

# AutoAugment

From EfficientNet

# Abstract

- Searching for best combination of augmentation policies
- Augmentation policies = subpolicy of two
- Uses Reinforcement Learning PPO
- Also uses LSTM for RNN controller
- Transferrable
- Better results promising for all classification task / models

# Intro

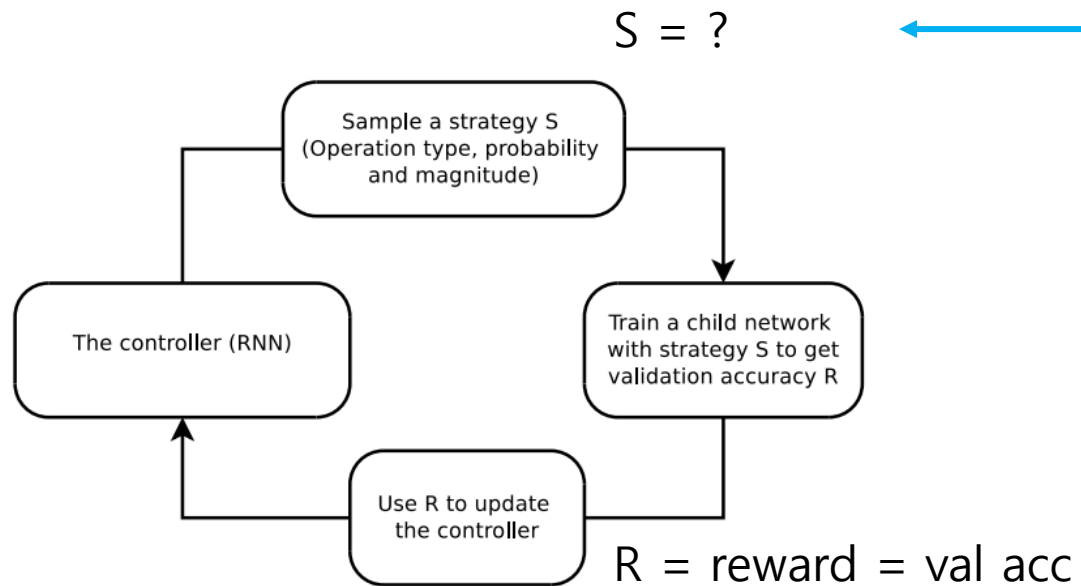
- CIFAR 10 : Horizontal flipping effective
  - MNIST : Horizontal flipping **not** effective
- Augmentation suited for particular datasets
- Need for automatically learned data augmentation

# Related Work - History

- Common data aug for datasets :
  - MNIST: elastic distortions, scale, translation, rotation
  - CIFAR10: randomcrop, image mirroring, colorshifting, whitening
- Learned data aug
  - Smart Augmentation: automatic generation of augmented data
  - Bayesian approach to generate data
  - ...
  - GAN to generated augmented but similar data
  - GAN to genereate sequences of data augmentations

# Searching

Search algorithm



$R = \text{reward} = \text{val acc}$

$R$  not differentiable  
→ update by **PPO**

Changing PPO to other algorithm may improve performance

sample

5 subpolicies

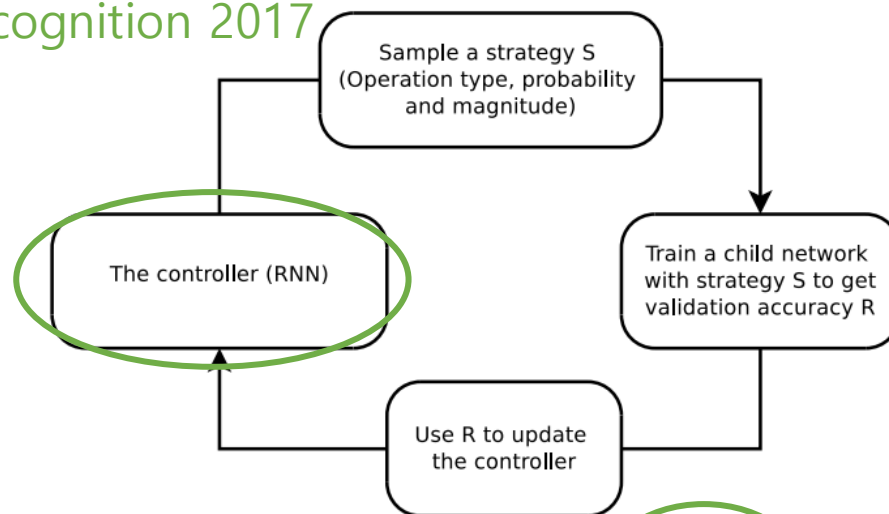
Subpolicy  
2 operations

Search Space  
16 operations  
11 probabilities  
10 magnitudes

$$(16 * 11 * 10) ** 2 ** 5$$

# Further Works to Read

Learning transferable  
architectures for  
scalable image  
recognition 2017



**PPO**

Proximal policy  
optimization algorithm  
2017