Automatic Object Detection ----YOLO & SSD

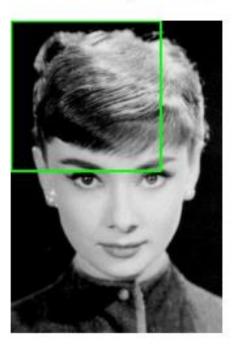
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Before Deep Learning

Sliding windows.

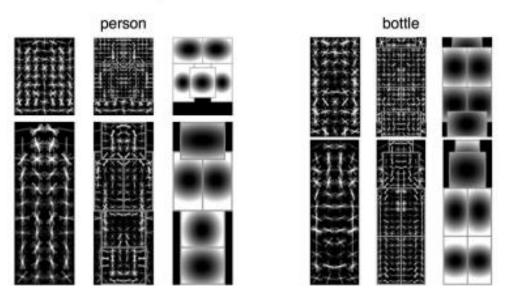
- Score every subwindow.



http://www.pyimagesearch.com/2014/11/10/histogram-oriented-gradients-object-detection/

Deformable part models (DPM)

- Uses HOG features
- Very fast



https://cs.brown.edu/~pff/papers/lsvm-pami.pdf

Techniques for Key Components

Selective Search



http://www.huppelen.nl/publications/selectiveSearchDraft.pdf Uijlings, J. R., van de Sande, K. E., Gevers, T., & Smeulders, A. W. (2013). Selective search for object recognition

(a) Two-stage approaches

(b) One-stage approaches

Hard Negative Mining

Imbalance between positive and negative examples.

Use negative examples with higher confidence score.

Non Maximum Suppression

If output boxes overlap, only consider the most confident.

Bounding Box Regression

Regression used to find bounding box parameters

Applied in one of two ways

- Bounding box refinement
- Complete object detection

You Only Look Once: Unified, Real-Time Object Detection

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Abstract

We present YOLO, a new approach to object detection. Prior work on object detection repurposes classifiers to perform detection. Instead, we frame object detection as a regression problem to spatially separated bounding boxes and associated class probabilities. A single neural network predicts bounding boxes and class probabilities directly from full images in one evaluation. Since the whole detection pipeline is a single network, it can be optimized end-to-end directly on detection performance.

Our unified architecture is extremely fast. Our base YOLO model processes images in real-time at 45 frames per second. A smaller version of the network, Fast YOLO, processes an astounding 155 frames per second while still achieving double the mAP of other real-time detectors. Compared to state-of-the-art detection systems, YOLO makes more localization errors but is less likely to predict false positives on background. Finally, YOLO learns very general representations of objects. It outperforms other detection methods, including DPM and R-CNN, when generalizing from natural images to other domains like artwork.

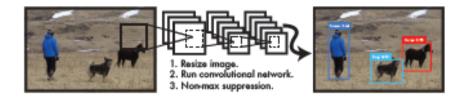


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methods to first generate potential bounding boxes in an image and then run a classifier on these proposed boxes. After classification, post-processing is used to refine the bounding boxes, eliminate duplicate detections, and rescore the boxes based on other objects in the scene [13]. These complex pipelines are slow and hard to optimize because each individual component must be trained separately.

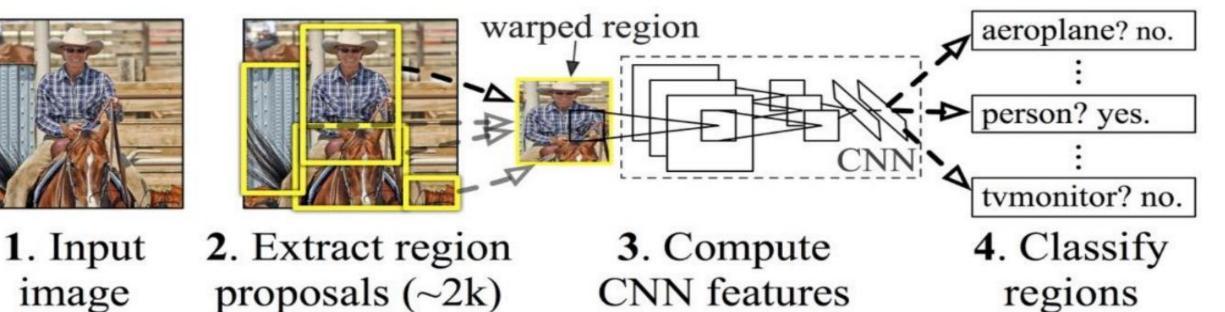
We reframe object detection as a single regression problem, straight from image pixels to bounding box coordinates and class probabilities. Using our system, you only

Shortcoming:

1. Slow, impossible for real-time detection

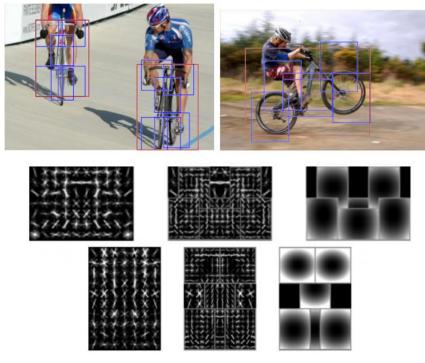
2. Hard to optimize

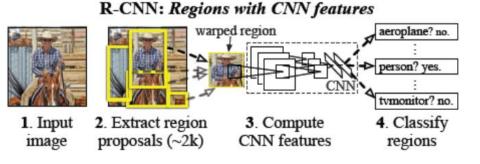
R-CNN: Regions with CNN features



Object Detection as Regression Problem

- Previous: Repurpose classifiers to perform detection
 - Deformable Parts Models (DPM)
 - Sliding window
 - <u>R-CNN based methods</u>
 - 1) generate potential bounding boxes.
 - 2) run classifiers on these proposed boxes
 - 3) post-processing (refinement, elimination, rescore)





What's new? Regression

YOLO Features:

1. Extremely fast (45 frames per second)

2. Reason Globally on the Entire Image

3. Learn Generalizable Representations

<u>web.cs.ucdavis.edu > ~yjlee > teaching > YOLO,</u> Liyang Zhong Quan Zou

Object Detection as Regression Problem

YOLO: Single Regression Problem

• Image \rightarrow bounding box coordinate and class probability.

- Extremely Fast
- Global reasoning
- Generalizable representation

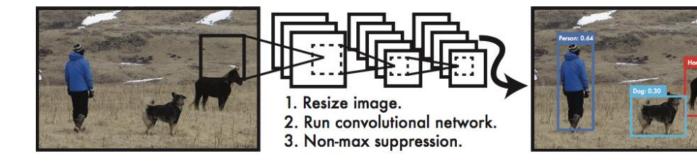


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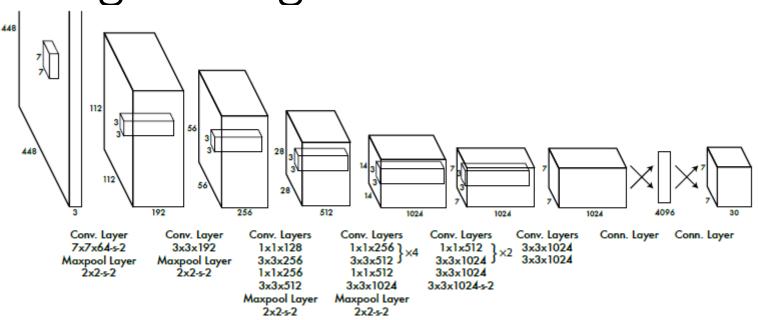
- **?** Tool?-- A single neural network, unified architecture
- ? Framework?— Darknet
- ? Technology background?--related methods are slow , not real-time and devoid of generalization ability
- Solution and Advantages:

ØSimpler structure of network

@much more faster, even with real-time property: 150fps: able to process streaming video in real-time with less than 25 milliseconds of latency

@Maintaining a proper accuracy range

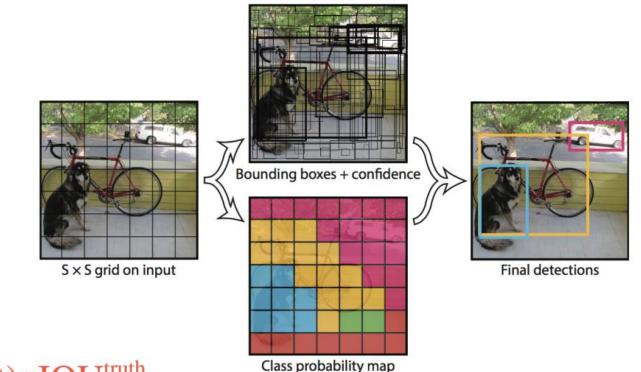
How YOLO gets its goal?



- For speed: Also! structure advantage!
- No bounding box proposals and subsequent pixel or feature resampling stage
- A neural network predicts bounding boxes and class probabilities directly from full images in one evaluation

Unified Detection

- All BBox, All classes
- 1) Image \rightarrow **S** x **S** grids
- 2) grid cell
- $\rightarrow \mathbf{B}: \mathbf{BBoxes and Confidence score} \xrightarrow{\mathsf{S} \times \mathsf{S} \operatorname{grid} \operatorname{on} \operatorname{in}} \\ x, y, w, h, \operatorname{confidence} \rightarrow \operatorname{Pr}(\operatorname{Object}) * \operatorname{IOU}_{\operatorname{pred}}^{\operatorname{truth}}$



→ C: class probabilities w.r.t #classes
Pr(Class_i |Object)

Figure 2: The Model. Our system models detection as a regression problem. It divides the image into an $S \times S$ grid and for each grid cell predicts B bounding boxes, confidence for those boxes, and C class probabilities. These predictions are encoded as an $S \times S \times (B * 5 + C)$ tensor.

Unified Detection

- Predict one set of class probabilities per grid cell, regardless of the number of boxes B.
- At test time, individual box confidence prediction

 $\frac{Pr(Class_{i} | Object) * Pr(Object) * IOU_{pred}^{truth}}{= Pr(Class_{i}) * IOU_{pred}^{truth}}$

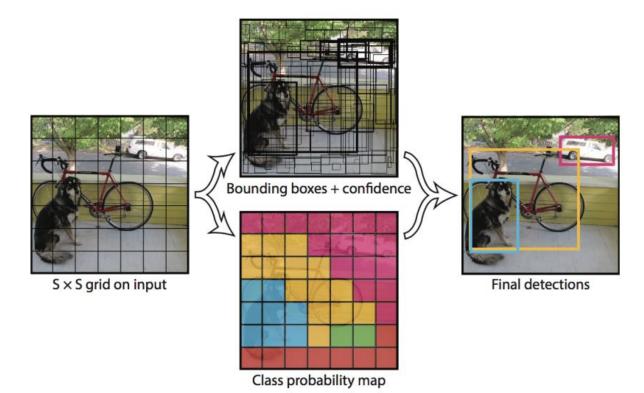
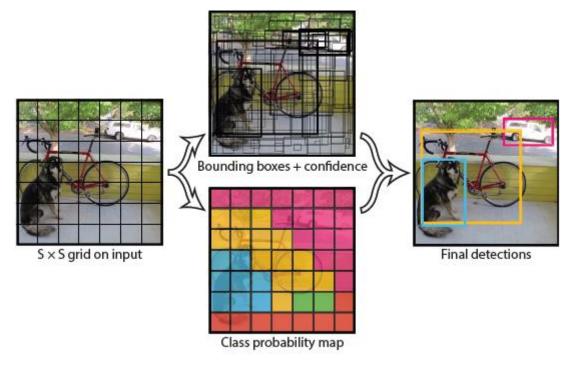


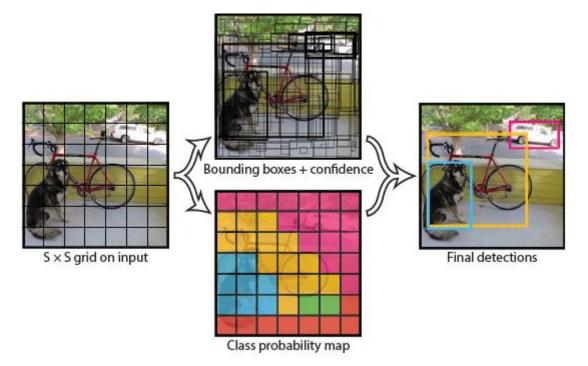
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How unified detection works?



- uses features from the entire image to predict each bounding box
- predicts all bounding boxes across all classes for an image simultaneously?
- divides the input image into an s*s grid. If the center of an object falls into a grid cell, the cell is responsible for detecting that object.
- > each grid cell predicts B bounding boxes and confidence scores for those boxes
- Each grid also predicts C conditional(conditioned on the grid cell containing an object) class probabilities

How unified detection works?



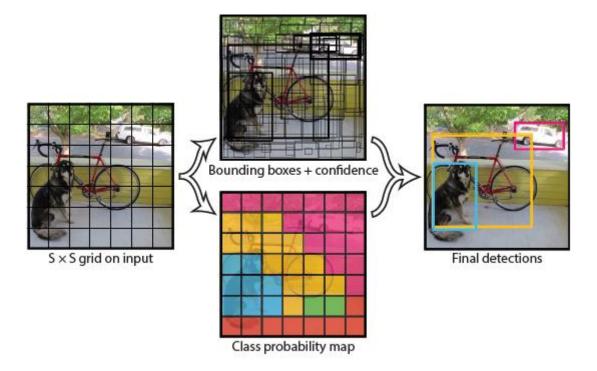
confidence scores: reflect how confident is that the box contains an object+how accurate the box is .

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Pr(Object) * IOU_{pred}^{truth}
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conditional class probabilities: conditioned on the grid cell containing an object

 $Pr(Class_i | Object)$

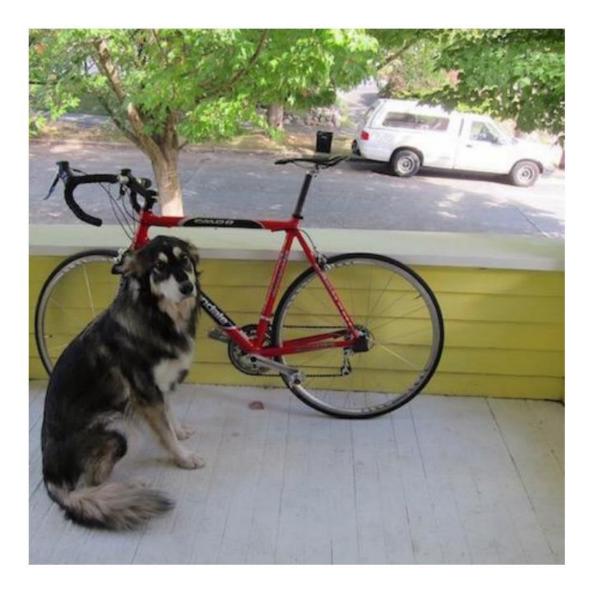
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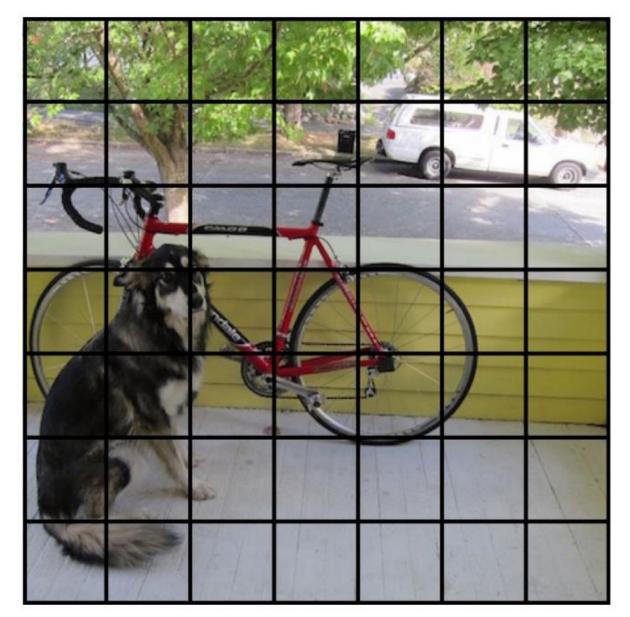
$$Pr(Class_i | Object) * Pr(Object) * IOU_{pred}^{truth} = Pr(Class_i) * IOU_{pred}^{truth}$$

- At test time, multiply the conditional class probabilities and the individual box confidence predictions
- giving class-specific confidence scores for each box
- Showing both the probability of that class appearing in the box and how well the predicted box fits the object

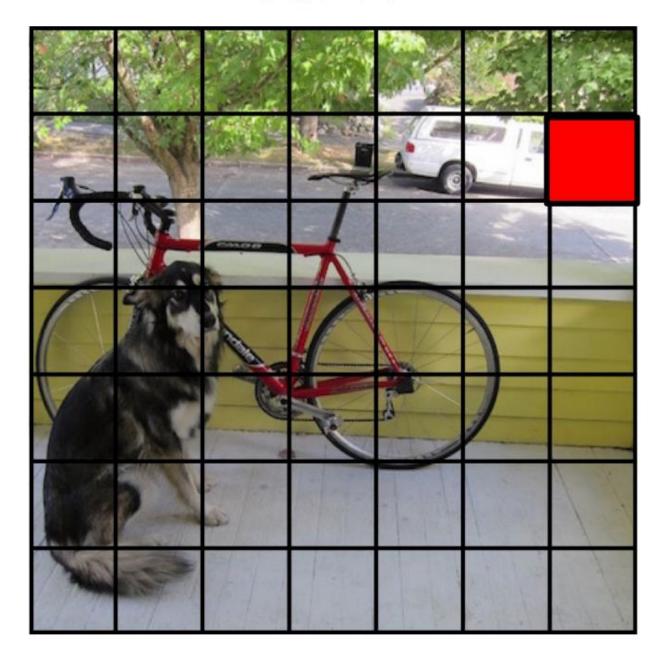
Automatic Object Detection from Image



We split the image into an S*S grid





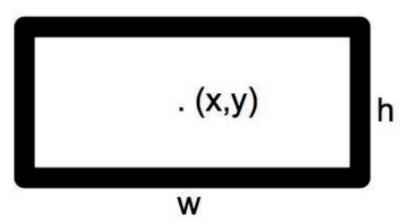




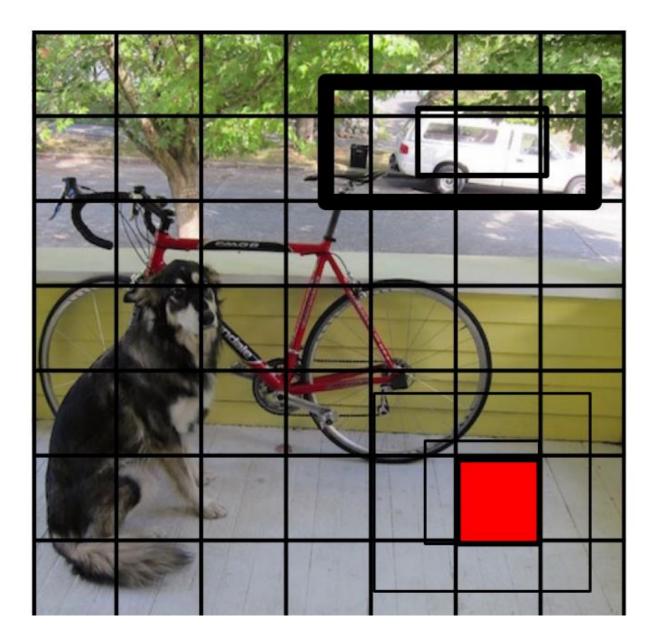


B = 2

each box predict:



P(Object): probability that the box contains an object



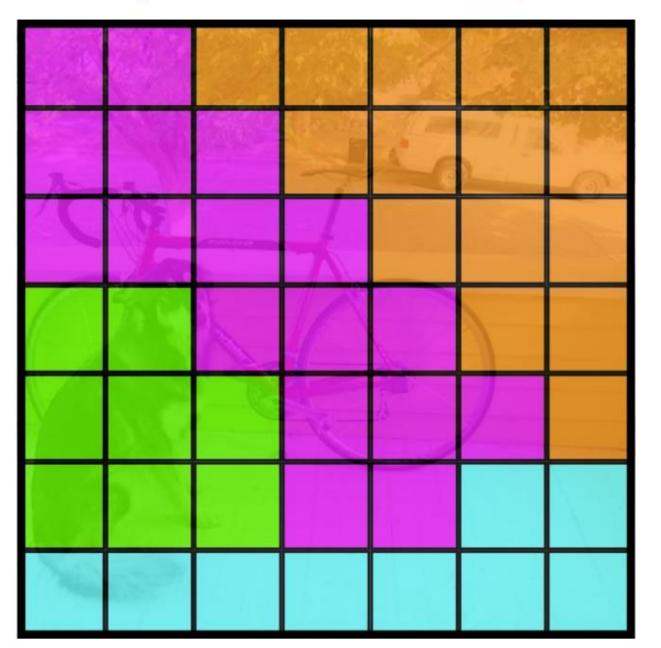
Each cell predicts boxes and confidences: P(Object)



Each cell also predicts a class probability.

Bicycle

Dog

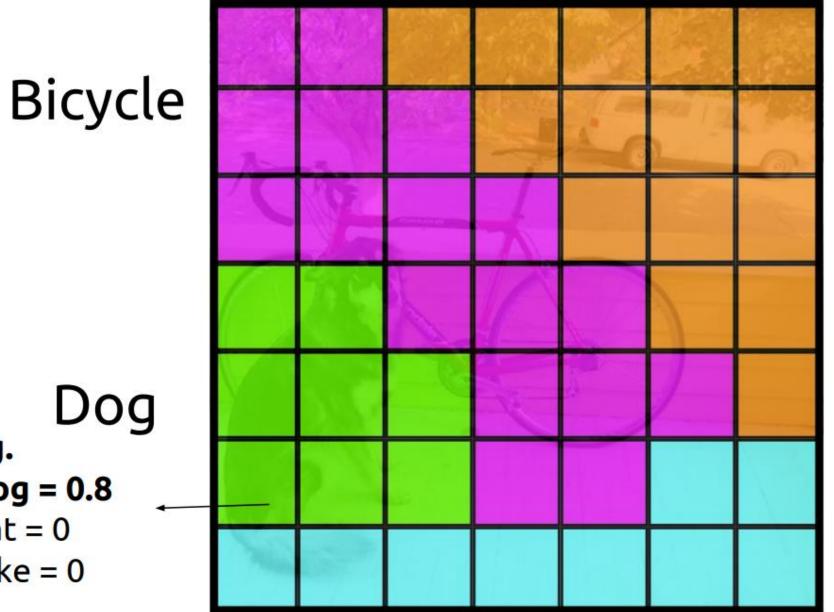


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Dining Table

Conditioned on object: P(Car | Object)

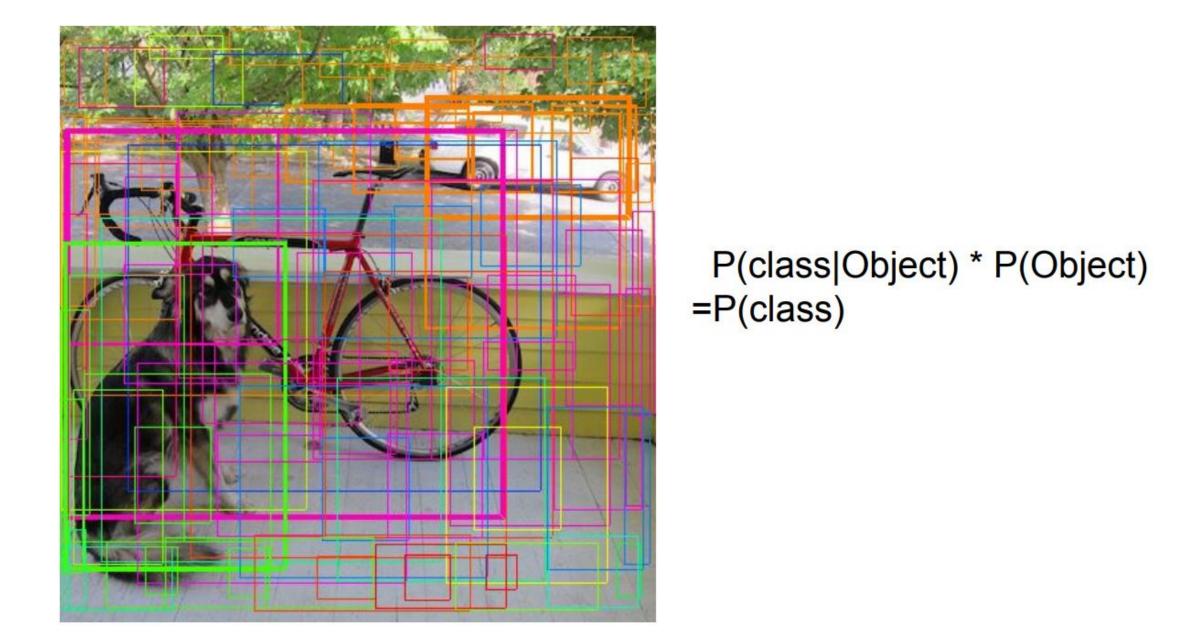
Dog Eg. Dog = 0.8Cat = 0Bike = 0



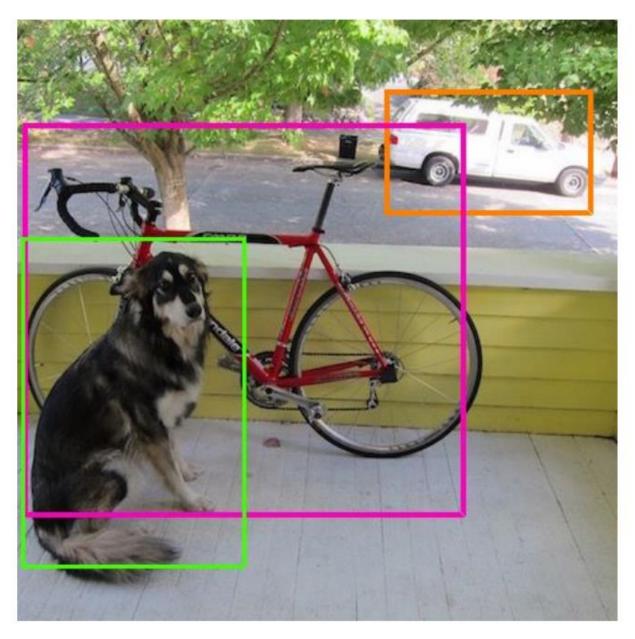
Car

Dining Table

Then we combine the box and class predictions.

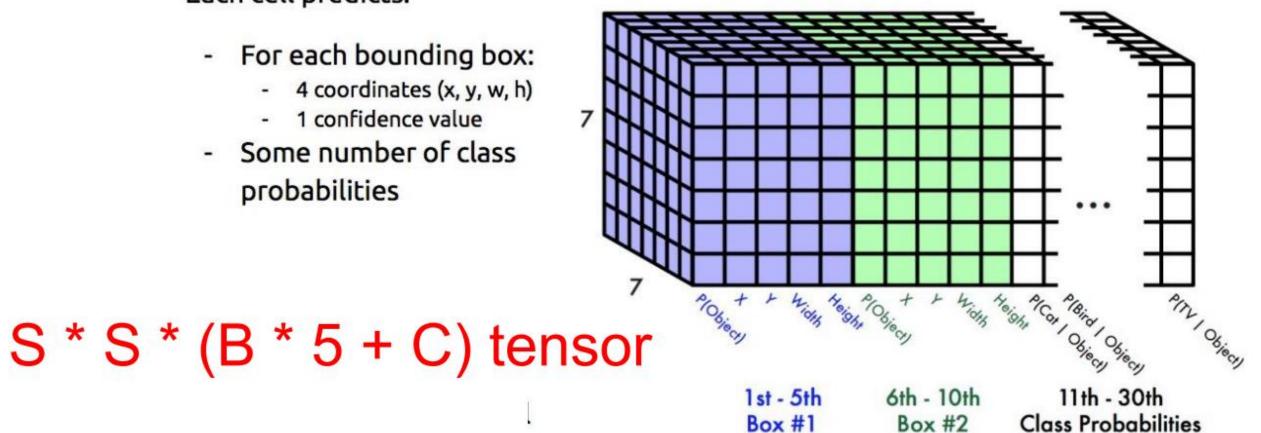


Finally we do threshold detections and NMS



Each cell predicts:

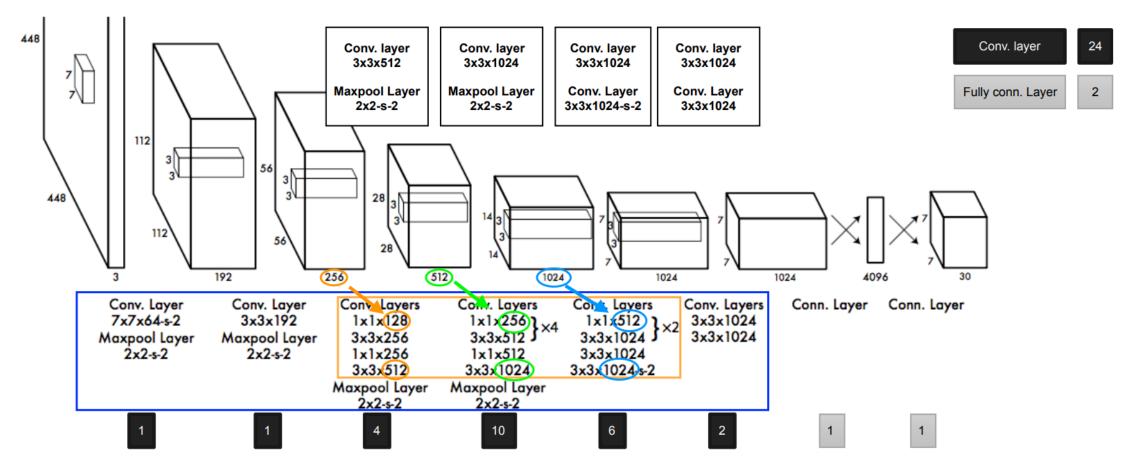
- For each bounding box:
 - 4 coordinates (x, y, w, h) -
 - 1 confidence value -
- Some number of class probabilities

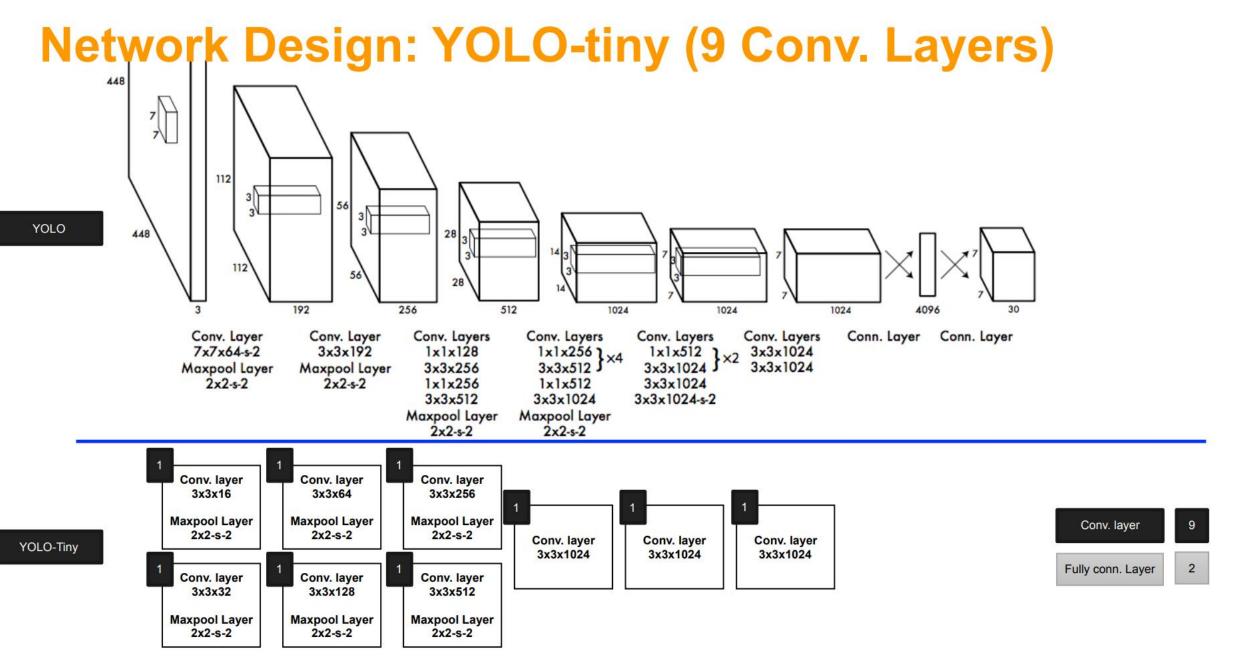


Network Design: YOLO

- Modified GoogLeNet
- 1x1 reduction layer ("Network in Network")

Our network architecture is inspired by the GoogLeNet model for image classification [34]. Our network has 24 convolutional layers followed by 2 fully connected layers. Instead of the inception modules used by GoogLeNet, we simply use 1×1 reduction layers followed by 3×3 convolutional layers, similar to Lin et al [22]. The full network is shown in Figure 3.





