

Machine learning 3a

pyTorch Intro + Ekman Chapter 5 (beginning)

Deep Learning Libraries

AI Development Frameworks in 2025

TensorFlow vs PyTorch vs Keras vs JAX



TensorFlow

Best For:

Scalable production

Strengths:

- TFX ecosystem
- TPU optimization
- Production-ready

Analogy:

Tesla 🚗



PyTorch

Best For:

Research, NLP, CV

Strengths:

- Dynamic graphs
- Pythonic feel
- Hugging Face integration

Analogy:

Rally car 🏎️



Keras (tf.keras)

Best For:

Beginners, prototyping

Strengths:

- Simplicity
- Fast iteration
- TensorFlow integration

Analogy:

Scooter 🛵



JAX

Best For:

Research, TPU compute

Strengths:

- XLA optimization
- Functional programming
- NumPy-like syntax

Analogy:

Formula 1 🏎️

Hardware Compatibility

TensorFlow

PyTorch

Keras

JAX

© 2025 AI Framework Comparison - Choose the right tool for your AI journey

Why PyTorch

Used in 70% of research papers

Support for non-NVIDIA GPUs

Runs (very slowly) on CPUs

DEEP LEARNING FRAMEWORKS COMPARISON – 2025			
 TensorFlow	 PyTorch	 Keras	 JAX
LARGE SCALE PRODUCTION	RESEARCH AND EXPERIMENTATION	SIMPLE AND RAPID PROTOTYPING	SCIENTIFIC COMPUTING
✓ Multiple high-level API ✓ Developed by Google Brain ✓ Deployment - TensorFlow Lite, TensorFlow.js, TFX ✓ Owns 38% market share in production systems	✓ Dynamic computation graph ✓ Pythonic and intuitive ✓ Seamless GPU Acceleration ✓ Appeared in 70% of research papers	✓ Minimal Code Complexity ✓ High-Level, user friendly API ✓ Multiple GPU support ✓ Both sequential and functional model-building approach supported	✓ Fast GPU/TPU performance ✓ Powerful automatic differentiation (autograd) ✓ Automatic Vectorization ✓ Supports XLA (Accelerated Linear Algebra)
✗ Non-NVIDIA GPUs not supported ✗ Steeper learning curve for beginners	✗ Limited deployment ✗ Less mature ecosystem for ML pipelines	✗ Limited Flexibility ✗ Less control due to high abstraction	✗ Smaller Ecosystem ✗ Limited windows support, works best on Linux

Availability

pyTorch and Tensorflow are two popular frameworks both are popular and flexible.

The TensorFlow versions of the code examples are interspersed throughout the book, and the PyTorch versions are available online on the book Web site here: <https://github.com/NVDLI/LDL>

The examples in canvas are rewritten versions using PyTorch with some additions for more biological examples

Coding - Keras and PyTorch

Code Snippet 5-3 Create the Network

```
# Object used to initialize weights.
initializer = keras.initializers.RandomUniform(
    minval=-0.1, maxval=0.1)

# Create a Sequential model.
# 784 inputs.
# Two Dense (fully connected) layers with 25 and 10 neurons.
# tanh as activation function for hidden layer.
# Logistic (sigmoid) as activation function for output layer.
model = keras.Sequential([
    keras.layers.Flatten(input_shape=(28, 28)),
    keras.layers.Dense(25, activation='tanh',
                       kernel_initializer=initializer,
                       bias_initializer='zeros'),
    keras.layers.Dense(10, activation='sigmoid',
                       kernel_initializer=initializer,
                       bias_initializer='zeros')])
```

If you are not so familiar with Python, it is worth pointing out that functions can be defined with optional arguments, and to avoid having to pass the arguments in a specific order, optional arguments can be passed by first naming which argument we are trying to set. An example is the **num_classes** argument in the **to_categorical** function.

