# A SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL

### A.1 RELATED WORKS

Machine Unlearning. Machine unlearning requires removing information of forgetting data in the original model while preserving the knowledge contained in the remaining data (Bourtoule et al., 2021; Xu et al., 2024). Currently works on machine unlearning can be summarized into two branches based on the unlearning objectives. The first type is *exact unlearning*, which requires achieving the same model as the train-from-scratch model on remaining data. Exact unlearning is mainly applied to classical machine learning models (Bourtoule et al., 2021; Kim & Woo, 2022). In deep models, the parameters and model structures can be much more complex. Therefore, the exact unlearning is hard to be realized. The current works of exact unlearning on deep models usually take the retraining strategy and focus on improving the algorithm efficiency, for example, the SISA algorithm which retrains the model via a distributed approach on different devices (Bourtoule et al., 2021). The second type is *approximate unlearning*, which requires the unlearned model to get similar performances to the retrained model on both the remaining data and the forgetting data. Approximate unlearning methods are widely applied to deep models (Nguyen et al., 2020; Tarun et al., 2023; Golatkar et al., 2020b; Thudi et al., 2022; Graves et al., 2021; Chen et al., 2023; Kurmanji et al., 2023; Chundawat et al., 2023; Golatkar et al., 2020a; Liu et al., 2021). The cutting-edged works on approximate unlearning includes: (Chundawat et al., 2023) which employs two teacher models that are trained on the remaining and forgetting data to guide the unlearning; (Chen et al., 2023) which explores a new perspective of unlearning by shifting the decision boundary of different classes for unlearning, and (Thudi et al., 2022) which recovers the changes of parameters occurring in the training of data to be forgotten. Compared with the exact unlearning on deep models, approximate unlearning has wider applications.

**Unsupervised Representation Learning.** Unsupervised representation learning aims to learn the representations of the input data without using labels. The unsupervised representation learning has attracted more attention from researchers. The variational autoencoder (VAE) (Kingma & Welling, 2014) and contrastive learning (van den Oord et al., 2018) are two critical techniques. The VAE can project the input features into low-dimensional Gaussian representations. Currently, the strong ability for representation learning makes the VAE have wide applications on deep learning tasks. For instance, (Liang et al., 2018) explores the application of VAE on representation learning in collaborative filtering while (Kipf & Welling, 2016) applies the VAE on the representation learning of graph data. Contrastive learning reduces the distances of the embeddings of data that share similar characteristics and increases the distances of the embeddings of data that are dissimilar from each other. For instance, (van den Oord et al., 2018) introduces the Noise Contrastive Estimation to differentiate the distance between the similar and dissimilar samples and (Chen et al., 2020) employs cosine similarity during contrastive learning.

# A.2 NOTATIONS

We provide a table of all notations of the main paper in Table 1.

### A.3 IMPLEMENTATION DETAILS

### A.3.1 OVERALL WORKFLOW

Figure. 1 presents the workflow of the whole LAF framework. The LAF first trained two VAEs h and  $h_f$  on the representations of training data **X** and representations of forgetting data **X**<sub>f</sub>. Then by fixing the parameters of h and  $h_f$ , Next, to align the representation distribution of  $g_U^e$  with the classifier, LAF compares the similarities between the representations of remaining data and forgetting data in the model before and after unlearning and maximizes the representation alignment loss  $L_{RA}$ .  $L_{UE}$  and  $L_{RA}$  can be updated alternately. We output the updated model as the final model  $g_U^e$ .

Subsequently, the LAF framework focuses on aligning the representation distributions between the post-unlearning extractor  $g_U^e$  and the classifier  $g_D^c$ . This is achieved by the representation alignment loss  $L_{RA}$ , aligning the representations of the remaining data before and after the unlearning process