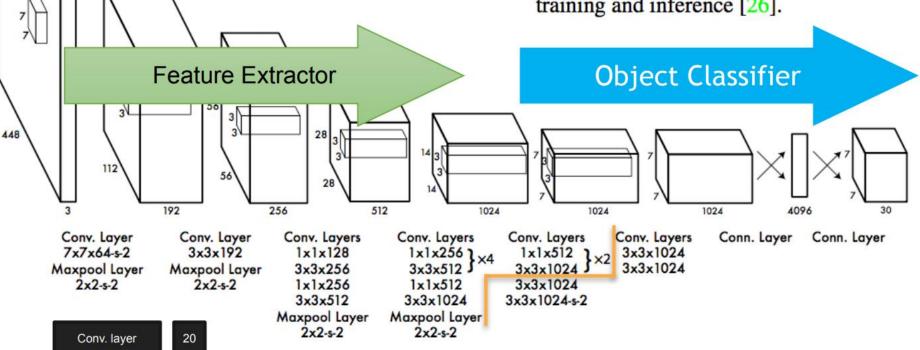
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1) Pretrain with ImageNet 1000-class competition dataset

We pretrain our convolutional layers on the ImageNet 1000-class competition dataset [30]. For pretraining we use the first 20 convolutional layers from Figure 3 followed by a average-pooling layer and a fully connected layer. We train this network for approximately a week and achieve a single crop top-5 accuracy of 88% on the ImageNet 2012 validation set, comparable to the GoogLeNet models in Caffe's Model Zoo [24]. We use the Darknet framework for all training and inference [26].



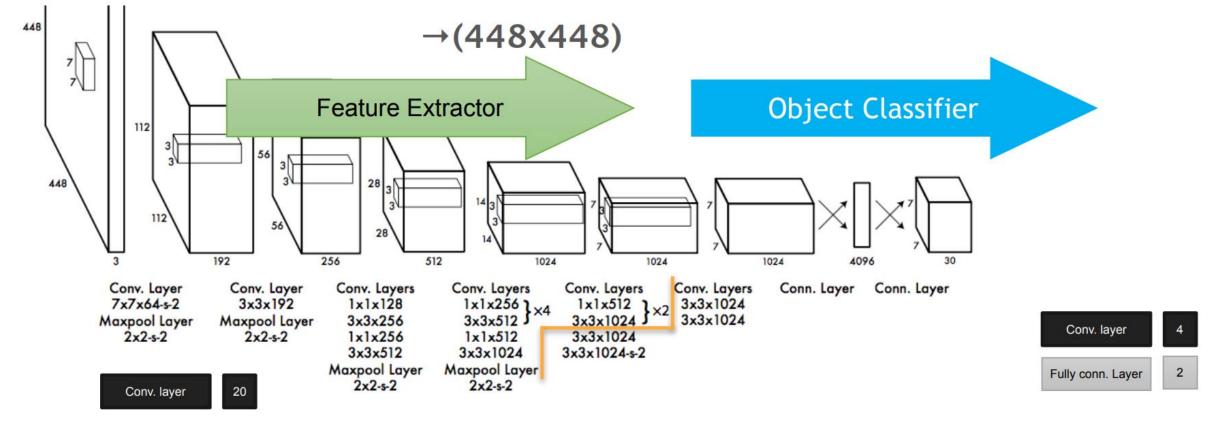
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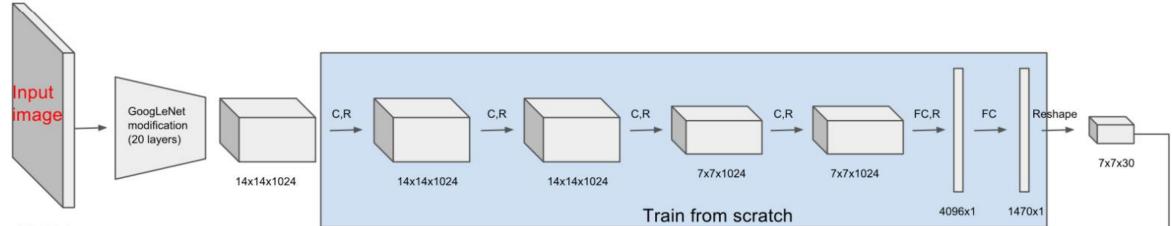
Training

2) "Network on Convolutional Feature Maps"

Increased input resolution (224x224)

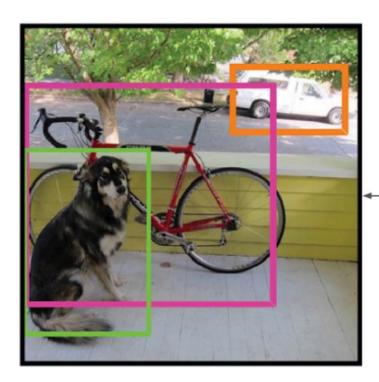
We then convert the model to perform detection. Ren et al. show that adding both convolutional and connected layers to pretrained networks can improve performance [29]. Following their example, we add four convolutional layers and two fully connected layers with randomly initialized weights. Detection often requires fine-grained visual information so we increase the input resolution of the network from 224×224 to 448×448 .





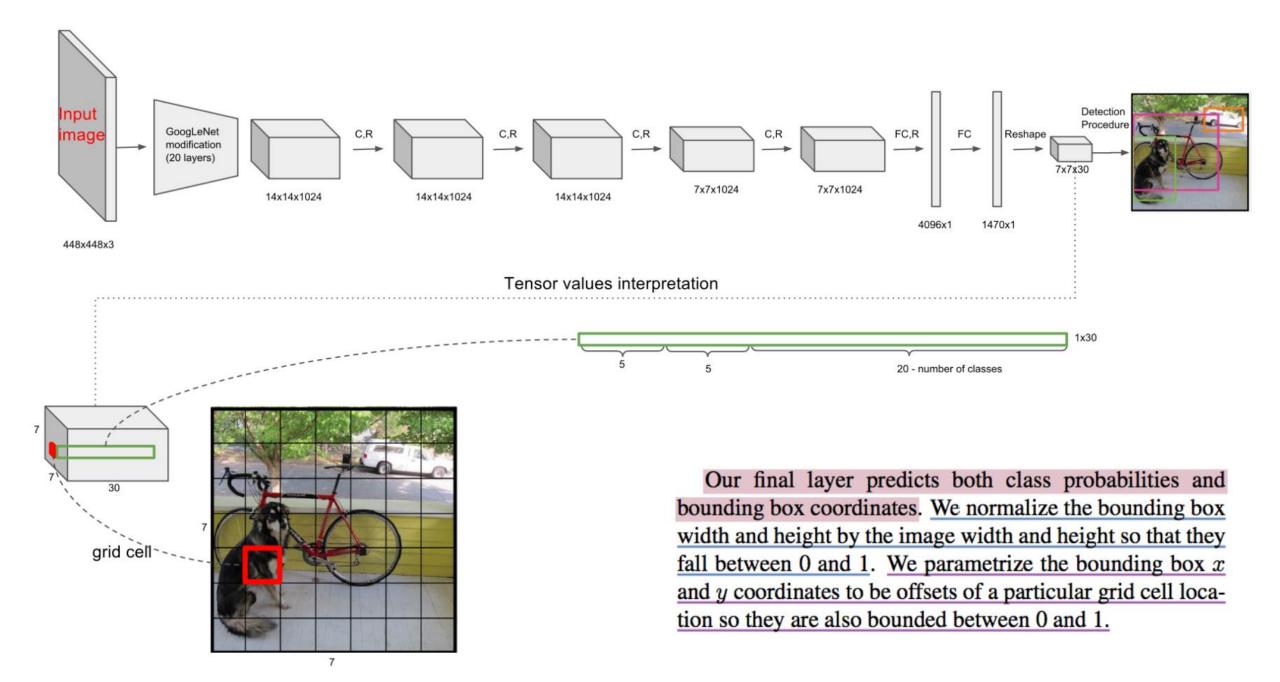
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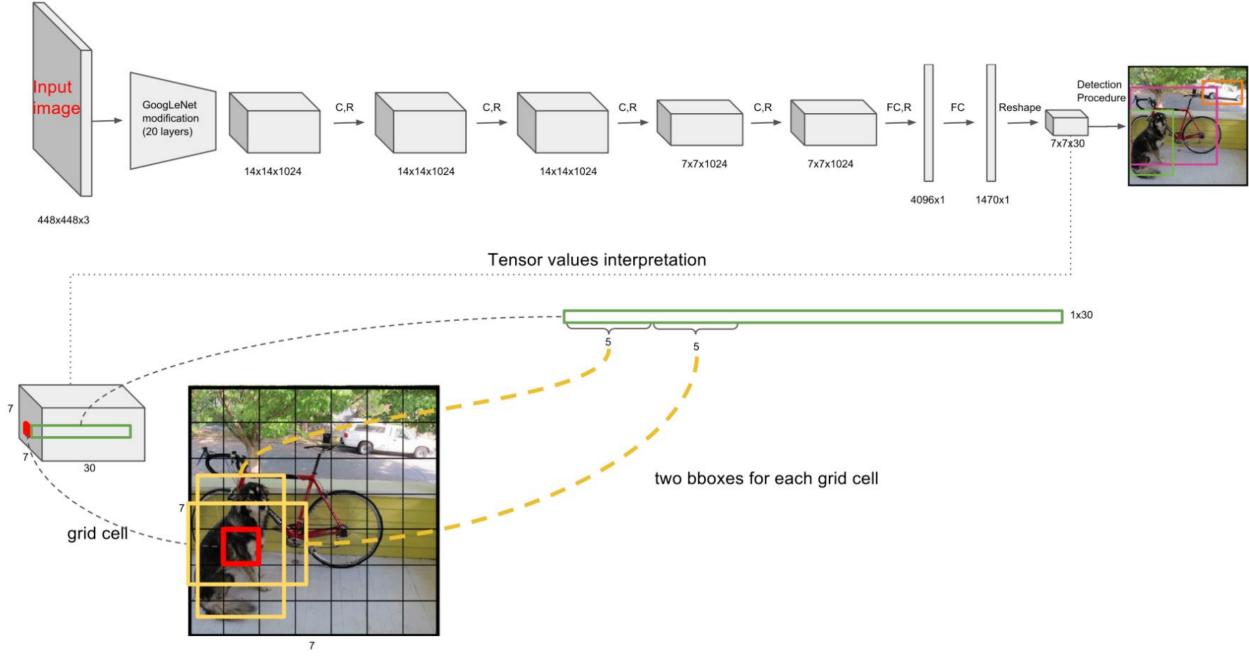




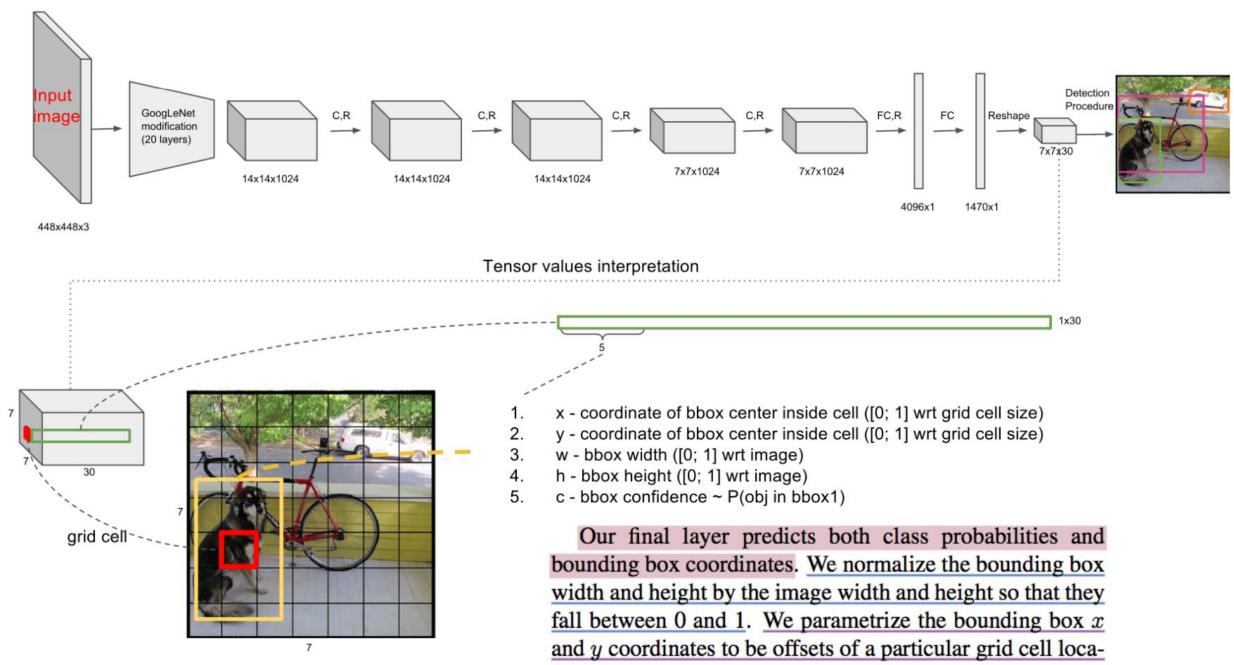
Detection Procedure

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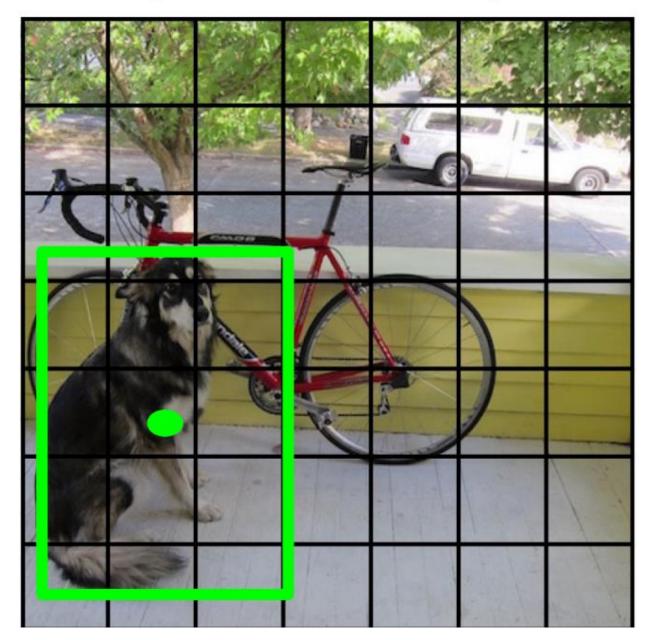


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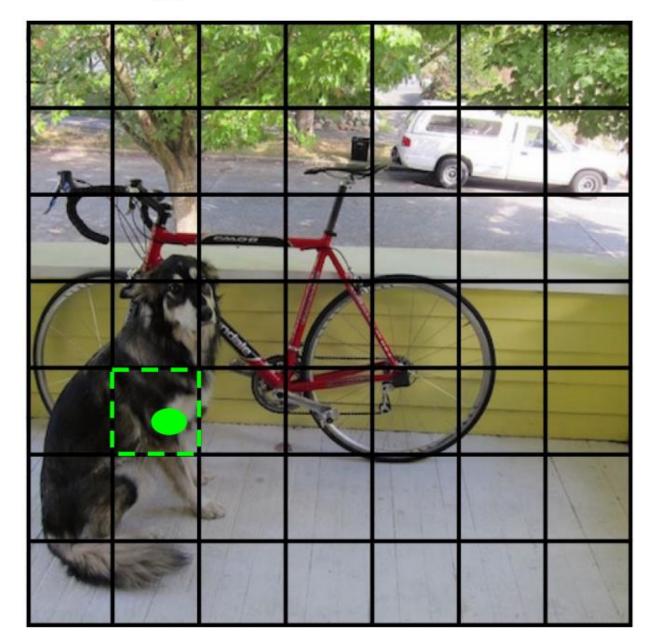


tion so they are also bounded between 0 and 1.

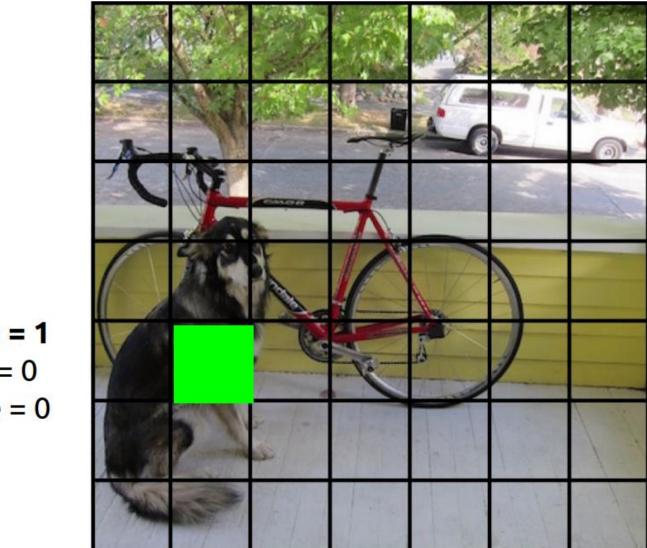
During training, match example to the right cell



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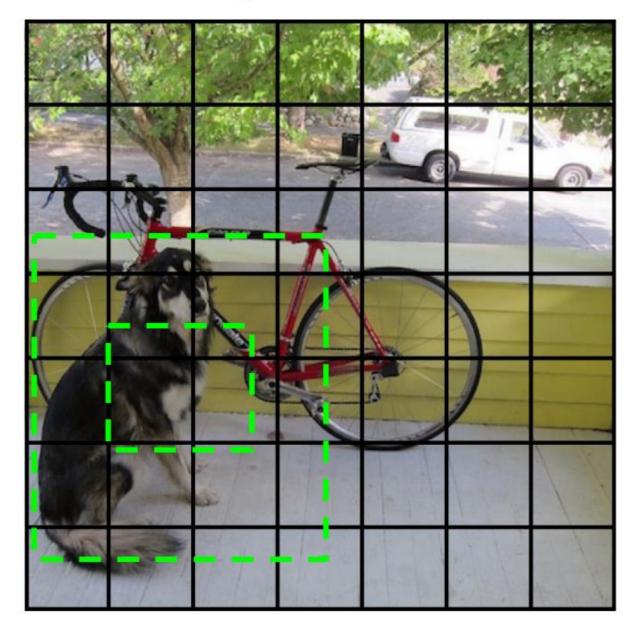
Adjust that cell's class prediction



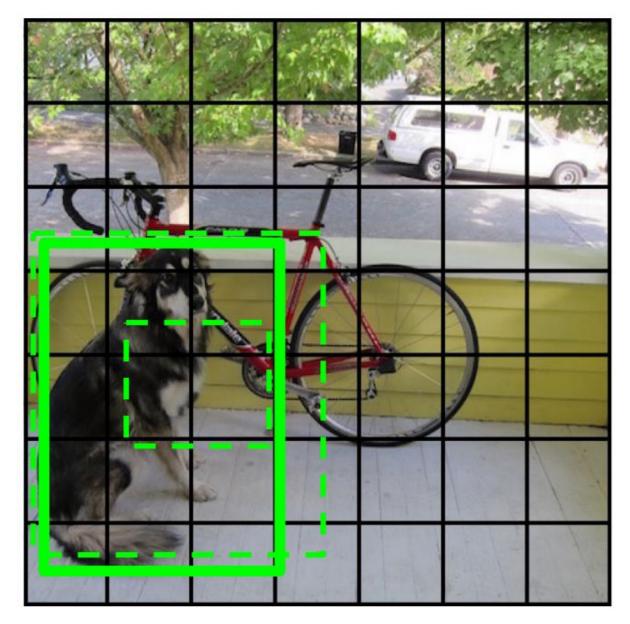
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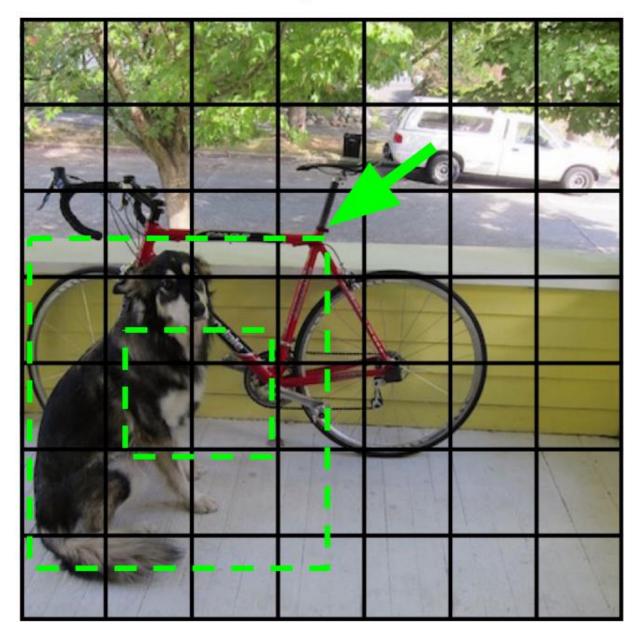
Look at that cell's predicted boxes



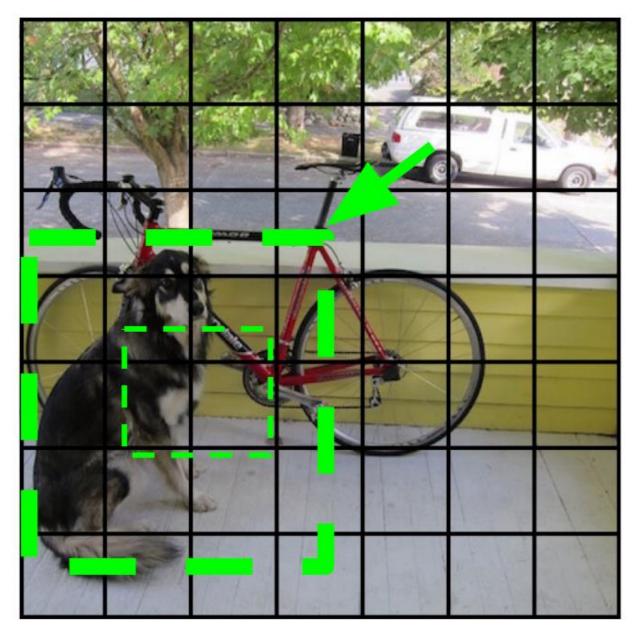
Find the best one, adjust it, increase the confidence



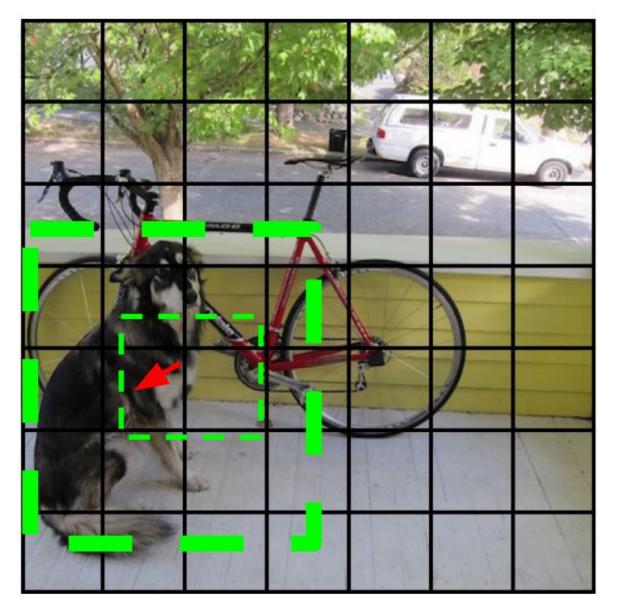
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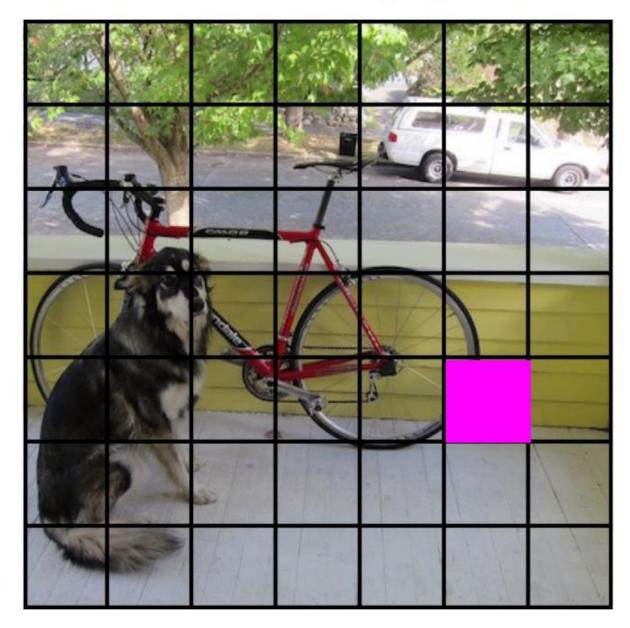
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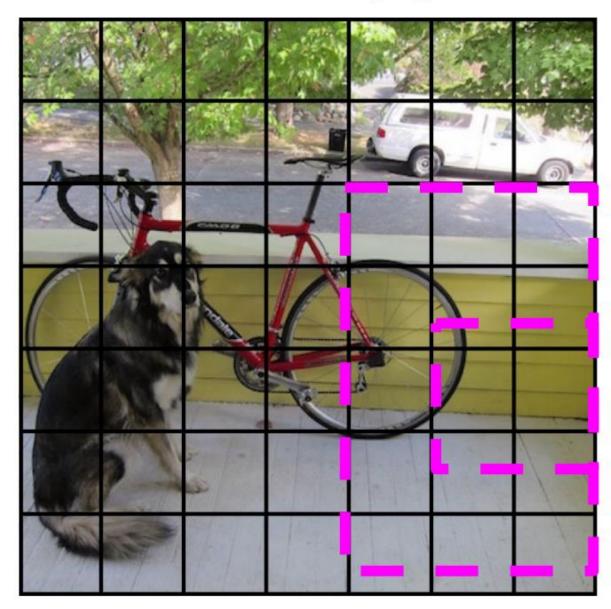
Decrease the confidence of the other box



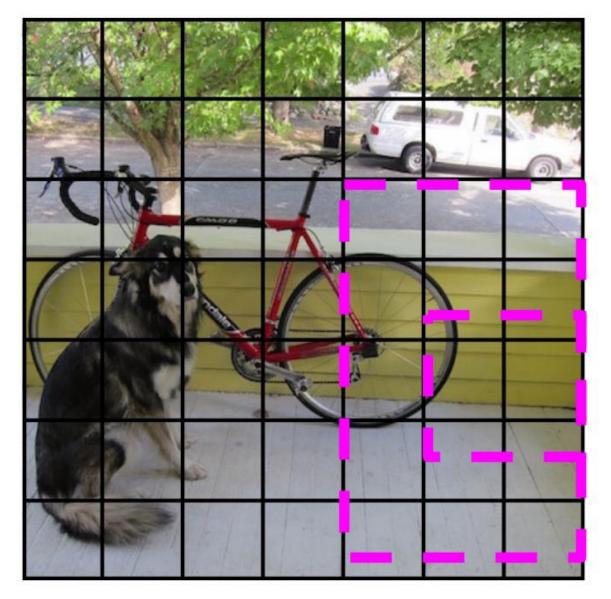
Some cells don't have any ground truth detections!



