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NLNL: Negative Learning for Noisy Labels

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1. Robust Loss/Architecture: ***GCE, SCE, Curriculum Loss, S-Model***
 2. Sample Selection: ***Decouple, Mentornet, Co-teaching, SELF, SELFIE, Co-teaching+***
 3. Meta Learning: ***Meta-Weight-Net, MLNT, Learning to reweight***
 4. Semi-supervised Learning: ***DivideMix, SELF***



- Positive Learning(PL): Input image belongs to this label
- Negative Learning(NL): Input image does not belong to this label (**complementary label**)

- If inaccurate labels, or noisy labels, exist, training with PL will provide **wrong information**, thus severely degrading performance.
- Training CNN to acknowledge that this image is not a bird is in some way an act of providing CNN the **right information** because a dog is clearly not a bird.

Algorithm 1 Complementary label generation

Input: Training label $y \in \mathcal{Y}$

while iteration **do**

\bar{y} = Randomly select from $\{1, \dots, C\} \setminus \{y\}$

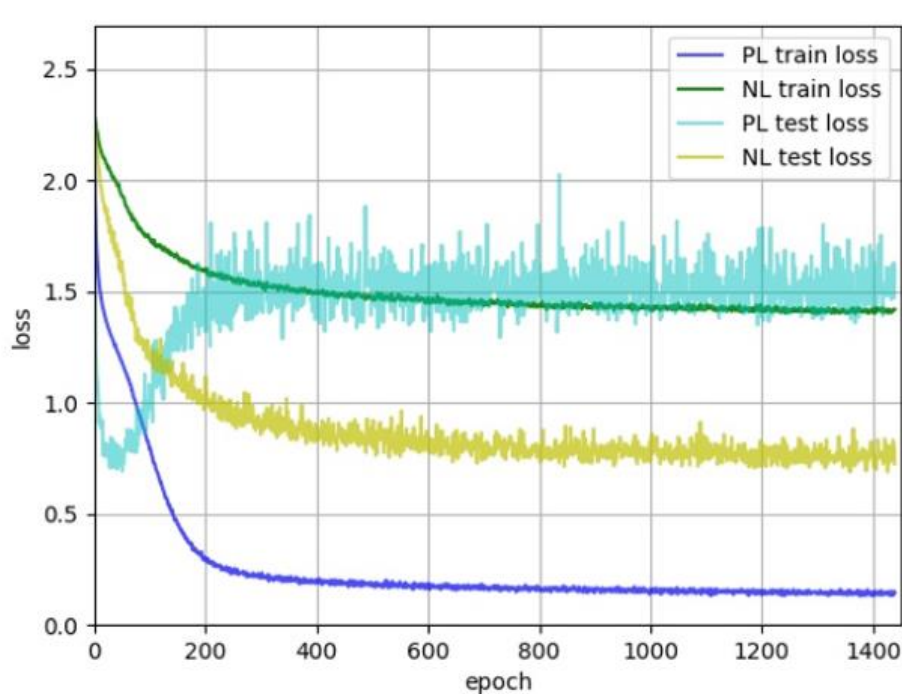
Output: Complementary label \bar{y}

Training with PL:

