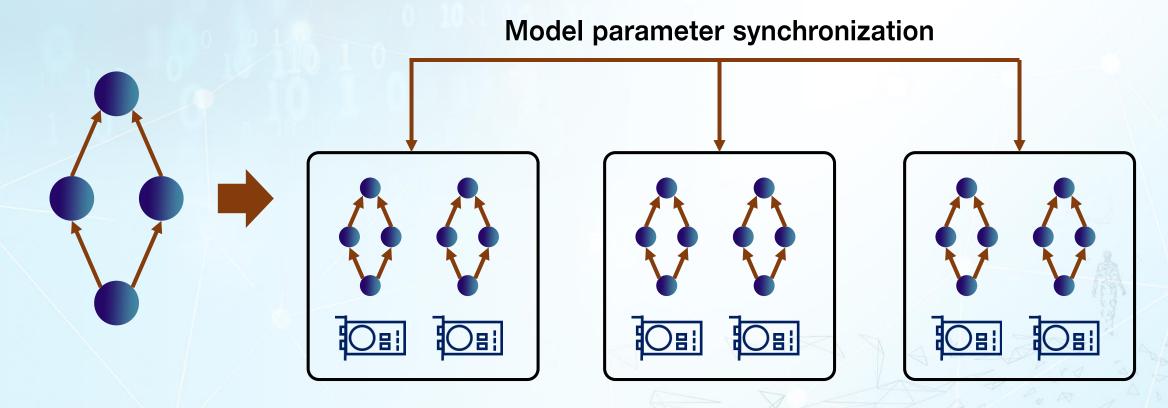




# **Distributed ML Training**

Speed up ML training convergence by parallelizing it across multiple devices (e.g., GPUs)





# Distributed ML Training

### Weak scaling

- ► Fix the batch size per device (e.g., GPU)
- ► As we add more devices, the total batch size increases
- ► To mitigate communication overheads, weak scaling is typically used, but it requires hyperparameter tuning

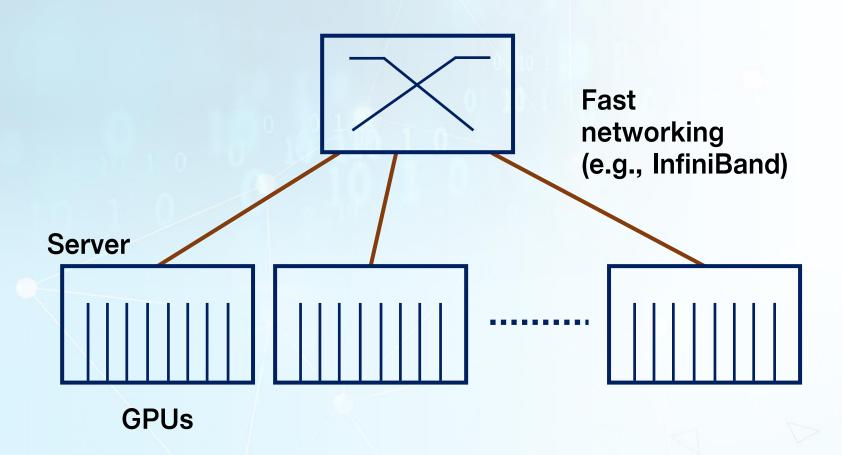
### Strong scaling

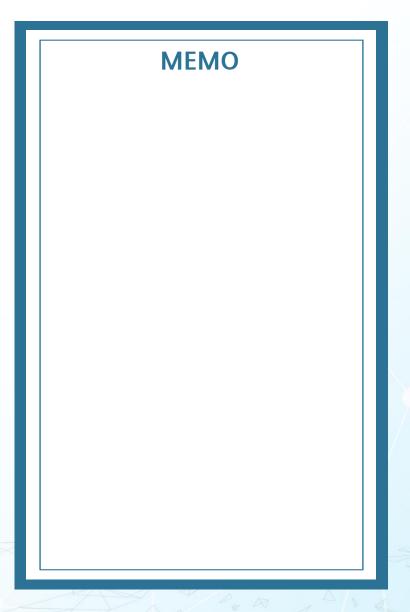
- Fix the total batch size for all devices
- ► As we add more devices, the batch size per device decreases

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# **Cluster for Distributed ML Training**



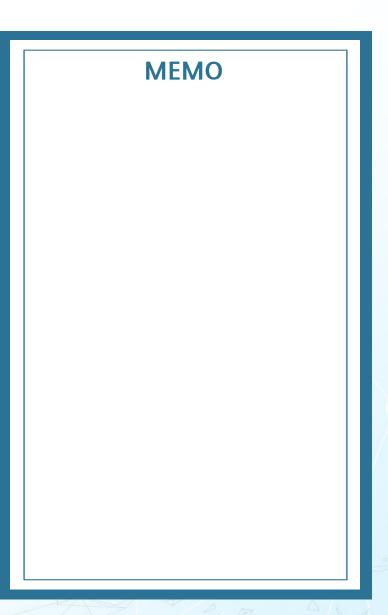




# Cluster for Distributed ML Training

### Distributed ML job example

- ► Facebook used 256 NVIDIA P100 GPUs to train ImageNet in 1 hour (CVPR 2017)
- ► Fast.ai trained ImageNet in 18 minutes using 16 AWS P3 instances, each with 8 NVIDIA V100 GPUs (http://www.fast.ai/2018/08/10/fastai-diu-imagenet/, August 10, 2018)

