



Federated Learning (FL) Lab

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- Federated Averaging
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Background

- Recently, attributed to the collection of massive data from users or organizations, AI has been thriving for years.
- However, some private data is also collected during data collection, such as the shopping behaviors, facial images, house locations, etc.
- Data breach is becoming more and more severe, and many governments have issued data privacy protecting laws.





Background

• AI model training based on distributed computing and edge computing is required.





Background

• Different from traditional settings, data cannot be collected and naturally exists locally.



Fig. 3. Architecture for a horizontal federated learning system



Contributions

- Consider the problem of training dispersed data from mobile devices as an important research direction.
- Propose a simple and practical algorithm for Federated Averaging.
- An extensive empirical evaluation of the proposed algorithms shows that they are robust to non-independently identically distributed (Non-IID) and unbalanced data.





Federated learning review

• Learning tasks are handled by a loose federation of participating devices (clients) coordinated by a central server.





Federated learning review

• Each client has a local training data set that does not need to be uploaded to the server and only sends local model parameters for each update.







Federated learning (FL) review: ideal FL

- Training on **real-world data** from mobile devices has distinct advantages over the proxy data that is ubiquitous in data centers.
- This data is **privacy-sensitive** or large (compared to the size of the model) to avoid recording it to the data center for model training.
- For supervised tasks, labels on data can be naturally inferred from user interactions.







Federated learning (FL) review: privacy

- In the traditional distributed training setting, even if an "anonymous" data set is held, users' privacy will be threatened through the **connection with other data**.
- In contrast, the information transmitted in FL is the minimum update (all/part of the model parameters) needed to improve a particular model, and less information means a lower risk of privacy disclosure.
- Combining FL with secure multi-party computing and differential privacy.







Federated settings

- Non-IID data: Training data on a given client is usually based on mobile device usage by a particular user, so any local data set for a particular user does not represent a group distribution.
- Imbalance: Some users will use the service or application more than others, resulting in **different amounts of local training data**.
- Massive clients: We expect the number of clients participating in the FL to be much larger than the average number of instances per client.
- Limited communication: Mobile devices are often offline or in a slow or expensive connection.





Objective

$$\min_{w \in \mathbb{R}^d} f(w) \quad \text{where} \quad f(w) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n f_i(w). \quad (1)$$

$$f(w) = \sum_{k=1}^K \frac{n_k}{n} F_k(w) \quad \text{where} \quad F_k(w) = \frac{1}{n_k} \sum_{i \in \mathcal{P}_k} f_i(w).$$

 $f_i(w) = l(x_i, y_i; w)$

K number of clients P_k the distribution of local data n_k the number of local data samples



Limited communication

- In data center optimization, communication costs are relatively small while computing costs dominate, and recent emphasis has been on using GPUs to reduce these costs.
 In contrast, in joint optimization, communication costs dominate -- we're typically limited by upload bandwidth of 1MB/s or less.
- Clients typically volunteer for optimization only when charging, plugging in, and using a non-billable Wi-Fi connection, and we expect each client to participate in a small number of update sessions per day.
- Modern smartphones have plenty of local computing power and small datasets on a single device.







Reduce communication

- Increasing **parallelism**, that is, using more clients to work independently between rounds of communication.
- Add computations per client, that is, **perform more complex computations** (such as cumulative training) between rounds of communication.







Federated Averaging

Algorithm 1 FederatedAveraging. The K clients are indexed by k; B is the local minibatch size, E is the number of local epochs, and η is the learning rate.

Server executes:

initialize w_0 for each round t = 1, 2, ... do $m \leftarrow \max(C \cdot K, 1)$ $S_t \leftarrow (\text{random set of } m \text{ clients})$ for each client $k \in S_t$ in parallel do $w_{t+1}^k \leftarrow \text{ClientUpdate}(k, w_t)$ $w_{t+1} \leftarrow \sum_{k=1}^K \frac{n_k}{n} w_{t+1}^k$

ClientUpdate(k, w): // Run on client k $\mathcal{B} \leftarrow (\text{split } \mathcal{P}_k \text{ into batches of size } B)$ for each local epoch *i* from 1 to *E* do for batch $b \in \mathcal{B}$ do $w \leftarrow w - \eta \nabla \ell(w; b)$ return *w* to server

- K: Client amount
- B: Batch size
- E: Local training rounds
- η : Local learning rate





Federated Averaging

- It is beneficial to initialize local models with the common start point
- Mixed weight = $\theta w + (1 \theta)w'$





Experiments

- Image classification: MNIST handwritten digital recognition
- Language modeling: Dataset based on the Complete Works of William Shakespeare







Experiments (MNIST)

- IID: shuffling the data and dividing it into 100 clients, each receiving 600 examples.
- Non-IID: (1) sort the data by number label; (2) divide it into 200 shards of size 300; (3) assign 2 shards to each of the 100 clients, most clients will have only two number examples.





