# Proofs and Additional Experiments for FastLSH

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## 1 Proofs

### 1.1 Proof of Theorem 1

*Proof.* Let $f_{|\tilde{s}X|}(t)$ represent the PDF of the absolute value of $\tilde{s}X$. For given bucket width $\tilde{w}$, the probability $p(|\tilde{s}X| < t)$ for any pair $(\boldsymbol{v}, \boldsymbol{u})$ is computed as $p(|\tilde{s}X| < t) = \int_0^{\tilde{w}} f_{|\tilde{s}X|}(t)dt$, where $t \in [0, \tilde{w}]$. Recall that $\tilde{b}$ follows the uniform distribution $U(0, \tilde{w})$, the probability $p(\tilde{b} < \tilde{w} - t)$ is thus $(1 - \frac{t}{\tilde{w}})$. This means that after random projection, $(|\tilde{s}X| + \tilde{b})$ is also within the same bucket, and the collision probability $p(s, \sigma)$ is the product of $p(|\tilde{s}X| < t)$ and $p(\tilde{b} < \tilde{w} - t)$. Hence we prove this Theorem.

### 1.2 Proof of Lemma 2

*Proof.* For the characteristic function of $W$, we can write:

$$\begin{aligned}
\varphi_W(x) &= E_W\{\exp(ixW)\} \\
&= E_{XY}\{\exp(ixXY)\} \\
&= E_Y\{E_{X|Y}\{\exp(ixXY)|Y\}\} \\
&= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} E_{X|Y}\{\exp(-ixXY)|Y\}f(Y)dY \\
&= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} (\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \exp(-ixXY)f(X|Y)dX)f(Y)dY \\
&= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \exp(-\frac{x^2Y^2}{2})f(Y)dY \\
&= E_Y\{\exp(-\frac{x^2Y^2}{2})\}
\end{aligned}$$

where standard normal random variable $X$ is eliminated by its characteristic function. We prove this Lemma.

### 1.3 Proof of Lemma 3

*Proof.* According to Eqn.(8), we know the PDF of $\tilde{s}$. By applying Lemma 2, we have the following result:

$$\begin{aligned}
\varphi_{\tilde{s}X}(x) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\tilde{\sigma}} \int_0^{+\infty} \frac{2y}{\Phi(a_2;\tilde{\mu},\tilde{\sigma}^2) - \Phi(a_1;\tilde{\mu},\tilde{\sigma}^2)} \exp(\frac{-x^2y^2}{2} - \frac{(y^2-\tilde{\mu})^2}{2\tilde{\sigma}^2})dy \\
&= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\tilde{\sigma}} \int_0^{+\infty} \frac{1}{\Phi(a_2;\tilde{\mu},\tilde{\sigma}^2) - \Phi(a_1;\tilde{\mu},\tilde{\sigma}^2)} \exp(-\frac{x^2y^2}{2} - \frac{(y^2-\tilde{\mu})^2}{2\tilde{\sigma}^2})dy^2 \\
&= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\tilde{\sigma}} \int_0^{+\infty} \frac{1}{\Phi(a_2;\tilde{\mu},\tilde{\sigma}^2) - \Phi(a_1;\tilde{\mu},\tilde{\sigma}^2)} \exp(\frac{-(y^2-(\tilde{\mu}-\frac{1}{2}x^2\tilde{\sigma}^2))^2 - \tilde{\mu}x^2\tilde{\sigma}^2 + \frac{1}{4}x^4\tilde{\sigma}^4)}{2\tilde{\sigma}^2})dy^2 \\
&= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\tilde{\sigma}} \int_0^{+\infty} \frac{1}{\Phi(a_2;\tilde{\mu},\tilde{\sigma}^2) - \Phi(a_1;\tilde{\mu},\tilde{\sigma}^2)} \exp(\frac{1}{8}x^4\tilde{\sigma}^2 - \frac{1}{2}\tilde{\mu}x^2) \exp(\frac{-(y^2-(\tilde{\mu}-\frac{1}{2}x^2\tilde{\sigma}^2))^2)}{2\tilde{\sigma}^2})dy^2 \\
&= \frac{1}{2(\Phi(\frac{a_2-\tilde{\mu}}{\tilde{\sigma}}) - \Phi(\frac{a_1-\tilde{\mu}}{\tilde{\sigma}}))} \exp(\frac{1}{8}x^4\tilde{\sigma}^2 - \frac{1}{2}\tilde{\mu}x^2) \operatorname{erfc}(\frac{\frac{1}{2}x^2\tilde{\sigma}^2 - \tilde{\mu}}{\sqrt{2}\tilde{\sigma}}) \\
&= \frac{1}{2(1 - \Phi(\frac{-\tilde{\mu}}{\tilde{\sigma}}))} \exp(\frac{1}{8}x^4\tilde{\sigma}^2 - \frac{1}{2}\tilde{\mu}x^2) \operatorname{erfc}(\frac{\frac{1}{2}x^2\tilde{\sigma}^2 - \tilde{\mu}}{\sqrt{2}\tilde{\sigma}})
\end{aligned}$$

where $\tilde{\mu} = \frac{ms^2}{n}$, $\tilde{\sigma}^2 = m\sigma^2$, $a_2 = \infty$ and $a_1 = 0$. Hence we prove this Lemma.

### 1.4 Proof of Theorem 2

*Proof.* Recall that $\tilde{\mu} = \frac{ms^2}{n}$ and $\tilde{\sigma} = m\sigma^2$. $\varphi_{\tilde{s}X}(x)$ can be written as follows:

$$\varphi_{\tilde{s}X}(x) = \frac{1}{2(1 - \Phi(\frac{-\sqrt{m}s^2}{n\sigma}))} \exp(\frac{mx^4\sigma^2}{8} - \frac{ms^2x^2}{2n}) \operatorname{erfc}(\frac{\sqrt{m}(nx^2\sigma^2 - 2s^2)}{2\sqrt{2}n\sigma}) \quad (-\infty < x < +\infty)$$

Let $a = \frac{s^2}{\sqrt{2}n\sigma} > 0$ and $b = \frac{\sigma}{2\sqrt{2}} > 0 \Rightarrow b^2 = \frac{\sigma^2}{8}$. According to the fact $\Phi(x) = \frac{1}{2}\operatorname{erfc}(-\frac{x}{\sqrt{2}})$, $\varphi_{\tilde{s}X}(x)$ is simplified as:

$$\varphi_{\tilde{s}X}(x) = \exp(b^2mx^4 - \frac{1}{2}m\mu x^2) \cdot \frac{\operatorname{erfc}(b\sqrt{m}x^2 - a\sqrt{m})}{2 - \operatorname{erfc}(a\sqrt{m})}$$

Let $g(x) = \frac{\varphi_{\tilde{s}X}(x)}{\varphi_{sX}(x)}$, where $\varphi_{sX}(x) = \exp(-\frac{ms^2x^2}{2n})$ is the characteristic function of $\mathcal{N}(0, \frac{ms^2}{n})$. Then $g(x)$ is denoted as:

$$g(x) = \exp(b^2mx^4) \cdot \frac{\operatorname{erfc}(b\sqrt{m}x^2 - a\sqrt{m})}{2 - \operatorname{erfc}(a\sqrt{m})}$$

To prove $\varphi_{\tilde{s}X}(x) = \varphi_{sX}(x)$, we convert to prove whether $g(x) = 1$ as $m \to \infty$. Obviously $x^2 \le O(m^{-1})$. Then $\sqrt{m}x^2 \le O(m^{-1/2})$ and $mx^4 \le O(m^{-1})$. It is easy to derive:

$$\lim_{m \to +\infty} \exp(b^2mx^4) = 1$$

It holds for any fixed $b \in \mathbb{R}^+$. On the other hand, we have:

$$\operatorname{erfc}(b\sqrt{m}x^2 - a\sqrt{m}) \sim \operatorname{erfc}(-a\sqrt{m}), \quad m \to +\infty$$

Actually using the fact $b\sqrt{m}x^2 - a\sqrt{m} \sim -a\sqrt{m}$ as $m \to +\infty$ and $\operatorname{erfc}(-x) = 2 - \frac{\exp(-x^2)}{\sqrt{\pi}x}$ as $x \to +\infty$, we have:

$$\lim_{m\to+\infty} \frac{\operatorname{erfc}(b\sqrt{m}x^2 - a\sqrt{m})}{2 - \operatorname{erfc}(a\sqrt{m})} = \frac{\lim_{m\to+\infty} \operatorname{erfc}(b\sqrt{m}x^2 - a\sqrt{m})}{\lim_{m\to+\infty} \operatorname{erfc}(-a\sqrt{m})} = 1$$

Hence we have:

$$g(x) = \lim_{m\to+\infty} \exp(b^2 m x^4) \cdot \lim_{m\to+\infty} \frac{\operatorname{erfc}(b\sqrt{m}x^2 - a\sqrt{m})}{\operatorname{erfc}(-a\sqrt{m})} = 1.$$

We prove this Theorem.

### 1.5 Proof of Lemma 4

*Proof.* If the characteristic function of a random variable $Z$ exists, it provides a way to compute its various moments. Specifically, the $r$-th moment of $Z$ denoted by $E(Z^r)$ can be expressed as the $r$-th derivative of the characteristic function evaluated at zero [9], i.e.,

$$E(Z^r) = (i)^{-r} \frac{d^r}{dt^r} \varphi_Z(t) \mid_{t=0} \tag{1}$$

where $\varphi_Z(t)$ denotes the characteristic function of $Z$. If we know the characteristic function, then all of the moments of the random variable $Z$ can be obtained.

