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Introduction to Deep Learning Lecture - 22 Profiling with DLProf PyTorch Catalyst Part - 1

Good evening everybody. So, today we will start with Profiling with DLProf and then we will look into the PyTorch Catalyst. So, far what we have done? So far we have looked into how to make the pipeline for training in deep neural networks. So, deep learning algorithms that we have developed so far mostly in the domain of a classification, but the same pipeline will be followed for other kind of problems also.

So, but in tensor board in the last class that we whatever we have seen is how we can actually track or how we can see the performance metrics and maybe in the graphs for the computational graph for the algorithm and so. But here in DLProf what we will see is that we will profile the resource usage, the utilization, the recommendation from the from the profiler. So, all these things we will see in DLProf.

So, this is our new dimension of profiling that we will see today. And data scientists must be aware of such profiling because this will help essentially to improve the training performance in the end. So, in today's session, we will see one of such customization which will improve our performance of training module that we will run, ok. And we will see how much performance gain we are achieving or what are the improvements we are doing. So, all these things we will analyze.

And also in the next session, we will see the PyTorch catalyst. So, this is as name suggests, it is accelerated framework for PyTorch. This will give you the flexibility to efficiently wrap up everything whatever you want to do it in PyTorch in very simple terms, ok. So, that also we will see. So, that way we will get the enhancement of the training modules. So, all these things will be very modular and it will be easy to define the entire pipeline and also reproducibility will be very very high.

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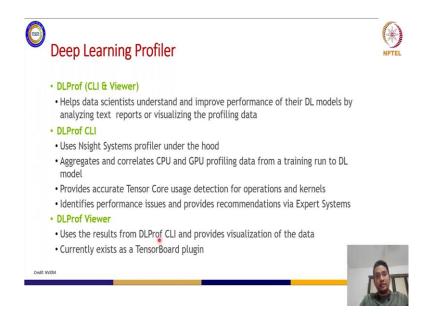


So, we will start with DLProf. So, let me; so as I was mentioning the DLProf will help you to visualize, analyze and recommend, ok. So, what kind of recommendations that we will see, as well as we will see what kind of profile that are coming from let us say the CPU usage the GPU usage. Also, inside the GPUs what are the cores that are being used how much time they are being used, and how you can improve the performance.

I mean the framework point of view this DLProf supports also by tensor flow you can work with TensorFlow and DLProf, you can work with PyTorch, TRT, also several libraries supported by it because you need to improve some performance and support some background as well. So, DALI and NCCL, so all these libraries are also supported.

So, today we will see how to use PyTorch modules to be profiled with the DLProf profile, ok.

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And so, before that we will need to understand and a few things basically what is DLProf it helps us to understand and improve the performance of the DL pipeline. And mostly the trained pipeline because it will be iterated several times as you have seen loop or several loops will be running based on your target one or target achievement.

Now, it will also generate reports or visualize the profile profiles. Now, DLProf CLI what it uses the Nsight systems profiler. So, we will enable this profiler to input the profiling data and it will make the database. Also, it will correlate the CPU usage and the GPU usage, because the both will be working in tandem and some data, it will be shared from or accessed from you and it will be shared through your GPU and GPU will aggregate or train your model depending on the data which is available.

So, the correlation between the CPU and GPU will be important and that we will directly get the data from here. As well as, it provides to track your tensor cores usage. Now, this is very very important because finally, we are talking about the deep learning modules for deep learning, training in particular. So, that means, like tensor cores must be used, right because tensor cores are specifically designed for your deep learning computational acceleration, right.

So, usage of tensor cores how it is being monitored or how it is being used by your algorithm that usage detection must be there. So, we will see how to track this. As well as, so some library that we will be using or enabling the tensor core usage.

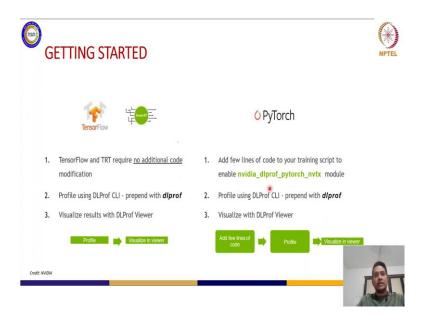
Now, to profile or to see the recommendations you need to have one recommended system, right. So, the expert system provided by DLProf CLI will provide the recommendations. So, if let us say your tensor cores are underutilized based on the other course that are being utilized inside your GPU.

