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Title: Phenomenon-driven for understanding deep learning: frequency principle and neuron condensation

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Abstract:

In this talk, I will discuss two interesting phenomena that can reveal underlying mechanisms of deep learning. First, Frequency Principle shows deep neural networks tend to fit data from low to high frequency, which shows the strength of deep learning for learning low frequency but weakness for high frequency. Second, with small initialization, neurons in the same layer tend to behave similarly, which makes networks learn data with complexity as small as possible. In addition, we show that small initialization can effectively improve the inference ability of language models.

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