From Lemma 3, we can easily compute the first-order derivative of characteristic function with respect to $x$, which is as follows:

$$\varphi'_{\tilde{s}X}(x) = \frac{\exp(\frac{1}{8}x^4\tilde{\sigma}^2 - \frac{1}{2}\tilde{\mu}x^2)}{2(1 - \Phi(\frac{-\tilde{\mu}}{\tilde{\sigma}}))} \left[ (\frac{1}{2}x^3\tilde{\sigma}^2 - \tilde{\mu}x) \operatorname{erfc}(\frac{\frac{1}{2}x^2\tilde{\sigma}^2 - \tilde{\mu}}{\sqrt{2}\tilde{\sigma}}) - \frac{2\tilde{\sigma}x}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp(-(\frac{\frac{1}{2}x^2\tilde{\sigma}^2 - \tilde{\mu}}{\sqrt{2}\tilde{\sigma}})^2) \right] \tag{2}$$

Then the second-order derivative is

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi''_{\tilde{s}X}(x) =& \frac{\exp(\frac{1}{8}x^4\tilde{\sigma}^2 - \frac{1}{2}\tilde{\mu}x^2)}{2(1 - \Phi(\frac{-\tilde{\mu}}{\tilde{\sigma}}))} \left[ ((\frac{1}{2}x^3\tilde{\sigma}^2 - ux)^2 + \frac{3}{2}x^2\tilde{\sigma}^2 - \tilde{\mu}) \operatorname{erfc}(\frac{\frac{1}{2}x^2\tilde{\sigma}^2 - \tilde{\mu}}{\sqrt{2}\tilde{\sigma}}) \right. \\ & \left. - \frac{2}{\sqrt{2\pi}}(\tilde{\sigma} + \frac{3}{2}x^4\tilde{\sigma}^3 - \frac{3}{2}\tilde{\mu}\tilde{\sigma}x^2) \exp(-(\frac{\frac{1}{2}x^2\tilde{\sigma}^2 - \tilde{\mu}}{\sqrt{2}\tilde{\sigma}})^2) \right] \end{aligned} \tag{3}$$

The third-order derivative is

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi'''(x) =& \frac{\exp(\frac{1}{8}x^4\tilde{\sigma}^2 - \frac{1}{2}\tilde{\mu}x^2)}{2(1 - \Phi(\frac{-\tilde{\mu}}{\tilde{\sigma}}))} \left[ (\frac{1}{8}\tilde{\sigma}^6x^9 - \frac{3}{4}\tilde{\mu}\tilde{\sigma}^4x^7 + (\frac{2}{3}\tilde{\mu}^2\tilde{\sigma}^2 + \frac{9}{4}\tilde{\sigma}^4)x^5 - (6\tilde{\mu}\tilde{\sigma}^2 + \tilde{\mu}^3)x^3 + 3(\tilde{\mu}^2 + \tilde{\sigma}^2)x) \right. \\ & \left. \operatorname{erfc}(\frac{\frac{1}{2}\tilde{\sigma}^2x^2 - \tilde{\mu}}{\sqrt{2}\tilde{\sigma}}) - \frac{2}{\sqrt{2\pi}}(\frac{1}{4}\tilde{\sigma}^5x^7 - \tilde{\mu}\tilde{\sigma}^3x^5 + (\tilde{\mu}^2\tilde{\sigma} + \frac{7}{2}\tilde{\sigma}^3)x^3 - 3\tilde{\mu}\tilde{\sigma}x) \exp(-(\frac{\frac{1}{2}\tilde{\sigma}^2x^2 - \tilde{\mu}}{\sqrt{2}\tilde{\sigma}})^2) \right] \end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

The fourth-order derivative is

$$\begin{aligned}\varphi''''(x) =&\frac{\exp(\frac{1}{8}x^4\tilde{\sigma}^2-\frac{1}{2}\tilde{\mu}x^2)}{2(1-\Phi(\frac{-\tilde{\mu}}{\tilde{\sigma}}))}\Big[(\frac{1}{16}\tilde{\sigma}^8x^{12}-\frac{1}{2}\tilde{\mu}\tilde{\sigma}^6x^{10}+(\frac{3}{2}\tilde{\mu}^2\tilde{\sigma}^4+\frac{9}{4}\tilde{\sigma}^4)x^8-(2\tilde{\mu}^3\tilde{\sigma}^2+\frac{21}{2}\tilde{\mu}\tilde{\sigma}^4)x^6\\&+(\tilde{\mu}^4+\frac{51}{4}\tilde{\sigma}^4+9\tilde{\mu}^2\tilde{\sigma}^2)x^4-(6\tilde{\mu}^3+21\tilde{\mu}\tilde{\sigma}^2)x^2+3(\tilde{\mu}^2+\tilde{\sigma}^2))\operatorname{erfc}(\frac{\frac{1}{2}\tilde{\sigma}^2x^2-\tilde{\mu}}{\sqrt{2}\tilde{\sigma}})\\&-\frac{2}{\sqrt{2\pi}}(\frac{1}{8}\tilde{\sigma}^7x^{10}-\frac{3}{4}\tilde{\mu}\tilde{\sigma}^5x^8+(\frac{3}{2}\tilde{\mu}^2\tilde{\sigma}^3+4\tilde{\sigma}^5)x^6-(6\tilde{\mu}^2\tilde{\sigma}+\frac{13}{2}\tilde{\sigma}^3)x^2-3\tilde{\mu}\tilde{\sigma})\exp(-(\frac{\frac{1}{2}\tilde{\sigma}^2x^2-\tilde{\mu}}{\sqrt{2}\tilde{\sigma}})^2)\Big]\end{aligned} \tag{5}$$

Let $E(\tilde{s}X-E(\tilde{s}X))^i$ for $i\in\{1,2,3,4\}$ denote the first four central moments. According to Eqn.(1), we know that $E(\tilde{s}X)=\frac{\varphi'(0)}{i}=0$, then it is easy to derive $E(\tilde{s}X-E(\tilde{s}X))^i=E((\tilde{s}X)^i)$. To this end, by Eqn.(2) -(5), we have the following results:

$$\begin{cases}E(\tilde{s}X) &=0\\ E((\tilde{s}X)^2)=\frac{\tilde{\mu}\operatorname{erfc}(\frac{-\tilde{\mu}}{\sqrt{2}\tilde{\sigma}})+\frac{2\tilde{\sigma}}{\sqrt{2\pi}}\exp(\frac{-\tilde{\mu}^2}{2\tilde{\sigma}^2})}{2(1-\Phi(\frac{-\tilde{\mu}}{\tilde{\sigma}}))}\\ E((\tilde{s}X)^3)=0\\ E((\tilde{s}X)^4)=\frac{3(\tilde{\mu}^2+\tilde{\sigma}^2)\operatorname{erfc}(\frac{-\tilde{\mu}}{\sqrt{2}\tilde{\sigma}})+\frac{6\tilde{\mu}\tilde{\sigma}}{\sqrt{2\pi}}\exp(\frac{-\tilde{\mu}^2}{2\tilde{\sigma}^2})}{2(1-\Phi(\frac{-\tilde{\mu}}{\tilde{\sigma}}))}\end{cases} \tag{6}$$

where $E(\tilde{s}X)$ is the expectation; $E((\tilde{s}X)^2)$ is the variance; $\frac{E((\tilde{s}X)^3)}{(E((\tilde{s}X)^2))^{\frac{3}{2}}}$ is the skewness; $\frac{E((\tilde{s}X)^4)}{(E((\tilde{s}X)^2))^2}$ is the kurtosis. Since

$$\frac{\operatorname{erfc}(\frac{-\tilde{\mu}}{\sqrt{2}\tilde{\sigma}})}{2(1-\Phi(\frac{-\tilde{\mu}}{\tilde{\sigma}}))}=\frac{\frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}}\int_{\frac{-\tilde{\mu}}{\sqrt{2}\tilde{\sigma}}}^{+\infty}\exp(-t_1^2)dt_1}{2(1-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}}\int_{-\infty}^{\frac{-\tilde{\mu}}{\tilde{\sigma}}}\exp(\frac{-t_2^2}{2})dt_2)}=\frac{\int_{\frac{-\tilde{\mu}}{\sqrt{2}\tilde{\sigma}}}^{+\infty}\exp(-t_1^2)dt_1}{\sqrt{2}\int_{\frac{-\tilde{\mu}}{\tilde{\sigma}}}^{+\infty}\exp(\frac{-t_2^2}{2})dt_2}=\frac{\int_{\frac{-\tilde{\mu}}{\sqrt{2}\tilde{\sigma}}}^{+\infty}\exp(-t_1^2)dt_1}{\int_{\frac{-\tilde{\mu}}{\sqrt{2}\tilde{\sigma}}}^{+\infty}\exp(-t^2)dt}=1$$

Therefore, Eqn.(6) can be rewritten as below

$$\begin{cases}E(\tilde{s}X) &=0\\ E((\tilde{s}X)^2)=\tilde{\mu}(1+\epsilon)\\ E((\tilde{s}X)^3)=0\\ E((\tilde{s}X)^4)=3\tilde{\mu}^2(1+\lambda)\end{cases}$$

where $\epsilon=\frac{\tilde{\sigma}\exp(\frac{-\tilde{\mu}^2}{2\tilde{\sigma}^2})}{\sqrt{2\pi}\tilde{\mu}(1-\Phi(\frac{-\tilde{\mu}}{\tilde{\sigma}}))}$, $\lambda=\frac{\tilde{\sigma}^2}{\tilde{\mu}^2}+\epsilon$, $\tilde{\mu}=\frac{ms^2}{n}$ and $\tilde{\sigma}^2=m\sigma^2$. We prove this Lemma.

## 2 Extension to Maximum Inner Product

[3,19] shows that there exists two transformation functions, by which the maximum inner product search (MIPS) problem can be converted into solve the near neighbor search problem. More specifically, the two transformation functions are

$P(\boldsymbol{v}) = (\sqrt{\kappa^2 - \|\boldsymbol{v}\|_2^2}, \boldsymbol{v})$ for data processing and $Q(\boldsymbol{u}) = (0, \boldsymbol{u})$ for query processing respectively, where $\kappa = max(\|\boldsymbol{v}_i\|_2)$ $(i \in \{1, 2, \ldots, N\})$. Then the relationship between maximum inner product and $l_2$ norm for any vector pair $(\boldsymbol{v}_i, \boldsymbol{u})$ is denoted as $\underset{i}{argmax}(\frac{P(\boldsymbol{v}_i)Q(\boldsymbol{u})}{\|P(\boldsymbol{v}_i)\|_2\|Q(\boldsymbol{u})\|_2}) = \underset{i}{argmin}(\|P(\boldsymbol{v}_i) - Q(\boldsymbol{u})\|_2)$ for $\|\boldsymbol{u}\|_2 = 1$. To make FastLSH applicable for MIPS, we first apply the sample operator $S(\cdot)$ defined earlier to vector pairs $(\boldsymbol{v}_i, \boldsymbol{u})$ for yielding $\tilde{\boldsymbol{v}}_i = S(\boldsymbol{v}_i)$ and $\tilde{\boldsymbol{u}} = S(\boldsymbol{u})$, and then obtain $\tilde{P}(\boldsymbol{v}) = (\sqrt{\tilde{\kappa}^2 - \|S(\boldsymbol{v})\|_2^2}, S(\boldsymbol{v}))$ and $\tilde{Q}(\boldsymbol{u}) = (0, S(\boldsymbol{u}))$, where $\tilde{\kappa} = max(\|S(\boldsymbol{v}_i)\|_2)$ is a constant. Then $\underset{i}{argmax}(\frac{\tilde{P}(\boldsymbol{v}_i)\tilde{Q}(\boldsymbol{u})}{\|\tilde{P}(\boldsymbol{v}_i)\|_2\|\tilde{Q}(\boldsymbol{u})\|_2}) = \underset{i}{argmin}(\|\tilde{P}(\boldsymbol{v}_i) - \tilde{Q}(\boldsymbol{u})\|_2)$ for $\|S(\boldsymbol{u})\|_2 = 1$. Let $\triangle = \tilde{\kappa}^2 - \|S(\boldsymbol{v})\|_2^2$. After random projection, $\boldsymbol{a}^T\tilde{P}(\boldsymbol{v}) - \boldsymbol{a}^T\tilde{Q}(\boldsymbol{u})$ is distributed as $(\sqrt{\tilde{s}^2 + \triangle})X$. Since $\tilde{s}^2 \sim \mathcal{N}(m\mu, m\sigma^2)$, then $(\tilde{s}^2 + \triangle) \sim \mathcal{N}(m\mu + \triangle, m\sigma^2)$. Let $\sqrt{\tilde{s}^2 + \triangle}$ be the random variable $\mathcal{I}$. Similar to Eqn.(8), the PDF of $\mathcal{I}$ represented by $f_{\mathcal{I}}$ is yielded as follow:

