

# **Deep Learning (1470)**

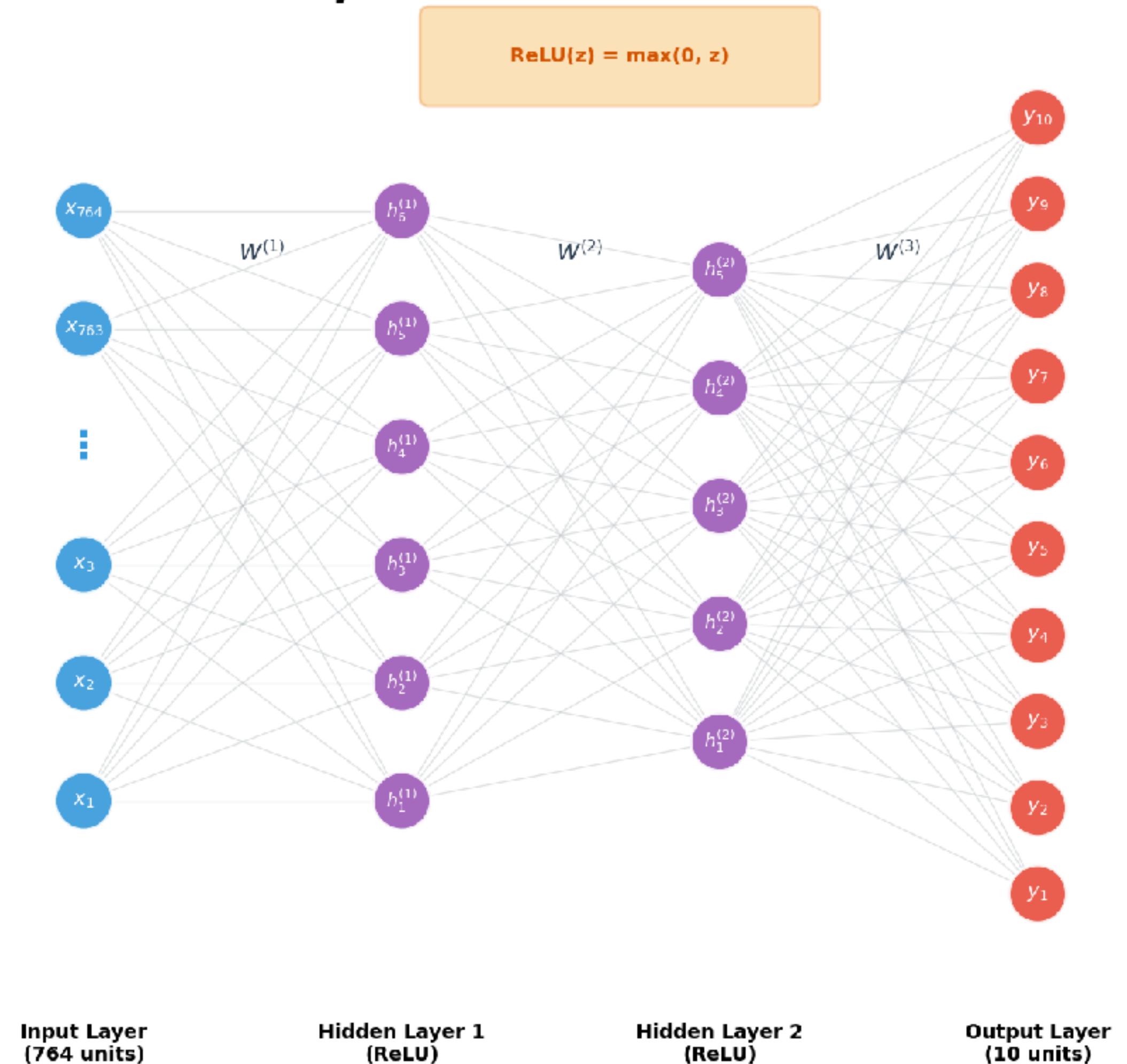
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**Class 7: Convolutions**

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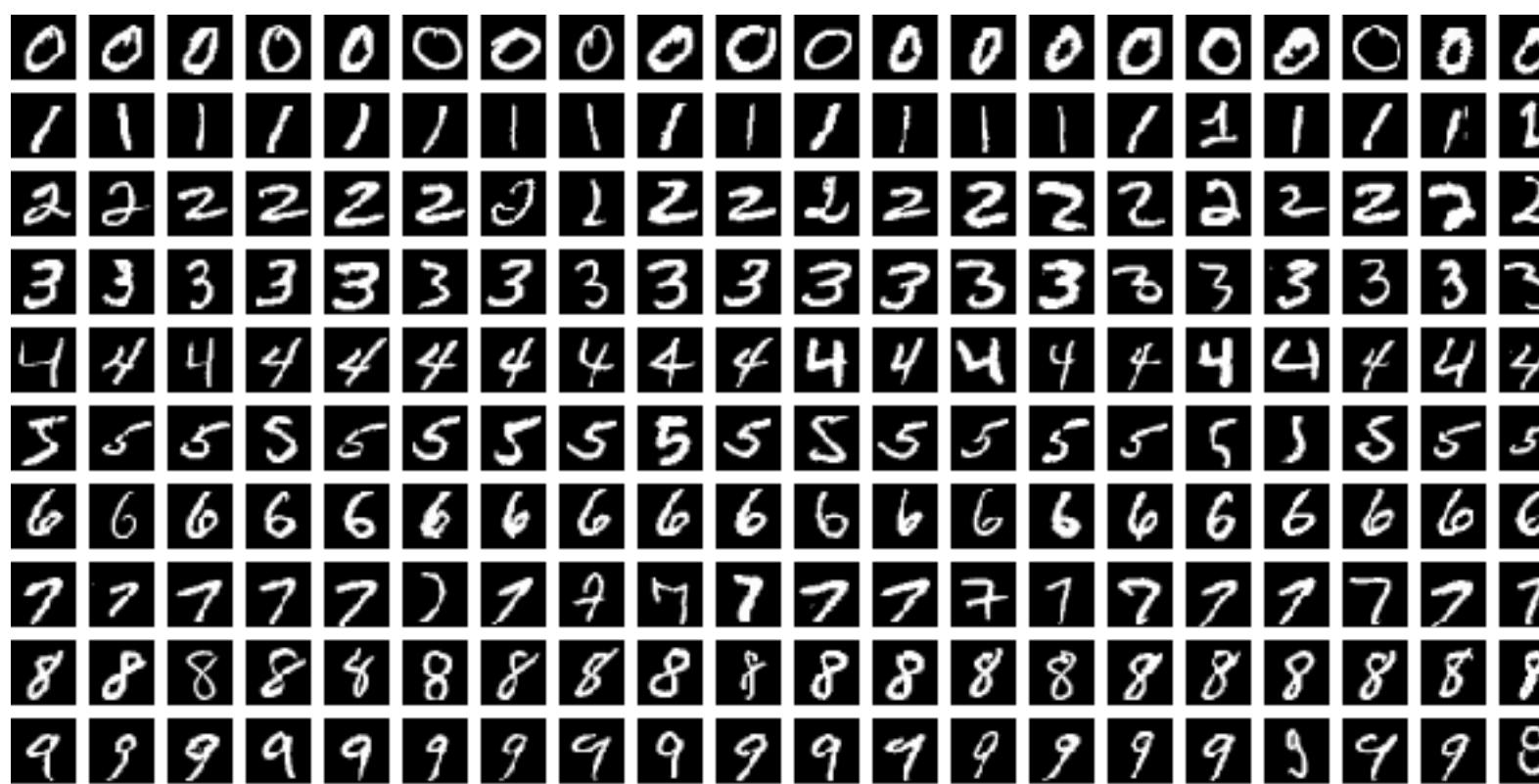
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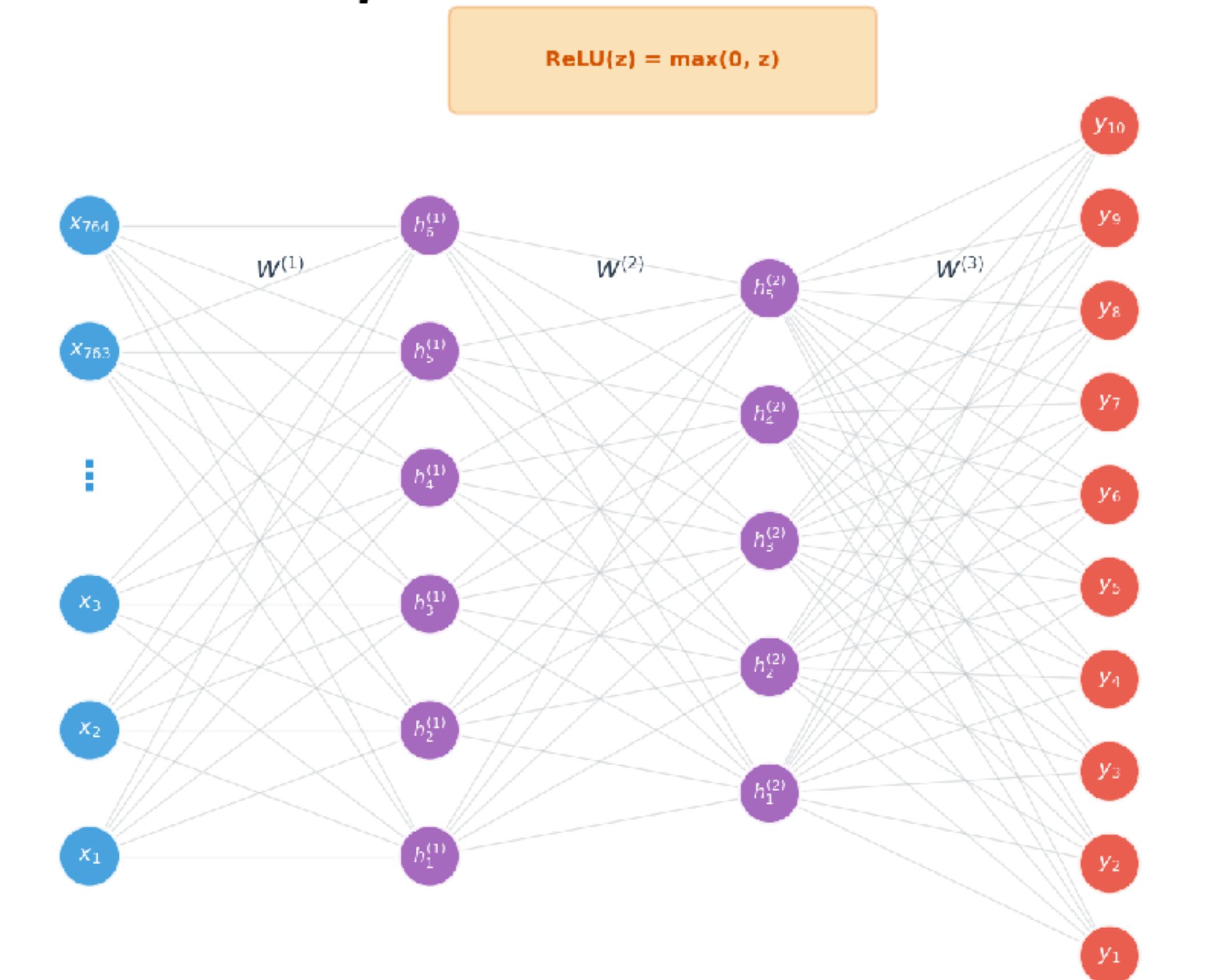
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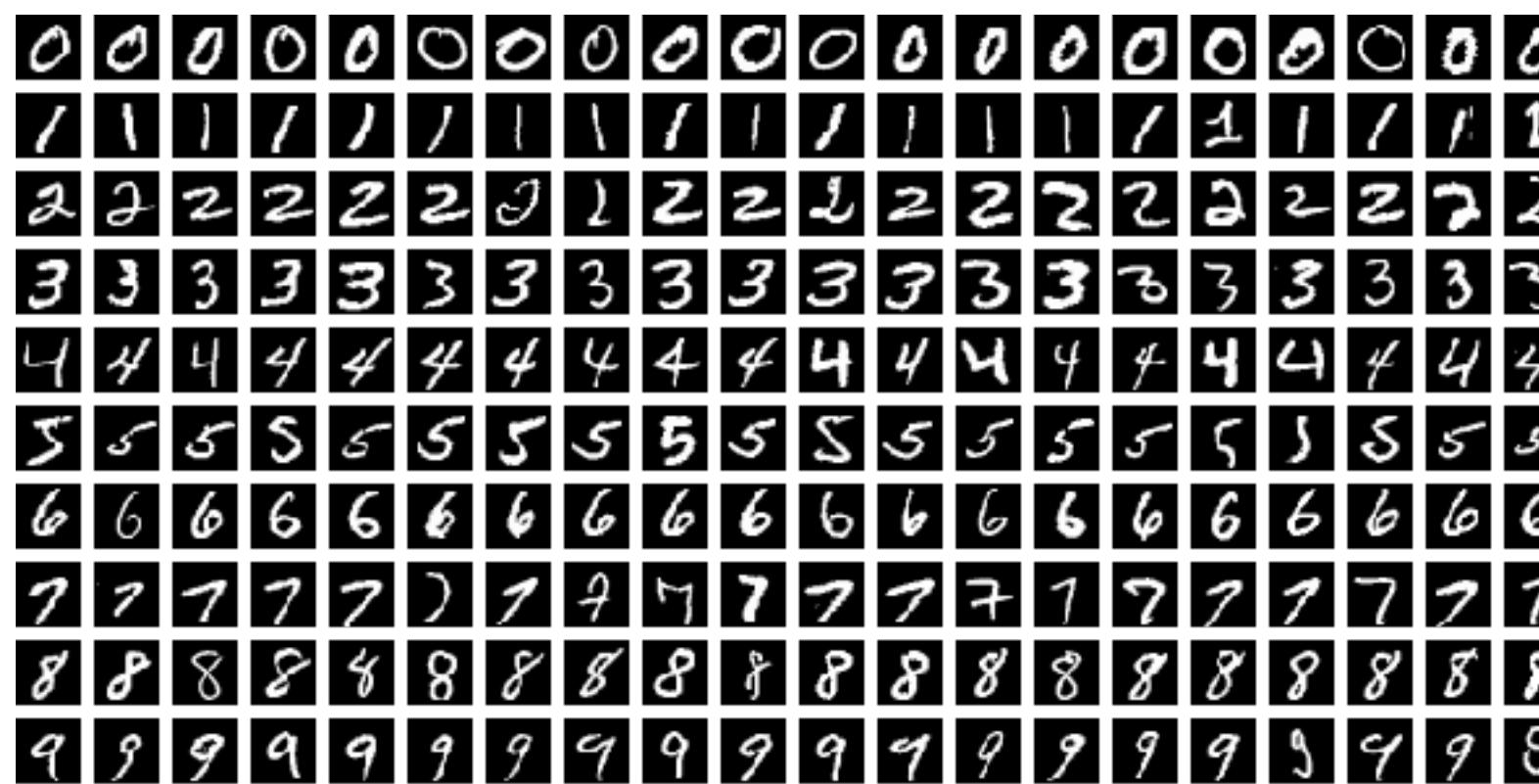
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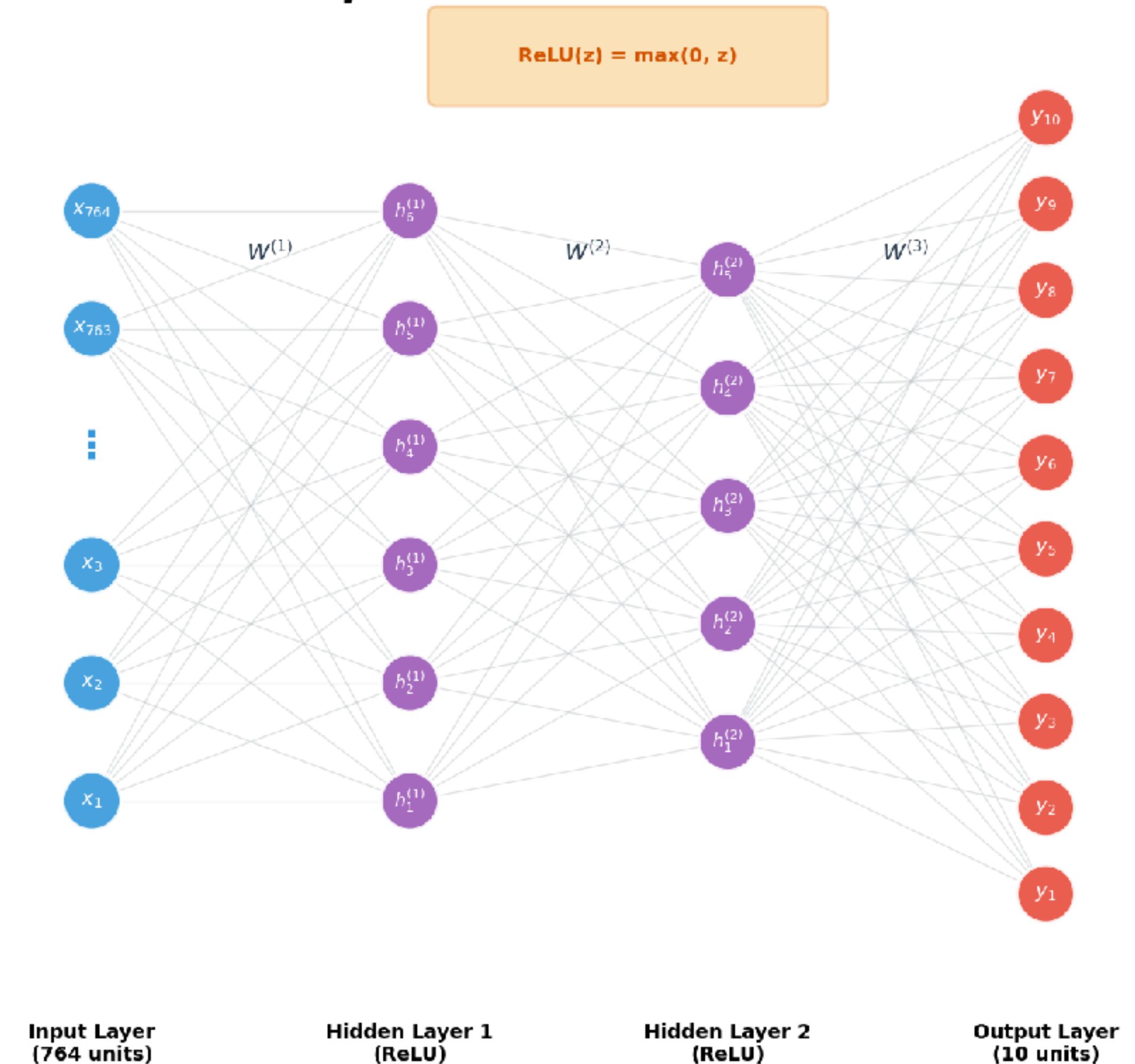
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Not only local features... but  
translation invariant features!

