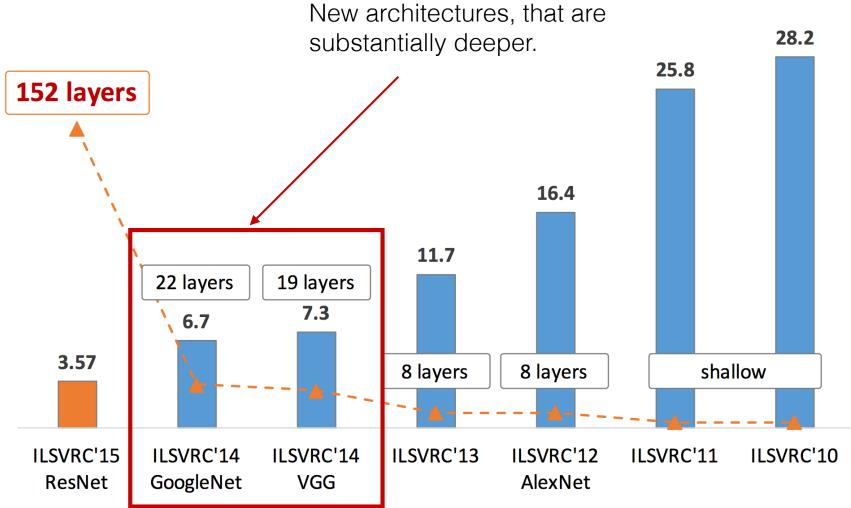


Announcements:

- HW #5 is due today **Monday, March 4**, uploaded to Gradescope. Appreciate that you went from 35-40% accuracy with softmax on Homework 2 to 65+% accuracy with CNNs!
- Remaining schedule: Today: CNNs + RNNs, 3/6: RNNs + object detection, 3/11: object detection + adversarial examples, 3/13: adversarial + overview.
- The project and its accompanying data have been uploaded to Bruin Learn. It is due **March 15, 2024** (Friday of Week 10).
 - You will be allowed to use PyTorch, Keras, or other deep learning libraries for the project.
 - We will cover RNNs today, though we may not finish LSTMs. Our lectures on LSTM go over why it's a good idea and why it works; you can feel free to implement them using LSTM cells in PyTorch (<u>https://pytorch.org/docs/stable/generated/torch.nn.LSTM.html</u>) or Keras (https://keras.io/api/layers/recurrent_layers/lstm/) and play with hyperparameters.
- We will release midterm grades tonight; regrades due within a week.





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VGGNet

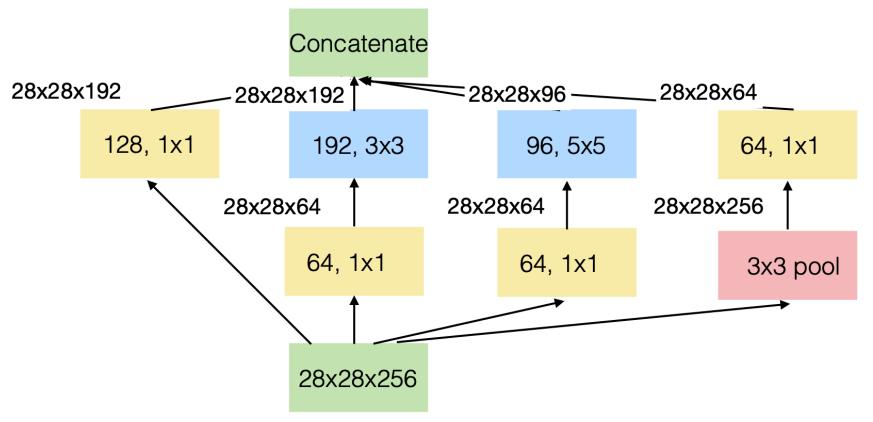
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POOL	[112x112x64]	112*112*64	~ 800K	0
CONV (128)) [112x112x128]	112*112*128	~ 1.6M	(3*3*64)*128 = 73,728
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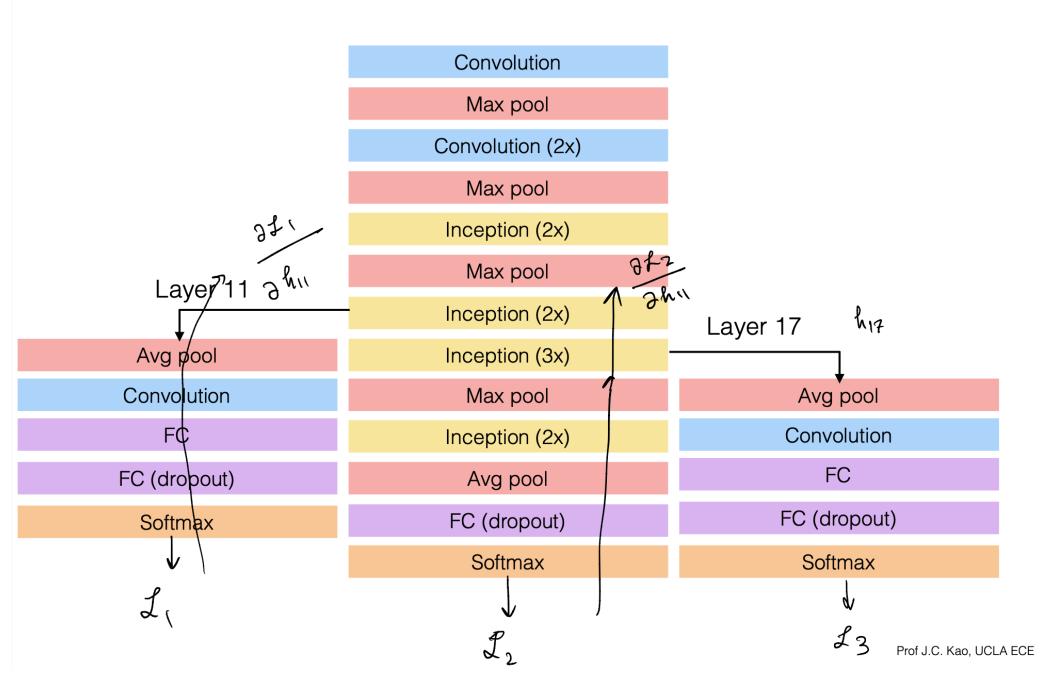


To address this, in GoogLeNet, 1x1xF convolutional layers are added, that reduce the number of feature maps to substantially reduce the number of operations.

