

# A Quick Survey on Deep Learning Engines

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Torch

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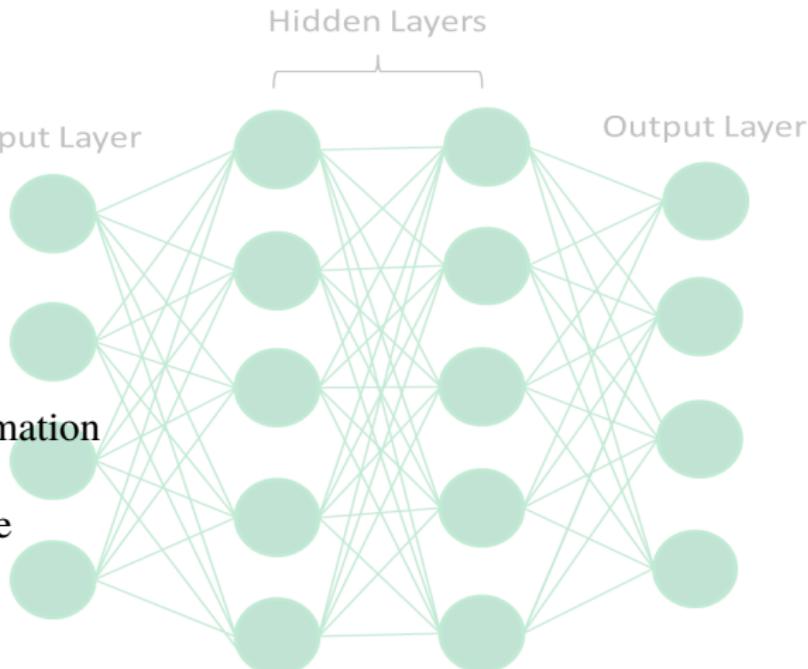
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# Machine Learning

## What is ML?

- 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**
- Fourth paradigm, big data, Internet of things, artificial intelligence, ...

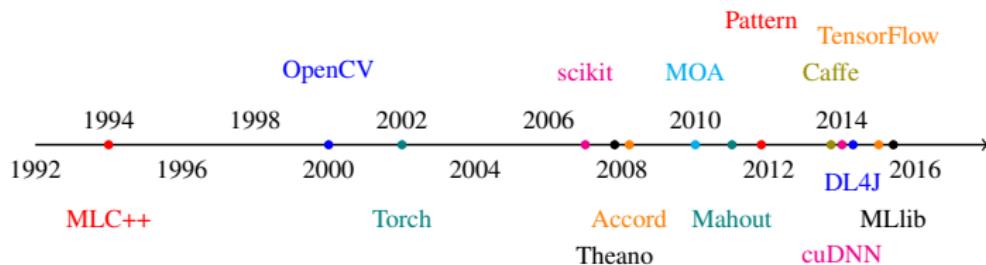
## General Tasks of ML:

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

Deep Learning, by I. Goodfellow, Y. Bengio, and A. Courville, Chinese version available online

<https://github.com/exacity/deeplearningbook-chinese>

# ML Software Packages



Tour of TensorFlow, by Peter Goldsborough, arXiv, 2016

## Other worth-noting ML(DL) packages:

- PyTorch (still in **beta** stage)
- Theano (Lasagne/Keras): Slow in graph compilation
- CNTK/DMTK (Microsoft): First released on April 2015
  - Windows/Linux, no official OS X support
  - C++/Python frontend
- Neon (Nervana & Intel): First released on May 2015, professional support
- MXNet (DMLC): First released on Jan 2015, scalable distributed computing
- Caffe2 (Google, Facebook, ...): Release on late 2016
- Digits (Nvidia, powered by Caffe): web interface

# Deep Learning

Deep Learning has been introduced with the objective of moving ML closer to one of its original goals—Artificial **Intelligence**. Main motivations:

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

## 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
- good at pattern recognition

## Cons:

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

# Goal of This Study

What is our purpose?

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

How to use a ML package?

- Train models on large data set on high-performance computing platforms
- Deploy applications on various (computing) platforms, like smart phones

What we want for a ML package?

- Easy for new tasks and new network structures (less steep learning curve)
- Easy for debugging (with good **documentation, support**, and active community)
- Good flexibility
- Good performance and scalability
  - Multicore CPU
  - **Single or multiple GPU(s)**
  - Cluster

# DL Engines: Basic Information

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

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

# DL Engines: Performance

Viewpoint	Torch7	Caffe	TensorFlow	MXNet
Pretrained Models	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
High-level Support	Good	Good	Good	Good
Low-level Operators	Good	Good	Fairly good	Increasing fast
Speed One-GPU	Great	Great	Good	Good
Memory Management	Great	Great	Not so good	Excellent
Parallel Support	Multi-GPU	Multi-GPU	Multi-GPU	Distributed
Coding Style	Imperative	Declarative	Declarative	Mixed
GitHub Watching	649/268	1856	4939	887

# Hardware Platforms

Four test platforms were used in the following tests

- CPU: one quad-core desktop CPU (Intel i7-3820 CPU @3.60GHz) and two 8-core server-grade CPUs (Intel Xeon CPU E5-2630 v3 @2.40GHz)
- GPU: GTX 1080 @1607MHz with Pascal architecture, and Tesla K80 @562MHz with Kepler architecture

Computational Unit	Cores	Memory	OS	CUDA
Intel CPU i7-3820	4	64 GB	Ubuntu 14.04	–
Intel CPU E5-2630x2	16	128 GB	CentOS 7.2	–
GTX 1080	2560	8 GB	Ubuntu 14.04	8
Tesla K80 GK210	2496	12 GB	CentOS 7.2	8

Figure: The experimental hardware settings for numerical tests

Benchmarking State-of-the-Art Deep Learning Software Tools, by S.-H. Shi, et al., arXiv, 2017

