Introduction to Google Colab & PyTorch

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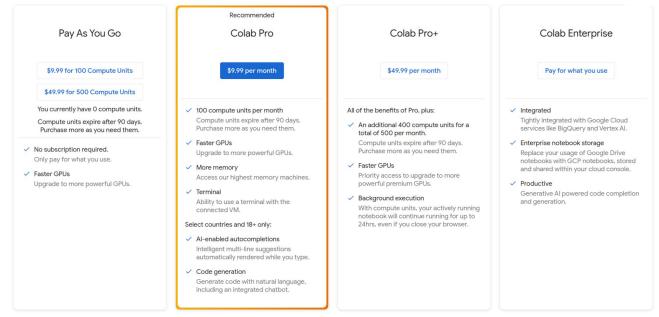
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- Basics of PyTorch

Google Colab

https://colab.research.google.com/



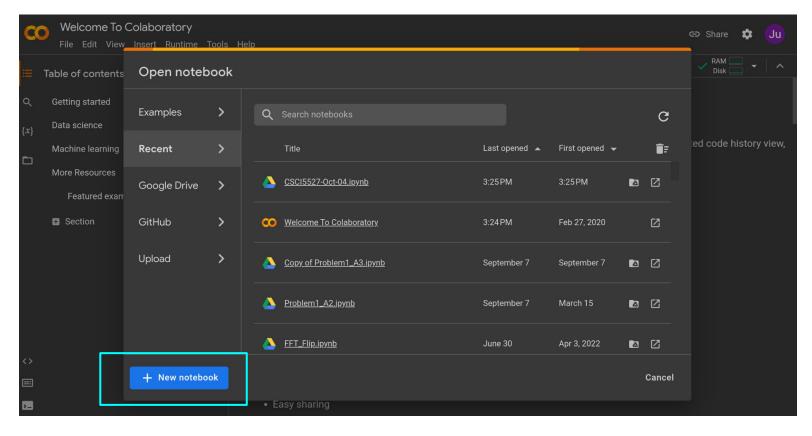


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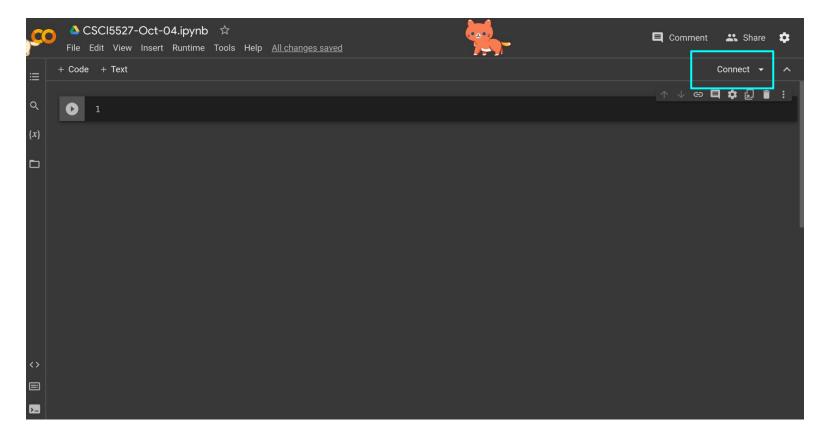
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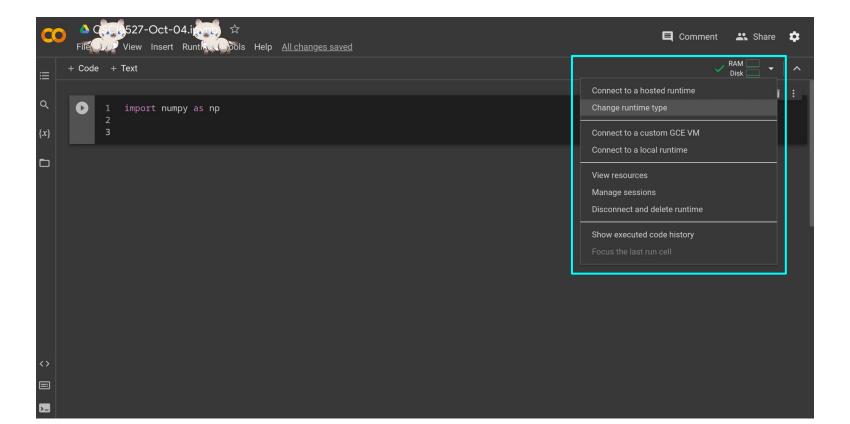
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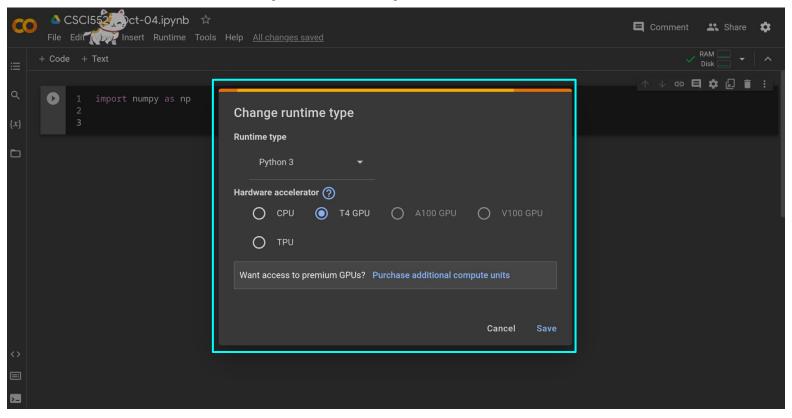
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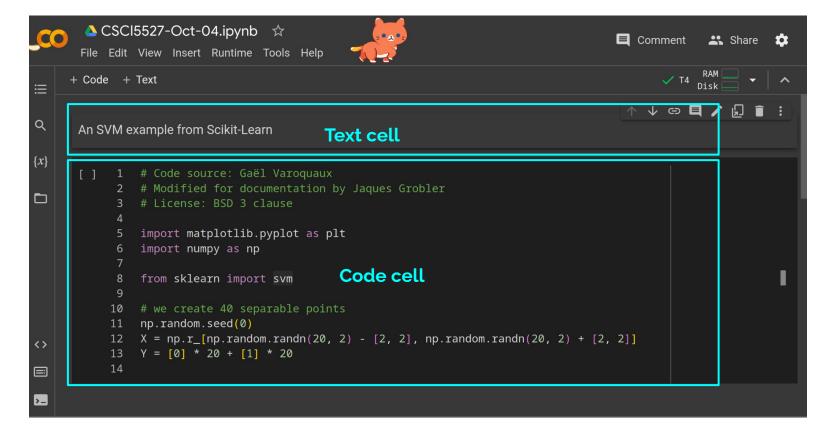


