

Industry Sandbox & Al Computing

Introduction to Neural Network using PyTorch



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Today's Discussion

- Who we are and more about ISAIC?
- What is Artificial Neural Network?
- Introduction to PyTorch
- Tutorial





ISAIC is powering the A.I.mbition in Western Canada

- Small to medium size start ups
- Accelerate AI adoption and commercialization
- By abstracting away hardware management



We offer High-performance Computing Virtual Machines

- At ISAIC, we offer different flavours of high-performance VMs that come preconfigured and specifically tailored to their needs
- Our services come with 1 to 8 GPUs and up to 64 CPU cores with 512GB RAM
- Our offerings come ready with AI tools including newest libraries from TensorFlow, Torch, & Keras
- We offer in-person expert consultation to our clients and help them through their Al journey



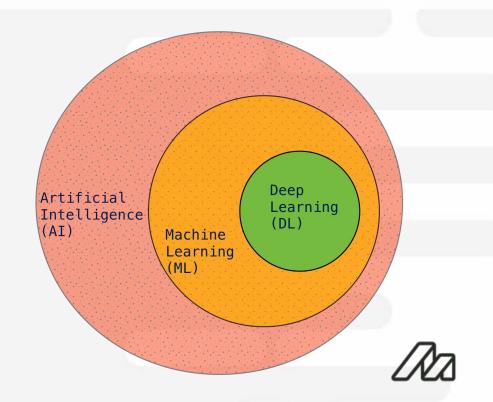
Today, we will see how ISAIC creates and uses VMs for our clients

- What is a Virtual Machine?
 - Through virtualization we can divide existing hardware resources into multiple machines and create virtual hardware that our Operating Systems run on
- Let's set aside the technical terminology and definition and take a look at virtualization from an operational point of view



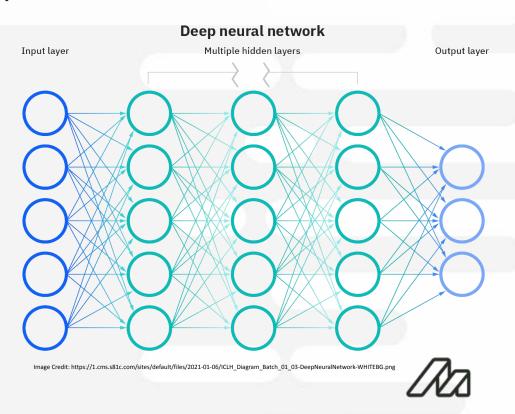
What is Artificial Neural Network?

- Artificial Neural Network (NN) is a part of Deep Learning algorithms
- Inspired by working principle of biological neurons in animal brains
- Data driven statistical inference
- Requires large volume data
- Transforms input data to very high dimensional abstract space through complex model architecture



'Vanilla' Neural Network

- Simplest form of ANN structure
- Consists of input, hidden and output layer
- Philosophy of "Neurons that fire together, wire together"
- Relies on Stochastic Gradient
 Descent
- Advancement of auto differentiation and computing power enables us to build such models



Introduction to PyTorch

- Open source ML framework
- Developed by Facebook and built upon Torch library
- torch.tensor stores and processes multi-dimensional data in very efficient way
- torch.autograd provides auto differentiation engine to perform stochastic gradient descent
- APIs are intuitive, easy-to-use for ML project development









Introduction to torch.tensor

Advantages over NumPy Arrays

- torch.tensor handles data very similarly as NumPy arrays, and can be converted to back and forth
- Unlike NumPy arrays, torch Tensors can be computed on other devices such as GPUs, TPUs
- Torch Tensors hold additional placeholder for gradients calculation
- PyTorch neural network modules are designed to work efficiently on torch Tensors