Notation	Explanation
D	Training data
${\cal P}$	Training data distribution
$D_r$	Remaining data
$\mathcal{P}_r$	Training data distribution
$D_f$	Forgetting data
$\mathcal{P}_{f}$	Training data distribution
x	Instance of data
$\mathcal{X}$	Instance space
y	Label of data
${\mathcal Y}$	Label space
$g_D$	Trained deep model
$g^e_D$	Extractor of the trained deep model
$g_D^c$	Classifier of the trained deep model
$g_U$	Post-unlearning deep model
$g^e_U$	Extractor of the post-unlearning deep model
$Q(D_r)$	Distribution that post-unlearning deep model follows on $D_r$
$Q(D_f)$	Distribution that post-unlearning deep model follows on $D_f$
$\Delta(\cdot, \cdot)$	Distribution discrepancy
h	VAE that learns the distribution of the training data representations
$h_{f_{i}}$	VAE that learns the distribution of the forgetting data representations
$\mathcal{N}(0,\mathcal{I})$	Standard Gaussian distribution
$\mu_h, \sigma_h$	Mean and std estimated by h on its encoding layer for $g_D^e(x), x \in D_r$
$ ilde{\mu}_h,  ilde{\sigma}_h$	Mean and std estimated by h on its encoding layer for $g_U^e(x), x \in D_r$
$\mu_{h_f}, \sigma_{h_f}$	Mean and std estimated by $h_f$ on its encoding layer for $g_D^e(x), x \in D_f$
$\tilde{\mu}_{h_f}, \tilde{\sigma}_{h_f}$	Mean and std estimated by $h_f$ on its encoding layer for $g_U^e(x), x \in D_f$

Table 1: Table of Notations Used in The Main Paper

and differentiating the representations of the forgetting data before and after the unlearning. The  $L_{UE}$  and  $L_{RA}$  losses are updated in an alternating fashion.

The culmination of this process is the final updated model, denoted as  $g_U^e$ , which effectively embodies the refined balance between learning and forgetting, as dictated by the LAF framework.





# A.3.2 ENVIRONMENT

All the experiments are conducted on one server with NVIDIA RTX A6000 GPU (48GB GDDR6 Memory) and 12th Gen Intel(R) Core(TM) i9-12900K (16 cores and 128GB Memory) and two servers with NVIDIA RTX A5000 GPUs (24GB GDDR6 Memory) and 12th Gen Intel Core i7-12700K CPUs (12 cores and 128GB Memory). The code of LAF was implemented in Python 3.9.16 and

Cuda 11.6.1. The main Python packages' versions are the following: Numpy 1.23.5; Pandas 2.0.1; Pytorch 1.13.1; Torchvision 0.14.1. The datasets in experiments: **DIGITS** (LeCun, 1998), **FASHION** (Xiao et al., 2017), **CIFAR10** (Krizhevsky et al., 2009), and **SVHN** dataset (Netzer et al., 2011) are all downloaded from the Torchvision library. Moreover, all the comparison methods provide open resources for their implementation code: **Boundary** <sup>1</sup>, **T-S** <sup>2</sup>, **SCRUB** <sup>3</sup>, **SISA** <sup>4</sup>, **Unrolling** <sup>5</sup>.

### A.3.3 INITIALIZATIONS

For the experiment models, we choose the **CNN**(LeCun et al., 1995) with two convolutional layers for the two MNIST datasets. The output channels for the two convolutional layers are 16 and 32 respectively. Then the other parts of the CNN consist of three linear layers with the output dimensions 256, 128 and 10. For the two CIFAR datasets, we choose an **18-layer ResNet** (He et al., 2016) with two linear layers with the output dimensions 256, and 10 and the **ResNet** does not contain the pre-trained weights. We construct two VAEs with three and four linear layers in the encoders and decoders. The first type of VAE is used for the two MNIST datasets consisting of three linear layers' encoder with the input dimensions 256, 128, and 32 and a three linear layers' decoder with the input dimensions 8, 32, and 128. The second type of VAE is used for the other two datasets consisting of the same structure encoder as the first one and a three linear layers' decoder with the input dimensions 16, 32, and 128.

