

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])

tensor([1, 2, 3])
```

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])
```