



Summary

5LSM0: Convolutional neural networks for computer vision

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FINAL ASSIGNMENT

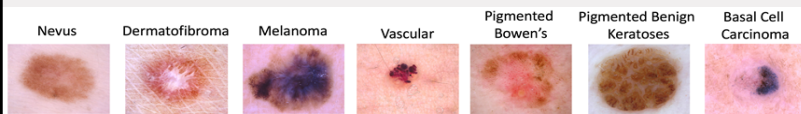
Final assignment on canvas!

Automotive: Cityscapes segmentation challenge

- <https://www.cityscapes-dataset.com/benchmarks/#scene-labeling-task>

Healthcare: ISIC 2018 Skin lesion classification

- <https://challenge2018.isic-archive.com/task3/>



Introduction

Q: What key two developments have enabled this revolution?

Computer vision

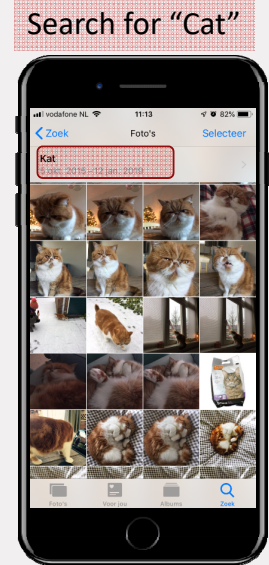
- Can we make a computer see?
- Earliest attempts during the 60ies
- Image processing methods

Deep learning

- Revolutionized machine learning/computer vision
- Convolutional neural network

Computer vision subdomains

- Classification, Segmentation, Detection, Tracking, Re-identification



Data-driven image classification

Computer vision is hard

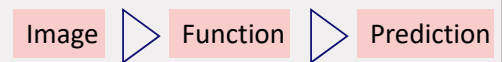
- Variation in viewpoint, illumination etc
- Changes almost all pixel values!



Linear classification

$$f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{W}) = \mathbf{W}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b}$$

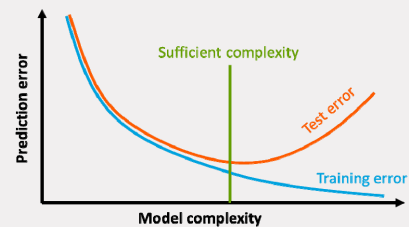
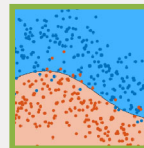
Q: To what mathematical operation is this equivalent?



Feature extraction + machine learning

Model performance evaluation

- Almost all models contain hyperparameters
- Use appropriate metrics / validation



Data-driven image classification

Questions

- How does KNN work? What are two major downsides of this classification method?
- For what cases could this approach potentially be useful?
- Using raw pixels a good idea? Why not? Better idea?
- In a linear classification function $f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{W}) = \mathbf{W}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b}$, if \mathbf{x} represents a 10 by 10 pixel image what's the size of \mathbf{W} , \mathbf{b} ?
- How could you view the vectors of \mathbf{W} ?
- Why never evaluate your model on the training set? Why are these numbers still useful?
- Why is the vanilla Accuracy a poor metric for a lot of problems? What better to use?
- How can we estimate good hyperparameters for our model?



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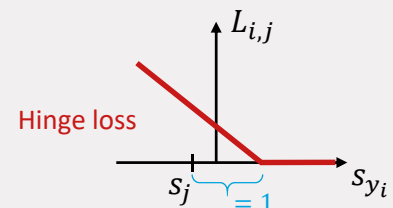
Loss functions and optimization

Loss functions

- Way to quantify the “badness” of a certain (set of) prediction(s)
- High loss, softmax (cross-entropy) loss
- Regularization term to quantify how much we like the solution

Optimization

- Follow the slope to go downwards in the loss-landscape
- Compute gradient information to find the slope
 - Finite differences is super slow!*
 - Derive analytical expression to compute gradient at a given point*
- Data sets can be large, we don't want to wait until we've seen all the data
 - Mini-batch gradient descent!*



$$W \leftarrow W - \eta \nabla_W L$$



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Loss functions and optimization



Car	2.1	2.1	-0.5
Boat	1.4	1.3	1.5
Tree	-0.1	-2.2	3.1

Questions

- Hinge-loss for the example on the right?
- Downside of the Hinge-loss? Min/max possible loss?
- What is the Hinge-loss at initialization (with small weights)?
- Difference between L_1 regularization and L_2 regularization? (in terms of resulting weights)
- Cross-entropy loss is $-\log$ of the softmax function, why use softmax? Why take $-\log$?
- Min/max cross-entropy loss? Loss at initialization? For what score vector is the loss zero?
- How does gradient descent minimize the loss function?
- Crucial parameter in this procedure?
- Effect of taking mini-batches?

