

# Mix-up based on data valuation score

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# Theoretical parts (Effect of Mix-up via Taylor expansion)

- There are some papers dealing with theoretical analysis of mix-up technique :

## [Brief summary & idea]

1. How Does Mixup Help With Robustness And Generalization [Zhang et al., ICLR 2021]
  - ① Showed regularization effect of mix-up using Taylor expansion on mix-up loss.
  - ② Given adversarial attack size, demonstrated mix up loss is the upper bound of adversarial loss.
2. On Mixup Regularization [Carratino et al., JMLR 2022] (Our focus)
  - ① Showed Mix-up loss can be written as a perturbed ERM loss.
  - ② Showed regularization effect of mix-up using Taylor expansion on various training case : Cross entropy loss / logistic regression loss / MSE loss
  - ③ Suggested '**Approximated Mixup**' by dropping out the regularization term, which is an intermediate compromise of Mixup and ERM training in the view of regularization.

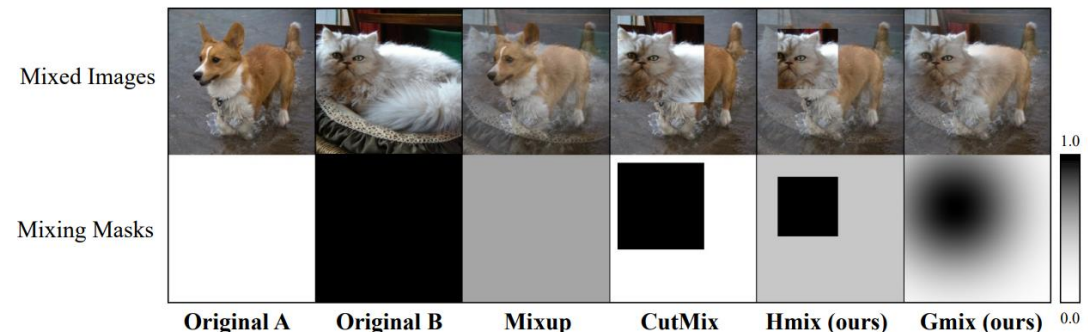
# Theoretical parts (Effect of Mix-up via Taylor expansion)

- There are some papers dealing with theoretical analysis of mix-up technique :

## [Brief summary & idea]

3. A Unified Analysis of Mixed Sample Data Augmentation [C. Park et al., NeurIPS 2022]
  - ① Based on [Zhang et al., ICLR 2021], suggest an unified framework of vision field mix-up (such as CutMix, naïve mixup), which **demonstrates generalized input gradient / hessian regularization effect of vision field mix-up.**
  - ② Propose H-mix, G-mix that uses CutMix and naïve Mix-up simultaneously
    1. H-mix : Use CutMix and naïve Mix-up simultaneously
    2. G-mix : Use CutMix and naïve Mix-up simultaneously + smooth crop boundary with gaussian kernel density
    3. ~1% test acc  $\uparrow$  in CIFAR-100 compared to CutMix

### Description of H-mix and G-mix



# Theoretical parts (Linkage between Mix-up and data valuation score)

- Linkage between Mix-up and data valuation score (from 'On Mixup Regularization')

$$\text{Mix-up loss : } \mathcal{E}^{\text{Mixup}}(f) = \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n \mathbb{E}_{\lambda} [l(\lambda y_i + (1 - \lambda) y_j, f(\lambda x_i + (1 - \lambda) x_j))]$$

Reformulation of above equation



$$\text{Reformulated Mix-up loss : } \mathcal{E}^{\text{Mixup}}(f) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E}_{\theta, j} [l(\tilde{y}_i + \epsilon_{i,j}, f(\tilde{x}_i + \delta_{i,j}))] \quad (\text{Mixup loss as perturbed ERM})$$


where  $\delta_{i,j} := \theta x_i + (1 - \theta) x_j - \mathbb{E}_{\theta, j} [\theta x_i + (1 - \theta) x_j]$  (perturbation of mixed input)

$\epsilon_{i,j} := \theta y_i + (1 - \theta) y_j - \mathbb{E}_{\theta, j} [\theta y_i + (1 - \theta) y_j]$  (perturbation of mixed label)

$\tilde{x}_i := \mathbb{E}_{\theta, j} [\theta x_i + (1 - \theta) x_j]$  (expected mix-up point of  $x_i$ )

$\tilde{y}_i := \mathbb{E}_{\theta, j} [\theta y_i + (1 - \theta) y_j]$  (expected mix-up point of  $y_j$ )

Also,  $\theta \sim \text{Beta}_{\left[\frac{1}{2}, 1\right]}(\alpha, \alpha)$  (Truncated beta distribution),  $j \sim \text{Unif}([n])$



**Multivariate Taylor  
expansion w.r.t  $\epsilon_{i,j}, \delta_{i,j}$   
+ Plugging C.E loss**

# Theoretical parts (Linkage between Mix-up and data valuation score)

- Linkage between Mix-up and data valuation score (from 'On Mixup Regularization')

Approximated Mix-up C.E loss :  $\mathcal{E}_Q^{Mixup}(f) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n l^{CE}(\tilde{y}_i, f(\tilde{x}_i)) + R_1^{CE}(f) + R_2^{CE}(f) + R_3^{CE}(f)$

where

$$\begin{aligned} R_1^{CE}(f) &= \frac{1}{2n} \sum_{i=1}^n \langle \Sigma_{\tilde{x}\tilde{x}}^{(i)}, (\nabla f(\tilde{x}_i) - J^{(i)})^T H(f(\tilde{x}_i)) (\nabla f(\tilde{x}_i) - J^{(i)}) \rangle_F \\ R_2^{CE}(f) &= \frac{1}{2n} \sum_{i=1}^n \langle \Sigma_{\tilde{x}\tilde{x}}^{(i)}, (S(f(\tilde{x}_i)) - \tilde{y}_i)^T \nabla^2 f(\tilde{x}_i) \rangle_F \\ R_3^{CE}(f) &= -\frac{1}{2n} \sum_{i=1}^n \langle \Sigma_{\tilde{x}\tilde{y}}^{(i)} \left( \Sigma_{\tilde{x}\tilde{x}}^{(i)} \right)^{-1} \Sigma_{\tilde{y}\tilde{x}}^{(i)}, H(f(\tilde{x}_i)) \rangle_F \end{aligned}$$

Notations :

1.  $S(u) := \text{Softmax}(u)$
2.  $H(u) := \text{diag}(S(u)) - S(u)S(u)^T$
3.  $J^{(i)} := H(f(\tilde{x}_i))^{-1} \Sigma_{\tilde{y}\tilde{x}}^{(i)} \left( \Sigma_{\tilde{x}\tilde{x}}^{(i)} \right)^{-1}$

Note :  $\Sigma_{\tilde{x}\tilde{x}}^{(i)} := \mathbb{E}_{\theta,j}[\delta_i \delta_i^T]$ ,  $\Sigma_{\tilde{x}\tilde{y}}^{(i)} := \mathbb{E}_{\theta,j}[\delta_i \epsilon_i^T]$ ,  $\Sigma_{\tilde{y}\tilde{y}}^{(i)} := \mathbb{E}_{\theta,j}[\epsilon_i \epsilon_i^T]$

**Remark :**  $R_1^{CE}(f)$  ,  $-R_3^{CE}(f)$  is positive with high probability in practice. (not yet verified on  $R_2^{CE}(f)$ ...)  
(can be negative; similar issue can happens for suggested regularization terms on [Zhang et al, 2020])

# Theoretical parts (Linkage between Mix-up and data valuation score)

- Assuming  $\Sigma_{\tilde{x}\tilde{x}}^{(i)}, \Sigma_{\tilde{x}\tilde{y}}^{(i)}$  are similar in terms of  $\|\cdot\|_F$  for every  $i \in [n]$  :

: Regularization target

- $R_1^{CE}(f)$  analysis : focus on  $\langle \Sigma_{\tilde{x}\tilde{x}}^{(i)}, (\nabla f(\tilde{x}_i) - J^{(i)})^T H(f(\tilde{x}_i)) (\nabla f(\tilde{x}_i) - J^{(i)}) \rangle_F$

: Regularization intensity

$$| \langle \Sigma_{\tilde{x}\tilde{x}}^{(i)}, (\nabla f(\tilde{x}_i) - J^{(i)})^T H(f(\tilde{x}_i)) (\nabla f(\tilde{x}_i) - J^{(i)}) \rangle_F | \leq \left\| \Sigma_{\tilde{x}\tilde{x}}^{(i)} \right\|_F \left\| H(f(\tilde{x}_i)) \right\|_F \left\| (\nabla f(\tilde{x}_i) - J^{(i)}) \right\|_F$$

**Target : Jacobian of logit → weighted multivariate OLS / Intensity : Jacobian of Softmax**

- $R_2^{CE}(f)$  analysis : focus on  $\langle \Sigma_{\tilde{x}\tilde{x}}^{(i)}, (S(f(\tilde{x}_i)) - \tilde{y}_i)^T \nabla^2 f(\tilde{x}_i) \rangle_F$

$$| \langle \Sigma_{\tilde{x}\tilde{x}}^{(i)}, (S(f(\tilde{x}_i)) - \tilde{y}_i)^T \nabla^2 f(\tilde{x}_i) \rangle_F | \leq \left\| \Sigma_{\tilde{x}\tilde{x}}^{(i)} \right\|_F \left\| S(f(\tilde{x}_i)) - \tilde{y}_i \right\|_2 \left\| \nabla^2 f(\tilde{x}_i) \right\|_F$$

**Target : Hessian of logit (tensor) / Intensity : EL2N score**

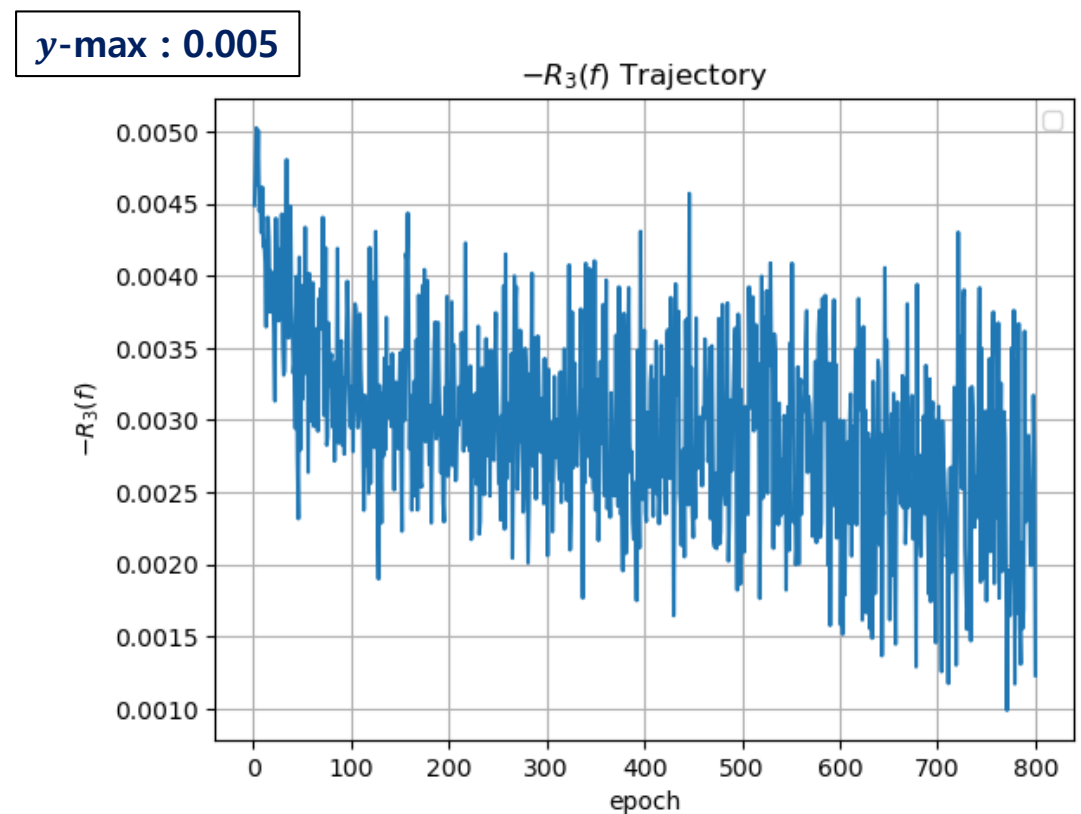
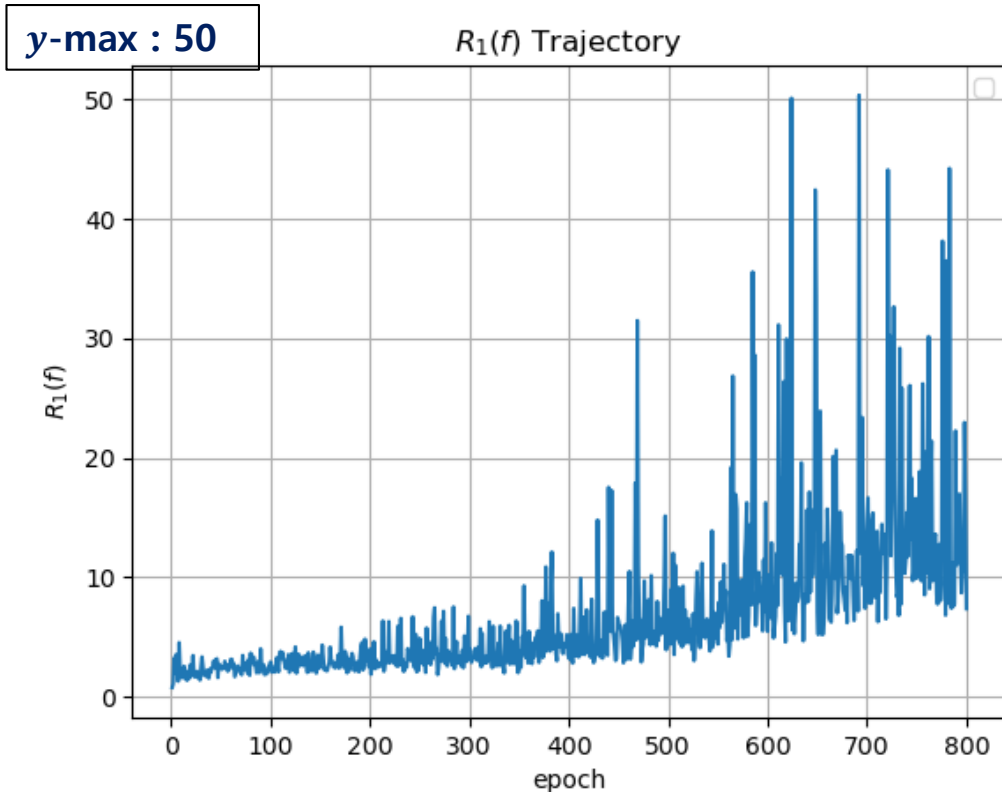
- $R_3^{CE}(f)$  analysis : focus on  $\langle \Sigma_{\tilde{x}\tilde{y}}^{(i)} \left( \Sigma_{\tilde{x}\tilde{x}}^{(i)} \right)^{-1} \Sigma_{\tilde{y}\tilde{x}}^{(i)}, H(f(\tilde{x}_i)) \rangle_F$

$$| \langle \Sigma_{\tilde{x}\tilde{y}}^{(i)} \left( \Sigma_{\tilde{x}\tilde{x}}^{(i)} \right)^{-1} \Sigma_{\tilde{y}\tilde{x}}^{(i)}, H(f(\tilde{x}_i)) \rangle_F | \leq \left\| \Sigma_{\tilde{x}\tilde{y}}^{(i)} \left( \Sigma_{\tilde{x}\tilde{x}}^{(i)} \right)^{-1} \Sigma_{\tilde{y}\tilde{x}}^{(i)} \right\|_F \left\| H(f(\tilde{x}_i)) \right\|_F$$

