

Assignment 2. Reading Assignment for Machine Learning Systems Comparison

Due date: 11:59pm Jan 31 2020

Files to submit:

- A report in PDF format. Select two popular systems from this link: [Papers for Assignment 2](#). Then in the report, compare the two systems from various Systems aspect.

Submission Website:

GradeScope (We will NOT accept submissions via email and Canvas).

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Learning Goal:

1. Understand, summarize and communicate a few common design principles through case study of popular machine learning systems;
2. Understand the architecture of parameter server;
3. Understand common approaches to data parallelism and model parallelism;
4. Understand Easy execution versus Lazy execution;
5. Analyze performance bottlenecks for each type of systems;

Tasks:

1. Select two papers from the list: [Papers for Assignment 2](#)
2. Study the systems through reading the papers. You are encouraged to find more relevant resources in internet by yourself.
3. Write a 2~4 page survey report, please cover following points:
 1. Why do you select these two papers? What interests you the most about these two papers? (4pt)
 2. What are the benefits and shortcomings of System A? (3pt)
 3. What are the benefits and shortcomings of System B? (3pt)
 4. What are the common features shared by System A and B? (3pt)
 5. What are the difference between System A and B? (3pt)

6. What have you learned from the two papers? (4pt)

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Here are 12 papers for Assignment 2, which we discussed in classroom. You only need to select two papers to conduct the comparison study.

•Hogwild!

[Hogwild A lock-free approach to parallelizing stochastic gradient descent.pdf](#) 

Recht, Benjamin, et al. Advances in neural information processing systems. 2011.

•DistBelief

[Large scale distributed deep networks.pdf](#) 

Dean, Jeffrey, et al. Advances in neural information processing systems. 2012.

•Petumm

[More effective distributed ml via a stale synchronous parallel parameter server.pdf](#) 

Ho, Qirong, et al. Advances in neural information processing systems. 2013.

[Petuum A new platform for distributed machine learning on big data.pdf](#) 

Xing, Eric P., et al. IEEE Transactions on Big Data 1.2 (2015): 49-67.

•Project Adam


[Project adam Building an efficient and scalable deep learning training system.pdf](#) 

Chilimbi, Trishul, et al. 11th USENIX Symposium on Operating Systems Design and Implementation (OSDI 14). 2014.

•MXNET

[Scaling distributed machine learning with the parameter server.pdf](#) 

Li, Mu, et al. 11th USENIX Symposium on Operating Systems Design and Implementation (OSDI 14). 2014.

[Mxnet A flexible and efficient machine learning library for heterogeneous distributed systems.pdf](#) 

Chen, Tianqi, et al. arXiv preprint arXiv:1512.01274 (2015).

[{TVM} An automated end-to-end optimizing compiler for deep learning.pdf](#) 

Chen, Tianqi, et al. 13th USENIX Symposium on Operating Systems Design and Implementation (OSDI 18). 2018.

•TensorFlow

[Tensorflow A system for large-scale machine learning.pdf](#) 

Abadi, Martín, et al. 12th USENIX Symposium on Operating Systems Design and Implementation (OSDI 16). 2016.

•Uber Horovod

[Horovod fast and easy distributed deep learning in TensorFlow.pdf](#) 

Sergeev, Alexander, and Mike Del Balso. arXiv preprint arXiv:1802.05799 (2018).

•PyTorch

[PyTorch An imperative style, high-performance deep learning library.pdf](#) 

Paszke, Adam, et al. Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems. 2019.

•TensorFlow Eager

[Tensorflow eager A multi-stage, python-embedded dsl for machine learning.pdf](#) 

Agrawal, Akshay, et al. arXiv preprint arXiv:1903.01855 (2019).

Autograder Results

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AUTOGRADER SCORE**0.0 / 0.0****QUESTION 2**

Why do you select these two papers? What interests you the most about these two papers?

4.0 / 4.0 pts**QUESTION 3**

What are the benefits and shortcomings of System A?

3.0 / 3.0 pts**QUESTION 4**