# Neural Networks and Test Data Sets

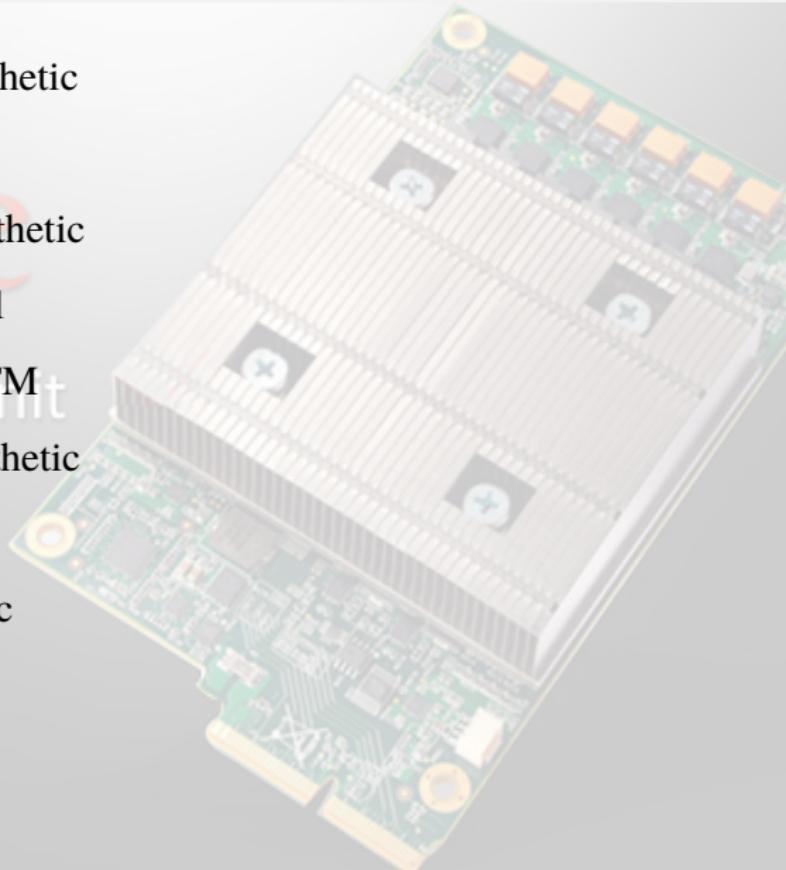
- A large fully-connected neural network (**FCN-S**) with around 55 million parameters is used to evaluate the performance of FCN
- The classical AlexNet (**AlexNet-S**) is used as an representative of CNN
- A smaller FCN (**FCN-R**) is constructed for MNIST data set
- An AlexNet (**AlexNet-R**) architecture is used for Cifar10 data set
- For RNNs, considering that the main computation complexity is related to the length of input sequence, 2 LSTM layers with input length of 32.

Networks		Input	Output	Layers	Parameters
FCN	FCN-S	26752	26752	5	~55 millions
FCN	FCN-R	784	10	5	~31 millions
CNN	AlexNet-S	150528	1000	4	~61 millions
CNN	AlexNet-R	3072	10	4	~81 thousands
RNN	LSTM	10000	10000	2	~13 millions

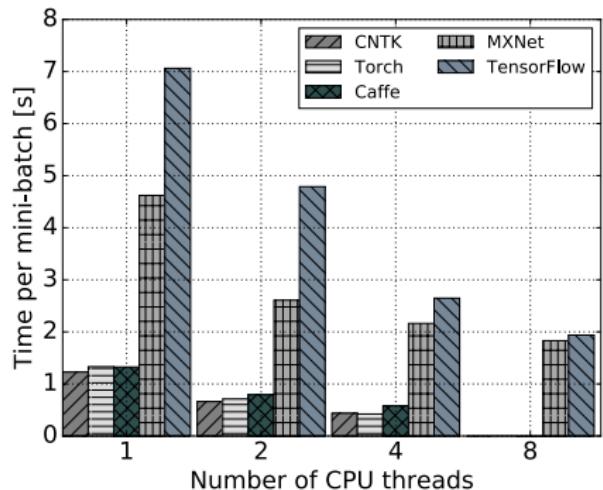
Figure: The experimental setup of neural networks for synthetic and real data

## §2. Comparison

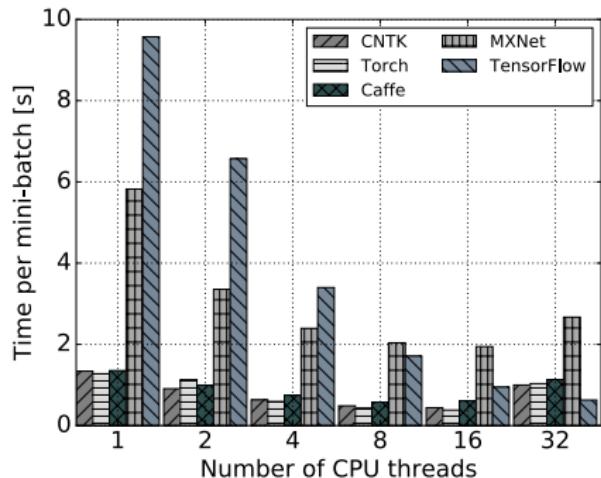
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# CPU Scalability: FCN Synthetic



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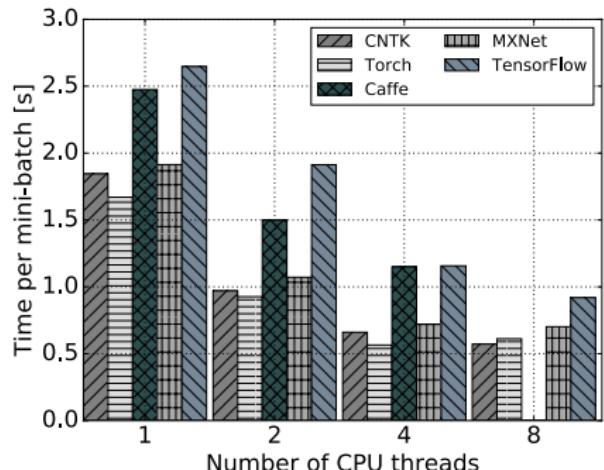


(b) Results on E5-2630.

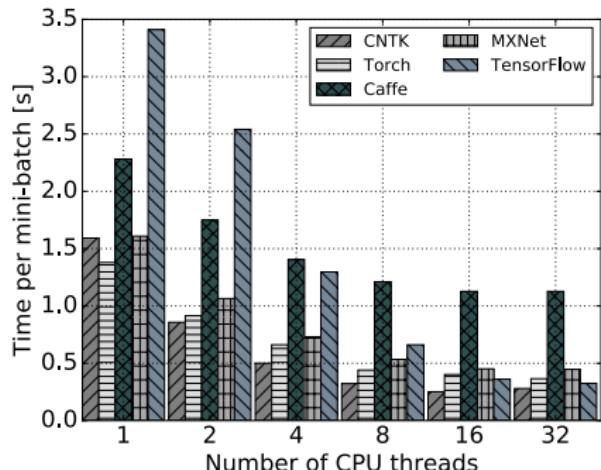
Figure: FCN-S performance on CPU platform with a mini-batch size of 64

- CNTK/Torch/Caffe have similar CPU performance
- TensorFlow has excellent scalability

