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Hardware Architectures for Deep Learning

# **Overview of Deep Neural Network Components**

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# Outline of Today's Lecture

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- Accelerator Design Methodology: From Workload to Hardware
  - Einsums
  - Roofline Models
- DNN Workloads

# From Workload to Hardware

Slides from “TeAAL and HiFiber: Precise and Concise Descriptions of (Sparse) Tensor Algebra Accelerators”

<https://teaal.csail.mit.edu/>



# Accelerator Design Methodology

(described in TeAAL [Nayak, *MICRO* 2023])

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**(2) Develop the workload**

**(3) Evaluate the workload**

**(4) Compare implementations**

**(5) Optimize the design**

# Describing the Hardware Architecture

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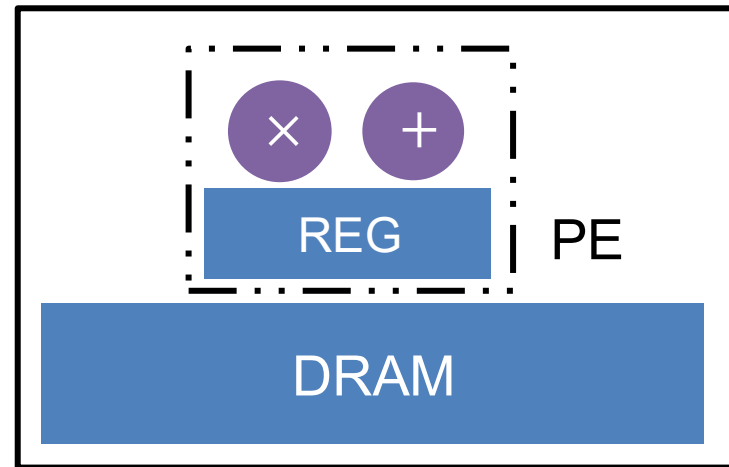
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# Architecture for the Simple End-to-End Example

Basic hardware architecture for tensor algebra operations:

- ▶ PE: ALU and local register files
- ▶ Memory: DRAM for global storage



# Developing the Workload

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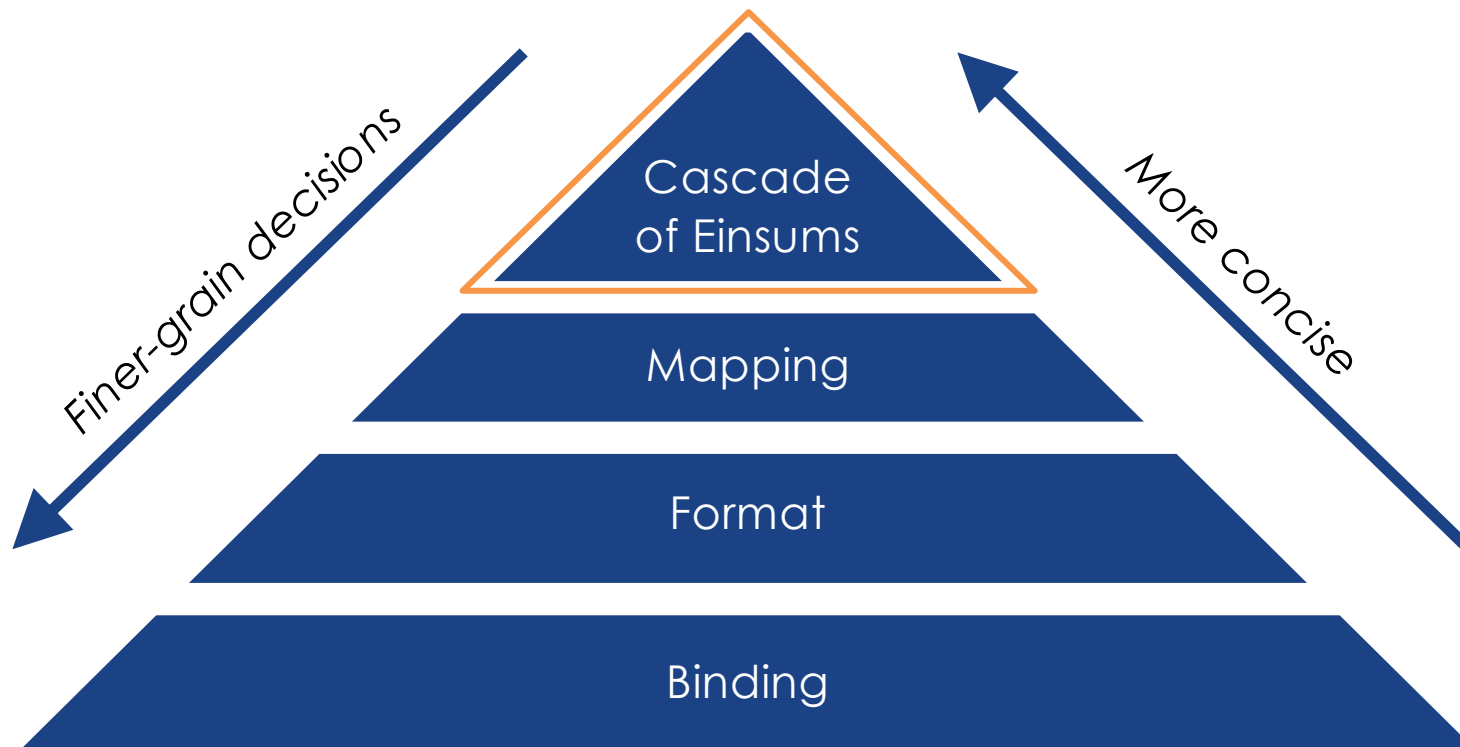
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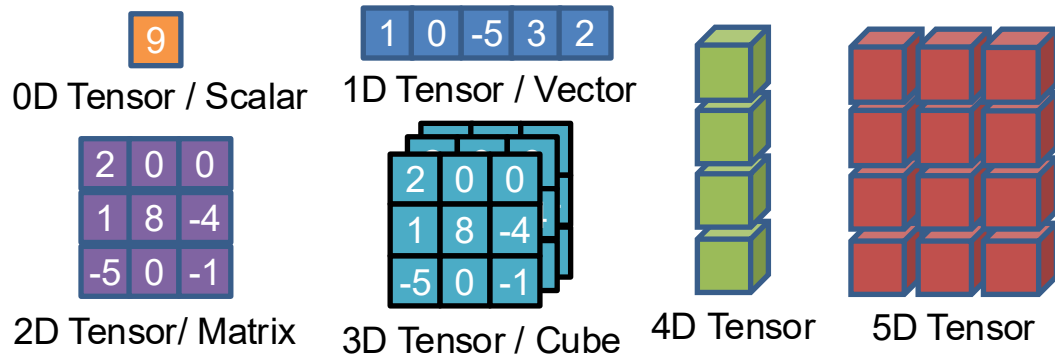
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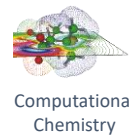


# Tensor Algebra

**Tensors** are multi-dimensional arrays of data



Many applications can be framed as **tensor algebra**



Graphics courtesy of Hadi Asghari-Moghaddam

TeAAL and HiFiber: Precise and Concise Descriptions of Tensor Algebra Accelerators



Size and Emer

# Tensor Terminology

In this class, we used the term “rank” to denote the dimension

## Properties of a Tensor:

**Number of Ranks** = Number of dimensions

**Rank Shape** = Number of elements in each rank

**Size of Tensor** = Total number of elements in tensor (product of the shape of each rank)

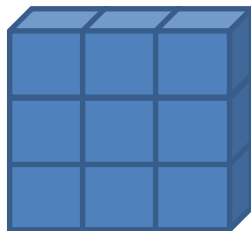
**Scalar: 0 ranks**



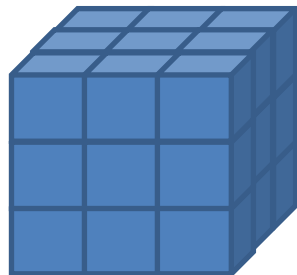
**Vector: 1 rank**



**Matrix: 2 ranks**



**Cube: 3 ranks**



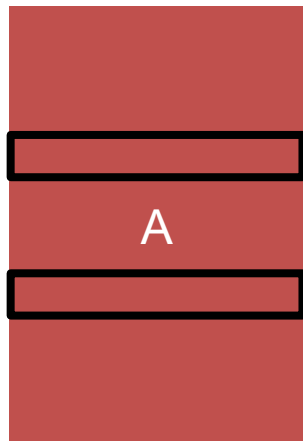
# Matrix Multiplication

## Properties of A tensor:

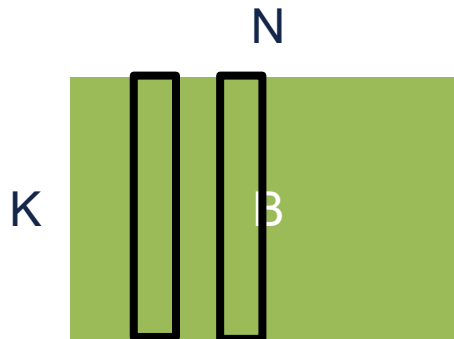
**Number of Ranks** = 2  
**Rank names:** M and K  
**Rank shape\*:** M and K  
**Size of Tensor** =  $M \times K$   
**Shape of Tensor** =  $[M, K]$

\*In general shape and name same, but there are some exceptions we will see later (e.g., in attention of transformer)

M



K



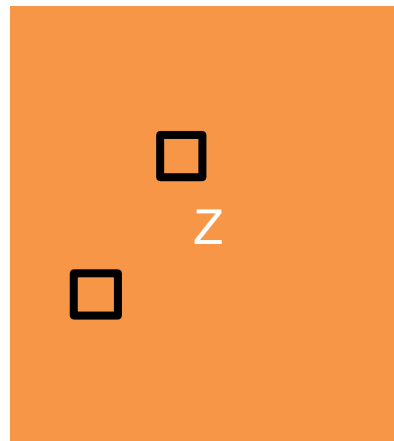
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## Properties of B tensor:

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**Rank shape:** N and K  
**Size of Tensor** =  $N \times K$   
**Shape of Tensor** =  $[N, K]$

## Properties of Z tensor:

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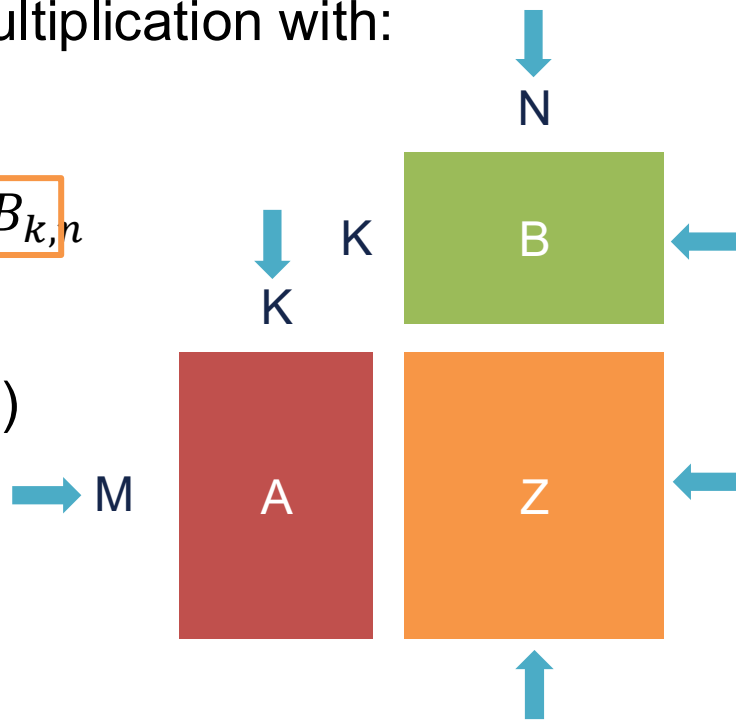
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# Einstein Summation Notation (Einsums)

We can represent matrix multiplication with:

$$Z_{m,n} = A_{k,m} \times B_{k,n}$$

With implicit reduction (sum)  
over K



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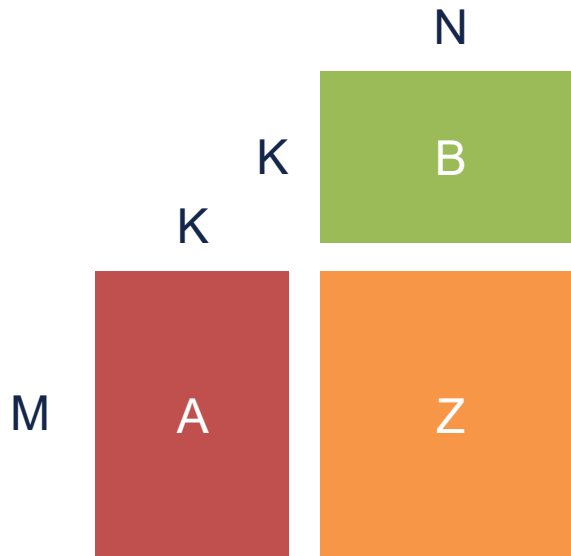
The diagram shows three matrices arranged in a 2x2 grid. The top-left matrix is red and labeled 'A' with dimensions 'M' (vertical) and 'K' (horizontal). The top-right matrix is green and labeled 'B' with dimensions 'K' (vertical) and 'N' (horizontal). The bottom-left matrix is orange and labeled 'Z' with dimensions 'M' (vertical) and 'N' (horizontal). The summation index 'k' is indicated by the shared horizontal dimension of A and B, and the shared vertical dimension of B and Z.

