

Task: - PyTorch foundation

(Week 2)

Objective -----

PyTorch Foundation Roadmap

1. Beginner Level – Tensors & Basics

- **Installation & Setup**
 - Install PyTorch (CPU/GPU).
 - Verify with `torch.__version__` and `torch.cuda.is_available()`.
- **Tensors 101**
 - Creating tensors: `torch.tensor`, `torch.zeros`, `torch.rand`.
 - Tensor attributes: `.shape`, `.dtype`, `.device`.
 - Indexing, slicing, reshaping.
 - Broadcasting rules.
 - Operations: addition, multiplication, dot product, matrix multiplication.
 - Conversion between NumPy ↔ PyTorch.
- **GPU Acceleration**
 - `.to("cuda")` vs `.to("cpu")`.
 - Practice moving tensors & ensuring reproducibility.

✅ Mini-project: Implement **linear regression** with PyTorch tensors *without* `torch.nn`.

2. Intermediate Level – Autograd & Neural Networks

Goal: Understand how PyTorch powers deep learning.

- **Autograd (Automatic Differentiation)**
 - `requires_grad`, `.backward()`, `.grad`.
 - Gradient computation example ($y = x^2$).
- `torch.nn` **Module**
 - `nn.Linear`, `nn.ReLU`, `nn.Sigmoid`.
 - `nn.Sequential`.
 - Custom `nn.Module` class.
- **Optimizers & Training Loops**
 - `torch.optim.SGD`, `torch.optim.Adam`.
 - Loss functions: `nn.MSELoss`, `nn.CrossEntropyLoss`.
 - Writing training loops (forward \rightarrow loss \rightarrow backward \rightarrow step).

✅ Mini-project: Train a **simple feedforward neural network** on MNIST.

3. Applied Level – Data & Training Pipelines

Goal: Learn to handle real-world data.

- **Datasets & Dataloaders**
 - `torch.utils.data.Dataset` & `DataLoader`.
 - Custom datasets.
 - Batch loading & shuffling.
- **Transforms & Preprocessing**
 - `torchvision.transforms` (resize, normalize, augment).
 - Handling image/text datasets.
- **Model Saving/Loading**
 - `torch.save`, `torch.load`.
 - `state_dict` vs full model saving.

✅ Mini-project: Train **CNN on CIFAR-10** with proper dataloading & augmentation.

4. Advanced Level – Architectures & Optimization

Goal: Master state-of-the-art techniques.

- **Advanced Architectures**
 - CNNs (LeNet, ResNet basics).
 - RNNs/LSTMs/GRUs.
 - Transformers (self-attention, BERT basics).
- **Optimization Tricks**
 - Learning rate scheduling.
 - Gradient clipping.
 - Weight initialization.
 - Regularization (dropout, batch norm).
- **Debugging & Performance**
 - torchsummary, torchviz.
 - Mixed precision training (torch.cuda.amp).
 - Profiling tools (torch.profiler).

✅ Mini-project: Implement a **ResNet-like CNN** from scratch and train on a subset of ImageNet or CIFAR-100.

5. Expert Level – Internals & Research Skills

Goal: Be able to read papers and implement models from scratch.

- Implement attention & transformers **without** torch.nn.MultiheadAttention.
- Explore distributed training (torch.distributed, DataParallel).
- Write custom optimizers.
- Understand PyTorch JIT (torch.jit.trace, torchscript).

✅ Mini-project: Reproduce a **research paper model** (e.g., Vision Transformer or GPT-like small model).

Suggested Workflow

1. **Hands-on practice > reading:** Code after every concept.

2. Keep **Jupyter notebooks** for experiments.
3. Use **small datasets first** (MNIST, CIFAR-10) → scale later.
4. After each milestone, do a **mini-project**.

Topics -----

Topic 1: Introduction to PyTorch

What to Study

- **Overview of PyTorch**
 - What is PyTorch?
 - Why it's popular: dynamic computation graph, Pythonic API, research-to-production ease.
 - Ecosystem (TorchVision, TorchText, TorchAudio, TorchServe).
- **Comparison with Other Frameworks**
 - **TensorFlow vs PyTorch:**
 - PyTorch: eager execution (dynamic graphs), intuitive debugging.
 - TensorFlow: originally static graphs, now supports eager mode; better for production pipelines.
 - PyTorch → research-friendly, TensorFlow → industry adoption (though gap is narrowing).
- **Basic Workflow**
 - Define tensors (data).
 - Build model (nn.Module).
 - Define loss function.
 - Choose optimizer.
 - Train loop: forward → loss → backward → optimize.

---- How to Learn -----

1. PyTorch Docs – Get Started Guide

PyTorch Official Getting Started

Covers installation, tensor basics, and a small example.

2. Blogs & Videos

- “Deep Learning with PyTorch: A 60 Minute Blitz” (official tutorial).
- YouTube channels like *Aladdin Persson*, *freeCodeCamp’s PyTorch course*.

----- How to Do It -----

1. Install PyTorch

- Visit PyTorch Install Page.
- Choose your system (OS, package manager, CUDA version).
- Example (CPU-only via pip):

```
pip install torch torchvision torchaudio
```

2. Verify Installation with a Simple Script

```
import torch
```

```
# Check version
```

```
print("PyTorch version:", torch.__version__)
```

```
# Create a tensor
```

```
x = torch.rand(3, 3)
```

```
print("Random Tensor:\n", x)
```

```
# Check for GPU
```

```
print("CUDA available:", torch.cuda.is_available())
```

Expected: See a random 3×3 matrix and whether CUDA (GPU) is available.

----- Checkpoint after this topic:

- Explain what PyTorch is and why it's used.
- Successfully installed PyTorch and run a tensor example
- How PyTorch compares with TensorFlow at a high level.

Topic 2: Tensors and Basic Operations

What to Study

1. Creating Tensors

- From data:

```
torch.tensor([1, 2, 3])
```

- From functions:

```
torch.zeros(2, 3)    # 2x3 tensor of zeros
torch.ones(2, 2)     # 2x2 tensor of ones
torch.rand(3, 3)     # random values [0,1)
torch.arange(0, 10, 2) # values 0,2,4,6,8
torch.linspace(0, 1, 5) # evenly spaced 5 points
```

- From NumPy arrays:

```
import numpy as np
a = np.array([1, 2, 3])
t = torch.from_numpy(a)
```

2. Tensor Attributes

Every tensor has:

- `.shape` → size of tensor
- `.dtype` → data type (torch.float32, torch.int64)
- `.device` → CPU or GPU

```
x = torch.rand(3, 4)
print(x.shape, x.dtype, x.device)
```

3. Arithmetic Operations

- Element-wise:

```
a = torch.tensor([1, 2, 3])
b = torch.tensor([4, 5, 6])
print(a + b) # addition
print(a * b) # multiplication
print(a ** 2) # power
```

- Matrix multiplication:

```
A = torch.rand(2, 3)
```

```
B = torch.rand(3, 2)
print(torch.matmul(A, B))
print(A @ B) # shorthand
```

4. Indexing & Slicing

```
x = torch.arange(10)
print(x[0])    # first element
print(x[2:6])  # slice
print(x[-1])   # last element
```

- For matrices:

```
mat = torch.arange(16).reshape(4,4)
print(mat[0, :]) # first row
print(mat[:, 1]) # second column
```

5. Reshaping Tensors

```
x = torch.arange(12)    # shape [12]
print(x.view(3, 4))     # reshape to 3x4
print(x.reshape(2, 6))  # reshape to 2x6
print(x.unsqueeze(0))   # add a new dimension
print(x.squeeze())      # remove dimension of size 1
```

6. Broadcasting

PyTorch automatically expands smaller tensors during arithmetic:

```
a = torch.ones(3, 1) # shape [3,1]
b = torch.ones(1, 4) # shape [1,4]
print((a + b).shape) # result [3,4]
```

--- How to Do It (Hands-On Practice in Jupyter Notebook) --

```
import torch
```

```
# 1. Create a 3x3 tensor with random floats
```

```
x = torch.rand(3, 3)
print("Tensor:\n", x)
```

```
# 2. Check its shape, dtype, device
```

```
print(x.shape, x.dtype, x.device)
```

3. Perform elementwise addition and multiplication

```
a = torch.tensor([1, 2, 3], dtype=torch.float32)
b = torch.tensor([4, 5, 6], dtype=torch.float32)
print("a + b =", a + b)
print("a * b =", a * b)
```

4. Reshape a 1D tensor into 2D

```
y = torch.arange(12)
print("Original:", y)
print("Reshaped (3x4):\n", y.view(3, 4))
```

5. Demonstrate broadcasting

```
m = torch.ones(3, 1)
n = torch.arange(4).unsqueeze(0) # shape [1,4]
print("Broadcast result:\n", m + n)
```

----- **Checkpoint after this topic:**

- Create tensors in multiple ways.
- Understand and can check tensor attributes (shape, dtype, device).
- Do arithmetic, reshaping, indexing, and broadcasting.

