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PyTorch Bootcamp



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Training a Custom Model

Lesson 2

torch.nn.Module

```
import os
import torch
from torch import nn
from torch.utils.data import DataLoader
from torchvision import datasets, transforms
```



Get Device for Training

We want to be able to train our model on a hardware accelerator like the GPU, if it is available. Let's check to see if torch.cuda is available, else we continue to use the CPU

```
device = 'cuda' if torch.cuda.is_available() else 'cpu'  
print('Using {} device'.format(device))
```

Out:

```
Using cuda device
```

Define the class

We define our **neural network** by subclassing `nn.Module`, and **initialize the neural network layers** in `__init__`. Every `nn.Module` subclass implements the operations on input data in the forward method.

```
class NeuralNetwork(nn.Module):
    def __init__(self):
        super(NeuralNetwork, self).__init__()
        self.flatten = nn.Flatten()
        self.linear_relu_stack = nn.Sequential(
            nn.Linear(28*28, 512),
            nn.ReLU(),
            nn.Linear(512, 512),
            nn.ReLU(),
            nn.Linear(512, 10),
            nn.ReLU()
        )

    def forward(self, x):
        x = self.flatten(x)
        logits = self.linear_relu_stack(x)
        return logits
```

Define the class

We create an instance of `NeuralNetwork`, and move it to the device, and print its structure

```
model = NeuralNetwork().to(device)
print(model)
```

Out:

```
NeuralNetwork(
  (flatten): Flatten(start_dim=1, end_dim=-1)
  (linear_relu_stack): Sequential(
    (0): Linear(in_features=784, out_features=512, bias=True)
    (1): ReLU()
    (2): Linear(in_features=512, out_features=512, bias=True)
    (3): ReLU()
    (4): Linear(in_features=512, out_features=10, bias=True)
    (5): ReLU()
  )
)
```

Define the class

To use the model, we pass it the input data. This executes the model's forward, along with some background operations. Do not call `model.forward()` directly!

Calling the model on the input returns a 10-dimensional tensor with raw predicted values for each class. We get the prediction probabilities by passing it through an instance of the `nn.Softmax` module.

```
X = torch.rand(1, 28, 28, device=device)
logits = model(X)
pred_probab = nn.Softmax(dim=1)(logits)
y_pred = pred_probab.argmax(1)
print(f"Predicted class: {y_pred}")
```

Out:

```
Predicted class: tensor([2], device='cuda:0')
```

Loss function

Common loss functions include `nn.MSELoss` (Mean Square Error) for regression tasks, and `nn.NLLLoss` (Negative Log Likelihood) for classification. `nn.CrossEntropyLoss` combines `nn.LogSoftmax` and `nn.NLLLoss`.

We pass our model's output logits to `nn.CrossEntropyLoss`, which will normalize the logits and compute the prediction error.

```
# Initialize the loss function  
loss_fn = nn.CrossEntropyLoss()
```



Optimizer

We initialize the optimizer by registering the model's parameters that need to be trained, and passing in the learning rate hyperparameter.

```
optimizer = torch.optim.SGD(model.parameters(), lr=learning_rate)
```

- Call `optimizer.zero_grad()` to reset the gradients of model parameters. Gradients by default add up; to prevent double-counting, we explicitly zero them at each iteration.
- Backpropagate the prediction loss with a call to `loss.backward()`. PyTorch deposits the gradients of the loss w.r.t. each parameter.
- Once we have our gradients, we call `optimizer.step()` to adjust the parameters by the gradients collected in the backward pass.

Autograd

- Automatic Differentiation Package
- Don't need to worry about partial differentiation, chain rule etc.
 - `backward()` does that
- Gradients are accumulated for each step by default:
 - Need to zero out gradients after each update
 - `tensor.grad_zero()`

Full Implementation - Train Loop

```
def train_loop(dataloader, model, loss_fn, optimizer):
    size = len(dataloader.dataset)
    for batch, (X, y) in enumerate(dataloader):
        # Compute prediction and loss
        pred = model(X)
        loss = loss_fn(pred, y)

        # Backpropagation
        optimizer.zero_grad()
        loss.backward()
        optimizer.step()

    if batch % 100 == 0:
        loss, current = loss.item(), batch * len(X)
        print(f"loss: {loss:>7f}  [{current:>5d}/{size:>5d}"])
```

Full Implementation - Test Loop

```
def test_loop(dataloader, model, loss_fn):
    size = len(dataloader.dataset)
    test_loss, correct = 0, 0

    with torch.no_grad():
        for X, y in dataloader:
            pred = model(X)
            test_loss += loss_fn(pred, y).item()
            correct += (pred.argmax(1) == y).type(torch.float).sum().item()

    test_loss /= size
    correct /= size
    print(f"Test Error: \n Accuracy: {(100*correct):>0.1f}%, Avg loss: {test_loss:>8f} \n")
```

Full Implementation

```
loss_fn = nn.CrossEntropyLoss()
optimizer = torch.optim.SGD(model.parameters(), lr=learning_rate)

epochs = 10
for t in range(epochs):
    print(f"Epoch {t+1}\n-----")
    train_loop(train_dataloader, model, loss_fn, optimizer)
    test_loop(test_dataloader, model, loss_fn)
print("Done!")
```



Full Implementation

Out:

Epoch 1

loss: 2.299511 [0/60000]

loss: 2.301767 [6400/60000]

loss: 2.289777 [12800/60000]

loss: 2.291731 [19200/60000]

loss: 2.269755 [25600/60000]

loss: 2.261175 [32000/60000]

loss: 2.258553 [38400/60000]

loss: 2.240743 [44800/60000]

loss: 2.260818 [51200/60000]

loss: 2.243683 [57600/60000]

Test Error:

Accuracy: 37.3%, Avg loss: 0.035121

Epoch 2

loss: 2.229830 [0/60000]

loss: 2.241497 [6400/60000]

loss: 2.221580 [12800/60000]

Saving and Loading Model Weights

PyTorch models store the learned parameters in an internal state dictionary, called `state_dict`. These can be persisted via the `torch.save` method:

```
model = models.vgg16(pretrained=True)
torch.save(model.state_dict(), 'model_weights.pth')
```

To load model weights, you need to create an instance of the same model first, and then load the parameters using `load_state_dict()` method.

```
model = models.vgg16() # we do not specify pretrained=True, i.e. do not load default weights
model.load_state_dict(torch.load('model_weights.pth'))
model.eval()
```

Your turn!



It's time to implement your custom Neural Network!

- At this link <http://cs231n.stanford.edu/tiny-imagenet-200.zip> you can find the TinyImageNet dataset.
- Implement your Neural Network for classification
- Implement your training and test loop
- Which training accuracy can your network achieve?
- Which test accuracy can your network achieve?

Notebook @

<https://colab.research.google.com/drive/1AyPjSbUWr6Y46mlYNqwRA7BO3Yuxwo1m>