**Target : Jacobian of Softmax (related with Entropy of Softmax)**

# Theoretical parts (Linkage between Mix-up and data valuation score)

- What happen in  $R_1^{CE}(f)$  ,  $-R_3^{CE}(f)$  in practice ? (CIFAR-10, ResNet-18,  $\alpha = 0.5$ )
- Note :  $R_2^{CE}(f)$  is extremely hard to calculate due to tensor hessian (dim =  $3072^2 \times 10$ )
- Observation :  $R_3(f)$  can be negligible compared to  $R_1(f)$  which increases as epoch  $\uparrow$

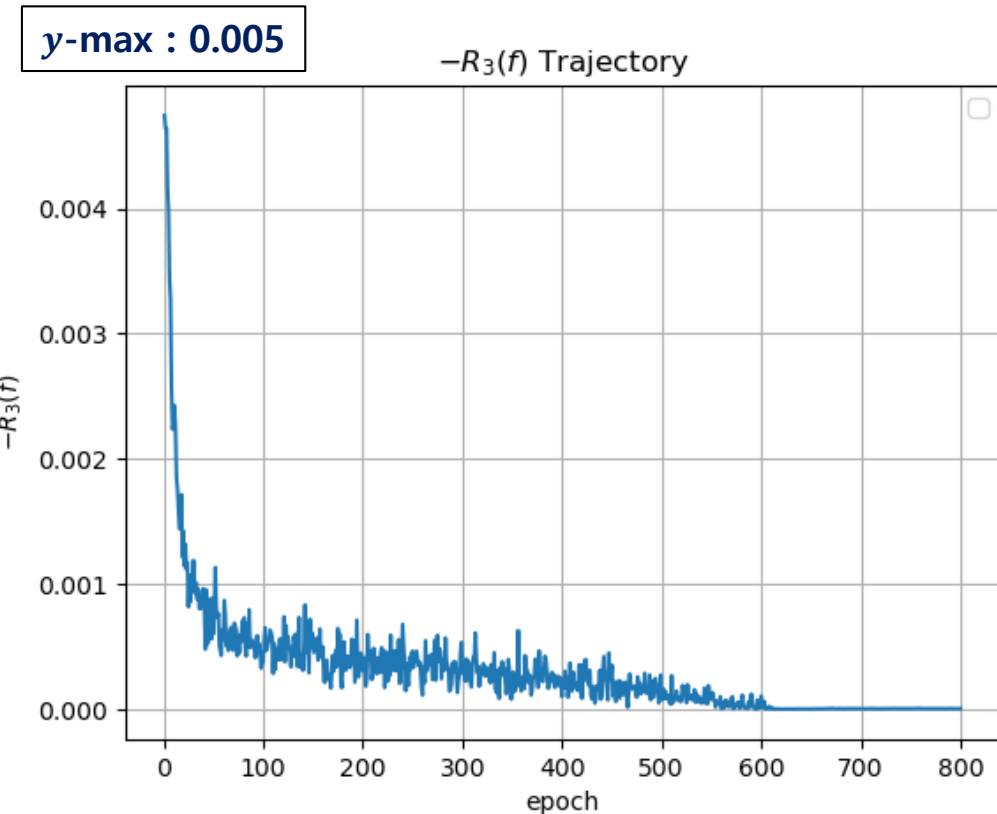
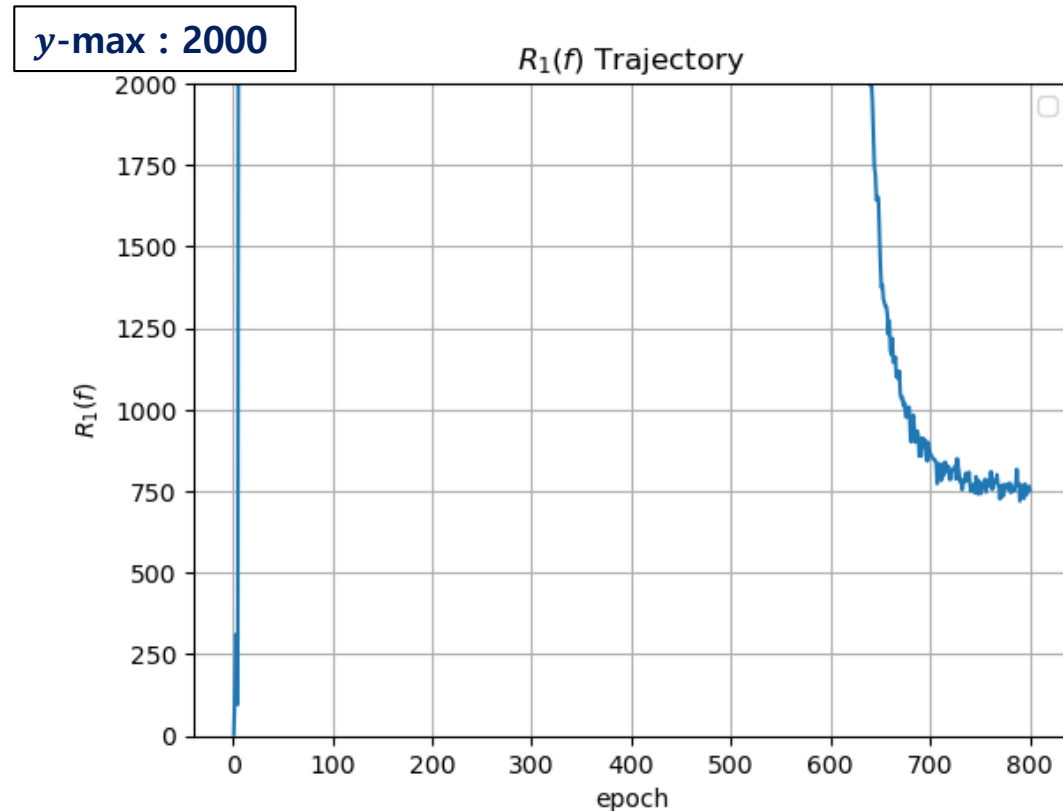


Left :  $R_1(f)$  trajectory, Right :  $-R_3(f)$  trajectory (values are averaged using randomly selected 100 samples)



# Theoretical parts (Linkage between Mix-up and data valuation score)

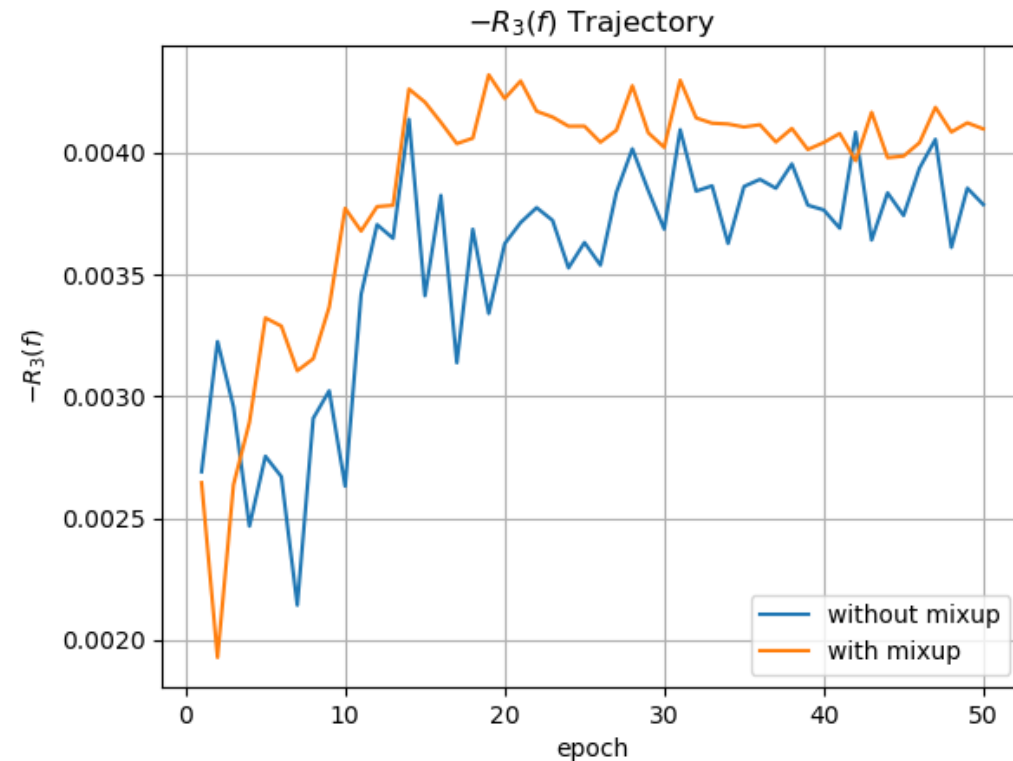
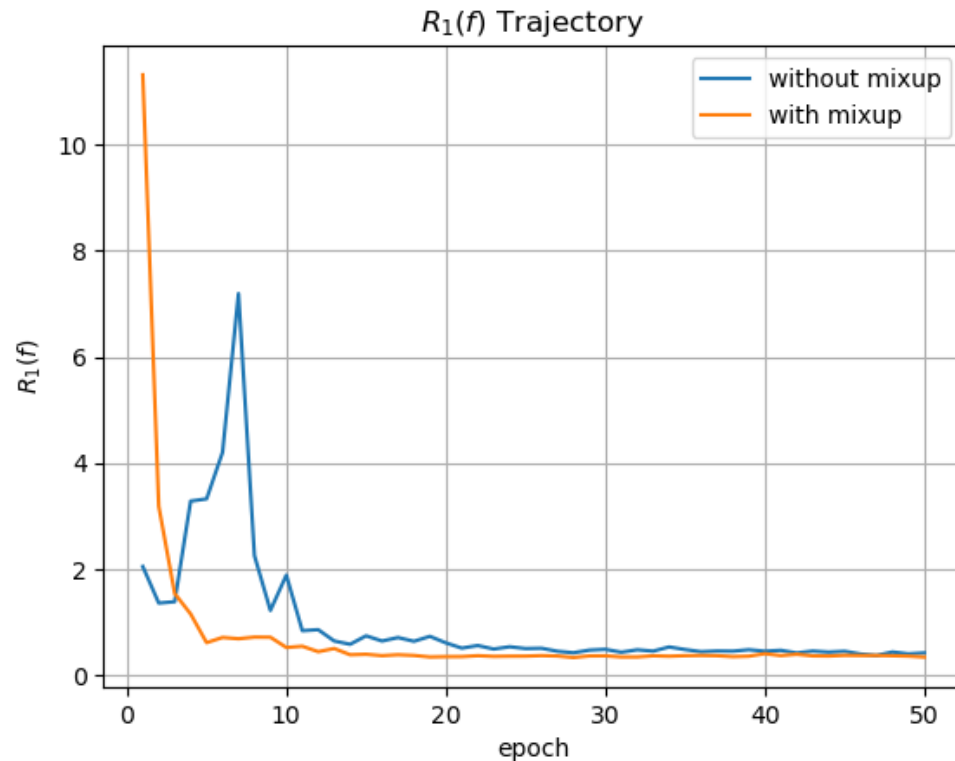
- What if we naively train the model (without mix-up)?
  - It cannot regularize the  $R_1(f)$  well compared to mix-up. (but better for  $-R_3(f)$ )
  - This may demonstrates the regularization effect of mix-up (not sure  $\because$  randomness of samples)



Left :  $R_1(f)$  trajectory, Right :  $-R_3(f)$  trajectory (values are averaged using randomly selected 100 samples)

