

Lecture 13: Interpretability, Fairness, and Ethics

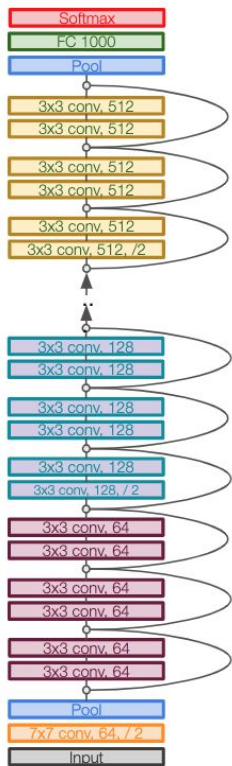
Announcements

- Midterm grades have been released
 - Mean: 83.2% (74.92 / 90)
 - Median: 85.8% (77.25 / 90)
 - Std Dev: 9.61
- A3 was due yesterday
- Project milestone due Friday 11/18
- Extra credit opportunity: +0.25% on final class grade for attending upcoming guest lecture live (applied post-curve, does not affect curve)
 - Mon 11/28 in-person, Dr. Jonathan Chen, MD

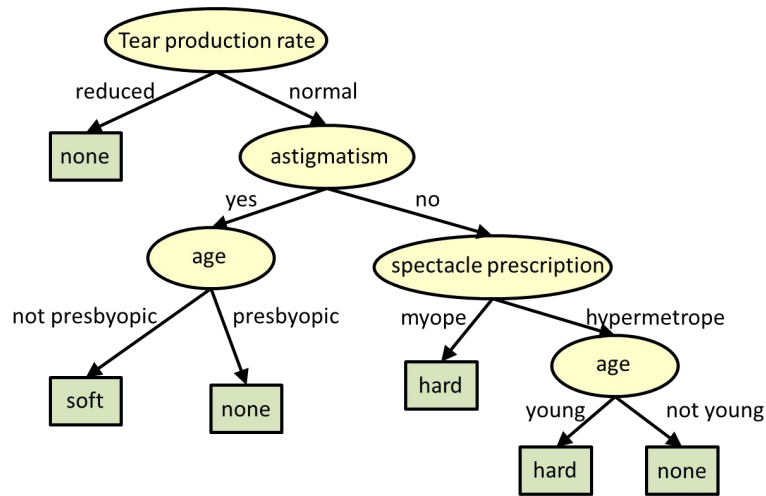
Many related concepts for today's lecture

- Interpretability
- Explainability
- Transparency
- Uncertainty
- Robustness
- Fairness
- Ethics
- Bias
- Etc...

Interpretability: a challenge in deep learning



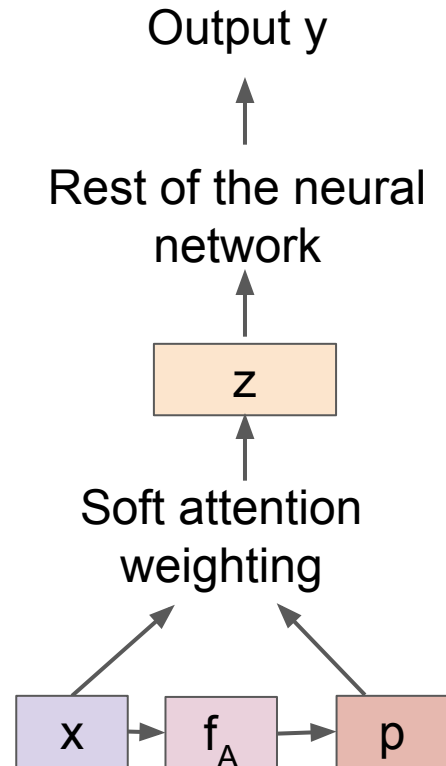
VS.



<https://www.cs.cmu.edu/~bhiksha/courses/10-601/decisiontrees/DT.png>

Soft attention: building interpretability into the model structure

- Weight input variables by an “attention weights” vector p
- Learn to dynamically produce p for any given input, by making it a function of the input x and a fully connected layer f_A (with learnable parameters A)
- By optimizing for prediction performance, network will learn to produce p that gives stronger weights to the most informative features in x !



p is output of a softmax function \rightarrow attention weights sum to 1

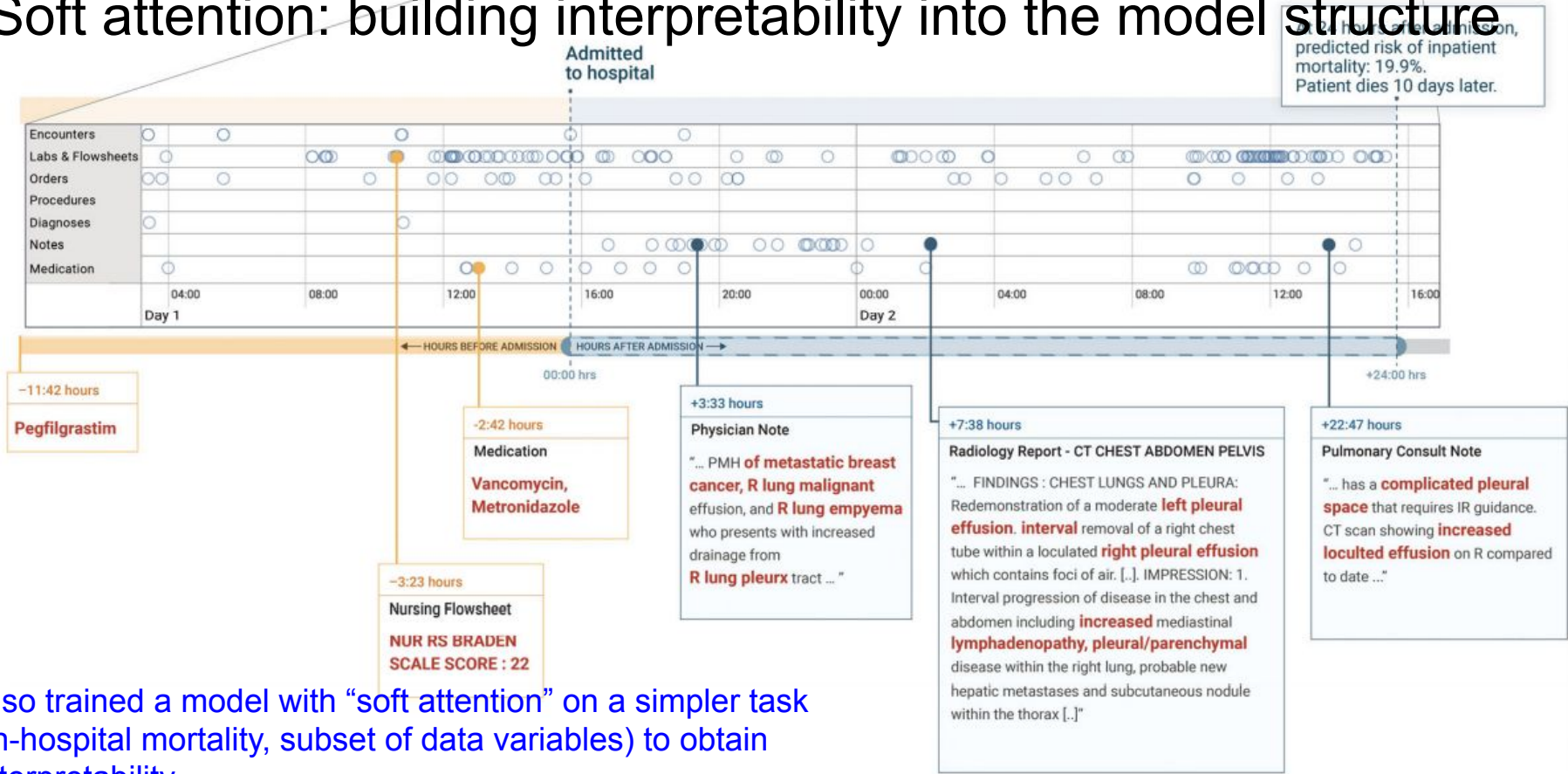
Input $x = [x_1, x_2, \dots, x_D]$

Attention weights $p = [p_1, p_2, \dots, p_D]$

Attention-weighted input $z = [z_1, z_2, \dots, z_D]$

Learnable fully connected layer f_A with weights A

Soft attention: building interpretability into the model structure



Also trained a model with “soft attention” on a simpler task (in-hospital mortality, subset of data variables) to obtain interpretability

Rajkumar et al. Scalable and accurate deep learning with electronic health records. Npj Digital Medicine, 2018.

How can we try to interpret a trained model?