All the experiments are based on the original models trained in the four datasets. We train two CNN models on two MNIST datasets for 10 epochs with a learning rate of 1e-3 while we train another two 18-layer ResNet models on two CIFAR datasets for 20 epochs with a learning rate of 5e-5. For the golden standard baselines Retrain, we retrain the CNN models on two MNIST datasets for 20 epochs with a learning rate of 1e-3. We retrain the 18-layer ResNet models on two CIFAR datasets for 40 epochs with a learning rate of 5e-5. Then for the other six comparison baselines:NegGrad, Boundary(Chen et al., 2023), T-S(Chundawat et al., 2023), SCRUB(Kurmanji et al., 2023), SISA (Bourtoule et al., 2021), Unroll (Thudi et al., 2022), we keep the hyperparameters of the unlearning process the same as in the original paper and adjust other necessary parameters for the unlearning stage to get as high performances as we can. NegGrad adjusts the deep model parameters with positive gradients on remaining data and negative gradients on forgetting data; Boundary (Chen et al., 2023) shift the decision boundaries of the forgetting data and remaining data to eliminate the forgetting data information; SISA (Bourtoule et al., 2021) proposes to retrain the model using the small data shards from the remaining dataset and ensemble the final results; Unroll (Thudi et al., 2022) records gradients when learning the first epoch and adds recorded gradients on weights after the incremental training; **T-S** (Chundawat et al., 2023) proposes to retrain two teacher models on forgetting data and remaining data and adjust the student model through the differences between the output space of the two teacher models; SCRUB (Kurmanji et al., 2023) force the model to be consistent with the teacher model trained on remaining data and inconsistent with another teacher model trained on forgetting data.

### A.3.4 HYPERPARAMETERS

In all experiments, we configure the batch size to 32. During the training of VAEs, we assign the latent dimensions as 8 for the DIGITS and FASHION datasets and 16 for the CIFAR10 and SVHN datasets. The learning rate for VAE training is established at 1e-3, with the number of training epochs set to 10. For representation alignment, we assign the value of  $\tau$  as 2, 20, and 20 for data removal, class removal, and noisy label removal tasks, respectively for CNN. We assign the value of  $\tau$  as 20, 20, and 5 for ResNet. Subsequently, in the supervised repairing stage, we designate the repairing epoch as 1, applying a learning rate of 1e-3 for all tasks on the DIGITS and FASHION datasets, and 5e-5 on the CIFAR10 and SVHN datasets.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>https://www.dropbox.com/s/bwu543qsdy4s32i/Boundary-Unlearning-Code.zip?dl=0

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>https://github.com/vikram2000b/bad-teaching-unlearning

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>https://github.com/meghdadk/SCRUB

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>https://github.com/cleverhans-lab/machine-unlearning

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup>https://github.com/cleverhans-lab/unrolling-sgd



Figure 3: Time cost comparison in the data removal task. The red columns stand for the time costs of the proposed LAF and the orange columns stand for LAF-R. The green columns denote the retraining and the blue columns denote other methods.

### A.4 EFFICIENCY ANALYSIS

### A.4.1 TIME COST ANALYSIS



Figure 2: Time cost proportion. VAE\_1 stands for the training of h and VAE\_2 stands for the training of  $h_f$ 

Figure 3 presents a comparative analysis of the time efficiency of our LAF framework against other methods in data removal tasks. The results indicate that LAF does not hold a distinct advantage in terms of efficiency. Specifically, in experiments conducted on two MNIST datasets, LAF exhibits a slightly higher time cost compared to the seven other evaluated methods. However, in trials involving the CIFAR10 and SVHN datasets, LAF's time consumption is close to the average time cost of other methods and is notably less than that required for retraining and the TS (Teacher-Student) approaches.

This variation in time efficiency primarily stems from the time-intensive process of training the VAEs. As illustrated in Figure 2, the training phase of VAE h accounts for nearly half of the total algorithm runtime, pinpointing a key area for future enhancements. It's important to note, though, that the training of h is conducted on the entire training dataset and is independent of the selection of data to be forgotten. Hence, this training phase can be executed separately from the unlearning process, offering a substantial opportunity to reduce overall time expenditure.



Figure 4: Storage workload comparison in the data removal task. The red columns stand for the time costs of the proposed LAF and the orange columns stand for LAF-R. The green columns denote the retraining and the blue columns denote other methods.



Figure 5: Memory workload changes of LAF during the whole procedure on the random data removal task on DIGITS

#### A.4.2 STORAGE WORKLOAD ANALYSIS

Figure 4 provides a comparative overview of the storage workload associated with our LAF framework and other data unlearning methods. The analysis indicates that LAF's storage demands are broadly comparable to those of most other unlearning methods. Notably, the Retrain method exhibits the lowest storage workload, as it does not necessitate any additional memory-intensive components. Conversely, while the Unroll method achieves the lowest time cost, it demands the most storage, particularly in experiments involving ResNet. This increased requirement is due to Unroll's need to store gradients for all parameters across the entire training dataset. Moreover, the SISA approach involves training multiple models concurrently, each mirroring the structure of the original model, thereby escalating the storage requirements. In contrast, our LAF framework avoids the need to store extensive gradients or maintain complex additional models. Although LAF includes the training of two additional VAEs, these are structurally simple, comprising merely five or four linear layers each. For context, the CNN model encompasses 450K parameters, and ResNet-18 contains 11.3M parameters, while the two VAEs collectively have only 150K parameters.