# CPU Scalability: FCN Real



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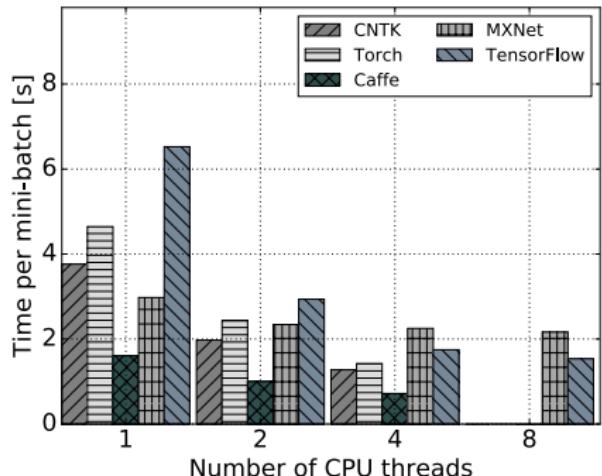


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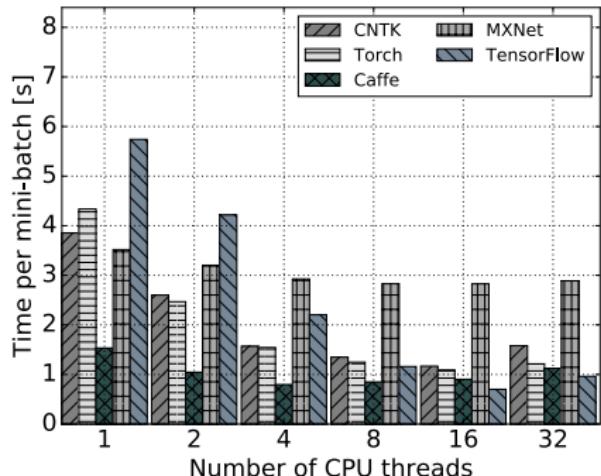
Figure: The FCN-R performance on CPU platform with a mini-batch size of 1024

- All engines have good CPU performance
- TensorFlow has good scalability but considerably slower

# CPU Scalability: CNN Synthetic



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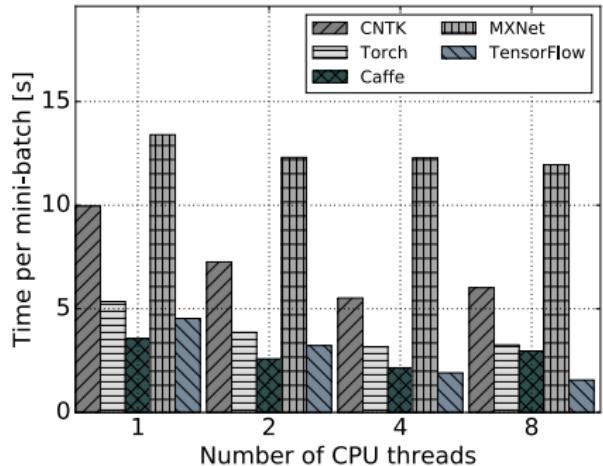


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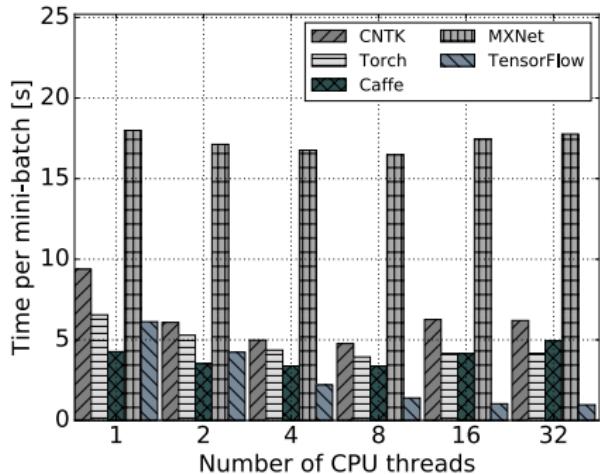
Figure: AlexNet-S performance on CPU platform with a mini-batch size of 16

- Caffe has best CNN performance as promised
- MXNet does not scale well for this test

# CPU Scalability: CNN Real



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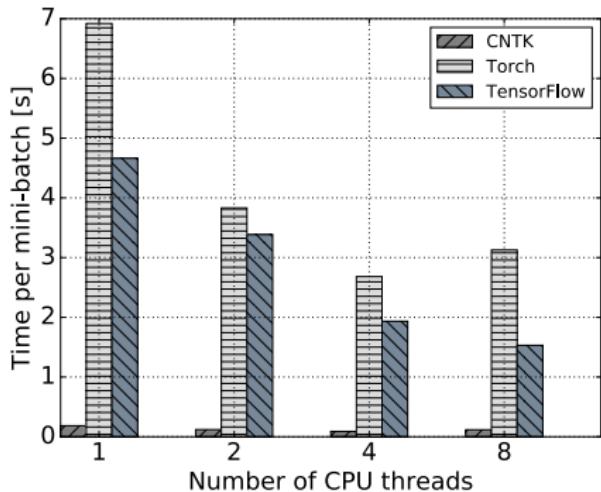


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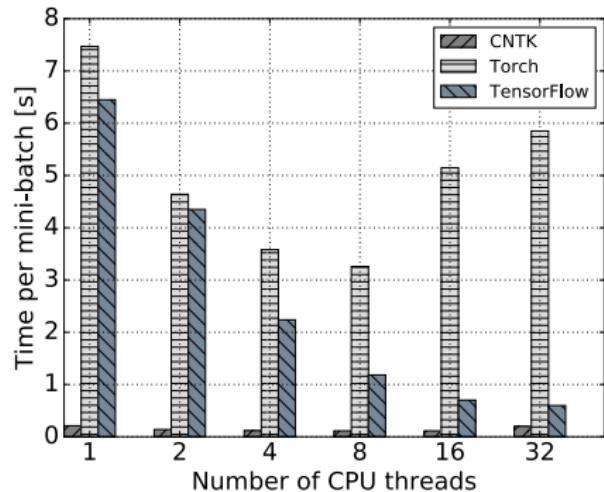
**Figure:** AlexNet-R performance on CPU platform with a mini-batch size of 1024

- Good scalability of TensorFlow kicks in
- Caffe does not scale well on multicore CPUs

# CPU Scalability: RNN LSTM



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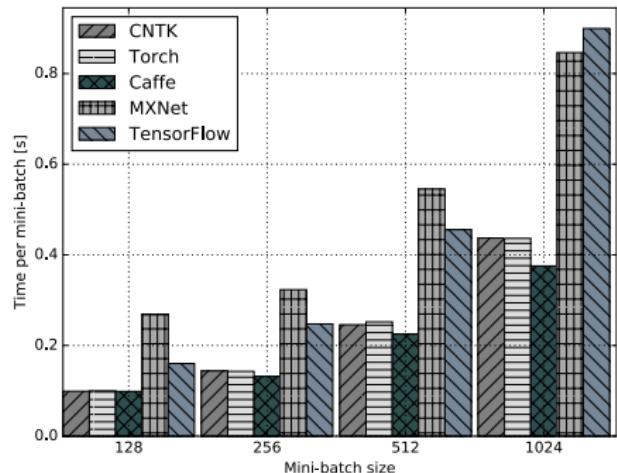


