

# CS 744: PYTORCH

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# ADMINISTRIVIA

Assignment 2 out! Due Feb 13<sup>rd</sup> 10PM!

Course Project Timeline:

Propose / Express interest on topics/skills

Submit group (1 sentence) – Feb 17<sup>th</sup>

Title confirmed – Feb 21<sup>st</sup>

Project Proposal (2 pages) – March 4

Introduction

Related Work

Timeline (with eval plan)

# Applications

Machine Learning

SQL

Streaming

Graph

Computational Engines

Scalable Storage Systems

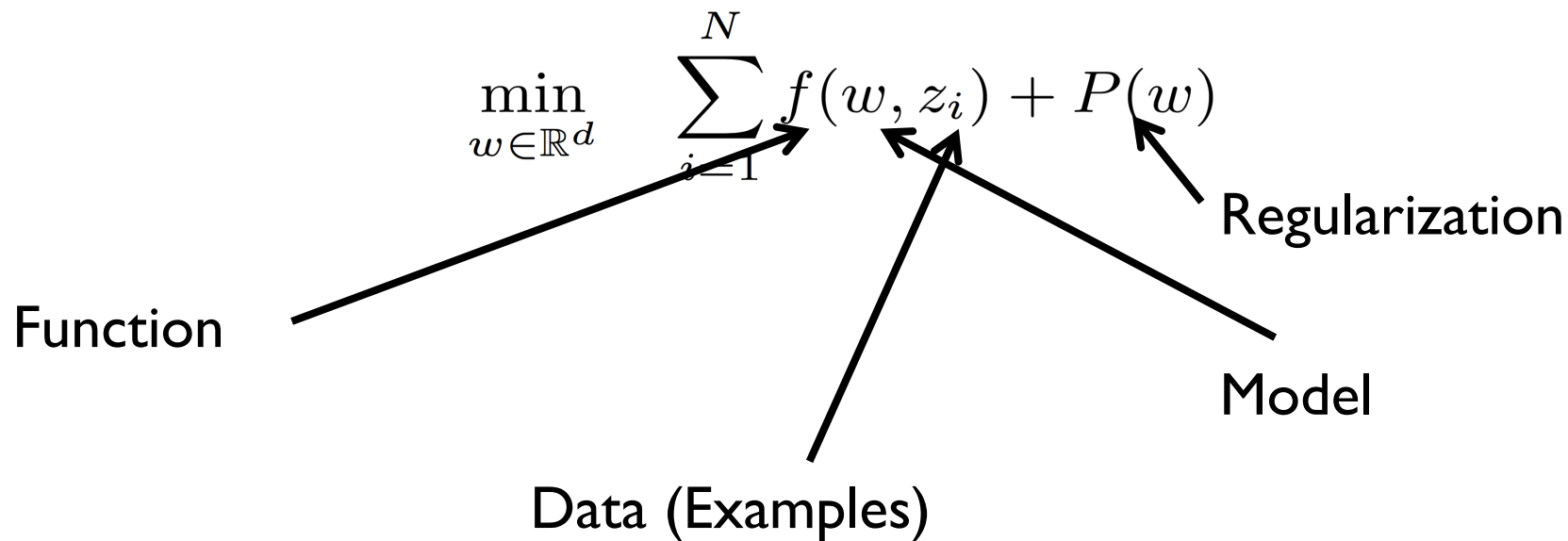
Resource Management



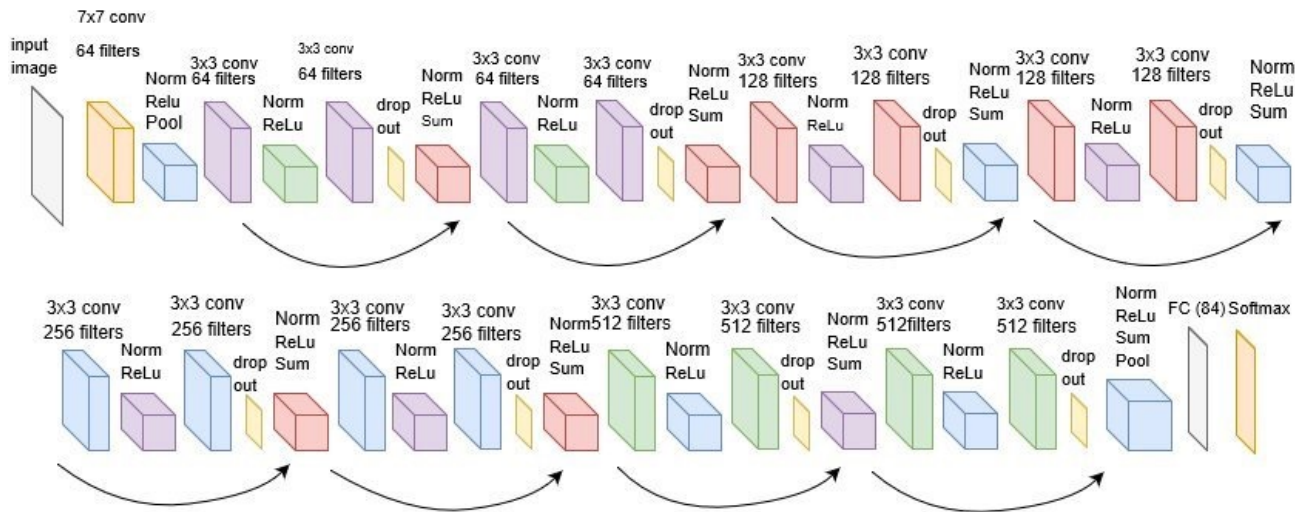
Datacenter Architecture



# EMPIRICAL RISK MINIMIZATION



# DEEP LEARNING



**ResNet18**

**Convolution**  
**ReLU**  
**MaxPool**  
**Fully Connected**  
**SoftMax**

# STOCHASTIC GRADIENT DESCENT

$$w^{(k+1)} = w^{(k)} - \alpha_k \nabla f(w^{(k)})$$

Initialize  $w$

For many iterations:

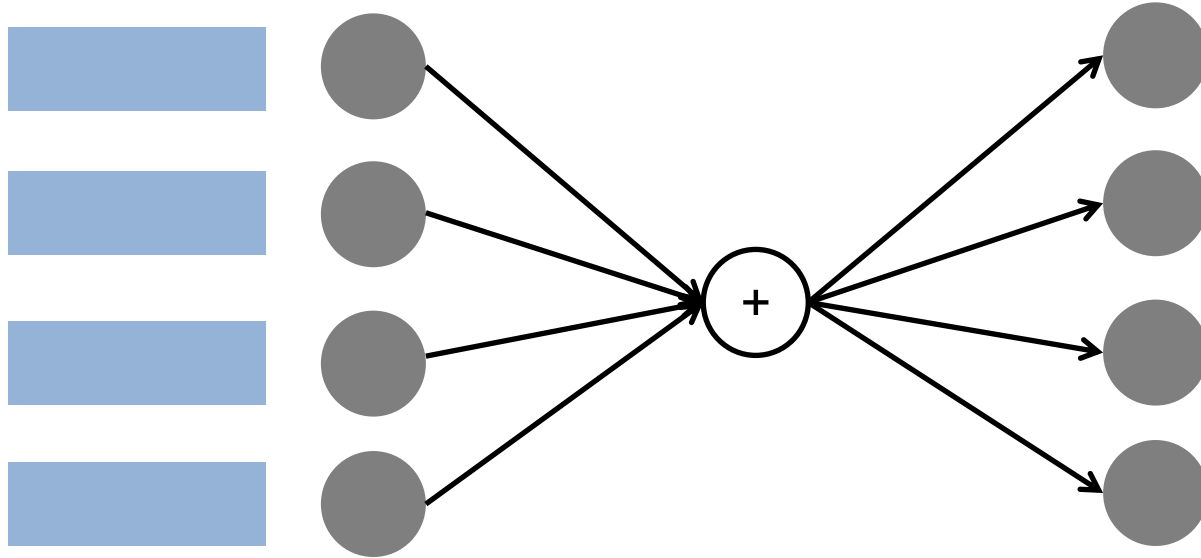
Loss = Forward pass

Gradient = backward

Update model

End

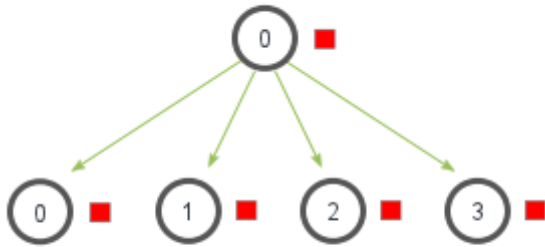
# DATA PARALLEL MODEL TRAINING



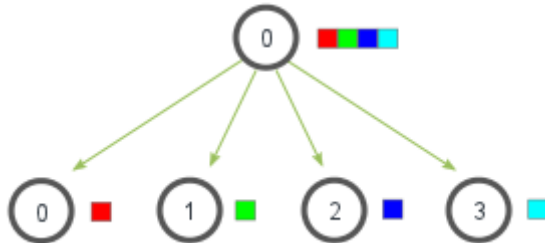
# COLLECTIVE COMMUNICATION

## Broadcast, Scatter

MPI\_Bcast

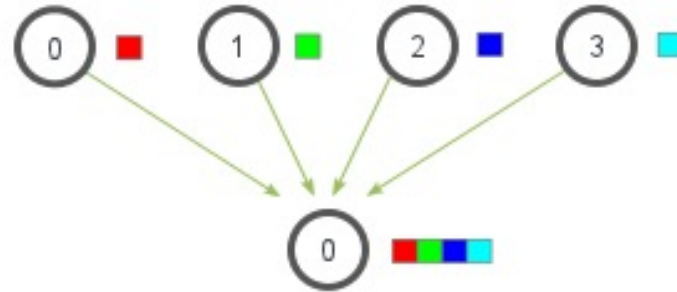


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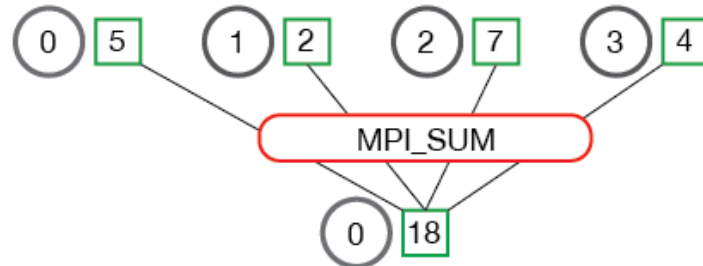


