O PyTorch

Broadcast自动扩展

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Broadcasting

Expand

without copying data

前面和后面部分相同 剩下的没有或为一

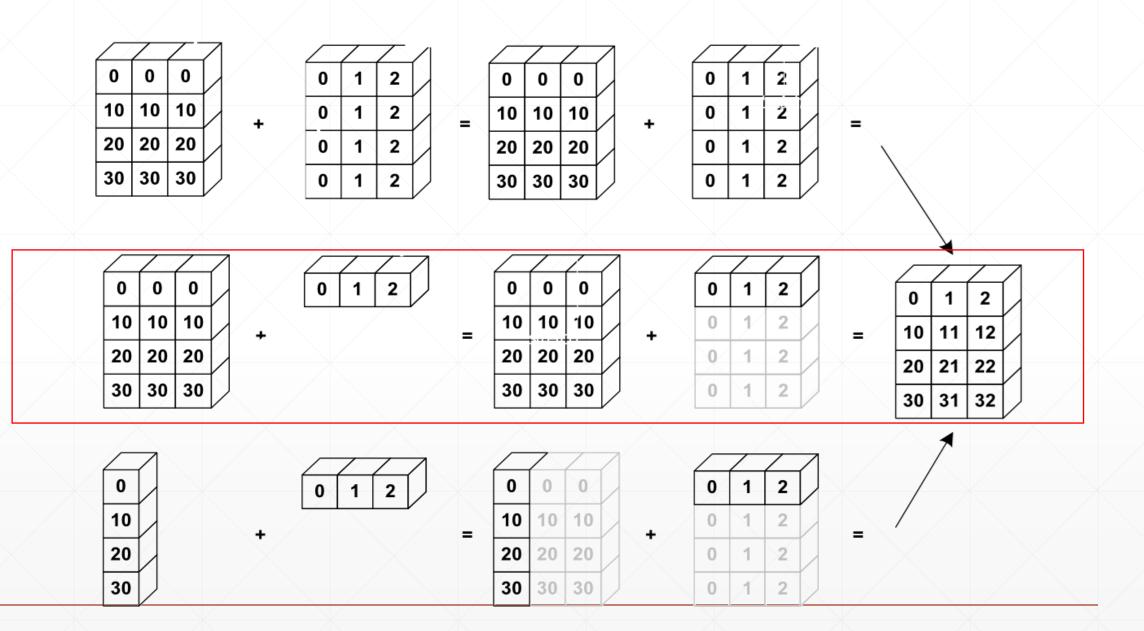
Key idea

Insert 1 dim ahead

Expand dims with size 1 to same size

• Feature maps: [4, 32, 14, 14]

• Bias: [32, 1, 1] => [1, 32, 1, 1] => [4, 32, 14, 14]



Why broadcasting

- 1. for actual demanding
 - [class, students, scores]
 - Add bias for every students: +5 score
 - **•** [4, 32, 8] + [4, 32, 8]
 - **•** [4, 32, 8] + [5.0]
- 2. memory consumption
 - **•** [4, 32, 8] => 1024
 - **•** [5.0] => 1

Is it broadcasting-able?

- Match from Last dim!
 - If current dim=1, expand to same
 - If either has no dim, insert one dim and expand to same
 - otherwise, NOT broadcasting-able

Situation 1:

- **•** [4, 32, 14, 14]
- [1, 32, 1, 1] => [4, 32, 14, 14]

Situation 2

- **•** [4, 32, 14, 14]
- [14, 14] => [1, 1, 14, 14] => [4, 32, 14, 14]

Situation 3

- **•** [4, 32, 14, 14]
- **[2**, 32, 14, 14]
 - Dim 0 has dim, can NOT insert and expand to same
 - Dim 0 has distinct dim, NOT size 1
 - NOT broadcasting-able

How to understand this behavior?

- When it has no dim
 - treat it as all own the same
 - [class, student, scores] + [scores]
- When it has dim of size 1
 - Treat it shared by all
 - [class, student, scores] + [student, 1]



It's effective and critically, intuitive

• [4, 3, 32, 32]

• + [32, 32]

+ [3, 1, 1]

+ [1, 1, 1, 1]

Thank You.