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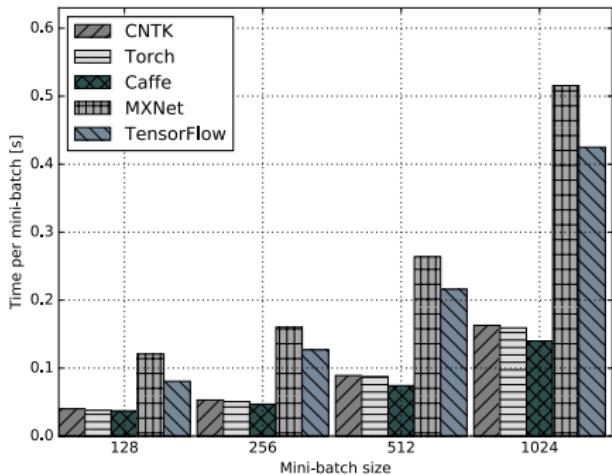
Figure: LSTM performance on CPU platform with a mini-batch size of 256

- Pay more attention to CNTK in the future
- Caffe/MXNet does not support LSTM on CPUs

# GPU Scalability: FCN Synthetic



(a) Results on Tesla K80.

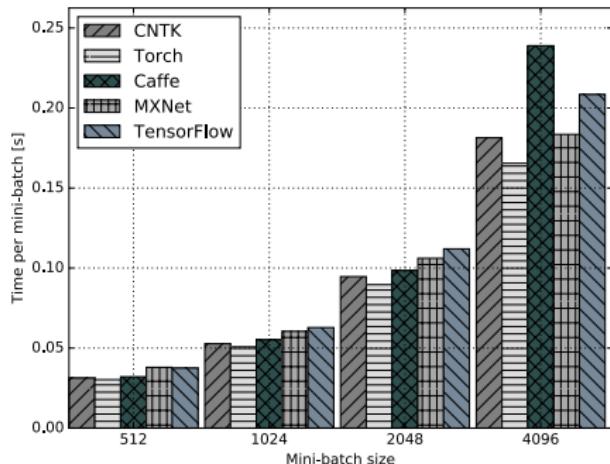


(b) Results on GTX1080.

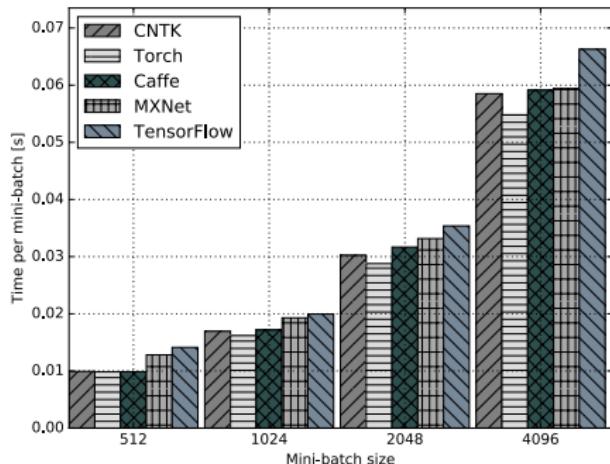
Figure: The performance comparison of FCN-S on GPU platforms

- CNTK/Torch/Caffe out-perform the others

# GPU Speed: FCN Real



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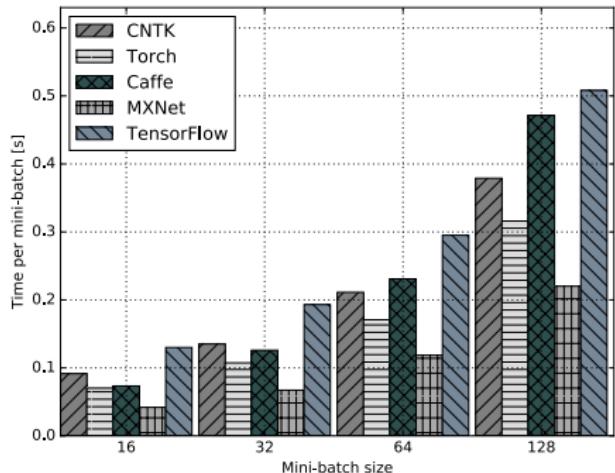


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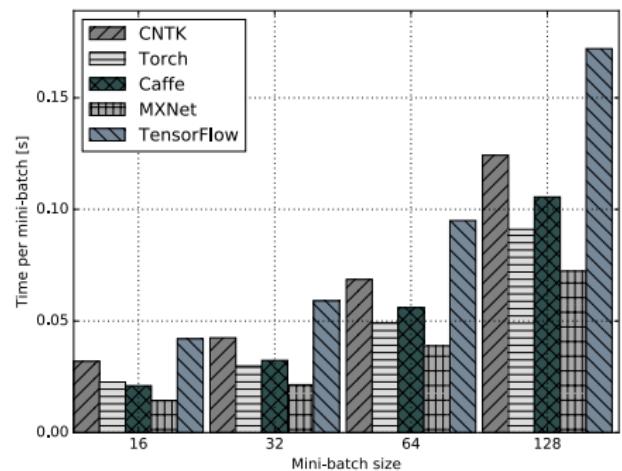
Figure: The performance comparison of FCN-R on GPU platforms

- All packages have similar performance

# GPU Speed: CNN Synthetic



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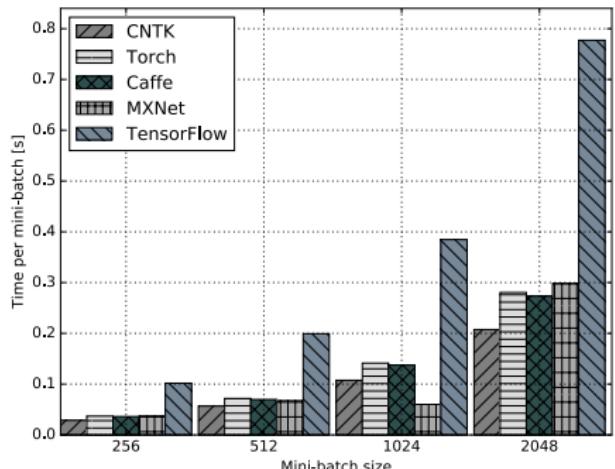