## Gather, Reduce

MPI\_Gather



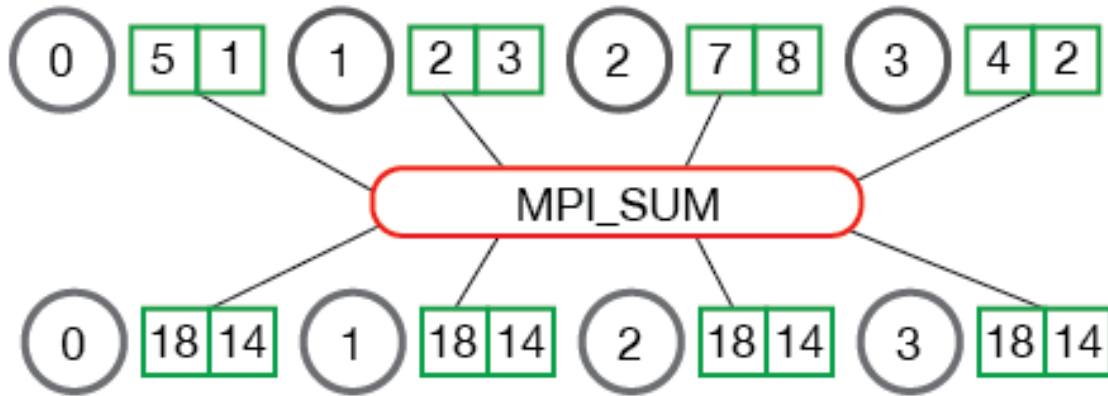
MPI\_Reduce





# ALL REDUCE USING A RING

MPI\_Allreduce

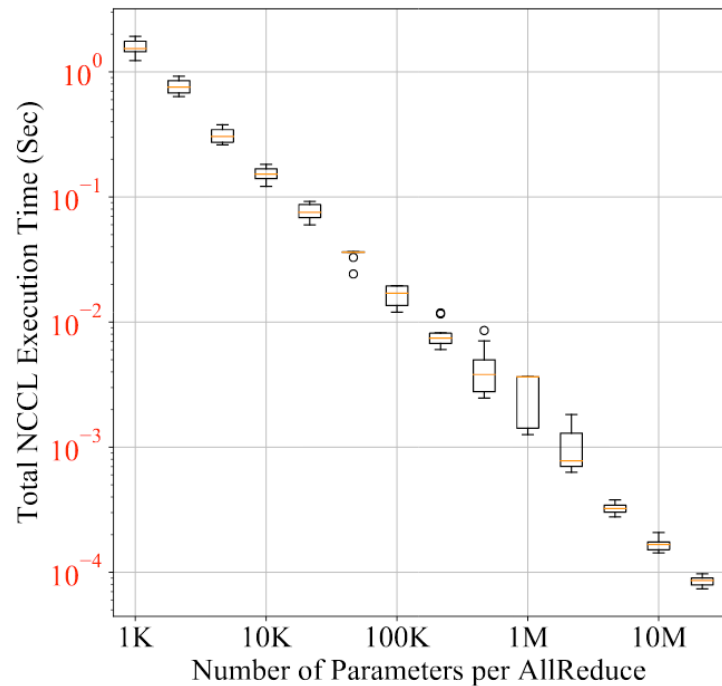


# DISTRIBUTED DATA PARALLEL API

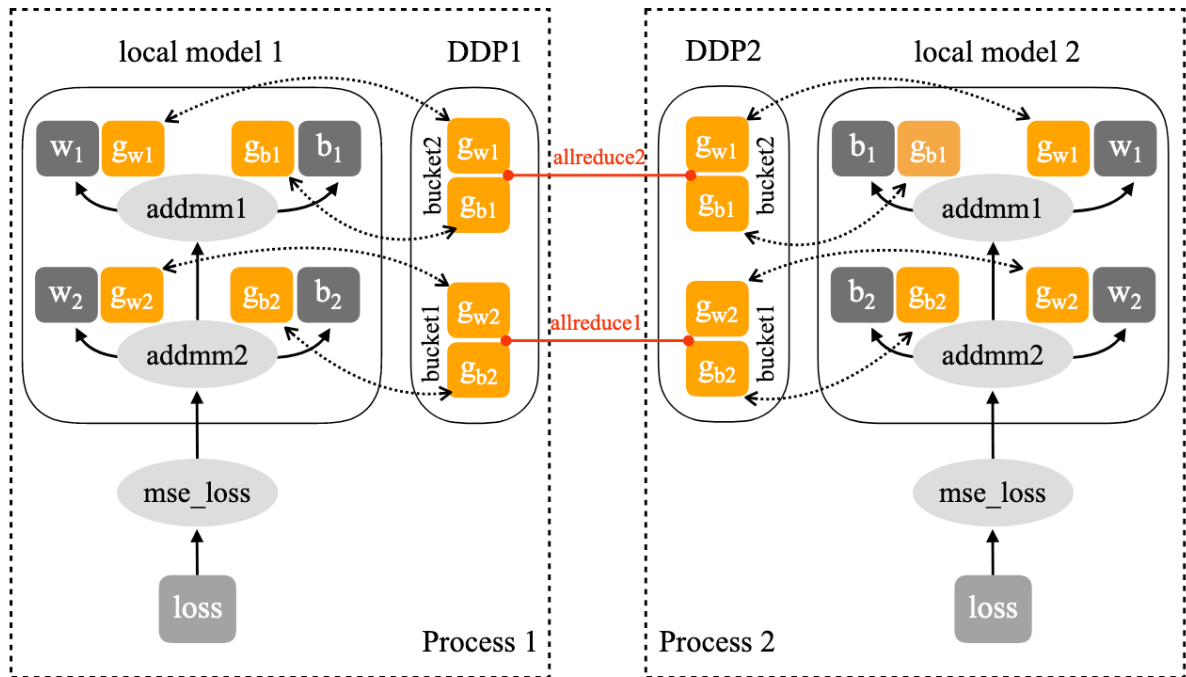
```
9  # setup model and optimizer
10 net = nn.Linear(10, 10)
11 net = par.DistributedDataParallel(net)
12 opt = optim.SGD(net.parameters(), lr=0.01)
13
14 # run forward pass
15 inp = torch.randn(20, 10)
16 exp = torch.randn(20, 10)
17 out = net(inp)
18
19 # run backward pass
20 nn.MSELoss()(out, exp).backward()
21
22 # update parameters
23 opt.step()
```

