

Estimating Model Uncertainty of Neural Networks in Sparse Information Form

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Knowledge for Tomorrow



Return distributions rather than a single, most likely prediction



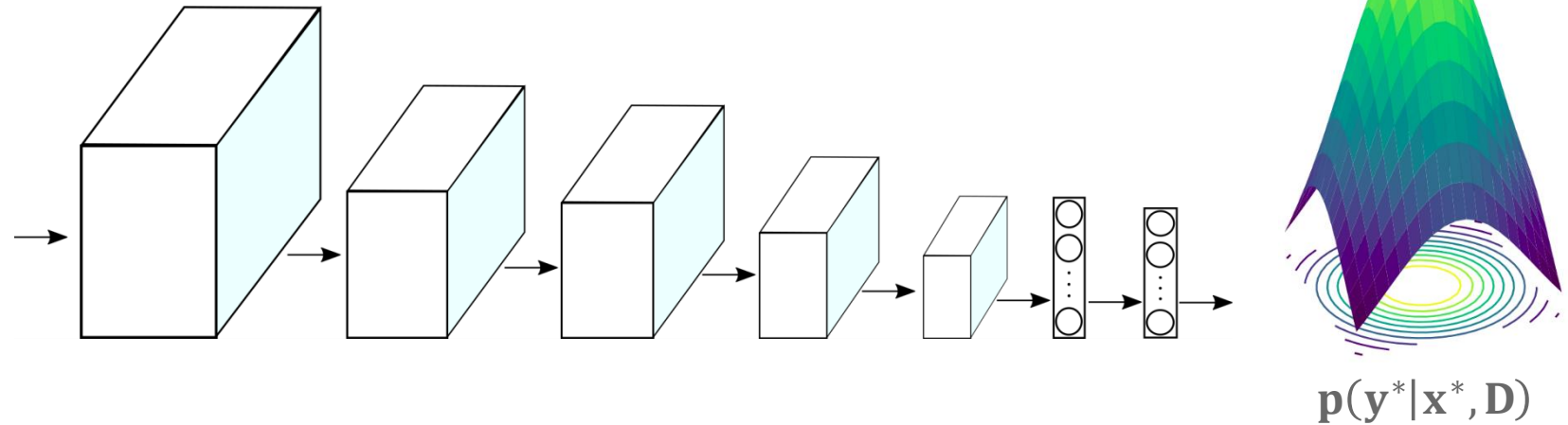
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Introduction to Bayesian Deep Learning



- Prior: $p(\theta)$

- Posterior:
$$p(\theta|\mathbf{D}) = \frac{p(y|x, \theta)p(\theta)}{p(\mathbf{D})}$$

- Prediction:
$$p(y^*|x^*, \mathbf{D}) = \int p(y^*|x^*, \theta)p(\theta|\mathbf{D})d\theta$$

Parameters of a neural network

Bayes Theorem

Marginalization



Main idea: represent the posterior distribution in information form

Moments

$$\Sigma = I^{-1}$$

$$\mu = I^{-1} \mu^{IV}$$

Covariance matrix and
mean vector

Information Form

$$I = \Sigma^{-1}$$

$$\mu^{IV} = \Sigma^{-1} \mu$$

Information matrix and
Information vector

$$\begin{aligned} \theta &\propto e^{-\frac{1}{2}(\theta - \mu)^T \Sigma^{-1} (\theta - \mu)} \\ &= e^{-\frac{1}{2} \theta^T \Sigma^{-1} \theta + \mu^T \Sigma^{-1} \theta} \\ &= e^{-\frac{1}{2} \theta^T I \theta + \mu^{IV} \theta} \end{aligned}$$

- Two different parameterizations for Gaussian distribution
- Propose to represent **the posterior** distribution in **the information form**



Main idea: Sparse Extended Information Filter [Thrun et al (2004)]



