Differentiable Learning of Generalized Structured Matrices for Efficient Deep Neural Networks

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Use structured matrices for linear layers Wx to satisfy $cost(f) \leq B$.

• $\operatorname{cost}(W_{\operatorname{structured}}x) \ll \operatorname{cost}(W_{\operatorname{dense}}x)$





Optimal Layer-wise Structure Format for Better Accuracy-Efficiency Trade-off?



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Solution: Differentiable Learning Approach

Generalize, Parameterize, then Optimize Structure by Gradient Descent! ↓
Gaudi-GBLR Matrix

Generalized Block Low-Rank (GBLR) Matrix



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Block by Mask



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Faster Mult when Low Rank Blocks

Generalized Block Low-Rank

Faster Mult when Small Mask Widths

Differentiable Mask

Position of a Block = Two Gaussian-Dirichlet (Gaudi) Masks



• A Gaudi mask is fully differentiable with respect to the width and the starting point of the non-zero elements.

A GBLR matrix with Gaudi masks $\tilde{m}^{\sigma}_{(w^C_k, l^C_k)}, \tilde{m}^{\sigma}_{(w^C_k, l^C_k)}$:

$$oldsymbol{W}^{oldsymbol{ heta}} = \sum_{k=1}^{K} \left(ilde{oldsymbol{m}}^{\sigma}_{(w^R_k, l^R_k)} \odot oldsymbol{u}_k
ight) \left(ilde{oldsymbol{m}}^{\sigma}_{(w^C_k, l^C_k)} \odot oldsymbol{v}_k
ight)^T.$$

 $\mathrm{cost}(\mathit{W}^{\pmb{ heta}} \mathit{x}) \propto \mathsf{~sum~of~the~widths~of~the~masks}.$

Training Efficient DNN by Gaudi-GBLR Weights

- 1. Replace weights of a DNN f to Gaudi-GBLR matrices.
- 2. Penalize the sum of the width of the Gaudi masks during the training at each gradient descent step.

Learned Block Layout



Learned Block Layout of ViT-Base on ImageNet The brighter, the more overlaps among blocks.

Vision Tasks

- ImageNet Classification (1,000 classes)
- Replace weights of ViT-Base to Gaudi-GBLR matrices and fine-tune.
- Better accuracy-efficiency trade-off than fixed structured matrices.





- Language Generation-WikiText103
- Better performance while using fewer computations.

Perplexity by weight type of GPT-2 after fine-tuning on WikiText103.

Weight Type	Perplexity (\downarrow)	Relative FLOPs
Dense	19.36	100%
Low Rank	19.48	43.75%
Monarch	20.56	43.75%
Gaudi-GBLR	19.24	43.7%



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