

# Instance Segmentation

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# Review

- Last lecture: object detection
  - Motivation
  - Datasets
  - Evaluation metric
  - Faster R-CNN
  - DETR
  - Discussion
- Assignments (Canvas)
  - Project proposal was due earlier today
  - Reading assignments due next Monday and Wednesday
- Questions?

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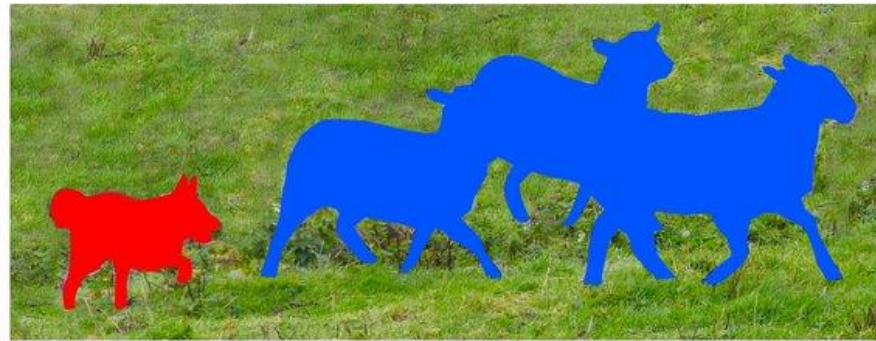
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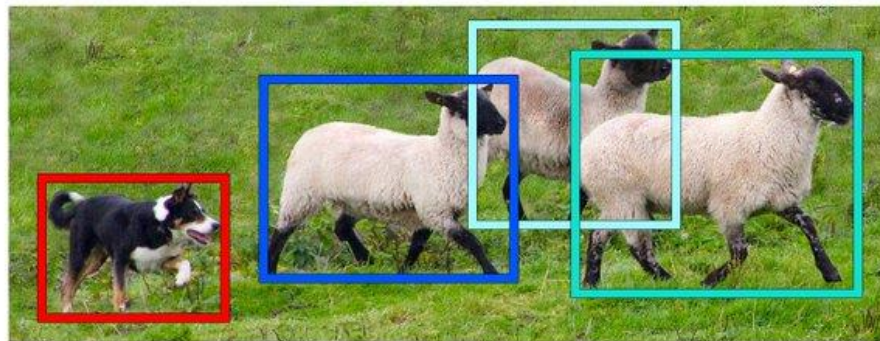
# Task: Fuse Semantic Segmentation (and So Classification) with Object Detection



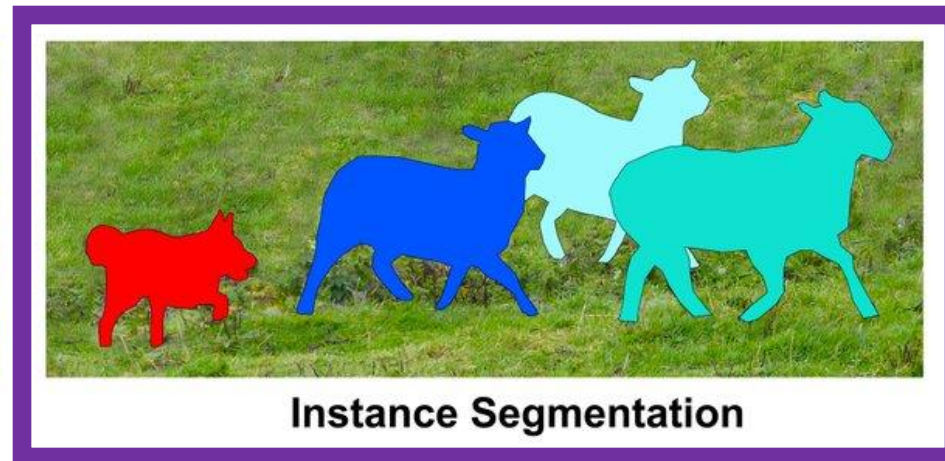
Image Recognition



Semantic Segmentation



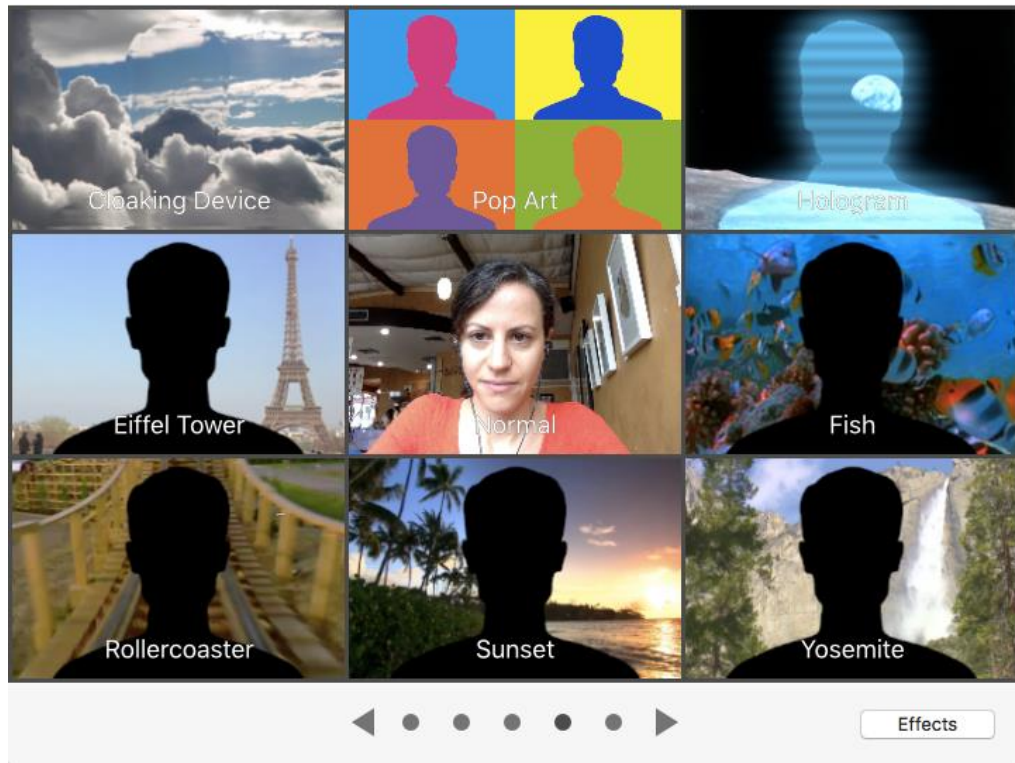
Object Detection



Instance Segmentation

Instances of the same category are separated

Applications (recall those from prior lectures);  
e.g.,



Rotoscoping

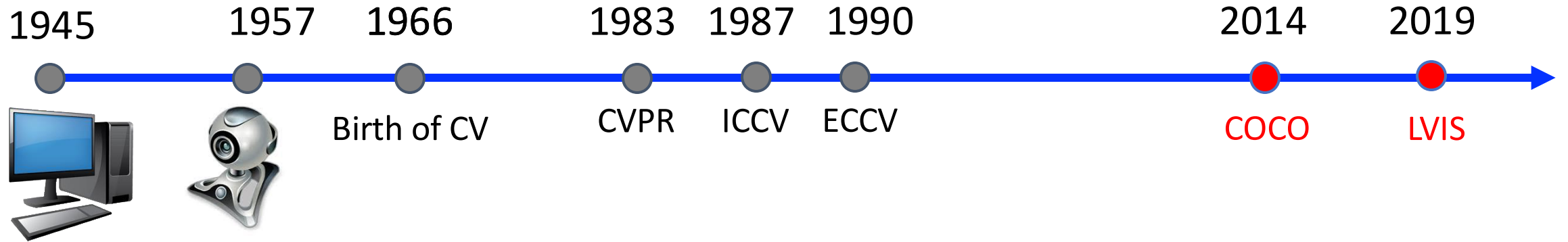


Business Traffic Analytics

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# Historical Context



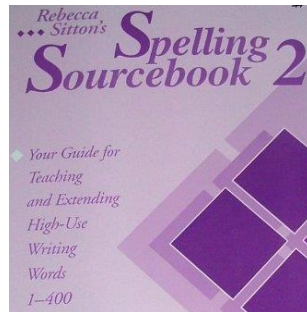


# MSCOCO (Common Objects in Context)

Include “things”: objects that can easily be labeled; e.g., person, chair

## 1. Category Selection

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  - 2) Popular words describing visual objects:



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Exclude “stuff”: objects with no clear boundaries; e.g., sky, grass,



Rationale: primary interest is in precise localization of object instances

# MSCOCO

Selected 91 from 272 categories in bold (without \*)

person	bicycle	car	motorcycle	bird	cat	dog	horse	sheep	bottle
chair	couch	potted plant	tv	cow	airplane	hat*	license plate	bed	laptop
fridge	<b>microwave</b>	sink	oven	toaster	bus	train	<b>mirror*</b>	dining table	elephant
banana	bread	toilet	book	boat	plate*	cell phone	mouse	remote	clock
face	hand	apple	keyboard	backpack	steering wheel	wine glass	chicken	zebra	shoe*
eye	mouth	scissors	truck	traffic light	eyeglasses*	cup	<b>blender*</b>	hair drier	wheel
<b>street sign*</b>	umbrella	door*	fire hydrant	bowl	teapot	fork	knife	spoon	bear
headlights	<b>window*</b>	desk*	computer	refrigerator	pizza	squirrel	duck	frisbee	guitar
nose	teddy bear	tie	stop sign	surfboard	sandwich	pen/pencil	kite	orange	toothbrush
printer	pans	head	sports ball	broccoli	suitcase	carrot	chandelier	<b>parking meter</b>	fish
<b>handbag</b>	<b>hot dog</b>	stapler	basketball hoop	donut	vase	<b>baseball bat</b>	<b>baseball glove</b>	<b>giraffe</b>	jacket
<b>skis</b>	<b>snowboard</b>	table lamp	egg	door handle	power outlet	hair	tiger	table	coffee table
<b>skateboard</b>	helicopter	tomato	tree	bunny	pillow	<b>tennis racket</b>	cake	feet	<b>bench</b>
chopping board	washer	lion	monkey	<b>hair brush*</b>	light switch	arms	legs	house	cheese
goat	magazine	key	picture frame	cupcake	fan (ceil/floor)	frogs	rabbit	owl	scarf
ears	home phone	pig	strawberries	pumpkin	van	kangaroo	rhinoceros	sailboat	deer
playing cards	towel	hyppo	can	dollar bill	doll	soup	meat	window	muffins
tire	necklace	tablet	corn	ladder	pineapple	candle	desktop	carpet	cookie
toy cars	bracelet	bat	balloon	gloves	milk	pants	wheelchair	building	bacon
box	platypus	pancake	cabinet	whale	dryer	torso	lizard	shirt	shorts
pasta	grapes	shark	swan	fingers	towel	side table	gate	beans	flip flops
moon	road/street	fountain	fax machine	bat	hot air balloon	cereal	seahorse	rocket	cabinets
basketball	telephone	movie (disc)	football	goose	long sleeve shirt	short sleeve shirt	raft	rooster	copier
radio	fences	goal net	toys	engine	soccer ball	field goal posts	socks	tennis net	seats
elbows	aardvark	dinosaur	unicycle	honey	legos	fly	roof	baseball	mat
ipad	iphone	hoop	hen	back	table cloth	soccer nets	turkey	pajamas	underpants
goldfish	robot	crusher	animal crackers	basketball court	horn	firefly	armpits	nectar	super hero costume
jetpack	robots								

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## 2. Image Collection

- Images scraped from Flickr because it is believed to often have non-iconic images
- Query: object + object or scene + scene
- Query: unusual categories
- Crowd workers flagged images with multiple objects

Iconic images commonly retrieved with Google, Bing, etc:



(a) Iconic object images

(b) Iconic scene images

Goal: images with **contextual** information and taken from **non-canonical** viewpoints



(c) Non-iconic images

# MSCOCO: 2 Tasks

Task: select images that contain a bear(s)

Instructions:

Please click and select images that contain **MUTIPLE** objects **AND** at least one bear.



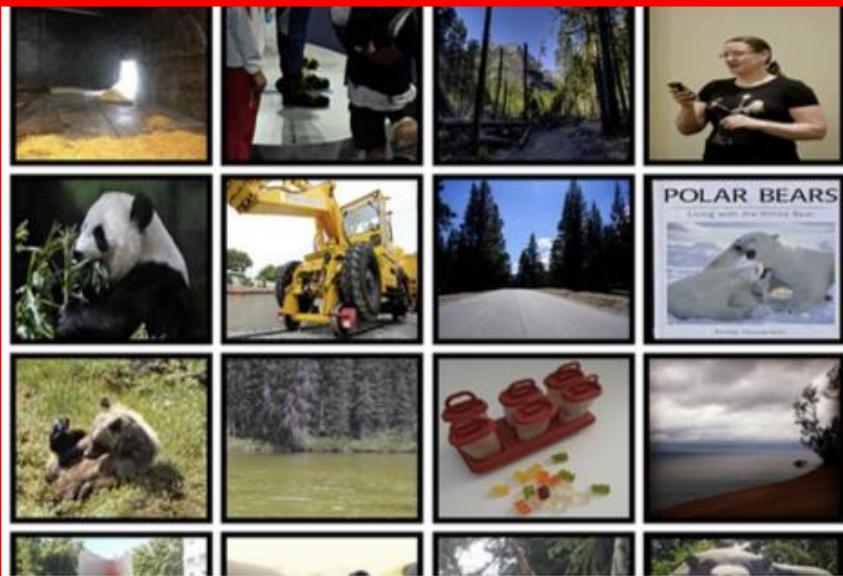
Do **NOT** select an image that contains **ONLY** a bear(s).



Do **NOT** select an image that contains **NO** bear(s).



You can de-select the image by clicking on it again.  
Please do not select cartoons or paintings.



Task: select images that contain **BOTH** a person **AND** a bicycle

Instructions:

Please click and select images that contain **BOTH** a person(s) **AND** a bicycle(s).

Do **NOT** select an image that contains **ONLY** a person(s) or **ONLY** a bicycle(s).  
(It is right to not select any image if none of image contains both categories.)



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Grids of 128 images:

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## 3. Image Annotation

Crowdworkers demarcated specific object types

~1.2M instance segmentations across 188k training, 5k validation, and 41k test images

# Task Decomposition

## 1. Category Assignment

- Crowdworkers identified categories in each image by locating one instance of each

# Category Assignment Task

**Instructions (PLEASE ACCEPT THE HIT TO GET STARTED):**  
 Please drag and drop icons from the bottom panel to matching objects in the image. If an icon matches multiple objects you can drag the icon onto any of the objects. There are 11 sets of objects to drag onto the image. Use the buttons or arrow keys to cycle through them. There are total of 8 images to label.  
 Please drag and drop **ICONS** to matching objects in the image.

Here is an example of a labeled image:

Task: select **small indoor** items shown in the image (if any):

Navigation: left arrow, right arrow

Icon labels: book, clock, vase, scissors, teddy bear, hair drier, tooth brush, hair brush

For high recall, 8 people did this task for each image

11 Groupings

person & Accessory	Animal	Vehicle	Outdoor Obj.	Sports	Kitchenware	Food	Furniture	Appliance	Electronics	Indoor objects

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# Instance Tagging Task

Instructions (PLEASE ACCEPT THE HIT TO GET STARTED):

- Mark **each occurrence** (if any) of the following object: **cow**.
- You only need to mark up to 10 instances if multiple cow(s) exist in the image. It is possible for some images that this object does not appear.
- The blinking icon (Hint) shows where one instance of the object could be. The Hint is **NOT ALWAYS** correct.
- Type **N** to go to the next image and **B** to go back.
- There are 50 images in this HIT.


**Good Example**

**Bad Example (Do not click)**

Left Click: Add marker    Right Click: Delete marker    Drag & Drop: Move marker

 7 cow(s) found in this image.

Back [B]    Next [N]    Hint [H]



**“magnifying glass” feature:** doubles resolution to assist with small objects

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## 3. Object Segmentation

- Crowdworkers demarcate specified object(s)  
- Other crowdworkers verify quality of segmentations

# Object Seg.

Instructions: carefully trace around regions that have a **single sports ball** indicated by the icon. (1/3)




Not sure what object sports ball is? Click on [here](#) to see examples!

