

A Tale of Three Deep Learning Frameworks: TensorFlow, Keras, and PyTorch

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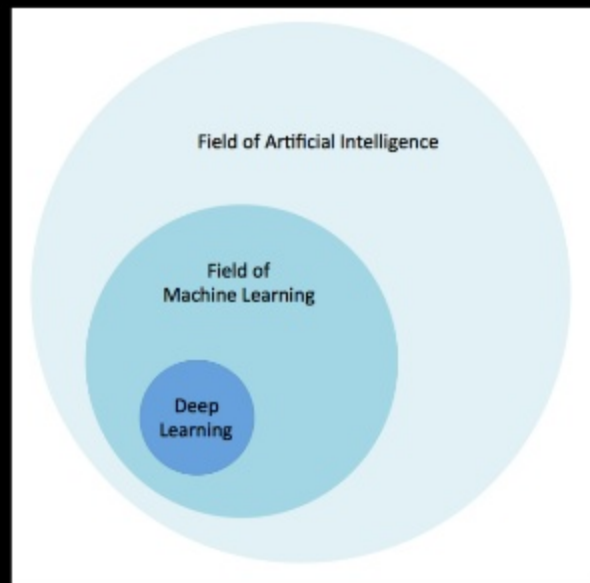
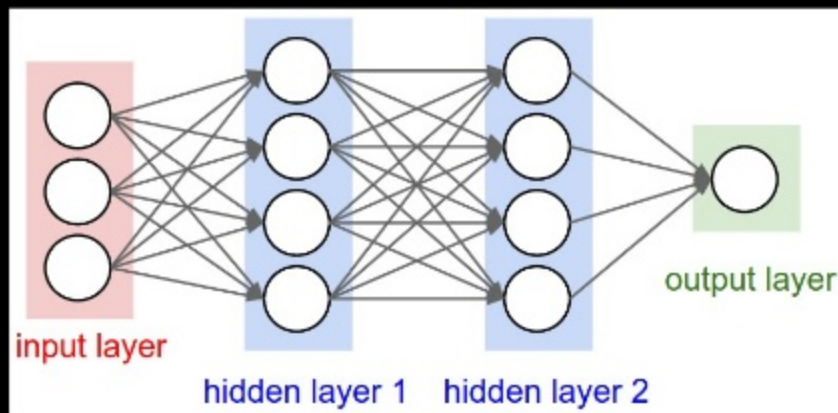
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Agenda for Today's Talk


- What's Deep Learning and Why?
- Short Survey of 3 DL Frameworks
 - TensorFlow
 - Keras
 - PyTorch
- Training Options
 - Single Node
 - Distributed
- Q&A

What is Deep Learning?

“Composing representations of data in a hierarchical manner”




Why Deep Learning?


[MENU](#) 

nature
International journal of science

Review Article | Published: 27 May 2015

Deep learning

Yann LeCun , Yoshua Bengio & Geoffrey Hinton

Nature **521**, 436–444 (28 May 2015) | [Download Citation](#) 

Abstract

Deep learning allows computational models that are composed of multiple processing layers to learn representations of data with multiple levels of abstraction. These methods have dramatically improved the state-of-the-art in speech recognition, visual object recognition, object detection and many other domains such as drug discovery and genomics. Deep learning discovers intricate structure in large data sets by using the backpropagation algorithm to indicate how a machine should change its internal parameters that are used to compute the representation in each layer from the representation in the previous layer. Deep convolutional nets have brought about breakthroughs in processing images, video, speech and audio, whereas recurrent nets have shone light on sequential data such as text and speech.

Applications

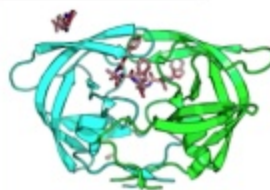
Machine Learning is Everywhere?



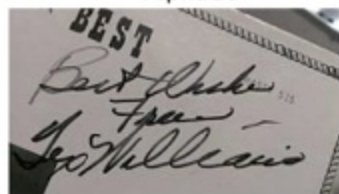
AlphaGo



Recommendation systems



Drug discovery



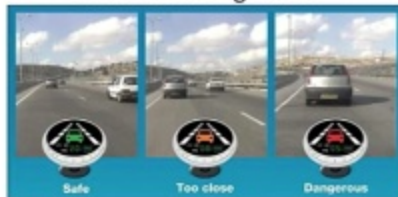
Character recognition



Hedge fund stock predictions



Voice assistants



Assisted driving

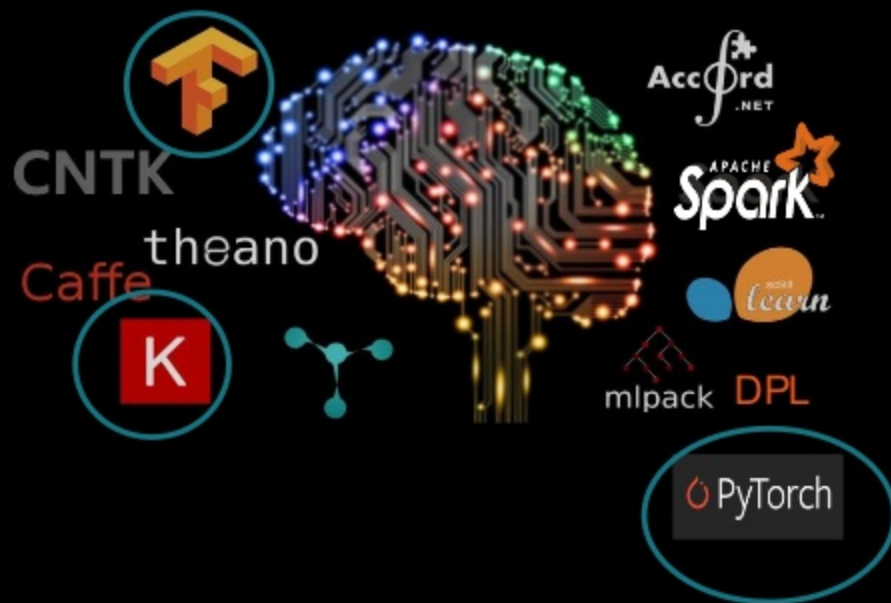


Face detection/recognition



Cancer diagnosis

Zoo of DL Frameworks: Which One?



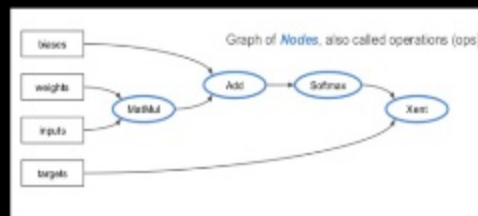
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Survey of Three Deep Learning Frameworks

What's TensorFlow?



