Lecture 6 – Computational Graphs; PyTorch and Tensorflow

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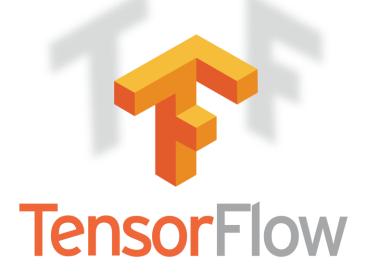
Second Part

Frameworks

















Frameworks











TensorFlow



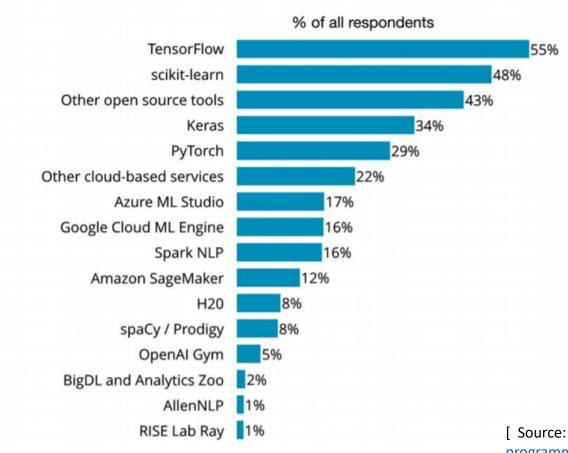






O'Reilly Poll: Most popular framework for machine learning

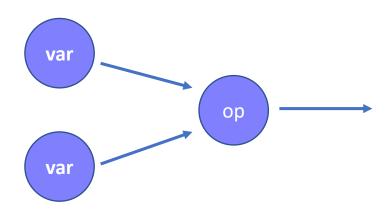
Which of the following AI tools are you using? (Select all that apply.)



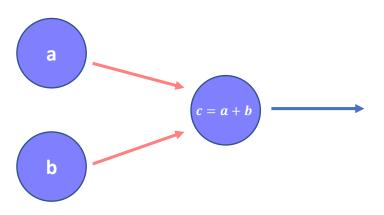
[Source: https://www.techrepublic.com/google-amp/article/most-popular-programming-language-frameworks-and-tools-for-machine-learning/

What are computation graphs?

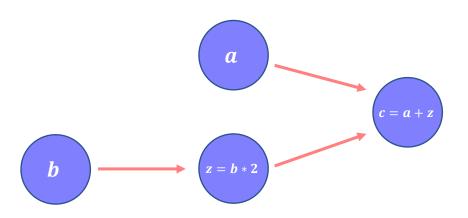
- DAG (directed acyclic graph)
- Nodes
 - Variables
 - Mathematical Operations
- Edges
 - Feeding input



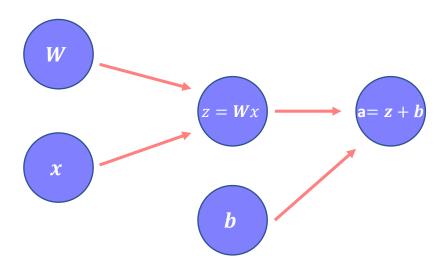
•
$$c = a + b$$



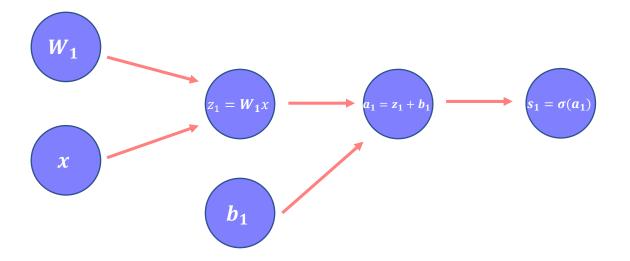
•
$$c = a + b * 2$$



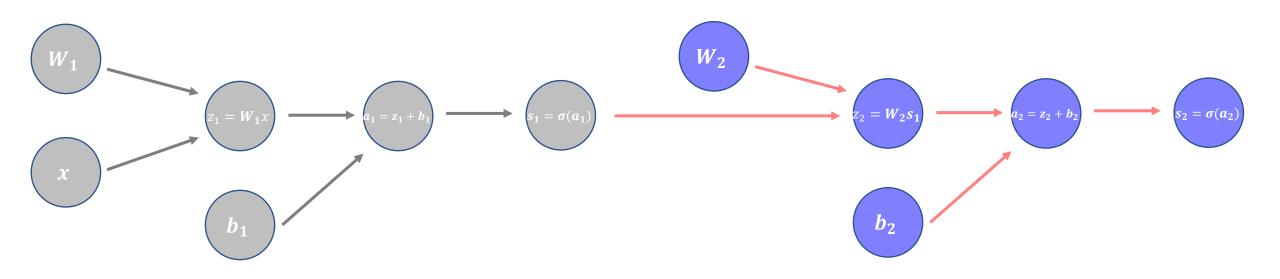
- Tensors: Multi-dimensional arrays
- $\bullet a = Wx + b$



