



# TRTORCH

## ACCELERATING PYTORCH INFERENCE USING TENSORRT

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# Agenda

- Intro
- PyTorch Torchscript
- TensorRT
- TRTorch

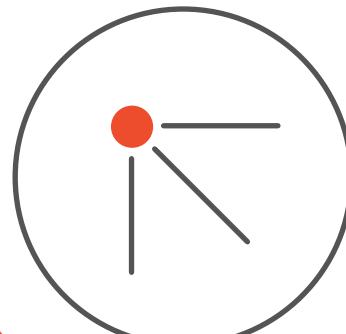
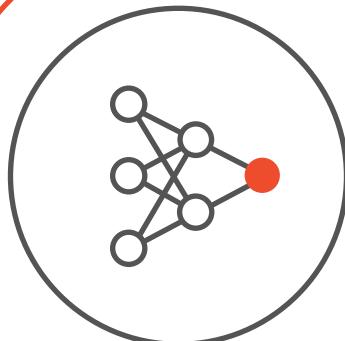


# WHAT IS PYTORCH?



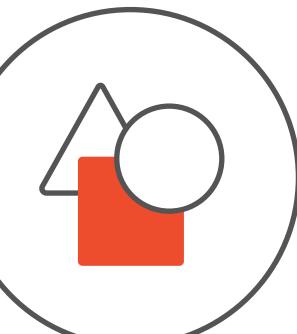
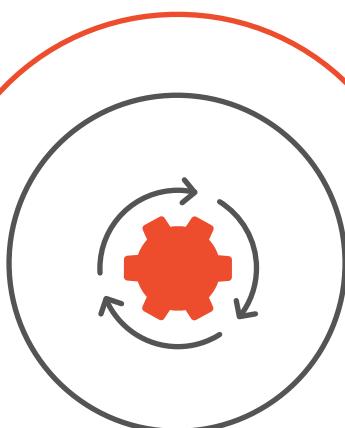
EAGER &  
GRAPH-BASED  
EXECUTION

DYNAMIC  
NEURAL  
NETWORKS



DISTRIBUTED  
TRAINING

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SIMPLICITY  
OVER  
COMPLEXITY



# PYTORCH

RESEARCH  
PROTOTYPING



PRODUCTION  
DEPLOYMENT



# TORCHSCRIPT

Models are Python TorchScript  
*programs*, an optimizable subset of  
Python

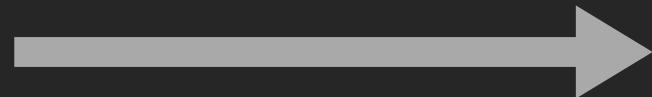
- + Same “models are programs” idea
- + Production deployment
- + No Python dependency
- + Compilation for performance optimization

```
class RNN(nn.Module):
    def __init__(self, W_h, U_h, W_y, b_h, b_y):
        super(RNN, self).__init__()
        self.W_h = nn.Parameter(W_h)
        self.U_h = nn.Parameter(U_h)
        self.W_y = nn.Parameter(W_y)
        self.b_h = nn.Parameter(b_h)
        self.b_y = nn.Parameter(b_y)
    def forward(self, x, h):
        y = []
        for t in range(x.size(0)):
            h = torch.tanh(x[t] @ self.W_h + h @ self.U_h + self.b_h)
            y += [torch.tanh(h @ self.W_y + self.b_y)]
            if t % 10 == 0:
                print("stats: ", h.mean(), h.var())
        return torch.stack(y), h

# one annotation!
script_rnn = torch.jit.script(RNN(W_h, U_h, W_y, b_h, b_y))
```



## TOOLS TO TRANSITION FROM EAGER TO SCRIPT



`torch.jit.script()`

`torch.jit.trace()`





# EAGER TO SCRIPT MODE WITH `torch.jit.trace()`

Take an existing eager model, and provide example inputs.

The tracer runs the function, recording the tensor operations performed.

We turn the recording into a TorchScript module.

- Can reuse existing eager model code
  - ⚠️ Control-flow and data structures are ignored



## EAGER TO SCRIPT MODE WITH `torch.jit.script()`

Write model directly in TorchScript, a high-performance subset of Python.

Pass instance of your model to `torch.jit.script()`

- Control-flow is preserved
- print statements can be used for debugging
- Remove the `script()` call to debug as a standard

PyTorch module

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rnn = RNN(torch.randn(3, 4), torch.randn(4, 4), torch.randn(4, 4),
          torch.randn(4), torch.randn(4))
scripted = torch.jit.script(rnn)
```



## EXPORTING A MODEL TO PRODUCTION

TorchScript models can be saved a model archive and loaded to run in PyTorch's just-in-time (JIT) compiler instead of the CPython interpreter.

C++ Tensor APIs support bindings to a wide range of languages and deployment environments.

The same TorchScript models can also be loaded in the PyTorch Mobile runtime.

