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  - 기존 ALC\* 접근법들의 *entropy* 가 높은 샘플을 쿼리하는 방식 의 부정확함
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  - 새로운 ALC 알고리즘 제안 : *robustly estimate the entropy*

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## 기존 ALC 접근법들의 'high entropy 샘플 쿼리 방식' 의 문제

### 1. Unreliable Confidence Estimates

모델이 noisy dataset 에 이미 학습이 되어버려서, 이를 사용하여 측정한 entropy 를 믿을 수 없음.

### 2. Redundant Labeling

무작정 entropy 높은 샘플들만 고르다보면 불필요한 쿼리 초래함

→ Ours : 'high entropy 샘플 쿼리' 하긴 할건데, robustly estimate the entropy.

#### 1. Robust Parameter Update

#### 2. Entropy Propagation

## Algorithm

**Algorithm 1** Robust active label correction algorithm

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1: Input: Noisy data  $D = \{(x_i, y_i)\}_{i=1}^N$ , and labeling batch size  $Q$  and budget  $G$ .
2: Initialization:  $D^0 = \emptyset$ ,  $B^0 = \emptyset$ ,  $S^0 = \emptyset$ , and  $t = 1$ .
3: repeat
4:    $\alpha_j = \frac{1}{N}$  for  $j = 1 \dots, N$ .
5:   if  $\text{mod}(t, Q) = 0$  then
6:      $S^t = S^{t-1} \cup B^{t-1}$ .
7:     repeat
8:       Update the classifier  $h$  parameter  $W$  according to Eq 2.
9:       Update the contribution coefficients  $\{\alpha_j\}_{j=1}^N$  using Eq 3.
10:    until maximum epoch reached.
11:    Train  $h$  with  $\{\alpha_j\}_{j=1}^N$ .
12:    Evaluate the entropy values  $\mathbf{e}$  using  $h$  on  $D$ .
13:     $B^t = \emptyset$ .
14:  end if
15:  Sample the candidate set  $C$  from  $D \setminus S^t$  using  $p^S$ .
16:  Select an example  $x_* \in C$  with the largest entropy  $e$ .
17:  repeat
18:    Assign zero to  $e(x_*)$ .
19:    Update  $\mathbf{e}$  using Eq. 8.
20:  until maximum diffusion steps reached.
21:   $B^t = B^t \cup \{x_*\}$ .
22:   $t = t + 1$ .
23: until labeling budget reached.
24: Output: Trained classifier  $h^t$  and (partially) cleaned label set  $S^t$ .

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**Robust Parameter Update**

1. 매 epoch 마다 global weights update

$$\{\alpha_j\}_{j=1}^N \quad \alpha_j \geq 0, \sum_{j=1}^N \alpha_j = 1 \quad \hat{D} = \{(x_j, y_j)\}_{j=1}^N$$

$\alpha(1) = [\alpha_1(1), \dots, \alpha_N(1)]^\top$  : 1 에포크일때의 global weights : uniformly initialized

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3. 매 iter 마다 parameter update

$$W(i+1) = W(i) - \eta(i) \sum_{(x_k, y_k) \in D_i} \bar{\alpha}_k(i) \nabla_W l(h(x_k), y_k), \quad (2)$$

처음에는 clean, noisy data 모두 파라미터 업데이트에 동등하게 기여.

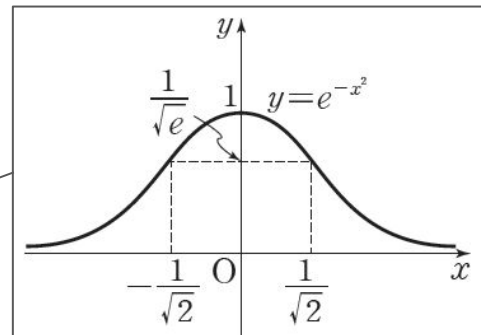
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$$\alpha(q+1) = (1 - \delta^\alpha)\alpha(q) + \delta^\alpha \frac{\mathbf{g}(q)}{\|\mathbf{g}(q)\|_1}, \quad (3)$$

$$\mathbf{g}(q) = [g(l(h^q(x_1), y_1)), \dots, g(l(h^q(x_N), y_N))]^\top$$

$$g(z) = \exp\left(-\frac{z^2}{\sigma^\alpha}\right) \quad (4)$$



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파라미터 업데이트에 noisy data 의 영향 줄임