To provide a clearer depiction of the storage workload dynamics within LAF, Figure 5 visualizes the changes in storage requirements throughout the entire LAF process. It reveals that the peak workload

occurs during the VAE training stage, after which the storage demands stabilize during the actual unlearning phase.

### A.5 ADDITIONAL EXPERIMENTS

In this section, we add three parts of additional experiments. A.5.1 is to evaluate the impact of the two approximations in the extractor unlearning process: replacing D by  $D_r$  for the training of the first VAE, and dropping of the two KL divergence terms in Eq.8. A.5.2 is to evaluate two different optimization strategies, alternately updating and two-stage updating. A.5.3 is set up to examine the efficacy of the proposed methods on the low-quality representations.

Table 2: Ablation study results in data removal. 'Add KL' adds two KL divergence terms in Eq.8 in the main paper for optimization and  $D_r$  denotes training the VAE h using the remaining data. The bold results stand for the best. The following tables take the same notations.

Method	Data	Train <sub>r</sub>	Train <sub>f</sub>	Test	ASR	Data	Train <sub>r</sub>	Train <sub>f</sub>	Test	ASR
Retrain Add KL D <sub>r</sub> LAF	DIGITS	$\begin{array}{c} 99.56 {\pm} 0.05 \\ 53.36 {\pm} 3.54 \\ \textbf{99.52} {\pm} \textbf{0.01} \\ 98.03 {\pm} 0.68 \end{array}$	98.84±0.10 85.78±5.14 <b>99.43±0.30</b> 97.29±1.43	$\begin{array}{c} 99.04{\pm}0.10\\ 58.90{\pm}1.40\\ \textbf{98.98{\pm}0.09}\\ 97.30{\pm}0.78 \end{array}$	49.80±0.53 41.19±0.32 56.67±2.61 <b>47.92±0.84</b>	FASHION	$96.43 \pm 0.35$ $59.97 \pm 0.06$ $92.49 \pm 0.37$ $91.54 \pm 2.67$	92.15±0.41 11.93±2.94 90.17±1.57 <b>90.91±7.00</b>	$\begin{array}{c}90.23{\pm}0.22\\48.93{\pm}0.23\\\textbf{88.22{\pm}0.42}\\87.53{\pm}3.26\end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 47.32{\pm}0.76\\ 41.57{\pm}0.06\\ 44.57{\pm}0.87\\ \textbf{46.89{\pm}0.88} \end{array}$
Retrain Add KL $D_r$ LAF	CIFAR10	84.03±0.20 44.88±32.38 77.70±0.67 <b>78.03±1.55</b>	78.05±1.34 40.81±39.45 <b>75.59±1.81</b> 73.30±3.96	$87.20 \pm 0.65$ $546.33 \pm 36.33$ $81.79 \pm 0.84$ $82.22 \pm 2.57$	57.48±0 357.30±5.20 55.73±0.73 <b>57.65±0.70</b>	NHAS	$\begin{array}{c} 83.88 {\pm} 0.23 \\ \textbf{81.92 {\pm} 0.30} \\ 81.77 {\pm} 0.36 \\ 81.63 {\pm} 0.49 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 75.16 {\pm} 0.76 \\ 75.79 {\pm} 0.34 \\ \textbf{75.37} {\pm} \textbf{0.82} \\ 76.11 {\pm} 1.49 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 93.41{\pm}0.40\\ 91.93{\pm}0.32\\ 91.88{\pm}0.13\\ \textbf{92.32{\pm}0.58} \end{array}$	$58.76 {\pm} 0.48 \\ 58.09 {\pm} 0.29 \\ \textbf{58.19 {\pm} 0.12} \\ 57.85 {\pm} 0.89$

Table 3: Ablation study results in class removal.

