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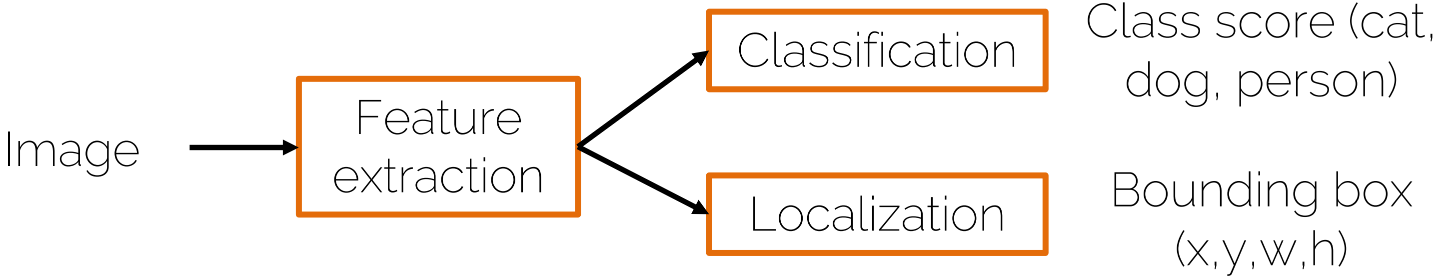

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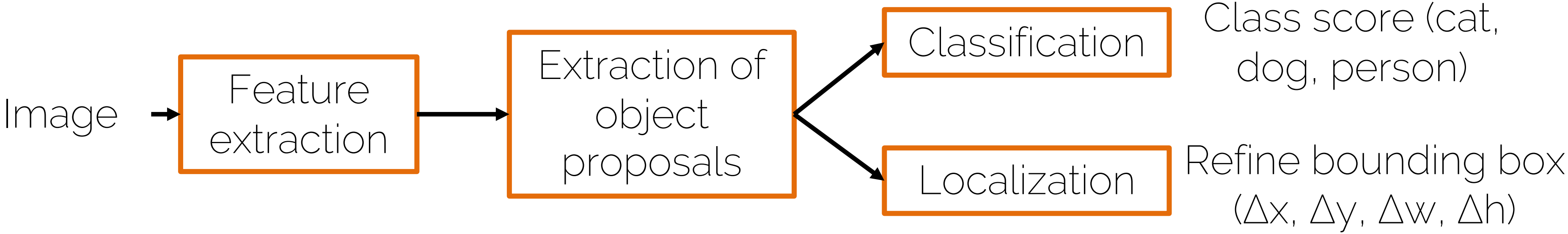

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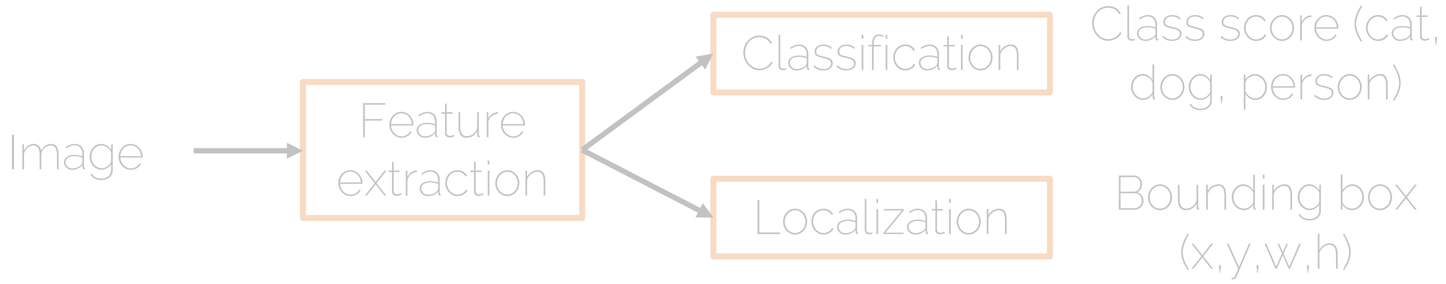

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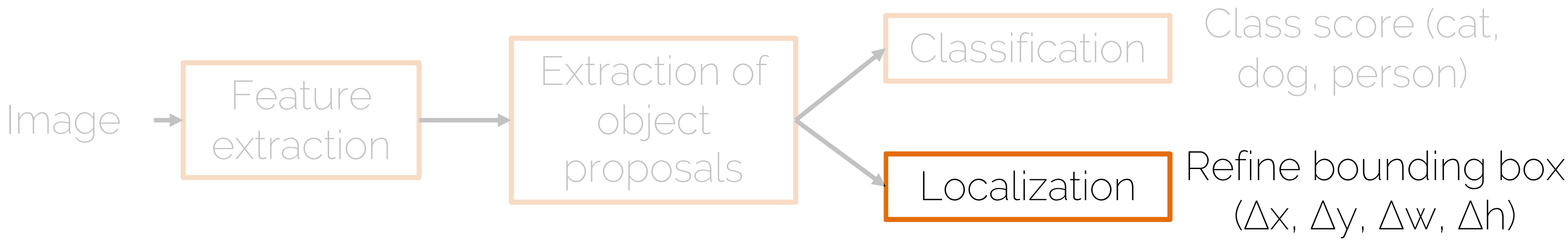

Localization

- Bounding box regression

Image

Feature extraction (this time with a Neural Network)

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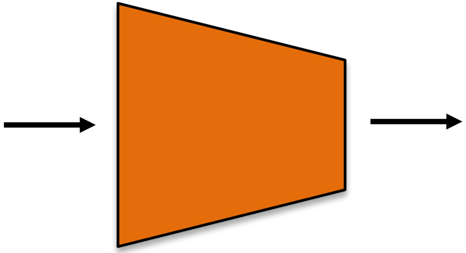

Convolutional
Neural Network

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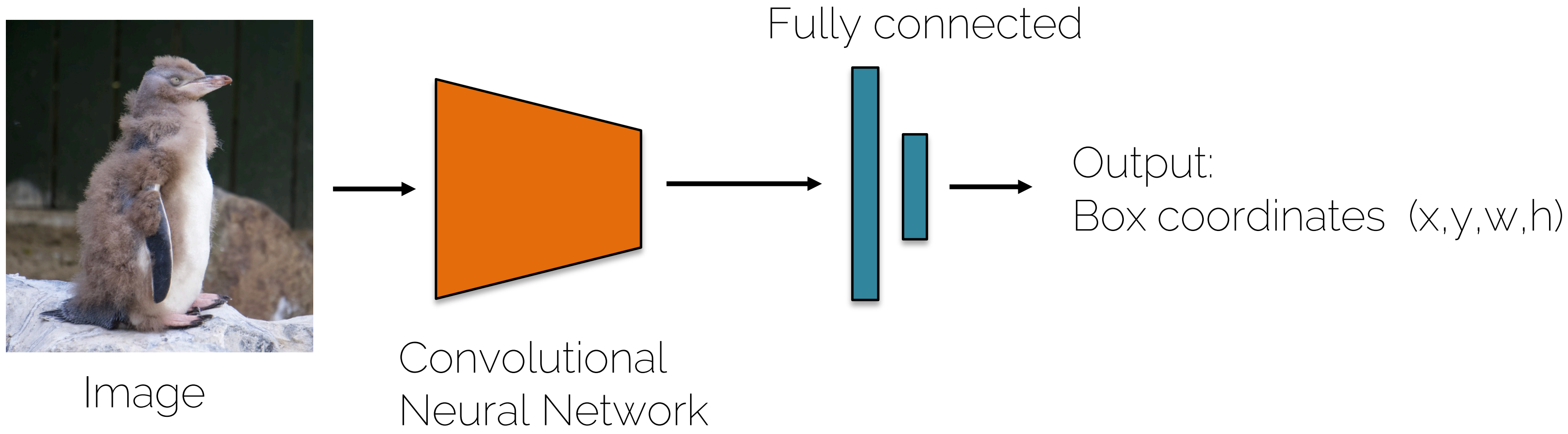

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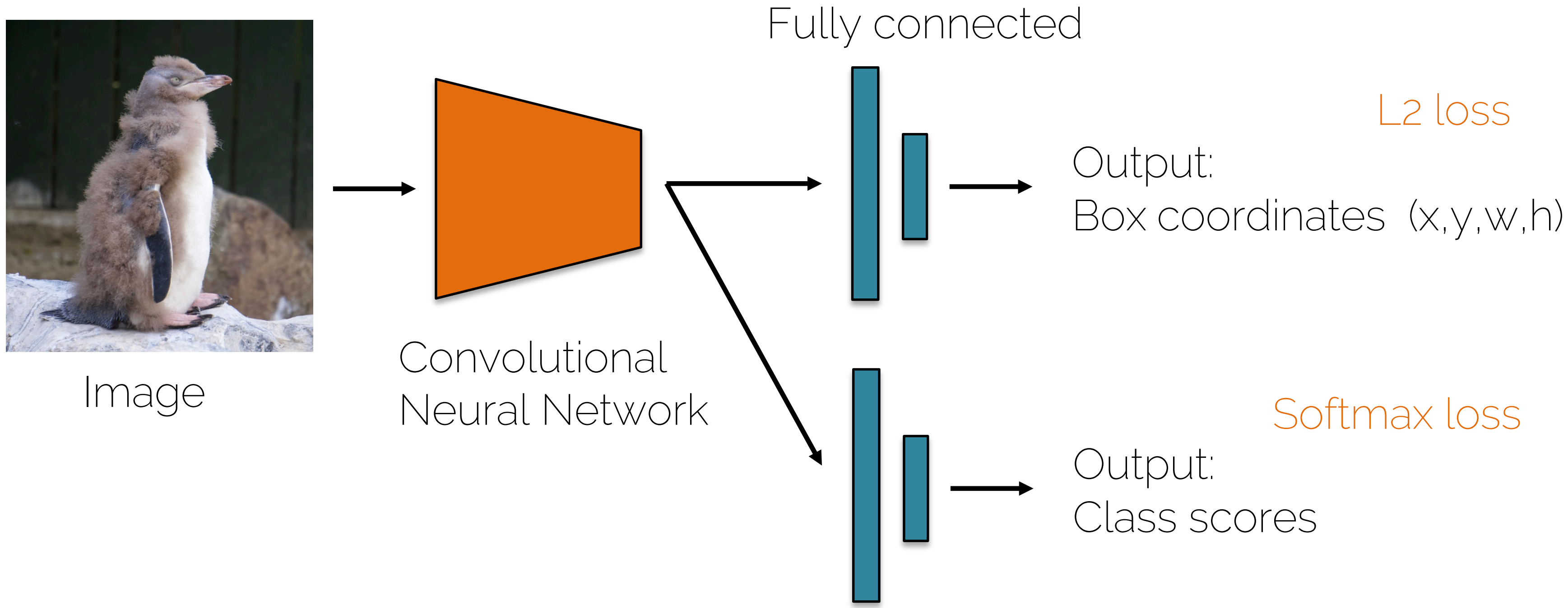