7) TensorFlow → PyTorch mapping (quick)

- `tf.data.Dataset` → `DataLoader`
- `tf.keras.Model` → `nn.Module`
- `GradientTape()` → `loss.backward()`
- `optimizer.apply_gradients` → `optimizer.step()`
- `SparseCategoricalCrossentropy(from_logits=True)` → `CrossEntropyLoss()`

```
class SimpleCNN(nn.Module):
    def __init__(self):
        super().__init__()
        self.conv1 = nn.Conv2d(1, 16, kernel_size=5, padding=2)
        self.conv2 = nn.Conv2d(16, 32, kernel_size=5, padding=2)
        self.pool = nn.MaxPool2d(2,2)
        self.fc1 = nn.Linear(32*7*7, 128)
        self.fc2 = nn.Linear(128, 10)

    def forward(self, x):
        x = self.pool(F.relu(self.conv1(x)))
        x = self.pool(F.relu(self.conv2(x)))
        x = x.view(x.size(0), -1)
        x = F.relu(self.fc1(x))
        return self.fc2(x) # logits
```

```
model = SimpleCNN().to(device)
model
```

Why PyTorch

TorchVision

A package for computer vision tasks, offering datasets, models, and transformations.

TorchText

A library for handling text data and NLP tasks.

PyTorch Lightning

A high-level interface for PyTorch that helps organize complex codebases and reduce boilerplate.

ONNX (Open Neural Network Exchange)

PyTorch can export models to ONNX format, which allows for interoperability between frameworks and deployment in other systems.

What is PyTorch

PyTorch for Biology: A Gentle, Code-First Intro

This notebook is for students with a biological background who want a fast, practical start with PyTorch. We'll resembling gene expression and promoter detection so everything runs quickly on CPU.

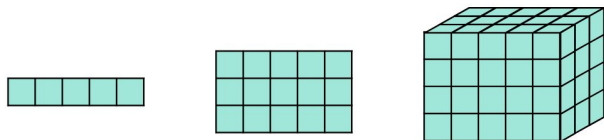
Check !

```
▷ # Section 1: Setup and installation checks  
import torch, numpy as np, random, pandas as pd  
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt  
  
# Reproducibility  
SEED = 42  
random.seed(SEED)  
np.random.seed(SEED)  
torch.manual_seed(SEED)  
  
print(f"PyTorch version: {torch.__version__}")  
print(f"CUDA available: {torch.cuda.is_available()}")  
device = torch.device("cuda" if torch.cuda.is_available() else "cpu")  
print(f"Using device: {device}")  
[1] ✓ 2.1s  
... PyTorch version: 2.5.1  
CUDA available: True  
Using device: cuda
```


PyTorch

Tensors

- High-dimensional matrices (arrays)



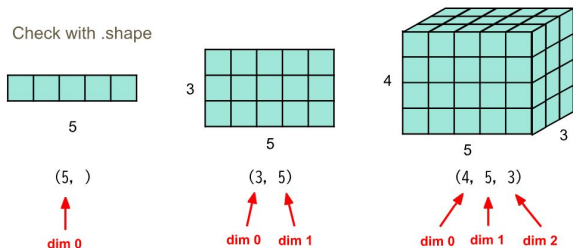
1-D tensor
e.g. audio

2-D tensor
e.g. black&white
images

3-D tensor
e.g. RGB
images

Tensors – Shape of Tensors

- Check with .shape



Note: **dim** in PyTorch == **axis** in NumPy

2. Tensors: creation, shapes, and dtypes

We'll start with DNA-encoded toy data (A,T,G,C mapped to 0-3) to show tensor creation, shapes, and dtypes.

```
# Small DNA example: 4 samples, 8 bases each encoded as ints 0-3
bases = [
    [3,3,2,2,1,1,0,0],
    [1,0,1,0,2,2,3,3],
    [2,2,1,1,0,0,3,3],
], dtype=np.int64)

tensor_from_np = torch.tensor(bases)  # infers dtype/int64
float_tensor = torch.tensor(bases, dtype=torch.float32)
zeros = torch.zeros((2,3), dtype=torch.float32)
ones = torch.ones((2,3), dtype=torch.float32)
rand = torch.rand((2,3), dtype=torch.float32)

print("tensor_from_np:", tensor_from_np.shape, tensor_from_np.dtype)
print("float_tensor :", float_tensor.shape, float_tensor.dtype)
print("zeros shape :", zeros.shape, "ones shape:", ones.shape, "rand shape:", rand.shape)
```

```
tensor_from_np: torch.Size([4, 8]) torch.int64
float_tensor : torch.Size([4, 8]) torch.float32
zeros shape  : torch.Size([2, 3]) ones shape: torch.Size([2, 3])
rand shape: torch.Size([2, 3])
```

