



# An Easy and Flexible Deep Learning Framework for PyTorch

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# What Is Poutyne?

- Framework for training neural networks with PyTorch
- Includes checkpointing and logging mechanisms
- Allows to setup experiments quickly

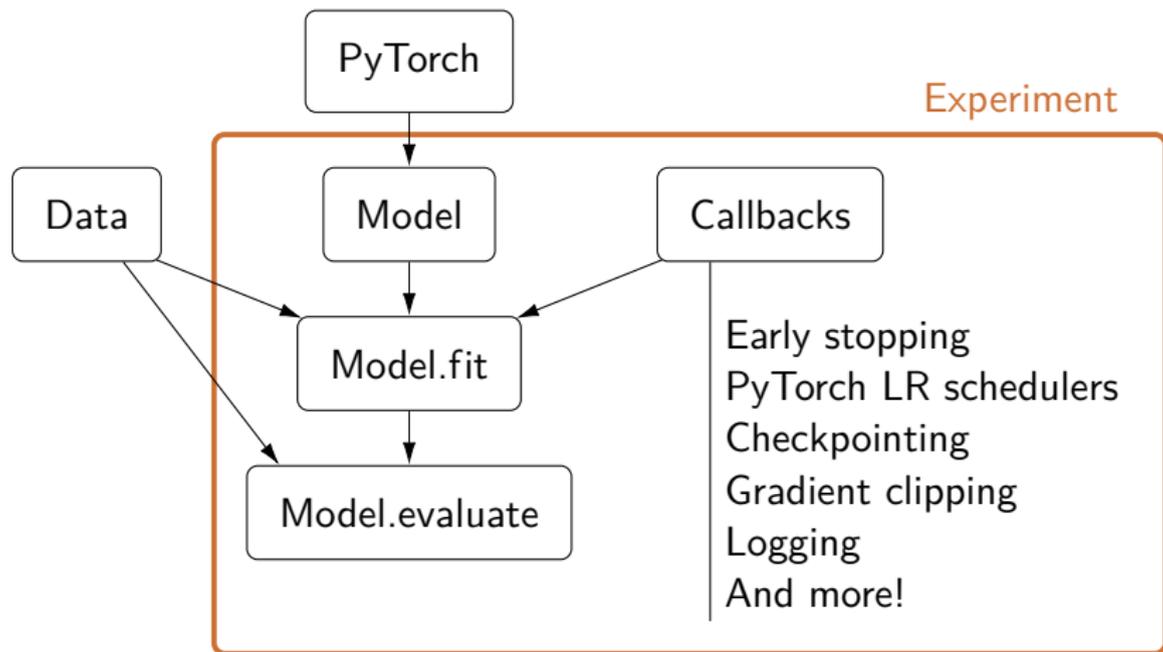


# Core Principles

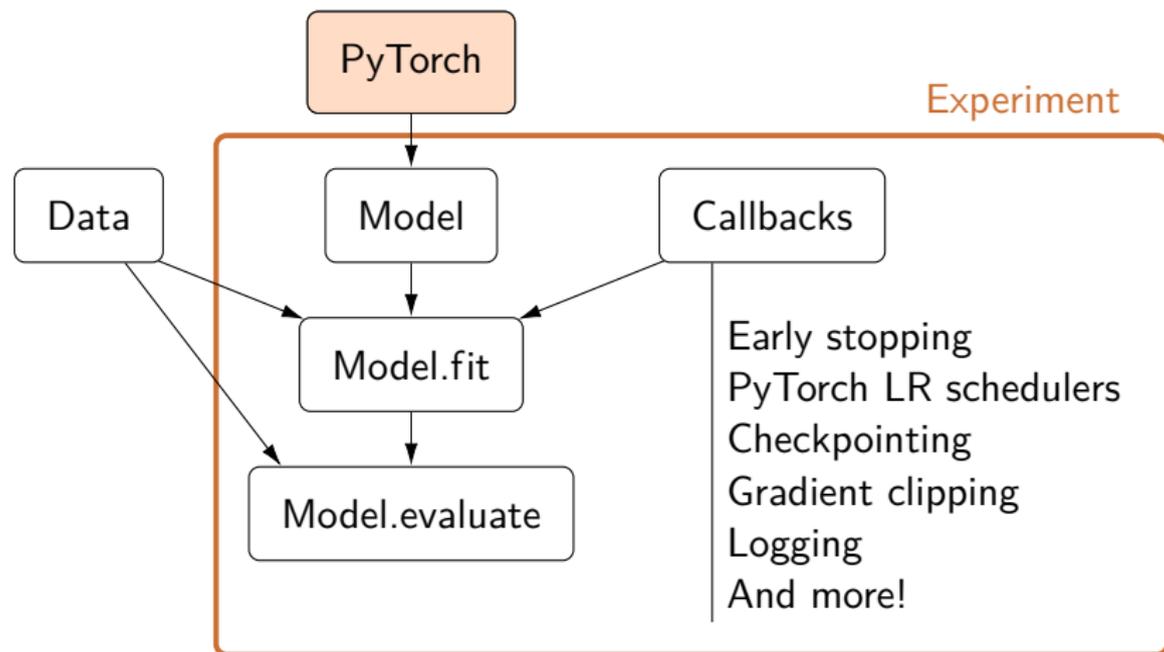
- Easy to use for simple use cases
- Flexible enough for more complex use cases
- Callbacks are your friends