$$f_{\mathcal{I}}(t) = 2t\psi(t^2; m\mu + \triangle, m\sigma^2, 0, +\infty)$$

By applying Lemma 2, the characteristic function of $\mathcal{I}X$ is as follows:

$$\varphi_{\mathcal{I}X}(x) = \frac{1}{2(1 - \Phi(\frac{-ms^2 - n\triangle}{\sqrt{m}\sigma\triangle}))} \exp(\frac{mx^4\sigma^2}{8} - \frac{(ms^2 + n\triangle)x^2}{2n}) \operatorname{erfc}(\frac{mnx^2\sigma^2 - 2(ms^2 + n\triangle)}{2\sqrt{2mn}\sigma})(-\infty < x < +\infty)$$

Then the PDF of $\mathcal{I}X$ is obtained by $\varphi_{\mathcal{I}X}(x)$:

$$f_{\mathcal{I}X}(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi}\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \varphi_{\mathcal{I}X}(x) exp(-itx) dx$$

It is easy to derive the collision probability of any pair $(\boldsymbol{v}, \boldsymbol{u})$ by $f_{\mathcal{I}X}(t)$, which is as follows:

$$p(s) = \int_0^{\tilde{w}'} f_{|\mathcal{I}X|}(t)(1 - \frac{t}{\tilde{w}'})dx$$

where $f_{|\mathcal{I}X|}(t)$ denotes the PDF of the absolute value of $\mathcal{I}X$. $\tilde{w}'$ is the bucket width.

## 3 Additional Experiments

In this section we present more description about datasets, parameter setting and additional experiments for three machine learning tasks. All experiments for nearest neighbor search and outlier detection are carried out on a server with six-cores Intel(R), i7-8750H @ 2.20GHz CPU and 32 GB RAM, in Ubuntu 20.04. Experiments for neural network training are carried out on a server with fourteen-cores Intel(R), i7-12700H @ 2.30GHz CPU and 64 GB RAM, in Ubuntu 20.04.

**Table 1.** Statistics of the datasets

| Datasets | # of Instances | # of Outliers | Dimension |
|---|---|---|---|
| Statlog Shuttle | 34,987 | 879 | 9 |
| a9a | 48,842 | 7841 | 123 |
| Musk | 6,598 | 97 | 166 |

### 3.1 Outlier Detection

**Baseline:** Anomaly detection is a critical task in data analysis, which aims to identify instances or patterns that deviate from expected behavior. For anomaly detection task, there are two kinds of methods, i.e., supervised and unsupervised methods. Unsupervised methods are more preferred in practice due to their ability to adapt to changing data distributions without requiring label information. Existing unsupervised anomaly detection approaches often require storing the entire dataset, leading to poor computational and memory requirements, particularly as data volume increases. To overcome these limitations, researchers propose Arrays of (locality-sensitive) Count Estimators (ACE) in [14], a novel anomaly detection algorithm, for high-speed streaming data and constrained memory environments.

ACE is an efficient anomaly detection data structure, which is composed of multiple locality-sensitive hash tables. These hash tables are used to estimate counts of collision and detect anomalies by performing hash lookup. Specifically, a hash code $H(\boldsymbol{v}) = (h_1(\boldsymbol{v}), h_2(\boldsymbol{v}), \ldots, h_k(\boldsymbol{v})$ of $k$ bits is computed using $k$ independent LSH functions. Then $L$ groups of hash functions $H_i(\cdot), i = \{1, \cdots, L\}$ are drawn independently and uniformly at random from the LSH family. Instead of constructing $L$ hash tables, ACE constructs $L$ short arrays, $A_i$, of size $2^k$ each initialized with zeros. Given any observed element $\boldsymbol{v} \in \mathbf{D}$, ACE increments the count of the corresponding counter $H_i(\boldsymbol{v})$ in array $A_i$ for all $i$.

To decide if $\boldsymbol{u}$ is an outlier, ACE computes the average of all the counters for $\forall i \in \{1, 2, \ldots L\}$, i.e., $\hat{S}(\boldsymbol{u}, \mathbf{D}) = \frac{1}{L}\sum_{i=1}^{L} A_i[H_i(\boldsymbol{u})]$. $\boldsymbol{u}$ is reported as anomaly if the estimated score $\hat{S}(\boldsymbol{u}, \mathbf{D})$ is less than $\mu - \sigma$, where $\mu = \frac{1}{N}\sum_{i=1}^{N} \hat{S}(\boldsymbol{v}_i, \mathbf{D})$ is the mean of the scores over all $\boldsymbol{v} \in \mathbf{D}$ and $\sigma$ is the standard deviation. To evalute FastLSH and ACHash in the outlier detection task, we only need to replace the hash functions used in ACE with FastLSH and ACHash. The corresponding methods are termed as FastACE (FastLSH + ACE) and ACHashACE (ACHash +ACE), respectively.

**Evaluation Metrics:** Similar to [14], the following five performance measures are used: 1) outliers reported, i.e., the number of outliers detected by the algorithm. 2) correctly reported, i.e., the number of truth outliers in the outliers reported. 3) outlier missed, i.e., the remaining number of truth outliers in all truth outliers after outliers reported having been detected. 4) the execution time taken to report the outliers. 5) the speedup over ACE.

**Datasets:** We choose three widely used real-world benchmark datasets for anomaly detection, the statistics of which are presented in Table 1.

**Table 2.** Statistics of Datasets

| Datasets | Feature Dim | Feature Sparsity | Label Dim | Training Size | Testing Size |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Delicious-200K | 782,585 | 0.038% | 205,443 | 196,606 | 100,095 |
| Amazon-670K | 135,909 | 0.055% | 670,091 | 490,449 | 153,025 |

Statlog Shuttle[1]: It is the dataset of radiator positions in a NASA space shuttle with 9 attributes designed for supervised anomaly detection. The dataset includes 34987 instances with 879 anomalies.

a9a[2]: It is obtained from UCI Adult dataset, which predicts whether income exceeds 50K dollars per year. The dataset contains 48842 instances with each having 123 features. There are two classes of labels denoted as -1 and 1, where 1 is the income exceeding 50K, while the other is lower than 50K.

Musk[3]: It is the set of 102 molecules of which 39 molecules are judged by human experts to be musks and the remaining 93 molecules are non-musks. These molecules are to generate 6598 conformations with each conformation contains 166 features.

**Parameter Settings:** We use $k = 15$ and $L = 50$ for ACE, ACHashACE and FastACE as in [14]. For FastACE, $m$ is set to 3 for Statlog Shuttle, and $m = 30$ for the other two datasets. For ACHashACE, the sampling ratio is set to the default 0.25 [7].

### 3.2 Neural Network Training

**Baseline:** Deep Learning (DL) has drawn a lot of attention in recent years, transforming fields such as computer vision, natural language processing and speech recognition. Training a DL mode from scratch demands massive computing resources. While dedicated hardware offers accelerated performance in matrix multiplication, it comes with risks and limitations, including substantial investment requirements and the possibility of becoming obsolete with advancements in algorithms. To this end, SLIDE (Sub-LInear Deep learning Engine) [6] is proposed to train DL models using only commodity CPUs by exploiting adaptive sparsity in neural networks, especially in large fully connected neural networks.

SLIDE is a novel deep learning engine that integrates randomized algorithms (LSH) and multi-core parallelism. It achieves training speeds faster than using Tensorflow on GPU, exclusively utilizing a CPU on large-scale recommendation datasets [5,16,17]. Briefly SLIDE works as follows. In a fully connected neural network, each layer consists of a list of neurons and a set of LSH sampling hash tables. During network initialization, the weights are randomly initialized, and $k \times L$ LSH hash functions are set up along with $L$ hash tables for each layer. These hash functions compute hash codes $h_l(w_l^a)$ for the weight vectors

[1] https://archive.ics.uci.edu/ml/datasets/Statlog+(Shuttle)
[2] https://www.csie.ntu.edu.tw/ cjlin/libsvmtools/datasets/binary.html
[3] https://archive.ics.uci.edu/dataset/75/musk+version+2

**Table 3.** Statistics of Datasets

| Datasets | # of Points | # of Queries | Dimension |
|---|---|---|---|
| Sun | 69106 | 200 | 512 |
| Cifar | 50000 | 200 | 512 |
| Audio | 53387 | 200 | 192 |
| Trevi | 99000 | 200 | 4096 |
| Notre | 333000 | 200 | 128 |
| Sift | 1000000 | 200 | 128 |
| Gist | 1000000 | 200 | 960 |
| Deep | 1000000 | 200 | 256 |
| Ukbench | 1000000 | 200 | 128 |
| Glove | 1192514 | 200 | 100 |
| ImageNet | 2340000 | 200 | 150 |
| Random | 1000000 | 200 | 100 |

of neurons in each layer, where $h_l$ represents the hash function in layer $l$ and $w_l^a$ is the weights for the $a^{th}$ neuron in layer $l$. The neuron's id $a$ is stored in the hash buckets determined by the LSH function $h_l(w_l^a)$. In SLIDE, rather than calculating all activations in each layer, the input to each layer $v_l$ is passed through hash functions to compute $h_l(v_l)$. These hash codes act as queries to retrieve the ids of active (or sampled) neurons from corresponding buckets in the hash tables. For each training data instance, the neuron backpropagates partial gradients (using error propagation) exclusively to active neurons in previous layers through the connected weights.

**Evaluation Metrics:** We report the classification accuracy, the end-to-end training time and the number of iterations as in [6].

**Datasets:** We employ two large real datasets, Delicious-200K and Amazon-670K, from the Extreme Classification Repository [5], and the statistics of the two datasets are presented in Table 2. Delicious-200K dataset is a subsampled dataset generated from a vast corpus of almost 150 million bookmarks from Social Bookmarking Systems. Amazon-670K dataset is a product to product recommendation dataset with 670K labels.

