

# CS5670: Computer Vision

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## Lecture 26: CNN Structure and Training

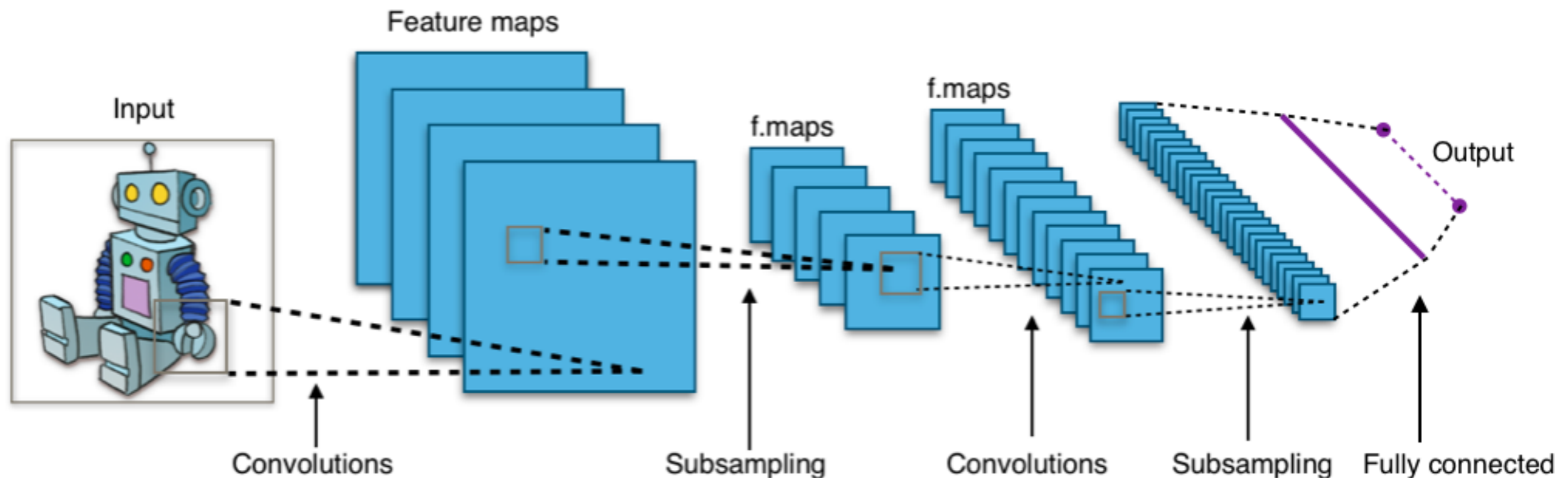
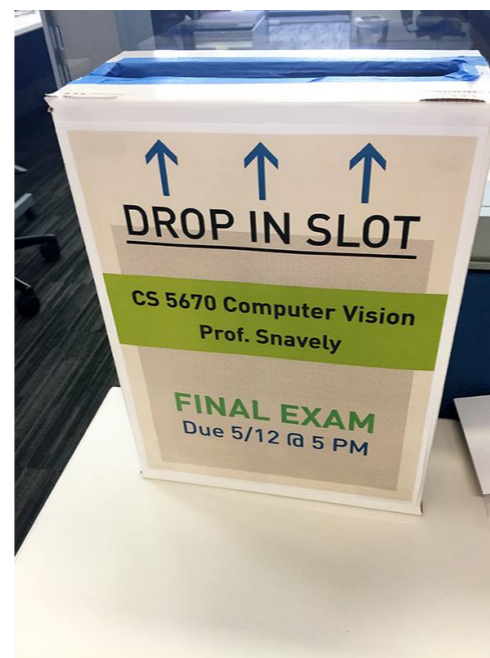


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# Announcements

- Final project (P5), due **Wednesday, 5/10**, by 11:59pm
- Final exam will be handed out at the end of class today, due Friday, 5/12, by 5pm to Christina Ko's desk on 12<sup>th</sup> floor



# Today

- Finishing up backpropagation
- ConvNet architectures
- How to train ConvNets

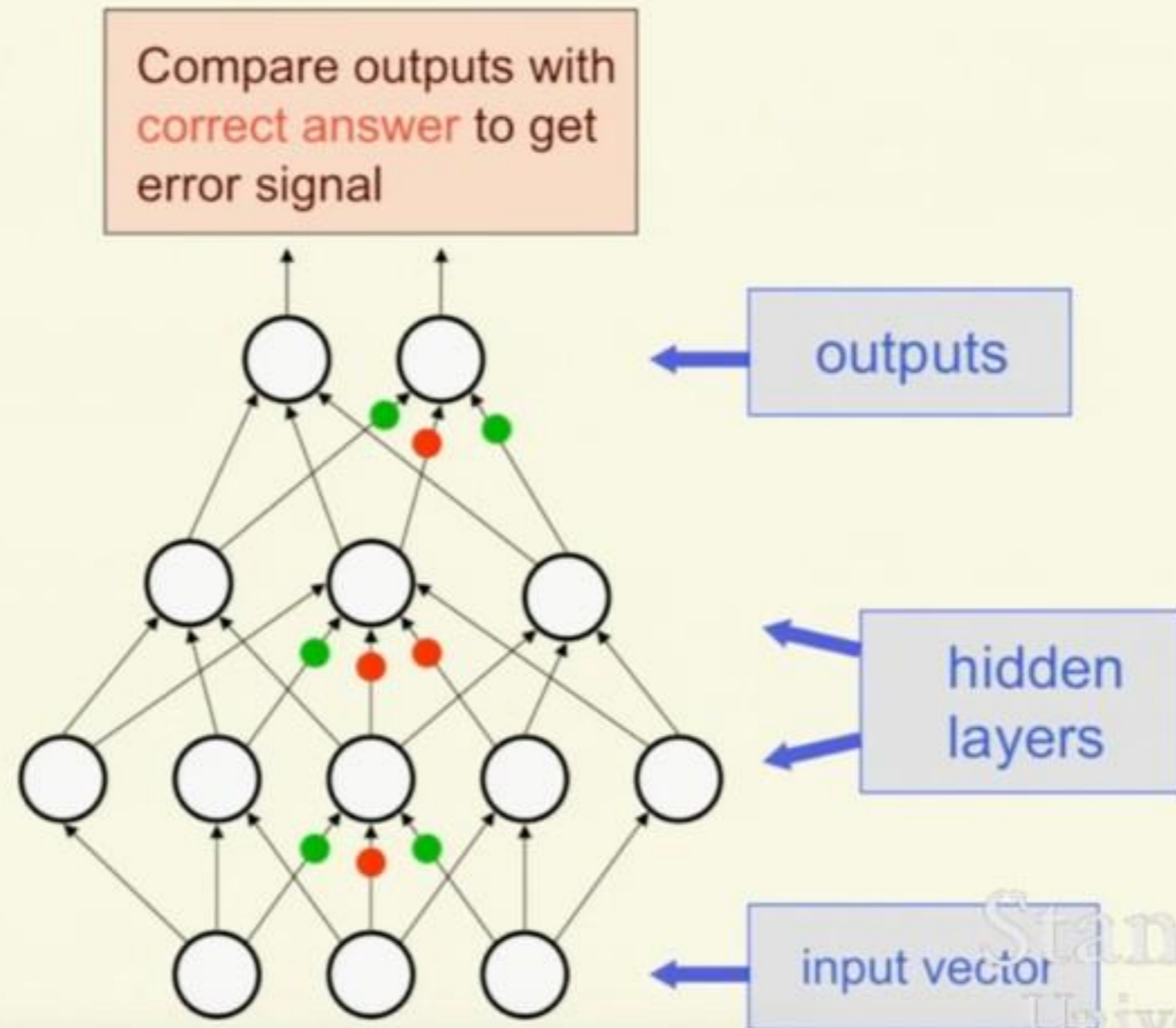
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From Geoff Hinton seminar at Stanford

Stanford Seminar - Geoffrey Hinton of Google & University of Toronto

## How to learn many layers of features (~1985)

Back-propagate error signal to get derivatives for learning



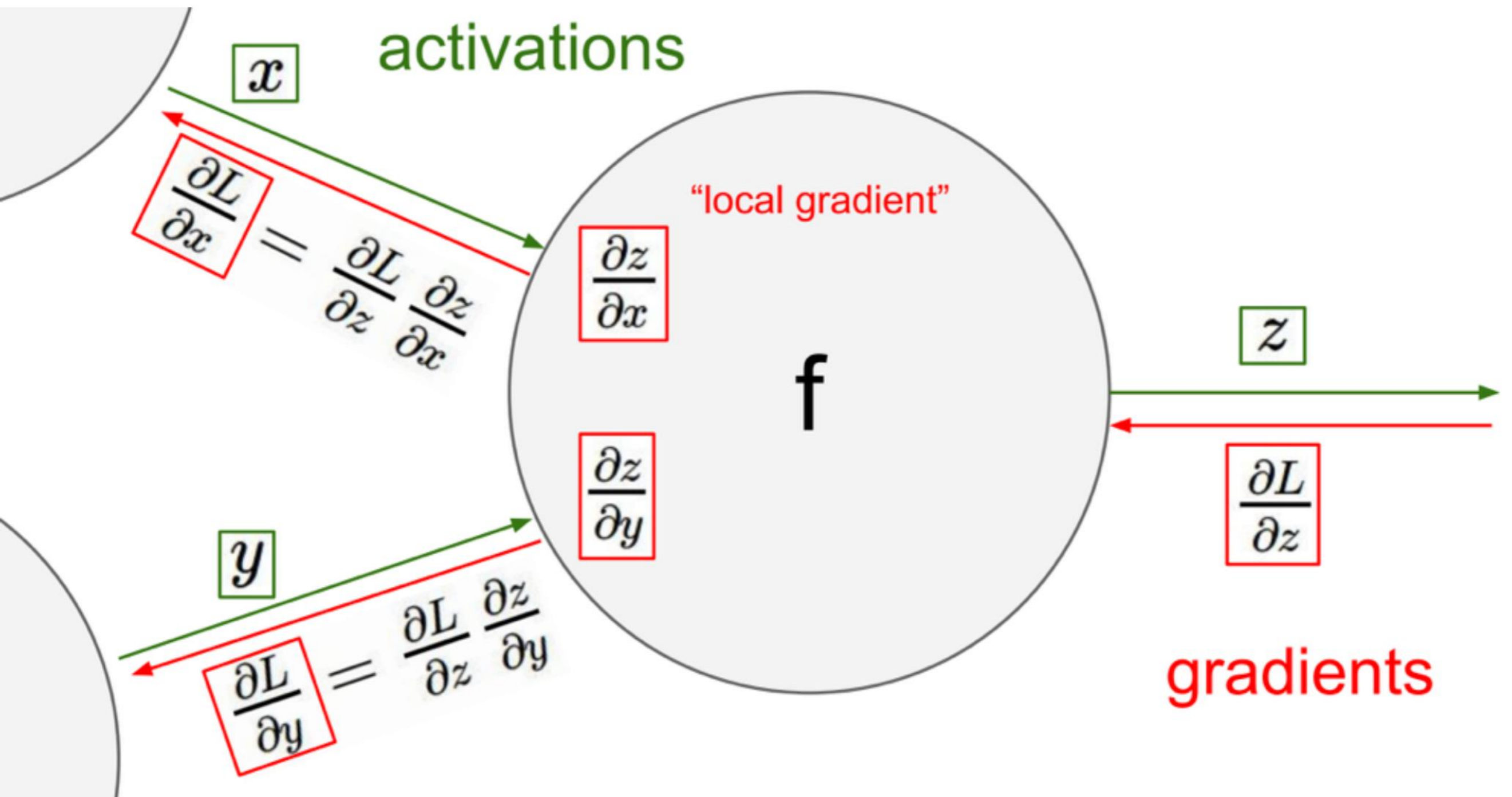
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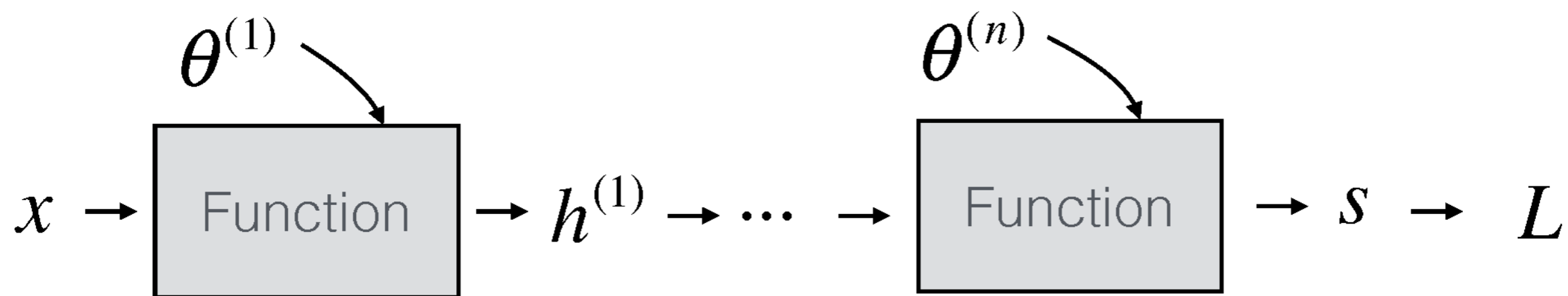
*All of the weights and biases in the network, stacked together*

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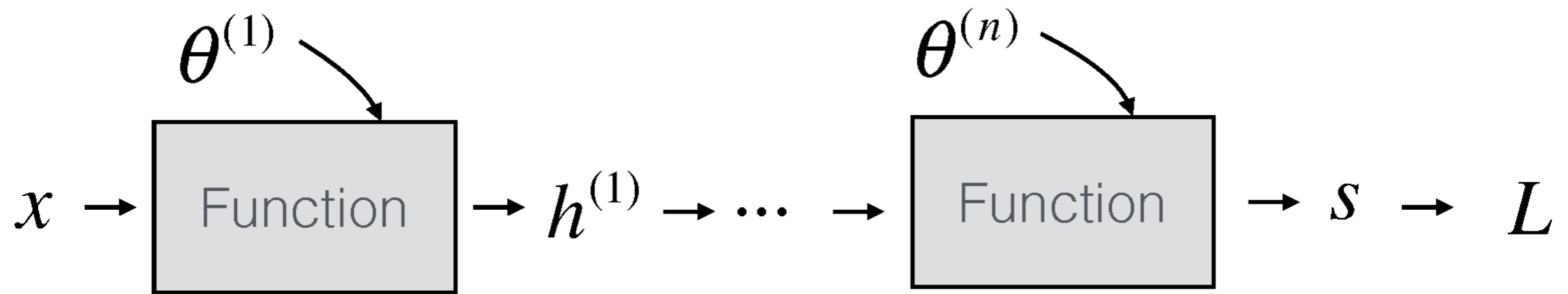
*Intuition: "How fast would the error change if I change myself by a little bit"*



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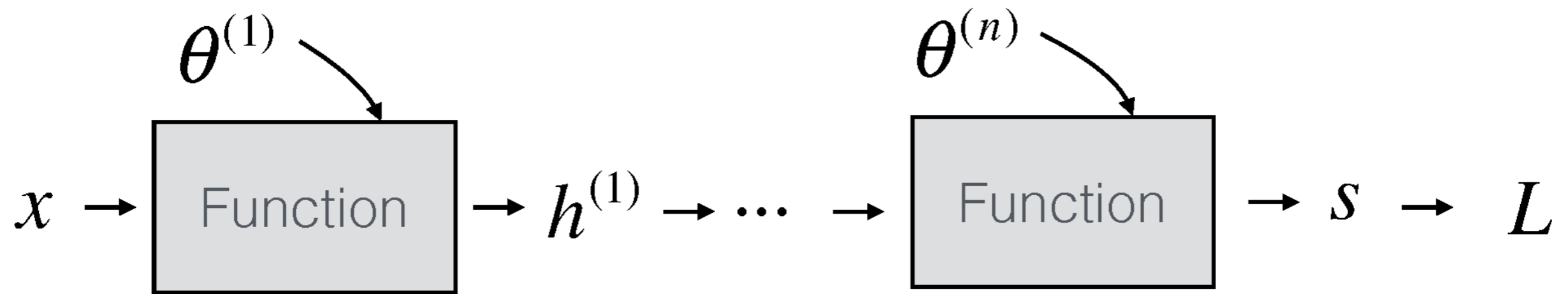
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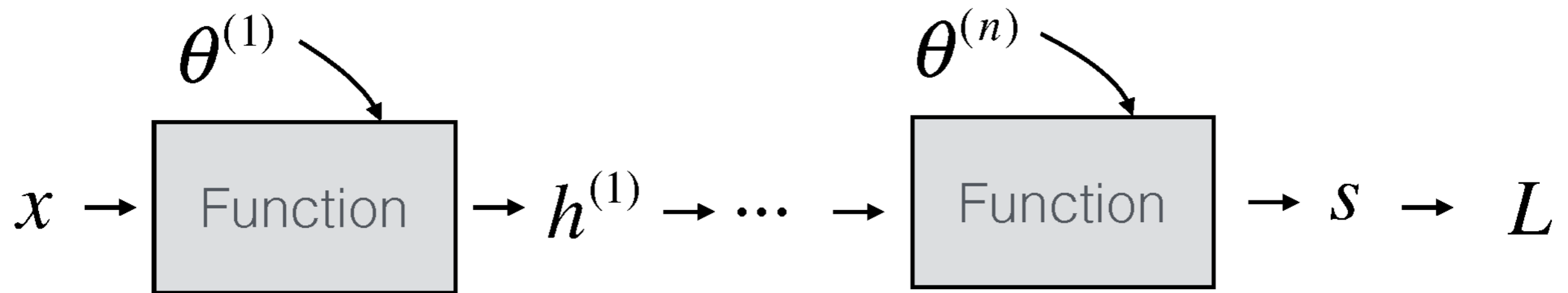
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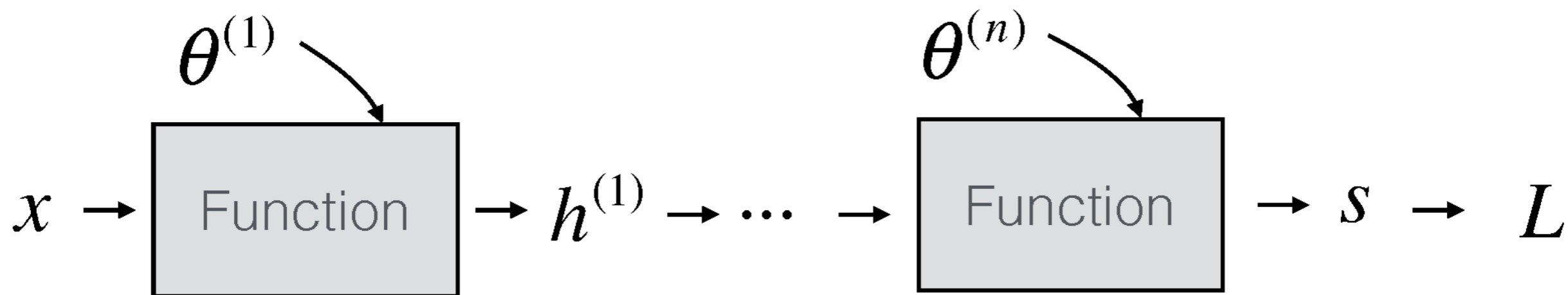
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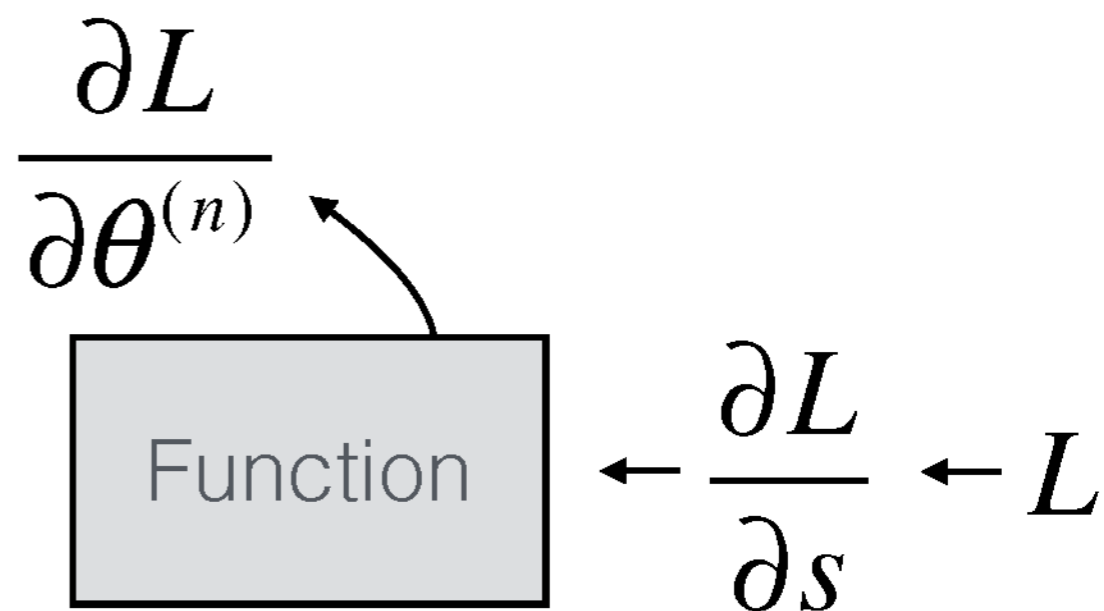
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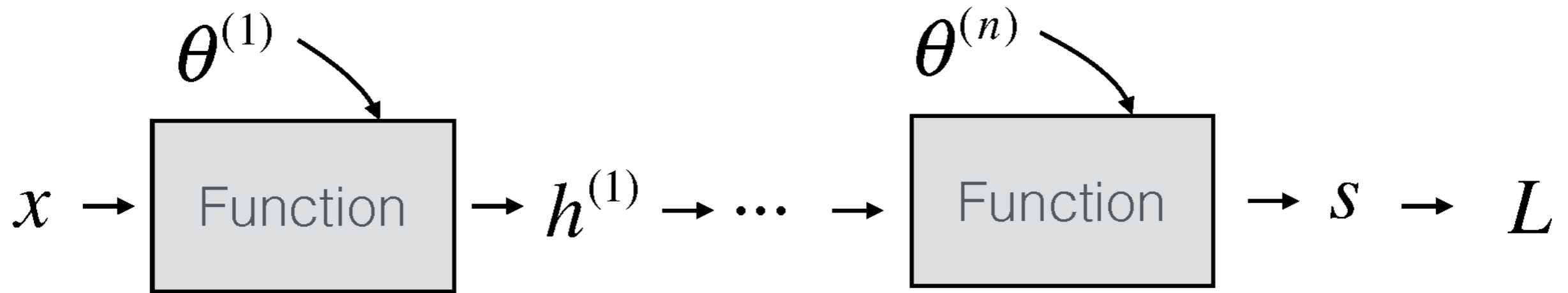
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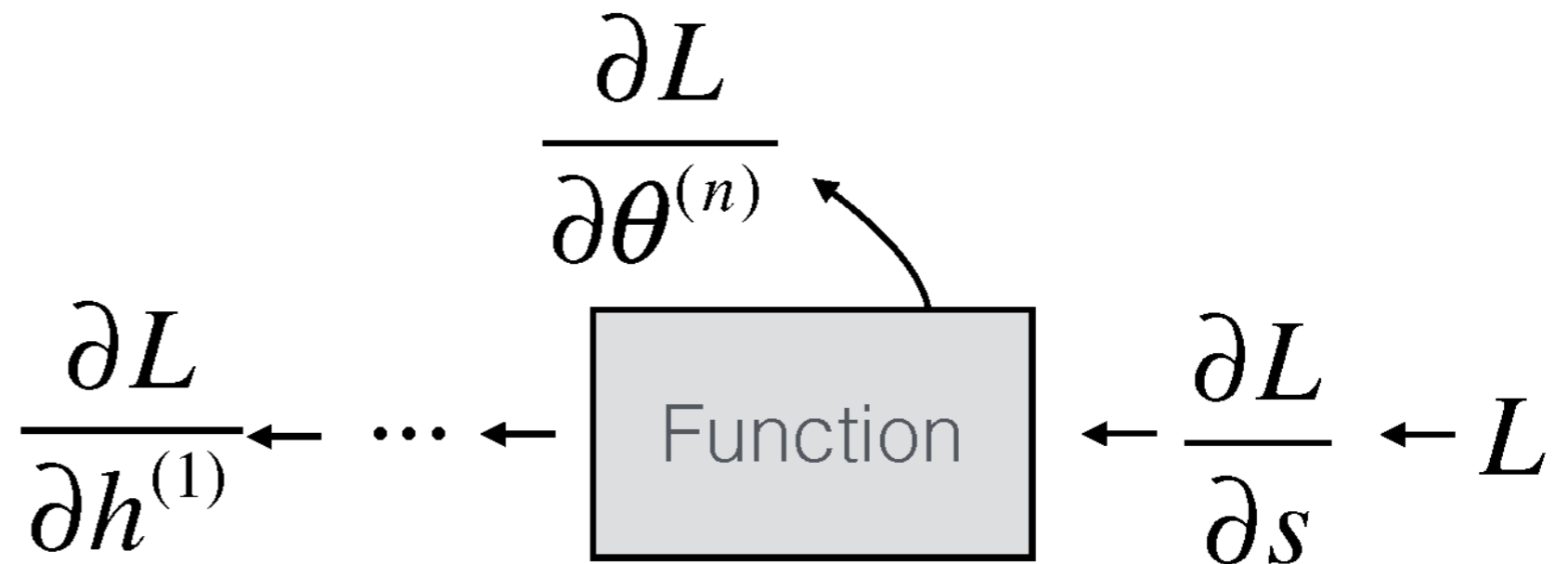
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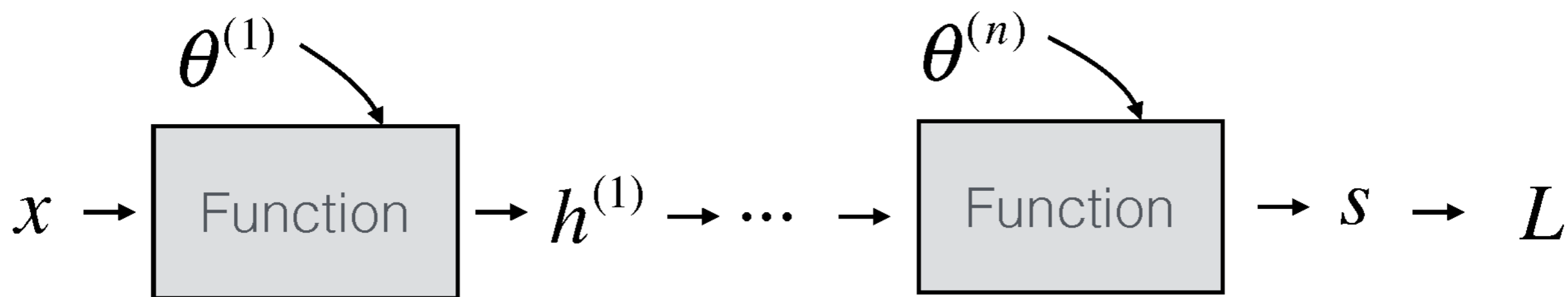
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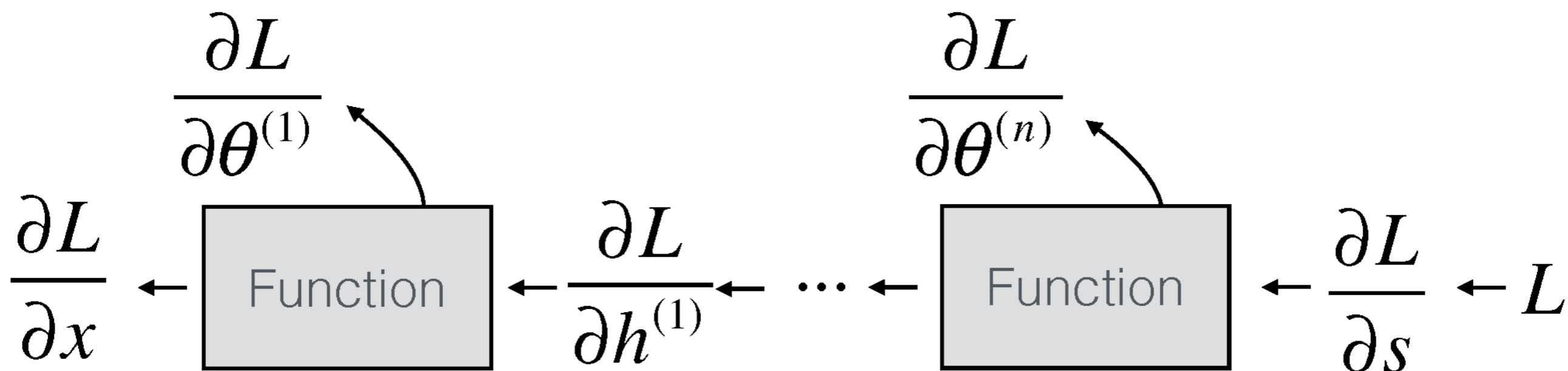
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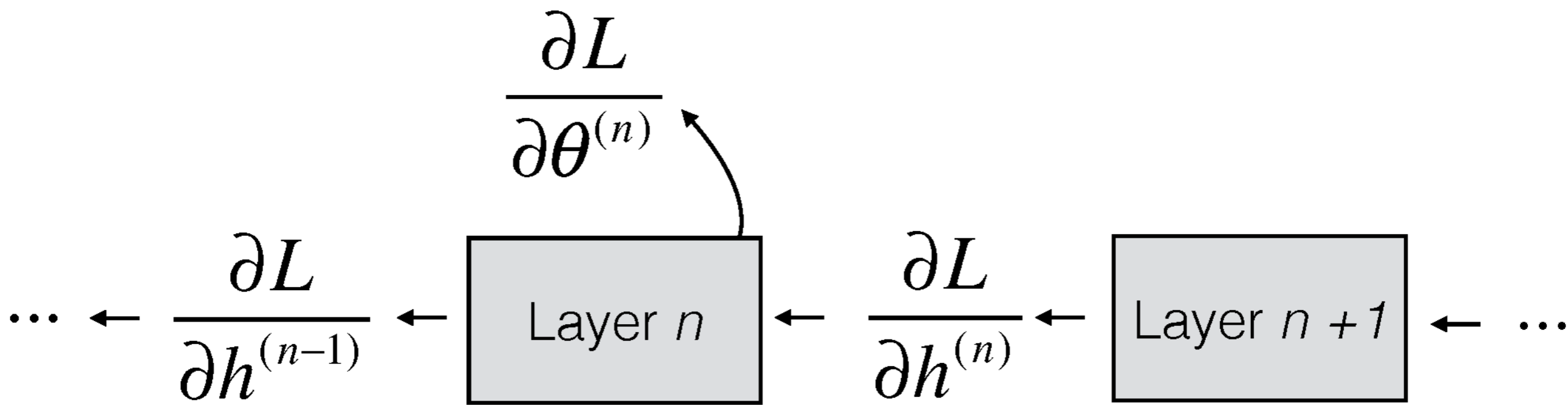
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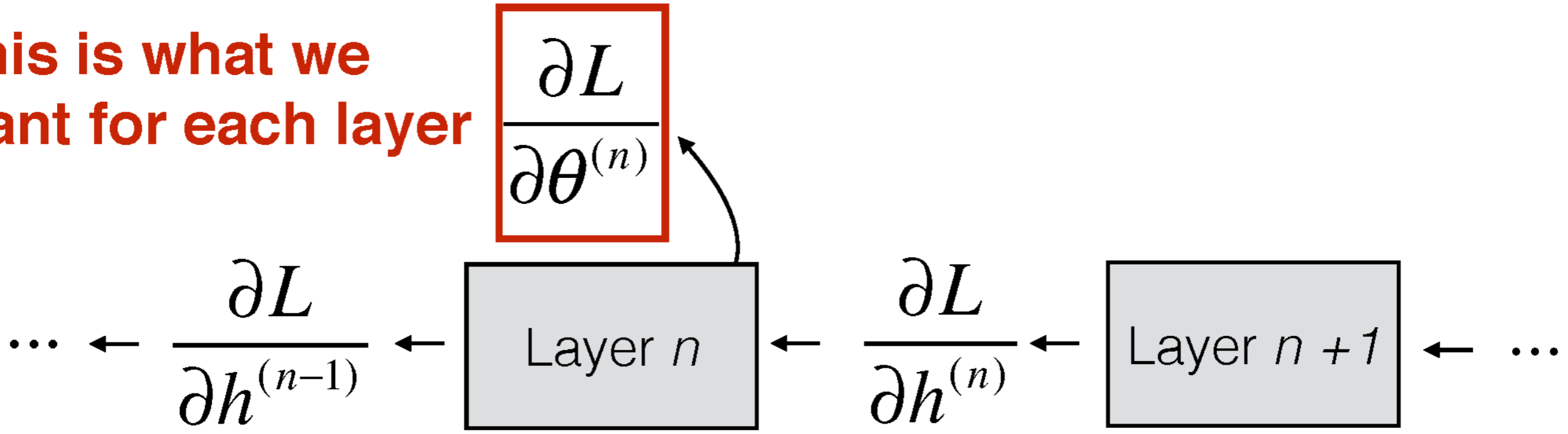
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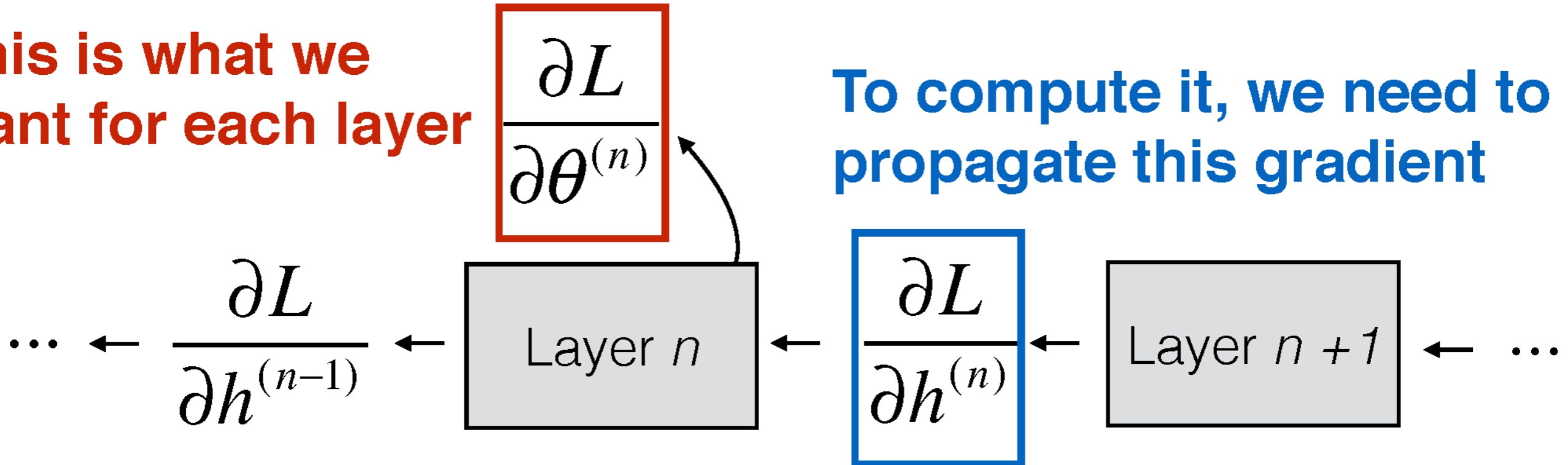
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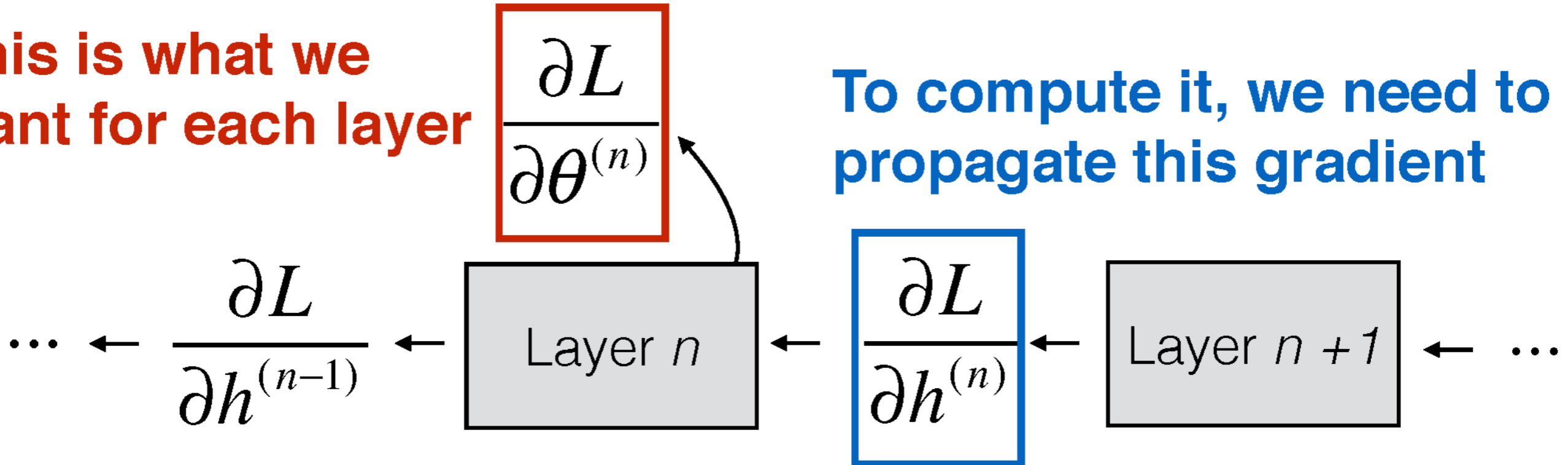
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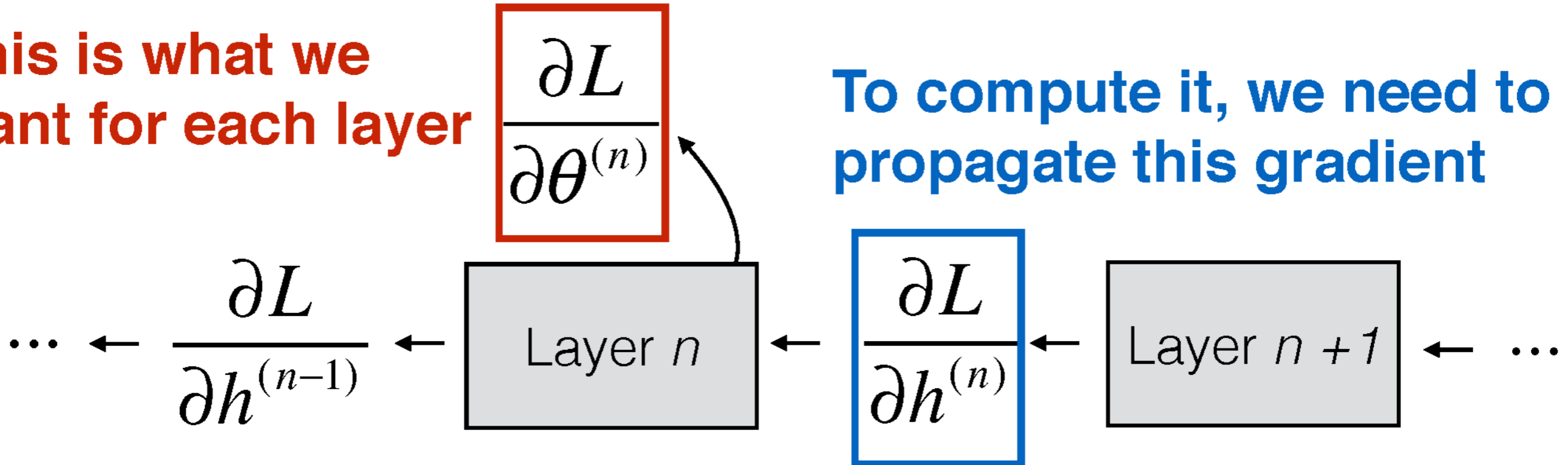
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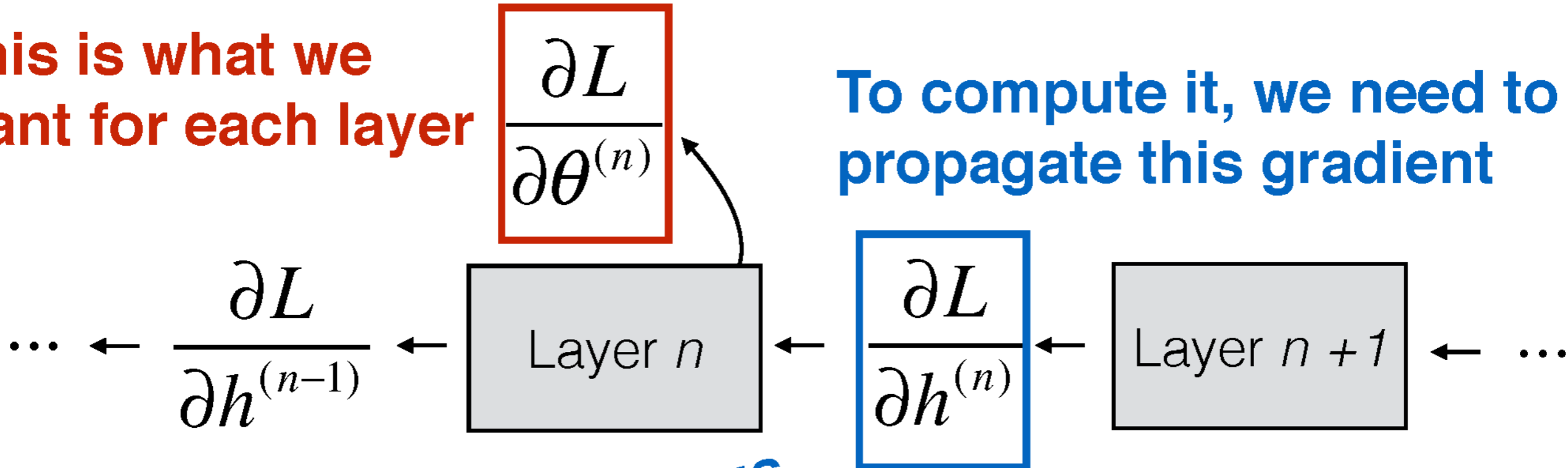
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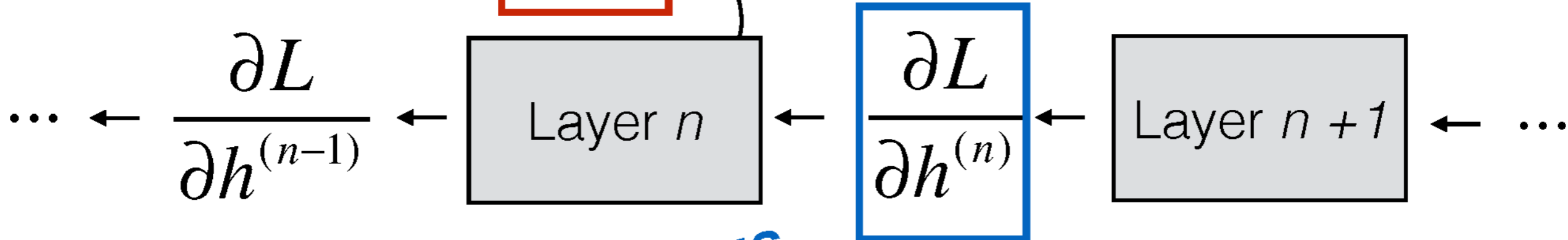
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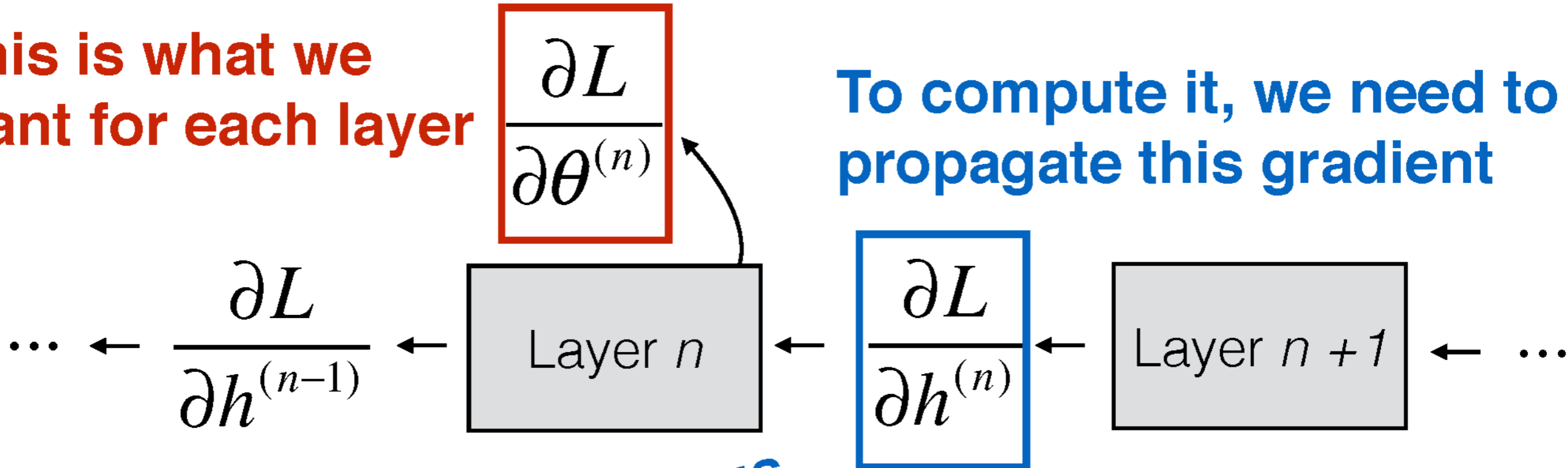
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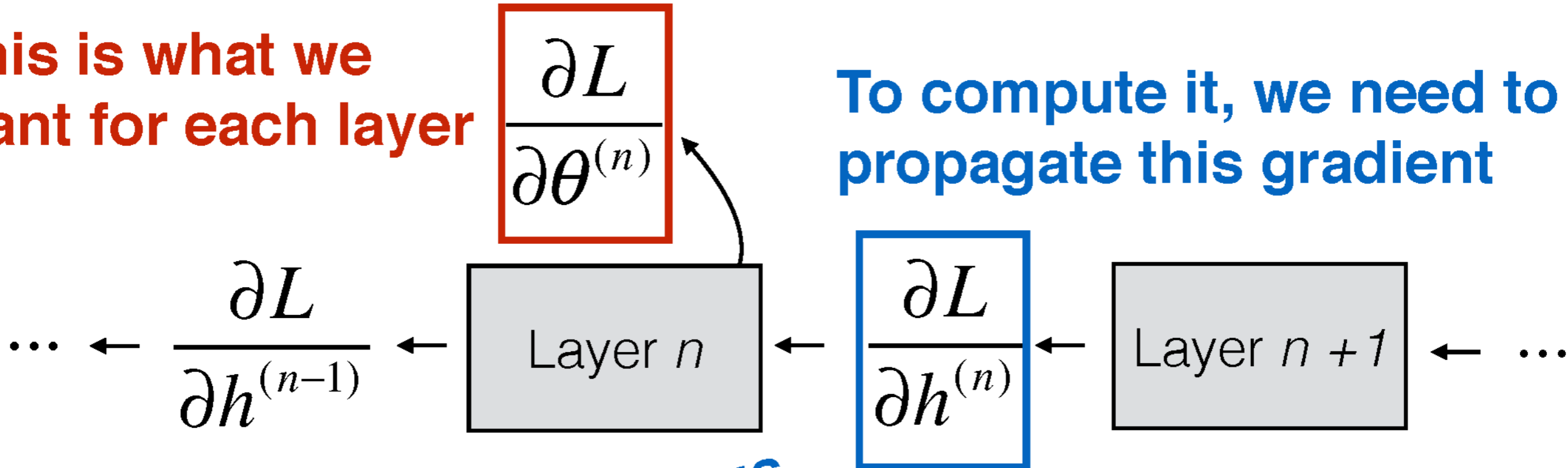
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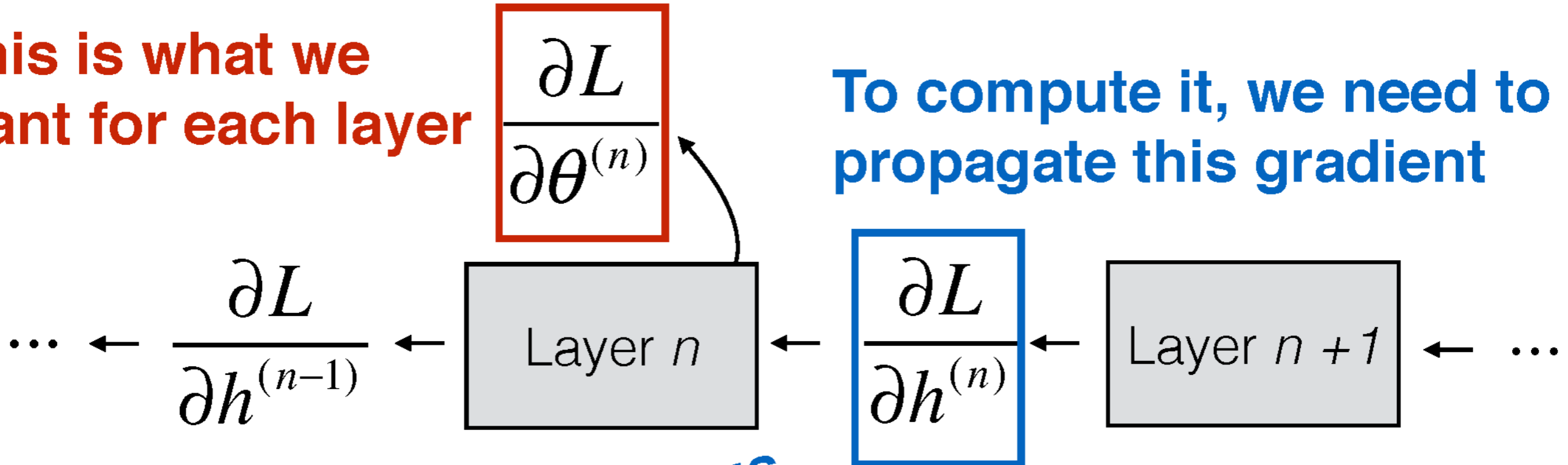
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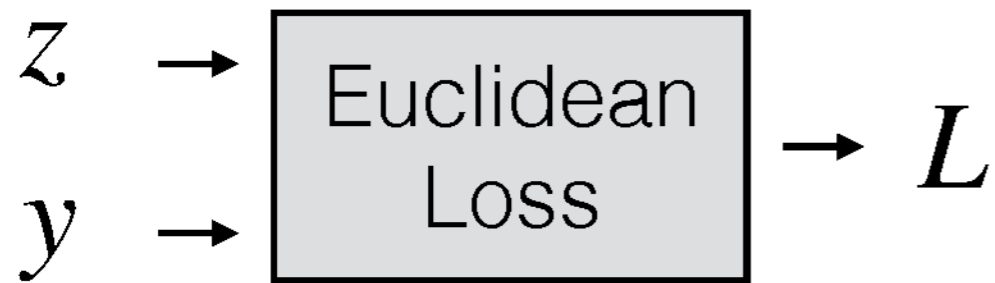
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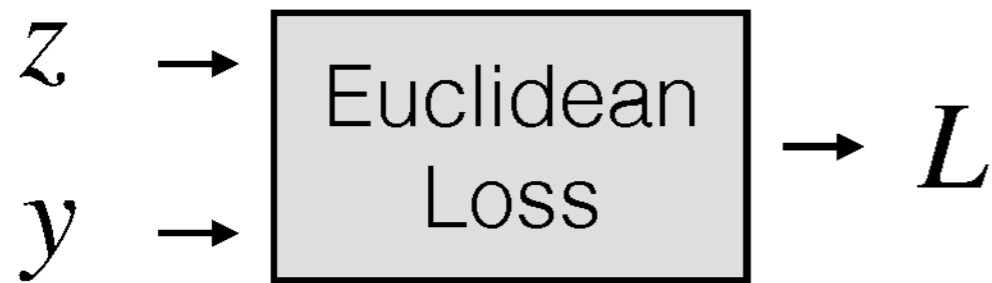
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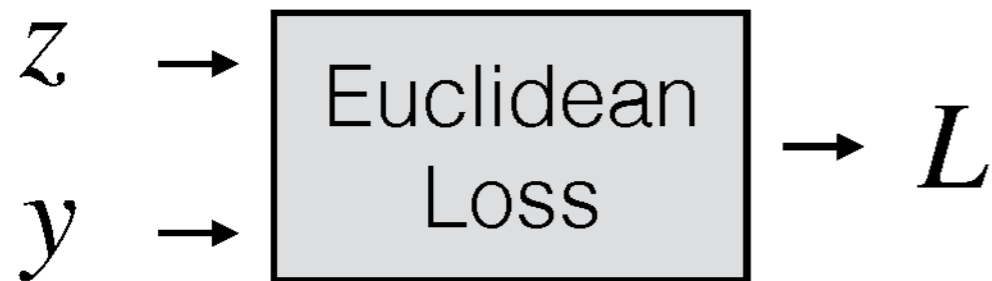
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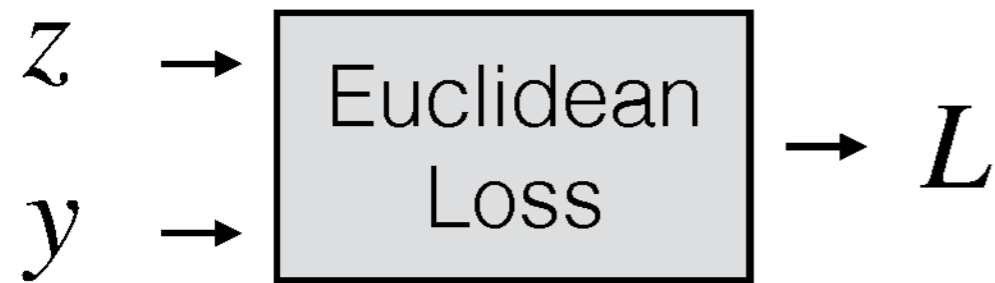


