Welcome to TensorFlow!

CS 20:
TensorFlow for Deep Learning Research
Lecture 1
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Agenda

Welcome

Overview of TensorFlow

Graphs and Sessions

What’s TensorFlow™?

“Open source software library for
numerical computation using data flow graphs”

Launched Nov 2015

Why TensorFlow?

- Many machine learning libraries

Denny Britz @dennybritz · 25 Dec 2017

I’m going through my newsletters to write up a year-end summary of developments and achievements in AI.

Fun fact: Almost every week, a company released a new generic or task-specific Deep Learning “framework” 😅

Why TensorFlow?

- Flexibility + Scalability
  Originally developed by Google as a single infrastructure for machine learning in both production and research

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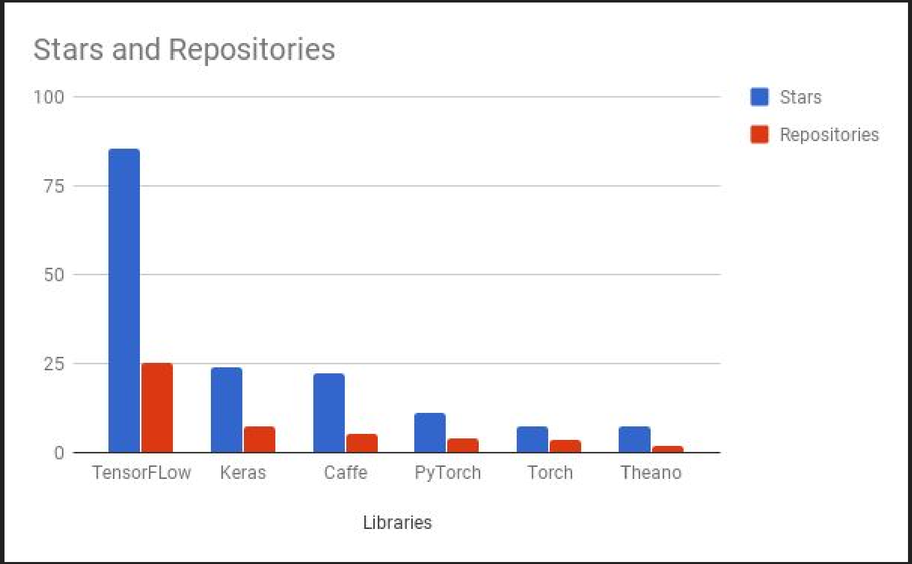
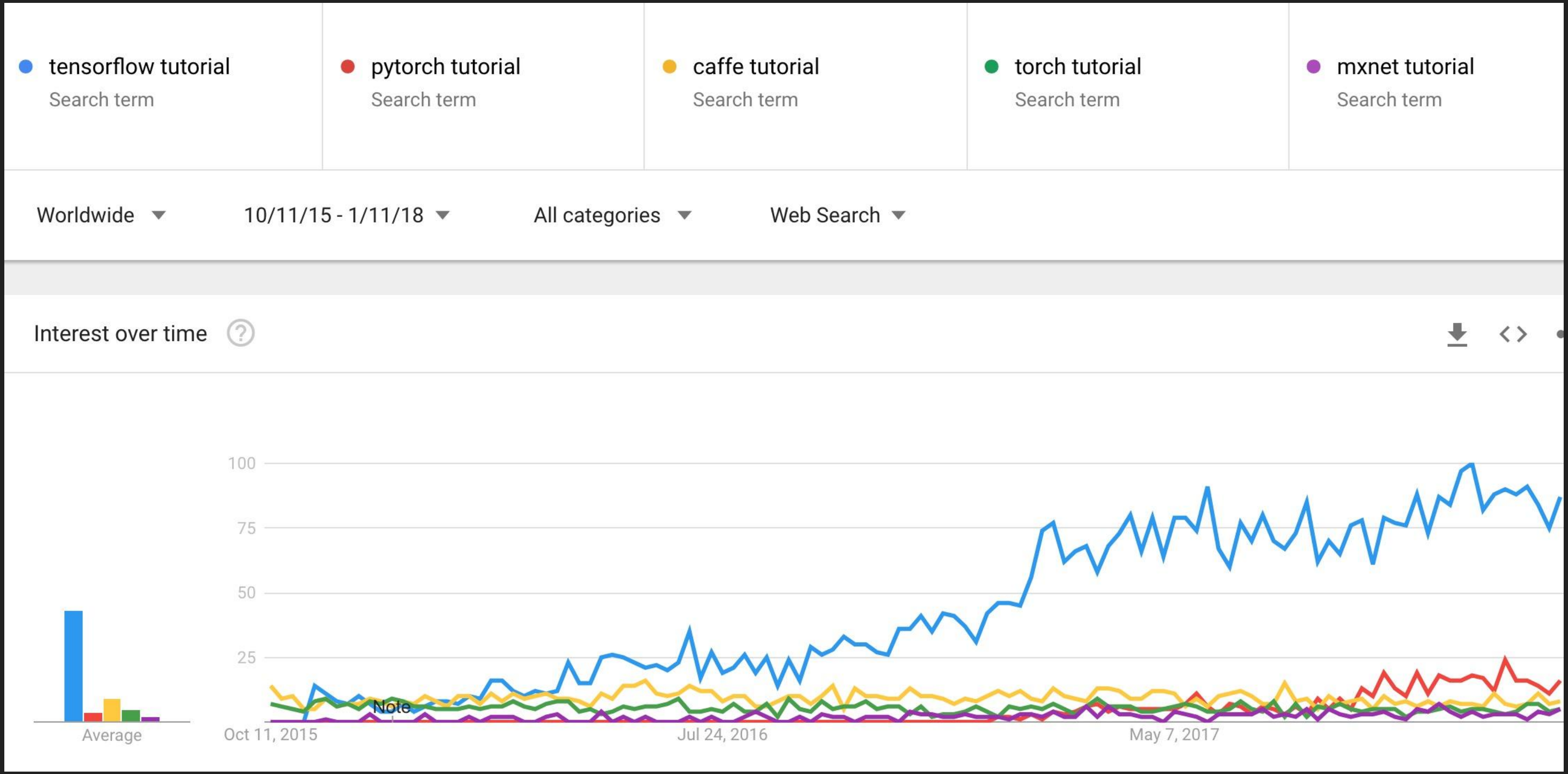


