# Optimization and deployment of NN

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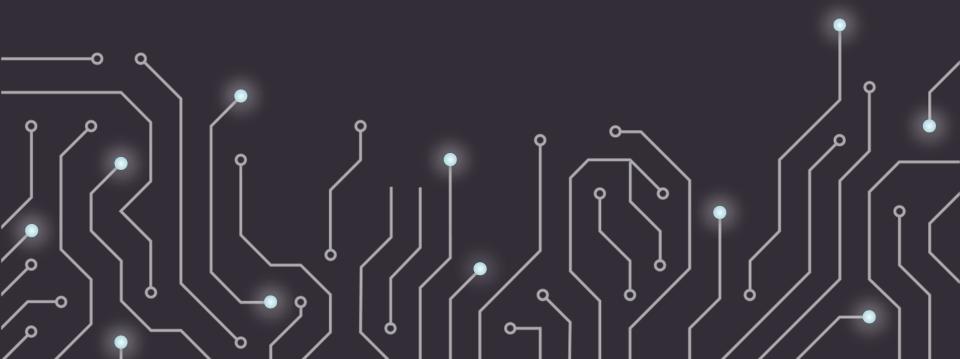
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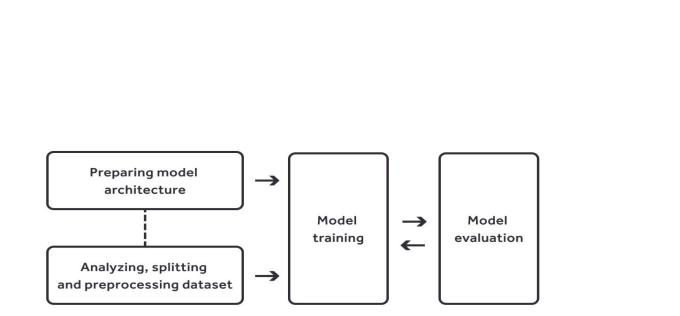


**TensorFlow** 

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#### DEEP LEARNING DEPLOYMENT PROCESS





#### **POSSIBLE TARGET PLATFORMS**

- Cloud platforms GPU/TPU
- Desktop PCs GPU/iGPU/CPU
- Single board/module computers
- CPU: Raspberry Pi boards (ARM), HiFive boards (RISC-V), ...
- GPU/eGPU: NVIDIA Jetson platforms, Asus Tinkerboard
- Edge TPU: Google Coral
- External acceleration modules:
- Intel: Neural Compute Stick, Myriad
- Google: Google Coral TPUs (module or USB)
- Hailo Al accelerators
- FPGAs
- Open source accelerators:
- Apache VTA <u>https://github.com/apache/tvm-vta</u>
- Kelvin <u>https://opensecura.googlesource.com/hw/kelvin/</u>
- Microcontrollers







# WHY RUNNING DNN CAN BE DIFFICULT?

- High memory demand
- High computational demand
- Size vs quality trade-off
- Frameworks for NN development and training are large and memory demanding on their own
- Hardware does not support floating-point arithmetic, or runs it extremely slow









#### WHY RUNNING DNN LOCALLY?

- Cloud independence solution is offline
- Security and privacy no potentially sensitive data is sent to a remote location
- Latency passing data to the Cloud significantly increases processing time
- **Reliability** the network communication is unreliable
- Scalability in the long run, IoT-based machine learning solutions are far more scalable than centralized cloud solutions
- Miniaturization
- Cost and energy efficiency

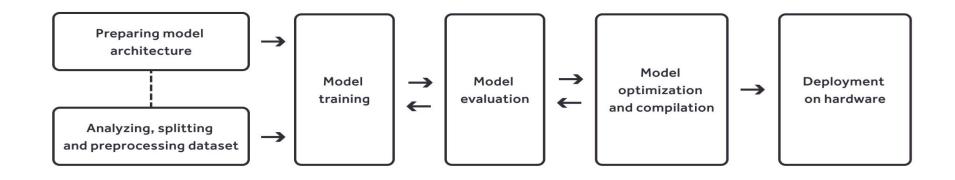






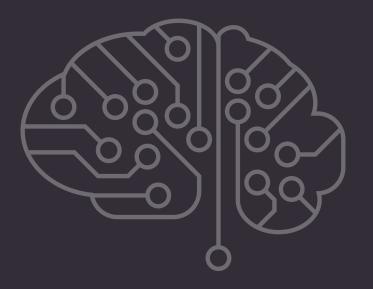


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#### MODEL COMPRESSION ALGORITHMS



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#### • Reasons for large sizes of models:

- High-precision weights
- Lower cost of imposing regularization techniques and other overfitting-preventing strategies compared to several iterations of small model development
- Possible fields of improvement:
  - Lower number of bits per weight
  - Removal of insignificant weights/tensors
  - Making tensors compression-friendly
- Possible benefits:
  - Smaller size in storage
  - Smaller size in memory
  - Faster inference
- Possible problems:
  - Worse quality of predictions
  - Slower inference

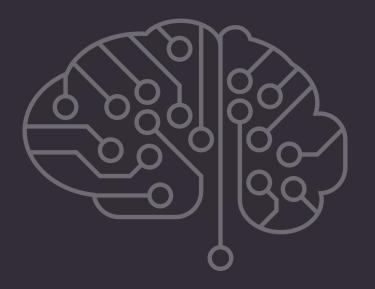


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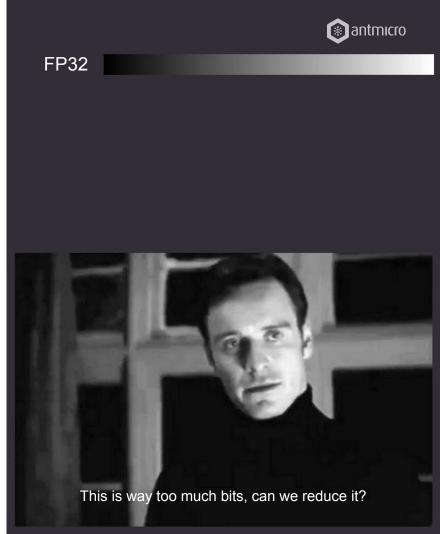
- Quantization
- Pruning
- Knowledge distillation
- Clustering
- Low-rank approximation
- ...



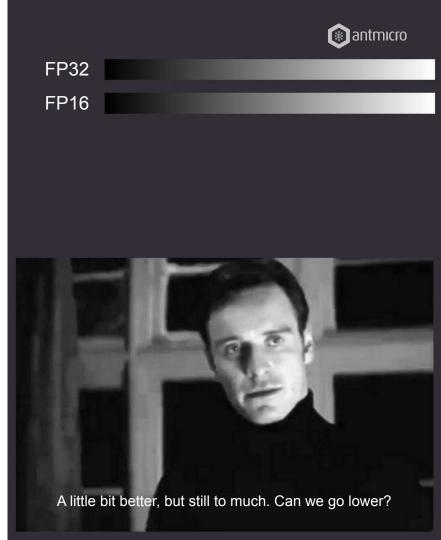




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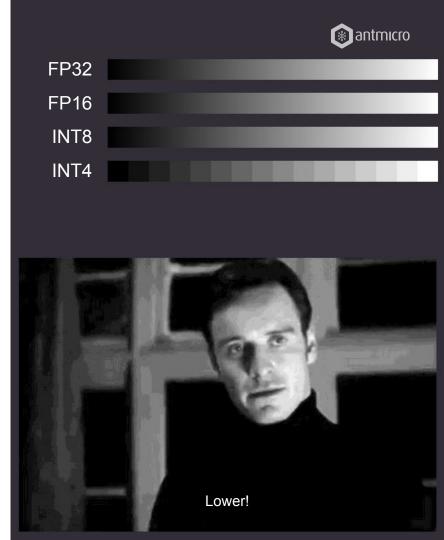
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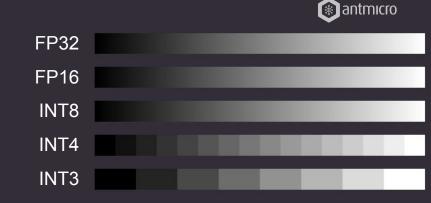
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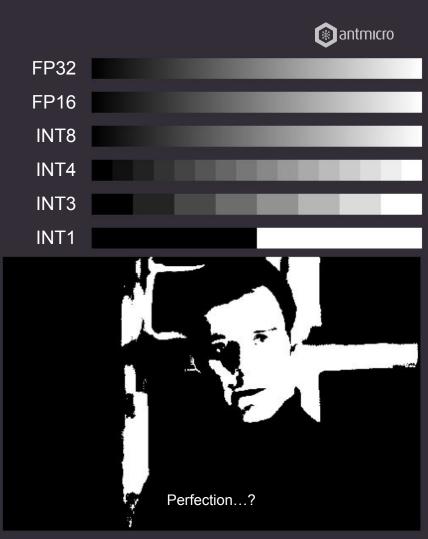


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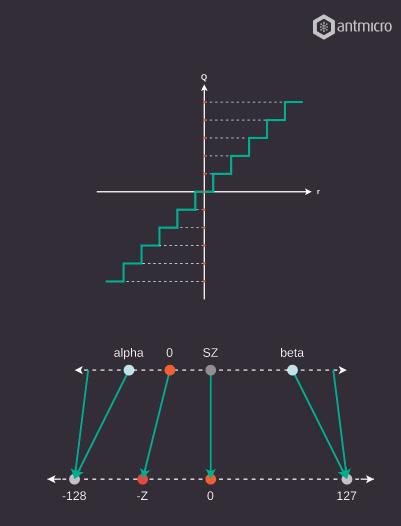