Explicit reduction is not  
necessary

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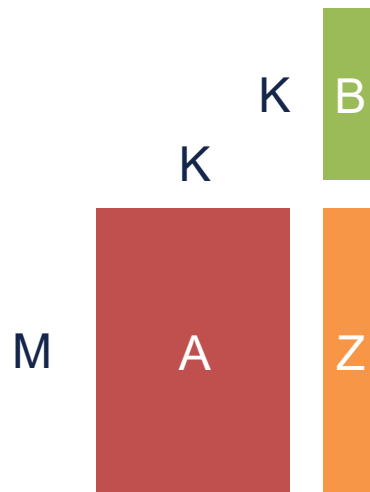
$$Z_{m,n} = A_{k,m} \times B_{k,n}$$



# Operational Definition of an Einsum (ODE)

Simplifying to matrix-vector multiplication:

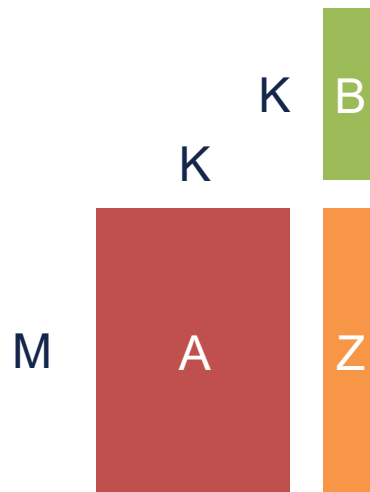
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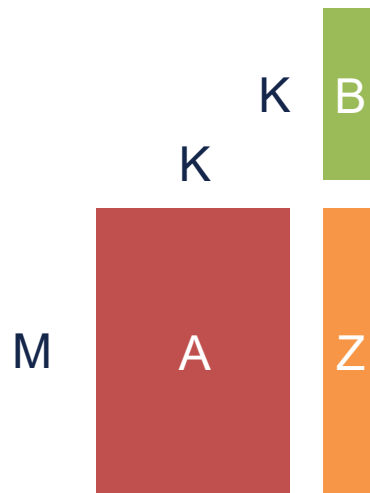
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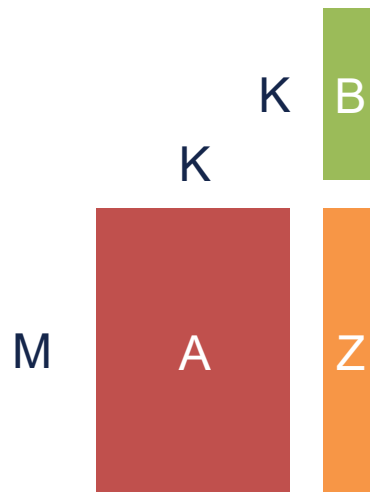
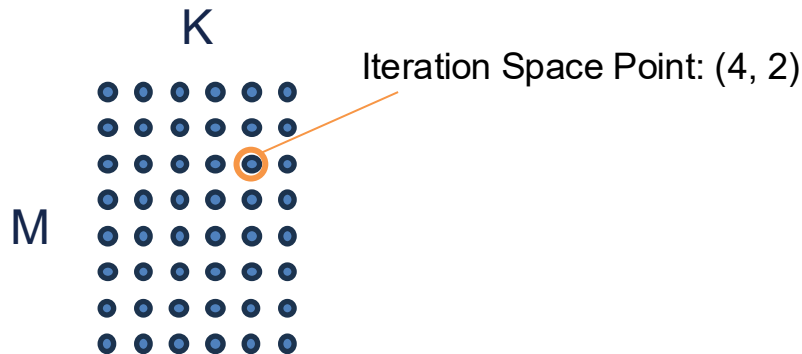
**Iteration Space:**  $[0, K) \times [0, M)$



# Operational Definition of an Einsum (ODE)

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Many ways to traverse iteration space  
(processing order)

# Operational Definition of an Einsum (ODE)

**Einsum:**  $Z_m = A_{k,m} \times B_k$

**Iteration Space:**  $K \times M$

**For each point  $(k, m)$  in the iteration space:**

- **Select the input values  $A_{k,m}$  and  $B_k$**
- **Multiply ( $\times$ ) them together**
- **Update the output value  $Z_m$**
- **Reduce (+) if necessary**

# Operational Definition of an Einsum (ODE)

- Einsum defines
$$Z_m = A_{k,m} \times B_k$$
  - an iteration space over tensors
  - what computation is done on and between tensors at each point in the iteration space
- Traverse all points in space of all legal index values (iteration space)
  - The size of space is the Cartesian product of number of values of the unique indices (e.g., K\*M) → amount of work that needs to be done!
- At each point in iteration space:
  - Calculate value on right hand side at specified indices for each operand (tensor)
  - Assign value to operand at specified indices on left hand side
  - Perform reduction across indices that appear on right-hand side but not left-hand side
- ***Note: Einsum will be the input format of the workload to the modeling tools for this class***

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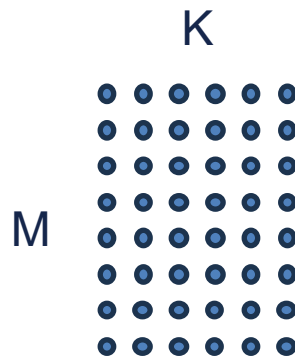
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# Analysis: What Compute is Required?

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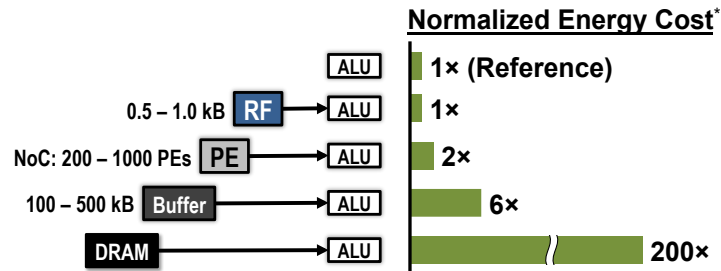
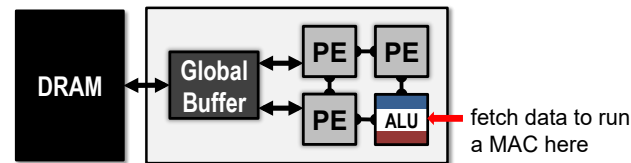


**One multiply ( $\times$ ) and reduce ( $+$ ) per point in the iteration space (excluding edge effects)**

- $K \times M$  **multiplies**
- $(K - 1) \times M$  **adds**

# Analysis: What is the Best-Case Compute Intensity?

- **Compute Intensity** is a measure of how much **data reuse** is theoretically possible
  - Higher compute intensity implies more data reuse feasible → potentially less data movement required



\* measured from a commercial 65nm process

# Defining Compute Intensity (CI)

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**(Standard) Compute Intensity:** FLOPs / byte

However, this definition introduces questions:

- Is the multiply-accumulate (MAC) one operation or two?
- What is the bitwidth of our values?

**Compute Intensity:** Multiplications / value



# Analysis: What is the Best-Case CI?

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**Compute Intensity:** Multiplications / value

Multiplications :  $K \times M$

Best-case memory traffic:

- $K \times M$  loads of  $A_{k,m}$
- $K$  loads of  $B_k$
- $M$  stores of  $Z_m$

# Analysis: What is the Best-Case CI?

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**Compute Intensity:** Multiplications / value

Multiplications :  $K \times M$

*Lab 1 focuses on this  
type of analysis of  
workloads (Einsum)*

Best-case memory traffic:  $K \times M + K + M$  values

Best-case compute intensity:  $\frac{K \times M}{K \times M + K + M}$

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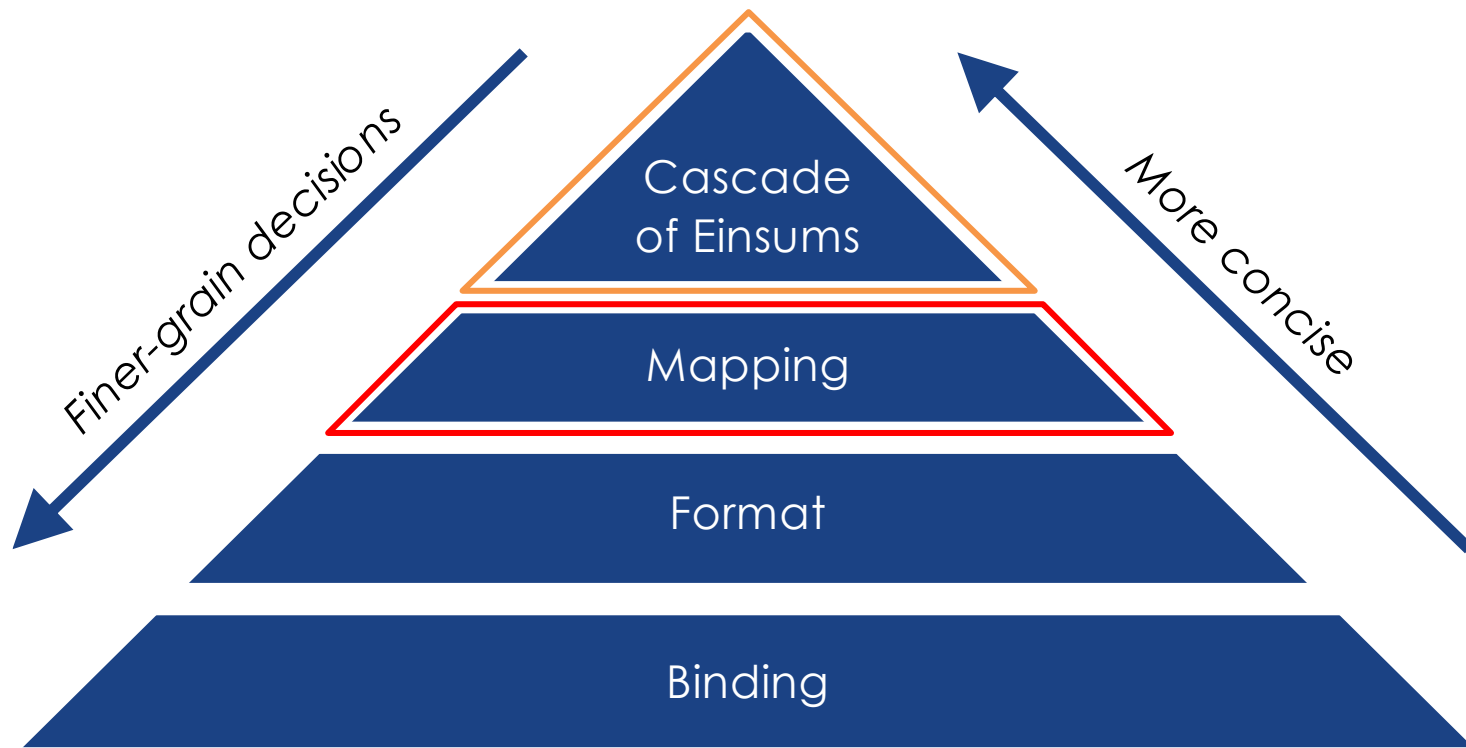
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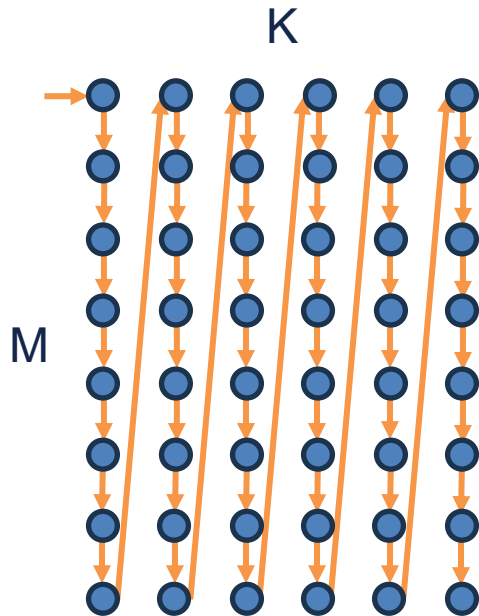
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# Traversing the Iteration Space

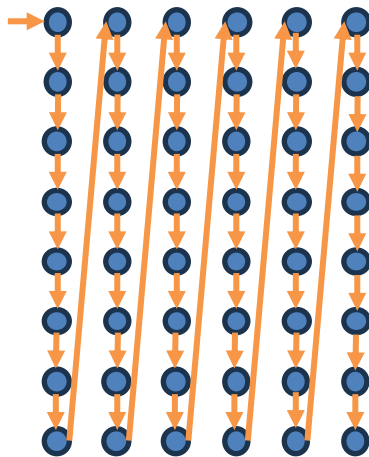
Can do so in any order



# Traverse with Loop Nests

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for k in range(K):  
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***Lab 2 & 3 focuses  
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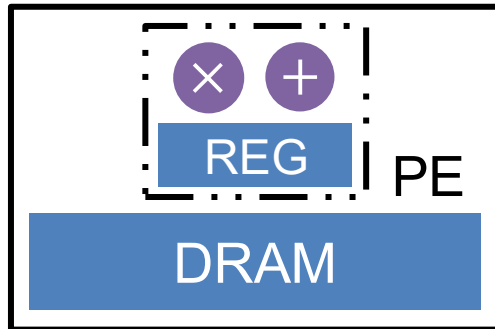
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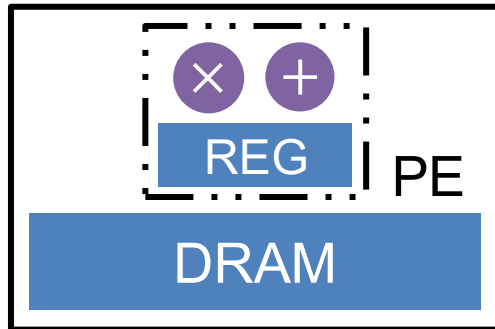
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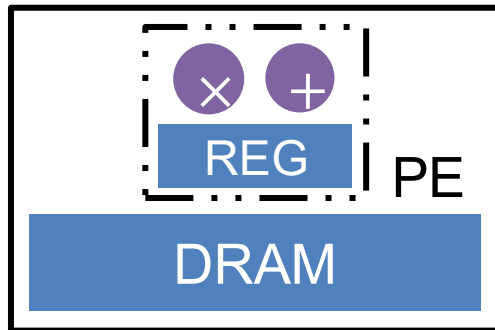
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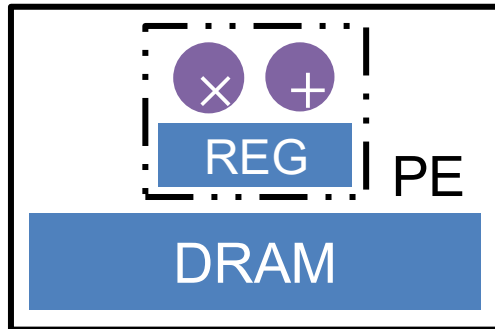
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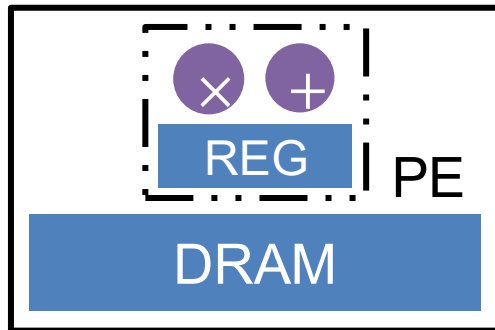
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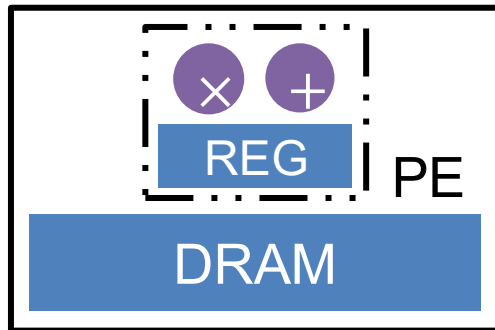
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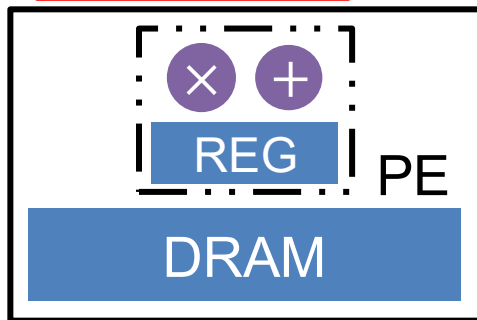
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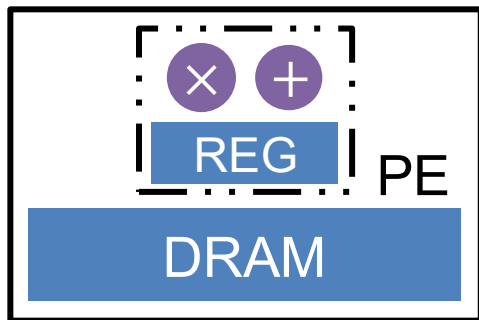
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Loads and stores are always derivable from the loop order