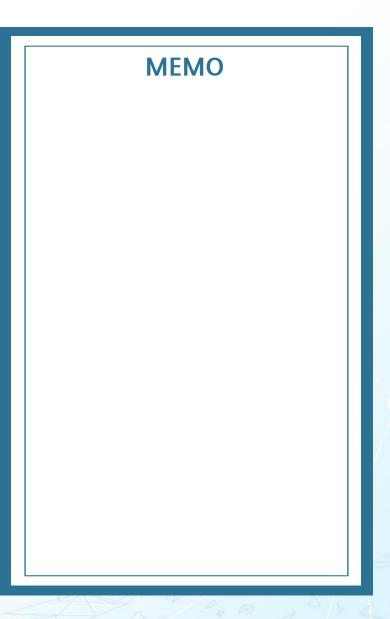




# **Cluster for Distributed ML Training**

# Cluster for big data processing

- ► Lots of machines, each of which has tens of CPU cores
- ► Lots of storage: HDDs for big data
- ► Medium-speed networking: 10Gbps Ethernet





# Distributed training issues

### Parallelism

data parallelism, model parallelism, hybrid parallelism

## Model parameter synchronization

synchronous, asynchronous, bounded synchronous

## Training architecture

parameter server architecture, Allreduce/Allgather architecture

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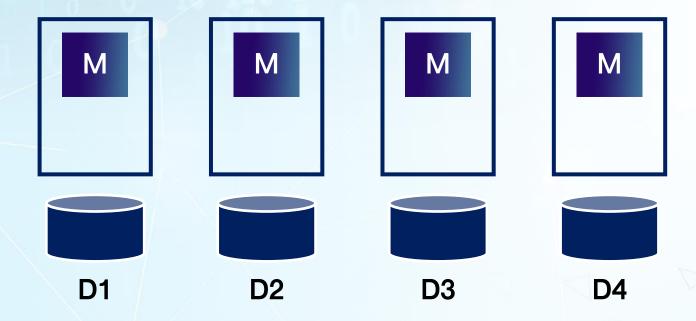
- Data Parallelism
- Model Parallelism
- Hybrid Parallelism

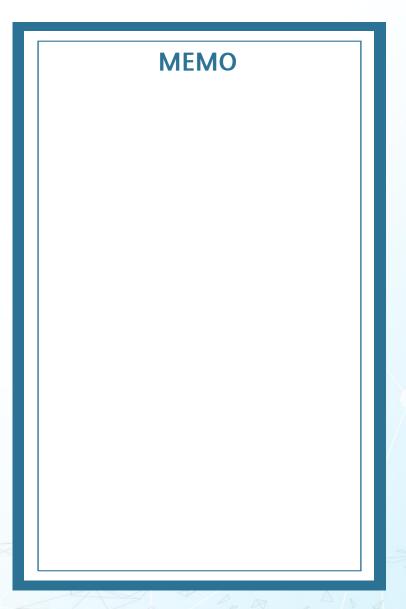
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## Data Parallelism

- D = D1 U D2 U ··· U Dn
- Each worker i processes M with Di.

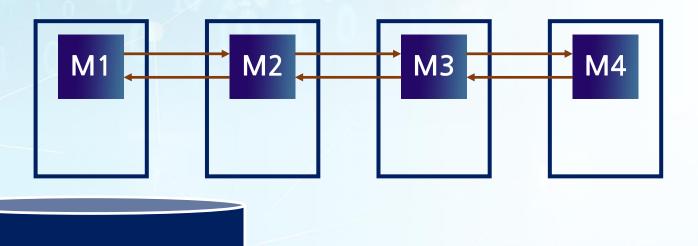




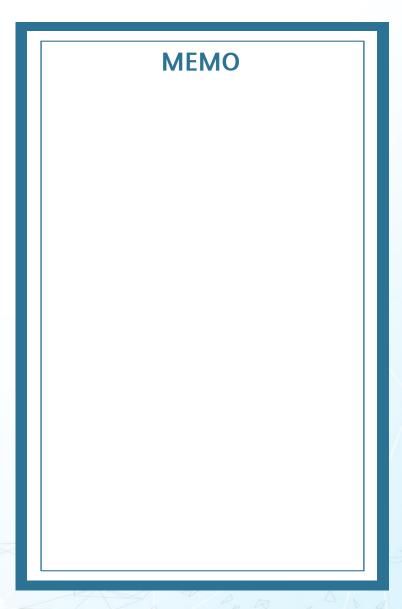


### Model Parallelism

- M = M1 U M2 U ··· U Mn
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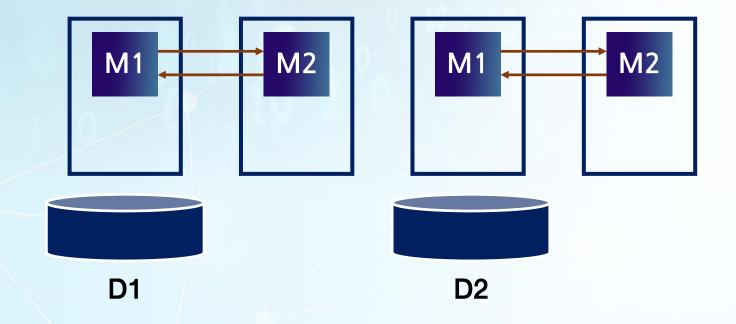


