### LibAUC: A Deep Learning Library for X-risk Optimization

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### Outline

- Overview & Background
- Algorithmic Foundation
- Use Cases and Impact



### Why Training Matters

# BIG DATA



### **BIG MODEL**



Example: GPT-3 175 Billion Parameters 45 TB text data 355 GPU Years \$4.6M

https://lambdalabs.com/blog/demystifying-gpt-3/

Carbon footprint for 'training GPT-3' same as driving to our natural satellite and back

### **Optimization for Machine Learning**

$$\min_{\mathbf{w}} F(\mathbf{w}) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \ell(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{z}_i)$$

Empirical Risk Minimization (ERM)

### SGD: Stochastic Gradient Descent

$$\mathbf{w}_{t+1} = \mathbf{w}_t - \eta_t \nabla \ell(\mathbf{w}_t, \mathbf{z}_t)$$

0.9 0.9 0.7 0.0 0.5 0.4

0.3 0.2 0.1 0

batch





# In the Era of Deep Learning (2012 -)

Imagenet classification with deep convolutional neural net A Krizhevsky, I Sutskever, GE Hinton Advances in neural information processing systems 25, 1097-1105	works	99188	2012
Stochastic Heavy-ball Method (SHB)			
On the importance of initialization and momentum in deep I Sutskever, J Martens, G Dahl, G Hinton International conference on machine learning, 1139-1147	learning	4069	2013
Stochastic Nesterov's Accelerated Gradient (SNAG)			
Adam: A method for stochastic optimization D Kingma, J Ba International Conference on Learning Representations		92479	2015
Adam	Mom	entum term	
$\mathbf{w}_{t+1} = \mathbf{w}_{t+1}$	$t - \eta_t  abla \ell(\mathbf{w}_t, \mathbf{z}_t) +$ Adaptive or Stagewise	$-\delta_t$	

### **Beyond ERM: Deep X-risk Optimization**



### What is X-risk?

**Compositional** measures that involve **C**omparison between each data and a set of data



### Why are SGD/ADAM NOT Enough?

**Compositional** 
$$F(\mathbf{w}) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} f(g(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{z}_i, \mathcal{S}))$$

Challenge: Unbiased Stochastic Gradient is Not Available

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  - Medical Image Classification
  - Drug Discovery
  - Recommender System

### **Deep AUROC Maximization**



# Medical Image Diagnosis









Wu et al. 2020

Irvin et al. 2019

Evaluation Metric: AUC (ROC)

### Non-parametric Estimator



### Formulation: Pairwise Surrogate Loss



Limitations

- Need to Construct Pairs
- Not Suitable for Online Optimization
- Not Suitable for Distributed Optimization

# Deep AUC Maximization (DAM)

Limitations of Literature on AUROC Maximization

- (1) Linear/Kernelized Models (Convex Analysis) or
- (2) Not Scalable to Big Data

### **Our Contributions:**

- (1) New Formulation based on Min-Max Opt.
- (2) First Algorithms and Theories for Non-Convex Min-Max
- (3) Optimal Theory and Practical Algorithm
- (4) Federated Learning Algorithms

(NeurIPS'19, ICLR'20, ICML'20, ICCV'21, ICML'21, OMS'21, ICLR'22)

### Our Formulation: Min-Max Margin Objective





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Negative

(ICCV 2021) Non-Convex Strongly Concave Min-Max Optimization  

$$\min_{\mathbf{w},a,b} \max_{\alpha \ge 0} F(\mathbf{w}, a, b, \alpha) := \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{z}} \left[ F(\mathbf{w}, a, b, \alpha; \mathbf{z}) \right],$$
Idea:  $(a(\mathbf{w}) - b(\mathbf{w}) - c)^2 \longrightarrow \max(0, a(\mathbf{w}) - b(\mathbf{w}) - c)^2$ 

