regress box coordinates
- Final classification score (object classes)
- Final box coordinates

First stage: Run once per image

- Backbone network
- Region proposal network

Second stage: Run once per region

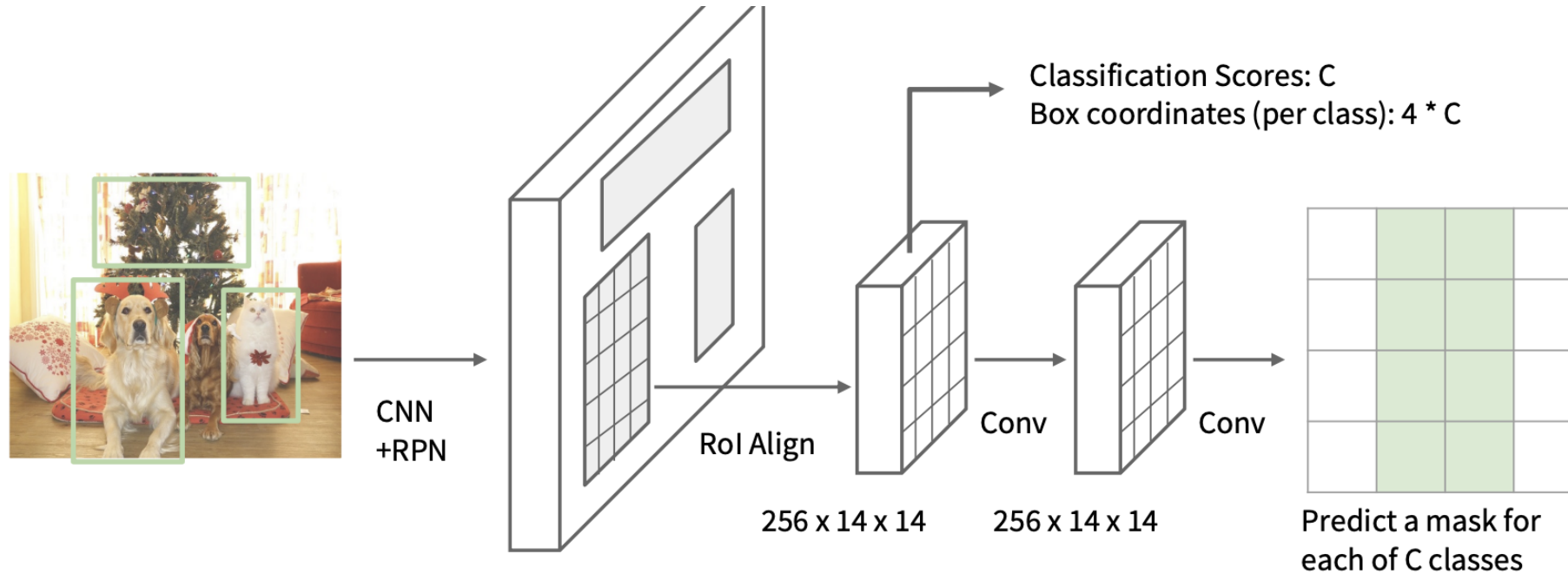
- Crop features: RoI pool / align
- Predict object class
- Prediction bbox offset



Note: RoI pool/align is not introduced.

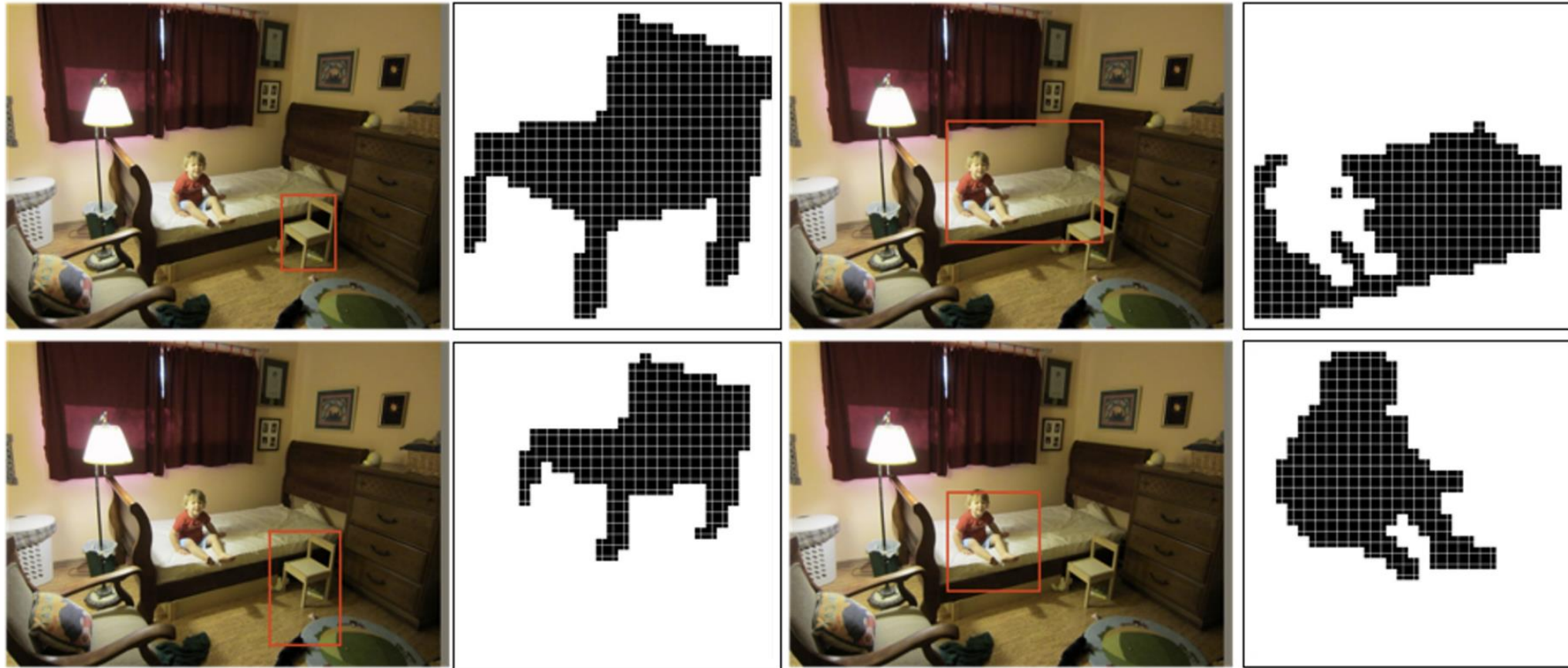
Extracting fixed-size feature maps from a variable-sized region of interest (RoI) in a feature map