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- Automatic differentiation Python library
- For every differentiable operation done in the “forward” pass, backpropagation is done in the “backward” pass.

```
from torch import nn

class MnistLogistic(nn.Module):
    def __init__(self):
        super().__init__()
        self.weights = nn.Parameter(torch.randn(784, 10) /
                                       math.sqrt(784)) # W
        self.bias = nn.Parameter(torch.zeros(10)) # b

    def forward(self, xb):
        return xb.matmul(self.weights) + self.bias #  $xW + b$ 
```



# Usual Code for Training With PyTorch

```
import torch
import torch.nn as nn
import torch.optim as optim
from torch.utils.data import TensorDataset, DataLoader

net = nn.Sequential(
    nn.Linear(100, 64),
    nn.ReLU(),
    nn.Linear(64, 10)
)

num_features = 100
num_classes = 10

train_dataset = TensorDataset(x_train, y_train)
train_loader = DataLoader(train_dataset, batch_size=32)

test_dataset = TensorDataset(x_test, y_test)
test_loader = DataLoader(test_dataset, batch_size=32)

criterion = nn.CrossEntropyLoss()
optimizer = optim.SGD(net.parameters(), lr=0.001, momentum=0.9)
```

```
for epoch in range(5): # loop over the dataset multiple times
    running_loss = 0.0
    for i, data in enumerate(train_loader, 0):
        # get the inputs; data is a list of [inputs, labels]
        inputs, labels = data

        # zero the parameter gradients
        optimizer.zero_grad()

        # forward + backward + optimize
        outputs = net(inputs)
        loss = criterion(outputs, labels)
        loss.backward()
        optimizer.step()

        # print statistics
        running_loss += loss.item()
    if i % 2000 == 1999: # print every 2000 mini-batches
        print('[%d, %5d] loss: %.3f' % (epoch + 1, i + 1, running_loss / 2000))
        running_loss = 0.0

correct = 0
total = 0
with torch.no_grad():
    for data in test_loader:
        images, labels = data
        outputs = net(images)
        _, predicted = torch.max(outputs.data, 1)
        total += labels.size(0)
        correct += (predicted == labels).sum().item()

print('Accuracy of the network on the 10000 test images: %d %%' % (100 * correct / total))
```