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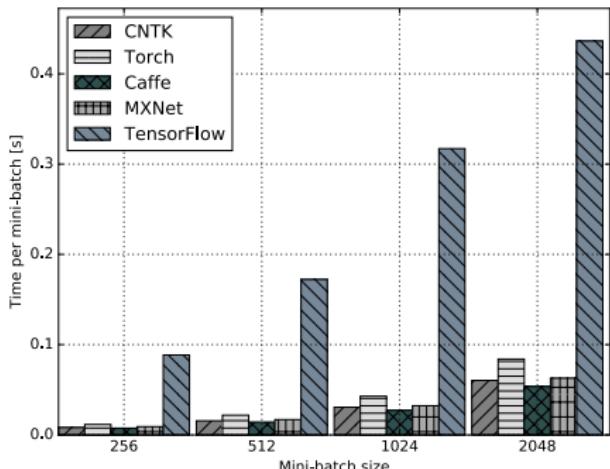
Figure: The performance comparison of AlexNet-S on GPU platforms

- MXNet out-perform the others for CNN on GPUs

# GPU Speed: CNN Real



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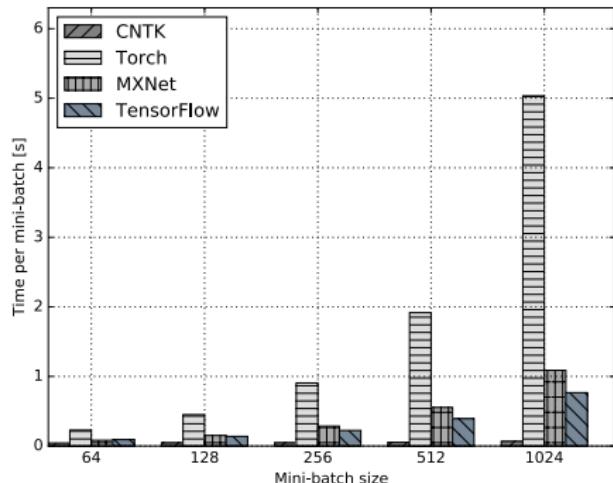


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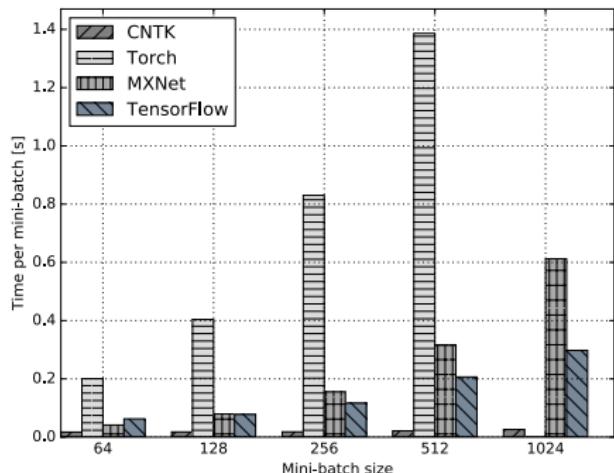
Figure: The performance comparison of AlexNet-R on GPU platforms

- TensorFlow does not have good GPU performance in general

# GPU Speed: RNN LSTM



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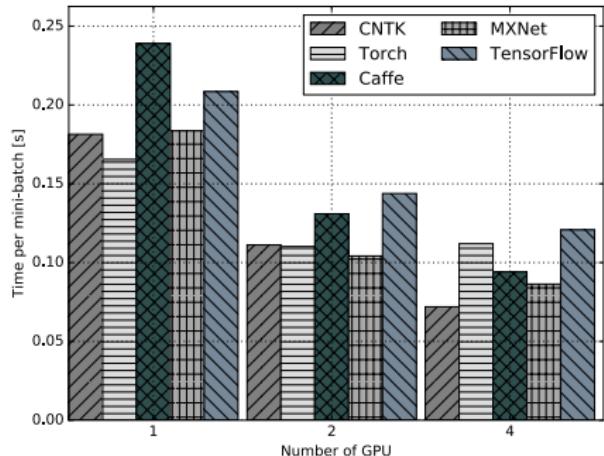


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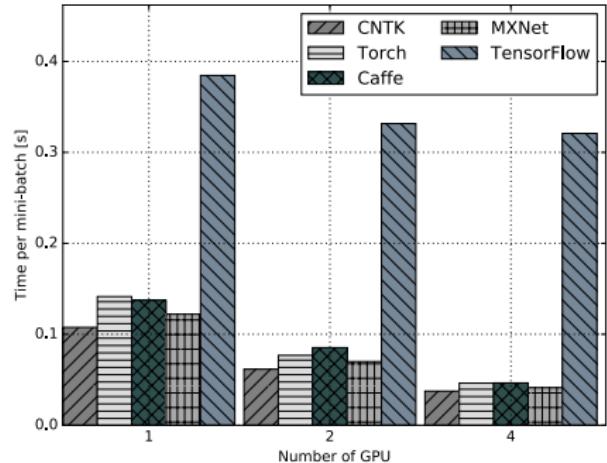
**Figure:** The performance comparison of LSTM on GPU platforms

- CNTK has excellent RNN performance both on CPU and GPU

# Multi-GPU Scalability



(a) FCN-R



(b) CNN-R

Figure: The scalability on a multi-GPU platform ( $2 \times$  K80)

- Multi-GPU can greatly boost the training process of network
- MXNet shows overwhelming advantage over the others
- TensorFlow does not scale well on multi-GPU platform

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# Python 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



# 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?

- Code readability and maintenance — **short code, fewer bugs**
- Good for proof-of-concept prototyping
- Implementation time versus execution time
- 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 objects to know what they are, what they do and what they know. Python provides several utilities for code introspection, e.g. `dir()`, `help()`, `type()`.

# Built-in Data Structures

Numeric types: int, float, complex

```

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

Sequence types: list, tuple, str, dict

```

1 t=(3.14, True, 'Yes', [1], (0xf,))
2 l=[3.14, True, 'Yes', [1], (1L, 0xf)] + [None]*3      # tuple example
3 s='Hello' + " " + 'world!'                            # list example
4 s=("Hello", " " "world!")
5 d={1: 'int', 'pi': 3.14}                             # str example 1
6 s="Python"; s.find('thon')                           # str example 2
7
8 # dict example
9 # find substring
  
```

Formatted output

```

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

User defined functions<sup>23</sup>

```

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

<sup>2</sup>Function overhead is high. Not to call a function repeatedly; Using aggregation instead.

<sup>3</sup>Python always passes (the value of) the reference to the object to the function.

# 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 # loop from 0 to 9
2 for i in range(10):
3     print i
4
5 # loop over the list named by oldlist
6 newlist = [s.upper() for s in oldlist]
7
8 a = range(5) # create a new list a
9 b = a          # b points to the list a
10 c = [item for item in a] # copy list a to a new list
```

## While loop

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

# Modules

- This way will only introduce the module name into the name space in which the import command was issued. The names within the module will not appear in the enclosing namespace: they must be accessed through the module name.

```
import math  
math.sin(3.14)
```

- This way does not introduce the name math into the current namespace. It does introduce all public names of the math module into the current namespace.

```
from math import *  
sin(3.14)
```

- 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 use

```
from math import sin  
sin(3.14)
```

- Make it as local as possible to avoid import overhead; But avoid calling it repeatedly; If possible, avoid it!

