

tf.train.sdca_optimizer

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sdca_optimizer(
    sparse_example_indices,
    sparse_feature_indices,
    sparse_feature_values,
    dense_features,
    example_weights,
    example_labels,
    sparse_indices,
    sparse_weights,
    dense_weights,
    example_state_data,
    loss_type,
    l1,
    l2,
    num_loss_partitions,
    num_inner_iterations,
    adaptative=False,
    name=None
)
```

Defined in `tensorflow/python/ops/gen_sdca_ops.py`.

Distributed version of Stochastic Dual Coordinate Ascent (SDCA) optimizer for

linear models with L1 + L2 regularization. As global optimization objective is strongly-convex, the optimizer optimizes the dual objective at each step. The optimizer applies each update one example at a time. Examples are sampled uniformly, and the optimizer is learning rate free and enjoys linear convergence rate.

[Proximal Stochastic Dual Coordinate Ascent.](#)

Shai Shalev-Shwartz, Tong Zhang. 2012

$$LossObjective = \sum f_i(w x_i) + (l2/2) \sum |w|^2 + l1 \sum |w|$$

[Adding vs. Averaging in Distributed Primal-Dual Optimization.](#)

Chenxin Ma, Virginia Smith, Martin Jaggi, Michael I. Jordan, Peter Richtarik, Martin Takac. 2015

[Stochastic Dual Coordinate Ascent with Adaptive Probabilities.](#)

Dominik Csiba, Zheng Qu, Peter Richtarik. 2015

Args:

- `sparse_example_indices`: A list of `Tensor` objects with type `int64`. a list of vectors which contain example indices.
- `sparse_feature_indices`: A list with the same length as `sparse_example_indices` of `Tensor` objects with type `int64`. a list of vectors which contain feature indices.
- `sparse_feature_values`: A list of `Tensor` objects with type `float32`. a list of vectors which contains feature value associated with each feature group.
- `dense_features`: A list of `Tensor` objects with type `float32`. a list of matrices which contains the dense feature values.
- `example_weights`: A `Tensor` of type `float32`. a vector which contains the weight associated with each example.

- `example_labels`: A `Tensor` of type `float32`. a vector which contains the label/target associated with each example.
- `sparse_indices`: A list with the same length as `sparse_example_indices` of `Tensor` objects with type `int64`. a list of vectors where each value is the indices which has corresponding weights in `sparse_weights`. This field maybe omitted for the dense approach.
- `sparse_weights`: A list with the same length as `sparse_example_indices` of `Tensor` objects with type `float32`. a list of vectors where each value is the weight associated with a sparse feature group.
- `dense_weights`: A list with the same length as `dense_features` of `Tensor` objects with type `float32`. a list of vectors where the values are the weights associated with a dense feature group.
- `example_state_data`: A `Tensor` of type `float32`. a list of vectors containing the example state data.
- `loss_type`: A `string` from: `"logistic_loss"`, `"squared_loss"`, `"hinge_loss"`, `"smooth_hinge_loss"`. Type of the primal loss. Currently SdcaSolver supports logistic, squared and hinge losses.
- `l1`: A `float`. Symmetric l1 regularization strength.
- `l2`: A `float`. Symmetric l2 regularization strength.
- `num_loss_partitions`: An `int` that is `>= 1`. Number of partitions of the global loss function.
- `num_inner_iterations`: An `int` that is `>= 1`. Number of iterations per mini-batch.
- `adaptative`: An optional `bool`. Defaults to `False`. Whether to use Adaptive SDCA for the inner loop.
- `name`: A name for the operation (optional).

Returns:

A tuple of `Tensor` objects (`out_example_state_data`, `out_delta_sparse_weights`, `out_delta_dense_weights`).

- `out_example_state_data`: A `Tensor` of type `float32`. a list of vectors containing the updated example state data.
- `out_delta_sparse_weights`: A list with the same length as `sparse_example_indices` of `Tensor` objects with type `float32`. a list of vectors where each value is the delta weights associated with a sparse feature group.
- `out_delta_dense_weights`: A list with the same length as `dense_features` of `Tensor` objects with type `float32`. a list of vectors where the values are the delta weights associated with a dense feature group.

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