

# Self supervised learning with Contrastive Loss

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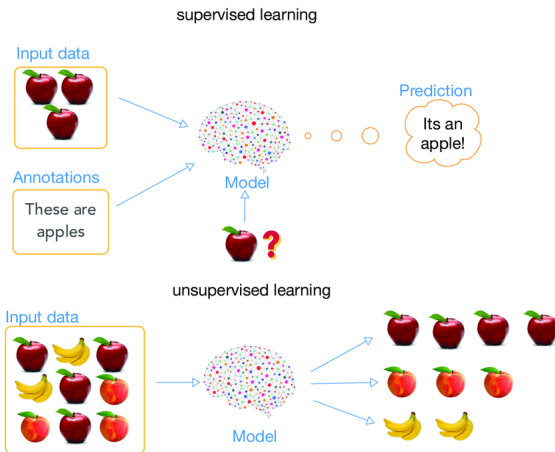
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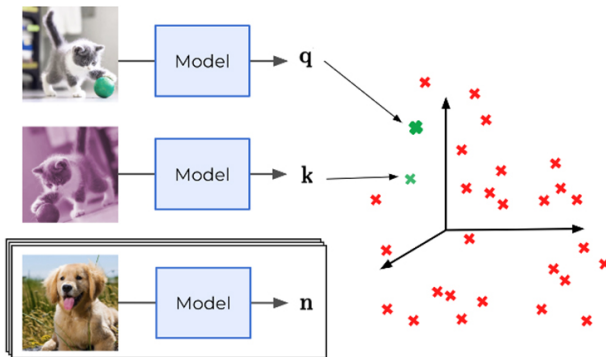
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# Self-supervised vs. supervised learning

Self-supervised learning is different to supervised learning in that :

- It's a form of unsupervised learning where the data provides the supervision
- In self-supervised training we use some kind of measurable structure to build a loss function

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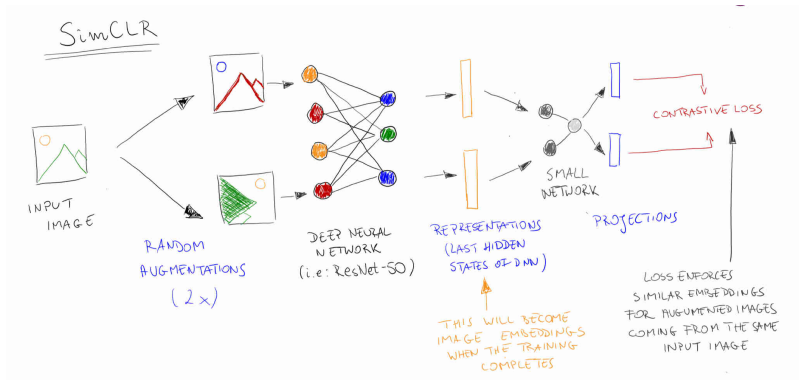
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# SimCLR Framework



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# General terms

## Definitions

- Similarity function : A measure of how close or far two embeddings are from each other, in this case we will be using cosine similarity, denoted as  $\text{sim}(x_i, x_j)$

$$\text{Cosine\_similarity} = \frac{A \cdot B}{\|A\| \|B\|} \quad (1)$$

- Embedding vector : A representation of the input data in a vectorized form, denoted  $x_i$
- Positive pairs : Embeddings from the same input source
- Negative pairs : Embeddings from different input sources
- Temperature : Term controlling the strength of penalties on the hard negatives, denoted  $\tau$



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For two augmented views  $x_i$  and  $x_j$  (positive pairs), of the same input image  $x$ , let's consider their embeddings after projection to be  $z_i$  and  $z_j$ . The contrastive loss function associated to this positive pair is given by :

$$l_{(i,j)} = -\log \left( \frac{\exp \left( \frac{\text{sim}(z_i, z_j)}{\tau} \right)}{\sum_{k=1}^{2N} \mathbb{1}_{\{k \neq i\}} \exp \left( \frac{\text{sim}(z_i, z_k)}{\tau} \right)} \right). \quad (2)$$

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The final loss is an arithmetic mean of the losses for all positive pairs in the batch :

$$L = \frac{1}{2N} \sum_{k=1}^{2N} (l_{(2k-1, 2k)} + l_{(2k, 2k-1)}) . \quad (3)$$

# Algorithm

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**Algorithm 1** SimCLR's main learning algorithm.
 