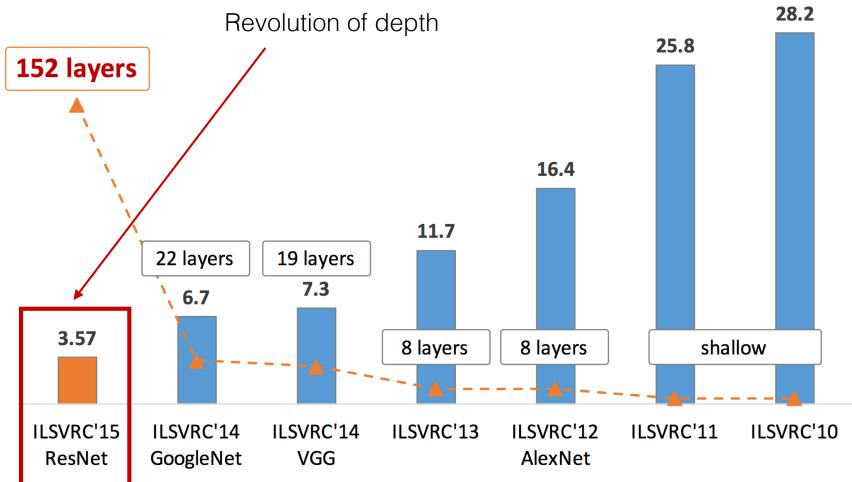
Question: Say F = 64. Where should we put these convolutional layers? 28x28x480









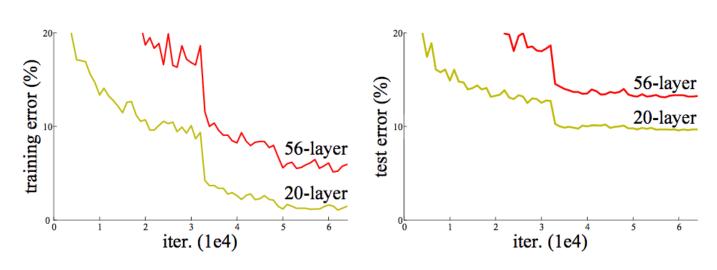


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Idea so far:

- AlexNet and ZFNet were 8 layers.
- VGG Net was 16-19 layers.
- GoogLeNet was 22 layers?
- Why not just keep adding layers?



Vanilla CNNS

He et al., 2016



This result is non-intuitive. (Why?) Why should a 56-layer NN always do at least as well as a 20-layer NN?



The degradation problem suggests that the solvers might have difficulties in approximating identity mappings by multiple nonlinear layers. With the residual learning re-formulation, if identity mappings are optimal, the solvers may simply drive the weights of the multiple nonlinear layers toward zero to approach identity mappings.

-He et al., 2016 The goal is to change the NN architecture so that
it is easy to learn the identity mapping.
Standard:
$$h_{i+1} = \operatorname{reln}(Whith)$$
 $W \leftarrow W - \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial W}$
Res Net: $h_{i+1} = h_i + \operatorname{reln}(\tilde{W}h_i + \tilde{b})$
 $if \tilde{W}, \tilde{b}$ are small,
then $h_{i+1} \approx h_i$.

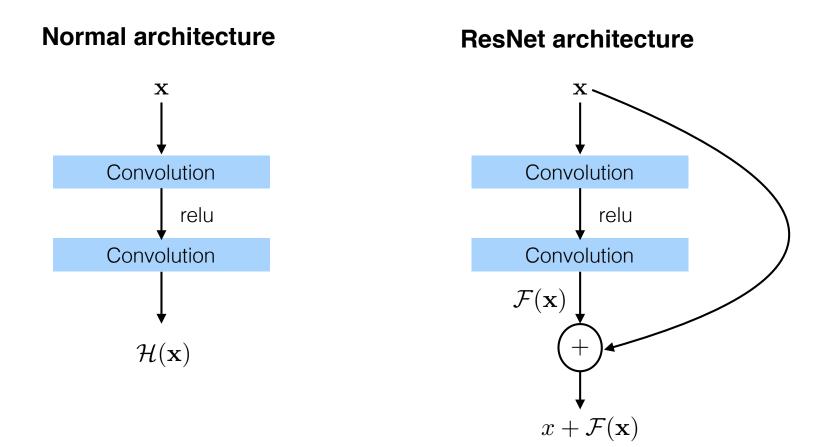


In real cases, it is unlikely that identity mappings are optimal, but our reformulation may help to precondition the problem. If the optimal function is closer to an identity mapping than to a zero mapping, it should be easier for the solver to find the perturbations with reference to an identity mapping, than to learn the function as a new one.

