



PyTorch: A flexible approach for computer vision models

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Slack Channel for Tutorial:
<https://pytorchcvtutorial.slack.com/>
Invite Link: <http://bit.ly/pytorchcvslack>
Password: #AIConfNY2018

<http://bit.ly/aiconfny18cv>

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Introductions & Networking



Agenda

- PyTorch Overview
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- PyTorch & Computer Vision Next

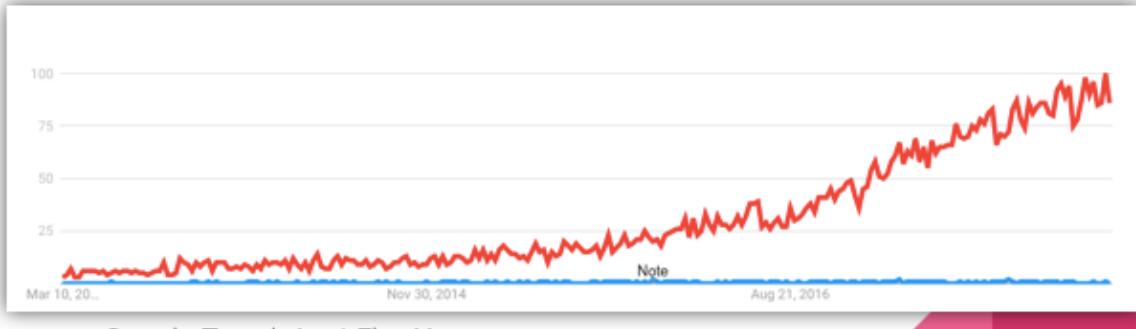


PyTorch Overview



PyTorch Origins

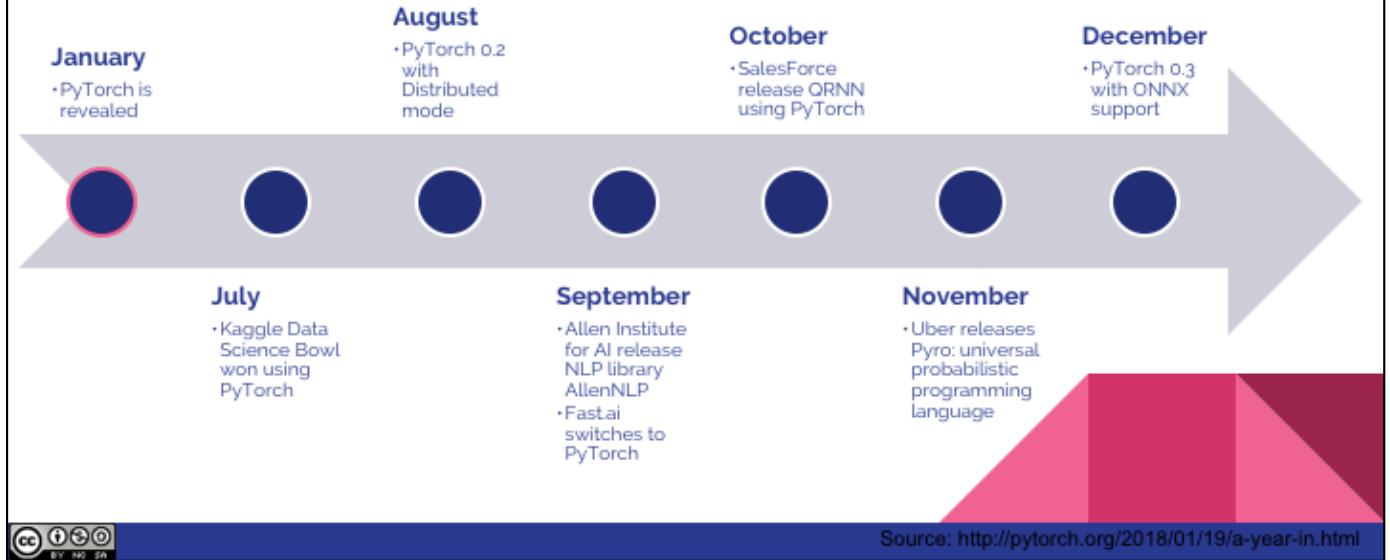
- Torch – Lua
- Chainer
- HIPS Autograd
- Need for Dynamic execution library
- Popularity of Python in Machine Learning Community



Google Trends Last Five Years
Terms: [Lua](#) [Machine Learning](#) [Python](#) [Machine Learning](#)



PyTorch – Year 2017 in Review



PyTorch 2018

- April 2018: PyTorch 0.4
 - Tensors
 - Full support for advanced indexing
 - Fast Fourier Transforms
 - Neural Networks http://pytorch.org/2018/04/22/0_4_0-migration-guide.html
 - torch.distributions
 - 24 basic probability distributions
 - Added cdf, variance, entropy, perplexity etc.
 - Distributed Training
 - Launcher utility for ease of use
 - NCCL2 backend
 - C++ Extensions
 - **Windows Support**
 - ONNX Improvements
 - RNN support



http://pytorch.org/2018/04/22/0_4_0-migration-guide.html

PyTorch – Community Overview

By the numbers

- 112,480 lines of Python code on github that import torch
- 4,959 repositories on Github that mention PyTorch in their name or description
- More than half a million downloads of PyTorch binaries. 651,916 to be precise.
- **5,400 users** wrote **21,500 posts** discussing 5,200 topics on PyTorch forums discuss.pytorch.org
- 131 mentions of PyTorch on Reddit's /r/machinelearning since the day of release. In the same period, TensorFlow was mentioned 255 times.

Innovation driver

- In the recent ICLR2018 conference submissions, PyTorch was mentioned in **87 papers**, compared to TensorFlow at 228 papers, Keras at 42 papers, Theano and Matlab at 32 papers.
- Francois Chollet's monthly arxiv.org mentions for frameworks had PyTorch at 72 mentions, with TensorFlow at 273 mentions, Keras at 100 mentions, Caffe at 94 mentions and Theano at 53 mentions.



Source: <http://pytorch.org/2018/01/19/a-year-in-h>



Use Case Diversity: Research & Applications



Facebook
Open Source



Carnegie
Mellon
University



Inria



PyTorch Comparison

- PyTorch dynamic computation allows flexibility of input and Python style debugging
- PyTorch best suited for research and prototyping, deployment via ONNX to other frameworks such as Caffe2, Apple CoreML, MXNet, Tensorflow
- Seasoned users of Python data stack (NumPy) can easily transition to PyTorch



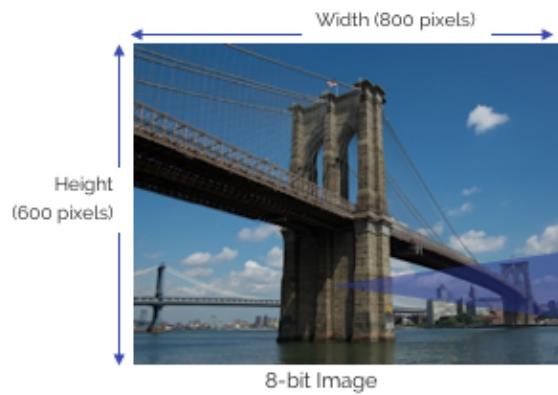
Source: <https://awni.github.io/pytorch-tensorflow/>

Computer Vision Overview



Computer Vision 101

- Image Properties
 - Pixels
 - Dimension
 - Channels
 - Color Depth



Color Depth	Channel Range
1-Bit	0-1
8-Bit	0-255
16-Bit	0-65,535
24-Bit	0-16,777,215

One Pixel

Channel	Red	Green	Blue
Value	0-255	0-255	0-255



Computer Vision 101

Segmentation: Pixel-wise segments of objects in any image

Classification:
Label Item(s)
in Image



Description:
Relationship between objects

Segmentation



Localization



Detection/Localization:
Bounding Boxes around
objects

Classification & Description

Goal: Build models that can perform visual tasks



- Classification Image: <https://papers.nips.cc/paper/4824-imagenet-classification-with-deep-convolutional-neural-networks>
- Segmentation Image: <https://www.cityscapes-dataset.com/examples/>
- Detection Image: <http://image-net.org/challenges/LSVRC/2015/ui/det.html>

Classification & Description



<https://vqa.cloudcv.org/>

What is the man doing?

