



TensorFlow Introduction:

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TensorFlow: What is it?

- ❖ A software library for machine learning
 - Computation using data flow graphs
 - Neural Networks
- ❖ Released by Google November 9, 2015
- ❖ An open source successor to DistBelief
 - Apache 2.0 License
- ❖ APIs:
 - **Python**
 - C++
 - Java
 - Go



TensorFlow: Alternatives

❖ Caffe

- UC Berkeley (BVLC: Berkeley Vision and Learning Center)

❖ Microsoft Cognitive Toolkit (CNTK 2.0)

- Microsoft

❖ Theano

- Université de Montréal (MILA/LISA: Montreal Institute for Learning Algorithms)

❖ Torch



TensorFlow: Why?

- ❖ CPU/GPU/TPU support, easy to scale up
- ❖ Large and active user-base
 - Academia, industry, enthusiasts
- ❖ Rapid development, research, and support by Google
- ❖ TensorBoard visualizations
- ❖ Integration with Google Cloud Platform
- ❖ Pre-trained models and high-level libraries (Slim, Keras, TFLearn)



TensorFlow: Tensors

❖ *Mathematics*: Geometric objects defining linear relations

- Generalization of vectors and matrices:
 - 0th Order (Scalar): 8
 - 1st Order (Vector): [4, 2, 9]
 - 2nd Order (Matrix): [[5, 1, 9], [2, 2, 0]]

❖ TensorFlow: unit for data and variables

- 0th Order: `scalar_node = tf.constant(8.0, dtype=tf.float32)`
- 4th Order: `weights = tf.Variable(tf.random_normal([3, 3, 256, 512]), name="conv_weights")`



TensorFlow: Data Flow Graphs

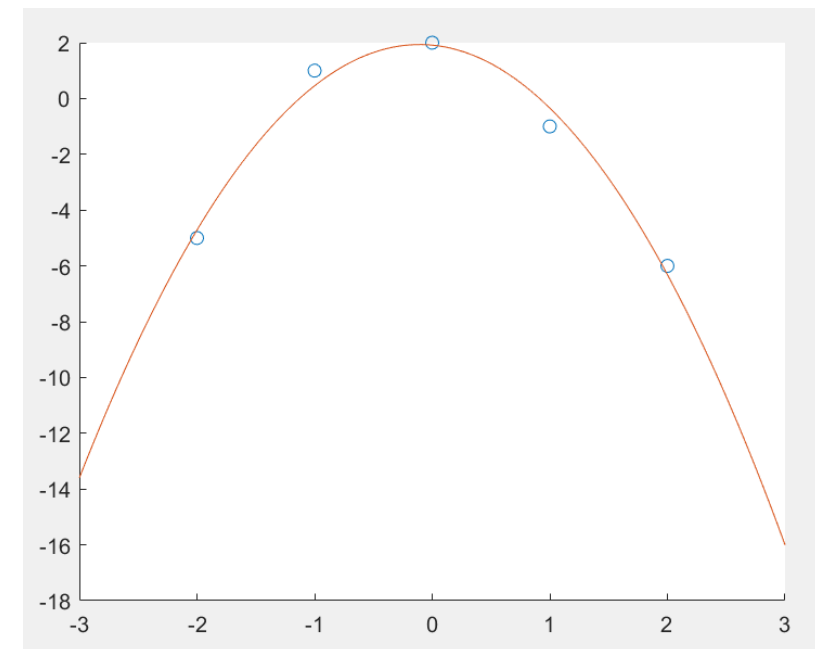
❖ Typical computational program operates directly on the data:

- Python:

```
import numpy
x = [-2, -1, 0, 1, 2]
y = [-5, 1, 2, -1, -6]
p = numpy.polyfit(x, y, deg=2)

# y_hat = p[0] * x**2 + p[1] * x + p[2]
```

❖ Note that operations were performed on the variables holding the data itself





TensorFlow: Data Flow Graphs

❖ TensorFlow: 2 steps

■ Define a graph:

```
a = tf.constant(3.0, dtype=tf.float32)
b = tf.constant(4.0, dtype=tf.float32)
sum = tf.add(a, b)
```



