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This training script can be run both on a single gpu in debug mode,
and also in a larger training run with distributed data parallel (ddp).
To run on a single GPU, example:
$ python train.py --batch size=32 --compile=False
To run with DDP on 4 gpus on 1 node, example:
$ torchrun --standalone --nproc per node=4 train.py
To run with DDP on 4 gpus across 2 nodes, example:
- Run on the first (master) node with example IP 123.456.123.456:
$ torchrun --nproc per node=8 --nnodes=2 --node rank=0 --master addr=123.456.123.456 --
master port=1234 train.py
- Run on the worker node:
$ torchrun --nproc per node=8 --nnodes=2 --node rank=1 --master addr=123.456.123.456 --
master port=1234 train.py
(If your cluster does not have Infiniband interconnect prepend NCCL IB DISABLE=1)
import os
import time
import math
import pickle
from contextlib import nullcontext
import numpy as np
import torch
from torch.nn.parallel import DistributedDataParallel as DDP
from torch.distributed import init process group, destroy process group
from model import GPTConfig, GPT
# default config values designed to train a gpt2 (124M) on OpenWebText
# I/O
out dir = 'out'
eval interval = 2000
log interval = 1
eval iters = 200
eval only = False # if True, script exits right after the first eval
always save checkpoint = True # if True, always save a checkpoint after each eval
init_from = 'scratch' # 'scratch' or 'resume' or 'gpt2*'
# wandb logging
wandb log = False # disabled by default
wandb_project = 'owt'
wandb run name = 'gpt2' # 'run' + str(time.time())
# data
dataset = 'openwebtext'
gradient accumulation steps = 5 * 8 # used to simulate larger batch sizes
batch_size = 12 # if gradient_accumulation_steps > 1, this is the micro-batch size
block size = 1024
# model
n layer = 12
n head = 12
n = 768
dropout = 0.0 # for pretraining 0 is good, for finetuning try 0.1+
bias = False # do we use bias inside LayerNorm and Linear layers?
# adamw optimizer
learning rate = 6e-4 # max learning rate
max_iters = 600000 # total number of training iterations
weight decay = 1e-1
beta1 = 0.9
beta2 = 0.95
grad clip = 1.0 # clip gradients at this value, or disable if == 0.0
# learning rate decay settings
decay lr = True # whether to decay the learning rate
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warmup_iters = 2000 # how many steps to warm up for
1r decay iters = 600000 # should be ~= max iters per Chinchilla
min lr = 6e-5 # minimum learning rate, should be ~= learning rate/10 per Chinchilla
# DDP settings
backend = 'nccl' # 'nccl', 'gloo', etc.
# system
device = 'cuda' # examples: 'cpu', 'cuda', 'cuda:0', 'cuda:1' etc., or try 'mps' on macbooks
dtype = 'bfloat16' if torch.cuda.is available() and torch.cuda.is bf16 supported() else
'float16' # 'float32', 'bfloat16', or 'float16', the latter will auto implement a GradScaler
compile = True # use PyTorch 2.0 to compile the model to be faster
# -----
config_keys = [k for k,v in globals().items() if not k.startswith('_') and isinstance(v, (int,
float, bool, str))]
exec(open('configurator.py').read()) # overrides from command line or config file
config = {k: globals()[k] for k in config_keys} # will be useful for logging
# various inits, derived attributes, I/O setup
ddp = int(os.environ.get('RANK', -1)) != -1 # is this a ddp run?
if ddp:
   init process group(backend=backend)
   ddp rank = int(os.environ['RANK'])
   ddp local rank = int(os.environ['LOCAL RANK'])
   ddp world size = int(os.environ['WORLD SIZE'])
   device = f'cuda:{ddp local rank}'
   torch.cuda.set device(device)
   master process = ddp rank == 0 # this process will do logging, checkpointing etc.
