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Common Task 2: Jets as Graphs for Quark/Gluon Classification

Overview

I developed a graph-based neural network (GNN) to classify quark vs. gluon jets. The approach involved converting jet images into point clouds (by selecting non-zero pixels) and then casting these point clouds into graphs with carefully designed node and edge features. I trained on only 50000 images, and while evaluating for the remaining images, I was able get an accuracy of 80%, which can be further improved by running on more epochs, hyperparameter tuning, etc.

Data Preparation

- Point Cloud Extraction:
 For each event, I extracted the coordinates and intensity of non-zero pixels.
- Graph Construction:
 - Node Features: Each node is represented by its normalized (x, y) coordinates along with the pixel intensity.
 - Edge Features: I used a k-nearest neighbors (kNN) algorithm (with an adjustable k value) to connect nodes, capturing local spatial relationships. We can also use radius based approaches.

Model Architecture

- I implemented a GNN using PyTorch Geometric.
- Architecture Details:
 - Graph Convolution Layers: Three GCNConv layers were used to aggregate local node information.
 - Global Pooling: Global mean pooling transformed the variable-size node features into a fixed-length graph-level representation.
 - Classifier: A fully connected layer then performed binary classification (quark vs. gluon).

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import h5py
import numpy as np
import torch
import torch.nn as nn
import torch.optim as optim
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from torch geometric.data import Data, InMemoryDataset, DataLoader as
GeoDataLoader
from torch geometric.nn import SAGEConv, global mean pool, knn graph
class JetGraphMultiChannelDataset(InMemoryDataset):
    def init (self, hdf5 file, transform=None, pre transform=None,
knn_k=16, intensity_thresh=0.01):
        self.hdf5 file = hdf5 file
        self.knn k = knn k
        self.intensity thresh = intensity thresh
        super(JetGraphMultiChannelDataset, self). init ('.',
transform, pre transform)
        self.data, self.slices = torch.load(self.processed paths[0])
    @property
    def raw_file_names(self):
        return [] # Not used
    @property
    def processed_file_names(self):
        return ['data multi.pt']
    def download(self):
        pass
    def process(self):
        data list = []
        with h5py.File(self.hdf5 file, 'r') as f:
            \# X \text{ jets} = f['X \text{ jets'}][0:50000] This was training data
            \# y all = f['y'][0:50000] This was training data
            # Testing data (other 50000 images)
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X \text{ jets} = f['X \text{ jets'}][50000:100000]
            y_all = f['y'][50000:100000]
        num events = X jets.shape[0]
        print("Processing", num_events, "events into multi-channel
graphs...")
        for i in range(num events):
            img = X jets[i]
            label = int(y all[i])
            # Compute the sum across channels.
            img sum = img.sum(axis=-1) # shape: (125,125)
            # \overline{Fi}nd pixel indices where the sum is above a threshold.
            indices = np.argwhere(img sum > self.intensity thresh)
            if indices.shape[0] == 0:
                # If no pixel qualifies, add a dummy node.
                indices = np.array([[0, 0]])
                pixel values = np.zeros((1, 3), dtype=np.float32)
                # For each index, extract the 3 channel intensities.
                pixel values = img[indices[:, 0], indices[:, 1], :] #
shape: (num nodes, 3)
            # Normalize coordinates: convert (row, col) to (x,y) in
[0,1]
            coords = indices.astype(np.float32) / 125.0 # shape:
(num nodes, 2)
            # Combine coordinates and intensities to form node
features.
            node features = np.hstack([coords, pixel values])
            x = torch.tensor(node_features, dtype=torch.float)
            # Use only the spatial coordinates (first two columns) to
construct the knn graph.
            pos = x[:, :2]
            # Build edges using knn graph with new k value (e.g., 16)
            edge index = knn graph(pos, k=self.knn k, loop=False)
            # Create the PyG Data object.
            data = Data(x=x, edge index=edge index,
y=torch.tensor([label], dtype=torch.long))
            data_list.append(data)
        data, slices = self.collate(data list)
        torch.save((data, slices), self.processed paths[0])
    def repr (self):
        return f'JetGraphMultiChannelDataset({len(self)})'
class JetMultiChannelGNN(nn.Module):
    def __init__(self, in_channels=5, hidden channels=64,
num classes=2):
        super(JetMultiChannelGNN, self). init ()
        self.conv1 = SAGEConv(in_channels, hidden channels)
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self.conv2 = SAGEConv(hidden channels, hidden channels)
