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## I. INTRODUCTION

- Machine learning has increased in popularity
  - image classification
  - natural language processing
- studies have tried to analyze I/O patterns in DL Workflows (source)
- I/O Characterization has served to produce diverse assumptions about DL I/O behavior, like high overhead for random reads, which are commonly used to justify various types of optimization explorations ([1], [2], [3]). Application-specific storage characterization is required to find unique and worthwhile solutions for newer performance problems.
- very few get down to kernel level
- eBPF are ...
- we seek to provide a tool to Characterize DL workloads using eBPF's

## II. BACKGROUND

*Deep learning* is a subset of machine learning algorithms based on neural networks with many layers. Training is done by passing a data sample through the entire network layer by layer using the output of a previous layer as the input for the next one, the output of the final layer is a prediction of the result and the differences between this value and the ground truth are called gradients. This process is called the forward pass. The computed gradients are then used to update the weights of all the layers. This step is called backpropagation. In each epoch the entire dataset is iterated through only once with the goal of converging to a minimum which represents all of the data samples (gradient decent)

To accelerate the training process computation can be distributed among several workers, this is called Distributed Parallel learning and involves cloning the model parameters among all the workers, each of the individual iterates through a subset of the data, the gradients are then averaged and shared

with all the workers, this way, all replicas of the network are updated with the same gradients ensuring all workers remain consistent with each other.

As models get larger and more nodes are used in training, fault tolerance becomes an important issue, to address this it is common for the model state to be saved periodically to persistent storage. Normally this is done at epoch boundaries (we can cite check freq here). In case of failure the model state can be loaded from storage and training can be restarted.

*Pytorch* [<https://pytorch.org/>] is an open source AI training library that provides utilities for operating on tensors with GPU support and dataloading, a library of DNN models and support for dataparallel training of AI models.

- DL involves iterating multiple times (epochs) through a dataset
- DL is a subset of machine learning algorithms based on neural networks
- for accuracy, all data is read exactly once per one epoch and is done in random reads(I/O intensive)
- passing it through all the layers to calculate a loss (forward pass)
- use calculated loss to update the learnable parameters of the network (backpropagation)
- SGD is an optimizer for loss function minimization widely used for its lower computation compared to working through the whole dataset
- increasing batch-size in the last years, from the usual range of 32-256 [2]
- DL is usually I/O-bound [need source], due to the use of accelerators (GPU), size of the data and random reads
- pytorch is a DL framework with some particularities (Dataloader, ...)
- Tensorflow is also a DL framework, with other particularities...
- Imagenet
- Distributed DNN training (data parallelism)
- checkpointing involves saving the model state
- in pytorch its done explicitly with torch.save() and in official workloads is done in-between epochs
- eBPF's

### III. RELATED WORK

- papers que usam darshan/tf-darshan, como per-file statistics, para caracterizar padrões [4] [5]
- MLPerf Storage/tese de um aluno da Oana
- DIO e tools de observabilidade que usam eBPF e outras (related work do DIO), LD PRELOAD, captura de de I/O request por instrumentação do código fonte.
- Utilizar a descrição do I/O pipeline de Tensorflow workloads para benchmark [6]
- Caracterizar o I/O de LMDB, que é análoga à do PyTorch e do Tensorflow, a **database** usada como base do Caffé, baseada em *mmap* e numa *B+-tree*. [1]
- Comparar o overhead das leituras no treino inteiro com e sem shuffling. [7]
- Que métricas analisam principalmente?
  - I/O skew por processo;
  - tempo de leitura por processo;
  - bandwidth do read por cada I/O block size;
  - número de context switches;
  - latência com/sem shuffle
- O que falta fazer?
  - Análise empírica dos padrões de I/O como parte do processo de treino ao longo do tempo
  - Análise da cache como interveniente no processo de I/O
  - Testes de Rede (para modelos distribuídos)
  - Analisar PyTorch com o nível de detalhe que analisaram outras
  - Analisar kernel-level I/O calls

### IV. DESIGN

- high level description of the system

### V. EVALUATION METHODOLOGY

- dstat, nvidia-smi to get cost of using the tool
- python parser and plots
- grafana dashboard to get data

### VI. EVALUATION RESULTS

### VII. CONCLUSION

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