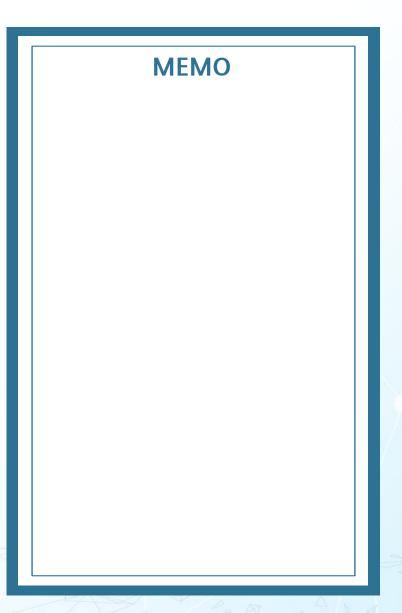
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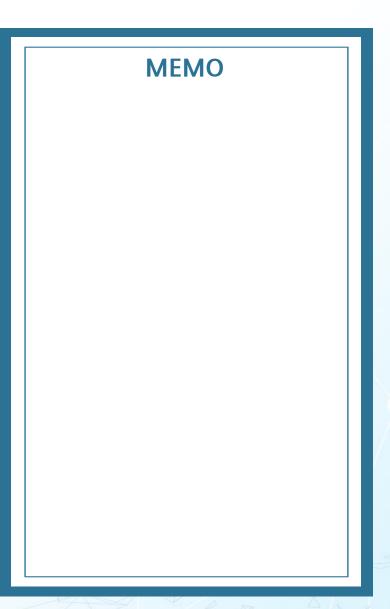
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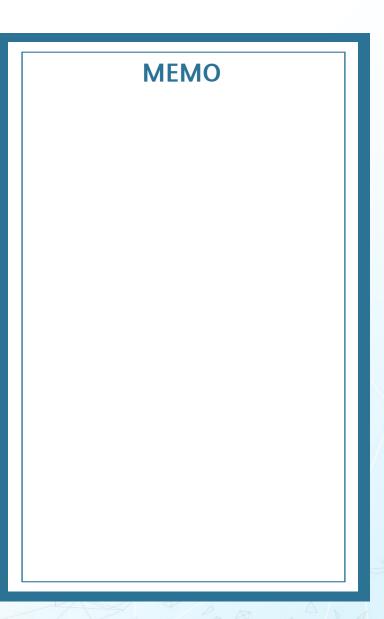
- Synchronous training
- Asynchronous training
- Bounded-synchronous training





# Synchronous training

- Each worker computes gradients with the up-to-date model parameters
- Gradients from all workers are aggregated
- Model parameters are updated with the aggregated gradients
- There is a barrier to update model parameters





### Asynchronous training

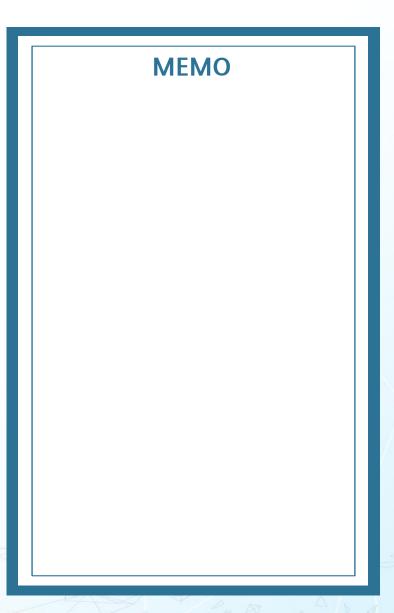
- Each worker computes gradients with the current model parameters
- Each worker updates model parameters with the gradients computed independently
- Each worker executes as fast as it can, but it uses a model that does not reflect gradients aggregated from all workers
- Statistical efficiency vs. training throughput tradeoffs

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# Bounded synchronous training

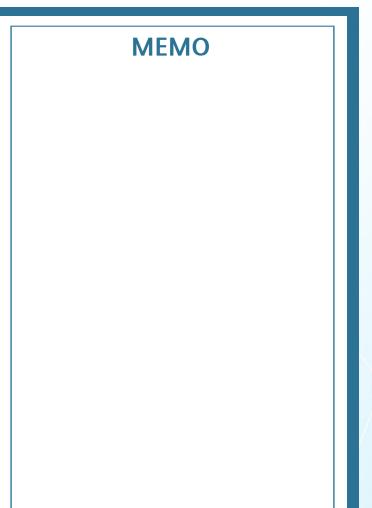
 Limit the difference between the version of the global model and the version of the model stored at each worker

