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A Comparative Analysis of CPU and GPU-Based Cloud Platforms for CNN Binary Classification

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Introduction



Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs):

• Specialized for image classification,

detection, and segmentation.

- Extract features using pooling layers for accurate predictions.
- Inspired by the human visual cortex.
- Trained on extensive datasets with backpropagation and human-configured parameters.



Image adapted from Ng, Andrew. "AI for Everyone." Coursera.



Goals and Objectives of our paper



The goal of our paper is to:

- Evaluate CNN binary classification performance on CPU and GPU cloud platforms.
- Provide comprehensive benchmarking analysis of computational efficiency.

Objectives of our study are:

- Comparative analysis of CPU vs. GPU performance for CNNs.
- Methodological insights into implementing CNNs on different architectures.
- Empirical data from extensive experiments on benchmarking datasets.
- Practical guidelines for deploying CNN models on CPU and GPU platforms.



Literature Review



Importance of CNNs:

- GPUs outperform CPUs by 2 to 24 times in CNN tasks due to parallel processing capabilities (Strigl et al., 2010; Cengil et al., 2017).
- CPUs have sequential processing limitations (Strigl et al., 2010).

Performance Factors:

- Power efficiency and cost are critical in hardware selection (Süzen, 2020).
- CPUs in embedded systems achieve 65% of a PC's GPU performance with only 2.6% of the power (Oh et al., 2017).

Benchmarking Studies:

• Machine learning models predict CNN execution time, power, and memory usage to aid hardware selection (Bouzidi et al., 2022).







Methodology

1. CNN Architecture:

- The architecture includes input layers, convolutional and pooling layers, and fully connected layers.
- The goal is to recognize and interpret intricate patterns in the dataset, consisting of high-quality images of dogs and cats.

Image adapted from Phung, V. H. and E. J. Rhee (2018). Journal of information and communication convergence engineering 16(3): 173-178.



Methodology



Utilized comprehensive datasets from Kaggle and Google.

2. Data Acquisition

Included a diverse collection of high-quality images of various dog and cat breeds.

These datasets are essential for training and evaluating the CNN models effectively.







Methodology

3. Experimental setup:

- Trained CNN model using Google Colab with Keras support on Google Cloud's CPUs and GPUs.
- Achieved high training speeds and used network pruning without losing accuracy.
- Made minor code adjustments to improve GPU performance and ensure consistency.
- Imported data from Google Drive, transitioned from CPU to GPU training, and optimized tensor operations and memory management for faster, accurate results.



Evaluation Metrics



1. True Positive Rate (TPR):

$$TPR = \frac{TP}{TP + FN} \quad \Longrightarrow$$

- Measures the proportion of correctly identified positive instances.
- Essential for evaluating the model's accuracy in scenarios with class imbalances.

2. Training Time:

- Monitored to assess model efficiency across different hardware setups.
- Highlights trade-offs between accuracy and speed.





Results



> Trained model on an 8000-image dataset of dogs and cats.

Batch sizes (16, 32, 64, 128) and Epochs (1 to 5).

Used 1000-image dataset for comparative analysis.



Observations

- CPU has a better TPR than GPU in the early epoch.
- GPU shows consistent improvement, especially in later epochs.
- GPU achieves peak TPR in the fourth epoch.
- Overall, GPUs demonstrate superior performance in extensive training iterations compared to CPUs.

















Training Time (seconds) TPR by Batch Size

Observations

- GPUs have consistently shorter training times across all batch sizes compared to CPUs.
- GPU training times remain stable as batch sizes increase, while CPU times rise.
- GPUs offer a clear advantage in training time efficiency over CPUs.
- GPUs reach high TPR with shorter training times compared to CPUs.
- GPUs achieve peak TPR faster than CPUs.
- CPUs show a slight TPR decline beyond 600 seconds, while GPUs maintain stable high performance.



Conclusion & Future work



- GPUs consistently outperformed CPUs in training efficiency and execution speed.
- GPUs achieved higher or comparable True Positive Rates (TPR) with marked performance consistency.
- GPUs showed superior efficiency, especially with increased batch sizes, compared to CPUs.
- GPUs offer substantial advantages in speed and accuracy for extensive CNN tasks.
- Include more hardware models, such as NVIDIA's Tesla and RTX series.

Conclusion

- Better understand CPU and GPU performance differences to select optimal hardware for CNN tasks.
- Conduct cost and performance analysis to improve hardware selection and

Future Work





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