Positive

**O**Noisy

Algorithm (PESG)  

$$\min_{\mathbf{w}} \max_{\alpha \in \Omega} F(\mathbf{w}, \alpha) = \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{z}}[F(\mathbf{w}, \alpha; \mathbf{z})]$$
Make Non-Convex Function Convex  
For k=1, ... K  
Step 1: Construct  $F_k(\mathbf{w}, \alpha) = F(\mathbf{w}, \alpha) + \frac{\gamma}{2} ||\mathbf{w} - \mathbf{w}_0^k||^2$   
Step 2: Initialize  $\alpha_0^k$   
Step 3: Solve  $(\mathbf{w}_k, \alpha_k) = \mathcal{A}(F_k, \mathbf{w}_0^k, \alpha_0^k, \eta_k, T_k)$   
Any Suitable Stochastic Alg.

#### Theories Goal Complexity $O\left(\frac{1}{\epsilon^4} + \frac{n}{\epsilon^2}\right)$ OMS $\|\nabla F(\mathbf{w})\| \le \epsilon$ (2018) $O\left(\frac{1}{\epsilon^4}\right)$ **NeurIPS** $\|\nabla F(\mathbf{w})\| \le \epsilon$ (2020) $O\left(\frac{1}{\epsilon}\right)$ $F(\mathbf{w}) - F_* \leq \epsilon$ ICLR (2019) arXiv (2020) 21

#### (ICLR 2020)



#### Purple and Blue are ours

**Image Classification** 

**Convolutional Neural Networks** 

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### **Deep AUPRC/AP Maximization**



#### **MIT AlCures Challenge**

### Fighting Secondary Effects of Covid



Stokes et al. 2020. Cell.

#### Evaluation Metric: AUPRC

	(a) Test PRC-AUC					
Rank	Model	Author	Submissions	Test PRC-AUC		
1	MolecularG	AIDrug@PA	7	0.725		
_2		AGL Team	20	0.702		
3	MoleculeKit	DIVE@TAMU	7	0.677		
4	GB	BI	6	0.67		
5	Chemprop ++	AICures@MIT	4	0.662		
6	-	Mingjun Liu	3	0.657		
7	Pre-trained OGB-GIN (ensemble)	Weihua Hu@Stanford	2	0.651		
8	RF + fingerprint	Cyrus Maher@Vir Bio	1	0.649		
9	Graph Self-supervised Learning	SJTU_NRC_Mila	3	0.622		
10	-	Congjie He	10	0.611		

_	(b) Test ROC-AUC						
Rank	Model	Author	Submissions	Test ROC-AUC			
1	MoleculeKit	DIVE@TAMU	7	0.928			
2	Chemprop ++	AICures@MIT	4	0.877			
3	-	Gianluca Bontempi	7	0.848			
4	-	Apoorv Umang	1	0.84			
5	Pre-trained OGB-GIN (ensemble)	Weihua Hu@Stanford	2	0.837			
6	-	Kexin Huang	1	0.824			
7	Chemprop	Rajat Gupta	7	0.818			
8	MLP	IITM	7	0.807			
9	Graph Self-supervised Learning	SJTU_NRC_Mila	3	0.8			
10	-	Congjie He	10	0.8			

### Why AUROC Max. is NOT Enough?



### Non-Parametric Estimator: Average Precision

$$AP(h) = \underbrace{\frac{1}{n_{+}} \sum_{\mathbf{x}_{i} \in \mathcal{S}_{+}} Precision(h(\mathbf{x}_{i}))}_{\text{Positive Examples}}$$

$$Precision(h(\mathbf{x}_{i})) = \frac{\sum_{\mathbf{x}_{j} \in \mathcal{S}_{+}} \mathbb{I}(h(\mathbf{x}_{j}) \ge h(\mathbf{x}_{i}))}{\sum_{\mathbf{x}_{j} \in \mathcal{S}} \mathbb{I}(h(\mathbf{x}_{j}) \ge h(\mathbf{x}_{i}))}$$

$$All Examples$$

### Deep AUPRC Maximization

### Limitations of Literature on AUPRC Maximization

- (1) Small Data or
- (2) Heuristic (No Convergence)

