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# INTRODUCTION TO PYTORCH

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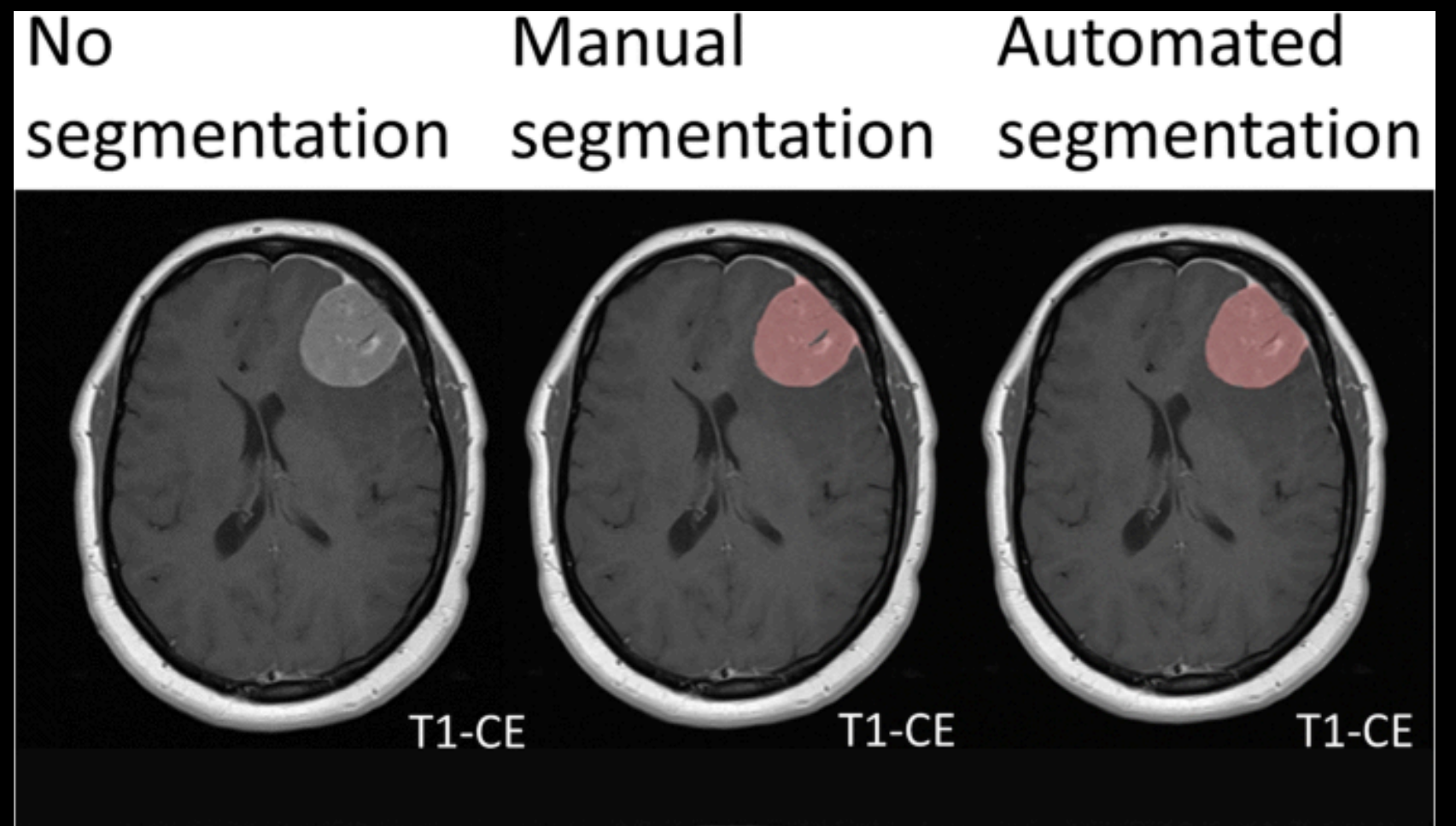