So, this expert recommended system will tell you that this these are not utilized. So, you can use this libraries to use to enhance the usage or maybe let us say you have some data bottleneck or memory bottleneck, so what kind of library you can use to remove that or eradicate the bottleneck. So, all these expert suggestions that also will be given by the recommended system.

And the viewer will essentially help you to visualize profiles and also you can log the reports and save them for your later analysis. And also, currently tensor board plugin is also available, so you can use tensor board assume to see or visualize the profiles, ok. So, either you use DLProf viewer or you use tensor board plugin, ok.

So, we will help you to see more, but I mean there will be some instructions to how the how you can get the profiles in tensor board and how you can create the profiles in viewer. So, all these things we will, ok.

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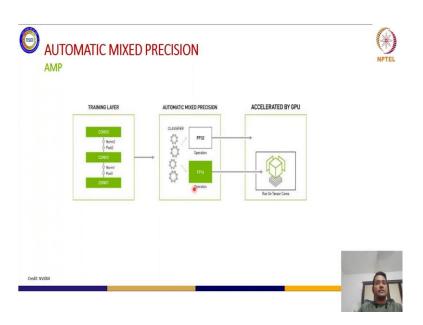
So, as I was mentioning that it supports tensor flow tensor RTs for these two frameworks, you do not take any additional code for modification to be used in DLProf. So, it will directly profile you the program and it will help you to visualize.

For PyTorch, you need to activate this module because this NVIDIAs profiler will be written. So, basically you will enable first and then you use your training pipeline or your multi-stage pipeline or whatever you want to use for your deep learning training.

Now, as I was mentioning in the previous slide the CLI will process this with DLProf and that will help you to visualize.

So, very simple few lines of code you need to add for PyTorch, but that is very minimal. Just one minute, ok.

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Now, in the previous section I was mentioning that DLProf, the relationship between DLProf and this automatic precision, mix precision library is very impact because the proper tensor cores. So, the profiler actually tracks the usage or utilization of your tensor cores that are available inside your GPU.

So, that means, you want to have some computations to be offloaded into the tensor cores and automatic precision library will help you to do that, ok. So, that is why if you are not using automatic mixed precision library, then the tensor cores will be underutilized.

So, your tip training layer will have this pipeline. Let us say I have 2 convolution layers, 3 convolution layers here and normalization, pooling and so on. So, all these layers up there from input 1. So, this is one forward pass and this will be iterated several times.

Now, what I want to do? I want to convert or skills some of the parameters into some into some data types that is supported inside the tensor because all the data types which are let us say floating point single precision data type which are supported in the CUDA cores that are not supported in your tensor cores, ok.

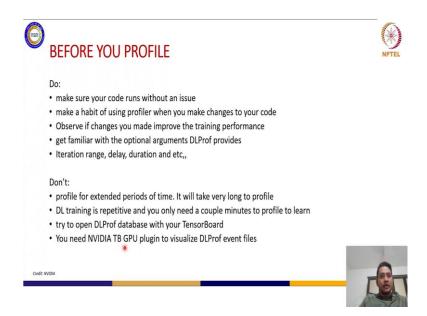
So, for the tensor cores you need to scale your data which you use inside your training model 2 FP16, ok. So, basically, makes precision you will do a computing, ok. You will use both the data types inside your training to be able to optimize and also gets better results, in that right.

So, some of the data will be processed in the rest of the course and the scaled data which is FP16 will be run on the tensor cores. So, that is the purpose of your automatic mixed precision library.

Now, automatic mixed precision library has two sources. If you are using NVIDIA, so basically you will be using NVIDIA apex and for generalized use of mixed precision library you can use native PyTorch amp also. So, there are two sources you can use either you can use NVIDIA apex or native PyTorch amp, ok.

