## Parallel Parameter Update for Deep Neural Network





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# Background

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## **Parallel Parameter Update**



### How to improve it? Is it possible to run the program in a parallel way?

Method 1: Run the python program using multiple threads at the same time



Method 2: Run the python program with different processes (Nodes)

- Assume each node with one available process
- Using massage passing to cooperative those python programs

### **Parallel Parameter Update**



## **Experiment Setup**

### Settings:

$$J(\mathbf{w}) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{N} (y_i - \mathbf{w}^{\top} \mathbf{x}_i)^2 + \frac{1}{2} \lambda ||\mathbf{w}||_2^2$$

- ANN model:
  - hidden nodes: [10,50]; regularization parameter: 5;
    # of hidden layer: 1; # of params: 795.2\*#\_hidden.
- CNN model:

```
CNN(
  (conv1): Sequential(
    (0): Conv2d(1, 16, kernel_size=(5, 5), stride=(1, 1), padding=(2, 2))
    (1): ReLU()
    (2): MaxPool2d(kernel_size=(2, 2), stride=(2, 2), dilation=(1, 1), ceil_mode=False)
    (conv2): Sequential(
    (0): Conv2d(16, 32, kernel_size=(5, 5), stride=(1, 1), padding=(2, 2))
    (1): ReLU()
    (2): MaxPool2d(kernel_size=(2, 2), stride=(2, 2), dilation=(1, 1), ceil_mode=False)
    (out): Linear(in_features=1568, out_features=10, bias=True)
}
```

- # of parameters: 28938.
- MPI:
  - Scatter() and Allgather().

Average run time of each iteration with different # of nodes:



Average run time of each iteration with different batch size:



Batch Size	50	100	150	200
Average Time (s)	9.1768	11.94646	12.99369	11.68846

Recognition accuracy with different batch size:



**Recognition accuracy with different batch size:** 



Recognition accuracy with different # of nodes:



**Recognition accuracy with different # of nodes:** 



### Conclusions

- A larger batch size is good for the training of the model (related to convergence).
- When the batch size is large enough, increasing the number of parallel nodes has not had that many benefits.
- When the batch size is quite small, increasing the number of parallel nodes will do good to the training process to some degree. However, this will also increase the overhead of the system.
- Using more parallel nodes can smooth SGD algorithm.

# Thanks! Questions?