#### **QUANTIZING VALUES**

- Uniform quantization even distribution of values in range from alpha to beta, most common quantization approach
- Uniform quantization formula:

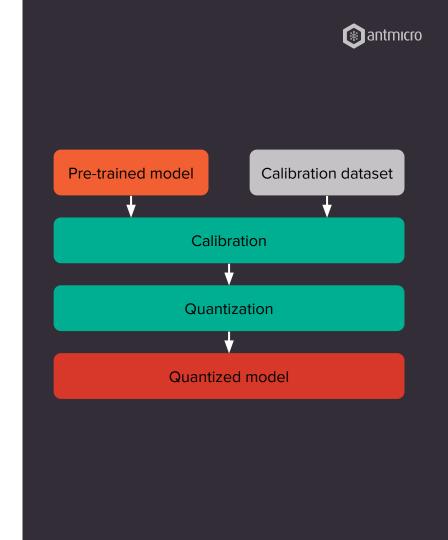
$$Q(r) = Int(\frac{r}{s}) + Z$$

- Where:
- Int function mapping real value to an integer (using i.e. rounding or truncation)
- S scaling factor (floating point value)
- Z zero point (integer value)
- Hyperparameters to establish: scaling factor and zero point



#### **POST-TRAINING QUANTIZATION**

- Post-training quantization is the process of computing quantization parameters (clipping ranges/scale factors/zero points) based on a fixed pre-trained model and a calibration dataset
- Model is not trained in the process
- Calibration dataset:
- Can be relatively small (much smaller than training dataset)
- Should be representative (should be as diverse as possible, i.e. providing at least few samples for each class)
- Does not in general needs to be labeled (in supervised learning)



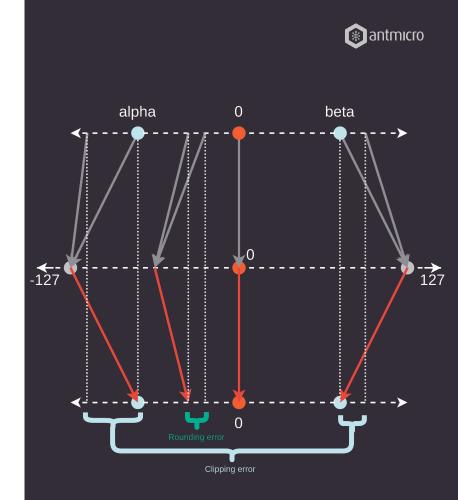
#### **POST-TRAINING QUANTIZATION**

$$S = \frac{\beta - \alpha}{2^b - 1} \qquad \qquad Q(r) = Int(\frac{r}{s}) - Z$$

- Calibration is the process of determining the clipping range, and based on this S and Z parameters
- Approaches:
- Min-max range (prone to outliers):

 $\alpha = min(R)$  $\beta = max(R)$ 

- Exponential moving average (EMA)
- Optimization-based methods

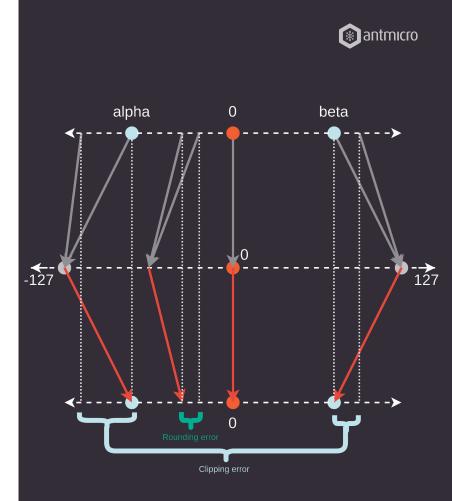


#### OPTIMIZATION-BASED POST-TRAINING QUANTIZATION

• Exponential moving average:

$$S_0 = X_0$$
  
 $S_t = decay * S_{t-1} + (1 - decay) * X_t$ 

- Where:
- S<sub>t</sub> is the current average value
- X<sub>t</sub> is the current sample
- Decay is the smoothing factor telling how fast the previous observations fade when exposed to new data
- In EMA approach, we collect ranges of values in each activation tensor and compute  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  using EMA on observed values with decay value close to 1.0

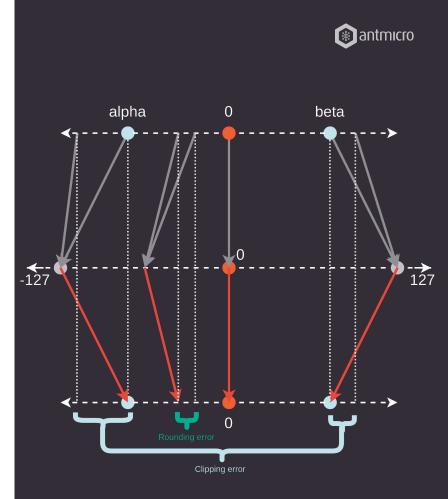


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• Optimization-based methods:

$$argmin_{\alpha,\beta}\mathcal{L}(R, \widehat{R}(\alpha,\beta))$$

- Where:
- R is the set of real values to find the conversion parameters for (weights, activation values)
- $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are the clipping range for real values
- $R(\alpha, \beta)$  is the set of **dequantized** R values using the clipping range
- $\mathcal L$  is the loss function for quantization parameters:
  - Mean-squared error
  - Cross-entropy
  - Kullback-Leibler divergence (relative entropy)





### SYMMETRIC VS ASYMMETRIC QUANTIZATION

#### SYMMETRIC

 $Q(r) = Int(\frac{r}{s}) + Z$ 

ASYMMETRIC

- Z = 0
- -α=β
- The simplest case:

 $-\alpha = \beta = max(|r_{max}|, |r_{min}|)$ 

- r<sub>max</sub>, r<sub>min</sub> are either max and min values of weights, or max and min observed values during calibration process
- Widely adopted in weights quantization
- Performs well only if distribution of values is not skewed, otherwise the symmetric clipping may significantly reduce the mapping quality

- Z≠0
  -α≠β
- The simplest case:

$$\alpha = r_{min}$$
$$\beta = r_{max}$$

- Adopted for activation values quantization
- More general, more flexible (due to the offset Z)
- Often has a significantly tighter clipping range, which is important when the quantized values are imbalanced, i.e. ReLU activation values



# Is there any benefit to using symmetric quantization instead of asymmetric quantization?



#### SYMMETRIC VS ASYMMETRIC QUANTIZATION

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#### **ASYMMETRIC**

$$\begin{split} Y_{r} &= W_{r}X_{r} \\ s_{Y}(Y - z_{Y}) &= s_{W}(W - z_{W})s_{X}(X - z_{X}) \\ s_{Y}(Y - z_{Y}) &= s_{W}s_{X}(WX - Wz_{X} - Xz_{W} + z_{W}z_{X}) \\ Y &= \frac{s_{W}s_{X}}{s_{Y}}WX - \frac{s_{W}s_{X}}{s_{Y}}Wz_{X} - \frac{s_{W}s_{X}}{s_{Y}}Xz_{W} + \frac{s_{W}s_{X}}{s_{Y}}z_{W}z_{X} + z_{Y} \end{split}$$

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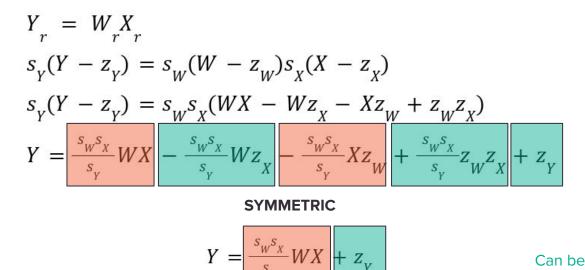
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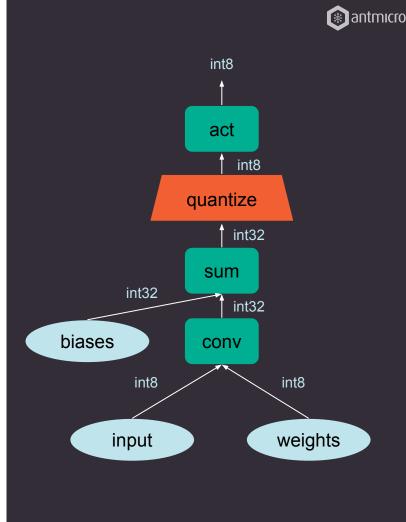
 $+ Z_{v}$ 

