

The Mathematics of Deep Learning

Part 1: Continuous-time Theory

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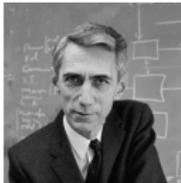
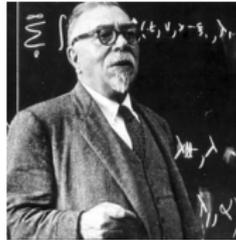
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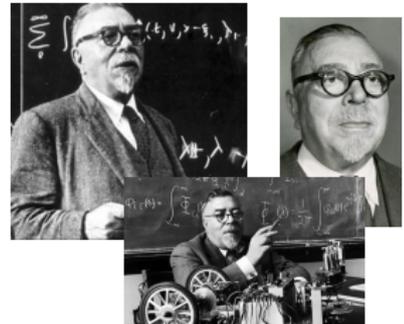
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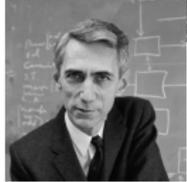


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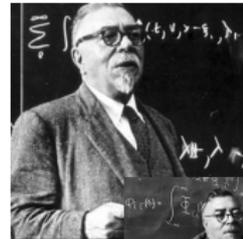
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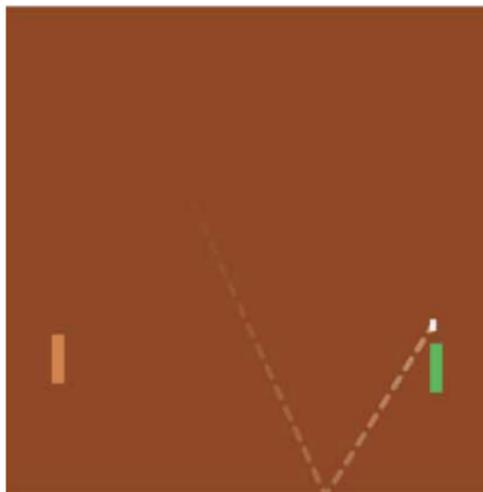
Feature extraction through deep convolutional
neural networks (DCNs)

Go!



DCNs beat Go-champion Lee Sedol [Silver et al., 2016]

Atari games



DCNs beat professional human Atari-players [Mnih et al., 2015]

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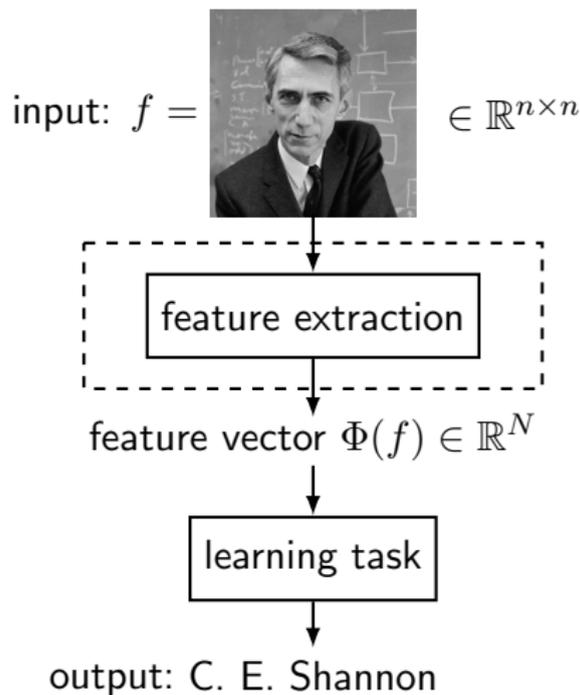


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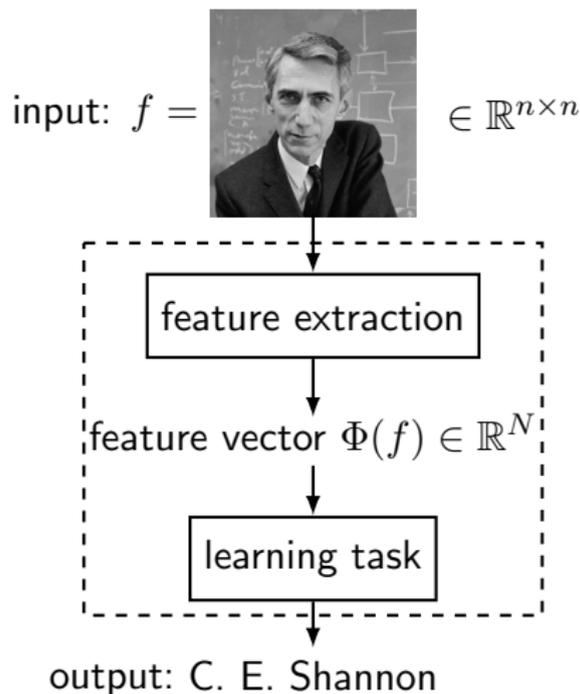
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- ii) to perform feature extraction *and* the learning task directly [*LeCun et al., 1990*]



Why are DCNs so successful?

“It is the guiding principle of many applied mathematicians that if something mathematical works really well, there must be a good underlying mathematical reason for it, and we ought to be able to understand it.” [*J. Daubechies, 2015*]

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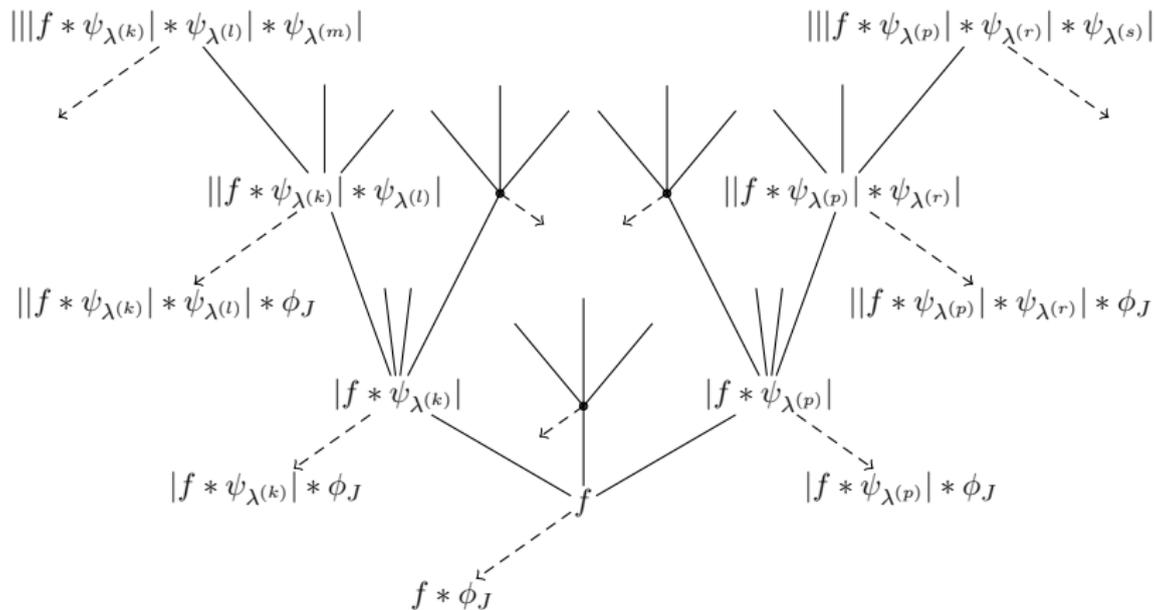


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Different handwriting styles correspond to deformations of signals
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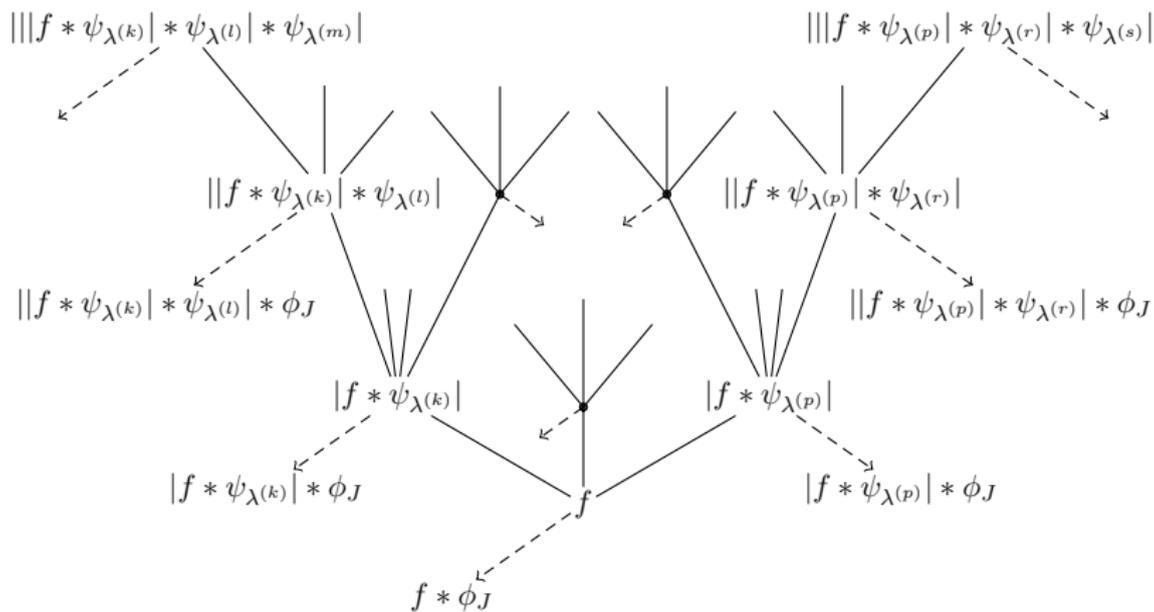
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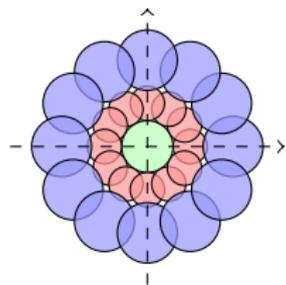