----- prepare a Jupyter Notebook template with these examples + exercises (like a ready-to-run "Tensors Playground")? -----

Tensors Playground: python

Tensors Playground - PyTorch Basics

--- 📌 Section 1: Setup ---

```
import torch
import numpy as np
```

```
print("PyTorch version:", torch.__version__)
print("CUDA available:", torch.cuda.is_available())
```

--- Section 2: Creating Tensors ---

From data

```
x_data = torch.tensor([1, 2, 3])
print("Tensor from list:", x_data)
```

From functions

```
x_zeros = torch.zeros(2, 3)
x_ones = torch.ones(2, 2)
```



```
x_rand = torch.rand(3, 3)

print("Zeros:\n", x_zeros)
print("Ones:\n", x_ones)
print("Random:\n", x_rand)

# From NumPy array
a = np.array([1, 2, 3])
t_from_np = torch.from_numpy(a)
print("From NumPy:", t_from_np)

# --- Section 3: Tensor Attributes ---
t = torch.rand(3, 4)
print("Tensor attributes:")
print("Shape:", t.shape)
print("Dtype:", t.dtype)
print("Device:", t.device)

# --- Section 4: Arithmetic Operations ---
a = torch.tensor([1, 2, 3], dtype=torch.float32)
b = torch.tensor([4, 5, 6], dtype=torch.float32)

print("a + b =", a + b)
print("a * b =", a * b)
print("a dot b =", torch.dot(a, b))

# Matrix multiplication
A = torch.rand(2, 3)
B = torch.rand(3, 2)
print("Matrix multiplication:\n", torch.matmul(A, B))

# --- Section 5: Indexing & Slicing ---
x = torch.arange(10)
print("First element:", x[0])
print("Slice (2:6):", x[2:6])
print("Last element:", x[-1])

mat = torch.arange(16).reshape(4,4)
print("Matrix:\n", mat)
print("First row:", mat[0, :])
print("Second column:", mat[:, 1])

# --- Section 6: Reshaping Tensors ---
y = torch.arange(12)
print("Original:", y)
print("Reshape (3x4):\n", y.view(3, 4))
```

```
print("Reshape (2x6):\n", y.reshape(2, 6))
print("Unsqueeze (add dim):", y.unsqueeze(0).shape)
print("Squeeze (remove dim):", y.unsqueeze(0).squeeze().shape)
```

```
# --- Section 7: Broadcasting ---
```

```
m = torch.ones(3, 1)
```

```
n = torch.arange(4).unsqueeze(0) # shape [1,4]
```

```
print("Broadcast result:\n", m + n)
```

```
# --- Section 8: Exercises ---
```

```
# 1. Create a 4x4 identity matrix.
```

```
# 2. Create a tensor of size [2,3] with random integers between 0 and 10.
```

```
# 3. Reshape a tensor of size [16] into [4,4].
```

Topic 3: Autograd and Computational Graphs

What to Study

1. Automatic Differentiation

- PyTorch's autograd module builds a **computational graph** dynamically.
- Each tensor has a flag: `requires_grad=True` → PyTorch tracks operations for gradient computation.

2. Key Concepts

- **`requires_grad`** → tells PyTorch to compute gradients.
- **`Backward()`** → computes gradients (via backpropagation).
- **`grad attribute`** → stores the gradient after `.backward()`.
- **`Detach()`** → creates a tensor without gradient tracking (useful in inference).
- **`with torch.no_grad():`** → disables gradient tracking in a block of code.

3. Workflow

1. Define tensor(s) with `requires_grad=True`.
2. Apply operations → PyTorch builds computation graph.

3. Call `.backward()` on a scalar result.
4. Access `.grad` of input tensors.

----- How to Learn -----

1. **Official Docs:**
Autograd: Automatic Differentiation Tutorial
2. **Blogs & Videos:**
 - YouTube: “PyTorch Autograd Explained” (Aladdin Persson).
 - Blog posts showing gradient flow visualization.

----- How to Do It -----

Here's a **simple script** for $y = x^2$:

```
import torch

# Create a tensor with gradient tracking
x = torch.tensor(2.0, requires_grad=True)

# Define a function:  $y = x^2$ 
y = x ** 2
print("y =", y)

# Backpropagate ( $dy/dx$ )
y.backward()
print("Gradient  $dy/dx$  at  $x=2$ :", x.grad)
```

Expected Output:

```
y = 4.0
Gradient  $dy/dx$  at  $x=2$ : 4.0
```

---- More Examples to Try

```
# Example 1: Multiple operations
x = torch.tensor(3.0, requires_grad=True)
y = 3*x**3 + 2*x**2 + x
y.backward()
print("Gradient  $dy/dx$  at  $x=3$ :", x.grad)
```

```
# Example 2: Vector input
x = torch.randn(3, requires_grad=True)
```

```
y = x * 2
z = y.mean()
z.backward()
print("Gradient dz/dx:", x.grad)
```

Example 3: Detaching tensors

```
x = torch.tensor(5.0, requires_grad=True)
y = x**2
z = y.detach() # z will not require gradients
print("Does z require grad?", z.requires_grad)
```

Example 4: No grad context (useful in inference)

```
with torch.no_grad():
    a = torch.tensor(2.0, requires_grad=True)
    b = a**2
print("Inside no_grad, does b require grad?", b.requires_grad)
```

Checkpoint after this topic

- Explain what `requires_grad`, `.backward()`, and `.grad` mean.
- Compute gradients for scalar and vector functions.
- How to disable gradient tracking (`.detach()`, `torch.no_grad()`).

----- Autograd Playground· python -----

Autograd Playground - PyTorch Automatic Differentiation

```
import torch
```

--- Section 1: Introduction ---

```
print("PyTorch version:", torch.__version__)
```

--- Section 2: Basic Gradient Computation ---

Define a tensor with gradient tracking

```
a = torch.tensor(2.0, requires_grad=True)
```

Function: $y = a^2$

```
y = a ** 2
```

```
print("y =", y)
```

Backpropagate (dy/da)

```
y.backward()
```

```
print("Gradient dy/da at a=2:", a.grad)
```

```
# --- Section 3: Multiple Operations ---
x = torch.tensor(3.0, requires_grad=True)

# Function:  $y = 3x^3 + 2x^2 + x$ 
y = 3*x**3 + 2*x**2 + x
y.backward()
print("Gradient dy/dx at x=3:", x.grad)

# --- Section 4: Vector Inputs ---
x = torch.randn(3, requires_grad=True)
y = x * 2
z = y.mean() # scalar output
z.backward()
print("Vector x:", x)
print("Gradient dz/dx:", x.grad)

# --- Section 5: Detaching Tensors ---
x = torch.tensor(5.0, requires_grad=True)
y = x ** 2
z = y.detach() # z is detached, no gradient tracking
print("Does y require grad?", y.requires_grad)
print("Does z require grad?", z.requires_grad)

# --- Section 6: No Grad Context ---
with torch.no_grad():
    a = torch.tensor(2.0, requires_grad=True)
    b = a ** 2
print("Inside no_grad, does b require grad?", b.requires_grad)

# --- Section 7: Exercises ---
# 1. Define x = 4.0 (requires_grad=True) and compute gradient of  $y = x^3$ .
# 2. Define x = torch.arange(3.0, requires_grad=True) and compute gradients for  $y = (x+1)^2$ .
# 3. Show the difference between x.detach() and with torch.no_grad().
# 4. Build a chain:  $y = x^2$ ,  $z = 2y + 3 \rightarrow$  compute  $dz/dx$ .
# 5. Try using .backward(retain_graph=True) to compute multiple gradients on the same graph.
```

Topic 4: Neural Network Basics (nn module)

---- What to Study -----

1. nn.Module

- Base class for all neural networks in PyTorch.
- You define:
 - **Layers** inside `__init__()`
 - **Forward pass** inside `forward()`
- PyTorch handles backward pass automatically (thanks to autograd).

