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APAI Lab02: DNN Definition and Training

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In this Hands-on session:

A first-time user of Pytorch framework will learn how to :

- define a Neural Network in PyTorch;
- train a NN;
- test a NN.

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Tasks:

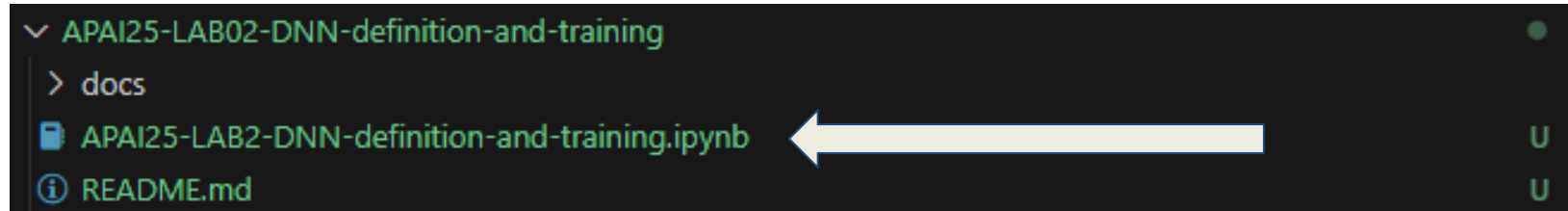
1. PyTorch definition of a NN model;
2. Count network's parameters and MAC operations;
3. Data loader for Fashion-MNIST
4. Code for testing a neural network on Fashion MNIST dataset;
5. Code for training a neural network on Fashion MNIST;
6. Save and load model's trained weights;

All the details about the tasks are explained in the pdf document attached.



How to deliver the assignment

You will **ONLY** deliver the Jupyter Notebook of your experiments, rename it as LAB<number_of_the_lesson>_APAI_<your_name>.ipynb



Such .ipynb file **SHOULD BE ALREADY PRE-RUN**

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#basic
import os
from os.path import join
import numpy as np
from tqdm import tqdm
import time

#plotting
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

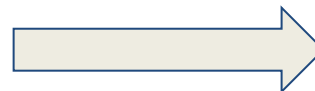
#torch
import torch; print('\nPyTorch version in use:',
import torch.nn as nn
import torch.nn.functional as F
import torch.optim as optim
from torch.utils.data import DataLoader

#torchvision
import torchvision
from torchvision import transforms, datasets

# others
from copy import deepcopy
from tqdm.autonotebook import tqdm
from sklearn.metrics import precision_score, recall_score
import inspect