Tensors – Creating Tensors

- Directly from data (list or numpy.ndarray)

```
x = torch.tensor([[1, -1], [-1, 1]])
x = torch.from_numpy(np.array([[1, -1], [-1, 1]]))
```

```
tensor([[1., -1.],
        [-1., 1.]])
```

- Tensor of constant zeros & ones

```
x = torch.zeros([2, 2])
x = torch.ones([1, 2, 5])
```

```
tensor([[0., 0.],
        [0., 0.]])
```

```
tensor([[[[1., 1., 1., 1., 1.],
          [1., 1., 1., 1., 1.]]]])
```

Tensors – Data Type

- Using different data types for model and data will cause errors.

Data type	dtype	tensor
32-bit floating point	torch.float	torch.FloatTensor
64-bit integer (signed)	torch.long	torch.LongTensor

3. Basic tensor operations (indexing, slicing, reshaping)

Think of rows as samples and columns as genes/features. We'll slice, reshape, and concatenate.

PyTorch

Tensors – Common Operations

Common arithmetic functions are supported, such as:

- Addition
 $z = x + y$
- Subtraction
 $z = x - y$
- Power
 $y = x.\text{pow}(2)$
- Summation
 $y = x.\text{sum}()$
- Mean
 $y = x.\text{mean}()$

Tensors – Common Operations

- **Squeeze:** remove the specified dimension with length = 1

```
>>> x = torch.zeros(1, 2, 3)
```

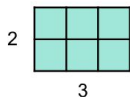
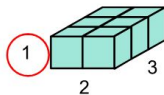
```
>>> x.shape
```

```
torch.Size([1, 2, 3])
```

```
>>> x = x.squeeze(0)  
(dim = 0)
```

```
>>> x.shape
```

```
torch.Size([2, 3])
```



```
data = float_tensor # from earlier cell

first_two_samples = data[:2, :] # slicing
first_four_features = data[:, :4]
reshaped = data.view(2, 2, 8) # reshape into (batch, chunk, features)
concat = torch.cat([data, data], dim=0) # stack samples

print("First two samples:\n", first_two_samples)
print("First four features of all samples:\n", first_four_features)
print("Reshaped (2,2,8):", reshaped.shape)
print("Concatenated shape:", concat.shape)

# Elementwise operations
mean_per_feature = data.mean(dim=0)
std_per_feature = data.std(dim=0)
print("Feature means:", mean_per_feature)
print("Feature stds :", std_per_feature)
```

3]

✓ 0.0s

First two samples:

```
tensor([[0., 1., 2., 3., 0., 1., 2., 3.],  
        [3., 3., 2., 2., 1., 1., 0., 0.]])
```

First four features of all samples:

```
tensor([[0., 1., 2., 3.],  
        [3., 3., 2., 2.],  
        [1., 0., 1., 0.],  
        [2., 2., 1., 1.]])
```

Reshaped (2,2,8): torch.Size([2, 2, 8])

Concatenated shape: torch.Size([8, 8])

Feature means: tensor([1.5000, 1.5000, 1.5000, 1.5000, 0.7500, 1.0000, 2.0000, 2.2500])

Feature stds : tensor([1.2910, 1.2910, 0.5774, 1.2910, 0.9574, 0.8165, 1.4142, 1.5000])

pyTorch - simple functions

4. Autograd: gradients on simple functions

PyTorch tracks operations when `requires_grad=True`. Let's compute a simple mean-square and get gradients.

```
x = torch.linspace(-2, 2, steps=5, requires_grad=True)
y = (x**2).mean() # simple function
print("y:", y.item())

y.backward()      # compute dy/dx
print("dy/dx:", x.grad)
```

✓ 0.0s

y: 2.0
dy/dx: tensor([-0.8000, -0.4000, 0.0000, 0.4000, 0.8000])

Tensors – Gradient Calculation

1 >>> x = torch.tensor([[1., 0.], [-1., 1.]], requires_grad=True)

