zliu93 HW8

April 14, 2019

1 Homework 8 - Artificial Neural Networks with PyTorch

1.1 About

- 1.1.1 In this homework, you will get your feet wet with deep learning using the PyTorch deep learning platform. This will involve:
 - · Preparing data
 - Learning about the components of a deep learning pipeline
 - Setting up a model, a loss function, and an optimizer
 - Setting up training and testing loops
 - Using a visualizer like tensorboard to monitor logged data

This homework is due **April 15th 2019**. Training neural networks takes some time, particularly on CPUs so start early.

1.2 Dev Environment

1.2.1 Working on Google Colab

You may choose to work locally or on Google Colaboratory. You have access to free compute through this service. 1. Visit https://colab.research.google.com/drive 2. Navigate to the Upload tab, and upload your HW8.ipynb 3. Now on the top right corner, under the Comment and Share options, you should see a Connect option. Once you are connected, you will have access to a VM with 12GB RAM, 50 GB disk space and a single GPU. The dropdown menu will allow you to connect to a local runtime as well.

Notes: * If you do not have a working setup for Python 3, this is your best bet. It will also save you from heavy installations like tensorflow if you don't want to deal with those. * There is a downside. You can only use this instance for a single 12-hour stretch, after which your data will be deleted, and you would have redownload all your datasets, any libraries not already on the VM, and regenerate your logs.

1.2.2 Installing PyTorch and Dependencies

The instructions for installing and setting up PyTorch can be found at https://pytorch.org/get-started/locally/. Make sure you follow the instructions for your machine. For any of the remaining libraries used in this assignment: * We have provided a hw8_requirements.txt file on the homework web page. * Download this file, and in the same directory you can run pip3 install -r hw8_requirements.txt

Check that PyTorch installed correctly by running the following:

The output should look something like

```
tensor([[0.3380, 0.3845, 0.3217], [0.8337, 0.9050, 0.2650], [0.2979, 0.7141, 0.9069], [0.1449, 0.1132, 0.1375], [0.4675, 0.3947, 0.1426]])
```

1.2.3 Let's get started with the assignment.

1.3 Instructions

1.3.1 Part 1 - Datasets and Dataloaders (10 points)

In this section we will download the MNIST dataset using PyTorch's own API.

Helpful Resources: * https://pytorch.org/docs/stable/torchvision/datasets.html#mnist

* https://pytorch.org/docs/stable/torchvision/transforms.html *
https://pytorch.org/tutorials/beginner/data_loading_tutorial.html

The torchvision package consists of popular datasets, model architectures, and common image transformations for computer vision. We are particularly concerned with torchvision.datasets and torchvision.transforms. Check out the API for these modules in the links provided above.

Create a directory named hw8_data with the following command.

```
In [2]: !mkdir hw8_data
A subdirectory or file hw8_data already exists.
```

Now use torch.datasets.MNIST to load the Train and Test data into hw8_data. * **
Use the directory you created above as the root directory for your datasets * Populate the transformations variable with any transformations you would like to perform on your data.** (Hint: You will need to do at least one) * Pass your transformations variable to torch.datasets.MNIST. This allows you to perform arbitrary transformations to your data at loading time.

```
In [3]: from torchvision import datasets, transforms
    root = 'hw8_data'
    ## YOUR CODE HERE ##
    transformations = transforms.Compose([transforms.ToTensor()])
    mnist_train = datasets.MNIST(root = root, train = True, download = True, transform = transform
```

Check that your torch datasets have been successfully downloaded into your data directory by running the next two cells.

- Each will output some metadata about your dataset.
- Check that the training set has 60000 datapoints and a Root Location: hw8_data
- Check that the testing (also validation in our case) set has 10000 datapoints and Root Location: hw8_data

Notice that these datasets implement the python __len__ and __getitem__ functions. Each element in the dataset should be a 2-tuple. What does yours look like?

```
In [4]: print(len(mnist_train))
        print(len(mnist_train[0]))
        mnist_train
60000
Out[4]: Dataset MNIST
            Number of datapoints: 60000
            Split: train
            Root Location: hw8_data
            Transforms (if any): Compose(
                                     ToTensor()
            Target Transforms (if any): None
In [5]: print(len(mnist_test))
        print(len(mnist_test[0]))
        mnist_test
10000
2
Out[5]: Dataset MNIST
            Number of datapoints: 10000
            Split: test
            Root Location: hw8_data
            Transforms (if any): Compose(
                                     ToTensor()
            Target Transforms (if any): None
```

Any file in our dataset will now be read at runtime, and the specified transformations we need on it will be applied when we need it.