PyTorch version in use: 2.4.1+cu121
cuda avail: False
```

Pre-run boxes look like this!

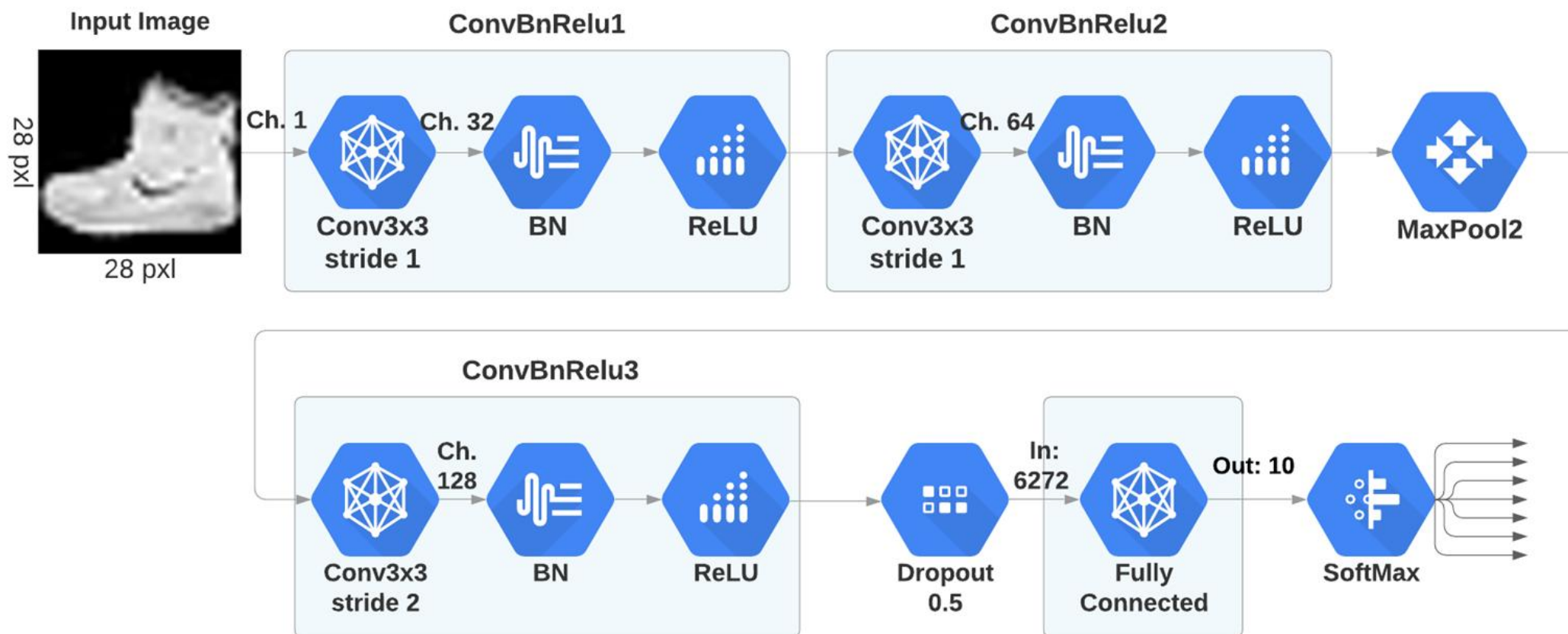




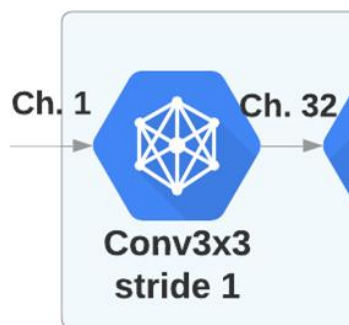
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A BIT OF THEORY

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2D Convolution (Visualizer: <https://ezyang.github.io/convolution-visualizer/>)

Kernel: size of the convolution kernel (height, width)

Channels (input / output): channels of the input/output feature map

Stride: how many “pixels” of the input image you skip when the kernel slides

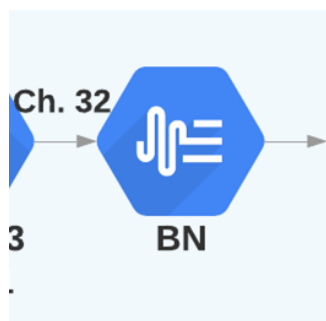
Padding: how many zeroes to add on the border of the input feature map

Formula for the size (height/width) of the output feature map (dilation here is 1):

- Input: $(N, C_{in}, H_{in}, W_{in})$ or (C_{in}, H_{in}, W_{in})
- Output: $(N, C_{out}, H_{out}, W_{out})$ or $(C_{out}, H_{out}, W_{out})$, where

$$H_{out} = \left\lfloor \frac{H_{in} + 2 \times \text{padding}[0] - \text{dilation}[0] \times (\text{kernel_size}[0] - 1) - 1}{\text{stride}[0]} + 1 \right\rfloor$$

$$W_{out} = \left\lfloor \frac{W_{in} + 2 \times \text{padding}[1] - \text{dilation}[1] \times (\text{kernel_size}[1] - 1) - 1}{\text{stride}[1]} + 1 \right\rfloor$$



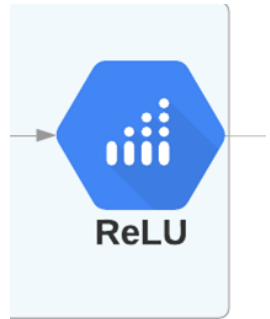
Batch Normalization

Layer that adjusts the statistics of the input feature map at training time. Input and output sizes are the same (does not change the NCHW shape)

num_features: channels of the input feature map.



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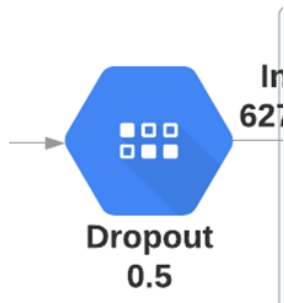
Rectified Linear Unit Activation

Activation function that passes all values above 0, zeroes values below zero.



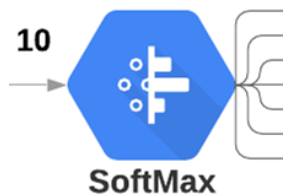
Max Pooling

Reduces the size of the input feature map according to stride and kernel size.



Dropout

Layer used to prevent overfitting. In each training iteration, zeroes the channels of the input feature map with probability p.



Softmax Activation

Transforms the input feature array into a probability array.

- Input: (N, C, H_{in}, W_{in}) or (C, H_{in}, W_{in})
- Output: (N, C, H_{out}, W_{out}) or (C, H_{out}, W_{out}) , where

$$H_{out} = \left\lfloor \frac{H_{in} + 2 * \text{padding}[0] - \text{dilation}[0] \times (\text{kernel_size}[0] - 1) - 1}{\text{stride}[0]} + 1 \right\rfloor$$

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