IIT:

Learned Intermediate representation Training for Model Compression

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This talk: achieving higher compression on modern deep networks

Deep networks can be compressed to reduce inference costs

e.g., deep compression, knowledge distillation, FitNets, ...



Knowledge distillation

Knowledge

Teacher

Student

These methods are largely architecture agnostic

LIT: Learned Intermediate-representation Training for modern, very deep networks



Modern networks have highly repetitive sections – can we compress them?

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LIT penalizes deviations in intermediate representations of architectures with the same width

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LIT uses the **output** of the teacher model's **previous section** as input to the student model's **current section**

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LIT can compress StarGAN up to 1.8x

Model	Inception score	FID score
	(higher is better)	(lower is better)
Teacher (18)	3.49	6.43
LIT student (10)	3.56	5.84
L2 student (10)	3.46	6.47
From scratch (10)	3.37	6.56
Rand init (10)	2.63	94.00
Rand init (18)	2.45	151.43

Student model outperforms teacher in Inception/FID score

LIT can compress GANs up to 1.8x



Student model also outperforms teacher in qualitative evaluation

Conclusions

Neural networks are becoming more expensive to deploy

- LIT is a novel technique that combines both:
- 1. Intermediate representations and
- 2. matching outputs

that improves training to give 3-5x compression for many tasks

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