

Convolution in Machine Learning

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Definition (in Discrete Time)

$$y[n] = x[n] * h[n] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} x[k] \cdot h[n - k]$$

time-shifted

$x[n]$ is input signal, $h[n]$ is impulse response,

$y[n]$ is output. $*$ denotes convolution.

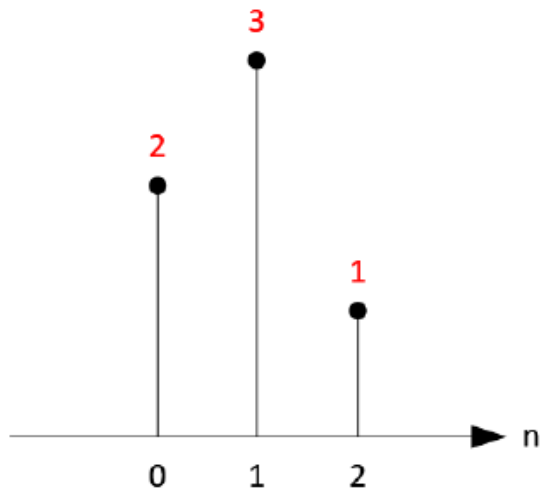
impulse response impulse decomposition

Impulse Function Decomposition

$$e^x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!} = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots \quad f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (x - b)^n$$

$$\sin x = x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \dots \quad x[n] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} x[k] \cdot \delta[n - k]$$

In general, a signal can be decomposed as a weighted sum of basis signals.



$$x[0] = x[0] \cdot \delta[n] = 2 \cdot \delta[n - 0]$$

$$x[1] = x[1] \cdot \delta[n - 1] = 3 \cdot \delta[n - 1]$$

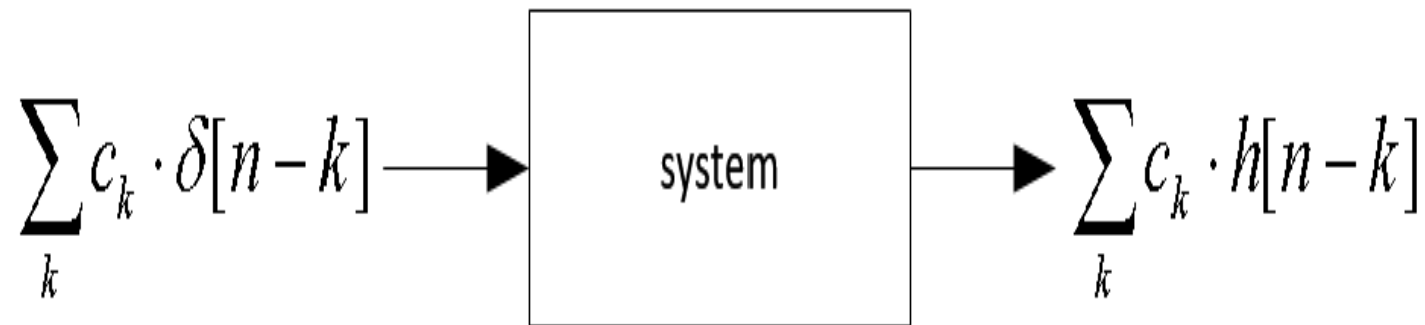
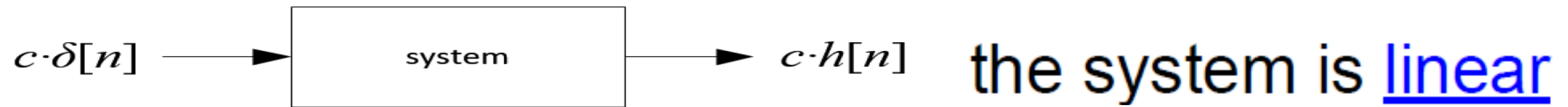
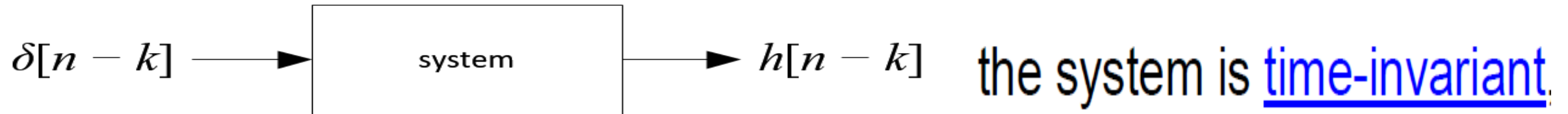
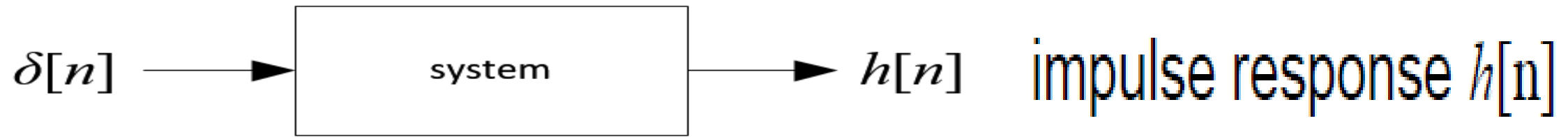
$$x[2] = x[2] \cdot \delta[n - 2] = 1 \cdot \delta[n - 2]$$