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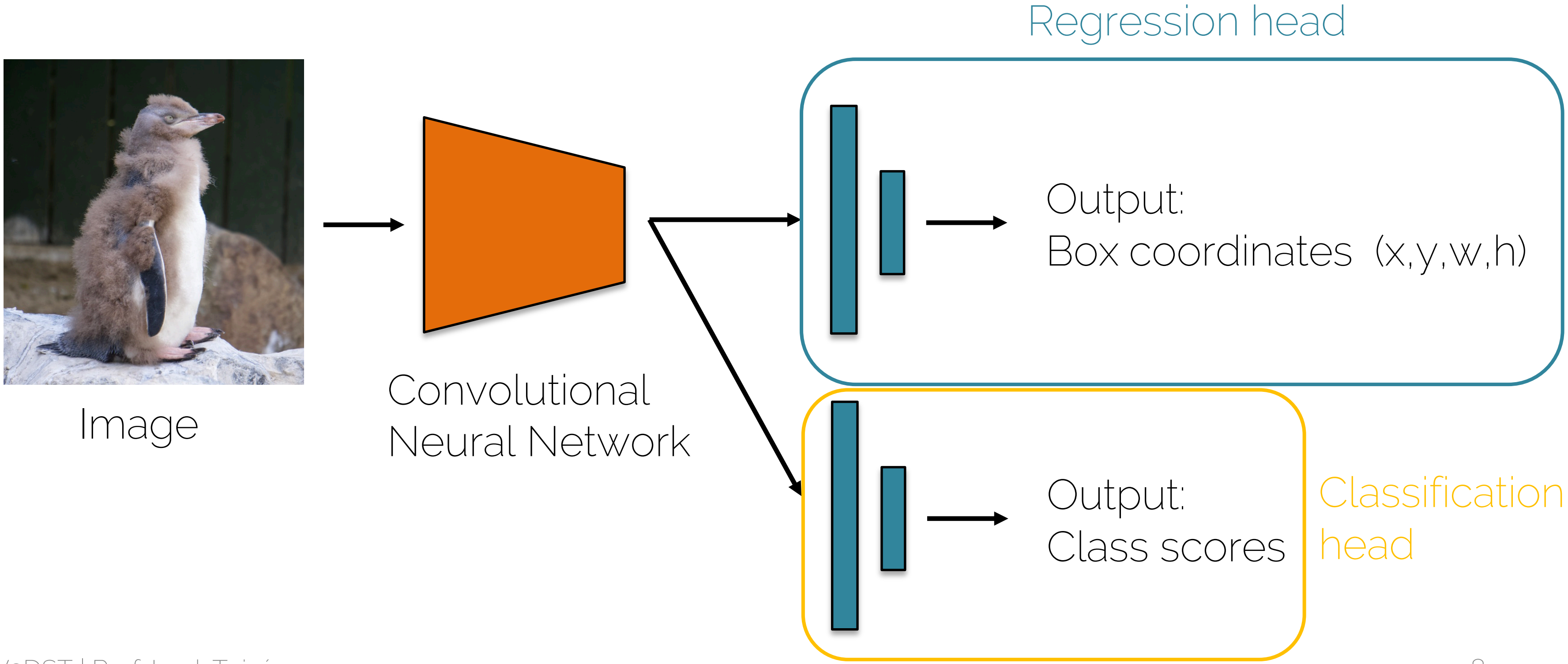

Localization and classification

- It was typical to train the classification head first, freeze the layers
- Then train the regression head

- At test time, we use both!

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Overfeat

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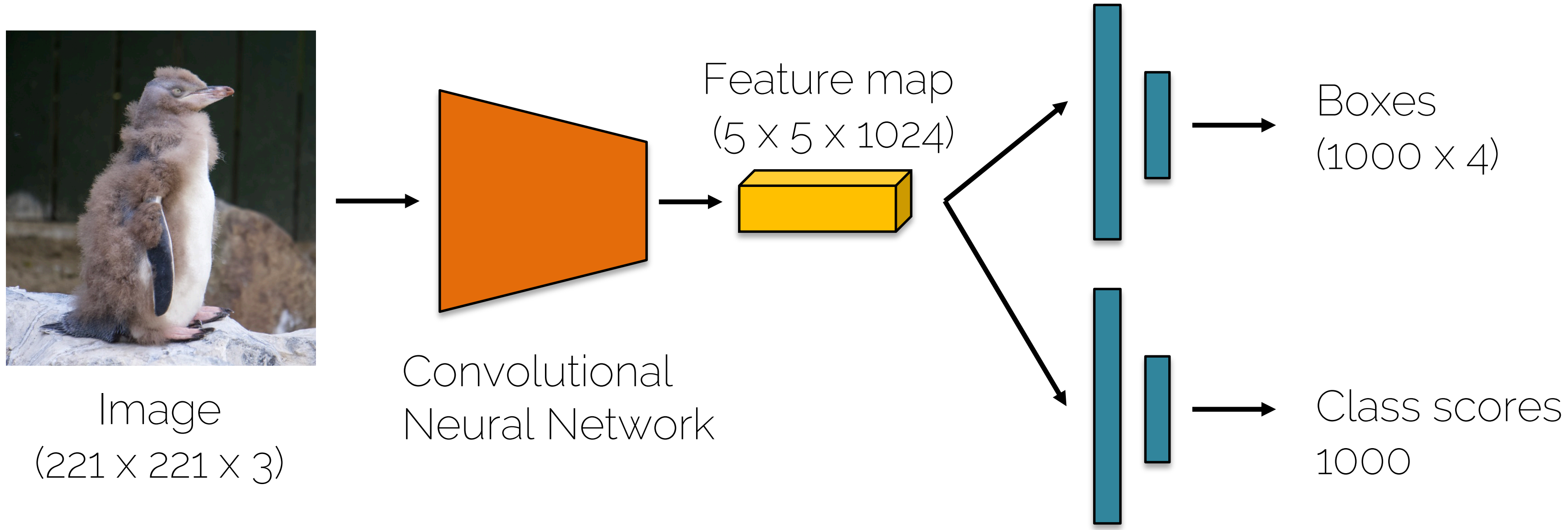

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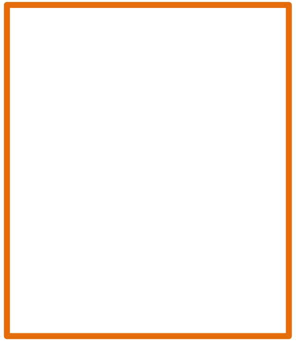

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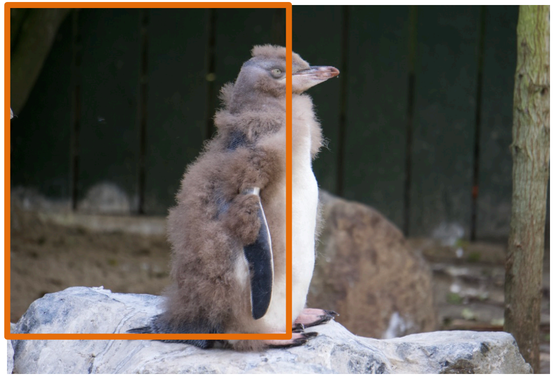

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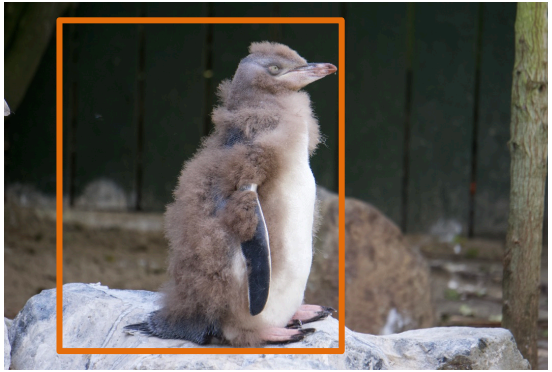

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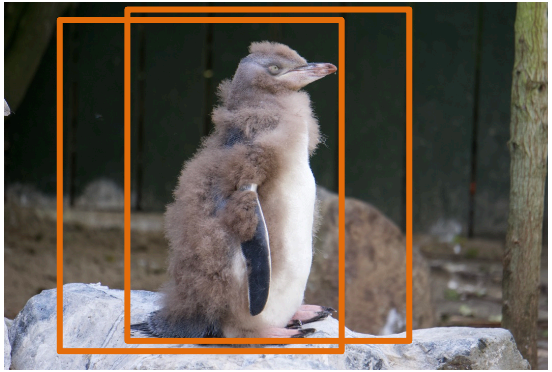

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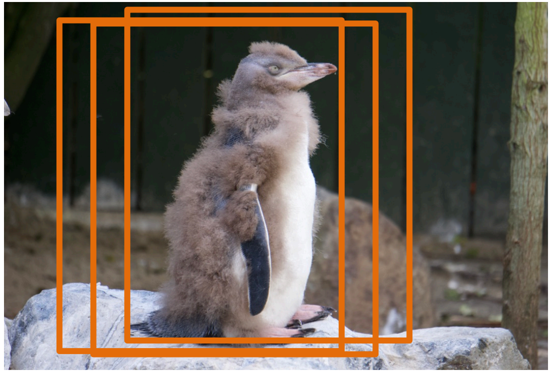

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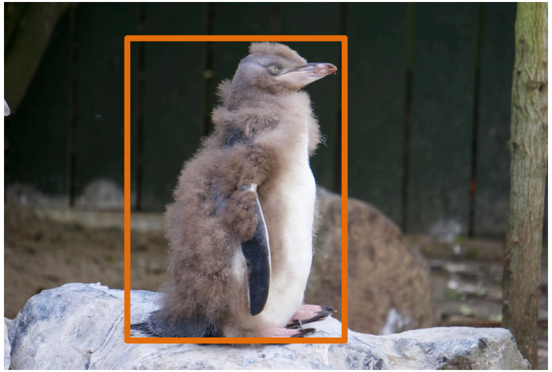

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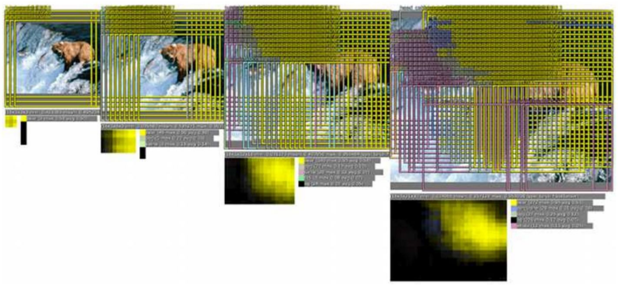
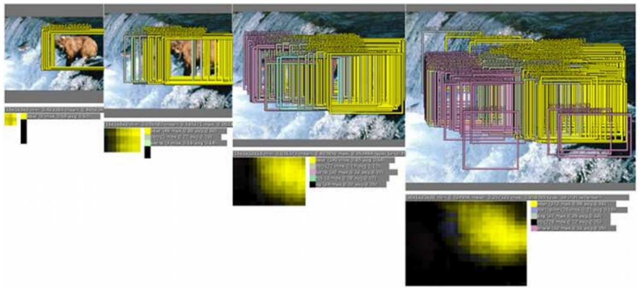
Overfeat