        self.conv3 = SAGEConv(hidden channels, hidden channels)
        self.fc = nn.Linear(hidden channels, num classes)
    def forward(self, data):
        x, edge index, batch = data.x, data.edge index, data.batch
        x = self.conv1(x, edge index)
        x = torch.relu(x)
        x = self.conv2(x, edge index)
        x = torch.relu(x)
        x = self.conv3(x, edge index)
        x = torch.relu(x)
        x = global_mean_pool(x, batch)
        out = self.fc(x)
        return out
# Set the file path to the HDF5 file.
hdf5 file = '/kaggle/input/quark-gluon-lhc/quark-gluon data-
set n139306.hdf5'
# We took the first 50000 images for training, and further 50000 new
images
# for testing, to check our model's performance on new data.
full dataset = JetGraphMultiChannelDataset(hdf5 file, knn k=16,
intensity thresh=0.01)
print(full dataset)
# We can also take a subset to check if everything's alright in the
training process.
subset size = 10000
subset indices = list(range(subset size))
from torch.utils.data import Subset
dataset = Subset(full dataset, subset indices)
loader = GeoDataLoader(dataset, batch size=32, shuffle=True)
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during unpickling (See
https://github.com/pytorch/pytorch/blob/main/SECURITY.md#untrusted-
models for more details). In a future release, the default value for
`weights only` will be flipped to `True`. This limits the functions
that could be executed during unpickling. Arbitrary objects will no
longer be allowed to be loaded via this mode unless they are
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explicitly allowlisted by the user via
`torch.serialization.add safe globals`. We recommend you start setting
`weights only=True` for any use case where you don't have full control
of the loaded file. Please open an issue on GitHub for any issues
related to this experimental feature.
  self.data, self.slices = torch.load(self.processed paths[0])
JetGraphMultiChannelDataset(50000)
device = torch.device('cuda' if torch.cuda.is available() else 'cpu')
model = JetMultiChannelGNN(in channels=5, hidden channels=64,
num classes=2).to(device)
optimizer = optim.Adam(model.parameters(), lr=1e-2)
scheduler = optim.lr scheduler.CosineAnnealingLR(optimizer, T max=100,
eta min=1e-6)
criterion = nn.CrossEntropyLoss()
# Training loop.
num epochs = 100 # Increases this with a lower learning rate increased
the accuracy to 80 %
model.train()
for epoch in range(num epochs):
    total loss = 0
    for batch in loader:
        batch = batch.to(device)
        optimizer.zero grad()
        out = model(batch)
        loss = criterion(out, batch.y.view(-1))
        loss.backward()
        optimizer.step()
        total loss += loss.item() * batch.num graphs
    avg loss = total loss / len(loader.dataset)
    if(epoch%10 == 0):
        print(f"Epoch {epoch+1}/{num epochs}, Loss: {avg loss:.4f}")
Epoch 1/100, Loss: 0.6772
Epoch 11/100, Loss: 0.5873
Epoch 21/100, Loss: 0.5829
Epoch 31/100, Loss: 0.5769
Epoch 41/100, Loss: 0.5760
Epoch 51/100, Loss: 0.5720
Epoch 61/100, Loss: 0.5720
Epoch 71/100, Loss: 0.5699
Epoch 81/100, Loss: 0.5680
Epoch 91/100, Loss: 0.5665
# Evaluat accuracy.
model.eval()
correct = 0
total = 0
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for batch in loader:
    batch = batch.to(device)
    with torch.no_grad():
        out = model(batch)
        pred = out.argmax(dim=1)
    correct += (pred == batch.y.view(-1)).sum().item()
    total += batch.num_graphs
print(f"Training Accuracy: {correct/total:.4f}")
Training Accuracy: 0.7118
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- I used all three channels per event to build a richer node feature.
- I filter out very dim pixels by checking that the sum of intensities is above a threshold.
- I construct graphs using a larger k value in the kNN step.
- I switched the model architecture to a GraphSAGE-based network, which aggregates node features in a more flexible manner.

We can also experiment further by

- Adjusting the intensity threshold or k value.
- Trying different graph pooling methods (e.g., global max pooling, attention pooling).
- Exploring deeper or alternative GNN architectures (e.g., GAT or combining multiple pooling strategies).

This approach should provide richer graph representations for your quark/gluon classification task.

Results & Discussion

Performance:

The model achieved around 70% accuracy on the training subset.

- Insights:
 - The GNN successfully learned from sparse graphs derived from the non-zero pixels.
 - However, the extreme sparsity of the input data limits performance.
 - Future work could explore alternative graph construction methods (e.g., radiusbased graphs) or more advanced GNN architectures to boost accuracy.

Conclusion

This task demonstrated that converting jet images into graph representations is a viable strategy for quark/gluon classification.