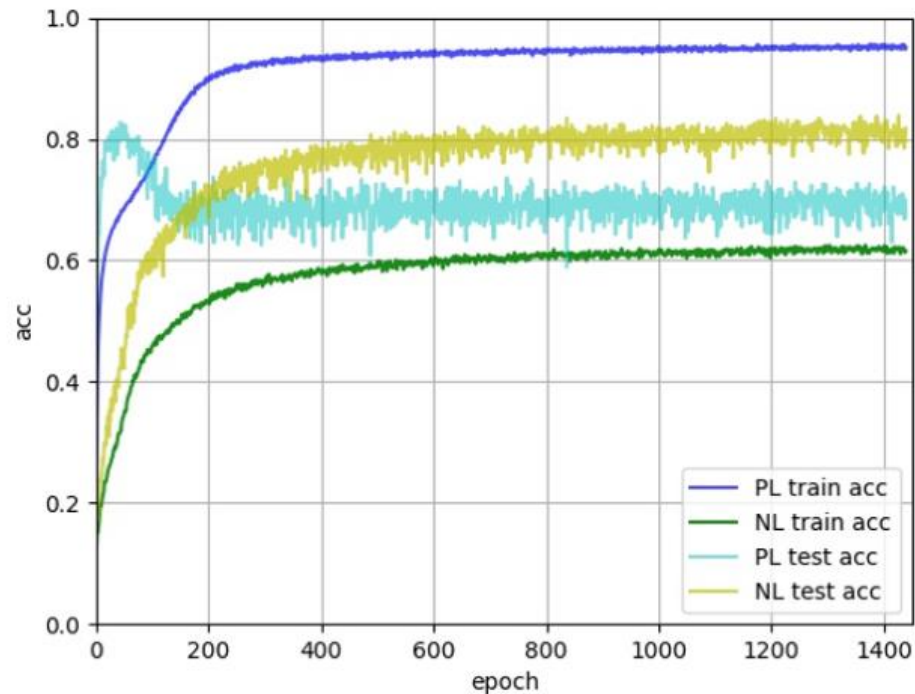
$$\mathcal{L}(f, y) = - \sum_{k=1}^c \mathbf{y}_k \log \mathbf{p}_k \quad (1)$$

Training with NL:

$$\mathcal{L}(f, \bar{y}) = - \sum_{k=1}^c \bar{\mathbf{y}}_k \log(1 - \mathbf{p}_k) \quad (2)$$



(a)



(b)

Figure 2: Comparison between PL and NL. (a): Loss graph of PL and NL. (b): Accuracy graph of PL and NL.

Algorithm 2 Overall process of SelNLPL

Input: Training data $(\mathbf{x}, y) \in (\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y})$, network $f(\mathbf{x}; \boldsymbol{\theta})$, total epoch T

