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Pythia is a modular framework for supercharging vision and language research built on top of PyTorch.

Quickstart

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In this quickstart, we are going to train LoRRA model on TextVQA. Follow instructions at the bottom to train other models in Pythia.

1.1 Demo

- 1. Pythia VQA
- 2. BUTD Captioning

1.2 Installation

1. Clone Pythia repository

```
git clone https://github.com/facebookresearch/pythia ~/pythia
```

1. Install dependencies and setup

```
cd ~/pythia
python setup.py develop
```

Note:

- 1. If you face any issues with the setup, check the Troubleshooting/FAQ section below.
- 2. You can also create/activate your own conda environments before running above commands.

1.3 Getting Data

Datasets currently supported in Pythia require two parts of data, features and ImDB. Features correspond to preextracted object features from an object detector. ImDB is the image database for the datasets which contains information such as questions and answers in case of TextVQA.

For TextVQA, we need to download features for OpenImages' images which are included in it and TextVQA 0.5 ImDB. We assume that all of the data is kept inside data folder under pythia root folder. Table in bottom shows corresponding features and ImDB links for datasets supported in pythia.

```
cd ~/pythia;
# Create data folder
mkdir -p data && cd data;
# Download and extract the features
wget https://dl.fbaipublicfiles.com/pythia/features/open_images.tar.gz
tar xf open_images.tar.gz
# Get vocabularies
wget http://dl.fbaipublicfiles.com/pythia/data/vocab.tar.gz
tar xf vocab.tar.gz
# Download detectron weights required by some models
wget http://dl.fbaipublicfiles.com/pythia/data/detectron_weights.tar.gz
tar xf detectron_weights.tar.gz
# Download and extract ImDB
mkdir -p imdb && cd imdb
wget https://dl.fbaipublicfiles.com/pythia/data/imdb/textvqa_0.5.tar.gz
tar xf textvqa_0.5.tar.gz
```

1.4 Training

Once we have the data in-place, we can start training by running the following command:

```
cd ~/pythia;
python tools/run.py --tasks vqa --datasets textvqa --model lorra --config 
configs/vqa/textvqa/lorra.yml
```

1.5 Inference

For running inference or generating predictions for EvalAI, we can download a corresponding pretrained model and then run the following commands:

```
cd ~/pythia/data
mkdir -p models && cd models;
wget https://dl.fbaipublicfiles.com/pythia/pretrained_models/textvqa/lorra_best.pth
cd ../..
python tools/run.py --tasks vqa --datasets textvqa --model lorra --config \
configs/vqa/textvqa/lorra.yml --resume_file data/models/lorra_best.pth \
--evalai_inference 1 --run_type inference
```

For running inference on val set, use --run_type val and rest of the arguments remain same. Check more details in pretrained models section.

These commands should be enough to get you started with training and performing inference using Pythia.

1.6 Troubleshooting/FAQs

1. If setup.py causes any issues, please install fastText first directly from the source and then run python setup.py develop. To install fastText run following commands:

```
git clone https://github.com/facebookresearch/fastText.git
cd fastText
pip install -e .
```

1.7 Tasks and Datasets

Dataset	Key	Task	ImDB Link	Features Link	Features checksum	Notes
TextVQA	textvqa	vqa	TextVQA 0.5	OpenImages	b22e80997b2580edaf08d	17e3a896e324
			ImDB			
VQA	vqa2	vqa	VQA 2.0 ImDB	COCO	ab7947b04f3063c774b8	7dfbf4d0e981
2.0						
VizWiz	vizwiz	vqa	VizWiz ImDB	VizWiz	9a28d6a9892dda8519d0	3fba52fb899f
Visual-	visdial	dialog	Coming soon!	Coming soon!	Coming soon!	
Dialog						
Visu-	vi-	vqa	Automatically	Automatically	Coming soon!	Also supports
alGenome	sual_geno	me	downloaded	downloaded		scene graphs
CLEVR	clevr	vqa	Automatically	Automatically		
			downloaded	downloaded		
MS	сосо	cap-	COCO Caption	COCO	ab7947b04f3063c774b8	7dfbf4d0e981
COCO		tion-				
		ing				