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# The Main Building Block: Convolution

- A convolution is a linear operator
- Convolution is an operation that takes two inputs

(1) An image (2D – B/W)

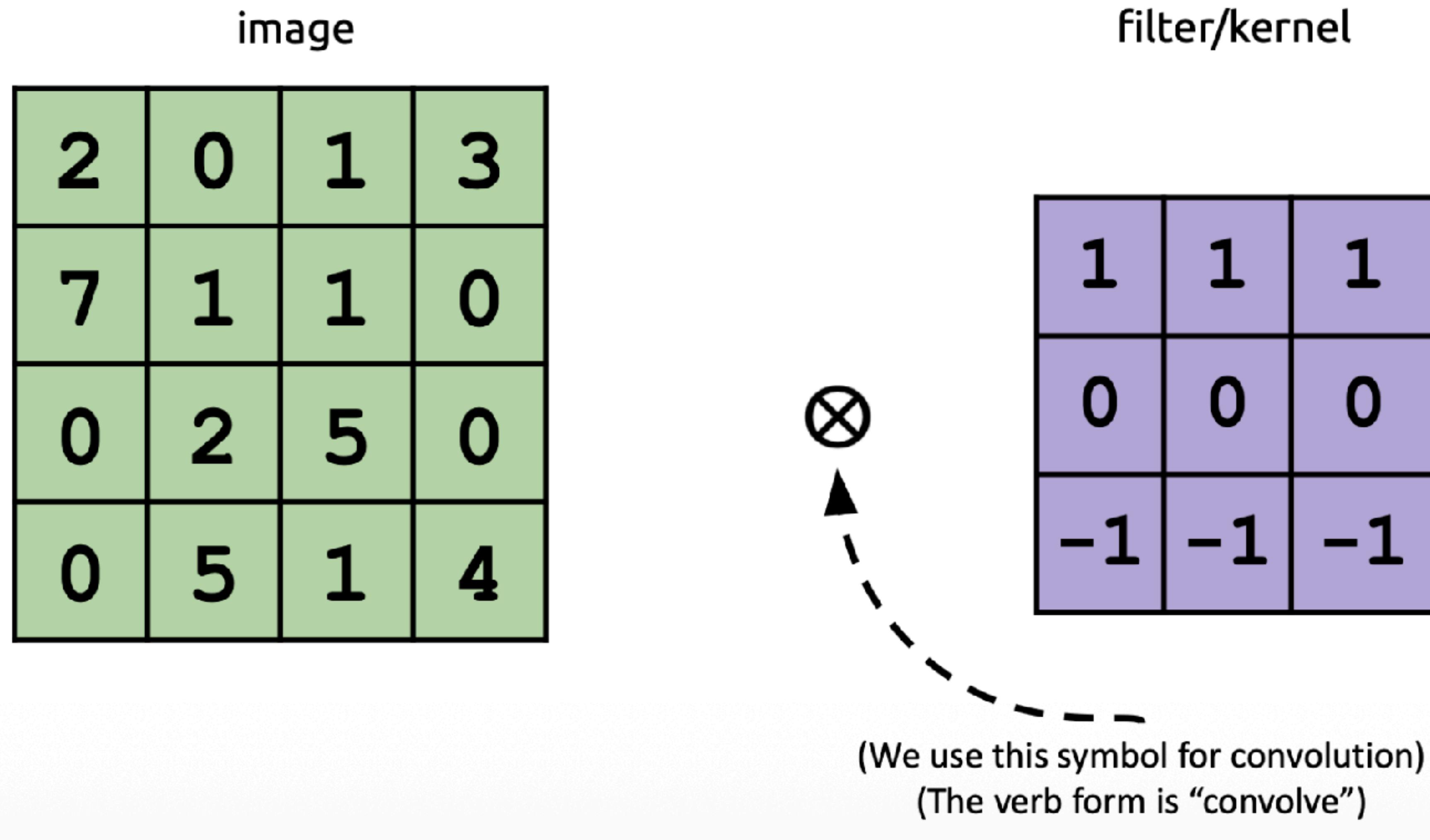


(2) A filter (also called a kernel)

1	1	1
0	0	0
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2D array of numbers; could be any values

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The diagram illustrates the convolution operation between an image and a filter/kernel to produce an output. The image is a 4x4 matrix with values [2, 0, 1, 3; 7, 1, 1, 0; 0, 2, 5, 0; 0, 5, 1, 4]. The filter/kernel is a 3x3 matrix with values [1, 1, 1; 0, 0, 0; -1, -1, -1]. The output is a 2x2 matrix with values [-4, -3; 3, -8]. The operation is represented by a circled multiplication symbol (⊗) between the image and the filter/kernel, followed by an equals sign (=) followed by the output matrix.

2	0	1	3
7	1	1	0
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filter/kernel

$$\otimes$$

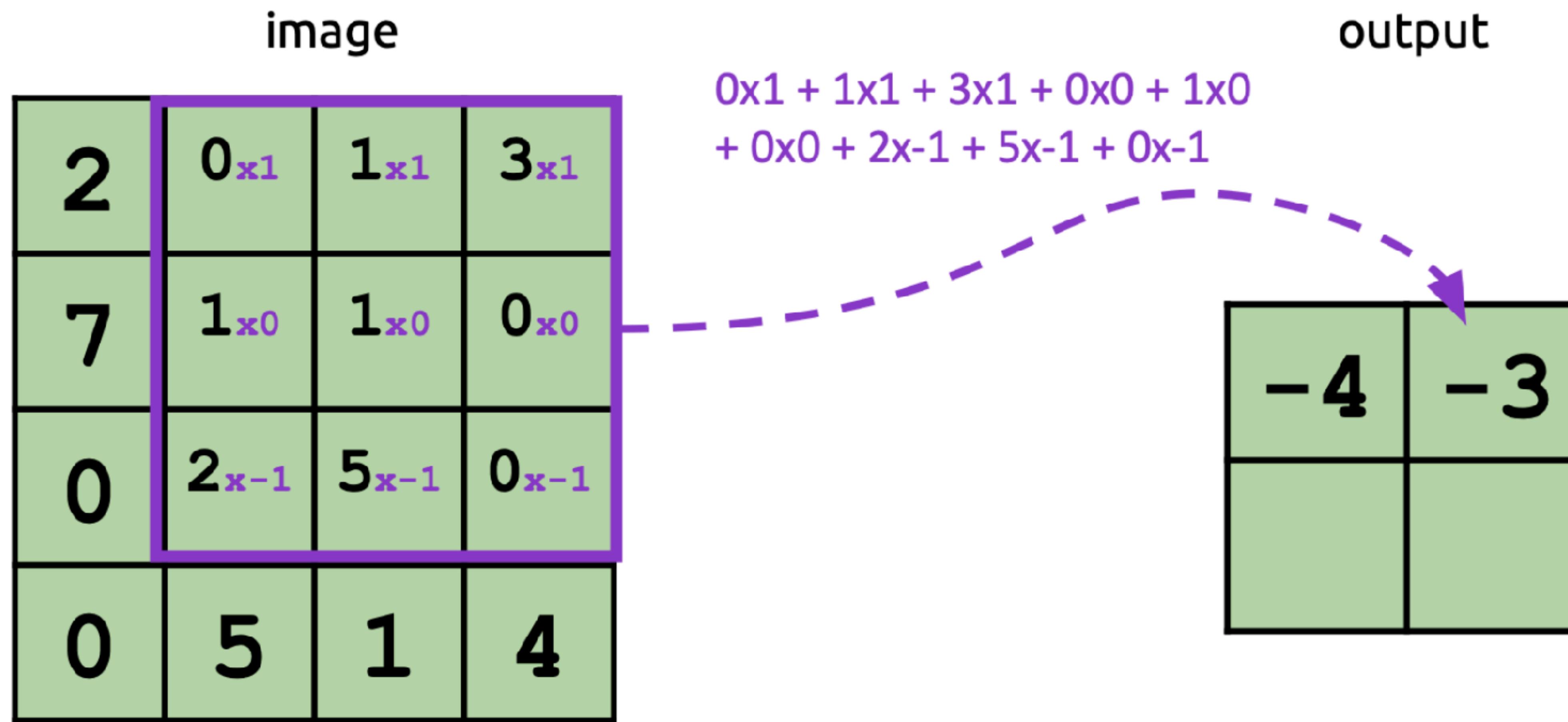
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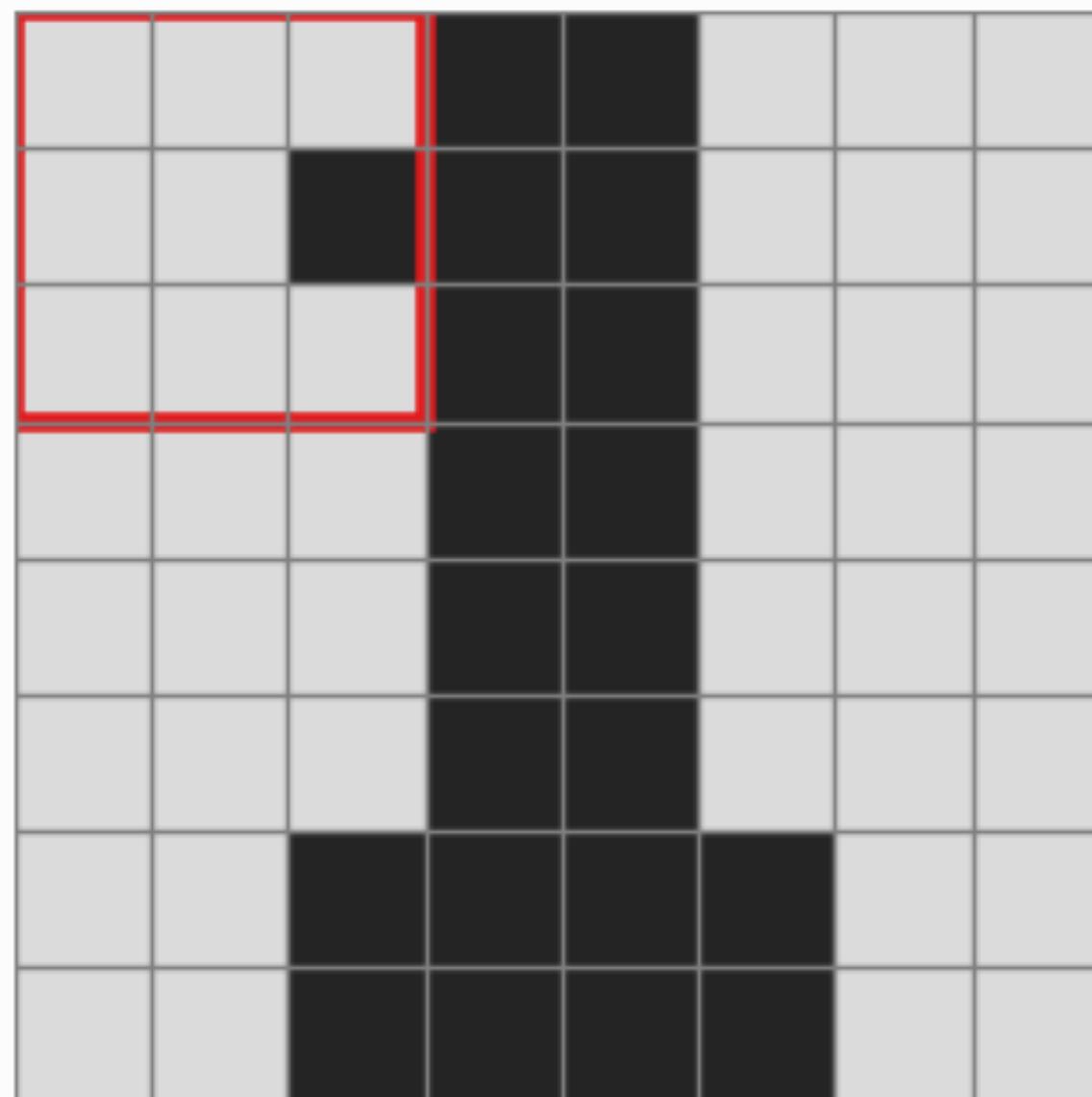
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KERNEL (3×3)  
Edge Detector