for $i \leftarrow 1$ to T **do** ▷ NL

 Batch \leftarrow Sample \mathbf{x}

 Update f by minimizing Eq. 2

for $i \leftarrow 1$ to T **do** ▷ SelNL

 Batch \leftarrow Sample \mathbf{x} if $p_y > 1/c$

 Update f by minimizing Eq. 2

for $i \leftarrow 1$ to T **do** ▷ SelPL

 Batch \leftarrow Sample \mathbf{x} if $p_y > \gamma$

 Update f by minimizing Eq. 1

Output: Network $f(\mathbf{x}; \boldsymbol{\theta})$

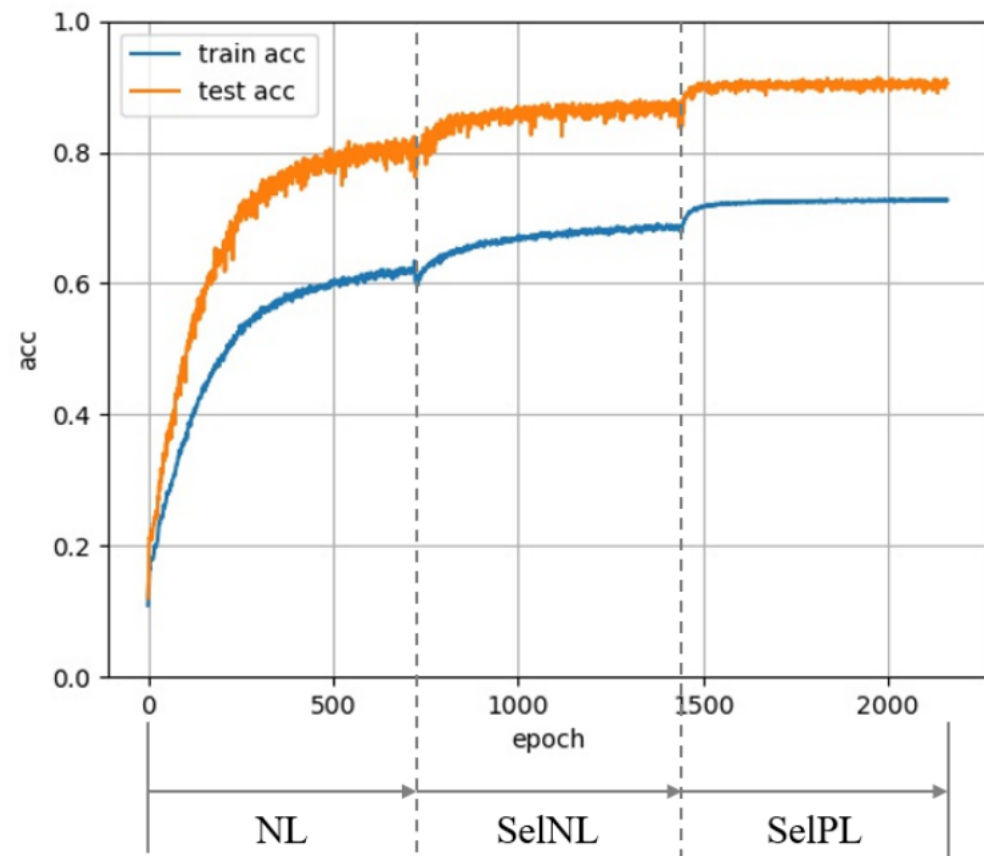
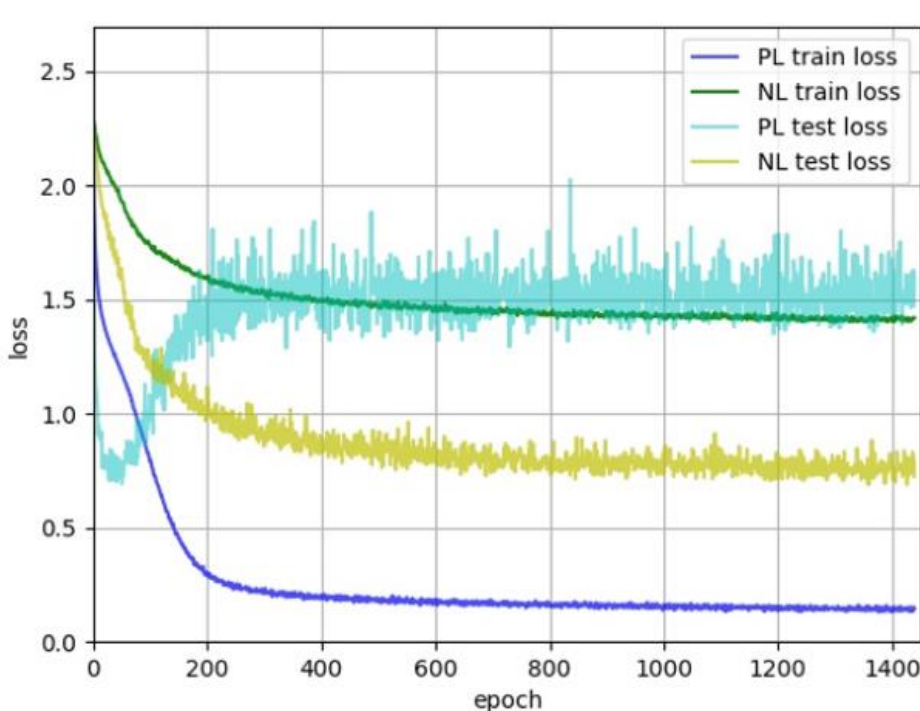
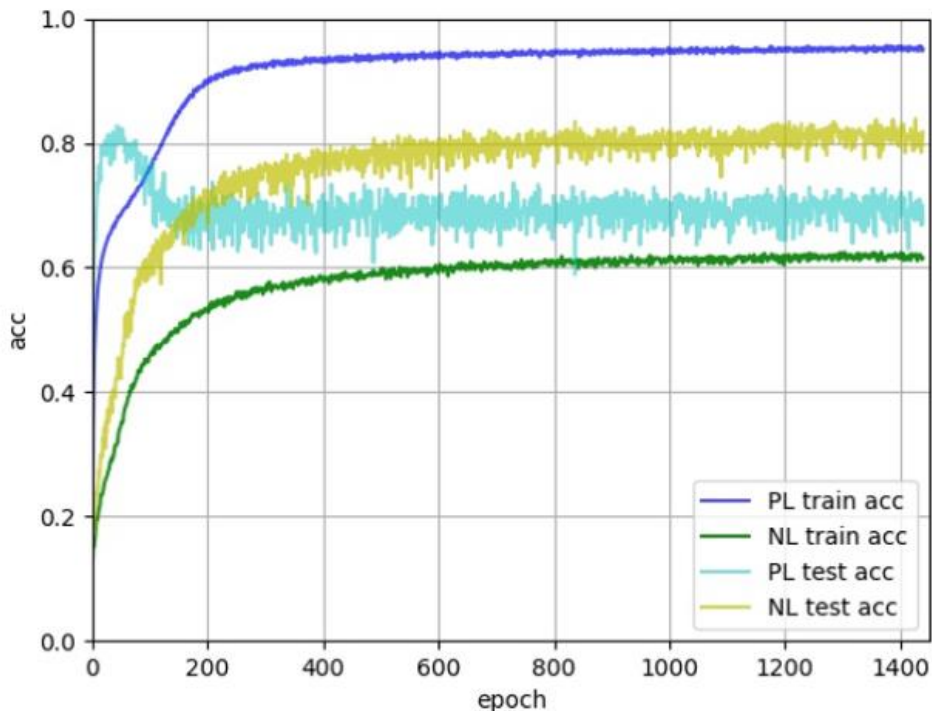


