

Sparse Labels

Understand sparse representation of labels.

Chapter Goals:

- Learn how to apply a sparse softmax cross entropy

A. Sparse representation

As mentioned in the Initialization chapter, the CIFAR-10 labels are sparsely represented. This means that, rather than being one-hot vectors, each label is just the index of its corresponding image class. Most datasets will use sparse representation for their labels, since it saves a ton of space compared to one-hot representation (especially if there are many image classes).

For training the model, we use a sparse version of softmax cross entropy. In TensorFlow, this is provided through the

`tf.nn.sparse_softmax_cross_entropy_with_logits` function.

Below we show the full code for setting up and training the model:

```
1 import tensorflow as tf
2
3 class SqueezeNetModel(object):
4     # __init__ and other functions
5
6     # Set up and run model training
7     def run_model_setup(self, labels):
8         logits = self.model_layer_outputs
9         self.probs = tf.nn.softmax(logits)
10        self.predictions = tf.argmax(
11            self.probs, axis=-1, keepdims=True)
12        is_correct = tf.equal(
13            self.predictions,
14            tf.cast(labels, tf.int32))
15        is_correct_float = tf.cast(
16            is_correct,
17            tf.float32)
18        self.accuracy = tf.reduce_mean(
19            is_correct_float)
20        # calculate cross entropy
21        cross_entropy = tf.nn.sparse_softmax_cross_entropy_with_logits(
22            labels=labels,
23            logits=logits)
```



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24         self.loss = tf.reduce_mean(
25             cross_entropy)
26         adam = tf.train.AdamOptimizer()
27         self.train_op = adam.minimize(
28             self.loss, global_step=
```

B. Image classification

The code below runs a squeezenet model that has been implemented in the backend. The model was trained on the CIFAR-10 dataset.

It will prompt you to upload your own image, and then print its guess for which of the CIFAR-10 classes your image depicts.

```
1 run_squeezenet_model()
```