Experiments (MNIST)

• 1) A simple multilayer-perceptron with 2-hidden layers with 200 units each using ReLU activations (199,210 total parameters), which we refer to as the MNIST 2NN.





return x



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Experiments (MNIST)

 2) A CNN with two 5x5 convolution layers (the first with 32 channels, the second with 64, each followed with 2x2 max pooling), a fully connected layer with 512 units and ReLU activation, and a final softmax output layer (1,663,370 total parameters).







Section Experiments (Key hyperparameters)

- C: Proportion of clients participating in calculation: 1 indicates that all clients participate in training
- E: Number of training cycles per client between two communications
- B: Mini-batch size of each client. ∞ indicates full-batch
- $u_k = E \frac{n_k}{R}$: The total number of updates in each iteration on client k



Experiments (communication rounds)

| 2NN | II —— II | D | ——Non-IID —— | | | | | | |
|-----------------------|--------------|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| C | $B = \infty$ | B = 10 | $B = \infty$ | B = 10 | | | | | |
| 0.0 | 1455 | 316 | 4278 | 3275 | | | | | |
| 0.1 | 1474 (1.0×) | $87(3.6\times)$ | $1796(2.4 \times)$ | $664 (4.9 \times)$ | | | | | |
| 0.2 | 1658 (0.9×) | $77(4.1 \times)$ | $1528(2.8\times)$ | 619 (5.3×) | | | | | |
| 0.5 | — (—) | $75(4.2 \times)$ | — (—) | $443(7.4\times)$ | | | | | |
| 1.0 | — (—) | $70(4.5 \times)$ | — (—) | 380 (8.6×) | | | | | |
| $\mathbf{CNN}, E = 5$ | | | | | | | | | |
| 0.0 | 387 | 50 | 1181 | 956 | | | | | |
| 0.1 | 339 (1.1×) | $18(2.8\times)$ | $1100(1.1\times)$ | $206(4.6\times)$ | | | | | |
| 0.2 | 337 (1.1×) | $18(2.8\times)$ | 978 (1.2×) | $200(4.8\times)$ | | | | | |
| 0.5 | 164 (2.4×) | $18(2.8\times)$ | 1067 (1.1×) | 261 (3.7×́) | | | | | |
| 1.0 | 246 (1.6×́) | 16 (3.1×) | — ` (—́) | 97 (9.9×) | | | | | |

C = 0.1 is the best

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Experiments (communication rounds)

| MNIST CNN, 99% ACCURACY | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|----|----------|----------------|---------------------|---------------------|--|
| CNN | E | B | u | IID | Non-IID | |
| FedSGD | 1 | ∞ | 1 | 626 | 483 | |
| FEDAVG | 5 | ∞ | 5 | $179 (3.5 \times)$ | $1000 (0.5 \times)$ | |
| FEDAVG | 1 | 50 | 12 | 65 (9.6×) | 600 (0.8×) | |
| FEDAVG | 20 | ∞ | 20 | 234 $(2.7\times)$ | 672 (0.7×) | |
| FEDAVG | 1 | 10 | 60 | $34(18.4\times)$ | 350 (1.4×) | |
| FEDAVG | 5 | 50 | 60 | 29 (21.6×) | 334 (1.4×) | |
| FEDAVG | 20 | 50 | 240 | 32 (19.6×) | 426 (1.1×) | |
| FEDAVG | 5 | 10 | 300 | $20(31.3\times)$ | 229 $(2.1\times)$ | |
| FEDAVG | 20 | 10 | 1200 | 18 (34.8×) | 173 (2.8×) | |
| SHAKESPEARE LSTM, 54% ACCURACY | | | | | | |
| LSTM | E | B | $oldsymbol{u}$ | IID | Non-IID | |
| FedSGD | 1 | ∞ | 1.0 | 2488 | 3906 | |
| FEDAVG | 1 | 50 | 1.5 | $1635 (1.5 \times)$ | 549 $(7.1\times)$ | |
| FEDAVG | 5 | ∞ | 5.0 | 613 (4.1×) | 597 (6.5×) | |
| FEDAVG | 1 | 10 | 7.4 | 460 (5.4×) | 164 (23.8×) | |
| FEDAVG | 5 | 50 | 7.4 | 401 (6.2×) | 152 (25.7×́) | |
| FEDAVG | 5 | 10 | 37.1 | 192 (13.0×) | 41 (95.3×) | |

FedSGD: C = 1 and Full-Batch Optimization

FedAvg: C = 0.1

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Experiments (training loss curves)



- C: Proportion of clients participating in calculation, C=0.1
- E: Number of training cycles per client between two communications
- **B:** Mini-batch size of each client. B=10.



