- Success Criteria

- we have successfully reproduced the results showed by Tishby and Saxe. However there are reasons to not trust either of them as they have flaws with them.

  - Tishby – used only a toy dataset

  - Saxe – Changed allot of parameters at once made the claim that no compression phase happens

- We need better tools for MIE

  - cannot judge subtleties if something has a compression phase our MIE are not trustesd

  - we have seen KDE and Discrete show inconsistent results, when n'th layers hass less information about the input than the n+1'th layer.

- compression phase

  - judging if the networks have a compression phase is moot point as of yet as tools for measuring information are not good enough. Case and point Saxe argues that there cannot be compression in NN but every every experiments show that compression exists.

  - Saxe states that there is no compression in NN, however their experiments disagree.

  - we don't have the tools to say if the compression phase is actually happening

  - Tishby says compression phase happens but he is using a toy dataset, which was shown to not have a compression phase by Saxe.

- performance

0.0.1 Deterministic networks

There's a very real argument to be made against compression in neural networks. Consider a generic neural network we can think of it as a function that is a series of matrix transformation, where a matrix corresponds to weights of a specific layer. However these matrices are all random (at least at the start of training) and hence probability of them being invertible is 100%.

Knowing that every single matrix is invertible allows us to conclude that that neural network as a whole is an invertible function, which means no information is lost and compression is impossible.

0.0.2 Why Randomness is hard to capture