- He et al., 2016

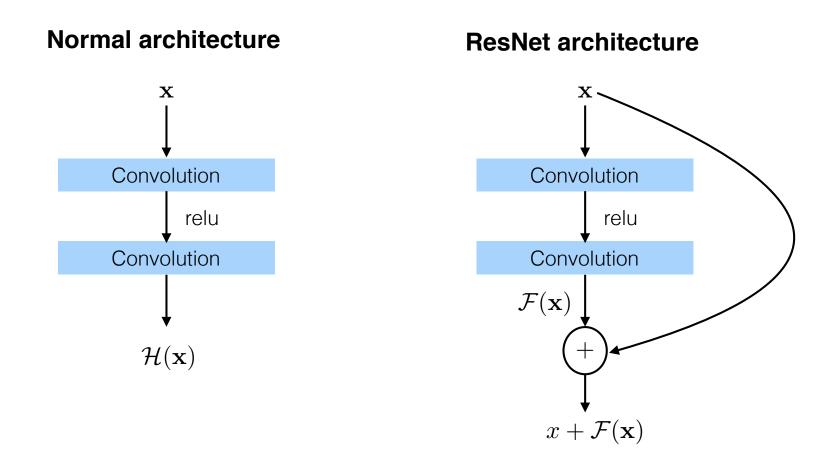


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Residual layers are used to fit $\mathcal{F}(\mathbf{x}) \approx \mathcal{H}(\mathbf{x}) - \mathbf{x}$ To make dimensions work out, sometimes a linear mapping is used: $\mathbf{W}_s \mathbf{x}$ Feature maps are added by doing 1x1 convolutions or padding.



"We hypothesize that it is easier to optimize the residual mapping than to optimize the original, unreferenced mapping."

"To the extreme, if an identity mapping were optimal, it would be easier to push the residual to zero than to fit an identity mapping by a stack of nonlinear layers."

(He et al., 2016)



Network architecture:

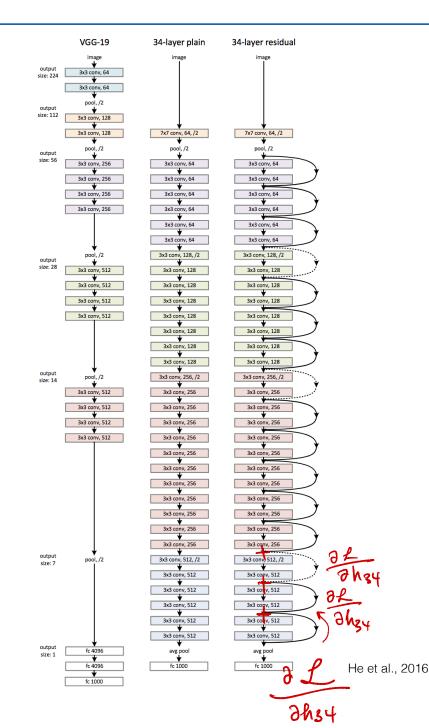
- They follow the design rules of VGG Net.
 - All conv layers are 3x3 filters with the same number of filters.
 - If the feature map size is halved, the number of filters is doubled so that the computational complexity in each layer is the same.
 - The output ends with average pooling and then a FC 1000 layer to a Softmax.
- Conv layers are residual network layers.

Other notes:

- They performed data augmentation (image scaling, different crops)
- SGD with momentum 0.9, with mini batch size 256.
- L2 regularization with weight 0.0001
- Learning rate starts off at 0.1 and is decreased by an order of magnitude when the error plateaus.
- No dropout.

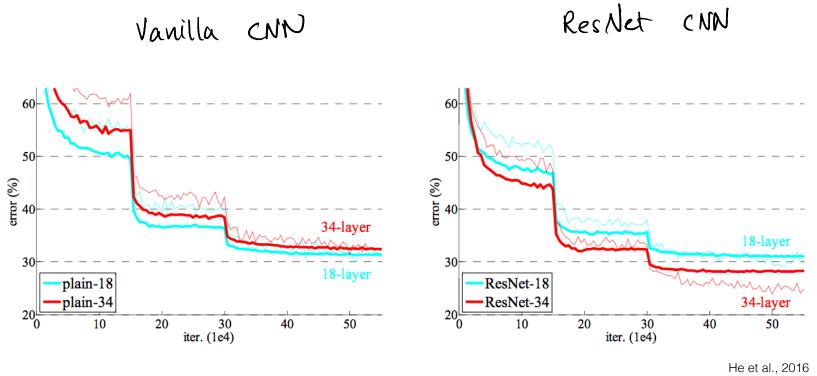


ResNet

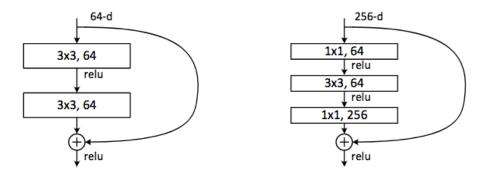


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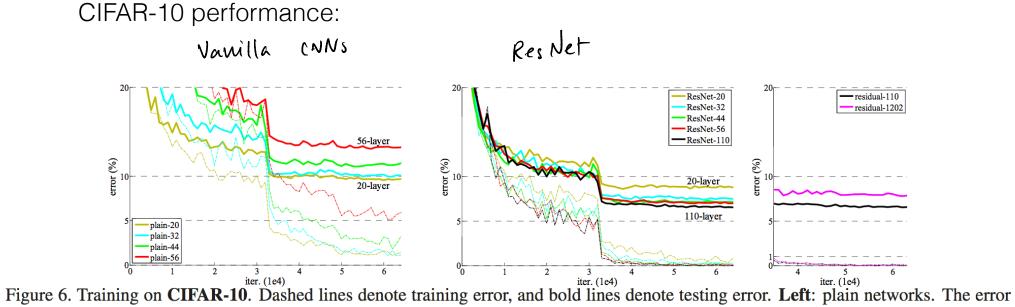




For deeper networks, use an idea similar to inception:







of plain-110 is higher than 60% and not displayed. Middle: ResNets. Right: ResNets with 110 and 1202 layers.