# GRADIENT BUCKETING

Why do we need gradient bucketing?



# GRADIENT BUCKETING + ALL REDUCE



# GRADIENT ACCUMULATION

```
1 ddp = DistributedDataParallel(net)
2 with ddp.no_sync():
3     for inp, exp in zip(inputs, expected_outputs):
4         # no synchronization, accumulate grads
5         loss_fn(ddp(inp), exp).backward()
6 # synchronize grads
7 loss_fn(ddp(another_inp), another_exp).backward()
8 opt.step()
```

# IMPLEMENTATION

Bucket\_cap\_mb

Parameter-to-bucket mapping

Round-robin ProcessGroups

# SUMMARY

Pytorch: Framework for deep learning

DistributedDataParallel API

Gradient bucketing, AllReduce

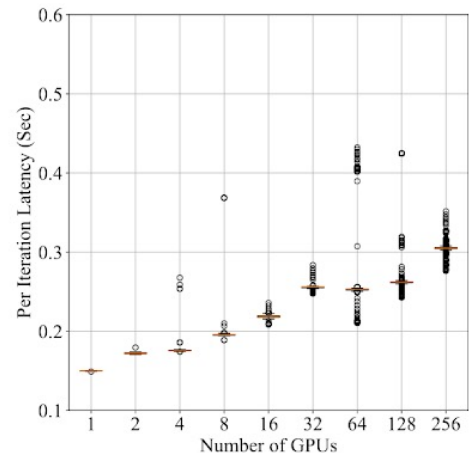
Overlap computation and communication



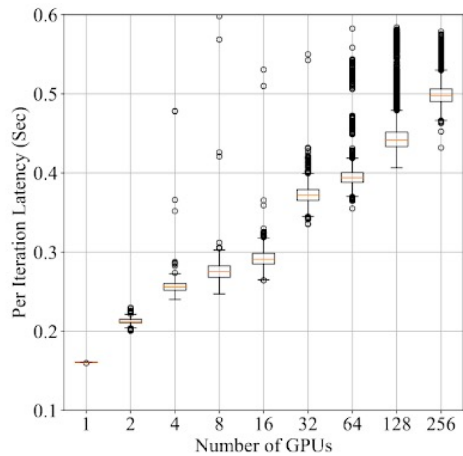
# DISCUSSION

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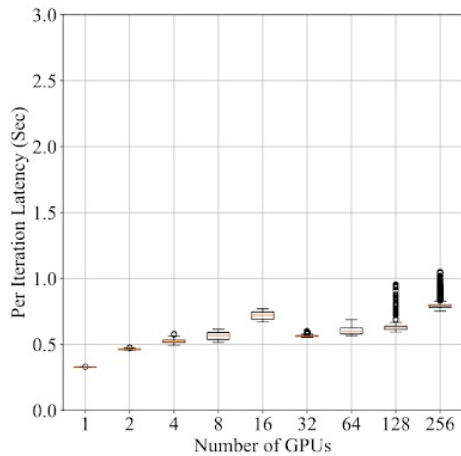