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# Agenda

- PyTorch fundamentals and advantages
- Working with tensors
- Tensor operations and manipulation
- Automatic differentiation (Autograd)
- Moving from data to tensors
- GPU acceleration



# Introduction

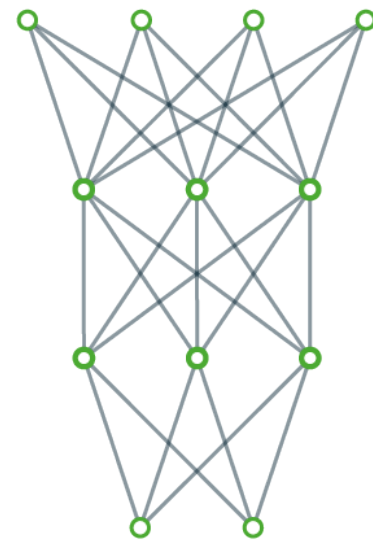
Deep Learning is a subset of machine learning where models — typically neural networks — learn directly from data. Inspired by the structure and function of the human brain. Just like humans

# Deep learning

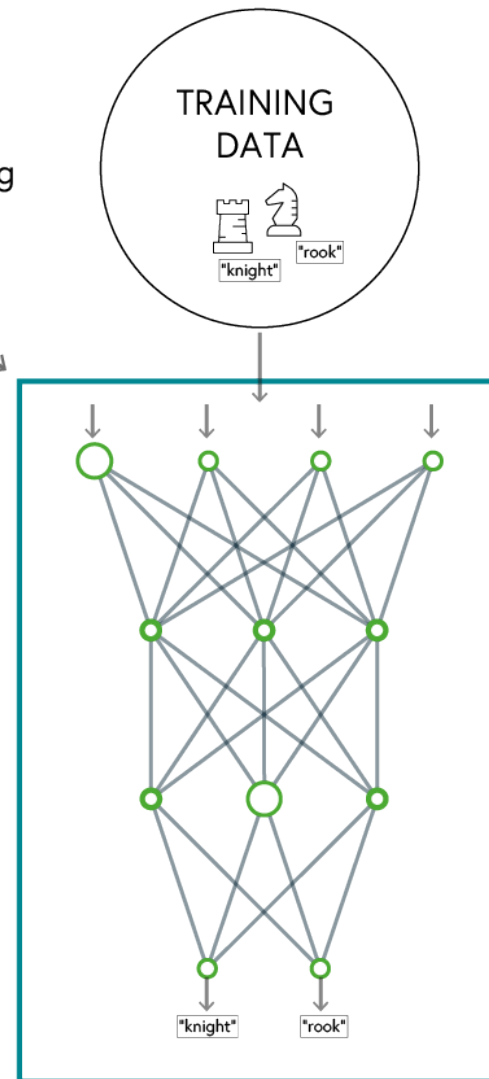
## TRAINING

Learning new capabilities  
from existing data

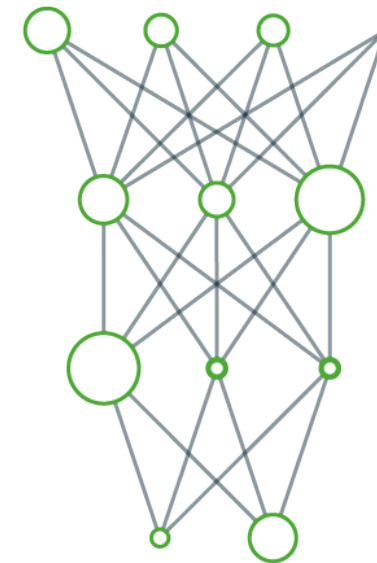
UNTRAINED  
Neural Network



Deep Learning  
Framework



TRAINED MODEL  
New capabilities

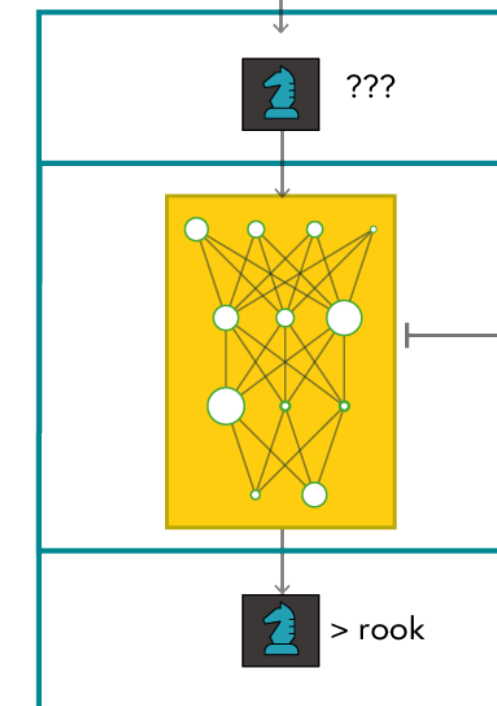


## INFERENCE

Applying new capabilities  
to new data



App or Service  
Deployment



MODEL  
Optimised for  
performance

