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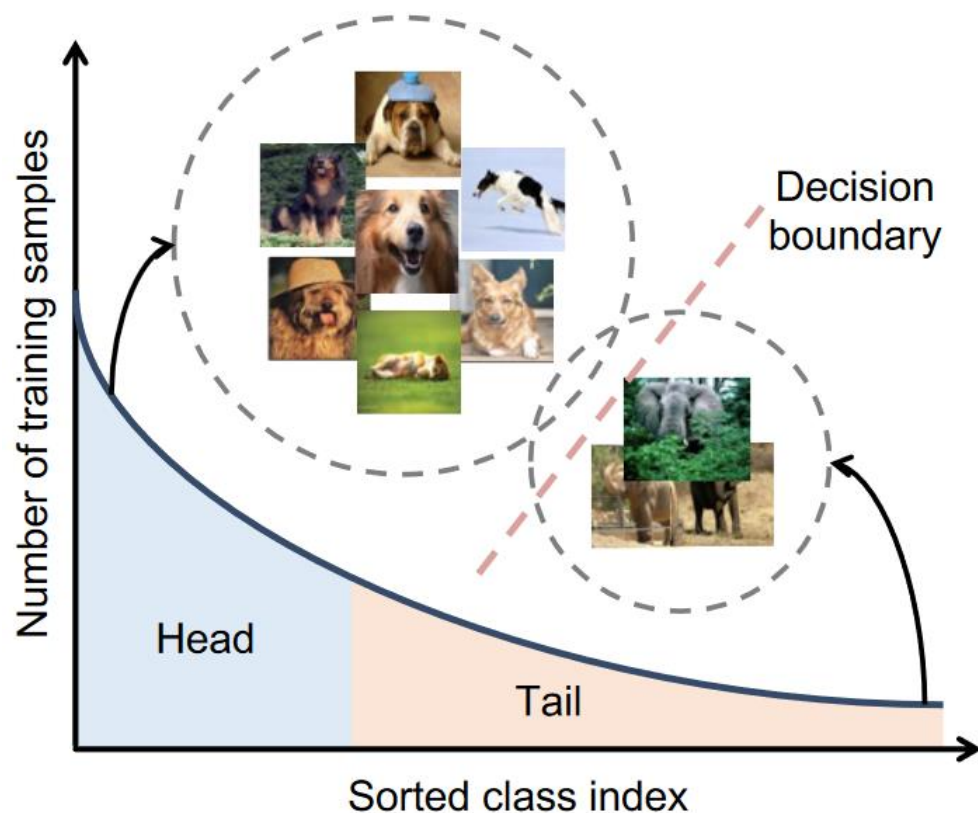
# Open-Sampling: Exploring Out-of-Distribution Data for Re-balancing Long-tailed Datasets

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# Long-Tailed Learning



Long-tailed Learning

Class  
Re-balancing

Re-sampling

Cost-sensitive Learning

Logit Adjustment

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Augmentation

Transfer Learning

Data Augmentation

Module  
Improvement

Representation Learning

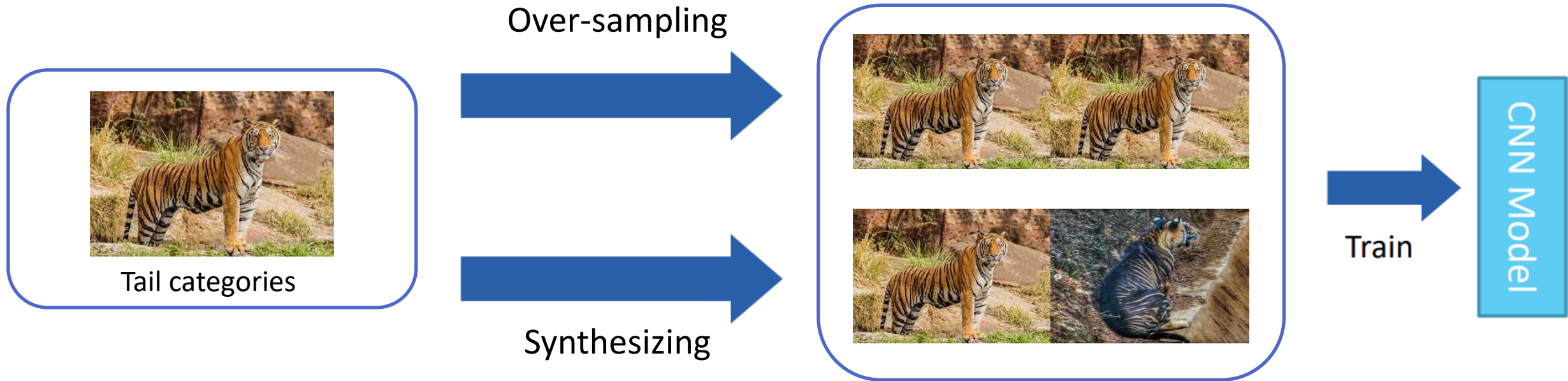
Classifier Design

Decoupled Training

Ensemble Learning

- Re-Sampling: class-balanced sampling
  - Over-sampling for the tail categories.
  - Synthesizing samples for the tail categories.