```
# Python: save model
traced_resnet = torch.jit.trace(torchvision.models.resnet18(),
                                 torch.rand(1, 3, 224, 224))
traced_resnet.save("serialized_resnet.zip")

// C++: load model
auto module = torch::jit::load("serialized_resnet.zip");
auto example = torch::rand({1, 3, 224, 224});

// Execute `forward()` using the PyTorch JIT
auto output = module->forward({example}).toTensor();
std::cout << output.slice(1, 0, 5) << '\n';
```



# OPTIMIZING FOR HARDWARE BACKENDS

PYTORCH DEVELOPMENT ENV

MKL-DNN      Cuda/CuDNN

(Q)NNPACK      FBGEMM

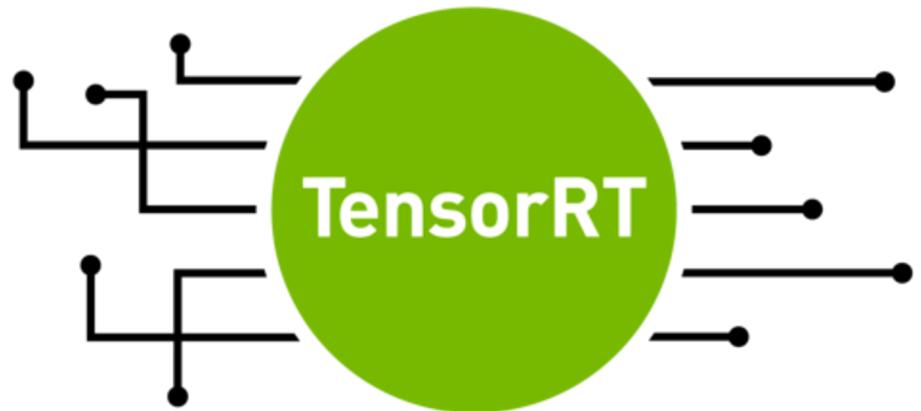
PYTORCH JIT

XLA      Glow      TVM      **TensorRT**

# TensorRT

Deep learning inference optimizer and runtime that delivers low latency and high-throughput for deep learning inference applications

- Optimized for Target HW (GPU/DLA)
- Really Fast!
- Ahead of Time (AOT) compilation

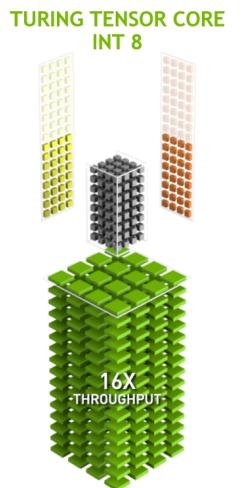
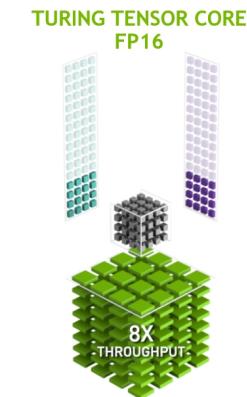
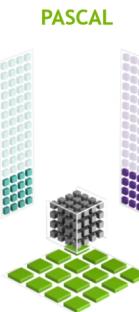


# Lower Precision

## FP16 and INT8

- **FP16**

- Utilizes Tensor Core Kernels on Volta and newer GPUs

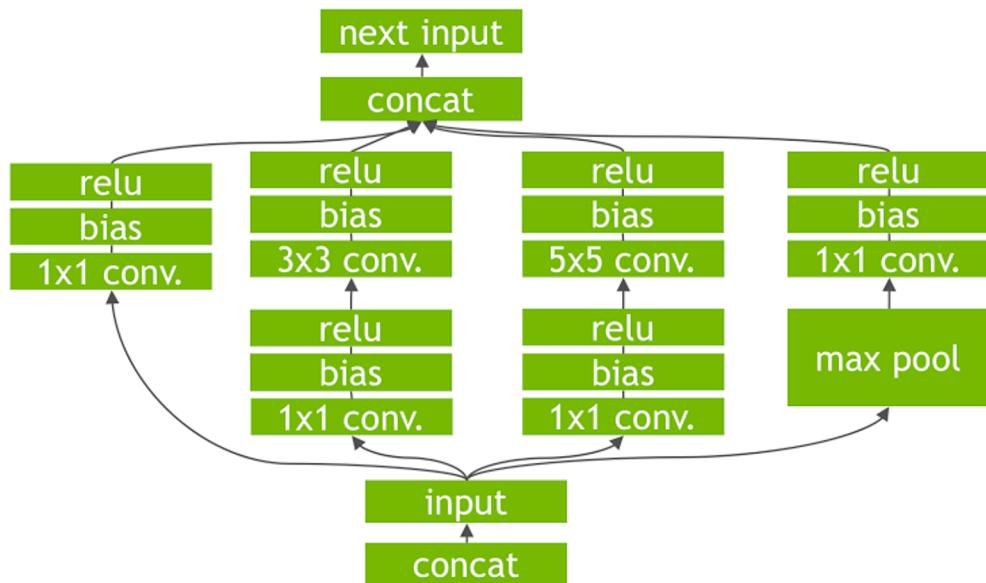


- **INT8**

