PYTORCH 101

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WHAT IS PYTORCH

- PyTorch is a scientific computing package, just like Numpy. What makes it different?
- It's optimized for leveraging the power of GPUs (Graphics Processing Unit)
- Also, it's deeply embedded in Python, which makes it extremely easy to use

THE POWER OF PYTORCH

- GPU support for parallel computation
- Some basic neural layers to combine in your models
- Enforce a general way to code your models
- And most importantly, automatic backpropagation

TENSORS

- Tensors are very similar to numpy.ndarrays, with the extra support of performing operations on those on GPUs
- Thus we have to tell PyTorch where we want to place these tensors and be careful when performing operations
- Let's have a look at Tensors in action!

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The autograd package provides automatic differentiation for all operations on Tensors.

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- It is a define-by-run framework, which means that your backprop is defined by how your code is run, and that every single iteration can be different.
- torch. Tensor is the central class of the package. If you set its attribute .requires_grad = True, it starts to track all operations on it. When you finish your computation you can call .backward() and have all the gradients computed automatically. The gradient for this tensor will be accumulated into .grad attribute.
- To stop a tensor from tracking history, you can call . detach() to detach it from the computation history, and to prevent future computation from being tracked.
- To prevent tracking history (and using memory), you can also wrap the code block in with torch.no_grad():

TORCH.NN

- A Neural Network, as we know is just a composition of operations, to yield highly complex functions.
- torch.nn provides a very easy way to implement Neural Networks by stacking different basic layers!
- It relies on torch. autograd to calculate the gradients for each of the model parameters, and thus we don't need to worry about implementing the backpropogation
- Let's implement a very simple NN now!

SAVING AND LOADING MODELS

Saving

```
In [27]: ckpt = torch.load('ckpt.pth')
    net.load_state_dict(ckpt['params'], strict=True)
    optimizer.load_state_dict(ckpt['optim'])
```

Loading

WORKING WITH DATA LOADERS

```
import torch
from torch.utils import data
class Dataset(data.Dataset):
  'Characterizes a dataset for PyTorch'
  def __init__(self, list_IDs, labels):
        'Initialization'
        self.labels = labels
        self.list_IDs = list_IDs
  def __len__(self):
        'Denotes the total number of samples'
        return len(self.list_IDs)
  def __getitem__(self, index):
        'Generates one sample of data'
        # Select sample
        ID = self.list_IDs[index]
        # Load data and get label
        X = torch.load('data/' + ID + '.pt')
        y = self.labels[ID]
        return X, y
```



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```
CLASS torch.utils.data.DataLoader(dataset, batch_size=1, shuffle=False, sampler=None, batch_sampler=None, num_workers=0, collate_fn=None, pin_memory=False, [SOURCE] drop_last=False, timeout=0, worker_init_fn=None, multiprocessing_context=None)
```

Dataloader

```
for x, y in dataloader:
  output = model(x)
  loss = criterion(output, y)
```

TORCHVISIONTRANSFORMS

torchvision.transforms.Normalize(mean, std, inplace=False)

torchvision.transforms.ToTensor

Pre-processing

torchvision.transforms.RandomResizedCrop(size, scale=(0.08, 1.0), ratio=(0.75, 1.333333333333333), interpolation=2)

torchvision.transforms.RandomRotation(degrees, resample=False, expand=False, center=None, fill=0)

torchvision.transforms.RandomHorizontalFlip(p=0.5)

torchvision.transforms.RandomGrayscale(p=0.1)

Augmentation

```
>>> transforms.Compose([
>>> transforms.CenterCrop(10),
>>> transforms.ToTensor(),
>>> ])
```

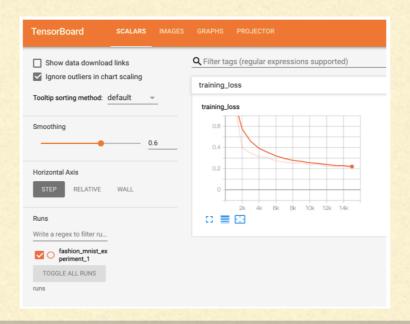
Composing them

CRASH COURSE INTO TENSORBOARD

```
from torch.utils.tensorboard import SummaryWriter

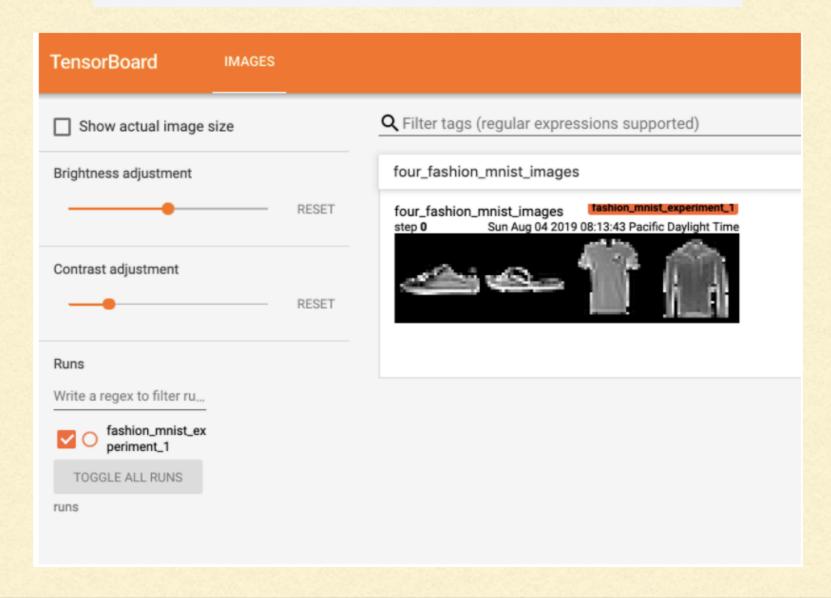
# default 'log_dir' is "runs" - we'll be more specific here
writer = SummaryWriter('runs/fashion_mnist_experiment_1')
```

tensorboard --logdir=runs



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write to tensorboard
writer.add_image('four_fashion_mnist_images', img_grid)



- Size mismatch. (Try checking tensor.size())
- * is element-wise product.
- Ensure that the tensors are on the same devices!

.view() v/s .transpose()

OOM error!

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RuntimeError: Expected object of type torch.LongTensor but found type torch.FloatTensor

```
x = x.float()
x = torch.tensor([1.,2.,3.,4.])
```

Anything fishy here?

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class MyNet(nn.Module):
    def __init__(self,n_hidden_layers):
        super(MyNet,self).__init__()
        self.n_hidden_layers=n_hidden_layers
        self.final_layer = nn.Linear(128,10)
        self.act = nn.ReLU()
        self.hidden = []
        for i in range(n hidden layers):
            self.hidden.append(nn.Linear(128,128))
    def forward(self,x):
        h = x
        for i in range(self.n hidden layers):
            h = self.hidden[i](h)
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        self.hidden = nn.ModuleList(self.hidden)
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DEBUGGING!

10 STAGES OF DEBUGGING



Let's post on Piazza!

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You'll learn the most this way!

DEBUGGING - TIPS!

- Use a debugger! import pdb; pdb.set_trace()
- **Tons of online resources,** great pytorch documentation, and basically every error is somewhere on stackoverflow.
- Use Piazza First check if someone else has encountered the same bug before making a new post. We will maintain an FAQ
- Come to Office Hours!

THAT'S ALL FOLKS!