Instance Segmentation: Mask R-CNN



Mask R-CNN: **Learn by yourself**

Mask R-CNN: Example Mask Training Targets



Instance Segmentation in GPT5

ChatGPT 5 ▾

Analysis errored ^

python

Always show details ☐ |  Copy code

```
import torch
import torchvision
from torchvision.transforms import functional as F

# Load a pre-trained Mask R-CNN model for instance segmentation
model = torchvision.models.detection.maskrcnn_resnet50_fpn(pretrained=True)
model.eval()

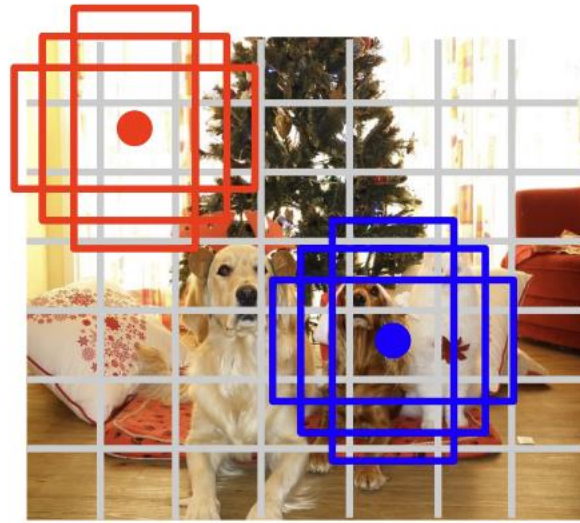
# Transform the image into tensor format
image_tensor = F.to_tensor(image).unsqueeze(0)

# Perform instance segmentation
with torch.no_grad():
    predictions = model(image_tensor)
```

Yolo: Single Stage Object Detector



Input image
 $3 \times H \times W$



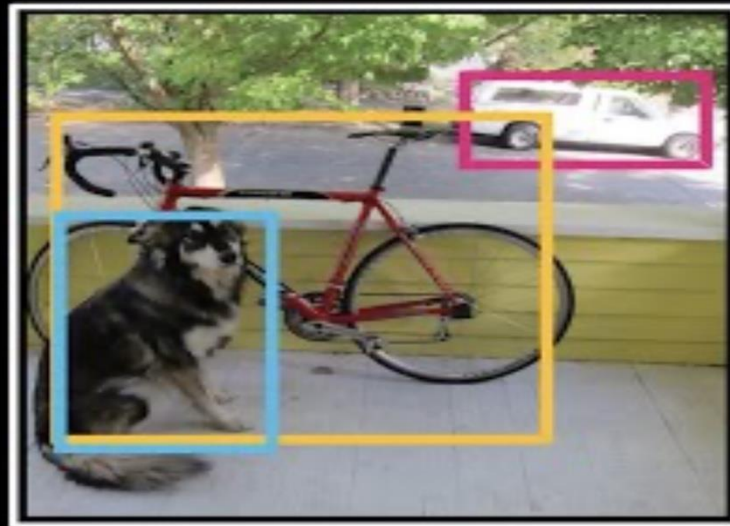
Divide image into grid
 7×7

Image a set of base boxes centered at each grid cell Here $B = 3$

Within each grid cell:

- Regress from each of the B base boxes to a final box with 5 numbers:
(dx, dy, dh, dw, confidence)
- Predict scores for each of C classes (including background as a class)
- Looks a lot like RPN, but category-specific!
- Output: $7 \times 7 \times (5 \times B + C)$