# Equivalent Code for Training With Poutyne

```
import torch.nn as nn
import torch.optim as optim
from poutyne import Model

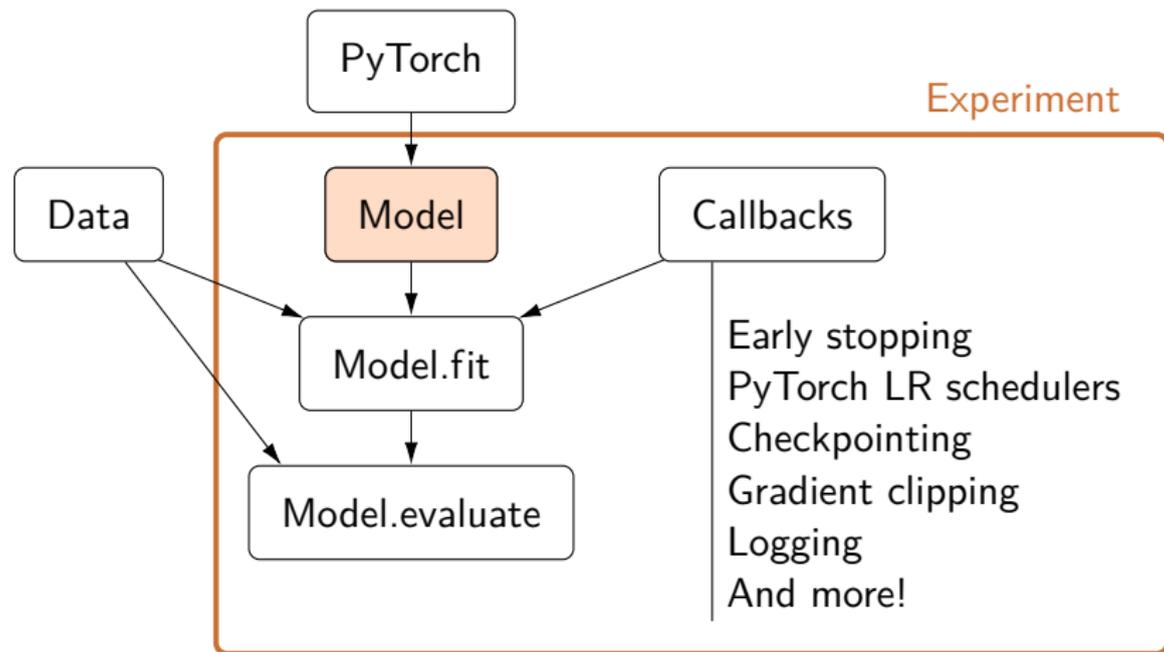
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model = Model(net, optimizer, criterion, batch_metrics=['accuracy'])
model.fit(x_train, y_train, epochs=5, batch_size=32)
loss, accuracy = model.evaluate(x_test, y_test, batch_size=32)
```



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# Model Class

- Main class of the framework
- Plays well with Numpy
- No restrictions on the input or the output format of the network
- Manages devices (GPUs)

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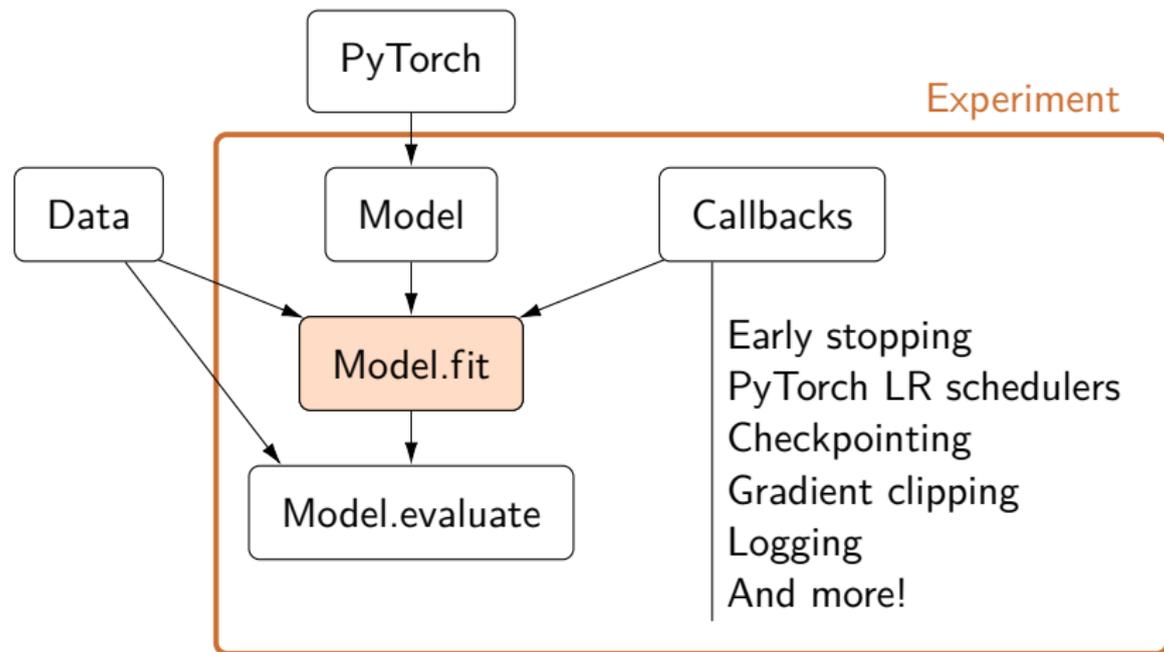
model = Model(network, optimizer, loss_function)
model.to(device)