- Open source from Google, 2015
 - [Current v1.12 API](#)
 - 2.0 Coming Soon... :)
 - Declarative Toolkit
- Fast: Backend C/C++
- Data flow graphs
 - Nodes are functions/operators
 - Edges are input or data (tensors)
 - Lazy execution
 - Eager execution (1.7)



TensorFlow Key API Concepts



- Constants
- Variables
- Placeholders
- Operations
- Sessions
- Tensors
- Graphs

```
x = tf.constants (42, name= 'x')
```

```
w = tf.Variable(1.34, name='w')
```

```
input= tf.Placeholder("float")
```

```
c = tf.add(x, w); m = tf.matmul(a, b) ...
```

```
with tf.Session([URI]) as sess:
```

```
1, [1, 2], [[2, 3], [4, 5]] ...
```

```
g = tf.Graph("my_graph")
```

```
with g.as_default():
```

```
c = tf.add(x,w)
```

```
m = tf.matmul(a, b)
```

TensorFlow Code



```
import tensorflow as tf
```

```
a = tf.placeholder(tf.float32, shape=(2,1))
```

```
b = tf.placeholder(tf.float32, shape=(1,2))
```

} Create TF placeholder types, a & b
Define their input shape as tensors

```
c = tf.matmul(a, b)
```

} TF matmul matrix operation

```
sess = tf.Session()
```

```
print(sess.run(c, {a: [[1],[2]], b: [[3,4]]}))
```

} Create a TF Session
Run the session, with input parameters
for place holders 'a' & 'b'

'c' as an operation won't to run until
sess.run() Lazily evaluated.

```
[[3. 4.] [6. 8.]]
```

} TF session output

TensorFlow Code: *MNIST*



```
import tensorflow as tf

from tensorflow.examples.tutorials.mnist import input_data
mnist = input_data.read_data_sets("MNIST_data/", one_hot=True)

# Create the model
x = tf.placeholder(tf.float32, [None, 784])
W = tf.Variable(tf.zeros([784, 10]))
b = tf.Variable(tf.zeros([10]))
y = tf.matmul(x, W) + b
y_ = tf.placeholder(tf.int64, [None])
...

# Define loss and optimizer
cross_entropy = tf.losses.sparse_softmax_cross_entropy(labels=y_, logits=y)
train_step = tf.train.GradientDescentOptimizer(0.5).minimize(cross_entropy)

# create session, train, and evaluate
sess = tf.InteractiveSession()
tf.global_variables_initializer().run()

# Train
for _ in range(1000):
    batch_xs, batch_ys = mnist.train.next_batch(100)
    sess.run(train_step, feed_dict={x: batch_xs, y_: batch_ys})

# Test trained model
correct_prediction = tf.equal(tf.argmax(y, 1), y_)
accuracy = tf.reduce_mean(tf.cast(correct_prediction, tf.float32))
...

print(sess.run(accuracy, feed_dict={
    x: mnist.test.images,
    y_: mnist.test.labels
}))
```

Use tf input_data modules for MNIST

TF placeholders & variables

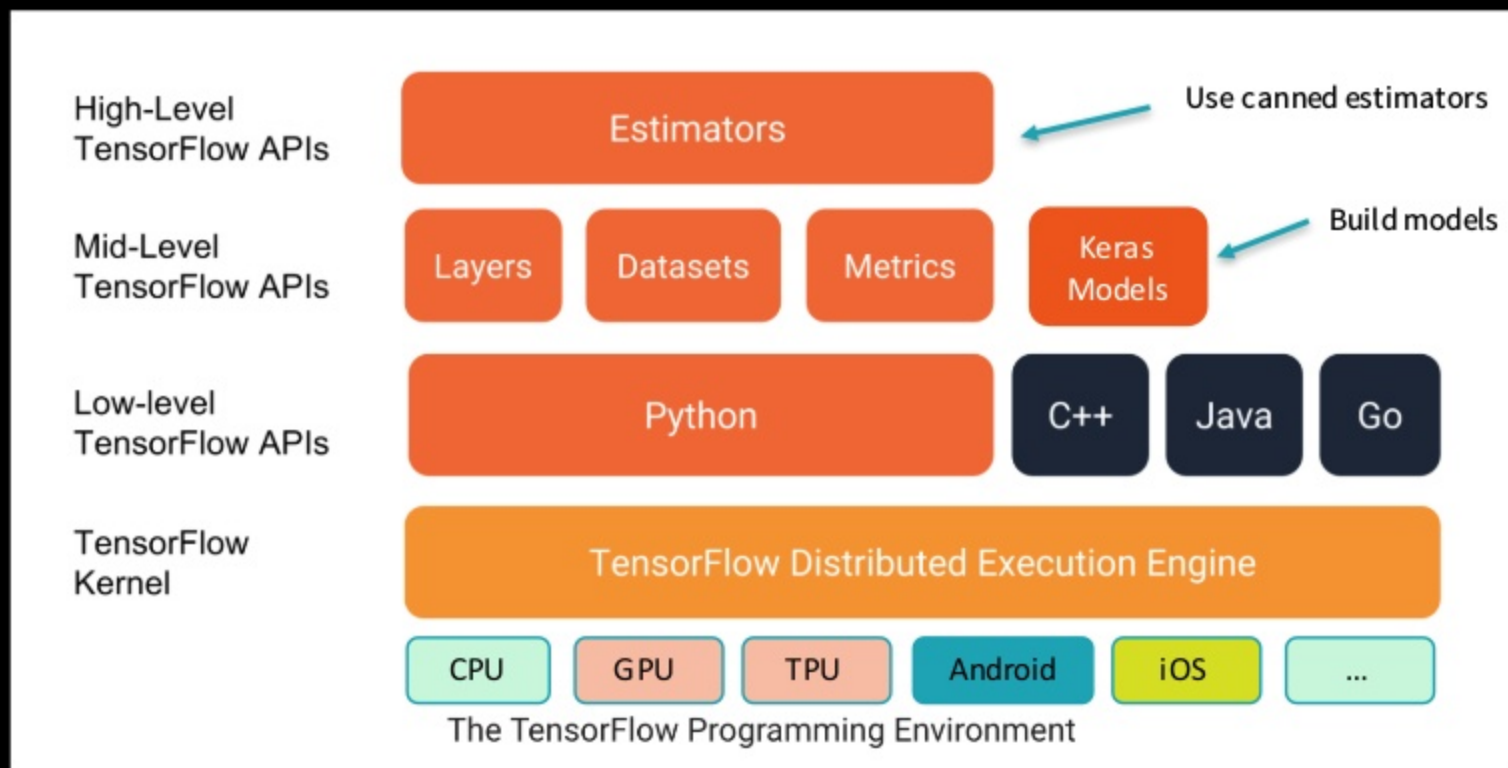
Define our model
TF variable for predicted value y'

Define our loss function: cross_entropy
Use Gradient Descent Optimizer

Train or evaluate the model

https://github.com/tensorflow/tensorflow/blob/master/tensorflow/examples/tutorials/mnist/mnist_softmax.py

TensorFlow Programming Stack



Why TensorFlow: Community



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Computation using data flow graphs for scalable machine learning <https://tensorflow.org>

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Get Started with TensorFlow

TensorFlow is an open source machine learning library for research and production. TensorFlow offers APIs for researchers and experts in creating for developing, deploying, and using models. Use the resources below to get started.

Learn and use ML

The high-level Keras API provides building blocks to create and train deep learning models. Start with the Keras developer's guide. TensorFlow examples then lead to the TensorFlow Hub guide.

1. Basic classification
2. Text classification
3. Regression
4. Generating and understanding
5. Image and text

Research and experimentation

Deep research provides an accessible, flexible system for advanced research. For the latest papers, news, and projects, and working closely with open collaboration. Share your research findings, then read the research news section.

