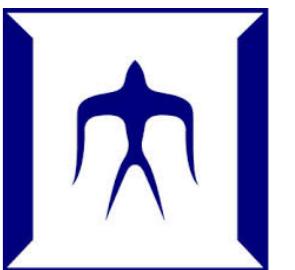


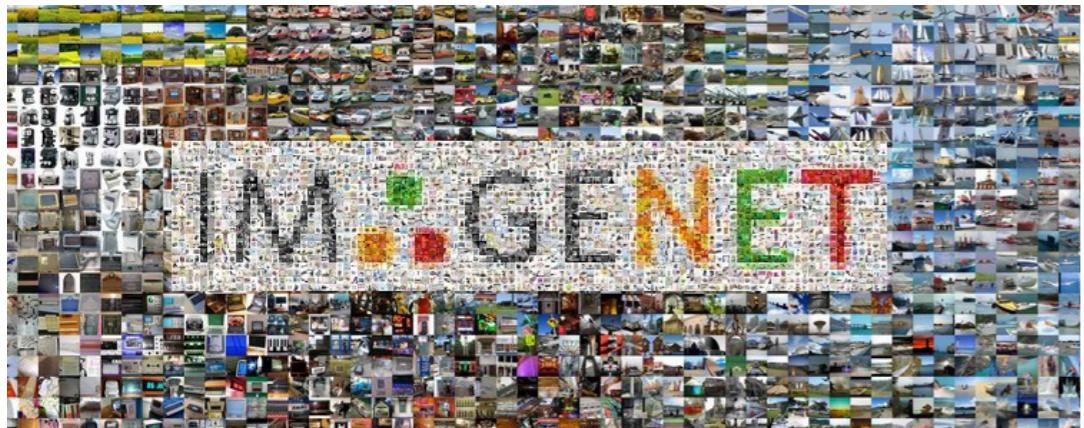
Matrices in Deep Neural Networks and How to Compute Them in Parallel

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What we were doing back in 2017



Jun 2017

**Accurate, Large Minibatch SGD:
Training ImageNet in 1 Hour**



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Data-parallel training of ImageNet
on thousands of GPUs

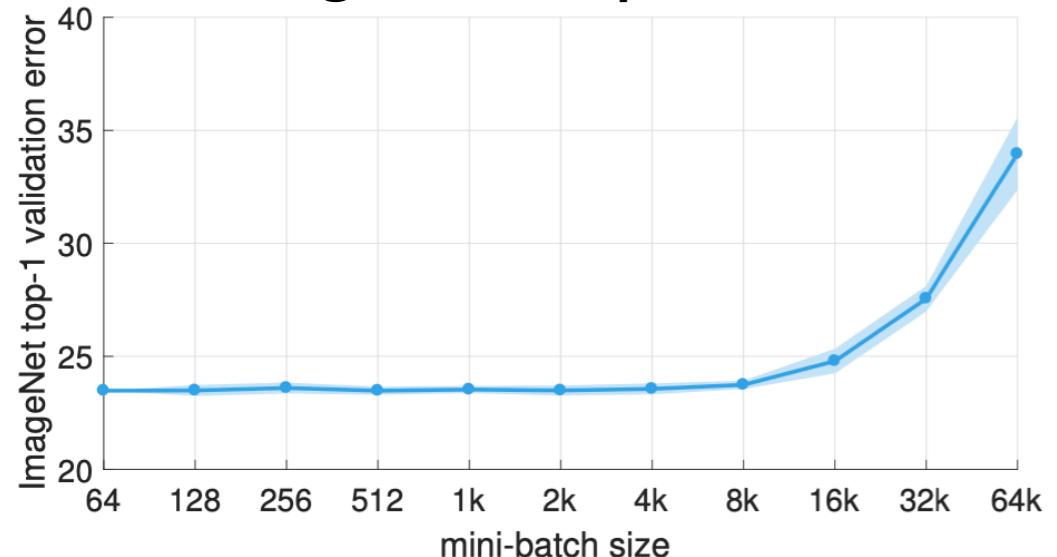
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ImageNet Training in Minutes



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Large-batch problem



Nov 2017

**Extremely Large Minibatch SGD:
Training ResNet-50 on ImageNet in 15 Minutes**



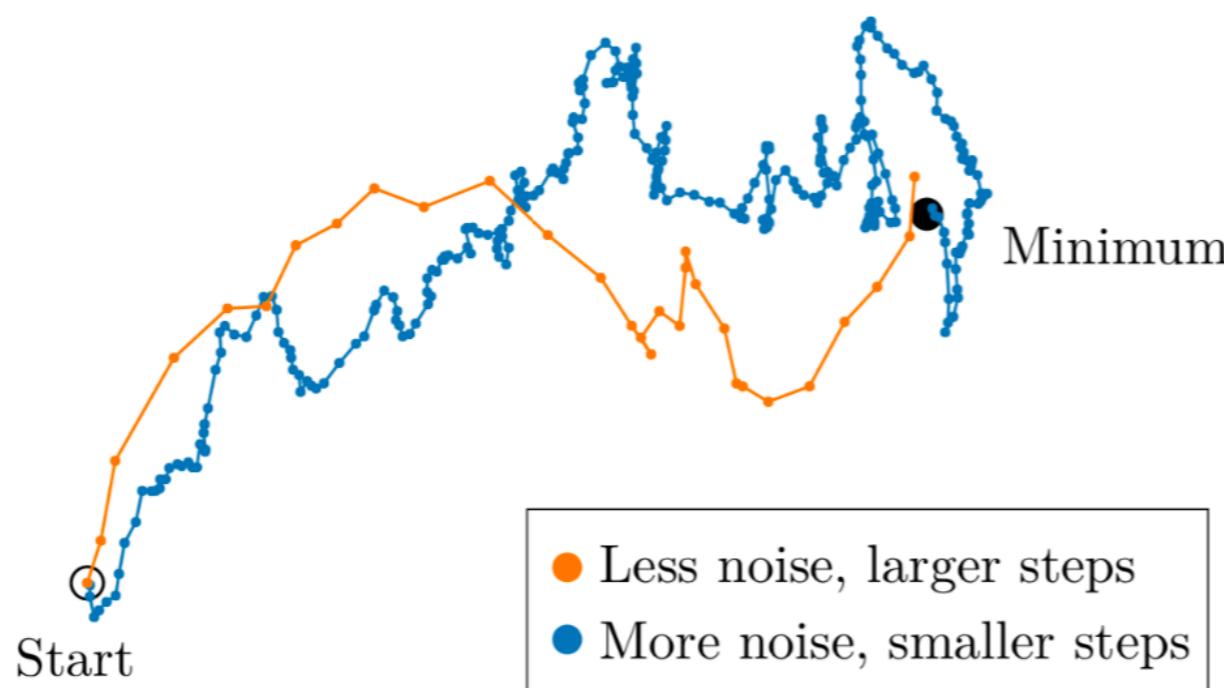
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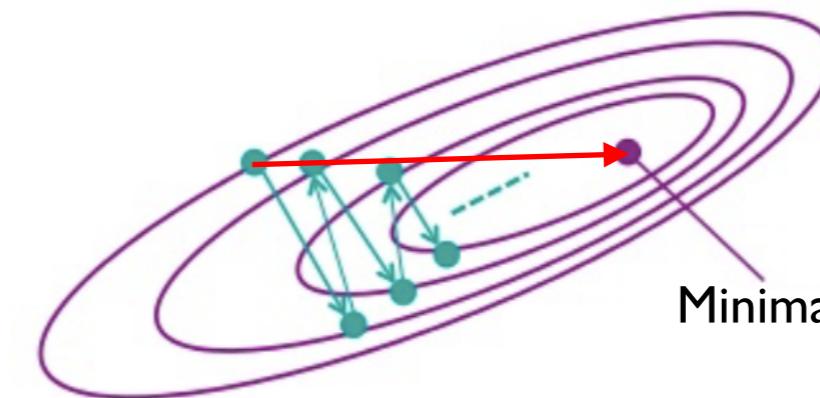
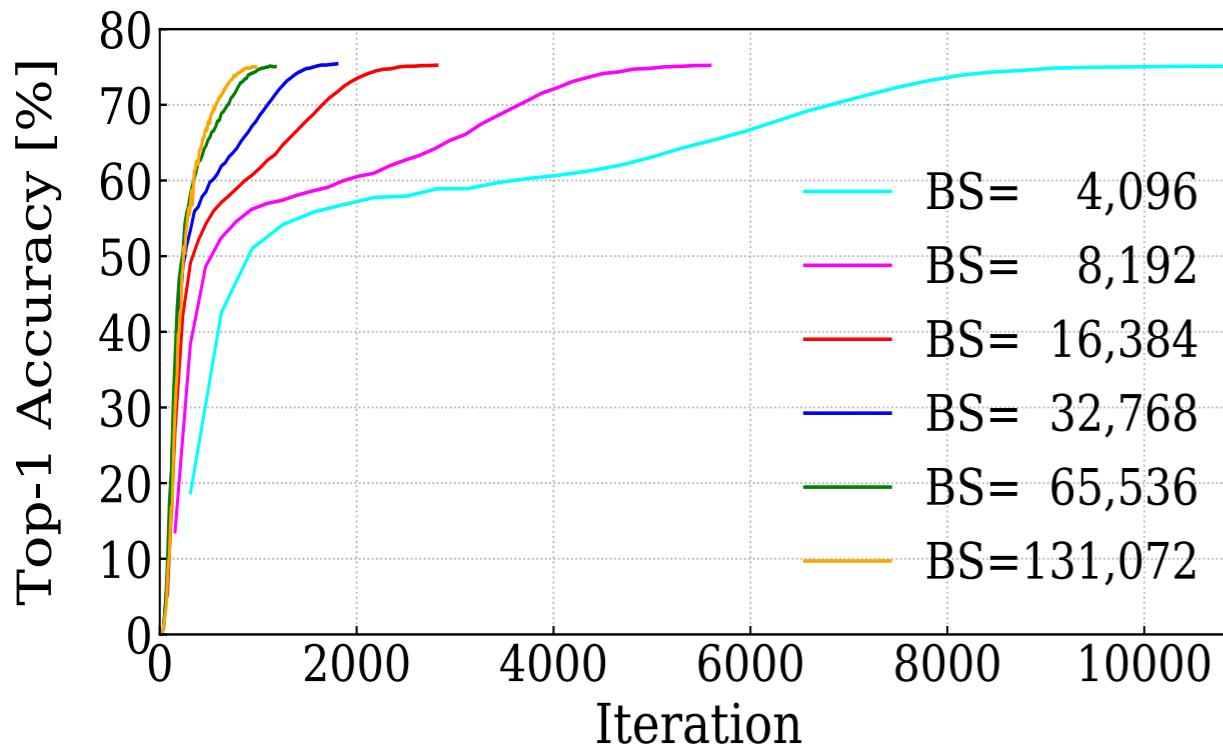
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	Hardware	Software	Mini-batch size	Optimizer	Iteration	Time	Accuracy
Goyal <i>et al.</i> [9]	Tesla P100 × 256	Caffe2	8,192	SGD	14,076	1 hr	76.3%
You <i>et al.</i> [29]	KNL × 2048	Intel Caffe	32,768	SGD	3,519	20 min	75.4%
Akiba <i>et al.</i> [3]	Tesla P100 × 1024	Chainer	32,768	RMSprop/SGD	3,519	15 min	74.9%

Our rationale at the time



Large batch training is about taking a few large steps with less noise



Second order optimizers are good at taking a few large steps with less noise

Stochastic gradient descent (SGD)

$$\theta_{t+1} = \theta_t - \eta \nabla \mathcal{L}(\theta_t)$$

Natural gradient descent (NGD)

$$\theta_{t+1} = \theta_t - \eta (F_{t+1} + \epsilon I)^{-1} \nabla \mathcal{L}(\theta_t)$$

This is a dense matrix with $P \times P$ elements, where P is the number of parameters

Tencent Many big companies joined the race in 2018

Highly Scalable Deep Learning Training System with Mixed-Precision: Training ImageNet in Four Minutes

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	#GPU/TPU	time	epochs
Facebook	512	30 min	90
UC Berkeley	2048	20 min	90
PFN	1024	15 min	90
Tencent	2048	6.6 min	90
Sony	2048	3.7 min	90
Google	1024	2.2 min	90
Our work	2048	2.0 min	45
Fujitsu	3456	1.2 min	90



Image Classification at Supercomputer Scale

Chris Ying, Sameer Kumar, Dehao Chen, Tao Wang, Youlong Cheng
Google, Inc.