### **Our Contributions:**

- (1) New Formulation based on Compositional Opt.
- (2) **F**irst Algorithms with Convergence Theory
- (3) Practical Algorithms and Improved Theory

<sup>(</sup>NeurIPS'21, AISTATS'22, ICML'22)

### Our Formulation



Finite-sum Coupled Compositional Optimization

### Key Idea of SOAP



### Theories

Goal

 $\|\nabla F(\mathbf{w})\| \le \epsilon$ 

NeurIPS'21

First Algorithm with Convergence Guarantee SGD-style Update



ICML'22, AISTATS'22

Improved Convergence

Momentum or Adam-style Update



Dataset	Method	GINE	MPNN	ML-MPNN
	CE	$0.2774~(\pm 0.0101)$	$0.3197~(\pm 0.0050)$	$0.2988~(\pm 0.0076)$
	CB-CE	$0.3082~(\pm 0.0101)$	$0.3056~(\pm~0.0018)$	$0.3291 (\pm 0.0189)$
	Focal	$0.3236 (\pm 0.0078)$	$0.3136 (\pm 0.0197)$	$0.3279 (\pm 0.0173)$
HIV	LDAM	$0.2904~(\pm 0.0008)$	$0.2994 (\pm 0.0128)$	$0.3044 \ (\pm \ 0.0116)$
	AUC-M	$0.2998 (\pm 0.0010)$	$0.2786 (\pm 0.0456)$	$0.3305 (\pm 0.0165)$
	SmothAP	$0.2686 (\pm 0.0007)$	$0.3276 (\pm 0.0063)$	$0.3235 (\pm 0.0092)$
	FastAP	$0.0169 (\pm 0.0031)$	$0.0826 (\pm 0.0112)$	$0.0202 (\pm 0.0002)$
	MinMax	$0.2874~(\pm 0.0073)$	0.3119 (± 0.0075)	0.3098 (± 0.0167)
	SOAP	$0.3485~(\pm~0.0083)$	$0.3401~(\pm~0.0045)$	$0.3547~(\pm~0.0077)$
	CE	0.0017 (±0.0001)	0.0021 (±0.0002)	0.0025 (±0.0004)
	CB-CE	0.0055 (±0.0011)	0.0483 (±0.0083)	0.0121 (±0.0016)
	Focal	0.0041 (±0.0007)	0.0281 (±0.0141)	$0.0122 (\pm 0.0001)$
MUV	LDAM	0.0044 (±0.0022)	0.0118 (±0.0098)	$0.0059(\pm 0.0021)$
	AUC-M	0.0026 (±0.0001)	0.0040 (±0.0012)	0.0028 (±0.0012)
	SmoothAP	0.0073 (±0.0012)	0.0068 (±0.0038)	$0.0029 (\pm 0.0005)$
	FastAP	0.0016 (±0.0000)	0.0023 (±0.0021)	0.0022 (±0.0012)
	MinMax	0.0028 (±0.0008)	0.0027 (±0.0005)	0.0043 (±0.0015)
	SOAP	$0.0493 (\pm 0.0261)$	<b>0.3352</b> (±0.0008)	<b>0.0236</b> (±0.0038)

