Deep Learning
In An Afternoon

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Deep Learning / Neural Nets

Without question the biggest thing in ML and computer science right now. Is the hype real? Can you learn anything meaningful in an afternoon? How did we get to this point?

The ideas have been around for decades. Two components came together in the past decade to enable astounding progress:

- Widespread parallel computing (GPUs)
- Big data training sets
Two Perspectives

There are really two common ways to view the fundamentals of deep learning.

• Inspired by biological models.

• An evolution of classic ML techniques (the perceptron).

They are both fair and useful. We’ll give each a thin slice of our attention before we move on to the actual implementation. You can decide which perspective works for you.
Modeled After The Brain
As a Highly Dimensional Non-linear Classifier

Perceptron

No Hidden Layer
Linear

Network

Hidden Layers
Nonlinear

Courtesy: Chris Olah
Basic NN Architecture

- **Input Layer**
- **Hidden Layer**
- **Output Layer**

- **Neuron**
- **Synapse**
In Practice

How many inputs?

For an image it could be one (or 3) per pixel.

How deep?

100+ layers have become common.

How many outputs?

Might be an entire image.

Or could be discreet set of classification possibilities.
Inference
The "forward" or thinking step

H1 Weights = (1.0, -2.0, 2.0)
H2 Weights = (2.0, 1.0, -4.0)
H3 Weights = (1.0, -1.0, 0.0)

O1 Weights = (-3.0, 1.0, -3.0)
O2 Weights = (0.0, 1.0, 2.0)
Activation Function

Neurons apply activation functions at these summed inputs. Activation functions are typically non-linear.

- The Sigmoid function produces a value between 0 and 1, so it is intuitive when a probability is desired, and was almost standard for many years.

- The Rectified Linear activation function is zero when the input is negative and is equal to the input when the input is positive. Rectified Linear activation functions are currently the most popular activation function as they are more efficient than the sigmoid or hyperbolic tangent.
  - Sparse activation: In a randomly initialized network, only 50% of hidden units are active.
  - Better gradient propagation: Fewer vanishing gradient problems compared to sigmoidal activation functions that saturate in both directions.
  - Efficient computation: Only comparison, addition and multiplication.
  - There are Leaky and Noisy variants.

\[
S(t) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-t}}
\]
Inference

H1 = Sigmoid(0.5 * 1.0 + 0.9 * -2.0 + -0.3 * 2.0) = Sigmoid(-1.9) = 0.13
H2 = Sigmoid(0.5 * 2.0 + 0.9 * 1.0 + -0.3 * -4.0) = Sigmoid(3.1) = 0.96
H3 = Sigmoid(0.5 * 1.0 + 0.9 * -1.0 + -0.3 * 0.0) = Sigmoid(-0.4) = 0.40

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As A Matrix Operation

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Now this looks like something that we can pump through a GPU.
It is also very useful to be able to offset our inputs by some constant. You can think of this as centering the activation function, or translating the solution (next slide). We will call this constant the *bias*, and it there will often be one value per layer.

Our math for the previously calculated layer now looks like this with $b=0.1$:
The magic formula for a neural net is that, at each layer, we apply linear operations (which look naturally like linear algebra matrix operations) and then pipe the final result through some kind of final nonlinear activation function. The combination of the two allows us to do very general transforms.

The matrix multiply provides the skew, rotation and scale.

The bias provides the translation.

The activation function provides the warp.
These are two very simple networks untangling spirals. Note that the second does not succeed. With more substantial networks these would both be trivial.
A very underappreciated fact about networks is that the width of any layer determines how many dimensions it can work in. This is valuable even for lower dimension problems. How about trying to classify (separate) this dataset:

Can a neural net do this with twisting and deforming? What good does it do to have more than two dimensions with a 2D dataset?
Working In Higher Dimensions

It takes at least 3 units wide to pull this off, regardless of depth. Greater depth allows us to stack these operations, and can be very effective. The gains from depth are harder to characterize.
Universal Approximation Theorem: A 1-hidden-layer feedforward network of this type can approximate any function$^1$, given enough width$^2$.

Not really that useful as:

- Width could be enormous.
- Doesn't tell us how to find the correct weights.

1) Borel measurable. Basically, mostly continuous and bounded.
2) Could be exponential number of hidden units, with one unit required for each distinguishable input configuration.
Training Neural Networks

So how do we find these magic weights? We want to minimize the error on our training data. Given labeled inputs, select weights that generate the smallest average error on the outputs.

We know that the output is a function of the weights: \( E(w_1, w_2, w_3, \ldots i_1, \ldots t_1, \ldots) \). So to figure out which way, and how much, to push any particular weight, say \( w_3 \), we want to calculate \( \frac{\partial E}{\partial w_3} \).

There are a lot of dependencies going on here. It isn’t obvious that there is a viable way to do this in very large networks.

If we take one small piece, it doesn’t look so bad.

Note that the role of the gradient, \( \frac{\partial E}{\partial w_3} \), here means that it becomes a problem if it vanishes. This is an issue for very deep networks.
Backpropagation

If we use the chain rule repeatedly across layers we can work our way backwards from the output error through the weights, adjusting them as we go. Note that this is where the requirement that activation functions must have nicely behaved derivatives comes from.

This technique makes the weight inter-dependencies much more tractable. An elegant perspective on this can be found from Chris Olah at http://colah.github.io/posts/2015-08-Backprop.

With basic calculus you can readily work through the details. You can find an excellent explanation from the renowned 3Blue1Brown at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ilg3gGewQ5U.

