

Learning Data Augmentation with Bilevel Optimization For Image Classification



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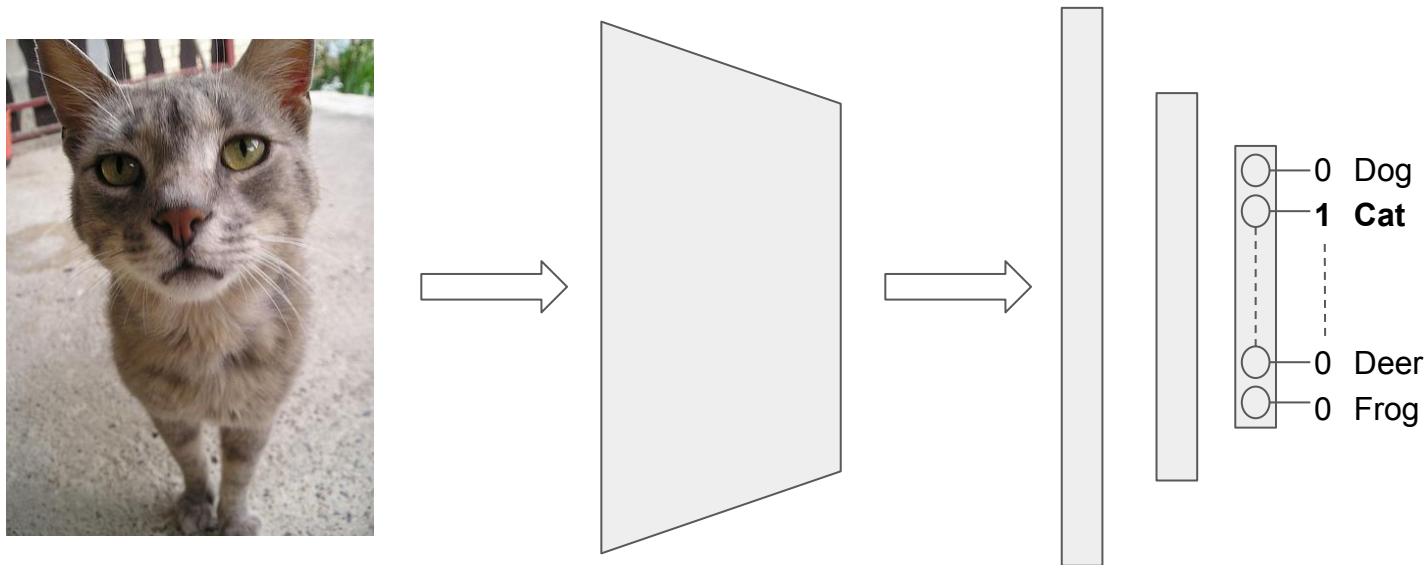
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Introduction

Research Task



Objective: train an image classifier

Problem: CNN require large training datasets

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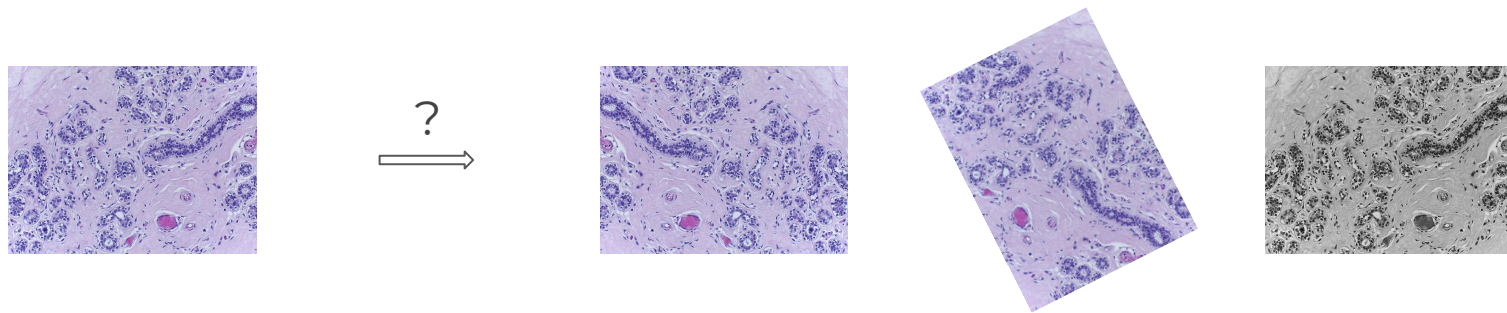
Data Augmentation: create new images from existing ones