1. Keras news and issues
2. Automatic differentiation and backpropagation
3. Generative models
4. Custom layers
5. Custom training and debugging
6. Example: Image classification with a custom layer

ML at product scale

Distributions can train large models on multiple machines in a production environment. TensorFlow provides a collection of tools to make this process as simple as possible. See the TensorFlow guide.

1. Build a Docker model with Docker
2. Write and train models with TensorFlow
3. Custom layers
4. How to build a custom and distributed TensorFlow
5. Build a TensorFlow neural network using TensorFlow

Introducing Swift For TensorFlow

Powered by the Swift for TensorFlow team at Google

Introducing TensorFlow.js: Machine Learning in Javascript

Posted by Josh Gordon and Sara Robinson, Developer Advocates

Introducing TensorFlow Probability

Posted by: Josh Dillon, Software Engineer, Wilo Shaw, Product Manager, and Dustin Tran, Research Scientist — on behalf of the TensorFlow...

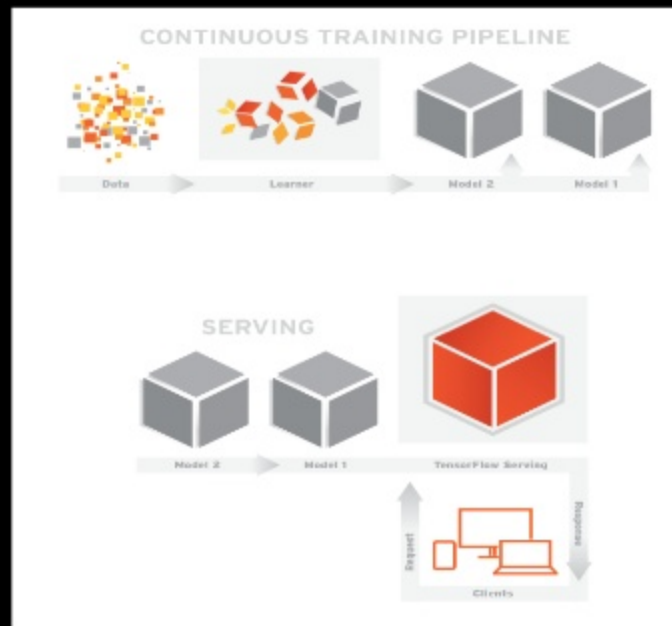
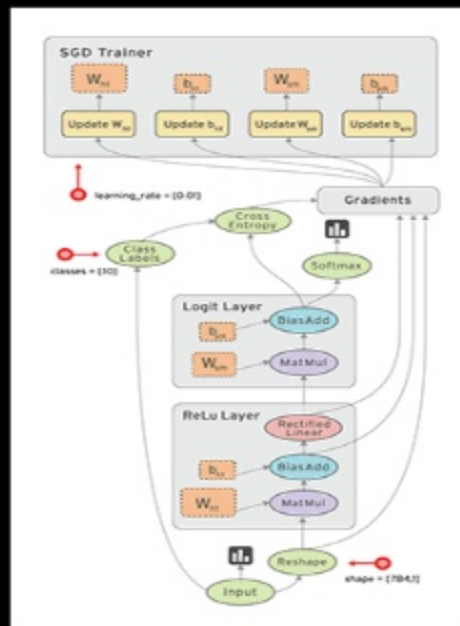
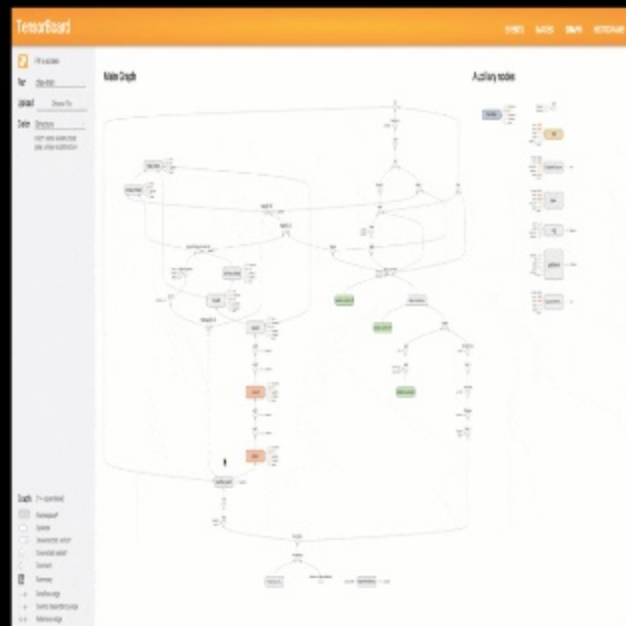
OSCON TensorFlow Community Day: Call for participation

I'm happy to announce the call for participation for TensorFlow Community Day at the O'Reilly Open Source Convention (OSCON), on July 17.

Why TensorFlow: Tools



TensorFlow



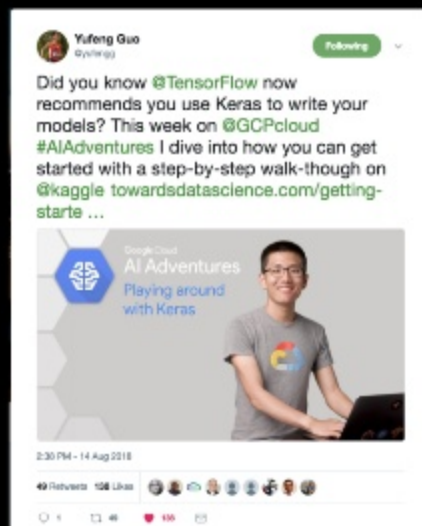
Visualize Tensors flow

Deploy + Serve Models
TFX

TensorFlow: We Get it ... So What?



- Steep learning curve, *but powerful!!*
- Low-level APIs, *but offers control!!*
- Expert in Machine Learning, *just learn!!*
- Yet, high-level Estimators help, *you bet!!*
- Yeah, TensorFlow 2.0, *ease-of-use, eager execution!*
- Better, Keras integration helps, *indeed!!*