We could iterate through these directly using a loop, but this is not idiomatic. PyTorch provides us with this abstraction in the form of DataLoaders. The module of interest is torch.utils.data.DataLoader.

DataLoader allows us to do lots of useful things * Group our data into batches * Shuffle our data * Load the data in parallel using multiprocessing workers

Use DataLoader to create a loader for the training set and one for the testing set * Use a batch_size of 32 to start, you may change it if you wish. * Set the shuffle parameter to True.

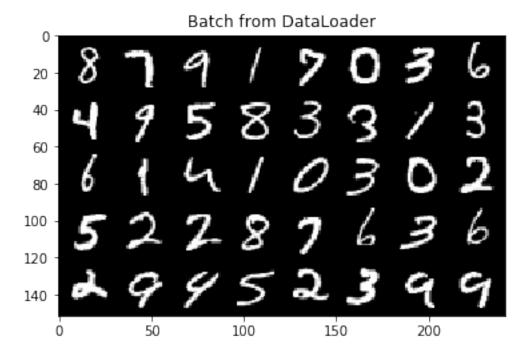
In [6]: from torch.utils.data import DataLoader

```
## YOUR CODE HERE ##
batch_size = 40
train_loader = DataLoader(mnist_train, batch_size = batch_size, shuffle=True)
test_loader = DataLoader(mnist_test, batch_size = batch_size, shuffle=True)
```

The following function is adapted from <code>show_landmarks_batch</code> at https://pytorch.org/tutorials/beginner/data_loading_tutorial.html#iterating-through-the-dataset.

Run the following cell to see that your loader provides a random batch_size number of data points.

```
In [7]: import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
        from torchvision import utils
        %matplotlib inline
        def show_mnist_batch(sample_batched):
            """Show images for a batch of samples."""
            images_batch = sample_batched[0]
            batch size = len(images batch)
            im_size = images_batch.size(2)
            grid = utils.make_grid(images_batch)
            plt.imshow(grid.numpy().transpose((1, 2, 0)))
            plt.title('Batch from DataLoader')
        # Displays the first batch of images
        for i, batch in enumerate(train_loader):
            if i==1:
                break
            show_mnist_batch(batch)
```



1.3.2 Part 2 - Models, Loss Functions and Optimizers (10 points)

In this section, we will do the following: * Learn about how to build your deep learning model and define its parameters * Choose a loss function to optimize * Choose an optimization method to maximize/minimize the loss

We'll first start with a single layer neural network to do handwritten digit classification. The math may ring some bells from homework 7.

torch.nn is the module we will be using here. You can find the API at https://pytorch.org/docs/stable/nn.html. There is also a quick summary at https://pytorch.org/tutorials/beginner/nn_tutorial.html#closing_thoughts.

Models We will use the following python modules in building our one layer model.

- torch.nn.Module: Your model will be abstracted as a python class. Your python class must subclass torch.nn.Module. It is the base class for all neural network modules in PyTorch (Do not confuse python modules with PyTorch Modules). These implement the forward() function which defines how your model handles input and produces an output. Your model class can also have torch.nn.Modules as members, allowing nested tree like structures, and it is leveraging this that you are able to build neural networks in PyTorch.
- torch.nn.Linear: A unit of computation in neural networks are *Layers* and PyTorch provides abstractions for layers as nn.Modules. These come in many forms including *Convolutional*, *Recurrent*, and *Linear*. You can find the API for linear layers here https://pytorch.org/docs/stable/nn.html#linear-layers.

Now use the information provided to define the OneLayerModel class below. The superclass constructor has been called for you, and this allows your subclass to access superclass methods and members. * Finish the __init__() function. * Finish the forward() function. (Hint: Use that fact that layer modules implement their own forward() function)

```
In [8]: from torch import nn
    class OneLayerModel(nn.Module):
        def __init__(self, input_dim, output_dim):
            super(OneLayerModel, self).__init__()
            ## YOUR CODE HERE ##
        self.input_dim = input_dim
            self.ouput_dim = output_dim
            self.layer = nn.Linear(self.input_dim, self.ouput_dim, bias=True)

        def forward(self, x):
            ## YOUR CODE HERE ##
        result = self.layer(x)
            return result
```

Loss Functions and Optimizers You've defined your model but now what? It's just a black box that takes an input and spits out some numbers. You haven't yet defined what it means to be a good or bad model.

A *Loss Function* takes what your model outputs and compares it to what it *should* have put out. It returns some meaningful value used to update your model parameters, and so train your model. Check out Section 21.2.1 of the textbook for more details about types of loss functions. The Loss function represents the overall goal of building this model, and the choice of loss function is very important.