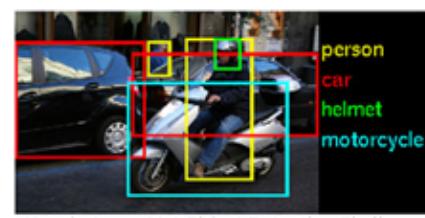
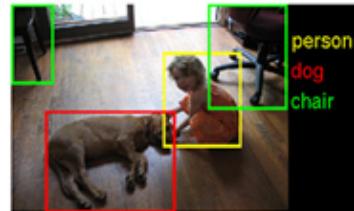
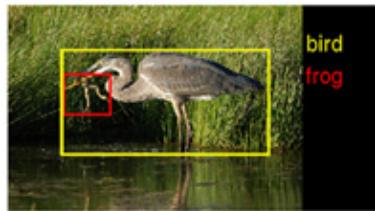
Submit

Predicted top-5 answers with confidence:

playing	99.12%
tennis	0.55%
tennis	0.13%
skateboarding	0.07%
serving	0.03%
jumping	



Localization



Source: Kaggle ImageNet Object Detection Challenge

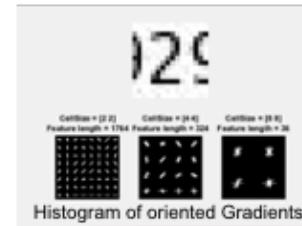
Segmentation



Source: The Cityscapes Dataset - Semantic, instance-wise, dense pixel annotations of 30 classes

Computer Vision prior to Deep Learning

- Objectives
 - Extract generalized features (patterns) from images
 - Determine generalized descriptors for feature
 - Use generalized features to perform visual tasks based on descriptors
- What are features?
 - Edges
 - Shapes
 - Change in Colors/Intensity



<https://www.mathworks.com/products/computer-vision/features.html>

- Histogram of oriented gradients (HOG) feature extraction of image (top). Feature vectors of different sizes are created to represent the image by varying cell size.
- SURF: Speeded-up robust features (left), MSER: maximally stable extremal regions (center), and corner detection (right). Using the same image, three different feature types are detected and results plotted over the original image.

Traditional Machine Learning → Deep Learning

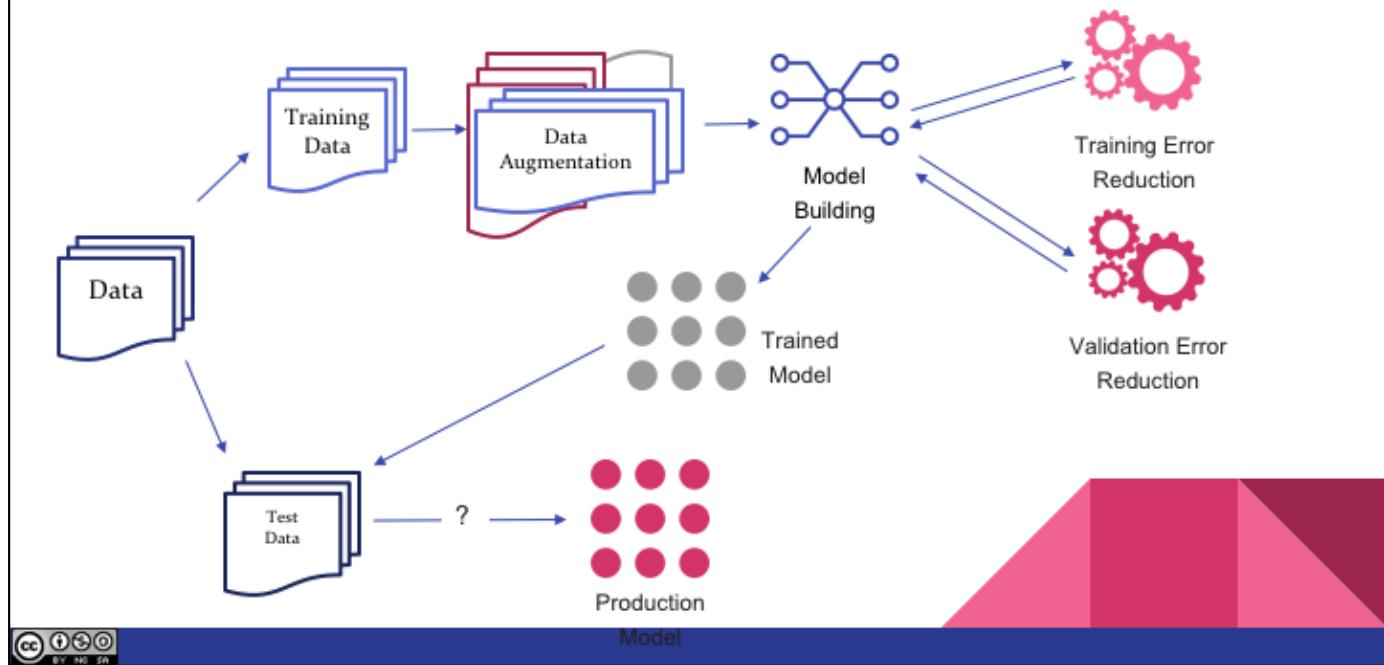
- Featuring engineering challenges
 - Human scaling: Time consuming to create rules for each object
 - Computational scaling: Translating human curated features to algorithms that machines can perform at scale is tedious
- Feature Learning
 - Design computational models to learn features
- Feature Learning Challenges
 - Need large datasets with annotations
 - Model architectures become complex both to design and run