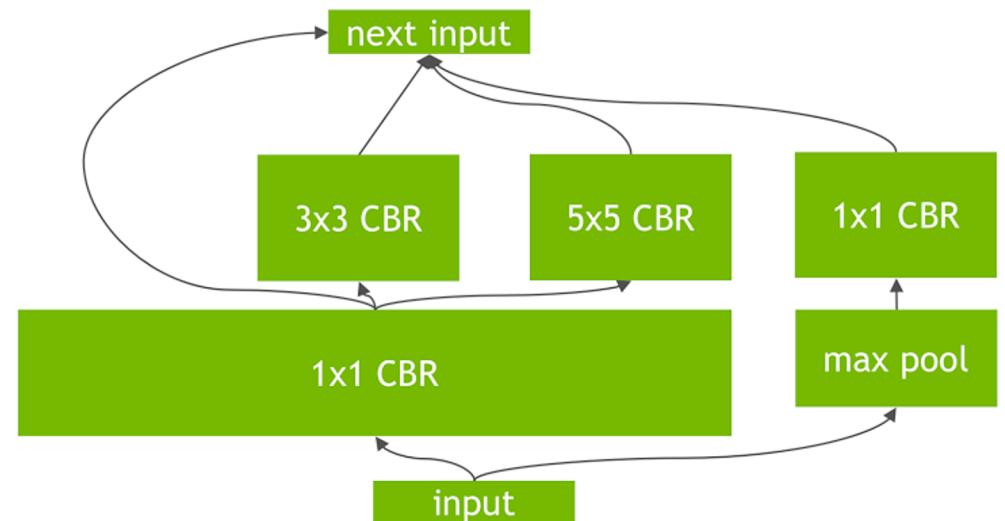
- Post training quantization
  - Utilizes Tensor Core Kernels on Volta and newer GPUs

# Layer & Tensor Fusion

Un-Optimized Network

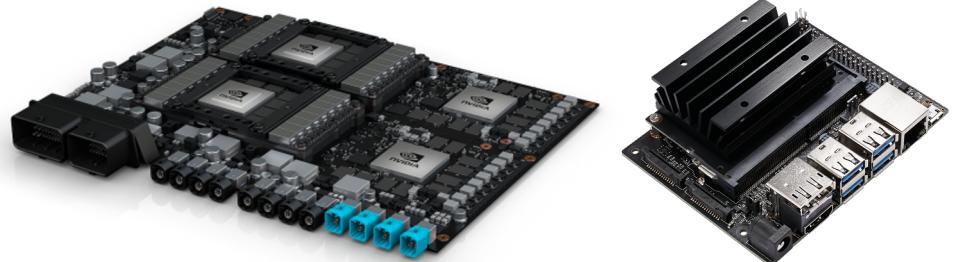


TensorRT Optimized Network

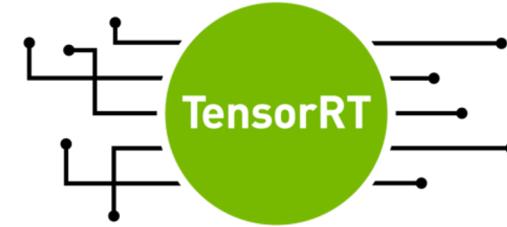


# Kernel Auto Tuning

- Maximize kernel performance
- Select the best performance for target GPU
- Parameters
  - Input data size
  - Batch
  - Tensor layout
  - Input dimension
  - Memory
  - Etc.



 PyTorch +



AOT Compile PyTorch JIT?



# TRTorch

# TRTorch

Ahead of Time compiling of PyTorch JIT for NVIDIA GPUs

- User would either develop TorchScript code or trace PyTorch Python code to create a TorchScript Module
- Take JIT'ed PyTorch / TorchScript Module and optimize it using TensorRT

# PyTorch JIT Internals

- **Modules**
  - The top level representation of a TorchScript program
  - Contains:
    - Parameters - e.g. weights, bias
    - Methods - e.g. forward
    - Submodules
- **Methods**
  - Piece of TorchScript code that takes arguments and produces an output value
  - Contains:
    - Graph - Description of the code to be run i.e. JIT IR

# Graph

TorchScript -> Graph

