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Page 1 Motivation

- · Various model compression methods rely on the assumption that deep networks are over-parametrized
- · This redundancy in deep networks can appear explicitly as well as implicitly
- Several structured and unstructured pruning methods exploit the explicit redundancy by removing redundant components in the network (filter-level or parameter-level)
- Tensor decomposition methods (e.g. WeightSVD, SpatialSVD) remove somewhat implicit elements, i.e. singular values, to construct low-rank decompositions of tensors for efficient inference
- Redundancy can also be seen as model weights possessing unnecessarily high degrees of freedom. Some works
 efficient basis representations to reduce the DOF by decreasing number of trainable parameters [14, 29, 38]
 - · Systematically choosing a basis can lead to efficient benefits during inference as well, not just training

Contributions

- In this work, we propose a neat way to restrict the DOFs of weight tensors, which eventually leads to a decomposition of the convolution operation into efficient, scaled, sum-pooling components
- We also propose Structural Regularization, an effective training method to enable this so-called structural decomposition with minimal loss in accuracy

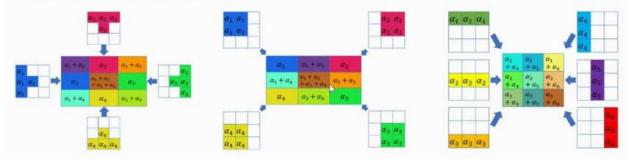
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Composite Kernels

Definition 1: For $\mathbb{R}^{C \times N \times N}$, a Composite Basis $\mathbb{B} = \{\beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_M\}$ is a linearly independent set of binary tensors of dimension $C \times N \times N$ as its basis elements. That is, $\beta_m \in \mathbb{R}^{C \times N \times N}$, each element β_{mijk} of $\beta_m \in \{0,1\}$ and $\sum_{m=1}^M \alpha_m \beta_m = 0$ iff $\alpha_m = 0 \ \forall m$.

Definition 2: A kernel $W \in \mathbb{R}^{C \times N \times N}$ is a Composite Kernel if it lies in the subspace of a Composite Basis \mathbb{B} , i.e. it can be constructed as a linear combination of the elements of \mathbb{B} : $\exists \alpha = [\alpha_1, ..., \alpha_M]$ such that $W \coloneqq \sum_{m=1}^M \alpha_m \beta_m$

Example below shows A 3×3 Composite Kernel with different underlying structures / basis. Left two kernels possess 4 DOF, whereas the rightmost kernel possesses 6 DOF.



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Convolution with a Composite Kernels

Consider a convolution operation with a Composite Kernel W of size C × N × N. To compute an output, W is
convolved with a C × N × N volume of the input feature map

$$X*W = X*\sum_{m=1}^{M} \alpha_m \beta_m = \sum_{m=1}^{M} \alpha_m (X*\beta_m) = \sum_{m=1}^{M} \alpha_m \operatorname{sum}(X \bullet \beta_m) = \sum_{m=1}^{M} \alpha_m E_m \quad (1)$$

- Ordinarily, the convolution X * W would involve CN² multiplications and CN² 1 additions
- But since β_m is a binary tensor, the operation $sum(X \cdot \beta_m)$ is same as adding the elements of X wherever $\beta_m = 1$, thus no multiplications!
- Hence, from (1), we see that we only need M multiplications, and the number of additions are given by:

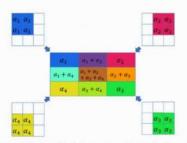
Num additions =
$$\sum_{m=1}^{M} \underbrace{(sum(\beta_m) - 1)}_{from \ sum(X \bullet \beta_m)} + \underbrace{(M - 1)}_{from \ \sum \alpha_m E_m} = \sum_{m=1}^{M} sum(\beta_m) - 1$$
 (2)

- Depending on the structure ($\mathbb B$), num additions per output can be larger than CN^2-1 , e.g. in the second example on previous slide where C=1, N=3, M=4, we have $\sum_m sum(\beta_m)-1=15>CN^2-1$
- Next, we show that the num additions can be amortized to as low as M-1 \odot

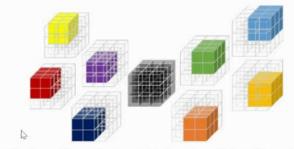
Structured Kernels

Definition 3: A kernel in $\mathbb{R}^{C \times N \times N}$ is a Structured Kernel if it is a Composite Kernel $M = cn^2$ for some $1 \le n \le N$ and $1 \le c \le C$, and if each basis tensor β_m is made of a $(C - c + 1) \times (N - n + 1) \times (N - n + 1)$ cuboid of 1's, while rest of its coefficients being 0.

- A Structured Kernel is characterized by its dimensions C, N and its underlying parameters c, n.
- Convolutions performed using Structured Kernels are called Structured Convolutions.