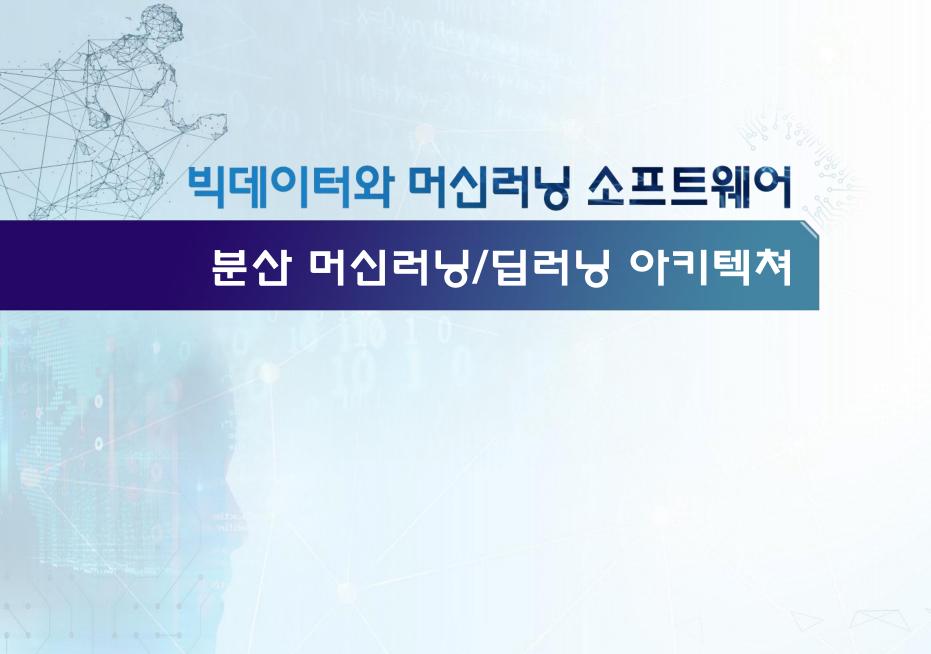




# Summary

- Distributed ML training
- Distributed ML training issues: parallelism, synchrony



