

Effective Testing in Deep Learning Framework

From Assert to Unittest with PyTorch MNIST

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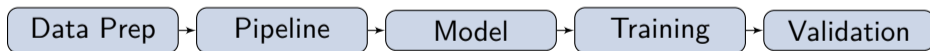
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Deep Learning Code Framework

Typical components of a PyTorch project:

- **Data Preprocessing:** Raw data cleaning and formatting.
 - Raw CAN messages → time-synchronized sensor values
 - Packet dump → a series of timestamp/payloads per stream
- **Data Pipeline:** Loading, augmentation, and batching.
- **Model:** Neural network architecture definition.
- **Training Loop:** Forward/backward pass, optimization, reporting (`wandb`).
- **Validation/Testing:** Monitoring performance on unseen data.



Bugs can hide silently in any of these interacting components.

Why Test Deep Learning Code?

- **Silent Bugs:** Models can "train" even with broken logic (e.g., incorrect broadcasting).
- **Complexity:** Interactions between data loaders, models, and training loops are complex.
- **Reproducibility:** Ensuring specific inputs yield deterministic outputs.
- **Refactoring:** Safely optimizing code without breaking functionality.

Outline

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The `assert` Statement

What is it?

- A debugging aid that tests a condition.
- If the condition is true, nothing happens.
- If the condition is false, it raises an `AssertionError`.

When to use it?

- Verifying logical assumptions (e.g., invariants).
- Checking input contracts in internal functions.
- Checking output validity logic.

Note: Asserts can be disabled with the `-O` flag in Python (optimization mode).

Assert Usage: Basics

Syntax: `assert condition, message`

```
1 x = 10
2
3 # 1. Simple statement
4 assert x > 0
5
6 # 2. Statement with error message (Recommended)
7 assert x > 0, "x must be positive"
8
9 # 3. Checking types/shapes shortcuts
10 assert isinstance(x, int)
11
12 # 4. Debugging with f-strings (Very Helpful!)
13 assert x > 0, f"Expected positive x, got {x}"
```

Assert Usage: Input Verification

Example: Accuracy Calculation Catch invalid inputs early to prevent silent failures.

```
1 def calculate_accuracy(correct, total):
2     assert total > 0, "Total must be positive"
3     assert 0 <= correct <= total, "Correct cannot exceed
4         total"
5     return correct / total
6 # Usage that triggers error
7 acc = calculate_accuracy(10, 0)
```

$$\text{Accuracy} = \frac{\text{correct}}{\text{total}}$$

where:

$$0 < \text{total}$$

$$0 \leq \text{correct} \leq \text{total}$$

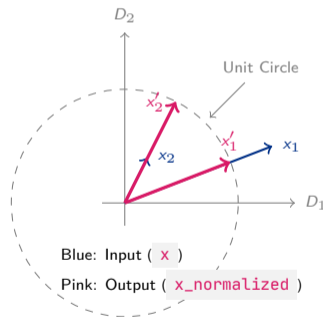
Execution Result:

```
Traceback (most recent call last):
  File "assert_demo.py", line 8, in <module>
    acc = calculate_accuracy(10, 0)    # AssertionError: Total must be positive
    ^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^
  File "assert_demo.py", line 2, in calculate_accuracy
    assert total > 0, "Total must be positive"
    ^^^^^^^^^^^
AssertionError: Total must be positive
```

Assert Usage: Output Verification

Example: Safe Normalization Ensure mathematical operations maintain required invariants (e.g., unit vectors).

```
1 def safe_normalize(x, eps=1e-6):
2     """Normalize vectors to unit length.
3
4     Args:
5         x: Input tensor of shape (B,D)
6         eps: Small value to avoid division by zero
7     Returns:
8         Normalized tensor of shape (B,D)
9     """
10    norm = x.norm(dim=1, keepdim=True)
11    x_normalized = x / (norm + eps)
12
13    # Verify pre-condition: output vectors should have length 1.0
14    # This catches bugs like forgetting 'eps' or wrong dimension
15    final_norms = x_normalized.norm(dim=1)
16    target = torch.ones_like(final_norms)
17
18    assert torch.allclose(final_norms, target, atol=1e-4), \
19           f"Normalization failed. Max deviation: {(final_norms - target).abs()
20           .max()}"
21
22    return x_normalized
```



Python's standard library for automated testing.

Key Concepts:

- **TestCase:** The fundamental unit of testing organization in the framework.
- **Assertion:**
 - Decides whether a test passes or fails.
 - Checks for conditions (Boolean, equality, exceptions, etc.).
 - If an assertion fails, the test method fails.
- **Fixtures:** Preparation (`setUp`) and cleanup (`tearDown`) of test environment.