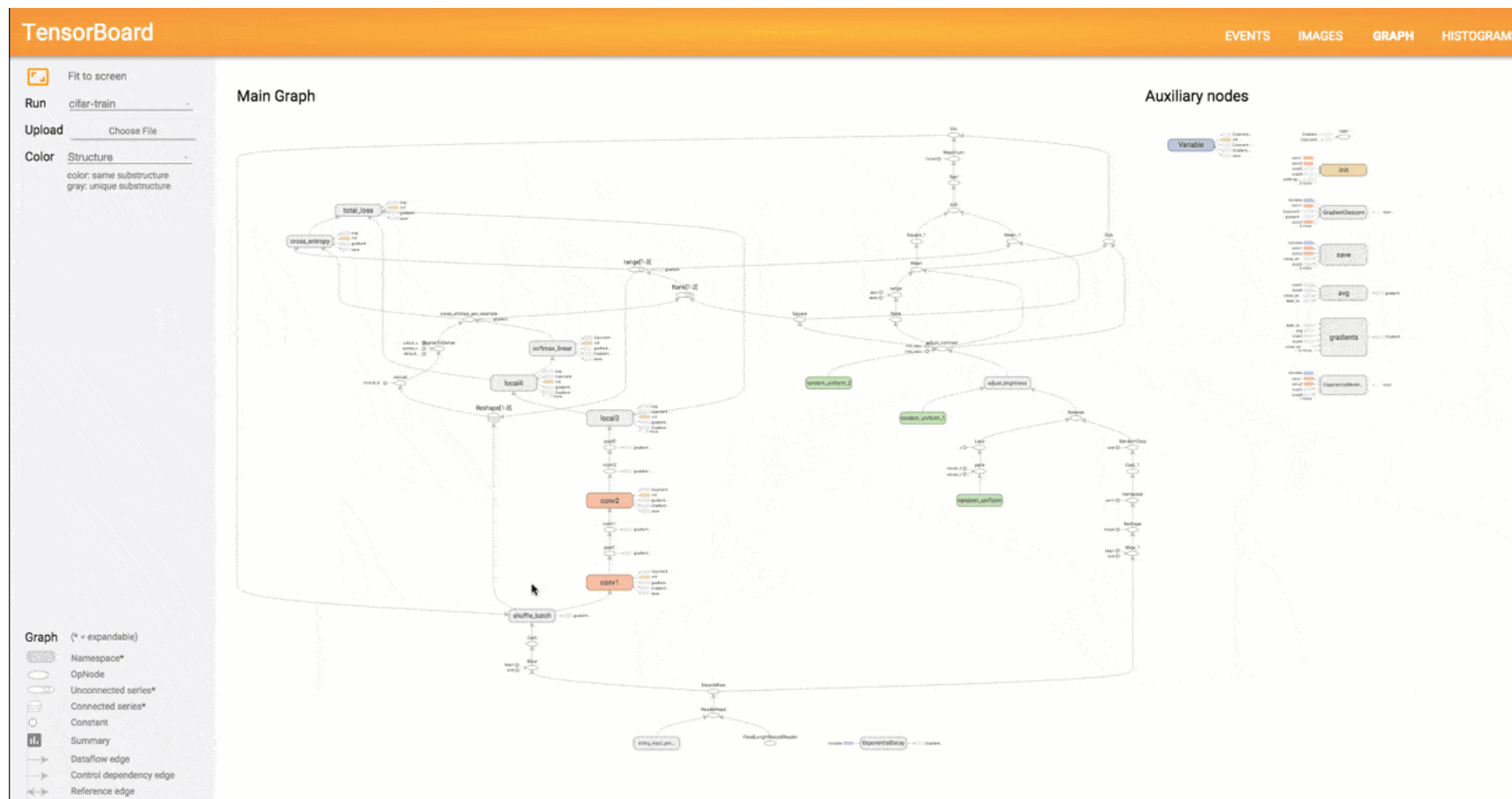
■ Run the graph and get outputs:

```
sess = tf.Session()
print(sess.run(sum))           # Prints "7.0" to the screen
sess.close()
```

❖ More examples in tutorial: [02_TensorFlow_Basics.ipynb](#)