## Entropy Propagation

1. query 한 데이터의 엔트로피를 0으로 설정
2. 공간적으로 query 한 데이터 주변에 있는 데이터들에게 업데이트된 엔트로피 전파

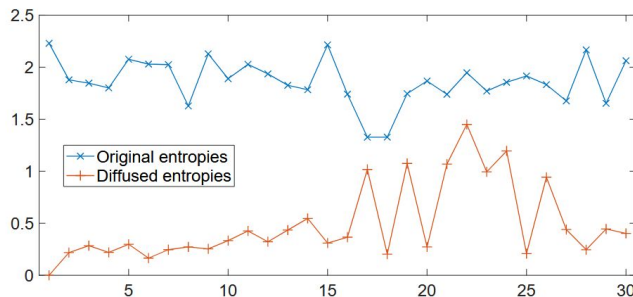


Fig. 1: An example of entropy diffusion on *CIFAR-10* dataset. A point  $x_*$  is newly labeled and the corresponding entropy is updated to zero. The entropies of the remaining examples in  $D$  are accordingly adjusted. The  $x$ -axis shows the indices of data points ordered inversely according to the distance to  $x_*$ . The first entry is  $x_*$ . When  $x_*$  has originally a high entropy value, its spatial neighbors also exhibit high entropy values (the average entropy on  $D$  was less than 0.7). Applying diffusion on  $D$  suppressed the entropies of points near  $x_*$ . Note that the degrees of suppression are proportional to the similarity to  $x_*$ .



## Entropy Propagation

1. Diffusion of smooth function  $g \in C^\infty(\mathcal{X})$

$$\frac{\partial g}{\partial t} = \Delta_p g, \quad (5)$$

: 위치  $\mathbf{x}$  에 있는 질량  $\mathbf{g}(\mathbf{x})$  를  $\mathbf{p}$  로 가중하여 전체 manifold  $\mathcal{X}$  로 점진적으로 전파하는 과정

2. Diffusion of entropy values  $\mathbf{e} = [e(x_1), \dots, e(x_N)]^\top$

$X = \{x_j\}_{j=1}^N$  : embedding of  $\mathcal{X}$  onto a Euclidean space

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{e}}{\partial t} = -L\mathbf{e}, \quad (6)$$

3. Entropy propagation algorithm

$$\mathbf{e}(i+1) = \mathbf{e}(i) - \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{time-discretization step size}}}{\delta^L} L\mathbf{e}(i) \quad (8)$$

## Experiments

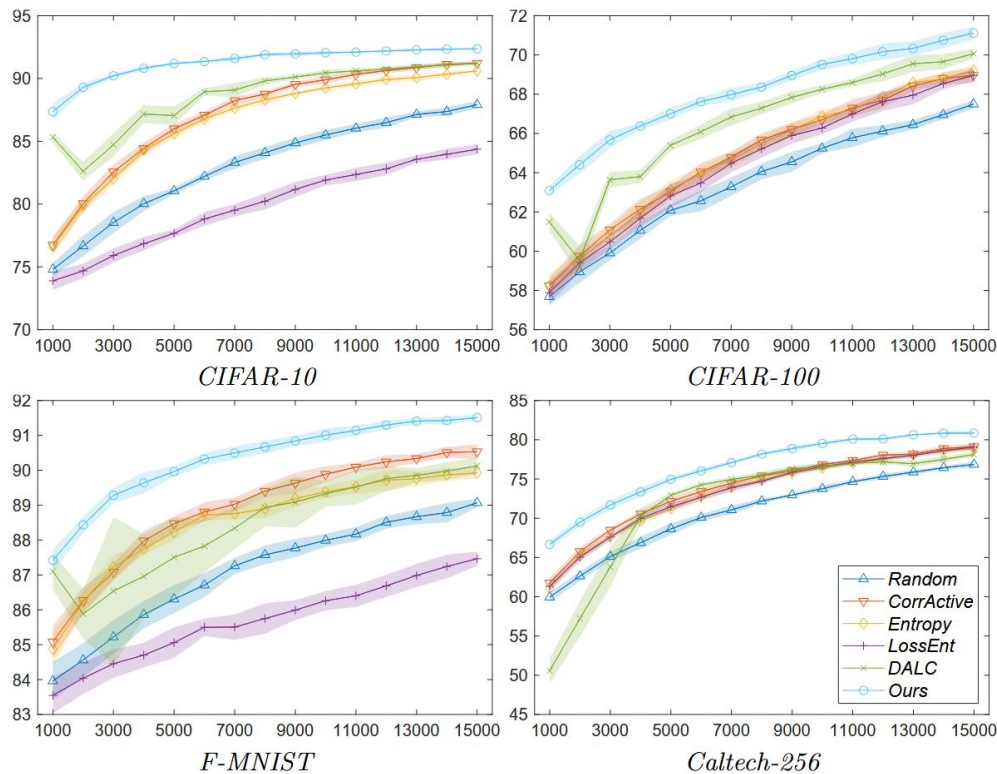


Fig. 2: Mean accuracy (%) with standard deviation (shaded) of different active label correction algorithms under uniform noise. The  $x$ -axis corresponds to the number of queried labels. All ALC algorithms outperformed *Random* except for *LossEnt* on *CIFAR-10* and *F-MNIST*. *DALC* demonstrated competitive performance in *CIFAR-10*, *CIFAR-100*, and later learning stages of *Caltech-256*. Our algorithm achieved further significant and consistent improvements.

