

# Fully Nested Neural Network for Adaptive Compression and Quantization - Proof

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**Proposition 1.** *Using the settings and notations in Section 2.3, maximizing the data log-likelihood is equivalent to maximizing the mutual information between ground-truth  $y$  and the prediction  $\hat{y}$ , i.e.,*

$$\max_{\Theta} \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{x}, y \sim p_{\mathbf{x}, y}} \log p_{\Theta}(y|\mathbf{x}) \Leftrightarrow \max_{\Theta} \mathbb{I}(y, \hat{y}). \quad (1)$$

*Proof.* The structure of  $p_{\Theta}(y|\mathbf{x})$  is given by

$$\begin{aligned} p_{\Theta}(y|\mathbf{x}) &= \int p_{\Theta}(y|\hat{y})p_{\Theta}(\hat{y}|\mathbf{x})d\hat{y} \\ &= \int p_{\Theta}(y|\hat{y})\delta_{f_{M,\Theta}(\mathbf{x})}(\hat{y})d\hat{y} \\ &= p_0(y|f_{M,\Theta}(\mathbf{x})) \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

where  $\delta_{f_{M,\Theta}(\mathbf{x})}(\hat{y}) = \delta(\hat{y} - f_{M,\Theta}(\mathbf{x}))$ ,  $f_{M,\Theta}(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^M \mathbf{v}_i \sigma(\mathbf{U}_i^T \mathbf{x})$ . That is, given an input  $\mathbf{x}_0$ ,  $p_{\Theta}(y|\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}_0) = p_0(y|\hat{y} = f_{M,\Theta}(\mathbf{x}_0))$  are the same. The joint probability

$$p_{\Theta}(y, \hat{y}) = p_{\Theta}(y|\hat{y})p_{\Theta}(\hat{y}) = p_0(y|\hat{y})p_{\Theta}(\hat{y}) \quad (3)$$

The MLE objective is,

$$\max_{\Theta} \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{x}, y \sim p_{\mathbf{x}, y}} \log p_{\Theta}(y|\mathbf{x}). \quad (4)$$

The mutual information between ground  $y$  and prediction  $\hat{y}$  can be written as,

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{\Theta} \mathbb{I}(y, \hat{y}) &= \max_{\Theta} \mathbb{H}(y) - \mathbb{H}(y|\hat{y}) \\ &= \max_{\Theta} -\mathbb{H}(y|\hat{y}) \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

We can write,

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{H}(y|\hat{y}) &= \mathbb{E}_{y,\hat{y}\sim p_{\Theta}(y,\hat{y})} - \log p_{\Theta}(y|\hat{y}) \\
&= \mathbb{E}_y \mathbb{E}_{y|\hat{y}} - \log p_0(y|\hat{y}) \\
&= \mathbb{E}_y \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{x}|y} \mathbb{E}_{\hat{y}|\mathbf{x}} - \log p_0(y|\hat{y})
\end{aligned} \tag{6}$$

where the second equation is due to Eq. 3.

Note that  $\hat{y}|\mathbf{x} \sim \delta_{f_{M,\Theta}(\mathbf{x})}$  leads to

$$\mathbb{E}_{\hat{y}|\mathbf{x}} - \log p_0(y|\hat{y}) = -\log p_0(y|f_{M,\Theta}(\mathbf{x})) = -\log p_{\Theta}(y|\mathbf{x}) \tag{7}$$

where the second equation is due to Eq. 2 again.

Now, we see that

$$\max_{\Theta} \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{x},y\sim p_{\mathbf{x},y}} \log p_{\Theta}(y|\mathbf{x}) \Leftrightarrow \max_{\Theta} -\mathbb{H}(y|\hat{y}) \Leftrightarrow \max_{\Theta} \mathbb{I}(y,\hat{y}). \tag{8}$$

Thus Eq. 1 holds.  $\square$

**Corollary 1.** *Using the setting and notations in Section 2.3, by applying ordered dropout on the element of  $\mathbf{v}$ , the maximum likelihood objective (LHS Eq. 1) is equivalent to*

$$\max_{\Theta} \mathbb{I}_1 + \frac{1}{M} \sum_{c=2}^M (M-c)(\mathbb{I}_c - \mathbb{I}_{c-1}), \tag{9}$$

where  $\mathbb{I}_c = \mathbb{I}(y, f_c(\mathbf{x}))$ ,  $f_c(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^c b(\mathbf{x}; \mathbf{U}_i, \mathbf{v}_i) = \sum_{i=1}^c \mathbf{v}_i \sigma(\mathbf{U}_i^T \mathbf{x})$ .

*Proof.* By assigning the  $\mathcal{C}(\cdot)$  over the indices of elements in  $\mathbf{v}$ , Eq. 1 is written as

$$\max_{\Theta} \mathbb{E}_{c\sim\mathcal{C}} \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{x},y\sim p_{\mathbf{x},y}} \log p_{\Theta}(y|\mathbf{x}) \Leftrightarrow \max_{\Theta} \mathbb{E}_{c\sim\mathcal{C}} \mathbb{I}(y, f_c(\mathbf{x})) \tag{10}$$

Let the  $\mathcal{C}(\cdot)$  be with uniform probability parameter  $\frac{1}{M}$ , the objective becomes

$$\max_{\Theta} \sum_c \frac{1}{M} \mathbb{I}_c, \tag{11}$$

which is expanded as

$$\max_{\Theta} \mathbb{I}_1 + (1 - \frac{1}{M})(\mathbb{I}_2 - \mathbb{I}_1) + (1 - \frac{2}{M})(\mathbb{I}_3 - \mathbb{I}_2) \cdots + (1 - \frac{M-1}{M})(\mathbb{I}_M - \mathbb{I}_{M-1}) \tag{12}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \max_{\Theta} \mathbb{I}_1 + \frac{1}{M} \sum_{c=2}^M (M-c)(\mathbb{I}_c - \mathbb{I}_{c-1}) \tag{13}$$

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