So, this is going to be interesting because you will see that some of the I mean most of the computations which will be run on your tensor cores to convert them or to skill them, you will need very minimal product. So, for use of automatic mixed precision library, it is also very easy.

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Before going into profiler you need to know certain things to do and to follow, not to follow because people often spin or some resources because once you start profiling many resources will be used, ok.

So, what to do? Make sure that your code runs without an issue because we just check it before running into the into the DLprofiler. We just check it whether your training module is working perfectly or not. Just one run will be will suffice that without any error it is trained.

And also you need to make a habit of using profiler when you make changes in it because each change can replicate or it can offer you a cascading effect which will enhance the either the performance or it can degrade the performance, ok.

So, several order of magnitude of your performance can increase or decrease. So, how your change in the code helps either increasing or decreasing the performance that you need to check everything, and this is just one rule. If you know that this is going to increase your performance that is good.

But in several cases you will see when you are working with a big pipeline, you will see maintaining certain aspects of speedup will not be actually happening as prescribed by the library. So, they will say that this library will help you to enhance the performance, but in some cases it will not happen because of that where you have defined the performance. So, basically, you need to check every time whether each change is giving you other than your desired performance training.

And also you need to get familiarized with some arguments in the DLProf which we provided. And of course, the iteration range, delay, duration etc also you need to get familiar because all these aspects; so basically iteration range, how this will affect your training, how delay, how much duration you are you are actually spending for making certain modules run. So, all these things you need to be, at least in some abstract way you need to do, ok.

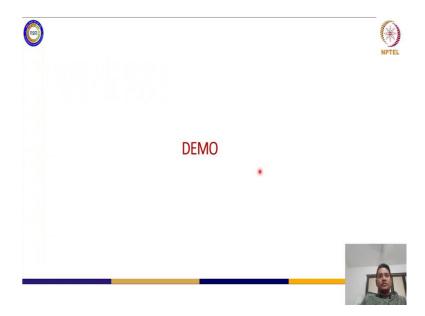
And of course, you should not profile for extended period of time because you should not train the entire thing to get correct profile for your training because training module is essentially one iterative process, right. And the same thing will be repeated every time.

So, few iterations if you check for your training model that will give you overall idea that how it is going to perform. You do not need to go through the entire training process for all the epochs or for all the iterations you do not go. So, few of iterations will help you understand that, to be frank it is going to be it makes some modifications or needs an update.

DL training is repetitive as I was mentioning, and that is why you need to spend a couple of minutes to profile it and that will suffice. Also, try to open DLProf database with your tensor board or DLProf viewer.

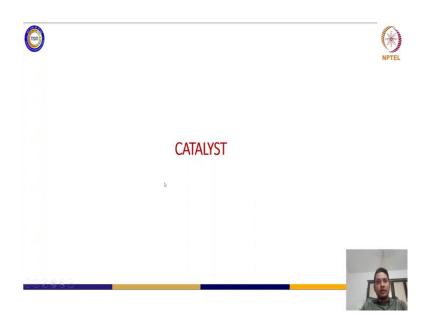
And so, basically this the logs will be saved as database and the recommended systems are tensor board and profiler. So, you can use other yeah. So, it will help to visualize the DL profiler event files. So, basically NVIDIA test bench GPU plugin you need to use, ok.

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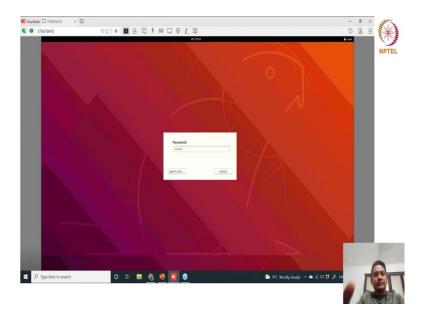
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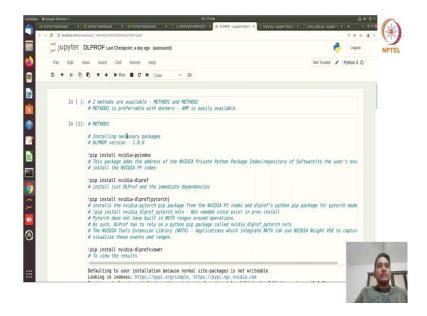


To demonstrate the DLProf, how to do that and then we will come to explanation, ok.