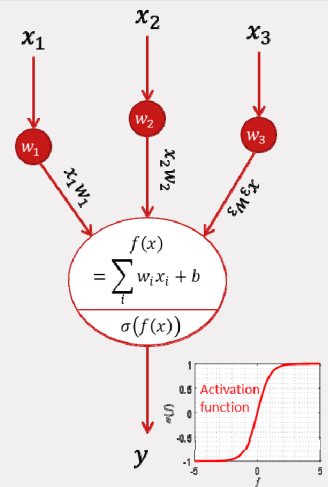
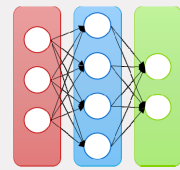
$$L_i = -\log\left(\frac{e^{s_k}}{\sum_j e^{s_j}}\right)$$



Neural networks and backpropagation

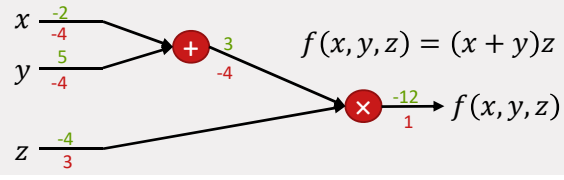
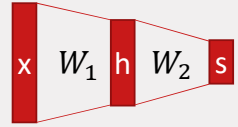
Artificial neural networks

- Biologically inspired
- Linear classification followed by nonlinearity
- Output can be computed efficiently



Computational graphs

- Write function as computational graph
- Find the gradient of the loss function (at any given location)



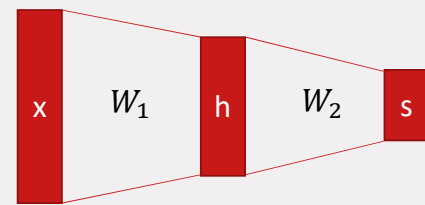
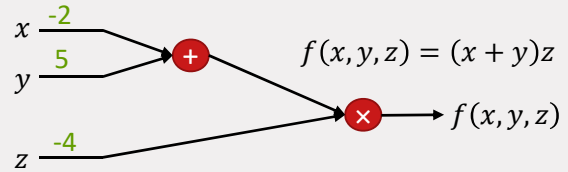
Q: What is this "location" exactly?



Neural networks and backpropagation

Questions

- A. Why do we backprop for neural networks?
- B. In the example to the right:
 - $\partial f / \partial x, \partial f / \partial y, \partial f / \partial z$?
- C. Goal of forward and backward pass?
- D. What can we already compute and store for each node in the forward pass?
- E. How many layers does the network on the right have?
- F. What crucial operation allows us to do more interesting stuff than just linear classification?
- G. How can we efficiently compute the inputs to a layer?



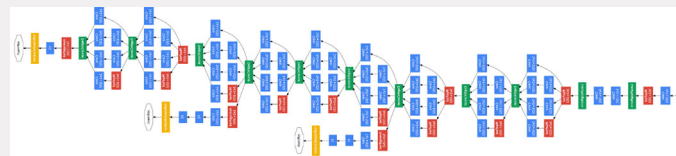
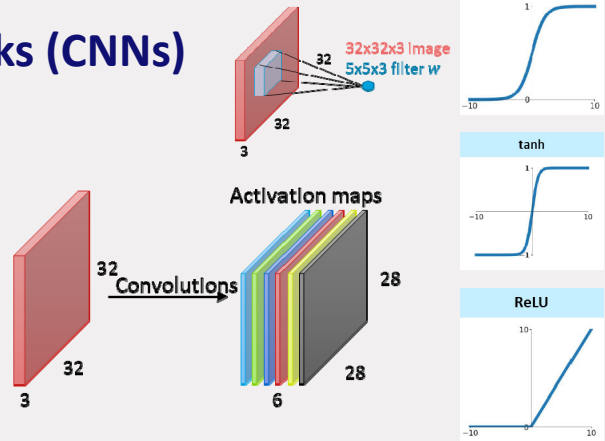
Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs)

Hierarchical filtering structure combined with neural network

- In each layer, apply several filters to the (intermediate) representation
- Filter kernels can be learned from the data by means of backpropagation!

