

# tf.keras.layers.Dropout



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Applies Dropout to the input.

Inherits From: [Layer](#) ([https://www.tensorflow.org/api\\_docs/python/tf/keras/layers/Layer](https://www.tensorflow.org/api_docs/python/tf/keras/layers/Layer)), [Module](#) ([https://www.tensorflow.org/api\\_docs/python/tf/Module](https://www.tensorflow.org/api_docs/python/tf/Module))

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## Compat aliases for migration

See [Migration guide](#) (<https://www.tensorflow.org/guide/migrate>) for more details.

[tf.compat.v1.keras.layers.Dropout](#) ([https://www.tensorflow.org/api\\_docs/python/tf/keras/layers/Dropout](https://www.tensorflow.org/api_docs/python/tf/keras/layers/Dropout))

```
tf.keras.layers.Dropout(  
    rate, noise_shape=None, seed=None, **kwargs  
)
```

## Used in the notebooks

### Used in the guide

- [Effective Tensorflow 2](#)  
([https://www.tensorflow.org/guide/effective\\_tf2](https://www.tensorflow.org/guide/effective_tf2))
- [The Functional API](#)  
(<https://www.tensorflow.org/guide/keras/functional>)
- [Save and load Keras models](#)  
([https://www.tensorflow.org/guide/keras/save\\_and\\_serialize](https://www.tensorflow.org/guide/keras/save_and_serialize))
- [Transfer learning and fine-tuning](#)  
([https://www.tensorflow.org/guide/keras/transfer\\_learning](https://www.tensorflow.org/guide/keras/transfer_learning))
- [Migrate checkpoint saving](#)  
([https://www.tensorflow.org/guide/migrate/checkpoint\\_saver](https://www.tensorflow.org/guide/migrate/checkpoint_saver))

### Used in the tutorials

- [Overfit and underfit](#)  
([https://www.tensorflow.org/tutorials/keras/overfit\\_and\\_underfit](https://www.tensorflow.org/tutorials/keras/overfit_and_underfit))
- [Simple audio recognition: Recognizing keywords](#)  
([https://www.tensorflow.org/tutorials/audio/simple\\_audio](https://www.tensorflow.org/tutorials/audio/simple_audio))
- [Deep Convolutional Generative Adversarial Network](#)  
(<https://www.tensorflow.org/tutorials/generative/dcgan>)
- [Basic text classification](#)  
([https://www.tensorflow.org/tutorials/keras/text\\_classification](https://www.tensorflow.org/tutorials/keras/text_classification))
- [Create an Estimator from a Keras model](#)  
([https://www.tensorflow.org/tutorials/estimator/keras\\_model](https://www.tensorflow.org/tutorials/estimator/keras_model))

The Dropout layer randomly sets input units to 0 with a frequency of `rate` at each step during training time, which helps prevent overfitting. Inputs not set to 0 are scaled up by  $1/(1 - \text{rate})$  such that the sum over all inputs is unchanged.

Note that the Dropout layer only applies when `training` is set to True such that no values are dropped during inference. When using `model.fit`, `training` will be appropriately set to True automatically, and in other contexts, you can set the kwarg explicitly to True when calling the layer.

(This is in contrast to setting `trainable=False` for a Dropout layer. `trainable` does not affect the layer's behavior, as Dropout does not have any variables/weights that can be frozen during training.)

```
>>> tf.random.set_seed(0)
>>> layer = tf.keras.layers.Dropout(.2, input_shape=(2,))
>>> data = np.arange(10).reshape(5, 2).astype(np.float32)
>>> print(data)
[[0. 1.]
 [2. 3.]
 [4. 5.]
 [6. 7.]
 [8. 9.]]
>>> outputs = layer(data, training=True)
>>> print(outputs)
tf.Tensor(
[[ 0.    1.25]
 [ 2.5   3.75]
 [ 5.    6.25]
 [ 7.5   8.75]
 [10.    0.  ]], shape=(5, 2), dtype=float32)
```

## Args

<b>rate</b>	Float between 0 and 1. Fraction of the input units to drop.
<b>noise_shape</b>	1D integer tensor representing the shape of the binary dropout mask that will be multiplied with the input. For instance, if your inputs have shape <code>(batch_size, timesteps, features)</code> and you want the dropout mask to be the same for all timesteps, you can use <code>noise_shape=(batch_size, 1, features)</code> .
<b>seed</b>	A Python integer to use as random seed.

## Call arguments:

- **inputs**: Input tensor (of any rank).
- **training**: Python boolean indicating whether the layer should behave in training mode (adding dropout) or in inference mode (doing nothing).

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