Can be pre-computed Can't be pre-computed

## FULLY QUANTIZED INFERENCE

- **Quantizers** are blocks that quantize or requantize the input signals
- To prevent overflows, the convolution results and biases are represented as 32-bit integers (sum of int8 products requires a 32-bit accumulator)
- TensorFlow Lite CONV\_2D specification (<u>check TFLite spec</u>):

```
CONV_2D
  Input 0:
    data_type : int8
              : [-128, 127]
    range
    granularity: per-tensor
  Input 1 (Weight):
    data_type : int8
    range
               : [-127, 127]
    granularity: per-axis (dim = 0)
    restriction: zero_point = 0
  Input 2 (Bias):
    data_type : int32
               : [int32_min, int32_max]
    range
    granularity: per-axis
    restriction: (scale, zero_point) = (input0_scale * input1_scale[...], 0)
  Output 0:
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• Formula for quantized GEMM output:

$$Y = \frac{s_{w}s_{x}}{s_{y}} (W - z_{w})(X - z_{x}) + z_{y} = \frac{s_{w}s_{x}}{s_{y}} * res + z_{y}$$

• The scales are grouped into M:

$$M = \frac{s_W s_X}{s_Y} \in (0, 1)$$

• Since we operate on integers (INT8 in general, INT32 for intermediate results), M is represented as:

 $M = multiplier * 2^{-shift}$ 

• Where multiplier is:

multiplier  $\in [0.5, 1.0)$ 

• And is later stored as:

 $m = multiplier * 2^{31}$ 

• In the end, the res is scaled as follows:

 $Y = (((res * m) + round) >> (31 - shift)) + z_v$ 

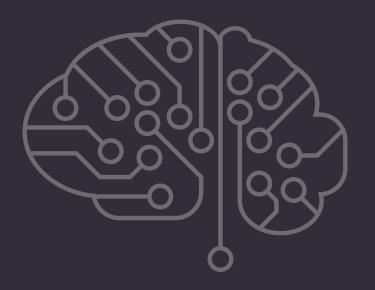


#### QUANTIZATION RESULTS TENSORFLOW MODEL OPTIMIZATION TOOLKIT

Model	FP32 Accuracy	FP32 size (MB)	INT8 Accuracy	INT8 size (MB)
MobileNetV2	0.8056691196511311	16	0.7756881984191878	5
MobileNetV3 small	0.8323793949304987	13	0.5622785500136277	4
ResNet50	0.7816843826655765	100	0.7835922594712456	26
InceptionV3	0.8833469610248024	94	0.8629054238212047	24
XCeption	0.8661760697737804	90	0.8195693649495776	24

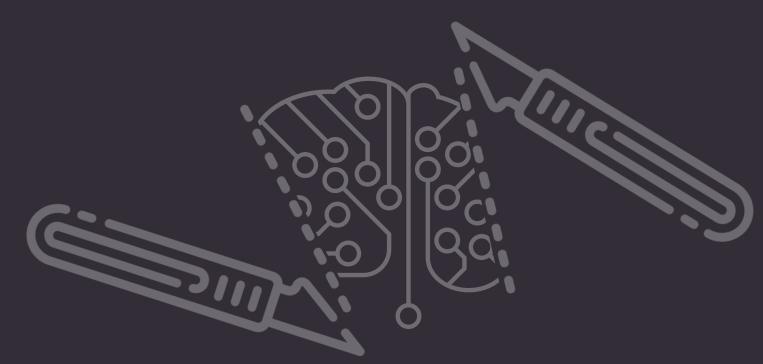


#### **NETWORK PRUNING**





#### **OPTIMAL BRAIN DAMAGE**



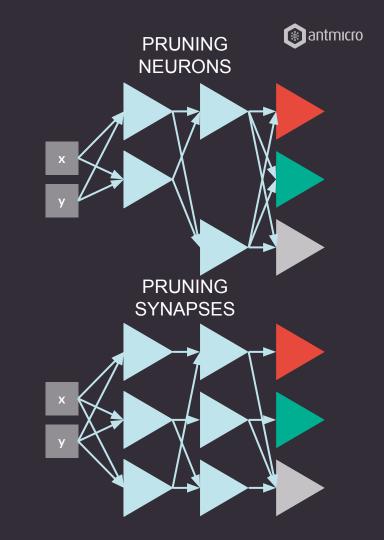
#### **NETWORK PRUNING**

- Pruning is a family of algorithms that remove the least contributing parts of the network to a given task
- Formally, pruning is an algorithm that takes an input model f(x; W)

And produces a new model:

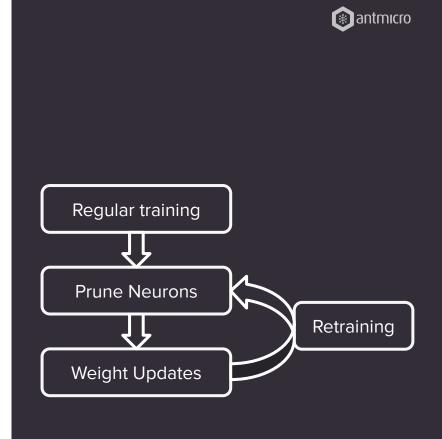
 $f(x; M \odot W')$ 

- Where:
  - $f(x; \cdot)$  a model architecture taking input x
  - W initial weights of the model
  - $M \in \{0, 1\}^{|W|}$  binary mask setting certain weights to 0
  - W' fine-tuned weights
- What to prune?
  - Weights
  - Biases
  - Activations



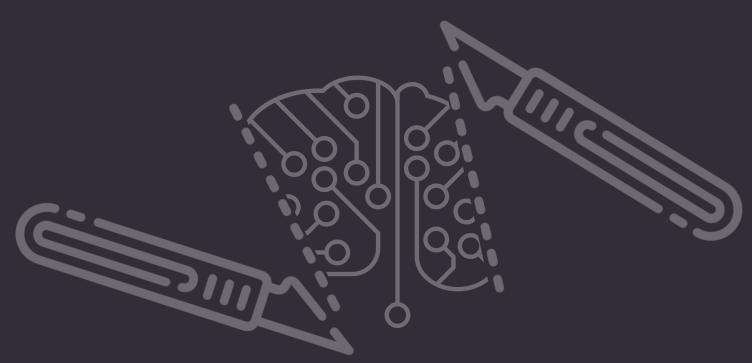
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- General flow is following:
- Train the model
- Analyse the network and create pruning masks
- Apply pruning masks remove connections and/or neurons
- Fine-tune the model to recover from the pruning



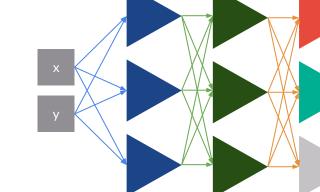


#### UNSTRUCTURED PRUNING



#### LEVEL PRUNER

- Belongs to a family of magnitude-based pruners
- Fairly simple and not overly invasive approach to pruning
- We define % of least significant weights to remove (e.g. 50%)
- Algorithm:
- Sort the weights in the layer by their absolute values
- Mask the smallest-magnitude weights until the desired sparsity is reached
- Usually requires little retraining
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- Does not bring performance boost or size reduction at runtime



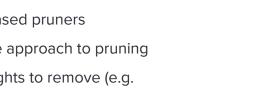
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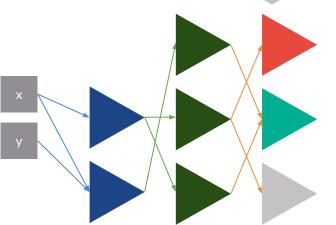
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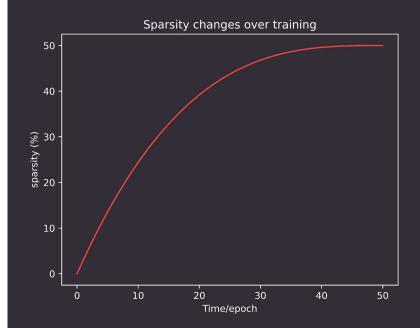
#### AUTOMATED GRADUAL PRUNER

- Automated level pruner, working during training
- The sparsity curve follows this formula:

$$s_{t} = s_{f} + (s_{i} - s_{f})(1 - \frac{t - t_{0}}{n\Delta t})^{3}, t \in \{t_{0}, t_{0} + \Delta t, ..., t_{0} + n\Delta t\}$$

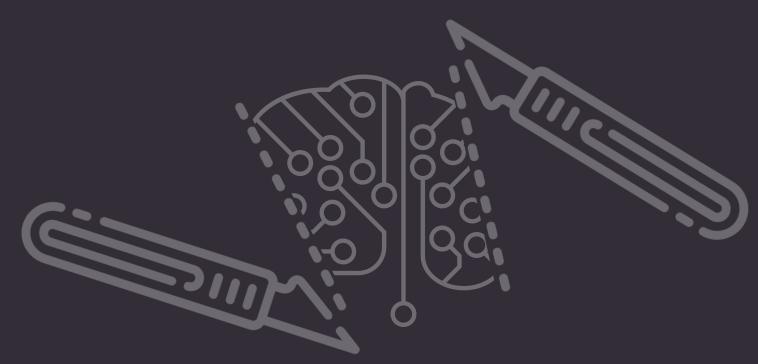
- Where:
- s<sub>i</sub> initial sparsity
- s<sub>f</sub> final sparsity
- t<sub>o</sub> start time
- s<sub>t</sub> sparsity at time t
- n number of steps
- $\Delta t$  step size
- The pruning requires minimal setting of hyperparameters most of the setup happens automatically
- There may be a need to adjust the learning rate policy to prevent too fast learning rate reduction, because the network may not recover from pruning







#### STRUCTURED PRUNING

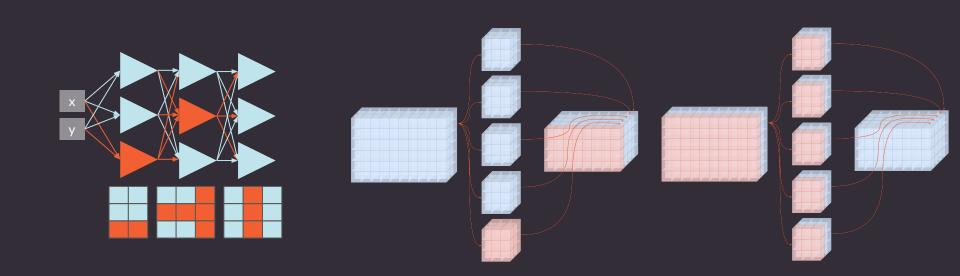




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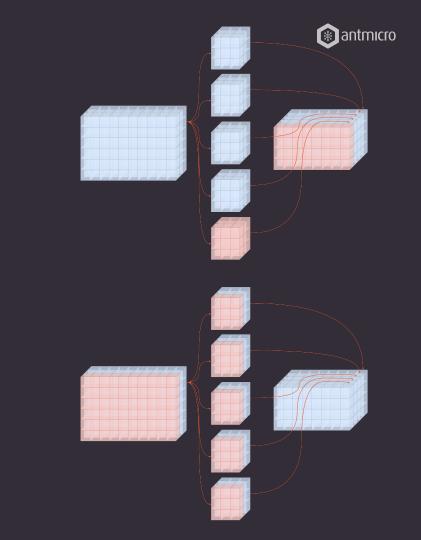
- Pruning by neurons (fully connected layer)
- Pruning by filters (convolutional layer)
- Pruning by channels (convolutional layer)

- Significant memory and computation benefit
- Highly damaging for model's performance
- Structured pruning strategies are actively researched



### L1/L2-RANKED STRUCTURE PRUNER

- Algorithm:
- For each filter, calculate the sum of its absolute kernel weights
- Sort the filters by s<sub>i</sub>
- Prune m filters with the smallest sum values and their corresponding feature maps. The kernels in the next convolutional layer corresponding to the pruned feature maps are also removed
- Create a new kernel matrix for both the i-th and (i+1)-th layers, copy the remaining kernel weights to the new model
- Fine-tune the new model until the quality of predictions is satisfactory

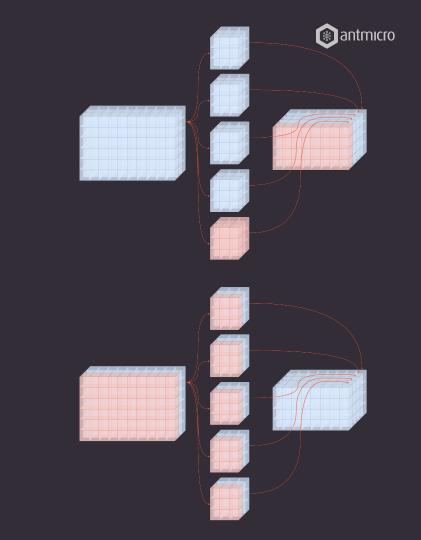


#### **APOZ-RANKED STRUCTURE PRUNER**

- APoZ Average Percentage of Zeros
- APoZ is used to check the percentage of zero activations of a neuron/filter (i.e. after ReLU)
- APoZ for a c-th channel in the i-th layer is computed as follows:

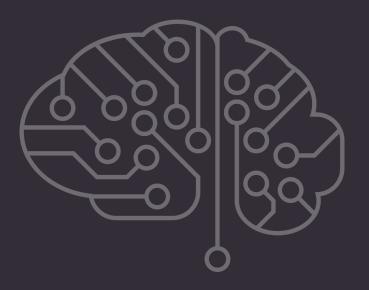
