



# AI ASIC: Design and Practice (ADaP)

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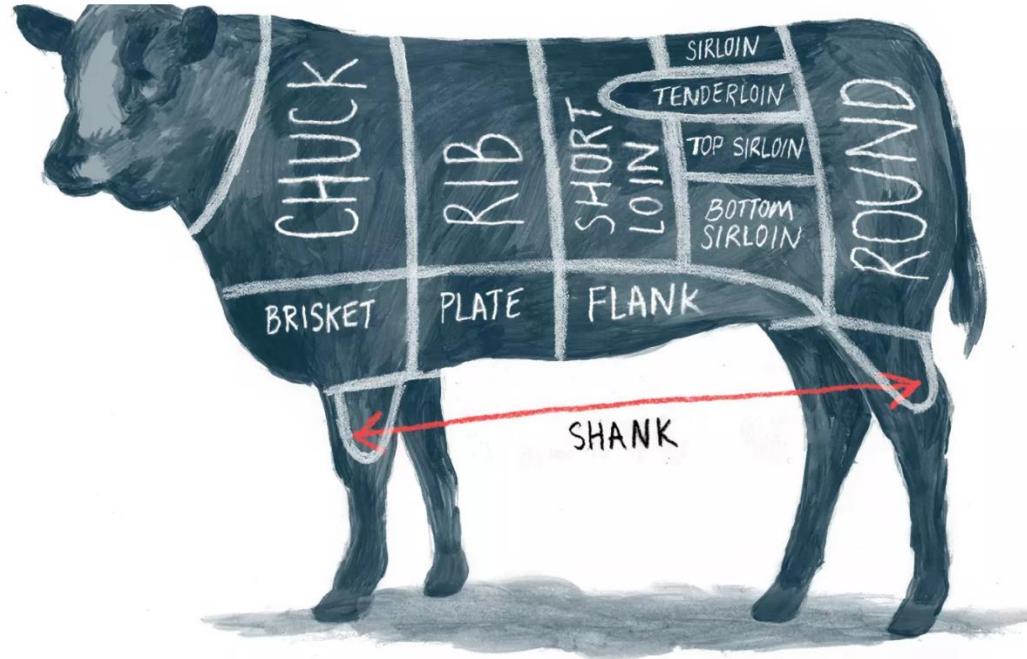
## Deep Learning Basics

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# 计算机工程中常用的深度学习算法基础



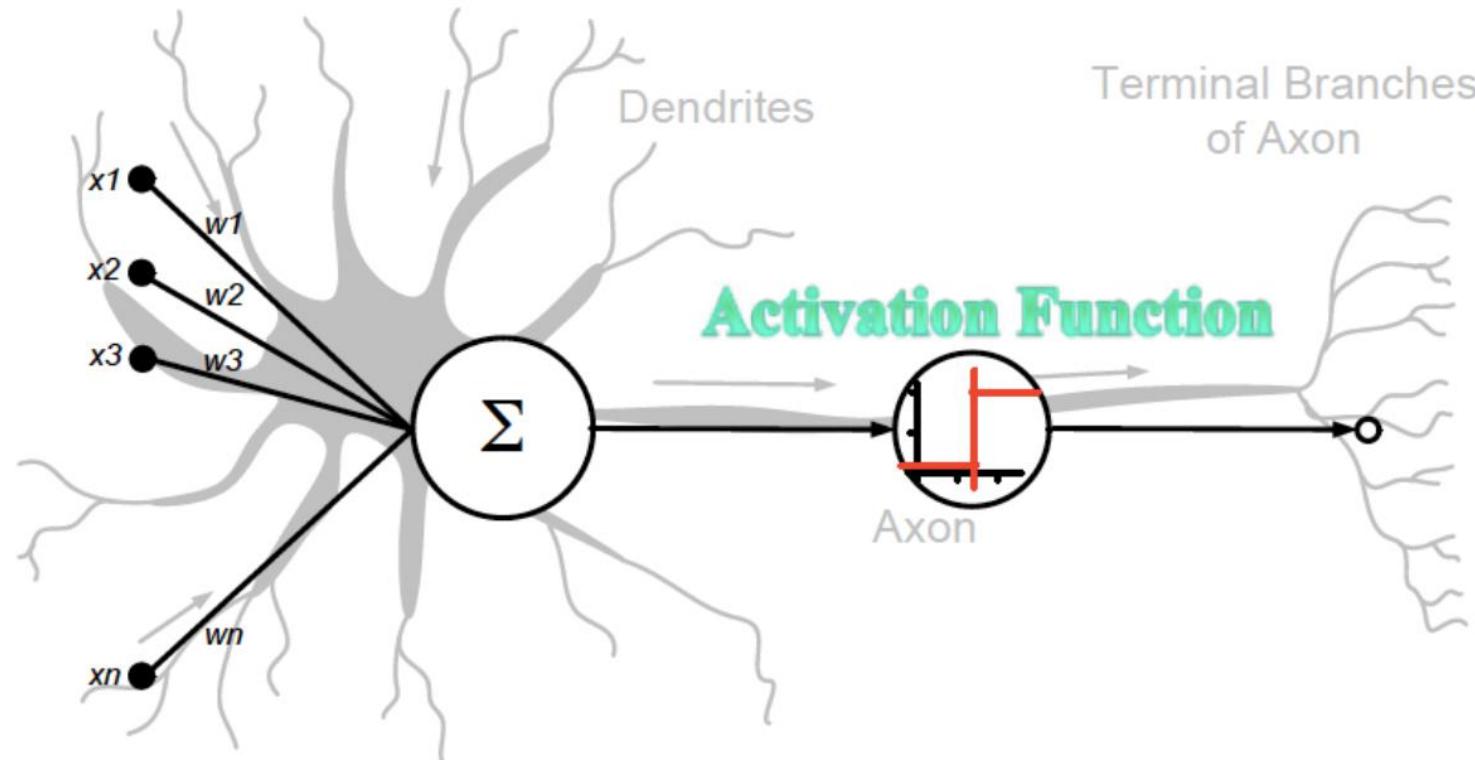
以“用”的角度去学，  
ASIC定下目标去优化

- Fully
- Convolution
- 其它算子
- Residual Network
- Depthwise Separable
- ...

# Neural Networks

Human brain is made up of >100 billion **neurons**

- Neurons **receive** electric signals at the dendrites and **send** them to the axon
- Dendrites can perform complex **non-linear** computations
- Synapses are not a single weight but a **complex** non-linear dynamical system



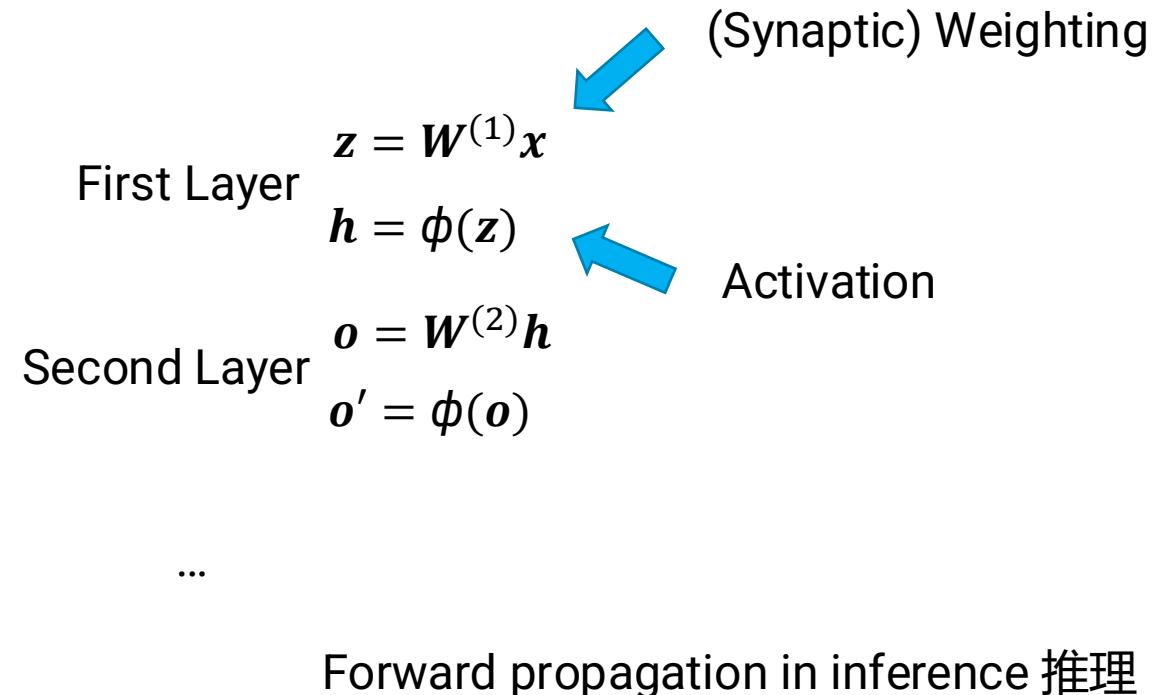
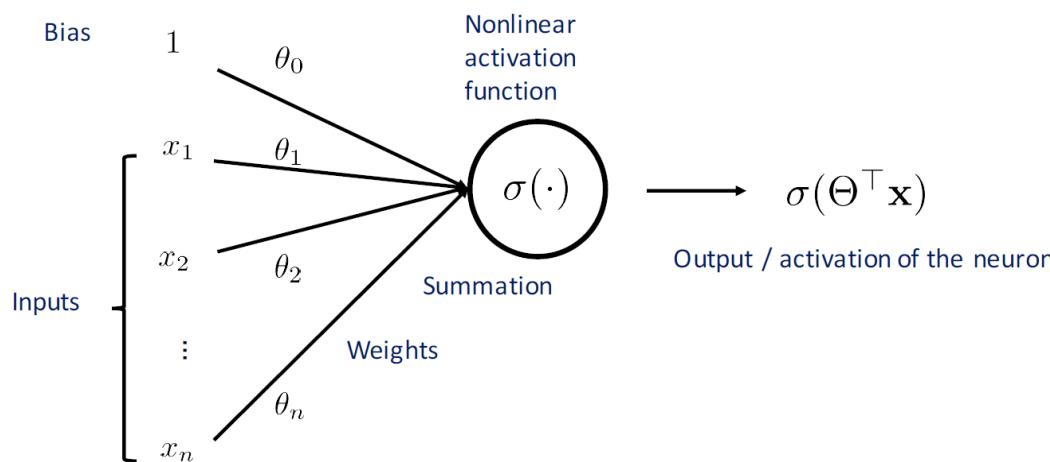


# Artificial Neural Networks to Deep Neural Networks



## Artificial neural networks

- A simplified version of biological neural network



主要的计算量： 乘加 (multiply-accumulate, MAC)

# Deep Learning

Forward propagation:

First Layer

$$z = W^{(1)}x$$

(Synaptic) Weighting

Second Layer

$$h = \phi(z)$$

Activation

$$o = W^{(2)}h$$

$$o' = \phi(o)$$

Evaluate the network:

$$L = l(o, y)$$

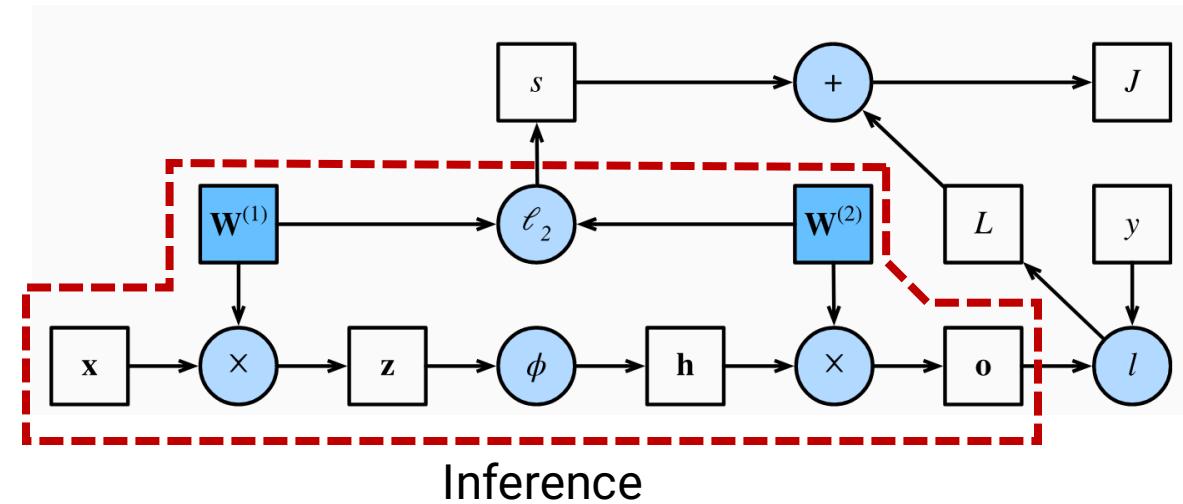
Loss function

$$s = \frac{\lambda}{2} (||W^{(1)}||^2 + ||W^{(2)}||^2)$$

Regularization

**Training: Minimize ( $L+s$ )**

Computational Graph

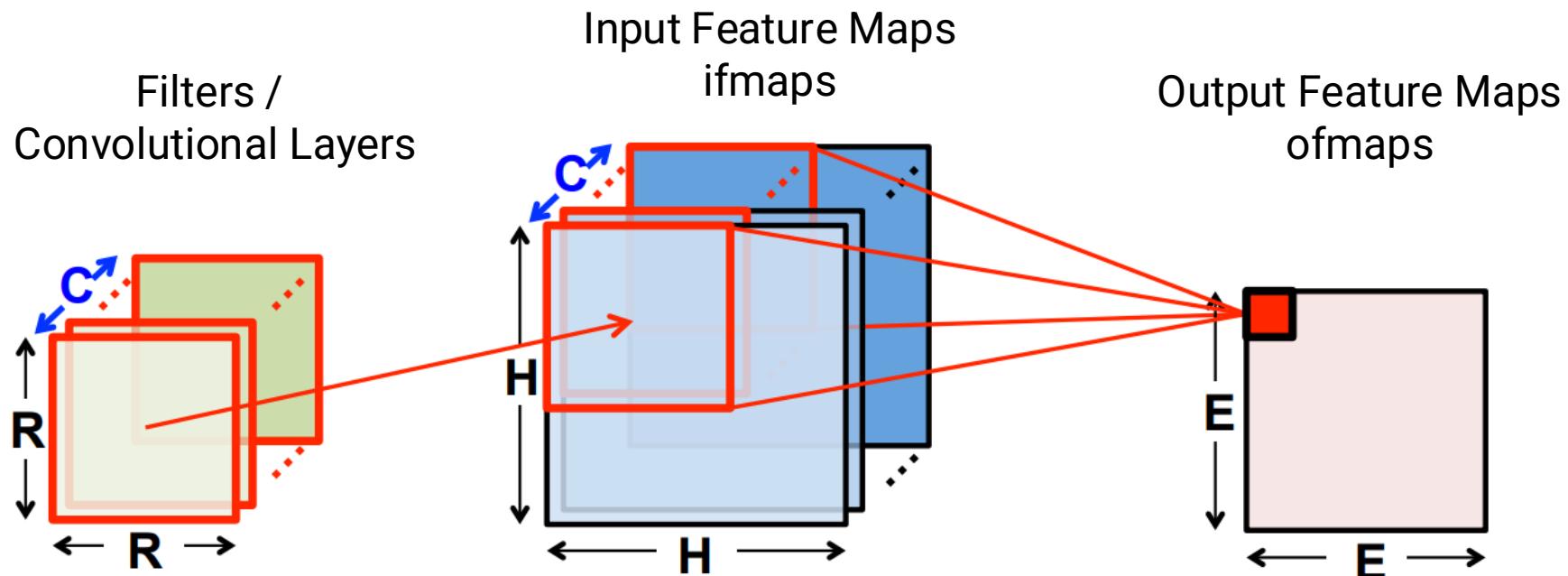




# Convolutional Layer

$$\mathbf{O}[z][u][x][y] = \mathbf{B}[u] + \sum_{k=0}^{C-1} \sum_{i=0}^{R-1} \sum_{j=0}^{R-1} \mathbf{I}[z][k][Ux+i][Uy+j] \times \mathbf{W}[u][k][i][j],$$

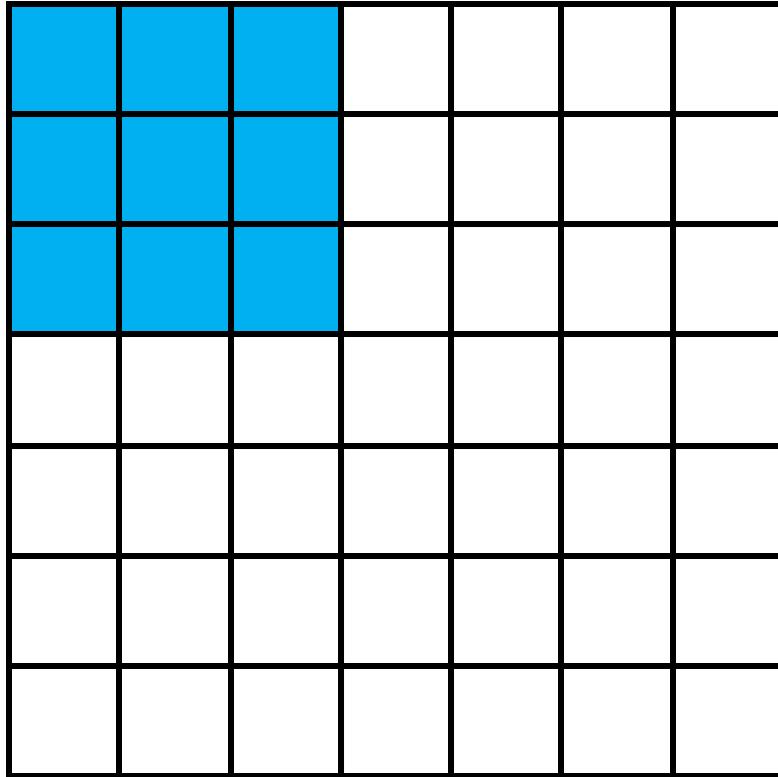
$$0 \leq z < N, 0 \leq u < M, 0 \leq x, y < E, E = (H - R + U)/U.$$



N: batch size  
M: # of ofmap channels  
C: # of ifmap filter channels  
H: ifmap height/width  
R: filter plan height/width  
E: ofmap height/width



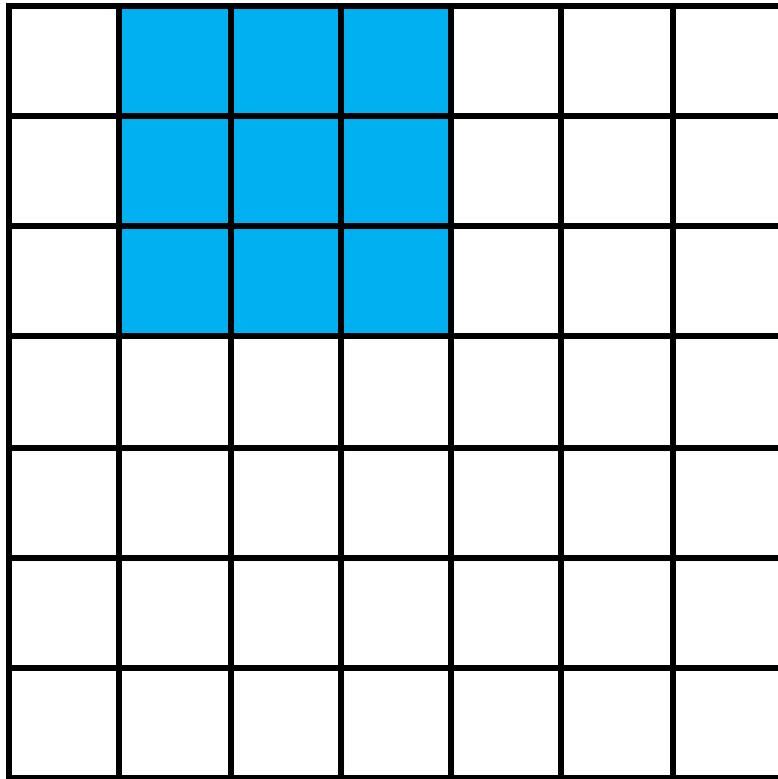
# Convolutional Layer - Example



7×7 input (spatially)  
Assume 3×3 filter  
Applied with **stride 1**



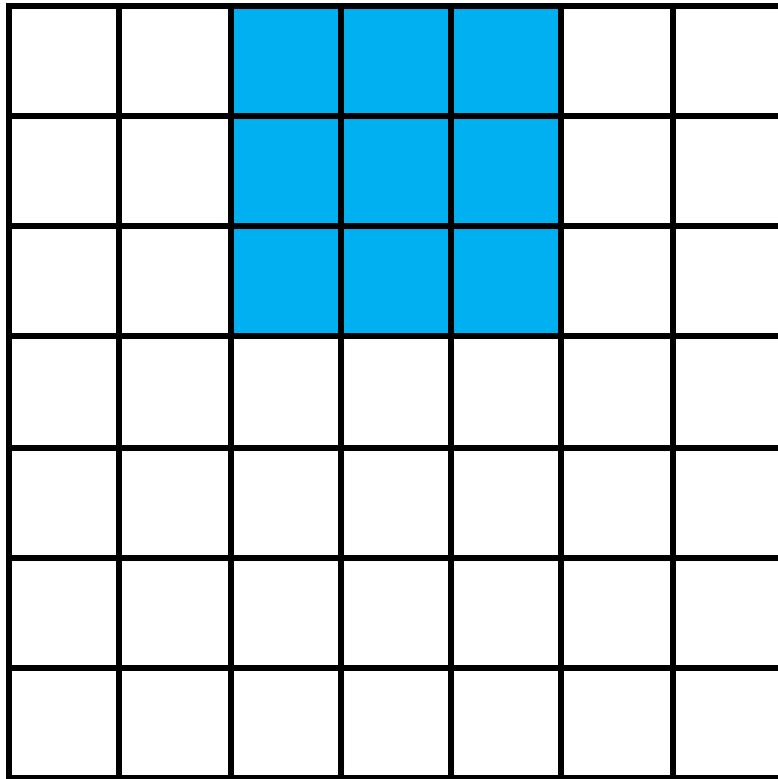
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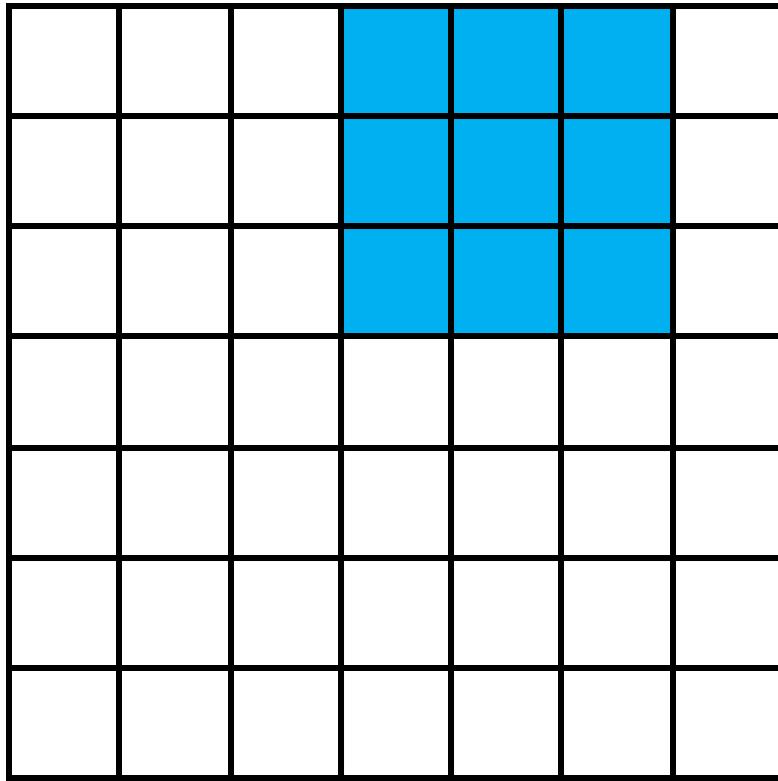
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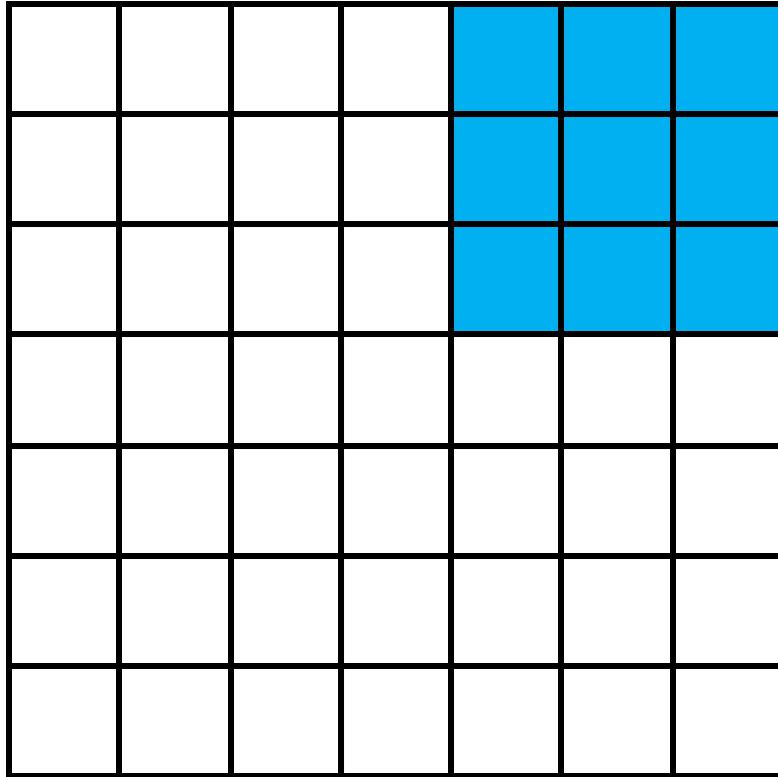
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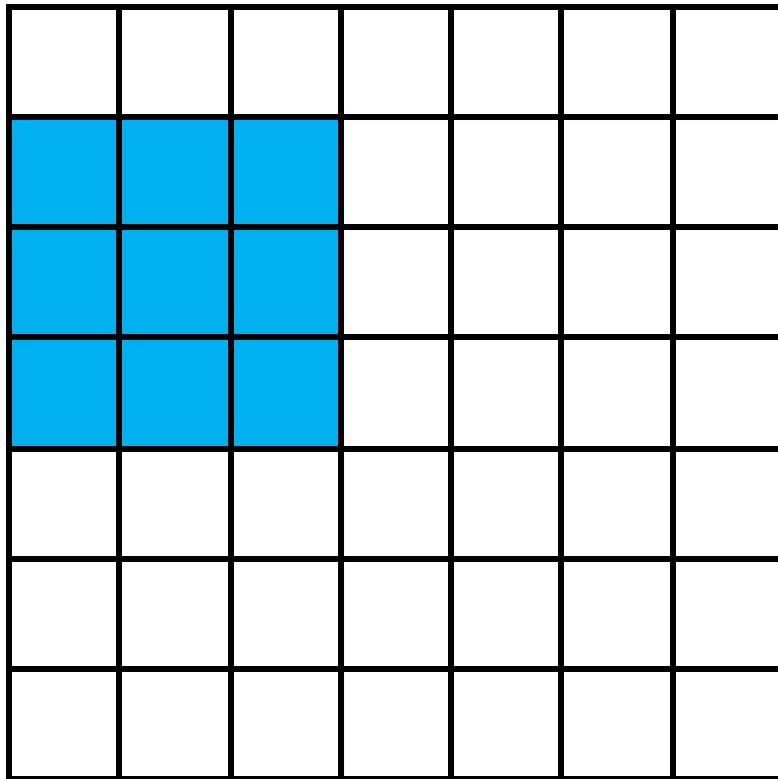
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# Convolutional Layer - Example