Visualize the filters/kernels (raw weights)

We can visualize filters at higher layers, but not that interesting

(these are taken from ConvNetJS CIFAR-10 demo)



layer 1 weights

$16 \times 3 \times 7 \times 7$



layer 2 weights

$20 \times 16 \times 7 \times 7$

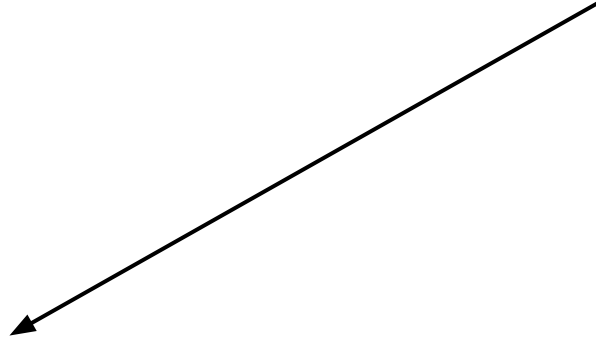


layer 3 weights

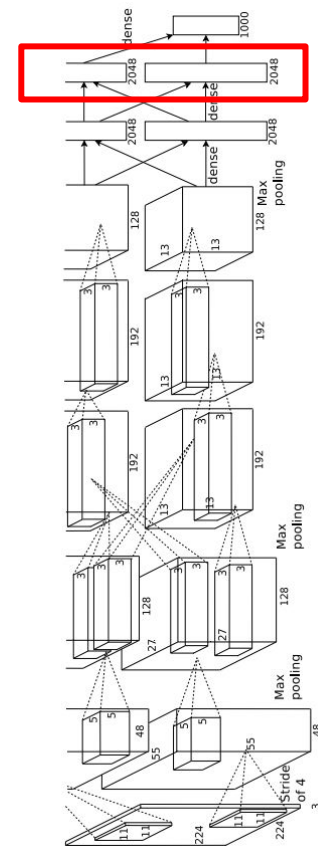
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Last Layer



FC7 layer



4096-dimensional feature vector for an image
(layer immediately before the classifier)

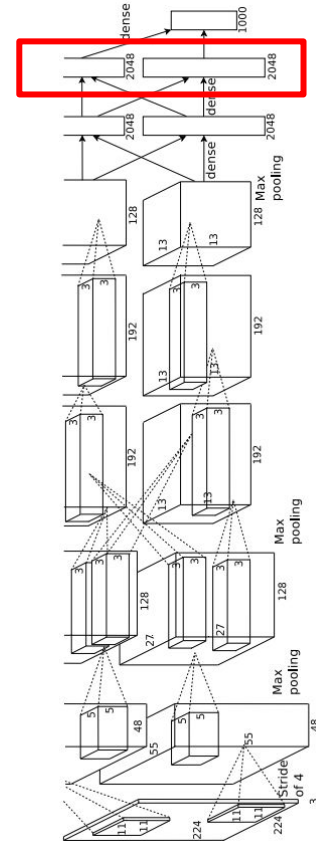
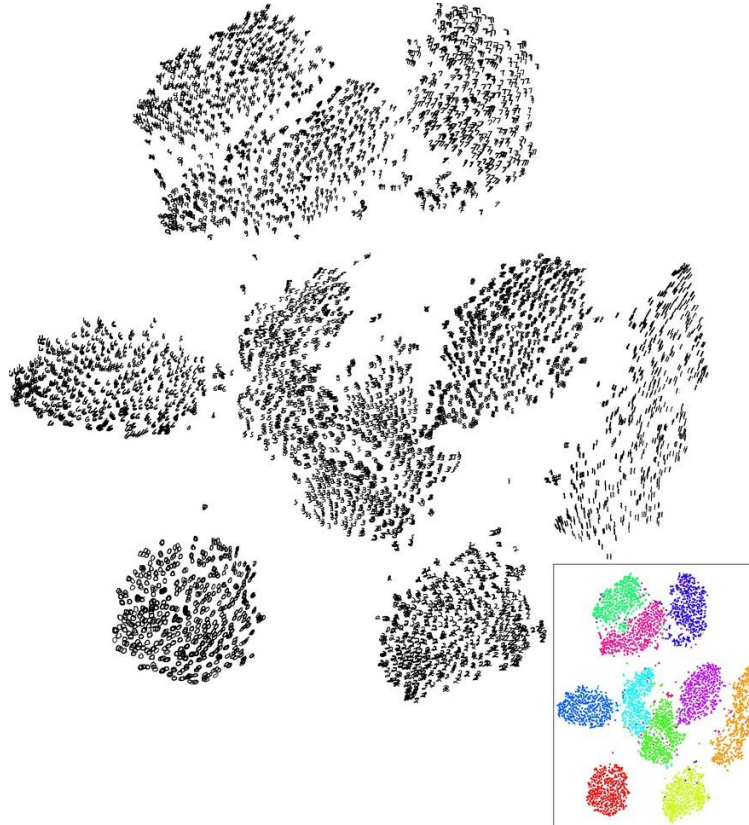
Run the network on many images, collect the
feature vectors

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Last Layer: Dimensionality Reduction

Visualize the “space” of FC7 feature vectors by reducing dimensionality of vectors from 4096 to 2 dimensions

Common approaches: **t-SNE** and **UMAP**

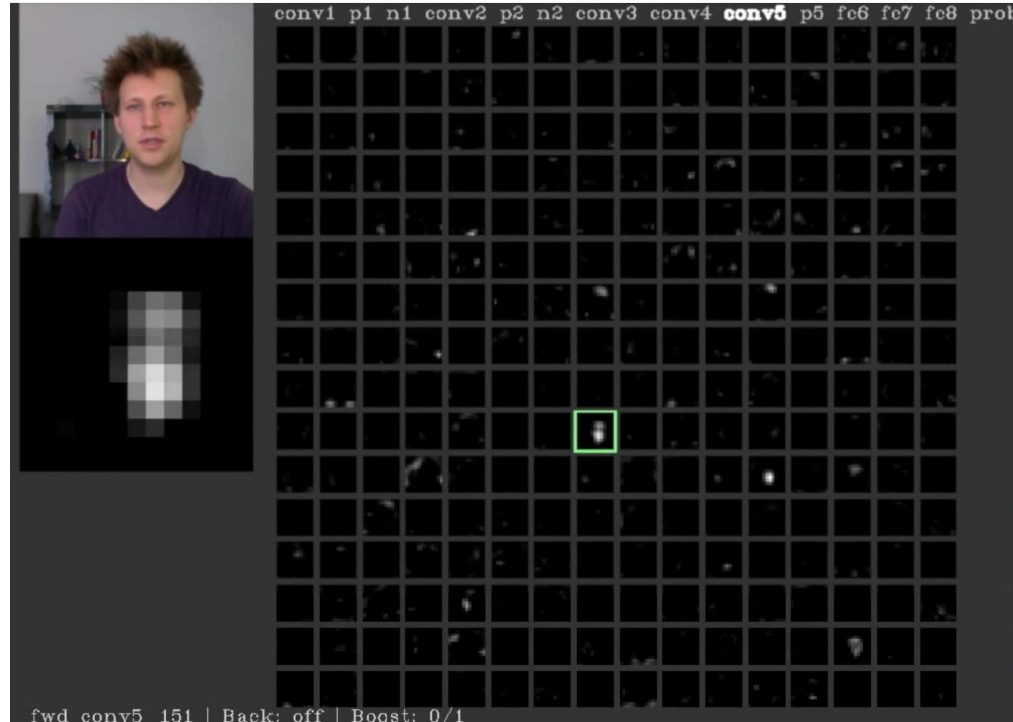


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Visualizing Activations

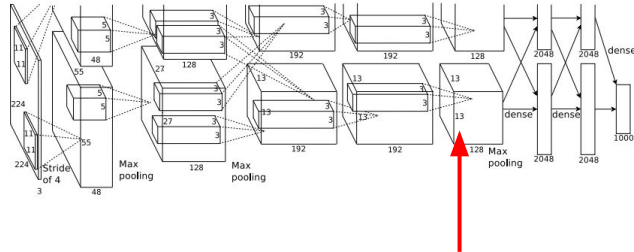
conv5 feature map is
128x13x13; visualize
as 128 13x13
grayscale images



Yosinski et al, "Understanding Neural Networks Through Deep Visualization", ICML DL Workshop 2014.
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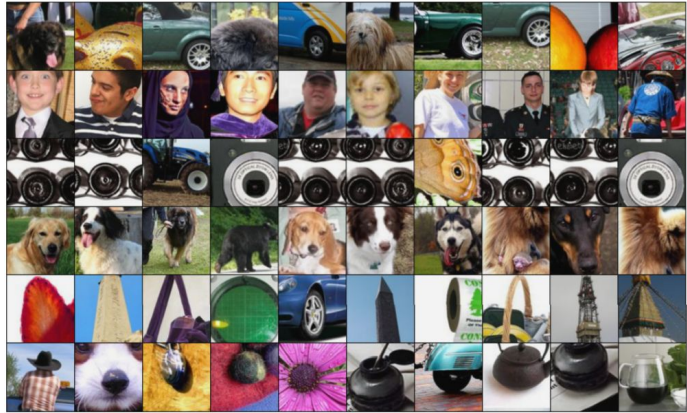
Maximally Activating Patches



