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Towards Efficient CNN Model Compression with Tensor Decomposition and Optimization

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Background

- ❑ Demands of on-device AI applications grow rapidly



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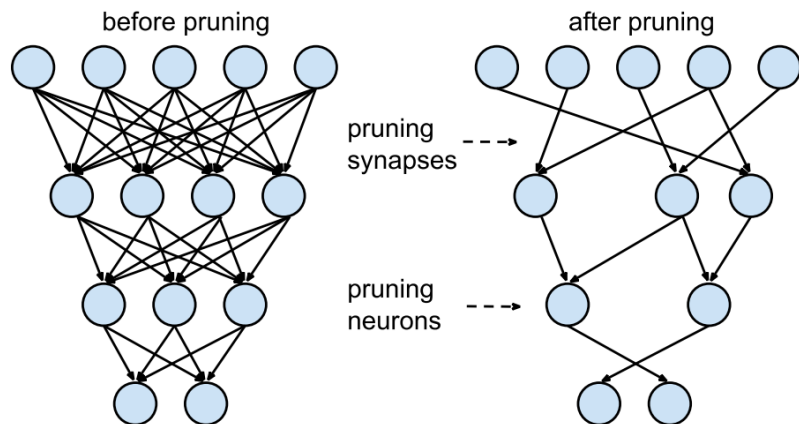
- ❑ Challenges for on-device deployment:
 - Cutting-edge DNN models becomes increasingly large, e.g., #param. of ViT-base is **86M**
 - Memory and computation resource on IoT devices are limited
 - Power consumption problem is severe

Model Compression

Three main directions of model compression techniques to improve the DNN model efficiency and make it executable on edge devices:

- Pruning
 - Unstructured pruning
 - Structured pruning
- Low-rank matrix decomposition
- Higher-order tensor decomposition

Pruning



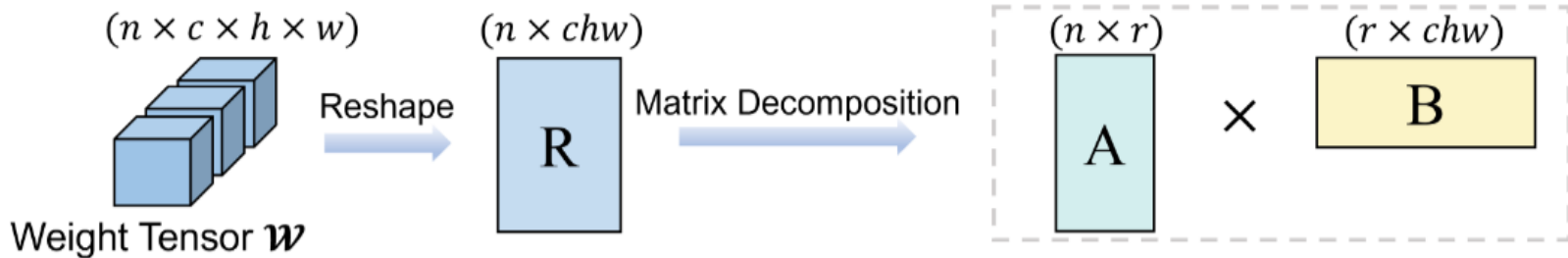
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Unstructured pruning

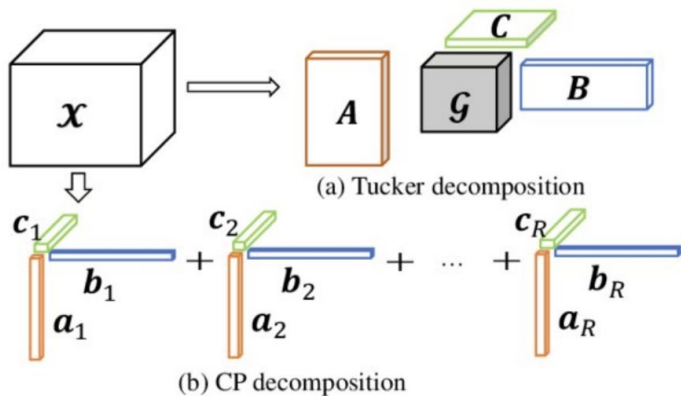
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Matrix Decomposition