ImageNet/ResNet-50 Training in 224 Seconds

Hiroaki Mikami, Hisahiro Saganuma, Pongsakorn U-chupala,
Yoshiki Tanaka and Yuichi Kageyama
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Rich Information is Affordable: A Systematic Performance Analysis of Second-order Optimization Using K-FAC

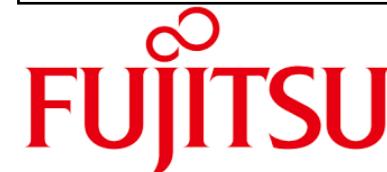
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Yet Another Accelerated SGD: ResNet-50 Training on ImageNet in 74.7 seconds

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We were able to converge in fewer steps,
but each step was more expensive

Followup work by Pauloski et al.
at SC'20 and SC'21

Followup work by Pauloski et al.

SC'20
Convolutional Neural Network Training with
Distributed K-FAC

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$$\mathbf{F}^{-1} \approx \begin{bmatrix} \hat{\mathbf{F}}_{i=1}^{-1} & & \\ & \hat{\mathbf{F}}_{i=2}^{-1} & \\ & & \hat{\mathbf{F}}_{i=3}^{-1} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{F}}_{i=1}^{-1} = \mathbf{A}_{i=1}^{-1} \otimes \mathbf{G}_{i=1}^{-1}$$

$am \times bn$ $a \times b$ $m \times n$

They use layer-wise block diagonalization
and Kronecker factorization like we do

Instead of Cholesky factorization they use
spectral decomposition

$$\mathbf{A} \otimes \mathbf{B} = (\mathbf{Q}_A \otimes \mathbf{Q}_B)(\mathbf{D}_A \otimes \mathbf{D}_B)(\mathbf{Q}_A^\top \otimes \mathbf{Q}_B^\top)$$

SC'21
KAISA: An Adaptive Second-Order Optimizer Framework for
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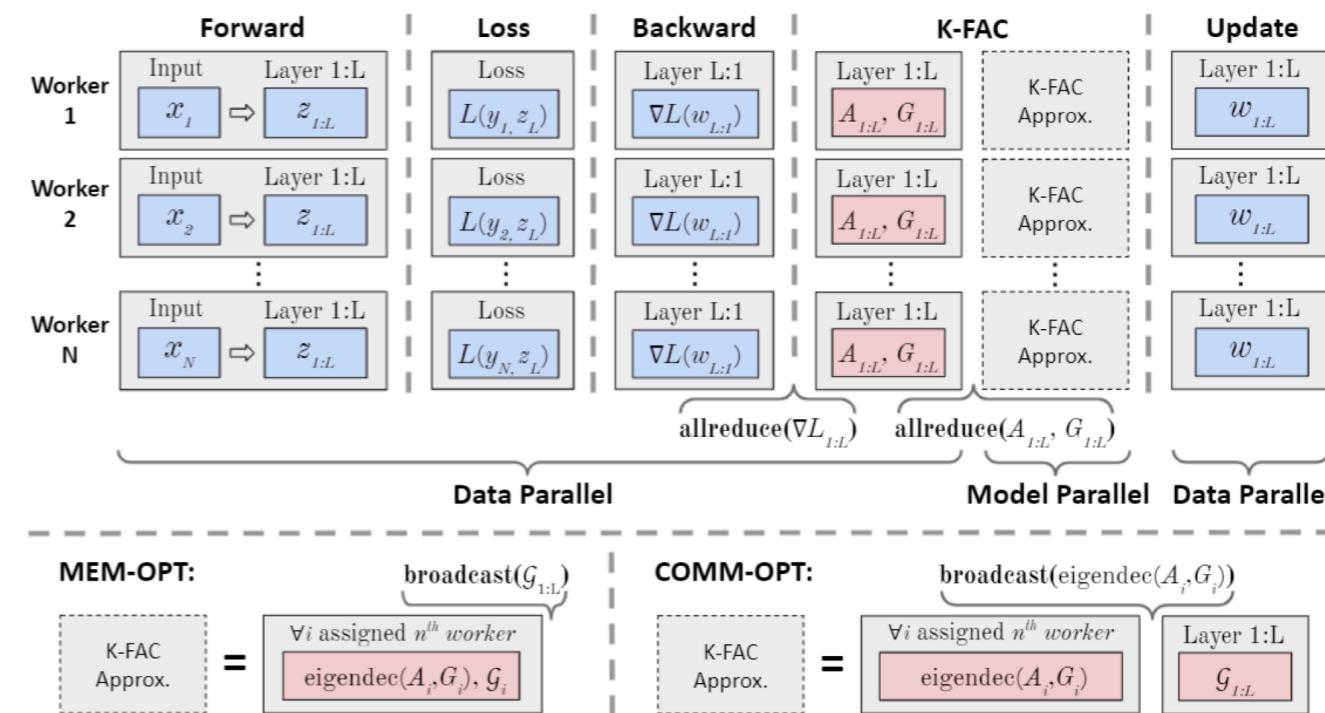
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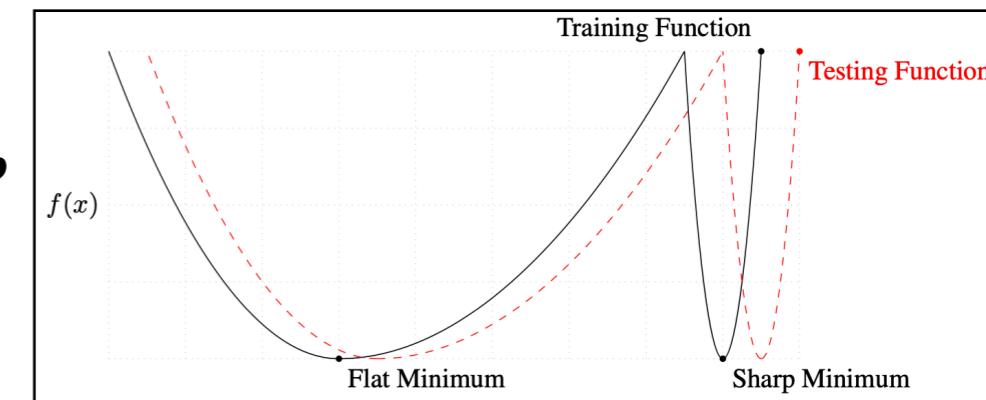


Minimize either memory usage or
communication volume by choosing
different decompositions of the matrix
computations

Some myths regarding large-batch training

Large-batch training leads to sharp minima, which leads to poor generalization

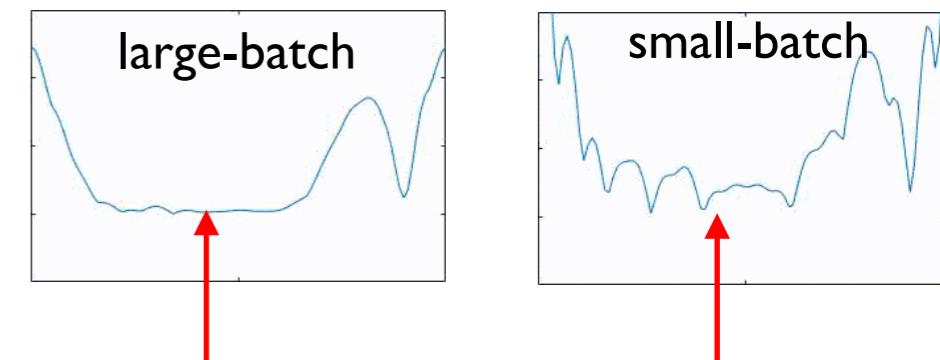
→ Flat minima do not always generalize



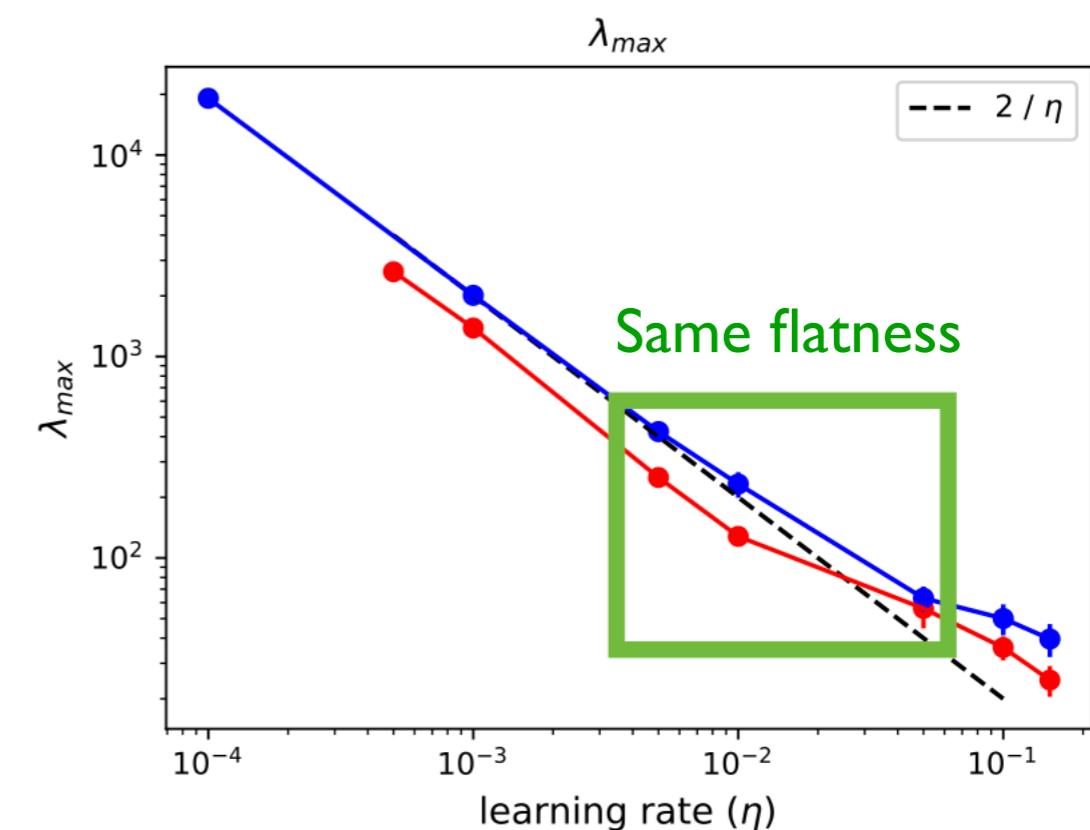
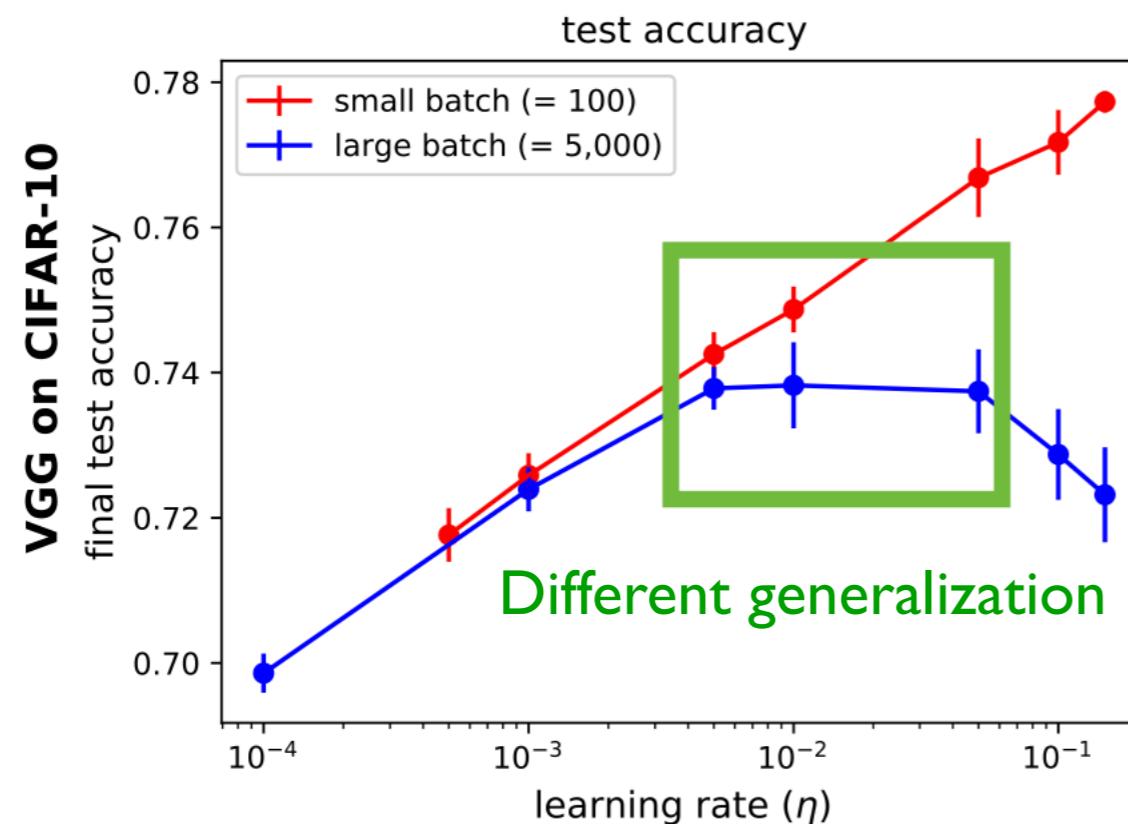
On the Maximum Hessian Eigenvalue and Generalization