This is a 2D case of a 3×3 structured kernel where C=1, N=3, c=1, n=2. As shown, there are $M=cn^2=4$ basis elements and each element has a 2×2 sized patch of 1's

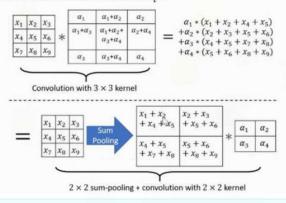


This shows a 3D case where C=4, N=3, c=2, n=2. Here, there are $M=cn^2=8$ basis elements and each element has a $3\times2\times2$ cuboid of 1's. Note how these cuboids of 1's (shown in colors) cover the entire $4\times3\times3$ grid

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Structured Convolutions

- · A major advantage of Structured Kernels is that all the basis elements are just shifted versions of each other
- This means, considering the convolution X * W (in Eq. (1)) for the *entire* feature map X, the summed outputs $X * \beta_m$ for all $\beta'_m s$ are the same (except on the edges of X)
- As a result, the outputs $\{X * \beta_1, ..., X * \beta_{cn^2}\}$ can be computed using a single sum-pooling operation on X with a kernel size of $(C-c+1) \times (N-n+1) \times (N-n+1)$
- Example below shows how a convolution with a 3×3 structured kernel can be broken into a 2×2 sum-pooling followed by a 2×2 convolution with a kernel made of α_i 's:



Structural Decomposition

- Consider a general convolution layer of size $C_{out} \times C \times N \times N$ that has C_{out} kernels of size $C \times N \times N$
- In the proposed design, the same underlying basis $\mathbb{B} = \{\beta_1, ..., \beta_{cn^2}\}$ is used for all C_{out} kernels in the layer
- Suppose any two structured kernels in this layer, $W_1 \coloneqq \sum_{m=1}^M \alpha_m^{(1)} \beta_m$ and $W_2 \coloneqq \sum_{m=1}^M \alpha_m^{(2)} \beta_m$. The convolution outputs will be, $X*W_1 = \sum_m \alpha_m^{(1)} (X*\beta_m)$ and $X*W_2 = \sum_m \alpha_m^{(2)} (X*\beta_m)$
- The computation X * β_m is common to all the kernels of this layer. Hence, the sum-pooling only needs to be computed once and reused across all layers. This important result leads to the following decomposition:

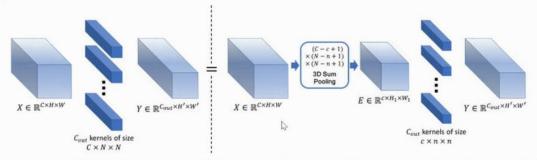


Figure: Decomposition of Structured Convolution. On the left, the conventional operation of a structured convolutional layer of size $C_{out} \times C \times N \times N$ is shown. On the right, we show that it is equivalent to performing a 3D sum-pooling followed by a convolutional layer of size $C_{out} \times C \times n \times n$.

Improvement in Computational Complexity

 The following table shows a comparison of the number of parameters and operations (multiplications and additions) before and after the structural decomposition

	Conventional convolution (before decomposition)	Sum-pooling + Smaller convolution (after decomposition)
# Parameters	$C_{out}CN^2$	$C_{out}cn^2$
# Multiplications	$CN^2 \times C_{out}H'W'$	$cn^2 \times C_{out}H'W'$
# Additions	$(CN^2-1)\times C_{out}H'W'$	$((C - D + 1)(N - k + 1)^{2} - 1) \times cH_{1}W_{1} + (cn^{2} - 1) \times C_{out}H'W'$

- We see that both number of parameters and multiplications have reduced by a factor of cn²/CN²
- · Number of additions after decomposition can be re-written as:

$$C_{out} \left(\frac{((C-c+1)(N-n+1)^2-1)cH_1W_1}{C_{out}} + (cn^2-1)H'W' \right)$$

- Hence, when C_{out} is large enough, the first term inside parentheses (the sum-pooling component) gets amortized and num additions become $\approx (cn^2-1) \times C_{out}H'W' = (M-1) \times C_{out}H'W'$... since $M=cn^2$
 - Hence, additions also decrease by approximately cn²/CN²

Applicability of Structural Decomposition

- Standard convolution (C × N × N), depthwise convolution (1 × N × N), and pointwise convolution (C × 1 × 1)
 kernels can all be constructed as 3D structured kernels, which means that this decomposition can be widely applied
 to existing architectures
- It can also be extended to Fully Connected layers by noting that the linear operation WX is mathematically equivalent to a 1 × 1 convolution unsqueezed(X) * unsqueezed(W), where unsqueezed(X) is the same as X but with dimensions Q × 1 × 1 and unsqueezed(W) is the same as W but with dimensions P × Q × 1 × 1



Figure: Structural decomposition of a matrix multiplication

• Same as before, we get a reduction in both number of parameters and multiplications by a factor of R/Q and number of additions by a factor of $\frac{R(Q-R)+(PR-1)P}{(PQ-1)P}$

