TVM for Ads Ranking @ Facebook

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Ads Ranking at Facebook: Production Requirements

- Parallel execution between model evaluation
- Each model runs on a single thread
- For each model, there can be multiple batches executing at the same time. In this case, weights are global and shared between threads, but activations are thread local
- Model weights are refreshed every few hours. Therefore, activations needs to be released at the end of each inference to avoid running out of memory
- Batch size is dynamic
- C++ only
- Mutiple CPU architectures: avx512, avx2





Model Architecture



MLP: Multilayer perceptron (sequence of FC + activation function)

https://ai.facebook.com/blog/dlrm-an-advanced-open-source-deep-learning-recommendation-model/

Ads Ranking Models

Implementation

- JIT (not AOT): because models are updated periodically
- Graph runtime does not manage memory
 - weights are shared between threads for the same model
 - activations are shared by instances of all graph runtimes
 - release activation after each iteration to avoid OOM

Performance

- Use MKL for FC for simplicity
- 5-10% speedup from fusion
- Runtime overhead eats into speedup

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graph runtime batch_size 1

graph runtime batch_size 2

graph runtime batch_size n

prediction



What's Next

Relay VM

- Handles dynamic shapes
- JIT compilation
- Dynamic memory allocation

Performance

- Autotuning at scale
- FBGEMM for fp16 and int8
- Embedding lookup

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