(a) Gaussian Bayesian tracking

(b) Dense covariance

(c) Sparse information matrix

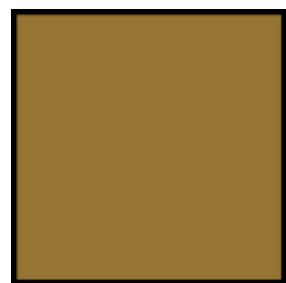
Extended Kalman Filter

- Tracks **mean** and **covariance**
- Covariance matrix is **dense**

Sparse Extended Information Filter

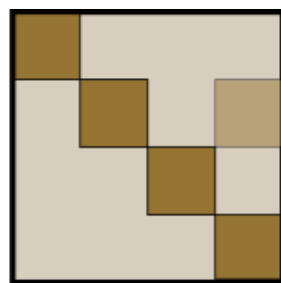
- Tracks **information vector** and **matrix**
- Information matrix is **sparse**:
 - Constant time updates
 - Linear memory complexity

Main idea: represent the posterior distribution in information form



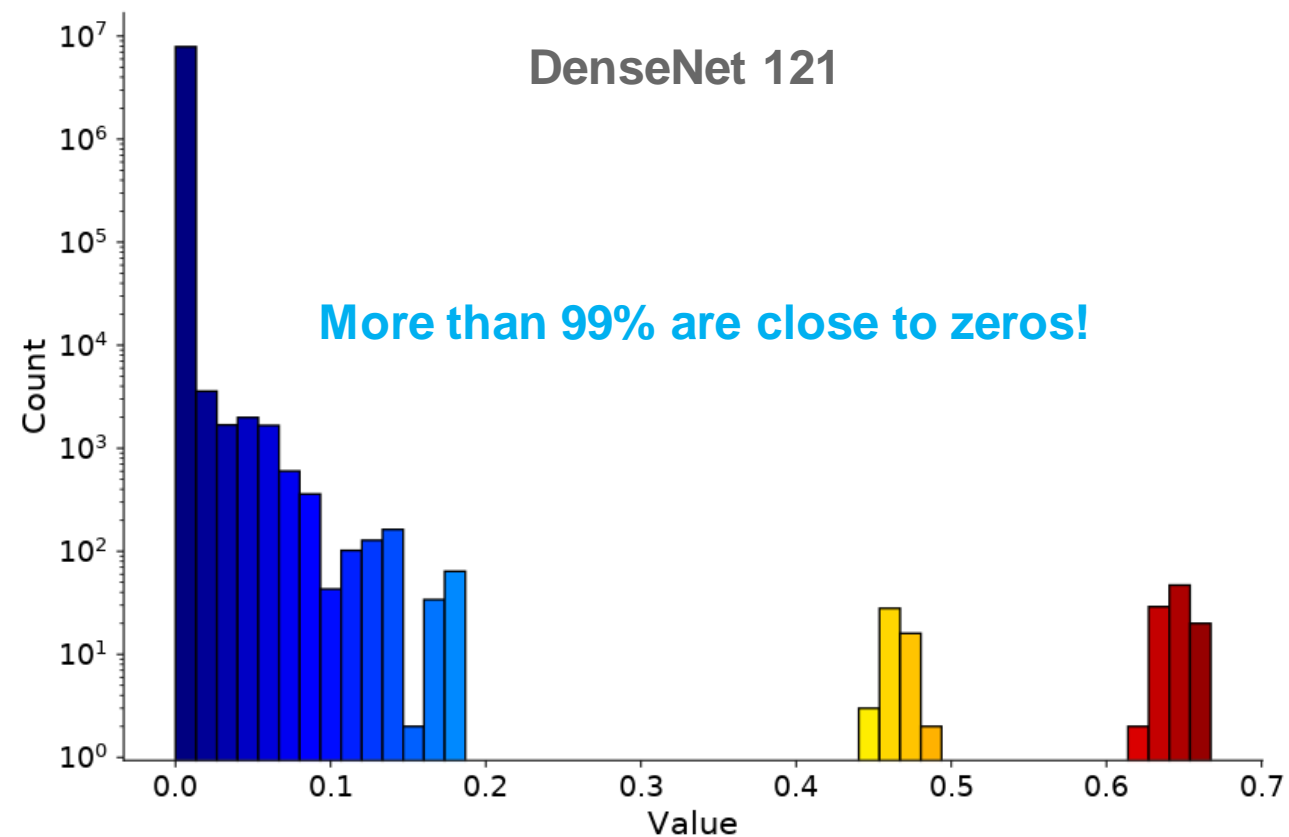
Covariance

Vs

Spectrally sparse
[Sagun et al 2018]

