



Accelerating Deep Learning Inference

Approaches Overview: Concepts and Examples Shen Li 2018.07.26

Deep Learning Dev Process

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Task Modeling -

Model Training -

Model Conversion

Model Deployment -

- Input and Output Representation
- Network Architecture Design

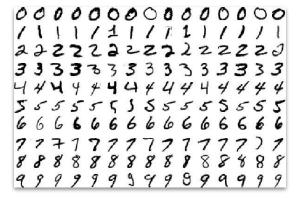
- Knowledge Distillation
- Transfer/Multi-task Learning

- Model Pruning and Quantization
- Computation Graph Optimization

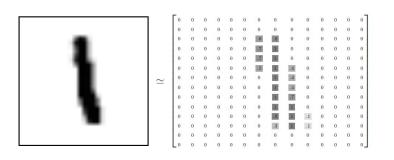
- Optimized Kernel Implementation
- Hardware Acceleration

Task Modeling

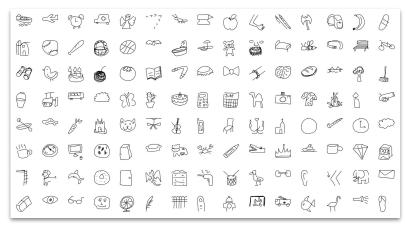
Efficient Representation for Inputs and Outputs