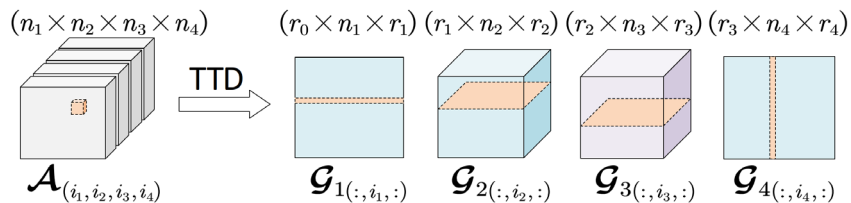


- For CNNs, the original 4-D kernel tensor needs to be flattened to a matrix
- Only one-dimensional linear correlation can be leveraged
- The reshape may lead to unbalanced matrix shape, e.g., $64 \times 32 \times 3 \times 3 \rightarrow 64 \times 9216$, the number of columns is much larger than rows

Higher-Order Tensor Decomposition



- Decompose weight tensors into a series of small TT-cores
- Ultra-high compression ratio, e.g., >1000X for RNNs
- Hardware friendly, parallel memory accessible

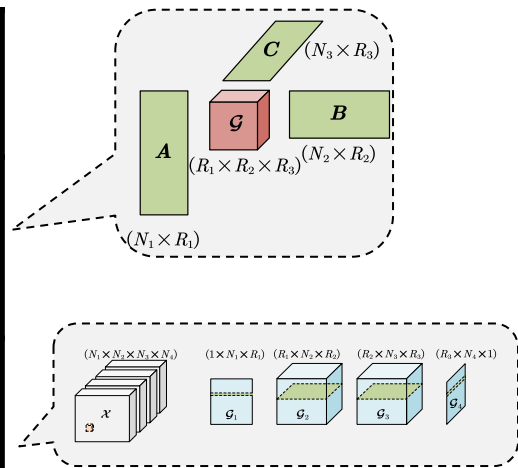


(c) Tensor train decomposition: A mode-4 tensor is decomposed into 4 small tensor cores

- Multi-dimensional correlation can be leveraged
- Avoid to reshape to an unbalanced matrix

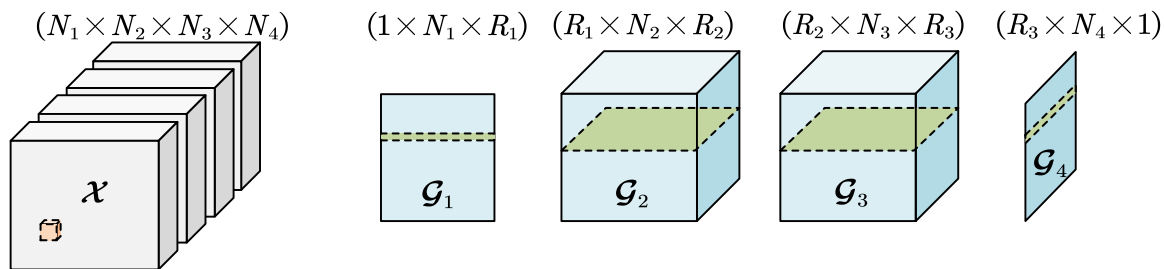
Comparison among Multiple Tensor Formats

Format	Theoretical Storage	Actual Storage
Tucker-alike (CP, BT)	$\mathcal{O}(R^d + dNR)$	1510 (16x17x18, R=10) 10700 (16x17x18x19, R=10) 100900 (16x17x18x19x20, R=10)
TT-alike (TR, HT)	$\mathcal{O}(dNR^2)$	2040 (16x17x18, R=10) 3850 (16x17x18x19, R=10) 5760 (16x17x18x19x20, R=10)



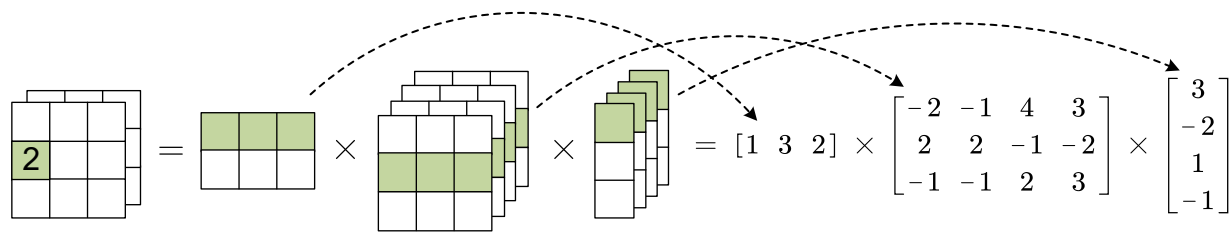
- For a large-scale and low-order tensor, we can increase its order via reshaping. e.g., 512x256x128 -> 32x16x16x16x16x8
- **TT-alike format suitable for compressing cutting-edge DNN models with flexibility**

