

# Software Packages for Deep Learning

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# Machine Learning



- Unlike traditional numerical simulation, “ML gives computers the ability to learn without being explicitly programmed” [Samuel 1959]
- As a research field, ML explores the study and construction of algorithms that can **learn** from and **make predictions** on **data**
- Related fields: data mining, computational statistics, optimization, ...
- Fourth paradigm, big data, artificial intelligence, Internet of things, deep learning, ...

# General Tasks of ML

- Classification: Inputs are divided into two or more classes, and the learner must produce a model that assigns unseen inputs to one or more (multi-label classification) of these classes
- Clustering: Inputs are divided into groups. Unlike in classification, the groups are not known beforehand, making this typically an unsupervised task
- Regression: Similar to classification, but the outputs are continuous rather than discrete
- Density estimation
- Dimensionality reduction
- ...

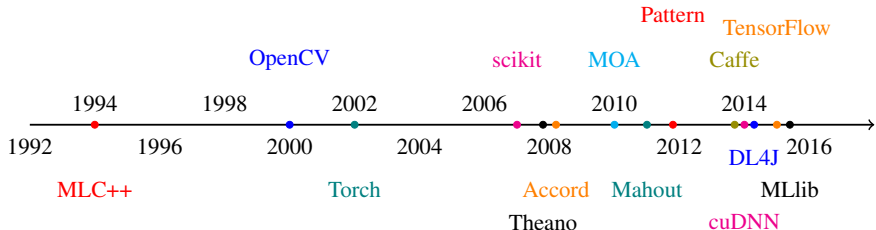
# Packages for General Machine Learning

## What is the purpose?

- Solving problems from practical applications (user interface)
- Developing algorithms and optimizing implementation (development)
- Theoretical analysis for machine learning

## What do we want for a ML package?

- Easy for new tasks and new network structures (less steep learning curve)
- Easy for debugging (with good support and large community)
- Performance and scalability



# Deep Learning: Pros and Cons

Deep Learning has been introduced with the objective of moving ML closer to one of its original goals—AI. The main motivations includes:

- Insufficient depth can hurt
- The brain has a deep architecture
- Cognitive processes seem deep

## Pros:

- conceptually simple
- nonlinear
- highly flexible and configurable
- learned features can be extracted
- can be fine-tuned with more data
- efficient for multi-class problems
- world-class at pattern recognition

## Cons:

- hard to interpret
- theory not well understood
- slow to train and score
- overfits, needs regularization
- more parameters
- inefficient for categorical variables
- data hungry, learns slowly

# Comparison: Basic Information

Viewpoint	Torch	Caffe	TensorFlow	MXNet
Started	2002	2013	2015	2015
Main Developers	Facebook, Twitter, Google, ...	BVLC (Berkeley)	Google	DMLC
License	BSD	BSD	Apache	Apache
Core Languages	C/Lua	C++	C++ Python	C++
Supported Interface	Lua	C++/Python Matlab	C++/Python R/Java/Go	C++/Python R/Julia/Scala

- BVLC, Berkeley Vision and Learning Center
- DMLC, Distributed (Deep) Machine Learning Community, supported by Amazon, Intel, Microsoft, nVidia, Baidu, ...

## Comparison: Performance

Viewpoint	Torch	Caffe	TensorFlow	MXNet
Pretrained Models	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
High-level Support	Good	Good	Good	Good
Low-level Operators	Good	Good	Fairly good	Very few
Speed One-GPU	Great	Great	Not so good	Excellent
Memory Management	Great	Great	Not so good	Excellent
Parallel Support	Multi-GPU	Multi-GPU	Multi-GPU	Distributed

<http://blog.revolutionanalytics.com/2016/08/deep-learning-part-1.html>

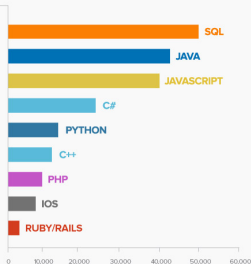


# Python: A general-purpose programming language

- Created by Guido van Rossum in 1989 and first released in 1991
- Named after “the Monty Python” (British comedy group)
- An interpreted language—simple, clear, and readable
- Python has many excellent packages for machine learning
- The language of choice in introductory programming courses