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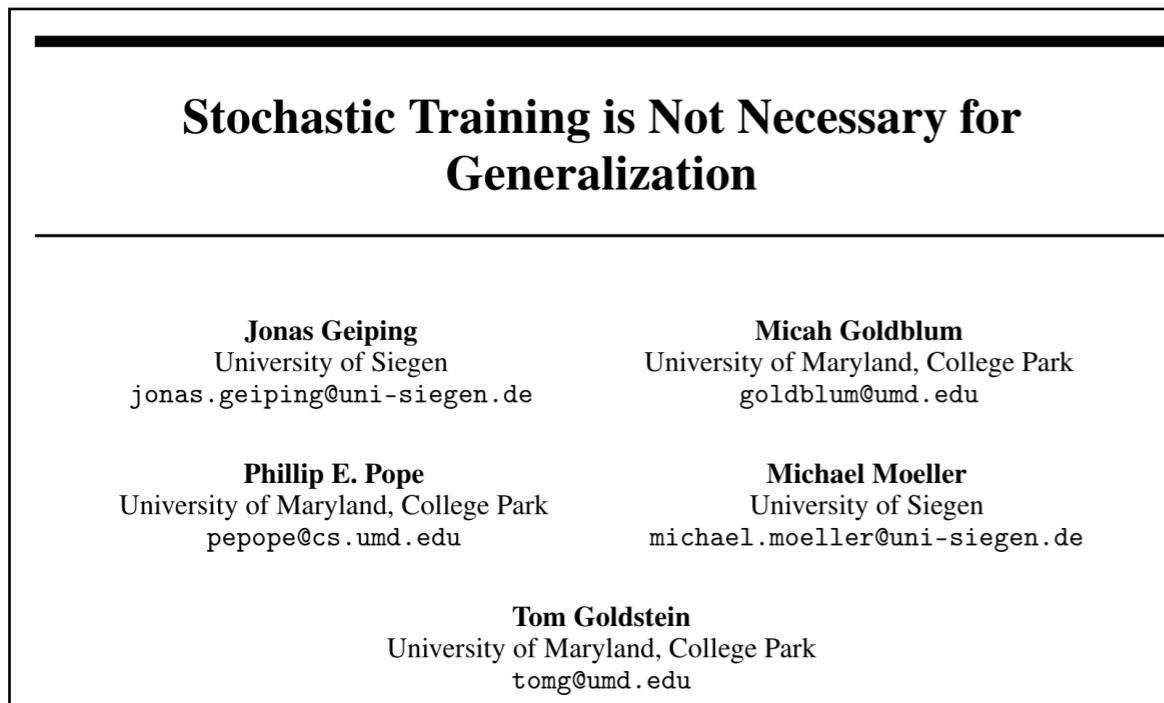
This flat minima is not actually flat



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Large-batch training leads to sharp minima,
which leads to poor generalization

→ Full-batch training can generalize as good as mini-batch training



$$L(\theta) + \frac{\tau}{4} \underline{||\nabla L(\theta)||^2}$$



Regularize with L2-norm of gradient (not weight)

Similar to Sharpness Aware Minimization (SAM)

Full batch
training on
CIFAR-10

Experiment	ResNet-18	ResNet-50	Resnet-152	DenseNet-121
Baseline SGD	95.70	95.83	95.98	95.84
Baseline FB	75.42	54.32	58.62	76.87
FB train longer	87.36	83.31	91.02	82.06
FB clipped	93.85	94.15	91.41	93.44
FB regularized	95.36	95.51	95.82	95.47
FB strong reg.	95.67	96.05	96.01	95.81
FB in practice	95.91	96.56	96.76	95.86

H, F, C Matrices in deep learning

Critical Batch Size

An Empirical Model of Large-Batch Training

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$$\mathcal{B}_{noise} = \frac{\text{tr}(\mathbf{H}\mathbf{C}^{-1})}{\mathbf{J}^T \mathbf{H} \mathbf{J}}$$

Predicting Hyperparameters

Optimizing Millions of Hyperparameters by Implicit Differentiation

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$$\frac{\partial \theta}{\partial \lambda} = -\mathbf{H}^{-1} \frac{\partial^2 \mathcal{L}}{\partial \theta \partial \lambda^\top}$$

Preconditioned Optimizers

When Does Preconditioning Help or Hurt Generalization?

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Gauss-Newton

$$\mathbf{F}(\theta)^{-1} \nabla \mathcal{L}(\theta) = \left\{ \mathbf{J}_{f,\theta}^\top \mathcal{H}_{\ell,f} \mathbf{J}_{f,\theta} \right\}^{-1} \mathbf{J}_{f,\theta}^\top \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}(\theta)}{\partial f}$$

Gram-Gauss-Newton

$$\mathbf{F}(\theta)^{-1} \nabla \mathcal{L}(\theta) = \mathbf{J}_{f,\theta}^\top \left\{ \mathcal{H}_{\ell,f} \mathbf{J}_{f,\theta} \mathbf{J}_{f,\theta}^\top \right\}^{-1} \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}(\theta)}{\partial f}$$

Bayesian Inference Continual Learning

Noisy Natural Gradient as Variational Inference

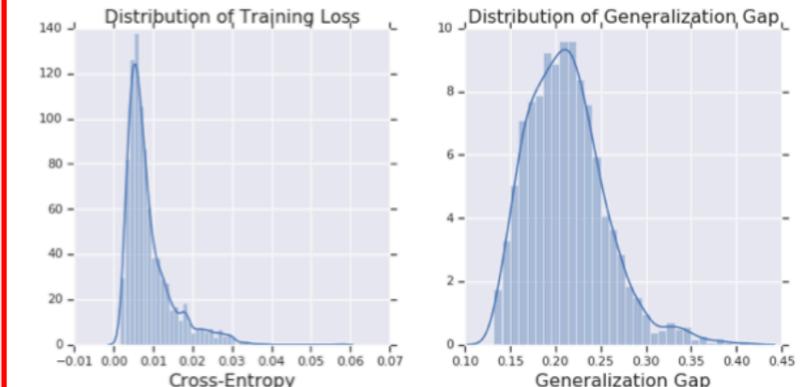
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$$\begin{aligned} & \left\{ \mathbf{F}(\theta) + \sigma^{-2} \mathbf{I} \right\}^{-1} \nabla \mathcal{L}(\theta) \\ &= \left\{ \mathbf{J}_{f,\theta}^\top \mathcal{H}_{\ell,f} \mathbf{J}_{f,\theta} + \sigma^{-2} \mathbf{I} \right\}^{-1} \mathbf{J}_{f,\theta}^\top \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}(\theta)}{\partial f} \end{aligned}$$

Generalization Metrics

*Fantastic Generalization Measures
and Where to find Them*

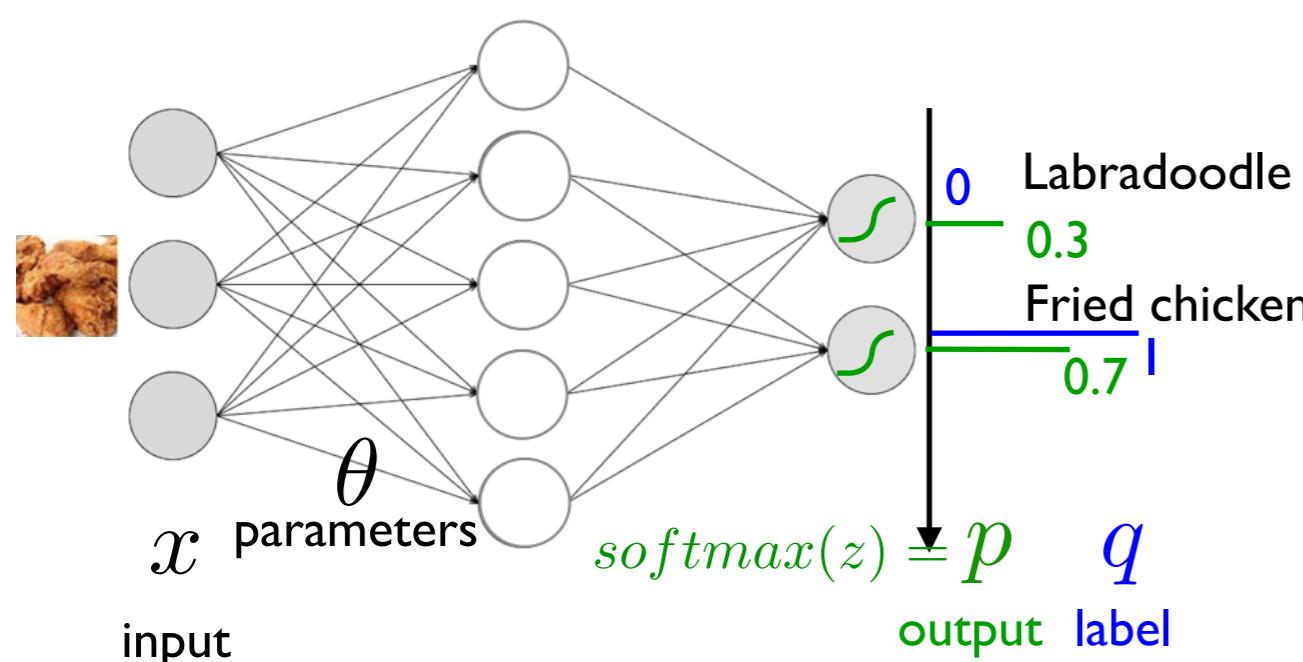
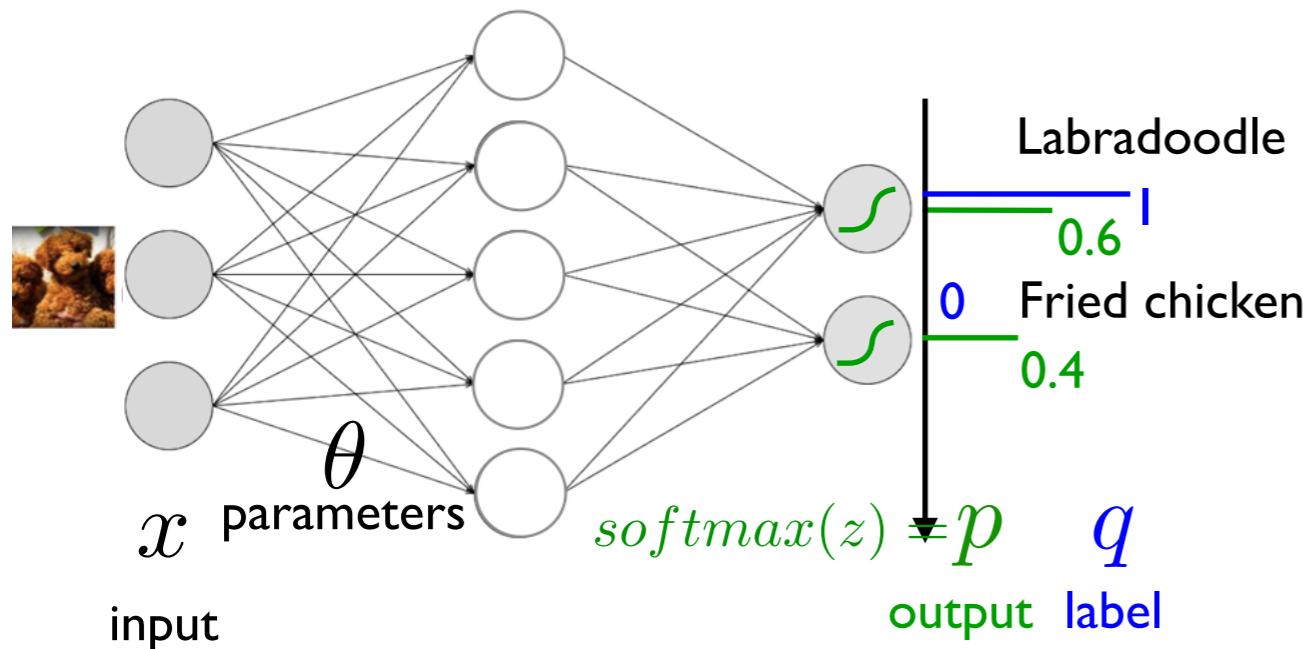
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- Spectral bound
- Path norm
- Fisher-Rao metric
- Variance of gradients
- Sharpness
- PAC-Bayesian
- Takeuchi Information Criteria