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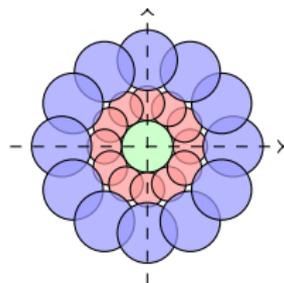


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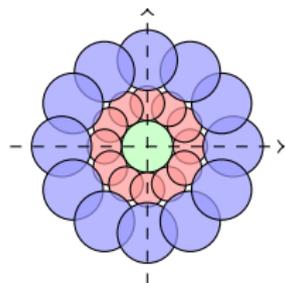


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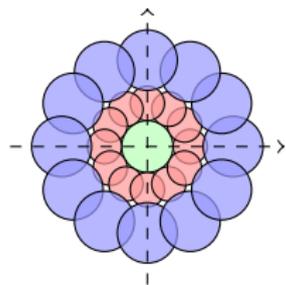


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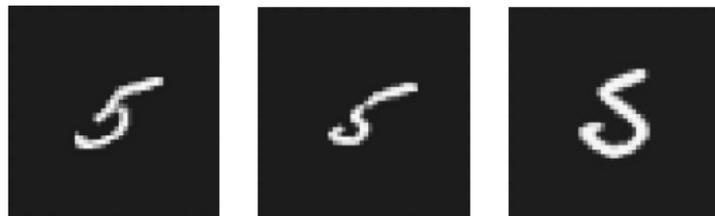
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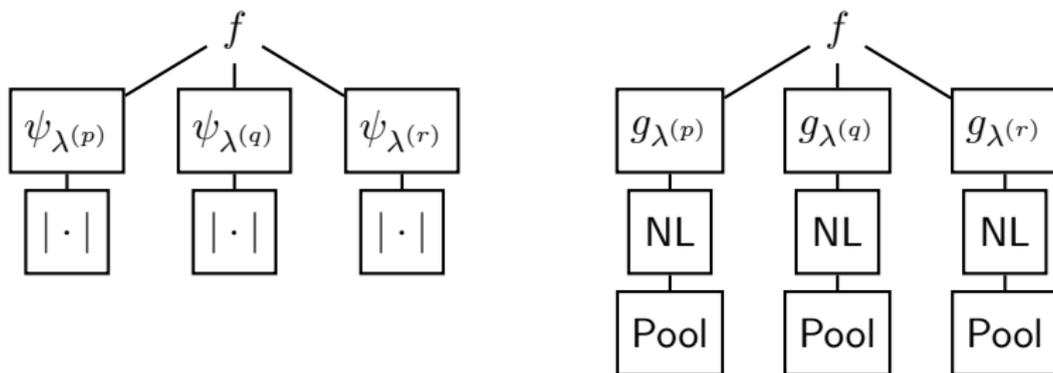
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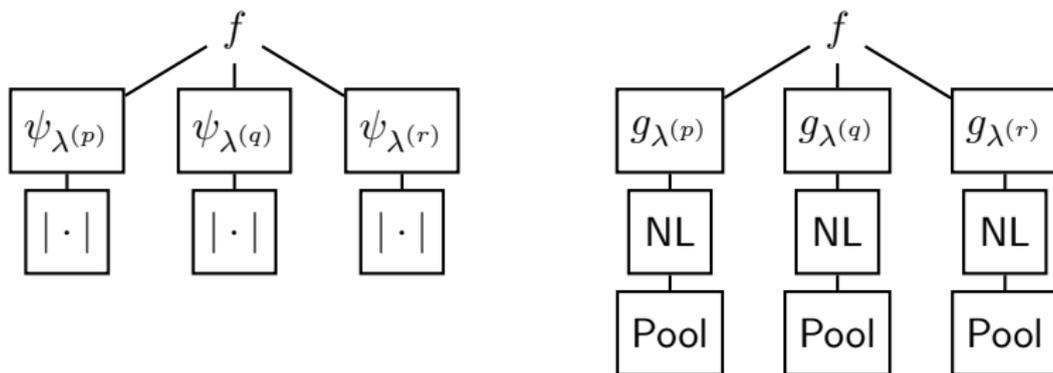


General DCNs employ a wide variety of filters g_{λ}

- pre-specified and structured (e.g., wavelets [[Serre et al., 2005](#)])
- pre-specified and unstructured (e.g., random filters [[Jarrett et al., 2009](#)])
- learned in a supervised [[Huang and LeCun, 2006](#)] or an unsupervised [[Ranzato et al., 2007](#)] fashion

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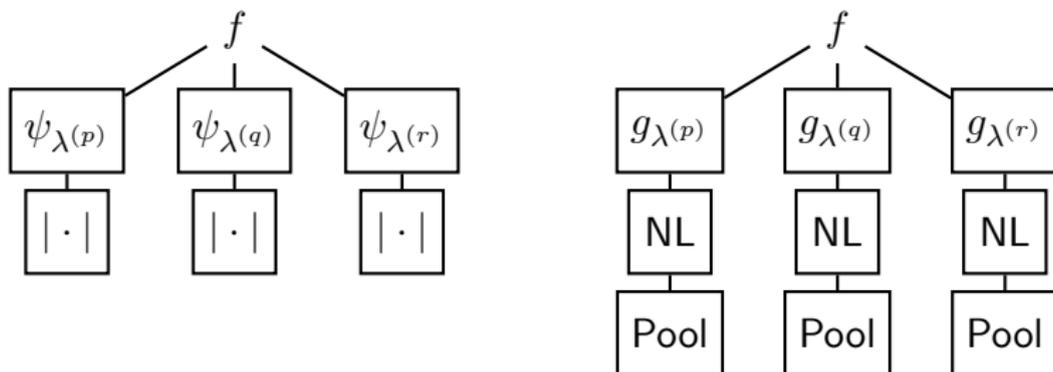


General DCNs employ a wide variety of non-linearities

- modulus [*Mutch and Lowe, 2006*]
- hyperbolic tangent [*Huang and LeCun, 2006*]
- rectified linear unit [*Nair and Hinton, 2010*]
- logistic sigmoid [*Glorot and Bengio, 2010*]

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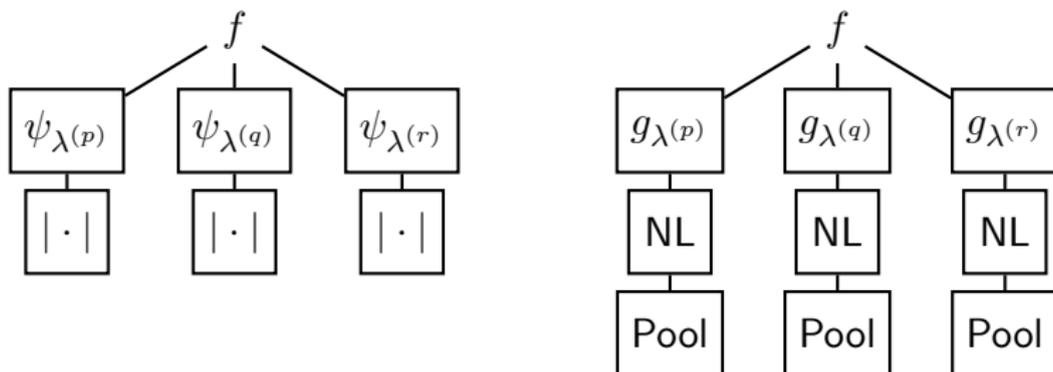


