Introduction to PyTorch

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What is PyTorch?

- Numpy on GPU
- Automatic Differentiation
- Deep Learning Framework
- https://pytorch.org/
- Version 1.0 just released!

Why PyTorch? (Instead of TensorFlow)

- Flatter learning curve
- Easier to implement
- Easier to debug
- Out-of-the-box multi-GPU / distributed support

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Tensors

Almost all PyTorch operations are performed on Tensors

- Batch of images: [N, C, H, W]
 - N images, C channels, H height, W width
- Sequence of words: [N, L, D]
 - N sequences, L length, D words

Similar to Numpy arrays, but allow GPU operations.

PyTorch vs. Numpy

(The values are not initialized)

```
torch.tensor([5., 3.])
tensor([ 5., 3.,]) # defaults to torch.float32

torch.from_numpy(np.array([5., 3.]))
tensor([ 5., 3.,], dtype=torch.float64) # because numpy defaults to 64bit

torch.tensor([5., 3.]).numpy()
array([5., 3.], dtype=float32)
```

PyTorch Math Operations

```
torch.tensor([5., 3.]) + torch.tensor([3., 5.])
tensor([ 8., 8.,])

- z = torch.add(x, y)
- torch.add(x, y, out=z)
- y = y.add_(x)  # y += x

(Find out other operations in documentation!)
```

Indexing and Reshaping

```
torch.tensor([[5., 3.]])[0, :]
tensor([ 5., 3.,])

torch.tensor([[5., 3.]]).view(-1) # infer dimension size
torch.tensor([[5., 3.]]).view(2)
tensor([ 5., 3.,])

torch.tensor([[5., 3.]]).size()
torch.Size([1, 2])
```

CUDA Tensor

Operation that "transfers" array in CPU to array in GPU (or vice versa).

```
if torch.cuda.is_available():
    device = torch.device("cuda")  # a CUDA device object
    x = torch.ones(2, device=device)  # directly create a tensor on GPU
    y = x.to(device)  # or just use strings ``.to("cuda")``
    z = x + y
    print(z)  # z is on GPU
    print(z.to("cpu", torch.double))  # to('cpu') moves array to CPU
```

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- autograd package in PyTorch
- Tensor has a `.requires_grad` attribute
- True: PyTorch track its operation, allowing for backprop
- False: PyTorch does not track its operation, allowing faster inference

```
print(x.requires_grad)
print((x ** 2).requires_grad)
with torch.no_grad():
    print((x ** 2).requires_grad)

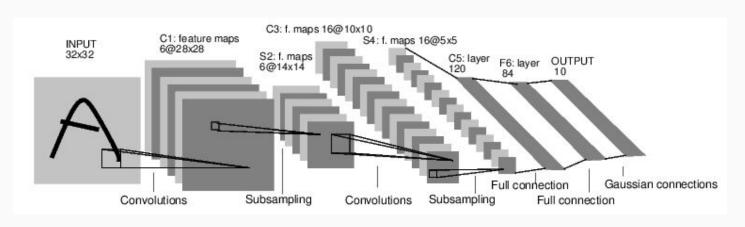
True
True
False
```

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Neural Networks

torch.nn package



Conv1 -> Pool -> Conv2 -> Pool -> FC1 -> FC2 -> FC3 -> Softmax

Training Neural Networks

- 1. Define the neural network that has some learnable parameters
- 2. Iterate over a dataset of inputs
- 3. Process input through the network
- 4. Compute the loss (how far is the output from being correct)
- 5. Propagate gradients back into the network's parameters
- 6. Update the weights of the network

Define the Neural Network

```
import torch.nn as nn

class Net(nn.Module):

    def __init__(self):
        super(Net, self).__init__()
        self.conv1 = nn.Conv2d(1, 6, 5)
        self.conv2 = nn.Conv2d(6, 16, 5)
        self.fc1 = nn.Linear(16 * 5 * 5, 120)
        self.fc2 = nn.Linear(120, 84)
        self.fc3 = nn.Linear(84, 10)
```

nn.Module: encapsulates parameters into a neural network module

- Loading
- Moving to GPU
- Exporting
- .forward() operation

(Net has 2 Conv Layers, 3 FC Layers)

Define Forward Operation

```
import torch.nn.functional as F

def forward(self, x):
    # Max pooling over a (2, 2) window
    x = F.max_pool2d(F.relu(self.conv1(x)), (2, 2))
    x = F.max_pool2d(F.relu(self.conv2(x)), 2)
    x = x.view(-1, self.num_flat_features(x))
    x = F.relu(self.fc1(x))
    x = F.relu(self.fc2(x))
    x = self.fc3(x)
    return x
```

Define Backward Operation (?)

