



10-301/601 Introduction to Machine Learning

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RNNs + PAC Learning

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Reminders

- **Homework 5: Neural Networks**
 - **Out: Mon, Oct. 11**
 - **Due: Thu, Oct. 21 at 11:59pm**
- **More exam viewings today! (Wed, Oct. 13)**
 - **12 – 1**
 - **3 – 5**
 - **Split across BH 235B & BH 255A based on where you took your exam.**
 - **@1029** on Piazza

Q&A

Q: In Lecture 12, when you showed us the binary Cross Entropy objective function, was there a minus sign missing?

A: Oops! Yes. Since we want to *minimize* cross entropy, there should have been a minus sign out front!

Forward

Quadratic $J = \frac{1}{2}(y - y^*)^2$

Backward

$$\frac{dJ}{dy} = y - y^*$$

Cross Entropy $J = -(y^* \log(y) + (1 - y^*) \log(1 - y))$

$$\frac{dJ}{dy} = -(y^* \frac{1}{y} + (1 - y^*) \frac{1}{y - 1})$$

SGD for CNNs

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Ex: Architecture: Given \vec{x}, y^*

$$J = \ell(y, y^*)$$

$$y = \text{softmax}(z^{(5)})$$

$$z^{(5)} = \text{linear}(z^{(4)}, W)$$

$$z^{(4)} = \text{relu}(z^{(3)})$$

$$z^{(3)} = \text{conv}(z^{(2)}, \beta)$$

$$z^{(2)} = \text{max-pool}(z^{(1)})$$

$$z^{(1)} = \text{conv}(\vec{x}, \alpha)$$

Parameters $\vec{\theta} = [\alpha, \beta, W]$

SGD:

① Init $\vec{\theta}$

② While not converged:

Sample $i \in \{1, \dots, N\}$

Forward: $y = h_{\theta}(\vec{x}^{(i)}), J_i(\theta) = \ell(y, y^*)$

Backward: $\nabla_{\vec{\theta}} J_i(\theta) = \dots$

Update: $\vec{\theta} \leftarrow \vec{\theta} - \lambda \nabla_{\vec{\theta}} J_i(\theta)$

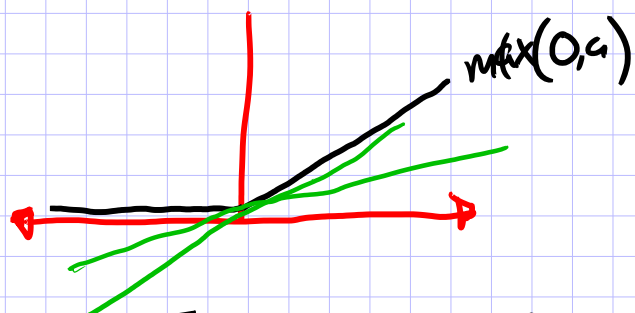
LAYERS OF A CNN

ReLU Layer

ReLU Layer Input: $\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^k$ Output: $\vec{y} \in \mathbb{R}^k$

Forward:
 $\vec{y} = \sigma(\vec{x})$ ← element-wise

$$\sigma(a) = \max(0, a)$$



Backward:

$$\frac{dJ}{dx_i} = \frac{dJ}{dy_i} \frac{dy_i}{dx_i}$$

subderivative

where $\frac{dy_i}{dx_i} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x_i > 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

Softmax Layer

Softmax Layer

Input: $\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^k$ Output: $\vec{y} \in \mathbb{R}^k$

Forward:

$$y_i = \frac{\exp(x_i)}{\sum_{k=1}^k \exp(x_k)}$$

Backward:

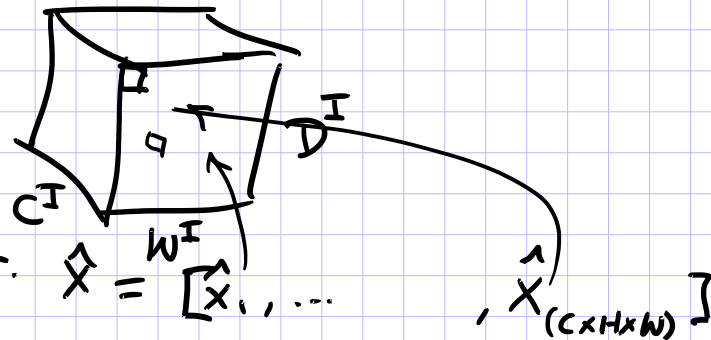
$$\frac{dJ}{dx_j} = \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{dJ}{dy_i} \frac{dy_i}{dx_j}$$

$$\text{where } \frac{dy_i}{dx_j} = \begin{cases} y_i(1-y_i) & \text{if } i=j \\ -y_i y_j & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Fully-Connected Layer

Fully Connected Layer (w/ tensor input)

- Suppose input is a 3D Tensor: $X =$



- stretch out into a long vector: $\hat{X} = [x_1, \dots, x_{(C \times H \times W)}]$

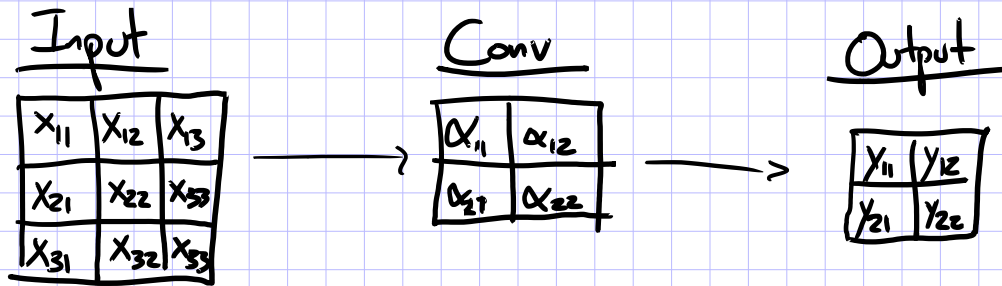
- then standard linear layer:

$$y = \alpha^T \hat{X} + \alpha_0 \quad \text{where } \alpha \in \mathbb{R}^{A \times B}$$

$|\hat{X}| = A, |y| = B$

Convolutional Layer

Ex: 1 input channel, 1 output channel



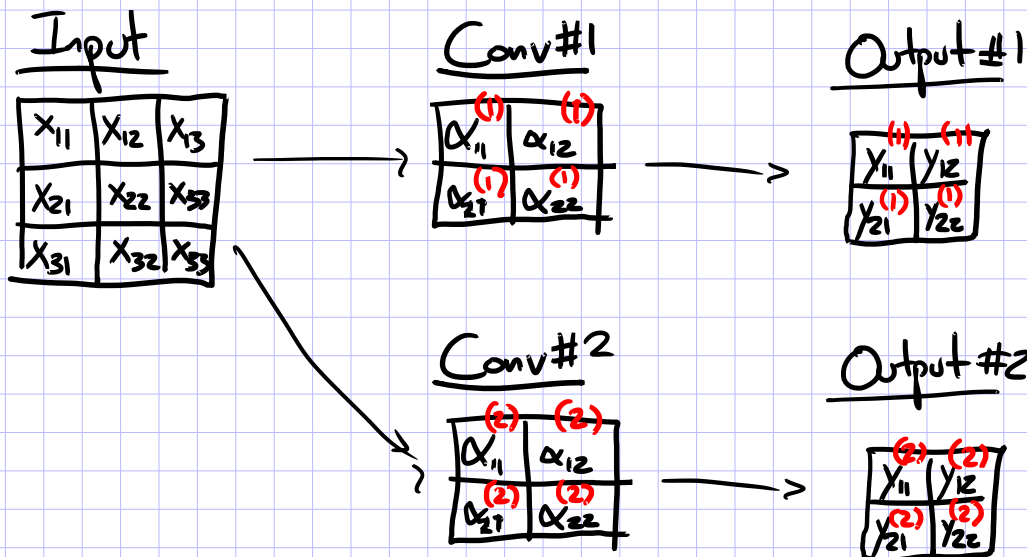
$$y_{11} = \alpha_{11}x_{11} + \alpha_{12}x_{12} + \alpha_{21}x_{21} + \alpha_{22}x_{22} + \alpha_0$$

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Ex: 1 input channel, 2 output channels



$$y_{11}^{(1)} = \alpha_{11}^{(1)}x_{11} + \alpha_{12}^{(1)}x_{12} + \alpha_{21}^{(1)}x_{21} + \alpha_{22}^{(1)}x_{22} + \alpha_0^{(1)}$$

$$y_{12}^{(1)} = \dots$$

$$y_{21}^{(1)} = \dots$$

$$y_{22}^{(1)} = \alpha_{11}^{(1)}x_{22} + \alpha_{12}^{(1)}x_{23} + \alpha_{21}^{(1)}x_{32} + \alpha_{22}^{(1)}x_{33} + \alpha_0^{(1)}$$

$$y_{11}^{(2)} = \alpha_{11}^{(2)}x_{11} + \alpha_{12}^{(2)}x_{12} + \alpha_{21}^{(2)}x_{21} + \alpha_{22}^{(2)}x_{22} + \alpha_0^{(2)}$$

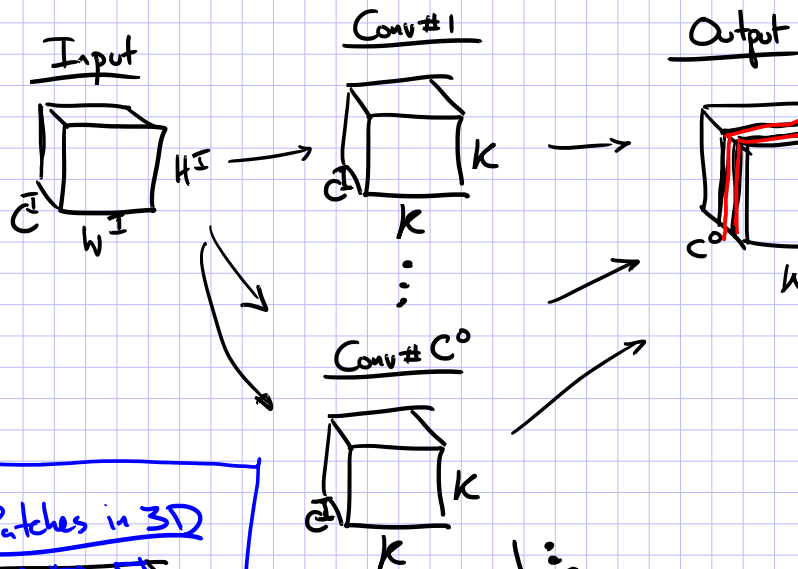
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Convolutional Layer

Ex: C^I input channels, C^O output channels

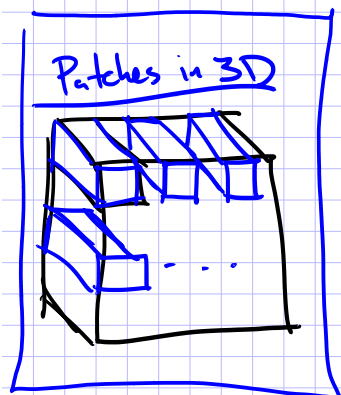


j-th slice is output from j-th convolution matrix

$$H^O = \lfloor (H^I + 2p - K) / s + 1 \rfloor$$

$$W^O = \lfloor (W^I + 2p - K) / s + 1 \rfloor$$

where p = # pixels of padding on input
 k = size of conv. matrix
 s = stride length



Forward:

$$y_{ij}^{(k)} = \alpha_0^{(k)} + \sum_{c=1}^{C^I} \sum_{q=1}^K \sum_{r=1}^K \alpha_{qr}^{(c)} x_{mn}^{(c)} \quad \text{where } m = s(i-1) + q, n = s(j-1) + r$$

Backward:

$$\frac{dJ}{d\alpha_0^{(k)}} = \sum_i \sum_j \frac{dJ}{dy_{ij}^{(k)}} \frac{dy_{ij}^{(k)}}{d\alpha_0^{(k)}}$$