We must examine our model parameters and our problem instance to see about how to choose a loss function. * We take in a 784-dimensional vector and output 10 real values, giving our model 784 x 10 parameters. * It is natural given that our problem is an instance of *multi-class classification* that we would want each of our output values to model P(y==i|x). * If we go this route, we get an added constraint that the sum of all 10 of our output values should be 1 (forming a probability mass distribution).

Turns out there convenient loss function for is a very just case known cross-entropy loss.Check out this reference https://mlas cheatsheet.readthedocs.io/en/latest/loss_functions.html#cross-entropy for a little more intuition on this.

Once PyTorch has abstractions built again, in for us in the torch.nn namely torch.nn.CrossEntropyLoss. module, The API be found can https://pytorch.org/docs/stable/nn.html#crossentropyloss.

We're still not ready to train our model because while we have some parameters, and we have some measure of how good or bad our predictions are, we have no notion of how to go about updating our parameters in order to improve our loss.

This is where *Optimizers* come in. In general, we have one main way of minimizing loss functions (training our models), and that is through *Stochastic Gradient Descent* https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stochastic_gradient_descent. There are many variants and optimizations of this method, however, and the torch.optim package gives us abstractions for these. The API can be found at https://pytorch.org/docs/stable/optim.html#.

```
In [9]: from torch import optim
```

1.3.3 Part 3 - Training and Validation (45 points)

In this section we will learn how to use the concepts we've learned about so far to train the model we built, and validate how well it does. We also want to monitor how well our training is going while it is happening.

For this we can use a package called tensorboardX. You will need to install this package using pip or Anaconda, based on your dev environment. Additionally, we'll want to use a logging module called tensorboardX.SummaryWriter. You can consult the API here https://tensorboardx.readthedocs.io/en/latest/tutorial.html. Run the next cell to ensure that all is working well.

We have provided the code to use tensorboard just before calling your train function. You don't have to change the top-level log directory, but you can create multiple runs (different parameters or versions of your code) just by creating subdirectories for these within your top-level directory.

Now use the information provided above to do the following: * ** Instantiate a OneLayerModel with the appropriate input/output parameters. * Define a cross-entropy loss function. * Define a stochastic gradient descent optimizer based for you model's parameters. Start with a learning rate of 0.001, and adjust as necessary. You can start with the vanilla optim. SGD optimizer, and change it if you wish.*** Create a SummaryWriter object that will be responsible for logging our training progress into a directory called logs/expt1 (Or whatever you wish your top-level directory to be called).

```
In [11]: ## YOUR CODE HERE ##
    model = OneLayerModel(784, 10)
    loss = nn.CrossEntropyLoss()
    optimizer = optim.SGD(params = model.parameters(), lr = 0.003)
    writer = SummaryWriter('logs/expt1')
```

We've finally come to the point where we need to write our training set up. We're going to use both our training and testing (validation) sets for this. Note that traditionally, you would separate part of your training data into validation data in order to get an unbiased estimate of how your model performs, but here we'll just pretend that our testing data is our validation data.

Training a model with batches of data broadly involves the following steps: 1. One epoch is defined as a full pass of your dataset through your model. We choose the number of epochs we wish to train our model for. 2. In each epoch, set your model to train mode. 3. you feed your model batch_size examples at a time, and receive batch_size number of outputs until you've gotten through your entire dataset. 4. Calculate the loss function for those outputs given the labels for that batch. 5. Now calculate the gradients for each model parameter. (Hint: Your loss function object can do this for you) 6. Update your model parameters

(Hint: The optimizer comes in here) 7. Set the gradients in your model to zero for the next batch. 8. After each epoch, set your model to evaluation mode. 9. Now evaluate your model on the validation data. Log the total loss and accuracy over the validation data. (Note: Py-Torch does automatic gradient calculations in the background through its Autograd mechanism https://pytorch.org/docs/stable/notes/autograd.html. Make sure to do evaluation in a context where this is turned off!)

Complete the train() function below. Try to make it as general as possible, so that it can be used for improved versions of you model. Feel free to define as many helper functions as needed. Make sure that you do the following: * Log the training loss and training accuracy on each batch for every epoch, such that it will show up on tensorboard. * Log the loss on the validation set and the accuracy on the validation set every epoch

You will need to produce the plots for these.