Pick a layer and a channel; e.g. conv5 is 128 x 13 x 13, pick channel 17/128

Run many images through the network, record values of chosen channel

Visualize image patches that correspond to maximal activations

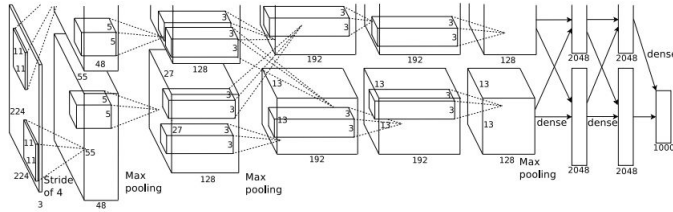
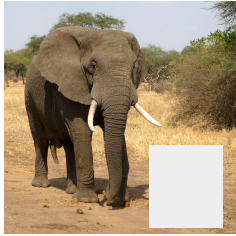


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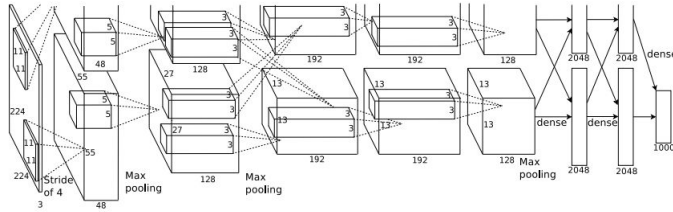
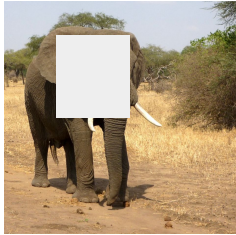
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Which pixels matter: Saliency via Occlusion

Mask part of the image before feeding to CNN,
check how much predicted probabilities change



$P(\text{elephant}) = 0.95$



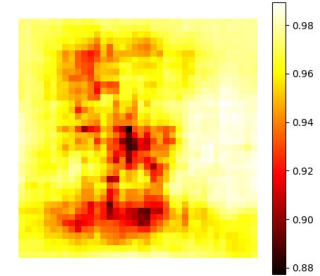
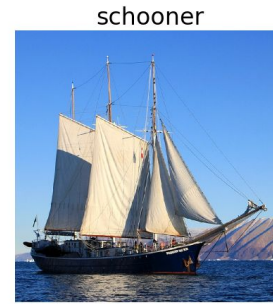
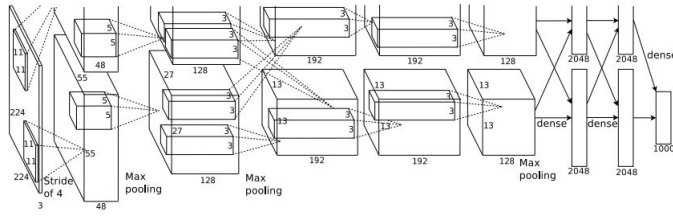
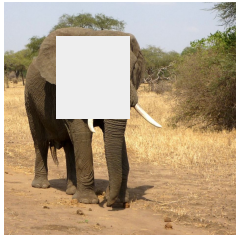
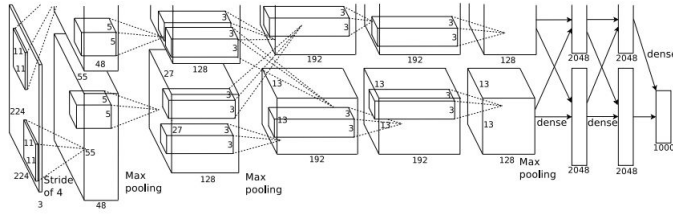
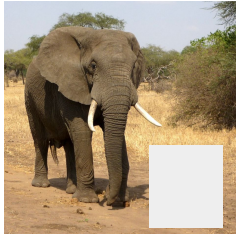
$P(\text{elephant}) = 0.75$

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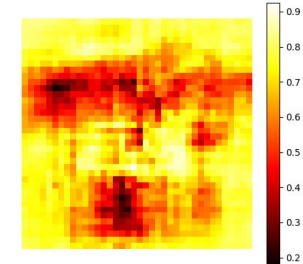
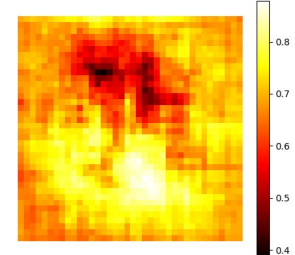
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African elephant, *Loxodonta africana*



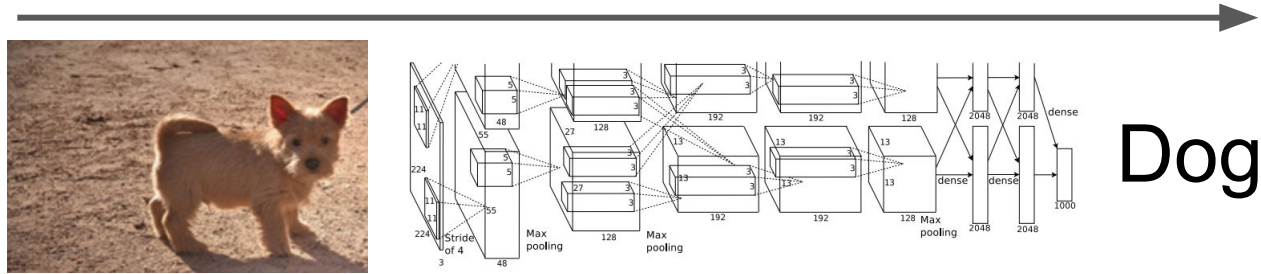
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Which pixels matter: Saliency via Backprop

Forward pass: Compute probabilities

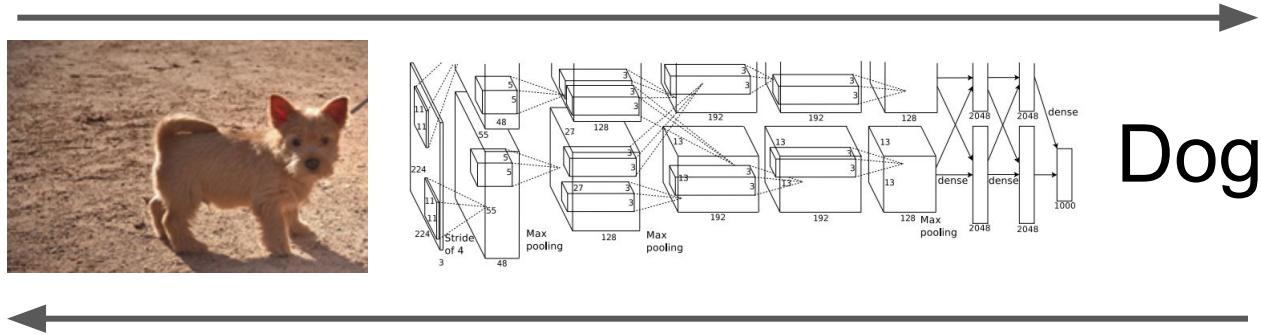


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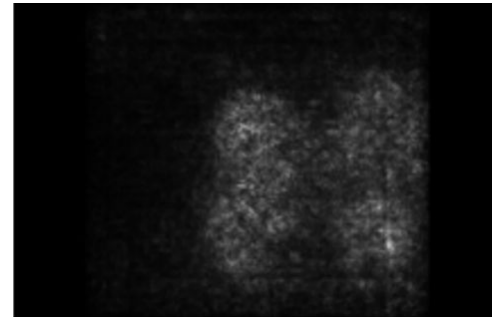
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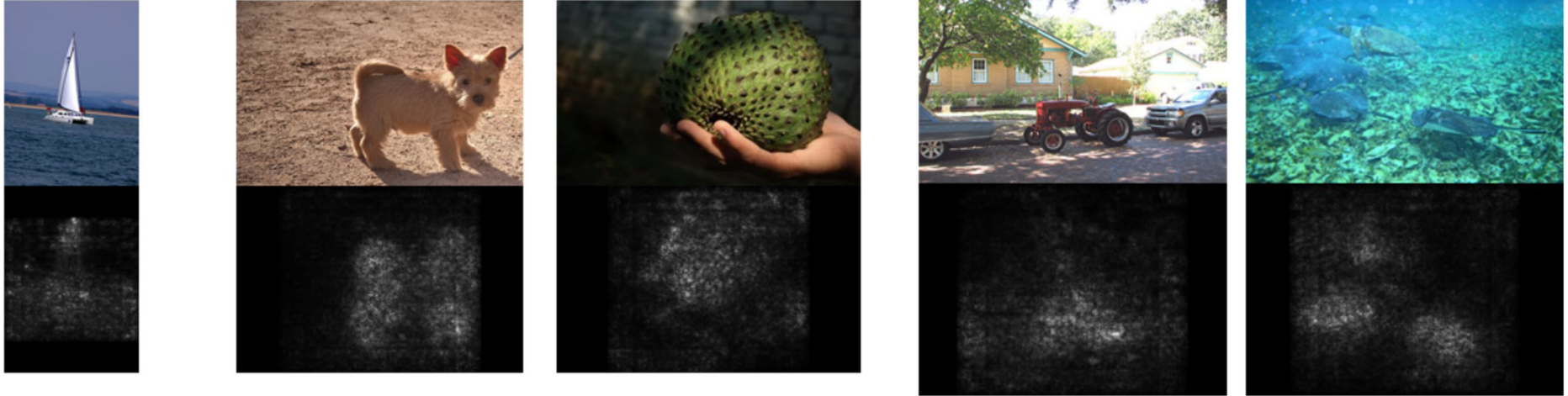