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OUTPUT (6×6)

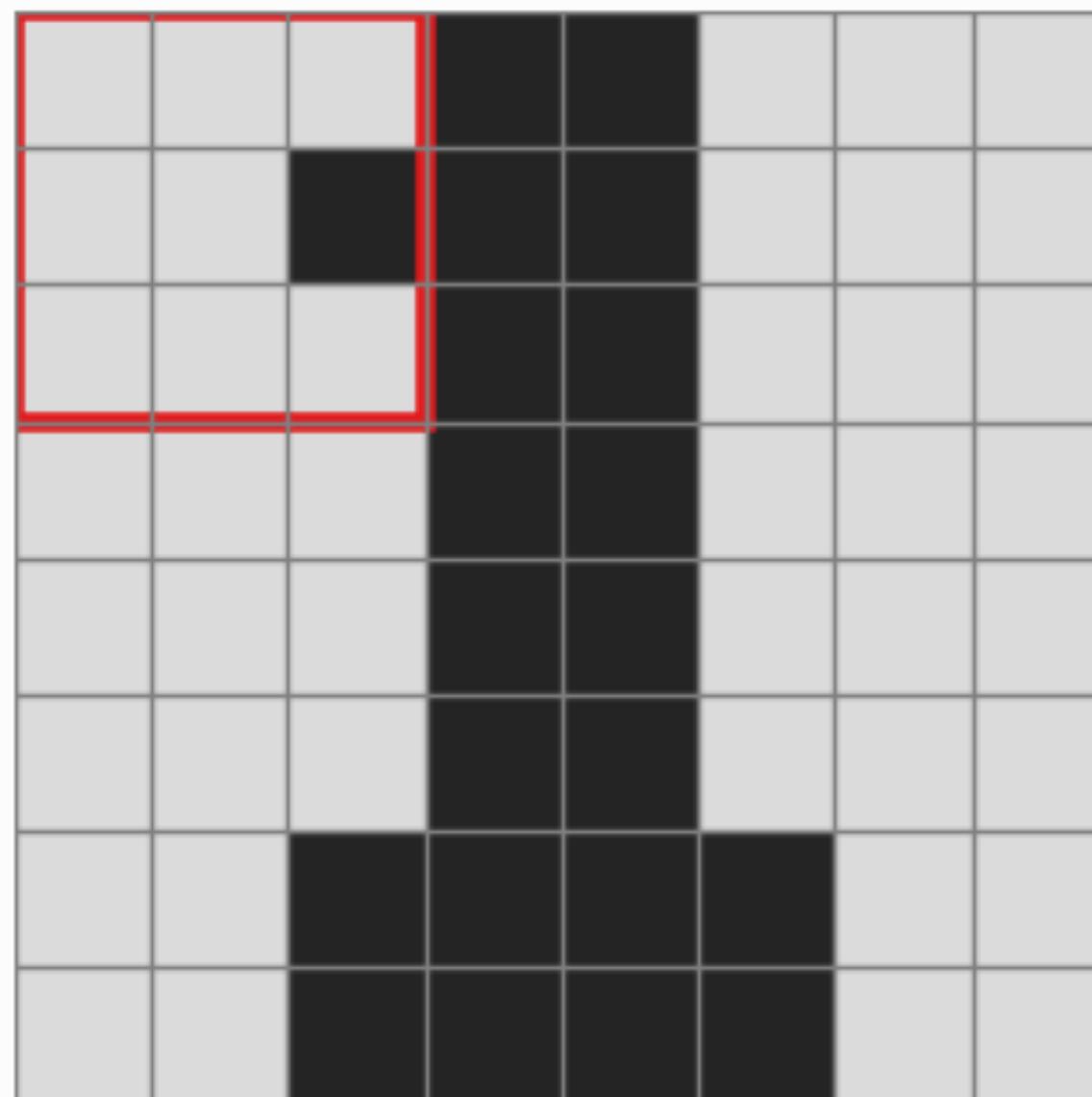
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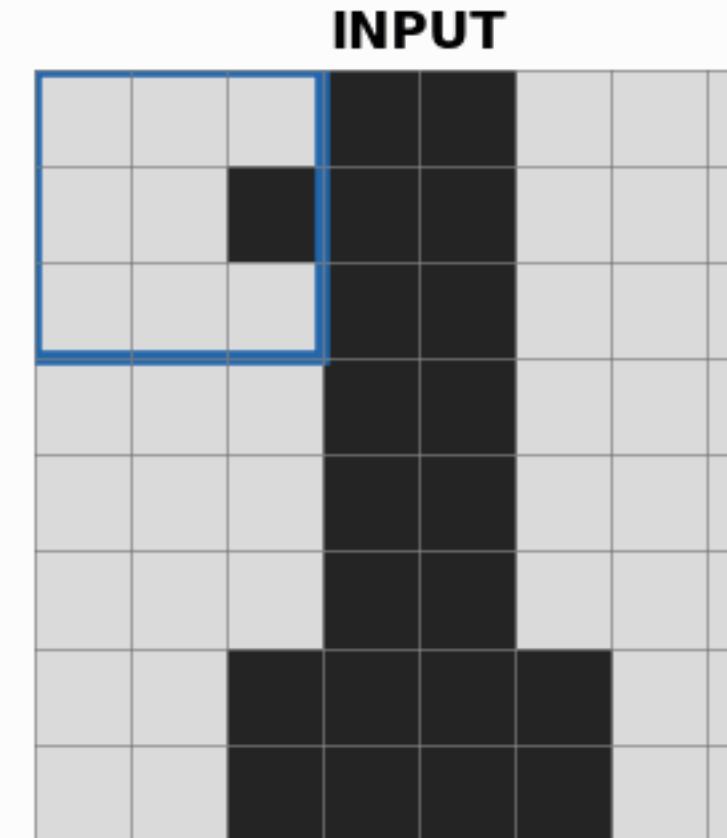
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Exercise: think why when starting from random init, it doesn’t matter!

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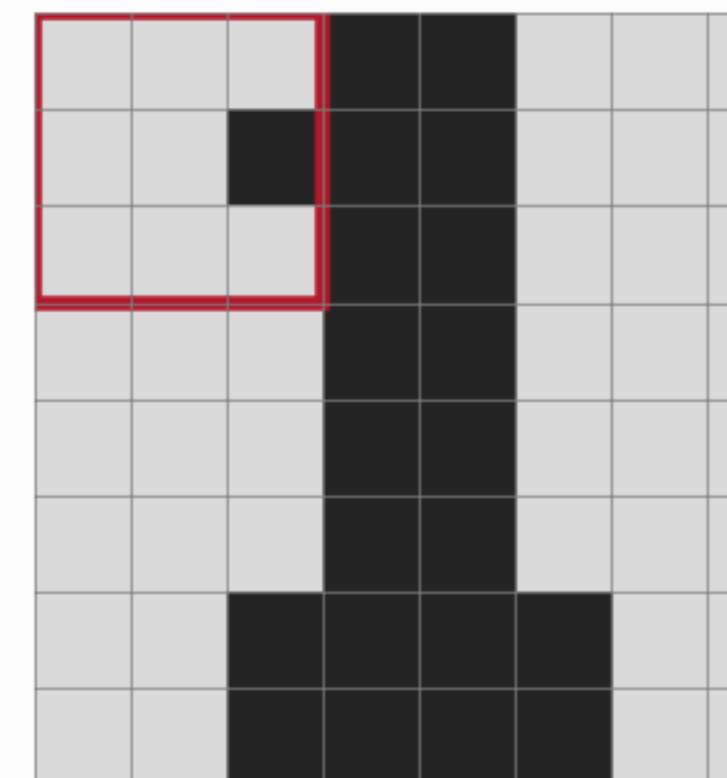
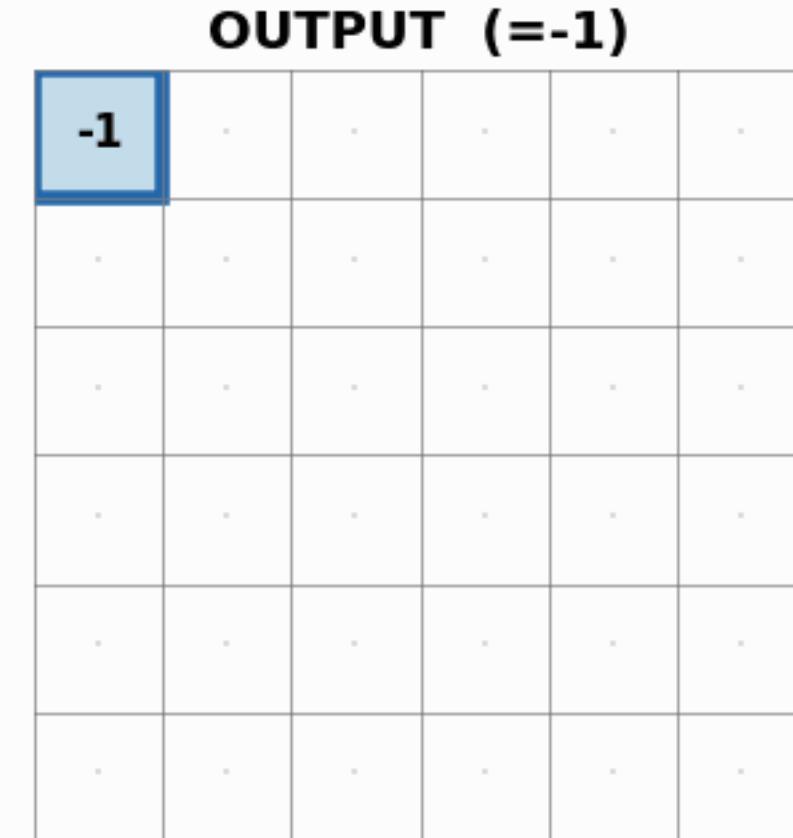
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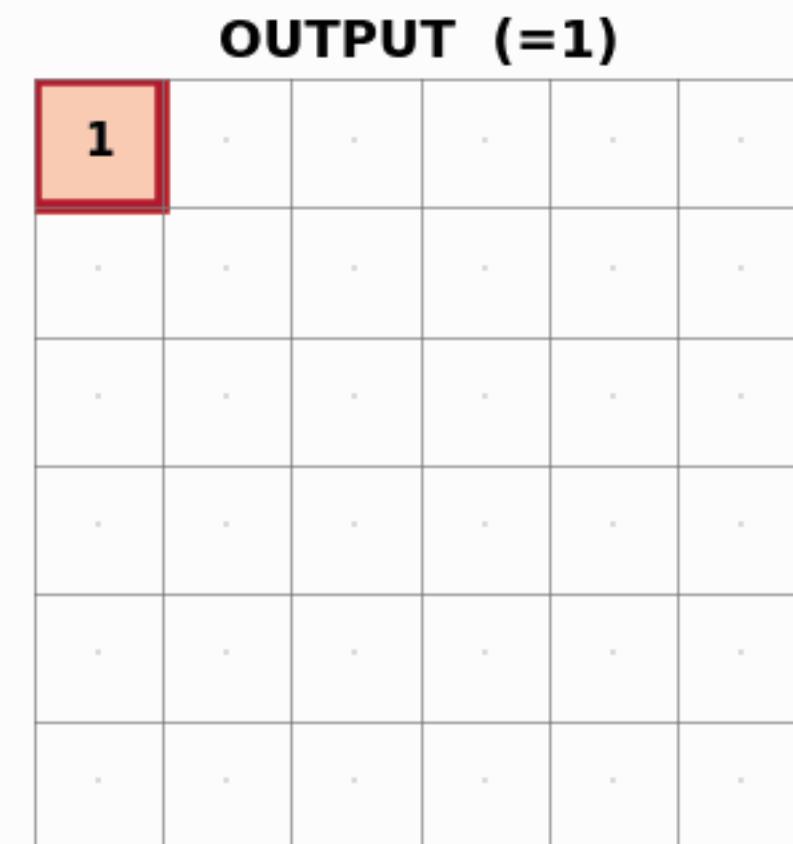
**KERNEL**