You may also want to add some print statements in your training function to report progress in this notebook.

```
In [12]: def train(model, train_loader, val_loader, loss_func, opt,num_epochs=50, writer=None)
             for epoch in range(num_epochs):
                 model.train(mode=True)
                 for i, (batch_data, batch_target) in enumerate(train_loader):
                     train_batch_loss = 0
                     train_batch_correct = 0
                     opt.zero_grad()
                     batch_data_reshaped = batch_data.reshape(len(batch_target), (batch_data.si
                     output = model.forward(batch_data_reshaped)
                     batch_loss = loss_func(output, batch_target)
                     train_batch_loss = batch_loss.item()
                     for j in range(len(batch_target)):
                              if batch_target[j] == torch.argmax(output[j], dim=None).item():
                                 train_batch_correct += 1
                     writer.add_scalar('Train batch loss', train_batch_loss, epoch * (60000 / 1
                     writer.add_scalar('Train batch accuracy', train_batch_correct / batch_size
                     batch_loss.backward()
                     opt.step()
                 test_loss = 0
                 test_correct = 0
                 model.eval()
                 with torch.no_grad():
                     for i, (batch_data, batch_target) in enumerate(val_loader):
                         batch_data_reshaped = batch_data.reshape(len(batch_target), (batch_data_reshaped)
                         output = model.forward(batch_data_reshaped)
                         batch_loss = loss_func(output, batch_target)
```

test_loss += batch_loss.item()

Finally call train with the relevant parameters. Run the tensorboard command on your top-level logs directory to monitor training. If there is logging data from a previous run, just delete the directory for the run, and reinstantiate the SummaryWriter for that run. (You may want to reinstantiate the model itself if you want to clear the model parameters too).

Note: This function may take a while to complete if you're training for many epochs on a cpu. This is where it comes in handy to be running on Google Colab, or just have a GPU on hand.

```
In [13]: #%tensorboard --logdir=logs
         train(model, train loader, test loader, loss, optimizer, 20, writer)
Test epoch loss 205.14724296331406
Test epoch accuracy 0.8469
Test epoch loss 153.38776230812073
Test epoch accuracy 0.867
Test epoch loss 132.70068907737732
Test epoch accuracy 0.8758
Test epoch loss 121.09244647622108
Test epoch accuracy 0.8807
Test epoch loss 113.53602515161037
Test epoch accuracy 0.8858
Test epoch loss 108.09343028068542
Test epoch accuracy 0.8888
Test epoch loss 103.87348049879074
Test epoch accuracy 0.8923
Test epoch loss 100.68713703751564
Test epoch accuracy 0.8952
Test epoch loss 97.9974132925272
Test epoch accuracy 0.8964
Test epoch loss 95.84065143764019
Test epoch accuracy 0.898
Test epoch loss 93.97580243647099
Test epoch accuracy 0.9005
Test epoch loss 92.31819716840982
Test epoch accuracy 0.9022
```

```
Test epoch loss 90.86920349299908
Test epoch accuracy 0.9026
Test epoch loss 89.64200872182846
Test epoch accuracy 0.9042
Test epoch loss 88.53008098900318
Test epoch accuracy 0.9056
Test epoch loss 87.57643024623394
Test epoch accuracy 0.9058
Test epoch loss 86.6230157315731
Test epoch accuracy 0.9068
Test epoch loss 85.7731865644455
Test epoch accuracy 0.9076
Test epoch loss 84.98134703934193
Test epoch accuracy 0.9083
Test epoch loss 84.33385491371155
Test epoch accuracy 0.9087
```

Final Validation Loss: 84.33385491371155

Final Validation Accuracy: 0.9087

What is familiar about a 1-layer neural network with cross-entopy loss? Have you seen this before? Answer: This is similar to the naive bayers classifier. We have seen this on HW1.

1.3.4 Part 4 - Two Layer Neural Net (20 points)

The thing that makes neural networks really powerful is that they are able to do complex function approximation. As we saw earlier, we can organize the computation done in neural networks into units called *layers*. In a general neural network, there is an *input layer*, and an *output layer*. These may be the same layer as they were in our previous example. When they are not the same, there are intermediate layers known as *hidden layers*. These layers receive input from other layers and send their output to other layers.

We have been dealing with a certain type of neural network known as a **fully connected** network. For our purposes, this just means that the output of the layer is just the dot product of its input x, its weights w plus a bias term b, all wrapped in a non-linear *activation function* F.

```
y = F(w^T x + b).
```

These non-linear activation functions are very important but where in our last neural network did we apply such a function? Implicitly we applied what's known as a **softmax activation** in order to compute cross-entropy loss https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Softmax_function.

