### Introduction

We propose parsimonious Bayesian deep networks (PBDNs) to infer capacity-regularized network architectures from the data:

>Use Bayesian nonparametrics (gamma process) to determine the size of a hidden layer.

>Use a forward model selection strategy to determine the depth of the network.

Capacity regularization is built into the greedy-layer-wise construction and training of the deep network, requiring neither cross-validation nor fine-tuning.

>Inference via Gibbs sampling or MAP-SGD, low computational complexity for out-of-sample prediction.  $\geq$  Interpretable data subtypes near the decision boundaries.

### Infinite support hyperplane machine (iSHM)

#### **Hierarchical model**

 $y_i | G, \boldsymbol{x}_i \sim \operatorname{Bernoulli}(1 - e^{-\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} r_k \ln(1 + e^{\boldsymbol{x}'_i \boldsymbol{\beta}_k})})$  $G = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} r_k \delta_{\beta_k}$  represents a draw from a gamma process

Noisy-Or interpretation:

$$P(y_i = 1 | \{r_k, m{eta}_k\}_k, m{x}_i) = 1 - \prod_{k=1}^{\infty} (1 - p_{ik}) = 1 - e^{-r_k \ln(1 + e^{m{eta}_k^{m{x}_i}})}$$

Noisy-Or hierarchical representation:

$$y_{i} = \bigvee_{k=1}^{\infty} b_{ik}, \ b_{ik} \sim \text{Bernoulli}(p_{ik})$$
$$p_{ik} = 1 - e^{-\theta_{ik}}, \ \theta_{ik} \sim \text{Gamma}(r_{k}, e^{\beta_{k}' \boldsymbol{x}_{i}})$$

Alternative hierarchical representation:

$$y_i = \delta(m_i \ge 1), \ m_i = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} m_{ik},$$

 $m_{ik} \sim \text{Pois}(\theta_{ik}), \ \theta_{ik} \sim \text{Gamma}(r_k, e^{\beta'_k x_i})$ 

Hierarchical model:

 $r_k \sim \text{Gamma}(\gamma_0/K, 1/c_0), \ \gamma_0 \sim \text{Gamma}(a_0, 1/b_0), \ c_0 \sim \text{Gamma}(e_0, 1/f_0)$  $\boldsymbol{\beta}_k \sim \prod_{v=0}^{V} \int \mathcal{N}(0, \alpha_{vk}^{-1}) \operatorname{Gamma}(\alpha_{vk}; a_\beta, 1/b_{\beta k}) d\alpha_{vk}, \ b_{\beta k} \sim \operatorname{Gamma}(e_0, 1/f_0) -$ 

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#### Model properties

Bias towards data labeled as one:  $\mathrm{NLL}(\boldsymbol{x}_i) = \lambda_i - \ln(e^{\lambda_i} - 1) \text{ if } y_i = 1 \text{ and } \mathrm{NLL}(\boldsymbol{x}_i) = \lambda_i \text{ if } y_i = 0$  $\lambda_i = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} r_k \ln(1 + e^{\boldsymbol{x}'_i \boldsymbol{\beta}_k})$ Convex polytope bounded decision boundary:  $P(y_i=1 \,|\, \{r_k, oldsymbol{eta}_k\}_k, oldsymbol{x}_i) \leq p_0$ lf  $m{x}_i'm{eta}_k \leq \lnig[(1-p_0)^{-rac{1}{r_k}}-1ig], \;\; k\in\{1,2,\ldots\}$ Then **Inference** 

Gibbs sampling with closed-form update equations Maximum a posteriori estimation via stochastic gradient descent

 $f(\{m{eta}_k, \ln r_k\}_1^K, \{y_i, m{x}_i\}_{i_1}^{i_M}) = \sum_{k=1}^K \left(-rac{\gamma_0}{K} \ln r_k + c_0 e^{\ln r_k}
ight) + (a_eta + 1/2) \sum_{v=0}^V \sum_{k=0}^K e^{i_N r_k}$  $\left[\ln(1+\beta_{vk}^2/(2b_{\beta k}))\right] + \frac{N}{M} \sum_{i=i_1}^{i_M} \left[-y_i \ln\left(1-e^{-\lambda_i}\right) + (1-y_i)\lambda_i\right]$ 

Prune hyperplane k if  $\sum_{i} b_{ik} = 0$ Train a pair of iSHMs under two opposite labeling settings

## **Network-depth learning via forward model selection**

## **Greedy layer-wise construction and training**

Add and train iSHM pairs one at a time:

$$\begin{split} \tilde{\pmb{x}}_{i}^{(t+1)} &= \big[\ln(1+e^{(\pmb{x}_{i}^{(t)})'\pmb{\beta}_{1}^{(t\to t+1)}}), \dots, \ln(1+e^{(\pmb{x}_{i}^{(t)})'\pmb{\beta}_{K_{t+1}}^{(t\to t+1)}})\big]'\\ \pmb{x}_{i}^{(t+1)} &= \big[1, (\tilde{\pmb{x}}_{i}^{(t)})', (\tilde{\pmb{x}}_{i}^{(t+1)})'\big]' \in \mathbb{R}^{K_{t}+K_{t+1}+1} \end{split}$$

