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Chapter 1 Introduction

After several decades of development, deep learning [1] technology has achieved significant breakthroughs in the last ten years, largely due to the remarkable improvements in GPU computational power. Consequently, the predictive and analytical capabilities of models have achieved substantial advancements. Numerous models have been launched by major companies and applied in practical scenarios, leading to significant changes in our daily lives.

When it comes to training deep learning model, we usually refer to the following steps: collecting relevant data and organizing it into datasets, partitioning the datasets into training and validation sets as needed, initializing model parameters, training the model, evaluating the performance of the model, adjusting the model parameters, and repeating the training until the target is achieved or computational resources are exhausted. During the evaluation of the model's performance, we use a function called the loss function[2]. Its purpose is to calculate the difference between the model's predicted results and the ground truth, which helps model adjust its parameter to better fit the target. Therefore, different loss functions can influence the direction of model adjustments, significantly impacting the final outcomes of the model.

However, the design of a loss function is often closely related to the propose of the model[3]. In other words, different models may require experts from specific fields to assist in designing the loss function to enhance the speed and effectiveness of model training. Nevertheless, recent research has shown that it's feasible to use genetic programming (GP) [4] to automatically generate loss functions. Due to the domain-independent nature of GP, it allows us to develop an algorithm that can automatically create the required loss function without needing specialized knowledge in that particular field. However, this method typically requires a significant amount of time and computational resources.

The operation mode of GP can be simply divided into the following steps: Representing the solution we hope to find (which may be a value or a function) in an encoded form, then forming these solutions into a population. After evaluating the whole population, we perform genetic operations (e.g., mutation or crossover) on the population's solutions, reevaluate them, and repeat the above steps until the target is achieved or computational resources are exhausted.

Although the computational power of GPUs today is far superior to that of the past, both training models and using GP to find solutions still require substantial computational resources and time to achieve a decent result. Therefore, in this paper, we aim to improve the genetic operation part of the existing GP framework by referencing the concept that offspring in a better living environment can usually receive better care. We modify the GP's genetic operation such that only a certain number of high-scoring populations can execute it. The steps are as follows: Select a certain proportion of high-scoring offspring from the population, then randomly select a fixed number from these offspring to perform genetic operations. The randomized selection can avoid always using the same population for genetic operations, giving more excellent offspring the opportunity to improve. By employing these two concepts, we proposes an efficiency-oriented GP algorithm, aiming to reduce the computational resources and the time to train the model required for GP to search for the optimal algorithm while maintaining the same level of effectiveness.

The structure of this paper is as follows: Chapter 2 is related work. This chapter provides a detailed illustration to the development and history of GP, the detailed description of the loss function and how they collaborate with deep learning model, and how loss functions are randomly generated via GP. Chapter 3 is proposed algorithm and main methodology. In this chapter, we will explain the architecture of the algorithm implemented in this paper. After that, we will then describe the experimental environment setup and the initial parameter values. Finally, we will present the methods and procedures used in this paper. Chapter 4 is results analysis. This section will show the detail parameter settings among all compared peer-algorithm. After that, we will present the analysis of the results by organizing the experimental results into charts and figures. Finally, we will explain the outcomes and analyze why our algorithm can achieve the similar result while decreasing the usage of computational resources. Chapter 5 is conclusion and future work. In this chapter, we will provide the conclusion of this paper by outlining the contribution we have made so far. After that, we would like to discuss potential directions for future research or possible way to apply this algorithm in practical.

Chapter 2 Related Work

- 2.1 Loss Function
- 2.2 Genetic Programming
- 2.3 Learning to learn



Chapter 3 Purposed Algorithm

- 3.1 The Architecture of Algorithm
- 3.2 Experimental Environment Setup
- 3.3 Main Method



Chapter 4 Result and Analysis

- 4.1 Parameter settings
- 4.2 Figures



Chapter 5 Conclusion and Future Work

- 5.1 Conclusion
- **5.2** Future Work



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