Languages ranked by number of programming jobs

Data from  
Indeed.com  
2016



Feb 2017	Change	Programming language	Share	Trends
1		Java	22.6 %	-1.3 %
2		Python	14.7 %	+2.8 %
3		PHP	9.4 %	-1.2 %
4		C#	8.3 %	-0.3 %
5	↑↑	Javascript	7.7 %	+0.4 %
6		C	7.0 %	-0.2 %
7	↓↓	C++	6.9 %	-0.6 %
8		Objective-C	4.2 %	-0.6 %
9	↑	R	3.4 %	+0.4 %
10	↓	Swift	2.9 %	+0.1 %

# Python for Scientific Computing

## Why Python for scientific computing?

- Dynamic data types and automatic memory management
- Full modularity, supporting hierarchical packages
- Strong introspection capabilities<sup>1</sup>
- Exception-based error handling

## Why consider such a slow language for simulation?

- Good for proof-of-concept prototyping
- Implementation time versus execution time
- Code readability and maintenance — short code, fewer bugs
- Well-written Python code is “fast enough” for most computational tasks
- Time critical parts executed through compiled language or **available packages**

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<sup>1</sup>Code introspection is the ability to examine classes, functions and keywords to know what they are, what they do and what they know. Python provides several functions and utilities for code introspection, like `dir()`, `help()`, `type()`.

# Functions and Modules

## Using modules

- ❶ `import math`: This will only introduce the name `math` into the name space in which the import command was issued. The names within the `math` module will not appear in the enclosing namespace: they must be accessed through the name `math`. For example: `math.sin(3.14)`.
- ❷ `from math import *`: This does not introduce the name `math` into the current namespace. It does however introduce all public names of the `math` module into the current namespace, directly using: `sin(3.14)`
- ❸ `from math import sin`: This will only import the `sin` function from `math` module and introduce the name `sin` into the current namespace, but it will not introduce the name `math` into the current namespace, directly using: `sin(3.14)`

## Defining functions

```
1 def square(x):  
2     return x*x
```

# Built-in Data Structures

## Numeric types: int, float, complex

```

1  b=1L      # long int
2  c=0xf     # int (hex format)
3  d=010     # int (octal format)
4  e=1.0     # float
5  f=1+2j    # complex

```

## Sequence types: list, tuple, str, dict

```

1  t=(3.14, True, 'Yes', [1], (0xf,))           # tuple example
2  l=[3.14, True, 'Yes', [1], (1L, 0xf)] + [None]*3  # list example
3  s='Hello' + ", " + 'world!'                 # str example 1
4  s=("Hello, " "world!")                       # str example 2
5  d={1: 'int', 'pi': 3.14}                     # dict example
6  s="Python"; s.find('thon')                   # find substring

```

## Formatted output

```

1  print('%(lang)s has %(num)02d quote types.')
2  ...    %{'lang':"Python", "num":3})

```

# Control Flow

## If-then-else

```
1 a = 1
2 if a > 0:
3     print "a is positive"
4 elif a=0:
5     print "a is zero"
6 else:
7     print "a is negative"
```

## For loop

```
1 for i in range(10):
2     print i
```

## While loop

```
1 sum = 0; i = 0
2 while i < 10:
3     sum += i
4     i += 1
```

# Additions

- ❶ In Python, everything (including functions, modules and files) is object. A variable is created through assignment:

```
1 >>> x = y = z = 0.1
```

- ❷ When objects are passed to a function, Python always passes (the value of) the reference to the object to the function.
- ❸ `help()` is a function which gives information about the object. For example, `help('modules')` will generate a list of all modules which can be imported into the current interpreter.
- ❹ Some useful and important packages: SymPy(for symbolic mathematics), Numpy(for scientific computing), Matplotlib/PyLab(for visualising data), SciPy(providing lots of numerical algorithms)

<http://www.pythontutor.com>

# Programming interface

- ① Wide range applications
  - Speech, image and video applications
  - Large-scale machine-learning applications
- ② Fastest scripting language Lua is used
- ③ Easily ported to any platform
  - Torch can run on iPhone with no modification to scripts
- ④ Easy extensibility
  - Easy to integrate any library into Torch

# Example 1:Linear-Regression

```
1  require 'torch'
2  require 'optim'
3  require 'nn'
4
5  # write the loss to a text file and read from there
6  # to plot the loss as training proceeds
7  logger = optim.Logger('loss_log.txt')
8
9  # input data
10 data = torch.Tensor{{40, 6, 4},{44, 10, 4},{46, 12, 5},
11 {48, 14, 7},{52, 16, 9},{58, 18, 12},{60, 22, 14},
12 {68, 24, 20},{74, 26, 21},{80, 32, 24}}
13
14 # define the container
15 model = nn.Sequential()
16 ninputs = 2; noutputs = 1
17
18 # define the only module
19 model:add(nn.Linear(ninputs, noutputs))
20
21 # Define a loss function
22 criterion = nn.MSECriterion()
```