$$x[n] = x[0] \cdot \delta[n - 0] + x[1] \cdot \delta[n - 1] + x[2] \cdot \delta[n - 2]$$

a signal is decomposed into
a set of impulse (delta) functions

$\delta[n]$ is 1 at $n=0$
zeros at $n \neq 0$

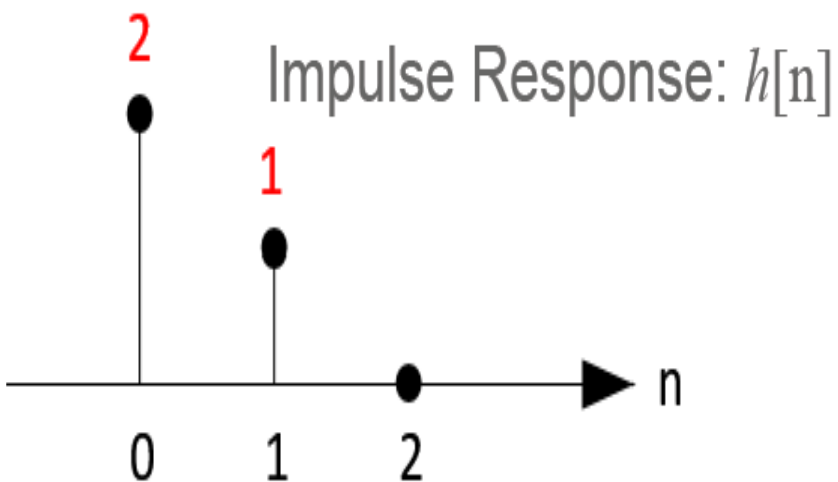
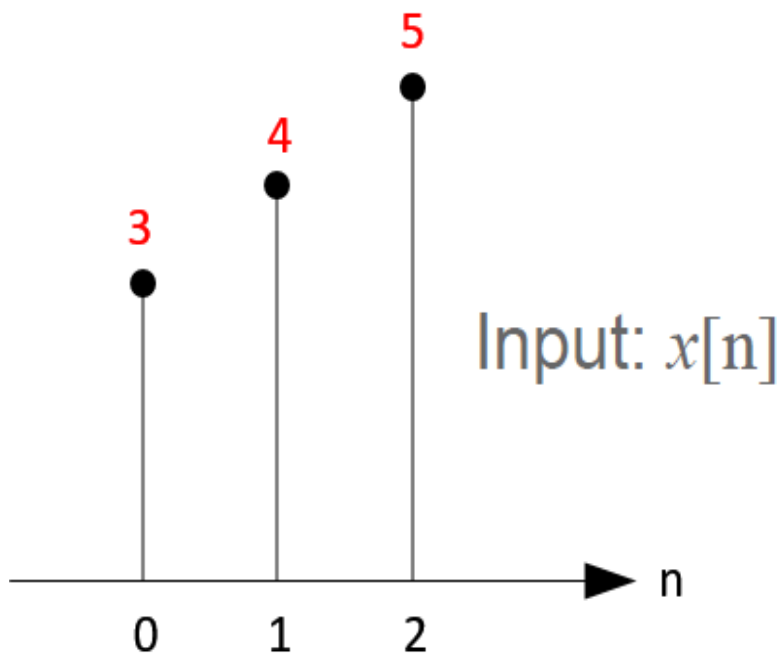
Impulse Response