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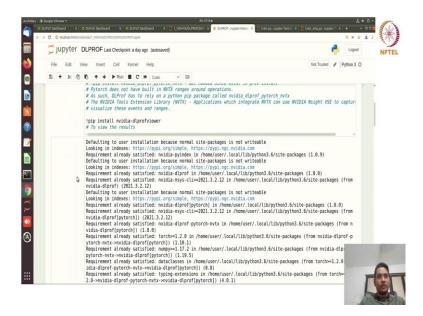


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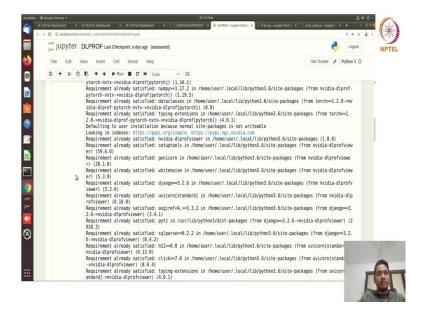
So, now let me do this. Let me explain. So, basically there are two methods to run DLProf, one is through your notebook and through the command. So, if you have installed any you know or if you have not installed it or if you have to use the DLProf in Jupyter notebook or any other notebook you can use.

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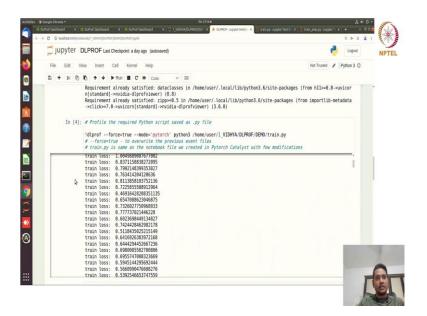


So, the method 1 is essentially the first method which is used in the notebook. We will not go into details. You can see the same details in the next section as well.

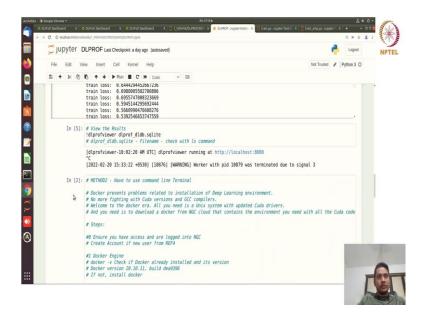
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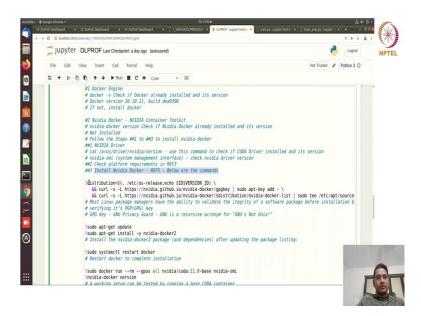
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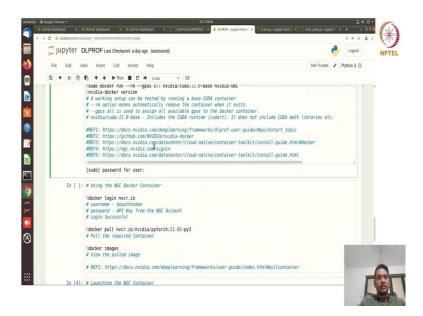
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So, in the method 2, we will discuss about how to use in command line. So, basically you need to make sure that you may have access in NGC. You need to create one account for that and you need to have Docker Engine installed.

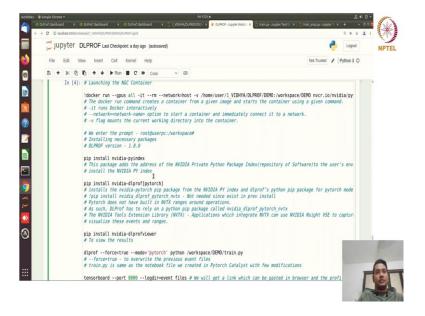
And if you do not have you can check these commands to install it. And then you can install the container toolkit and you can start using the check the whether necessary drivers are there or not and then we install the NVIDIA Docker for the. So, this is the distribution that we want to make available inside my Docker. So, basically you just install it with this command.