Experiments (training loss curves)



LSTM

- C: Proportion of clients participating in calculation, C=0.1
- E: Number of training cycles per client between two communications
- **B:** Mini-batch size of each client. B=10.



- Observation
- Contrastive learning

MOON



Observation

• The global model trained on a whole dataset can learn a better representation than the local model trained on a skewed subset.





Observation

- The global model trained on a whole dataset can learn a better representation than the local model trained on a skewed subset.
- Propose model-contrastive learning (MOON), which corrects the local updates by maximizing the agreement of representation learned by the current local model and the representation learned by the global model.





Contrastive learning

• The key idea of contrastive learning is to reduce the distance between the representations of different augmented views of the same image (i.e., positive pairs), and increase the distance between the representations of augmented views of different images (i.e., negative pairs)

$$l_{i,j} = -\log \frac{\exp(\operatorname{sim}(x_i, x_j)/\tau)}{\sum_{k=1}^{2N} \mathbb{I}_{[k \neq i]} \exp(\operatorname{sim}(x_i, x_k)/\tau)}$$





MOON

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- Global representation
- Local representation
- Current representation $z = R_{w_i^t}(x)$

$$z_{glob} = R_{w^{t}}(x)$$

$$w_{i}^{t-1} \text{ (i.e., } z_{prev} = R_{w_{i}^{t-1}}(x) \text{).}$$

$$con = -\log \frac{\exp(\sin(z, z_{glob})/\tau)}{1-1}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{con} = -\log \frac{1}{\exp(\sin(z, z_{glob})/\tau) + \exp(\sin(z, z_{prev})/\tau)}$$

$$\ell = \ell_{sup}(w_i^t; (x, y)) + \mu \ell_{con}(w_i^t; w_i^{t-1}; w^t; x)$$

$$\min_{w_i^t} \mathbb{E}_{(x,y)\sim D^i} [\ell_{sup}(w_i^t; (x,y)) + \mu \ell_{con}(w_i^t; w_i^{t-1}; w^t; x)].$$







MOON

Algorithm 1: The MOON framework Input: number of communication rounds T, number of parties N, number of local epochs E, temperature τ, learning rate η, hyper-parameter μ Output: The final model w^T Server executes: initialize w⁰

3 for
$$t = 0, 1, ..., T - 1$$
 do
4 for $i = 1, 2, ..., N$ in parallel do
5 lend the global model w^t to P_i
6 $w_i^t \leftarrow \text{PartyLocalTraining}(i, w^t)$
7 $w^{t+1} \leftarrow \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{|\mathcal{D}^i|}{|\mathcal{D}|} w_k^t$
8 return w^T

9 **PartyLocalTraining** (i, w^t) : 10 $w_i^t \leftarrow w^t$ 11 for epoch i = 1, 2, ..., E do for each batch $\mathbf{b} = \{x, y\}$ of \mathcal{D}^i do 12 $\ell_{sup} \leftarrow CrossEntropyLoss(F_{w_i^t}(x), y)$ 13 $z \leftarrow R_{w_i^t}(x)$ 14 $z_{qlob} \leftarrow R_{w^t}(x)$ 15 $z_{prev} \leftarrow R_{w_i^{t-1}}(x)$ 16 $\ell_{con} \leftarrow$ 17
$$\begin{split} &-\log \frac{\exp(\sin(z, z_{glob})/\tau)}{\exp(\sin(z, z_{glob})/\tau) + \exp(\sin(z, z_{prev})/\tau)} \\ &\ell \leftarrow \ell_{sup} + \mu \ell_{con} \\ &w_i^t \leftarrow w_i^t - \eta \nabla \ell \end{split}$$
18 19 20 return w_i^t to server

FedDyn algorithm



- Intuition
- FedDyn
- Analysis



Intuition

- Training models on local data that minimize local empirical loss appears to be meaningful, but yet, doing so is fundamentally inconsistent with minimizing the global empirical loss.
- Dynamically modify the device objective with a penalty term so that, in the limit, when model parameters converge, they do so to stationary points of the global empirical loss.