Choose GPU's to speed up

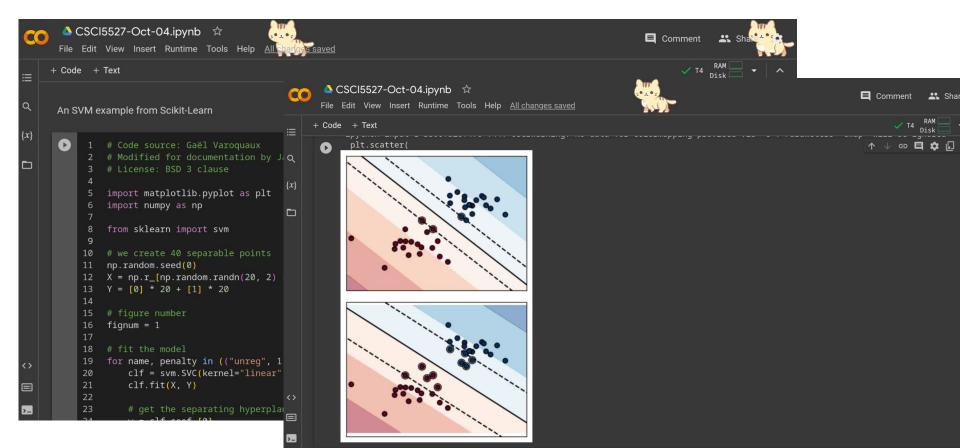


Text cells and code cells

Text cells use Markdown syntax https://colab.research.google.com/notebooks/markdown_guide.ipynb

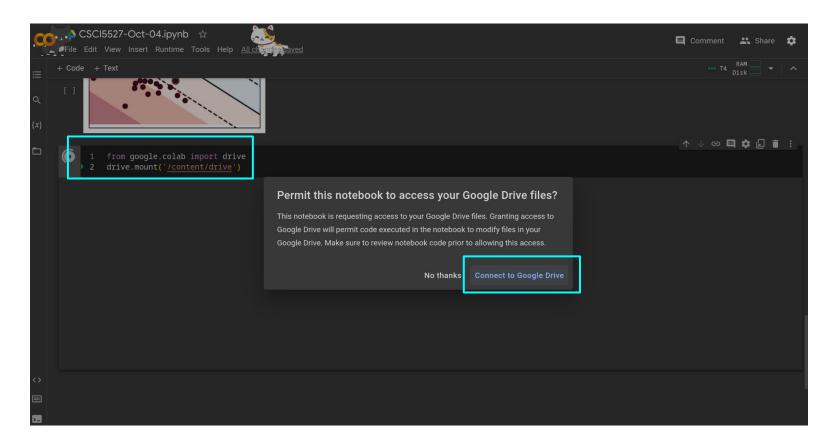


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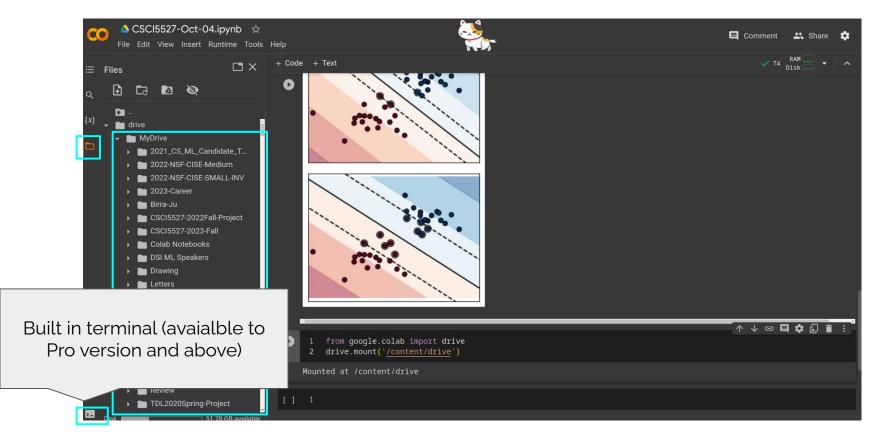