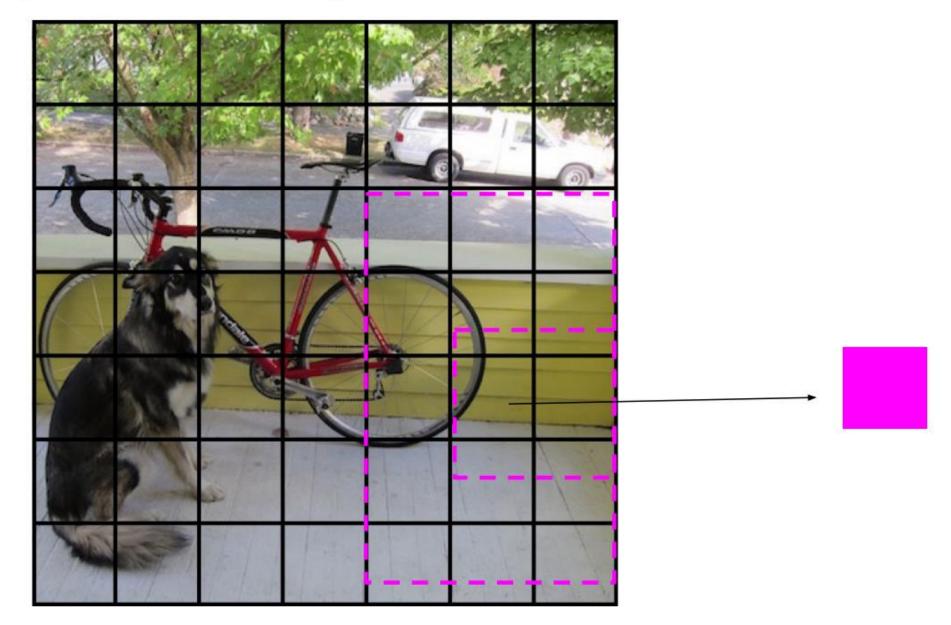
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Decrease the confidence of boxes boxes



Don't adjust the class probabilities or coordinates



Loss Function (sum-squared error)

loss function:

$$\begin{split} \lambda_{\text{coord}} \sum_{i=0}^{S^2} \sum_{j=0}^{B} \mathbb{1}_{ij}^{\text{obj}} \left[(x_i - \hat{x}_i)^2 + (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2 \right] \\ &+ \lambda_{\text{coord}} \sum_{i=0}^{S^2} \sum_{j=0}^{B} \mathbb{1}_{ij}^{\text{obj}} \left[\left(\sqrt{w_i} - \sqrt{\hat{w}_i} \right)^2 + \left(\sqrt{h_i} - \sqrt{\hat{h}_i} \right)^2 \right] \\ &+ \sum_{i=0}^{S^2} \sum_{j=0}^{B} \mathbb{1}_{ij}^{\text{obj}} \left(C_i - \hat{C}_i \right)^2 \\ &+ \lambda_{\text{noobj}} \sum_{i=0}^{S^2} \sum_{j=0}^{B} \mathbb{1}_{ij}^{\text{noobj}} \left(C_i - \hat{C}_i \right)^2 \\ &+ \sum_{i=0}^{S^2} \mathbb{1}_{ij}^{\text{obj}} \sum_{c \in \text{classes}} (p_i(c) - \hat{p}_i(c))^2 \quad (3) \end{split}$$

model. We use sum-squared error because it is easy to optimize, however it does not perfectly align with our goal of maximizing average precision. It weights localization error equally with classification error which may not be ideal. Also, in every image many grid cells do not contain any object. This pushes the "confidence" scores of those cells towards zero, often overpowering the gradient from cells that do contain objects. This can lead to model instability, causing training to diverge early on.

To remedy this, we increase the loss from bounding box coordinate predictions and decrease the loss from confidence predictions for boxes that don't contain objects. We use two parameters, λ_{coord} and λ_{noobj} to accomplish this. We set $\lambda_{\text{coord}} = 5$ and $\lambda_{\text{noobj}} = .5$.

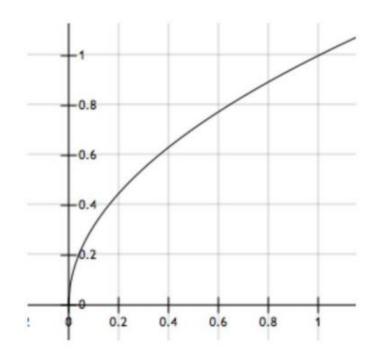
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Loss Function (sum-squared error)

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Sum-squared error also equally weights errors in large boxes and small boxes. Our error metric should reflect that small deviations in large boxes matter less than in small boxes. To partially address this we predict the square root of the bounding box width and height instead of the width and height directly.



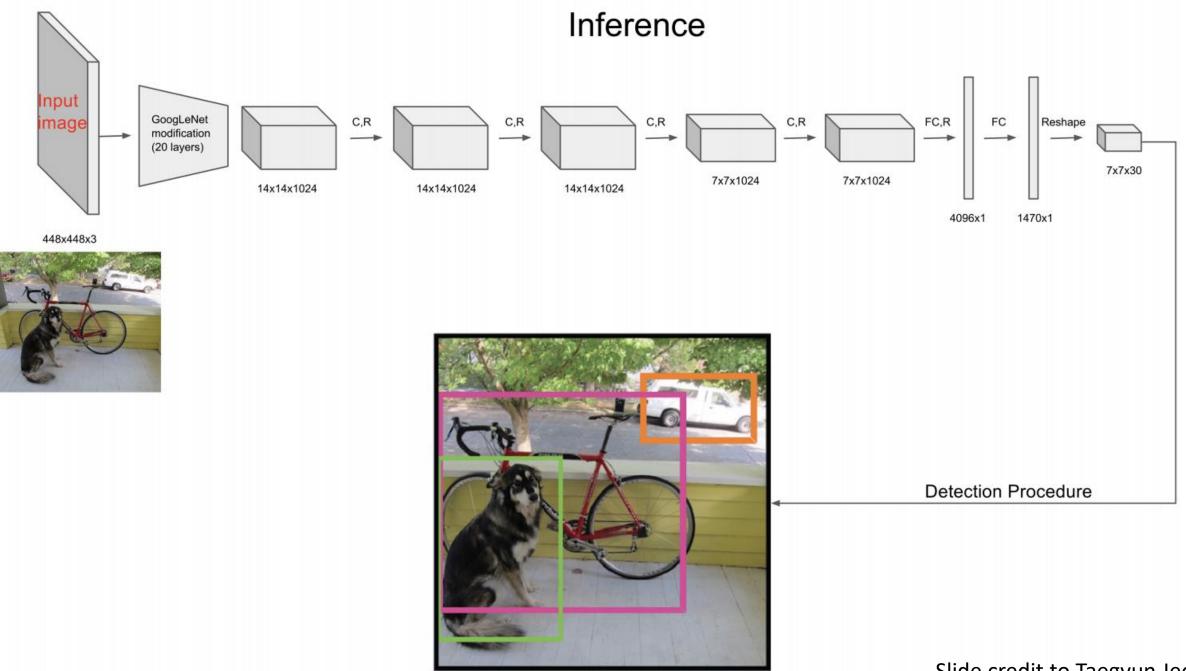
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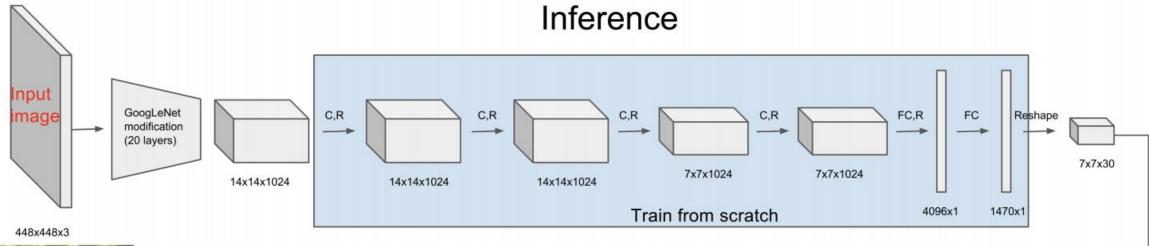
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 $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ ij \\ ij \end{bmatrix}^{obj}$ **The** *j***th bbox predictor** in *cell i* is "responsible" for that prediction $\begin{bmatrix} noobj \\ ij \end{bmatrix}$ If object appears in *cell i*

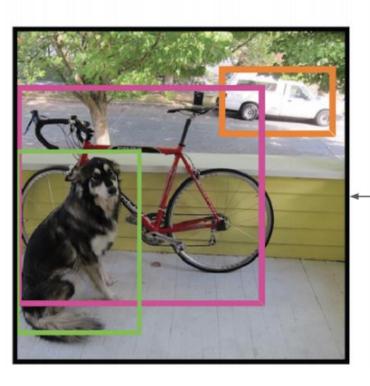
Note that the loss function only penalizes classification error if an object is present in that grid cell (hence the conditional class probability discussed earlier). It also only penalizes bounding box coordinate error if that predictor is "responsible" for the ground truth box (i.e. has the highest IOU of any predictor in that grid cell).



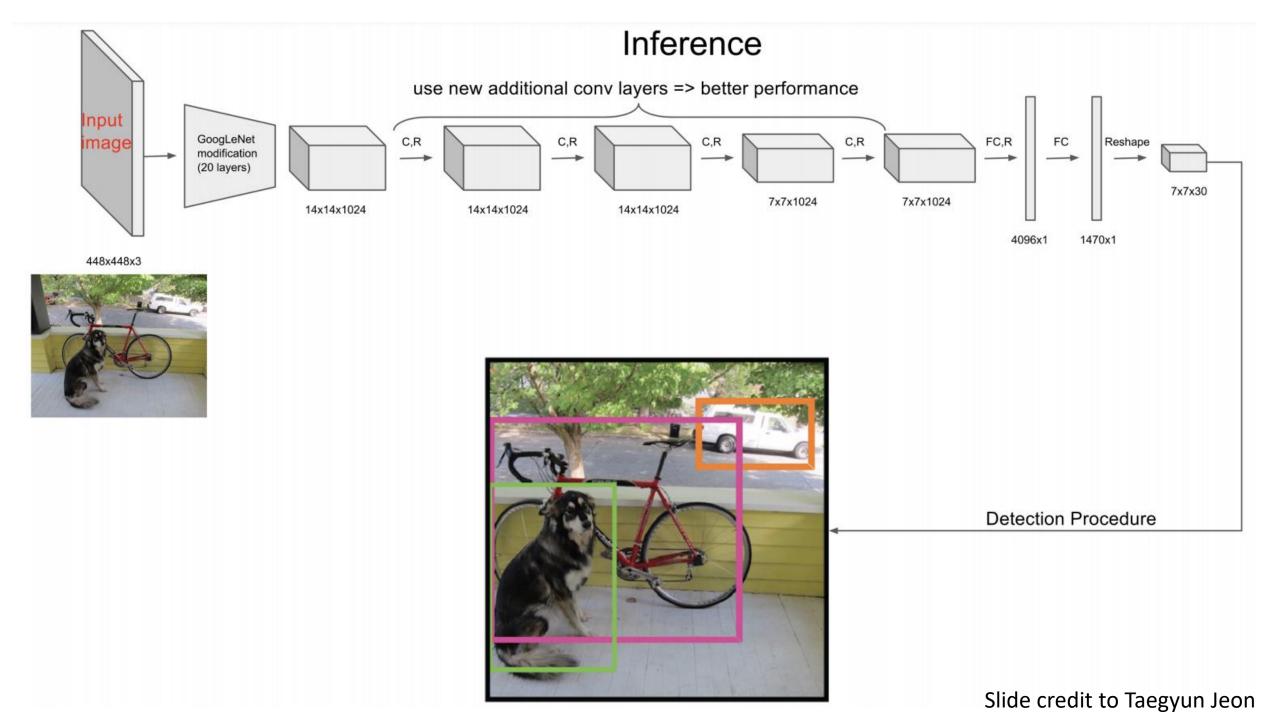
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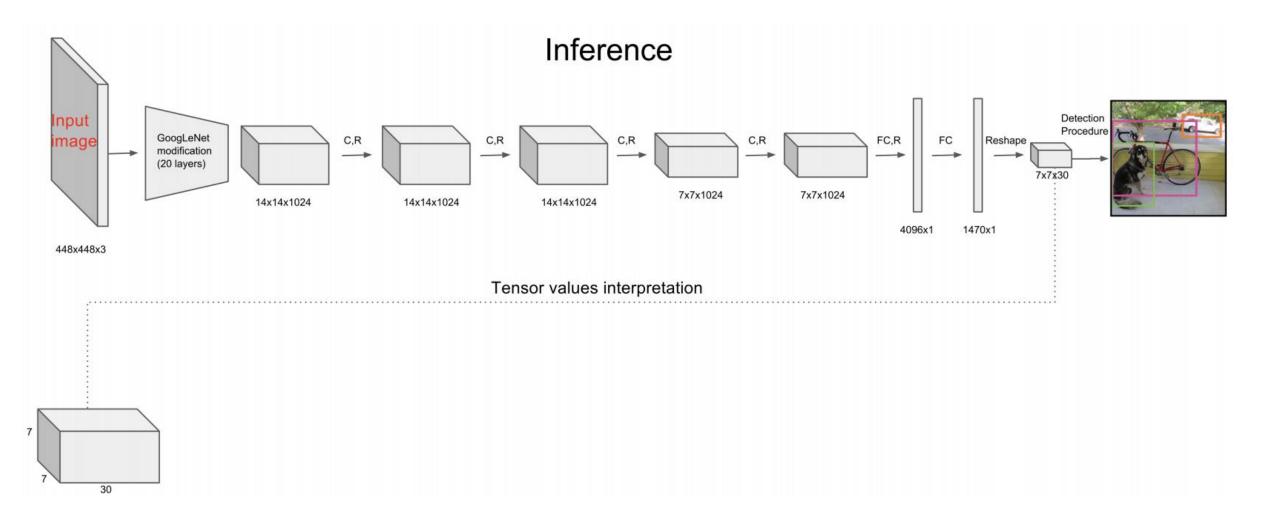




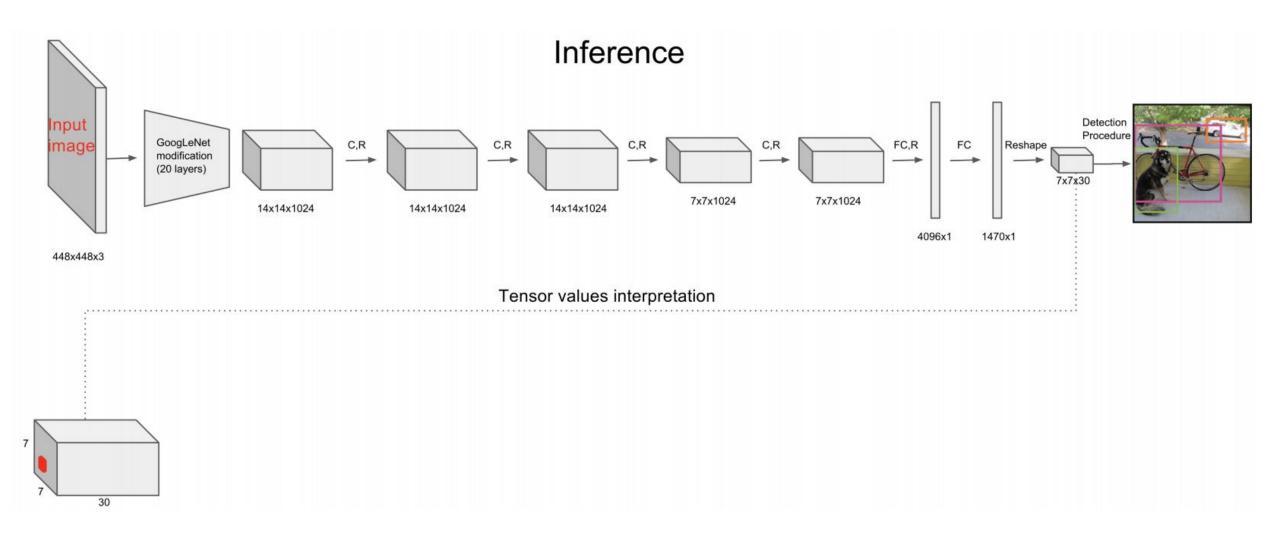


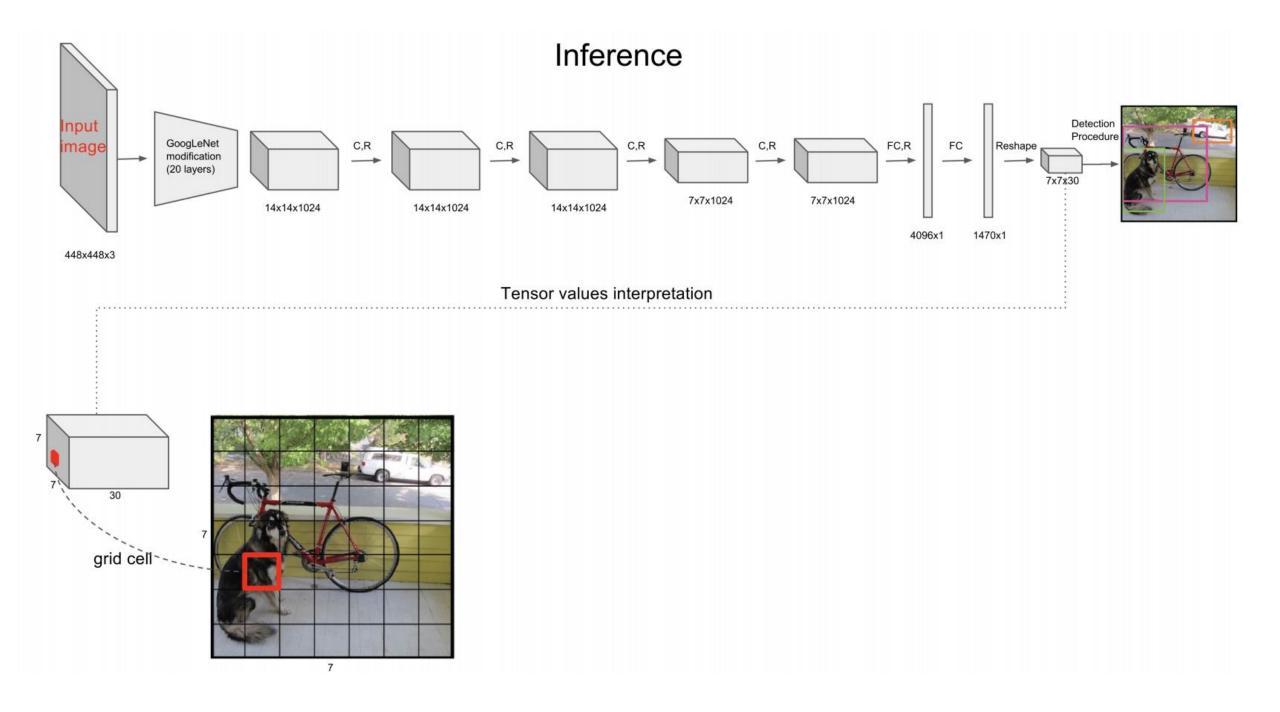
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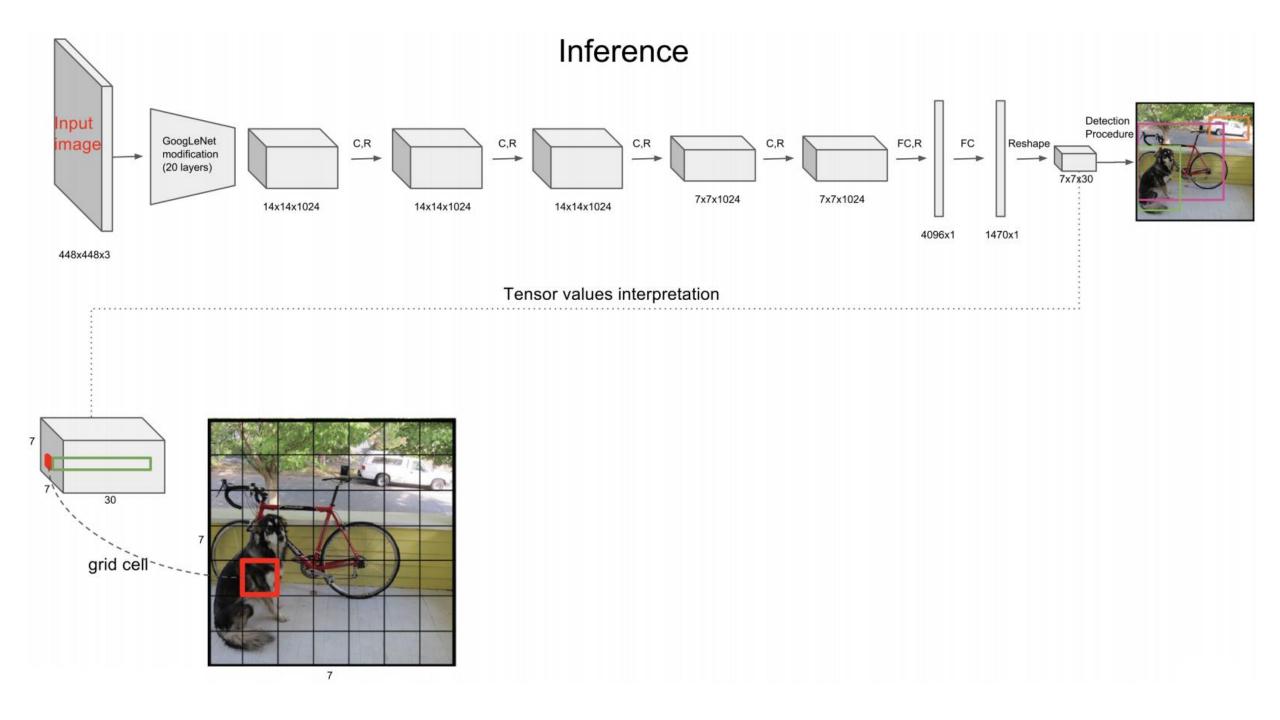


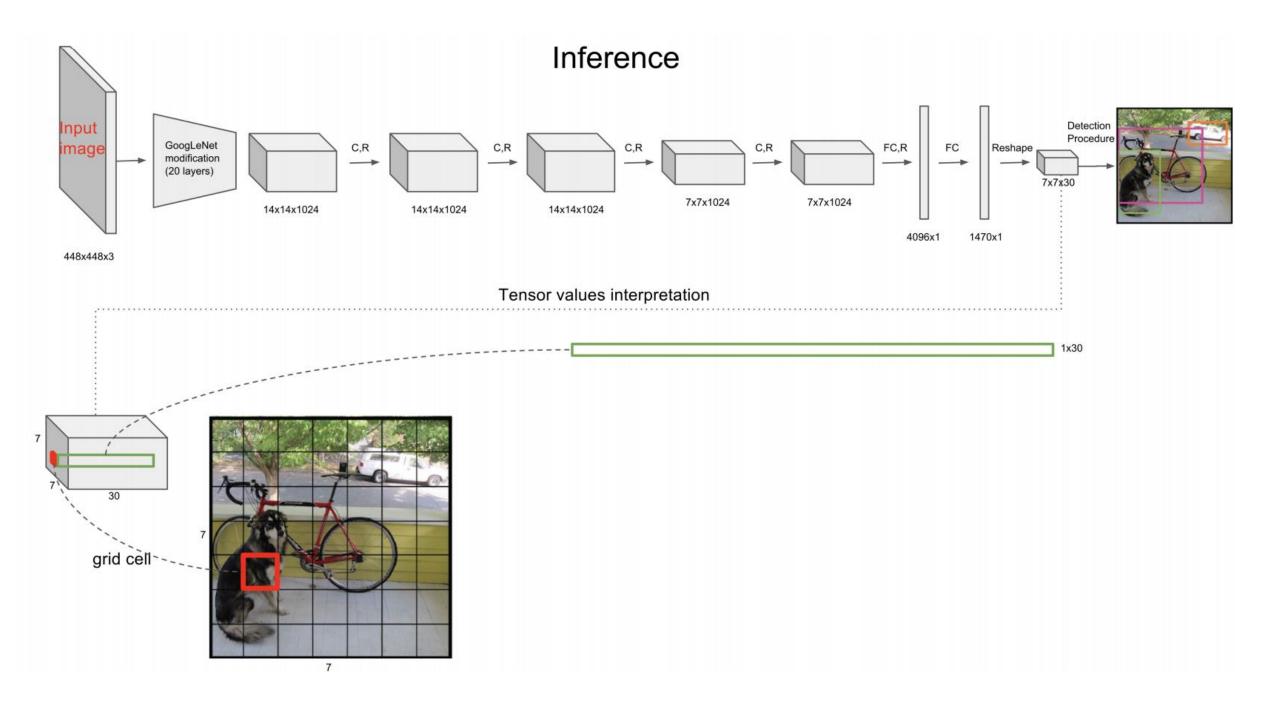


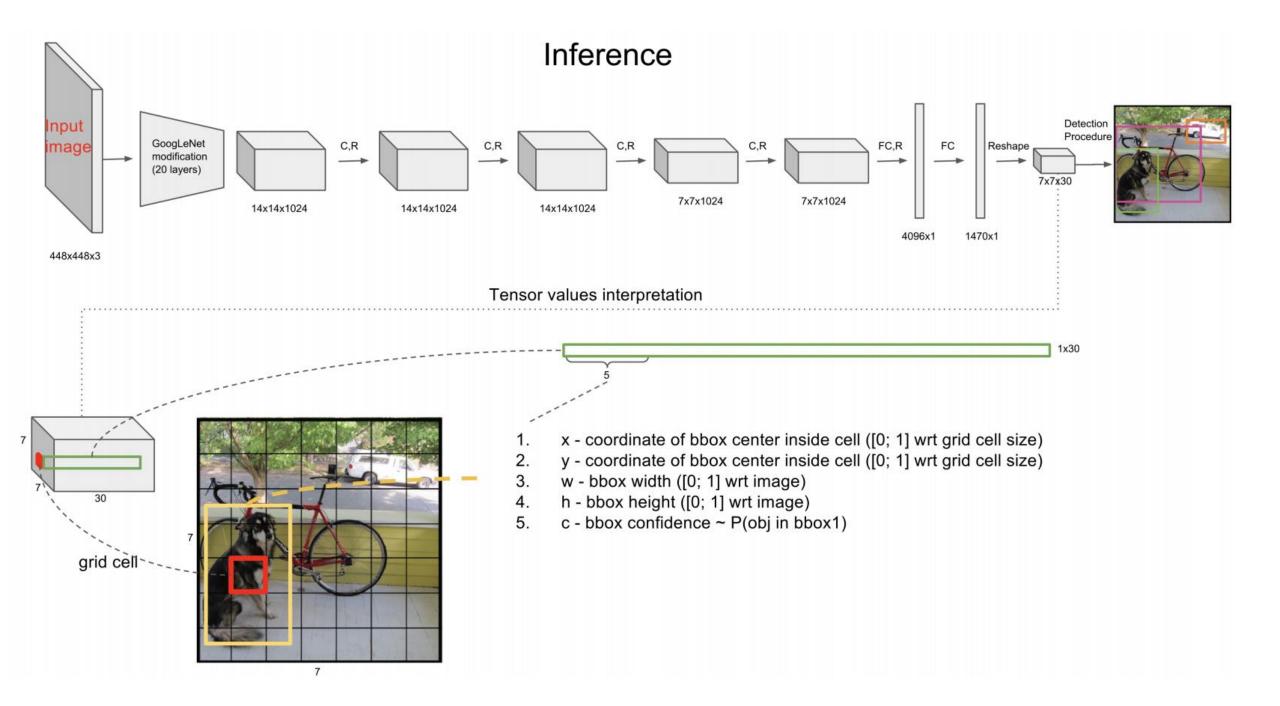
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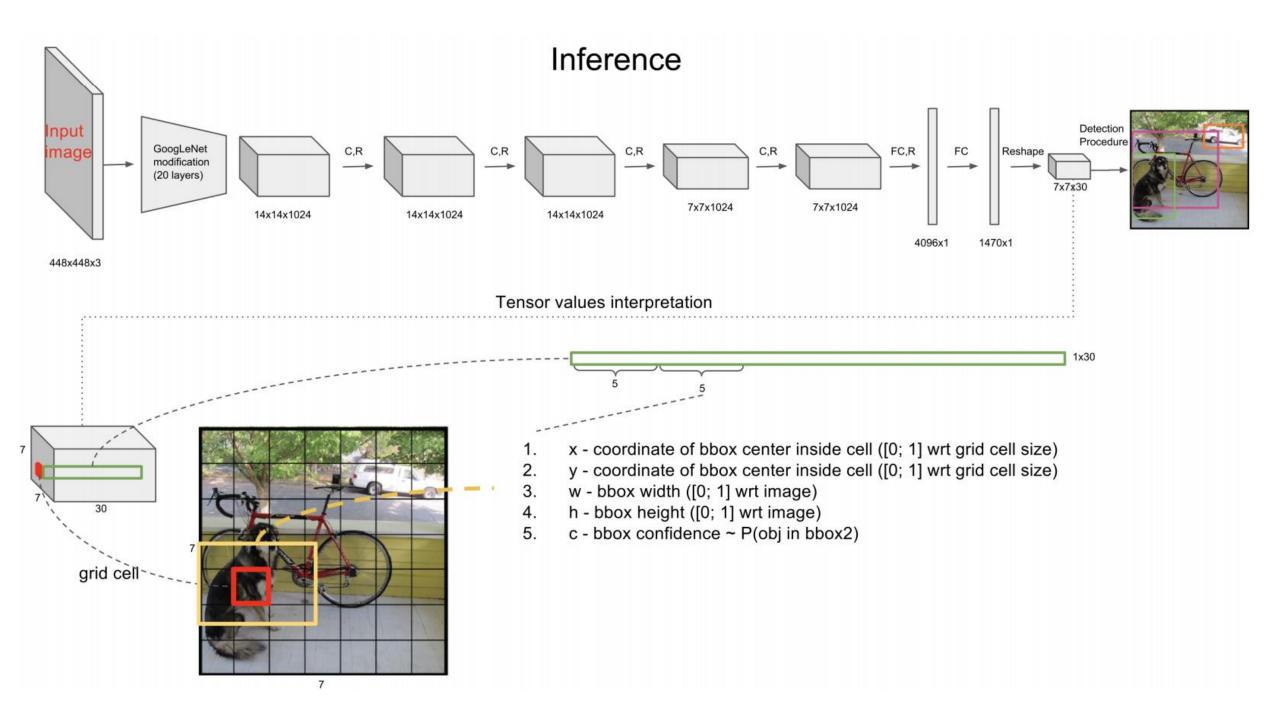