A feed-forward neural network



A multi-layer feed-forward neural network

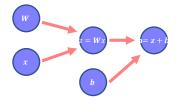


Python (NumPy)

```
In [1]: import numpy as np

In [3]: x = np.ndarray(shape=(10,1), dtype=float) # the input vector
W = np.random.rand(100, 10) # the weight matrix
b = np.ones(shape=(100, 1), dtype=float)*0.1 # the bias vector

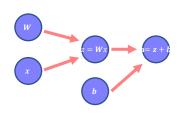
z = np.matmul(W, x)
a = z + b
s = np.maximum(a, 0) # ReLU activtion function
```



PyTorch

NumPy

PyTorch



PyTorch

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NumPy

PyTorch

Not always!

```
In [1]: from __future__ import print_function
import torch

In [6]: x = torch.Tensor(10, 1)  # the input vector
W = torch.rand(100, 10)  # the weight matrix
b = torch.ones(100, 1)*0.1  # the bias vector

z = torch.matmul(W, x)
a = z + b

s = torch.clamp(a, min=0)  # ReLU activation function
```

PyTorch-NumPy

Converting a Torch Tensor to a NumPy array and vice versa is a breeze.

```
In [9]: a = torch.ones(5)
print(a)

1
    1
    1
    1
    1
    [torch.FloatTensor of size 5]

In [10]: b = a.numpy()
print(b)
    [1. 1. 1. 1. ]
```

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In [11]: a.add_(1)
         print(a)
         print(b)
          [torch.FloatTensor of size 5]
         [2. 2. 2. 2. 2.]
```

Shared Memory

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```

```
In [12]: import numpy as np
    a = np.ones(5)
    b = torch.from_numpy(a)
    np.add(a, 1, out=a)
    print(a)
    print(b)

[2. 2. 2. 2. 2.]

2
    2
    2
    2
    [torch.DoubleTensor of size 5]
```

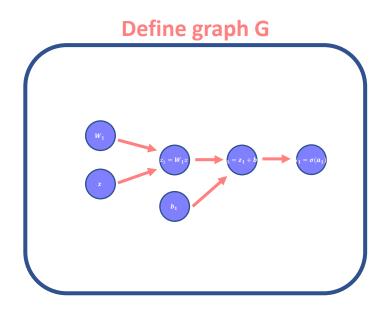
"Define by Run" Computation Graphs

This kind of computation graph is called "define by run"

Also referred to as "dynamic"

"Define and Run" Computation Graphs

- First define the graph structure
- Then run it by feeding in the (input) variables.



Run the graph G

- Run G with x_1 , W_1 , b_1
- Run G with x_2 , W_2 , b_2
- • •

Also known as "static graphs"

Run graph many times

```
In [13]: import tensorflow as tf
In [16]: # define the graph
         x = tf.placeholder(shape=(10, 1), dtype=tf.float16)
                                                                          # the input vector
         W = tf.placeholder(shape=(100, 10), dtype=tf.float16)
                                                                          # the weight matrix
         b = tf.placeholder(shape=(100, 1), dtype=tf.float16)
                                                                          # the bias vector
         z = tf.matmul(W, x)
         a = z + b
         s = tf.maximum(a, 0)
                                                                          # ReLU activation function
In [18]: # run the graph in a session
         with tf.Session() as sess:
             s_val = sess.run([s], feed_dict={x:np.random.rand(10, 1),
                                              W:np.random.rand(100, 10),
                                              b:np.random.rand(100,1)})
                                                                           # run the graph
             s_val = sess.run([s], feed_dict={x:np.random.rand(10, 1),
                                              W:np.random.rand(100, 10),
                                              b:np.random.rand(100,1)})
                                                                           # run the graph with different parameters
             z_val = sess.run([z], feed_dict={x:np.random.rand(10, 1),
                                              W:np.random.rand(100, 10),
                                              b:np.random.rand(100,1)})
                                                                           # run the initial part of the graph
             a val = sess.run([a], feed dict={z:np.random.rand(100, 1),
                                              b:np.random.rand(100,1)})
                                                                           # run the middle part of the graph
```

Data loop

Dynamic Graph

