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Introduction to PyTorch

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Introduction to Pytorch

What is PyTorch?

PyTorch is a **Python tensor** and **deep learning** library using GPUs and CPUs for computation. [1]

From the pytorch/pytorch GitHub repository's README: [2]

- Tensor computation library, analogous to Numpy, that can leverage GPU acceleration.
- Supports Dynamic Neural Networks via tape-based autograd functionality.

Objectives for this session:

- PyTorch Tensors and auto differentiation
- Building PyTorch models
- PyTorch Datasets and DataLoaders
- Training PyTorch models (Optimization)
- Saving and Loading PyTorch models
- Hands-on-Exercises

[1] The Linux Foundation, “PyTorch Documentation,” pytorch.org. <https://pytorch.org/docs/stable/index.html> (accessed Mar. 6, 2025).

[2] “GitHub – pytorch/pytorch,” github.com. <https://github.com/pytorch/pytorch?tab=readme-ov-file> (accessed Mar. 6, 2025).



Note about source materials

PyTorch Tutorials (<https://pytorch.org/tutorials/>) [1]

Much of the content of this session comes from the various tutorials published on the PyTorch website (<https://pytorch.org/tutorials/>). These tutorials cover topics such as:

- PyTorch Recipes
- Introduction to PyTorch
- Learning PyTorch
- Image and Video
- Audio
- Deploying PyTorch Models in Production

Tutorials may include content such as Microsoft Learn, Google Colab, Jupyter Notebooks, or content on GitHub.

[1] The Linux Foundation, “Welcome to PyTorch Tutorials – PyTorch Tutorials 2.6.0 +cu124 documentation,” pytorch.org. <https://pytorch.org/tutorials> (accessed Mar. 12, 2025).



Overview – Big Picture

Overview:

The objective in this session is to introduce you to PyTorch as a tool to implement and optimize deep learning models using Python. The building blocks for this will be the construction of a model that maps some input to some output. $X \rightarrow Y$

Input: X May be a vector of numbers (integers or floats), an image (vector of pixel values), etc..

Map: \rightarrow PyTorch model, which may be a deep neural network, convolutional neural network, etc..

Output: Y May be a result (integer, float), a classification (prob. of membership in a class), etc..

Map: PyTorch Model that contains parameters that can be optimized to improve the performance of the model.

Optimization: Comparison of result, Y , with expected result, Y^0 .

Project Workflow

Projects begin with Data (X^0, Y^0) - Split into Train, Validate, and Test sets

Training Models with the Training set.

Evaluating different Models with the Validation set.

Determining final model performance with the Test set.



PyTorch Tensors

What is a PyTorch Tensor?

Tensors are generalized mathematical objects with zero or more indices each consisting of an appropriate number of dimensions. [1,2]

Some Special Cases are:

- Scalars (magnitude) → rank-0 tensors: $a \in \mathbb{R}$
- Vectors (magnitude, direction) → rank-1 tensor: $\mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{R}^n$, where elements are $a_i \mid i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$
- Matrix (mapping between two vector spaces) → rank-2 tensor: $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$, where elements are $A_{ij} \mid i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}, j \in \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$

More Generally, tensors can have any number of dimensions (ranks) with arbitrary numbers of elements each.

$\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m \times p \times q}$, where elements are
 $A_{ijkl} \mid i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}, j \in \{1, 2, \dots, m\},$
 $k \in \{1, 2, \dots, p\}, l \in \{1, 2, \dots, q\}$

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| [1] | Merriam-Webster, Inc., “TENSOR Definition & Meaning,” merriam-webster.com.
https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/tensor (accessed Mar. 12, 2025). |
| [2] | Wolfram, “Tensor – from Wolfram MathWorld”, wolfram.com.
https://mathworld.wolfram.com/Tensor.html (accessed Mar. 14, 2025) |
| [3] | The Linux Foundation, “Tensors– PyTorch Tutorials 2.6.0 +cu124 documentation,” pytorch.org.
https://pytorch.org/tutorials/beginner/basics/tensorqs_tutorial.html (accessed Mar. 12, 2025). |



Declaring and Initializing PyTorch Tensors

```
import torch
import numpy as np

data = [[2, 4, 6], [5, 10, 15]]
np_data = np.array(data)

pt_data = torch.tensor(data)
pt_data_from_np = torch.from_numpy(np_data)

print(np_data.shape)
print(pt_data.shape)
print(pt_data_from_np.shape)

print(data)
print(pt_data)
print(pt_data_from_np)
```

Out:

```
(2, 3)
torch.Size([2, 3])
torch.Size([2, 3])

[[2, 4, 6], [5, 10, 15]]
tensor([[ 2,  4,  6],
        [ 5, 10, 15]])
```



Declaring and Initializing PyTorch Tensors

```
print(pt_data)

pt_data_float =
torch.tensor(pt_data.numpy(),
             dtype=torch.float)

pt_data_float = pt_data.to
(dtype=torch.float)
```

Out: `tensor([[2, 4, 6],`
 `[5, 10, 15]])`

`tensor([[2., 4., 6.],`
 `[5., 10., 15.]])`

```
print(torch.ones((2,3)))
print(torch.ones(2,3))

print(torch.rand((2,3)))
print(torch.rand(2,3))

print(torch.zeros((2,3)))
print(torch.zeros(2,3))
```

Out: `tensor([[1, 1, 1],`
 `[1, 1, 1]])`

`tensor([[0.7305, 0.2068, 0.3800],`
 `[0.0991, 0.0703, 0.3698]])`

`tensor([[0., 0., 0.],`
 `[0., 0., 0.]])`



Tensor Operations and Attributes

```
print(pt_data)

print(pt_data.T)

print(pt_data.reshape(3,2))

print(pt_data.flatten())

print(f"size: {pt_data.shape}\n\
dtype: {pt_data.dtype}\n\
device: {pt_data.device}")

print(pt_data[:,1])
print(pt_data[1])
print(pt_data[-1,1:])
```

Out:

```
tensor([[ 2,  4,  6],
        [ 5, 10, 15]])
tensor([[ 2,  5],
        [ 4, 10],
        [ 6, 15]])
tensor([[ 2,  4],
        [ 6,  5],
        [10, 15]])
tensor([ 2,  4,  6,  5, 10, 15])

Size: torch.Size([2, 3])
dtype: torch.int64
device: cpu

tensor([ 4, 10])
tensor([ 5, 10, 15])
tensor([10, 15])
```




Tensor Arithmetic Operations

```
print(pt_data)
```

```
pt_sum = pt_data + pt_data  
pt_sum2 = pt_data.add(pt_data)  
print(pt_sum)
```

```
pt_diff = pt_data - pt_data  
pt_diff = pt_data.sub(pt_data)  
print(pt_diff)
```

```
pt_matmul = pt_data @ pt_data.T  
pt_matmul2 = pt_data.matmul(pt_data.T)  
print(pt_matmul)
```

```
pt_mul = pt_data * pt_data  
pt_mul2 = pt_data.mul(pt_data)  
print(pt_mul)
```

Out:

```
tensor([[ 2,  4,  6],  
        [ 5, 10, 15]])  
  
tensor([[ 4,  8, 12],  
        [10, 20, 30]])  
  
tensor([[0, 0, 0],  
        [0, 0, 0]])  
  
tensor([[ 56, 140],  
        [140, 350]])  
  
tensor([[ 4, 16, 36],  
        [25, 100, 225]])
```



Tensor Arithmetic Operations (Broadcasting)

Tensor Shape and Dimensions

- Operations like addition, subtraction, and element-wise operations must be between tensors of the same shape and dimensions.

Matrix Multiply (`torch.matmul`, `@`)

- Supports vector-matrix (1D, 2D)
- Supports matrix-vector (2D, 1D)
- Supports matrix-matrix (2D, 2D)
- Supports batched matrix-multiples between vectors of ND , ND] or $[(N-1)D, D]$ or ND , $(N-1)D$
 - Prepends or Appends a dimension of 1 to the shape of tensor with $(N-1)$ dimensions.
 - Matrix dimensions (last two dimensions) treated as matrices and leading dimensions (treated as batch dimensions and broadcasted over).

Broadcasting

- Method to make tensor dimensions match by copying along certain dimensions
- Dimensions must match between tensors, or one tensor must have a “1” in the dimension. This tensor will be copied along this dimension to make these match.



Tensor Arithmetic Operations (Broadcasting)

Example #1

- $\text{Tensor1.shape} = (k, m, n, p)$
- $\text{Tensor2.shape} = (k, 1, n, p) \rightarrow$ broadcast to (k, m, n, p) by copying along the 2nd leading dimension.
- $\text{Result.shape} = (k, m, n, p)$

Example #2

- $\text{Tensor1.shape} = (k, m, 1, p) \rightarrow$ broadcast to (k, m, n, p) by copying along the 3rd leading dimension.
- $\text{Tensor2.shape} = (k, m, n, p)$
- $\text{Result.shape} = (k, m, n, p)$

Matmul Example #1 (Tensor1 @ Tensor2)

- $\text{Tensor1.shape} = (k, 1, r, n) \rightarrow$ broadcast to (k, m, r, n) by copying along the 2nd leading dimension.
- $\text{Tensor2.shape} = (k, m, n, p)$
- $\text{Result.shape} = (k, m, r, p) \rightarrow$ due to matrix multiple between (r, n) and (n, p) .