General DCNs employ intra-layer pooling

- sub-sampling [*Pinto et al., 2008*]
- average pooling [*Jarrett et al., 2009*]
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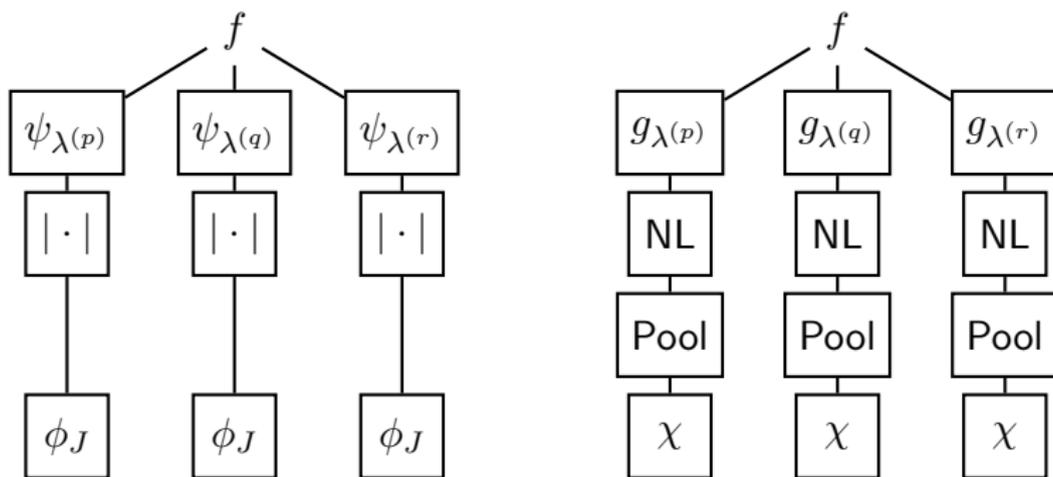
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General DCNs employ different filters, non-linearities, and pooling operations in different network layers [LeCun et al., 2015]

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General DCNs employ various output filters [*He et al., 2015*]

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Let $\{g_\lambda\}_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \subseteq L^1(\mathbb{R}^d) \cap L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$ be indexed by a countable set Λ .
The collection

$$\Psi_\Lambda := \{T_b I g_\lambda\}_{(\lambda, b) \in \Lambda \times \mathbb{R}^d}$$

is a semi-discrete frame for $L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$, if there exist constants $A, B > 0$ such that

$$A \|f\|_2^2 \leq \sum_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |\langle f, T_b I g_\lambda \rangle|^2 db = \sum_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \|f * g_\lambda\|_2^2 \leq B \|f\|_2^2,$$

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- Λ is typically a collection of scales, directions, or frequency shifts

General non-linearities

Observation: Essentially all non-linearities $M : L^2(\mathbb{R}^d) \rightarrow L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$ employed in the deep learning literature are

i) pointwise, i.e.,

$$(Mf)(x) = \rho(f(x)), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^d,$$

for some $\rho : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$,

ii) Lipschitz-continuous, i.e.,

$$\|M(f) - M(h)\| \leq L\|f - h\|, \quad \forall f, h, \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^d),$$

for some $L > 0$,

iii) satisfy $M(f) = 0$ for $f = 0$.

Incorporating pooling by sub-sampling

Pooling by sub-sampling can be emulated in continuous-time by the (unitary) dilation operator

$$f \mapsto R^{d/2} f(R \cdot), \quad f \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^d),$$

where $R \geq 1$ is the sub-sampling factor.

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$$q = (\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n) \in \Lambda_1 \times \Lambda_2 \times \dots \times \Lambda_n := \Lambda_1^n, \quad n \in \mathbb{N},$$

according to

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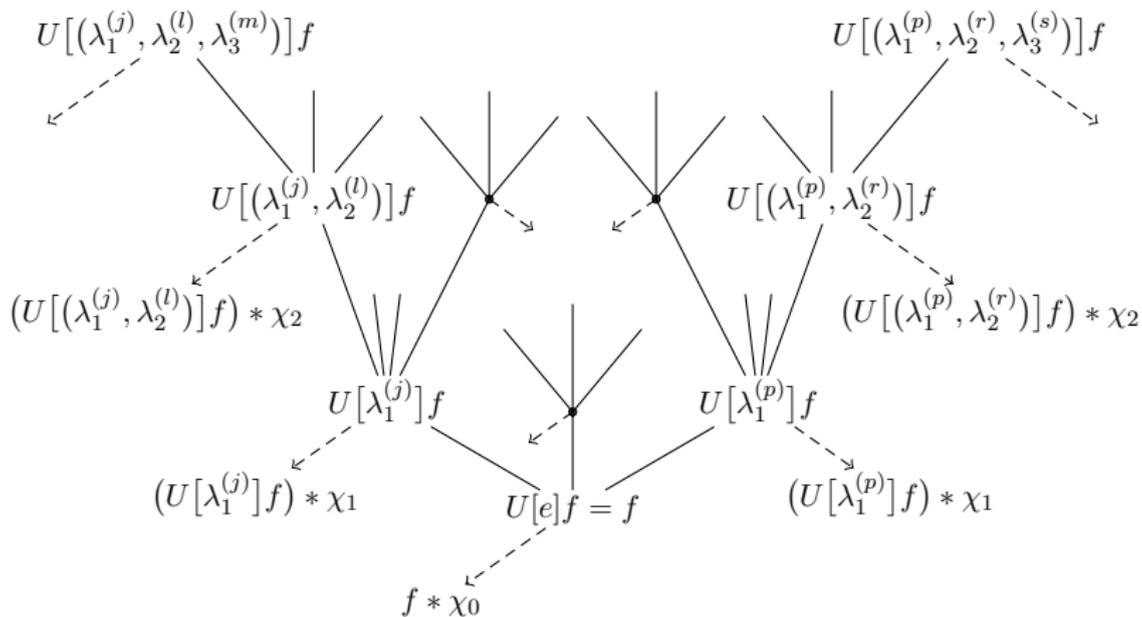
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- Here, designate one of the atoms $\{g_{\lambda_n}\}_{\lambda_n \in \Lambda_n}$ as the output-generating atom $\chi_{n-1} := g_{\lambda_n^*}$, $\lambda_n^* \in \Lambda_n$, of the $(n-1)$ -th layer.
 \Rightarrow The atoms $\{g_{\lambda_n}\}_{\lambda_n \in \Lambda_n \setminus \{\lambda_n^*\}} \cup \{\chi_{n-1}\}$ are used across two consecutive layers!

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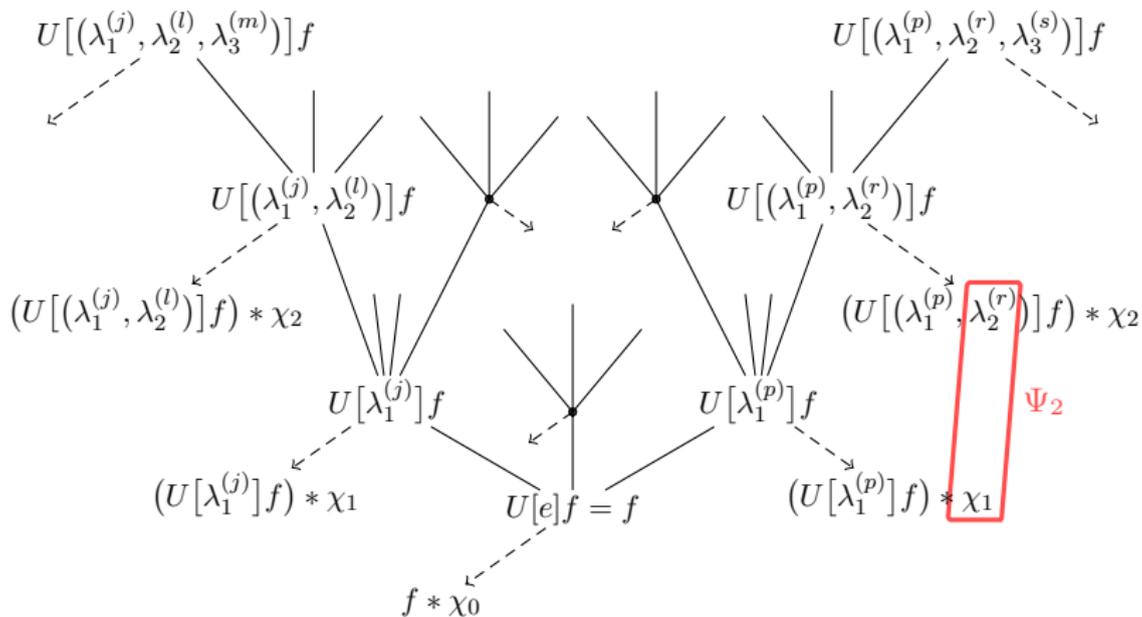
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Theorem (Wiatowski and HB, 2015)

Assume that $\Omega = ((\Psi_n, M_n, R_n))_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ satisfies the admissibility condition $B_n \leq \min\{1, L_n^{-2}\}$, for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. If there exists a constant $K > 0$ such that

$$|\widehat{\chi}_n(\omega)| |\omega| \leq K, \quad \text{a.e. } \omega \in \mathbb{R}^d, \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}_0,$$

then

$$\|\Phi_\Omega^n(T_t f) - \Phi_\Omega^n(f)\| \leq \frac{2\pi|t|K}{R_1 \dots R_n} \|f\|_2,$$

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- features become more invariant with increasing network depth
- applies to general filters, general non-linearities, and pooling through sub-sampling

