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BigTransfer (BiT): A step-by-step tutorial for state-of-the-art vision

This colab demonstrates how to:

- 1. Load BiT models in PyTorch
- 2. Make predictions using BiT pre-trained on ImageNet
- 3. Fine-tune BiT on 5-shot CIFAR10 and get amazing results!

It is good to get an understanding or quickly try things. However, to run longer training runs, we recommend using the commandline scripts at http://github.com/google-research/big_transfer

```
from functools import partial
from collections import OrderedDict

%config InlineBackend.figure_format = 'retina'
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from mpl_toolkits.axes_grid1 import ImageGrid

import torch
import torch.nn as nn
import torch.nn.functional as F
from torch.autograd import Variable

import torchvision as tv

torch.cuda.empty_cache()

device = torch.device("cuda:0" if torch.cuda.is_available() else "cpu")
print(device)
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Reading weight data from the Cloud bucket

```
import requests
import io
def get_weights(bit_variant):
  response = requests.get(f'https://storage.googleapis.com/bit_models/{bit_variant}.nr
  response.raise for status()
  return np.load(io.BytesIO(response.content))
weights = get_weights('BiT-S-R50x3') # You could use other variants, such as R101x3 (
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Defining the architecture and loading weights

```
class StdConv2d(nn.Conv2d):
  def forward(self, x):
    w = self.weight
    v, m = torch.var mean(w, dim=[1, 2, 3], keepdim=True, unbiased=False)
    w = (w - m) / torch.sqrt(v + 1e-10)
    return F.conv2d(x, w, self.bias, self.stride, self.padding, self.dilation, self.gr
def conv3x3(cin, cout, stride=1, groups=1, bias=False):
  return StdConv2d(cin, cout, kernel size=3, stride=stride, padding=1, bias=bias, grow
def conv1x1(cin, cout, stride=1, bias=False):
  return StdConv2d(cin, cout, kernel size=1, stride=stride, padding=0, bias=bias)
def tf2th(conv weights):
  """Possibly convert HWIO to OIHW"""
  if conv weights.ndim == 4:
    conv weights = np.transpose(conv weights, [3, 2, 0, 1])
  return torch.from numpy(conv weights)
class PreActBottleneck(nn.Module):
  Follows the implementation of "Identity Mappings in Deep Residual Networks" here:
  https://github.com/KaimingHe/resnet-1k-layers/blob/master/resnet-pre-act.lua
 Except it puts the stride on 3x3 conv when available.
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  def __init__(self, cin, cout=None, cmid=None, stride=1):
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super().__init__()
    cout = cout or cin
    cmid = cmid or cout//4
    self.gn1 = nn.GroupNorm(32, cin)
    self.conv1 = conv1x1(cin, cmid)
    self.gn2 = nn.GroupNorm(32, cmid)
    self.conv2 = conv3x3(cmid, cmid, stride) # Original ResNetv2 has it on conv1!!
    self.gn3 = nn.GroupNorm(32, cmid)
    self.conv3 = conv1x1(cmid, cout)
    self.relu = nn.ReLU(inplace=True)
    if (stride != 1 or cin != cout):
      # Projection also with pre-activation according to paper.
      self.downsample = conv1x1(cin, cout, stride)
  def forward(self, x):
      # Conv'ed branch
      out = self.relu(self.gn1(x))
      # Residual branch
      residual = x
      if hasattr(self, 'downsample'):
          residual = self.downsample(out)
      # The first block has already applied pre-act before splitting, see Appendix.
      out = self.conv1(out)
      out = self.conv2(self.relu(self.gn2(out)))
      out = self.conv3(self.relu(self.qn3(out)))
      return out + residual
  def load from(self, weights, prefix=''):
