

Advanced Artificial Intelligence

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Part 1: Convolutional Neural Network (CNN)

Convolutional Neural Network (CNN)

- \triangleright A convolutional neural network (CNN) is a type of artificial neural network used primarily for image recognition and processing, due to its ability to recognize patterns in images.
- ➢ A Convolutional Neural Network (ConvNet/CNN) is a Deep Learning algorithm which can take in an input image, assign importance (learnable weights and biases) to various aspects/objects in the image and be able to differentiate one from the other.

Convolutional Neural Network (ConvNets/CNN)

- ➢ The pre-processing required in a ConvNet is much lower as compared to other classification algorithms.
- ➢ While in primitive methods filters are hand-engineered, with enough training, ConvNets have the ability to learn these filters/characteristics.

Why ConvNets over Feed-Forward Neural Nets?

- ➢ An image is nothing but a matrix of pixel values.
- \triangleright So why not just flatten the image (e.g. 3x3 image matrix into a 9x1 vector) and feed it to a Multi-Level Perceptrc for classification purposes?

Why ConvNets over Feed-Forward Neural Nets?

- ➢ A ConvNet is able to successfully capture the Spatial and Temporal dependencies in an image through the application of relevant filters.
- ➢ The architecture performs a better fitting to the image dataset due to the reduction in the number of parameters involved and reusability of weights.
- \triangleright In other words, the network can be trained to understand the sophistication (complexity) of the image better.

Input image

- \triangleright We have an RGB image which has been separated by its three color planes $-$ Red, Green, and Blue.
- ➢ There are a number of such color spaces in which images exist Grayscale, RGB, HSV, CMYK, etc.

Input image

- ➢ You can imagine how computationally intensive things would get once the images reach dimensions, say 8K (7680×4320).
- ➢ The role of the ConvNet is to reduce the images into a form which is easier to process, without losing features which are critical for getting a good prediction.
- ➢ This is important when we are to design an architecture which is not only good at learning features but also is scalable to massive datasets.

Convolving a 5x5x1 image with a 3x3x1

kernel to get a $3x3x1$ convolved feature Convolution Operation with Stride Length = 2

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 $Bias = 1$

- \triangleright In the case of images with multiple channels (e.g. RGB), the Kernel has the same depth as that of the input image.
- ➢ Matrix Multiplication is performed between Kn and In stack ([K1, I1]; [K2, I2]; [K3, I3]) and all the results are summed with the bias to give us a squashed one-depth channel Convoluted Feature Output.

- \triangleright The objective of the Convolution Operation is to extract the high-level features such as edges, from the input image.
- ➢ ConvNets need not be limited to only one Convolutional Layer.

- ➢ Conventionally, the first ConvLayer is responsible for capturing the Low-Level features such as edges, color, gradient orientation, etc.
- ➢ With added layers, the architecture adapts to the High-Level features as well, giving us a network which has the wholesome understanding of images in the dataset, similar to how we would.

Edges, dark spots

Eyes, ears, nose

- ➢ There are two types of results to the operation: one in which the convolved feature is reduced in dimensionality as compared to the input, and the other in which the dimensionality is either increased or remains the same.
- ➢ This is done by applying Valid Padding in case of the former, or Same Padding in the case of the latter.

➢ Same Padding: When we augment the 5x5x1 image into a 6x6x1 image and then apply the 3x3x1 kernel over it, we find that the convolved matrix turns out to be of dimensions 5x5x1.

➢ Valid Padding: On the other hand, if we perform the same operation without padding, we are presented with a matrix which has dimensions of the Kernel (3x3x1) itself.

- ➢ Similar to the Convolutional Layer, the Pooling layer is responsible for reducing the spatial size of the Convolved Feature.
- ➢ This is to decrease the computational power required to process the data through dimensionality reduction.

- ➢ There are two types of Pooling: Max Pooling and Average Pooling.
- ➢ Max Pooling returns the maximum value from the portion of the image covered by the Kernel.
- ➢ On the other hand, Average Pooling returns the average of all the values from the portion of the image covered by the Kernel.

- ➢ Max Pooling also performs as a Noise Suppressant.
- ➢ It discards the noisy activations altogether and also performs de-noising along with dimensionality reduction.

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- ➢ On the other hand, Average Pooling simply performs dimensionality reduction as a noise suppressing mechanism.
- ➢ Hence, we can say that **Max Pooling performs a lot better than Average Pooling**.

- ➢ The Convolutional Layer and the Pooling Layer, together form the i-th layer of a Convolutional Neural Network.
- \triangleright Depending on the complexities in the images, the number of such layers may be increased for capturing low-levels details even further, but at the cost of more computational power.

- ➢ After going through the above process, we have successfully enabled the model to understand the features.
- ➢ Moving on, we are going to flatten the final output and feed it to a regular Neural Network for classification purposes.

Classification — Fully Connected Layer (FC Layer)

- ➢ Adding a Fully-Connected layer is a way of learning nonlinear combinations of the high-level features as represented by the output of the convolutional layer.
- ➢ The Fully-Connected layer is learning a possibly nonlinear function in that space.