Method	Data	Test <sub>r</sub>	Test <sub>f</sub>	ASR	Data	Test <sub>r</sub>	Test <sub>f</sub>	ASR
Retrain Add KL D <sub>r</sub> LAF	DIGITS	98.81±0.15 98.16±0.18 <b>98.18±0.17</b> 98.03±0.68	0±0 <b>0.26±0.05</b> 0.31±0.10 0.26±0.11	$\begin{array}{c} 26.49 \pm 1.41 \\ 24.83 \pm 0.76 \\ \textbf{24.74} \pm \textbf{0.80} \\ 52.25 \pm 2.61 \end{array}$	FASHION	92.66±0.29 88.43±1.24 89.78±0.39 <b>91.54±2.67</b>	0±0 <b>0.75±0.44</b> 2.35±1.04 2.46±1.46	38.24±3.13 31.71±0.74 31.45±0.19 31.35±0.71
Retrain Add KL D <sub>r</sub> LAF	CIFAR10	86.01±0.64 47.11±36.02 76.83±0.38 <b>82.38±0.97</b>	0±0 <b>0.10±0.05</b> 2.05±1.65 2.15±1.96	$\begin{array}{c c} 67.76 \pm 1.58 \\ 48.45 \pm 1.67 \\ 47.14 \pm 1.48 \\ 50.46 \pm 1.96 \end{array}$	NHVS	$\begin{array}{c} 94.07{\pm}0.67\\ 91.14{\pm}0.76\\ 90.76{\pm}0.14\\ 85.80{\pm}1.14\end{array}$	0±0 2.38±2.32 6.31±3.89 <b>0.33±0.51</b>	59.33±1.31 54.33±2.47 47.19±3.63 <b>56.33±0.49</b>

#### A.5.1 FURTHER ABLATION STUDY

Tables 2, 3, and 4 present the findings from our expanded ablation study, focusing on various unlearning tasks. The results highlight that LAF, both in its standard form and with  $D_r$  utilized during VAE training, achieves comparable outcomes across most unlearning scenarios. This is particularly evident in tasks involving random data removal. Such consistency validates our approach of substituting D with  $D_r$ , which offers the advantage of pre-training the VAE, thereby reducing time costs associated with unlearning requests.

Furthermore, upon integrating two KL divergence terms into the optimization process, we observe that performance in class removal and noisy label removal tasks remains similar to both the standard LAF and the LAF with  $D_r$  in VAE training. However, a notable difference emerges in random data removal tasks, where we witness a marked decline in performance for the remaining data and test data, along with a greater deviation in attack success rates compared to retrained models. This phenomenon can be attributed to the KL divergence term of the VAE, which, when trained on the entire dataset, acts as a regularization component. This effect makes unlearning more challenging, inadvertently preserving information about the remaining data. It is this observation that led us to exclude these two KL divergence terms from the final extractor unlearning loss formulation.

Method	Data	Train <sub>r</sub>	Train <sub>f</sub>	Test	ASR	Data	Train <sub>r</sub>	Train <sub>f</sub>	Test	ASR
Retrain Add KL D <sub>r</sub> LAF	DIGITS	99.75±0.12 90.15±1.12 90.60±0.59 <b>96.46±0.67</b>	$\begin{array}{c} 0.17 {\pm} 0.01 \\ 3.66 {\pm} 0.17 \\ 3.53 {\pm} 0.03 \\ \textbf{2.70} {\pm} \textbf{0.59} \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 98.83{\pm}0.05\\ 84.40{\pm}1.74\\ 84.84{\pm}1.18\\ \textbf{91.48}{\pm}\textbf{1.49}\end{array}$	39.26±0.01 29.31±0.75 28.85±0.66 18.51±0.57	FASHION	$97.04 \pm 0.83$ $87.82 \pm 0.47$ $87.74 \pm 0.44$ $92.32 \pm 0.66$	2.16±0.06 <b>4.68±0.22</b> 4.70±0.19 4.80±0.71	$\begin{array}{c} 88.15 {\pm} 0.45 \\ 78.33 {\pm} 0.75 \\ 78.27 {\pm} 0.81 \\ \textbf{81.21} {\pm} \textbf{1.22} \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 37.65 \pm 1.88 \\ 30.19 \pm 0.58 \\ \textbf{30.35} \pm \textbf{0.22} \\ 22.36 \pm 0.72 \end{array}$
Retrain Add KL D <sub>r</sub> LAF	CIFAR10	73.33±0.89 77.67±0.90 78.31±1.20 57.44±1.11	$7.74 \pm 0.23$ <b>2.80 \pm 0.35</b> 2.80 \pm 0.31 10.60 ± 0.20	64.74±1.26 82.48±0.66 <b>82.65±0.56</b> 47.57±0.63	57.04±0.99 <b>51.82±4.76</b> 47.18±1.14 53.18±0.68	NHAS	$82.46 \pm 0.15$ 78.06 $\pm 2.71$ 78.02 $\pm 0.08$ 77.87 $\pm 0.35$	$\begin{array}{c} 2.37 {\pm} 0.23 \\ \textbf{3.49} {\pm} \textbf{6.43} \\ 3.53 {\pm} 0.03 \\ 3.59 {\pm} 0.20 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 93.38 \pm 0.35 \\ 89.11 \pm 0.48 \\ 89.15 \pm 0.56 \\ \textbf{89.33} \pm \textbf{0.32} \end{array}$	$59.55 \pm 1.22 \\ 49.58 \pm 0.50 \\ 50.71 \pm 1.16 \\ \textbf{51.50} \pm \textbf{1.17}$