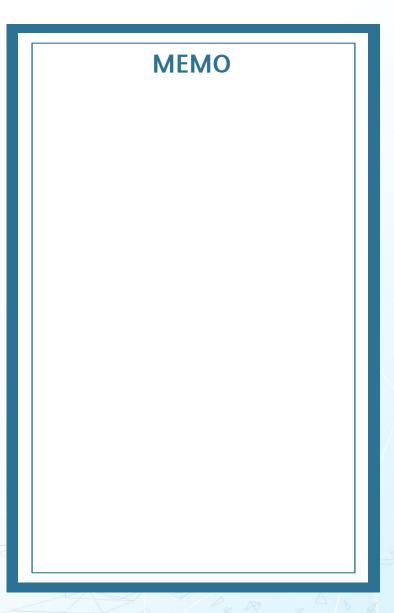




# **Distributed ML Training Architecture**

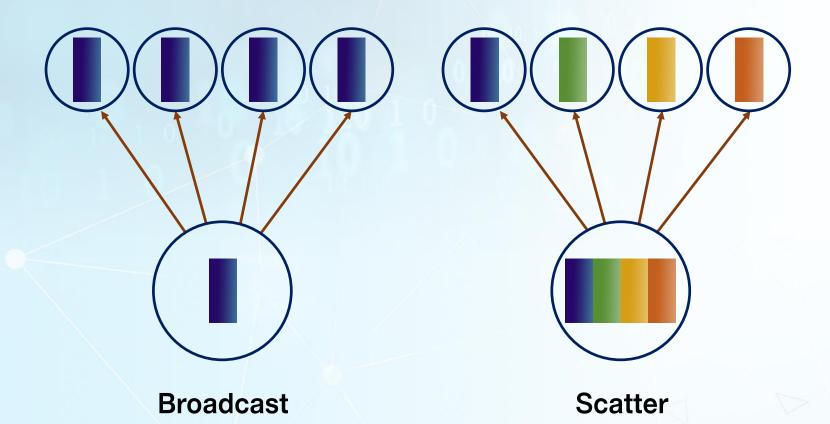
Allreduce/Allgather architecture

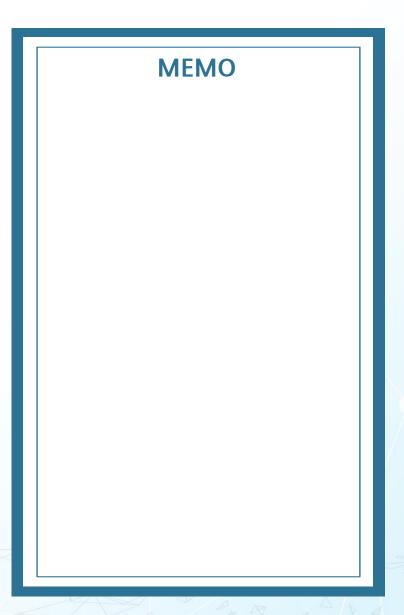
Parameter server architecture





# **Collective Communication**

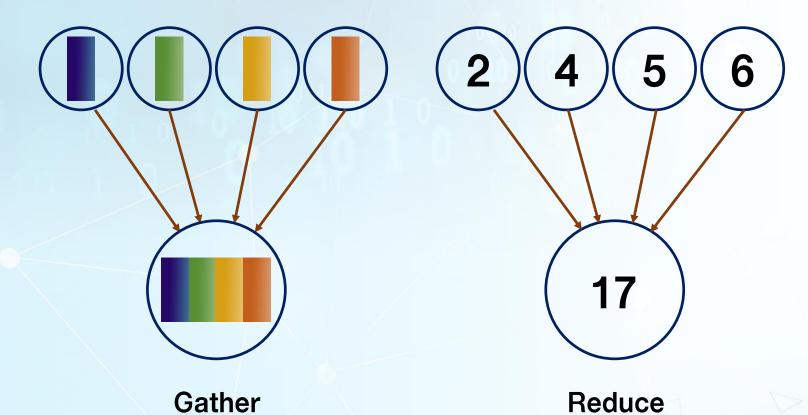






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# **Collective Communication**



Allgather - Gather + Broadcast Allreduce - Reduce + Broadcast



# Allreduce/Allgather synchronous training

### Step 1

► Workers compute gradients with training data

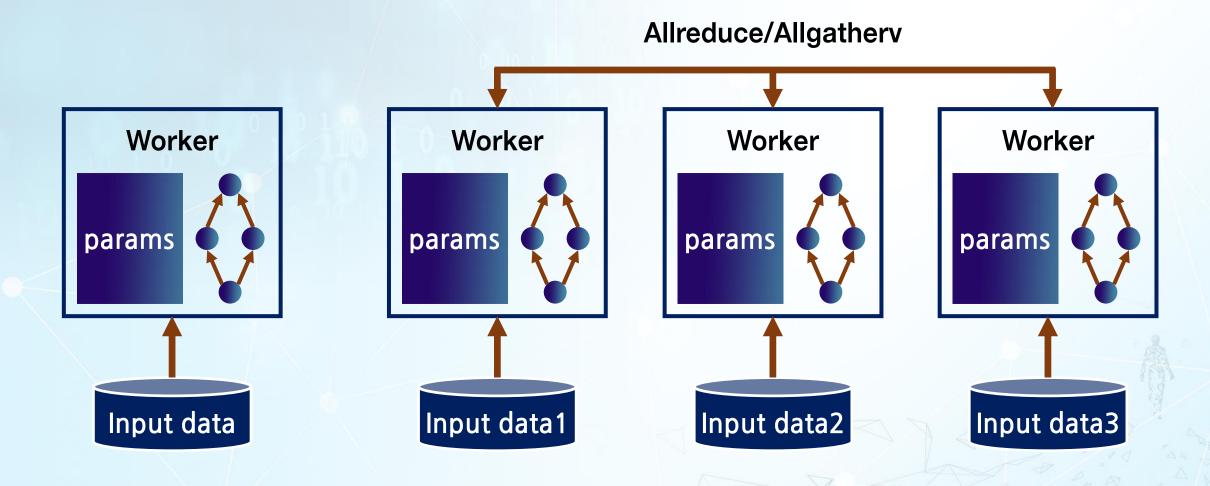
### Step 2

- Workers run Allreduce (or Allgather) to aggregate them and apply the sums to update the model parameters
- The above steps iterate until training converges

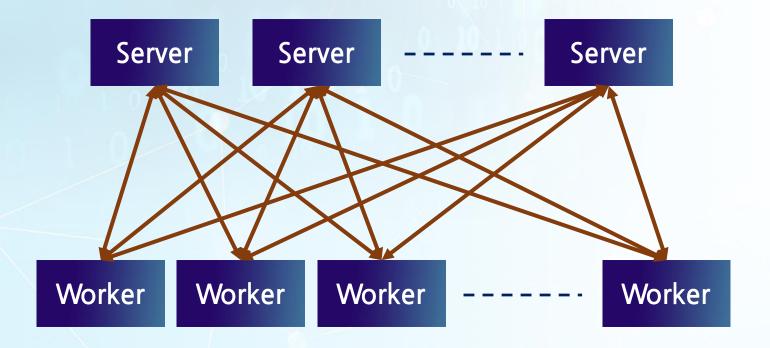
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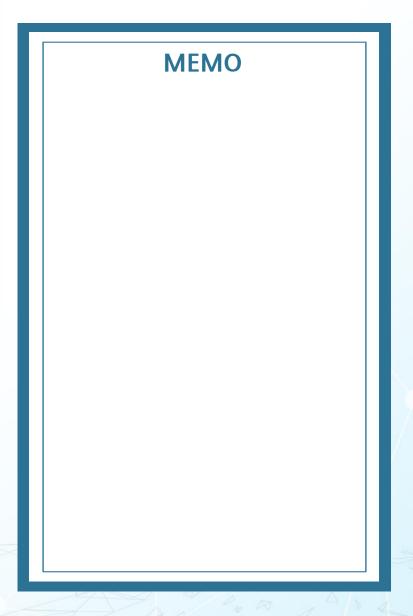