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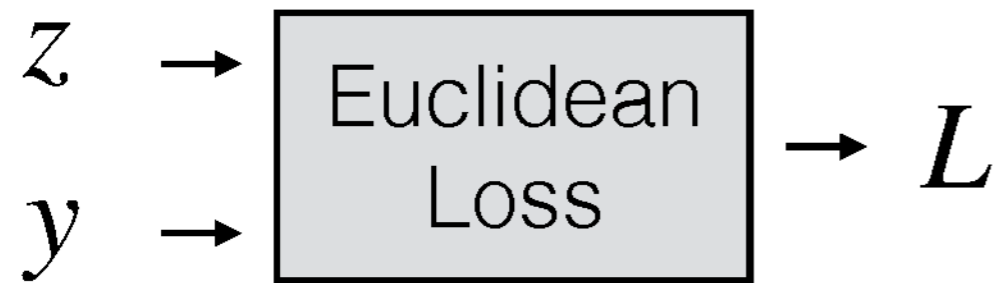
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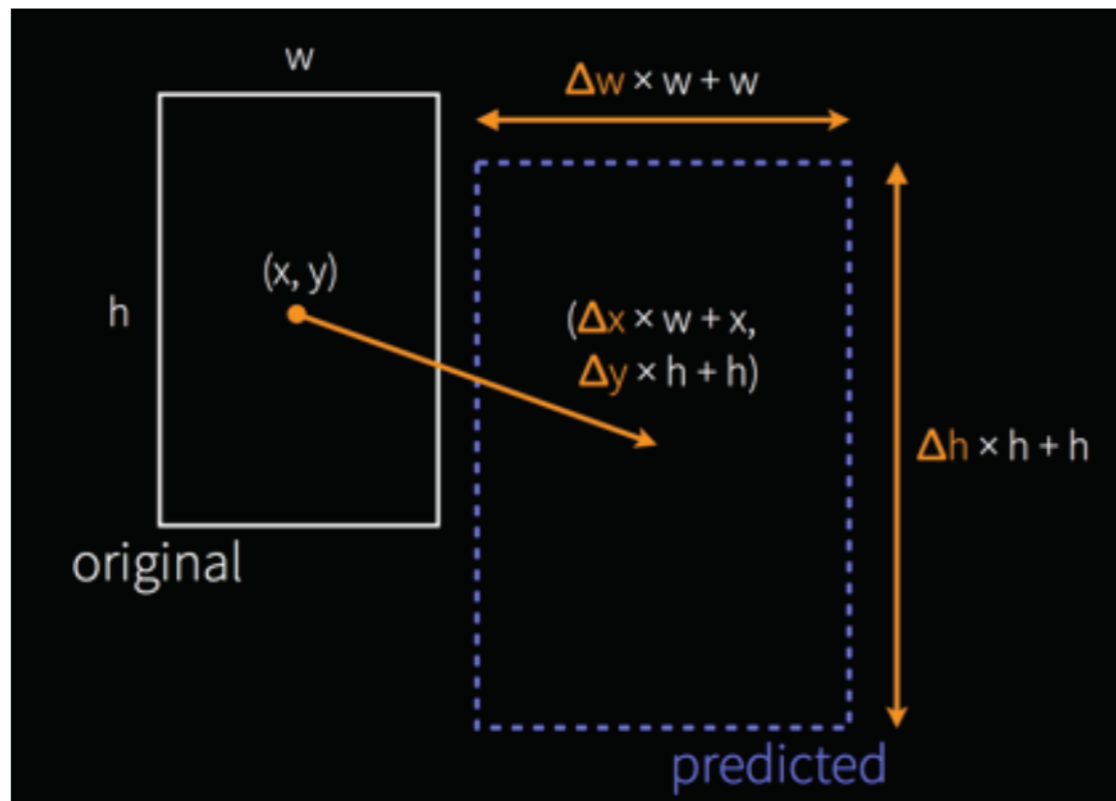
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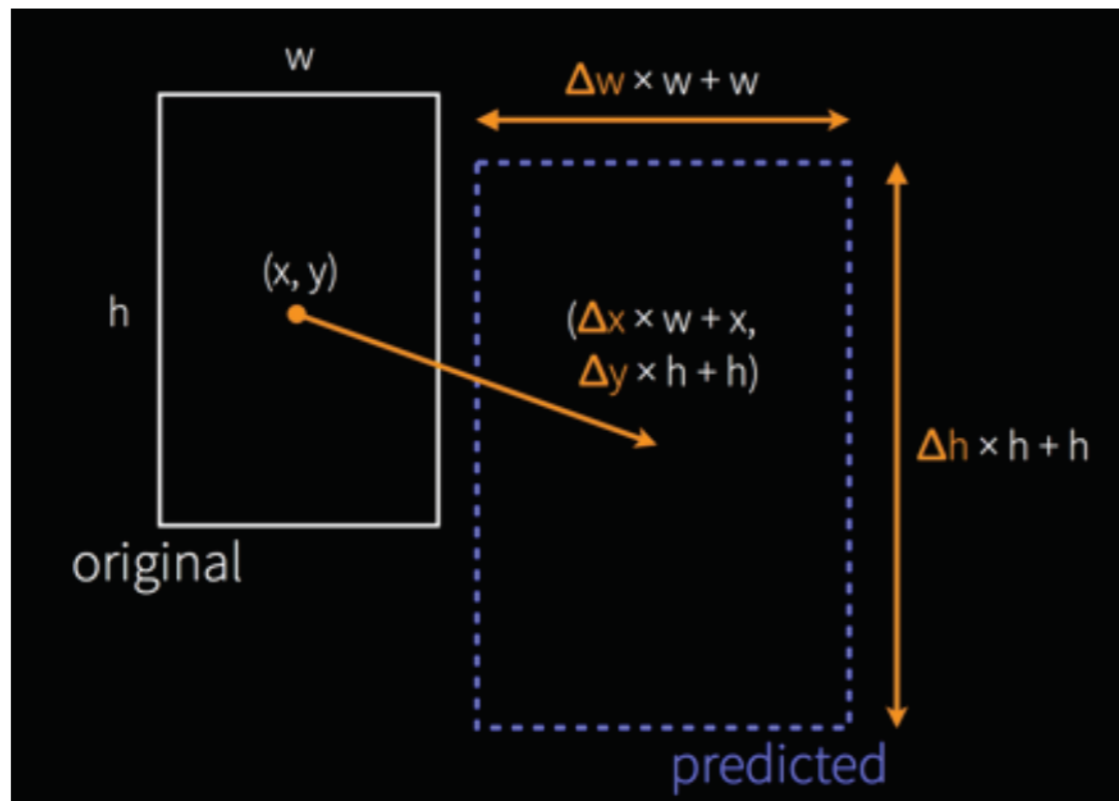


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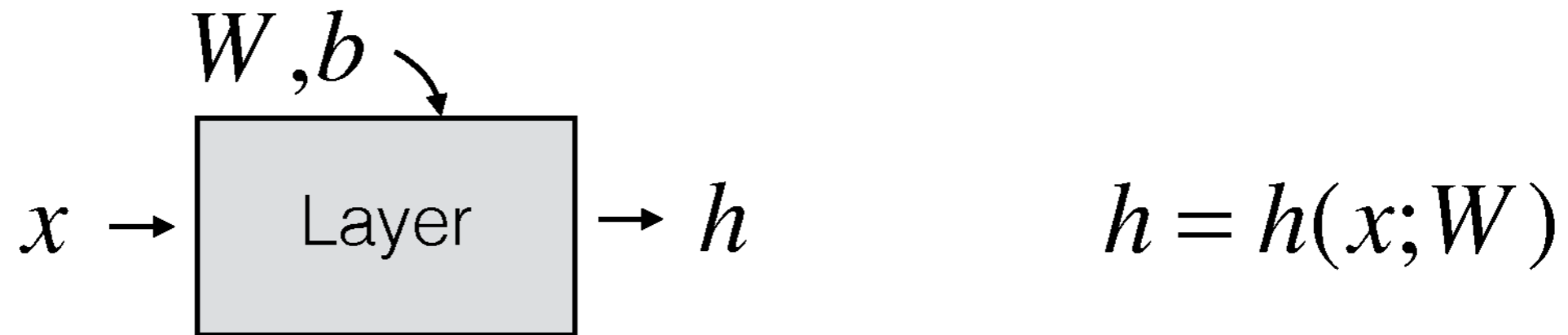
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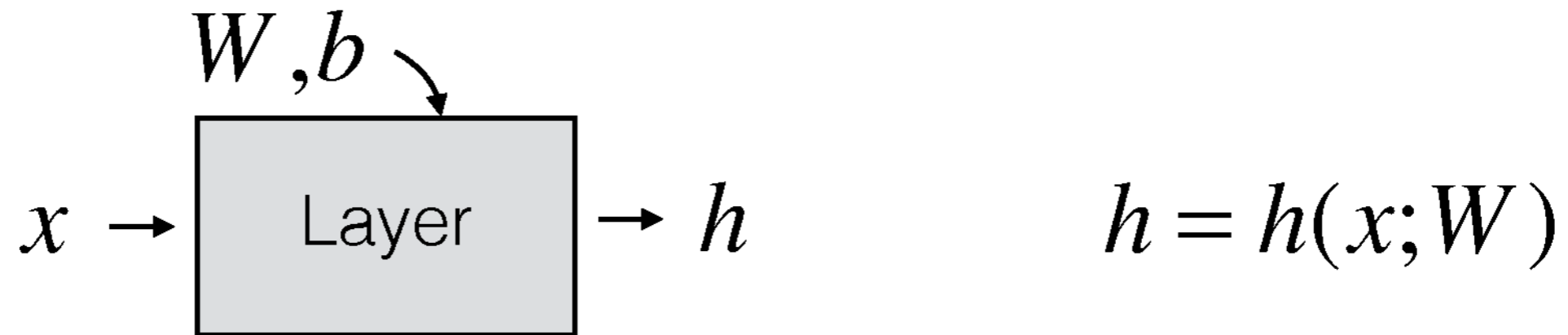
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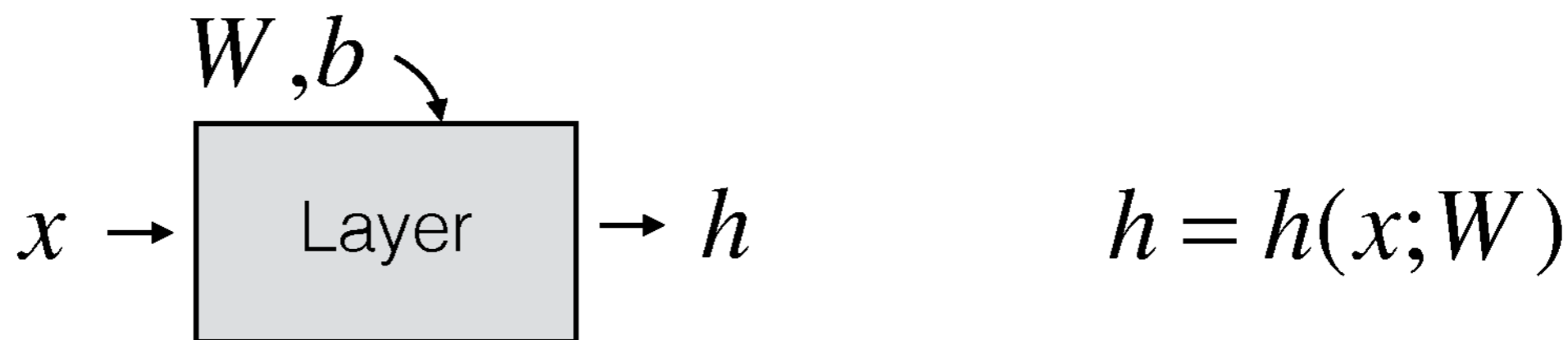


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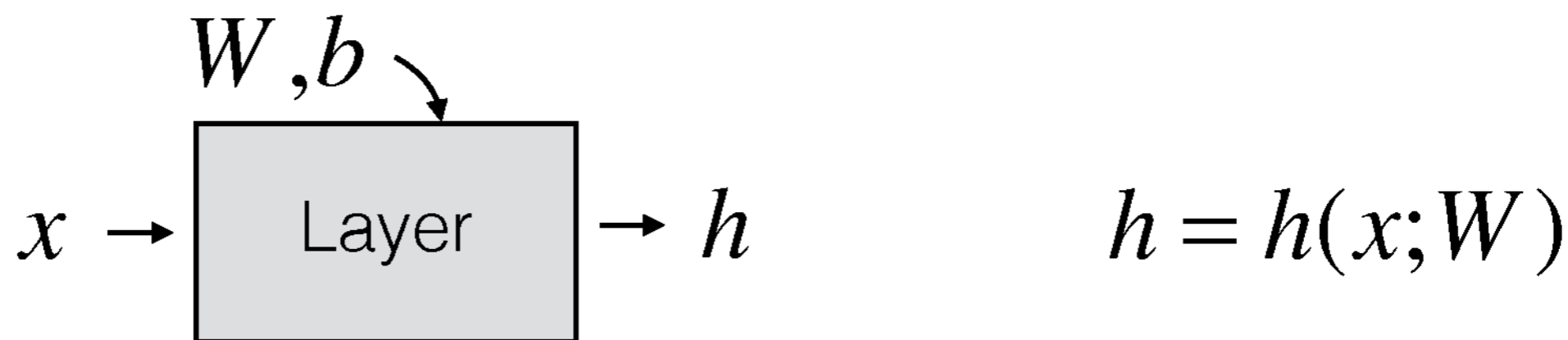
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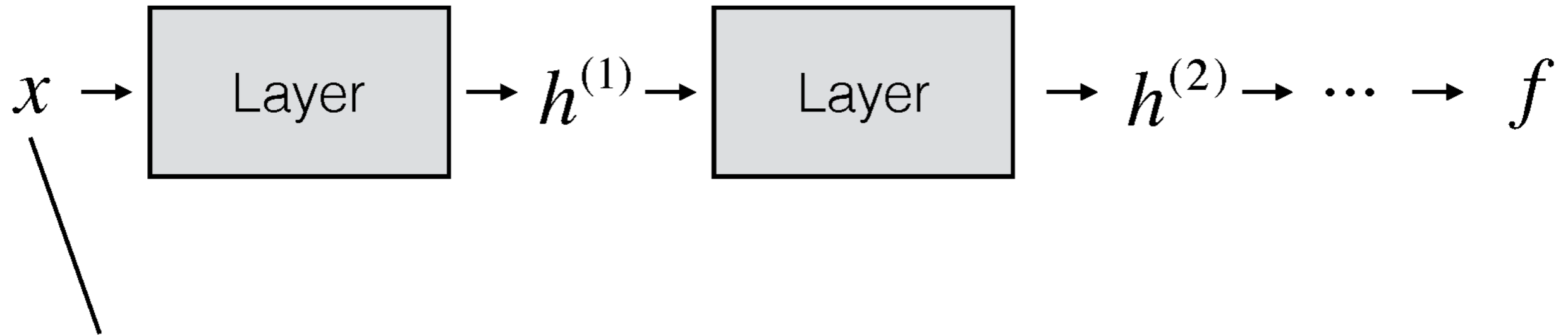
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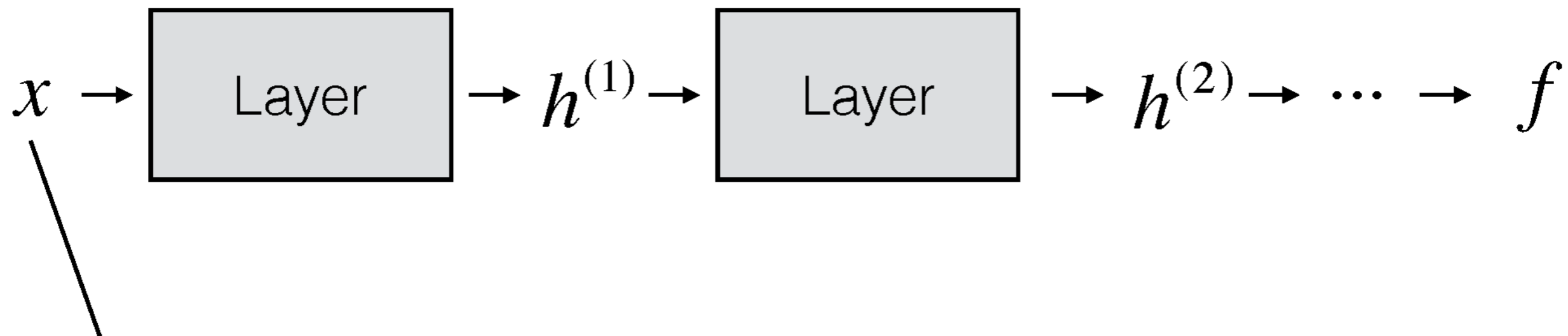
They're just neural networks with  
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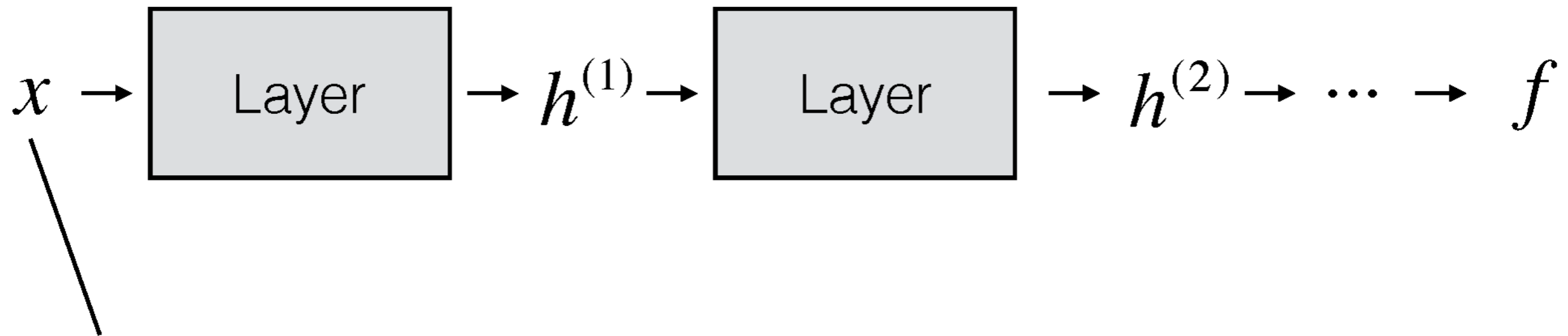
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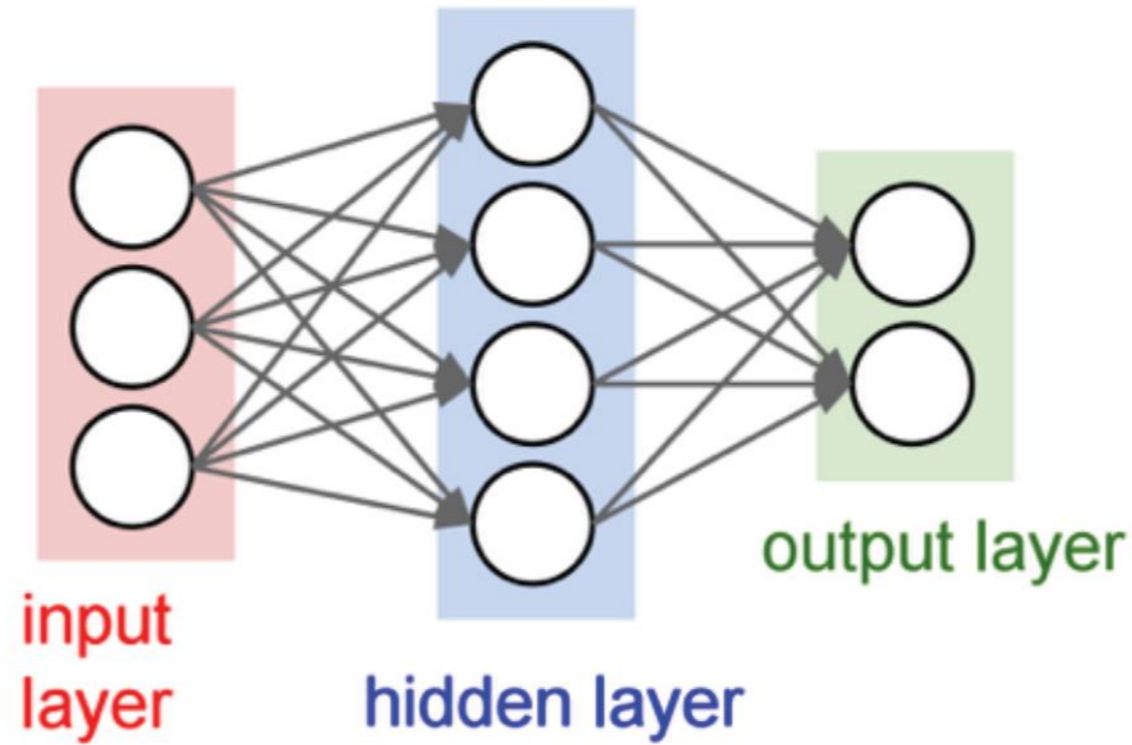


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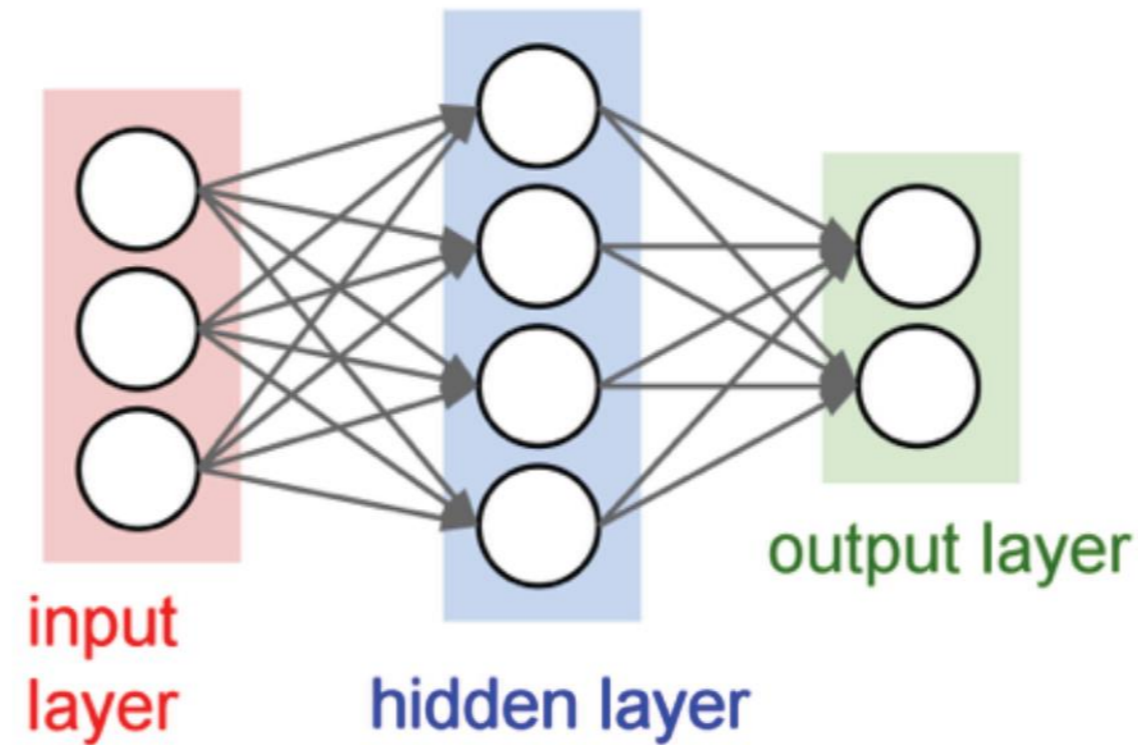
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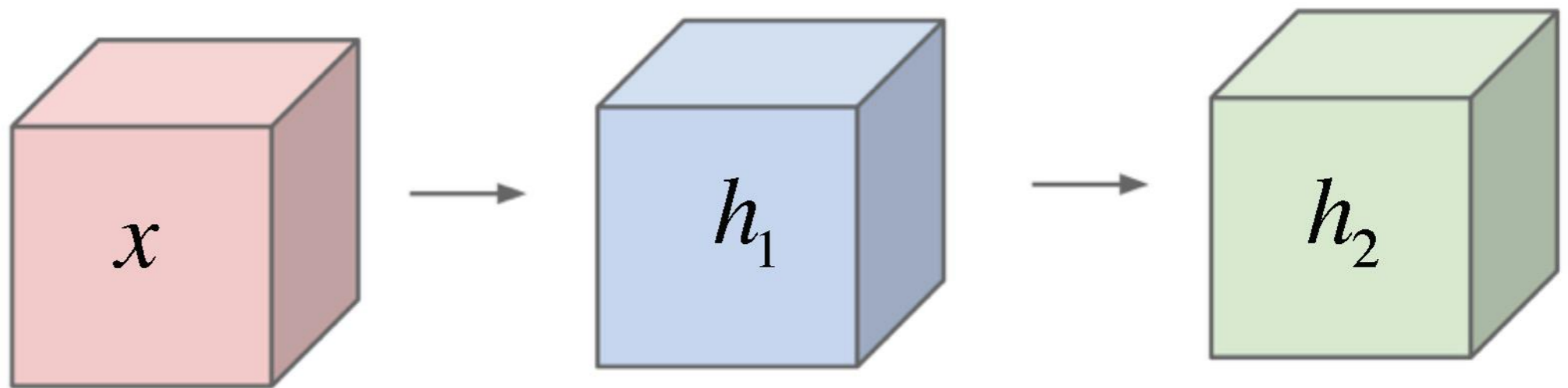
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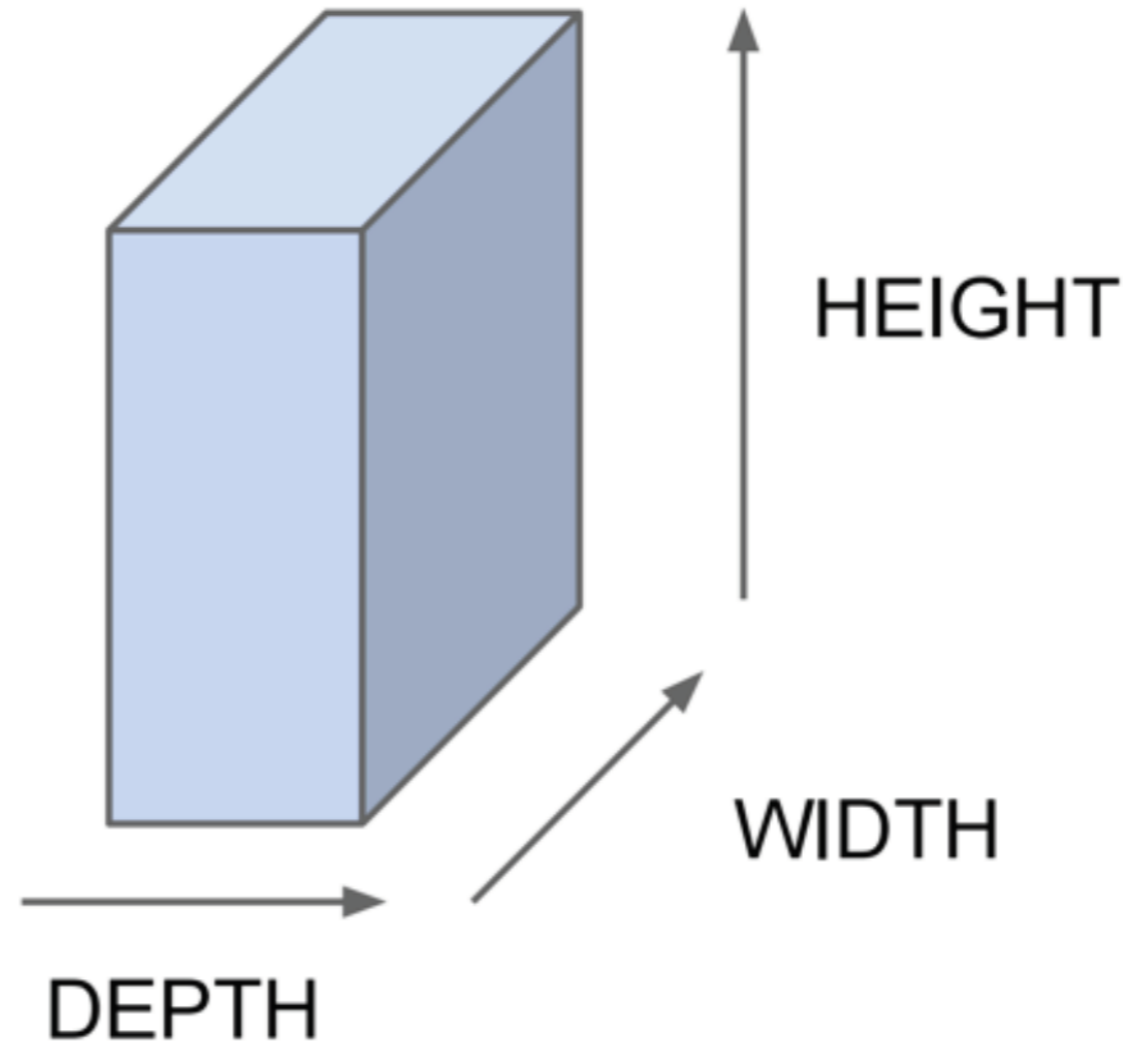
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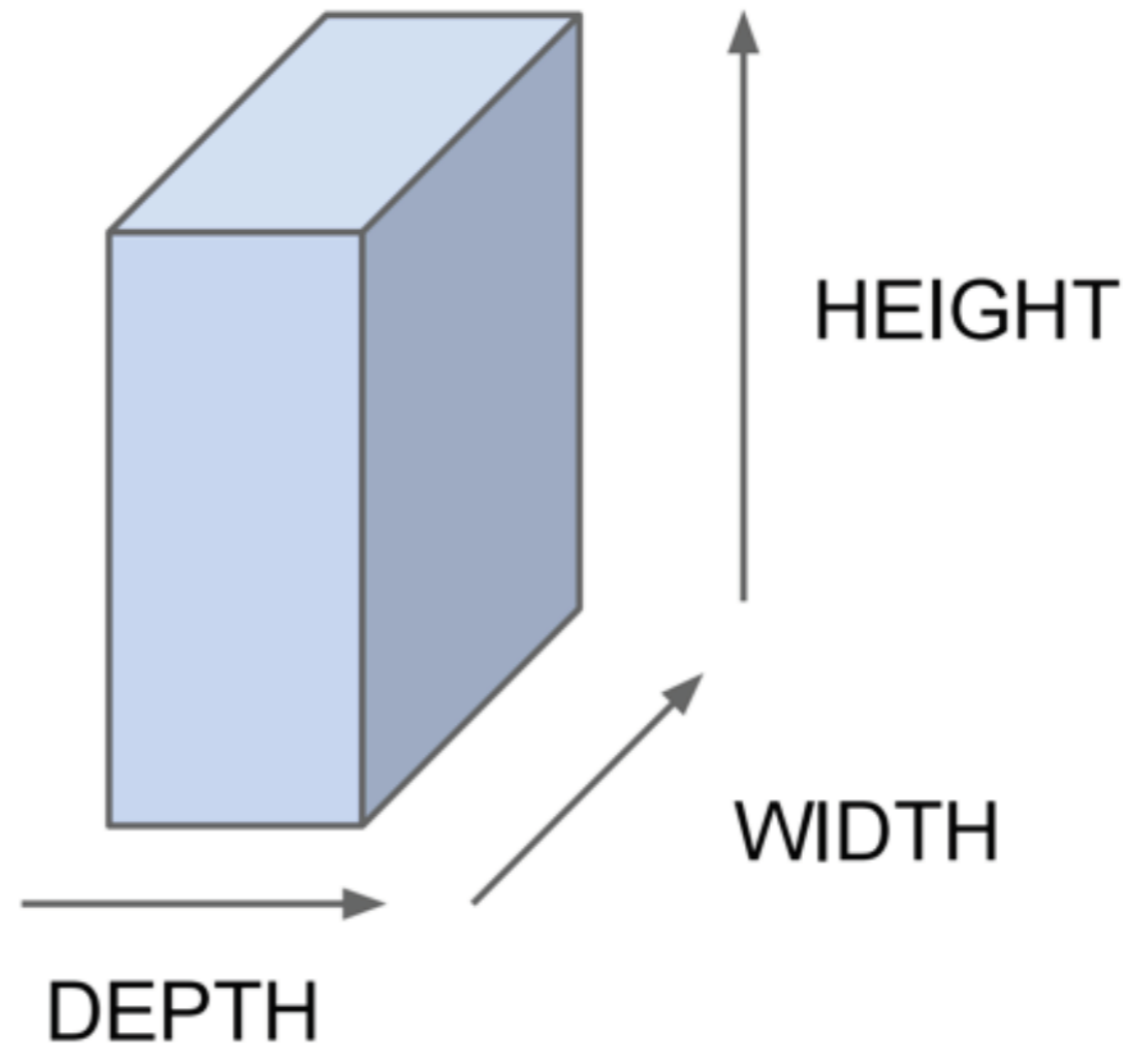
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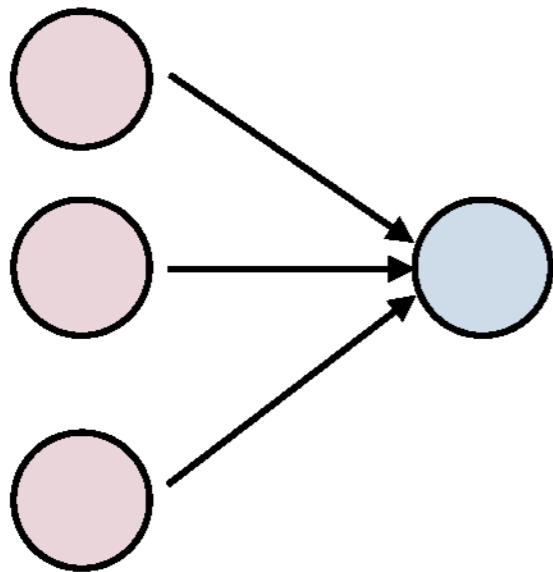
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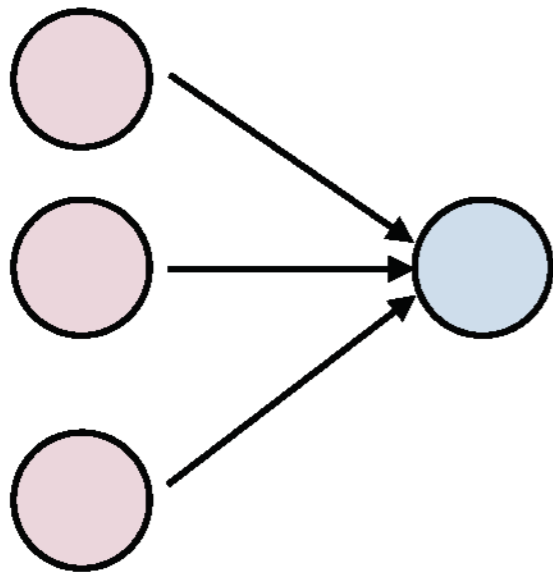
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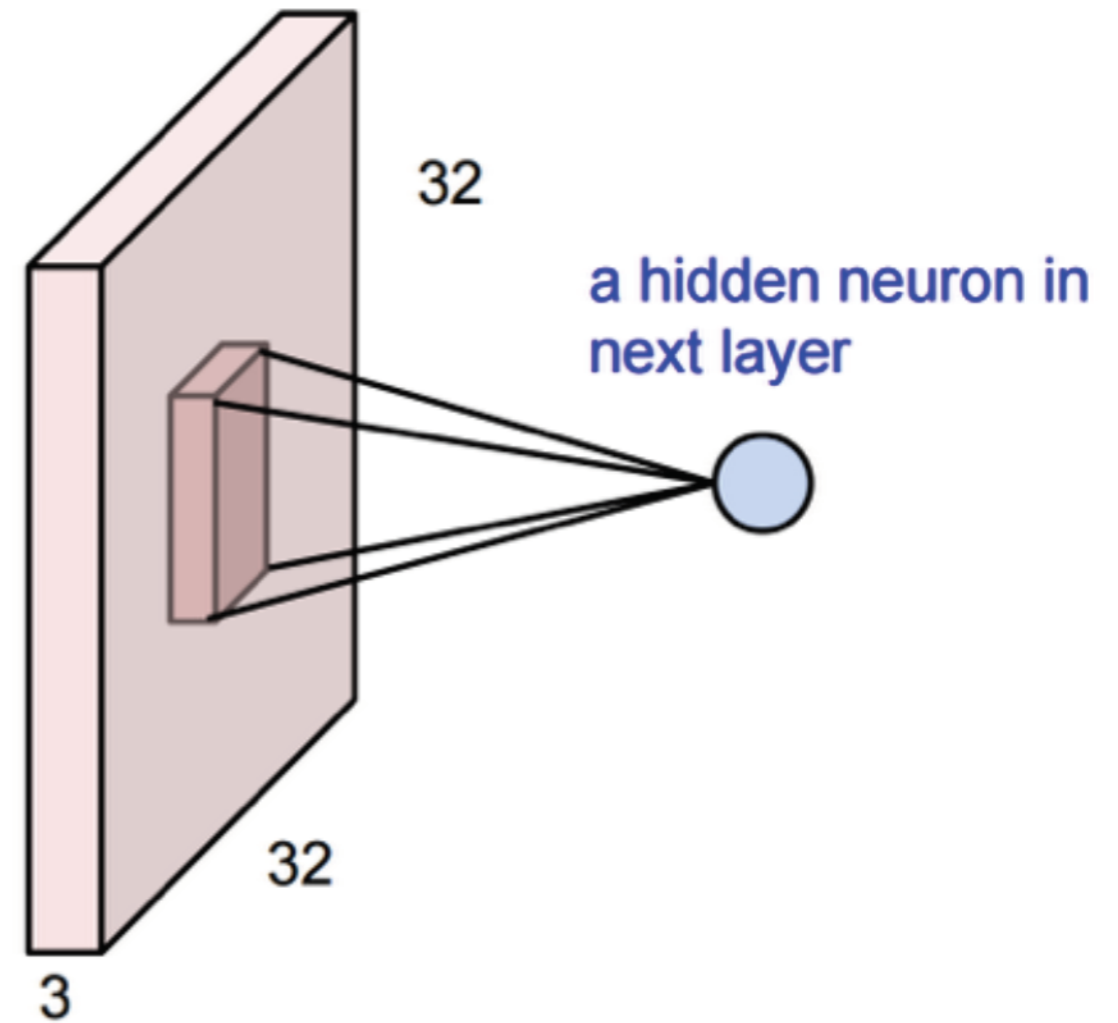


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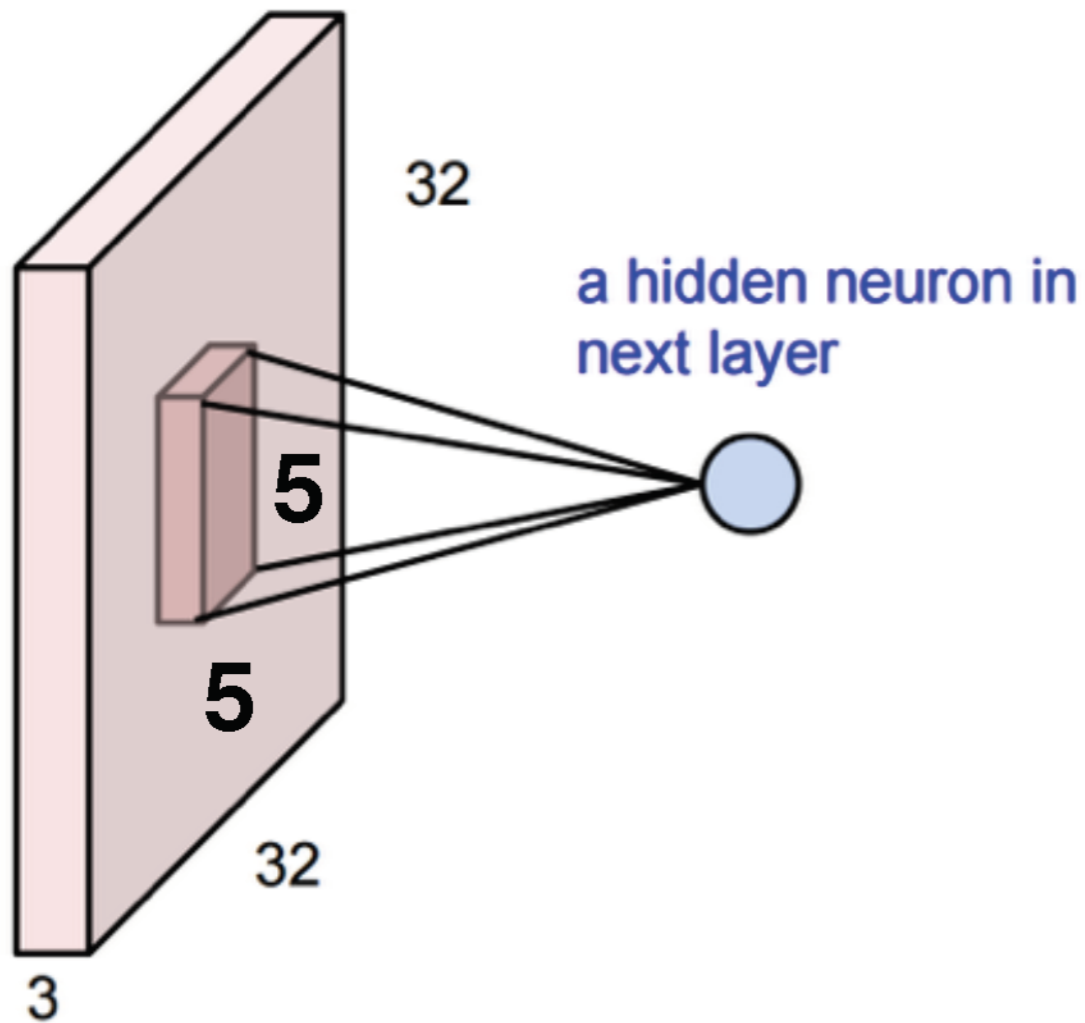
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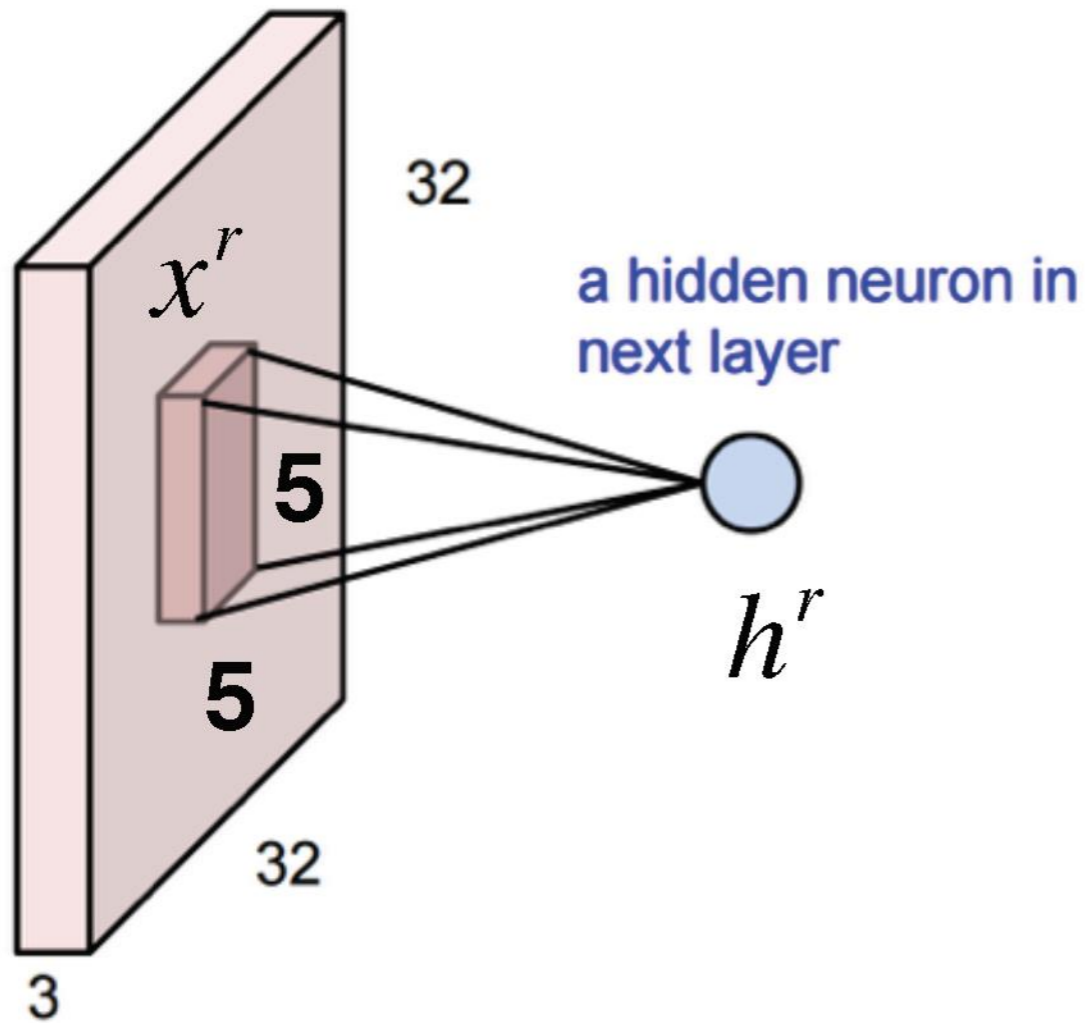