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# PyTorch

- **Dynamic Computation Graph:** Easier debugging and flexible model building
- **Pythonic and Intuitive API:** Seamless integration with Python libraries
- **Strong Research and Industry Adoption:** Used by major companies and researchers
- **Excellent GPU Acceleration:** Optimised for performance on GPUs and TPUs



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# Why PYTORCH

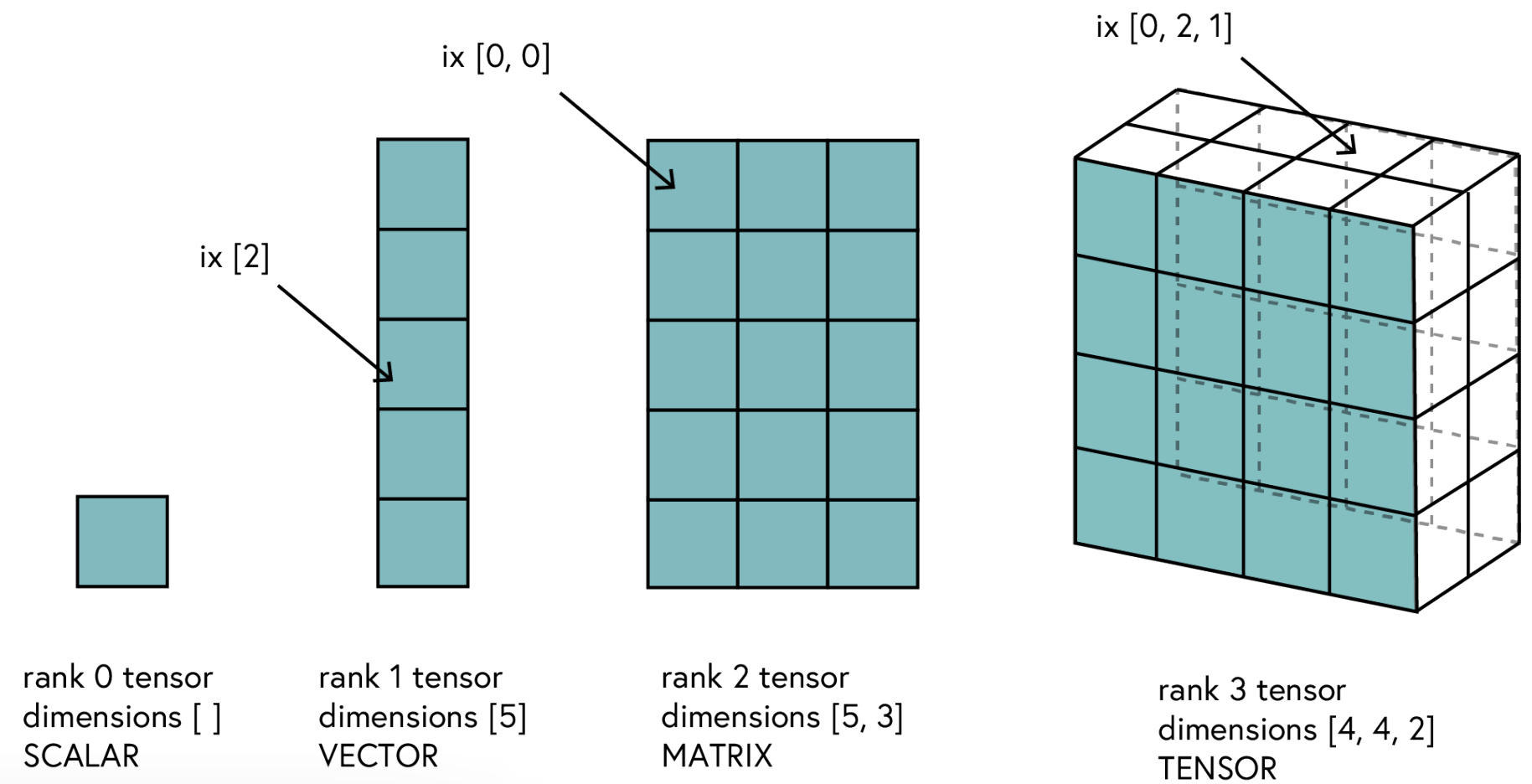
Feature	PyTorch	TensorFlow	Keras
Ease of Use	High (Pythonic, dynamic computation graph)	Moderate (Static graph by default, more setup)	Very High (High-level API)
Flexibility	High	Moderate	Low (abstracted API)
Performance	High	Very High (Optimized for deployment)	Moderate
Debugging	Easy (Eager execution)	Harder (Graph-based execution)	Easy
GPU Support	Excellent	Excellent	Good
Industry Use	Research, Prototyping	Production, Deployment	Rapid Prototyping