Draw (D) Adjust (A) Undo (Ctrl-Z) Redo (Ctrl-Y) Close (Right-click) Delete (Delete)

Move to Target (M) Zoom In (I) Zoom Out (O) Reset Zoom (ESC)

Please Accept HIT to get started! [Examples](#) [Instructions](#)

Tips: Using "Move to target" (M) and "Zoom In" (I) for the small object!  
Please pay attentions to trace boundary carefully. Work will be rejected if not follow the instruction.



(Training task per object category required)

# Object Seg.

Draw all unlabeled **person(s)** in the image.

- Find and draw on **all person(s)** that haven't been labeled.
- It's okay to overlap to labeled region.
- You need to label two images that contain unlabeled person(s) to complete
- Work will be rejected if **not carefully** drawn or unlabeled person(s) remain.

Submit

No Unlabeled Person(s)

Draw (D)

Erase (E)

Zoom In (Z)

Zoom Out (X)



Crowd annotations are done as semantic segmentations (no instances) for images with 10+ instances of an object category.

# Quality Control

**Seeded gold standards:** 4 of 64 segmentation known to be bad; a worker had to identify 3 of the 4 known bad segmentations to complete the task.

**Verification step:** 3-5 workers judged each segmentation's quality.

**Blocked workers:** regular poor segmentations led to workers being blocked and their work not used.

64 examples

Task: select images that have **WRONG** object contour for **toothbrush**.

Examples:

Right Object Contour



Wrong Object Contour (not toothbrush, only contains parts of visible object contour, or multiple objects)



Tips: use **n** and **b** keys to move between rows of image.



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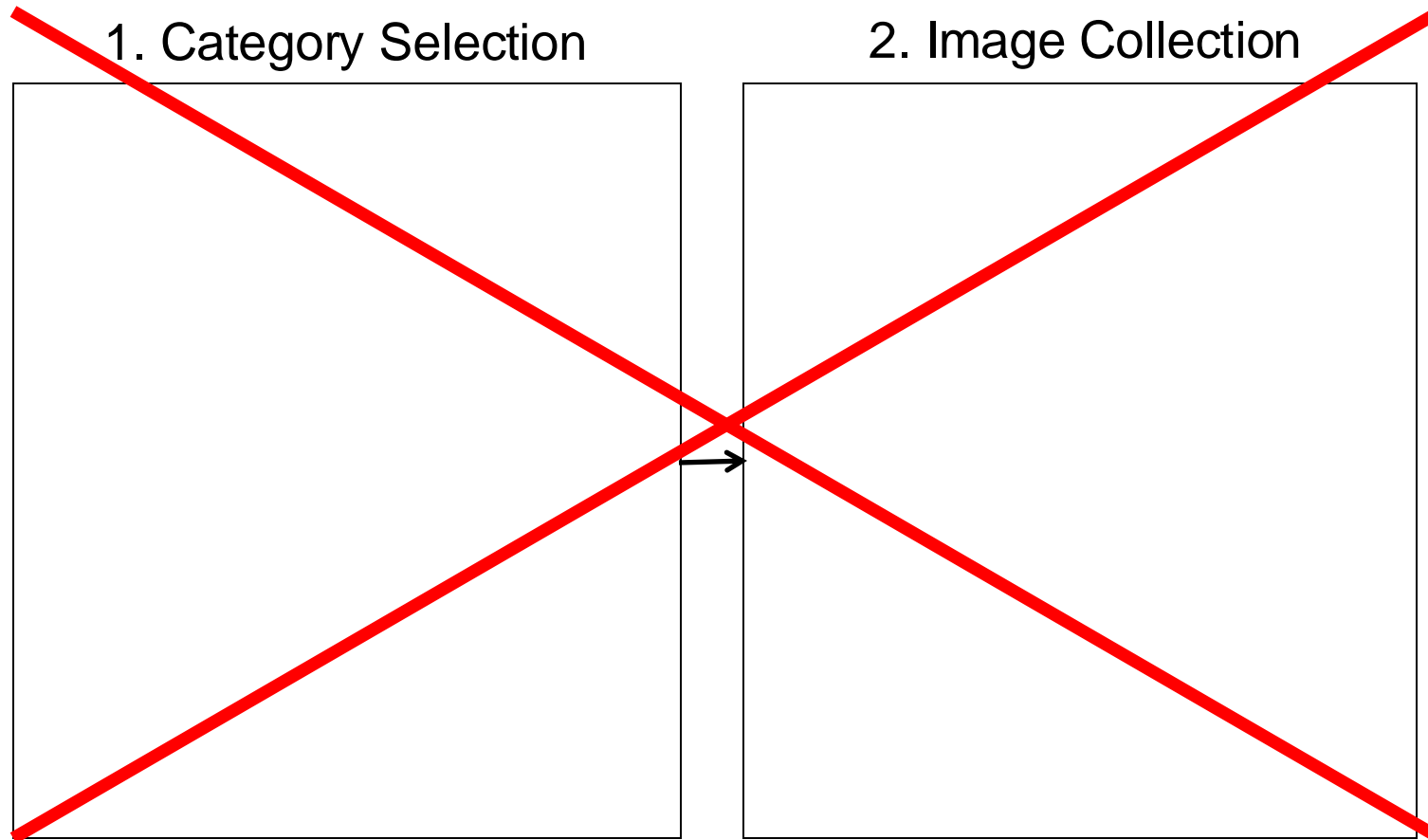
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# LVIS (Large Vocabulary Instance Segmentation)



Key difference: uses images without pre-specifying categories to annotate

Resulted in ~2M instance segmentations spanning 1203 categories (some rare) for ~160k COCO images

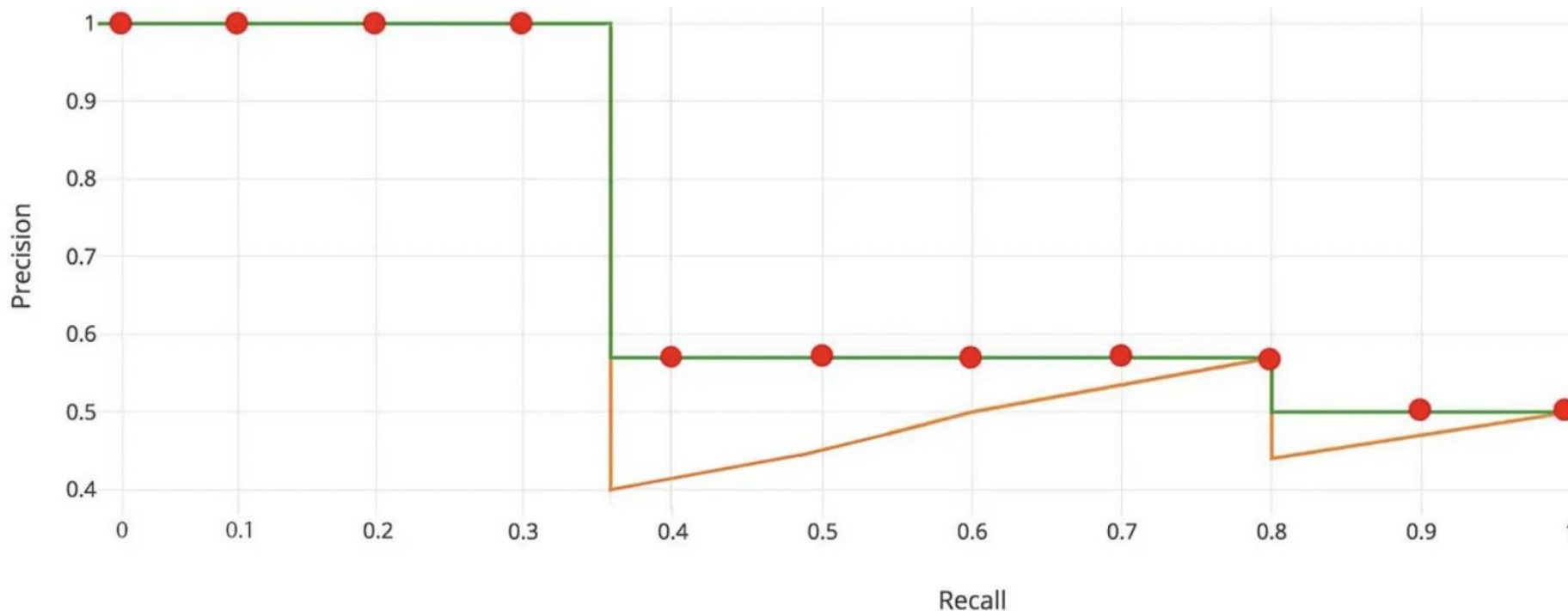
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# Recall: Mean Average Precision (mAP)

- **Mean per-category average precision:** area under precision-recall curve for a category created by varying confidence level determining a positive prediction (using **maximum precision value** to the right)



We plot precision-recall points using all confidence values predicted by a model for a category.

We then interpolate between the points and compute the area under the curve.

<https://jonathan-hui.medium.com/map-mean-average-precision-for-object-detection-45c121a31173>

Great tutorial: Padilla et al. A Comparative Analysis of Object Detection Metrics with a Companion Open-Source Toolkit. 2021

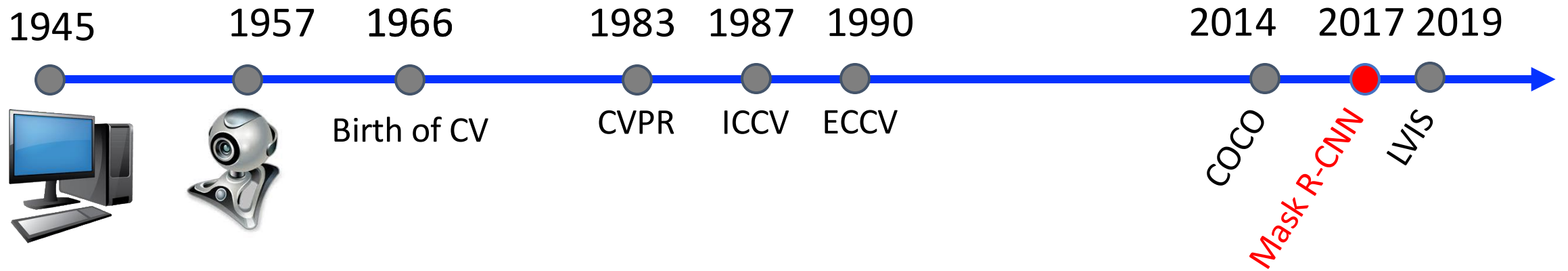
# AP@[0.5:0.05:0.95]

- Average mAP when using multiple IoU thresholds to determine if a prediction matches a ground truth detection
  - 10 IoU thresholds, from 0.5 to 0.95 with a step size of 0.05

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# Why Mask R-CNN?

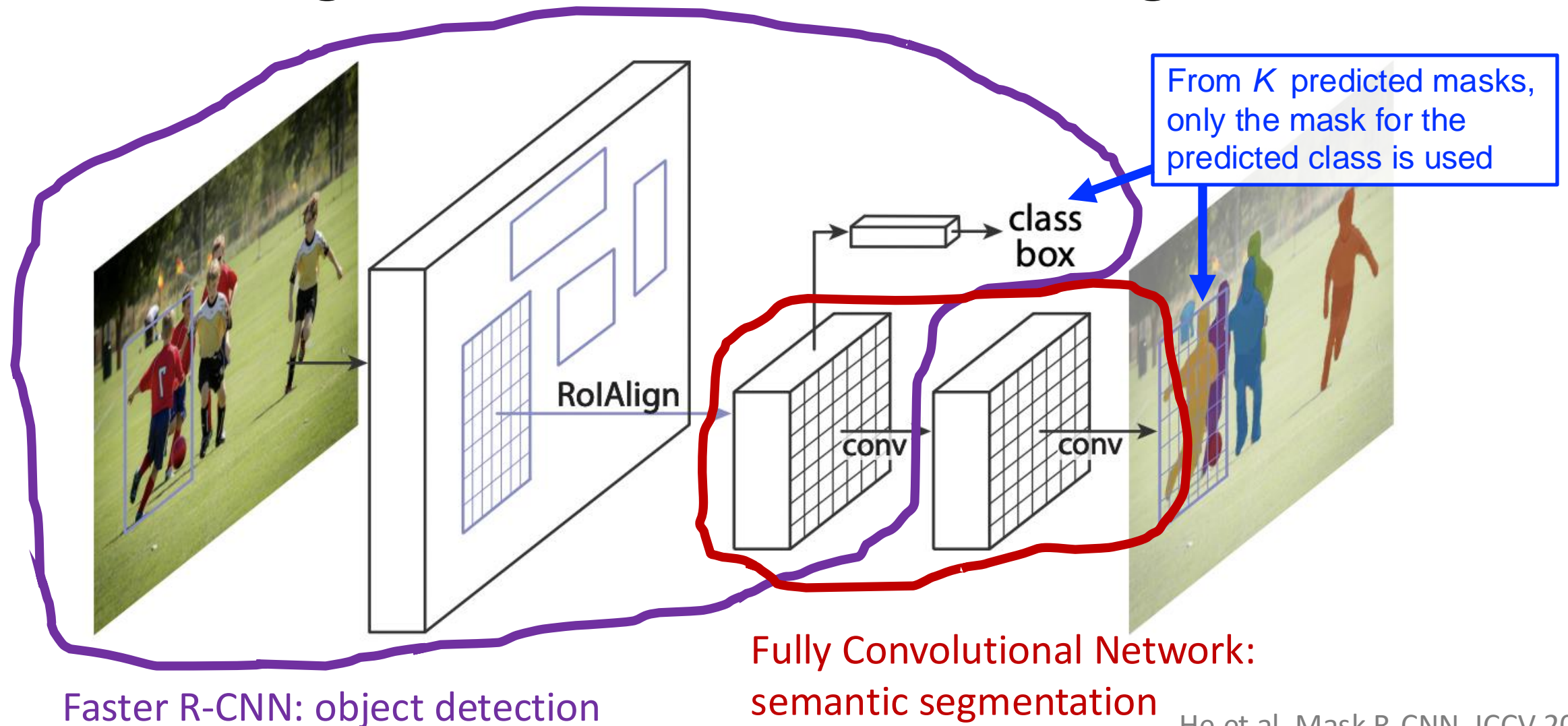
Named after the approach of adapting Faster R-CNN to also predict **masks**:

Kaiming He, Georgia Gkioxari, Piotr Dollar, & Ross Girshick. "Mask R-CNN." ICCV 2017.