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**KERNEL (flipped)**

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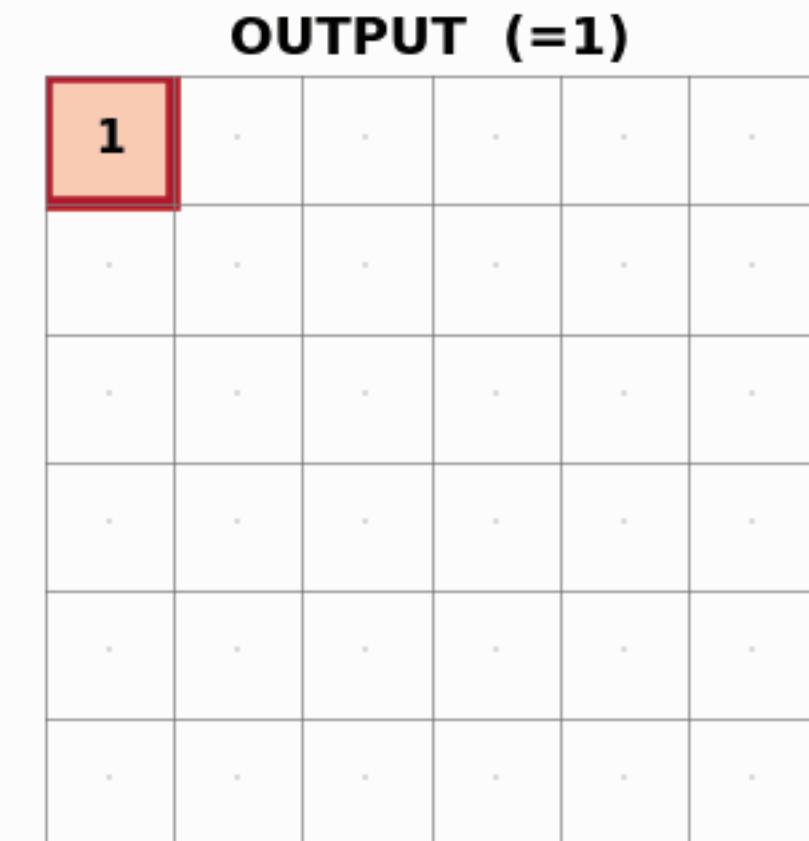
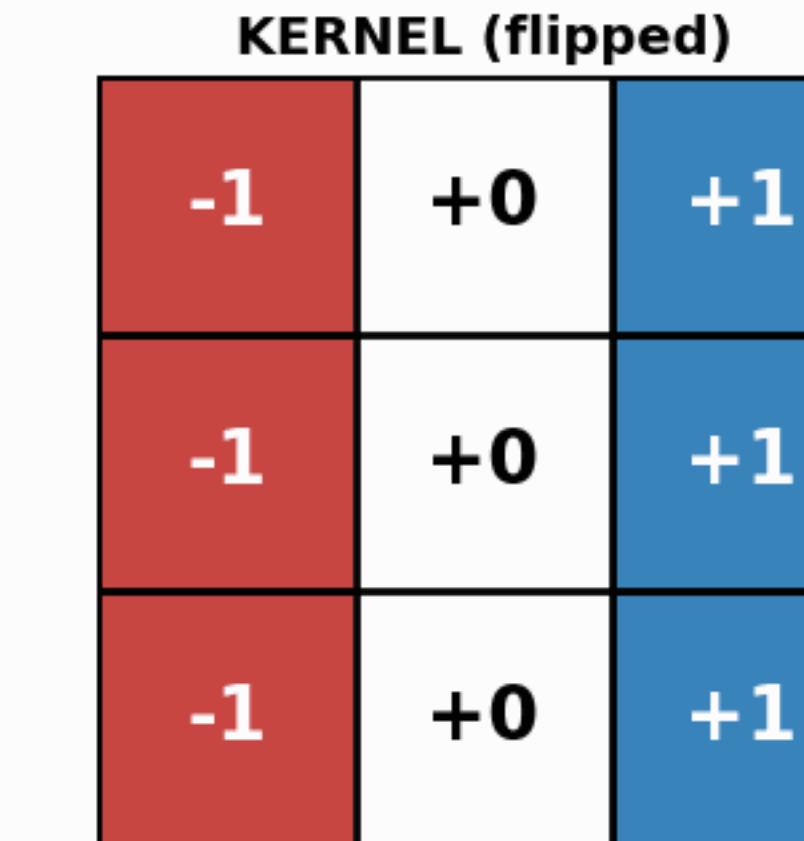
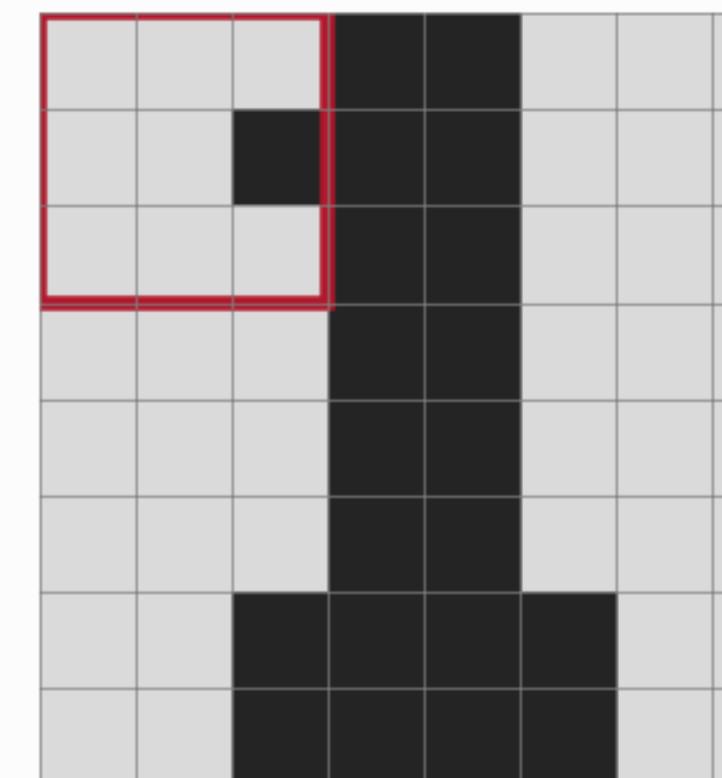
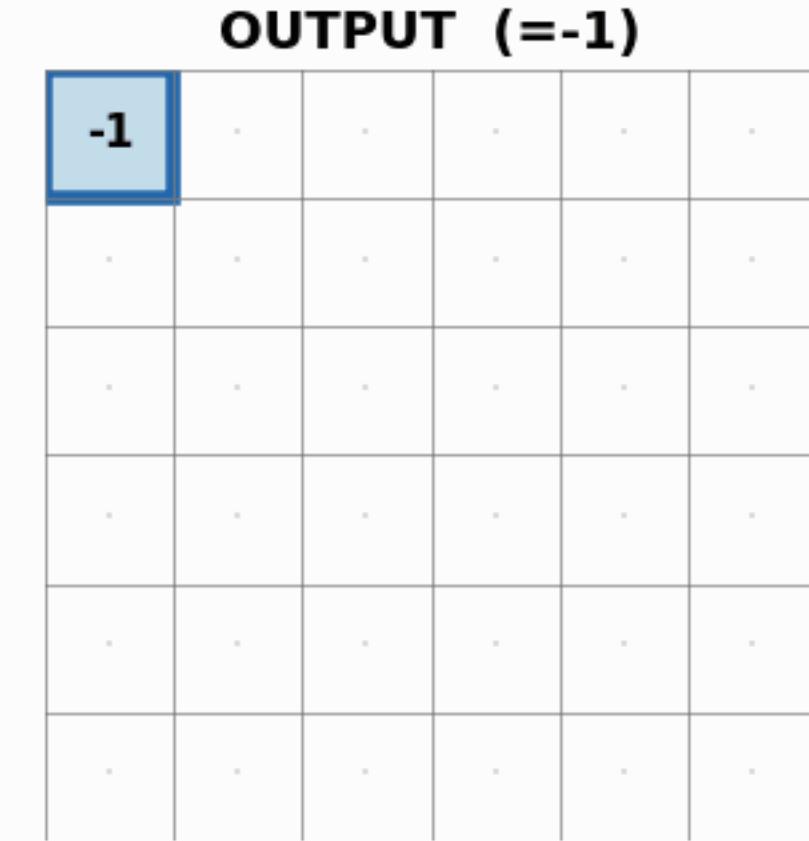
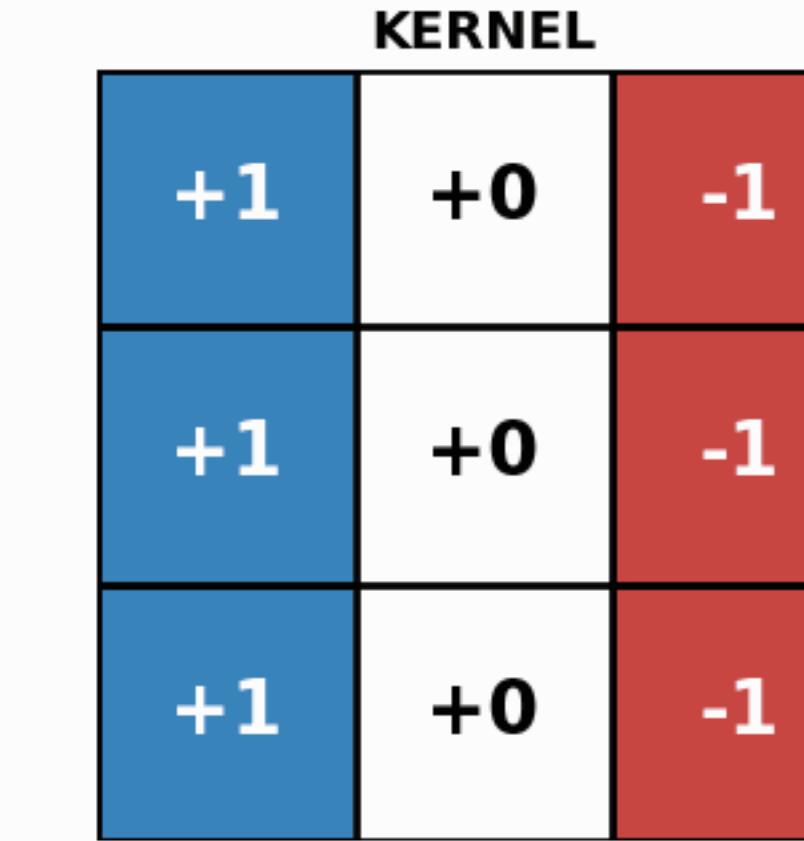
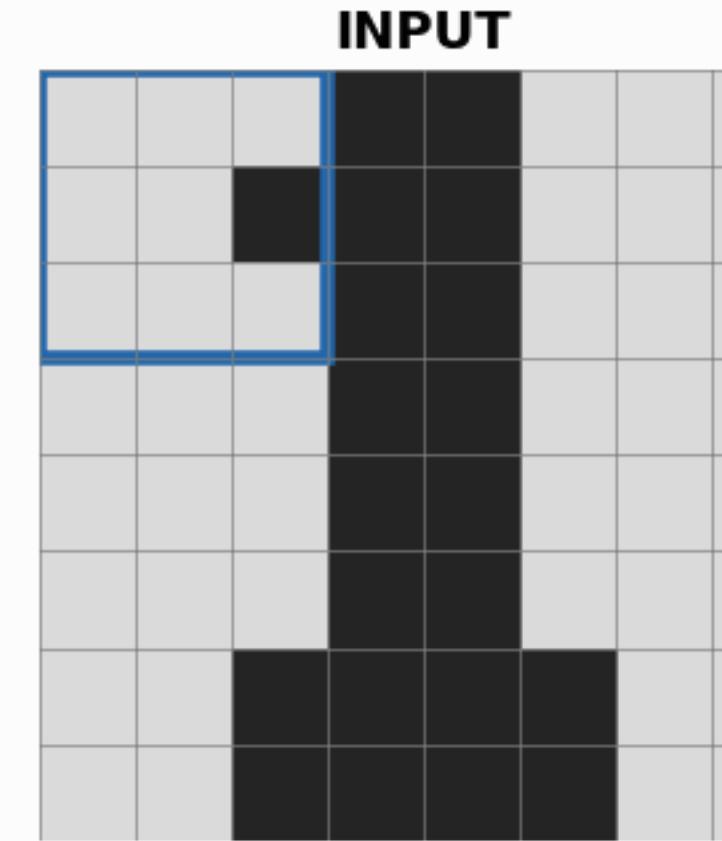