#### 3.5% Positive 2~3% Improvement

0.2% Positive 33% Improvement

MIT AICURES Data Networks **GINE MPNN** CE  $0.5037 (\pm 0.0718)$  $0.6282 (\pm 0.0634)$ **CB-CE**  $0.5655 (\pm 0.0453)$  $0.6308 (\pm 0.0263)$ Focal  $0.5143 (\pm 0.1062)$  $0.5875 (\pm 0.0774)$  $0.5236 (\pm 0.0551)$  $0.6489 (\pm 0.0556)$ LDAM AUC-M  $0.5149 (\pm 0.0748)$  $0.5542 (\pm 0.0474)$ **SmothAP**  $0.2899 (\pm 0.0220)$  $0.4081 (\pm 0.0352)$ FastAP  $0.4777 (\pm 0.0896)$  $0.4518 (\pm 0.1495)$ MinMax  $0.5292 (\pm 0.0330)$  $0.5774 (\pm 0.0468)$  $0.6639 (\pm 0.0515)$ SOAP  $0.6547 (\pm 0.0616)$ 

2.2% Positive 3% Improvement

**Molecular Properties Prediction** 

**Graph Neural Networks** 





### **Deep top-K NDCG Maximization**



#### Most Relevant Items on the Top Search Engines Ideal Order of Items Recommender Relevance Systems 3 3 0 Position 1 2 3 4 5 Social Media

### NDCG



### Top-K NDCG



### Deep top-K NDCG Maximization

Limitations of Literature on NDCG Maximization

- (1) Small Data or
- (2) Not Applicable to Deep Learning

### **Our Contributions:** (ICML'22)

- (1) New Formulation based on Bilevel Optimization
- (2) First Algorithms with Convergence Theory
- (3) Practical Algorithms

### Transforming Top-K Selector

(ICML 2022) Prediction score The (K+1)-th largest score  $\mathbb{I}(h_{\mathbf{w}}(\mathbf{x}_i;q) > \lambda_q(\mathbf{w}))$ 

$$\lambda_q(\mathbf{w}) = \arg\min_{\lambda} \frac{K+\varepsilon}{n} \lambda + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (h_{\mathbf{w}}(\mathbf{x}_i; q) - \lambda)_+$$

### New Formulation



#### Challenges

- Large number of query-item pairs
- Large number of queries/items

### Algorithms (SONG/K-SONG)

# For t=1, ..., TStep 1: Update $\lambda_q^t$ by one-step SGD Step 2: Update $u_{q,i}^{(t+1)} = \beta_0 \hat{g}_{q,i}(\mathbf{w}_t) + (1 - \beta_0) u_{q,i}^{(t)}$ Step 3: Update $\mathbf{w}$ by a momentum/Adam-style update

### Theories

Goal

# $\|\nabla F(\mathbf{w})\| \le \epsilon$

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ICML'22



	Method		MSLR WEB30K		YAHOO! LTR DA		TASET	
		NDCG@10	NDCG@30	NDCG@60	NDCG@10	NDCG@30	NDCG@60	
Learning to	RANKNET	$0.5227 {\pm} 0.0012$	$0.5837 {\pm} 0.0006$	$0.6481{\pm}0.0007$	$0.7668 {\pm} 0.0007$	$0.8319 {\pm} 0.0008$	$0.8491 {\pm} 0.0008$	
-	LISTNET	$0.5337 {\pm} 0.0022$	$0.5910{\pm}0.0019$	$0.6535{\pm}0.0014$	$0.7805{\pm}0.0010$	$0.8441{\pm}0.0006$	$0.8613{\pm}0.0005$	
rank	LISTMLE	$0.5210{\pm}0.0017$	$0.5800{\pm}0.0015$	$0.6450{\pm}0.0012$	$0.7796{\pm}0.0007$	$0.8436{\pm}0.0006$	$0.8606 {\pm} 0.0006$	
	LAMBDARANK	$0.5324{\pm}0.0037$	$0.5885{\pm}0.0032$	$0.6529{\pm}0.0026$	$0.7794{\pm}0.0009$	$0.8442{\pm}0.0008$	$0.8619{\pm}0.0007$	
	ApproxNDCG	$0.5339{\pm}0.0008$	$0.5906{\pm}0.0005$	$0.6530{\pm}0.0003$	$0.7688{\pm}0.0004$	$0.8367{\pm}0.0004$	$0.8556{\pm}0.0004$	
	NEURALNDCG	$0.5329{\pm}0.0027$	$0.5881{\pm}0.0013$	$0.6510{\pm}0.0012$	$0.7812{\pm}0.0002$	$0.8443{\pm}0.0002$	$0.8622{\pm}0.0003$	
	SONG	$0.5382{\pm}0.0007$	$0.5953{\pm}0.0006$	0.6573±0.0005	$0.7842{\pm}0.0004$	<b>0.8477</b> ±0.0003	<b>0.8644</b> ±0.0003	
	K-SONG	<b>0.5397</b> ±0.0009	0.5955±0.0004	$0.6571{\pm}0.0003$	<b>0.7859</b> ±0.0003	$0.8464{\pm}0.0002$	$0.8642{\pm}0.0003$	