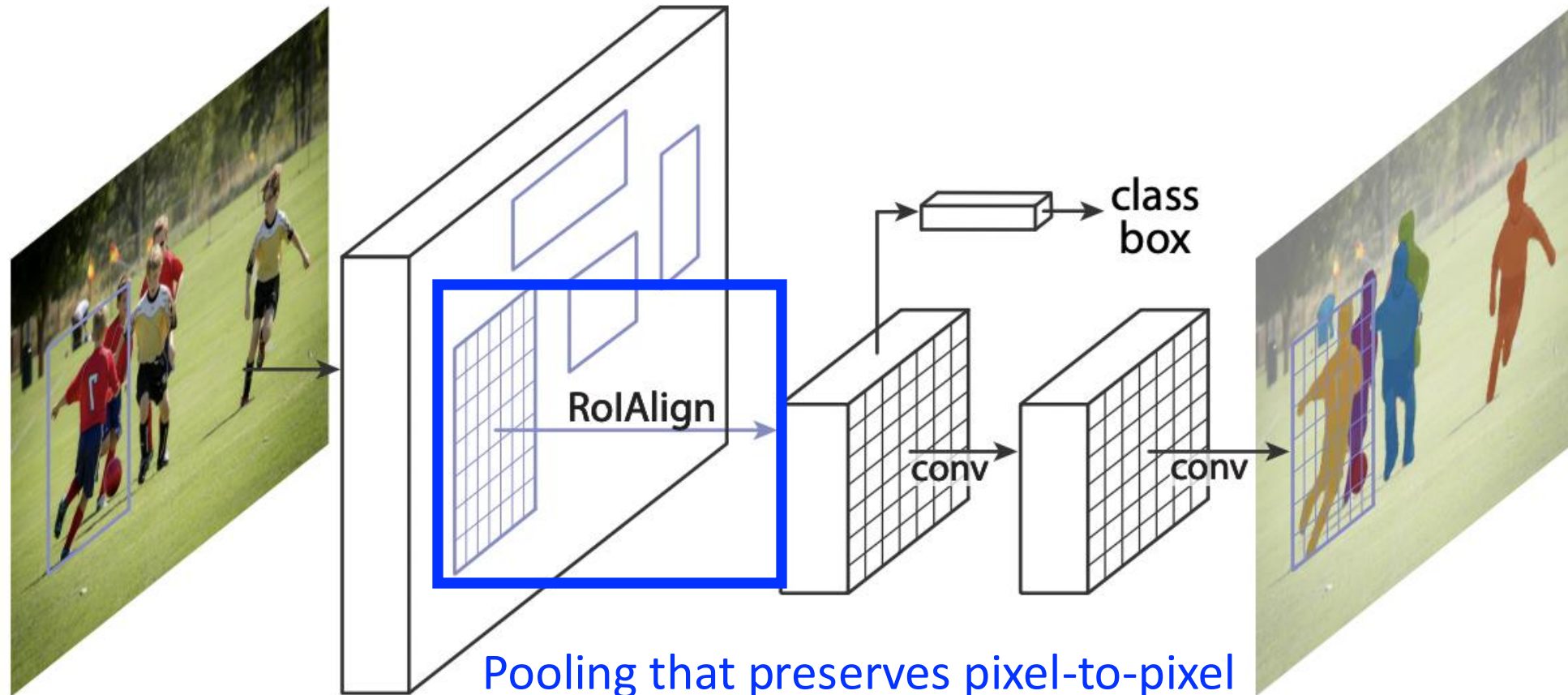
# Key Contributions of Mask R-CNN

1. A pooling method that preserves the pixel-to-pixel alignment between the model's input and output when downsampling
2. State-of-the-art performance on COCO

# Architecture: Extends Faster R-CNN by Also Predicting in Parallel a Mask Per Region



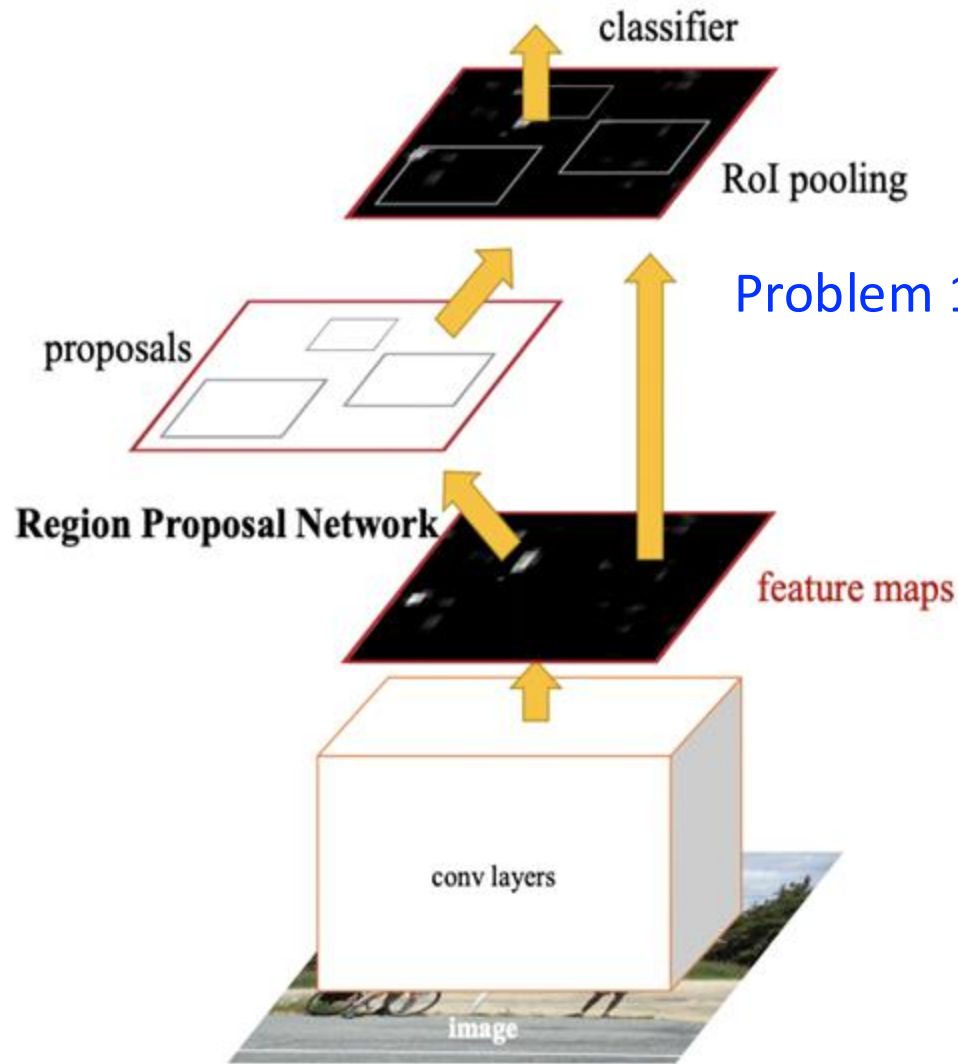
# Architecture: Key Idea



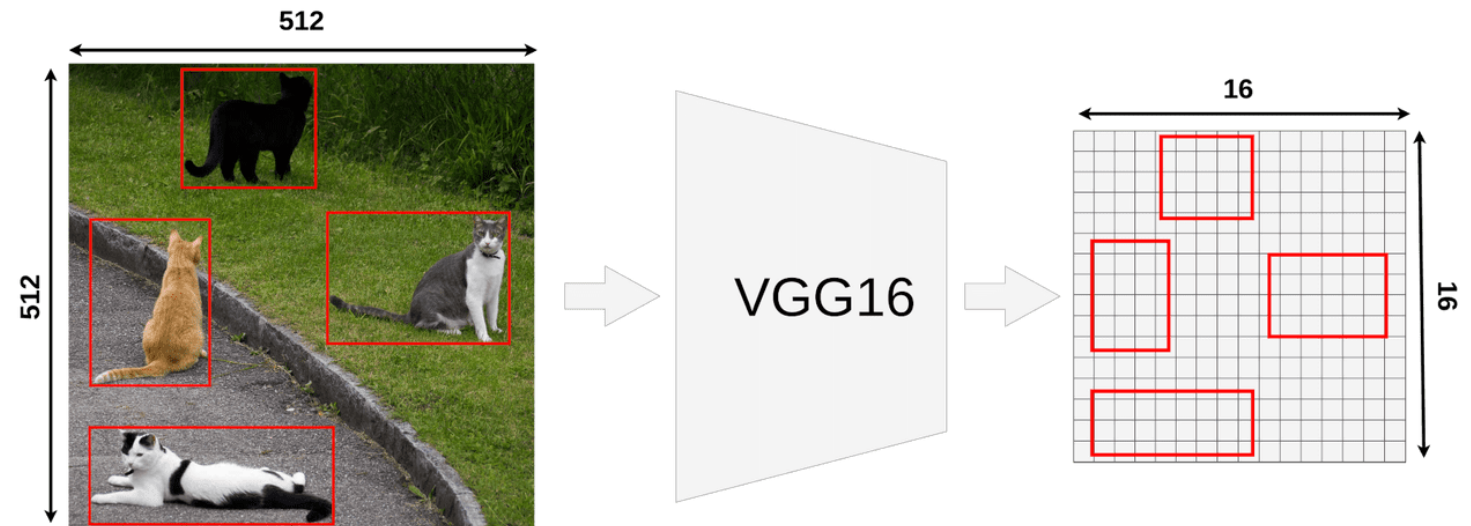
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# ROIAlign Motivation: Revisiting Faster R-CNN



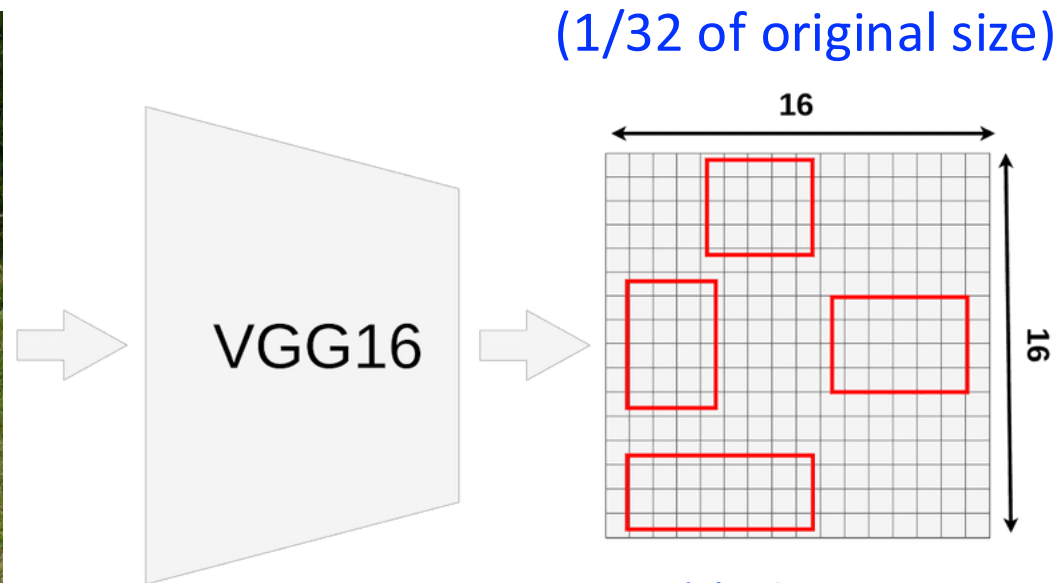
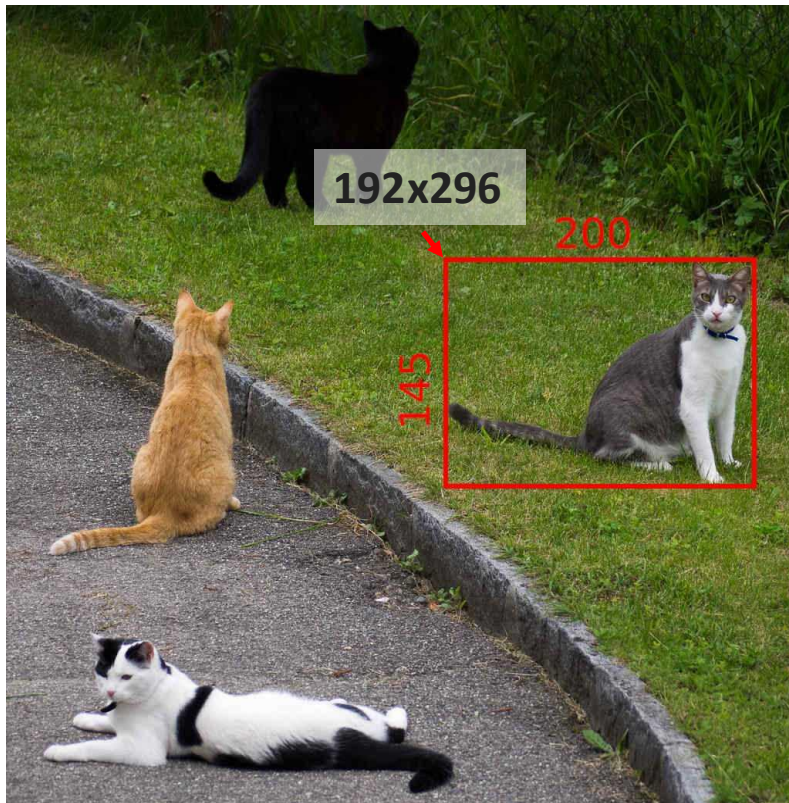
Problem 1: quantization of region proposals in a downsized feature map  
e.g.,  $1/32$  of the size ( $512/32 = 16$ )



<https://erdem.pl/2020/02/understanding-region-of-interest-ro-i-pooling>

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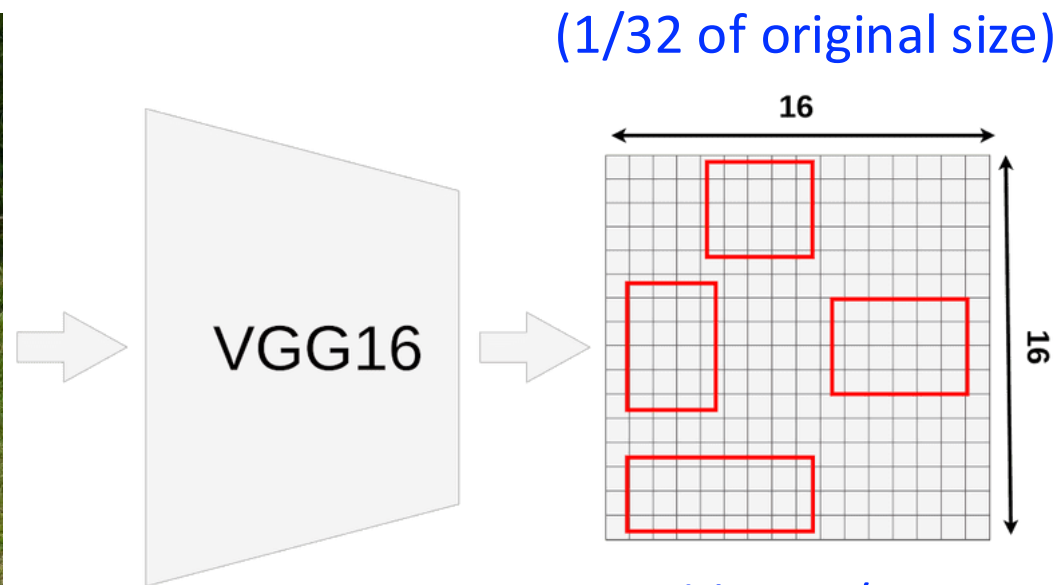
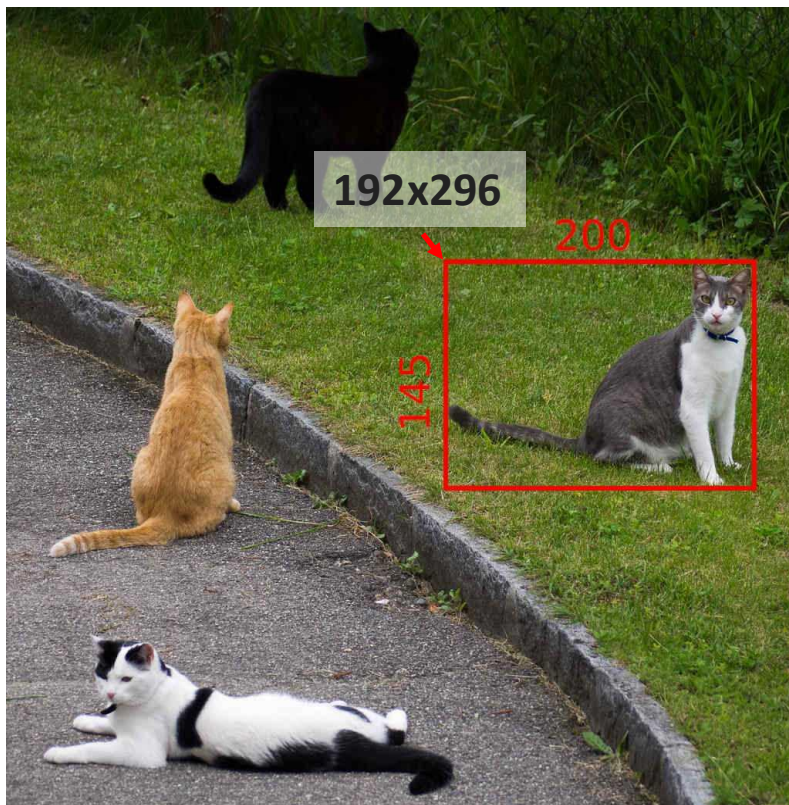
What are the values for the region in the original image in the downsampled feature map?



Width: ?  
Height: ?  
Upper-left X: ?  
Upper-left Y: ?

