

# Searching for a more minimal intrinsic dimension of objective landscapes<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup><https://github.com/jlam55555/intrinsic-dimension-projections>

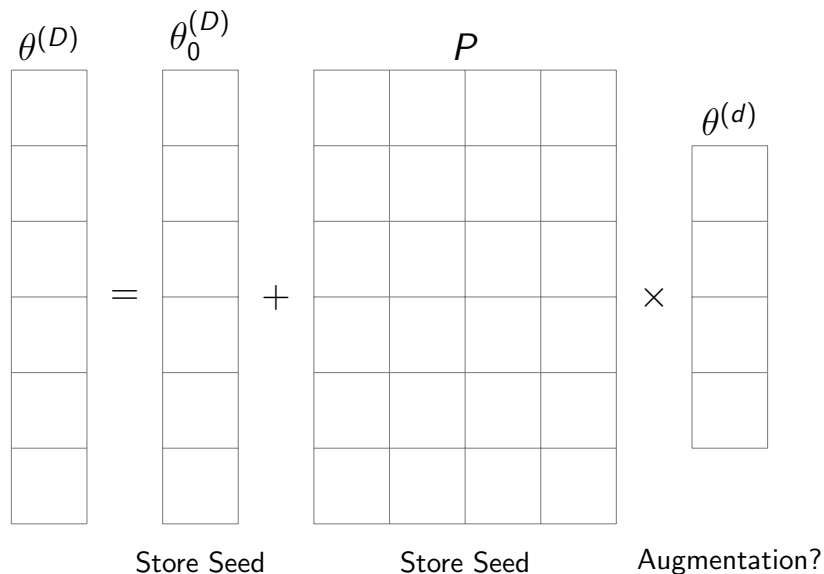
# “Measuring the intrinsic dimension of objective landscapes”<sup>2</sup>

- ▶ Objective landscape (combination of learning problem + network architecture)
- ▶ Defines concept of “intrinsic weights”
- ▶ Proposed method of finding intrinsic weight of objective landscape by method of random linearly-projected weights
- ▶ Method to approximate minimum description length (MDL); can be used for model compression
- ▶ **Our goal:** to find a method to describe an objective landscape with even fewer weights

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<sup>2</sup>Chunyuan Li, Heerad Farkhoor, Rosanne Liu, and Jason Yosinski. *Measuring the intrinsic dimension of objective landscapes*. In International Conference on Learning Representations, 2018. 

# Method of random linearly-projected weights



# Notation

- ▶  $\theta^{(D)}$ : ordinary network weights; not stored as a `tf.Variable`, but rather the result of this calculation
- ▶  $\theta_0^{(D)}$ : “base initialization weights” – like an initial bias; randomly initialized and non-trainable
- ▶  $P$  : projection matrix; randomly initialized and non-trainable
- ▶  $\theta^{(d)}$  : intrinsic weights; randomly initialized and trainable

# Augmenting $\theta^{(d)}$ with squared terms

The diagram illustrates the augmentation of the parameter vector  $\theta^{(d)}$  with its squared terms. It shows the following components:

- A vertical vector  $\theta^{(D)}$  on the left.
- An equals sign.
- A vertical vector  $\theta_0^{(D)}$ .
- A plus sign.
- A matrix  $P$  with 8 columns and 8 rows.
- A multiplication sign  $\times$ .
- A vertical vector with 8 elements. The top element is  $\theta^{(d)}$  and the bottom element is  $(\theta^{(d)})^2$ . A curved arrow labeled  $x^2$  points from the top element to the bottom element.
- A circled plus sign  $\oplus$  between the two vertical vectors on the right.

$$\theta^{(D)} = \theta_0^{(D)} + P \begin{bmatrix} \theta^{(d)} \\ (\theta^{(d)})^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

# What are random Fourier features (RFFs)?

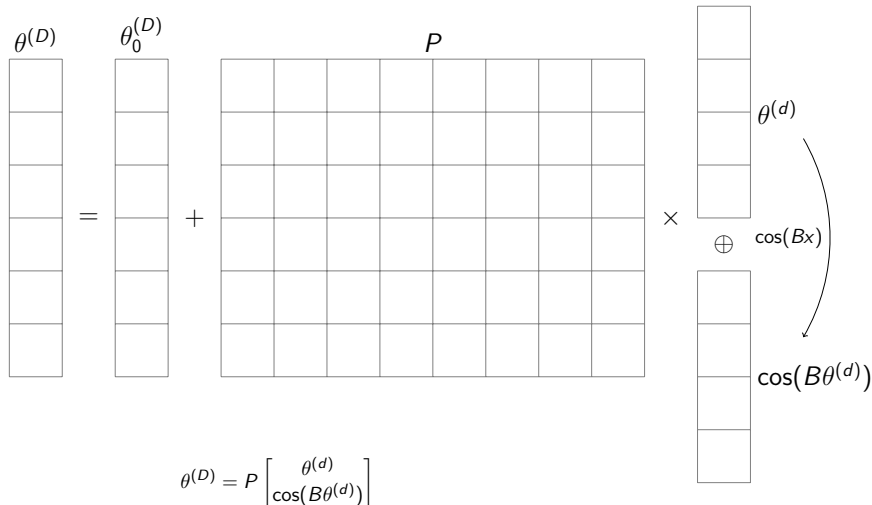
RFFs are a nonlinear many-to-many mapping that can be used to help capture different frequency components.