Sparse Information Form for Bayesian Deep Learning

- Inference using **scalable** Laplace Approximation
 - Theoretic guarantee on accuracy
- Information matrix is **spectrally sparse**:
 - Reduced space complexity
 - Competitive performance





[Thomas Bayes]



[Geoffrey Hinton]



[Sebastian Thrun]

**A sparse representation for deep neural networks posterior distribution,
and its scalable realization!**



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and its **scalable realization!**

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Approximate Inference in Information Form

- Approximate inference using Laplace Approximation:

$$p(\theta|\mathbf{D}) \sim \mathcal{N}(\theta_{\text{map}}, \mathbf{H}^{-1}) \quad \text{or} \quad \sim \mathcal{N}^{-1}(\theta_{\text{map}}^{\text{IV}}, \mathbf{H})^*$$

- Employ EFB [George et al 2018] to estimate the Hessian \mathbf{H} :

$$\mathbf{H} \approx \mathbf{I}_{\text{efb}} = (\mathbf{U}_A \otimes \mathbf{U}_G) \Lambda (\mathbf{U}_A \otimes \mathbf{U}_G)^T$$

\mathbf{U}_A is an eigenvector of $\mathbf{A} = \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{a}\mathbf{a}^T]$

\mathbf{U}_G is an eigenvector of $\mathbf{G} = \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{g}\mathbf{g}^T]$

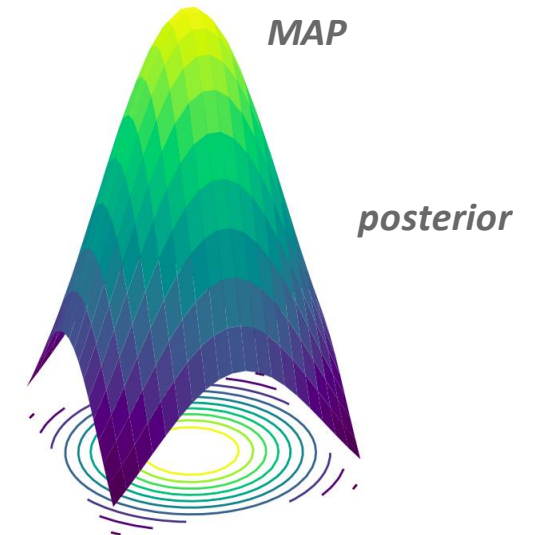
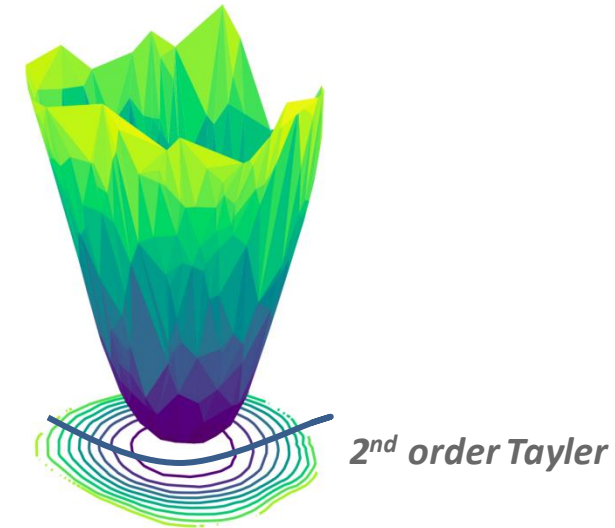
$$\Lambda_{ii} = \mathbb{E}\left[\left((\mathbf{U}_A \otimes \mathbf{U}_G)^T \delta\theta\right)_i^2\right]$$

EFB Fisher Information matrix

Forward pass

Backward pass

Eigenvalue updates



*We omit the prior term for the simplicity of the presentation



Approximate Inference in Information Form

- Diagonal elements of true Information matrix is known and easy to compute!