Compute gradient of (unnormalized) class score with respect to image pixels, take absolute value and max over RGB channels



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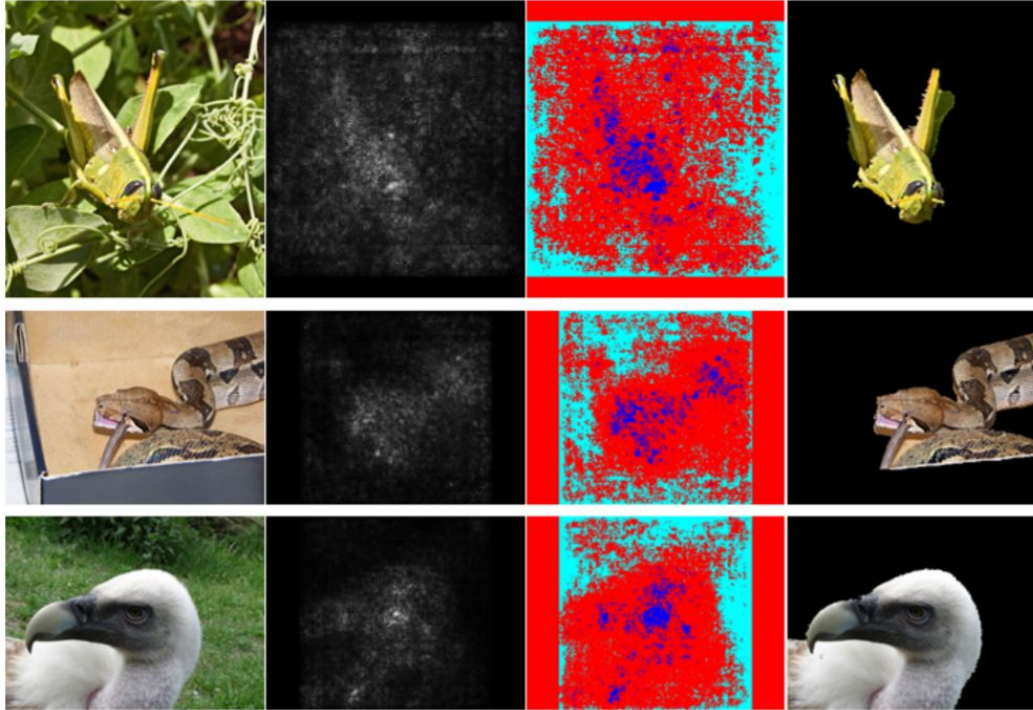
Saliency Maps



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Saliency Maps: Segmentation without supervision



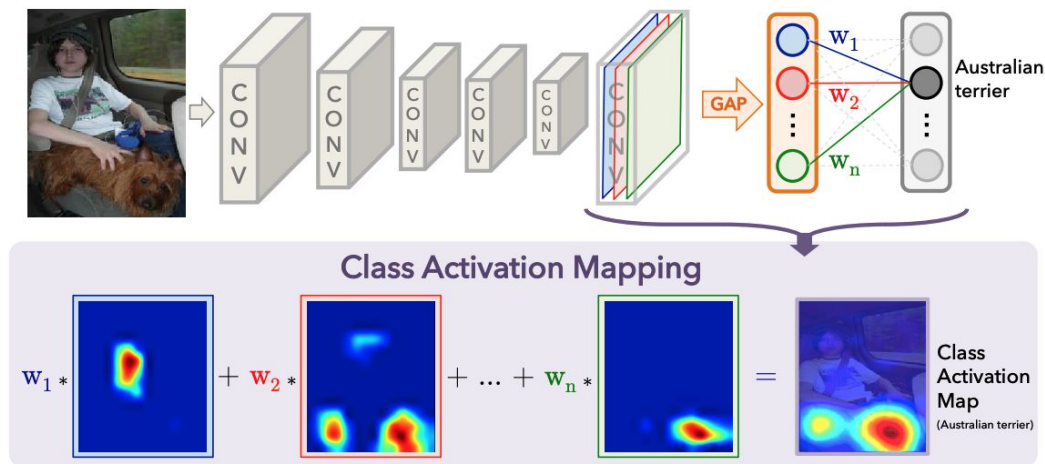
Use GrabCut on saliency map

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Rother et al, "Grabcut: Interactive foreground extraction using iterated graph cuts", ACM TOG 2004

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Saliency Maps: Class Activation Maps (CAM)

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- Visualizes heatmap (class activation map) indicating the importance of the activation at spatial grid (x, y) leading to the classification of an image to class c.



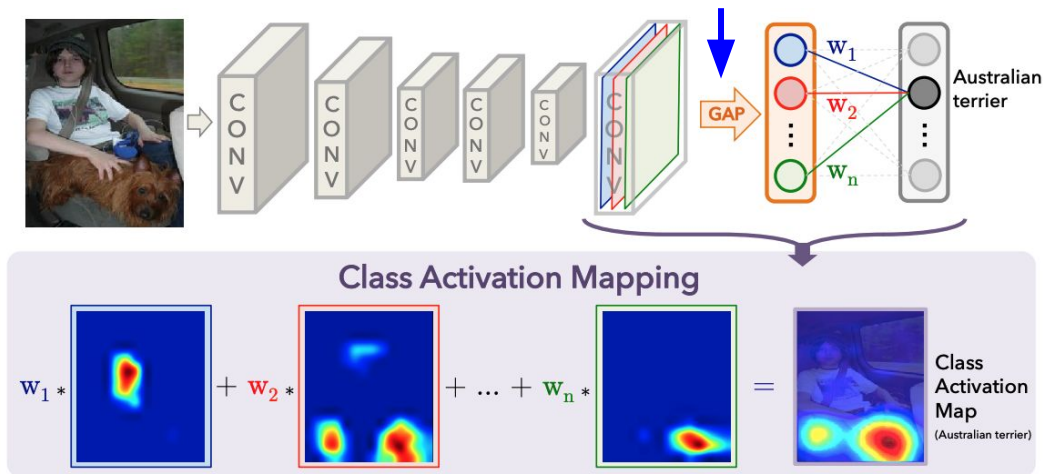
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Relies on idea that global average pooling layers aggregate “signal” for particular patterns

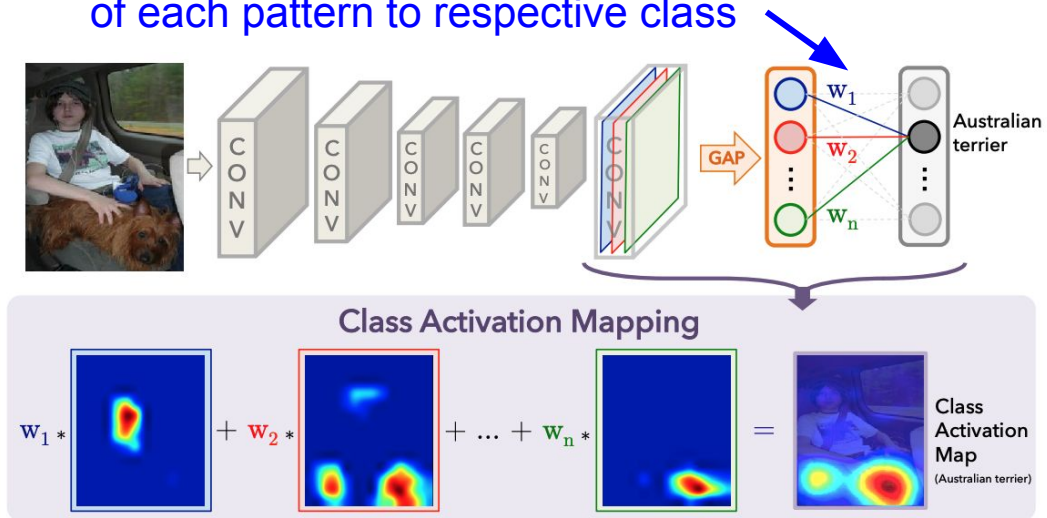


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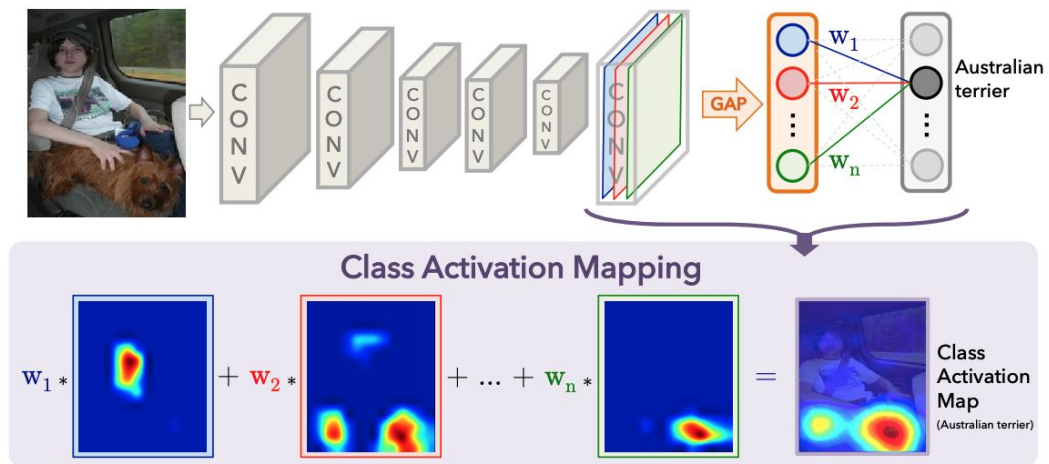
Weights of final classification layer gives importance of each pattern to respective class



