How Data Storage and Retrieval Affects AI/ML Model Training Performance?

1. Storage Speed Matters

- Slow storage (HDDs or network drives) can bottleneck training
- Fast storage (like SSDs or in-memory) helps feed data quickly to the model

2. File Format Impacts Load Time

- Text formats (CSV, JSON) are slower to read
- Binary formats (Parquet, TFRecord, HDF5) are faster and more efficient

3. Real-Time Preprocessing Can Slow Training

- Doing tasks like image resizing or normalization during training increases CPU/RAM load
- Preprocessing data in advance or using optimized data loaders like (TensorFlow) or (PyTorch) helps to improve performance

4. Data Shuffling Affects Randomness and Speed

- Random access is slower on disk
- Use shuffle buffers or pre-shuffled datasets for efficient training

5. Batch Size Is Limited by Storage Efficiency

- Inefficient storage means smaller batch sizes, which slow convergence
- Better data access allows for larger batches using kfold to divide bigger batch size to smaller batches this will lead to faster training

How does clean, well-modeled data reduce technical debt in production ML systems?

- Making models easier to maintain and debug
- Preventing errors caused by inconsistent or missing data
- Reducing the need for complex code to fix or adjust bad data
- Improving model accuracy and reliability
- Saving time in future updates or retraining

Can you find examples of data governance, monitoring, or auditing that depend on structured databases?

Data Governance

- Access control tables track who can view or edit data
- Data dictionaries stored in relational databases define schema and rules

Monitoring

- **System logs** stored in SQL tables track data pipeline performance (e.g., load times, errors)
- Health check dashboards use structured data to report model status and data freshness

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