# Analysis: What is the Achieved CI?

Multiplications:  $K \times M$

Achieved memory traffic:  $3 \times K \times M - M + K$

Achieved compute intensity:  $\frac{K \times M}{3 \times K \times M - M + K}$

# Example: Best Case vs Achieved CI

$$K = 250; M = 100$$

## ► Best Case CI

$$\frac{K \times M}{K \times M + K + M} =$$

$$\frac{250 \times 100}{250 \times 100 + 250 + 100} =$$

***0.99 Multiplications/value***

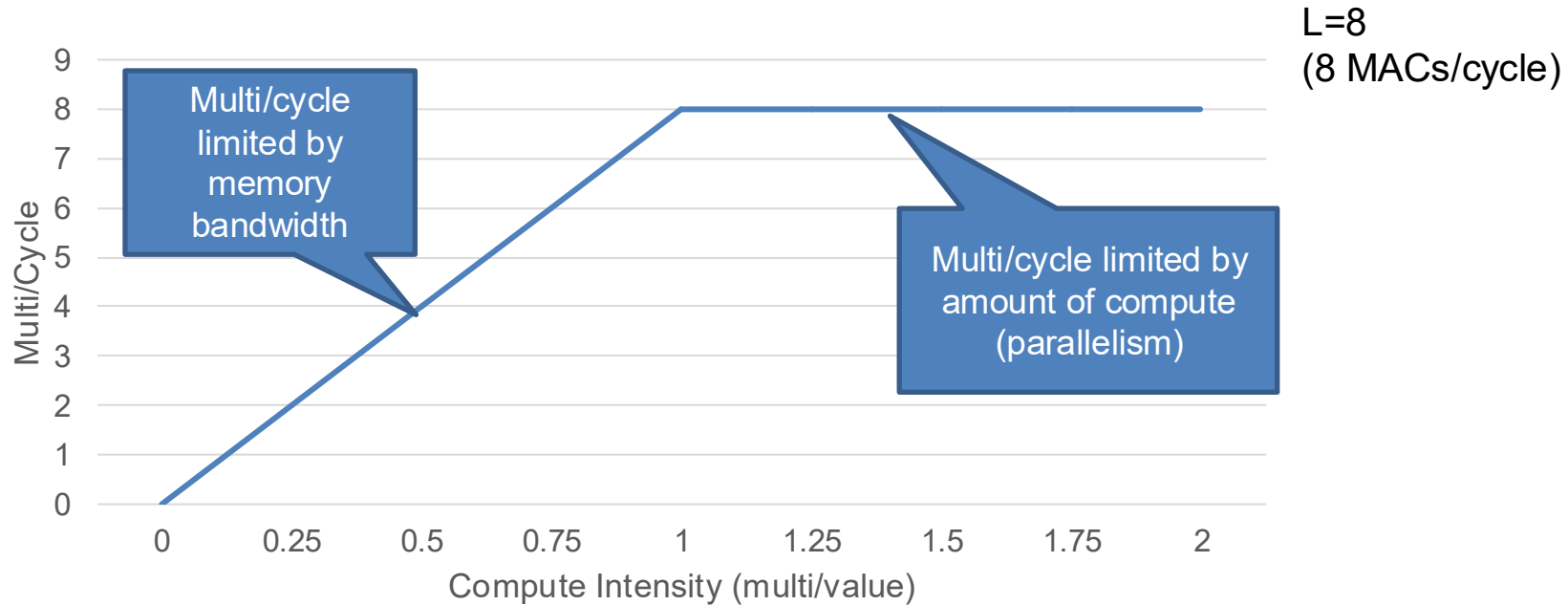
## ► Achieved CI

$$\frac{K \times M}{3 \times K \times M - M + K} =$$

$$\frac{250 \times 100}{3 \times 250 \times 100 - 100 + 250} =$$

***0.33 Multiplications/value***

# Roofline Model



Williams, Samuel, Andrew Waterman, and David Patterson. "Roofline: an insightful visual performance model for multicore architectures." Communications of the ACM 52.4 (2009): 65-76.

# Roofline Model

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- Roofline Model is a way to visualize throughput given
  - Memory bandwidth, amount of parallelism, and computational intensity
  - Tells you if more parallelism would help, or more memory bandwidth
    - When memory bound, increasing number of lanes will not increase throughput → parallelism does not always equal speed up in throughput
  - Tells you how far you are from limit
    - Away from limit due to overhead (e.g., stalls, instruction overhead, mapping limitations)
- Compute intensity
  - Theoretical upper bound [max reuse] (best-case compute intensity) (computed in Lab 1)
  - Actual implementation depends on processing order (amount of reuse exploited by hardware)
- Roofline model can be draw for each level of the memory hierarchy (though typically for DRAM)

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Write corresponding specifications, normalize hardware parameters, and reevaluate

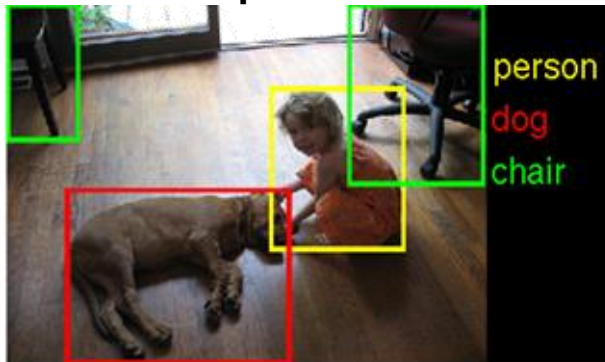
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Incrementally modify one or more specifications

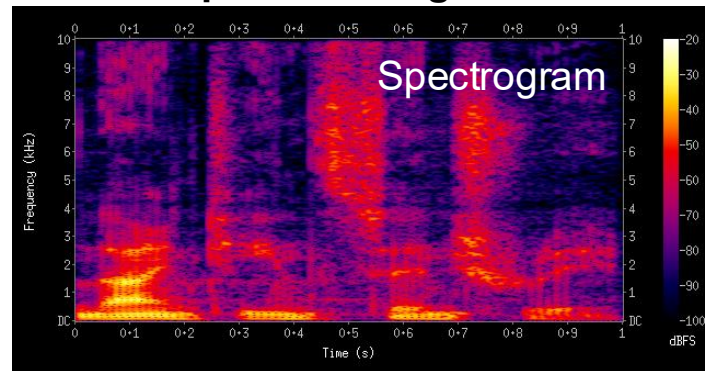
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# Applications of CNN