$$\gamma(\vec{v}) = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \cos(2\pi \vec{b}_1^T \vec{v}) \\ a_1 \sin(2\pi \vec{b}_1^T \vec{v}) \\ a_2 \cos(2\pi \vec{b}_2^T \vec{v}) \\ a_2 \sin(2\pi \vec{b}_2^T \vec{v}) \\ \vdots \\ a_m \cos(2\pi \vec{b}_M^T \vec{v}) \\ a_m \sin(2\pi \vec{b}_M^T \vec{v}) \end{bmatrix}$$

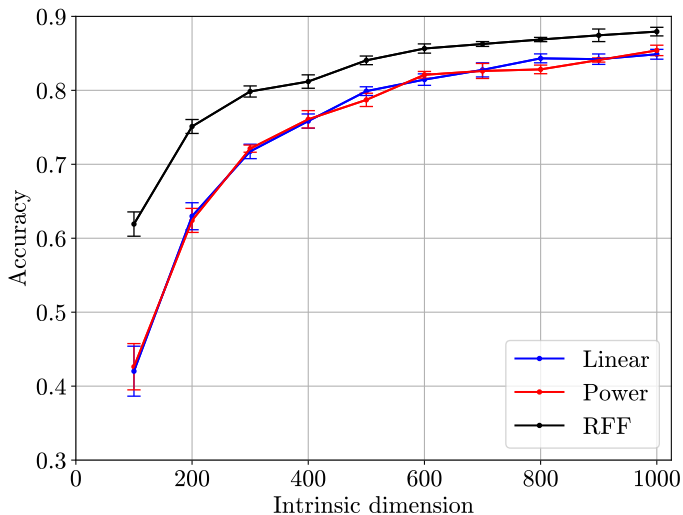
We can append these to our intrinsic weights again:

$$\theta^{(D)} = P \begin{bmatrix} \theta^{(d)} \\ \cos(B\theta^{(d)}) \\ \sin(B\theta^{(d)}) \end{bmatrix}$$

