

# A Johnson–Lindenstrauss Framework for Randomly Initialized CNNs

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# Setting

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$\langle x, y \rangle$  The scalar *inner product* between vectors  $x$  and  $y$ .<sup>1</sup>

$\frac{\langle x, y \rangle}{\|x\| \|y\|}$  The *cosine similarity* (or simply *similarity*) between vectors  $x$  and  $y$ .

## The Johnson–Lindenstrauss Lemma

A high-dimensional random projection  $W$  satisfies

$$\langle x, y \rangle \approx \langle W \cdot x, W \cdot y \rangle$$

with high probability.

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<sup>1</sup>We mean here a vector in a wider sense:  $x$  and  $y$  may be matrices and tensors (of the same dimensions). In this situation, the standard inner product is equal to the vectorization thereof:

$$\langle x, y \rangle = \langle \text{vec}(x), \text{vec}(y) \rangle.$$

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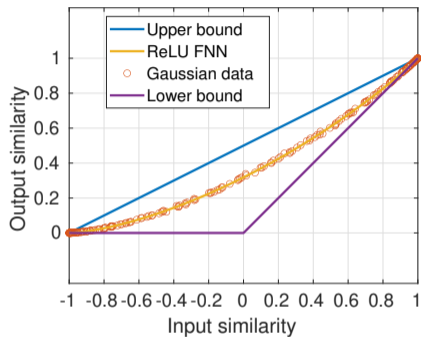
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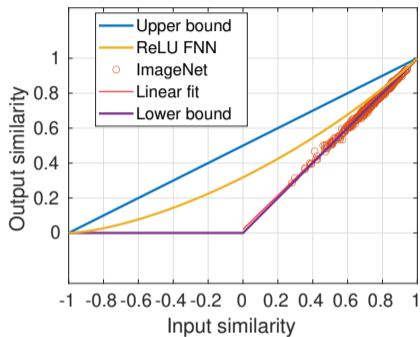
**What about a randomly initialized convolutional neural network?**

$$\langle \text{ReLU}(W * x), \text{ReLU}(W * y) \rangle = ???$$

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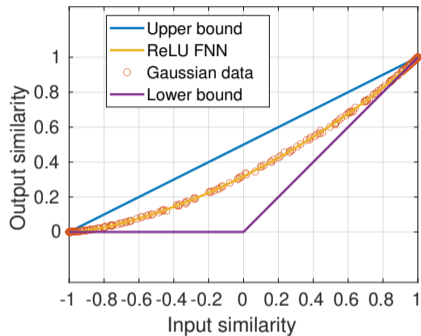


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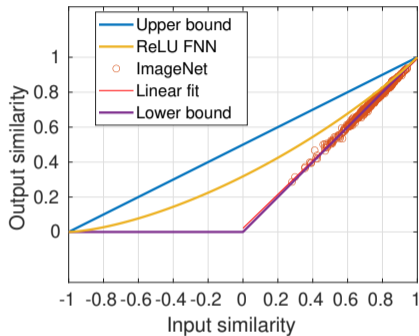


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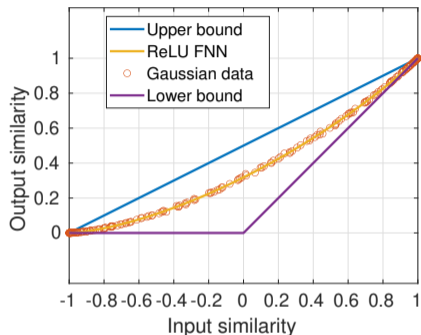


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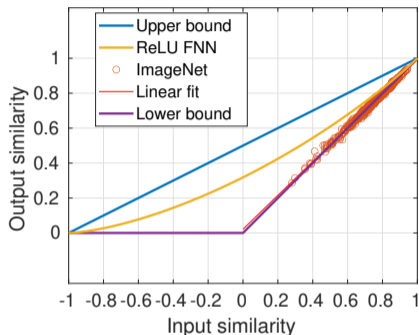
**Lemma 2:** w.h.p., for linear CNNs we have a typical Johnson–Lindenstrauss type result

$$\rho_{\text{out}} \approx \rho_{\text{in}}$$

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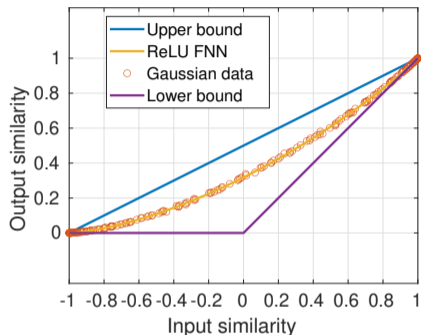


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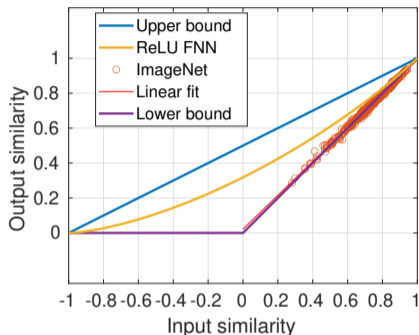
**Theorem 3:** w.h.p., for ReLU CNNs we have the following tight bounds

$$\max\{\rho_{\text{in}}, 0\} \lesssim \rho_{\text{out}} \lesssim \frac{1 + \rho_{\text{in}}}{2}$$

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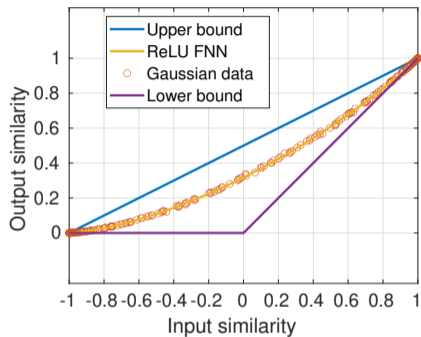
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**Theorem 4:** w.h.p., for ReLU CNNs with Gaussian inputs

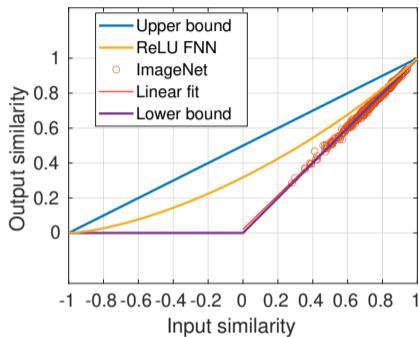
$$\rho_{\text{out}} \approx \frac{\sqrt{1 - \rho_{\text{in}}^2} + (\pi - \cos^{-1}(\rho_{\text{in}})) \rho_{\text{in}}}{\pi}$$



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**Theorem 5:** w.h.p., for ReLU CNNs and a model for natural images

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