After downloading the features, verify the download by checking the md5sum using

echo "<checksum> <dataset_name>.tar.gz" | md5sum -c -

1.8 Next steps

To dive deep into world of Pythia, you can move on the following next topics:

- Concepts and Terminology
- Using Pretrained Models
- Challenge Participation

1.9 Citation

If you use Pythia in your work, please cite:

```
@inproceedings{Singh2019TowardsVM,
   title={Towards VQA Models That Can Read},
   author={Singh, Amanpreet and Natarajan, Vivek and Shah, Meet and Jiang, Yu and Chen,
   → Xinlei and Batra, Dhruv and Parikh, Devi and Rohrbach, Marcus},
   booktitle={Proceedings of the IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern_
   →Recognition},
   year={2019}
}
```

and

```
@inproceedings{singh2019pythia,
   title={Pythia-a platform for vision \& language research},
   author={Singh, Amanpreet and Natarajan, Vivek and Jiang, Yu and Chen, Xinlei and_
   →Shah, Meet and Rohrbach, Marcus and Batra, Dhruv and Parikh, Devi},
   booktitle={SysML Workshop, NeurIPS},
   volume={2018},
   year={2019}
}
```

Terminology and Concepts

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To develop on top of Pythia, it is necessary to understand concepts and terminology used in Pythia codebase. Pythia has been very carefully designed from ground-up to be a multi-tasking framework. This means using Pythia you can train on multiple tasks/datasets together.

To achieve this, Pythia has few opinions about architecture of your research project. But, being generic means Pythia abstracts a lot of concepts in its modules and it would be easy to develop on top of Pythia once a developer understands these simple concepts. Major concepts and terminology in Pythia that one needs to know in order to develop over Pythia are as follows:

- Tasks and Datasets
- Models
- Registry
- Configuration
- Processors
- Sample List

2.1 Tasks and Datasets

In Pythia, we have divided datasets into a set category of tasks. Thus, a task corresponds to a collection of datasets that belong to it. For example, VQA 2.0, VizWiz and TextVQA all belong VQA task. Each task and dataset has been assigned a unique key which is used to refer it in the command line arguments.

Following table shows the tasks and their datasets:

Task	Key	Datasets
VQA	vqa	VQA2.0, VizWiz, TextVQA, VisualGenome, CLEVR
Dialog	dialog	VisualDialog
Caption	captioning	MS COCO

Datasets	Key	Task	Notes
VQA 2.0	vqa2	vqa	
TextVQA	textvqa	vqa	
VizWiz	vizwiz	vqa	
VisualDialog	visdial	dialog	Coming soon!
VisualGenome	visual_genome	vqa	
CLEVR	clevr	vqa	
MS COCO	сосо	captioning	

Following table shows the inverse of the above table, datasets along with their tasks and keys:

2.2 Models

Reference implementations for state-of-the-art models have been included to act as a base for reproduction of research papers and starting point of new research. Pythia has been used in past for following papers:

- Towards VQA Models That Can Read (LoRRA model)
- VQA 2018 Challenge winner
- VizWiz 2018 Challenge winner

Similar to tasks and datasets, each model has been registered with a unique key for easy reference in configuration and command line arguments. Following table shows each model's key name and datasets it can be run on.

Model	Key	Datasets
LoRRA	lorra	textvqa, vizwiz
Pythia	pythia	textvqa, vizwiz, vqa2, visual_genome
BAN	ban	textvqa, vizwiz, vqa2
BUTD	butd	сосо

Note: BAN support is preliminary and hasn't been properly fine-tuned yet.

2.3 Registry

Registry acts as a central source of truth for Pythia. Inspired from Redux's global store, useful information needed by Pythia ecosystem is registered in the registry. Registry can be considered as a general purpose storage for information which is needed by multiple parts of the framework and acts source of information wherever that information is needed.

Registry also registers models, tasks, datasets etc. based on a unique key as mentioned above. Registry's functions can be used as decorators over the classes which need to be registered (for e.g. models etc.)