```
for x in X:
    x = torch.Tensor(10, 1)
    W = torch.rand(100, 10)
    b = torch.ones(100, 1)*0.1

z = torch.matmul(W, x)
    a = z + b

s = torch.clamp(a, min=0)
```

Static Graph

```
x = tf.placeholder(shape=(10, 1), dtype=tf.float16)
W = tf.placeholder(shape=(100, 10), dtype=tf.float16)
b = tf.placeholder(shape=(100, 1), dtype=tf.float16)

z = tf.matmul(W, x)
a = z + b

s = tf.maximum(a, 0)

with tf Session() as sess:
    for x val in X:
        s_val = sess.run([s], feed_dict={x:x_val})
```

Why computation graphs at all?!

Why computation graphs?

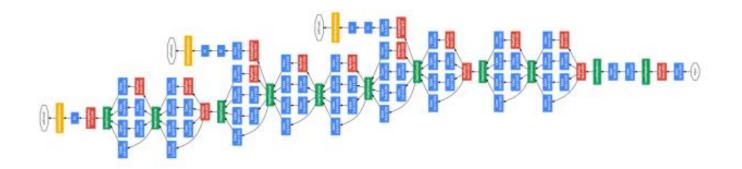
• In lecture 3, you've learnt how to do backprop using the chain rule

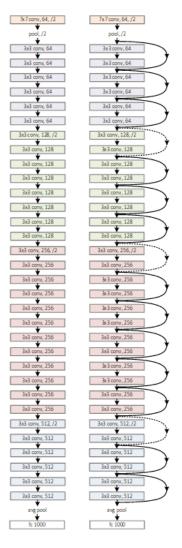
The Chain Rule for the composition of n functions

Recursively applying this fact gives:

Why computation graphs?

• Is it feasible?





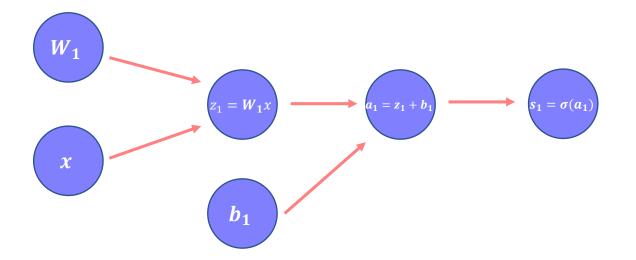
Why computation graphs?

- Automatic chain rule
 - automatic back-prop using implemented operations
 - Each operation has their gradient already implemented
 - If you want to use a novel operation, then you have to provide it's gradient w.r.t. inputs and its learnable parameters (if any)

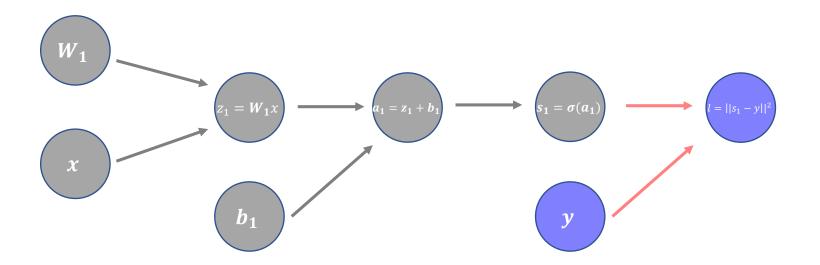