Deformation sensitivity bounds

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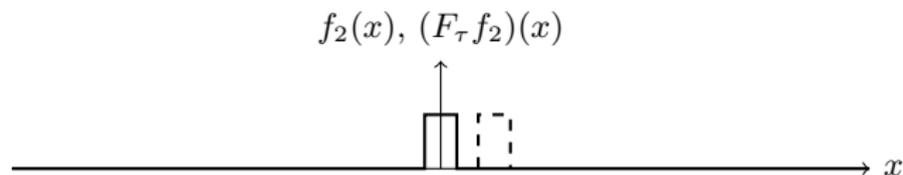
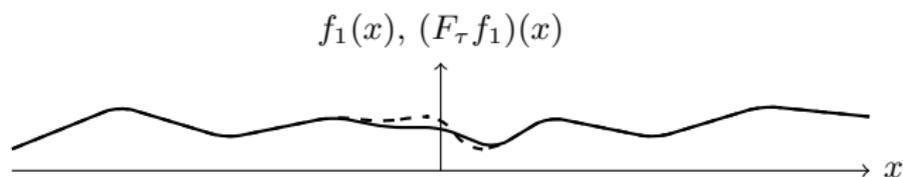
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where $H_W := \{f \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^d) \mid \|f\|_W < \infty\}$ with

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Deformation sensitivity for signal classes

Consider $(F_\tau f)(x) = f(x - \tau(x)) = f(x - e^{-x^2})$



For given τ the amount of deformation induced can depend drastically on $f \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$

Deformation sensitivity bounds: Band-limited signals

Theorem (Wiatowski and HB, 2015)

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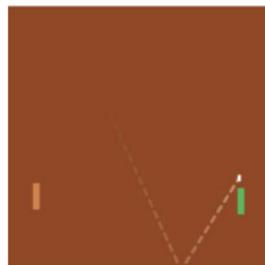


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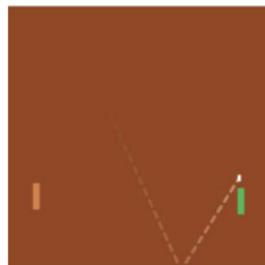


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Take into account structural properties of natural images.

⇒ consider cartoon functions [Donoho, 2001]

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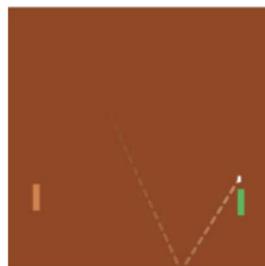


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The class of cartoon functions of maximal size $K > 0$:

$$\mathcal{C}_{\text{CART}}^K := \{f_1 + \mathbb{1}_B f_2 \mid f_i \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^d) \cap C^1(\mathbb{R}^d, \mathbb{C}), i = 1, 2, \\ |\nabla f_i(x)| \leq K(1 + |x|^2)^{-d/2}, \text{vol}^{d-1}(\partial B) \leq K, \|f_2\|_\infty \leq K\}$$

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Deformation sensitivity bounds: Lipschitz functions

Cartoon functions reduce to Lipschitz functions
upon setting $f_2 = 0$ in $f_1 + \mathbb{1}_B f_2 \in \mathcal{C}_{\text{CART}}^K$

Corollary (Grohs et al., 2016)

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Noise robustness

Lipschitz continuity of Φ_Ω according to

$$\|\Phi_\Omega(f) - \Phi_\Omega(h)\| \leq \|f - h\|_2, \quad \forall f, h \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^d),$$

also implies robustness w.r.t. additive noise $\eta \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$ according to

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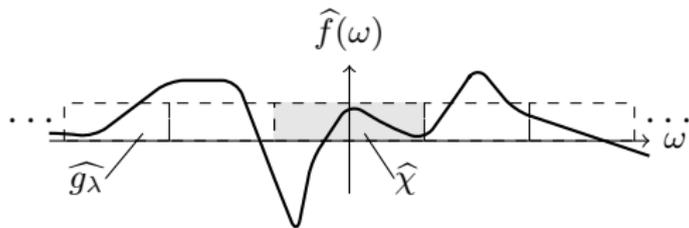
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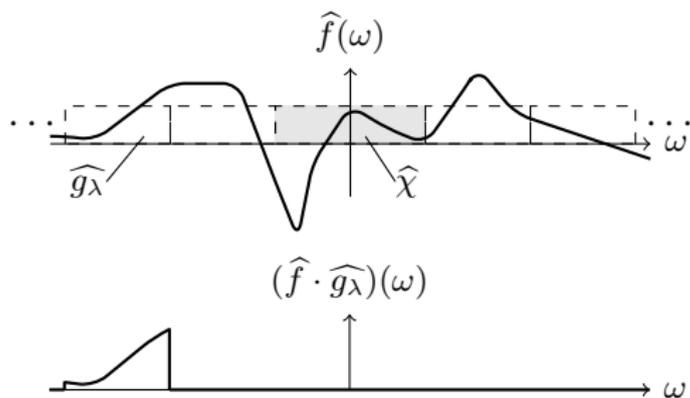
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Various structured frames satisfy conditions i)-iii)

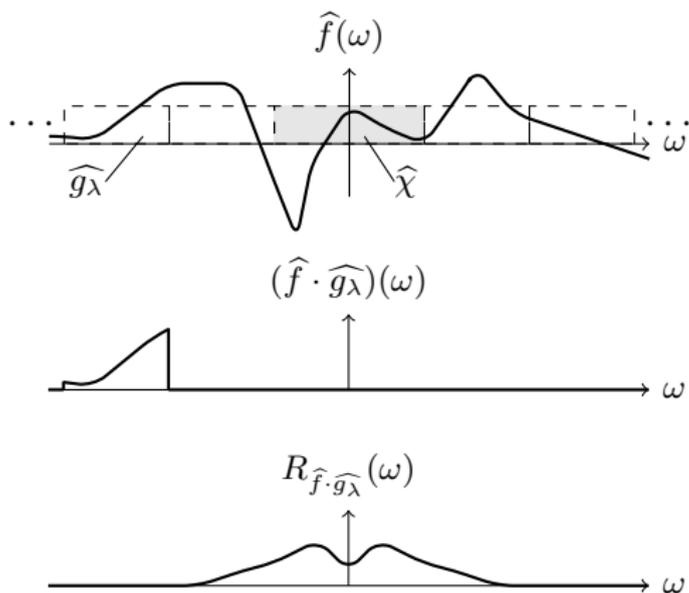
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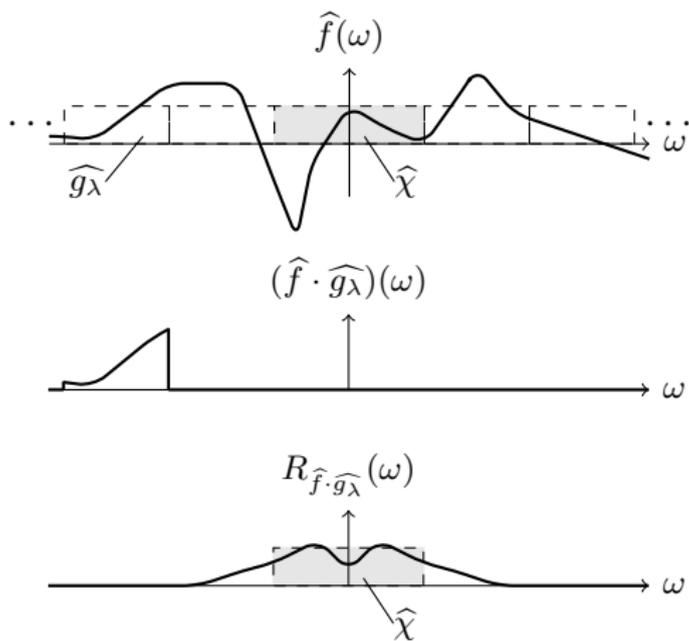
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Deep Frame Net

Open source software:

- MATLAB: <http://www.nari.ee.ethz.ch/commth/research>
- Python: Coming soon!