$$APoZ_{c}^{(i)} = APoZ(O_{c}^{(i)}) = \frac{\sum_{k j}^{NM} f(O_{cj}^{(i)}(k) = 0)}{N \times M}$$

- Where:
- $O_c^{(i)}$  output of the c-th channel in the i-th layer
- f a function that equals 1 if the input is true, and 0 otherwise
- M represents the number of elements in output feature map
- $\circ~$  N represents the number of validation examples





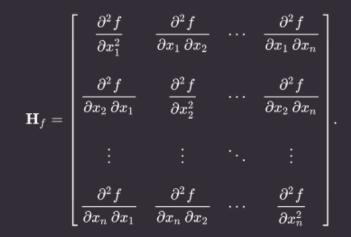
#### SECOND-ORDER DERIVATIVES FOR QUANTIZATION AND PRUNING



## SECOND-ORDER DERIVATIVES FOR OPTIMIZATION

- Optimal Brain Damage, 1989, Yann LeCun, John S. Denker, ...
- Optimal Brain Surgeon, 1992, Babak Hassibi, David G. Stork
- The above papers revolved around pruning architectures of around 8000-20000 parameters (nowadays we have tens and hundreds of billions of parameters)
- The aim of pruning is to remove parameters with small "saliency" parameters whose deletion will have the least effect on the network error (or training error, as in case of above papers)
- In pruning, most of the methods demonstrated earlier revolved around magnitude of the weight, which is an intuitive approximation of saliency - authors of above papers claim that small weights often are in fact necessary for low error
- Instead of magnitude, authors proposed pruning parameters based on minimal increase in training error after removing them
- The research from the above papers resulted in the usage of Hessian matrices, providing second-order derivatives





https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hessian\_matrix

## SECOND-DERIVATIVE ANALYSIS OF WEIGHTS

- To address influence of the loss function by weights, one of the proposed ideas was to construct a local model of the error function and predict the effect of perturbing parameters in an analytic way
- They approximated the objective function  ${\sf L}$  by a Taylor series shown to the right
- +  $\delta W$  is the weight perturbation change of weight from original value to 0
- This Taylor expansion has:

First order term

Second order term

Third order term

- The objective function is nearly quadratic, the third term is negligible
- We assume that the network training has converged, the first term is also negligible
- OBD claimed that we can also assume that every parameter is independent, which removes cross terms
- To sum up, we are only left with one component heavily based on the diagonal of the Hessian matrix, which can be used as our importance measurement for parameters

$$H = \frac{\partial^2 L}{\partial w^2}$$

$$g_{i} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial w_{i}} \qquad h_{ij} = \frac{\partial^{2} L}{\partial w_{i} \partial w_{j}}$$

$$\delta L = L(x; W) - L(x; W_{p} = W - \delta W)$$

$$\sum_{i} g_{i} \delta w_{i} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i} h_{ii} \delta w_{i}^{2} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i \neq j} h_{ij} \delta w_{i} \delta w_{j} + O(||\delta W||^{3})$$

$$\delta L \approx \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i} h_{ii} \delta w_{i}^{2}$$

$$importance_{w_{i}} \approx |\delta L_{i}| = \frac{1}{2} h_{ii} w_{i}^{2}$$
Paper

 $\delta L =$ 

#### **SECOND-ORDER DERIVATIVES FOR OPTIMIZATION**

- Optimal Brain Surgeon, 1992, Babak Hassibi, David G. Stork
- Example on the right demonstrates XOR network with two inputs (and bias as a "third" input), 2 hidden neurons and 9 connections
- Hessian matrix is 9x9 matrix, where the darker the color, the lower the value is
- In network graph, the thicker the line, the higher magnitude the weight has (dashed lines represent negative weights)
- Looking at magnitudes:
- The weight with the smallest magnitude is V3 it would be removed
- After this, according to the paper, the network was unable to solve XOR problem
- Looking at Hessian:
- Components for hidden-to-output weights are high, especially for V1/V3 values
- The bottom left plot represents the two-dimensional slice of the nine-dimensional error surface in the neighborhood of the starting point (state of weights before pruning)
- OBS represents the point in the slice where U23 (picked by OBS) was zeroed out
- Mag represents the point in the slice where V3 (picked by magnitude pruner) was zeroed out

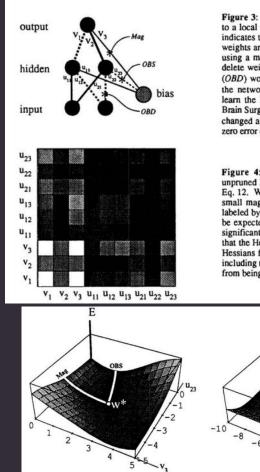
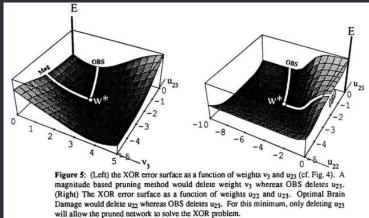


Figure 3: A nine weight XOR network trained to a local minimum. The thickness of the lines indicates the weight magnitudes, and inhibitory weights are shown dashed. Subsequent pruning using a magnitude based method (Mag) would delete weight v<sub>3</sub>; using Optimal Brain Damage (OBD) would delete u22. Even with retraining, the network pruned by those methods cannot learn the XOR problem. In contrast, Optimal Brain Surgeon (OBS) deletes u23 and furthermore changed all other weights (cf. Eq. 5) to achieve zero error on the XOR problem.

Figure 4: The Hessian of the trained but unpruned XOR network, calculated by means of Eq. 12. White represents large values and black small magnitudes. The rows and columns are labeled by the weights shown in Fig. 3. As is to be expected, the hidden-to-output weights have significant Hessian components. Note especially that the Hessian is far from being diagonal. The Hessians for all problems we have investigated, including the MONK's problems (below), are far from being diagonal.



#### SECOND-ORDER DERIVATIVES FOR OPTIMIZATION

• Once LLMs emerged, the research regarding Hessian-based optimizations sped up, leading to all kinds of parallelization, batching and simplification of formulas for Hessians

 $argmin_{\widehat{W}} \|WX - \widehat{W}X\|_{2}^{2} \qquad \qquad H = 2XX^{T}$ 

- Overall, during recent years, following algorithms had emerged for LLMs:
- Optimal Brain Compression/Optimal Brain Quantizer (OBC/OBQ) 2022
  - Introduces single framework that can tackle both pruning and quantization
  - Picking next weight for pruning:

$$argmin_p \frac{w_p^2}{[H^{-1}]}$$

Picking next weight for quantization:

$$argmin_{p} \frac{\left(Q(w_{p}) - w_{p}\right)^{2}}{\left[H^{-1}\right]_{wp}}$$

- Gradient-based Post Training Quantization (GPTQ) 2023
  - https://github.com/AutoGPTQ/AutoGPTQ
  - Speeds up quantization from 1 hour in OBQ to under 1 minute for ResNet-50
- SparseGPT 2023
  - https://github.com/IST-DASLab/sparsegpt
  - Significantly improved the performance (and quality) of the OBC algorithm, giving one-shot pruner for LLMs
  - Has the similar algorithm as GPTQ, but prunes weights instead of quantizing them, and also allows pruning subgroups of weights

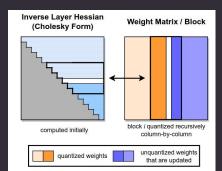


Figure 2: GPTQ quantization procedure. Blocks of consecutive *columns* (bolded) are quantized at a given step, using the inverse Hessian information stored in the Cholesky decomposition, and the remaining weights (blue) are updated at the end of the step. The quantization procedure is applied recursively inside each block: the white middle column is currently being quantized.



#### GPTQ Paper



**Algorithm 1** Prune  $k \leq d_{col}$  weights from row w with inverse Hessian  $\mathbf{H}^{-1} = (2\mathbf{X}\mathbf{X}^{\top})^{-1}$ according to OBS in  $O(k \cdot d_{col}^2)$  time.

$$\begin{split} M &= \{1, \dots, d_{\text{col}}\} \\ \text{for } i &= 1, \dots, k \text{ do} \\ p \leftarrow \operatorname{argmin}_{p \in M} \frac{1}{[\mathbf{H}^{-1}]_{pp}} \cdot w_p^2 \\ \mathbf{w} \leftarrow \mathbf{w} - \mathbf{H}_{:,p}^{-1} \frac{1}{[\mathbf{H}^{-1}]_{pp}} \cdot w_p \\ \mathbf{H}^{-1} \leftarrow \mathbf{H}^{-1} - \frac{1}{[\mathbf{H}^{-1}]_{pp}} \mathbf{H}_{:,p}^{-1} \mathbf{H}_{p,:}^{-1} \\ M \leftarrow M - \{p\} \\ \text{end for} \end{split}$$

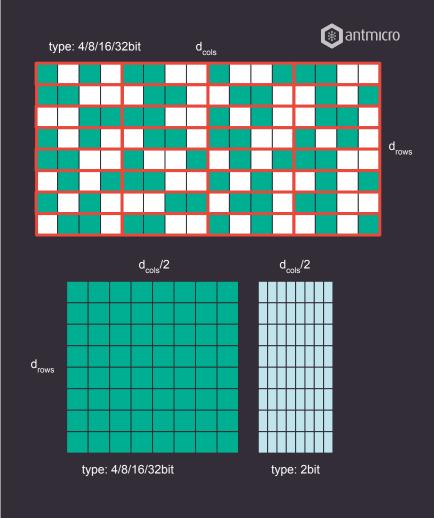


#### **GPTQ COMPRESSION RESULTS**

Model	Number of parameters	Original size (precision)	GPTQ 4-bit
Mistral-7B-v0.1	7.24 B	~14.48 GB (BF16)	<u>4.16 GB</u>
<u>Starcoder</u>	15.5 B	~64 GB (BF16)	<u>8.91 GB</u>
<u>Vicuna-13B</u>	13 B	~26 GB	<u>7.26 GB</u>
Zephyr 7B	7.24 B	~14.5 GB (BF16)	<u>4.16 GB</u>

#### SEMI-STRUCTURED PRUNING

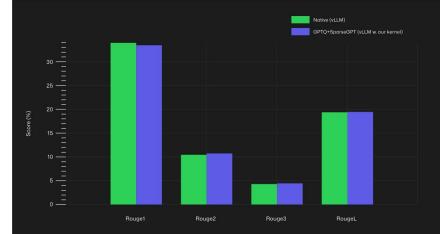
- N:M pruning for M-element groups of weights we prune N weights
- Allows to create optimized representations, like value-index matrices
- Introduces quality reduction similar to unstructured pruning while allowing storage and memory usage optimizations similar to structured pruning
- Can be executed efficiently on certain hardware
- Algorithms supporting N:M pruning are:
- Optimal Brain Surgeon (OBS, part of OBC)
  - https://github.com/IST-DASLab/obc
- SparseGPT an OBS-inspired pruning algorithm for LLMs
  - https://github.com/IST-DASLab/sparsegpt
  - Paper <u>SparseGPT: Massive Language Models Can Be Accurately</u>
     <u>Pruned in One-Shot</u>
- Both algorithms determine "significance" of weights using second-order derivatives (similarly to GPTQ)



## SIMULTANEOUS QUANTIZATION AND PRUNING OF LLMS

- <u>kenning.sparsegpt.sparsegpt</u> our implementation of the LLM simultaneous quantization and pruning
- kenning/sparsity aware kernel/custom ext/gptq/q compressed gemm.cu vLLM kernel for sparse matrix multiplication (both done as Master Thesis within our internship)
- NVIDIA support for semi-structured sparse matrices:
- NVIDIA supports 2:4 sparse matrix multiplication by dense matrix and vice versa (with various input types), including their edge platforms (NVIDIA Jetson Orin platforms)
- Along with quantization down to 4 bits, the models can reach ~20-25% of their original size without significant decrease in quality
- This, in turn, allows to deploy below models on smaller Jetson solutions, with even 4GB of available RAM
- Results of pruning and quantizing the network using GPTQ and SparseGPT:

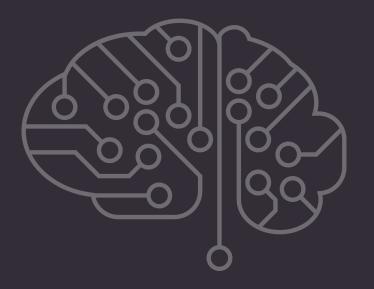
Model	Original size (GiB)	GPTQ+Sparse GPT size (GiB)	% original size	Quantization/ pruning time
Mistral-7B	13.5	3.1	23%	1 hour
Phi-2	5.2	1.4	26%	20 minutes







#### MODEL COMPRESSION SUMMARY



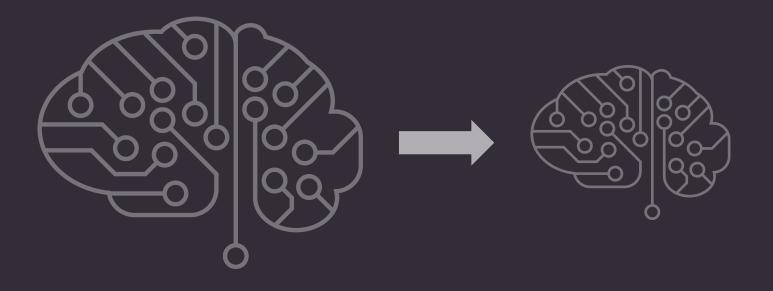


#### MODEL COMPRESSION SUMMARY

Model	Quantization	Unstructured/semi-structured pruning	Structured pruning	
Smaller storage size	Always	If compressed	Always	
Smaller memory footprint	Always	If library/hardware supports efficient storage of sparse matrices (e.g. NVIDIA GPUs since Ampere architecture)	Always	
Faster execution	Depends on target type and hardware - most of the targets efficiently process INT8 values NVIDIA GPUs support wide range of types	Not widely available as for now, there are libraries like Blaze or Eigen for CPUs NVIDIA since Ampere architecture has Sparse Tensor Cores for unstructured pruning	Always	
Requires retraining	For PTQ we don't need retraining, only calibration For LLMs, there are new quantization algorithms such as GPTQ that have few-shot calibration	The zeroing of several weights (40-50%) requires some retraining, but not too long	Removal of whole kernels/neurons requires heavy retraining	
Risk of significant decrease in quality	Even with PTQ, the drop in quality (depending on application) should be negligible	Right after pruning, the quality of the network is severely decreased, but should require quite short training to bring it back to original state	After pruning, we need to run a longer training to bring back the original quality	
Available optimization frameworks	TensorFlow Model Optimization Toolkit, Distiller (PyTorch), NNI (PyTorch), Kenning	TensorFlow Model Optimization Toolkit, NNI (PyTorch), Kenning	NNI (PyTorch), Kenning (experimental)	