Matmul Example #2 (Tensor1 @ Tensor2)

- $\text{Tensor1.shape} = (k, 1, r, n) \rightarrow$ broadcast to (k, m, r, n) by copying along the 2nd leading dimension.
- $\text{Tensor2.shape} = (1, m, n, p) \rightarrow$ broadcast to (k, m, n, p) by copying along the 1st leading dimension.
- $\text{Result.shape} = (k, m, r, p) \rightarrow$ due to matrix multiple between (r, n) and (n, p) .



PyTorch Tensor Summary [1]

Declaring and Initializing Tensors

- Tensors can be created from python data (lists), numpy arrays, or other tensors.
- Tensors can be initialized with data (as above) or via random (`torch.rand()`) or constant values (`torch.ones()` or `torch.zeros()`).

Tensor attributes and operations

- Tensors have attributes such as `.dtype`, `.shape`, or `.device`
- Tensors created on 'CPU' by default but can be moved via `.to(device)` operation. (More on this latter)
- Tensors support standard numpy-like indexing and slicing.
- Tensors support many numpy-like operations (`.sum`, `.flatten()`, `.T`, `.reshape()`)

Tensor arithmetic operations

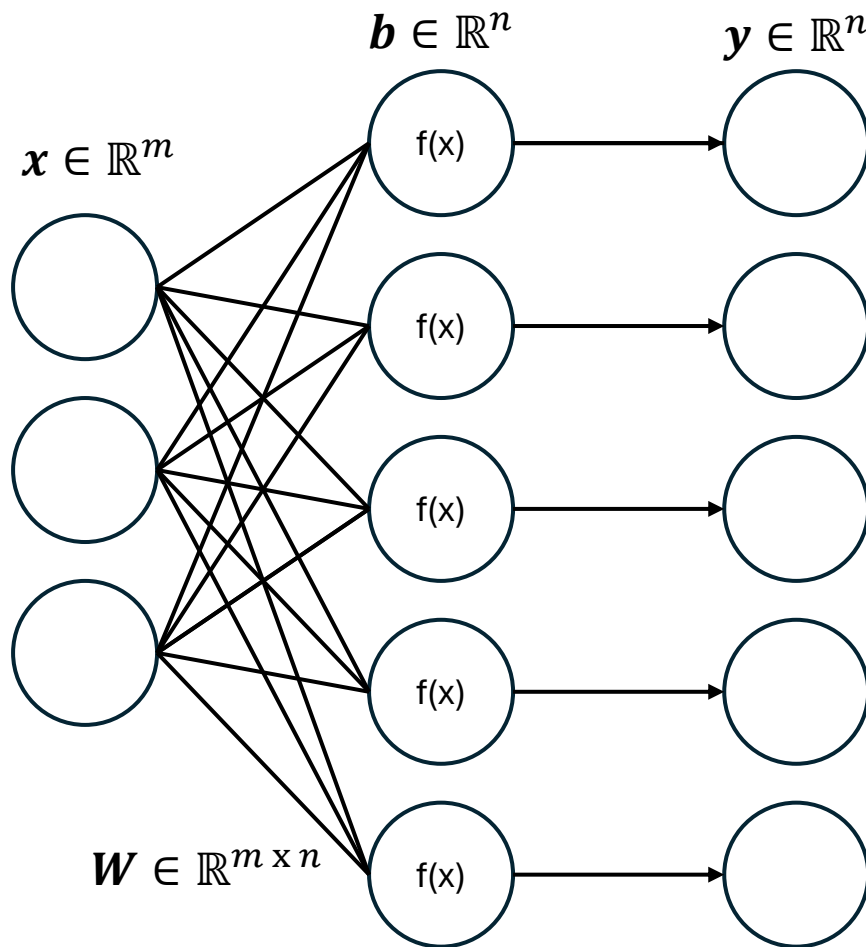
- Tensors support the standard operators (+, -) and elementwise (*, /). The '@' is a matrix multiplication.
- Tensors support methods for operators (`.add`, `.sub`), elementwise (`.mul`, `.div`), and matrix mult. (`.matmul`).
- Tensors support numpy like broadcasting rules.

A comprehensive list of tensor operations (methods) is available in the torch documentation:

(<https://pytorch.org/docs/stable/torch.html>)

[1] The Linux Foundation, "Tensors– PyTorch Tutorials 2.6.0 +cu124 documentation," pytorch.org. https://pytorch.org/tutorials/beginner/basics/tensorqs_tutorial.html (accessed Mar. 12, 2025).

Computational Graphs and Automatic Differentiation



$$\text{ReLU}(W^T x + b) = y$$

$$\text{ReLU}(\sum_i w_{ji}^T x_i + b_j) = y_j$$

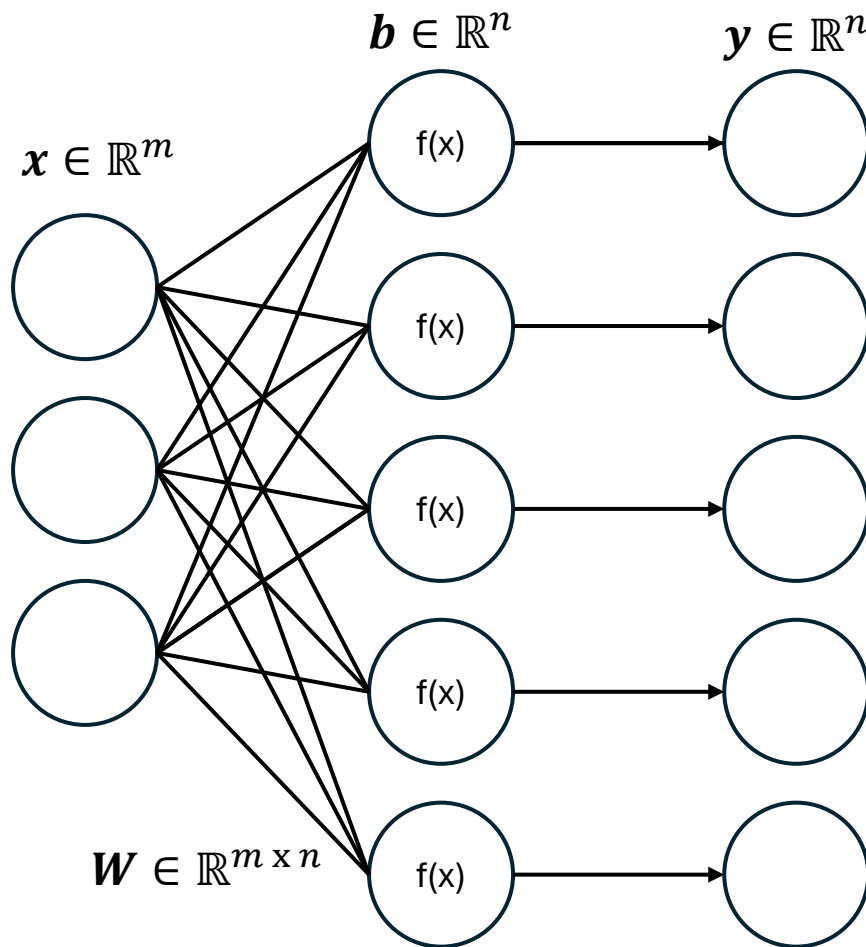
$$\text{ReLU}(x) = \max(0, x)$$

```
m=3
n=5
w_size=(m,n)
x = torch.ones(m)
W = torch.rand(w_size, requires_grad=True)
b = torch.rand(n, requires_grad=True)

fx = W.T.matmul(x) + b
y = torch.relu(fx)

y_0 = torch.rand(n)
sq_err = (y_0 - y)**2
loss = sq_err.sum()
```

Computational Graphs and Automatic Differentiation



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$$\text{ReLU}(x) = \max(0, x)$$

`m=3`

`n=5`

```
linear = torch.nn.Linear(m,n)
```

```
relu = torch.nn.ReLU()
```

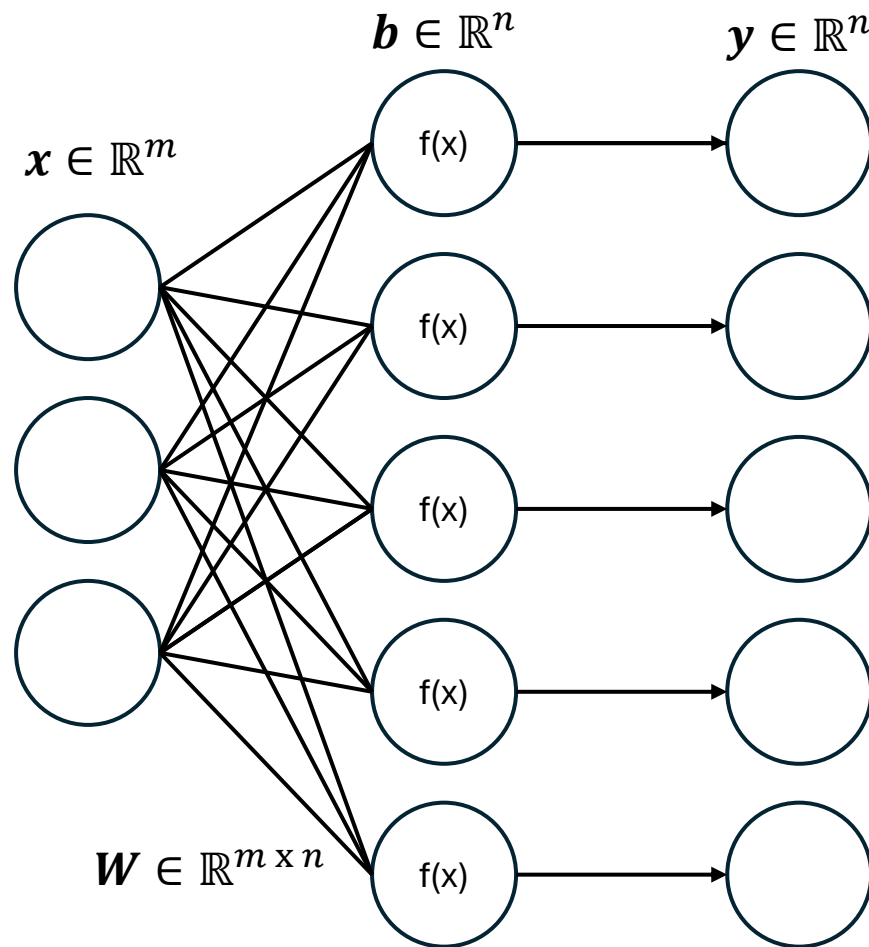
```
y = relu(linear(x))
```

```
y_0 = torch.rand(n)
```

```
mse_loss = torch.nn.MSELoss(reduction='sum')
```

```
loss = mse_loss(y, y_0)
```


