LAB 2 (Part 1): PYTORCH INTRODUCTION

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PYTHON AS DEEP LEARNING PLATFORM

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Installing PyTorch on Your Computer

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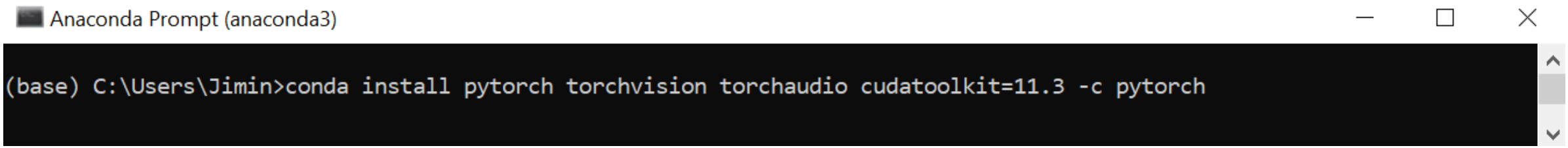
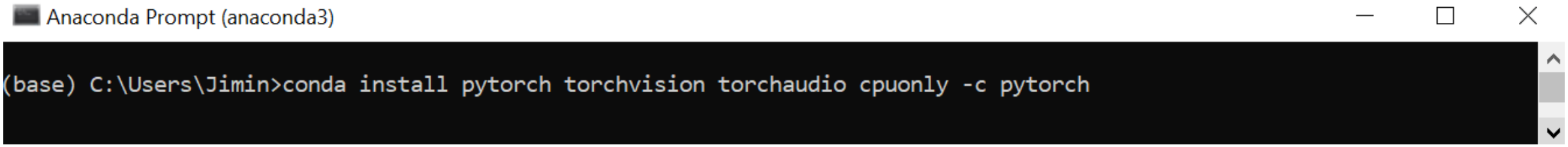
Windows - **Anaconda Prompt** Mac and Linux - **Terminal**

If your computer has one of these GPUs (CUDA-Enabled GeForce and TITAN Products):



else (uses CPU instead):



Note: Make sure you have the latest graphics driver installed

Note: For non-local options, see slides 43-45

Verify PyTorch Installation

1.

```
1  import torch
```

Import PyTorch

```
1  x = torch.rand(5, 3)
2  print(x)
```

```
tensor([[0.9278, 0.0797, 0.3936],
        [0.5075, 0.4611, 0.5649],
        [0.3202, 0.1863, 0.5423],
        [0.3864, 0.6935, 0.5528],
        [0.5596, 0.8721, 0.6153]])
```

Generate randomly initialized torch tensor

2.

```
1  torch.cuda.is_available()
```

```
True
```

Check if your GPU driver, CUDA is enabled and accessible by PyTorch

NEURAL NETWORK WORKFLOW IN PYTORCH

Example Task: Simple Linear Regression

Neural Net Workflow

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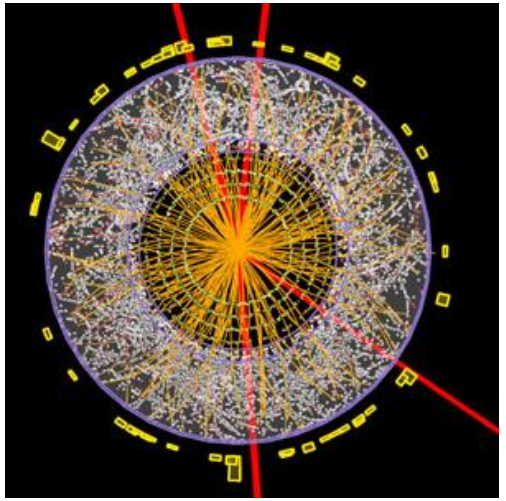
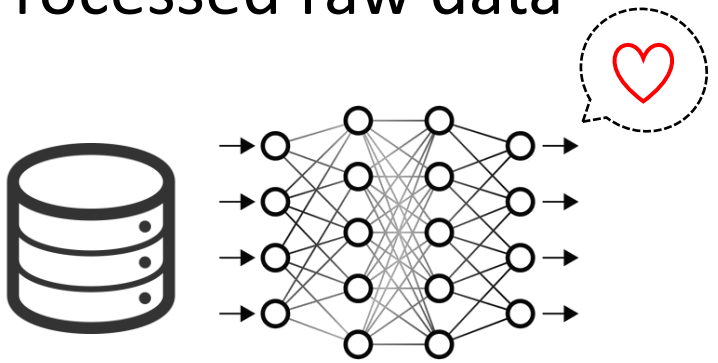
Raw data