model.fit_generator(train_loader, valid_loader,
                   epochs=num_epochs, callbacks=callbacks)

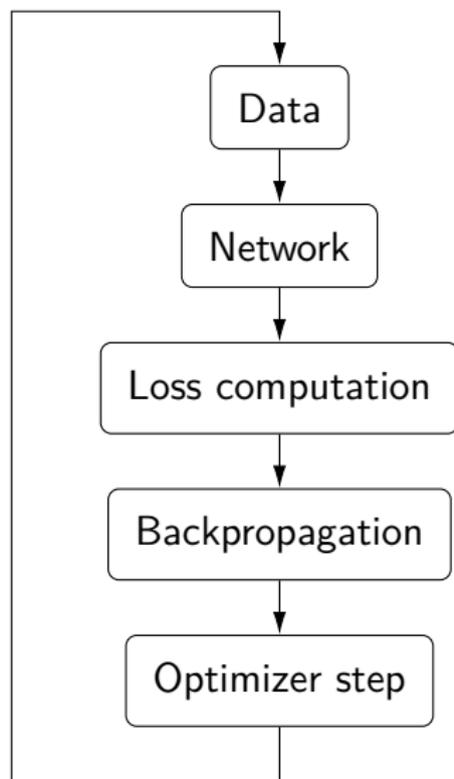
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**Callback on backward end**