**Parameter Settings:** For both datasets, a standard fully connected neural network with one hidden layer of size 128 and a batch size of 128 is employed. All algorithms are executed until convergence. To evaluate the performance of SLIDE, FastSLIDE (FastLSH + SLIDE) and ACHashSLIDE (ACHash + SLIDE), we utilize the same optimizer, Adam, while adjusting the initial step size from $1e^{-5}$ to $1e^{-3}$ to ensure better convergence across all experiments. In SLIDE, we particularly focus on maintaining hash tables for the last layer, which is often a computational bottleneck in the models. In terms of LSH settings, we set $k = 9$ and $L = 50$ for Decilious-200K and $k = 8$ and $L = 50$ for Amazon-670K. The hash tables are updated initially every $N_0 = 50$ iterations and then exponentially decayed. The sampling ratio of FastSLIDE is set to 0.15 and 0.07

for Delicious and Amazon, respectively. For ACHashSLIDE, the sampling ratio is set to the default 0.25 [7].

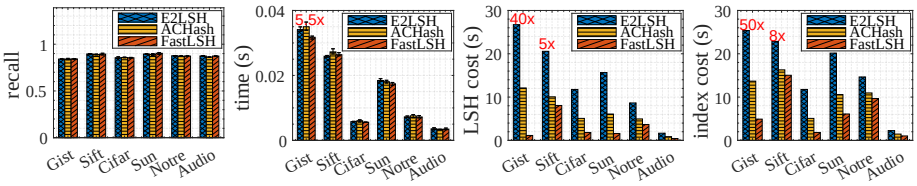
### 3.3 FastLSH vs. E2LSH for Nearest Neighbor Search

**Baseline:** Nearest neighbor search (NNS) is an essential problem in machine learning, which has numerous applications such as face recognition, information retrieval and duplicate detection. The purpose of nearest neighbor search is to find the point in the dataset $\mathbf{D} = \{\boldsymbol{v}_1, \boldsymbol{v}_2, \ldots, \boldsymbol{v}_N\}$ that is most similar (has minimal distance) to the given query $\boldsymbol{u}$. For low dimensional spaces (<10), popular tree-based index structures such as KD-tree [4], SR-tree [11], etc. deliver exact answers and provide satisfactory performance. For high dimensional spaces, however, these index structures suffer from the well-known curse of dimensionality, that is, their performance is even worse than that of linear scans [18]. To address this issue, one feasible way is to use approximate nearest neighbor (ANN) search by trading accuracy for efficiency [12]. Locality-sensitive hashing (LSH) is an effective randomized technique in machine learning, which is originally proposed to solve the problem of approximate nearest neighbor (ANN) search in high dimensional space [10,8,2]. The basic idea of LSH is to map high dimensional points into buckets in low dimensional space using random hash functions, by which similar points have higher probability to end up in the same bucket than dissimilar points.

The canonical LSH index structure (E2LSH) for ANN search is built as follows. A hash code $H(\boldsymbol{v}) = (h_1(\boldsymbol{v}), h_2(\boldsymbol{v}), \ldots, h_k(\boldsymbol{v})$ is computed using $k$ independent LSH functions (i.e., $H(\boldsymbol{v})$ is the concatenation of $k$ elementary LSH codes). Then a hash table is constructed by adding the 2-tuple $\langle H(\boldsymbol{v}), \textit{id of } \boldsymbol{v}\rangle$ into corresponding bucket. To boost accuracy, $L$ groups of hash functions $H_i(\cdot), i = 1, \cdots, L$ are drawn independently and uniformly at random from the LSH family, resulting in $L$ hash tables.

To answer a query $\boldsymbol{u}$, one need to first compute $H_1(\boldsymbol{u}), \cdots, H_L(\boldsymbol{u})$ and then search all these $L$ buckets to obtain the combined set of candidates. Then, all points in the candidate set are evaluated against the query and the most similar points are returned. There exists two ways (approximate and exact) to process these candidates. In the approximate version, no more than $3L$ points in the candidate set are evaluated. The LSH theory ensures that the $(c, R)$-NN is found with a constant probability. In practice, however, the exact one is widely used since it offers better accuracy at the cost of evaluating all points in the candidate set [8]. The search time consists of both the hashing time and the time taken to prune the candidate set [8,1]. In many cases, nearest neighbor search is just one component of a larger application that involves other approximations. As a result, using approximate neighbors instead of exact ones often leads to minimal performance loss. Therefore, we use the exact method to process a query similar to [8,1].

**Evaluation Metrics:** To evaluate the performance of FastLSH and baselines, we present the following metrics: 1) recall, i.e., the fraction of near neighbors that are actually returned; 2) the average running time to report the near




(a) Recall (b) Query Time (c) Hashing Cost (d) Indexing Time

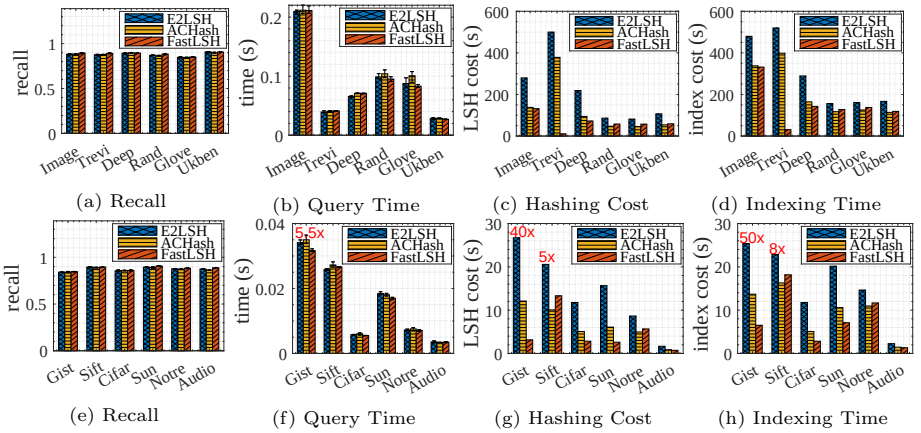
**Fig. 1.** Comparison of recall, average query time, LSH computation and index construction time.

neighbors for each query; 3) the time taken to compute hash functions; 4) the end-to-end index construction time.

**Datasets:** 11 publicly available high-dimensional real datasets and one synthetic dataset are experimented with [13], the statistics of which are listed in Table 3. Sun[4] is the set of containing about 70k GIST features of images. Cifar[5] is denoted as the set of 50k vectors extracted from TinyImage. Audio[6] is the set of about 50k vectors extracted from DARPA TIMIT. Trevi[7] is the set of containing around 100k features of bitmap images. Notre[8] is the set of features that are Flickr images. Sift[9] is the set of containing 1 million SIFT vectors. Gist[10] is the set that is consist of 1 million image vectors. Deep[11] is the set of 1 million vectors that are deep neural codes of natural images obtained by convolutional neural network. Ukbench[12] is the set of vectors containing 1 million features of images. Glove[13] is the set of about 1.2 million feature vectors extracted from Tweets. ImageNet[14] is the set of data points containing about 2.4 million dense SIFT features. Random is the synthetic dataset containing 1 million randomly selected vectors in a unit hypersphere.

**Parameter Settings:** For the same dataset and target recall, we use identical $k$ (number of hash functions per table) and $L$ (number of hash tables) for fairness. Thus, three algorithms take the same space occupations. $m$ is set to 30 throughout all experiments for FastLSH. To achieve optimal performance, the sampling ratio for ACHash is set to the defaulst 0.25 [7]. Table 4 reports the parameters ($k$, $L$ and bucket width $w$) for different target recall illustrated in Fig. 3, where $w$ is the bucket width of E2LSH, $\tilde{w}$ and $w'$ are those of FastLSH and ACHash respectively.

[4] http://groups.csail.mit.edu/vision/SUN/
[5] http://www.cs.toronto.edu/ kriz/cifar.html
[6] http://www.cs.princeton.edu/cass/audio.tar.gz
[7] http://phototour.cs.washington.edu/patches/default.htm
[8] http://phototour.cs.washington.edu/datasets/
[9] http://corpus-texmex.irisa.fr
[10] https://github.com/aaalgo/kgraph
[11] https://yadi.sk/d/I_yaFVqchJmoc
[12] http://vis.uky.edu/ stewe/ukbench/
[13] http://nlp.stanford.edu/projects/glove/
[14] http://cloudcv.org/objdetect/




(a) Recall (b) Query Time (c) Hashing Cost (d) Indexing Time

(e) Recall (f) Query Time (g) Hashing Cost (h) Indexing Time

**Fig. 2.** Comparison of recall, average query time, LSH computation and index construction time for $m = 45/60$.

**Results and Discussion:** In this set of experiments, we are intended to show that FastLSH can reduce the index construction time significantly and achieve almost the same recall and query time as other LSH-based algorithms in the meantime.

We first compare the performance among E2LSH, ACHash and FastLSH for target recall around 0.9. The recall, average query time and LSH computation time for Gist, Sift, Cifar, Sun, Notre and Audio are illustrated in Fig. 1 (a), (b) and (c). It is easy to see that FastLSH and E2LSH achieve comparable query performance and answer accuracy as plotted in Figure 1 (a) and (b). Due to lack of theoretical guarantee, ACHash performs slightly worse than FastLSH and E2LSH in most cases w.r.t query efficiency. As shown in Fig. 1 (c), the LSH computation time of FastLSH is significantly superior to E2LSH and ACHash. For example, FastLSH obtains around 24x speedup over E2LSH and runs 11x times faster than ACHash on *Gist*. For ACHash, the fixed sampling ratio and overhead in Hadamard transform make it inferior to FastLSH. Note that because the query time, hashing cost and index construction time for different datasets varies greatly among datasets, we use 40x and etc. in the plots to indicate that the actual time is 40 times as much as the one shown in the plots.

We also plot the recall v.s. average query time curves by varying target recalls to obtain a complete picture of FastLSH in Fig. 3. The empirical results demonstrate that FastLSH performs almost the same in terms of answer accuracy, query efficiency and space occupation as E2LSH. Again, ACHash is slightly inferior to the others in most cases.