## Example 1: Linear-Regression

```
23 # retrieve its trainable parameters
24 x, dl_dx = model:getParameters()
25
26 # compute loss function and its gradient
27 feval = function(x_new)
28     # set x to x_new, if different
29     if x ~= x_new then
30         x:copy(x_new)
31     end
32
33 # select a new training sample
34 _nidx_ = (_nidx_ or 0) + 1
35 if _nidx_ > (#data)[1] then _nidx_ = 1 end
36
37     local sample = data[_nidx_]
38     local target = sample[{ {1} }]
39     local inputs = sample[{ {2,3} }]
40
41 # reset gradients
42 dl_dx:zero()
```

## Example 1:Linear-Regression

```
43 # evaluate the loss function and its derivative wrt x
44     local loss_x = criterion:forward(model:forward(inputs), target)
45     model:backward(inputs, criterion:backward(model.output, target))
46
47 # return loss(x) and dloss/dx
48     return loss_x, dl_dx
49 end
50
51 # define SGD
52 sgd_params = {
53     learningRate = 1e-3,
54     learningRateDecay = 1e-4,
55     weightDecay = 0,
56     momentum = 0
57 }
58
59 # we cycle 1e4 times over our training data
60 for i = 1,1e4 do
61     #this variable is used to estimate the average loss
62     current_loss = 0
63     #an epoch is a full loop over our training data
64     for i = 1,(#data)[1] do
65         # return new x and value of the loss functions
66         _,fs = optim.sgd(feval,x,sgd_params)
```

# Example 1:Linear-Regression

```
67     # update loss
68     current_loss = current_loss + fs[1]
69 end
70
71 # report average error on epoch
72 current_loss = current_loss / (#data)[1]
73 print('current loss = ' .. current_loss)
74
75 logger:add[ ['training error'] = current_loss]
76 logger:style[ ['training error'] = '-' ]
77 logger:plot()
78 end
79
80 # Test the trained model
81 text = {40.32, 42.92, 45.33, 48.85, 52.37, 57, 61.82, 69.78,
82        72.19, 79.42}
83
84 for i = 1, (#data)[1] do
85     local myPrediction = model:forward(data[i][{{2,3}}])
86     print(string.format("%2d   %6.2f %6.2f", i, myPrediction[1], text[i]))
87 end
```

## Example 2: Two-layer network

```
1 import torch
2 from torch.autograd import Variable
3
4 # N is batch size; D_in is input dimension;
5 # H is hidden dimension; D_out is output dimension.
6 N, D_in, H, D_out = 64, 1000, 100, 10
7
8 # Create random Tensors to hold inputs and outputs, and wrap them in Variable
9 x = Variable(torch.randn(N, D_in))
10 y = Variable(torch.randn(N, D_out), requires_grad=False)
11
12 # Use the nn package to define our model as a sequence of layers.
13 model = torch.nn.Sequential(
14     torch.nn.Linear(D_in, H),
15     torch.nn.ReLU(),
16     torch.nn.Linear(H, D_out),
17 )
18
19 # The nn package also contains definitions of popular loss functions;
20 loss_fn = torch.nn.MSELoss(size_average=False)
```

## Example 2: Two-layer network

```
21 learning_rate = 1e-4
22 for t in range(500):
23     # Forward pass: compute predicted y by passing x to the model.
24     y_pred = model(x)
25
26     # Compute and print loss.
27     loss = loss_fn(y_pred, y)
28     print(t, loss.data[0])
29
30     # Zero the gradients before running the backward pass
31     model.zero_grad()
32
33     # Backward pass: compute gradient of the loss
34     loss.backward()
35
36     # Update the weights using gradient descent
37     for param in model.parameters():
38         param.data -= learning_rate * param.grad.data
```

<https://github.com/jcjohnson/pytorch-examples>

# Programming interface

- ① Expressive architecture
  - Define models and optimization by configuration without hard-coding
  - With protocol tool to define parameters for nets and solvers . . .
- ② Support GPUs
- ③ Mainly focus CNN for images
- ④ Not well documented