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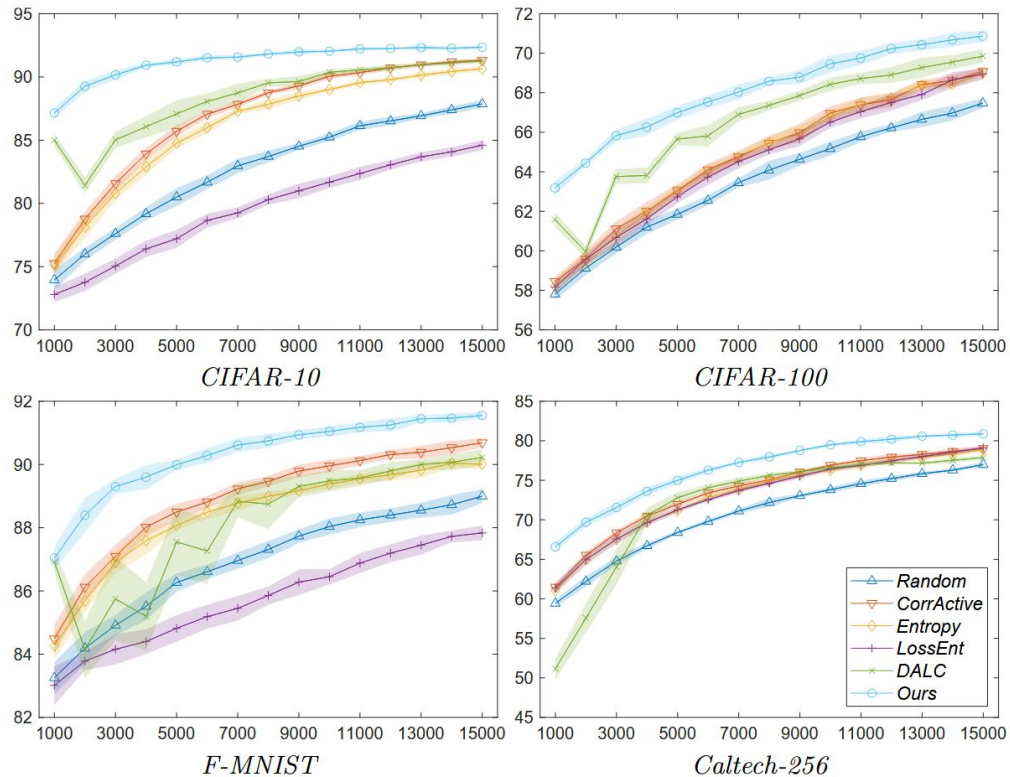


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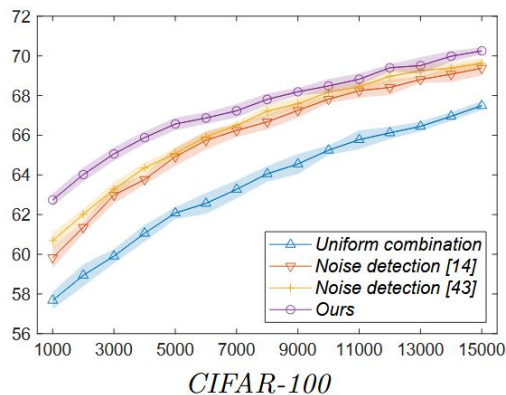


Fig. 4: Performance of our robust parameter update approach (Eq. 2), the standard uniform gradient combination, and the explicit noise detection methods of [14,43]. x- and y-axes show the number of acquired labels and the corresponding classification accuracy (%), respectively. Our *soft* gradient combination approach provides considerably higher labeling efficiency than *hard* noise detection and uniform gradient averaging.

## Experiments

Table 1: Average noisy example selection accuracy (%) of different ALC algorithms defined as the ratio between the number of queried points in  $D \setminus D^C$  and the total number of queries; *CIFAR-100*. Our algorithm consistently achieved the highest selection accuracy.

# labels	1,000	3,000	5,000	7,000	9,000	11,000	13,000	15,000
<i>Random</i>	81.20	80.50	81.50	82.00	80.50	80.00	81.00	82.10
<i>Entropy</i>	90.30	91.30	90.00	91.50	92.60	90.70	90.80	91.40
<i>LossEnt</i>	93.70	93.98	93.02	93.41	93.70	93.79	94.27	93.22
<i>CorrActive</i>	87.60	89.70	87.50	87.60	89.20	89.10	89.70	90.20
<i>DALC</i>	89.10	92.10	91.70	91.10	91.10	90.20	88.30	88.80
Ours	97.90	98.00	97.30	97.80	97.80	97.80	98.10	97.60