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I. INTRODUCTION

- Machine learning has increased in popularity
 - image classification
 - natural language processing
- studies have tried to analyse I/O patterns in DL Workflows (source)
- I/O Characterization has served to produce diverse assumptions about DL I/O behaviour, 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

- 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 paralellism)
- 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 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, a **database** usada como base do Caffe, 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

- Grafana
- python parser and plots

V. EVALUATION METHODOLOGY

- dstat, nvidia-smi to get cost of using the tool
- grafana dashboard to get data

VI. EVALUATION RESULTS

VII. CONCLUSION

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