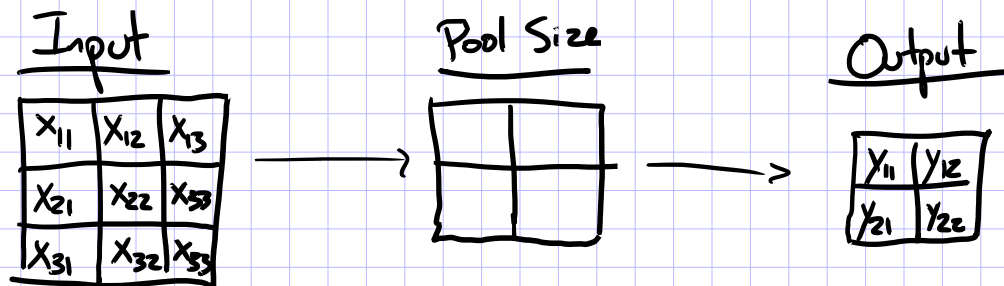
$$\frac{dJ}{d\alpha_{qr}^{(c)}} = \sum_i \sum_j \frac{dJ}{dy_{ij}^{(k)}} \frac{dy_{ij}^{(k)}}{d\alpha_{qr}^{(c)}}$$

$$\frac{dJ}{dx_{mn}^{(c)}} = \sum_i \sum_j \sum_k \frac{dJ}{dy_{ij}^{(k)}} \frac{dy_{ij}^{(k)}}{dx_{mn}^{(c)}}$$

just some calculus

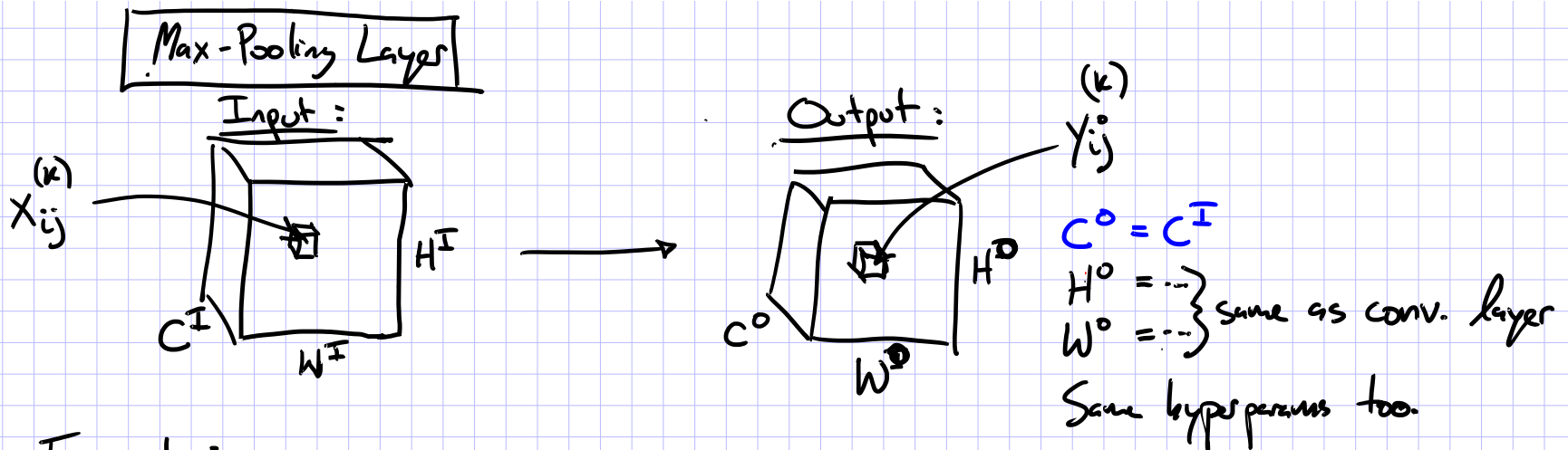
Max-Pooling Layer

Ex: 1 input channel, 1 output channel, stride of 1



$$y_{11} = \max(x_{11}, x_{12}, x_{21}, x_{22})$$
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Max-Pooling Layer



Forward:

$$Y_{ij}^{(k)} = \max_{\substack{q \in \{1, \dots, k\} \\ r \in \{1, \dots, k\}}} X_{mn}^{(k)} \text{ where } \begin{cases} m = s(i-1) + q \\ n = s(j-1) + r \end{cases}$$

Backward:

$$\frac{dJ}{dx_{mn}^{(k)}} = \sum_i \sum_j \frac{dJ}{dy_{ij}^{(k)}} \frac{dy_{ij}^{(k)}}{dx_{mn}^{(k)}}$$

Subderivatives

- + $\max()$ is not differentiable, but subdifferentiable.
- + There are a set of derivatives and we can just choose one for SGD.

$$y = \max(a, b)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dJ}{da} = \frac{dJ}{dy} \frac{dy}{da} \text{ where } \frac{dy}{da} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } a > b \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Convolutional Neural Network (CNN)

- Typical layers include:
 - Convolutional layer
 - Max-pooling layer
 - Fully-connected (Linear) layer
 - ReLU layer (or some other nonlinear activation function)
 - Softmax
- These can be arranged into arbitrarily deep topologies

Architecture #1: LeNet-5

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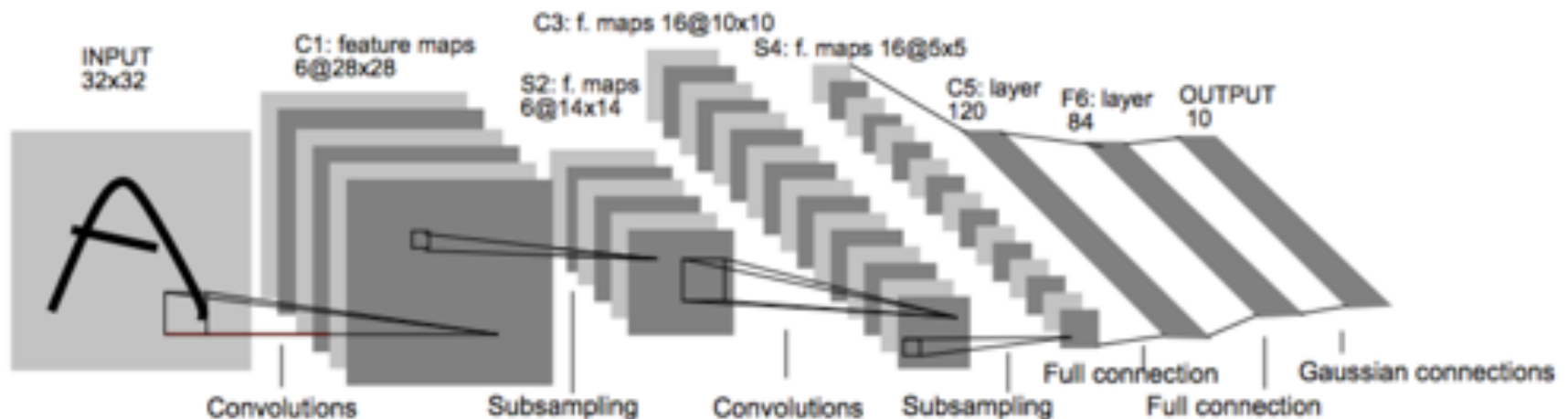


Fig. 2. Architecture of LeNet-5, a Convolutional Neural Network, here for digits recognition. Each plane is a feature map, i.e. a set of units whose weights are constrained to be identical.

Architecture #2: AlexNet

CNN for Image Classification

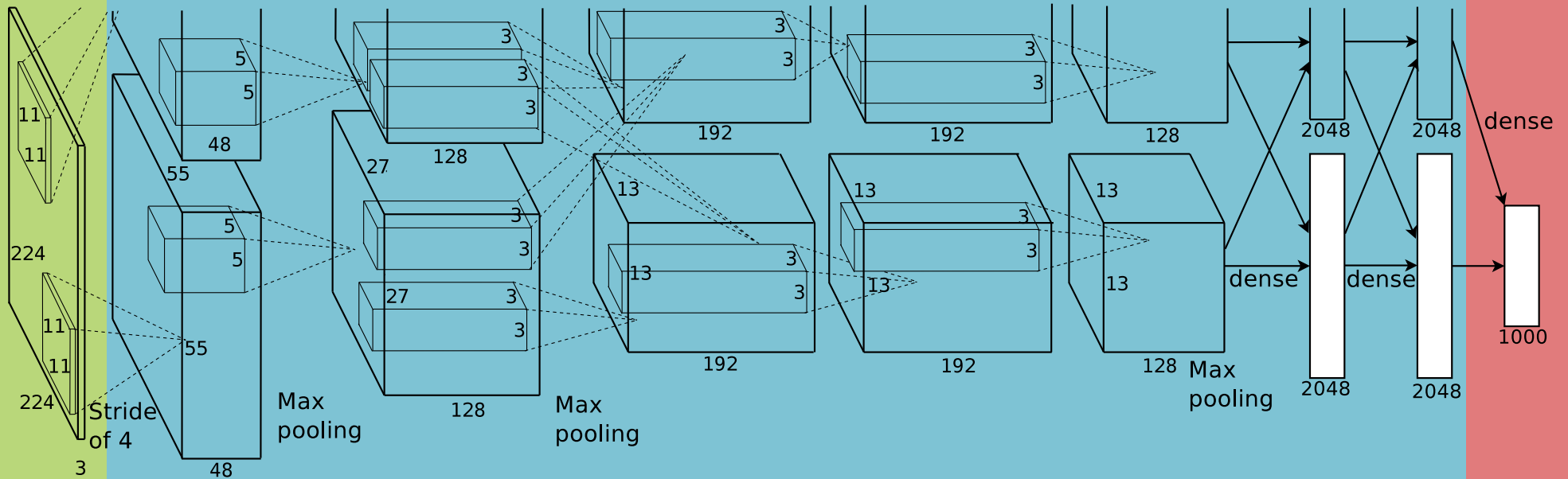
(Krizhevsky, Sutskever & Hinton, 2012)

15.3% error on ImageNet LSVRC-2012 contest

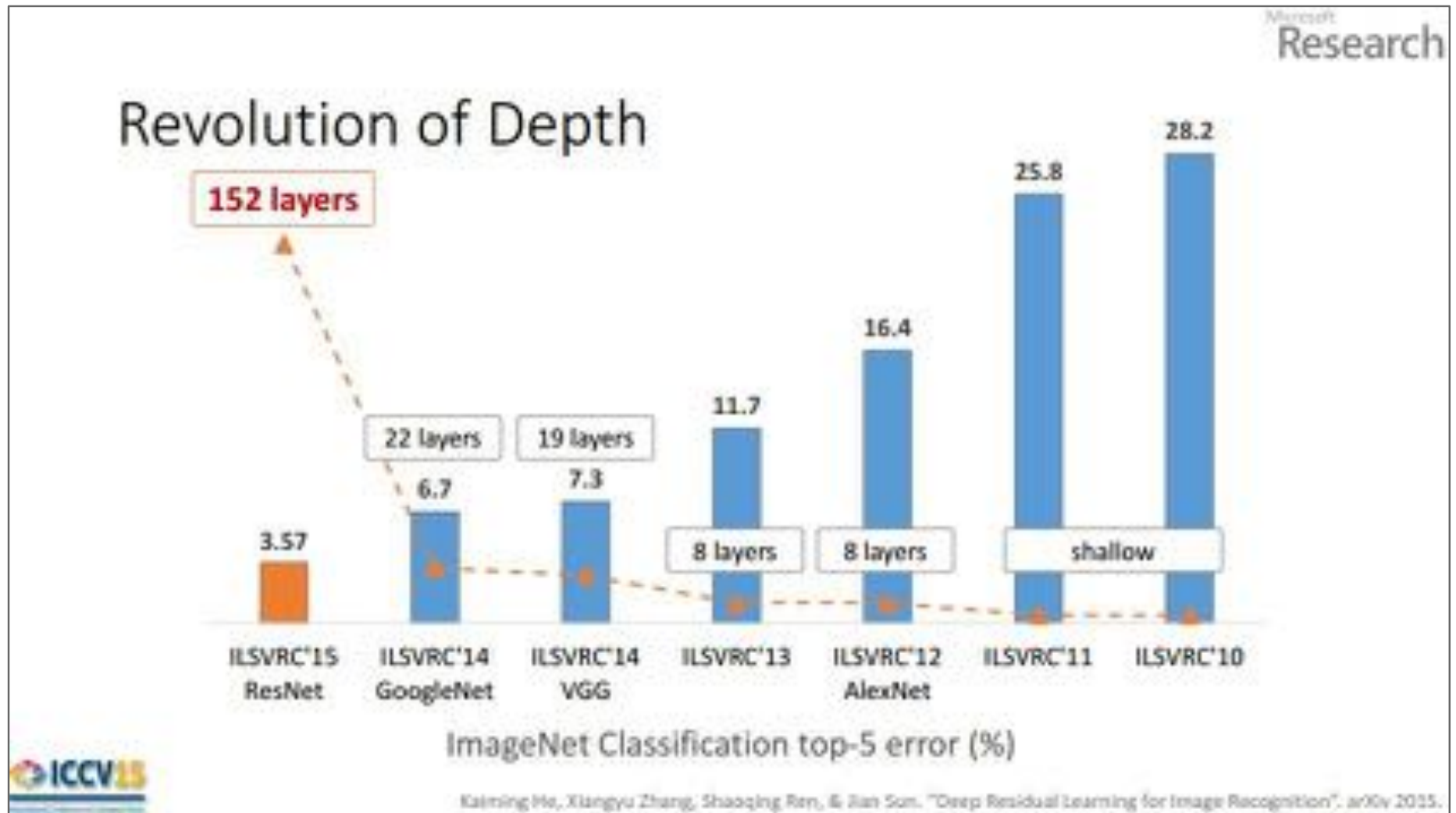
Input image (pixels)