He et al., 2016



"...thereby demonstrating that residual representations may not be fundamental to the success of extremely deep convolutional neural networks. Rather, the key may be the ability to transition, during training, from effectively shallow to deep."

Larsson et al., 2017

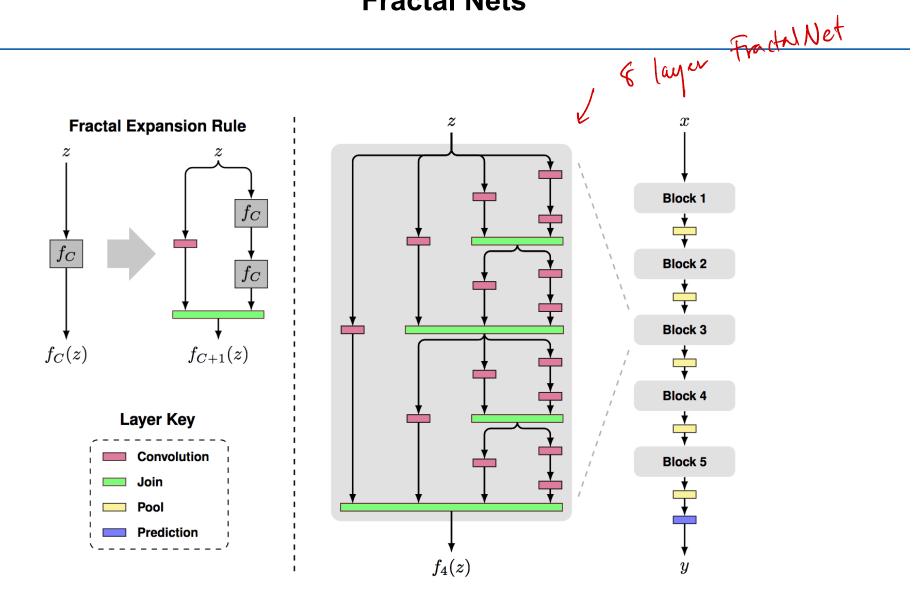
Regarding ResNet:

First, the objective changes to learning residual outputs, rather than unreferenced absolute mappings. Second, these networks exhibit a type of deep supervision (Lee et al., 2014), as near-identity layers effectively reduce distance to the loss. **He et al. (2016a) speculate that the former, the residual formulation itself, is crucial.**

Larsson et al., 2017



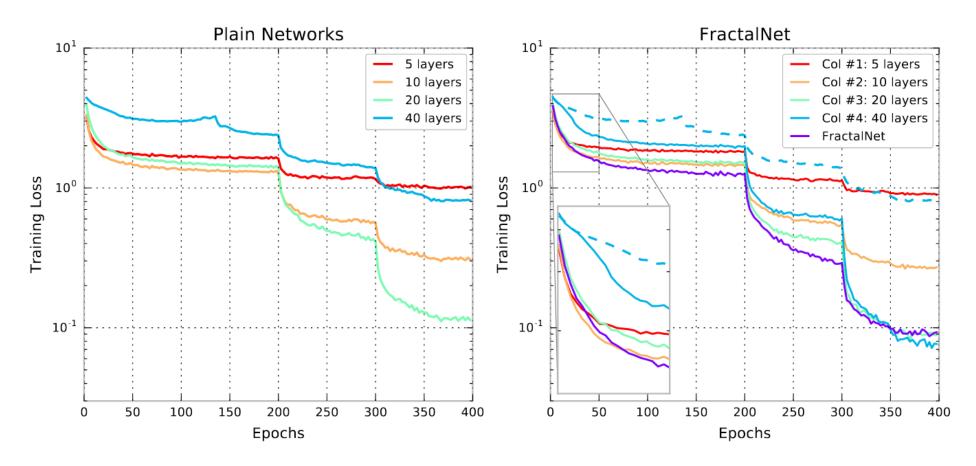
Fractal Nets



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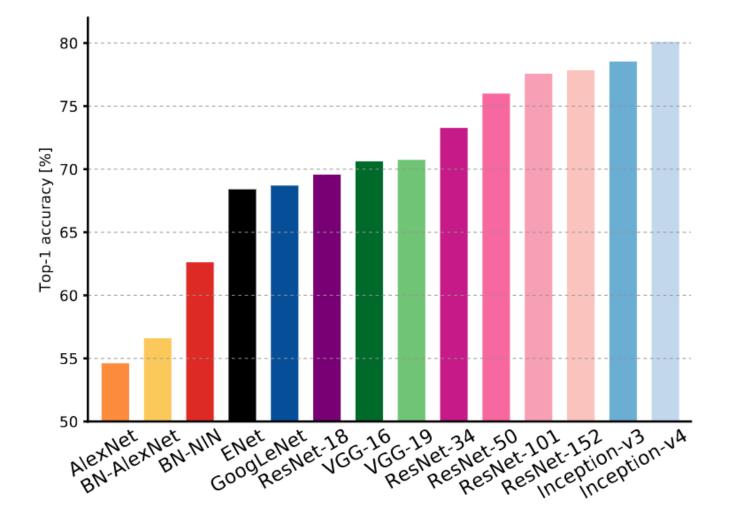
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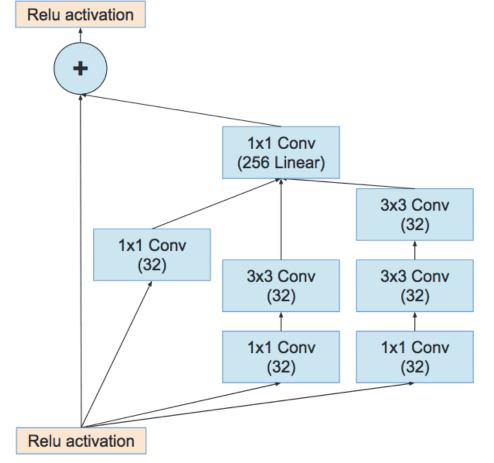