2. Linear Layers

- `nn.Linear(in_features, out_features)`
- Performs: $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{xW}^T + \mathbf{b}$
- Example:

```
import torch.nn as nn
layer = nn.Linear(5, 2) # input 5-dim, output 2-dim
x = torch.randn(1, 5)
y = layer(x)
```

3. Activation Functions

- Add non-linearity to networks.
- Common ones:
 - `nn.ReLU()`
 - `nn.Sigmoid()`
 - `nn.Tanh()`

4. Loss Functions

- Measure how well model predictions match targets.
- Common ones:
 - `nn.MSELoss()` → regression
 - `nn.CrossEntropyLoss()` → classification

----- How to Learn -----

1. **PyTorch Docs:** Neural Networks Tutorial
2. **Videos:** “Neural Networks in PyTorch” (Aladdin Persson, freeCodeCamp).

----- How to Do It (Hands-on Example) -----

Here's a **basic MLP** for a toy dataset:

```
import torch
import torch.nn as nn
import torch.optim as optim

# --- Step 1: Create toy dataset ( $y = 2x + 1 + \text{noise}$ )
X = torch.linspace(-1, 1, 100).unsqueeze(1) # shape [100,1]
y = 2 * X + 1 + 0.2*torch.rand(X.size())

# --- Step 2: Define MLP model
class MLP(nn.Module):
    def __init__(self):
        super(MLP, self).__init__()
        self.layers = nn.Sequential(
            nn.Linear(1, 16), # input 1 → hidden 16
            nn.ReLU(),
            nn.Linear(16, 1) # hidden → output
        )

    def forward(self, x):
        return self.layers(x)

model = MLP()

# --- Step 3: Define loss & optimizer
criterion = nn.MSELoss()
optimizer = optim.SGD(model.parameters(), lr=0.1)

# --- Step 4: Training loop
epochs = 200
for epoch in range(epochs):
    # Forward pass
    y_pred = model(X)
    loss = criterion(y_pred, y)

    # Backward pass
    optimizer.zero_grad()
    loss.backward()
    optimizer.step()
```

```
if (epoch+1) % 20 == 0:
    print(f'Epoch {epoch+1}, Loss: {loss.item():.4f}')

# --- Step 5: Test prediction
with torch.no_grad():
    test_inp = torch.tensor([[0.5]])
    print("Prediction for x=0.5:", model(test_inp).item())
```

----- **Expected Result:** The MLP should approximate the linear function $y \approx 2x + 1$.

Checkpoint after this topic

- Define models with nn.Module.
- How to use nn.Linear and activation functions.
- Understand how loss + optimizer fit into the training loop.
- Trained a simple MLP on a toy dataset.

----- Nn Basics Playground· python -----

```
# Neural Network Basics Playground - PyTorch nn.Module
model = MLP()
```

```
# --- Section 3: Loss and Optimizer ---
criterion = nn.MSELoss()
optimizer = optim.SGD(model.parameters(), lr=0.1)
```

```
# --- Section 4: Training Loop ---
epochs = 200
losses = []
```

```
for epoch in range(epochs):
    y_pred = model(X)
    loss = criterion(y_pred, y)
    optimizer.zero_grad()
    loss.backward()
    optimizer.step()
```

```
losses.append(loss.item())
if (epoch+1) % 20 == 0:
    print(f'Epoch {epoch+1}, Loss: {loss.item():.4f}')
```

```
# Plot training loss
```



```
plt.plot(losses)
plt.title("Training Loss")
plt.xlabel("Epoch")
plt.ylabel("MSE Loss")
plt.show()

# --- Section 5: Test Prediction ---
with torch.no_grad():
    test_inp = torch.tensor([[0.5]])
    print("Prediction for x=0.5:", model(test_inp).item())

# --- Section 6: Classification Example ---
# Generate synthetic 2D data (two classes)
from sklearn.datasets import make_moons

Xc, yc = make_moons(n_samples=200, noise=0.2)
Xc = torch.tensor(Xc, dtype=torch.float32)
yc = torch.tensor(yc, dtype=torch.long)

plt.scatter(Xc[:,0], Xc[:,1], c=yc, cmap=plt.cm.Paired)
plt.title("2D Classification Dataset (Moons)")
plt.show()

# Define a classifier MLP
class Classifier(nn.Module):
    def __init__(self):
        super(Classifier, self).__init__()
        self.layers = nn.Sequential(
            nn.Linear(2, 16),
            nn.ReLU(),
            nn.Linear(16, 2)
        )
    def forward(self, x):
        return self.layers(x)

clf = Classifier()
criterion_cls = nn.CrossEntropyLoss()
optimizer_cls = optim.Adam(clf.parameters(), lr=0.01)

# Train classifier
for epoch in range(100):
    outputs = clf(Xc)
    loss = criterion_cls(outputs, yc)

    optimizer_cls.zero_grad()
    loss.backward()
```

```
optimizer_cls.step()
```

```
if (epoch+1) % 20 == 0:  
    print(f"[Classifier] Epoch {epoch+1}, Loss: {loss.item():.4f}")
```

```
# --- Section 7: Exercises ---
```

- # 1. Modify the regression MLP to use two hidden layers.
- # 2. Change activation to Tanh and compare results.
- # 3. Use Adam optimizer instead of SGD for regression.
- # 4. Visualize decision boundaries of the classifier.
- # 5. Build a 3-class classifier using random synthetic data.

Topic 5: Datasets and DataLoaders

----- What to Study

1. **Datasets** (`torch.utils.data.Dataset`)

- Wraps your data & labels.
- Provides `__len__()` and `__getitem__()` methods.
- Example: `torchvision.datasets.MNIST`, `CIFAR10`, `FashionMNIST`.

2. **DataLoader** (`torch.utils.data.DataLoader`)

- Creates iterable over dataset.
- Handles batching, shuffling, parallel loading.
- Key args:
 - `batch_size` → number of samples per batch
 - `shuffle` → shuffle dataset each epoch
 - `num_workers` → parallel data loading

3. **Transforms**

- Preprocessing pipelines from `torchvision.transforms`.

- Examples:
 - `transforms.ToTensor()`
 - `transforms.Normalize(mean, std)`
 - `transforms.RandomHorizontalFlip()`

4. Custom Dataset

- Inherit from `torch.utils.data.Dataset`.
- Override `__len__` and `__getitem__`.
- Useful for CSV, images, or text not covered by torchvision.

----- How to Learn -----

- Official Tutorial: PyTorch Data Loading
- TorchVision Datasets Docs `torchvision.datasets`

----- How to Do It (Hands-On Examples) -----

1. Load MNIST with DataLoader

```
import torch
from torch.utils.data import DataLoader
from torchvision import datasets, transforms

# Transform: Convert image to tensor & normalize
transform = transforms.Compose([
    transforms.ToTensor(),
    transforms.Normalize((0.5,), (0.5,))
])

# Download & load MNIST training dataset
train_dataset = datasets.MNIST(root="./data", train=True, download=True, transform=transform)
train_loader = DataLoader(train_dataset, batch_size=64, shuffle=True)

# Example: Iterate through one batch
images, labels = next(iter(train_loader))
print("Batch shape:", images.shape) # [64, 1, 28, 28]
print("Labels shape:", labels.shape) # [64]
```

2. Custom Dataset Example

Suppose you have a CSV file with features + labels:

```
import pandas as pd
from torch.utils.data import Dataset

class CustomCSV(Dataset):
    def __init__(self, csv_file):
        self.data = pd.read_csv(csv_file)
        self.X = torch.tensor(self.data.iloc[:, :-1].values, dtype=torch.float32)
        self.y = torch.tensor(self.data.iloc[:, -1].values, dtype=torch.long)

    def __len__(self):
        return len(self.data)

    def __getitem__(self, idx):
        return self.X[idx], self.y[idx]

# Usage
dataset = CustomCSV("mydata.csv")
loader = DataLoader(dataset, batch_size=32, shuffle=True)
```

3. Apply Transforms

```
transform = transforms.Compose([
    transforms.RandomRotation(10),
    transforms.ToTensor(),
    transforms.Normalize((0.5,), (0.5,))
])

train_dataset = datasets.MNIST(root="./data", train=True, download=True, transform=transform)
```

Checkpoint after this topic

- load datasets using torchvision.datasets.
- create DataLoaders with batching & shuffling.
- understand how to use transforms for preprocessing.
- how to write a custom Dataset class.