- Drawbacks
  - Overfitting to the tail.
  - Noise in the synthesized samples.



Can open-set data be used for re-balancing the class priors of the training dataset?

- Bayes classifier:

$$y^* = \arg \max_{y \in \mathcal{Y}} P(y|\mathbf{x}) = \arg \max_{y \in \mathcal{Y}} P(\mathbf{x}|y)P(y)$$

- For long-tailed learning:

$$P_s(Y = i) \neq P_t(Y = i)$$

**Theorem 2.1.** Assume that  $P_{\text{out}}(Y)$  is the discrete uniform distribution over the label space  $\mathcal{Y}$ . Let the augmented dataset be  $\mathcal{D}_{\text{mix}} = \mathcal{D}_{\text{train}} \cup \mathcal{D}_{\text{out}}$ , and  $P_{\text{mix}}(X, Y)$  be the underlying data distribution of  $\mathcal{D}_{\text{mix}}$ , then we have

$$\arg \max_{y \in \mathcal{Y}} P_{\text{mix}}(\mathbf{x}|y)P_{\text{mix}}(y) = \arg \max_{y \in \mathcal{Y}} P_s(\mathbf{x}|y)P_s(y).$$

$$P_{\text{mix}}(\mathbf{x}, y) = \frac{N}{M+N} P_s(\mathbf{x}, y) + \frac{M}{M+N} P_{\text{out}}(\mathbf{x}, y)$$

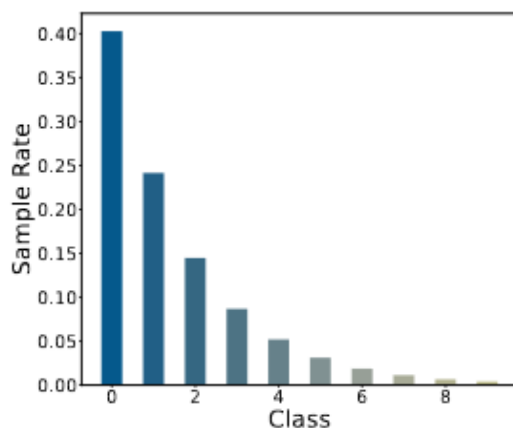


$$\begin{aligned} & P_{\text{mix}}(\mathbf{x}|y)P_{\text{mix}}(y) \\ &= \frac{N}{M+N} P_s(\mathbf{x}|y)P_s(y) + \frac{M}{M+N} P_{\text{out}}(\mathbf{x}|y)P_{\text{out}}(y) \\ &= \frac{N}{M+N} P_s(\mathbf{x}|y)P_s(y) + \frac{M}{M+N} P_{\text{out}}(\mathbf{x})P_{\text{out}}(y) \\ &= \frac{N}{M+N} P_s(\mathbf{x}|y)P_s(\mathbf{x}, y) + \frac{1}{K} \cdot \frac{M}{M+N} P_{\text{out}}(\mathbf{x}) \end{aligned}$$

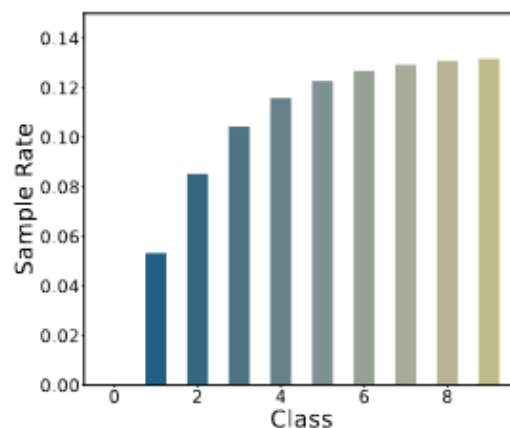


$$\begin{aligned} & \arg \max_{y \in \mathcal{Y}} P_{\text{mix}}(\mathbf{x}|y)P_{\text{mix}}(y) \\ &= \arg \max_{y \in \mathcal{Y}} \left\{ \frac{N}{M+N} P_s(\mathbf{x}|y)P_s(\mathbf{x}, y) + \frac{M/K}{M+N} P_{\text{out}}(\mathbf{x}) \right\} \\ &= \arg \max_{y \in \mathcal{Y}} \frac{N}{M+N} P_s(\mathbf{x}|y)P_s(\mathbf{x}, y) \\ &= \arg \max_{y \in \mathcal{Y}} P_s(\mathbf{x}|y)P_s(\mathbf{x}, y) \end{aligned}$$

**Definition 2.2** (Complementary Distribution). *Complementary Distribution (CD) is a label distribution for the auxiliary dataset to re-balance the class priors of the original dataset. In particular, Minimum Complementary Distribution (MCD) is the complementary distribution that requires the smallest number of auxiliary instances to re-balance the original training set.*