Where should `TestCase` go?

- **Separate Files (Recommended):**

- e.g., `test_model.py` or in a `tests/` directory.
- Keeps production code clean and lightweight.
- Enables automatic test discovery (`python -m unittest discover`).

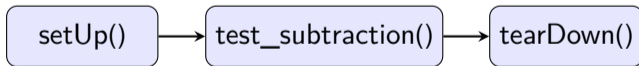
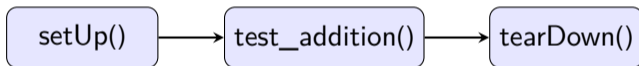
- **Same Module:**

- Inside `if __name__ == '__main__':`.
- Convenient for small scripts, but discouraged for projects.

Test Fixture (픽스처)

Fixture:

- Code executed before/after specific test functions.
- Ensures the test environment is in a known, fixed state (Pre-condition).
- Common uses: Creating DB tables (setup) or cleaning up resources (teardown).



Fresh environment for each test!

Basic unittest Structure

```
1 import unittest
2
3 class TestMath(unittest.TestCase):
4     def setUp(self):
5         self.value = 10
6
7     def test_addition(self):
8         self.assertEqual(self.value + 5, 15)
9
10    def test_negative(self):
11        self.assertTrue(self.value - 20 < 0)
12
13 if __name__ == '__main__':
14    unittest.main()
```



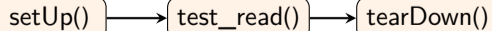
Execution Result

```
..
-----
Ran 2 tests in 0.000s

OK
```

Fixtures: `setUp` and `tearDown`

```
1 import unittest
2 import os
3
4 class TestFileOps(unittest.TestCase):
5     def setUp(self):
6         # Run BEFORE specific test execution
7         self.filepath = 'temp_test.txt'
8         with open(self.filepath, 'w') as f:
9             f.write('Hello')
10
11    def tearDown(self):
12        # Run AFTER (Cleanup)
13        if os.path.exists(self.filepath):
14            os.remove(self.filepath)
15
16    def test_read(self):
17        with open(self.filepath, 'r') as f:
18            self.assertEqual(f.read(), 'Hello')
```



Execution Result

```
.
-----
Ran 1 test in 0.001s

OK
```

Common `unittest` Assertions

Method	Checks that
<code>assertEqual(a, b)</code>	<code>a == b</code>
<code>assertNotEqual(a, b)</code>	<code>a != b</code>
<code>assertTrue(x)</code>	<code>bool(x) is True</code>
<code>assertFalse(x)</code>	<code>bool(x) is False</code>
<code>assertIs(a, b)</code>	<code>a is b</code>
<code>assertIsNot(a, b)</code>	<code>a is not b</code>
<code>assertIsNone(x)</code>	<code>x is None</code>
<code>assertIn(a, b)</code>	<code>a in b</code>
<code>assertIsInstance(a, b)</code>	<code>isinstance(a, b)</code>

Note: Conventionally, `assertEqual(actual, expected)`.

<https://docs.python.org/3/library/unittest.html>

Unittest Demo

Demo Project Overview

A structured MNIST classifier to demonstrate testing patterns.

Structure:

- `main.py` : Entry point (No test code).
- `model.py` : The CNN architecture.
- `trainer.py` : Training loop and validation logic.
- `data_utils.py` : Data loading and preprocessing.
- `tests/` :
 - `test_model.py`
 - `test_trainer.py`
 - `test_data_utils.py`

The Model (model.py)

Architecture:

- **Conv Layers:** 2 layers with ReLU and Pooling.
- **FC Layers:** Flatten to 128 units, then 10 classes.
- **Methods:**
 - `forward(x)` : Returns logits.
 - `predict(x)` : Returns class index (0-9).
 - `predict_proba(x)` : Returns probabilities (Softmax).

```
1 class MNISTClassifier(nn.Module):
2     def __init__(self):
3         super(MNISTClassifier, self).__init__()
4         self.conv1 = nn.Conv2d(1, 32, kernel_size=3, padding=1)
5         self.conv2 = nn.Conv2d(32, 64, 3, 1)
6         self.pool = nn.MaxPool2d(2, 2)
7         self.fc1 = nn.Linear(64 * 7 * 7, 128)
8         self.fc2 = nn.Linear(128, 10)
9
10    def forward(self, x):
11        assert x.shape[1:] == (1, 28, 28) # ASSERTION!!!
12        x = self.pool(F.relu(self.conv1(x)))
13        x = self.pool(F.relu(self.conv2(x)))
14        x = x.view(x.size(0), -1)
15        x = F.relu(self.fc1(x))
16        return self.fc2(x)
17
18    def predict(self, x):
19        assert x.shape[1:] == (1, 28, 28) # ASSERTION!!!
20        with torch.no_grad():
21            return torch.argmax(self.forward(x), dim=1)
```