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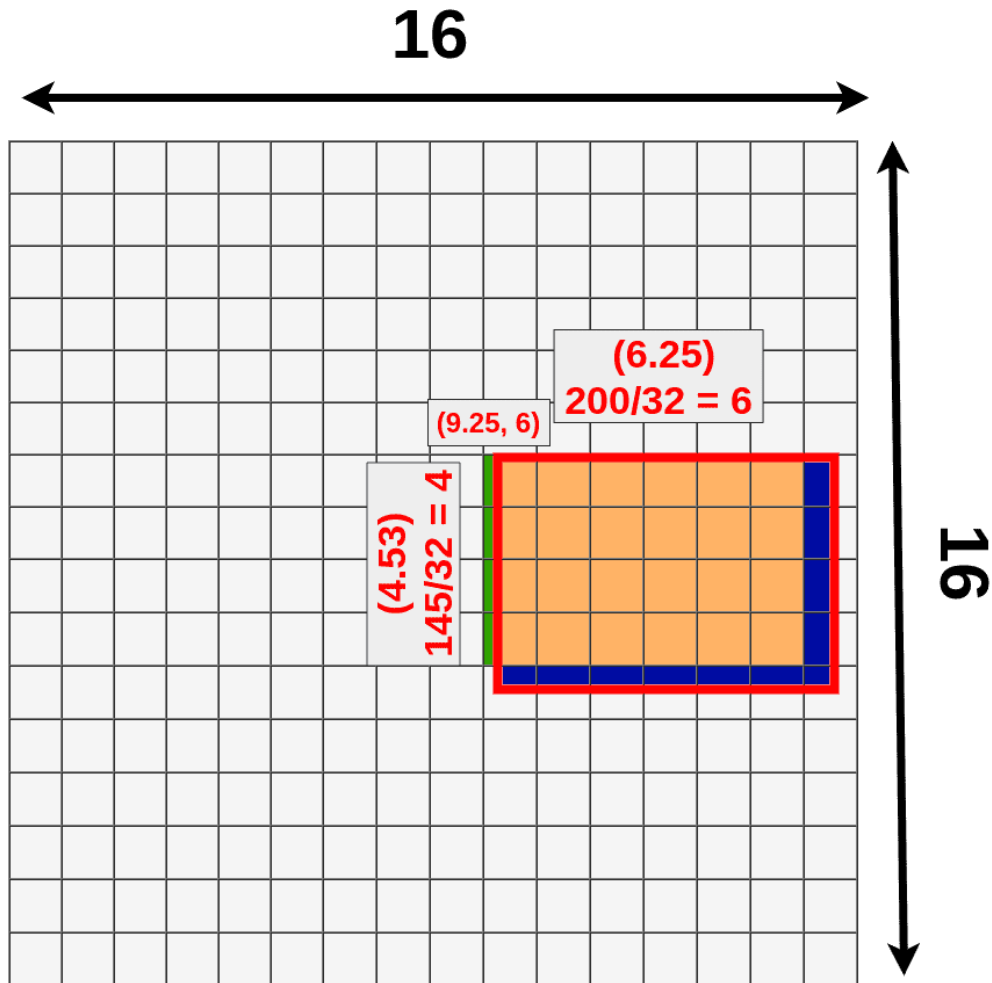
Width:  $200/32 = 6.25$

Height:  $145/32 = \sim 4.53$

Upper-left X:  $192/32 = 9.25$

Upper-left Y:  $145/32 = 6$

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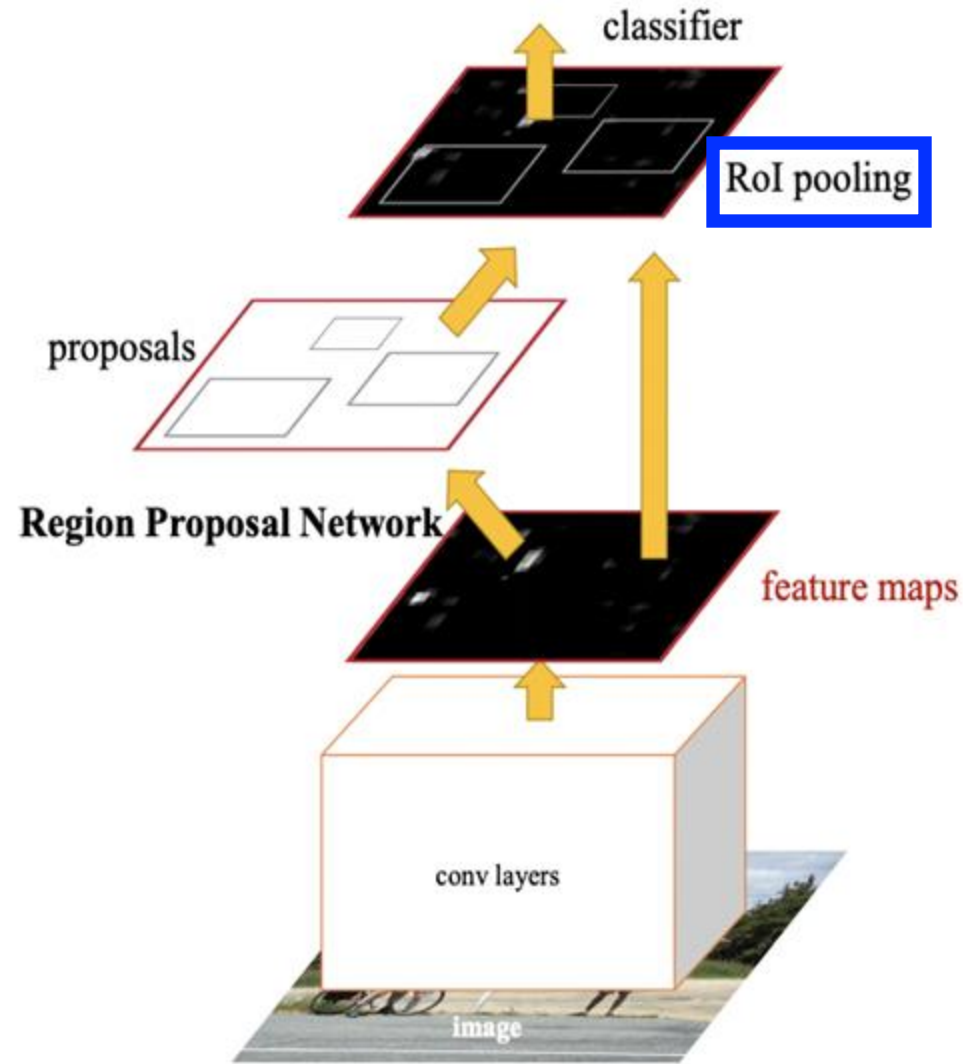
Original region on feature map

Quantized variant: values rounded down to only include a discrete set of integers to match the grid

- Original information preserved
- Information added
- Information lost

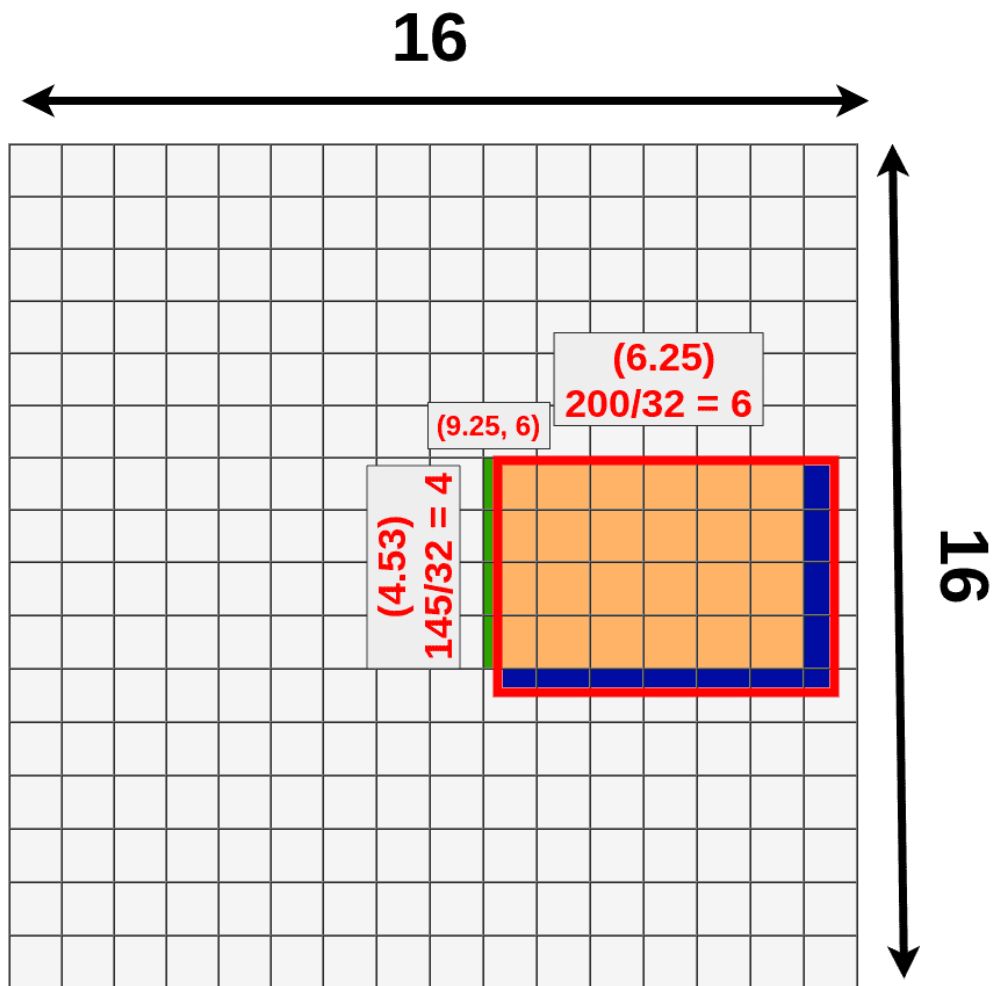
Quantization changes the information utilized from the original image, losing information about the object and adding extra image context (recall, the original image is orders of magnitude larger than the feature map!)

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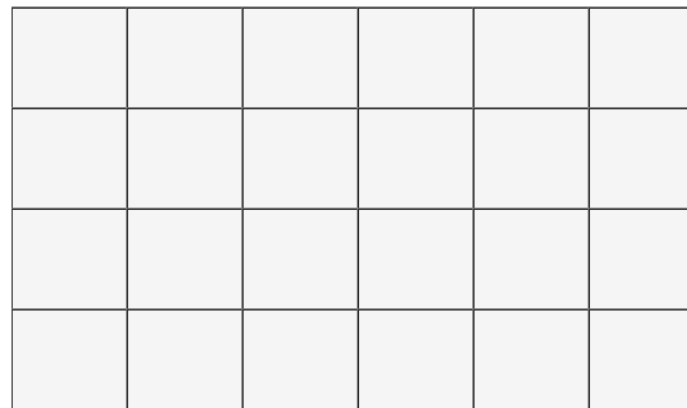
Problem 2: Quantization when pooling region proposals of various sizes to the fixed size required by the fully connected layer

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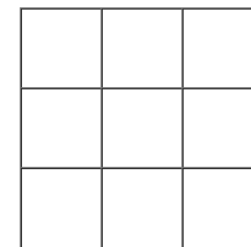


e.g., convert quantized 4x6 region into a 3x3 feature

4x6 RoI



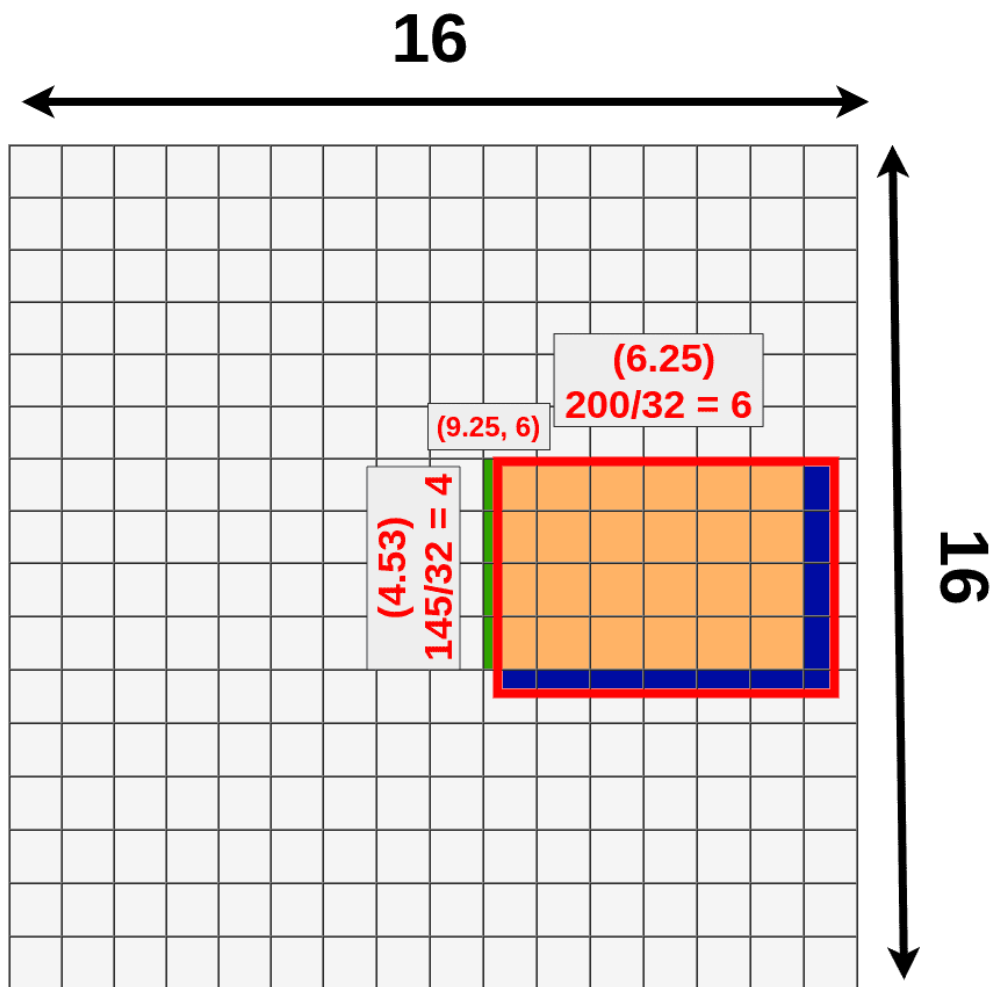
3x3 RoI Pooling



**Quantized approach:** identify discrete integers for pooling to result in the target size

e.g.,  $4/3 = 1.3 \rightarrow 1$  and  $6/3 = 2$

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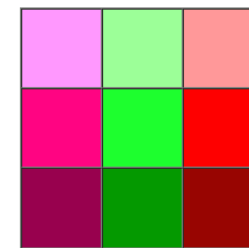


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4x6 RoI

0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6
1	0.7	0.2	0.6	0.1	0.9
0.9	0.8	0.7	0.3	0.5	0.2