# Additional Comments

- ① In Python, everything (including functions, modules, and files) are objects. A variable is created through assignment:

```
x = y = z = 0.1
```

- ② help() is a function which gives information about the object. For example,

```
help('modules')      # generate a list of all modules that can be imported  
help('modules time') # generate a list of modules with 'time' in description
```

- ③ Use a profiler to find optimization possibilities

```
import profile        # cProfile is now recommended  
profile.run('main()')
```

- ④ Some useful and important packages

- NumPy: for scientific computing
- Matplotlib/Pylab: for visualising data
- SciPy: providing lots of numerical algorithms
- SymPy: for symbolic mathematics

## §4. TensorFlow

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# Basic Concepts

- ☞ **Graph:** In TensorFlow, ML algorithms are represented as computational graph. A computational graph (data flow graph) is a form of directed graph where vertices (nodes) describe operations, while edges represent data flowing between these operations.
- **Operation:** An operation may represent a variable or constant, a control flow directive, a mathematical function, a file I/O, or 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.

# Computational Graph

```
1 import tensorflow as tf
2
3 # Define a computational graph
4 graph = tf.Graph()
5
6 # Define operation nodes in the above graph
7 with graph.as_default():
8     # Define two constants(two nodes)
9     a = tf.constant(1.0)
10    b = tf.constant(2.0)
11
12    # Define an operation node: c = a * b
13    c = tf.multiply(a, b)
14    # Add scalar summary to operation node
15    tf.summary.scalar('c', c)
16
17    # Merge all the summaries and write to ./board
18    merged = tf.summary.merge_all()
19    writer = tf.summary.FileWriter('./board', graph)
20
21 with tf.Session(graph=graph):
22     # Write data to ./board
23     writer.add_summary(merged.eval())
```



# Example: SoftMax in TF

```
1 import tensorflow as tf
2
3 # Import training and test data
4 import tensorflow.examples.tutorials.mnist.input_data as input_data
5 mnist = input_data.read_data_sets("MNIST_data/", one_hot=True)
6
7 # Create a new TensorFlow graph
8 graph = tf.Graph()
9 with graph.as_default():
10     # Nodes or entire subgraphs can be grouped into one visual block for tensorboard
11     with tf.name_scope('input_features'):
12         # Placeholder for input variables (None = variable dimension)
13         x = tf.placeholder(tf.float32, shape=[None, 784], name='input_x')
14
15     with tf.name_scope('input_labels'):
16         # Placeholder for labels
17         y_ = tf.placeholder(tf.float32, shape=[None, 10], name='labels')
18
19     with tf.name_scope('parameters'):
20         W = tf.Variable(tf.zeros([784, 10]), name='weights')
21         # Track tensor distributions over time for tensorboard
22         tf.summary.histogram('WEIGHTS', W)
23         b = tf.Variable(tf.zeros([10]), name='biases')
24         tf.summary.histogram('BIASES', b)
25
26     with tf.name_scope('use_softmax'):
27         # Apply softmax regression model to the input data and get prediction y
28         y = tf.nn.softmax(tf.matmul(x, W) + b)
```

# Example: SoftMax in TF (Cont)

```
29     with tf.name_scope('train'):
30         # Compute the cross entropy of real label y_ and prediction labe y
31         cross_entropy = -tf.reduce_sum(y_*tf.log(y))
32         # Create a gradient-descent optimizer with learning rate = 0.01
33         train_step = tf.train.GradientDescentOptimizer(0.01).minimize(cross_entropy)
34
35     with tf.name_scope('test'):
36         correct_prediction = tf.equal(tf.argmax(y,1), tf.argmax(y_,1))
37         accuracy = tf.reduce_mean(tf.cast(correct_prediction, "float"))
38         # Track tensor values over time for tensorboard
39         tf.summary.scalar('Accuracy', accuracy)
40
41     merged = tf.summary.merge_all()    # Merge all the summaries
42     writer = tf.summary.FileWriter('./board', graph) # Write summary file to ./board
43
44 with tf.Session(graph=graph) as sess:
45     # Initialize all variables
46     tf.global_variables_initializer().run()
47
48     for step in range(1000):
49         if (step%10) == 0:
50             # Feed test data to compute accuarcy
51             feed = {x: mnist.test.images, y_: mnist.test.labels}
52             _, acc = sess.run([merged, accuracy], feed_dict=feed)
53             print('Accuracy at %s step: %s' %(step, acc))
54         else:
55             # Feed training data to train the model
56             batch_x, batch_y = mnist.train.next_batch(100)
57             sess.run(train_step, feed_dict={x: batch_x, y_: batch_y})
58             writer.add_summary(merged.eval(feed_dict={x:batch_x, y_:batch_y}),
59                               global_step=step)
```

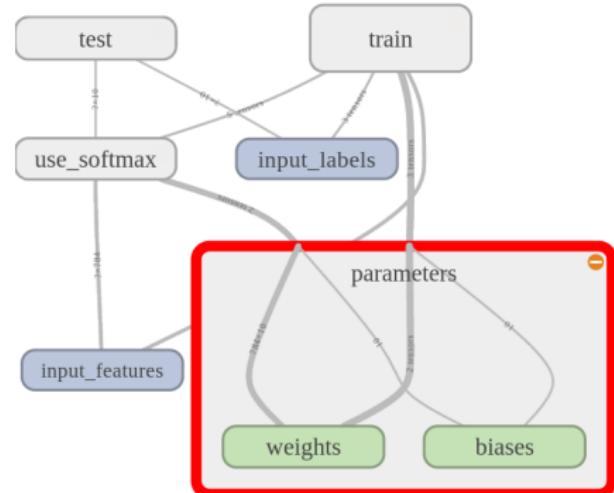
# Visualization: TensorBoard

## Declarative style

- Same style as Teano
- Easy to understand
- Possible for graph optimization
- More difficult for debugging

Computation graphs are powerful but complicated

- Thousands of nodes or more
- Network is deep
- Visualization is helpful for debugging



To run TensorBoard, use the following command:

```
$ tensorboard --logdir=path/to/log_directory
```

Then navigate your web browser to **localhost:6006** to view the TensorBoard.