The end-to-end speedup in the index construction time is shown in Fig. 1 (d). Thanks to the significant reduction in hashing cost, the time spent in building the index decreases by up to a factor of 20. Besides hashing, the procedure of index construction consists of some other operations such as hash table initialization

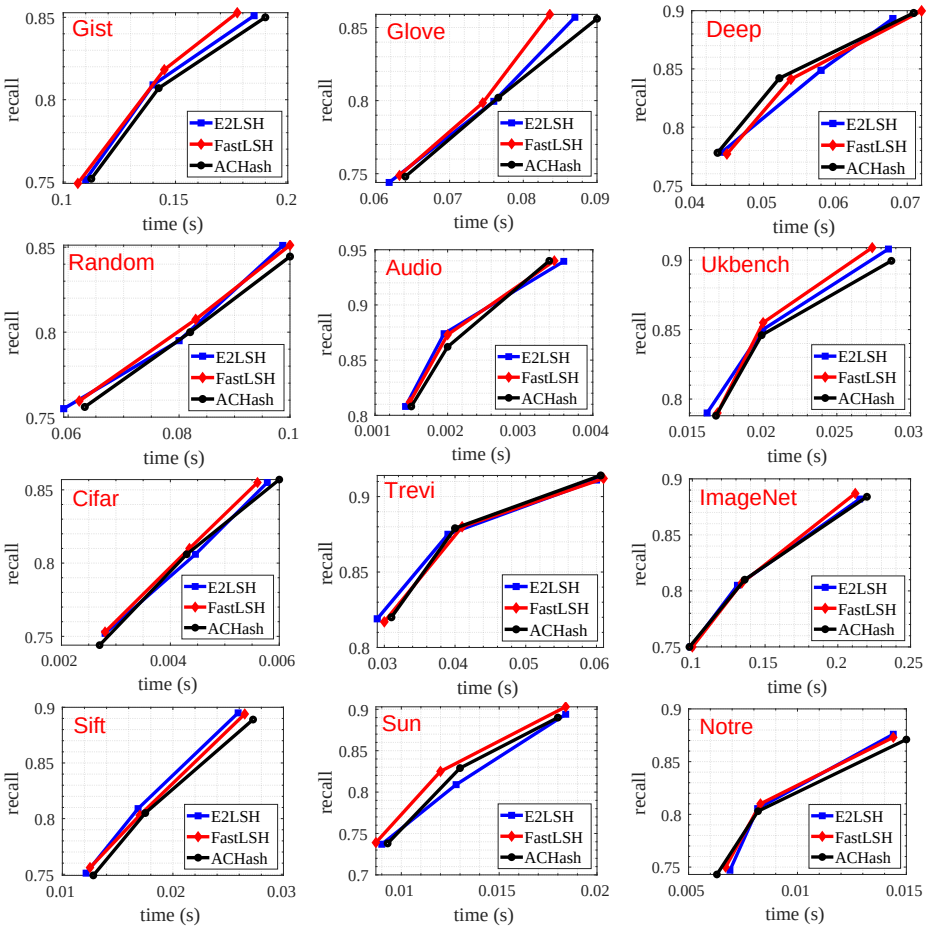



**Fig. 3.** Recall vs. Average query time

and linked list maintainance, which cannot be accelarated. Thus, the end-to-end latency in index construction decreases not as much as the hashing cost.

To evaluate the efficiency of FastLSH, we increased the value of $m$ and presented the results in Fig. 2. For datasets with dimensions exceeding 500, we set $m = 60$, while for other datasets $m = 45$. Note that no changes were made to the parameters of E2LSH and ACHash. As shown in Figure 2, the query performance of FastLSH remains consistent with that in Fig. 1. However, both the LSH computation time and the end-to-end index construction time have significantly increased. This is primarily due to the higher computational cost of hashing as $m$ increases. Therefore, we recommend setting $m = 30$ as the default sampling factor to mitigate the hashing cost and improve overall efficiency.

In sum, FastLSH is on par with E2LSH (with provable LSH property) in terms of answer accuracy and query efficiency and marginally superior to ACHash

**Table 4.** Parameters of E2LSH, FastLSH and ACHash

| Datasets | recall | $k$ | $L$ | $w$ | $\tilde{w}$ | $w'$ | Datasets | recall | $k$ | $L$ | $w$ | $\tilde{w}$ | $w'$ |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Cifar | lowest | 10 | 40 | 0.0175 | 0.0041 | 0.138 | Glove | lowest | 8 | 79 | 0.84 | 0.455 | 3 |
| | median | 10 | 40 | 0.0185 | 0.0042 | 0.15 | | median | 8 | 105 | 0.84 | 0.455 | 3 |
| | highest | 10 | 40 | 0.0195 | 0.00428 | 0.156 | | highest | 9 | 150 | 0.91 | 0.495 | 3 |
| Sun | lowest | 8 | 45 | 4200 | 980 | 34000 | Sift | lowest | 8 | 45 | 36 | 17 | 145 |
| | median | 8 | 45 | 4550 | 1050 | 36000 | | median | 8 | 45 | 39.5 | 19 | 160 |
| | highest | 8 | 45 | 5050 | 1120 | 39000 | | highest | 8 | 45 | 42 | 20 | 165 |
| Gist | lowest | 10 | 105 | 2.5 | 0.435 | 0.45 | Deep | lowest | 8 | 60 | 0.0565 | 0.0189 | 0.45 |
| | median | 10 | 105 | 2.75 | 0.45 | 0.48 | | median | 8 | 80 | 0.0565 | 0.0189 | 0.45 |
| | highest | 10 | 105 | 2.9 | 0.5 | 0.52 | | highest | 8 | 105 | 0.0565 | 0.0189 | 0.45 |
| Trevi | lowest | 8 | 105 | 11.8 | 1 | 370 | Random | lowest | 10 | 108 | 0.5 | 0.275 | 1.85 |
| | median | 8 | 105 | 12.8 | 1.1 | 400 | | median | 10 | 108 | 0.54 | 0.285 | 2 |
| | highest | 8 | 105 | 14 | 1.2 | 435 | | highest | 10 | 108 | 0.6 | 0.295 | 2.2 |
| Audio | lowest | 6 | 25 | 7000 | 2680 | 47500 | Ukbench | lowest | 8 | 55 | 20.5 | 9.5 | 72 |
| | median | 6 | 25 | 7700 | 2900 | 50000 | | median | 8 | 75 | 20.5 | 9.5 | 72 |
| | highest | 6 | 25 | 8700 | 3398 | 61000 | | highest | 8 | 105 | 20.5 | 9.5 | 80 |
| Notre | lowest | 6 | 35 | 29 | 13.8 | 116 | ImageNet | lowest | 8 | 105 | 0.36 | 0.162 | 0.159 |
| | median | 6 | 35 | 31.5 | 15 | 125 | | median | 8 | 105 | 0.4 | 0.175 | 0.17 |
| | highest | 6 | 35 | 35 | 16.6 | 134 | | highest | 8 | 105 | 0.465 | 0.203 | 0.2 |

(without provable LSH property), while significantly reducing the cost of hashing.

### 3.4 FastLSH vs. Multi-Probe LSH in Nearest Neighbor Search

**Baseline:** MPLSH[15] [15] is a variant of vanilla LSH (E2LSH) designed for ANN search, which uses a heuristic probe sequence to search multiple buckets that contain the NNs of given query with high probability. Compared with E2LSH, MPLSH provides better space and time efficiency, i.e., it achieves the reduction in memory usage by using less hash functions ($k \times L$) and the same recall with lower query response time.

**Metrics and Datasets:** The same as those in evaluating FastLSH and E2LSH.

**Parameter Settings:** For fairness, we set the same parameters $k$, $L$ and probe sequence for FastLSH and MPLSH to obtain the target recall. The parameters are presented in Table 5, where $w$ is the bucket width of MPLSH, $\tilde{w}$ and $w'$ are that of FastLSH and ACHash respectively; $m$ is the number of sampled dimensions for FastLSH and the sampling ratio for ACHash is set to the defaulst 0.25 as in [7].

**Results and Discussion:** In this set of experiments, we achieve around 0.9 target recall for MPLSH, ACHash and FastLSH over all tested datasets. The actual recall, query time, hashing time and speedup in hashing are shown in

[15] https://lshkit.sourceforge.net/index.html

**Table 5.** Parameters of MPLSH, FastLSH and ACHash

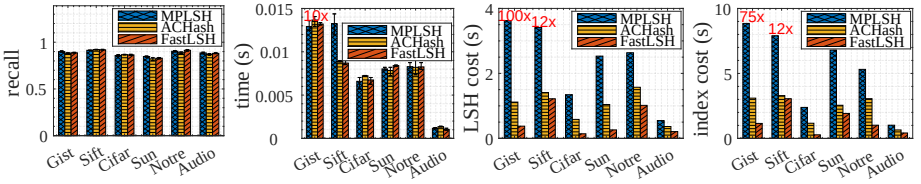
| Datasets | recall | $k$ | $L$ | $w$ | $\tilde{w}$ | $w'$ | $m$ |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Cifar | 0.85 | 10 | 5 | 0.65 | 0.15 | 0.16 | 30 |
| Sun | 0.8 | 6 | 15 | 99370 | 19500 | 18000 | 30 |
| Gist | 0.9 | 15 | 25 | 3.9 | 1.07 | 0.355 | 90 |
| Trevi | 0.9 | 10 | 25 | 3500 | 1100 | 225 | 512 |
| Audio | 0.88 | 10 | 5 | 166000 | 80000 | 37000 | 60 |
| Notre | 0.88 | 6 | 10 | 420 | 110 | 93 | 30 |
| Glove | 0.88 | 15 | 25 | 16 | 8.1 | 5.2 | 50 |
| Sift | 0.9 | 15 | 25 | 1000 | 256 | 230 | 30 |
| Deep | 0.9 | 15 | 25 | 2.5 | 0.57 | 0.375 | 30 |
| Random | 0.9 | 15 | 25 | 8 | 4.5 | 4.3 | 50 |
| Ukbench | 0.87 | 6 | 10 | 220 | 60 | 52 | 30 |
| ImageNet | 0.9 | 10 | 25 | 0.65 | 0.28 | 0.18 | 75 |

Fig. 4. We can observe the same trend for MPLSH as with E2LSH, as shown in Fig. 1. Particularly, FastLSH achieves around the same recall for each dataset with the same or even much better query time than MPLSH and ACHash. For half of the datasets, $m = 30$ offers nice performance for FastLSH, whereas the others need much larger $m$ to obtain the target recall. This might be attributed to the data-dependent nature of FastLSH and the probing heuristics used by MPLSH. The performance of ACHash is inferior to FastLSH due to lack of provable LSH property. The experimental results indicate that FastLSH performs well for all datasets and obtains up to 12x and 3x speedup in hashing over MPLSH and ACHash, respectively. The end-to-end index construction time is presented in Fig. 4 (d). Likewise, efficient hashing translates to reduced indexing construction time, leading to up to 10x speedup in building the index.

### 3.5 FastLSH Handles Sparse Data

Actually, FastLSH does work on sparse vector. The reasons and empirical evidence are as follows.