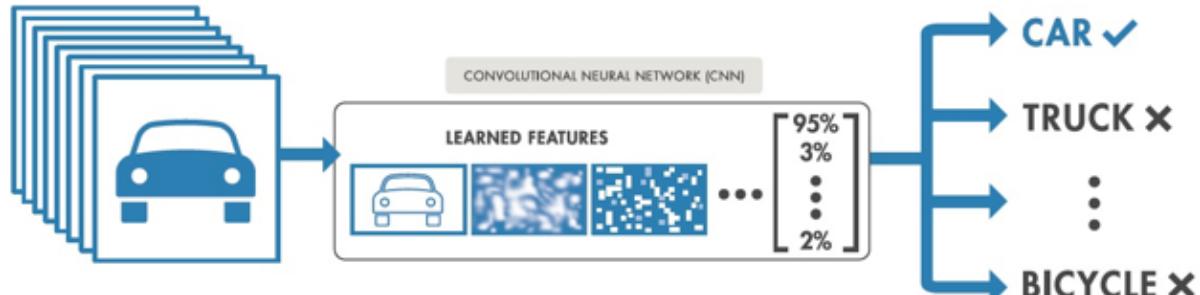
Convolutional Neural Networks



Deep (Supervised Machine) Learning Basics



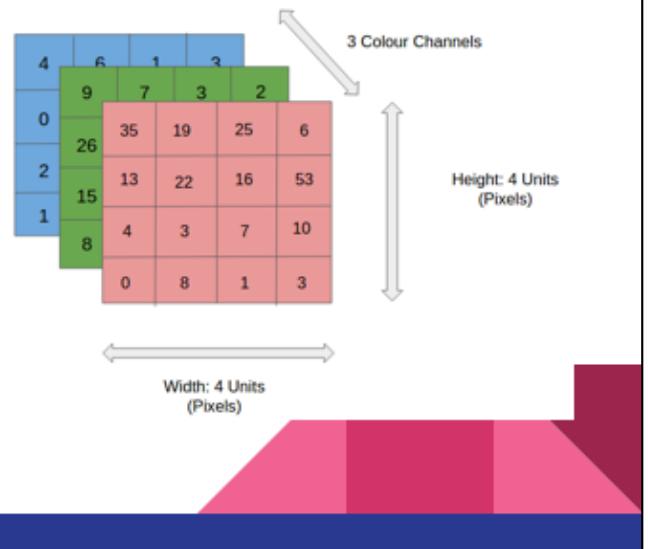
Convolutional Neural Networks



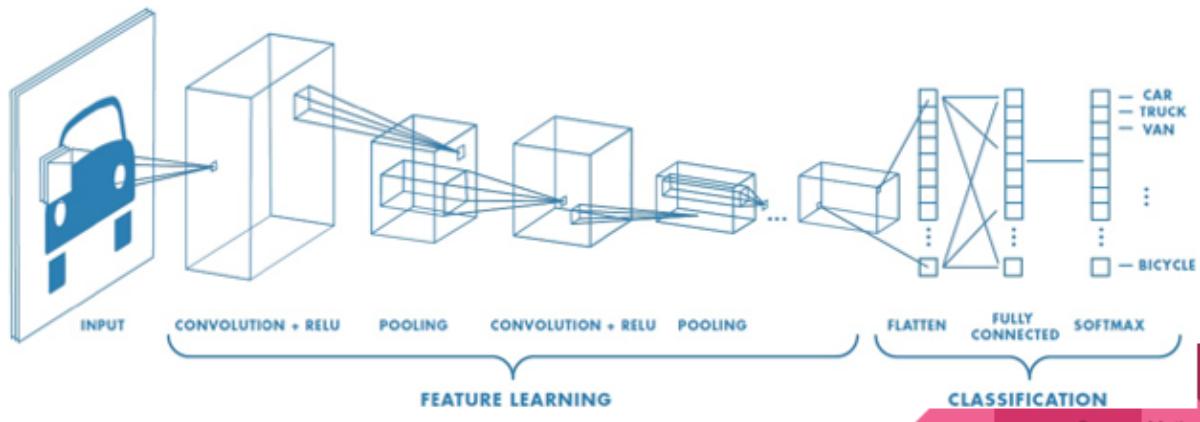
- <https://www.mathworks.com/discovery/convolutional-neural-network.html>

Convolutional Neural Network Properties

- Learning Low Level Features from High Dimensional Data
- Must Have Data Properties:
 - Shift Invariant
 - Correlated
- Simply put: Changing column order should not change meaning of Data
- Naturally Suitable Data Types:
 - Images, Audio, Video
 - Time Series

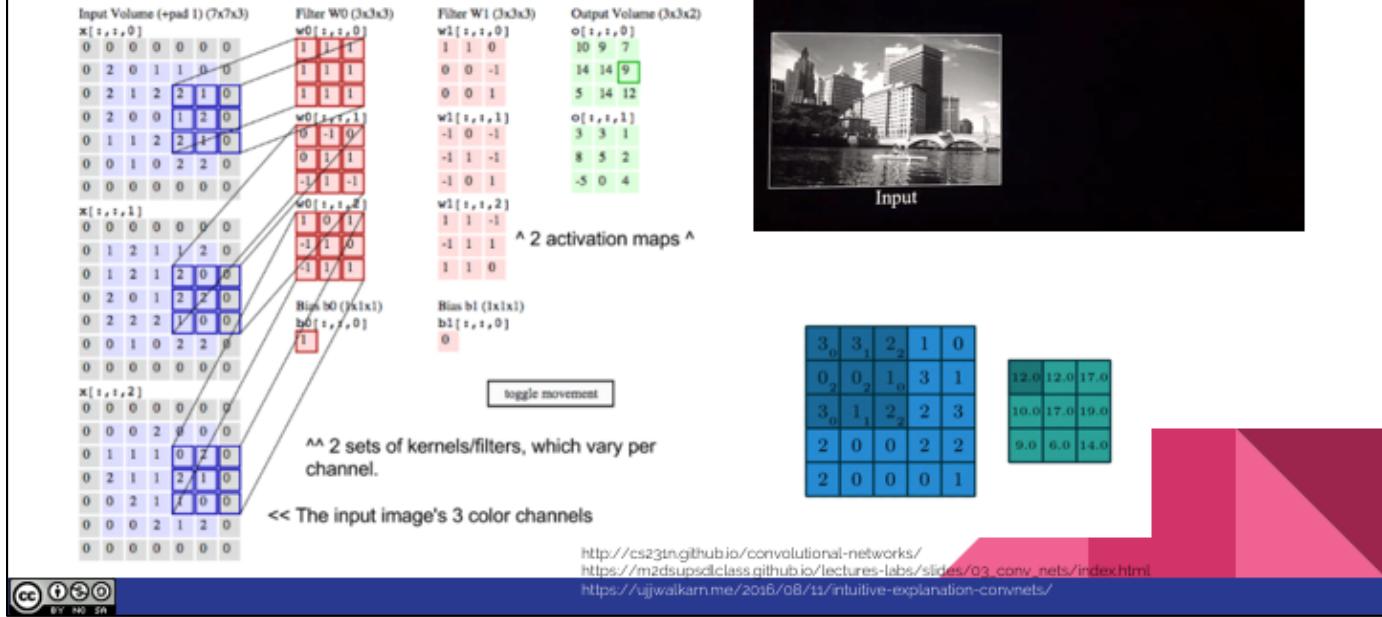


Convolutional Neural Networks



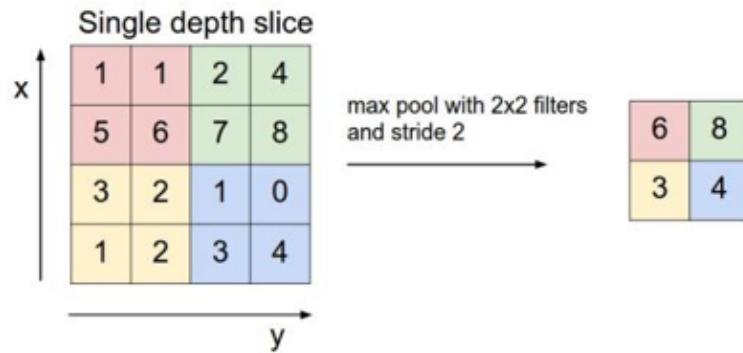
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Convolution



- <http://cs231n.github.io/convolutional-networks/>
- https://m2dsupsdiclass.github.io/lectures-labs/slides/03_conv_nets/index.html
- <https://ujjwalkarn.me/2016/08/11/intuitive-explanation-convnets/>

