

# How to compute number of weights of CNN?

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How can we compute number of weights considering a convolutional neural network that is used to classify images into two classes :

- INPUT: 100x100 gray-scale images.
- LAYER 1: Convolutional layer with 60 7x7 convolutional filters (stride=1, valid padding).
- LAYER 2: Convolutional layer with 100 5x5 convolutional filters (stride=1, valid padding).
- LAYER 3: A max pooling layer that down-samples Layer 2 by a factor of 4 (e.g., from 500x500 to 250x250)
- LAYER 4: Dense layer with 250 units
- LAYER 5: Dense layer with 200 units
- LAYER 6: Single output unit

Assume the existence of biases in each layer. Moreover, pooling layer has a weight (similar to AlexNet)

How many weights does this network have?

## Some Keras code

```
import keras
from keras.models import Sequential
from keras.layers import Dense
from keras.layers import Conv2D, MaxPooling2D

model = Sequential()

# Layer 1
model.add(Conv2D(60, (7, 7), input_shape = (100, 100, 1), padding="same",
activation="relu"))

# Layer 2
model.add(Conv2D(100, (5, 5), padding="same", activation="relu"))

# Layer 3
model.add(MaxPooling2D(pool_size=(2, 2)))

# Layer 4
model.add(Dense(250))

# Layer 5
model.add(Dense(200))

model.summary()
```

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If you create that model in Keras, it will calculate it for you. – Chris Tosh Dec 15 '19 at 12:48

2 Create the model and call `model.summary()` – Daniel Möller Dec 15 '19 at 13:49

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## TL;DR - For TensorFlow + Keras

4 Use `Sequential.summary` - [Link](#) to documentation.

### Example usage:

```
from tensorflow.keras.models import *

model = Sequential([
    # Your architecture here
]);

model.summary()
```

The output for your architecture is:

Model: "sequential"

Layer (type)	Output Shape	Param #
conv2d (Conv2D)	(None, 94, 94, 60)	3000
conv2d_1 (Conv2D)	(None, 90, 90, 100)	150100
max_pooling2d (MaxPooling2D)	(None, 45, 45, 100)	0
flatten (Flatten)	(None, 202500)	0
dense (Dense)	(None, 250)	50625250
dense_1 (Dense)	(None, 200)	50200
dense_2 (Dense)	(None, 1)	201
Total params: 50,828,751		
Trainable params: 50,828,751		
Non-trainable params: 0		

That's 50,828,751 parameters.

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## Number of weights in a 2D Convolutional layer

For a 2D Convolutional layer having

- `num_filters` filters,
- a filter size of `filter_size * filter_size * num_channels`,
- and a bias parameter per filter

The number of weights is:  $(\text{num\_filters} * \text{filter\_size} * \text{filter\_size} * \text{num\_channels}) + \text{num\_filters}$

**E.g.:** LAYER 1 in your neural network has

- 60 filters
- and a filter size of  $7 * 7 * 1$ . (Notice that the number of channels (1) comes from the input image.)

The number of weights in it is:  $(60 * 7 * 7 * 1) + 60$ , which is 3000.

## Number of weights in a Dense layer

For a Dense layer having

- `num_units` neurons,
- `num_inputs` neurons in the layer prior to it,
- and a bias parameter per neuron

The number of weights is:  $(\text{num\_units} * \text{num\_inputs}) + \text{num\_units}$

**E.g.** LAYER 5 in your neural network has

- 200 neurons
- and the layer prior to it - LAYER 4 - has 250 neurons.

The number of weights in it is  $200 * 250$ , which is 50000.

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Flatten and Dense layers I don't think that are needed at my model . Should I add a weight at MaxPooling layer similar to AlexNet ? – [estamos](#) Dec 15 '19 at 15:13

As far as I know, MaxPooling layers don't have weights associated with them. I may be wrong, though. – [tVishal96](#) Dec 17 '19 at 16:55

Yes , Maxpooling layer does not have a weight . I wrote some fixed code at top post . – [estamos](#) Dec

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... (while training), a Dense layer expects a 2D tensor as input, but the output of a Conv2D layer is a 4D tensor. Flatten will convert the 4D tensor to a 2D tensor as needed. Please see [this question](#) for more details. Also, you'll need a Dense layer with 1 neuron at the end of your network because that's the output layer. – [tVishal96](#) Dec 18 '19 at 3:29

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