# Allreduce/Allgather synchronous training





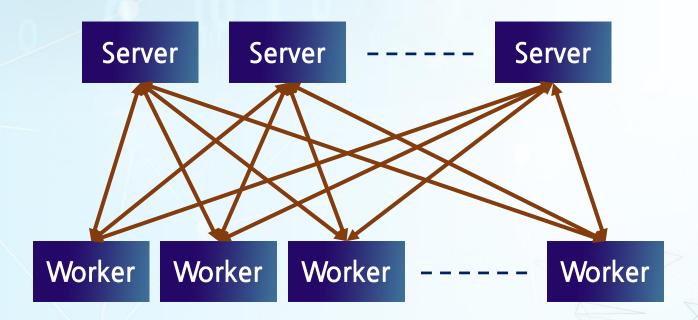


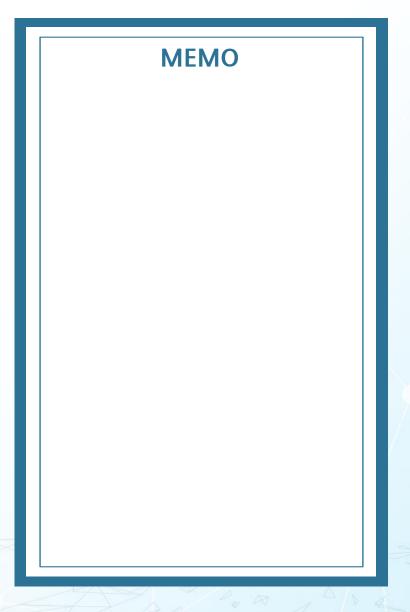




### Server

- ► Maintains a partition of the globally shared parameters
- ► Performs global aggregation steps

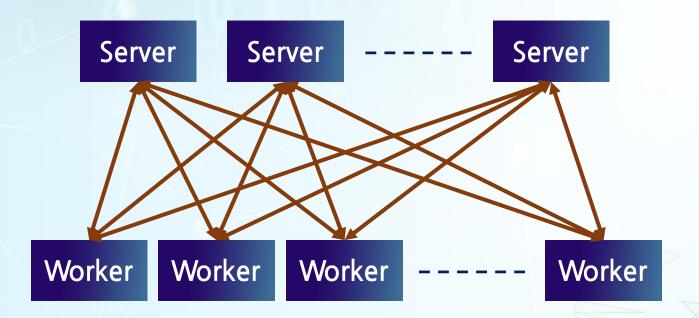


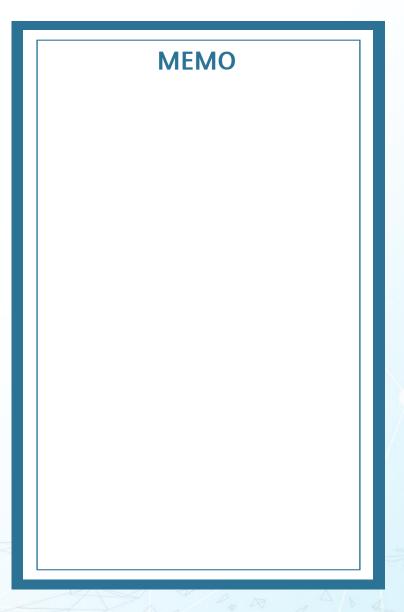




### Worker

- Performs computation with (a portion of) training data communicates with servers
- ► Updating and retrieving the shared parameters

