Frameworks

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Backprop in PyTorch

Simple Model

```
import torch
import torch.nn as nn

class LogisticRegression(nn.Module):
    def __init__(self, input_size, num_classes):
        super(LogisticRegression, self).__init__()
        self.linear = nn.Linear(input_size, num_classes)

def forward(self, x):
    out = self.linear(x)
    return out
```

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    r"""Applies a bilinear transformation to the incoming
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Beauty and peril of working with something like PyTorch!

Computation Graph and Expressions

- Create basic expressions.
- Combine them using operations.
- Expressions represent symbolic computations.
- Actual computation:

```
.value()
.npvalue() #numpy value
.scalar_value()
.cuda() # move to GPU
.forward() # compute expression
```

Running Computation Forward

```
>>> x = torch.Tensor(1, 5)
>>> x
tensor([[ 0.0000, -0.0000,  0.0000, -0.0000,  0.0000]])
>>> x = x*0 + 1
>>> x
tensor([[1., 1., 1., 1., 1.]])
>>> model.forward(x)
tensor([[-0.2263,  0.5485]], grad_fn=<ThAddmmBackward>)
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 - input: as many Tensors as outputs of module (gradient w.r.t. that output)
 - output: as many Tensors as inputs of module (gradient w.r.t. its corresponding input)
 - If inputs do not need gradient (static) you can return None

Trainers and Backprop

- Initialize a Optimizer with a given model's parameter
- Get output for an example / minibatch
- Compute loss and backpropagate
- Take step of Optimizer
- Repeat . . .

Trainers and Backprop

Options for Optimizers

Adadelta Adagrad Adam LBFGS SGD

Closure (LBFGS), learning rate, etc.

Key Points

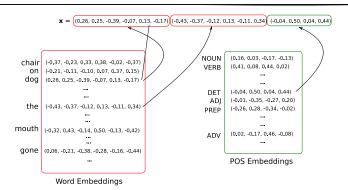
- Create computation graph for each example.
- Graph is built by composing expressions.
- Functions that take expressions and return expressions define graph components.

Word Embeddings and Lookup Parameters

- In NLP, it is very common to use feature embeddings
- Each feature is represented as a *d*-dim vector
- These are then summed or concatenated to form an input vector
- The embeddings can be pre-trained
- But they are usually trained (fine-tunded) with the model

"feature embeddings"





Hints and Tips

- Start with synthetic, small data: you know parameters, make inference rediscovers them
- Go from simple working model to more complex working model: add complexity after minimal model works
- Add asserts to check tensor shapes (optimized run can turn them off)
- Plot gradients per variable