Figure 4: Accuracy graph of SelNLPL. Training is performed sequentially with NL, SelNL, and SelPL.



(a)



(b)

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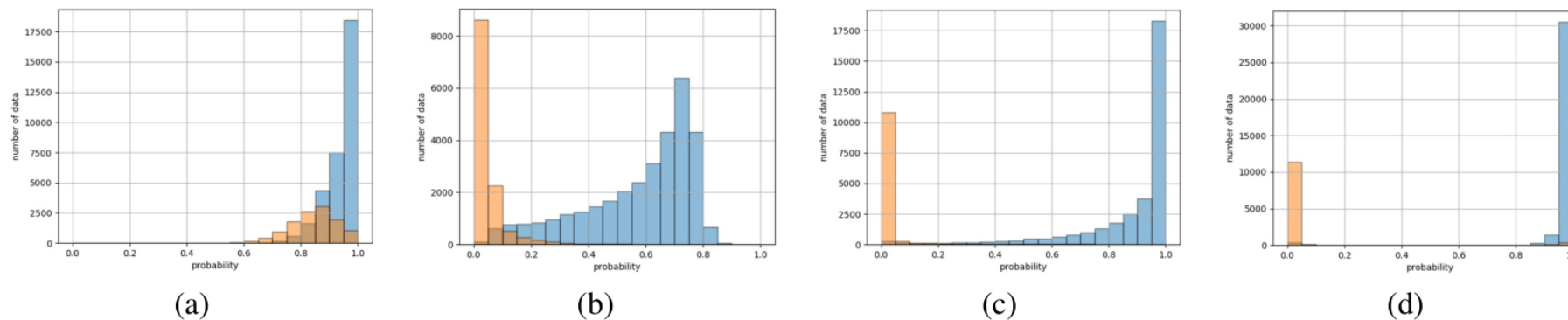


Figure 3: Histogram showing the distribution of CIFAR10 training data with 30% *symm-inc* noise, according to probability p_y (confidence). Blue indicates clean data, whereas orange indicates noisy data. (a): PL. (b): NL. (c): NL→SelNL. (d): NL→SelNL→SelPL (SelNLPL).