```
@torch.jit.script
def f(a, b):
    c = a + b
    d = c * c
    e = torch.tanh(d * c)
    return d + (e + e)
```

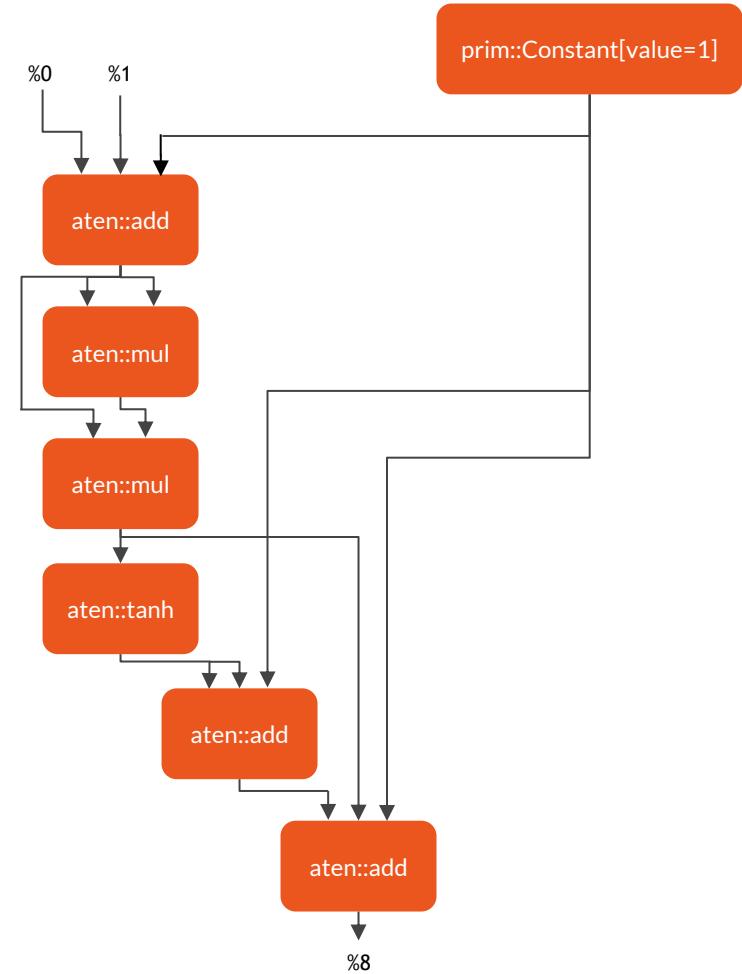


```
graph(%0 : Double(2),
      %1 : Double(2)):
  %2 : int = prim::Constant[value=1]()
  %3 : Double(2) = aten::add(%0, %1, %2)
  %4 : Double(2) = aten::mul(%3, %3)
  %5 : Double(2) = aten::mul(%4, %3)
  %6 : Double(2) = aten::tanh(%5)
  %7 : Double(2) = aten::add(%6, %6, %2)
  %8 : Double(2) = aten::add(%5, %7, %2)
  return (%8)
```

# Graph

Graph -> Ops

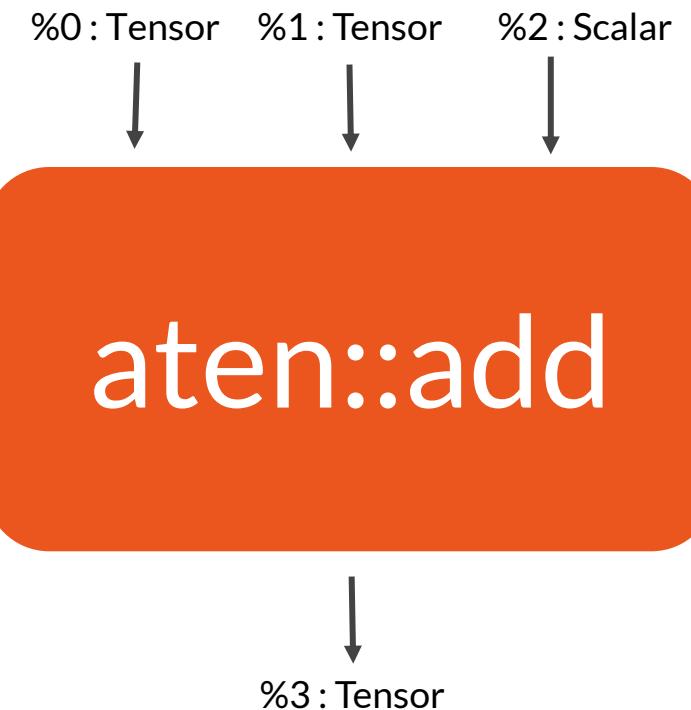
```
graph(%0 : Tensor,  
      %1 : Tensor):  
  %2 : int = prim::Constant[value=1]()  
  %3 : Tensor = aten::add(%0, %1, %2)  
  %4 : Tensor = aten::mul(%3, %3)  
  %5 : Tensor = aten::mul(%4, %3)  
  %6 : Tensor = aten::tanh(%5)  
  %7 : Tensor = aten::add(%6, %6, %2)  
  %8 : Tensor = aten::add(%5, %7, %2)  
  return (%8)
```



# Nodes

