Searching for Low-Bit Weights in Quantized Neural Networks

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A Visualization of Distribution

We visualize the probability P of the first binary convolution layer in ResNet20 (1/1) in Figure 1. The different curves in the diagram represent the percentage of weights, where the max probability is higher than the given thresh. As can be seen from the figure, the weights converge gradually. As the temperature increases, the distribution becomes much sharper, and the easily optimized neurons first show the tendency toward discrete values.

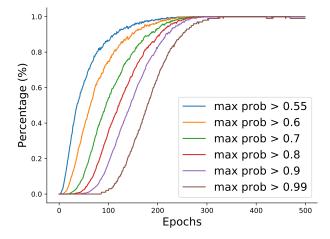


Figure 1: The distribution of the first convolution layer in binary ResNet20.

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