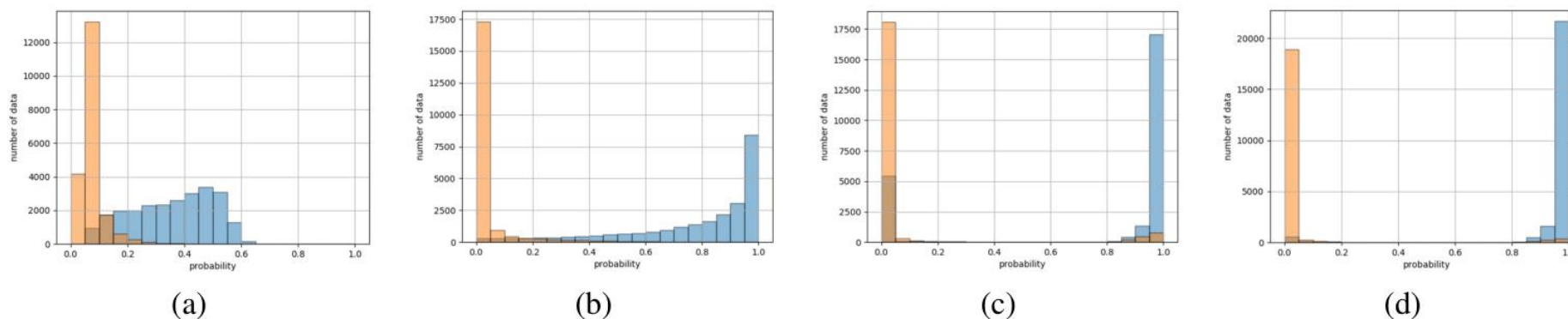


Figure 7: Histogram showing the distribution of CIFAR10 training data with 50% *symm-inc* noise, according to probability (confidence). (a): NL. (b): NL→SelNL. (c): NL→SelPL. (d): NL→SelNL→SelPL (SelNLPL).

Datasets	Model	Methods	<i>Symm</i>				<i>Asymm</i>			
			20	40	60	80	10	20	30	40
FashionMNIST	ResNet18	CE	93.24	92.09	90.29	86.20	94.06	93.72	92.72	89.82
		MAE [3]	80.39	79.30	82.41	74.73	74.03	63.03	58.14	56.04
		Forward T [25]	93.64	92.69	91.16	87.59	94.33	94.03	93.91	93.65
		Forward \hat{T} [25]	93.26	92.24	90.54	85.57	94.09	93.66	93.52	88.53
		L_q [39]	93.35	92.58	91.30	88.01	93.51	93.24	92.21	89.53
		Truncated L_q [39]	93.21	92.60	91.56	88.33	93.53	93.36	92.76	91.62
		Ours	94.82	94.16	92.78	-	95.10	94.88	94.66	93.96
CIFAR10	ResNet34	CE	86.98	81.88	74.14	53.82	90.69	88.59	86.14	80.11
		MAE [3]	83.72	67.00	64.21	38.63	82.61	52.93	50.36	45.52
		Forward T [25]	88.63	85.07	79.12	64.30	91.32	90.35	89.25	88.12
		Forward \hat{T} [25]	87.99	83.25	74.96	54.64	90.52	89.09	86.79	83.55
		L_q [39]	89.83	87.13	82.54	64.07	90.91	89.33	85.45	76.74
		Truncated L_q [39]	89.70	87.62	82.70	67.92	90.43	89.45	87.10	82.28
		Ours	94.23	92.43	88.32	-	94.57	93.35	91.80	89.86
CIFAR100	ResNet34	CE	58.72	48.20	37.41	18.10	66.54	59.20	51.40	42.74
		MAE [3]	15.80	9.03	7.74	3.76	13.38	11.50	8.91	8.20
		Forward T [25]	63.16	54.65	44.62	24.83	71.05	71.08	70.76	70.82
		Forward \hat{T} [25]	39.19	31.05	19.12	8.99	45.96	42.46	38.13	34.44
		L_q [39]	66.81	61.77	53.16	29.16	68.36	66.59	61.45	47.22
		Truncated L_q [39]	67.61	62.64	54.04	29.60	68.86	66.59	61.87	47.66
		Ours	71.52	66.39	56.51	-	70.35	63.12	54.87	45.70

