

A Quick Introduction to PyTorch

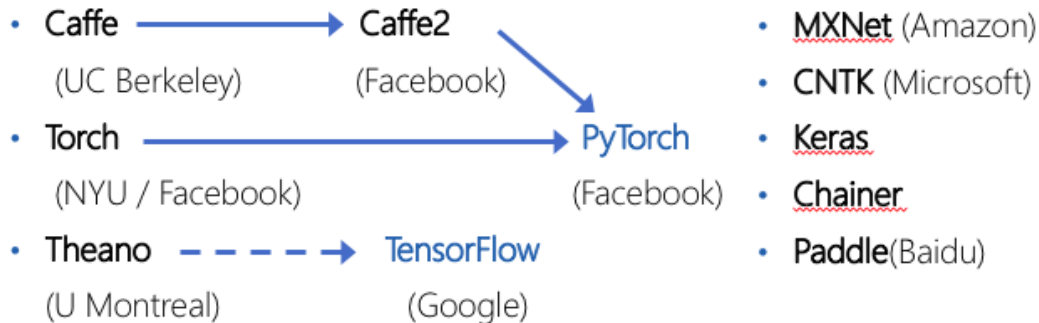
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Deep learning packages overview



Packages comparison

Criteria	TensorFlow	PyTorch	Keras	MxNet
Prototyping	3	5	5	4
Ease of Use	3	5	5	4
Community Support	5	4	3.5	2.5
Efficiency	4	4	1	4
Ease of Learning	3	5	5	4
Industry	5	4 (After 1.0)	0	-

This table is slightly outdated. Take also a look at <https://jax.readthedocs.io/en/latest/>

About TensorFlow

TensorFlow™ is an open source software library for high performance numerical computation. Its flexible architecture allows easy deployment of computation across a variety of platforms (CPUs, GPUs, TPUs), and from desktops to clusters of servers to mobile and edge devices. Originally developed by researchers and engineers from the Google Brain team within Google's AI organization, it comes with strong support for machine learning and deep learning and the flexible numerical computation core is used across many other scientific domains.

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PyTorch ([website](#)) is a python-based scientific computing package.

- NumPy-like tensor computations with strong GPU acceleration (A replacement of NumPy).
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- Lots of APIs for building and training neural networks.



JAX: High-Performance Array Computing

JAX is [Autograd](#) and [XLA](#), brought together for high-performance numerical computing.

Familiar API

JAX provides a familiar NumPy-style API for ease of adoption by researchers and engineers.

Transformations

JAX includes composable function transformations for compilation, batching, automatic differentiation, and parallelization.

Run Anywhere

The same code executes on multiple backends, including CPU, GPU, & TPU

Core modules

Package	Description
torch	A Tensor library like Numpy, with strong GPU acceleration
torch.autograd	A dynamical automatic differentiation library that support all differentiable Tensor operations in torch
torch.nn	Neural networks library
torch.optim	Optimization package, providing SGD, Adam, L-BFGS, etc.
torch.utils	DataLoader

PyTorch tensor

- PyTorch tensors are very similar to NumPy ndarrays.
- But they have a device attribute: 'cpu', 'cuda', or 'cuda:2'.
- They might require gradients for the automatic differentiation.

```
>>> t = torch.tensor([1,2,3], device='cpu',
...                  requires_grad=False, dtype=torch.float32)
>>> print(t.dtype)
torch.float32
>>> print(t.device)
cpu
>>> print(t.requires_grad)
False
```


PyTorch tensor (Cont'd)

- The APIs of PyTorch tensor are almost the same as NumPy array, although there exist some differences.

```
# PyTorch
x = torch.randn(1000,1000)
y = torch.randn(1000,1000)

z = x * y
z = x * torch.tanh(z)
z = torch.matmul(x, y)

print(z.shape)

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- Refer to <https://github.com/wkentaro/pytorch-for-numpy-users> for detailed API comparisons of NumPy and PyTorch.

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When there are several GPUs in your computer, you can use the following code.

- `device=torch.device('cuda:1')` # use the first gpu
- `y = x.to(device)`

Interacting with NumPy

- `torch.from_numpy` and `torch.numpy`.
- The conversion between numpy array and torch tensor does not allocate new memory.

```
x_np = numpy.random.rand(2,2)
x_th = torch.from_numpy(x_np)
x_np_new = x_th.numpy()
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x_th.fill_(1)
print(x_np, '\n')
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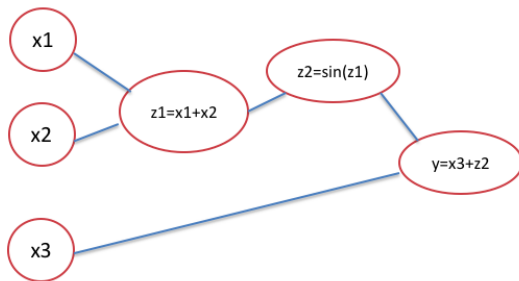
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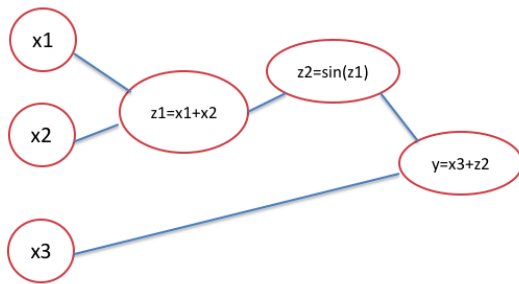
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- A leaf tensor is a tensor you created directly, not a result of an operation. x_1, x_2, x_3 are the leaf tensors in the above example.