$$\text{TIC}(\theta) = -\log p(y|\theta) + \frac{1}{N} \text{tr} (\mathbf{H}(\theta^*)^{-1} \mathbf{C}(\theta^*))$$

What are H, G, F, C Matrices?



Negative log likelihood per class per data sample

$$l = -\log p$$

Overall loss

$$L = \sum_{data} \sum_{class} -q \log p = \sum_{data} -\log p$$

Hessian: Newton's method

$$H = \sum_{data} \sum_{class} q \frac{\partial^2 l}{\partial \theta^2}$$

Jacobian

$$J = \frac{\partial z}{\partial \theta}$$

Generalized Gauss-Newton: Gauss-Newton method

$$G = \sum_{data} \sum_{class} q \left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial \theta} \right) \left(\frac{\partial^2 l}{\partial z^2} \right) \left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial \theta} \right)^T$$

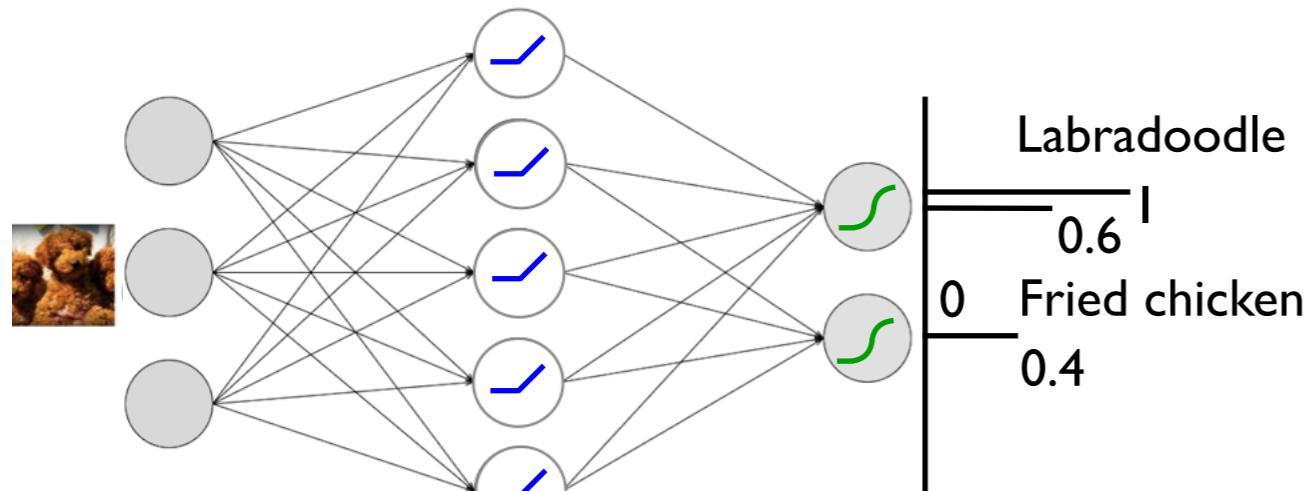
Fisher Information: Natural gradient descent

$$F = \sum_{data} \sum_{class} p \left(\frac{\partial l}{\partial \theta} \right) \left(\frac{\partial l}{\partial \theta} \right)^T$$

Uncentered covariance (empirical Fisher)

$$C = \sum_{data} \sum_{class} q \left(\frac{\partial l}{\partial \theta} \right) \left(\frac{\partial l}{\partial \theta} \right)^T$$

How matrices can be computed in PyTorch



$$x_0 \quad x_1 = \text{ReLU}(z_0) \quad p = \text{softmax}(z_1)$$

$$z_0 = W_0 x_0 \quad z_1 = W_1 x_1$$

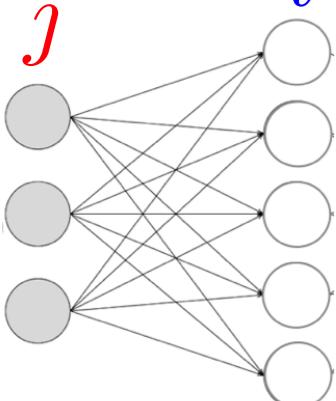
Backward propagation

$$\frac{\partial x_1}{\partial z_0} * \frac{\partial z_1}{\partial x_1} * \frac{\partial l}{\partial z_1} = \frac{\partial l}{\partial \theta}$$

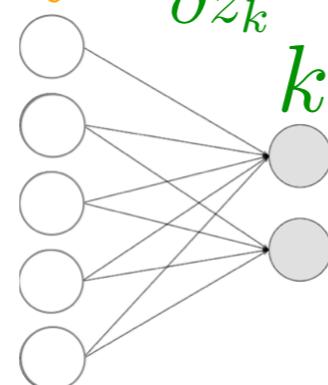
$$\frac{\partial z_0}{\partial W_0} \quad \frac{\partial z_1}{\partial W_1}$$

error signal
activation

$$x_j \frac{\partial l}{\partial z_i} = \frac{\partial l}{\partial W_{ij}}$$



$$l \quad x_l \frac{\partial l}{\partial z_k} = \frac{\partial l}{\partial W_{kl}}$$



$$F = \sum^{\text{data class}} \sum p \left(\frac{\partial l}{\partial \theta} \right) \left(\frac{\partial l}{\partial \theta} \right)^T$$

$$\frac{\partial l}{\partial \theta} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial l}{\partial W_0} \\ \frac{\partial l}{\partial W_1} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\left(\frac{\partial l}{\partial \theta} \right) \left(\frac{\partial l}{\partial \theta} \right)^T = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial l}{\partial W_0} \\ \frac{\partial l}{\partial W_1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial l}{\partial W_0}^T & \frac{\partial l}{\partial W_1}^T \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \left(\frac{\partial l}{\partial W_0} \right) \left(\frac{\partial l}{\partial W_0} \right)^T & \left(\frac{\partial l}{\partial W_0} \right) \left(\frac{\partial l}{\partial W_1} \right)^T \\ \left(\frac{\partial l}{\partial W_1} \right) \left(\frac{\partial l}{\partial W_0} \right)^T & \left(\frac{\partial l}{\partial W_1} \right) \left(\frac{\partial l}{\partial W_1} \right)^T \end{bmatrix}$$

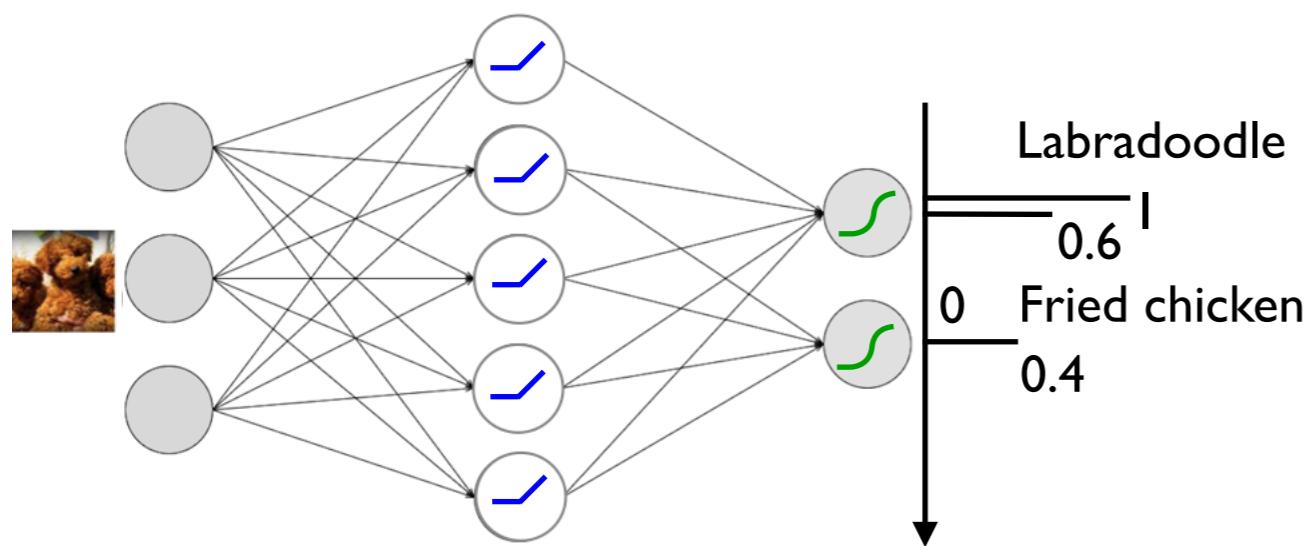
$$\left(\frac{\partial l}{\partial W_{ij}} \right) \left(\frac{\partial l}{\partial W_{kl}} \right) = \left(x_j \frac{\partial l}{\partial z_i} \right) \left(x_l \frac{\partial l}{\partial z_k} \right)$$

$$= (x_j x_l) \left(\frac{\partial l}{\partial z_i} \frac{\partial l}{\partial z_k} \right)$$

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def forward_hook(self, in_data, out_data):
    in_data = in_data[0].clone().detach()
def backward_hook(out_grads):
    self.in_data = in_data → x_j x_l
    self.out_grads = out_grads → ∂l ∂l
    out_data.register_hook(backward_hook)
for module in model.children():
    module.register_forward_hook(forward_hook)
  
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Hessian = Generalized Gauss-Newton



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$$\frac{\partial z_0}{\partial W_0} \quad \frac{\partial z_1}{\partial W_1}$$