An overall view of architectures



Canziani et al., 2017

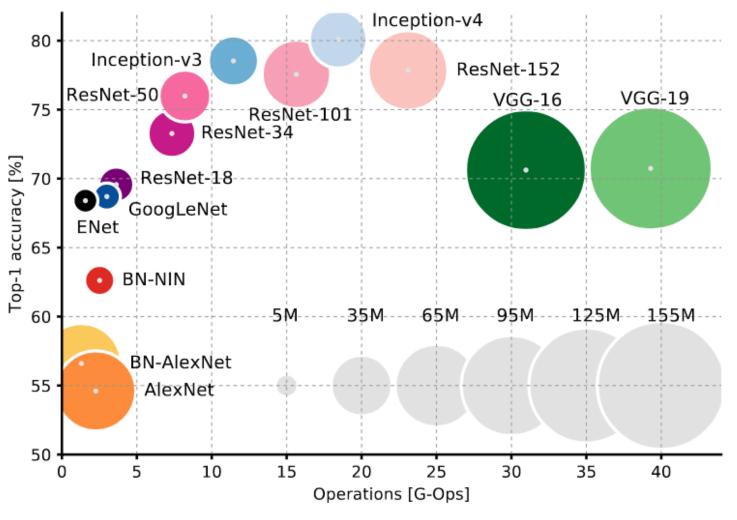




Szegedy et al., 2017



An overall view of architectures



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For convolutional neural networks:

- Architecture can play a key role in the performance of the network.
- There is evidence that deeper and wider (i.e., more feature maps) result in better performance.
- Going deeper helps to a point; beyond that, new architectures have to be considered (like the ResNet).
- It appears that what is key about these different architectures is that they reduce the *effective depth* of the network, i.e., they shorten the longest path from the output loss to the network input. This helps to avoid the fundamental problem of deep learning.

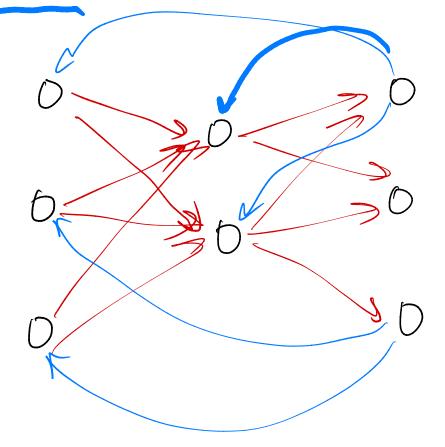


In this lecture, we'll talk about recurrent neural networks. In particular:

- Why RNNs?
- The basic RNN structure.
- Backpropagation through time.
- LSTMs
- GRUs



A key missing feature of FC and convolutional neural networks is that they lack recurrent connectivity, and hence have no dynamics.





Say we're training a neural network to do character prediction (or word prediction, e.g., when you type on your phone and it suggests a next word).

In the case of character prediction, we have done the following:

- 1) Downloaded every NY Times article ever written.
- 2) Trained a CNN to do the following:
 - 1) Take as input one character, e.g., the letter "t"
 - 2) Output a distribution over the next character, e.g., softmax probabilities on the 26 letters in the alphabet.
 - 3) From here, take the character with the highest probability, e.g., we may find it's the letter "h" because in the English language, h commonly follows t.
- 3) Question for you. Consider the next character to be output following these two strings:

2) "though"

same input -> CNN -> the same "h" softmax dist

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4) If you trained a CNN with all the bells and whistles to make it as good as possible in prediction, what ought the output look like?



This gets to the problem of state.

The CNN will always produce the same output given the same input, irrespective of what happened in the past.

In some cases, this is a totally fine thing, e.g., classifying images that don't have temporal structure.

But what if we wanted to classify *videos*? What if we wanted to generate *text*? What if what happened in the past matters?

At this point, we need a new construction.



What is state?

State captures — usually in a succinct manner — what has happened in the past. S_{t}

For example, say we want to infer some output \mathbf{z}_t from some inputs $\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \dots, \mathbf{x}_t$



There are a few ways you could think of doing this. One way is to define a function that takes all of the history and produces an output.

$$\mathbf{z}_t = f(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \dots, \mathbf{x}_t)$$

Then this f() could be, e.g., a CNN or a FC net!

So haven't we solved the problem?



A motivating thought experiment $S_t = A S_{t-1}$ $S_t \in \mathbb{R}^3$

The other way is to introduce a variable called state.

The state is influenced by its past value(s), as well as by the current input.

Usually, we also make what is called the Markov assumption, which states that all information about my past inputs is stored in my current state.

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$$\mathbf{x}_{1}, \dots, \mathbf{x}_{t}$$
 state var. that contains ALL the relevant info about $\mathbf{x}_{1}, \mathbf{x}_{2}, \dots, \mathbf{x}_{t-1}$ to info about $\mathbf{x}_{1}, \mathbf{x}_{2}, \dots, \mathbf{x}_{t-1}$ to perform my task

Here, "s" denotes the state, and critically, s_{t-1} contains all the information we need to know about $x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_{t-1}$.

With this more compact representation of the history, we can infer:

$$\mathbf{z}_t = g(\mathbf{s}_{t-1}, \mathbf{x}_t)$$

In short, we encapsulate all the history into this state variable.

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Motivation for recurrent neural networks

Recurrent neural networks are neural networks that, in addition to feedforward connections, have feedback connections.