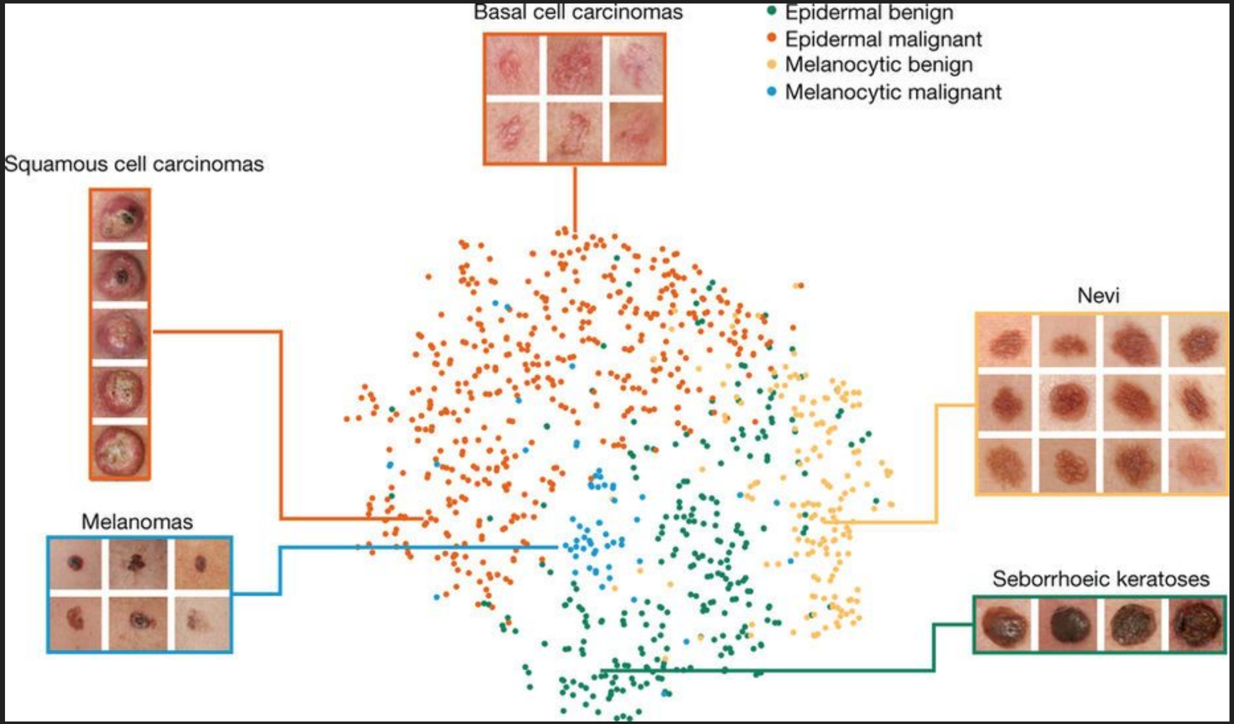
Companies using TensorFlow

Demand for tutorials on TensorFlow



Some cool projects using TensorFlow

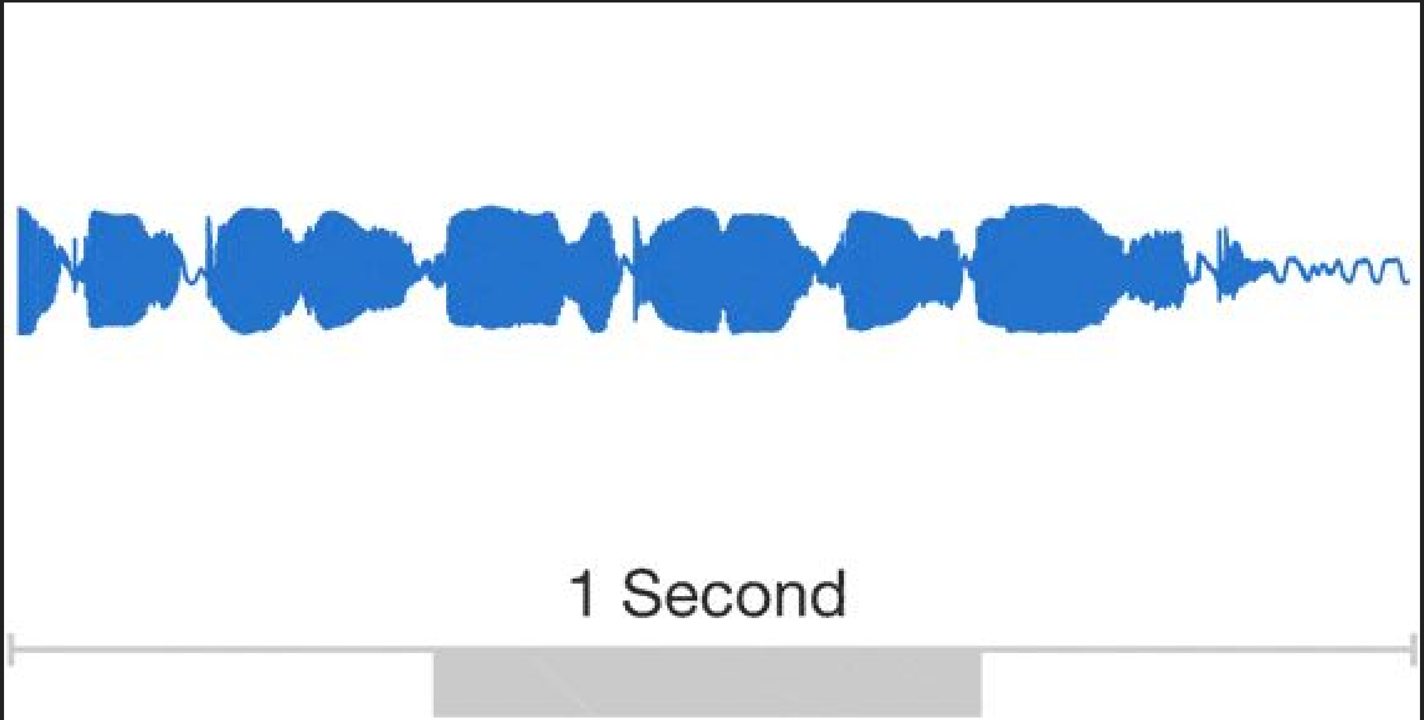
Classify skin cancer