   seed offset = ddp rank # each process gets a different seed
   # world size number of processes will be training simultaneously, so we can scale
   # down the desired gradient accumulation iterations per process proportionally
   assert gradient accumulation steps % ddp world size == 0
   gradient accumulation steps //= ddp world size
else:
   # if not ddp, we are running on a single gpu, and one process
   master process = True
   seed offset = 0
   ddp world size = 1
tokens per iter = gradient accumulation steps * ddp world size * batch size * block size
print(f"tokens per iteration will be: {tokens per iter:,}")
if master_process:
   os.makedirs(out dir, exist ok=True)
torch.manual_seed(1337 + seed_offset)
torch.backends.cuda.matmul.allow tf32 = True # allow tf32 on matmul
torch.backends.cudnn.allow tf32 = True # allow tf32 on cudnn
device type = 'cuda' if 'cuda' in device else 'cpu' # for later use in torch.autocast
# note: float16 data type will automatically use a GradScaler
ptdtype = {'float32': torch.float32, 'bfloat16': torch.bfloat16, 'float16': torch.float16}
ctx = nullcontext() if device type == 'cpu' else torch.amp.autocast(device type=device type,
dtype=ptdtype)
# poor man's data loader
data dir = os.path.join('data', dataset)
def get batch(split):
   # We recreate np.memmap every batch to avoid a memory leak, as per
    # https://stackoverflow.com/questions/45132940/numpy-memmap-memory-usage-want-to-iterate-
once/61472122#61472122
   if split == 'train':
       data = np.memmap(os.path.join(data dir, 'train.bin'), dtype=np.uint16, mode='r')
   else:
       data = np.memmap(os.path.join(data_dir, 'val.bin'), dtype=np.uint16, mode='r')
   ix = torch.randint(len(data) - block_size, (batch_size,))
   x = \text{torch.stack([torch.from numpy((data[i:i+block size]).astype(np.int64))} for i in ix])}
   y = torch.stack([torch.from numpy((data[i+1:i+1+block size]).astype(np.int64))) for i in
ix])
   if device type == 'cuda':
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# pin arrays x, y, which allows us to move them to GPU asynchronously
(non blocking=True)
        x, y = x.pin memory().to(device, non blocking=True), <math>y.pin memory().to(device,
non_blocking=True)
    else:
        x, y = x.to(device), y.to(device)
    return x, y
# init these up here, can override if init from='resume' (i.e. from a checkpoint)
iter num = 0
best_val_loss = 1e9
# attempt to derive vocab size from the dataset
meta path = os.path.join(data dir, 'meta.pkl')
meta vocab size = None
if os.path.exists(meta path):
   with open(meta path, 'rb') as f:
       meta = pickle.load(f)
   meta vocab size = meta['vocab size']
   print(f"found vocab size = {meta vocab size} (inside {meta path})")
# model init
model args = dict(n layer=n layer, n head=n head, n embd=n embd, block size=block size,
                  bias=bias, vocab size=None, dropout=dropout) # start with model args from
command line
if init from == 'scratch':
    # init a new model from scratch
   print("Initializing a new model from scratch")
    # determine the vocab size we'll use for from-scratch training
   if meta vocab size is None:
        print("defaulting to vocab_size of GPT-2 to 50304 (50257 rounded up for efficiency)")
   model args['vocab size'] = meta vocab size if meta vocab size is not None else 50304
    gptconf = GPTConfig(**model args)
   model = GPT(gptconf)
elif init from == 'resume':
   print(f"Resuming training from {out dir}")
    # resume training from a checkpoint.
    ckpt path = os.path.join(out dir, 'ckpt.pt')
    checkpoint = torch.load(ckpt path, map location=device)
    checkpoint model args = checkpoint['model args']
    # force these config attributes to be equal otherwise we can't even resume training
    # the rest of the attributes (e.g. dropout) can stay as desired from command line
    for k in ['n_layer', 'n_head', 'n_embd', 'block_size', 'bias', 'vocab_size']:
        model_args[k] = checkpoint_model_args[k]
    # create the model
    gptconf = GPTConfig(**model args)
   model = GPT(gptconf)
    state dict = checkpoint['model']
    # fix the keys of the state dictionary :(
    # honestly no idea how checkpoints sometimes get this prefix, have to debug more
   unwanted_prefix = '_orig_mod.'
    for k,v in list(state dict.items()):
        if k.startswith(unwanted prefix):
            state dict[k[len(unwanted prefix):]] = state dict.pop(k)
    model.load state dict(state dict)
    iter num = checkpoint['iter num']
   best_val_loss = checkpoint['best_val_loss']
elif init from.startswith('gpt2'):
   print(f"Initializing from OpenAI GPT-2 weights: {init from}")
    # initialize from OpenAI GPT-2 weights
   override args = dict(dropout=dropout)
   model = GPT.from pretrained(init from, override args)
    # read off the created config params, so we can store them into checkpoint correctly
    for k in ['n layer', 'n head', 'n embd', 'block size', 'bias', 'vocab size']:
       model args[k] = getattr(model.config, k)
# crop down the model block size if desired, using model surgery
if block size < model.config.block size:</pre>
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model.crop_block_size(block_size)
    model args['block size'] = block size # so that the checkpoint will have the right value
model.to(device)
# initialize a GradScaler. If enabled=False scaler is a no-op
scaler = torch.cuda.amp.GradScaler(enabled=(dtype == 'float16'))
# optimizer
optimizer = model.configure_optimizers(weight_decay, learning_rate, (beta1, beta2),
device type)
if init from == 'resume':
    optimizer.load_state_dict(checkpoint['optimizer'])
checkpoint = None # free up memory
# compile the model
if compile:
   print("compiling the model... (takes a ~minute)")
   unoptimized model = model
   model = torch.compile(model) # requires PyTorch 2.0
# wrap model into DDP container
if ddp:
   model = DDP(model, device ids=[ddp local rank])
# helps estimate an arbitrarily accurate loss over either split using many batches
@torch.no grad()
def estimate_loss():
   out = {}
   model.eval()
   for split in ['train', 'val']:
        losses = torch.zeros(eval iters)
        for k in range(eval iters):