- Five convolutional layers (w/max-pooling)
- Three fully connected layers

1000-way softmax



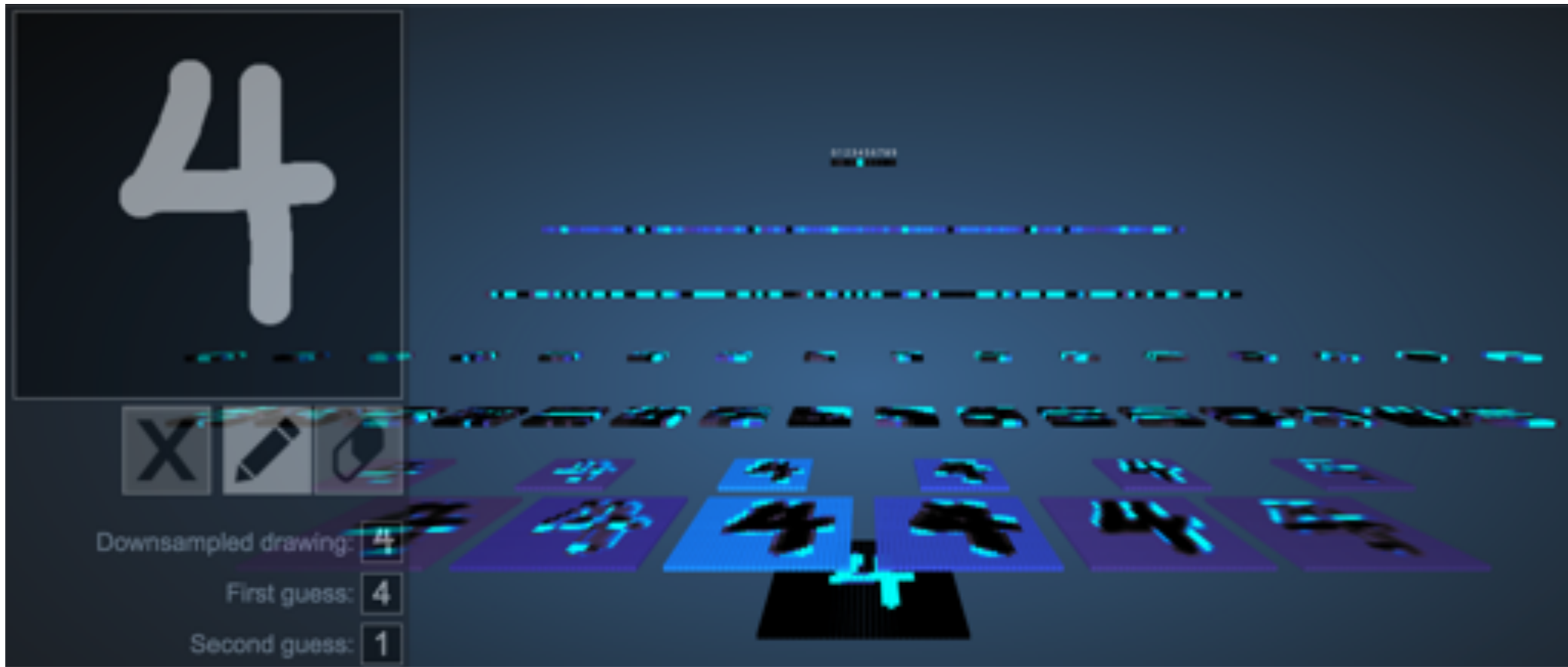
CNNs for Image Recognition



CNN VISUALIZATIONS

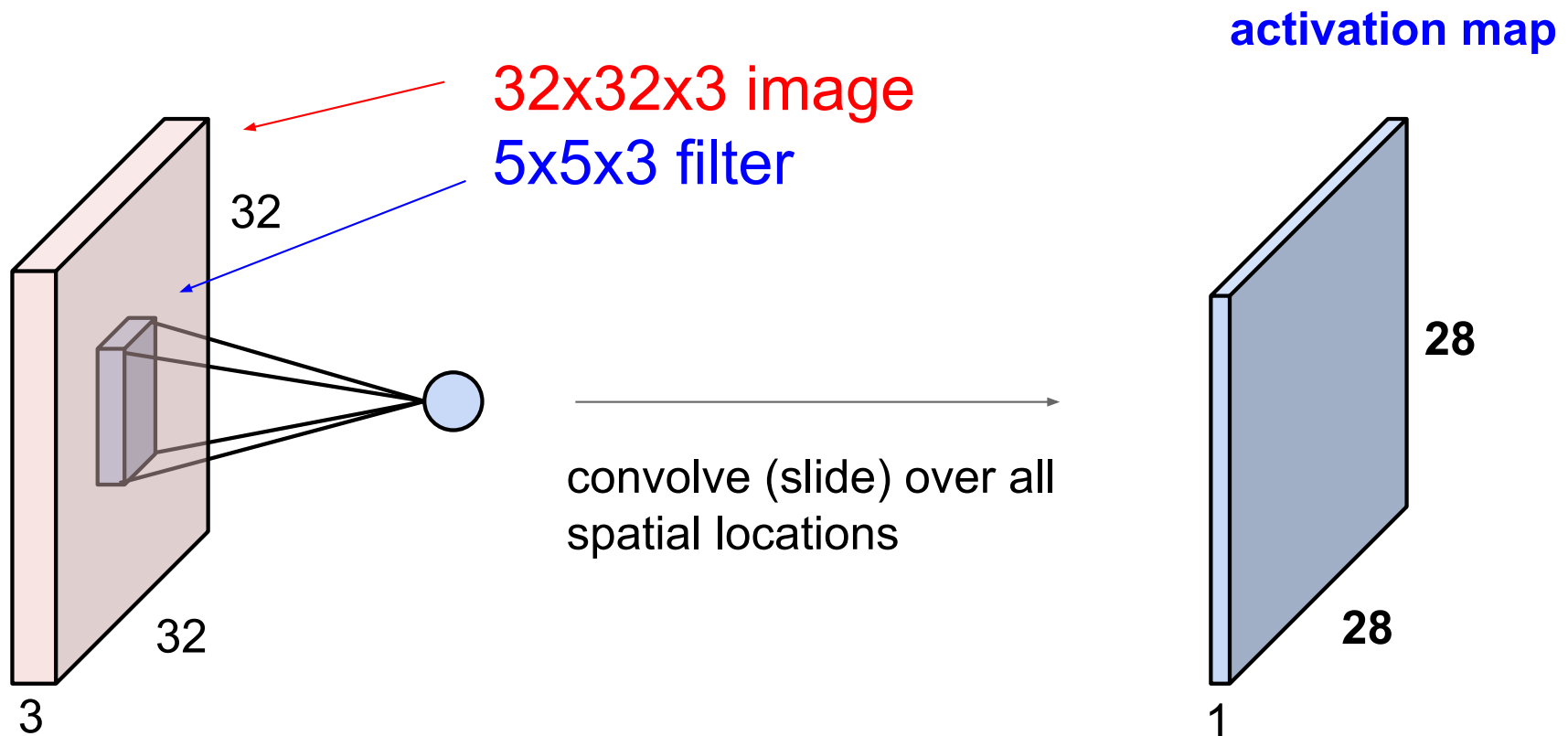
3D Visualization of CNN

<http://scs.ryerson.ca/~aharley/vis/conv/>



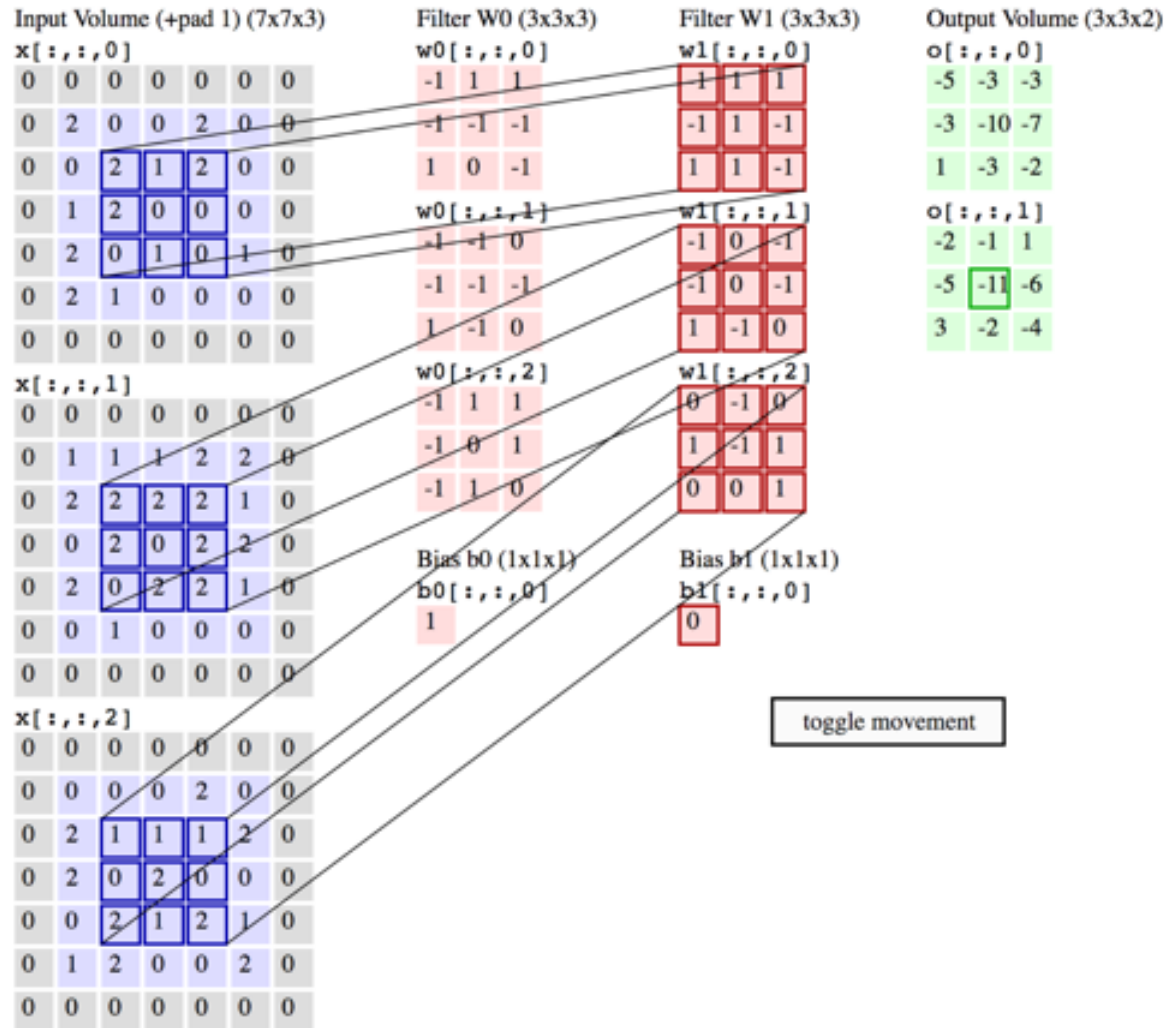
Convolution of a Color Image

- Color images consist of 3 floats per pixel for RGB (red, green blue) color values
- Convolution must also be 3-dimensional



Animation of 3D Convolution

<http://cs231n.github.io/convolutional-networks/>



toggle movement

Figure from Fei-Fei Li & Andrej Karpathy & Justin Johnson (CS231N)

MNIST Digit Recognition with CNNs (in your browser)