Example 1)
Particle feature data from ATLAS detector @ LHC

Example 2)
Neural recordings from the brain

Processed raw data

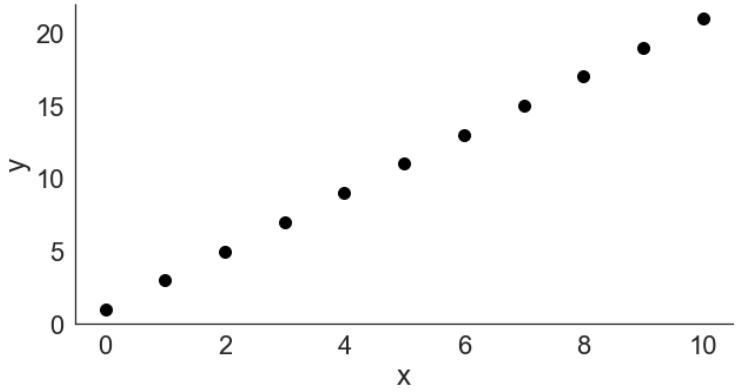


- Remove outliers
- Normalization
- Split train, validation, test sets
- etc

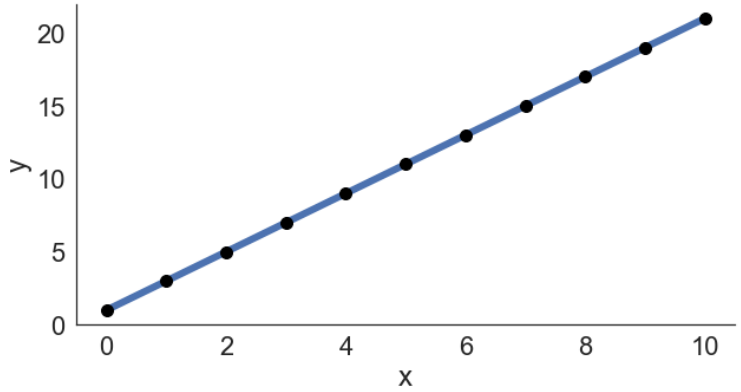
For a successful neural net model, dataset should be Large, Clean and Diverse
-Andrej Karpathy (Director of Tesla Autopilot AI)

Example Task: Linear Regression

Dataset



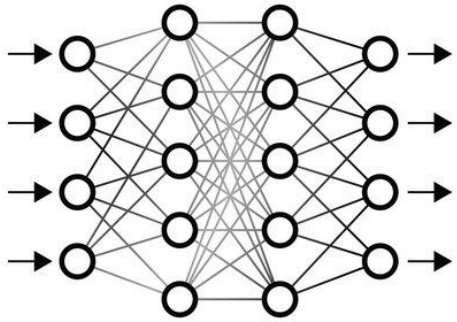
Rule to be learned



$x =$ input

$y =$ output

$y = 2x + 1$



5 → Input

Neural net model

11 → Output

$2(5) + 1$

Prepare Data (example task)

```
%matplotlib inline

import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import torch
```

Import necessary libraries

```
x_train = np.arange(11, dtype = np.float32)
x_train = x_train[:, np.newaxis]

y_train = (2 * x_train) + 1
```

Generate training data for x and y

```
print(x_train)
```

```
[[ 0.]
 [ 1.]
 [ 2.]
 [ 3.]
 [ 4.]
 [ 5.]
 [ 6.]
 [ 7.]
 [ 8.]
 [ 9.]
 [10.]]
```

x

Inputs (features)

```
print(y_train)
```

```
[[ 1.]
 [ 3.]
 [ 5.]
 [ 7.]
 [ 9.]
 [11.]
 [13.]
 [15.]
 [17.]
 [19.]
 [21.]]
```

y

Output targets

Print the training data (x_train, y_train)

Neural Net Workflow Steps

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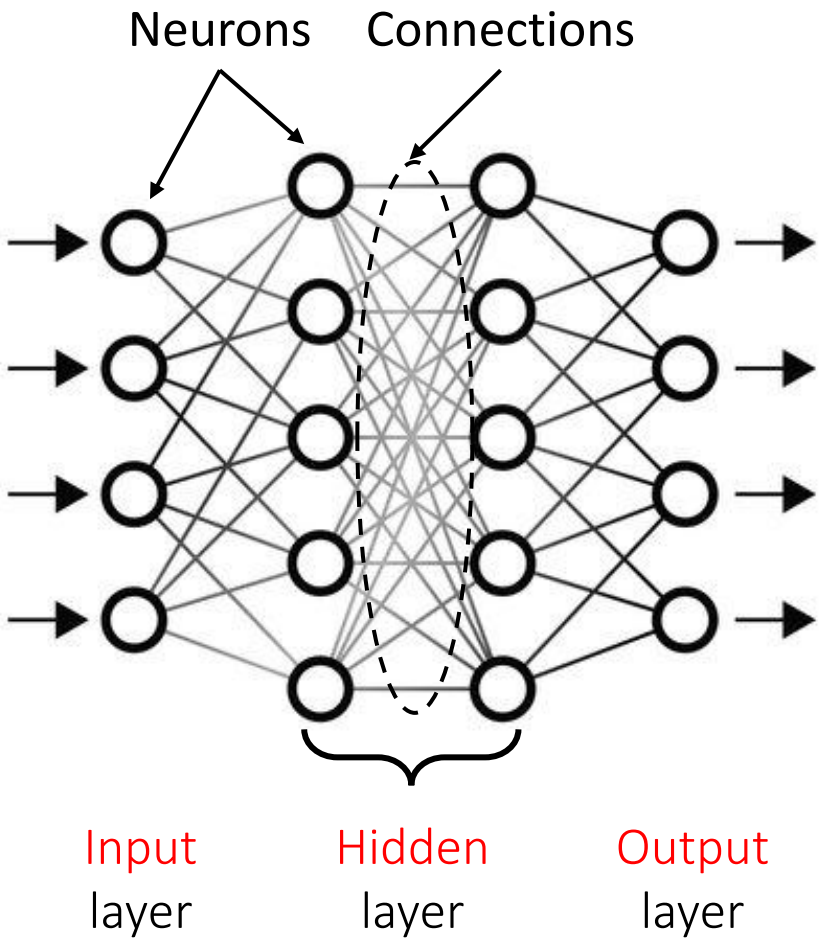


