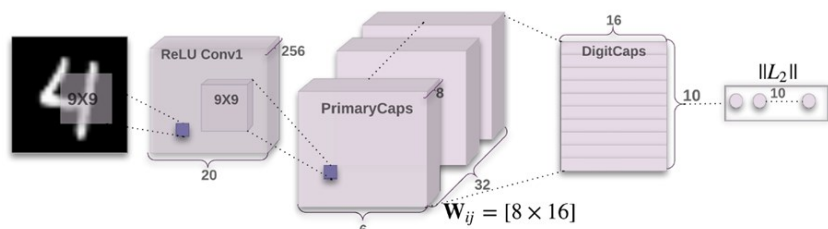



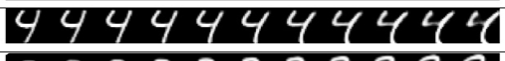




## 1. Background & Motivation

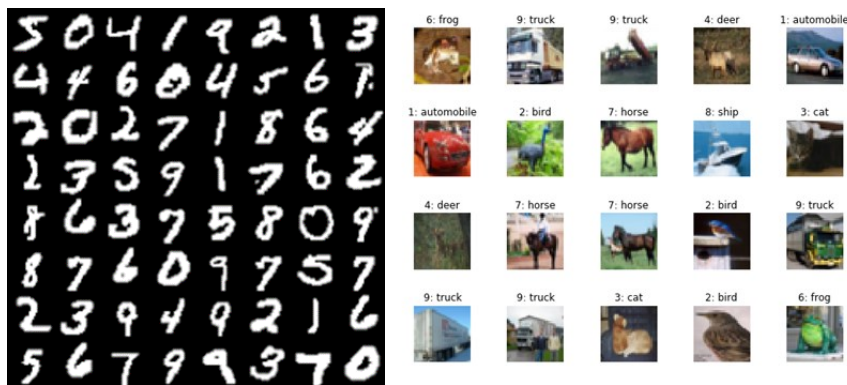
- Importance of efficiency of representation learning
- Capsule Networks



Scale and thickness	
Localized part	
Stroke thickness	
Localized skew	
Width and translation	
Localized part	

## 2. Experiments & Results

### • Dataset



MNIST

CIFAR-10

### • Model Architecture

- Baseline model from 'Dynamic Routing Between capsules'
  - Input [1,28,28] → Convolution Layer [20,20,256] → PrimaryCaps [32,6,6,8] → DigiCaps [16,10] → Prediction[10]
- Restricted model for performance comparison
  - Input [1,28,28] → Convolution Layer [20,20,64] → PrimaryCaps [8,6,6,8] → DigiCaps [16,10] → Prediction[10]
- MNIST dataset is too simple, so CIFAR-10 is also used for performance comparison.

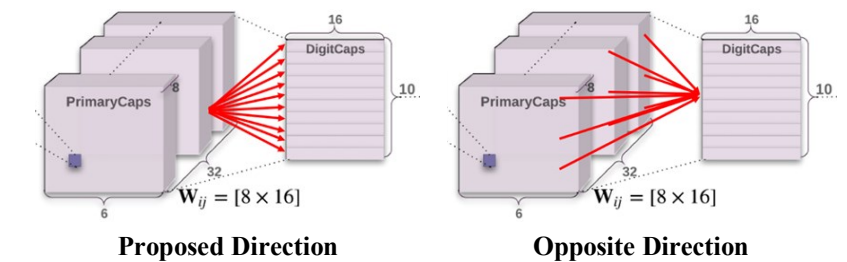
### • Experiments & Results

#### • Number of Dynamic Routing and Performance

- There is no strong correlation between # routing and performance.
- # routing can be adjusted as a hyper parameter for slight improvement of performance.
- Increasing number of routing destabilizes the training procedure.

#Routing	1	2	3	4	5	10	20
Restricted MNIST	98.92	98.52	98.72	98.85	98.98	97.43	96.99
Restricted CIFAR	52.92	52.29	51.88	53.43	52.88	51.83	51.24

### • Routing Coefficient Normalization Direction



# Routing	1	2
Restricted CIFAR Proposed Direction	52.92	52.29
Restricted CIFAR Opposite Direction	55.82	54.12

### • Accumulated Routing

- Instead of dynamic routing, which initializes routing coefficient uniformly at every iteration, accumulated routing is applied, which accumulates all interactions between capsules.
- Performance is decreased. The cause seems too much focus on a few points.

#Accumulated Routing	1	3
Restricted MNIST	98.92	98.52
Restricted accumulated MNIST	94.50	93.35

### • Replace Dynamic Routing with Parameter & Backpropagation

- Replacing routing with trainable parameters does not seriously change the performance.
- Normalization is important for better performance.
- Parameter & Backpropagation is faster than Dynamic Routing, especially when the number of routing increases.

Model	Restricted MNIST Routing #1	Restricted MNIST Routing #3	Restricted MNIST BP
Performance	98.92	98.72	98.91

Model	Restricted CIFAR Routing #3	Restricted CIFAR BP
Performance	51.88	51.22

Model	Restricted MNIST	Restricted CIFAR
With Normalization	98.91	51.22
Without Normalization	93.43	40.0

Model	Parameter & Backpropagation	Routing #1	Routing #3	Routing #5
Computation Time Ratio	1	1.09	1.69	2.42

### • Reconstruction

- DigiCaps outputs are utilized as features for reconstruction.
- For the case of MNIST which has relatively simple data, decoder successes to synthesize relevant images.
- For the case of CIFAR-10 which has more complex data, decoder fails to generate detailed images. It only captures the hue of each class.



MNIST

CIFAR-10

## 3. Conclusion & Future Works

- Dynamic routing can be replaced with trainable parameters without dramatic change of performance.
- Normalization and its direction affects the performance of Capsule Networks.
- This replacement needs to be tested on more complex settings like 'Capsules for Object Segmentation'.