Model Pruning as Optimization

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Pruning – Biological & Machine

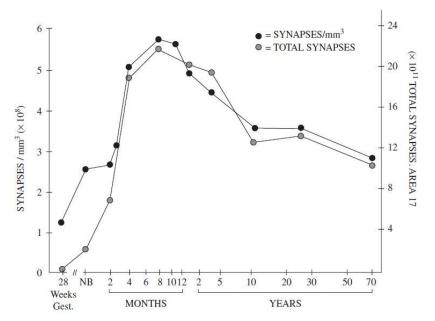
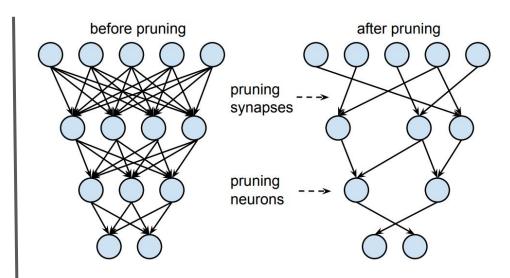


Figure 1.2: Synaptic density and total synapses in visual cortex as a function of age.⁵



Algorithm/Optimization

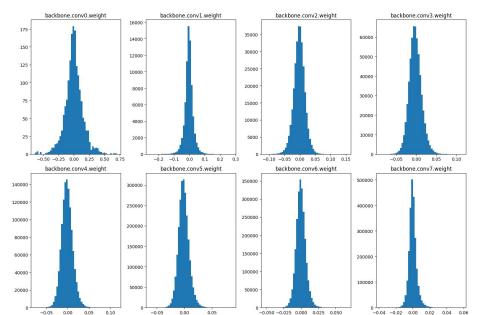
Magnitude-based pruning to decrease model size without losing accuracy

⁵Reproduced from Huttenlocher (1990).

Implementation

Used CIFAR10 & VGG16

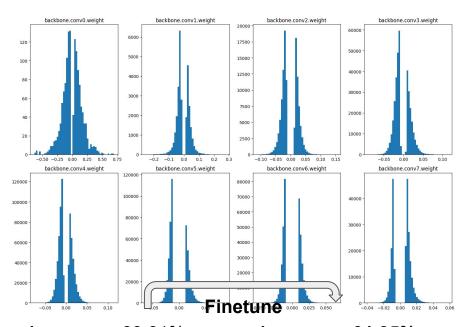
Pretrained



Accuracy: 92.95% # params: 9,228,362

Size (MiB): 35.20

Pruned



Accuracy: 83.81% # params: 2,280,278 Size (MiB): 8.70 Accuracy: **91.95%** # params: 2,280,278 Size (MiB): 8.70