- In practice: use many sliding window locations and multiple scales

Window positions + score maps



Box regression outputs



Final Predictions

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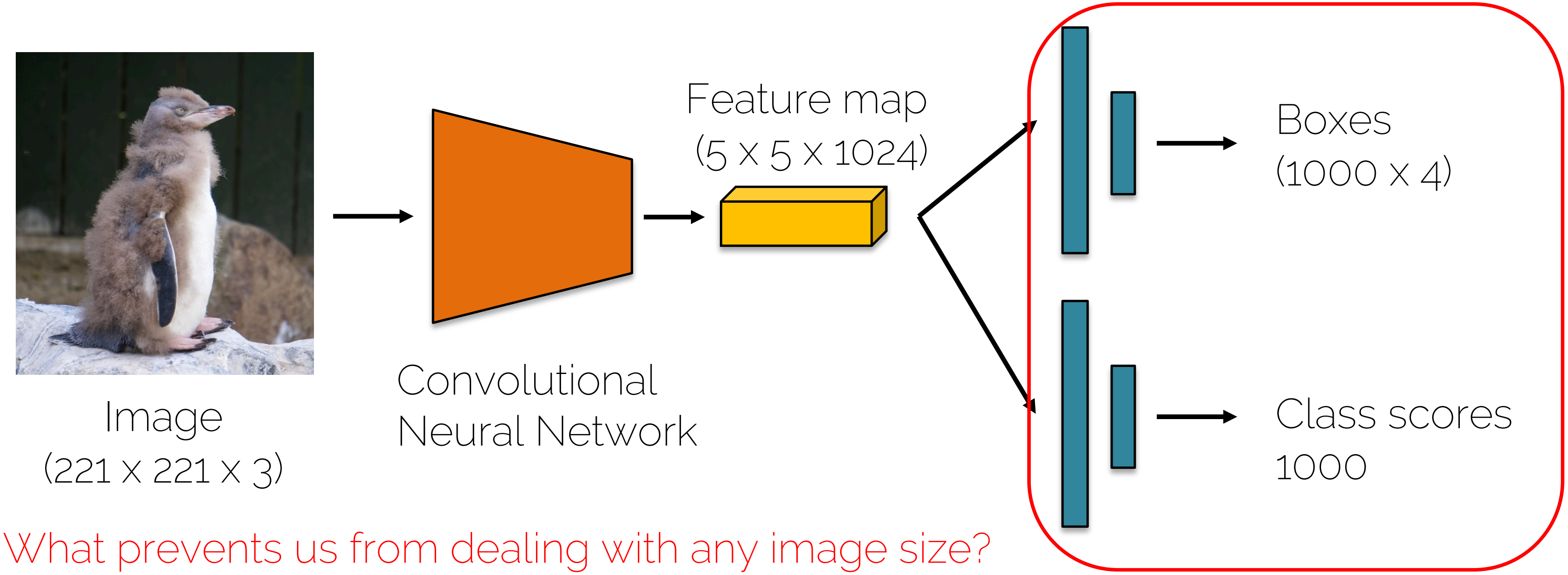

What prevents us from dealing with any image size?

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- Localization: Regression
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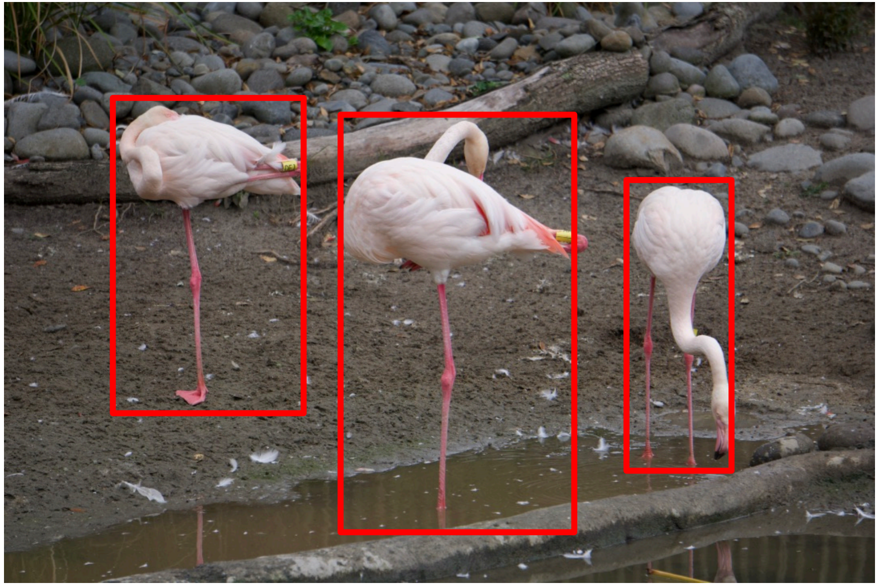

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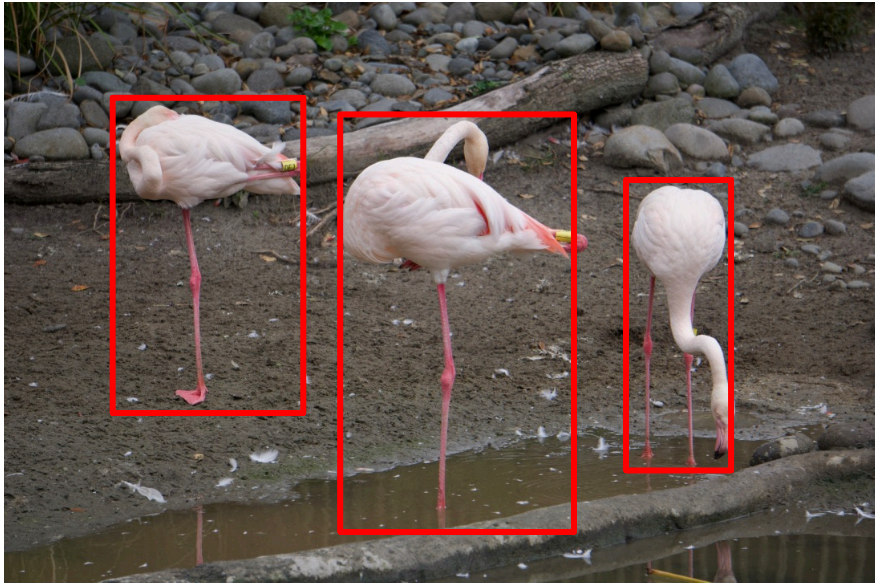

3 objects means having an output of 12 numbers (3 x 4)

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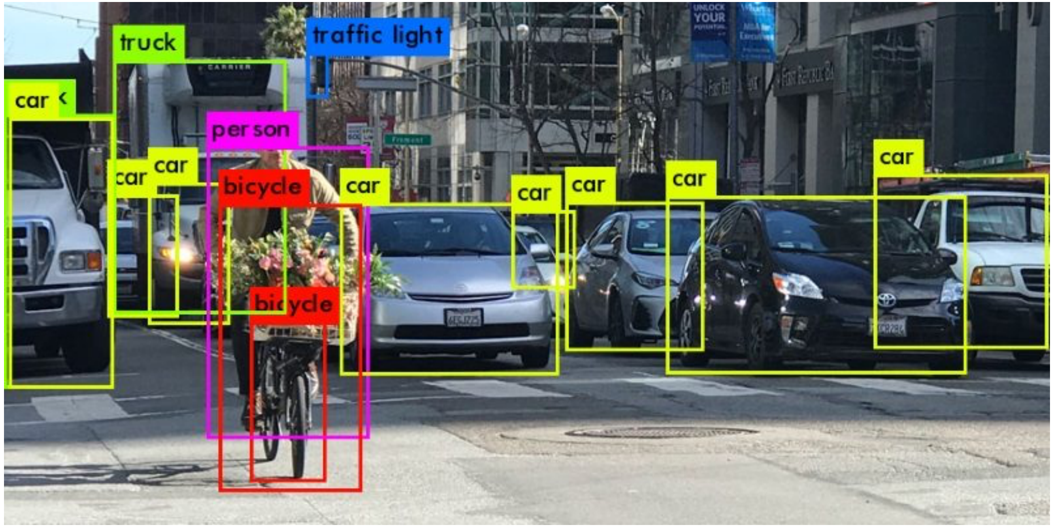

14 objects means having an output of 56 numbers (14 x 4)

What about multiple objects?

- Localization: Regression
- How about detection?

- Having a variable sized output is not optimal for Neural Networks

- There are a couple of workarounds:
  - RNN: Romera-Paredes and Torr. Recurrent Instance Segmentation. ECCV 2016.
  - Set prediction: Rezatofighi, Kaskman, Motlagh, Shi, Cremers, Leal-Taixé, Reid. Deep Perm-Set Net: Learn to predict sets with unknown permutation and cardinality using deep neural networks. Arxiv: 1805.00613

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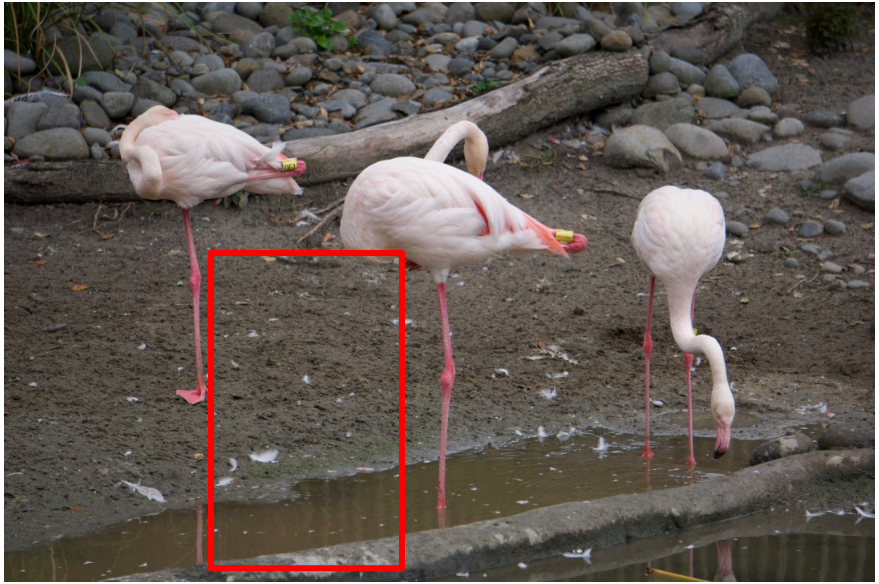

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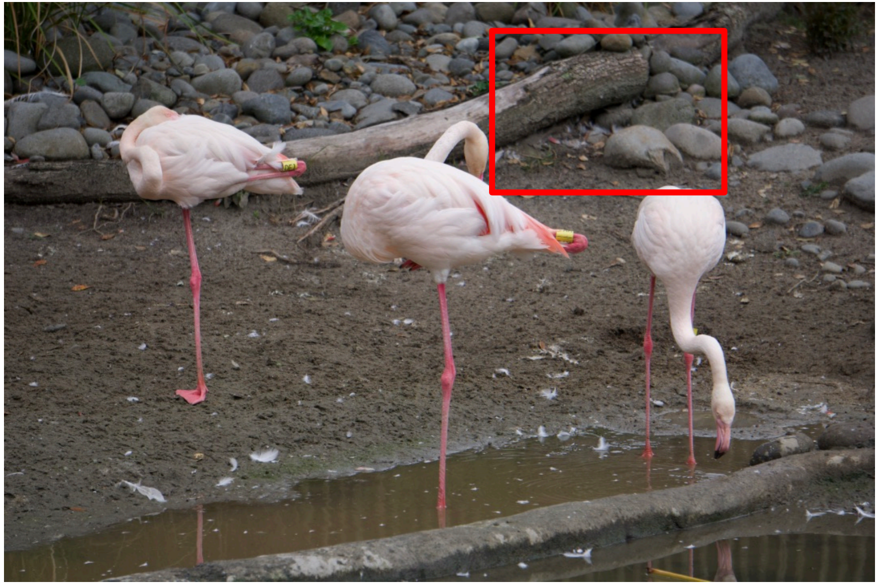

