

1. Tensor

A Tensor is the core data structure and computational unit of PyTorch.

PyTorch tensors are multi-dimensional arrays that contain values of the same data type. They can be thought of as a NumPy array, but highly optimized and GPU-compatible.

A Tensor is created from a Python list as follows:

Summary

| No. | Code | Tags | Description |
|-----|--|---|--|
| 1 | <code>torch.tensor(list)</code> | Python, PyTorch, (tutorial, how-to), (tensor, initialization, (from, list)) | Initialize a PyTorch tensor from a Python list. |
| 2 | <code>torch.arange(start: int, end: int, step: int)</code> | Python, PyTorch, (tutorial, how-to), (tensor, initialization, (from, range)) | Initialize a PyTorch tensor from a Python range. |
| 3 | <code>torch.empty(rows: int, columns: int)</code> | Python, PyTorch, (tutorial, how-to), (tensor, initialization, (with, null, as, not, values)) | Initialize an empty tensor of the specified shape. |
| 4 | <code>torch.zeros(rows: int, columns: int)</code> | Python, PyTorch, (tutorial, how-to), (tensor, initialization, (with, zeros)) | Like <code>empty</code> , but initializing with 0s instead of null values. |
| 5 | <code>torch.ones(rows: int, columns: int)</code> | Python, PyTorch, (tutorial, how-to), (tensor, initialization, (with, multiple, one)) | Like <code>empty</code> , but initializing with 1s instead. |
| 6 | <code>torch.rand(rows: int, columns: int)</code> | Python, PyTorch, (tutorial, how-to), (tensor, initialization, (with, random, float, numbers, (from, statistics, probability, distribution, uniform, distribution))) | Like <code>empty</code> , but initializing with random decimal numbers sampled from a uniform distribution instead. |
| 7 | <code>torch.randn(rows: int, columns: int)</code> | Python, PyTorch, (tutorial, how-to), (tensor, initialization, (with, random, float, numbers, (from, statistics, probability, distribution, normal, distribution))) | Like <code>empty</code> , but initializing with random decimal numbers sampled from a normal distribution instead. |

Notes

In [51]: `import torch`

```
# Create tensor from a list
x = torch.tensor([1, 2, 3])

print(x)
#tensor([1, 2, 3])
```

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An uninitialized Tensor is created using `torch.empty(shape)`

In [52]: *# Create a 3x2 tensor with uninitialized values*
`x = torch.empty(3, 2)`

Tensors initialized with zeros or ones are created using `torch.zeros(shape)` or `torch.ones(shape)`

In [53]: *# Create a 3x2 tensor with zeros*
`x = torch.zeros(3, 2)`

```
#####
tensor([[0., 0.],
        [0., 0.],
        [0., 0.]])
#####

print(x)
```

tensor([[0., 0.],
 [0., 0.],
 [0., 0.]])

In [54]: *# Create a 3x2 tensor with ones*
`x = torch.ones(3, 2)`

```
#####
tensor([[1., 1.],
        [1., 1.],
        [1., 1.]])
#####

print(x)
```

tensor([[1., 1.],
 [1., 1.],
 [1., 1.]])

Tensors initialized with random values from a uniform distribution on the interval of 0 to 1 (not including 1) are created using `torch.rand(shape)`

```
In [55]: # Create a 2x2 tensor with random values from the uniform distribution  
x = torch.rand(2, 2)
```

```
.....  
tensor([[0.6051, 0.0569],  
        [0.7959, 0.0452]])  
.....
```

```
print(x)
```

```
tensor([[0.1914, 0.8260],  
        [0.8402, 0.0820]])
```

Tensors initialized with random numbers from a normal distribution with mean 0 and variance 1 are created using `torch.randn(shape)`

```
In [56]: # Create a 2x2 tensor with random values from the standard normal distribution  
x = torch.randn(2, 2)
```

```
.....  
tensor([[ 0.7346, -0.3198],  
        [ 0.9044,  0.0995]])  
.....
```

```
print(x)
```

```
tensor([[ 2.0006, -1.1012],  
        [ 0.4398,  2.0937]])
```

`torch.arange(start, end, step)` is used to create a 1-D tensor with evenly spaced values within a given interval

```
In [57]: # Create a 1-D tensor  
x = torch.arange(0, 10, 2)
```

```
print(x)  
# tensor([0, 2, 4, 6, 8])
```

```
tensor([0, 2, 4, 6, 8])
```