# Regularization, Data Augmentation and Self-Supervised Learning

Efficient Deep Learning - Session 4



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## Weight Decay

An old idea (Krogh and Herz 1991):  $\ell_2$  penatly term is added to the loss, limits the growth of model weights.

Has been shown to increase generalization and suppresses irrelevant model weights.

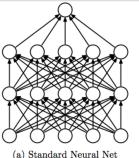
#### Ressources:

- https://proceedings.neurips.cc/paper/1991/file/ 8eefcfdf5990e441f0fb6f3fad709e21-Paper.pdf
- https://ja.d21.ai/chapter\_deep-learning-basics/ weight-decay.html
- Readily available in pytorch (optimizer options)

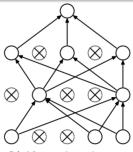
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## Dropout

Randomly "drops" some units during training with a certain probability.



(a) Standard Neural Net



(b) After applying dropout.

- Was introduced to train very large networks
- Can prevent overfitting
- Adds hyperparameters: where to drop? How often? https://www.jmlr.org/papers/volume15/srivastava14a/srivastava14a.pdf

## Regularization

## Batch Normalization (Ioffe & Szegedy, 2015)

Normalize feature distributions to the standard distribution by learning batch statistics.

- Consider a batch X
- Calculate m = E(X) and  $\sigma = Var(X)$
- Compute  $\hat{X} = \frac{X-m}{\sigma} * \gamma + \beta$
- m and  $\sigma$  are continuously updated across batches using running statistics, and  $\gamma$  and  $\beta$  are learnable parameters (by default set to 1 and 0, respectively)

#### **Notes**

- Has been shown to accelerate training, increase generalization
- Can remove the need for DropOut
- Should be included by default after convolutions

## Data Augmentation using image transformations

Translations, rotations, Scaling, Shifting in RGB, Crops, ....



Image from Albumentations https://albumentations.ai/docs/examples/pytorch\_classification/

# Mixup, Cutout and Cutmix

## Mixup

For a network F trained using Cross Entropy (CE),

- Sample  $x_i$ ,  $x_j$  from the training data, associated to labels  $y_i$ ,  $y_j$ .
- Defined mixed up data samples as  $\tilde{x} = \lambda x_i + (1 \lambda)x_j$
- loss =  $\lambda CE(F(\tilde{x}), y_i) + (1 \lambda)CE(F(\tilde{x}), y_j)$ , where  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$
- Train with backprop

#### Notes

- Has been shown to regularize training and achieves better generalization.
- Should be included most of the time when training classification networks!
- See Lab2.md for a proposed implementation

https://arxiv.org/pdf/1710.09412.pdf

## Mixup, Cutout and Cutmix

Image	ResNet-50	Mixup [47]	Cutout [3]	CutMix
Label	Dog 1.0	Dog 0.5 Cat 0.5	Dog 1.0	Dog 0.6 Cat 0.4
ImageNet	76.3	77.4	77.1	78.6
Cls (%)	(+0.0)	(+1.1)	(+0.8)	(+2.3)
ImageNet	46.3	45.8	46.7	47.3
Loc (%)	(+0.0)	(-0.5)	(+0.4)	(+1.0)
Pascal VOC	75.6	73.9	75.1	76.7
Det (mAP)	(+0.0)	(-1.7)	(-0.5)	(+1.1)

Table 1: Overview of the results of Mixup, Cutout, and our CutMix on ImageNet classification, ImageNet localization, and Pascal VOC 07 detection (transfer learning with SSD [23] finetuning) tasks. Note that CutMix significantly improves the performance on various tasks.

https://openaccess.thecvf.com/content\_ICCV\_2019/papers/Yun\_CutMix\_Regularization\_Strategy\_to\_Train\_Strong\_Classifiers\_With\_Localizable\_Features\_ICCV\_2019\_paper.pdf

## Application to Self supervised Learning

## Self-Supervised Learning

Learn representations of input samples without labels or annotations

#### How?

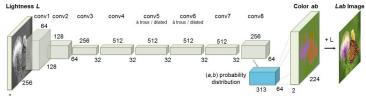
Train encoders (e.g. ResNet) on pre-text tasks:

- Self-Prediction
- Contrastive Learning

Trained encoders are expected to learn general features that generalize to supervised tasks.

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#### Self-Prediction : Colorful Image Colorization



https://arxiv.org/pdf/1603.08511.pdf

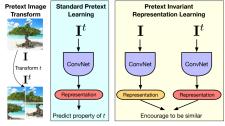
## Colorful Image Colorization

Learn feature representations by restoring colored version of images:

- Given lightness L, predict a and b color channels (CIE Lab colorspace)
- A loss penalty is computed between the predicted and the original image

# Application to Self supervised Learning

Contrastive Learning : Pretext-Invariant Representations Learning (PIRL)



https://https://arxiv.org/pdf/1912.01991.pdf

#### **PIRL**

Train a discriminative feature extractor:

- Images and their augmented version should have similar representations
- Different images should have dissimilar representations