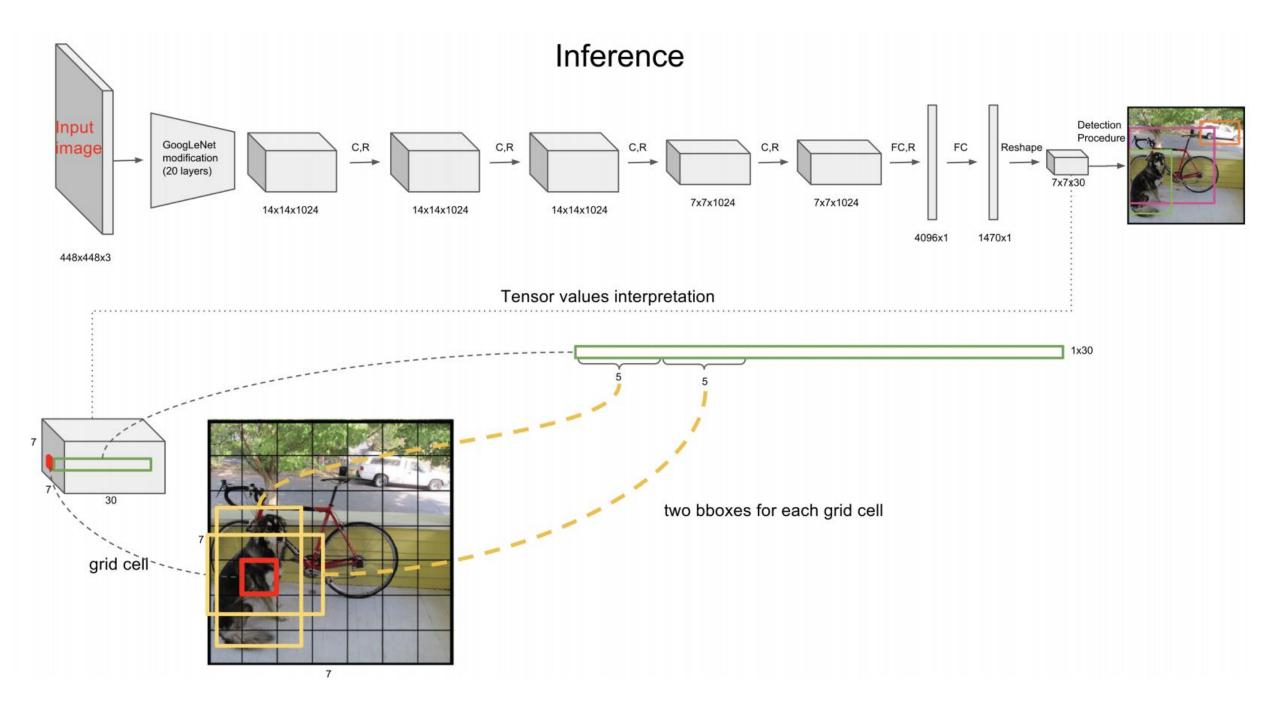


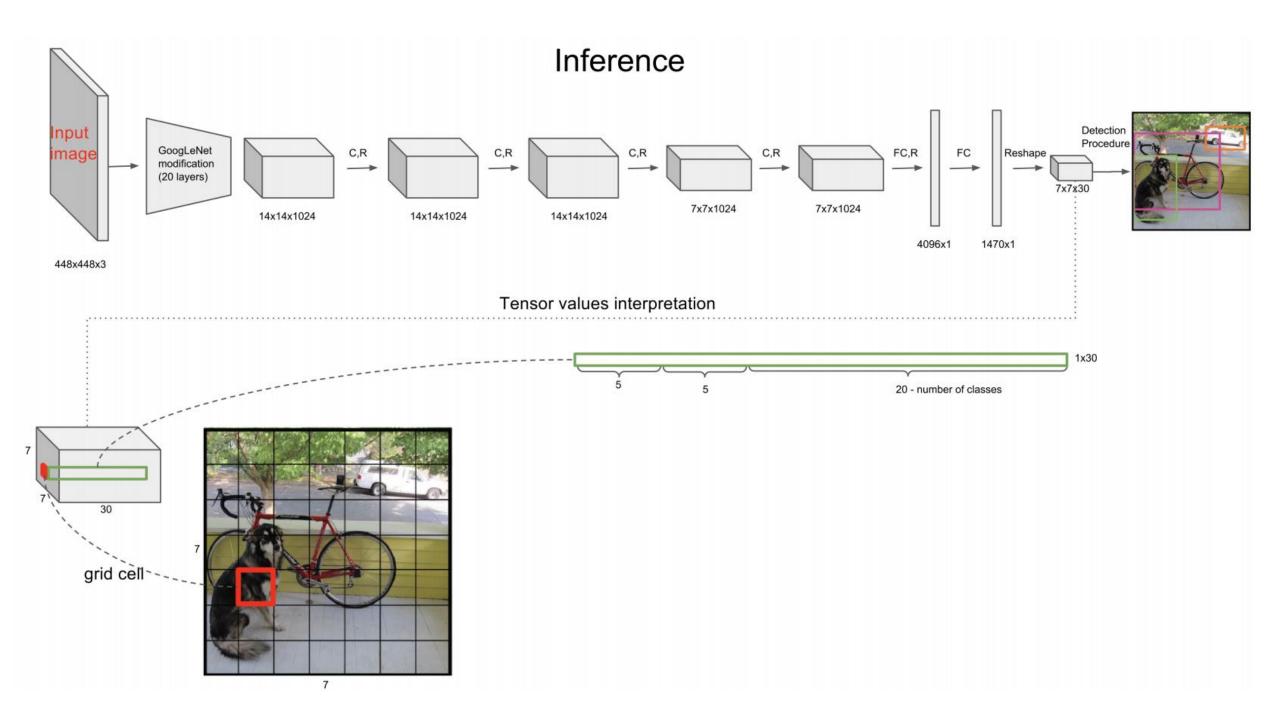


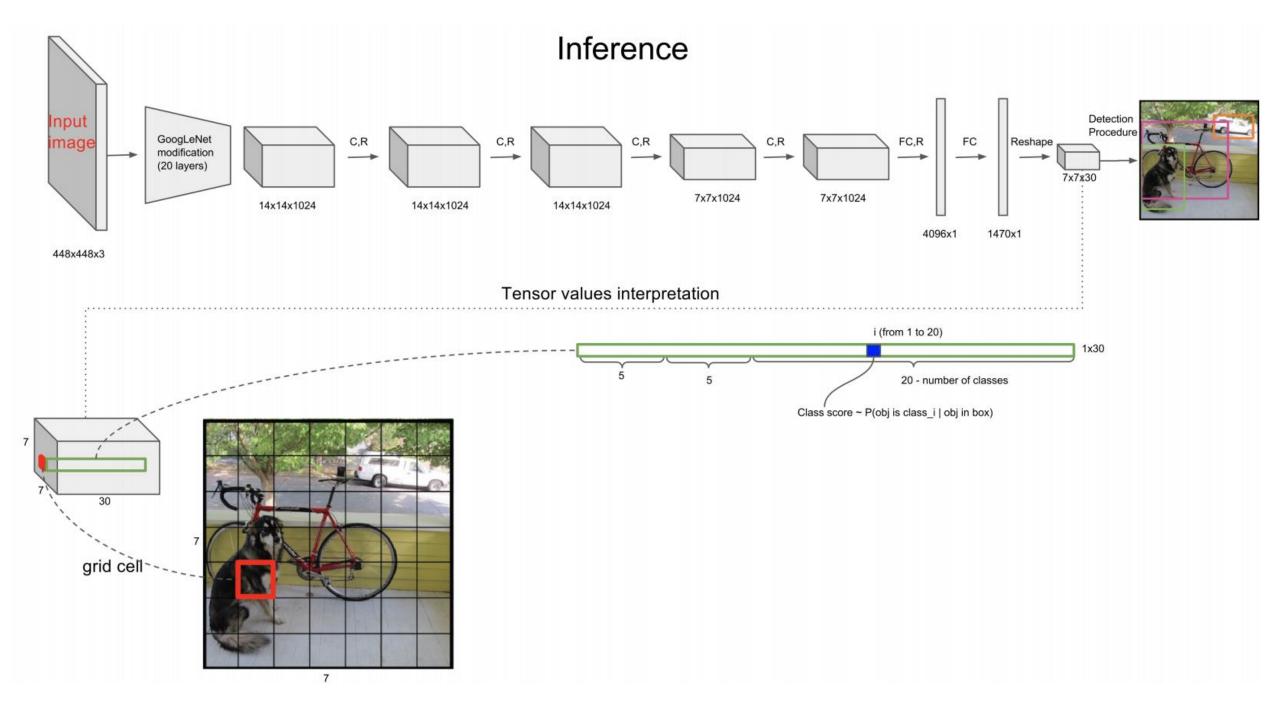


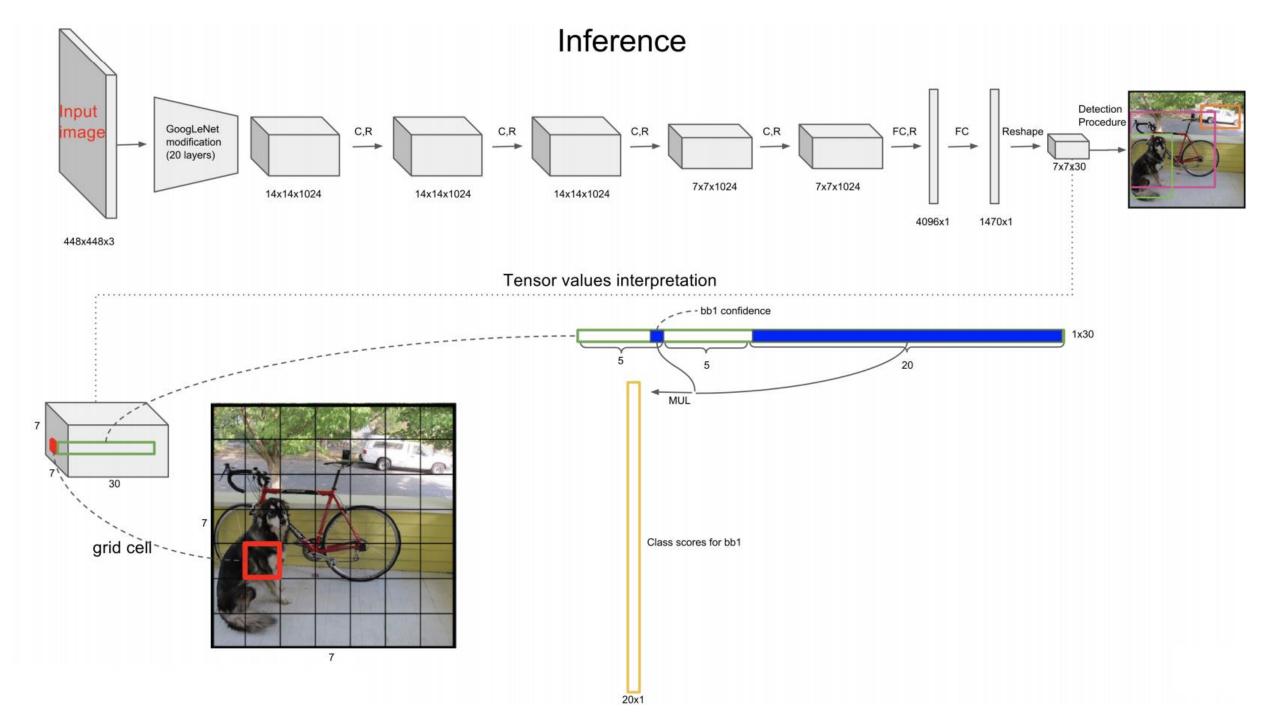


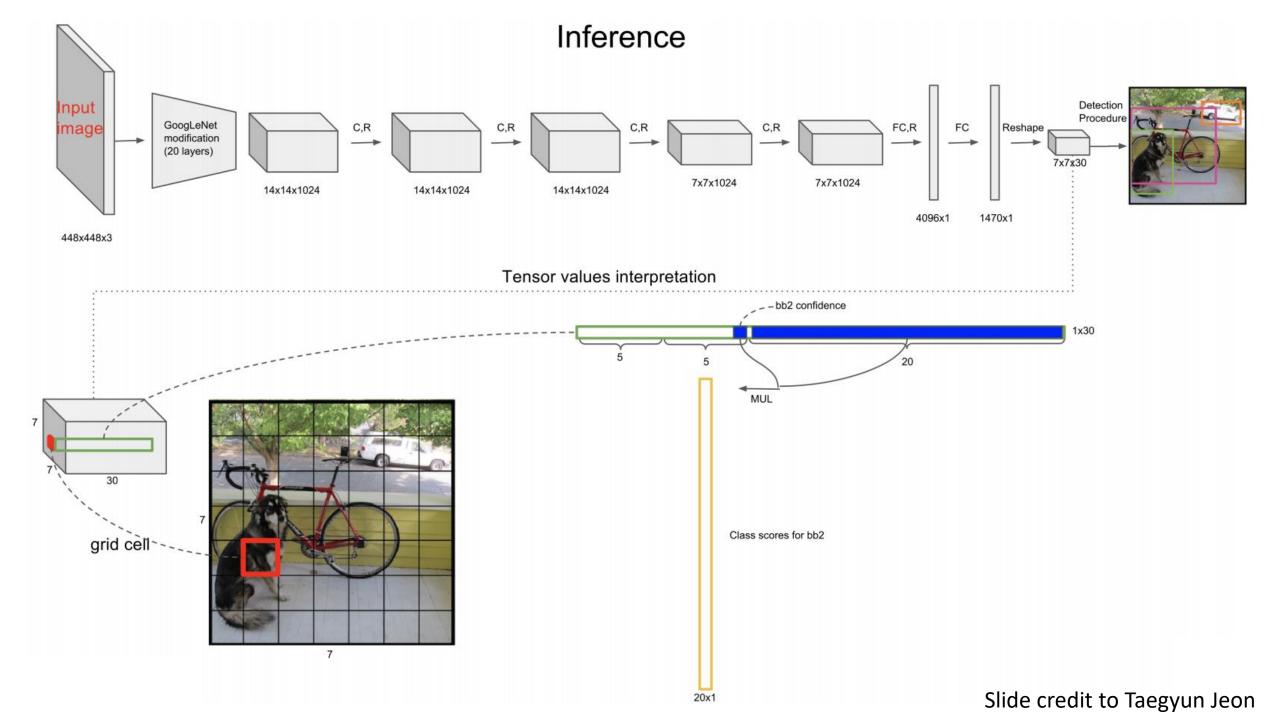


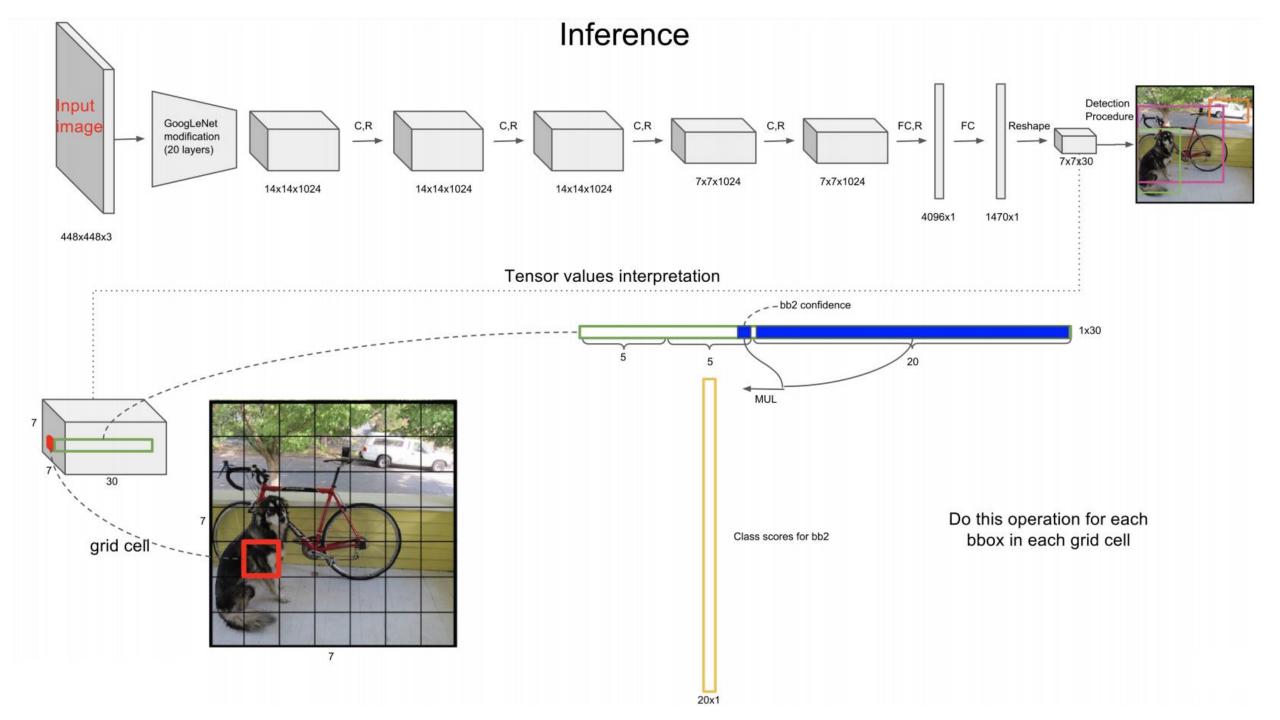


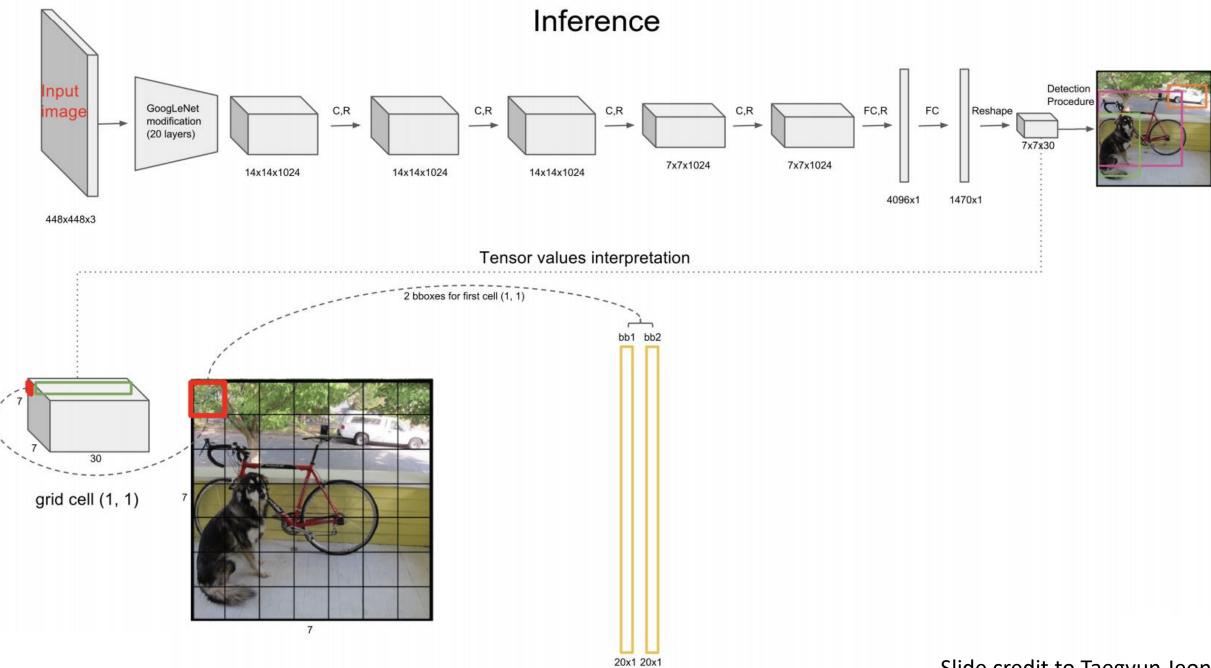




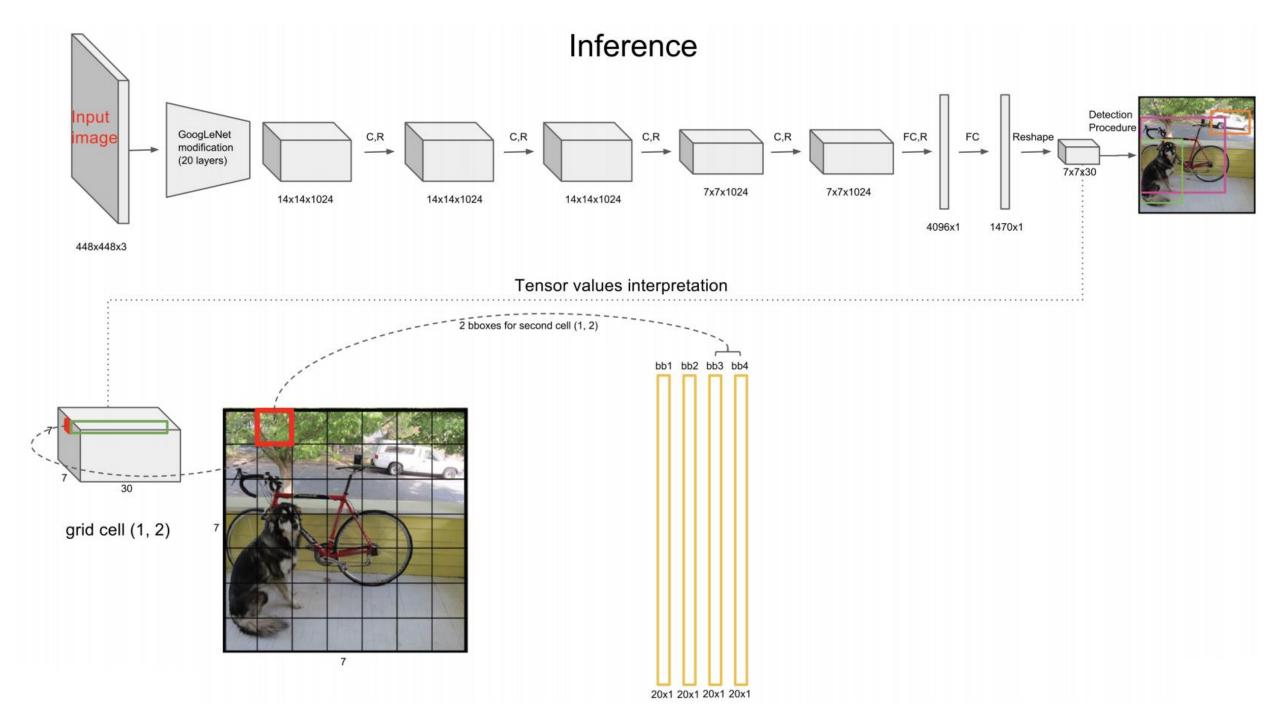


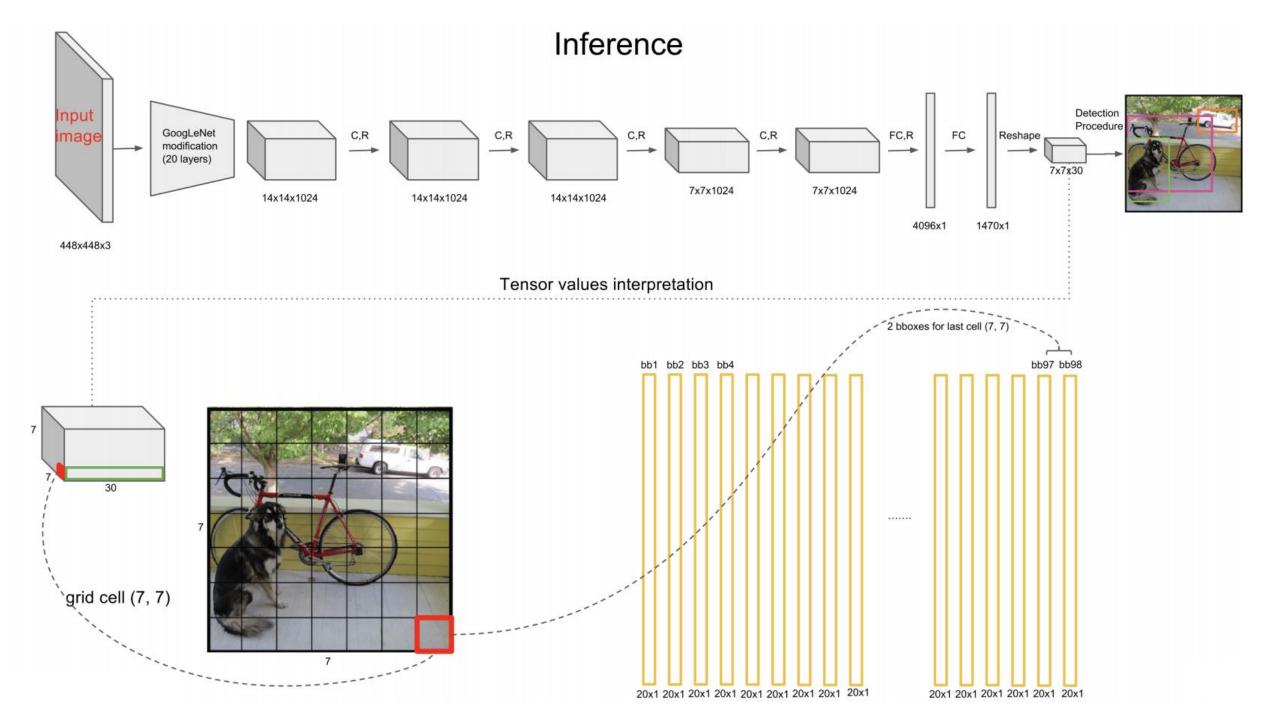


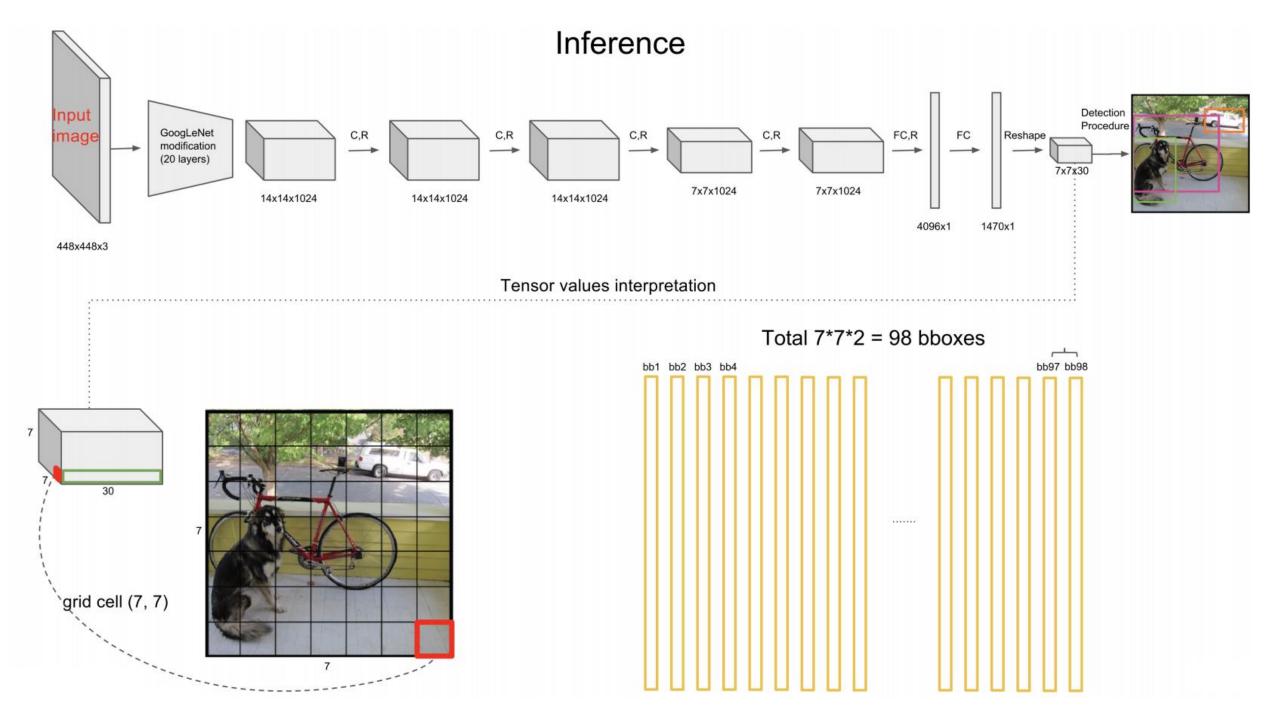




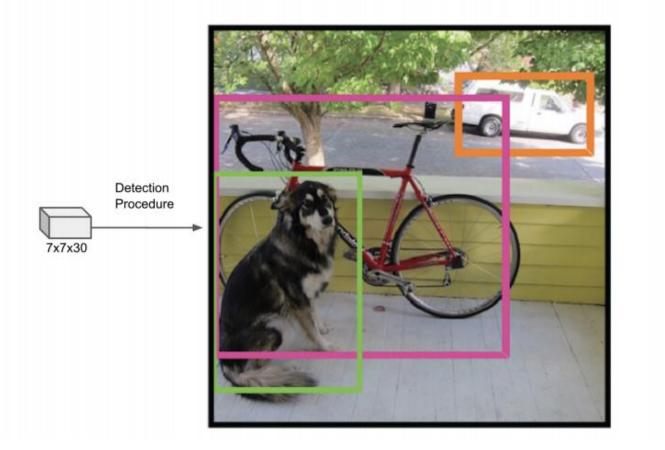
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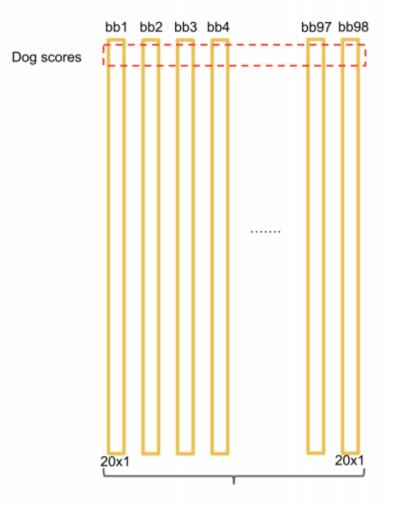