Recall that FastLSH consists of random sampling and random projection. FastLSH first performs $m$ random sampling operations. The probability of selecting at least one non-zero (significant) element during the process of random sampling is $p_1 = 1 - (1 - p)^m$, where $p$ is the proportion of non-zero elements in the $n$-dimensional vector. And then FastLSH performs random projection. Since the hash code of FastLSH is a fingerprint concatenated from $k$ hashes, the probability of selecting at least one non-zero (significant) element under $k$ hashes is $p_r = 1 - (1 - p_1)^k$. As a quick example, if $p = 0.01$, $m = 30$ and $k = 8$, then $p_r = 0.95$, meaning that the hash code contains the information of the significant elements with a high probability of 0.95. Therefore, FastLSH can effectively handle sparse data and is also well-suited for dense data, particularly in cases where many coordinate values are nearly identical.




(a) Recall (b) Query Time (c) Hashing Cost (d) Indexing Time

**Fig. 4.** Comparison of recall, average query time, LSH computation and index construction time.

We chose the MNIST[16] dataset to verify this claim. The dimension of MNIST is 784, with only around 2.6% non-zero elements. When we set $m = 30$ for FastLSH, the experimental results of FastLSH, E2LSH and ACHash under different $k$ and $L$ are shown in Table 6. From the table, it can be seen that FastLSH and E2LSH obtain comparable query accuracy, meaning it works very well for sparse datasets. While for ACHash, the fixed sampling ratio and overhead in Hadamard transform make it inferior to FastLSH. At the mean time, FastLSH can achieve up to 14.6 and 7.7 times faster LSH computation compared with E2LSH and ACHash, respectively. As a result, FastLSH can significantly reduce the end-to-end index construction time.

Note that for E2LSH package that we used [1], ultrahigh-dimensional vectors are assumed dense by default and all elements, regardless of whether it is zero or not, have to be computed. That is why such high speedup in hashing was achieved for FastLSH. In addition, for sparse ultrahigh-dimensional vectors, if the number of non-zero elements is still high after data preprocessing, FastLSH can be used to handle these non-zero elements; otherwise, we use the following Fast Johnson-Lindenstrauss (JL) transform.

Actually, for most practical applications, FastLSH is sufficient to handle sparse data as we have shown with the MINIST dataset. However, in the case of datasets being pathologically sparse, we can first apply the Fast JL transform to make the data dense similar to ACHash [7]. Here the Fast JL transform refers to the Hadamard transform, which is a unitary transformation, meaning that it preserves the nearest neighbor relationships of data points after transformation. Then FastLSH performs random sampling and random projection for the dense data. Although these operations are similar to ACHash, FastLSH retains the provable LSH property, which ACHash does not.

### 3.6 More Results for Comparison of Probability Density Curves

Lemma 4 and Fact 3 provide a principled approach to quantitatively analyze how $m$ affects the difference between FastLSH and the classic LSH in terms of $\epsilon$ and $\lambda$, given the dataset characteristics (the variance in the squared distances of coordinates for a pair of data items). By using this analytical tool, it is easy

[16] http://yann.lecun.com/exdb/mnist/

**Table 6.** Results of E2LSH, FastLSH and ACHash over MNIST

| Methods | Recall | Time (s) | Hashing (s) | Indexing (s) | $k$ | $L$ | $w$ |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| E2LSH | 0.844 | 0.00541 | 9.818 | 11.302 | 8 | 50 | 0.18 |
| ACHash | 0.853 | 0.00547 | 5.151 | 6.683 | 8 | 50 | 92.5 |
| FastLSH | 0.8545 | 0.00482 | **0.671** | **2.301** | 8 | 50 | 0.0325 |
| E2LSH | 0.799 | 0.00460 | 7.703 | 8.875 | 8 | 40 | 0.18 |
| ACHash | 0.809 | 0.00465 | 3.911 | 5.063 | 8 | 40 | 92.5 |
| FastLSH | 0.816 | 0.00439 | **0.542** | **1.828** | 8 | 40 | 0.0325 |
| E2LSH | 0.741 | 0.00352 | 6.365 | 7.307 | 8 | 30 | 0.18 |
| ACHash | 0.750 | 0.00360 | 3.328 | 4.339 | 8 | 30 | 92.5 |
| FastLSH | 0.748 | 0.00315 | **0.417** | **1.369** | 8 | 30 | 0.0325 |

for practitioners to determine the trade-off between hashing time (how much $m$ is) and desired performance level (how close FastLSH is to the standard LSH).

To visualize the similarity, we plot $f_{\tilde{s}X}(t)$ for different $m$ under the maximum and minimum $\sigma$, and the PDF of $\mathcal{N}(0, \frac{ms^2}{n})$ in Fig. 5 for all 12 datasets. The observations can be made from these figures: (1) the distribution of $\tilde{s}X$ matches very well with $\mathcal{N}(0, \frac{ms^2}{n})$ for small $\sigma$; (2) for large $\sigma$, $f_{\tilde{s}X}(t)$ differs only slightly from the PDF of $\mathcal{N}(0, \frac{ms^2}{n})$ for all $m$, indicating that $s$ is the dominating factor in $p(s, \sigma)$; (3) greater $m$ results in higher similarity between $f_{\tilde{s}X}(t)$ and $\mathcal{N}(0, \frac{ms^2}{n})$, implying that FastLSH can always achieve almost the same performance as E2LSH by choosing $m$ appropriately.

### 3.7 Comparison of $\rho$ Curves

To further validate the LSH property of FastLSH, we compare the important parameter $\rho$ for FastLSH and E2LSH in the case of $m = 30$. $\rho$ is defined as the function of the approximation ratio $c$, i.e., $\rho(c) = log(1/p(s_1))/log(1/p(s_2))$, where $s_1 = 1$ and $s_2 = c$. Note that $\rho$ affects both the space and time efficiency of LSH algorithms. For $c$ in the range $[1, 20]$ (with increments of 0.1), we calculate $\rho$ using *Matlab*, where the minimal and maximal $\sigma$ are collected for different $c$ ($s$). Plots of $\rho(c)$ under different bucket widths for 12 datesets are given in Fig. 6 and Fig. 7. Clearly, the $\rho(c)$ curve of FastLSH matches very well with that of E2LSH, verifying that FastLSH maintains almost the same LSH property with E2LSH even when $m$ is relatively small.

### 3.8 Effects of $\epsilon$ and $\lambda$

We list the values of $\epsilon$ and $\lambda$ for different $m$ over 12 datasets in Table 7, where $\epsilon$ and $\lambda$ are calculated using the maximum, mean and minimum $\sigma$, respectively. Recall that smaller $\epsilon$ and $\lambda$ are, FastLSH is more similar to E2LSH. As shown in Table 7, $\epsilon$ and $\lambda$ decrease as $m$ increases. Take *Trevi* as an example, $\epsilon$ is equal to 0 and $\lambda$ is very tiny (0.0001-0.000729), manifesting the equivalence between $f_{\tilde{s}X}(t)$ and the PDF of $\mathcal{N}(0, \frac{ms^2}{n})$.

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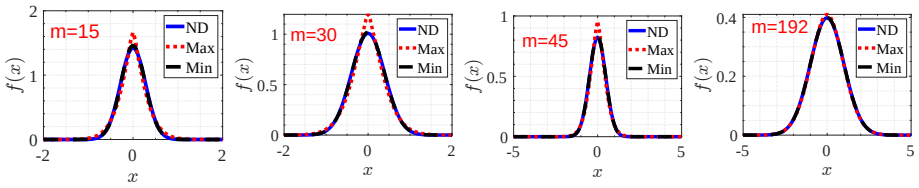


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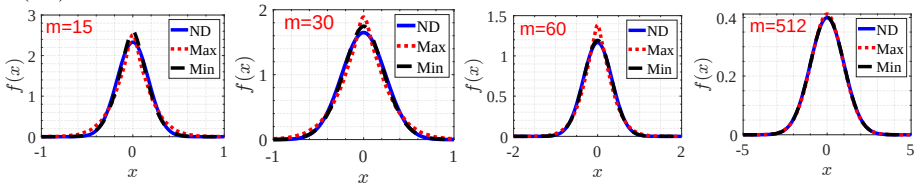


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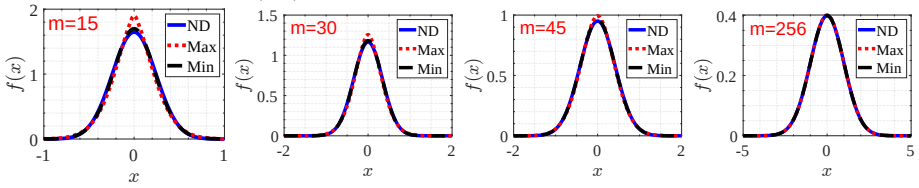


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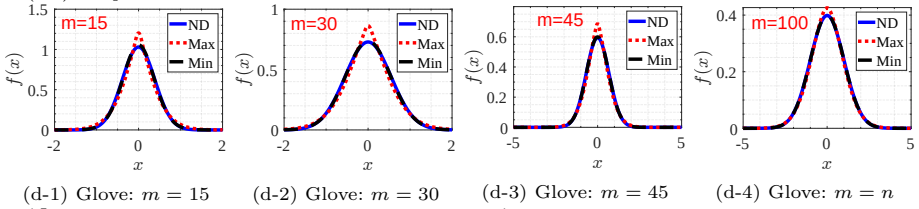


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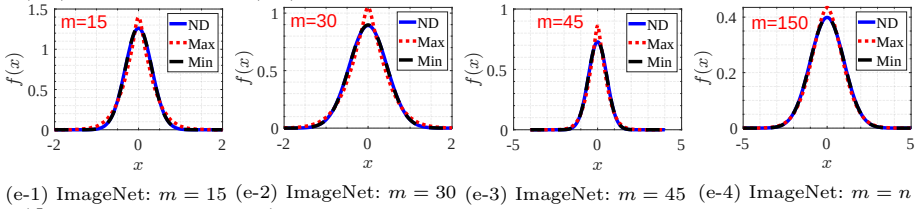


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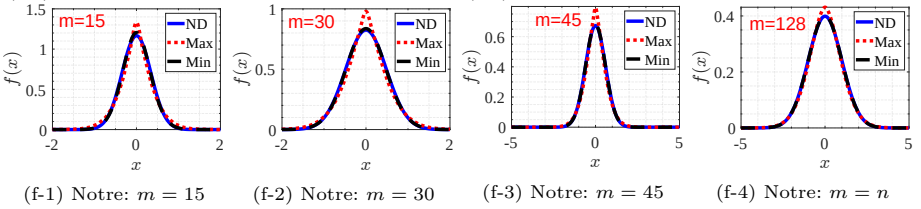