Registry object can be imported as the follow:

from pythia.common.registry import registry

Find more details about Registry class in its documentation common/registry.

2.4 Configuration

As is necessary with research, most of the parameters/settings in Pythia are configurable. Pythia specific default values (training_parameters) are present in pythia/common/defaults/configs/base.yml with detailed comments delineating the usage of each parameter.

For ease of usage and modularity, configuration for each dataset is kept separately in pythia/common/ defaults/configs/tasks/[task]/[dataset].yml where you can get [task] value for the dataset from the tables in *Tasks and Datasets* section.

The most dynamic part, model configuration are also kept separate and are the one which need to be defined by the user if they are creating their own models. We include configurations for the models included in the model zoo of Pythia. For each model, there is a separate configuration for each dataset it can work on. See an example in configs/vqa/vqa2/pythia.yml. The configuration in the configs folder are divided using the scheme configs/ [task]/[dataset]/[model].yml.

It is possible to include other configs into your config using includes directive. Thus, in Pythia config above you can include vqa2's config like this:

```
includes:
    common/defaults/configs/tasks/vqa/vqa2.yml
```

Now, due to separate config per dataset this concept can be extended to do multi-tasking and include multiple dataset configs here.

base.yml file mentioned above is always included and provides sane defaults for most of the training parameters. You can then specify the config of the model that you want to train using --config [config_path] option. The final config can be retrieved using registry.get('config') anywhere in your codebase. You can access the attributes from these configs by using dot notation. For e.g. if you want to get the value of maximum iterations, you can get that by registry.get('config').training_parameters.max_iterations.

The values in the configuration can be overriden using two formats:

- Individual Override: For e.g. you want to use DataParallel to train on multiple GPUs, you can override the default value of False by passing arguments training_parameters.data_parallel True at the end your command. This will override that option on the fly.
- DemJSON based override: The above option gets clunky when you are trying to run the hyperparameters sweeps over model parameters. To avoid this, you can update a whole block using a demjson string. For e.g. to use early stopping as well update the patience, you can pass --config_override "{training_parameters: {should_early_stop: True, patience: 5000}}". This demjson string is easier to generate programmatically than the individual override.

Note: It is always helpful to verify your config overrides and final configuration values that are printed to make sure you override the correct keys.

2.5 Processors

The main aim of processors is to keep data processing pipelines as similar as possible for different datasets and allow code reusability. Processors take in a dict with keys corresponding to data they need and return back a dict with processed data. This helps keep processors independent of the rest of the logic by fixing the signatures they require. Processors are used in all of the datasets to hand off the data processing needs. Learn more about processors in the *documentation for processors*.

2.6 Sample List

SampleList has been inspired from BBoxList in maskrcnn-benchmark, but is more generic. All datasets integrated with Pythia need to return a Sample which will be collated into SampleList. Now, SampleList comes with a lot of handy functions which enable easy batching and access of things. For e.g. Sample is a dict with some keys. In SampleList, values for these keys will be smartly clubbed based on whether it is a tensor or a list and assigned back to that dict. So, end user gets these keys clubbed nicely together and can use them in their model. Models integrated with Pythia receive a SampleList as an argument which again makes the trainer unopinionated about the models as well as the datasets. Learn more about Sample and SampleList in their *documentation*.

Features

Pythia features:

- Model Zoo: Reference implementations for state-of-the-art vision and language model including LoRRA (SoTA on VQA and TextVQA), Pythia model (VQA 2018 challenge winner), BAN and BUTD.
- Multi-Tasking: Support for multi-tasking which allows training on multiple datasets together.
- **Datasets**: Includes support for various datasets built-in including VQA, VizWiz, TextVQA, VisualDialog, MS COCO Captioning.
- Modules: Provides implementations for many commonly used layers in vision and language domain
- Distributed: Support for distributed training based on DataParallel as well as DistributedDataParallel.
- Unopinionated: Unopinionated about the dataset and model implementations built on top of it.
- Customization: Custom losses, metrics, scheduling, optimizers, tensorboard; suits all your custom needs.

You can use Pythia to bootstrap for your next vision and language multimodal research project.