The Mathematics of Deep Learning

Part 2: Discrete-time Theory

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Continuous-time theory

[*Mallat, 2012*] and [*Wiatowski and HB, 2015*] developed a continuous-time theory for feature extraction through DCNs:

- translation invariance results for $L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$ -functions
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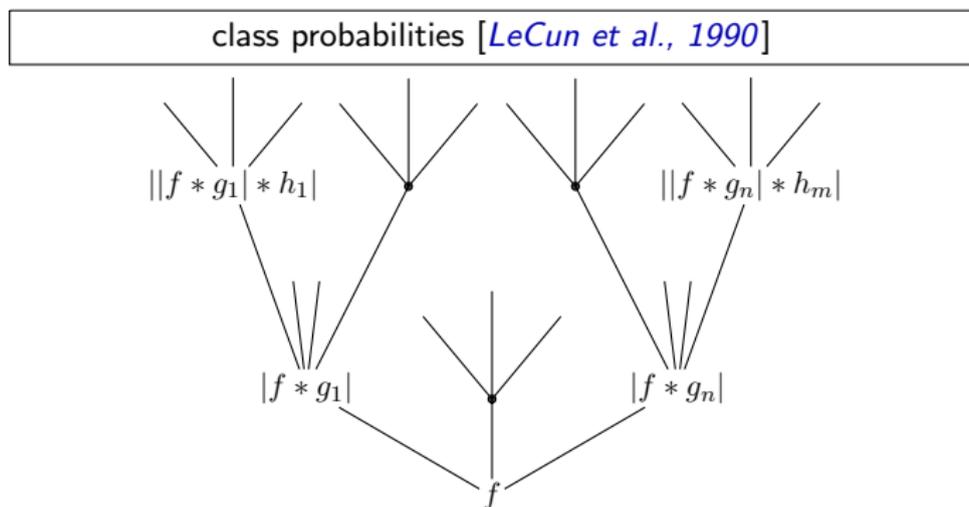
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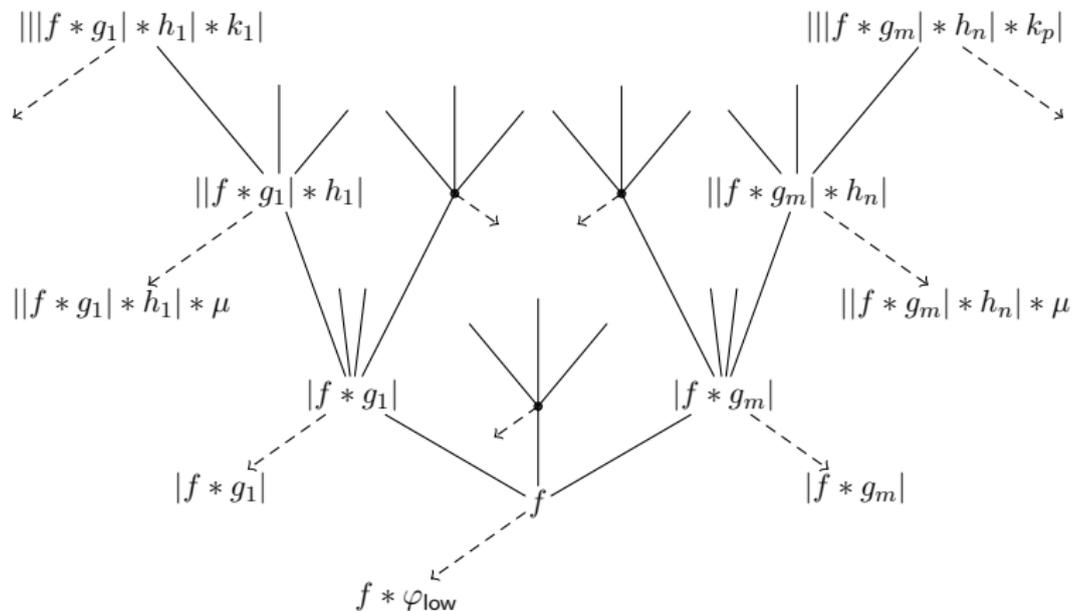
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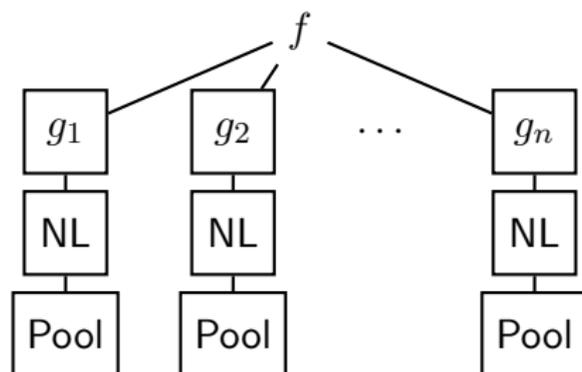
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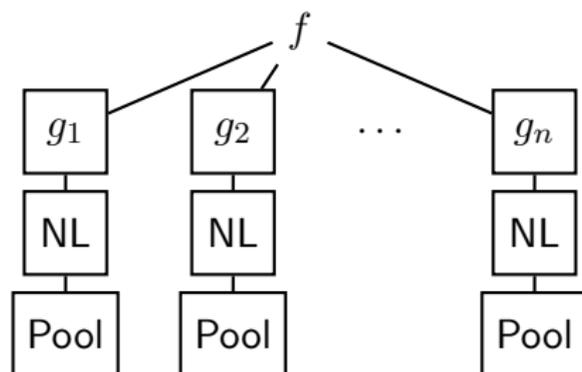


DCNs employ a wide variety of filters g_k

- pre-specified and structured (e.g., wavelets [[Serre et al., 2005](#)])
- pre-specified and unstructured (e.g., random filters [[Jarrett et al., 2009](#)])
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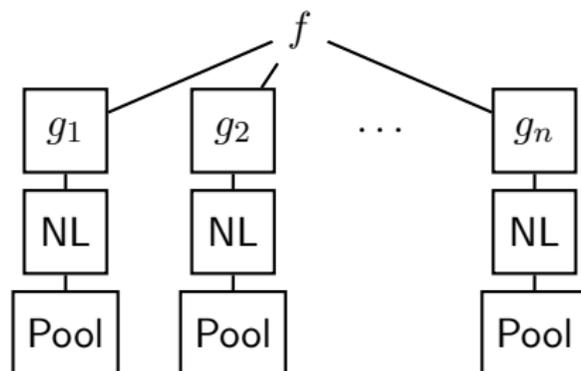


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- modulus [*Mutch and Lowe, 2006*]
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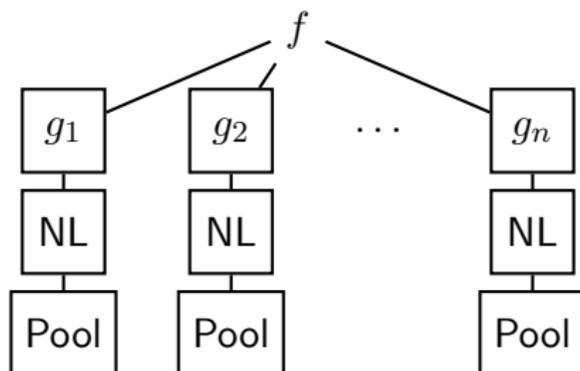


DCNs employ pooling

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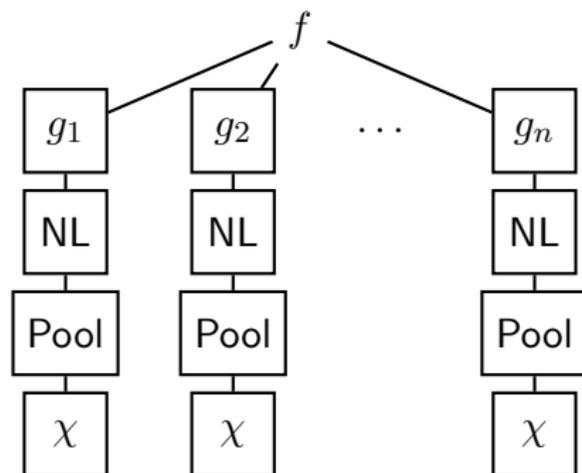
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DCNs employ different filters, non-linearities, and pooling operations in different network layers [[LeCun et al., 2015](#)]

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Which layers contribute to the network's output?

- the last layer only (e.g., class probabilities [[LeCun et al., 1990](#)])
- subset of layers (e.g., shortcut connections [[He et al., 2015](#)])
- all layers (e.g., low-pass filtering [[Bruna and Mallat, 2013](#)])

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Definitions

Signal space

$$H_N := \{f : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \mid f[n] = f[n + N], \forall n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$$

p-Norm

$$\|f\|_p := \left(\sum_{n \in I_N} |f[n]|^p \right)^{1/p}, \quad I_N := \{0, \dots, N - 1\}$$

Circular convolution

$$(f * g)[n] := \sum_{k \in I_N} f[k]g[n - k], \quad f, g \in H_N$$

Discrete Fourier transform

$$\hat{f}[k] := \sum_{n \in I_N} f[n]e^{-2\pi i kn/N}, \quad f \in H_N$$

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$$\Psi_\Lambda := \{T_n I g_\lambda\}_{(\lambda, n) \in \Lambda \times I_N}$$

is a shift-invariant frame for H_N , if there exist constants $A, B > 0$ such that