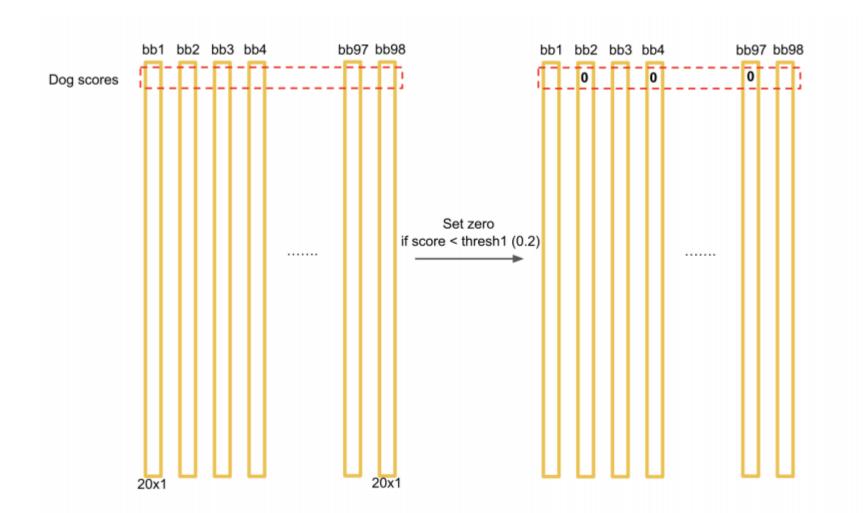
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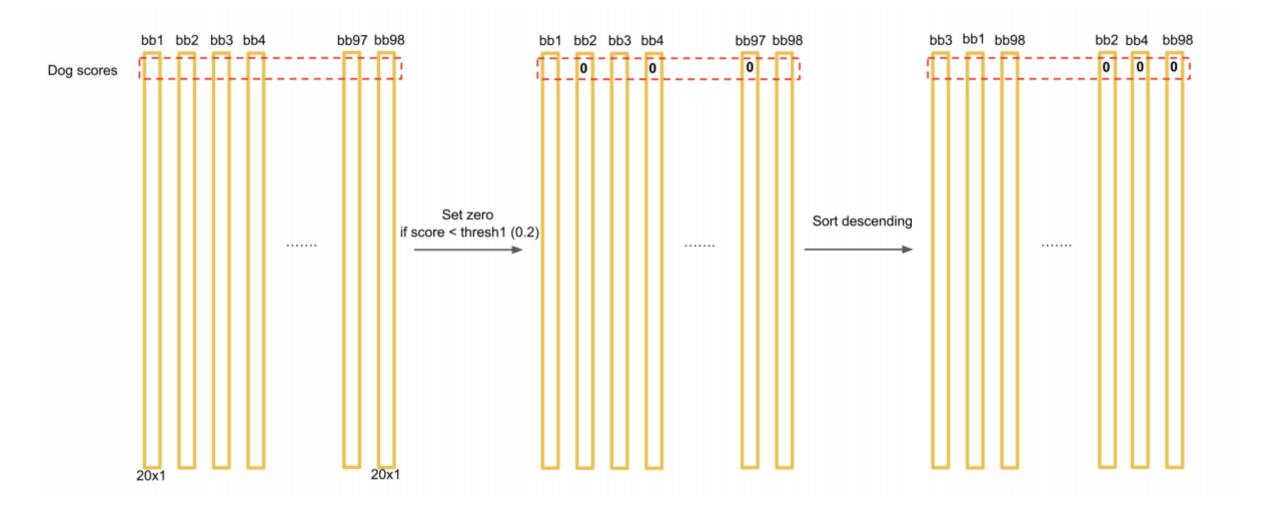


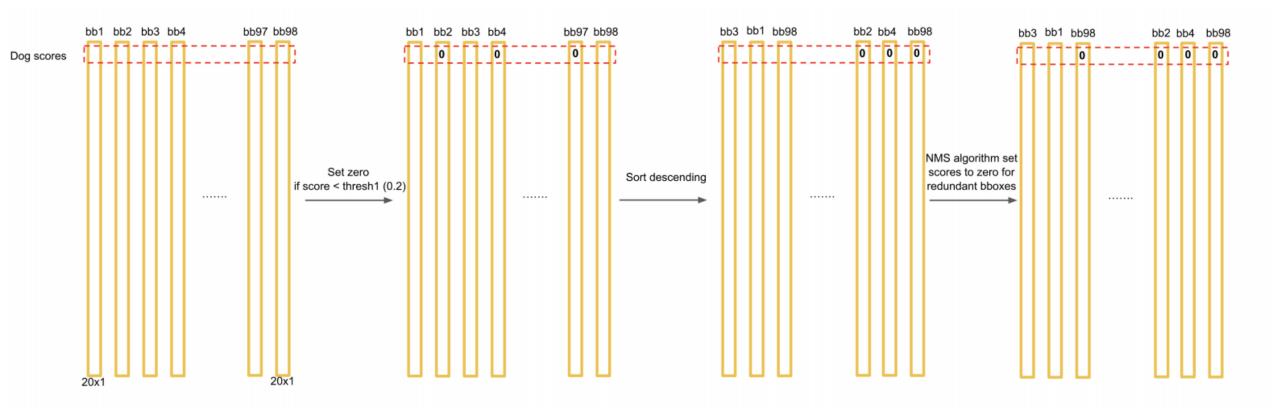
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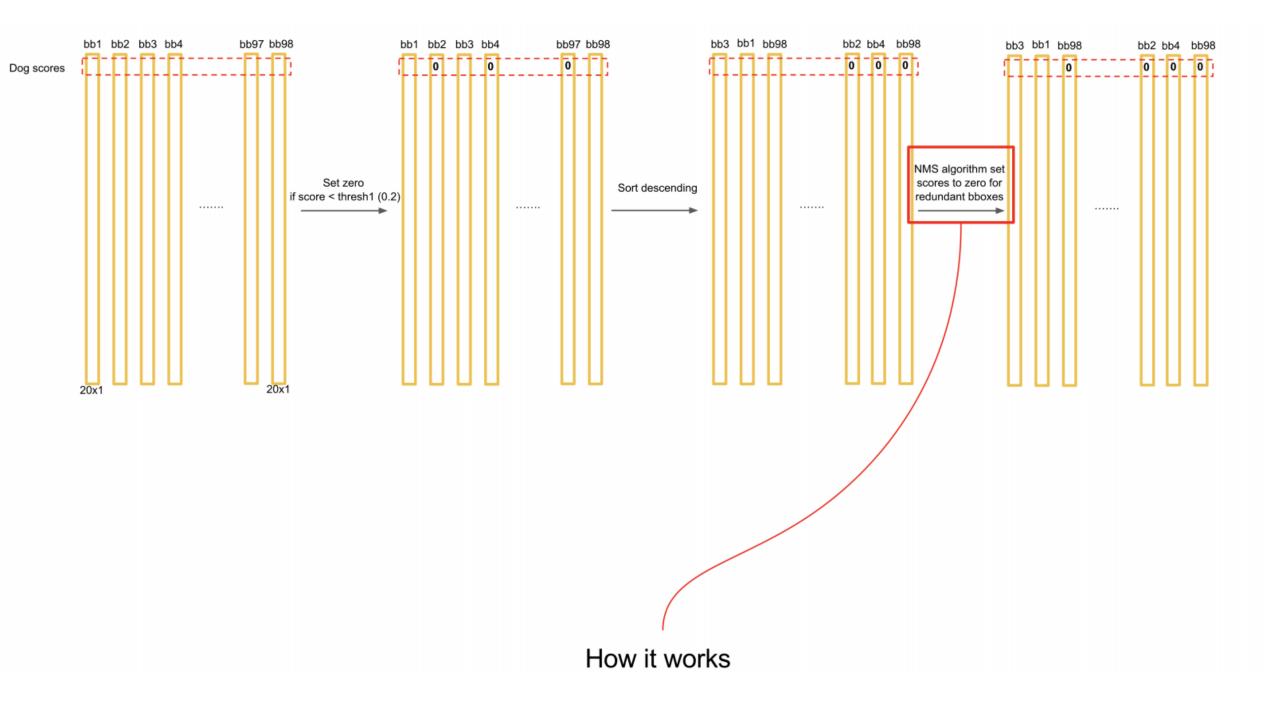
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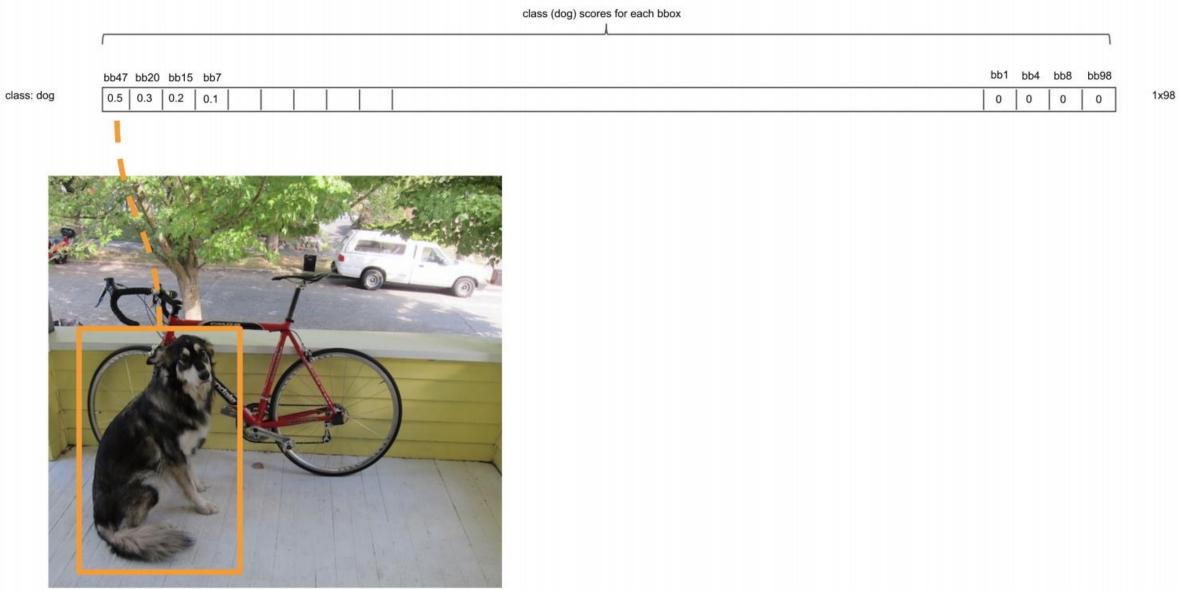


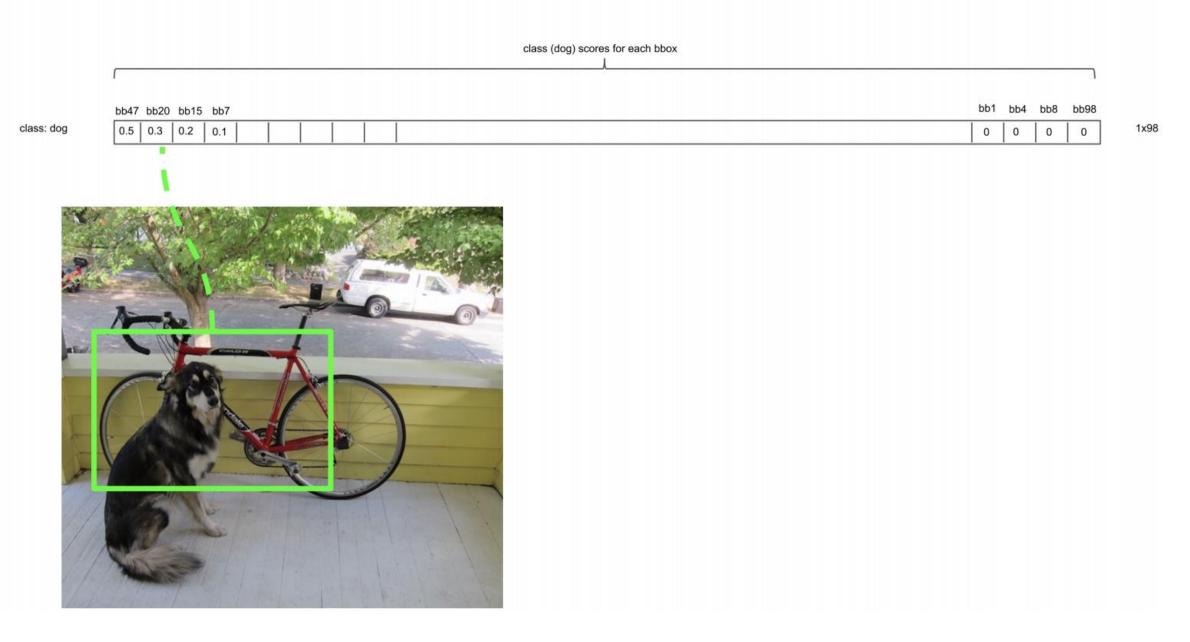
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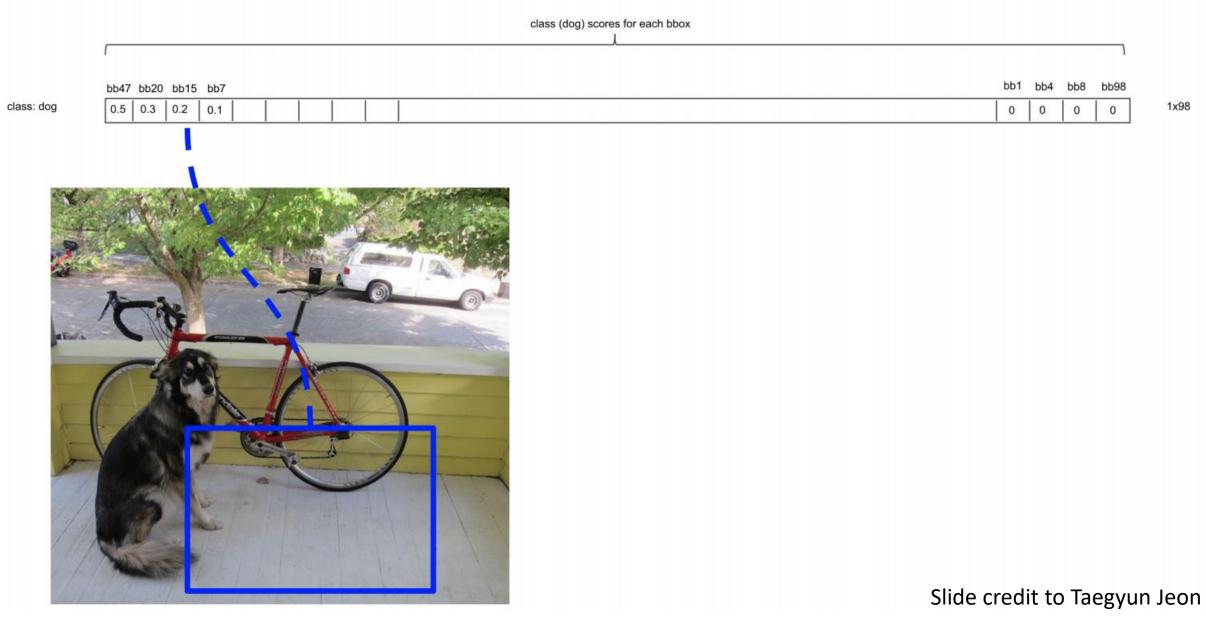




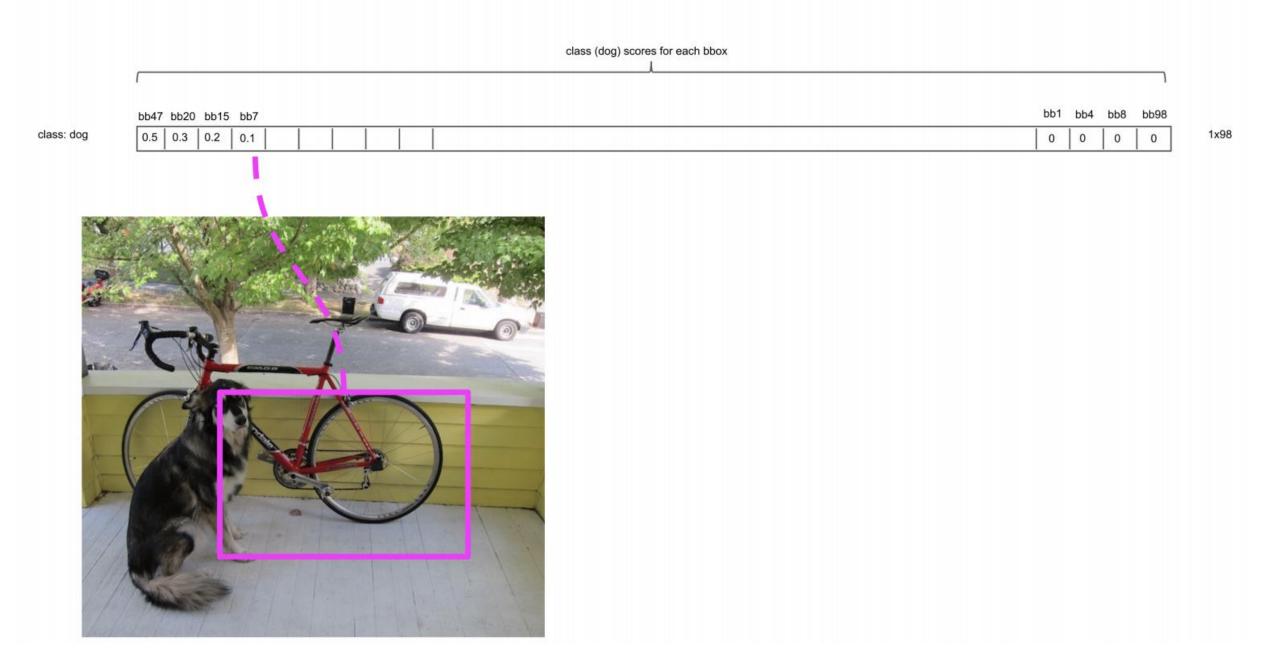


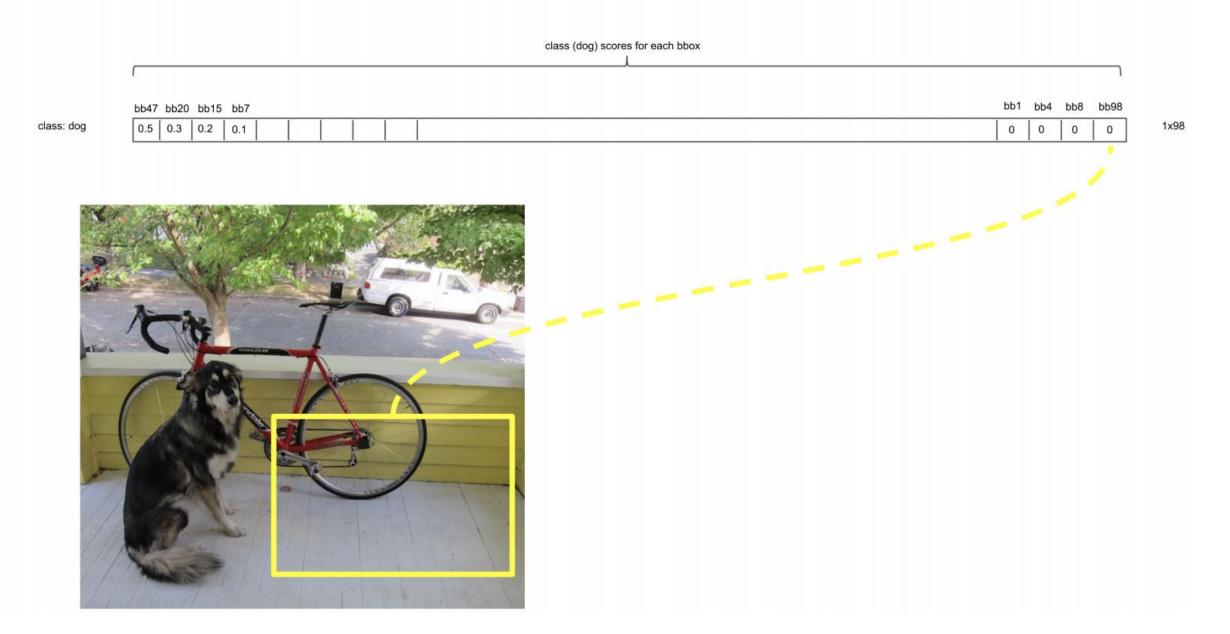


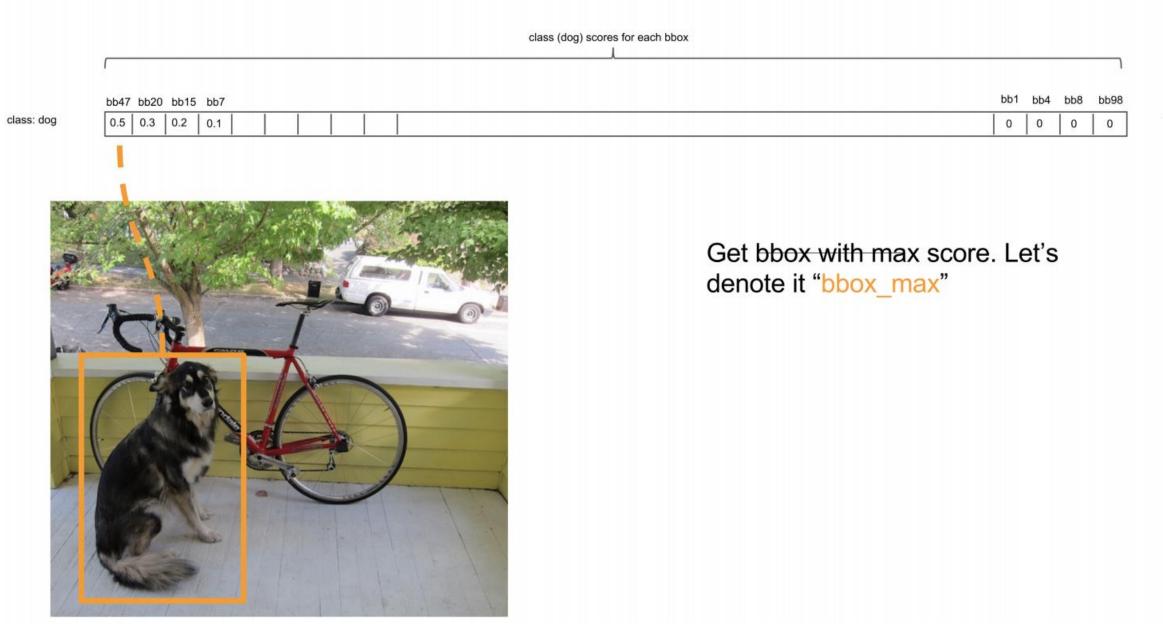


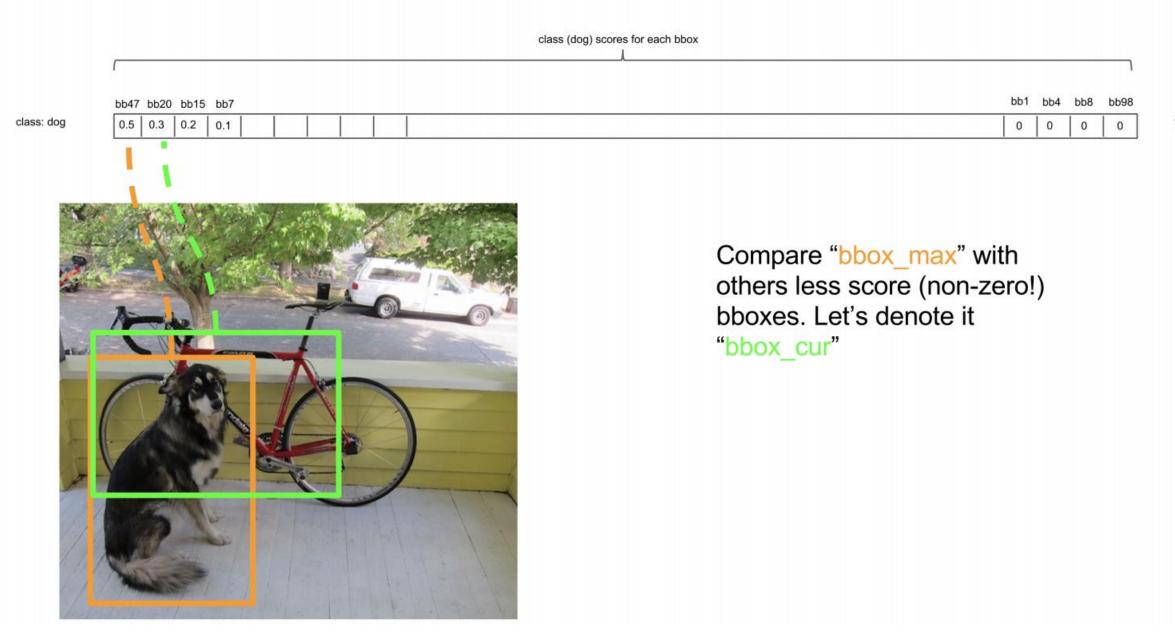


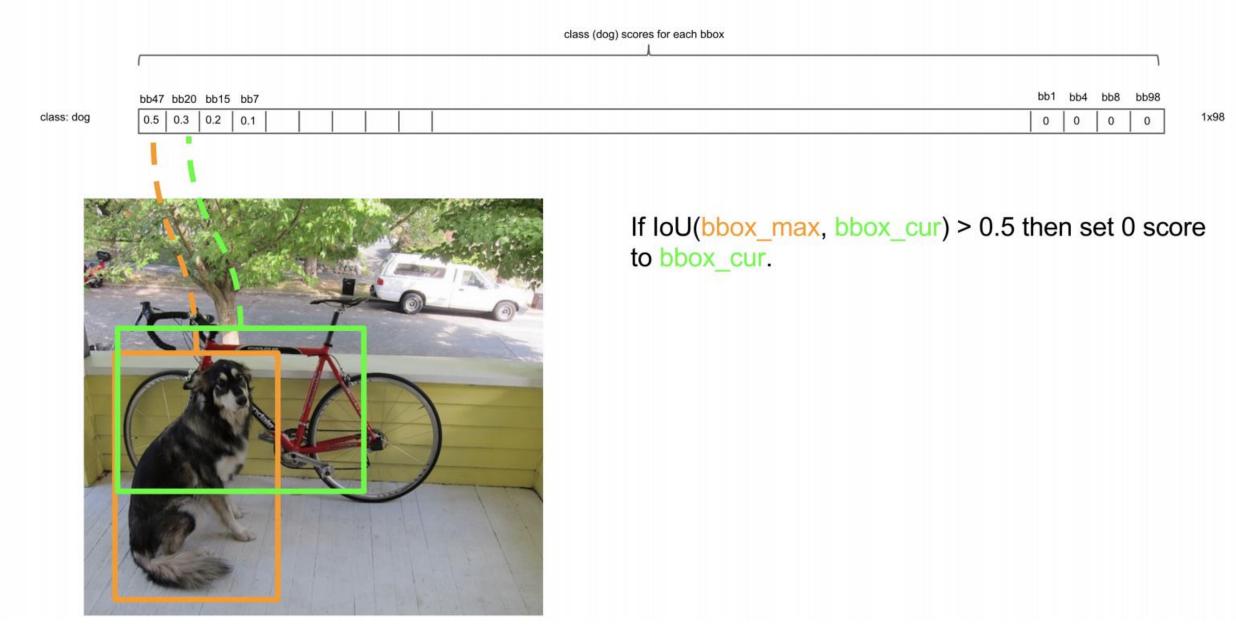
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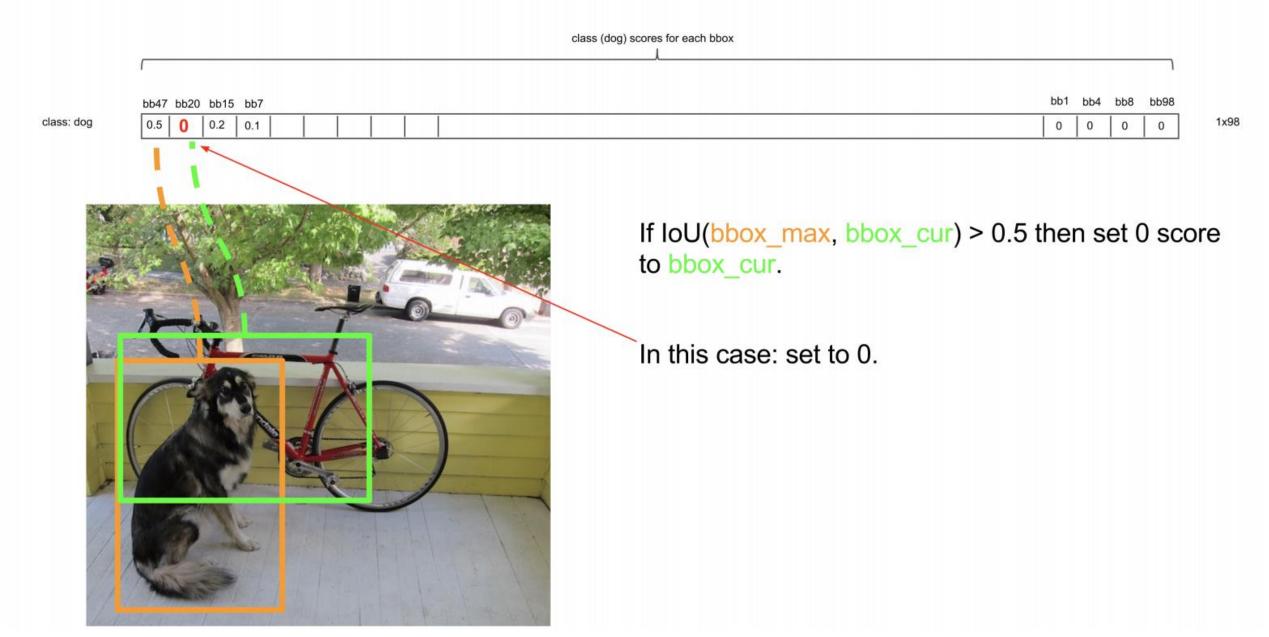