Dimensions (number of neurons) of Input and output layers

Number of hidden layers

Number of neurons for each hidden layer

Other network features

Define Model (example task)

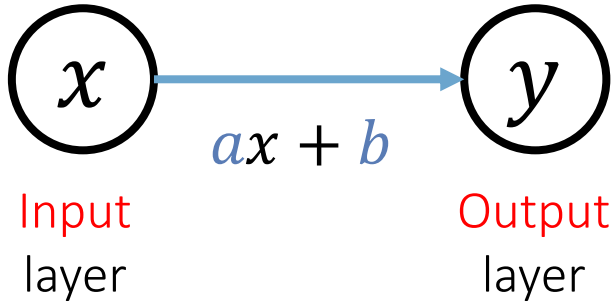
```python
class linearRegression(torch.nn.Module):

    def __init__(self, input_dim, output_dim):

        super(linearRegression, self).__init__()

        self.linear = torch.nn.Linear(input_dim, output_dim)

    def forward(self, x):

        out = self.linear(x)

        return out
```

Define a model class

Initialize the model with a linear layer with input/output dimension

Define a feed forward function describing the information flow within the network

Neural Network Diagram



Training goal

$a \cong 2$ (weight)

$b \cong 1$ (bias)

Input layer dimension = 1

Output layer dimension = 1

No hidden layers

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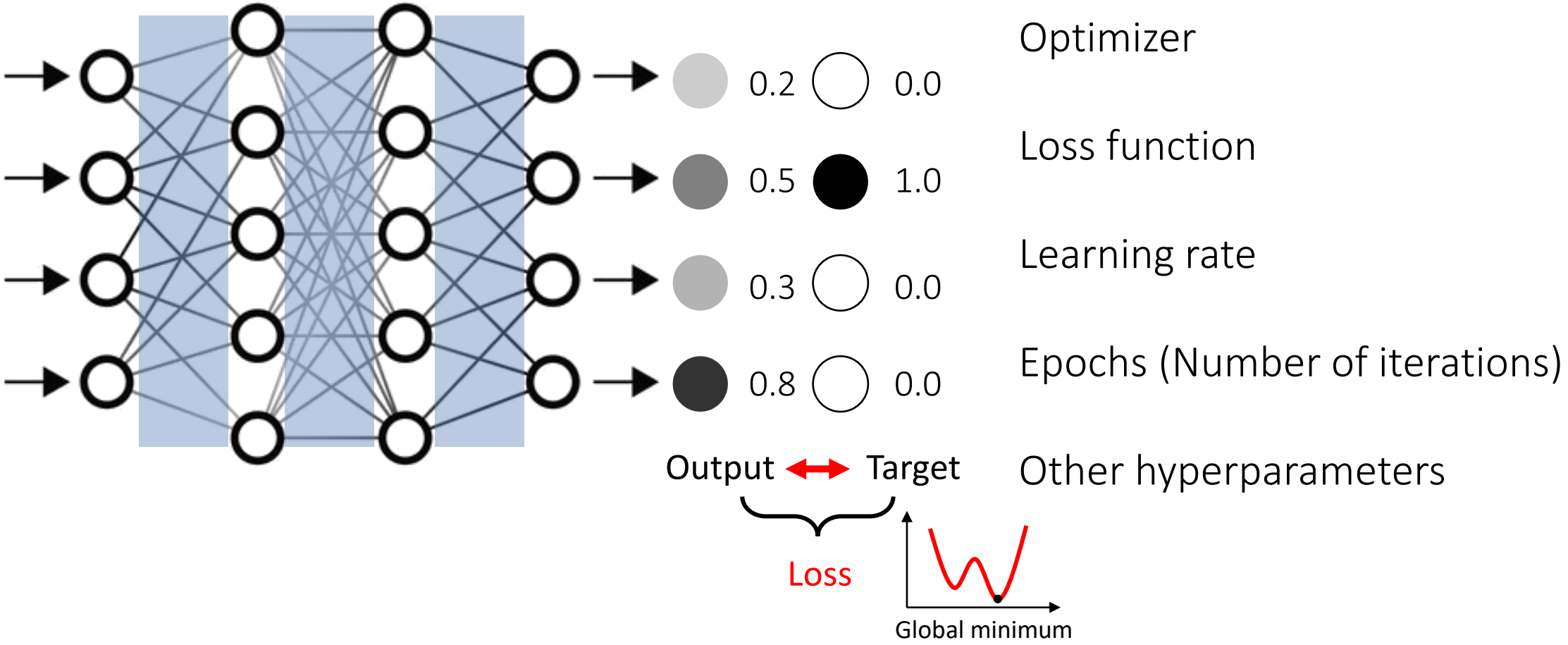