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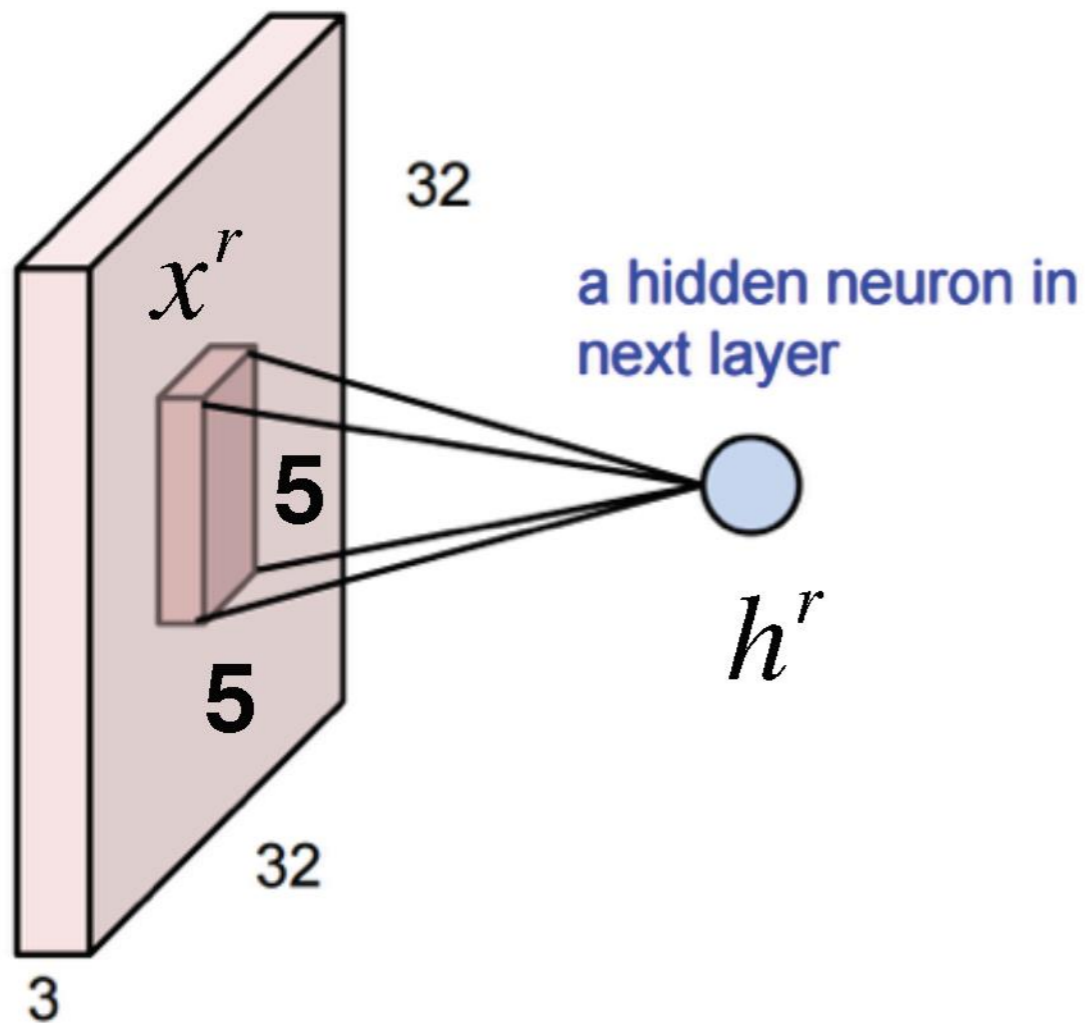


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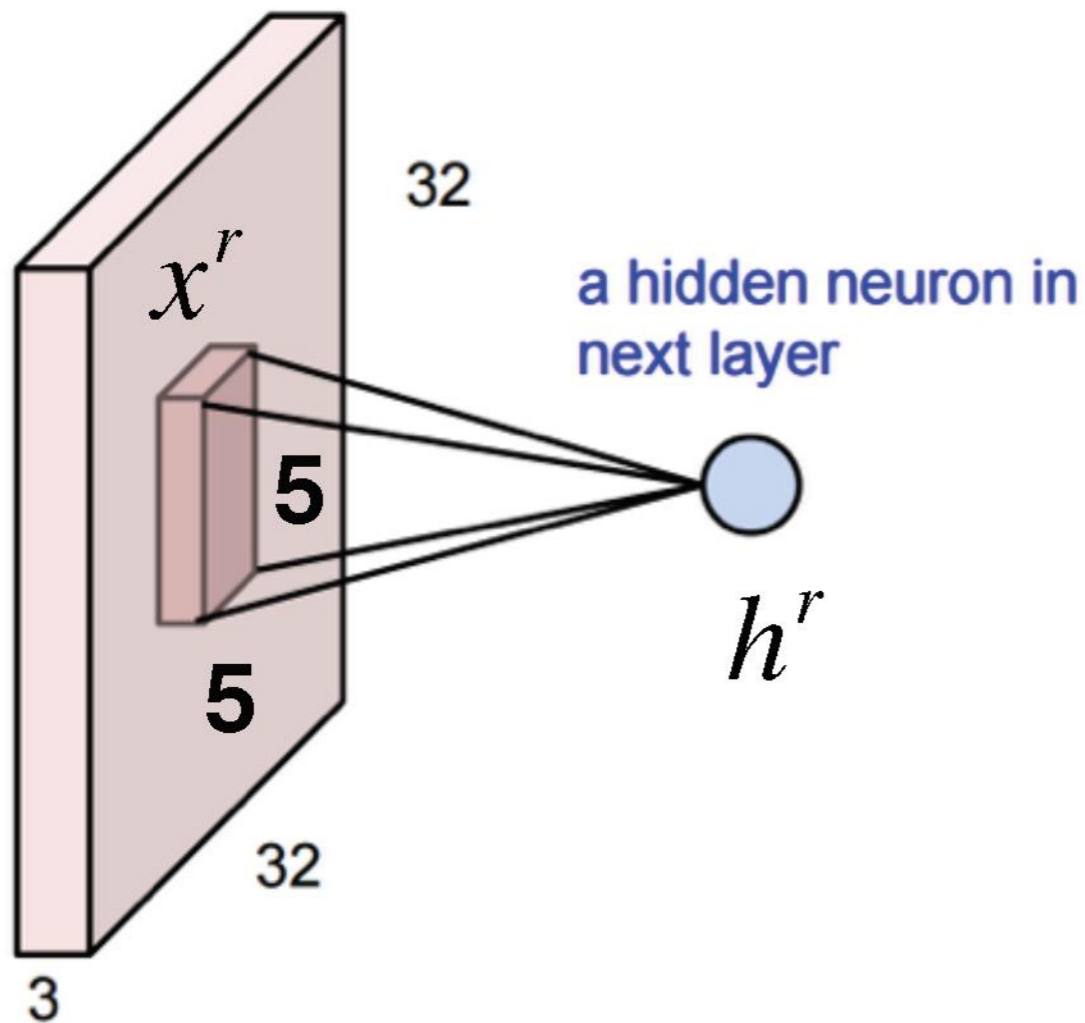
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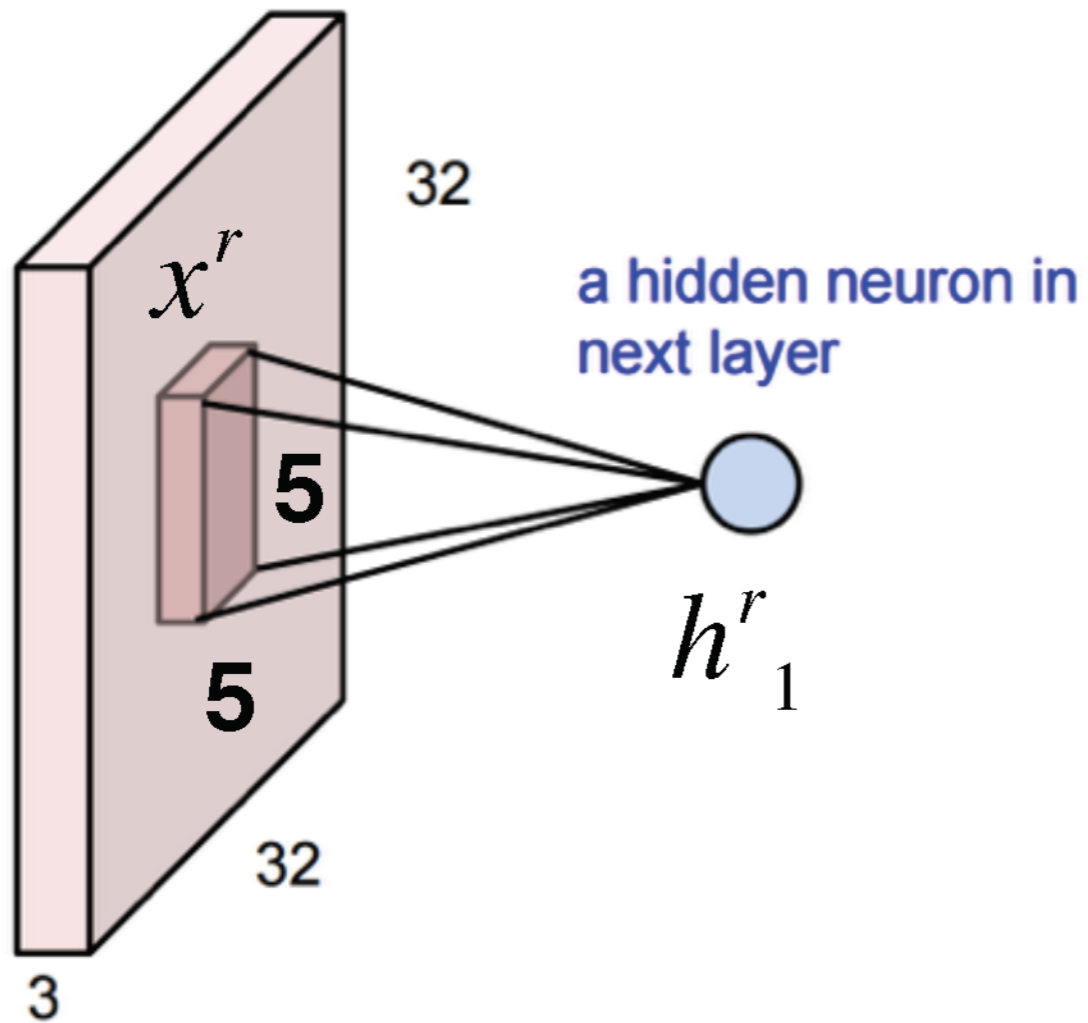
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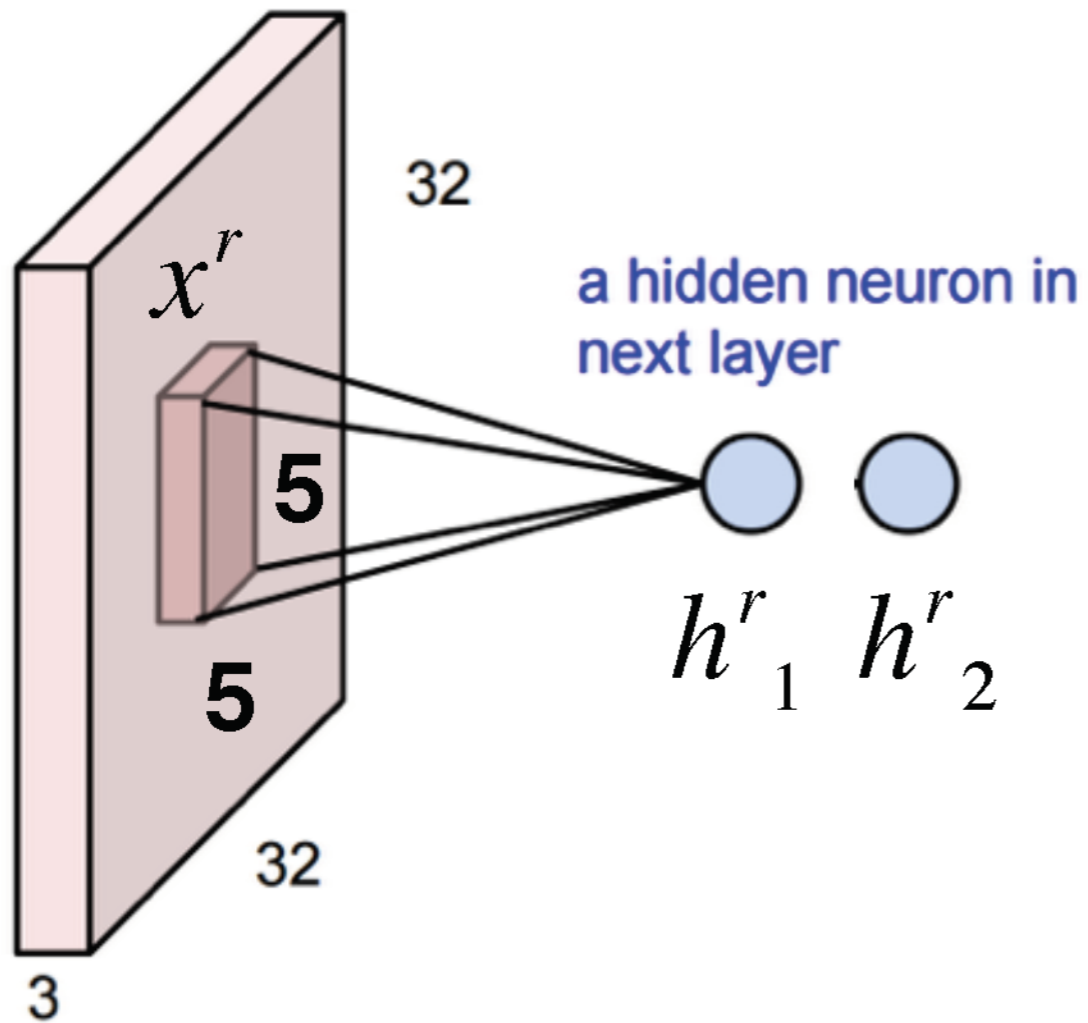
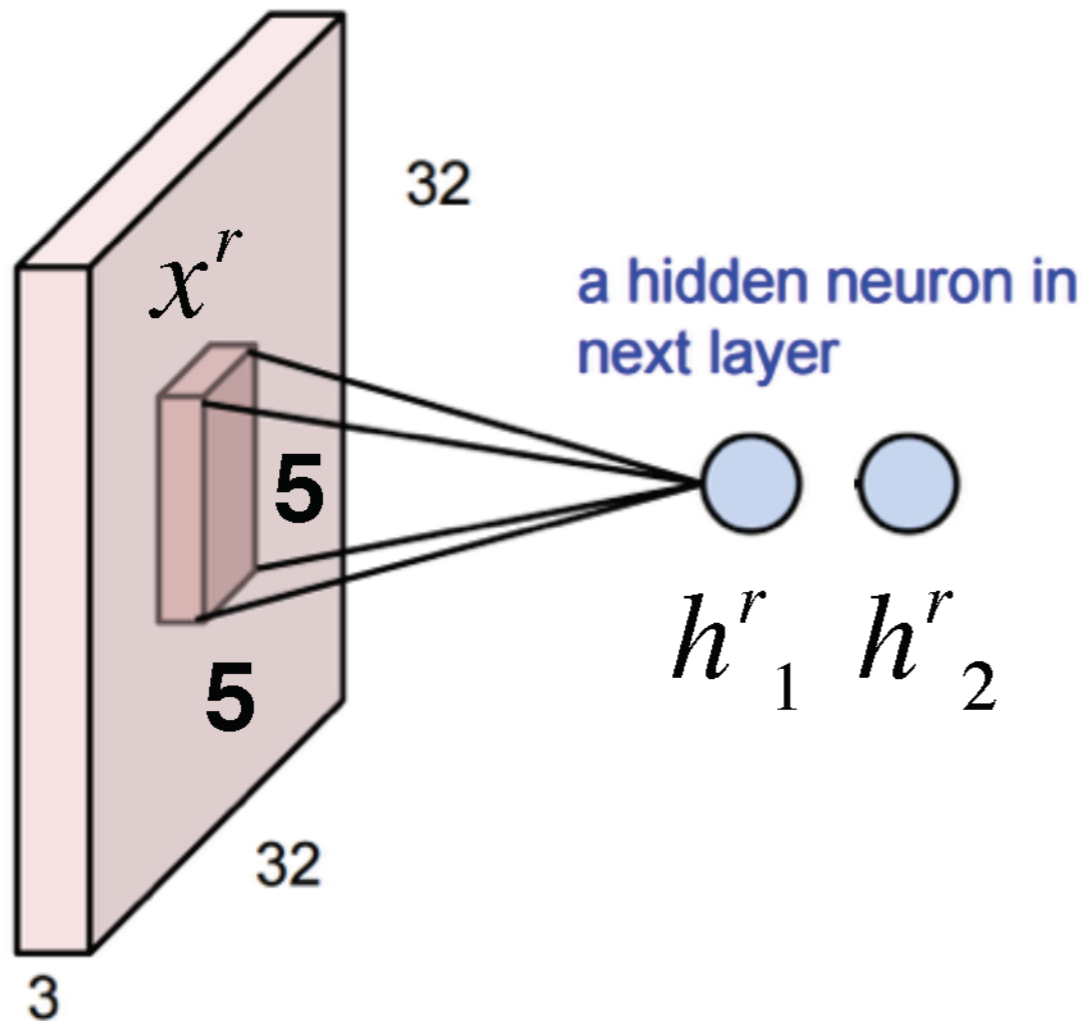


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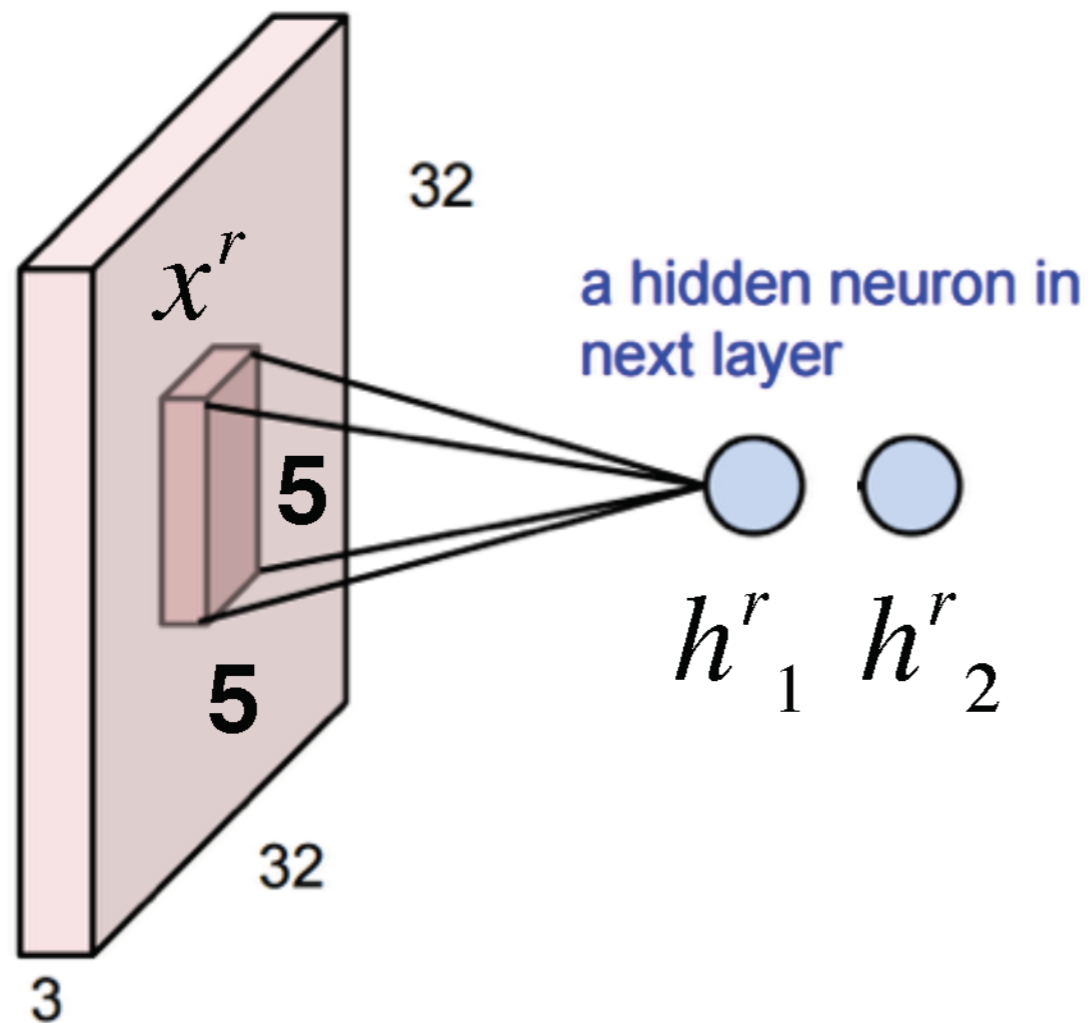


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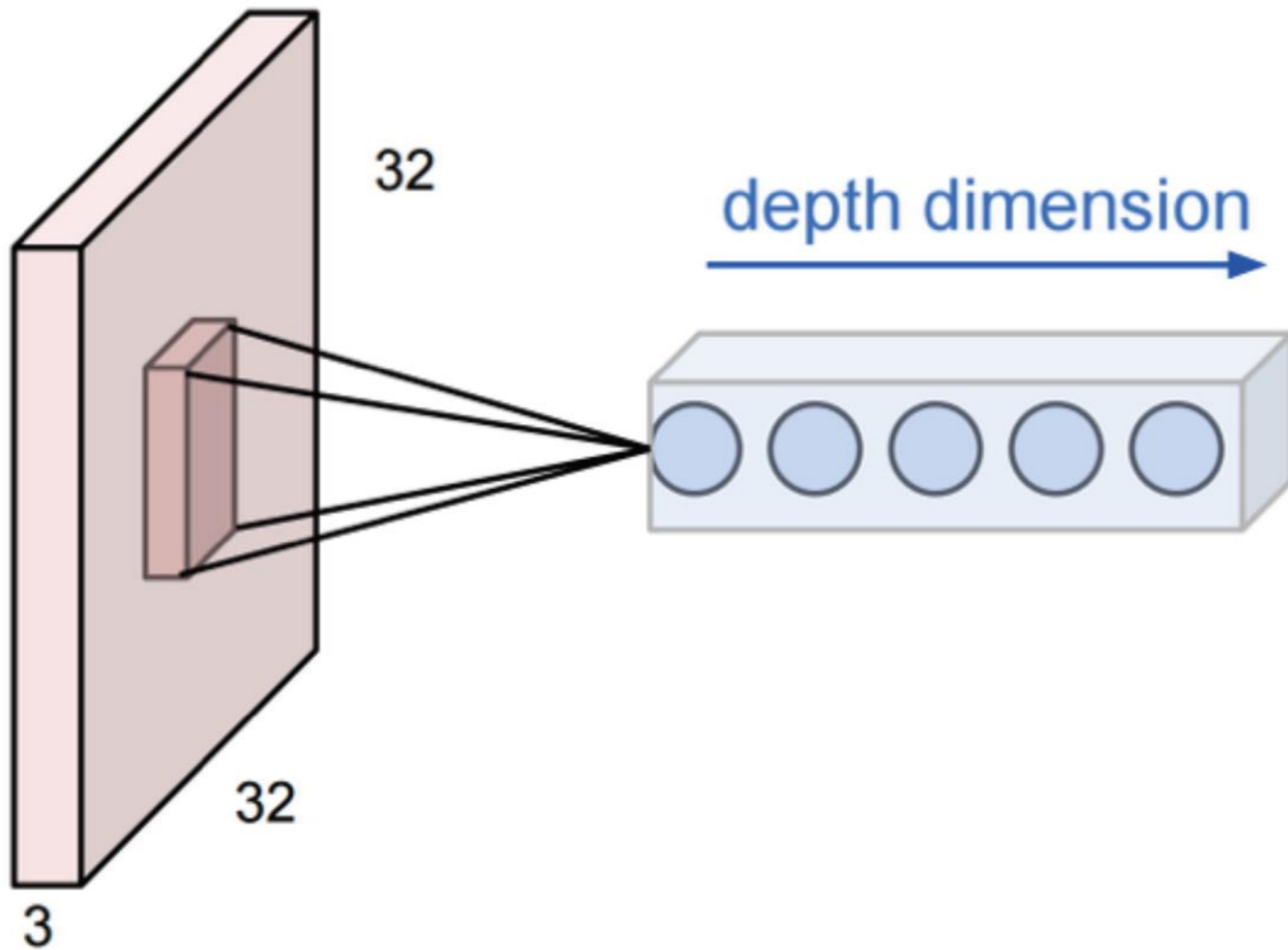


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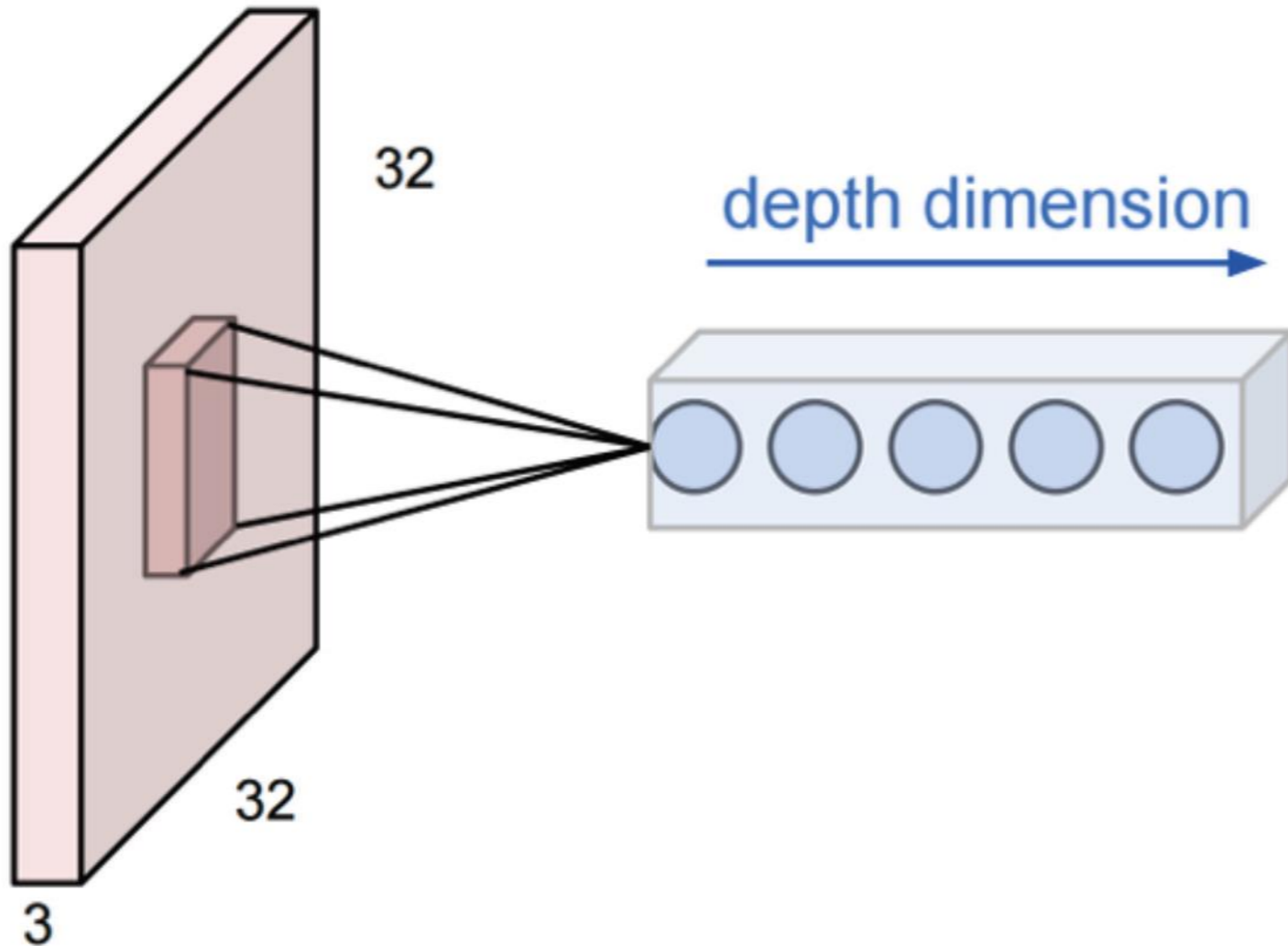
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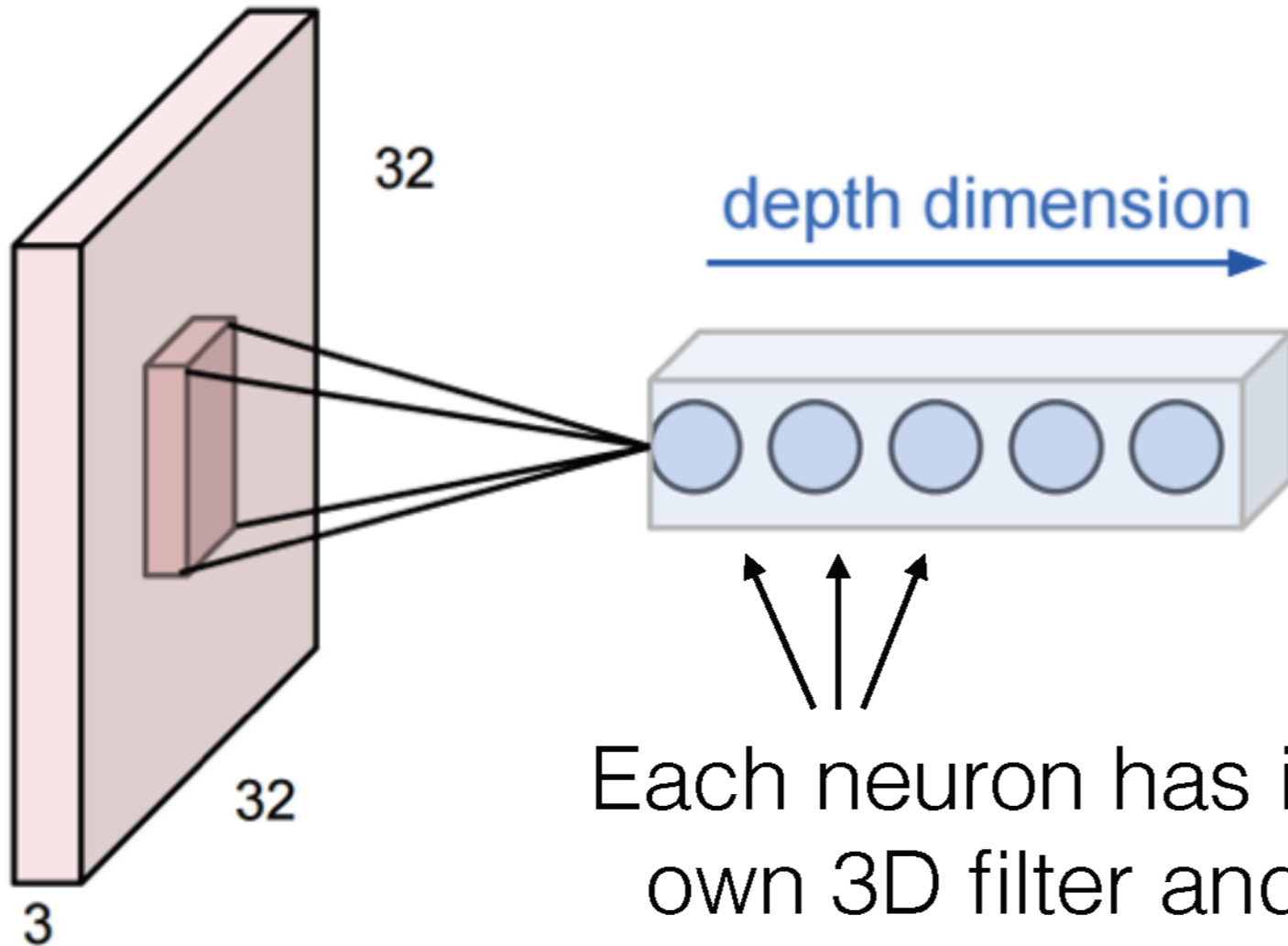


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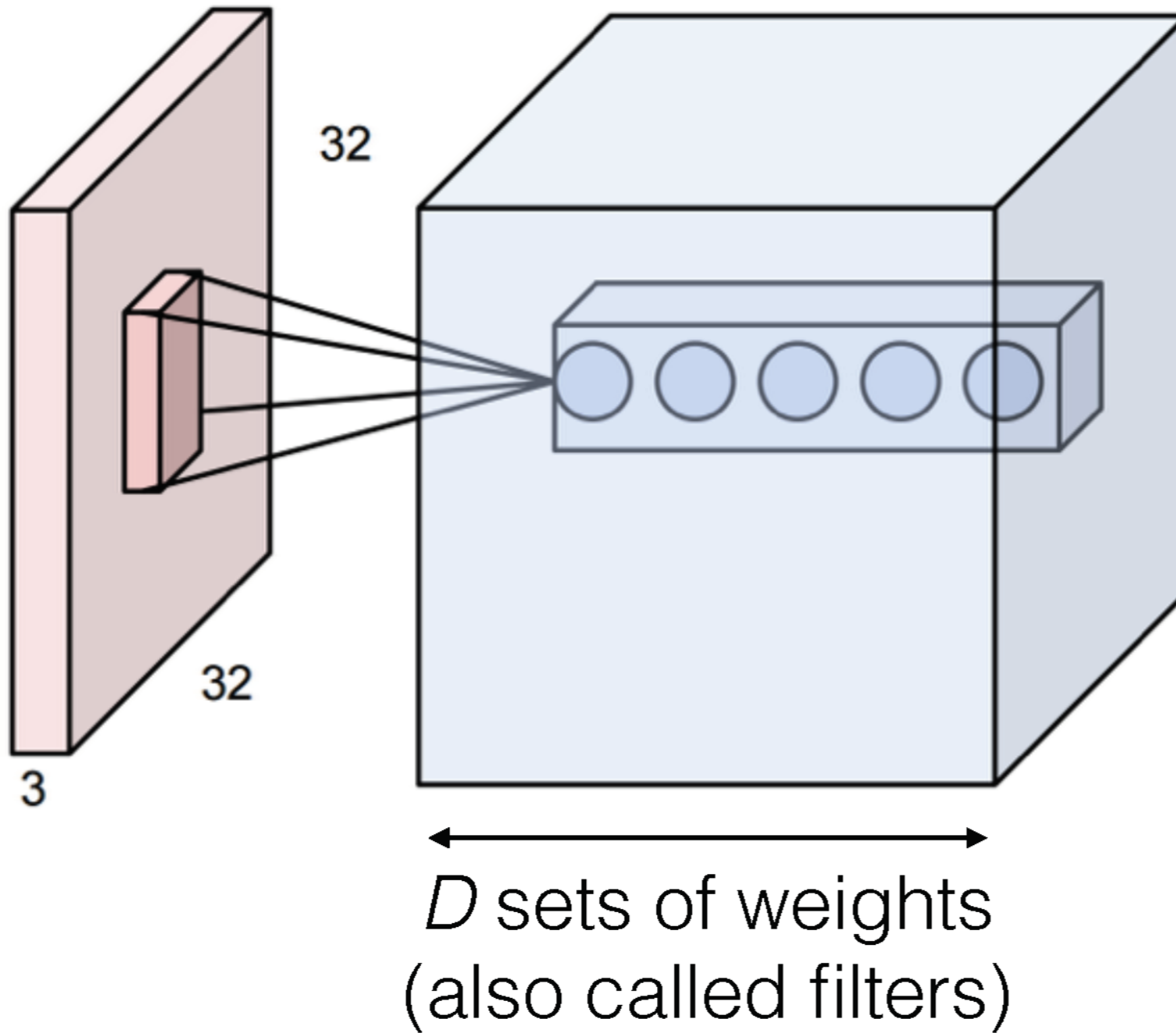


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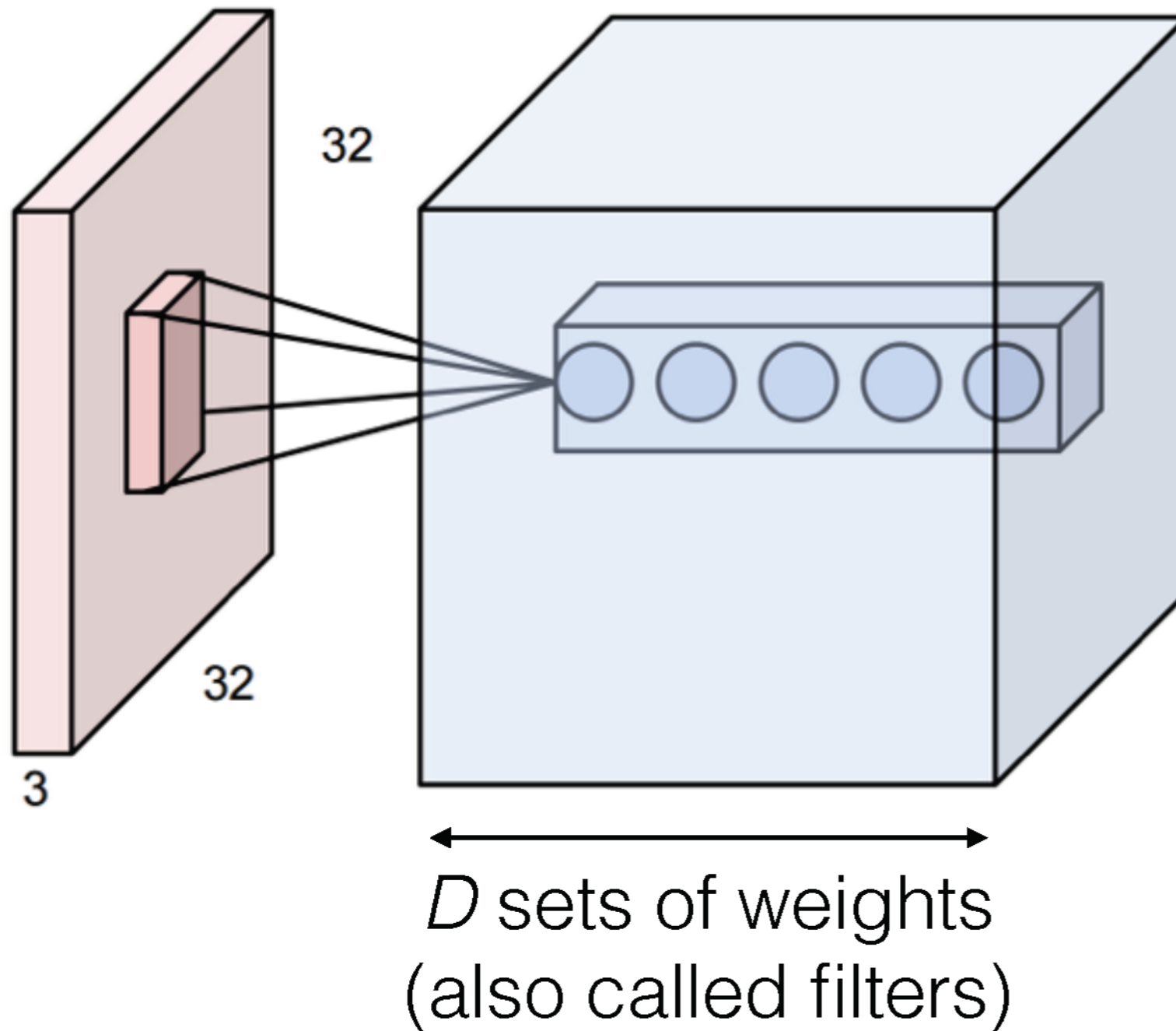
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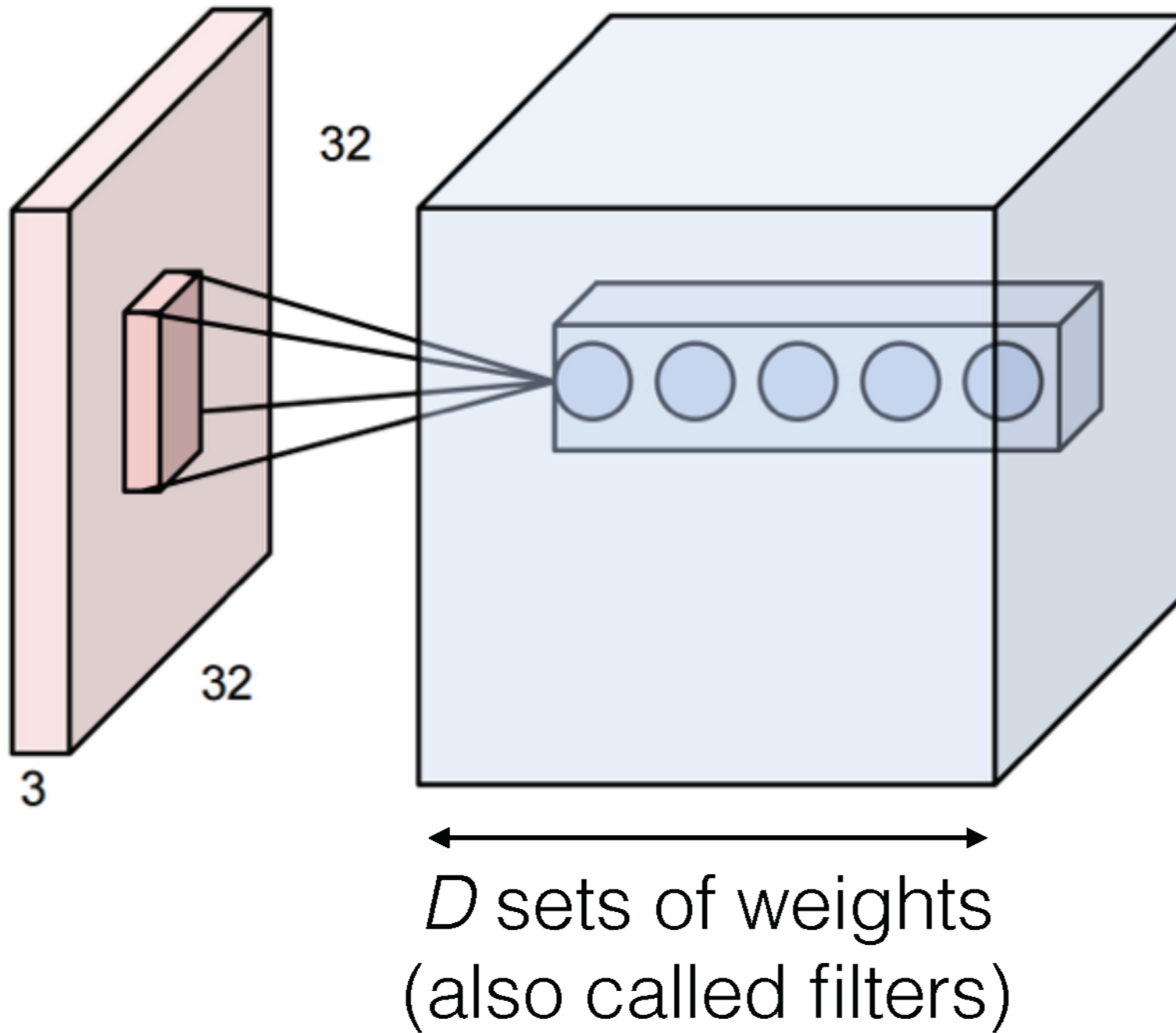
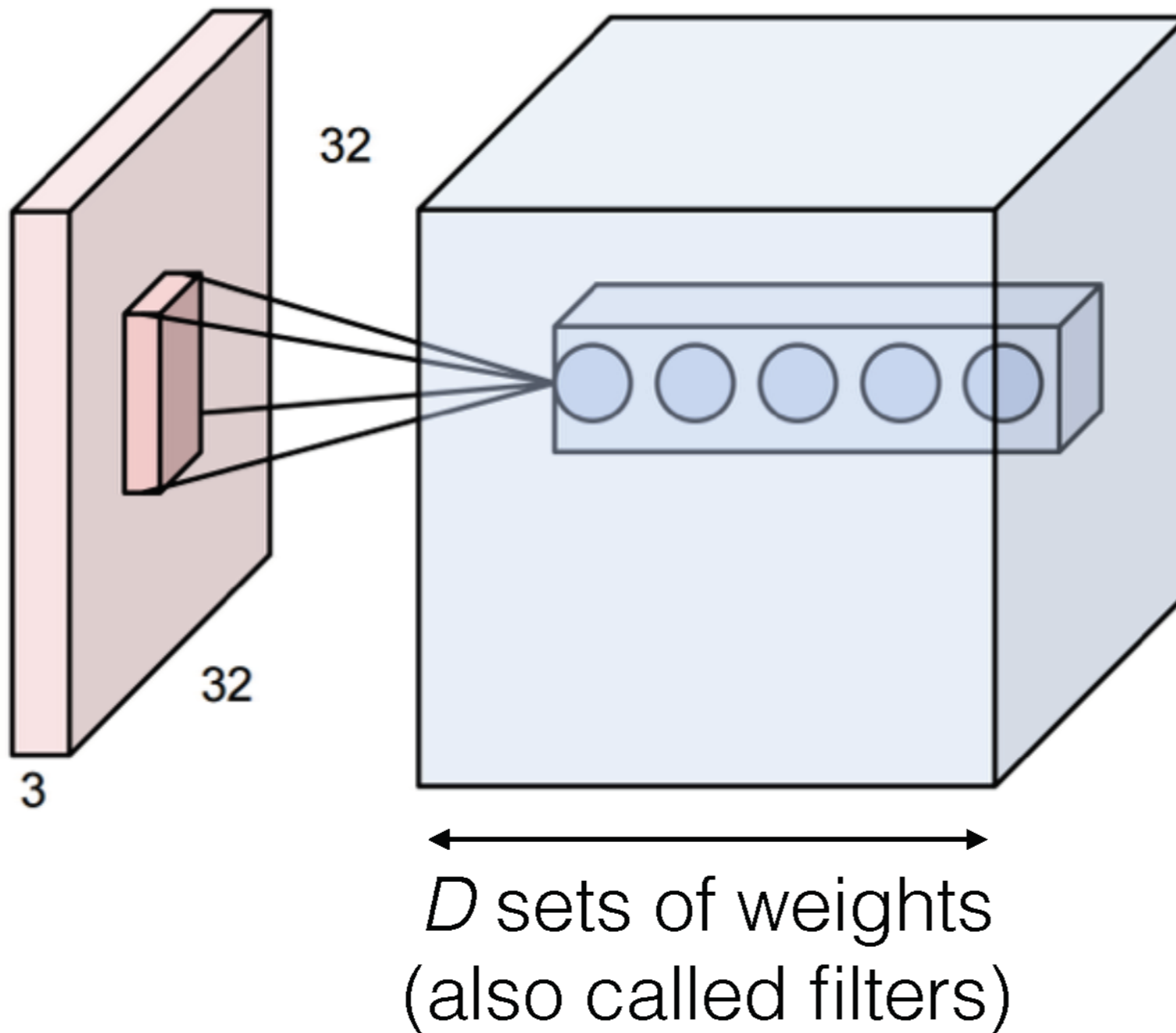