Table 3: Comparison with results reported by Zhang *et al.* [39]

		30% <i>symm-inc</i> noise				50% <i>symm-inc</i> noise			
		Accuracy	Estimated noise (%)	Recall	Precision	Accuracy	Estimated noise (%)	Recall	Precision
#1	NL-SelNL-SelPL	93.82	27.60	96.28	94.01	91.17	45.15	95.80	95.38
#2	NL-SelNL	92.44 (-1.38)	33.76	98.47	78.62	89.36 (-1.81)	52.75	98.56	83.99
#3	NL-SelPL	93.41 (-0.41)	28.17	97.04	92.84	72.91 (-18.26)	54.35	92.12	76.19
#4	NL	87.32 (-6.5)	52.24	99.80	51.49	72.53 (-18.64)	89.21	99.99	50.38

Table 7: Analysis of measuring significance of each step of SelNLPL. #1: SelNLPL. #2: Deleting SelPL from #1. #3: Deleting SelNL from #1. #4: Deleting SelNL and SelPL from #1.

- Utilizing the proposed NL, we introduce a new framework, called **SeINLPL**, for filtering out noisy data from training data.
- Our method does not require any prior knowledge of the type or number of noisy data points. It does not require any tuning of hyper-parameters that depend on prior knowledge, making our method applicable in real life.



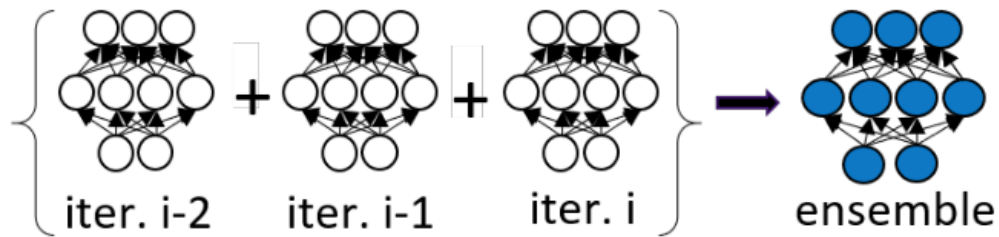
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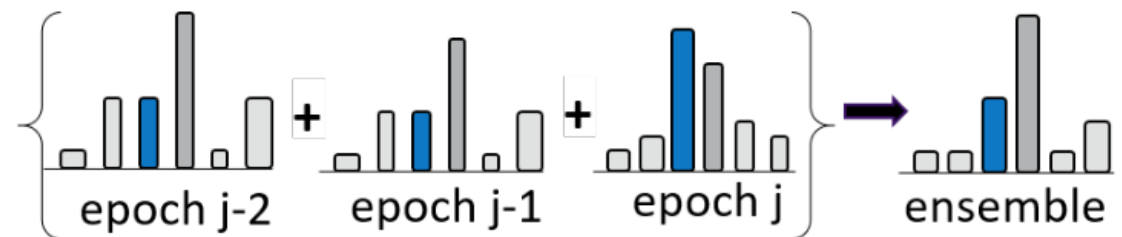
SELF: Learning To Filter Noisy Labels With Self-Ensembling

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(a) Model ensemble (Mean teacher)



(b) Predictions ensemble

Exponential running average:
$$\bar{z}_j = \alpha \bar{z}_{j-1} + (1 - \alpha) \hat{z}_j$$