Table 4: Ablation study results in noisy label removal.

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Method	Data	Train <sub>r</sub>	Train <sub>f</sub>	Test	ASR	Data	Train <sub>r</sub>	Train <sub>f</sub>	Test	ASR
Retrain Two Stage LAF	DIGITS	99.56±0.05 88.63±7.06 <b>98.03±0.68</b>	98.84±0.10 69.22±19.74 <b>97.29</b> ± <b>1.43</b>	99.04±0.10 484.22±9.45 <b>97.30±0.78</b>	49.80±0.53 44.01±1.29 <b>47.92±0.84</b>	FASH	96.43±0.35 81.82±0.16 <b>91.54±2.67</b>	92.15±0.41 71.26±1.37 <b>90.91±7.00</b>	90.23±0.22 91.28±0.30 87.53±3.26	$\begin{array}{c} 47.32{\pm}0.76\\ 56.92{\pm}0.96\\ \textbf{46.89}{\pm}\textbf{0.88} \end{array}$
Retrain Two Stage LAF	CIFAR 10	84.03±0.20 <b>78.62±0.79</b> 78.03±1.55	78.05±1.34 <b>80.05±1.11</b> 73.30±3.96	87.20±0.65 83.51±0.5 82.22±2.57	57.48±0 56.46±0.30 <b>57.65±0.70</b>	NHNS	83.88±0.23 81.82±0.16 81.63±0.49	75.16±0.76 71.26±1.37 <b>76.11±1.49</b>	93.41±0.40 91.28±0.30 <b>92.32±0.58</b>	58.76±0.48 56.92±0.96 <b>57.85±0.89</b>

Table 6: Optimizing strategy comparison in class removal.

Method	Data	Test <sub>r</sub>	Test <sub>f</sub>	ASR	Data	Test <sub>r</sub>	Test <sub>f</sub>	ASR
Retrain Two Stage LAF	DIGITS	$\begin{array}{c} 98.81{\pm}0.15\\ \textbf{98.84}{\pm}\textbf{0.13}\\ 98.03{\pm}0.68\end{array}$	0±0 1.02±0.31 <b>0.26±0.11</b>	26.49±1.41 23.59±0.28 52.25±2.61	FASH	92.66±0.29 91.17±0.17 <b>91.54±2.67</b>	$0\pm 0$ 9.05 $\pm 0.55$ <b>2.46<math>\pm 1.46</math></b>	38.24±3.13 30.58±0.09 <b>31.35±0.71</b>
Retrain Two Stage LAF	CIFAR10	86.01±0.64 82.27±1.06 82.38±0.97	0±0 <b>1.15±0.55</b> 2.15±1.96	67.76±1.58 46.20±0.72 <b>50.46</b> ± <b>1.96</b>	NHAS	94.07±0.67 <b>91.95±0.11</b> 85.80±1.14	0±0 2.67±1.98 <b>0.33±0.51</b>	59.33±1.31 54.78±1.13 <b>56.33±0.49</b>

Table 7: Optimizing strategy comparison in noisy label removal.