## Computer Vision



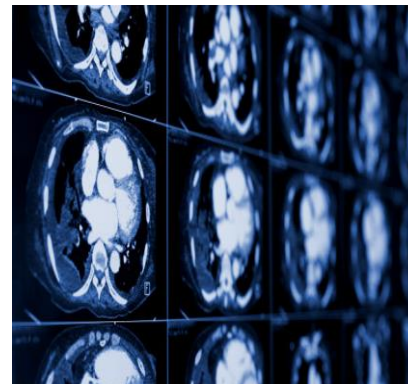
## Speech Recognition



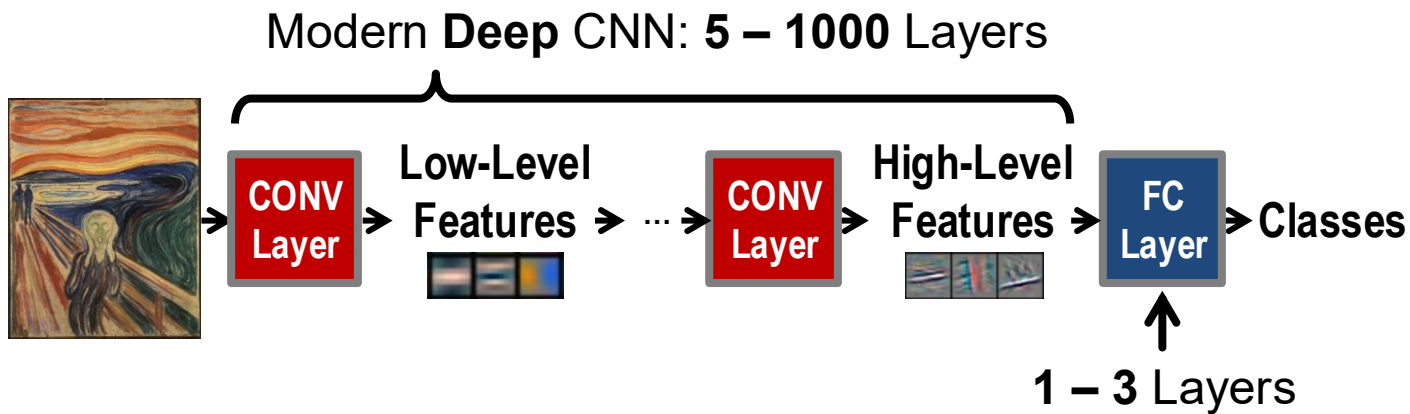
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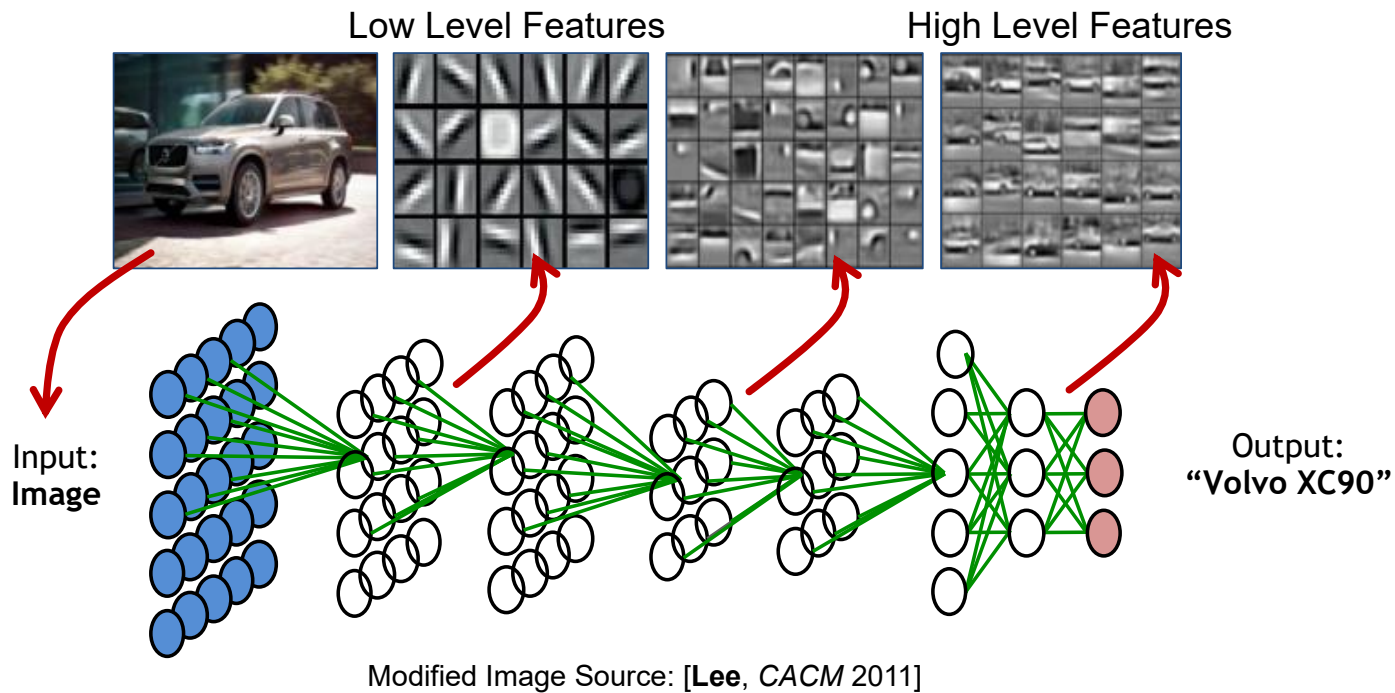
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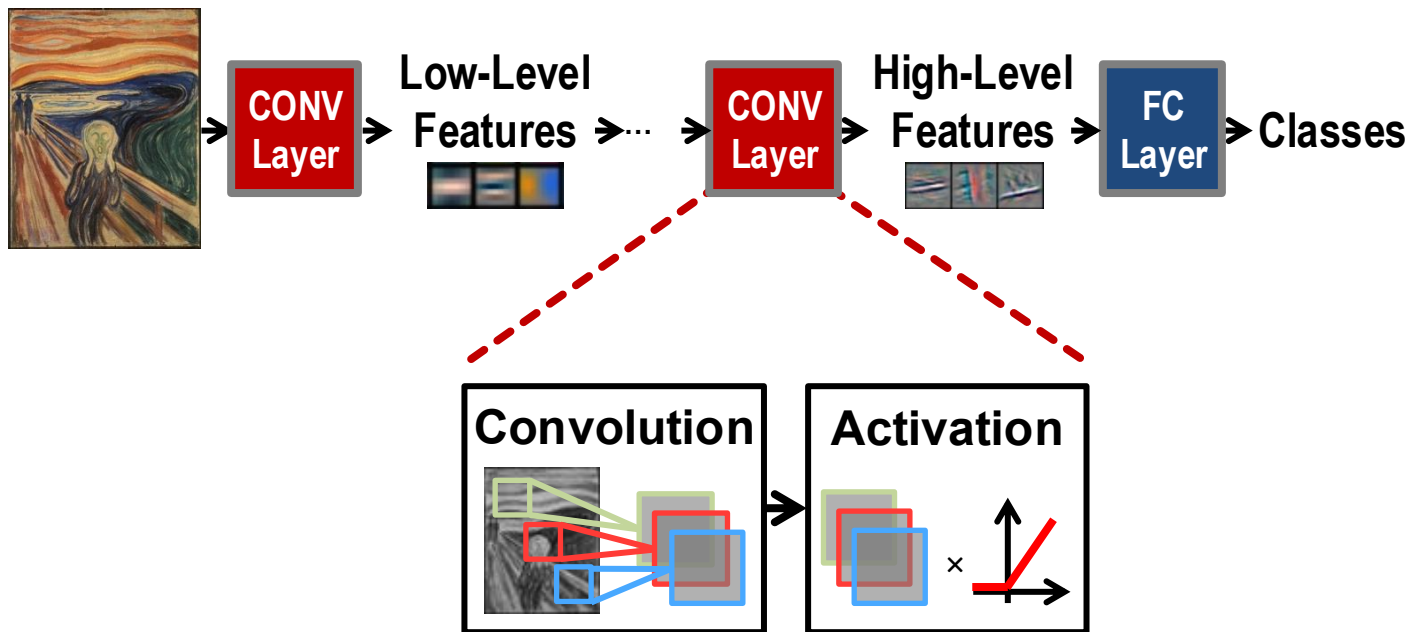
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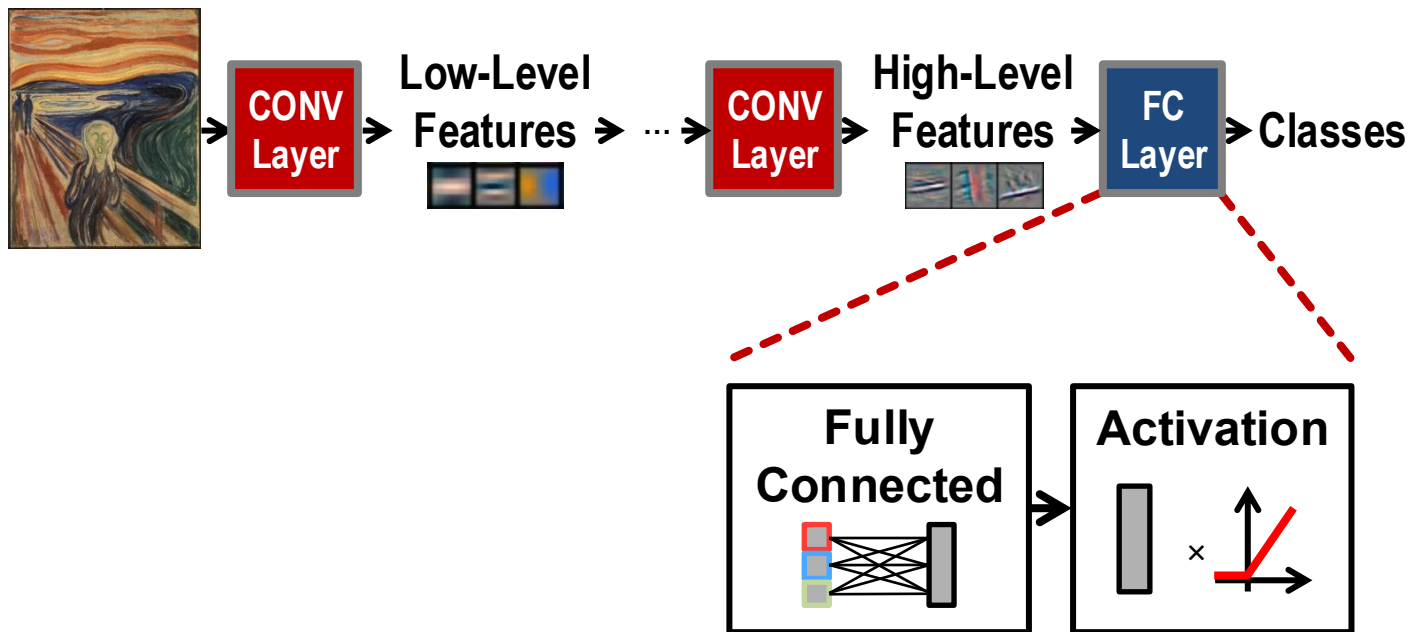
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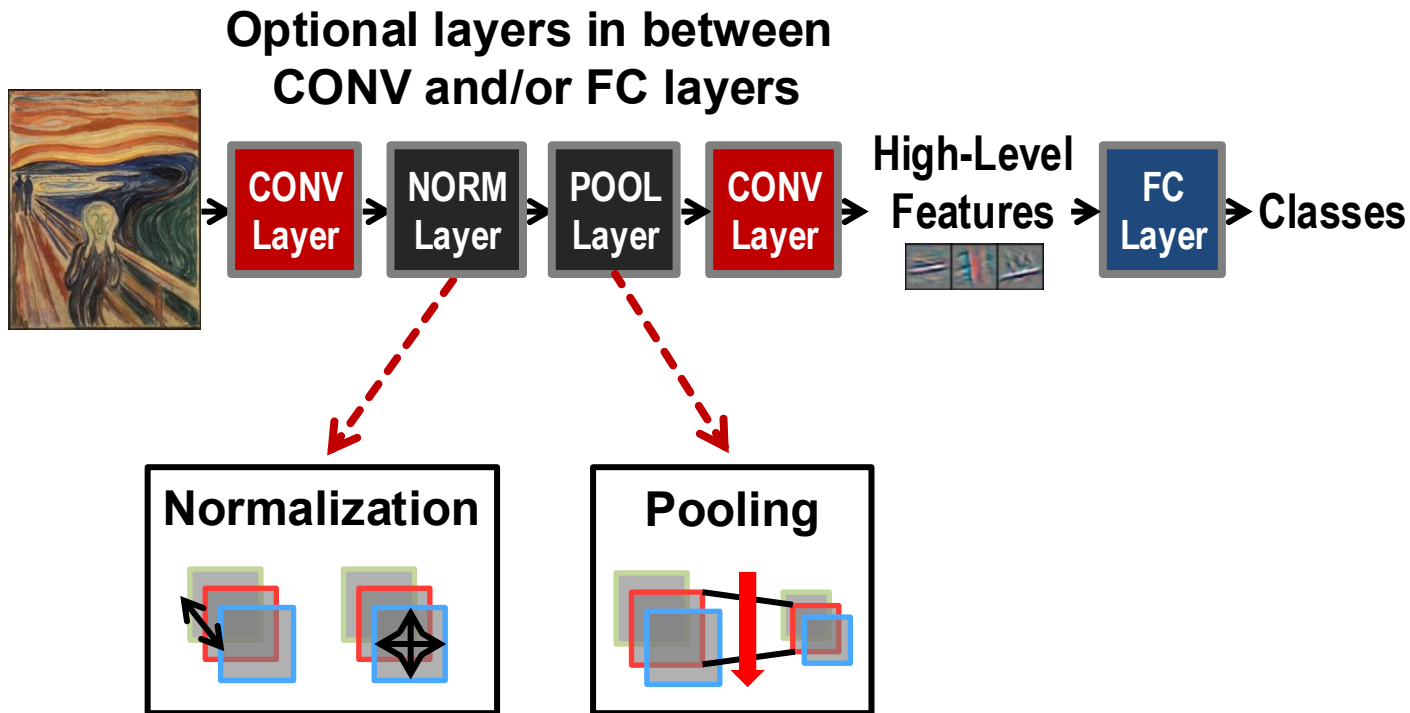
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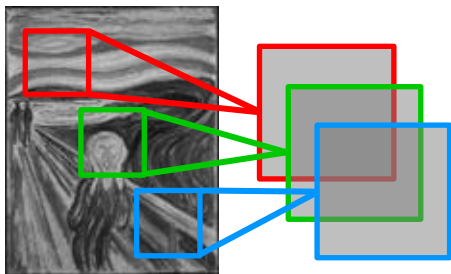
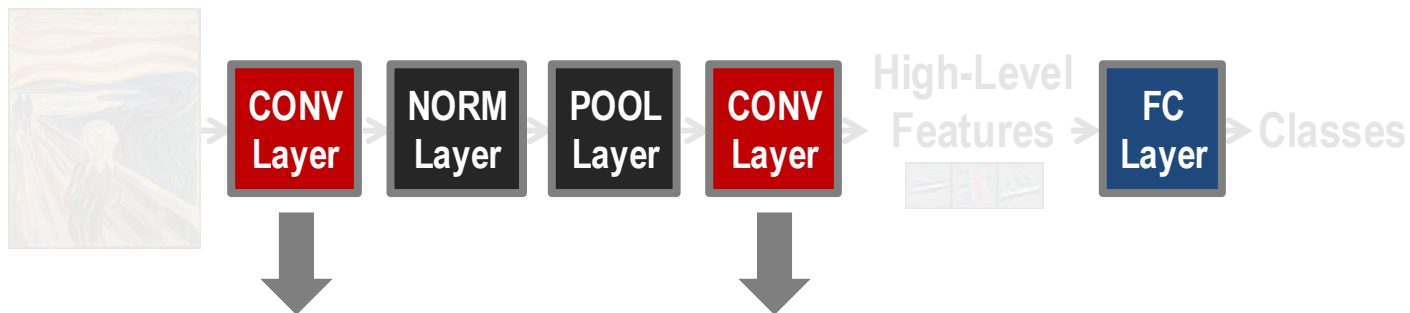
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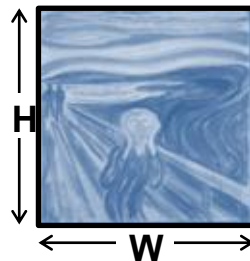
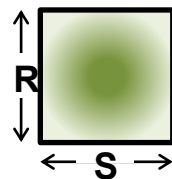


**Convolutions** account for more than 90% of overall computation, dominating **runtime** and **energy consumption**

# Convolution (CONV) Layer

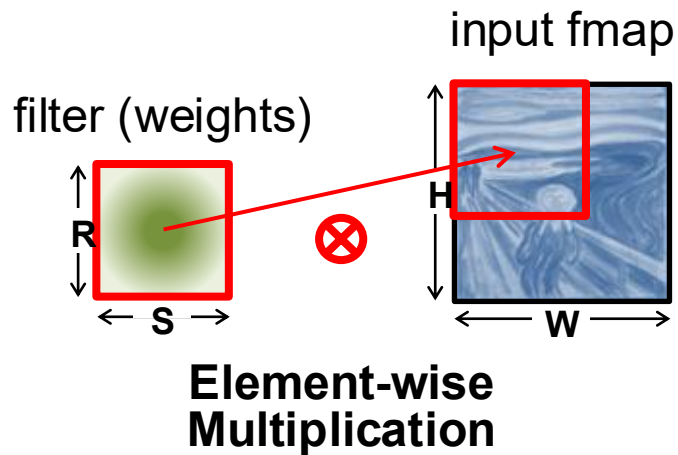
a plane of input activations  
a.k.a. **input feature map (fmap)**

filter\* (weights)

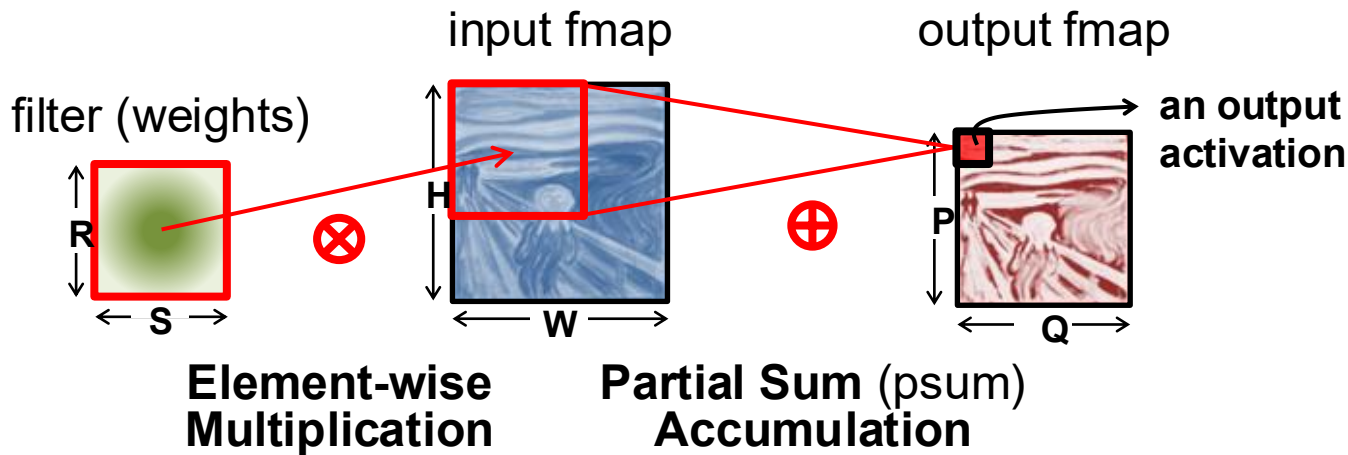


\* also referred to as **kernel**

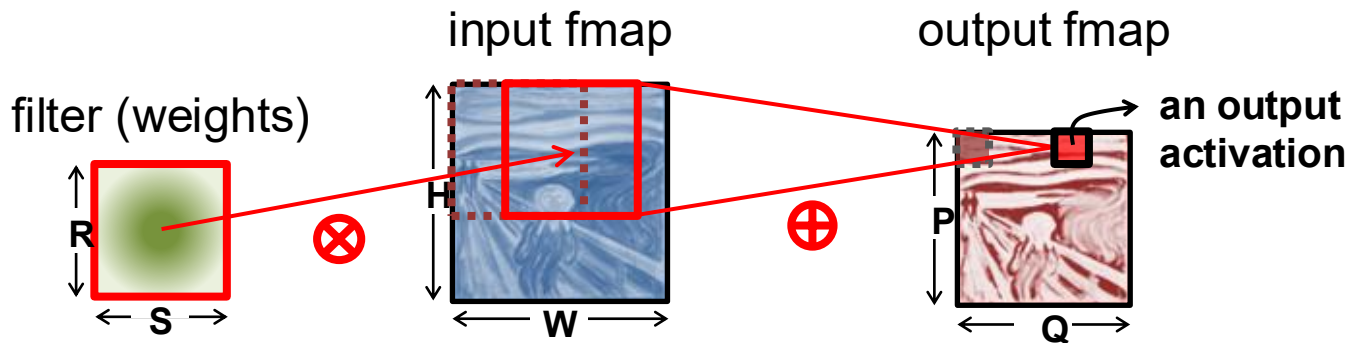
# Convolution (CONV) Layer



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# Convolution (CONV) Layer



**Sliding Window Processing**

# 2D Convolution Example

Convolution (Stride 1)

Filter  
(3x3)

0	1	0
1	1	1
0	1	0

**Filter support: 3x3**

Also referred to as the **receptive field**  
(each output requires 9 multiplications\*)

Input  
Feature  
Map  
(5x5)

0	1	2	3	2
1	2	2	2	0
0	1	0	1	3
1	2	2	1	0
0	1	0	3	1

Output  
Feature  
Map

\*assume no optimization for zeros

# 2D Convolution Example

Convolution (Stride 1)

Filter  
(3x3)

0	1	0
1	1	1
0	1	0

Input  
Feature  
Map  
(5x5)

0	1	2	3	2
1	2	2	2	0
0	1	0	1	3
1	2	2	1	0
0	1	0	3	1

Output  
Feature  
Map

7

# 2D Convolution Example

Convolution (Stride 1)

Filter  
(3x3)

0	1	0
1	1	1
0	1	0

Input  
Feature  
Map  
(5x5)

0	1	2	3	2
1	2	2	2	0
0	1	0	1	3
1	2	2	1	0
0	1	0	3	1

Output  
Feature  
Map

7	8
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# 2D Convolution Example

Convolution (Stride 1)

Filter  
(3x3)

0	1	0
1	1	1
0	1	0

Input  
Feature  
Map  
(5x5)

0	1	2	3	2
1	2	2	2	0
0	1	0	1	3
1	2	2	1	0
0	1	0	3	1

Output  
Feature  
Map

7	8	8
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# 2D Convolution Example

Convolution (Stride 1)

Filter  
(3x3)

0	1	0
1	1	1
0	1	0

Input  
Feature  
Map  
(5x5)

0	1	2	3	2
1	2	2	2	0
0	1	0	1	3
1	2	2	1	0
0	1	0	3	1

Output  
Feature  
Map

7	8	8
5		

# 2D Convolution Example

Convolution (Stride 1)

Filter  
(3x3)

0	1	0
1	1	1
0	1	0

Input  
Feature  
Map  
(5x5)

0	1	2	3	2
1	2	2	2	0
0	1	0	1	3
1	2	2	1	0
0	1	0	3	1

Output  
Feature  
Map

7	8	8
5	6	

# 2D Convolution Example

Convolution (Stride 1)

Filter  
(3x3)

0	1	0
1	1	1
0	1	0

Input  
Feature  
Map  
(5x5)

0	1	2	3	2
1	2	2	2	0
0	1	0	1	3
1	2	2	1	0
0	1	0	3	1

Output  
Feature  
Map

7	8	8
5	6	7

# 2D Convolution Example

Convolution (Stride 1)

Filter  
(3x3)

0	1	0
1	1	1
0	1	0

Input  
Feature  
Map  
(5x5)

0	1	2	3	2
1	2	2	2	0
0	1	0	1	3
1	2	2	1	0
0	1	0	3	1

Output  
Feature  
Map  
(3x3)

7	8	8
5	6	7
6	5	7

Size of  
**Output Feature Map** =  $(\text{Input Feature Map} - \text{Filter} + \text{Stride}) / \text{Stride}$   
# of multiplications?