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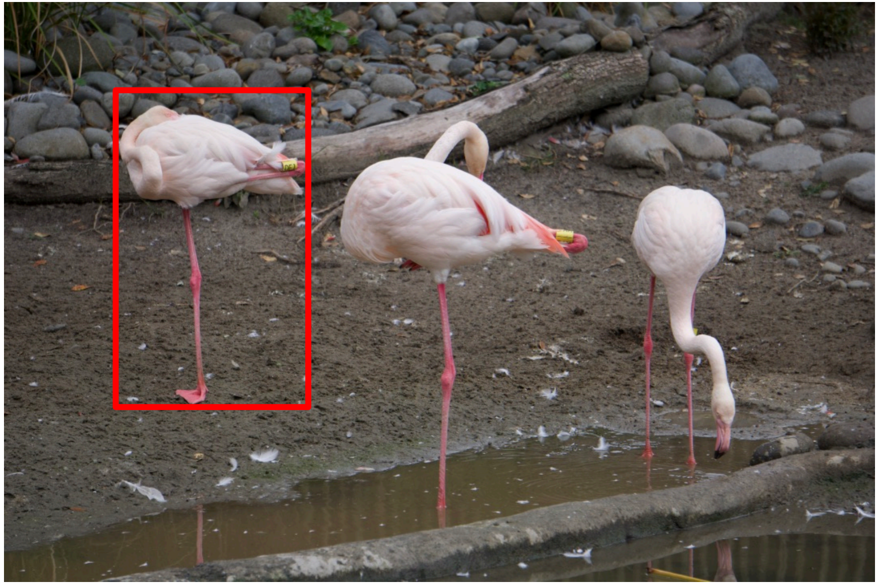

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YES!

Detection as classification?

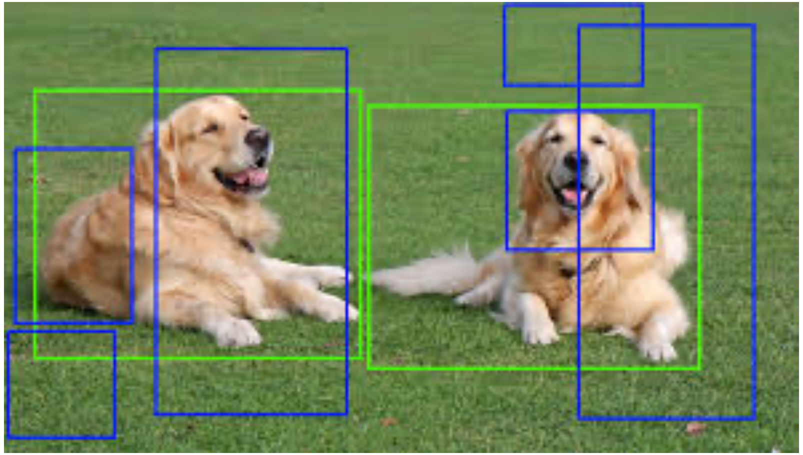
- Localization: Regression
- How about detection? Classification

- Problem:
  - Expensive to try all possible positions, scales and aspect ratios
  - How about trying only on a subset of boxes with most potential?

Region Proposals

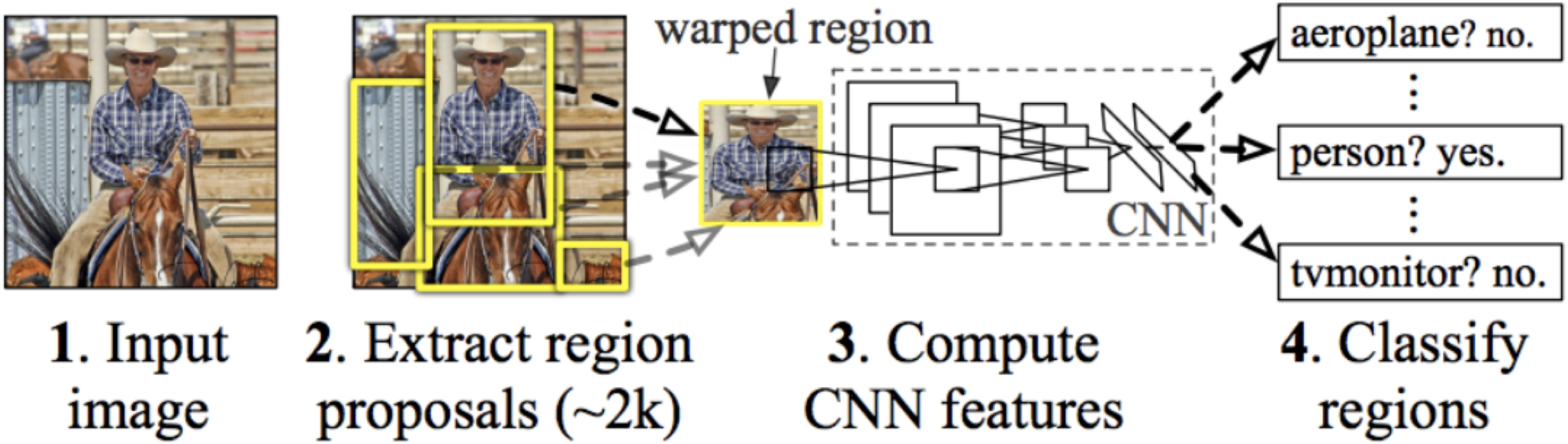
- We have already seen a method that gives us "interesting" regions in an image that potentially contain an object

- Step 1: Obtain region proposals
- Step 2: Classify them.



The R-CNN family

R-CNN



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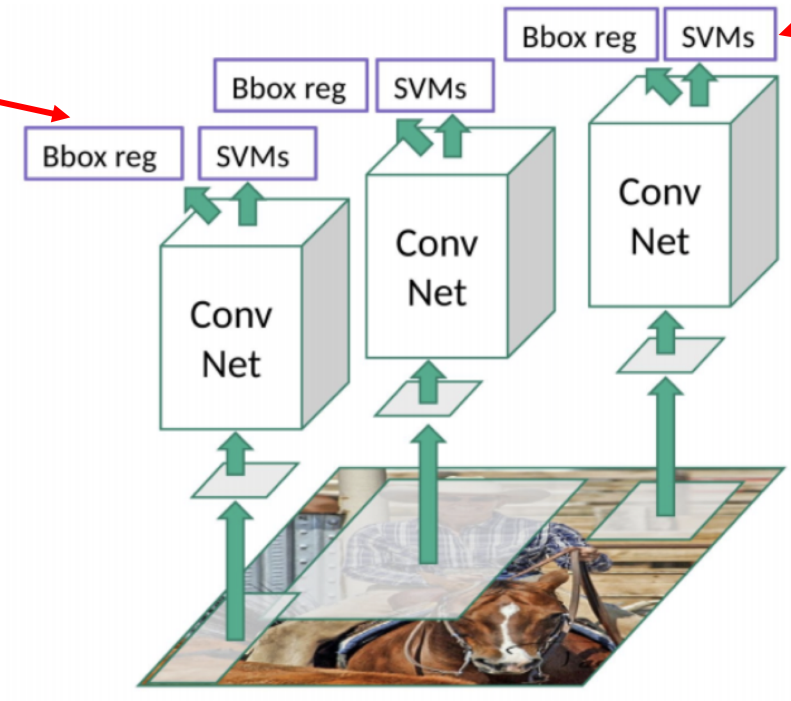
R-CNN

Regression head to refine the bounding box location



Classification head

Extract features

Warping to a fix size 227 x 227

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R-CNN

- Training scheme:
  - 1. Pre-train the CNN on ImageNet
  - 2. Finetune the CNN on the number of classes the detector is aiming to classify (softmax loss)
  - 3. Train a linear Support Vector Machine classifier to classify image regions. One SVM per class! (hinge loss)
  - 4. Train the bounding box regressor (L2 loss)

R-CNN

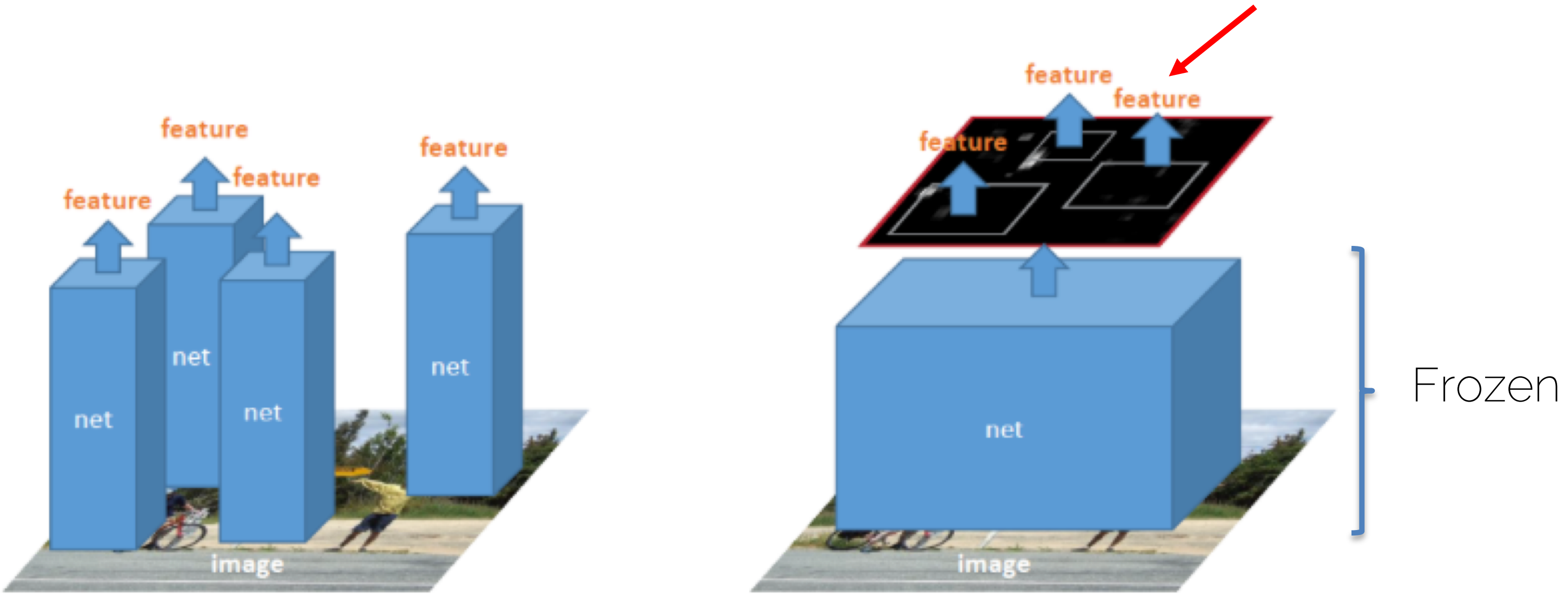
- PROS:
  - The pipeline of proposals, feature extraction and SVM classification is well-known and tested. Only features are changed (CNN instead of HOG).
  - CNN summarizes each proposal into a 4096 vector (much more compact representation compared to HOG)
  - Leverage transfer learning: the CNN can be pre-trained for image classification with C classes. One needs only to change the FC layers to deal with Z classes.