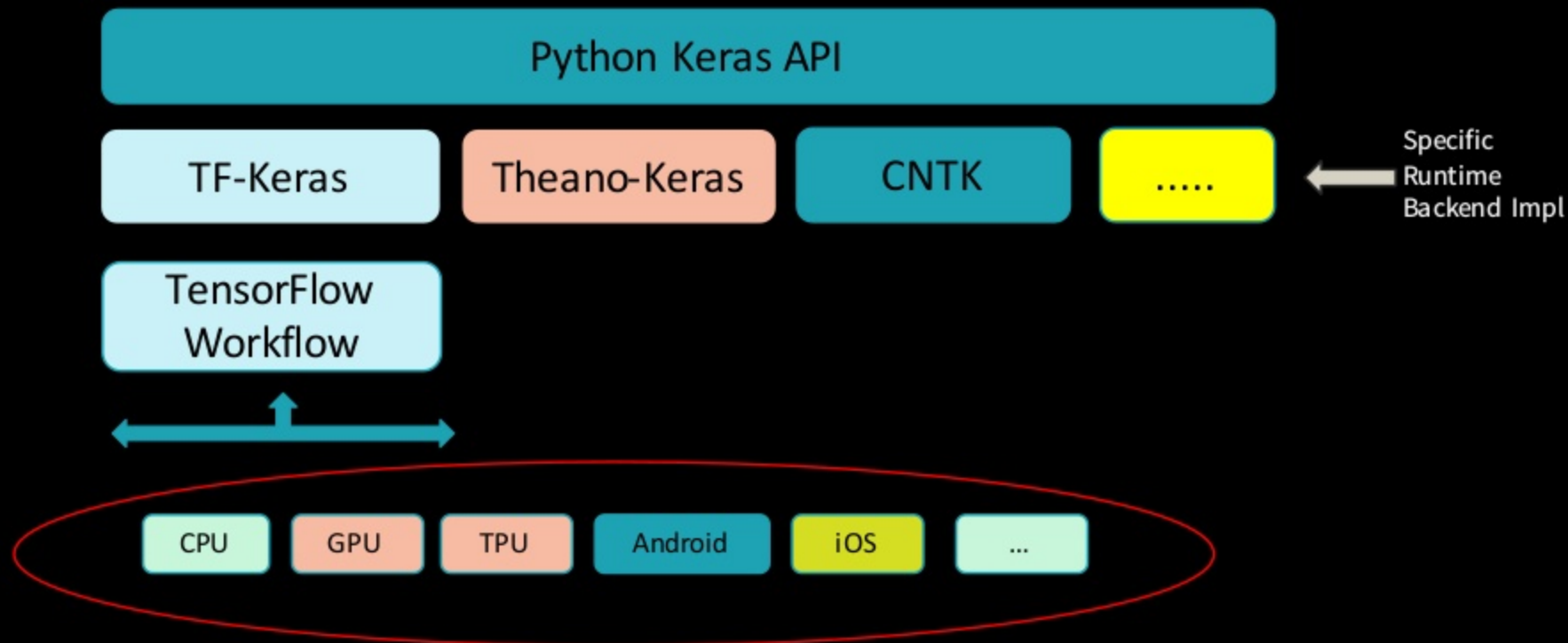


What's Keras?



- Open source Python Library APIs for Deep Learning
 - Current v2.2.2 APIs François Chollet (Google)
- APIs : with TensorFlow, CNTK and Theano Backends
- *Easy to Use High-Level Declarative APIs!*
 - Build layers
 - Great for Neural Network Applications
 - CNN
 - RNN & LSTM
- *Fast Experimentation, Modular & Extensible!*

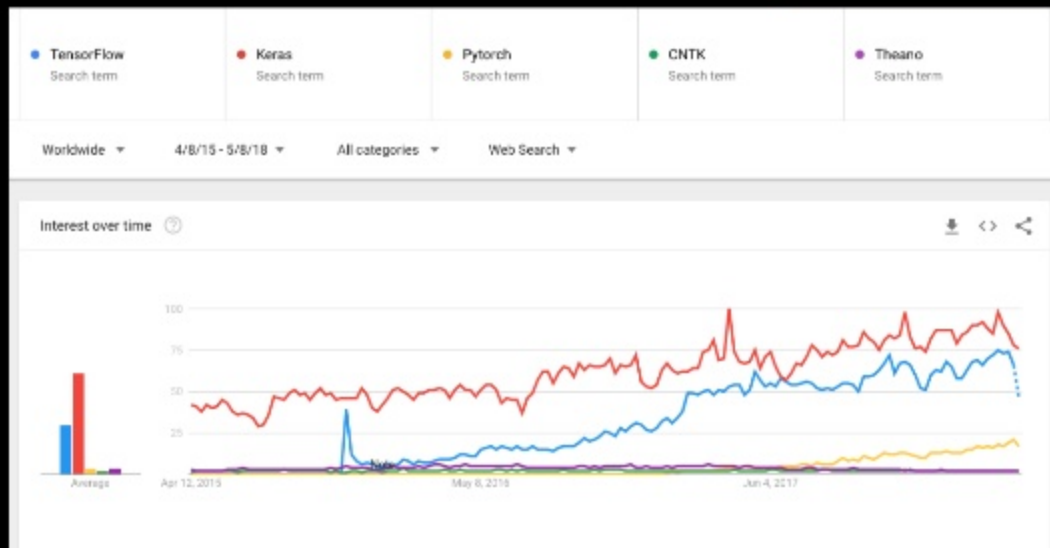
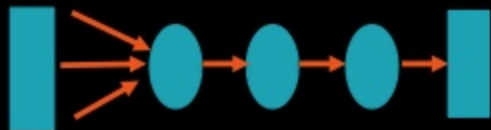
Keras Programming Stack



Why Keras?

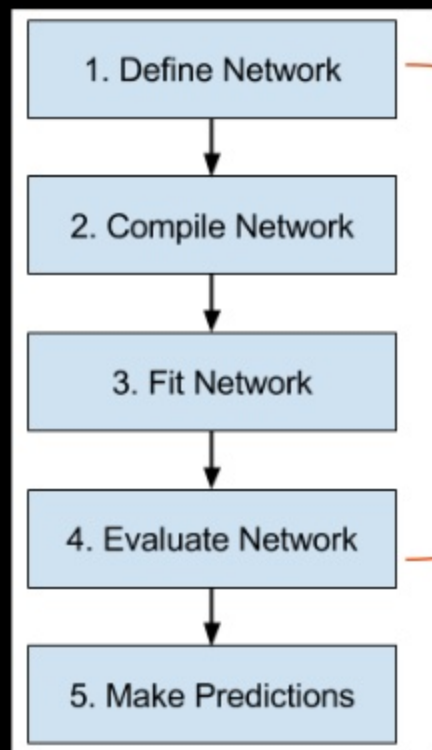


- *Focuses on Developer Experience*
- Popular & Broader Community
- Supports multiple backends
- Modularity
 - Sequential
 - Functional



```
model = Sequential()  
model.add(Dense(32, input_dim=784))  
model.add(Activation('relu'))  
model.add(Dense(32, activation='softmax'))  
...
```

Keras Code: *MNIST*



```
from keras import models
from keras import layers
```

```
mnist = tf.keras.datasets.mnist
(train_images, train_labels), (test_images, test_labels) =
    prepare_data(mnist.load_data())
```

```
network = models.Sequential()
network.add(layers.Dense(512, activation='relu',
                        input_shape=(28 * 28,)))
network.add(layers.Dense(10, activation='softmax'))
```

```
network.compile(optimizer='rmsprop',
                loss='categorical_crossentropy',
                metrics=['accuracy'])
```

```
network.fit(train_images, train_labels, epochs=5,
            batch_size=128)
```

```
results = network.evaluate(test_images, test_labels)
```

```
predictions = network.predict(new_images)
```

Set up code & use dataset

Define Network

Compile Network

Fit Network

Evaluate Network

Make Predictions

Another a Simple Network Model: Which code is easier to read?