You don't need to know the details, and this is all we have time to say, but you certainly can understand this fully if your freshman calculus isn't too rusty and you have some spare time.
Solvers

However, even this efficient process leaves us with potentially many millions of simultaneous equations to solve (real nets have a lot of weights). They are non-linear to boot. Fortunately, this isn't a new problem created by deep learning, so we have options from the world of numerical methods.

The standard has been gradient descent. Methods, often similar, have arisen that perform better for deep learning applications. TensorFlow will allow us to use these interchangeably - and we will.

Most interesting recent methods incorporate momentum to help get over a local minimum. Momentum and step size are the two hyperparameters we will encounter later.

Nevertheless, we don't expect to ever find the actual global minimum.

We could/should find the error for all the training data before updating the weights (an epoch). However it is usually much more efficient to use a stochastic approach, sampling a random subset of the data, updating the weights, and then repeating with another mini-batch.
We now know enough to attempt a problem. Only because the TensorFlow framework fills in a lot of the details that we have glossed over. That is one of its functions.

Our problem will be character recognition. We will learn to read handwritten digits by training on a large set of 28x28 greyscale samples.

First we’ll do this with the simplest possible model just to show how the TensorFlow framework functions. Then we will implement a quite sophisticated and accurate convolutional neural network for this same problem.
Specifically we will have a file with 55,000 of these numbers. The labels will be “one-hot vectors”, which means a 1 in the numbered slot:

\[ 6 = [0,0,0,0,0,0,1,0,0,0] \]
TensorFlow Startup

Make sure you are on a GPU node:

```
br006% interact -gpu
gpu42%
```

These examples assume you have the MNIST data sitting around in your current directory:

```
gpu42% ls
```

```
-rw-r--r-- 1 urbanic pscstaff 1648877 May 4 02:13 t10k-images-idx3-ubyte.gz
-rw-r--r-- 1 urbanic pscstaff 4542 May 4 02:13 t10k-labels-idx1-ubyte.gz
-rw-r--r-- 1 urbanic pscstaff 9912422 May 4 02:13 train-images-idx3-ubyte.gz
-rw-r--r-- 1 urbanic pscstaff 28881 May 4 02:13 train-labels-idx1-ubyte.gz
```

To start TensorFlow:

```
gpu42% module load tensorflow/1.5_gpu
gpu42% python
```

Two Other Ways To Play Along

Run the python programs from the command line:

```
gpu42% python CNN.py
```

Invoke them from within the python shell:

```
>>> execfile('CNN.py')
```
MNIST With Regression

$ python
Python 3.6.1 |Continuum Analytics, Inc.| (default, Mar 22 2017, 19:54:23)
[GCC 4.4.7 20120313 (Red Hat 4.4.7-1)] on linux
Type "help", "copyright", "credits" or "license" for more information.
>>> from tensorflow.examples.tutorials.mnist import input_data
>>> import tensorflow as tf
>>> mnist = input_data.read_data_sets(".", one_hot=True)
>>> ...
......You may get some congratulatory noise here...
...........Pay it no heed.............

Only "mystery" code in whole workshop!
Just reads in files as we just discussed, in batches. Easy to do but a slight digression.

```
>>> x, y = mnist.train.next_batch(2)
>>> y[0]
array([ 0.,  0.,  0.,  0.,  1.,  0.,  0.,  0.,  0.,  0.])
>>> x[0]
array([ 0.,  0.,  0.,  0.,  0.,  0.,  0.,  0.02352941,  0.76470596,
       0.99607849,  1.,  0.93725497,  0.1137255 ,  0.,  0.,
       0.,  0.,  0.,  0.,  0.,  0.])
```
The API is well documented.

That is terribly unusual.
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>>> W = tf.Variable(tf.zeros([784, 10]))
>>> b = tf.Variable(tf.zeros([10]))
>>> y = tf.matmul(x, W) + b