Test: Architecture (`test_model.py`)

```
1 class TestModelArchitecture(unittest.TestCase):
2     def setUp(self):
3         self.model = MNISTClassifier()
4
5     def test_layers_exist(self):
6         # Verify essential components are present
7         self.assertTrue(hasattr(self.model, 'conv1'))
8         self.assertTrue(hasattr(self.model, 'conv2'))
9         self.assertTrue(hasattr(self.model, 'fc2'))
10
11    def test_fc2_output_size(self):
12        # Final layer must have exactly 10 outputs (0-9)
13        self.assertEqual(self.model.fc2.out_features, 10)
```

Test: Forward Pass Logic

```
1 class TestModelForward(unittest.TestCase):
2     def setUp(self):
3         self.model = MNISTClassifier()
4
5     def test_forward_output_shape(self):
6         # Check if output shape is (batch_size, num_classes)
7         batch_size = 8
8         x = torch.randn(batch_size, 1, 28, 28)
9         output = self.model(x)
10        self.assertEqual(output.shape, (batch_size, 10))
11
12    def test_forward_output_not_nan(self):
13        # Ensure no numerical instability
14        x = torch.randn(4, 1, 28, 28)
15        output = self.model(x)
16        self.assertFalse(torch.isnan(output).any())
```

Test: Prediction Logic

```
1 class TestModelPrediction(unittest.TestCase):
2     def test_predict_labels_range(self):
3         x = torch.randn(10, 1, 28, 28)
4         preds = self.model.predict(x)
5
6         # All labels must be valid digits [0-9]
7         self.assertTrue((preds >= 0).all())
8         self.assertTrue((preds <= 9).all())
9
10    def test_predict_proba_sums_to_one(self):
11        x = torch.randn(4, 1, 28, 28)
12        probs = self.model.predict_proba(x)
13
14        # Sum of probabilities across classes should be 1.0
15        self.assertTrue(torch.allclose(probs.sum(dim=1), torch.ones(4)))
```

Test: Gradients & Device

```
1 class TestModelGradients(unittest.TestCase):
2     def test_gradients_computed(self):
3         x = torch.randn(4, 1, 28, 28)
4         labels = torch.randint(0, 10, (4,))
5         loss = nn.CrossEntropyLoss()(self.model(x), labels)
6         loss.backward()
7
8         # Verify gradients are flowing to weights
9         for name, param in self.model.named_parameters():
10            self.assertIsNotNone(param.grad)
11            self.assertNotEqual(param.grad.norm().item(), 0)
12
13 @unittest.skipUnless(torch.cuda.is_available(), "CUDA not available")
14 def test_model_on_cuda(self):
15     device = torch.device('cuda')
16     model = self.model.to(device)
17     self.assertEqual(next(model.parameters()).device.type, 'cuda')
```

Dataset Management:

- **Splitting:** 90% Train, 10% Val.
- **Performance:** `shuffle=True` for training.
- **Reproducibility:** Fixed seed for random split.

```
1 def load_mnist_data(data_dir='./data', val_split
2   =0.1):
3     full_train = datasets.MNIST(..., train=True)
4
5     val_size = int(len(full_train) * val_split)
6     train_size = len(full_train) - val_size
7
8     train_set, val_set = random_split(
9         full_train, [train_size, val_size],
10        generator=torch.Generator().manual_seed(42)
11    )
12
13    return (
14        DataLoader(train_set, shuffle=True),
15        DataLoader(val_set, shuffle=False)
16    )
```

Data Preprocessing (data_utils.py)

```
1 def normalize_image(image, mean=0.1307, std=0.3081):
2     return (image - mean) / std
3
4 def denormalize_image(image, mean=0.1307, std=0.3081):
5     return image * std + mean
6
7 def create_dummy_data(num_samples=100):
8     # Mock data for unit testing model logic
9     images = torch.randn(num_samples, 1, 28, 28)
10    labels = torch.randint(0, 10, (num_samples,))
11    return images, labels
```