# Example 1: Image Classification

```
1 import caffe
2 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
3
4 # paste your image URL here
5 my_image_url = "https://wikipedia/Orang_Utan/2C_Malaysia.JPG"
6 !wget -O image.jpg $my_image_url
7
8 # transform it and copy it into the net
9 image = caffe.io.load_image('image.jpg')
10 caffe.net.blobs['data'].data[...] = transformer.preprocess('data', image)
11
12 # perform classification
13 caffe.net.forward()
14
15 # obtain the output probabilities
16 output_prob = net.blobs['prob'].data[0]
17
18 # sort top five predictions from softmax output
19 top_inds = output_prob.argsort()[::-1][:5]
20
21 plt.imshow(image)
22 print 'probabilities and labels:'
23 zip(output_prob[top_inds], labels[top_inds])
```

## Example 2: Extend layer in Caffe

```
1 import caffe
2 import numpy as np
3
4 class EuclideanLoss(caffe.Layer):
5     def setup(self, bottom, top):
6         #check input pair
7         if len(bottom) != 2:
8             raise Exception("Need two inputs to compute distance")
9
10    def reshape(self, bottom, top):
11        #check input dimensions match
12        if bottom[0].count != bottom[1].count:
13            raise Exception("Inputs must have the same dimension")
14        #difference in shape of inputs
15        self.diff = np.zeros_like(bottom[0].data, dtype=np.float32)
16        # loss output is scalar
17        top[0].reshape(1)
18
19    def forward(self, bottom, top):
20        self.diff[...] = bottom[0].data - bottom[1].data
21        top[0].data[...] = np.sum(self.diff**2)/bottom[0].num/2.
```



## Example 2: Extend layer in Caffe

```
22     def backward(self, top, propagate_down, bottom):
23         for i in range(2):
24             if not propagate_down[i]:
25                 continue
26             if i == 0:
27                 sign = 1
28             else:
29                 sign = -1
30             bottom[i].diff[...] = sign * self.diff / bottom[1].num
```

### Define a class in Python to extend Layer

```
31 layer{
32     type: "Python"
33     python_param {
34         module: "layers"
35         layer: "EuclideanLoss"
36     }
37 }
```

[https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1UeKXVgRvvxg9OUdh\\_UiC5G71UMscNPlvArsWER41PsU/edit#slide=id.gc2fcdcce7\\_216\\_0](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1UeKXVgRvvxg9OUdh_UiC5G71UMscNPlvArsWER41PsU/edit#slide=id.gc2fcdcce7_216_0)

# Computational graph

```
1 import tensorflow as tf
2
3 graph = tf.Graph()
4
5 with graph.as_default():
6     a = tf.constant(1.0)
7     tf.summary.scalar('aa', a)
8     b = tf.constant(2.0)
9     tf.summary.scalar('bb', b)
10    c = tf.multiply(a, b)
11    tf.summary.scalar('c', c)
12
13    merged = tf.summary.merge_all()
14    writer = tf.summary.FileWriter('./board', graph)
15
16
17 with tf.Session(graph=graph):
18     tf.global_variables_initializer().run()
19     writer.add_summary(merged.eval())
```



Figure: Computaion graph

# Programming interface

- **Graph:** In TensorFlow, machine learning algorithms are represented as computational graph. A computational or dataflow graph is a form of directed graph where vertices or nodes describe operations, while edges represent data flowing between these operations.
- **Operation:** An operation may represent a mathematical equation, a variable or constant, a control flow directive, a file I/O operation or even a network communication port.
- **Tensor:** A tensor is a multi-dimensional collection of homogeneous values with a fixed, static type.
- **Variable:** Variables can be described as persistent, mutable handles to in-memory buffers storing tensors.
- **Session:** In TensorFlow the execution of operations and evaluation of tensors may only be performed in a special environment called session.

# Visualization: TensorBoard

Computation graphs are powerful but complicated

- thousands of nodes or more
- network is deep
- graph visualization tool TensorBoard is helpful