<https://cs.stanford.edu/people/karpathy/convnetjs/demo/mnist.html>

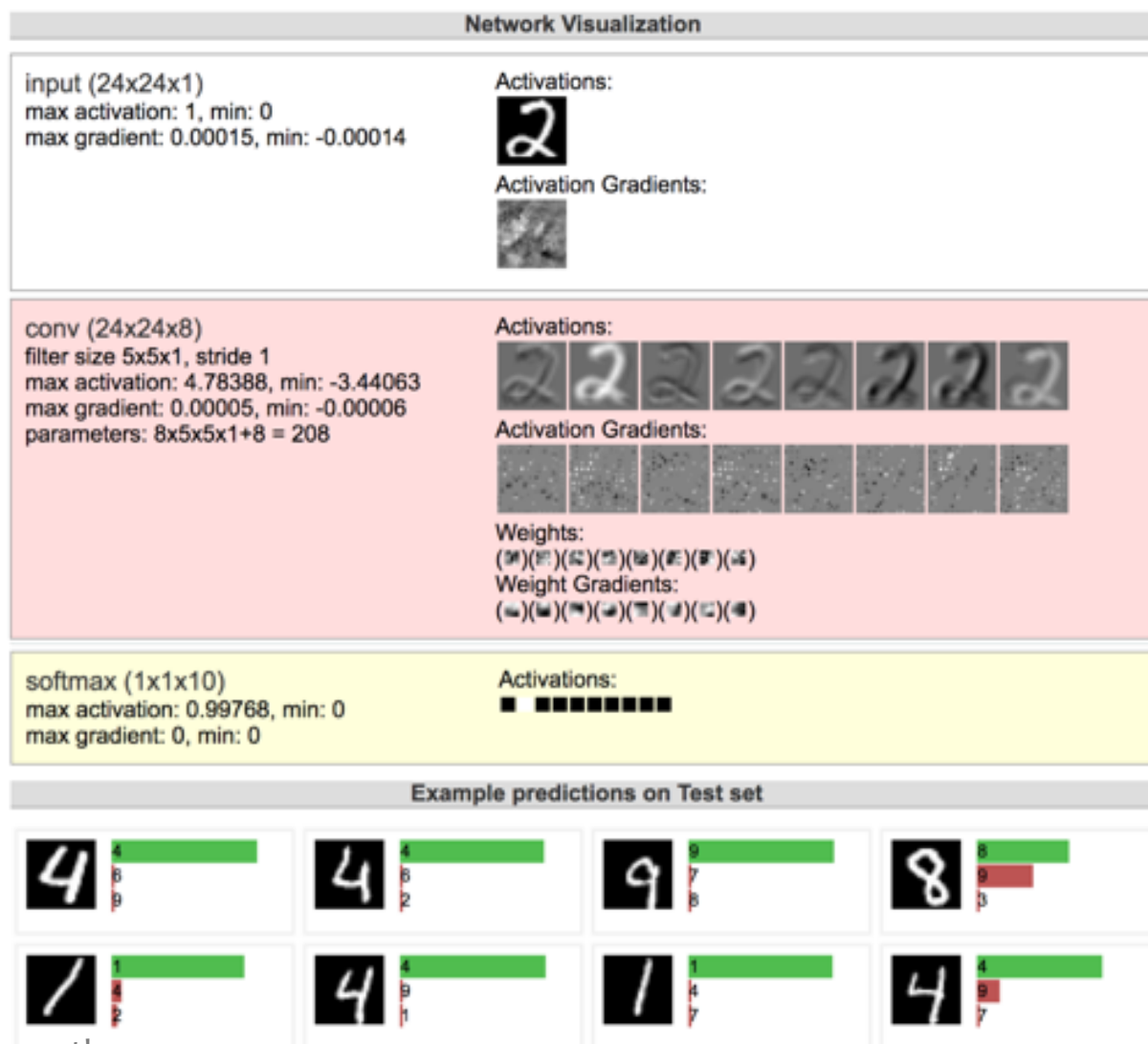


Figure from Andrej Karpathy

CNN Summary

CNNs

- Are used for all aspects of **computer vision**, and have won numerous pattern recognition competitions
- Able learn **interpretable features** at different levels of abstraction
- Typically, consist of **convolution** layers, **pooling** layers, **nonlinearities**, and **fully connected** layers

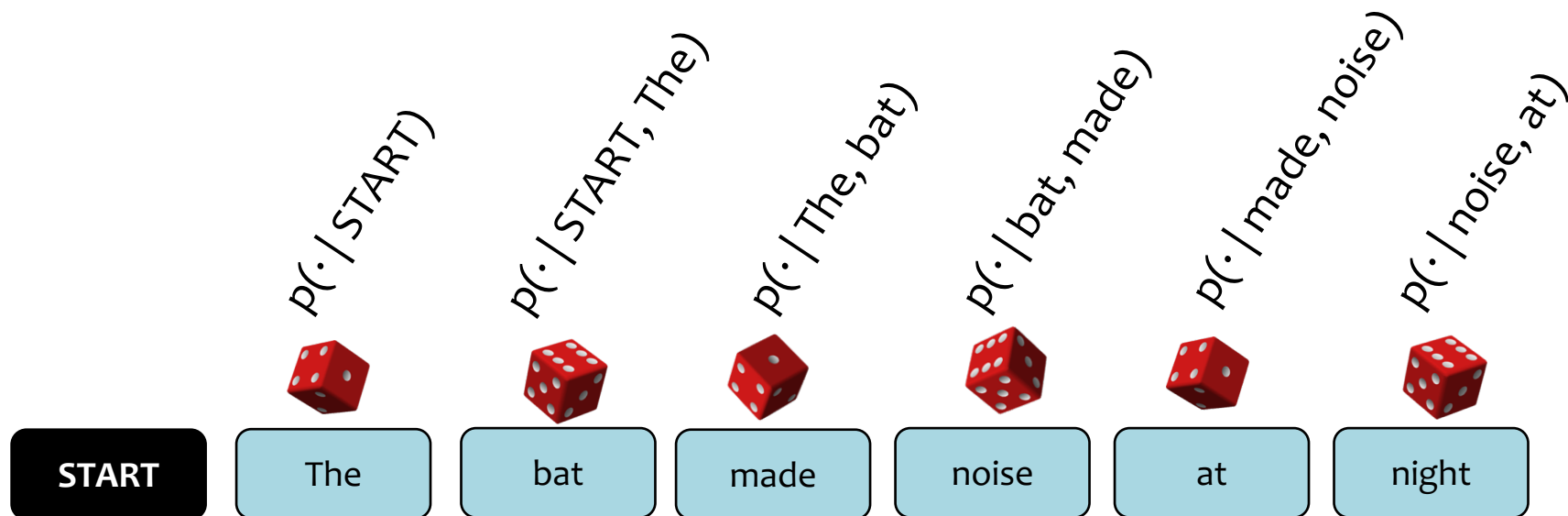
Other Resources:

- Readings on course website
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BACKGROUND: N-GRAM LANGUAGE MODELS

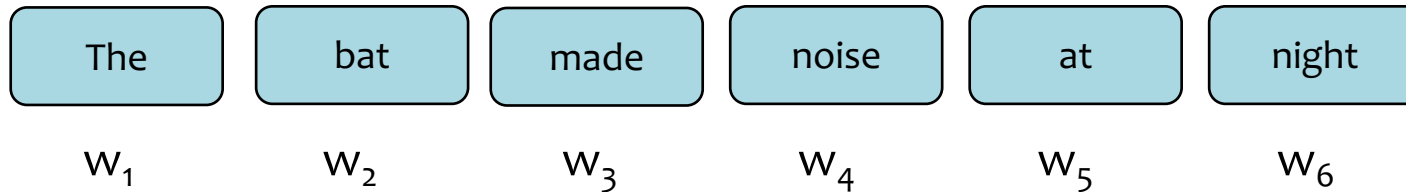
n-Gram Language Model

- Goal: Generate realistic looking sentences in a human language
- Key Idea: condition on the last $n-1$ words to sample the n^{th} word



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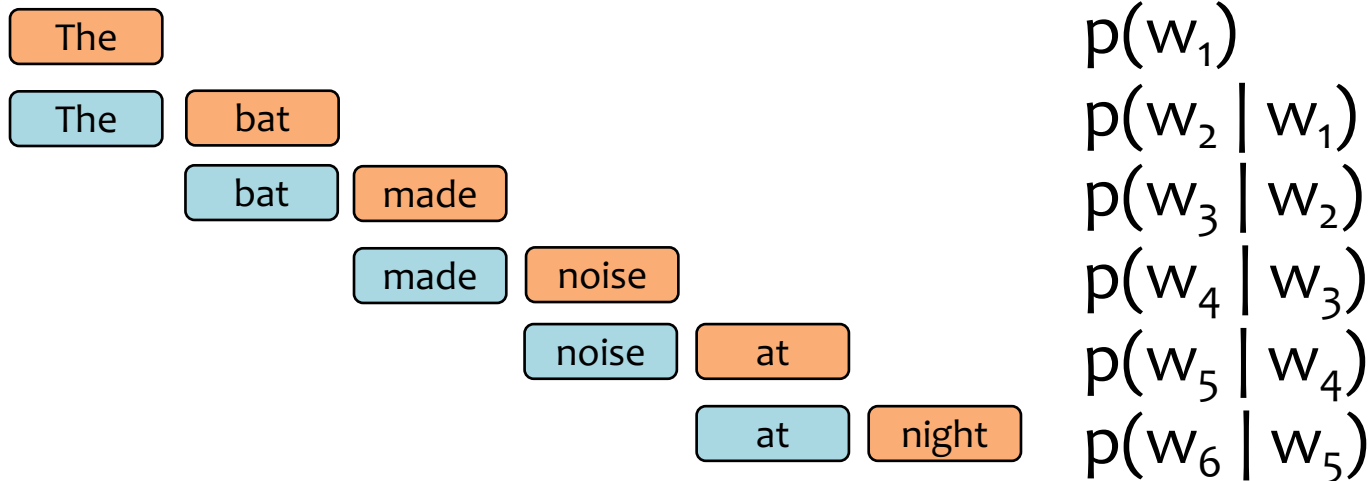
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n-Gram Model (n=2)

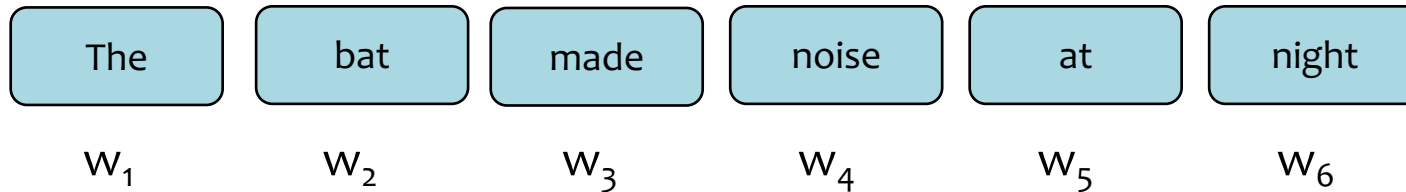
$$p(w_1, w_2, \dots, w_T) = \prod_{t=1}^T p(w_t | w_{t-1})$$

$$p(w_1, w_2, w_3, \dots, w_6) =$$



n-Gram Language Model

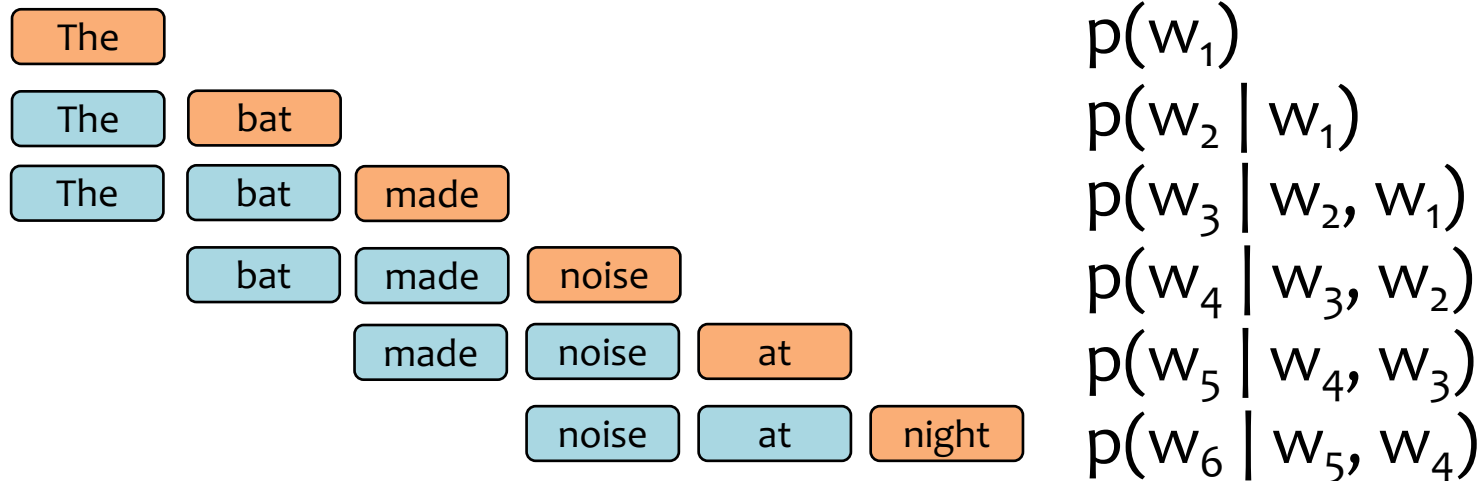
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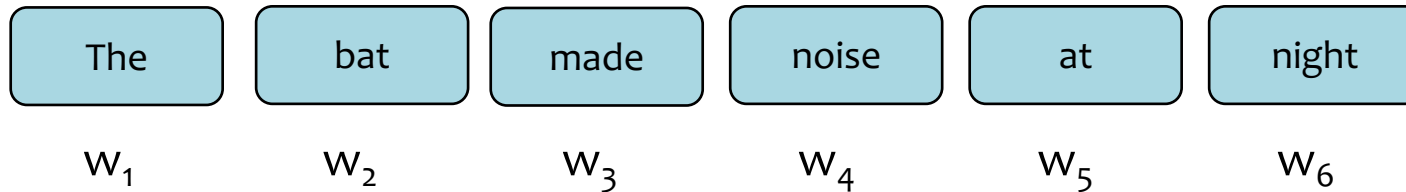
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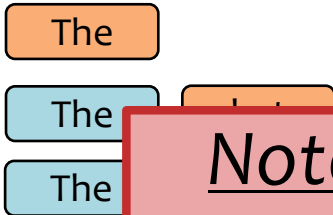
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$$p(w_1, w_2, w_3, \dots, w_6) = p(w_1) p(w_2 | w_1) p(w_3 | w_2, w_1) \dots$$



Note: This is called a **model** because we made some **assumptions** about how many previous words to condition on (i.e. only n-1 words)

Learning an n-Gram Model

Question: How do we **learn** the probabilities for the n-Gram Model?