R-CNN

- CONS: Let us try to solve this first
  - Slow! 47s/image with VGG16 backbone. One considers around 2000 proposals per image, they need to be warped and forwarded through the CNN.
  - Training is also slow and complex
  - The object proposal algorithm is fixed. Feature extraction and SVM classifier are trained separately → not exploiting learning to its full potential.

SPP-Net

How do we "pool" these features into a common size



R-CNN
2000 nets on image regions

SPP-net
1 net on full image

He et al. Spatial Pyramid Pooling in Deep Convolutional Networks for Visual Recognition. ECCV 2014.

SPP-Net

- It solved the R-CNN problem of being slow at test time
- It still has some problems inherited from R-CNN:
  - Training is still slow (a bit faster than R-CNN)
  - Training scheme is still complex
  - Still no end-to-end training

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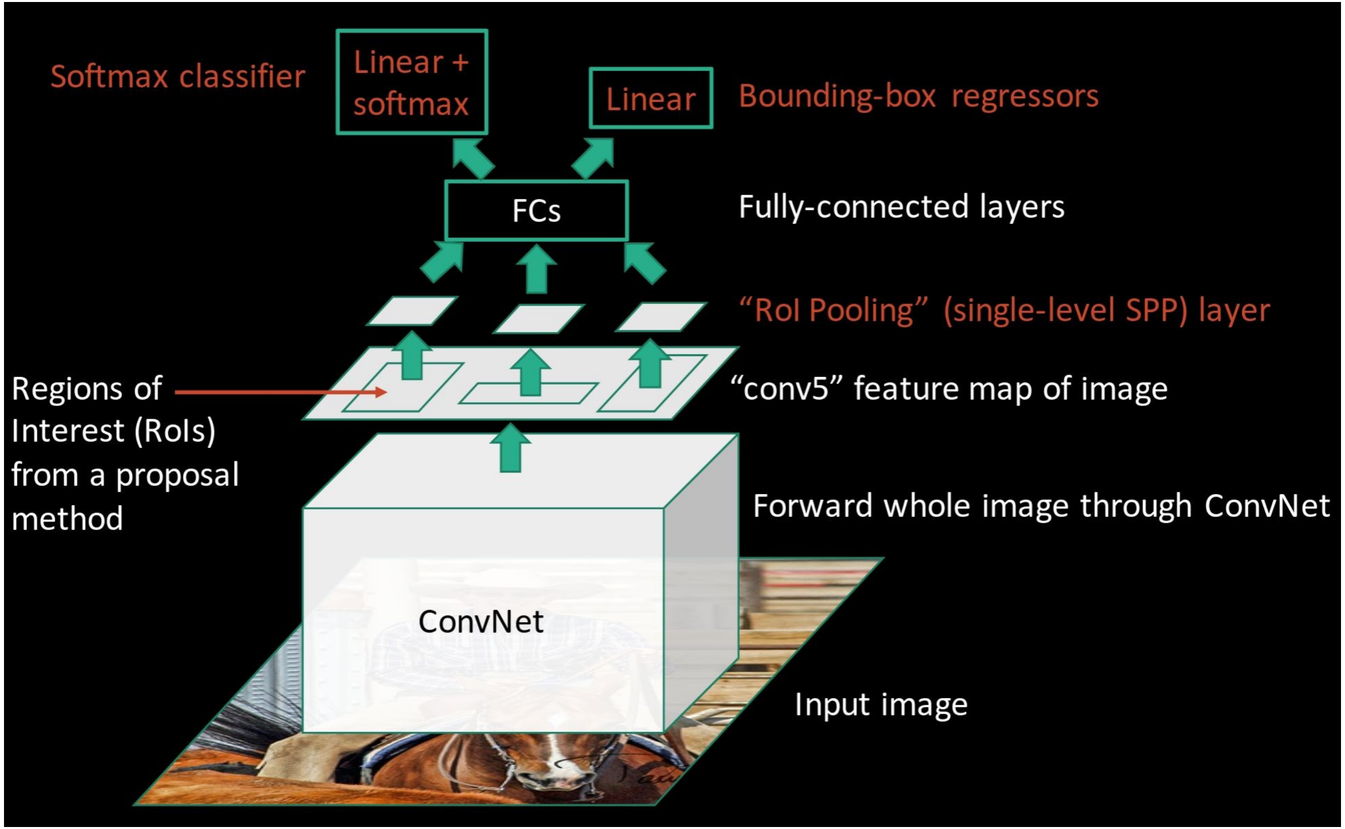

Shared computation at test time (like SPP)

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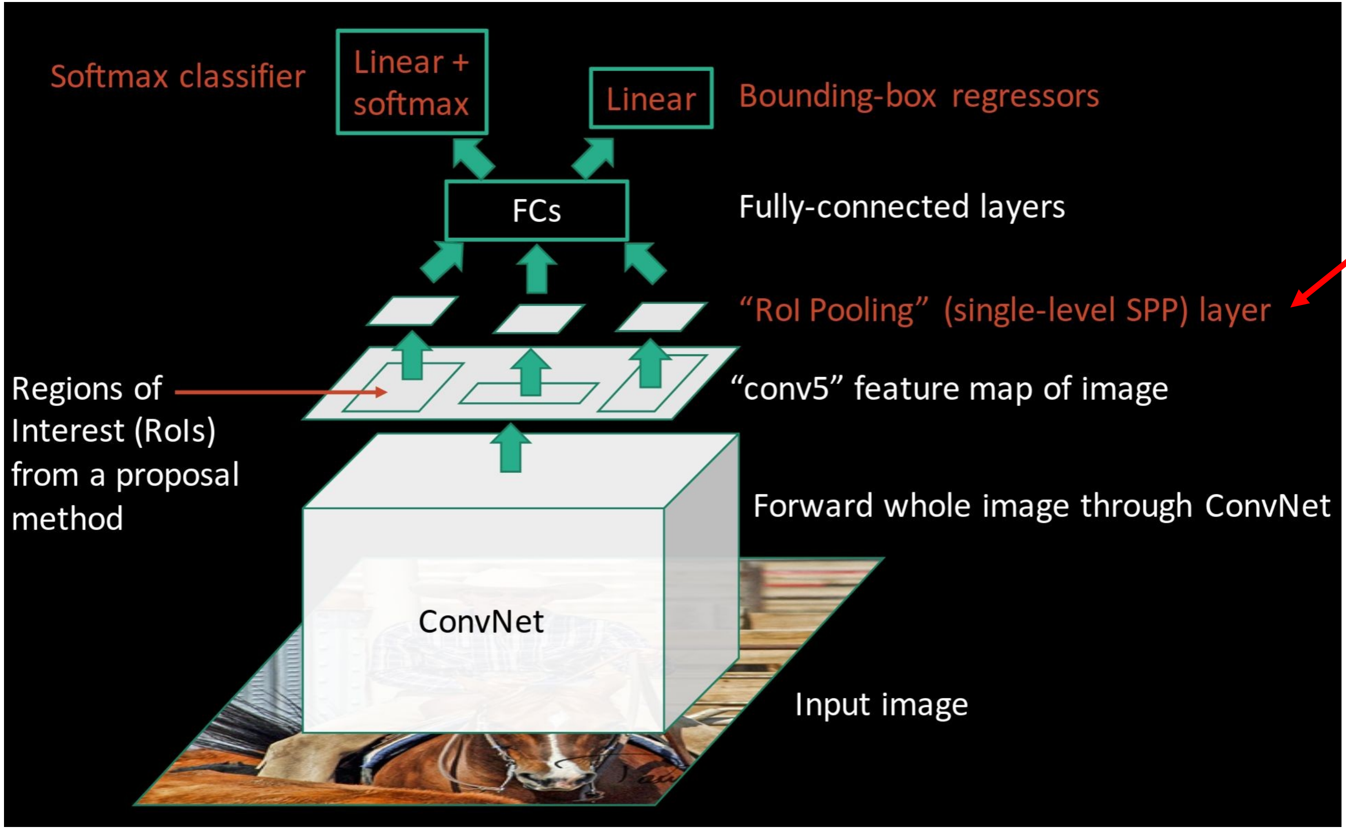

Region of Interest Pooling

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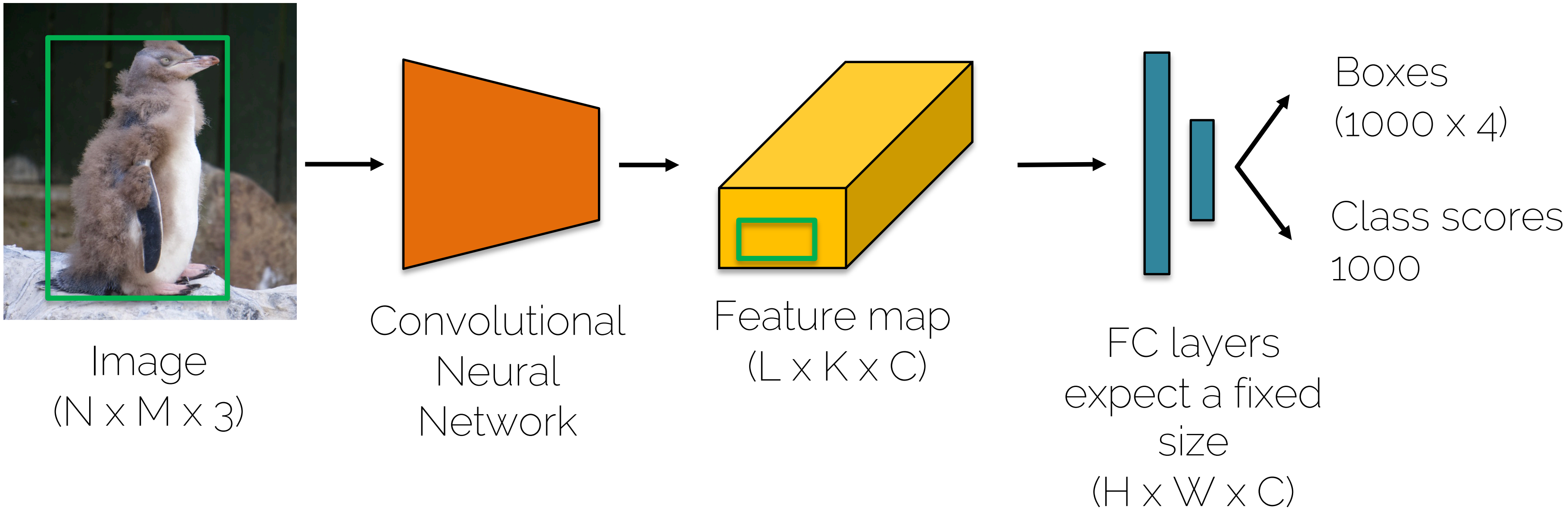