$$\begin{split} \frac{\partial y^{in_j}(t)}{\partial w_{lm}} &= f'_{in_j}(net_{in_j}(t)) \frac{\partial net_{in_j}(t)}{\partial w_{lm}} \approx_{tr} \delta_{in_j t} f'_{in_j}(net_{in_j}(t)) y^m(t-1) \;. \\ \frac{\partial y^{out_j}(t)}{\partial w_{lm}} &= f'_{out_j}(net_{out_j}(t)) \frac{\partial net_{out_j}(t)}{\partial w_{lm}} \approx_{tr} \delta_{out_j t} f'_{out_j}(net_{out_j}(t)) y^m(t-1) \;. \\ \frac{\partial s_{c_j^v}(t)}{\partial w_{lm}} &= \frac{\partial s_{c_j^v}(t-1)}{\partial w_{lm}} + \frac{\partial y^{in_j}(t)}{\partial w_{lm}} g\left(net_{c_j^v}(t)\right) + y^{in_j}(t) g'\left(net_{c_j^v}(t)\right) \frac{\partial net_{c_j^v}(t)}{\partial w_{lm}} \approx_{tr} \\ & \left(\delta_{in_j l} + \delta_{c_j^v}\right) \frac{\langle t-1\rangle}{\partial w_{lm}} g\left(net_{c_j^v}(t)\right) + y^{in_j}(t) g'\left(net_{c_j^v}(t)\right) + \delta_{c_j^v l} y^{in_j}(t) g'\left(net_{c_j^v}(t)\right) y''(t) = \\ & \left(\delta_{in_j l} + \frac{\partial w_{lm}}{\partial w_{lm}}\right) \frac{\langle t-1\rangle}{\partial w_{lm}} \left(\int_{t}^{t} \frac{\langle t-1\rangle}{\partial w_{lm}} \left($$

Let's look at examples in PyTorch and TensorFlow

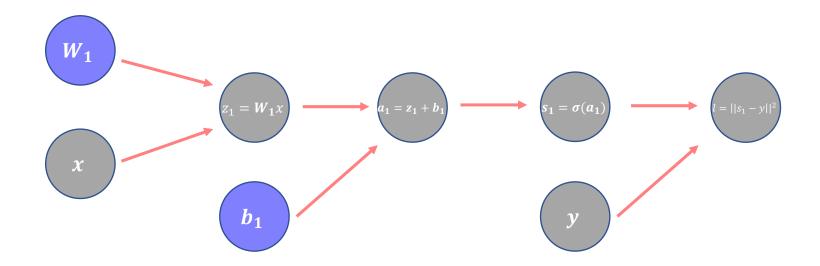
A feed-forward neural network

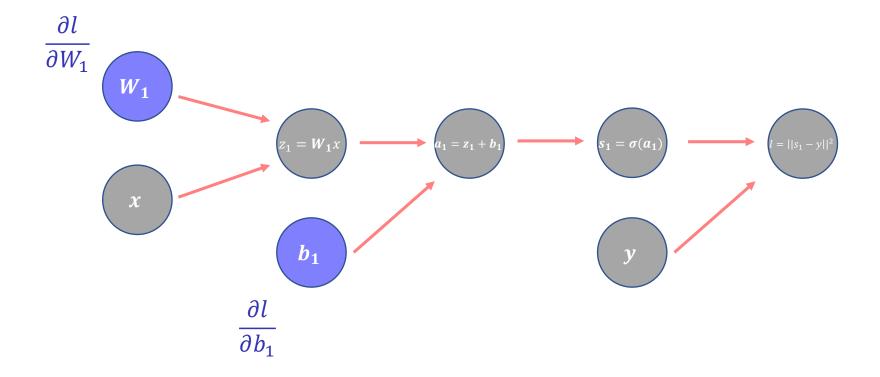


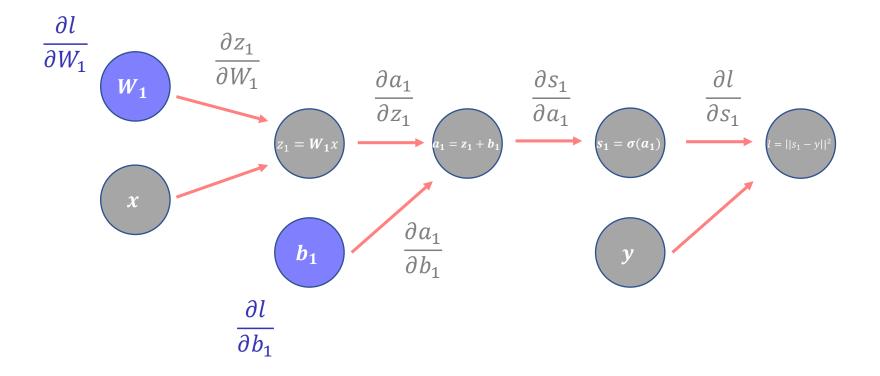