Pythia can also act as **starter codebase** for challenges around vision and language datasets (TextVQA challenge, VQA challenge).

Adding a dataset

This is a tutorial on how to add a new dataset to Pythia.

Pythia is agnostic to kind of datasets that can be added to it. On high level, adding a dataset requires 4 main components.

- Dataset Builder
- Default Configuration
- Dataset Class
- · Dataset's Metrics
- [Optional] Task specification

In most of the cases, you should be able to inherit one of the existing datasets for easy integration. Let's start from the dataset builder

4.1 Dataset Builder

Builder creates and returns an instance of pythia.tasks.base_dataset.BaseDataset which is inherited from torch.utils.data.dataset.Dataset. Any builder class in Pythia needs to be inherited from pythia.tasks.base_dataset_builder.BaseDatasetBuilder. BaseDatasetBuilder requires user to implement following methods after inheriting the class.

```
• ___init___(self):
```

Inside this function call super().__init__("name") where "name" should your dataset's name like "vqa2".

• _load(self, dataset_type, config, *args, **kwargs)

This function loads the dataset, builds an object of class inheriting BaseDataset which contains your dataset logic and returns it.

• _build(self, dataset_type, config, *args, **kwargs)

This function actually builds the data required for initializing the dataset for the first time. For e.g. if you need to download some data for your dataset, this all should be done inside this function.

Finally, you need to register your dataset builder with a key to registry using pythia.common.registry.register_builder("key").

That's it, that's all you require for inheriting BaseDatasetBuilder.

Let's write down this using example of CLEVR dataset.

```
import json
import math
import os
import zipfile
from collections import Counter
from pythia.common.registry import registry
from pythia.tasks.base_dataset_builder import BaseDatasetBuilder
# Let's assume for now that we have a dataset class called CLEVRDataset
from pythia.tasks.vqa.clevr.dataset import CLEVRDataset
from pythia.utils.general import download_file, get_pythia_root
@registry.register_builder("clevr")
class CLEVRBuilder(BaseDatasetBuilder):
    DOWNLOAD_URL = "https://s3-us-west-1.amazonaws.com/clevr/CLEVR_v1.0.zip"
    def __init__(self):
        # Init should call super().___init___ with the key for the dataset
        super().__init__("clevr")
        self.writer = registry.get("writer")
        # Assign the dataset class
        self.dataset_class = CLEVRDataset
    def _build(self, dataset_type, config):
        download_folder = os.path.join(
            get_pythia_root(), config.data_root_dir, config.data_folder
        )
        file_name = self.DOWNLOAD_URL.split("/")[-1]
        local_filename = os.path.join(download_folder, file_name)
        extraction_folder = os.path.join(download_folder, ".".join(file_name.split(".
\rightarrow") [:-1]))
        self.data_folder = extraction_folder
        # Either if the zip file is already present or if there are some
        # files inside the folder we don't continue download process
        if os.path.exists(local_filename):
            return
        if os.path.exists(extraction_folder) and \
            len(os.listdir(extraction_folder)) != 0:
            return
        self.writer.write("Downloading the CLEVR dataset now")
        download_file(self.DOWNLOAD_URL, output_dir=download_folder)
```

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```
self.writer.write("Downloaded. Extracting now. This can take time.")
       with zipfile.ZipFile(local_filename, "r") as zip_ref:
            zip_ref.extractall(download_folder)
   def _load(self, dataset_type, config, *args, **kwargs):
        # Load the dataset using the CLEVRDataset class
       self.dataset = CLEVRDataset(
            dataset_type, config, data_folder=self.data_folder
       )
       return self.dataset
   def update_registry_for_model(self, config):
        # Register both vocab (question and answer) sizes to registry for easy access.
\rightarrowto the
        # models. update_registry_for_model function if present is automatically_
\hookrightarrow called by
        # pythia
       registry.register(
            self.dataset_name + "_text_vocab_size",
            self.dataset.text_processor.get_vocab_size(),
       )
       registry.register(
            self.dataset_name + "_num_final_outputs",
            self.dataset.answer_processor.get_vocab_size(),
       )
```

4.2 Default Configuration

Some things to note about Pythia's configuration:

- Each dataset in Pythia has its own default configuration which is usually under this structure pythia/ commmon/defaults/configs/tasks/[task]/[dataset].yml where task is the task your dataset belongs to.
- These dataset configurations can be then included by the user in their end config using includes directive
- This allows easy multi-tasking and management of configurations and user can also override the default configurations easily in their own config

So, for CLEVR dataset also, we will need to create a default configuration.

The config node is directly passed to your builder which you can then pass to your dataset for any configuration that you need for building your dataset.

Basic structure for a dataset configuration looks like below:

```
task_attributes:
   [task]:
    datasets:
    - [dataset]
    dataset_attributes:
        [dataset]:
        ... your config here
```

Here, is a default configuration for CLEVR needed based on our dataset and builder class above:

```
task_attributes:
   vqa:
        datasets:
        - clevr
        dataset_attributes:
            # You can specify any attributes you want, and you will get them as.
→attributes
            # inside the config passed to the dataset. Check the Dataset.
→ implementation below.
            clevr:
                # Where your data is stored
                data root dir: ../data
                data_folder: CLEVR_v1.0
                # Any attribute that you require to build your dataset but are_
⇔configurable
                # For CLEVR, we have attributes that can be passed to vocab building.
⇔class
                build_attributes:
                    min_count: 1
                    split_regex: " "
                    keep:
                        - ";"
                        - ", "
                    remove:
                        - "?"
                        _ ","
                processors:
                # The processors will be assigned to the datasets automatically by.
→ Pythia
                # For example if key is text_processor, you can access that processor.
⇔inside
                # dataset object using self.text_processor
                    text_processor:
                        type: vocab
                        params:
                            max_length: 10
                            vocab:
                                type: random
                                vocab_file: vocabs/clevr_question_vocab.txt
                        # You can also specify a processor here
                        preprocessor:
                            type: simple_sentence
                            params: { }
                    answer_processor:
                        # Add your processor for answer processor here
                        type: multi_hot_answer_from_vocab
                        params:
                            num answers: 1
                             # Vocab file is relative to [data_root_dir]/[data_folder]
                            vocab_file: vocabs/clevr_answer_vocab.txt
                            preprocessor:
                                type: simple_word
                                params: { }
training_parameters:
   monitored_metric: clevr_accuracy
    metric minimize: false
```

Extra field that we have added here is training_parameters which specify the dataset specific training pa-

rameters and will be merged with the rest of the training parameters coming from user's config. Your metrics are normally stored in registry as [dataset]_[metric_key], so to monitor accuracy on CLEVR, you need to set it as clevr_accuracy and we need to maximize it, we set metric_minimize to false.

For processors, check pythia.tasks.processors to understand how to create a processor and different processors that are already available in Pythia.

4.3 Dataset Class

Next step is to actually build a dataset class which inherits BaseDataset so it can interact with PyTorch dataloaders. Follow the steps below to inherit and create your dataset's class.

- Inherit pythia.tasks.base_dataset.BaseDataset
- Implement __init__(self, dataset_type, config). Call parent's init using super(). __init__("name", dataset_type, config) where "name" is the string representing the name of your dataset.
- Implement get_item(self, idx), our replacement for normal __getitem__(self, idx) you would implement for a torch dataset. This needs to return an object of class :class:Sample.
- Implement __len__(self) method, which represents size of your dataset.
- [Optional] Implement load_item(self, idx) if you need to load something or do something else with data and then call it inside get_item.