$$\mathbf{I} = \mathbb{E}[\delta\theta\delta\theta^T] \text{ by definition, and } \mathbf{I}_{ii} = \mathbb{E}[\delta\theta_i^2] \quad \forall i$$

Not true for the covariance matrix

- Resulting Kronecker-factored Eigen-decomposition plus diagonal structured information matrix:

$$\mathbf{I}_{\text{inf}} = (\mathbf{U}_A \otimes \mathbf{U}_G)\Lambda(\mathbf{U}_A \otimes \mathbf{U}_G)^T + \mathbf{D}^*$$

Exact on the diagonals

- This step brings a theoretical guarantee on improvements:

Lemma 1: theoretical guarantees regardless of the chosen data-set and architecture

Let \mathbf{I} be the real information matrix, and let \mathbf{I}_{inf} and \mathbf{I}_{efb} be the INF and EFB estimates of it respectively.

Then, it is guaranteed to have $\|\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{I}_{\text{efb}}\|_F \geq \|\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{I}_{\text{inf}}\|_F$



Low Rank Sampling Computations

- Computing the predictive uncertainty requires samples from the posterior

$$p(\mathbf{y}^*|\mathbf{x}^*, \mathbf{D}) = \int p(\mathbf{y}^*|\mathbf{x}^*, \boldsymbol{\theta})p(\boldsymbol{\theta}|\mathbf{D})d\boldsymbol{\theta}$$

Samples from the information form

$$\approx \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \mathbf{y}^*(\mathbf{x}^*, \boldsymbol{\theta}_t^s) \quad \text{for} \quad \boldsymbol{\theta}_t^s \sim \mathcal{N}^{-1}(\boldsymbol{\theta}_{\text{map}}^{\text{IV}}, \mathbf{I}_{\text{inf}})$$

Monte-carlo integration

- A naive approach is not sufficient if there are many parameters (e.g. millions)

1. Evaluate the matrix: $\mathbf{I}_{\text{inf}} = (\mathbf{U}_A \otimes \mathbf{U}_G)\boldsymbol{\Lambda}(\mathbf{U}_A \otimes \mathbf{U}_G)^T + \mathbf{D}$

O(N²): infeasible

2. Perform Cholesky decomposition: $\mathbf{I}_{\text{inf}}^{-1} = \mathbf{F}_c \mathbf{F}_c^T$

O(N³): infeasible

3. Draw samples from the distribution: $\boldsymbol{\theta}_t^s = \boldsymbol{\theta}_{\text{MAP}} + \mathbf{F}_c \mathbf{X}^1$ with \mathbf{X}^1 the samples of a standard Gaussian



Low Rank Sampling Computations

- **Step 1: low rank approximation while saving Kronecker products in eigenvectors:**

$$\left(\begin{array}{|c|} \hline \text{Green Box} \\ \hline \end{array} \otimes \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \text{Purple Box} \\ \hline \end{array} \right) \overbrace{\left(\begin{array}{|c|} \hline \text{Red Box} \\ \hline \end{array} \right)^T}^{N \times N} \approx \left(\begin{array}{|c|} \hline \text{Green Box} \\ \hline \end{array} \otimes \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \text{Purple Box} \\ \hline \end{array} \right) \overbrace{\left(\begin{array}{|c|} \hline \text{Red Box} \\ \hline \end{array} \right)^T}^{L \times L}$$