Pooling

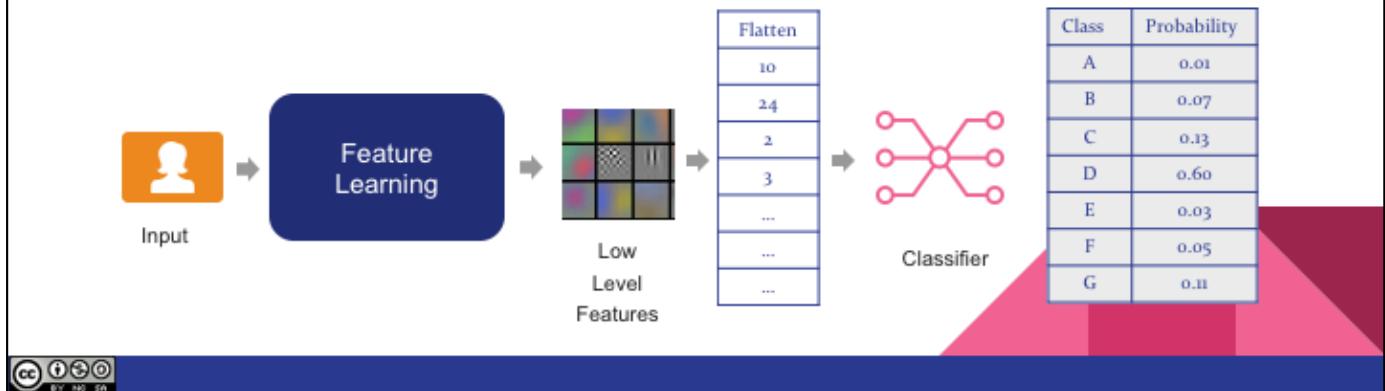


Source: Stanford University CS 231 Course:
<http://cs231n.github.io/convolutional-networks/#pool>



Fully Connected

- Traditional Machine Learning: Feature Engineering
- Deep Learning: Feature Learning
- Learned Features are fed to traditional classifier such as Multivariate Logistic Regression (Softmax)



Loss Reduction

Class	Probability	Truth	Loss/ Error
A	0.01	0	0
B	0.07	0	0
C	0.13	0	0
D	0.60	1	0.22
E	0.03	0	0
F	0.05	0	0
G	0.11	0	0

One-Hot Encoded Vector of Class Label

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Cross Entropy Loss

Back Propagation

- Account for loss across the weights and biases in the network
- Use cost function provided by Back Propagation to optimize the weights and biases to reduce loss
- Variety of Stochastic Gradient Descent techniques used for optimization

Overview of Gradient Descent Techniques:
<http://ruder.io/optimizing-gradient-descent/>

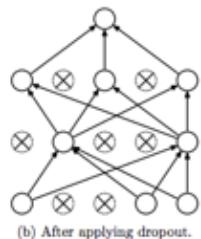
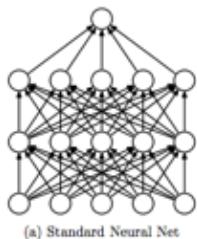
<https://rdipietro.github.io/friendly-intro-to-cross-entropy-loss/>



Generalization

Dropout

Randomly remove learned nodes from network



Batch Normalization

- During training input data shifts as weights and parameter adjust values
- To prevent internal covariate shift, normalize each batch by mean and variance

Batch Normalization: Accelerating Deep Network Training
by Reducing Internal Covariate Shift

<https://arxiv.org/abs/1502.03167>

Dropout: A Simple Way to Prevent Neural Networks from Overfitting
<http://www.jmlr.org/papers/volume15/srivastava14a/srivastava14a.pdf>



Getting started with PyTorch



Installation

<http://pytorch.org/>

Get Started.

Select your preferences, then run the PyTorch install command.

Please ensure that you are on the latest pip and numpy packages.

Anaconda is our recommended package manager



Run this command:

```
conda install pytorch torchvision -c pytorch
```



PyTorch Basics Jupyter Notebook

- Using Jupyter Notebook, please open *pytorch_basics.ipynb* from the tutorial repository on Github.



Automatic Differentiation



Automatic Differentiation

Chain rule for today's computational needs:

1. Technique to determine derivative of function within a function
 2. Complex functions can be written as compositions of simple functions
-
- PyTorch [autograd](#) package: Provides automatic differentiation on all tensor operations



torch.Tensor

- Central class for autograd
 - Wraps a tensor and records the history use `requires_grad=True`
 - Supports all tensor operations
- Use `.backward`
 - Gradients computed automatically



Need more here

PyTorch Autograd Notebook

- Using Jupyter Notebook, please open *autograd_tutorial.ipynb* from the tutorial repository on Github.



PyTorch

Neural Net & Optimization

Package Overview



PyTorch's nn module

- Containers
- Convolution Layers
- Pooling Layers
- Padding Layers
- Non-linear Activations
(weighted sum + nonlinearity)
- Non-linear Activations (Other)
- Normalization layers
- Recurrent layers
- Linear layers
- Dropout layers
- Sparse layers
- Distance functions
- Loss functions
- Vision layers
- DataParallel layers (multi-GPU,
distributed)
- Utilities



<http://pytorch.org/docs/stable/nn.html>

PyTorch's optim algorithms

Algorithms		Algorithms	
adadelta	Adaptive Delta	sgd	Stochastic Gradient Descent
adagrad	Adaptive Subgradients	asgd	Averaged Stochastic Gradient Descent
adam	Stochastic Optimization	lbfgs	Limited BFGS
adamax	Adam based on Infinity Norm	rprop	Resilient Backpropagation
sparse_adam	Adam suitable for sparse tensors	rmsprop	Root Mean Squared Propagation



<http://pytorch.org/docs/stable/optim.html>

Adam Adaptive Moment Estimation

BFGS - used for unconstrained nonlinear optimization problems

TorchVision



PyTorch Torchvision

- Datasets

- MNIST
- Fashion-MNIST
- EMNIST
- COCO
- LSUN
- Imagenet-12
- CIFAR
- STL10
- SVHN
- PhotoTour

