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Titulli: Enhancing Neural Network Efficiency: From Knowledge Distillation to Memory-Efficient Training

## Abstract

Recent advancements in training large neural networks have produced promising results in both efficiency and performance. We present two novel approaches: a constrained feature distillation method for knowledge transfer and a memory-efficient training algorithm for large language models. Our distillation method, based on orthogonal projections and taskspecific normalization, outperforms previous state-of-the-art on ImageNet and shows significant improvements in object detection and image generation. For large language models, we introduce a technique that compresses intermediate activations without performance degradation, utilizing rank-1 sub-token projections during forward passes and coarse reconstruction in backward passes. This approach complements existing parameter-efficient fine-tuning methods and demonstrates competitive performance in both fine-tuning and pre-training scenarios. These innovations offer substantial improvements in model efficiency across various tasks and architectures, opening the way for more accessible and powerful neural network applications.