Introduction to Neural Networks Operations and Distributed Training

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Machine Learning with (deep) Neural Networks





Forward Operations



Matrix Multiplication Operation

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_1 & b_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 \\ a_3 & b_3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a_1^* x_1 + b_1^* x_2 \\ a_2^* x_1 + b_2^* x_2 \\ a_3^* x_1 + b_3^* x_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_1 & b_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 \\ a_3 & b_3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 & y_1 \\ x_2 & y_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 * x_1 + b_1 * x_2 & a_1 * y_1 + b_1 * y_2 \\ a_2 * x_1 + b_2 * x_2 & a_2 * y_1 + b_2 * y_2 \\ a_3 * x_1 + b_3 * x_2 & a_3 * y_1 + b_3 * y_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

batch of two inputs

Forward Operations



 Linear regression y = w * x + b (I.e., a NN of a single neuron, and identity, f(x) = x, as activation function)



- Loss function defined as C = (a y)2
- How does C change with w and b variations?
 - compute the ratio at with C changes with changes in w and b
 - use this ratio to modify then w and b in order to move C towards a minimum

Computing the Gradient



Computing the Gradient



$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial w} = \frac{1}{2} * (2x(a - y_1) + 2x(b - y_2))$$

$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial b} = \frac{1}{2} * (2(a - y_1) + 2(b - y_2))$$

Gradient Vector

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial C}{\partial w} \\ \frac{\partial C}{\partial b} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} * (2x(a - y_1) + 2x(b - y_2)) \\ \frac{1}{2} * (2(a - y_1) + 2(b - y_2)) \end{pmatrix}$$















- Batch size implications
 - Smaller batches imply more steps per epoch:
 - More updates to weights --> More updates to the net
 - Smaller batches do not imply larger/smaller gradients

Parallel/Distributed ML Training



Pipeline Model

- Complete layer per device
 - Weights stay within device
- Activations are communicated between GPUs
- Non efficient implementations may lead to inefficient usage of resources

- 1. Model Parallelism: Memory usage and computation of a model distributed across devices Two main variants:
 - a) Pipeline parallelism
 - b) Tensor parallelism



• Research area

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Tensor Parallelism

- Tensor operations (e.g., computing a layer output) distributed across device
 - Allows larger, more computationally expensive models
- Activations are communicated between GPUs
- Further points for inefficiencies
 - A device might depend on the activations computed by more than one device

Parallel/Distributed ML Training



- 2. Data Parallelism: Training mini-batch is split across devices
 - Model must fit into the memory of a single device
 - Weights are the same in each device
 - Gradients are communicated across all devices (all-to-all)