# Supplementary Materials for Towards Accurate Open-Set Recognition via Background-Class Regularization

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## A Algorithm of Our Proposed Method

For a better understanding of the training and inference processes of our method, we summarize the processes in Algorithm 1. In Section 3 of our main paper, we describe in-depth details about each step of the algorithm.

Algorithm 1 Training and inference steps of our method

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- Training -
Given: DNN f_{\theta}, Datasets \mathcal{D}_t (known classes) and \mathcal{D}_b (background classes)
Parameters: \mu_c (trainable) for c \in \{1, \dots, C\} and \lambda
while not converged do
    Sample (\mathbf{x}^k, y) \in \mathcal{D}_t and \mathbf{x}^b \in \mathcal{D}_b
    for c = 1 to C do
        Compute D_E^2(f_\theta(\mathbf{x}^k), \boldsymbol{\mu}_c) and D_E^2(f_\theta(\mathbf{x}^b), \boldsymbol{\mu}_c)
    end for
   Compute \mathcal{L}_{cf} = \mathbb{E}_{(\mathbf{x}^k, y) \sim \mathcal{D}_t}[-\log P_d(y|\mathbf{x}^k)] based on Eq. (5)
Compute \mathcal{L}_{bg,k} and \mathcal{L}_{bg,u} (See Section 3.4)
    \mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{cf} + \lambda(\mathcal{L}_{bg,k} + \mathcal{L}_{bg,u})
    Update network parameter \theta and \mu_c for all c
end while
- Inference -
Given: Trained f, \mu_c for all c, and a test sample x from \mathcal{D}_{test}^k or \mathcal{D}_{test}^u
Parameters: A threshold \tau for unknown-class rejection
for c = 1 to C do
    Compute D_E^2(f_\theta(\mathbf{x}), \boldsymbol{\mu}_c) (Euclidean distance)
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end for

$$\begin{split} & \text{if } \max_{c \in \{1, \cdots, C\}} - D_E^2(f_\theta(\mathbf{x}), \boldsymbol{\mu}_c) \geq \tau \text{ then } \\ & \widehat{y} = \arg\min_{c \in \{1, \cdots, C\}} D_E^2(f_\theta(\mathbf{x}), \boldsymbol{\mu}_c) \\ & \text{else} \\ & \widehat{y} = C + 1 \text{ ("unknown" class)} \end{split}$$

end if

### **B** Previous Regularization Methods

Throughout our main paper, we compared the proposed approach to the following previous regularization methods proposed for Softmax classifiers.

**Objectosphere loss** [2]. The authors proposed the entropic open-set and the objectosphere losses to regularize SoftMax classifiers. While the entropic open-set loss aims to maximize the information entropy of SoftMax probability for known unknown class (KUC) data, the objectosphere loss increases the gap between known known class (KKC) and KUC samples in terms of their latent feature magnitude. One can distinguish UUCs from KKCs by measuring the maximum value of  $P(y|\mathbf{x})$  (probability) or  $P(y|\mathbf{x}) \cdot ||f(\mathbf{x})||$  (probability and magnitude).

**Uniformity loss [3].** Similar to [2], Hendrycks *et al.* also proposed to maximize the entropy of SoftMax probability for KUCs. UUCs can be distinguished from KKCs by measuring  $\max_{c} P(y = c | \mathbf{x})$  or  $-\sum_{c} P(y = c | \mathbf{x}) \log P(y = c | \mathbf{x})$ .

**Energy loss** [5]. Recently, it was proposed to increase the energy gap between training and background samples, where the energy value can be computed by  $-\log \sum_{c} \exp(\exp(\mathbf{w}_{c}^{T} f(\mathbf{x}) + b_{c}))$  in Eq. (1). One can measure the energy value of each input sample  $\mathbf{x}$  to determine whether  $\mathbf{x}$  is from KKCs or UUCs.

#### C Latent Feature Space Visualization

In this section, we split the 10 classes of CIFAR10 into 6 KKCs and 4 UUCs for Setting 1 (S1) experiments. For Setting 2 (S2), we used the CIFAR10 and the resized ImageNet (ImageNet-R) datasets as KKCs and UUCs, respectively. In the following, we compared Softmax and distance-based classifiers, and their regularized versions via t-SNE [6]. To regularize the Softmax and the distance-based classifiers, we used the uniformity [3] and our class-inclusion losses, respectively. In each t-SNE result, the black dots indicate UUC samples. For the other colors, each color represents a distinct class of KKCs.



Fig. 1. t-SNE results of vanilla Softmax classifiers and distance-based classifiers.

Vanilla classifiers. Figure 1 depicts the t-SNE results of vanilla Softmax and distance-based classifiers in S1 and S2. The figure implies that in comparison with S2, it would be more difficult to distinguish UUC samples from KKCs in S1.



Fig. 2. t-SNE results of regularized Softmax classifiers and distance-based classifiers.

**Background-class regularized classifiers.** Figure 2 presents the t-SNE results of Softmax and distance-based classifiers trained with BCR ( $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{cf} + \lambda \mathcal{L}_{bg}$ ) in S1 and S2. In comparison with Figure 1, Figure 2 shows that such regularization techniques assist classifiers to learn more effective latent feature representations in distinguishing UUCs from KKCs, especially in S1. Furthermore, the figure shows that the latent feature space regularized by the uniformity loss can yield inaccurate results in distance-based post-classification analysis.

## D Training Details for Text Classification

We employed a simple GRU model [1], whose feature dimension is 128. Using the batch size of 64 for both KKCs and KUCs, we trained the model for 15 epochs via the Adam optimizer [4] with the initial learning rate of 0.01 and cosine annealing.

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