```
%3 : Tensor = aten::add(%0, %1, %2)
```

- FunctionSchema
  - `aten::add(Tensor %1, Tensor %2, Scalar %3) -> Tensor`
- Values (Inputs and Outputs)
  - Values are the representation of data moving through the graph
  - Typed



# Interpreter

- Stack Machine
  - State of the program execution is represented as a stack of Interpreter Values (IVValues)
    - IVValues contain the actual tensors, lists, etc. described abstractly by Values
  - Ops implementations consume and place IVValues on the stack



# TRTorch System Architecture

- Lower
  - Transform the JIT Internal Representation into one more friendly to converting to TensorRT
- Convert
  - First evaluate primitive ops (static value) and store the results
  - Add TensorRT operations to an engine builder corresponding to remaining ops
  - Return a graph with converted nodes removed and replaced with a single TRT op
- Execute
  - Instantiate the engine, when graph is run on the JIT interpreter, use the op to run the engine



# Lowering

- First make a purely functional graph
- Replace subgraphs that can be friendlier to the converters (and also reduces the number of ops to write explicit converters for)

# Purely Functional Graph

(PyTorch Lowering)

```
graph(%self.1 : <mangle>.Module,  
      %input.1 : Tensor):  
  %5 : <mangle>.Module = prim::GetAttr[name="fc1"](%self.1)  
  %30 : Tensor = prim::CallMethod[name="forward"](%5, %input.1)
```



```
graph(%1 : Tensor,  
      %2 : Float(10, 10),  
      %3 : Float(10)):  
  %res = aten::linear(%1, %2, %3)  
  return (%res)
```

# Graph Transforms

Transformations That Make Graphs Easier to Convert

```
graph(%1 : Tensor, %2 : int, %3 : dtype):  
    %res = aten::log_softmax(%1, %2, %3)  
    return (%res)
```