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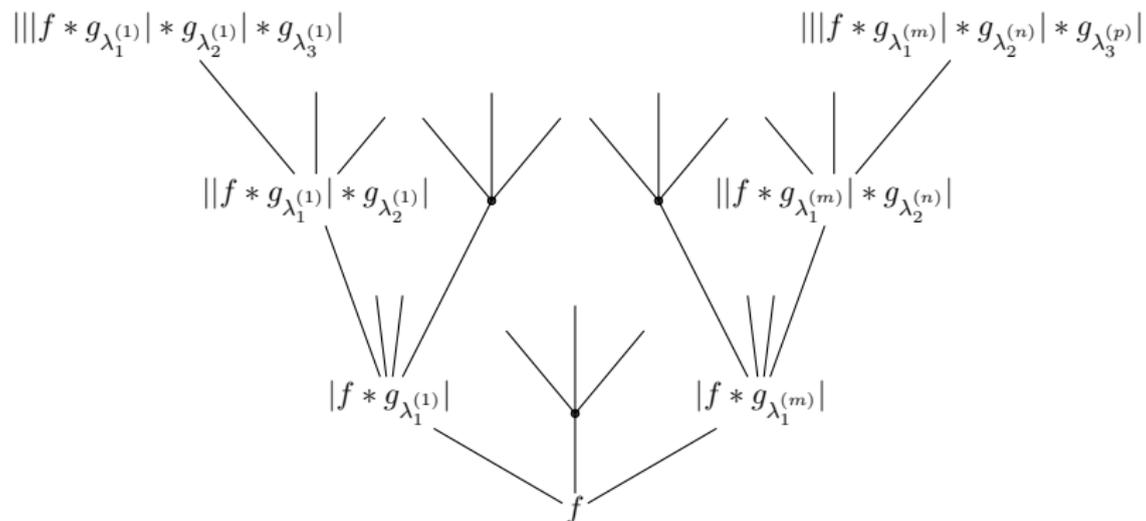
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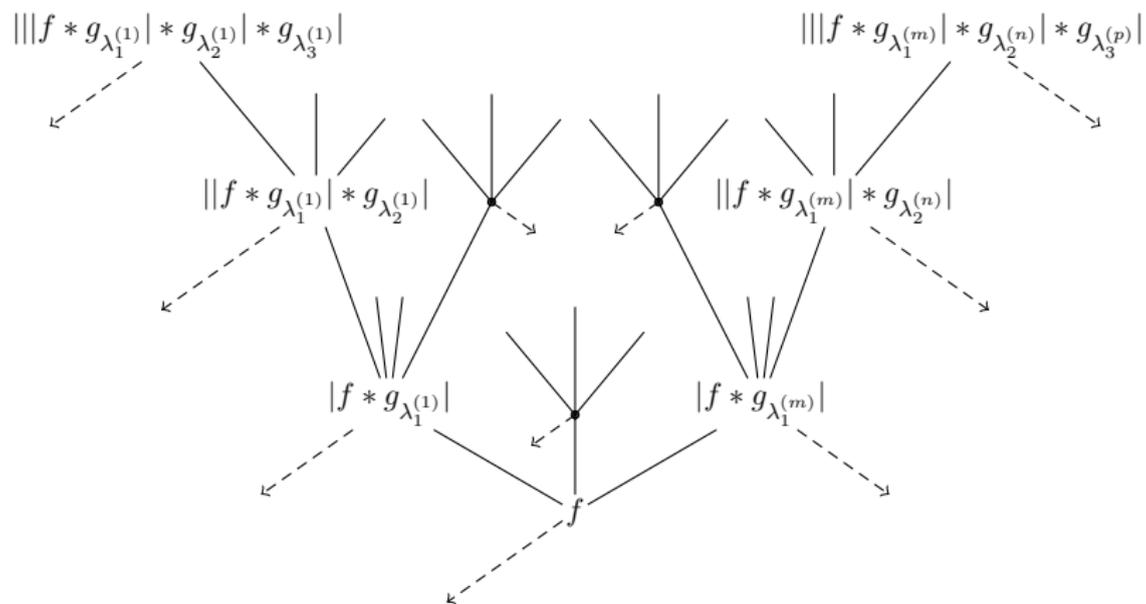
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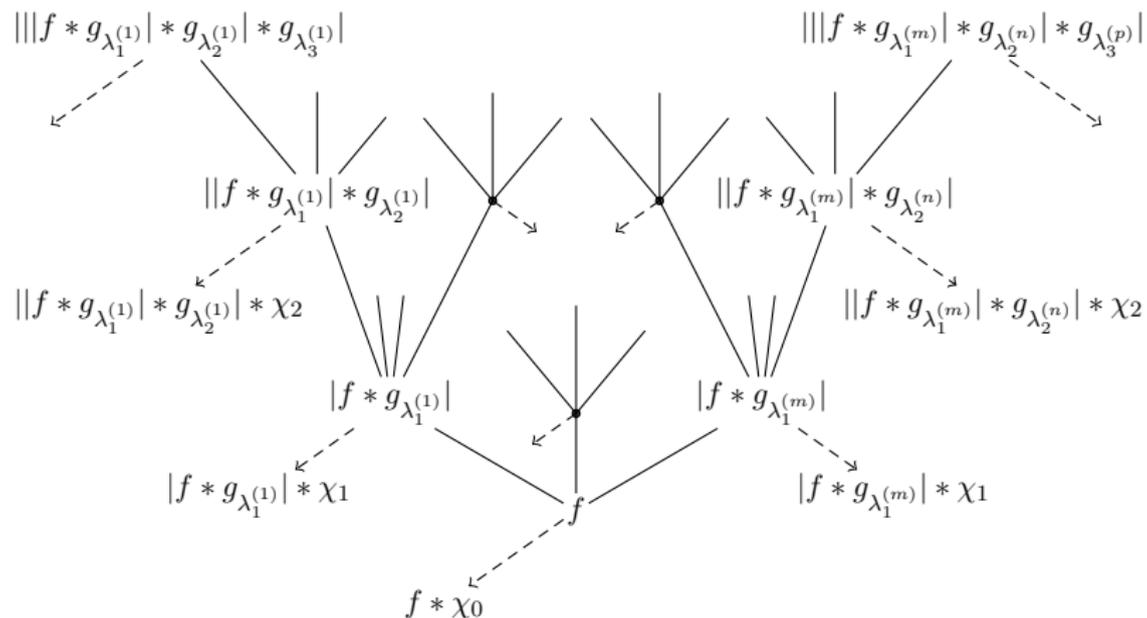


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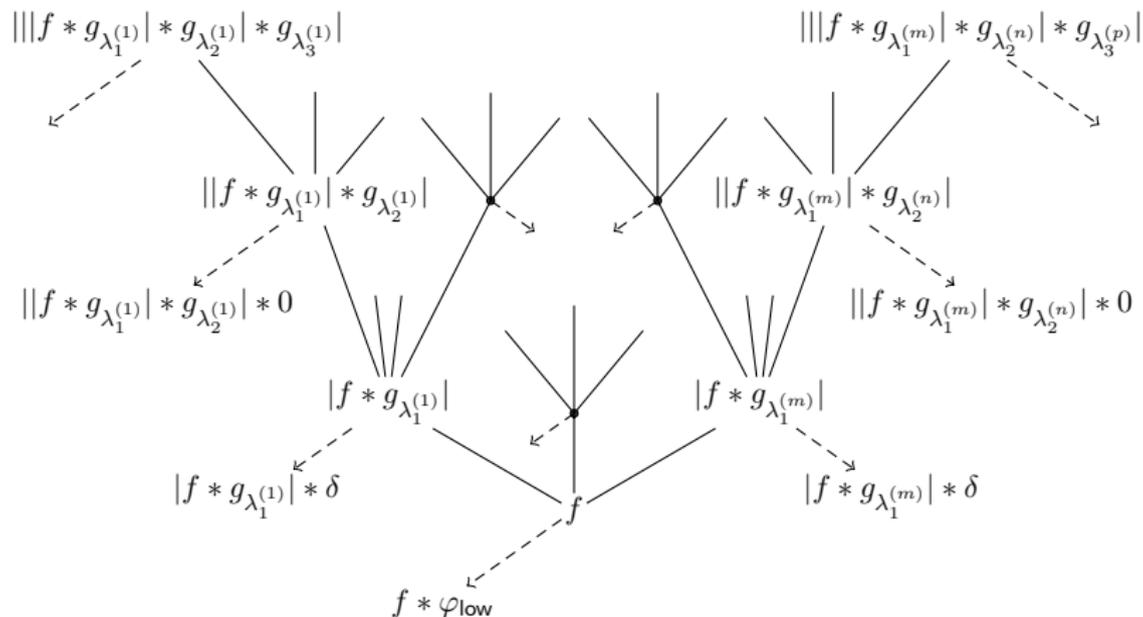
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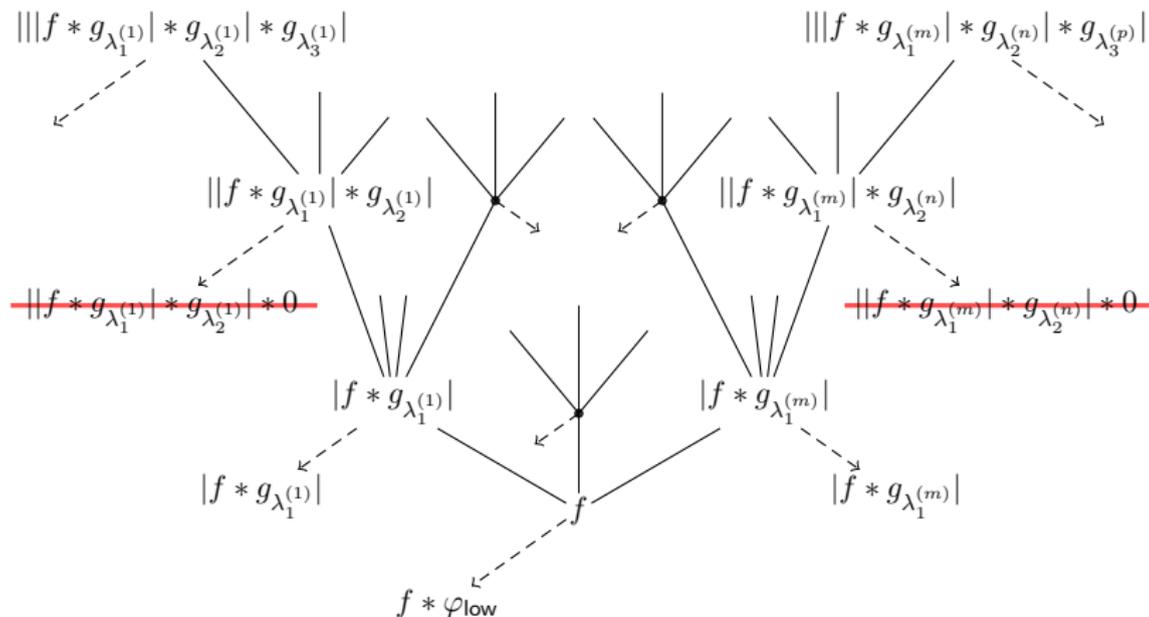
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for some $L > 0$

