
A APPENDIX

A.1 GRADIENT DERIVATION PROCESS

This section describes the derivation of Eq. (11) and Eq. (12):

Since we split the input value \mathcal{X} into two parts, we need to calculate the gradient of the output value for these two parts separately:

For \mathcal{X}_1 :

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{Y}}{\partial \mathcal{X}_1} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{Y}_1}{\partial \mathcal{X}_1} + \frac{\partial \mathcal{Y}_2}{\partial \mathcal{X}_1}$$

Based on Eq. (2) and Eq. (5):

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{Y}}{\partial \mathcal{X}_1} = \frac{\partial (\mathcal{H}(\mathcal{M}_1 - V_{th}) + \beta \cdot \mathcal{X}_2^t)}{\partial \mathcal{M}_1} \odot \frac{\partial \mathcal{M}_1^t}{\partial \mathcal{X}_1} + \frac{\partial (\mathcal{H}(\mathcal{M}_2 - V_{th}) + \beta \cdot \mathcal{X}_1^t)}{\partial \mathcal{M}_2} \odot \frac{\partial \mathcal{M}_2}{\partial \mathcal{X}_1}$$

Based on Eq. (1), Eq. (2) and Eq. (4):

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{Y}}{\partial \mathcal{X}_1} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{H}(\mathcal{M}_1 - V_{th})}{\partial \mathcal{M}_1} \odot \frac{1}{\tau} + \frac{\partial \mathcal{H}(\mathcal{M}_2 - V_{th})}{\partial \mathcal{M}_2} \odot \frac{1}{\tau} \odot \frac{\partial \mathcal{H}(\mathcal{M}_1 - V_{th})}{\partial \mathcal{M}_1} \odot \frac{1}{\tau} + \beta$$

The derivative function of the leapfrog equation is defined in pytorch as follows:

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{H}(\mathcal{M})}{\partial \mathcal{M}} = \frac{\theta}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{1 + \left(\frac{\pi}{2} \cdot \theta \cdot \mathcal{M}\right)^2}$$

Then, we can get Eq. (11), and for Eq. (12), the derivation method is the same.

A.2 FLOPS ANALYSIS

For each layer n , consider the Input tensor \mathcal{X}^n contains k_n elements, for the forward process, Eq. (1) contains three calculation steps, Eq. (2) contains three calculation steps, Eq. (3) contains six calculation steps. Eq. (4), Eq. (6), Eq. (5) are perfectly symmetrical with the first three steps. Due to we first divided the matrix into segments, so the total FLOPS for the Forward process of each layer is $12 \times k_n$.

For the inverse process, gradient calculation based on the forward computation graph and gradient calculation based on the inverse computation graph, the FLOPS calculation is similar to the forward process. They need $17 \times k_n$, $15.5 \times k_n$, and $8.5 \times k_n$ FLOPS separately.

If the intermediate activation values are retained (shown in Fig. 4(a)), the FLOPS required for the backpropagation process is $15.5 \times k_n$ for each layer. For the previous reversible layer architecture (shown in Fig. 4(b)), the FLOPS required for the backpropagation process is $44.5 \times k_n$ for each layer. For our reversible layer architecture (shown in Fig. 4(c)), the FLOPS required for the backpropagation process is $25.5 \times k_n$ for each layer. This analysis also coincides with our experimental results.

A.3 COMPARISON WITH THE SOTA METHODS EXPERIMENTS SETTINGS

This section presents the detailed experiment settings for the Section 5.1. The detailed hyperparameter settings are shown in Table 1.

A.4 MEMORY EVALUATION EXPERIMENT DATA

This section presents the detailed experimental data from Section 5.2. Original memory data comparing reversible SNN nodes and original SNN nodes for VGG configurations is shown in Table 2 and Table 3. And original memory data comparing reversible SNN nodes and original SNN nodes for ResNet configurations is shown in Table 4.

Table 1: The hyperparameter settings for the comparison experiment with the SOTA Methods

Comparison with the SOTA Methods			
dataset	CIFAR10	CIFAR100	Tiny-ImageNet
batch size	128	128	128
learning rate	0.01	0.01	0.3
epochs	400	400	100
optimizer	SGD	SGD	SGD
momentum	0.9	0.9	0.9
weight_decay	1.00E-05	1.00E-05	5.00E-04

Table 2: Original memory data comparing reversible SNN nodes and original SNN nodes for VGG configurations from timestep 1 to 10.

VGG architectures timesteps 1-10										
VGG11										
Timesteps	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Origina SNN node memory(MiB)	298	522.5	743.5	966.5	1187.25	1410.5	1630.25	1852.25	2075.25	2298.5
Reversible SNN node memory(MiB)	75	76	79	76	76.25	78.5	76	78.75	77.75	79
VGG13										
Timesteps	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Origina SNN node memory(MiB)	491	858	1220	1588.75	1952.75	2318.5	2684.25	3049.25	3416.375	3782.5
Reversible SNN node memory(MiB)	122	121	120.5	123	122.75	122	124.25	121.75	123	122.5
VGG16										
Timesteps	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Origina SNN node memory(MiB)	544	950	1355	1759	2166	2570	2976	3378	3786	4192
Reversible SNN node memory(MiB)	134	132	135	135.5	134.5	141	140.5	140.5	138	140.75
VGG19										
Timesteps	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Origina SNN node memory(MiB)	595.5	1042	1486	1930	2374	2819.75	3265	3708	4150	4595
Reversible SNN node memory(MiB)	147	147	148	146.25	147.5	152	152.5	155	155.25	157.5

Table 3: Original memory data comparing reversible SNN nodes and original SNN nodes for VGG configurations from timestep 11 to 20.