- Utilities

- make_grid
- save_image

- Models

- Alexnet
- VGG
- ResNet
- SqueezeNet
- DenseNet
- Inception v3

- Transforms



<http://pytorch.org/docs/stable/torchvision/>

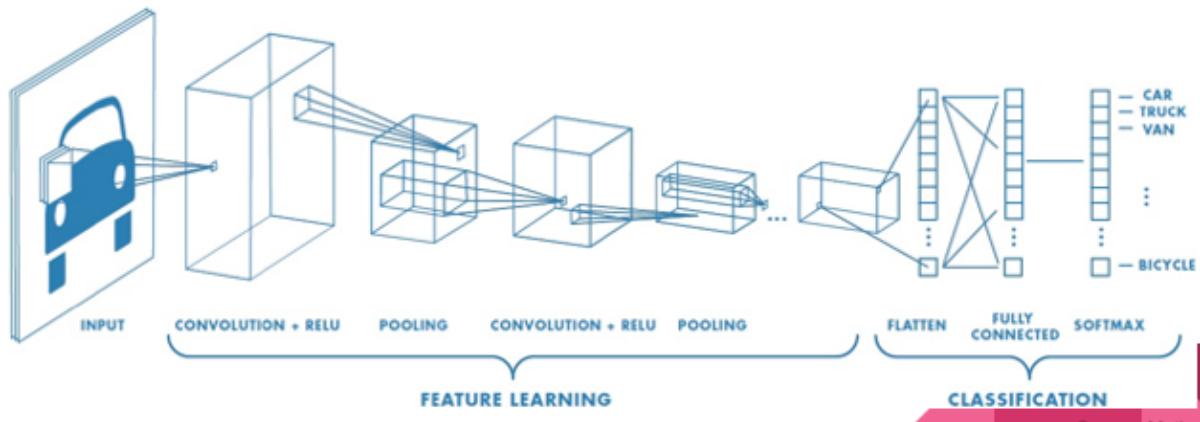
Break



Anatomy of a PyTorch Model



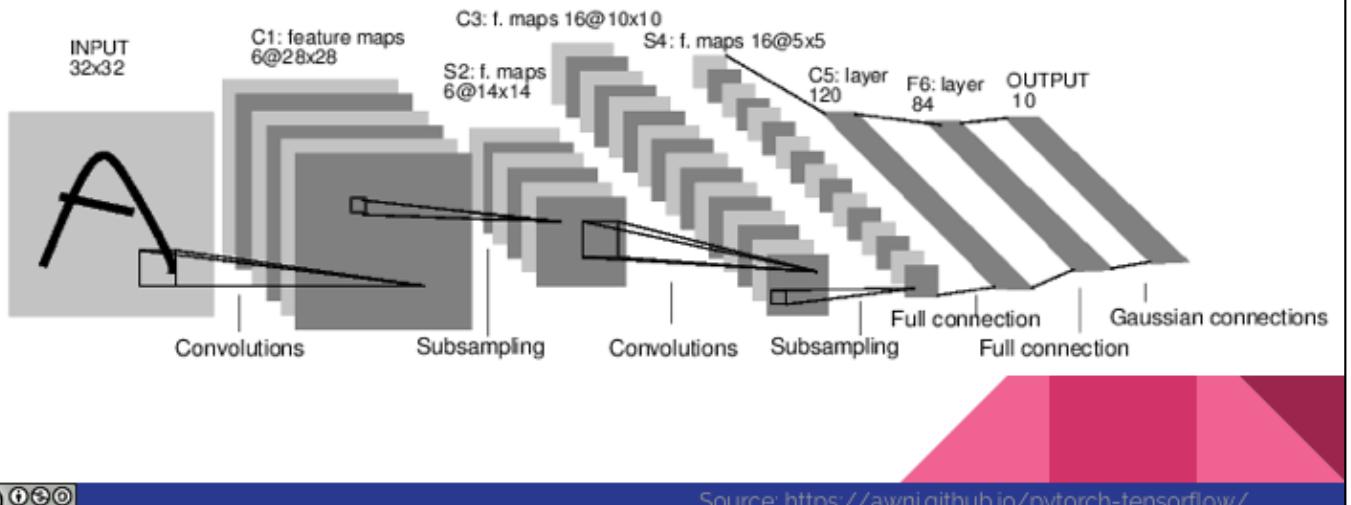
Image Classification



Source: Mathworks



Image Classification



Source: <https://awni.github.io/pytorch-tensorflow/>

Typical PyTorch CNN Training Code

1. Imports
2. Declare Hyperparameters
3. Define Train & Test data
4. Define the network
5. Define the Loss Function
6. Define the Backward Propagation using Automatic Differentiation
7. Define Optimizer
8. Define Training method
9. Define Accuracy calculation
10. Calculate Accuracy on Test data



```
import torch
from torch.autograd import Variable
import torch.nn as nn
import torch.nn.functional as F

class Net(nn.Module):
    def __init__(self):
        super(Net, self).__init__()
        # 1 input image channel, 6 output channels, 5x5 square convolution
        # kernel
        self.conv1 = nn.Conv2d(1, 6, 5)
        self.conv2 = nn.Conv2d(6, 16, 5)
        # an affine operation: y = Wx + b
        self.fc1 = nn.Linear(16 * 5 * 5, 120)
        self.fc2 = nn.Linear(120, 84)
        self.fc3 = nn.Linear(84, 10)

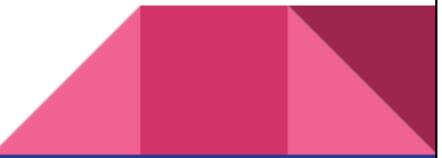
    def forward(self, x):
        # Max pooling over a (2, 2) window
        x = F.max_pool2d(F.relu(self.conv1(x)), (2, 2))
        # If the size is a square you can only specify a single number
        x = F.max_pool2d(F.relu(self.conv2(x)), 2)
        x = x.view(-1, self.num_flat_features(x))
        x = F.relu(self.fc1(x))
        x = F.relu(self.fc2(x))
        x = self.fc3(x)
        return x

    def num_flat_features(self, x):
        size = x.size()[1:] # all dimensions except the batch dimension
        num_features = 1
        for s in size:
            num_features *= s
        return num_features

net = Net()
print(net)
```

Define the network

```
Net(
  (conv1): Conv2d (1, 6, kernel_size=(5, 5), stride=(1, 1))
  (conv2): Conv2d (6, 16, kernel_size=(5, 5), stride=(1, 1))
  (fc1): Linear(in_features=400, out_features=120)
  (fc2): Linear(in_features=120, out_features=84)
  (fc3): Linear(in_features=84, out_features=10)
)
```



LeNet Image Input

```
input = Variable(torch.randn(1, 1, 32, 32))
out = net(input)
print(out)
```

```
Variable containing:
-0.0573 -0.0559 -0.1204  0.1070 -0.0275 -0.0118  0.0264  0.0515 -0.0257  0.0483
[torch.FloatTensor of size 1x10]
```

Define the network

```
net.zero_grad()
out.backward(torch.randn(1, 10))
```

Always zero out the gradients they are accumulated



The Loss Function and Back Propagation

Example loss calculation

```
output = net(input)
target = Variable(torch.arange(1, 11))
criterion = nn.MSELoss()

loss = criterion(output, target)
print(loss)
```

Variable containing:

38.3962
[torch.FloatTensor of size 1]

```
net.zero_grad()      # zeroes the gradient buffers of all parameters
print('conv1.bias.grad before backward')
print(net.conv1.bias.grad)

loss.backward()

print('conv1.bias.grad after backward')
print(net.conv1.bias.grad)
```

conv1.bias.grad before backward
Variable containing:

0
0
0
0
0

[torch.FloatTensor of size 6]

conv1.bias.grad after backward

Variable containing:
1.00000e-02 *
-6.1643
-2.5201
-4.5238
6.8188
-0.2024
3.4750

[torch.FloatTensor of size 6]



```

import torch.optim as optim

# create your optimizer
optimizer = optim.SGD(net.parameters(), lr=0.01)

# in your training loop:
optimizer.zero_grad()    # zero the gradient buffers
output = net(input)
loss = criterion(output, target)
loss.backward()
optimizer.step()          # Does the update

for epoch in range(2):    # loop over the dataset multiple times
    running_loss = 0.0
    for i, data in enumerate(trainloader, 0):
        # get the inputs
        inputs, labels = data

        # wrap them in Variable
        inputs, labels = Variable(inputs), Variable(labels)

        # zero the parameter gradients
        optimizer.zero_grad()

        # forward + backward + optimize
        outputs = net(inputs)
        loss = criterion(outputs, labels)
        loss.backward()
        optimizer.step()

        # print statistics
        running_loss += loss.data[0]
        if i % 2000 == 1999:    # print every 2000 mini-batches
            print('[%d, %5d] loss: %.3f' %
                  (epoch + 1, i + 1, running_loss / 2000))
            running_loss = 0.0

print('Finished Training')

```

<http://bit.ly/aiconfny18cv>

Updating the weights

```

[1, 2000] loss: 2.220
[1, 4000] loss: 1.887
[1, 6000] loss: 1.676
[1, 8000] loss: 1.578
[1, 10000] loss: 1.511
[1, 12000] loss: 1.462
[2, 2000] loss: 1.484
[2, 4000] loss: 1.373
[2, 6000] loss: 1.373
[2, 8000] loss: 1.325
[2, 10000] loss: 1.315
[2, 12000] loss: 1.267
Finished Training