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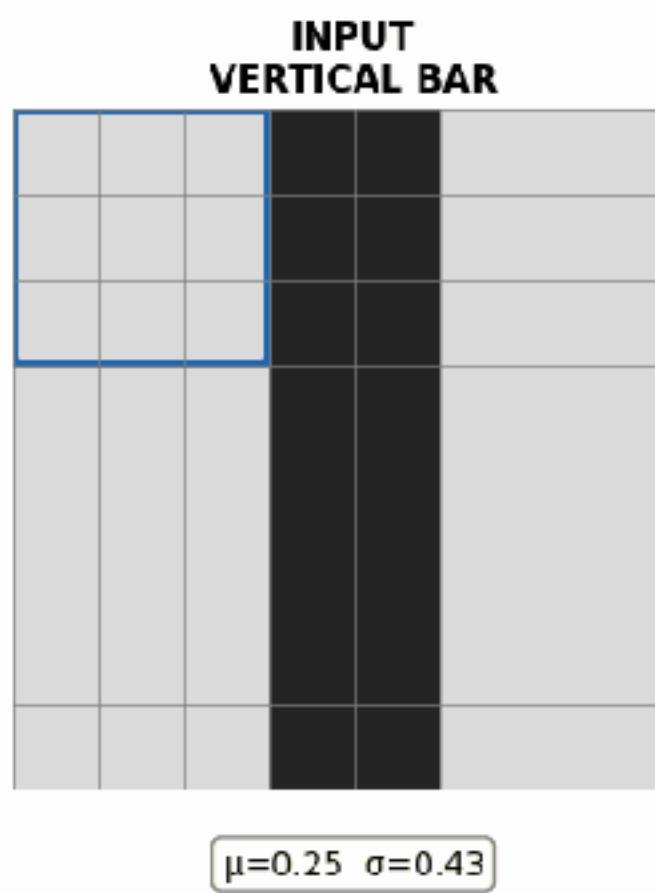
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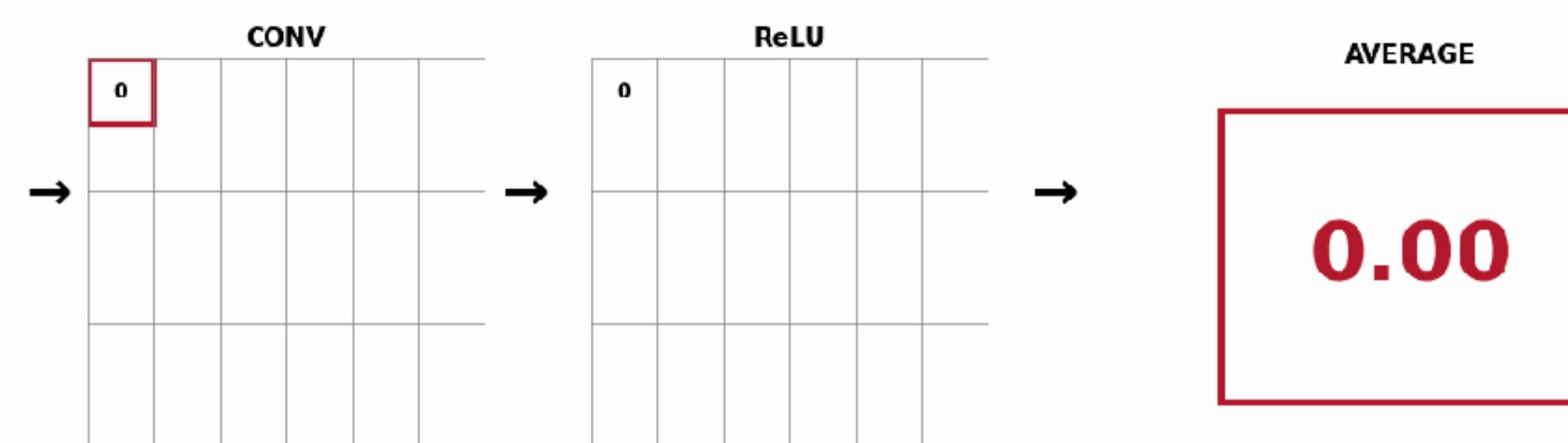
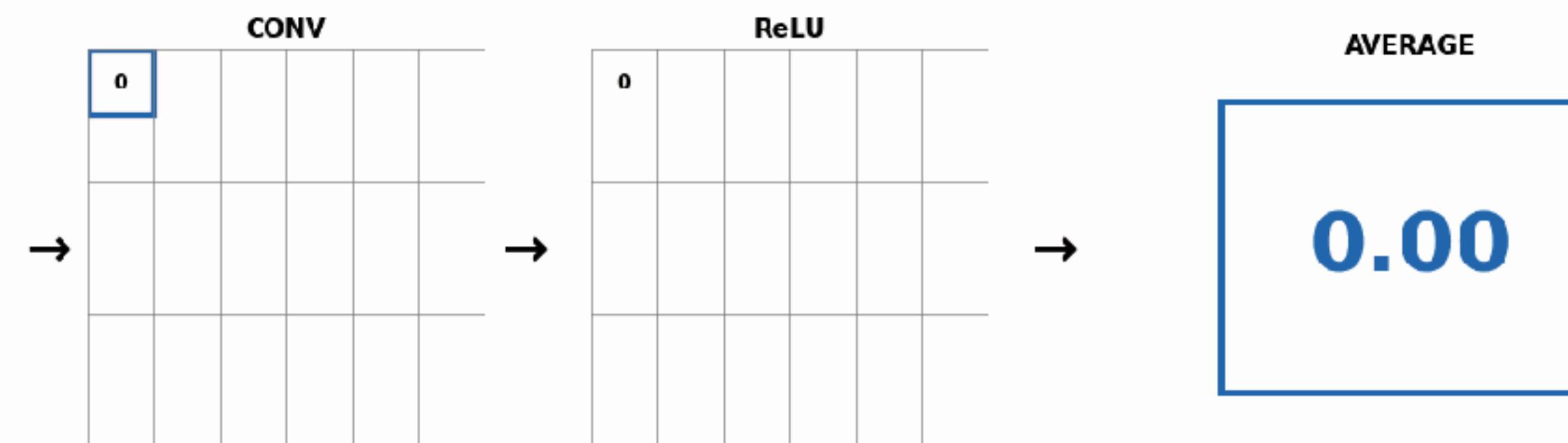
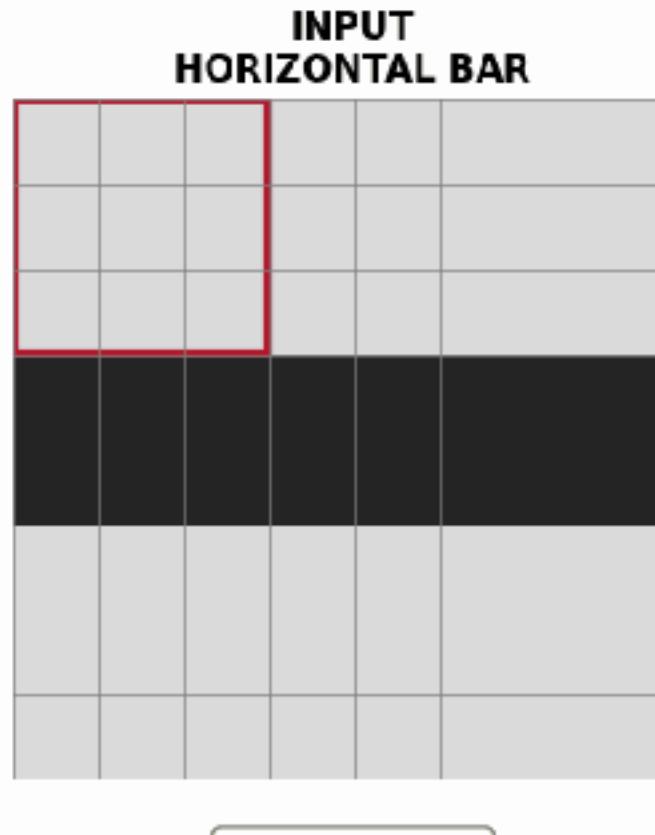
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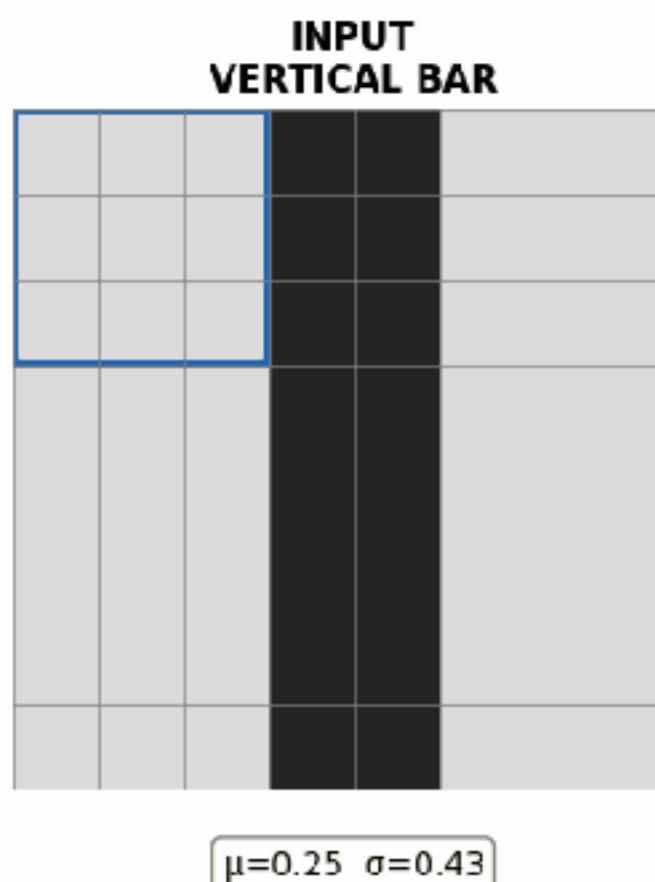
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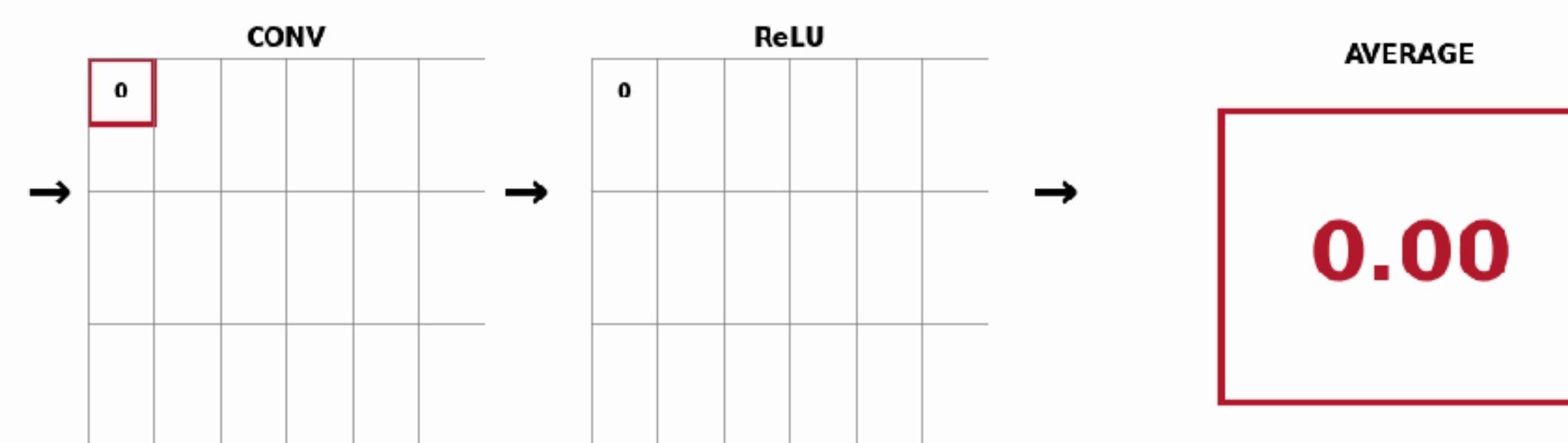
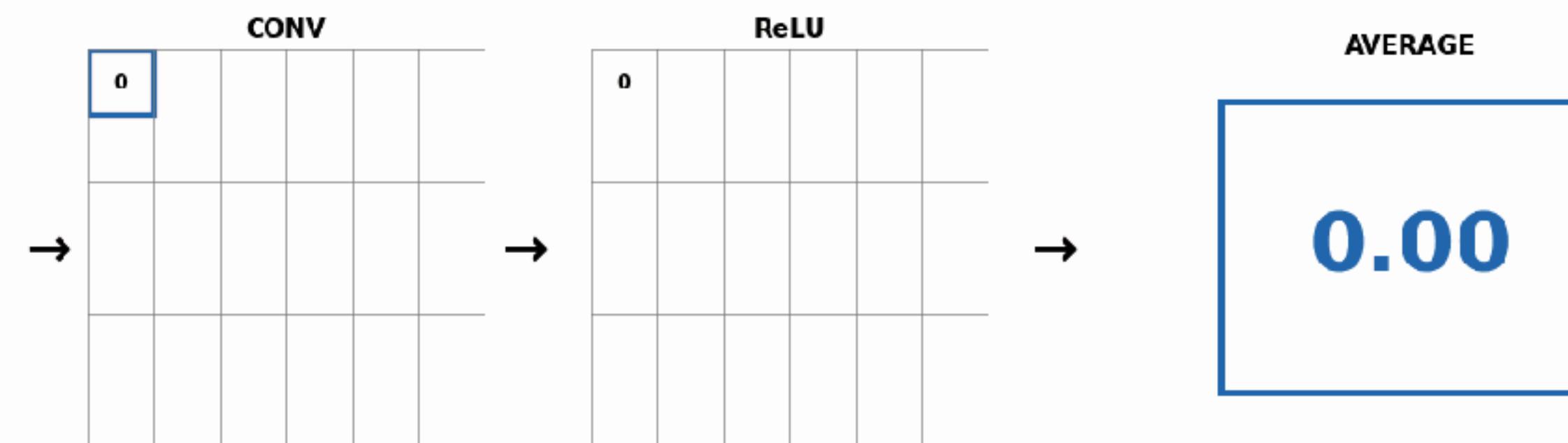
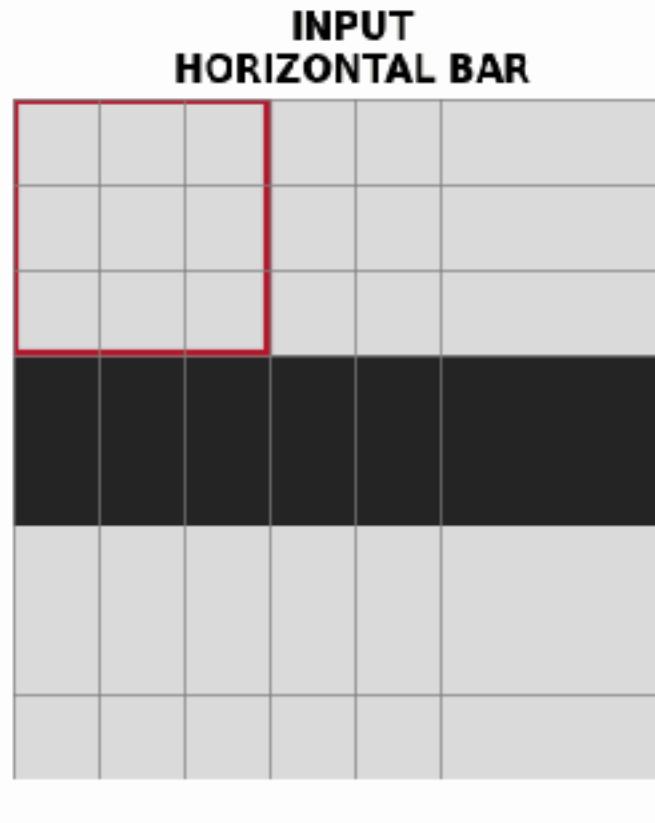
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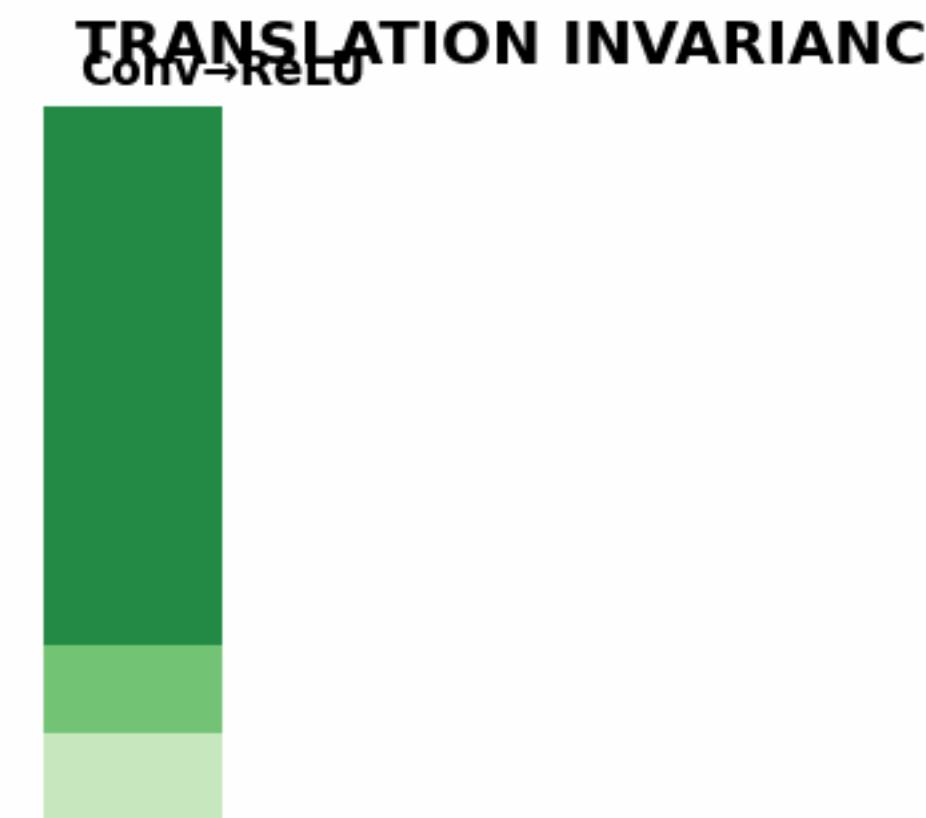