Backprop is a Jacobian-vector product

$$\left[\frac{\partial z_1}{\partial W_0} \right]_{15} * \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \frac{\partial l}{\partial z_1} \end{pmatrix}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial l}{\partial W_0} \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix}_{15}$$

Gradient of first layer per data sample

$$\frac{\partial l}{\partial W_0} = \frac{\partial z_0}{\partial W_0} * \frac{\partial x_1}{\partial z_0} * \frac{\partial z_1}{\partial x_1} * \frac{\partial l}{\partial z_1}$$

Hessian of first layer per data sample

$$\frac{\partial^2 l}{\partial W_0^2} = \frac{\partial^2 z_0}{\partial W_0^2} * \frac{\partial x_1}{\partial z_0} * \frac{\partial z_1}{\partial x_1} * \frac{\partial l}{\partial z_1} \rightarrow 0$$

$$+ \left(\frac{\partial z_0}{\partial W_0} \right)^2 * \frac{\partial^2 x_1}{\partial z_0^2} * \frac{\partial z_1}{\partial x_1} * \frac{\partial l}{\partial z_1} \rightarrow 0$$

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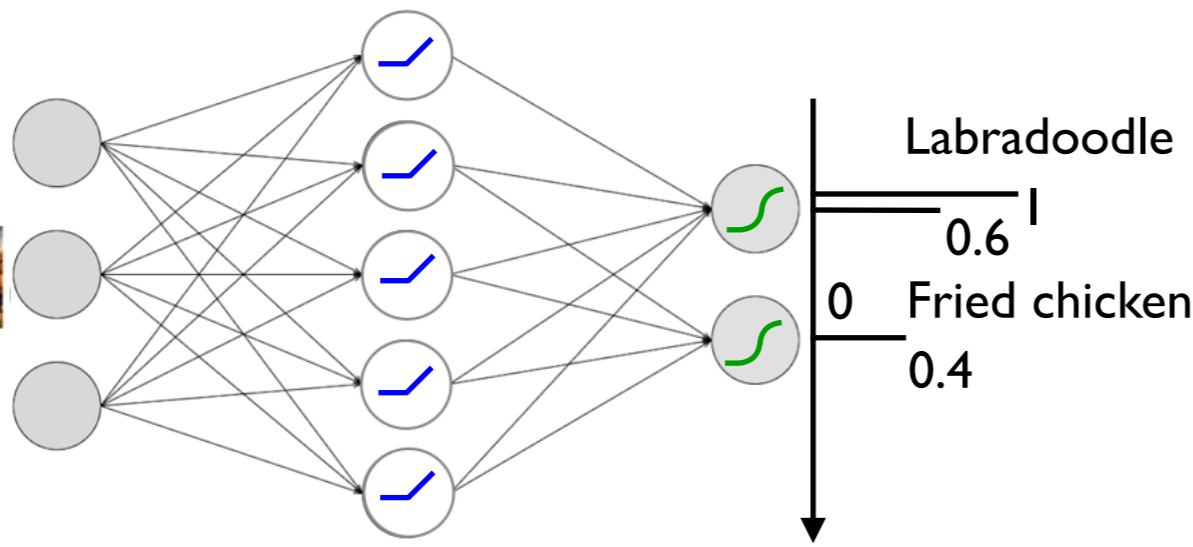
$$= \left(\frac{\partial z_1}{\partial W_0} \right)^2 * \frac{\partial^2 l}{\partial z_1^2} * \left(\frac{\partial z_1}{\partial W_0} \right)^T = G$$

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Jacobian-matrix product can be Backproped

Cholesky factorization

Generalized Gauss-Newton = Fisher



Negative log likelihood per class per data sample

$$l_k = -\log p_k$$

Derivative with respect to p

$$\frac{\partial l_k}{\partial p_i} = -\frac{\delta_{ik}}{p_k}$$

$$G = \sum^{\text{data}} \left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial \theta} \right) q \frac{\partial^2 l}{\partial z^2} \left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial \theta} \right)^T$$

$$F = \sum^{\text{data}} \left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial \theta} \right) \sum^{\text{class}} p \left(\frac{\partial l}{\partial z} \right) \left(\frac{\partial l}{\partial z} \right)^T \left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial \theta} \right)$$

Thus, for softmax cross-entropy we have

$$G = F$$

Softmax cross entropy for the i th class
 $class$

$$p_i = \exp(z_i) / \sum_k \exp(z_k)$$

Jacobian of that with respect to z

$$\frac{\partial p_i}{\partial z_j} = p_i (\delta_{ij} - p_j)$$

Jacobian of the softmax cross-entropy (loss per class)

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial l_k}{\partial z_j} &= \frac{\partial l_k}{\partial p_i} \frac{\partial p_i}{\partial z_j} = \left(-\frac{\delta_{ik}}{p_k} \right) p_i (\delta_{ij} - p_j) \\ &= p_j - \delta_{kj} \end{aligned}$$

GGN of the softmax cross-entropy

$$q_k \frac{\partial}{\partial z_i} \frac{\partial l_k}{\partial z_j} = \frac{\partial p_j}{\partial z_i} = p_j (\delta_{ij} - p_i)$$

Fisher of the softmax cross-entropy

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_k^{\text{class}} p_k \frac{\partial l_k}{\partial z_i} \frac{\partial l_k}{\partial z_j} &= \sum_k^{\text{class}} p_k (p_i - \delta_{ki})(p_j - \delta_{kj}) \\ &= \sum_k (p_i p_j p_k + p_k \delta_{ki} \delta_{kj}) - 2p_i p_j \\ &= p_j (\delta_{ij} - p_i) \end{aligned}$$

Einstein summation for k is explicit here

If weren't able to follow the equations

Loss function (negative log likelihood)

$$l = -\log p$$

Gradient

$$\frac{\partial l}{\partial p} = -\frac{1}{p}$$

Hessian

$$\frac{\partial^2 l}{\partial p^2} = \frac{1}{p^2}$$

Fisher

$$\left(\frac{\partial l}{\partial p}\right)^2 = \frac{1}{p^2}$$

Hessian

$$H = \sum_{\text{data class}} \sum q \frac{\partial^2 l}{\partial \theta^2}$$

Gauss-Newton / Fisher (exact)

$$G = F = \sum_{\text{data class}} \sum p \left(\frac{\partial l}{\partial \theta} \right) \left(\frac{\partial l}{\partial \theta} \right)^T$$

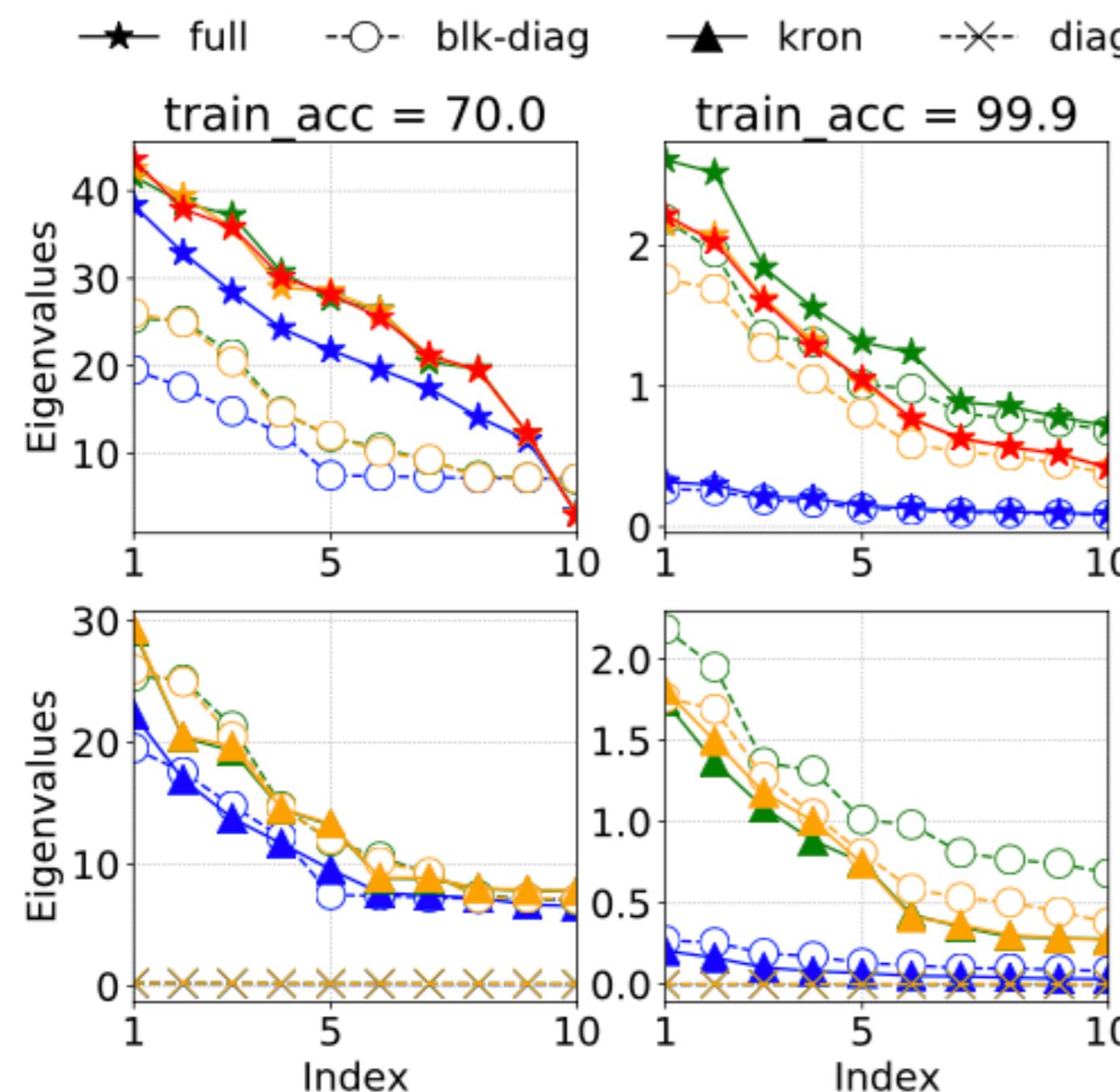
Fisher (Monte-Carlo sampling)

$$F_{mc} = \sum_{\text{data sample}} \sum p \left(\frac{\partial l}{\partial \theta} \right) \left(\frac{\partial l}{\partial \theta} \right)^T$$

Uncentered covariance (empirical Fisher)

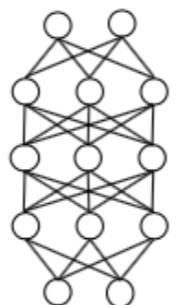
$$C = \sum_{\text{data class}} \sum q \left(\frac{\partial l}{\partial \theta} \right) \left(\frac{\partial l}{\partial \theta} \right)^T$$

How good are these approximations?