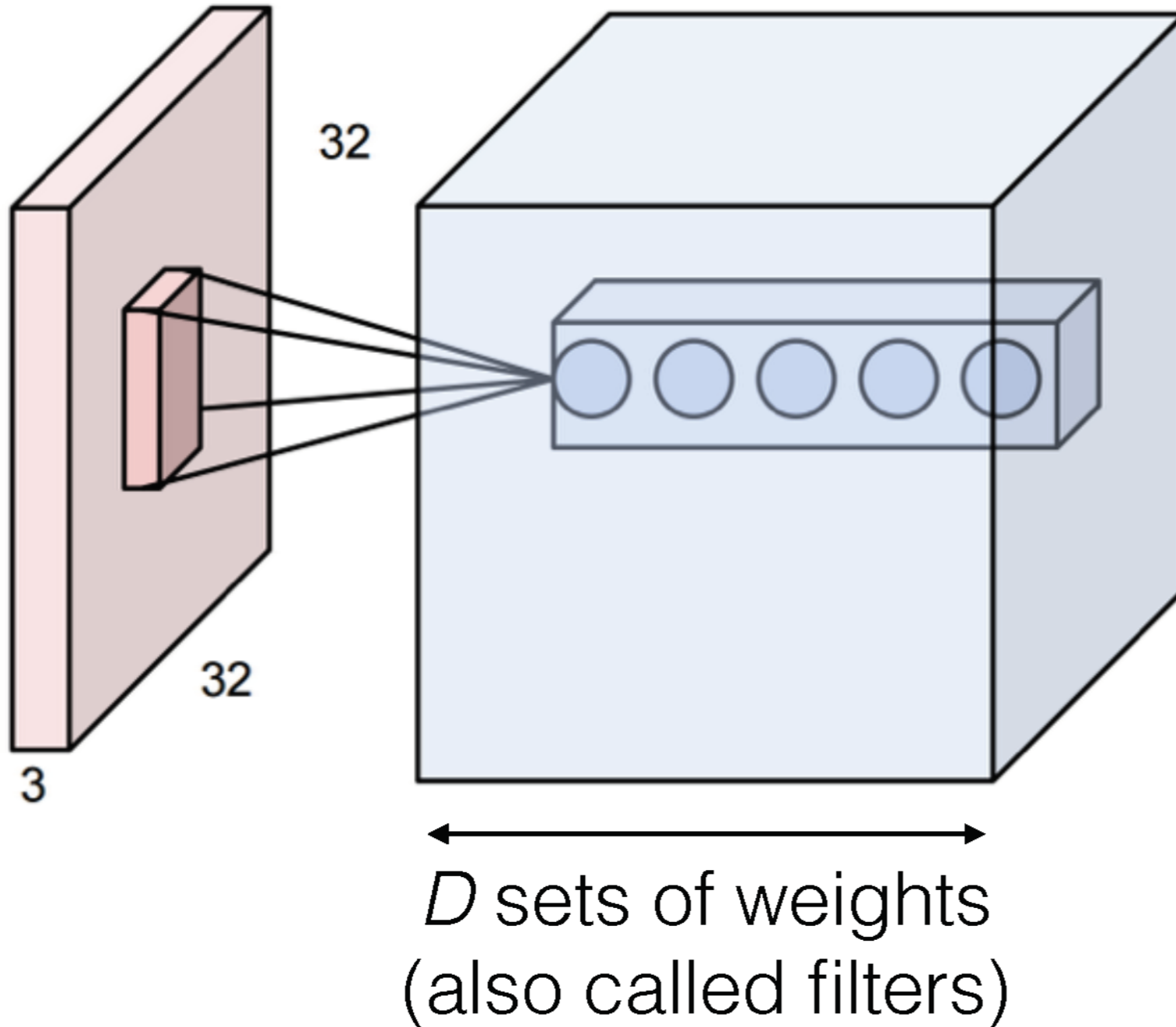
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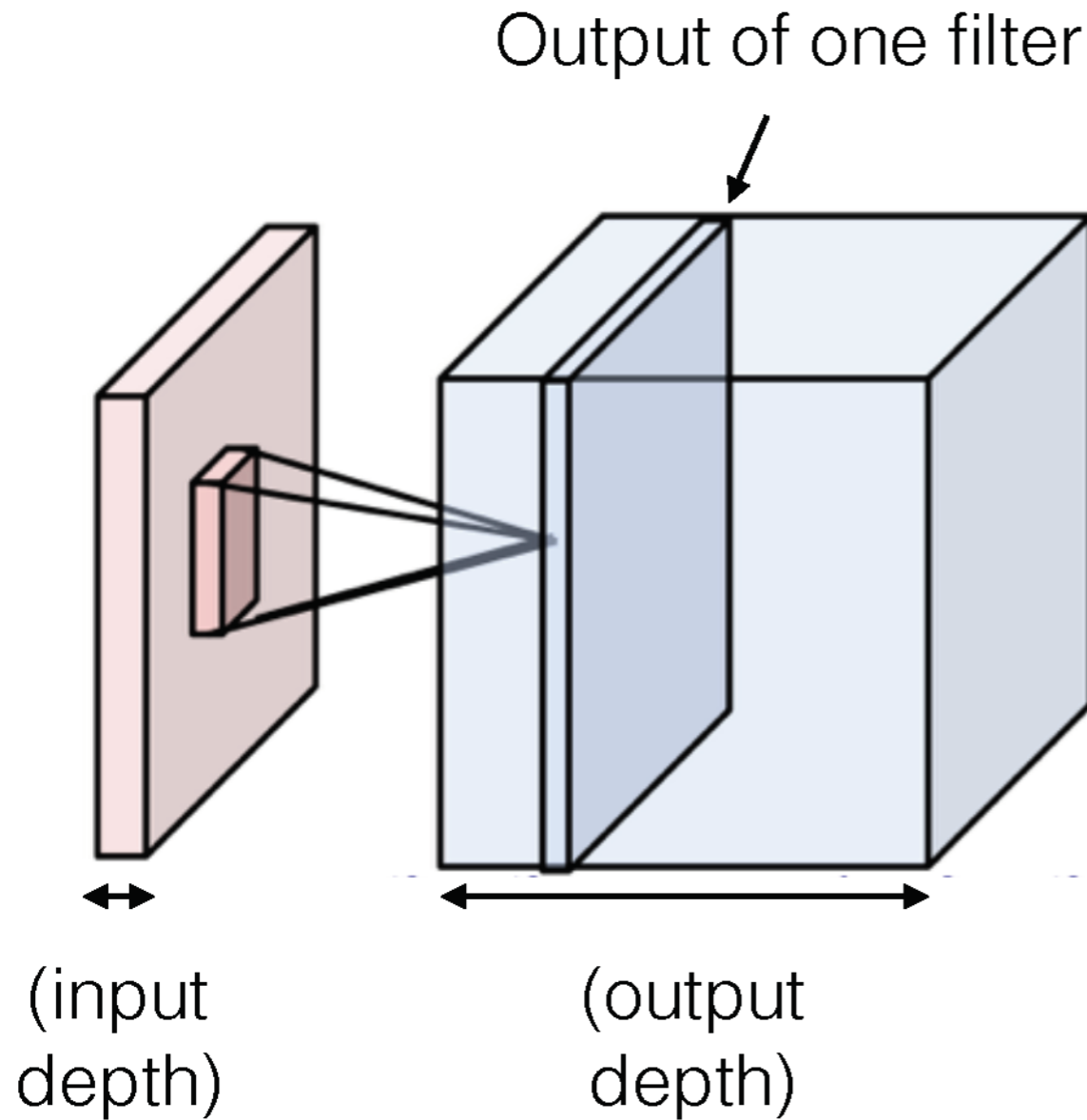
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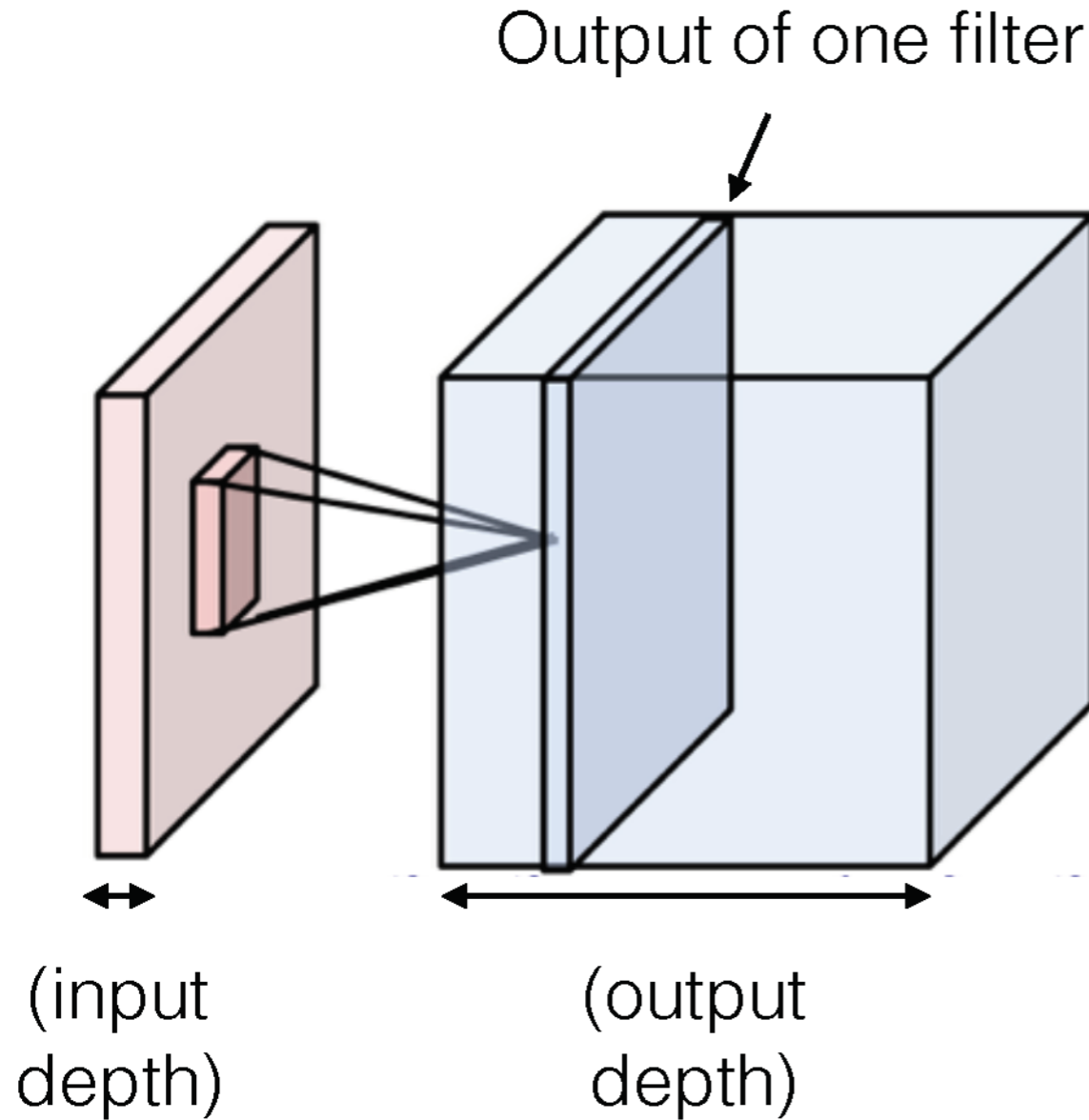


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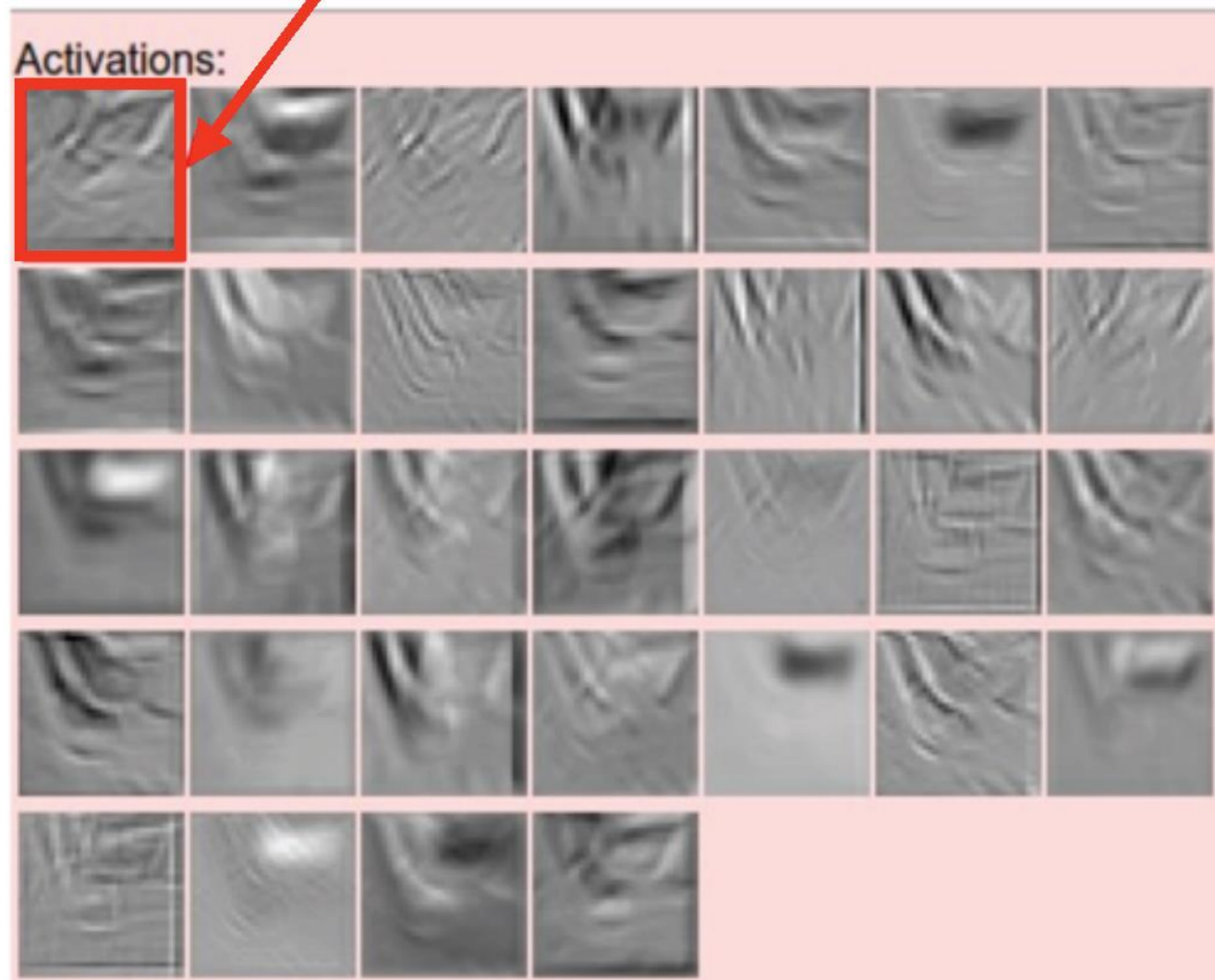
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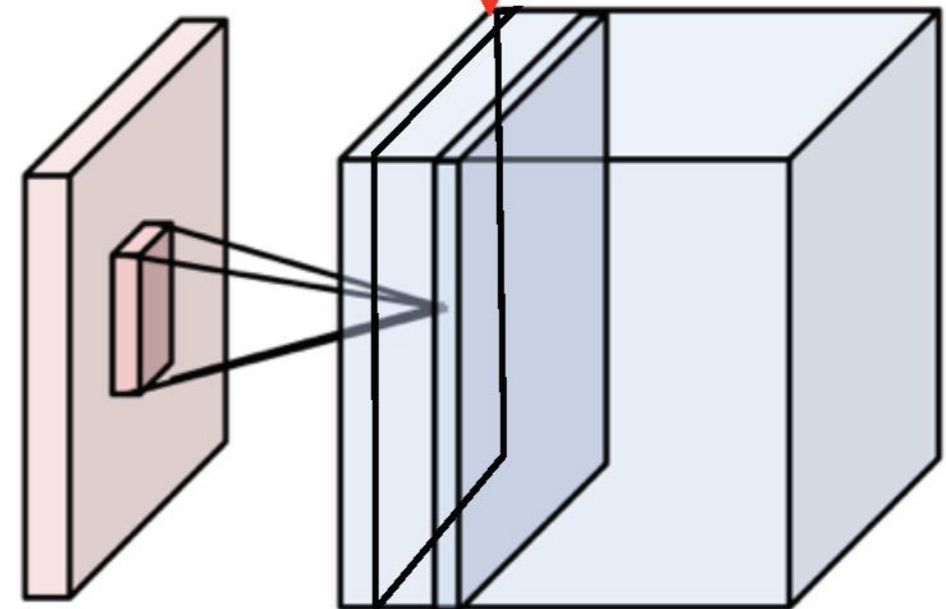
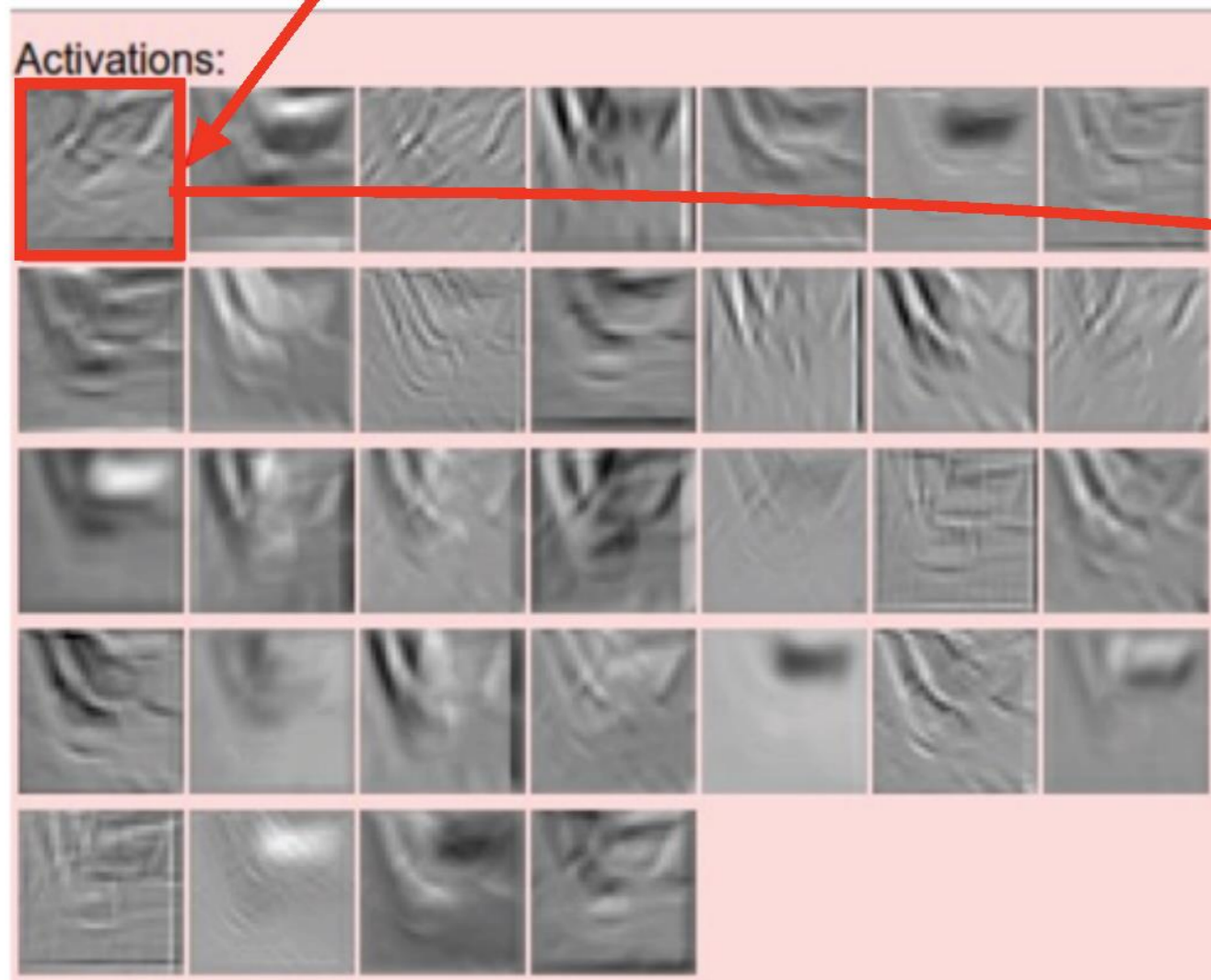


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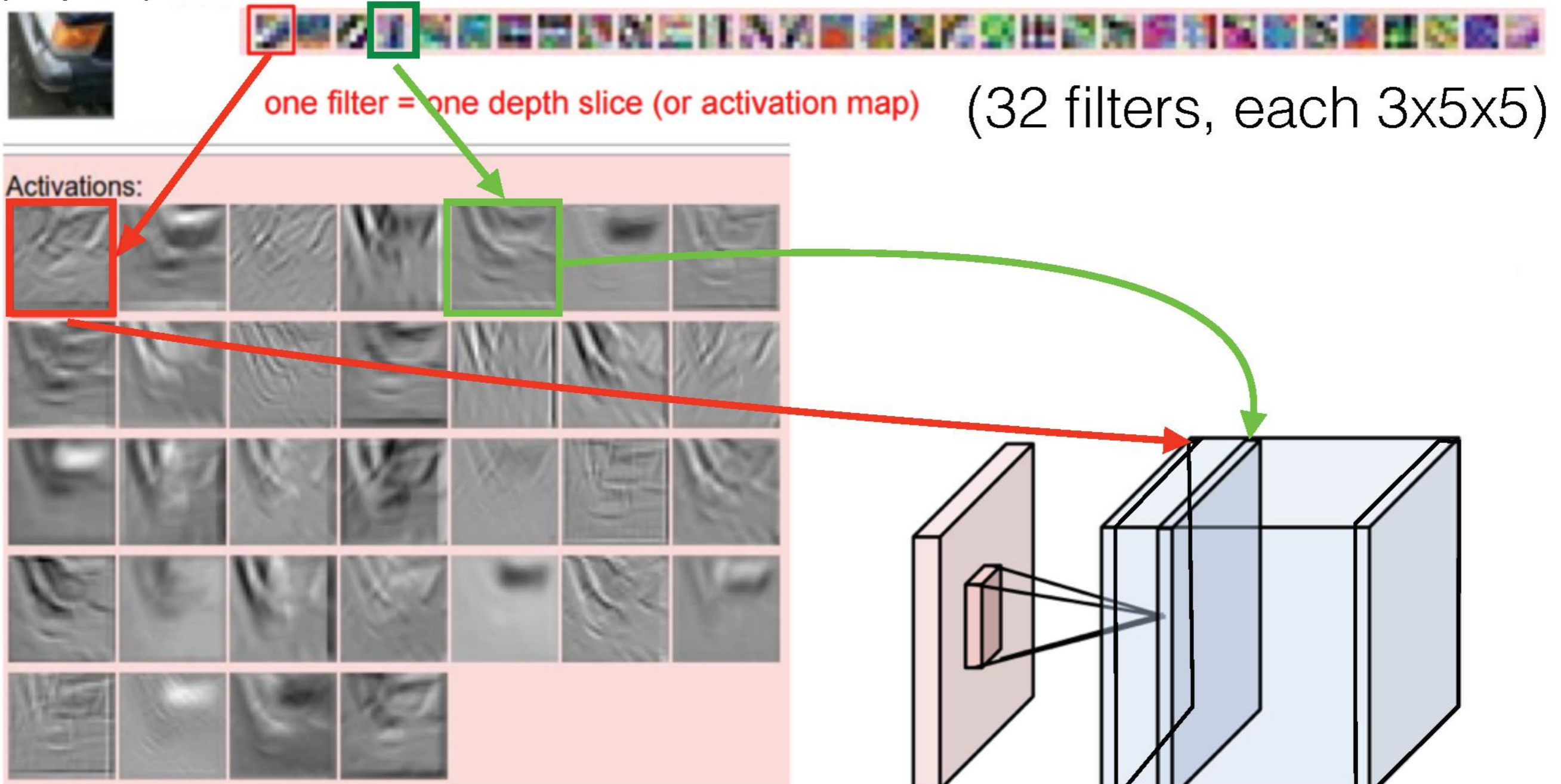
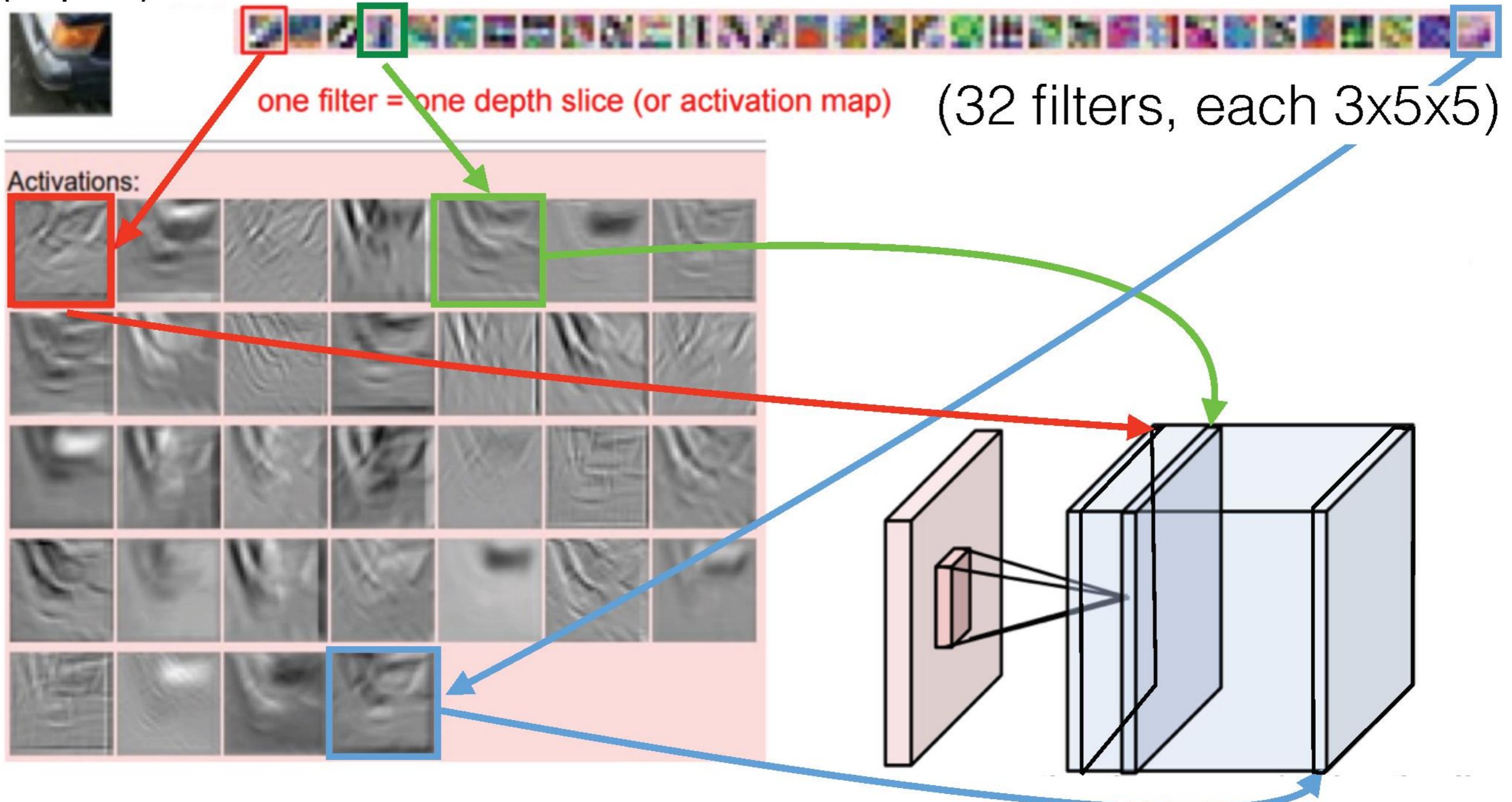


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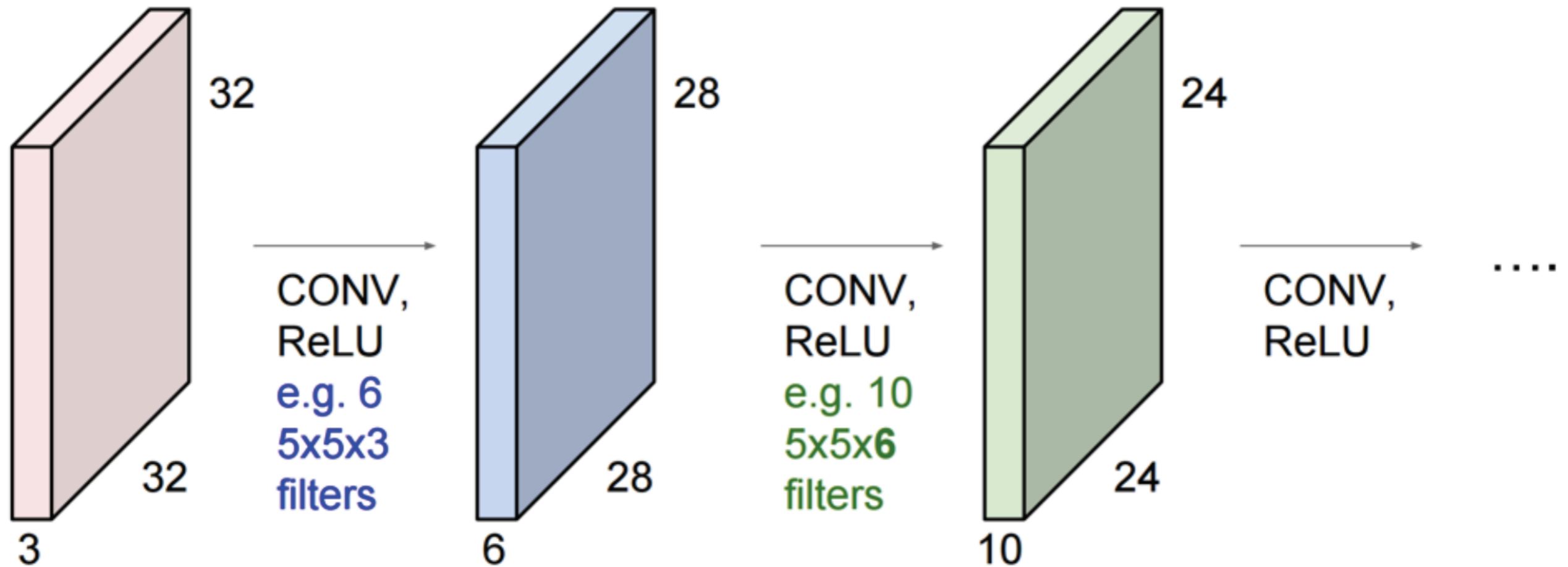
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Questions?

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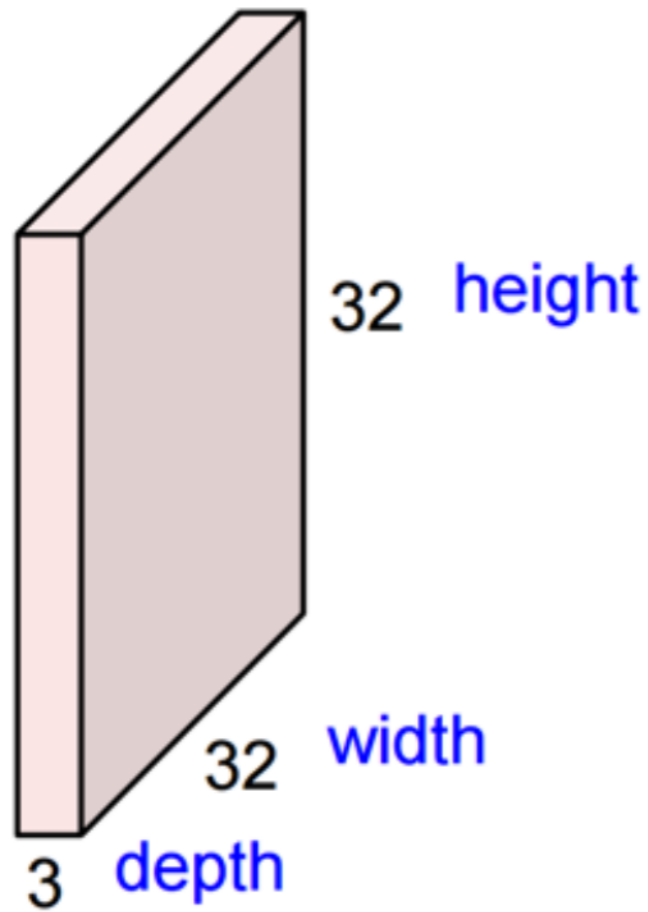
A **ConvNet** is a sequence of convolutional layers, interspersed with activation functions (and possibly other layer types)



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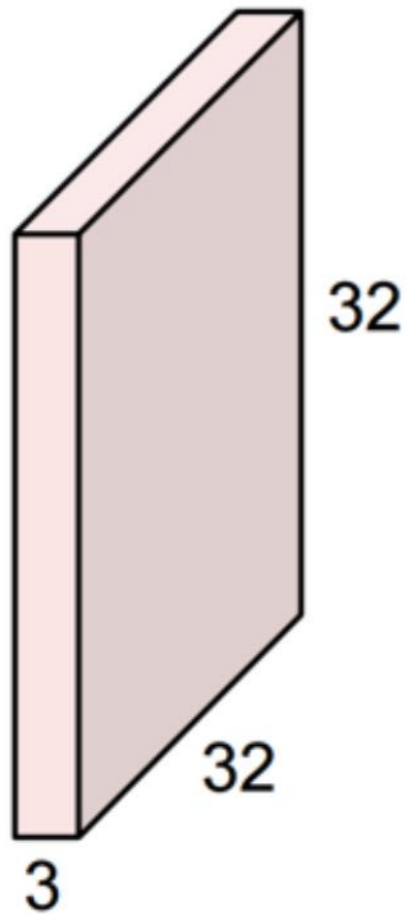
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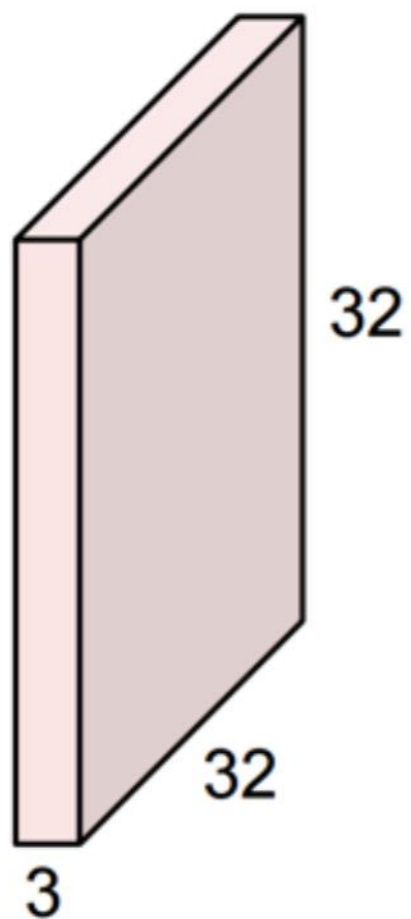
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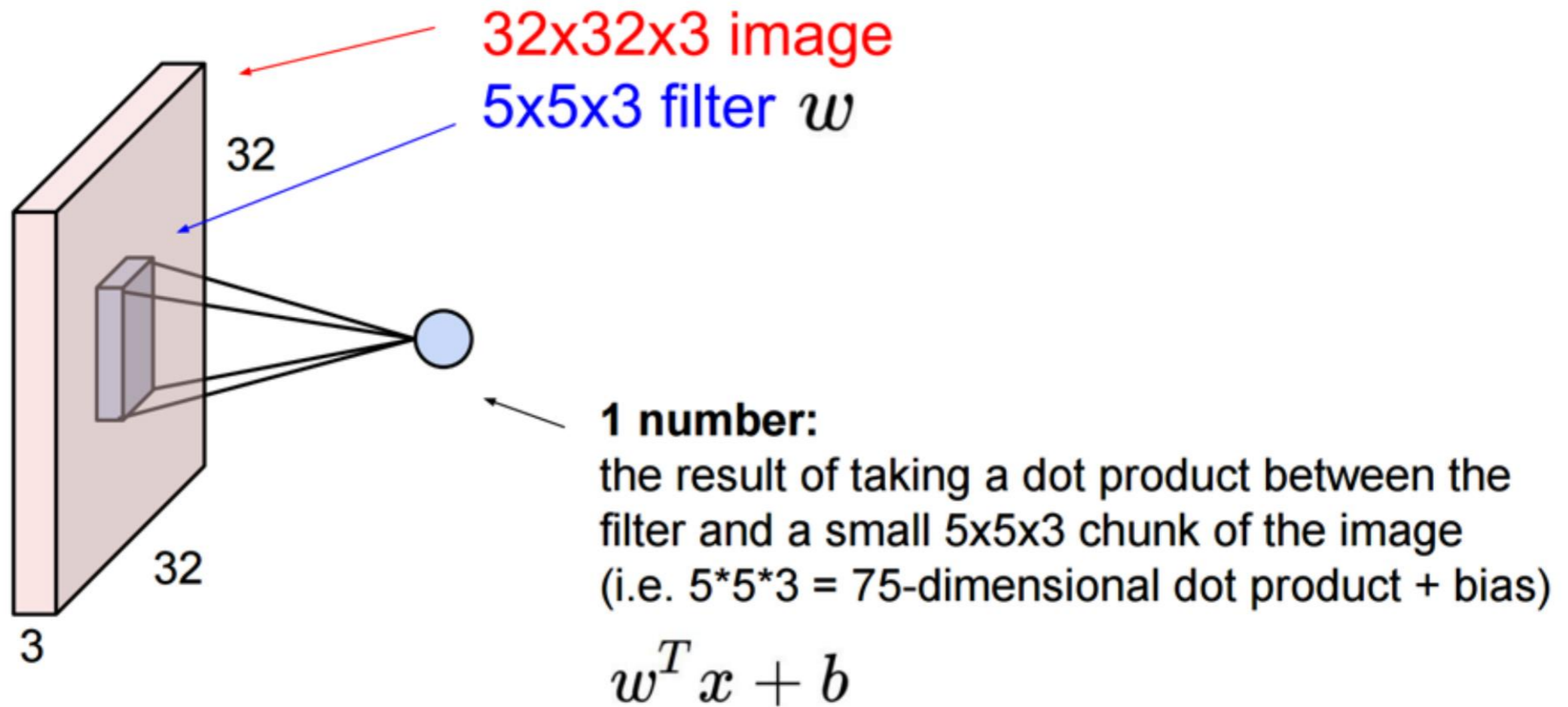
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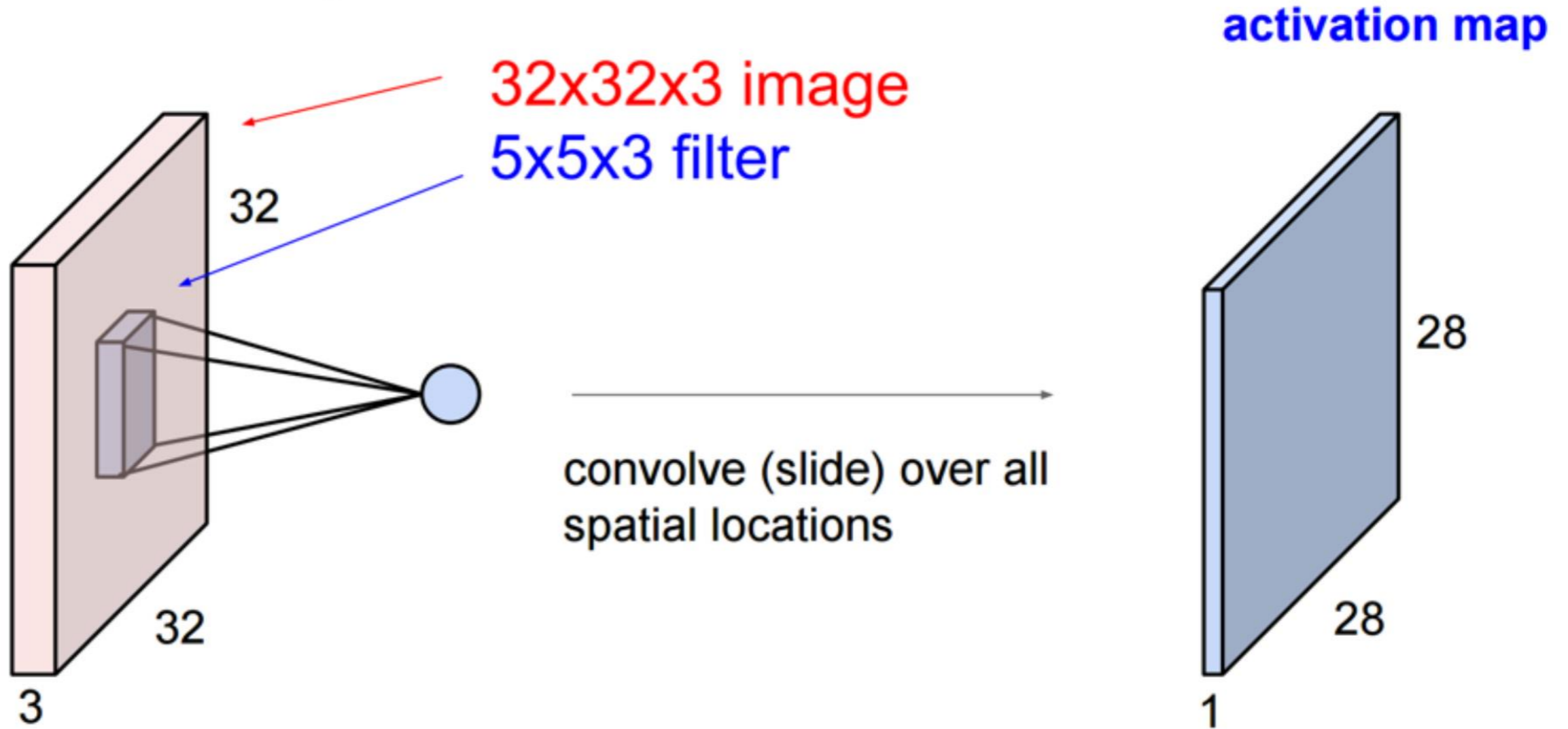
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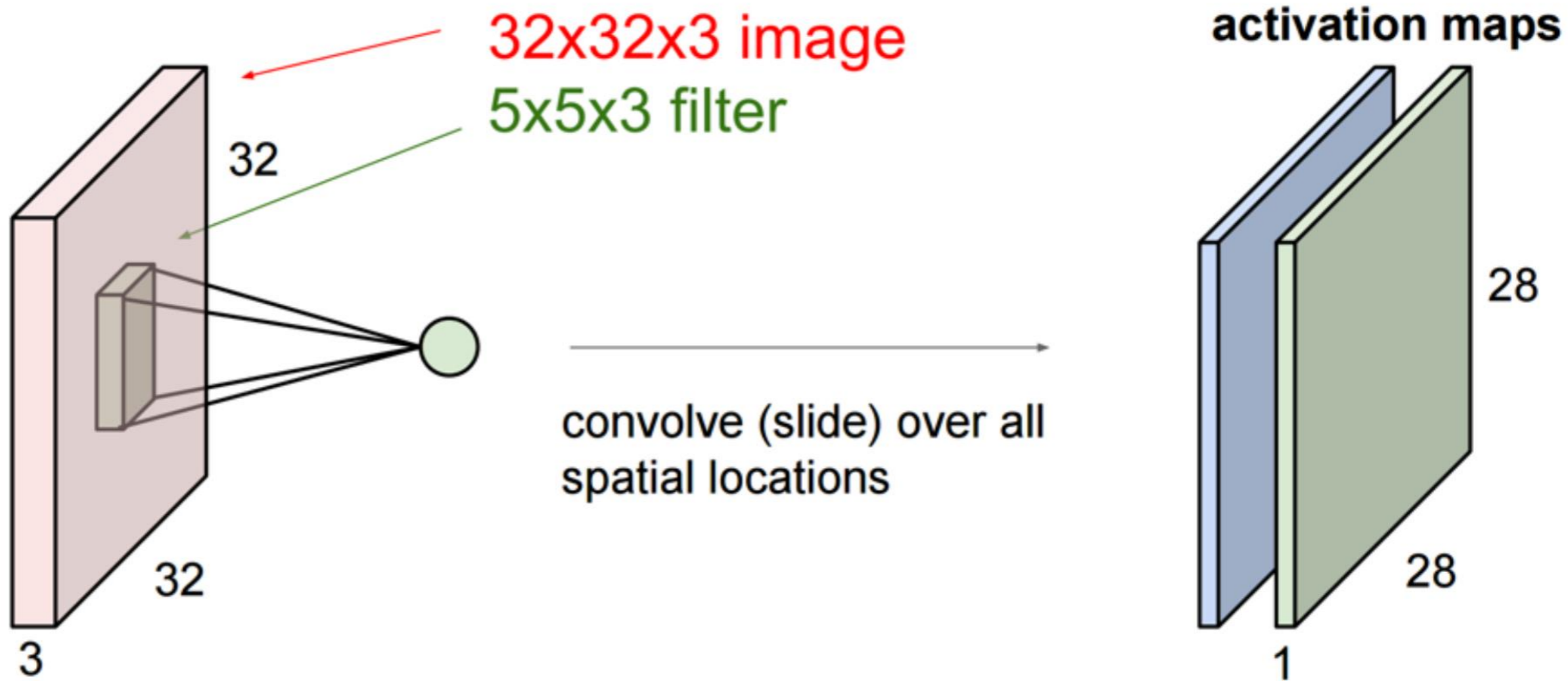
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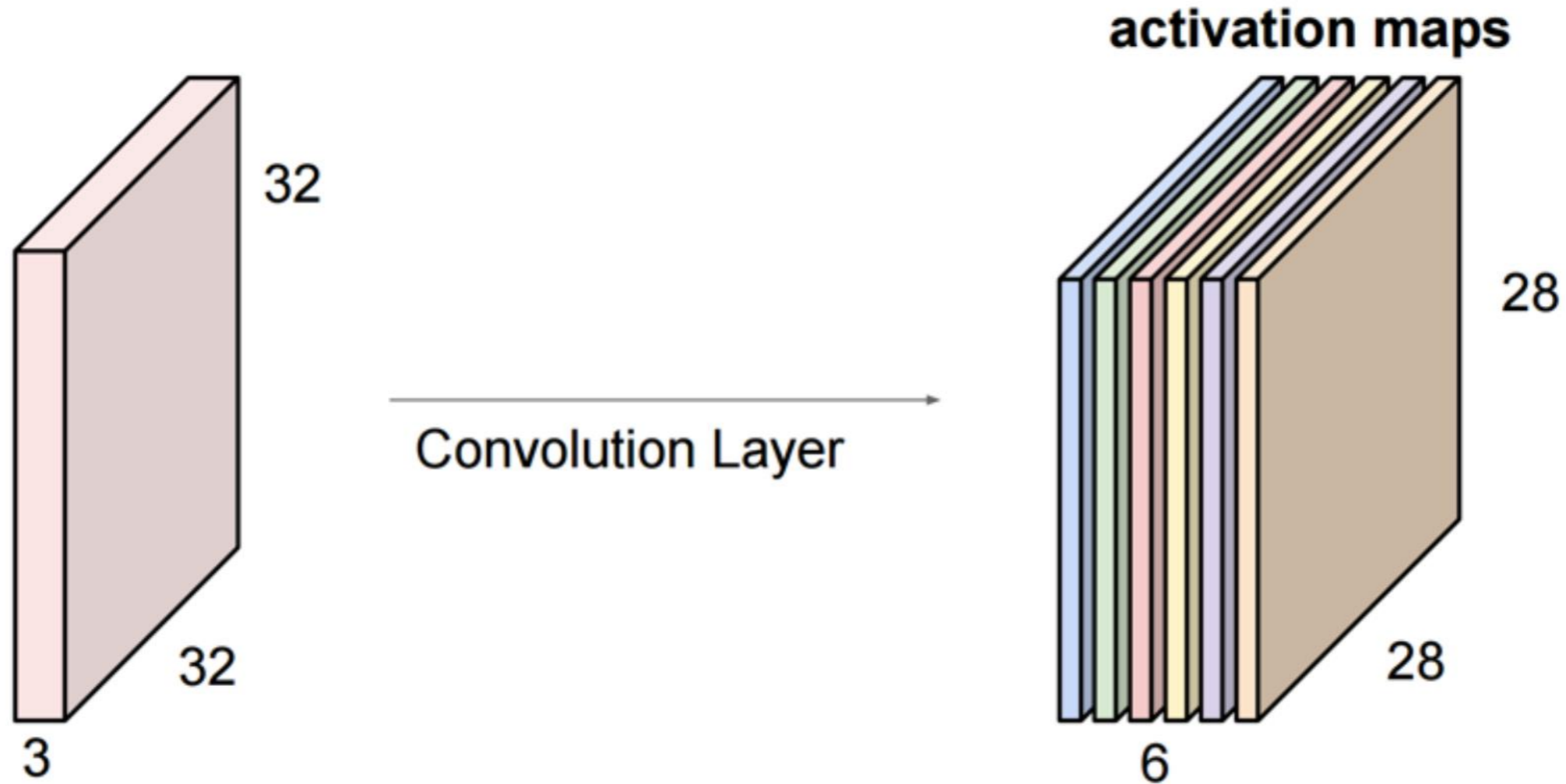
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consider a second, **green** filter



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For example, if we had 6 5x5 filters, we'll get 6 separate activation maps:



We stack these up to get a "new image" of size 28x28x6!