>>> y_ = tf.placeholder(tf.float32, [None, 10])
```

Regression MNIST

Placeholder
We will use TF placeholders for inputs and outputs. We will use TF Variables for persistent data that we can calculate. NONE means this dimension can be any length.

Image is 784 vector
We have flattened our 28x28 image to a 1-D 784 vector. You will encounter this simplification frequently.

b (Bias)
A bias is often added across all inputs to eliminate some independent “background”.

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Softmax Cross Entropy Loss

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>>> y_ = tf.placeholder(tf.float32, [None, 10])

>>> cross_entropy = tf.reduce_mean(tf.nn.softmax_cross_entropy_with_logits_v2(labels=y_, logits=y))

>>> train_step = tf.train.GradientDescentOptimizer(0.5).minimize(cross_entropy)

>>> sess = tf.InteractiveSession()

>>> tf.global_variables_initializer().run()

>>> 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})

>>> correct_prediction = tf.equal(tf.argmax(y, 1), tf.argmax(y_, 1))

>>> accuracy = tf.reduce_mean(tf.cast(correct_prediction, tf.float32))

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

Softmax Cross Entropy Loss

Here we define the solver and details like step size to minimize our error.

The values coming out of our matrix operations can have large, and negative values. We would like our solution vector to be conventional probabilities that sum to 1.0. An effective way to normalize our outputs is to use the popular Softmax function. Let's look at an example with just three possible digits:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Digit</th>
<th>Output</th>
<th>Exponential</th>
<th>Normalized</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>0</td>
<td>4.8</td>
<td>121</td>
<td>0.87</td>
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<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>-2.6</td>
<td>0.07</td>
<td>0.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>2.9</td>
<td>18</td>
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Given the sensible way we have constructed these outputs, the Cross Entropy Loss function is a good way to define the error across all possibilities. Better than squared error, which we have been using until now. It is defined as $-\sum y_\log y$, or if this really is a 0, $y_=(1,0,0)$, and

$$-\log(0.87) - 0\log(0.0001) - 0\log(0.13) = -\log(0.87) = -0.13$$

You can think that it "undoes" the Softmax, if you want.
Training Regression MNIST

Launch the model and initialize the variables.

Do 1000 iterations with batches of 100 images, labels instead of whole dataset. This is stochastic.
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0.9183

Results

- Argmax selects index of highest value. We end up with a list of booleans showing matches.
- Reduce that list of 0s,1s and take the mean.
- Run the graph on the test dataset to determine accuracy. No solving involved.

Result is 92%.
You may be impressed. *This is a linear matrix that knows how to read numbers by multiplying an image vector!* Or not. Consider this the most basic walkthrough of constructing a graph with TensorFlow.

We can do much better using a real NN. We will even jump quite close to the state-of-the-art and use a Convolutional Neural Net.

This will have a multi-layer structure like the deep networks we considered earlier.

It will also take advantage of the actual 2D structure of the image that we ditched so cavalierly earlier.

It will include dropout! A surprising optimization to many.
Convolutional Net

Local Divisive Normalization

Input Image 1x500x500

Normalized Image 1x500x500

Convolutions w/ filter bank: 20x7x7 kernels

C1: 20x494x494

Pooling: 20x4x4 kernels

S2: 20x123x123

Convs: 100x7x7 kernels

C2: 20x117x117

Pooling: 20x4x4 kernels

C3: 20x29x29

Convs: 800x7x7 kernels

C4: 20x23x23

Linear Classifier

Object Categories / Positions

F6: N x 23 x 23

at (x, y)

at (x, y)

at (x, y)

C5: 200x23x23
Convolution

\[ O_6 = A_1 \cdot I_1 + A_2 \cdot I_2 + A_3 \cdot I_3 + A_4 \cdot I_5 + A_5 \cdot I_6 + A_6 \cdot I_7 + A_7 \cdot I_9 + A_8 \cdot I_{10} + A_9 \cdot I_{11} \]
Convolution
Boundary and Index Accounting!

\[ O_{17} = B_5 \cdot I_1 + B_6 \cdot I_2 + B_8 \cdot I_5 + B_9 \cdot I_6 \]
Straight Convolution

\[ \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & 8 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \]

Edge Detector

From the very nice Stanford CS231n course at http://cs231n.github.io/convolutional-networks/

Stride = 2
Convolution Math

Each Convolutional Layer:

Inputs a volume of size $W_I \times H_I \times D_I$ (D is depth)

Requires four hyperparameters:
- Number of filters $K$
- their spatial extent $N$
- the stride $S$
- the amount of padding $P$

Produces a volume of size $W_O \times H_O \times D_O$

$W_O = (W_I - N + 2P) / S + 1$
$H_O = (H_I - F + 2P) / S + 1$
$D_O = K$

This requires $N \cdot N \cdot D_I$ weights per filter, for a total of $N \cdot N \cdot D_I \cdot K$ weights and $K$ biases

In the output volume, the $d$-th depth slice (of size $W_O \times H_O$) is the result of performing a convolution of the $d$-th filter over the input volume with a stride of $S$, and then offset by $d$-th bias.
Among the several novel techniques combined in this work (such as aggressive use of ReLU), they used dual GPUs, with different flows for each, communicating only at certain layers. A result is that the bottom GPU consistently specialized on color information, and the top did not.