2 >>> z = x.pow(2).sum()

3 >>> z.backward()

4 >>> x.grad
tensor([[2., 0.],
 [-2., 2.]])

$$\begin{array}{ll} \textcircled{1} x = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} & \textcircled{2} z = \sum_i \sum_j x_{i,j}^2 \\ \textcircled{3} \frac{\partial z}{\partial x_{i,j}} = 2x_{i,j} & \textcircled{4} \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ -2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \end{array}$$

See [here](#) to learn about gradient calculation.

pyTorch - data handling

- DataLoader

5. Data handling: loading tabular biological data

We'll simulate a small gene expression table (samples × genes) and load it with pandas, then feed it to a DataLoader.

```
# Simulate a small gene expression dataset
n_samples = 200
n_genes = 20
# Healthy vs disease: disease has slightly higher expression on first 5 genes
labels = np.random.randint(0, 2, size=n_samples)
expression = np.random.normal(loc=0.0, scale=1.0, size=(n_samples, n_genes))
expression[labels == 1, :5] += 1.0 # shift disease class

# Build pandas DataFrame (for illustration of CSV-like loading)
gene_names = [f"Gene{i+1}" for i in range(n_genes)]
df = pd.DataFrame(expression, columns=gene_names)
df["label"] = labels
print(df.head())

# Convert to tensors
X = torch.tensor(df[gene_names].values, dtype=torch.float32)
y = torch.tensor(df["label"].values, dtype=torch.long)

from torch.utils.data import TensorDataset, DataLoader

dataset = TensorDataset(X, y)
train_loader = DataLoader(dataset, batch_size=32, shuffle=True)
val_loader = DataLoader(dataset, batch_size=64, shuffle=False)
```

```
5] ✓ 0.0s
Gene1 Gene2 Gene3 Gene4 Gene5 Gene6 Gene7 \
0 0.087047 -0.299007 0.091761 -1.987569 -0.219672 0.357113 1.477894
1 1.296120 1.261055 1.005113 0.765413 -0.415371 -0.420645 -0.342715
2 -0.034712 -1.168678 1.142823 0.751933 0.791032 -0.909387 1.402794
3 -0.783253 -0.322062 0.813517 -1.230864 0.227460 1.307143 -1.607483
4 1.865775 0.473833 -1.191303 0.656554 -0.974682 0.787085 1.158596

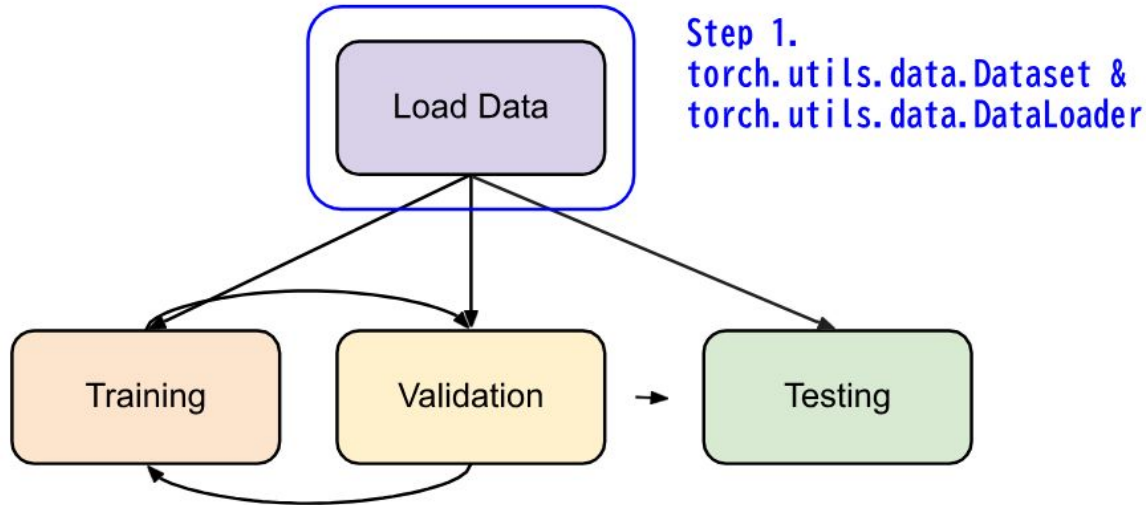
Gene8 Gene9 Gene10 ... Gene12 Gene13 Gene14 Gene15 \
0 -0.518270 -0.808494 -0.501757 ... 0.328751 -0.529760 0.513267 0.097078
1 -0.802277 -0.161286 0.404051 ... 0.174578 0.257550 -0.074446 -1.918771
2 -1.401851 0.586857 2.190456 ... -0.566298 0.099651 -0.503476 -1.550663
3 0.184634 0.259883 0.781823 ... -1.320457 0.521942 0.296985 0.250493
4 -0.820682 0.963376 0.412781 ... 1.896793 -0.245388 -0.753736 -0.889514

Gene16 Gene17 Gene18 Gene19 Gene20 label
0 0.968645 -0.702053 -0.327662 -0.392108 -1.463515 0
1 -0.026514 0.060230 2.463242 -0.192361 0.301547 1
2 0.068563 -1.062304 0.473592 -0.919424 1.549934 0
3 0.346448 -0.680025 0.232254 0.293072 -0.714351 0
4 -0.815810 -0.077102 0.341152 0.276691 0.827183 0
```