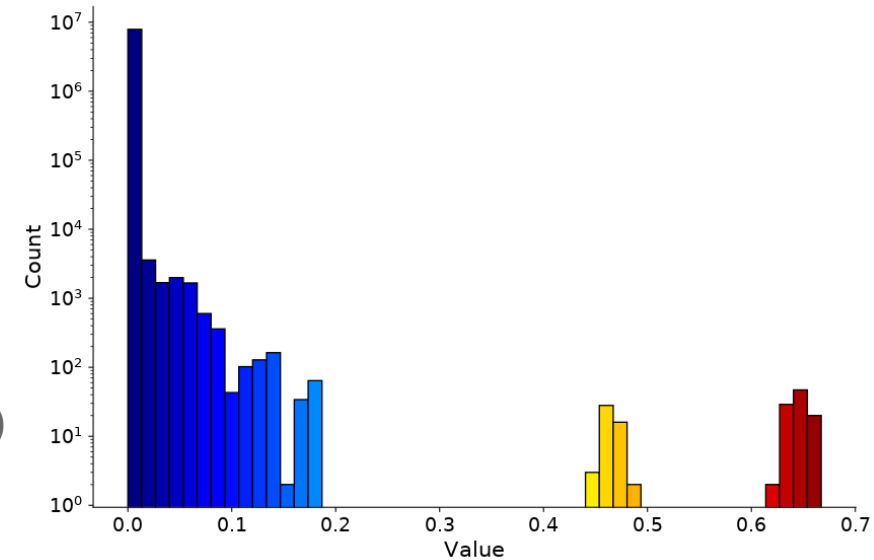
$$(\mathbf{U}_A \otimes \mathbf{U}_G) \Lambda (\mathbf{U}_A \otimes \mathbf{U}_G)^T \approx (\mathbf{U}_a \otimes \mathbf{U}_g) \Lambda_{1:L} (\mathbf{U}_a \otimes \mathbf{U}_g)^T$$

Differs from $(\mathbf{U}_A \otimes \mathbf{U}_G)_{1:L} \Lambda_{1:1} (\mathbf{U}_A \otimes \mathbf{U}_G)^T$

- **Step 2: samples with much lower cost and insignificant errors!**

$$\theta_t^s = \theta_{\text{MAP}} + \mathbf{F}_c \mathbf{X}^l$$

$$\mathbf{F}_c = \mathbf{D}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \left(\mathbf{I}_{nm} - \mathbf{D}^{-\frac{1}{2}} (\mathbf{U}_a \otimes \mathbf{U}_g) \Lambda_{1:L}^{\frac{1}{2}} (\mathbf{C}^{-1} + \mathbf{V}_s^T \mathbf{V}_s)^{-1} \Lambda_{1:L}^{\frac{1}{2}} (\mathbf{U}_a \otimes \mathbf{U}_g)^T \mathbf{D}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \right)$$

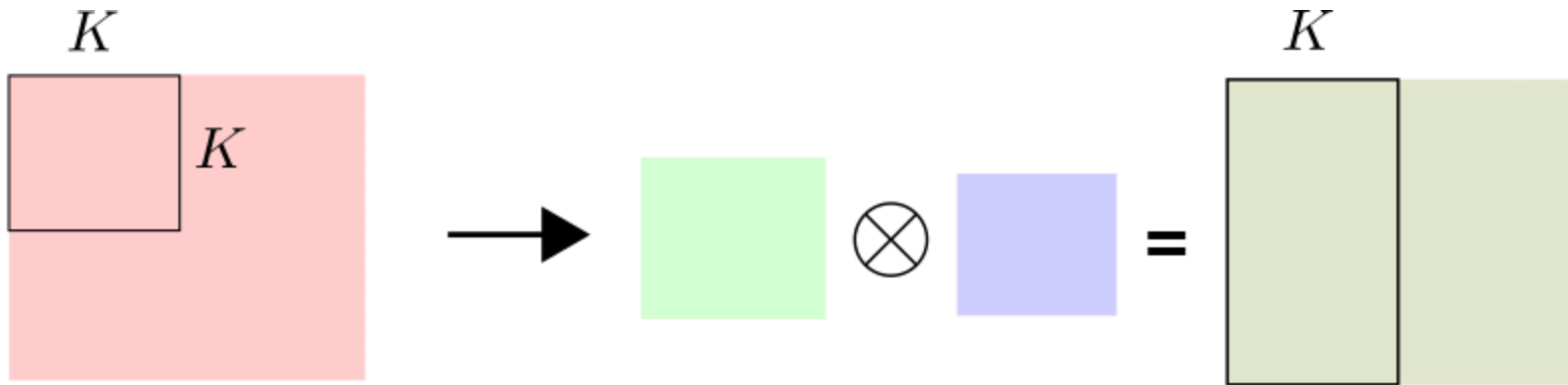


Sparsification algorithm

- How to perform low rank approximation on the Kronecker-factored eigendecomposition?