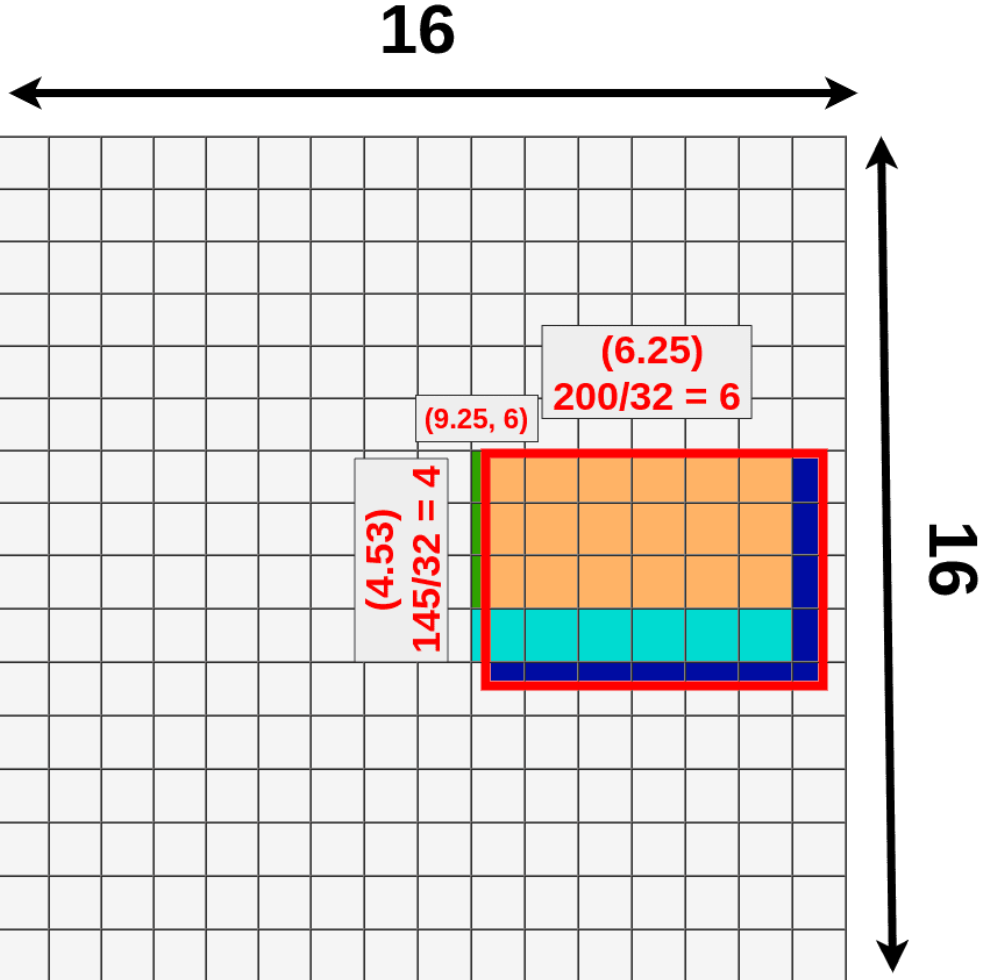
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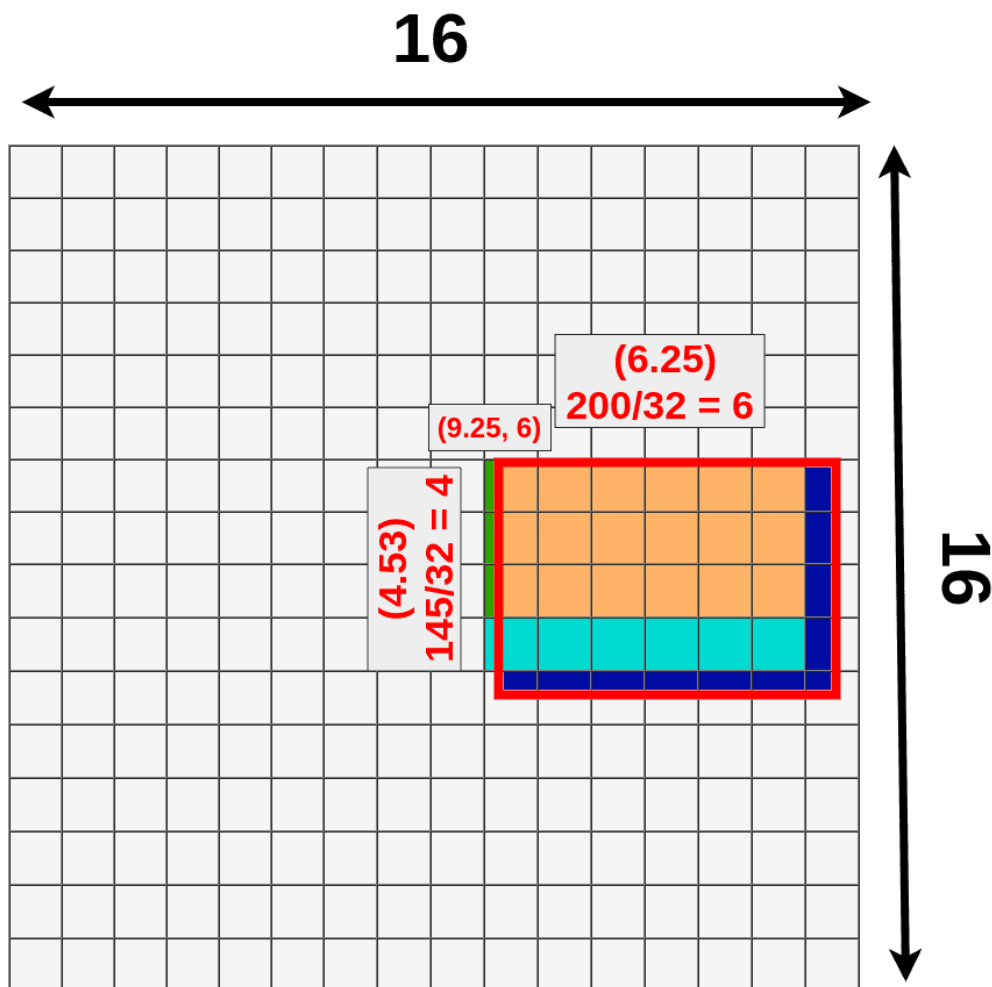
Again, quantization discards information about the object from the original image (recall, the original image is orders of magnitude larger than the feature map!)

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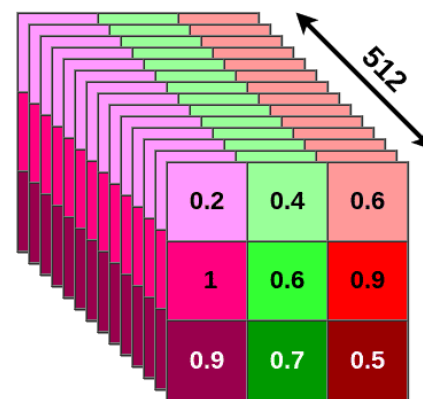


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3x3 RoI Pooling (full size)

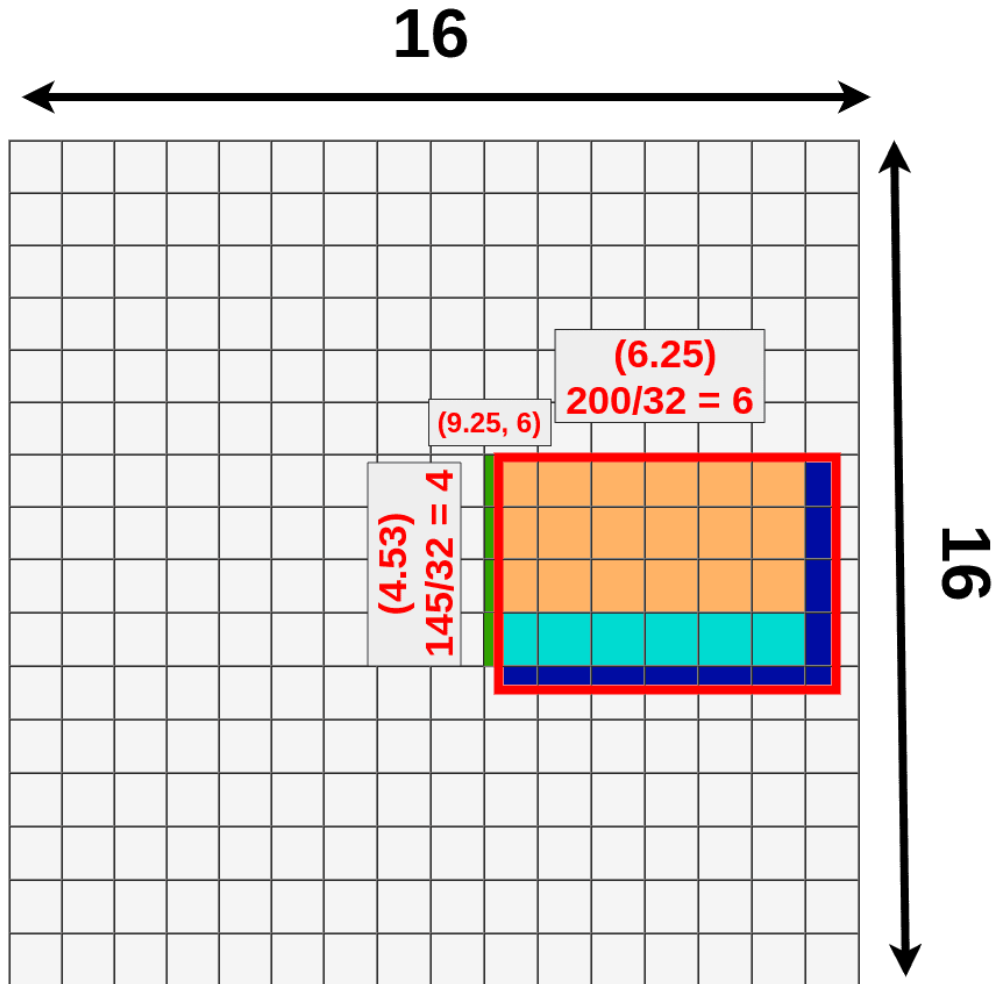


Information is lost for *all* channels for *every* region proposal (each of which is used to predict a class and bounding box)!

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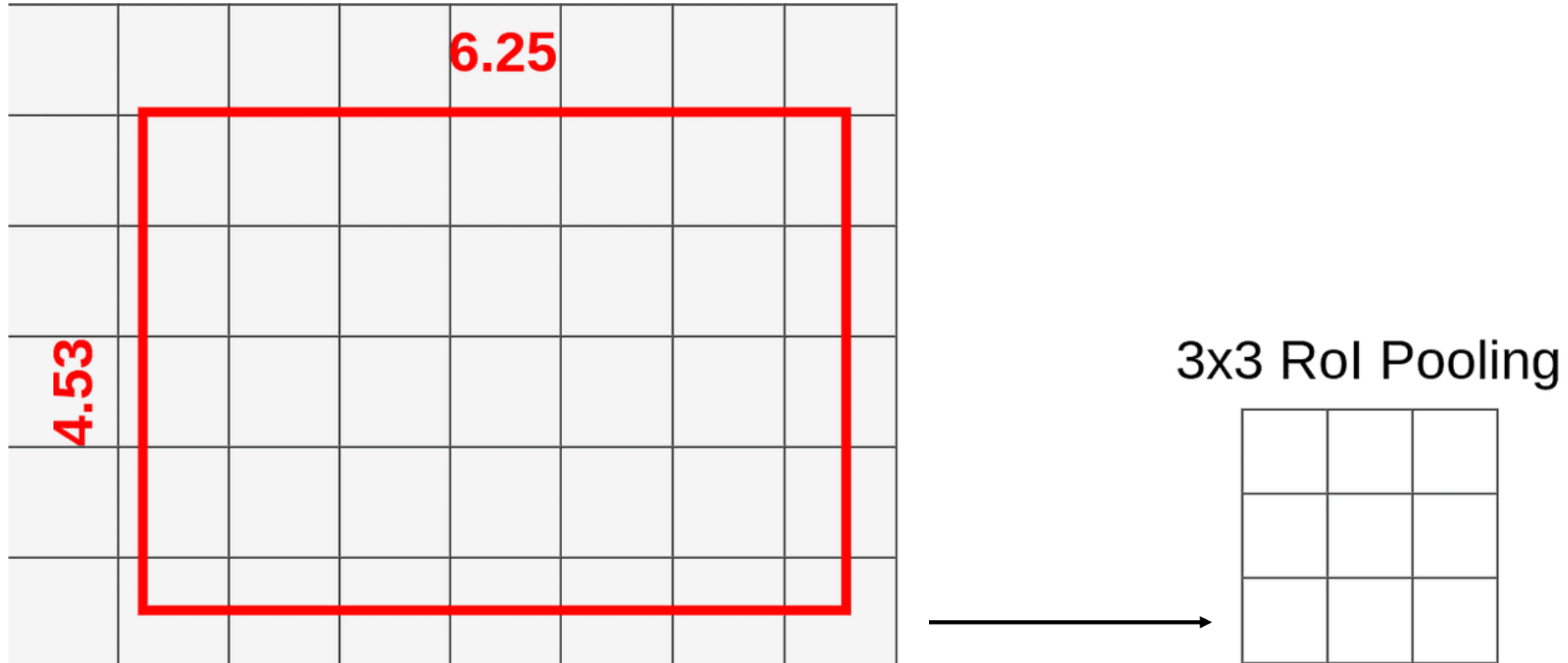
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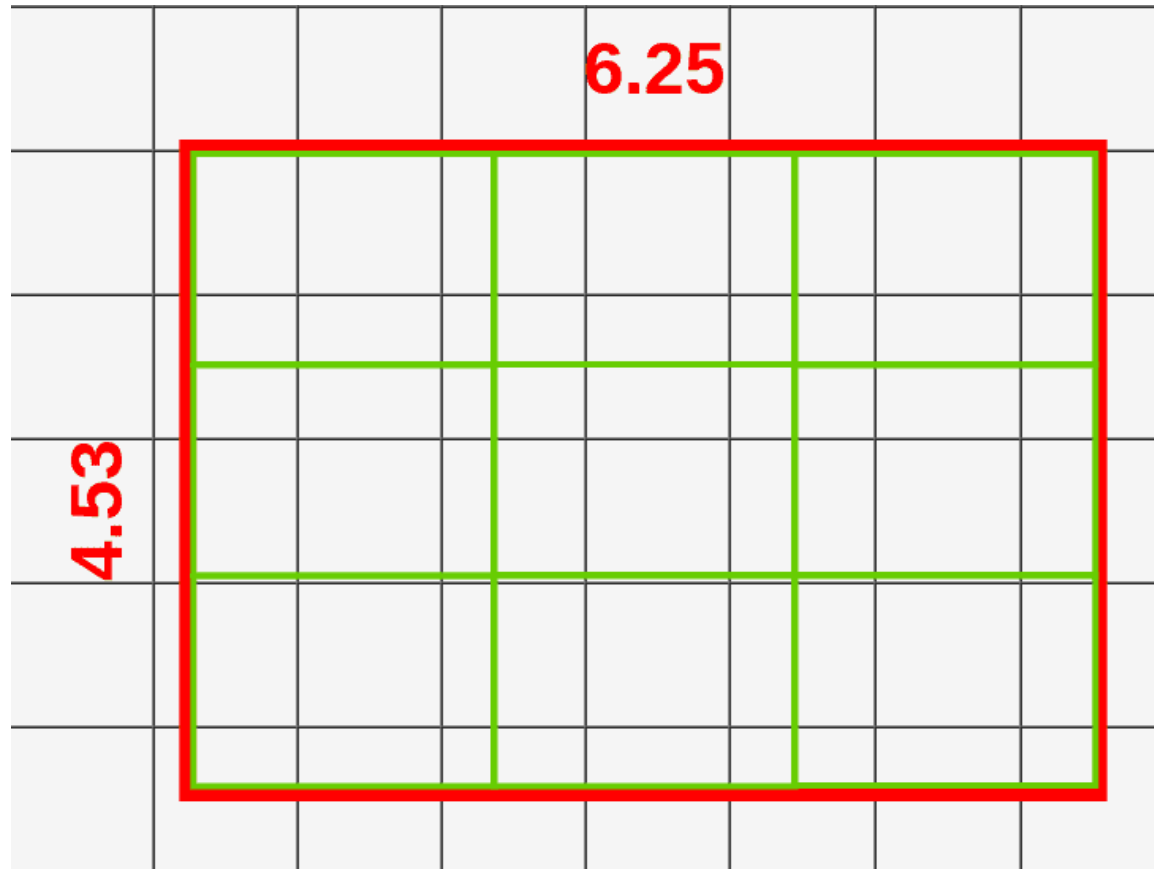
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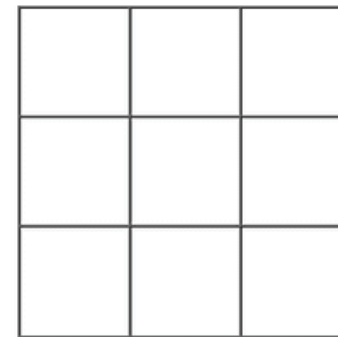
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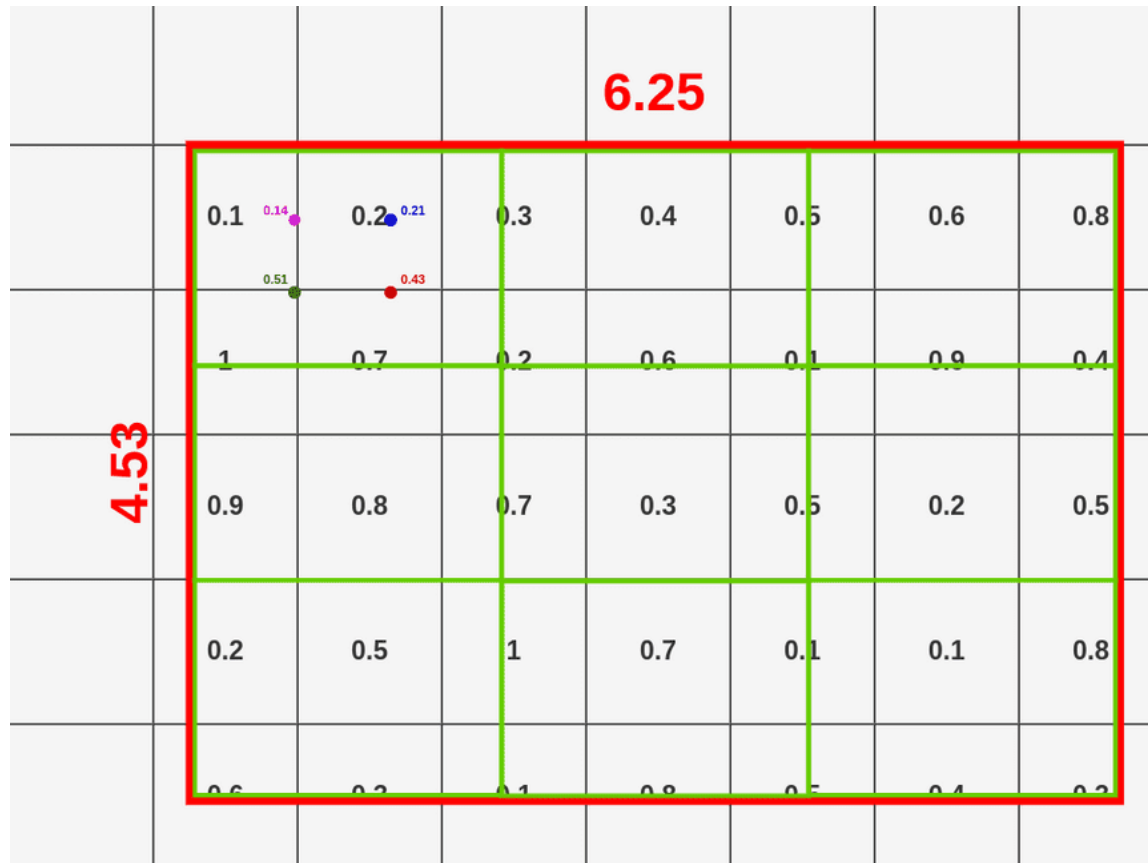
Divide **region** into 9 **equal sized boxes**; what is the size of each box?