# Theoretical parts (Linkage between Mix-up and data valuation score)

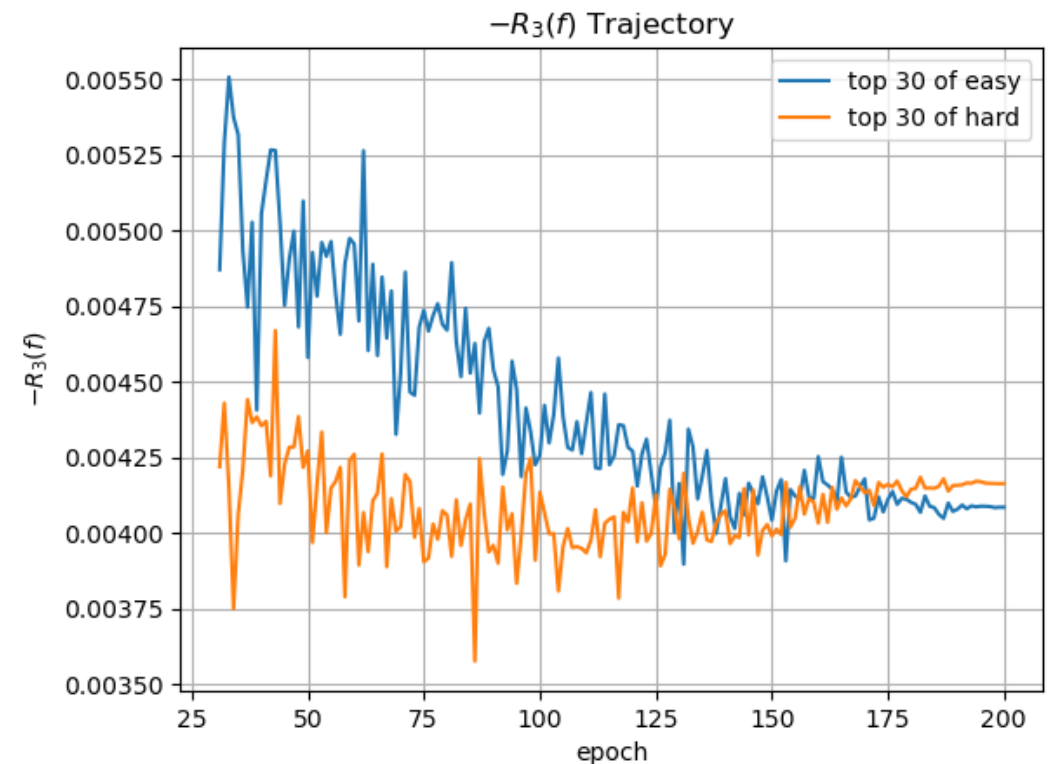
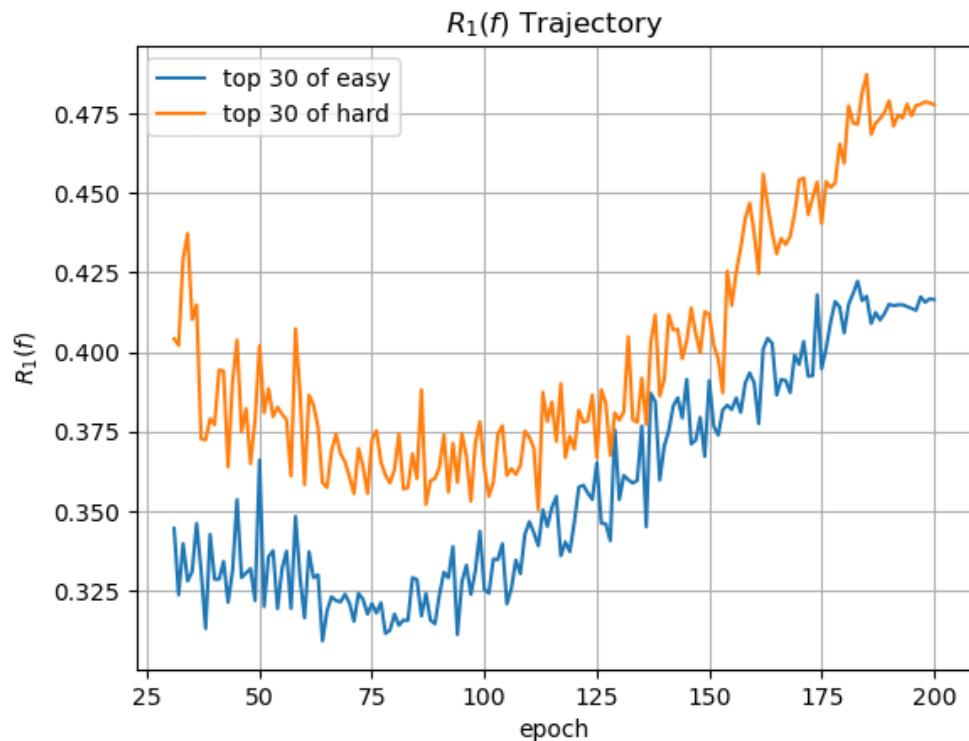
- What if we naively train the model (without mix-up) while imposing same samples?
  - Training without mix-up also ends up regularize  $R_1(f)$ , but slower than with mix-up.



Left :  $R_1(f)$  trajectory, Right :  $-R_3(f)$  trajectory (values are averaged using randomly selected 30 samples)

# Theoretical parts (Linkage between Mix-up and data valuation score)

- Then,  $R_1(f)$  is becomes larger when data  $x_i$  becomes harder?
  - Hard examples  $x_i$  gets larger  $R_1(f)$  values compared to easy examples  $x_j$ .
  - **This implies mix-up loss can affected slightly larger by hard samples rather easy one.**
    - Hence, it can be beneficial to train mix-up samples generated by hard samples.



# Theoretical parts (Linkage between Mix-up and data valuation score)

- Summary of observations :

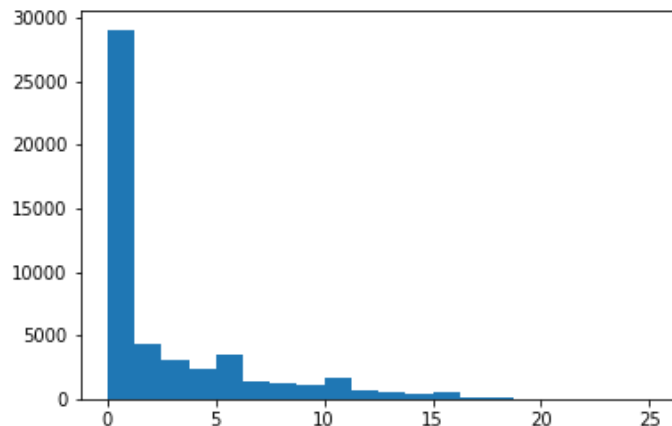
1. Mix-up regularization is related with **regularization of the Jacobian of logit / Hessian of logit** whose **intensity varies on data valuation score of  $\tilde{x}_i$**  (expected mix-up point of  $x_i$ )
2. Regularization may not indicate 'reducing' the values instead **'attenuating' the increase.**

## Plausible Conclusion :

**$\therefore$  Data valuation score of  $x_i$  may contribute to the regularization effect of mix-up.**

# Observation parts (Presence of frequently incorrect directions by class)

- Plausible surmise : There is a tendency that Images in a particular class are usually incorrect in some other certain class.
- For example (CIFAR-10) : Automobile will be confused with trucks.  
Cats will be confused with dogs.
- One idea : How about mixing up between samples and their corresponding samples which are in 'certain' classes that former samples usually get wrong (based on forgetting score)



**Histogram of the number of forgetting events**  
(*x*-axis : # of forgetting events, *y*-axis : Frequency)

**Experiment environment :**  
CIFAR-10 / ResNet-18 / AdamW with CosineAnnealing / 200 epoch

# Observation parts (Presence of frequently incorrect directions by class)

Criterion for selection : top 10 of # of forgetting events on each class

automobile (class index = 1)

classification : [airplane, automobile, bird, cat, deer, dog, frog, horse, ship, truck]



truck (class index = 9)



(1,1)th stat :	[0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 18]
(1,2)th stat :	[1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 2, 15]
(1,3)th stat :	[0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 17]
(1,4)th stat :	[13, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 3, 1]
(2,1)th stat :	[8, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 4, 0, 0, 5]
(2,2)th stat :	[3, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 9, 3]
(2,3)th stat :	[0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 15]
(2,4)th stat :	[0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 14]
(3,1)th stat :	[0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 15, 0]
(3,2)th stat :	[6, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 7]
(3,3)th stat :	[0, 0, 2, 0, 1, 3, 0, 0, 1, 8]
(3,4)th stat :	[2, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 12, 1]

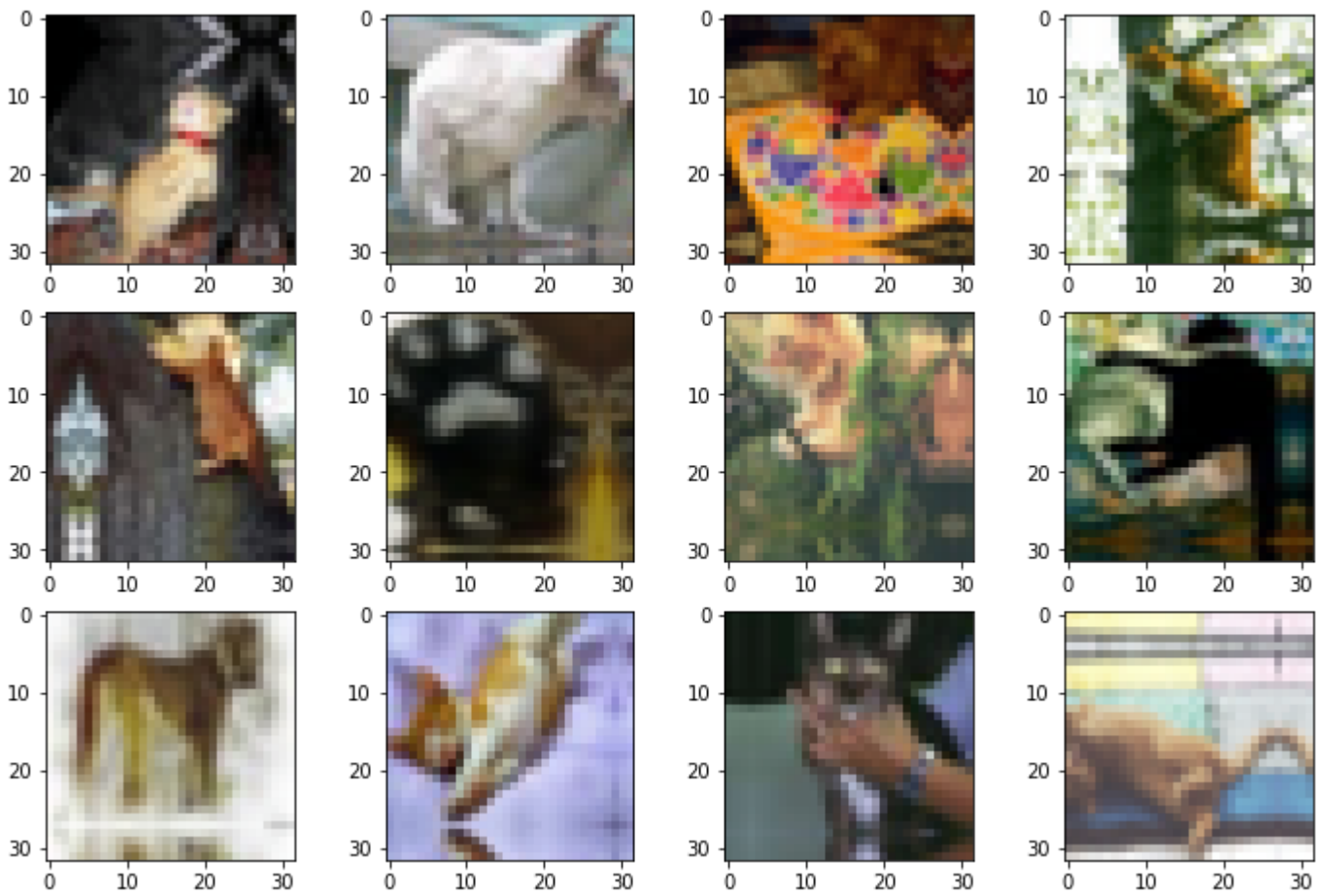
Forgetting statistics  
(represent # of events w.r.t each classes)

# Observation parts (Presence of frequently incorrect directions by class)

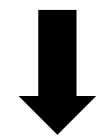
Criterion for selection : top 10 of # of forgetting events on each class

cat (class index= 3)

classification : [airplane, automobile, bird, cat, deer, dog, frog, horse, ship, truck]



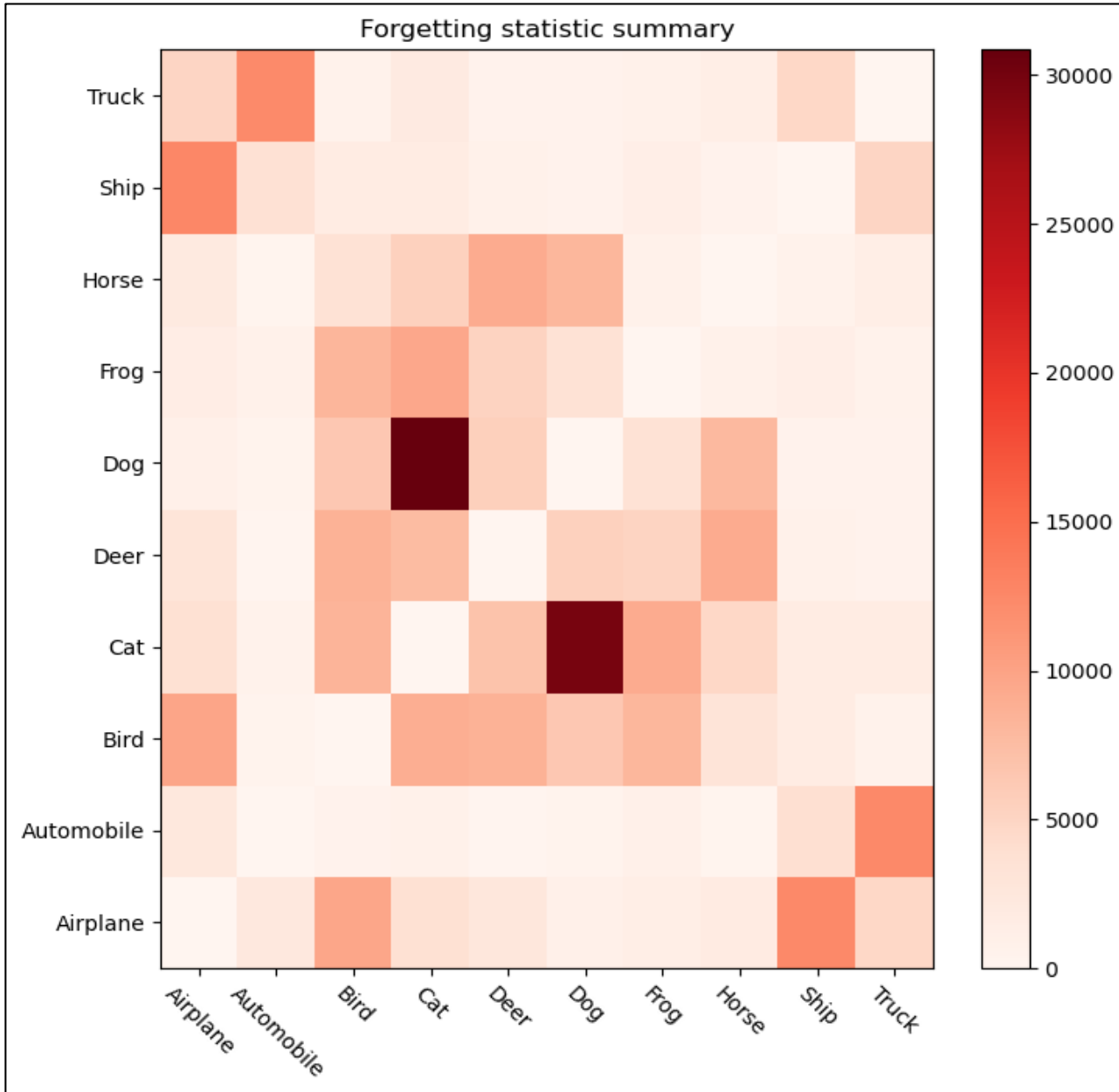
dog (class index= 5)