FedDyn

Algorithm 1: Federated Dynamic Regularizer - (FedDyn)


Analysis

$$\boldsymbol{\theta}_{k}^{t} = \operatorname*{argmin}_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \left[\Re_{k}(\boldsymbol{\theta}; \boldsymbol{\theta}_{k}^{t-1}, \boldsymbol{\theta}^{t-1}) \triangleq L_{k}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) - \langle \nabla L_{k}(\boldsymbol{\theta}_{k}^{t-1}), \boldsymbol{\theta} \rangle + \frac{\alpha}{2} \|\boldsymbol{\theta} - \boldsymbol{\theta}^{t-1}\|^{2} \right]$$

• The first order condition

$$\nabla L_k(\boldsymbol{\theta}_k^t) - \nabla L_k(\boldsymbol{\theta}_k^{t-1}) + \alpha(\boldsymbol{\theta}_k^t - \boldsymbol{\theta}^{t-1}) = \mathbf{0}$$

• If local device models converge, they converge to the server model, and the convergence point is a stationary point of the global loss.

if $\theta_k^t \to \theta_k^\infty$, it generally follows that, $\nabla L_k(\theta_k^t) \to \nabla L_k(\theta_k^\infty)$, and as a consequence, we have $\theta^t \to \theta_k^\infty$. In turn this implies that $\theta_k^\infty \to \theta^\infty$, i.e., is independent of k.

KT-pFL algorithm



- Intuition
- Knowledge Distillation (KD)

• KT-pFL



KT-pFL algorithm

Intuition

- Main idea is to allow each client to maintain a personalized soft prediction at the server that can be updated by a linear combination of all clients local soft predictions using a knowledge coefficient matrix.
- Regardless of model structures







Showledge Distillation (KD)

• Transfer knowledge from well-learned teacher model to student model



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Knowledge Distillation (KD)

Classification







Moveledge Distillation (KD)

• Response-based KD









KT-pFL

• Objective

$$\min_{\mathbf{w}} \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{w}) := \sum_{n=1}^{N} \frac{D_n}{D} \mathcal{L}_n(\mathbf{w}), \text{ where } \mathcal{L}_n(\mathbf{w}) = \frac{1}{D_n} \sum_{i=1}^{D_n} \mathcal{L}_{CE}(\mathbf{w}; x_i, y_i).$$

$$\min_{\mathbf{w}^1,\cdots,\mathbf{w}^N} \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{w}^1,\cdots,\mathbf{w}^N) := \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{D_n}{D} L_n(\mathbf{w}^n)$$





KT-pFL

- Personalized loss function
 - Kullback–Leibler (KL) Divergence
 - c_{mn} is the knowledge coefficient which is used to estimate the contribution from client m to n.
 - $s(w^n, \hat{x})$ can be deemed to be a soft prediction of the client n

$$\mathcal{L}_{per,n}(\mathbf{w}^n) := \mathcal{L}_n(\mathbf{w}^n) + \lambda \sum_{\hat{x} \in \mathbb{D}_r} \mathcal{L}_{KL} \left(\sum_{m=1}^N c_{mn} \cdot s(\mathbf{w}^m, \hat{x}), s(\mathbf{w}^n, \hat{x}) \right)$$

$$s(\mathbf{w}^n, \hat{x}) = \frac{\exp(z_c^n/T)}{\sum_{c=1}^C \exp(z_c^n/T)},$$



Knowledge coefficient matrix

$$\mathbf{c} = \begin{cases} c_{11} & c_{12} & \cdots & c_{1N} \\ c_{21} & c_{22} & \cdots & c_{2N} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ c_{N1} & c_{N2} & \cdots & c_{NN} \end{cases}.$$





KT-pFL

• Objective

$$\min_{\mathbf{w},\mathbf{c}} \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{w},\mathbf{c}) := \sum_{n=1}^{N} \frac{D_n}{D} \mathcal{L}_{per,n}(\mathbf{w}^n) + \rho \|\mathbf{c} - \frac{\mathbf{1}}{N}\|^2$$

 $\mathbf{w} = [\mathbf{w}^1, \cdots, \mathbf{w}^N] \in \mathbb{R}^{\sum_{n=1}^N d_n}$





KT-pFL

- Training
 - Update w
 - Local Training
 - Distillation
 - Update c

$$\mathbf{w}^n \leftarrow \mathbf{w}^n - \eta_1 \nabla_{\mathbf{w}^n} \mathcal{L}_n(\mathbf{w}^n; \xi_n),$$

$$\mathbf{w}^{n} \leftarrow \mathbf{w}^{n} - \eta_{2} \nabla_{\mathbf{w}^{n}} \mathcal{L}_{KL} \left(\sum_{m=1}^{N} \mathbf{c}_{m}^{*,T} \cdot s(\mathbf{w}^{m}, \xi_{r}), s(\mathbf{w}^{n}, \xi_{r}) \right)$$

$$\mathbf{c} \leftarrow \mathbf{c} - \eta_3 \lambda \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{D_n}{D} \nabla_{\mathbf{c}} \mathcal{L}_{KL} \left(\sum_{m=1}^N \mathbf{c}_m \cdot s(\mathbf{w}^{m,*}, \xi_r), s(\mathbf{w}^{n,*}, \xi_r) \right) - 2\eta_3 \rho(\mathbf{c} - \frac{1}{N})$$