```
import os
import json
import numpy as np
import torch
from PIL import Image
from pythia.common.registry import registry
from pythia.common.sample import Sample
from pythia.tasks.base_dataset import BaseDataset
from pythia.utils.general import get_pythia_root
from pythia.utils.text utils import VocabFromText, tokenize
class CLEVRDataset(BaseDataset):
    def __init__(self, dataset_type, config, data_folder=None, *args, **kwargs):
        super().__init__("clevr", dataset_type, config)
        self._data_folder = data_folder
        self._data_root_dir = os.path.join(get_pythia_root(), config.data_root_dir)
        if not self._data_folder:
            self._data_folder = os.path.join(self._data_root_dir, config.data_folder)
        if not os.path.exists(self._data_folder):
            raise RuntimeError(
                "Data folder {} for CLEVR is not present".format(self._data_folder)
            )
        # Check if the folder was actually extracted in the subfolder
        if config.data_folder in os.listdir(self._data_folder):
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```
self._data_folder = os.path.join(self._data_folder, config.data_folder)
       if len(os.listdir(self._data_folder)) == 0:
           raise RuntimeError("CLEVR dataset folder is empty")
       self._load()
   def _load(self):
       self.image_path = os.path.join(self._data_folder, "images", self._dataset_
→type)
       with open(
           os.path.join(
               self._data_folder,
                "questions",
                "CLEVR_{}_questions.json".format(self._dataset_type),
           )
       ) as f:
           self.questions = json.load(f)["questions"]
           self._build_vocab(self.questions, "question")
           self._build_vocab(self.questions, "answer")
   def __len_(self):
        # __len__ tells how many samples are there
       return len(self.questions)
   def __get_vocab_path(self, attribute):
       return os.path.join(
           self._data_root_dir, "vocabs",
            "{}_{}_vocab.txt".format(self._name, attribute)
       )
   def _build_vocab(self, questions, attribute):
        # This function builds vocab for questions and answers but not required for.
\rightarrowthe
        # tutorial
        . . .
   def get_item(self, idx):
       # Get item is like your normal ____qetitem___ in PyTorch Dataset. Based on id
       # return a sample. Check VQA2Dataset implementation if you want to see how
       # to do caching in Pythia
       data = self.questions[idx]
       # Each call to get_item from dataloader returns a Sample class object which
       # collated by our special batch collator to a SampleList which is basically
       # a attribute based batch in layman terms
       current_sample = Sample()
       question = data["question"]
       tokens = tokenize(question, keep=[";", ","], remove=["?", "."])
       # This processors are directly assigned as attributes to dataset based on the.
⇔config
        # we created above
       processed = self.text_processor({"tokens": tokens})
        # Add the question as text attribute to the sample
```

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```
current_sample.text = processed["text"]
processed = self.answer_processor({"answers": [data["answer"]]})
# Now add answers and then the targets. We normally use "targets" for what
# should be the final output from the model in Pythia
current_sample.answers = processed["answers"]
current_sample.targets = processed["answers_scores"]
image_path = os.path.join(self.image_path, data["image_filename"])
image = np.true_divide(Image.open(image_path).convert("RGB"), 255)
image = image.astype(np.float32)
# Process and add image as a tensor
current_sample.image = torch.from_numpy(image.transpose(2, 0, 1))
# Return your sample and Pythia will automatically convert it to SampleList_
...,before
# passing to the model
return current_sample
```

4.4 Metrics

For your dataset to be compatible out of the box, it is a good practice to also add the metrics your dataset requires. All metrics for now go inside pythia/modules/metrics.py. All metrics inherit BaseMetric and implement a function calculate with signature calculate (self, sample_list, model_output, *args, **kwargs) where sample_list (SampleList) is the current batch and model_output is a dict return by your model for current sample_list. Normally, you should define the keys you want inside model_output and sample_list. Finally, you should register your metric to registry using @registry. register_metric('[key]') where '[key]' is the key for your metric. Here is a sample implementation of accuracy metric used in CLEVR dataset:

4.5 [Optional] Task Specification

This optional step is required in case you are adding a new task type to Pythia. Check implementation of VQATask to understand an implementation of task specification. In most cases, you don't need to do this.

These are the common steps you need to follow when you are adding a dataset to Pythia.

Pretrained Models

Performing inference using pretrained models in Pythia is easy. Pickup a pretrained model from the table below and follow the steps to do inference or generate predictions for EvalAI evaluation. This section expects that you have already installed the required data as explained in quickstart.