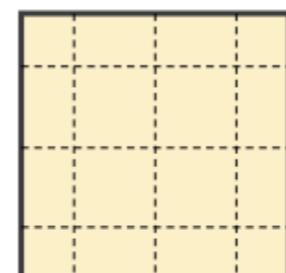


MLP on MNIST

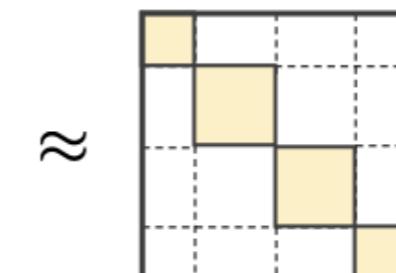
Neural network
(4 layers)



Full
(4×4 blocks)



Layer-wise block-diagonal
(4 blocks)



Hessian

$$H = \sum_{\text{data class}} \sum_{\text{q}} q \frac{\partial^2 l}{\partial \theta^2}$$

Gauss-Newton / Fisher (exact)

$$G = F = \sum_{\text{data class}} \sum_{\text{p}} p \left(\frac{\partial l}{\partial \theta} \right) \left(\frac{\partial l}{\partial \theta} \right)^T$$

Fisher (Monte-Carlo sampling)

$$F_{mc} = \sum_{\text{data sample}} \sum_{\text{p}} p \left(\frac{\partial l}{\partial \theta} \right) \left(\frac{\partial l}{\partial \theta} \right)^T$$

Uncentered covariance (empirical Fisher)

$$C = \sum_{\text{data class}} \sum_{\text{q}} q \left(\frac{\partial l}{\partial \theta} \right) \left(\frac{\partial l}{\partial \theta} \right)^T$$

Kronecker-factored

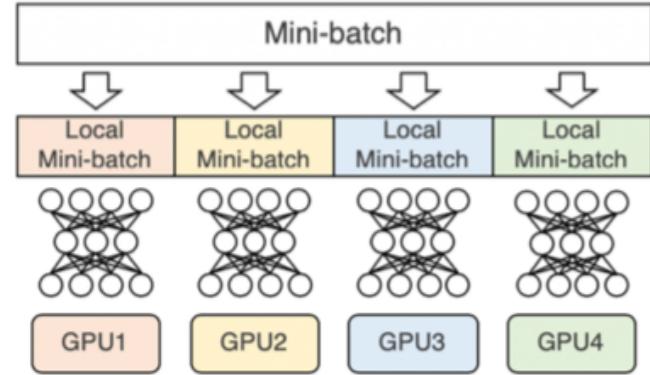
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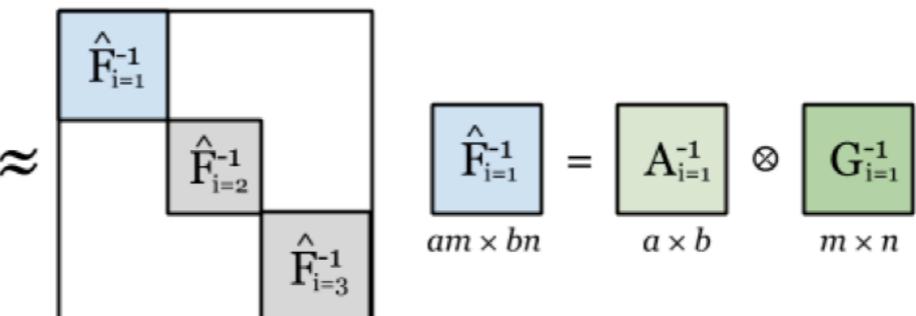
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Distributed implementation

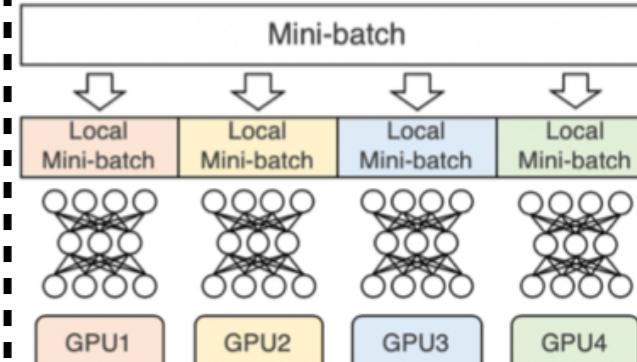
Data parallel



Model parallel



Data parallel



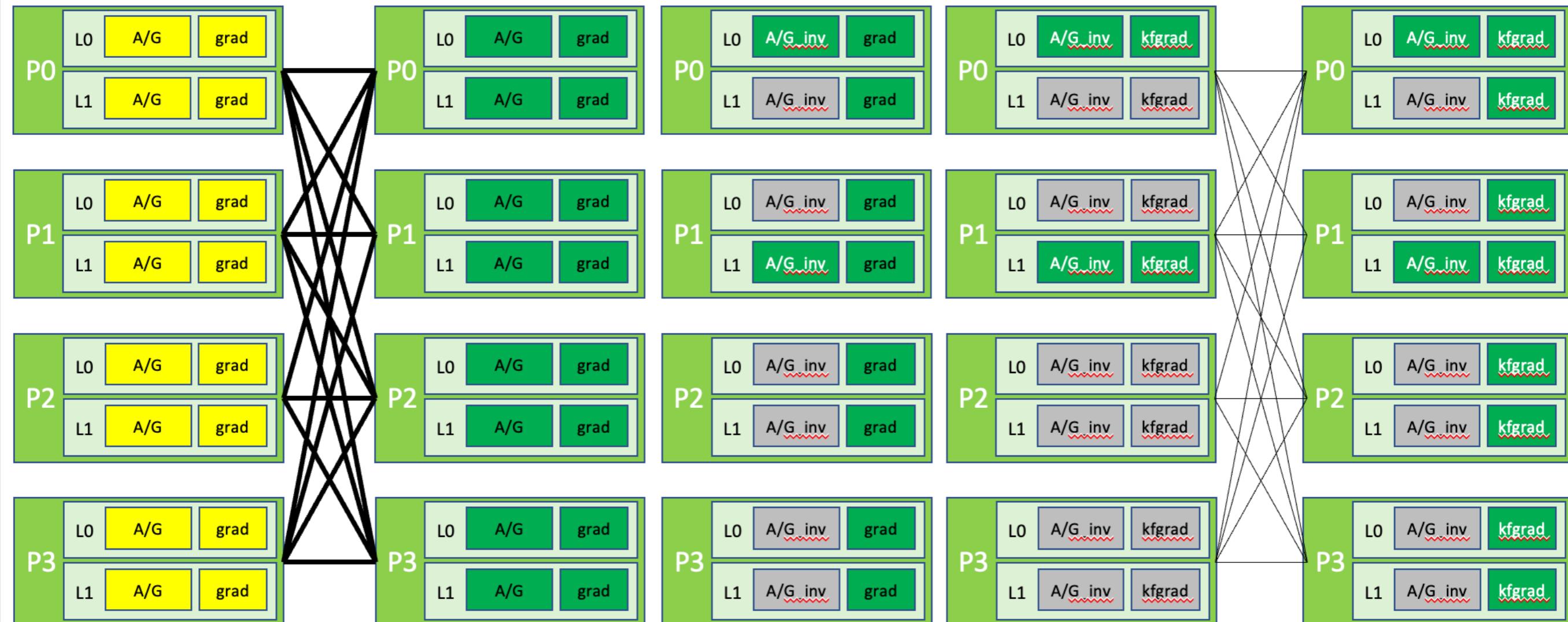
All-reduce

Mat-inv

Mat-mul

All-gather

time

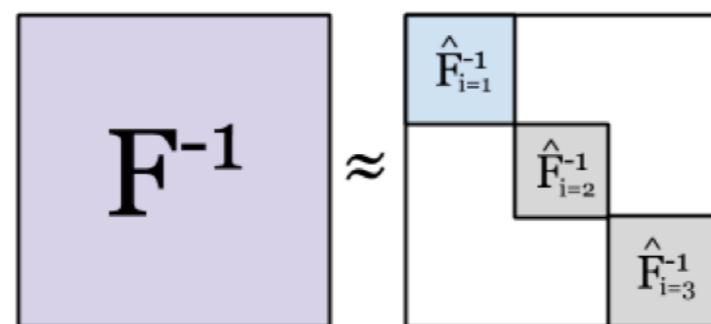
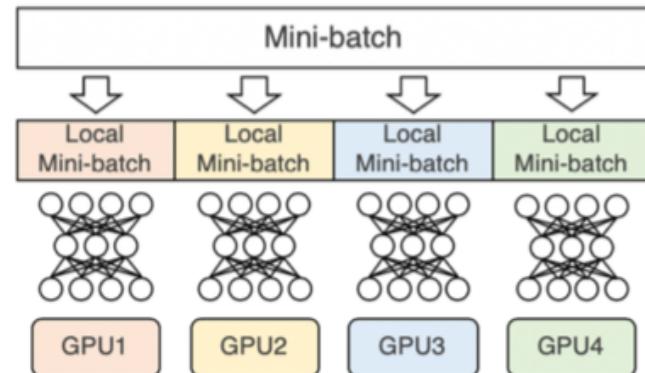


Use stale A/G_inv

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Model parallel

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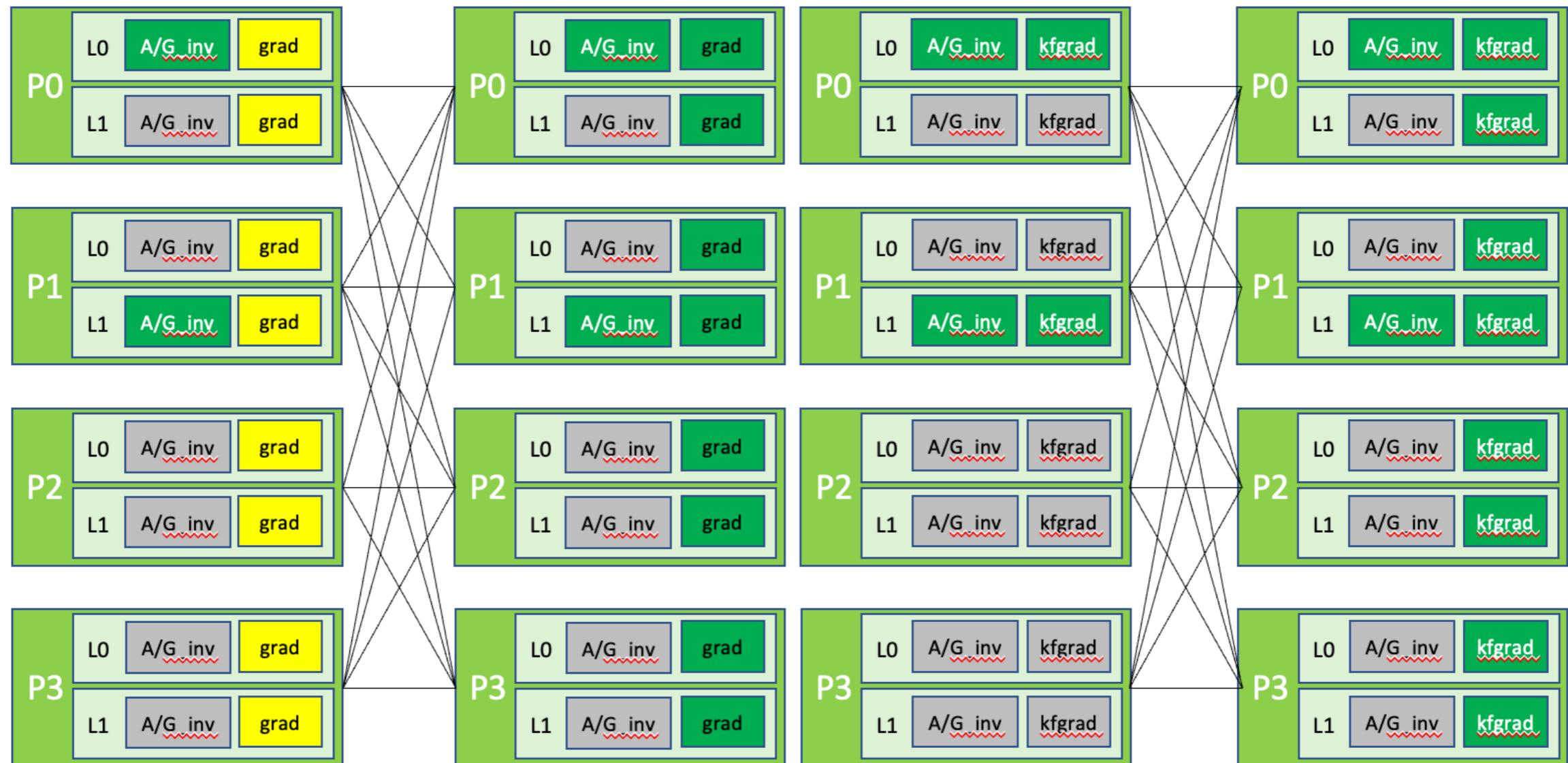