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AVERAGE (invariant!)

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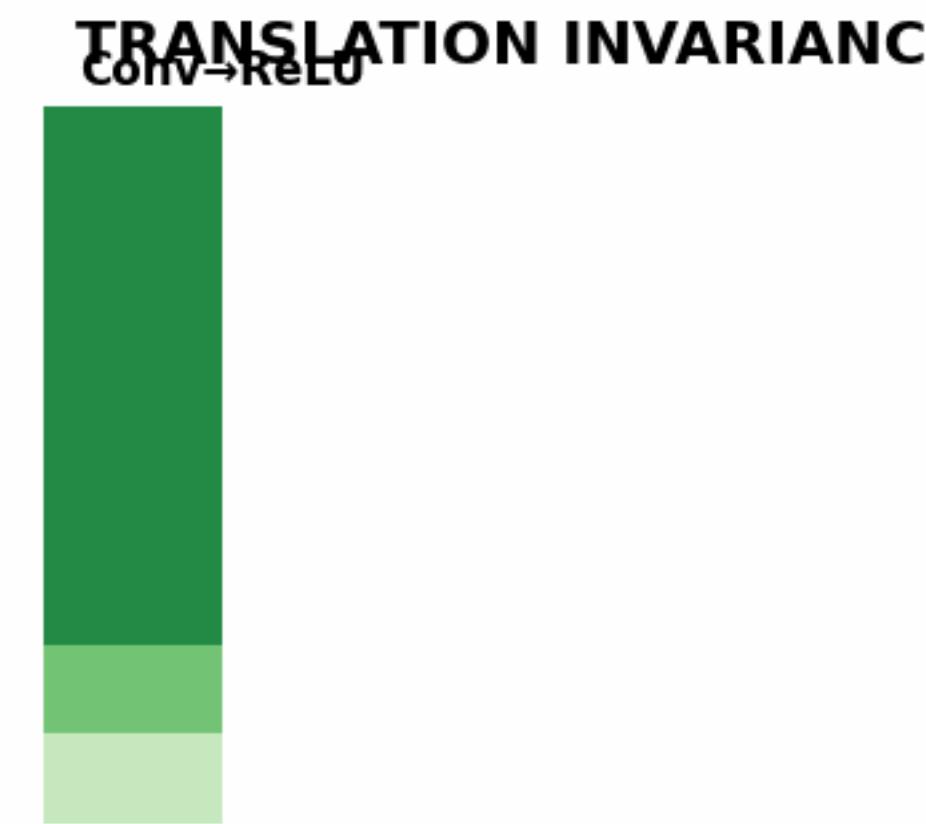
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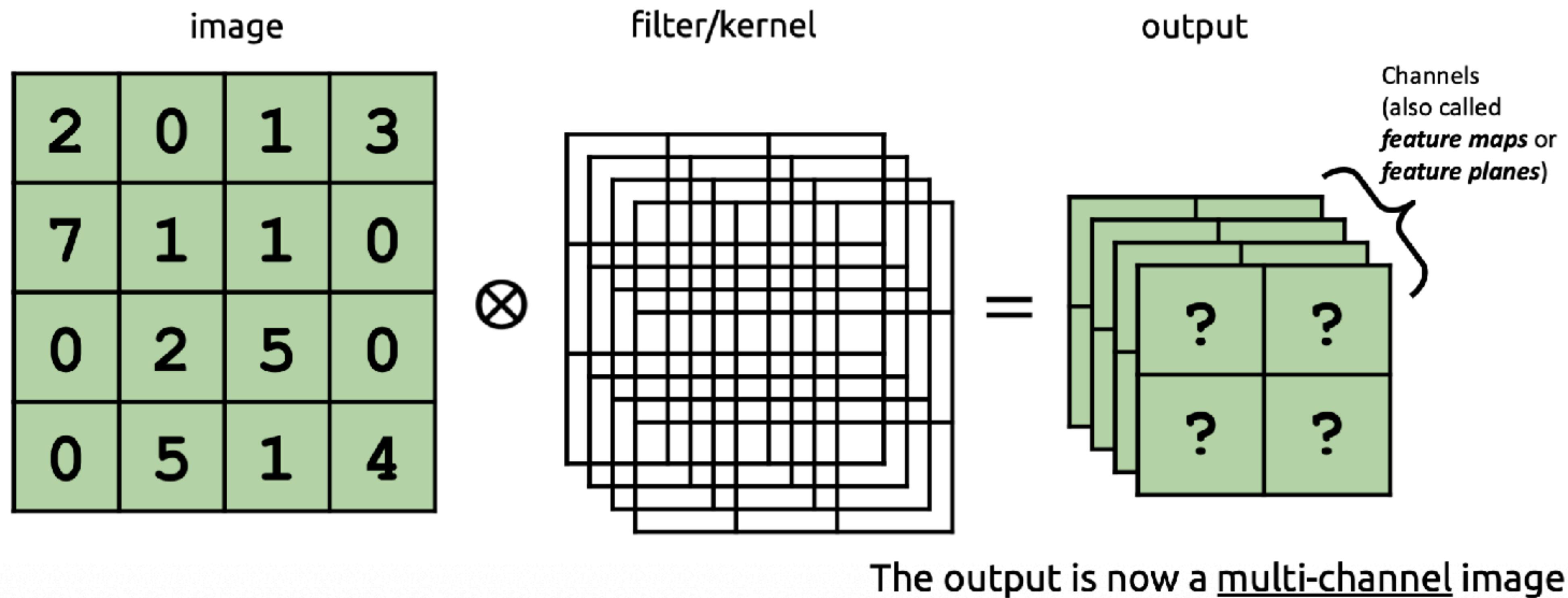
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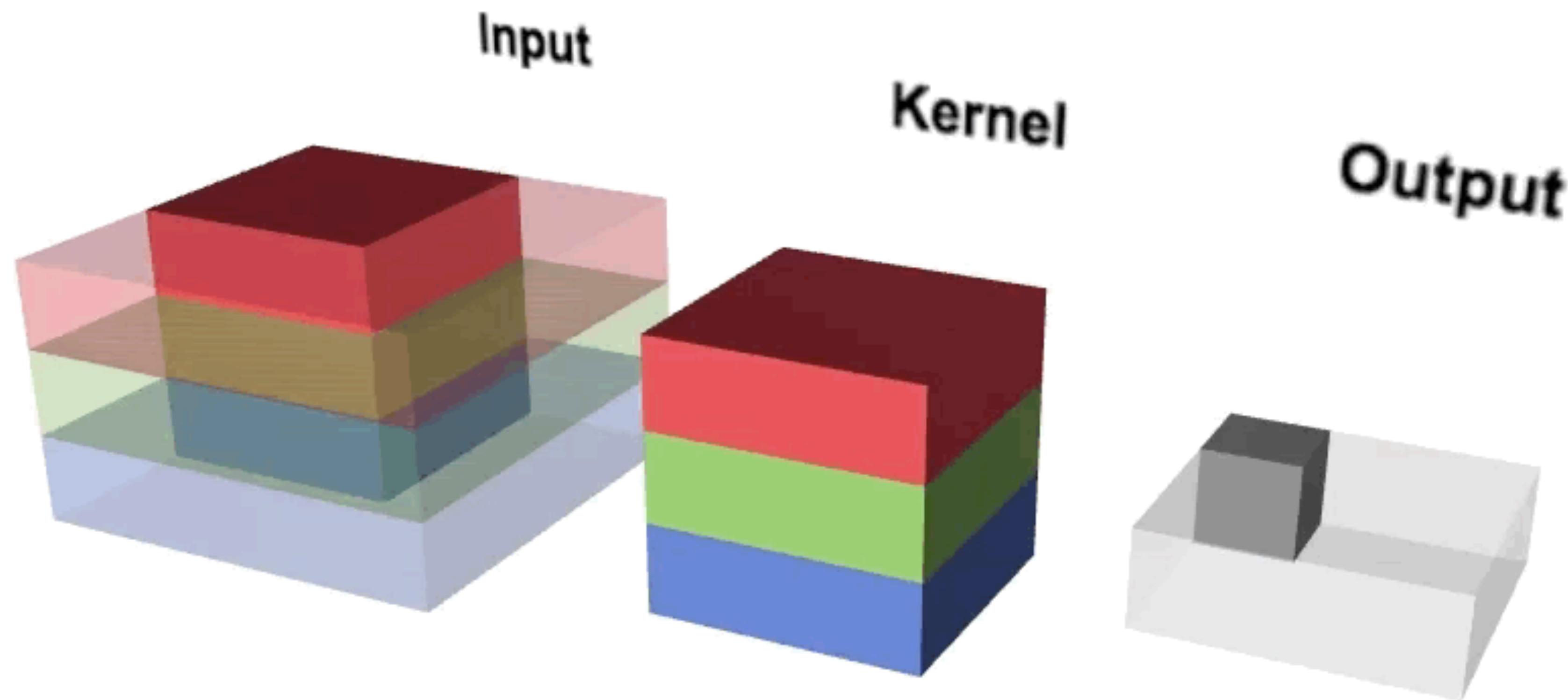
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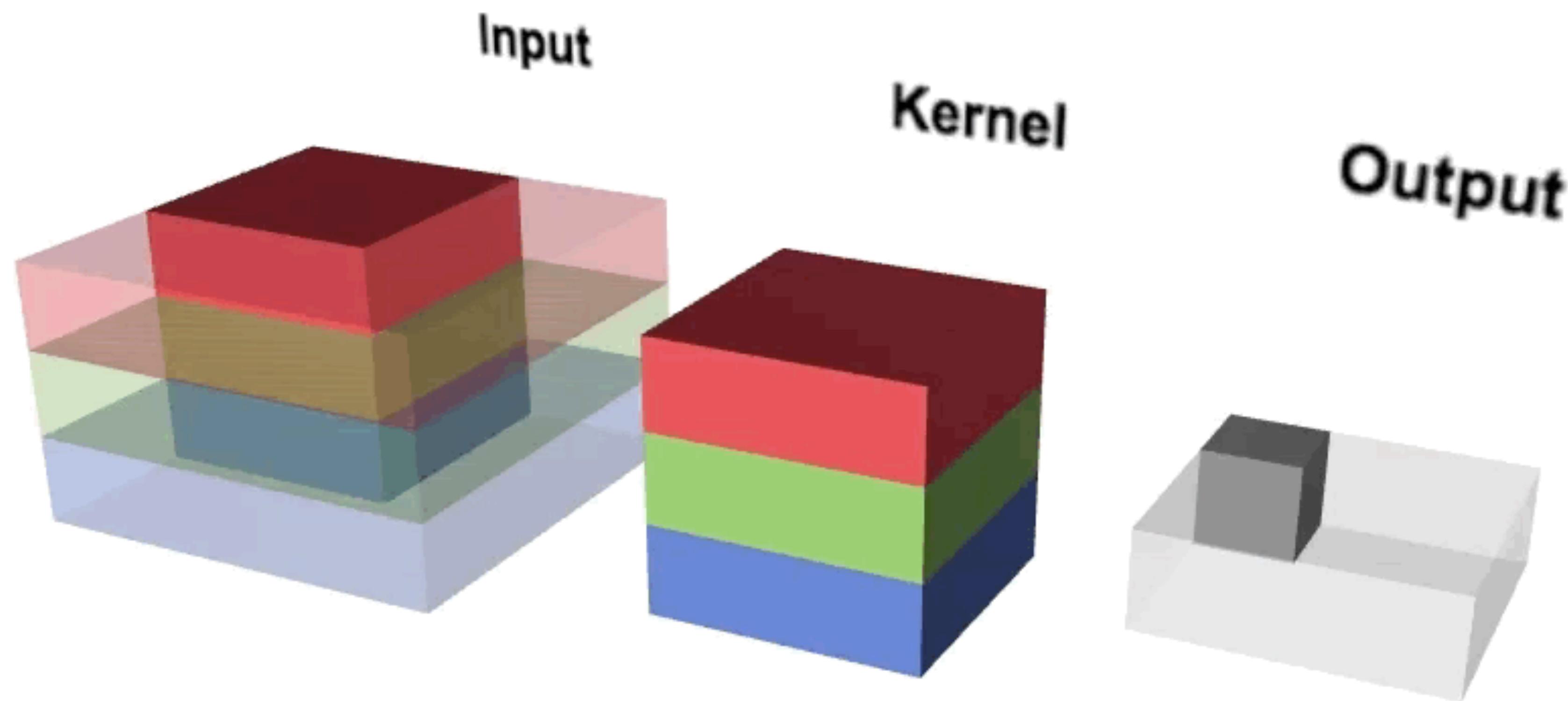