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And then once it is installed, so basically, you need to install this package for your use and then you restart the Docker, and then you start it and just check the version. So, this is the complete installation of your Docker and check the version. And once it is successfully installed, then using this NGC Docker then we will start using that.

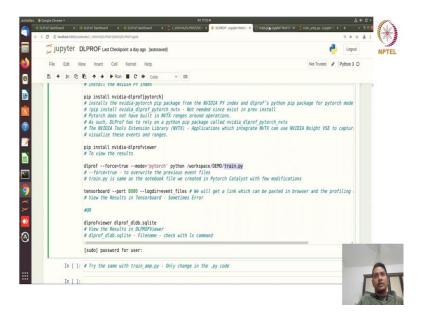
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So, basically you need to pull the Docker image, ok. So, this is the NGC Docker container or usage. So, once it is pulled then we can just run this comment to launch the NGC container now.

And once container is launched then you can install the necessary pack. So, what are the necessary packages for here? So, basically, I need to install nvidia-pyindex, nvidia-dlprof with pytorch. You can this also tensor flow as I was mentioning.

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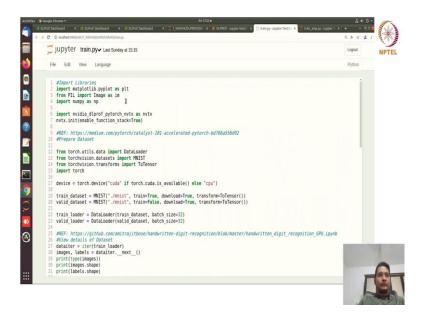


So, here we are using PyTorch and also you need to install nvidia-dlprofviewer because we are using dlprofviewer to visualize the profiles, ok.

Now, once you have successfully completed up to this. So, basically you have installed all the packages, now you can use your dlprof in the next column. But before that you need to have the training.py because the training module that I want to profile using this dlprof just targeted prospects.

Now, once you have this training.py, so basically let us see what is in the training.py.

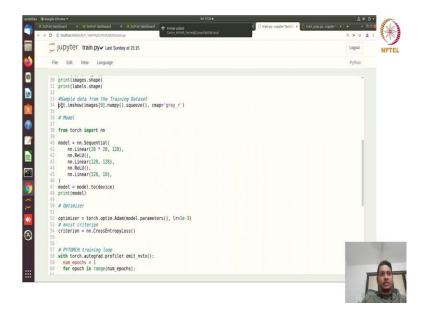
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So, training.py is essentially the pipeline for training learning models. Now, the some of the packages that you have seen so far because we have used them, so basically these imports for your torch, torchvision that you have seen, few others that we need some libraries for images and plots, so numpy, PIL and matplotlib.

And also you need to import the nvtx, so because this will enable this stack tracers for the profiles that will generate from PyTorch training run, ok. So, this is the only one line you need to add to re-enable the profile from this training model, ok.

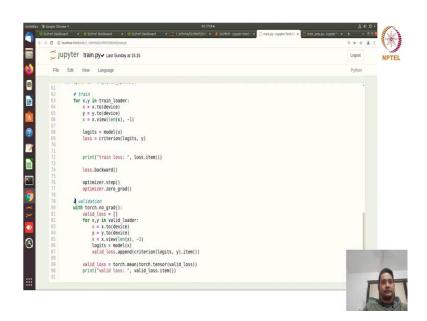
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So, now, once we have all the necessary packages imported, you just specify the device. These are as usual, nothing to nothing new. So, all the PyTorch things, train set data set, valid data set, so here we are doing training and validation. So, we are just using the train loader and valid loader with it this number of batch size.

Now, notice that we have not enabled the number of workers here, ok. So, we want to see what happens, ok. Now, once you have defined the train loader and data loader, you just you can print some images, you can see, ok. So, these are the things that we want to do before going into the training part.

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So, this is the class where we are defining the model. So, this is the model definition and we are transferring the model to the device. We are defining the optimizer, the criterion for the loss and then this is the training loop that we have defined, ok.