Tensor Train (TT) Decomposition



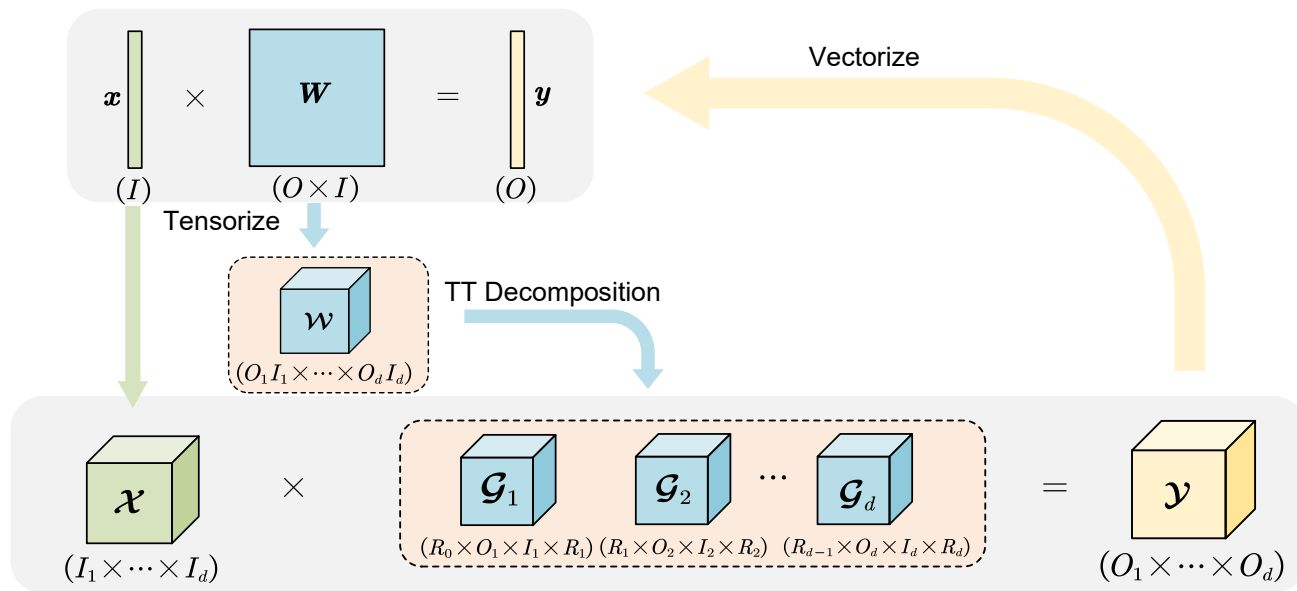
$$\mathcal{X}(n_1, n_2, n_3, n_4) = \mathcal{G}_1(:, n_1, :) \cdot \mathcal{G}_2(:, n_2, :) \cdot \mathcal{G}_3(:, n_3, :) \cdot \mathcal{G}_4(:, n_4, :)$$

A numeric example for a 3-order tensor (2x3x3):



$$\mathcal{X}(1, 2, 1) = \mathcal{G}_1(:, 1, :) \cdot \mathcal{G}_2(:, 2, :) \cdot \mathcal{G}_3(:, 1, :)$$

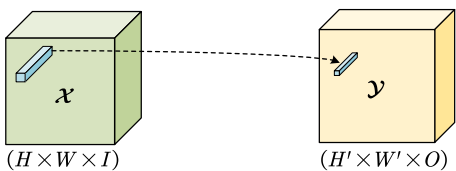
TT-based Fully Connected Layer (TT-FC)



$$\mathcal{Y}(o_1, \dots, o_d) = \sum_{i_1, \dots, i_d} \sum_{r_0, \dots, r_d} \mathcal{X}(i_1, \dots, i_d) \mathcal{G}_1(r_0, o_1, i_1, r_1) \cdots \mathcal{G}_d(r_{d-1}, o_d, i_d, r_d)$$