VGG architectures timesteps 11-20										
VGG11										
Timesteps	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Origina SNN node memory(MiB)	2519.5	2740.5	2964.5	3186.375	3407.25	3627.875	3852	4074.25	4296	4518
Reversible SNN node memory(MiB)	77	77	80	78.375	75.25	76.375	78	77.75	78.75	77.5
VGG13										
Timesteps	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Origina SNN node memory(MiB)	4148	4513.25	4878.5	5246.75	5612	5977.25	6344.375	6710.5	7076	7441
Reversible SNN node memory(MiB)	121.5	121.25	123	122.75	121	123.75	121.5	124	123.25	122.5
VGG16										
Timesteps	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Origina SNN node memory(MiB)	4596.5	5001.75	5404.75	5810.75	6213.75	6620.5	7025	7429	7832	8235
Reversible SNN node memory(MiB)	139.5	138.75	140.25	140	139.5	139.5	138	139	137	138.5
VGG19										
Timesteps	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Origina SNN node memory(MiB)	5039	5484	5929	6373	6816	7258	7701	8145.5	8588	9032
Reversible SNN node memory(MiB)	155	156.25	154.75	158.5	158	158.25	157.5	156	152.5	154

Table 4: Original memory data comparing reversible SNN nodes and original SNN nodes for ResNet configurations from timesteps 1 to 10.

ResNet architectures timesteps 1-10										
ResNet19										
Timesteps	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Origina SNN node memory(MiB)	670.4	1378	1987	2597	3206	3812.4	4422	5031	5638	6247
Reversible SNN node memory(MiB)	192	225	256	288	320	352	384	416	448	480
ResNet34										
Timesteps	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Origina SNN node memory(MiB)	972.5	1722	2475	3228	3980	4733	5486	6238	6990	7741
Reversible SNN node memory(MiB)	242	274	307	341	370	401	433	464	497	531
ResNet50										
Timesteps	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Origina SNN node memory(MiB)	2971	5221	7470	9724	11978	14232	16481	18731	20989	23240
Reversible SNN node memory(MiB)	740	774	803	836	873	902	934	965	996	1031
ResNet101										
Timesteps	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Origina SNN node memory(MiB)	4662	8140	11608	15087	18558	22048	25513	28993	32465	35954
Reversible SNN node memory(MiB)	1151	1186	1216	1248	1281	1314	1347	1382	1410	1440

A.5 TRAINING TIME EVALUATION EXPERIMENT DATA

This section presents the detailed experimental data from Section 5.3. Backward training time data for three different methods from timesteps 1 to 10 is shown in Table 5, and forward training time data for three different methods is shown in Table 6. We only tested the forward time for timesteps 4, 6 and 8.

Table 5: Original training **backward** time data for VGG configurations from timesteps 1 to 10. (a): Original SNN node, (b): Reversible SNN node with original reversible backpropagation method, (c): Reversible SNN node with our backpropagation method. The Unit of each number: ms.

VGG11										
Timesteps	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
(a)	12.68	18.13	31.08	39.78	49.92	59.64	71.36	74.59	87.58	100.17
(b)	22.31	47.19	55.44	66.85	85.05	88.63	100.97	117.14	124.27	140.68
(c)	19.11	32.85	39.92	57.79	64.95	73.95	85.21	93.00	113.74	124.48
VGG13										
Timesteps	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
(a)	14.84	30.56	44.85	59.21	69.50	86.61	104.24	116.89	129.91	144.79
(b)	32.78	55.57	80.78	98.06	120.30	142.69	164.87	184.96	206.38	225.35
(c)	24.97	43.72	64.67	83.66	103.13	122.18	136.46	151.40	165.39	189.51
VGG16										
Timesteps	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
(a)	16.49	34.30	53.25	66.46	81.57	101.78	118.29	138.28	150.98	178.04
(b)	39.02	67.28	89.73	115.53	135.51	161.96	194.41	217.10	270.88	299.63
(c)	28.64	55.77	71.43	98.41	117.80	132.22	157.41	176.71	204.49	241.00
VGG19										
Timesteps	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
(a)	20.85	37.88	60.57	83.70	98.88	119.59	142.08	159.53	181.68	202.06
(b)	47.00	75.84	105.98	144.35	176.03	192.37	236.23	284.01	298.23	325.66
(c)	36.50	64.47	85.73	109.13	132.40	152.03	174.11	197.11	223.19	249.19

Table 6: Original training **forward** time data for VGG configurations from timesteps 4 to 8. (a): Original SNN node, (b): Reversible SNN node with original reversible backpropagation method, (c): Reversible SNN node with our backpropagation method. The Unit of each number: ms.

VGG11			
Timesteps	4	6	8
(a)	35.91	42.14	51.63
(b)	34.00	41.19	53.44
(c)	34.71	44.33	47.63
VGG13			
Timesteps	4	6	8
(a)	36.06	42.39	56.93
(b)	37.10	44.24	56.72
(c)	35.16	47.55	54.71
VGG16			
Timesteps	4	6	8
(a)	39.79	57.50	72.84
(b)	40.84	60.11	75.66
(c)	37.65	58.78	75.15
VGG19			
Timesteps	4	6	8
(a)	41.83	69.32	80.33
(b)	42.77	72.40	82.37
(c)	39.50	67.30	80.13