$7 \times 7$  input (spatially)  
Assume  $3 \times 3$  filter  
Applied with **stride 1**

Output:  $5 \times 5$



## Convolutional Layer - Example

0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0								0
0								0
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0								0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



Padding

$7 \times 7$  input (spatially)  
Assume  $3 \times 3$  filter  
Applied with **stride 3**



## Convolutional Layer - Example



0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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## Convolutional Layer - Example

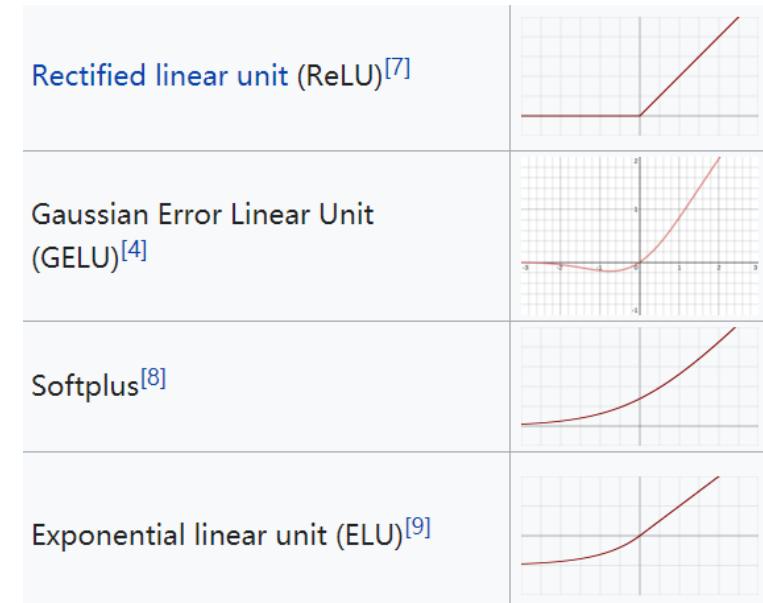
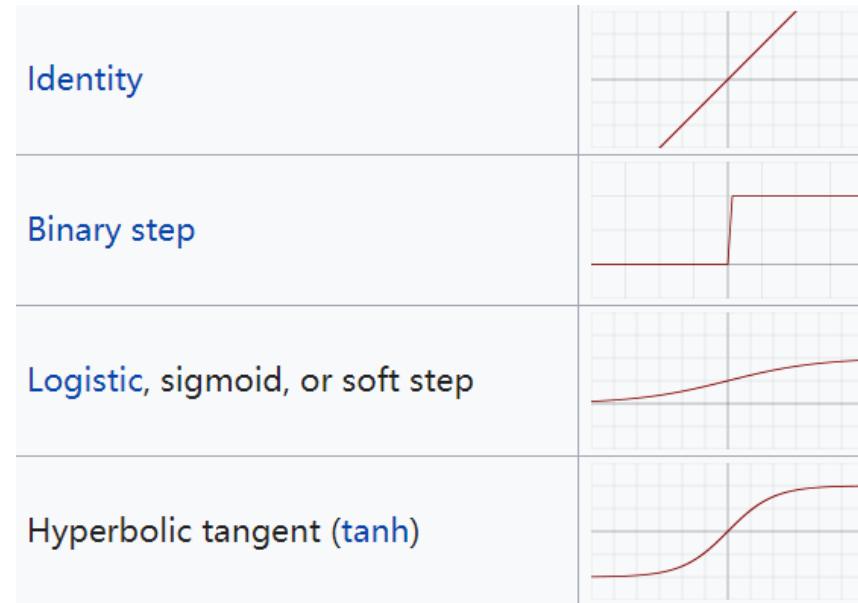


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# ■ ■ 其它的算子-1

- Activation
  - Relu
  - Tanh
  - Sigmoid
  - Softmax
  - ...



硬件上如何最简单地实现?

## ■ ■ 其它的算子-2

- Pooling

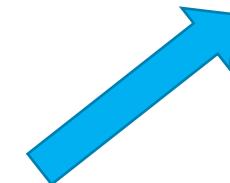
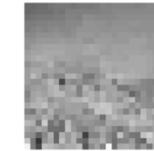
- Max pooling
- Average pooling
- Stochastic pooling
- ...



12	13	30	1
9	12	2	0
33	98	37	4
100	73	25	12

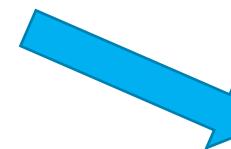
Example of max pooling:

13	30
100	37



Example of average pooling:

12	8
76	20



# 其它的算子-3

- Normalization
  - Batch Normalization (BN)
  - Group Normalization (GN)
  - ...

**Input:** Values of  $x$  over a mini-batch:  $\mathcal{B} = \{x_1 \dots m\}$ ;  
 Parameters to be learned:  $\gamma, \beta$

**Output:**  $\{y_i = \text{BN}_{\gamma, \beta}(x_i)\}$

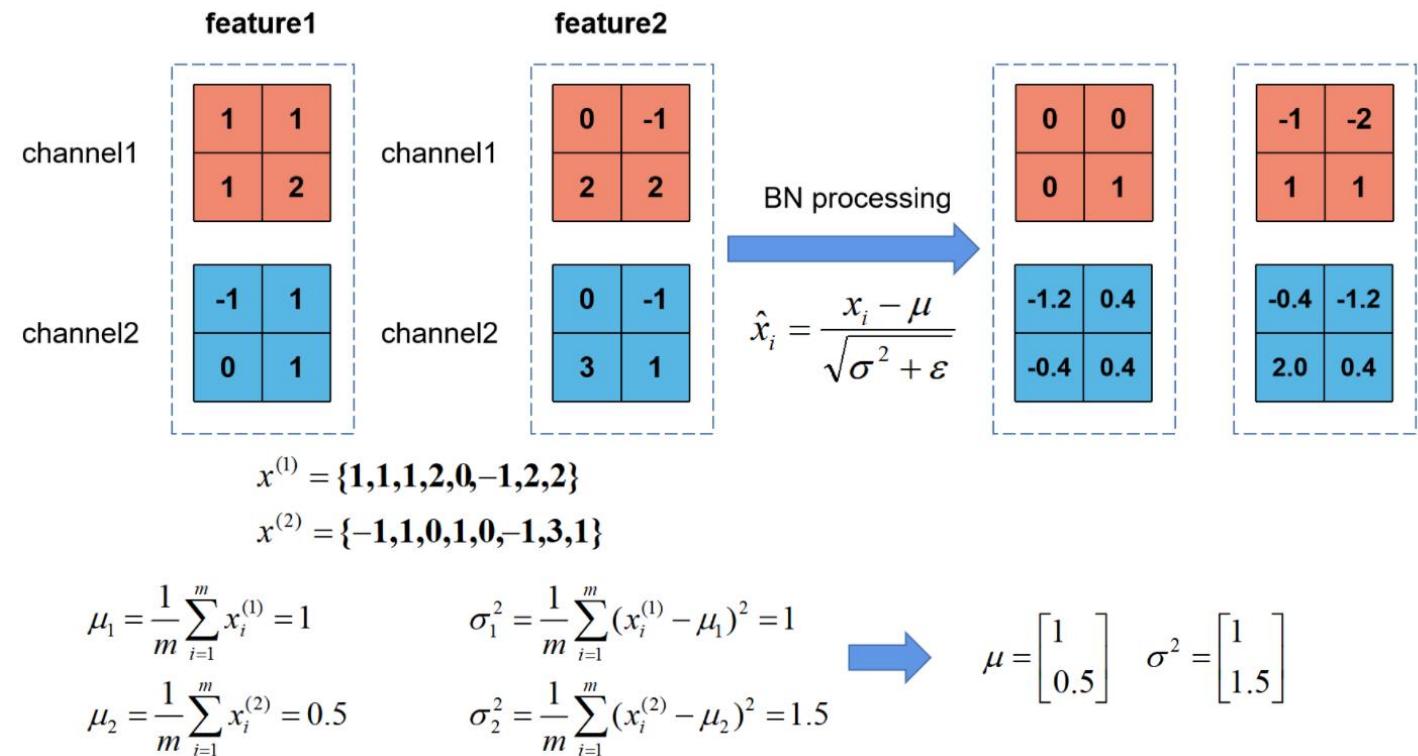
$$\mu_{\mathcal{B}} \leftarrow \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m x_i \quad // \text{mini-batch mean}$$

$$\sigma_{\mathcal{B}}^2 \leftarrow \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m (x_i - \mu_{\mathcal{B}})^2 \quad // \text{mini-batch variance}$$

$$\hat{x}_i \leftarrow \frac{x_i - \mu_{\mathcal{B}}}{\sqrt{\sigma_{\mathcal{B}}^2 + \epsilon}} \quad // \text{normalize}$$

$$y_i \leftarrow \gamma \hat{x}_i + \beta \equiv \text{BN}_{\gamma, \beta}(x_i) \quad // \text{scale and shift}$$

Example of BN:





## Some Famous and Basic NN



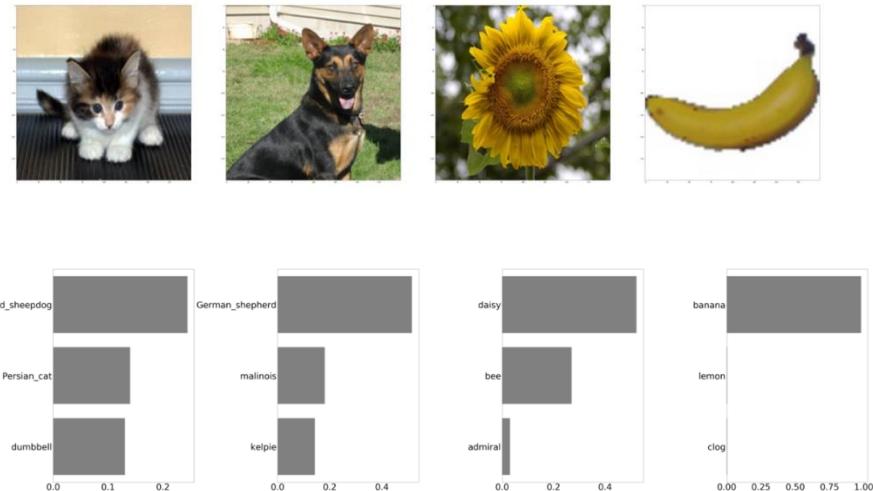
- VGG16/19
- Resnets
- Depthwise Convolution Group
  - InceptionNets
  - XceptionNets
  - MobileNet