ullet A feed-forward neural network with squared L_2 loss



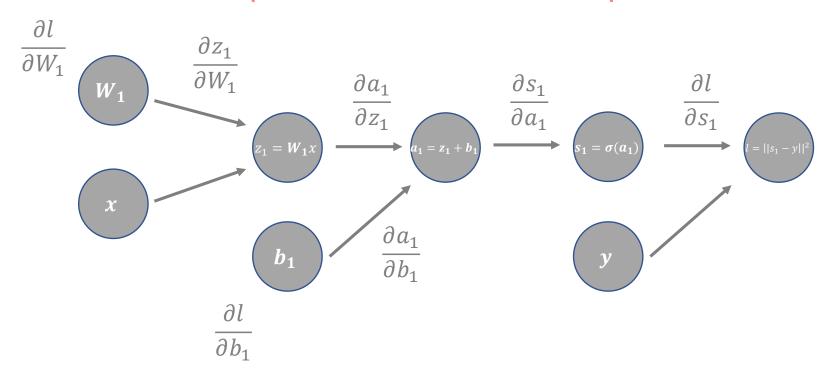
Learnable parameters





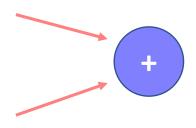


A deep learning framework provides an automatic gradient calculation of its output variables w.r.t. its input variables



Addition Node

- Forward pass: a = b + c
- Backward pass: $\frac{\partial a}{\partial b} = 1$ and $\frac{\partial a}{\partial c} = 1$

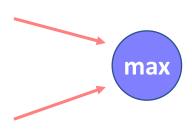


- Max Node
 - Forward pass: $a = \max(b, c)$
 - Backward pass:
 - *If b < c*

•
$$\frac{\partial a}{\partial b} = 0$$
 and $\frac{\partial a}{\partial c} = 1$

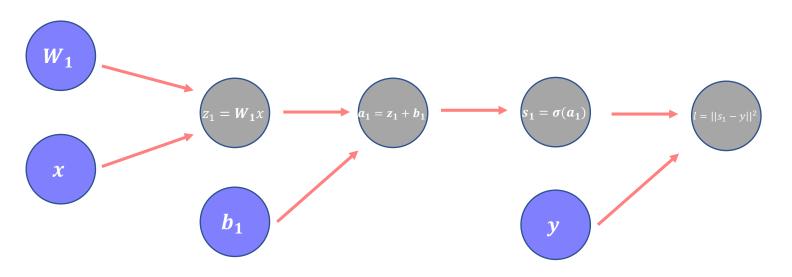
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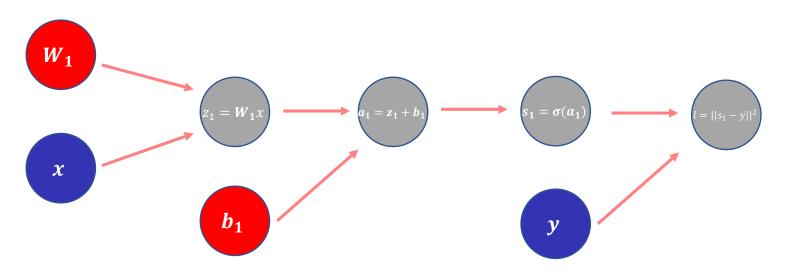
Variables and Ops

- Ops
 - Intermediate or final nodes
- Variables
 - intrinsic parameters of the model
 - input to the model



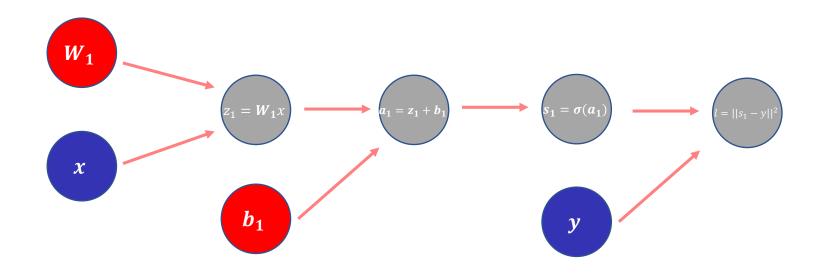
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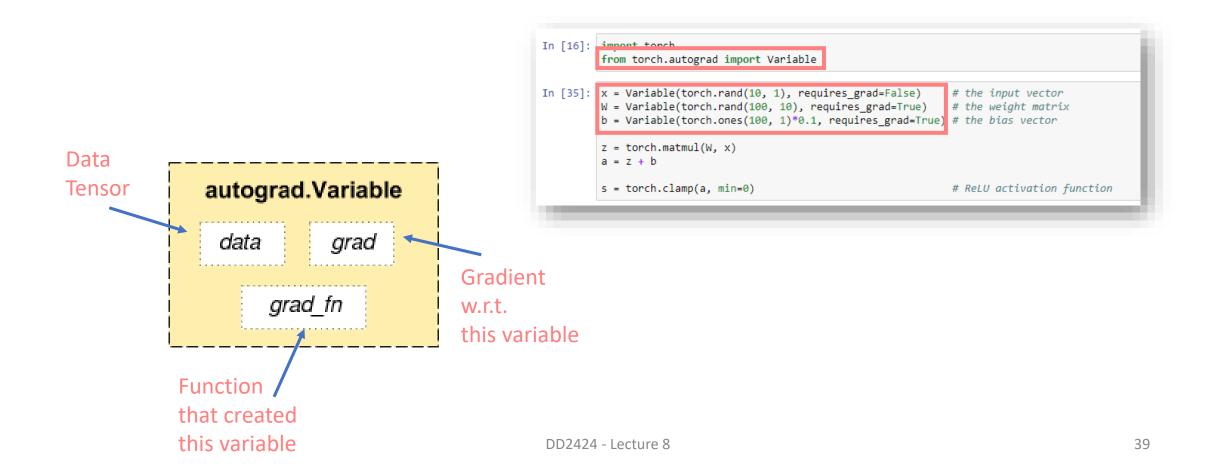


Variables and Ops

- Variables
 - Intrinsic parameters of the model
 - Input to the model
- TensorFlow
 - Variables
 - Place Holders
- PyTorch
 - Variables



• package: torch.autograd



A graph is created on the fly