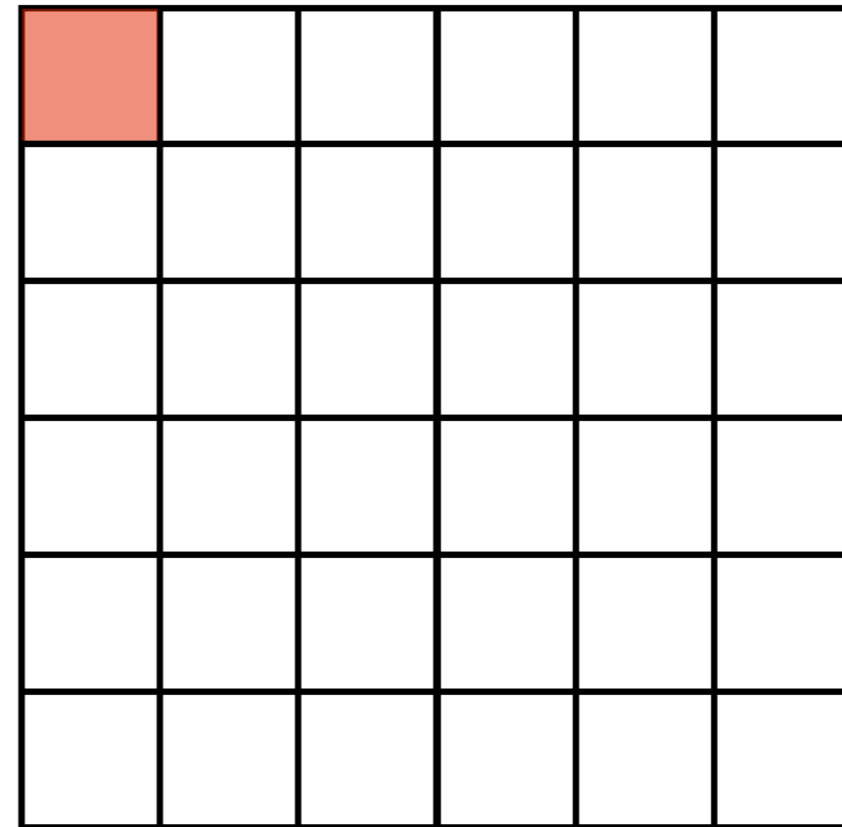
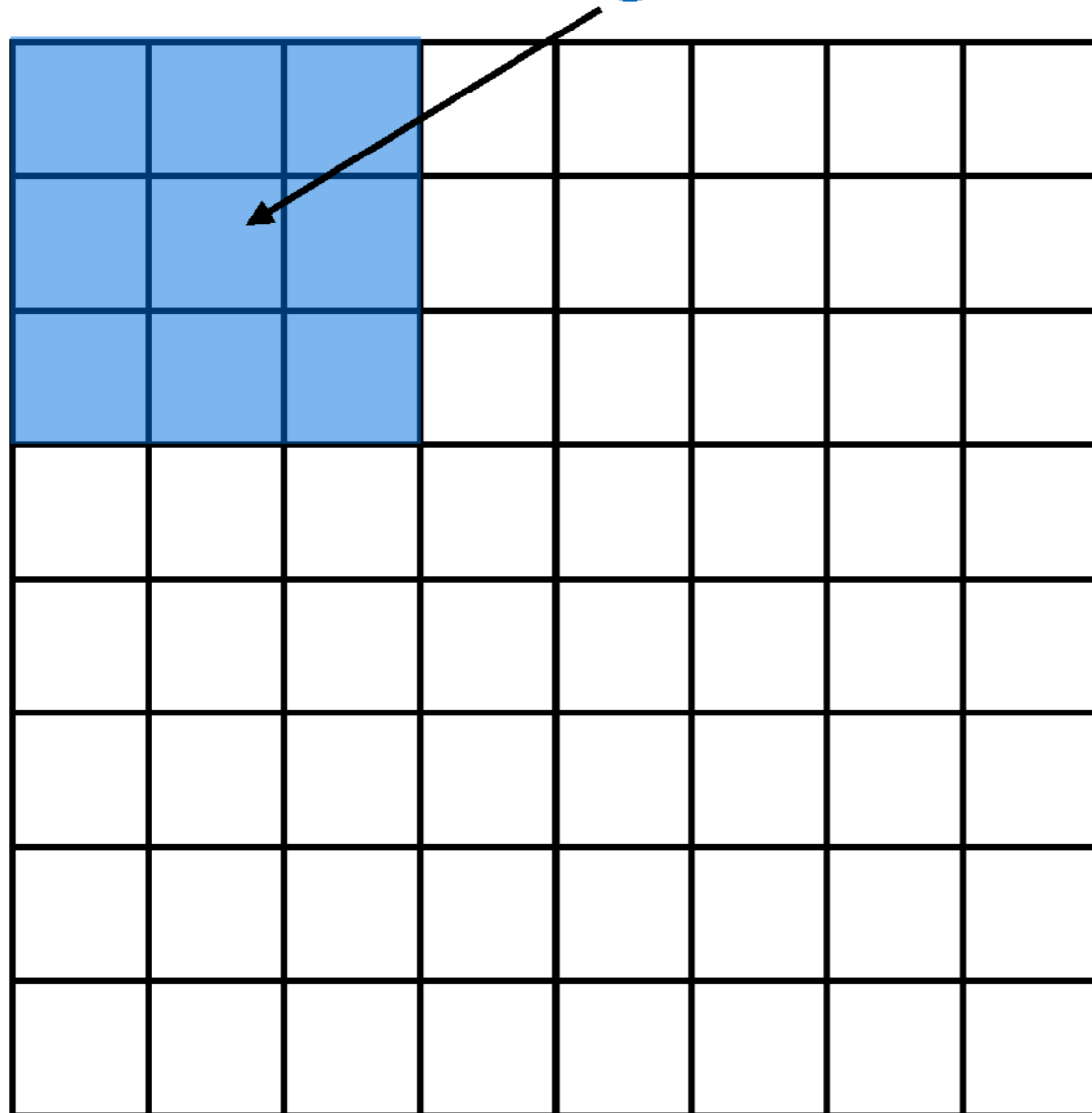
# Demos

- <http://cs231n.stanford.edu/>
- <http://cs.stanford.edu/people/karpathy/convnetjs/demo/mnist.html>

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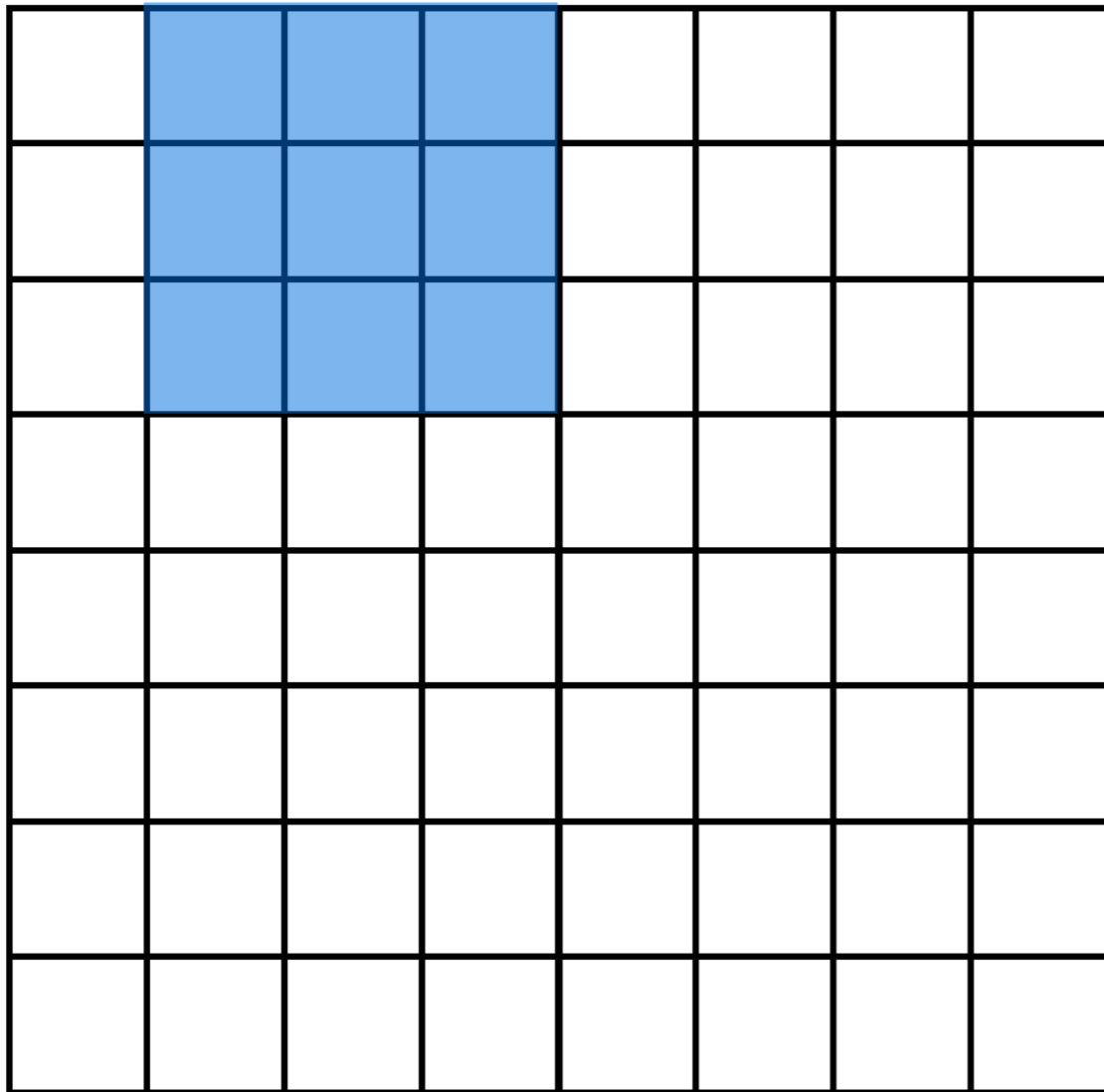


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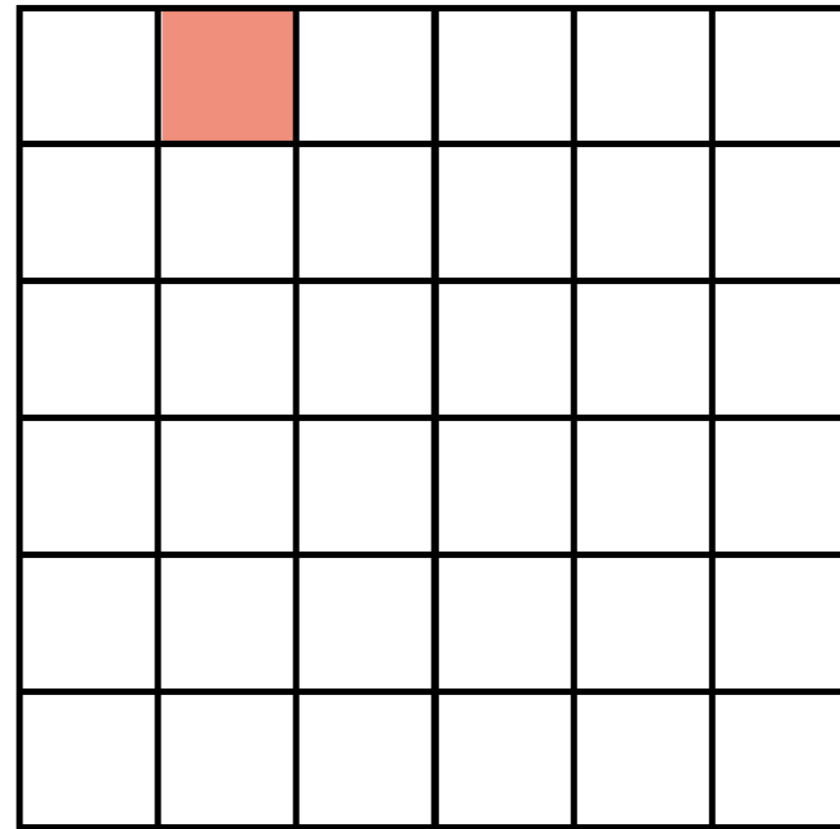
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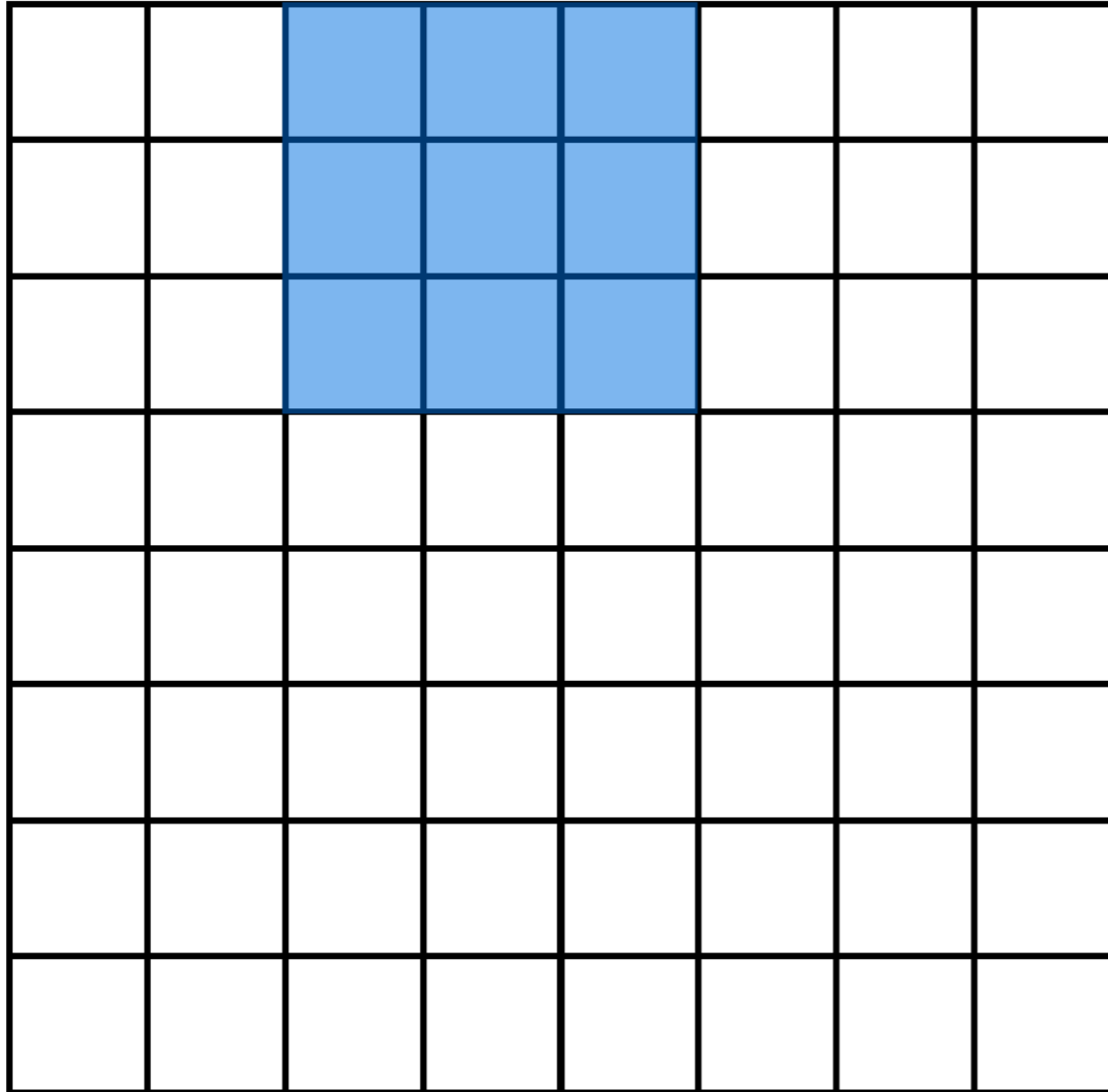


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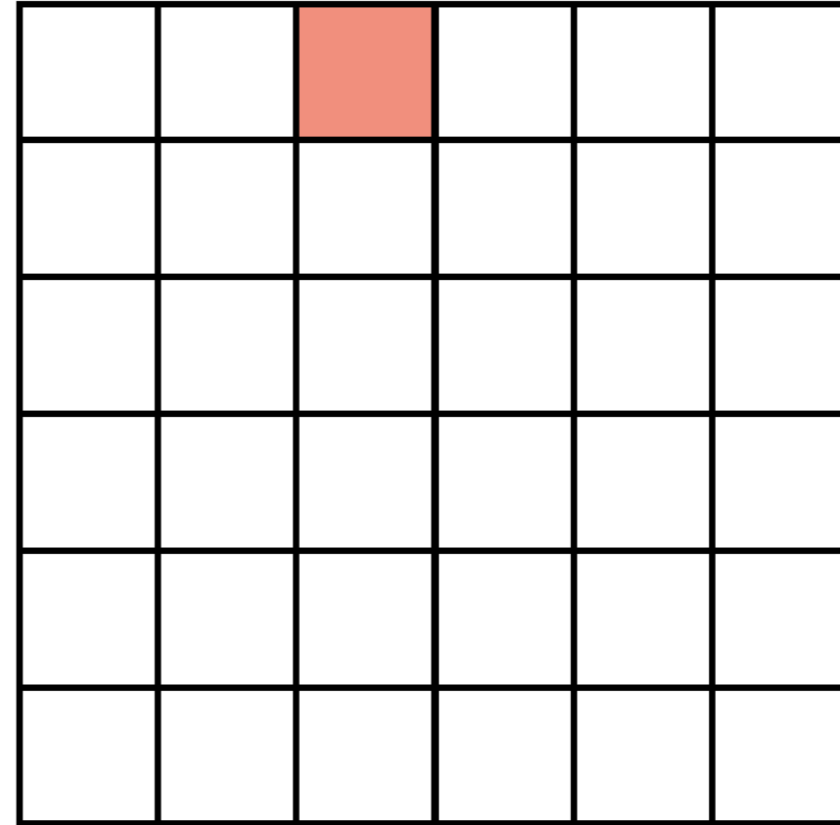


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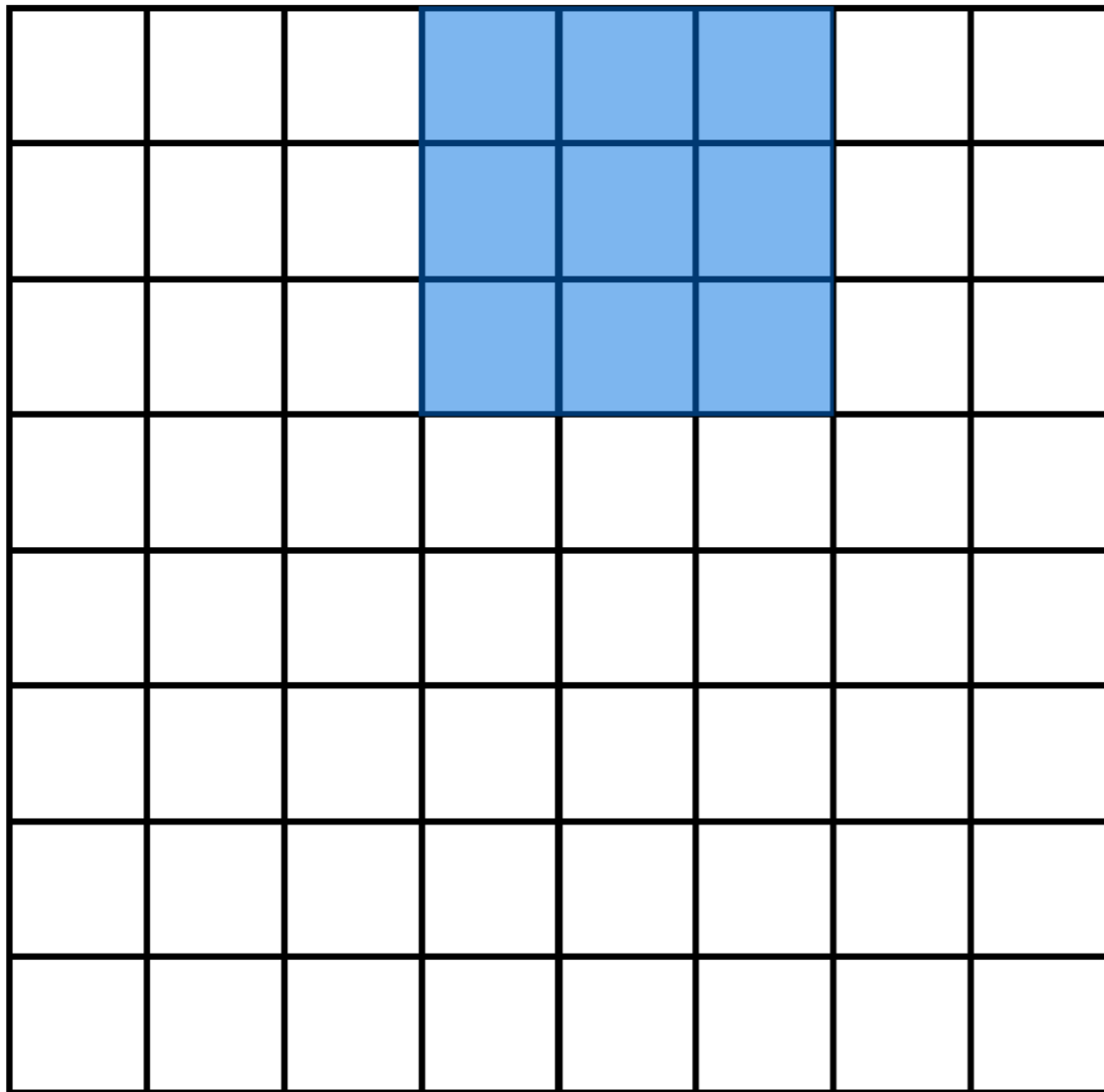
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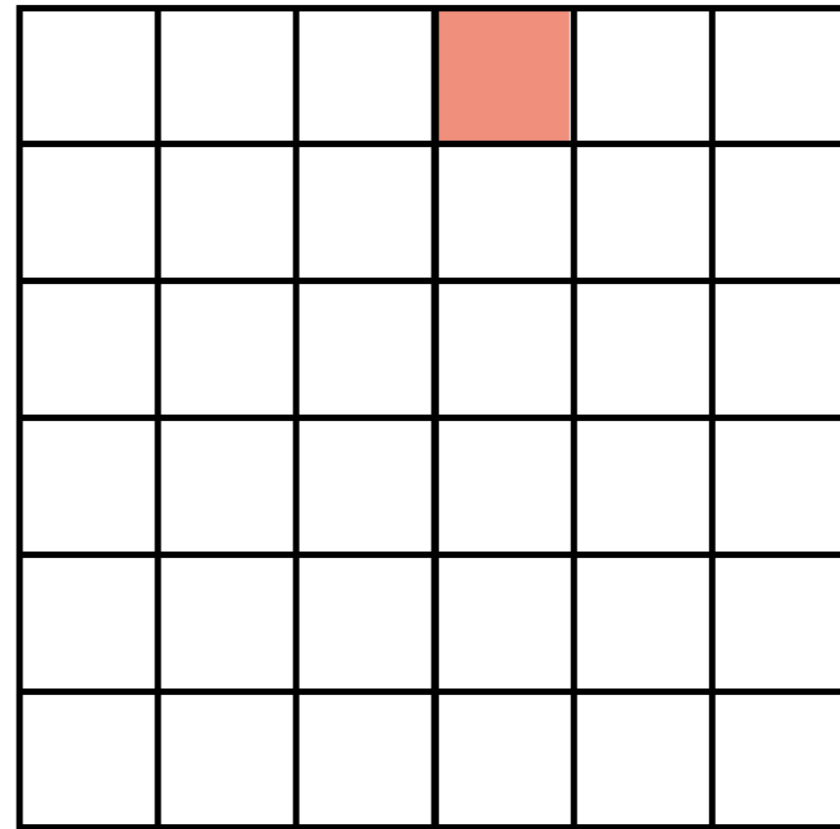
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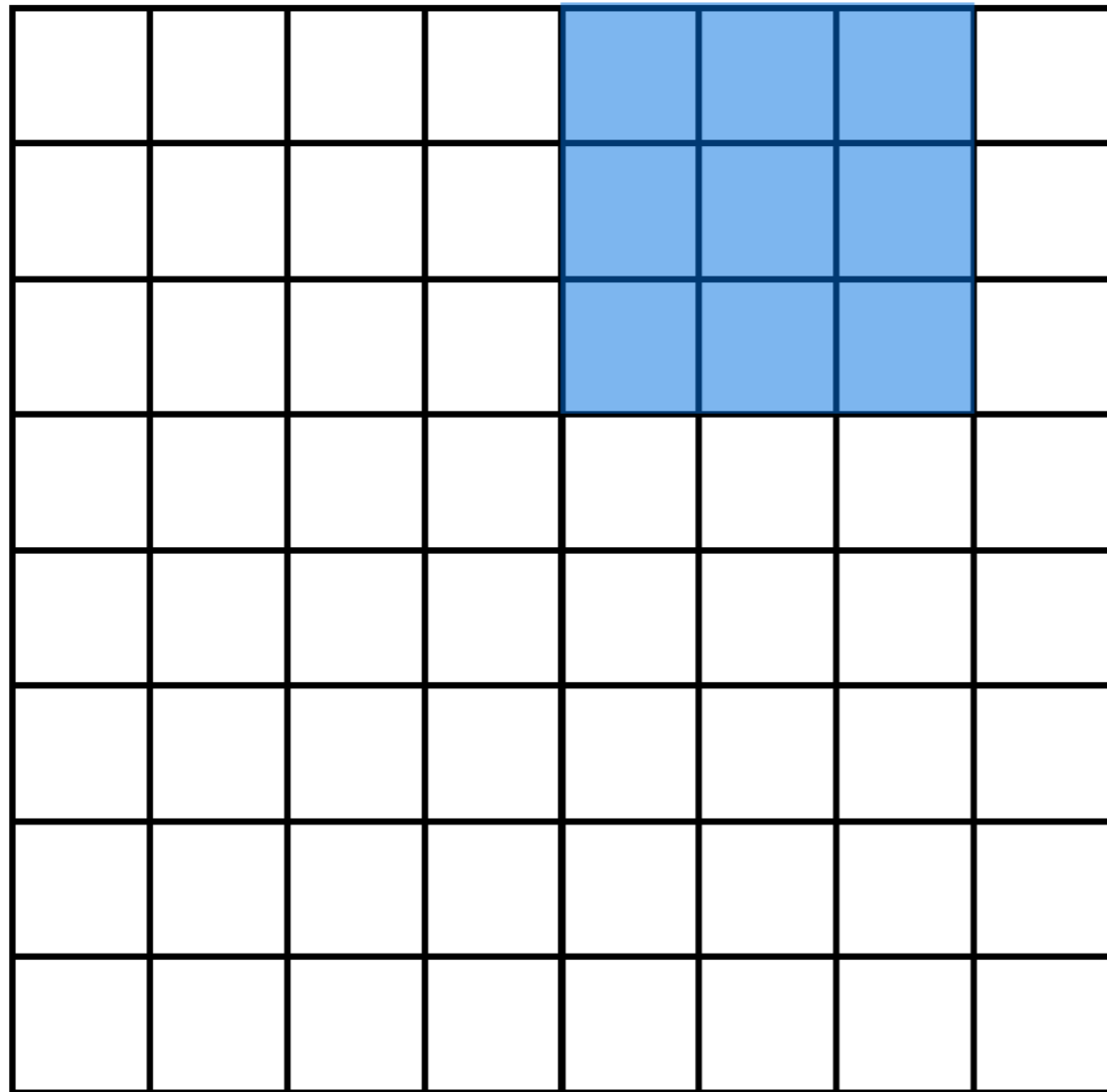
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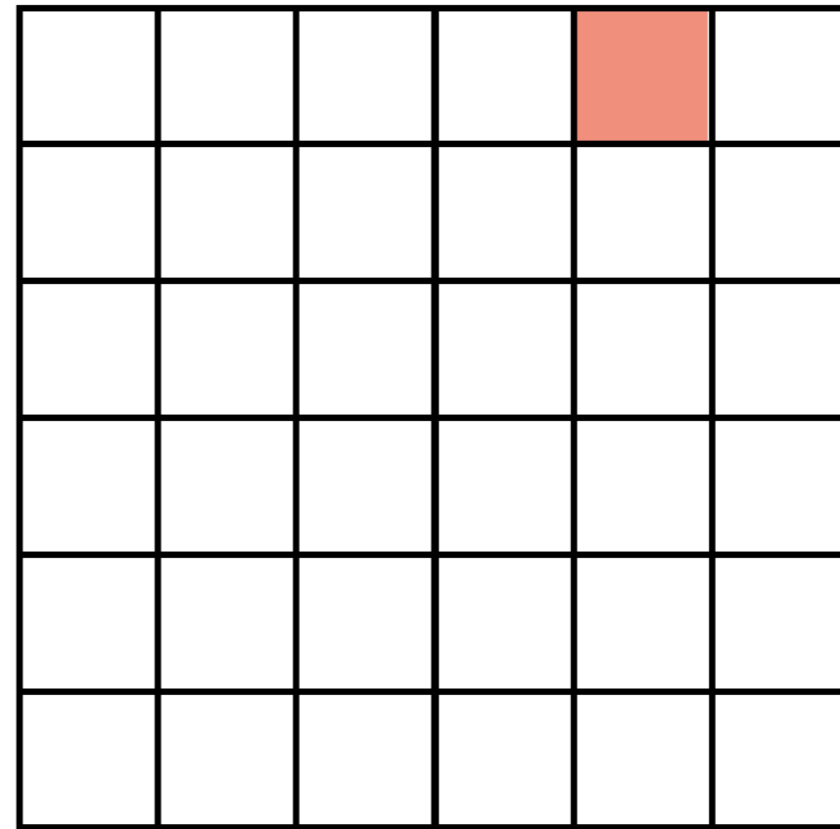
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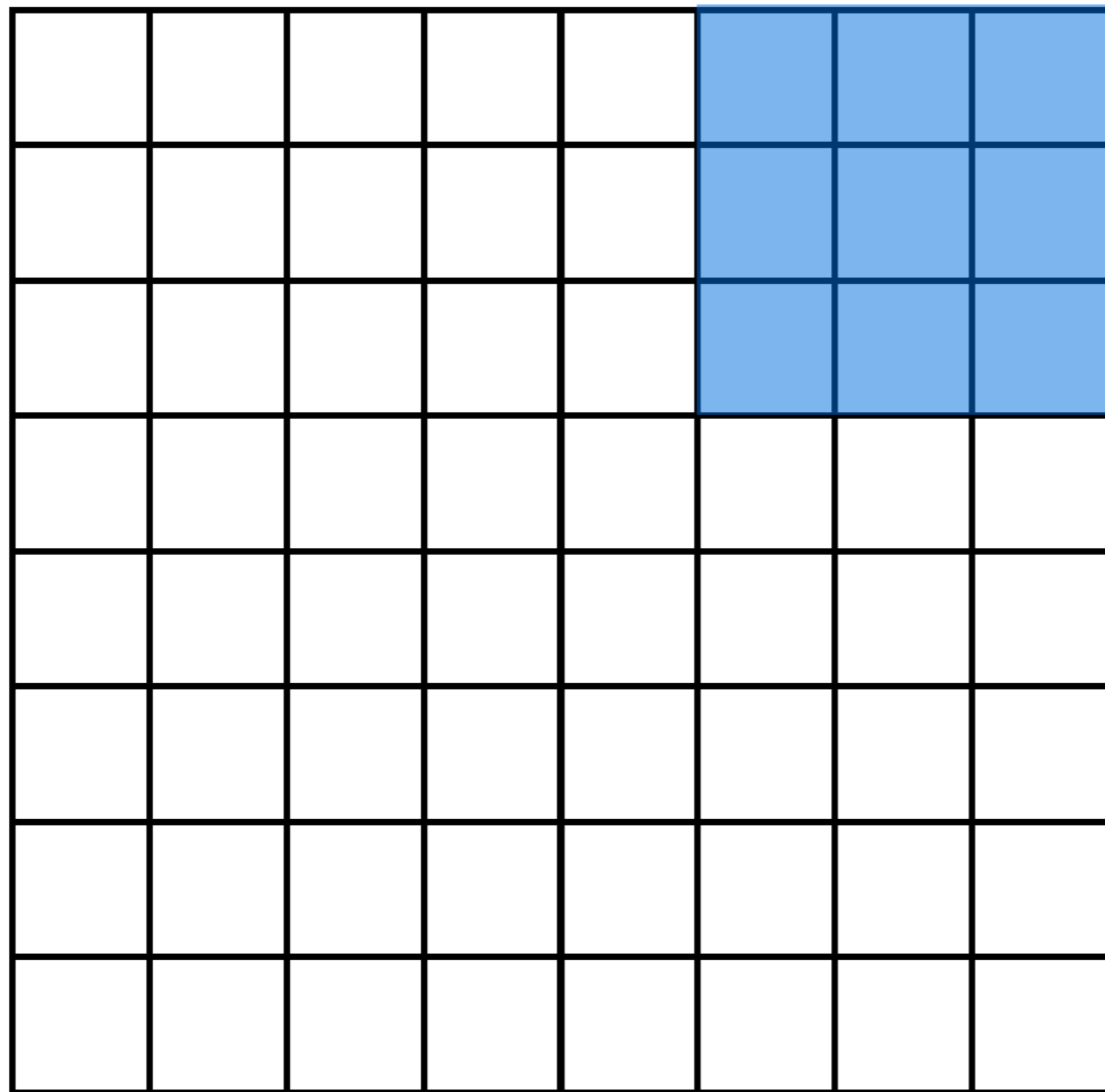
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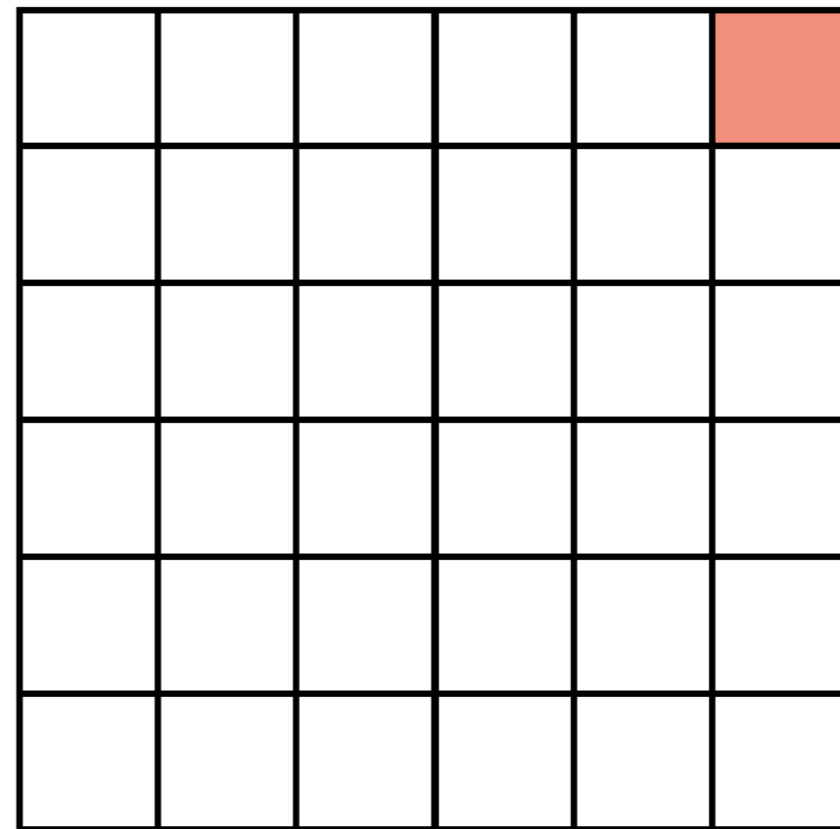
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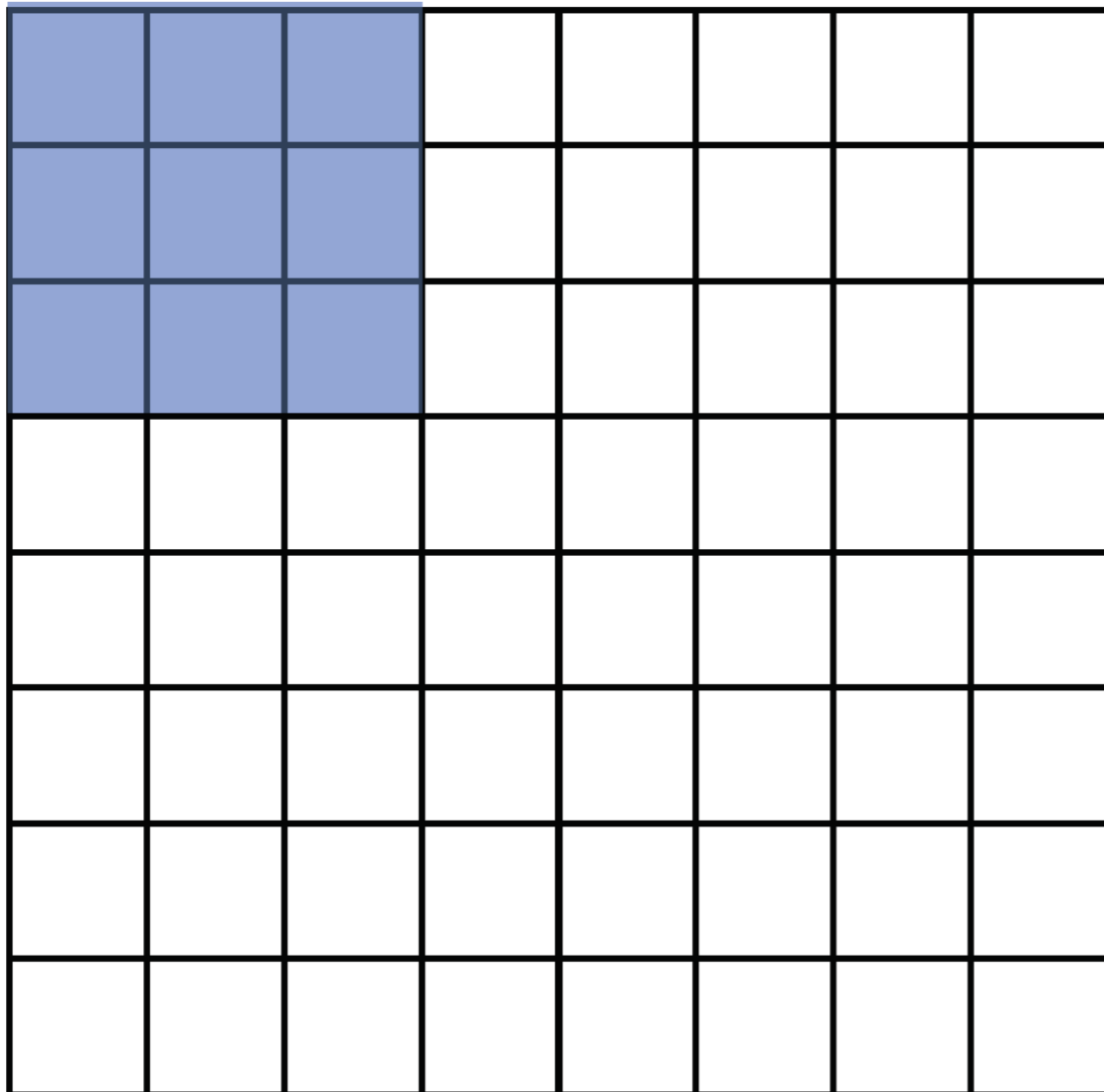
**Input**



**Output**

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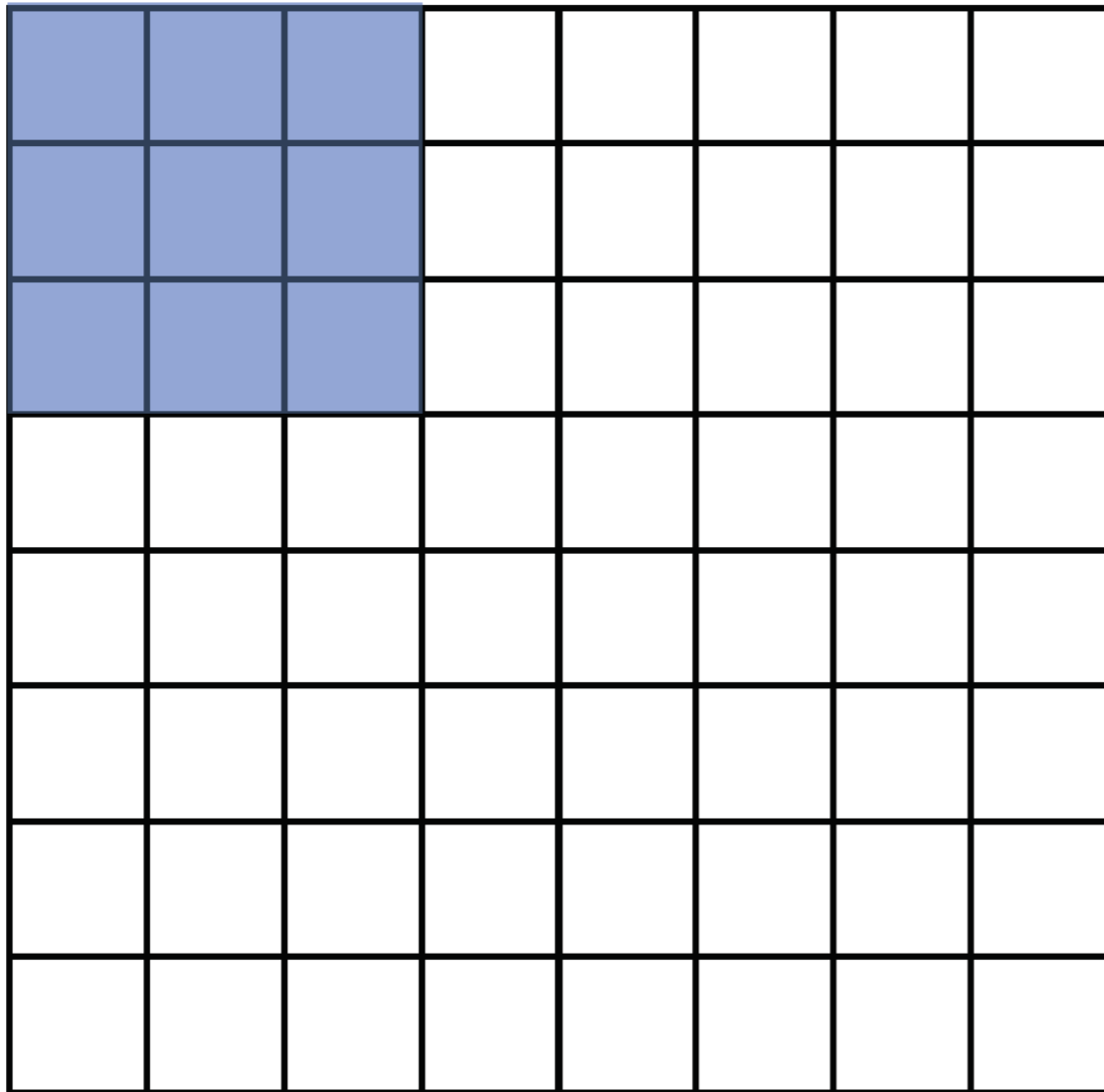
Recall that at each position, we are doing a **3D** sum:

$$h^r = \sum_{ijk} x^r_{ijk} W_{ijk} + b$$

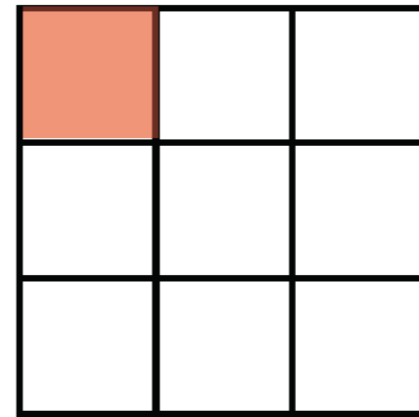
*(channel, row, column)*

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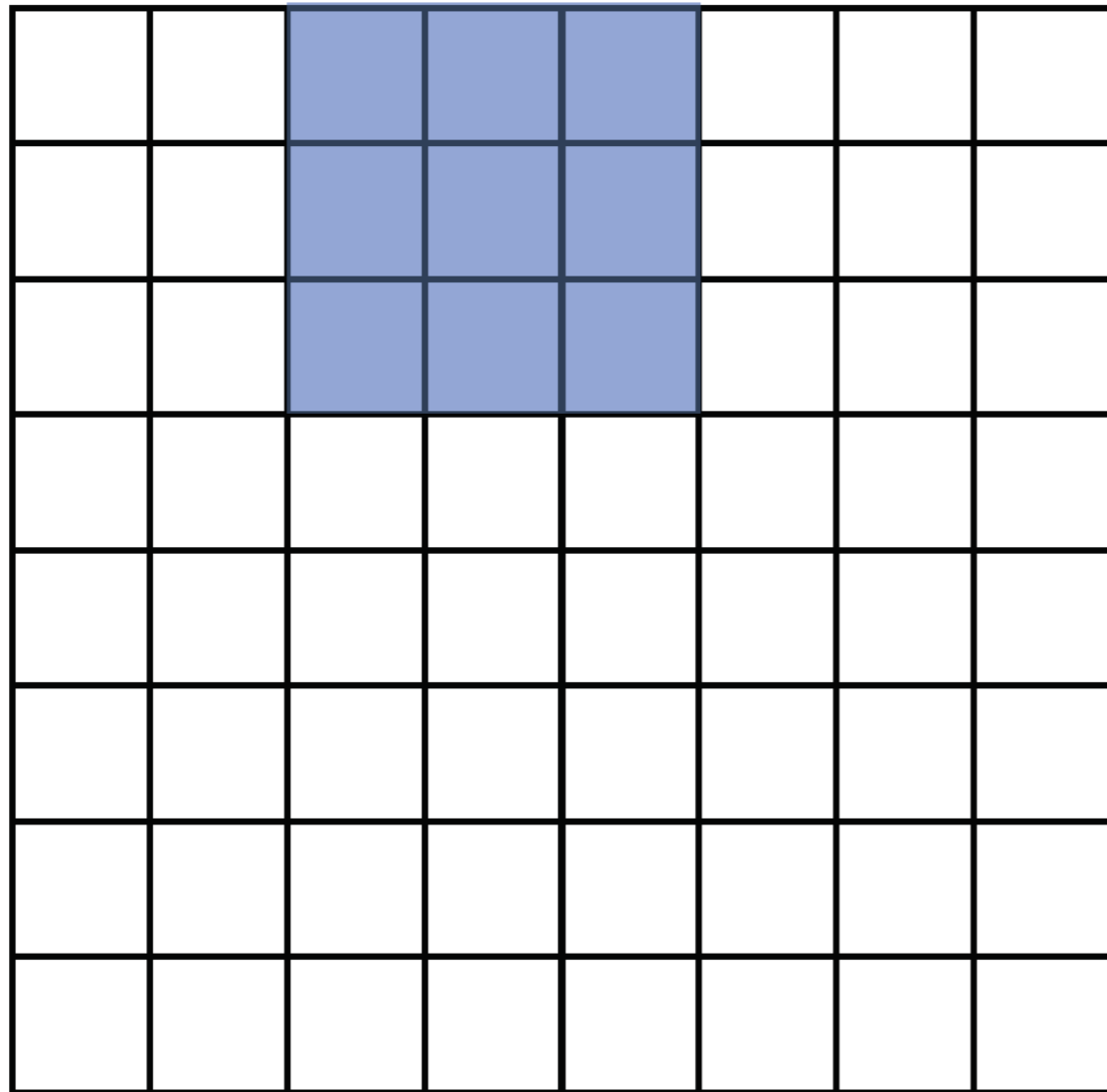
**Input**