# 2D Convolution Example

Convolution (Stride 2)

Filter  
(3x3)

0	1	0
1	1	1
0	1	0

Input  
Feature  
Map  
(5x5)

0	1	2	3	2
1	2	2	2	0
0	1	0	1	3
1	2	2	1	0
0	1	0	3	1

Output  
Feature  
Map

7

# 2D Convolution Example

Convolution (Stride 2)

Filter  
(3x3)

0	1	0
1	1	1
0	1	0

Input  
Feature  
Map  
(5x5)

0	1	2	3	2
1	2	2	2	0
0	1	0	1	3
1	2	2	1	0
0	1	0	3	1

Output  
Feature  
Map

7	8
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# 2D Convolution Example

Convolution (Stride 2)

Filter  
(3x3)

0	1	0
1	1	1
0	1	0

Input  
Feature  
Map  
(5x5)

0	1	2	3	2
1	2	2	2	0
0	1	0	1	3
1	2	2	1	0
0	1	0	3	1

Output  
Feature  
Map

7	8
6	

# 2D Convolution Example

Convolution (Stride 2)

Filter  
(3x3)

0	1	0
1	1	1
0	1	0

Input  
Feature  
Map  
(5x5)

0	1	2	3	2
1	2	2	2	0
0	1	0	1	3
1	2	2	1	0
0	1	0	3	1

Output  
Feature  
Map

7	8
6	7

# 2D Convolution Example

Convolution (Stride 2)

Filter  
(3x3)

0	1	0
1	1	1
0	1	0

Input  
Feature  
Map  
(5x5)

0	1	2	3	2
1	2	2	2	0
0	1	0	1	3
1	2	2	1	0
0	1	0	3	1

Output  
Feature  
Map  
(2x2)

7	8
6	7

Size of  
**Output Feature Map** =  $(\text{Input Feature Map} - \text{Filter} + \text{Stride}) / \text{Stride}$   
# of multiplications?



# 2D Convolution Example

Convolution (Stride 3)

Filter  
(3x3)

0	1	0
1	1	1
0	1	0

Input  
Feature  
Map  
(5x5)

0	1	2	3	2
1	2	2	2	0
0	1	0	1	3
1	2	2	1	0
0	1	0	3	1

Output  
Feature  
Map  
(1x1)

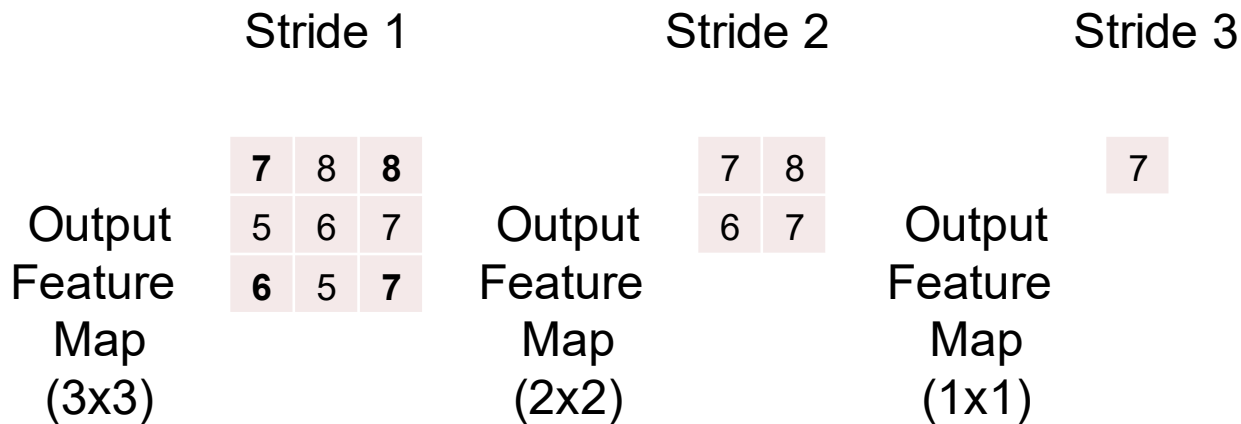
7

Size of  
**Output Feature Map** = (Size of Input Feature Map – Filter + Stride) / Stride  
# of multiplications?



# Impact of Stride on Convolution

Stride  $> 1$  is equivalent to **downsampling** the output feature map when Stride = 1



# Zero Padding

- The size of the output shrinks relative to the input
- Use **zero padding** to control the size of the output
- Can set padding based on filter size such that the output size is equal to original the input size

0	1	2	3	2
1	2	2	2	0
0	1	0	1	3
1	2	2	1	0
0	1	0	3	1



0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	1	2	3	2	0
0	1	2	2	2	0	0
0	0	1	0	1	3	0
0	1	2	2	1	0	0
0	0	1	0	3	1	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0

# 2D Convolution Example

Convolution (Stride 1) + zero padding

Filter  
(3x3)

0	1	0
1	1	1
0	1	0

Input  
Feature  
Map  
(7x7)

0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	1	2	3	2	0
0	1	2	2	2	0	0
0	0	1	0	1	3	0
0	1	2	2	1	0	0
0	0	1	0	3	1	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Output  
Feature  
Map  
(5x5)

2	5	8	9	5
3	7	8	8	4
3	5	6	7	4
3	6	5	7	5
2	3	6	5	4

# Zero Padding in PyTorch

- **padding** (*python:int or tuple, optional*) added to input. Default: 0
  - <https://pytorch.org/docs/stable/nn.html#padding-layers>
  - Ex: padding=1, pad 1 to the top, bottom, right, and left.
  - Ex. padding=[1,2], pad 1 to the top and bottom, pad 2 to the right and left
- Default: No zero padding
  - filter is  $R \times S$  and input is  $H \times W$ , and stride  $U$
  - output is  $(H-R+U)/U \times (W-S+U)/U$
- Padding=[ $(R-1)/2$ ,  $(S-1)/2$ ]: zero padding so that output remains the same for  $U=1$ 
  - filter is  $R \times S$  and input is  $H \times W$ , and stride  $U$
  - output is  $\text{ceil}(H/U) \times \text{ceil}(W/U)$
- Padding is not always explicitly defined, but can be inferred from the size of the feature map
  - Deep networks use padding to prevent feature maps from shrinking
- Different frameworks can use different types of padding

# Depth of Network: Convolution

As you go deeper into the network, more pixels contribute to each activation.

Example: 3x3 filter

0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	1	2	3	2	0
0	1	2	2	2	0	0
0	0	1	0	1	3	0
0	1	2	2	1	0	0
0	0	1	0	3	1	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Input to

Layer 1

0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	1	2	3	2	0
0	1	7	8	8	0	0
0	0	5	6	7	3	0
0	1	6	5	7	0	0
0	0	1	0	3	1	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0

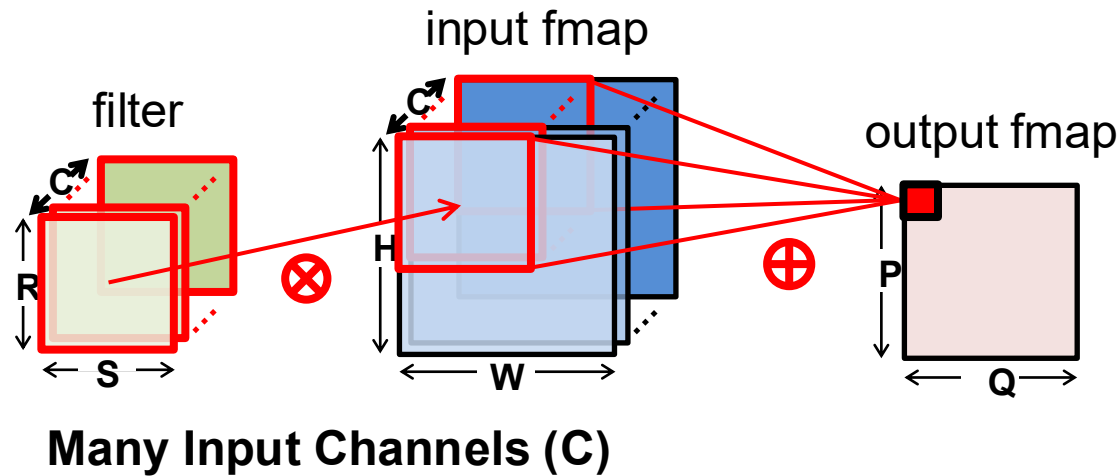
Layer 2

0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	1	2	3	2	0
0	1	2	2	2	0	0
0	0	1	31	1	3	0
0	1	2	1	0	0	0
0	0	1	0	3	1	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Layer 3

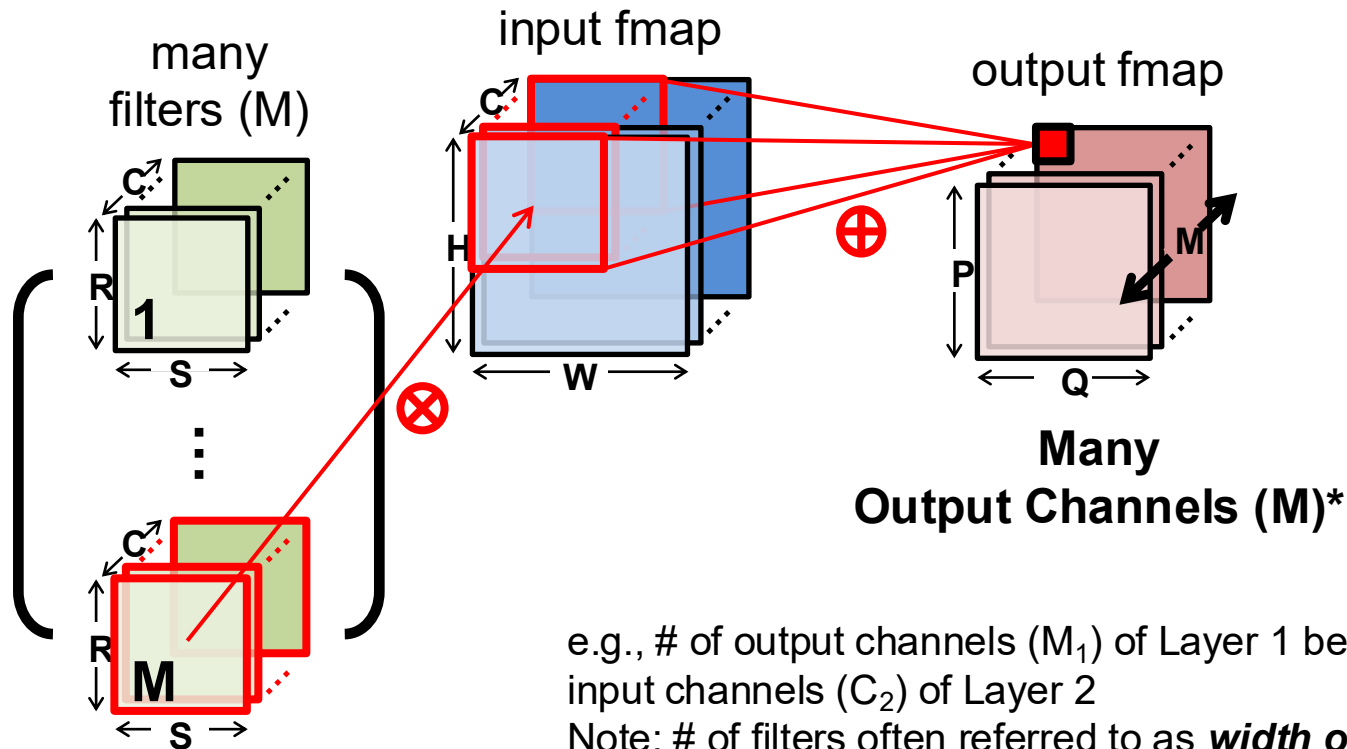
*Feature maps of deep layers typically give higher level features*