# Tensors

**Definition:** A generalization of vectors and matrices to higher dimensions

**Why Tensors?**



```
import torch
# Different tensor ranks
scalar = torch.tensor(42)           # Rank 0
vector = torch.tensor([1, 2, 3])    # Rank 1
matrix = torch.tensor([[1, 2], [3, 4]]) # Rank 2
tensor_3d = torch.tensor([[[1, 2], [3, 4]], [[5, 6], [7, 8]]]) # Rank 3
```

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# Creating Tensors

## Basic Tensor Creation Methods

- `torch.tensor()` - from existing data
- `torch.zeros()`, `torch.ones()` - filled tensors
- `torch.rand()`, `torch.randn()` - random tensors
- `torch.arange()`, `torch.linspace()` - sequences
- `torch.eye()` - identity matrices

**Data types** can be specified with `dtype` parameter



```
# Creating different tensors
data_tensor = torch.tensor([1, 2, 3, 4])
zeros = torch.zeros(2, 3)
ones = torch.ones(2, 3)
random_uniform = torch.rand(2, 3)      # Values from U(0,1)
random_normal = torch.randn(2, 3)     # Values from N(0,1)
sequence = torch.arange(0, 10, step=2) # [0, 2, 4, 6, 8]
linspace = torch.linspace(0, 1, steps=5) # 5 evenly spaced points
identity = torch.eye(3)                # 3x3 identity matrix
```



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# TENSOR PROPERTIES

- **Working with Tensor Attributes**
- **Shape:** tensor.shape
- **Data type:** tensor.dtype
- **Device:** tensor.device
- **Accessing values:** tensor.item() for scalars
- **Converting types:** tensor.float(), tensor.int()



```
# Exploring tensor properties
x = torch.tensor([[1, 2], [3, 4]], dtype=torch.float32)
print(f"Shape: {x.shape}")          # Shape: torch.Size([2, 2])
print(f"Data type: {x.dtype}")      # Data type: torch.float32
print(f"Device: {x.device}")        # Device: cpu

# Converting types
x_int = x.int()
x_double = x.double() # or x.to(torch.float64)
```