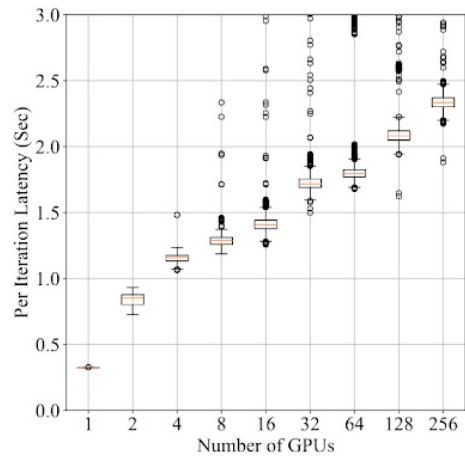
(a) ResNet50 on NCCL



(b) ResNet50 on Gloo



(c) BERT on NCCL

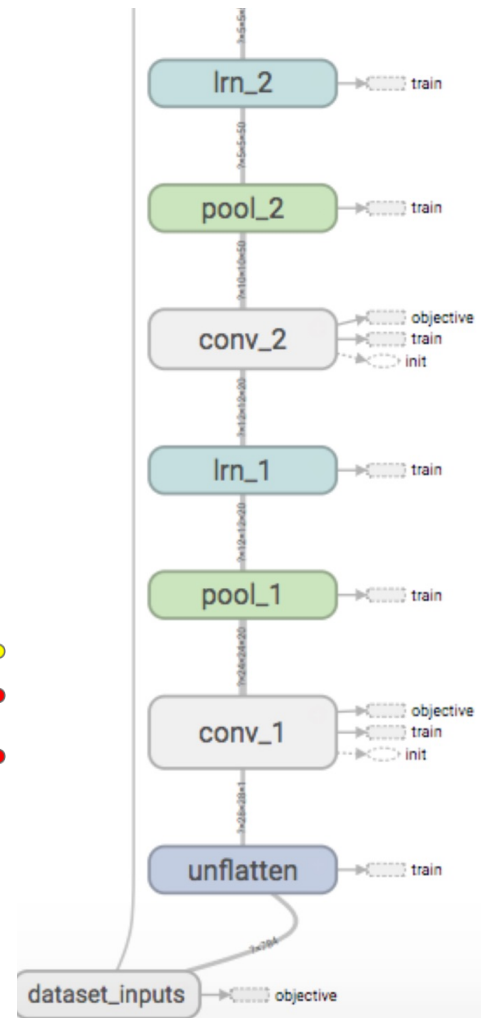
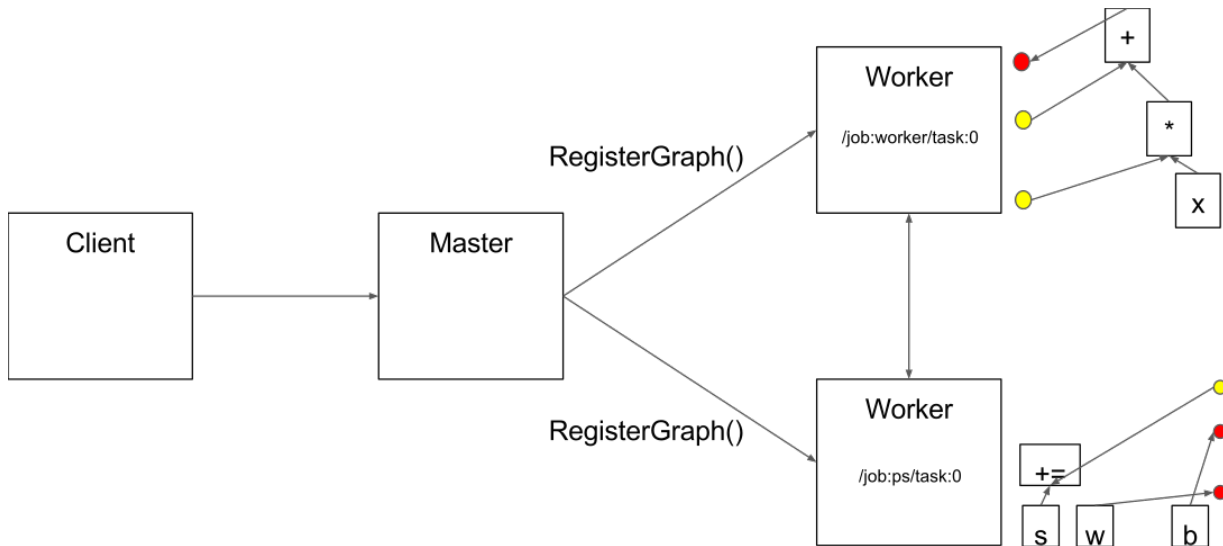