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**input:** batch size  $N$ , constant  $\tau$ , structure of  $f$ ,  $g$ ,  $\mathcal{T}$ .  
**for** sampled minibatch  $\{\mathbf{x}_k\}_{k=1}^N$  **do**  
   **for all**  $k \in \{1, \dots, N\}$  **do**  
     draw two augmentation functions  $t \sim \mathcal{T}, t' \sim \mathcal{T}$   
     # the first augmentation  
      $\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_{2k-1} = t(\mathbf{x}_k)$   
      $\mathbf{h}_{2k-1} = f(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_{2k-1})$  # representation  
      $\mathbf{z}_{2k-1} = g(\mathbf{h}_{2k-1})$  # projection  
     # the second augmentation  
      $\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_{2k} = t'(\mathbf{x}_k)$   
      $\mathbf{h}_{2k} = f(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_{2k})$  # representation  
      $\mathbf{z}_{2k} = g(\mathbf{h}_{2k})$  # projection  
   **end for**  
   **for all**  $i \in \{1, \dots, 2N\}$  and  $j \in \{1, \dots, 2N\}$  **do**  
      $s_{i,j} = \mathbf{z}_i^\top \mathbf{z}_j / (\|\mathbf{z}_i\| \|\mathbf{z}_j\|)$  # pairwise similarity  
   **end for**  
   **define**  $\ell(i, j)$  **as**  $\ell(i, j) = -\log \frac{\exp(s_{i,j}/\tau)}{\sum_{k=1}^{2N} \mathbb{1}_{[k \neq i]} \exp(s_{i,k}/\tau)}$   
    $\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2N} \sum_{k=1}^N [\ell(2k-1, 2k) + \ell(2k, 2k-1)]$   
   update networks  $f$  and  $g$  to minimize  $\mathcal{L}$   
**end for**  
**return** encoder network  $f(\cdot)$ , and throw away  $g(\cdot)$

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# Supervised task

## Data Augmentation

We used the *CIFAR10* data set and performed the following data augmentation techniques :

- Random cropping and resizing ;
- Horizontal Flipping ;
- Normalization.

# Supervised task

## Experimental set-up

We used 50,000 images for training and 10,000 images for testing following the configuration below

- Model : Resnet50
- Optimizer : Adam
- Batch size : 64

The loss function used was the cross-entropy globally defined as for N-classes :

$$CE_{loss} = -\log \left( \frac{e^{x_i}}{\sum_{c=1}^N e^{x_c}} \right). \quad (4)$$

# Embeddings Generation

## Experimental Settings

- We experimented with both LARS and Adam optimizer with a batch size of 64, more details are in section 4.

## Data Augmentation

simCLR uses the following augmentations to produce image views :

- Random cropping and resizing
- Random horizontal flip
- Gaussian blur\*
- Color jitter

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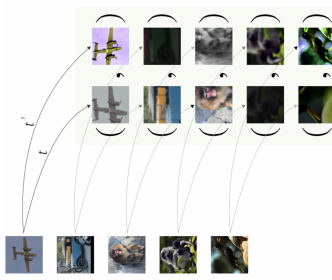


Figure 1 – Positive pairs generation

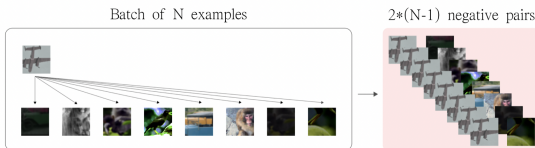


Figure 2 – Negative pairs generation



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Model	Optimizer	lr	num_epochs	accuracy
SSL	LARS	0.6	10	-
Fine-Tuning	Adam	0.001	10	31%
SSL	LARS	0.6	10	-
Fine-Tuning	Adam	0.001	20	33%
SSL	LARS	0.6	10	-
Fine-Tuning	Adam	0.1	10	17%
SSL	Adam	0.075	10	-
Fine-Tuning	Adam	0.01	10	36%
SSL	Adam	0.075	10	-
Fine-Tuning	Adam	0.01	20	35%
SL	Adam	0.0001	10	20%

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Any Questions ?