YOLO: Model as a Regression Problem



YOLO
(YOU ONLY LOOK ONCE)

<https://youtu.be/svn9-xV7wjk>

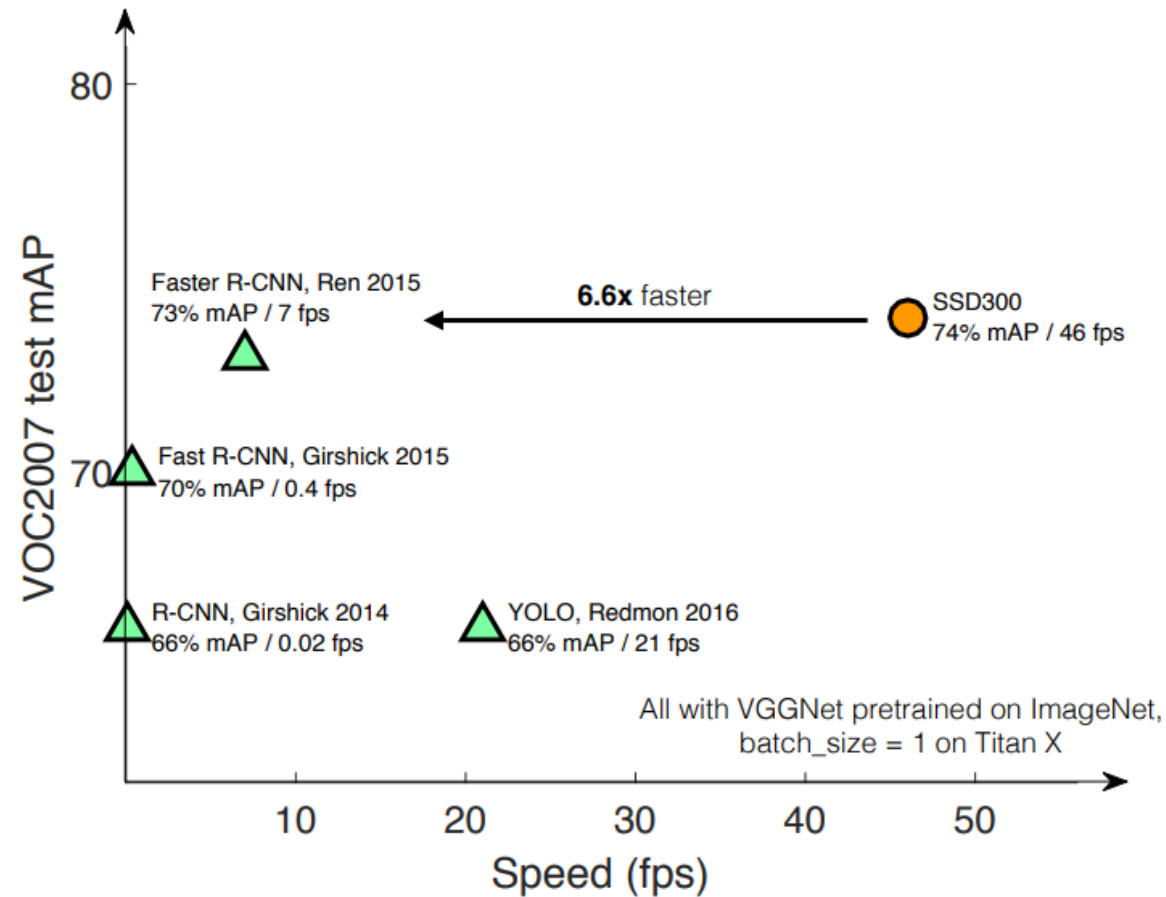
Object Detection: Evaluation Metrics

- Intersection over Union (IoU)
 - Predicted bounding box (A) and ground truth bounding box (B)

$$J(A, B) = \frac{|A \cap B|}{|A \cup B|}$$

- Average Precision (AP)
 - The precision-recall curve that is created by varying the detection threshold.
 - mean Average Precision (mAP), which calculates AP for each class and then take the average

Single-shot VS Two-shot Detector



https://www.cs.unc.edu/~wliu/papers/ssd_eccv2016_slide.pdf

Try Nano Banana or Midjourney



Core Features

Why Choose Nano Banana?

Nano-banana is the most advanced AI image editor on LMArena. Revolutionize your photo editing with natural language understanding



Natural Language Editing

Edit images using simple text prompts. Nano-banana AI understands complex instructions like GPT for images



Character Consistency

Maintain perfect character details across edits. This model excels at preserving faces and identities



Scene Preservation

Seamlessly blend edits with original backgrounds. Superior scene fusion compared to Flux Kontext

References

- https://cs231n.stanford.edu/slides/2024/lecture_9.pdf
- <https://encord.com/blog/yolo-object-detection-guide/>
- <https://github.com/ultralytics/ultralytics>
- <https://github.com/facebookresearch/detectron2>