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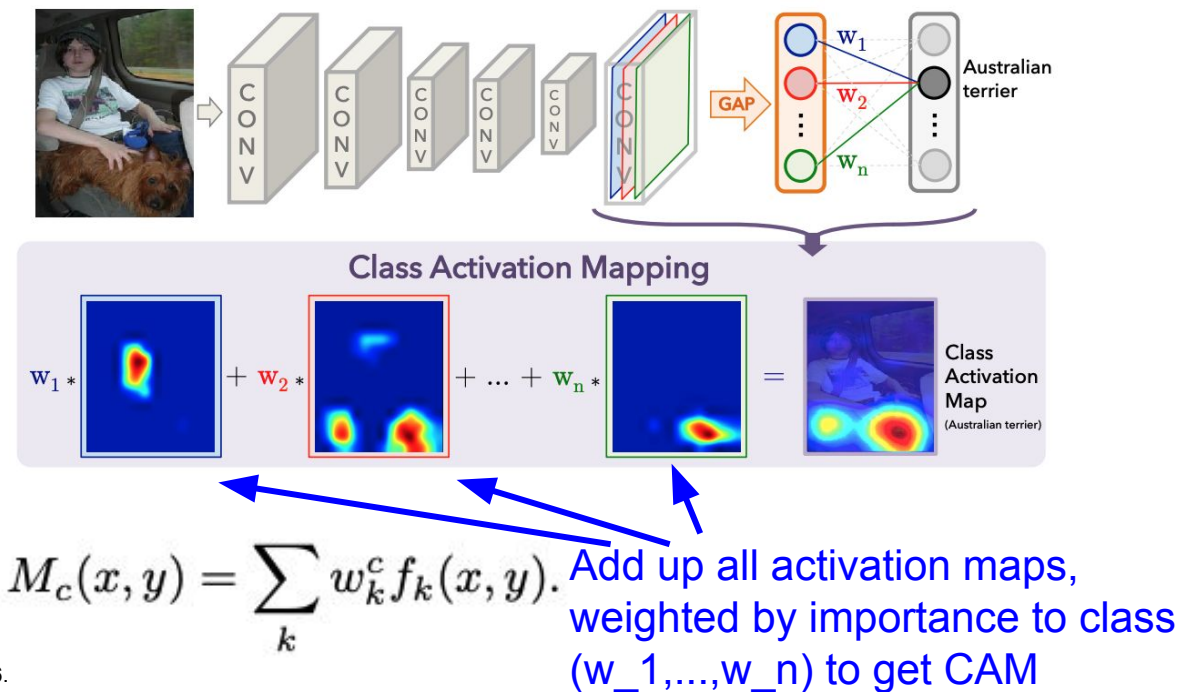


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Heat maps before GAP show the spatially localized signal that will be aggregated

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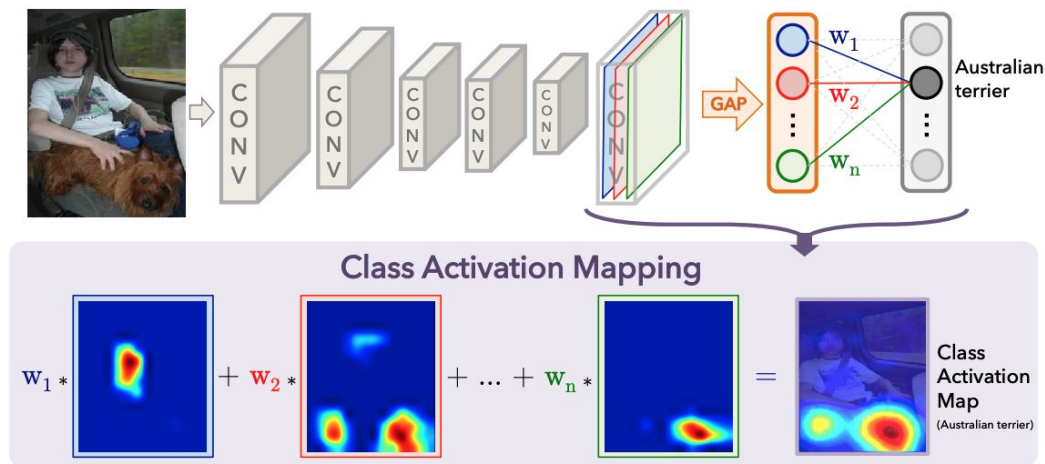
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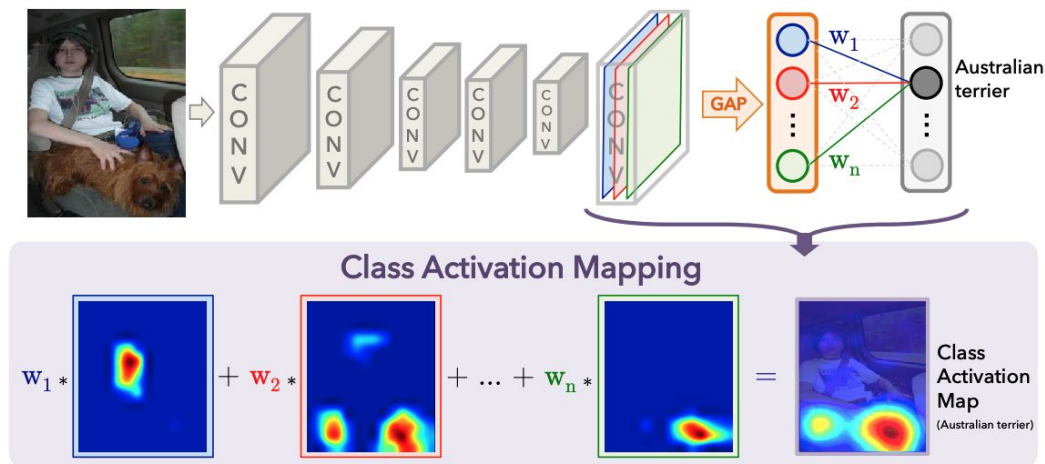


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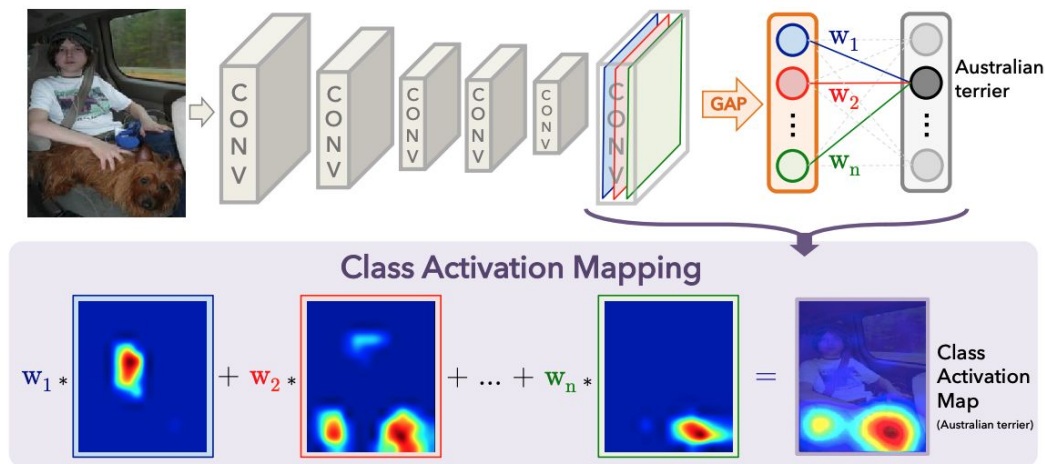


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Activation map for kth filter in layer before GAP

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Weight (importance) of kth filter activation for predicting cth class

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Selvaraju et al. Grad-CAM: Visual Explanations from Deep Networks via Gradient-based Localization, 2017.