   with torch.no grad():
      self.conv1.weight.copy (tf2th(weights[prefix + 'a/standardized conv2d/kernel']))
      self.conv2.weight.copy (tf2th(weights[prefix + 'b/standardized conv2d/kernel']))
      self.conv3.weight.copy_(tf2th(weights[prefix + 'c/standardized_conv2d/kernel']);
      self.gn1.weight.copy (tf2th(weights[prefix + 'a/group norm/gamma']))
      self.gn2.weight.copy (tf2th(weights[prefix + 'b/group norm/gamma']))
      self.gn3.weight.copy (tf2th(weights[prefix + 'c/group norm/gamma']))
      self.qn1.bias.copy (tf2th(weights[prefix + 'a/group norm/beta']))
      self.gn2.bias.copy_(tf2th(weights[prefix + 'b/group_norm/beta']))
      self.gn3.bias.copy (tf2th(weights[prefix + 'c/group norm/beta']))
      if hasattr(self, 'downsample'):
        self.downsample.weight.copy (tf2th(weights[prefix + 'a/proj/standardized conv2
    return self
class ResNetV2(nn.Module):
  BLOCK UNITS = {
      'r50': [3, 4, 6, 3],
      'r101': [3, 4, 23, 3],
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'r152': [3, 8, 36, 3],
}
def __init__(self, block units, width factor, head size=21843, zero head=False):
  super().__init__()
 wf = width factor # shortcut 'cause we'll use it a lot.
  self.root = nn.Sequential(OrderedDict([
      ('conv', StdConv2d(3, 64*wf, kernel_size=7, stride=2, padding=3, bias=False)),
      ('padp', nn.ConstantPad2d(1, 0)),
      ('pool', nn.MaxPool2d(kernel_size=3, stride=2, padding=0)),
      # The following is subtly not the same!
      #('pool', nn.MaxPool2d(kernel size=3, stride=2, padding=1)),
  1))
  self.body = nn.Sequential(OrderedDict([
      ('block1', nn.Sequential(OrderedDict(
          [('unit01', PreActBottleneck(cin= 64*wf, cout=256*wf, cmid=64*wf))] +
          [(f'unit{i:02d}', PreActBottleneck(cin=256*wf, cout=256*wf, cmid=64*wf)) 1
      ('block2', nn.Sequential(OrderedDict(
          [('unit01', PreActBottleneck(cin=256*wf, cout=512*wf, cmid=128*wf, stride=
          [(f'unit{i:02d}', PreActBottleneck(cin=512*wf, cout=512*wf, cmid=128*wf))
      ))),
      ('block3', nn.Sequential(OrderedDict(
          [('unit01', PreActBottleneck(cin= 512*wf, cout=1024*wf, cmid=256*wf, strice
          [(f'unit{i:02d}', PreActBottleneck(cin=1024*wf, cout=1024*wf, cmid=256*wf)]
      ))),
      ('block4', nn.Sequential(OrderedDict(
          [('unit01', PreActBottleneck(cin=1024*wf, cout=2048*wf, cmid=512*wf, strice
          [(f'unit{i:02d}', PreActBottleneck(cin=2048*wf, cout=2048*wf, cmid=512*wf)]
      ))),
  ]))
  self.zero head = zero head
  self.head = nn.Sequential(OrderedDict([
      ('gn', nn.GroupNorm(32, 2048*wf)),
      ('relu', nn.ReLU(inplace=True)),
      ('avg', nn.AdaptiveAvgPool2d(output size=1)),
      ('conv', nn.Conv2d(2048*wf, head size, kernel size=1, bias=True)),
  ]))
def forward(self, x):
  x = self.head(self.body(self.root(x)))
  assert x.shape[-2:] == (1, 1) # We should have no spatial shape left.
  return x[...,0,0]
def load from(self, weights, prefix='resnet/'):
 with torch.no grad():
    self.root.conv.weight.copy (tf2th(weights[f'{prefix}root block/standardized conv
    self.head.gn.weight.copy (tf2th(weights[f'{prefix}group norm/gamma']))
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if self.zero_head:
    nn.init.zeros_(self.head.conv.weight)
    nn.init.zeros_(self.head.conv.bias)

else:
    self.head.conv.weight.copy_(tf2th(weights[f'{prefix}head/conv2d/kernel']))
    self.head.conv.bias.copy_(tf2th(weights[f'{prefix}head/conv2d/bias']))

for bname, block in self.body.named_children():
    for uname, unit in block.named_children():
        unit.load_from(weights, prefix=f'{prefix}{bname}/{uname}/')
```