(a) Original



(c) MCD

## Complementary Sampling Rate

- Denote  $CD$  as  $\Gamma$ ,  $MCD$  as  $\Gamma^m$ ,  $\Gamma_j$  for class  $j$
- $\Gamma_j = \frac{\alpha - \beta_j}{K \cdot \alpha - 1}$ , where  $\beta_j = \frac{n_j}{\sum_{i=1}^K n_i}$
- $\sum_{i=1}^K \Gamma_i = 1$
- $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}^+ \geq \max_j \beta_j$
- $\Gamma = \Gamma_m$ , if  $\alpha = \max_j \beta_j \Rightarrow \text{MCD}$
- $\Gamma_j \rightarrow \frac{1}{K}$  as  $\alpha \rightarrow \infty \Rightarrow \text{Uniform distribution}$
- Default  $\alpha = \max_j \beta_j + \min_j \beta_j$



- Training objective:

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathbb{E}_{P_{\text{mix}}(X,Y)} [\ell(f(\mathbf{x}; \boldsymbol{\theta}, y))] = \mathbb{E}_{P_{\text{mix}}(X,Y)} [-\mathbf{e}^y \log f(\mathbf{x}; \boldsymbol{\theta})]$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{reg}} = \mathbb{E}_{\tilde{\mathbf{x}} \sim P_{\text{out}}(X)} [\omega_{\tilde{y}} \cdot \ell(f(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}; \boldsymbol{\theta}), \tilde{y})]$$



$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{total}} = \mathbb{E}_{((\mathbf{x}, y) \sim P_s(X,Y))} [\ell(f(\mathbf{x}; \boldsymbol{\theta}), y)] + \eta \cdot \mathbb{E}_{(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}) \sim P_{\text{out}}(X)} [\omega_{\tilde{y}} \cdot \ell(f(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}; \boldsymbol{\theta}), \tilde{y})]$$

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## Algorithm 1 Open-sampling

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**Require:** Training dataset  $\mathcal{D}_{\text{train}}$ . Open-set auxiliary dataset  $\mathcal{D}_{\text{out}}^{(x)}$ ;

- 1: **for** each iteration **do**
  - 2:   Sample a mini-batch of original training samples  $\{(\mathbf{x}_i, y_i)\}_{i=0}^n$  from  $\mathcal{D}_{\text{train}}$ ;
  - 3:   Sample a mini-batch of open-set instances  $\{\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_i\}_{i=0}^m$  from  $\mathcal{D}_{\text{out}}^{(x)}$ ;
  - 4:   Generate random noisy label  $\tilde{y}_i \sim \Gamma$  for each open-set instance  $\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_i$ ;
  - 5:   Perform gradient descent on  $f$  with  $\mathcal{L}_{\text{total}}$  from Equation (2);
  - 6: **end for**
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Table 1. Test accuracy (%) of ResNet-32 on long-tailed CIFAR-10 and CIFAR-100 with various imbalance ratios. “†” indicates the reported results from (Kim et al., 2020). The bold indicates the improved results by integrating our regularization.

| Dataset          | Long-tailed CIFAR-10 |                     |                     | Long-tailed CIFAR-100 |                     |                     |
|------------------|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Imbalance Ratio  | 100                  | 50                  | 10                  | 100                   | 50                  | 10                  |
| Standard         | 71.61 ± 0.21         | 77.30 ± 0.13        | 86.74 ± 0.41        | 37.59 ± 0.19          | 43.20 ± 0.30        | 56.44 ± 0.12        |
| SMOTE †          | 71.50 ± 0.57         | -                   | 85.70 ± 0.25        | 34.00 ± 0.33          | -                   | 53.80 ± 0.93        |
| CB-RW            | 72.57 ± 1.30         | 78.19 ± 1.79        | 87.18 ± 0.95        | 38.11 ± 0.78          | 43.26 ± 0.87        | 56.40 ± 0.40        |
| CB-Focal         | 70.91 ± 0.39         | 77.71 ± 0.57        | 86.89 ± 0.21        | 37.84 ± 0.80          | 42.96 ± 0.77        | 56.09 ± 0.15        |
| <b>Ours</b>      | <b>77.62 ± 0.28</b>  | <b>81.76 ± 0.51</b> | <b>89.38 ± 0.46</b> | <b>40.26 ± 0.65</b>   | <b>44.77 ± 0.25</b> | <b>58.09 ± 0.29</b> |
| LDAM-RW          | 74.21 ± 0.61         | 78.86 ± 0.65        | 86.44 ± 0.78        | 29.02 ± 0.34          | 36.41 ± 0.84        | 54.23 ± 0.72        |
| <b>+ Ours</b>    | <b>75.19 ± 0.34</b>  | <b>79.76 ± 0.44</b> | <b>87.28 ± 0.61</b> | <b>35.85 ± 0.62</b>   | <b>42.18 ± 0.82</b> | <b>55.48 ± 0.59</b> |
| LDAM-DRW         | 78.08 ± 0.38         | 81.88 ± 0.44        | 87.49 ± 0.18        | 42.84 ± 0.25          | 47.13 ± 0.28        | 57.18 ± 0.47        |
| <b>+ Ours</b>    | <b>79.82 ± 0.31</b>  | <b>82.22 ± 0.45</b> | <b>87.83 ± 0.38</b> | <b>44.07 ± 0.75</b>   | <b>47.5 ± 0.24</b>  | <b>57.43 ± 0.31</b> |
| Balanced Softmax | 78.03 ± 0.28         | 81.63 ± 0.39        | 88.10 ± 0.32        | 42.11 ± 0.70          | 46.79 ± 0.24        | 58.06 ± 0.40        |
| <b>+ Ours</b>    | <b>79.05 ± 0.20</b>  | <b>82.76 ± 0.52</b> | <b>88.89 ± 0.21</b> | <b>42.86 ± 0.27</b>   | <b>47.28 ± 0.58</b> | <b>58.80 ± 0.72</b> |
| SSP              | 74.58 ± 0.16         | 79.20 ± 0.43        | 88.50 ± 0.24        | 43.00 ± 0.51          | 47.04 ± 0.60        | 59.08 ± 0.46        |
| <b>+ Ours</b>    | <b>79.38 ± 0.65</b>  | <b>82.18 ± 0.33</b> | <b>88.80 ± 0.43</b> | <b>43.57 ± 0.29</b>   | <b>48.66 ± 0.57</b> | <b>59.78 ± 0.91</b> |