Dermatologist-level classification of skin cancer with deep neural networks (Esteva et al., Nature 2017)

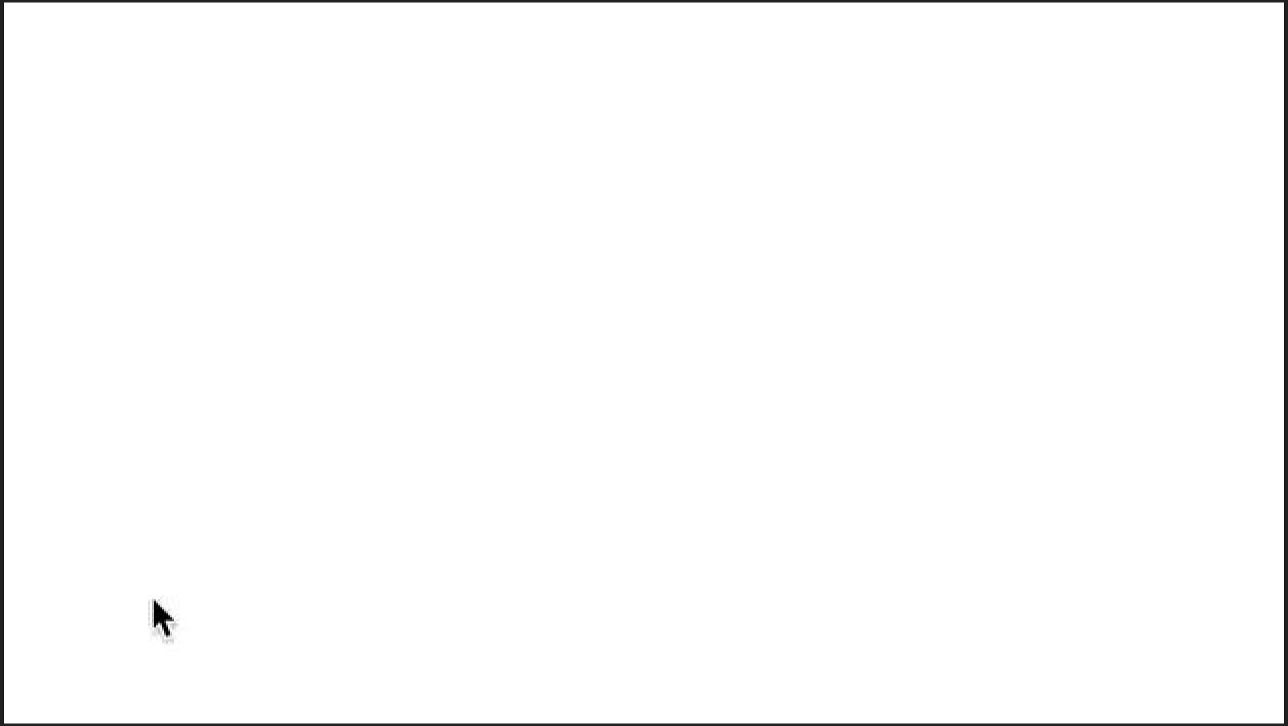
WaveNet: Text to Speech

It takes several hours to synthesize 1 second!