Many different architectures

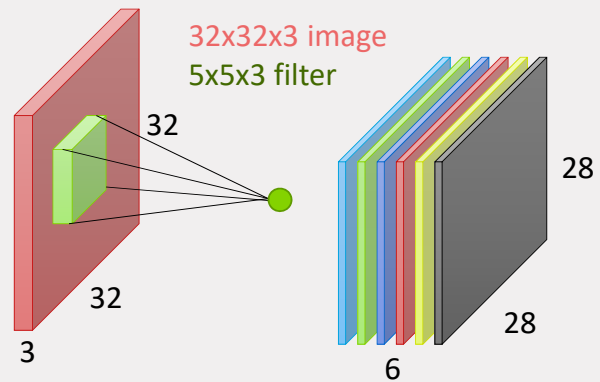
- AlexNet, ResNet, VGG, ...
- Mostly reconfiguration of a set of basic building blocks:
 - *Norm, convolution, activation, pooling, FC, ...*



Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs)

Questions

- A. Difference between conventional computer vision / machine learning and deep learning (CNNs)?
- B. Number of parameters in convolution step? ->
- C. Purpose of pooling layers?
- D. What structures captured in the first layer?
- E. And in the later layers?
- F. Difference between conv layers and FC layers?
- G. Problem with sigmoid activation?
- H. Solved by tanh! Problem with tanh?
- I. Advantage of ResNet?



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Training neural networks

Before you start

- Normalize your data
- Initialize your weights (smartly!)
- Pick a proper optimizer (e.g. ADAM)

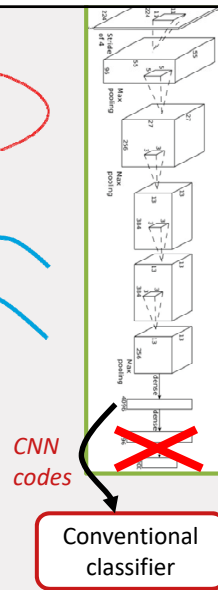
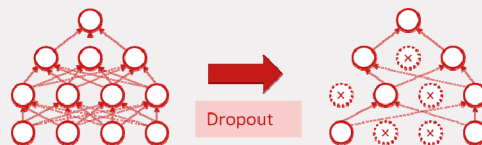
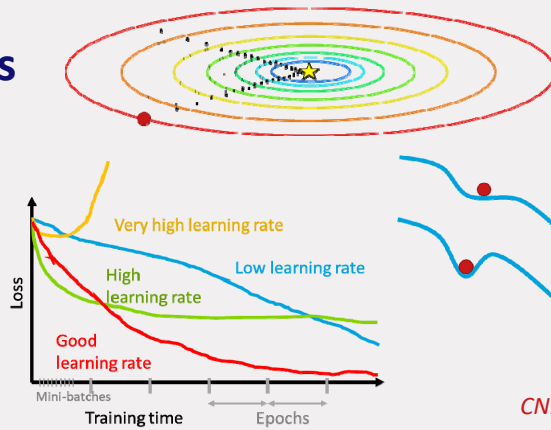
While training

- Learning rate decay
- Observe loss function

Regularization

- Drop-out, data augmentation

Transfer learning



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Training neural networks

Questions

- A. Why normalize to zero-mean? Why is unity std dev less of an issue with images?
- B. Problem with weight initialization using small Gaussian distributed numbers?
 - *What happens during forward pass? Backward pass?*
- C. Problem with initializing with big weights?
- D. How does BatchNorm address this problem?
- E. How should we find our hyper parameters? How to sample the parameter space? Why?
- F. How can we identify good training from a loss curve? How can we see it goes wrong?
- G. Why can loss curves also increase during training?
- H. What is meant by a loss function with a bad condition number? Why is this a problem? How can you solve it?