```
W_h h W_x x
```

```
from torch.autograd import Variable

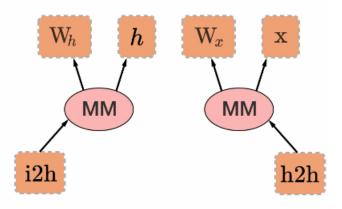
x = Variable(torch.randn(1, 10))
prev_h = Variable(torch.randn(1, 20))
W_h = Variable(torch.randn(20, 20))
W_x = Variable(torch.randn(20, 10))
```

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W_x = Variable(torch.randn(20, 10))

i2h = torch.mm(W_x, x.t())
h2h = torch.mm(W_h, prev_h.t())
```

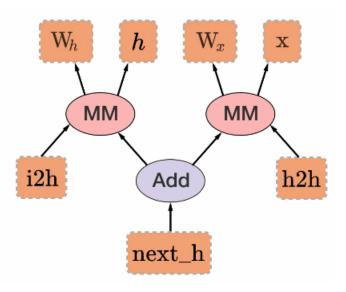


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h2h = torch.mm(W_h, prev_h.t())
next_h = i2h + h2h
```

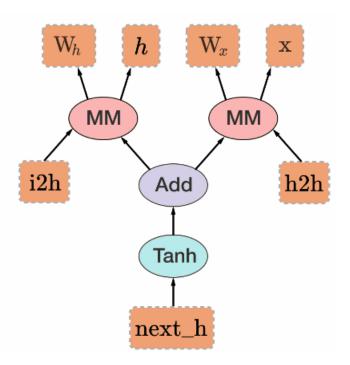


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next_h = i2h + h2h
next_h = next_h.tanh()
```



Calculate gradient using backward() method of a Variable

• var.backward()

```
In [21]: x = Variable(torch.rand(10, 1), requires grad=True)
                                                                # the input vector
         W = Variable(torch.rand(1, 10), requires grad=True)
                                                               # the weight matrix
         b = Variable(torch.ones(1, 1)*0.1, requires grad=True) # the bias vector
         y = 1
         z = torch.matmul(W, x)
         a = z + b
         s = torch_clamp(a, min=0)
                                                                 # ReLU activation function
         1 = (s-y)*(s-y)
                                                                 # SE Loss
In [22]: 1.backward()
         print(W.grad, b.grad)
         (Variable containing:
          0.9587 1.5793 0.6712 0.6553 2.1702 0.5288 0.5278 1.6710 1.0869 0.4436
         [torch.FloatTensor of size 1x10]
         , Variable containing:
          2.4148
         [torch.FloatTensor of size 1x1]
```

TensorFlow gradients

Add gradient nodes in the graph where necessary using

Tf.gradients(ys, xs, gs)

And evaluate it

```
In [8]: # define the graph
        x = tf.placeholder(shape=(10, 1), dtype=tf.float16)
                                                                          # the input vector
                                                                          # some label
        W = tf.placeholder(shape=(1, 10), dtype=tf.float16)
                                                                          # the weight matrix
        b = tf.placeholder(shape=(1, 1), dtype=tf.float16)
                                                                          # the bias vector
        z = tf.matmul(W, x)
         a = z + b
                                                                          # ReLU activation function
        s = tf.maximum(a, 0)
                                                                          # SE Loss
        1 = (y-s)*(y-s)
        grad_W, grad_b = tf.gradients(l, [W, b])
                                                                          # initialize W
In [9]: W val = np.random.rand(1, 10)
         b val = np.random.rand(1, 1)
                                                                          # initialize b
        with tf.Session(config=tf.ConfigProto(log_device_placement=True)) as sess:
            1_val, l_grad_W, l_grad_b = sess.run([l, grad_W, grad_b],
                                                  feed_dict={x:np.random.rand(10, 1),
                                                             W:W_val,
                                                             b:b val})
                                                                          # run the graph
             print(l val, l grad W, l grad b)
        (array([[ 3.9375]], dtype=float16), array([[ 1.51171875, 3.62890625, 1.15917969, 3.2265625, 1.09570312,
                 1.36425781, pr.7109375 gct; 23632812, 2.44921875, 0.05480957]], dtype=float16), array([[ 3.96875]], dtype=float16))
```

TensorFlow gradients

Then update the parameters

```
# define the graph
x = tf.placeholder(shape=(10, 1), dtype=tf.float16)
                                                                 # the input vector
                                                                 # some label
W = tf.placeholder(shape=(1, 10), dtype=tf.float16)
                                                                 # the weight matrix
b = tf.placeholder(shape=(1, 1), dtype=tf.float16)
                                                                 # the bias vector
z = tf.matmul(W, x)
a = z + b
s = tf.maximum(a, 0)
                                                                 # ReLU activation function
1 = (y-s)*(y-s)
                                                                 # SE Loss
grad W, grad b = tf.gradients(l, [W, b])
W val = np.random.rand(1, 10)
                                                                 # initialize W
b val = np.random.rand(1, 1)
                                                                 # initialize b
learning rate = 0.01
with tf.Session(config=tf.ConfigProto(log_device_placement=True)) as sess:
    l_val, l_grad_W, l_grad_b = sess.run([l, grad_W, grad_b],
                                         feed_dict={x:np.random.rand(10, 1),
                                                    W:W val,
                                                                # run the graph
                                                    b:b_val})
    print(l val, l grad W, l grad b)
    W_val -= learning_rate*l_grad_W
    b val -= learning rate*l grad b
```