KT-pFL algorithm



| Algorithm 1 KT-pFL Algorithm |
|---|
| Input: \mathbb{D} , \mathbb{D}_r , η_1 , η_2 , η_3 and T |
| Output: $\mathbf{w} = [\mathbf{w}^1, \cdots, \mathbf{w}^N]$ |
| 1: Initialize \mathbf{w}_0 and \mathbf{c}_0 |
| 2: procedure Server-side Optimization |
| 3: Distribute w_0 and c_0 to each client |
| 4: for each communication round $t \in \{1, 2,, T\}$ do |
| 5: for each client <i>n</i> in parallel do |
| 6: $\mathbf{w}_{t+1}^n \leftarrow ClientLocalUpdate(n, \mathbf{w}_t^n, \mathbf{c}_{t,n})$ |
| 7: Update knowledge coefficient matrix c via (7) |
| 8: Distribute \mathbf{c}_{t+1} to all clients |
| 9: procedure CLIENTLOCALUPDATE $(n, \mathbf{w}_t^n, \mathbf{c}_{t,n})$ |
| 10: Client <i>n</i> receives \mathbf{w}_t^n and \mathbf{c}_n from the server |
| 11: for each local epoch i from 1 to E do |
| 12: for mini-batch $\xi_t \subseteq \mathbb{D}_n$ do |
| 13: Local Training: update model parameters on private data via (5) |
| 14: for each distillation step j from 1 to R do |
| 15: for mini-batch $\xi_{r,t} \subseteq \mathbb{D}_r$ do |
| 16: Distillation: update model parameters on public data via (6) return local parameters \mathbf{w}_{t+1}^n |
| |



⊗ KT-pFL

• Illustration



Figure 1: Illustration of the KT-pFL framework. The workflow includes 6 steps: ① local training on private data; ②, ③ each client outputs the local soft prediction on public data and sends it to the server; ④ the server calculates each client's personalized soft prediction via a linear combination of local soft predictions and knowledge coefficient matrix; ⑤ each client downloads the personalized soft prediction to perform distillation phase; ⑥ the server updates the knowledge coefficient matrix.

FedMA algorithm



- Permutation invariance
- Matched averaging formulation
- FedMA





Permutation invariance









Permutation invariance (fully-connected (FC) layer)



 $\hat{y} = \sigma(xW_1)W_2$







Permutation invariance (fully-connected (FC) layer)



 $\hat{y} = \sigma(xW_1\Pi)\Pi^T W_2$, where Π is any $L \times L$ permutation matrix.



Permutation invariance (fully-connected (FC) layer)







Permutation invariance (FCs)



Simple FCs: $\hat{y} = \sigma(xW_1\Pi)\Pi^T W_2$

Deep FCs: $x_n = \sigma(x_{n-1}\Pi_{n-1}^T W_n \Pi_n)$





Permutation invariance (FCs)







Permutation invariance (CNN)

FC:
$$x_n = \sigma(x_{n-1}\Pi_{n-1}^T W_n \Pi_n)$$

CNN:
$$x_n = \sigma(\operatorname{Conv}(x_{n-1}, \Pi_{n-1}^T W_n \Pi_n))$$







Permutation invariance (recall)





Matched averaging formulation





































Algorithm 1: Federated Matched Averaging (FedMA)

