PyTorch for Jetson Platform

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PyTorch on Jetson Platform

PyTorch (for JetPack) is an optimized tensor library for deep learning, using GPUs and CPUs. Automatic differentiation is done with a tape-based system at both a functional and neural network layer level. This functionality brings a high level of flexibility, speed as a deep learning framework, and provides accelerated NumPy-like functionality. These NVIDIA-provided redistributables are Python pip wheel installers for PyTorch, with GPU-acceleration and support for cuDNN. The packages are intended to be installed on top of the specified version of JetPack as in the provided documentation.

Jetson AGX Xavier

The NVIDIA Jetson AGX Xavier developer kit for Jetson platform is the world’s first AI computer for autonomous machines. The Jetson AGX Xavier delivers the performance of a GPU workstation in an embedded module under 30W.

Jetson AGX Orin

The NVIDIA Jetson AGX Orin Developer Kit includes a high-performance, power-efficient Jetson AGX Orin module, and can emulate the other Jetson modules. You now have up to 275 TOPS and 8X the performance of NVIDIA Jetson AGX Xavier in the same compact form-factor for developing advanced robots and other autonomous machine products.
This document describes the key features, software enhancements and improvements, and known issues regarding PyTorch 2.0.0 on the Jetson platform.

**Key Features and Enhancements**

This release includes the following key features and enhancements.

- The TF32 numerical format is enabled by default for cuBLAS and cuDNN operations on Ampere GPUs starting with the 22.06 release. If you encounter training issues especially for regression, generative or higher-order models, or by using TF32 operations in pre- or post-processing steps, try to disable TF32 by setting the following:

  ```python
  torch.set_float32_matmul_precision('highest')
  ```

**Compatibility**

**Table 1. PyTorch compatibility with NVIDIA containers and Jetpack**

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Using PyTorch with the Jetson Platform

Storage

If you need more storage, we recommend connecting an external SSD via SATA on TX2 or Xavier devices, or USB on Jetson Nano.

Known Issues

- If you receive a `CUPTI_ERROR_INSUFFICIENT_PRIVILEGES` error while profiling your code, run the script via `sudo` or ensure that your current user has the appropriate permissions to run CUPTI profiling.
- Building custom CUDA extensions may break due to symbol leaking. This will be fixed in a future release.
- A functional regression might be observed on Orin devices when calling into `torch.linalg.ldl_solve` showing a memory violation.
- Some ops have numerical mismatches on ARM CPUs.
- The wheel does not currently support flash attention.
- `torch.cuda.synchronize` does not behave as expected when used between `torch.mem_get_info`.
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