$$(\mathbf{U}_A \otimes \mathbf{U}_G) \Lambda (\mathbf{U}_A \otimes \mathbf{U}_G)^T \approx (\mathbf{U}_a \otimes \mathbf{U}_g) \Lambda_{1:L} (\mathbf{U}_a \otimes \mathbf{U}_g)^T$$

- Conventional low rank approximation such as singular value decomposition:



1. Find K top eigenvalues.
2. Select corresponding eigenvectors.

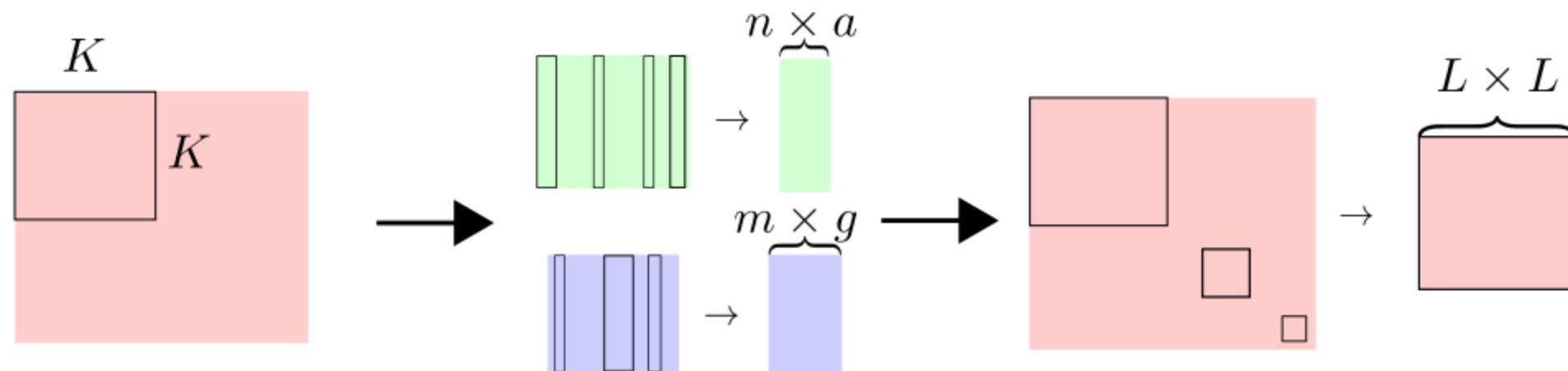
1. Select the top L eigenvalues and then: $\Lambda \approx \Lambda_{1:L}$

2. Using the indices of L eigenvalues, $\mathbf{V} = (\mathbf{U}_A \otimes \mathbf{U}_G)$ and $\mathbf{V} \approx \mathbf{V}_{1:L}$

Cannot preserve Kronecker structure!



