

# Fast Model Editing At Scale

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# Research Problem

How to efficiently edit large pre-trained language model (LLM) ?

## Challenges:

- Models are getting larger and larger
- Fine tune could easily overfit, computationally expensive
- Black box nature of representation
- Factualness and Reliability of Model



# Agenda

- Background
- Related Work
- Model Editor Networks with Gradient Decomposition (MEND)
- Experiment / Result
- Future Work / Limitation
- Question?



# Background

Reliability: Successfully changing the model's output on the problematic input.

Locality: Minimally affecting the model's output for unrelated inputs

Generality: Generating the correct output for inputs related to the edit input.

Efficiency: The computation spend on making the edit.



# Background

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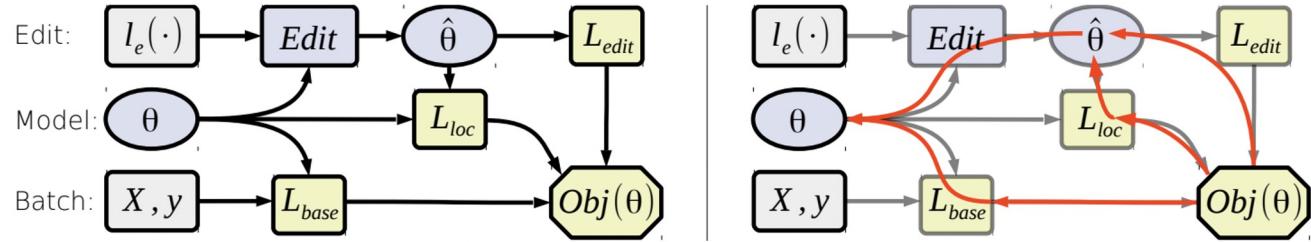
# Related Work

- Selective Fine-tuning the model with edited dataset (Zhu et al, 2020)
  - Overfit to the edited dataset, poor locality, require full training data
- Train a knowledge editor to map original parameter weight( De Cao et al, 2021)
  - Fail to edit very large model
- Bi-level meta learning editable training method (Sinitzin et al, 2020)
  - Difficult to edit large model, Computationally expensive

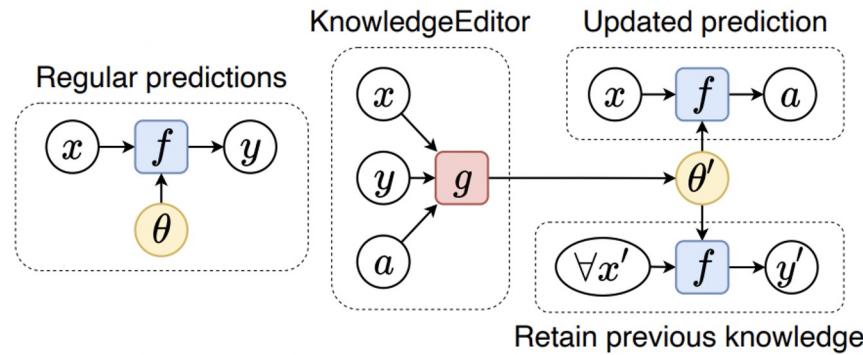


# Model illustration

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Knowledge editor



# Related Work

| Editor | Preserves<br>model? | Only<br>$(x_e, y_e)$ ? | Batched<br>edits? | Scales<br>to 10B? | Few<br>steps? |
|--------|---------------------|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| FT     | ✓                   | ✓                      | ✓                 | ✓                 | ✗             |
| FT+KL  | ✓                   | ✗                      | ✓                 | ✓                 | ✗             |
| ENN    | ✗                   | ✓                      | ✓                 | ✗                 | ✓             |
| KE     | ✓                   | ✓                      | ?                 | ✓                 | ✓             |
| MEND   | ✓                   | ✓                      | ✓                 | ✓                 | ✓             |



# MEND

## Editing a Pre-Trained Model with MEND



**Figure 1:** The proposed algorithm MEND enables editability by training a collection of MLPs to modify model gradients to produce *local* model edits that do not damage model performance on unrelated inputs. MEND is efficient to train and apply edits, even for very large models, as shown in Section 5.1.



