Distributed Machine Learning Systems



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1 Introduction

1.1 Motivation and Context

Machine Learning algorithms have become ubiquitous in modern life. Powering social media feeds, email spam filters, advertising personalisation and even identifying breast cancer more accurately and earlier than doctors. [1] The scale of datasets are becoming truly gargantuan, since 2008 Google has been processing more 20PB of data a day using their MapReduce algorithm. [2] While services like the Internet Archive as of 2020 contain over 70PB in its database. We now have labeled datasets such as AViD have 467k videos and 887 action classes, which is in the order of terabytes. [3] While the data grows the as does the Machine Learning models in orter to to obtain ever more accurate results. The cutting edge GTP-3 Natural Language Processing model contains 175 Billion parameters. [4] And efforts are being made to create models with trillions of parameters. [5]

Deriving meaning from these vast quantities of data to obtaining nuanced insights from them is a difficult task. Not only because deeper insights into data require a larger Machine Learning models. But because more data is needed to populate the parameters of these models. Both of these factors contribute to the need to distribute the computation of the model across multiple nodes otherwise known as Distributed Machine Learning. Distributed Machine Learning is often a pre-requisite for training models now datasets and models are becoming so large.

The popular current solution is to have multiple machines compute the model together, communicating the improvements that they've made to each other. The model goes from operating on a single machine possessing all the data and needing to do all the computation, to a worker and parameter server paradigm. In which the parameter server contains the model and the workers perform operations on it using test data segmented between them. [6]

There are two main variations of this parameter server model.

Once functions similarly to a map-reduce, the parameter server has to wait for the last worker to be finished before it can calculate the new global parameters. [cite here]

The other the workers operate asynchronously constantly updating the parameter server, the parameter server calculating new global parameters periodically. [cite another here]

Whilst this method is the most common method of machine learning with many benefits, there are 3 key drawbacks:

- The model sacrifices efficiency in either time or computation. Either it must wait for all workers to be done each round, or redundant computations must be made
- when the parameter server is calculating the new global parameters the workers are idle or otherwise computing on stale data.
- Each time the parameter server calculates a new global parameters, these parameters must be broadcast to each worker simultaneously consuming considerable network bandwidth, and limiting scalability.

My solution to address these issues is to introduce a model for Distributed Machine Learning

1.2 Aims

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1.4 Overview

This document is split up into the following sections:

- Section 1 Current section. Introduce the project and its aims.
- Section 2 Presents related research material and similar applications and areas.
- Section 3 Gives an overview on the technological choices that will be used.
- Section 4 Project plan and time management.
- Section 5 Summary of previous sections.

2 Background Research

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3 Technological Choices

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4 Project Plan and Time Management

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5 Design

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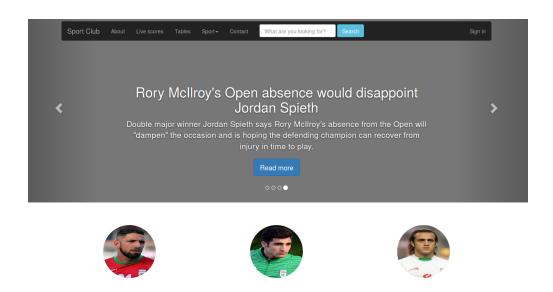


Figure 1: Project Homepage

6 Requirement and Specification

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