→ Boilerplate

return self

```
from IPython.display import HTML, display
def progress(value, max=100):
    return HTML("""
        progress
            value='{value}'
            max='{max}',
            style='width: 100%'
            {value}
        """.format(value=value, max=max))
def stairs(s, v, *svs):
    """ Implements a typical "stairs" schedule for learning-rates.
    Best explained by example:
    stairs(s, 0.1, 10, 0.01, 20, 0.001)
   will return 0.1 if s<10, 0.01 if 10<=s<20, and 0.001 if 20<=s
    for s0, v0 in zip(svs[::2], svs[1::2]):
        if s < s0:
            break
        v = v0
    return v
def rampup(s, peak s, peak lr):
  if s < peak s: # Warmup</pre>
    return s/peak s * peak lr
    return peak lr
def schedule(s):
  step lr = stairs(s, 3e-3, 200, 3e-4, 300, 3e-5, 400, 3e-6, 500, None)
```

→ CIFAR-10 Example

```
import PIL
preprocess train = tv.transforms.Compose([
    tv.transforms.Resize((160, 160), interpolation=PIL.Image.BILINEAR), # It's the de
    tv.transforms.RandomCrop((128, 128)),
    tv.transforms.RandomHorizontalFlip(),
    tv.transforms.ToTensor(),
    tv.transforms.Normalize((0.5, 0.5, 0.5), (0.5, 0.5, 0.5)) # Get data into [-1, 1]
1)
preprocess_eval = tv.transforms.Compose([
    tv.transforms.Resize((128, 128), interpolation=PIL.Image.BILINEAR),
    tv.transforms.ToTensor(),
    tv.transforms.Normalize((0.5, 0.5, 0.5), (0.5, 0.5, 0.5))
1)
trainset = tv.datasets.CIFAR10(root='./data', train=True, download=True, transform=pre
testset = tv.datasets.CIFAR10(root='./data', train=False, download=True, transform=pre
     /usr/local/lib/python3.7/dist-packages/torchvision/transforms/transforms.py:258:
       "Argument interpolation should be of type InterpolationMode instead of int. "
     Downloading <a href="https://www.cs.toronto.edu/~kriz/cifar-10-python.tar.gz">https://www.cs.toronto.edu/~kriz/cifar-10-python.tar.gz</a> to ./data/ci
                                            170499072/? [00:13<00:00, 12682716.75it/s]
    Extracting ./data/cifar-10-python.tar.gz to ./data
    Files already downloaded and verified
import random
n = random.randint(0, 10)
```

▼ Find indices to create a N-shot CIFAR10 variant

```
preprocess_tiny = tv.transforms.Compose([tv.transforms.CenterCrop((2, 2)), tv.transforms.centerCrop((2, 2)), tv.transforms.centerCrop((2,
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Files already downloaded and verified