Available runtimes	TensorFlow Lite, Apache TVM,	TensorFlow Lite (unoptimized), TensorRT (CUDA)	Any framework that loads from PyTorch (ONNXRuntime, Apache TVM, …)	



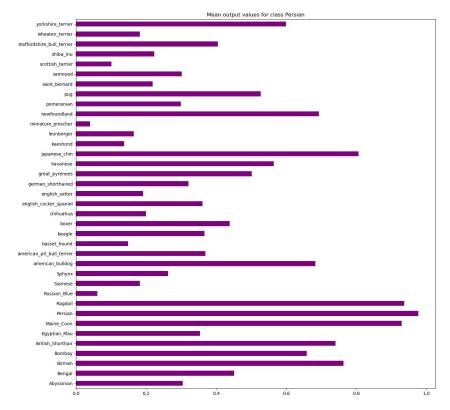
#### **KNOWLEDGE DISTILLATION**





#### KNOWLEDGE OF LARGER MODELS

- The outputs of models are not one-hot vectors there are almost no zero values
- In the properly trained model, the vector output element responsible for the appropriate class for the input should have the highest value
- The vector elements for classes similar to the true class usually have significantly higher values than other elements, i.e. for car the classes like bus, truck, motorcycle should have significantly higher values than dog, apple or toilet
- It means that outputs from large models, in comparison to ground truth, provide a crucial information about the similarities between the input and each class



#### "SIMILAR CLASSES" ACCORDING TO MOBILENETV2 (PET DATASET)

- English setter
- Top-5:
  - English setter 0.994704
  - English cocker spaniel 0.960606
  - German shorthaired 0.897741
  - Leonberger 0.812114
  - Newfoundland 0.786800



#### "SIMILAR CLASSES" ACCORDING TO MOBILENETV2 (PET DATASET)

- Yorkshire terrier
- Top-5:
  - Yorkshire terrier 0.998707
  - <sup>•</sup> Havanese 0.948308
  - Pomeranian 0.871383
  - Wheaten terrier 0.852712
  - Scottish terrier 0.839262





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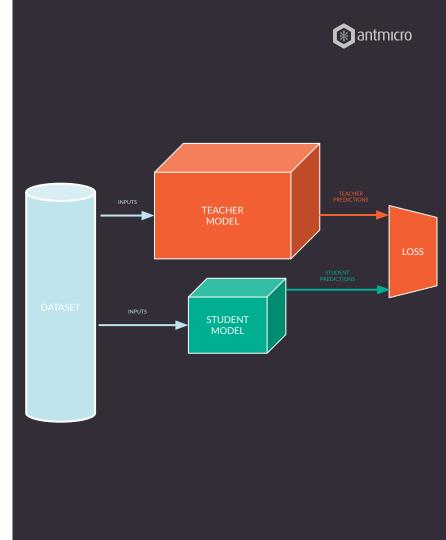
- Chihuahua
- Top-5:
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  - <sup>o</sup> Sphynx 0.926055
  - Miniature pinscher 0.904815
  - Siamese 0.779801
  - Shiba inu 0.770530





#### **KNOWLEDGE DISTILLATION**

- Knowledge distillation is the process of utilizing the outputs for a given input from the larger model (a teacher) in the process of training the smaller model (a student)
- The similarities between objects reflected by teacher's output can be used in student's training as generalization hints:
  - Features shared between objects will be promoted
  - The reusability rate of kernels between classes of similar objects should be higher
  - The training process should converge faster and lead to significantly better model



Optimization and deployment of NN for IoT / Knowledge distillation



# Can we use the outputs from the teacher model as is?

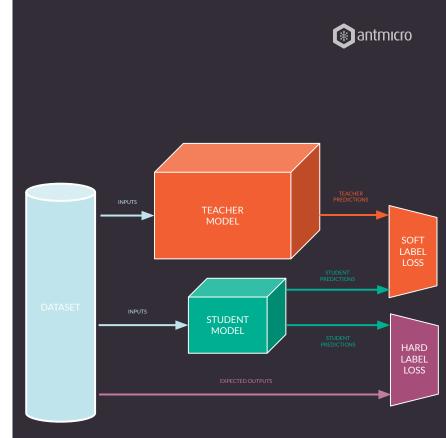
#### DARK KNOWLEDGE

- The similarities between classes are useful during training, but they can be also very misleading
- Using only or mostly the teacher's knowledge condemns the student to make the same mistakes as the teacher
- That is why students should also get the data from the dataset (libraries/resources)



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- Teacher's knowledge may also slightly reduce errors coming from the dataset

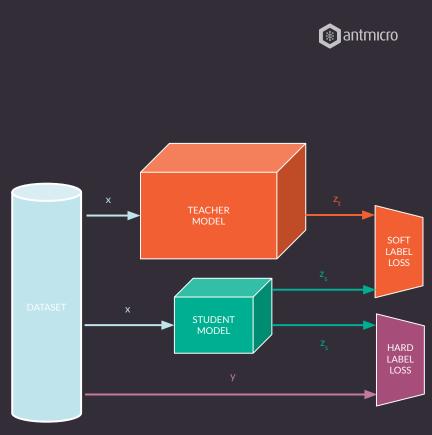


#### **KNOWLEDGE DISTILLATION**

• In classic knowledge distillation, the loss is computed in the following way:

 $L(x; W) = \alpha * H(y, \sigma(z_s; T = 1)) + \beta * H(\sigma(z_t; T = \tau), \sigma(z_s; T = \tau))$ 

- Where:
  - $\circ~$  L(x;W) loss function for input x and current student weights W
  - $\alpha$  ground truth cross entropy loss coefficient
  - $\beta$  teacher cross entropy loss coefficient (usually  $\beta$  = 1  $\alpha$ )
  - $\sigma$  softmax function with temperature T
  - $\circ$  z<sub>s</sub> student output vector
  - z, teacher output vector
  - au temperature for distillation soft labels, the higher the value, the richer in information the soft-labels distribution will be
  - $H(y,\sigma(z_s; T = 1))$  hard label loss
  - $H(\sigma(z_t; T = \tau), \sigma(z_s; T = \tau))$  soft label loss





#### EFFICIENT AND LIGHTWEIGHT DNN RUNTIMES



#### NEURAL NETWORK INTERPRETER

#### TensorFlow Lite

Repository:

https://github.com/tensorflow/tensorflow/tree/master/tensorflow/lite

- Documentation: <u>https://www.tensorflow.org/lite</u>
- Very small library size ("1MB default, "300kB for most popular operations)
- Very small and efficient model format (flatbuffers)
- Highly flexible allows:
  - Enabling/disabling support for ops
  - Easy implementation of new ops
  - Easy delegation of ops to custom accelerators
- They use existing model formats and iterate over layers to process data
- They have per-layer optimized kernels
- · Very flexible, with simple model replacement
- · Less opportunities for interlayer or graph-wise optimizations

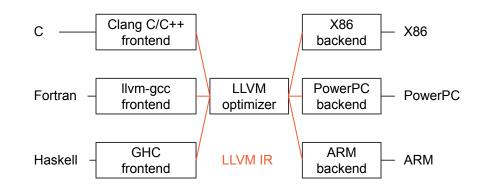




- Apache TVM (Tensor Virtual Machine)
- Homepage: <u>https://tvm.apache.org/</u>
- Repository: <u>https://github.com/apache/tvm</u>
- OpenXLA IREE
- Homepage: <u>https://openxla.github.io/iree/</u>
- Repository: <u>https://github.com/openxla/iree</u>
- They convert the model to a set of functions that are later compiled to a binary form, either an application, or shared library designed specifically for a given model and hardware
- Both are based on LLVM project, where models are converted to functional Intermediate Representation, which is later subjected to optimizations



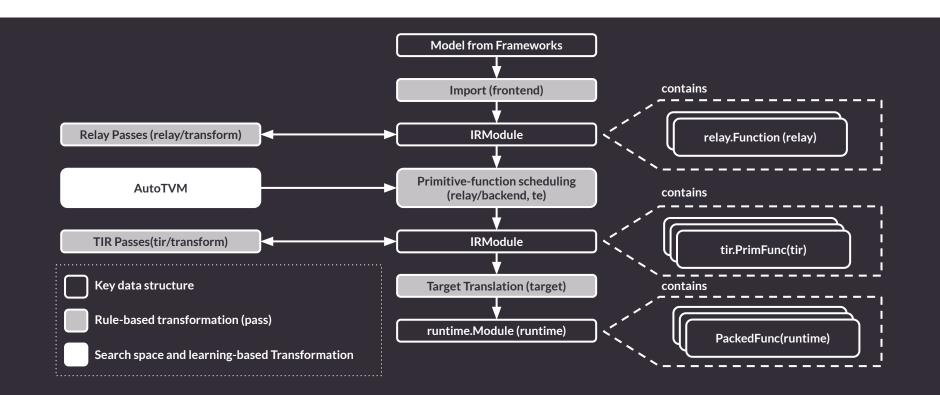








#### **TVM COMPILATION FLOW**

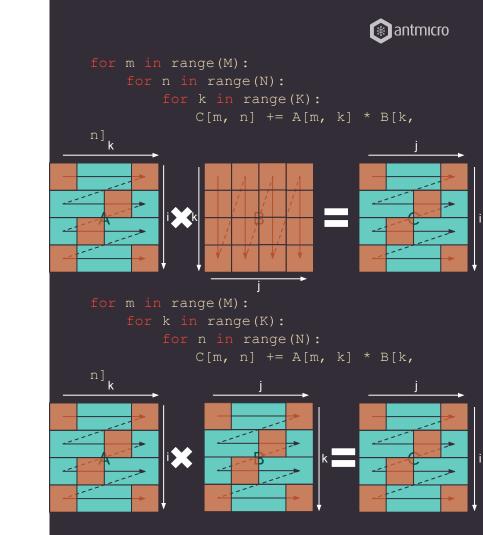


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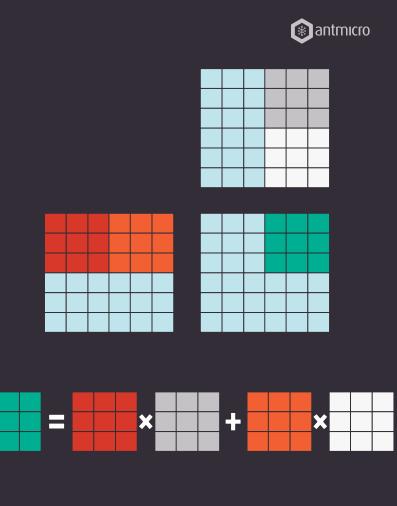


# **GEMM OPTIMIZATIONS**

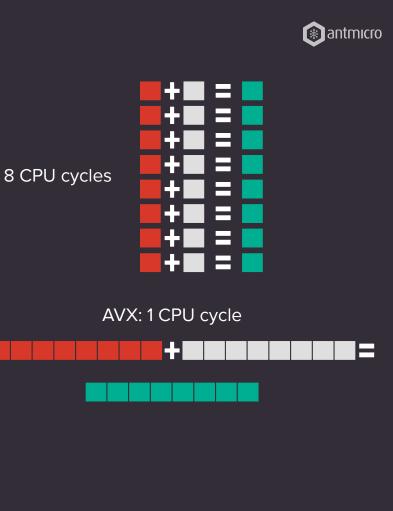
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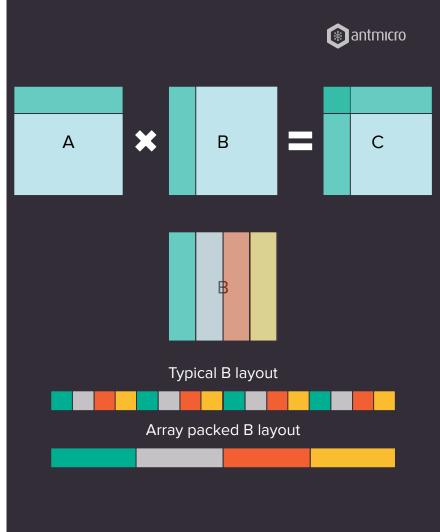
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- Blocking/tiling



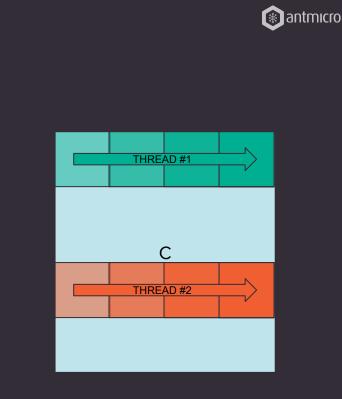
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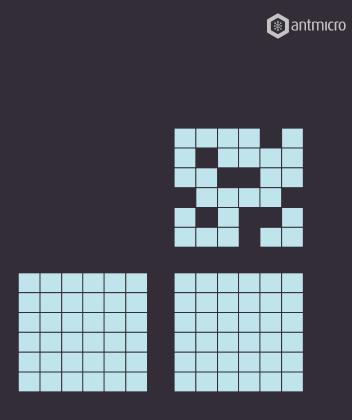


