

Appendix

Comparison With MTL Methods

As mentioned in the Empirical Evaluation Section, DiSparse surpasses several dedicated multitask learning approaches despite the high sparsity enforced in our model. In Table 1, we show comparison of DiSparse in both

static and dynamic sparse training setting with several MTL approaches including DEN [1], Sluice [10], and Cross-Stitch [8] applied on exactly the same model with the same optimization settings. The superiority of DiSparse is clearly observed in the table, demonstrating that DiSparse is not only an effective compression approach but also a powerful tool for multitask learning.

Model	T1: Semantic Seg.			T2: SN Prediction				Sparsity (%) \uparrow	Pre-trained
	mIoU \uparrow	PixelAcc \uparrow	Mean Err \downarrow	Median Err \downarrow	11.25 \uparrow	22.5 \uparrow	30 \uparrow		
Cross-Stitch [8]	25.3	57.4	16.6	13.2	43.7	72.4	83.8	0	\times
Sluice [10]	26.6	59.1	16.6	13.0	44.1	73.0	83.9	0	\times
DEN [1]	26.3	58.8	17.0	14.3	39.5	72.2	84.7	0	\times
DiSparse(Static)	26.5	57.8	16.4	13.7	41.2	74.1	85.9	90	\times
DiSparse (Dynamic)	28.2	59.2	16.5	13.5	42.3	73.1	84.7	90	\times

Table 1. DiSparse semantic segmentation and surface normal prediction results on NYU-v2 [9] compared to other MTL approaches.

Model	T1: Semantic Seg.			T2: SN Prediction				Sparsity (%) \uparrow	Pre-trained
	mIoU \uparrow	PixelAcc \uparrow	Mean Err \downarrow	Median Err \downarrow	11.25 \uparrow	22.5 \uparrow	30 \uparrow		
DeepLab [2](baseline)	27.69	58.77	16.55	14.17	39.62	73.54	86.33	0	N/A
LTH [5]	23.84	56.35	16.81	13.84	40.91	72.31	84.28	30.00	\checkmark
SNIP [7]	26.57	59.85	16.91	13.55	42.01	71.72	82.01	30.00	\times
Random	25.08	55.56	17.60	14.27	40.49	70.12	81.68	30.00	\times
DiSparse (Ours)	28.24	60.33	16.62	13.37	42.98	72.29	83.96	30.00	\times
RigL [4]	24.83	57.92	16.78	14.84	37.76	72.18	86.15	30.00	\times
DiSparse (Ours)	28.41	59.77	16.54	13.48	43.42	73.55	86.76	30.00	\times
IMP [6]	29.23	59.83	16.57	13.38	43.16	72.41	84.14	30.00	\checkmark
Random	26.43	58.25	16.89	13.71	41.92	71.72	83.77	30.00	\checkmark
DiSparse (Ours)	29.44	59.98	16.56	13.35	43.21	72.25	84.06	30.00	\checkmark

Table 2. DiSparse semantic segmentation and surface normal prediction results on NYU-v2 [9] compared to static sparse training, dynamic sparse training, and pre-trained model pruning methods.

Model	T1: Semantic Seg.			T2: Depth Prediction				Sparsity (%) \uparrow	Pre-trained	
	mIoU \uparrow	PixelAcc \uparrow	Error \downarrow	Abs. Error \downarrow	Rel. Error \downarrow	$\delta 1.25 \uparrow$	$\delta 1.25^2 \uparrow$	$\delta 1.25^3 \uparrow$		
DeepLab [2](baseline)	42.58	74.84	0.49	0.016	0.33	74.22	88.90	94.47	0	N/A
LTH [5]	40.21	72.59	0.51	0.017	0.36	72.54	87.39	93.69	30.00	\checkmark
SNIP [7]	41.03	74.65	0.51	0.018	0.36	74.80	89.53	94.53	30.00	\times
Random	38.17	72.77	0.52	0.019	0.38	72.83	83.73	92.33	30.00	\times
DiSparse (Ours)	42.34	74.55	0.49	0.016	0.33	74.91	89.22	94.62	30.00	\times
RigL [4]	40.68	74.40	0.51	0.018	0.36	72.47	87.39	93.53	30.00	\times
DiSparse (Ours)	42.53	74.82	0.49	0.016	0.33	74.62	85.96	93.73	30.00	\times
IMP [6]	42.39	72.73	0.51	0.016	0.36	72.96	87.80	93.77	30.00	\checkmark
Random	40.14	74.41	0.52	0.018	0.39	72.38	87.90	93.85	30.00	\checkmark
DiSparse (Ours)	42.47	74.69	0.50	0.016	0.34	73.32	88.46	94.37	30.00	\checkmark

Table 3. DiSparse semantic segmentation and depth prediction results on Cityscapes [3] compared to static sparse training, dynamic sparse training, and pre-trained model pruning methods.

Results at Lower Sparsity Levels

In the Empirical Evaluation Section, we showed the results of DiSparse and other pruning and sparse training approaches at high sparsity level(90%). Here, in Table 2, 3, we show the results at a sparsity of 30%, demonstrating the superiority of DiSparse at low sparsity level as well. From the table, we can see that DiSparse is better across all configurations and evaluation metrics. Moreover, we observed that DiSparse achieved lossless compression performance, achieving close or even better performance than the baseline unsparsified model.

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