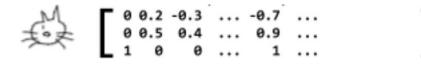
MNIST Handwritten Digits Dataset







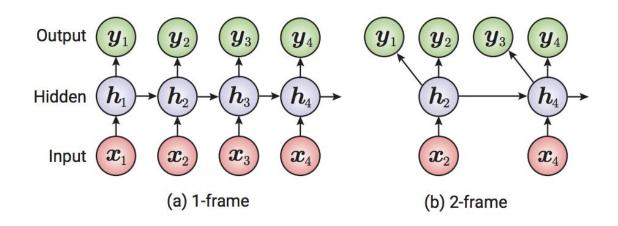
Quick, Draw! Drawing Dataset



Task Modeling



Efficient Representation for Inputs and Outputs

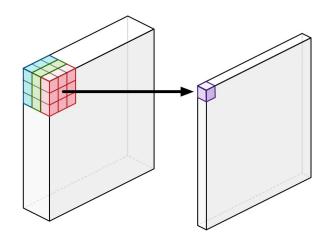


Multi-frame bundled inference for RNN

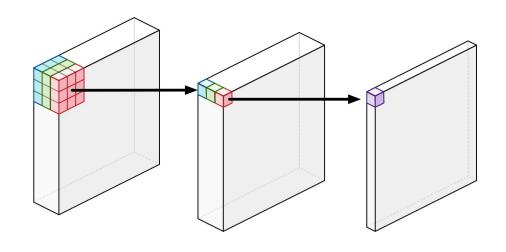
Neural Network Design

Factorized Neural Network





Regular Convolution

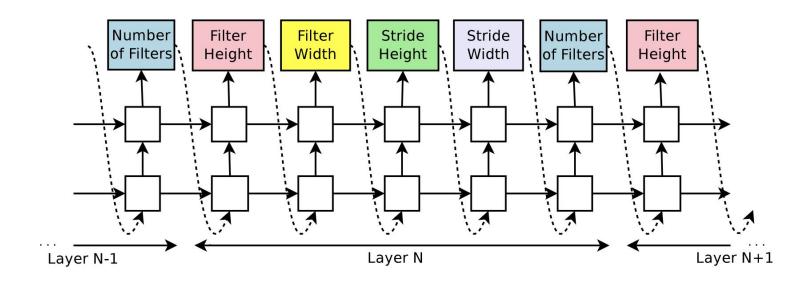


Depthwise Separable Convolution

Neural Network Design



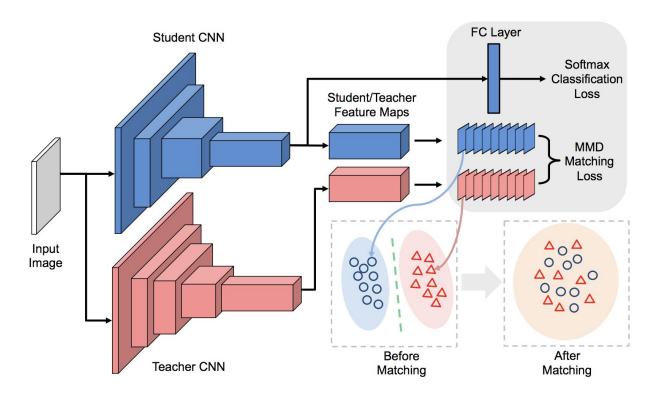
Neural Architecture Search



Knowledge Distillation

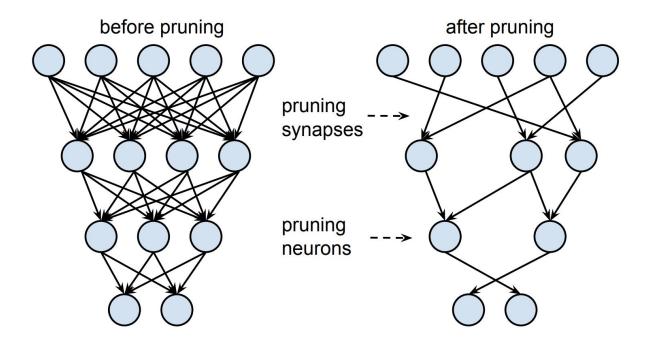


Guided Training Student Model from Teacher Model



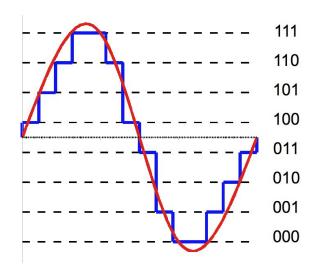
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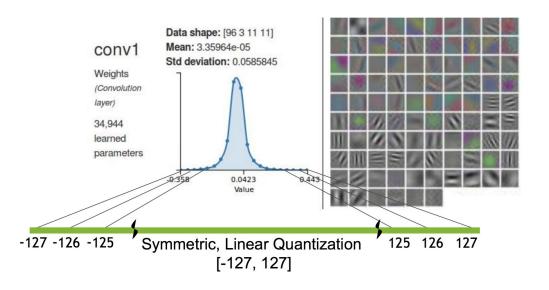
Neural Network Model Pruning



Model Quantization

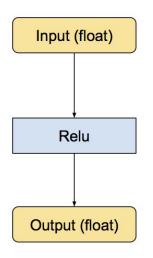


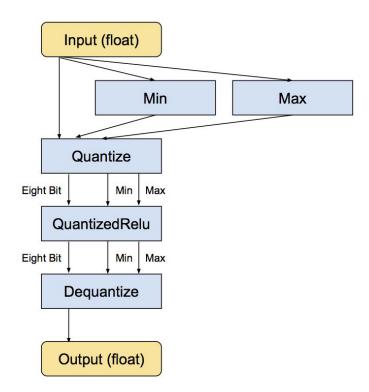




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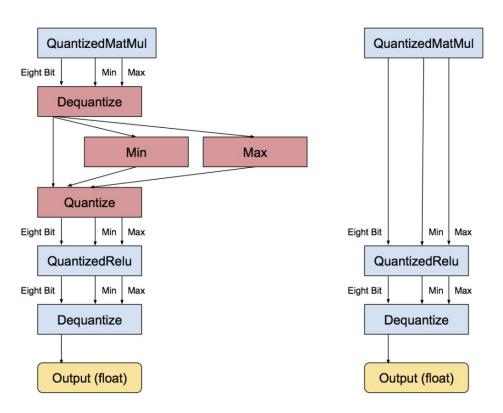