(1,1)th stat :	[0, 0, 8, 0, 3, 5, 5, 1, 0, 0]
(1,2)th stat :	[0, 0, 4, 0, 0, 14, 0, 4, 0, 0]
(1,3)th stat :	[0, 4, 1, 0, 1, 9, 1, 1, 5, 0]
(1,4)th stat :	[0, 0, 3, 0, 3, 0, 14, 0, 0, 1]
(2,1)th stat :	[0, 0, 1, 0, 13, 0, 7, 0, 0, 0]
(2,2)th stat :	[0, 1, 3, 0, 2, 12, 0, 3, 0, 0]
(2,3)th stat :	[0, 0, 3, 0, 0, 2, 16, 0, 0, 0]
(2,4)th stat :	[0, 1, 8, 0, 4, 0, 6, 1, 0, 0]
(3,1)th stat :	[0, 0, 0, 0, 2, 18, 0, 0, 0, 0]
(3,2)th stat :	[13, 0, 2, 0, 0, 4, 0, 0, 0, 0]
(3,3)th stat :	[2, 0, 7, 0, 2, 8, 0, 0, 0, 0]
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Forgetting statistics  
(represent # of events w.r.t each classes)

# Observation parts (Presence of frequently incorrect directions by class)



**Note (Examples to read) :**

**[Reading direction :  $y$ -axis  $\rightarrow$   $x$ -axis]**

- 1. Truck tends to be confusing with Automobile (2,10)**
- 2. Dog tends to be confusing with Cat (4,6)**

**Property :**

- 1. It has symmetric shape. (seems to be obvious)**
- 2. There is a tendency that Images in a particular class are usually incorrect in some other certain class.**

**Forgetting statistics summary  
(represent # of events w.r.t each classes)**



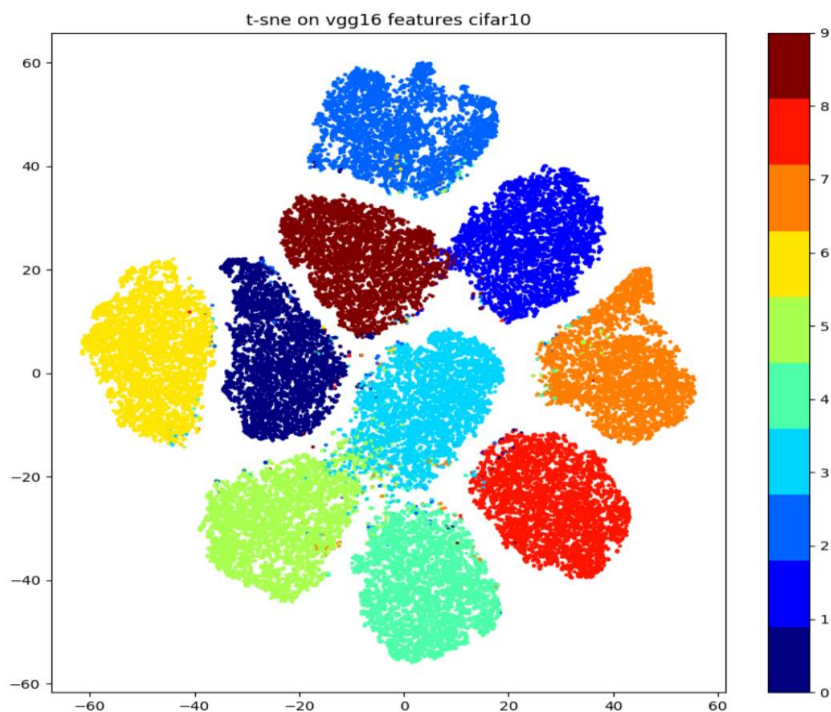
# Observation parts (Presence of frequently incorrect directions by class)

- Forgetting score based Mix-up
  - Basic idea : Exploit the tendency to be misclassified as a specific classes for each training classes.
  - Overall (brief) strategy : (motivation will be discussed in later slides)  
: For each batch samples, select corresponding hard samples based on forgetting statistics. [**Hard mix-up pairing**]

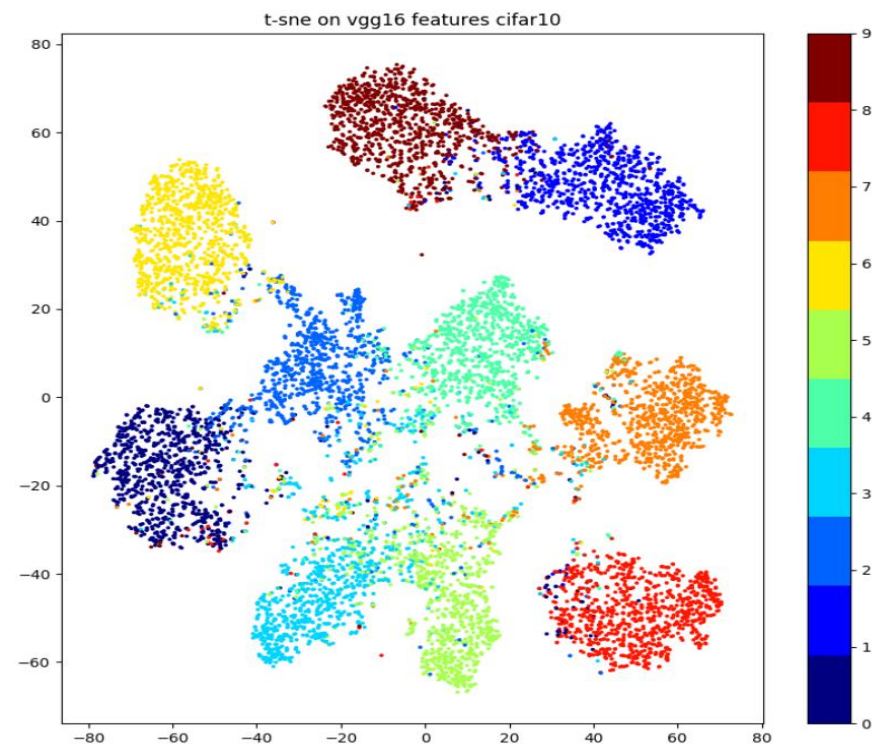
Expected effect: Avoid manifold intrusion and make smooth decision boundary only around decision boundary region.

# Observation parts (Presence of frequently incorrect directions by class)

- Hard mix-up pairing :
  - Problem : Random mix-up pairing is highly likely to induce manifold intrusion.  
(even in the mix-up on the penultimate layer)



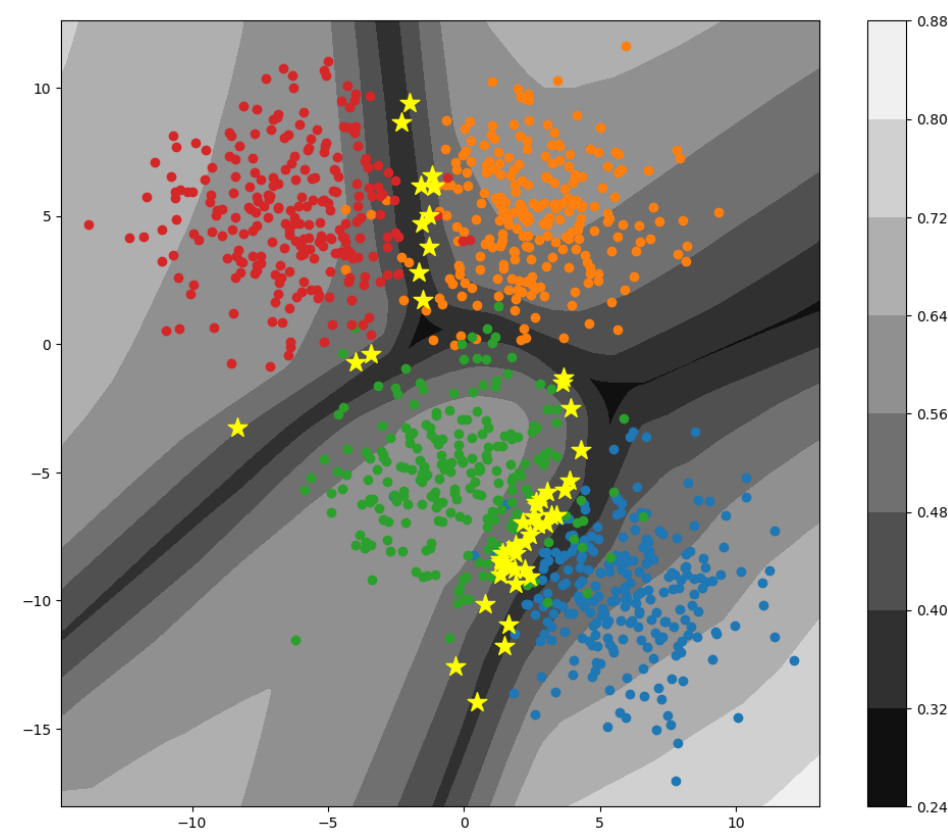
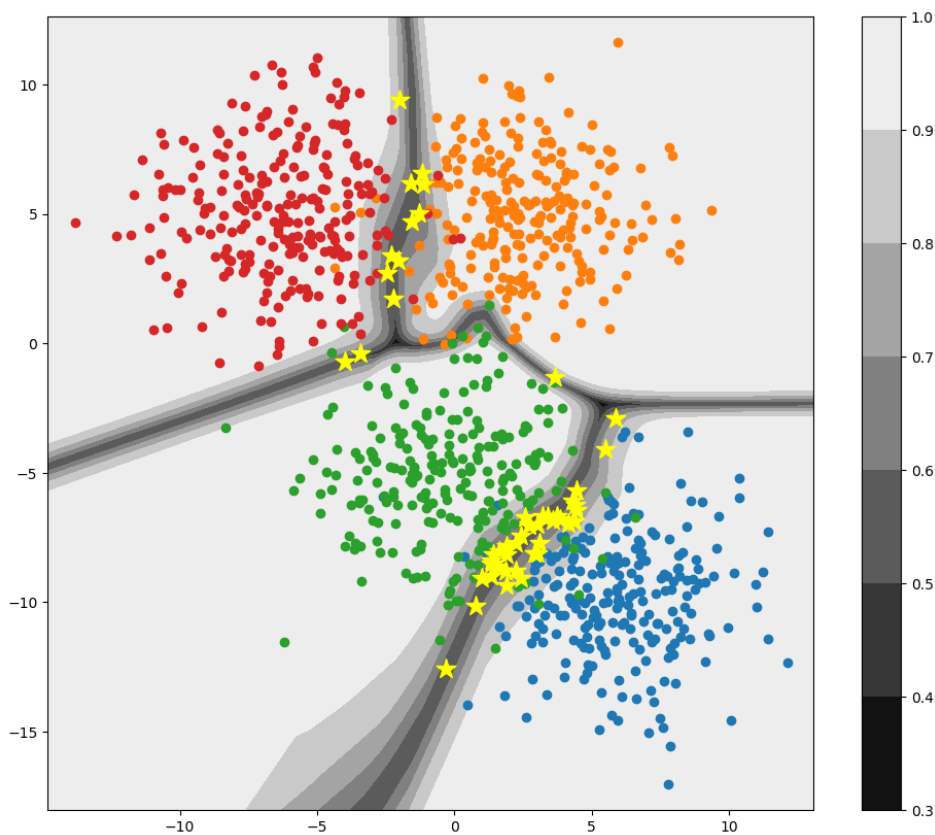
t-SNE of penultimate layer of VGG16 on CIFAR-10 train set