Computational Graphs and Automatic Differentiation



$$\text{ReLU}(W^T x + b) = y \quad \text{loss} = \sum_i (y_j^0 - y_j)^2$$

$$\frac{\partial \text{loss}}{\partial W} \quad \mathbf{w}.\text{grad}$$

$$\frac{\partial \text{loss}}{\partial b} \quad \mathbf{b}.\text{grad}$$

```
loss = mse_loss(y, y_0)
```

```
loss.backward()
```

```
 $\mathbf{w}.\text{grad}$ 
```

```
 $\mathbf{b}.\text{grad}$ 
```

```
print(loss.item())
```




Computational Graphs and Automatic Differentiation Summary [1]

Computational Graph

- Tensors can be used to define inputs, parameters (requires_grad=True), and operations.
- Tensor operations are stored in a computational graph that allows for automatic differentiation of parameters.

Automatic Differentiation

- The computational graph is created and the result calculated on the forward pass.
- A loss function is defined (must result in a scalar) that represents the function to be minimized.
- Calling the .backward() method on this loss tensor calls the backward pass that calculates the gradients of parameters.
- These gradients can be accessed via the .grad attribute on the parameter tensors.
- The single value tensor (loss) can be extracted by the .item() method on the tensor.

Model Layers

- PyTorch provides a library of model layers via the torch.nn namespace, a full list of available layers are listed in the documentation: (<https://pytorch.org/docs/stable/nn.html>)

[1] The Linux Foundation, “Automatic Differentiation with torch.autograd – PyTorch Tutorials 2.6.0 +cu124 documentation,” pytorch.org.
https://pytorch.org/tutorials/beginner/basics/autogradqs_tutorial.html (accessed Mar. 13, 2025).



Building PyTorch Models

```
import torch
from torch import nn

class NNModel(nn.Module):
    def __init__(self,n,m):
        super().__init__()
        self.linear = nn.Linear(n,m)
        self.relu = nn.ReLU()

    def forward(self, input_tensor):
        fx = self.linear(input_tensor)
        y = self.relu(fx)
        return y
```

```
input_x = torch.rand(3)
Print(input_x)

my_model = NNModel(3,5)
output_y = my_model(input_x)

print(output_y)
```

Out:

```
tensor([0.9986, 0.7325, 0.7332])

tensor([0.8556, 0.0000, 0.0000,
        0.4691, 0.0000],
grad_fn=<ReluBackward0>)
```



Building PyTorch Models: Vectorization

```
input_x = torch.rand(25,3)
Print(input_x)

my_model = NNModel(3,5)
output_y = my_model(input_x)

print(output_y)
```

Out: `tensor([0.9237, 0.9082, 0.9080],`
 `[..., ..., ...],`
 `[0.7065, 0.8609, 0.4841]])`

`tensor([[0.8348, 0.0000, 0.0000, 0.5083, 0.0000],`
 `[..., ..., ..., ..., ...],`
 `[0.6665, 0.0000, 0.0000, 0.3808, 0.0399]],`
 `grad_fn=<ReluBackward0>)`



Building PyTorch Models: Structure and Parameters

```
print(my_model)

for name, param in \
my_model.named_parameters():
    print(f"{name}: {param}")
```

Out: `NNModel(`
 `(linear):`
 `Linear(in_features=3,out_features=5, bias=True)`
 `(relu): ReLU()`
 `)`

Out: `linear.weight: Parameter containing:`
 `tensor([[0.3422, -0.2172, 0.2459],`
 `[-0.5573, -0.4091, 0.5427],`
 `[-0.5000, 0.4573, 0.3234],`
 `[0.5427, 0.4859, -0.0315],`
 `[-0.2629, 0.5335, -0.3348]], requires_grad=True)`
 `linear.bias: Parameter containing:`
 `tensor([0.4927, 0.0171, -0.4328, -0.4057, -0.0716], requires_grad=True)`



Building PyTorch Models Summary [1]

Model Structure

- Models are python classes that inherit from `torch.nn.module`.
- These classes instantiate the various layers of the network in the “`__init__`” method.
- These classes implement the forward pass of the network in the “`forward`” method and return the result tensor.

Model Use

- Models are instantiated via the “`__init__`” method to set the structure of the model.
- Parameters can be used in the “`__init__`” method to set various hyperparameters for the model.
- The instantiated model object can be called directly to perform the forward pass on the network by giving the input tensor as the call’s argument.
- A call on the model object returns the result tensor.
- The forward pass can be vectorized (multiple simultaneous inputs) by stacking inputs in additional leading dimensions of the input tensor.

Model Information

- Printing the model object returns the structure of the model.
- The parameters of the model can be accessed via the `.named_parameters()` function of the model object.

[1] The Linux Foundation, “Build the Neural Network – PyTorch Tutorials 2.6.0 +cu124 documentation,” pytorch.org. https://pytorch.org/tutorials/beginner/basics/buildmodel_tutorial.html (accessed Mar. 13, 2025).



PyTorch Datasets and DataLoaders

```
import torch
from torch.utils.data import Dataset

class RandDataset(Dataset):
    def __init__(self, input_dims, output_dims, length, transform=None, target_transform=None):
        self.input_dims = input_dims
        self.output_dims = output_dims
        self.transform = transform
        self.target_transform = target_transform
        self.mapping = torch.rand(output_dims, input_dims)
        self.len = length

    def __len__(self):
        return self.len

    def __getitem__(self, idx):
        input_tensor = torch.rand(self.input_dims)
        if self.transform:
            input_tensor = self.transform(input_tensor)

        output_tensor = self.mapping.matmul(input_tensor)
        if self.target_transform:
            output_tensor = self.target_transform(output_tensor)

        return input_tensor, output_tensor
```



PyTorch Datasets and DataLoaders

```
from torch.utils.data import DataLoader

rd = RandDataset(input_dims=3, output_dims=5,
length=64)

for idx, rd_output in enumerate(rd):
    if idx < 3:
        input_tensor, output_tensor = rd_output
        print(f"{input_tensor} -> {output_tensor}")
    else:
        break
```

Out:

```
tensor([0.1164, 0.4654, 0.5546]) ->
tensor([0.0940, 0.8165, 0.5114,
0.6640, 0.3020])

tensor([0.8446, 0.3525, 0.5987]) ->
tensor([0.1566, 1.0676, 0.9402,
1.0815, 0.3526])

tensor([0.6241, 0.1571, 0.3631]) ->
tensor([0.1001, 0.6570, 0.6103,
0.7018, 0.2117])
```




PyTorch Datasets and DataLoaders

```
from torch.utils.data import DataLoader

rd = RandDataset(input_dims=3, output_dims=5, length=64)

rd_dataloader = DataLoader(rd, batch_size=32, shuffle=True)
for input_tensor, output_tensor in rd_dataloader:
    print(f"{input_tensor} -> {output_tensor}")
```

```
Out: tensor([[0.1164, 0.4654, 0.5546],
            [ ..., ..., ... ],
            [0.6529, 0.7272, 0.7023]]) -> tensor([[0.6841, 1.0017, 1.7319, 1.2476, 1.2713],
            [ ..., ..., ..., ..., ... ],
            [0.5391, 0.3703, 0.6725, 0.5033, 0.3757]])

tensor([[0.8643, 0.1568, 0.8459],
            [ ..., ..., ... ],
            [0.2081, 0.1563, 0.9666]]) -> tensor([[0.4864, 0.8983, 1.5787, 1.1396, 1.2151],
            [ ..., ..., ..., ..., ... ],
            [0.5943, 0.6316, 0.8847, 0.5879, 0.5603]])
```



PyTorch Datasets and DataLoaders Summary [1]

Datasets

- Datasets are python classes that inherit from `torch.utils.data.Dataset`.
- Need to implement the `__getitem__(self, idx)` method which takes an integer index to return the input and output tensors of the dataset.
- The `__len__` method is implemented to return the number of data points in the dataset. Used by the `DataLoader` to stop iterations at an epoch (once through all the data).
- Can be constructed with `__init__` method options to pass a `transform` or `target_transform` key word option that will transform the input and output tensors. The options take a callable function that will be applied to the tensors.
- Datasets only return one input, output tuple at a time.

DataLoaders

- `DataLoaders` take a dataset and allow you to select options such as `batch_size` and `shuffle`.
- `DataLoaders` will return a batch of inputs and outputs, size defined by `batch_size` option.
- `DataLoaders` if iterated on will proceed through one epoch.