```

Training

```

correct = 0
total = 0
for data in testloader:
    images, labels = data
    outputs = net(Variable(images))
    _, predicted = torch.max(outputs.data, 1)
    total += labels.size(0)
    correct += (predicted == labels).sum()

print('Accuracy of the network on the 10000 test images: %d %%' %
      100 * correct / total)

```

Accuracy

Accuracy of the network on the 10000 test images: 55 %



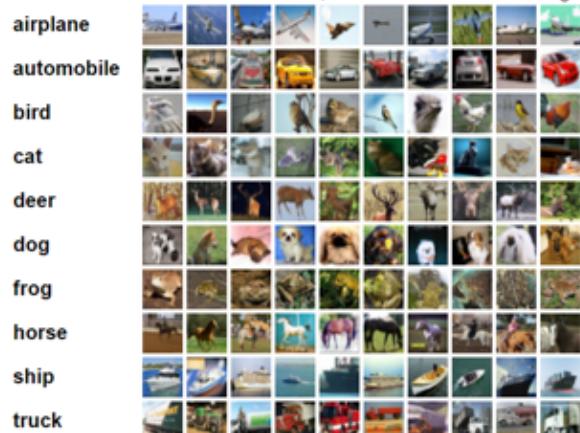
http://pytorch.org/tutorials/beginner/blitz/neural_networks_tutorial.html

Computer Vision Models



PyTorch CIFAR10 Tutorial

- Ten classes
- Dataset:
 - 60,000 32x32 color images in 10 classes
 - 6000 images per class.
 - 50,000 training images
 - 10,000 test images

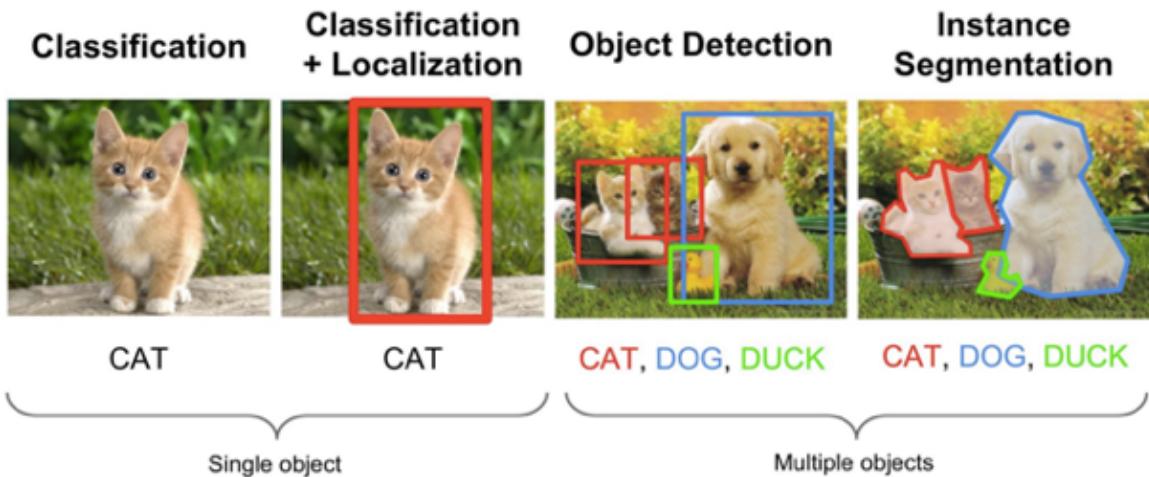


<https://www.cs.toronto.edu/~kriz/cifar.html>

PyTorch CIFAR10 Tutorial

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<https://medium.com/comet-app/review-of-deep-learning-algorithms-for-object-detection-c1f3d437b852>

Object Detection/Localization in PyTorch

- Review: <https://medium.com/@nikasa1889/the-modern-history-of-object-recognition-infographic-aea18517c318>
- SSD: <https://towardsdatascience.com/learning-note-single-shot-multibox-detector-with-pytorch-part-1-38185e84bd79>
- Faster R-CNN: <https://github.com/jwyang/faster-rcnn.pytorch>
- YOLO v3: <https://github.com/ayooshkathuria/pytorch-yolo-v3>



Source: <https://awni.github.io/pytorch-tensorflow/>

Image Segmentation

- Evolution from Classification → Detection → Segmentation
- Goal: Pixel level identification
- Metrics: Jaccard Index

$$IoU = \frac{\text{True Positive}}{\text{True Positive} + \text{False Positive} + \text{False Negative}}$$

- Datasets:
 - PASCAL VOC
 - MS COCO
 - Cityscapes
 - ADE20K
 - Imagenet
 - KITTI
- Resources:
 - <https://meetshah1005.github.io/semantic-segmentation/deep-learning/pytorch/visdom/2017/06/01/semantic-segmentation-over-the-years.html>



Source: <https://awni.github.io/pytorch-tensorflow/>

- Source Cityscape Dataset: To assess performance, we rely on the standard Jaccard Index, commonly known as the PASCAL VOC intersection-over-union metric $IoU=TP/(TP+FP+FN)$, where TP, FP, and FN are the numbers of true positive, false positive, and false negative pixels, respectively, determined over the whole test set.
- Owing to the two semantic granularities, i.e. classes and categories, we report two separate

mean

performance scores: $\text{IoU}_{\text{category}}$ and $\text{IoU}_{\text{class}}$.

- In either case, pixels labeled as void do not contribute to the score.

Fully Convolutional Networks

Segmentation Objective: Predict Pixel Label

convolution



$H \times W$



$H/4 \times W/4$



$H/8 \times W/8$



$H/16 \times W/16$



$H/32 \times W/32$



$H \times W$

conv, pool,
nonlinearity

upsampling

pixelwise
output + loss

Fully Convolutional Networks for Semantic Segmentation
Evan Shelhamer Jonathan Long Trevor Darrell - UC Berkeley in CVPR'15, PAMI'16



PyTorch implementation: <https://github.com/wkentaro/pytorch-fcn>

Why Transfer Learning?

Deep
Learning
Challenges

Not enough
data

Not enough
labeled data

Not enough
hardware

Training
time too
long



Transfer Learning

Domain to Domain Learning

- Learn Features, Weights, Biases in one domain
- Find domain with similar data characteristics and distribution
- Apply model in new domain

Retraining

- **Freeze layers** in a "good" model up to tunable depth of feature extraction but before final prediction layer
- Remove final layer(s)
- Relearn final and classification layers using your own data

Bonus: Combine Domain to Domain and Retraining



PyTorch Transfer Learning Tutorial

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Working with Computer Vision Datasets



Working with video

Extract Frames and Compose Video using FFMPEG
<https://www.ffmpeg.org/>

Extract `ffmpeg -i <video.file> image%03d.jpg`

Compose `ffmpeg -framerate 24 -i img%03d.jpg <output_video.file>`



Data Augmentation

- `torchvision.transforms`
 - `ColorJitter`
 - `Grayscale`
 - `LinearTransformation`
 - `Pad`
 - `RandomSizedCrop`
 - `RandomAffine`
 - `RandomApply`
 - `RandomChoice`
 - `RandomGrayscale`
 - `RandomHorizontalFlip`
 - `RandomOrder`
 - `RandomResizedCrop`
 - `RandomRotation`
 - `RandomSizedCrop`
 - `RandomVerticalFlip`

