



ILSVRC & COCO 2015 Competitions

1st place in all five main tracks:

- ImageNet Classification
- ImageNet Detection
- ImageNet Localization
- COCO Detection
- COCO Segmentation

Datasets

ImageNet

- 14,197,122 images
- 27 high-level *categories*
- 21,841 synsets (*subcategories*)
- 1,034,908 images with bounding box annotations

COCO

- 330K images
- 80 object *categories*
- 1.5M object instances
- 5 captions per image



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Deep Convolutional Neural Networks

- Breakthrough in image classification
- Integrate low/mid/high-level features in a *multi-layer* fashion
- Levels of features can be enriched by the number of stacked layers
- Network **depth** is very important



Deep CNNs

- Is learning better networks as easy as stacking more layers?
- **Degradation** problem
 - With *depth increase*, accuracy gets saturated, then degrades rapidly, *not caused by overfitting*, higher training error





Deep Residual Networks

Address Degradation

- Consider a shallower architecture and its deeper counterpart
- Solution by *construction*:
 - Add identity layers to the shallow learned model to build the deeper model
- The existence of this solution indicates that deeper models should have **no higher training error**, but experiments show:
 - Deeper networks are unable to find a solution that is comparable or better than the constructed one



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Address Degradation (continued)

- So deeper networks are difficult to optimize
- Deep residual learning framework
 - Instead of fitting a **few** stacked layers to an underlying mapping
 - Let the layers fit a residual mapping
 - Instead of finding the underlying mapping H(x), let the stacked nonlinear layers fit F(x)=H(x)-x, so original mapping recasts into F(x)+x
- Easier to optimize the residual mapping instead of the original





Details

- Adopt residual learning to every few stacked layers
- A building block
 - $y = F(x, W_i) + x$
 - -x and y input and output
 - $F(x, W_i) + x$ is the residual mapping to be learned
 - ReLU nonlinearity









Residual Networks

- 18 and 34 layer
- Differ from the plain networks only by *shortcut connections* every two layers
- Zero-padding for increasing dimensions
- 34 layer ResNet is **better** than 18 layer ResNet





Identity vs. Projection Shortcuts

- Recall $y = F(x, W_i) + W_s x$
- A. Zero-padding for increasing dimension (parameter free)
- **B. Projections** for increasing dimension, rest are *identity*
- C. All shortcuts are projections

model	top-1 err.	top-5 err.
plain-34	28.54	10.02
ResNet-34 A	25.03	7.76
ResNet-34 B	24.52	7.46
ResNet-34 C	24.19	7.40





50 layer ResNet

- **Replace** each 2 layer residual block with this 3 layer bottleneck block resulting in 50 layers
- Use option **B** for increasing dimensions
- **3.8** billion FLOPs



101 layer and 152 layer ResNet

- Add more **bottleneck** blocks
- 152 layer ResNet has **11.3** billion FLOPs
- The deeper, the better
- No degradation
- Compared with *state-of-the-art*

model	top-1 err.	top-5 err.
VGG-16 [41]	28.07	9.33
GoogLeNet [44]	-	9.15
PReLU-net [13]	24.27	7.38
plain-34	28.54	10.02
ResNet-34 A	25.03	7.76
ResNet-34 B	24.52	7.46
ResNet-34 C	24.19	7.40
ResNet-50	22.85	6.71
ResNet-101	21.75	6.05
ResNet-152	21.43	5.71
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Applications of ResNet

- Visual Recognition
- Image Generation
- Natural Language Processing
- Speech Recognition
- Advertising
- User Prediction

Resources

- Code written in **Caffe** available in *github*
- Third party implementations in other frameworks
 - Torch
 - Tensorflow
 - Lasagne

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