[1] The Linux Foundation, "Datasets & DataLoaders– PyTorch Tutorials 2.6.0 +cu124 documentation," pytorch.org. https://pytorch.org/tutorials/beginner/basics/data_tutorial.html (accessed Mar. 20, 2025).



Overview – Big Picture Up To Now

DataLoader:

We have implemented a RandDataset that returns input vectors (x^0) of some length (m) to output vectors (y^0) of some length (n). Internally, this is done by setting a random (mxn) matrix (A) that performs the mapping.

$$A^T x^0 = y^0$$

Model:

We have implemented a PyTorch deep learning model with at least one linear layer and one ReLU function that takes input vectors (x) of some length (m) and returns output vectors (y) of some length (n). Parameters in the linear layers determine how the output vector (y).

$$x \xrightarrow{\text{Model}} y$$

Training:

We want to train the model (optimize the parameters) to ensure that given some input vector $x = x^0$ that the model returns $y = y^0$



Training PyTorch Models: DataLoaders, Train and Test sets

```
import copy
from torch.utils.data import DataLoader

batch_size = 32

train_dataset = RandDataset(3,5,32000)
test_dataset = copy.deepcopy(train_dataset)
test_dataset.length = 1000

train_dataloader = DataLoader(train_dataset, batch_size=batch_size)
test_dataloader = DataLoader(test_dataset, batch_size=batch_size)
```



Training PyTorch Models: Models, Loss functions, and Optimizers

```
from torch import nn, optim

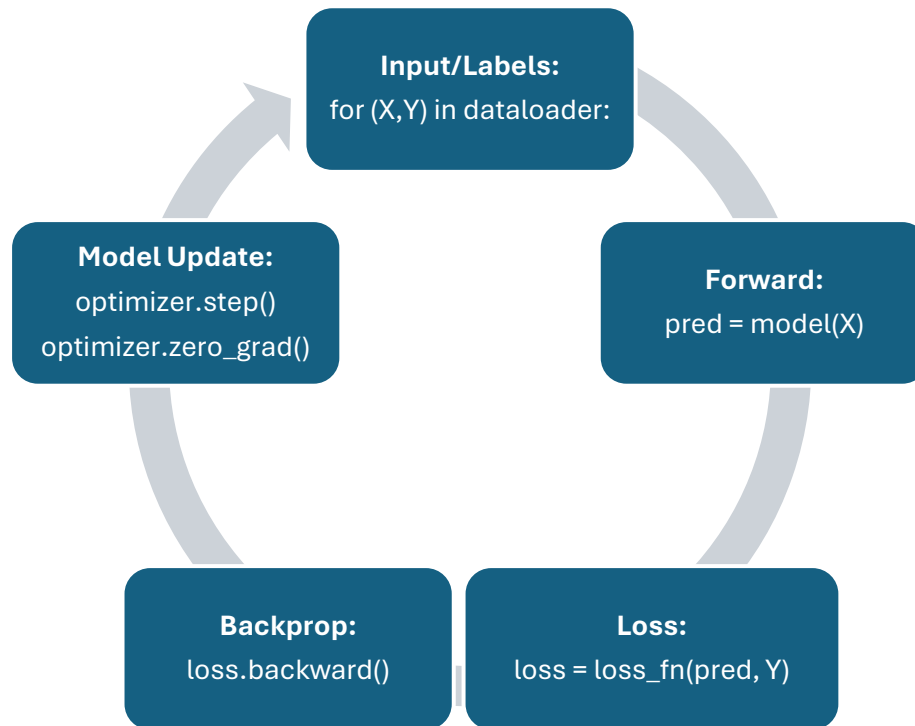
learning_rate = 1e-2

my_model = NNModel(3,5,20)

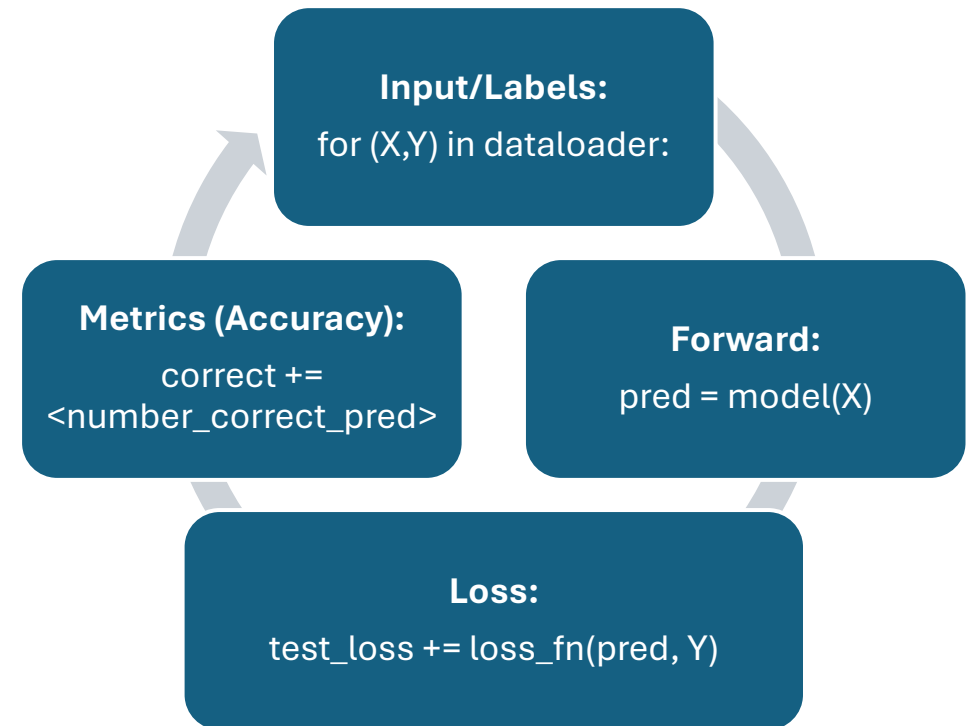
loss_fn = nn.MSELoss(reduction='sum')
optimizer = optim.SGD(my_model.parameters(), lr=learning_rate)
```

Training PyTorch Models: Graphical Overview

Training Loop (over one epoch)



Test Loop (over one epoch)





Training PyTorch Models: Training Loop

```
def train_loop(dataloader, model, loss_fn, optimizer):
    size = len(dataloader.dataset)
    model.train()
    for batch, (X,Y) in enumerate(dataloader):
        pred = model(X)
        loss = loss_fn(pred, Y)
        avg_loss = loss / len(pred)

        avg_loss.backward()
        optimizer.step()
        optimizer.zero_grad()

    if (batch+1) %100 == 0:
        avg_loss, current = avg_loss.item(), batch * batch_size + len(pred)
        print(f"Avg. loss: {avg_loss:>7f}, [current:{current:>5d}/{size:>5d}]")
```




Training PyTorch Models: Test Loop

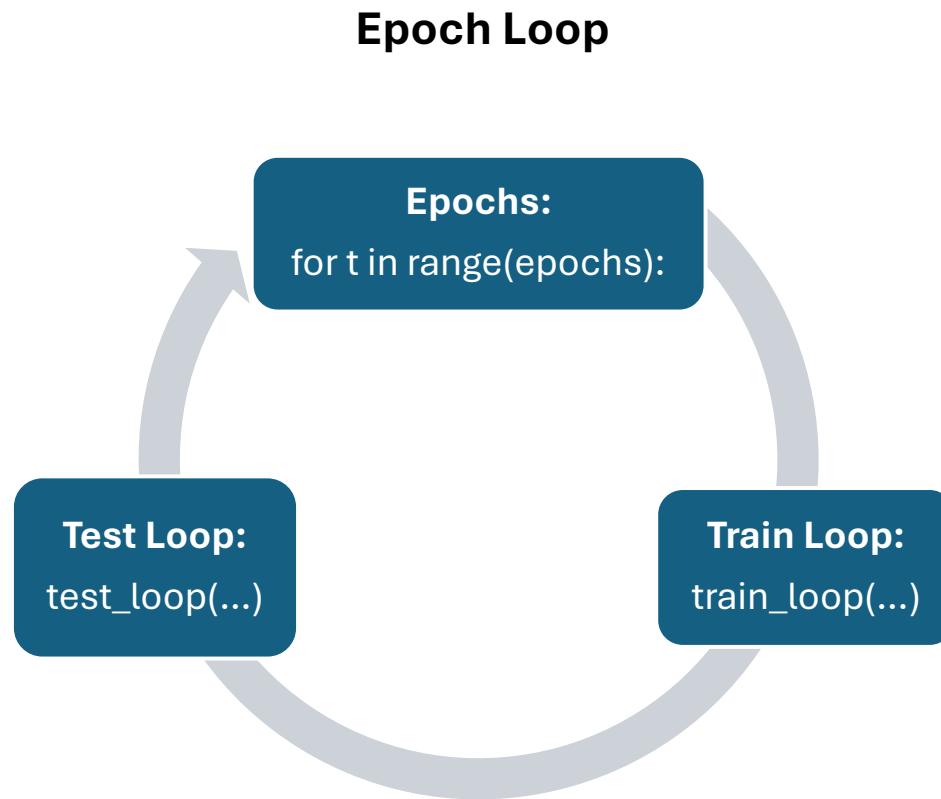
```
def test_loop(dataloader, model, loss_fn, tolerance):
    size = len(dataloader.dataset)
    num_batches = len(dataloader)
    model.eval()
    test_loss, correct = 0, 0

    with torch.no_grad():
        for (X,Y) in dataloader:
            pred = model(X)
            test_loss += (loss_fn(pred, Y) / len(pred)).item()
            correct += ((pred - Y).abs() <
tolerance).all(dim=1).type(torch.float).sum().item()

    test_loss /= num_batches
    correct /= size

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

Training PyTorch Models: Graphical Overview – Epoch Loop