Autograd: backward function

- Notice that “backward()” function accumulate the gradients.

```
x = torch.ones(2, requires_grad=True)
y = x.sum()
y.backward()
```

```
z = x.pow(2).sum()
z.backward()
```

```
# the gradient is dy/dx + dz/dx
print(x.grad)
```

```
tensor([3., 3.])
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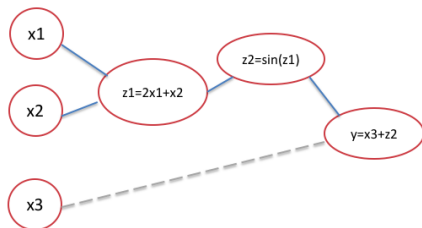
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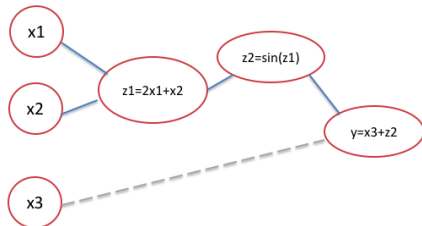
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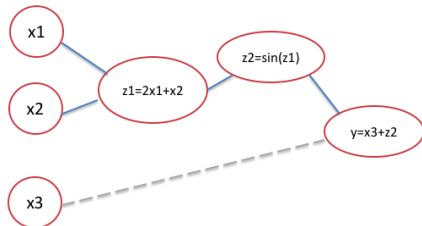
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- If you want to get a python number from a tensor, you can use `item()`.

```
print(x1)
print(x1.detach())
print(x1.item())
```

```
tensor(2., requires_grad=True)
tensor(2.)
2.0
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- The right code is for $f(x) = x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2$.
- Call `autograd.grad` twice. Set `create_graph=True` at the first time, which indicates that the computational graph of computing gradients will be constructed. This graph will be used for the second the back-propagation to compute the second-order gradients.

```
x = torch.tensor([1.0, 2.0, 3.0], requires_grad=True)
f = (x*x).sum()

df = torch.autograd.grad(f, x, create_graph=True)
print(df[0])

G = df[0].pow(2).sum()
dG = torch.autograd.grad(G, x)
print(dG[0])

tensor([2., 4., 6.], grad_fn=<AddBackward0>)
tensor([ 8., 16., 24.] )
```

Building neural network models

- The following codes build a two-layer ReLU network. The left define the network manually, while the right uses the APIs provided in PyTorch.

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

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

```
    def __init__(self, input_d, width, output_d):
```

```
        super(Net, self).__init__()
```

```
        self.B = torch.randn(input_d, width)
```

```
        self.C = torch.zeros(1, width)
```

```
        self.A = torch.randn(width, output_d)
```

```
        self.B = nn.Parameters(self.B)
```

```
        self.C = nn.Parameters(self.C)
```

```
        self.A = nn.Parameters(self.A)
```

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

```
        h = x.matmul(self.B) + self.C
```

```
        h = torch.relu(h)
```

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- `nn.Module` is a class to help decouple the process of input data and learnable parameters. The weights of a `nn.Module` are “`nn.Parameters`”, which is similar to tensor but with “`requires_grad=True`”.

TORCH.NN

These are the basic building block for graphs

`torch.nn`

- `torch.nn` contains many APIs for building neural network models, such as linear layer, convolutional layer, batch normalization layer, lots of loss functions, activation functions, and initializations.
- Containers
- Convolution Layers
- Pooling layers
- Padding Layers
- Non-linear Activations (weighted sum, nonlinearity)
- Non-linear Activations (other)
- Normalization Layers
- Recurrent Layers
- Transformer Layers
- Linear Layers
- Dropout Layers

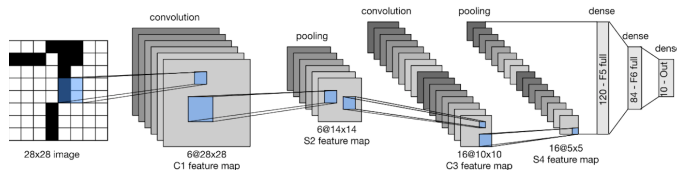
An example of LeNet

```
class LeNet(nn.Module):
    def __init__(self):
        super(LeNet, self).__init__()
        self.conv1 = nn.Conv2d(1, 6, kernel_size=3, padding=1)
        self.pool1 = nn.AvgPool2d(kernel_size=2)
        self.conv2 = nn.Conv2d(6, 16, kernel_size=5)
        self.pool2 = nn.AvgPool2d(kernel_size=2)

        self.classifier = nn.Sequential(
            nn.Linear(16*5*5, 120), nn.ReLU(),
            nn.Linear(120, 84), nn.ReLU(),
            nn.Linear(84, 10))
```

```
def forward(self, x):
    o1 = self.pool1(torch.relu(self.conv1(x)))
    o2 = self.pool2(torch.relu(self.conv2(o1)))
    o3 = o2.view(-1, 16*5*5)

    o4 = self.classifier(o3)
    return o4
```



