Advanced ML in Google Cloud



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Agenda

- General Notes on Pipelining
- Some History
- Distributed Processing in Tensorflow
- Cloud ML Engine in Google Cloud
- Misc. features and TPUs

Background on ML pipelines

What is an ML pipeline?

```
# load a file
f = engine.adobe.File("/Users/josh/Downloads/collaborate-better-go-faster.jpg")
engine.adobe.app.load(f)

# get the active layer for the new document
layer = engine.adobe.app.activeDocument.activeLayer

# duplicate the active layer and adjust the brightness/contrast
for i in range(-50, 50, 10):
    brightness = -1 * i
    contrast = i
    new_layer = layer.duplicate()
    new_layer.adjustBrightnessContrast(brightness, contrast)
```



Background on ML pipelines

- What is an ML pipeline?
- Why do we need an ML pipeline?

Local machine is not fast enough to run the computations effectively

Require specialized hardware

Hard drive isn't large enough to store data

Want to do stream rather than batch processing

Want to parallelize tasks using multiple machines

Want to collaborate on development without replicating dev state

Want to get several of these features "for free" without changing my workflow (too much)

... a bit of history of server pipelining

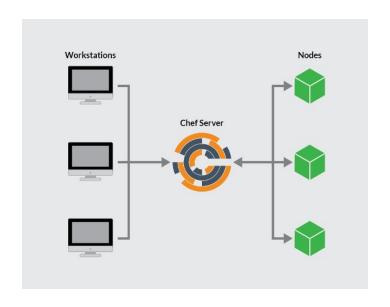
Here's a very basic way to orchestrate your servers...

What's wrong?

```
$ for SVR in 1 2 3
> do
> ssh root@server0$SVR.example.com -p
******
> # DO SOMETHING
> done
```

... a bit of history of scaling datacenters

Here are slightly less basic way to orchestrate your servers:

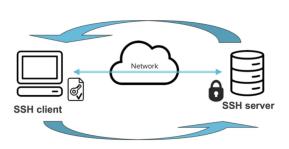


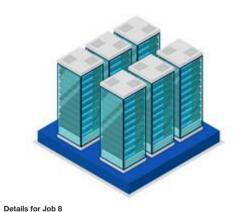


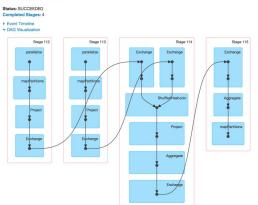


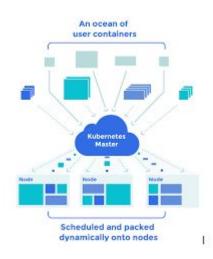
Types of pipelines

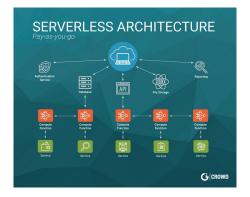






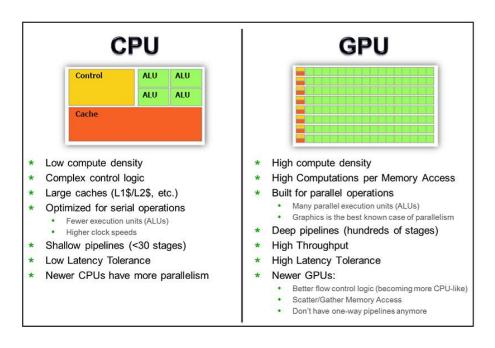






A Note on GPU sharing

- GPUs are very difficult to virtualize for obvious reasons...
 - CUDA (Nvidia GPU API) is essentially written for single processes
 - GPU memory-sharing limits processing capabilities
 - Time-sharing: interleave processes in time domain (doesn't add any savings...)
- Though, this will probably change in our lifetime



- Create multiple tensorflow processes
- Communicate over sockets
- Can live on multiple servers (with tensorflow server daemon)
- Can live on same machine with different GPUs or with same CPUs

```
tf.train.ClusterSpec construction
                                                                                  Available tasks
                                                                                  /iob:local/task:0
tf.train.ClusterSpec({"local": ["localhost:2222", "localhost:2223"]})
                                                                                  /job:local/task:1
tf.train.ClusterSpec({
                                                                                  /job:worker/task:0
    "worker": [
                                                                                  /job:worker/task:1
        "worker0.example.com:2222".
                                                                                  /iob:worker/task:2
        "worker1.example.com:2222".
                                                                                  /job:ps/task:0
        "worker2.example.com:2222"
                                                                                  /job:ps/task:1
    "ps": [
         'ps0.example.com:2222",
        "ps1.example.com:2222"
    ]})
```

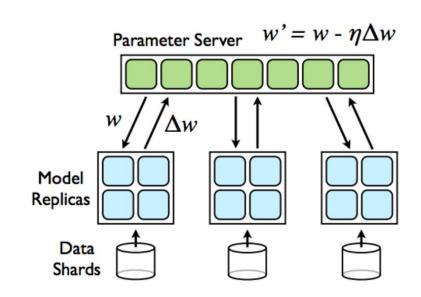
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    "worker": [
                                                                                /job:worker/task:1
        "worker0.example.com:2222".
                                                                                /iob:worker/task:2
        "worker1.example.com:2222",
                                                                                /job:ps/task:0
        "worker2.example.com:2222"
                                                                                /iob:ps/task:1
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        "ps0.example.com:2222",
        "ps1.example.com:2222"
    1})
```

So why might you want to do this?