$p(w_t \mid w_{t-2} = \text{The}, w_{t-1} = \text{bat})$



w_t	$p(\cdot \mid \cdot, \cdot)$
ate	0.015
...	
flies	0.046
...	
zebra	0.000

$p(w_t \mid w_{t-2} = \text{made}, w_{t-1} = \text{noise})$



w_t	$p(\cdot \mid \cdot, \cdot)$
at	0.020
...	
pollution	0.030
...	
zebra	0.000

$p(w_t \mid w_{t-2} = \text{cows}, w_{t-1} = \text{eat})$




w_t	$p(\cdot \mid \cdot, \cdot)$
corn	0.420
...	
grass	0.510
...	
zebra	0.000

Learning an n-Gram Model

Question: How do we **learn** the probabilities for the n-Gram Model?

Answer: From data! Just **count** n-gram frequencies

$$p(w_t \mid w_{t-2} = \text{cows}, w_{t-1} = \text{eat})$$


... the **cows eat grass**...

... our **cows eat hay** daily...

... factory-farm **cows eat corn**...

... on an organic farm, **cows eat hay** and...

... do your **cows eat grass** or corn?...

... what do **cows eat if** they have...

... **cows eat corn** when there is no...

... which **cows eat which** foods depends...

... if **cows eat grass**...

... when **cows eat corn** their stomachs...

... should we let **cows eat corn**?...

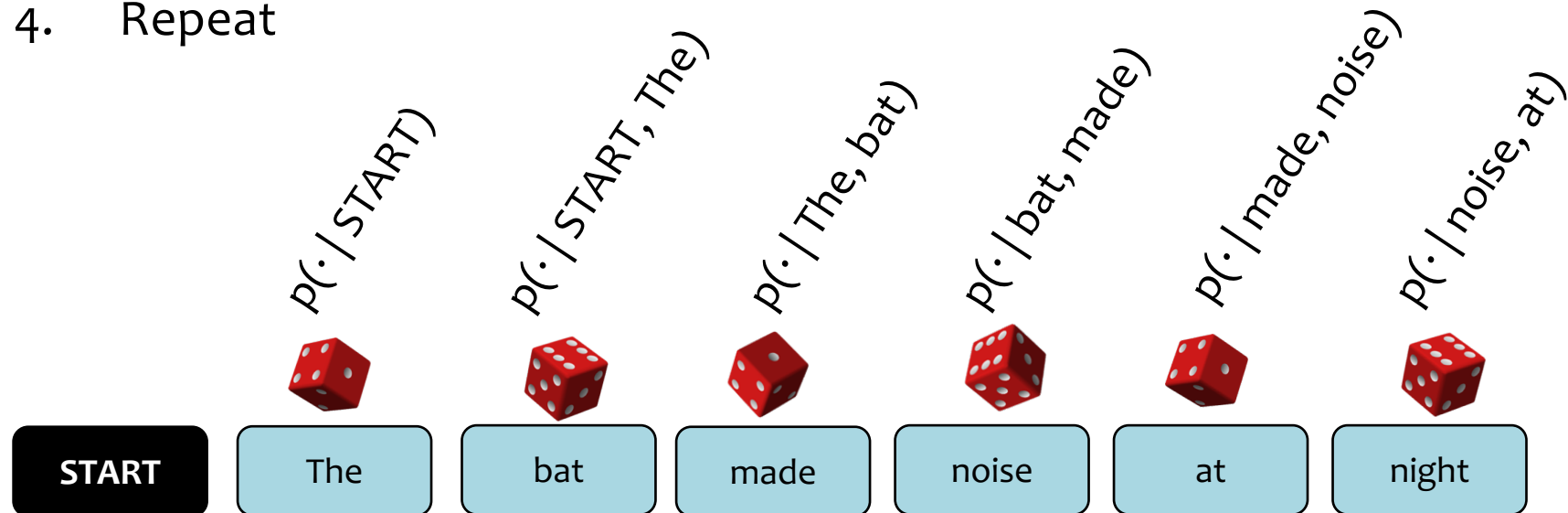
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corn	4/11
grass	3/11
hay	2/11
if	1/11
which	1/11

Sampling from a Language Model

Question: How do we sample from a Language Model?

Answer:

1. Treat each probability distribution like a (50k-sided) weighted die
2. Pick the die corresponding to $p(w_t | w_{t-2}, w_{t-1})$
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Training Data (Shakespeare)

I tell you, friends, most charitable care
ave the patricians of you. For your
wants, Your suffering in this dearth,
you may as well Strike at the heaven
with your staves as lift them Against
the Roman state, whose course will on
The way it takes, cracking ten thousand
curbs Of more strong link asunder than
can ever Appear in your impediment.
For the dearth, The gods, not the
patricians, make it, and Your knees to
them, not arms, must help.

5-Gram Model

Approacheth, denay. dungy
Thither! Julius think: grant,--0
Yead linens, sheep's Ancient,
Agreed: Petrarch plaguy Resolved
pear! observingly honourest
adulteries wherever scabbard
guess; affirmation--his monsieur;
died. jealousy, chequins me.
Daphne building. weakness: sun-
rise, cannot stays carry't,
unpurposed. prophet-like drink;
back-return 'gainst surmise
Bridget ships? wane; interim?
She's striving wet;

RECURRENT NEURAL NETWORK (RNN) LANGUAGE MODELS

Recurrent Neural Networks (RNNs)

inputs: $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_T), x_i \in \mathcal{R}^I$

hidden units: $\mathbf{h} = (h_1, h_2, \dots, h_T), h_i \in \mathcal{R}^J$

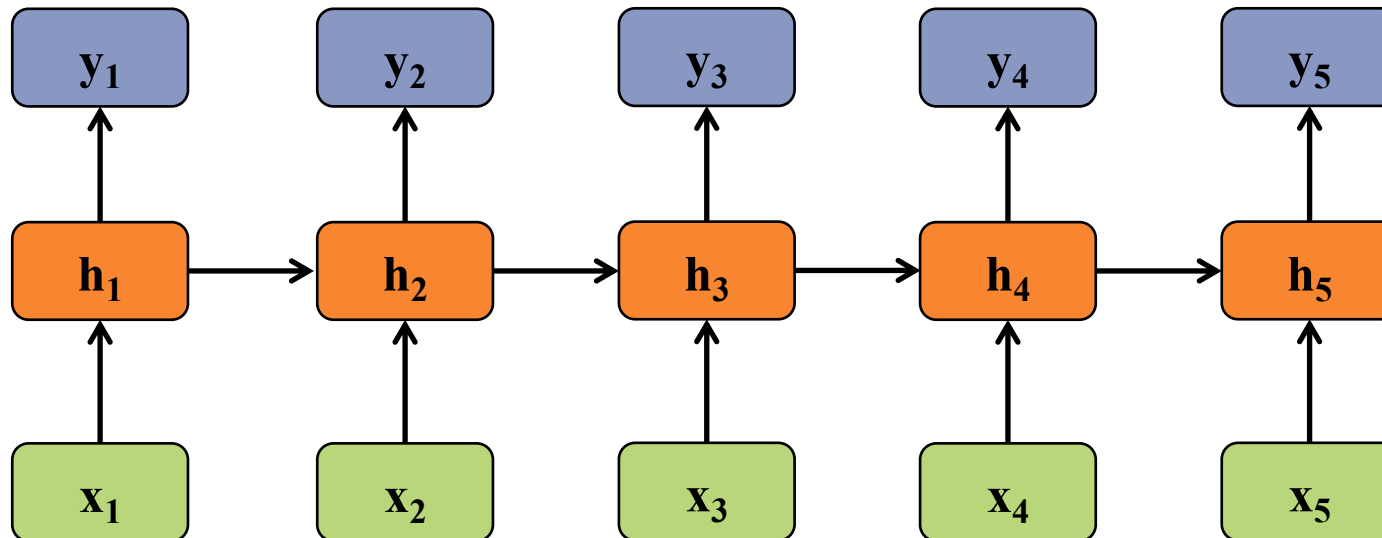
outputs: $\mathbf{y} = (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_T), y_i \in \mathcal{R}^K$

nonlinearity: \mathcal{H}

Definition of the RNN:

$$h_t = \mathcal{H}(W_{xh}x_t + W_{hh}h_{t-1} + b_h)$$

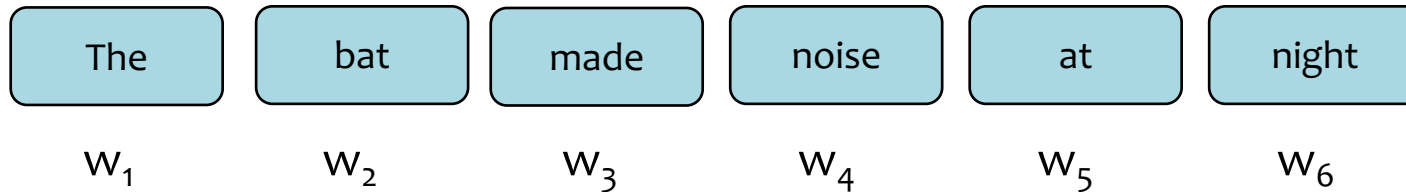
$$y_t = W_{hy}h_t + b_y$$



Recall...

The Chain Rule of Probability

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Chain rule of probability:
$$p(w_1, w_2, \dots, w_T) = \prod_{t=1}^T p(w_t | w_{t-1}, \dots, w_1)$$

$$p(w_1, w_2, w_3, \dots, w_6) =$$

The

$p(w_1)$

The

$p(w_2 | w_1)$

The

Note: This is called the chain **rule** because it is **always** true for every probability distribution

The

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$p(w_6 | w_5, w_4, w_3, w_2, w_1)$

$p(w_6 | w_5, w_4, w_3, w_2, w_1)$

RNN Language Model

$$\text{RNN Language Model: } p(w_1, w_2, \dots, w_T) = \prod_{t=1}^T p(w_t | f_{\theta}(w_{t-1}, \dots, w_1))$$

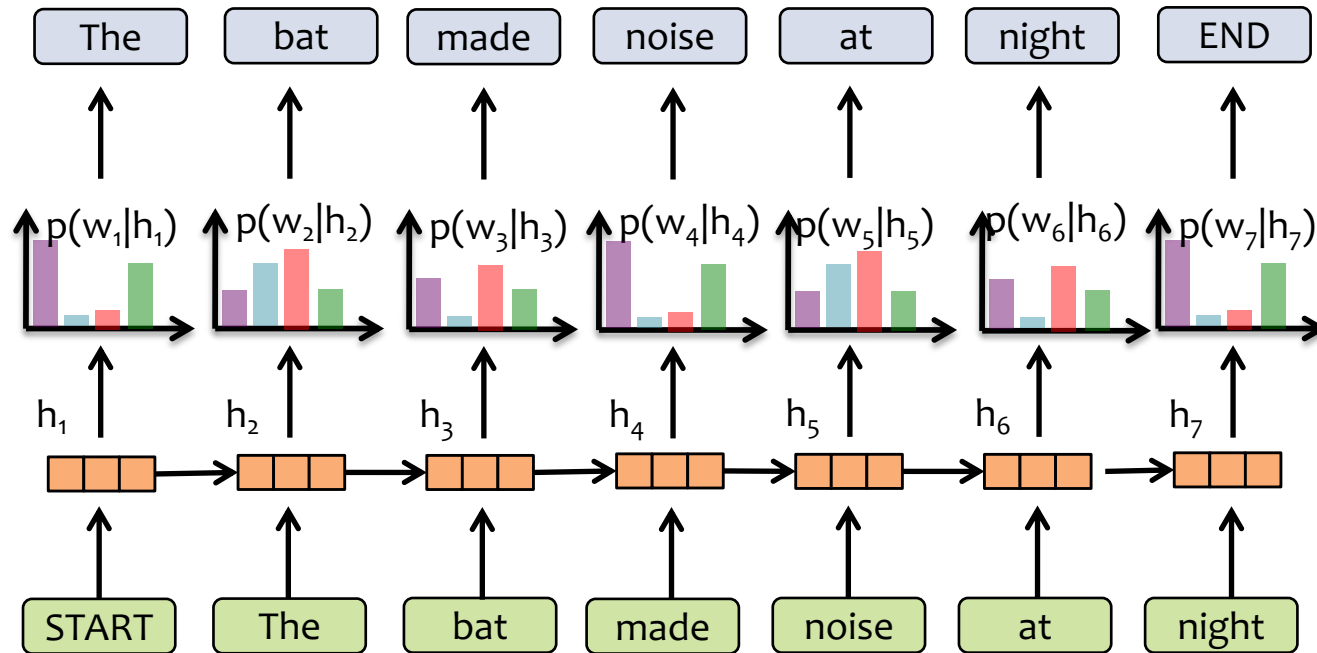
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The						$p(w_1)$
The	bat					$p(w_2 f_{\theta}(w_1))$
The	bat	made				$p(w_3 f_{\theta}(w_2, w_1))$
The	bat	made	noise			$p(w_4 f_{\theta}(w_3, w_2, w_1))$
The	bat	made	noise	at		$p(w_5 f_{\theta}(w_4, w_3, w_2, w_1))$
The	bat	made	noise	at	night	$p(w_6 f_{\theta}(w_5, w_4, w_3, w_2, w_1))$