# VGG16

## Network Architecture

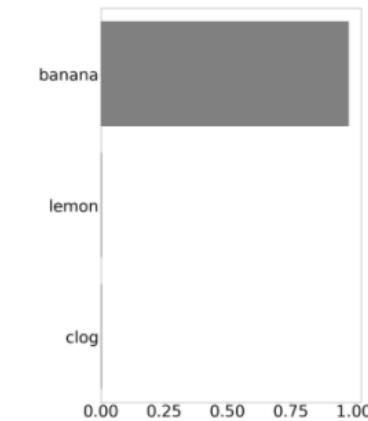
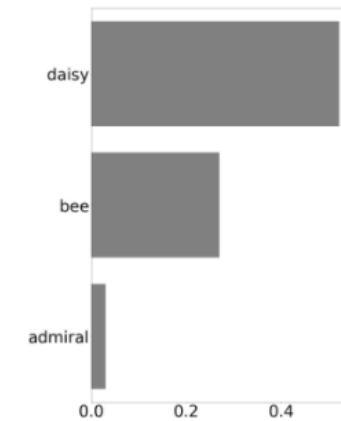
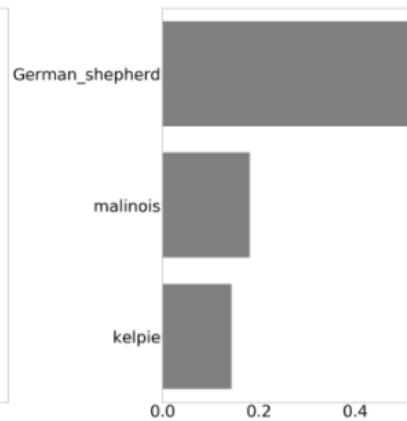
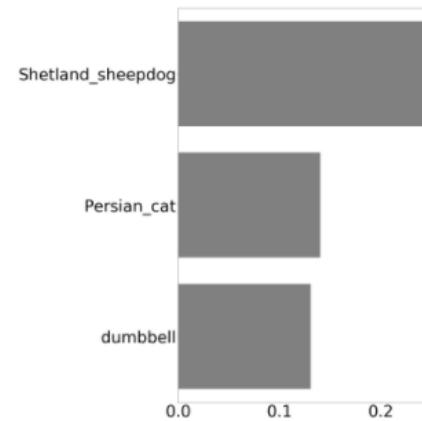
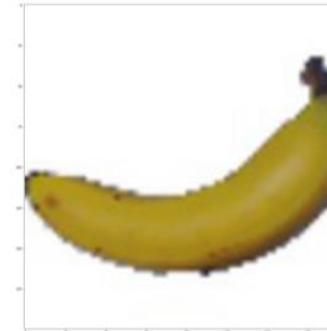
```
1 _input = Input((224,224,1))
2
3 conv1 = Conv2D(filters=64, kernel_size=(3,3), padding="same", activation="relu")(_input)
4 conv2 = Conv2D(filters=64, kernel_size=(3,3), padding="same", activation="relu")(conv1)
5 pool1 = MaxPooling2D((2, 2))(conv2)
6
7 conv3 = Conv2D(filters=128, kernel_size=(3,3), padding="same", activation="relu")(pool1)
8 conv4 = Conv2D(filters=128, kernel_size=(3,3), padding="same", activation="relu")(conv3)
9 pool2 = MaxPooling2D((2, 2))(conv4)
10
11 conv5 = Conv2D(filters=256, kernel_size=(3,3), padding="same", activation="relu")(pool2)
12 conv6 = Conv2D(filters=256, kernel_size=(3,3), padding="same", activation="relu")(conv5)
13 conv7 = Conv2D(filters=256, kernel_size=(3,3), padding="same", activation="relu")(conv6)
14 pool3 = MaxPooling2D((2, 2))(conv7)
15
16 conv8 = Conv2D(filters=512, kernel_size=(3,3), padding="same", activation="relu")(pool3)
17 conv9 = Conv2D(filters=512, kernel_size=(3,3), padding="same", activation="relu")(conv8)
18 conv10 = Conv2D(filters=512, kernel_size=(3,3), padding="same", activation="relu")(conv9)
19 pool4 = MaxPooling2D((2, 2))(conv10)
20
21 conv11 = Conv2D(filters=512, kernel_size=(3,3), padding="same", activation="relu")(pool4)
22 conv12 = Conv2D(filters=512, kernel_size=(3,3), padding="same", activation="relu")(conv11)
23 conv13 = Conv2D(filters=512, kernel_size=(3,3), padding="same", activation="relu")(conv12)
24 pool5 = MaxPooling2D((2, 2))(conv13)
25
26 flat = Flatten()(pool5)
27 dense1 = Dense(4096, activation="relu")(flat)
28 dense2 = Dense(4096, activation="relu")(dense1)
29 output = Dense(1000, activation="softmax")(dense2)
```





# VGG16

## Performance



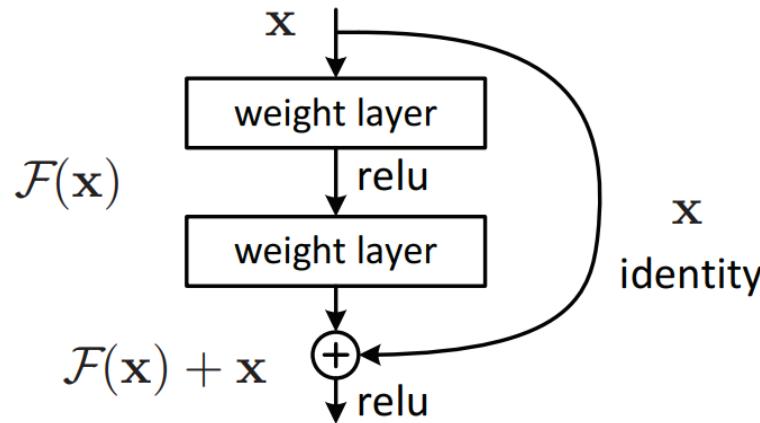


# Residual Network

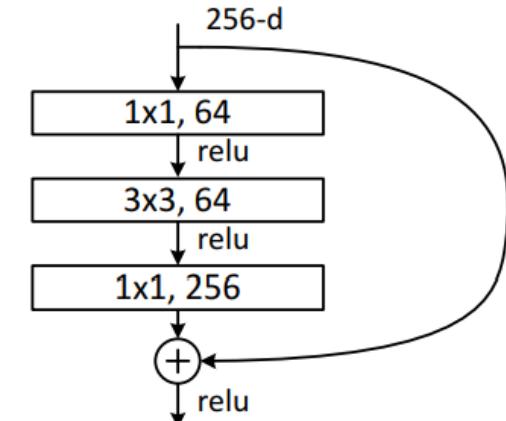
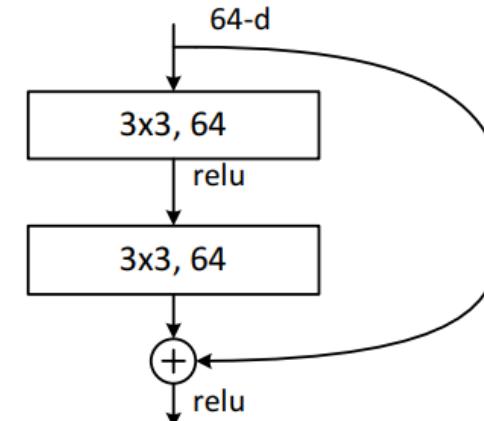
When DNN goes deeper:

- Network becomes difficult to optimize
- Vanishing / Exploding Gradients
- Degradation Problem ( accuracy first saturates and then degrades )

Examples:



注意BN的位置!

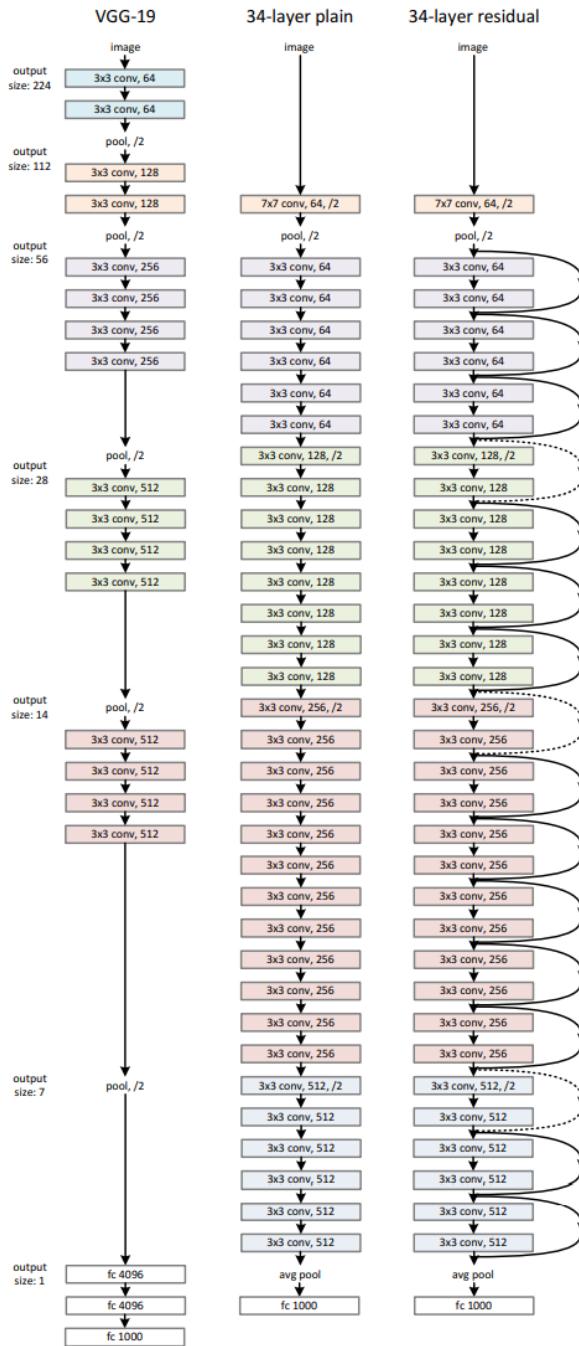


Bottleneck block



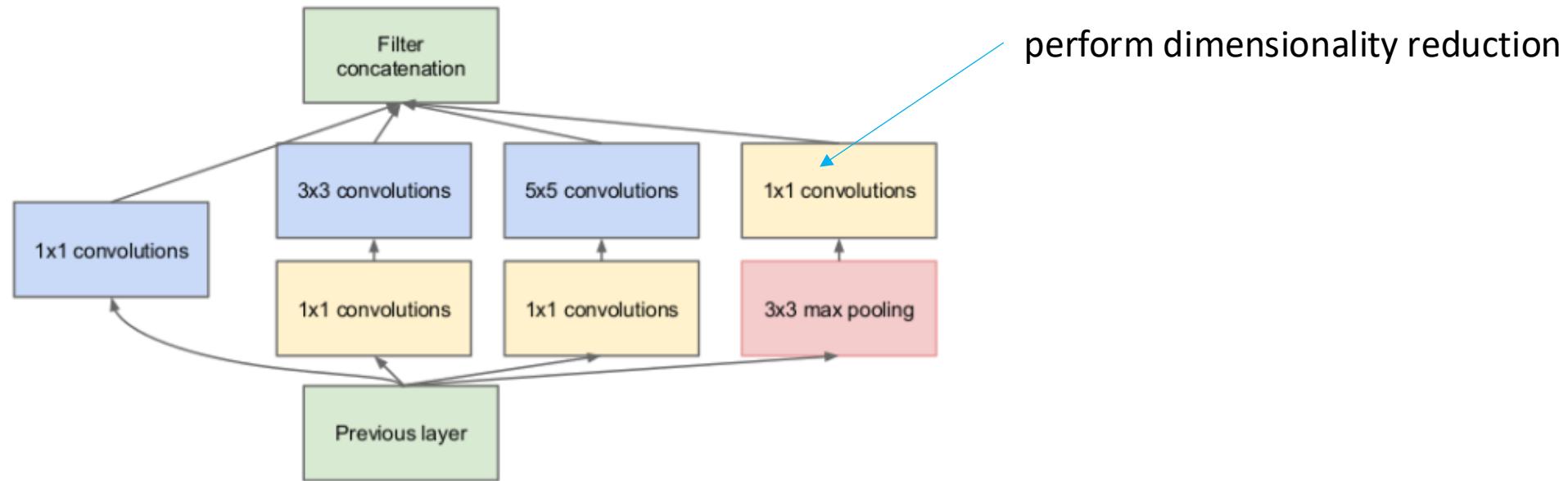
# ResNet

Dotted lines means  
Increased dimension



- Also known as GoogleNet consists of total 22 layers and was the winning model of 2014 image net challenge.