We'll now try to create a neural network with one hidden layer. This means that we have to come up with an activation function for the output of that hidden layer. A famous, simple but powerful activation function is the **Rectified Linear Unit (ReLU)** function defined nas ReLU(x) = max(x,0). We will use this on the output of the hidden layer.

torch.nn has a module known as nn.Sequential that allows us to chain together other modules. This module implements a forward() function that automatically handles input-output connections etc. Check out the API at https://pytorch.org/docs/stable/nn.html#sequential.

Just like you did with the single layer model, define a class TwoLayerModel, a neural network with ReLU activation for the hidden layer. nn.Sequential may come in handy.

Once again use the information provided above to do the following: * ** Instantiate a TwoLayerModel with the appropriate input/output/hidden layer parameters. * Define a cross-entropy loss function again. * Define a stochastic gradient descent optimizer based for you model's parameters. Start with a learning rate of 0.001, and adjust as necessary. You can start with the vanilla optim.SGD optimizer, and change it if you wish.** * Create a SummaryWriter object that will be responsible for logging our training progress into a directory called logs/expt2 (Or whatever you wish your top-level directory to be called, just make sure the subdirectory is different from your previous SummaryWriter).

```
In [15]: ## YOUR CODE HERE ##
         model2 = TwoLayerModel(784, 256, 10)
         loss2 = nn.CrossEntropyLoss()
         optimizer2 = optim.SGD(params = model2.parameters(), lr = 0.001)
         writer2 = SummaryWriter('logs/expt2')
  Call train on your two layer neural network.
In [16]: \#\%tensorboard --logdir=logs
         train(model2, train_loader, test_loader, loss2, optimizer2, 20, writer2)
Test epoch loss 489.88282215595245
Test epoch accuracy 0.6907
Test epoch loss 366.1943562030792
Test epoch accuracy 0.7732
Test epoch loss 262.4121398925781
Test epoch accuracy 0.8161
Test epoch loss 202.85383385419846
Test epoch accuracy 0.8409
Test epoch loss 169.01657810807228
Test epoch accuracy 0.857
Test epoch loss 147.8959068953991
Test epoch accuracy 0.8679
Test epoch loss 133.64420887827873
Test epoch accuracy 0.8759
Test epoch loss 123.42314034700394
```

```
Test epoch accuracy 0.8809
Test epoch loss 115.80312886834145
Test epoch accuracy 0.8847
Test epoch loss 109.89863069355488
Test epoch accuracy 0.8903
Test epoch loss 105.13239648938179
Test epoch accuracy 0.8922
Test epoch loss 101.30424101650715
Test epoch accuracy 0.8939
Test epoch loss 98.05246710777283
Test epoch accuracy 0.8966
Test epoch loss 95.34972457587719
Test epoch accuracy 0.8984
Test epoch loss 92.90838231146336
Test epoch accuracy 0.8998
Test epoch loss 90.93392255157232
Test epoch accuracy 0.9008
Test epoch loss 89.08217830210924
Test epoch accuracy 0.9023
Test epoch loss 87.49806772172451
Test epoch accuracy 0.9029
Test epoch loss 86.04640094190836
Test epoch accuracy 0.9035
Test epoch loss 84.60871284455061
Test epoch accuracy 0.9059
```

Final Validation Loss: 84.60871284455061

Final Validation Accuracy: 0.9059

Did your accuracy on the validation set improve with multiple layers? Why do you think this is? Answer: Both models got almost same accuracy. Because one hidden layer can only have limited power to improve the classification.

1.3.5 Part 5 - What is being learned at each layer? (10 points)

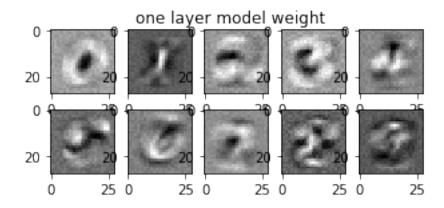
So what exactly are these weights that our network is learning at each layer? By conveniently picking our layer dimensions as perfect square numbers, we can try to visualize the weights learned at each layer as square images. Use the following function to do so for *all interesting layers* across your models. Feel free to modify the function as you wish.

At the very least, you must generate: 1. The ten 28x28 weight images learned by your one layer model. 2. The 256 28x28 weight images learned by the hidden layer in your two-layer model.

```
In [17]: def visualize_layer_weights(model, layer_idx, num_images, image_dim, title):
    # Find number of rows and columns based on number of images
    for d in range(1,num_images):
        f = num_images/d
```

In [29]: visualize_layer_weights(model, 0, 10, 28, 'one layer model weight')

if int(f)==f:



In [42]: visualize_layer_weights(model2, 0, 20, 28, 'two layer model weight')

two layer model weight

