**loading NumPy data using TensorFlow:**

**1. What is tf.data.Dataset?**

* **Definition:** A tf.data.Dataset is a TensorFlow class used to represent a sequence of data that can be iterated over, such as arrays, lists, or even files.
* **Usage:** It simplifies loading, transforming, and feeding data to the model efficiently during training.

**2. Loading NumPy Data**

* You can load NumPy arrays using np.load() to load .npz files.
* Example:

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with np.load(path) as data:

train\_examples = data['x\_train']

train\_labels = data['y\_train']

**3. Creating Dataset from NumPy Data**

* **Method:** Use tf.data.Dataset.from\_tensor\_slices() to create a dataset from NumPy arrays or other tensors.
* Example:

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train\_dataset = tf.data.Dataset.from\_tensor\_slices((train\_examples, train\_labels))

**4. Shuffling and Batching**

* **Shuffling:** Randomizes the order of the data, ensuring the model doesn’t learn any unintended patterns from the data order.
* **Batching:** Groups data into batches, which is crucial for model training efficiency.
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train\_dataset = train\_dataset.shuffle(100).batch(64)

**5. Building a Simple Model**

* Use tf.keras.Sequential() to build a simple model.
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model = tf.keras.Sequential([

tf.keras.layers.Flatten(input\_shape=(28, 28)),

tf.keras.layers.Dense(128, activation='relu'),

tf.keras.layers.Dense(10)

])

model.compile(optimizer='adam', loss='sparse\_categorical\_crossentropy', metrics=['accuracy'])

**6. Training the Model**

* **Method:** model.fit() is used to train the model with the dataset.
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model.fit(train\_dataset, epochs=5)

**7. Evaluating the Model**

* Use model.evaluate() to evaluate the model on a test dataset.
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model.evaluate(test\_dataset)

**8. Why tf.data?**

* **Efficiency:** Handles large datasets and streaming data efficiently.
* **Scalability:** Supports distributed data loading and high-performance data pipelines.