
Exeriese 2

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1 Problem 1

Solved on 09/30/2019. The seed I used in belowing experiments is 2612.

I implmented ACC, BWT, TBWT and CBWT to compare the result with different factors, including loss function, dropout, network depth and optimizer. ACC measures mean performance through all tasks; BWT is the influence on task T_i after the model trained on other tasks; TBWT set an idependent standard for different tasks and calculate the influence on task T_i after training other tasks; CBWT examines a specific task's influence.

$$ACC = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{i=1}^T R_{T,i}$$

$$BWT = \frac{1}{T-1} \sum_{i=1}^{T-1} R_{T,i} - R_{i,i}$$

$$TBWT = \frac{1}{T-1} \sum_{i=1}^{T-1} R_{T,i} - G_{i,i}$$

$$CBWT(t) = \frac{1}{T-t} \sum_{i=t+1}^T R_{i,t} - R_{t,t}$$

where T is the total tasks in one experiment, $R_{i,j}$ is the performace(classification accuracy) of the model on task i after traning on task j , $G_{i,i}$ is the performance of a model only trained on task i .

Each experiment has 10 tasks. I applied a fixed random permutation to the pixels to generate different images as new tasks. Figure 1 is an example of permutating images.

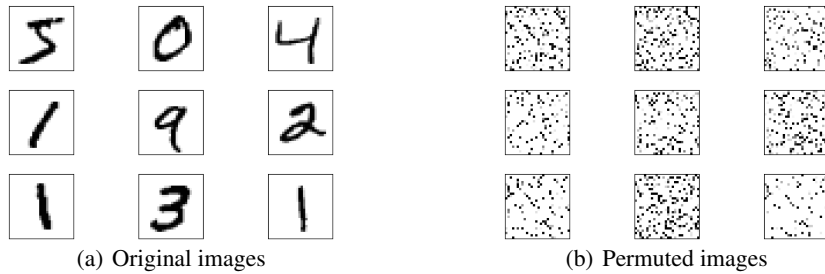


Figure 1: Permutation

1.1 Loss Function

I implemented four loss function. The formula of Negative Log-Likelihood(NLL) is:

$$NLL_Loss(\hat{y}) = -\log(\hat{y})$$

where \hat{y} is the predicted class of the model.

I implemented L1 loss, L2 Loss and a hybrid loss.

$$L1_Loss(y, \hat{y}) = |\hat{y} - y|$$

$$L2_Loss(y, \hat{y}) = \sqrt{(\hat{y} - y)^2}$$

$$Hybird_Loss = (y, \hat{y}) = L1_Loss(y, \hat{y}) + L2_Loss(y, \hat{y})$$

Figure 2 is the four matrix with different loss function. Obviously, different loss functions influence the model on forgetting. L1 loss is better on resisting forgetting compared to other loss functions on this model.