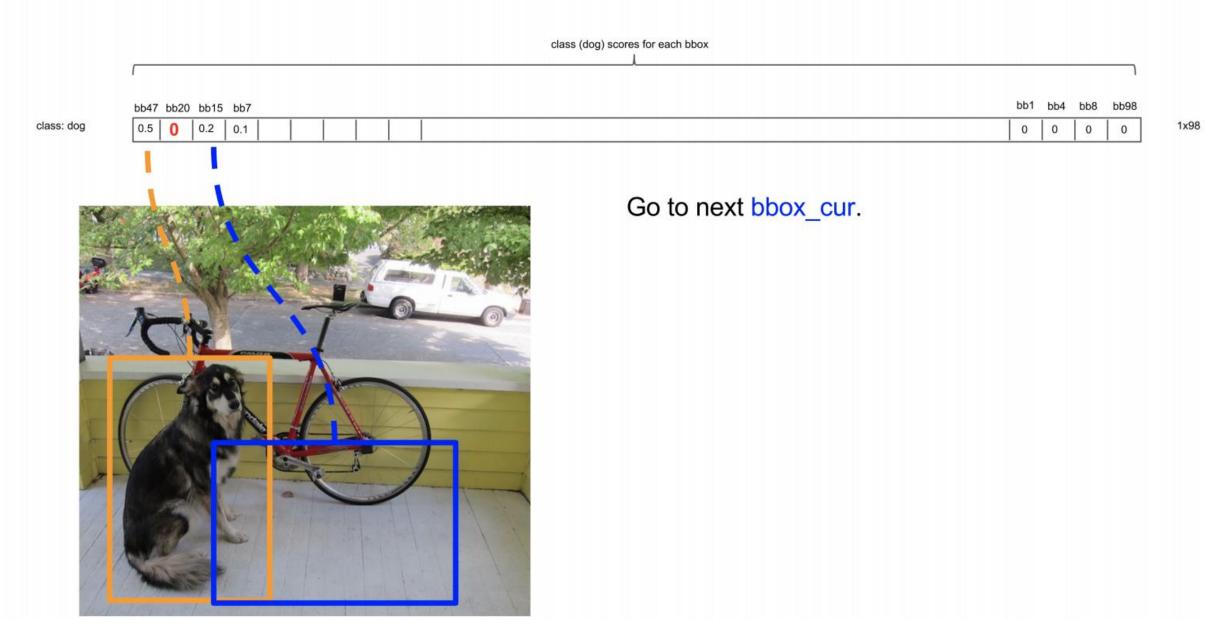


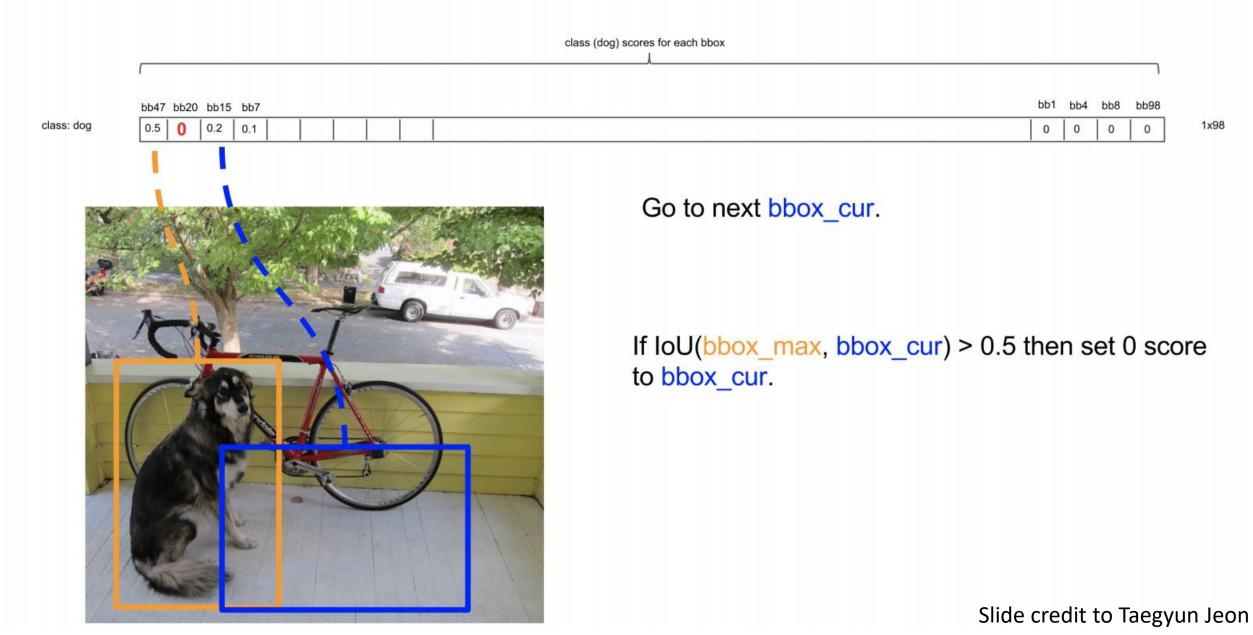


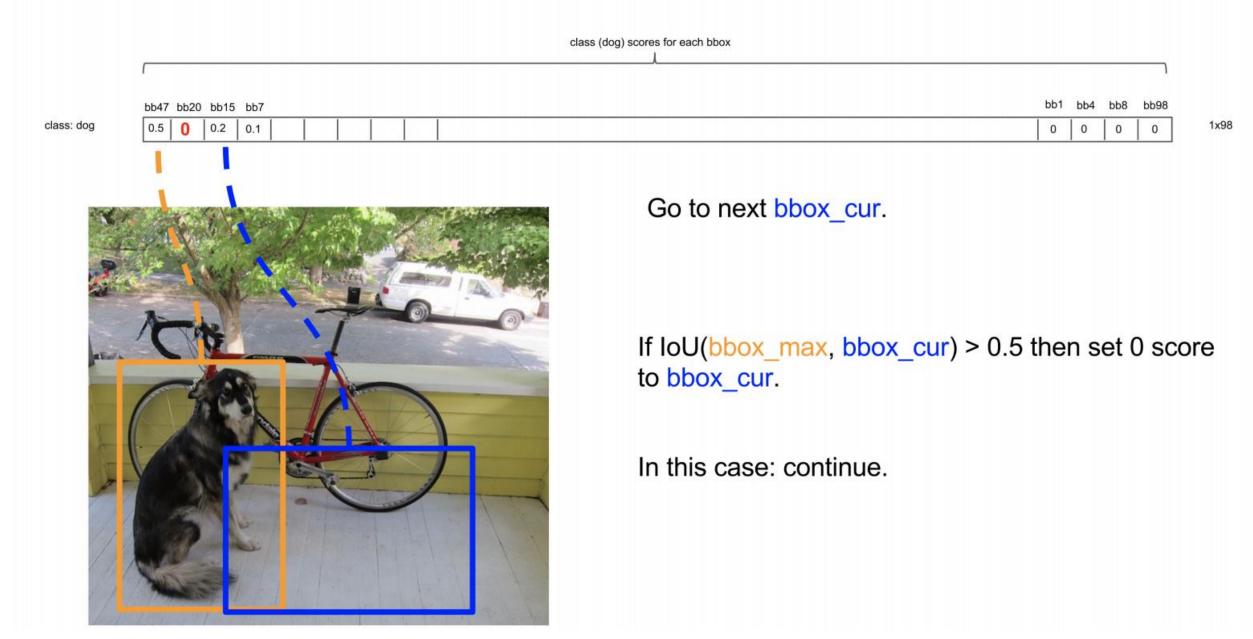


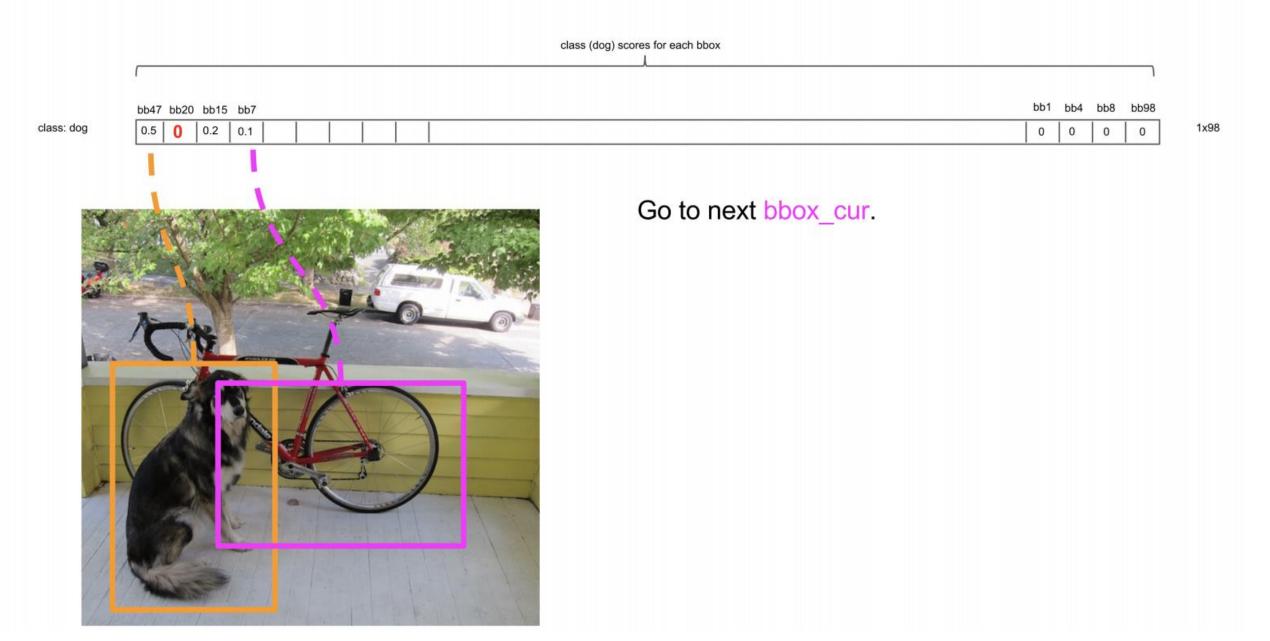


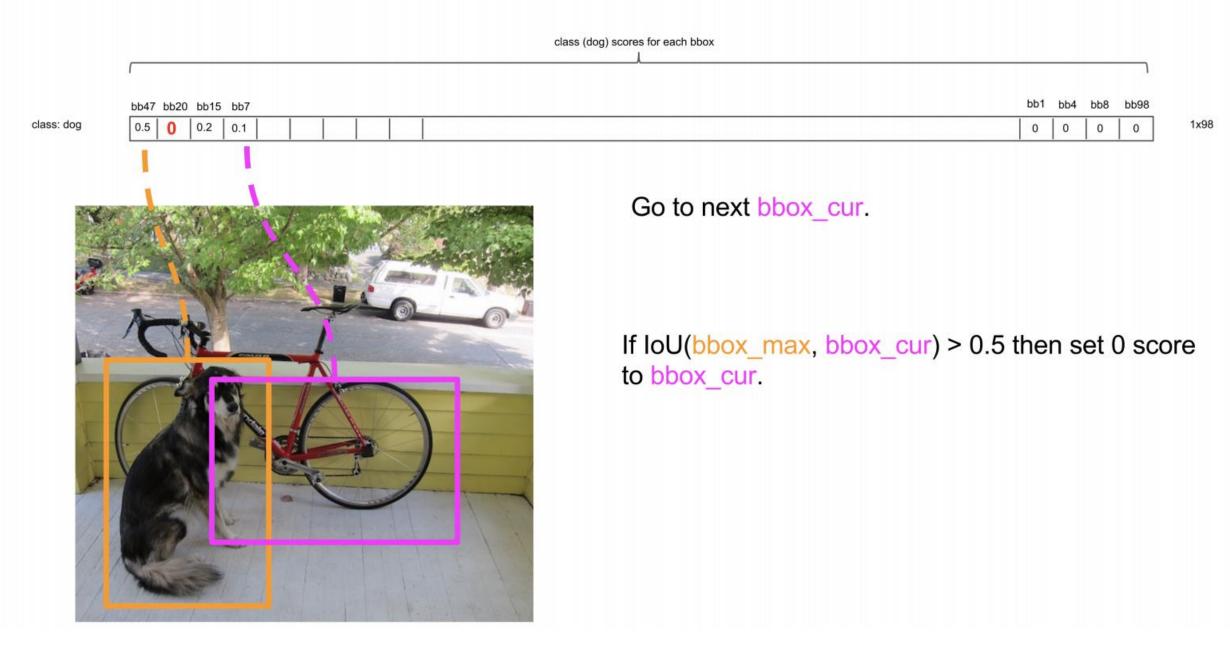


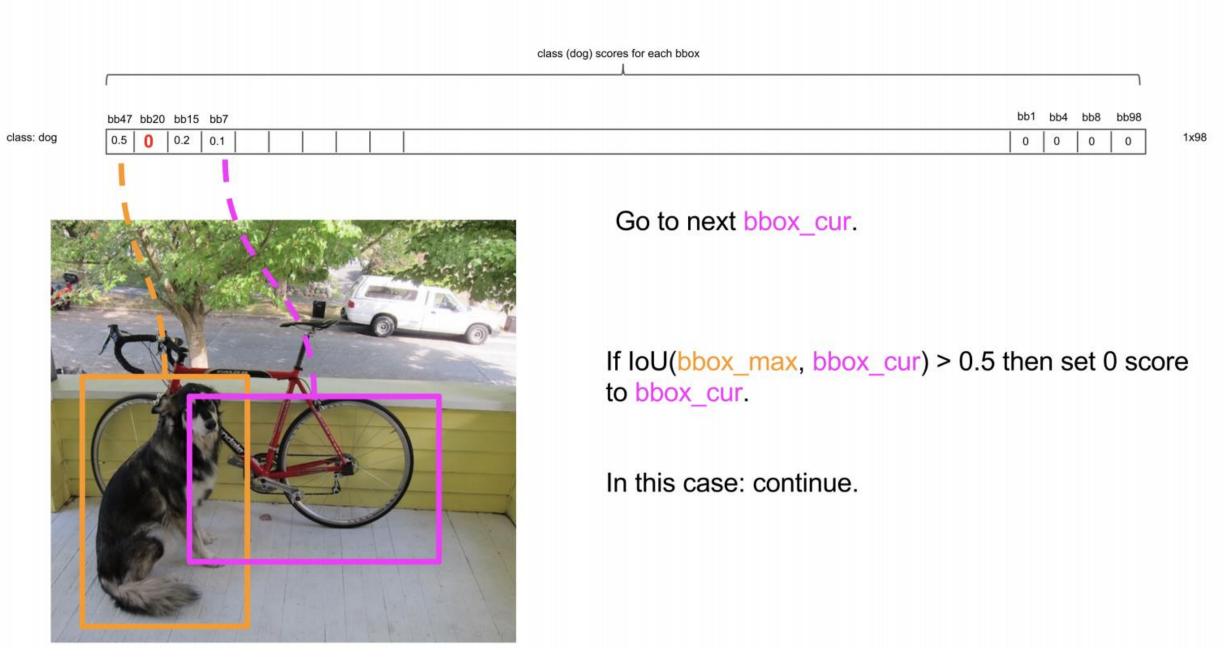


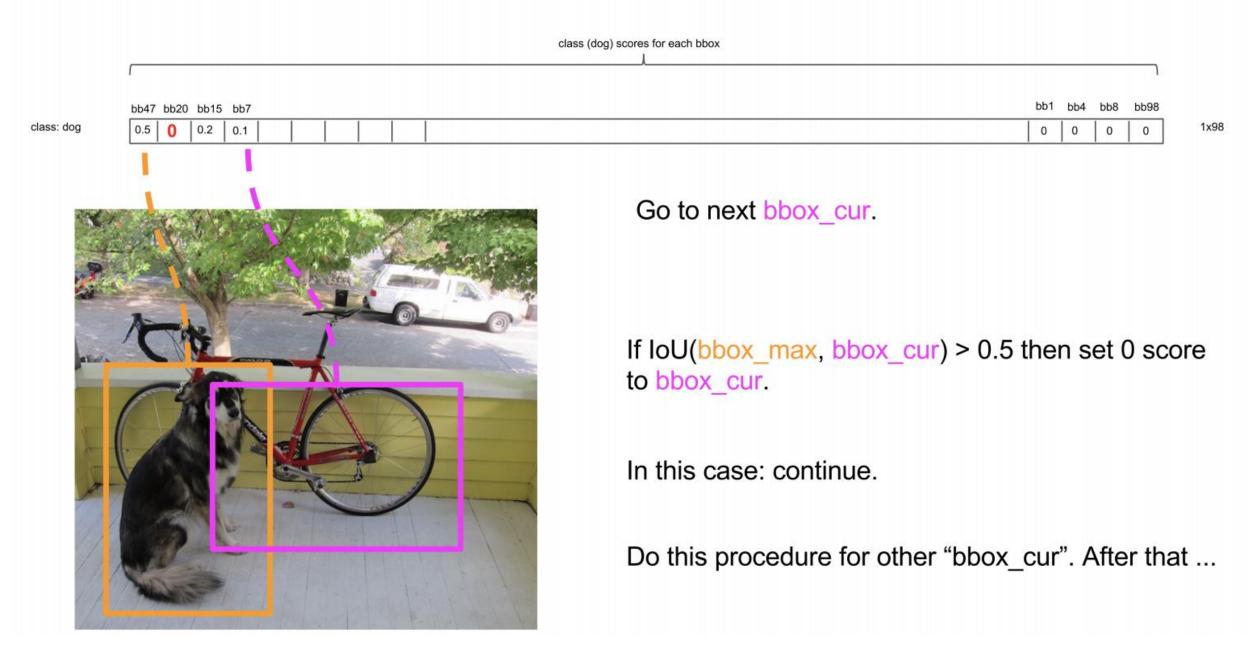


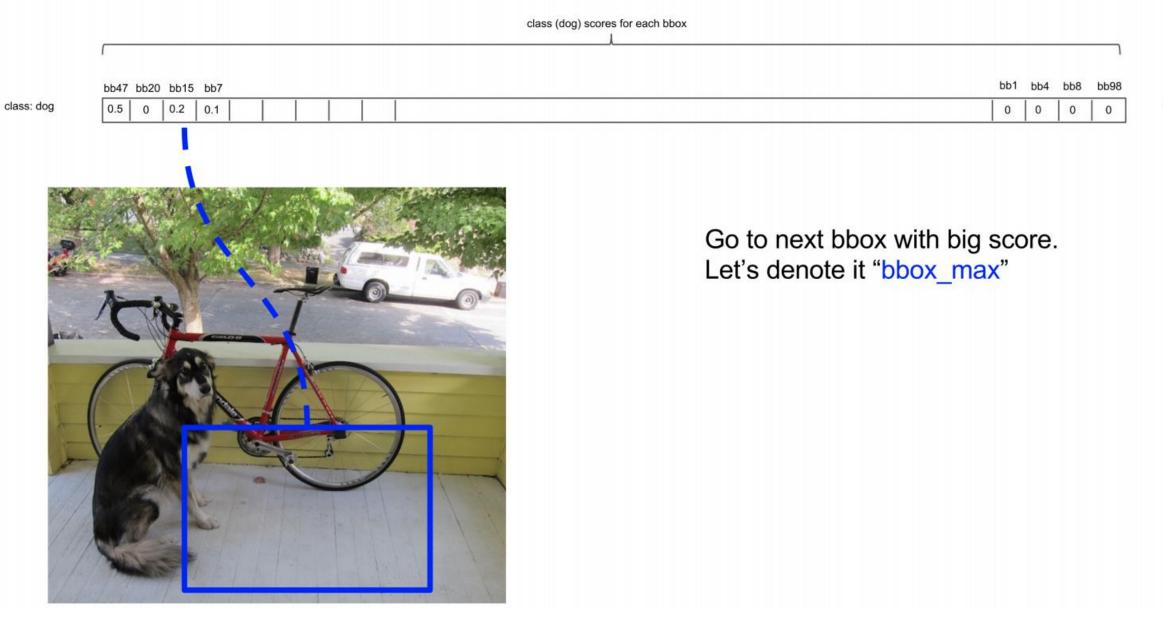




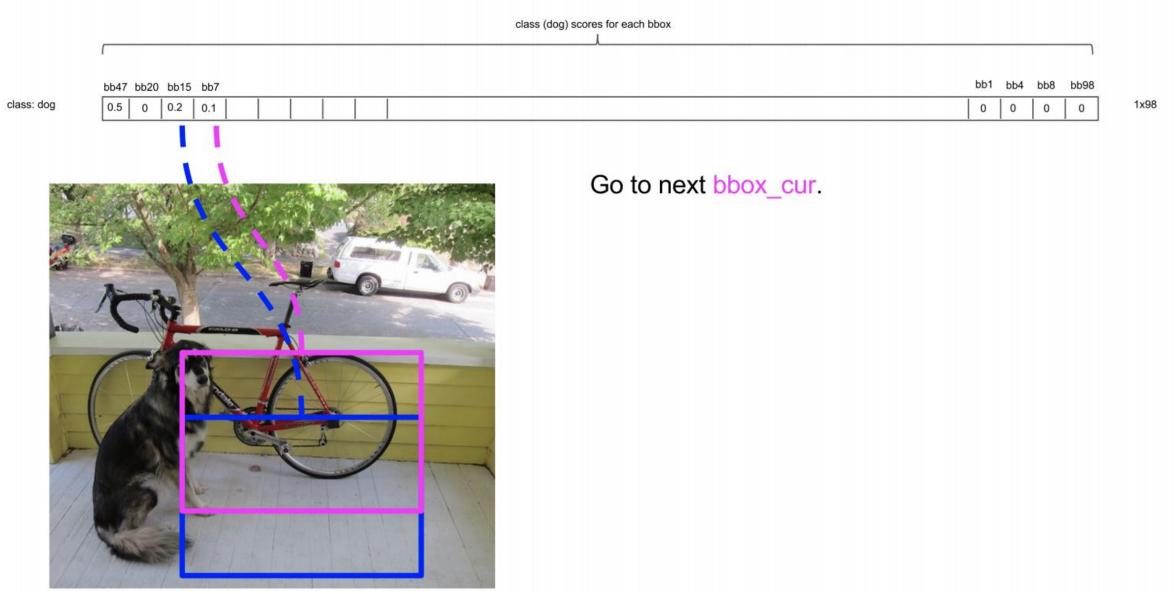




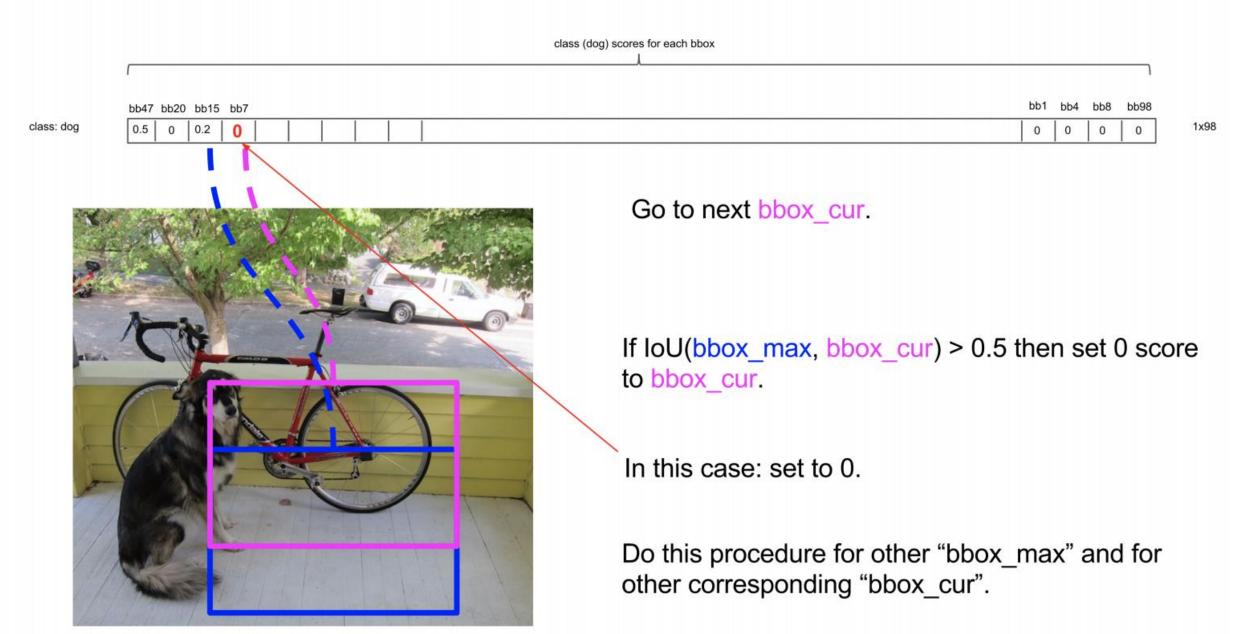


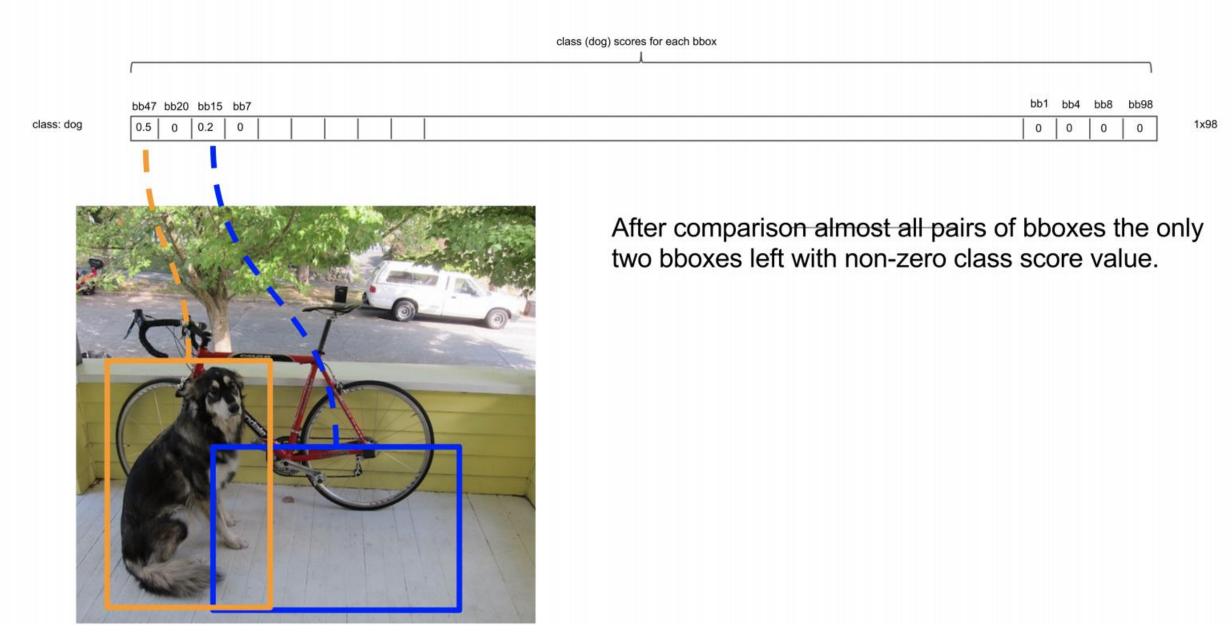


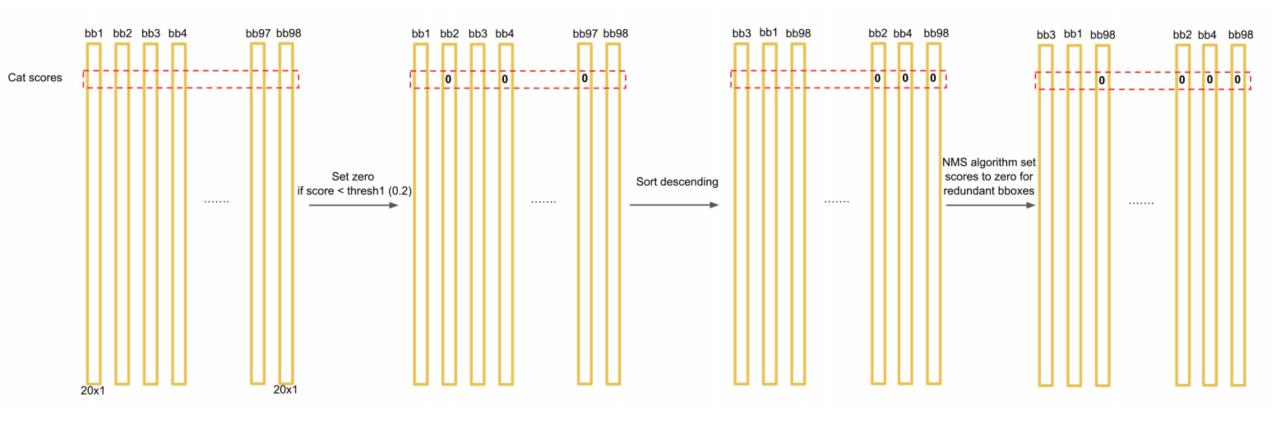
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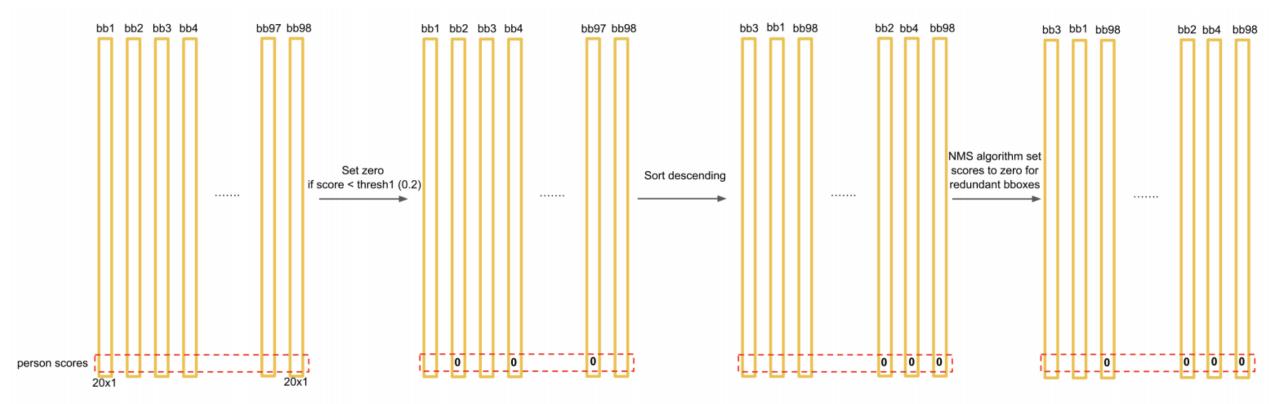