Python: The Language of Deep Learning?

```
with tf.variable_scope('conv1') as scope:
    kernel = _variable_with_weight_decay('weights',
                                         shape=[5, 5, 3, 64],
                                         stddev=5e-2,
                                         wd=None)
    conv = tf.nn.conv2d(images, kernel, [1, 1, 1, 1], padding='SAME')
    biases = _variable_on_cpu('biases', [64], tf.constant_initializer(0.0))
    pre_activation = tf.nn.bias_add(conv, biases)
    conv1 = tf.nn.relu(pre_activation, name=scope.name)
    _activation_summary(conv1)

# pool1
pool1 = tf.nn.max_pool(conv1, ksize=[1, 3, 3, 1], strides=[1, 2, 2, 1],
                       padding='SAME', name='pool1')

# norm1
norm1 = tf.nn.lrn(pool1, 4, bias=1.0, alpha=0.001 / 9.0, beta=0.75,
                  name='norm1')

# conv2
with tf.variable_scope('conv2') as scope:
    kernel = _variable_with_weight_decay('weights',
                                         shape=[5, 5, 64, 64],
                                         stddev=5e-2,
                                         wd=None)
    conv = tf.nn.conv2d(norm1, kernel, [1, 1, 1, 1], padding='SAME')
    biases = _variable_on_cpu('biases', [64], tf.constant_initializer(0.1))
    pre_activation = tf.nn.bias_add(conv, biases)
    conv2 = tf.nn.relu(pre_activation, name=scope.name)
    _activation_summary(conv2)

# norm2
```

TensorFlow

```
model = Sequential()
model.add(Conv2D(32, (3, 3), padding='same',
                 input_shape=x_train.shape[1:]))
model.add(Activation('relu'))
model.add(Conv2D(32, (3, 3)))
model.add(Activation('relu'))
model.add(MaxPooling2D(pool_size=(2, 2)))
model.add(Dropout(0.25))

model.add(Conv2D(64, (3, 3), padding='same'))
model.add(Activation('relu'))
model.add(Conv2D(64, (3, 3)))
model.add(Activation('relu'))
model.add(MaxPooling2D(pool_size=(2, 2)))
model.add(Dropout(0.25))

model.add(Flatten())
model.add(Dense(512))
model.add(Activation('relu'))
model.add(Dropout(0.5))
model.add(Dense(num_classes))
model.add(Activation('softmax'))
```

Keras

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

class Net(nn.Module):
    def __init__(self):
        super(Net, self).__init__()
        self.conv1 = nn.Conv2d(3, 6, 5)
        self.pool = nn.MaxPool2d(2, 2)
        self.conv2 = nn.Conv2d(6, 16, 5)
        self.fc1 = nn.Linear(16 * 5 * 5, 120)
        self.fc2 = nn.Linear(120, 84)
        self.fc3 = nn.Linear(84, 10)

    def forward(self, x):
        x = self.pool(F.relu(self.conv1(x)))
        x = self.pool(F.relu(self.conv2(x)))
        x = x.view(-1, 16 * 5 * 5)
        x = F.relu(self.fc1(x))
        x = F.relu(self.fc2(x))
        x = self.fc3(x)
        return x
```

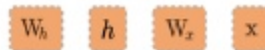
PyTorch

What is PyTorch?



- Open source from Facebook, 2017
 - v1.0 dev release
- Primarily a Python Package
- Tensor Computations
 - Torch.tensor -> CPU, GPU/CUDA
- *Dynamic* NN: Tape-based Autograd
- Graph Based *Dynamic* Computations
- Imperative Toolkit

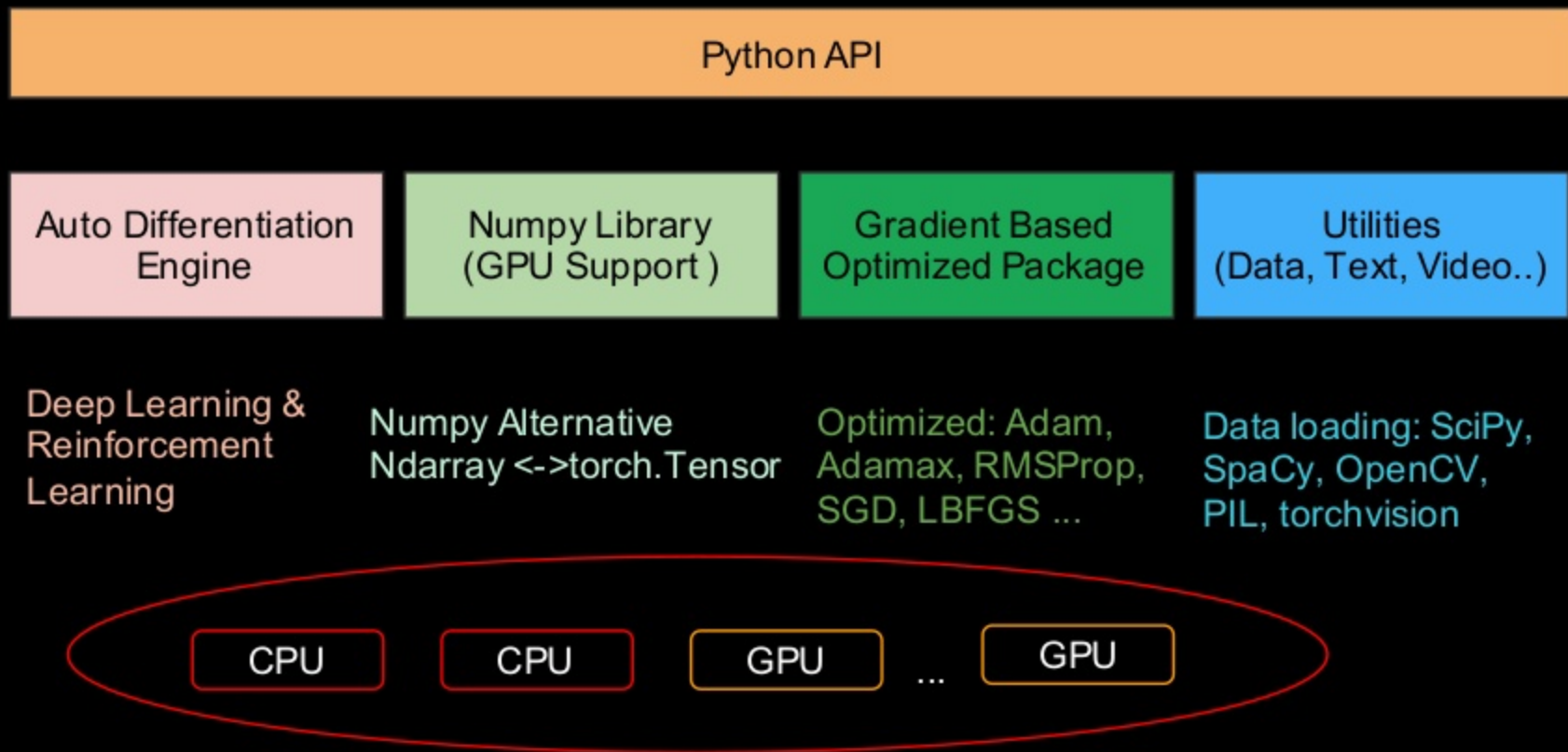
A graph is created on the fly