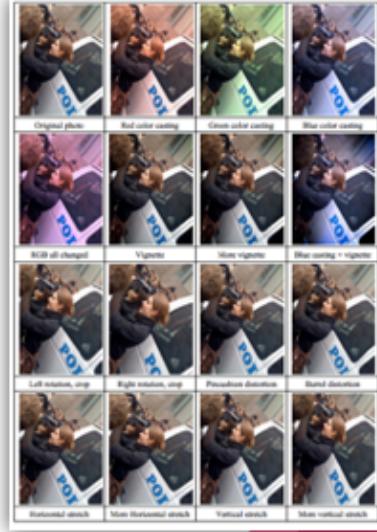


Image Source: Deep Image: Scaling up Image Recognition (Baidu)
<https://arxiv.org/abs/1501.02876>



Data Annotation

```
{"coco_url": "http://mscoco.org/images/405628",
"date_captured": "2013-11-21 00:26:09",
"file_name": "COCO_train2014_00000405628.jpg",
"flickr_url": "http://farm5.staticflickr.com/4130/5133418813_61f33c9633_z.jpg",
"height": 426,
"id": 405628,
"license": 5,
"width": 640}
```

```
{"area": 7581.427150000003,
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"segmentation": [[[219.87, 177.58, 224.45, 172.08, 225.37, 157.42, 218.95,
146.43, 208.88, 149.18, 208.88, 149.18, 202.46, 151.92, 198.8, 153.76, 198.8, 153.76, 196.97, 154.67, 184.14, 153.76, 183.23, 153.76, 158.49, 157.42, 133.75, 157.42, 95.28, 186.74, 105.35, 183.99, 153.91, 164.75, 169.48, 174.83, 169.48, 197.73, 135.59, 231.63, 131.92, 235.29, 133.75, 247.2, 152.99, 247.2, 155.74, 247.2, 175.9, 241.71, 179.56, 228.88, 184.14, 278.35, 195.14, 280.18, 194.22, 288.43, 200.63, 282.93, 198.8, 271.02, 224.45, 227.05, 224.45, 227.05, 227.2, 196.82, 219.87, 183.99]]},
```



<http://cocodataset.org/#explore?id=405628>

Data Annotation

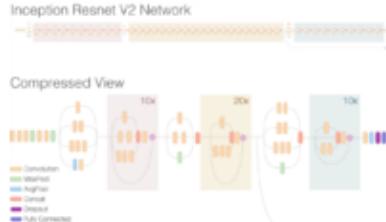
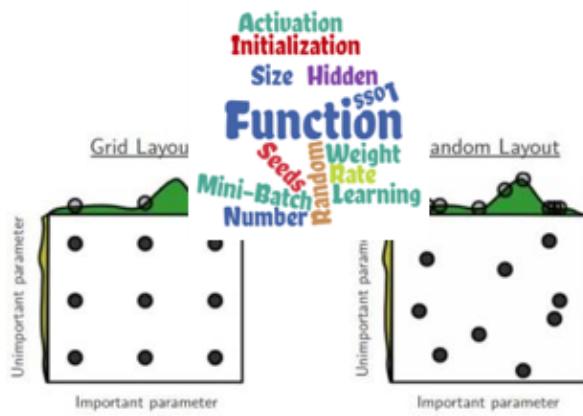
	BOUNDING BOX	DOTS	POLYGON	SEMANTIC SEGMENTATION
COST	Least expensive	More expensive	More expensive	Most expensive
TIME COMMITMENT	Lowest	Medium	Medium	Highest
PRECISION	Good	Great	Great	Excellent
INSTANCE-BASED (OUTPUT CONTAINS DISCRETE OBJECTS)	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
POSSIBLE TO LABEL SEVERAL OBJECTS?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
POSSIBLE TO LABEL SEVERAL CLASSES OF OBJECT IN A SINGLE JOB?	No	No	No	Yes
OUTPUT*	X,Y coordinate, width and length of each box	Series of x,y coordinates	Series of x,y coordinates, with shapes resolving	Coded RGB pixels as an image



Source: CrowdFlower WHAT WE LEARNED LABELING 1 MILLION IMAGES

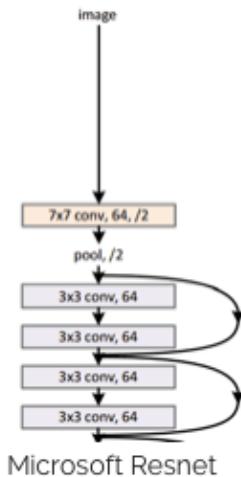


Training Challenges



Google Inception v3

34-layer residual

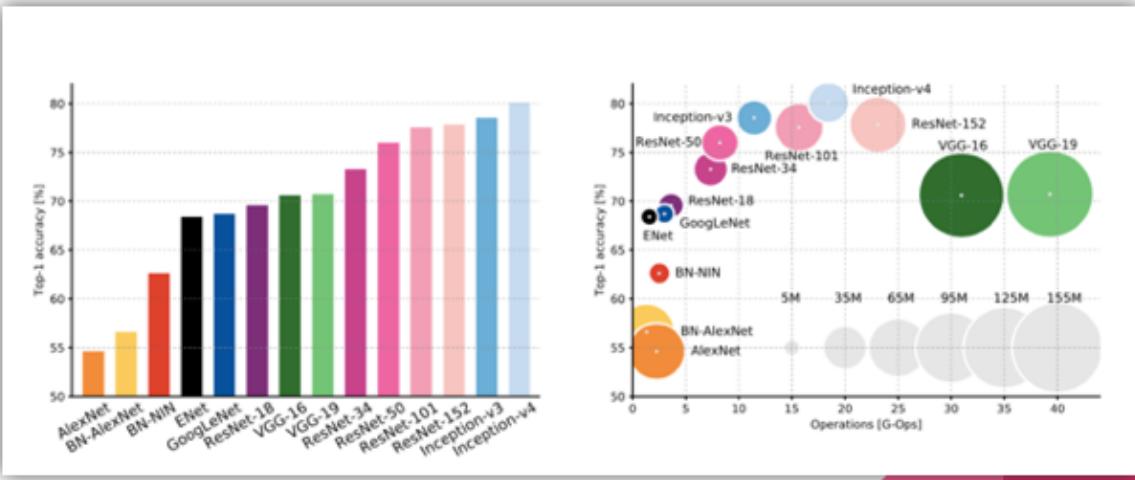


Hyper-Parameter Optimization

<https://adshpande3.github.io/adshpande3.github.io/The-9-Deep-Learning-Papers-You-Need-To-Know-About.html>
http://colinraffel.com/wiki/neural_network_hyperparameters



Analysis from training Computer Vision Models



Training Computer Vision Models: Time & Cost

Batch Size	epochs	Top-1 Accuracy	hardware	cost (\$)	time
256	100	58.7%	8-core CPU + K20 GPU	3,000	144h
512	100	58.8%	1 DGX station	129,000	6h 10m
4096	100	58.4%	1 DGX station	129,000	2h 19m
32K	100	58.5%	512 KNLs	1.2 million	24m

Table 7: The speed and hardware cost for training AlexNet.

For batch size=32K, we changed local response norm in AlexNet to batch norm.

Batch Size	epochs	Top-1 Accuracy	hardware	cost (\$)	time
256	90	73.0%	1 DGX station	129,000	21h
8192	90	72.7%	1 DGX station	129,000	21h
8192	90	72.7%	32 DGX stations	4.1 million	1h
32K	90	72.4%	512 KNLs	1.2 million	1h

Table 8: The speed and hardware cost for training ResNet50. We did not use data augmentation.