```
def epoch_loop(epochs, train_dataloader,
               test_dataloader, model, loss_fn,
               optimizer, tolerance):

    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, tolerance)

    print("Done")
```



Training PyTorch Models: Executing Training

```
batch_size = 32
learning_rate = 1e-2
epochs = 50
tolerance = 1e-2

train_dataset = RandDataset(3,5,32000)
test_dataset = copy.deepcopy(train_dataset)
test_dataset.length = 1000

train_dataloader = DataLoader(train_dataset,batch_size=batch_size)
test_dataloader = DataLoader(test_dataset,batch_size=batch_size)

my_model = NNModel(3,5,20)

loss_fn = nn.MSELoss(reduction='sum')
optimizer = optim.SGD(my_model.parameters(), lr=learning_rate)

epoch_loop(epochs, train_dataloader, test_dataloader, my_model, loss_fn, optimizer, tolerance)
```

Training PyTorch Models: Executing Training

Out:

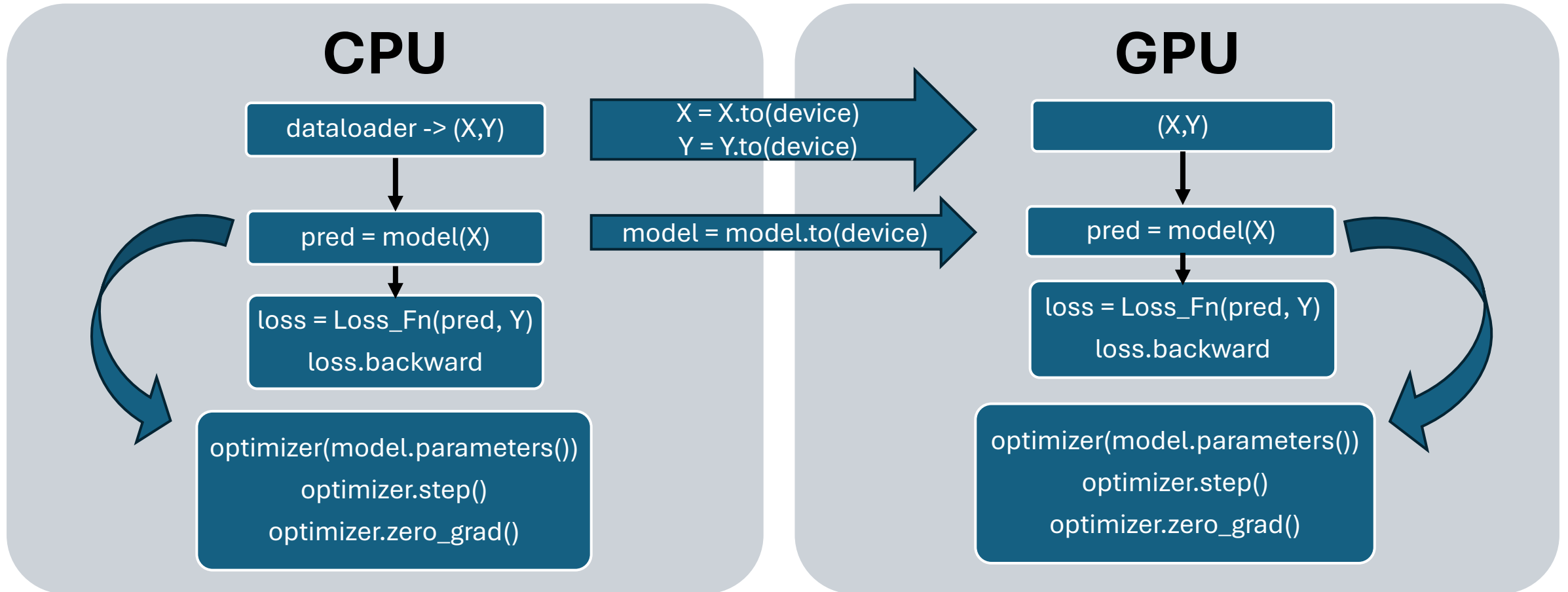
```
Epoch 1
-----
Avg. loss: 0.173822, [current: 3200/32000]
Avg. loss: 0.109654, [current: 6400/32000]
Avg. loss: 0.072340, [current: 9600/32000]
Avg. loss: 0.043262, [current:12800/32000]
Avg. loss: 0.032554, [current:16000/32000]
Avg. loss: 0.026890, [current:19200/32000]
Avg. loss: 0.022141, [current:22400/32000]
Avg. loss: 0.020239, [current:25600/32000]
Avg. loss: 0.018051, [current:28800/32000]
Avg. loss: 0.014956, [current:32000/32000]
Test Error:
  Accuracy: 0.1%, Avg. loss: 0.018523
```



Out:

```
Epoch 50
-----
Avg. loss: 0.000005, [current: 3200/32000]
Avg. loss: 0.000010, [current: 6400/32000]
Avg. loss: 0.000057, [current: 9600/32000]
Avg. loss: 0.000004, [current:12800/32000]
Avg. loss: 0.000012, [current:16000/32000]
Avg. loss: 0.000023, [current:19200/32000]
Avg. loss: 0.000017, [current:22400/32000]
Avg. loss: 0.000007, [current:25600/32000]
Avg. loss: 0.000015, [current:28800/32000]
Avg. loss: 0.000022, [current:32000/32000]
Test Error:
  Accuracy: 99.2%, Avg. loss: 0.000017
```

Training PyTorch Models: Using the GPU





Training PyTorch Models: Using the GPU

```
def train_loop(dataloader, model, loss_fn, optimizer, device=None):
    ...
    for batch, (X,Y) in enumerate(dataloader):
        if device:
            X = X.to(device)
            Y = Y.to(device)
        ...

def test_loop(dataloader, model, loss_fn, tolerance, device=None):
    ...
    with torch.no_grad():
        for (X,Y) in dataloader:
            if device:
                X = X.to(device)
                Y = Y.to(device)
            ...
```



Training PyTorch Models: Using the GPU

```
device = torch.device('cpu')

if torch.cuda.is_available():
    device = torch.device(torch.cuda.current_device())

print(f"Using device - {device}")

my_model = NNModel(3,5,20)
my_model = my_model.to(device)

optimizer = optim.SGD(my_model.parameters(), lr=learning_rate)

epoch_loop(epochs, train_dataloader, test_dataloader, my_model, loss_fn,
optimizer, tolerance, device)
```




Training PyTorch Models Summary [1]

Components

- DataLoaders provide the training and test data (input and expected result) for training and validation.
- Models provide predictions.
- Loss is calculated from a loss function which take the predictions and expected results as input.
 - Additional loss functions are documented
- An optimizer is connected to a model via its `model.parameters()`. This allows it to get the gradients from parameters and update them.

Optimizers

- PyTorch provides a library of optimizers in the `torch.optim` namespace, a full list of available loss functions are listed in the documentation: (<https://pytorch.org/docs/stable/optim.html>).

Loss Functions

- PyTorch provides a library of loss functions in the `torch.nn` namespace, a full list of available loss functions are listed in the documentation: (<https://pytorch.org/docs/stable/nn.html#loss-functions>).

[1] The Linux Foundation, "Optimizing Model Parameters – PyTorch Tutorials 2.6.0 +cu124 documentation," pytorch.org. https://pytorch.org/tutorials/beginner/basics/optimization_tutorial.html (accessed Mar. 24, 2025).



Training PyTorch Models Summary [1]

Training and Test Loops

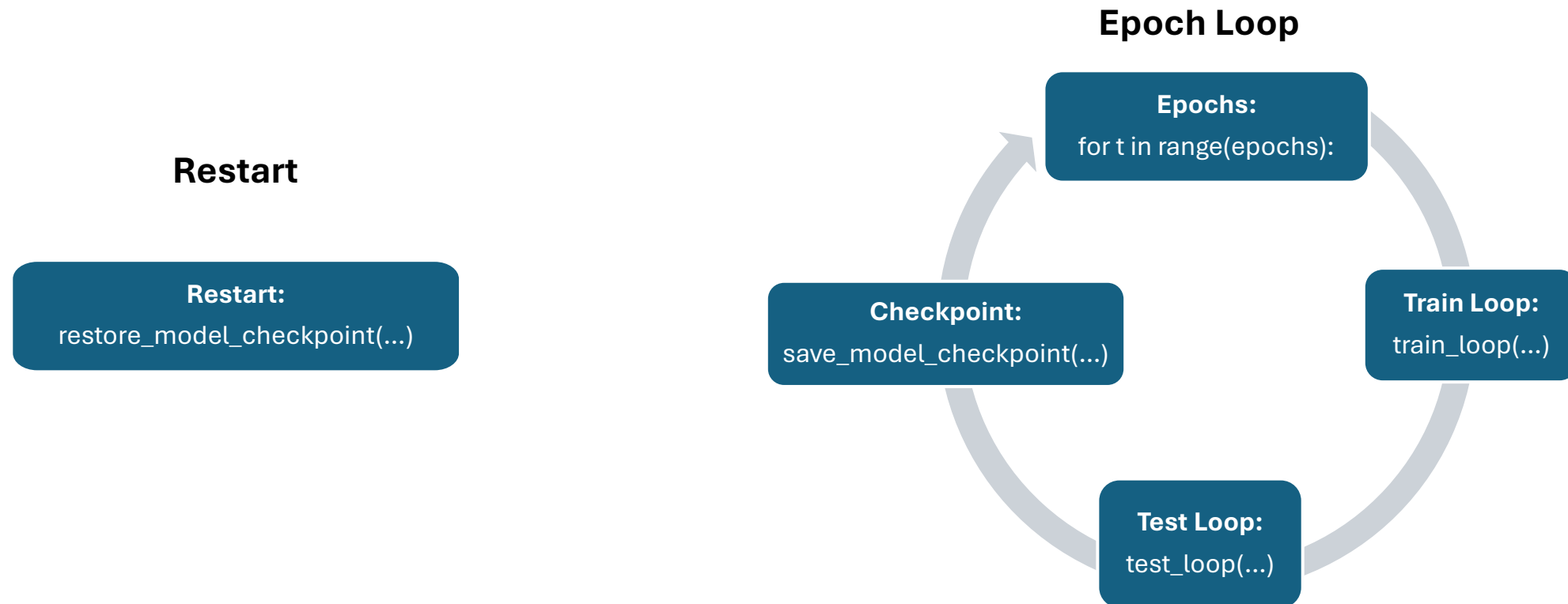
- Performs loops over each input batch via DataLoader, getting the input and expected output.
- Use model to perform prediction.
- Use loss function to calculate the loss based on prediction and expected output.
- Calculate parameter gradients from loss via `loss.backward()`
- Update model parameters and reset model gradients via the optimizer.

Using the GPU

- The batch input and expected output tensors can be moved to the GPU.
- The model can also be moved to the GPU.
- Resulting predictions and loss will be on the GPU as a result of the moves above.
- Optimizer operates on the model's parameters and gradients, which are already on the GPU.

[1] The Linux Foundation, "Optimizing Model Parameters – PyTorch Tutorials 2.6.0 +cu124 documentation," pytorch.org. https://pytorch.org/tutorials/beginner/basics/optimization_tutorial.html (accessed Mar. 24, 2025).

Loading and Saving PyTorch Models: Graphical Overview





Saving and Loading PyTorch Models: Epoch Loop