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Input : local weights of N-layer architectures \{W_{j,1}, \ldots, W_{j,N}\}_{j=1}^{J} from J clients
Output: global weights \{W_1, \ldots, W_N\}
n = 1;
while n < N do
    if n < N then
        \{\Pi_j\}_{j=1}^J = BBP-MAP(\{W_{j,n}\}_{j=1}^J); // call BBP-MAP to solve Eq. 2
       W_n = \frac{1}{I} \sum_j W_{j,n} \prod_j^T;
    else
       W_n = \sum_{k=1}^{K} \sum_j p_{jk} W_{jl,n} where p_k is fraction of data points with label k on worker j;
    end
    for j \in \{1, ..., J\} do
        W_{j,n+1} \leftarrow \Pi_j W_{j,n+1}; // permutate the next-layer weights
Train \{W_{j,n+1}, \ldots, W_{j,L}\} with W_n frozen;
    end
    n = n + 1;
end
```

Sageflow algorithm



- Staleness-aware grouping
- Entropy-based filtering
- Loss-weighted averaging



Sageflow algorithm

Stragglers: slow devices

- Keep waiting: slow down the overall process
- Drop out: important data missing
- Asynchronous(staleness): + adversaries?

Attackers: malicious attacks launched by adversaries

- untargeted attacks: model poisoning, data poisoning
- targeted/backdoor attacks: misclassify the targeted subtasks
- Robust Federated Averaging & Multi-Krum
- Large portion of adversaries
 - Straggler: increase attack ratio









Staleness-aware grouping

Sentropy-based filtering + Loss-weighted averaging





Staleness-aware grouping

- perform periodic global aggregation(fixed time deadline)
- allow stragglers to be aggregated in later rounds
- group with same staleness -> group representative model
- aggregate according to staleness



Staleness group

Number of data samples

$$\frac{(m_k)}{\mathbf{w}_{k \in U_t^{(i)}} m_k} \mathbf{w}_i(k)$$
$$\mathbf{w}_{t+1} = (1 - \gamma) \mathbf{w}_t + \gamma \sum_{i=0}^t \alpha_t^{(i)}(\lambda) \mathbf{v}_{t+1}^{(i)}$$

$$\sum_{i=0}^{t} \alpha_t^{(i)}(\lambda) \mathbf{v}_{t+1}^{(i)}$$
$$\alpha_t^{(i)}(\lambda) \propto \frac{\sum_{k \in U_t^{(i)}} m_k}{(t-i+1)^{\lambda}}$$
Staleness function

Sageflow algorithm

Entropy-based filtering

- Public data on server
- Filter out high entropy models (loss)
- For model poisoning







Sageflow algorithm

- Loss-weighted averaging
 - Aggregation weight according to local models' $\beta_t^{(k)}(\delta) \propto \frac{m_k}{\{F_{pub}(\mathbf{w}_t(k))\}^{\delta}}$ and $\sum_{k \in S_t} \beta_t^{(k)}(\delta) = 1$.
 - Measure by loss on public data
 - data-poisoned model -> small weight + less impact
 - For data poisoning & scaled backdoor



 $\mathbf{w}_{t+1} = \sum_{k \in S_t} \beta_t^{(k)}(\delta) \mathbf{w}_t(k)$



Time complexity



Model Clients parameters number

 $\mathcal{O}(n_{pub}|w|K)$

Algorithm 1 Proposed Sageflow Algorithm

Input: Initialized model w_0 , Output: Final global model w_T Process at the Server

1: for each global round t = 0, 1, ..., T - 1 do

- 2: Choose S_t and send the current model and the global round (\mathbf{w}_t, t) to the devices
- 3: Wait for T_d and then:

4: for
$$i = 0, 1, ..., t$$
 do

5: $U_t^{(i)}(E_{th}) = \{k \in U_t^{(i)} | E(k) < E_{th}\}$ // Entropy-based filtering in each group

6: $\mathbf{v}_{t+1}^{(i)} = \sum_{k \in U_t^{(i)}(E_{th})} \beta_t^{(k)}(\delta) \mathbf{w}_i(k)$ // Loss-weighted averaging in each group (with same staleness)

- 7: end for
- 8: $\mathbf{w}_{t+1} = (1 \gamma)\mathbf{w}_t + \gamma \sum_{i=0}^t \alpha_t^{(i)}(\lambda)\mathbf{v}_{t+1}^{(i)}$ // Averaging of representative models (with different staleness)
- 9: end for

Process at the Device: Device k receives (\mathbf{w}_t, t) from the server and performs local updates to obtain $\mathbf{w}_t(k)$. Then each benign device k sends $(\mathbf{w}_t(k), t)$ to the server, while a malicious adversary sends a poisoned model depending on the type of attack.


Theoretical Analysis

- Convergence analysis
 - Assumption 1: µ-strongly convex + L-smooth
 - Assumption 2: unbiased estimation
- Theoretical bound

$$\begin{split} F(x) &\leq F(y) + \nabla F(x)^{T}(x-y) - \frac{\mu}{2} \|x-y\|^{2} \\ F(x) &\geq F(y) + \nabla F(x)^{T}(x-y) - \frac{L}{2} \|x-y\|^{2} \end{split}$$

 $\mathbb{E} \|\nabla F_k(\mathbf{w}_t^i(k), \xi_t^i(k)) - \nabla F(\mathbf{w}_t^i(k))\|^2 \le \rho_1$

$$\mathbb{E}[F(\mathbf{w}_T) - F(\mathbf{w}^*)] \leq \nu^T [F(\mathbf{w}_0) - F(\mathbf{w}^*)] + (1 - \nu^T) Z(\lambda, E_{th}, \delta))$$

Convergence speed

Error





Datasets: MNIST, FMNIST, CIFAR10

• 2% as public data

Models: CNN(2conv+2fc), CNN(2conv+1fc), CNN(VGG-11)

• ignore batchnorm

FL setting: 100 clients, two classes for each client, 5 local epochs, batch size of 10