$$x[n] = \sum_k x[k] \cdot \delta[n - k],$$

$$y[n] = \sum_k x[k] \cdot h[n - k].$$

Convolution in 1D

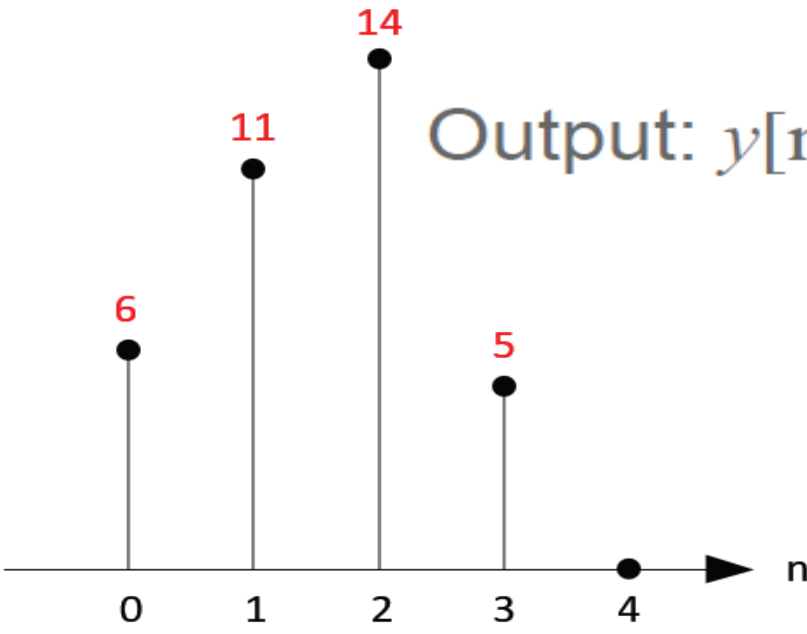


$$\begin{aligned}y[0] &= \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} x[k] \cdot h[0 - k] \\&= x[0] \cdot h[0] + x[1] \cdot h[0 - 1] + x[2] \cdot h[0 - 2] + \dots \\&= x[0] \cdot h[0] \\&= 3 \cdot 2 \\&= 6\end{aligned}$$

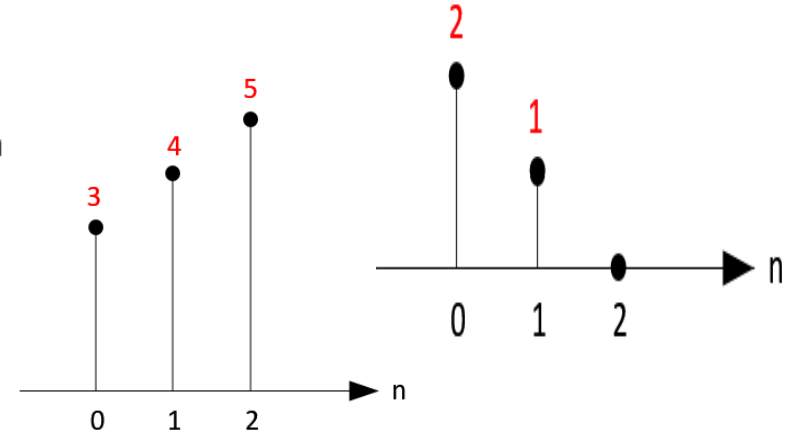
$$\begin{aligned}y[1] &= \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} x[k] \cdot h[1 - k] \\&= x[0] \cdot h[1 - 0] + x[1] \cdot h[1 - 1] + x[2] \cdot h[1 - 2] + \dots \\&= x[0] \cdot h[1] + x[1] \cdot h[0] \\&= 3 \cdot 1 + 4 \cdot 2 \\&= 11\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}y[2] &= \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} x[k] \cdot h[2 - k] \\&= x[0] \cdot h[2 - 0] + x[1] \cdot h[2 - 1] + x[2] \cdot h[2 - 2] + \dots \\&= x[0] \cdot h[2] + x[1] \cdot h[1] + x[2] \cdot h[0] \\&= 3 \cdot 0 + 4 \cdot 1 + 5 \cdot 2 \\&= 14\end{aligned}$$

Output: $y[n]$



$$\begin{aligned} y[3] &= \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} x[k] \cdot h[3-k] \\ &= x[0] \cdot h[3-0] + x[1] \cdot h[3-1] + x[2] \cdot h[3-2] + x[3] \cdot h[3-3] + \dots \\ &= x[0] \cdot h[3] + x[1] \cdot h[2] + x[2] \cdot h[1] + x[3] \cdot h[0] \\ &= 3 \cdot 0 + 4 \cdot 0 + 5 \cdot 1 + 0 \cdot 2 \\ &= 5 \end{aligned}$$