Deploying PyTorch Models



Deploying PyTorch Models: ONNX

- ONNX: Open Neural Network eXchange
 - Framework fragmentation: Project goal to allow researchers and developers to port models from one framework to another allowing interoperability
 - Currently supports some of Caffe2, PyTorch, Microsoft Cognitive Toolkit, Apache MXNet
- Currently PyTorch only supports model export not import
- Resources:
 - ONNX: <https://onnx.ai/> & <https://github.com/onnx/tutorials>
 - PyTorch: <http://pytorch.org/docs/master/onnx.html>



PyTorch AlexNet model to ONNX

```
from torch.autograd import Variable
import torch.onnx
import torchvision

dummy_input = Variable(torch.randn(10, 3, 224, 224)).cuda()
model = torchvision.models.alexnet(pretrained=True).cuda()

# providing these is optional, but makes working with the
# converted model nicer.
input_names = [ "learned_%d" % i for i in range(16) ] + [ "actual_input_1" ]
output_names = [ "output1" ]

torch.onnx.export(model, dummy_input,
                  "alexnet.proto", verbose=True,
                  input_names=input_names, output_names=output_names)
```



<http://pytorch.org/docs/stable/onnx.html#example-end-to-end-alexnet-from-pytorch-to-cafe2>

Readable Model

```
# All parameters are encoded explicitly as inputs. By convention,
# learned parameters (ala nn.Module.state_dict) are first, and the
# actual inputs are last.
graph{learned_0 : Float[10, 3, 224, 224]
      learned_1 : Float[64, 3, 11, 11]
      # The definition sites of all variables are annotated with type
      # information, specifying the type and size of tensors.
      # For example, learned_2 is a 192 x 64 x 5 x 5 tensor of floats.
      learned_2 : Float[64]
      learned_3 : Float[192, 64, 5, 5]
      # ---- omitted for brevity ----
      learned_14 : Float[4096]
      learned_15 : Float[1000, 4096]
      actual_input_1 : Float[1000]}

      # Every statement consists of some output tensors (and their types),
      # the operator to be run (with its attributes, e.g., kernels, strides,
      # etc.), its input tensors (*learned_0, *learned_1, *learned_2)
      t17 : Float[10, 64, 55, 55] = Conv[dilations=[1, 1], group=1, kernel_shape=[11, 11], pads=[2, 2, 2, 2], strides=[4, 4]](*learned_0, *learned_1, *learned_2), scope:
AlexNet/Sequential[features]/Conv2d[0]
t18 : Float[10, 64, 55, 55] = ReLU[*17], scope: AlexNet/Sequential[features]/ReLU[1]
t19 : Float[10, 64, 27, 27] = MaxPool[kernel_shape=[3, 3], pads=[0, 0, 0, 0], strides=[2, 2]](*18), scope: AlexNet/Sequential[features]/MaxPool2d[2]
# ---- omitted for brevity ----
t29 : Float[10, 256, 6, 6] = MaxPool[kernel_shape=[3, 3], pads=[0, 0, 0, 0], strides=[2, 2]](*28), scope: AlexNet/Sequential[features]/MaxPool2d[12]
t30 : Float[10, 9216] = Flatten[axis=1](t29), scope: AlexNet
# UNKNOWN_TYPE: sometimes type information is not known. We hope to eliminate
# all such cases in a later release.
t31 : Float[10, 9216], t32 : UNKNOWN_TYPE = Dropout[is_test=1, ratio=0.5](t30), scope: AlexNet/Sequential[classifier]/Dropout[0]
t33 : Float[10, 4096] = Gemm[alpha=1, beta=1, broadcast=1, transB=1](t31, *learned_11, *learned_12), scope: AlexNet/Sequential[classifier]/Linear[1]
# ---- omitted for brevity ----
output1 : Float[10, 1000] = Gemm[alpha=1, beta=1, broadcast=1, transB=1](t33, *learned_15, *actual_input_1), scope: AlexNet/Sequential[classifier]/Linear[6]
# Finally, a network returns some tensors
return (*output1);}
```



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PyTorch AlexNet model to ONNX

```
import onnx
# Load the ONNX model

model = onnx.load("alexnet.proto")
# Check that the IR is well formed
onnx.checker.check_model(model)

# Print a human readable representation of the graph
onnx.helper.printable_graph(model.graph)

import caffe2.python.onnx.backend as backend
import numpy as np

rep = backend.prepare(model, device="CUDA:0") # or "CPU"
# For the Caffe2 backend:
#     rep.predict_net is the Caffe2 protobuf for the network
#     rep.workspace is the Caffe2 workspace for the network
#         (see the class caffe2.python.onnx.backend.Workspace)
outputs = rep.run(np.random.randn(10, 3, 224, 224).astype(np.float32))
# To run networks with more than one input, pass a tuple
# rather than a single numpy ndarray.

print(outputs[0])
```



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PyTorch & Computer Vision Next



What is next for PyTorch?

- Tensor Comprehensions now available in PyTorch speed up innovation in Deep Learning by allowing researchers to scale new ideas to large models

```
def avgpool(float[B, C, H, W] input) -> (output) {  
    output[b, c, h * (sH) + kh, w * (sW) + kw]  
        += input[b, c, h * (sH) + kh, w * (sW) + kw]  
}
```

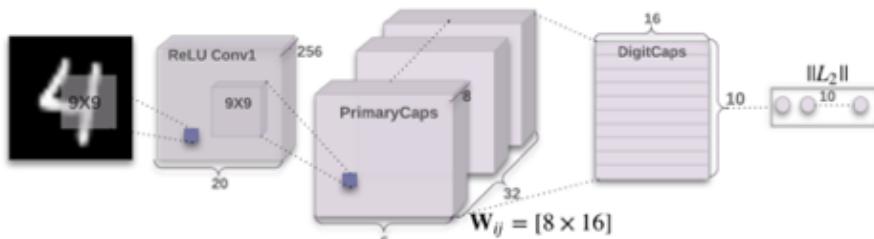
Tensor Comprehension for 2D Average Pooling



<https://research.fb.com/announcing-tensor-comprehensions/>

Computer Vision *Next*

- Generative Adversarial Networks (GANs)
 - Deep Convolution Generative Adversarial Networks (<https://github.com/pytorch/examples/tree/master/dcgan>)
- Capsule Networks
 - Dynamic Routing Between Capsules (<https://arxiv.org/abs/1710.09829>)

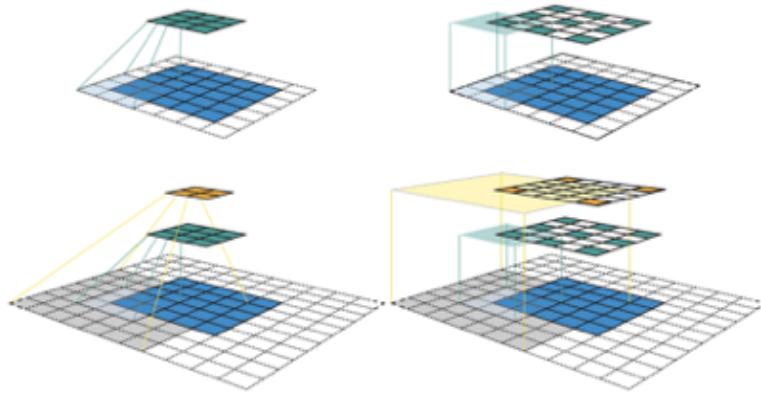


<https://medium.com/ai%C2%B3-theory-practice-business/understanding-hintons-capsule-networks-part-i-intuition-b4b559d1159b>



Features and Receptive Field

- A guide to receptive field arithmetic for Convolutional Neural Networks



<https://medium.com/mlreview/a-guide-to-receptive-field-arithmetic-for-convolutional-neural-networks-e0f514068807>

PyTorch: A flexible approach for computer vision models

Discussion

