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Optimizing Deep Learning Models For Edge Devices: A Framework for Efficient Ai Deployment

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Abstract- The proliferation of edge devices such as smartphones, IoT sensors, and embedded systems has driven the demand for deploying artificial intelligence (AI) models directly on these devices. However, the limited computational and energy resources of edge devices present significant challenges for deep learning (DL) models, which are typically resource-intensive. This paper proposes a novel framework for optimizing deep learning models for edge devices, focusing on techniques such as model compression, quantization, and knowledge distillation. By applying these techniques, the proposed framework ensures minimal loss of accuracy while significantly reducing model size and inference time. The effectiveness of the framework is demonstrated through experiments on image recognition and natural language processing tasks. The results highlight the potential for scalable AI solutions on edge devices without compromising user experience.

Index Terms- Edge AI, Deep learning

I. INTRODUCTION

With the rapid growth of Internet of Things (IoT) ecosystems, there is an increasing demand for AI capabilities on edge devices. Applications such as real-time language translation, facial recognition, and autonomous driving rely heavily on deep learning models. However, deploying these models on resource-constrained devices is a significant challenge due to their size, memory requirements, and computational demands. Current solutions often offload computations to cloud servers, which introduces latency and privacy concerns. To address this, researchers are exploring methods to optimize deep learning models for deployment on edge devices. This paper introduces a comprehensive framework that integrates state-of-the-art techniques for efficient AI deployment on edge platforms, aiming to strike a balance between performance and resource utilization.

II. LITERATURE REVIEW

Recent advancements in edge AI optimization have focused on various techniques:

- Model Compression: Works such as Han et al. (2016) have shown the effectiveness of pruning and weight sharing in reducing model size.
- Quantization: Research by Jacob et al. (2018) demonstrates that reducing the precision of model parameters to INT8 can significantly improve inference speed.
- Knowledge Distillation: Hinton et al. (2015) introduced this technique to transfer knowledge from a large teacher model to a smaller student model, retaining high accuracy while reducing size.

Despite these advancements, there is limited research on integrating these techniques into a unified framework tailored for diverse edge applications.

III. METHODOLOGY

The proposed framework consists of three primary stages:

1. **Preprocessing and Model Selection:**
   - Analyze the dataset and application requirements to select an appropriate base model.
   - Use transfer learning to adapt pretrained models for edge-specific tasks.

2. Optimization Techniques
- **Pruning:** Iteratively remove less significant weights in the network to reduce complexity.
- **Quantization:** Apply post-training quantization to convert weights and activations to lower precision.
- **Knowledge Distillation:** Train a lightweight student model using outputs of a larger teacher model.

3. Deployment and Evaluation

- Convert the optimized model to edge-compatible formats such as TensorFlow Lite or ONNX.
- Test the model on edge devices under real-world conditions to measure latency, accuracy, and energy consumption.

IV. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The framework was evaluated using two popular benchmarks:

1. **Image Recognition Task (CIFAR-10):**

- **Base Model:** ResNet-18 (11.2 MB). Optimized model: 2.3 MB.
- **Accuracy Drop:** 1.5%. Inference speed improvement: 4.2x.

2. **Text Classification Task (IMDB Sentiment):**

- Base model: BERT (110 MB). Optimized model: 15.8 MB.
- Accuracy drop: 2.3%. Inference speed improvement: 3.8x.

The results highlight the framework's ability to maintain high accuracy while significantly improving computational efficiency. The deployment tests on a Raspberry Pi 4 demonstrated practical applicability, achieving real-time inference for both tasks.

V. CONCLUSION

This paper presents a framework for optimizing deep learning models for edge devices, combining pruning, quantization, and knowledge distillation. The experimental results validate the framework's effectiveness, offering a scalable solution for deploying AI on resource-constrained platforms. Future research will focus on dynamic optimization techniques that adapt to varying device conditions and exploring use cases in robotics and autonomous systems.

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