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Gradient of prediction for cth class with respect to feature map activations A^k of a convolutional layer

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Weight (importance) of k th neuron in the CNN layer, for predicting the c th class

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$$L_{\text{Grad-CAM}}^c = \text{ReLU} \left(\underbrace{\sum_k \alpha_k^c A^k}_{\text{linear combination}} \right)$$


“Saliency” heatmap for the c th class is based on weighting a layer’s activation map for each neuron by the importance of that neuron for predicting the class

Rajpurkar et al. 2017

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- 121-layer DenseNet CNN
- Compared algorithm performance with 4 radiologists
- Also applied algorithm to other diseases to surpass previous state-of-the-art on ChestX-ray14



Input

Chest X-Ray Image

CheXNet

121-layer CNN

Output

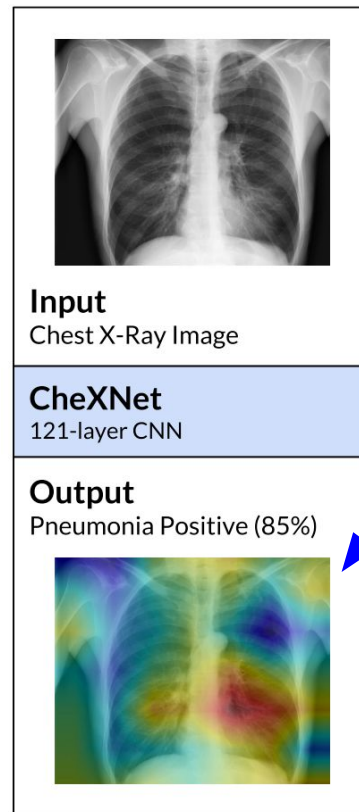
Pneumonia Positive (85%)



Rajpurkar et al. CheXNet: Radiologist-Level Pneumonia Detection on Chest X-Rays with Deep Learning. 2017.

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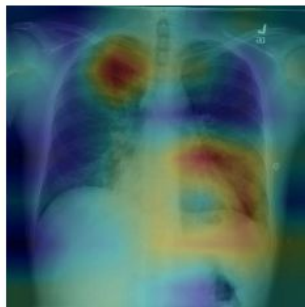
- Also showed CAM visualizations of predictions for other pathologies

Pathology	Wang et al. (2017)	Yao et al. (2017)	CheXNet (ours)
Atelectasis	0.716	0.772	0.8094
Cardiomegaly	0.807	0.904	0.9248
Effusion	0.784	0.859	0.8638
Infiltration	0.609	0.695	0.7345
Mass	0.706	0.792	0.8676
Nodule	0.671	0.717	0.7802
Pneumonia	0.633	0.713	0.7680
Pneumothorax	0.806	0.841	0.8887
Consolidation	0.708	0.788	0.7901
Edema	0.835	0.882	0.8878
Emphysema	0.815	0.829	0.9371
Fibrosis	0.769	0.767	0.8047
Pleural Thickening	0.708	0.765	0.8062
Hernia	0.767	0.914	0.9164

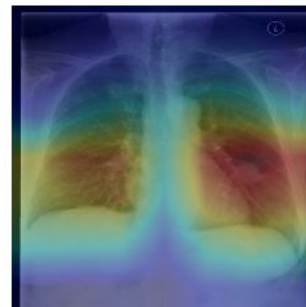
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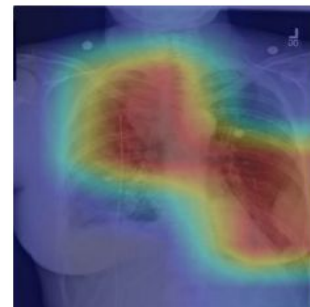
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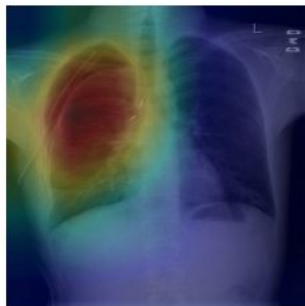
(a) Patient with multifocal community acquired pneumonia. The model correctly detects the airspace disease in the left lower and right upper lobes to arrive at the pneumonia diagnosis.



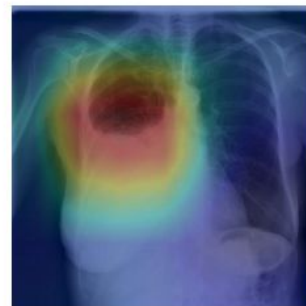
(b) Patient with a left lung nodule. The model identifies the left lower lobe lung nodule and correctly classifies the pathology.



(c) Patient with primary lung malignancy and two large masses, one in the left lower lobe and one in the right upper lobe adjacent to the mediastinum. The model correctly identifies both masses in the X-ray.



(d) Patient with a right-sided pneumothorax and chest tube. The model detects the abnormal lung to correctly predict the presence of pneumothorax (collapsed lung).



(e) Patient with a large right pleural effusion (fluid in the pleural space). The model correctly labels the effusion and focuses on the right lower chest.

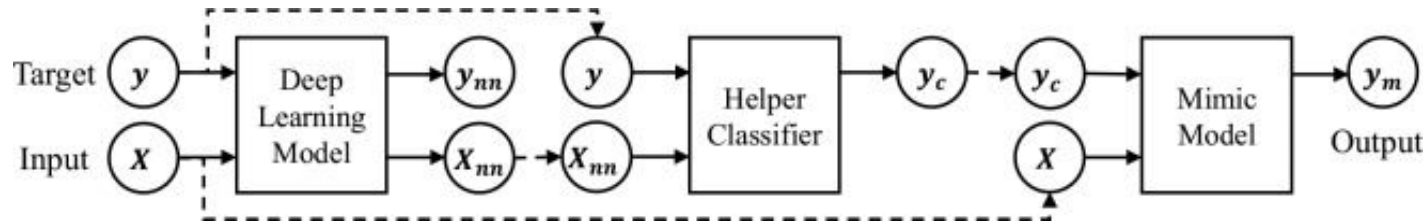


(f) Patient with congestive heart failure and cardiomegaly (enlarged heart). The model correctly identifies the enlarged cardiac silhouette.

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A different type of approach: “distill” a complex neural network to an interpretable decision tree

- Che et al. 2017: distill deep neural network for ICU outcome prediction into an interpretable gradient boosting trees model (called mimic model)
- Benefits of distillation: 1) DNN can learn to correct for errors and noise in training data; 2) classification probabilities from DNN give “soft labels” containing more information; 3) Mimic approach can also be seen as a regularization on more complex DNN



Che et al. Interpretable Deep Models for ICU Outcome Prediction, 2016.

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Methods		MOR (Mortality)		VFD (Ventilator Free Days)	
		AUROC	AUPRC	AUROC	AUPRC
Baselines	SVM	0.6437 ± 0.024	0.3408 ± 0.034	0.7251 ± 0.023	0.7901 ± 0.019
	LR	0.6915 ± 0.027	0.3736 ± 0.038	0.7592 ± 0.021	0.8142 ± 0.019
	DT	0.6024 ± 0.013	0.4369 ± 0.016	0.5794 ± 0.022	0.7570 ± 0.012
	GBT	0.7196 ± 0.023	0.4171 ± 0.040	0.7528 ± 0.017	0.8037 ± 0.018
Deep Models	DNN	0.7266 ± 0.089	0.4117 ± 0.122	0.7752 ± 0.054	0.8341 ± 0.042
	GRU	0.7666 ± 0.063	0.4587 ± 0.104	0.7723 ± 0.053	0.8131 ± 0.058
	DNN + GRU	0.7813 ± 0.028	0.4874 ± 0.051	0.7896 ± 0.019	0.8397 ± 0.018
Best Mimic Model		0.7898 ± 0.030	0.4766 ± 0.050	0.7889 ± 0.018	0.8324 ± 0.016

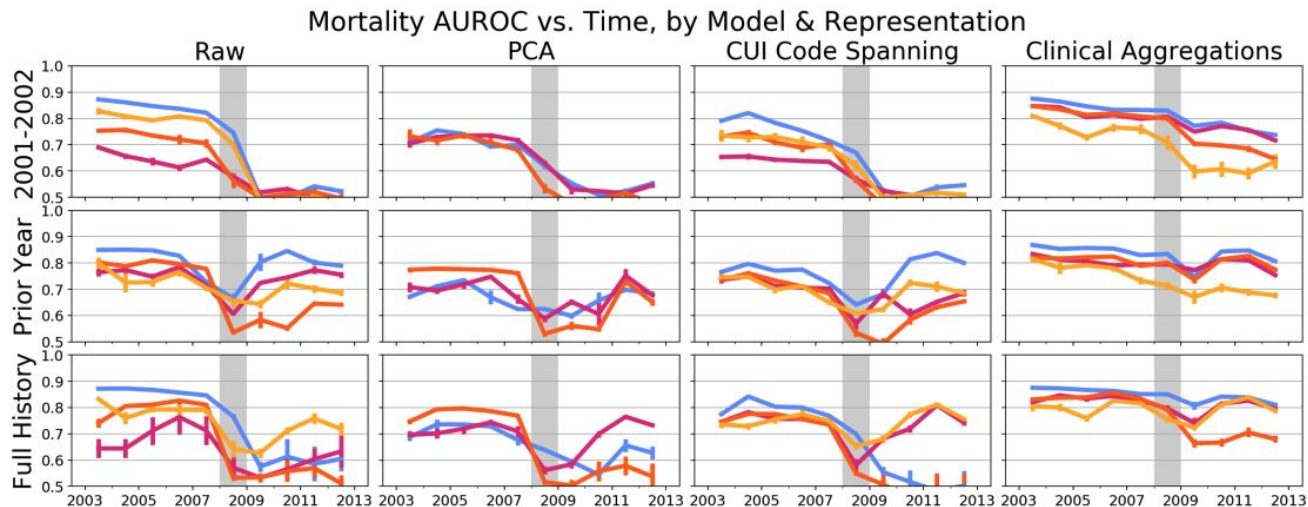
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When can we trust the model?