# MEND

Base Model:  $f_\theta : \mathcal{X} \times \Theta \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$

Model Editor Function:  $E : \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{Y} \times \mathcal{L} \times \Theta \times \Phi \rightarrow \Theta$

Loss Function:  $\mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{Y} \times \Theta \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$        $l_e(x, y, \theta) = -\log p_\theta(y|x)$

Editor Model Eval Dataset:  $D_{edit}^{te} = \{(x_e, y_e, x_{loc}, x'_e, y'_e)_i\}$

For  $x_e, y_e = \text{Who is the prime minister of the UK? Boris Johnson, } N(x_e, y_e)$  might contain  $x'_e, y'_e = \text{Who is the UK PM? Boris Johnson, among others. } x_{loc}$  might be *What team does Messi play for?*.



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Reliability: post-edit model predicts the edit label  $y$  for the edit input  $x$

Locality:  $\mathbb{E}_{x_{\text{loc}} \sim D_{\text{edit}}^{te}} \text{KL}(p_{\theta}(\cdot|x_{\text{loc}}) \| p_{\theta_e}(\cdot|x_{\text{loc}}))$

Generality: post-edit model predict correctly on  $(x'_e, y'_e) \in N(x_e, y_e)$

Efficiency: Time and memory requirement when training and applying the editor model

$$\text{ES} = \mathbb{E}_{x'_e, y'_e \sim N(x_e, y_e) \cup \{(x_e, y_e)\}} \mathbb{1}\{\text{argmax}_y p_{\theta_e}(y|x'_e) = y'_e\}$$

**MEND losses:**  $L_e = -\log p_{\theta_{\tilde{W}}}(y'_e|x'_e), \quad L_{\text{loc}} = \text{KL}(p_{\theta_W}(\cdot|x_{\text{loc}}) \| p_{\theta_{\tilde{W}}}(\cdot|x_{\text{loc}})). \quad (4a,b)$



# MEND

## D RANK-1 GRADIENT FOR MLPs

In the simplified case of an MLP and a batch size of 1, we describe the rank-1 gradient of the loss  $L$  with respect to the layer  $\ell$  weight matrix  $W_\ell$ . We define the inputs to layer  $\ell$  as  $u_\ell$  and the *pre-activation* inputs to layer  $\ell+1$  as  $z_{\ell+1} = W_\ell u_\ell$ . We define  $\delta_{\ell+1}$  as the gradient of  $L$  with respect to  $z_{\ell+1}$  (we assume that  $\delta_{\ell+1}$  is pre-computed, as a result of standard backpropagation). We will show that the gradient of the loss  $L$  with respect to  $W_\ell$  is equal to  $\delta_{\ell+1} u_\ell^\top$ .

By the chain rule, the derivative of the loss with respect to weight  $W_\ell^{ij}$  is equal to

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial W_\ell^{ij}} = \sum_k \frac{\partial L}{\partial z_{\ell+1}^k} \frac{\partial z_{\ell+1}^k}{\partial W_\ell^{ij}} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial z_{\ell+1}^i} \frac{\partial z_{\ell+1}^i}{\partial W_\ell^{ij}} \quad (7)$$

the product of the derivative of  $L$  with respect to next-layer pre-activations  $z_{\ell+1}^i$  and the derivative of next-layer pre-activations  $z_{\ell+1}^i$  with respect to  $W_{ij}$ . The second equality is due to the fact that  $\frac{\partial z_{\ell+1}^k}{\partial W_\ell^{ij}} = 0$  for  $k \neq i$ . Noting that  $z_{\ell+1}^i = \sum_j u_\ell^j W_\ell^{ij}$ , we can replace  $\frac{\partial z_{\ell+1}^i}{\partial W_\ell^{ij}}$  with simply  $u_\ell^j$  in Equation 7. Further, we defined  $\delta_{\ell+1}$  to be exactly  $\frac{\partial L}{\partial z_{\ell+1}^i}$ . Making these two substitutions, we have