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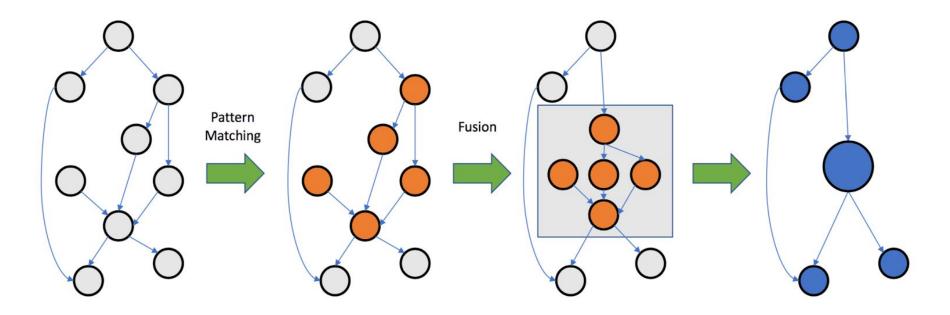
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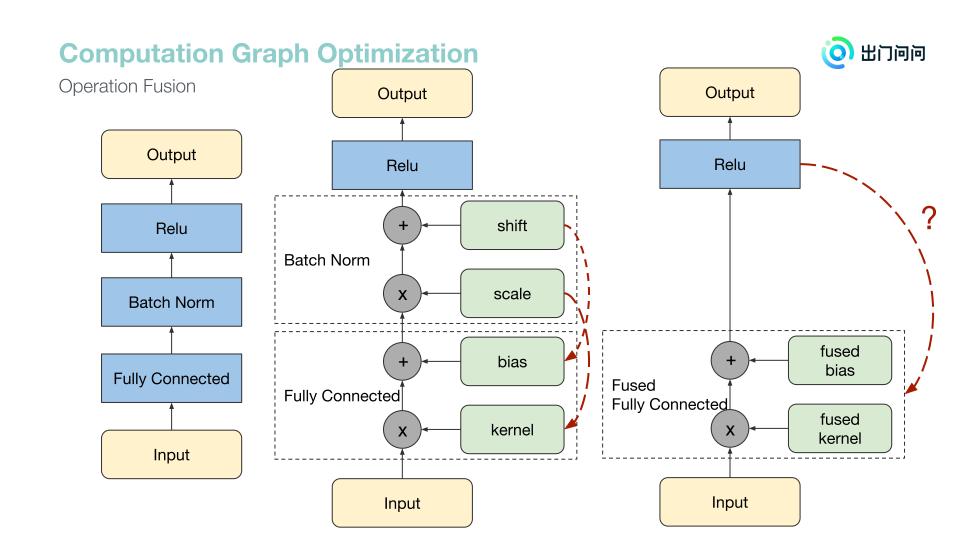


Computation Graph Optimization

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Operation Fusion

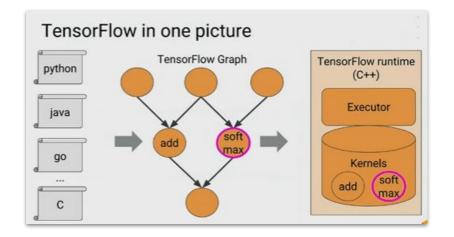


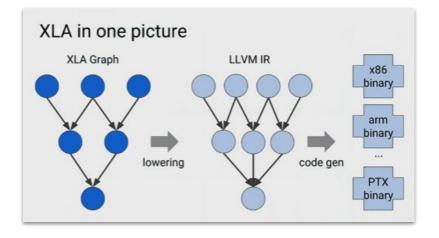


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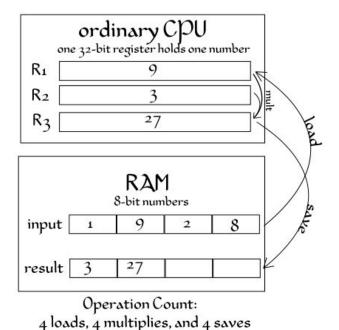
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AOT & JIT Compilation

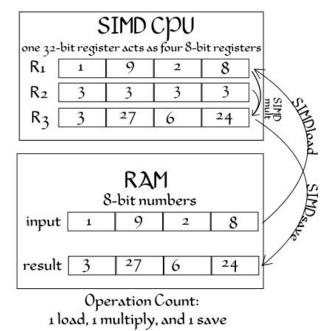




Parallelism: Multi-thread, SIMD

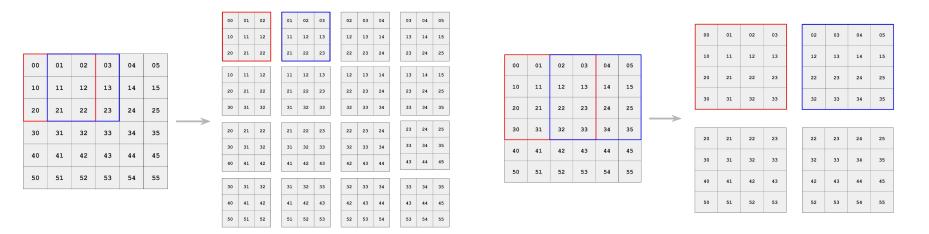






Data Locality

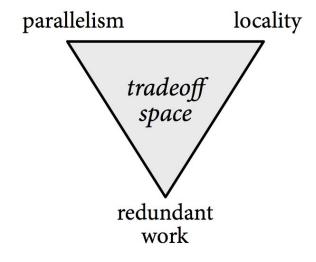




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Tradeoffs between parallelism, locality, and redundant computation