Structural Regularization

 We propose training a deep network with a Structural Regularization loss that can gradually push the deep network's kernels to be structured via training:

$$\mathcal{L}_{total} = \mathcal{L}_{task} + \lambda \sum_{l=1}^{L} \frac{\left\| (I - A_l A_l^+) W_l \right\|_F}{\left\| W_l \right\|_F}$$

- · Proposed Training Scheme:
 - Step 1: Train the original architecture with the Structural Regularization loss.
 - After Step 1, all weight tensors in the deep network will be almost structured.
 - Step 2: Apply the decomposition on every layer and compute $\alpha_i = A_i^+ W_i$.
 - This results in a smaller and more efficient decomposed architecture with α_l's as the weights. Note that, every convolution / linear layer from the original architecture is now replaced with a sum-pooling layer and a smaller convolution / linear layer.
- We show in the paper that the Structural Regularization training method leads to significantly better performance than just training the Structured Convolutions as an architectural feature

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Results – Image Classification with ResNets

Table: ResNets on CIFAR-10

Architecture	Adds $(\times 10^6)$		Params (×10 ⁶)	Acc. (in %)
ResNet56	125.49	126.02	0.85	93.03
Struct-56-A (ours)	63.04	62.10	0.40	92.65
Struct-56-B (ours)	48.49	33.87	0.21	91.78
Ghost-Res56 [7]	63.00	63.00	0.43	92.70
ShiftRes56-6 [42]	51.00	51.00	0.58	92.69
AMC-Res56 [11]	63.00	63.00	-	91.90
ResNet32	68.86	69.16	0.46	92.49
Struct-32-A (ours)	35.59	35.09	0.22	92.07
Struct-32-B (ours)	26.29	18.18	0.11	90.24
ResNet20	40.55	40.74	0.27	91.25
Struct-20-A (ours)	20.77	20.42	0.13	91.04
Struct-20-B (ours)	15.31	10.59	0.067	88.47
ShiftRes20-6 [42]	23.00	23.00	0.19	90.59

Table: ResNets on ImageNet

Architecture	Adds (×10 ⁹)	Mults $(\times 10^9)$	Params $(\times 10^6)$	Acc. (in %)
ResNet50	4.09	4.10	25.56	76.15
Struct-50-A (ours)	2.69	2.19	13.49	75.65
Struct-50-B (ours)	1.92	1.38	8.57	73.41
ChPrune-R50-2x [12]	2.04	2.05	17.89	75.44
WeightSVD-R50 [48]	2.04	2.05	13.40	75.12
Ghost-R50 (s=2) [7]	2.20	2.20	13.00	75.00
Versatile-v2-R50 [40]	3.00	3.00	11.00	74.50
ShiftResNet50 [42]	-	-	11.00	73.70
Slim-R50 0.5x [45]	1.10	1.10	6.90	72.10
ResNet34	3.66	3.67	21.80	73.30
Struct-34-A (ours)	1.71	1.71	9.82	72.81
Struct-34-B (ours)	1.47	1.11	5.60	69.44
ResNet18	1.81	1.82	11.69	69.76
Struct-18-A (ours)	0.88	0.89	5.59	69.13
Struct-18-B (ours)	0.79	0.63	3.19	66.19
WeightSVD-R18 [48]	0.89	0.90	5.83	67.71
ChPrune-R18-2x [12]	0.90	0:90	7.45	67.69
ChPrune-R18-4x	0.44	0.45	3.69	61.56

Table: MobileNetV2 and EfficientNet

Architecture	Adds $(\times 10^6)$	Mults (×10 ⁶)	Params (×10 ⁶)	Acc. (in %)
MobileNetV2	0.30	0.31	3.50	72.19
Struct-V2-A (ours)	0.26	0.23	2.62	71.29
Struct-V2-B (ours)	0.29	0.17	1.77	64.93
AMC-MV2 [11]	0.21	0.21	_	70.80
ChPrune-MV2-1.3x	0.22	0.23	2.58	68.99
Slim-MV2 [45]	0.21	0.21	2.60	68.90
WeightSVD 1.3x	0.22	0.23	2.45	67.48
ChPrune-MV2-2x	0.15	0.15	1.99	63.82

Architecture	Adds (×10 ⁶)		Params $(\times 10^6)$	
EfficientNet-B1 [37]	0.70	0.70	7.80	78.50^{1}
Struct-EffNet (ours)	0.62	0.45	4.93	76.40^{1}
EfficientNet-B0 [37]	0.39	0.39	5.30	76.10^{1}

Concluding remarks

- In this work, we proposed Composite Kernels and Structured Convolutions in an attempt to exploit redundancy in the implicit structure of convolution kernels
- We show that Structured Convolutions can be decomposed into a computationally cheap sum-pooling component followed by a significantly smaller convolution, by training the model using a Structural Regularization loss.
- Sum-pooling relies purely on additions, which are known to be extremely power-efficient. Hence, our method shows promise in deploying deep models on low-power devices.
- Since our method keeps the convolutional structures, it allows integration of further model compression schemes, which we leave as future work.