CB:  $(1 - \beta^{n_i}) / (1 - \beta)$

Table 3. Classification accuracy (%) on CelebA-5 with ResNet-32. “†” indicates the reported results are obtained from (Kim et al., 2020). The shadow indicates the improved results.

| Method   | Accuracy | Method             | Accuracy    | Method                         | Accuracy    |
|----------|----------|--------------------|-------------|--------------------------------|-------------|
| Standard | 72.7     | M2m †              | 75.6        | LDAM-DRW                       | 74.5        |
| SMOTE †  | 72.8     | <b>Ours</b>        | <b>76.8</b> | <b>LDAM-DRW + Ours</b>         | <b>76.9</b> |
| CB-RW    | 73.6     | LDAM-RW            | 73.1        | Balanced Softmax               | 76.4        |
| CB-Focal | 74.2     | <b>LDAM + Ours</b> | <b>75.8</b> | <b>Balanced Softmax + Ours</b> | <b>78.6</b> |

Table 4. Top-1 accuracy (%) on Places-LT with an ImageNet pre-trained ResNet-152. Baseline results are taken from original papers. “DT” indicates decoupled training.

| Method                             | Many | Medium      | Few  | Overall     |
|------------------------------------|------|-------------|------|-------------|
| Lifted Loss (Oh Song et al., 2016) | 41.1 | 35.4        | 24.0 | 35.2        |
| Focal Loss                         | 41.1 | 34.8        | 22.4 | 34.6        |
| Range Loss (Zhang et al., 2017)    | 41.1 | 35.4        | 23.2 | 35.1        |
| OLTR (Liu et al., 2019b)           | 44.7 | 37.0        | 25.3 | 35.9        |
| cRT* (Kang et al., 2020)           | 42.1 | 37.6        | 24.9 | 36.7        |
| LWS* (Kang et al., 2020)           | 40.6 | 39.1        | 28.6 | 37.6        |
| Ours*                              | 42.9 | <b>39.3</b> | 26.8 | <b>38.2</b> |