Problem: Data Augmentation is dataset dependent



And requires prior knowledge



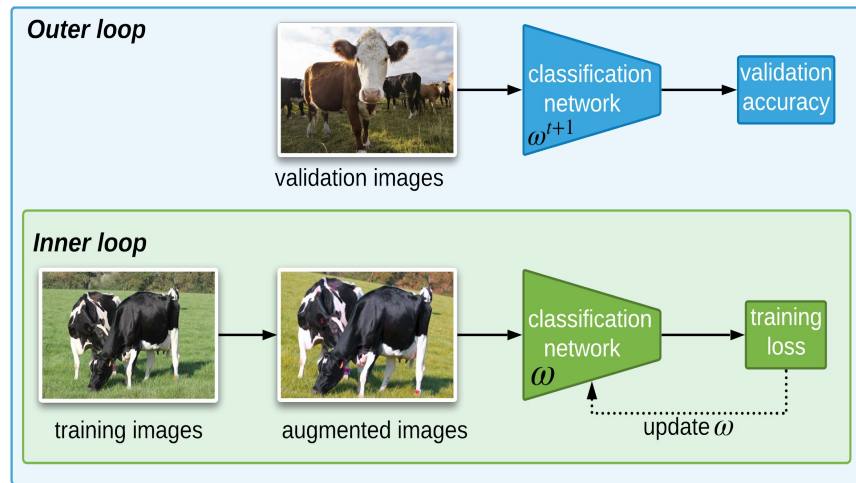
Research Problem

For a given dataset, how to **select** the **best data augmentation transformations** and **define** their **best parameters** ?



Our approach

Data augmentation hyperparameters definition by grid search

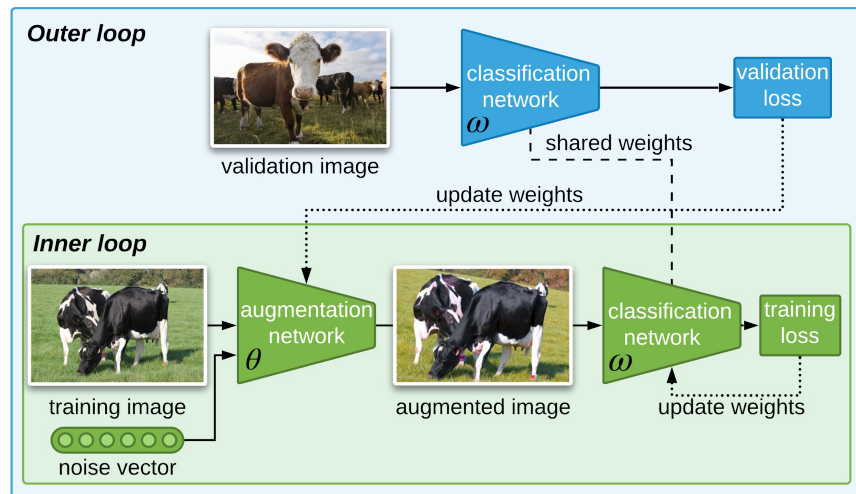


Data augmentation hyperparameters definition using **grid search**

The augmentation parameters giving the best model performance are kept.

Issues : **choice of transformations** and **training speed**

Our approach



Data augmentation hyperparameters definition using the gradient on the validation loss and backpropagation

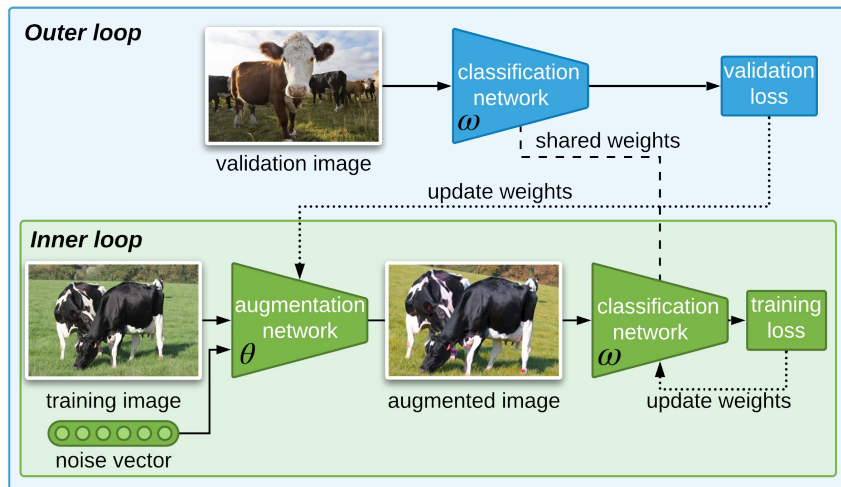
Issues : Training speed and memory required to save the gradient at each inner loop step → Solved by using truncated back propagation

