Inception-v4, Inception-ResNet and the Impact of Residual Connections on Learning
History

What is convolutional neural network?
Why is it so important?
History

Conv filters were 5x5, applied at stride 1
Subsampling (Pooling) layers were 2x2 applied at stride 2
i.e. architecture is \([\text{CONV-POOL-COVN-POOL-FC-FC}]\)

Link: 2D Visualization (http://scs.ryerson.ca/~aharley/vis/conv/flat.html)
3D Visualization (http://scs.ryerson.ca/~aharley/vis/conv/)
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ImageNet Large Scale Visual Recognition Challenge (ILSVRC) winners

First CNN-based winner

ILSVRC'15 ResNet
ILSVRC'14 GoogleNet
ILSVRC'14 VGG
ILSVRC'13
ILSVRC'12 AlexNet
ILSVRC'11
ILSVRC'10

Layers:
152 layers
22 layers
19 layers
11.7
8 layers
16.4
8 layers
shallow

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Case Study: AlexNet
[Krizhevsky et al. 2012]

Full (simplified) AlexNet architecture:
[227x227x3] INPUT
[55x55x96] CONV1: 96 11x11 filters at stride 4, pad 0
[27x27x96] MAX POOL1: 3x3 filters at stride 2
[27x27x96] NORM1: Normalization layer
[27x27x256] CONV2: 256 5x5 filters at stride 1, pad 2
[13x13x256] MAX POOL2: 3x3 filters at stride 2
[13x13x256] NORM2: Normalization layer
[13x13x384] CONV3: 384 3x3 filters at stride 1, pad 1
[13x13x384] CONV4: 384 3x3 filters at stride 1, pad 1
[13x13x256] CONV5: 256 3x3 filters at stride 1, pad 1
[6x6x256] MAX POOL3: 3x3 filters at stride 2
[4096] FC6: 4096 neurons
[4096] FC7: 4096 neurons
[1000] FC8: 1000 neurons (class scores)

Details/Retrospectives:
- first use of ReLU
- used Norm layers (not common anymore)
- heavy data augmentation
- dropout 0.5
- batch size 128
- SGD Momentum 0.9
- Learning rate 1e-2, reduced by 10
  manually when val accuracy plateaus
- L2 weight decay 5e-4
- 7 CNN ensemble: 18.2% -> 15.4%

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Deeper Networks

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ILSVRC'13  ILSVRC'12 AlexNet

25.8  28.2

shallow

ILSVRC'11  ILSVRC'10

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Case Study: VGGNet

[Simonyan and Zisserman, 2014]

Details:
- ILSVRC’14 2nd in classification, 1st in localization
- Similar training procedure as Krizhevsky 2012
- No Local Response Normalisation (LRN)
- Use VGG16 or VGG19 (VGG19 only slightly better, more memory)
- Use ensembles for best results
- FC7 features generalize well to other tasks
GoogLeNet (Inception Modules)

Naive Inception module

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Naive Inception module

Conv Ops:
- [1x1 conv, 128] 28x28x128x1x1x256
- [3x3 conv, 192] 28x28x192x3x3x256
- [5x5 conv, 96] 28x28x96x5x5x256
Total: 854M ops

Very expensive compute

Pooling layer also preserves feature depth, which means total depth after concatenation can only grow at every layer!

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GoogLeNet (Inception Modules)

1 x 1 convolutions

1x1 CONV with 32 filters preserves spatial dimensions, reduces depth!
Projects depth to lower dimension (combination of feature maps)

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Naive Inception module

Inception module with dimension reduction

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Stack inception modules with dimension reduction on top of each other
GoogLeNet (Inception Modules)

- 22 layers
- Efficient “Inception” module
- No FC layers
- 12x less params than AlexNet
- ILSVRC’14 classification winner (6.7% top 5 error)

22 total layers with weights (including each parallel layer in an Inception module)
ImageNet Large Scale Visual Recognition Challenge (ILSVRC) winners

“Revolution of Depth”
**ResNet** (Identity Mapping)

Very deep networks using residual connections

- 152-layer model for ImageNet
- ILSVRC’15 classification winner (3.57% top 5 error)
- Swept all classification and detection competitions in ILSVRC’15 and COCO’15!
ResNet (Identity Mapping)

What happens when we continue stacking deeper layers on a “plain” convolutional neural network?

56-layer model performs worse on both training and test error

The deeper model performs worse, but it’s not caused by overfitting!
ResNet (Identity Mapping)

Full ResNet architecture:
- Stack residual blocks
- Every residual block has two 3x3 conv layers
- Periodically, double # of filters and downsample spatially using stride 2 (\(\frac{1}{2}\) in each dimension)
- Additional conv layer at the beginning
- No FC layers at the end (only FC 1000 to output classes)
ResNet (Identity Mapping)

For deeper networks (ResNet-50+), use “bottleneck” layer to improve efficiency (similar to GoogLeNet)

*He et al., 2015*
Until Now ...
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Inception v1, v2 ..

ResNet v1, v2 ..

Inception ResNet v1, v2 ..

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What is the problem being solved?

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- To show that training with residual connections accelerates the training of inception networks significantly.
- Compare residual and non-residual inception networks.
- Show that an ensemble of three residual and one Inception-v4 you can establish a new SOTA.
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**Top-1 error**
If the correct answer is the same as top 1 predicted answer by the model.

**Top-3 error**
If the correct answer is within the top 3 predicted answers of the model.

**Top-5 error**
If the correct answer is within the top 5 predicted answers of the model.
What is the proposed idea/method/technique/system?

● Training using TensorFlow without partitioning the replicas.

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What is the key innovation over prior work?

Inception-v3 → Inception-v4

ResNet → Inception ResNet v1, v2,..
Inception-v4
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Reduction Module
Inception ResNet-v1
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Reduction Module
Key Results

Top 5 error evolution of all 4 models during training.

Top 1 error evolution of all 4 models during training.
Key Results

- Inception-ResNet-v1: a hybrid Inception version that has a similar computational cost to Inception-v3
- Inception-ResNet-v2: a costlier hybrid Inception version with significantly improved recognition performance
- Inception-v4: a pure Inception variant without residual connections with roughly the same recognition performance as Inception-ResNet-v2.
Key Results

Ensemble results

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Limitations

If the number of filters exceeded 1000, the residual variants started to exhibit instabilities and the network has just “died” early in the training,

Meaning that the last layer before the average pooling started to produce only zeros after a few tens of thousands of iterations.

This could **NOT** be prevented, neither by lowering the learning rate, nor by adding an extra batch-normalization to this layer.
Long Term Impact

Introduction of **residual connections** led to dramatically **improved training** speed for the **Inception** architecture.

Also the latest models (with and without residual connections) **outperform all the previous networks**, just by virtue of the increased model size.
Thank You