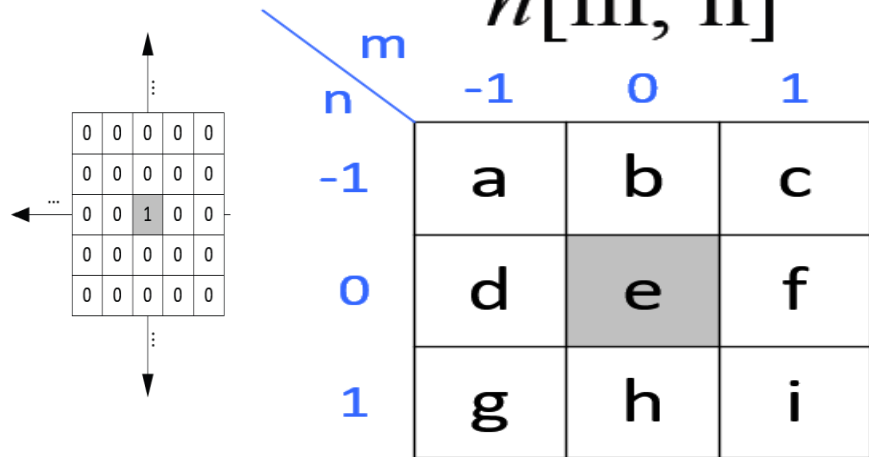
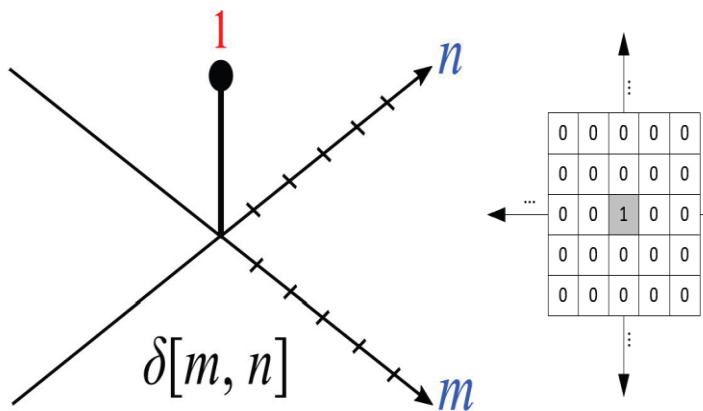


$$\begin{aligned} y[0] &= x[0] \cdot h[0] \\ y[1] &= x[1] \cdot h[0] + x[0] \cdot h[1] \\ y[2] &= x[2] \cdot h[0] + x[1] \cdot h[1] \\ y[3] &= x[3] \cdot h[0] + x[2] \cdot h[1] \end{aligned}$$

$$y[4] = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} x[k] \cdot h[4-k]$$

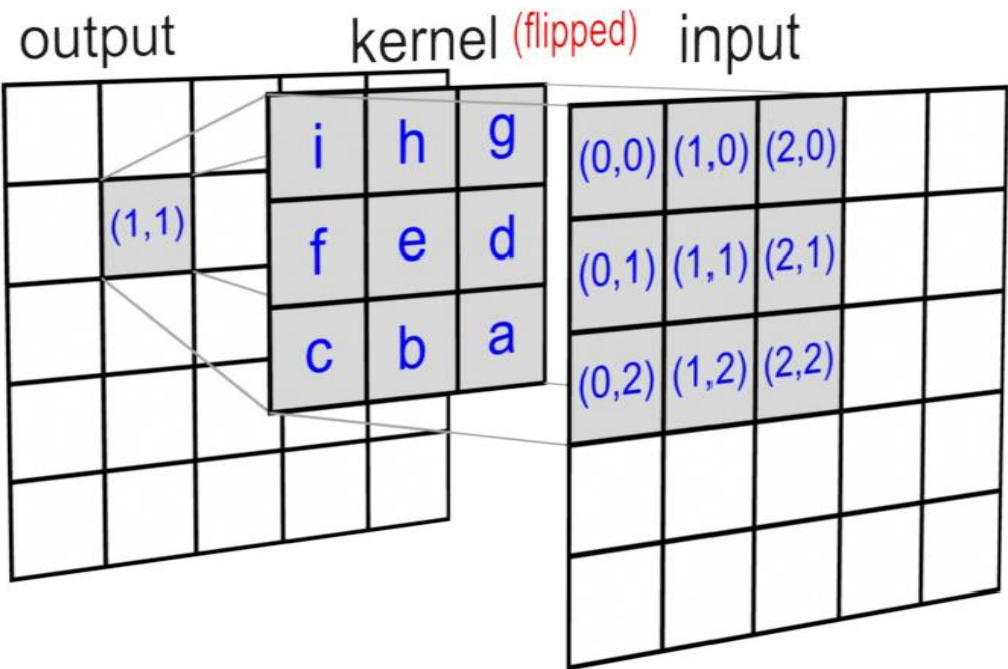
$$\begin{aligned} &= x[0] \cdot h[4-0] + x[1] \cdot h[4-1] + x[2] \cdot h[4-2] + x[3] \cdot h[4-3] + x[4] \cdot h[4-4] + \dots \\ &= x[0] \cdot h[4] + x[1] \cdot h[3] + x[2] \cdot h[2] + x[3] \cdot h[1] + x[4] \cdot h[0] \\ &= 3 \cdot 0 + 4 \cdot 0 + 5 \cdot 0 + 0 \cdot 2 + 0 \cdot 1 + 0 \cdot 0 \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Convolution in 2D