t-SNE of penultimate layer of VGG16 on CIFAR-10 test set

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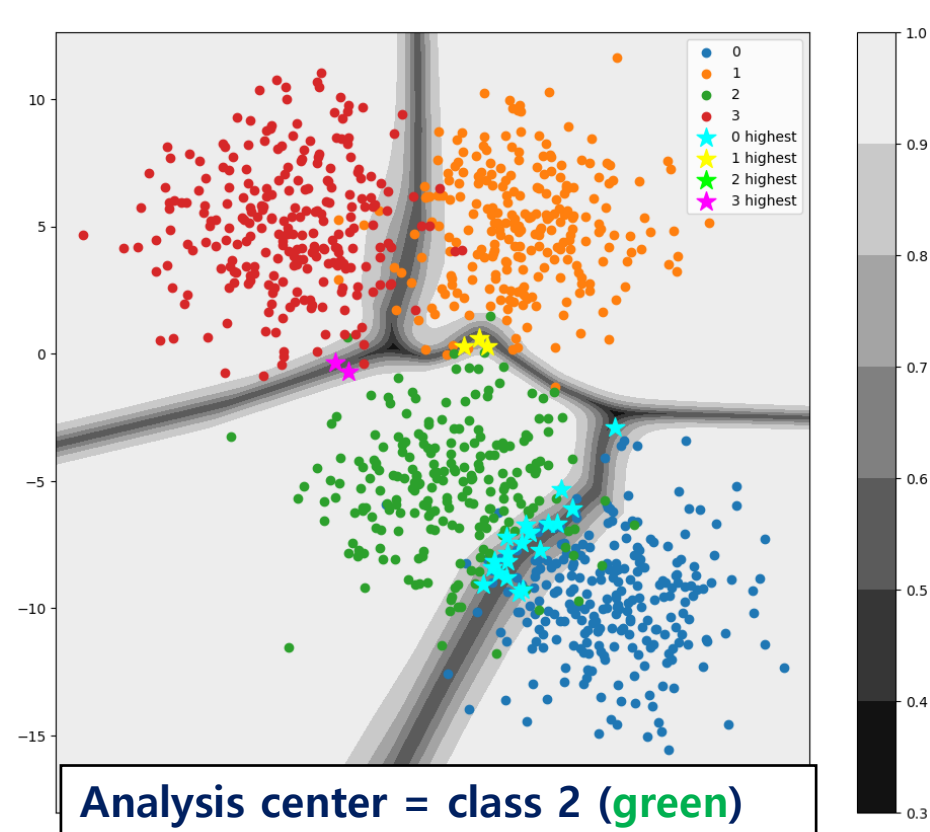
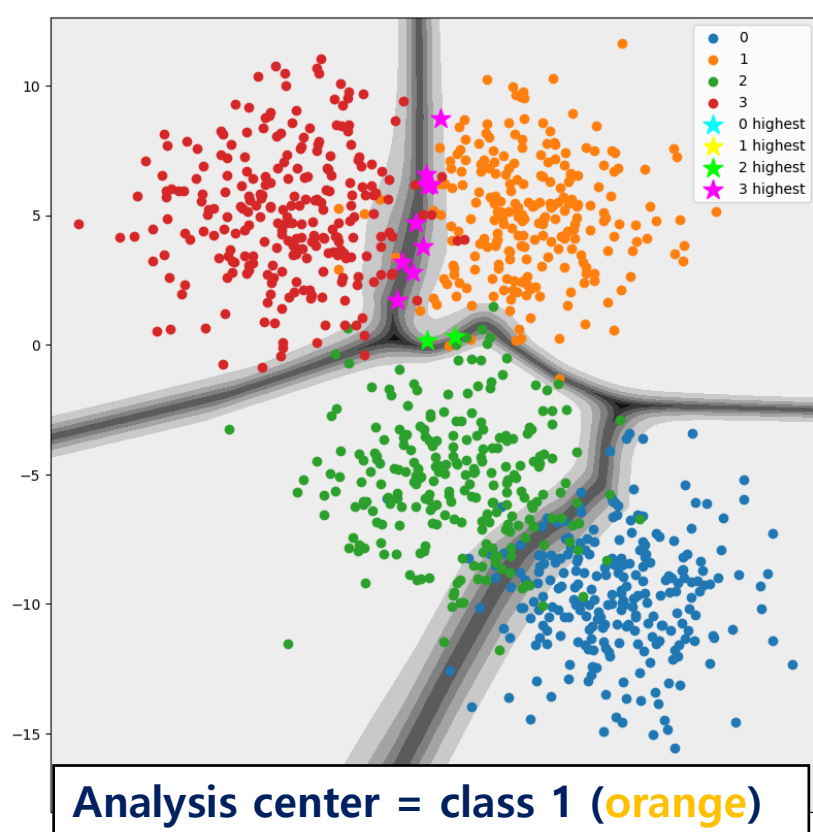
- Hard mix-up pairing :
  - Observation : forgetting score is effective on detecting hard samples.  
(samples located near decision boundary)



Decision boundary of simple NN on blob dataset (★ : top-50 hard samples) [Left : naïve training / Right : mix-up training,  $\alpha = 1$ ]

# Observation parts (Presence of frequently incorrect directions by class)

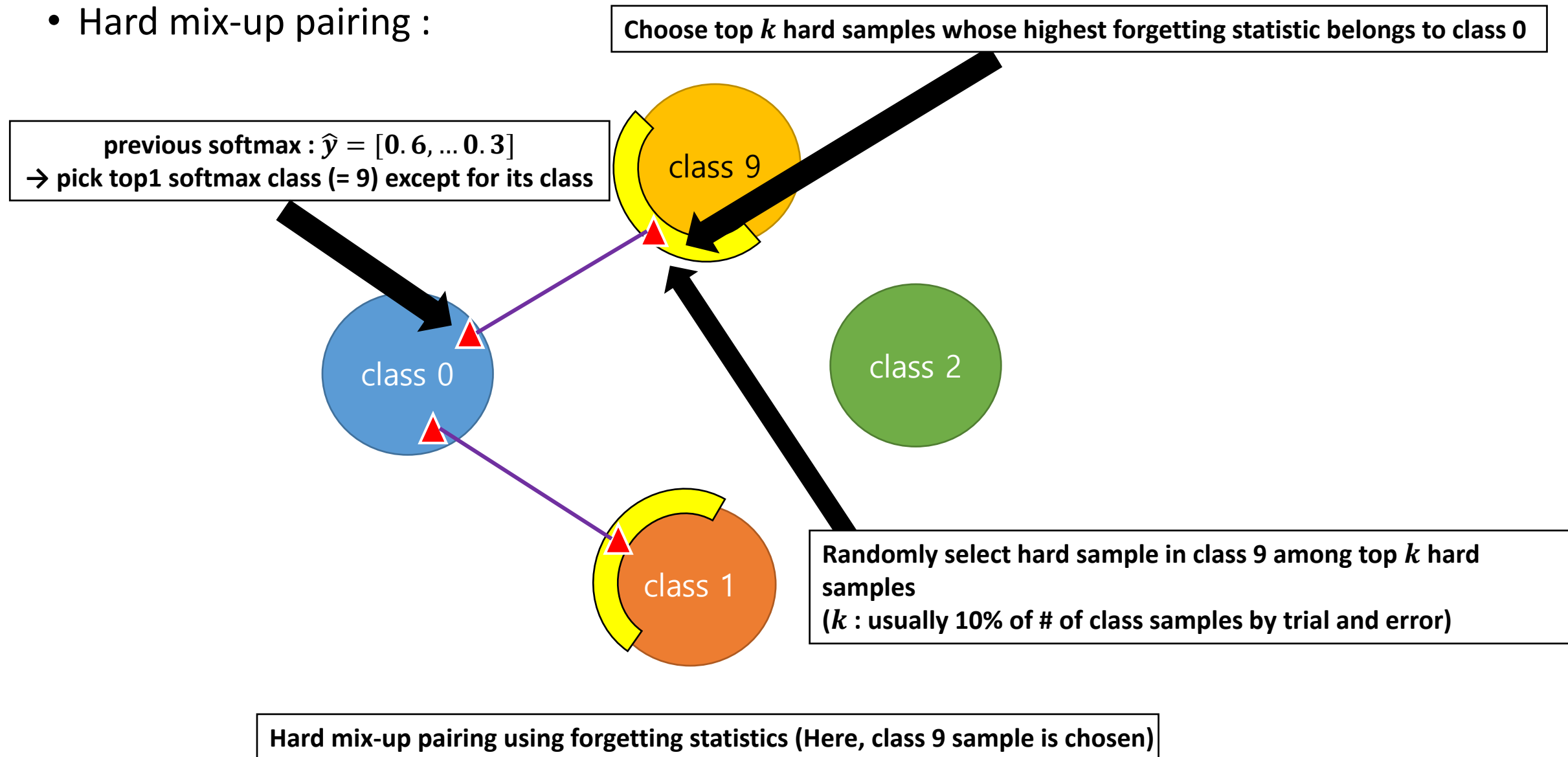
- Hard mix-up pairing :
  - Hard samples tend to be outside the data cluster toward the other class direction.  
(not only low-dimensional dataset, but also high-dimensional dataset such as CIFAR-10)



Top-20 hard ( $\geq 3$ ) examples (for each class) with respect to highest error rate towards each nearby classes [Left : class 1 / Right : class 2]

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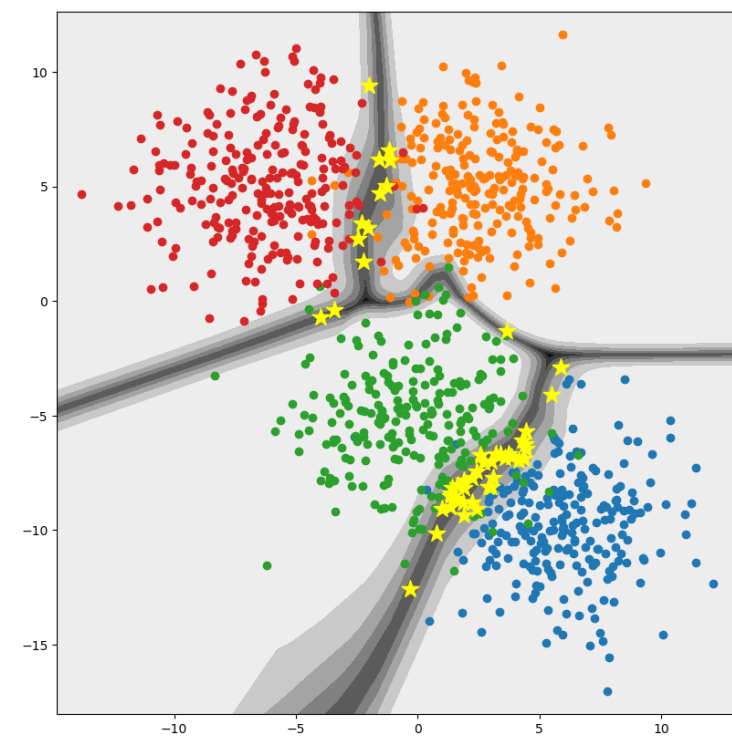
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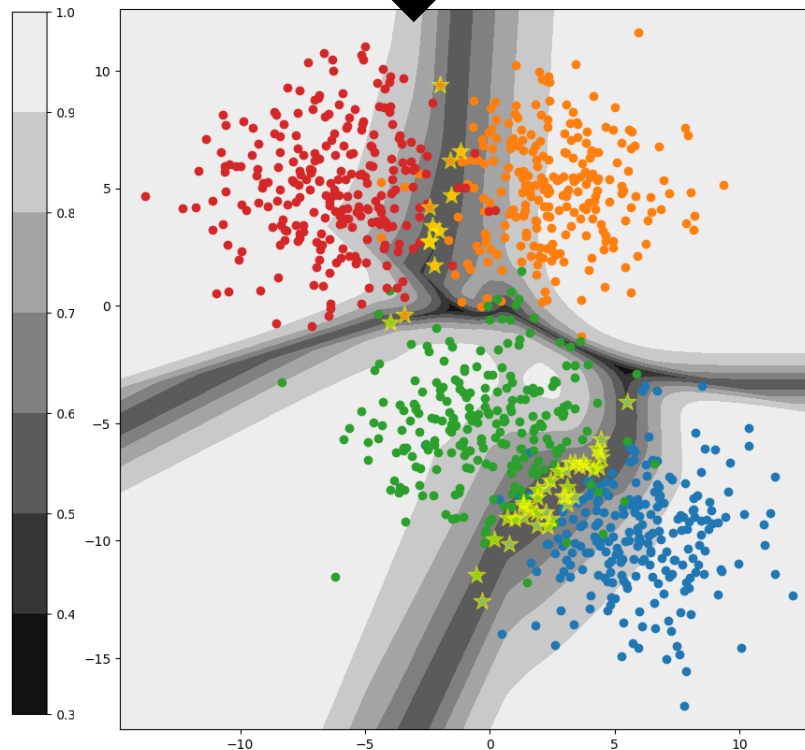
# Observation parts (Presence of frequently incorrect directions by class)

- Low-dimensional experiment (dataset : 2-dimensional blob dataset, model = simple NN)  
: Visualization of decision boundary

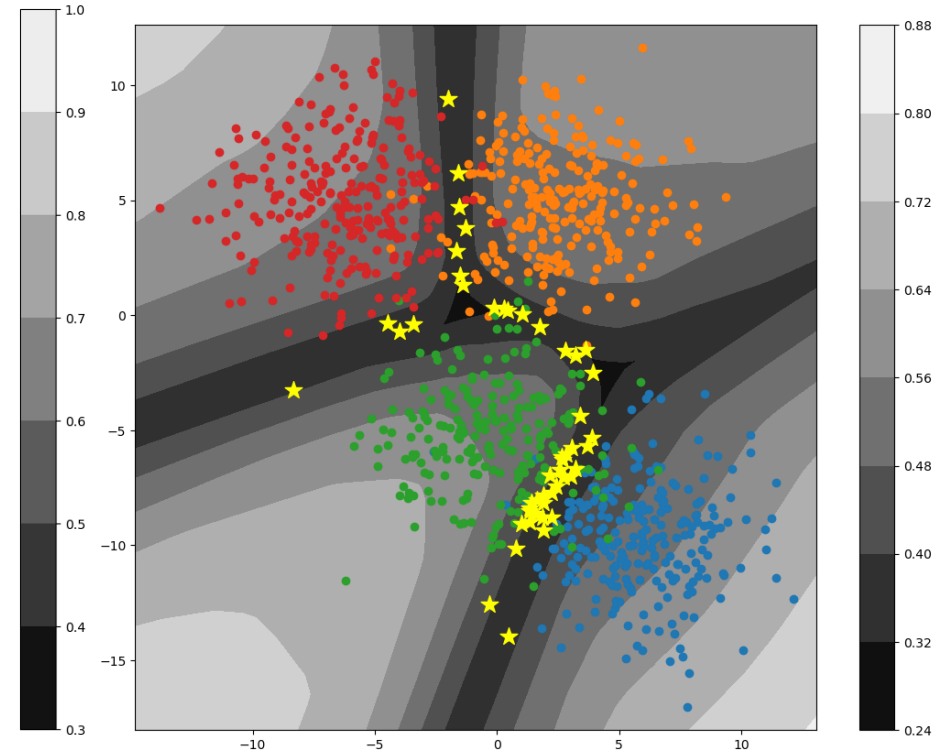
Demonstration of hard mix-up pairing :  
Mix-up happened only near decision boundary