```
x = torch.randn(1, 10)
prev_h = torch.randn(1, 20)
W_h = torch.randn(20, 20)
W_x = torch.randn(20, 10)
```

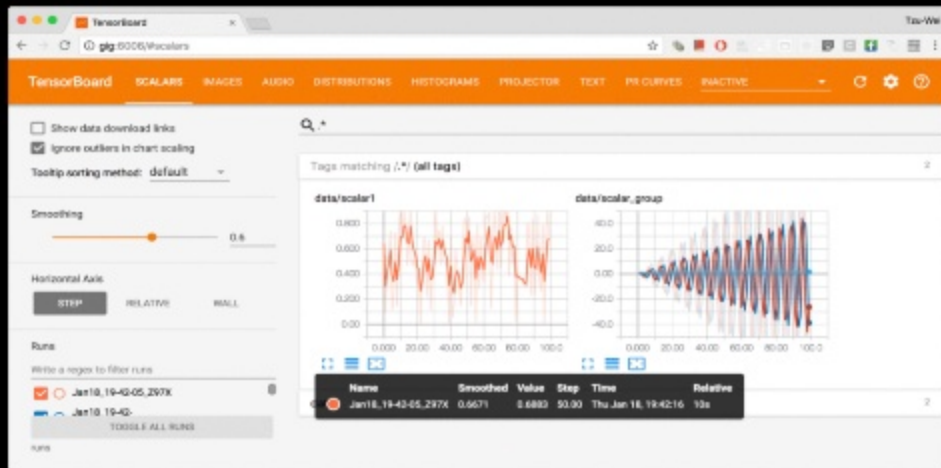
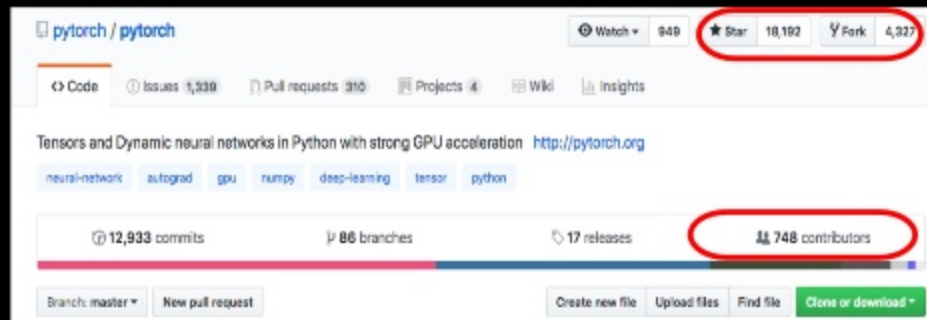


PyTorch Programming Stack



Why PyTorch?

- Imperative Experience
 - Rapid Prototyping for Research
 - Easy Debugging & TBX
- Quick Ramp-up time
- Decent Docs & Community
 - 275K Downloads
 - 1900 Community Repos
 - 13+K Blogs Posts
- *Pythonic!*



PyTorch Key API Concepts



- Variables & Autograd
- Torch Tensors
- Operations

```
from torch import Variable
x = Variable(torch.Tensor([2]),requires_grad=True)
y = 5*x**4 + 3*x**3 + 7*x**2 + 9*x - 5
y.backward() #compute gradient and backpropagate
x.grad
```

```
#different kinds of Torch Tensors
x = torch.rand(5, 3);
y = torch.rand(5, 3)
t = torch.tensor([5.5, 3])
n = torch.tensor(np.array([[1, 2, 3], [4, 5, 6]]))
```

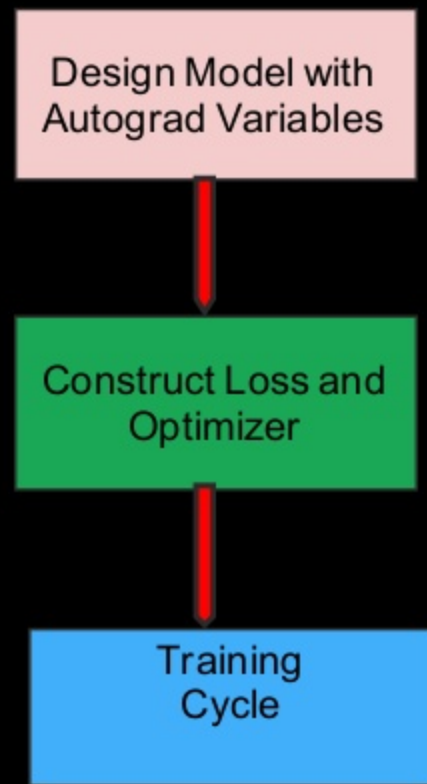
#operations or element-wise operations

```
a = (x + y)
m = (x * y)
if torch.cuda.is_available():
    x = x.cuda()
    y = y.cuda()
torch.add(x, y, out=result)
print(a, m, out)
```

PyTorch Rhythm ...



1. Design a model using PyTorch Autograd Variables
2. Construct a loss function and optimizer with PyTorch APIs
3. Train your model: forward, backward, and update steps



PyTorch Rhythm : Linear Regression



Logistic regression

```
x_data = Variable(torch.tensor([[1.0], [2.0], [3.0], [4.0]]))
y_data = Variable(torch.tensor([[0.], [0.], [1.], [1.])))

class Model(torch.nn.Module):
    def __init__(self):
        super(Model, self).__init__()
        self.linear = torch.nn.Linear(1, 1) # One in and one out

    def forward(self, x):
        y_pred = F.sigmoid(self.linear(x))
        return y_pred
```

```
# our model
model = Model()
```

```
criterion = torch.nn.BCELoss(size_average=True)
optimizer = torch.optim.SGD(model.parameters(), lr=0.01)
```

```
# Training Loop
```

```
for epoch in range(1000):
    # Forward pass: Compute predicted y by passing x to the model
    y_pred = model(x_data)

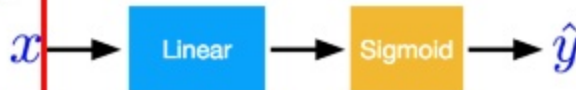
    # Compute and print loss
    loss = criterion(y_pred, y_data)
    print(epoch, loss.data[0])

    # Zero gradients, perform a backward pass, and update the weights.
    optimizer.zero_grad()
    loss.backward()
    optimizer.step()