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y_ = tf.placeholder(tf.float32, [None, 10])

x_image = tf.reshape(x, [-1, 28, 28, 1])

W_conv1 = tf.Variable(tf.truncated_normal([5, 5, 1, 32], stddev=0.1))
b_conv1 = tf.Variable(tf.constant(0.1, shape=[32]))
h_conv1 = tf.nn.relu(tf.nn.conv2d(x_image, W_conv1, strides=[1, 1, 1, 1], padding='SAME') + b_conv1)
h_pool1 = tf.nn.max_pool(h_conv1, ksize=[1, 2, 2, 1], strides=[1, 2, 2, 1], padding='SAME')

W_conv2 = tf.Variable(tf.truncated_normal([5, 5, 32, 64], stddev=0.1))
b_conv2 = tf.Variable(tf.constant(0.1, shape=[64]))
h_conv2 = tf.nn.relu(tf.nn.conv2d(h_pool1, W_conv2, strides=[1, 1, 1, 1], padding='SAME') + b_conv2)
h_pool2 = tf.nn.max_pool(h_conv2, ksize=[1, 2, 2, 1], strides=[1, 2, 2, 1], padding='SAME')

W_fc1 = tf.Variable(tf.truncated_normal([7 * 7 * 64, 1024], stddev=0.1))
b_fc1 = tf.Variable(tf.constant(0.1, shape=[1024]))
h_pool2_flat = tf.reshape(h_pool2, [-1, 7*7*64])
h_fc1 = tf.nn.relu(tf.matmul(h_pool2_flat, W_fc1) + b_fc1)

W_fc2 = tf.Variable(tf.truncated_normal([1024, 10], stddev=0.1))
b_fc2 = tf.Variable(tf.constant(0.1, shape=[10]))
keep_prob = tf.placeholder(tf.float32)

h_fc1_drop = tf.nn.dropout(h_fc1, keep_prob)
y_conv = tf.matmul(h_fc1_drop, W_fc2) + b_fc2

cross_entropy = tf.reduce_mean(tf.nn.softmax_cross_entropy_with_logits_v2(labels=y_, logits=y_conv))
train_step = tf.train.AdamOptimizer(1e-4).minimize(cross_entropy)
correct_prediction = tf.equal(tf.argmax(y_conv, 1), tf.argmax(y_, 1))
accuracy = tf.reduce_mean(tf.cast(correct_prediction, tf.float32))

sess = tf.InteractiveSession()
sess.run(tf.global_variables_initializer())

for i in range(20000):
    batch = mnist.train.next_batch(50)
    if i%100 == 0:
        train_accuracy = accuracy.eval(feed_dict={x: batch[0], y_: batch[1], keep_prob: 1.0})
        print("step %d, training accuracy %g"%(i, train_accuracy))
    train_step.run(feed_dict={x: batch[0], y_: batch[1], keep_prob: 0.5})

print("test accuracy %g"%accuracy.eval(feed_dict={x: mnist.test.images, y_: mnist.test.labels, keep_prob: 1.0}))
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**Convolutional MNIST**

**Loading 2D Images**

[batch, height, width, channels] -1 is TF for “unknown”
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The First Layer

We will have 32 5x5 filters in this layer
What values to initialize?
   Small random positive for weights
   Small constant for bias

In general, initialization values are hard to pin down analytically. Values might help optimization but hurt generalization, or vice versa.

The only certainty is you need to have different values to break the symmetry, or else units in the same layer, with the same inputs, would track each other.

Practically, we just pick some "reasonable" values.
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Convolutional MNIST

The First Layer

TF will handle padding ("same" size from one layer to next). More explicit in cuDNN and Caffe
Stride of 1x1
Must be same dims as X (just set depth,batch=1)
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Convolutional MNIST
The First Layer

Add bias and apply our ReLU

Widely adopted around 2010!
Convoluotional MNIST

The First Layer

The image we will pass to the next layer is now 14x14.
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>>> h_conv1 = tf.nn.relu(tf.nn.conv2d(x_image, W_conv1, strides=[1, 1, 1, 1], padding='SAME') + b_conv1)

>>> h_pool1 = tf.nn.max_pool(h_conv1, ksize=[1, 2, 2, 1], strides=[1, 2, 2, 1], padding='SAME')

Convolutional MNIST

The First Layer
Now we have 32 features coming in, and we will use 64 on this layer.

The next layer will be getting a 7x7 image.
Convolutional MNIST

Now we can just flatten our 64 7x7 images into one big vector for the FC layer to analyze.

We will choose 1024 neurons for this layer.
>>> from tensorflow.examples.tutorials.mnist import input_data

>>> import tensorflow as tf

>>> mnist = input_data.read_data_sets(".", one_hot=True)

>>> x = tf.placeholder(tf.float32, [None, 784])

>>> y_ = tf.placeholder(tf.float32, [None, 10])

>>> x_image = tf.reshape(x, [-1,28,28,1])

>>> W_conv1 = tf.Variable(tf.truncated_normal([5, 5, 1, 32], stddev=0.1))

>>> b_conv1 = tf.Variable(tf.constant(0.1,shape=[32]))

>>> h_conv1 = tf.nn.relu(tf.nn.conv2d(x_image, W_conv1,strides=[1, 1, 1, 1], padding='SAME') + b_conv1)

>>> h_pool1 = tf.nn.max_pool(h_conv1, ksize=[1, 2, 2, 1], strides=[1, 2, 2, 1], padding='SAME')

>>> W_conv2 = tf.Variable(tf.truncated_normal([5, 5, 32, 64], stddev=0.1))

>>> b_conv2 = tf.Variable(tf.constant(0.1,shape=[64]))

>>> h_conv2 = tf.nn.relu(tf.nn.conv2d(h_pool1, W_conv2,strides=[1, 1, 1, 1], padding='SAME') + b_conv2)

>>> h_pool2 = tf.nn.max_pool(h_conv2, ksize=[1, 2, 2, 1], strides=[1, 2, 2, 1], padding='SAME')

>>> W_fc1 = tf.Variable(tf.truncated_normal([7 * 7 * 64, 1024], stddev=0.1))

>>> b_fc1 = tf.Variable(tf.constant(0.1,shape=[1024]))

>>> h_pool2_flat = tf.reshape(h_pool2, [-1, 7*7*64])

>>> h_fc1 = tf.nn.relu(tf.matmul(h_pool2_flat, W_fc1) + b_fc1)

>>> W_fc2 = tf.Variable(tf.truncated_normal([1024, 10], stddev=0.1))

>>> b_fc2 = tf.Variable(tf.constant(0.1,shape=[10]))

>>> keep_prob = tf.placeholder(tf.float32)

>>> h_fc1_drop = tf.nn.dropout(h_fc1, keep_prob)

>>> y_conv = tf.matmul(h_fc1_drop, W_fc2) + b_fc2

**Convolutional MNIST**

**Dropout**

We will have a final FC layer that gets us from 1024 neurons down to our 10 possible outputs.