# Convolution (CONV) Layer

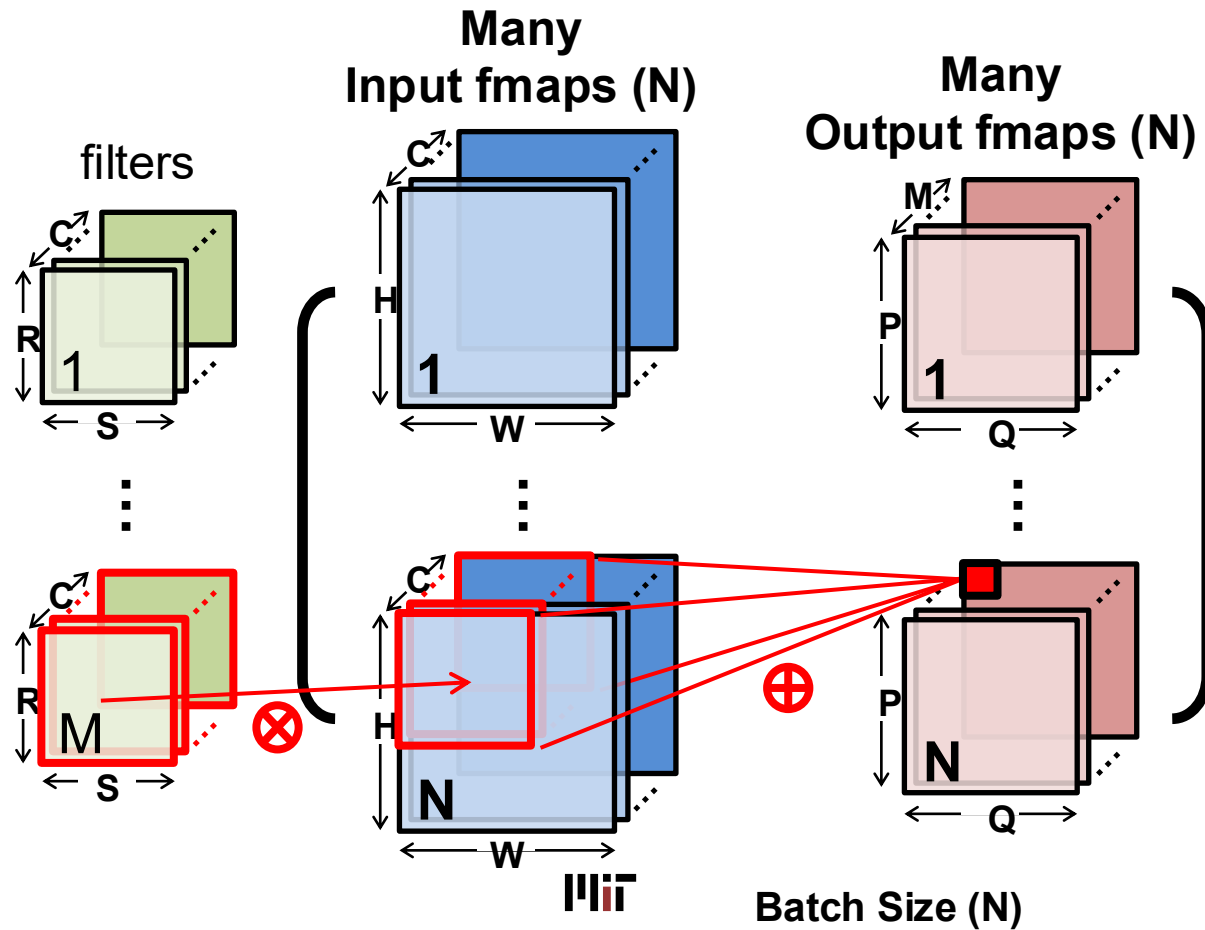


e.g., For Layer 1,  $C=3$  for the red, green, and blue components of an image

# Convolution (CONV) Layer



# Convolution (CONV) Layer



# CNN Decoder Ring

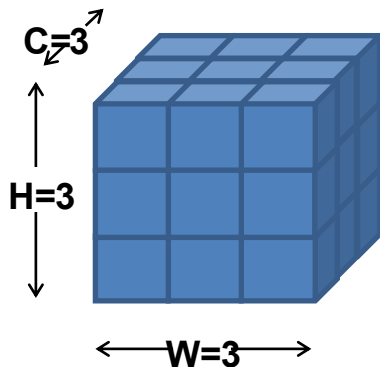
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- N – Number of **input fmaps/output fmaps** (batch size)
- C – Number of channels in **input fmaps** (activations) & **filters** (weights)
- H – Height of **input fmap** (activations)
- W – Width of **input fmap** (activations)
- R – Height of **filter** (weights)
- S – Width of **filter** (weights)
- M – Number of channels in **output fmaps** (activations)
- P – Height of **output fmap** (activations)
- Q – Width of **output fmap** (activations)
- U – Stride of convolution

These variables define the **rank** and **shape** of the various tensors (input fmap, filter, output fmap)

# Input Feature Map (fmap) Tensor

Input fmap (activations)



$I[C][H][W]$

In this example, the input feature map has **three ranks\*** named C, H and W

The **rank shapes** are C=3, H=3, and W=3

\*technically also has fourth rank N, with shape of N=1

# CONV Layer Tensor Computation

**Output fmap (O)**      **Biases (B)**      **Input fmap (I)**      **Filter weights (W)**

$$\underline{o[n][m][p][q]} = \underline{b[m]} + \sum_{c=0}^{C-1} \sum_{r=0}^{R-1} \sum_{s=0}^{S-1} \underline{i[n][c][Up+r][Uq+s]} \times \underline{f[m][c][r][s]}.$$

$$0 \leq n < N, 0 \leq m < M, 0 \leq p < P, 0 \leq q < Q,$$

$$P = (H - R + U)/U, Q = (W - S + U)/U.$$

Shape Parameter	Description
$N$	batch size of 3-D fmaps
$M$	# of 3-D filters / # of ofmap channels
$C$	# of ifmap/filter channels
$H/W$	ifmap plane height/width
$R/S$	filter plane height/width (= $H$ or $W$ in FC)
$P/Q$	ofmap plane height/width (= 1 in FC)



# Einstein Notation (Einsum)

## Algebraic Notation

$$\mathbf{o}[n][m][p][q] = \mathbf{b}[m] + \sum_{c=0}^{C-1} \sum_{r=0}^{R-1} \sum_{s=0}^{S-1} \mathbf{i}[n][c][Up+r][Uq+s] \times \mathbf{f}[m][c][r][s].$$

## Einsum Notation

$$O_{n,m,p,q} = B_m + I_{n,c,U \times p+r, U \times q+s} \times F_{m,c,r,s}$$

**Einsum does not enforce any computational order**  
(function in Numpy, Pytorch and Tensorflow)

[Einstein, *Annalen der Physike* 1916], [Kjolstad, TACO, OOPSLA 2017], [Parashar, Timeloop, ISPASS 2019]

# CONV Layer Implementation

## Naïve 7-layer for-loop implementation:

```

for n in [0..N):
  for m in [0..M):
    for q in [0..Q):
      for p in [0..P):
        } for each output fmap value

```

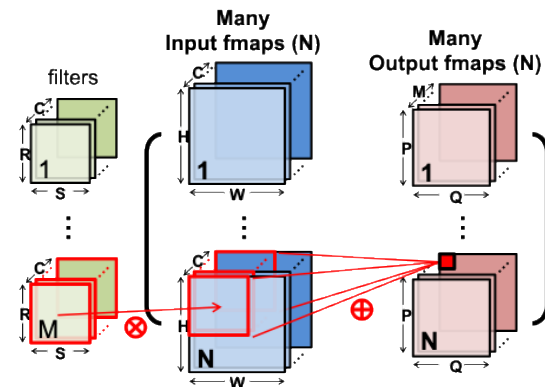
convolve  
a window  
and apply  
activation

```

O[n][m][p][q] = B[m];
for c in [0..C):
  for r in [0..R):
    for s in [0..S):
      O[n][m][p][q] += I[n][c][Up+r][Uq+s]
                      × F[m][c][r][s];

O[n][m][p][q] = Activation(O[n][m][p][q]);

```

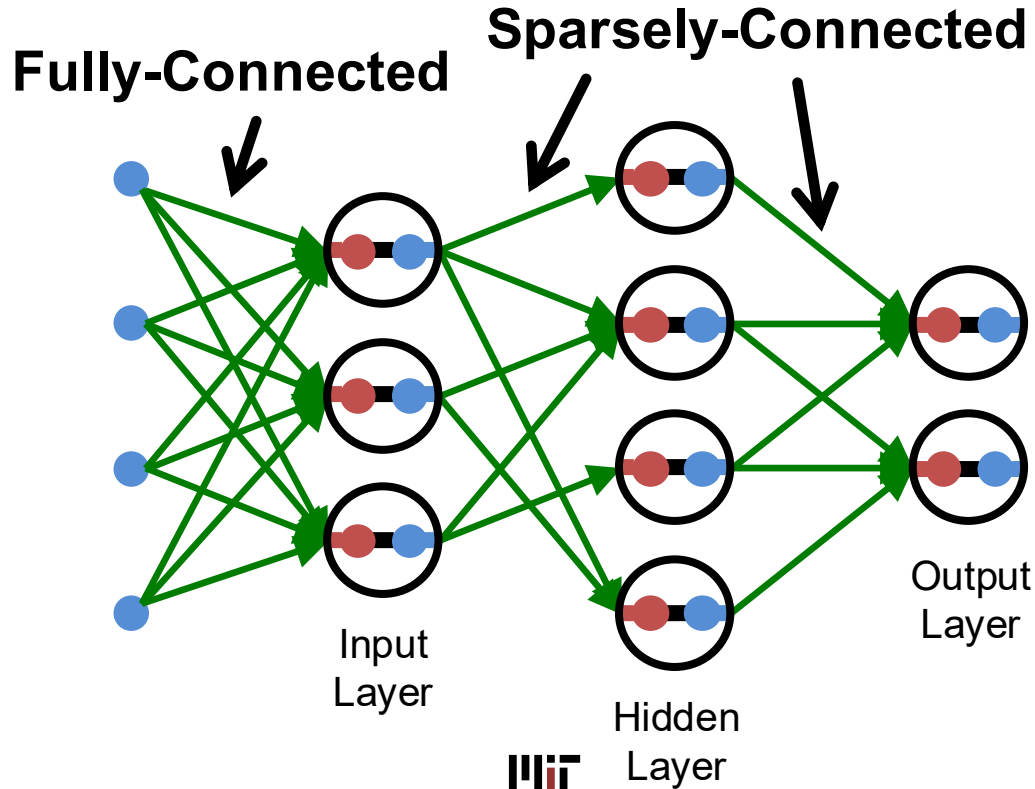


Note that loop nest enforces an order → Einsum is more general!

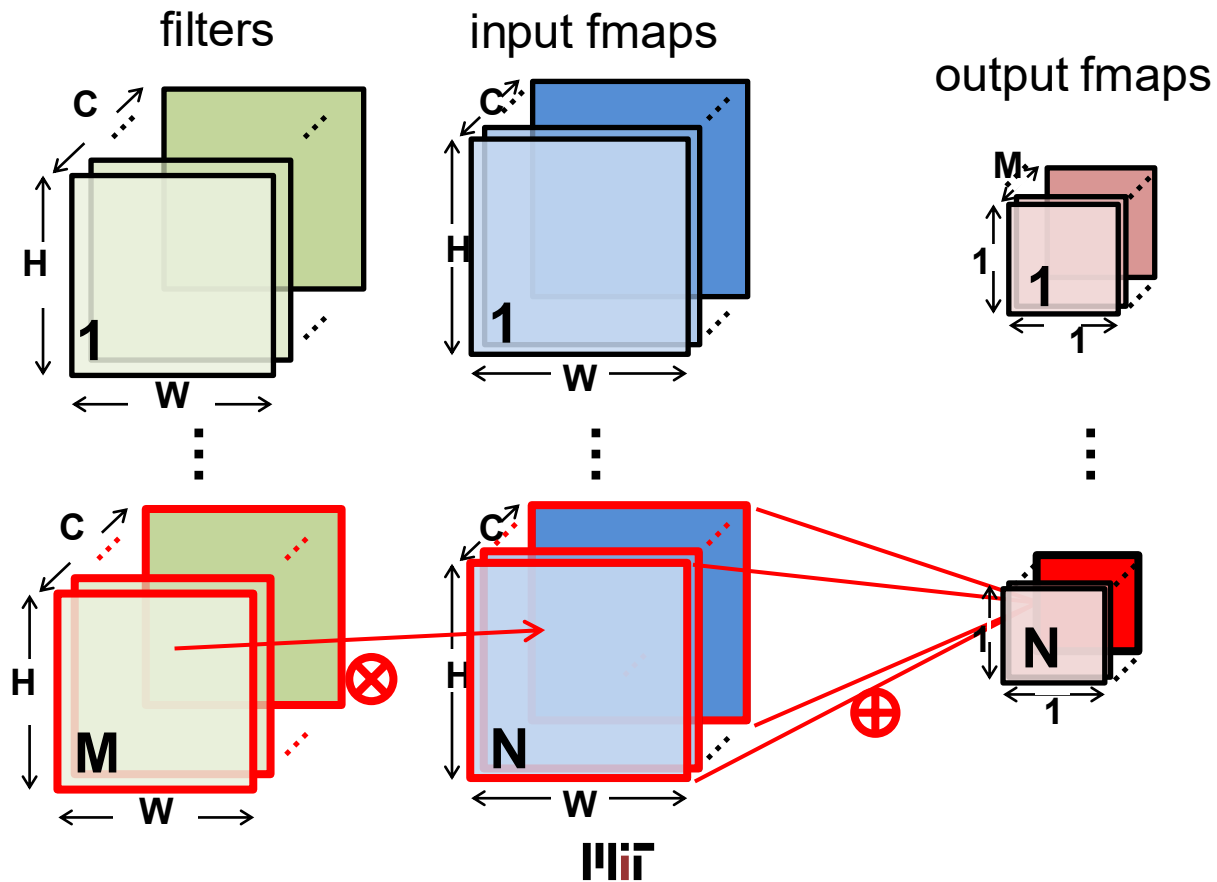
# Fully Connected Layer

# Fully-Connected (FC) Layer

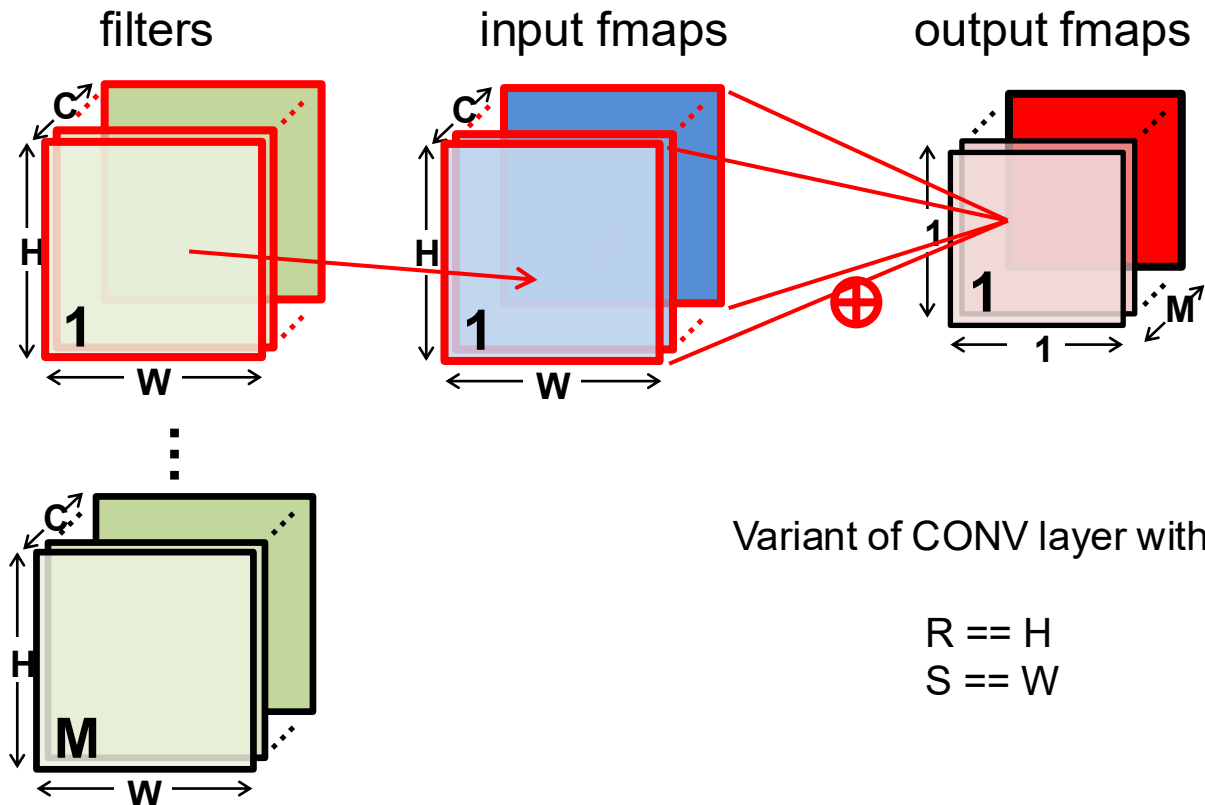
**Fully-Connected:** all i/p neurons connected to all o/p neurons