$$y[1,1] = \sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} \sum_{i=-\infty}^{\infty} x[i,j] \cdot h[1-i,1-j]$$

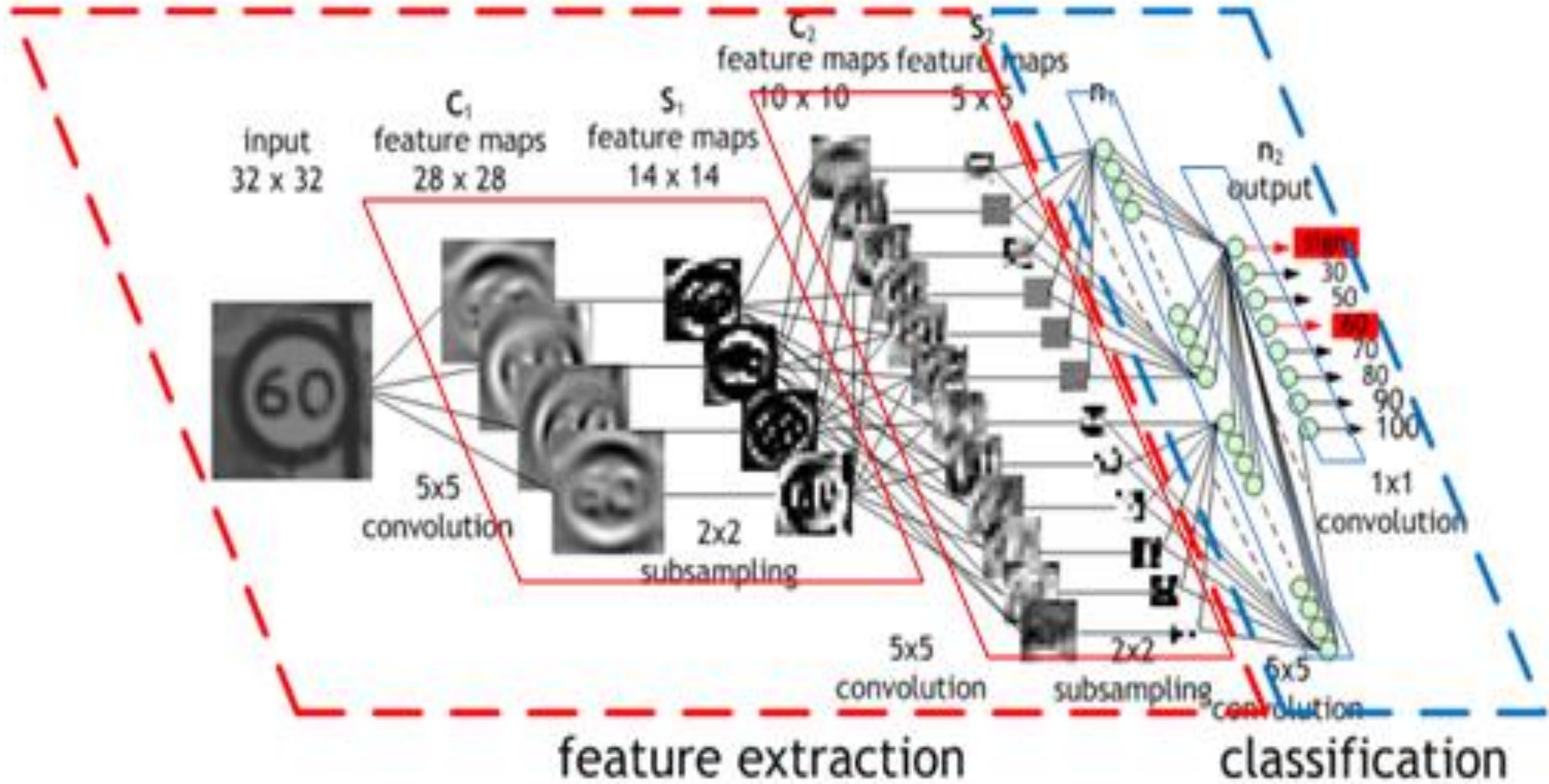
$$= x[0,0] \cdot h[1,1] + x[1,0] \cdot h[0,1] + x[2,0] \cdot h[-1,1] \\ + x[0,1] \cdot h[1,0] + x[1,1] \cdot h[0,0] + x[2,1] \cdot h[-1,0] \\ + x[0,2] \cdot h[1,-1] + x[1,2] \cdot h[0,-1] + x[2,2] \cdot h[-1,-1]$$