- Notion of **uncertainty**: models can be more or less confident about a given prediction. Model confidences are also sometimes more trustworthy than at other times. Interpretability and explainability of the model gives indications of how the model arrived at its conclusion.
- Notion of **robustness**: models may behave differently under different settings (e.g. shift in the distribution of patient population / data). We may not be able to trust the model's outputs in the same way under some of these. Can we quantify how the model may perform under different settings, and make it “robust” under different settings that we care about?

Nestor et al. 2019

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Nestor et al. Feature Robustness in Non-stationary Health Records: Caveats to Deployable Model Performance in Common Clinical Machine Learning Tasks, 2019.

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Ideas like distributionally robust optimization minimize worst-case training loss over a set of groups (data distributions)

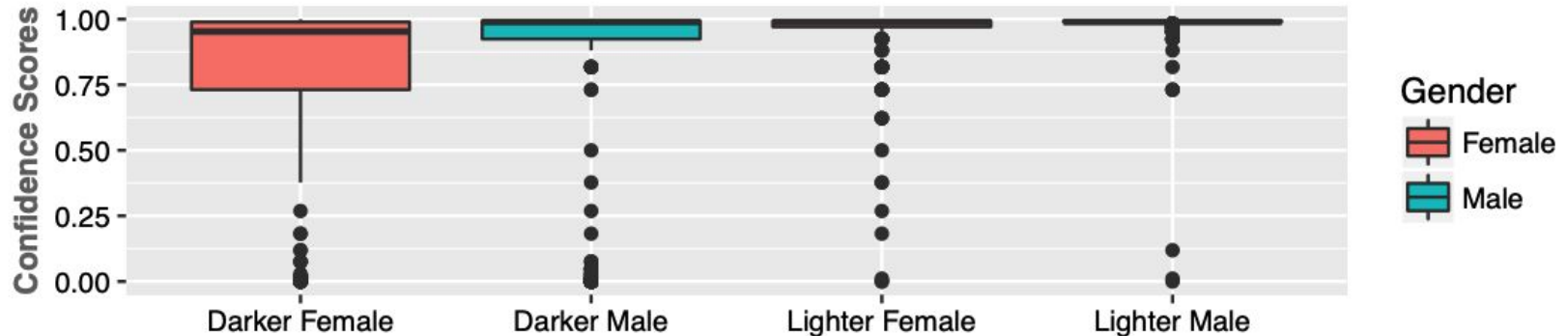
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- How to handle machine error vs. human error?
- How to make sure AI algorithms don't (perhaps inadvertently) discriminate against certain populations?
- How to handle tradeoffs between algorithmic performance on some groups vs. others?

Algorithmic bias

- Algorithm may perform better for one population vs. other, due to e.g. biases in training data or model
- E.g. Buolamwini and Gebru 2018: analysis of commercial gender classification systems by race

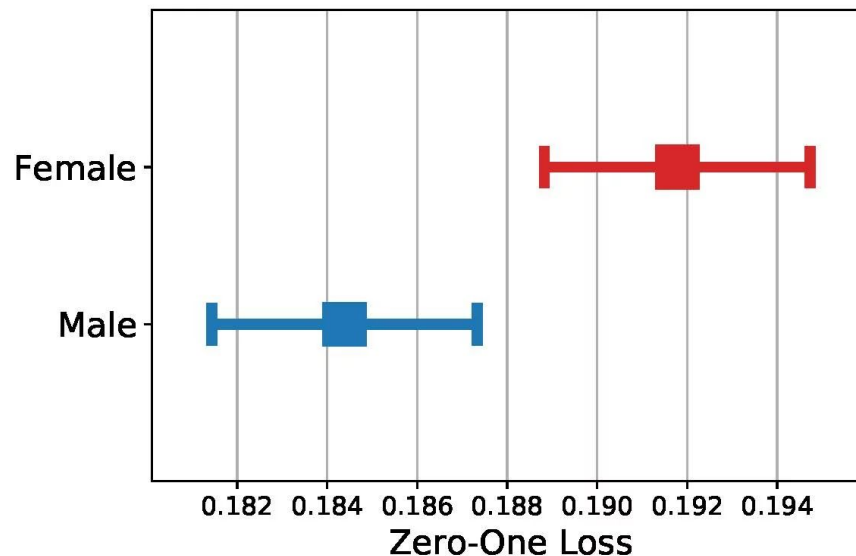


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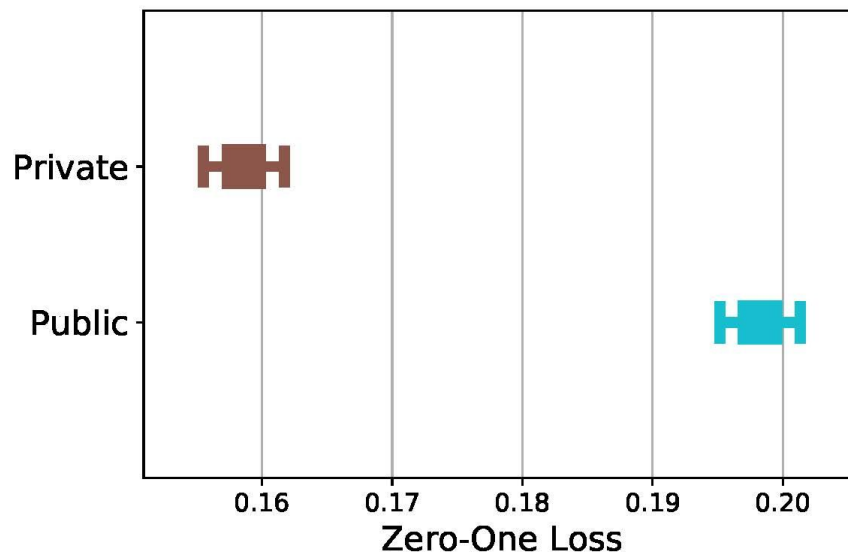


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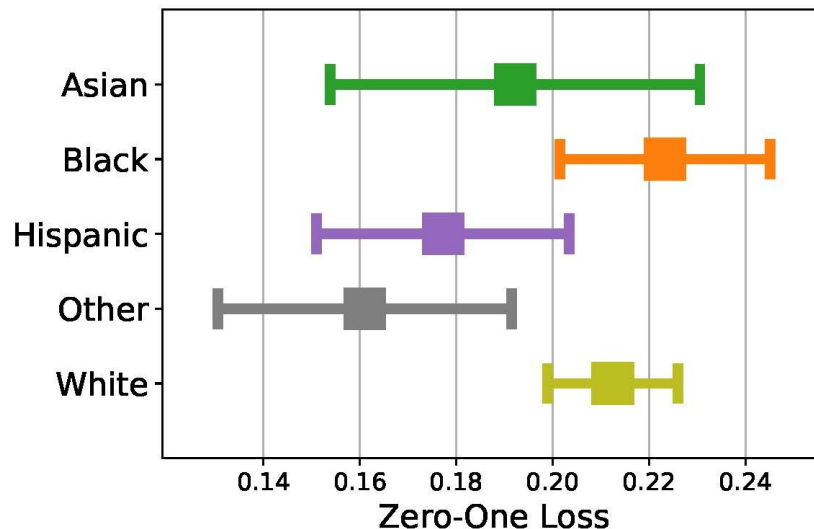