Training Loops and Optimization

----- Topics to Cover

1. **Training Loop Essentials**

- Forward pass → Compute loss → Backward pass → Update weights.
- Difference between training loop and evaluation loop.

2. **Optimizers**

- `torch.optim.SGD`
- `torch.optim.Adam`
- Switching optimizers easily.

3. **Schedulers**

- `StepLR`, `ExponentialLR`, `ReduceLROnPlateau`.

4. **Regularization Techniques**

- Dropout
- Weight decay (L2 regularization)
- Early stopping.

----How to Learn

- Read the PyTorch optimization tutorial.
- Check how optimizer steps differ (e.g., SGD vs Adam).
- Try small models first (like MNIST or synthetic data).

----- How to Do It -----

1. Define a Simple Model

```
import torch
import torch.nn as nn
import torch.optim as optim
from torchvision import datasets, transforms
from torch.utils.data import DataLoader
```

```
# Data
```

```
transform = transforms.ToTensor()
train_dataset = datasets.MNIST(root="./data", train=True, download=True, transform=transform)
test_dataset = datasets.MNIST(root="./data", train=False, transform=transform)
```

```
train_loader = DataLoader(train_dataset, batch_size=64, shuffle=True)
test_loader = DataLoader(test_dataset, batch_size=64, shuffle=False)
```

```
# Model
```

```
class SimpleMLP(nn.Module):
```

```
    def __init__(self):
        super().__init__()
        self.net = nn.Sequential(
            nn.Flatten(),
            nn.Linear(28*28, 128),
            nn.ReLU(),
            nn.Dropout(0.3),
            nn.Linear(128, 10)
        )
```

```
    def forward(self, x):
        return self.net(x)
```

```
model = SimpleMLP()
```

2. Loss + Optimizer

```
criterion = nn.CrossEntropyLoss()
optimizer = optim.SGD(model.parameters(), lr=0.01, momentum=0.9)
```

```
# Try switching to Adam:
```

```
# optimizer = optim.Adam(model.parameters(), lr=0.001)
```

3. Training Loop

```
def train_one_epoch(model, dataloader, optimizer, criterion):
    model.train()
    total_loss, correct = 0, 0
    for X, y in dataloader:
        optimizer.zero_grad()
        preds = model(X)
        loss = criterion(preds, y)
        loss.backward()
        optimizer.step()

    total_loss += loss.item()
    correct += (preds.argmax(1) == y).sum().item()
```

```
accuracy = correct / len(dataloader.dataset)
return total_loss / len(dataloader), accuracy
```

4. Evaluation Loop

```
def evaluate(model, dataloader, criterion):
    model.eval()
    total_loss, correct = 0, 0
    with torch.no_grad():
        for X, y in dataloader:
            preds = model(X)
            loss = criterion(preds, y)
            total_loss += loss.item()
            correct += (preds.argmax(1) == y).sum().item()
    accuracy = correct / len(dataloader.dataset)
    return total_loss / len(dataloader), accuracy
```

5. Training with Scheduler

```
from torch.optim.lr_scheduler import StepLR

scheduler = StepLR(optimizer, step_size=5, gamma=0.5)

epochs = 10
for epoch in range(epochs):
    train_loss, train_acc = train_one_epoch(model, train_loader, optimizer, criterion)
    val_loss, val_acc = evaluate(model, test_loader, criterion)
    scheduler.step()

    print(f"Epoch {epoch+1}: "
          f"Train Loss={train_loss:.4f}, Train Acc={train_acc:.4f}, "
          f"Val Loss={val_loss:.4f}, Val Acc={val_acc:.4f}")
```

----- Training Loop Playground -----

- MNIST dataset with DataLoader
- MLP model with Dropout
- Training + evaluation loops
- Comparison of **SGD vs Adam**
- Learning rate scheduler usage
- Plotting training & validation curves

- **Exercises** for you to extend

Training Loop Playground - PyTorch

--- Imports ---

```
import torch
import torch.nn as nn
import torch.optim as optim
from torch.optim.lr_scheduler import StepLR
from torchvision import datasets, transforms
from torch.utils.data import DataLoader
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
```

--- 1. Dataset & DataLoader ---

```
transform = transforms.ToTensor()
train_dataset = datasets.MNIST(root="./data", train=True, download=True, transform=transform)
test_dataset = datasets.MNIST(root="./data", train=False, transform=transform)
```

```
train_loader = DataLoader(train_dataset, batch_size=64, shuffle=True)
test_loader = DataLoader(test_dataset, batch_size=64, shuffle=False)
```

--- 2. Define Model ---

```
class SimpleMLP(nn.Module):
    def __init__(self, dropout_rate=0.3):
        super().__init__()
        self.net = nn.Sequential(
            nn.Flatten(),
            nn.Linear(28*28, 128),
            nn.ReLU(),
            nn.Dropout(dropout_rate),
            nn.Linear(128, 10)
        )
```

```
def forward(self, x):
    return self.net(x)
```

--- 3. Training & Evaluation Functions ---

```
def train_one_epoch(model, dataloader, optimizer, criterion):
    model.train()
    total_loss, correct = 0, 0
    for X, y in dataloader:
        optimizer.zero_grad()
        preds = model(X)
        loss = criterion(preds, y)
        loss.backward()
        optimizer.step()
        total_loss += loss.item()
```



```
correct += (preds.argmax(1) == y).sum().item()
accuracy = correct / len(dataloader.dataset)
return total_loss / len(dataloader), accuracy
```

```
def evaluate(model, dataloader, criterion):
    model.eval()
    total_loss, correct = 0, 0
    with torch.no_grad():
        for X, y in dataloader:
            preds = model(X)
            loss = criterion(preds, y)
            total_loss += loss.item()
            correct += (preds.argmax(1) == y).sum().item()
    accuracy = correct / len(dataloader.dataset)
    return total_loss / len(dataloader), accuracy
```

--- 4. Training Loop with Optimizer & Scheduler ---

```
def run_training(optimizer_name="SGD", dropout_rate=0.3, lr=0.01, epochs=10):
    model = SimpleMLP(dropout_rate=dropout_rate)
    criterion = nn.CrossEntropyLoss()
    if optimizer_name == "SGD":
        optimizer = optim.SGD(model.parameters(), lr=lr, momentum=0.9)
    elif optimizer_name == "Adam":
        optimizer = optim.Adam(model.parameters(), lr=lr)
    else:
        raise ValueError("Choose 'SGD' or 'Adam'")

    scheduler = StepLR(optimizer, step_size=5, gamma=0.5)

    history = {"train_loss": [], "train_acc": [], "val_loss": [], "val_acc": []}

    for epoch in range(epochs):
        train_loss, train_acc = train_one_epoch(model, train_loader, optimizer, criterion)
        val_loss, val_acc = evaluate(model, test_loader, criterion)
        scheduler.step()

        history["train_loss"].append(train_loss)
        history["train_acc"].append(train_acc)
        history["val_loss"].append(val_loss)
        history["val_acc"].append(val_acc)

        print(f"Epoch {epoch+1}/{epochs} | "
              f"Train Loss={train_loss:.4f}, Train Acc={train_acc:.4f}, "
              f"Val Loss={val_loss:.4f}, Val Acc={val_acc:.4f}")

    return history
```

--- 5. Compare Optimizers ---

```
history_sgd = run_training(optimizer_name="SGD", lr=0.01, epochs=10)
history_adam = run_training(optimizer_name="Adam", lr=0.001, epochs=10)
```

```
# --- 6. Plot Results ---
```

```
def plot_history(history, label):
    plt.plot(history["train_loss"], label=f"{label} Train Loss")
    plt.plot(history["val_loss"], label=f"{label} Val Loss")
    plt.plot(history["train_acc"], label=f"{label} Train Acc")
    plt.plot(history["val_acc"], label=f"{label} Val Acc")
```

```
plt.figure(figsize=(12,5))
plot_history(history_sgd, "SGD")
plot_history(history_adam, "Adam")
plt.legend()
plt.title("SGD vs Adam on MNIST")
plt.xlabel("Epoch")
plt.show()
```

```
# --- 7. Exercises ---
```

- # 1. Change the Dropout rate and compare results (0.0 vs 0.3 vs 0.5).
- # 2. Try different schedulers (ExponentialLR, ReduceLROnPlateau).
- # 3. Add L2 weight decay (regularization) to the optimizer.
- # 4. Train for more epochs and plot accuracy curves separately.
- # 5. Implement Early Stopping (stop when val loss stops improving).