Table 2: The test NDCG on two Learning to Rank datasets. We report the average NDCG@k ( $k \in [10, 30, 60]$ ) and standard deviation (within brackets) over 5 runs with different random seeds.

Table 4: The test NDCG on two movie recommendation datasets. We report the average NDCG@k ( $k \in [10, 20, 50]$ ) and standard deviation (within brackets) over 5 runs with different random seeds.

	Метнор		MovieLens20M N		NET	TFLIX PRIZE DATASET		
		NDCG@10	NDCG@20	NDCG@50	NDCG@10	NDCG@20	NDCG@50	
Movio	RankNet	$0.0109{\pm}0.0011$	$0.0190{\pm}0.0010$	$0.0450{\pm}0.0016$	$0.0090 {\pm} 0.0007$	$0.0146{\pm}0.0008$	$0.0261 \pm 0.0010$	
MOVIE	LISTNET	$0.0182{\pm}0.0004$	$0.0305{\pm}0.0002$	$0.0587{\pm}0.0004$	$0.0115{\pm}0.0018$	$0.0191{\pm}0.0013$	$0.0347{\pm}0.0014$	
Pacammandation	LISTMLE	$0.0117{\pm}0.0005$	$0.0210{\pm}0.0011$	$0.0493{\pm}0.0010$	$0.0081{\pm}0.0005$	$0.0134{\pm}0.0009$	$0.0253{\pm}0.0005$	
Recommendation	LAMBDARANK	$0.0178{\pm}0.0010$	$0.0310{\pm}0.0008$	$0.0595{\pm}0.0006$	$0.0103{\pm}0.0003$	$0.0175 {\pm} 0.0003$	$0.0332{\pm}0.0004$	
	ApproxNDCG	$0.0202{\pm}0.0004$	$0.0338{\pm}0.0004$	$0.0629{\pm}0.0004$	$0.0121{\pm}0.0015$	$0.0198{\pm}0.0005$	$0.0360{\pm}0.0006$	
	NEURALNDCG	$0.0194{\pm}0.0013$	$0.0322{\pm}0.0011$	$0.0609 {\pm} 0.0012$	$0.0113 {\pm} 0.0011$	$0.0186{\pm}0.0008$	$0.0342{\pm}0.0007$	
	SONG	$0.0232{\pm}0.0003$	$0.0369{\pm}0.0004$	$0.0646{\pm}0.0003$	$0.0141{\pm}0.0004$	$0.0222{\pm}0.0005$	<b>0.0384</b> ±0.0003	
	K-SONG	$0.0248 {\pm} 0.0003$	$0.0381 {\pm} 0.0003$	<b>0.0662</b> ±0.0004	$0.0154 {\pm} 0.0003$	$0.0234 {\pm} 0.0006$	$0.0377 {\pm} 0.0005$	

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### Stanford CheXpert Competition

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Place

Andrew Ng's Group



150+ Teams Worldwide

#### Leaderboard

Will your model perform as well as radiologists in detecting different pathologies in chest X-rays?