- Only stragglers: 10% participants
- Baselines: FedAvg(waiting, ignoring, waiting 50%), FedAsync
- Settings: uniform delay of [0,1,2] global rounds
- Ignoring lose significant data converges to a suboptimal point
- Waiting(all, 50%) requires the largest running time until convergence







- Only adversaries: 20% participants
- Baselines: RFA, FedAvg, synchronized Zeno+, Multi-Krum
- Attacks: model(-0.1w), data(label-flipping), backdoor(model replacement, pixel-pattern attack)
- FedAvg does not work well on all datasets

Seno+: bad on poisoning but good for backdoor

Sageflow: slow down posioning





- Stragglers + adversaries: 20%(model/data), 10%(backdoor) participants
- Baselines: asynchronized Zeno+, Multi-Krum
- Seno+: does not perform well(ignore staleness & entropy)
- Waiting + RFA: suffer from straggler

Ignoring/Sag + RFA: poor(high attack ratio)





Sageflow: robust FL scheme handle both stragglers and adversaries

- staleness-aware grouping: stragglers
- entropy-based filtering: model poisoning
- loss-weighted averaging: data poisoning + backdoor
- Theoretical convergence analysis
- Extensive experimental results
- Future issues: Sageflow + secure aggregation





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Overview

- Currently, 611 stars, 151 forks
- 29 algorithms, 8 famous datasets + 3 IoT datasets +3 Cross-domain datasets
- Record the GPU memory usage for the model
- Differential privacy









Baselines

Traditional FL

• FedAvg — Communication-Efficient Learning of Deep Networks from Decentralized Data AISTATS 2017

Update-correction-based FL

SCAFFOLD - SCAFFOLD: Stochastic Controlled Averaging for Federated Learning ICML 2020

Regularization-based FL

- FedProx Federated Optimization in Heterogeneous Networks MLsys 2020
- FedDyn Federated Learning Based on Dynamic Regularization ICLR 2021
 Model-splitting-based FL
- MOON Model-Contrastive Federated Learning CVPR 2021

Knowledge-distillation-based FL

• FedGen — Data-Free Knowledge Distillation for Heterogeneous Federated Learning ICML 2021





Baselines

Personalized FL

- FedMTL (not MOCHA) Federated multi-task learning NeurIPS 2017
- FedBN FedBN: Federated Learning on non-IID Features via Local Batch Normalization ICLR 2021

Meta-learning-based pFL

 Per-FedAvg — Personalized Federated Learning with Theoretical Guarantees: A Model-Agnostic Meta-Learning Approach NeurIPS 2020

Regularization-based pFL

- pFedMe Personalized Federated Learning with Moreau Envelopes NeurIPS 2020
- Ditto Ditto: Fair and robust federated learning through personalization ICML 2021

Personalized-aggregation-based pFL

- APFL Adaptive Personalized Federated Learning 2020
- FedFomo Personalized Federated Learning with First Order Model Optimization ICLR 2021
- FedAMP Personalized Cross-Silo Federated Learning on non-IID Data AAAI 2021
- FedPHP FedPHP: Federated Personalization with Inherited Private Models ECML PKDD 2021
- APPLE Adapt to Adaptation: Learning Personalization for Cross-Silo Federated Learning IJCAI 2022
- FedALA FedALA: Adaptive Local Aggregation for Personalized Federated Learning AAAI 2023





Baselines

Model-splitting-based pFL

- FedPer Federated Learning with Personalization Layers 2019
- LG-FedAvg Think Locally, Act Globally: Federated Learning with Local and Global Representations 2020
- FedRep Exploiting Shared Representations for Personalized Federated Learning ICML 2021
- FedRoD On Bridging Generic and Personalized Federated Learning for Image Classification ICLR 2022
- FedBABU Fedbabu: Towards enhanced representation for federated image classification ICLR 2022
- FedGC Federated Learning for Face Recognition with Gradient Correction AAAI 2022

Knowledge-distillation-based pFL

- FedDistill Federated Knowledge Distillation 2020
- FML Federated Mutual Learning 2020
- FedKD Communication-efficient federated learning via knowledge distillation Nature Communications 2022
- FedProto FedProto: Federated Prototype Learning across Heterogeneous Clients AAAI 2022
- FedPCL (w/o pre-trained models) Federated learning from pre-trained models: A contrastive learning approach NeurIPS 2022 ("Our proposed framework is limited to the cases where pre-trained models are available." from https://arxiv.org/pdf/2209.10083.pdf (p. 18))
- FedPAC Personalized Federated Learning with Feature Alignment and Classifier Collaboration ICLR 2023





Datasets

Datasets and Separation (updating)