```
def epoch_loop(epochs, train_dataloader, test_dataloader, model, loss_fn,
optimizer, tolerance, device=None, file_path=None):

    if file_path:
        epoch_last = restore_model_checkpoint(model, optimizer, train_dataloader,
test_dataloader, file_path)

    for t in range(epoch_last+1, epochs):
        print(f"Epoch {t+1}\n-----")
        train_loop(train_dataloader, model, loss_fn, optimizer, device)
        test_loop(test_dataloader, model, loss_fn, tolerance, device)

        if file_path:
            save_model_checkpoint(model, optimizer, train_dataloader, t,
file_path)
    print("Done")
```



Saving and Loading PyTorch Models: Save Checkpoint

```
def save_model_checkpoint(model, optimizer, dataloader, epoch, file_path):  
  
    save_dict = dict(  
        model_state_dict = model.state_dict(),  
        optimizer_state_dict = optimizer.state_dict(),  
        epoch = epoch,  
        dataloader_mapping = dataloader.dataset.mapping,  
    )  
  
    torch.save(save_dict, file_path)
```



Saving and Loading PyTorch Models: Restore from Checkpoint

```
def restore_model_checkpoint(model, optimizer, train_dataloader, test_dataloader,
                             file_path):
    epoch = -1

    if file_path.exists():
        print(f"Restarting from checkpoint: {str(file_path)}")

        checkpoint = torch.load(file_path, weights_only=True)

        model.load_state_dict(checkpoint['model_state_dict'])
        optimizer.load_state_dict(checkpoint['optimizer_state_dict'])
        train_dataloader.dataset.mapping = checkpoint['dataloader_mapping']
        test_dataloader.dataset.mapping = checkpoint['dataloader_mapping']
        epoch = checkpoint['epoch']

    return epoch
```



Training PyTorch Models: Executing Training with Checkpointing

```
from pathlib import Path

batch_size = 32
learning_rate = 1e-2
epochs = 50
tolerance = 1e-2
checkpoint_file = Path() / 'model_checkpoint.pth'

train_dataset = RandDataset(3,5,32000)
test_dataset = copy.deepcopy(train_dataset)
test_dataset.length = 1000

train_dataloader = DataLoader(train_dataset,batch_size=batch_size)
test_dataloader = DataLoader(test_dataset,batch_size=batch_size)

my_model = NNModel(3,5,20)

loss_fn = nn.MSELoss(reduction='sum')
optimizer = optim.SGD(my_model.parameters(), lr=learning_rate)

epoch_loop(epochs, train_dataloader, test_dataloader, my_model, loss_fn, optimizer, tolerance, checkpoint_file)
```


Training PyTorch Models: Executing Training with Checkpointing

Out:

Epoch 1

```
-----  
Avg. loss: 0.173822, [current: 3200/32000]  
Avg. loss: 0.109654, [current: 6400/32000]  
Avg. loss: 0.072340, [current: 9600/32000]  
Avg. loss: 0.043262, [current:12800/32000]  
Avg. loss: 0.032554, [current:16000/32000]  
Avg. loss: 0.026890, [current:19200/32000]  
Avg. loss: 0.022141, [current:22400/32000]  
Avg. loss: 0.020239, [current:25600/32000]  
Avg. loss: 0.018051, [current:28800/32000]  
Avg. loss: 0.014956, [current:32000/32000]  
Test Error:  
Accuracy: 0.1%, Avg. loss: 0.018523
```



Out:

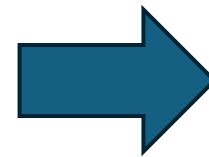
Epoch 6

```
-----  
Avg. loss: 0.000998, [current: 3200/32000]  
Avg. loss: 0.001015, [current: 6400/32000]  
Avg. loss: 0.000801, [current: 9600/32000]  
Avg. loss: 0.000676, [current:12800/32000]  
Avg. loss: 0.000612, [current:16000/32000]  
Avg. loss: 0.000665, [current:19200/32000]  
Avg. loss: 0.000377, [current:22400/32000]  
Avg. loss: 0.000530, [current:25600/32000]  
Avg. loss: 0.000601, [current:28800/32000]  
Avg. loss: 0.000609, [current:32000/32000]  
Test Error:  
Accuracy: 36.9%, Avg. loss: 0.000669
```

Training PyTorch Models: Executing Training with Checkpointing

Out:

```
Restarting from checkpoint: model_checkpoint.pth
Epoch 7
-----
Avg. loss: 0.000723, [current: 3200/32000]
Avg. loss: 0.000534, [current: 6400/32000]
Avg. loss: 0.000824, [current: 9600/32000]
Avg. loss: 0.000949, [current:12800/32000]
Avg. loss: 0.000497, [current:16000/32000]
Avg. loss: 0.000587, [current:19200/32000]
Avg. loss: 0.000697, [current:22400/32000]
Avg. loss: 0.000450, [current:25600/32000]
Avg. loss: 0.000379, [current:28800/32000]
Avg. loss: 0.000571, [current:32000/32000]
Test Error:
  Accuracy: 46.2%, Avg. loss: 0.000577
```



Out:

```
Epoch 12
-----
Avg. loss: 0.000704, [current: 3200/32000]
Avg. loss: 0.000259, [current: 6400/32000]
Avg. loss: 0.000199, [current: 9600/32000]
Avg. loss: 0.000274, [current:12800/32000]
Avg. loss: 0.000640, [current:16000/32000]
Avg. loss: 0.000586, [current:19200/32000]
Avg. loss: 0.000350, [current:22400/32000]
Avg. loss: 0.000317, [current:25600/32000]
Avg. loss: 0.000140, [current:28800/32000]
Avg. loss: 0.000320, [current:32000/32000]
Test Error:
  Accuracy: 66.3%, Avg. loss: 0.000353
```



Saving and Loading PyTorch Models [1,2]

Saving Model and Optimizer Parameters

- A model's parameters can be exported via its `.state_dict()` method.
- An optimizer's parameters can be exported via its `.state_dict()` method.

Saving/Loading a Checkpoint File

- `torch.save` is used to save checkpoints of models. It takes a dictionary of objects to save and a file path.
- `torch.load` is used to load checkpoints of models. It takes a file path and parameters such as `weights_only`.

Saving/Loading other information

- Other information such as last epoch and data needed to restore the state of the training, validation, or model can be saved in the checkpoint file.
- Assign each data value to a different dictionary key in the dictionary used to save the file via `torch.save`.
- Restore each data value by its key from the dictionary returned from the `torch.load` call.

[1] The Linux Foundation, "Save and Load the Model – PyTorch Tutorials 2.6.0 +cu124 documentation," pytorch.org. https://pytorch.org/tutorials/beginner/basics/saveloadrun_tutorial.html (accessed Mar. 24, 2025).

[2] The Linux Foundation, "Saving and Loading Models – PyTorch Tutorials 2.6.0 +cu124 documentation," pytorch.org. https://pytorch.org/tutorials/beginner/saving_loading_models.html (accessed Mar. 24, 2025).



Hands On Session

Open OnDemand – JupyterLab Notebooks

- Expanse: <https://portal.expanse.sdsc.edu/pun/sys/dashboard/>
- Delta: <https://openondemand.delta.ncsa.illinois.edu/pun/sys/dashboard/>
- DeltaAI: <https://gh-ondemand.delta.ncsa.illinois.edu/pun/sys/dashboard/>

SSH Command Line Access and File systems

- Expanse: `ssh <username>@login.expanse.sdsc.edu`
- Delta: `ssh <username>@login.delta.ncsa.illinois.edu`
- DeltaAI: `ssh <username>@dtai-login.delta.ncsa.illinois.edu`

Downloading Exercises

- `git clone` <https://github.com/access-ci-org/AI-Unlocked-Workshop-2025.git>
 - `AI-Unlocked-Workshop-2025/track2-Intermediate-to-Advanced/introduction-to-pytorch/`

Hands On Session: Expanse

Open OnDemand – JupyterLab Notebooks

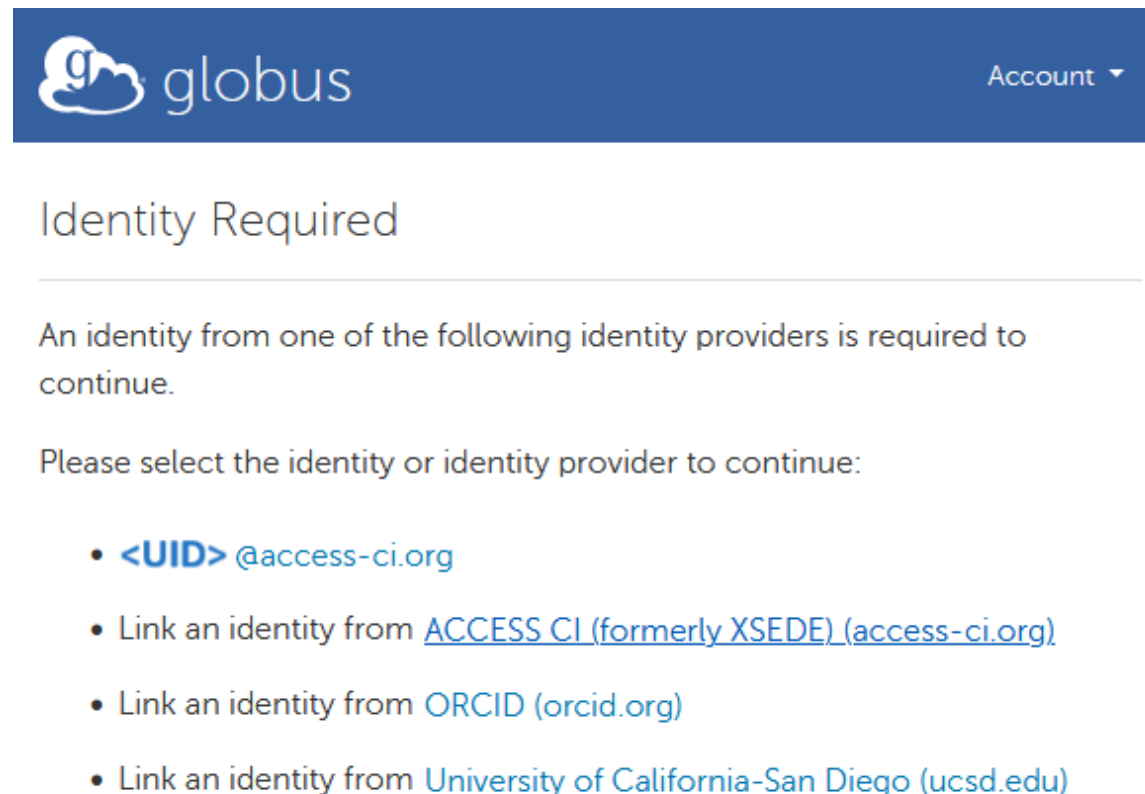
- Expanse:
<https://portal.expense.sdsc.edu/pun/sys/dashboard/>

SSH Command Line Access and File systems

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 - AI-Unlocked-Workshop-2025/track2-Intermediate-to-Advanced/introduction-to-pytorch/



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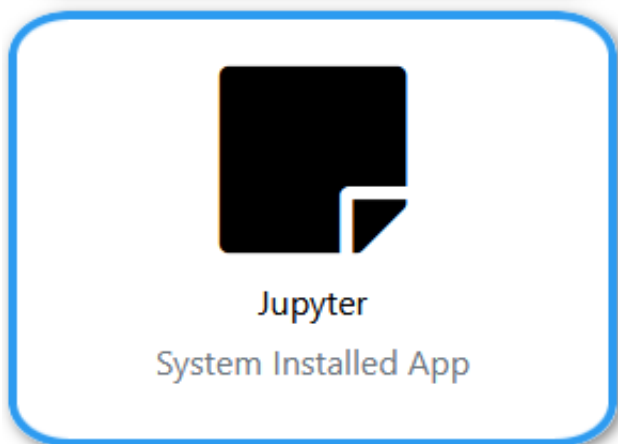
- `<UID>@access-ci.org`
- Link an identity from [ACCESS CI \(formerly XSEDE\) \(access-ci.org\)](#)
- Link an identity from [ORCID \(orcid.org\)](#)
- Link an identity from [University of California-San Diego \(ucsd.edu\)](#)

Hands On Session: Expanse

Open OnDemand – JupyterLab Notebooks

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Look for the Jupyter application (Icon below)



Jupyter Session

Account:

TG-CIS250186

Partition (Please choose the gpu, gpu-shared, or gpu-preempt as the partition if using gpus):

gpu-shared

Time limit (min):

60

Number of cores:

10

Memory required per node (GB):

96

GPUs (optional):

1

Singularity Image File Location: (Use your own or to include from existing container library at /cm/shared/apps/container e.g., /cm/shared/apps/containers/singularity/pytorch/pytorch-latest.sif)

/cm/shared/apps/containers/singularity/pytorch/pytorch-latest.sif

Environment modules to be loaded (E.g., to use latest version of system Anaconda3 include cpu,gcc,anaconda3):

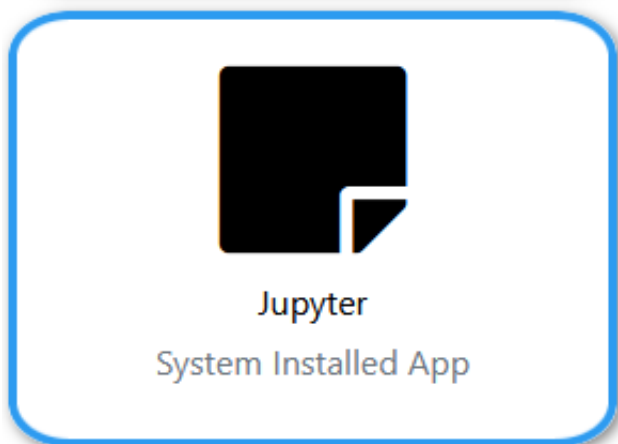
singularitypro

Hands On Session: Expanse

Open OnDemand – JupyterLab Notebooks

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Field	Expanse
Account	TG-CIS250186
Partition	gpu-shared
Time limit (min)	60
Number of cores	10
Memory required per node (GB)	96
GPUs (optional)	1
Singularity Image File Location	/cm/shared/apps/containers/singularity/pytorch/pytorch-latest.sif
Environment modules to be loaded	singularitypro
Working directory	home or lustre
Type	JupyterLab

Hands On Session: Delta and DeltaAI

Open OnDemand – JupyterLab Notebooks

- Delta: <https://openondemand.delta.ncsa.illinois.edu/pun/sys/dashboard/>
- DeltaAI: <https://gh-ondemand.delta.ncsa.illinois.edu/pun/sys/dashboard/>

SSH Command Line Access and File systems

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Downloading Exercises

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DeltaAI Open OnDemand requests access to the following information.
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Selected Identity Provider

National Center for Supercomputing Applications

☐ Remember this selection

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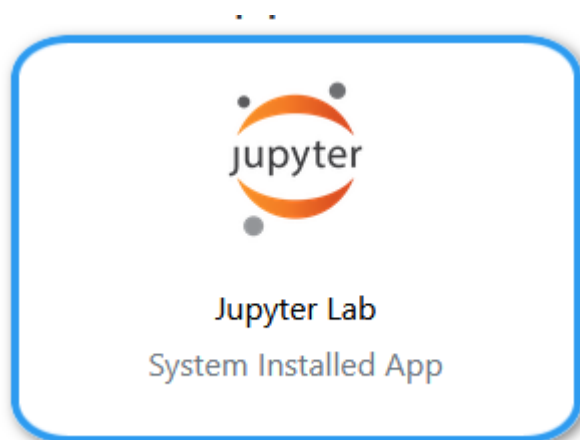
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Hands On Session: Delta and DeltaAI

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Look for the JupyterLab application (Icon below)



Jupyter Lab

This app will launch a Jupyter Lab server on one compute node.

Name of account

beeh-delta-gpu