Key Idea:

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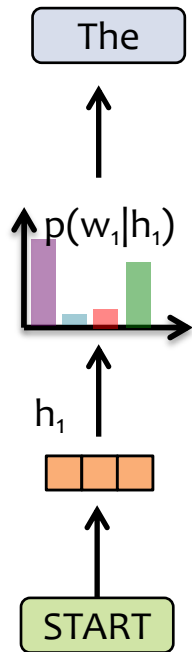
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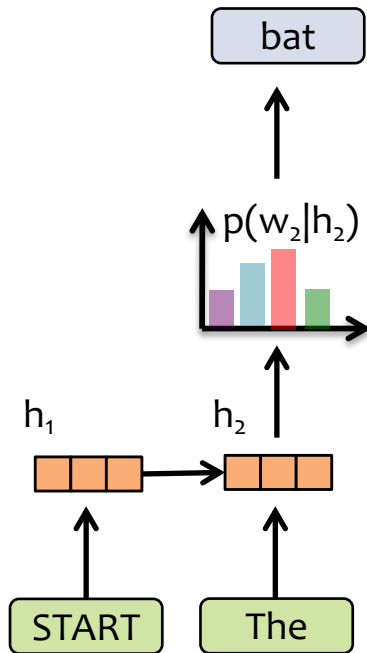
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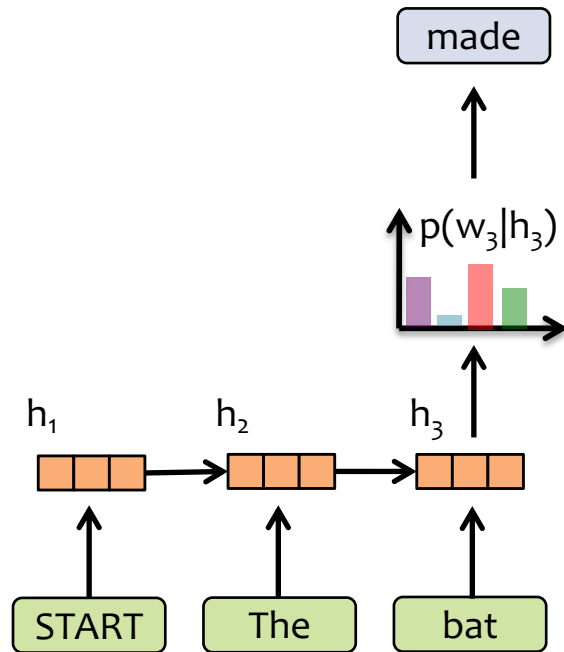
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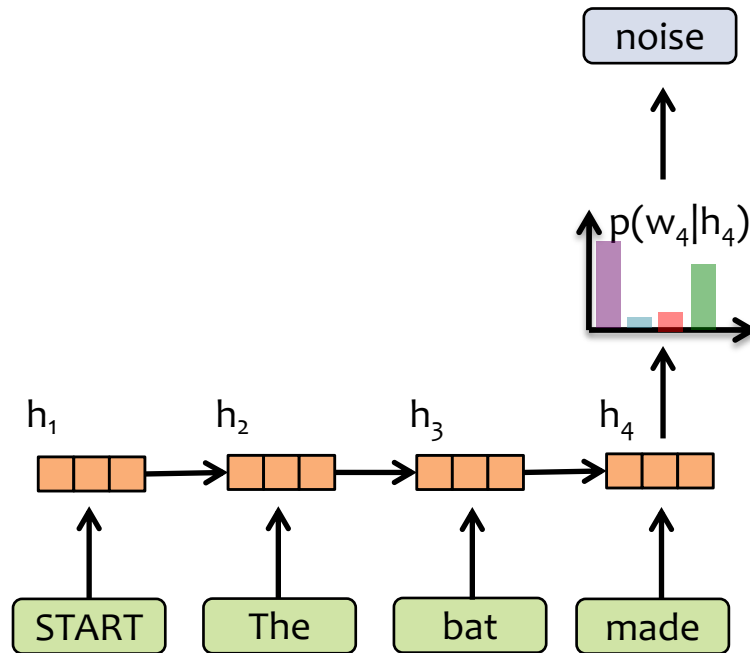
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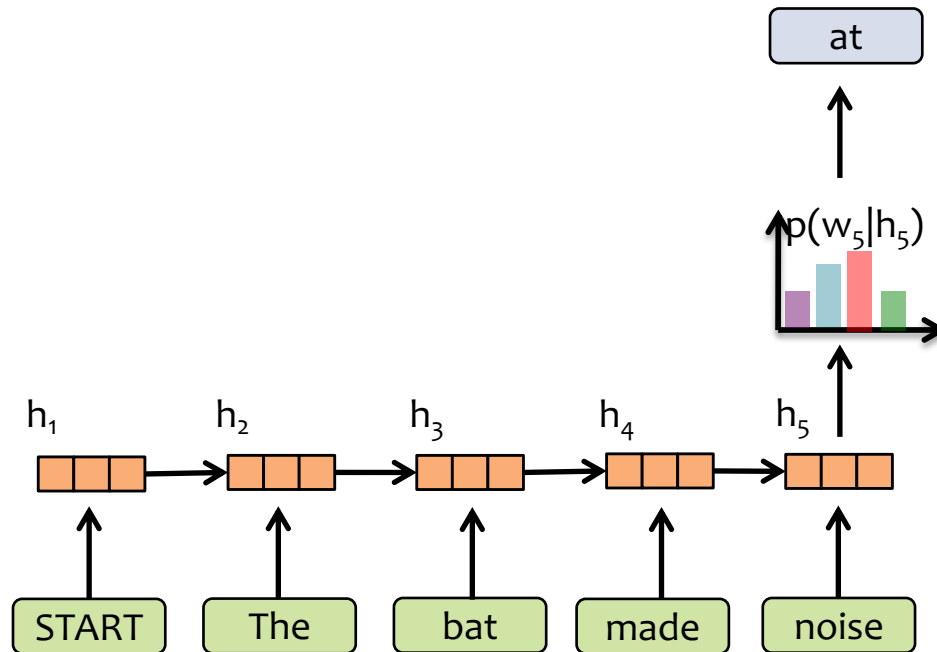
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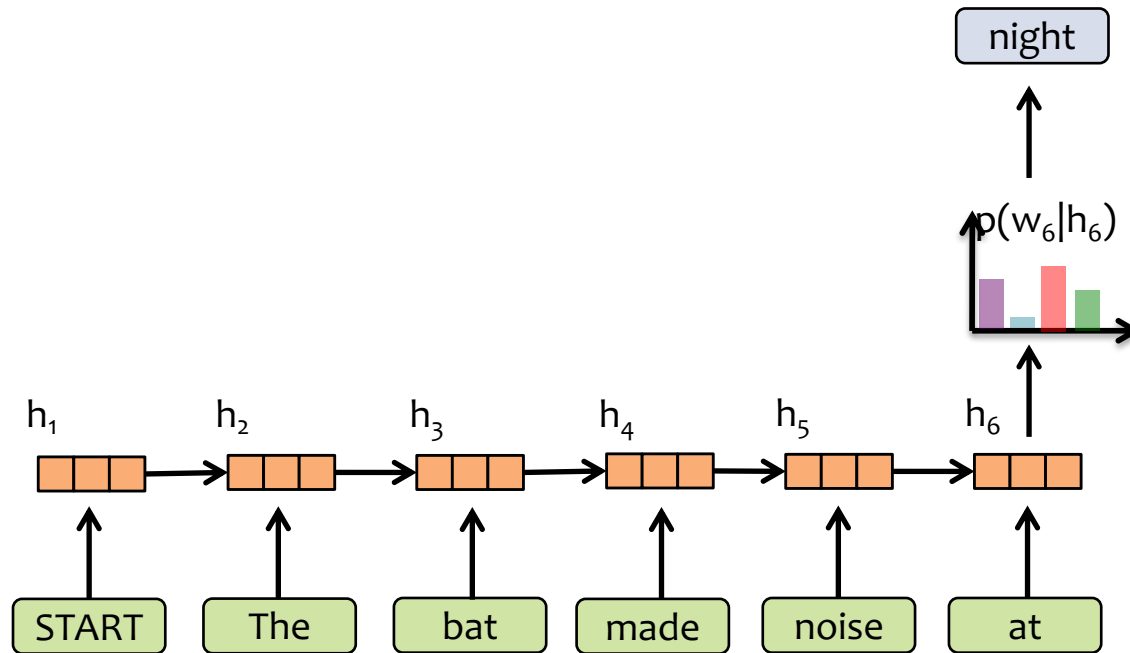
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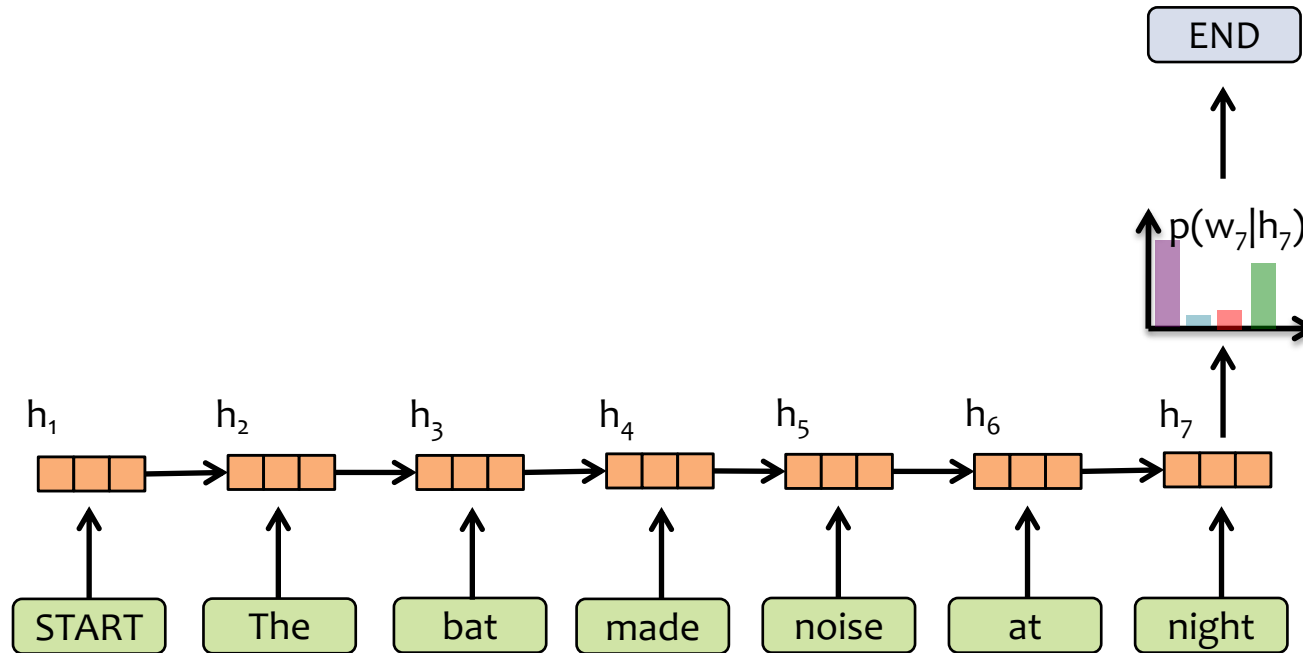
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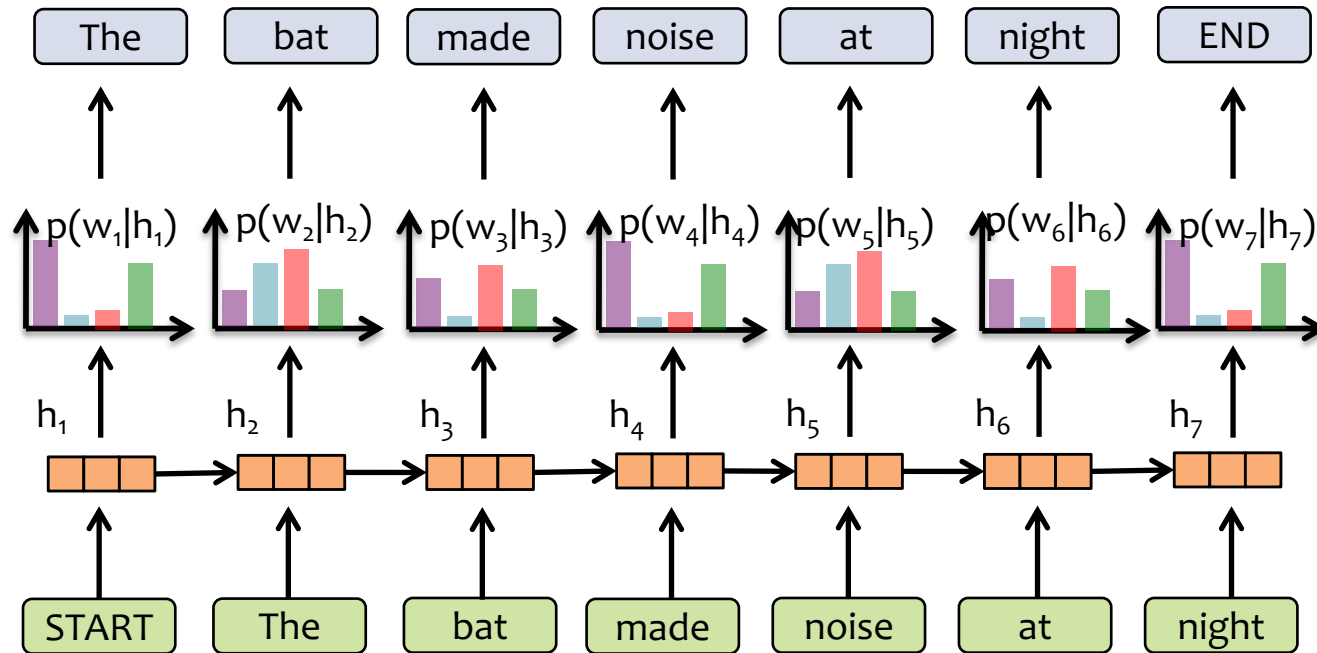
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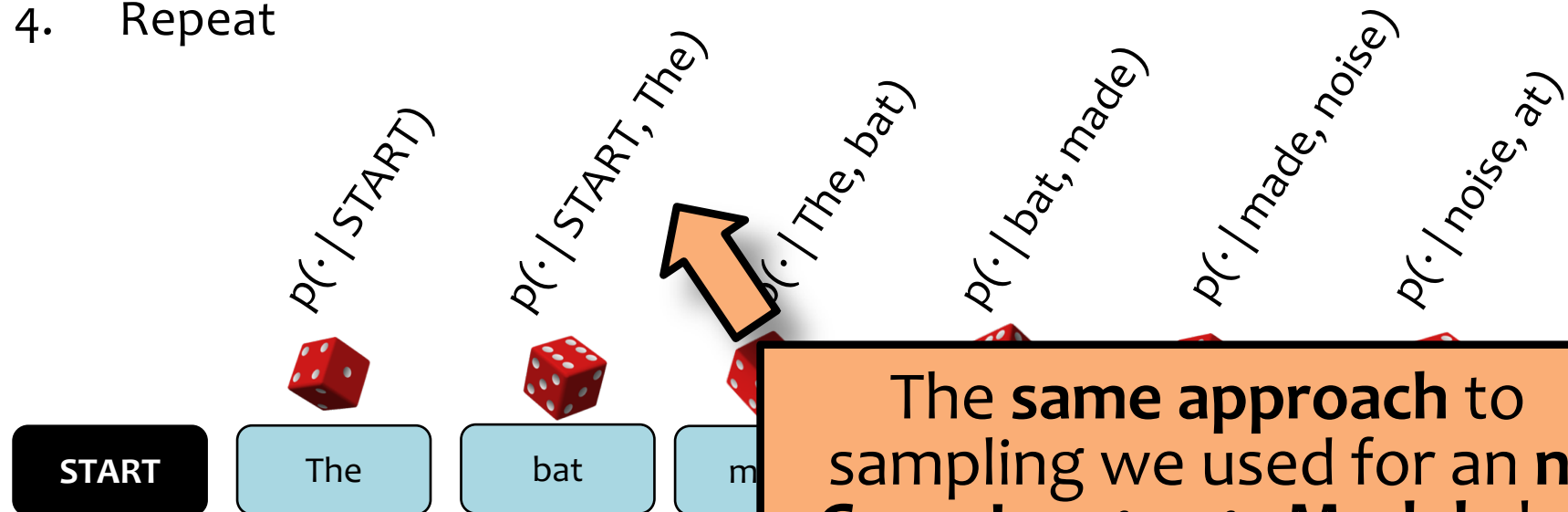
$$p(w_1, w_2, w_3, \dots, w_T) = p(w_1 | h_1) p(w_2 | h_2) \dots p(w_T | h_T)$$