Supervised learning

Data + "ground truth" / reference

Classification (+localization)

- CNN (+ regression loss)

Object detection

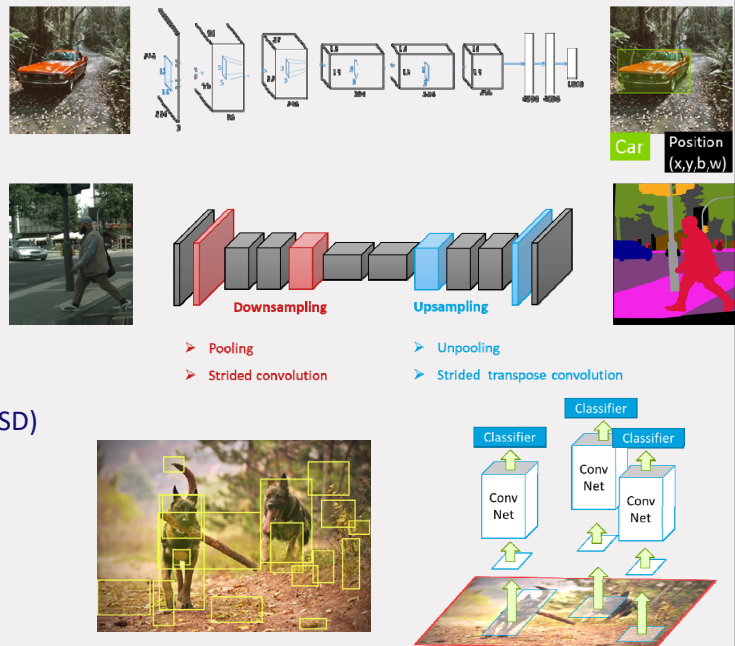
- R-CNN, YOLO, Single-Shot Detection (SSD)

Semantic segmentation

- Fully Convolutional Network (FCN)

Instance segmentation

- Mask-RNN



Supervised learning

Questions

- A. Difference between semantic segmentation and instance segmentation?
- B. What is unpooling? Two different varieties?
- C. Fundamental difference with transpose convolution?
- D. If we want to do object detection, why don't we run a sliding window over an image with a pre-trained CNN attached to it?
- E. In Classification + Localization we use two losses, which ones? For what purposes?
- F. Why can't we just add these losses?
- G. Major problem with R-CNN?
- H. How can we improve this?
- I. Why can't we push this through the FC layers?



Unsupervised learning

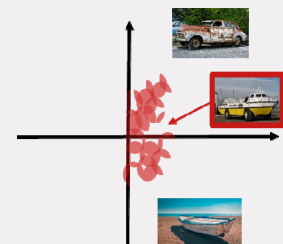
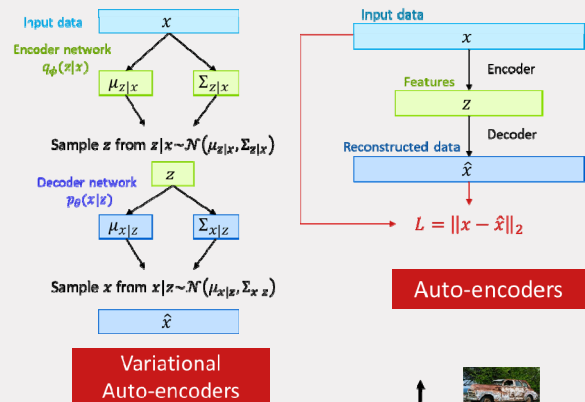
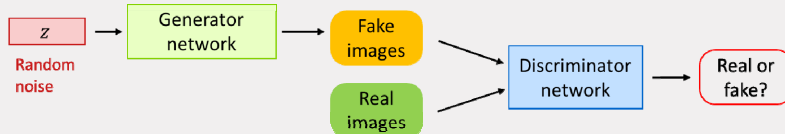
Variational Autoencoders (VAEs)

- Optimize variational lower bound on likelihood. Useful latent representation, inference queries.