Sparsification algorithm



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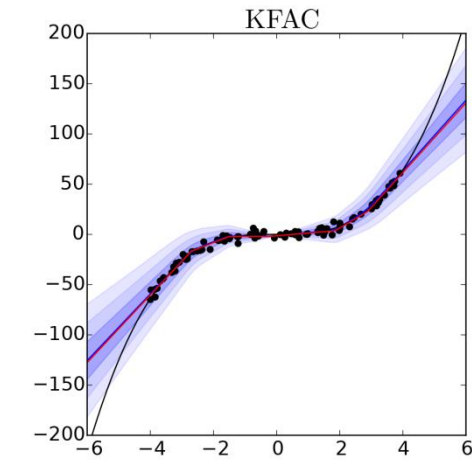
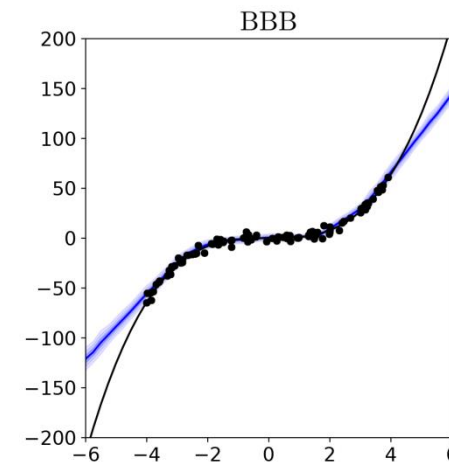
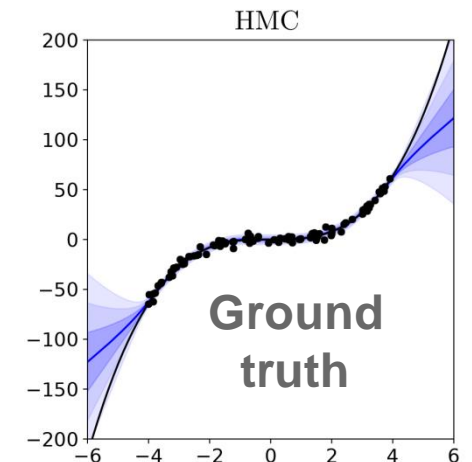
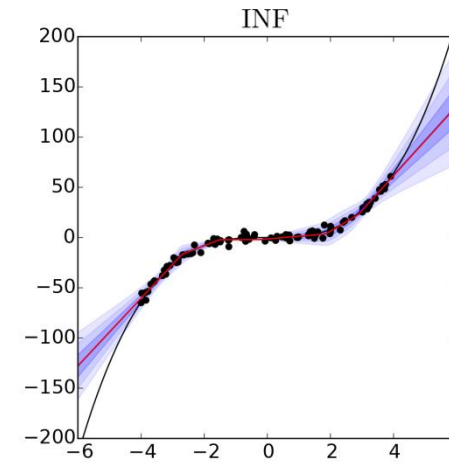
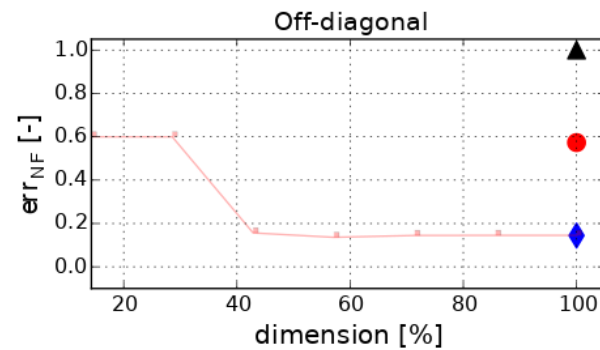
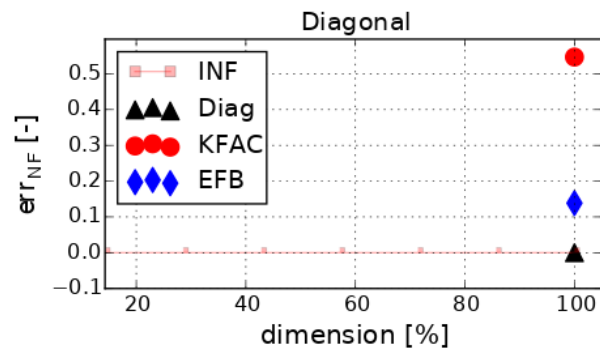
2. Select corresponding eigenvectors.

3. Select remaining eigenvalues.



Experiments on toy regression

- A single layer neural network trained on a synthetic data
- Errors \uparrow Predictive Uncertainty \uparrow
- Errors \downarrow Predictive Uncertainty \downarrow
- Improved estimates of predictive uncertainty and the information matrix



Experiments on MNIST and CIFAR10*

Table 2. Results of classification experiments. Accuracy and ECE are evaluated on in-domain distribution (MNIST and CIFAR10) whereas entropy is evaluated on out-of-distribution (notMNIST and SHVN). Lower the better for ECE. Higher the better for entropy.