TensorFlow gradient

Use tf.Variable instead

```
In [14]: # define the graph
         x = tf.placeholder(shape=(10, 1), dtype=tf.float32)
                                                                           # the input vector
                                                                           # some label
         W = tf.Variable(tf.random normal((1, 10)))
                                                                           # the weight matrix
         b = tf.Variable(tf.random_normal((1, 1)))
                                                                          # the bias vector
         z = tf.matmul(W, x)
         a = z + b
         s = tf.maximum(a, 0)
                                                                          # ReLU activation function
         1 = (y-s)*(y-s)
                                                                          # SE Loss
         grad_W, grad_b = tf.gradients(1, [W, b])
         learning rate = 0.01
         updated W = W.assign(W-learning rate*grad W)
         updated b = b.assign(b-learning rate*grad b)
In [17]: with tf.Session(config=tf.ConfigProto(log_device_placement=True)) as sess:
             sess.run(tf.global_variables_initializer())
             1_val, 1_updated_W, 1_updated_b = sess.run([1, updated W. updated b ,
                                                  feed dict={x:np.random.rand(10, 1)})
                                                                                          # run the graph
             print(l_val, l_grad_W, l_grad_b)
```

How to use GPU?

PyTorch GPU

Turn variables into "GPU" variables by the following command:

```
• var = var.cuda(#)
```

```
In [3]: x = Variable(torch.rand(10, 1), requires_grad=False)
    W = Variable(torch.rand(100, 10), requires_grad=True)
    b = Variable(torch.ones(100, 1)*0.1, requires_grad=True)

    x = x.cuda()
    W = W.cuda()
    b = b.cuda()

    z = torch.matmul(W, x)
    a = z + b

    s = torch.clamp(a, min=0)

In [4]: print(z.is_cuda, a.is_cuda, s.is_cuda)
    (True, True, True)
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```

PyTorch GPU

Turn back variables into "CPU" variables by the following command:

```
• var = var.cpu()
```

TensorFlow GPU

• In TF variables or operations can sit on specific device

```
• tf.device(/gpu:0)
```

- tf.device(/gpu:1)
- •
- tf.device(/cpu:0)

```
In [11]: # define the aranh
         with tf.device('/gpu:0'):
             x = tf.placeholder(shape=(10, 1), dtype=tf.float16)
                                                                               # the input vector
             W = tf.placeholder(shape=(100, 10), dtype=tf.float16)
                                                                               # the weight matrix
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             s_val = sess.run([s], feed_dict={x:np.random.rand(10, 1),
                                              W:np.random.rand(100, 10),
                                              b:np.random.rand(100,1)})
                                                                            # run the graph
```

TensorFlow GPU

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tf.Session(config=tf.ConfigProto(log_device_placement=True))

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In [11]: # define the graph
          with tf.device('/gpu:0'):
             x = tf.placeholder(shape=(10, 1), dtype=tf.float16)
                                                                              # the input vector
             W = tf.placeholder(shape=(100, 10), dtype=tf.float16)
                                                                               # the weight matrix
             b = tf.placeholder(shape=(100, 1), dtype=tf.float16)
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                                              W:np.random.rand(100, 10),
                                              b:np.random.rand(100,1)})
                                                                           # run the graph
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TensorFlow GPU

Some TF operations do not have a CUDA implementation

How to implement complicated models in practice?

PT High-Level Library

PyTorch package called nn and class called Module

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In [9]: import torch
        from torch.autograd import Variable
        from collections import OrderedDict
        input dim = 10
        hidden_dims = [100, 100, 100]
        output dim = 1
        layers = [('input',torch.nn.Linear(input dim, hidden dims[0]))]
        for 1 in range (1, len(hidden dims)):
                layers.append(('relu'+str(l),torch.nn.ReLU()))
                layers.append(('hid'+str(1), torch.nn.Linear(hidden_dims[1-1], hidden_dims[1])))
        layers.append(('relu'+str(len(hidden_dims)),torch.nn.ReLU()))
        layers.append(('output', torch.nn.Linear(hidden_dims[-1], output_dim)))
        model = torch.nn.Sequential(OrderedDict(layers))
        loss = torch.nn.MSELoss()
        optimizer = torch.optim.Adam(model.parameters(), lr=0.01)
        num samples = 100
        X = Variable(torch.randn(num samples, input dim))
        Y = Variable(torch.randn(num samples, output dim))
        for i in range(10):
                preds = model(X)
                1 = loss(preds, Y)
                print(1)
                optimizer.zero grad()
                1.backward()
                optimizer.step()
```

