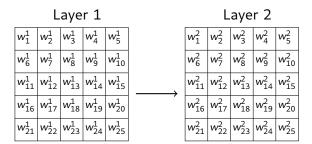
# Attention Based Pruning for Shift Networks

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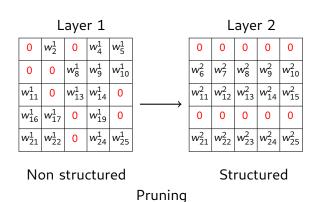




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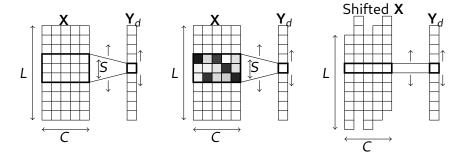


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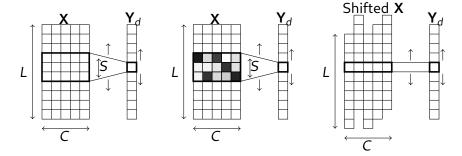
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## **Attention Shift Layer**

Figure: Using attention tensor A to select which weight should be kept

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8 2 4 6 1 1 3 2 0 9 7 4 0 6 4 0 0 3						
	8	2	4		1	1
0.6.4.0.0.3		2	_	9	7	4
0 0 4 0 0 3	0	6	4	0	0	3
5 1 2 0 3 4	5	1	2	0	3	4
1 3 4 0 2 1		3	4	0	2	1
0 2 3 1 2 2	0	2	3	1	2	2

16	4	8	12
6	4	0	18
0	12	8	0
10	2	4	0

# **Shift Operation**

8	2	4	6	1	1
3	2	0	9	7	4
0	6	4	0	0	3
5	1	2	0	3	4
1	3	4	0	2	1
0	2	3	1	2	2

$$\times \qquad \boxed{2} \qquad = \qquad \begin{array}{c|cccc} 16 & 4 & 8 & 12 \\ \hline 6 & 4 & 0 & 18 \\ \hline 0 & 12 & 8 & 0 \\ \hline 10 & 2 & 4 & 0 \end{array}$$

## **Experimental Results**

Table: Comparison of accuracy, number of parameters and FLOPs between a standard CNN, SAL and vanilla Shiftnet on ImageNet ILSVRC 2012.

		Top-1	Params	FLOPs
Large	ResNet-w24 (CLs)	63.47%	<b>3.2</b> M	664M
budget	ShiftNet-A	70.1%	4.1M	1.4G
	ResNet-w64 + SAL	71%	3.3M	<b>538</b> M
Small	ResNet-w16 (CLs)	56.6%	1.4M	295M
budget	ShiftNet-B	61.2%	1.1M	371M
	ResNet-w32 + SAL	62.7%	<b>0.97</b> M	136M
Mobile	MobileNetV2	56.6%	1.76M	57M
Architecture	ShuffleNetV2	60.7%	1.3M	<b>41</b> M

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## Thank you

Thank you for watching this presentation. I will be glad to answer any questions you have via e-mail ghouthi.bouklihacene@imt-atlantique.fr.

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