

P_θ : model output $\in \mathbb{R}^N$

g : one-hot ground truth $\in \mathbb{R}^N$

u : a prior distribution $\in \mathbb{R}^N$

- smoothed target ($\varepsilon \in [0, 1]$)

$$t = (1 - \varepsilon) g + \varepsilon u \in \mathbb{R}^N$$

- loss (constant terms are ignored)

$$L = -t \cdot \log P_\theta \leftarrow \text{dot product}$$

$$= (1 - \varepsilon) \underbrace{(-g \cdot \log P_\theta)}_{\text{cross entropy}} - \varepsilon \underbrace{(u \cdot \log P_\theta)}_{(*)}$$

(*) : if u is the uniform distribution,

$$u = \left[\frac{1}{N} \frac{1}{N} \dots \right]$$

$$(u \cdot \log P_\theta) = \text{mean}(\log P_\theta)$$

Note: we can use whatever u