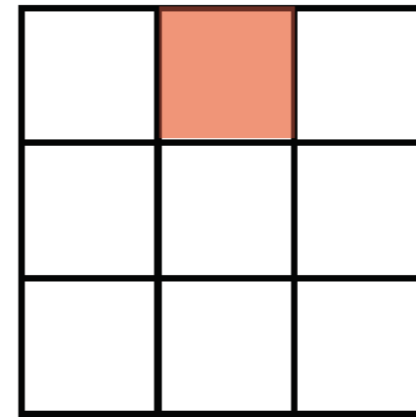
**Output**

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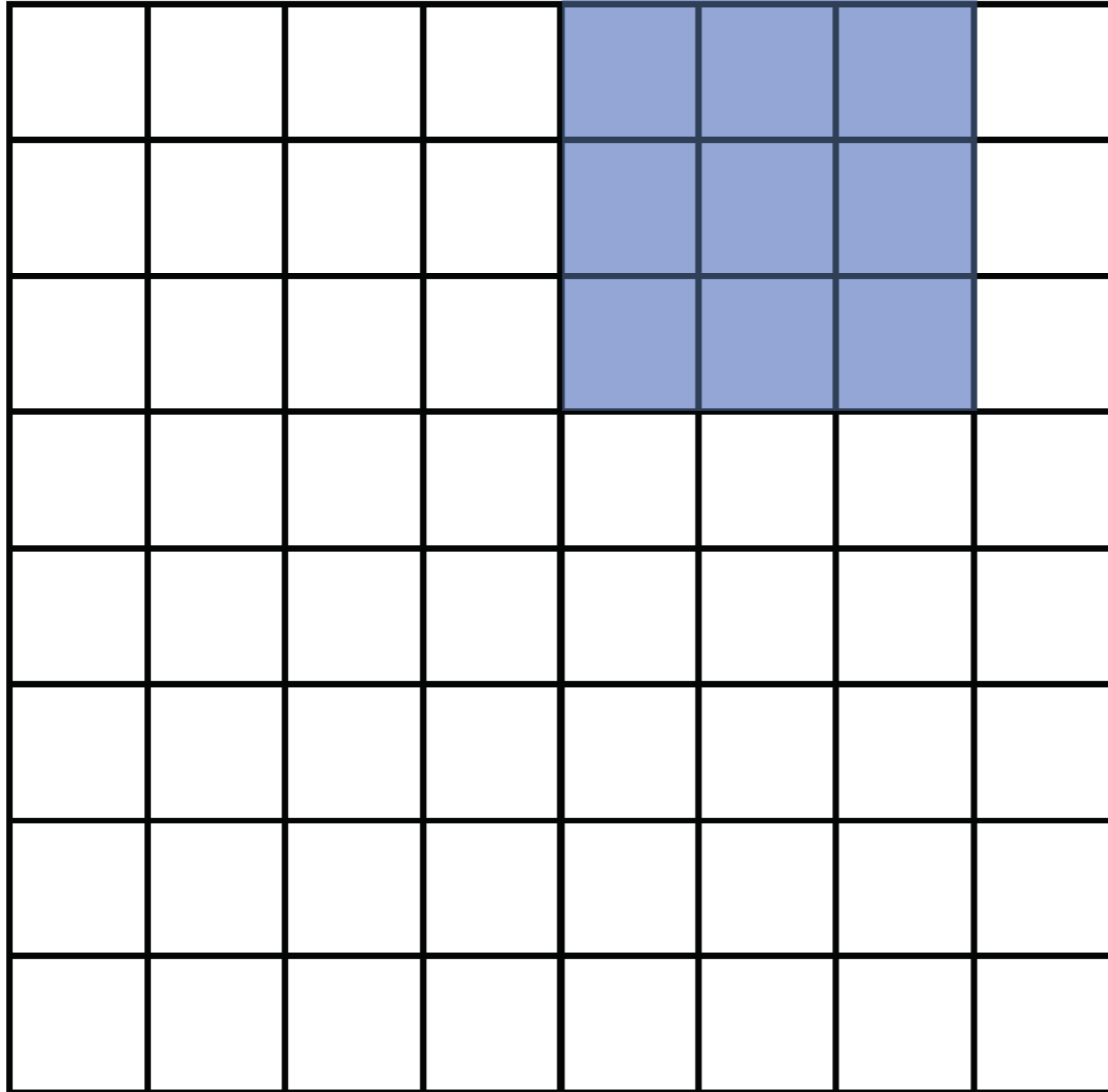
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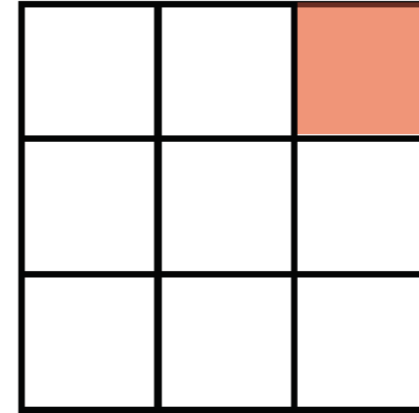
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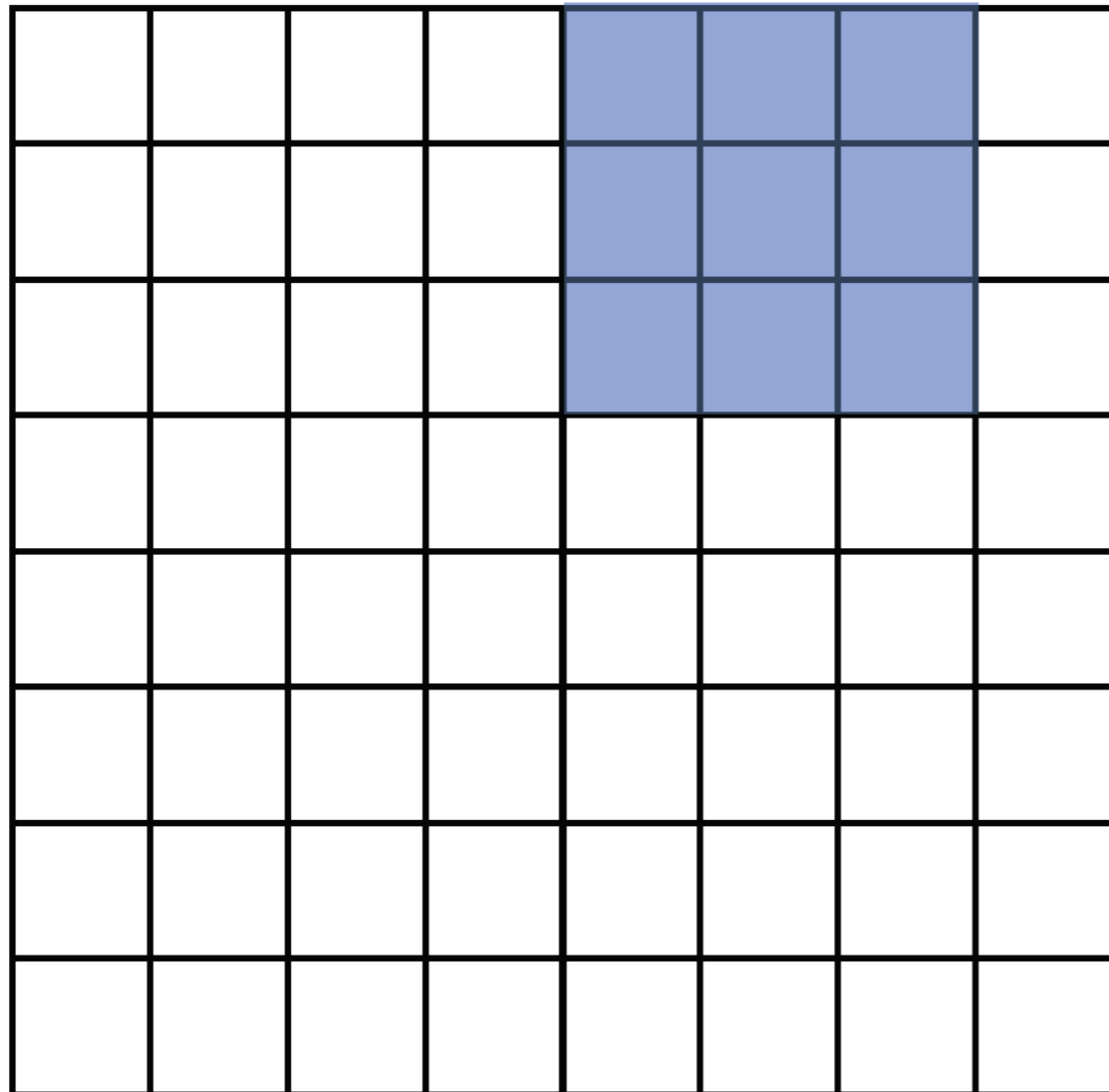


**Output**

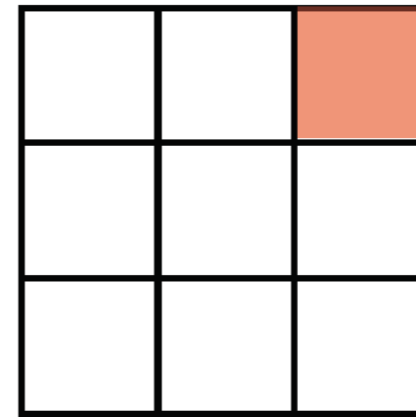


# Convolution: Stride

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**Input**



**Output**

- Notice that with certain strides, we may not be able to cover all of the input
- The output is also half the size of the input

# Convolution: Padding

We can also pad the input with zeros.

Here, **pad = 1**, **stride = 2**

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**Input**

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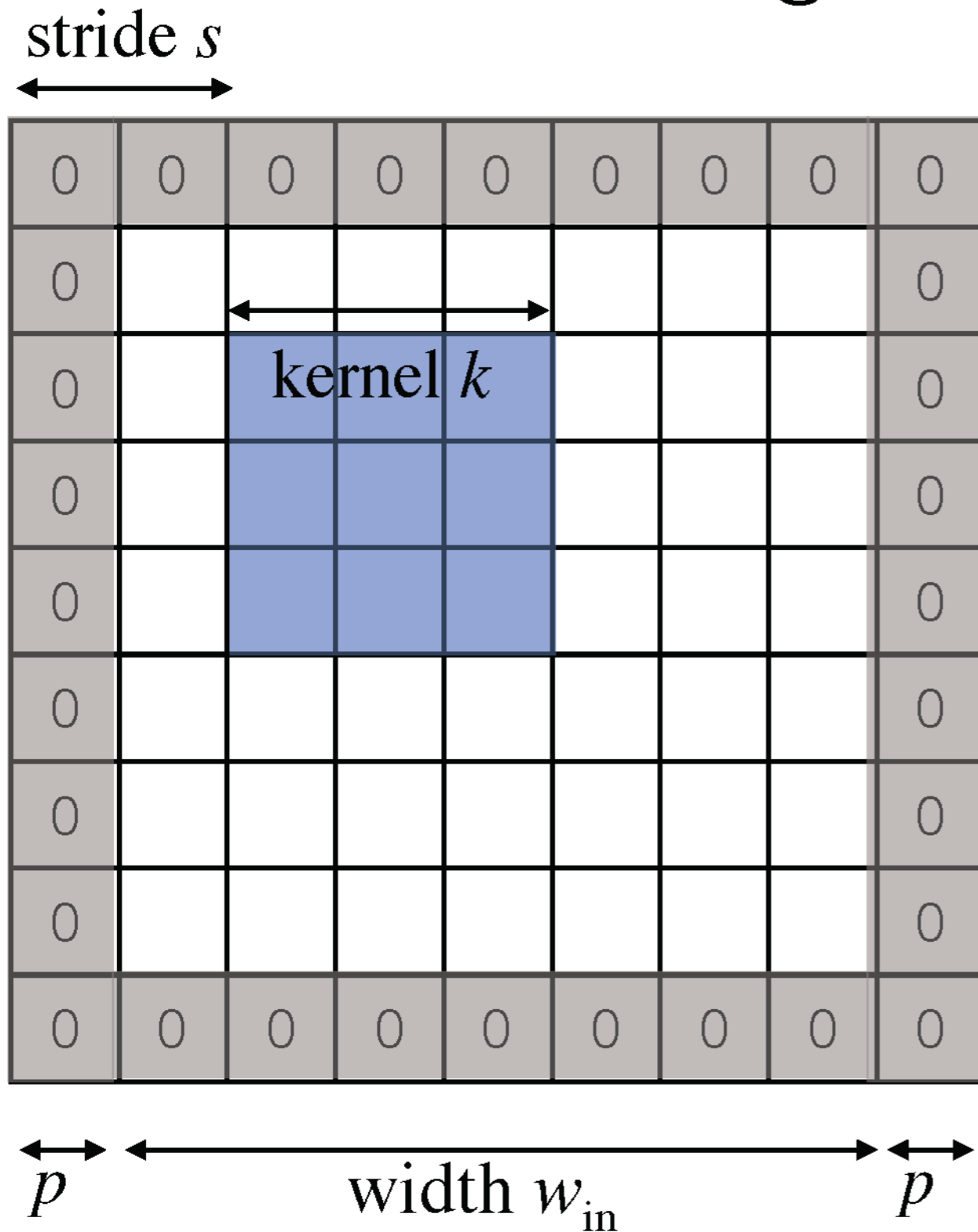
**Input**

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**Output**

# Convolution:

How big is the output?

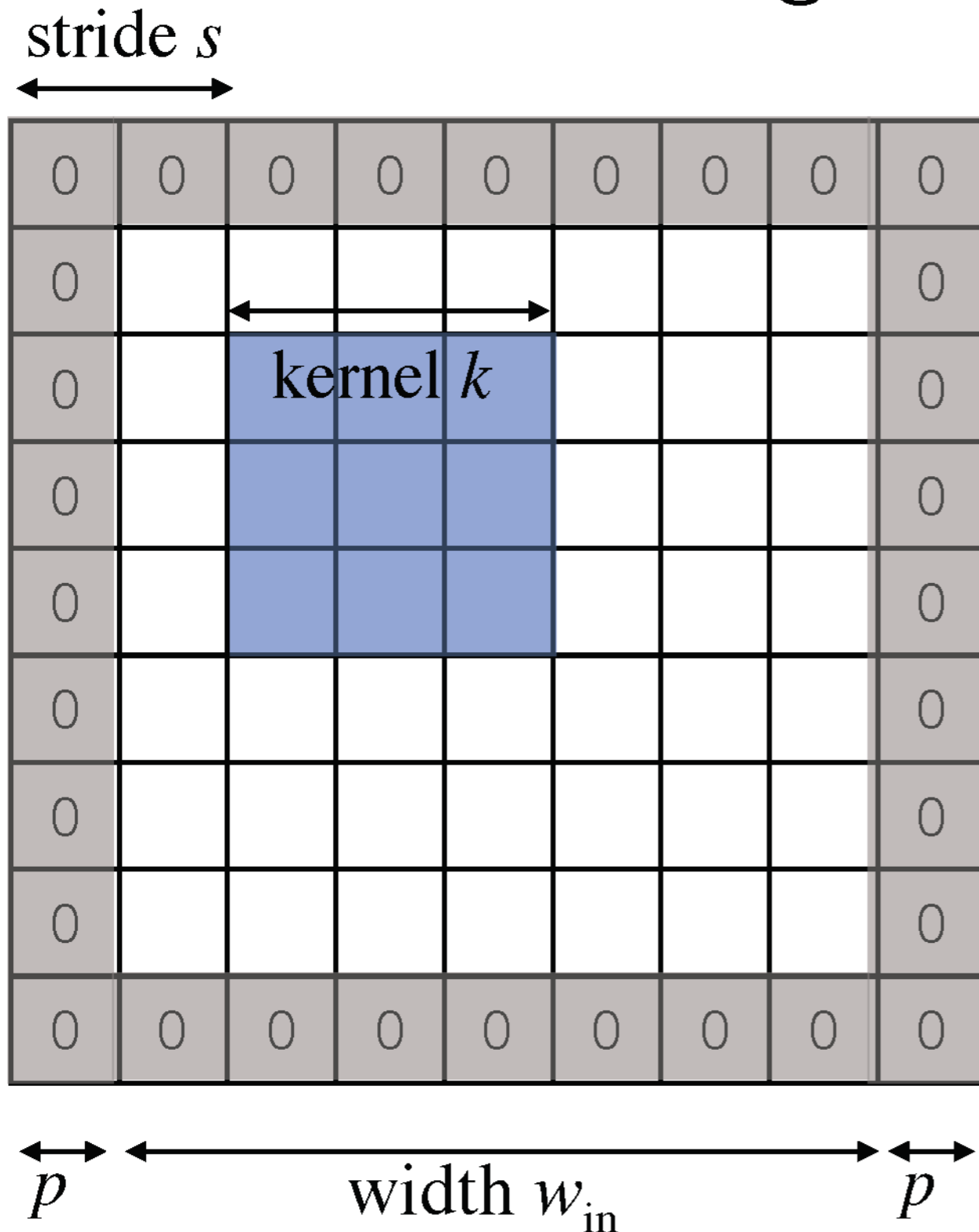


In general, the output has size:

$$w_{\text{out}} = \left\lfloor \frac{w_{\text{in}} + 2p - k}{s} \right\rfloor + 1$$

# Convolution:

How big is the output?



**Example:**  $k=3$ ,  $s=1$ ,  $p=1$

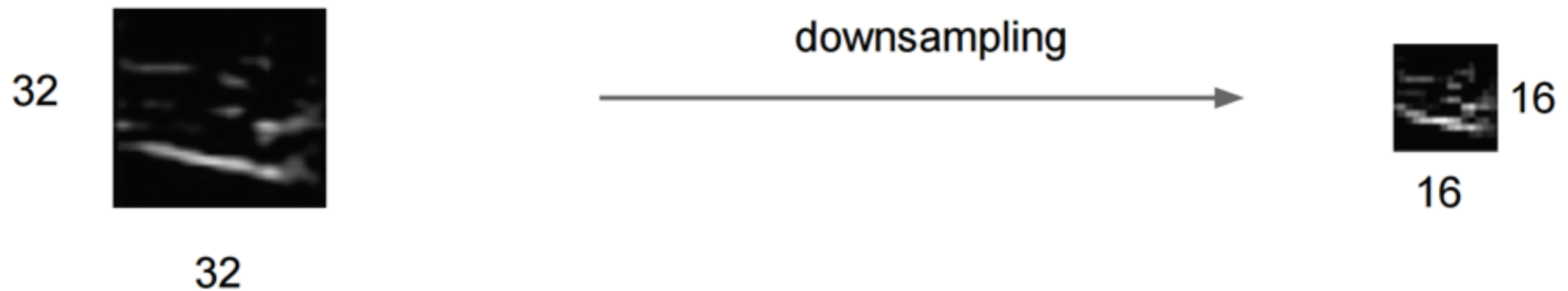
$$\begin{aligned}w_{\text{out}} &= \left\lfloor \frac{w_{\text{in}} + 2p - k}{s} \right\rfloor + 1 \\ &= \left\lfloor \frac{w_{\text{in}} + 2 - 3}{1} \right\rfloor + 1 \\ &= w_{\text{in}}\end{aligned}$$

VGGNet [Simonyan 2014]  
uses filters of this shape

# Pooling

For most ConvNets, **convolution** is often followed by **pooling**:

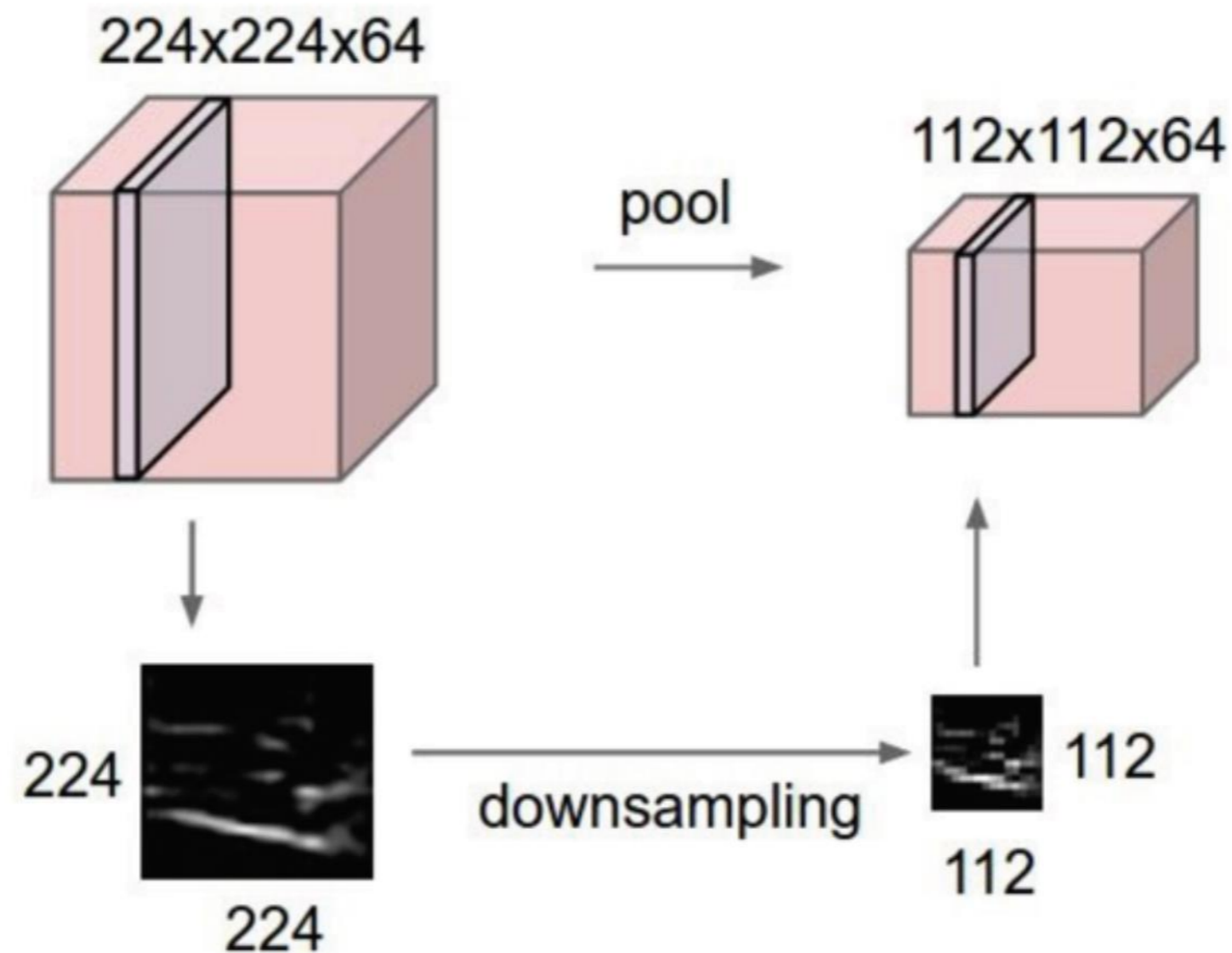
- Creates a smaller representation while retaining the most important information
- The “max” operation is the most common
- Why might “avg” be a poor choice?



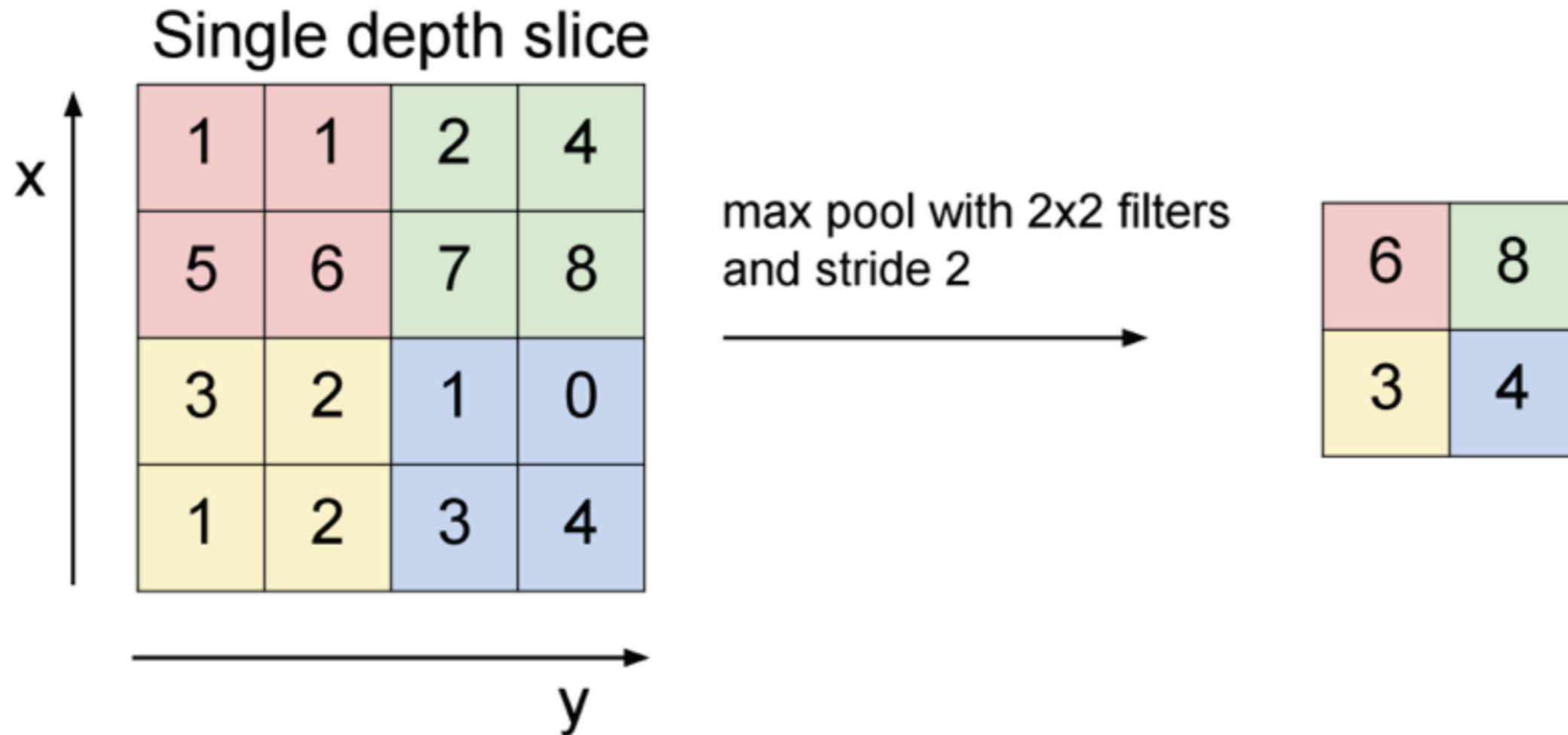


# Pooling

- makes the representations smaller and more manageable
- operates over each activation map independently:



# Max Pooling



What's the backprop rule for max pooling?

- In the forward pass, store the index that took the max
- The backprop gradient is the input gradient at that index

# Example ConvNet



Figure: Andrej Karpathy

# Example ConvNet

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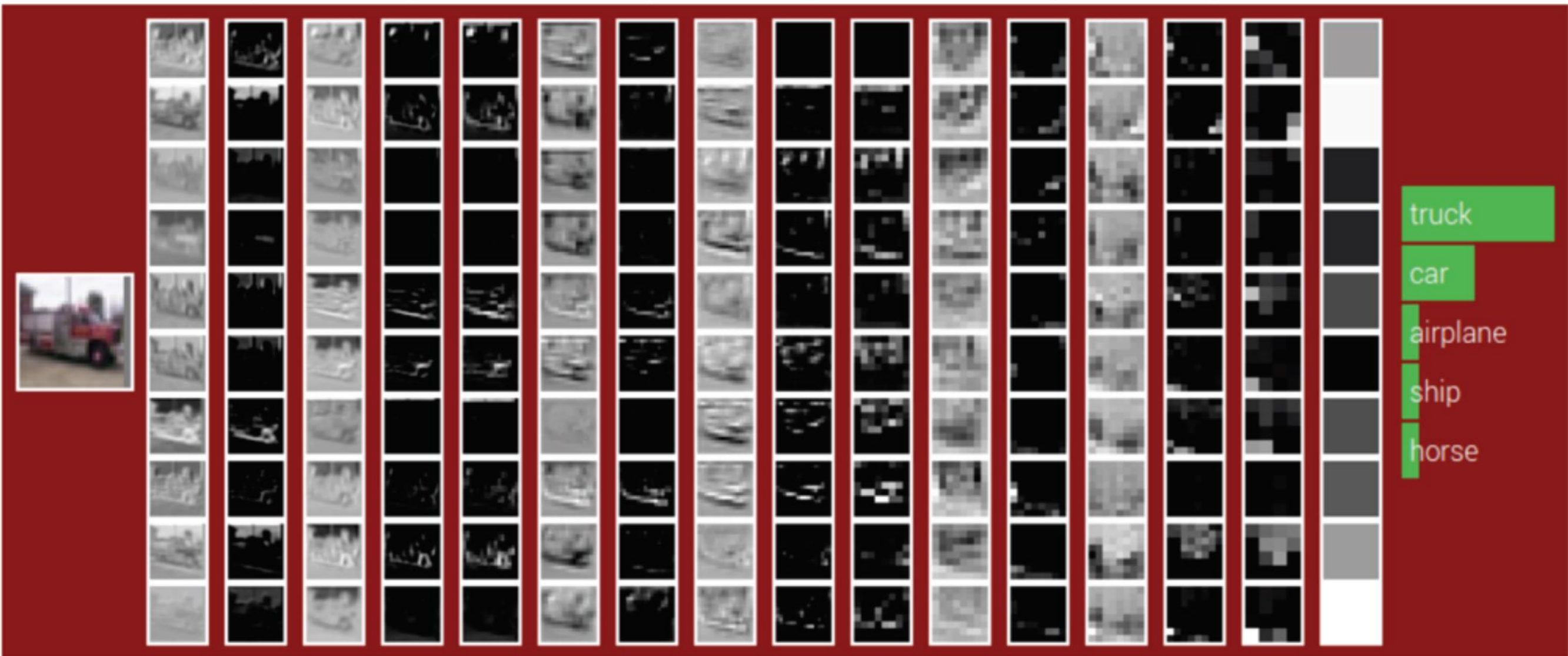


Figure: Andrej Karpathy

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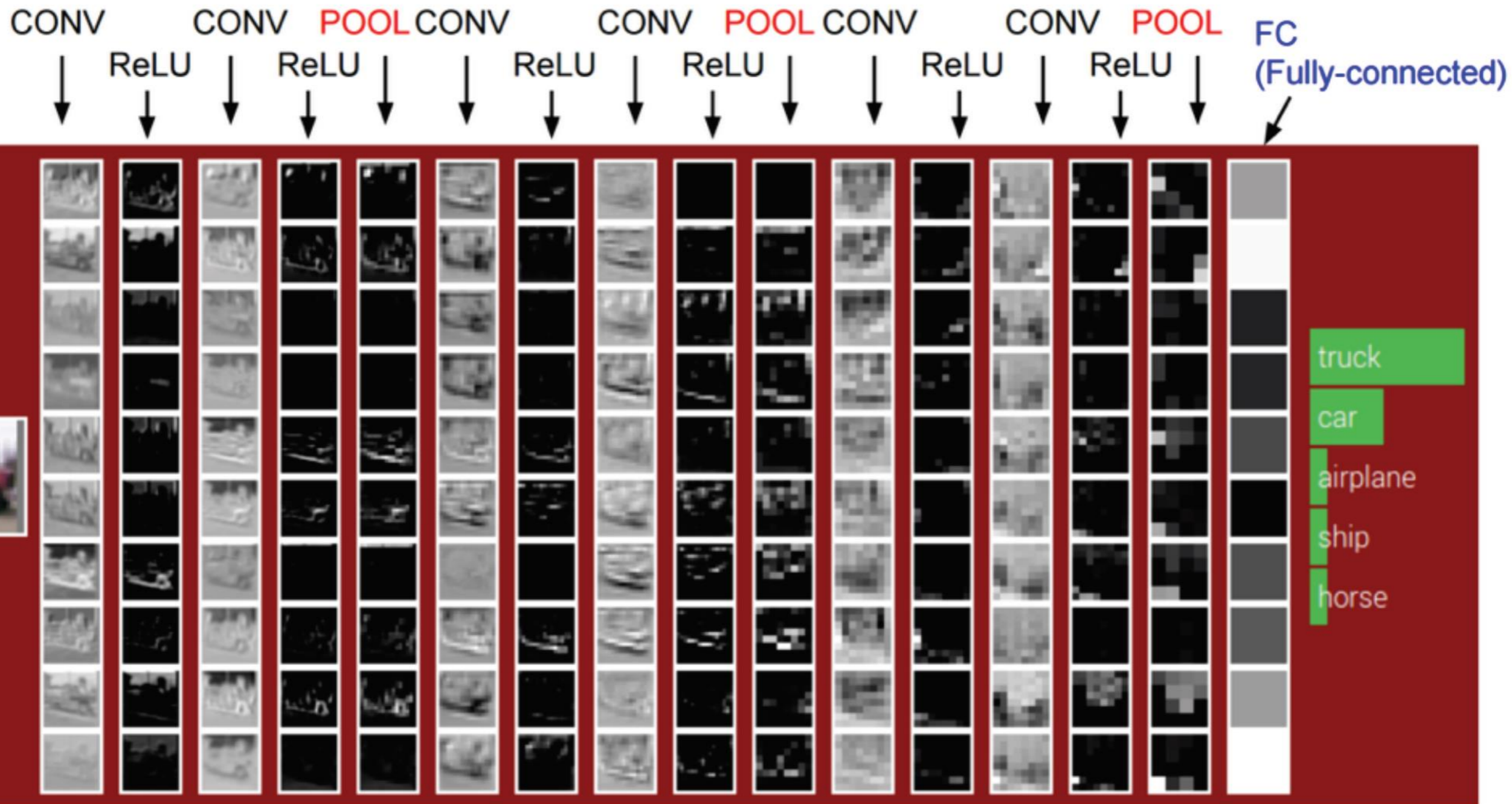
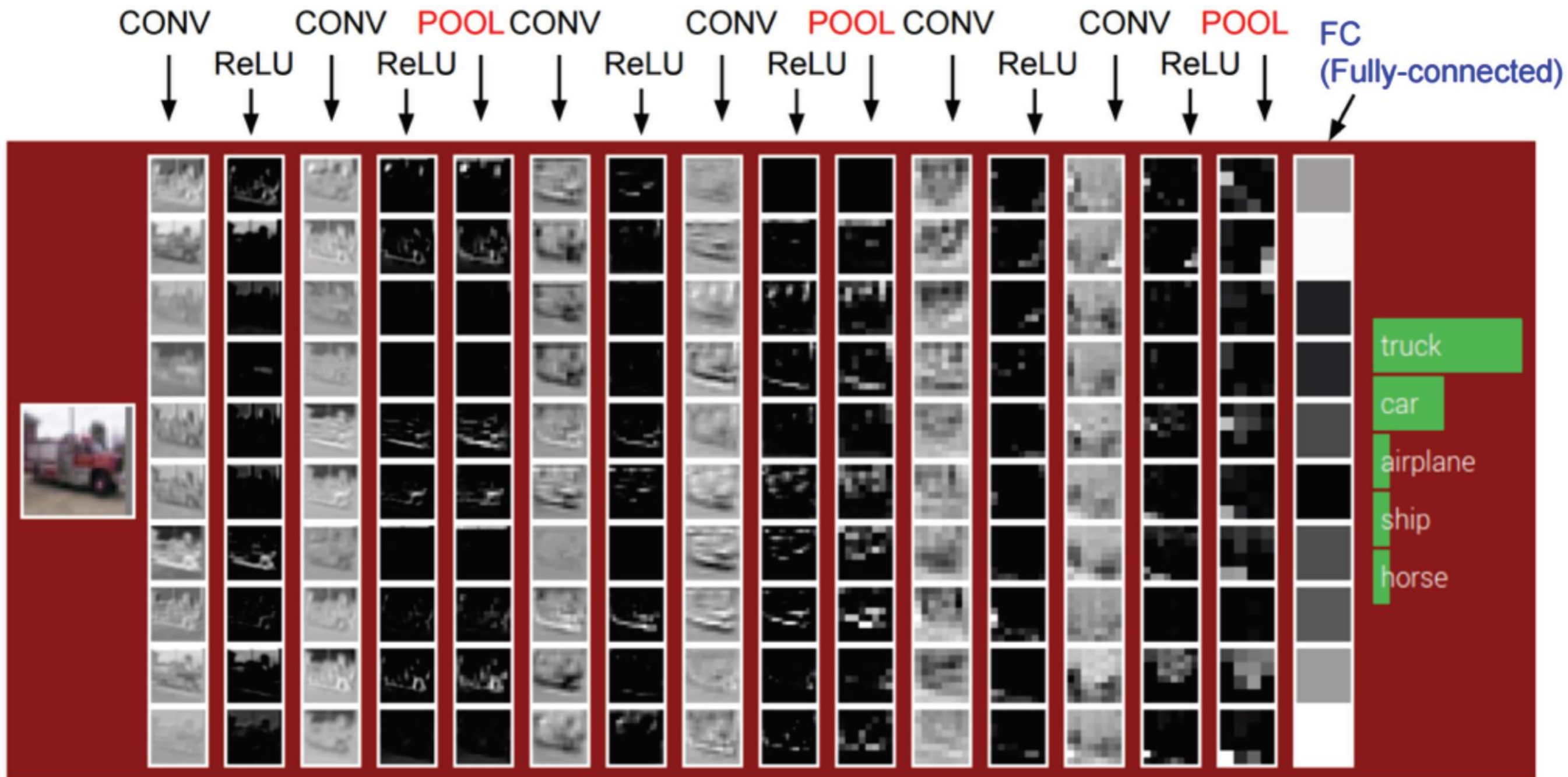


Figure: Andrej Karpathy

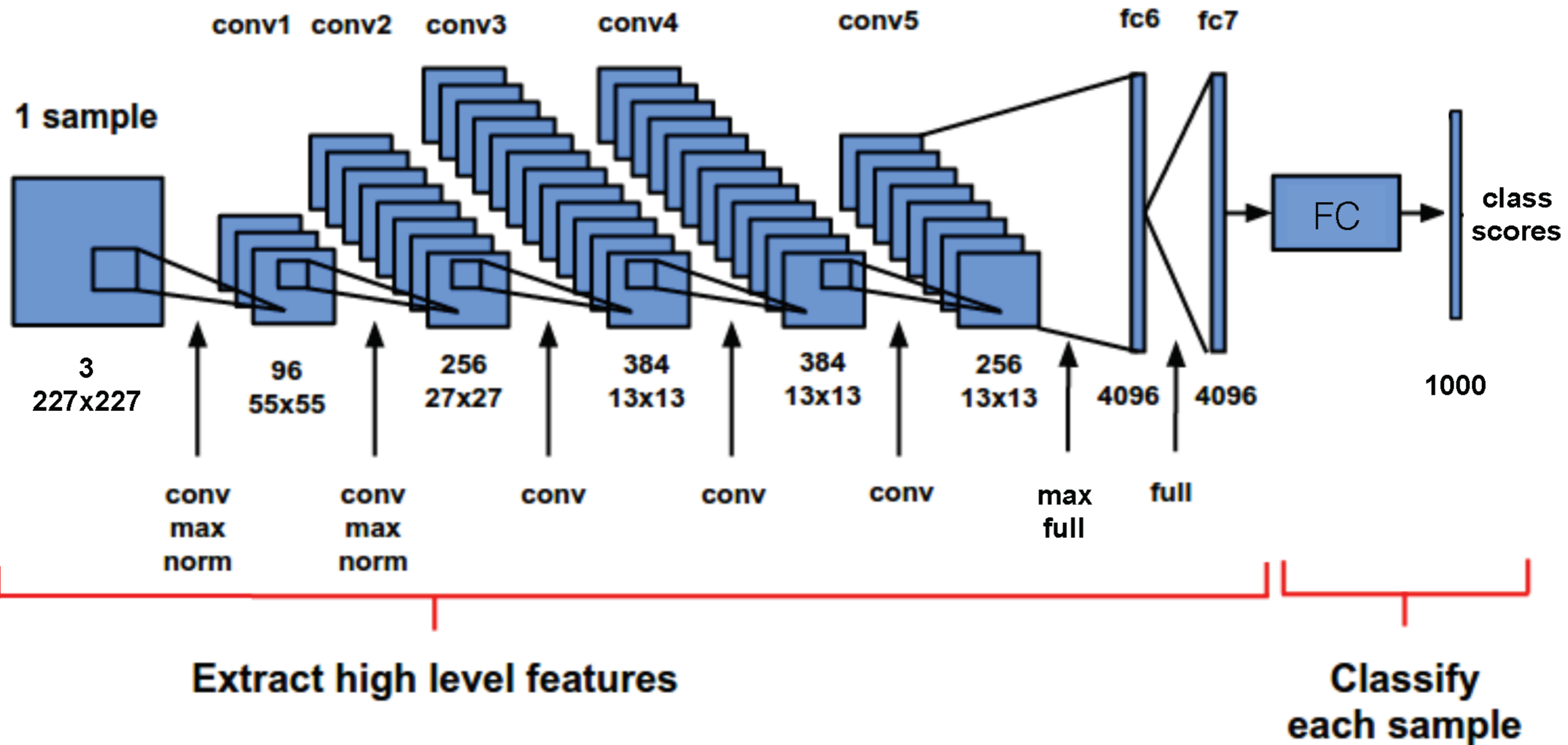
# Example ConvNet



10x3x3 conv filters, stride 1, pad 1  
2x2 pool filters, stride 2

Figure: Andrej Karpathy

# Example: AlexNet [Krizhevsky 2012]



“max”: max pooling

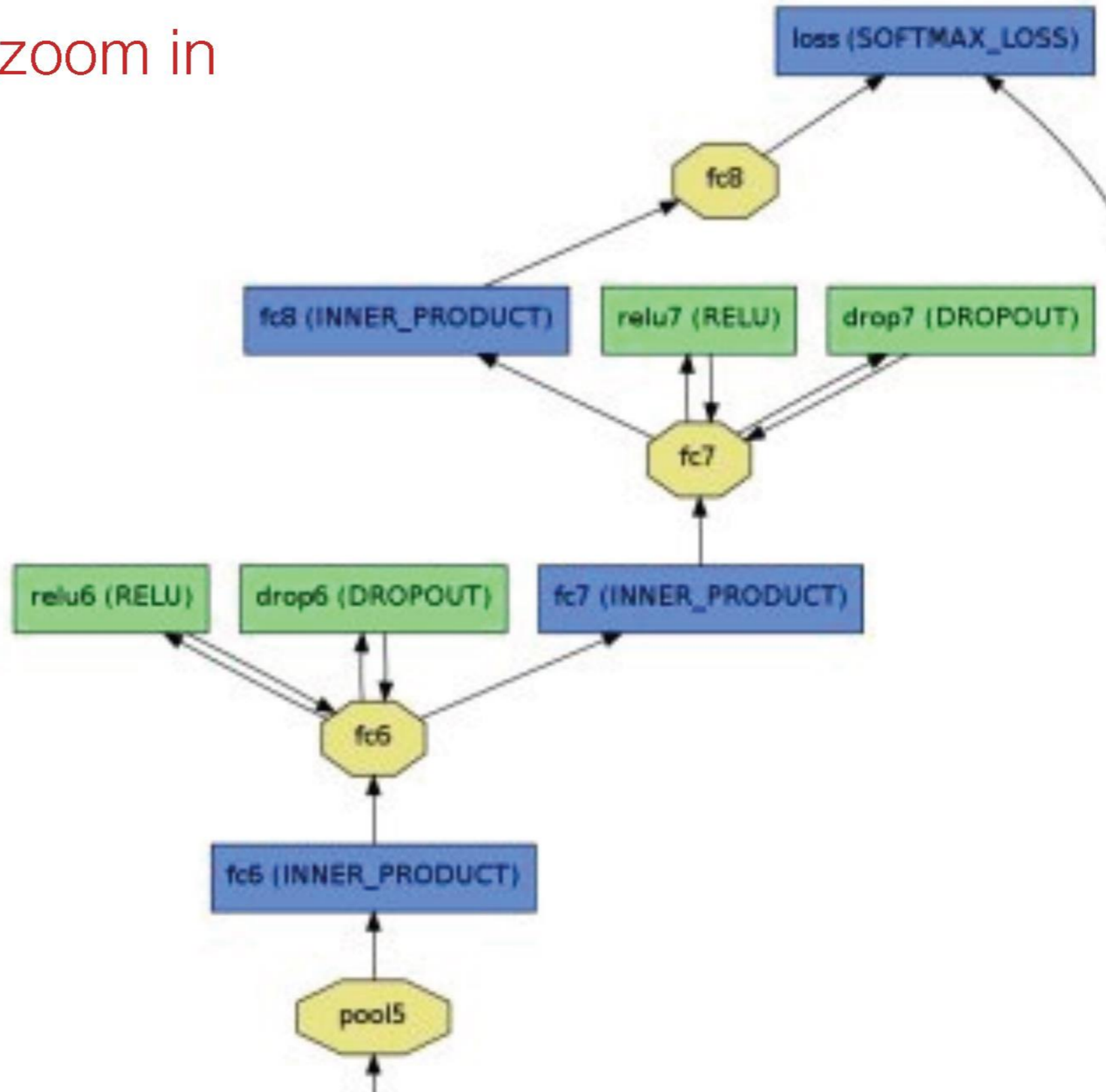
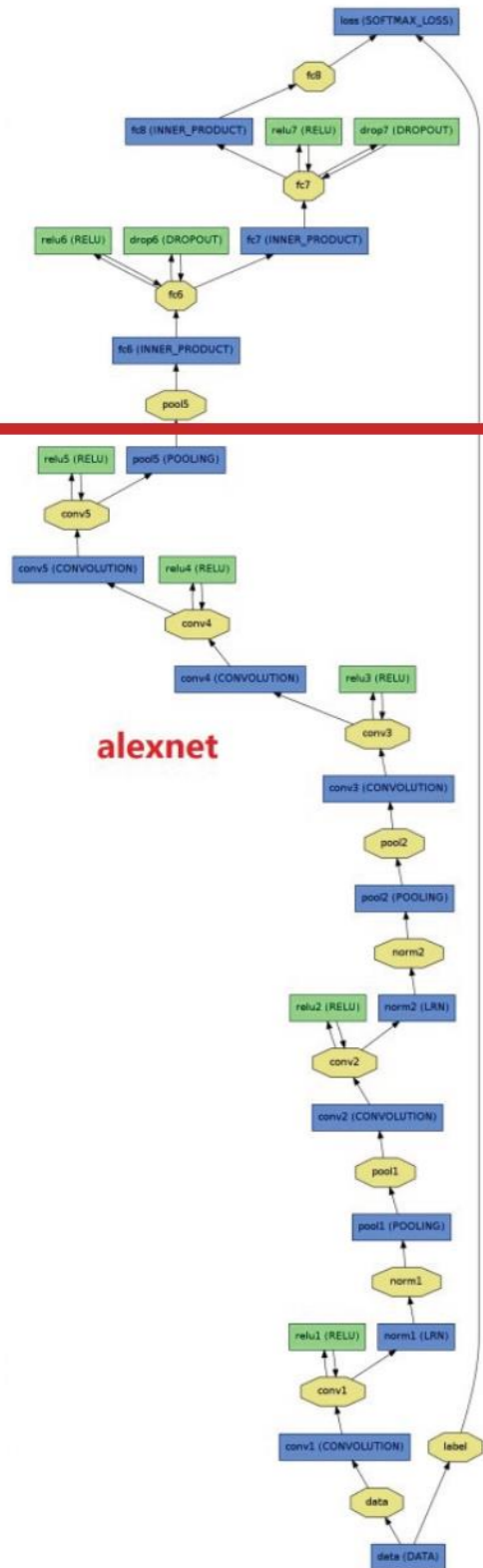
“norm”: local response normalization

“full”: fully connected

Figure: [Karnowski 2015] (with corrections)

# Example: AlexNet [Krizhevsky 2012]

zoom in





Questions?

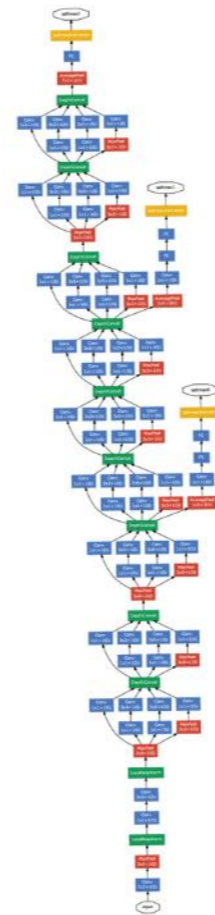
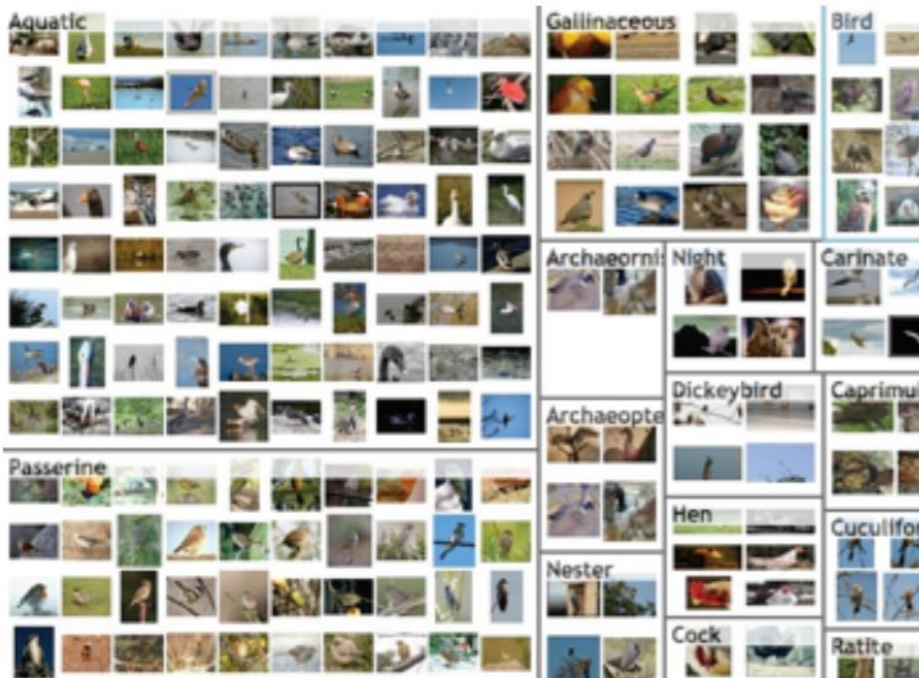
# How do you actually train these things?