Test: Data Utilities

```
1 class TestNormalization(unittest.TestCase):
2     def test_normalize_denormalize_inverse(self):
3         # Validation of mathematical reversibility
4         original = torch.randn(1, 28, 28)
5         norm = normalize_image(original)
6         recovered = denormalize_image(norm)
7         self.assertTrue(torch.allclose(original, recovered, atol=1e-5))
8
9 class TestDummyData(unittest.TestCase):
10    def test_create_dummy_data_custom_shape(self):
11        # Ensure helper creates correct shapes for tests
12        images, labels = create_dummy_data(num_samples=50)
13        self.assertEqual(images.shape, (50, 1, 28, 28))
14        self.assertEqual(labels.shape, (50,))
```

Training Logic (`trainer.py`)

```
1 class Trainer:
2     def __init__(self, model, optimizer, device):
3         self.model = model.to(device)
4         self.optimizer = optimizer
5
6     def train_epoch(self, train_loader):
7         self.model.train()
8         total_loss = 0
9         for data, target in train_loader:
10            data, target = data.to(self.device), target.to(self.device)
11            self.optimizer.zero_grad()
12            output = self.model(data)
13            loss = F.cross_entropy(output, target)
14            loss.backward()
15            self.optimizer.step()
16            total_loss += loss.item()
17        return total_loss / len(train_loader)
```

Validation Logic (`trainer.py`)

```
1  def validate(self, val_loader):
2      self.model.eval()
3      correct = 0
4      with torch.no_grad():
5          for data, target in val_loader:
6              output = self.model(data)
7              pred = output.argmax(dim=1)
8              correct += pred.eq(target).sum().item()
9
10     return correct / len(val_loader.dataset)
11
12  def save_checkpoint(self, path):
13     torch.save(self.model.state_dict(), path)
```

Test: Trainer Logic

```
1 class TestTrainerValidation(unittest.TestCase):
2     def test_validate_does_not_update_weights(self):
3         # Critical: Validation should NOT change model state
4         initial_w = self.model.fc2.weight.clone()
5         self.trainer.validate(self.val_loader)
6         self.assertTrue(torch.equal(initial_w, self.model.fc2.weight))
7
8 class TestTrainerCheckpoint(unittest.TestCase):
9     def test_save_load_checkpoint(self):
10        # Verify persistence
11        self.trainer.save_checkpoint('ckpt.pt')
12        self.model.fc2.weight.data.fill_(0) # Corrupt
13        self.trainer.load_checkpoint('ckpt.pt') # Restore
14        self.assertNotEqual(self.model.fc2.weight.sum(), 0)
```

Running the Tests

- **Command Line:**

```
$ python -m unittest discover -s tests -v
```

- **With Coverage:**

```
$ python -m coverage run --source=. -m unittest discover -s tests
```

```
$ python -m coverage report -m
```

Output Example

```
test_forward_output_shape (test_model.TestModelForward) ... ok  
test_gradients_computed (test_model.TestModelGradients) ... ok  
test_normalize_image (test_data_utils.TestNormalization) ... ok
```

```
-----  
Ran 56 tests in 0.352s
```

```
OK
```

Test Discovery Examples

1. Tests in Root Directory (`./`):

```
$ python -m unittest discover -v
```

2. Tests in `tests/`:

```
$ python -m unittest discover -s tests -v
```

3. Tests in Deep Subfolder (`tests/deeplearning`):

```
$ python -m unittest discover -s tests/deeplearning -v
```

Note: `-s` or `--start-directory` defines where discovery begins.

Bonus: Testing Tokenization (NLP Example)

Scenario: Testing a text tokenizer function.

- **Goal:** Verify string processing logic.
- **Edge Cases:** Empty input, special characters, mixed case.

```
1 def simple_tokenize(text):
2     """Convert text to lowercase tokens."""
3     if not text:
4         return []
5     return text.lower().strip().split()
6
7 class TestTokenizer(unittest.TestCase):
8     def test_simple_case(self):
9         text = "Hello Deep Learning"
10        expected = ["hello", "deep", "learning"]
11        self.assertEqual(simple_tokenize(text),
12                          expected)
13
14    def test_special_chars_and_spaces(self):
15        text = "  PyTorch  v2.0 "
16        # Check stripping and splitting
17        self.assertEqual(simple_tokenize(text), ["pytorch", "v2.0"])
```

- **Start Small:** Use `assert` for preconditions.
- **Structure:** Use `unittest.TestCase` to organize tests.
- **Scope:**
 - Test shapes and types.
 - Test mathematical invariants (probabilities sum to 1).
 - Test gradient flow (model is learning).
 - Test data pipelines (transforms are correct).
- **Automate:** Run tests frequently to catch regressions early.