# Deep Equilibrium Models

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## Overview

- Reinterpret deep NN
- Same performance with less memory consumption



### **Classical deep feedforward NN**



## Weight-tied Network



## Weight-tied, input-injected Network



## Infinite depth network



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• Gives rise to a single (implicit) layer model

## **Implicit layer formulation**



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# **Previous Work**

# **Previous work: Implicit Layers**

- Applied to small scales
- Very specific models and tasks

# **Previous work: Reversible Networks**



- O(1) memory consumption
- Strong restriction in model architecture

Papers: Gomez et al. [2], MacKay et. al [3]



Step 1: High-level backpropagation

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 $\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}(y, y')}{\partial z_i} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}(y, y')}{\partial z'_1} \frac{\partial z'_1}{\partial z_i}$ 

→ Can calculate 
$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}(y, y')}{\partial z_i}$$
 in O( *S* ) memory

#### Summary:

- Cost: *O*(*S* + *m*)
- $L = S \times m$
- Can achieve  $O(\sqrt{L})$  memory usage for 2x training time
- Can theoretically achieve O(log L) memory usage, if applied recursively

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Animation: wikipedia.org [6]

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Can use any black-box root-finding algorithm  $z* = \operatorname{RootFind}(g_{\theta}; x)$ 

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Problems:

- Need knowledge of RootFind algorithm (Not a blackbox)
- Need to store intermediate results (Not O(1))

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#### Advantages

- Independent of RootFind!
- Single step to backpropagate through 'infinite depth' network.

# **Broyden's Method**

**Problem:** Calculating Jacobian Inverse is expensive

Solution: Use quasi-Newton methods.

$$\frac{J_{g_{\theta}}^{-1}|_{\mathbf{z}_{1:T}^{[i+1]}}}{\Delta \mathbf{z}_{1:T}^{[i+1]}} \approx B_{g_{\theta}}^{[i+1]} = B_{g_{\theta}}^{[i]} + \frac{\Delta \mathbf{z}^{[i+1]} - B_{g_{\theta}}^{[i]} \Delta g_{\theta}^{[i+1]}}{\Delta \mathbf{z}^{[i+1]} B_{g_{\theta}}^{[i]} \Delta g_{\theta}^{[i+1]}} \Delta \mathbf{z}^{[i+1]} B_{g_{\theta}}^{[i]}$$





#### Memory consumption independent of depth

• O(1) memory consumption for backpropagation

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Theorem: A single DEQ "layer" is enough.

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$$W_{z} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ W^{[1]} & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & W^{[2]} & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & W^{[L-1]} & 0 \end{bmatrix}, W_{x} = \begin{bmatrix} W^{[0]} \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \tilde{\mathbf{b}} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{b}^{[0]} \\ \mathbf{b}^{[1]} \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{b}^{[L-1]} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \sigma = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma^{[0]} \\ \sigma^{[1]} \\ \vdots \\ \sigma^{[L-1]} \end{bmatrix}$$

This is not done in practice!

# **Evaluation**

# **Universal Transformer**



Dehghani et al. [9]

# TrellisNet: Atomic Level



Image: Bai et al. [10]

# TrellisNet



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# **Results: Penn Treebank**

| Word-level Language Modeling w/ Penn Treebank (PTB)  |          |                             |                 |                     |  |
|--|----------|-----------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|--|
| Model  | # Params | Non-embedding<br>model size | Test perplexity | Memory <sup>†</sup> |  |
| Variational LSTM [22]                                | 66M      | 12                          | 73.4            | 1                   |  |
| NAS Cell [55]  | 54M      | -                           | 62.4            | -                   |  |
| NAS (w/ black-box hyperparameter tuner) [32]         | 24M      | 20M                         | 59.7            | -                   |  |
| AWD-LSTM [34]  | 24M      | 20M                         | 58.8            | -                   |  |
| DARTS architecture search (second order) [29]        | 23M      | 20M                         | 55.7            | -                   |  |
| 60-layer TrellisNet (w/ auxiliary loss, w/o MoS) [8] | 24M      | 20M                         | 57.0            | 8.5GB               |  |
| DEQ-TrellisNet (ours)                                | 24M      | 20M                         | 57.1            | 1.2GB               |  |

| Word-level Language Modeling w/ WikiText-103 (WT103)   |          |                             |                 |                     |
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| Gated Linear ConvNet [17]                              | 230M     | 2                           | 37.2            | -                   |
| AWD-QRNN [33]  | 159M     | 51M                         | 33.0            | 7.1GB               |
| Relational Memory Core [40]                            | 195M     | 60M                         | 31.6            | -                   |
| Transformer-XL (X-large, adaptive embed., on TPU) [16] | 257M     | 224M                        | 18.7            | 12.0GB              |
| 70-layer TrellisNet (+ auxiliary loss, etc.) [8]       | 180M     | 45M                         | 29.2            | 24.7GB              |
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| DEQ-Transformer (medium, ours).                        | 172M     | 43M                         | 24.2            | 2.7GB               |
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# **Results: Broyden's Method**



#### Bai et al. [1]

# **Results: Runtime**

| DEQ / 18-layer Transformer |           | DEQ / 70-layer TrellisNet |           |  |
|----------------------------|-----------|---------------------------|-----------|--|
| Training                   | Inference | Training                  | Inference |  |
| 2.82×                      | 1.76×     | 2.40×                     | 1.64×     |  |

# **DEQs Today**



- Close to state of the art
- Very versatile (segmentation and classification)

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#### **LION: Implicit Vision Prompt Tuning**

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Paper: Wang et al. [8]

# Conclusion

- Constant memory consumption
- New perspective on deep feed-forward NNs
- Slower to train
- Convergence to fix-point not guaranteed
- Theoretically equivalent to general network with linear width increase
- Every layer must have the same structure
- More restrictive than gradient checkpointing

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# **Results: Fixpoint**