Wavenet: A generative model for raw audio (Oord et al., 2016)

Drawing



Draw Together with a Neural Network (Ha et al., 2017)

Neural Style Translation

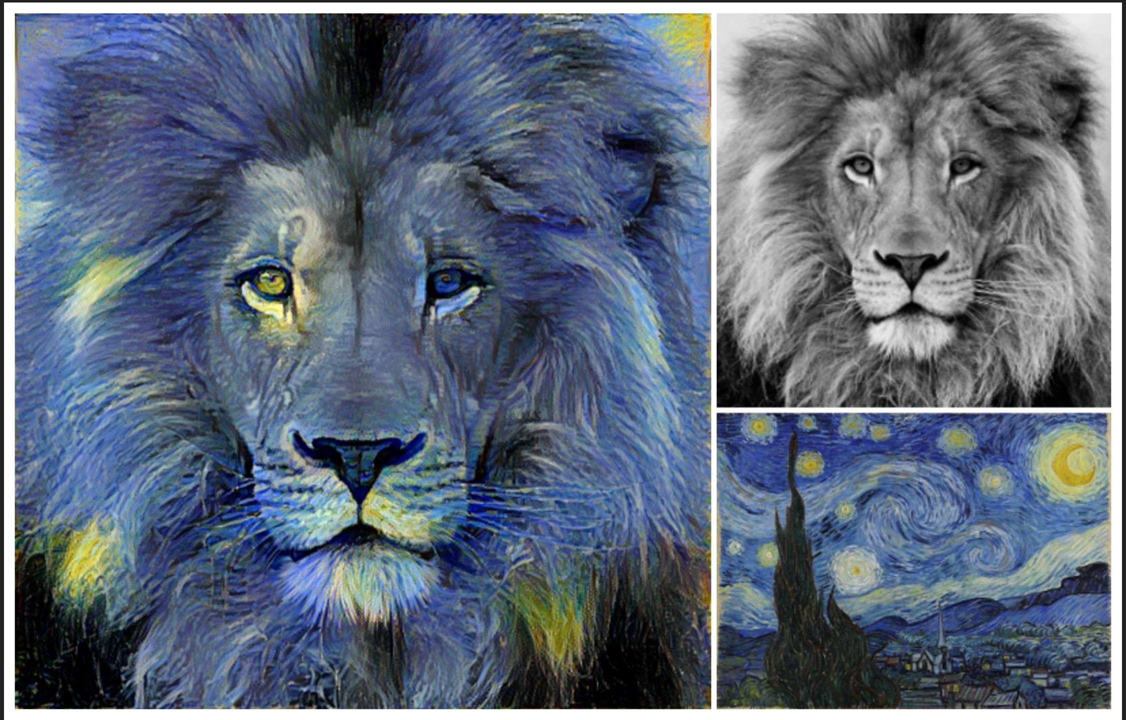


Image Style Transfer Using Convolutional Neural Networks (Gatys et al., 2016)
Tensorflow adaptation by Cameroon Smith (cysmith@github)

I hope that this class will give you the tool to build cool projects like those!

Goals

- Understand TF's computation graph approach
- Explore TF's built-in functions and classes
- Learn how to build and structure models best suited for a deep learning project

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Grading

- Assignments (3)
- Participation
- Check in

Resources

- The official documentations
- TensorFlow's official sample models
- StackOverflow should be your first port of call in case of bug
- Books
  - Aurélien Géron's Hands-On Machine Learning with Scikit-Learn and TensorFlow (O'Reilly, March 2017)
  - François Chollet's Deep Learning with Python (Manning Publications, November 2017)
  - Nishant Shukla's Machine Learning with TensorFlow (Manning Publications, January 2018)
  - Lieder et al.'s Learning TensorFlow A Guide to Building Deep Learning Systems (O'Reilly, August 2017)

Permission Number

[Link]

Many of you are ahead of me in academia so I probably need more of your help than you do mine