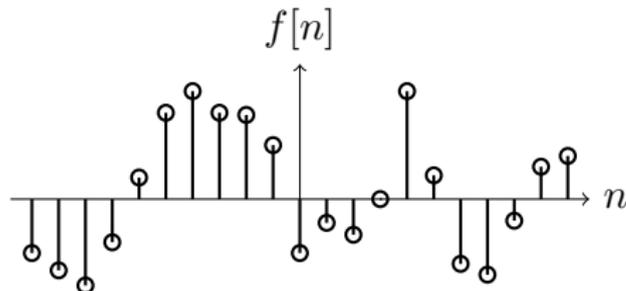
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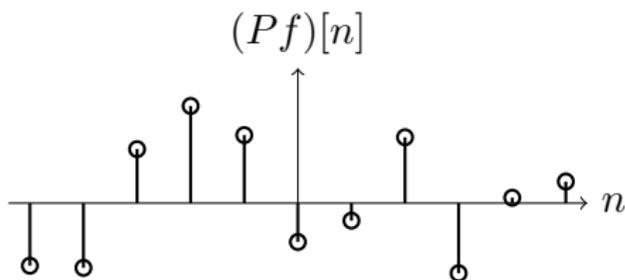
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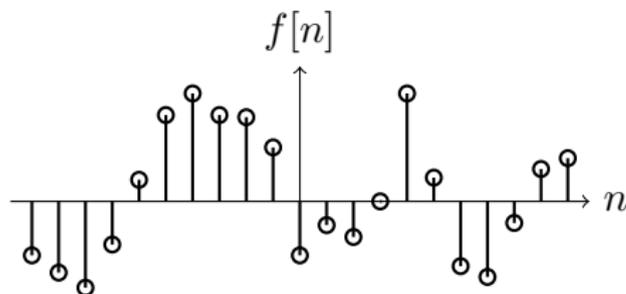


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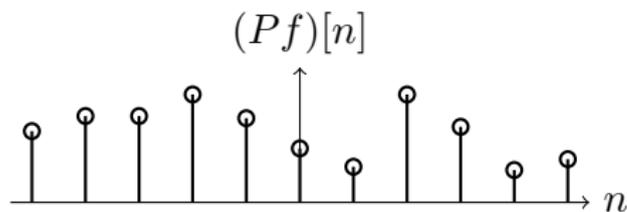


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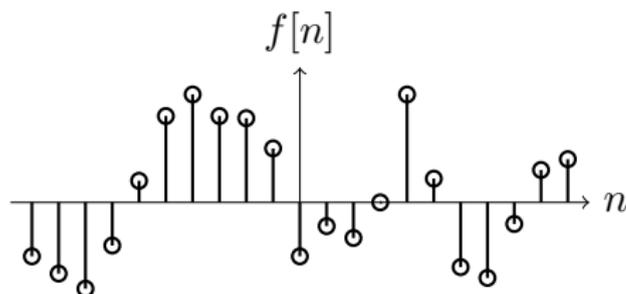
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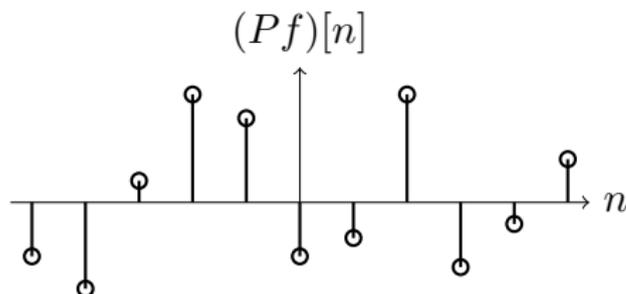
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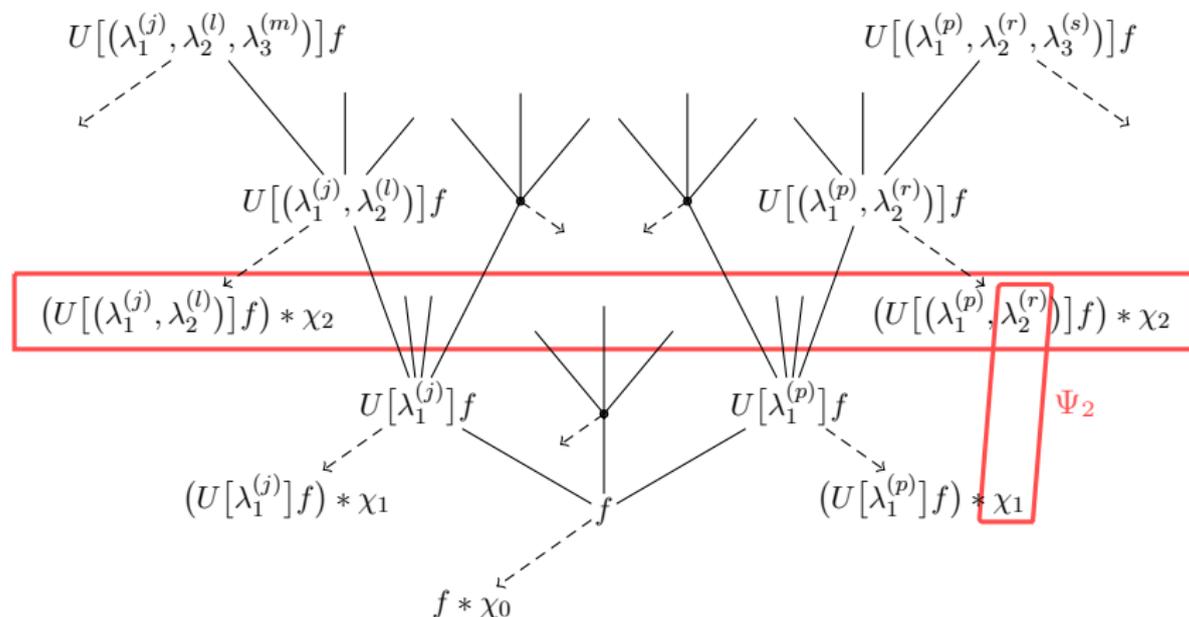
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Local and global properties

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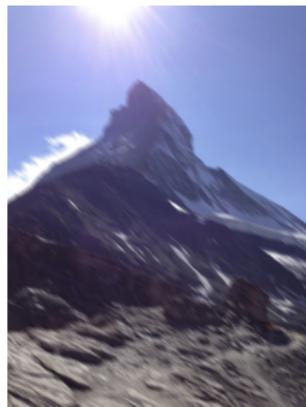
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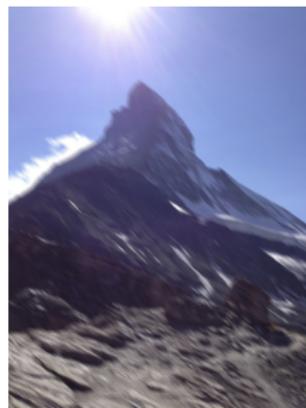
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and hence consider

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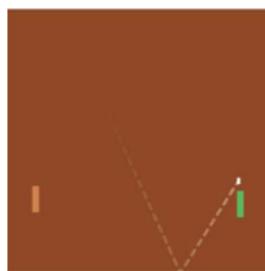


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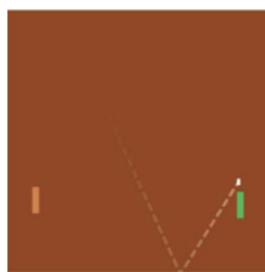


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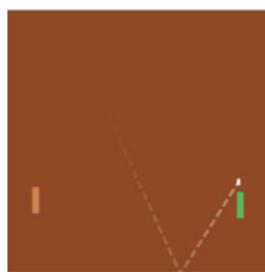