Chargeable account of the form abcd-delta-cpu or abcd-delta-gpu. Replace abcd with your allocation code.

Partition

gpuA40x4-interactive

Interactive partitions are limited to one hour.

Duration of job

01:00:00

Slurm format: DD-HH:MM:SS

Name of reservation (leave empty if none)

Number of CPUs

16

Amount of RAM

64G

Use Slurm format, e.g. 4096M, 10G. If left blank, 1000 MB will be allocated per CPU core requested.

Number of GPUs

1

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Working Directory

Select your project directory; defaults to \$HOME

Select Path

Launch

* The Jupyter Lab session data for this session can be accessed under the data root directory.

Jupyter Lab

This app will launch a Jupyter Lab server on one compute node.

Name of account

beeh-dtai-gh

Chargeable account of the form abcd-delta-cpu or abcd-delta-gpu. Replace abcd with your allocation code.

Partition

ghx4

Interactive partitions are limited to one hour.

Duration of job

02:00:00

Slurm format: DD-HH:MM:SS

Name of reservation (leave empty if none)

Number of CPUs

72

Amount of RAM

Use Slurm format, e.g. 4096M, 10G. If left blank, 1000 MB will be allocated per CPU core requested.

Number of GPUs

1

☐ I would like to receive an email when the session starts

Working Directory

Select your project directory; defaults to \$HOME

Select Path

Launch

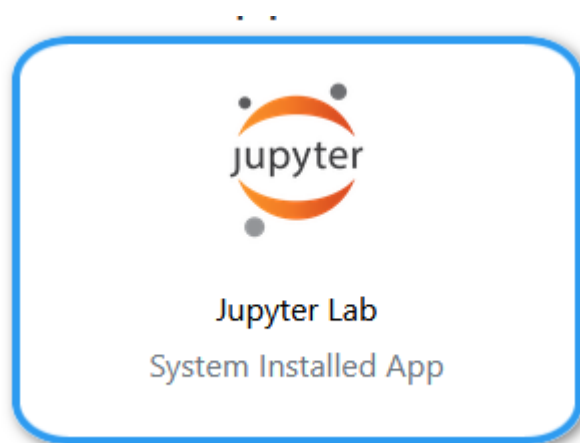
* The Jupyter Lab session data for this session can be accessed under the data root directory.

Hands On Session: Delta and DeltaAI

Open OnDemand – JupyterLab Notebooks

- Delta: <https://openondemand.delta.ncsa.illinois.edu/pun/sys/dashboard/>
- DeltaAI: <https://gh-ondemand.delta.ncsa.illinois.edu/pun/sys/dashboard/>

Look for the JupyterLab application (Icon below)



Field	Delta	DeltaAI
Name of account	beeh-delta-gpu	beeh-dtai-gh
Partition	gpuA100x4-interactive or gpuA40x4-interactive	ghx4
Duration of Job	1:00:00	2:00:00
Number of CPUs	16	72
Amount of RAM	64G	< leave blank >
Number of GPUs	1	1

Hands On Session: Launching Jupyter (Expanse, Delta, DeltaAI)

Expanse:

Jupyter Session

2025-03-24 10:07:39 -0700 [https://unread-cabbie-portside.expanse-user-content.sdsc.edu/?token=\[REDACTED\]](https://unread-cabbie-portside.expanse-user-content.sdsc.edu/?token=[REDACTED])

2025-03-24 11:01:34 -0700 [https://footless-catfish-stylishly.expanse-user-content.sdsc.edu/?token=\[REDACTED\]](https://footless-catfish-stylishly.expanse-user-content.sdsc.edu/?token=[REDACTED])

Delta and DeltaAI:

Jupyter Lab (584244)

Queued

Created at: 2025-03-24 12:35:26 CDT

Time Requested: 2 hours

Session ID: 32036e2d-acb1-4b43-8a68-fb92506d0687

⌕ Delete

Please be patient as your job currently sits in queue. The wait time depends on the number of cores as well as time requested.

Jupyter Lab (584244)

1 node | 72 cores | Running

Host: >_gh137

Created at: 2025-03-24 12:35:26 CDT

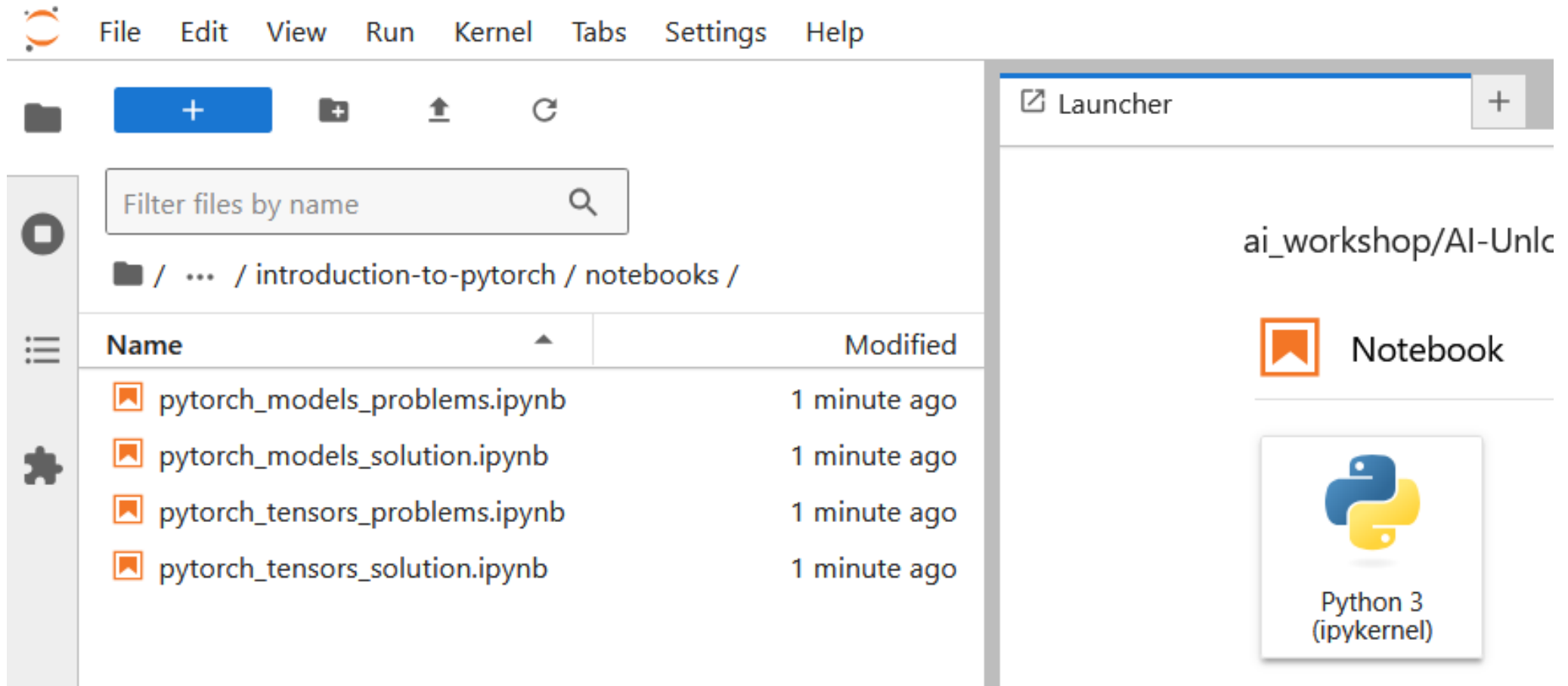
Time Remaining: 1 hour and 59 minutes

Session ID: 32036e2d-acb1-4b43-8a68-fb92506d0687

⌕ Delete

Connect to Jupyter

JupyterLab Session



The screenshot displays the JupyterLab web interface. At the top is a menu bar with options: File, Edit, View, Run, Kernel, Tabs, Settings, and Help. Below the menu is a toolbar with icons for file operations. The left sidebar contains a file browser with a search bar labeled "Filter files by name". The current path is "/ ... / introduction-to-pytorch / notebooks /". A table lists four files, each with a notebook icon, its name, and a "Modified" timestamp of "1 minute ago".

Name	Modified
pytorch_models_problems.ipynb	1 minute ago
pytorch_models_solution.ipynb	1 minute ago
pytorch_tensors_problems.ipynb	1 minute ago
pytorch_tensors_solution.ipynb	1 minute ago

The right sidebar features a "Launcher" tab. It shows the current directory "ai_workshop/AI-Unlc" and a "Notebook" button with a bookmark icon. Below this is a large button with the Python logo and the text "Python 3 (ipykernel)".

JupyterLab Session

The screenshot shows a JupyterLab environment with two open notebooks: `pytorch_tensors_problems.ip` and `pytorch_models_problems.ip`. The active notebook, `pytorch_tensors_problems.ip`, displays the following content:

PyTorch Tensor Notebook

This notebook will allow you to get practice in utilizing tensors in PyTorch and explore their properties and uses. Code exercises denoted by a problem number (i.e. Problem #1) will include a task and a code block that asks for your solution. These blocks will be denoted by comments of the form '# YOUR CODE HERE #'. The code immediately following include assertions that are used to check completeness of the response. They will raise an exception if the previous solution is not complete or not correct.

Declaring, Initializing, and Operating on PyTorch Tensors

Reference: The Linux Foundation, "Tensors-PyTorch Tutorials 2.6.0 +cu124 documentation," pytorch.org https://pytorch.org/tutorials/beginner/basics/tensorqs_tutorial.html (accessed Mar. 12, 2025).

```
[ ]: import torch
import numpy as np
```

Problem #1: Given the data in python list (data) and numpy array format (numpy_data). Initialize a PyTorch tensor with the data named "pt_tensor", using data, and "pt_tensor_numpy", using numpy_data.

```
[ ]: data = [[3, 6, 9, 12], [7, 14, 21, 28], [9, 18, 27, 36]]
numpy_data = np.array(data)

# YOUR CODE HERE #

assert pt_tensor.shape == (3,4)
assert pt_tensor_numpy.shape == (3,4)
assert (pt_tensor - pt_tensor_numpy).sum().item() == 0
```