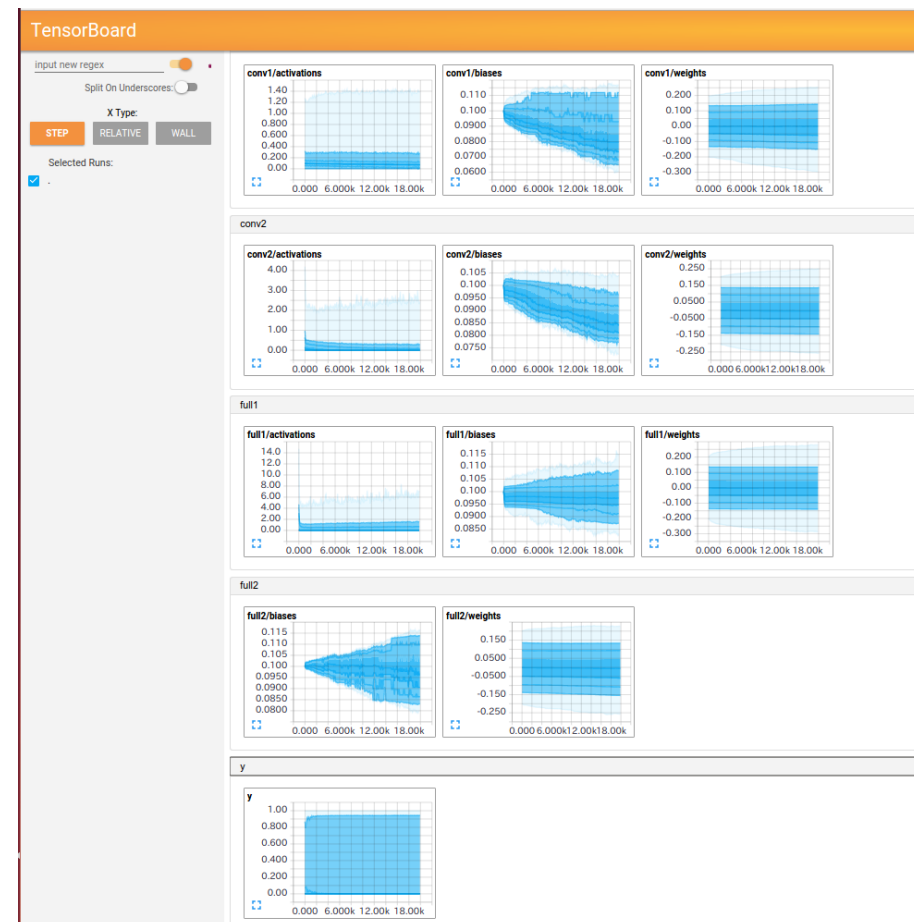
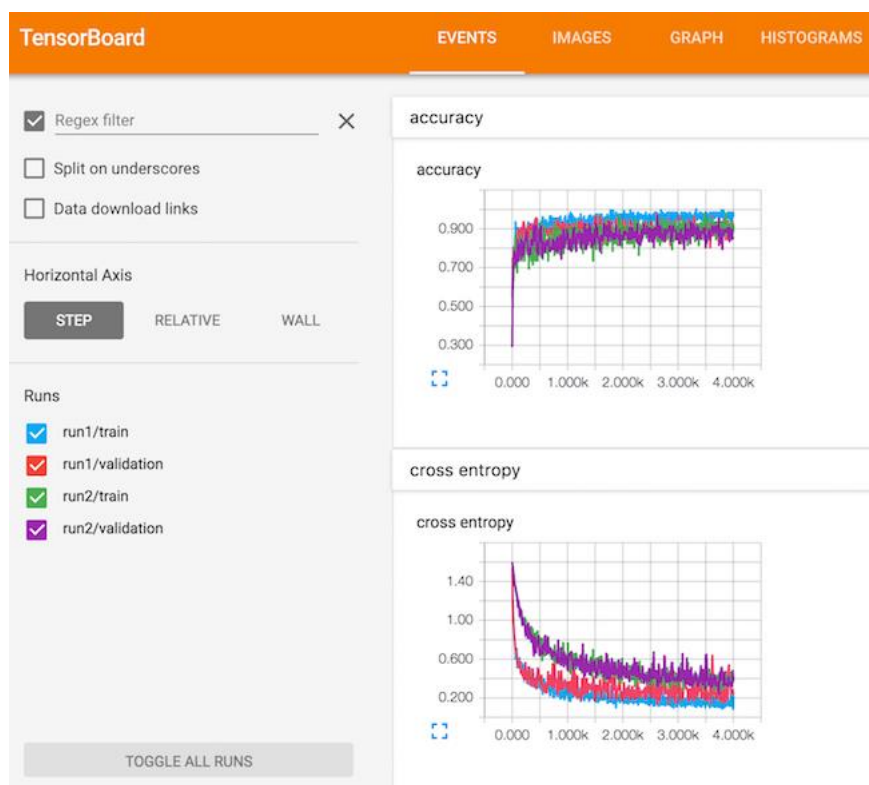


