

# BIOS694 Final Project - KD ( $\text{Alpha} = 0.3$ )

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```
library(torch)
library(torchvision)
library(luz)
library(reshape2)
library(ggplot2)
library(dplyr)
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##
## Attaching package: 'dplyr'

## The following objects are masked from 'package:stats':
##
##   filter, lag

## The following objects are masked from 'package:base':
##
##   intersect, setdiff, setequal, union
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library(tibble)
library(caret)
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## Loading required package: lattice
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library(here)
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## here() starts at C:/Users/mince/Desktop/McGill/Courses/BIOS694/Project
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## MNIST dataset

```
torch_manual_seed(42)
dir <- "./dataset/mnist"

train_ds <- mnist_dataset(
  dir,
  download = TRUE,
  transform = transform_to_tensor
)

test_ds <- mnist_dataset(
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dir,
train = FALSE,
transform = transform_to_tensor
)

```

## Student model

Define the Student model

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# No temperature here
StudentNet <- nn_module(
  "StudentNet",

  initialize = function() {
    self$T <- T # Temperature
    self$conv1 <- nn_conv2d(1, 8, kernel_size = 3, padding = 1)
    self$conv2 <- nn_conv2d(8, 16, kernel_size = 3, padding = 1)

    self$dropout <- nn_dropout2d(0.25)

    self$fc1 <- nn_linear(3136, 32)
    self$fc2 <- nn_linear(32, 10)
  },

  forward = function(x) {
    x %>%                                     # N * 1 * 28 * 28
    self$conv1() %>%                         # N * 8 * 28 * 28
    nnf_relu() %>%
    self$conv2() %>%                         # N * 16 * 28 * 28
    nnf_relu() %>%
    nnf_max_pool2d(kernel_size = 2) %>%      # N * 16 * 14 * 14
    self$dropout() %>%
    torch_flatten(start_dim = 2) %>%         # N * 3136
    self$fc1() %>%                           # N * 32
    nnf_relu() %>%
    self$fc2()                               # N * 10 (logits)
  }
)

```

## Knowledge distillation

Load the Teacher model

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# The teacher was trained with T = 3
fitted_teacher <- luz_load(here("model/mnist-cnn-teacher.pt"))
train_dl_noshuffle <- dataloader(train_ds, batch_size = 128, shuffle = FALSE)
teacher_logits <- predict(fitted_teacher, train_dl_noshuffle)

# Convert to soft targets (teacher probabilities)
teacher_probs <- nnf_softmax(teacher_logits, dim = 2)

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# For testing
test_noshuffle <- dataloader(test_ds, batch_size = 128, shuffle = FALSE)
test_logits <- predict(fitted_teacher, test_noshuffle)

# Convert to soft targets (teacher probabilities)
test_teacher_probs <- nnf_softmax(test_logits, dim = 2)

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Define the KD loss function

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kd_loss <- function(student_logits, teacher_probs, true_labels, Temp = 3,
                    alpha = 0.1) {

  # Hard target loss (standard CE loss)
  ce_loss <- nn_cross_entropy_loss()(student_logits, true_labels)

  # Soft target loss (KL divergence between soft predictions)
  student_soft <- nnf_log_softmax(student_logits/Temp, dim = 2)
  teacher_soft <- teacher_probs # assumed already softmaxed with same Temp

  kl_div <- nnf_kl_div(
    input = student_soft,
    target = teacher_soft,
    reduction = "batchmean"
  )

  # Combine both losses
  total_loss <- alpha * ce_loss + (1 - alpha) * (kl_div * Temp^2)
  return(total_loss)
}

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Create a custom dataset that includes soft targets

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# Pull images and labels from the dataset and convert to tensors
train_images <- torch_tensor(train_ds$data, dtype = torch_float()) # shape: N x 28 x 28
train_labels <- torch_tensor(as.numeric(train_ds$targets), dtype = torch_long()) # shape: N
test_images <- torch_tensor(test_ds$data, dtype = torch_float()) # shape: N x 28 x 28
test_labels <- torch_tensor(as.numeric(test_ds$targets), dtype = torch_long()) # shape: N

kd_dataset <- dataset(
  name = "KDDataset",

  initialize = function(images, labels, soft_targets) {
    self$images <- images
    self$labels <- labels
    self$soft_targets <- soft_targets
  },

  .getitem = function(i) {
    list(
      x = self$images[i,...], # 28 x 28 image

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        y = self$labels[i],          # scalar label
        soft = self$soft_targets[i,..] # vector of length 10
    )
},

.length = function() {
    self$images$size()[[1]] # number of observations
}
)

kd_ds <- kd_dataset(train_images, train_labels, teacher_probs)
kd_dl <- dataloader(kd_ds, batch_size = 128, shuffle = TRUE)

test_ds_new <- kd_dataset(test_images, test_labels, test_teacher_probs)
test_dl <- dataloader(test_ds_new, batch_size = 128, shuffle = FALSE)

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# Check
match_count <- 0
n <- 1000

for (i in 1:n) {
    true_label <- kd_ds$labels[i] %>% as_array()
    teacher_pred <- torch_argmax(kd_ds$soft_targets[i]) %>% as_array()

    if (true_label == teacher_pred) {
        match_count <- match_count + 1
    }
}

match_count # 988/1000 hard and soft targets match

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## [1] 988
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## KD Attempt 2: Train the Student model with Alpha = 0.3

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student_kd <- StudentNet()$to(device = "cpu")
optimizer <- optim_adam(student_kd$parameters)

epochs <- 3
Temp <- 3
alpha <- 0.3

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for (epoch in 1:epochs) {
    student_kd$train()
    total_loss <- 0
    correct <- 0
    total <- 0

    coro::loop(for (batch in kd_dl) {
        optimizer$zero_grad()
    })
}