All-reduce

Mat-mul

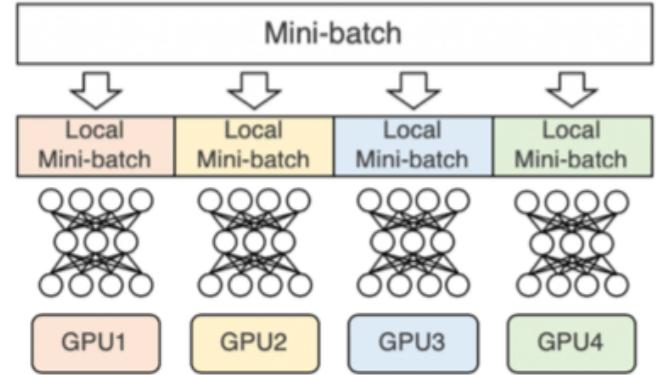
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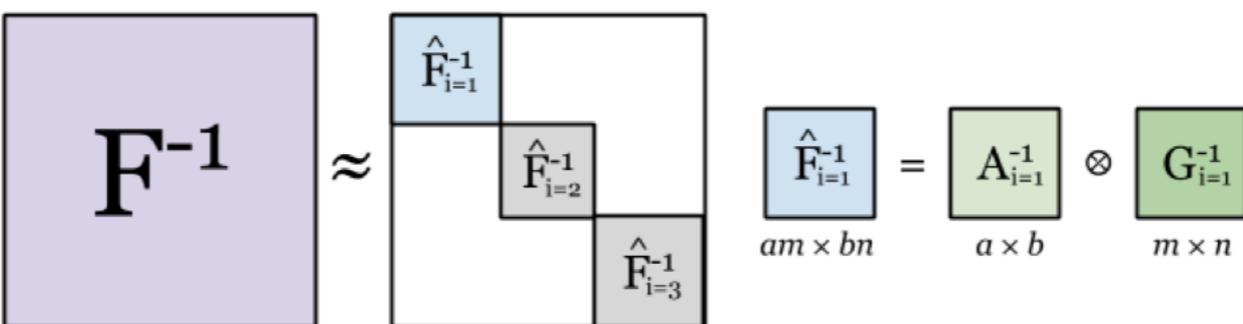


Distributed implementation 2

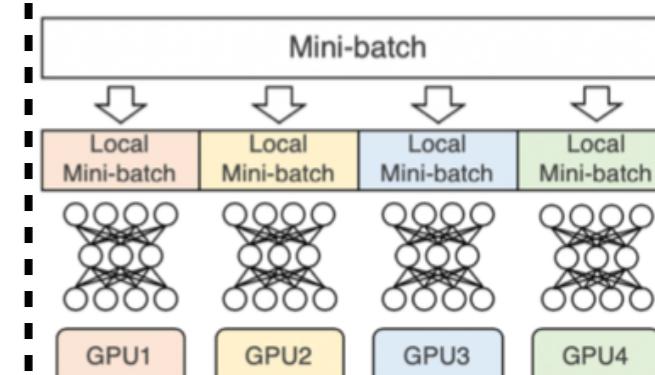
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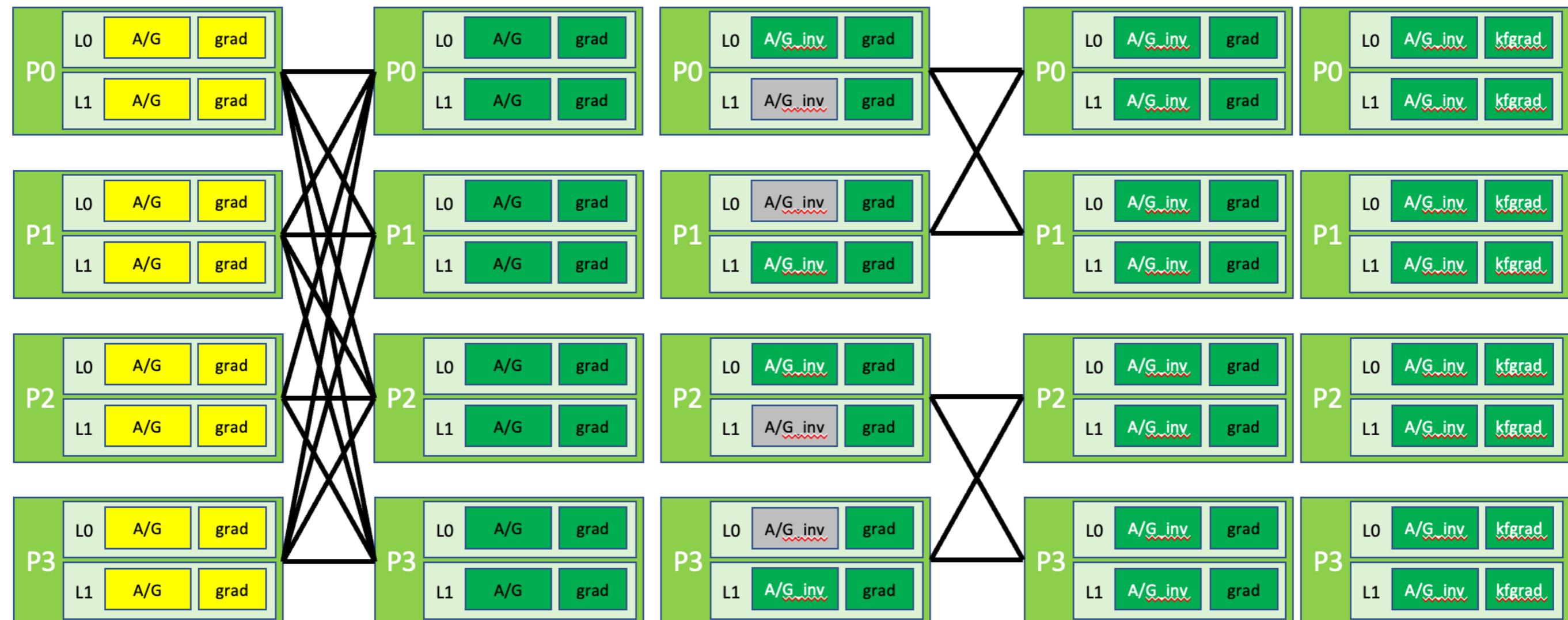
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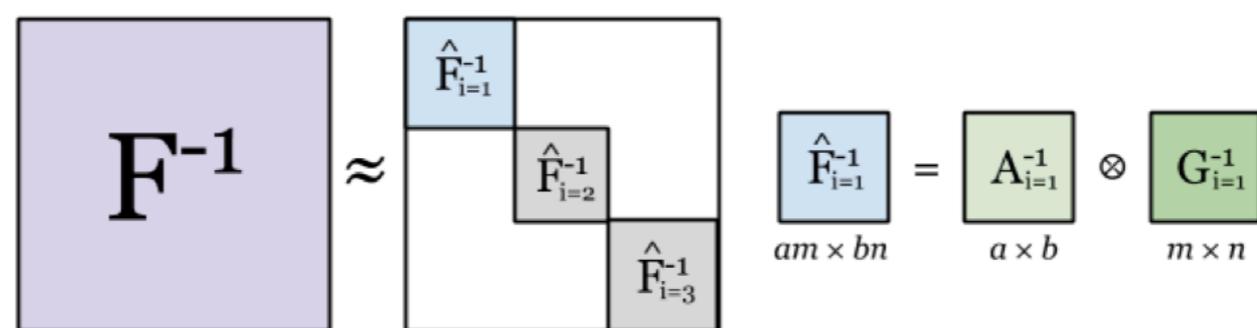
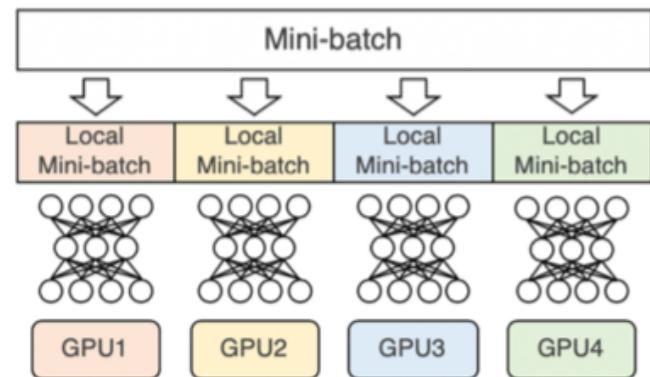