CNN Playground - PyTorch

1. Imports & Dataset

- Use **MNIST** (grayscale, easier) or **CIFAR-10** (RGB, more challenging).
- Apply transforms like normalization & data augmentation.

2. Define a CNN

- Start with a **simple CNN** (like LeNet: conv → pool → conv → pool → FC).
- Optionally compare with a **torchvision ResNet** later.

3. Training & Evaluation Loops

- Reuse the train & evaluate functions from earlier.

4. Visualizations

- Plot training vs validation accuracy.

- Show sample predictions.

5. Exercises

- Add more conv layers.
- Compare MNIST vs CIFAR-10.
- Swap in a pretrained model (ResNet18).

----- code template: -----

```
# CNN Playground - PyTorch
```

```
# --- 1. Imports ---
```

```
import torch
import torch.nn as nn
import torch.optim as optim
from torchvision import datasets, transforms, models
from torch.utils.data import DataLoader
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
```

```
# --- 2. Dataset ---
```

```
transform = transforms.Compose([
    transforms.ToTensor(),
    transforms.Normalize((0.5,), (0.5,)) # for MNIST (grayscale)
])
```

```
train_dataset = datasets.MNIST(root="./data", train=True, download=True, transform=transform)
```

```
test_dataset = datasets.MNIST(root="./data", train=False, transform=transform)
```

```
train_loader = DataLoader(train_dataset, batch_size=64, shuffle=True)
```

```
test_loader = DataLoader(test_dataset, batch_size=64, shuffle=False)
```

```
# --- 3. Define a Simple CNN (LeNet-style) ---
```

```
class SimpleCNN(nn.Module):
    def __init__(self):
        super().__init__()
        self.net = nn.Sequential(
            nn.Conv2d(1, 16, kernel_size=3, padding=1), # [B,16,28,28]
            nn.ReLU(),
            nn.MaxPool2d(2,2), # [B,16,14,14]

            nn.Conv2d(16, 32, kernel_size=3, padding=1), # [B,32,14,14]
            nn.ReLU(),
            nn.MaxPool2d(2,2), # [B,32,7,7]

            nn.Flatten(),
```

```
        nn.Linear(32*7*7, 128),
        nn.ReLU(),
        nn.Linear(128, 10)
    )

    def forward(self, x):
        return self.net(x)

# --- 4. Training & Evaluation Functions ---
def train_one_epoch(model, dataloader, optimizer, criterion):
    model.train()
    total_loss, correct = 0, 0
    for X, y in dataloader:
        optimizer.zero_grad()
        preds = model(X)
        loss = criterion(preds, y)
        loss.backward()
        optimizer.step()
        total_loss += loss.item()
        correct += (preds.argmax(1) == y).sum().item()
    return total_loss/len(dataloader), correct/len(dataloader.dataset)

def evaluate(model, dataloader, criterion):
    model.eval()
    total_loss, correct = 0, 0
    with torch.no_grad():
        for X, y in dataloader:
            preds = model(X)
            loss = criterion(preds, y)
            total_loss += loss.item()
            correct += (preds.argmax(1) == y).sum().item()
    return total_loss/len(dataloader), correct/len(dataloader.dataset)

# --- 5. Training Loop ---
def run_training(epochs=5, lr=0.01):
    model = SimpleCNN()
    criterion = nn.CrossEntropyLoss()
    optimizer = optim.Adam(model.parameters(), lr=lr)

    history = {"train_loss": [], "train_acc": [], "val_loss": [], "val_acc": []}
    for epoch in range(epochs):
        train_loss, train_acc = train_one_epoch(model, train_loader, optimizer, criterion)
        val_loss, val_acc = evaluate(model, test_loader, criterion)
        history["train_loss"].append(train_loss)
        history["train_acc"].append(train_acc)
        history["val_loss"].append(val_loss)
        history["val_acc"].append(val_acc)
```

```
print(f"Epoch {epoch+1}/{epochs}: "  
      f"Train Acc={train_acc:.4f}, Val Acc={val_acc:.4f}")  
  
return model, history  
  
model, history = run_training(epochs=5)  
  
# --- 6. Plot Results ---  
plt.plot(history["train_acc"], label="Train Acc")  
plt.plot(history["val_acc"], label="Val Acc")  
plt.legend()  
plt.title("CNN Accuracy on MNIST")  
plt.xlabel("Epoch")  
plt.show()  
  
# --- 7. Sample Predictions ---  
examples = next(iter(test_loader))  
images, labels = examples  
outputs = model(images)  
preds = outputs.argmax(1)  
  
plt.figure(figsize=(8,4))  
for i in range(8):  
    plt.subplot(2,4,i+1)  
    plt.imshow(images[i][0], cmap="gray")  
    plt.title(f"Pred:{preds[i].item()} True:{labels[i].item()}")  
    plt.axis("off")  
plt.show()  
  
# --- 8. Exercises ---  
# 1. Replace MNIST with CIFAR-10 (RGB images, 10 classes).  
# 2. Add BatchNorm after conv layers and compare results.  
# 3. Increase network depth (3+ conv layers).  
# 4. Replace SimpleCNN with torchvision.models.resnet18(pretrained=False, num_classes=10).  
# 5. Add data augmentation (RandomCrop, RandomHorizontalFlip).
```

RNN Playground - PyTorch

1. Imports & Toy Dataset

- Example dataset: a sequence of characters ("hello", "world", etc.) → next-character prediction.
- Or a synthetic **sine wave** → predict the next value.

2. Define Models

- **Vanilla RNN**
- **LSTM**
- **GRU**

3. Training Loop

- Teach the network to predict the **next token/value**.

4. Generation

- Use the trained model to **generate sequences** (text or future time steps).

5. Exercises

- Switch RNN → LSTM → GRU.
- Train on longer text (e.g., Shakespeare snippet from torchtext).
- Try sequence-to-sequence (input → reversed output).