[5 rows x 21 columns]

Dataloaders etc

Training & Testing Neural Networks - in Pytorch



Dataset and DataLoader

Dataset & Dataloader

- Dataset: stores data samples and expected values
- DataLoader: groups data in batches, enables multiprocessing
- `dataset = MyDataset(file)`
- `dataloader = DataLoader(dataset, batch_size, shuffle=True)`



Training: True
Testing: False

How the data should look like

Dataset & Dataloader

```
from torch.utils.data import Dataset, DataLoader
```

```
class MyDataset(Dataset):
```

```
    def init(self, file):  
        self.data = ...
```

} Read data & preprocess

```
    def __getitem__(self, index):  
        return self.data[index]
```

} Returns one sample at a time

```
    def __len__(self):  
        return len(self.data)
```

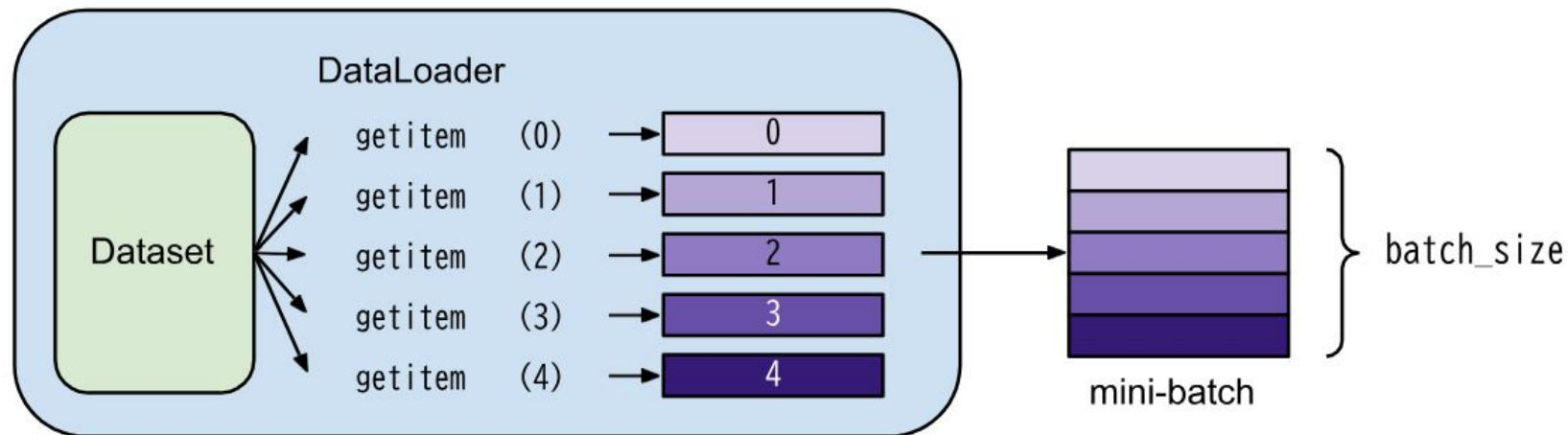
} Returns the size of the dataset

Summary of dataloading

Dataset & Dataloader

```
dataset = MyDataset(file)
```

```
dataloader = DataLoader(dataset, batch_size=5, shuffle=False)
```



