HW2: Model Inference of the QAT LeNet

We have trained a CNN model similar to LeNet with QAT.

In this homework, we are going to implement the functional inference model in a high-level programming language, Python, and adjust the bit-width of the partial sums in each layer.

Action Items:

- Implement a high-level functional model for each layer of the CNN, including convolution, pooling, and fully-connected layers with 8-bit quantization of the input activations, output activations, and weights accordingly.
- Pass all unit tests of OpTestCase.
- Fill in all TODOs in homework2.ipynb.
- Answer all questions in homework2.ipynb.

How to launch Jupyter Notebook?

Choose either Option 1 or Option 2. If you are familiar with Jupyter Notebook, simply launch homework2.ipynb and start writing your homework.

Option 1: with Google Colaboratory on the Cloud

- 1. Open your Colab
- 2. Upload homework2.ipynb to Colab.
- 3. Run !pip install numba==0.55.1 in Colab before using it.
- We don't want to install Numba again or upload any files when checking your homework. Comment out all comments you use in Step 3 before submitting your homework.

Option 2: with Conda on your computer

- 1. Install miniconda
- 2. Create a Conda virtual environment

```
conda create --name vlsi
conda activate vlsi
```

3. Install the following packages for this homework

```
conda install -c conda-forge matplotlib
conda install -c anaconda jupyter
conda install -c numba numba
```

4. Type jupyter notebook and launch Jupyter Notebook!

What do I need to submit?

- 1. Make sure you have done everything in homework2.ipynb and save qat_prepare.pt.
- 2. We don't want to install Numba again, upload/download any files to Colab, or retrain any models again when checking your homework. Comment out those lines of code for those processes!

```
# from google.colab import files
# uploaded = files.upload()

# for fn in uploaded.keys():
# print('User uploaded file "{name}" with length {length} bytes'.format(
# name=fn, length=len(uploaded[fn])))
...

# files.download(...)
...

# !pip install numba
...
model.load_state_dict(torch.load('qat_prepare.pt'))
#train(model, trainloader, 1)
```

- 3. Click Kernel and then click Restart Kernel & Run All on the Jupyter Notebook of homework2.ipynb.
 - Make sure everything goes smoothly without any warining or error messages while running your homework2.ipynb!
- 4. Upload parameters.zip, homework2.ipynb, and qat_prepare.pt to EECLASS. Do not zip these files or put them in a folder! Simply upload these four separate files.