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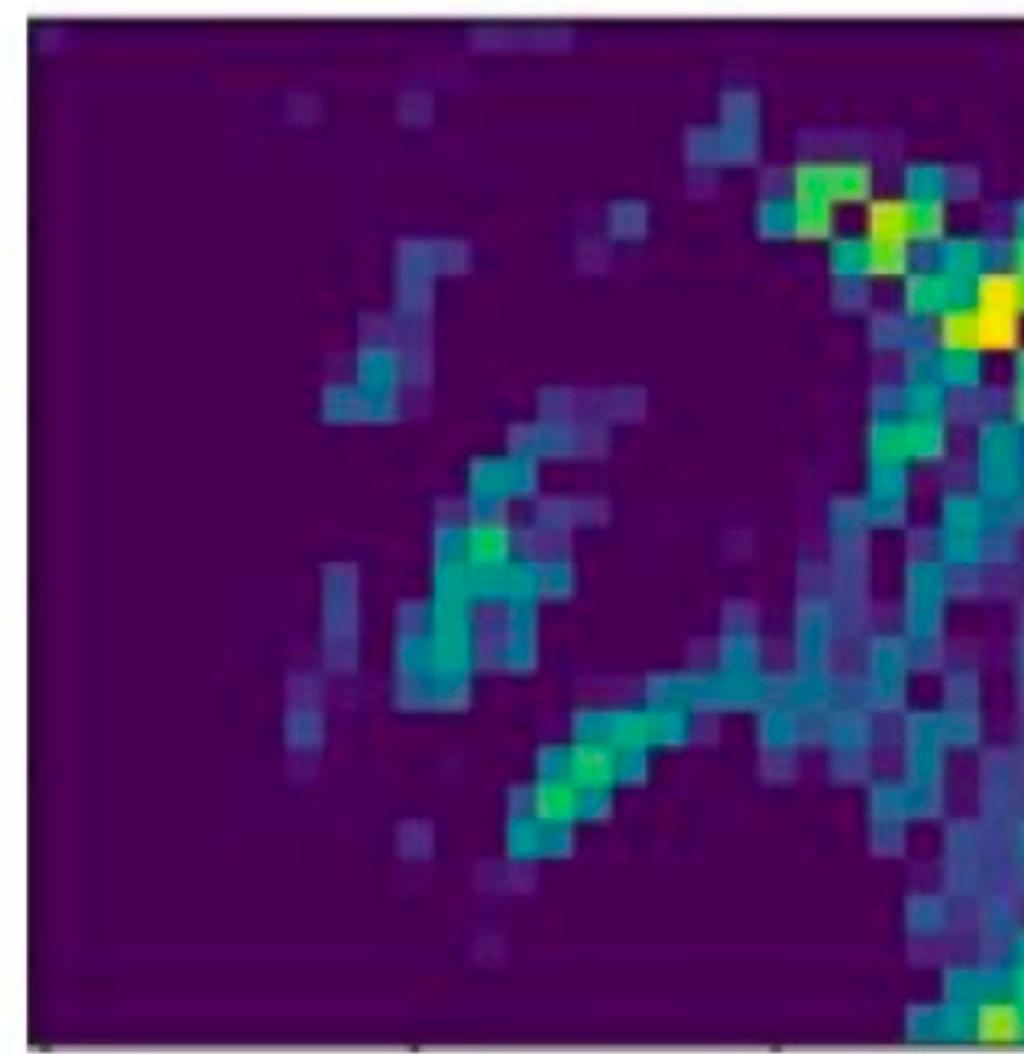
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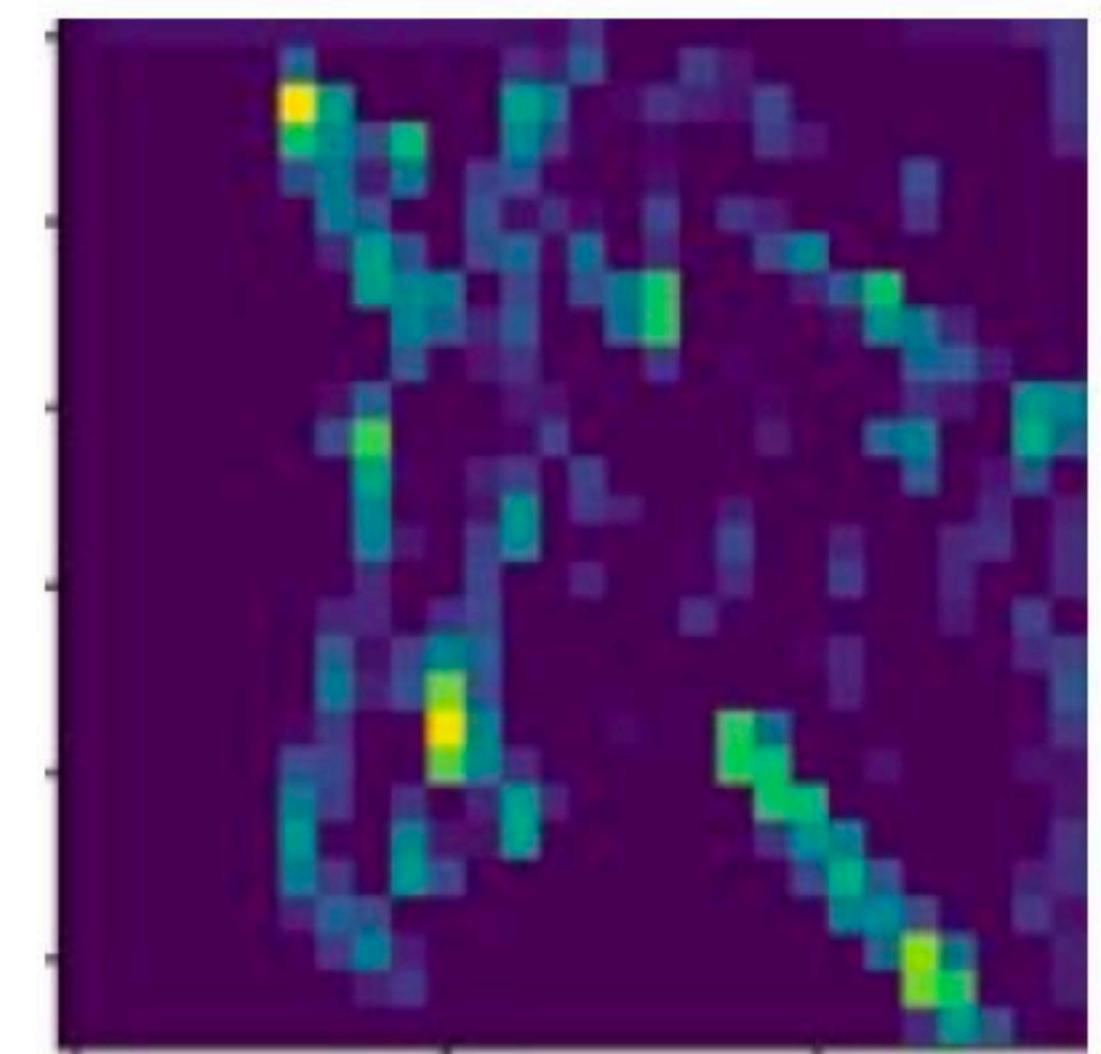
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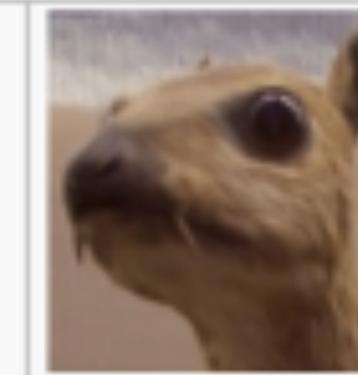
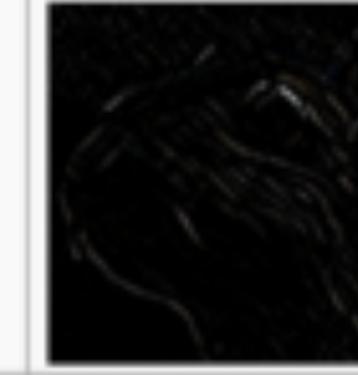
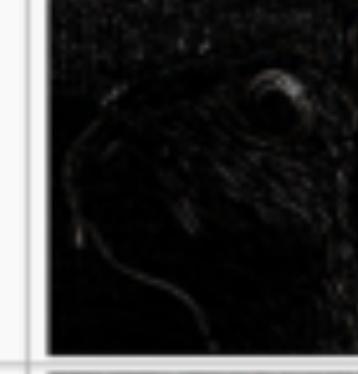
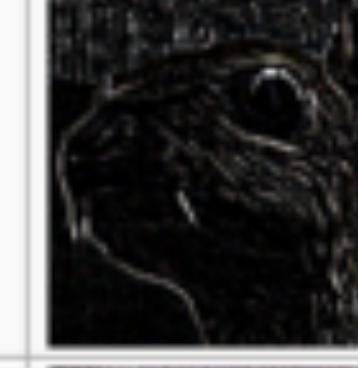
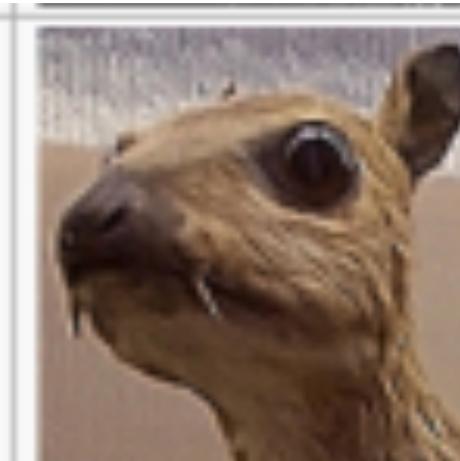
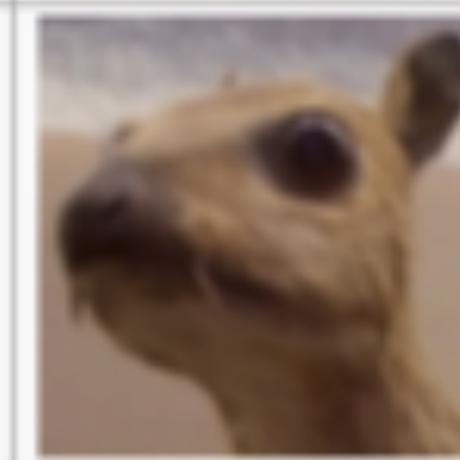