- A network that is purely feedforward has no *internal dynamics*. Such a network always produces the same output $y_t = f(x_t)$ no matter the time.
- In a recurrent neural network (RNN), the feedback connections cause input activations to persist for some amount of time. Because artificial units provide inputs to each other with feedback, an input provided to the network will, after one time step, still propagate within the network through its recurrent connectivity.
- In this manner, RNNs have internal dynamics, so that the output at any given time is also a function of the activation of the hidden units at that time, i.e., z_t = f(x_t, h_{t-1}).



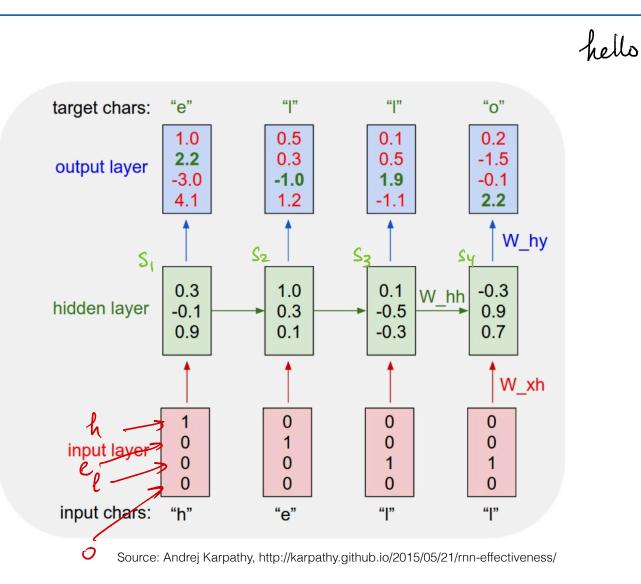
Connection to biology

In biology, neurons are known to be recurrently connected. Evidence suggests that while earlier areas of sensorimotor processing have more to do with encoding external stimuli, later areas such as the motor cortex are inherently *dynamical*. In such dynamical circuits, neurons, through their recurrent connectivity, drive themselves in lawful ways through time.

In a similar way, recurrent neural networks have recurrent connectivity that define a dynamical system that governs how it evolves through time. Note that a CNN does not capture these features of neural activity.

Some cool results





"The unreasonable effectiveness of RNNs"



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Source: Andrej Karpathy, http://karpathy.github.io/2015/05/21/rnn-effectiveness/



PANDARUS:

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Alas, I think he shall be come approached and the day
When little srain would be attain'd into being never fed,
And who is but a chain and subjects of his death,
I should not sleep.
Second Senator:
They are away this miseries, produced upon my soul,
Breaking and strongly should be buried, when I perish
The earth and thoughts of many states.
DUKE VINCENTIO:
Well, your wit is in the care of side and that.
Second Lord:
They would be ruled after this chamber, and
my fair nues begun out of the fact, to be conveyed,
Whose noble souls I'll have the heart of the wars.
Clown:
Come, sir, I will make did behold your worship.
VIOLA:
I'll drink it.
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VIOLA: Why, Salisbury must find his flesh and thought That which I am not aps, not a man and in fire, To show the reining of the raven and the wars To grace my hand reproach within, and not a fair are hand, That Caesar and my goodly father's world; When I was heaven of presence and our fleets, We spare with hours, but cut thy council I am great, Murdered and by thy master's ready there My power to give thee but so much as hell: Some service in the noble bondman here, Would show him to her wine. KING LEAR: O, if you were a feeble sight, the courtesy of your law, Your sight and several breath, will wear the gods With his heads, and my hands are wonder'd at the deeds, So drop upon your lordship's head, and your opinion Shall be against your honour.



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\begin{proof}
We may assume that $\mathcal{I}$ is an abelian sheaf on $\mathcal{C}$.
\item Given a morphism $\Delta : \mathcal{F} \to \mathcal{I}$
is an injective and let $\mathfrak q$ be an abelian sheaf on $X$.
Let $\mathcal{F}$ be a fibered complex. Let $\mathcal{F}$ be a category.
\begin{enumerate}
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\label{lemma-characterize-quasi-finite}
Let $\mathcal{F}$ be an abelian quasi-coherent sheaf on $\mathcal{C}$.
Let $\mathcal{F}$ be a coherent $\mathcal{0}_X$-module. Then
$\mathcal{F}$ is an abelian catenary over $\mathcal{C}$.
\item The following are equivalent
\begin{enumerate}
\item $\mathcal{F}$ is an $\mathcal{0}_X$-module.
\end{lemma}
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For $\bigoplus_{n=1,...,m}$ where $\mathcal{L}_{m_{\bullet}} = 0$, hence we can find a closed subset \mathcal{H} in \mathcal{H} and any sets \mathcal{F} on X, U is a closed immersion of S, then $U \to T$ is a separated algebraic space.

Proof. Proof of (1). It also start we get

$$S = \operatorname{Spec}(R) = U \times_X U \times_X U$$

and the comparicoly in the fibre product covering we have to prove the lemma generated by $\coprod Z \times_U U \to V$. Consider the maps M along the set of points Sch_{fppf} and $U \to U$ is the fibre category of S in U in Section, ?? and the fact that any U affine, see Morphisms, Lemma ??. Hence we obtain a scheme S and any open subset $W \subset U$ in Sh(G) such that $Spec(R') \to S$ is smooth or an

 $U = \bigcup U_i \times_{S_i} U_i$

which has a nonzero morphism we may assume that f_i is of finite presentation over S. We claim that $\mathcal{O}_{X,x}$ is a scheme where $x, x', s'' \in S'$ such that $\mathcal{O}_{X,x'} \to \mathcal{O}'_{X',x'}$ is separated. By Algebra, Lemma ?? we can define a map of complexes $\operatorname{GL}_{S'}(x'/S'')$ and we win.

