Case study: FCN

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Fully convolutional networks

- Semantic segmentation by classifying each pixel
 - Fully convolutionally
 - Cross entropy loss at every pixel

Fully Convolutional Networks for Semantic Segmentation, Shelhamer et al., CVPR 2015





Output resolution

- Striding in network reduces output resolution
 - Output segmentation
 16-32x smaller
 - Solution: Upsampling
 - Naive: Linear
 - Up-convolution



Practical considerations

- Output should be at center of receptive field
 - Do the math, or NaN test to verify



How to build an FCN

- Take a classification network
 - Convert linear layers to convolutions
 - Add up-sampling / up-conv
 - Add optional skip connections
- Train fully convolutionally
 - Image-net pre-training helps