Algorithm 1 *SELF*: Self-Ensemble Label Filtering pseudocode

Require: \mathcal{D}_{train} = noisy labeled training set

Require: \mathcal{D}_{val} = noisy labeled validation set

Require: (x, y) = training stimuli and label

Require: α = ensembling momentum, $0 \leq \alpha \leq 1$

$i \leftarrow 0$

$M_i \leftarrow \text{train}(\mathcal{D}_{train}, \mathcal{D}_{val})$

$M_{best} \leftarrow M_i$

$\bar{z}_i \leftarrow 0$

while $\text{acc}(M_i, \mathcal{D}_{val}) \geq \text{acc}(M_{best}, \mathcal{D}_{val})$ **do**

$M_{best} \leftarrow M_i$

$\mathcal{D}_{filter} \leftarrow \mathcal{D}_{train}$

$i \leftarrow i + 1$

for (x, y) in \mathcal{D}_{filter} **do**

$\hat{z}_i \leftarrow M_{best}(x)$

$\bar{z}_i \leftarrow \alpha \bar{z}_{i-1} + (1 - \alpha) \hat{z}_i$

if $y \neq \text{argmax}(\bar{z}_i)$ **then**

$y \leftarrow \emptyset$ in \mathcal{D}_{filter}

end if

end for

$M_i \leftarrow \text{train}(\mathcal{D}_{filter}, \mathcal{D}_{val})$

end while

return M_{best}

▷ counter to track iterations

▷ initial Mean-Teacher ensemble model training

▷ set initial model as best model

▷ initialize ensemble predictions of all samples
(ignored sample index for simplicity)

▷ iterate until no best model is found on \mathcal{D}_{val}

▷ save the best model

▷ set filtered dataset as initial label set

▷ evaluate model output \hat{z}_i

▷ accumulate ensemble predictions \bar{z}_i

▷ verify agreement of ensemble predictions & label

▷ identify it as noisy label & remove from label set

▷ train Mean-Teacher model on filtered label set

NOISE RATIO	CIFAR-10			CIFAR-100		
	40%	60%	80%	40%	60%	80 %
USING NOISY VALIDATION SET						
REED-HARD (REED ET AL., 2014)	69.66	-	-	51.34	-	-
S-MODEL (GOLDBERGER & BEN-REUVEN, 2016)	70.64	-	-	49.10	-	-
OPEN-SET WANG ET AL. (2018)	78.15	-	-	-	-	-
RAND. WEIGHTS (REN ET AL., 2018)	86.06	-	-	58.01	-	-
BI-LEVEL-MODEL (JENNI & FAVARO, 2018)	89.00	-	20.00	61.00	-	13.00
MENTORNET (JIANG ET AL., 2017)	89.00	-	49.00	68.00	-	35.00
L_q (ZHANG & SABUNCU, 2018)	87.13	82.54	64.07	61.77	53.16	29.16
TRUNC L_q (ZHANG & SABUNCU, 2018)	87.62	82.70	67.92	62.64	54.04	29.60
FORWARD \hat{T} (PATRINI ET AL., 2017)	83.25	74.96	54.64	31.05	19.12	08.90
CO-TEACHING (HAN ET AL., 2018B)	81.85	74.04	29.22	55.95	47.98	23.22
SELF (OURS)	93.70	93.15	69.91	71.98	66.21	42.09
USING CLEAN VALIDATION SET (1000 IMAGES)						
DAC (THULASIDASAN ET AL., 2019) ²	90.93	87.58	70.80	68.20	59.44	34.06
MENTORNET (JIANG ET AL., 2017)	78.00	-	-	59.00	-	-
RAND. WEIGHTS (REN ET AL., 2018)	86.55	-	-	58.34	-	-
REN ET AL (REN ET AL., 2018)	86.92	-	-	61.31	-	-
SELF (OURS)	95.10	93.77	79.93	74.76	68.35	46.43

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