To prove study we see that $\mathcal{F}|_U$ is a covering of \mathcal{X}' , and \mathcal{T}_i is an object of $\mathcal{F}_{X/S}$ for i > 0 and \mathcal{F}_p exists and let \mathcal{F}_i be a presheaf of \mathcal{O}_X -modules on \mathcal{C} as a \mathcal{F} -module. In particular $\mathcal{F} = U/\mathcal{F}$ we have to show that

$$\widetilde{M}^{\bullet} = \mathcal{I}^{\bullet} \otimes_{\mathrm{Spec}(k)} \mathcal{O}_{S,s} - i_X^{-1} \mathcal{F})$$

is a unique morphism of algebraic stacks. Note that

Arrows = $(Sch/S)_{fppf}^{opp}, (Sch/S)_{fppf}$

and

 $V = \Gamma(S, \mathcal{O}) \longmapsto (U, \operatorname{Spec}(A))$

is an open subset of X. Thus U is affine. This is a continuous map of X is the inverse, the groupoid scheme S.

Proof. See discussion of sheaves of sets.

The result for prove any open covering follows from the less of Example ??. It may replace S by $X_{spaces, \acute{e}tale}$ which gives an open subspace of X and T equal to S_{Zar} , see Descent, Lemma ??. Namely, by Lemma ?? we see that R is geometrically regular over S.

Lemma 0.1. Assume (3) and (3) by the construction in the description.

Suppose $X = \lim |X|$ (by the formal open covering X and a single map $\underline{Proj}_X(\mathcal{A}) = \operatorname{Spec}(B)$ over U compatible with the complex

$$Set(\mathcal{A}) = \Gamma(X, \mathcal{O}_{X, \mathcal{O}_X}).$$

When in this case of to show that $\mathcal{Q} \to C_{Z/X}$ is stable under the following result in the second conditions of (1), and (3). This finishes the proof. By Definition ?? (without element is when the closed subschemes are catenary. If T is surjective we may assume that T is connected with residue fields of S. Moreover there exists a closed subspace $Z \subset X$ of X where U in X' is proper (some defining as a closed subset of the uniqueness it suffices to check the fact that the following theorem

(1) f is locally of finite type. Since S = Spec(R) and Y = Spec(R).

Proof. This is form all sheaves of sheaves on X. But given a scheme U and a surjective étale morphism $U \to X$. Let $U \cap U = \coprod_{i=1,...,n} U_i$ be the scheme X over S at the schemes $X_i \to X$ and $U = \lim_i X_i$.

The following lemma surjective restrocomposes of this implies that $\mathcal{F}_{x_0} = \mathcal{F}_{x_0} = \mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{X},\dots,0}$.

Lemma 0.2. Let X be a locally Noetherian scheme over S, $E = \mathcal{F}_{X/S}$. Set $\mathcal{I} = \mathcal{J}_1 \subset \mathcal{I}'_n$. Since $\mathcal{I}^n \subset \mathcal{I}^n$ are nonzero over $i_0 \leq \mathfrak{p}$ is a subset of $\mathcal{J}_{n,0} \circ \overline{A}_2$ works.

Lemma 0.3. In Situation ??. Hence we may assume q' = 0.

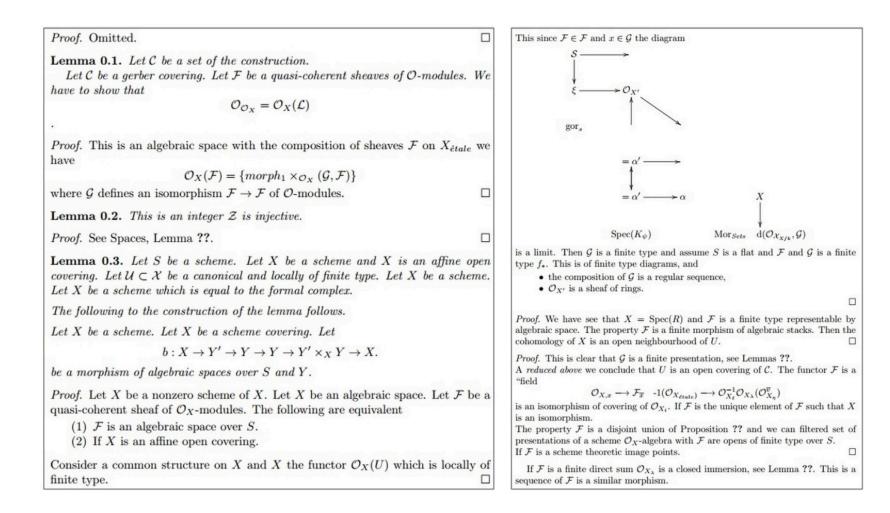
Proof. We will use the property we see that \mathfrak{p} is the mext functor (??). On the other hand, by Lemma ?? we see that

 $D(\mathcal{O}_{X'}) = \mathcal{O}_X(D)$

where K is an F-algebra where δ_{n+1} is a scheme over S.

