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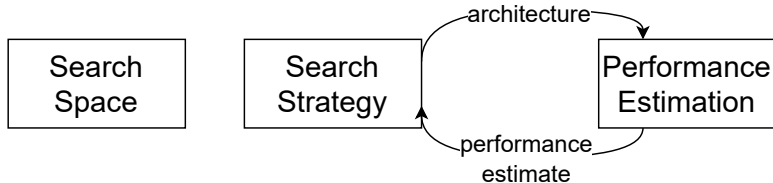
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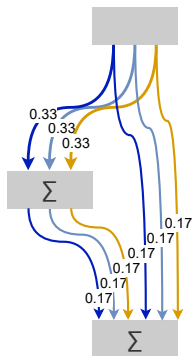
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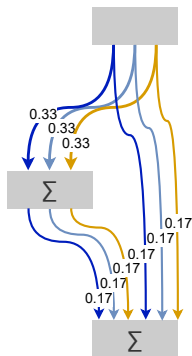
# DIFFERENTIABLE NAS

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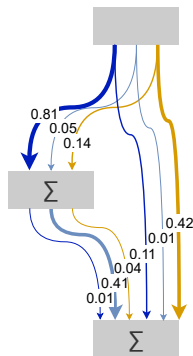


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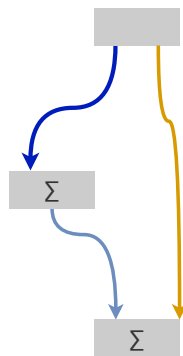
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Training start



Training end



Obtain best architecture

# GUMBEL-SOFTMAX SAMPLING

We define the *Standard Gumbel* probability density as

$$g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow [0, 1], x \mapsto \exp^{-(x + \exp^{-x})}$$

For  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $G \sim P_g^k$  and architecture parameters  $a \in \mathbb{R}^k$  it holds:

$$\text{Softmax}(a + G, 0) \sim \text{Multinomial}(1, \text{Softmax}(a))$$



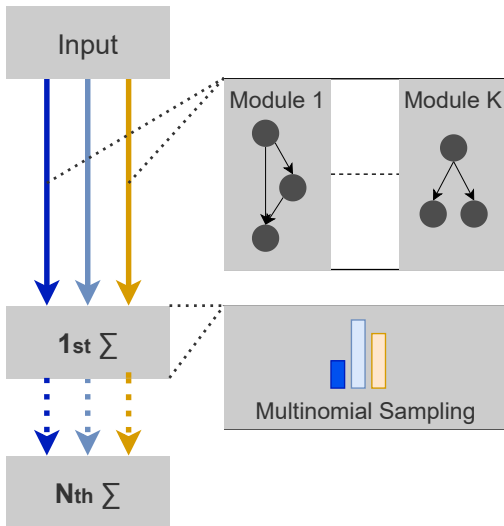
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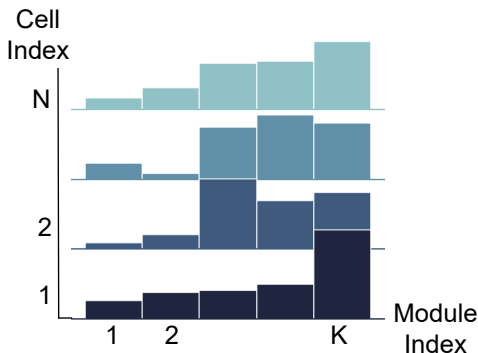
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# SEARCH SPACE



# RELATIVE SURROGATE

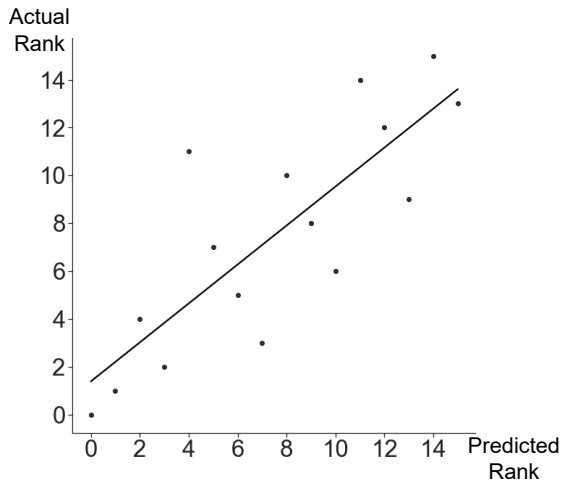
Joint trained multinomials induce ranking on search space