$$y[m, n] = x[m, n] * h[m, n]$$

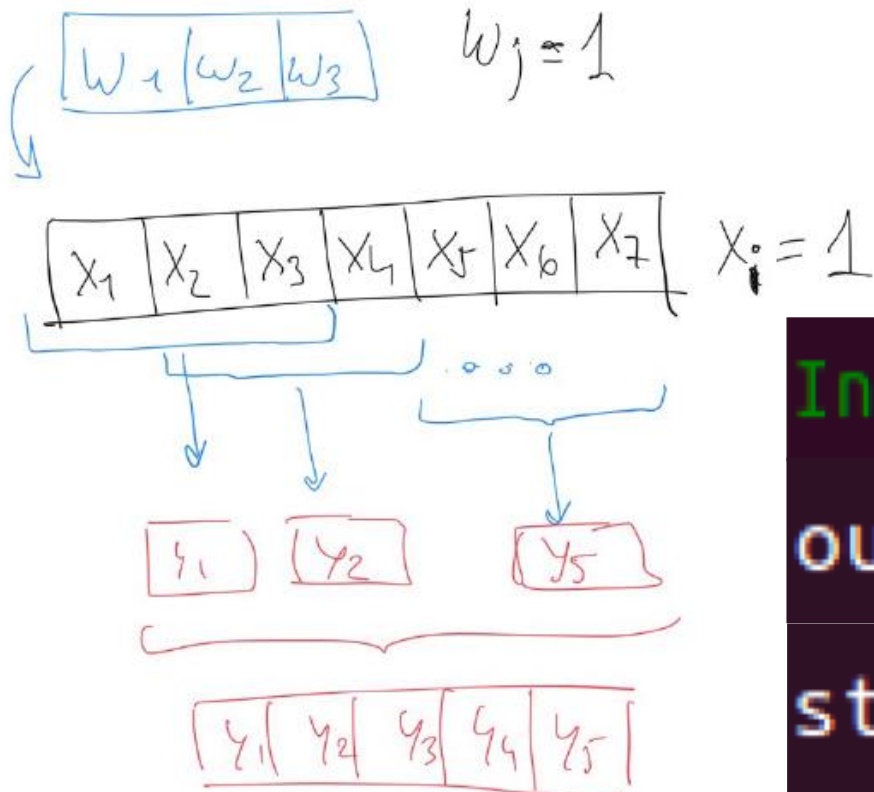
$$= \sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} \sum_{i=-\infty}^{\infty} x[i, j] \cdot h[m-i, n-j]$$

$x[m, n]$	$h[m, n]$	$y[m, n]$
1	-1	-13
2	-2	-20
3	-1	-17
4	0	-18
5	0	-24
6	0	-18
7	1	13
8	2	20
9	1	17



CNN Image by Maurice Peemen

Code: [PyTorch Conv1d by Santi Pdp](#)



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In [1]: import torch
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In [2]: import torch.nn as nn
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In [4]: x = torch.ones(1, 1, 7)
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In [5]: conv = nn.Conv1d(in_channels=1,  
out_channels=1, kernel_size=3,  
stride=1, padding=0, bias=False)
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In [6]: conv.weight.data = torch.ones(1, 1, 3)
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In [7]: y = conv(x) In [8]: y
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Out[8]: tensor([[[[ 3.,  3.,  3.,  3.,  3.]]]])
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