Rank	Date	Model	AUC	Num Rads Below Curve	
1	Aug 31, 2020	DeepAUC-v1 <i>ensemble</i> https://arxiv.org/abs/201 2.03173	0.930	2.8	
2	Sep 01, 2019	Hierarchical-Learning- V1 (ensemble) <i>Vingroup Big Data Institute</i> https://arxiv.org/abs/191 1.06475	0.930	2.6	
3	Oct 16, 2019	Conditional-Training- LSR <i>ensemble</i>	0.929	2.6	
4	Dec 04, 2019	Hierarchical-Learning- V4 (ensemble) <i>Vingroup Big Data Institute</i> https://arxiv.org/abs/191 1.06475	0.929	2.6	44

#### (ICCV 2021)

Disease	Image Domain	#pos/#all	# Training	Improvements	Competition Results
Lung-related	Chest X-ray	20.21%	224,316	2%	1/150+
Melanoma	Skin Lesion	7.1%	46,131	1%	33/3314
Breast Cancer	Mammogram	13%	55,000	1.5%	NA
Tumor	Microscopic	1%	148,960	5%	NA

#### **Convolutional Neural Networks**

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### MIT AICures Challenge Evaluation Metric: AUPRC

# 1<sup>st</sup> Place

**Fighting Secondary Effects of Covid** 

$H_2N$ $N-N$ $N$ $N$ $N$ $NO_2$
Halicin

Stokes et al. 2020. Cell.

Collaborating with Prof. Shuiwang Ji's group at TAMU

Rank	Model	Author	Submissions	10-fold CV ROC-AUC	10-fold CV PRC- AUC	Test ROC- AUC	Test PRC- AUC
1		DIVE@TAMU	11			0.957	0.729
2	MolecularG	AlDrug@PA	9			0.7	0.725
3		AGL Team	20			0.675	0.702
4		phucdoitoan@Fujitsu	14	0.898 +/- 0.113	0.508 +/- 0.253	0.867	0.694
5	GB	BI	6			0.698	0.67
6	Chemprop ++	AICures@MIT	4			0.877	0.662
7		Mingjun Liu	3			0.72	0.657
8	Pre-trained OGB-GIN (ensemble)	Weihua Hu@Stanford	2	0.905 +/- 0.133	0.494 +/- 0.333	0.837	0.651
9	RF + fingerprint	Cyrus Maher@Vir Bio	1	0.896 +/- 0.074	0.481 +/- 0.338	0.799	0.649
10	Graph Self-supervised Learning	SJTU_NRC_Mila	3	0.825 +/- 0.210	0.530 +/- 0.342	0.800	0.622

### Comparison with w/o DAM



### 5% Improvement in AUPRC, 3% Improvement in AUROC

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### Movielens: 20 Millions User-Movie Pairs



### Other Use Cases: Optimization for BIG Models

Self-supervised Contrastive Learning

(ICML'22, Collaboration with Google)

$$\frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^{n}f(g_i(\mathbf{w}))$$



Small batch size Does not hurt Performance

# Deep X Optimization 📫 Non-Convex Optimization

#### **Representation Learning**



- Pre-training
- Compositional Training



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	A DEEP LEARNING LIBRARY FOR X-RISK OPTIMIZATION An open-source library that translates theories to real-world applications Latest News Install
	[2022-06] 7 papers about optimization for ML/AI accepted to ICML 2022!

#### **KEY FEATURES & CAPABILITIES**





### Impact of LibAUC Library

#### **QUICK FACTS**

The achievements we made so far.

#### 3+

Challenges winning solution (e.g., Stanford CheXpert, MIT AlCures, OGB Graph Property Prediction). 3+

Collaborations with multiple top industrial units.

#### 17+

Scientific publications on top-tier AI Conferences (such as ICML, NeurIPS, ICLR).

### 11000+

Downloaded by more than 11K+ times from over 11 countries.

### What is Next



### Deep X-risk Optimization



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