Our model

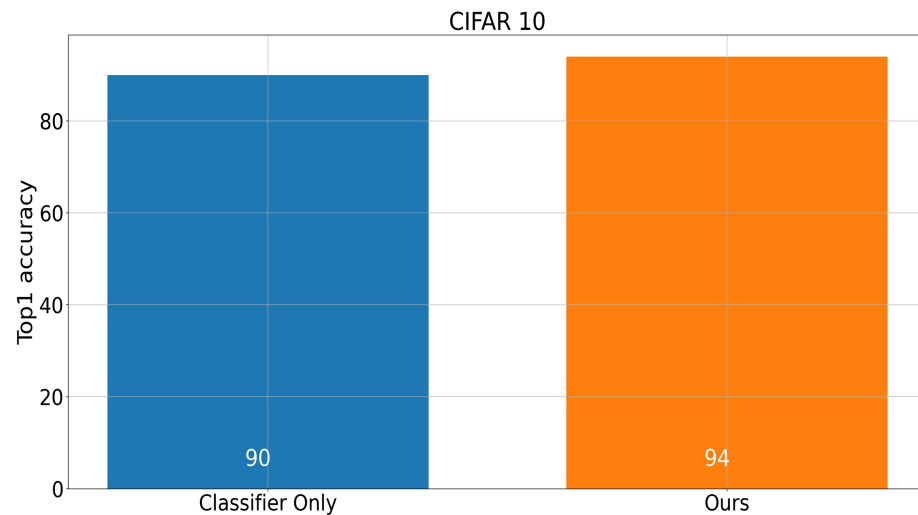
- Trains an **augmenter network** to efficiently learn augmentations
 - Avoids manual selection and grid search
- Uses the **gradient of the validation loss**
 - Trains the augmenter network **end-to-end**
- Uses **truncated back propagation** to make the **training faster**
 - Estimates the gradient of the validation loss with few gradient descent steps

Results

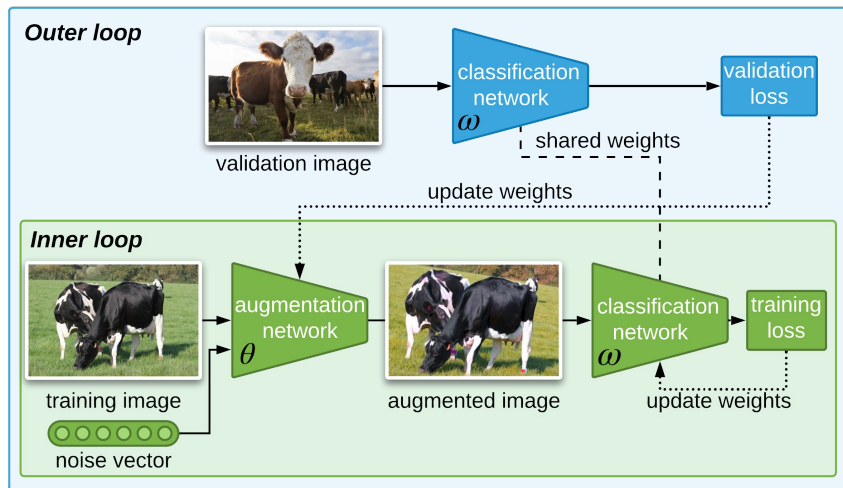
CIFAR10 Results



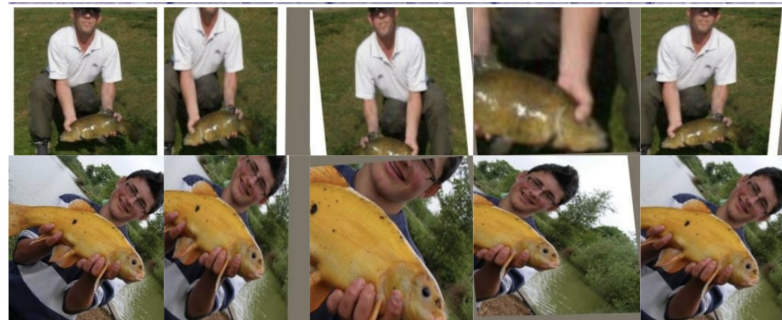
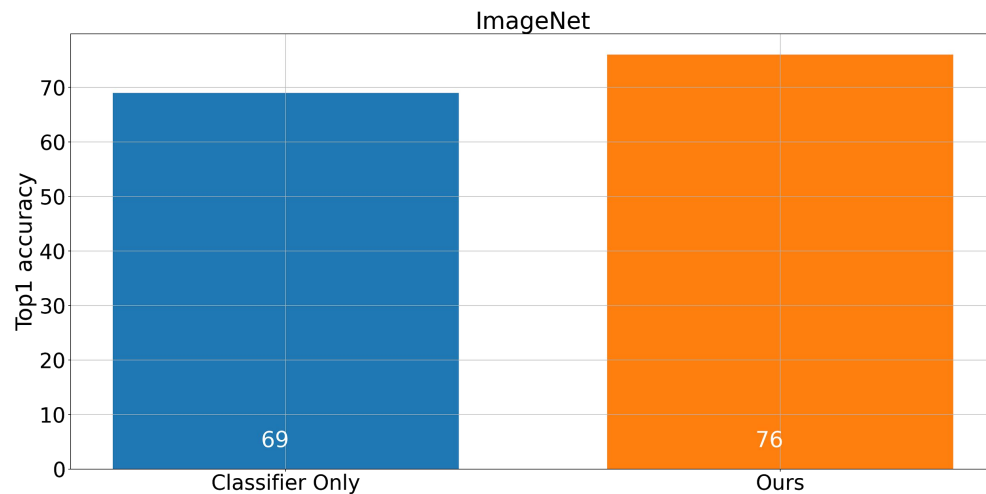
Classifier + augmentation network