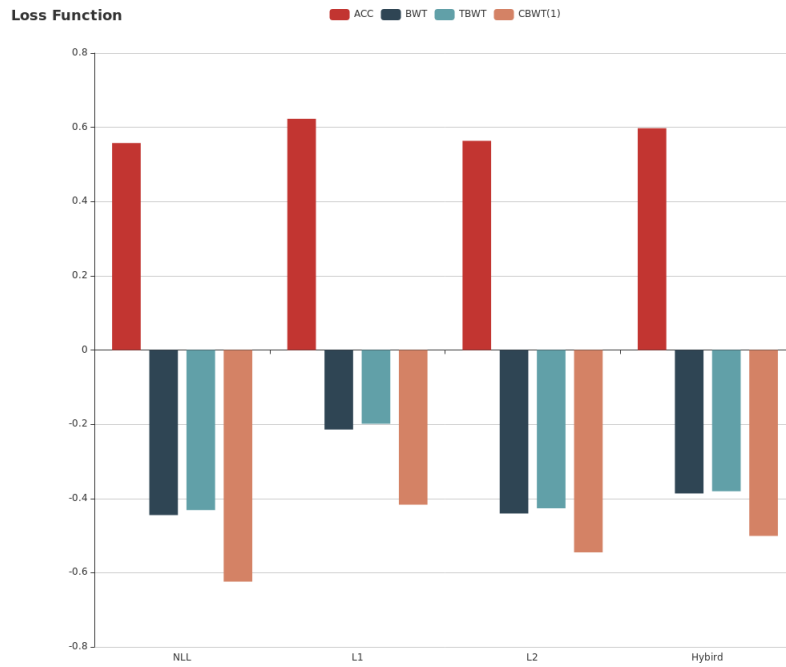


Figure 2: Loss Function

1.2 Dropout

I tried four dropout probabilities (0.0, 0.2, 0.4, 0.6) in this experiment. Shown as Figure 3, dropout can reduce forgetting influence.

1.3 Depth

I tried three models with different depths (2, 3, 4) in this experiment. Shown as Figure 4, the more complex the model is, the larger the information loss is.

1.4 Optimizer

I used three optimizers (Adam, SGD, RMSprop) with the same learning rate. Figure 5 is the result of this experiment. The model can't converge with the SGD optimizer. It seems the optimizer doesn't affect as much as network depth and dropout probability on forgetting information.