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Method	Data	Train <sub>r</sub>	Train <sub>f</sub>	Test	ASR	Data	Train <sub>r</sub>	Train <sub>f</sub>	Test	ASR
Retrain Two Stage LAF	DIGITS	99.75±0.12 90.42±0.15 <b>96.46±0.67</b>	0.17±0.01 3.79±0.16 <b>2.70±0.59</b>	98.83±0.05 84.12±0.30 <b>91.48</b> ± <b>1.49</b>	39.26±0.01 58.54±0.01 18.51±0.57	FASH	97.04±0.83 85.52±1.03 <b>92.32±0.66</b>	2.16±0.06 5.94±0.35 <b>4.80±0.71</b>	88.15±0.45 73.86±1.63 <b>81.21</b> ± <b>1.22</b>	37.65±1.88 30.08±0.53 22.36±0.72
Retrain Two Stage LAF	CIFAR10	73.33±0.89 <b>80.04±0.33</b> 57.44±1.11	7.74±0.23 <b>2.67±0.17</b> 10.60±0.20	64.74±1.26 83.93±0.70 <b>47.57±0.63</b>	<b>57.04±0.99</b> 57.31±0.22 53.18±0.68	NHAS	82.46±0.15 15.70±0.75 <b>77.87±0.35</b>	2.37±0.23 12.41±0.18 <b>3.59±0.20</b>	93.38±0.35 9.65±0.50 <b>89.33±0.32</b>	59.55±1.22 55.84±0.69 51.50±1.17

# A.5.2 OPTIMIZING STRATEGY

Table 5, 6, 7 presents the results using two different optimizing strategies, alternately updating and two-stage updating. On the DIGITS, FASHION, and SVHN datasets, the alternately updating can reach better forgetting performances and knowledge preservation performances for all three unlearning tasks. In addition, although the two-stage updating can achieve closer results to the retrained models on the preservation of the knowledge from the remaining data, the performances on the forgetting data and the ASR show large differences to the results of alternately updating. Therefore, the experiment results can demonstrate the reasonability and correctness of alternately updating instead of updating in two stages.

# A.5.3 EXPERIMENT ON LOW-QUALITY REPRESENTATIONS

To further examine the efficacy of the proposed LAF, we test LAF with low-quality representations on the different unlearning tasks. Considering that deep models can easily to reach high prediction performances on the two MNIST datasets, we choose the other two datasets: CIFAR10 and SVHN and train two insufficiently trained ResNet-18 models for the experiments. We set the training epochs as 1 and keep the same values of the other hyperparameters as the experiment settings in the main paper. The results are presented in Table 8 and 9.

The sufficiently retrained model and sufficiently trained SISA always reach significantly better performances than all the post-unlearning models because the models provided for unlearning are insufficiently trained. Therefore, the retrained results do not have much reference value in this experiment setting. The results of the original model can prove that all the original models are sufficiently trained and can provide baselines of the performances on the remaining and forgetting data.

Then for the remaining approaches, the results demonstrate that LAF can LAF-R can achieve much better performances than other methods. This can support that LAF can also work on low-quality representation extractors.

Table 8: Comparison results with other state-of-the-art methods in data removal (avg%±std%).