# After training
hour_var = Variable(torch.Tensor([[1.0]]))
print("predict 1 hour ", 1.0, model(hour_var).data[0][0] > 0.5)
hour_var = Variable(torch.Tensor([[7.0]]))
print("predict 7 hours", 7.0, model(hour_var).data[0][0] > 0.5)
```

1

Design your model using class



2

Construct loss and optimizer
(select from PyTorch API)

3

Training cycle
(forward, backward, update)

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Training Options

Options

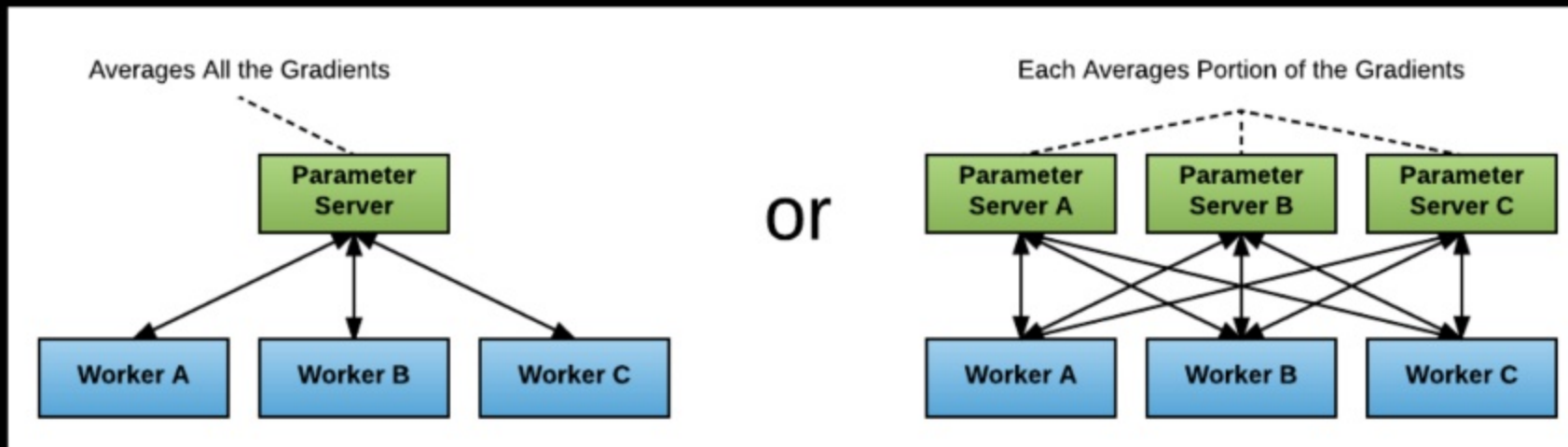
- 1) Train on single node
- 2) Train on single node, distributed inference
- 3) Distributed training

Horovod

- Created by Alexander Sergeev of Uber, [open-sourced](#) in 2017
- Simplifies distributed neural network training
- Supports TensorFlow, Keras, and PyTorch

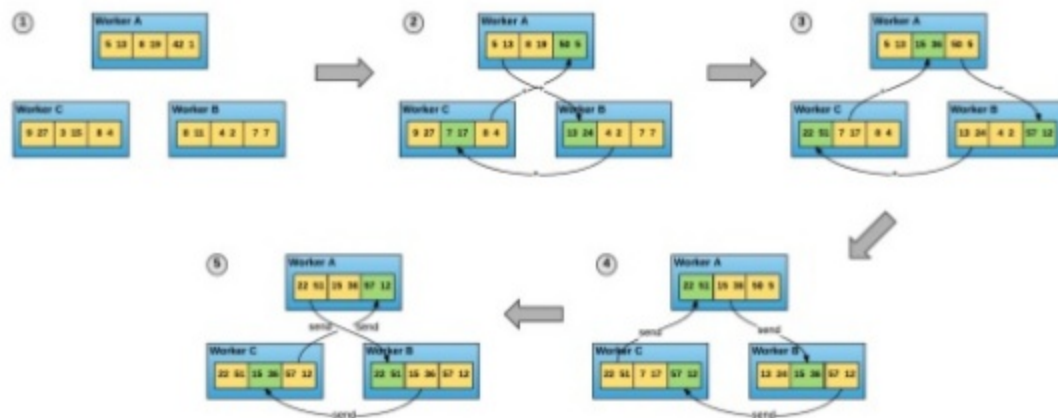


Classical Parameter Server



All-Reduce

Horovod Technique



Patarasuk, P., & Yuan, X. (2009). Bandwidth optimal all-reduce algorithms for clusters of workstations. *Journal of Parallel and Distributed Computing*, 69(2), 117-124. doi:10.1016/j.jpdc.2008.09.002

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Minimal Code Change

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                 input_shape=input_shape))
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model.add(Dropout(0.25))
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model.add(Dropout(0.5))
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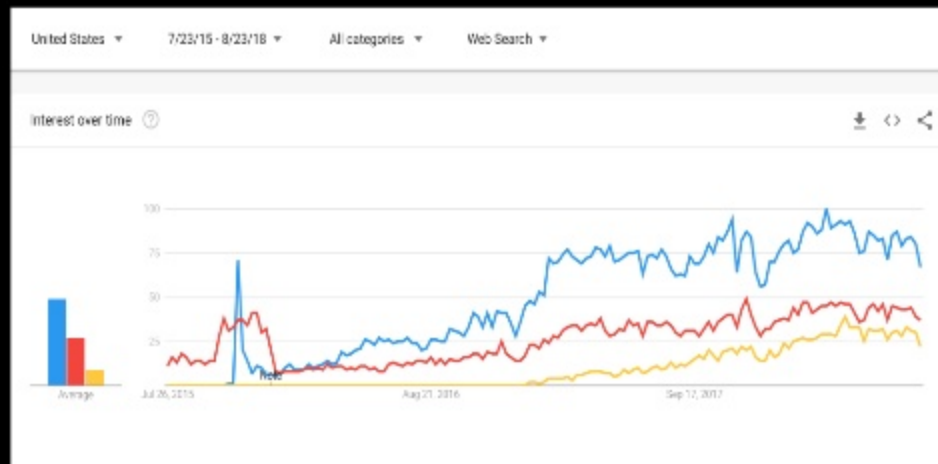
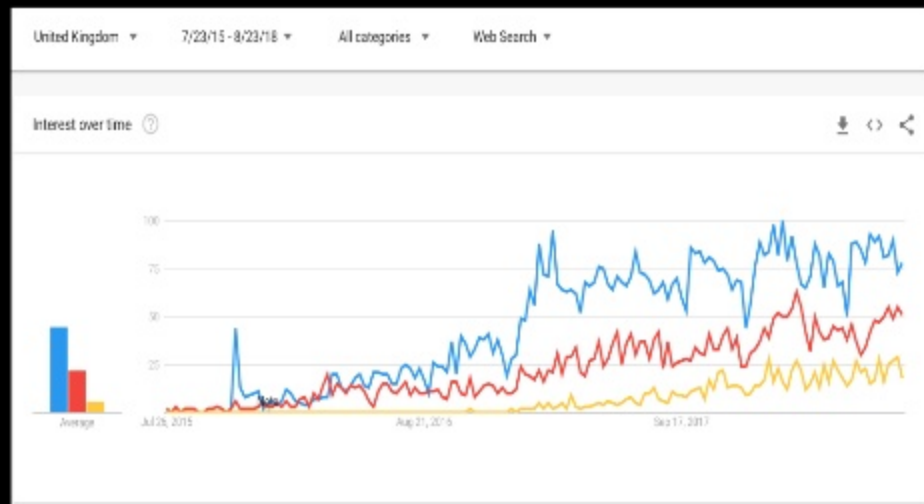
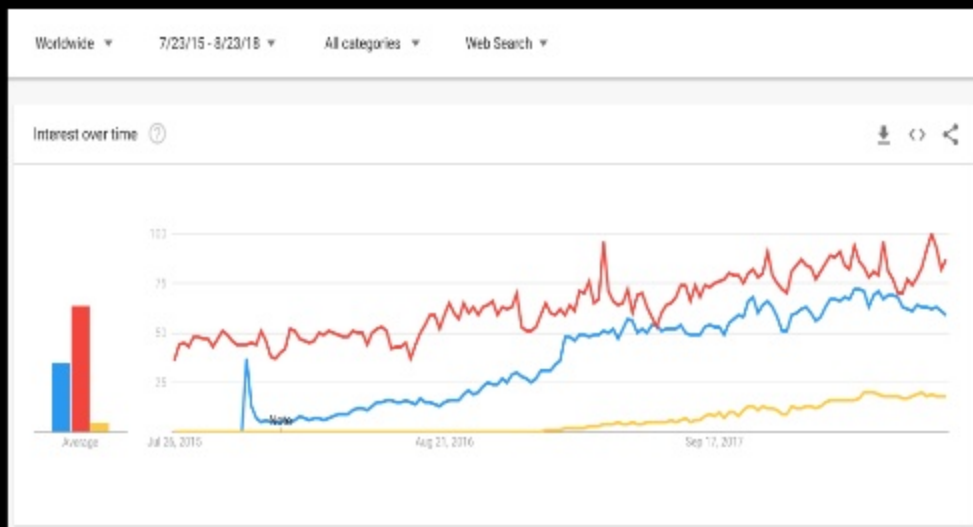
# Horovod: adjust learning rate based on number of GPUs.
opt = keras.optimizers.Adadelta(1.0 * hvd.size())

# Horovod: add Horovod Distributed Optimizer.
opt = hvd.DistributedOptimizer(opt)

model.compile(loss=keras.losses.categorical_crossentropy,
              optimizer=opt,
              metrics=['accuracy'])
```