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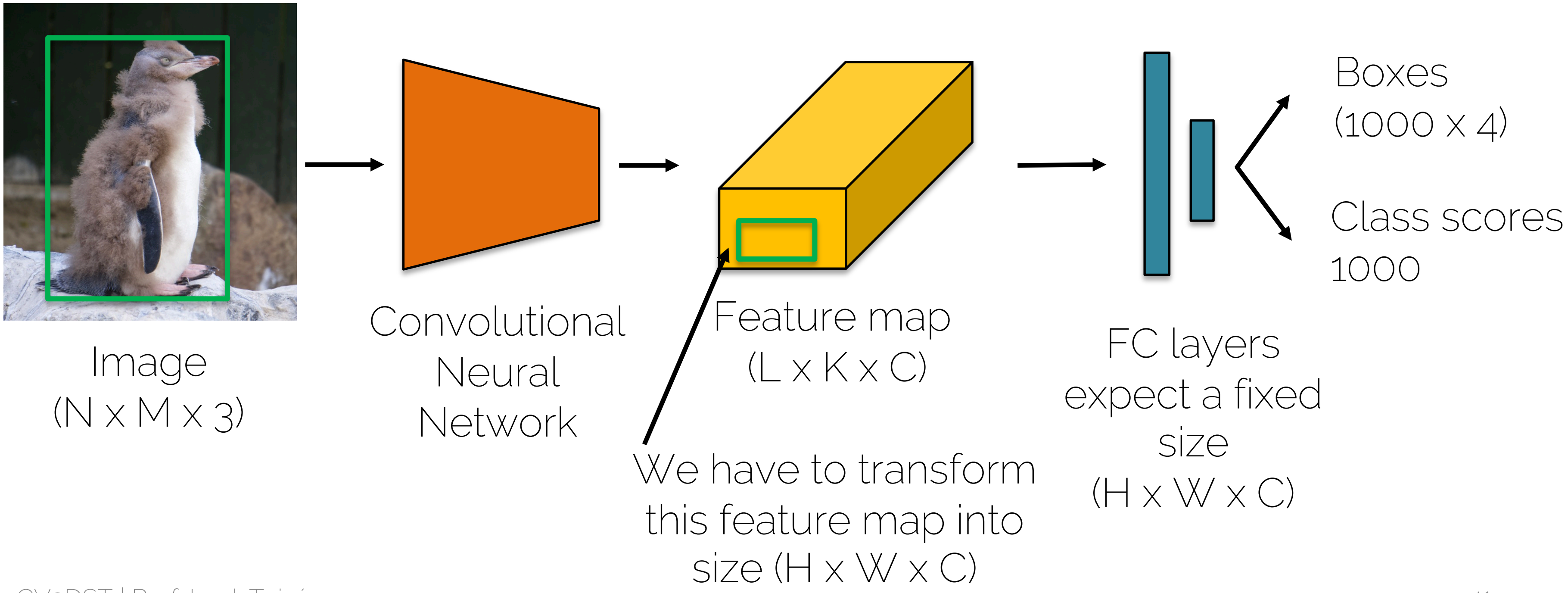

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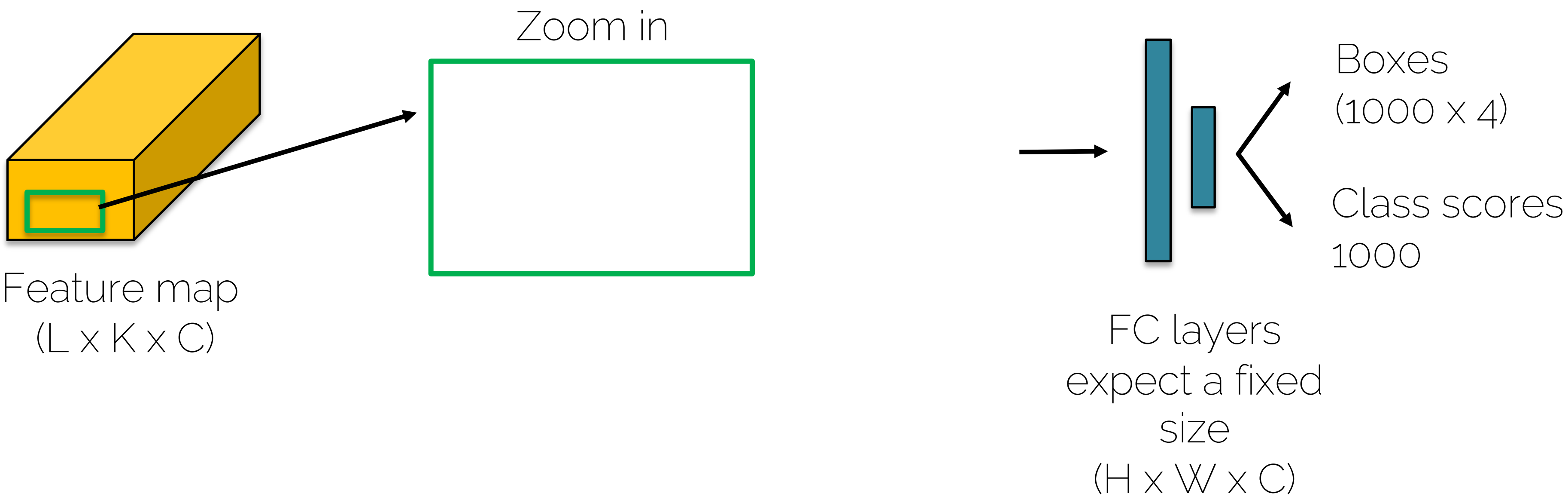

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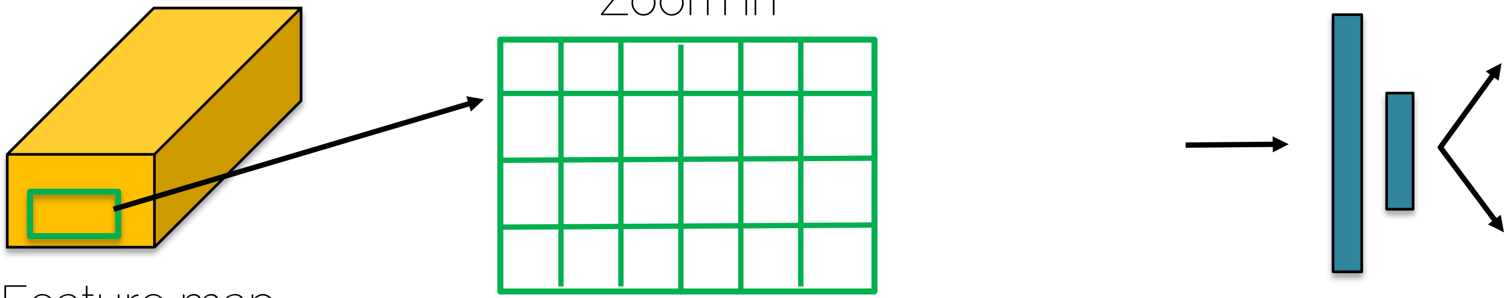

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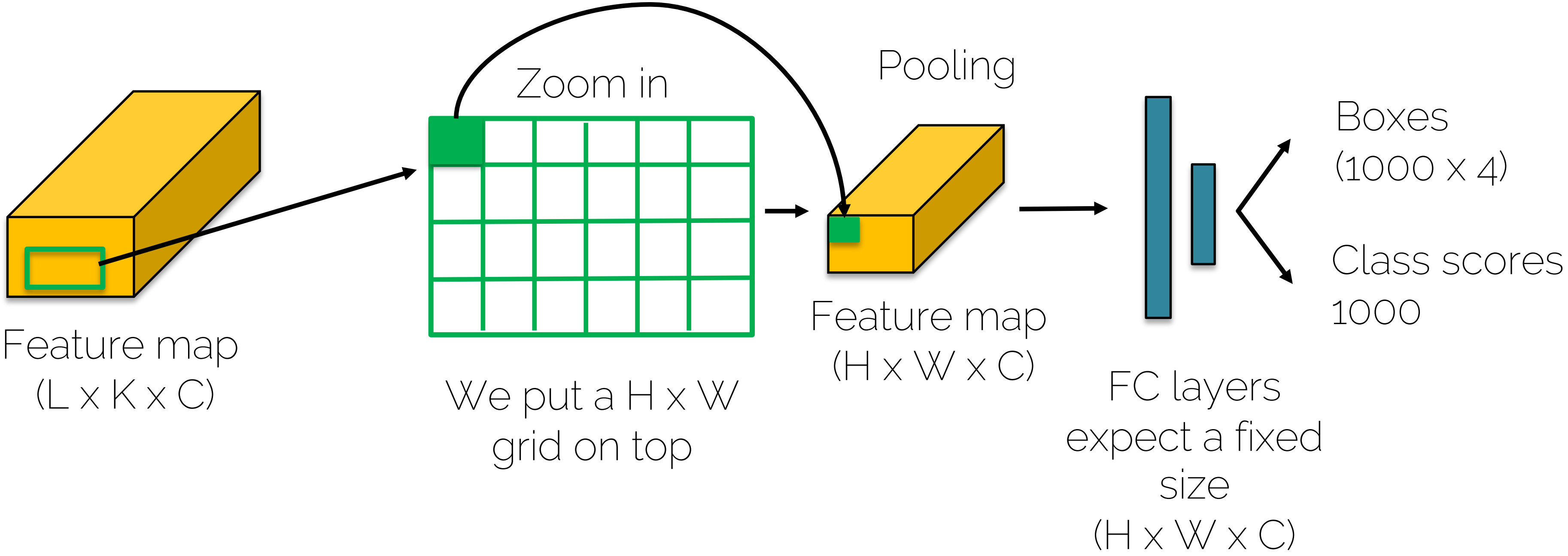