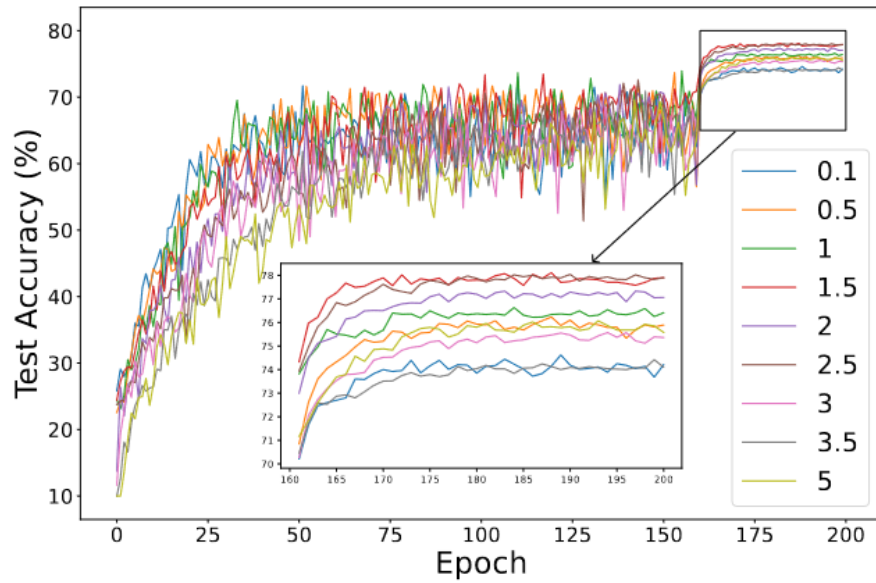
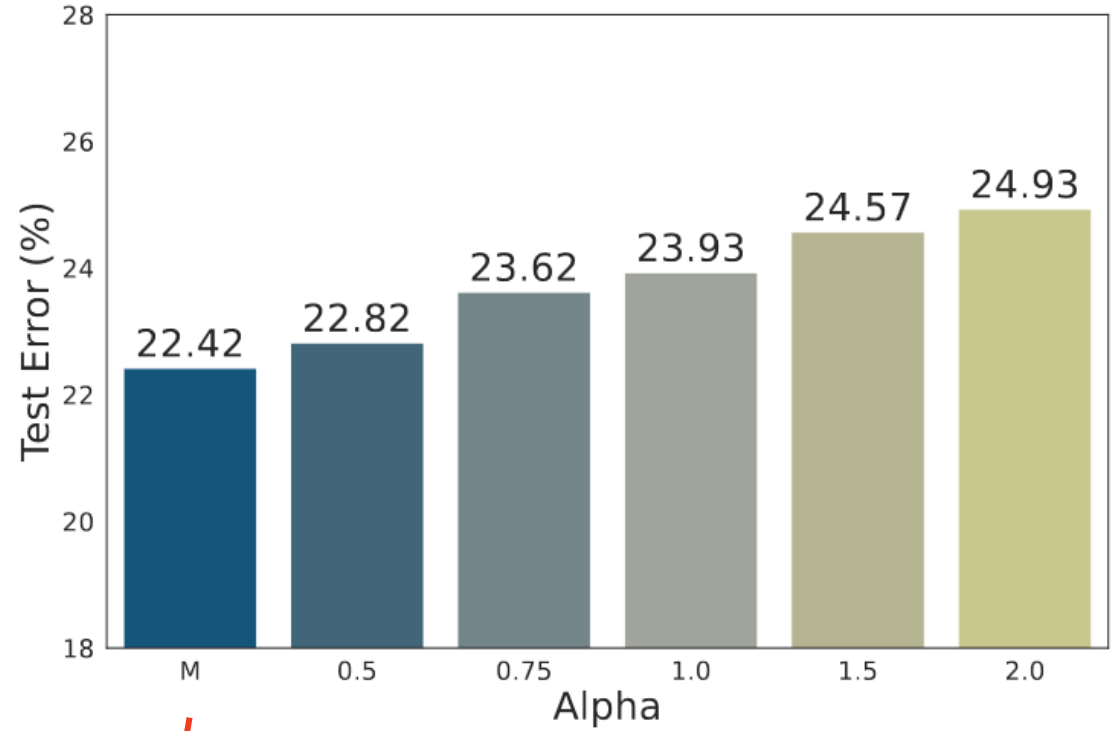
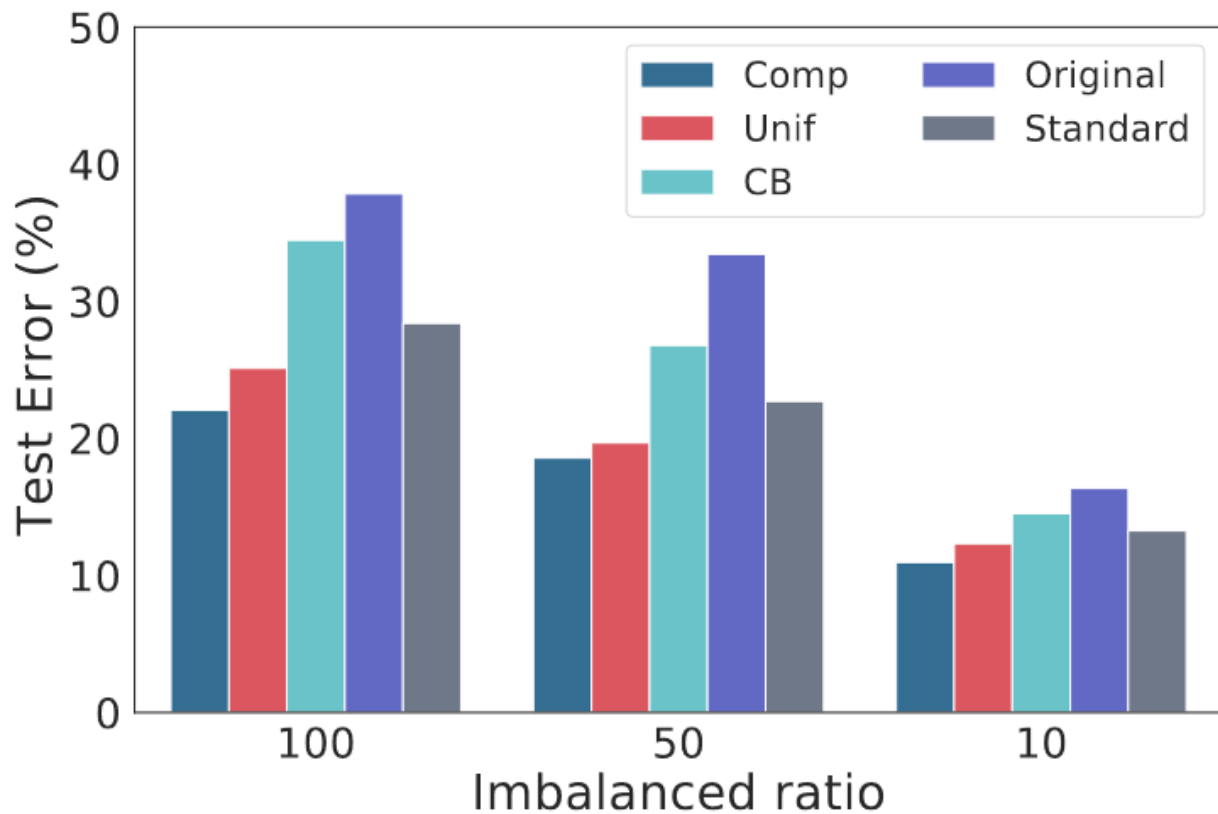