Sampling from a Language Model

Question: How do we sample from a Language Model?

Answer:

1. Treat each probability distribution like a (50k-sided) weighted die
2. Pick the die corresponding to $p(w_t | w_{t-2}, w_{t-1})$
3. Roll that die and generate whichever word w_t lands face up
4. Repeat



The **same approach** to sampling we used for an **n-Gram Language Model** also works here for an **RNN Language Model**

Sampling from an RNN-LM

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SEQUENCE TO SEQUENCE MODELS

Sequence to Sequence Model

Speech Recognition



Machine Translation

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Sequence to Sequence Model

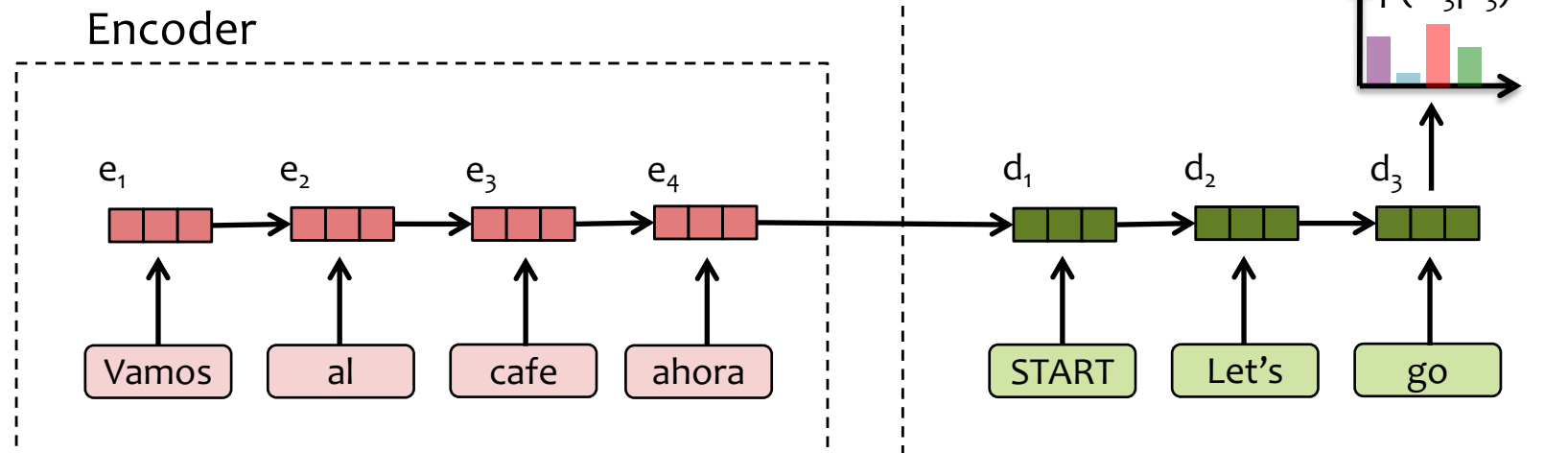
Now suppose you want generate a sequence conditioned on another input

Key Idea:

1. Use an **encoder** model to generate a vector representation of the **input**
2. Feed the output of the encoder to a **decoder** which will generate the **output**

Applications:

- translation: Spanish \rightarrow English
- summarization: article \rightarrow summary
- speech recognition: speech signal \rightarrow transcription



LEARNING THEORY

PAC(-MAN) Learning

For some hypothesis $h \in \mathcal{H}$:

1. True Error

$$R(h)$$

2. Training Error

$$\hat{R}(h)$$

Question 2:

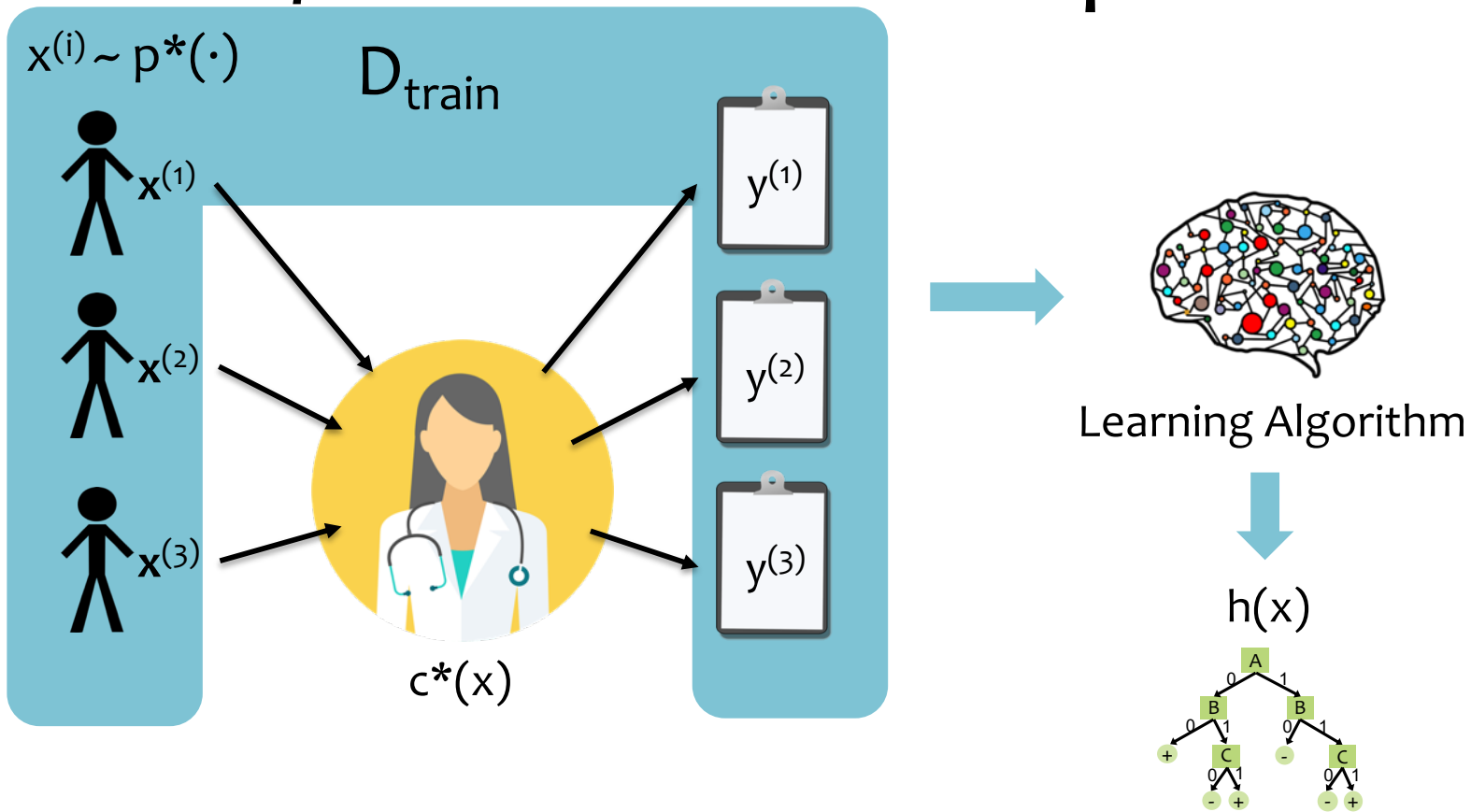
What is the expected number of PAC-MAN levels Matt will complete before a **Game-Over**?