Experiment	Measure	NN	Diag	KFAC	MC-dropout	Ensemble	EFB	INF
MNIST vs notMNIST	<i>Accuracy</i>	0.993	0.9935	0.9929	0.9929	0.9937	0.9929	0.9927
	<i>ECE</i>	0.395	0.0075	0.0078	0.0105	0.0635	0.012	0.0069
	<i>Entropy</i>	0.055±0.133	0.555 ± 0.196	0.599 ± 0.199	0.562 ± 0.19	0.596 ± 0.133	0.618 ± 0.185	0.635 ± 0.19
CIFAR10 vs SHVN	<i>Accuracy</i>	0.8606	0.8659	0.8572	N/A	0.8651	0.8638	0.8646
	<i>ECE</i>	0.0819	0.0358	0.0351	N/A	0.0809	0.0343	0.0084
	<i>Entropy</i>	0.245 ± 0.215	0.4129 ± 0.197	0.408 ± 0.197	N/A	0.370 ± 0.192	0.417 ± 0.196	0.4338 ± 0.18

- Convolutional Neural Network trained MNIST and CIFAR10 datasets
- Calibration performance for in-domain (MNIST and CIFAR10)
- Normalized entropy for out-domain datasets (notMNIST and SHVN)

*More experiments on small-scale data such as active learning on UCI can be found in the paper



Experiments on ImageNet

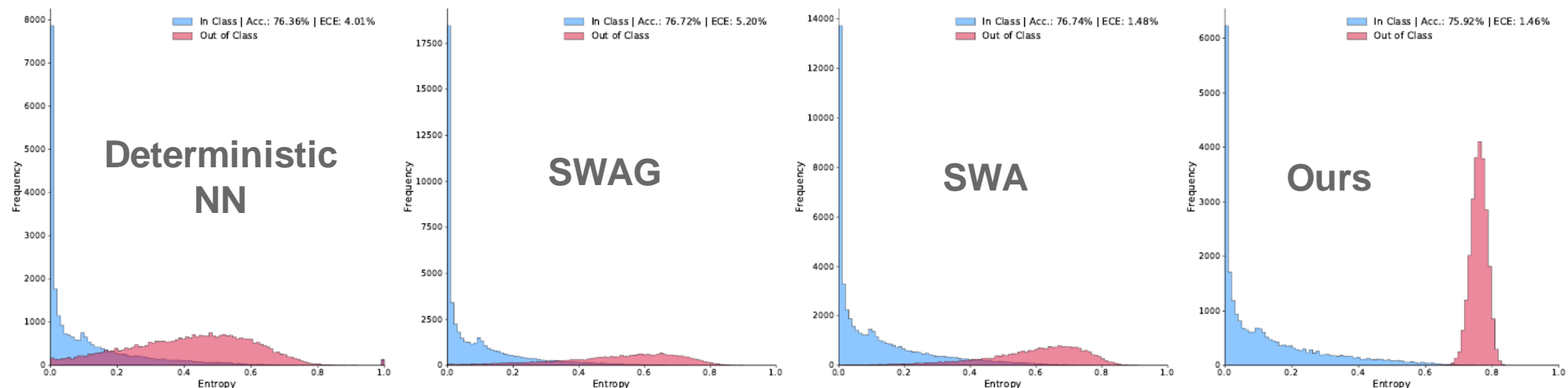


Table 3. Network Space Complexity Comparison: The total number of information matrix parameters and its size in MB are reported for ResNet and DenseNet variants. Lower the better. Here, we also check if the methods take into account the weight correlations (corr).

Model	Diag			KFAC			EFB			INF		
	#Parameters	Size	Corr	#Parameters	Size	Corr	#Parameters	Size	Corr	#Parameters	Size	Corr
ResNet18	11,679,912	44.6	X	95,013,546	362.4	✓	106,693,458	407.0	✓	12,317,373	47.0	✓
ResNet50	25,503,912	97.3	X	153,851,562	586.9	✓	179,355,474	684.2	✓	27,614,896	105.3	✓
ResNet152	60,041,384	229.0	X	389,519,018	1485.9	✓	449,560,402	1714.9	✓	65,558,402	250.1	✓
DenseNet121	7,895,208	30.1	X	103,094,954	393.3	✓	110,990,162	423.4	✓	9,711,081	37.0	✓
DenseNet161	28,461,064	108.6	X	379,105,514	1446.2	✓	407,566,578	1554.7	✓	32,329,191	123.3	✓



Main contributions

- A novel sparse representation of the posterior distribution for deep neural networks
- Mathematical tools from approximate inference, low rank approximation to sampling computations
- Main msg: **information form of Gaussian** can bring certain **benefits** for Bayesian neural networks



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