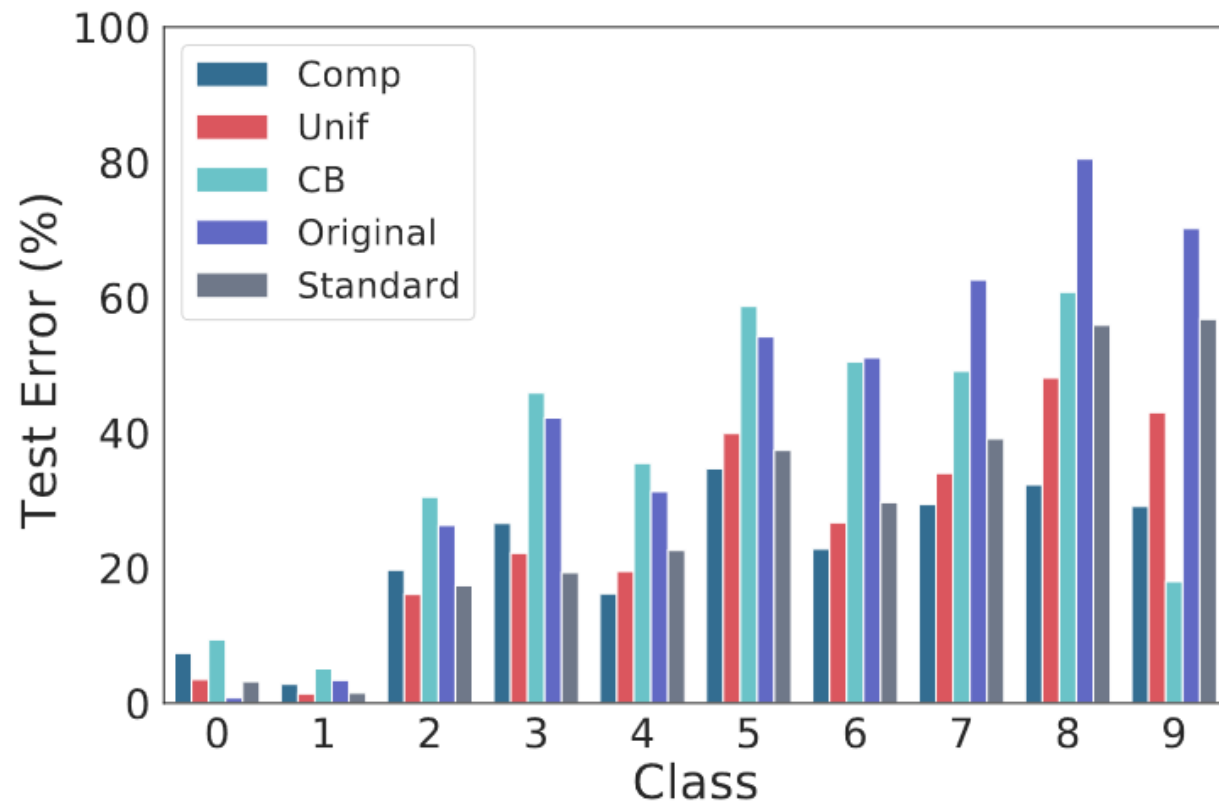
Figure 3. Results of sensitivity analysis on long-tailed CIFAR-10 with various values for  $\eta$ .



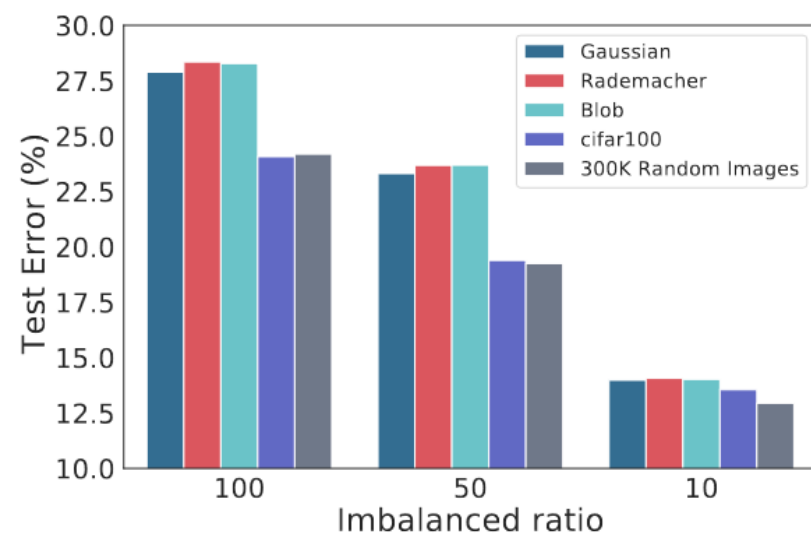
$$\alpha = (\max_j \beta_j + \min_j \beta_j)$$