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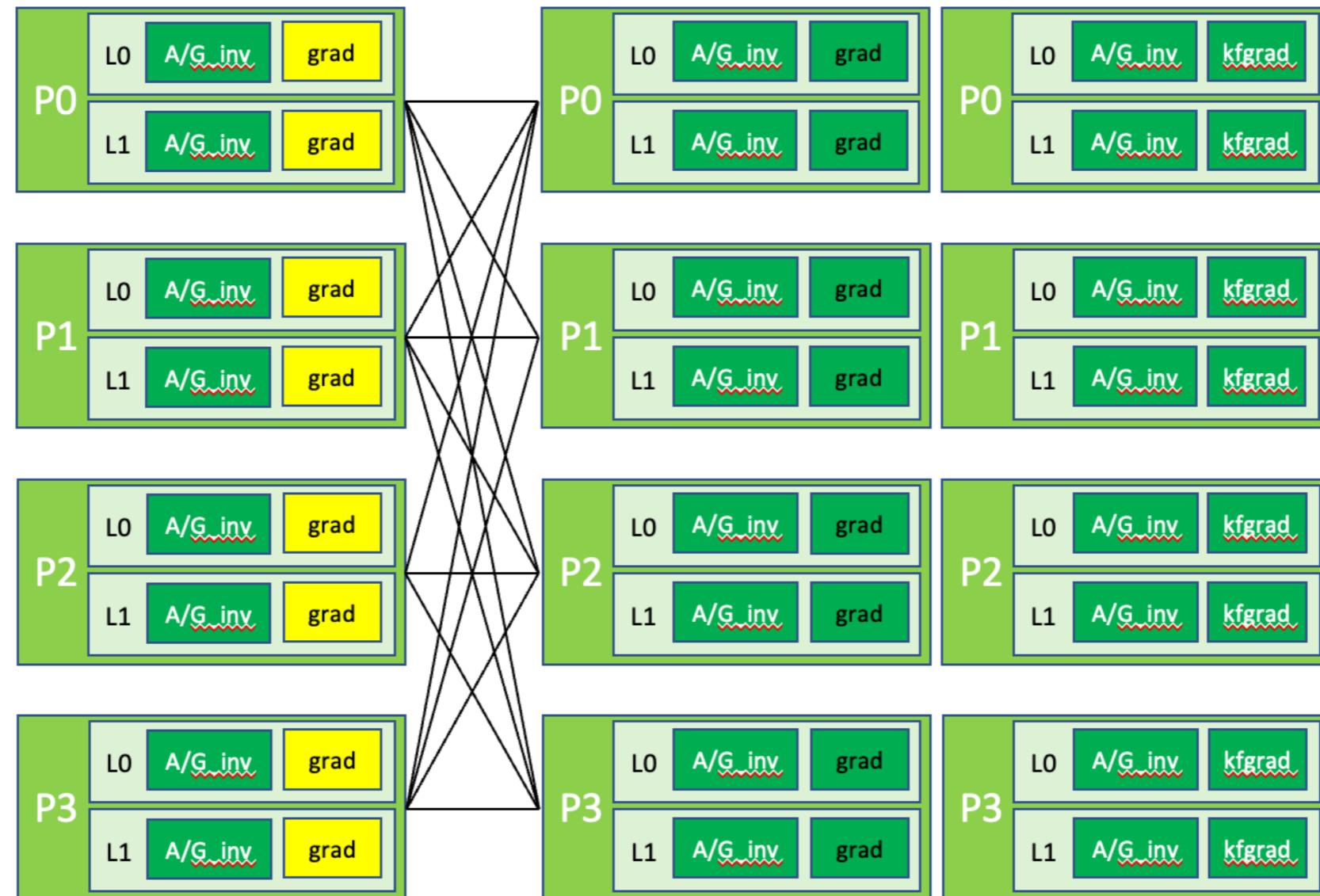
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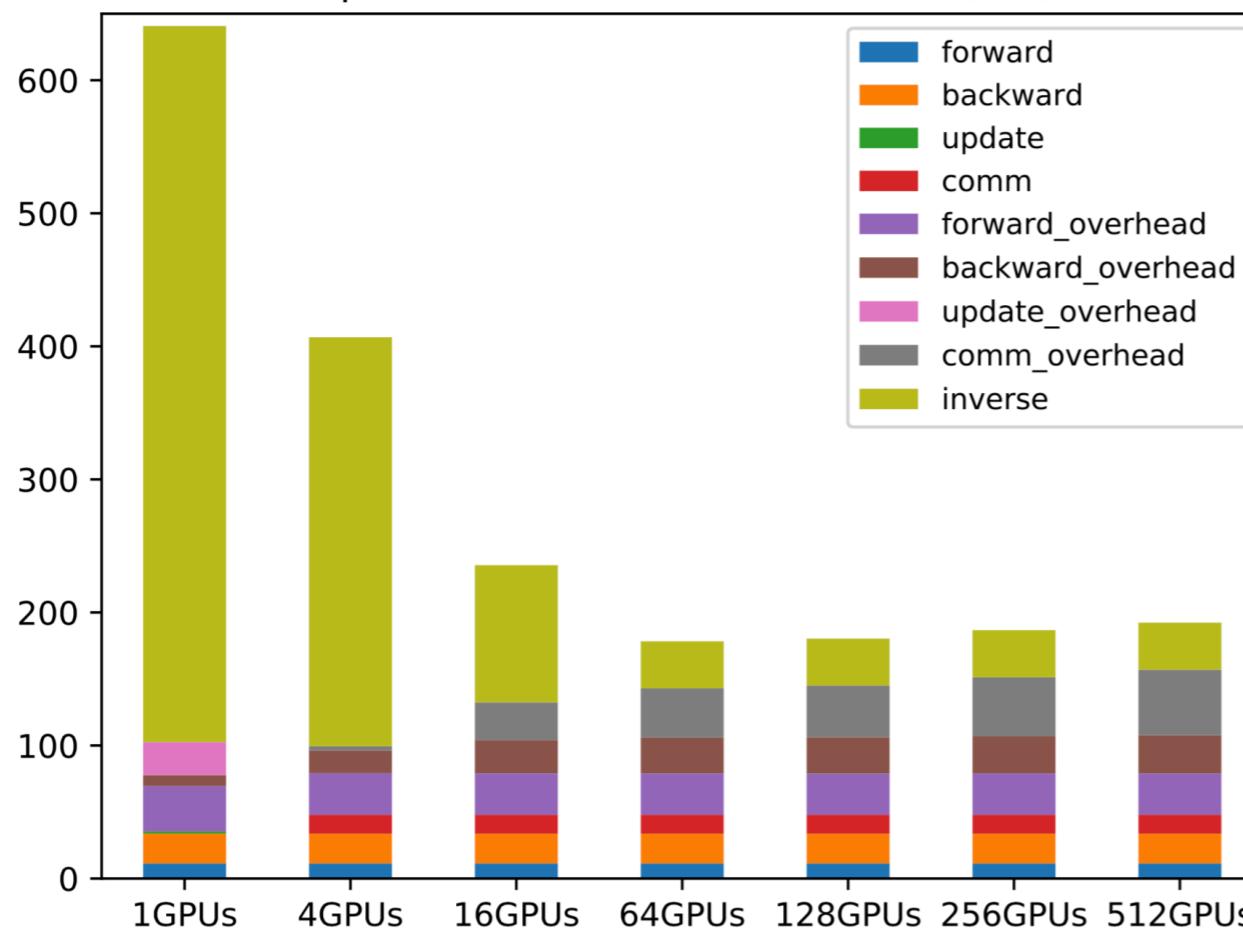
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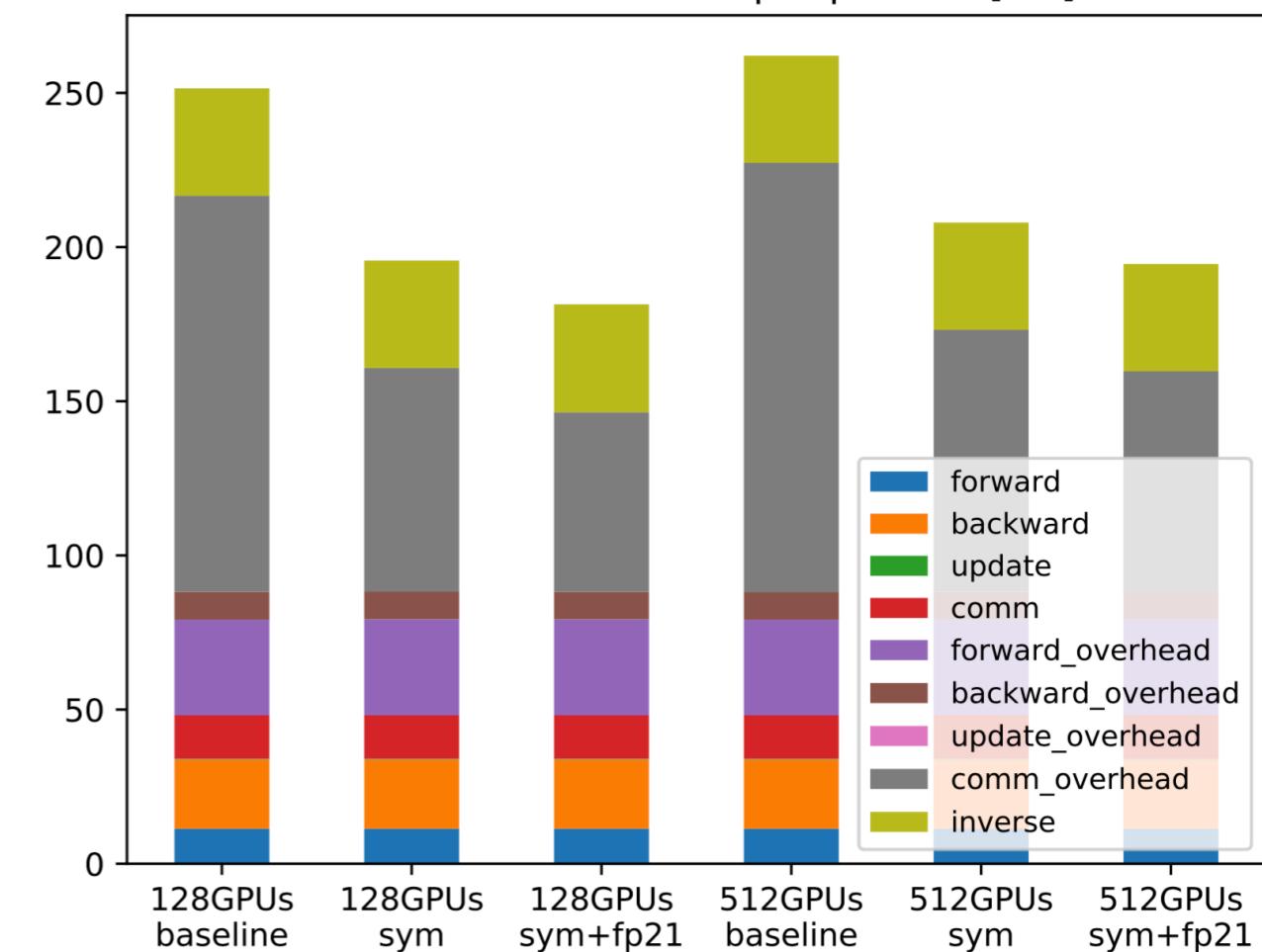


Scalability of matrix computation in DNNs

Optimized ResNet-50 breakdown [ms]



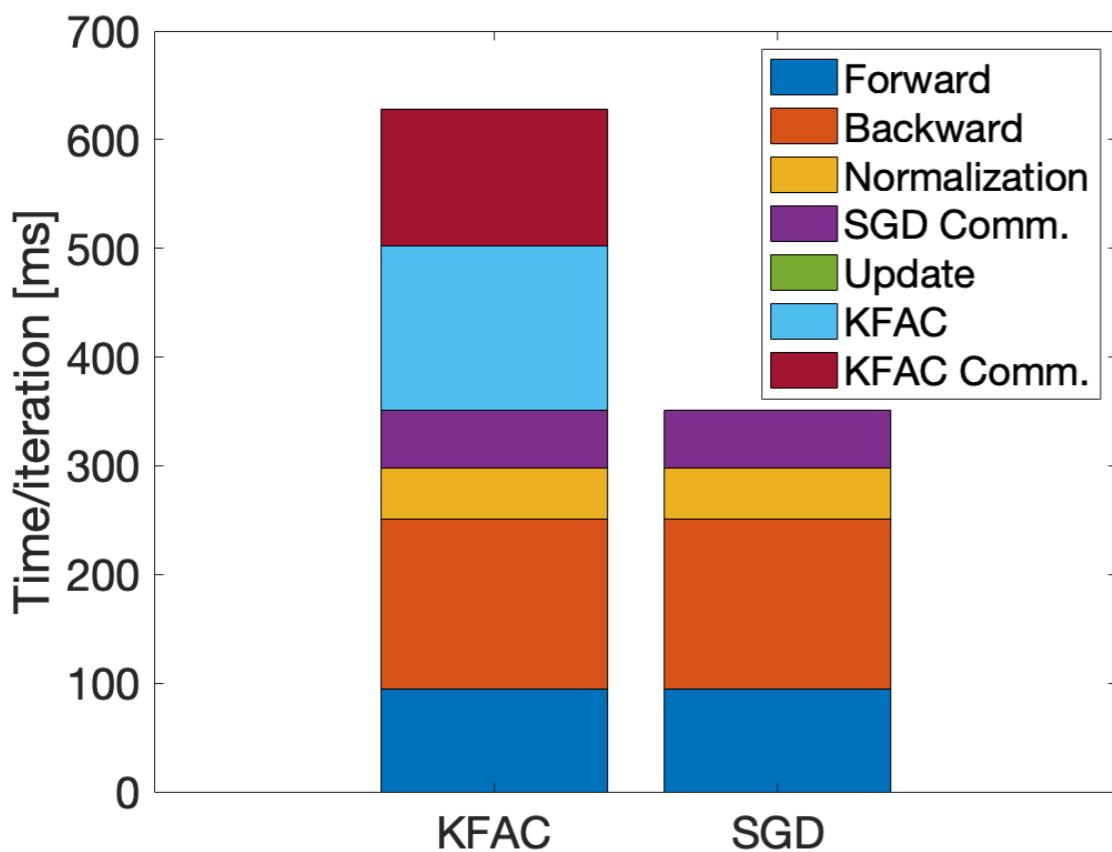
ResNet-50 breakdown per process [ms]



# of GPUs	Mini-batch size	Optimizer	Stale FIM	# of Updates	Time	Accuracy
128	4,096	SGD	-	28,151	26.7 min.	-
		K-FAC	not applied	10,920	38.6 min.	76.1 %
		K-FAC	✓	10,920	21.5 min.	75.7 %
256	8,192	SGD	-	14,076	13.4 min.	-
		K-FAC	not applied	5,460	19.8 min.	76.0%
		K-FAC	✓	5,460	9.4 min.	75.5%
512	16,384	SGD	-	7,038	6.7 min.	-
		K-FAC	not applied	2,730	10.5 min.	76.0 %
		K-FAC	✓	2,730	5.5 min.	74.9 %
2048	65,536	K-FAC	✓	1,178	2.7 min.	75.6 %
	81,920		✓	795	2.0 min.	75.0 %

Summary

- Hessian, Gauss-Newton, and Fisher matrices play an important role in the theory of deep learning
- In many common DNNs Hessian = Gauss-Newton = Fisher
- K-FAC has the best balance between approximation accuracy and computation cost
- Distributed parallelism reduces the overhead of matrix computations drastically



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