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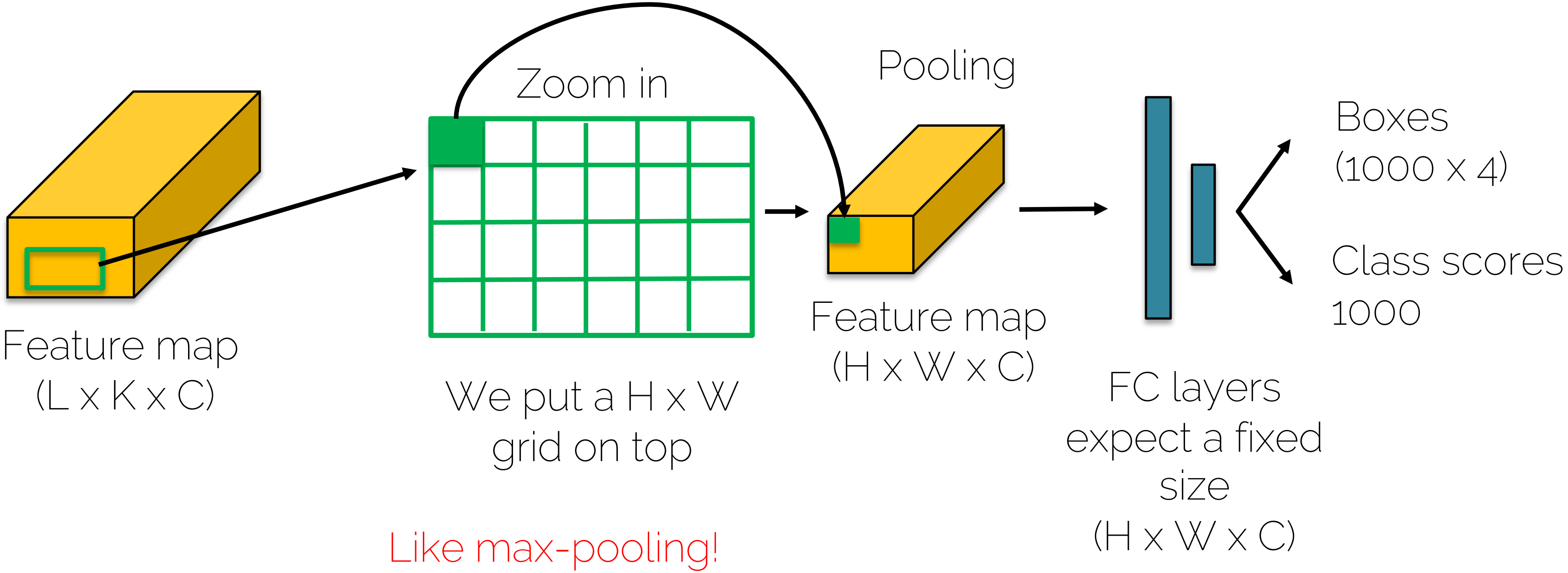
- RoI Pooling: how do you do backpropagation?



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The test times do not include proposal generation!

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With proposals included

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FASTER!	Test time per image	**50 seconds**	**2 seconds**
	(Speedup)	**1x**	**25x**
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Faster R-CNN

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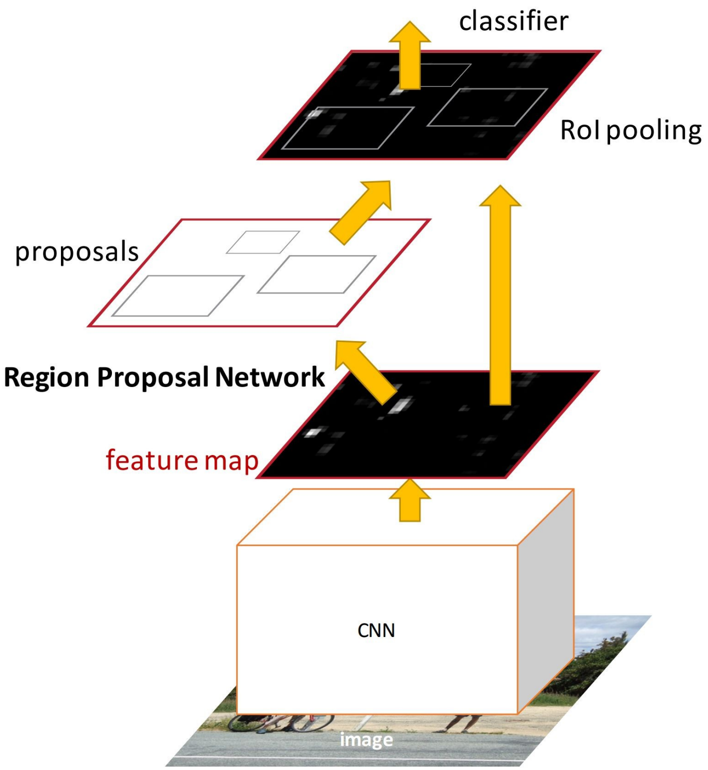

- Solution: Have the proposal generation integrated with the rest of the pipeline
- Region Proposal Network (RPN) trained to produce region proposals directly.
- After RPN, everything is like Fast R-CNN

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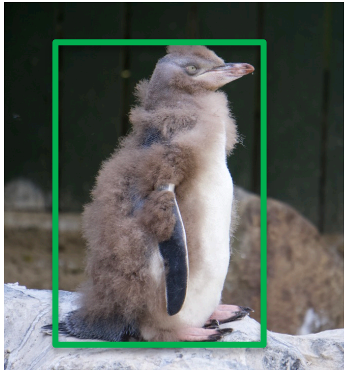
Region proposal network

- How to extract proposals



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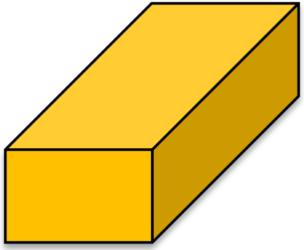


(H x W x 4096)

Zoom in

Extract
proposals

- How many proposals?

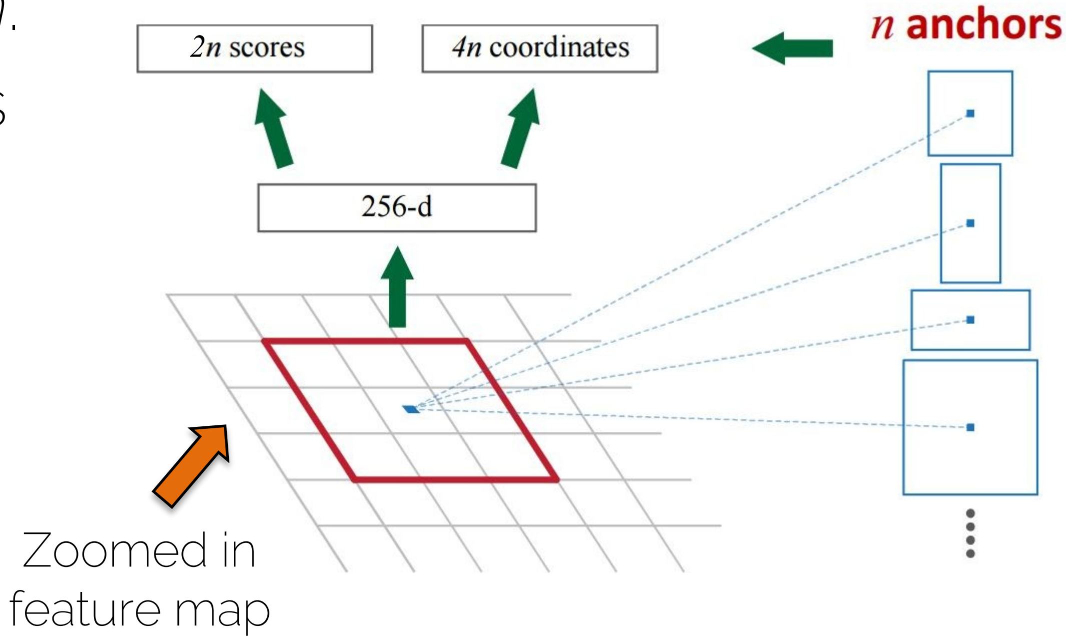
✓ We need to decide a fixed number

- Where are they placed?

✓ Densely

Region proposal network

- We fix the number of proposals by using a set of n=9 anchors *per location*.
- 9 anchors = 3 scales and 3 aspect ratios



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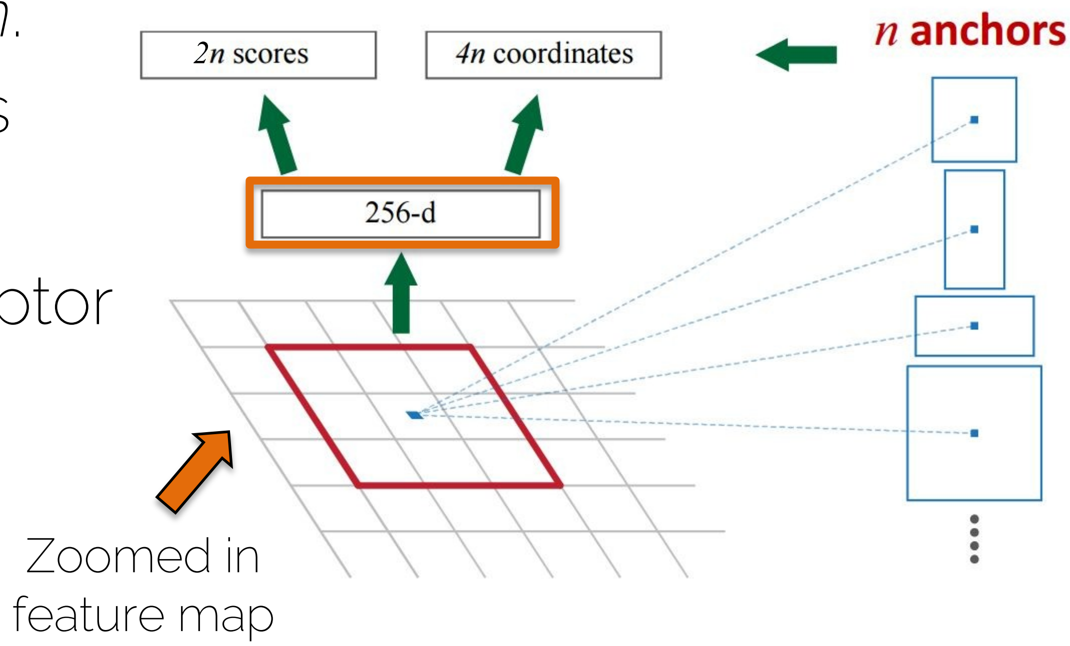

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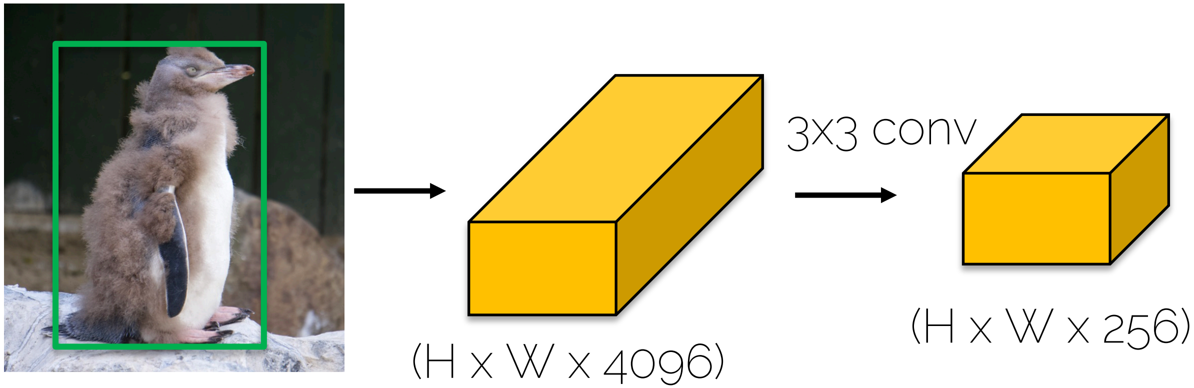