And with torch.autograd.profiler, now we are starting the profiling or emitting the stresses from here because. Before that we do not need all this. So, for this loop only I need to profile, because this is the loop for your train.

Now, how many epochs? You just define it. So, for as I was mentioning you do not need to run the training for all the loops, just only one single run will suffice or maybe 2, 3 runs. If you want to have some more satisfaction you can do 2, 3 runs of inter loop and

you will get the idea. And this is the validation, ok. So, this is the entire training module which I have written.

So, now we will go to the code. So, basically, here to view the results you need to run dlprof with this training dot. So, this is the comment to export the process into your databases.

Then, once you run that you will see that you have, so basically what we have done this we have; yeah. So, we have mentioned stack, function stack equal to true and it will write all these data into this current directory, and so from the event files you can see inside the tensor board, ok. And if you have mentioned the targeted files in any elsewhere you can mention the directory path here, ok.

Now, if you are using dlprof, so in our case we are using dlprof. So, the database we have to create in to the current directory which is dlprop underscore dldb. So, our deployment database dot sqlite. So, this sqlite database has been created and it is recommended that you open this using DL profile viewer only, ok. So, because all the necessary encoding and decoding is supporting the dlprofviewer.

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So, once you open this, open opening your profiler into dlprof, then you will see the window, ok. So, basically, you can see that this is loaded from your DLProf profiler into your local host and now this is the dashboard for your profile.

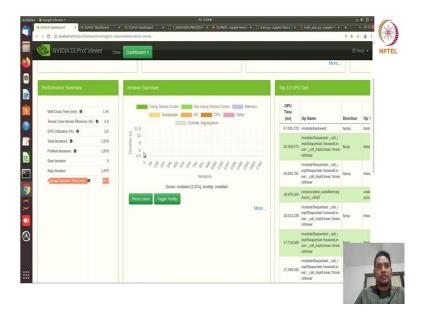
So, you can see GPU utilization and resource usage breakdown and total kernel time GPUs in milliseconds, and total core kernel efficiency, so how much percentage of core kernel has been used.

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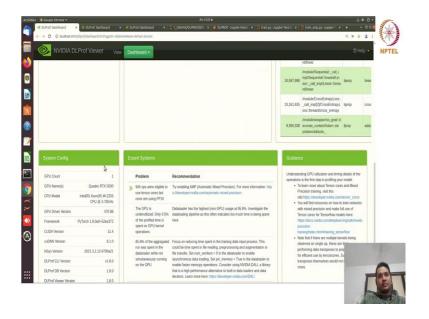


So, now as I was mentioning that these are the usage and let us say let us take this resource usage background breakdown. So, 20 percent resources were been used from elsewhere and data loader is using 65.81 percentage of resources. CPU is using 13.23 and your GPU is very narrow. So, not using tensor cores, because we have not actually used the amp library for enabling the tensor cores, ok.

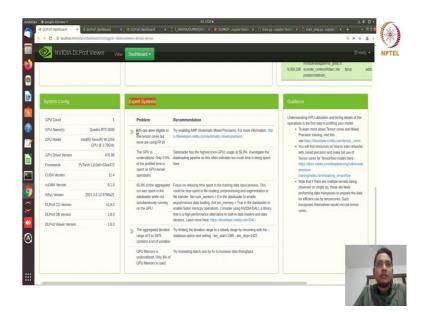
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So, if you go to the recommended system, so expert system in the bottom you will see expert system, and here some recommendations you can see now. So, the recommendations are 945 operations were eligible to use tensor core, but are none are using FP16 because you have not used amp library. So, the recommendation is try enabling amp library for more information improvements.

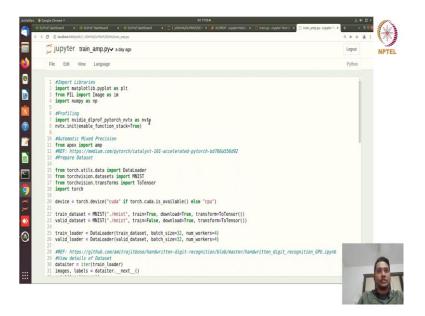
And GPU is underutilized, only 5 percent, 0.5 percent is profiled that is fine. And also, it has recommended that 65.8 percent of your aggregated run was spent in the data loader while not simultaneously running on the GPU, right because it is waiting for the data because you are not using multiple cores for loading the data, right.