Original training



Hard mix-up pairing training ( $\alpha = 0.2$ )



mix-up training ( $\alpha = 0.2$ )

**Note : On CIFAR-10, It showed poor performance : 95.03% (penultimate hard mix-up pairing training,  $\alpha = 0.3$ , 600 epoch)  
( $\because$  It turns out that their mix-up partner becomes very restricted during training  $\rightarrow$  reduce sample diversity on mix-up)**

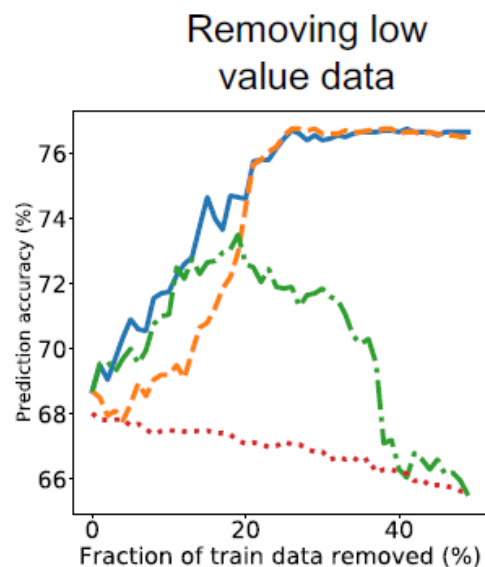
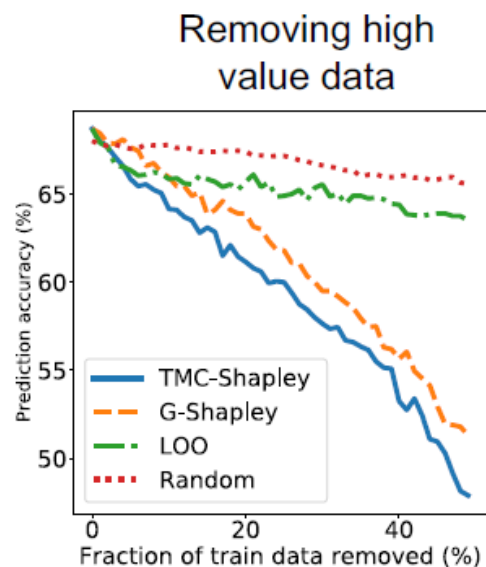


# Observation parts (Data valuation of mix-up samples)

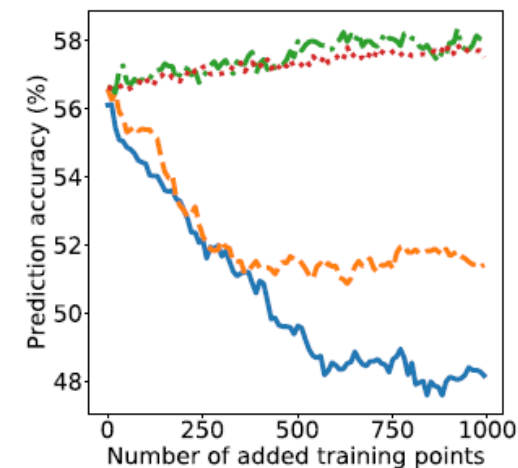
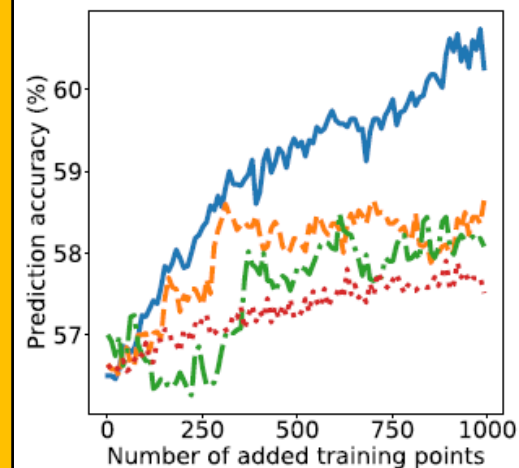
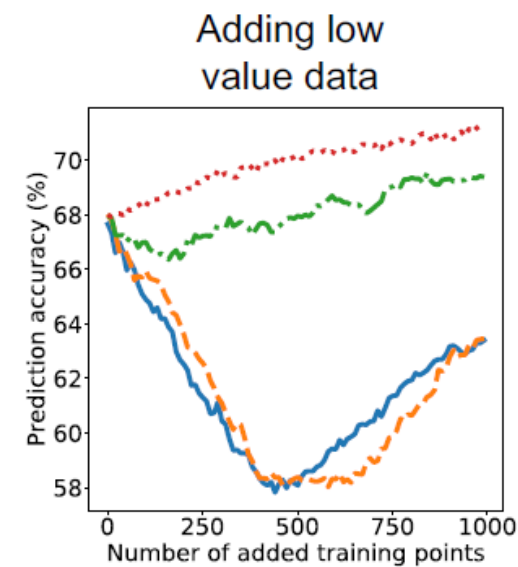
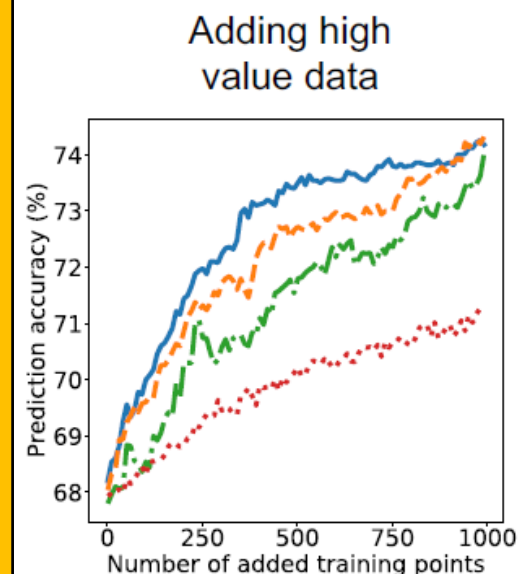
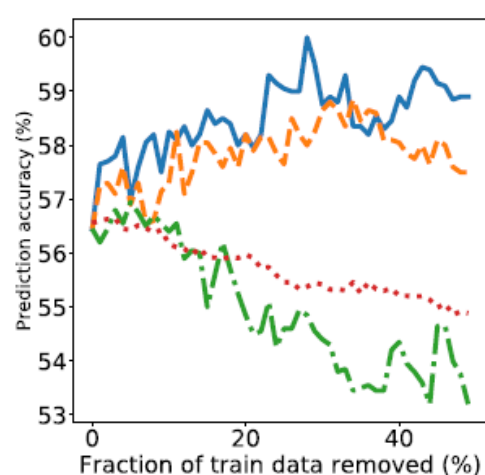
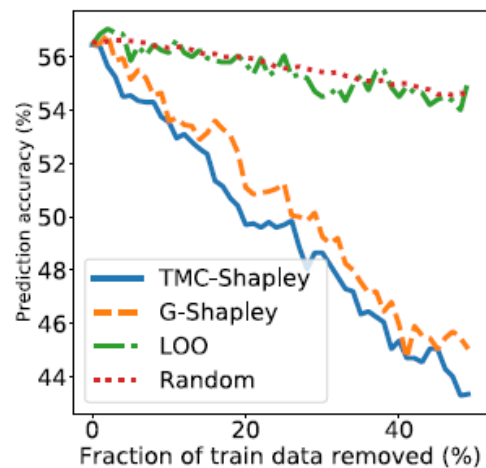
- Then, how about limiting the mix-up partner pool into top  $\eta$  % of overall hard samples ?
- According to [M.paul et al., 2021], it turned out that learning via hard examples (based on EL2N, GraNd score) usually have high **‘training error barrier’** and shows high value of **‘NTK velocity’**.  
(similar logic holds also for easy samples)
- Further, **if EL2N / GraNd score correlate well with Shapley value** [Z. Jiang et al., 2020], **It is beneficial for model to improve test accuracy by learning hard samples.**
- Experiment environment : CIFAR-10 / ResNet-18
  - Original data ranking score: EL2N
  - Mix-up data ranking score : EL2N / GraNd
  - Learned training data =  $50,000 \times 6$  (original) +  $500 \times 10^2 \times 6$  (mixup) = 300,000 samples  
(To mimic following experiment environment, we adopt RegMixUp setting)

# Observation parts (Data valuation of mix-up samples)

Breast Cancer



Skin Cancer



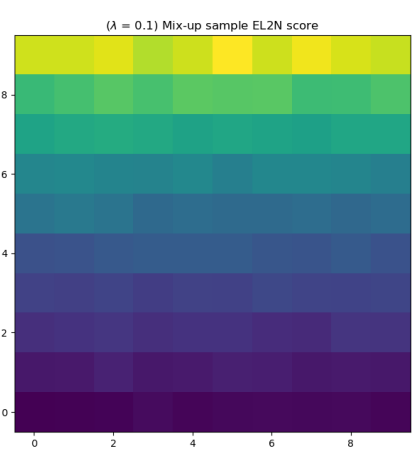
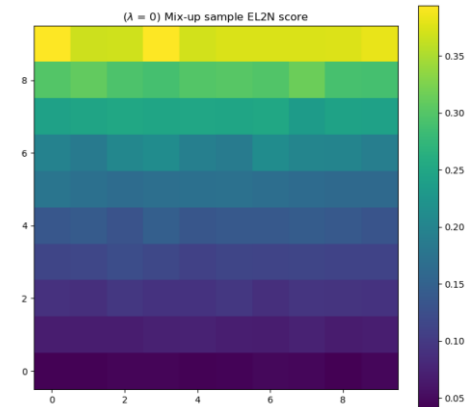
Adding hard examples on each data set can be more beneficial than adding easy value data (based on Shapley value)



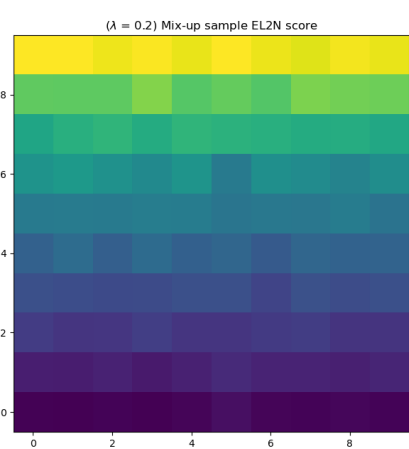
# Observation parts (Data valuation of mix-up samples)

- When Mix-up samples' score are analyzed by **EL2N score**.
- EL2N score computation epoch : 20 / model average # = 10

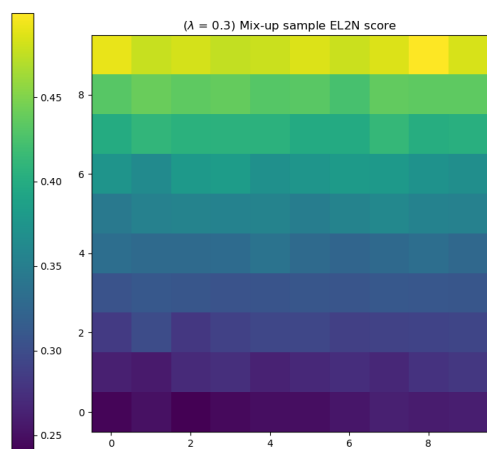
$\lambda = 0$



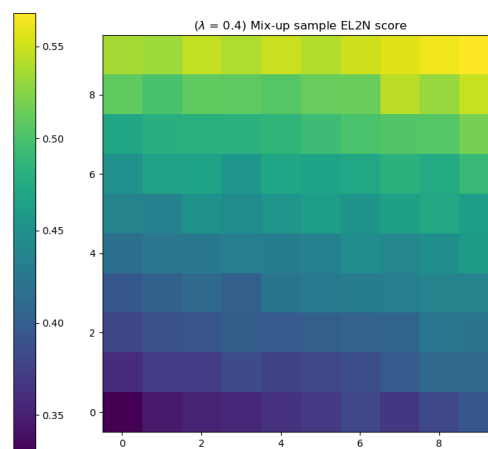
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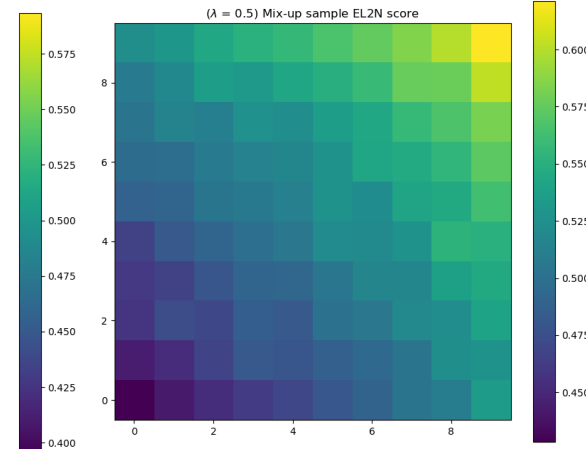
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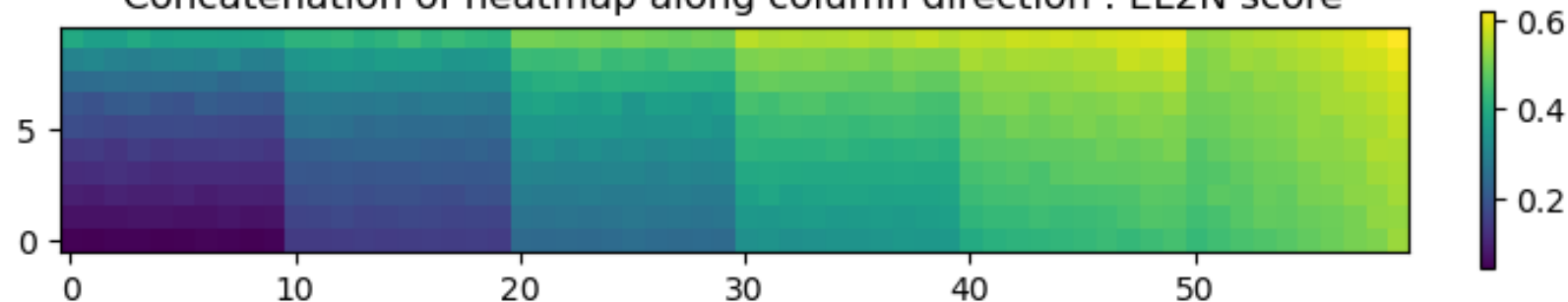