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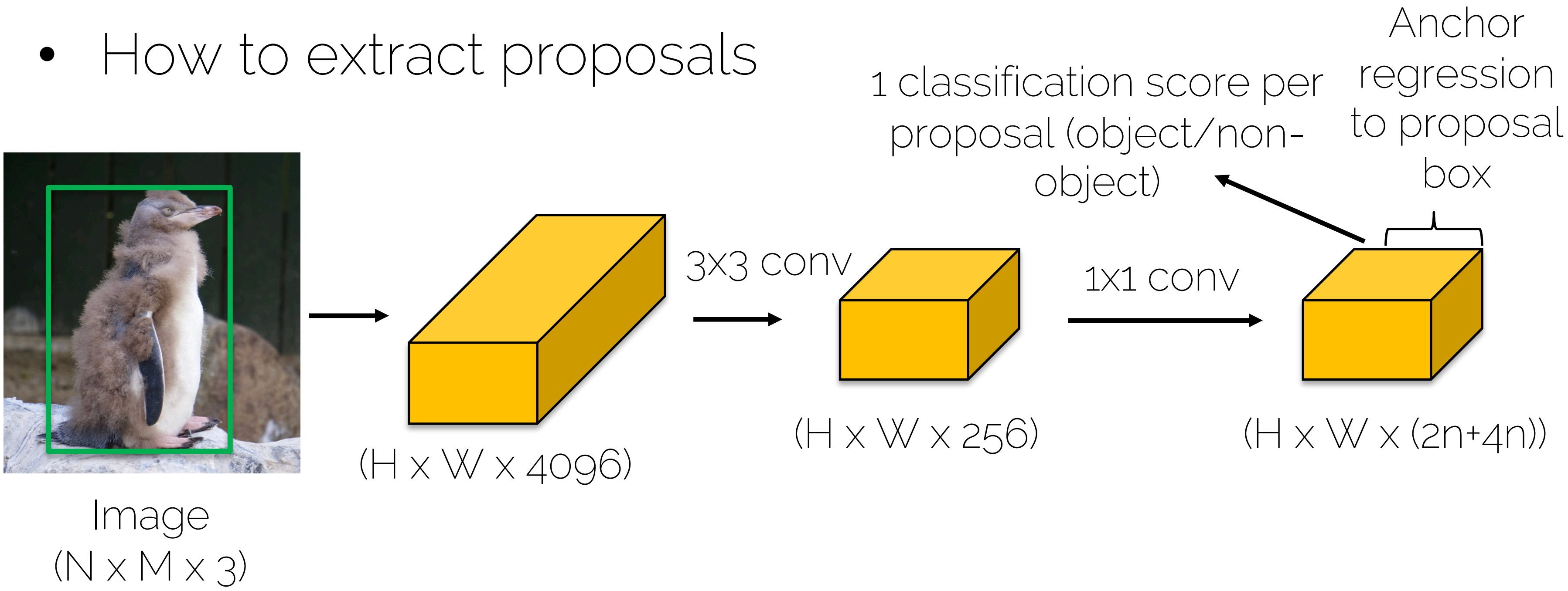

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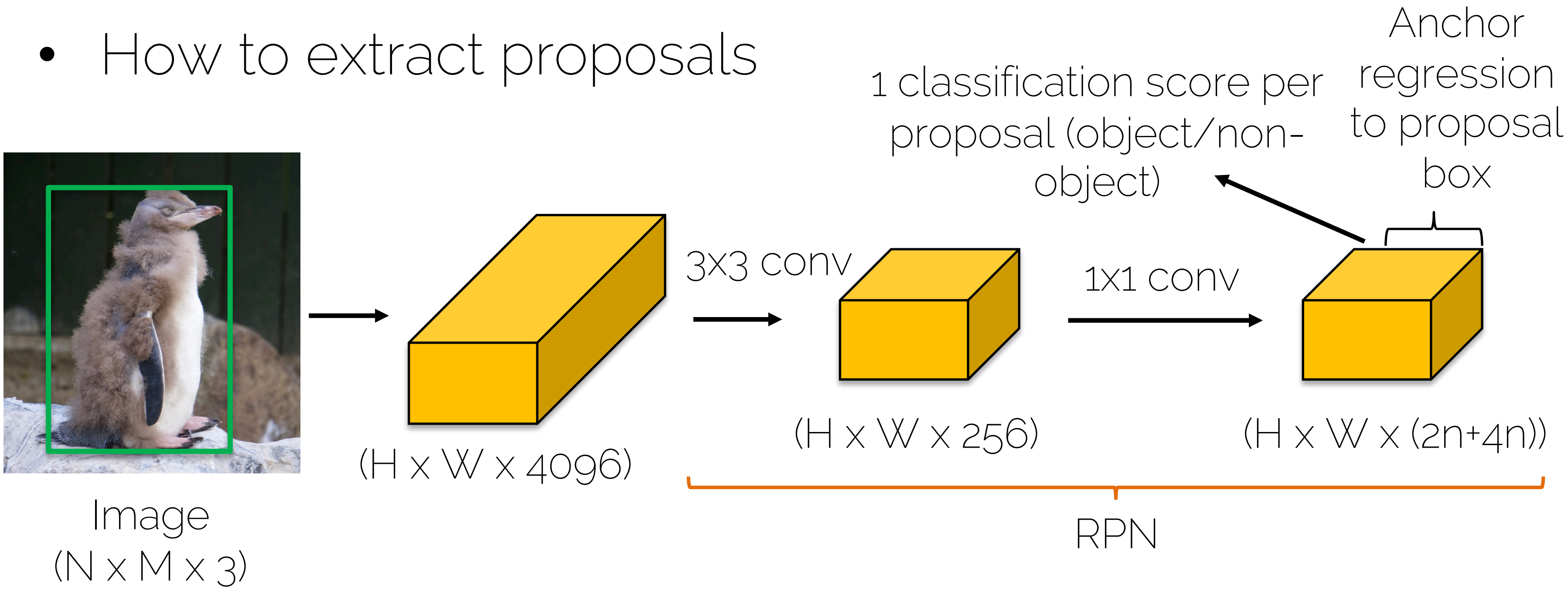


Per feature map location, I get a set of anchor correction and classification into object/non-object

RPN: training and losses

- Classification ground truth: We compute p^* which indicates how much an anchor overlaps with the ground truth bounding boxes

$$p^* = 1 \quad if \quad \text{IoU} > 0.7$$

$$p^* = 0 \quad if \quad \text{IoU} < 0.3$$

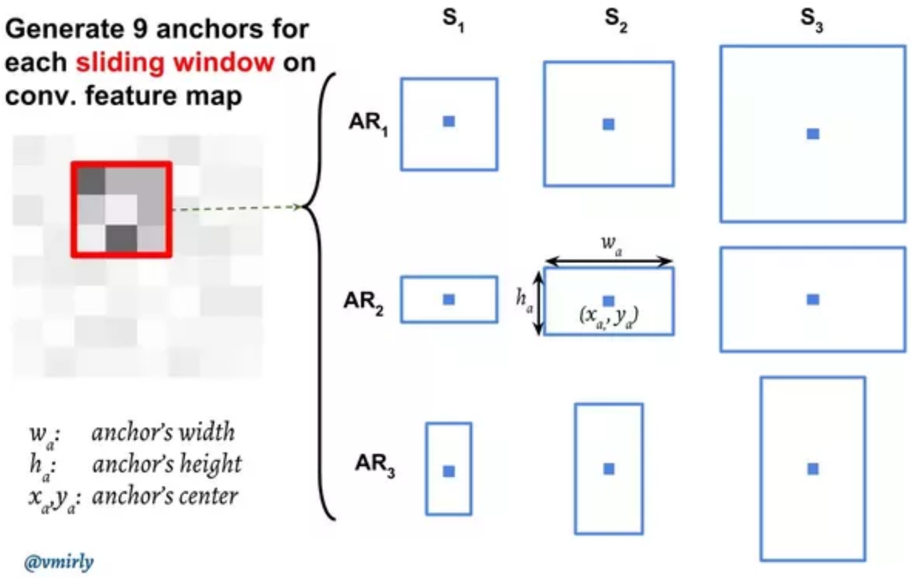
- 1 indicates the anchor represent an object (foreground) and 0 indicates background object. The rest do not contribute to the training.

RPN: training and losses

- For an image, we randomly sample 256 anchors to form a mini-batch (balanced objects vs. non-objects)
- We calculate the classification loss (binary cross-entropy).
- Those anchors that do contain an object are used to compute the regression loss

RPN: training and losses

- Each anchor is described by the center position, width and height x_a, y_a, w_a, h_a



RPN: training and losses

- Each anchor is described by the center position, width and height x_a, y_a, w_a, h_a
- What the network actually predicts are t_x, t_y, t_w, t_h

Normalized x $t_x = (x - x_a)/w_a,$ $t_y = (y - y_a)/h_a,$ Normalized y

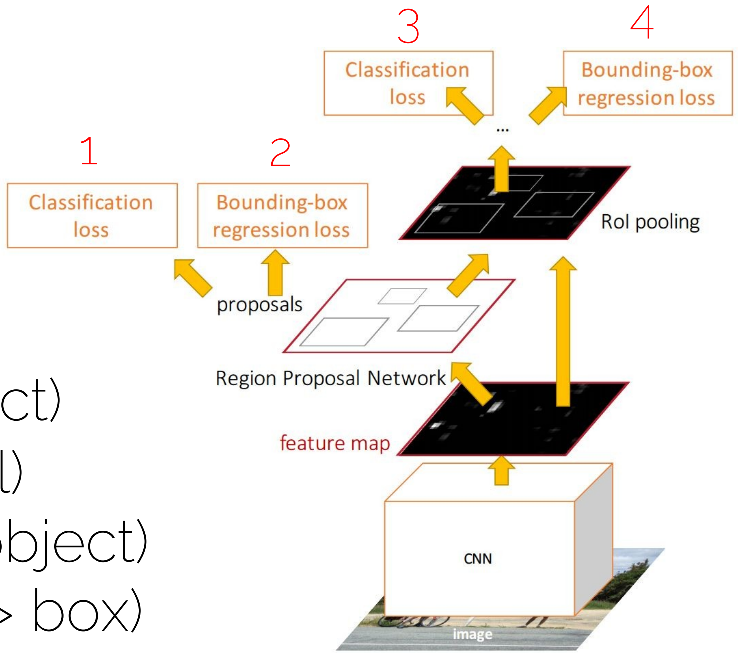
Normalized width $t_w = log(w/w_a),$ $t_h = log(h/h_a),$ Normalized height

- Smooth L1 loss on regression targets

Faster R-CNN: Training

- First implementation, training of RPN separate from the rest.
- Now we can train jointly!

- Four losses:
  1. RPN classification (object/non-object)
  2. RPN regression (anchor -> proposal)
  3. Fast R-CNN classification (type of object)
  4. Fast R-CNN regression (proposal -> box)



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Faster R-CNN

- 10x faster at test time wrt Fast R-CNN
- Trained end-to-end including feature extraction, region proposals, classifier and regressor
- More accurate, since proposals are learned. RPN is fully convolutional

Faster R-CNN: Results

	R-CNN	Fast R-CNN	Faster R-CNN
Test time per image (with proposals)	50 seconds	2 seconds	0.2 seconds
(Speedup)	1x	25x	250x
mAP (VOC 2007)	66.0	66.9	66.9

Two-stage object detectors

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