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# TENSOR indexing

## Accessing Tensor Data

- **Basic indexing:** `tensor[i, j]`
- **Slicing:** `tensor[1:3]`

## Advanced indexing techniques:

- **Boolean masks:** `tensor[tensor > 0]`
- **Negative indexing:** `tensor[-1]` (last element)
- **Using ellipsis:** `tensor[..., 0]`



```
# Various indexing techniques
matrix = torch.tensor([[1, 2, 3], [4, 5, 6], [7, 8, 9]])

# Basic indexing and slicing
element = matrix[1, 2]      # Value at row 1, column 2: 6
row = matrix[1]             # Second row: [4, 5, 6]
column = matrix[:, 1]       # Second column: [2, 5, 8]
submatrix = matrix[0:2, 1:] # Top-right 2x2: [[2, 3], [5, 6]]

# Advanced indexing
mask = matrix > 5           # Boolean mask
values = matrix[mask]       # Values > 5: [6, 7, 8, 9]
corners = matrix[[0, -1], [0, -1]] # Diagonal corners: [1, 9]
```

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# BASIC TENSOR OPERATIONS

## Common Operations

- **Arithmetic:** +, -, \*, /
- **Element-wise operations:** torch.sqrt(), torch.pow()
- **Reduction:** torch.sum(), torch.mean()
- **Comparisons:** >, <, ==
- **In-place operations:** tensor.add\_(1) (note the underscore)

```
# Basic operations
a = torch.tensor([1, 2, 3])
b = torch.tensor([4, 5, 6])

c = a + b          # [5, 7, 9]
d = a * b          # [4, 10, 18] (element-wise)
e = torch.sqrt(b)  # [2.0, 2.236, 2.449]

# Reduction operations
total = torch.sum(a)      # 6
mean_value = torch.mean(a.float()) # 2.0

# In-place operations
a.add_(10)               # a becomes [11, 12, 13]
```

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# MATRIX OPERATIONS

## Linear Algebra with PyTorch

- **Matrix multiplication:** @ or torch.matmul()
- **Transposition:** .T or torch.transpose()
- **Inverse:** torch.inverse()
- **Determinant:** torch.det()
- **Eigenvalues:** torch.eig()
- **SVD:** torch.svd()

```
# Linear algebra operations
a = torch.tensor([[1, 2], [3, 4]], dtype=torch.float32)
b = torch.tensor([[5, 6], [7, 8]], dtype=torch.float32)

# Matrix multiplication
c = a @ b          # or torch.matmul(a, b)
# Result: [[19, 22], [43, 50]]

# Other operations
a_transpose = a.T      # [[1, 3], [2, 4]]
a_inv = torch.inverse(a) # [[-2.0, 1.0], [1.5, -0.5]]
det_a = torch.det(a)    # -2.0

# SVD decomposition
U, S, V = torch.svd(a)
```

# Broadcasting

## Working with Different Shapes

- Automatic expansion of smaller tensors
- Rules follow NumPy broadcasting
- Eliminates need for explicit reshaping

### Examples:

- Add scalar to matrix
- Multiply matrix by row/column vector
- Scale batches of data
- Powerful but requires understanding

```
# Broadcasting examples
matrix = torch.tensor([[1, 2], [3, 4]])
scalar = torch.tensor(10)
row = torch.tensor([10, 20])
column = torch.tensor([[10], [20]])

# Broadcasting in action
matrix + scalar          # Add 10 to each element
# Result: [[11, 12], [13, 14]]

matrix * row              # Multiply each row by [10, 20]
# Result: [[10, 40], [30, 80]]

matrix + column           # Add column to each column
# Result: [[11, 12], [23, 24]]

# 3D example
batch = torch.randn(32, 3, 224, 224) # Batch of images
scale = torch.tensor([0.5, 1.0, 0.8]) # Per-channel scale
scale = scale.view(1, 3, 1, 1)        # Reshape for broadcasting
normalized = batch * scale             # Scale each channel separately
```