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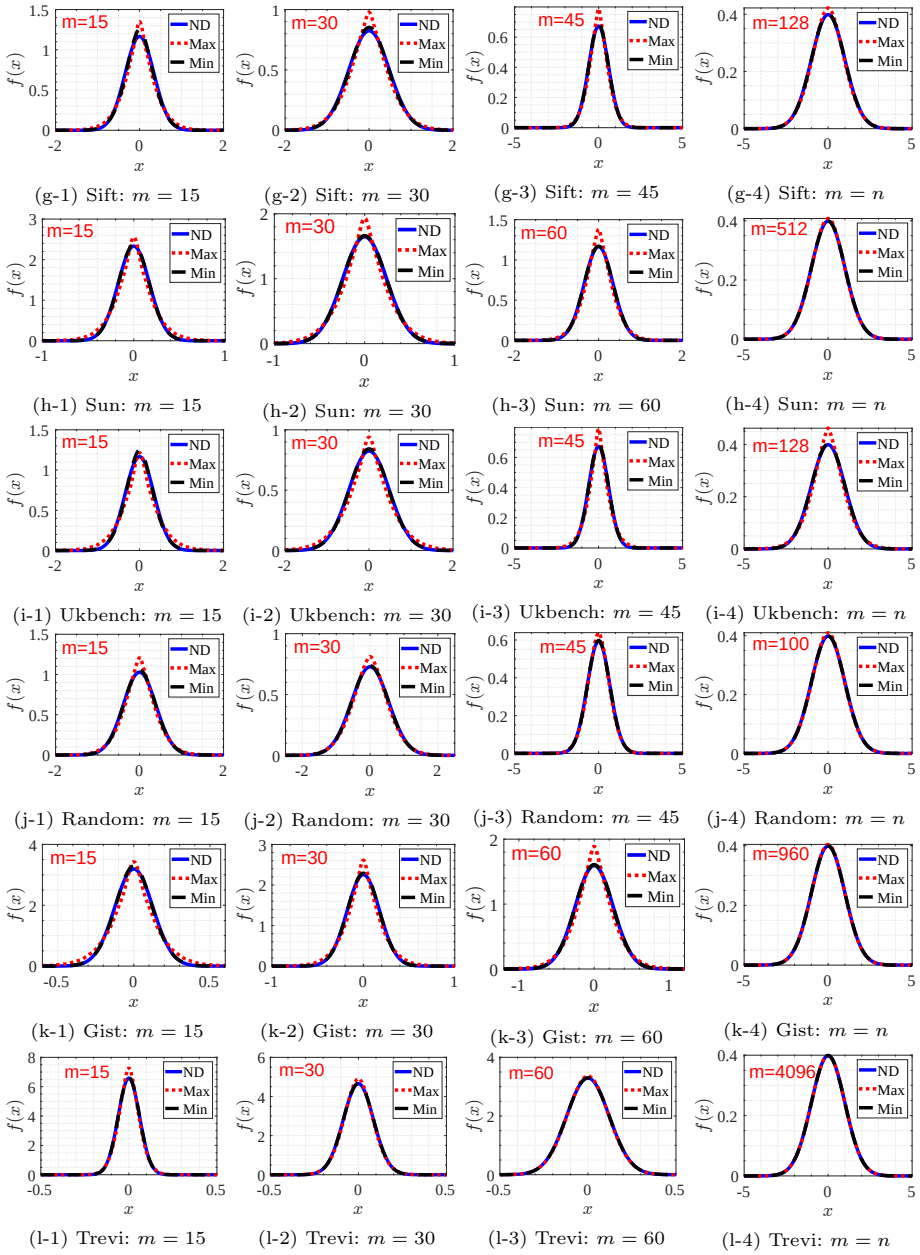
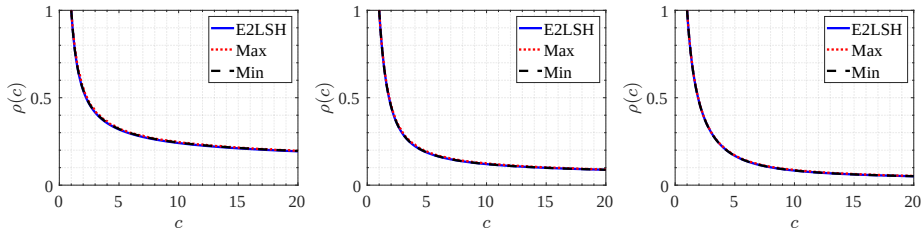
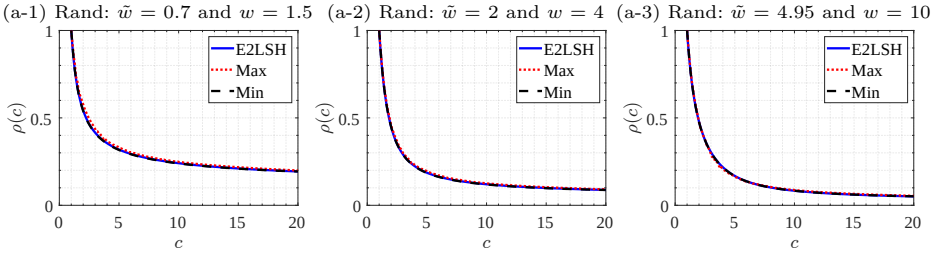


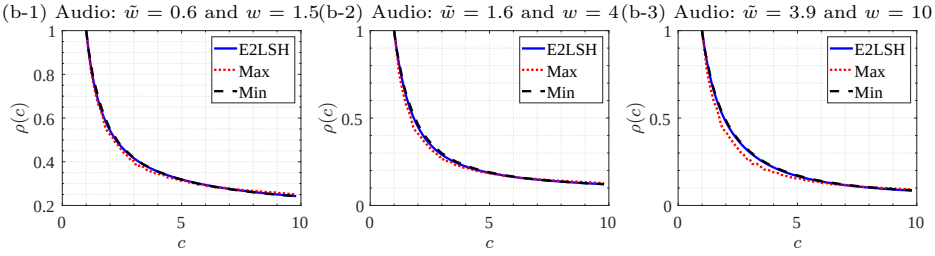

**Fig. 5.** Comparison of probability density curves of $\mathcal{N}(0, \frac{ms^2}{n})$ (ND) and $\tilde{s}X$ under different $m$.



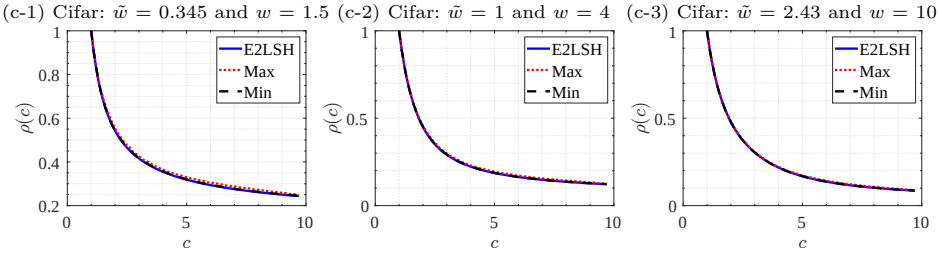

(a-1) Rand: $\tilde{w} = 0.7$ and $w = 1.5$ (a-2) Rand: $\tilde{w} = 2$ and $w = 4$ (a-3) Rand: $\tilde{w} = 4.95$ and $w = 10$



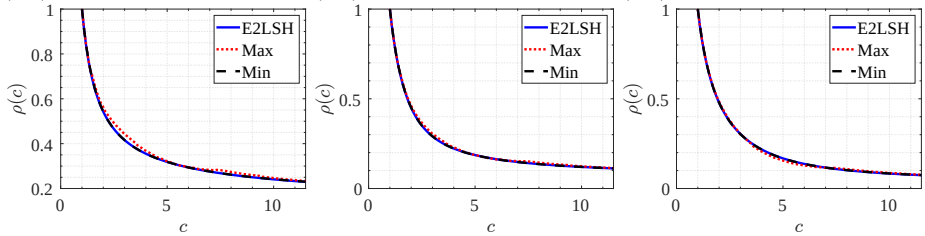

(b-1) Audio: $\tilde{w} = 0.6$ and $w = 1.5$(b-2) Audio: $\tilde{w} = 1.6$ and $w = 4$(b-3) Audio: $\tilde{w} = 3.9$ and $w = 10$



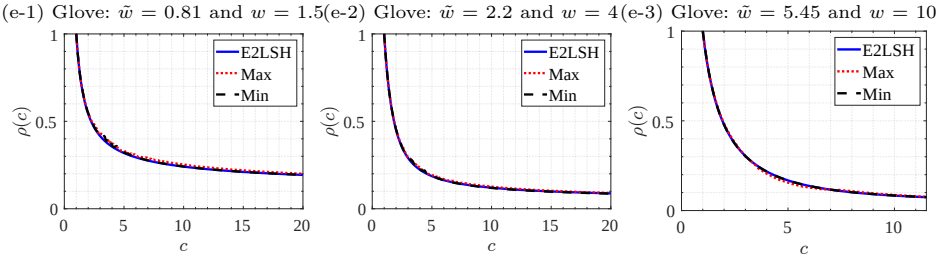

(c-1) Cifar: $\tilde{w} = 0.345$ and $w = 1.5$ (c-2) Cifar: $\tilde{w} = 1$ and $w = 4$ (c-3) Cifar: $\tilde{w} = 2.43$ and $w = 10$




(d-1) Deep: $\tilde{w} = 0.5$ and $w = 1.5$(d-2) Deep: $\tilde{w} = 1.36$ and $w = 4$ (d-3) Deep: $\tilde{w} = 3.4$ and $w = 10$

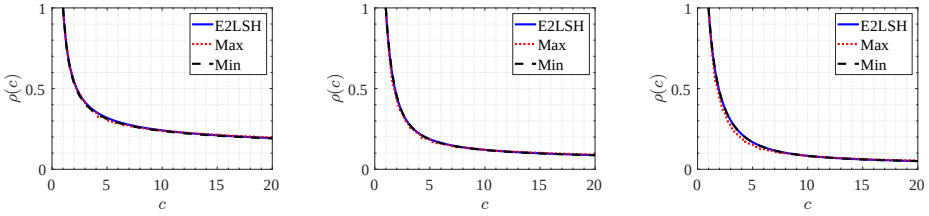



(e-1) Glove: $\tilde{w} = 0.81$ and $w = 1.5$(e-2) Glove: $\tilde{w} = 2.2$ and $w = 4$(e-3) Glove: $\tilde{w} = 5.45$ and $w = 10$

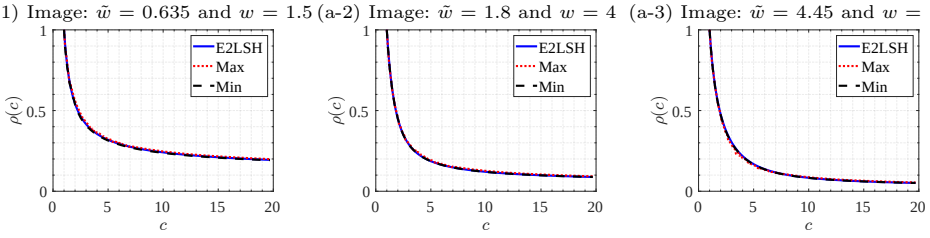



(f-1) Trevi: $\tilde{w} = 0.13$ and $w = 1.5$(f-2) Trevi: $\tilde{w} = 0.35$ and $w = 4$ (f-3) Trevi: $\tilde{w} = 0.86$ and $w = 10$

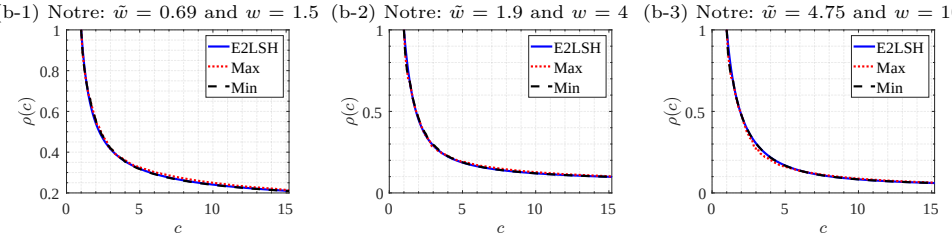
**Fig. 6.** $\rho$ curves under different bucket widths over datasets *Random*, *Audio* and *Cifar*, *Deep*, *Glove* and *Trevi*.