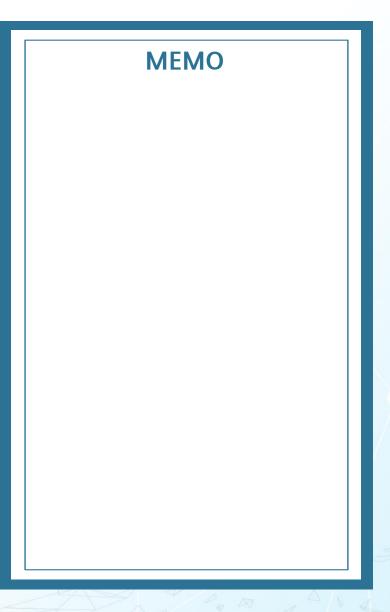






### Synchronous Training

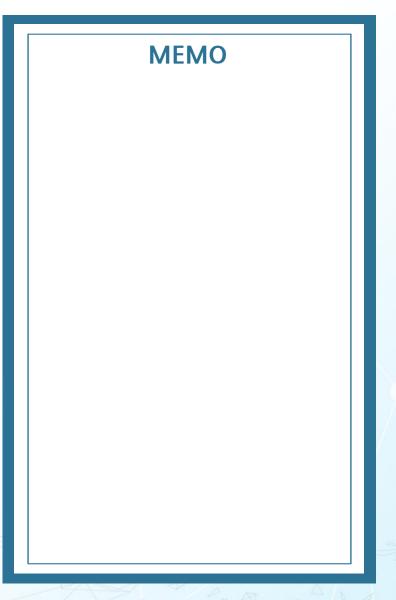
- ► Step 1
  - Workers compute gradients with training data and push them to servers
- ► Step 2
  - Each Server receives gradients from Workers, aggregates them, and applies the sums to update the model parameters
- ► Step 3
  - Workers pull the new model parameters
- ► The above steps iterate until training converges