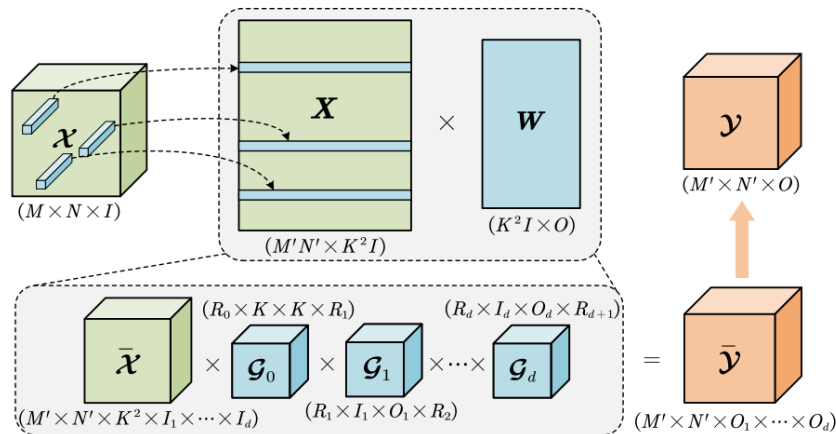
TT-based Convolutional Layer (TT-CONV)

➤ Original convolution:



$$\mathcal{Y}(h', w', o) = \sum_{k_1}^K \sum_{k_2}^K \sum_i^I \mathcal{W}(o, i, k_1, k_2) \mathcal{X}(h, w, i)$$

➤ Classical TT-CONV:



$$\tilde{\mathcal{Y}}(h', w', o_1, \dots, o_d) = \sum_{k_1}^K \sum_{k_2}^K \sum_{r_0, \dots, r_{d+1}} \sum_{i_1, \dots, i_d} \tilde{\mathcal{X}}(h, w, i_1, \dots, i_d, k_1, k_2) \mathcal{G}_0(r_0, k_1, k_2, r_1) \mathcal{G}_1(r_1, o_1, i_1, r_2) \dots \mathcal{G}_d(r_d, o_d, i_d, r_{d+1})$$

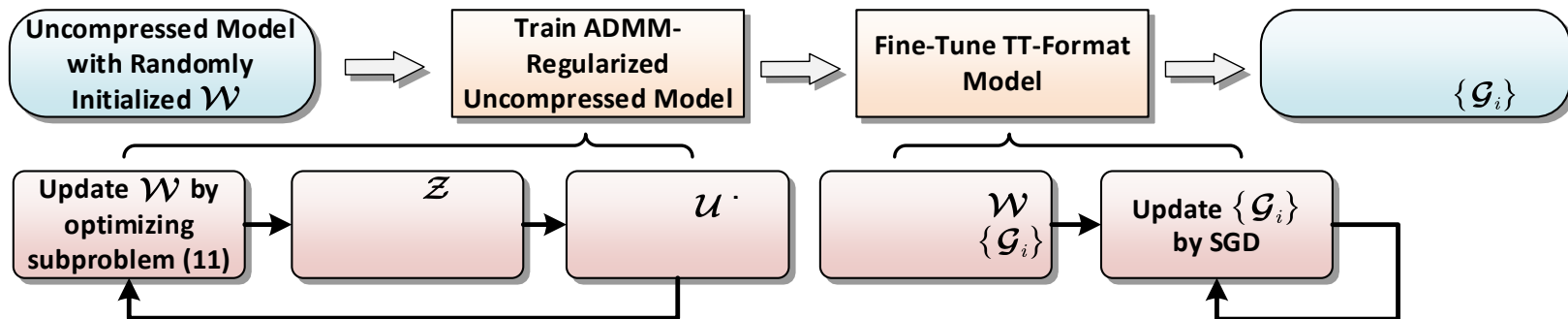
Performance Degradation Problem

➤ Why limited performance?

- **Train from randomly initialized tensor cores:** very challenging to train decomposed models due to limited model capacity
- **Train from the decomposition of a pre-trained uncompressed model:** the pre-trained model is full-rank, decomposing it to TT-format introduces significant approximation error, thereby leading to difficulty to recover the performance

Optimization-Incorporated Training Process

- **Key Idea:** Minimize the approximation error after decomposition
- **Procedure:** Impose low-TT-rank properties on the **uncompressed model** while training → Eliminate the approximation error → Train the TT-format model at an optimal starting point



Overall procedure of the proposed tensor decomposition-based compression framework

Problem Formulation and Solution

- Formulated optimization problem:

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\mathcal{W}} \quad & \ell(\mathcal{W}), \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \text{rank}(\mathcal{W}) \leq r^* \end{aligned}$$