- A. 1-10
- B. 11-20
- C. 21-30

Questions for today (and next lecture)

1. Given a classifier with **zero training error**, what can we say about **true error** (aka. generalization error)?
(Sample Complexity, Realizable Case)
2. Given a classifier with **low training error**, what can we say about **true error** (aka. generalization error)?
(Sample Complexity, Agnostic Case)
3. Is there a **theoretical justification for regularization** to avoid overfitting?
(Structural Risk Minimization)

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- **Problem Setting**

- Set of possible inputs, $\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{X}$ (all possible patients)
- Set of possible outputs, $y \in \mathcal{Y}$ (all possible diagnoses)
- Distribution over instances, $p^*(\cdot)$
- Exists an unknown target function, $c^* : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$
(the doctor's brain)
- Set, \mathcal{H} , of candidate hypothesis functions, $h : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$
(all possible decision trees)

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$$D = \{(\mathbf{x}^{(1)}, y^{(1)}), (\mathbf{x}^{(2)}, y^{(2)}), \dots, (\mathbf{x}^{(N)}, y^{(N)})\}$$

where $\mathbf{x}^{(i)} \sim p^*(\cdot)$ and $y^{(i)} = c^*(\mathbf{x}^{(i)})$

(history of patients and their diagnoses)

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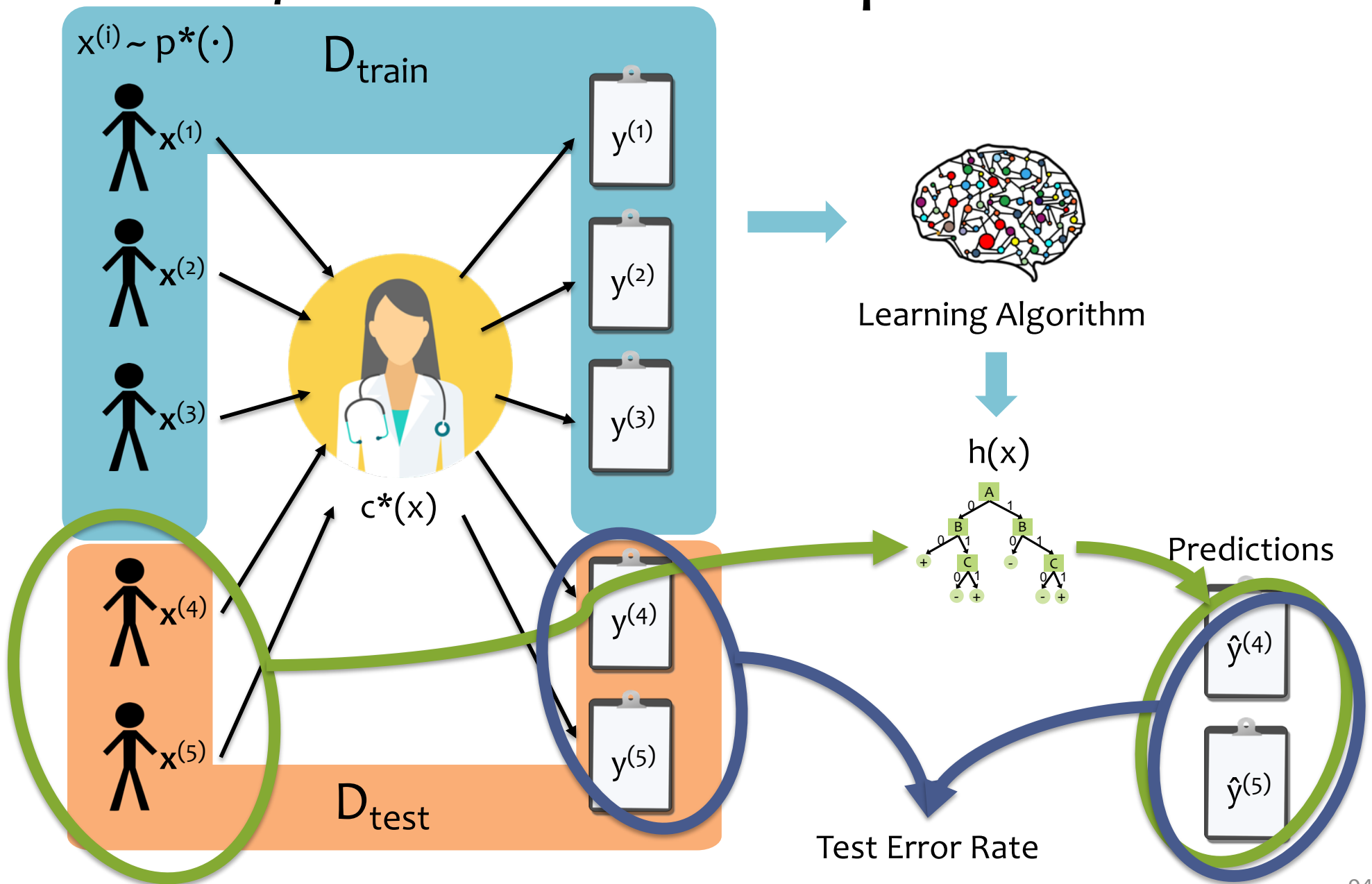
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Two important settings we'll consider:

1. **Classification:** the possible outputs are **discrete**
2. **Regression:** the possible outputs are **real-valued**

PAC/SLT Model for Supervised ML



Two Types of Error

1. True Error (aka. **expected risk**)

$$R(h) = P_{\mathbf{x} \sim p^*(\mathbf{x})}(c^*(\mathbf{x}) \neq h(\mathbf{x}))$$

This quantity
is always
unknown

2. Train Error (aka. **empirical risk**)

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{R}(h) &= P_{\mathbf{x} \sim \mathcal{S}}(c^*(\mathbf{x}) \neq h(\mathbf{x})) \\ &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \mathbb{1}(c^*(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}) \neq h(\mathbf{x}^{(i)})) \\ &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \mathbb{1}(y^{(i)} \neq h(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}))\end{aligned}$$

We can
measure this
on the training
data

where $\mathcal{S} = \{\mathbf{x}^{(1)}, \dots, \mathbf{x}^{(N)}\}_{i=1}^N$ is the training data set, and $\mathbf{x} \sim \mathcal{S}$ denotes that \mathbf{x} is sampled from the empirical distribution.

PAC / SLT Model

We've also referred to this as the "Function Approximation View"

1. Generate instances from unknown distribution p^*

$$\mathbf{x}^{(i)} \sim p^*(\mathbf{x}), \forall i \quad (1)$$

2. Oracle labels each instance with unknown function c^*

$$y^{(i)} = c^*(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}), \forall i \quad (2)$$

3. Learning algorithm chooses hypothesis $h \in \mathcal{H}$ with low(est) training error, $\hat{R}(h)$

$$\hat{h} = \underset{h}{\operatorname{argmin}} \hat{R}(h) \quad (3)$$

4. Goal: Choose an h with low generalization error $R(h)$

Three Hypotheses of Interest

The **true function** c^* is the one we are trying to learn and that labeled the training data:

$$y^{(i)} = c^*(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}), \forall i \quad (1)$$

The **expected risk minimizer** has lowest true error:

$$h^* = \operatorname{argmin}_{h \in \mathcal{H}} R(h)$$

Question:
True or False:
 h^* and c^* are
always equal.

The **empirical risk minimizer** has lowest training error:

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Question 1

A

B

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PAC LEARNING

Probably Approximately Correct (PAC) Learning

Whiteboard:

- PAC Criterion
- Meaning of “Probably Approximately Correct”
- Def: PAC Learner
- Sample Complexity
- Consistent Learner
- Realizable vs. Agnostic Cases
- Finite vs. Infinite Hypothesis Spaces

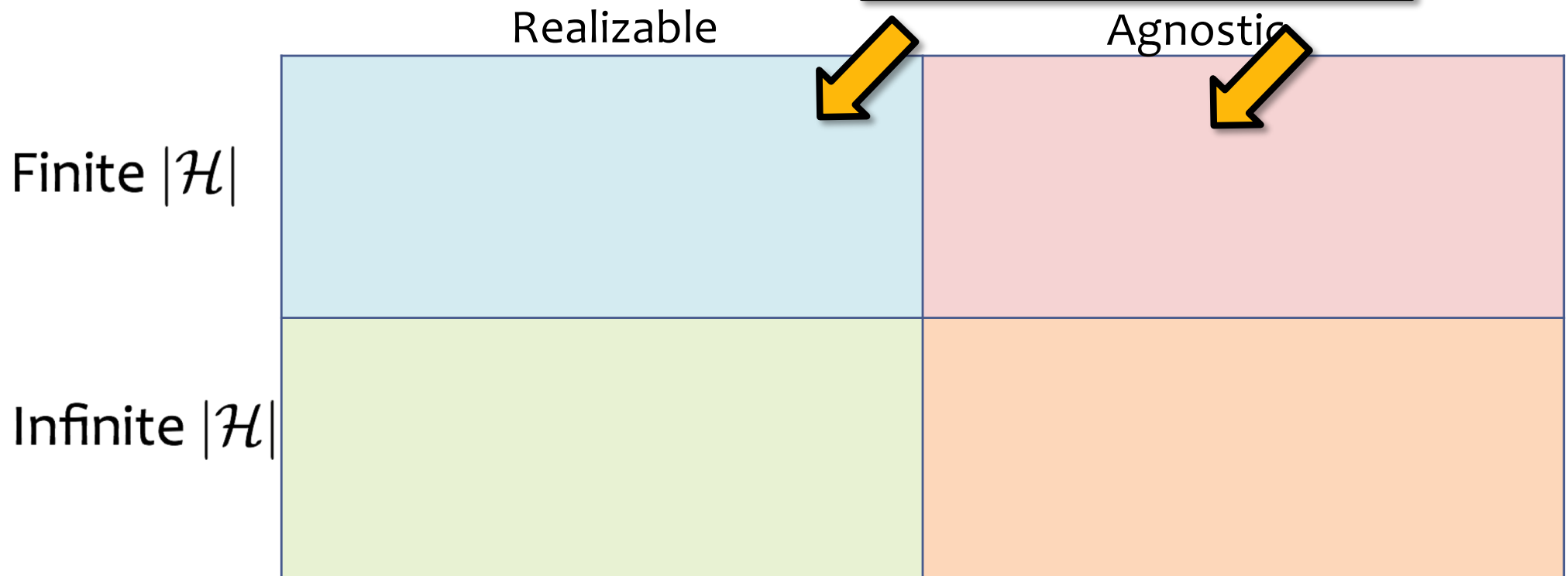
SAMPLE COMPLEXITY RESULTS

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Four Cases we care about...

We'll start with the finite case...



Probably Approximately Correct (PAC) Learning

Whiteboard:

- Theorem 1: Realizable Case, Finite $|H|$
- Proof of Theorem 1

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Infinite $ \mathcal{H} $		

Example: Conjunctions

Question:

Suppose H = class of conjunctions over \mathbf{x} in $\{0,1\}^M$

Example hypotheses:

$$h(\mathbf{x}) = x_1 (1-x_3) x_5$$

$$h(\mathbf{x}) = x_1 (1-x_2) x_4 (1-x_5)$$

If $M = 10$, $\epsilon = 0.1$, $\delta = 0.01$, how many examples suffice according to Theorem 1?

Answer:

- A. $10^*(2*\ln(10)+\ln(100)) \approx 92$
- B. $10^*(3*\ln(10)+\ln(100)) \approx 116$
- C. $10^*(10*\ln(2)+\ln(100)) \approx 116$
- D. $10^*(10*\ln(3)+\ln(100)) \approx 156$
- E. $100^*(2*\ln(10)+\ln(10)) \approx 691$
- F. $100^*(3*\ln(10)+\ln(10)) \approx 922$
- G. $100^*(10*\ln(2)+\ln(10)) \approx 924$
- H. $100^*(10*\ln(3)+\ln(10)) \approx 1329$

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Question 2

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Infinite $ \mathcal{H} $		

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2. Bound is **only logarithmic in $|\mathcal{H}|$** (e.g. quadrupling the hypothesis space only requires double the examples)

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Realizable



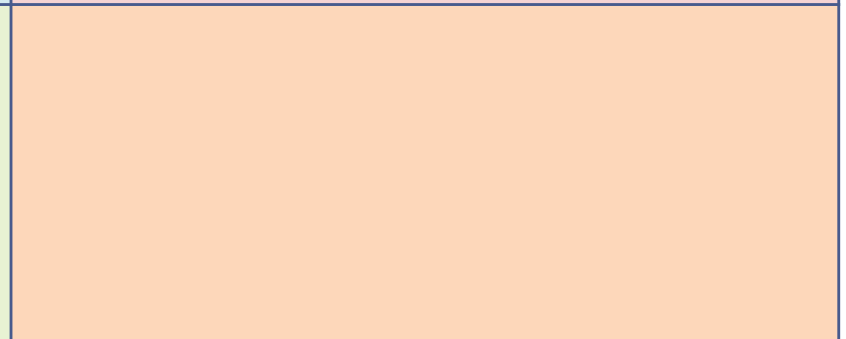
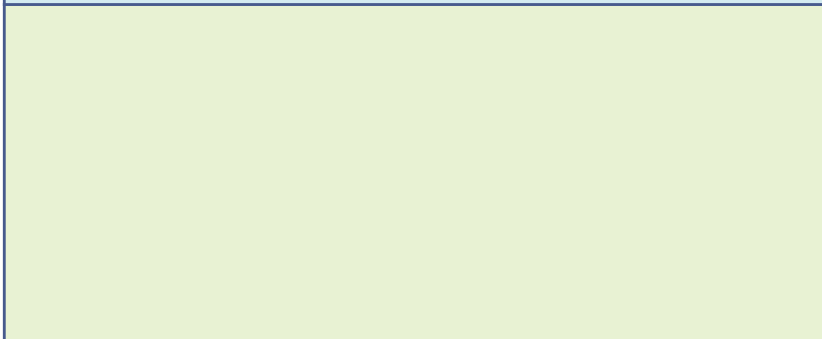
Agnostic

Finite $|\mathcal{H}|$

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We need a new definition of "complexity" for a Hypothesis space for these results (see VC Dimension)

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