Inception Module:

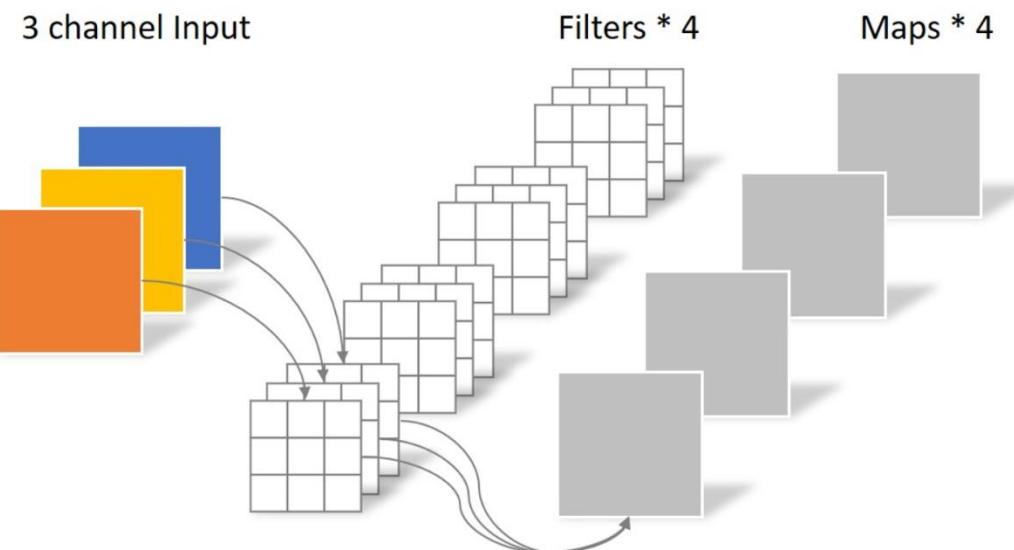




# Depthwise Separable Convolution

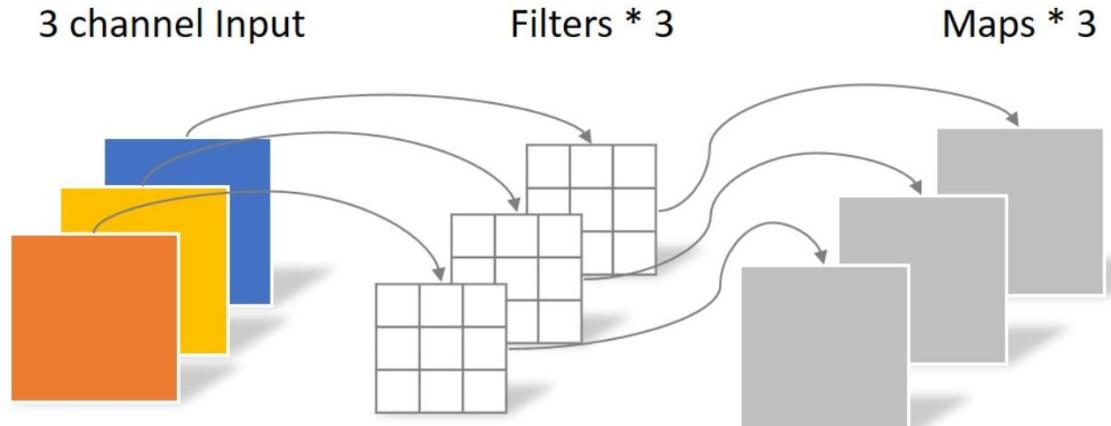


Normal Convolution



Parameter Number:  $4 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3 = 108$

Depthwise Convolution

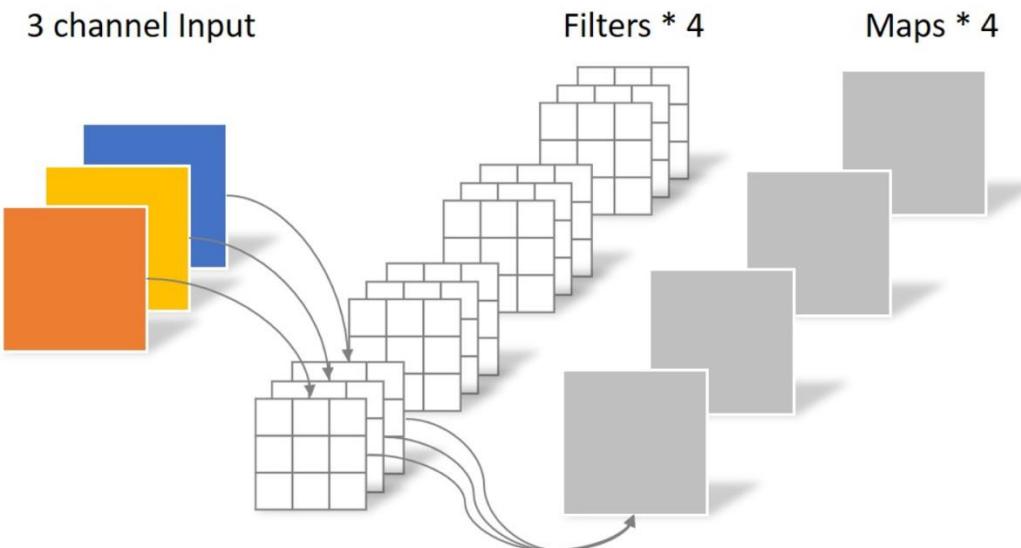


Parameter Number:  $3 \times 3 \times 3 = 27$



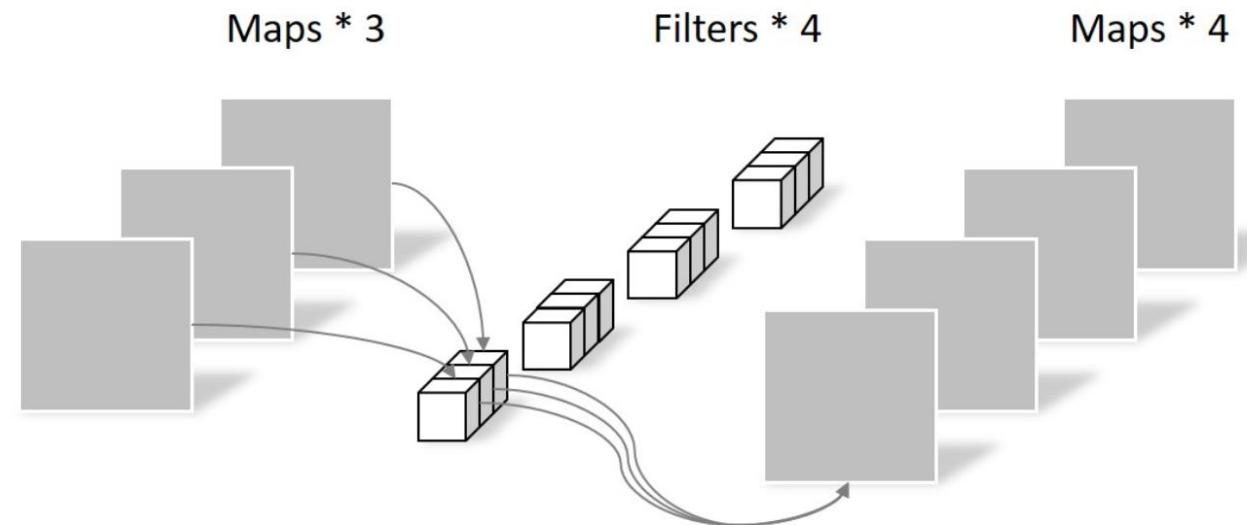
# Depthwise Separable Convolution

Normal Convolution



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Pointwise Convolution

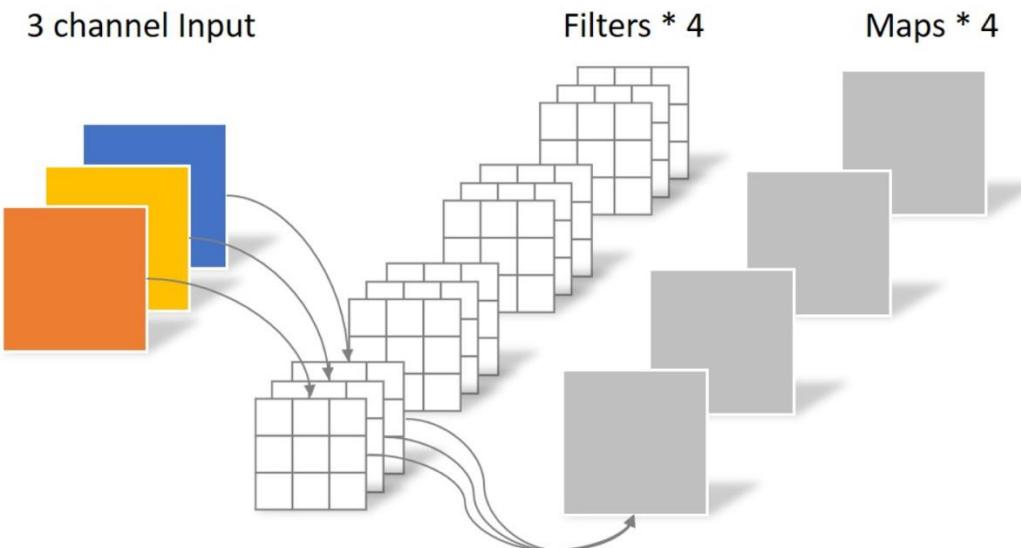


Parameter Number:  $4 \times 3 \times 1 \times 1 = 12$



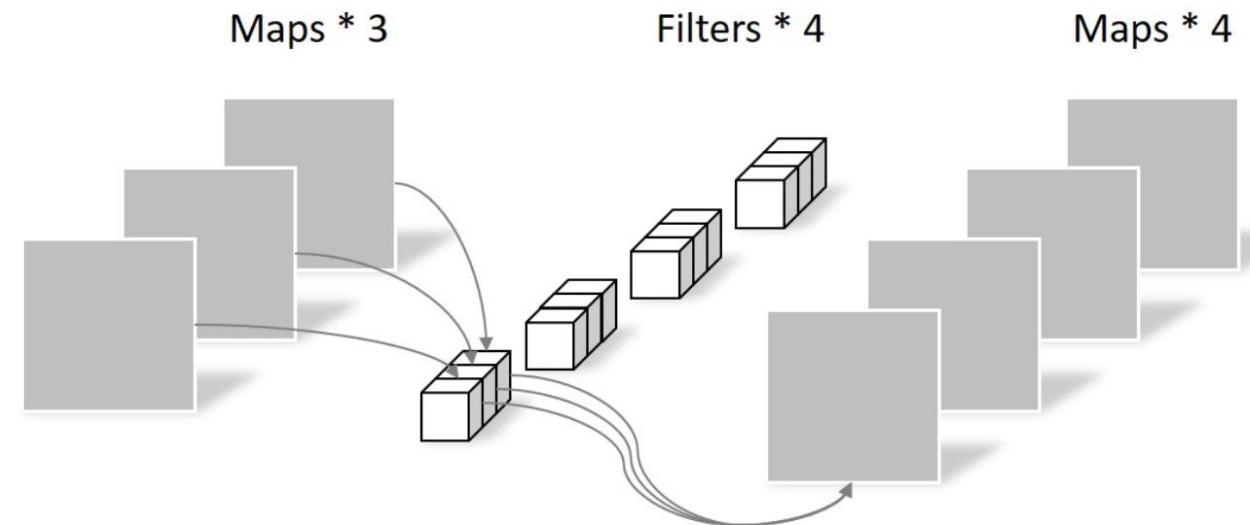
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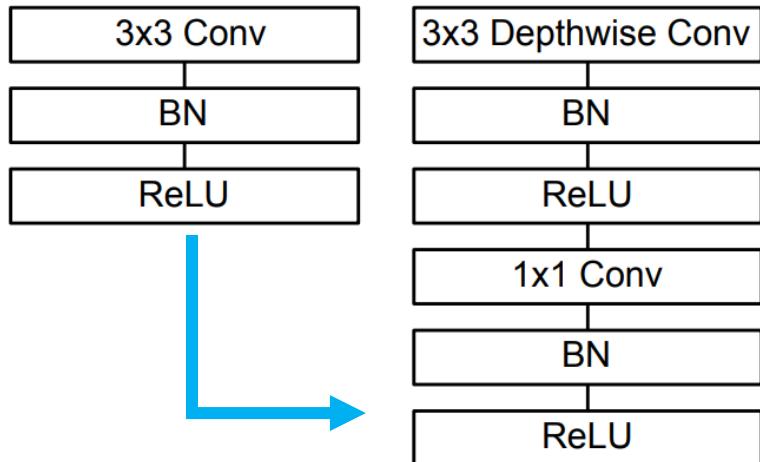
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Pointwise Convolution



Parameter Number:  $4 \times 3 \times 1 \times 1 = 12$

# MobileNet



Parameter Number:  $4 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3 = 108$

Parameter Number: Depthwise+Pointwise=27+12=39

减少计算量!

