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# Distributed Training of Deep Neural Networks

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# Data parallelism

- Work on different parts of the data in parallel on different GPUs
- Example: PyTorch's DDP, DeepSpeed's ZeRO

# Work distribution in data parallelism

- Each worker has a full copy of the entire NN and processes different mini-batches
- All reduce operation to synchronize gradients



# Using DDP

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- Code location in the tutorial repo:  
session\_2\_data\_parallelism/train\_ddp.py

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cd session_2_data_parallelism/  
sbatch --reservation=isc2024 run_ddp.sh
```

# Using DeepSpeed

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- Using DDP is limited to smaller model sizes
- ZeRO implements memory optimizations to fit larger models on a GPU
- Code location in the tutorial repo:  
`session_2_data_parallelism/train_deepspeed.py`

```
sbatch --reservation=isc2024 run_deepspeed.sh
```



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