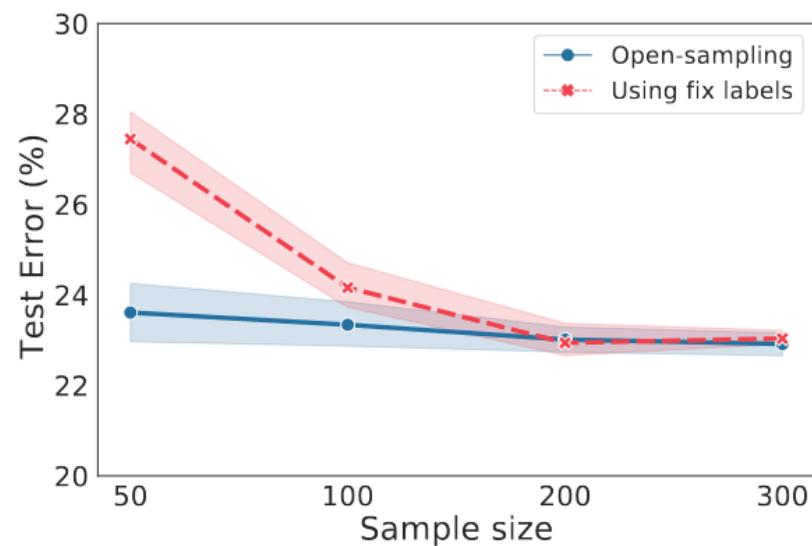
(a) Label distribution.



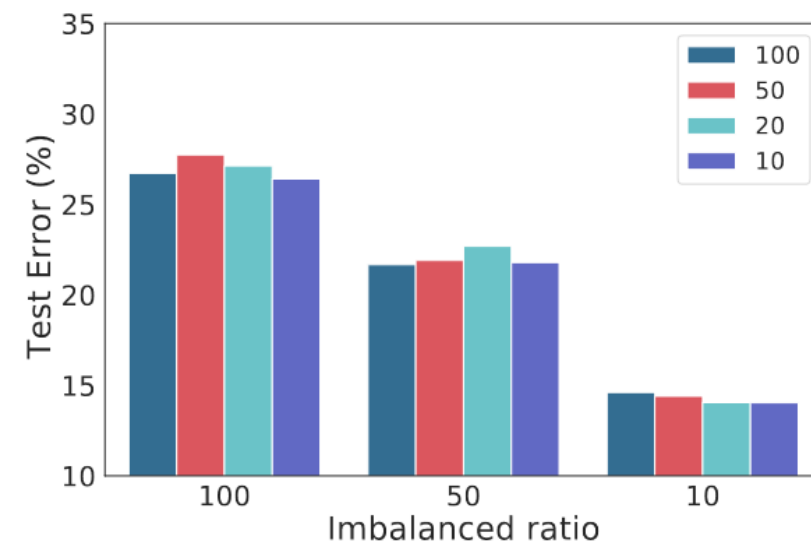
(b) Label distribution.



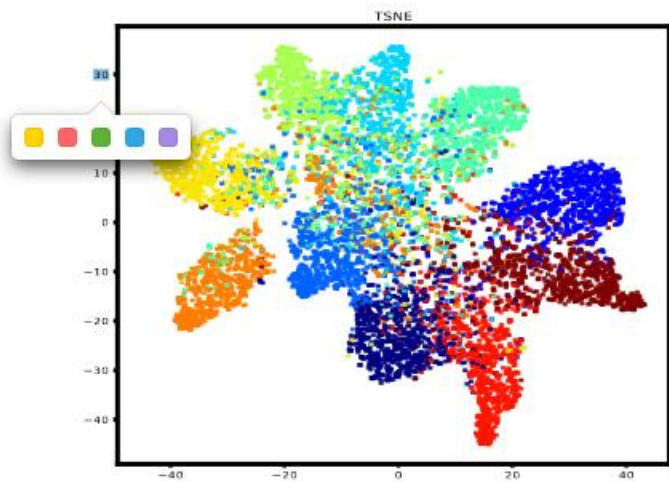
(d) Auxiliary dataset.