            X, Y = get batch(split)
            with ctx:
                logits, loss = model(X, Y)
            losses[k] = loss.item()
        out[split] = losses.mean()
    model.train()
    return out
# learning rate decay scheduler (cosine with warmup)
def get lr(it):
    # 1) linear warmup for warmup_iters steps
    if it < warmup iters:</pre>
       return learning rate * it / warmup iters
    # 2) if it > 1r decay iters, return min learning rate
    if it > lr decay iters:
        return min lr
    # 3) in between, use cosine decay down to min learning rate
    decay ratio = (it - warmup iters) / (lr decay iters - warmup iters)
   assert 0 <= decay_ratio <= 1</pre>
    coeff = 0.5 * (1.0 + math.cos(math.pi * decay ratio)) # coeff ranges 0..1
    return min_lr + coeff * (learning_rate - min_lr)
# logging
if wandb log and master process:
    import wandb
    wandb.init(project=wandb_project, name=wandb_run_name, config=config)
# training loop
X, Y = get batch('train') # fetch the very first batch
t0 = time.time()
local iter num = 0 # number of iterations in the lifetime of this process
raw model = model.module if ddp else model # unwrap DDP container if needed
running mfu = -1.0
while True:
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# determine and set the learning rate for this iteration
    lr = get lr(iter num) if decay lr else learning rate
    for param group in optimizer.param groups:
         param group['lr'] = lr
    # evaluate the loss on train/val sets and write checkpoints
    if iter num % eval interval == 0 and master process:
         losses = estimate loss()
         print(f"step {iter num}: train loss {losses['train']:.4f}, val loss
{losses['val']:.4f}")
         if wandb log:
             wandb.log({
                  "iter": iter num,
                  "train/loss": losses['train'],
                  "val/loss": losses['val'],
                  "lr": lr,
                  "mfu": running mfu*100, # convert to percentage
         if losses['val'] < best val loss or always save checkpoint:
             best val loss = losses['val']
             if iter num > 0:
                  checkpoint = {
                       'model': raw model.state dict(),
                       'optimizer': optimizer.state dict(),
                       'model args': model args,
                       'iter num': iter num,
                       'best_val_loss': best val loss,
                       'config': config,
                  print(f"saving checkpoint to {out dir}")
                  torch.save(checkpoint, os.path.join(out dir, 'ckpt.pt'))
    if iter num == 0 and eval only:
        break
    # forward backward update, with optional gradient accumulation to simulate larger batch
size
    # and using the GradScaler if data type is float16
    for micro step in range(gradient accumulation steps):
         if ddp:
              # in DDP training we only need to sync gradients at the last micro step.
              # the official way to do this is with model.no sync() context manager, but
              # I really dislike that this bloats the code and forces us to repeat code
              # looking at the source of that context manager, it just toggles this variable
             model.require_backward_grad_sync = (micro_step == gradient_accumulation_steps - 1)
         with ctx: 1. Performs the forward pass through the model, producing logits (the raw predictions) and loss (the computed loss for the current batch).
             logits, loss = model(X, Y)
             loss = loss / gradient accumulation steps # scale the loss to account for gradient
               Scales the loss to account for gradient accumulation. This is essential when simulating larger batch sizes by accumulating gradients
accumulation
         # immediately async prefetch next batch while model is doing the forward pass on the
GPU
                                      2. The gradient tensors are specifically computed at the following line within the training loop.
         X, Y = get_batch('train') This line is responsible for initiating the backward propagation process, which computes the gradients.
         # backward pass, with gradient scaling if training in fp16
         scaler.scale(loss).backward()
      clip the gradient
    if grad clip != 0.0:
         scaler.unscale (optimizer)
         torch.nn.utils.clip grad norm (model.parameters(), grad clip)
    # step the optimizer and scaler if training in fp16
    scaler.step(optimizer)
    scaler.update()
    # flush the gradients as soon as we can, no need for this memory anymore
    optimizer.zero grad(set to none=True)
    # timing and logging
                                  - If using mixed-precision, this step unscales the gradients before clipping.
                                  - Clips the gradients to a maximum norm of grad_clip.
    t1 = time.time()
                                  - scaler.step(optimizer): Applies the computed gradients to update the model parameters.
    dt = t1 - t0
                                  - scaler.update(): Updates the scaler for mixed-precision training
    t0 = t1
                                  - optimizer.zero_grad(set_to_none=True): Resets the gradients for the next iteration.
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if iter_num % log_interval == 0 and master_process:
        # get loss as float. note: this is a CPU-GPU sync point
        # scale up to undo the division above, approximating the true total loss (exact would
have been a sum)
        lossf = loss.item() * gradient_accumulation_steps
        if local iter num >= 5: # let the training loop settle a bit
            mfu = raw_model.estimate_mfu(batch_size * gradient_accumulation_steps, dt)
            running mfu = mfu if running mfu == -1.0 else 0.9*running mfu + 0.1*mfu
       print(f"iter {iter_num}: loss {lossf:.4f}, time {dt*1000:.2f}ms, mfu
{running mfu*100:.2f}%")
    iter num += 1
    local_iter_num += 1
    # termination conditions
    if iter num > max iters:
       break
if ddp:
   destroy_process_group()
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