Build a network

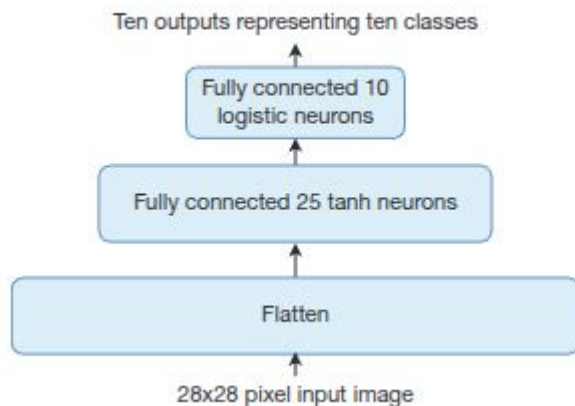
torch.nn – Build your own neural network

```
import torch.nn as nn
```

```
class MyModel(nn.Module):  
    def init(self):  
        super(MyModel, self).init()  
        self.net = nn.Sequential(  
            nn.Linear(10, 32),  
            nn.Sigmoid(),  
            nn.Linear(32, 1)  
        )  
  
    def forward(self, x):  
        return self.net(x)
```

```
class MyModel(nn.Module):  
    def __init__(self):  
        super(MyModel, self).__init__()  
        self.layer1 = nn.Linear(10, 32)  
        self.layer2 = nn.Sigmoid()  
        self.layer3 = nn.Linear(32, 1)  
  
    def forward(self, x):  
        out = self.layer1(x)  
        out = self.layer2(out)  
        out = self.layer3(out)  
        return out
```

PyTorch a simple network



6. Building a simple feedforward network

We use a tiny multilayer perceptron: input → ReLU → hidden → ReLU → output (2 classes).

```
import torch.nn as nn

class ExpressionNet(nn.Module):
    def __init__(self, n_features, hidden=32):
        super().__init__()
        self.net = nn.Sequential(
            nn.Linear(n_features, hidden),
            nn.ReLU(),
            nn.Linear(hidden, hidden),
            nn.ReLU(),
            nn.Linear(hidden, 2)
        )

    def forward(self, x):
        return self.net(x)

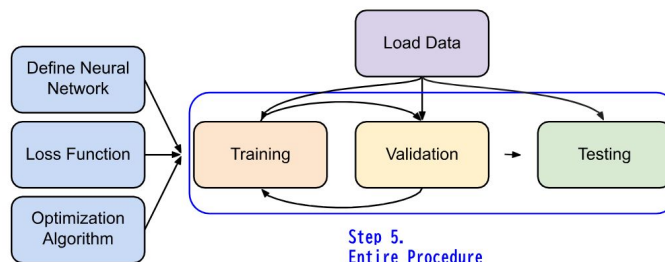
model = ExpressionNet(n_genes).to(device)
print(model)
print("Trainable parameters:", sum(p.numel() for p in model.parameters()))
```

[6] ✓ 0.3s

```
... ExpressionNet(
  (net): Sequential(
    (0): Linear(in_features=20, out_features=32, bias=True)
    (1): ReLU()
    (2): Linear(in_features=32, out_features=32, bias=True)
    (3): ReLU()
    (4): Linear(in_features=32, out_features=2, bias=True)
  )
)
Trainable parameters: 1794
```

