Understanding Impacts of High-Order Loss Approximations and Features in Deep Learning Interpretation

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Saliency map to highlight salient features

We need to explain AI decisions to humans



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Can efficiently compute Hessian vector product

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• **Theorem:** If the probability of the predicted class is close to one and the number of classes is large:

$$\Delta^* \approx c \mathbf{g}_{\mathbf{x}} \implies \mathbf{Second-Order} \approx \mathbf{First-Order}$$

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SE-RESNET-50 (uses **Sigmoid**)

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Use proximal gradient descent to optimize the objective.

Select the λ_1 value that induces sparsity within a range (0.75, 1).

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Conclusions

- A new formulation for interpretation
 - Second-Order information
 - Group Features
- Efficient Computation

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