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial W_\ell^{ij}} = \delta_{\ell+1}^i u_\ell^j \quad (8)$$

or, in vector notation,  $\nabla_{W_\ell} L = \delta_{\ell+1} u_\ell^\top$ , which is the original identity we set out to prove.



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$d \approx 10^4$  (Number of weight in one layer)       $O(d \times d)$  is too costly!

instead:

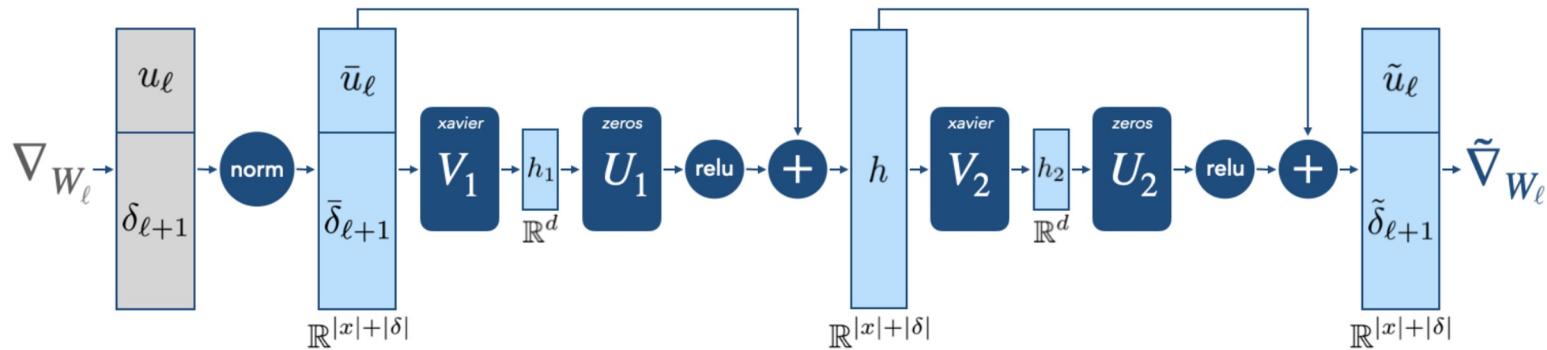
$$\nabla_{W_\ell} L = \sum_{i=1}^B \delta_{\ell+1}^i u_\ell^{i \top}$$

| MEND Variant           | Editor Parameters | Wikitext Generation |                      | zsRE Question-Answering |  |
|------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|--|
|                        |                   | ES $\uparrow$       | ppl. DD $\downarrow$ | ES $\uparrow$           | BART-base (139M)<br>acc. DD $\downarrow$ |
| No sharing             | $O((m+n)^2 N)$    | <b>0.86</b>         | <b>0.195</b>         | <b>&gt;0.99</b>         | 0.001                                    |
| No norm.               | $O((m+n)^2)$      | 0.02                | 0.370                | 0.97                    | <b>&lt;0.001</b>                         |
| No ID init.            | $O((m+n)^2)$      | 0.27                | 0.898                | 0.94                    | <b>&lt;0.001</b>                         |
| Only $u_\ell$          | $O(m^2)$          | 0.63                | 0.559                | 0.98                    | 0.002                                    |
| Only $\delta_{\ell+1}$ | $O(n^2)$          | 0.80                | 0.445                | <b>0.99</b>             | 0.001                                    |
| Only smaller           | $O(\min(m,n)^2)$  | 0.80                | 0.593                | 0.98                    | 0.002                                    |
| MEND                   | $O((m+n)^2)$      | <b>0.86</b>         | 0.225                | <b>&gt;0.99</b>         | 0.001                                    |