Optimizer ***minimizes*** the loss throughout epochs by changing the connection weights/biases at the pace of learning rate

Select Hyperparameters (example task)

```
model = linearRegression(input_dim = 1, output_dim = 1)

learning_rate = 0.01
epochs = 100

loss_func = torch.nn.MSELoss()
optimizer = torch.optim.SGD(model.parameters(), lr = learning_rate)

if torch.cuda.is_available():
    model.cuda()
```

Define the model with input/output layer dimensions

Define learning rate, epochs (# of iterations)

Define loss function (MSE) and optimizer (Gradient Descent)

If using GPU, transfer the model to GPU memory

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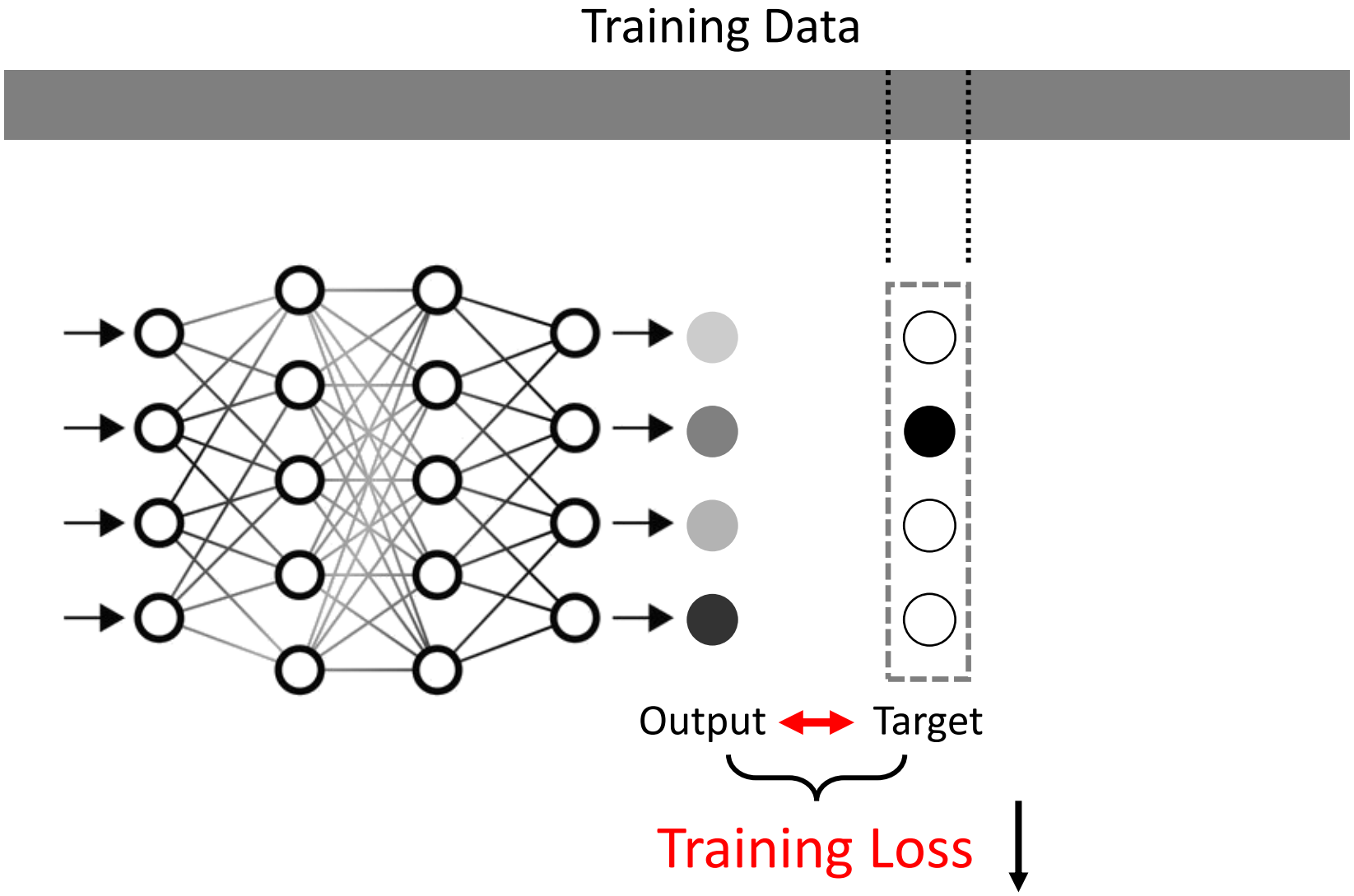

