



# nn.Module provides a structured and organized way to create and manage neural network architectures in PyTorch

## nn.Module

**Parameter Management:** Layers defined as attributes within an **nn.Module** **automatically register their parameters**

**Nested Modules:** You can nest multiple **nn.Module** instances inside each other, **creating complex architectures**

**Device Handling:** The `to()` method allows you to move the entire model to a specified device (CPU or GPU).

**Saving and Loading:** **nn.Module** makes it easier to save and load models and their trained weights

**Training and Evaluation:** By defining the forward pass in the **forward** method, **model.train()** and **model.eval()**.

**Customization:** custom methods, properties, and behaviors in your subclass to extend the functionality of your model

# Layers in Pytorch

**Fully Connected Layer**

`nn.Linear()`

**Convolutional Layer**

`nn.Conv2d()`

**ReLu Layer**

`nn.ReLU()`

**MaxPooling Layer**

`nn.MaxPool2d()`

**Dropout Layer**

`nn.Dropout(p)`

**Batch Normalization Layer**

`nn.BatchNorm2d()`

```
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```

```
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```

```
relu_layer = nn.ReLU()
```

```
maxpool_layer = nn.MaxPool2d(kernel_size, stride)
```

```
Linear_layer=nn.Linear(in_features,out_features)
```

```
dropout_layer = nn.Dropout(p)
```

1. In PyTorch, a neural network is constructed using the concept of layers.
2. Layers are the building blocks of a neural network, and they define the operations that transform the input data into meaningful representations.
3. PyTorch provides a variety of pre-defined layers that you can use to build your neural network architecture.

**Linear Layer (Fully Connected Layer):** This layer performs a linear transformation on the input data by multiplying it with a weight matrix and adding a bias term.

$$\text{Layer} = Wx + b$$

```
import torch.nn as nn
```

```
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**MaxPooling Layer:** MaxPooling layers downsample the spatial dimensions of the input by selecting the maximum value from each local region.

```
import torch.nn as nn
maxpool_layer = nn.MaxPool2d(kernel_size, stride)
```



**Dropout Layer:** Dropout is a regularization technique that randomly sets a fraction of input units to zero during each forward pass.

```
import torch.nn as nn  
dropout_layer = nn.Dropout(p)
```

**Batch Normalization Layer:** Batch normalization normalizes the activations of a layer across a batch of data, helping with faster training and better generalization.

```
import torch.nn as nn  
batchnorm_layer = nn.BatchNorm2d(num_features)
```

## 2D convolutional layer

The 2D convolutional layer, often denoted as `nn.Conv2d` in PyTorch, is a fundamental building block in convolutional neural networks (CNNs). This layer performs a 2D convolution operation on the input data, which is particularly useful for image-related tasks.

### `nn.Conv2d` Module

#### Parameters:

**in\_channels:** The number of input channels (e.g., **for an RGB image, in\_channels would be 3**).

**out\_channels:** The number of output channels (i.e., the number of filters/kernels to be applied).

**kernel\_size:** The size of the convolutional kernel (filter).

**stride:** The stride of the convolution.

**padding:** The zero-padding added to both sides of the input.

**bias:** If True, a bias term is added to the output.

#### Attributes:

**weight:** The learnable weights (filters/kernels) of the convolutional layer.

**bias:** The learnable bias term.

#### Forward Method:

•The forward method implements the forward pass of the convolutional layer. **It takes an input tensor and applies the convolution operation using the specified parameters.**

## 2D convolutional layer

```
import torch
import torch.nn as nn
```

```
# Example Conv2d layer
```

```
conv_layer = nn.Conv2d(in_channels=3, out_channels=64, kernel_size=3, stride=1, padding=1)
```

```
# Accessing parameters
```

```
weights = conv_layer.weight
```

```
biases = conv_layer.bias
```

Weights and Biases:

The **weight tensor** has dimensions (out\_channels, in\_channels, kernel\_size[0], kernel\_size[1]).

The **bias tensor** has dimensions (out\_channels).