# MEND

## MEND Architecture



**Figure 2:** The MEND architecture, consisting of two consecutive blocks, both initialized to compute the exact identity function. **Left.** The input to a MEND network is  $\{\delta_{\ell+1}, u_\ell\}$ , the components of the rank-1 gradient. **Right.** A MEND network produces a new rank-1 update  $\tilde{\nabla}_{W_\ell}$ , which is added to weights  $W_\ell$  to edit the model.

$$h_\ell = z_\ell + \sigma(s_\ell^1 \odot (U_1 V_1 z_\ell + b) + o_\ell^1), \quad g(z_\ell) = h_\ell + \sigma(s_\ell^2 \odot U_2 V_2 h_\ell + o_\ell^2)$$



# MEND

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**Algorithm 1** MEND Training
 

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- 1: **Input:** Pre-trained  $p_{\theta_W}$ , weights to make editable  $\mathcal{W}$ , editor params  $\phi_0$ , edit dataset  $D_{edit}^{tr}$ , edit-locality tradeoff  $c_{edit}$
  - 2: **for**  $t \in 1, 2, \dots$  **do**
  - 3:   Sample  $x_e, y_e, x'_e, y'_e, x_{loc} \sim D_{edit}^{tr}$
  - 4:    $\tilde{\mathcal{W}} \leftarrow \text{EDIT}(\theta_W, \mathcal{W}, \phi_{t-1}, x_e, y_e)$
  - 5:    $L_e \leftarrow -\log p_{\theta_{\tilde{\mathcal{W}}}}(y'_e | x'_e)$
  - 6:    $L_{loc} \leftarrow \text{KL}(p_{\theta_W}(\cdot | x_{loc}) \| p_{\theta_{\tilde{\mathcal{W}}}}(\cdot | x_{loc}))$
  - 7:    $L(\phi_{t-1}) \leftarrow c_{edit} L_e + L_{loc}$
  - 8:    $\phi_t \leftarrow \text{Adam}(\phi_{t-1}, \nabla_{\phi} L(\phi_{t-1}))$
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**Algorithm 2** MEND Edit Procedure
 

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- 1: **procedure** EDIT( $\theta, \mathcal{W}, \phi, x_e, y_e$ )
  - 2:    $\hat{p} \leftarrow p_{\theta_W}(y_e | x_e)$ , **caching** input  $u_\ell$  to  $W_\ell \in \mathcal{W}$
  - 3:    $L(\theta, \mathcal{W}) \leftarrow -\log \hat{p}$  ▷ Compute NLL
  - 4:   **for**  $W_\ell \in \mathcal{W}$  **do**
  - 5:      $\delta_{\ell+1} \leftarrow \nabla_{W_\ell u_\ell + b_\ell} l_e(x_e, y_e)$  ▷ Grad wrt output
  - 6:      $\tilde{u}_\ell, \tilde{\delta}_{\ell+1} \leftarrow g_{\phi_\ell}(u_\ell, \delta_{\ell+1})$  ▷ Pseudo-acts/deltas
  - 7:      $\tilde{W}_\ell \leftarrow W_\ell - \tilde{\delta}_{\ell+1} \tilde{u}_\ell^\top$  ▷ Layer  $\ell$  model edit
  - 8:    $\tilde{\mathcal{W}} \leftarrow \{\tilde{W}_1, \dots, \tilde{W}_k\}$
  - 9:   **return**  $\tilde{\mathcal{W}}$  ▷ Return edited weights
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## Editing Very Large Transformer Models