Output of filter 1



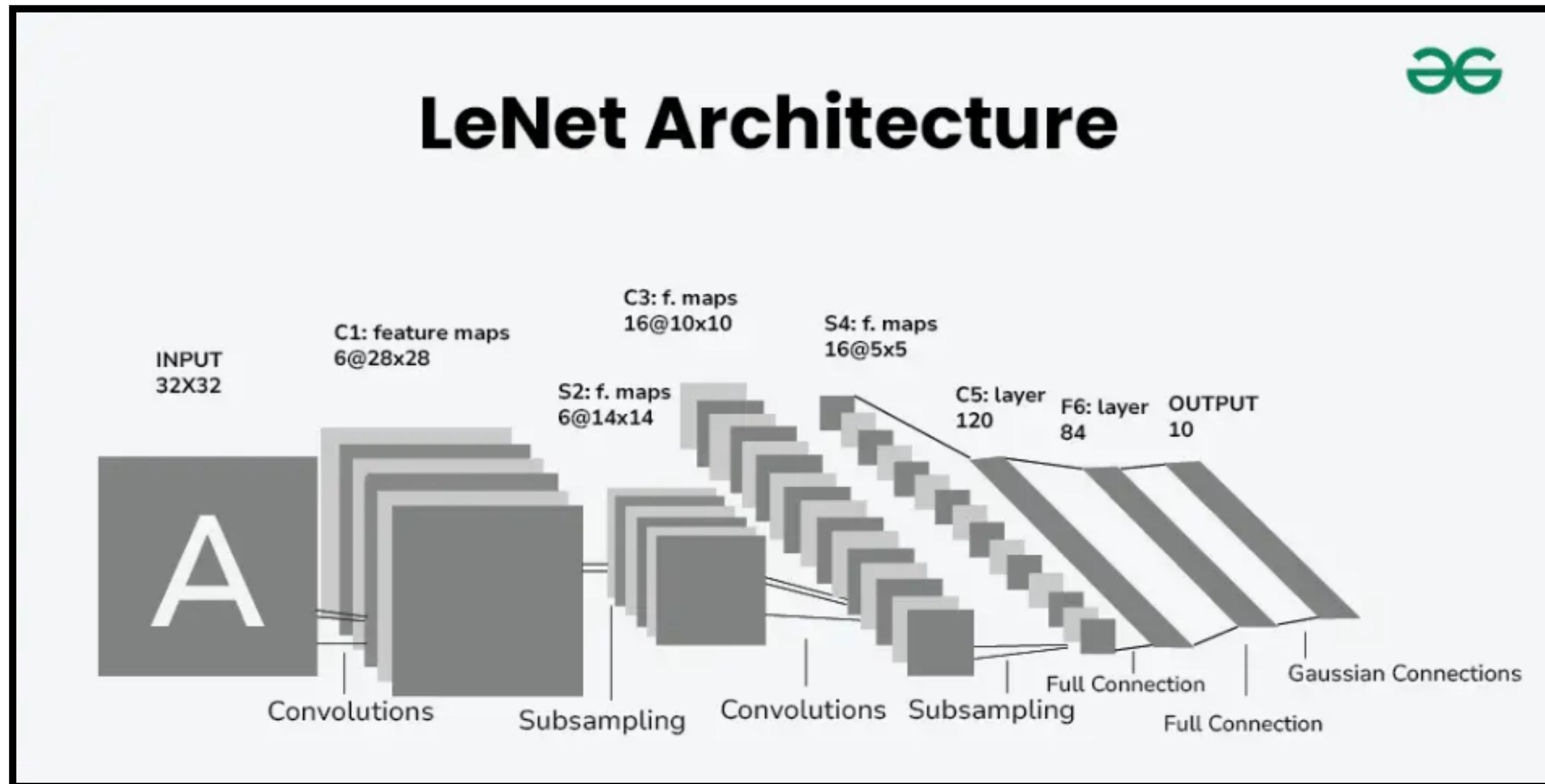
Output of filter 2

# More Filter Examples

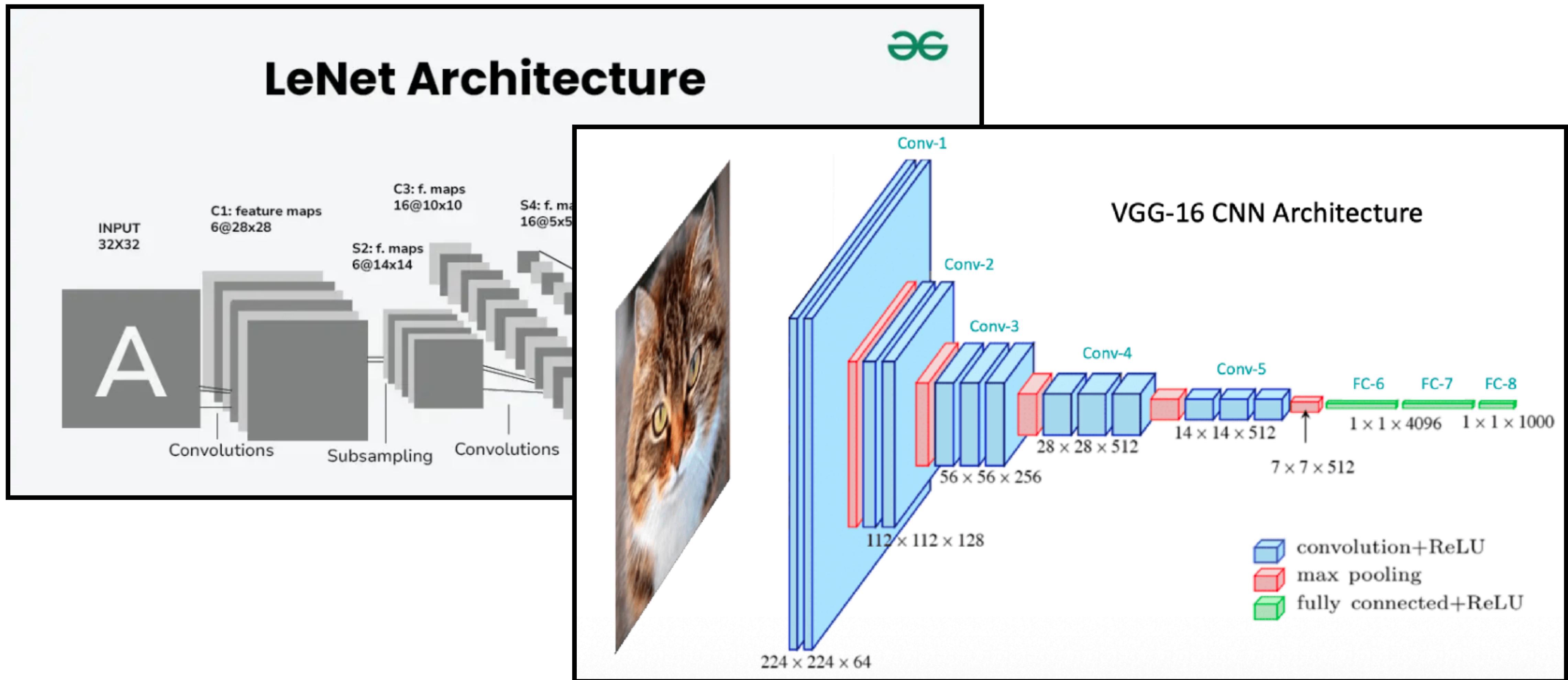
Operation	Filter	Convolved Image	
Identity	$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$		
	$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$		
Edge detection	$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -4 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$		
	$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & 8 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$		
Sharpen			$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 5 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$
			
Box blur (normalized)			$\frac{1}{9} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$
			
Gaussian blur (approximation)			$\frac{1}{16} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$
			

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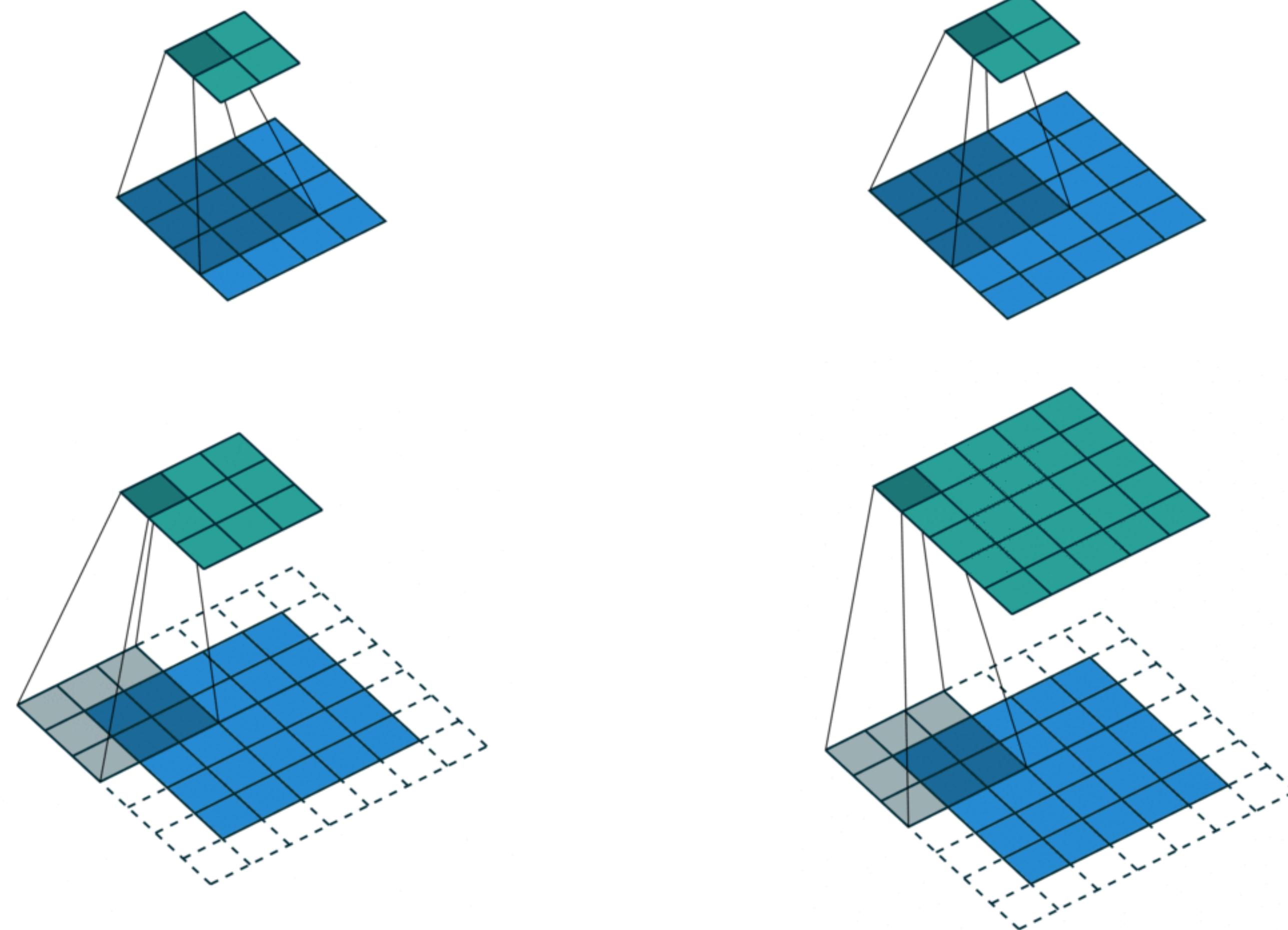


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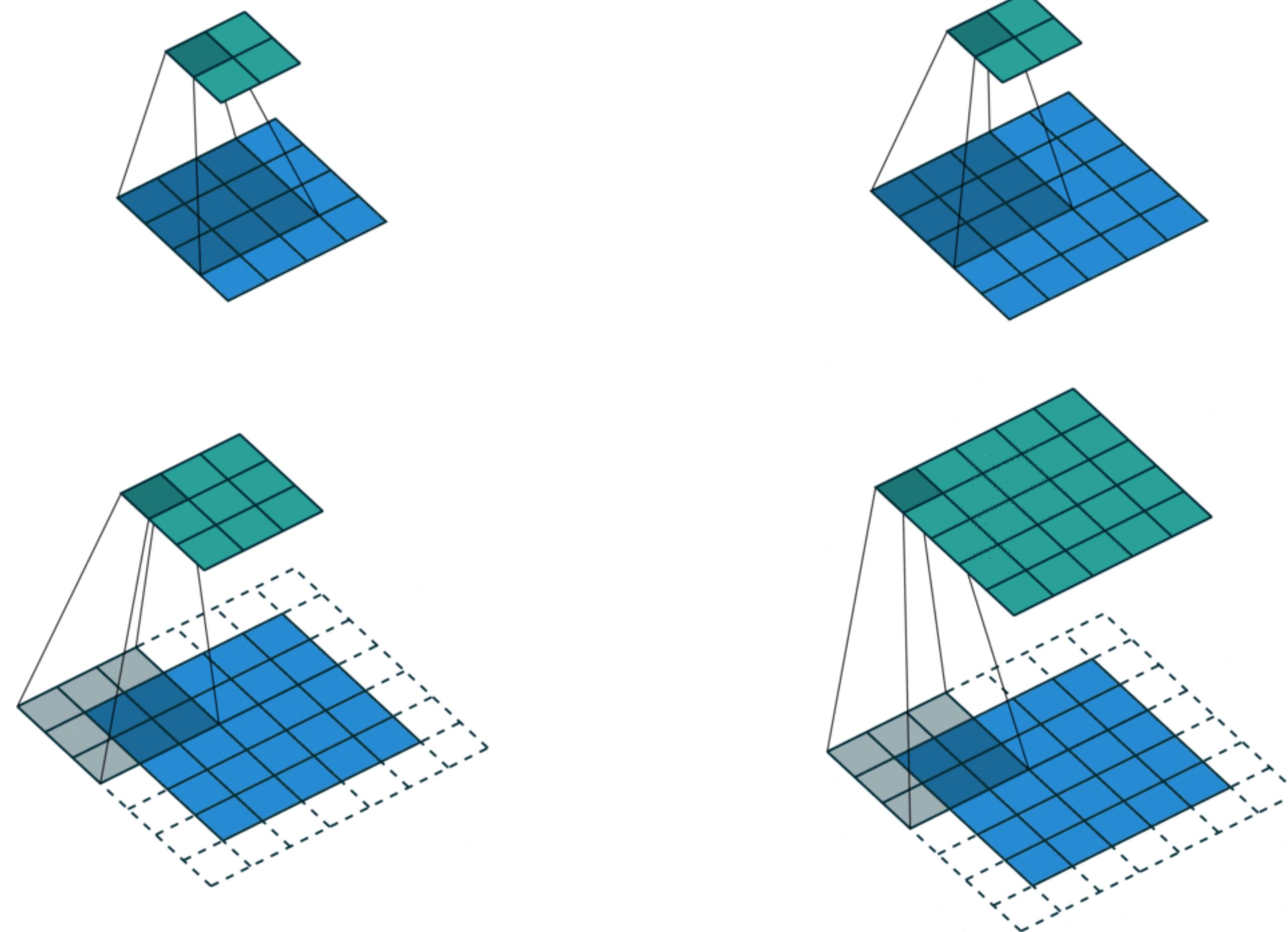
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