No need -- PyTorch does automatic differentiation

Loss Function

```
output = net(input)
target = torch.randn(10)  # a dummy target, for example
target = target.view(1, -1)  # make it the same shape as output
criterion = nn.MSELoss()

loss = criterion(output, target)
print(loss)

tensor(1.3638, grad_fn=<MseLossBackward>)
```

Computational Graph

Optimization

```
import torch.optim as optim

# create your optimizer

optimizer = optim.SGD(net.parameters(), lr=0.01)

# in your training loop:

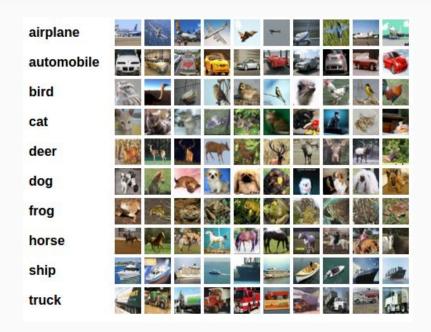
optimizer.zero_grad() # zero the gradient buffers
output = net(input)

loss = criterion(output, target) # compute the loss
loss.backward()
optimizer.step() # SGD update
```

Datasets

CIFAR-10 Dataset

- 10 classes
- 32x32 images



Datasets Loader and Transform

```
import torchvision.transforms as transforms

transform = transforms.Compose(
    [transforms.ToTensor(),
        transforms.Normalize((0.5, 0.5, 0.5), (0.5, 0.5, 0.5))])
```

- Transform operator that normalizes the dataset.
- One could use transform operations for data augmentations!

Datasets Loader and Transform

- Create a training set and a DataLoader that iterates over it
- Similar to Python lists and list iterators!

Dataset Iterator

DataLoader can be used like a Python iterator!

```
images, labels = next(iter(trainloader))

for image, labels in trainloader:
    optimizer.zero_grad()
    output = net(image)
    loss = criterion(output, labels)
    loss.backward()
    optimizer.step()
```

Training on GPU

The network needs to be on GPU for it to be trained on GPU! Fortunately, nn.Module encapsulates this for us with the .to() method

```
device = torch.device("cuda:0" if torch.cuda.is_available() else "cpu")
net.to(device)
```

Recap

- Define the neural network that has some learnable parameters (nn.Module)
- 2. Iterate over a dataset of inputs (torchvision, torchvision.transform)
- 3. Process input through the network (torch.utils.data)
- 4. Compute the loss (torch.nn)
- 5. Propagate gradients back into the network's parameters (.backward)
- 6. Update the weights of the network (torch.optim)

Recurrent Layers

https://pytorch.org/docs/stable/nn.html#rnn

torch.nn.LSTM

```
rnn = nn.LSTM(10, 20, 2)
input = torch.randn(5, 3, 10)
h0 = torch.randn(2, 3, 20)
c0 = torch.randn(2, 3, 20)
output, (hn, cn) = rnn(input, (h0, c0))
```

Training on Multiple GPUs

Two types of Parallelism

- Data (which splits batch to multi-GPUs)
- Model (which splits model operation to multi-GPUs)

Not mutually exclusive!

PyTorch data parallelism in one line: net = nn.DataParallel(net)

Additional Resources

- Neural Network Layers: https://pytorch.org/docs/stable/nn.html#
- Distributions: https://pytorch.org/docs/stable/distributions.html
- Checkpoint: https://pytorch.org/docs/stable/checkpoint.html
- Initialization: https://pytorch.org/docs/stable/nn.html#torch-nn-init
- Distributed Training: https://pytorch.org/docs/stable/distributed.html

Documentation is your friend:)