```
graph(%1 : Tensor, %2 : int, %3 : dtype):  
    %z = aten::softmax(%1, %2, %3)  
    %res = aten::log(%z)  
    return (%res)
```

# Conversion

- For each supported graph
  - Create a conversion context (Manages the TensorRT network definition and conversion data)
  - Add Inputs to the TensorRT NetDef based on the input tensors in the graph
  - For each node in graph
    - Collects inputs to node
      - If any inputs a result of primitive ops, evaluate the primitive op
    - With node and input Values add a corresponding node to TensorRT NetDef
  - Add Outputs

# Conversion Context

- Store of information to use during conversion, network definition, TensorRT builder infra
- Builder Resources
  - Copies of weights needed during the engine building phase
- Value Tensor Map
  - `torch::jit::Values` are an abstract representation of data flow in graph
  - `nvinfer1::ITensors` are an abstract representation of data flow in NetDef
  - map `Values -> ITensors`
- Evaluated Value Map
  - Stores previously evaluated nodes outputs
  - Output Value -> IValue

# Evaluator

- Use the conversion context's evaluated value map to simulate the primitive operation
- Store the output in the evaluated value map corresponding to IValue so that converters can use it to fill in layer settings

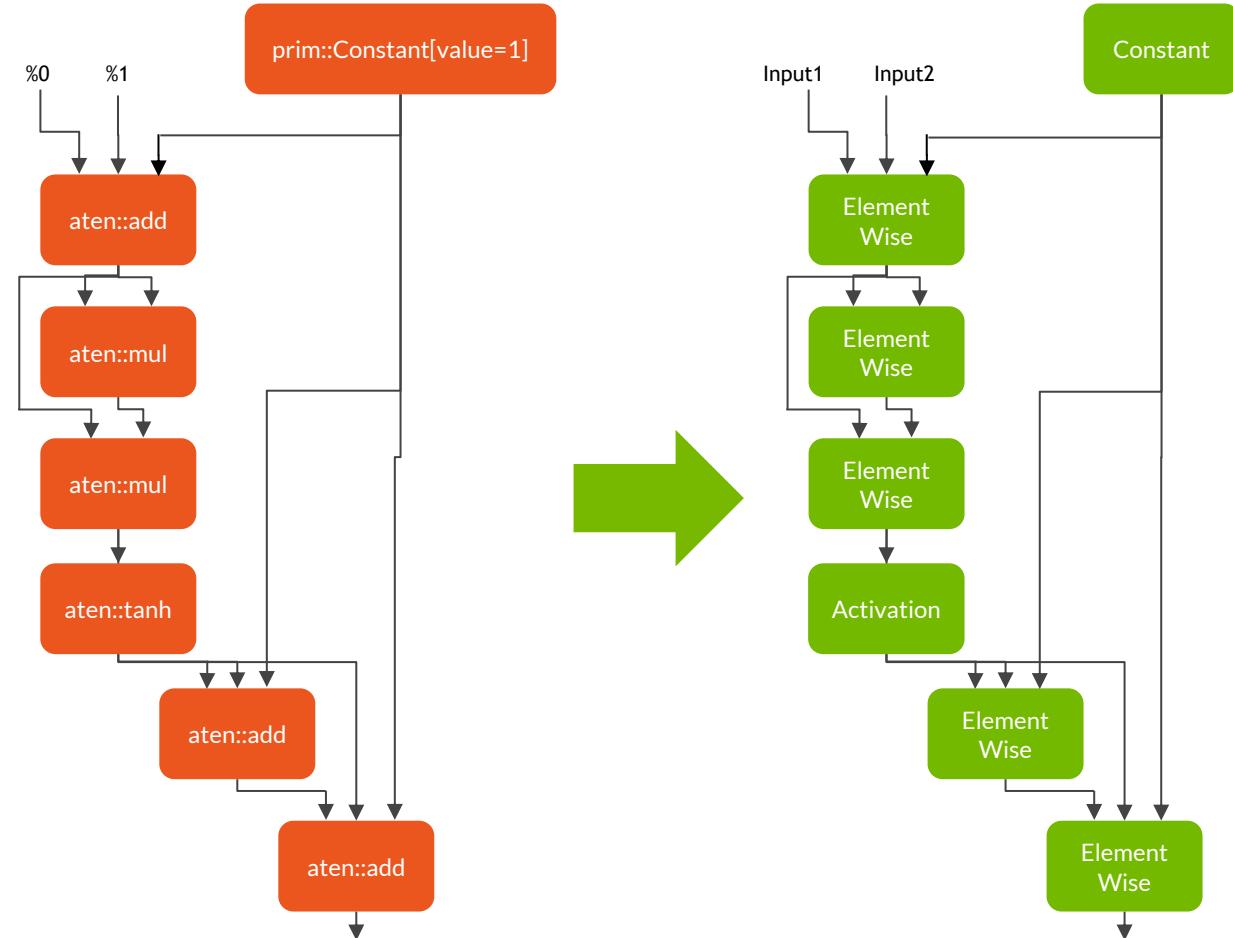
```
%4 : int = prim::Constant[value=3]()
%5 : int[] = prim::ListConstruct(%4, %4)
%6 : int[] = aten::max_pool(%in, %5, %2)
```



3  
[3, 3]

# Converters

- Lambdas which take current context state, node and input `jit::IValues` / `nvinfer1::ITensors` corresponding to node values
- Adds layer corresponding to node to Network Definition
- Stores `ITensor` output of new layers in value tensor map
- Converters stored in global, user accessible registry



# Converters

- Maps a Function Schema to Lambda
- Args are passed in Left to Right according to Function Signature
  - Union:
    - IValue (PyTorch Interpreter Value)
    - ITensor (TensorRT Abstract Tensor Representation)
- Using args add layer to ctx->net
- Store a mapping of PyTorch Value to TensorRT Tensor