$\lambda = 0.4$



$\lambda = 0.5$

Concatenation of heatmap along column direction : EL2N score



**Combined Heatmap along column direction**

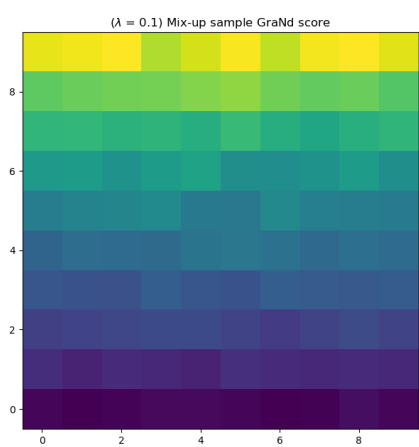
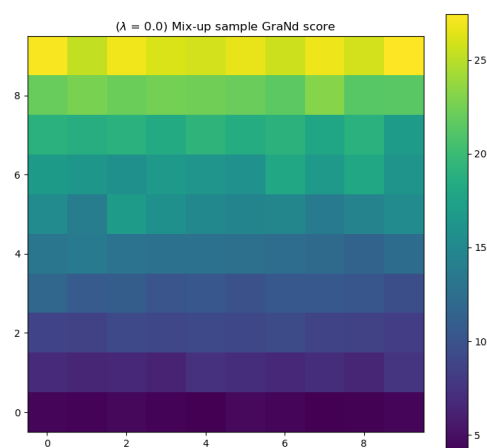
Note :

1.  $x$ -axis : top  $10 \times x$  (%) ~  $10 \times (x + 1)$ % easiest sample where  $\lambda$  is applied
2.  $y$ -axis : top  $10 \times x$  (%) ~  $10 \times (x + 1)$ % easiest sample where  $1 - \lambda$  is applied

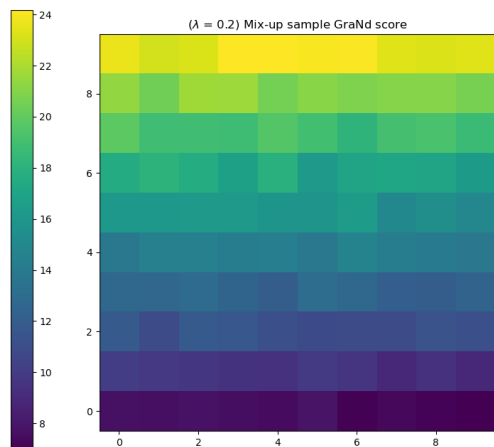
# Observation parts (Data valuation of mix-up samples)

- When Mix-up samples' score are analyzed by **GraNd score**.
- GraNd score computation epoch : 5 / model average # = 10

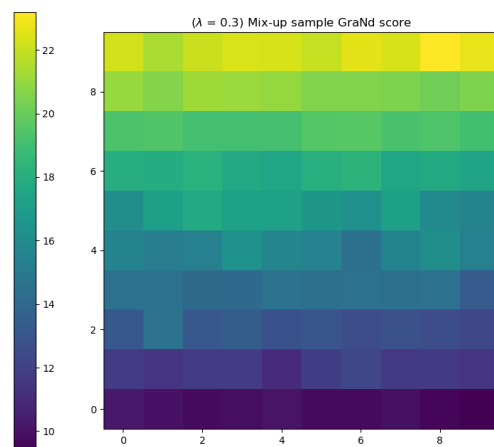
$$\lambda = 0$$



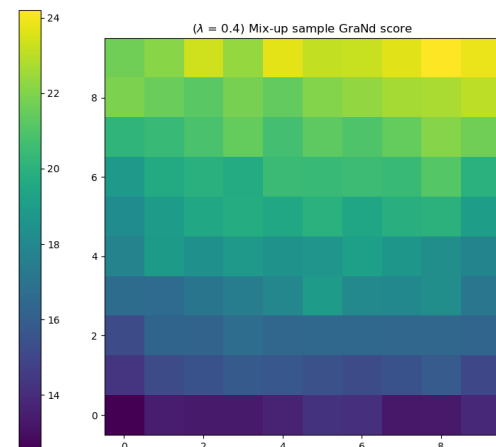
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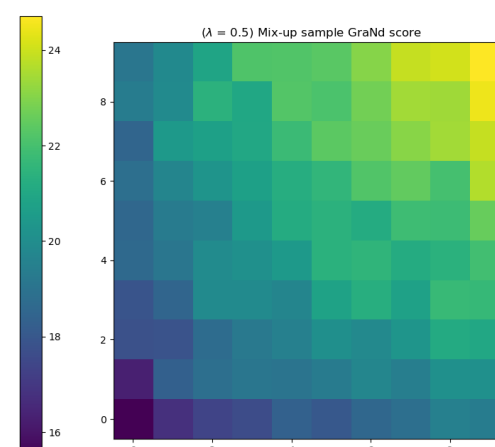
$$\lambda = 0.2$$



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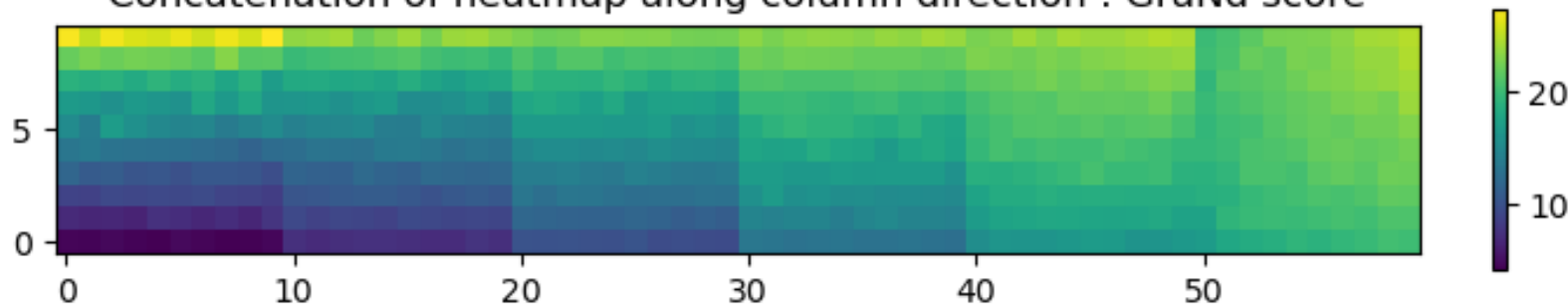


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Concatenation of heatmap along column direction : GraNd score



Combined Heatmap along column direction

Note :

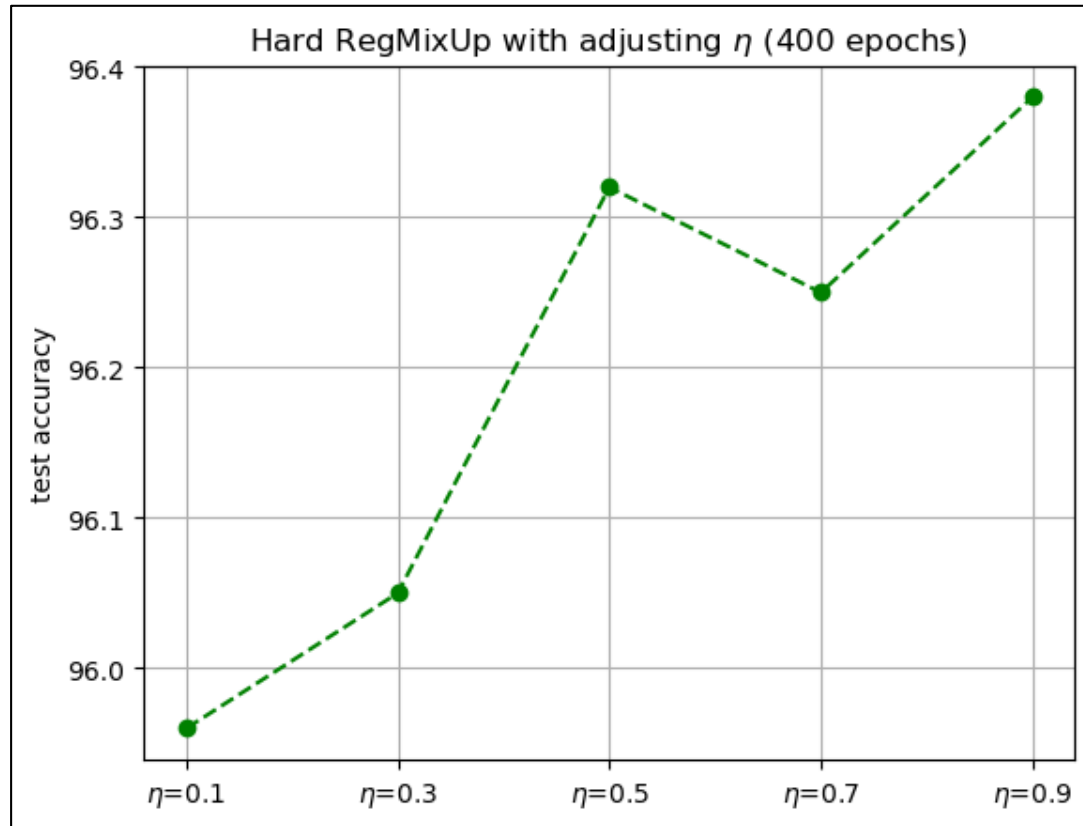
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# Observation parts (Data valuation of mix-up samples)

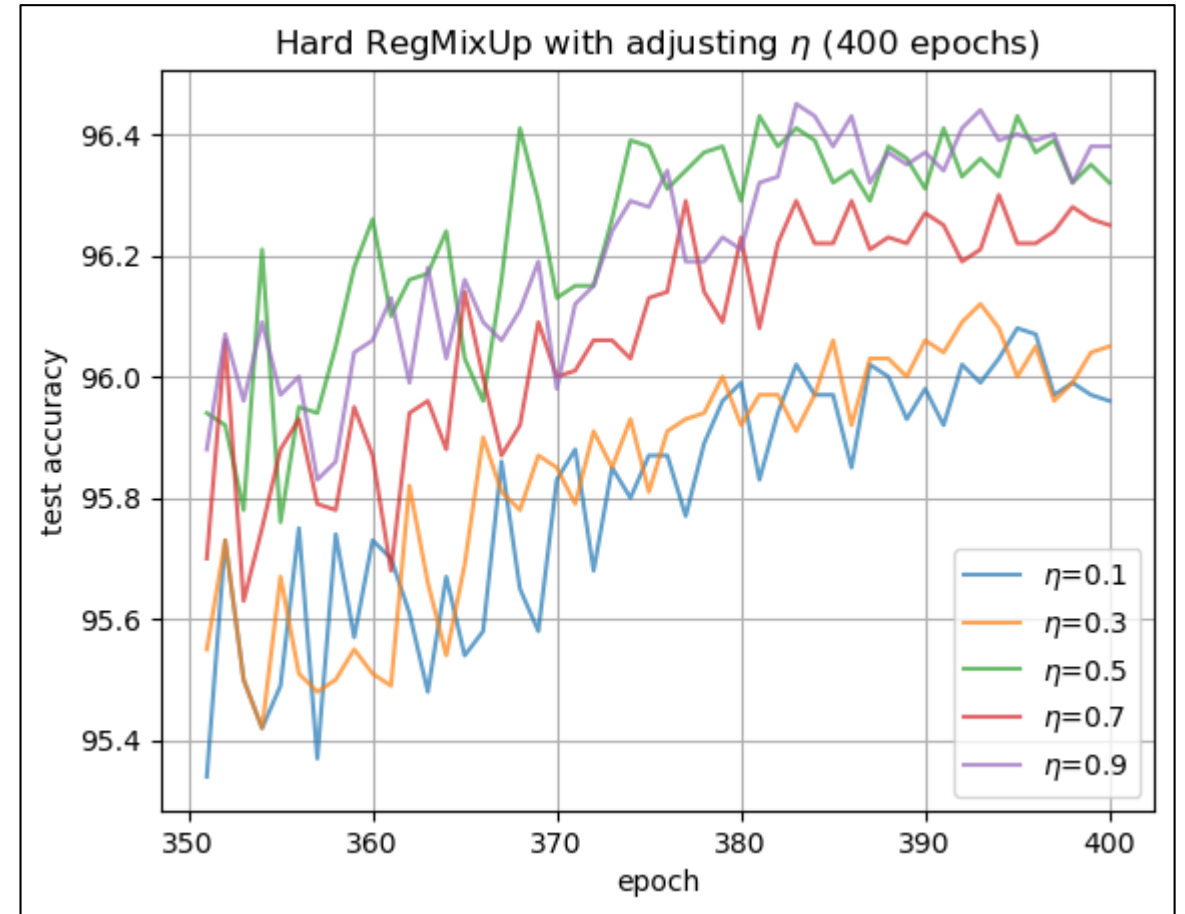
- Our intuition [Hard sample  $\times$  Hard sample mix-up would result in Hard mix-up sample] seems to be clear.
- Since EL2N score is derived from GraNd score with logit gradient orthogonality assumption, **It may not represent good data valuation scores for ‘mix-up samples’**
- Note that we can use only limited number of mix-up samples during mix-up training.
  - Hence, It may be better to use hard mix-up samples rather easy mix-up samples.
  - Again, how about limiting the mix-up partner pool to top  $100 \times \eta$  % of overall hard samples ?