---- ready-to-run notebook template: -----

```
# RNN Playground - PyTorch

# --- 1. Imports ---
import torch
import torch.nn as nn
import torch.optim as optim
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

# --- 2. Toy Dataset: Predict Next Character ---
text = "hello pytorch"
chars = sorted(list(set(text)))
stoi = {ch: i for i, ch in enumerate(chars)}
itos = {i: ch for ch, i in stoi.items()}
vocab_size = len(chars)

def encode(s): return [stoi[c] for c in s]
def decode(l): return ''.join([itos[i] for i in l])

data = torch.tensor(encode(text), dtype=torch.long)

# --- 3. Define RNN Model ---
class CharRNN(nn.Module):
    def __init__(self, vocab_size, hidden_size=16, rnn_type="RNN"):
        super().__init__()
```

```
self.embed = nn.Embedding(vocab_size, hidden_size)
if rnn_type == "RNN":
    self.rnn = nn.RNN(hidden_size, hidden_size, batch_first=True)
elif rnn_type == "LSTM":
    self.rnn = nn.LSTM(hidden_size, hidden_size, batch_first=True)
elif rnn_type == "GRU":
    self.rnn = nn.GRU(hidden_size, hidden_size, batch_first=True)
self.fc = nn.Linear(hidden_size, vocab_size)
self.rnn_type = rnn_type

def forward(self, x, hidden=None):
    x = self.embed(x)
    out, hidden = self.rnn(x, hidden)
    logits = self.fc(out)
    return logits, hidden

# --- 4. Training ---
def train_rnn(rnn_type="RNN", epochs=200, lr=0.05):
    model = CharRNN(vocab_size, hidden_size=32, rnn_type=rnn_type)
    criterion = nn.CrossEntropyLoss()
    optimizer = optim.Adam(model.parameters(), lr=lr)

    losses = []
    for epoch in range(epochs):
        optimizer.zero_grad()
        inputs = data[:1].unsqueeze(0) # [1, seq_len-1]
        targets = data[1:].unsqueeze(0) # [1, seq_len-1]
        logits, _ = model(inputs)
        loss = criterion(logits.view(-1, vocab_size), targets.view(-1))
        loss.backward()
        optimizer.step()
        losses.append(loss.item())
        if (epoch+1) % 50 == 0:
            print(f"{rnn_type} Epoch {epoch+1}/{epochs}, Loss={loss.item():.4f}")

    plt.plot(losses)
    plt.title(f"{rnn_type} Training Loss")
    plt.show()

    return model

# --- 5. Sequence Generation ---
def generate(model, start="h", length=20):
    model.eval()
    input_seq = torch.tensor([[stoi[start]]], dtype=torch.long)
    hidden = None
    output_str = start
    for _ in range(length):
```

```
logits, hidden = model(input_seq, hidden)
probs = torch.softmax(logits[:, -1, :], dim=-1)
idx = torch.multinomial(probs, 1).item()
output_str += itos[idx]
input_seq = torch.tensor([[idx]], dtype=torch.long)
return output_str
```

--- 6. Run Example ---

```
model_rnn = train_rnn("RNN")
print("Generated (RNN):", generate(model_rnn, start="h"))
```

```
model_lstm = train_rnn("LSTM")
print("Generated (LSTM):", generate(model_lstm, start="h"))
```

```
model_gru = train_rnn("GRU")
print("Generated (GRU):", generate(model_gru, start="h"))
```

--- 7. Exercises ---

- # 1. Change text = "own sentence here".
- # 2. Train on a longer text dataset (e.g., tiny Shakespeare).
- # 3. Compare RNN vs LSTM vs GRU on loss curves.
- # 4. Implement many-to-one task: sentiment classification of sequences.
- # 5. Try predicting next values in a sine wave time series instead of text.

Advanced Architectures -----

- **Transformers** → attention, self-attention, sequence-to-sequence
- **Generative Models** → GANs, VAEs
- **Transfer Learning** → use pre-trained CNNs (ResNet, EfficientNet, ViT, etc.)

Advanced Architectures Playground (PyTorch)

1. Setup & Imports

```
import torch
import torch.nn as nn
import torch.optim as optim
import torchvision
import torchvision.transforms as transforms
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
```


2. Transfer Learning Example (Fine-tune ResNet18 on CIFAR-10)

```
# Dataset
transform = transforms.Compose([
    transforms.Resize((224,224)),
    transforms.ToTensor()
])

trainset = torchvision.datasets.CIFAR10(root="./data", train=True, download=True, transform=transform)
trainloader = torch.utils.data.DataLoader(trainset, batch_size=64, shuffle=True)

testset = torchvision.datasets.CIFAR10(root="./data", train=False, download=True, transform=transform)
testloader = torch.utils.data.DataLoader(testset, batch_size=64, shuffle=False)

# Pretrained ResNet
model = torchvision.models.resnet18(pretrained=True)

# Replace final layer (for CIFAR-10 classes)
model.fc = nn.Linear(model.fc.in_features, 10)

# Loss & Optimizer
criterion = nn.CrossEntropyLoss()
optimizer = optim.Adam(model.parameters(), lr=1e-4)
```

3. Training Loop (Fine-tuning)

```
def train(model, loader, optimizer, criterion, epochs=2):
    model.train()
    for epoch in range(epochs):
        total_loss = 0
        for images, labels in loader:
            optimizer.zero_grad()
            outputs = model(images)
            loss = criterion(outputs, labels)
            loss.backward()
            optimizer.step()
            total_loss += loss.item()
        print(f"Epoch {epoch+1}/{epochs}, Loss={total_loss/len(loader):.4f}")

train(model, trainloader, optimizer, criterion)
```

4. Transformers (Toy Example with nn.Transformer)

```
# Tiny transformer model
model_t = nn.Transformer(d_model=16, nhead=2, num_encoder_layers=2)
```

```
src = torch.rand((10, 32, 16)) # (seq_len, batch, d_model)
tgt = torch.rand((20, 32, 16))
```

```
out = model_t(src, tgt)
print("Transformer output shape:", out.shape)
```

5. GAN (Skeleton)

```
class Generator(nn.Module):
    def __init__(self, z_dim=64, img_dim=784):
        super().__init__()
        self.net = nn.Sequential(
            nn.Linear(z_dim, 256), nn.ReLU(),
            nn.Linear(256, img_dim), nn.Tanh()
        )
    def forward(self, z): return self.net(z)

class Discriminator(nn.Module):
    def __init__(self, img_dim=784):
        super().__init__()
        self.net = nn.Sequential(
            nn.Linear(img_dim, 256), nn.LeakyReLU(0.2),
            nn.Linear(256, 1), nn.Sigmoid()
        )
    def forward(self, x): return self.net(x)
```

6. Exercises

- Fine-tune a **ResNet** on a **subset of CIFAR-10** (say only 3 classes).
- Swap **ResNet18** → **Vision Transformer (ViT)** from torchvision.models.
- Use the **Transformer block** for a **mini machine translation task** (toy seq2seq).
- Implement a simple **GAN** to generate MNIST-like digits.
- Try **VAE** for latent space exploration.

----- Advanced Architectures Playground · python -----

```
# Advanced Architectures Playground (PyTorch)
EPOCHS_FT = 2
for epoch in range(EPOCHS_FT):
```

```
tl, ta = train_one_epoch(resnet, train_loader, opt_ft, crit)
vl, va = evaluate(resnet, val_loader, crit)
history_resnet["train_acc"].append(ta)
history_resnet["val_acc"].append(va)
print(f"[ResNet-FT] Epoch {epoch+1}/{EPOCHS_FT} | TrainAcc={ta:.3f} ValAcc={va:.3f}")
```

```
plot_history({"ResNet18 (ft)": history_resnet}, title="ResNet18 Fine-tuning (CIFAR-10)")
```

```
# =====
# B) Transformers: Tiny seq2seq (copy task) using nn.Transformer
# =====
```

```
# --- B.1 Positional Encoding ---
class PositionalEncoding(nn.Module):
    def __init__(self, d_model: int, max_len: int = 5000):
        super().__init__()
        pe = torch.zeros(max_len, d_model)
        position = torch.arange(0, max_len).unsqueeze(1)
        div_term = torch.exp(torch.arange(0, d_model, 2) * (-math.log(10000.0) / d_model))
        pe[:, 0::2] = torch.sin(position * div_term)
        pe[:, 1::2] = torch.cos(position * div_term)
        pe = pe.unsqueeze(0) # [1, max_len, d_model]
        self.register_buffer('pe', pe)
    def forward(self, x): # x: [B, L, D]
        L = x.size(1)
        return x + self.pe[:, :L]
```

```
# --- B.2 Toy tokenizer: integers 1..V; task: copy src → tgt (shifted) ---
V = 20 # vocab size
PAD = 0
```

```
class TinyCopyModel(nn.Module):
    def __init__(self, vocab_size=V, d_model=64, nhead=4, nlayers=2):
        super().__init__()
        self.emb = nn.Embedding(vocab_size, d_model)
        self.pos = PositionalEncoding(d_model)
        self.transformer = nn.Transformer(d_model=d_model, nhead=nhead,
            num_encoder_layers=nlayers,
            num_decoder_layers=nlayers,
            batch_first=True)
        self.fc = nn.Linear(d_model, vocab_size)
    def forward(self, src, tgt): # [B,L]
        src = self.pos(self.emb(src))
        tgt = self.pos(self.emb(tgt))
        out = self.transformer(src, tgt)
        return self.fc(out)
```