```
# Forward pass
```

```
input_data = torch.randn(1, 3, 32, 32) # Batch size of 1, 3 channels, 32x32 image
```

```
output_data = conv_layer(input_data)
```

```
# Print details
```

```
print("Conv2d Layer:")
```

```
print(conv_layer)
```

```
print("\nWeights Shape:", weights.shape)
```

```
print("Biases Shape:", biases.shape)
```

```
print("\nInput Shape:", input_data.shape)
```

```
print("Output Shape:", output_data.shape)
```

**output**

```
Conv2d Layer: Conv2d(3, 64, kernel_size=(3, 3), stride=(1, 1), padding=(1, 1))
```

```
Weights Shape: torch.Size([64, 3, 3, 3])
```

note w=(out\_channels, in\_channels, kernel\_size[0], kernel\_size[1]).

```
Biases Shape: torch.Size([64])
```

```
Input Shape: torch.Size([1, 3, 32, 32])
```

```
Output Shape: torch.Size([1, 64, 32, 32])
```

## 2D convolutional layer

### Weights and Biases:

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The bias tensor has dimensions (`out_channels`).

### Input and Output Shapes:

The input shape is (`batch_size, in_channels, height, width`).

The output shape is (`batch_size, out_channels, height_out, width_out`).

### Parameters Initialization:

The learnable parameters (`weights and biases`) are initialized during the instantiation of the `nn.Conv2d` module.

### Forward Pass:

The forward method performs the convolution operation on the input tensor.

### Padding and Stride:

Padding and stride can be adjusted to control the spatial dimensions of the output tensor.

### Activation Function:

The convolutional layer itself does not include an activation function. Typically, it is followed by a separate activation layer like `nn.ReLU`.

# **Model Design in Pytorch**



**Sequential API:** `nn.Sequential`

**Subclassing:** `nn.Module`

Functional API

**Module API with** `nn.ModuleList`  
or `nn.ModuleDict`

## 1. Sequential API:

The **nn.Sequential class in PyTorch allows** you to create a neural network by stacking layers sequentially. It's a convenient way to define networks when the architecture follows a linear structure without branching or complex connections.

```
import torch.nn as nn

model = nn.Sequential(nn.Linear(input_size, hidden_size),
                      nn.ReLU(),
                      nn.Linear(hidden_size, output_size))
```

## Subclassing nn.Module:

Creating custom classes by subclassing **nn.Module** gives you more flexibility to define complex architectures, branching structures, and non-sequential networks. This approach is useful when you need more control over how the layers are connected and how data flows through the network.

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```
import torch.nn as nn

class CustomNet(nn.Module):
    def __init__(self, input_size, hidden_size, output_size):
        super(CustomNet, self).__init__()
        self.fc1 = nn.Linear(input_size, hidden_size)
        self.relu = nn.ReLU()
        self.fc2 = nn.Linear(hidden_size, output_size)

    def forward(self, x):
        x = self.fc1(x)
        x = self.relu(x)
        x = self.fc2(x)
        return x

model = CustomNet(input_size, hidden_size, output_size)
```



### 3.Functional API:

The functional API allows you to define complex architectures using PyTorch functions directly. **This approach is useful when you want to perform operations that are not layer-based, such as concatenation or element-wise operations.**

```
import torch.nn.functional as F

class FunctionalNet(nn.Module):
    def __init__(self, input_size, hidden_size, output_size):
        super(FunctionalNet, self).__init__()
        self.fc1 = nn.Linear(input_size, hidden_size)
        self.fc2 = nn.Linear(hidden_size, output_size)

    def forward(self, x):
        x = F.relu(self.fc1(x))
        x = self.fc2(x)
        return x

model = FunctionalNet(input_size, hidden_size, output_size)
```

#### 4. Module API with nn.ModuleList or nn.ModuleDict:

When your model includes multiple layers that are not defined in a sequential order, you can use **nn.ModuleList** or **nn.ModuleDict** to manage them.

```
class ComplexModel(nn.Module):
    def __init__(self):
        super(ComplexModel, self).__init__()
        self.layers = nn.ModuleList([nn.Linear(input_size, hidden_size),
                                       nn.ReLU(), nn.Linear(hidden_size, num_classes)])

    def forward(self, x):
        for layer in self.layers:
            x = layer(x)
        return x

model = ComplexModel()
```