Method	Data	Train <sub>r</sub>	Train <sub>f</sub>	Test	ASR	Data	Train <sub>r</sub>	Train <sub>f</sub>	Test	ASR
Retrain		84.03±0.20	78.05±1.34	87.20±0.65	57.48±0		83.88±0.23	75.16±0.76	93.41±0.40	58.76±0.48
Original		$45.59 \pm 2.77$	$46.12 \pm 2.78$	$48.76 {\pm} 3.95$	-		$63.21 \pm 1.66$	$63.04 \pm 1.73$	$72.70 \pm 3.18$	-
NegGrad		$20.27 \pm 0.93$	$0\pm0$	$16.20 \pm 0.64$	$51.38 {\pm} 0.96$		$22.42 \pm 0.10$	$0\pm0$	$19.73 \pm 0.15$	$60.34 {\pm} 0.06$
Boundary	01	$21.32 \pm 1.34$	$10.40 \pm 0.37$	$19.62 {\pm} 2.03$	$54.72 {\pm} 0.81$	-	$42.09 \pm 1.31$	$12.66 {\pm} 0.19$	$47.21 \pm 2.78$	$55.53 {\pm} 1.73$
SISA	R	$66.78 \pm 0.10$	$53.12 \pm 0.74$	$54.30 {\pm} 0.05$	$37.53 {\pm} 0.02$	É	$82.48 {\pm} 0.17$	$67.79 \pm 0.34$	$82.57 \pm 0.83$	$50.19 {\pm} 0.38$
Unrolling	ΕZ	$27.02 \pm 0.16$	$2.28 \pm 2.23$	$29.72 {\pm} 0.16$	$57.25 {\pm} 0.87$	N	$49.74 \pm 1.16$	$14.78 \pm 4.44$	$53.43 \pm 1.35$	$56.34 {\pm} 0.13$
T-S	5	$46.48 \pm 1.87$	$50.20 \pm 4.59$	$50.61 \pm 3.14$	$52.98 {\pm} 0.52$	•1	$64.52 \pm 2.20$	$55.16 {\pm} 2.13$	$73.13 \pm 4.59$	$55.02 {\pm} 0.25$
SCRUB		$30.00 \pm 0.12$	$0\pm0$	$26.84 {\pm} 0.84$	$53.86 {\pm} 0.55$		$30.23 {\pm} 0.17$	$0\pm0$	$27.82 {\pm} 1.04$	$60.30 {\pm} 0.05$
LAF+R		$48.11 \pm 1.36$	$44.19 \pm 1.00$	$52.32 {\pm} 0.50$	$53.43 {\pm} 0.34$		$68.31 \pm 0.55$	$54.77 \pm 5.10$	$78.75 \pm 0.96$	$55.70 {\pm} 0.57$
LAF		$43.55 {\pm} 0.75$	$44.51 \pm 0.21$	$46.06 {\pm} 0.87$	$54.95{\pm}0.66$		$63.89 {\pm} 1.20$	$53.94{\pm}2.81$	$72.30{\pm}3.05$	$54.23 {\pm} 1.41$

Table 9: Comparison results with other state-of-the-art methods in class removal (avg%±std%)

Method	Data	Test <sub>r</sub>	Test <sub>f</sub>	ASR	Data	Test <sub>r</sub>	Test <sub>f</sub>	ASR
Retrain		$86.01 \pm 0.64$	$0\pm 0$	67.76±1.58		94.07±0.67	$0\pm 0$	59.33±1.31
Original		$63.86 {\pm} 9.61$	$47.08 \pm 5.27$	-		$61.27 \pm 17.36$	$73.52 \pm 3.22$	-
NegGrad		$17.87 \pm 0.34$	$0\pm 0$	$46.46 \pm 0.43$		$34.36 \pm 0.21$	$0\pm 0$	$64.13 \pm 1.74$
Boundary	10	$35.24 \pm 9.22$	$1.52 \pm 2.89$	$49.03 \pm 1.64$	-	$54.36 \pm 0.71$	$12.13 \pm 1.81$	$61.99 \pm 1.20$
SISA	R	99.10±0.03	$0\pm 0$	$50.12 \pm 0.23$	I É	$92.14 \pm 0.07$	$0\pm 0$	$50.00 \pm 0.02$
Unrolling	Ε	$42.35 \pm 0.67$	$0\pm 0$	$58.55 \pm 0.01$		$60.78 \pm 2.68$	$0\pm 0$	$56.85 \pm 2.59$
T-S	0	$48.81 \pm 3.05$	$32.30 \pm 10.20$	$45.86 \pm 2.26$		$72.10 \pm 3.09$	$25.83 \pm 14.94$	$57.77 \pm 8.49$
SCRUB		$31.45 \pm 1.56$	$0\pm0$	$51.57 \pm 0.29$		$22.53 \pm 1.54$	$0\pm0$	$68.76 \pm 2.94$
LAF+R		$47.04 \pm 0.16$	$0\pm 0$	$47.34 \pm 2.35$		$76.34 \pm 0.10$	$0\pm 0$	$56.81 \pm 0.65$
LAF		43.07±4.63	$1.3 \pm 0.20$	$43.29 \pm 0.34$		$61.51 \pm 4.63$	$0.06 {\pm} 0.06$	$56.67 {\pm} 2.61$

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