Covariant Compositional Networks Library Manual

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1 Overview

Covariant Compositional Networks Library is an easy-to-use and efficient implementation of Covariant Compositional Networks (CCNs) with TensorFlow and PyTorch's APIs based on a shared common C++ core. Algorithms of CCNs are published in [Kondor et al., 2018] and [Hy et al., 2018]. The whole package can be found at:

https://github.com/HyTruongSon/LibCCNs

The original release of CCNs implementation was based on GraphFlow Deep Learning Framework at:

https://github.com/HyTruongSon/GraphFlow

However, the GraphFlow-based implementation has its own limitation of scaling up to learning on large-scale networks (e.g. citation graphs, or knowledge graphs), because we store each vertex's representation in a standalone tensor, thus there are a huge number of tensors during training and that also slows down the computation. Instead we concatenate all the representations in a single big tensor and do all the contractions at once. In the case of learning molecular properties, we have many different molecular graphs, and we need dynamic batching, the strategy would be to concatenate all the molecular graphs of a batch into a single graph (each connected component is a molecular graph) and concatenate all their vertex representations into a single big tensor. In practice, the single big tensor is stored as two-dimensional array in which the second index is for the channels.

2 C++ core

Both TensorFlow side and PyTorch side use the same C++ core for actual contraction computation. It is located in cpp/ directory.

File	Role
ccn1d_cpu.h	
	• Actual C++ implementation of 5 contractions of CCN 1D: forward and backward.
	• Actual C++ implementation of tensor shrinking operation: forward and backward.
	• Actual C++ implementation of tensor normalization: foward and backward.
	• Helper functions for initialization of receptive fields.
common.h	Tensor indexing helper functions.

3 TensorFlow side

TensorFlow implementation of CCNs library using the C++ core (in sub-directory ccn_lib/), CCNs models, and training programs in Python for both learning on large-scale citation graphs (in sub-directory large_graph/) and learning molecular properties (in sub-directory small_graphs/) are included in folder tensorflow/.

Directory	File	Role
ccn_lib/	ccn1d_grad.py	Customized gradient compu-
		tation of user-defined Ten-
		sorFlow operators defined in
		ccn1d_lib.cc
ccn_lib/	ccn1d_lib.cc	User-defined TensorFlow oper-
		ators in C++ using the C++
		core
ccn_lib/	compile.sh	Script to compile the library
ccn_lib/	All other *.py	Gradient definition in Python

Directory	File	Role
large_graph/	ccn1d_training_program.py	Training program in Python
large_graph/	ccn1d_training_program.sh	Training script
large_graph/	CCN1D.py	CCN 1D model for large cita-
		tion graph
large_graph/	Dataset.py	Dataset data structure of cita-
		tion graph in Python
large_graph/	Edge.py	Edge of citation graph defini-
		tion
large_graph/	Vertex.py	Vertex of citation graph defini-
		tion

Directory	File	Role
small_graphs/	Atom.py	Atom of molecular graph defi-
		nition
small_graphs/	ccn1d_training_program.py	Training program in Python
small_graphs/	ccn1d_training_program.sh	Training script
small_graphs/	CCN1D.py	CCN 1D model for molecular
		graphs
small_graphs/	Dataset.py	Dataset data structure of
		molecular graph in Python
small_graphs/	Graph.py	Graph as a concatenation of
		multiple molecular graphs
small_graphs/	Molecule.py	A single molecular graph

4 PyTorch side

5 Node classification in large-scale networks

6 Learning molecular properties

References

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