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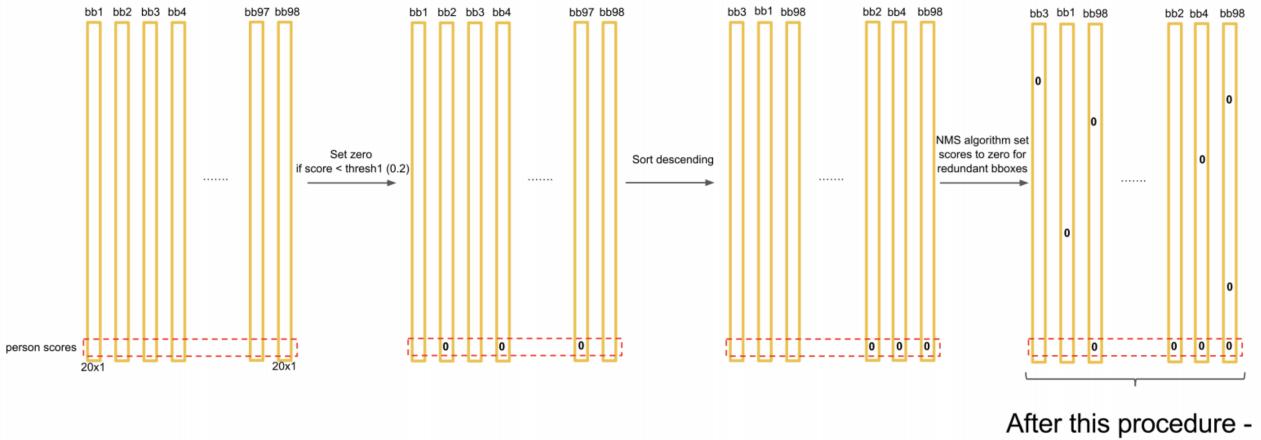




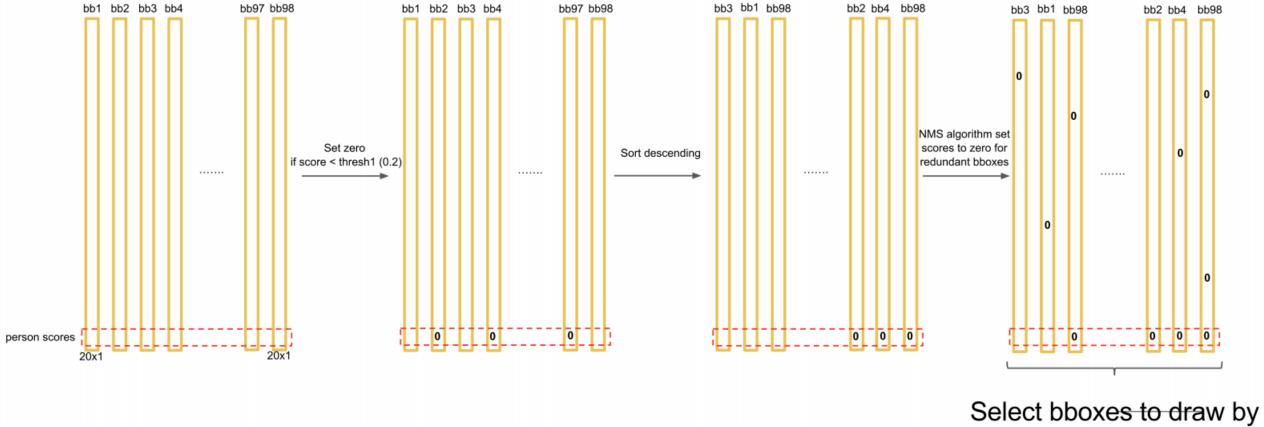




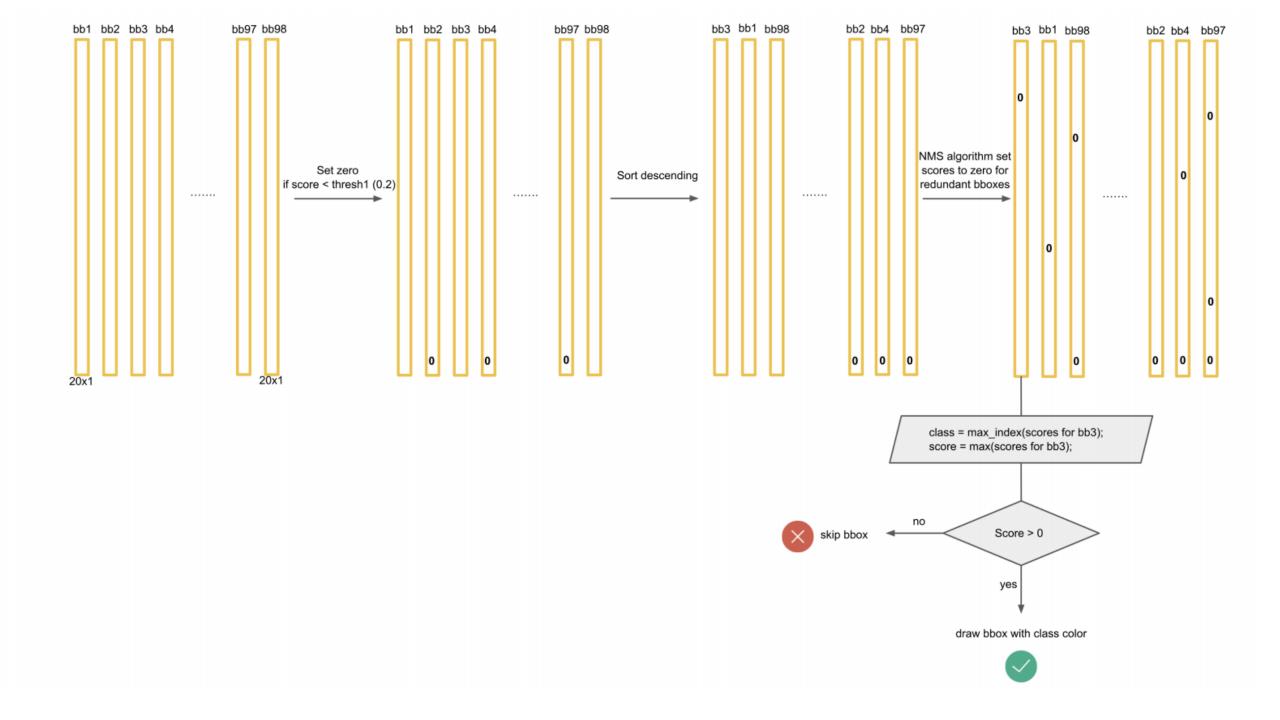
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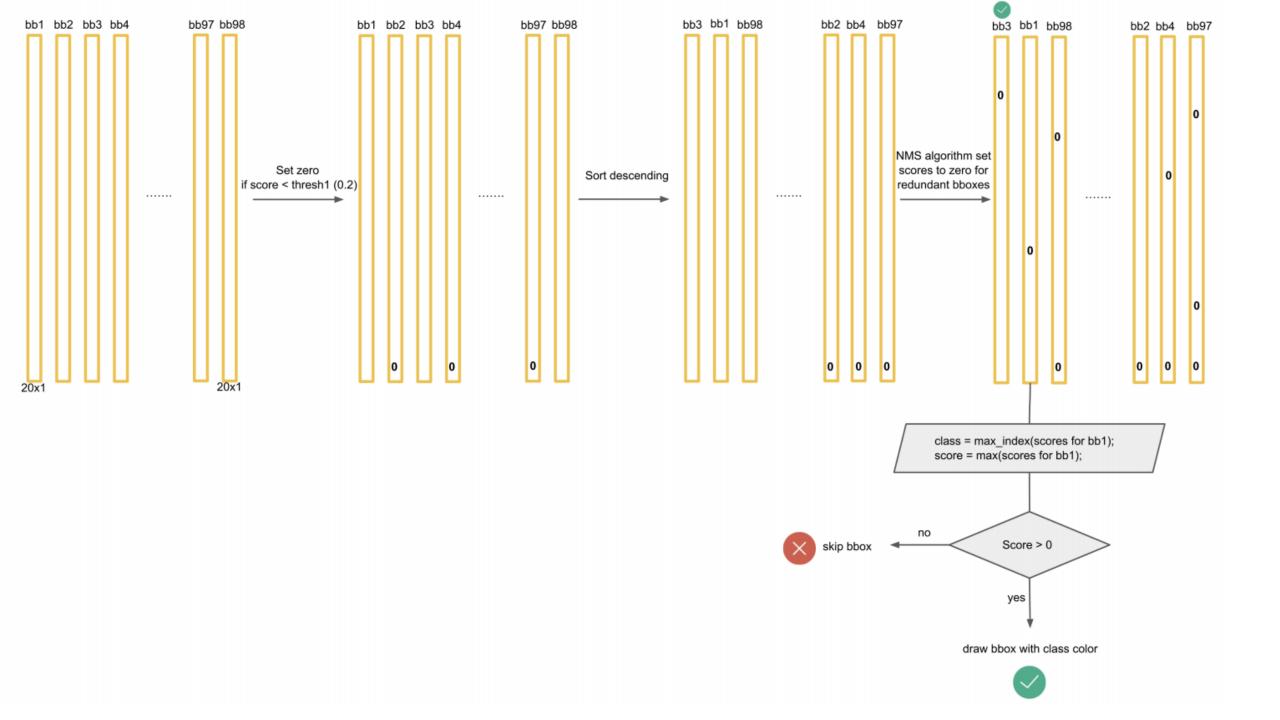


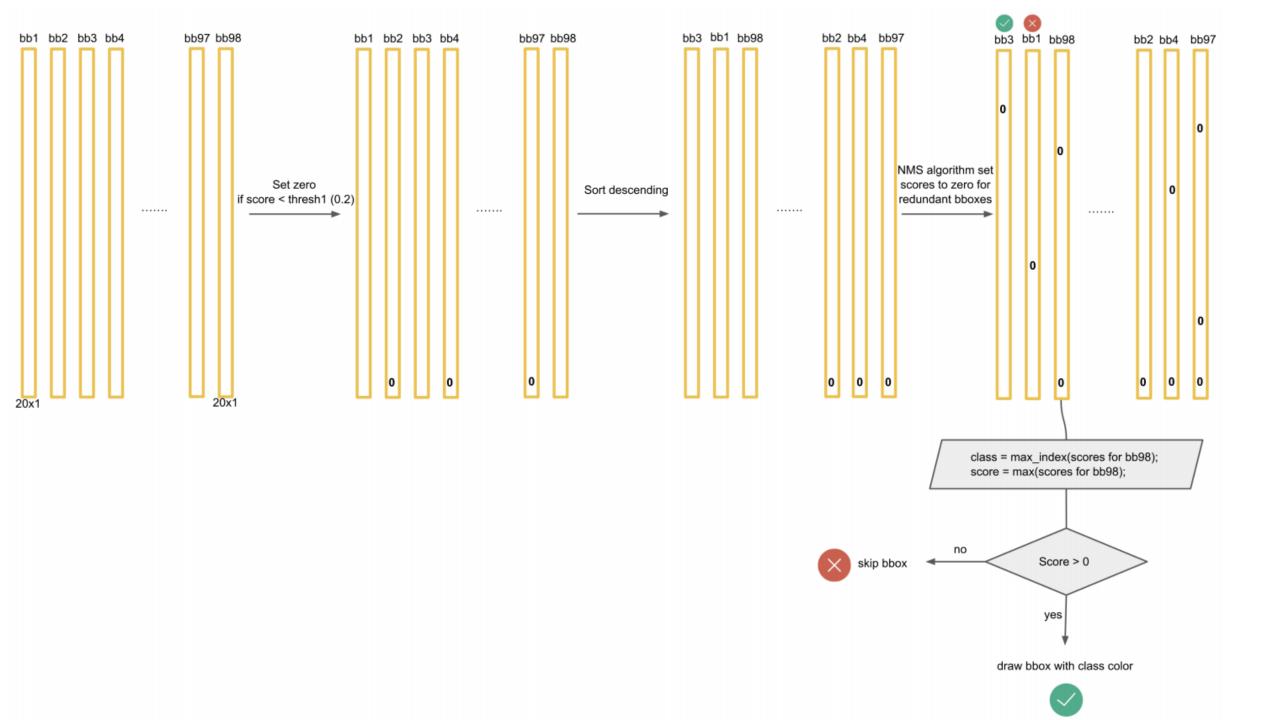
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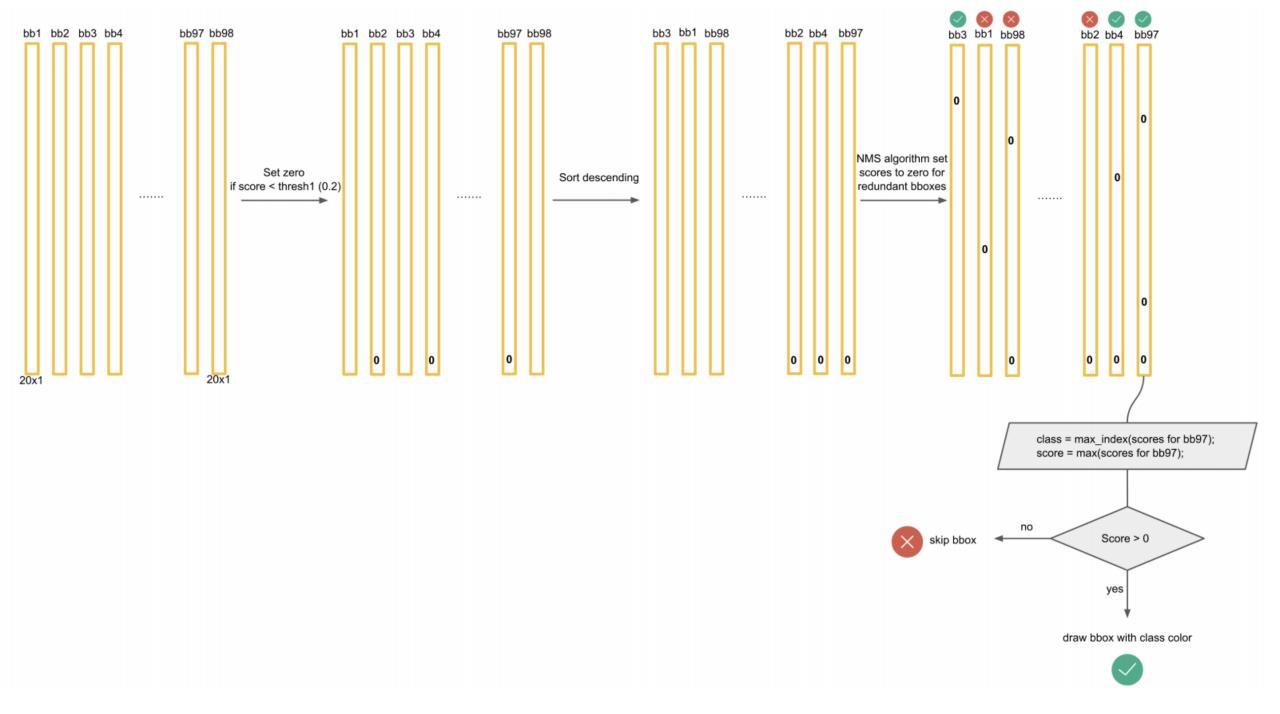


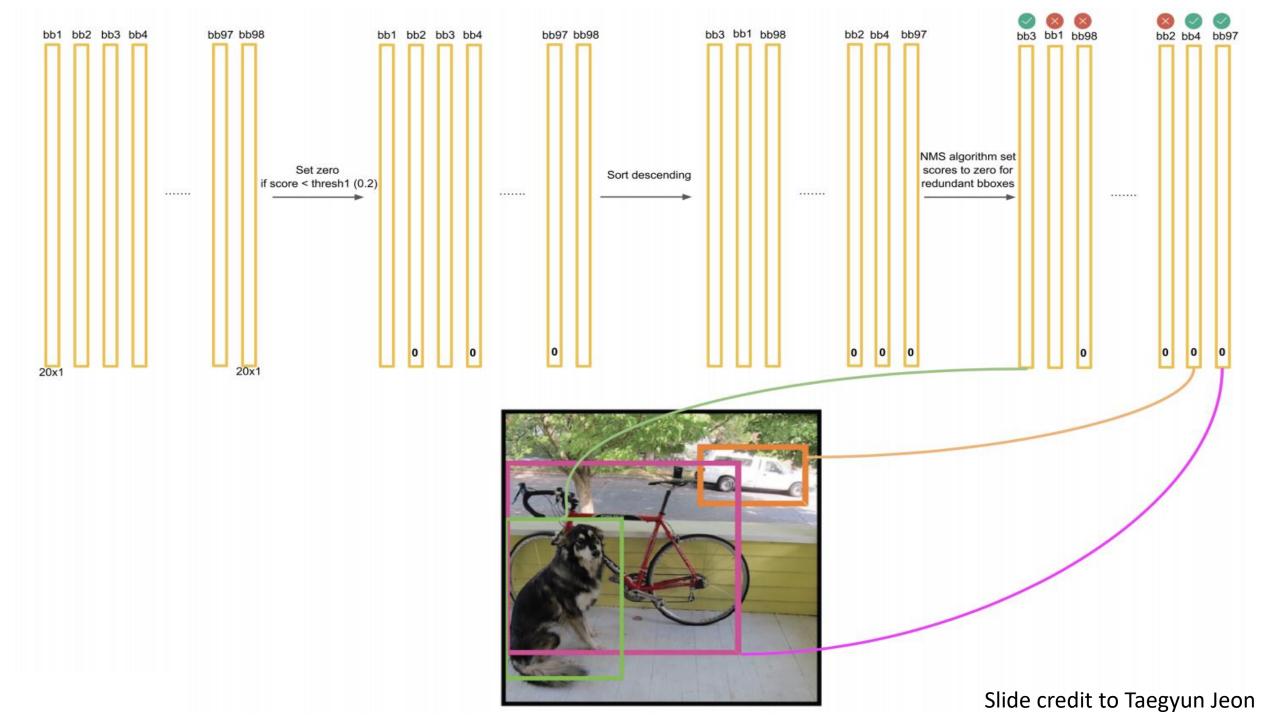
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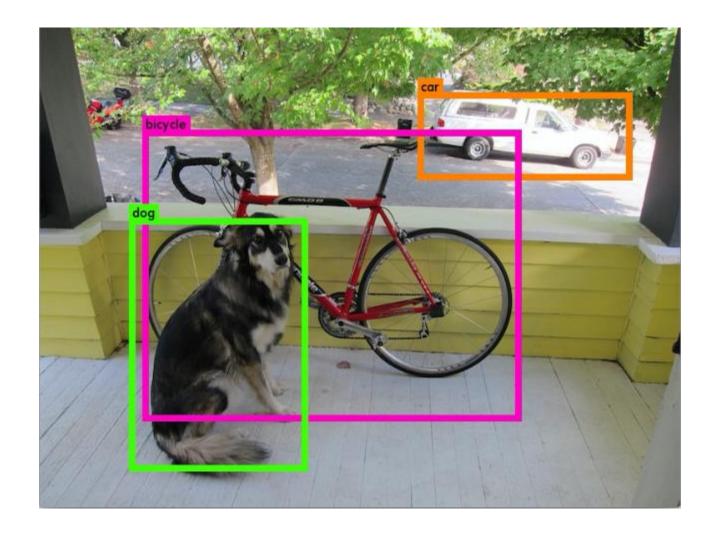


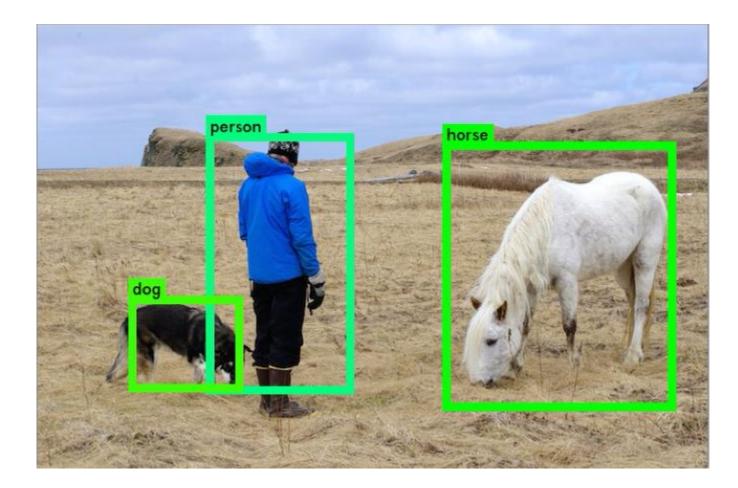


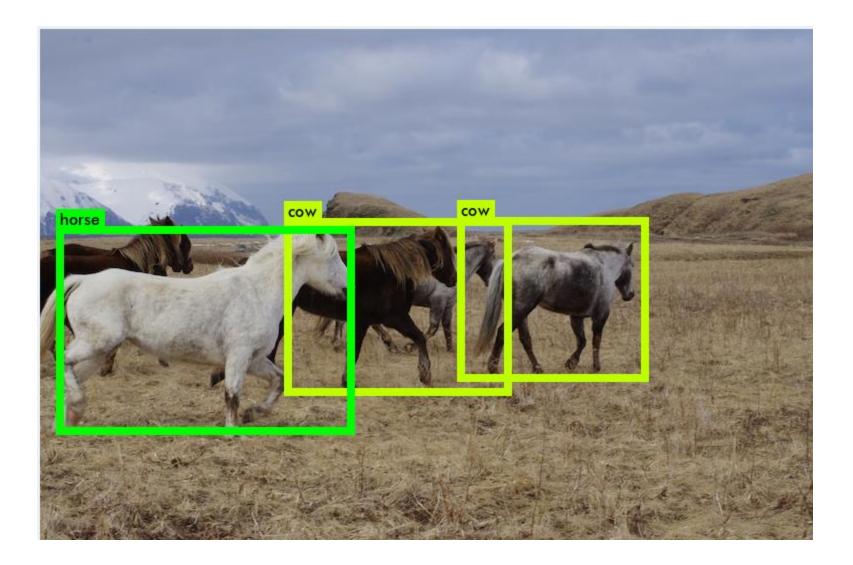












Strengths and Weaknesses

- Strengths:
 - Fast: 45fps, smaller version 155fps
 - End2end training
 - Background error is low
- Weaknesses:
 - Performance is lower than state-of-art
 - Makes more localization errors

Open Questions

- How to determine the number of cell, bounding box and the size of the box
- Why normalization x,y,w,h even all the input images have the same resolution?

Limitation of YOLO

- Group of small objects
- Unusual aspect ratios
- Coarse feature
- Localization error of bounding box

2.4. Limitations of YOLO

YOLO imposes strong spatial constraints on bounding box predictions since each grid cell only predicts two boxes and can only have one class. This spatial constraint limits the number of nearby objects that our model can predict. Our model struggles with small objects that appear in groups, such as flocks of birds.

Since our model learns to predict bounding boxes from data, it struggles to generalize to objects in new or unusual aspect ratios or configurations. Our model also uses relatively coarse features for predicting bounding boxes since our architecture has multiple downsampling layers from the input image.

Finally, while we train on a loss function that approximates detection performance, our loss function treats errors the same in small bounding boxes versus large bounding boxes. A small error in a large box is generally benign but a small error in a small box has a much greater effect on IOU. Our main source of error is incorrect localizations.

Extension Part

YOLOv2!

Detection Frameworks	Train	mAP	FPS
Fast R-CNN [5]	2007+2012	70.0	0.5
Faster R-CNN VGG-16[15]	2007+2012	73.2	7
Faster R-CNN ResNet[6]	2007+2012	76.4	5
YOLO [14]	2007+2012	63.4	45
SSD300 [11]	2007+2012	74.3	46
SSD500 [11]	2007+2012	76.8	19
YOLOv2 288 × 288	2007+2012	69.0	91
YOLOv2 352 × 352	2007+2012	73.7	81
YOLOv2 416×416	2007+2012	76.8	67
YOLOv2 480×480	2007+2012	77.8	59
YOLOv2 544×544	2007+2012	78.6	40

Table 3: Detection frameworks on PASCAL VOC 2007. YOLOv2 is faster and more accurate than prior detection methods. It can also run at different resolutions for an easy tradeoff between speed and accuracy. Each YOLOv2 entry is actually the same trained model with the same weights, just evaluated at a different size. All timing information is on a Geforce GTX Titan X (original, not Pascal model).

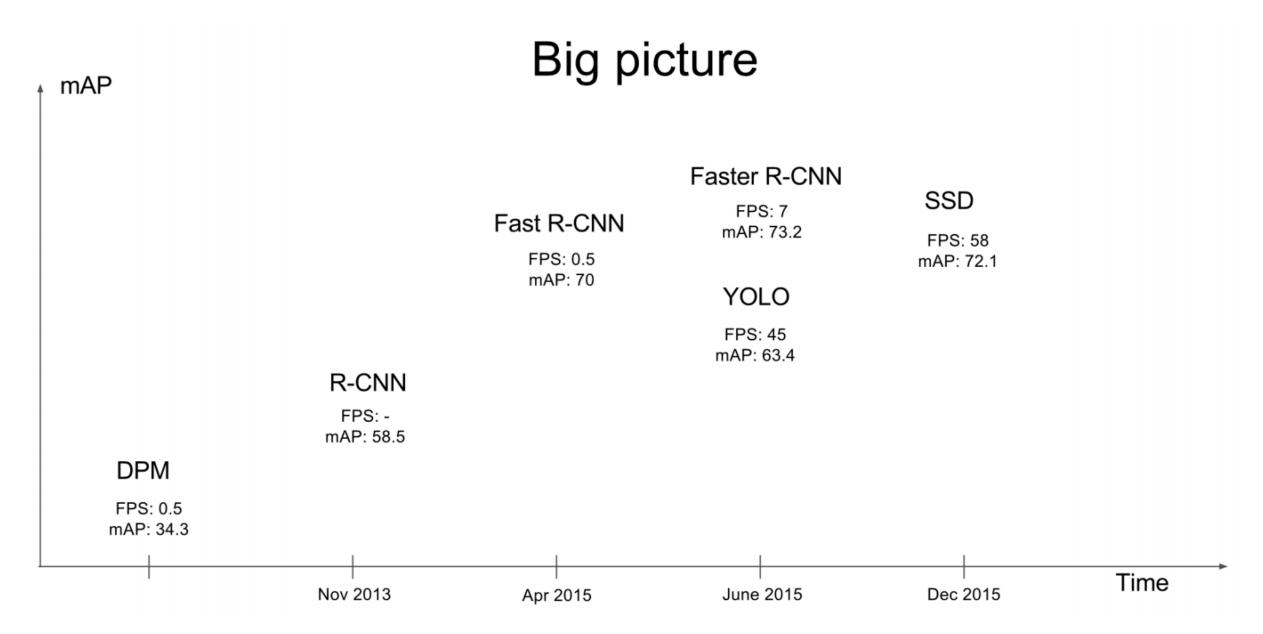
Improvement

 YOLO: (1) make each cell predict more bounding boxes
 (2) also put the idea of multi-scale into it in order to process small objects

Features

• **SSD**: simplify its structure and speed up

Comparison to Other Detection System



Appendix | Implementation

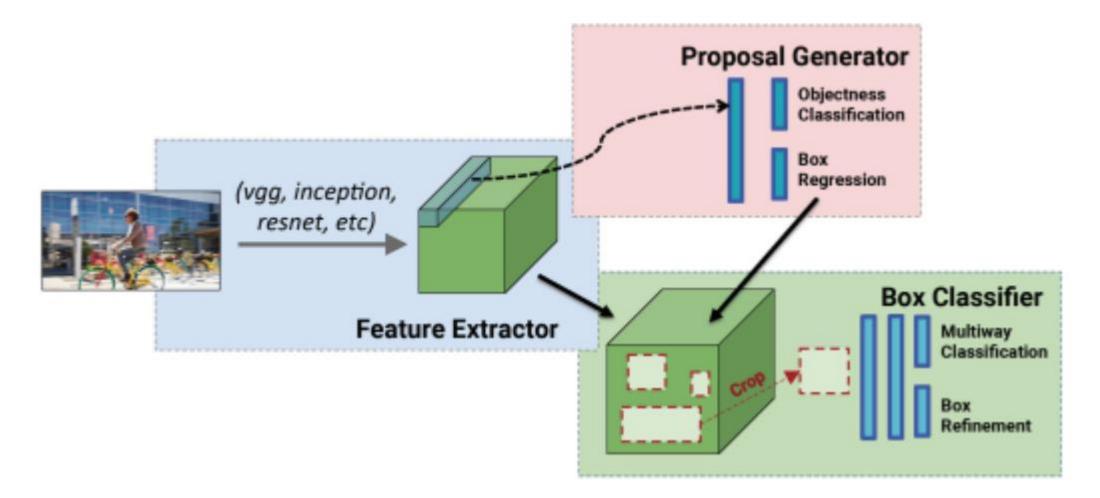
- YOLO (darknet): <u>https://pjreddie.com/darknet/yolov1/</u>
- YOLOv2 (darknet): <u>https://pjreddie.com/darknet/yolo/</u>
- YOLO (caffe): <u>https://github.com/xingwangsfu/caffe-yolo</u>
- YOLO (TensorFlow: Train+Test): <u>https://github.com/thtrieu/darkflow</u>
- YOLO (TensorFlow: Test): https://github.com/gliese581gg/YOLO_tensorflow

SSD: Single Shot MultiBox Detector

900 SSD: Single Shot MultiBox Detector Wei Liu¹, Dragomir Anguelov², Dumitru Erhan³, Christian Szegedy³, Scott Reed⁴, Cheng-Yang Fu¹, Alexander C. Berg¹ ¹UNC Chapel Hill ²Zoox Inc. ³Google Inc. ⁴University of Michigan, Ann-Arbor ¹wliu@cs.unc.edu, ²drago@zoox.com, ³{dumitru, szegedy}@google.com, ⁴reedecet@umicb.edu, ¹[cutfu.pherg]@cs.unc.edu ⁴reedscot@umich.edu, ¹{cyfu,aberg}@cs.unc.edu

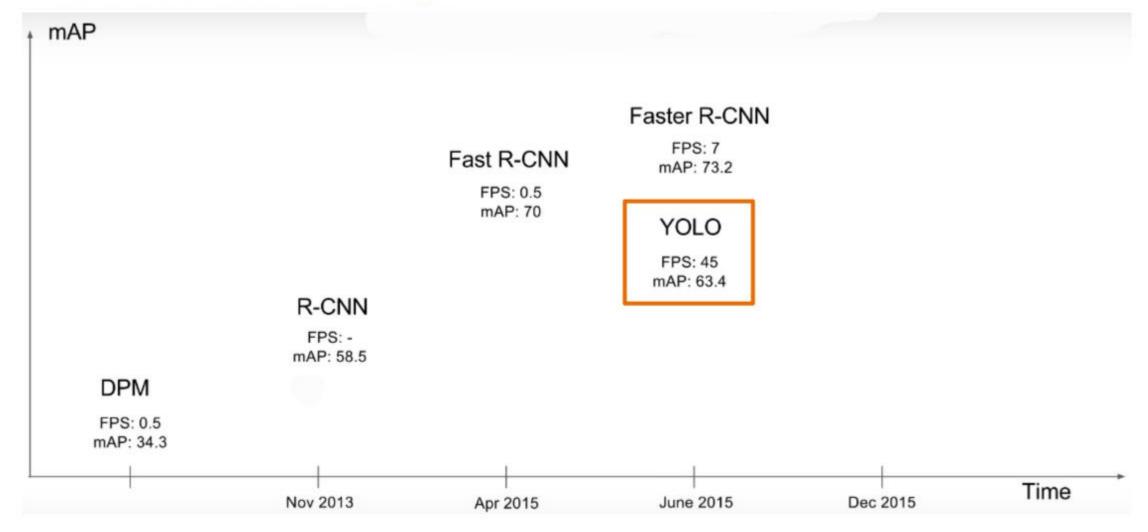
> Abstract. We present a method for detecting objects in images using a single deep neural network. Our approach, named SSD, discretizes the output space of bounding boxes into a set of default boxes over different aspect ratios and scales per feature map location. At prediction time, the network generates scores for the presence of each object category in each default box and produces adjustments to the box to better match the object shape. Additionally, the network combines predictions from multiple feature maps with different resolutions to naturally handle objects of various sizes. Our SSD model is simple relative to methods that require object proposals because it completely eliminates proposal generation and subsequent pixel or feature resampling stage and encapsulates all computation in a single network. This makes SSD easy to train and straightforward to integrate into systems that require a detection component. Experimental results on the PASCAL VOC, MS COCO, and ILSVRC datasets confirm that SSD has comparable accuracy to methods that utilize an additional object proposal step and is much faster, while providing a unified framework for both training and inference. Compared to other single stage methods, SSD has much better accuracy, even with a smaller input image size. For 300 × 300 input, SSD achieves 72.1% mAP on VOC2007 test at 58 FPS on a Nvidia Titan X and for 500×500 input, SSD achieves 75.1% mAP, outperforming a comparable state of the art Faster R-CNN model. Code is available at https://github.com/weiliu89/caffe/tree/ssd.