- Augmented Lagrangian form:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_\rho(\mathcal{W}, \mathcal{Z}, \mathcal{U}) = & \ell(\mathcal{W}) + g(\mathcal{Z}) \\ & + \frac{\rho}{2} \|\mathcal{W} - \mathcal{Z} + \mathcal{U}\|_F^2 + \frac{\rho}{2} \|\mathcal{U}\|_F^2, \end{aligned}$$

- ADMM scheme:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{W}^{t+1} = & \underset{\mathcal{W}}{\text{argmin}} \quad \mathcal{L}_\rho(\mathcal{W}, \mathcal{Z}^t, \mathcal{U}^t), \\ \mathcal{Z}^{t+1} = & \underset{\mathcal{Z}}{\text{argmin}} \quad \mathcal{L}_\rho(\mathcal{W}^{t+1}, \mathcal{Z}, \mathcal{U}^t), \\ \mathcal{U}^{t+1} = & \mathcal{U}^t + \mathcal{W}^{t+1} - \mathcal{Z}^{t+1}, \end{aligned}$$

- W-update:

$$\mathcal{W}^{t+1} = \mathcal{W}^t - \eta \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_\rho(\mathcal{W}, \mathcal{Z}^t, \mathcal{U}^t)}{\partial \mathcal{W}},$$

- Z-update:

$$\mathcal{Z}^{t+1} = \Pi_{\mathcal{S}}(\mathcal{W}^{t+1} + \mathcal{U}^t),$$

- Overall algorithm:

Algorithm 2 ADMM-Regularized Training Procedure

Input: Weight tensor \mathcal{W} , target TT-ranks r^* , penalty parameter ρ , feasibility tolerance ϵ , maximum iterations T .

Output: Optimized \mathcal{W} .

- 1: Randomly initialize \mathcal{W} ;
 - 2: $\mathcal{Z} := \mathcal{W}$, $\mathcal{U} := \mathbf{0}$;
 - 3: **while** $\|\mathcal{W}^t - \mathcal{Z}^t\| > \epsilon$ and $t \leq T$ **do**
 - 4: Updating \mathcal{W} via (16);
 - 5: Updating \mathcal{Z} via (17) (Algorithm 1);
 - 6: Updating \mathcal{U} via (13);
 - 7: **end**
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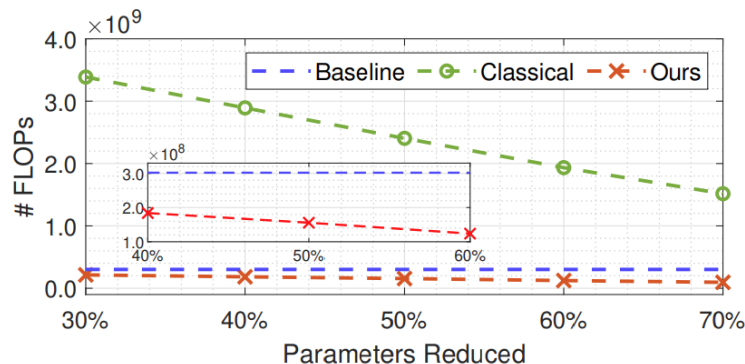
Limitations of Existing TT-based Compression

➤ Significant performance degradation for CNNs

- E.g., on CIFAR-10 dataset for ResNet-32 with 4.2x parameters reduction, **4.2% accuracy drop** [Wang, Wenqi, et al. "Wide compression: Tensor ring nets." *Proceedings of the IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR)*. 2018.]

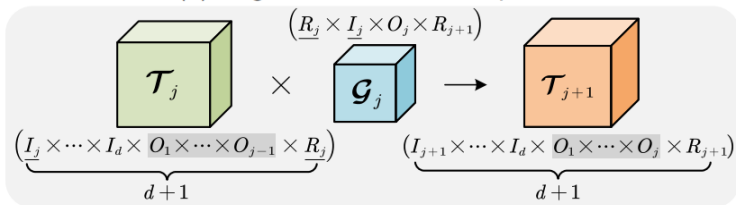
➤ Unbalanced FLOPs and Parameters reduction

- E.g., FLOPs vs Parameter reduction for layer3.0.conv1 in ResNet-18 when using conventional TT-CONV. It is seen that conventional TT-CONV ("Classical") causes even **higher FLOPs consumption** than the uncompressed one ("Baseline")