--- B.3 Data generator ---

```
def make_batch(batch_size=32, seq_len=12):
    # tokens 1..V-1, PAD=0 not used here
    src = torch.randint(1, V, (batch_size, seq_len))
    # target is same as src but shifted right with BOS=1 (reuse token 1 as BOS)
    bos = torch.ones(batch_size, 1, dtype=torch.long)
    tgt_in = torch.cat([bos, src[:, :-1]], dim=1)
    tgt_out = src # predict src tokens
    return src, tgt_in, tgt_out
```

--- B.4 Train tiny transformer on copy task ---

```
model_tx = TinyCopyModel().to(DEVICE)
opt_tx = optim.Adam(model_tx.parameters(), lr=1e-3)
crit_tx = nn.CrossEntropyLoss()

losses_tx = []
for step in range(200): # small demo; increase steps for better perf
    src, tgt_in, tgt_out = make_batch()
    src, tgt_in, tgt_out = src.to(DEVICE), tgt_in.to(DEVICE), tgt_out.to(DEVICE)
    opt_tx.zero_grad(set_to_none=True)
    logits = model_tx(src, tgt_in) # [B,L,V]
    loss = crit_tx(logits.reshape(-1, V), tgt_out.reshape(-1))
    loss.backward()
    opt_tx.step()
    losses_tx.append(loss.item())
    if (step+1) % 50 == 0:
        print(f"[Transformer] Step {(step+1)}/200 Loss={loss.item():.3f}")
```

```
plt.figure()
plt.plot(losses_tx)
plt.title("Tiny Transformer - Copy Task Loss")
plt.xlabel("Step")
plt.show()
```

```
@torch.no_grad()
def copy_infer(seq_len=10):
    src, _, _ = make_batch(1, seq_len)
    src = src.to(DEVICE)
    bos = torch.ones(1, 1, dtype=torch.long, device=DEVICE)
```

Topics to Study

1. Saving and Loading Models

- `torch.save(model.state_dict())` & `model.load_state_dict()`
- Full model save vs. state dict save

2. TorchScript

- `torch.jit.trace` vs. `torch.jit.script`
- Running scripted models without Python overhead

3. ONNX Export

- Export PyTorch → ONNX (`torch.onnx.export`)
- Verify with `onnxruntime`

4. Quantization

- Post-training quantization (`torch.quantization`)
- Dynamic vs. static quantization

5. Pruning

- Structured/unstructured pruning (`torch.nn.utils.prune`)

6. Distributed Training

- `nn.DataParallel` (single machine, multi-GPU)
- `DistributedDataParallel` (multi-machine setup)

----- How to Learn -----

- Read the official PyTorch Deployment & Production docs.
- Explore ONNX docs & examples.
- Watch a short tutorial on quantization & pruning.
- (Optional) Try PyTorch Lightning for easier distributed training.

----- How to Do It -----

1. Train a small CNN (MNIST).
2. Save and load the model.
3. Convert it to TorchScript (`torch.jit`).
4. Export to ONNX and run inference with ONNX Runtime.

5. Apply quantization to shrink size.
6. Apply pruning to remove weights.
7. Try DataParallel if you have GPU(s).

----- Deployment & Optimization Playground: python -----

Deployment & Optimization Playground - PyTorch

```
import os
```

```
import io
```

```
import numpy as np
```

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
```

```
DEVICE = torch.device("cuda" if torch.cuda.is_available() else "cpu")
```

```
print("Device:", DEVICE)
```

```
# -----
```

```
# 1) Define a small CNN (MNIST)
```

```
# -----
```

```
class SimpleCNN(nn.Module):
```

```
def __init__(self):
```

```
    super().__init__()
```

```
    self.conv = nn.Sequential(
```

```
        nn.Conv2d(1, 16, 3, padding=1),
```

```
        nn.ReLU(),
```

```
        nn.MaxPool2d(2),
```

```
        nn.Conv2d(16, 32, 3, padding=1),
```

```
        nn.ReLU(),
```

```
        nn.MaxPool2d(2)
```

```
)
```

```
    self.fc = nn.Sequential(
```

```
        nn.Flatten(),
```

```
        nn.Linear(32*7*7, 128),
```

```
        nn.ReLU(),
```

```
        nn.Linear(128, 10)
```

```
)
```

```
    def forward(self, x):
```

```
        x = self.conv(x)
```

```
        x = self.fc(x)
```

```
    return x
```

```
# Instantiate and (optionally) train briefly for demo
```

```
model = SimpleCNN().to(DEVICE)
```

```
print(model)
```

```
# Use MNIST one-batch to emulate training step if needed
transform = T.Compose([T.ToTensor(), T.Normalize((0.5,), (0.5,))])
train_ds = torchvision.datasets.MNIST(root='./data', train=True, download=True,
transform=transform)
train_loader = DataLoader(train_ds, batch_size=128, shuffle=True)

# quick single epoch lightweight "train" (comment out if you have a trained model)
criterion = nn.CrossEntropyLoss()
opt = optim.SGD(model.parameters(), lr=0.01, momentum=0.9)

print("Running 1 quick training epoch (demo)...")
model.train()
for i, (xb, yb) in enumerate(train_loader):
    xb, yb = xb.to(DEVICE), yb.to(DEVICE)
    opt.zero_grad()
    out = model(xb)
    loss = criterion(out, yb)
    loss.backward()
    opt.step()
    if i >= 1: # only 2 batches to keep demo short
        break
print("Done quick demo training")

# -----
# 2) Saving & Loading
# -----
os.makedirs('models', exist_ok=True)
state_path = 'models/simple_cnn_state.pth'
torch.save(model.state_dict(), state_path)
print(f"Saved state_dict to {state_path}")

# Load into a fresh model
model2 = SimpleCNN().to(DEVICE)
model2.load_state_dict(torch.load(state_path, map_location=DEVICE))
model2.eval()
print("Loaded model2 state_dict and set to eval()")

# Also save full model (not recommended for production due to env coupling)
full_path = 'models/simple_cnn_full.pth'
torch.save(model, full_path)
print(f"Saved entire model to {full_path}")
model_full = torch.load(full_path, map_location=DEVICE)
print("Loaded full model instance")

# -----
```

```
# 3) TorchScript: tracing & scripting
# -----
example_input = torch.randn(1,1,28,28, device=DEVICE)
# Tracing
traced = torch.jit.trace(model2, example_input)
traced_path = 'models/simple_cnn_traced.pt'
traced.save(traced_path)
print(f'Saved traced TorchScript model to {traced_path}')
# Scripting (works if model uses control flow; here tracing suffices)
----- Deployment & Optimization Playground -----
```

It contains runnable examples for:

- Saving & loading (state_dict and full model)
- TorchScript (tracing and scripting) and verification
- ONNX export (with dynamic axes)
- Quantization examples (dynamic quant; simplified static quant demo)
- Pruning (unstructured L1 pruning + removal)
- Optional DataParallel demo (runs if multiple GPUs detected)

Notes & tips:

- Static quantization can require model fusing and careful module naming; the notebook includes a simplified demonstration and safely skips if structure isn't compatible.
- To run ONNX inference, install onnxruntime in your environment — the notebook shows how to export but not the runtime invocation.
- For production, prefer TorchScript or ONNX for platform-agnostic deployment; use quantization/pruning for size & latency gains.

Theory of Deep Learning

1. Backpropagation

- **What it is:** The algorithm for computing gradients in neural networks by applying the chain rule of calculus across layers.
- **Why it matters:** Enables efficient parameter updates during training.
- **Key Idea:** Each parameter's gradient is derived from how it influences the loss function.

In PyTorch:

- Autograd handles backprop automatically with `.backward()`.
- You can visualize it by manually computing derivatives of small functions and comparing with autograd.

2. Gradient Descent Variants

- **Vanilla Gradient Descent:** Updates weights using full dataset (too slow for large data).
- **Stochastic Gradient Descent (SGD):** Updates with one sample at a time (fast but noisy).
- **Mini-batch SGD:** Uses small subsets (standard in practice).
- **Momentum, RMSProp, Adam:** Add tricks like momentum or adaptive learning rates for stability.

In PyTorch:

- `torch.optim.SGD`, `torch.optim.Adam`, etc.
- You can swap optimizers with just one line change.

3. Vanishing & Exploding Gradients

- **Vanishing gradients:** Gradients shrink as they are backpropagated → early layers learn very slowly. Common in deep networks with sigmoid/tanh.
- **Exploding gradients:** Gradients grow exponentially → unstable updates.
- **Fixes:**
 - Use ReLU (or variants)
 - Gradient clipping (`torch.nn.utils.clip_grad_norm_`)
 - Proper initialization (e.g., Xavier, He)
 - Residual connections (ResNets)

In PyTorch:

- Can check gradient norms inside training loops to debug.

4. Evaluation Metrics

- **Classification:** Accuracy, Precision, Recall, F1-score, AUC.

- **Regression:** MSE, MAE, R^2 .
- **Why not just accuracy?** Accuracy can be misleading on imbalanced datasets. Precision/recall highlight trade-offs.

In PyTorch:

- Compute metrics by comparing predictions ($y_{\text{pred}}.\text{argmax}(\text{dim}=1)$) to labels.
- Can use torchmetrics or write custom functions.

5. Connecting Theory to Practice

- Backprop = `.backward()` in PyTorch.
- Gradient descent = optimizer steps (`optimizer.step()`).
- Vanishing/exploding = check gradients in training logs.
- Metrics = implement inside evaluation loop.

----- Deep Learning Theory Playground.ipynb. -----

1. Vanishing/Exploding Gradients Demo

2. Training with SGD vs Adam

3. Evaluation Metrics (Accuracy, Precision, Recall, F1) on a toy dataset