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**Callback on batch end**

**end for**

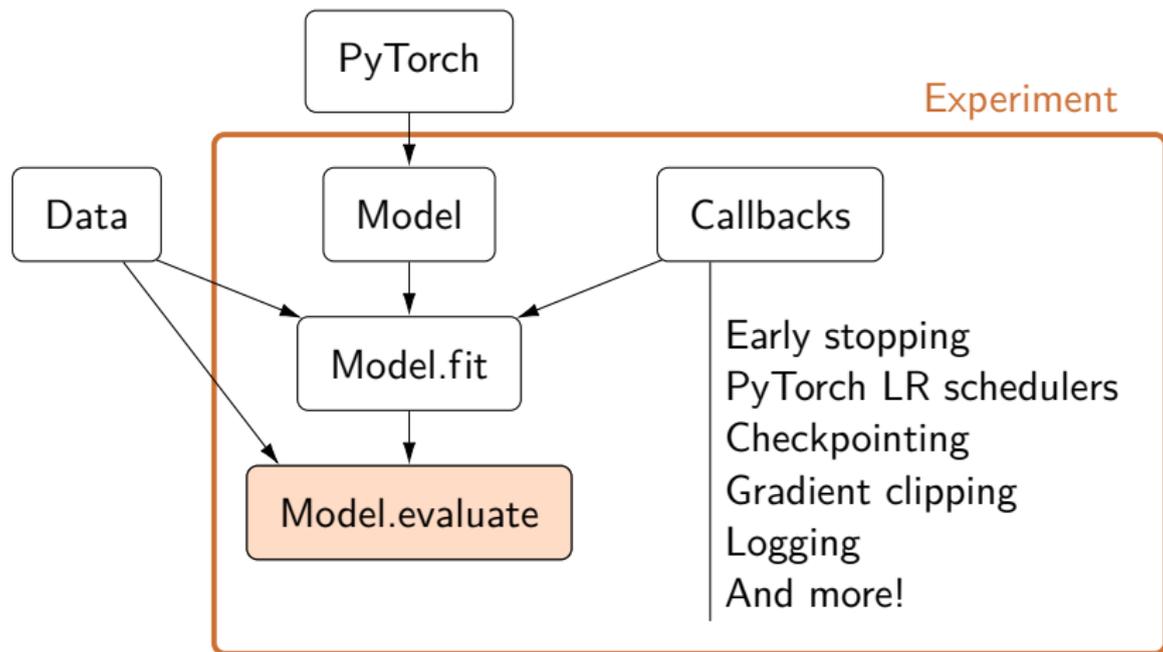
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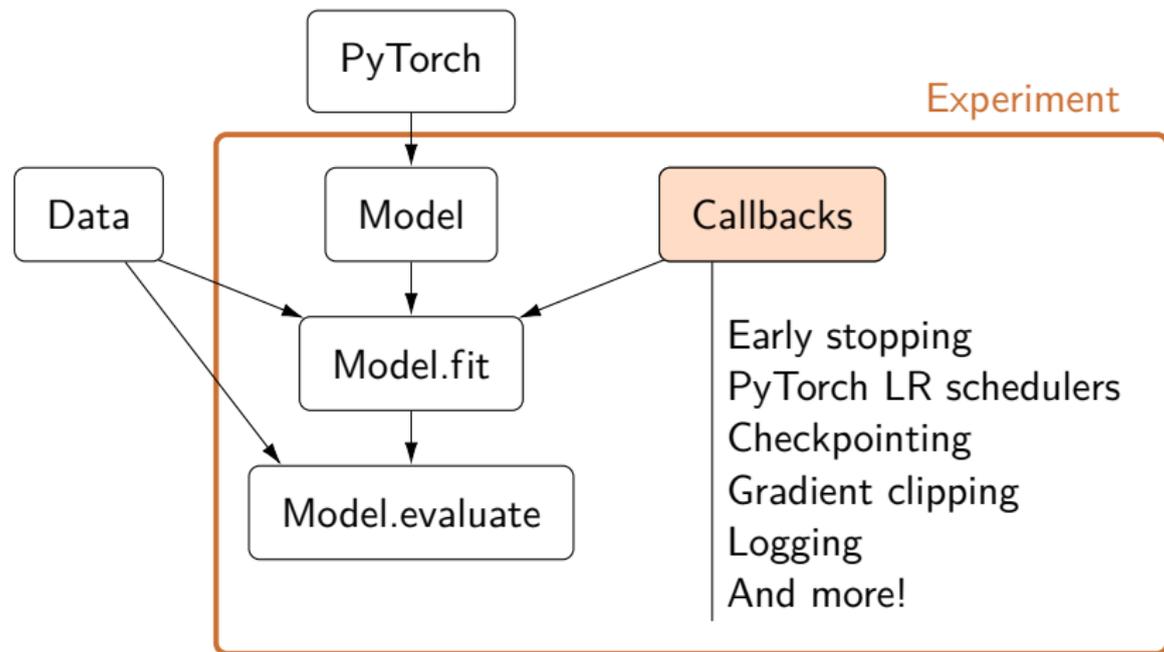
model = Model(network, 'sgd', 'cross_entropy',
              batch_metrics=['accuracy'], epoch_metrics=['f1'])
model.to(device)

model.fit_generator(train_loader, valid_loader,
                  epochs=num_epochs, callbacks=callbacks)

test_loss, (test_acc, test_f1) = model.evaluate_generator(test_loader)
print(f'Test: Loss: {test_loss}, Accuracy: {test_acc}, F1: {test_f1}')
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# Callbacks

```
class Callback:
    def on_train_begin(self, logs: dict): ...
    def on_train_end(self, logs: dict): ...

    def on_epoch_begin(self, epoch_number: int, logs: dict): ...
    def on_epoch_end(self, epoch_number: int, logs: dict): ...

    def on_train_batch_begin(self, batch_number: int, logs: dict): ...
    def on_train_batch_end(self, batch_number: int, logs: dict): ...

    def on_backward_end(self, batch_number: int): ...

    def on_test_batch_begin(self, batch_number: int, logs: dict): ...
    def on_test_batch_end(self, batch_number: int, logs: dict): ...

    def on_test_begin(self, logs: dict): ...
    def on_test_end(self, logs: dict): ...

    self.params = {...} # Contains 'epochs' and 'steps_per_epoch'
    self.model = ... # Poutyne Model
```