```
auto linear_registrations = RegisterNodeConversionPatterns().pattern({
    "aten::linear(Tensor input, Tensor weight, Tensor? bias = None) -> (Tensor)",
    [] (ConversionCtx* ctx, const torch::jit::Node* n, args& args) -> bool {
        auto in = args[0].ITensor();
        Weights w = Weights(ctx, args[1].unwrapToTensor());
        nvinfer1::ILayer* new_layer;
        if (args.size() == 3) {
            Weights b(ctx, args[2].unwrapToTensor());
            new_layer = ctx->net->addFullyConnected(*in, w.num_output_maps, w.data, b.data);
        } else {
            new_layer = ctx->net->addFullyConnected(*in, w.num_output_maps, w.data, {});
        }
        if (!new_layer) {
            ...
        }
        new_layer->setName(util::node_info(n).c_str());
        auto output = n->outputs()[0];
        ctx->value_tensor_map[output] = new_layer->getOutput(0);
        return true;
    });
});
```

# Engine Manager

- Map from Engine ID to Execution context + Function Schema for the engine
- Runs the Infer function using an execution context
  - Using PyTorch Tensors as the data management system
    - Create new Tensors to receive engine output

# Executor

- Once the converter is done, the graph that was converted is replaced with a new graph containing the JIT op which will run the corresponding to TensorRT engine
- When called in the stack, will look up the correct engine in the Execution Context Manager, pop inputs off the stack and pass them to the context manager, run the engine and push outputs onto the stack

```
void RegisterEngineOp(TRTEngine& engine) {
    torch::jit::RegisterOperators jit_registry({
        torch::jit::operator_(engine.schema,
            [engine.id](torch::jit::Stack& stack) {
                auto io = GetEngineIO(id);
                auto num_in = io.first;
                auto num_out = io.second;
                std::vector<at::Tensor> inputs;
                for (uint64_t i = 0; i < num_in; i++) {
                    at::Tensor in;
                    torch::jit::pop(stack, in);
                    inputs.insert(inputs.begin(), std::move(in));
                }
                auto outputs = RunCudaEngine(GetExecCtx(id), io, inputs);
                for (uint64_t o = 0; o < num_out; o++) {
                    torch::jit::push(stack, std::move(outputs[o]));
                }
                return 0;
            },
            aliasAnalysisFromSchema())));
    });
}
```

# C++ API

- Pass `torch::jit::Module` and a module using a TensorRT engine is returned
  - Run as a normal JIT Module
- Add additional op converters to the registry to support conversion of currently unsupported or custom PyTorch Operators

# User Workflow

- Load Module
- Define expected input size (or using TensorRT dynamic input, specify input range)
- Convert
- Run

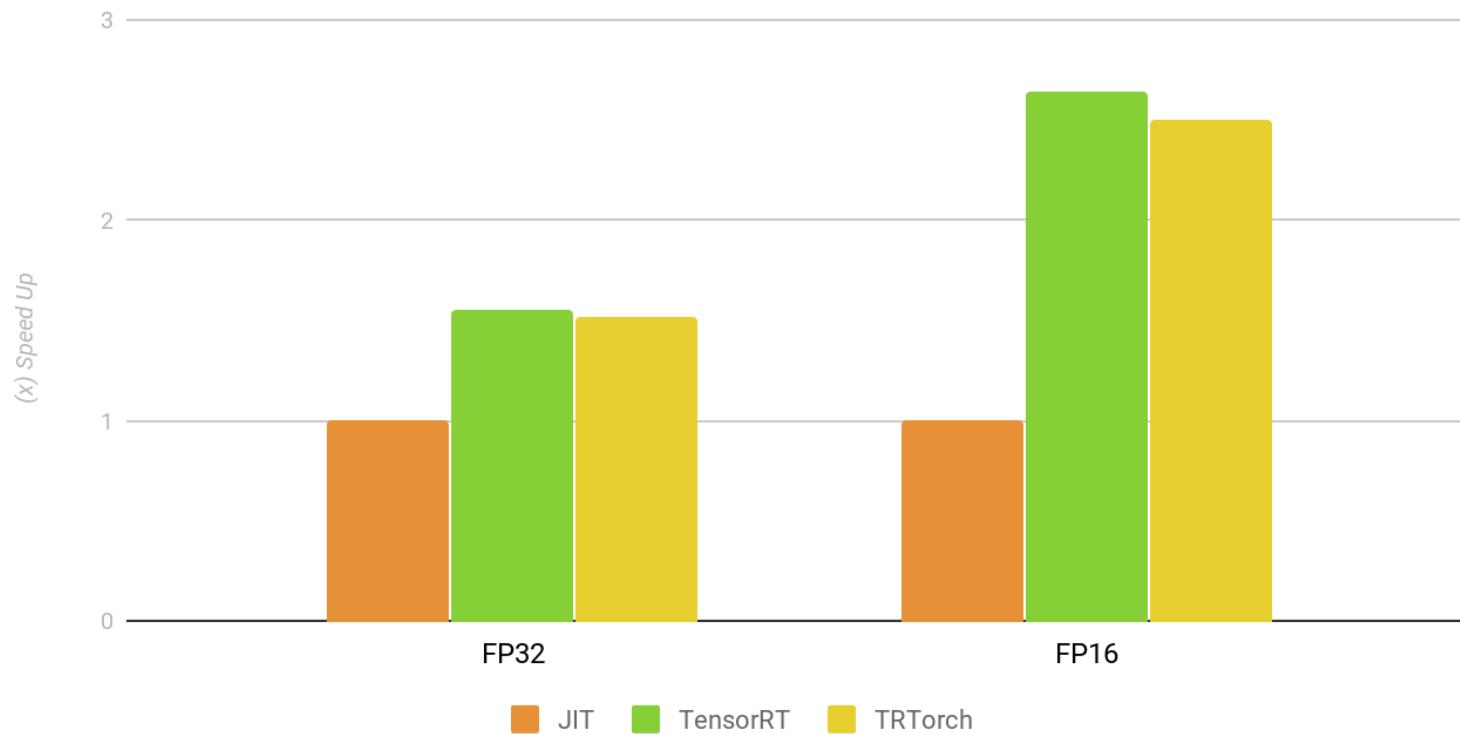
```
int main(int argc, const char* argv[]) {
    torch::jit::script::Module module;
    module = torch::jit::load(argv[1]);