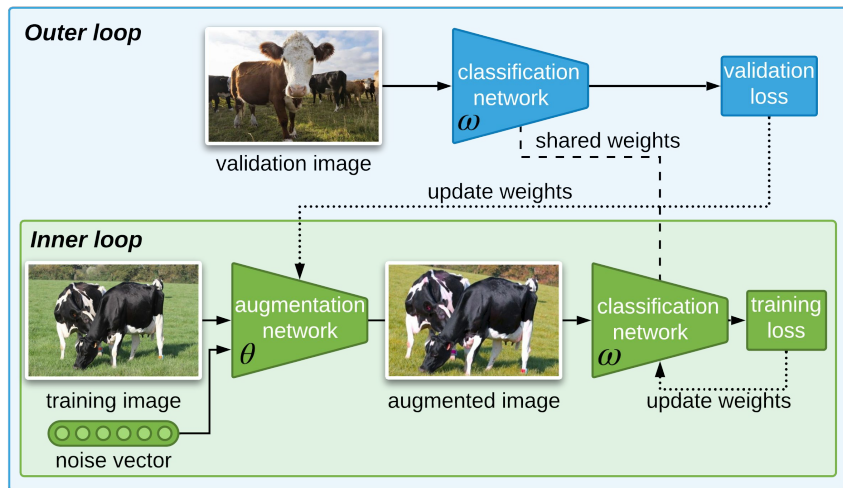
BACH Results (Medical Dataset)



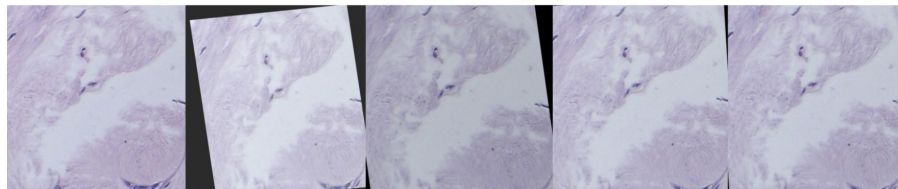
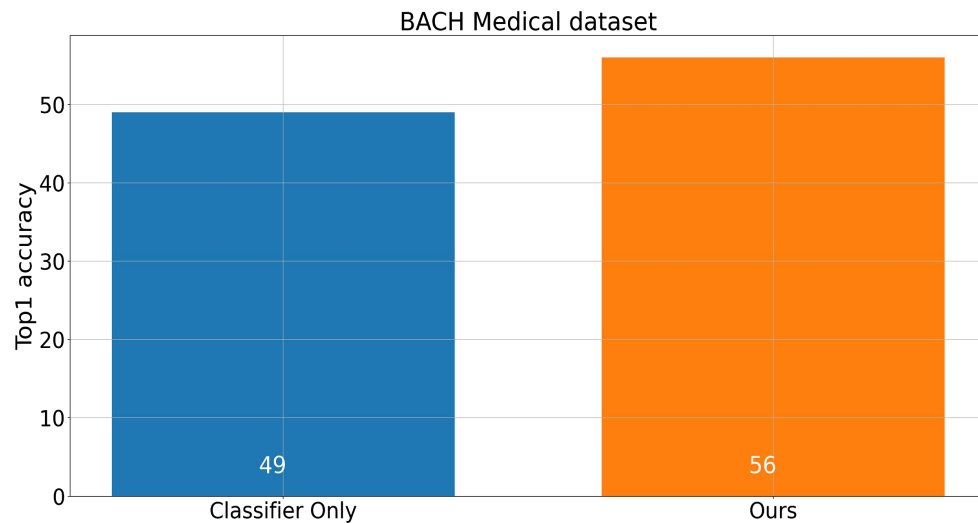
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Classifier + augmentation network



Live Coding

Link:

https://github.com/ElementAI/bilevel_augment/blob/master/docs/webinar_demo.ipynb

Thank you.

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