Identify Tracked Values (example task)

```
1 train_loss_list = []
```

Create an **empty list** or **arrays** to contain training loss

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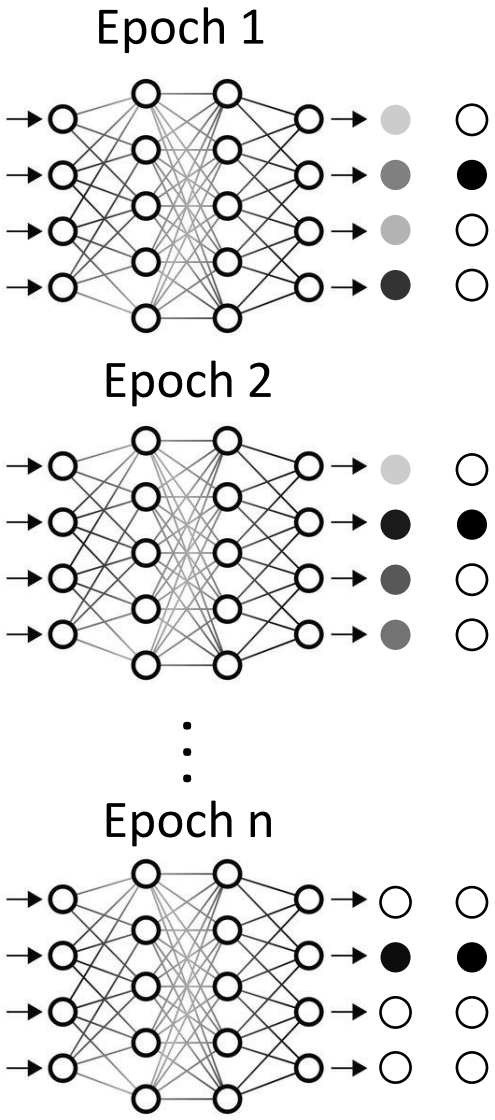