Classification — Fully Connected Layer (FC Layer)

- ➢ Now that we have converted our input image into a suitable form for our Multi-Level Perceptron, we shall flatten the image into a column vector.
- ➢ The flattened output is fed to a feed-forward neural network and backpropagation applied to every iteration of training.
- ➢ Over a series of epochs, the model is able to distinguish between dominating and certain lowlevel features in images and classify them using the Softmax Classification technique.

Part 2: Activation functions

What is an activation function?

- \triangleright An activation function is a function that is added into an artificial neural network in order to help the network learn complex patterns in the data.
- \triangleright When comparing with a neuron-based model that is in our brains, the activation function is at the end deciding what is to be fired to the next neuron.
- ➢ That is exactly what an activation function does in an ANN as well. It takes in the output signal from the previous cell and converts it into some form that can be taken as input to the next cell.

What is an activation function?

A cartoon drawing of a biological neuron (left) and its mathematical model (right).

Why is there a need for it?

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- \triangleright Apart from the biological similarity, they also help in keeping the value of the output from the neuron restricted to a certain limit as per our requirement.
- \triangleright This is important because input into the activation function is $W^*x + b$ where W is the weights of the cell and the x is the inputs and then there is the bias b added to that.
- \triangleright This value if not restricted to a certain limit can go very high in magnitude especially in case of very deep neural networks that have millions of parameters.

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- \triangleright This will lead to computational issues.
- \triangleright For example, there are some activation functions (like Softmax) that out specific values for different values of input (0 or 1).
- \triangleright The most important feature in an activation function is its ability to add non-linearity into a neural network.

Desirable features of an activation function

- \triangleright Vanishing Gradient problem: The gradients tend to vanish because of the depth of the network and the activation shifting the value to zero. This is called the vanishing gradient problem. So we want our activation function to not shift the gradient towards zero.
- ➢ Zero-Centered: Output of the activation function should be symmetrical at zero so that the gradients do not shift to a particular direction.

Desirable features of an activation function

➢ Computational Expense: Activation functions are applied after every layer and need to be calculated millions of times in deep networks. Hence, they should be computationally inexpensive to calculate.

 \triangleright Differentiable: Neural networks are trained using the gradient descent process, hence the layers in the model need to differentiable or at least differentiable in parts. This is a necessary requirement for a function to work as activation function layer.

➢ Sigmoid

Sigmoid is generally used for binary classification problems.

 \triangleright Softmax: The Softmax is a more generalized form of the sigmoid. It is used in multi-class classification problems. Similar to sigmoid, it produces values in the range of 0–1 therefore it is used as the final layer in classification models.

➢ Tanh

If you compare it to sigmoid, it solves just one problem of being zero-centered.

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 \triangleright It is easy to compute and does not saturate and does not cause the Vanishing Gradient Problem.

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- \triangleright It has just one issue of not being zero centered.
- \triangleright It suffers from "dying ReLU" problem. Since the output is zero for all negative inputs. It causes some nodes to completely die and not learn anything.
- \triangleright Another problem with ReLU is of exploding the activations since it higher limit is, well, inf. This sometimes leads to unusable nodes.

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- \triangleright Here α is a hyperparameter generally set to 0.01.
- \triangleright Clearly, Leaky ReLU solves the "dying ReLU" problem to some extent.
- \triangleright Note that, if we set α as 1 then Leaky ReLU will become a linear function $f(x) = x$ and will be of no use.

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- \triangleright Hence, the value of α is never set close to 1.
- \triangleright If we set α as a hyperparameter for each neuron separately, we get parametric ReLU or PReLU.

 \triangleright ReLU6: It is basically ReLU restricted on the positive side and it is defined as $f(x) = min(max(0, x), 6)$

 \triangleright This helps to stop blowing up the activation thereby stopping the gradients to explode (going to inf) as well another of the small issues that occur with normal ReLUs.

 \triangleright Swish: It is defined as $f(x) = x * sigmoid(x)$.

 \triangleright Swish: Hard-Swish or H-Swish

 \triangleright The best part is that it is almost similar to swish but it is less expensive computationally since it replaces sigmoid (exponential function) with a ReLU (linear type).

Part 3: Normalization

Normalization

- ➢ Imagine that we have two features and a simple neural network. One is age with a range between 0 and 65, and another is salary ranging from 0 to 10 000. We feed those features to the model and calculate gradients.
	- ➢ LeNet
	- ➢ AlexNet
	- ➢ VGGNet
	- ➢ GoogLeNet
	- ➢ ResNet
	- ➢ ZFNet

Part 4: Pre-trained Models

Pre-Trained CNNs

- ➢ There are various architectures of CNNs available which have been key in building algorithms which power and shall power AI as a whole in the foreseeable future. Some of them have been listed below:
	- ➢ LeNet
	- ➢ AlexNet
	- ➢ VGGNet
	- ➢ GoogLeNet
	- ➢ ResNet
	- ➢ ZFNet

LeNet

AlexNet

VGG19

GoogleNet (Inception v1)

22 layers deep

ResNet50