    std::vector<std::vector<int64_t>> dims = {{1,1, 28, 28}};
    // or std::vector<std::vector<int64_t>> dims = {{1, 1, 16, 16},
    //                                                 {1,1, 28, 28},
    //                                                 {1, 1, 54, 54}};
    auto trt_mod = trt::CompileGraph(module, dims);
    auto results = trt_mod.forward(torch::ones({28, 28})).toTensor();
}
```

# TRTorch Performance Gains

## ResNet50 Host Runtime Speed Up

TITAN V - Batch Size 32 - Input Size 224x224



# Usecases

- Quick optimization of PyTorch Models, continue to use PyTorch infrastructure with your model and run fast inference with TensorRT
- Usable as a TensorRT Parser (like ONNX Parser) to save optimized engine to PLAN file to deploy elsewhere
- [Automotive] For objection detection / segmentation network deployment,
  - Opportunity to run backbone (like ResNet, MobileNet) using TensorRT without intermediate representation like ONNX

# Roadmap

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- Near Future
  - Lower precision: INT8
  - NVIDIA AGX platform for AArch64 and Deep Learning Accelerator (i.e. DLA)
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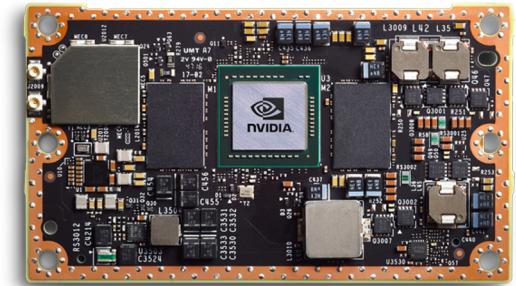
## INT8

- TensorRT supports FP32, FP16, and INT8 precision
- Efficient and fast inference through INT8
  - Benefits in Memory, Power, and Computes (Tensor Core on modern GPUs)
- Leverage existing PyTorch data pipelines: Dataloader, Dataset, etc.
- Working in progress
  - Generic Torch Tensor based Int8Calibrator Implementation
  - Saving / Loading Calibration Cache
  - Internal quantization api call after calibration

# NVIDIA AGX Platform

## Embedded platform

- Jetson AGX
  - AArch64 & CUDA enabled SoC designed for end-to-end AI Robotics applications
  - Multiple specialized accelerators on board in Jetson Xavier
- Continue to leverage
  - PyTorch for data management and any data pipelines
  - TensorRT for graph optimizer, fast kernels, etc.
- Target compilation of PyTorch and TRTorch framework from source on AArch64



# Deep Learning Accelerator (DLA)

- Fixed-function accelerator engine targeted for deep learning built into Xavier SoC
  - Convolution and Deconvolution Layers
  - Pooling Layer (Max, Average)
  - Activations (ReLU, Sigmoid, tanh)
  - Element-wise (Sum, Sub, Product, Min, Max)
  - Scale Layer
  - LRN (Local Response Normalization) Layer
  - Concat Layer
- Supports FP16 and INT8 operating precisions
- Targetable by TensorRT; anticipating GPU fallback (e.g. shuffling / transpose)

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