# Callbacks

```
from poutyne import Model, ModelCheckpoint, CSVLogger

callbacks = [
    ModelCheckpoint('last_epoch.ckpt'),
    ModelCheckpoint('best_epoch.ckpt', save_best_only=True,
                    monitor='val_acc', mode='max'),
    CSVLogger('log.csv'),
]

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# Checkpointing

- ModelCheckpoint
- OptimizerCheckpoint
- LRSchedulerCheckpoint



# Early Stopping and LR Scheduling

- EarlyStopping
- Any PyTorch LR scheduler
- FastAI-like learning rate policies

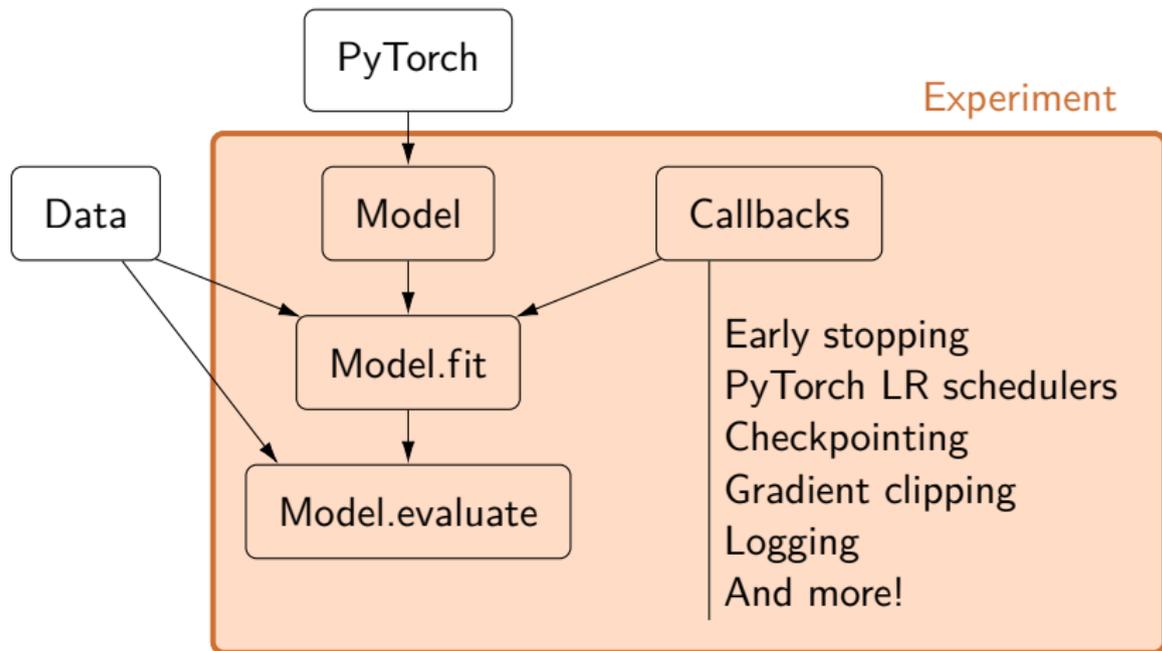


# Playing With Gradient

- Use PyTorch's respective functions
  - ClipNorm
  - ClipGrad
- TensorBoardGradientTracker



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# Experiment Class

- Allows stopping and resuming optimization any time
- Saves and logs everything in a single directory
- Integration with Tensorboard

