

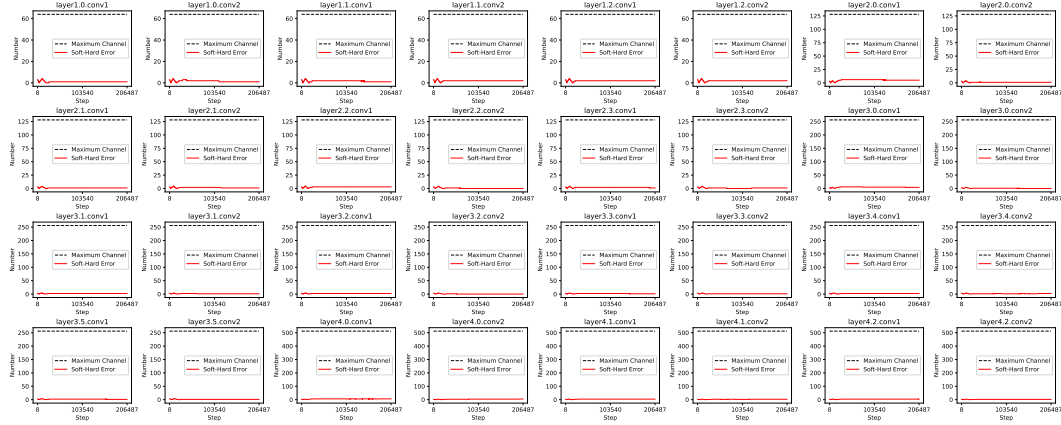


Figure t1. The soft and hard channel difference w.r.t. the maximum channel number of ResNet-50 layers during the training on CIFAR-100.

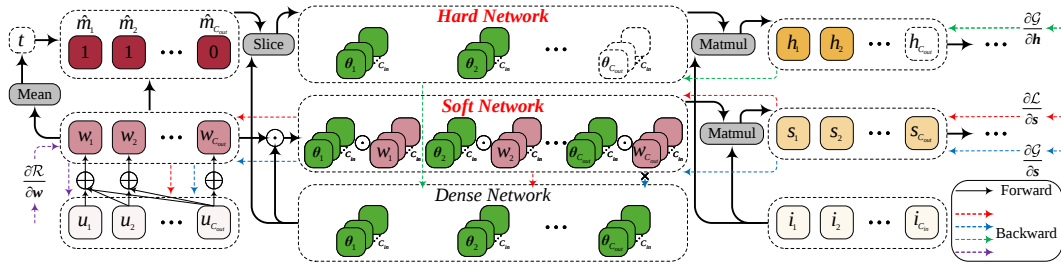


Figure t2. The revised framework, which emphasizes the concept of soft and hard networks.

Table t1. Supplementary results of ResNet-50 on Imagenet. CHEX\* means implementing CHEX with our training schedule.

| Method      | Unpruned top-1 (%) | Pruned top-1 (%) | Top-1 drop (%) | FLOPs (%)    | Pretrain epochs | Prune epochs |
|-------------|--------------------|------------------|----------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|
| CHEX        | 77.80              | <b>76.00</b>     | 1.80           | 25.00        | 0               | 250          |
| CHEX*       | 76.15              | 75.33            | 0.82           | 30.00        | 0               | 200          |
| <b>Ours</b> | 76.15              | 75.39            | <b>0.76</b>    | <b>24.21</b> | 0               | <b>200</b>   |
| SCOP        | 76.15              | 75.26            | 0.89           | 45.40        | 90              | <b>140</b>   |
| <b>Ours</b> | 76.15              | <b>75.68</b>     | <b>0.47</b>    | <b>35.00</b> | 0               | 200          |
| SCOP        | 76.15              | 75.95            | 0.20           | 54.70        | 90              | <b>140</b>   |
| CHEX        | 77.80              | <b>77.40</b>     | 0.40           | <b>50.00</b> | 0               | 250          |
| <b>Ours</b> | 76.15              | 77.13            | <b>-0.98</b>   | 53.49        | 0               | 200          |

Table t2. Comparison with the simple combination of pruning and knowledge distillation.

|               | Prune | Prune+Distillation | <b>Ours</b>  |
|---------------|-------|--------------------|--------------|
| Epochs        | 250   | 500                | 500          |
| Top-1 Acc (%) | 76.93 | 77.64              | <b>79.77</b> |

Table t3. ResNet-50 on CIFAR-100 using different gap measures.

| Metrics       | L1    | L2    | <b>Ours (KL)</b> |
|---------------|-------|-------|------------------|
| Top-1 Acc (%) | 77.09 | 76.95 | <b>79.77</b>     |

Table t4. Training efficiency and GPU RAM comparison with different methods.

|                                      | RST-S | Depgraph | OTO v2 | IMP-Refill | Ours  |
|--------------------------------------|-------|----------|--------|------------|-------|
| Top-1 Acc (%) (1x training schedule) | 75.02 | 49.07    | 77.04  | 75.12      | 79.77 |
| Top-1 Acc (%) (2x training schedule) | 75.54 | 50.83    | 77.21  | 75.66      | -     |
| GPU time per epoch (s)               | 44.50 | 70.97    | 79.36  | 74.12      | 50.13 |
| Peak GPU memory (MB) (training)      | 4329  | 4319     | 4221   | 4261       | 4710  |
| Peak GPU memory (MB) (inference)     | 1351  | 1365     | 1262   | 1329       | 1279  |