```
# Deep Learning Theory Playground
# =====
# Covers: Vanishing/Exploding Gradients, Optimizers (SGD vs Adam),
# and Evaluation Metrics (Accuracy, Precision, Recall, F1)

import torch
import torch.nn as nn
import torch.optim as optim
import torch.nn.functional as F
from sklearn.datasets import make_classification
from sklearn.metrics import accuracy_score, precision_score, recall_score, f1_score
from torch.utils.data import DataLoader, TensorDataset
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import numpy as np
```

1. Vanishing / Exploding Gradients Demo

Create a deep network with Sigmoid (vanishing) vs ReLU (stable)

```
class DeepNet(nn.Module):
```

```
    def __init__(self, activation='sigmoid'):
        super().__init__()
        layers = []
        for _ in range(10): # very deep
            layers.append(nn.Linear(100, 100))
            if activation == 'sigmoid':
                layers.append(nn.Sigmoid())
            else:
                layers.append(nn.ReLU())
        self.net = nn.Sequential(*layers)
```

```
    def forward(self, x):
        return self.net(x)
```

Input vector

```
x = torch.randn(1, 100)
```

Track gradient norms

```
for act in ['sigmoid', 'relu']:
```

```
    model = DeepNet(act)
    y = model(x).sum()
    y.backward()
    grad_norms = [p.grad.norm().item() for p in model.parameters() if p.grad is not None]
    print(f"{act.upper()} gradient norm stats:")
    print(f"  min={min(grad_norms):.6f}, max={max(grad_norms):.6f}, mean={np.mean(grad_norms):.6f}")
```

2. Optimizer Comparison (SGD vs Adam)

Toy dataset (binary classification)

```
X, y = make_classification(n_samples=1000, n_features=20, n_classes=2, n_informative=10)
```

```
X = torch.tensor(X, dtype=torch.float32)
```

```
y = torch.tensor(y, dtype=torch.long)
```

```
dataset = TensorDataset(X, y)
```

```
loader = DataLoader(dataset, batch_size=32, shuffle=True)
```

Simple MLP

```
class MLP(nn.Module):
```

```
    def __init__(self):
        super().__init__()
        self.fc1 = nn.Linear(20, 64)
        self.fc2 = nn.Linear(64, 2)
```

```
def forward(self, x):
    return self.fc2(F.relu(self.fc1(x)))

def train_model(optimizer_type='SGD', epochs=10):
    model = MLP()
    if optimizer_type == 'SGD':
        optimizer = optim.SGD(model.parameters(), lr=0.01)
    else:
        optimizer = optim.Adam(model.parameters(), lr=0.01)
    criterion = nn.CrossEntropyLoss()
    losses = []
    for epoch in range(epochs):
        for xb, yb in loader:
            optimizer.zero_grad()
            out = model(xb)
            loss = criterion(out, yb)
            loss.backward()
            optimizer.step()
        losses.append(loss.item())
    return model, losses

sgd_model, sgd_losses = train_model('SGD')
adam_model, adam_losses = train_model('Adam')

plt.plot(sgd_losses, label="SGD")
plt.plot(adam_losses, label="Adam")
plt.xlabel("Epoch")
plt.ylabel("Loss")
plt.title("Optimizer Comparison")
plt.legend()
plt.show()
```

3. Evaluation Metrics

```
# Evaluate on the same dataset (just for demo)
def evaluate(model):
    model.eval()
    with torch.no_grad():
        preds = model(X).argmax(dim=1)
    acc = accuracy_score(y, preds)
    prec = precision_score(y, preds)
    rec = recall_score(y, preds)
    f1 = f1_score(y, preds)
    return acc, prec, rec, f1

print("SGD model metrics:", evaluate(sgd_model))
```

```
print("Adam model metrics:", evaluate(adam_model))
```

✦ Exercises

1. Modify the **deep network depth** (5 vs 20 layers) and compare vanishing gradients with sigmoid vs ReLU.
2. Try different **optimizers**: RMSprop, AdamW. Plot losses.
3. Create a **multi-class dataset** (e.g., 3 or 5 classes) and compute accuracy, precision, recall, F1 for each class.
4. Implement **gradient clipping** (`torch.nn.utils.clip_grad_norm_`) and test on exploding gradient case.

----- PyTorch Foundation – Short Report -----

1. Introduction to PyTorch

- **Learn:** Overview, installation, compare with TensorFlow.
- **Do:** Install PyTorch → run a simple script (e.g., create & print a tensor).

2. Tensors and Basic Operations

- **Learn:** Tensor attributes → shape, dtype, device. Operations: arithmetic, indexing, reshaping, broadcasting.
- **Do:** Practice tensor addition, multiplication, slicing, reshaping.

3. Autograd and Computational Graphs

- **Learn:** Automatic differentiation, backward propagation, `requires_grad`, `detaching`.
- **Do:** Compute gradients for a function (e.g., $y=x^2y=x^2$).

4. Neural Network Basics (nn Module)

- **Learn:** `nn.Module`, linear layers, activations, loss functions.
- **Do:** Build an MLP (Multi-Layer Perceptron) for a toy dataset.

5. Datasets and DataLoaders

- **Learn:** `torch.utils.data.Dataset`, `DataLoader`, transforms, custom datasets.
- **Do:** Load MNIST (or similar) → create `DataLoader` → iterate over batches.

6. Training Loops and Optimization

- **Learn:** Training/evaluation loops, optimizers (SGD, Adam), schedulers, overfitting (dropout, regularization).
- **Do:** Write a training loop → test with different optimizers.

7. Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs)

- **Learn:** Conv layers, pooling, LeNet/ResNet architectures.
- **Do:** Train a simple CNN for MNIST or CIFAR-10 classification.

8. Recurrent Neural Networks (RNNs) & Sequence Models

- **Learn:** RNN, LSTM, GRU, sequence tasks.
- **Do:** Build an RNN to predict next character in a string.

9. Advanced Architectures

- **Learn:** Transformers (self-attention), GANs, VAEs, transfer learning with pretrained models.
- **Do:** Fine-tune a pre-trained ResNet on a small dataset.

10. Deployment & Optimization

- **Learn:** Model saving/loading, TorchScript, ONNX export, quantization, pruning, distributed training.
- **Do:** Save/load model → convert to TorchScript → export ONNX.

11. Theory of Deep Learning

- **Learn:** Backpropagation, gradient descent variants, vanishing/exploding gradients, evaluation metrics (accuracy, precision, recall).
- **Do:** Summarize concepts → implement metrics in PyTorch.