Convolutional MNIST

Last Steps Before Training

Just like the regression model, we will define error as cross entropy and count our correct predictions.

However this time we will use a sophisticated newer (2015) optimizer called ADAM. It is as simple as dropping it in.
>>> from tensorflow.examples.tutorials.mnist import input_data

>>> import tensorflow as tf

>>> mnist = input_data.read_data_sets(".", one_hot=True)

>>> x = tf.placeholder(tf.float32, [None, 784])
>>> y_ = tf.placeholder(tf.float32, [None, 10])

>>> x_image = tf.reshape(x, [-1,28,28,1])

>>> W_conv1 = tf.Variable(tf.truncated_normal([5, 5, 1, 32], stddev=0.1))
>>> b_conv1 = tf.Variable(tf.constant(0.1,shape=[32]))
>>> h_conv1 = tf.nn.relu(tf.nn.conv2d(x_image, W_conv1,strides=[1, 1, 1, 1], padding='SAME') + b_conv1)
>>> h_pool1 = tf.nn.max_pool(h_conv1, ksize=[1, 2, 2, 1], strides=[1, 2, 2, 1], padding='SAME')

>>> W_conv2 = tf.Variable(tf.truncated_normal([5, 5, 32, 64], stddev=0.1))
>>> b_conv2 = tf.Variable(tf.constant(0.1,shape=[64]))
>>> h_conv2 = tf.nn.relu(tf.nn.conv2d(h_pool1, W_conv2,strides=[1, 1, 1, 1], padding='SAME') + b_conv2)
>>> h_pool2 = tf.nn.max_pool(h_conv2, ksize=[1, 2, 2, 1], strides=[1, 2, 2, 1], padding='SAME')

>>> W_fc1 = tf.Variable(tf.truncated_normal([7 * 7 * 64, 1024], stddev=0.1))
>>> b_fc1 = tf.Variable(tf.constant(0.1,shape=[1024]))
>>> h_pool2_flat = tf.reshape(h_pool2, [-1, 7*7*64])
>>> h_fc1 = tf.nn.relu(tf.matmul(h_pool2_flat, W_fc1) + b_fc1)

>>> W_fc2 = tf.Variable(tf.truncated_normal([1024, 10], stddev=0.1))
>>> b_fc2 = tf.Variable(tf.constant(0.1,shape=[10]))
>>> keep_prob = tf.placeholder(tf.float32)
>>> h_fc1_drop = tf.nn.dropout(h_fc1, keep_prob)
>>> y_conv = tf.matmul(h_fc1_drop, W_fc2) + b_fc2

>>> cross_entropy = tf.reduce_mean(tf.nn.softmax_cross_entropy_with_logits(logits=y_conv, labels=y_))

>>> train_step = tf.train.AdamOptimizer(1e-4).minimize(cross_entropy)

>>> correct_prediction = tf.equal(tf.argmax(y_conv,1), tf.argmax(y_,1))
>>> accuracy = tf.reduce_mean(tf.cast(correct_prediction, tf.float32))

>>> sess = tf.InteractiveSession()

>>> sess.run(tf.global_variables_initializer())

>>> for i in range(20000):
    batch = mnist.train.next_batch(50)
    if i%100 == 0:
        train_accuracy = accuracy.eval(feed_dict={x:batch[0], y_: batch[1], keep_prob: 1.0})
        print("step %d, training accuracy %g"%(i, train_accuracy))
    train_step.run(feed_dict={x: batch[0], y_: batch[1], keep_prob: 0.5})

>>> print("test accuracy %g"%accuracy.eval(feed_dict={ x: mnist.test.images, y_: mnist.test.labels, keep_prob: 1.0}))

test accuracy 0.9915

Train away for 20,000 steps in batches of 50. Notice how we turn the dropout off when we periodically check our accuracy.
Convolutional MNIST

Testing

We finally test against a whole difference set of test data (that is what mnist.test returns) and find that we are:

99.15% Accurate!
This *amazing, stunning, beautiful* demo from Adam Harley (now just across campus) is very similar to what we just did, but different enough to be interesting.

http://scs.ryerson.ca/~aharley/vis/conv/flat.html

It is worth experiment with. Note that this is an excellent demonstration of how efficient the forward network is. You are getting very real-time analysis from a lightweight web program. Training it took some time.
Inference is Fast

Perceptual Labs

iPhone Demo

NEURAL NETWORK PROCESSOR

32MB SRAM
96x96 Mul/Add array
ReLU hardware
Pooling hardware
36 TOPS @ 2 GHz
2 per chip, 72 TOPS total
Everyone Doing Specialized Hardware

**NVIDIA**
Volta/Turing
Tensor Cores

4x4 matrix mixed precision matrix multiply machines. 125 FP16 TFlops.

**Google**
TPU

Cloud TPU v3
420 teraflops
128 GB HBM.

**Intel**
Loihi

128-core, 130,000 artificial neurons, and 130 million synapses + 3 managing Lakemont cores.

Also new AVX512_VNNI (Vector Neural Network) instructions like an FMA instruction for 8-bit multiplies with 32-bit accumulates on new processors.

**Neuromorphic**
IBM, ...

Brain only uses 20W.

Analog, pruning, spiking, lots of new directions.

We are also continuously learning how little we know about how biological mechanisms work.
As I've mentioned, labeled data is valuable. This type of *supervised learning* often requires human-labeled data. Getting more out of our expensive data is very desirable. More datapoints generally equals better accuracy. The process of generating more training data from our existing pool is called *Data Augmentation*, and is an extremely common technique, especially for classification problems.

Our MNIST network has learned to recognize very uniformly formatted characters:

What if we wanted to teach it:

![Images of various digits with different invariances](image)

- **Scale Invariance**
- **Rotation Invariance**
- **Noise Tolerance**
- **Translation Invariance**

You can see how straightforward and mechanical this is. And yet very effective. You will often see detailed explanations of the data augmentation techniques employed in any given project.
Style vs. Content

Deep Dream Generator

https://deepdreamgenerator.com/feed
There is a tool that allows us visualize our graph, data and performance more easily. It does require some instrumentation, but you may find it worthwhile.

Our CNN graph.

The time-varying behavior of our first convolutional filter.
Alternative Tools

There are a number of other tools to help you get a handle on your network performance. Perhaps the lightest weight method is to enable graph tracing.