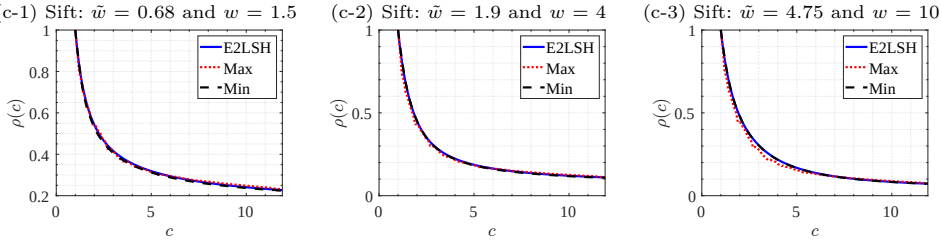

(a-1) Image: $\tilde{w} = 0.635$ and $w = 1.5$ (a-2) Image: $\tilde{w} = 1.8$ and $w = 4$ (a-3) Image: $\tilde{w} = 4.45$ and $w = 10$



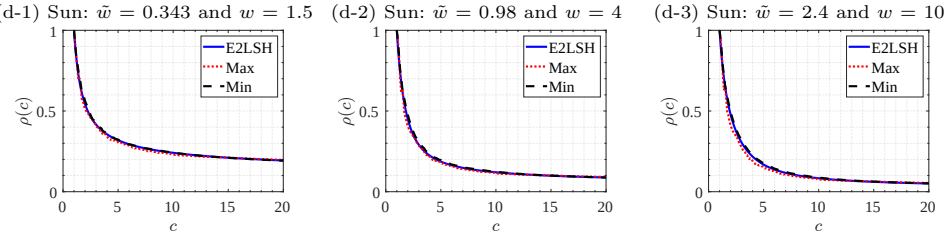

(b-1) Notre: $\tilde{w} = 0.69$ and $w = 1.5$ (b-2) Notre: $\tilde{w} = 1.9$ and $w = 4$ (b-3) Notre: $\tilde{w} = 4.75$ and $w = 10$



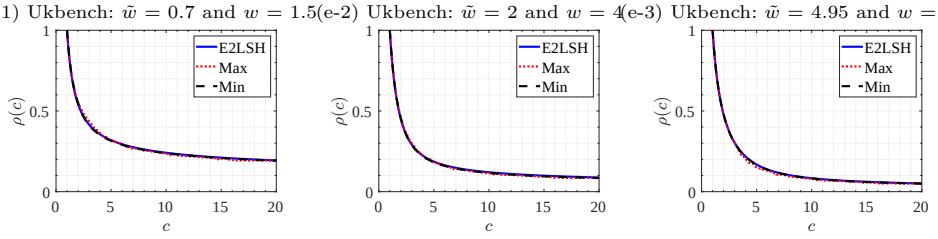

(c-1) Sift: $\tilde{w} = 0.68$ and $w = 1.5$ (c-2) Sift: $\tilde{w} = 1.9$ and $w = 4$ (c-3) Sift: $\tilde{w} = 4.75$ and $w = 10$




(d-1) Sun: $\tilde{w} = 0.343$ and $w = 1.5$ (d-2) Sun: $\tilde{w} = 0.98$ and $w = 4$ (d-3) Sun: $\tilde{w} = 2.4$ and $w = 10$




(e-1) Ukbench: $\tilde{w} = 0.7$ and $w = 1.5$ (e-2) Ukbench: $\tilde{w} = 2$ and $w = 4$ (e-3) Ukbench: $\tilde{w} = 4.95$ and $w = 10$




(f-1) Gist: $\tilde{w} = 0.255$ and $w = 1.5$ (f-2) Gist: $\tilde{w} = 0.73$ and $w = 4$ (f-3) Gist: $\tilde{w} = 1.8$ and $w = 10$

**Fig. 7.** $\rho$ curves under different bucket widths over datasets *ImageNet*, *Notre*, *Sift*, *Sun*, *Ukbench* and *Gist*.

**Table 7.** $\epsilon$ and $\lambda$ for different $m$

| Datasets | | $m = 15$ | | $m = 30$ | | $m = 45/\mathbf{60}$ | | $m = n$ | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | $\epsilon$ | $\lambda$ | $\epsilon$ | $\lambda$ | $\epsilon$ | $\lambda$ | $\epsilon$ | $\lambda$ |
| Cifar | max | 0.567575 | 2.527575 | 0.287600 | 1.287600 | **0.114125** | **0.618225** | 0.000064 | 0.067664 |
| | mean | 0.102716 | 0.575372 | 0.027539 | 0.277239 | **0.001994** | **0.120123** | 0 | 0.014617 |
| | min | 0.019616 | 0.239671 | 0.001702 | 0.116014 | **0.000011** | **0.055001** | 0 | 0.006691 |
| Sun | max | 0.502360 | 2.218460 | 0.236626 | 1.084867 | **0.095099** | **0.546683** | 0.000006 | 0.051535 |
| | mean | 0.022783 | 0.255107 | 0.001849 | 0.118130 | **0.000018** | **0.058099** | 0 | 0.006724 |
| | min | 0 | 0.040401 | 0 | 0.020736 | **0** | **0.010000** | 0 | 0.001156 |
| Gist | max | 0.633640 | 2.853740 | 0.274502 | 1.234902 | **0.129940** | **0.677540** | 0 | 0.032400 |
| | mean | 0.042122 | 0.340238 | 0.005183 | 0.152639 | **0.000133** | **0.074662** | 0 | 0.004624 |
| | min | 0.000064 | 0.067664 | 0 | 0.038025 | **0** | **0.016926** | 0 | 0.001089 |
| Trevi | max | 0.013420 | 0.207020 | 0.001105 | 0.106081 | **0.000003** | **0.049287** | 0 | 0.000729 |
| | mean | 0.000011 | 0.055236 | 0 | 0.029241 | **0** | **0.013924** | 0 | 0.000196 |
| | min | 0 | 0.015876 | 0 | 0.008100 | **0** | **0.003969** | 0 | 0.000100 |
| Audio | max | 0.268000 | 1.208900 | 0.099004 | 0.561404 | 0.043520 | 0.346020 | 0.000033 | 0.062533 |
| | mean | 0.033344 | 0.303017 | 0.003637 | 0.138767 | 0.000480 | 0.091021 | 0 | 0.020967 |
| | min | 0.000022 | 0.059705 | 0 | 0.030765 | 0 | 0.021874 | 0 | 0.005329 |
| Notre | max | 0.341109 | 1.507509 | 0.143598 | 0.728823 | 0.074226 | 0.467355 | 0.004017 | 0.142401 |
| | mean | 0.022783 | 0.255107 | 0.001902 | 0.118866 | 0.000172 | 0.077456 | 0 | 0.027225 |
| | min | 0.000101 | 0.071925 | 0 | 0.036481 | 0 | 0.023716 | 0 | 0.008281 |
| Glove | max | 0.261530 | 1.183130 | 0.094131 | 0.543031 | 0.040065 | 0.331665 | 0.002362 | 0.124862 |
| | mean | 0.003190 | 0.134234 | 0.000047 | 0.065072 | 0.000001 | 0.043265 | 0 | 0.019853 |
| | min | 0.000025 | 0.060541 | 0 | 0.029929 | 0 | 0.020335 | 0 | 0.009409 |
| Sift | max | 0.294194 | 1.314294 | 0.098513 | 0.559554 | 0.057014 | 0.400410 | 0.001296 | 0.109537 |
| | mean | 0.054265 | 0.389506 | 0.007185 | 0.167986 | 0.001509 | 0.113065 | 0 | 0.036864 |
| | min | 0.003755 | 0.139916 | 0.000107 | 0.072468 | 0.000001 | 0.045370 | 0 | 0.016129 |
| Deep | max | 0.036744 | 0.317644 | 0.003841 | 0.140741 | 0.000463 | 0.090463 | 0 | 0.014400 |
| | mean | 0.003047 | 0.132719 | 0.000044 | 0.064560 | 0.000001 | 0.043306 | 0 | 0.007569 |
| | min | 0.000199 | 0.079160 | 0 | 0.039204 | 0 | 0.026374 | 0 | 0.004638 |
| Random | max | 0.077344 | 0.479300 | 0.015195 | 0.216796 | 0.003505 | 0.137461 | 0.000041 | 0.064050 |
| | mean | 0.002824 | 0.130273 | 0.000038 | 0.063542 | 0.000001 | 0.042437 | 0 | 0.019044 |
| | min | 0.000024 | 0.060049 | 0 | 0.029929 | 0. | 0.019881 | 0 | 0.008649 |
| Ukbench | max | 0.692955 | 3.157855 | 0.361581 | 1.593681 | 0.217238 | 1.009338 | 0.039727 | 0.330248 |
| | mean | 0.139183 | 0.712232 | 0.034502 | 0.308031 | 0.012672 | 0.202768 | 0.000056 | 0.066620 |
| | min | 0.002895 | 0.131059 | 0.000041 | 0.064050 | 0.000001 | 0.042437 | 0 | 0.015376 |
| ImageNet | max | 0.466568 | 2.054168 | 0.217238 | 1.009338 | 0.119323 | 0.637723 | 0.004773 | 0.149173 |
| | mean | 0.019125 | 0.237214 | 0.001336 | 0.110236 | 0.000107 | 0.072468 | 0 | 0.022201 |
| | min | 0 | 0.033489 | 0 | 0.016641 | 0 | 0.011025 | 0 | 0.003481 |