- Current sample quality not the best.

Generative Adversarial Networks (GANs)

- Game-theoretic approach, best samples!
- Can be tricky and unstable to train, no inference queries (e.g. $p(x)$, $p(x|z)$)



Unsupervised learning

Questions

- A. How does PixelRNN work and what is a major problem with this approach?
- B. What's the main idea of an auto-encoder?
- C. Why can't we just sample from the feature space of an auto-encoder and expect to obtain visually similar examples? (Or output that even makes sense for that matter...)
- D. How does a variational auto-encoder solve this?
- E. How do the two terms of the VEA loss function relate to this solution?

$$\mathcal{L}(x^{(i)}, \theta, \phi) = \mathbf{E}_z[\log p_{\theta}(x^{(i)}|z)] - D_{KL}(q_{\phi}(z|x^{(i)})||p_{\theta}(z))$$

- F. What can we do with a VAE what we cannot do with a GAN?
- G. In a GAN, What does this $D(G(z)) \rightarrow 0$ imply?



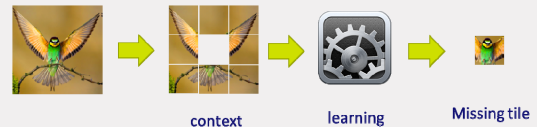
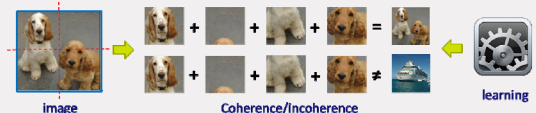
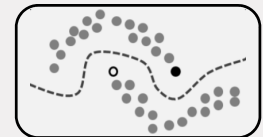
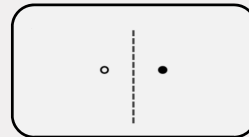
Beyond supervised learning

Semi-supervised learning

- Distribution of unlabeled data may help finding an accurate model for the labeled data
- Self-training: use model to predict labels of unlabeled data and retrain

Self-supervised learning

- Create your own labels to capture data structure
- Use a transform and learn to undo it
 - *E.g. inpainting, rotation, counting, colorization, ...*
- Beware of potential pitfalls!



Beyond supervised learning

Questions

- A. When to use self-supervised learning?
- B. How can we evaluate if the self-supervised learning has done a good job?
- C. How do you proceed after self-supervised learning?
- D. Potential pitfalls of self-supervised learning?
- E. How can you identify these pitfalls?



Sequence modeling (and reinforcement learning)

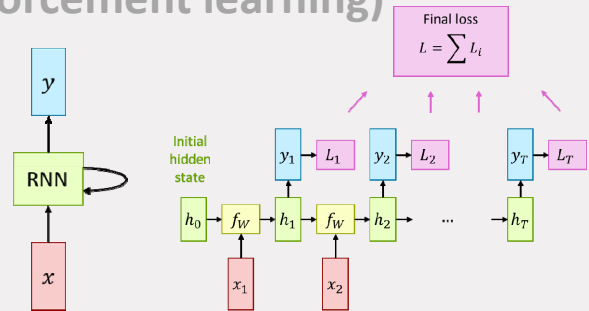
Not in exam!

Recurrent Neural Networks (RNNs)

- Model sequential behavior with a CNN
- Hidden state feeds back into itself
- Unroll network over sequential axes (e.g. time)

Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM)

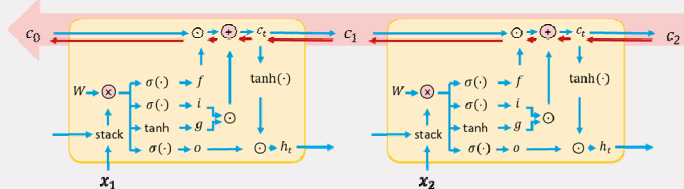
- Additional "cell-state"



$$h_t = o \odot \tanh(c_t) \quad c_t = f \odot c_{t-1} + i \odot g$$

i	Input gate
f	Forget gate
o	Output gate
g	... Gate

$$\begin{pmatrix} i \\ f \\ o \\ g \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma(\cdot) \\ \sigma(\cdot) \\ \sigma(\cdot) \\ \tanh(\cdot) \end{pmatrix} W \begin{pmatrix} h_{t-1} \\ x_t \end{pmatrix}$$



Sequence modeling and reinforcement learning

Questions

- A. What is truncated backpropagation through time? And why use it?
- B. To what other training approach is this similar?
- C. Main benefit of LSTM vs vanilla RNN?
- D. What problems can occur during training of a vanilla RNN?
- E. To what other CNN architecture does a RNN with LSTMs look similar?
- F. Why does the g-gate use a tanh activation, while the other gates use a sigmoid?