## Roughly speaking:

Gather  
labeled data

Find a ConvNet  
architecture

Minimize  
the loss



# Training a convolutional neural network

- Split and preprocess your data
- Choose your network architecture
- Initialize the weights
- Find a learning rate and regularization strength
- Minimize the loss and monitor progress
- Fiddle with knobs

# Mini-batch Gradient Descent

## **Loop:**

1. Sample a batch of training data (~100 images)
2. Forwards pass: compute loss (avg. over batch)
3. Backwards pass: compute gradient
4. Update all parameters

**Note:** usually called “stochastic gradient descent” even though SGD has a batch size of 1

# Regularization

**Regularization reduces overfitting:**

$$L = L_{\text{data}} + L_{\text{reg}} \quad L_{\text{reg}} = \lambda \frac{1}{2} \|W\|_2^2$$

$\lambda = 0.001$



$\lambda = 0.01$



$\lambda = 0.1$

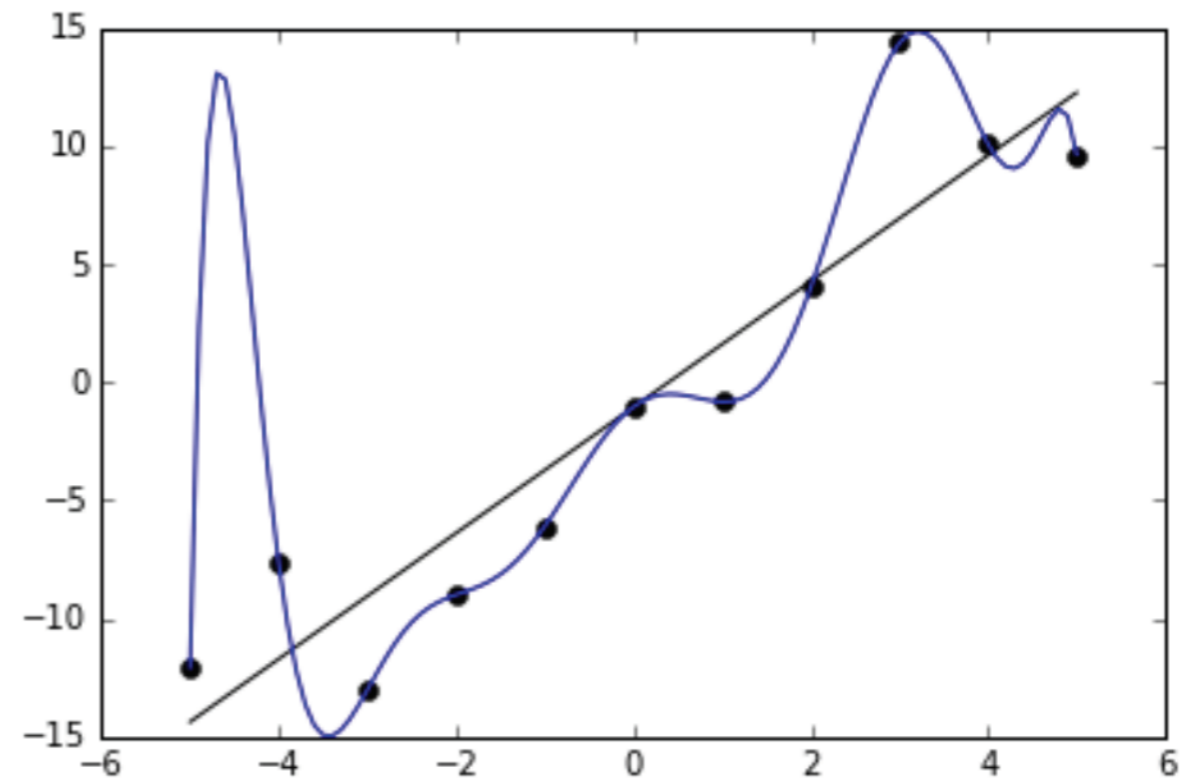


# Overfitting

**Overfitting:** modeling noise in the training set instead of the “true” underlying relationship

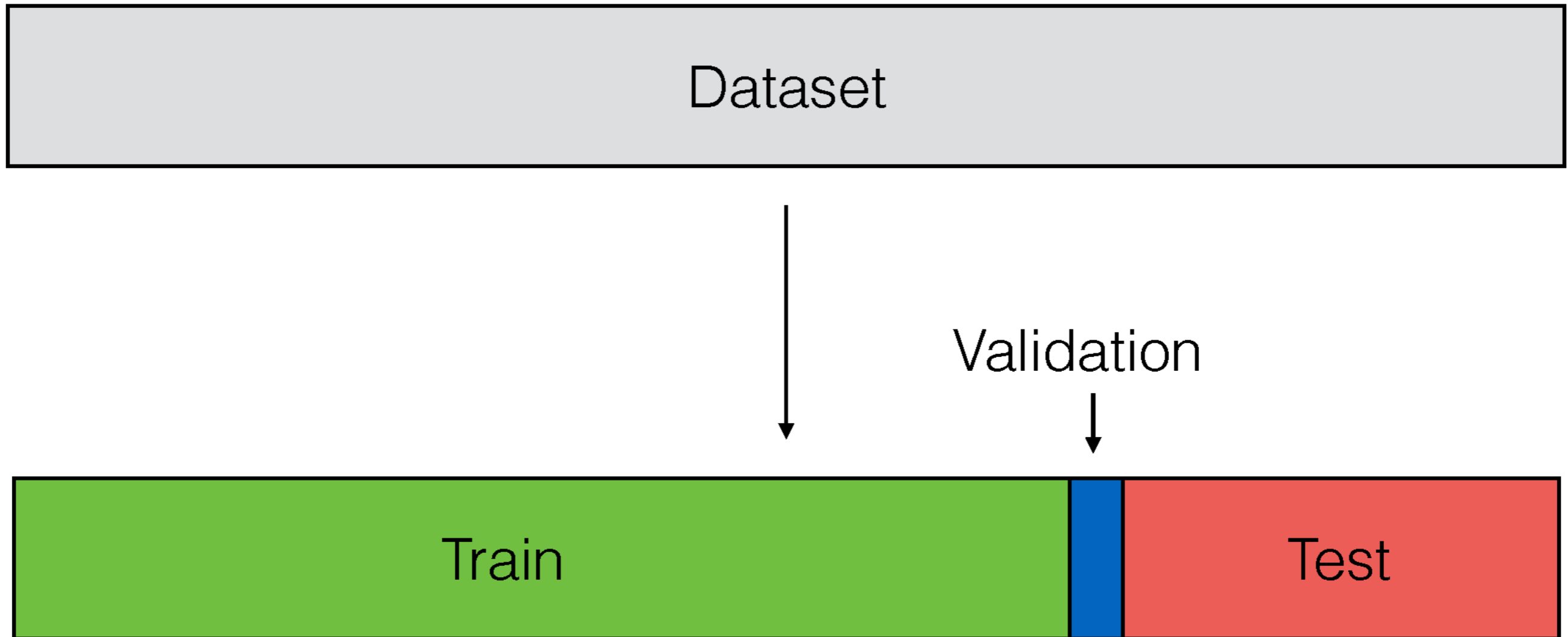
**Underfitting:** insufficiently modeling the relationship in the training set

**General rule:** models that are “bigger” or have more capacity are more likely to overfit



# (0) Dataset split

**Split your data into “train”, “validation”, and “test”:**



# (0) Dataset split



**Train:** gradient descent and fine-tuning of parameters

**Validation:** determining hyper-parameters (learning rate, regularization strength, etc) and picking an architecture

**Test:** estimate real-world performance  
(e.g. accuracy = fraction correctly classified)



# (0) Dataset split



## **Be careful with false discovery:**

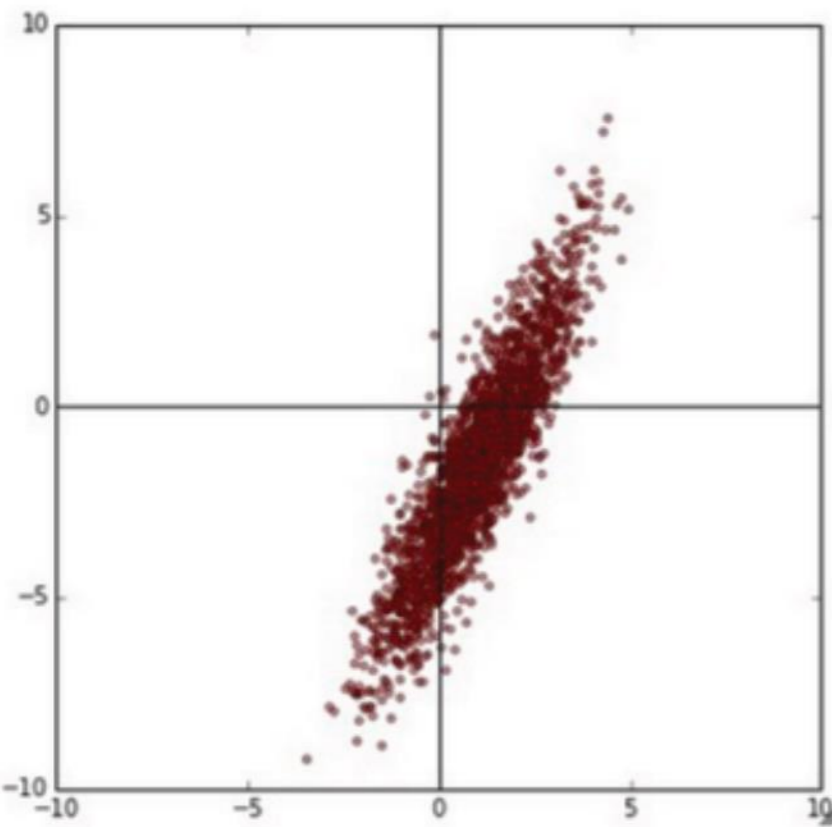
To avoid false discovery, once we have used a test set once, we should *not use it again* (but nobody follows this rule, since it's expensive to collect datasets)

Instead, try and avoid looking at the test score until the end

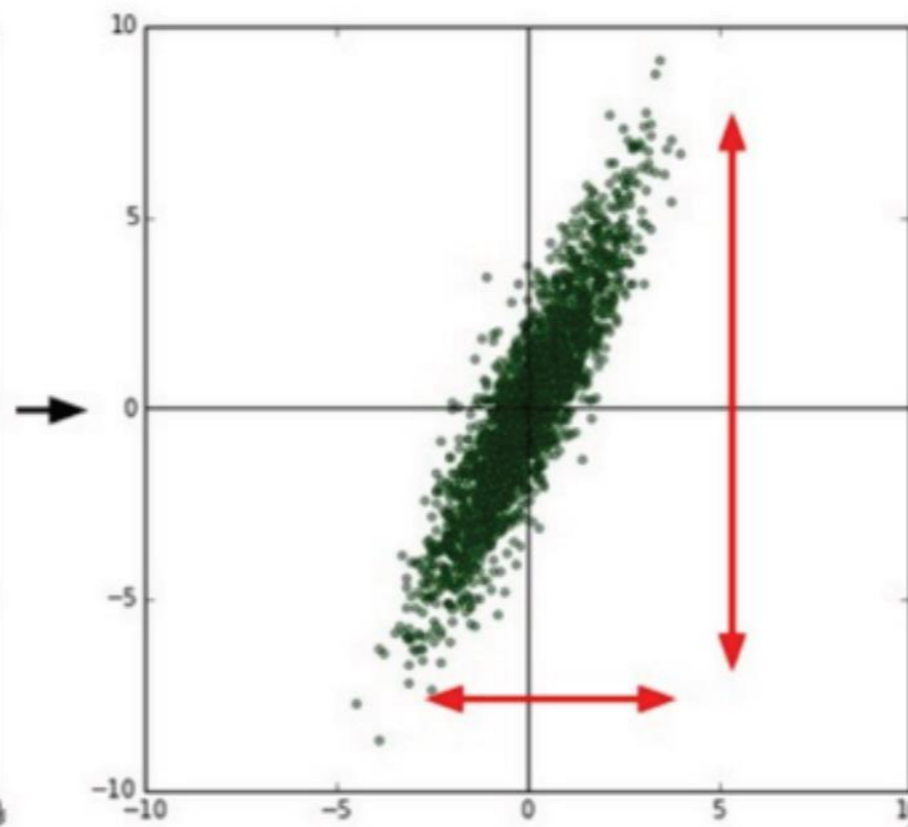
# (1) Data preprocessing

Preprocess the data so that learning is better conditioned:

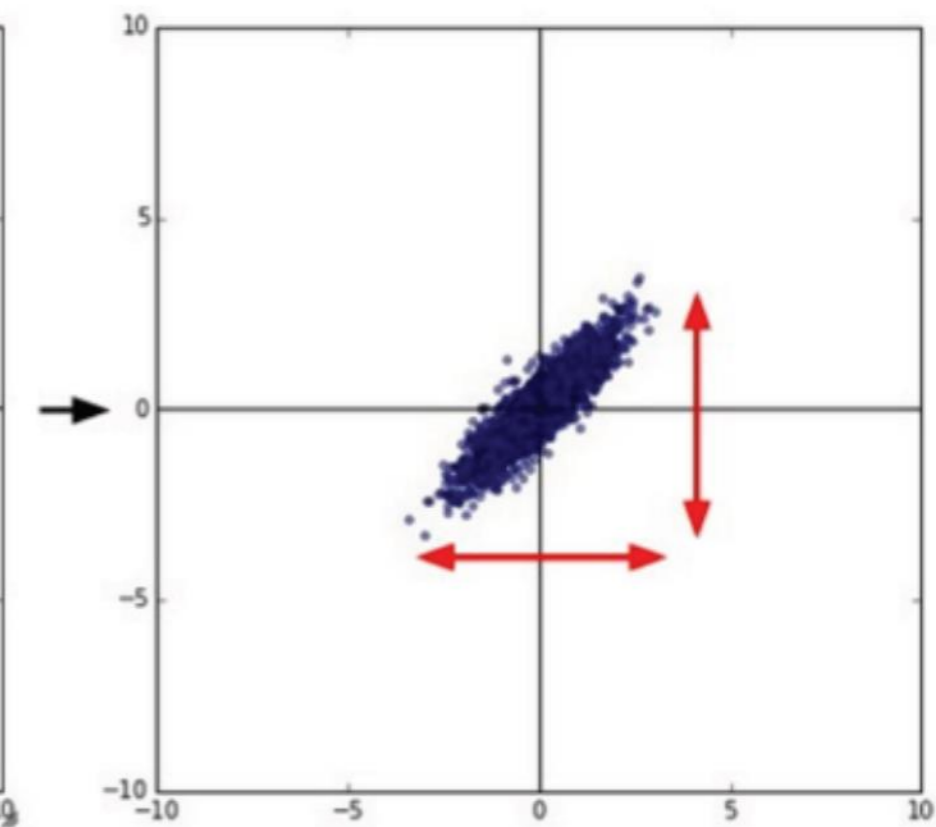
original data



zero-centered data



normalized data



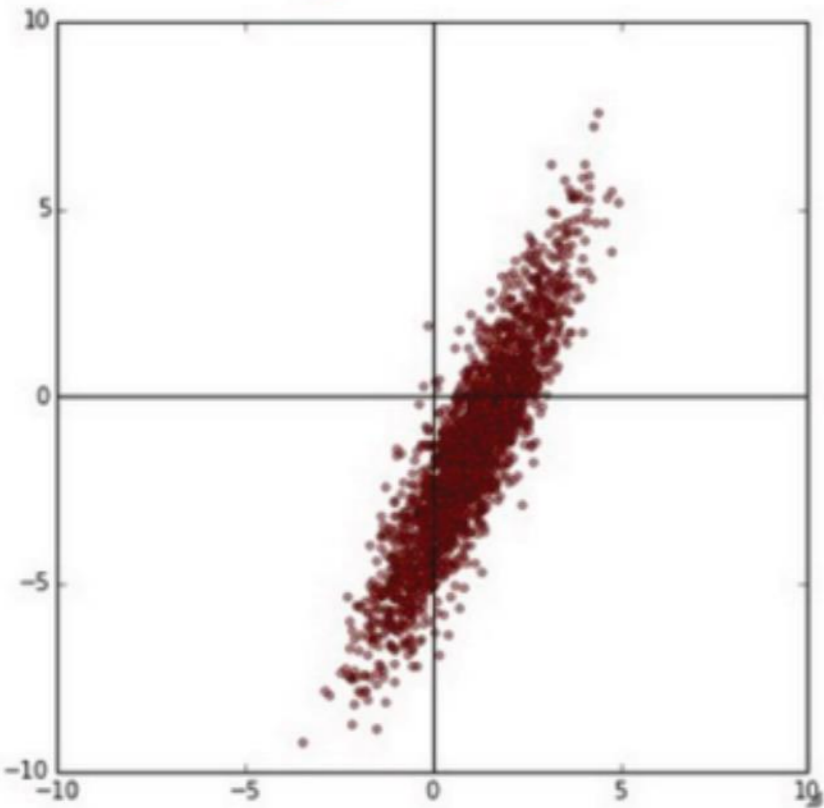
```
X -= np.mean(axis=0, keepdims=True)
```

```
X /= np.std(axis=0, keepdims=True)
```

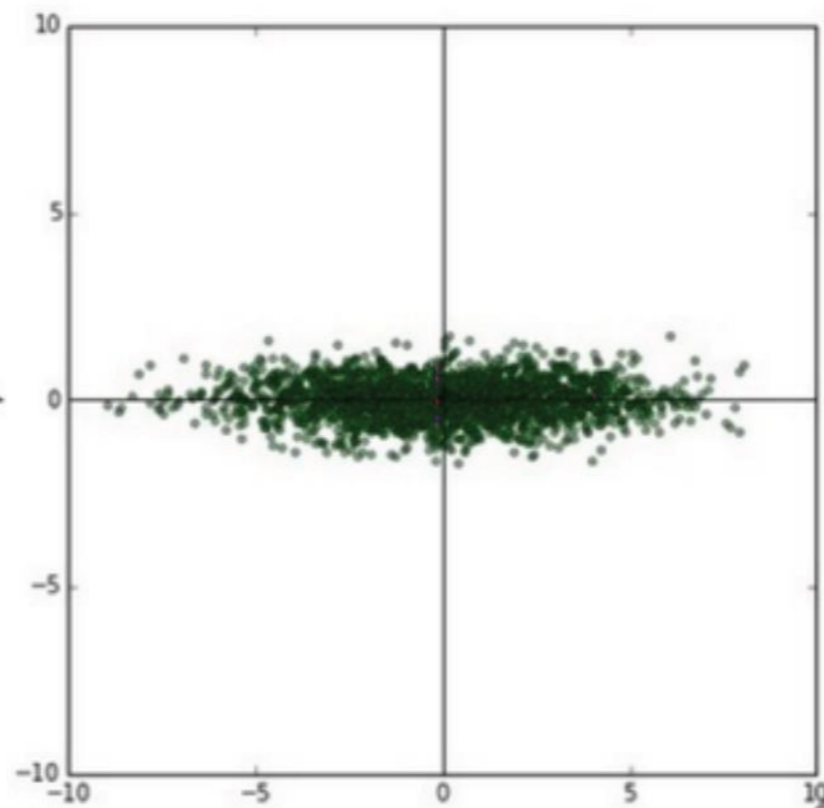
# (1) Data preprocessing

In practice, you may also see **PCA** and **Whitening** of the data:

original data

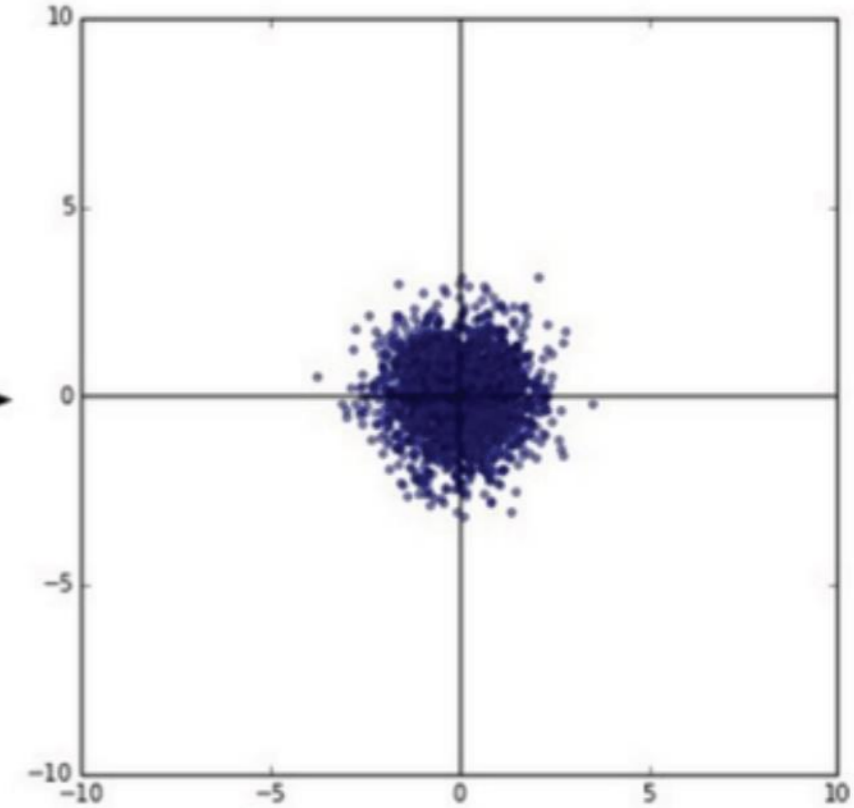


decorrelated data



(data has diagonal covariance matrix)

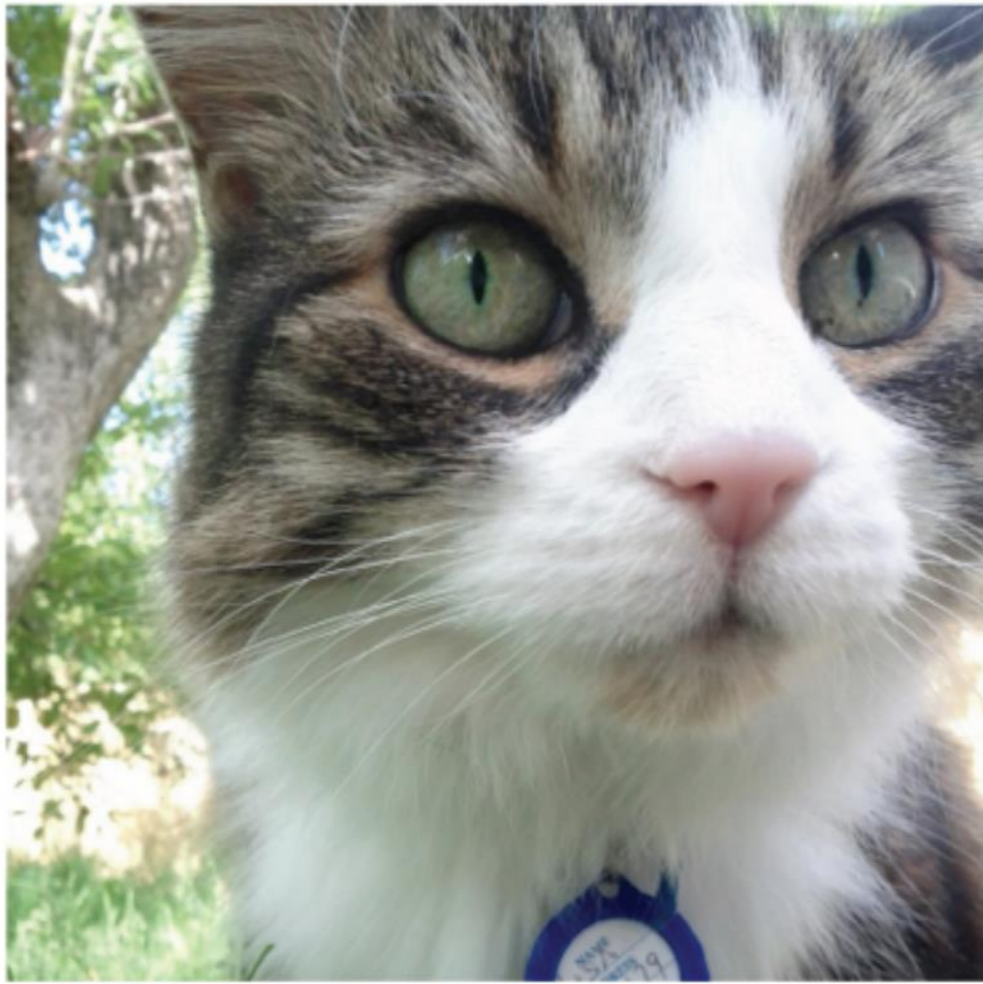
whitened data



(covariance matrix is the identity matrix)

# (1) Data preprocessing

For ConvNets, typically only the mean is subtracted.



An input image (256x256)



Minus sign



The mean input image

A per-channel mean also works (one value per R,G,B).

# (1) Data preprocessing

**Augment the data** — extract random crops from the input, with slightly jittered offsets. Without this, typical ConvNets (e.g. [Krizhevsky 2012]) overfit the data.



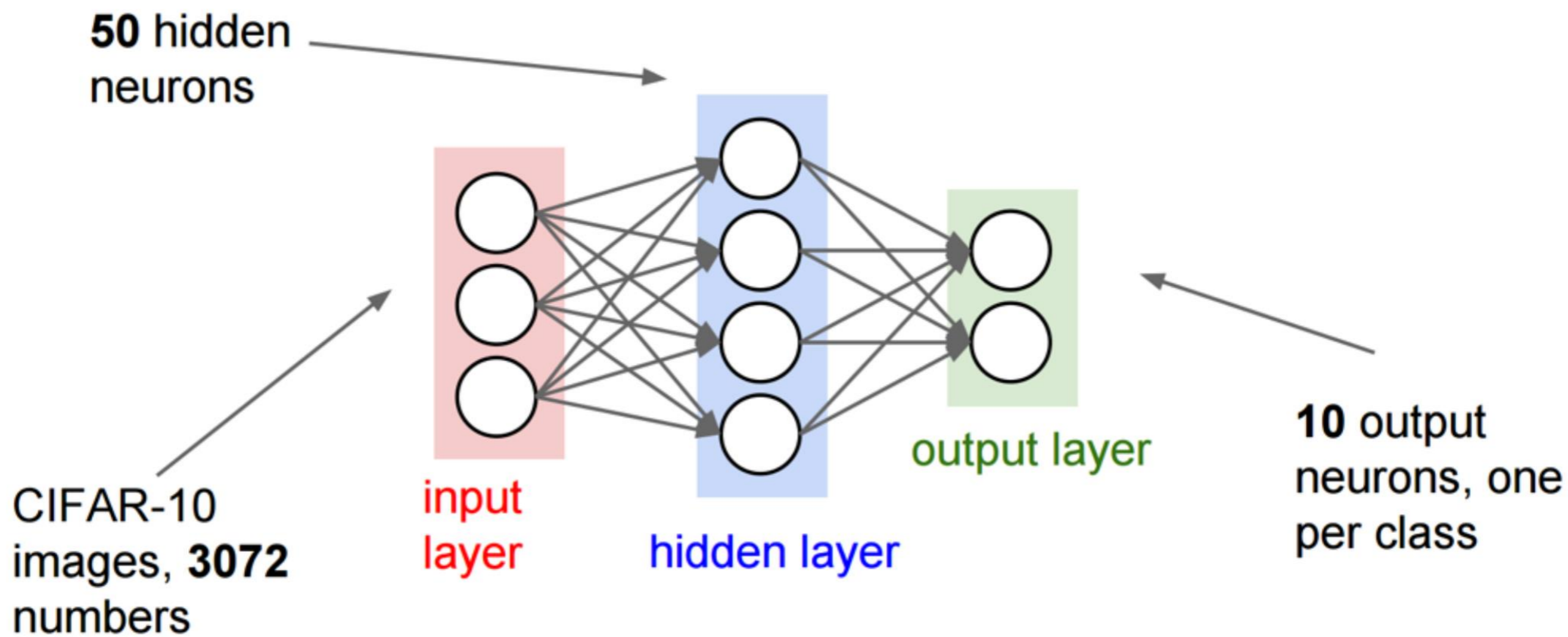
**E.g.** 224x224 patches  
extracted from 256x256 images

Randomly reflect horizontally

Perform the augmentation live  
during training

# (2) Choose your architecture

**Toy example: one hidden layer of size 50**



# (3) Initialize your weights

**Set the weights to small random numbers:**

```
W = np.random.randn(D, H) * 0.001
```

(matrix of small random numbers drawn from a Gaussian distribution)

(the magnitude is important and this is not optimal — more on this later)

**Set the bias to zero (or small nonzero):**

```
b = np.zeros(H)
```

### (3) Check that the loss is reasonable

```
def init_two_layer_model(input_size, hidden_size, output_size):  
    # initialize a model  
    model = {}  
    model['W1'] = 0.0001 * np.random.randn(input_size, hidden_size)  
    model['b1'] = np.zeros(hidden_size)  
    model['W2'] = 0.0001 * np.random.randn(hidden_size, output_size)  
    model['b2'] = np.zeros(output_size)  
    return model
```

```
model = init_two_layer_model(32*32*3, 50, 10) # input size, hidden size, number of classes  
loss, grad = two_layer_net(X_train, model, y_train, 0.0) # disable regularization  
print loss
```

returns the loss and the gradient for all parameters



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    return model
```

```
model = init_two_layer_model(32*32*3, 50, 10) # input size, hidden size, number of classes  
loss, grad = two_layer_net(X_train, model, y_train, 1e3) # crank up regularization  
print loss
```

 loss went up, good. (sanity check)

# (4) Overfit a small portion of the data

```
model = init_two_layer_model(32*32*3, 50, 10) # input size, hidden size, number of classes
trainer = ClassifierTrainer()
X_tiny = X_train[:20] # take 20 examples ←
y_tiny = y_train[:20]
best_model, stats = trainer.train(X_tiny, y_tiny, X_tiny, y_tiny,
                                  model, two_layer_net,
                                  num_epochs=200, reg=0.0,
                                  update='sgd', learning_rate_decay=1,
                                  sample_batches = False,
                                  learning_rate=1e-3, verbose=True)
```

## Details:

‘sgd’: vanilla gradient descent (no momentum etc)

learning\_rate\_decay = 1: constant learning rate

sample\_batches = False (full gradient descent, no batches)

epochs = 200: number of passes through the data







# (4) Find a learning rate

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model = init_two_layer_model(32*32*3, 50, 10) # input size, hidden size, number of classes
trainer = ClassifierTrainer()
best_model, stats = trainer.train(X_train, y_train, X_val, y_val,
                                  model, two_layer_net,
                                  num_epochs=10, reg=0.000001,
                                  update='sgd', learning_rate_decay=1,
                                  sample_batches = True,
                                  learning_rate=1e-6, verbose=True)
```

```
Finished epoch 1 / 10: cost 2.302576, train: 0.080000, val 0.103000, lr 1.000000e-06
Finished epoch 2 / 10: cost 2.302582, train: 0.121000, val 0.124000, lr 1.000000e-06
Finished epoch 3 / 10: cost 2.302558, train: 0.119000, val 0.138000, lr 1.000000e-06
Finished epoch 4 / 10: cost 2.302519, train: 0.127000, val 0.151000, lr 1.000000e-06
Finished epoch 5 / 10: cost 2.302517, train: 0.158000, val 0.171000, lr 1.000000e-06
Finished epoch 6 / 10: cost 2.302518, train: 0.179000, val 0.172000, lr 1.000000e-06
Finished epoch 7 / 10: cost 2.302466, train: 0.180000, val 0.176000, lr 1.000000e-06
Finished epoch 8 / 10: cost 2.302452, train: 0.175000, val 0.185000, lr 1.000000e-06
Finished epoch 9 / 10: cost 2.302459, train: 0.206000, val 0.192000, lr 1.000000e-06
Finished epoch 10 / 10: cost 2.302420, train: 0.190000, val 0.192000, lr 1.000000e-06
finished optimization. best validation accuracy: 0.192000
```

**Loss barely changes**

**Why is the accuracy 20%?**

(learning rate is too low or regularization too high)

# (4) Find a learning rate

Learning rate:  $1e6$  — what could go wrong?

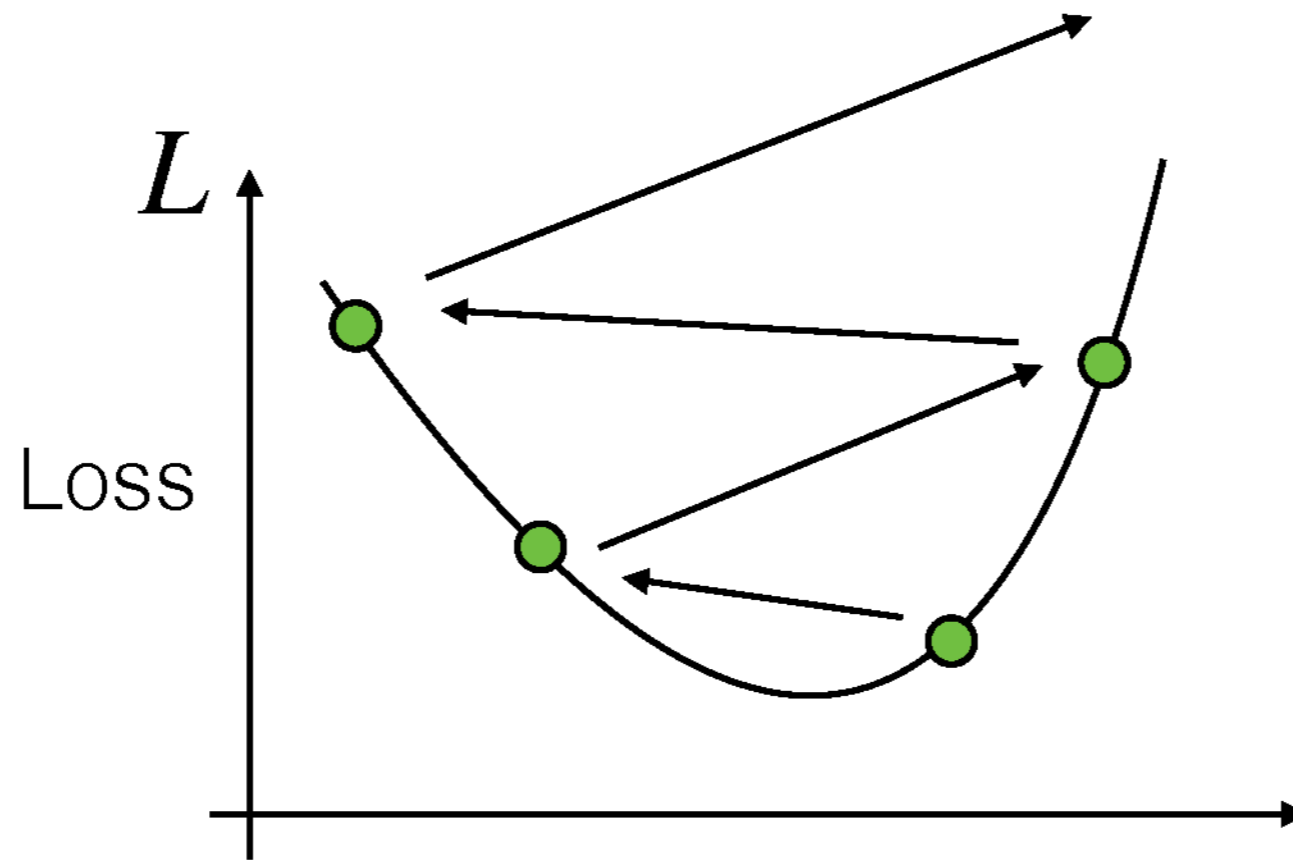
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model = init_two_layer_model(32*32*3, 50, 10) # input size, hidden size, number of classes
trainer = ClassifierTrainer()
best_model, stats = trainer.train(X_train, y_train, X_val, y_val,
                                  model, two_layer_net,
                                  num_epochs=10, reg=0.000001,
                                  update='sgd', learning_rate_decay=1,
                                  sample_batches = True,
                                  learning_rate=1e6, verbose=True)
```

```
/home/karpathy/cs231n/code/cs231n/classifiers/neural_net.py:50: RuntimeWarning: divide by zero encountered in log
```

**Loss is NaN → learning rate is too high**

# (4) Find a learning rate

Learning rate:  $1e6$  — what could go wrong?



A weight somewhere in the network



# (4) Find a learning rate

Learning rate:  $3e-3$

```
model = init_two_layer_model(32*32*3, 50, 10) # input size, hidden size, number of classes
trainer = ClassifierTrainer()
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                                  model, two_layer_net,
                                  num_epochs=10, reg=0.000001,
                                  update='sgd', learning_rate_decay=1,
                                  sample_batches = True,
                                  learning_rate=3e-3, verbose=True)
```

```
Finished epoch 1 / 10: cost 2.186654, train: 0.308000, val 0.306000, lr 3.000000e-03
Finished epoch 2 / 10: cost 2.176230, train: 0.330000, val 0.350000, lr 3.000000e-03
Finished epoch 3 / 10: cost 1.942257, train: 0.376000, val 0.352000, lr 3.000000e-03
Finished epoch 4 / 10: cost 1.827868, train: 0.329000, val 0.310000, lr 3.000000e-03
Finished epoch 5 / 10: cost inf, train: 0.128000, val 0.128000, lr 3.000000e-03
Finished epoch 6 / 10: cost inf, train: 0.144000, val 0.147000, lr 3.000000e-03
```

**Loss is inf → still too high**

But now we know we should be searching the range  
[ $1e-5$  ...  $1e-3$ ]

# (4) Find a learning rate

## **Coarse to fine search**

First stage: only a few epochs (passes through the data) to get a rough idea

Second stage: longer running time, finer search

**Tip:** if loss  $> 3 * \text{original loss}$ , quit early (learning rate too high)

# (4) Find a learning rate

## Coarse to fine search

```
max_count = 100
for count in xrange(max_count):
    reg = 10**uniform(-5, 5)
    lr = 10**uniform(-3, -6)
```

← note it's best to optimize in log space

```
trainer = ClassifierTrainer()
model = init_two_layer_model(32*32*3, 50, 10) # input size, hidden size, number of classes
trainer = ClassifierTrainer()
best_model_local, stats = trainer.train(X_train, y_train, X_val, y_val,
                                       model, two_layer_net,
                                       num_epochs=5, reg=reg,
                                       update='momentum', learning_rate_decay=0.9,
                                       sample_batches = True, batch_size = 100,
                                       learning_rate=lr, verbose=False)
```

```
val_acc: 0.412000, lr: 1.405206e-04, reg: 4.793564e-01, (1 / 100)
val_acc: 0.214000, lr: 7.231888e-06, reg: 2.321281e-04, (2 / 100)
val_acc: 0.208000, lr: 2.119571e-06, reg: 8.011857e+01, (3 / 100)
val_acc: 0.196000, lr: 1.551131e-05, reg: 4.374936e-05, (4 / 100)
val_acc: 0.079000, lr: 1.753300e-05, reg: 1.200424e+03, (5 / 100)
val_acc: 0.223000, lr: 4.215128e-05, reg: 4.196174e+01, (6 / 100)
val_acc: 0.441000, lr: 1.750259e-04, reg: 2.110807e-04, (7 / 100)
val_acc: 0.241000, lr: 6.749231e-05, reg: 4.226413e+01, (8 / 100)
→ val_acc: 0.482000, lr: 4.296863e-04, reg: 6.642555e-01, (9 / 100)
val_acc: 0.079000, lr: 5.401602e-06, reg: 1.599828e+04, (10 / 100)
val_acc: 0.154000, lr: 1.618508e-06, reg: 4.925252e-01, (11 / 100)
```

# (4) Find a learning rate

## Coarse to fine search

```
max_count = 100
for count in xrange(max_count):
    reg = 10**uniform(-5, 5)
    lr = 10**uniform(-3, -6)
```