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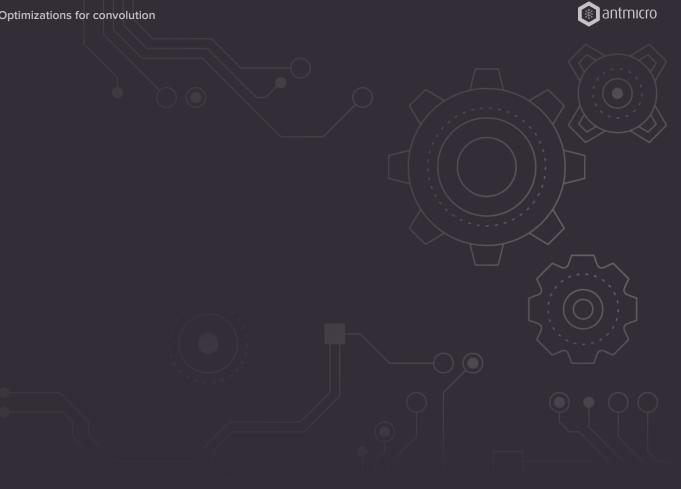
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- Sparse matrix multiplication
- NVIDIA GPUs Ampere+ architectures
- NVIDIA Jetson Orin platforms
- Dead code elimination, constants unfolding, ...



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# CONVOLUTION





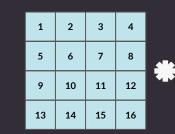
#### NAIVE CONV2D IMPLEMENTATION

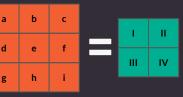


#### GEMM-BASED CONV2D IMPLEMENTATION - IM2COL

- Lots of the hardware platforms accelerate GEMM operations
- Also, there are lots of libraries that provide well-optimized implementations of the GEMM
- It is possible to convert the convolution to GEMM
- With the available accelerations for GEMM converting the convolution to GEMM is profitable
- To convert convolutions to GEMM, we need to rearrange the data in feature maps and kernels
- The algorithm for this rearrangement is called im2col
- Created matrices introduce significant amount of redundancy, but the execution time decrease compensates the memory overhead

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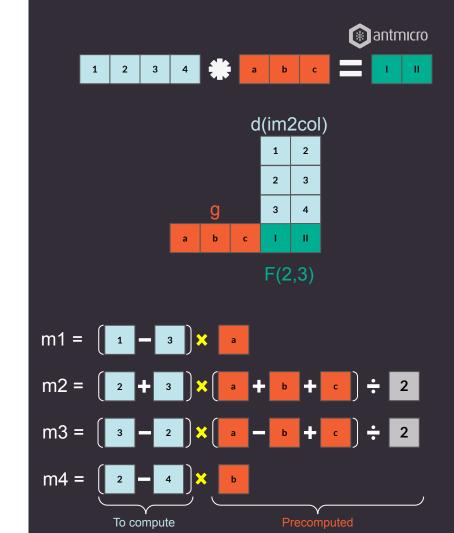
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#### WINOGRAD CONVOLUTION

- The minimal filtering algorithm for computing **m** outputs with an **r**-tap FIR filter F(m,r) requires m+r-1 multiplications
- E.g. for F(2, 3) (2-element output, 3-element filter) we have 4-element input
- Standard algorithm uses 2\*3=6 multiplications
- Using modified Toom-Cook algorithm, we can compute convolution as follows:

$$F(2,3) = \begin{bmatrix} d_1 & d_2 & d_3 \\ d_2 & d_3 & d_4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} g_a \\ g_b \\ g_c \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} m_1 + m_2 + m_3 \\ m_2 - m_3 - m_4 \end{bmatrix}$$

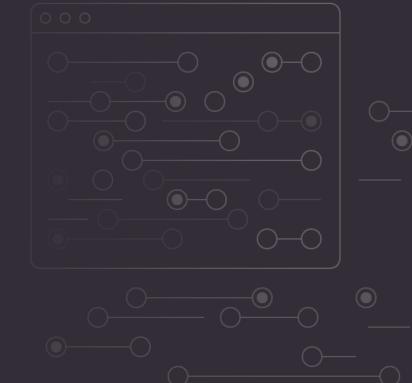
- This solution gives 4 multiplications instead of 6 1.5 speedup
- The 1D F(m,r) and F(n,s) algorithms can be nested to form minimal 2D algorithms for computing m\*n outputs with an r\*s filter, requiring (m+r-1)\*(n+s-1) multiplications
- Original convolution of 4x4 matrix by 3x3 kernel (to obtain 2x2 result) requires 3\*3\*2\*2=36 multiplications
- Winograd implementation requires (3+2-1)\*(3+2-1)=16 multiplications!
- This gives us 36/16=2.25 speedup!
- Winograd can be used for convolutions with small kernels (3x3, 5x5, 7x7)







#### NEURAL NETWORK DEPLOYMENT ECOSYSTEM





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#### NEURAL NETWORK DEPLOYMENT ECOSYSTEM

**TensorFlow O** PyTorch ONNX mxnet











**OPTIMIZATION + RUNTIME** 



# How can we utilize various optimizations sparsely scattered across frameworks and runtimes?

# KENNING

- Repository: <u>github.com/antmicro/kenning</u>
- Documentation: <u>antmicro.github.io/kenning</u>
- Kenning is a Python library for implementing pipelines for neural network optimization and deployment
- It aims towards providing wrappers for neural network deployment steps that can be seamlessly combined into pipelines regardless of underlying machine learning frameworks and compilers
- It also provides a consistent means for benchmarking models after applying certain optimizations and compilation on target platform directly on hardware platform



#### **KENNING FLOW EXAMPLE**

- Model: MobileNetV2
- Dataset: Pet Dataset for dogs and cats breeds classification
- Optimizations:
- Full INT8 quantization with TensorFlow Lite
- Compilation of model for Jetson AGX Orin device:
  - Target x86 CPU with AVX2 vector extensions
- Runtime execution using TVM-compiled model

Other possible configuration:

- Target host CPU used to execute the model
  - Ilvm -mtriple=aarch64-linux-gnu
- Target GPU with CUDA cores, compute capability 8.7 and CUDNN/CUBLAS execution
  - cuda -arch=sm\_87 -libs=cudnn,cublas

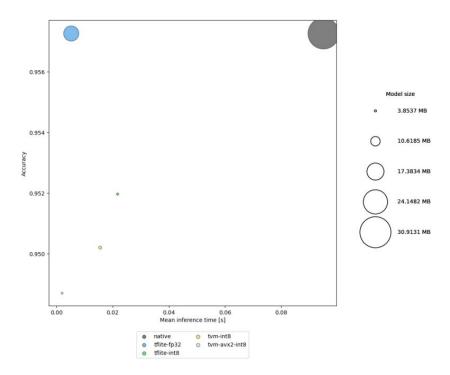
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#### CPU DEPLOYMENT WITH VECTOR EXTENSIONS (AVX2)

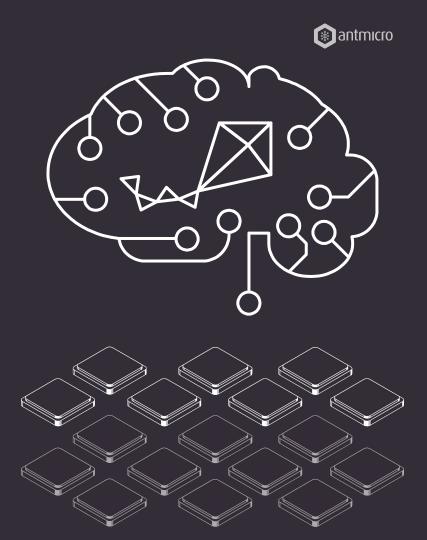
Model Total params: 4,164,965 Trainable params: 1,906,981	Model accuracy	Speedup in comparison to native framework	Model size reduction in comparison to native framework
Native	0.805669119651131	1.00	1.00
TFLite FP32	0.805669119651131	2.12	1.97
TFLite INT8	0.775688198419187	0.39	7.02
TVM INT8 (TFLite input)	0.775688198419187	5.58	3.43
TVM INT8 with vector extensions (TFLite input)	0.775688198419187	16.07	5.85

Accuracy vs Mean inference time



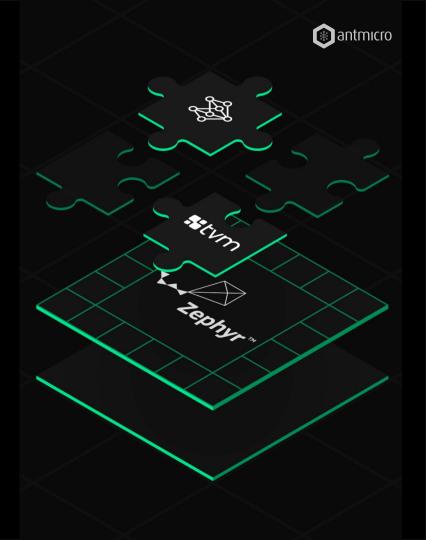
# **KENNING - SUPPORTED PLATFORMS**

- Supported hardware running Linux (Python API):
- CPUs: x86\_64, ARM Cortex A, RISC-V (HiFive Unmatched), ...
- GPUs/eGPUs: NVIDIA GPUs, NVIDIA Jetson platforms (Jetson Nano, Jetson AGX Xavier, Jetson AGX Orin)
- TPUs: Google Coral
- □ ...
- Bare-metal CPUs:
- Kenning Bare Metal IREE Runtime
- Zephyr-capable CPUs:
- <u>Kenning Zephyr Runtime</u>



#### **KENNING + ZEPHYR**

- <u>https://github.com/antmicro/kenning-zephyr-runtime</u>
- A unified API for evaluating and deploying neural networks on platforms supported by Zephyr (700+ boards)
- Provides:
- Kenning inference library a configurable library that lets you pick a specific implementation of the runtime and use it to load the model and run it on target device
- Evaluation app a Zephyr application for evaluating and benchmarking models on target device
- Supported runtimes:
- TFLite Micro <u>https://github.com/tensorflow/tflite-micro</u>
- microTVM
- IREE <u>https://github.com/iree-org/iree</u>





#### SAMPLE INFERENCE LOOP

#### / ...

status\_t status = STATUS\_OK; uint8\_t \*model\_output = NULL; size\_t model\_output\_size = 0;

#### // initialize model