```python
from tensorflow.python.client import timeline

options = tf.RunOptions(trace_level=tf.RunOptions.FULL_TRACE)
run_metadata = tf.RunMetadata()
sess.run(res, options=options, run_metadata=run_metadata)

fetched_timeline = timeline.Timeline(run_metadata.step_stats)
chrome_trace = fetched_timeline.generate_chrome_trace_format()
with open('timeline_01.json', 'w') as tracefile:
    tracefile.write(chrome_trace)
```

In a Chrome browser, go to chrome://tracing. In the upper left corner, you will find Load button. Press it and load your JSON file.

A lightweight debugger is tfdbg. To add support in our example, we simply wrap the Session object with a debugger wrapper. You can activate the tfdbg CLI with the --debug flag at the command line.

```python
from tensorflow.python import debug as tf_debug

csess = tf_debug.LocalCLIDebugWrapperSession(sess)
```
Optimization

The tools may give you some idea of where opportunities for improvement lie. There are many ways to speed up training, and the list of techniques and APIs is constantly growing. Here are a few commonly applicable techniques.

Input
The feed_dicts that we use are slow - they are actual Python. We should instead use the TensorFlow Dataset API (tf.data). This allows pipelining, aggregating from multiple files, and pre-processing. It will also offload much of this work to the CPU. Note that older versions of code may use the deprecated Queue API.

Training
There are many training optimization methods, and most of them are somewhat architecture or dataset dependent. There are some that have fairly general applicability, and which have become widely adopted. One is batch normalization.

I mentioned that normalizing an input dataset (say color balance on images) can make life easier on the network. If you think about how this helps the input layer, you might ask why we don't apply this to deeper layers. Indeed we can. The general idea is to prevent any activation from going very high or low, and the general technique is to track and apply a mean and standard deviation adjustment at each layer (keep the mean activation close to 0 and the activation standard deviation close to 1). It can be as simple as applying `tf.layers.batch_normalization()` to each layer's output (before the activation).
You may have the idea that deep learning has a voracious appetite for GPU cycles. That is absolutely the case, and the leading edge of research is currently limited by available resources. Researchers routinely use many GPUs to train a model. Conversely, the largest resources demand that you use them in a parallel fashion.

Of course there are capabilities built into TensorFlow (and other frameworks) to enable this. For TensorFlow there is a build in Distributed TensorFlow API. It can be a little tricky, and currently has bottlenecks at very large scale.

An alternative that is both lighter-weight (in terms of code modifications) and has demonstrated very good performance on tens of thousands of GPUs is Horovod.
Horovod demonstrates its excellent scalability with a Climate Analytics code that won the Gordon Bell prize in 2018. It predicts Tropical Cyclones and Atmospheric River events based upon climate models. It shows not only the reach of deep learning in the sciences, but the scale at which networks can be trained.

- **1.13 ExaFlops (mixed precision) peak training performance**
- **On 4560 6 GPU nodes (27,360 GPUs total)**
- **High-accuracy (harder when predicting "no hurricane today" is 98% accurate), solved with weighted loss function.**
- **Layers each have different learning rate**
So far we have focused on images, and their classification. You know that deep learning has had success across a wide, and rapidly expanding, number of domains. Even our digit recognition task could be more sophisticated:

- **Classification** (What we did)
- **Localization** (Where is the digit?)
- **Detection** (Are there digits? How many?)
- **Segmentation** (Which pixels are the digits?)

These tasks would call for different network designs. This is where our Day 3 would begin.

Alas, we don't have a Day 3, but we can introduce you to the building blocks that enable these networks as well as those used for so many other applications.
So far, we have used Fully Connected and Convolutional layers. These are ubiquitous, but there are many others:

- Fully Connected (FC)
- Convolutional (CNN)
- Residual (ResNet) [Feed forward]
- Recurrent (RNN), [Feedback, but has vanishing gradients so...]
- Long Short Term Memory (LSTM)
- Transformer (Attention based)
- Bidirectional RNN
- Restricted Boltzmann Machine

Several of these are particularly common...
Residual Neural Net (ResNet)
- Helps preserve reasonable gradients for very deep networks
- Very effective at imagery
- Used by AlphaGo Zero (40 residual CNN layers) in place of previous complex dual network
- 100s of layers common, Pushing 1000

Long Short Term Memory (LSTM)
- Has an actual memory cell
- And a "forget" input
- Many variants*
- *LSTM: A Search Space Odyssey (Greff, et. al.)
- Winning all the competitions.

MNNIST with LSTM:
https://jasdeep06.github.io/posts/Understanding-LSTM-in-Tensorflow-MNIST/
Architectures

With these layers, we can build countless different networks (and use TensorFlow to define them). Again, this is "3rd day" material, but we present them here and you should feel competent to research them yourself.
Auto-Encoder

Input Layer

Latent Features

Decoder

Output Layer
Deepfake Training

Latent Features

Encoder

Bob Decoder

Alice Decoder
Deepfake At Work

Latent Features

Encoder

Bob Decoder

Alice

Bob
The Chinese app Zao did the below in 8 seconds from one photo.

twitter.com/AllanXia/status/1168049059413643265
Learning Approaches

Supervised Learning
How you learned colors.
What we have been doing just now.
Used for: image recognition, tumor identification, segmentation.
Requires labeled data.
Lots of it. Augmenting helps.

Reinforcement Learning
How you learned to walk.
Requires goals (maybe long term, i.e. arbitrary delays between action and reward).
Used for: Go (AlphaGo Zero), robot motion, video games.