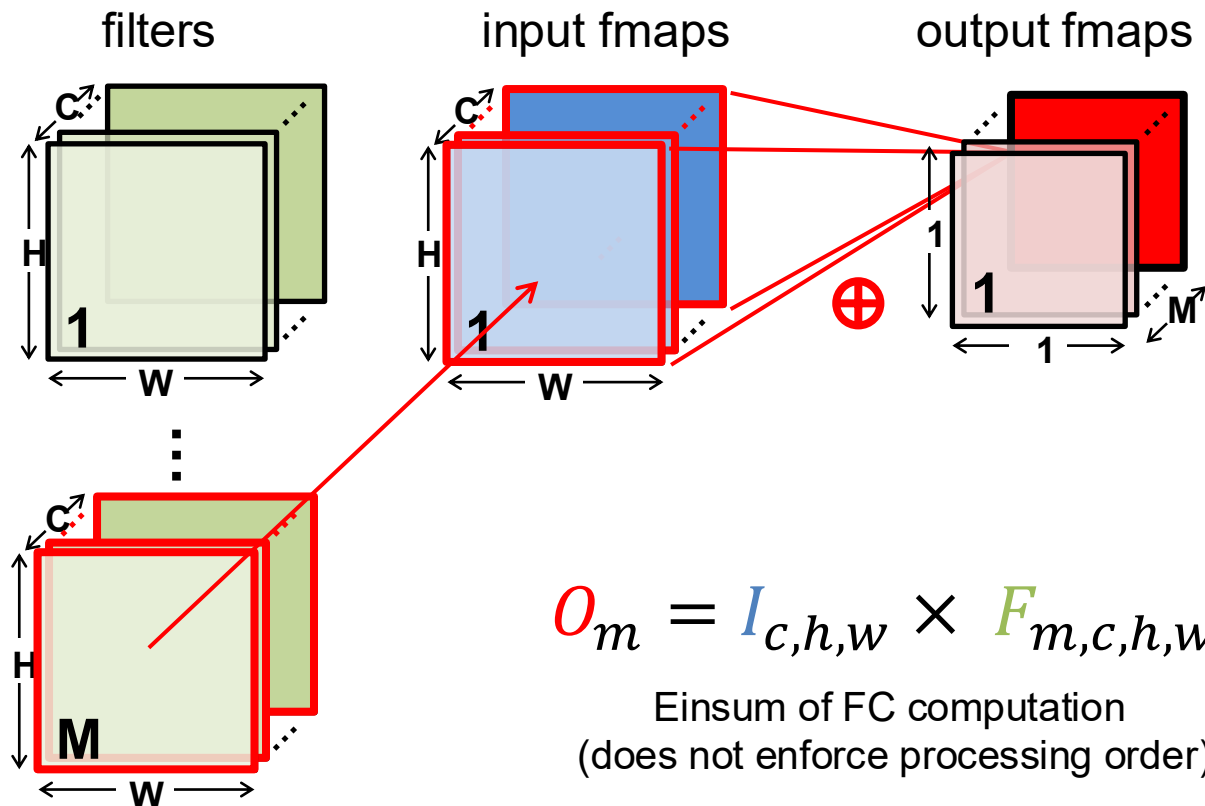
# FC Layer – from CONV Layer POV



# Fully Connected Computation



# Fully Connected Computation



# Fully Connected Computation

```
int i[C][H][W];      # Input activations
int f[M][C][H][W];   # Filter weights
int o[M];             # Output activations

for m in [0, M):
    o[m] = 0;
    for c in [0, C):
        for h in [0, H):
            for w in [0, W):
                o[m] += i[c][h][w]*f[m][c][h][w]
```

Should be bias, which  
we will ignore for  
simplicity

Loop nest of FC computation  
(enforces some processing order)

# Convert FC Compute to Matrix-Vector Multiply

## Flatten C, H, W ranks to CHW

```
int i[C][H][W];      # Input activations
int f[M][C][H][W];   # Filter weights
int o[M];             # Output activations
```

```
for m in [0, M):
    o[m] = 0;
    for c in [0, C):
        for h in [0, H):
            for w in [0, W):
                o[m] += i[c][h][w]*f[m][c][h][w]
```

```
int i[CHW];           # Input activations
int f[M][CHW];        # Filter weights
int o[M];             # Output activations
```

```
for m in [0, M):
    o[m] = 0;
    for chw in [0, CHW):
        o[m] += i[chw]*f[M*m + chw]
```

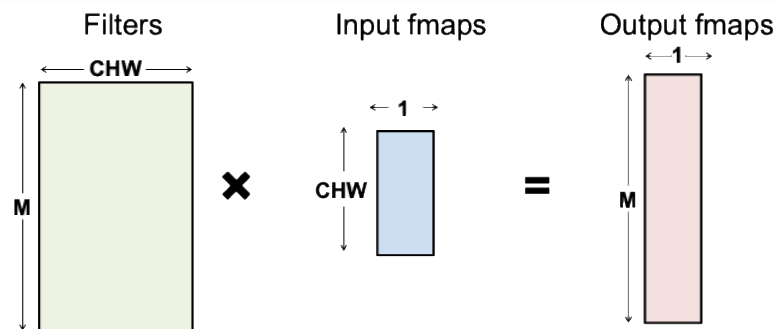
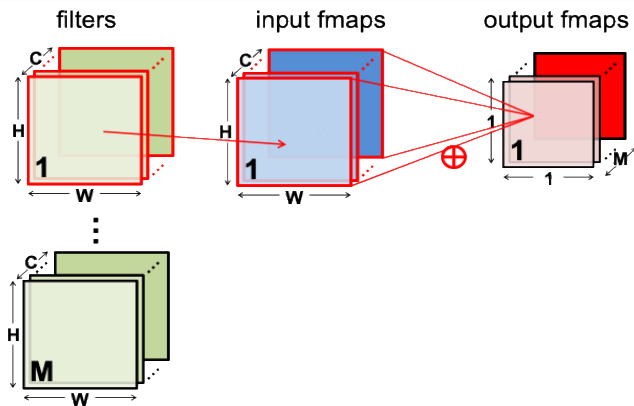
# Convert FC Compute to Matrix-Vector Multiply

```
int i[C][H][W];    # Input activations
int f[M][C][H][W]; # Filter weights
int o[M];           # Output activations
```

```
for m in [0, M):
    o[m] = 0;
    for c in [0, C):
        for h in [0, H):
            for w in [0, W):
                o[m] += i[c][h][w]*f[m][c][h][w]
```

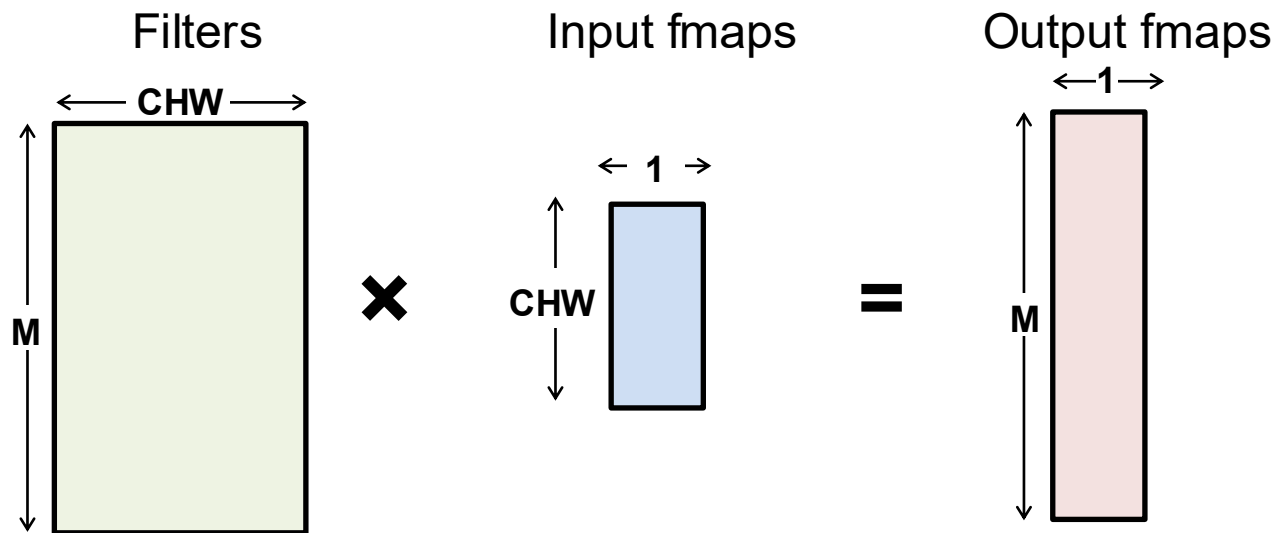
```
int i[CHW];         # Input activations
int f[M][CHW];      # Filter weights
int o[M];           # Output activations
```

```
for m in [0, M):
    o[m] = 0;
    for chw in [0, CHW):
        o[m] += i[chw]*f[m][chw]
```



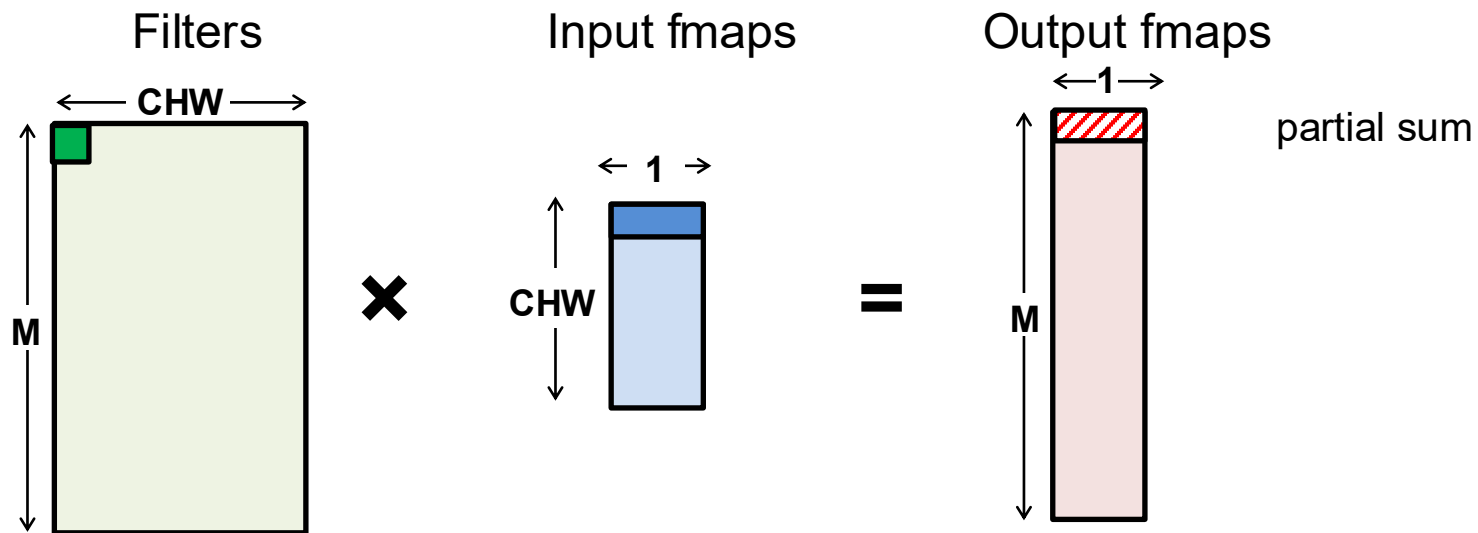
# FC Compute as Matrix-Vector Multiply

Multiply all inputs in all channels by a weight and sum



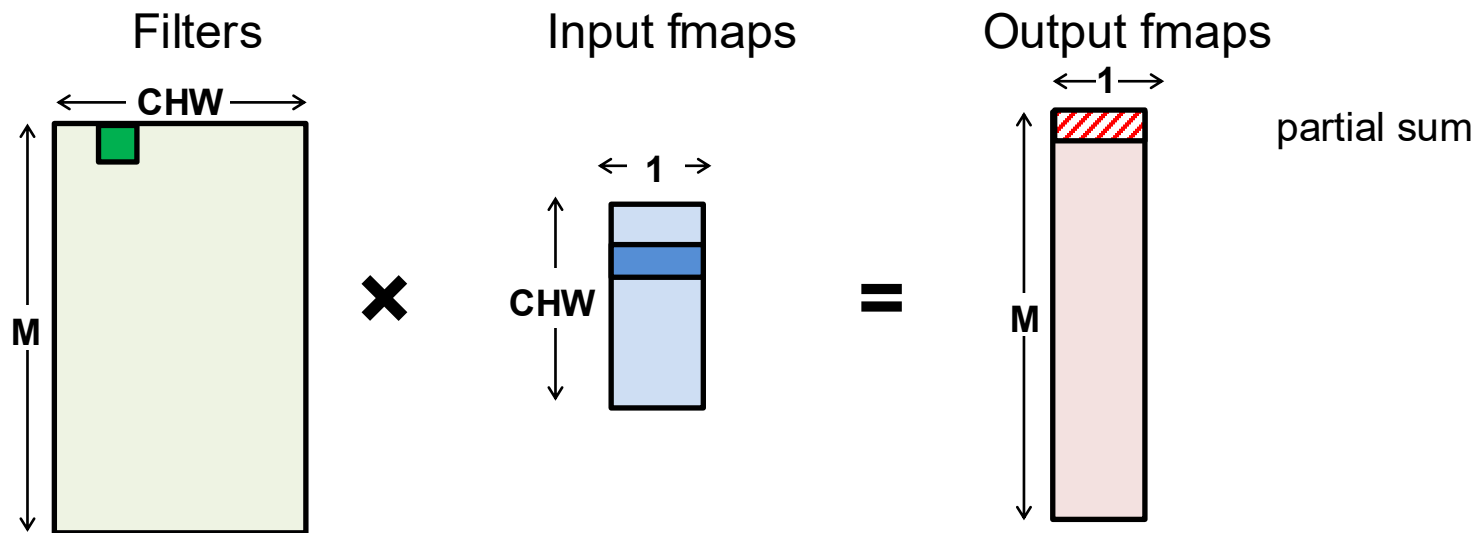
# FC Compute as Matrix-Vector Multiply

Multiply all inputs in all channels by a weight and sum  
(increment **chw**)