So, you can either use num code greater than 0, ok. So, these are the recommendations that you are getting or use NVIDIA DALI which is the data loader library for from NVIDIA itself. So, you can use either of them. So, we will see one of them and to you. So, and also what kind of systems you are using, and what are their versions, and so on and so forth, all the information we keep. The guidance here.

Since, average iteration time is 42 milliseconds, this I mean you cannot see the graph here, but if you run from for more time like duration in seconds you can see. So, if you run in seconds, you will see what are the use of tensor cores, not using tensor cores, how much memory is being used, dataloader, IO and CPU others.

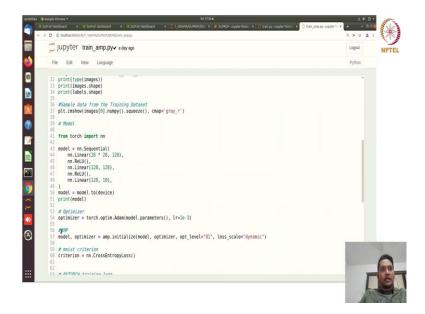
So, this is these are the performance summary you will get. And I want to improve the average iteration time in the end because with some performance tweaking and introducing the amp library, I want to use the tensor cores and in the end I want to use or I want to enhance the average time.

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So, next we will use the train_amp.py. So, this training module is using now the amp library which is from the apex. So, automatically expression now we are using from apex, right in media apex. So, you can go to this reference, ok.

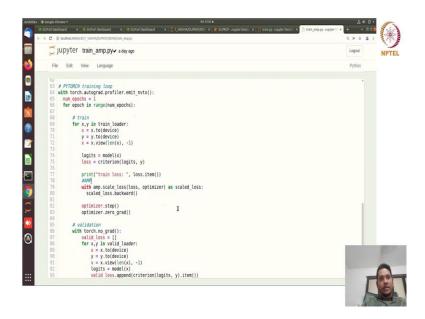
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So, the usual python imports and then defining the device, defining the data loader, train loader and everything is same. Only thing is that you need to define this model and optimizer for your from your amp because now the model should be compatible to use the scaled database, ok and also optimizer. Because optimizer is essentially computing the gradients and then it is being updated with the gradients.

So, optimizer and model initialization with the amp that is important to use amp library. So, we have imported that before just one more time. So, that import was done before.

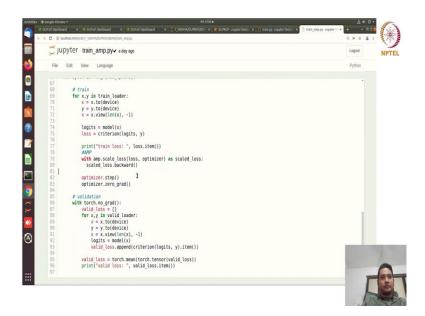
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And next we will go to the defining of the criterion, the training loop, now this is where we are starting the profiler and then number of epochs we are defining as 1. The same criterion we are keeping to see what kind of improvement we are getting with the profile, ok.

So, x.to(device), so data we are transferring to your device, levels we are transferring to your device, the modules, and it and then we are computing the loss. So, basically, while computing the loss we are now scaling the losses and optimize gradients to your amp library. So, basically, now we are using the mixed precision computer.

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Now, the mixed precision computing uses, so basically if you see here after the scaled loss and optimizer definition, we will just do the backward pass which will compute the gradients and then we will update that and initialize then to 0. So, that is the entire pipeline that we have defined now, ok.

So, this is the entire definition. We just give you one more explanation of this optimization level, ok. So, when we are optimizing, ok there are several data types that we have mentioned, right. So, we mentioned that we can use either FP32, FP16 or mixed up the two. Now, what will be used inside your training that will be defined by this optimization level inside the initializer.