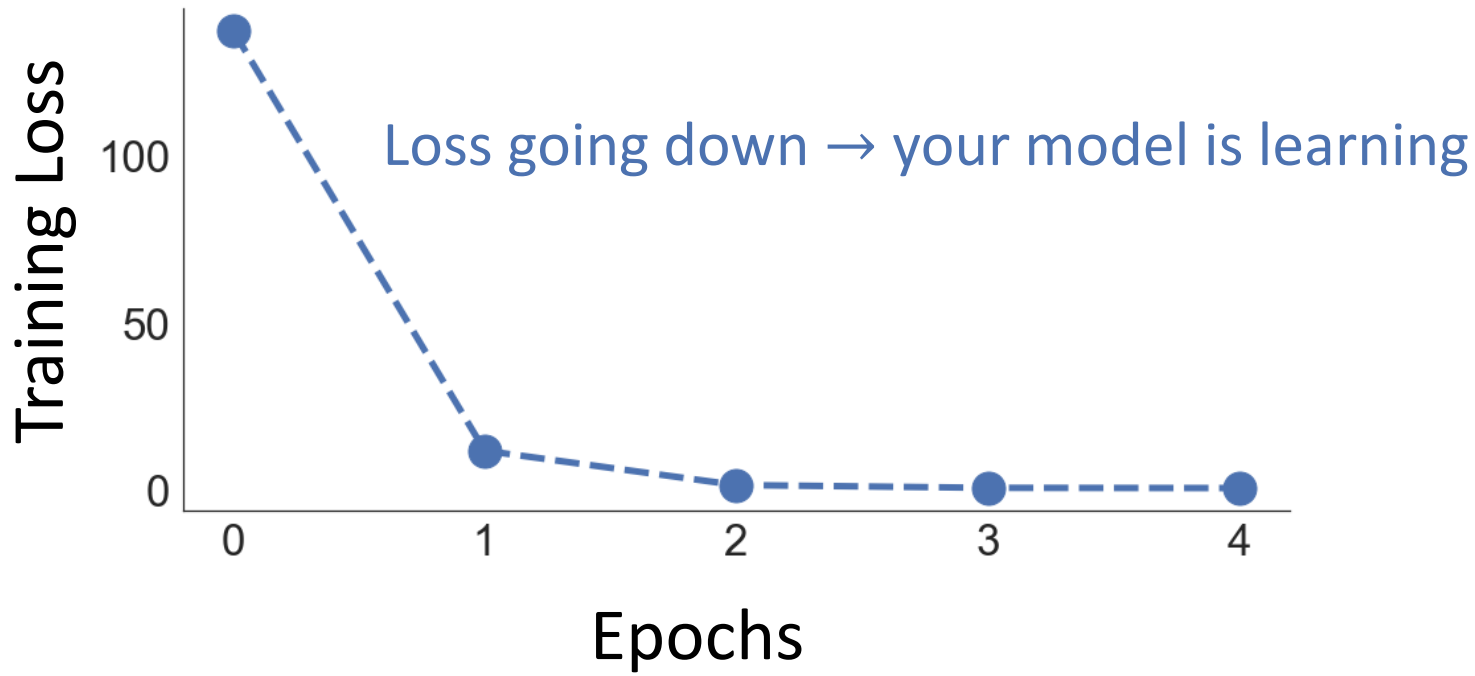

1 Epoch : Model goes through a full training dataset

Train the Model (example task)

```
1  if torch.cuda.is_available():
2      inputs = torch.from_numpy(x_train).cuda()
3      targets = torch.from_numpy(y_train).cuda()
4  else:
5      inputs = torch.from_numpy(x_train)
6      targets = torch.from_numpy(y_train)
7
8  for epoch in range(epochs):
9
10     optimizer.zero_grad()
11
12     outputs = model(inputs)
13
14     loss = loss_func(outputs, targets)
15
16     train_loss_list.append(loss.item())
17
18     loss.backward()
19
20     optimizer.step()
21
22     print('epoch {}, loss {}'.format(epoch, loss.item()))
```

Convert inputs and targets into PyTorch tensors (GPU)

(CPU)

This ensures learning from each epoch is separate

Forward pass the inputs through the network to produce outputs

Compute the loss and append to tracking list

Compute how much changes to be made to weights/biases

Update the weights/biases

Print the epoch # and loss value

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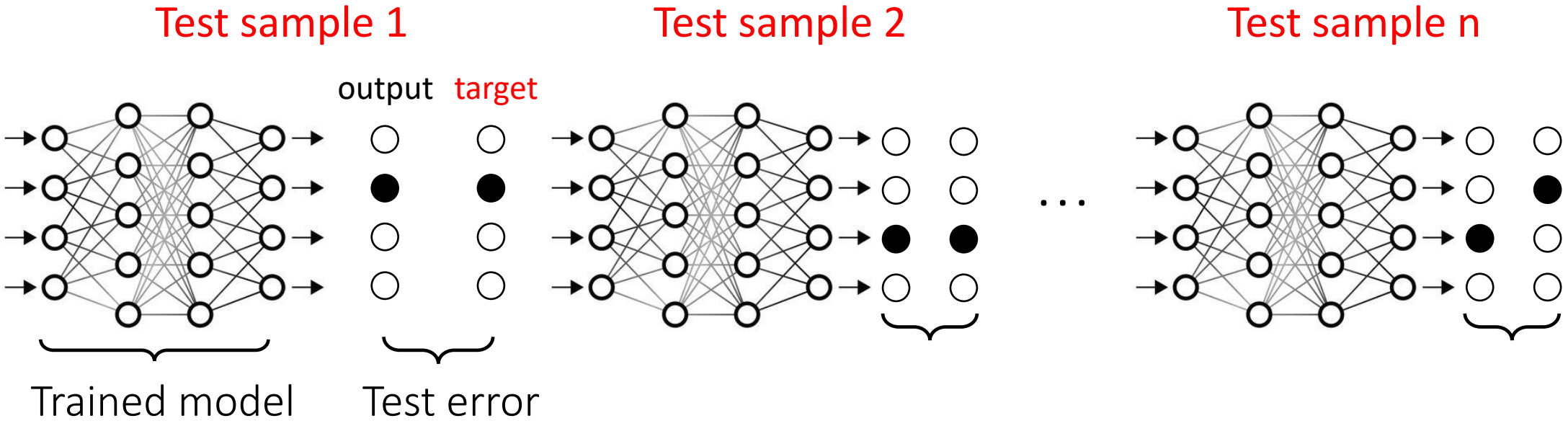


Commonly used evaluation metrics:
Mean squared error (MSE), Classification accuracy, etc

Typically, your trained model is tested on an unknown dataset outside of training data
(More on this in Lab 3)