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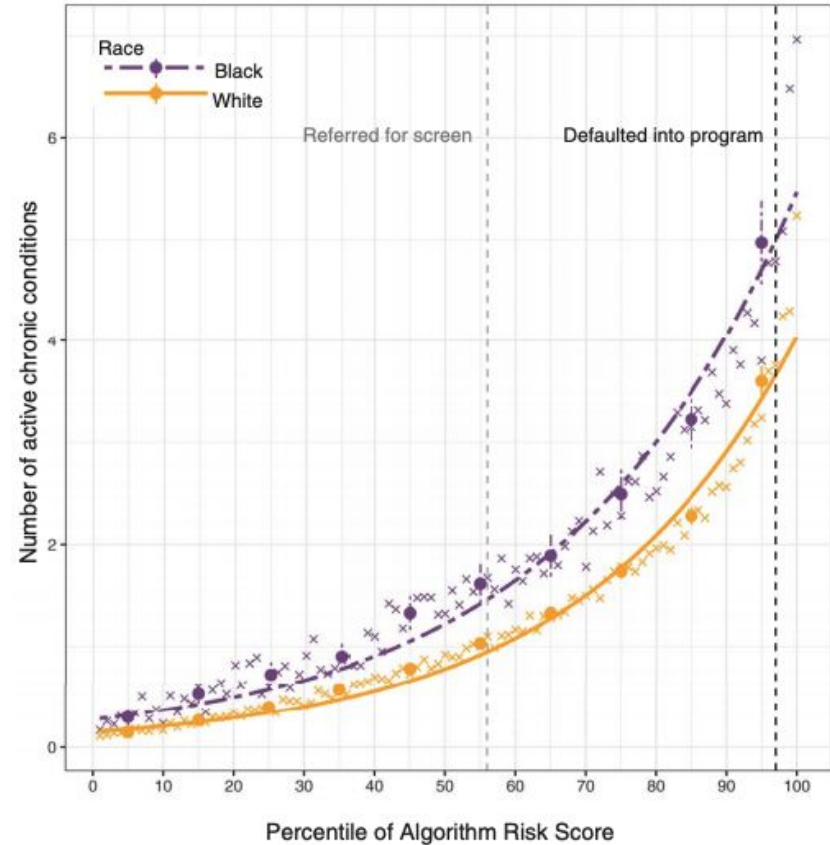
Error rate for predicting
30-day psychiatric
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Obermeyer et al. 2019

- Finding that algorithm for allocating high-risk patients (complex medical needs) to special programs are less likely to refer black people vs. white people
- Algorithm used prediction of anticipated healthcare cost as a measure of complexity. But in training data, black patients had less healthcare cost for the same severity of sickness, due to less access to care
- Using other variables to predict risk reduced bias



Obermeyer et al. Dissecting racial bias in an algorithm used to manage the health of populations, 2019.

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Cannot satisfy all of these simultaneously: satisfying “fairness” according to one definition generally leads to a trade-off respect to another definition!

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- Documentation accompanying trained models to detail performance characteristics

Model Card - Smiling Detection in Images

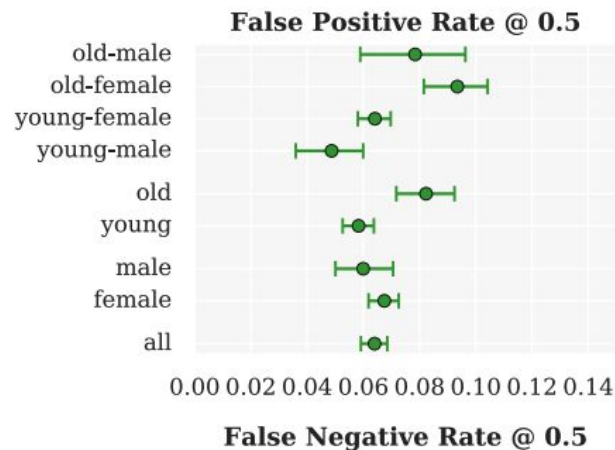
Model Details

- Developed by researchers at Google and the University of Toronto, 2018, v1.
- Convolutional Neural Net.
- Pretrained for face recognition then fine-tuned with cross-entropy loss for binary smiling classification.

Intended Use

- Intended to be used for fun applications, such as creating cartoon smiles on real images; augmentative applications, such as providing details for people who are blind; or assisting applications such as automatically finding smiling photos.
- Particularly intended for younger audiences.
- Not suitable for emotion detection or determining affect; smiles were annotated based on physical appearance, and not underlying emotions.

Quantitative Analyses



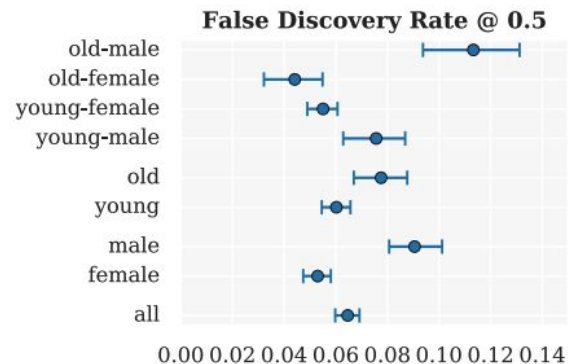
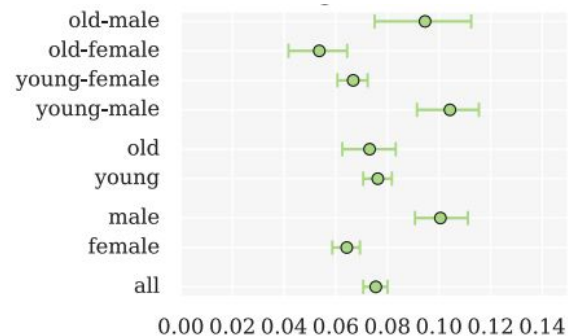
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Factors

- Based on known problems with computer vision face technology, potential relevant factors include groups for gender, age, race, and Fitzpatrick skin type; hardware factors of camera type and lens type; and environmental factors of lighting and humidity.
- Evaluation factors are gender and age group, as annotated in the publicly available dataset CelebA [36]. Further possible factors not currently available in a public smiling dataset. Gender and age determined by third-party annotators based on visual presentation, following a set of examples of male/female gender and young/old age. Further details available in [36].

Metrics

- Evaluation metrics include **False Positive Rate** and **False Negative Rate** to measure disproportionate model performance errors across subgroups. **False Discovery Rate** and **False Omission Rate**, which measure the fraction of negative (not smiling) and positive (smiling) predictions that are incorrectly predicted to be positive and negative, respectively, are also reported. [48]
- Together, these four metrics provide values for different errors that can be calculated from the confusion matrix for binary classification systems.
- These also correspond to metrics in recent definitions of “fairness” in machine learning (cf. [6, 26]), where parity across subgroups for different metrics corre-



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Training Data

- CelebA [36], training data split.

Ethical Considerations

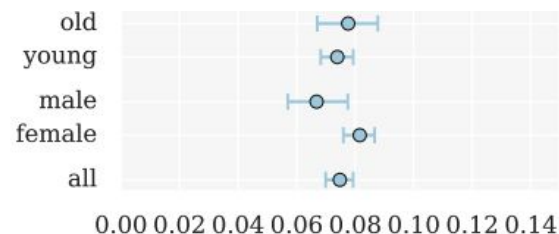
- Faces and annotations based on public figures (celebrities). No new information is inferred or annotated.

Caveats and Recommendations

- Does not capture race or skin type, which has been reported as a source of disproportionate errors [5].
- Given gender classes are binary (male/not male), which we include as male/female. Further work needed to evaluate across a spectrum of genders.
- An ideal evaluation dataset would additionally include annotations for Fitzpatrick skin type, camera details, and environment (lighting/humidity) details.

Evaluation Data

- CelebA [36], test data split.
- Chosen as a basic proof-of-concept.



Gebru 2020: Datasheets for Datasets

A Database for Studying Face Recognition in Unconstrained Environments

Labeled Faces in the Wild

Motivation

For what purpose was the dataset created? Was there a specific task in mind? Was there a specific gap that needed to be filled? Please provide a description.

Labeled Faces in the Wild was created to provide images that can be used to study face recognition in the unconstrained setting where image characteristics (such as pose, illumination, resolution, focus), subject demographic makeup (such as age, gender, race) or appearance (such as hairstyle, makeup, clothing) cannot be controlled. The dataset was created for the specific task of pair matching: given a pair of images each containing a face, determine whether or not the images are of the same person.¹

Who created this dataset (e.g., which team, research group) and on behalf of which entity (e.g., company, institution, organization)?

The initial version of the dataset was created by Gary B. Huang, Manu Ramesh, Tamara Berg, and Erik Learned-Miller, most of whom were researchers at the University of Massachusetts

The dataset does not contain all possible instances. There are no known relationships between instances except for the fact that they are all individuals who appeared in news sources on line, and some individuals appear in multiple pairs.

What data does each instance consist of? "Raw" data (e.g., unprocessed text or images) or features? In either case, please provide a description.

Each instance contains a pair of images that are 250 by 250 pixels in JPEG 2.0 format.

Is there a label or target associated with each instance? If so, please provide a description.

Each image is accompanied by a label indicating the name of the person in the image.

Is any information missing from individual instances? If so, please provide a description, explaining why this information is missing (e.g., because it was unavailable). This does not include intentionally removed information, but might include, e.g., redacted text.

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