$$- 6.25/3 \times 4.53/3 = 2.08 \times 1.51$$

3x3 RoI Pooling



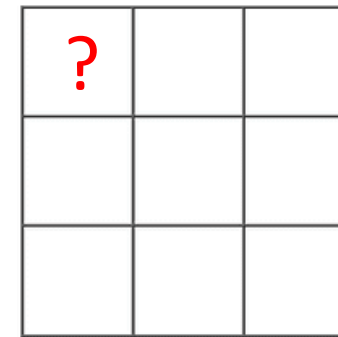
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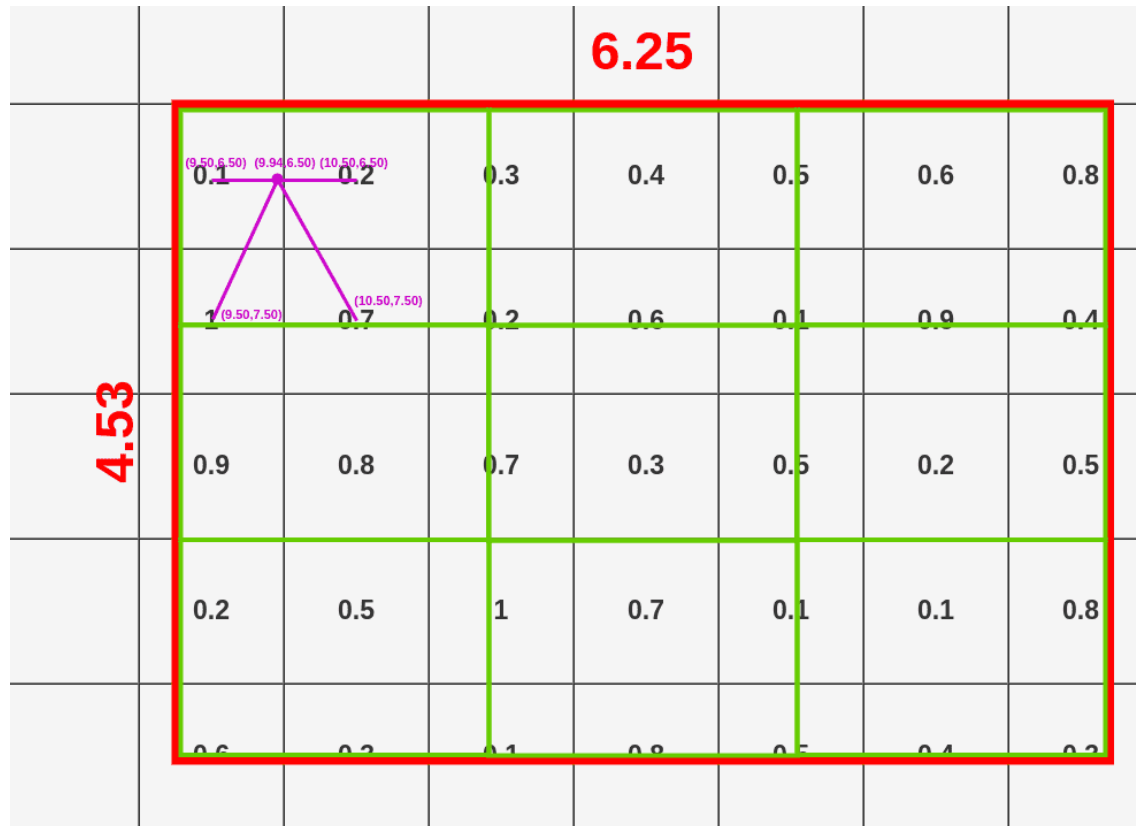
Perform pooling on sampled values in each box  
- e.g.,  $\max(0.14, 0.21, 0.51, 0.43) = ?$

How do we find the four sample values?

3x3 RoI Pooling

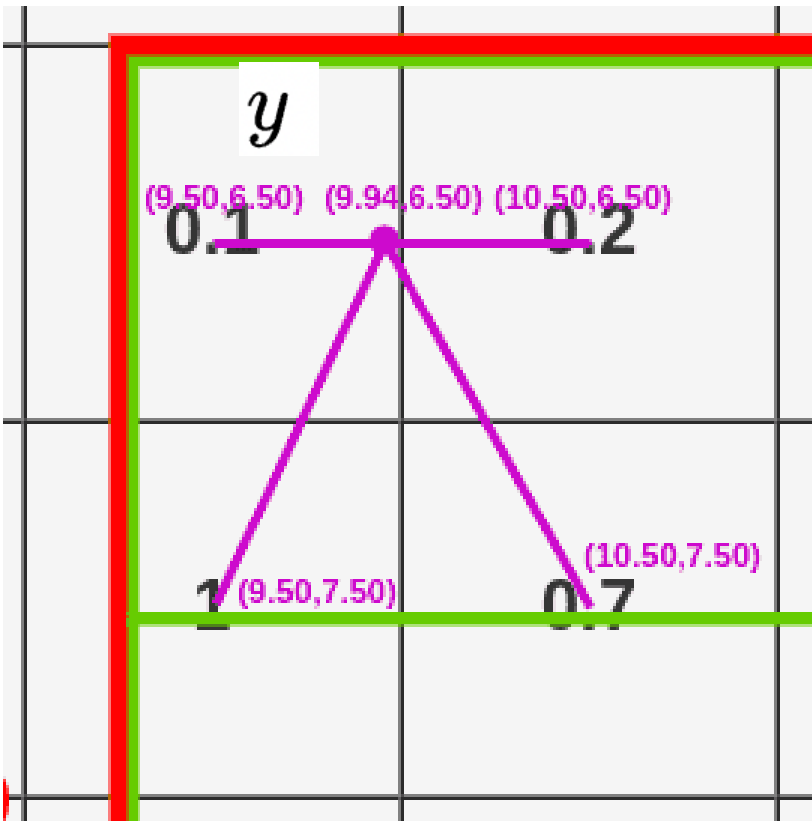


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Compute each sample value with interpolation between 4 points

# ROIAlign: Pooling *Without* Quantization



Compute each sample value with interpolation between 4 points:

1. Identify sample location

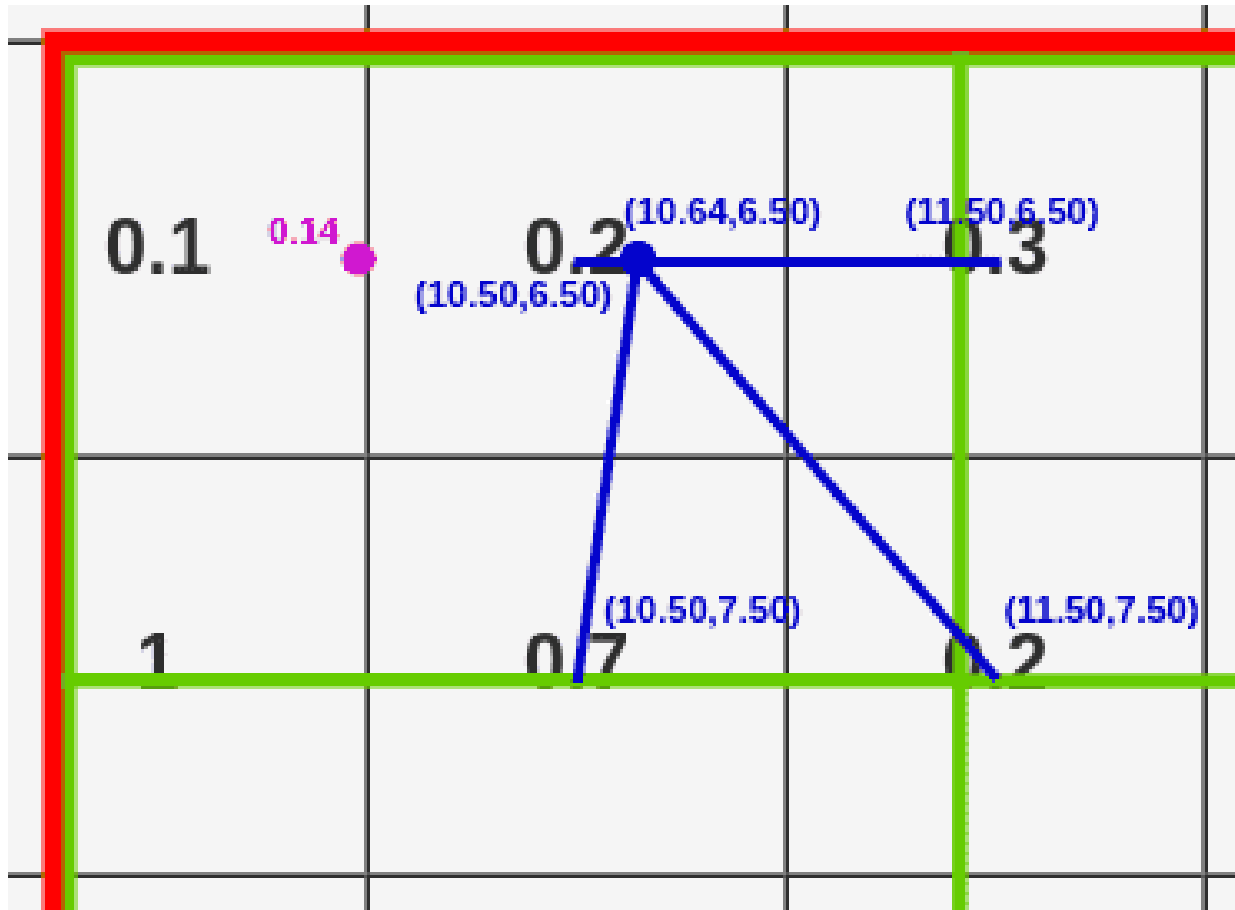
$$y \begin{cases} X = X_{\text{box}} + (\text{width}/3) * 1 = 9.25 + (2.08/3) = 9.94 \\ Y = Y_{\text{box}} + (\text{height}/3) * 1 = 6 + (1.51/3) = 6.50 \end{cases}$$

2. Identify 4 points for interpolation, using the middle of each closest neighboring box in each direction
3. Calculate value using bilinear interpolation (= 0.14)

$$P \approx \frac{y_2 - y}{y_2 - y_1} \left( \frac{x_2 - x}{x_2 - x_1} Q_{11} + \frac{x - x_1}{x_2 - x_1} Q_{21} \right) + \frac{y - y_1}{y_2 - y_1} \left( \frac{x_2 - x}{x_2 - x_1} Q_{12} + \frac{x - x_1}{x_2 - x_1} Q_{22} \right)$$

$$\approx \frac{7.5 - 6.5}{7.5 - 6.5} \left( \frac{10.5 - 9.94}{10.5 - 9.5} 0.1 + \frac{9.94 - 9.5}{10.5 - 9.5} 0.2 \right) + \frac{6.5 - 6.5}{7.5 - 6.5} \left( \frac{10.5 - 9.94}{10.5 - 9.5} 1 + \frac{9.94 - 9.5}{10.5 - 9.5} 0.7 \right)$$

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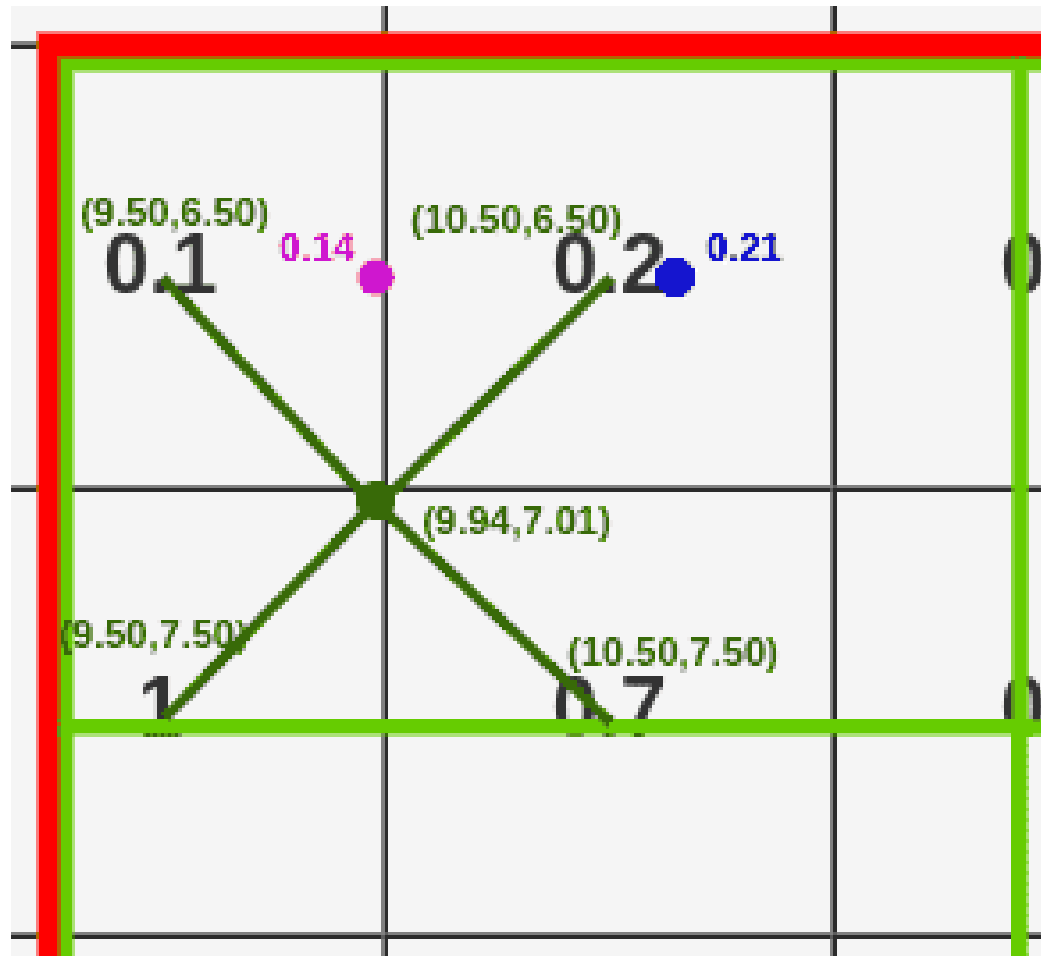


Compute each sample value with interpolation between 4 points:

1. Identify sample location
2. Identify 4 points for interpolation, using the middle of each closest neighboring box in each direction
3. Calculate value using bilinear interpolation (=0.21)



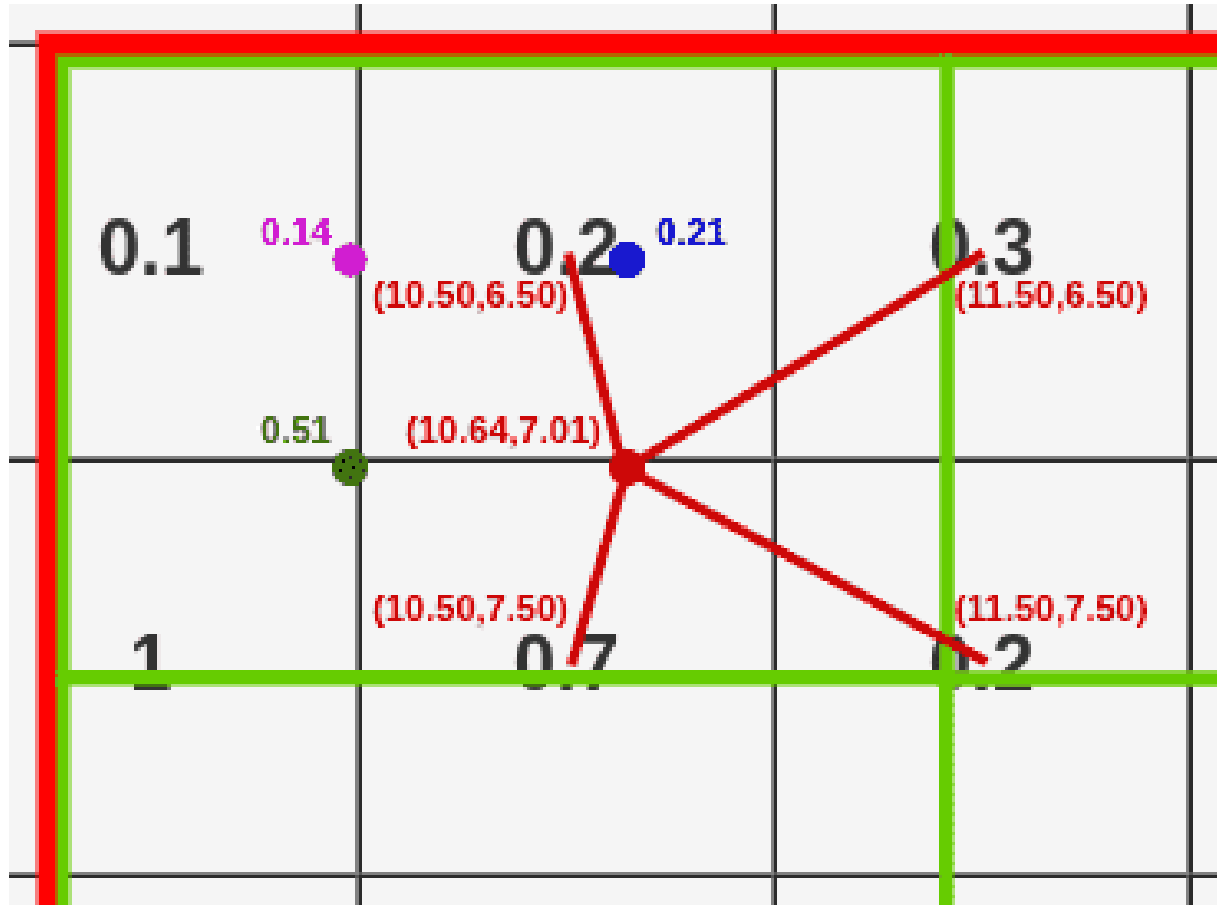
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Compute each sample value with interpolation between 4 points:

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3. Calculate value using bilinear interpolation (=0.51)

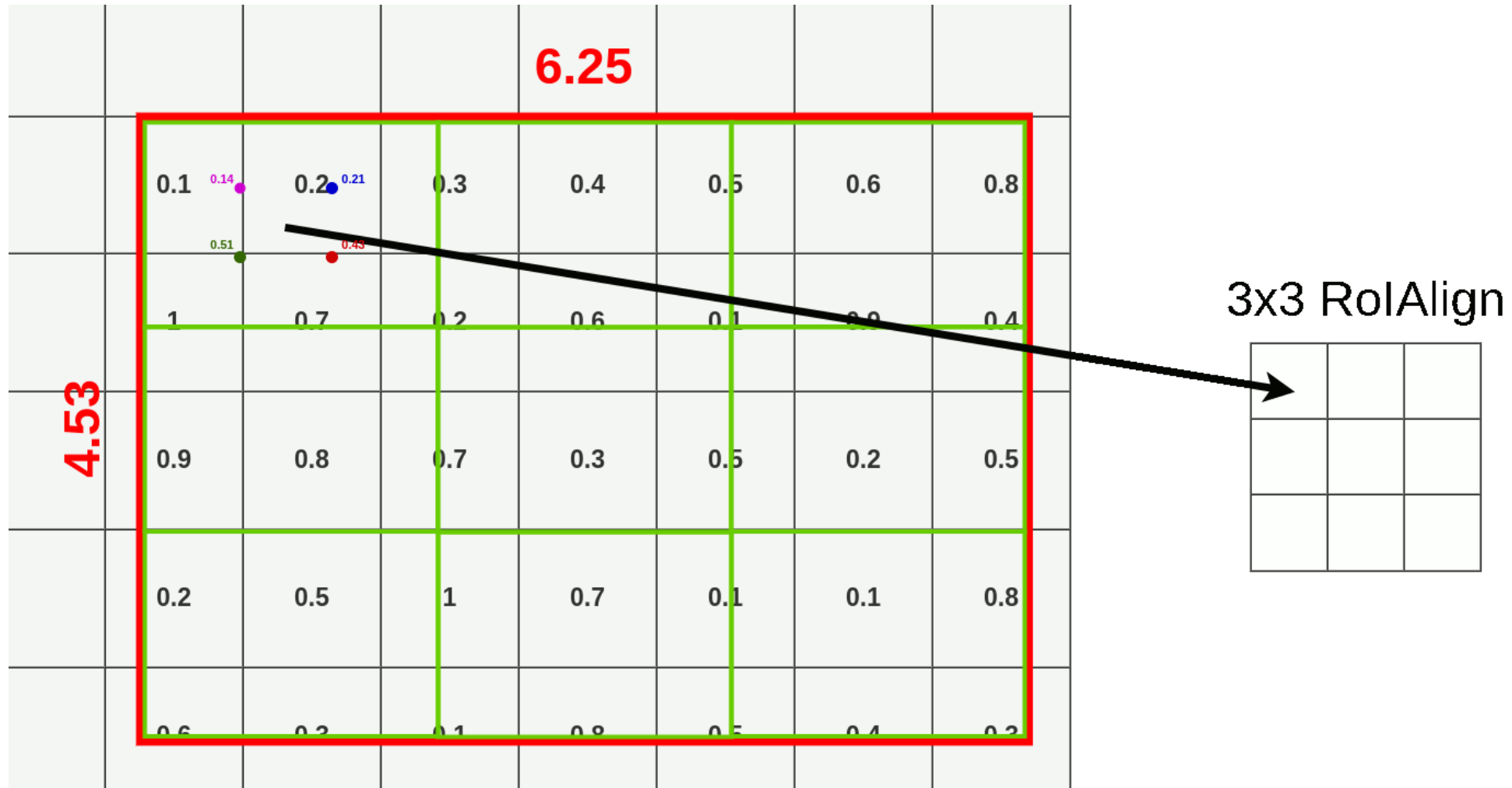
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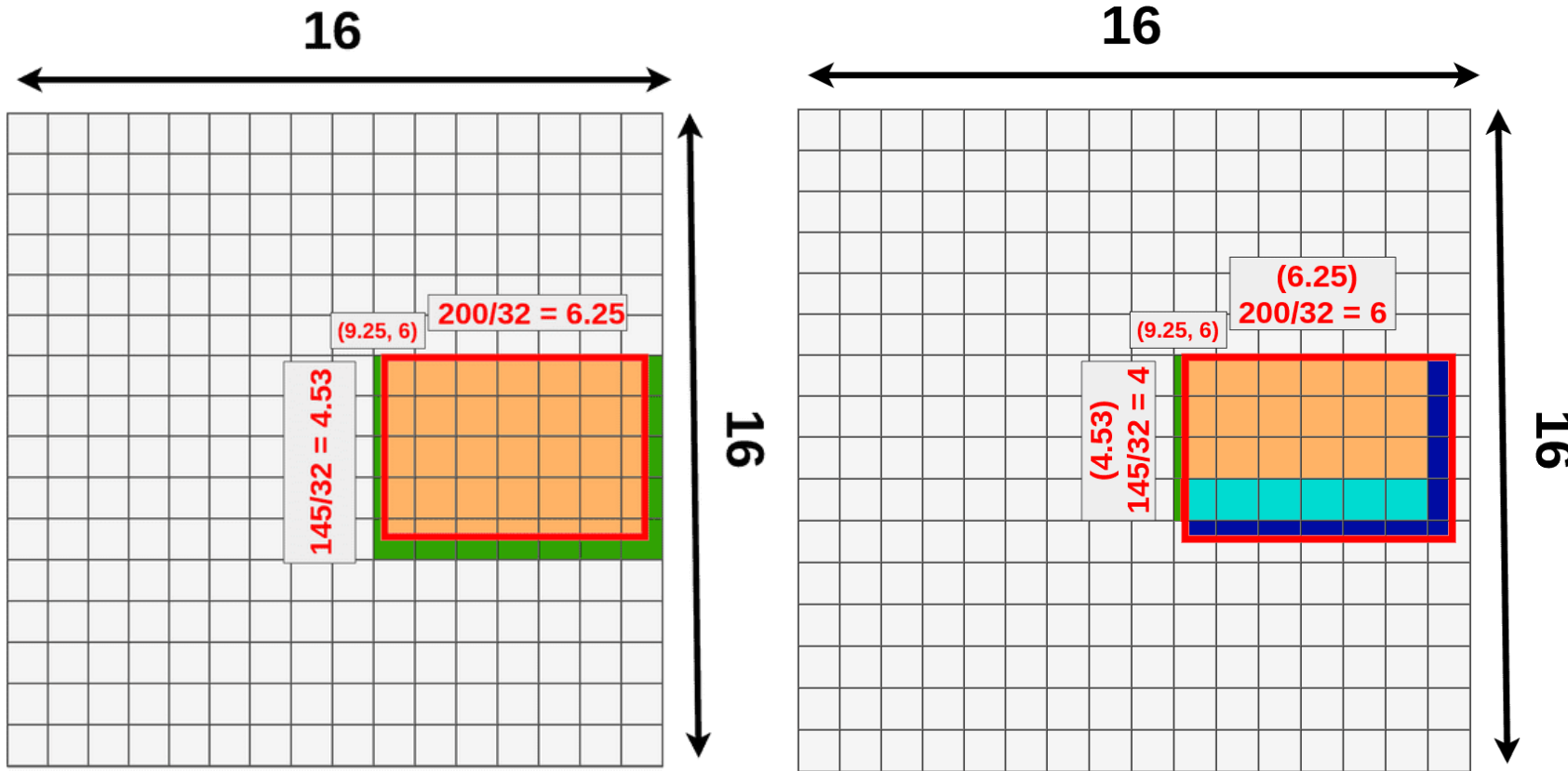
Compute each sample value with interpolation between 4 points:

1. Identify sample location
2. Identify 4 points for interpolation, using the middle of each closest neighboring box in each direction
3. Calculate value using bilinear interpolation (=0.43)

# ROIAlign: Pooling *Without* Quantization



# ROIAlign vs ROI Pooling



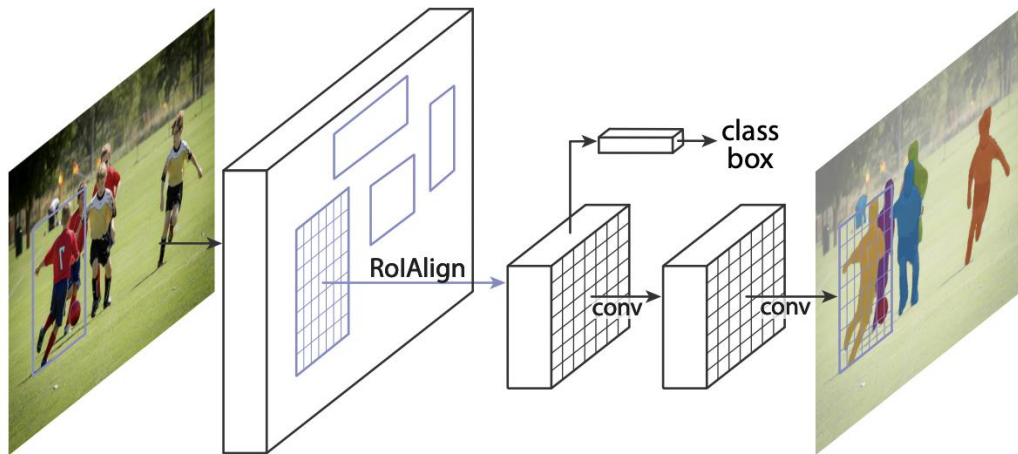
Original region on feature map

Both methods add extra image context

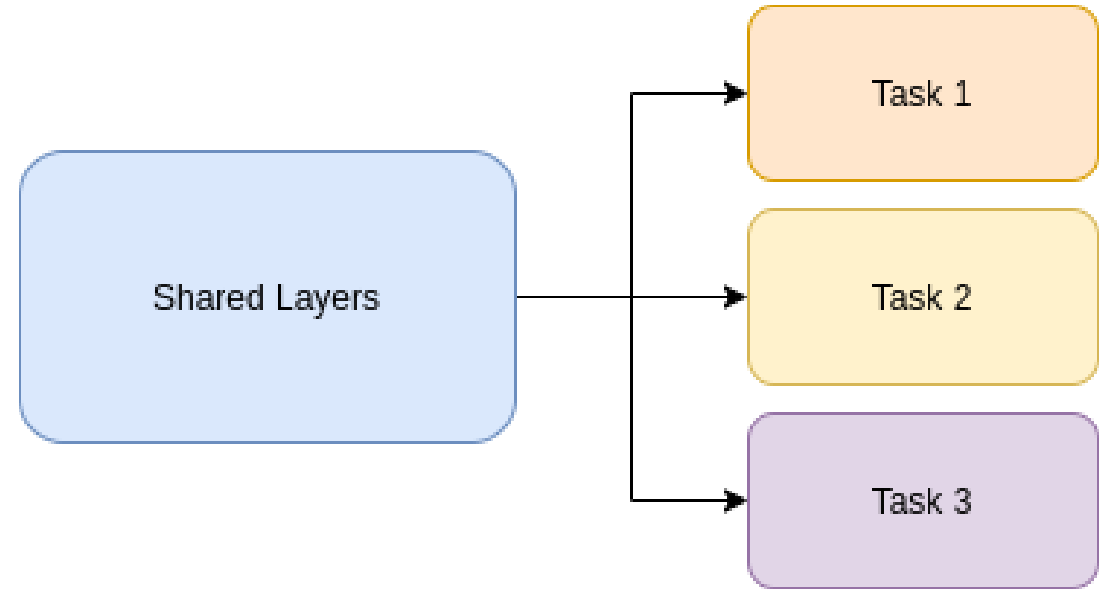
Only ROI pooling loses information about the object from the original image

# Training: Multi-Task Learning

What are the three tasks (and so types of losses) used during training?



