



Enclave-NN

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Introduction

Neural Nets are universal approximators.

Technical Details

- Forward pass is a series of algebraic operations
- Fully defined by their architecture and weights (parameters)

We focus solely on inference phase, so NNs for us are static functions.

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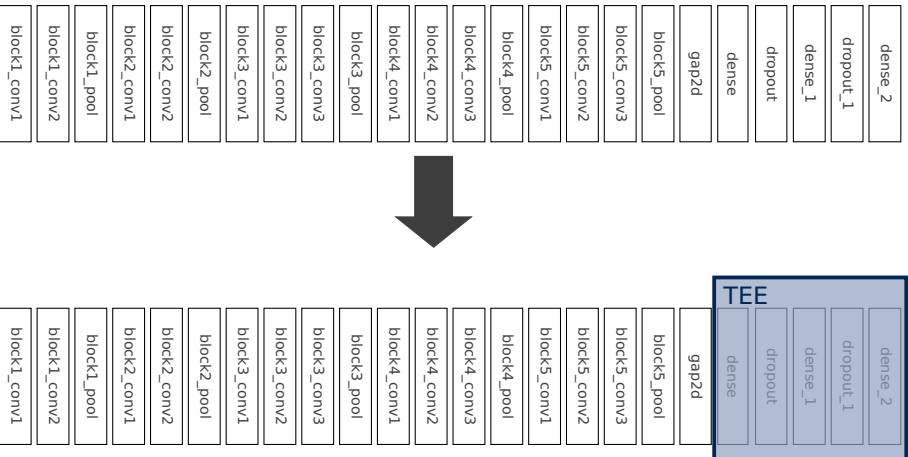
Idea

Use Trusted Execution Environments (TEEs) to hide parameters during inference

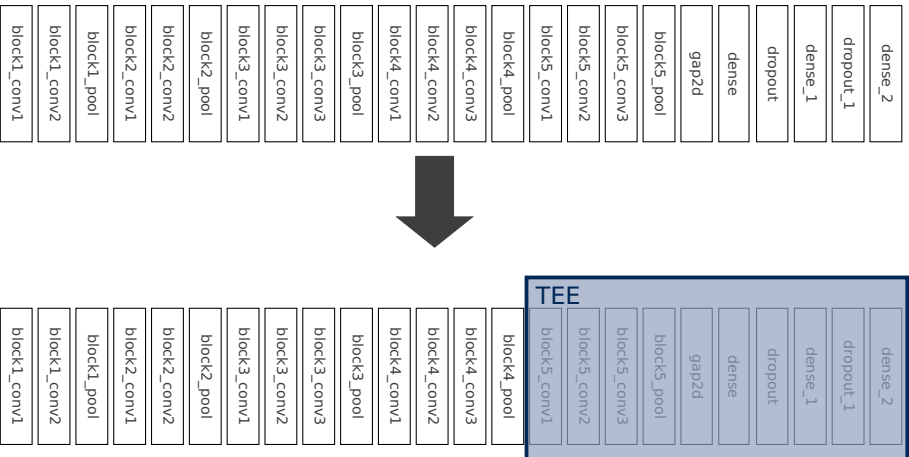


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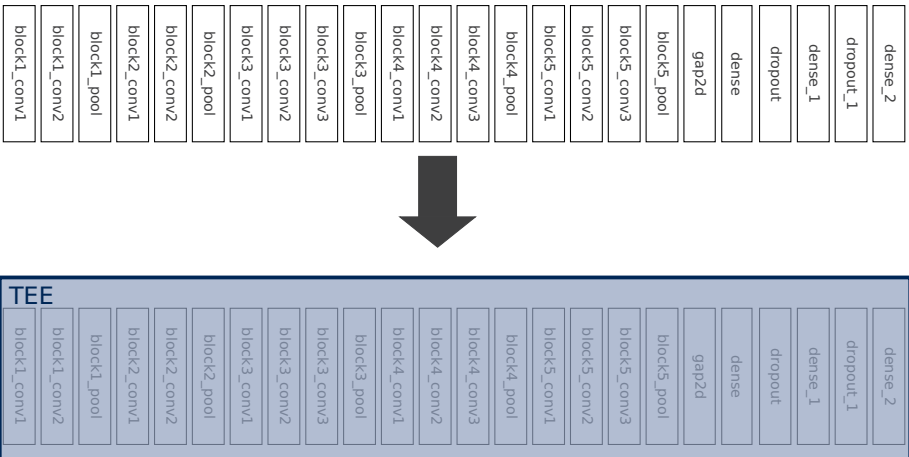
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Move last n layers into TEE, send protected model to user

Advantages

- Less infrastructure required
- Semi offline usage possible
- Inference data can stay private

Disadvantages

- Performance impact
- Requires trust in manufacturer
- Potentially larger attack surface

Evaluation Method

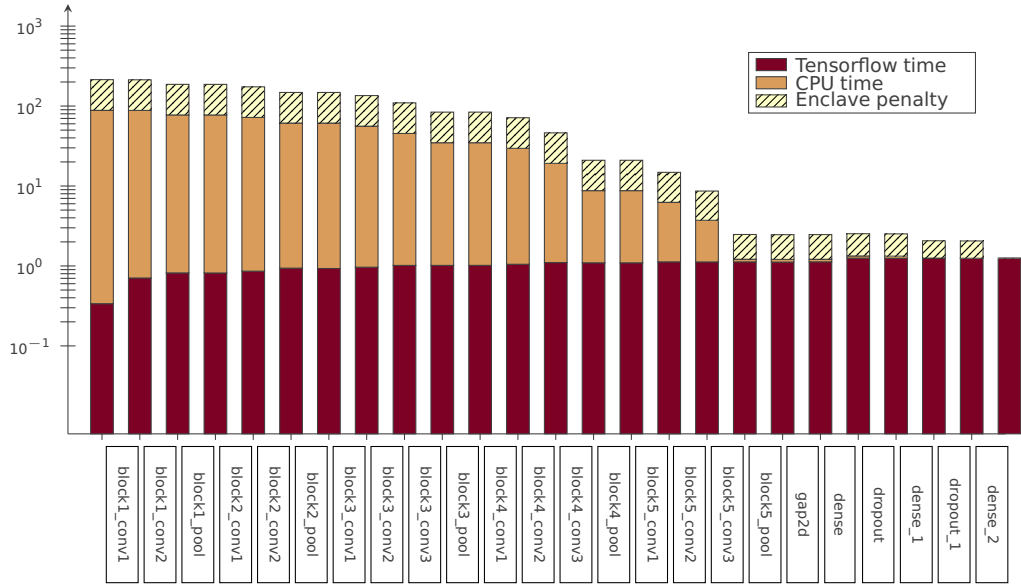
How large is the performance impact?

Procedure

- ① Split NN
- ② Compile TEE and native code
- ③ Measure inference time on single input
- ④ Separate CPU impact from TEE impact

Repeat for every possible split in NN

Results



Open Problems

- ① Architecture not hidden
- ② No monetization prototype yet

MNIST Results

IMDB Results

Rotten Tomatoes Results