Don't just read data, but interact with it!

Unsupervised Learning
(Maybe) how you learned to see.
What we did earlier with clustering and our recommender, and Deepfake.
Find patterns in data, compress data into model, find reducible representation of data.
Used for: Learning from unlabeled data.

All of these have been done with and without deep learning. DL has moved to the forefront of all of these.
That is paraphrasing Yann LeCun, the godfather of Deep Learning.

If it feels like this is an oddly empirical branch of computer science, you are spot on.

Many of these techniques were developed through experimentation, and many of them are not amenable to classical analysis. A theoretician would suggest that non-convex loss functions are at the heart of the matter, and that situation isn’t getting better as many of the latest techniques have made this much worse.

You may also have noticed that many of the techniques we have used today have very recent provenance. This is true throughout the field. Rarely is the undergraduate researcher so reliant upon results groundbreaking papers of a few years ago.

My own humble observation: Deep Learning looks a lot like late 19th century chemistry. There is a weak theoretical basis, but significant experimental breakthroughs of great utility. The lesson from that era was "expect a lot more perspiration than inspiration."
You now have a Toolbox

The reason that we have attempted this ridiculously ambitious workshop is that the field has reached a level of maturity where the tools can encapsulate much of the complexity in black boxes.

One should not be ashamed to use a well-designed black box. Indeed it would be foolish for you to write your own FFT or eigensolver math routines. Besides wasting time, you won’t reach the efficiency of a professionally tuned tool.

On the other hand, most programmers using those tools have been exposed to the basics of the theory, and could dig out their old textbook explanation of how to cook up an FFT. This provides some baseline level of judgement in using tools provided by others.

You are treading on newer ground. However this means there are still major discoveries to be made using these tools in fresh applications.

Any one particularly exciting dimension to this whole situation is that exploring hyperparameters has been very fruitful. The toolbox allows you to do just that.
# Other Toolboxes

You have a plethora of alternatives available as well. You are now in a position to appreciate some comparisons.

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from __future__ import print_function
import keras
from keras.datasets import mnist
from keras.models import Sequential
from keras.layers import Dense, Dropout, Flatten
from keras.layers import Conv2D, MaxPooling2D
from keras import backend as K

batch_size = 128
num_classes = 10
epochs = 12

# input image dimensions
img_rows, img_cols = 28, 28

# the data, split between train and test sets
(x_train, y_train), (x_test, y_test) = mnist.load_data()

if K.image_data_format() == 'channels_first':
    x_train = x_train.reshape(x_train.shape[0], 1, img_rows, img_cols)
    x_test = x_test.reshape(x_test.shape[0], 1, img_rows, img_cols)
    input_shape = (1, img_rows, img_cols)
else:
    x_train = x_train.reshape(x_train.shape[0], img_rows, img_cols, 1)
    x_test = x_test.reshape(x_test.shape[0], img_rows, img_cols, 1)
    input_shape = (img_rows, img_cols, 1)

x_train = x_train.astype('float32')
x_test = x_test.astype('float32')
x_train /= 255
x_test /= 255

model = Sequential()
model.add(Conv2D(32, kernel_size=(3, 3), activation='relu', input_shape=input_shape))
model.add(Conv2D(64, (3, 3), activation='relu'))
model.add(MaxPooling2D(pool_size=(2, 2)))
model.add(Dropout(0.25))
model.add(Flatten())
model.add(Dense(128, activation='relu'))
model.add(Dropout(0.5))
model.add(Dense(num_classes, activation='softmax'))
model.compile(loss=keras.losses.categorical_crossentropy, optimizer=keras.optimizers.Adadelta(), metrics=['accuracy'])

model.fit(x_train, y_train, batch_size=batch_size, epochs=epochs, verbose=1, validation_data=(x_test, y_test))
score = model.evaluate(x_test, y_test, verbose=0)
print('Test loss:', score[0])
print('Test accuracy:', score[1])

# Slightly smaller than our network, but same idea.
From https://github.com/keras-team/keras/blob/master/examples/mnist_cnn.py
Exercises

We are going to leave you with a few substantial problems that you are now equipped to tackle. Feel free to use your extended workshop access to work on these, and remember that additional time is an easy Startup Allocation away. Of course everything we have done is standard and you can work on these problems in any reasonable environment.

MNIST
If you have any proficiency with basic image manipulation, you can vastly improve the generalization with data augmentation.

CIFAR
The CIFAR-10 dataset consists of 60,000 32x32 color images in 10 classes (airplane, auto, bird, cat, dog, ship, etc.) with 6,000 images per class. There are 50,000 training images and 10000 test images.

ImageNet
150,000 photographs, collected from flickr and other search engines, hand labeled with the presence or absence of 1000 object categories. 

Adam Harley's Visualized Network
You can build upon the wonderful demo we saw earlier. Transform that architecture into ours, or ours into that one. Full source code, as well as an excellent paper, can be found here: http://www.cs.cmu.edu/~aharley/vis/
Kaggle Challenge
The benchmark driven nature of deep learning research, and its competitive consequences, have found a nexus at Kaggle.com. There you can find over 20,000 datasets:

Endless Exercises

and competitions:

- **Séverstal: Steel Defect Detection**
  - Can you detect and classify defects in steel?
  - Featured: Kernels Competition - 3 months to go - manufacturing, image data
  - $120,000, 299 teams

- **Two Sigma: Using News to Predict Stock Movements**
  - Use news analytics to predict stock price performance
  - Featured: Kernels Competition - a day to go - news agencies, time series, finance, money
  - $100,000, 2,927 teams