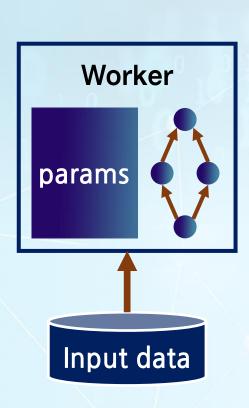


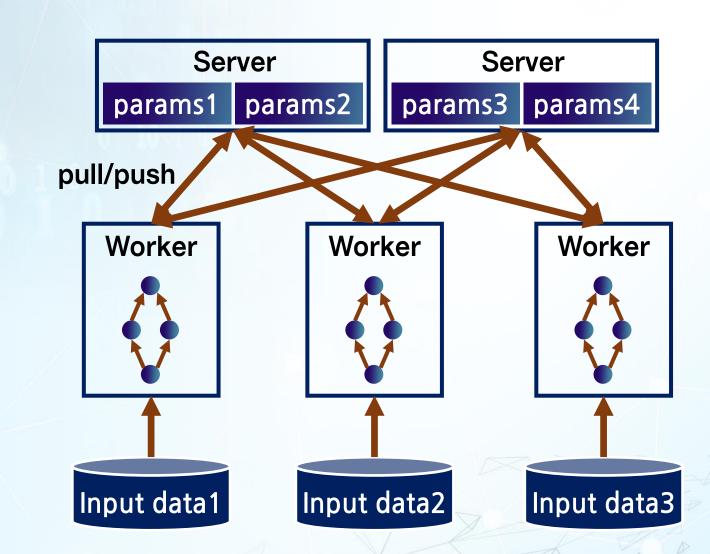
Data parallel training

Server M2 M1 Mn machines Worker Copy of Copy of Copy of machines M M M D2 D1 Dn





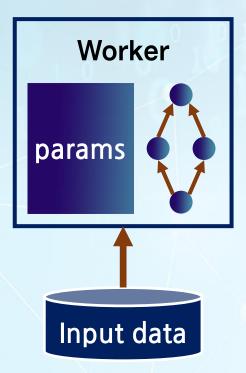






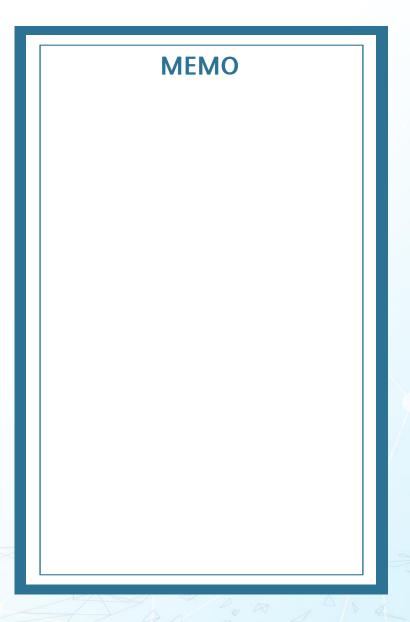
# **TensorFlow Graph Transformation**

Single-GPU graph



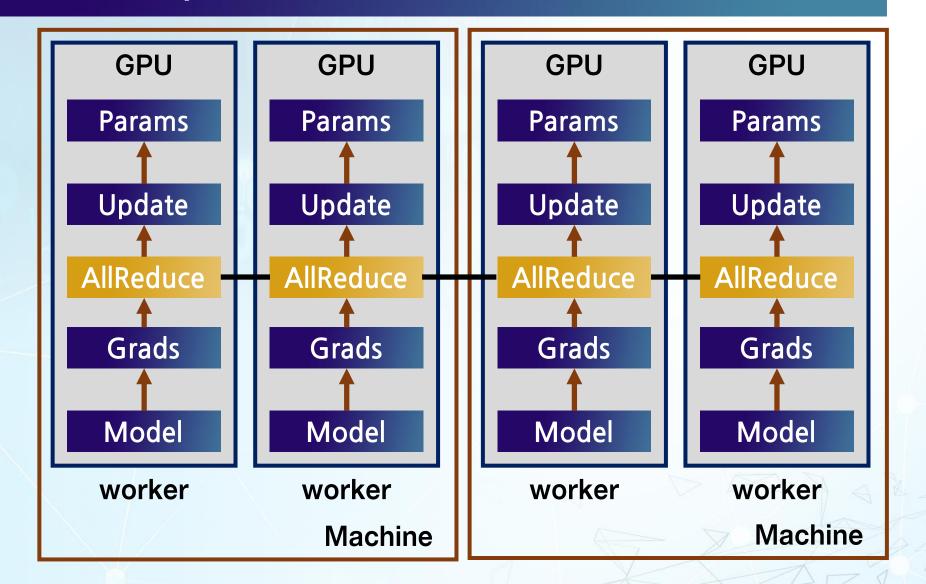


**Machine** 



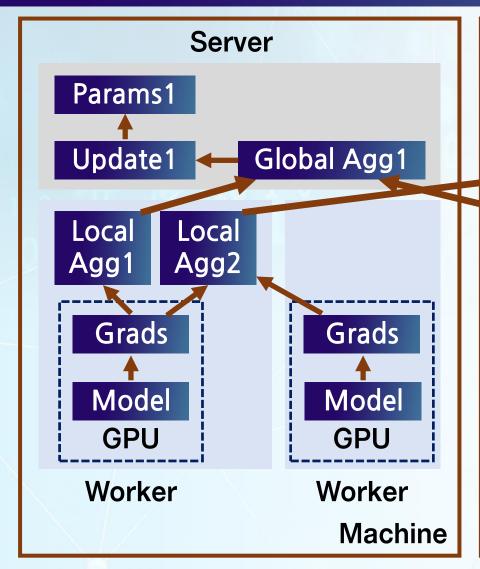


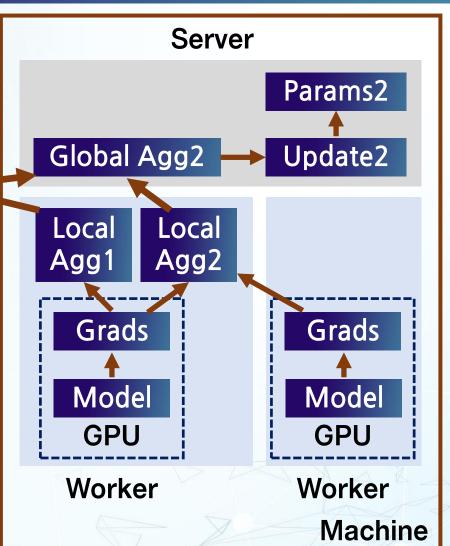
# TensorFlow Graph Transformation: Allreduce Architecture





# TensorFlow Graph Transformation: Parameter Server Architecture







# **TensorFlow Graph Transformation**

- Dense model (e.g., Resnet50)
  - ▶ dense parameters → Allreduce architecture
- Sparse model (e.g., Language Model, Neural Machine Translation)
  - sparse parameters + dense parameters
    - → Parameter server architecture

# **MEMO**



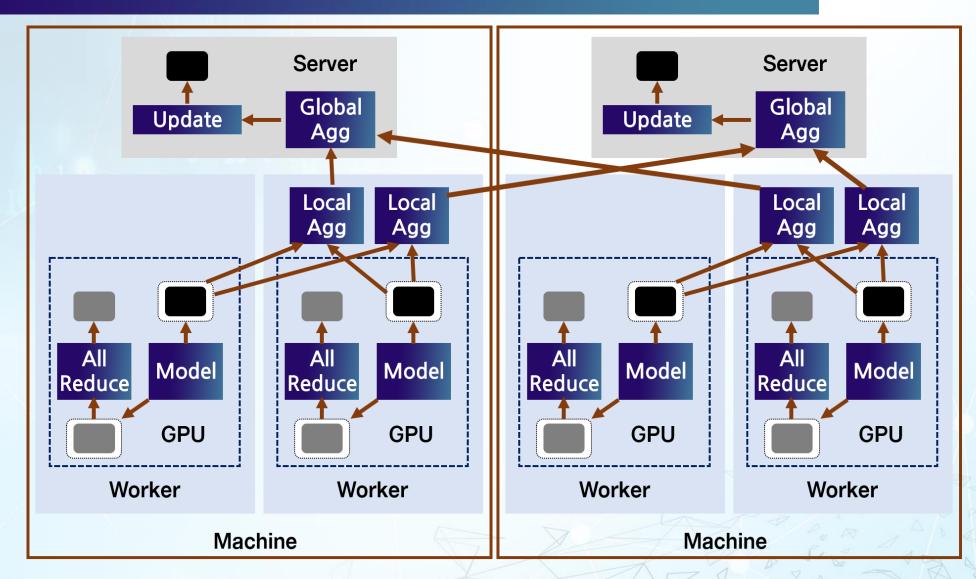
# TensorFlow Graph Transformation: Parallax Hybrid Architecture

Sparse Variable

Sparse Grads

Dense Variable

Dense Grads





# Summary

- Distributed ML training architecture
- Allreduce architecture
- Parameter server architecture
- TensorFlow graph transformation