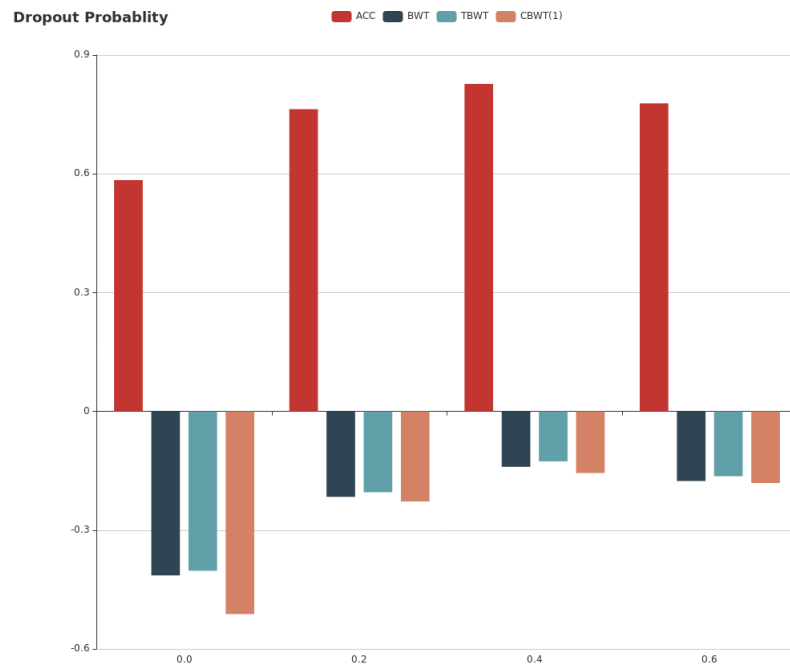


Figure 3: Dropout Probability

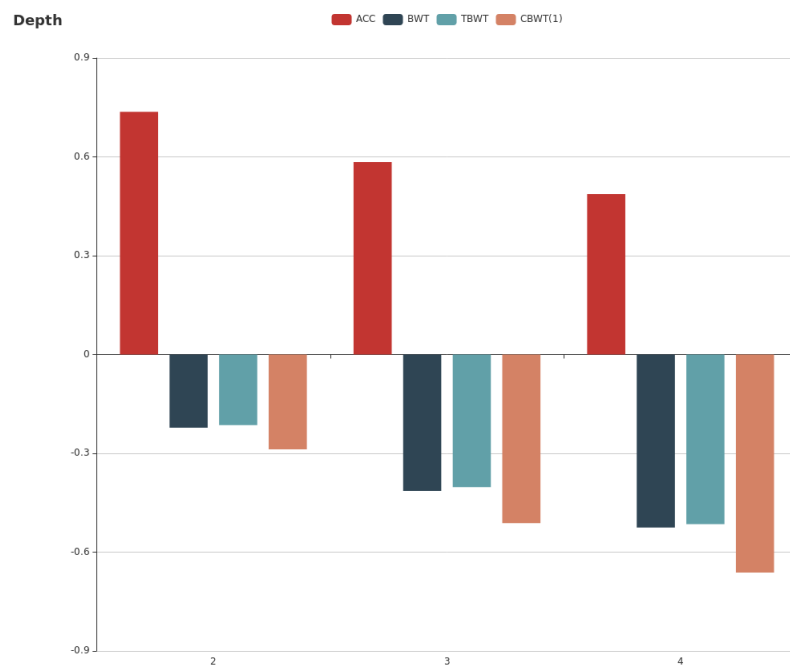


Figure 4: Depth

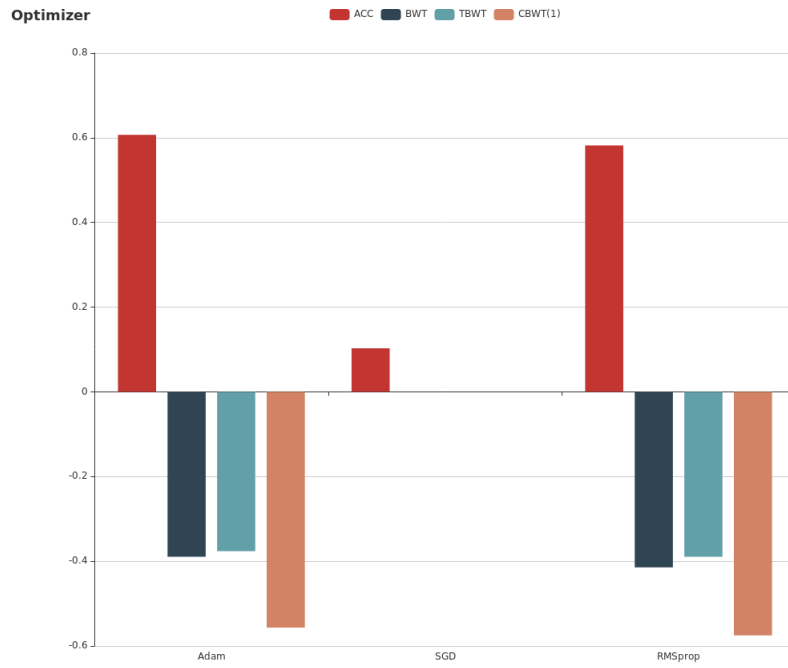


Figure 5: Optimizer

1.5 Validation Results

Figure 6 show the accuracy and loss on original test dataset during training 10 tasks.

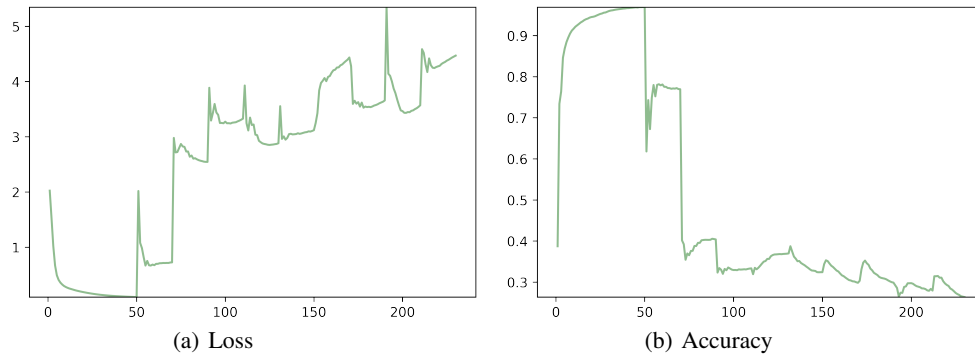


Figure 6: Validation Results