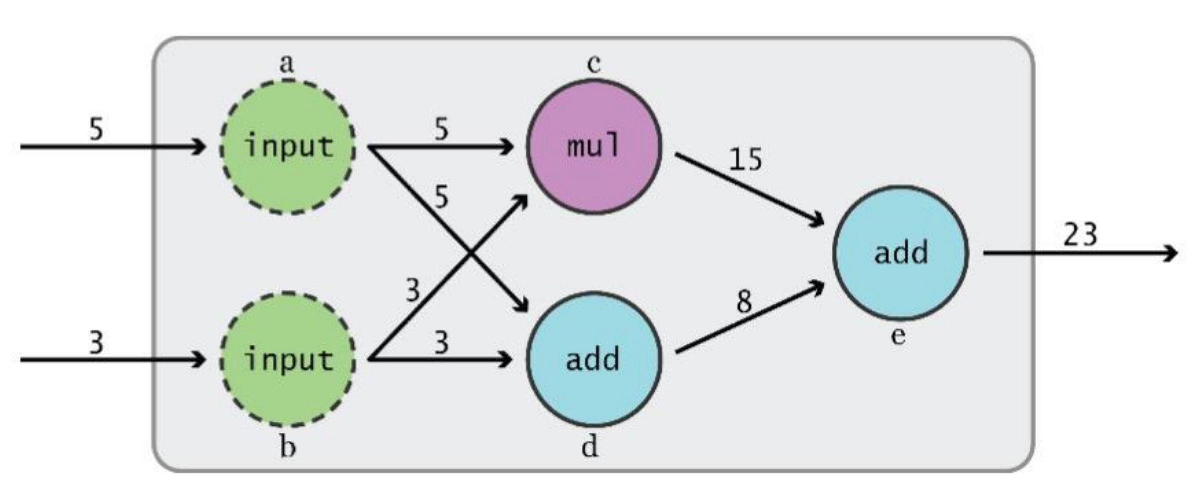
Getting Started

```
import tensorflow as tf
```

Graphs and Sessions

Data Flow Graphs

TensorFlow separates definition of computations from their execution



Graph from *TensorFlow for Machine Intelligence*

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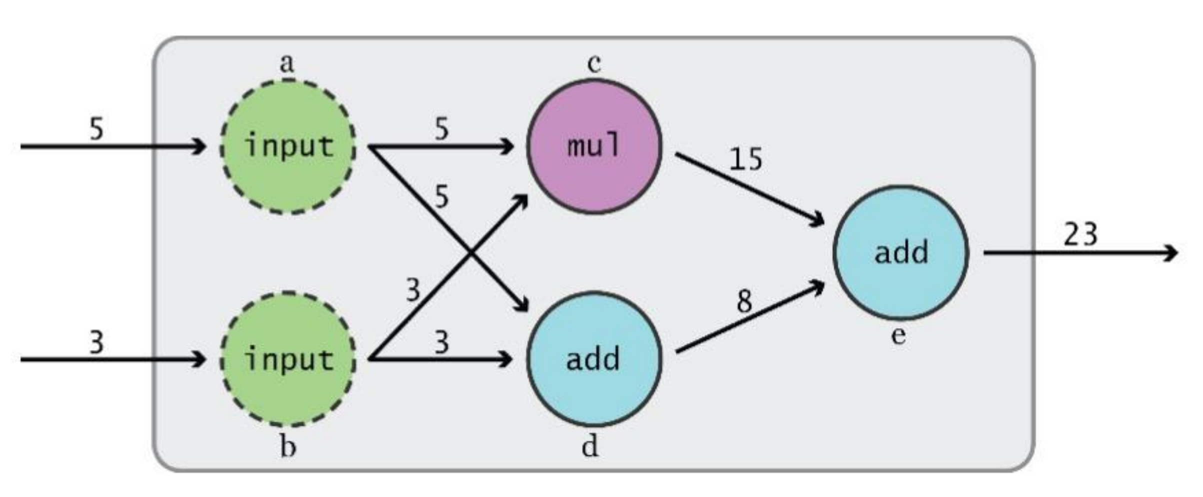

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This might change in the future with eager mode!!