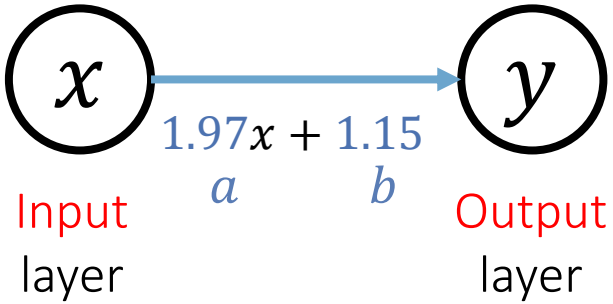
Visualization and Evaluation (example task)

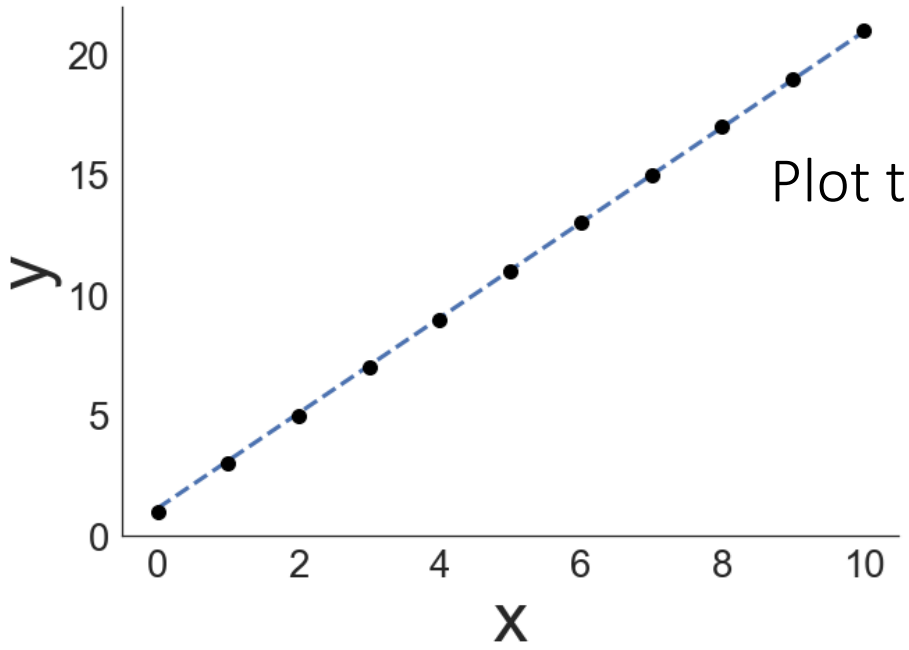
```
with torch.no_grad():

    if torch.cuda.is_available():

        predicted = model(torch.from_numpy(x_train).cuda()).cpu().numpy()

    else:

        predicted = model(torch.from_numpy(x_train)).numpy()

    print(predicted)
    print("a: " + str(model.linear.weight.cpu().numpy()), "b: " + str(model.linear.bias.cpu().numpy()))
```

Feed the trained model with the original x_train to produce y predictions

```
[[ 1.1490046]
 [ 3.12752  ]
 [ 5.1060357]
 [ 7.0845513]
 [ 9.063067 ]
 [11.041583 ]
 [13.020099 ]
 [14.998614 ]
 [16.977129 ]
 [18.955645 ]
 [20.93416  ]]
a: [[1.9782206]] b: [1.1490046]
```

Predicted y





Plot the **targets** vs prediction

PYTHON CONCEPTS FOR PYTORCH

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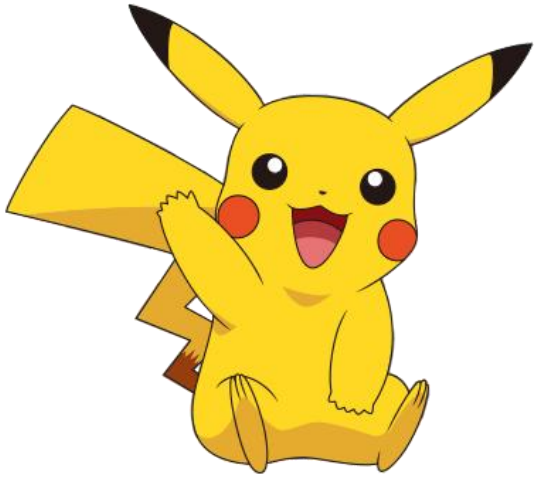

Class: Pokemon

Name: Pikachu
Type: Electric
Health: 70

Attributes

Attack()
Dodge()
Evolve()

Methods

Class: Pokemon

Name: Espeon
Type: Psychic
Health: 90

Attack()
Dodge()
Evolve()

Class: collection of objects (**pokemon**) of the same type (**pokemon class**)

Python Classes

```python
class Pokemon():
    def __init__(self, Name, Type, Health):
        self.Name = Name
        self.Type = Type
        self.Health = Health

    def whats_your_name(self):
        print("My name is " + self.Name + "!")

    def attack(self):
        print("Electric attack! Zap!!")

    def dodge(self):
        print("Pikachu Dodge!")

    def evolve(self):
        print("Evolving to Raichu!!")
```