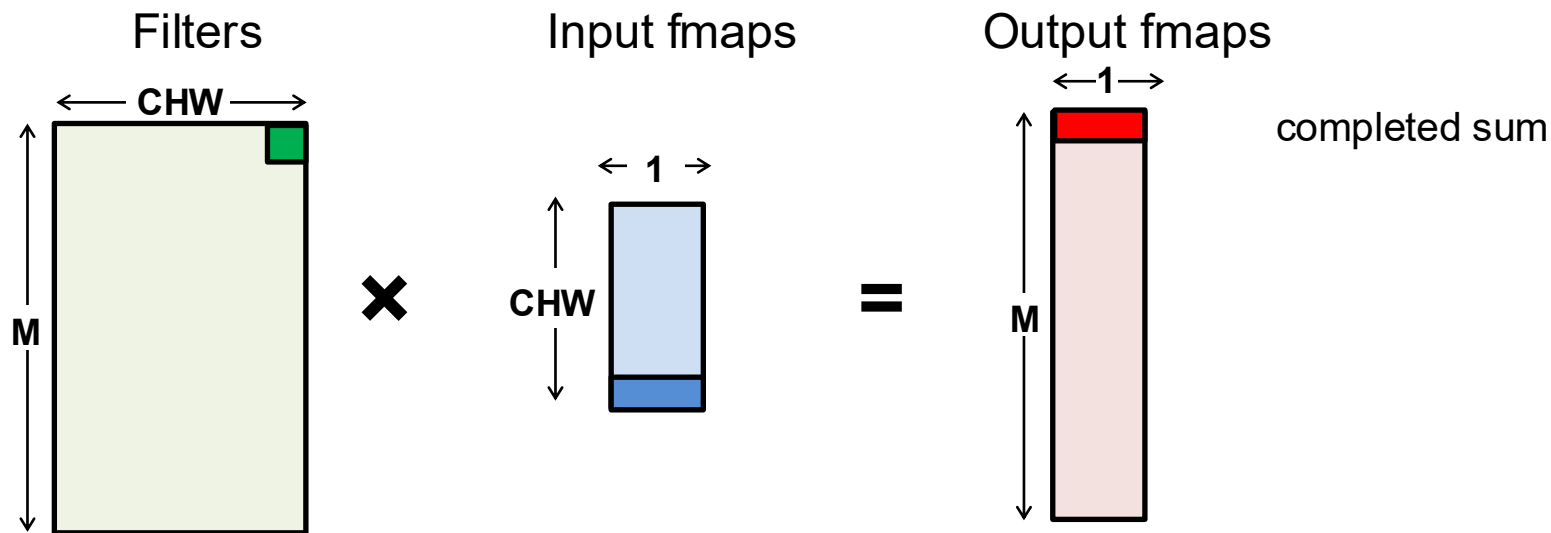
# FC Compute as Matrix-Vector Multiply

Multiply all inputs in all channels by a weight and sum  
(increment **chw**)



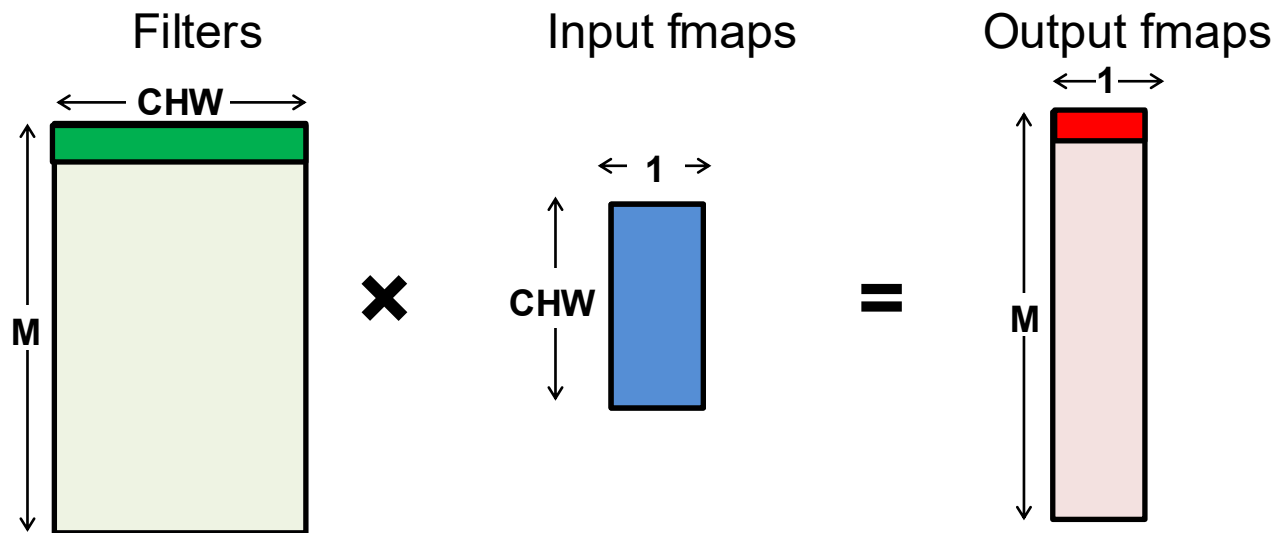
# FC Compute as Matrix-Vector Multiply

Multiply all inputs in all channels by a weight and sum  
(increment **chw**)



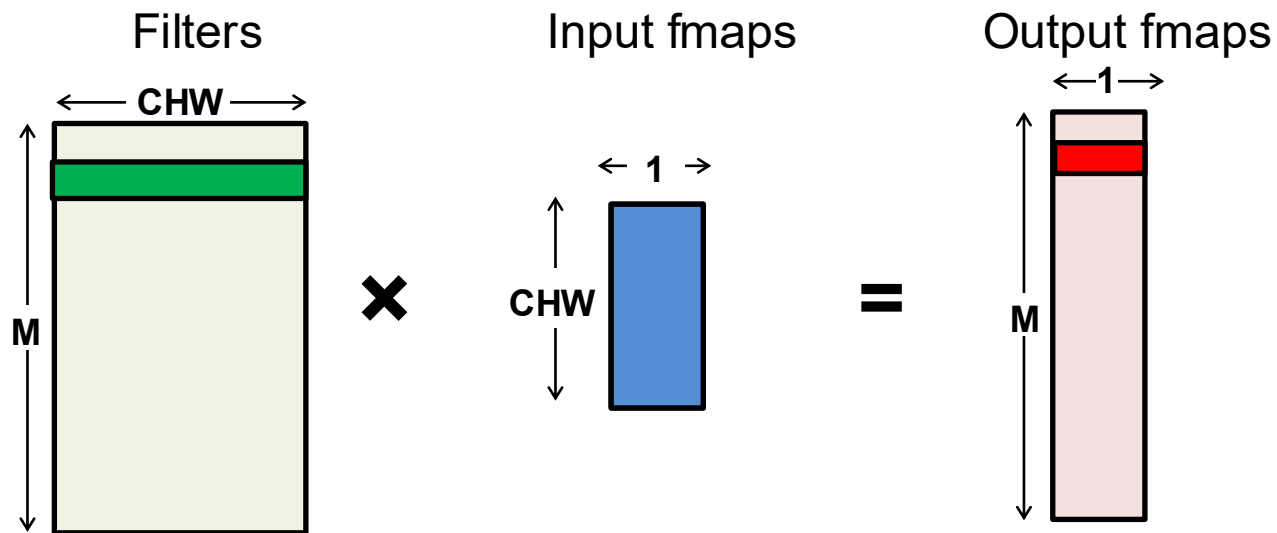
# FC Compute as Matrix-Vector Multiply

Multiply all inputs in all channels by a weight and sum



# FC Compute as Matrix-Vector Multiply

Multiply all inputs in all channels by a weight and sum  
(increment  $m$ )



# Einsum for Flattened FC

Original

Flattened

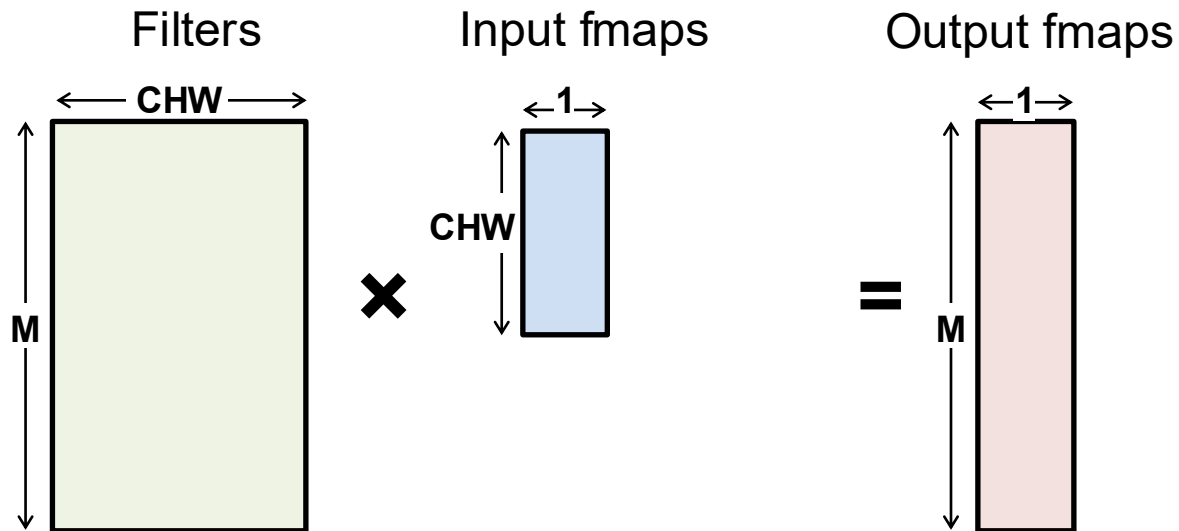
$$I_{c,h,w} \rightarrow I_{H \times W \times c + W \times h + w} \rightarrow I_{chw}$$

$$F_{m,c,h,w} \rightarrow F_{m,H \times W \times c + W \times h + w} \rightarrow F_{m,chw}$$

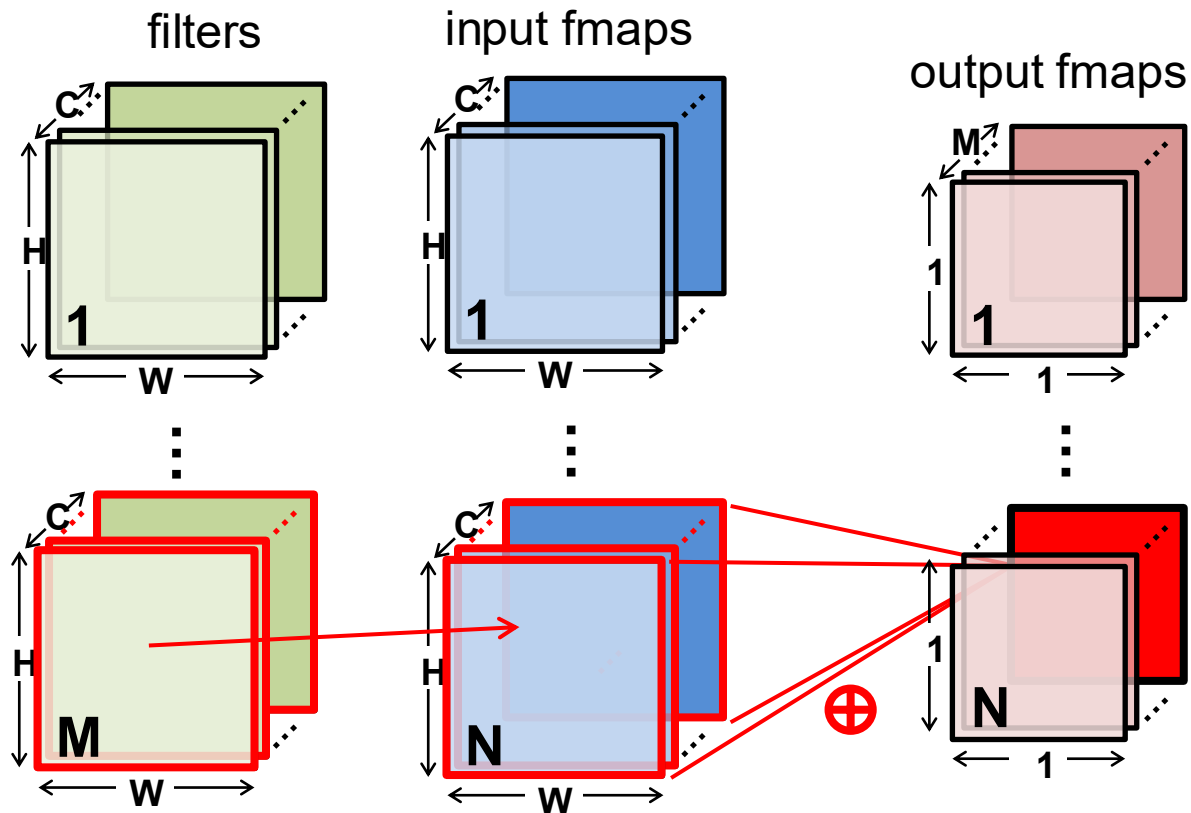
$$O_m = I_{c,h,w} \times F_{m,c,h,w} \rightarrow O_m = I_{chw} \times F_{m,chw}$$

# Einsum for FC as Matrix Vector

$$O_m = I_{chw} \times F_{m,chw}$$

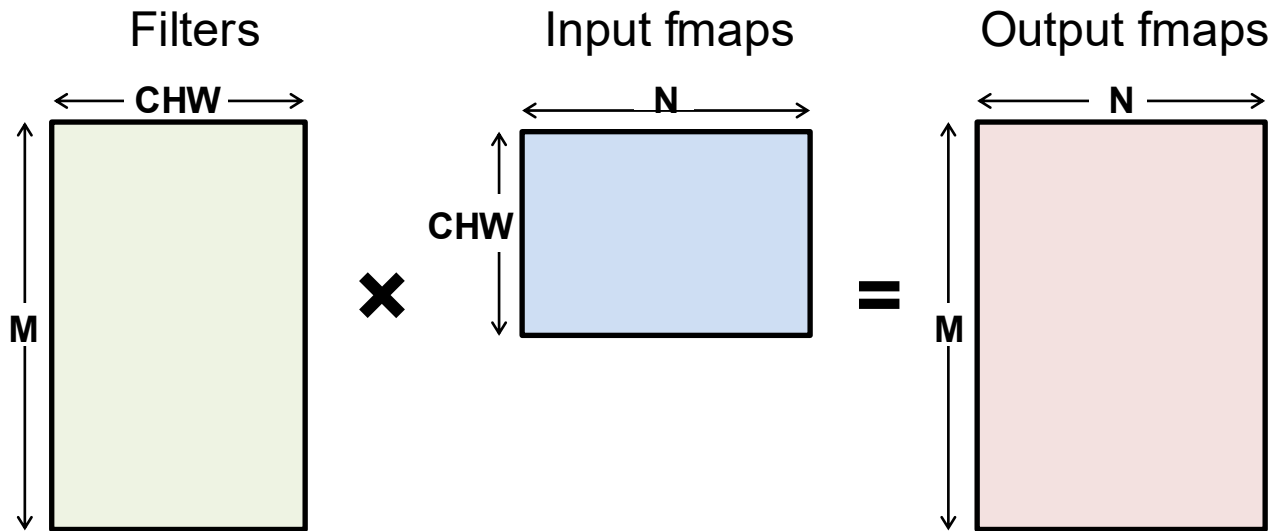


# FC Layer – Batch (N)



# FC Compute → Matrix-Matrix Multiply

$$O_{n,m} = I_{n,chw} \times F_{m,chw}$$



After flattening, having a batch size of  $N$  turns the **matrix-vector** multiply into a **matrix-matrix** multiply

# FC Compute → Matrix-Matrix Multiply

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$$O_{n,m} = I_{n,chw} \times F_{m,chw}$$

reduction on rank **chw**

Typical matrix multiplication notation

$$C_{m,n} = A_{m,k} \times B_{k,n}$$

reduction on rank **k**

Note: for Einsum, the order of ranks does not matter