```

```

# Inputs and targets
x <- batch$x$unsqueeze(2)$to(device = "cpu") # [B, 1, 28, 28]
y <- batch$y$to(device = "cpu")
soft <- batch$soft$to(device = "cpu")

# Forward pass
logits <- student_kd(x)

# Knowledge distillation loss
loss <- kd_loss(logits, soft, y, Temp = Temp, alpha = alpha)

loss$backward()
optimizer$step()

# Hard label accuracy tracking
pred_classes <- torch_argmax(logits, dim = 2)
correct <- correct + (pred_classes == y)$sum()$item() # correct predictions
total <- total + y$size(1)
total_loss <- total_loss + loss$item()
})

acc <- correct/total
cat(sprintf("Epoch %d | Loss: %.4f | Accuracy: %.2f%%\n",
            epoch, total_loss, acc * 100))
}

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## Epoch 1 | Loss: 733.2911 | Accuracy: 92.20%
## Epoch 2 | Loss: 189.1078 | Accuracy: 97.38%
## Epoch 3 | Loss: 141.8836 | Accuracy: 97.89%

```

Evaluate the model on the test set

```

student_kd$eval()
correct_student <- 0
correct_teacher <- 0
total <- 0

coro::loop(for (batch in test_dl) {
  # Inputs and targets
  x <- batch$x$unsqueeze(2)$to(dtype = torch_float(), device = "cpu")
  y <- batch$y$to(dtype = torch_long(), device = "cpu")
  soft <- batch$soft$to(dtype = torch_float(), device = "cpu")

  # Student predictions
  logits <- student_kd(x)
  student_preds <- torch_argmax(logits, dim = 2)

  # Teacher predictions
  teacher_preds <- torch_argmax(soft, dim = 2)

  # Accuracy comparison

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correct_student <- correct_student + (student_preds == y)$sum()$item()
correct_teacher <- correct_teacher + (teacher_preds == y)$sum()$item()
total <- total + y$size(1)
})

cat(sprintf("Test accuracy of KD student: %.2f%%\n",
            100 * correct_student/total))
```

## Test accuracy of KD student: 98.34%

```
cat(sprintf("Teacher accuracy on the test set: %.2f%%\n",
            100 * correct_teacher/total))
```

## Teacher accuracy on the test set: 98.75%

```
torch_save(student_kd, here("model/mnist-student-kd-0.3.pt"))
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