#### 4. Module API with nn.ModuleDict:

nn.ModuleDict is a PyTorch module that can be used to hold a collection of PyTorch **modules as attributes**. It is a way to organize and manage multiple sub-modules within a larger module.

```
class MyModel(nn.Module):
    def __init__(self):
        super(MyModel, self).__init__()
        # Define a ModuleDict to hold sub-modules
        self.module_dict = nn.ModuleDict({
            'conv1': nn.Conv2d(in_channels=3, out_channels=64, kernel_size=3, stride=1, padding=1),
            'batch_norm': nn.BatchNorm2d(64),
            'relu': nn.ReLU(),
            'fc': nn.Linear(64 * 28 * 28, 10) # Example fully connected layer
        })
    def forward(self, x):
        # Access and apply sub-modules in the forward pass
        x = self.module_dict['conv1'](x)
        x = self.module_dict['batch_norm'](x)
        x = self.module_dict['relu'](x)
        # Reshape for fully connected layer
        x = x.view(x.size(0), -1)
        # Apply fully connected layer
        x = self.module_dict['fc'](x)
        return x
```

## Parameters:

1. In PyTorch, parameters refer to the learnable weights and biases in a neural network.
2. These parameters are associated with instances of the `nn.Parameter` class, which is a subclass of `torch.Tensor`.
3. Parameters are tensors that are marked as parameters of a module and can be updated during the training process using optimization algorithms.

### 1. Creating Parameters:

Parameters are typically created as attributes of a custom neural network module (a class that inherits from `nn.Module`).

```
import torch
import torch.nn as nn

class MyModel(nn.Module):
    def __init__(self):
        super(MyModel, self).__init__()
        self.weight = nn.Parameter(torch.randn(5, 5))  # Example parameter

    def forward(self, x):
        # Use the parameter in the forward pass
        output = torch.mm(x, self.weight)
        return output
```

## Parameters:

### 2. Accessing Parameters:

Parameters are accessible through the `parameters()` method of an `nn.Module` instance.

```
model = MyModel()  
for param in model.parameters():  
    print(param)
```

This loop prints all the parameters of the `MyModel` instance.

## Parameters:

### 3. Optimizer and Parameter Updates:

During training, an optimizer is used to update the **parameters based on the gradients computed during backpropagation**.

```
import torch.optim as optim

model = MyModel()
optimizer = optim.SGD(model.parameters(), lr=0.01)

# Inside the training loop
for input_data, target in training_data:
    optimizer.zero_grad()  # Zero the gradients
    output = model(input_data)
    loss = loss_function(output, target)
    loss.backward()  # Compute gradients
    optimizer.step()  # Update parameters
```

In this example, **optimizer.step()** updates the parameters of the model based on the **computed gradients**.

## Parameters:

### 4. Freezing Parameters:

You can freeze specific parameters during training by setting their **requires\_grad** attribute to **False**.

```
for param in model.parameters():  
    param.requires_grad = False  # Freeze all parameters  
  
model.weight.requires_grad = True  # Unfreeze specific parameter
```

This is useful when you want to fine-tune only certain parts of a **pre-trained model**.

## register parameters in pytorch

In PyTorch, you can use the **register\_parameter** method to manually register a parameter that is not a direct attribute of an **nn.Module subclass**. This method allows you to add a parameter to the module and specify its name. Here's an example to illustrate how to use **register\_parameter**

```
import torch
import torch.nn as nn

class MyModel(nn.Module):
    def __init__(self):
        super(MyModel, self).__init__()
        # Manually register a parameter
        self.register_parameter('custom_param', nn.Parameter(torch.randn(5, 5)))
    def forward(self, x):
        # Use the registered parameter in the forward pass
        output = torch.mm(x, self.custom_param)
        return output

# Create an instance of the model
model = MyModel()
# Access the registered parameter
print("Custom Parameter:")
print(model.custom_param)
# Access all parameters using parameters()
print("\nAll Parameters:")
for name, param in model.named_parameters():
    print(name, param.size())
```