# TensorBoard: Scalars

TensorBoard

SCALARS IMAGES AUDIO GRAPHS DISTRIBUTIONS HISTOGRAMS EMBEDDINGS

Write a regex to create a tag group  X

Split on underscores  
 Data download links  
Tooltip sorting method: default ▾

Smoothing

Horizontal Axis

STEP RELATIVE WALL

Runs

Write a regex to filter runs

.  Toggle All Runs

./board

test/Accuracy

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# TensorBoard: Graphs

TensorBoard      SCALARS      IMAGES      AUDIO      GRAPHS      DISTRIBUTIONS      HISTOGRAMS      EMBEDDINGS

Fit to screen      Download PNG

Run (1)

Session runs (0)

Upload Choose File

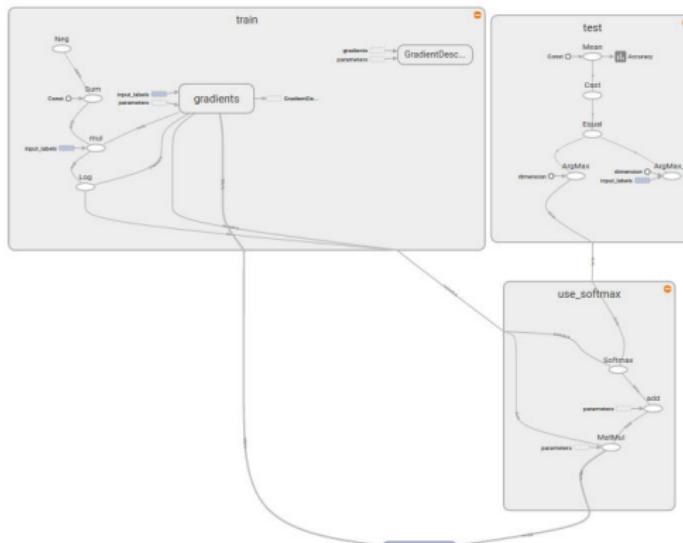
Trace inputs

Color  Structure  Device

colors same substructure  
unique substructure (\* = expandable)

Graph Namespace\*  
OpNode  
Unconnected series\*  
Connected series\*  
Constant  
Summary  
Dataflow edge  
Control dependency edge  
Reference edge

### Main Graph



The Main Graph displays two main namespaces: `train` and `test`. The `train` namespace contains operations like `Neg`, `Sum`, `Cost`, `Mul`, and `Log`, which are connected to a central `gradients` node. The `test` namespace contains operations such as `Mean`, `Cast`, `Equal`, `ArgMax`, and `ArgMax_1`, which are also connected to the `gradients` node. An auxiliary node `input_labels` provides input to the `test` namespace. A separate subgraph, `use_softmax`, is shown in a box, containing operations `Softmax`, `add`, `MatMul`, and `parameters`, which receive input from `input_features`.

### Auxiliary Nodes

- `input_labels` → `test`
- `parameters` → `test`

# TensorBoard: Distributions

TensorBoard

SCALARS IMAGES AUDIO GRAPHS DISTRIBUTIONS HISTOGRAMS EMBEDDINGS

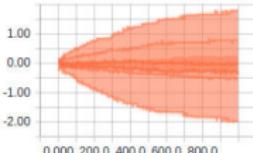
Split on underscores X

Horizontal Axis  
 STEP  RELATIVE  WALL

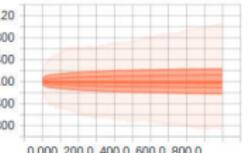
Runs  
Write a regex to filter runs

parameters

parameters/BIASES



parameters/WEIGHTS



TOGGLE ALL RUNS

./board

# TensorBoard: Histograms

TensorBoard

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Split on underscores X

Write a regex to create a tag group

Histogram Mode OVERLAY OFFSET

Offset Time Axis STEP RELATIVE WALL

Runs

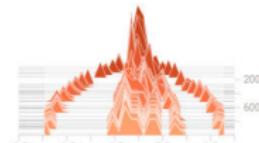
Write a regex to filter runs ✓ ○ .

TOGGLE ALL RUNS

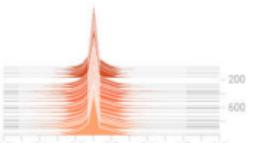
./board

parameters

parameters/BIASES



parameters/WEIGHTS



## §5. MXNet

35 General Comments

36 Example: SVM in MXNet

37 Example: SVM in MXNet (Cont)



38 Example: SVM in MXNet (Cont)

# General Comments

- ➊ Support many different applications (e.g. computer vision, natural language processing, speech recognition, unsupervised machine learning, support embedded APIs, visualization)
- ➋ Mixed programming style: imperative and declarative
  - Data parallelism with multi-devices: Better scalability than TensorFlow, reportedly
  - Support many different front-end, including JavaScript (so it can run on web browsers)
  - Light-weighted (around 50K lines of core code)
  - Provide intermediate-level and high-level interface modules
  - Provide abundant IO functions
- ➌ Fully compatible with Torch: modules and operators
- ➍ Support building neural network graphs
  - Call `mx.viz.plot_network()`
- ➎ Not well documented, not easy to read



# Example: SVM in MXNet

```
1 from __future__ import print_function
2 import mxnet as mx
3 import numpy as np
4 from sklearn.datasets import fetch_mldata
5 from sklearn.decomposition import PCA
6 # import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
7 import logging
8
9 logger = logging.getLogger()
10 logger.setLevel(logging.DEBUG)
11
12 # Network declaration as symbols. The following pattern was based
13 # on the article, but feel free to play with the number of nodes
14 # and with the activation function
15 data = mx.symbol.Variable('data')
16 fc1 = mx.symbol.FullyConnected(data = data , name='fc1' , num_hidden=512)
17 act1 = mx.symbol.Activation(data = fc1 , name='relu1' , act_type="relu")
18 fc2 = mx.symbol.FullyConnected(data = act1 , name = 'fc2' , num_hidden = 512)
19 act2 = mx.symbol.Activation(data = fc2 , name='relu2' , act_type="relu")
20 fc3 = mx.symbol.FullyConnected(data = act2 , name='fc3' , num_hidden=10)
21
22 # Here we add the ultimate layer based on L2-SVM objective
23 mlp = mx.symbol.SVMOutput(data=fc3 , name='svm')
24
25 # To use L1-SVM objective , comment the line above and uncomment the line below
26 # mlp = mx.symbol.SVMOutput(data=fc3 , name='svm' , use_linear=True)
27
28 # Now we fetch MNIST dataset , add some noise , as the article suggests ,
29 # permute and assign the examples to be used on our network
30 mnist = fetch_mldata('MNIST original')
```



