Additional callbacks

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In this reading we'll be looking at more of the inbuilt callbacks available in Keras.

We will again be using the sklearn diabetes dataset to demonstrate these callbacks.

```
from tensorflow.keras.models import Sequential
  from tensorflow.keras.layers import Dense

model = tf.keras.Sequential([
          Dense(128, activation='relu', input_shape=(train_data.shape[1],)),
```

Now onto the callbacks!

1.1 Learning rate scheduler

Usage: tf.keras.callbacks.LearningRateScheduler(schedule, verbose=0)

The learning rate scheduler that we implemented in the previous reading as a custom callback is also available as a built in callback.

As in our custom callback, the LearningRateScheduler in Keras takes a function schedule as an argument.

This function schedule should take two arguments: * The current epoch (as an integer), and * The current learning rate,

and return new learning rate for that epoch.

The LearningRateScheduler also has an optional verbose argument, which prints information about the learning rate if it is set to 1.

Let's see a simple example.

Epoch 00004: LearningRateScheduler reducing learning rate to 0.005000000094994903.

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Epoch 00005: LearningRateScheduler reducing learning rate to 0.004999999888241291.
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Epoch 00006: LearningRateScheduler reducing learning rate to 0.009999999888241292.

Epoch 00007: LearningRateScheduler reducing learning rate to 0.009999999776482582.

Epoch 00008: LearningRateScheduler reducing learning rate to 0.01699999977648258.

Epoch 00009: LearningRateScheduler reducing learning rate to 0.016999999061226845.

Epoch 00010: LearningRateScheduler reducing learning rate to 0.025999999061226846.

You can also use lambda functions to define your schedule given an epoch.

In [9]: # Train the model with a difference schedule

Epoch 00001: LearningRateScheduler reducing learning rate to 0.33333333333333333.

Epoch 00002: LearningRateScheduler reducing learning rate to 0.125.

Epoch 00003: LearningRateScheduler reducing learning rate to 0.07692307692307693.

Epoch 00004: LearningRateScheduler reducing learning rate to 0.055555555555555555.

Epoch 00005: LearningRateScheduler reducing learning rate to 0.043478260869565216.

Epoch 00006: LearningRateScheduler reducing learning rate to 0.03571428571428571.

Epoch 00007: LearningRateScheduler reducing learning rate to 0.030303030303030304.

Epoch 00008: LearningRateScheduler reducing learning rate to 0.02631578947368421.

Epoch 00009: LearningRateScheduler reducing learning rate to 0.023255813953488372.

Epoch 00010: LearningRateScheduler reducing learning rate to 0.02083333333333333.

1.2 CSV logger

Usage tf.keras.callbacks.CSVLogger(filename, separator=',', append=False)

This callback streams the results from each epoch into a CSV file. The first line of the CSV file will be the names of pieces of information recorded on each subsequent line, beginning with the epoch and loss value. The values of metrics at the end of each epoch will also be recorded.

The only compulsory argument is the filename for the log to be streamed to. This could also be a filepath.

You can also specify the separator to be used between entries on each line.

The append argument allows you the option to append your results to an existing file with the same name. This can be particularly useful if you are continuing training.

Let's see an example.

Let's view the information in the CSV file we have created using pandas.

```
In [11]: # Load the CSV
        import pandas as pd
        pd.read_csv("results.csv", index_col='epoch')
Out[11]:
                      loss
                                 mae
                                            mse
        epoch
               5808.937287 65.01146 5808.9370
        0
        1
               5803.596608 64.81101 5803.5960
               5814.807540 65.03268 5814.8080
        2
        3
               5806.244453 64.88313 5806.2440
               5804.998943 64.85107 5804.9995
        4
               5808.092012 64.83402 5808.0920
        5
        6
               5821.321205 65.28305 5821.3213
               5801.435458 65.08316 5801.4355
        7
        8
               5810.194807 64.96325 5810.1953
        9
               5819.899328 65.07032 5819.8994
```

1.3 Lambda callbacks

Lambda callbacks are used to quickly define simple custom callbacks with the use of lambda functions.

Each of the functions require some positional arguments. *on_epoch_begin and on_epoch_end expect two arguments: epoch and logs, *on_batch_begin and on_batch_end expect two arguments: batch and logs and *on_train_begin and on_train_end expect one argument: logs.

Let's see an example of this in practice.

```
In [13]: # Print the loss at the end of each batch
         batch_loss_callback = tf.keras.callbacks.LambdaCallback(
             on_batch_end=lambda batch,logs: print('\n After batch {}, the loss is {:7.2f}.'.fe
In [14]: # Inform that training is finished
         train_finish_callback = tf.keras.callbacks.LambdaCallback(
             on_train_end=lambda logs: print('Training finished!'))
In [15]: # Train the model with the lambda callbacks
         history = model.fit(train_data, train_targets, epochs=5, batch_size=100,
                             callbacks=[epoch_callback, batch_loss_callback,train_finish_callback]
Starting Epoch 1!
After batch 0, the loss is 5051.56.
After batch 1, the loss is 6418.73.
After batch 2, the loss is 6527.62.
After batch 3, the loss is 5181.47.
Starting Epoch 2!
After batch 0, the loss is 5862.76.
After batch 1, the loss is 4989.46.
After batch 2, the loss is 5366.70.
After batch 3, the loss is 7047.42.
Starting Epoch 3!
After batch 0, the loss is 5375.85.
After batch 1, the loss is 4562.59.
After batch 2, the loss is 6799.52.
After batch 3, the loss is 6536.14.
Starting Epoch 4!
After batch 0, the loss is 6156.67.
 After batch 1, the loss is 6451.61.
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After batch 2, the loss is 5024.42.

After batch 3, the loss is 5604.71.

Starting Epoch 5!

After batch 0, the loss is 6108.82.

After batch 1, the loss is 4620.27.

After batch 2, the loss is 6353.27.

After batch 3, the loss is 6166.57.

Training finished!
```

1.4 Reduce learning rate on plateau

The ReduceLROnPlateau callback allows reduction of the learning rate when a metric has stopped improving. The arguments are similar to those used in the EarlyStopping callback. * The argument monitor is used to specify which metric to base the callback on. * The factor is the factor by which the learning rate decreases i.e., new_lr=factorold_lr. The patience is the number of epochs where there is no improvement on the monitored metric before the learning rate is reduced. * The verbose argument will produce progress messages when set to 1. * The mode determines whether the learning rate will decrease when the monitored quantity stops increasing (max) or decreasing (min). The auto setting causes the callback to infer the mode from the monitored quantity. * The min_delta is the smallest change in the monitored quantity to be deemed an improvement. * The cooldown is the number of epochs to wait after the learning rate is changed before the callback resumes normal operation. * The min_lr is a lower bound on the learning rate that the callback will produce.

Let's examine a final example.

Epoch 00060: ReduceLROnPlateau reducing learning rate to 3.333333297632635e-05.

Epoch 00076: ReduceLROnPlateau reducing learning rate to 6.666666740784422e-06.

Epoch 00088: ReduceLROnPlateau reducing learning rate to 1.3333333299669903e-06.

1.4.1 Further reading and resources

- https://keras.io/callbacks/
- https://www.tensorflow.org/api_docs/python/tf/keras/callbacks/LearningRateScheduler
- https://www.tensorflow.org/api_docs/python/tf/keras/callbacks/CSVLogger
- https://www.tensorflow.org/api_docs/python/tf/keras/callbacks/LambdaCallback

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