Now, what will be the criterion? I want to have mixed precision computing. So, so there are 4 levels of optimization o 0, o 1, o 2, o 3.

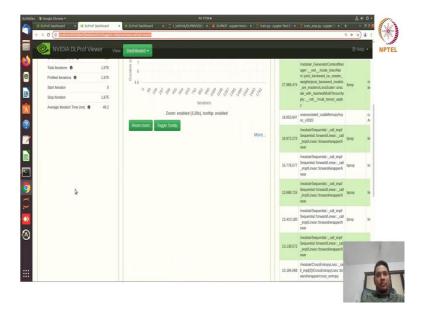
Now, o 0 is for use o 0 and o 3 is without mixed precision. So, o 0 is with FP32 and o 3 is with FP16 and o 1 and o 2 is with FP32 and FP16. And based on their usage in framing you will have two models of mix position, so one and more. So, which will be better for your training that you need to actually analyze by maybe 1 or 2 dots, ok. So, you use o1 first then see the profile, and you use o 2 and see the profile which model of mixed precision computing is helping your case that you can see from the book.

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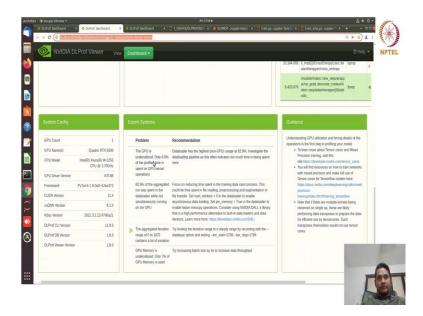


So, that is all about from the profiler, and let us go to the profiles after using the amp, ok.

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So, after using the amp you can see that go to the recommended system. Now, it is not saying the previous message, right. So, it was showing that tensor cores were not being used, now tensor cores are being utilized and it has increased the utilization from 0.5 to 0.6 percent. So, basically this was just one run, right not multiple runs.

And data loader has the highest usage, still power data loader has highest usage. So, still we have run that with without any workers and that is why you can see here the data loader is using most of the resources and also tensor cores are being used. So, using GPU 1; because we are now using tensor cores using the amp library. So, the usage of GPU utilization has been increased.

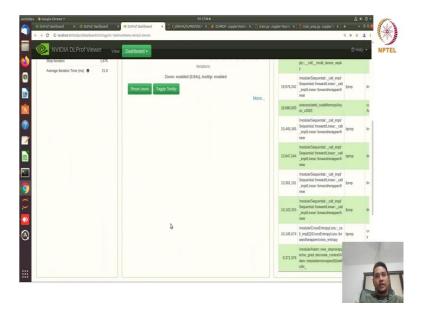
But you can see that average utilization time also have increased and that is only because your data loader, because of this data loader bottleneck you are actually increasing the average iteration time and though you are using amp library. So, after introducing the in inside your train dot train dot underscore amp dot py; so here now after introducing the number of workers equal to 4 in the data loader and valid loader, we will see that so this was the profiler after that.

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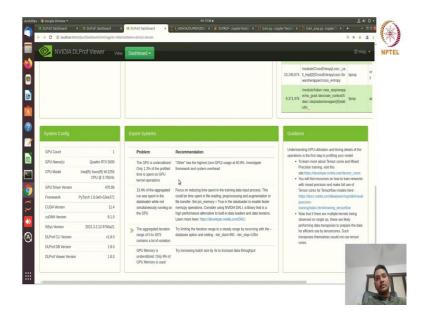
So, now you will see that data loader is now 13 percent only where others and CPU usage has increased, ok.

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And now if you see the average iteration time, it has been decreased I mean almost half. So, just introducing one trick, it has increased the performance by 2 times.

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And you can see that GPU is underutilized, but it has almost doubled the utilization because now it is getting data simultaneously. So, basically 1.2 percent is the double of 0.6 which was before.

But still we have some bottleneck still because this is a very small network. And so, this is how actually you will try to assess, analyze, after visualizing you change your code with some other libraries, what is recommended by your recommended system and you increase the usage of your tensor cores that are available inside your GPU.

So, let us go back to our slide now. So, that is all about from DLProf today.