```
from poutyne import Experiment
```

```
# Instead of `task`, you can provide your own loss function and metrics.  
expt = Experiment('my_directory', network,  
                 task='classifier', optimizer='sgd')  
expt.train(train_loader, valid_loader,  
           epochs=epochs,  
           callbacks=callbacks,  
           seed=42)  
expt.test(test_loader)
```



# Experiment Class

- Saves the last checkpoint and every “best” checkpoint (ModelCheckpoint).
- Saves the last states of the optimizer and LR schedulers (OptimizerCheckpoint, LRSchedulerCheckpoint).
- Logs training and validation loss and metrics into CSV and Tensorboard (CSVLogger, TensorBoardLogger).



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### AllenNLP:

- Specialized for NLP
- Experiment framework
- Trainer not flexible enough (everything in `__init__`)



# Demo Time

Fine-tuning with dataset:

<http://www.vision.caltech.edu/visipedia/CUB-200.html>

# Future Works

- Add tqdm and colors for progression.
- Add tutorial pages to website.
- Integrate multi-GPU.
- Add a simpler way to add regularizer to the loss function.
- Add utilities to simplify parameters initialization.
- Integrate an experiment library such as MLFlow.



# Obtain Poutyne



Install via pip

```
🐍 pip install poutyne
```

Documentation and examples available!

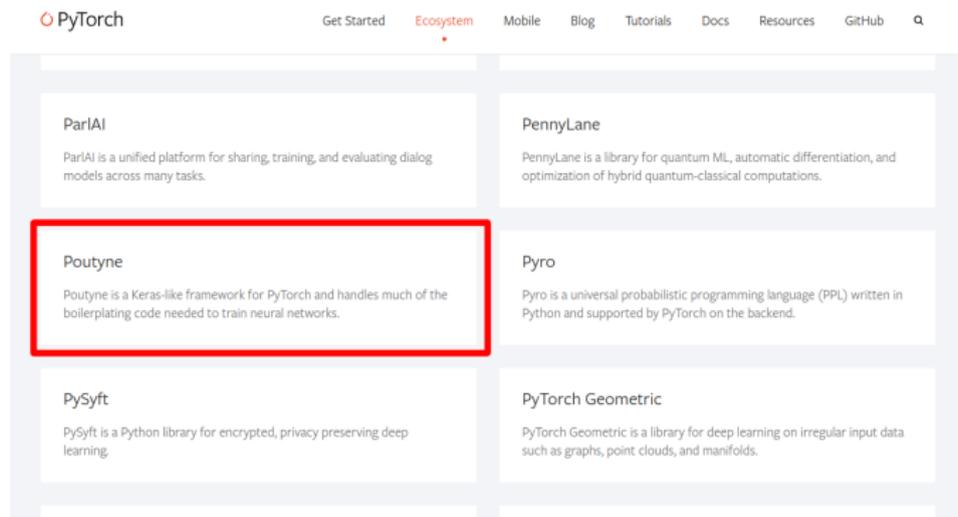
🌐 <https://poutyne.org>

👤 [GRAAL-Research/poutyne](https://github.com/GRAAL-Research/poutyne)



# Poutyne in the PyTorch Ecosystem

<https://pytorch.org/ecosystem/>



The image shows a screenshot of the PyTorch Ecosystem page. The page has a navigation bar with the PyTorch logo and links for 'Get Started', 'Ecosystem', 'Mobile', 'Blog', 'Tutorials', 'Docs', 'Resources', and 'GitHub'. Below the navigation bar is a grid of six project cards. The 'Poutyne' card is highlighted with a red border. The 'Ecosystem' link in the navigation bar has a small red dot underneath it.

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**ParlAI**  
ParlAI is a unified platform for sharing, training, and evaluating dialog models across many tasks.

**PennyLane**  
PennyLane is a library for quantum ML, automatic differentiation, and optimization of hybrid quantum-classical computations.

**Poutyne**  
Poutyne is a Keras-like framework for PyTorch and handles much of the boilerplating code needed to train neural networks.

**Pyro**  
Pyro is a universal probabilistic programming language (PPL) written in Python and supported by PyTorch on the backend.

**PySyft**  
PySyft is a Python library for encrypted, privacy preserving deep learning.

**PyTorch Geometric**  
PyTorch Geometric is a library for deep learning on irregular input data such as graphs, point clouds, and manifolds.



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Questions?