```
val_acc: 0.527000, lr: 5.340517e-04, reg: 4.097824e-01, (0 / 100)
val_acc: 0.492000, lr: 2.279484e-04, reg: 9.991345e-04, (1 / 100)
val_acc: 0.512000, lr: 8.680827e-04, reg: 1.349727e-02, (2 / 100)
val_acc: 0.461000, lr: 1.028377e-04, reg: 1.220193e-02, (3 / 100)
val_acc: 0.460000, lr: 1.113730e-04, reg: 5.244309e-02, (4 / 100)
val_acc: 0.498000, lr: 9.477776e-04, reg: 2.001293e-03, (5 / 100)
val_acc: 0.469000, lr: 1.484369e-04, reg: 4.328313e-01, (6 / 100)
val_acc: 0.522000, lr: 5.586261e-04, reg: 2.312685e-04, (7 / 100)
val_acc: 0.530000, lr: 5.808183e-04, reg: 8.259964e-02, (8 / 100)
val_acc: 0.489000, lr: 1.979168e-04, reg: 1.010889e-04, (9 / 100)
val_acc: 0.490000, lr: 2.036031e-04, reg: 2.406271e-03, (10 / 100)
val_acc: 0.475000, lr: 2.021162e-04, reg: 2.287807e-01, (11 / 100)
val_acc: 0.460000, lr: 1.135527e-04, reg: 3.905040e-02, (12 / 100)
val_acc: 0.515000, lr: 6.947668e-04, reg: 1.562808e-02, (13 / 100)
val_acc: 0.531000, lr: 9.471549e-04, reg: 1.433895e-03, (14 / 100)
val_acc: 0.509000, lr: 3.140888e-04, reg: 2.857518e-01, (15 / 100)
val_acc: 0.514000, lr: 6.438349e-04, reg: 3.033781e-01, (16 / 100)
val_acc: 0.502000, lr: 3.921784e-04, reg: 2.707126e-04, (17 / 100)
val_acc: 0.509000, lr: 9.752279e-04, reg: 2.850865e-03, (18 / 100)
val_acc: 0.500000, lr: 2.412048e-04, reg: 4.997821e-04, (19 / 100)
val_acc: 0.466000, lr: 1.319314e-04, reg: 1.189915e-02, (20 / 100)
val_acc: 0.516000, lr: 8.039527e-04, reg: 1.528291e-02, (21 / 100)
```

**Remember this is  
just a 2 layer neural  
net with 50 neurons**

**← 53%**

# (4) Find a learning rate

**Normally, you don't have the budget for lots of cross-validation** —> visualize as you go

## Plot the loss

For very small learning rates, the loss decreases linearly and slowly

*(Why linearly?)*

Larger learning rates tend to look more exponential

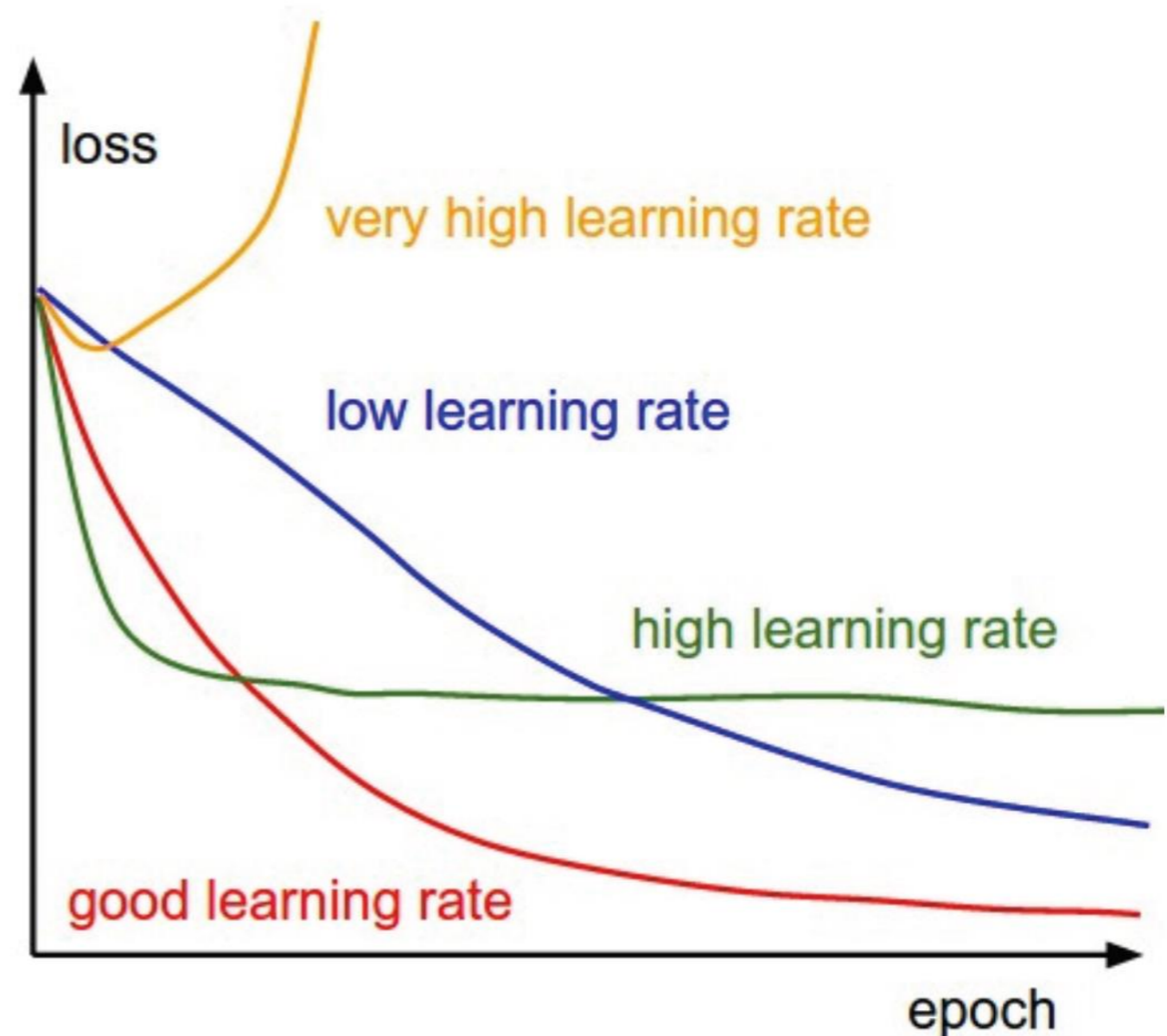


Figure: Andrej Karpathy

# (4) Find a learning rate

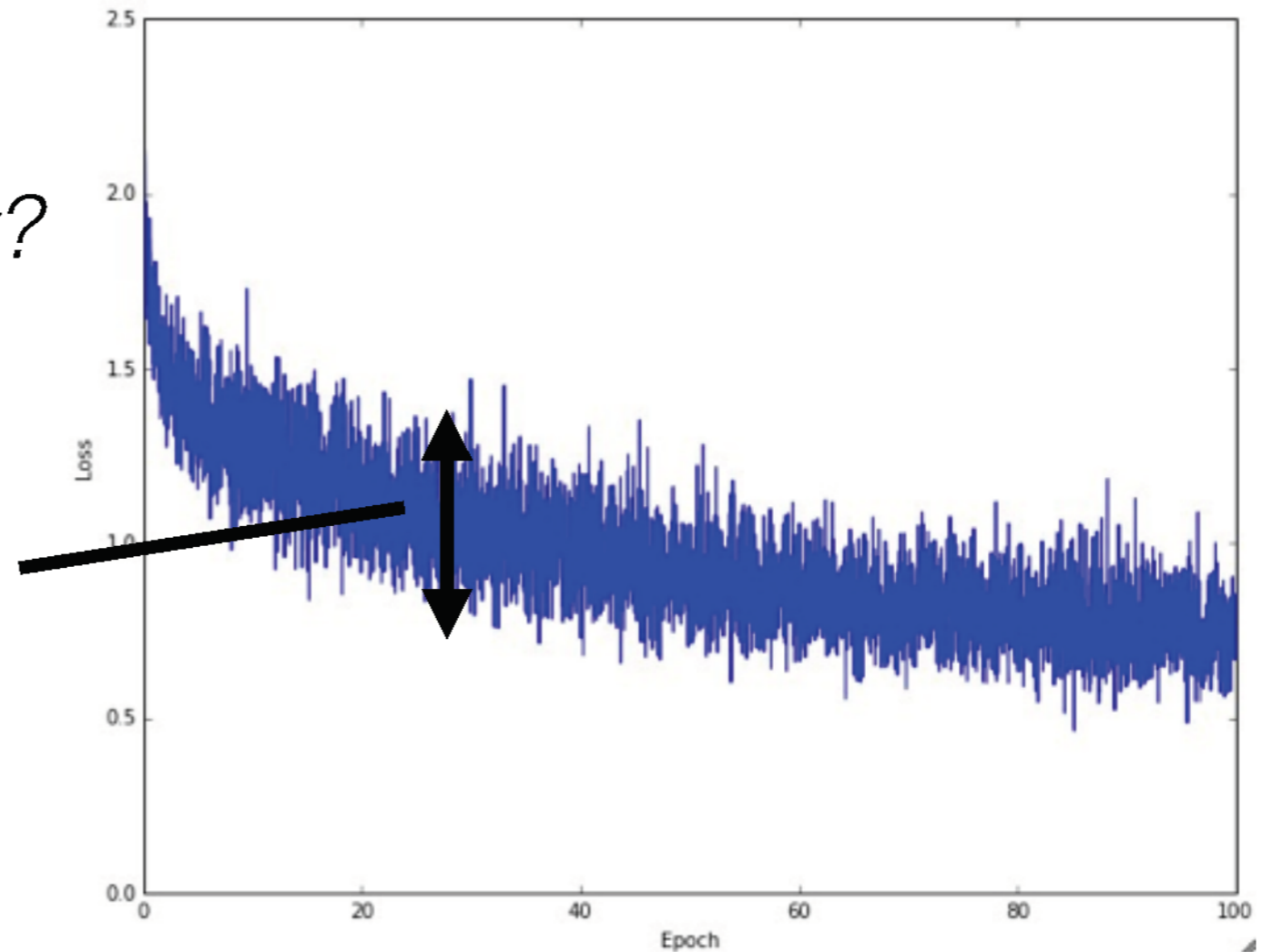
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## Typical training loss:

*Why is it varying so rapidly?*

The width of the curve is related to the batchsize — if too noisy, increase the batch size

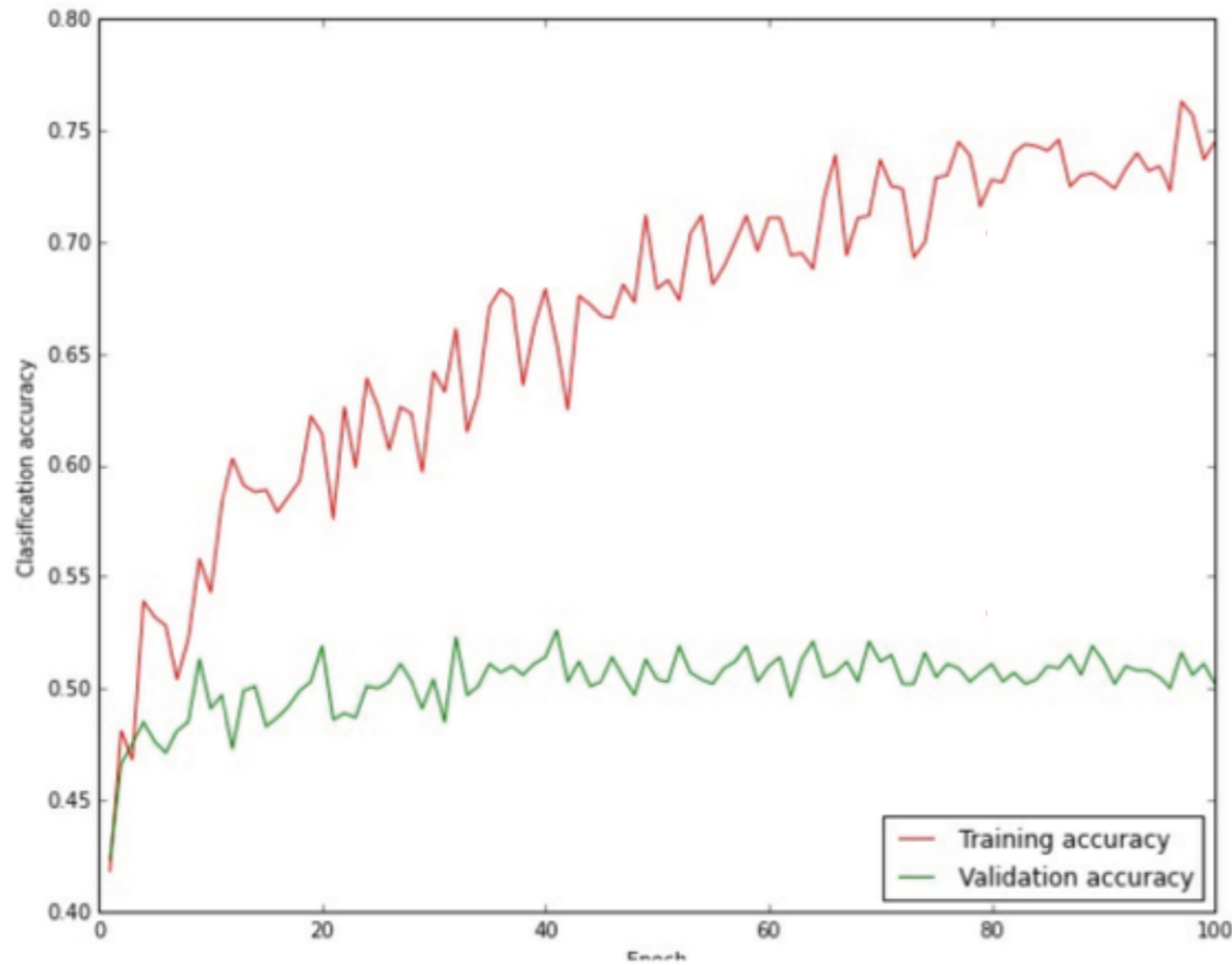
Possibly too linear  
(learning rate too small)



*Figure: Andrej Karpathy*

# (4) Find a learning rate

## Visualize the accuracy



**Big gap:** overfitting  
(increase regularization)

**No gap:** underfitting  
(increase model capacity,  
make layers bigger  
or decrease regularization)

# (4) Find a learning rate

## Visualize the weights

Noisy weights: possibly regularization not strong enough

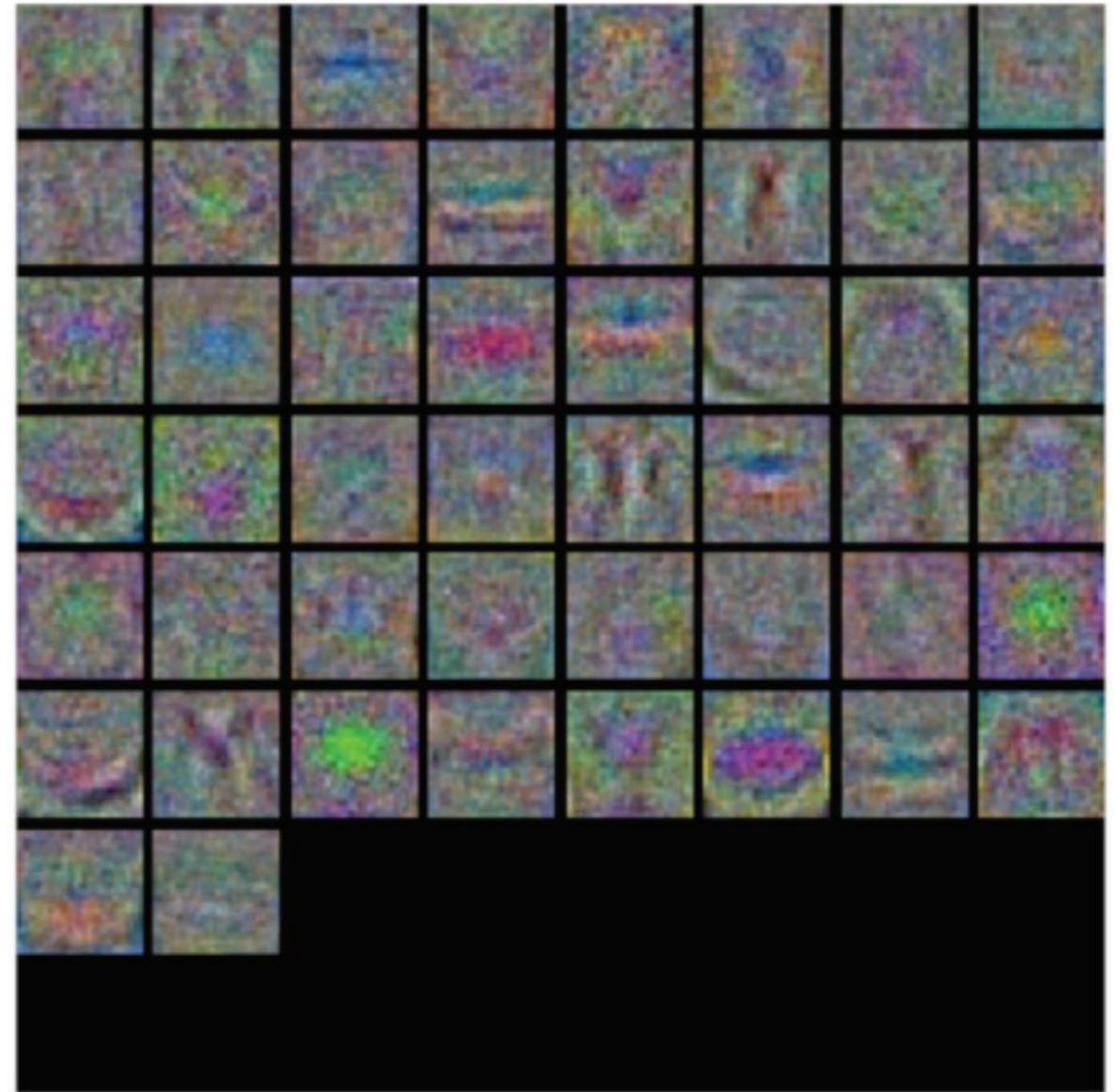
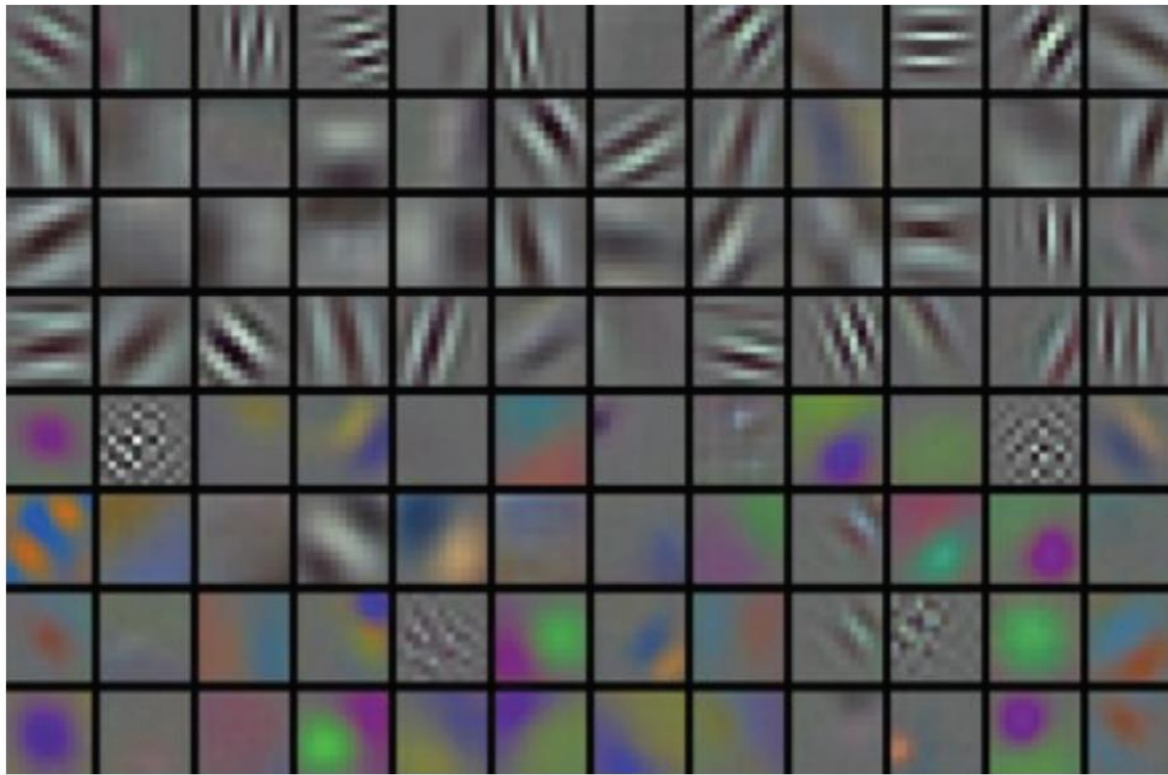


Figure: Andrej Karpathy



# (4) Find a learning rate

## Visualize the weights



Nice clean weights:  
training is proceeding well

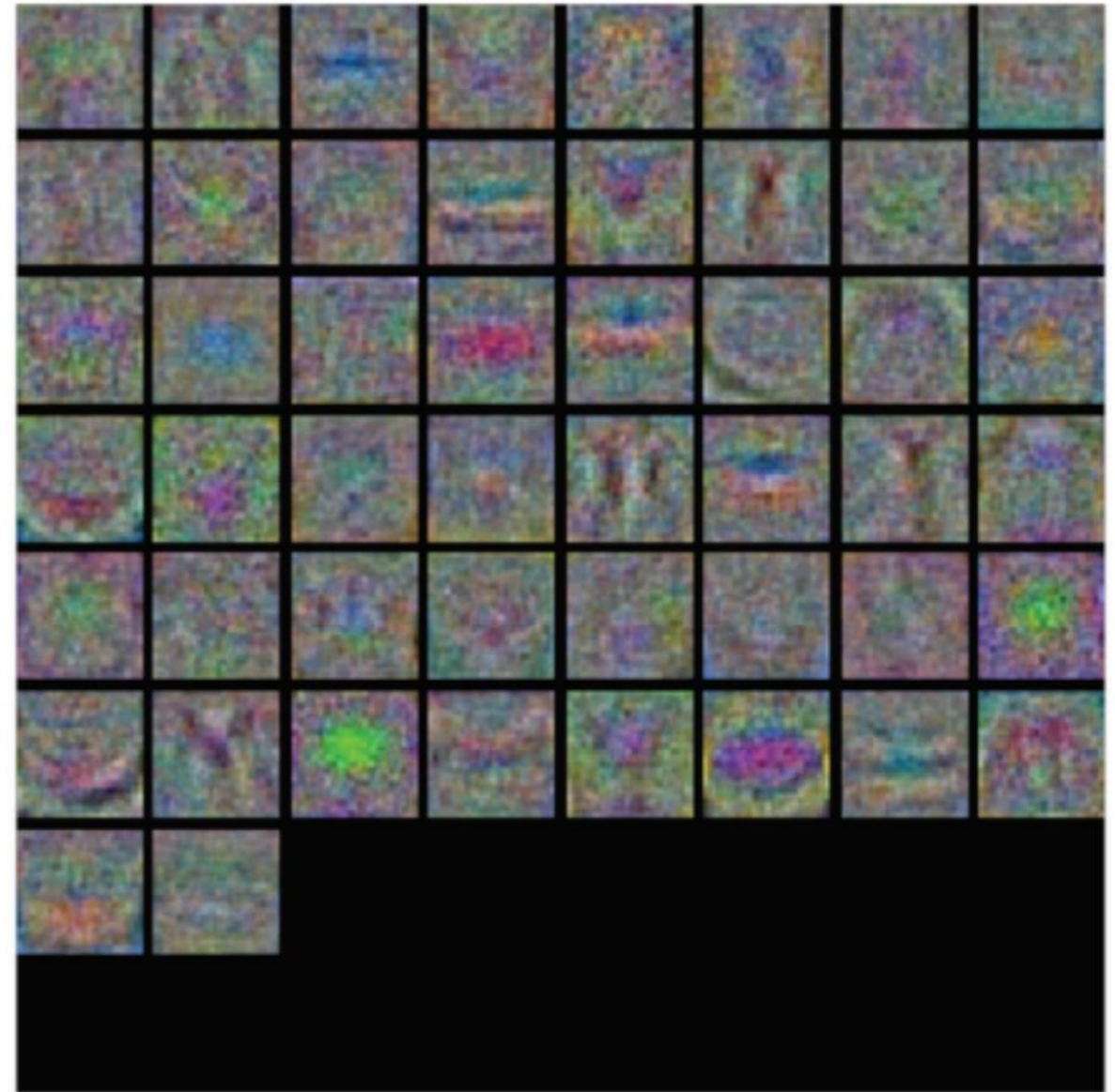


Figure: Alex Krizhevsky , Andrej Karpathy

# Learning rate schedule

**How do we change the learning rate over time?**

**Various choices:**

- Step down by a factor of 0.1 every 50,000 mini-batches (used by SuperVision [Krizhevsky 2012])
- Decrease by a factor of 0.97 every epoch (used by GoogLeNet [Szegedy 2014])
- Scale by  $\sqrt{1-t/\text{max\_t}}$  (used by BVLC to re-implement GoogLeNet)
- Scale by  $1/t$
- Scale by  $\exp(-t)$

# Summary of things to fiddle

- Network architecture
- Learning rate, decay schedule, update type
- Regularization (L2, L1, maxnorm, dropout, ...)
- Loss function (softmax, SVM, ...)
- Weight initialization

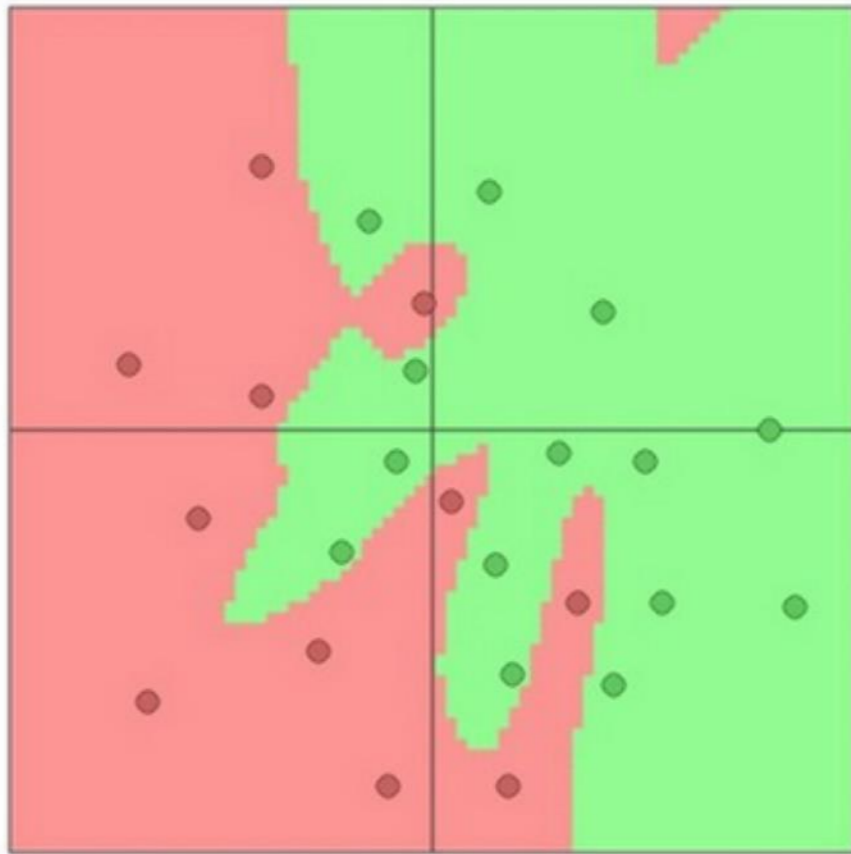
Neural network  
parameters



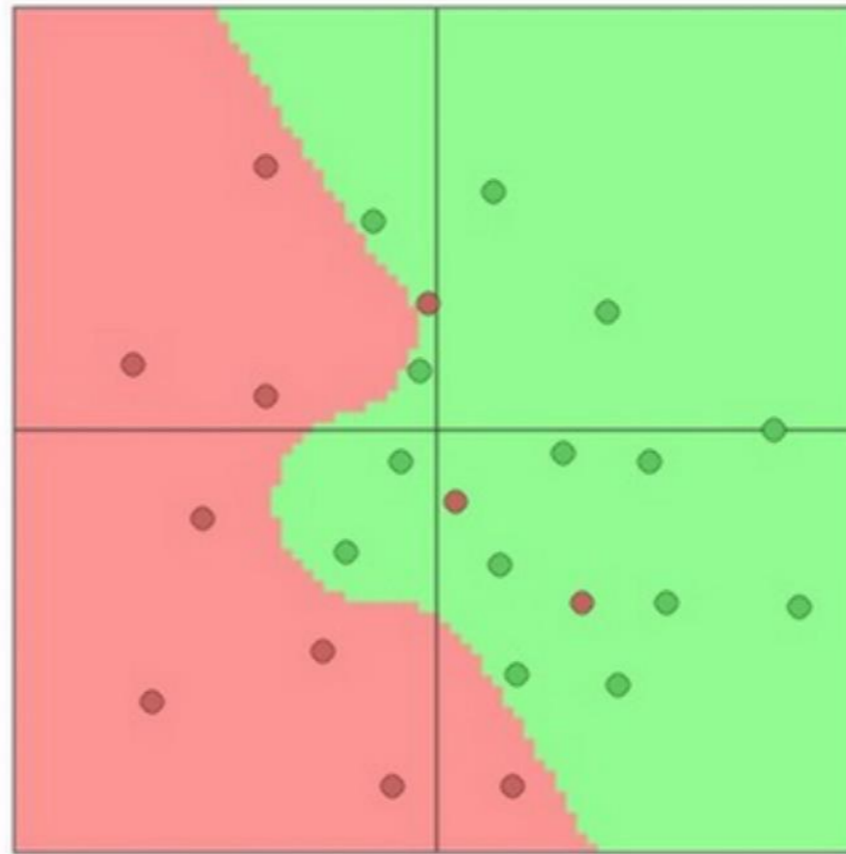
# (Recall) Regularization reduces overfitting

$$L = L_{\text{data}} + L_{\text{reg}} \quad L_{\text{reg}} = \lambda \frac{1}{2} \|W\|_2^2$$

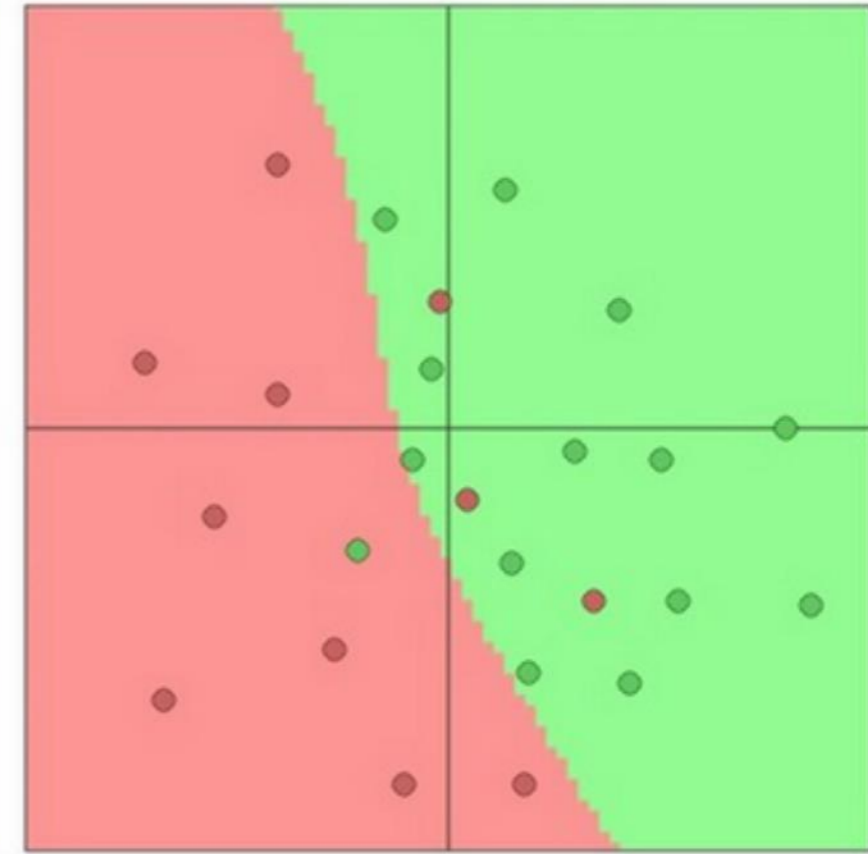
$\lambda = 0.001$



$\lambda = 0.01$



$\lambda = 0.1$



# Example Regularizers

**L2 regularization**  $L_{\text{reg}} = \lambda \frac{1}{2} \|W\|_2^2$

(L2 regularization encourages small weights)

**L1 regularization**  $L_{\text{reg}} = \lambda \|W\|_1 = \lambda \sum_{ij} |w_{ij}|$

(L1 regularization encourages sparse weights:  
weights are encouraged to reduce to exactly zero)

**“Elastic net”**  $L_{\text{reg}} = \lambda_1 \|W\|_1 + \lambda_2 \|W\|_2^2$

(combine L1 and L2 regularization)

## Max norm

Clamp weights to some max norm

$$\|W\|_2^2 \leq c$$

# “Weight decay”

**Regularization is also called “weight decay” because the weights “decay” each iteration:**

$$L_{\text{reg}} = \lambda \frac{1}{2} \|W\|_2^2 \longrightarrow \frac{\partial L}{\partial W} = \lambda W$$

Gradient descent step:

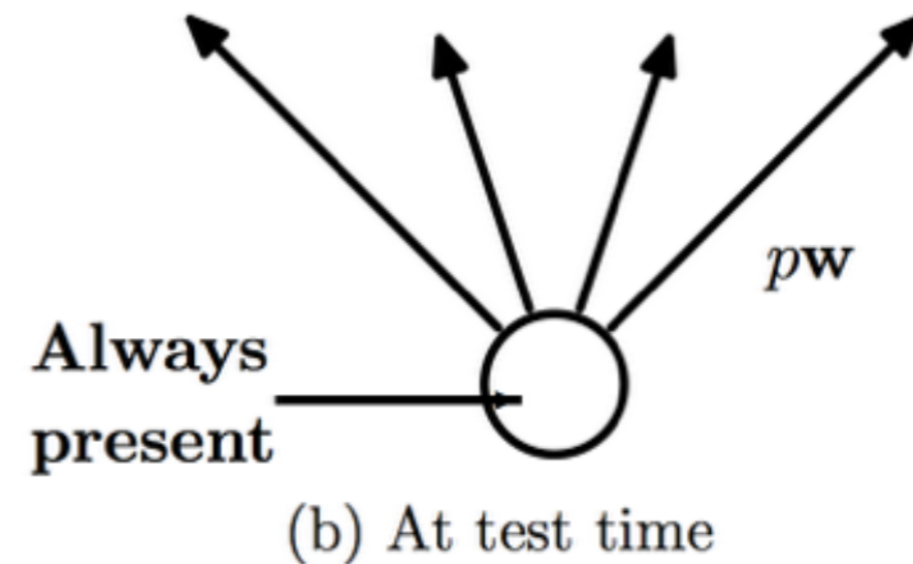
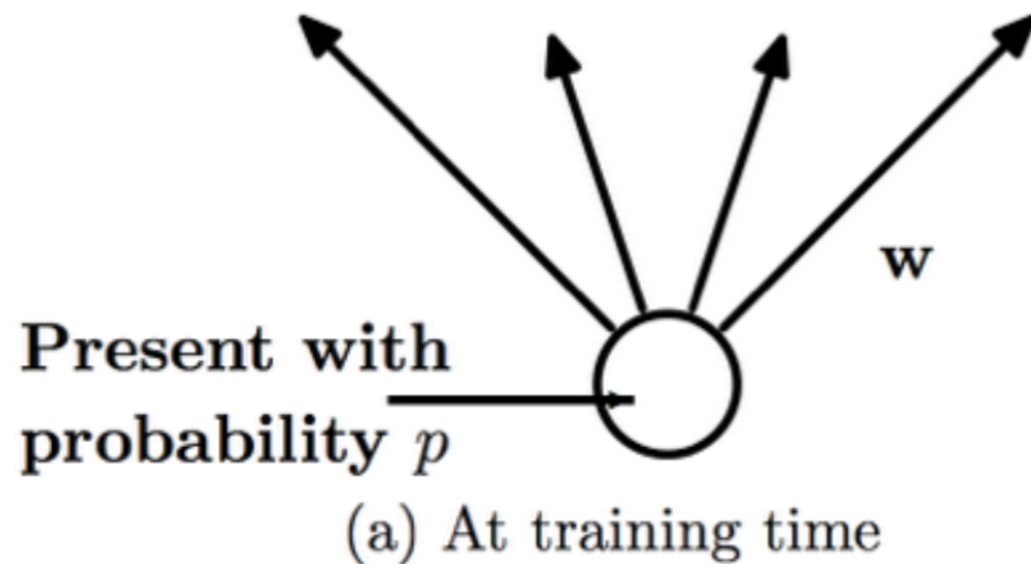
$$W \leftarrow W - \alpha \lambda W - \frac{\partial L_{\text{data}}}{\partial W}$$

Weight decay:  $\alpha \lambda$  (weights always decay by this amount)

**Note:** biases are sometimes excluded from regularization

# Dropout

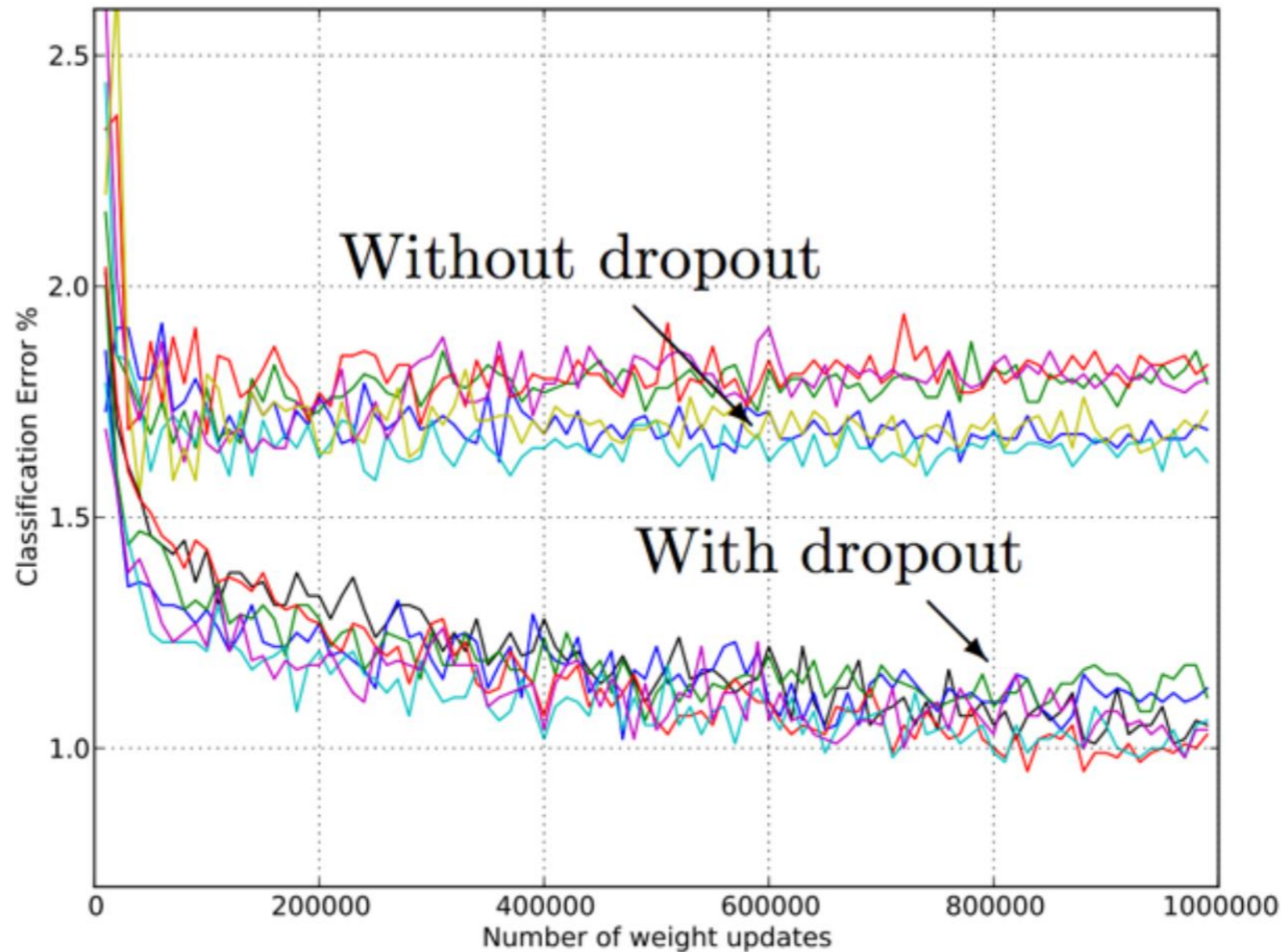
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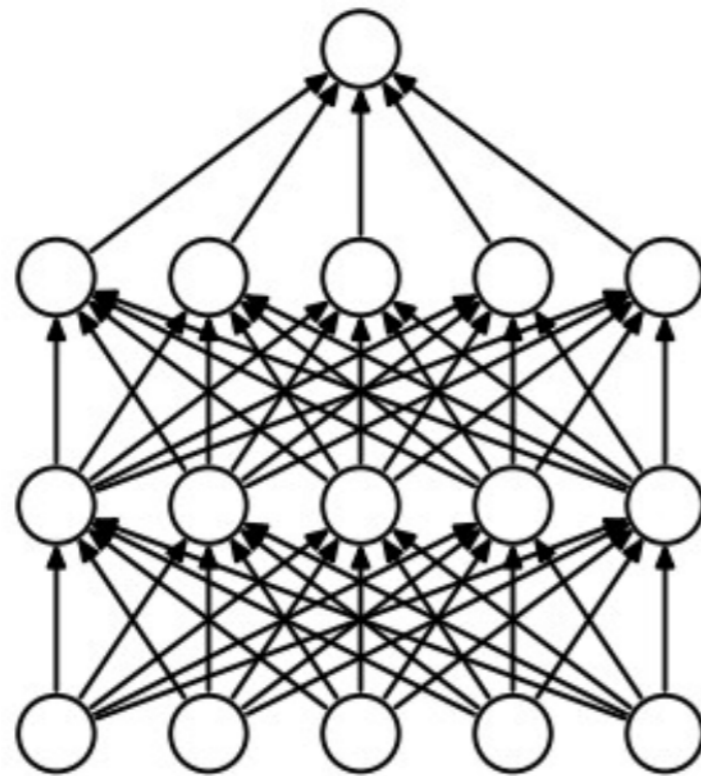


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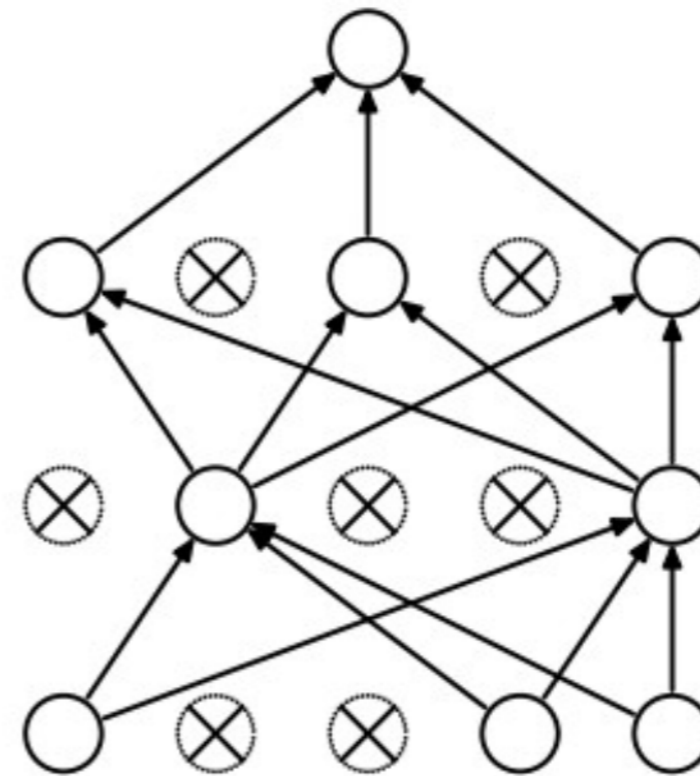


# Dropout

**Simple but powerful technique to reduce overfitting:**



(a) Standard Neural Net



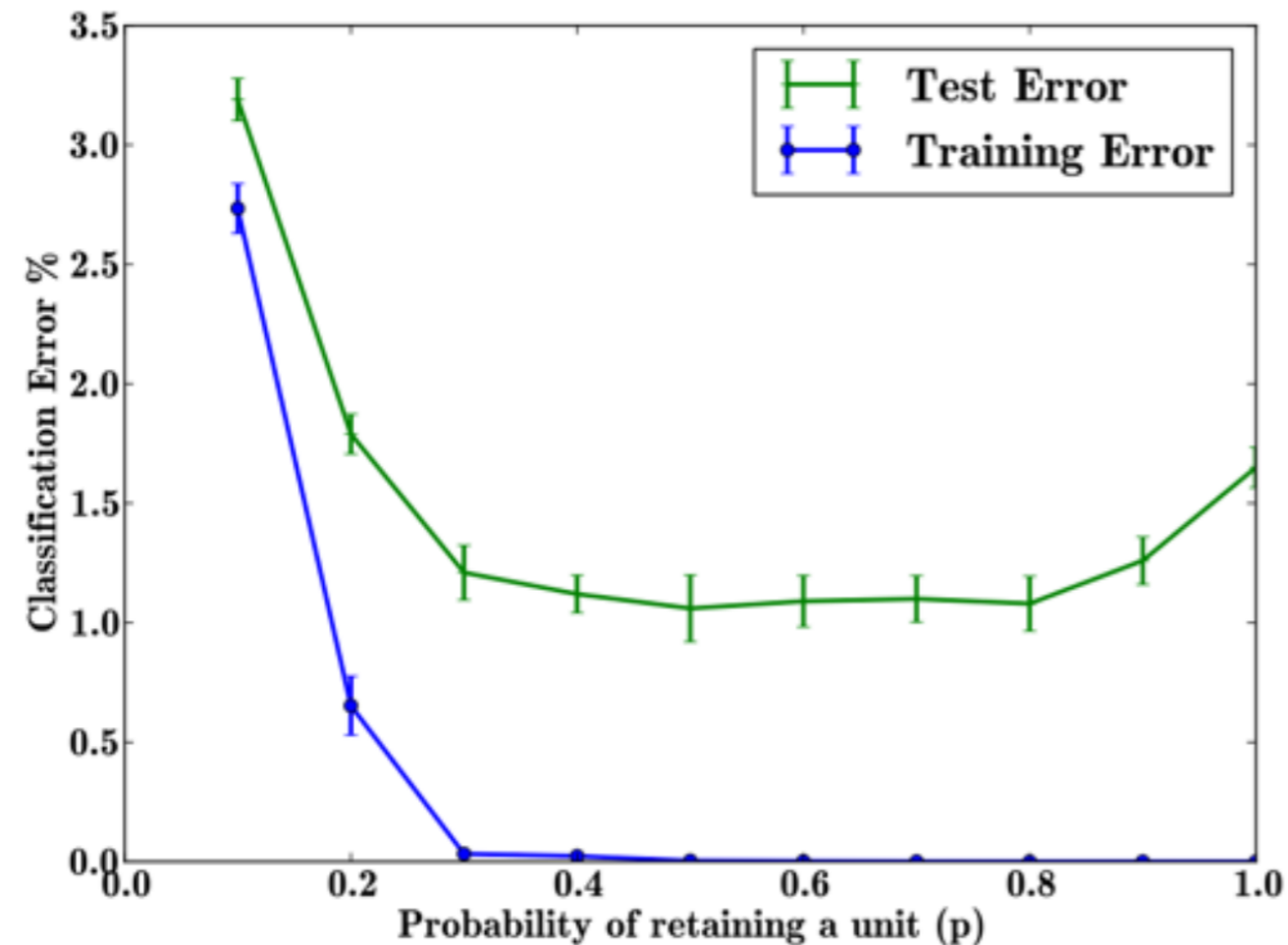
(b) After applying dropout.

**Note:** Dropout can be interpreted as an approximation to taking the geometric mean of an ensemble of exponentially many models

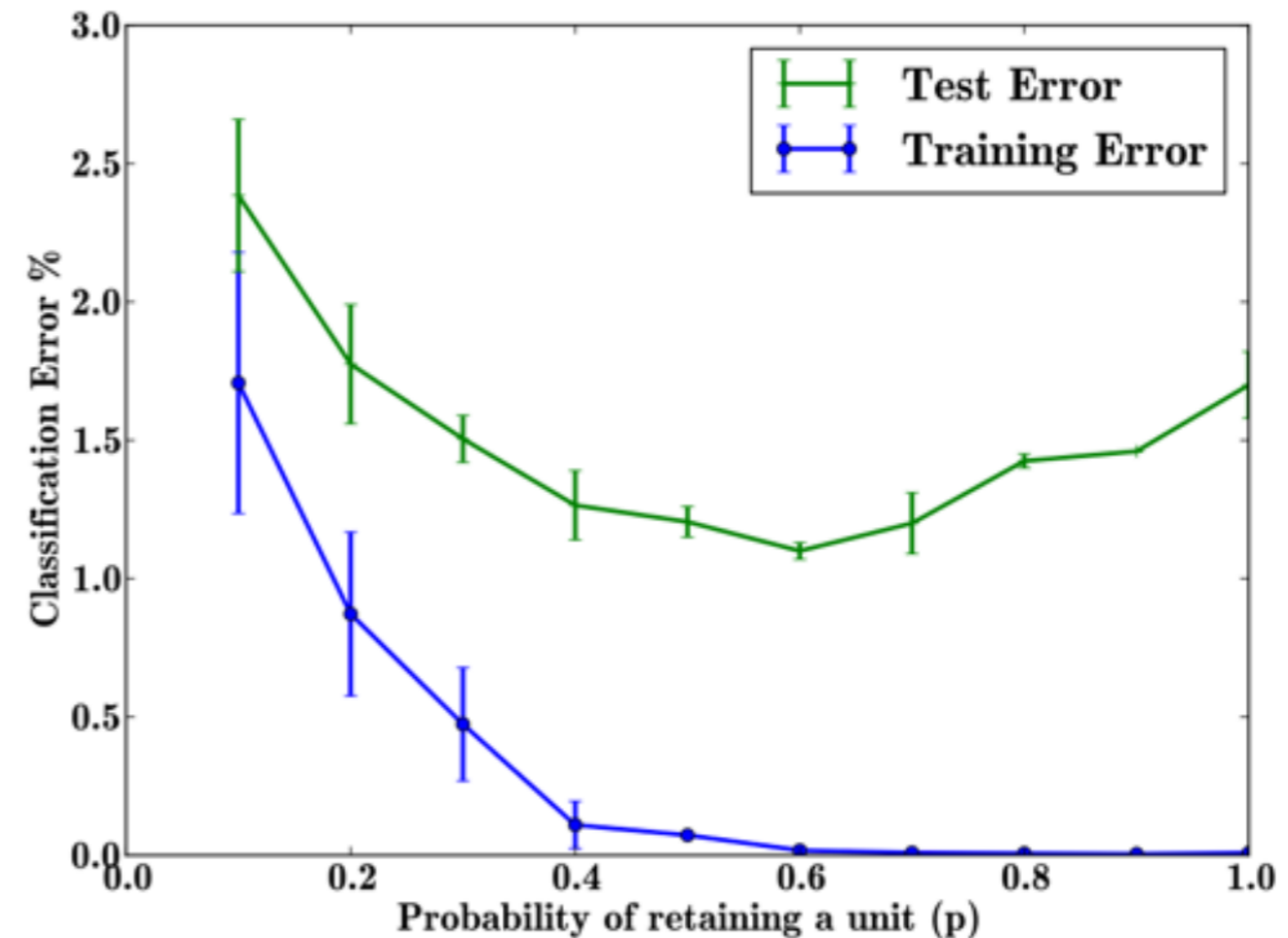
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# Dropout

**How much dropout?** Around  $p = 0.5$



(a) Keeping  $n$  fixed.



(b) Keeping  $pn$  fixed.

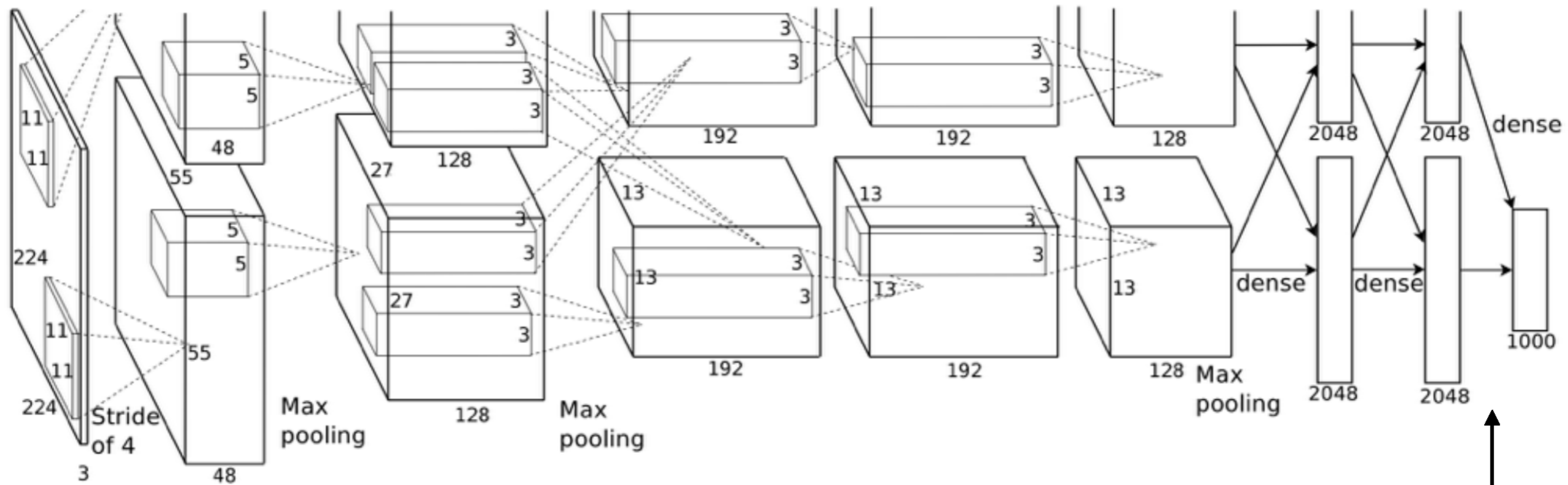
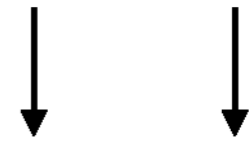
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# Dropout

## Case study: [Krizhevsky 2012]

*“Without dropout, our network exhibits substantial overfitting.”*

Dropout here



**But not here — why?**

[Krizhevsky et al, “ImageNet Classification with Deep Convolutional Neural Networks”, NIPS 2012]

# Dropout

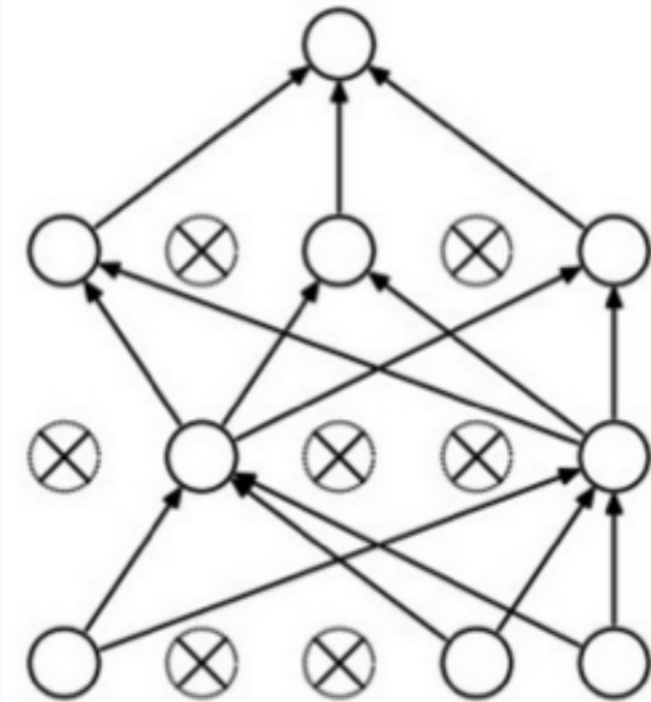
```
p = 0.5 # probability of keeping a unit active. higher = less dropout

def train_step(X):
    """ X contains the data """

    # forward pass for example 3-layer neural network
    H1 = np.maximum(0, np.dot(W1, X) + b1)
    U1 = np.random.rand(*H1.shape) < p # first dropout mask
    H1 *= U1 # drop!
    H2 = np.maximum(0, np.dot(W2, H1) + b2)
    U2 = np.random.rand(*H2.shape) < p # second dropout mask
    H2 *= U2 # drop!
    out = np.dot(W3, H2) + b3

    # backward pass: compute gradients... (not shown)
    # perform parameter update... (not shown)
```

Example forward pass with a 3-layer network using dropout



(note, here  $X$  is a single input)

# Dropout

**Test time:** scale the activations

Expected value of a neuron  $h$  with dropout:

$$E[h] = ph + (1 - p)0 = ph$$

```
def predict(X):  
    # ensembled forward pass  
    H1 = np.maximum(0, np.dot(W1, X) + b1) * p # NOTE: scale the activations  
    H2 = np.maximum(0, np.dot(W2, H1) + b2) * p # NOTE: scale the activations  
    out = np.dot(W3, H2) + b3
```

We want to keep the same expected value

# Summary

- Preprocess the data (subtract mean, sub-crops)
- Initialize weights carefully
- Use Dropout
- Use SGD + Momentum
- Fine-tune from ImageNet
- Babysit the network as it trains

Questions?