Visualization and understanding

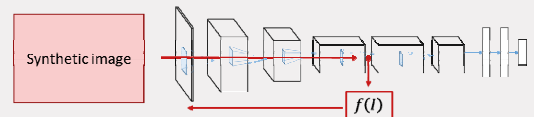
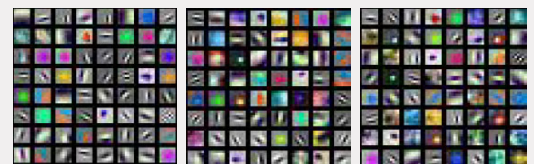
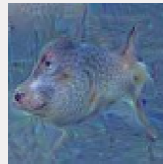
Visualize the effect of certain layers

- Check out filter kernels or last layer



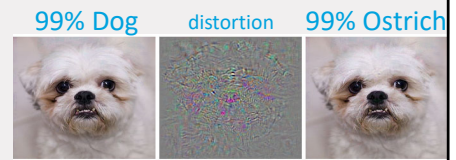
Investigate specific neurons

- Store the patches for which a neuron fires
- Synthesize images that cause a neuron to fire



Visualize the gradient

- Compute the gradient on the pixels to see the effect of individual pixels on the loss



Beyond visualization

- Exploit the gradient to fool the network!
- Texture synthesis and style transfer



Visualization and understanding

Questions

- A. What the **** is happening over there?! ->>
- B. Why can't we straightforwardly visualize the filter kernels of all layers after the first layer?
- C. How can we obtain information on what the last layers are looking for?
- D. When we look at maximally activating patches, the later layers react to larger patches, why?
- E. How can we create images that have a similar texture as a certain reference image?



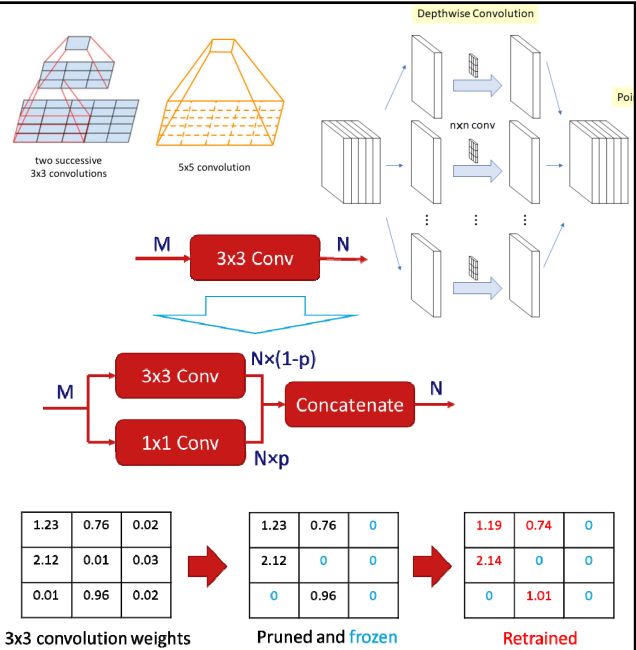
Efficient deep learning

Designing memory-efficient deep convolutional architectures

- Replacing fully connected layers by convolutions
- Depth-wise convolutions
- Stacking filters and spatial kernel reduction
- Evenly spaced down-sampling

Channel reduction

- Deep compression: compressing conv weights
- Pruning + Huffman coding
- Weight quantization



Concluding remarks

Thanks for your attention!

Follow-up course:

- **5AUA0** Advanced Sensing using Deep Learning – Quartile 4

Internships / graduation projects available! Contact:

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