TensorBoard: Graph Visualization



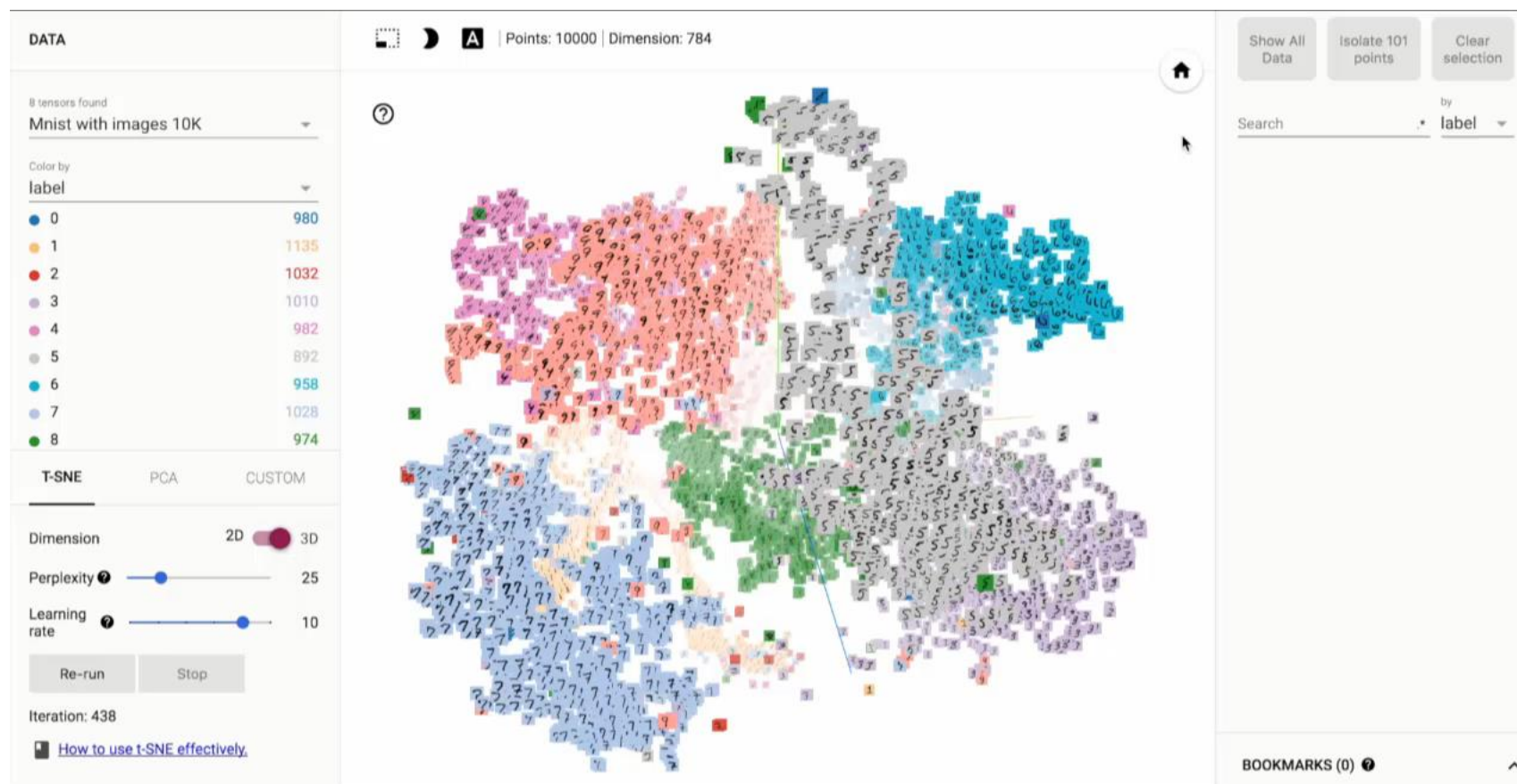


TensorBoard: Monitor Training





TensorFlow: Data Flow Graphs



Questions?