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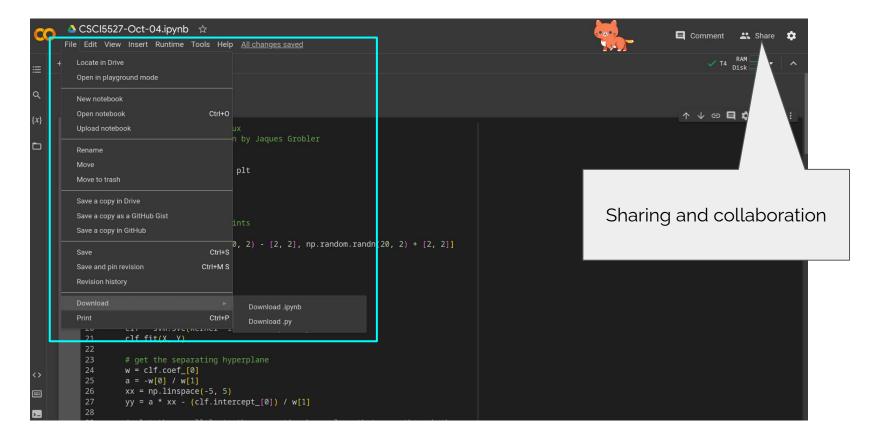
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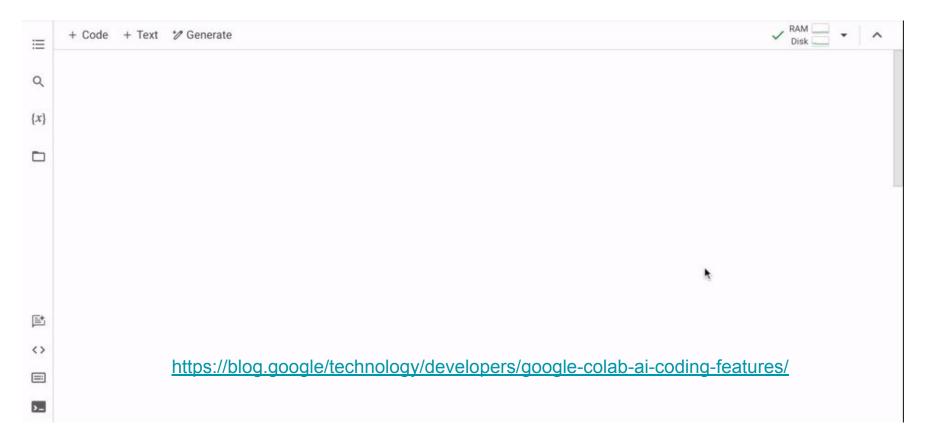
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More resources about Colab

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O PyTorch

A deep learning software framework

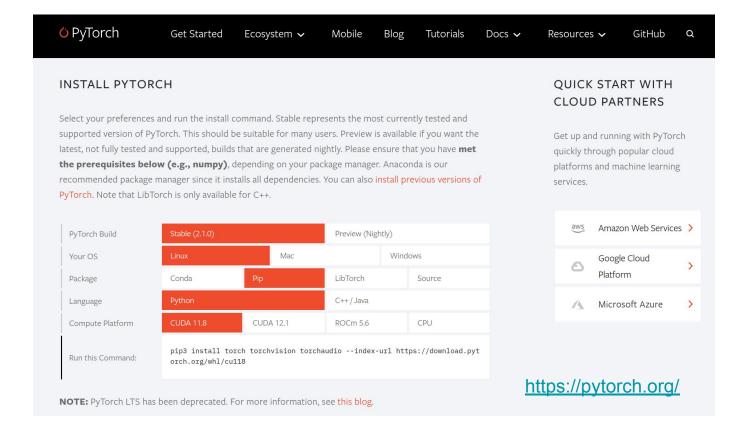
Basic components

- Tensors basic data objects
- Autograd auto-differentiation
- Optimizer optimization algorithms
- Both CPU & GPU support

Specialized components

- Neural network modules (torch.nn)
- Domain-specific modules (torchvision, torchtext, torchaudio, etc)

Cross-platform, cross-language, cross hardware



Learning PyTorch with examples

https://pytorch.org/tutorials/beginner/pytorch_with_examples.html

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A graph is created on the fly

from torch.autograd import Variable

x = Variable(torch.randn(1, 10))
prev_h = Variable(torch.randn(20, 20))
W_h = Variable(torch.randn(20, 10))

W_x = Variable(torch.randn(20, 10))
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