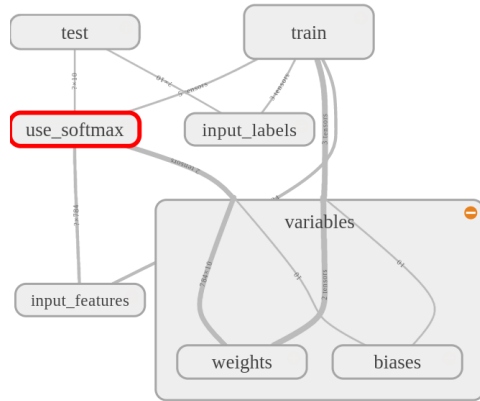


Figure: Graph Visualization

## Example 1: SoftMax

```
1 import tensorflow as tf
2
3 import tensorflow.examples.tutorials.mnist.input_data as input_data
4 mnist = input_data.read_data_sets("MNIST_data/", one_hot=True)
5
6 graph = tf.Graph()
7 with graph.as_default():
8     with tf.name_scope('input_features'):
9         x = tf.placeholder(tf.float32, shape=[None, 784],
10                             name='input_x')
11
12     with tf.name_scope('input_labels'):
13         y_ = tf.placeholder(tf.float32, shape=[None, 10],
14                             name='labels')
15
16     with tf.name_scope('variables'):
17         W = tf.Variable(tf.zeros([784, 10]), name='weights')
18         tf.summary.histogram('WEIGHTS', W)
19         b = tf.Variable(tf.zeros([10]), name='biases')
20         tf.summary.histogram('BIASES', b)
21
22     with tf.name_scope('use_softmax'):
23         y = tf.nn.softmax(tf.matmul(x, W) + b)
```

## Example 1: SoftMax

```
24     with tf.name_scope('train'):
25         cross_entropy = -tf.reduce_sum(y_*tf.log(y))
26         train_step = tf.train.GradientDescentOptimizer(0.01).minimize(
27
28     with tf.name_scope('test'):
29         correct_prediction = tf.equal(tf.argmax(y,1), tf.argmax(y_,1))
30         accuracy = tf.reduce_mean(tf.cast(correct_prediction, "float"))
31         tf.summary.scalar('Accuracy', accuracy)
32     merged = tf.summary.merge_all()
33     writer = tf.summary.FileWriter('./board', graph)
34
35 with tf.Session(graph=graph) as sess:
36     tf.global_variables_initializer().run()
37     for step in range(1000):
38         if (step%10) == 0:
39             feed = {x: mnist.test.images, y_: mnist.test.labels}
40             _, acc = sess.run([merged, accuracy], feed_dict=feed)
41             print('Accuracy at %s step: %s' % (step, acc))
42         else:
43             batch_x, batch_y = mnist.train.next_batch(100)
44             sess.run(train_step, feed_dict={x: batch_x, y_: batch_y})
45             writer.add_summary(merged.eval(feed_dict={x: batch_x,
46                                                         y_: batch_y}), global_step=step)
```

# Programming interface

- ① Mxnet.ndarray
  - Similar to numpy.ndarray
  - Supports both CPU and GPU
- ② Support building neural network graphs
  - Call `mx.viz.plot_network()`
- ③ Mixed programing
  - Support both imperative and declarative programming
- ④ Provide intermediate-level and high-level interface modules
- ⑤ Provide data parallelism with multi-devices
- ⑥ Provide abundant IO functions
- ⑦ Support many scope applications(e.g. computer vision, natural language processing, speech recognition , unsupervised machine learning, support embedded APIs, visualization)

## Example 1: SoftMax

```
1
2 import mxnet
3 import mxnet.symbol as sym
4 import numpy as np
5 import numpy.random as random
6 import time
7 from minpy.core import function
8 from minpy.core import grad_and_loss
9
10 # define softmax symbol
11 x_shape = (num_samples, num_classes)
12 label_shape = (num_samplesm,)
13 softmax_symbol = sym.SoftmaxOutput(data=sym.Variable('x'),
14                                   name='softmax', grad_scale=1.0/num_samples)
15
16 # convert MXNet symbol into a callable function
17 # corresponding gradient function
18 softmax = function(softmax_symbol, [('x', x_shape),
19                                   ('softmax_label', label_shape)])
20
21 # make softmax_label;
22 # MXNet's softmax operator does not use one-of-many label format
23 softmax_label = np.argmax(label, axis=1)
```



## Example 1: SoftMax

```
24 # Redefine loss function using softmax as one operator
25 def train_loss(w, x):
26     y = np.dot(x, w)
27     prob = softmax(x=y, softmax_label=softmax_label)
28     loss = -np.sum(label * np.log(prob)) / num_samples
29     return loss
30
31 # Initialize weight matrix (again)
32 weight = random.randn(num_features, num_classes)
33
34 # Calculate gradient function automatically
35 grad_function = grad_and_loss(train_loss)
36
37 # Now training it for 100 iterations
38 start_time = time.time()
39 for i in range(100):
40     dw, loss = grad_function(weight, data)
41     if i % 10 == 0:
42         print 'Iter {}, training loss {}'.format(i, loss)
43     weight -= 0.1 * dw
44 print 'Training time: {}s'.format(time.time() - start_time)
```

# Numerical tests



Thank You!