Model	Model	Supported Datasets	Pretrained Models	Notes	
	Key				
Pythia	pythia	vqa2, vizwiz, textvqa,	vqa2 train+val, vqa2	VizWiz model has been pretrained on	
		visual_genome,	train only, vizwiz	VQAv2 and transferred	
LoRRA	lorra	vqa2, vizwiz, textvqa	textvqa		
CNNL-	cnn_lstm clevr			Features are calculated on fly in this on	
STM					
BAN	ban	vqa2, vizwiz, textvqa	Coming soon!	Support is preliminary and haven't	
				been tested throughly.	
BUTD	butd	сосо	сосо		

Now, let's say your link to pretrained model model is link (select from table > right click > copy link address), the respective config should be at configs/[task]/[dataset]/[model].yml. For example, config file for vqa2 train_and_val should be configs/vqa/vqa2/pythia_train_and_val.yml. Now to run inference for EvalAI, run the following command.

If you want to train or evaluate on val, change the run_type to train or val accordingly. You can also use multiple run types, for e.g. to do training, inference on val as well as test you can set --run_type to train+val+inference.

if you remove --evalai_inference argument, Pythia will perform inference and provide results directly on the dataset. Do note that this is not possible in case of test sets as we don't have answers/targets for them. So, this can be useful for performing inference on val set locally.

Table below shows evaluation metrics for various pretrained models:

Model	Dataset	Metric	Notes
Pythia	vqa2 (train+val)	test-dev accuracy -	Can be easily pushed to
		68.31%	69.2%
Pythia	vqa2 (train)	test-dev accuracy - 66.7%	
Pythia	vizwiz (train)	test-dev accuracy -	Pretrained on VQA2 and
		54.22%	transferred to VizWiz
LoRRA	textvqa (train)	val accuracy - 27.4%	
BUTD	coco (karpathy-train)		Beam Search(length 5),
		BLEU 1 - 76.02, BLEU 4- 35.42 METEOR- 27.39, ROUGE_L- 56.17 CIDEr - 112.03, SPICE - 20.33	Karpathy test split

Note for BUTD model : For training BUTD model use the config butd.yml. Training uses greedy decoding for validation. Currently we do not have support to train the model using beam search decoding validation. We will add that support soon. For inference only use butd_beam_search.yml config that supports beam search decoding.

Challenge Participation

Participating in EvalAI challenges is really easy using Pythia. We will show how to do inference for two challenges here:

Note: This section assumes that you have downloaded data following the Quickstart tutorial.

6.1 TextVQA challenge

TextVQA challenge is available at this link. Currently, LoRRA is the SoTA on TextVQA. To do inference on val set using LoRRA, follow the steps below:

```
# Download the model first
cd ~/pythia/data
mkdir -p models && cd models;
# Get link from the table above and extract if needed
wget https://dl.fbaipublicfiles.com/pythia/pretrained_models/textvqa/lorra_best.pth
cd ../..
# Replace tasks, datasets and model with corresponding key for other pretrained models
python tools/run.py --tasks vqa --datasets textvqa --model lorra --config configs/vqa/
--run_type val --evalai_inference 1 --resume_file data/models/lorra_best.pth
```

In the printed log, Pythia will mention where it wrote the JSON file it created. Upload that file on EvalAI:

```
> Go to https://evalai.cloudcv.org/web/challenges/challenge-page/244/overview
> Select Submit Tab
> Select Validation Phase
> Select the file by click Upload file
> Write a model name
> Upload
```

To check your results, go in 'My submissions' section and select 'Validation Phase' and click on 'Result file'.

Now, you can either edit the LoRRA model to create your own model on top of it or create your own model inside Pythia to beat LoRRA in challenge.

6.2 VQA Challenge

Similar to TextVQA challenge, VQA Challenge is available at this link. You can either select Pythia as your base model or LoRRA model (available soon for VQA2) from the table in pretrained models section as a base.

Follow the same steps above, replacing --model with pythia or lorra and --datasets with vqa2. Also, replace the config accordingly. Here are example commands for using Pythia to do inference on test set of VQA2.

Now, similar to TextVQA challenge follow the steps to upload the prediction file, but this time to test-dev phase.

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