TF High-Level Libraries

- Keras: highest abstraction
- SLIM: best pre-trained models
- TFLearn,
- Sonnet,
- Pretty Tensor,

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In [8]: from keras.models import Sequential
        from keras.layers.core import Dense, Activation
        from keras.optimizers import Adam
        import numpy as np
        input dim = 10
        hidden dims = [100, 100, 100]
        output dim = 1
        model = Sequential()
        model.add(Dense(input dim=input dim, output dim=hidden dims[0]))
        for l in range(1, len(hidden dims)):
                model.add(Dense(input dim=hidden dims[1-1], output dim=hidden dims[1]))
        model.add(Dense(input dim=hidden dims[-1], output dim=output dim))
        optimizer = Adam(lr=0.001, beta 1=0.9, beta 2=0.999, epsilon=None, decay=0.0, amsgrad=False)
        model.compile(loss='mean squared error', optimizer=optimizer)
        num samples = 100
        X = np.random.rand(num samples, input dim)
        Y = np.random.rand(num_samples, output_dim)
        hist = model.fit(X, Y, epochs=10, batch_size=32, shuffle=True)
```

Data, storage, and loading

!!!Important!!!

Always monitor CPU/GPU usage (linux: nvidia-smi, top)

Make storage more efficient (TF Records, etc.)

 Make reading pipeline more efficient (parallel readers, prefetching, etc.)

Use Visualization

- Always monitor the loss function on the training and validation sets visually
- Monitor all other important scalars, such as learning rate, regularization loss, layer activations summary, how full your data queues are, and ...
- If you have an imbalanced classification problem, visualize the CE loss separately for each class.
- If you work with images, time to time visualize samples from the batch, if you do
 data augmentation, visualize the original sample as well as the augmented one
- TensorBoard for TF
- TensorBoardX, matplotlib, seaborn, ... for PT

Use Visualization

You can have the configuration shown as a text file in tensorboard!

Which one is better? PyTorch or TensorFlow?

pros and cons

- PyTorch: easier for prototyping
- PyTorch: much easier to implement flexible graphs
- PyTorch: different structures in each iteration (dependent on data). This is possible with TF too, but is a pain.
- PyTorch: manipulating weight and gradients
- PyTorch: code-level debugging (breakpoints, imperative, tracing your own code instead of TF kernels)
- PyTorch: probably better abstractions for dataset, variable, parallelism, etc. but TF has many high-level wrappers with better abstractions
- Tie?!: Faster run-time, (NHWC v.s. NCHW)
- TF: TensorBoard
- TF: research-level debugging (TensorBoard)
- TF: windows
- TF: distributed training (PyTorch has it now too, but seems not as developed as the TF version)
- TF: easier with distributing the code over multiple devices (GPUs/CPU) (maybe not anymore)
- TF: online community is noticeably larger
- TF: data readers
- TF: supposedly more optimizations of the graph (done by the engine)
- TF: documentation and tutorials
- TF: more models available
- TF: Serialization, code and portability (saving and loading models for across platforms, or checkpoints)
- TF: Deployment: Server, Mobile, etc. (TensorFlow Serving, TensorFlow Lite)
- TF: Richer API (e.g. FFT)
- TF: Automatic shape inference
- TF has a MOOC: https://eu.udacity.com/course/deep-learning--ud730

TensorFlow Eager execution

- Eager Execution
 - Dynamic!
 - tf.enable_eager_execuation()
 - Considerably Slower (being worked on)
 - https://www.tensorflow.org/guide/eager

Caffe(2)

Portability is seamless (e.g. mobile apps)

Simplest framework for fine-tuning or feature extraction

Used to be fastest (Caffe)

Summary

- Don't take the following statements too seriously! -- it depends on many factors
 - If you want to use pretrained classic deep networks (AlexNet, VGG, ResNet, ...) for feature extraction and/or fine-tuning → Use Caffe and/or Caffe2
 - If you have a mobile application in mind → Use Caffe/Caffe2 or TensorFlow
 - If you want more pythonic → use PyTorch
 - If you are familiar with Matlab and don't need much flexibility or advanced layers → use MatConvNet
 - If you don't want so much of flexibility and still use python → use Keras
 - If you are working on NLP applications or complicated RNNs → use PyTorch
 - If you want large community help, sustainable learning of a framework → use TensorFlow
 - If you want to work on bleeding-edge papers → See what framework has the original and/or cleanest implementation (most likely TensorFlow)
 - If you want to prototype many different novel setups → Use PyTorch or TF Eager