Tools to optimize computation scheduling: Halide, TVM

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(a) Clean C++: 9.94 ms per megapixel

void blur(const Image &in, Image &blurred) {
   Image tmp(in.width(), in.height());

for (int y = 0; y < in.height(); y++)
   for (int x = 0; x < in.width(); x++)
      tmp(x, y) = (in(x-1, y) + in(x, y) + in(x+1, y))/3;

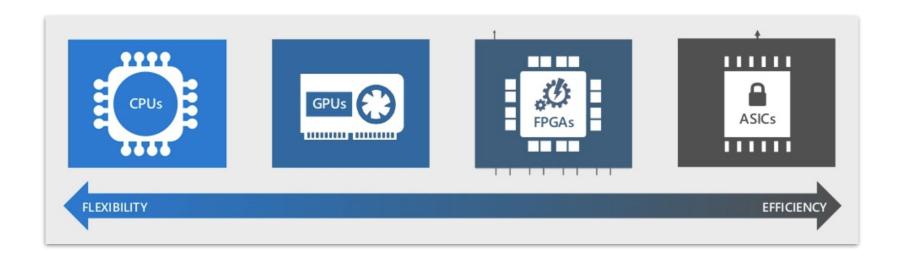
for (int y = 0; y < in.height(); y++)
   for (int x = 0; x < in.width(); x++)
   blurred(x, y) = (tmp(x, y-1) + tmp(x, y) + tmp(x, y+1))/3;
}</pre>
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(b) Fast C++ (for x86): 0.90 ms per megapixel —
void fast_blur(const Image &in, Image &blurred) {
 _m128i one_third = _mm_set1_epi16(21846);
 #pragma omp parallel for
 for (int yTile = 0; yTile < in.height(); yTile += 32) {</pre>
  _m128i a, b, c, sum, avg;
  _m128i \text{ tmp}[(256/8)*(32+2)];
  for (int xTile = 0; xTile < in.width(); xTile += 256) {</pre>
   _m128i *tmpPtr = tmp;
   for (int y = -1; y < 32+1; y++) {
    const uint16 t *inPtr = &(in(xTile, vTile+v));
    for (int x = 0; x < 256; x += 8) {
     a = _mm_loadu_si128((_m128i*)(inPtr-1));
     b = _mm_loadu_si128((_m128i*)(inPtr+1));
     c = mm load si128((_m128i*)(inPtr));
     sum = _mm_add_epi16(_mm_add_epi16(a, b), c);
     avg = mm mulhi epi16(sum, one third);
     mm store si128(tmpPtr++, avg):
     inPtr += 8;
   tmpPtr = tmp;
   for (int y = 0; y < 32; y++) {
    _m128i *outPtr = (_m128i *)(&(blurred(xTile, yTile+y)));
    for (int x = 0; x < 256; x += 8) {
     a = mm load si128 (tmpPtr+(2*256)/8);
     b = mm load si128(tmpPtr+256/8):
     c = _mm_load_si128(tmpPtr++);
     sum = mm add epi16( mm add epi16(a, b), c);
     avg = mm mulhi epi16(sum, one third);
     mm store si128 (outPtr++, avg);
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Hardware Acceleration

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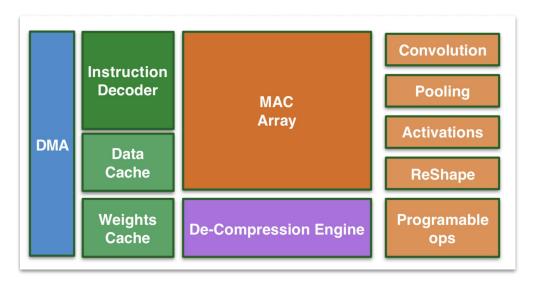
GPU, FPGA, ASIC

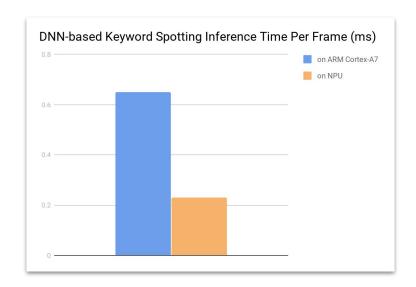


Hardware Acceleration

Neural Processor Unit in Mobvoi A1







Neural Processor Unit (by NationalChip)

Inference on NPU achieve ~3x speed up compared with ARM Cortex-A7 Dual 1.2GHz CPU.

Innovation Mindset