- “`nn.sequential()`” provides an easy way to build up a sequential network (without any skip connections).
- The dimensions: x : $B \times 1 \times 28 \times 28$, $o1$: $B \times 6 \times 14 \times 14$, $o2$: $B \times 16 \times 5 \times 5$, $o3$: $B \times 400$, $o4$: $B \times 10$.

Train a model

torch.optim implements many optimizers (e.g., SGD (+momentum), Adam, RMSprop, Rprop, L-BFGS) and learning rate schedulers.

- How do we use it? See the codes in the red rectangles.
- “`net.parameters()`” returns the parameters to be optimized.
- “`optimizer.zero_grad()`” sets the parameters’ gradients to zero, since “`backward()`” will accumulate the gradients.
- “`optimizer.step()`” performs one-step update using the gradients stored in parameter tensors.

```
d = 2
nsamples = 1000
batchsize = 50
m = 100

X = torch.rand(nsamples, d)
y = torch.sin(X.sum(dim=1))

net = Net(d, m, 1)
optimizer = torch.optim.SGD(net.parameters(), lr=0.01, momentum=0.9)

loss_curve = []
for epoch in range(100):
    for i in range(0, nsamples, batchsize):
        x_batch, y_batch = X[i:(i+batchsize),:], y[i:(i+batchsize)]

        optimizer.zero_grad()
        y_pred = net(x_batch).squeeze()
        loss = (y_pred - y_batch).pow(2).mean()
        loss.backward()
        optimizer.step()

    loss_curve.append(loss.item())
```

Source code of “torch.optim”

The code of torch.optim is quite neat, you can take a look at it.

<https://github.com/pytorch/pytorch/tree/master/torch/optim>

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- Refer to https://pytorch.org/tutorials/beginner/saving_loading_models.html for more details.

Reproducibility

To keep our results reproducible, we need to fix the random seeds.

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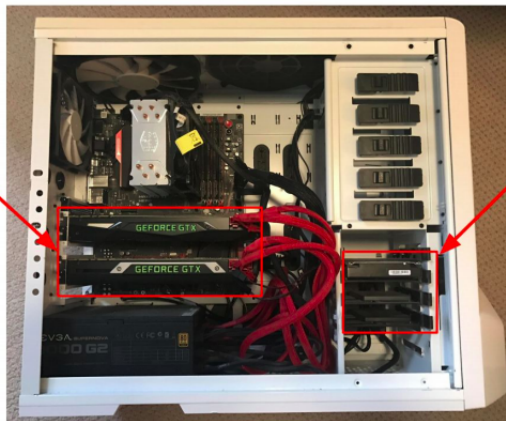
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# disable optimizations
torch.backends.cudnn.deterministic = True
torch.backends.cudnn.benchmark = False
```

- CUDA may use certain randomized methods for accelerations. So we must set it to use deterministic methods.

CPU / GPU Communication

Model
is here



Data is here

If you aren't careful, training can bottleneck on reading data and transferring to GPU!

Solutions:

- Read all data into RAM
- Use SSD instead of HDD
- Use multiple CPU threads to prefetch data

Taken from standford cs231n.

DataLoader (Cont'd)

```
class MyDataset:
    def __init__(self,X,y):
        self.X, self.y = X, y

    def __getitem__(self,idx):
        xi, yi = self.X[idx], self.y[idx] # return the data on the index
        return xi, yi

    def __len__(self):
        return self.X.size(0) # return the data size
```

Define dataset

```
dataset = MyDataset(torch.rand(100,2,30,30), torch.rand(100))
```

```
dataloader = torch.utils.data.DataLoader(
    dataset=dataset,
    batch_size = 50, # batch size
    shuffle = False,
    num_workers = 2 # use 2 cpu cores to parallel the dataloading
)
```

Define dataloader

```
for X_batch, y_batch in dataloader:
    # use the batch data to do something
```

use the dataloader

“torch.utils.data.DataLoader” can be used to mini-batch data, shuffle data, and parallelize the loading process.

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- **Tutorial:**
 - <https://github.com/yunjey/pytorch-tutorial>
 - https://pytorch.org/tutorials/beginner/deep_learning_60min_blitz.html
- **Example:** <https://github.com/pytorch/examples>
- **Document:** <https://pytorch.org/docs/stable/index.html>
- **Source code:** <https://github.com/pytorch/pytorch>