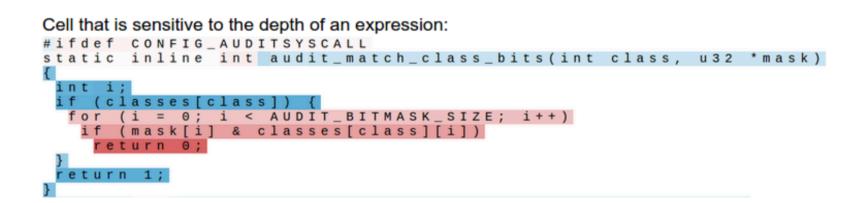
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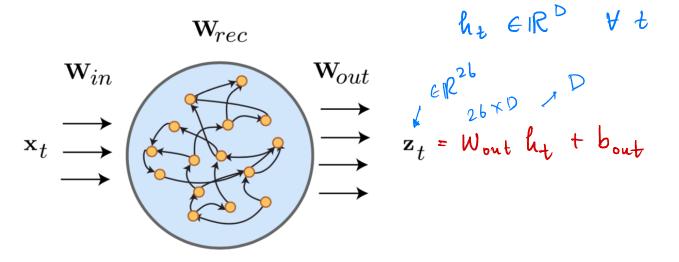


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"You mean to imply that I have nothing to eat out of On the	
contrary, I can supply you with everything even if you want to g	
dinner parties," warmly replied Chichagov, who tried by every wo	
spoke to prove his own rectitude and therefore imagined Kutuzov	to be
animated by the same desire.	
Kutuzov, shrugging his shoulders, replied with his subtle penetr	ating
smile: "I meant merely to say what I said."	



Vanilla RNN architecture

 $h_{t} = re \ln \left(W_{rec} h_{t-1} + W_{in} x_{t} + b \right)$ At a high-level, the RNN can be diagrammed as follows:



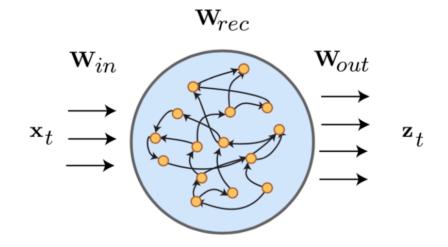
state at time t

The RNN has three major components:

- \mathbf{W}_{in} : An input at time t, denoted \mathbf{x}_t , is transformed via \mathbf{W}_{in} onto artificial neurons, whose activations are \mathbf{h}_t .
- W_{rec} : Each artificial neuron is the network is denoted by an orange circle, and these artificial neurons have recurrent connections. recurrent connections are defined by the matrix W_{rec} .
- W_{out} : Finally, the artificial neuron activations are mapped linearly to the output z_t through the matrix W_{out} .



Vanilla RNN



$$\mathbf{h}_t = f(\mathbf{W}_{\mathrm{rec}}\mathbf{h}_{t-1} + \mathbf{b}_{\mathrm{rec}} + \mathbf{W}_{\mathrm{in}}\mathbf{x}_t)$$

Note, this is the vanilla RNN formulation used in Goodfellow (equations 10.8 and 10.9).



RNN output

The output of the RNN is typically a linear mapping of the RNN's activations.

$$\mathbf{z}_t = \mathbf{W}_{\text{out}} \mathbf{h}_t + \mathbf{b}_{\text{out}}$$

This can be used e.g., for regression, or the linear outputs could e.g., be passed to a softmax classifier if the goal is to classify each time point. For example, the probability of class i at time t can be denoted via:

 $\hat{y}_{t,i} = \operatorname{softmax}_i(\mathbf{z}_t)$



RNN cost function

Loss functions are straightforward:

 In the case of regression, loss functions include the mean-square error, where $\hat{y}_t = \mathbf{z}_t$ and the cost function is to minimize the sum of residuals

$$\sum_t \|\hat{\mathbf{y}}_t - \mathbf{y}_t\|^2$$

across all time (modulo some scaling constant).

 In the case of classification, loss functions include those derived from maximum-likelihood. If \mathcal{L}_t is the softmax loss at time t, then the cost So chans $\rightarrow RNN \rightarrow 51st$ cher. $\mathcal{L}_1 \quad \mathcal{L}_2 \quad \mathcal{L}_3 \quad \dots \quad (\mathcal{L}_{51})$ function can be to minimize the sum of losses

across all time (modulo some scaling constant).

• Sometimes, we only care about the output after some time τ . Maybe we'll even just care about the last output at the horizon of the data, T. In these scenarios, the loss would be

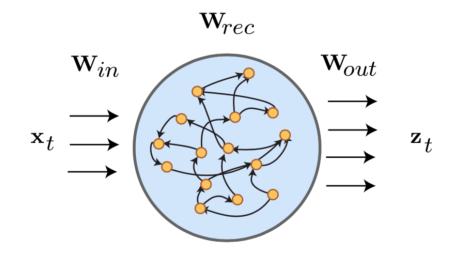
 $\sum_t \mathcal{L}_t$

$$\sum_{t \geq 20}^{3+} \mathcal{L}_t$$

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What do we need to train an RNN?



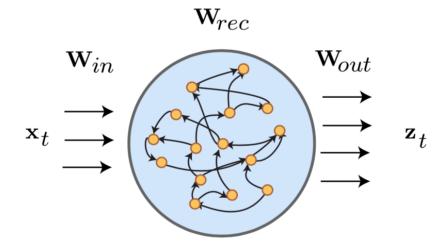
Let's take stock of what we know:

- We know the RNN equations, and we can define a loss function.
 - So we know how to do a forward pass and calculate a loss.
- In general, we know how to do optimization (i.e., with SGD and your favorite optimizer on top of that, e.g., Adam or RMSprop).
- Do we know how to take gradients of the weight matrices?
- Is there any problem in applying backpropagation as in feedforward networks (e.g., CNNs, FC nets) to RNNs?



RNN training

Training an RNN is not immediately as straightforward as a feedforward neural network. This is because the RNN has recurrent connections with loops, and backpropagation is not straightforward.



The upstream gradients at any given time come from units who are themselves potentially receiving inputs (directly or indirectly) from the node we're trying to calculate the gradient of. Further, the activations at any given node for an input depends on time; for even an input \mathbf{x}_t that is static across time, the activations \mathbf{h}_t will not be static across time.



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RNN training (cont.)

To get around this confound, we consider the RNN as a computational graph through time.

