

# Automatic differentiation package - torch.autograd

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   backward
   grad
```

## Forward-mode Automatic Differentiation

### Warning

This API is in beta. Even though the function signatures are very unlikely to change, improved operator coverage is planned before we consider this stable.

Please see the [forward-mode AD tutorial](#) for detailed steps on how to use this API.

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   forward_ad.dual_level
   forward_ad.make_dual
   forward_ad.unpack_dual
```

## Functional higher level API

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This section contains the higher level API for the autograd that builds on the basic API above and allows you to compute jacobians, hessians, etc.

This API works with user-provided functions that take only Tensors as input and return only Tensors. If your function takes other arguments that are not Tensors or Tensors that don't have `requires_grad` set, you can use a lambda to capture them. For example, for a function `f` that takes three inputs, a Tensor for which we want the jacobian, another tensor that should be considered constant and a boolean flag as `f(input, constant, flag=flag)` you can use it as `functional.jacobian(lambda x: f(x, constant,`

```
flag=flag), input).
```

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    functional.jacobian
    functional.hessian
    functional.vjp
    functional.jvp
    functional.vhp
    functional.hvp
```

## Locally disabling gradient computation

See [ref`locally-disable-grad-doc`](#) for more information on the differences between no-grad and inference mode as well as other related mechanisms that may be confused with the two.

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    no_grad
    enable_grad
    set_grad_enabled
    inference_mode
```

## Default gradient layouts

When a non-sparse `param` receives a non-sparse gradient during `:func:`torch.autograd.backward`` or `:func:`torch.Tensor.backward`` `param.grad` is accumulated as follows.

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If `param.grad` is initially `None`:

1. If `param`'s memory is non-overlapping and dense, `.grad` is created with strides matching `param` (thus matching `param`'s layout).
2. Otherwise, `.grad` is created with rowmajor-contiguous strides.

If `param` already has a non-sparse `.grad` attribute:

3. If `create_graph=False`, `backward()` accumulates into `.grad` in-place, which preserves its strides.
4. If `create_graph=True`, `backward()` replaces `.grad` with a new tensor `.grad + new grad`, which attempts (but does not guarantee) matching the preexisting `.grad`'s strides.

The default behavior (letting `.grad`s be `None` before the first `backward()`, such that their layout is created according to 1 or 2, and

retained over time according to 3 or 4) is recommended for best performance. Calls to `model.zero_grad()` or `optimizer.zero_grad()` will not affect `.grad` layouts.

In fact, resetting all `.grads` to `None` before each accumulation phase, e.g.:

```
for iterations...
...
for param in model.parameters():
    param.grad = None
loss.backward()
```

such that they're recreated according to 1 or 2 every time, is a valid alternative to `model.zero_grad()` or `optimizer.zero_grad()` that may improve performance for some networks.

## Manual gradient layouts

If you need manual control over `.grad`'s strides, assign `param.grad =` a zeroed tensor with desired strides before the first `backward()`, and never reset it to `None`. 3 guarantees your layout is preserved as long as `create_graph=False`. 4 indicates your layout is *likely* preserved even if `create_graph=True`.

## In-place operations on Tensors

Supporting in-place operations in autograd is a hard matter, and we discourage their use in most cases. Autograd's aggressive buffer freeing and reuse makes it very efficient and there are very few occasions when in-place operations actually lower memory usage by any significant amount. Unless you're operating under heavy memory pressure, you might never need to use them.

## In-place correctness checks

All `:class:`Tensor``'s keep track of in-place operations applied to them, and if the implementation detects that a tensor was saved for backward in one of the functions, but it was modified in-place afterwards, an error will be raised once backward pass is started. This ensures that if you're using in-place functions and not seeing any errors, you can be sure that the computed gradients are correct.

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## Variable (deprecated)

### Warning

The Variable API has been deprecated: Variables are no longer necessary to use autograd with tensors. Autograd automatically supports Tensors with `requires_grad` set to `True`. Below please find a quick guide on what has changed:

- `Variable(tensor)` and `Variable(tensor, requires_grad)` still work as expected, but they return Tensors instead of Variables.
- `var.data` is the same thing as `tensor.data`.
- Methods such as `var.backward()`, `var.detach()`, `var.register_hook()` now work on tensors with the same method names.

In addition, one can now create tensors with `requires_grad=True` using factory methods such as `:func:`torch.randn``, `:func:`torch.zeros``, `:func:`torch.ones``, and others like the following:

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```
autograd_tensor = torch.randn((2, 3, 4), requires_grad=True)
```

## Tensor autograd functions

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   torch.Tensor.grad
   torch.Tensor.requires_grad
   torch.Tensor.is_leaf
   torch.Tensor.backward
   torch.Tensor.detach
   torch.Tensor.detach_
   torch.Tensor.register_hook
   torch.Tensor.retain_grad
```

## Function

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.. autoclass:: Function
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   Function.forward
   Function.backward
   Function.jvp
```

## Context method mixins

When creating a new `:class:Function`, the following methods are available to `ctx`.

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   function.FunctionCtx.mark_dirty
   function.FunctionCtx.mark_non_differentiable
   function.FunctionCtx.save_for_backward
   function.FunctionCtx.set_materialize_grads
```

## Numerical gradient checking

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   gradcheck
   gradgradcheck
```

## Profiler

Autograd includes a profiler that lets you inspect the cost of different operators inside your model - both on the CPU and GPU. There are two modes implemented at the moment - CPU-only using `:class:`~torch.autograd.profiler.profile``. and nvprof based (registers both CPU and GPU activity) using `:class:`~torch.autograd.profiler.emit_nvtx``.

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```
.. autoclass:: torch.autograd.profiler.profile
```

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   profiler.profile.export_chrome_trace
   profiler.profile.key_averages
   profiler.profile.self_cpu_time_total
   profiler.profile.total_average
```

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```
.. autoclass:: torch.autograd.profiler.emit_nvtx
```

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```
profiler.load_nvprof
```

## Anomaly detection

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```
.. autoclass:: detect_anomaly
```

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```
.. autoclass:: set_detect_anomaly
```

## Saved tensors default hooks

Some operations need intermediary results to be saved during the forward pass in order to execute the backward pass. You can define how these saved tensors should be packed / unpacked using hooks. A common application is to trade compute for memory by saving those intermediary results to disk or to CPU instead of leaving them on the GPU. This is especially useful if you notice your model fits on GPU during evaluation, but not training. Also see [ref: saved-tensors-hooks-doc`](#).

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```
.. autoclass:: torch.autograd.graph.saved_tensors_hooks
```

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```
.. autoclass:: torch.autograd.graph.save_on_cpu
```