```
with tf.device("/job:ps/task:0"):
  weights_1 = tf.Variable(...)
  biases_1 = tf.Variable(...)
with tf.device("/job:ps/task:1"):
  weights_2 = tf.Variable(...)
  biases_2 = tf.Variable(...)
with tf.device("/job:worker/task:7"):
  input, labels = ...
  layer_1 = tf.nn.relu(tf.matmul(input, weights_1)
+ biases_1)
  logits = tf.nn.relu(tf.matmul(layer_1,
weights_2) + biases_2)
  # ...
  train_{op} = ...
with tf.Session("grpc://worker7.example.com:2222")
as sess:
  for _ in range(10000):
    sess.run(train_op)
```

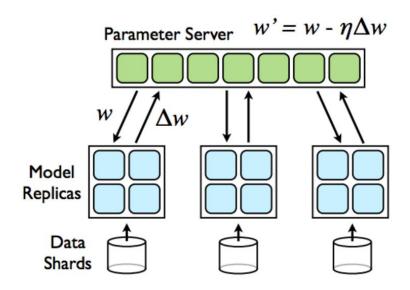
So why might you want to do this?

- Lots of data and lots of GPUs
- Data >> learning rate
- Certain algorithms benefit from this kind of parallelism (e.g. A3C)
- Gradients roughly commutative



Merging gradients

- Synchronous: Gradient Averaging
- Asynchronous: Gradient aggregation



Takeaways:

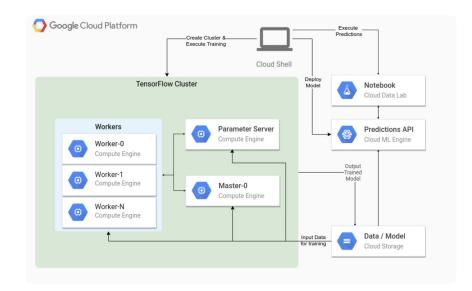
- Tensorflow can abstract out between-process or between-machine communication
- Potential massive time savings for compute-intensive network training

Future

- Potential for containerization (e.g. Kubernetes-style)
- Potential for high-level software abstraction (e.g. Spark-style)

Cloud ML

- Simple API for testing and deploying tensorflow/python code
- Local development environment
 - Single node mode
 - Distributed mode
- Cloud deployment functionalities
 - Online prediction (i.e. serverless event-driven)
 - Batch prediction



Cloud ML - local testing

Specify env vars:

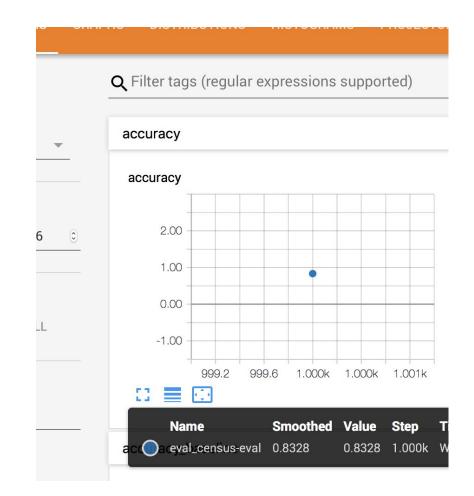
```
MODEL_DIR=output
TRAIN_DATA=$(pwd)/data/adult.data.csv
EVAL_DATA=$(pwd)/data/adult.test.csv
```

Build and train your model locally:

```
gcloud ml-engine local train \
    --module-name trainer.task \
    --package-path trainer/ \
    --job-dir $MODEL_DIR \
    -- \
    --train-files $TRAIN_DATA \
    --eval-files $EVAL_DATA \
    --train-steps 1000 \
    --eval-steps 1000
```

Inspect results in Tensorboard:

tensorboard --logdir=\$MODEL_DIR



Cloud ML - deploy remotely

Create a cloud storage bucket and upload your data:

```
gsutil mb -l $REGION gs://$BUCKET_NAME
```

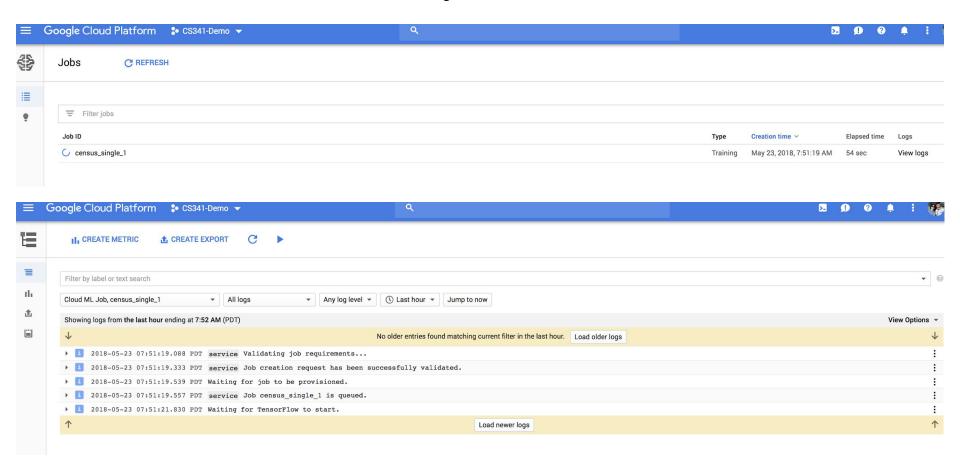
Now point your environment vars to the new data:

```
TRAIN_DATA=gs://$BUCKET_NAME/data/adult.data.csv
EVAL_DATA=gs://$BUCKET_NAME/data/adult.test.csv
TEST_JSON=gs://$BUCKET_NAME/data/test.json
OUTPUT_PATH=gs://$BUCKET_NAME/$JOB_NAME
```

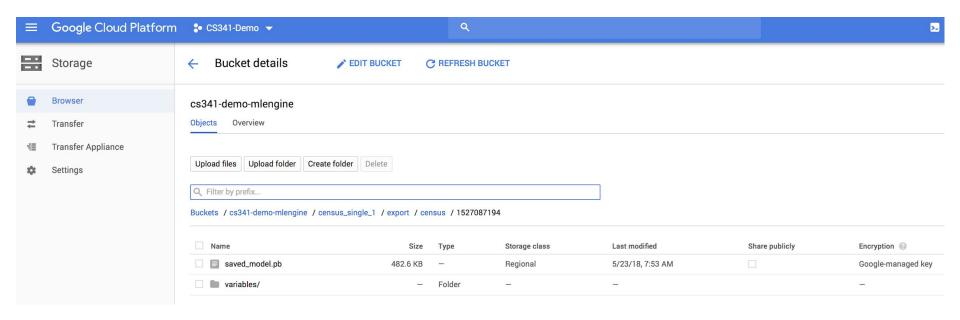
And run a (slightly modified) command:

```
gcloud ml-engine jobs submit training $JOB_NAME \
    --job-dir $OUTPUT_PATH \
    --runtime-version 1.4 \
    --module-name trainer.task \
    --package-path trainer/ \
    --region $REGION \
    -- \
    --train-files $TRAIN_DATA \
    --eval-files $EVAL_DATA \
    --eval-steps 1000 \
    --eval-steps 1000 \
    --verbosity DEBUG
```

Cloud ML - train remotely



Cloud ML - deploy model



```
MODEL_NAME=census
MODEL_BINARIES=gs://$BUCKET_NAME/census_single_1/export/census/1527087194/
gcloud ml-engine versions create v1 \
--model $MODEL_NAME \
--origin $MODEL_BINARIES \
--runtime-version 1.4
```

Cloud ML - productize model

```
test.ison — census
                                                                                                                      UN
     task.pv
                         model.py
                                             test.json
      {"age": 25, "workclass": " Private", "education": " 11th", "education_num": 7, "marital_status": "
           Never-married", "occupation": " Machine-op-inspct", "relationship": " Own-child", "race": "
           Black", "gender": " Male", "capital_gain": 0, "capital_loss": 0, "hours_per_week": 40, "
           native country": " United-States"}
gcloud ml-engine predict \
--model $MODEL_NAME \
--version v1 \
--ison-instances \
../test.json
  Creating version (this might take a few minutes).....done.
  → estimator gcloud ml-engine predict \
  --model $MODEL NAME \
  --version v1 \
  --json-instances \
  ../test.json
  CLASS_IDS CLASSES LOGISTIC
                                       LOGITS
                                                            PROBABILITIES
  [0]
           [u'0']
                   [0.06335537880659103]
                                       [-2.6935441493988037]
                                                            [0.93664461374
  28284, 0.06335537135601044]
  → estimator
```

Cloud ML - further features

- Distributed mode (runs multiple parallel workers)
- Hyperparameter Tuning (trains multiple concurrent models and selects best)
- Easy to connect GPUs and TPUs

Cloud ML - Using TPUs

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- What is a TPU?



Cloud ML - Using TPUs

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- What is a TPU?
- Results are mixed
 - Hosted GPUs are more predictable and not necessarily slower
 - TPUs are more capable for inference but not necessarily training
 - Fine tuning/optimizing DL training is key
- https://cloud.google.com/ml-engine/docs/tensorflow/using-tpus