Faster R-CNN: Box Classification and Regression are being done 2 times.



Two stage object detection is time-consuming. Faster R-CNN is faster but not fast enough.

YOLO: Fast but not accurate enough.



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Object detection needs a good tradeoff between accuracy and speed.

Slide courtesy of DeepSystem.io "YOLO: You only look once Review"

SSD: Single Shot MultiBox Detection (ECCV 2016)

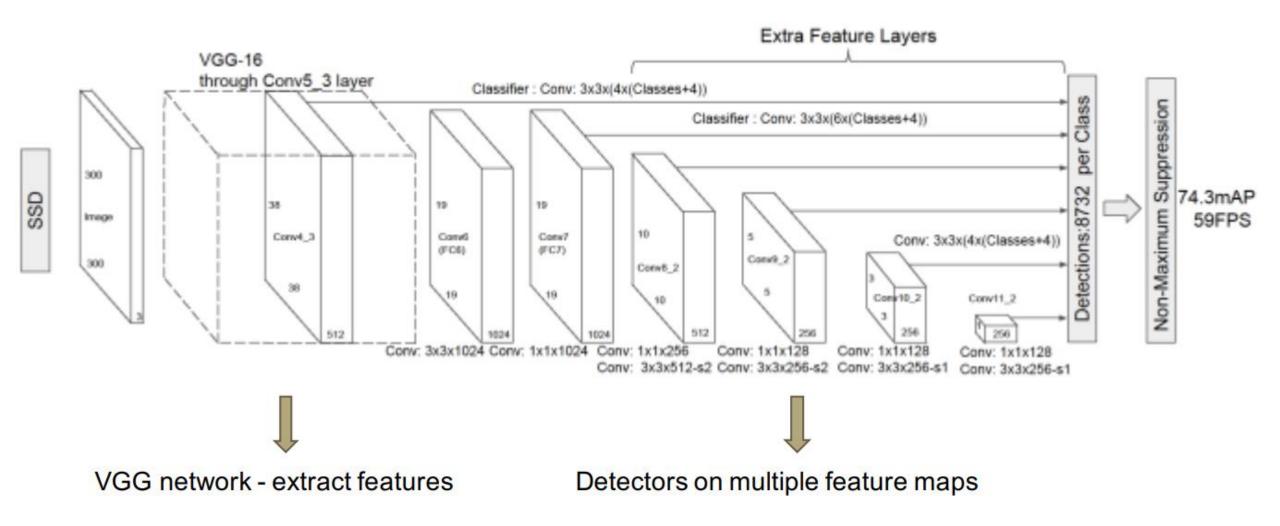


- 1. Achieves competitive mAP (72.1) as faster R-CNN (73.2).
- 2. Much faster (58 fps) than faster R-CNN (7fps) and YOLO (45fps), making accurate real-time detection possible.
- 3. Makes predictions on multiple feature maps with different resolutions to handle objects of different sizes.

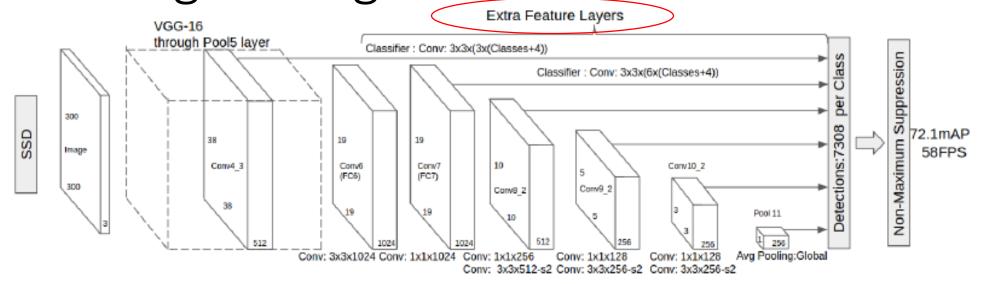
SSD: Single Shot MultiBox Detector

- **?** Tool?-- A single deep neural network
- **?** Framework?— Caffe
- ? Technology background?--related methods are structure-complicated and hard to bring high speed and good accuracy
- Solution and Advantages:
- Providing a unified framework
- @much faster
- @better accuracy, even with a smaller input image size

Network Architecture

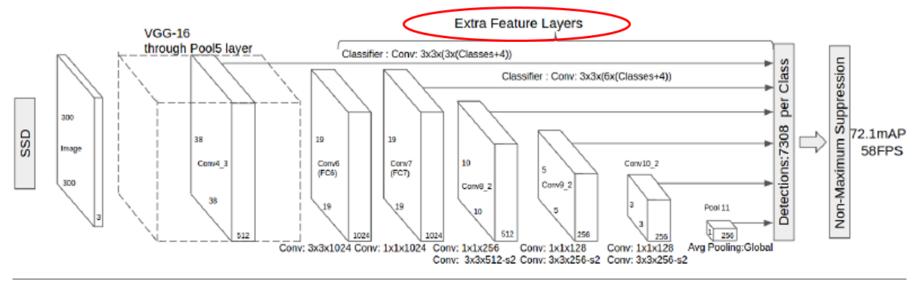


How SSD gets its goal?



- For speed: structure advantage!
- Eliminating bounding box proposals and subsequent pixel or feature resampling stage
- Adding convolution feature layers to the end of the tructed base network to predict detections at multiple scalaes

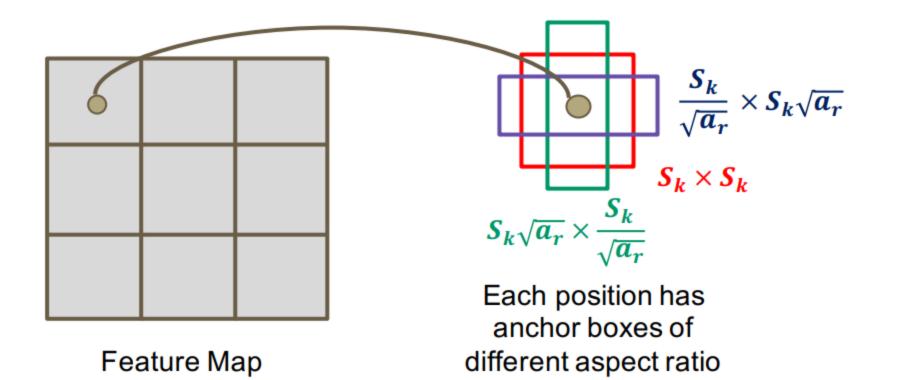
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Default (Anchor) Boxes

- Similar to faster R-CNN, SSD also uses anchor boxes.
- At each feature map position, anchor boxes have different aspect ratios.



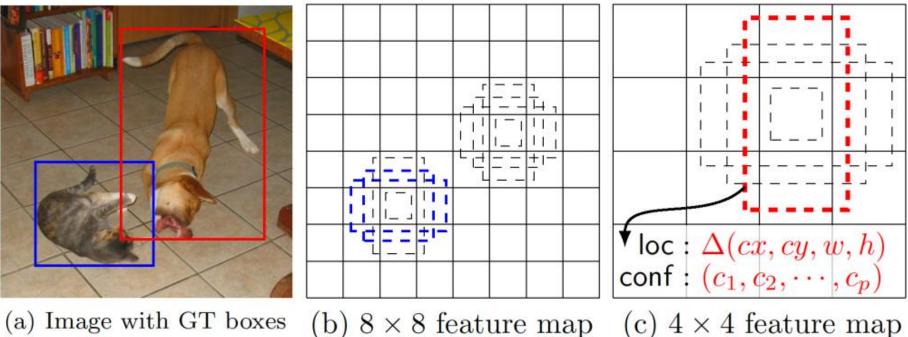
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a_r: Aspect ratio
a_r \in \{1, 2, 3, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}\}
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Default (Anchor) Boxes

• Anchor boxes of different feature maps have unique scales. So different feature map are responsible for objects of different sizes.

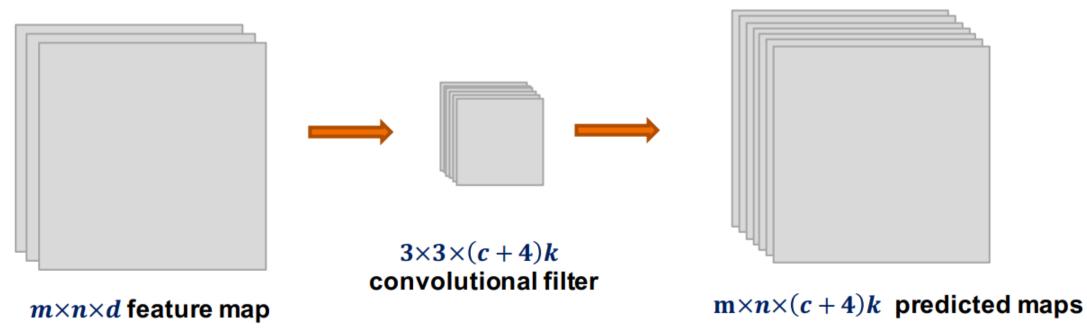
$$s_k = s_{\min} + \frac{s_{\max} - s_{\min}}{m-1}(k-1), \quad k \in [1,m]$$

• S_k denotes the scale of of the k-th feature map. *m* is the number of feature maps for prediction. $S_{min} = 0.2$, $S_{max} = 0.9$.

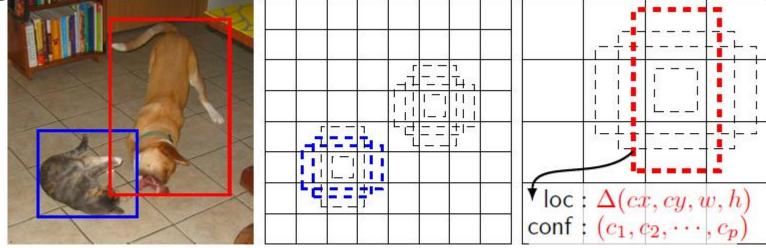


Convolutional Filters for Prediction

- On each feature map, two types of convolutional filters will be applied:
 - C filters for category prediction, where C is the number of object categories.
 - 4 filters for bounding box regression, 4 for the coordinates x, y, w, h.
- Together there will be (c + 4)k filters for each feature map, k is the number of anchor box types.
- The output for a $m \times n$ feature map will be a map of $m \times n \times (c + 4)k$, indicating the category and coordinates for each bounding box.



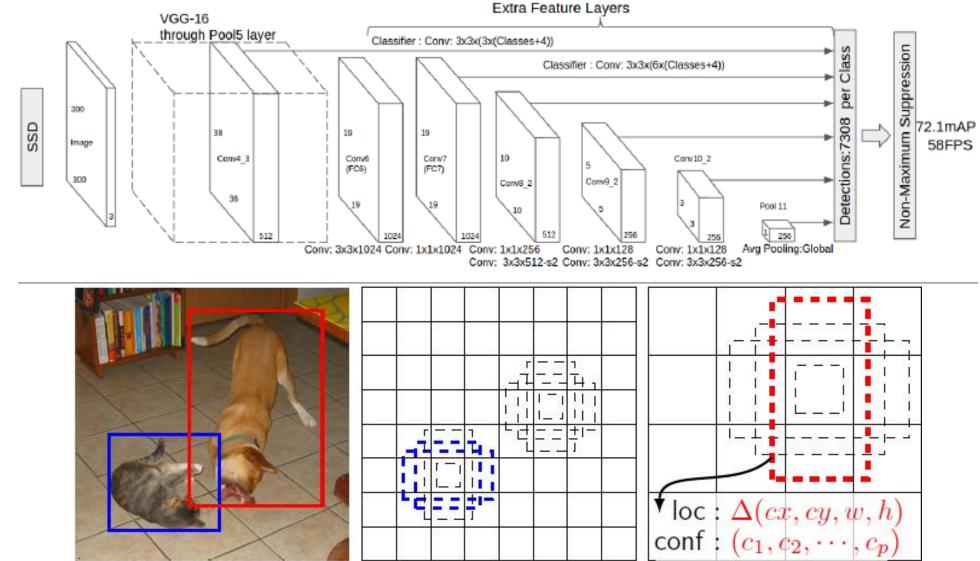
What do convolution feature lavers do?



(a) Image with GT boxes (b) 8×8 feature map (c) 4×4 feature map

- Needs an input image and ground truth boxes for each object during training
- Evaluate a small set(e.g.4)of default boxes of different aspect ratios at each locations in several feature maps with different scales.
- Filters match these default boxes to the ground truth boxes and predict both the shape offsets and confidence for all object categories for each default box
- The feed-forward convolutional network produces a fixed-size collection of bounding boxes and scores for the presence of object class in those boxes

SSD overcoming the influence of resolution difference



Training objective

- The loss used in SSD is a combination of confidence loss and localization loss. $L(x, c, l, g) = \frac{1}{N} (L_{conf}(x, c) + \alpha L_{loc}(x, l, g))$
- Confidence loss is the softmax loss over multiple classes confidences. $L_{conf}(x,c) = -\sum_{i \in Pos}^{N} x_{ij}^{p} log(\hat{c}_{i}^{p}) - \sum_{i \in Neg} log(\hat{c}_{i}^{0})$

• Localization loss is the same smooth L1 loss as faster R-CNN.

$$\begin{split} L_{loc}(x,l,g) &= \sum_{i \in Pos}^{N} \sum_{m \in \{cx,cy,w,h\}} x_{ij}^{k} \mathrm{smooth}_{\mathrm{L1}}(l_{i}^{m} - \hat{g}_{j}^{m}) \\ \hat{g}_{j}^{cx} &= (g_{j}^{cx} - d_{i}^{cx})/d_{i}^{w} \qquad \hat{g}_{j}^{cy} = (g_{j}^{cy} - d_{i}^{cy})/d_{i}^{h} \\ \hat{g}_{j}^{w} &= \log\left(\frac{g_{j}^{w}}{d_{i}^{w}}\right) \qquad \hat{g}_{j}^{h} = \log\left(\frac{g_{j}^{h}}{d_{i}^{h}}\right) \end{split}$$

Matching Strategy

- During training, we need to determine which anchor boxes are corresponding to ground truth boxes.
 - 1. Match each ground truth box to the anchor box with the best jaccard overlap.
 - 2. Match default box to any ground truth with jaccard overlap higher than 0.5.
- Question : Why not using predicted box (anchor box after regression) for matching?
- Question : Negative anchor boxes are much more than positive anchor boxes, how to deal with this imbalance?

Hard Negative Mining

- Number of negative anchor boxes >> number of positive anchor boxes
- Calculate the **confidence loss** of each negative anchor boxes.
- Select anchor boxes that have **highest** loss as negative training samples.
- Keep the ratio between negatives and positives **3:1**.
- This leads to faster convergence and stable training.
- Question: Is this approach sufficient for training negative samples?
 - No. A recent paper show that negative samples need more elegant loss calculation.
 - (ICCV 2017 best student paper award: Focal Loss for Dense Object Detection, Lin et al.)

- Base network: VGG16, pretrained on ILSVRC dataset.
- Add layers on top of VGG Conv5 layer.
- Use dilated convolution in Conv6 layer.

Results – small objects

- SSD does not perform well on small objects.
- No feature resampling step in SSD.
- Relatively low-level feature maps are responsible for detecting small objects. These feature maps do not have sufficient high-level semantic information.

Data Augmentation

- Photo-metric distortions.
- Random crop:
 - Use the entire original input image.
 - Crop a patch so that the minimum jaccard overlap with the objects is 0.1, 0.3, 0.5, 0.7 or 0.9.
 - Randomly crop a patch.
- Question: Will data augmentation also benefit this much to Faster R-CNN?
 - No, because faster R-CNN uses a feature pooling step which is relatively robust to object translation.



crop & resize



More data augmentation for small objects

• Keep small objects small.

4x width

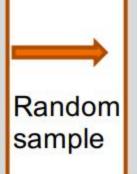
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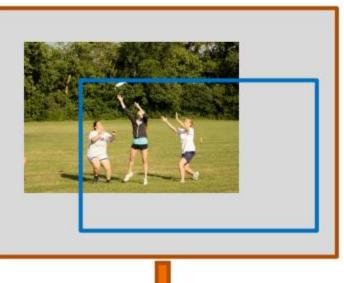
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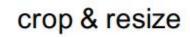
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Quantity choice

• Imposing different aspects ratios for the default boxes, and denote them as :

$$a_r = \left\lfloor 1, 2, 3, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3} \right\rfloor$$

 Instead of using all the negative examples, SSD sorts them using the highest confidence for each default box and pick the top ones so that the ratio between the negatives and positives is at most 3:1—leading to faster optimization and more stable training

Quantity choice

$$L(x,c,l,g) = \frac{1}{N} (L_{conf}(x,c) + \alpha L_{loc}(x,l,g))$$

--The overall objective loss function is a weighted sum of the localization loss and the confidence loss(conf)--N: the number of matched default boxes

--l: predicted boxes

--g: the ground truth box

--x=1 denotes some certain default box is matched to a ground truth box

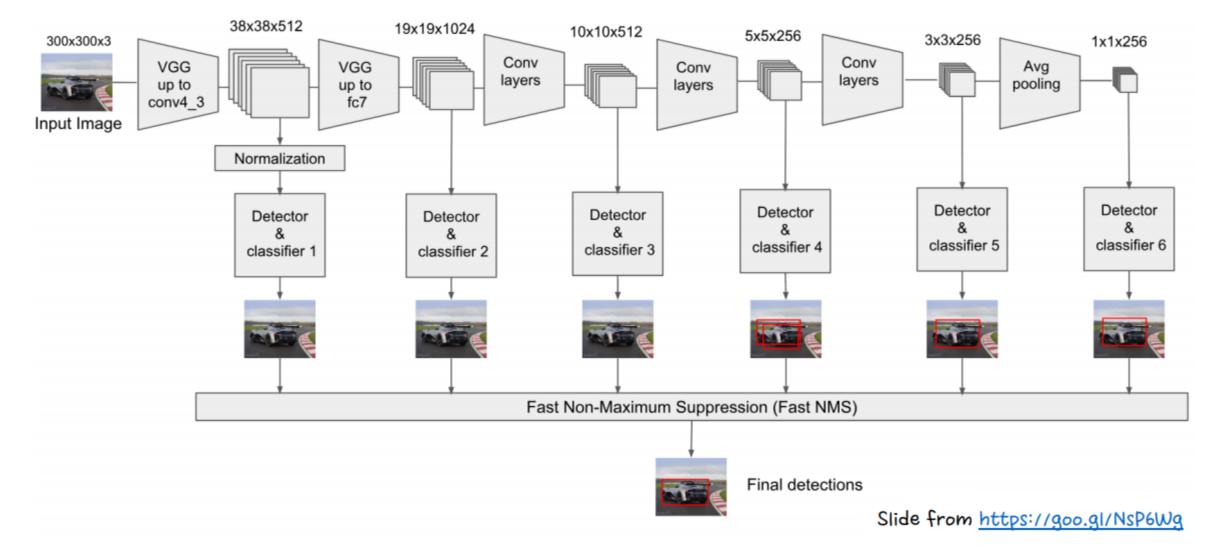
Choosing scales and aspect ratios for default boxes:

If m feature maps are used for prediction, the scale of the default boxes for each feature map is:

$$s_k = s_{\min} + \frac{s_{\max} - s_{\min}}{m - 1} (k - 1), \quad k \in [1, m]$$

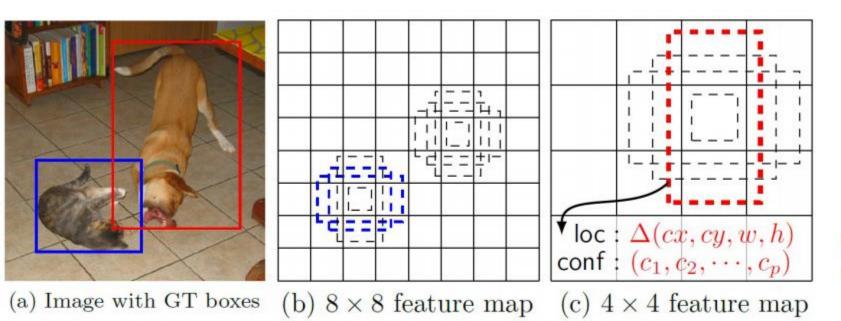
 $s_{\min} = 0.1$ $s_{\max} = 0.95$

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At each scale, different aspect ratios are considered



$$a_r \in \{1, 2, 3, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}\}$$
$$w_k^a = s_k \sqrt{a_r}$$
$$h_k^a = s_k / \sqrt{a_r}$$

For the aspect ratio of 1, one default box is added whose scale is

$$s'_k = \sqrt{s_k s_{k+1}}$$

Hard Negative Mining

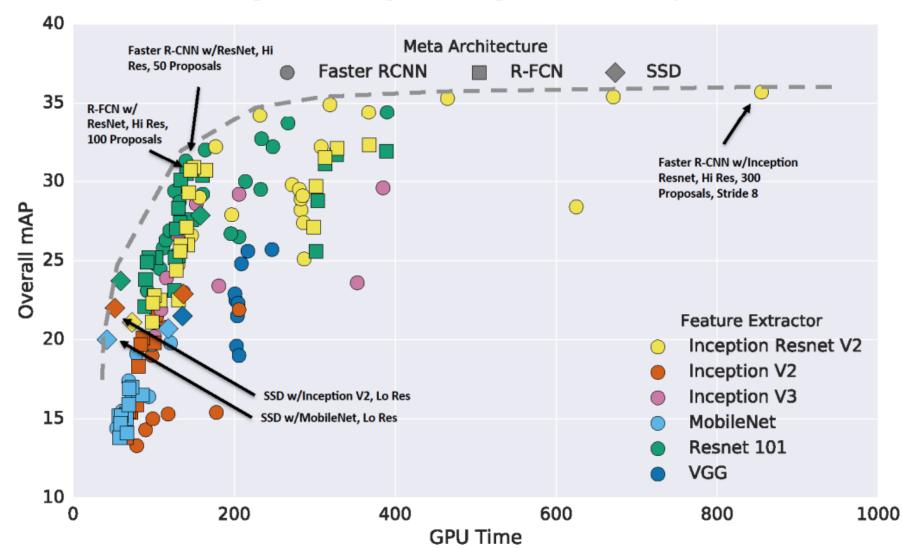
- Significant imbalance between positive and negative training examples.
 - After the matching step, most of the default boxes are negatives, especially when the number of possible default boxes is large.
- Sorting them using the highest confidence loss for each default box.
- Pick the top ones so that the ratio between the negatives and positives is at most 3:1

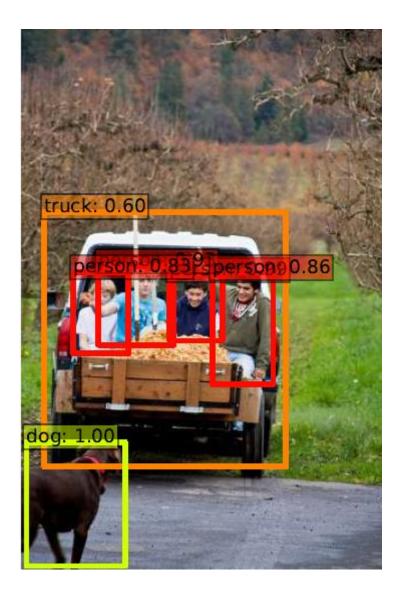
Data Augmentation

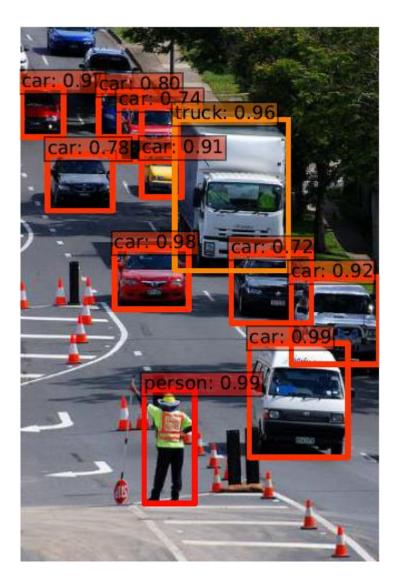
- Use the entire original input image.
- Sample a patch so that the minimum jaccard overlap with the objects is 0.1, 0.3, 0.5, 0.7 or 0.9.
- Randomly sample a patch.
- The size of each sampled patch is [0,1, 1] of the original image size
- Aspect ratio is between $\frac{1}{2}$ and 2.
- Horizontally flipped with probability of 0.5

Results - comparison with other methods

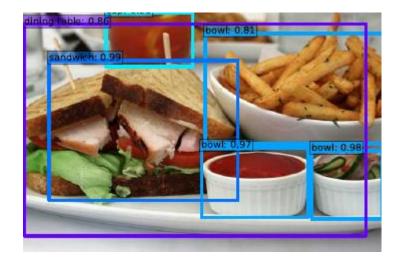
• SSD leads in detection speed; it is good at speed / accuracy tradeoff.

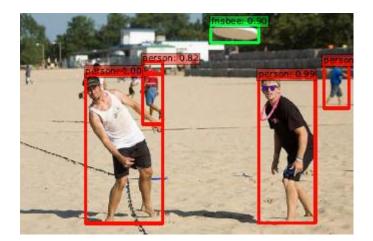


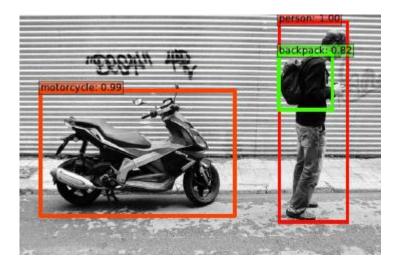










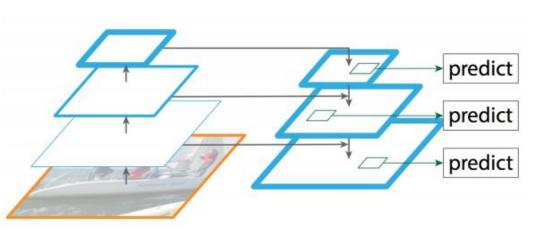


Conclusion

- Introduces a single-stage detector for object detection.
- Uses convolutional predictor on multiple feature maps, each responsible for a unique scale of objects.
- Achieves competitive accuracy and faster speed on various datasets.

Extensions?

• Use skip connections and deconvolution to integrate low-level location information and high-level semantic information.



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