He et al. Mask R-CNN. ICCV 2017

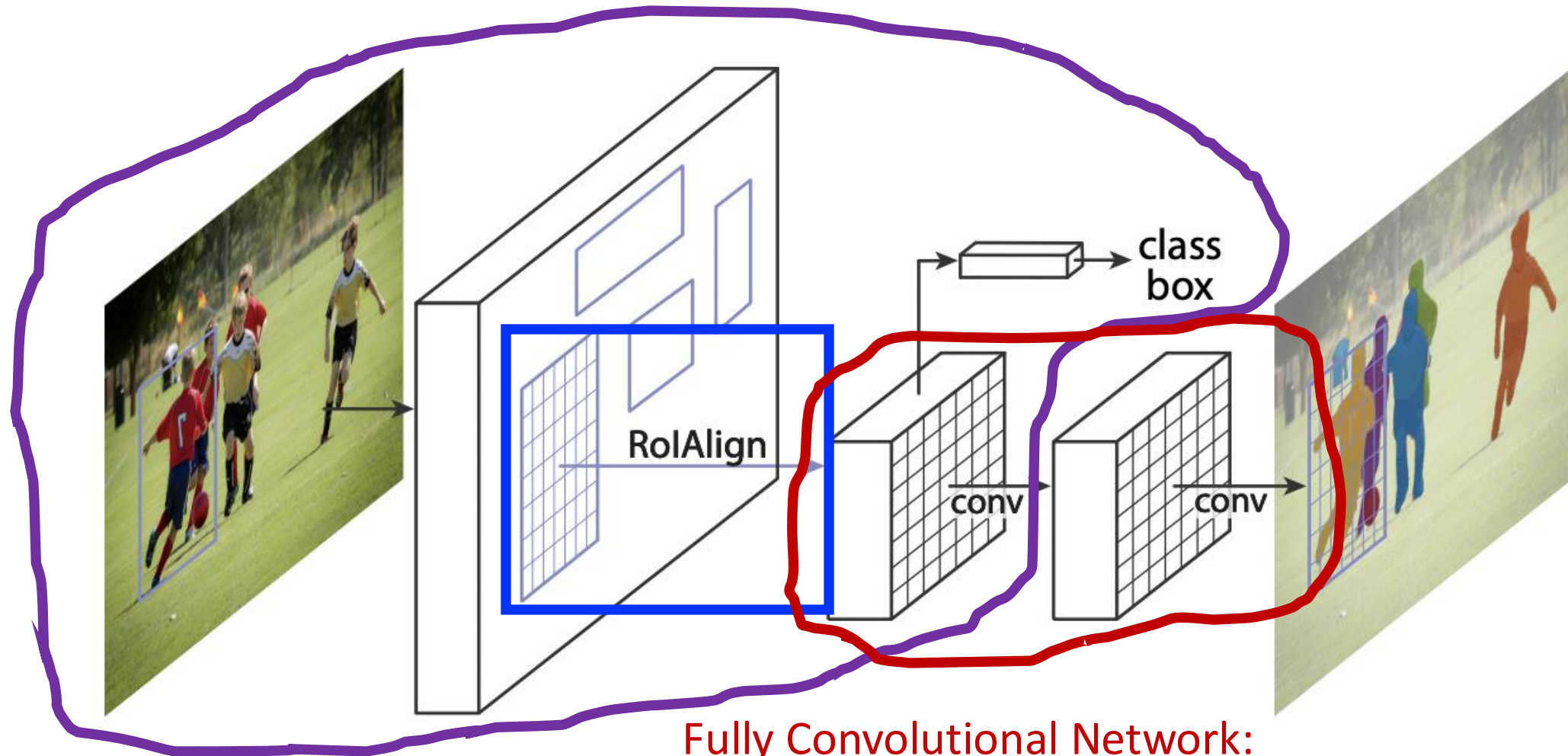


<https://towardsdatascience.com/multi-task-learning-with-pytorch-and-fastai-6d10dc7ce855>

$$L = L_{class} + L_{box} + L_{mask}$$

# Summary: Focus for Today's Coding Tutorial

Faster R-CNN: object detection

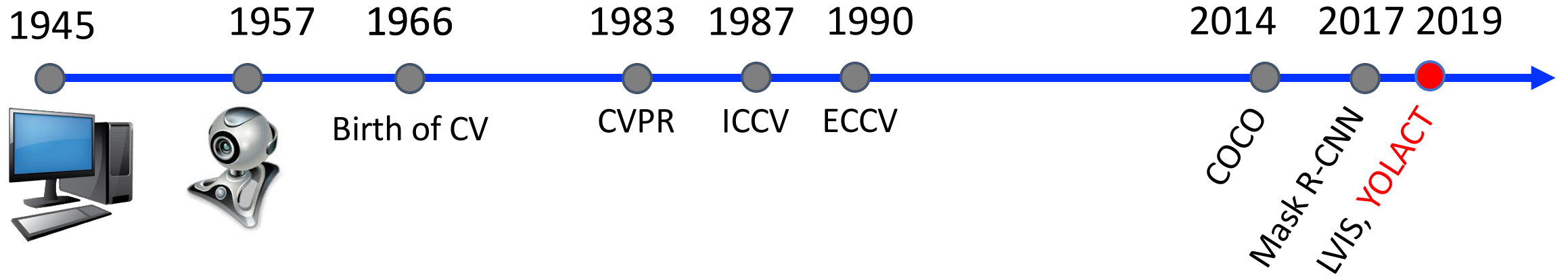


Fully Convolutional Network:  
semantic segmentation

# Instance Segmentation: Today's Topics

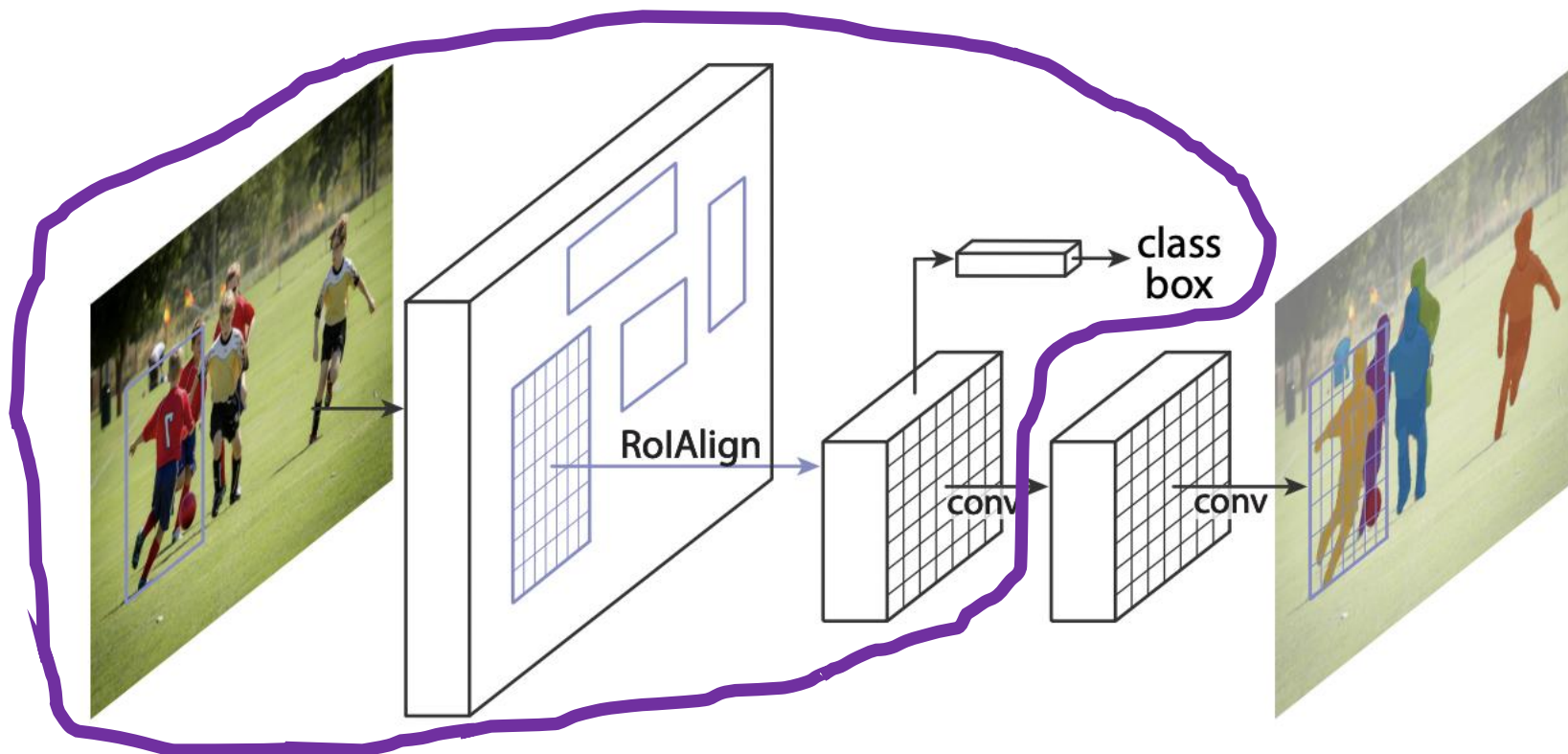
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- Datasets
- Evaluation metric
- Mask R-CNN
- YOLACT

# Historical Context



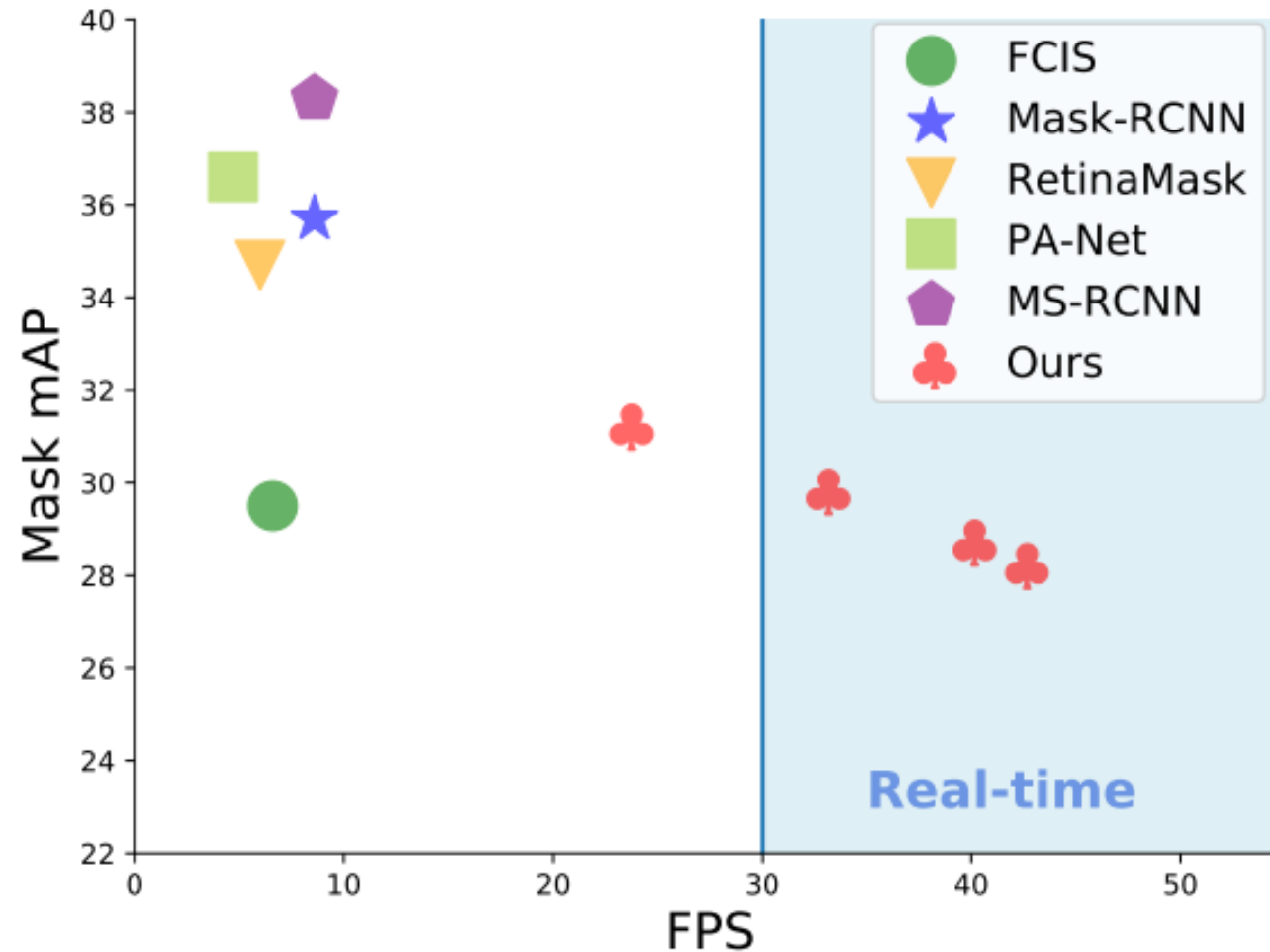


# Motivation: Sequential 2-Stage Methods Are Slow



e.g., Faster R-CNN (1) generates features of a pre-defined size for each candidate region (i.e., output of the pooling method) which is then used for (2) mask prediction

# YOLOACT Contribution: First Real-Time Instance Segmentation Model With Strong Performance



# YOLOACT Demo



[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AJXCYks2\\_6s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AJXCYks2_6s)

# Why YOLACT?

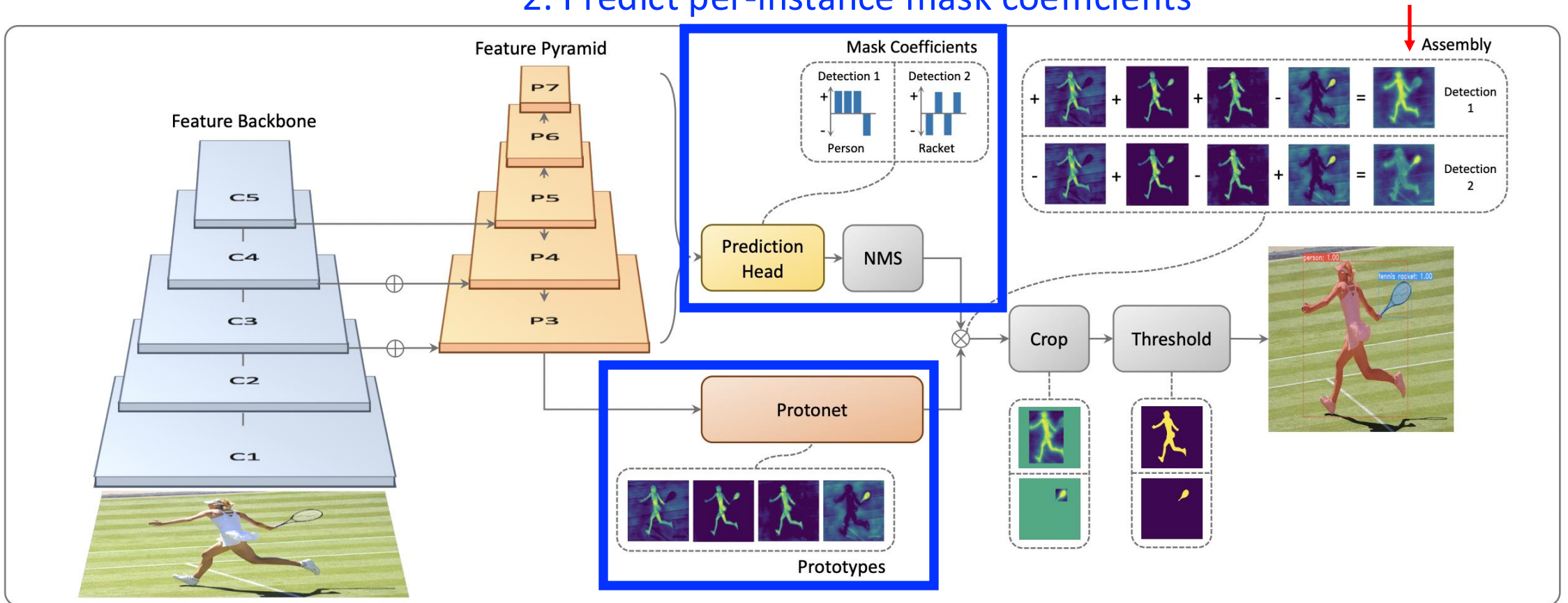
Named after the approach where **You Only Look At Coefficients**:

Daniel Bolya, Chongy Zhou, Fanyi Xiao, & Yong Jae Lee. "YOLACT: Real-Time Instance Segmentation." ICCV 2019.

# Architecture: 1-Stage With Two Parallel Tasks (i.e., Doesn't Create Feature Per Region)

## 2. Predict per-instance mask coefficients

(Fast operation)



## 1. Generate $k$ prototype masks (similar to semantic segmentation)

# Training: Multi-Task Learning

- Matches Mask R-CNN with 3 losses for 3 tasks, while also augmenting a coefficient diversity loss

$$L = L_{class} + L_{box} + L_{mask}$$

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*The End*