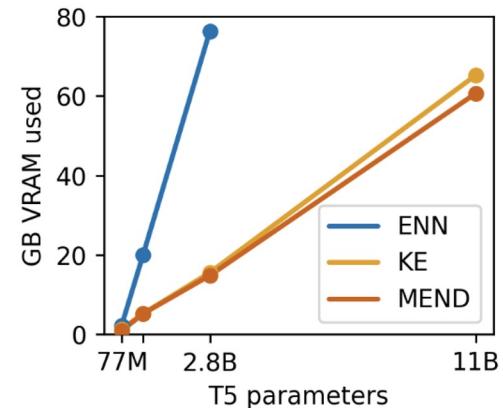
| Editor | Wikitext Generation |              |             |              | zsRE Question-Answering |           |              |           |
|--------|---------------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------------------|-----------|--------------|-----------|
|        | GPT-Neo (2.7B)      |              | GPT-J (6B)  |              | T5-XL (2.8B)            |           | T5-XXL (11B) |           |
| Editor | ES ↑                | ppl. DD ↓    | ES ↑        | ppl. DD ↓    | ES ↑                    | acc. DD ↓ | ES ↑         | acc. DD ↓ |
| FT     | 0.55                | 0.195        | 0.80        | 0.125        | 0.58                    | <0.001    | 0.87         | <0.001    |
| FT+KL  | 0.40                | <b>0.026</b> | 0.36        | 0.109        | 0.55                    | <0.001    | 0.85         | <0.001    |
| KE     | 0.00                | 0.137        | 0.01        | 0.068        | 0.03                    | <0.001    | 0.04         | <0.001    |
| MEND   | <b>0.81</b>         | 0.057        | <b>0.88</b> | <b>0.031</b> | <b>0.88</b>             | 0.001     | <b>0.89</b>  | <0.001    |



# Experiment / Result

## Editing Smaller Scale Model

| Editor | FEVER Fact-Checking |           | zsRE Question-Answering |           | Wikitext Generation |              |
|--------|---------------------|-----------|-------------------------|-----------|---------------------|--------------|
|        | BERT-base (110M)    | acc. DD ↓ | BART-base (139M)        | acc. DD ↓ | distilGPT-2 (82M)   | ppl. DD ↓    |
| FT     | 0.76                | <0.001    | 0.96                    | <0.001    | 0.29                | 0.938        |
| FT+KL  | 0.64                | <0.001    | 0.89                    | <0.001    | 0.17                | <b>0.059</b> |
| ENN    | <b>0.99</b>         | 0.003     | <b>0.99</b>             | <0.001    | <b>0.93</b>         | 0.094        |
| KE     | 0.95                | 0.004     | <b>0.98</b>             | <0.001    | 0.25                | 0.595        |
| MEND   | >0.99               | <0.001    | <b>0.98</b>             | 0.002     | 0.86                | 0.225        |



# Experiment / Result

## Batch Editing:

- MEND applies simultaneous edits by simply summing the parameter edit computed separately for each edit example.

| Edits | Edit Success ↑ |      | Acc. Drawdown ↓ |       |
|-------|----------------|------|-----------------|-------|
|       | ENN            | MEND | ENN             | MEND  |
| 1     | 0.99           | 0.98 | <0.001          | 0.002 |
| 5     | 0.94           | 0.97 | 0.007           | 0.005 |
| 25    | 0.35           | 0.89 | 0.005           | 0.011 |
| 75    | 0.16           | 0.78 | 0.005           | 0.011 |
| 125   | 0.11           | 0.67 | 0.006           | 0.012 |



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# Future Work / Limitation

Conclusion:

- MEND is the only editor model that can scale to very large LLM (10 billions +)
- Can make effective single input output pair edit
- Leverage the fact that gradients with respect to the fully-connected layers in neural networks are rank-1



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# Future Work / Limitation

Limitation:

1. Need to have a stronger reinforcement in locality
2. Logic reasoning, the edited answer may not transfer to similar question which implied this answer
3. Mostly used in short phrase prediction, fact checking / question answering
4. Which block or layer should we apply MEND, how do we determine that



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# Questions?