```
status = model_init();
RETURN ON ERROR(status, status);
// load model structure
status = model_load_struct((uint8_t *)&model_struct, sizeof(MlModel));
RETURN ON ERROR(status, status);
// load model weights
status = model_load_weights(model_data, model_data_len);
RETURN_ON_ERROR(status, status);
// allocate buffer for output;
model_get_output_size(&model_output_size);
model output = malloc(model output size);
// inference loop
for (size t batch index = 0; batch index < sizeof(data) / sizeof(data[0]); ++batch index)</pre>
    status = model_load_input((uint8_t *)data[batch_index], sizeof(data[0]));
    RETURN ON ERROR(status, status);
    status = model run();
    RETURN ON ERROR(status, status);
    status = model_get_output(model_output_size, model_output, NULL);
    RETURN ON ERROR(status, status);
    format_output(output_str, sizeof(output_str), model_output);
    LOG INF("model output: %s", output str);
```



#### SAME APP, DIFFERENT MODEL EXECUTION

west build -p always -b stm32f746g\_disco app -- -DEXTRA\_CONF\_FILE=tflite.conf



#### SAME APP, DIFFERENT MODEL EXECUTION

west build -p always -b stm32f746g\_disco app -- -DEXTRA\_CONF\_FILE=tvm.conf



#### SAME APP, DIFFERENT HARDWARE

west build -p always -b nrf52840dongle app -- -DEXTRA\_CONF\_FILE=tvm.conf

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# What if hardware is not available?

# RENODE

- Repository: <u>https://github.com/renode/renode</u>
- Antmicro's open source emulation framework allowing software developers to build, run and test software w/o hardware
- Multinode, deterministic, built with automation and testing in mind
- Configuration-oriented platform definitions
- Wide RISC-V support, with easy prototyping of custom instructions
- Also ARM, Power, SPARC, ...
- Support for writing simulation in Python
- Read more at <u>about.renode.io</u>

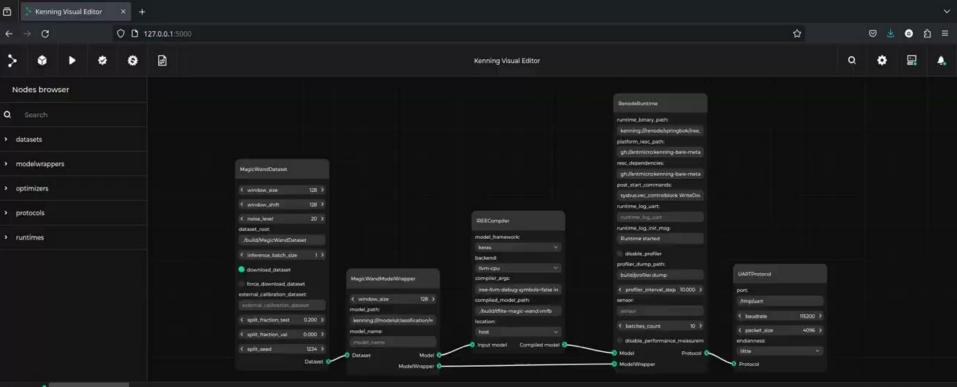




# KENNING/RENODE SIMULATION

- Kenning and Renode simulation brings various benefits:
- Debugging and profiling on simulated device
- Testing whether AI application will run on target platform without hardware
- Continuous Integration pipelines checking actual application execution on simulated device with SoC, sensors and other peripherals, testable with Robot framework
- Co-development of hardware design and inference library in a simulated environment with co-simulation of accelerator design
- Testing of runtime implementations on various platforms to check for hardware coverage





Terminal

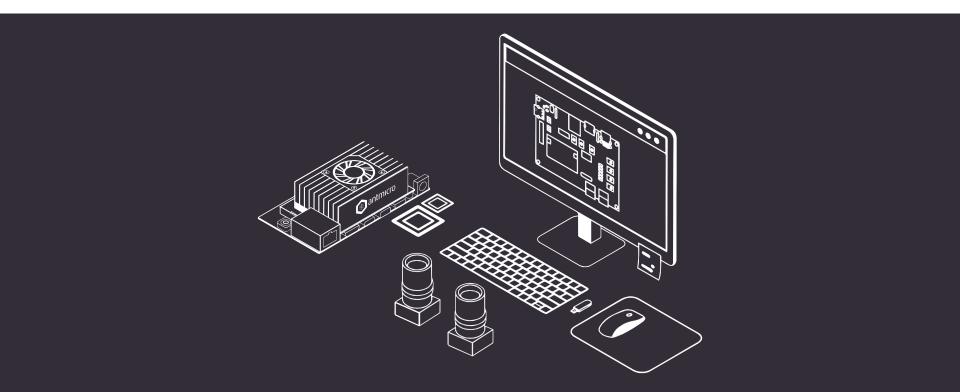
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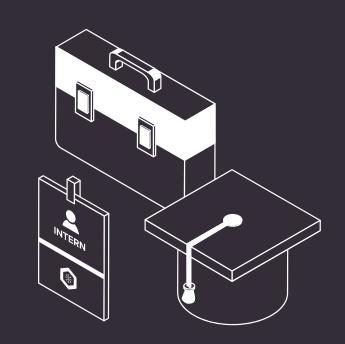
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  - C / Rust
  - Cloud
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  - Frontend







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