#### Model selection criteria

 $AIC(T) = \sum_{t=1}^{T} \left[ 2(K_t + 1)K_{t+1} \right] + 2K_{T+1} - 2\sum_{i} \left[ \ln P(y_i \mid \boldsymbol{x}_i^{(T)}) + \ln P(y_i^* \mid \boldsymbol{x}_i^{(T)}) \right]$  $\text{AIC}_{\epsilon}(T) = \sum_{t=1}^{T} 2\left( \left\| \left| \mathbf{B}_{t} \right| > \epsilon \beta_{t \max} \right\|_{0} + \left\| \left| \mathbf{B}_{t}^{*} \right| > \epsilon \beta_{t \max}^{*} \right\|_{0} \right) + 2K_{T+1} - 2\sum_{i} \left[ \ln P(y_{i} \mid \boldsymbol{x}_{i}^{(T)}) + \ln P(y_{i}^{*} \mid \boldsymbol{x}_{i}^{(T)}) \right]$ 

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Algorithm 2: Greedy layer-wise training for PBDN.
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Denote 
$$\boldsymbol{x}_i^{(1)} = \boldsymbol{x}_i$$
 and  $AIC(T) = \infty$ .

2: for Layer  $t = 1 : \infty$  do

Train an iSHM to predict  $y_i$  given  $\boldsymbol{x}_i^{(t)}$ ; 3:

Train an iSHM to predict 
$$y_i^* = 1 - y_i$$
 given  $\boldsymbol{x}_i^{(t)}$ ;

Compute 
$$P(y_i | \boldsymbol{x}_i^{(t)}), P(y_i^* | \boldsymbol{x}_i^{(t)})$$
, and AIC(t);  
if AIC(t) < AIC(t - 1) then

Combine two iSHMs to produce 
$$x_i^{(t+1)}$$
;

8: else  
9: Use the first 
$$(t - 1)$$
 iSHM pairs to compute the condition  
10: end if  
11: end for

	LR	SVM	RVM	AMM	СРМ	DNN (8-4)	DNN (32-16)	DNN (128-64)	PBDN1	PBDN2	PBDN4	AIC Gibbs	$\operatorname{AIC}_{\epsilon}$ Gibbs	AIC SGD	$AIC_{\epsilon}$ SGD
Mean of SVM normalized errors	2.237	1.000	1.110	1.234	1.227	1.260	1.087	1.031	1.219	1.009	0.998	1.006	0.996	1.073	1.029
Mean of SVM normalized K	0.006	1.000	0.113	0.069	0.046	0.073	0.635	8.050	0.042	0.060	0.160	0.057	0.064	0.128	0.088
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Table 3:

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Dataset	banana	breast cancer	titanic	waveform	german	image	ijcnn1	a9a
AIC-Gibbs AIC $_{\epsilon=0.01}$ -Gibbs	$\begin{array}{c} 2.30 \pm 0.48 \\ 2.30 \pm 0.48 \end{array}$	$1.00 \pm 0.00 \\ 1.00 \pm 0.00$	$1.00 \pm 0.00 \\ 1.00 \pm 0.00$	$\begin{array}{c} 1.90 \pm 0.74 \\ 2.00 \pm 0.67 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 1.30 \pm 0.67 \\ 1.60 \pm 0.84 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 2.40 \pm 0.52 \\ 2.60 \pm 0.52 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 2.00 \pm 0.00 \\ 3.40 \pm 0.55 \end{array}$	$1.00 \pm 0.00 \\ 1.00 \pm 0.00$
AIC-SGD AIC $_{\epsilon=0.01}$ -SGD	$\begin{vmatrix} 3.20 \pm 0.78 \\ 2.80 \pm 0.63 \end{vmatrix}$	$1.90 \pm 0.99 \\ 1.00 \pm 0.00$	$1.00 \pm 0.00 \\ 1.00 \pm 0.00$	$2.40 \pm 0.52 \\ 1.50 \pm 0.53$	$2.80 \pm 0.63 \\ 1.00 \pm 0.00$	$\begin{array}{c} 2.90 \pm 0.74 \\ 2.00 \pm 0.00 \end{array}$	$3.20 \pm 0.45 \\ 3.00 \pm 0.00$	$3.20 \pm 0.45 \\ 1.00 \pm 0.00$

 $-p_{ik})$ 

5:

6:

8:

10:







#### onal class probability $P(y_i | \boldsymbol{x}_i)$ ;

# MNIST binary classification tasks.

	(a) Subtypes of 3 in 3 vs 5	(b) Subtypes of 3 in 3 vs 8	(c) Subtypes of 4 in 4 vs 7	(d) Subtypes of 4 in 4 vs 9
	335	333	4	444
	(e) Subtypes of 5 in 3 vs 5	(f) Subtypes of 8 in 3 vs 8	(g) Subtypes of 7 in 4 vs 7	(h) Subtypes of 9 in 4 vs 9
	555	88	7	99
BDN	$2.53\% \pm 0.22\%$	$2.66\% \pm 0.27\%$	$1.37\% \pm 0.18\%$	$2.95\% \pm 0.47\%$
DNN	$2.78\% \pm 0.36\%$	$2.93\% \pm 0.40\%$	$1.21\% \pm 0.12\%$	$2.98\% \pm 0.17\%$

Table 1: Visualization of the subtypes inferred by PBDN in a random trial and comparison of classification error rates over five random trials between PBDN and a two-hidden-layer DNN (128-64) on four different