(d) BERT on Gloo

**Figure 9: Scalability**

What could be some challenges in implementing similar optimizations for AllReduce in Apache Spark?

# TENSORFLOW (2016)

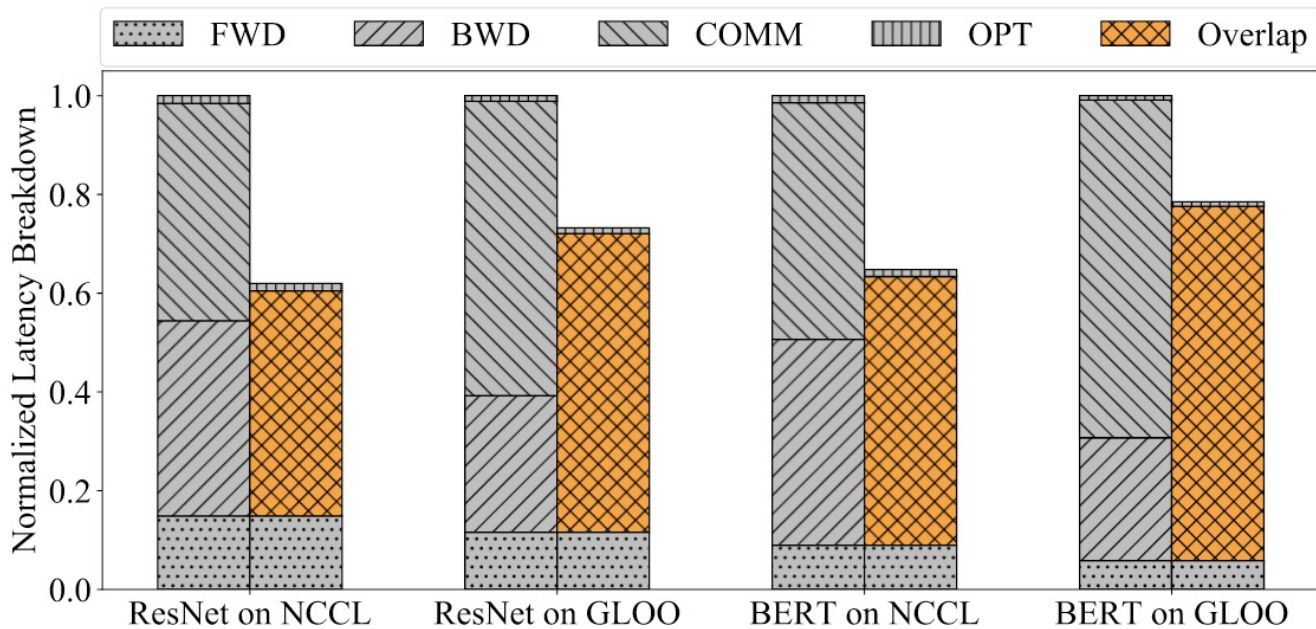


# NEXT STEPS

Next class: PipeDream

Assignment 2 is out!

# BREAKDOWN



**Figure 6: Per Iteration Latency Breakdown**