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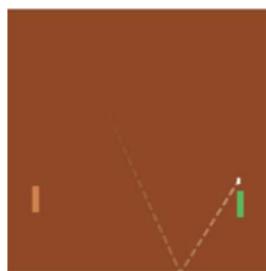
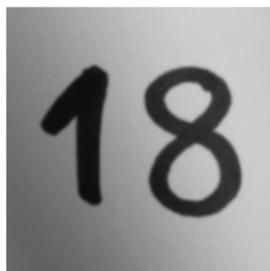


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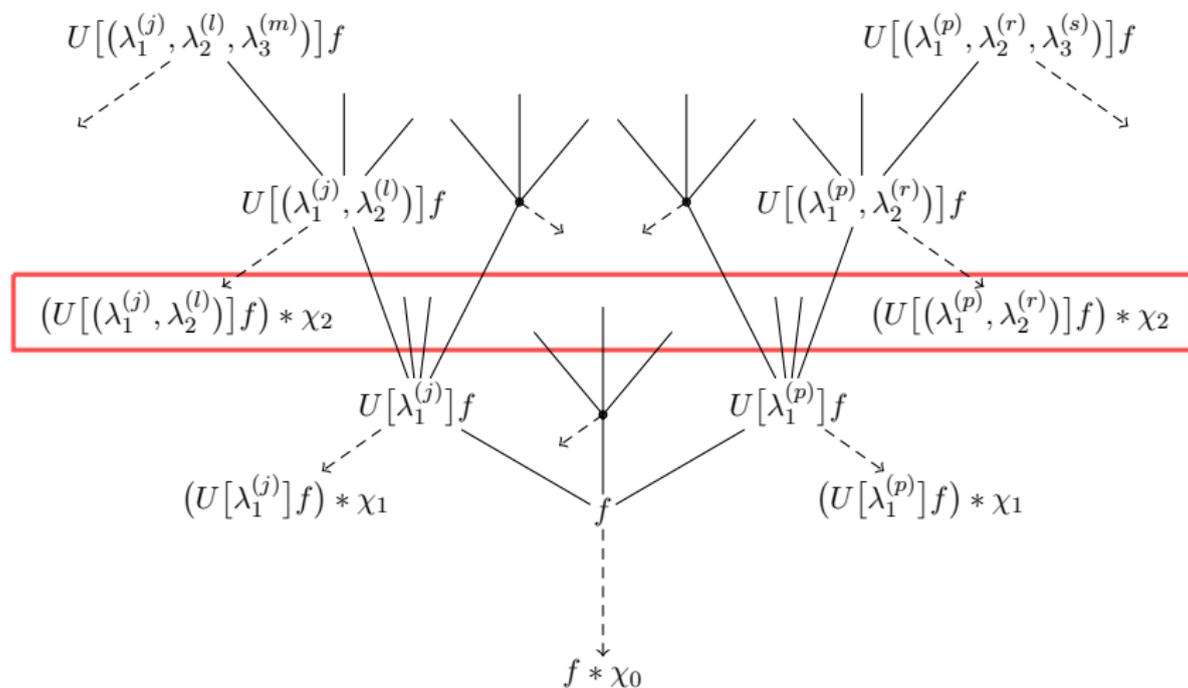
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$$\sum_{\lambda_d \in \Lambda_d} |\widehat{g_{\lambda_d}}[k]|^2 + |\widehat{\chi_{d-1}}[k]|^2 = 1, \quad \forall k \in I_{N_d}.$$

Let the output-generating atom of the last layer be the delta function, i.e., $\chi_{D-1} = \delta$, then

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- Dataset: MNIST database of handwritten digits [[LeCun & Cortes, 1998](#)]; 60,000 training and 10,000 test images
- Setup for Φ_Ω : $D = 3$ layers; same filters, non-linearities, and pooling operators in all layers
- Classifier: SVM with radial basis function kernel [[Vapnik, 1995](#)]
- Dimensionality reduction: Supervised orthogonal least squares scheme [[Chen et al., 1991](#)]

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- State-of-the-art: 0.43 [*Bruna and Mallat, 2013*]
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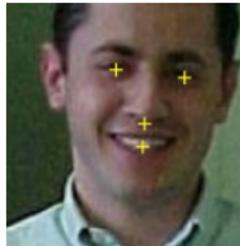
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Question: Which features are important in

- handwritten digit classification?



- detection of facial landmarks (eyes, nose, mouth) through regression?



Compare importance of features corresponding to (i) different layers, (ii) wavelet scales, and (iii) wavelet directions.

Experiment: Feature importance evaluation

Setup for Φ_Ω :

- $D = 4$ layers; Haar wavelets with $J = 3$ scales and modulus non-linearity in every network layer
- no pooling in the first layer, average pooling with uniform weights in the second and third layer ($S = 2$)

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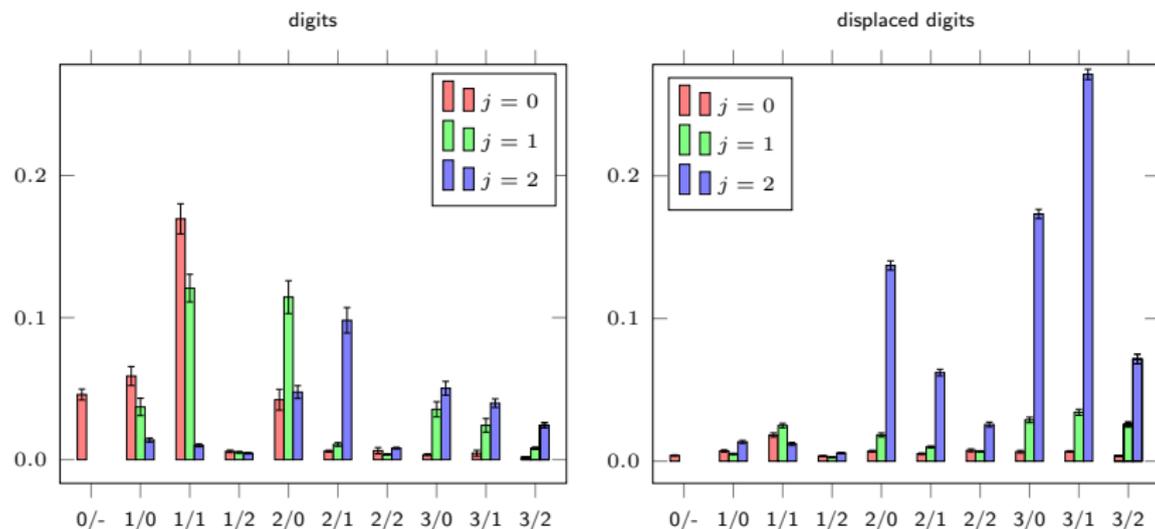
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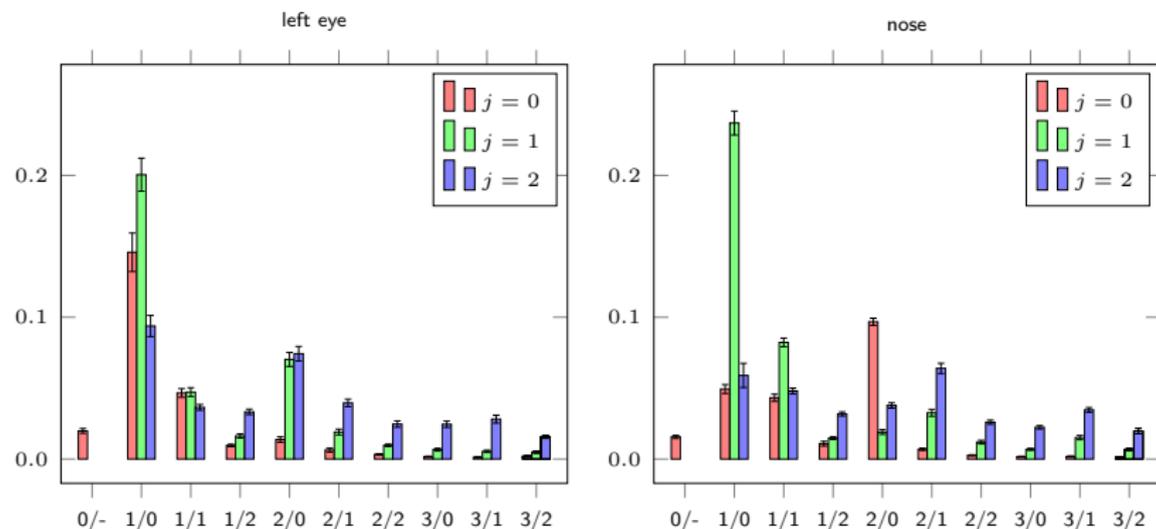
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⇒ exploit vertical reduction in translation / deformation sensitivity

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Given a particular machine learning task, it may be attractive to generate output in individual layers only!

Deep Frame Net

Open source software:

- MATLAB: <http://www.nari.ee.ethz.ch/commth/research>
- Python: Coming soon!

Thank you

“If you ask me anything I don't know, I'm not going to answer.”

Y. Berra