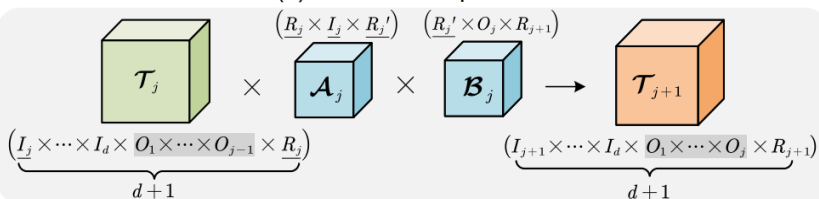


Analysis for Unbalanced FLOPs and Parameters

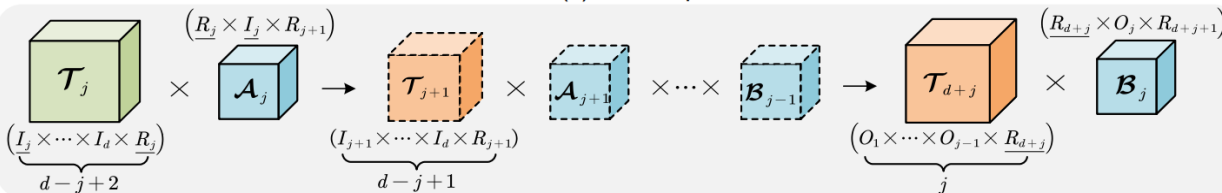
(a) Original TT-Format Computation



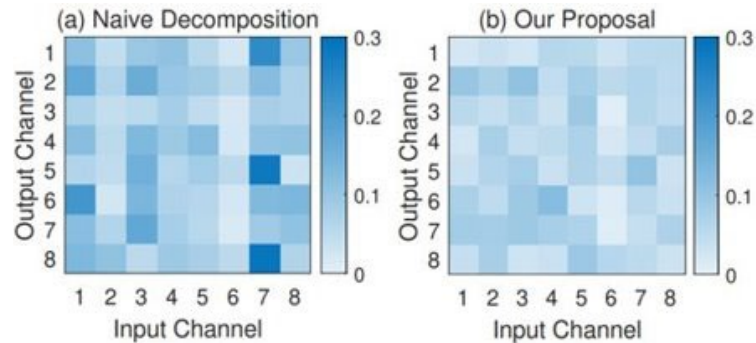
(b) Naive Decomposition



(c) Our Proposal



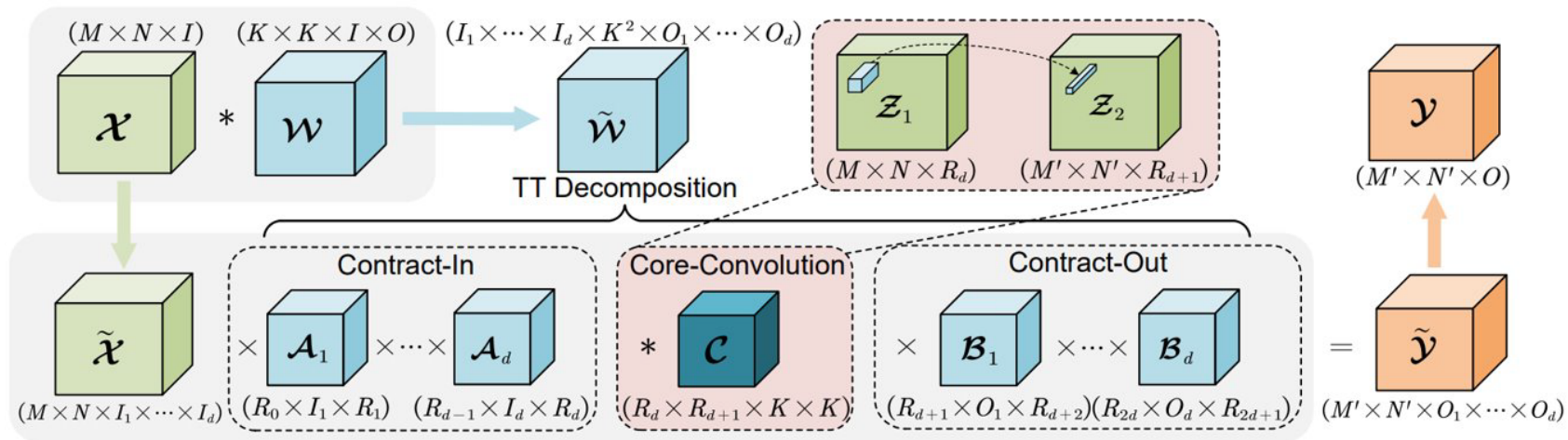
Approximation error for one layer in ResNet-32:



FLOPs

- (a) $\mathcal{O}(I_m^{d-j+1} O_m^j R^2 M' N')$
- (b) $\mathcal{O}(2I_m^{d-j} O_m^j R^2 M' N')$
- (c) $\mathcal{O}((I_m^{d-j+1} R^2 + O_m^j R^2) M' N')$

Proposed Efficient TT-CONV Scheme



The Overall Compression Framework

Algorithm 1 The overall computation scheme of HODEC

Input: TT-cores $\{\mathcal{A}_j\}_{j=1}^d, \{\mathcal{B}_j\}_{j=1}^d$ and \mathcal{C} , input tensor \mathcal{X} , factorized input channels $[I_1, \dots, I_d]$;

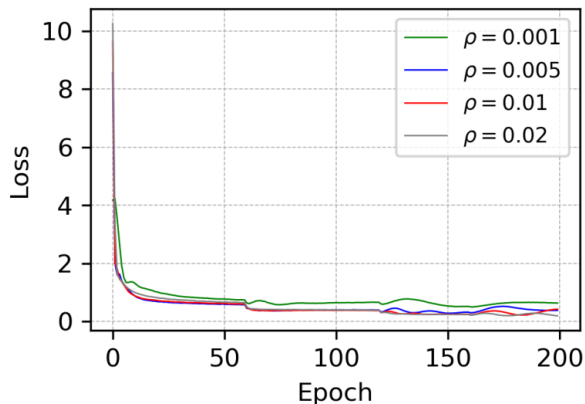
Output: Output tensor \mathcal{Y} ;

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1:  $\tilde{\mathcal{X}} \leftarrow \text{RESHAPE}(\mathcal{X}, [M, N, I_1, \dots, I_d]);$   
2:  $\mathcal{Z}_1 \leftarrow \tilde{\mathcal{X}};$   
3: for  $j = 1$  to  $d$  do  $\triangleright$  Contract-In  
4:    $\mathcal{Z}_1 \leftarrow \text{TensorContract}(\mathcal{Z}_1, \mathcal{A}_j);$   
5: end for  
6:  $\mathcal{Z}_2 \leftarrow \text{CONV2D}(\mathcal{Z}_1, \mathcal{C});$   $\triangleright$  Core-Convolution  
7: for  $j = 1$  to  $d$  do  $\triangleright$  Contract-Out  
8:    $\mathcal{Z}_2 \leftarrow \text{TensorContract}(\mathcal{Z}_2, \mathcal{B}_j);$   
9: end for  
10:  $\mathcal{Y} \leftarrow \text{RESHAPE}(\mathcal{Z}_2, [M', N', O]).$ 
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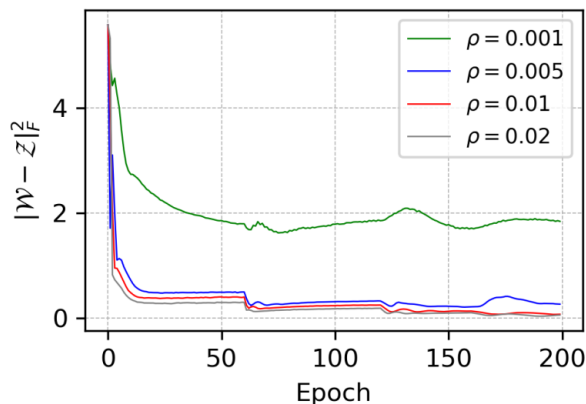
Algorithm 2 Pseudo-code for high-accuracy training

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1: def training(w, tt_shapes, tt_ranks, tau,  
2: dense_epochs, tt_epochs):  
3:   # Train original model with ADAL  
4:   train_dense(w, tau, dense_epochs)  
5:   # Decompose to TT-format  
6:   tt_cores = dense_to_tt(w)  
7:   # Retrain compressed TT-format model  
8:   train_tt(tt_cores, tt_epochs)  
9: def train_dense(w, tau, epochs):  
10:  u, v = zeros(w.shape), Tensor(w)  
11:  for e in range(epochs):  
12:    x, y = sample_data()  
13:    y_ = model_predict(w, x)  
14:    loss = cross_entropy(y, y_)  
15:    v = truncate_tt_ranks(w + u)  
16:    loss += tau * norm(w - v + u, p=2)  
17:    loss.backward()  
18:    u += w - v
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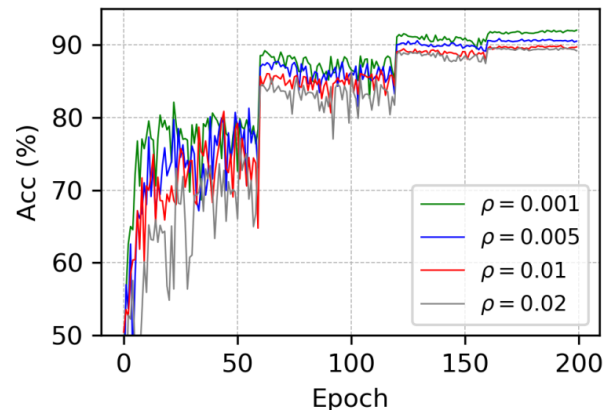
Training Curves



(a) Training loss.