For the *label skew* setting, I introduce 8 famous datasets: MNIST, Fashion-MNIST, Cifar10, Cifar100, AG_News, Sogou_News (If ConnectionError raises, please use the given downloaded file in ./dataset), and Tiny-ImageNet (fetch raw data from this site), they can be easy split into IID and non-IID version. Since some codes for generating datasets such as splitting are the same for all datasets, I move these codes into ./dataset/utils/dataset_utils.py . In non-IID setting, two situations exist. The first one is the pathological non-IID setting, the second one is practical non-IID setting. In the pathological non-IID setting, for example, the data on each client only contains the specific number of labels (maybe only two labels), though the data on all clients contains 10 labels such as MNIST dataset. In the practical non-IID setting, Dirichlet distribution is utilized (please refer to this paper for details). We can input *balance* for the iid setting, where the data are uniformly distributed.

For the *feature shift* setting, I use one dataset that widely used in Domain Adaptation: **AmazonReview** (fetch raw data from this site), **Digit5** (fetch raw data from this site), and **DomainNet**.

For the *real-world (or IoT)* setting, I also introduce one naturally separated dataset: **Omniglot** (20 clients, 50 labels), **HAR (Human Activity Recognition)** (30 clients, 6 labels), **PAMAP2** (9 clients, 12 labels). For the details of datasets and FL methods in **IoT**, please refer to my FL-IoT repo.

If you need another data set, just write another code to download it and then using the utils.





Models

Our simulation platform

for MNIST and Fashion-MNIST

i. Mclr_Logistic(1*28*28)

ii. LeNet()

iii. DNN(1*28*28, 100) # non-convex

- for Cifar10, Cifar100 and Tiny-ImageNet
 - i. Mclr_Logistic(3*32*32)
 - ii. FedAvgCNN()
 - iii. DNN(3*32*32, 100) # non-convex
 - iv. ResNet18, AlexNet, MobileNet, GoogleNet, etc.
- for AG_News and Sogou_News

i. LSTM()

ii. fastText() in Bag of Tricks for Efficient Text Classification

iii. TextCNN() in Convolutional Neural Networks for Sentence Classification

- iv. TransformerModel() in Attention is all you need
- for AmazonReview

i. AmazonMLP() in Curriculum manager for source selection in multi-source domain adaptation

- for Omniglot
 - i. FedAvgCNN()





Installation

Environments

Install CUDA first.

With the installed conda, we can run this platform in a conda virtual environment called *fl_torch*.

conda env create -f env_cuda_latest.yaml





Dataset

MNIST

cd ./dataset
python generate_mnist.py iid - - # for iid and unbalanced scenario
python generate_mnist.py iid balance - # for iid and balanced scenario
python generate_mnist.py noniid - pat # for pathological noniid and unbalanced scenario
python generate_mnist.py noniid - dir # for practical noniid and unbalanced scenario

The output of generate_mnist.py iid - -

Original number of samples of each label: [6903, 7877, 6990, 7141, 6824, 6313, 6876, 7293, 6825, 6958]



Execution

How to start simulating

- Build dataset: Datasets
- Train and evaluate the model:

cd ./system python main.py -data mnist -m cnn -algo FedAvg -gr 2500 -did 0 -go cnn # for FedAvg and MNIST

Or you can uncomment the lines you need in ./system/examples.sh and run:

cd ./system
sh examples.sh

Note: The hyper-parameters have not been tuned for the algorithms. The values in ./system/examples.sh are just examples. You need to tune the hyper-parameters by yourself.





Top-down

- Server: Aggregate, Send, Receive, Evaluate
 - Add
- Client: Train, Receive, Send
 - Dataset
 - Model
 - Optimizer

Algorithm 1 FederatedAveraging. The K clients are indexed by k; B is the local minibatch size, E is the number of local epochs, and η is the learning rate.

Server executes:

initialize w_0 for each round t = 1, 2, ... do $m \leftarrow \max(C \cdot K, 1)$ $S_t \leftarrow (\text{random set of } m \text{ clients})$ for each client $k \in S_t$ in parallel do $w_{t+1}^k \leftarrow \text{ClientUpdate}(k, w_t)$ $w_{t+1} \leftarrow \sum_{k=1}^K \frac{n_k}{n} w_{t+1}^k$

ClientUpdate(k, w): // Run on client k $\mathcal{B} \leftarrow (\text{split } \mathcal{P}_k \text{ into batches of size } B)$ for each local epoch *i* from 1 to *E* do for batch $b \in \mathcal{B}$ do $w \leftarrow w - \eta \nabla \ell(w; b)$ return *w* to server



System introduction

- main.py
 - torchvision.models
- models.py
- serverbase.py
- clientbase.py





System introduction

- fedoptimizer.py
- Utils
 - data_utils.py
 - mem_utils.py
 - privacy.py
 - result_utils.py





FedAvg example

- serveravg.py
- clientavg.py