TensorFlow, Keras, or
PyTorch?

Takeaways: Gaining Momentum...



Keras
TensorFlow
PyTorch

Takeaways: When to Use TF, Keras or PyTorch

- Low-level APIs & Control
- Model Serving
- Supports multiple languages

TensorFlow

- High-level APIs
- Multiple Backends
- Love Python
- Rapid Experimentation

Keras

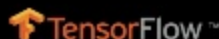
- *Pythonic!*
- Imperative Programming
- Rapid Experimentation

PyTorch

Databricks Runtime for Machine Learning

Ready to use clusters with built-in ML Frameworks

including TensorFlow, Keras, Horovod, and more



XGBoost



NumPy

Horovod Estimator

for simplified distributed training on TensorFlow with Horovod using Apache Spark on Databricks

GPU support

on AWS (P2/P3) and Azure (NC/NC-v3) instances now supported!



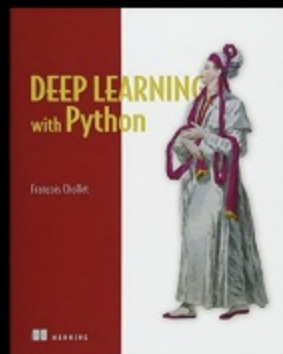
Resources & Books

Blog posts, Talk, & webinars (<http://databricks.com/blog>)

- [GPU acceleration in Databricks](#)
- [Deep Learning and Apache Spark](#)
- [fast.ai](#)
- [TensorFlow Tutorials](#)
- [TensorFlow Dev Summit](#)
- [Keras/TensorFlow Tutorials](#)
- [PyTorch Docs & Tutorials](#)
 - [Talk-1 from Soumith Chintala](#)
 - [Talk-2 from Soumith Chintala](#)
- [MLflow.org](#)

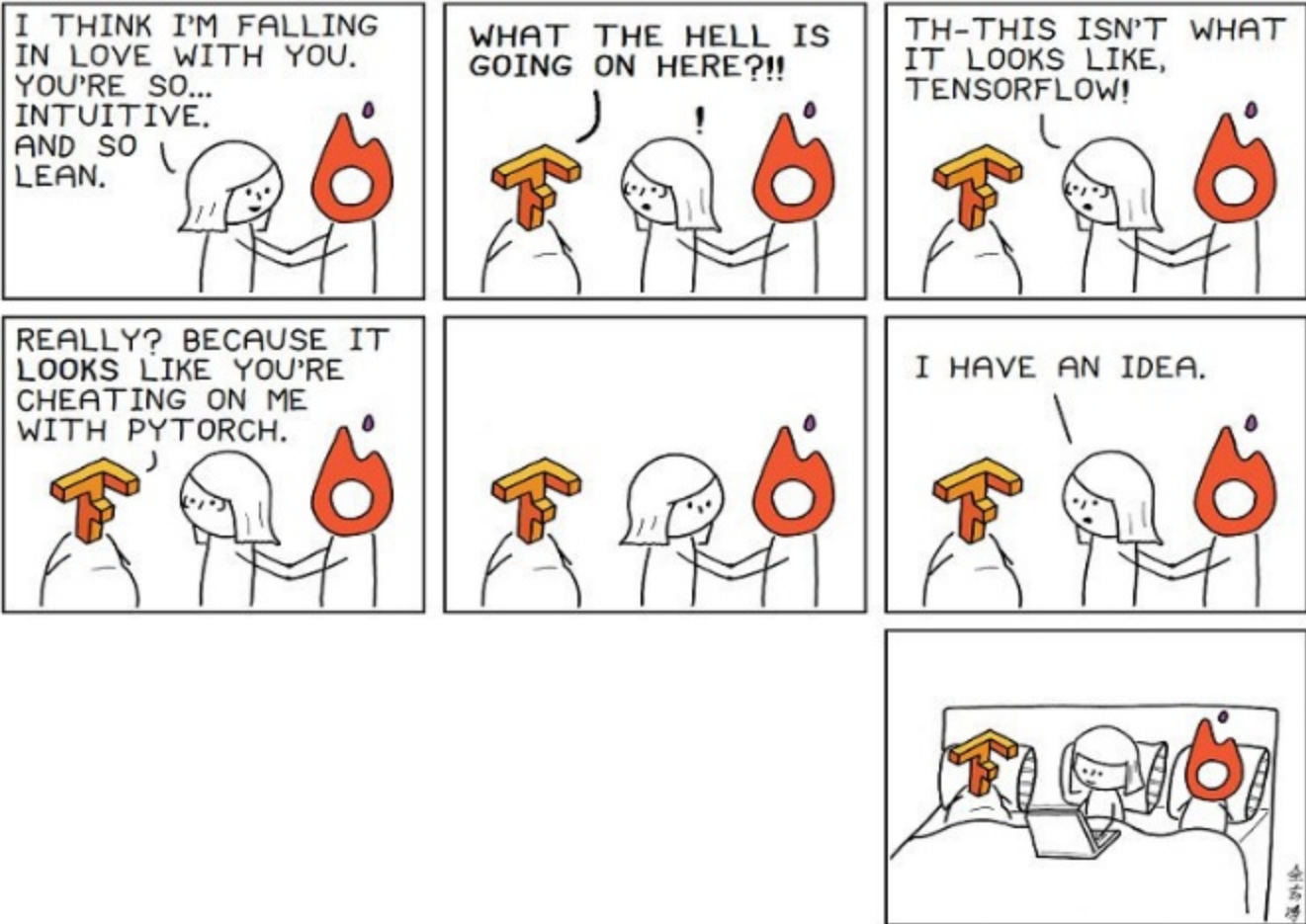
Docs for Deep Learning on Databricks (<http://docs.databricks.com>)

- [Databricks Runtime ML](#)
- [HorovodEstimator](#)



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