(b) $\|\mathcal{W} - \mathcal{Z}\|_F^2$.



(c) Top-1 test accuracy.

(a) Training loss, (b) Frobenius norm and (c) test accuracy in ADMM-regularized training procedure with different ρ for ResNet-32 on CIFAR-10 dataset.

> (b) can be considered as the initial approximation error. It is seen that our method can significantly reduce the approximation error during training.

Experimental Results on CIFAR-10

Model	Compression Method	Top-1 Acc. (%)			FLOPs↓	Params.↓
		Baseline	Compressed	Δ		
ResNet-32						
Rethinking [20]	Pruning	N/A	92.56	N/A	30%	30%
FPGM [12]	Pruning	92.63	92.82	+0.19	53%	N/A
SCOP	Pruning	92.66	92.13	-0.53	56%	56%
Wide [34]	Tensor Ring	92.49	90.30	-2.19	N/A	80%
Ultimate [7, 24]	Classical TT	92.49	88.30	-4.19	×	80%
HODEC (Ours)	Proposed TT	92.49	91.28	-1.21	72%	80%
HODEC (Ours)	Proposed TT	92.49	93.05	+0.56	60%	65%
ResNet-56						
HRank [19]	Pruning	93.26	93.17	-0.09	50%	42%
SCOP [32]	Pruning	93.70	93.64	-0.06	56%	56%
NPPM [6]	Pruning	93.04	93.40	+0.36	50%	N/A
CHIP [31]	Pruning	93.26	94.16	+0.75	47%	43%
TRP [36]	Low-rank Matrix	93.14	92.63	-0.51	60%	N/A
CC [17]	Low-rank Matrix	93.33	93.64	+0.31	52%	48%
Ultimate [7, 24]	Classical TT	93.04	91.14	-1.90	×	50%
HODEC (Ours)	Proposed TT	93.04	94.20	+1.16	62%	67%

Table 1. Performance comparison for compressing CNN models on CIFAR-10 dataset.

Experimental Results on ImageNet

Model	Compression Method	Top-1 Acc. (%)			Top-5 Acc. (%)			FLOPs↓
		Baseline	Compr.	Δ	Baseline	Compr.	Δ	
ResNet-18								
FPGM [12]	Pruning	70.28	68.41	-1.87	89.63	88.48	-1.15	42%
SCOP [32]	Pruning	69.76	68.62	-1.14	89.08	88.45	-0.63	45%
TRP [36]	Low-rank Matrix	69.10	65.51	-3.59	88.94	86.74	-2.20	60%
Stable [27]	Tucker-CP	69.76	69.07	-0.69	89.08	88.93	-0.15	67%
HODEC (Ours)	Proposed TT	69.76	69.15	-0.61	89.08	88.99	-0.09	68%
ResNet-50								
FPGM [12]	Pruning	76.15	75.59	-0.56	92.87	92.63	-0.24	42%
HRank [19]	Pruning	76.15	74.98	-1.17	92.87	92.33	-0.54	44%
SCOP [32]	Pruning	76.15	75.26	-0.89	92.87	92.53	-0.34	55%
NPPM [6]	Pruning	76.15	75.96	-0.19	92.87	92.75	-0.12	56%
CHIP [31]	Pruning	76.15	76.15	0.00	92.87	92.91	+0.04	49%
TRP [36]	Low-rank Matrix	75.90	74.06	-1.84	92.70	92.07	-0.63	45%
CC [17]	Low-rank Matrix	76.15	75.59	-0.56	92.87	92.64	-0.23	53%
Stable [27]	Tucker-CP	76.13	74.66	-1.47	92.87	92.16	-0.71	62%
HODEC (Ours)	Proposed TT	76.13	76.44	+0.31	92.87	93.16	+0.29	63%

Table 2. Performance comparison for compressing CNN models on ImageNet dataset.

Thanks!