# RESHAPING

## Changing Tensor Dimensions

- **reshape()** - new shape, possibly new memory
- **view()** - new shape, same memory (must be contiguous)
- **squeeze()** - remove dimensions of size 1
- **unsqueeze()** - add dimension of size 1
- **expand()** - broadcast dimensions without copying

```
# Reshaping examples
x = torch.tensor([1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6])

# Different reshape methods
reshaped = x.reshape(2, 3)      # [[1, 2, 3], [4, 5, 6]]
viewed = x.view(3, 2)          # [[1, 2], [3, 4], [5, 6]]

# Adding/removing dimensions
x_unsqueezed = x.unsqueeze(0)   # Add dimension: [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6] -> [[1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6]]
single_dim = torch.tensor([7]) # Shape: [1]
squeezed = single_dim.squeeze() # Shape: [] (scalar)

# Expand example
a = torch.tensor([1, 2, 3])     # Shape: [3]
b = a.unsqueeze(0)              # Shape: [1, 3]
expanded = b.expand(4, 3)       # Shape: [4, 3], repeated rows without copying data
```



# Using autograd

## Computing Gradients

- Enable tracking with **requires\_grad=True**
- Build computation graph through operations
- Call **backward()** to compute gradients
- Access gradients via **tensor.grad**

```
# Complex function with multiple inputs
x = torch.tensor(2.0, requires_grad=True)
y = torch.tensor(3.0, requires_grad=True)

# f(x, y) = x^2y + y^3
z = x*x*y + y*y*y

# Compute gradients
z.backward()

# ∂z/∂x = 2xy = 2*2*3 = 12
# ∂z/∂y = x^2 + 3y^2 = 4 + 3*9 = 31
print(f"∂z/∂x: {x.grad}") # 12.0
print(f"∂z/∂y: {y.grad}") # 31.0

# Gradient accumulation
x = torch.tensor(1.0, requires_grad=True)
y = x * 2
y.backward()
print(f"First gradient: {x.grad}") # 2.0

# Gradient accumulation (need to zero first)
x.grad.zero_()
z = x * 3
z.backward()
print(f"Second gradient: {x.grad}") # 3.0
```

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# LOADING DATA

## From Raw Data to Tensors

- Common data sources: CSV, images, text
- Using pandas to load structured data
- Converting to tensors:
  - **`df = pd.read_csv('data.csv')`**
  - **`tensor = torch.tensor(df.values)`**
- DataFrames as an intermediate representation

```
import pandas as pd

# Load CSV data
df = pd.read_csv('data.csv')
print(f"DataFrame shape: {df.shape}")

# Convert specific columns to tensors
features = torch.tensor(df[['feature1', 'feature2', 'feature3']].values, dtype=torch.float32)
labels = torch.tensor(df['target'].values, dtype=torch.float32)

print(f"Features shape: {features.shape}")
print(f"Labels shape: {labels.shape}")
```

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# Using The gpu

## Leveraging Hardware

- **Check availability:** `torch.cuda.is_available()`
- **Select device:** `device = torch.device('cuda')`
- **Move tensors to device:** `tensor = tensor.to(device)`

## When to use GPU:

- Large tensors/datasets
- Computationally expensive operations
- Deep learning model training
- Keep all tensors on same device for efficiency

```
# GPU handling
device = torch.device('cuda' if torch.cuda.is_available() else 'cpu')
print(f"Using device: {device}")

# Create tensor and move to appropriate device
x = torch.randn(1000, 1000)
x = x.to(device)

# Create model and move to device
model = MyNeuralNetwork().to(device)

# Check device of tensor
print(f"Tensor is on: {x.device}")

# Multiple GPUs
if torch.cuda.device_count() > 1:
    print(f"Using {torch.cuda.device_count()} GPUs!")
```



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# BEST PRACTICES

- Match tensor types before operations
- Understand broadcasting rules
- Keep track of your tensor devices
- Leverage PyTorch's documentation