# Example: SVM in MXNet (Cont)

```
31 mnist_pca = PCA(n_components=70).fit_transform(mnist.data)
32 noise = np.random.normal(size=mnist_pca.shape)
33 mnist_pca += noise
34
35 # set seed for deterministic ordering
36 np.random.seed(1234)
37 p = np.random.permutation(mnist_pca.shape[0])
38 X = mnist_pca[p]
39 Y = mnist.target[p]
40 X_show = mnist.data[p]
41
42 # This is just to normalize the input to a value inside [0,1],
43 # and separate train set and test set
44 X = X.astype(np.float32)/255
45 X_train = X[:60000]
46 X_test = X[60000:]
47 X_show = X_show[60000:]
48 Y_train = Y[:60000]
49 Y_test = Y[60000:]
50
51 # Article's suggestion on batch size
52 batch_size = 200
53 train_iter = mx.io.NDArrayIter(X_train, Y_train, batch_size=batch_size)
54 test_iter = mx.io.NDArrayIter(X_test, Y_test, batch_size=batch_size)
55
56 # A quick work around to prevent mxnet complaining the lack of a softmax_label
57 train_iter.label = mx.io._init_data(Y_train, allow_empty=True, default_name='softmax_label')
58 test_iter.label = mx.io._init_data(Y_test, allow_empty=True, default_name='softmax_label')
```

# Example: SVM in MXNet (Cont)

```
60 # Here we instantiate and fit the model for our data
61 # The article actually suggests using 400 epochs,
62 # But I reduced to 10, for convinience
63 model = mx.model.FeedForward(
64     ctx = mx.cpu(0),          # Run on CPU 0
65     symbol = mlp,            # Use the network we just defined
66     num_epoch = 10,           # Train for 10 epochs
67     learning_rate = 0.1,      # Learning rate
68     momentum = 0.9,           # Momentum for SGD with momentum
69     wd = 0.00001,             # Weight decay for regularization
70 )
71
72 model.fit(
73     # Training data set
74     X=train_iter,
75     # Testing data set. MXNet computes scores on test set every epoch
76     eval_data=test_iter,
77     # Logging module to print out progress
78     batch_end_callback = mx.callback.Speedometer(batch_size, 200)
79 )
80
81 # Uncomment to view an example
82 # plt.imshow((X_show[0].reshape((28,28))*255).astype(np.uint8), cmap='Greys_r')
83 # plt.show()
84 # print 'Result:', model.predict(X_test[0:1])[0].argmax()
85
86 # Now it prints how good did the network did for this configuration
87 print('Accuracy:', model.score(test_iter)*100, '%')
```

[https://github.com/dmlc/mxnet/blob/master/example/svm\\_mnist/svm\\_mnist.py](https://github.com/dmlc/mxnet/blob/master/example/svm_mnist/svm_mnist.py)

## §6. Torch

39 Programming Interface

40 Example: Two-Layer Network

41 Example: Two-Layer Network (Cont)

42 Example: Linear Regression in Lua

43 Example: Linear Regression in Lua (Cont)

44 Example: Linear Regression in Lua (Cont)





# Programming Interface

- ➊ Very fast: Fastest scripting language LuaJIT is used
- ➋ Flexible with wide range of applications
  - Speech, image, and video applications
  - Large-scale machine-learning applications
  - Used by Facebook, Twitter, Deepmind
  - Easy extensibility: integrate any library into Torch
- ➌ Portable to any platform
  - Torch can run on iPhone with no modification to scripts
  - Embeddable, with ports to iOS, Android and FPGA backends
- ➍ No automatic differentiation



# Example: 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 Variables.
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( torch.nn.Linear(D_in, H),
14                             torch.nn.ReLU(),
15                             torch.nn.Linear(H, D_out) )
16
17 # The nn package also contains definitions of popular loss functions;
18 loss_fn = torch.nn.MSELoss(size_average=False)
19
20 learning_rate = 1e-4
21
22 for t in range(500):
23     # Forward pass: compute predicted y by passing x to the model.
24     y_pred = model(x)
25     # Compute and print loss.
26     loss = loss_fn(y_pred, y)
27     print(t, loss.data[0])
28     # Zero the gradients before running the backward pass
29     model.zero_grad()
```



# Example: Two-Layer Network (Cont)

```
30 # Backward pass: compute gradient of the loss
31 loss.backward()
32
33 # Update the weights using gradient descent
34 for param in model.parameters():
35     param.data -= learning_rate * param.grad.data
36     end
37 end
```

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

# Example: Linear Regression in Lua

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

# Example: Linear Regression in Lua (Cont)

```
32 # select a new training sample
33 _nidx_ = (_nidx_ or 0) + 1
34 if _nidx_ > (#data)[1] then _nidx_ = 1 end
35
36 local sample = data[_nidx_]
37 local target = sample[{ {1} }]
38 local inputs = sample[{ {2,3} }]
39
40 # reset gradients
41 dl_dx:zero()
42
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 10,000 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
```



# Example: Linear Regression in Lua (Cont)

```
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)
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
79
80 # Test the trained model
81 text = {40.32, 42.92, 45.33, 48.85, 52.37, 57, 61.82, 69.78, 72.19, 79.42}
82
83 for i = 1,(#data)[1] do
84     local myPrediction = model:forward(data[i][{{2,3}}])
85     print(string.format("%2d %6.2f %6.2f", i, myPrediction[1], text[i]))
86 end
```

## §7. Caffe

45 General Comments

46 Example: Image Classification

47 Example: Extend Layers

48 Example: Extend Layers (Cont)

Caffe

Deep learning framework

by BAIR

# General Comments

- ➊ Mainly focus on (and well suited for) CNN and image recognition
  - Use an expressive architecture
  - Provide simple command line tools for training and prediction
  - Allow defining models and optimization by configuration
  - Use Google protocol tool to define parameters for nets and solvers
- ➋ Not so convenient to extend
  - Write layers in C++ or Python, handwritten CUDA code
  - Not well documented
  - No automatic differentiation
  - Not as flexible as other engines
  - Python interface not transparent
- ➌ Lots of dependencies; can be tricky to install



# Example: 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 #
22 plt.imshow(image)
23
24 #
25 print 'probabilities and labels:'
26 zip(output_prob[top_inds], labels[top_inds])
```

# Example: Extend Layers

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

# Example: Extend Layers (Cont)

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.gc2fdcce7\\_216\\_0](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1UeKXVgRvvxg9OUdh_UiC5G71UMscNPlvArsWER41PsU/edit#slide=id.gc2fdcce7_216_0)

Thank You!