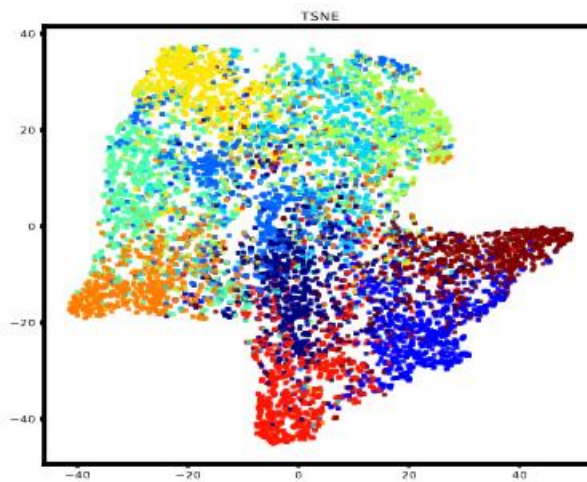
(e) Sample size.



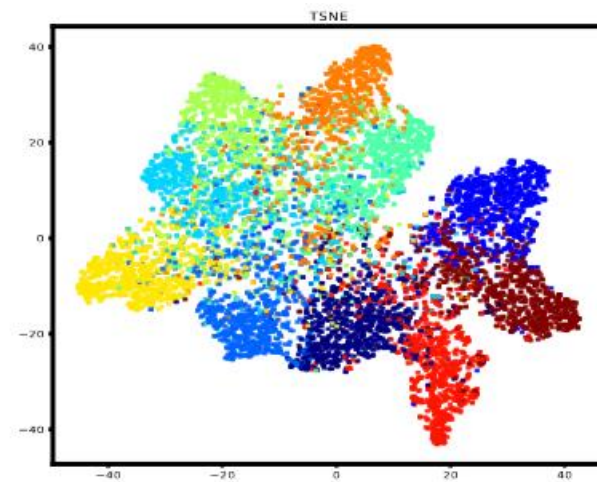
(f) Number of Classes.



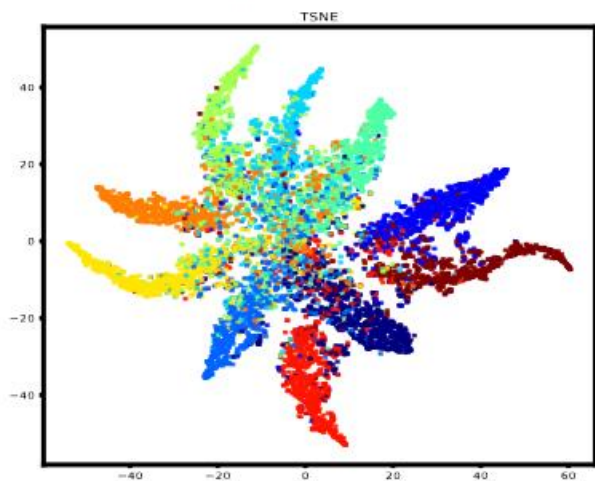
(a) Standard



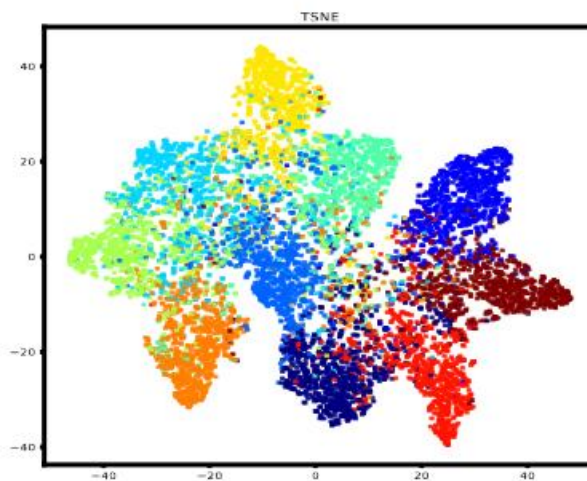
(b) CB-Focal



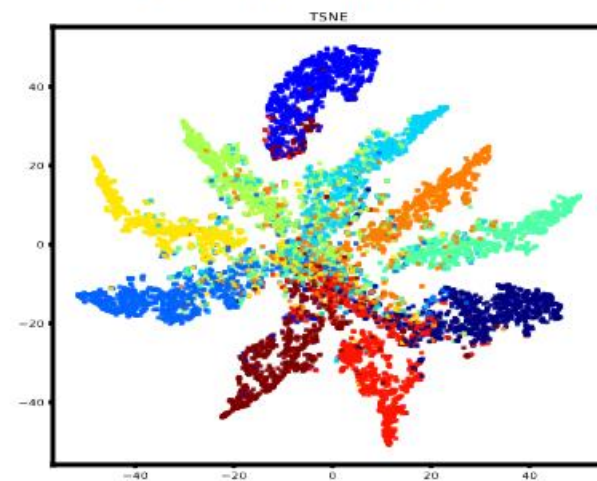
(c) CB-Resampling



(d) LDAM-RW



(e) Balanced Softmax



(f) Ours

Figure 5. t-SNE visualization of test set on long-tailed CIFAR-10 with imbalance ratio 100. We can observe that LDAM and our method appear to learn more separable representations than Standard training and the other algorithms.

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