Type / Stride	Filter Shape	Input Size
Conv / s2	$3 \times 3 \times 3 \times 32$	$224 \times 224 \times 3$
Conv dw / s1	$3 \times 3 \times 32$ dw	$112 \times 112 \times 32$
Conv / s1	$1 \times 1 \times 32 \times 64$	$112 \times 112 \times 32$
Conv dw / s2	$3 \times 3 \times 64$ dw	$112 \times 112 \times 64$
Conv / s1	$1 \times 1 \times 64 \times 128$	$56 \times 56 \times 64$
Conv dw / s1	$3 \times 3 \times 128$ dw	$56 \times 56 \times 128$
Conv / s1	$1 \times 1 \times 128 \times 128$	$56 \times 56 \times 128$
Conv dw / s2	$3 \times 3 \times 128$ dw	$56 \times 56 \times 128$
Conv / s1	$1 \times 1 \times 128 \times 256$	$28 \times 28 \times 128$
Conv dw / s1	$3 \times 3 \times 256$ dw	$28 \times 28 \times 256$
Conv / s1	$1 \times 1 \times 256 \times 256$	$28 \times 28 \times 256$
Conv dw / s2	$3 \times 3 \times 256$ dw	$28 \times 28 \times 256$
Conv / s1	$1 \times 1 \times 256 \times 512$	$14 \times 14 \times 256$
5× Conv dw / s1	$3 \times 3 \times 512$ dw	$14 \times 14 \times 512$
	$1 \times 1 \times 512 \times 512$	$14 \times 14 \times 512$
Conv dw / s2	$3 \times 3 \times 512$ dw	$14 \times 14 \times 512$
Conv / s1	$1 \times 1 \times 512 \times 1024$	$7 \times 7 \times 512$
Conv dw / s2	$3 \times 3 \times 1024$ dw	$7 \times 7 \times 1024$
Conv / s1	$1 \times 1 \times 1024 \times 1024$	$7 \times 7 \times 1024$
Avg Pool / s1	Pool $7 \times 7$	$7 \times 7 \times 1024$
FC / s1	$1024 \times 1000$	$1 \times 1 \times 1024$
Softmax / s1	Classifier	$1 \times 1 \times 1000$



# Example NN Architecture

Activation/Weight 8bit

(49,10,1)

Conv  
(10,4,1,16)

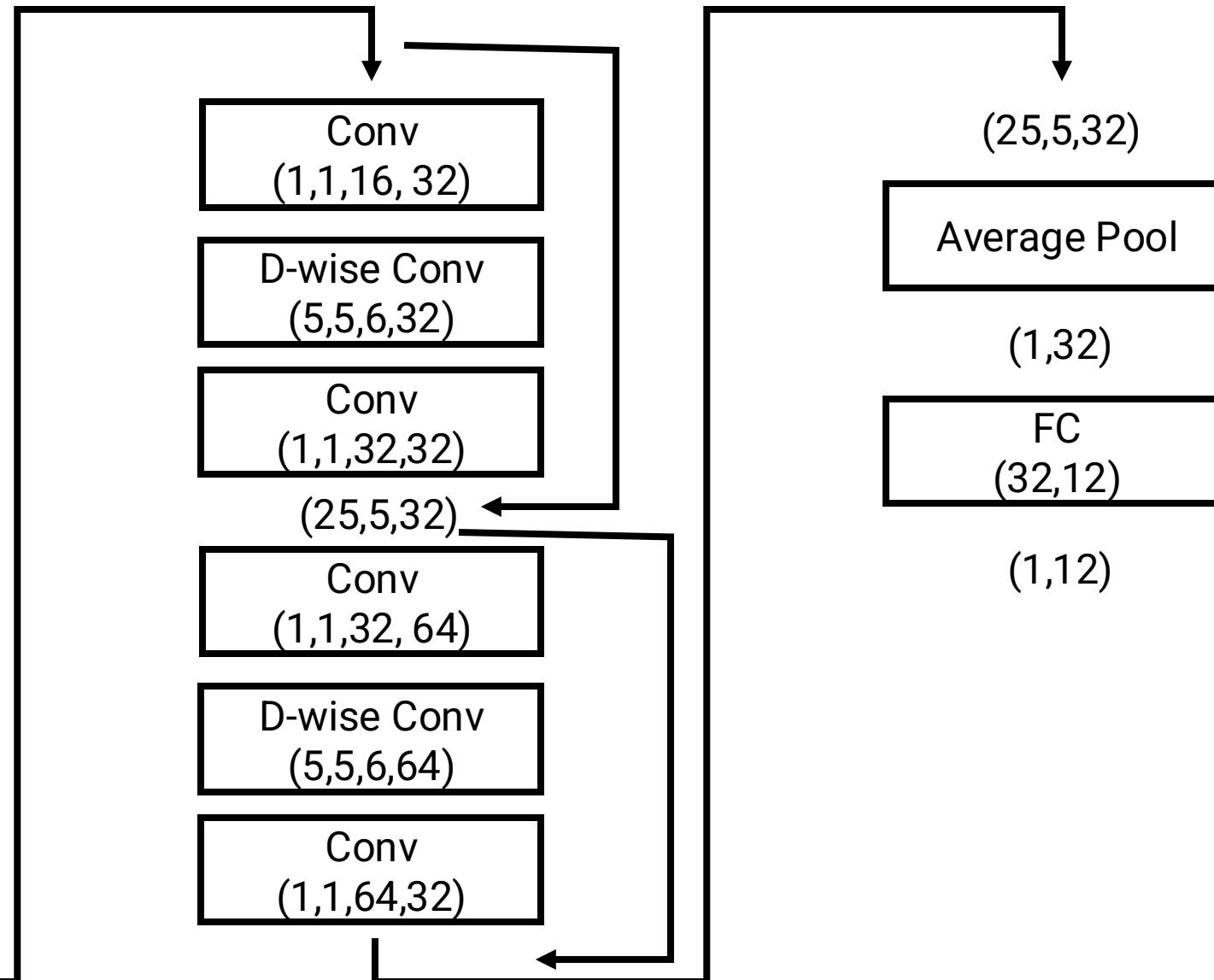
(25,5,16)

Conv  
(1,1,16, 32)

D-wise Conv  
(5,5,6,32)

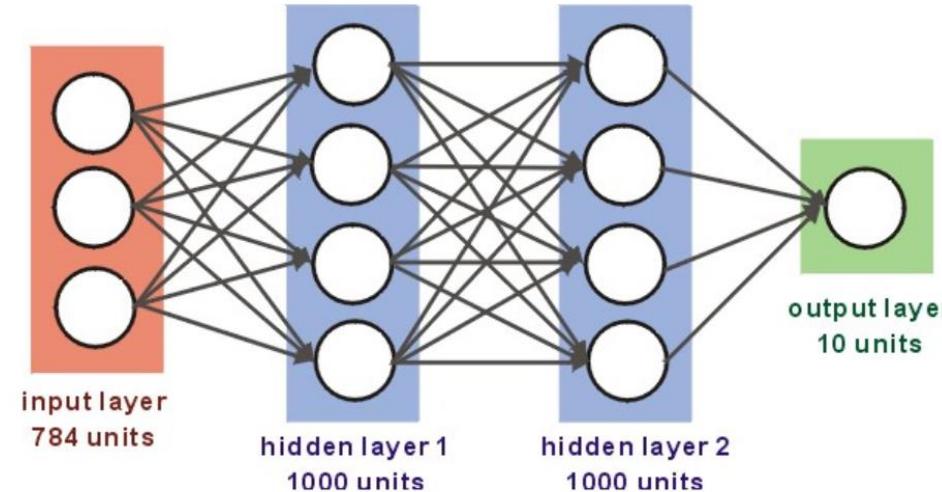
Conv  
(1,1,32,16)

(25,5,16)



# NN Coding Example ... in C

- C/C++ is the reliable contract between software and hardware
- Implement in CPU
- Ref: [MNIST - CNN coded in C - \[0.995\] | Kaggle](#)





# Initial Setup



```
1 int layerSizes[10] = {0,0,0,0,0,0,784,1000,1000,10};
2 float* layers[10] = {0};
3 float* errors[10] = {0};
4 float* weights[10] = {0};
5 // INITIALIZATION
6 void initNet(){
7     // ALOCATE MEMORY
8     layers[0] = (float*)malloc((layerSizes[0]+1) * sizeof(float));
9     errors[0] = (float*)malloc(layerSizes[0] * sizeof(float));
10    for (i=1;i<10;i++){
11        layers[i] = (float*)malloc((layerSizes[i]+1) * sizeof(float));
12        errors[i] = (float*)malloc(layerSizes[i] * sizeof(float));
13        weights[i] = (float*)malloc(layerSizes[i] * (layerSizes[i-1]+1) * sizeof(float));
14    }
15    // RANDOMIZE WEIGHTS AND BIAS
16    float scale;
17    for (i=0;i<10;i++) layers[i][layerSizes[i]]=1.0;
18    for (j=1;j<10;j++){
19        scale = 2.0 * sqrt(6.0/(layerSizes[j] + layerSizes[j-1]));
20        if (j!=9 && activation==1) scale = scale * 1.41; // RELU
21        else if (j!=9) scale = scale * 4.0; // TANH
22        for (i=0;i<layerSizes[j] * (layerSizes[j-1]+1);i++)
23            weights[j][i] = scale * ( (float)rand() / RAND_MAX - 0.5 );
24        for (i=0;i<layerSizes[j];i++) // BIASES
25            weights[j][(layerSizes[j-1]+1)*(i+1)-1] = 0.0;
26    }
27 }
```

# Forward Pass (Inference)



```
1 int activation = 1; //ReLU
2 // FORWARD PROPAGATION
3 int forwardProp(int x){
4     int i,j,k,imax;
5     float sum, esum, max;
6     // INPUT LAYER - RECEIVES 28X28 IMAGES
7     for (i=0;i<784;i++) layers[10-numLayers][i] = trainImages[x][i];
8     // HIDDEN LAYERS - RELU ACTIVATION
9     for (k=11-numLayers;k<9;k++){
10        for (i=0;i<layerSizes[k];i++){
11            sum = 0.0;
12            for (j=0;j<layerSizes[k-1]+1;j++)
13                sum += layers[k-1][j]*weights[k][i*(layerSizes[k-1]+1)+j];
14            if (activation==1) layers[k][i] = ReLU(sum);
15            else if (activation==2) layers[k][i] = TanH(sum);
16        }
}
```

```
17     // OUTPUT LAYER - SOFTMAX ACTIVATION
18     esum = 0.0;
19     for (i=0;i<layerSizes[9];i++){
20         sum = 0.0;
21         for (j=0;j<layerSizes[8]+1;j++)
22             sum += layers[8][j]*weights[9][i*(layerSizes[8]+1)+j];
23         if (sum>30) return -1; //GRADIENT EXPLODED
24         layers[9][i] = exp(sum);
25         esum += layers[9][i];
26     }
27     // SOFTMAX FUNCTION
28     max = layers[9][0]; imax=0;
29     for (i=0;i<layerSizes[9];i++){
30         if (layers[9][i]>max){
31             max = layers[9][i];
32             imax = i;
33         }
34         layers[9][i] = layers[9][i] / esum;
35     }
36     return imax;
37 }
```



# Here The Accelerator Comes!



```
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9     for (k=11-numLayers;k<9;k++){
10        for (i=0;i<layerSizes[k];i++){
11            sum = 0.0;
12            for (j=0;j<layerSizes[k-1]+1;j++)
13                sum += layers[k-1][j]*weights[k][i*(layerSizes[k-1]+1)+j];
14            if (activation==1) layers[k][i] = ReLU(sum);
15            else if (activation==2) layers[k][i] = TanH(sum);
16        }
}
```