pyTorch - Training etc

Training & Testing Neural Networks – in Pytorch



7. Training loop: loss, optimizer, metrics

We'll train with cross-entropy loss and Adam, tracking loss and accuracy per epoch.

```
criterion = nn.CrossEntropyLoss()
optimizer = torch.optim.Adam(model.parameters(), lr=1e-2)

def accuracy(logits, y_true):
    preds = logits.argmax(dim=1)
    return (preds == y_true).float().mean().item()

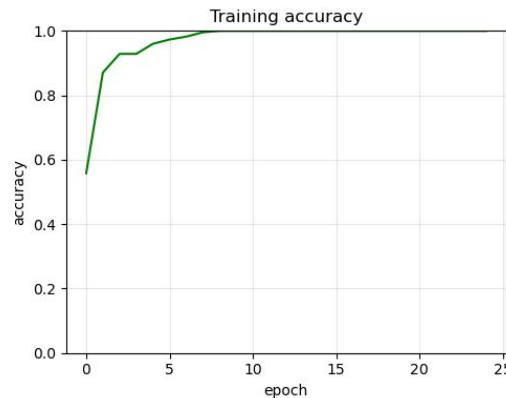
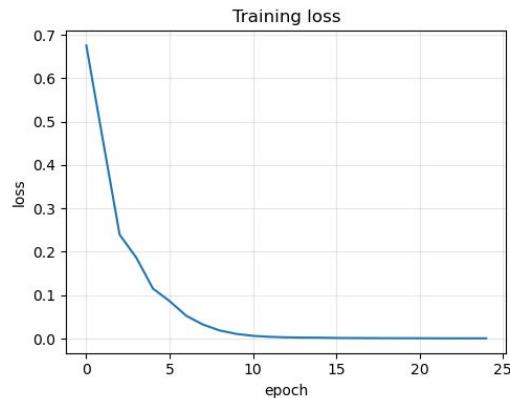
n_epochs = 25
history = {"train_loss": [], "train_acc": []}

for epoch in range(1, n_epochs+1):
    model.train()
    total_loss, total_acc, n_batches = 0.0, 0.0, 0
    for xb, yb in train_loader:
        xb, yb = xb.to(device), yb.to(device)
        optimizer.zero_grad()
        logits = model(xb)
        loss = criterion(logits, yb)
        loss.backward()
        optimizer.step()
        total_loss += loss.item()
        total_acc += accuracy(logits, yb)
        n_batches += 1
    history["train_loss"].append(total_loss / n_batches)
    history["train_acc"].append(total_acc / n_batches)
    if epoch % 5 == 0:
        print(f"Epoch {epoch:02d} | loss {history['train_loss'][-1]:.4f} | acc {history['train_acc'][-1]:.3f}")
```

✓ 1.3s

Epoch 05	loss 0.1153	acc 0.960
Epoch 10	loss 0.0108	acc 1.000
Epoch 15	loss 0.0021	acc 1.000
Epoch 20	loss 0.0009	acc 1.000
Epoch 25	loss 0.0006	acc 1.000

Toy Biological problem (gene expression)



8. Toy biological task: gene-expression classification

We simulate healthy vs disease expression. Let's visualize training curves.

```
# Plot loss and accuracy
plt.figure(figsize=(10,4))
plt.subplot(1,2,1)
plt.plot(history["train_loss"], label="train loss")
plt.xlabel("epoch")
plt.ylabel("loss")
plt.title("Training loss")
plt.grid(True, alpha=0.3)

plt.subplot(1,2,2)
plt.plot(history["train_acc"], label="train acc", color="green")
plt.xlabel("epoch")
plt.ylabel("accuracy")
plt.title("Training accuracy")
plt.ylim(0,1)
plt.grid(True, alpha=0.3)
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
```

Saving and loading models

9. Saving and loading models

Persist model weights with `state_dict`; reload to continue training or run inference later.

```
> ckpt_path = "expression_net.pt"
torch.save(model.state_dict(), ckpt_path)
print(f"Saved to {ckpt_path}")

# Load into a fresh model
loaded_model = ExpressionNet(n_genes).to(device)
loaded_model.load_state_dict(torch.load(ckpt_path, map_location=device))
loaded_model.eval()

# Verify a quick prediction matches shape
with torch.no_grad():
    test_logits = loaded_model(X[:2]).to(device)
    print("Loaded model logits shape:", test_logits.shape)
```

[11] ✓ 0.0s

... Saved to expression_net.pt
Loaded model logits shape: torch.Size([2, 2])
[/tmp/ipykernel_2782383/237955992.py:7](#): FutureWarning: You are using `torch.load` with `weights\_only`
loaded_model.load_state_dict(torch.load(ckpt_path, map_location=device))