# Experiments parts (Hard mix-up with adjusting hard data portion)

- In RegMixUp, limiting the pool of mix up samples to top  $100 \times \eta$  % of overall hard samples will degrade the performance as  $\eta$  gets lower.



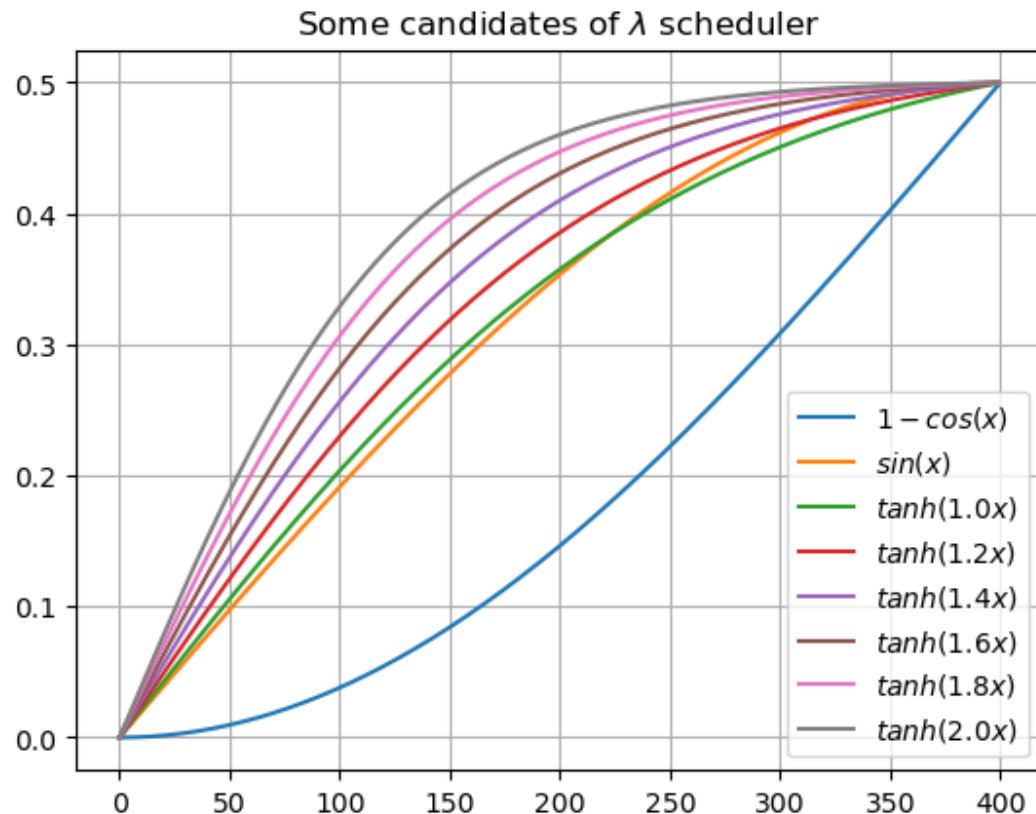
Test accuracies for several  $\eta$  values



Test accuracy trajectories for several  $\eta$  values

# Experiments parts (RegMixUp with $\lambda$ scheduler)

- How about learning mix-up samples in easy  $\rightarrow$  hard samples?
  - [X. Zhou et al., 2021] suggest that learning easy samples first can significantly improve test accuracy.
  - Using this idea, we'll make an  $\lambda$  scheduler as follows :

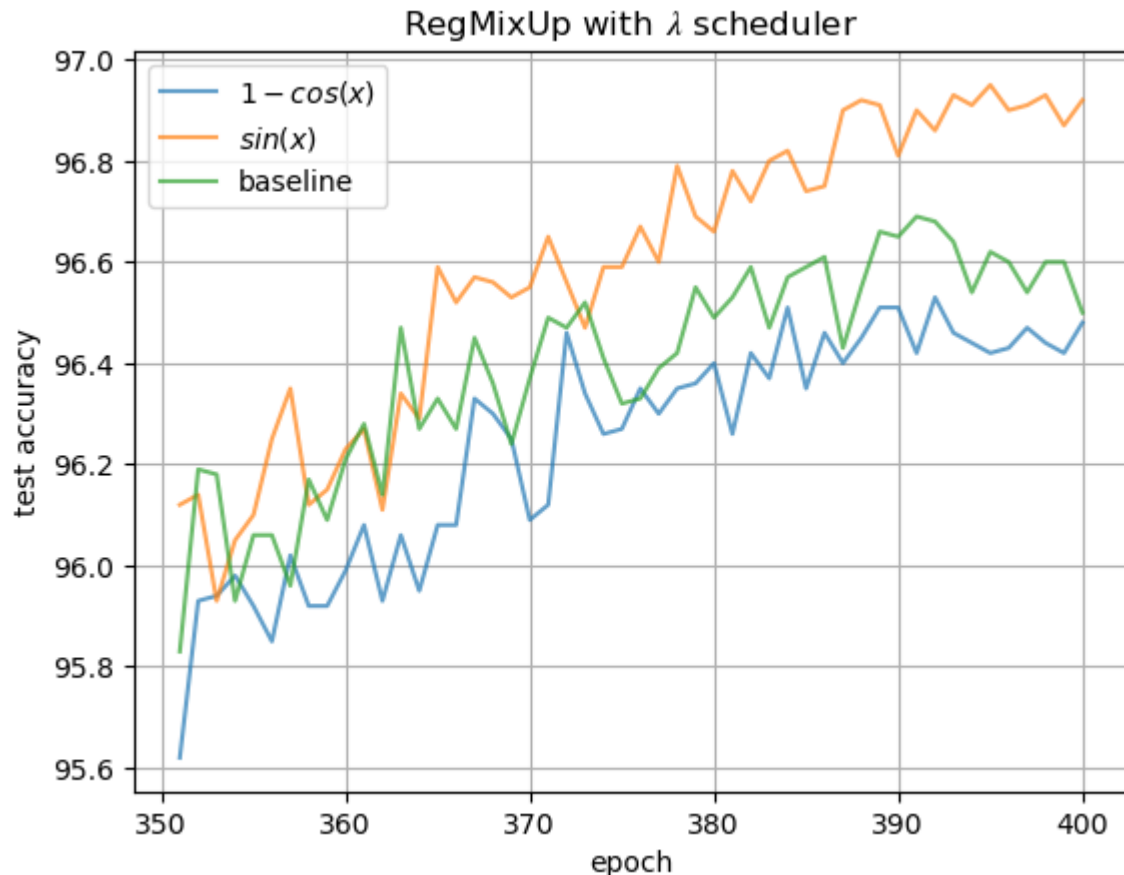


## Note :

- To exploit hard mix-up samples while keeping easy samples, We can use *tanh* functions with scaler  $\zeta$ .
- As the  $\zeta$  value get higher, *tanh* -  $\lambda$  scheduler can enforce hard mix-up sampling at the end tail of training.
- *tanh* -  $\lambda$  scheduler is appropriately rescaled to have  $\lambda = 0.5$  at the final epoch.

# Experiments parts (RegMixUp with $\lambda$ scheduler)

- How about learning mix-up samples in easy  $\rightarrow$  hard samples?
  - When we use  $\sin(x)$  -  $\lambda$  scheduler, it improves test accuracy  $\sim 0.4\%$  compared to baseline (naïve RegMixUp with  $\alpha = 20$ ), which is comparable to SOTA non-vision mix.



Training method (800 epoch)	Test Accuracy
Original training	95.50
Mix-up	96.62
Manifold mix-up	96.71
RegMixUp (400 epoch)	96.60
MetaMixUP (PreActRN-18)	96.88
CutMix (Vision only)	96.68
PuzzleMix (Vision only)	97.10
AutoMix (Vision only)	97.34
<b>RegMixUp w/ <i>sine</i> <math>\lambda</math> scheduler (400 epoch)</b>	<b>96.95</b>

# Probable Future Works

## ① Can we generalize below approximate mix-up loss into multi-class version?

- If it is possible,  $R_1, R_2, R_3$  can be related to the following

This analysis is restricted to only binary classification

(In fact, recent papers demonstrated validity of this loss only based on binary classification)

**Lemma 3.1 [On Zhang et al., 2021]**

Consider the loss function  $l(\theta, (x, y)) = h(f_\theta(x)) - yf_\theta(x)$ , where  $h, f$  are twice differentiable for all  $\theta \in \Theta$ .

Let us denote  $\tilde{D}_\lambda = \frac{\alpha}{\alpha+\beta} \text{Beta}(\alpha + 1, \beta) + \frac{\beta}{\alpha+\beta} \text{Beta}(\beta + 1, \alpha)$ ,  $D_X$  = empirical distribution of  $S = \{(x_i, y_i)\}_{i=1}^n$

Then, the following holds :

$$L_n^{mix}(\theta, S) = L_n^{std}(\theta, S) + \sum_{i=1}^3 R_i(\theta, S) + \mathbb{E}_{\lambda \sim \tilde{D}_\lambda}[(1 - \lambda)^2 \varphi(1 - \lambda)]$$

where  $\lim_{\lambda \rightarrow 0} \varphi(\lambda) = 0$ , and

$$R_1(\theta, S) = \frac{\mathbb{E}_{\lambda \sim \tilde{D}_\lambda}[1 - \lambda]}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (h'(f_\theta(x_i)) - y_i) \nabla f_\theta(x_i)^T \mathbb{E}_{r_x \sim D_x}[r_x - x_i]$$

$$R_2(\theta, S) = \frac{\mathbb{E}_{\lambda \sim \tilde{D}_\lambda}[(1 - \lambda)^2]}{2n} \sum_{i=1}^n h''(f_\theta(x_i)) \nabla f_\theta(x_i)^T \mathbb{E}_{r_x \sim D_x}[(r_x - x_i)(r_x - x_i)^T] \nabla f_\theta(x_i)$$

$$R_3(\theta, S) = \frac{\mathbb{E}_{\lambda \sim \tilde{D}_\lambda}[(1 - \lambda^2)]}{2n} \sum_{i=1}^n (h'(f_\theta(x_i)) - y_i) \mathbb{E}_{r_x \sim D_x}[(r_x - x_i) \nabla^2 f_\theta(x_i) (r_x - x_i)^T]$$

# Probable Future Works

## ② What is the good mix-up samples in terms of model's generalization performance?

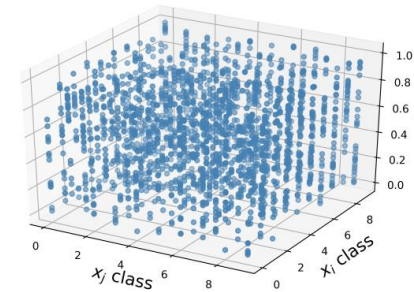
1. How to cleverly choose good mix-up samples that helps model to improve?

- 1<sup>st</sup> idea : we can analyze the **common-property of mix-up samples which becomes 'failure cause  $\mathcal{C}$ '** that is cause for **'failure case'  $\mathcal{F}$**  in test dataset.

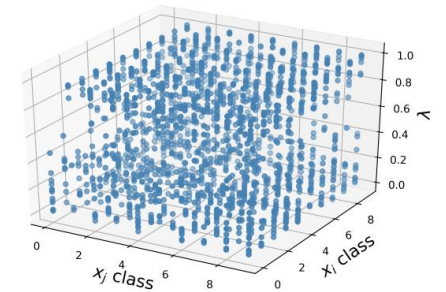
[R. Tanno et al., 2022]

- 2<sup>nd</sup> idea : Analyze mix-up samples with Shapley value (Intractable) or Influence function (Tractable...?)

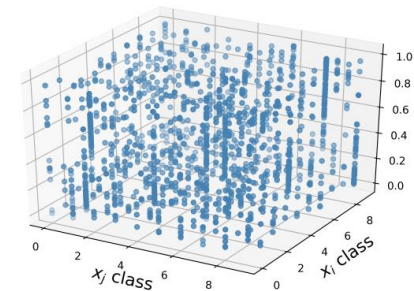
2. According to **MetaMixUp** [Z. Mai et al., 2020] it seems that **there is certain good  $\lambda$  range when we mix up two samples from class  $i$  and class  $j$**



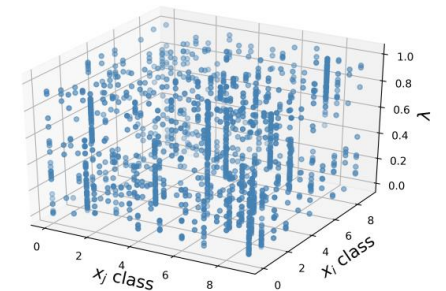
(a) epoch = 3



(b) epoch = 30



(c) epoch = 90



(d) epoch = 120

$\lambda$  selection frequency learned by MetaMixUp



# Probable Future Works

## ③ How to make reasonably good $\lambda$ scheduler?

- From some experiments, it turned out that  $\alpha$  scheduler shows poor performance compared to  $\lambda$  scheduler. Plus, **It seems that which sample is learned first has a significant effect on performance.**
- Is it possible to construct good  $\lambda$  scheduler that can be comparable to SOTA mix-up (including vision field mix-up)?

## ④ Re-verification of Forgetting mix-up

- We only have experimented hard-pairing mix-up based on forgetting mix-up. However, we can go over it without limiting mix-up sample pool
- **Idea:** Based on forgetting statistic summary, make a mix-up partner using below sampling code.  
(EX : **[Airplane]**  $p = [0.0000, 0.0743, 0.3148, 0.1221, 0.0839, 0.0310, 0.0458, 0.0595, 0.4032, 0.1552]$ )

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Pseudo code: np.random.choice(10, # of samples, p = forgetting_statistics[class] / np.amax(forgetting_statistics))
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