Sampling probability per module per cell

# RELATIVE SURROGATE

Validate surrogate ranking on actual architecture performances



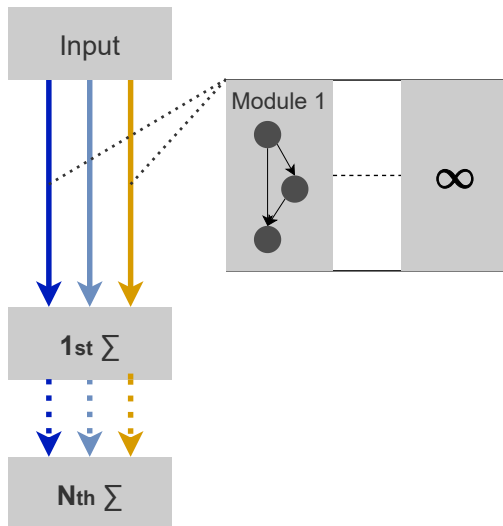
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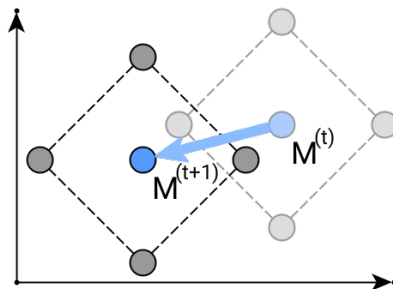
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# SEARCH SPACE EXTENSION



# FINITE DIFFERENCE DESCENT

Finite difference descent on pseudo environment in euclidean search space



2-dim euclidean search space

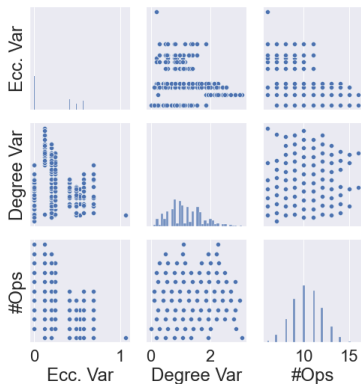
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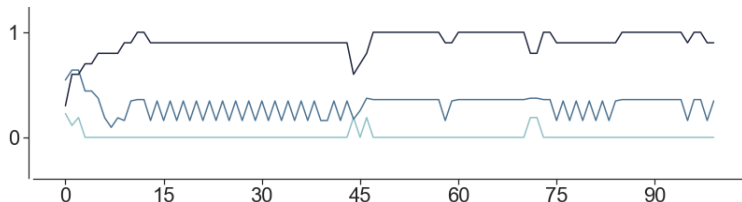
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Eccentricity variance, degree variance and # edges for 6-vertex DAGs

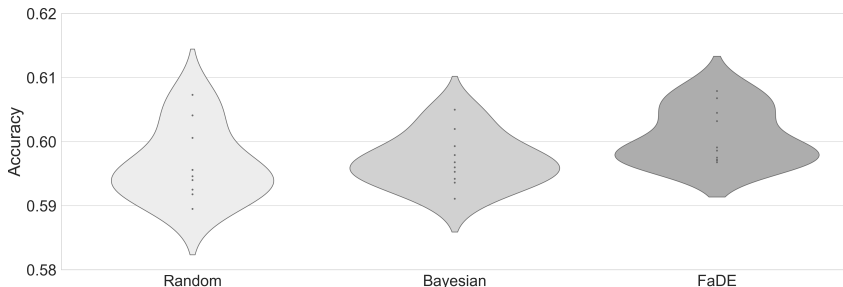
# EXPERIMENT RESULTS

Search space trajectories (per dimension) for one exemplary cell over 100 epochs of finite difference descent



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Comparing performance of top 10 architectures found by Random Search, Bayesian Search and our approach



# REFERENCES

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