# Example: Augmenting $\theta^{(d)}$ with RFF terms

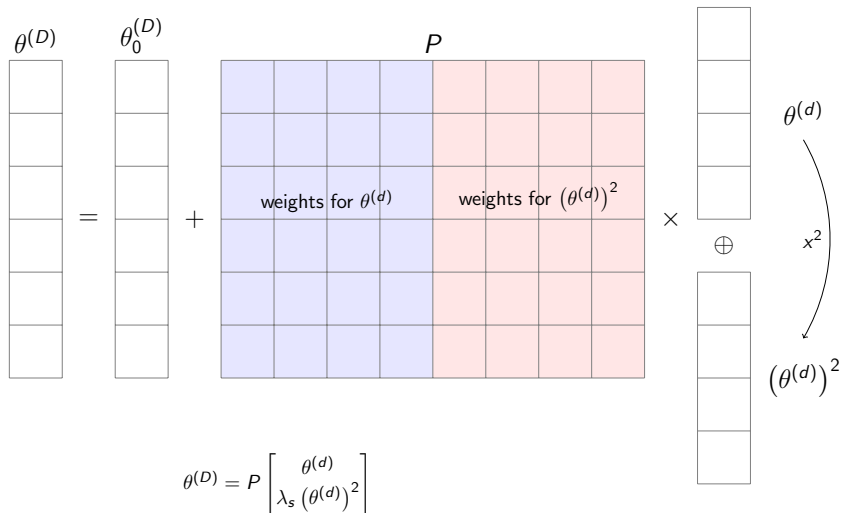


# Augmenting $\theta^{(d)}$ with power, RFF terms

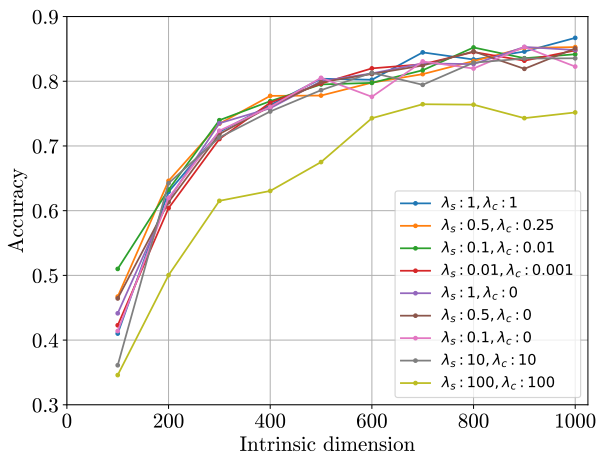




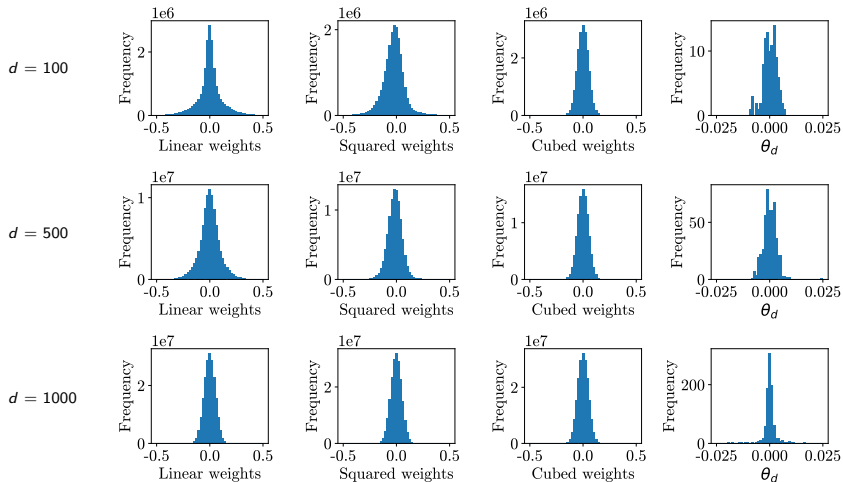
# Varying initialization of $P$ : motivation



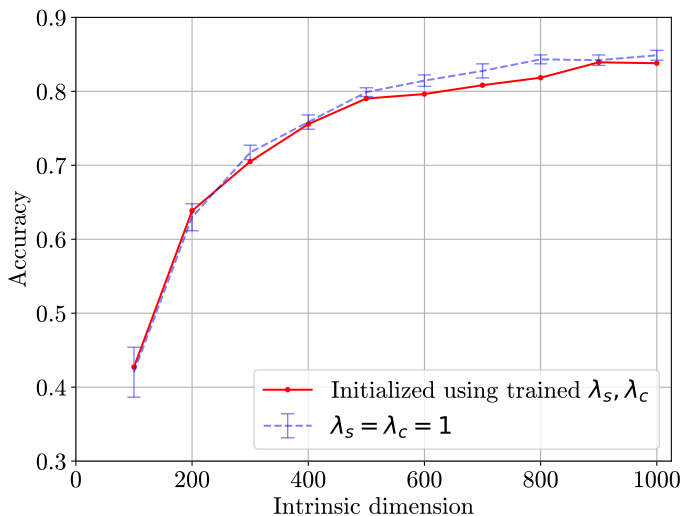
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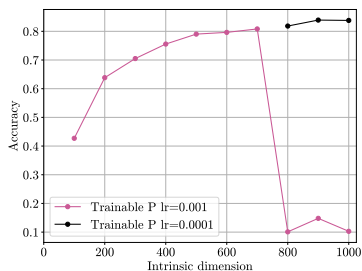
# Trained $P$ and $\theta^{(d)}$ weights



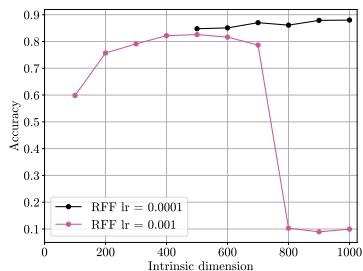
# Initializing $P$ with trained distributions



# Bad convergence $\rightarrow$ decreased learning rates

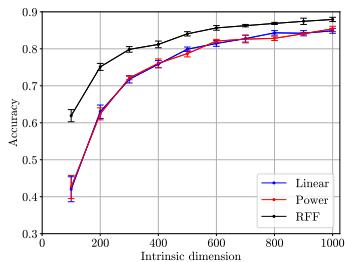


(a) Trainable Projection Matrix

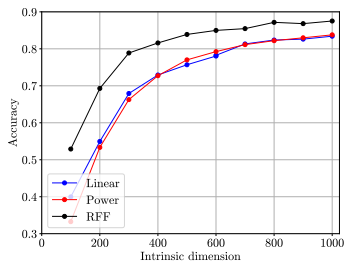


(b) Random Fourier Augmentation

# Normalize $P$ ?



(c) Non-normalized Projection Matrix



(d) Normalized Projection Matrix

## Conclusions and future research

- ▶ RFF  $>$  linear  $\approx$  power terms
- ▶ Still have a lot to try: different data, larger models, different layer types, etc.
- ▶ Compression? Practicality?