```
fig = plt.figure(figsize=(10, 4))
ig = ImageGrid(fig, 111, (n, 10))
for c, cls in enumerate(indices):
   for r, i in enumerate(indices[cls]):
      img, _ = trainset[i]
      ax = ig.axes_column[c][r]
      ax.imshow((img.numpy().transpose([1, 2, 0]) * 127.5 + 127.5).astype(np.uint8))
      ax.set_axis_off()
fig.suptitle('The whole 10-shot CIFAR10 dataset');
```

The whole 10-shot CIFAR10 dataset



train_n_shot = torch.utils.data.Subset(trainset, indices=[i for v in indices.values()
len(train_n_shot)

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▼ Fine-tune BiT-M on this 10-shot CIFAR10 variant

NOTE: In this very low data regime, the performance heavily depends on how "representative" the 5 examples you got are of the class. As shown in the paper, variance is very large, I'm getting anywhere between 78%-85% depending on luck.

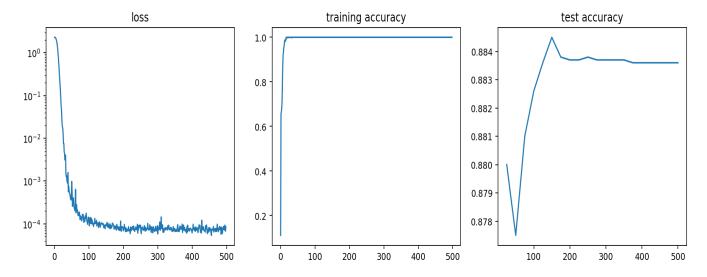
Another point is that here I use batch_size=512 for consistency with the paper. But actually, a much smaller batch_size=50 works just as well and is about 10x faster!

```
model = ResNetV2(ResNetV2.BLOCK UNITS['r50'], width factor=3, head size=10, zero head=
model.load from(weights)
model.to(device);
# Yes, we still use 512 batch-size! Maybe something else is even better, who knows.
# loader_train = torch.utils.data.DataLoader(train_5shot, batch_size=512, shuffle=True
# NOTE: This is necessary when the batch-size is larger than the dataset.
sampler = torch.utils.data.RandomSampler(train_10shot, replacement=True, num_samples=2
loader train = torch.utils.data.DataLoader(train 10shot, batch size=50, num workers=2,
crit = nn.CrossEntropyLoss()
opti = torch.optim.SGD(model.parameters(), lr=0.003, momentum=0.9)
model.train();
S = 500
def schedule(s):
  step lr = stairs(s, 3e-3, 200, 3e-4, 300, 3e-5, 400, 3e-6, S, None)
  return rampup(s, 100, step lr)
pb train = display(progress(0, S), display id=True)
pb_test = display(progress(0, 100), display_id=True)
losses = [[]]
accus train = [[]]
accus test = []
steps_per_iter = 512 // loader_train.batch_size
while len(losses) < S:
  for x, t in loader train:
   x, t = x.to(device), t.to(device)
    logits = model(x)
    loss = crit(logits, t) / steps per iter
    loss.backward()
    losses[-1].append(loss.item())
```

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with torch.no grad():
  accus train[-1].extend(torch.max(logits, dim=1)[1].cpu().numpy() == t.cpu().nump
if len(losses[-1]) == steps_per_iter:
  losses[-1] = sum(losses[-1])
  losses.append([])
  accus_train[-1] = np.mean(accus_train[-1])
  accus_train.append([])
  # Update learning-rate according to schedule, and stop if necessary
  lr = schedule(len(losses) - 1)
  for param group in opti.param groups:
    param_group['lr'] = lr
  opti.step()
  opti.zero grad()
  pb_train.update(progress(len(losses) - 1, S))
  print(f'\r[Step {len(losses) - 1}] loss={losses[-2]:.2e} '
        f'train accu={accus_train[-2]:.2%} '
        f'test accu={accus test[-1] if accus test else 0:.2%} '
        f'(lr={lr:g})', end='', flush=True)
  if len(losses) % 25 == 0:
    accus_test.append(eval_cifar10(model, progressbar=pb_test))
    model.train()
```

```
[Step 305] loss=6.14e-04 train accu=100.00% test accu=82.22% (lr=3e-05)
```

```
fig, (ax1, ax2, ax3) = plt.subplots(1, 3, figsize=(15, 4))
ax1.plot(losses[:-1])
ax1.set_yscale('log')
ax1.set_title('loss')
ax2.plot(accus_train[:-1])
ax2.set_title('training accuracy')
ax3.plot(np.arange(25, 501, 25), accus_test)
ax3.set title('test accuracy');
```



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