- **APTOS 2019 Blindness Detection**
  - Detect diabetic retinopathy to stop blindness before it’s too late
  - Featured: Kernels Competition - a month to go - healthcare, medicine, image data, multiclass classification...
  - $50,000, 2,106 teams

- **SIIM-ACR Pneumothorax Segmentation**
  - Identify Pneumothorax disease in chest x-rays
  - Featured: a month to go - image data, object segmentation
  - $30,000, 1,281 teams

- **Predicting Molecular Properties**
  - Knowledge: $30,000, 1,281 teams

Including this one:

- **Digit Recognizer**
  - Learn computer vision fundamentals with the famous MNIST data
  - Getting Started: Ongoing - tabular data, image data, multiclass classification, object identification
  - Knowledge, 3,008 teams
Demos

Ray-traced videogames soon? Recurrent CNN.

Demos & Discussion

A wise man once (not that long ago) told me "John, I don't need a neural net to rediscover conservation of energy."

Model-Free Prediction of Large Spatiotemporally Chaotic Systems from Data: A Reservoir Computing Approach

Jaideep Pathak, Brian Hunt, Michelle Girvan, Zhixin Lu, and Edward Ott
Phys. Rev. Lett. 120, 024102 – Published 12 January 2018
Demos

Style vs. Content: A little more subtle

Grab it at https://github.com/NVIDIA/FastPhotoStyle
A Style-Based Generator Architecture for Generative Adversarial Networks

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Abstract

We propose an alternative generator architecture for generative adversarial networks, borrowing from style transfer literature. The new architecture leads to an automatically learned, unsupervised separation of high-level attributes (e.g., pose and identity when trained on human faces) and stochastic variation in the generated images (e.g., freckles, hair), and it enables intuitive, scale-specific control of the synthesis. The new generator improves the state-of-the-art in terms of traditional distribution quality metrics, leads to demonstrably better interpolation properties, and also better disentangles the latent factors of variation. To quantify interpolation quality and disentanglement, we propose two new, automated methods that are applicable to any generator architecture. Finally, we introduce a new, highly varied and high-quality dataset of human faces.

(e.g., pose, identity) from stochastic variation (e.g., freckles, hair) in the generated images, and enables intuitive scale-specific mixing and interpolation operations. We do not modify the discriminator or the loss function in any way, and our work is thus orthogonal to the ongoing discussion about GAN loss functions, regularization, and hyperparameters [23, 38, 5, 34, 37, 31].

Our generator embeds the input latent code into an intermediate latent space, which has a profound effect on how the factors of variation are represented in the network. The input latent space must follow the probability density of the training data, and we argue that this leads to some degree of unavoidable entanglement. Our intermediate latent space is free from that restriction and is therefore allowed to be disentangled. As previous methods for estimating the degree of latent space disentanglement are not directly applicable in our case, we propose two new automated metrics — perceptual path length and linear separability — for quantifying these aspects of the generator. Using these metrics, we show that compared to a traditional generator architecture, our generator admits a more linear, less entangled representation of different factors of variation.

Finally, we present a new dataset, Faces-HQ, that offers considerably wider variation than state-of-the-art high-resolution datasets (Appendix A). Faces-HQ is publicly available, along with trained networks.† The accompanying video is available at http://stylegan.xyz/video.

1. Introduction

The resolution and quality of images produced by generative methods — especially generative adversarial networks (GAN) [18] — have seen rapid improvement recently [26, 38, 5]. Yet the generators continue to operate as black boxes, and despite recent efforts [1], the understanding of various aspects of the image synthesis process, e.g., the origin of stochastic features, is still lacking. The properties of the latent space are also poorly understood, and the commonly demonstrated latent space interpolations [12, 45, 32]...
What is reality?
Where did they get their hyperparameters?

C. Hyperparameters and training details

We build upon the official TensorFlow [1] implementation of Progressive GANs by Karras et al. [26], from which we inherit most of the training details. This original setup corresponds to configuration A in Table 1. In particular, we use the same resolution-dependent minibatch sizes, Adam [28] hyperparameters, and discriminator architecture. We enable mirror augmentation for both CelebA-HQ and FFHQ. Our training time is approximately one week on an NVIDIA DGX-1 with 8 Tesla V100 GPUs.

For our improved baseline (B in Table 1), we make several modifications to improve the overall result quality. We...

3https://github.com/tkarras/progressive.growing.of.gans

...same 40 classifiers, one for each CelebA attribute, are used for measuring the separability metric for all generators. We will release the pre-trained classifier networks so that our measurements can be reproduced.

We do not use batch normalization [25], spectral normalization [38], attention mechanisms [55], dropout [51], or pixelwise feature vector normalization [26] in our networks.
This talk has benefited from the generous use of materials from NVIDIA and Christopher Olah in particular.

The NVIDIA materials were drawn from their excellent Deep Learning Institute

https://developer.nvidia.com/teaching-kits

Christopher Olah’s blog is insightful and not to be missed if you are interested in this field.

http://colah.github.io/

Juergen Schmidhuber, one of the giants in the field, has written the definitive summary (up through 2014) of the deep learning history and landscape:

Deep Learning in Neural Networks: An Overview

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