Creating a class “Pokemon”

Initialize the Pokemon object with provided Name, Type and Health parameters

Add functions for each method

```python
pk1 = Pokemon(Name = "Pikachu", Type = "Electric", Health = 70)
```

Create a Pokemon object named “pk1”

```python
pk1.Name
```

```
'Pikachu'
```

Name can be inferred using .Name directive

```python
pk1.whats_your_name()
```

```
My name is Pikachu!
```

```python
pk1.attack()
```

```
Electric attack! Zap!!
```

Calling each function within the class prints the intended statements

Python Classes: super() function

Parent class

```
1  class linearRegression(torch.nn.Module):
2      def __init__(self, inputSize, outputSize):
3          super(linearRegression, self).__init__()
4          self.linear = torch.nn.Linear(inputSize, outputSize)
5
6      def forward(self, x):
7          out = self.linear(x)
8          return out
```

Initializing the **parent class (torch.nn.Module)** allows us to use **attributes/methods** from nn.Module - e.g. nn.Linear()

More on Python classes: http://introtopython.org/classes.html

PyTorch Tensors

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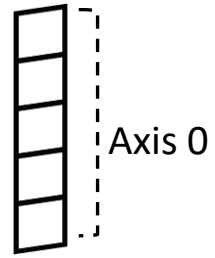
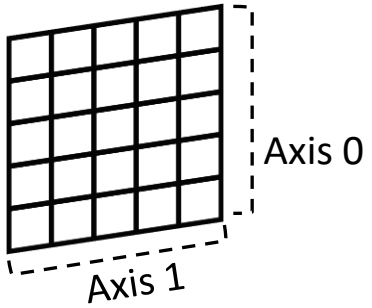
Main data structure for PyTorch



1D Tensor

Like NumPy arrays, but optimized for machine learning

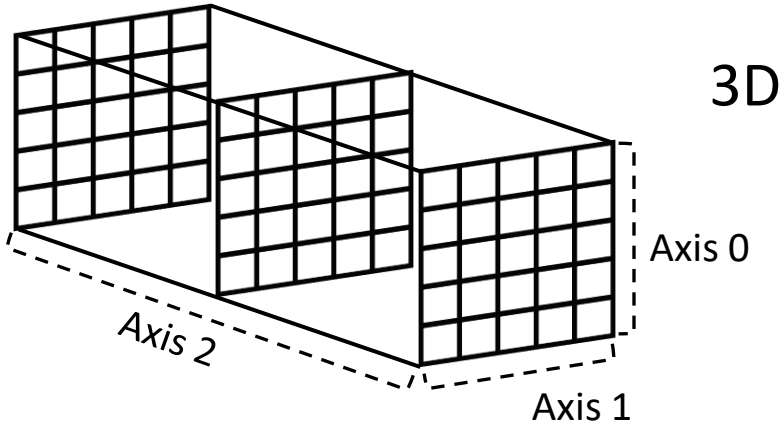
- Can be processed by both CPU and GPU
- Optimized for automatic differentiation (auto-grad)



2D Tensor

Three main attributes

- shape – dimensions of array
- datatype – form of each entry (float, int, etc)
- device – CPU or cuda (GPU)



3D Tensor

PyTorch Tensors vs NumPy Arrays

Creating a NumPy array

```
1 array1 = np.array([1,2,3,4])
2 print(array1, type(array1))
```

```
[1 2 3 4] <class 'numpy.ndarray'>
```

Creating a torch tensor

```
1 tensor1 = torch.tensor([1,2,3,4])
2 print(tensor1, type(tensor1))
```

```
tensor([1, 2, 3, 4]) <class 'torch.Tensor'>
```

NumPy Array -> PyTorch Tensor

```
1 array1_torch = torch.from_numpy(array1)
2 print(array1_torch, type(array1_torch))
```

```
tensor([1, 2, 3, 4], dtype=torch.int32) <class 'torch.Tensor'>
```

PyTorch Tensor -> NumPy Array

```
1 tensor1_numpy = tensor1.numpy()
2 print(tensor1_numpy, type(tensor1_numpy))
```

```
[1 2 3 4] <class 'numpy.ndarray'>
```

More on Numpy arrays vs torch tensors:
https://rickwierenga.com/blog/machine%20learning/numpy-vs-pytorch-linalg.html

Handling Torch Tensors

Moving tensors to CPU .cpu()

```
1 tensor1_cpu = tensor1.cpu()
2 print(tensor1_cpu.device)
```

```
cpu
```

Moving tensors to GPU .gpu()

```
1 tensor1_gpu = tensor1.cuda()
2 print(tensor1_gpu.device)
```

```
cuda:0
```

Disabling gradient calculation torch.no_grad()

```
1 with torch.no_grad():
2
3     predicted = model(torch.from_numpy(x_train)).numpy()
```

(useful when you just want to inspect the values inside tensors)