Sum = AcceleratorVMM(\*inputs, \*weights, \*outputs)

```
17 // OUTPUT LAYER - SOFTMAX ACTIVATION
18 esum = 0.0;
19 for (i=0;i<layerSizes[9];i++){
20     sum = 0.0;
21     for (j=0;j<layerSizes[8]+1;j++)
22         sum += layers[8][j]*weights[9][i*(layerSizes[8]+1)+j];
23     if (sum>30) return -1; //GRADIENT EXPLODED
24     layers[9][i] = exp(sum);
25     esum += layers[9][i];
26 }
27 // SOFTMAX FUNCTION
28 max = layers[9][0]; imax=0;
29 for (i=0;i<layerSizes[9];i++){
30     if (layers[9][i]>max){
31         max = layers[9][i];
32         imax = i;
33     }
34     layers[9][i] = layers[9][i] / esum;
35 }
36
37 }
```



# C Function Access PIM Function

```
Sum = AcceleratorVMM(*inputs, *weights, *outputs)
```

C Program: XXX.c

```
#include <stdio.h>

extern int AcceleratorVMM(*inputs, *weights, *outputs);

Int function () {
...
Sum = AcceleratorVMM(*inputs, *weights, *outputs)
...
}
```



# C Function Access PIM Function

```
Sum = AcceleratorVMM(*inputs, *weights, *outputs)
```

C Intrinsic: XXX.s

```
.section text

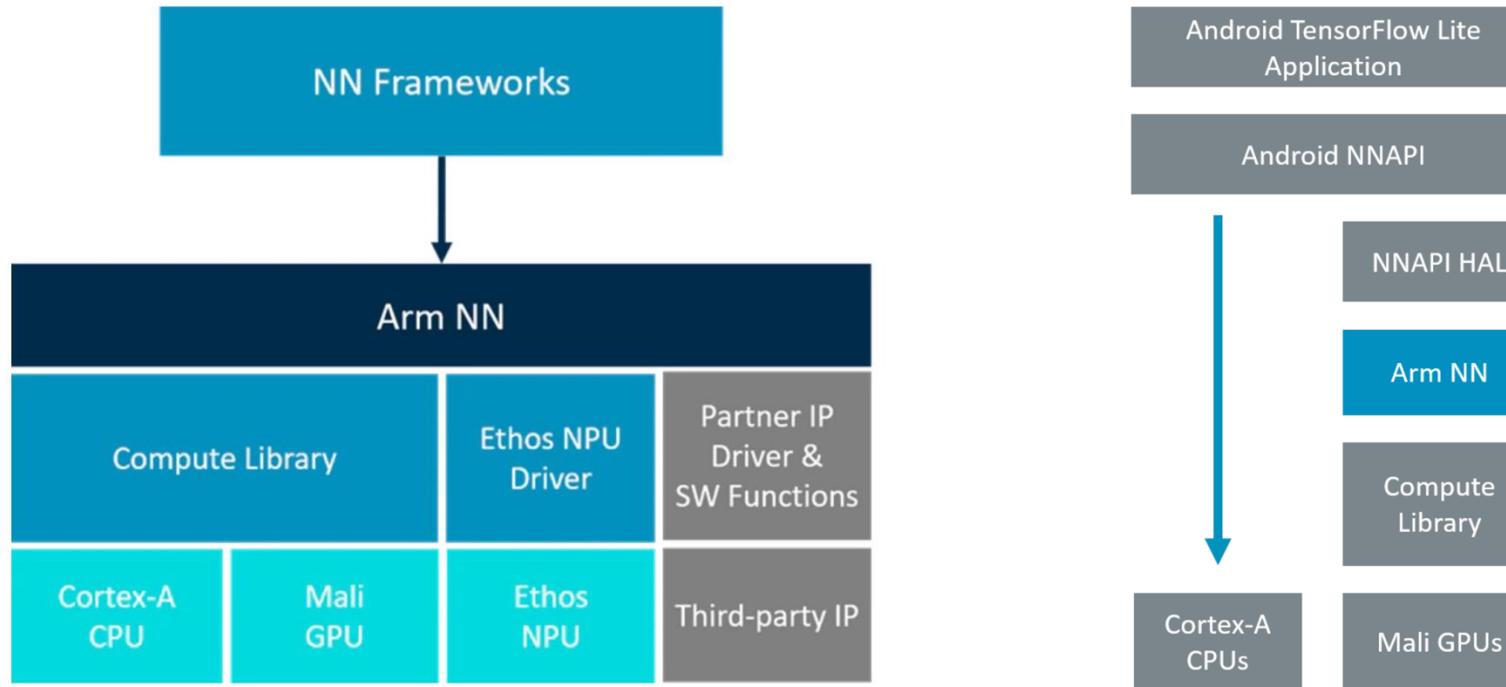
.global AcceleratorVMM
.type AcceleratorVMM, @function

AcceleratorVMM:
    sw a0, a1
    ld a0, a1
    ...
...
```

# ■ ■ ■ Is this real?



- Yes!



## Arm NN for Android

Also available is Arm NN for NNAPI, Google's interface for accelerating neural networks on Android devices, made available in Android O. By default, NNAPI runs neural network workload on the device's CPU cores, but also provides a Hardware Abstraction Layer (HAL) that can target other processor types, such as GPUs. Arm NN for Android NNAPI provides this HAL for Mali GPUs. A further release adds support for Arm Ethos-N NPUs.

Arm support for Android NNAPI gives >4x performance boost.

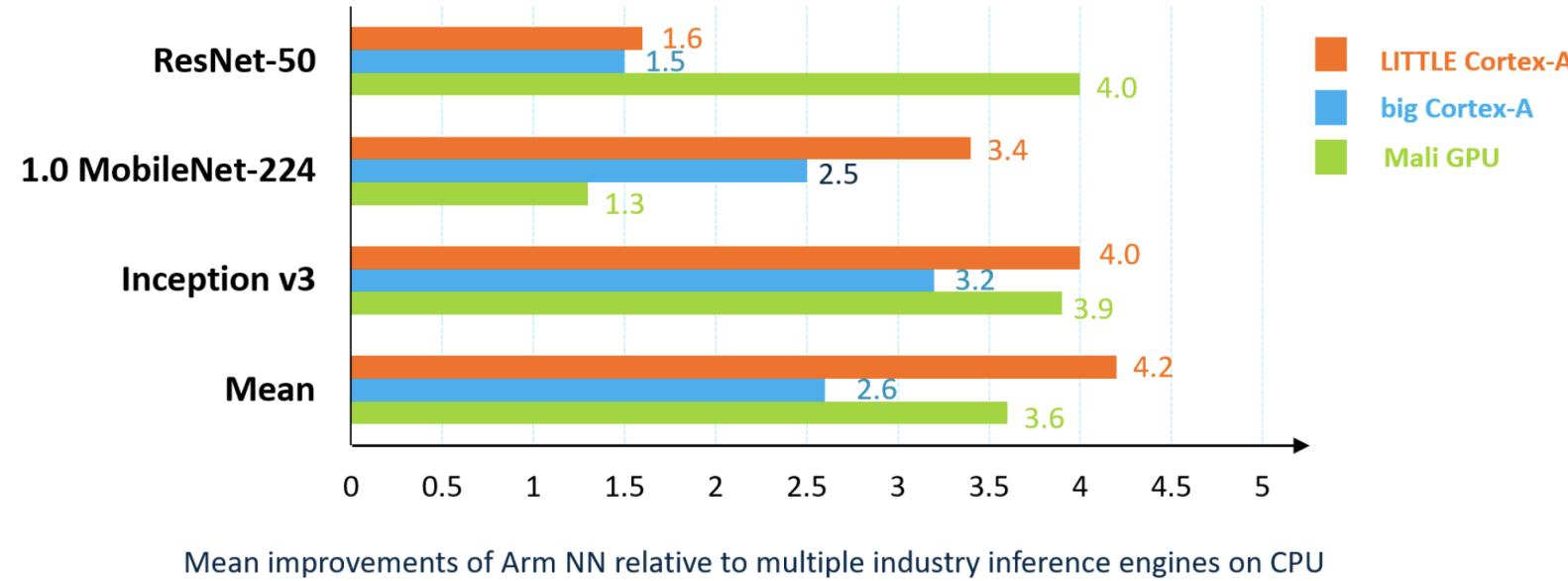
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# Real products

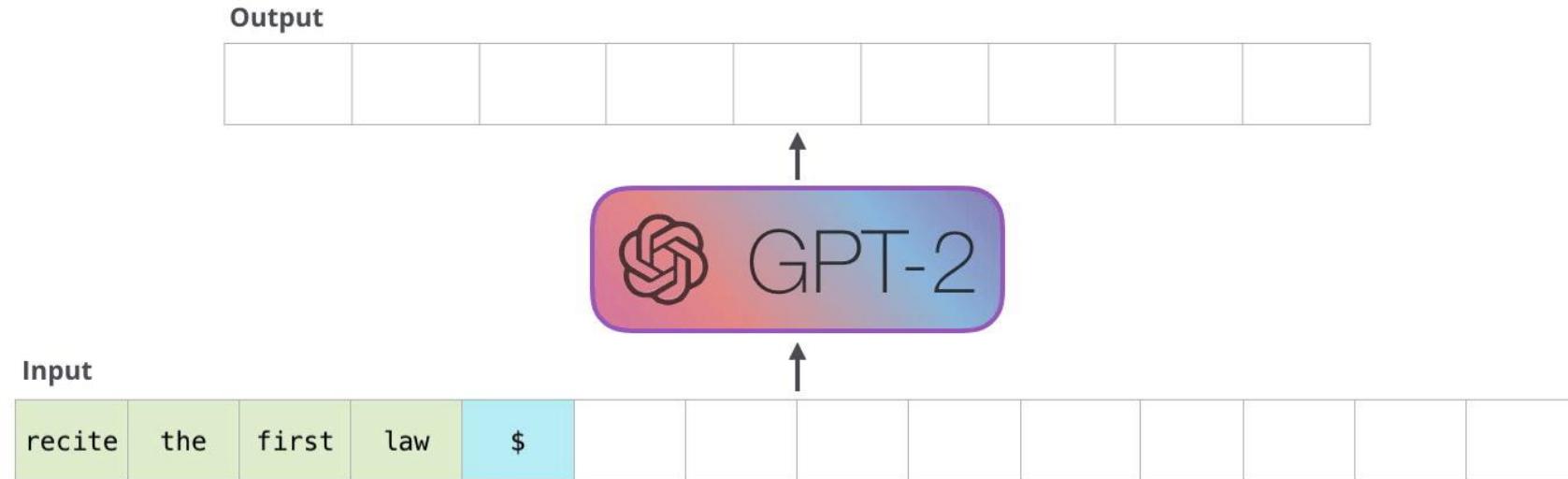
## Arm NN performance relative to other NN frameworks



- Arm NN open-source collaboration enables optimal third-party implementations
- Deployed in multiple production devices (>250Mu)

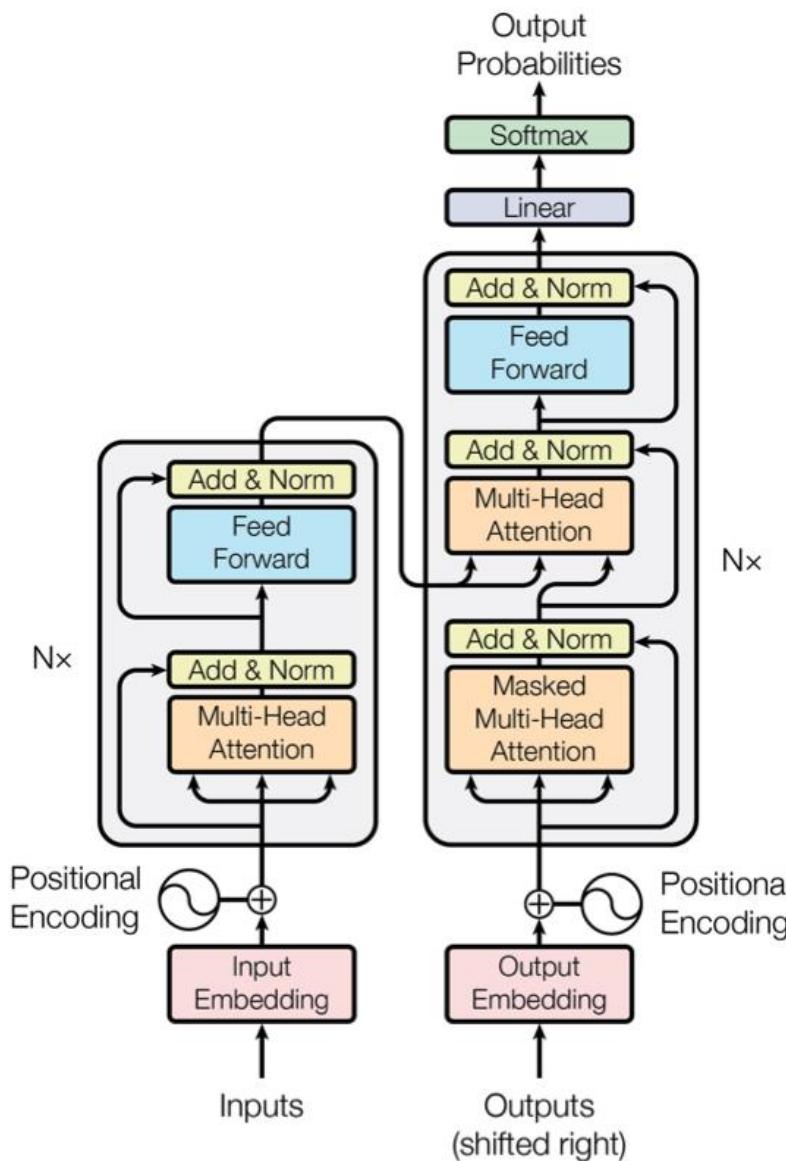


# Transformer & Large Language Model (LLM)



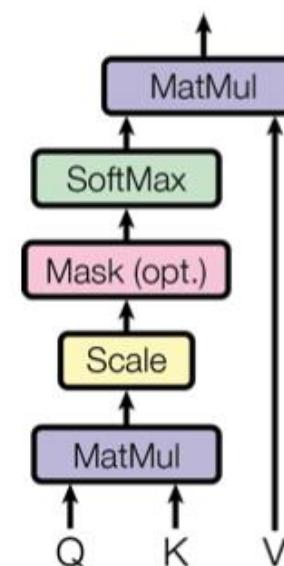
- LLM is a regressive model that generates text.
- Thousands of attention modules construct the entire GPT models.

# Additional: Attention in Transformer

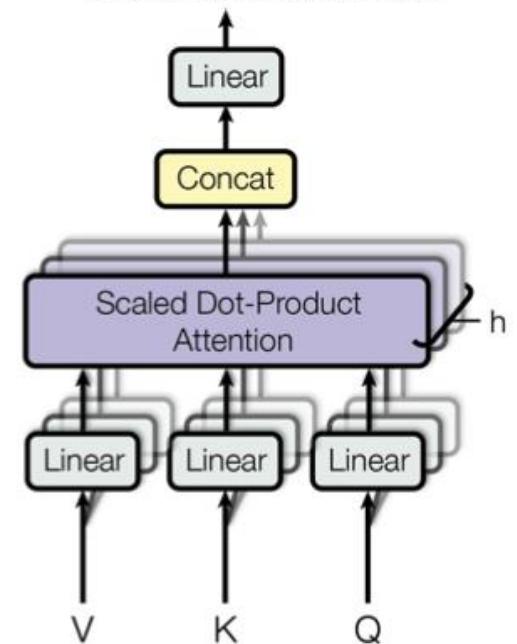


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Scaled Dot-Product Attention



Multi-Head Attention



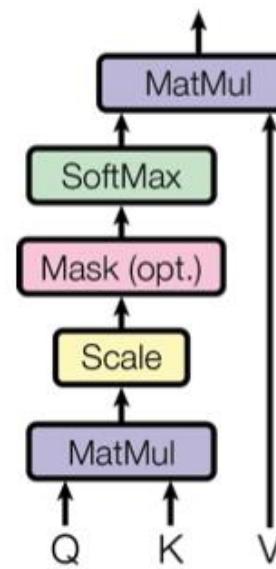
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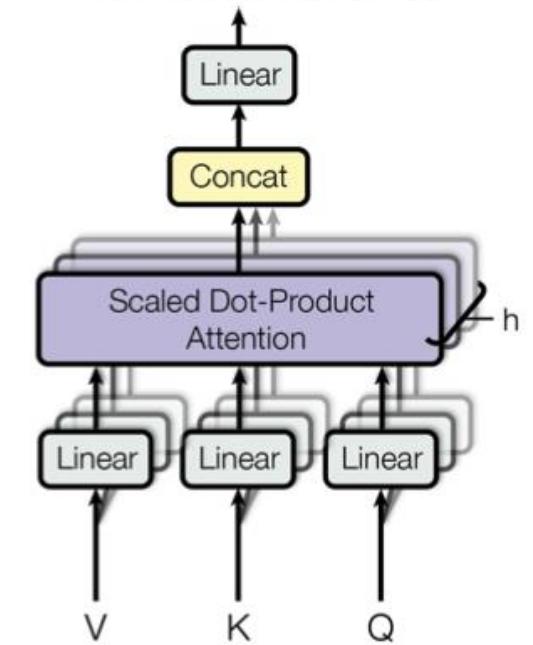
$$Q = xW_Q, K = xW_K, V = xW_V$$

$$\text{Attention}(Q, K, V) = \text{softmax}\left(\frac{QK^T}{\sqrt{d_k}}\right)V$$

Scaled Dot-Product Attention

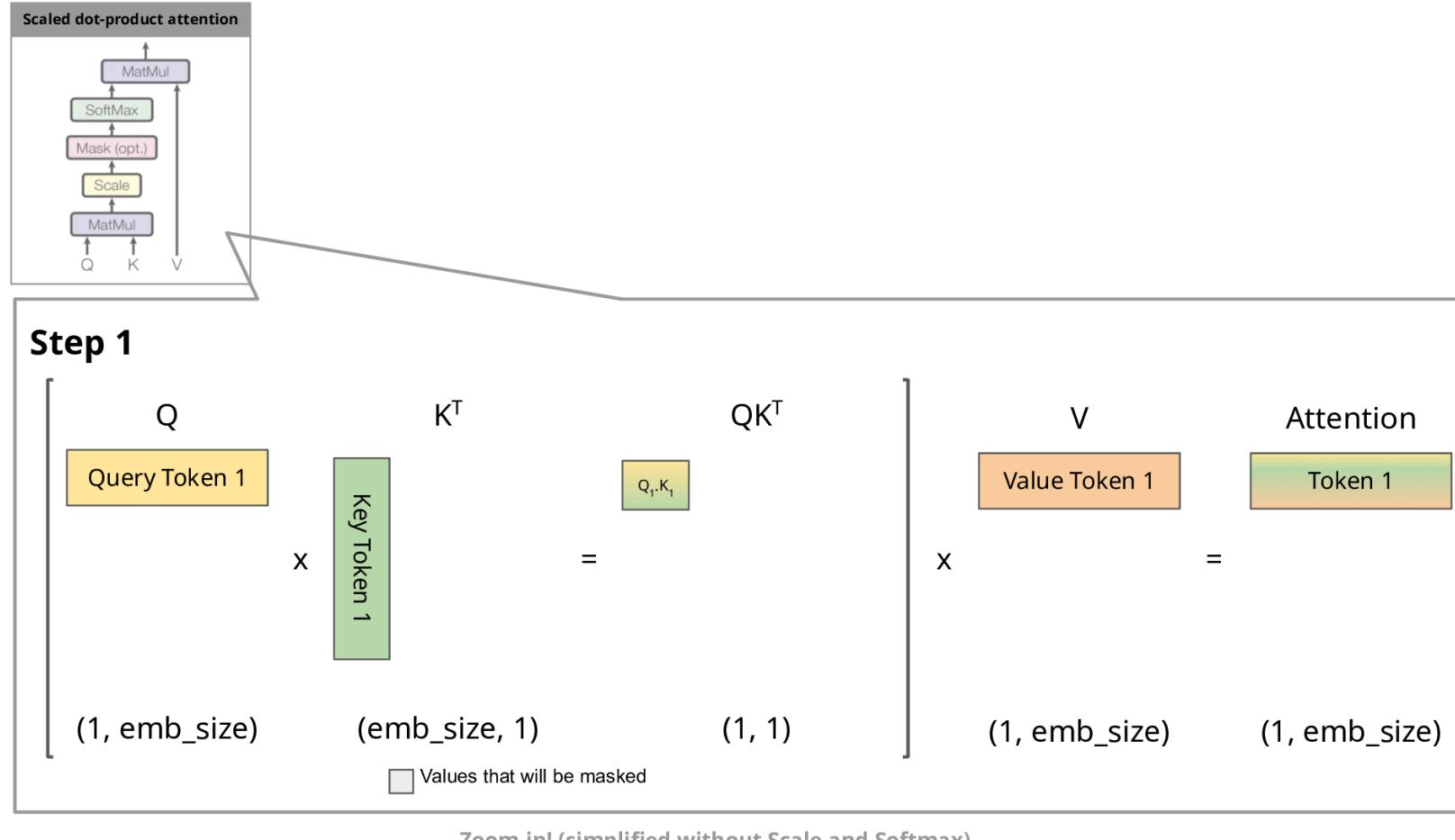


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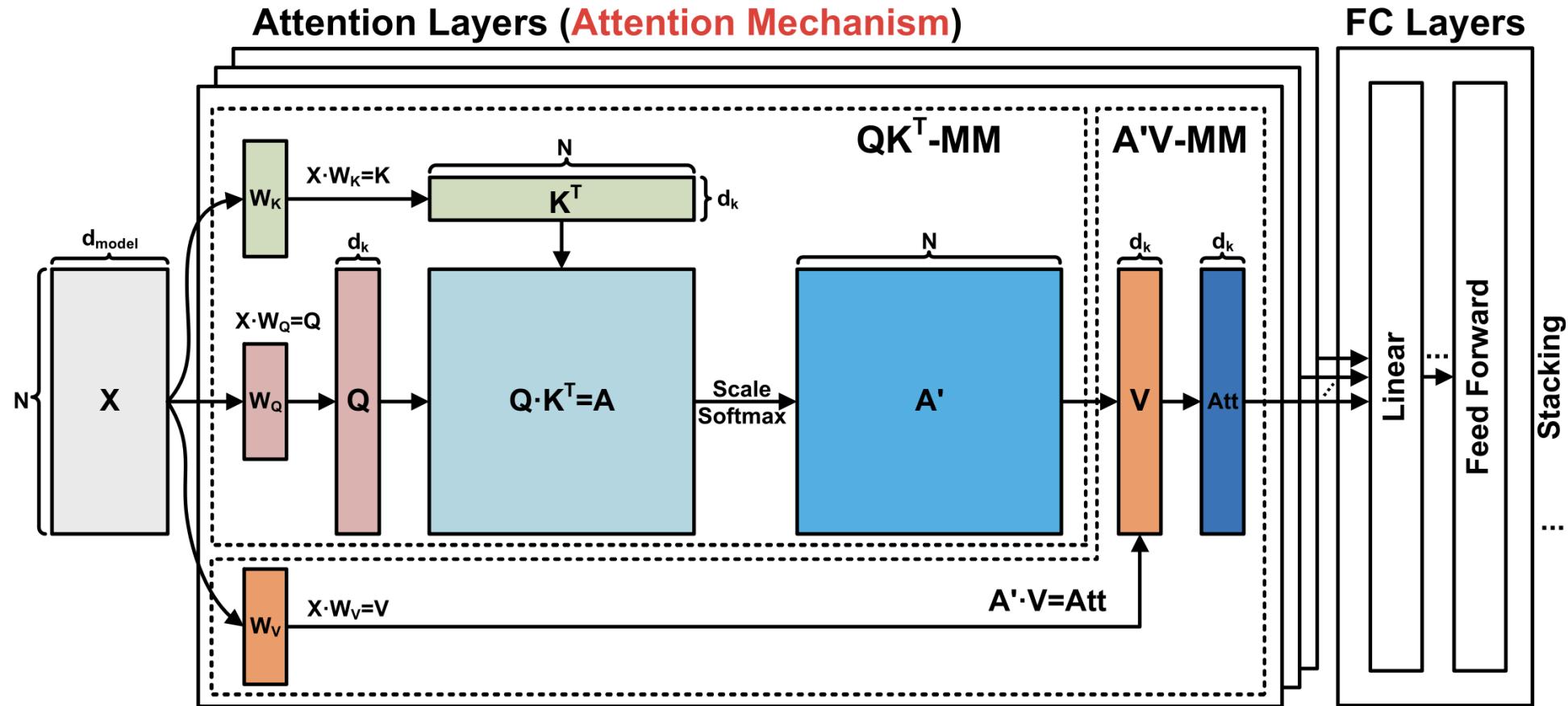


# Transformer & Large Language Model (LLM)





# Accelerator Computing Task



## ■ ■ Check Related Transformer Code

- <https://github.com/tinygrad/tinygrad>
- tinygrad/examples/transformer.py
- tinygrad/examples/llama.py