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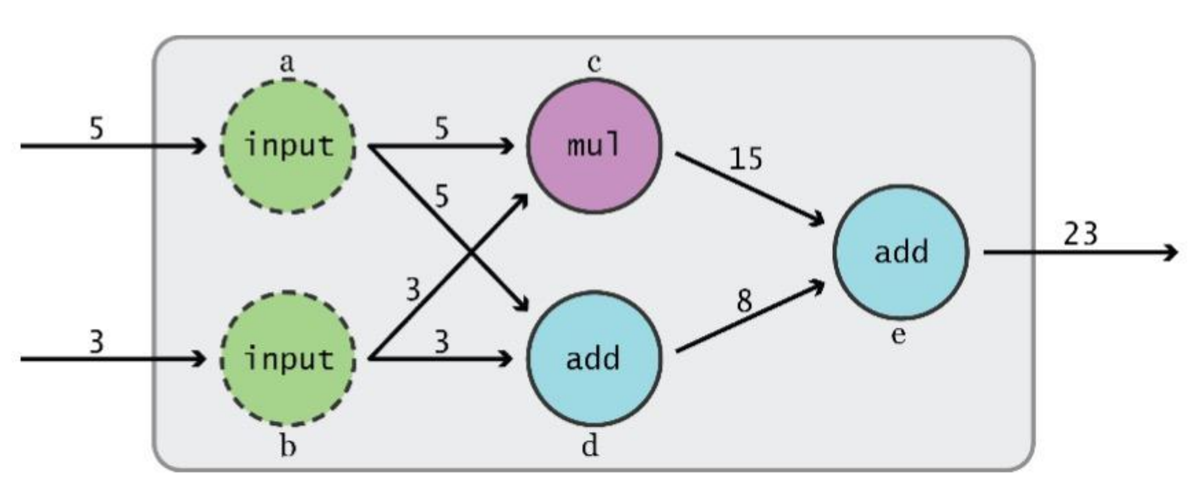

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What’s a tensor?

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An n-dimensional array

0-d tensor: scalar (number)

1-d tensor: vector

2-d tensor: matrix

and so on

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a = tf.add(3, 5)
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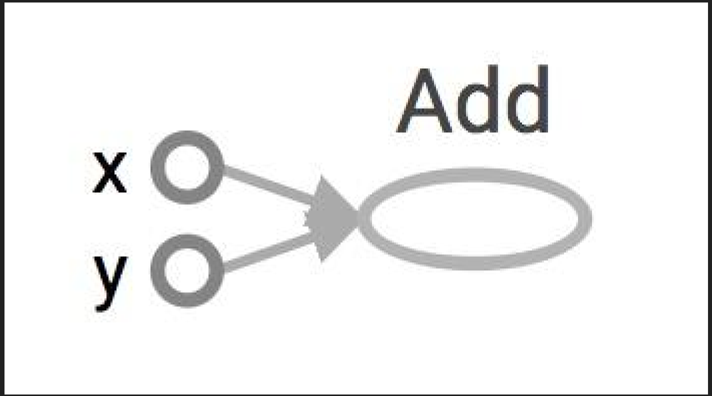

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Why x, y?

TF automatically names the nodes when you don’t explicitly name them.
x = 3
y = 5

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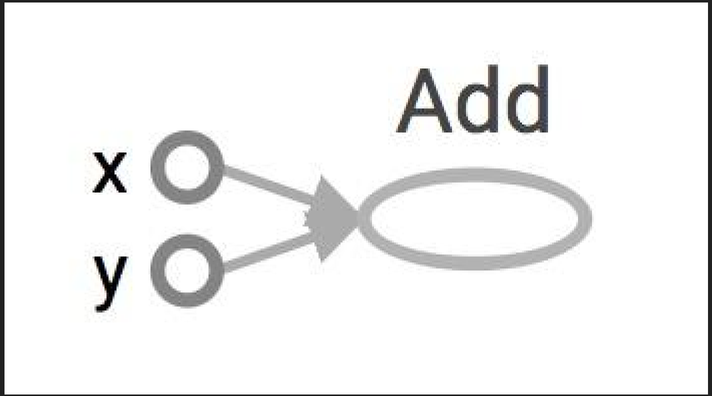

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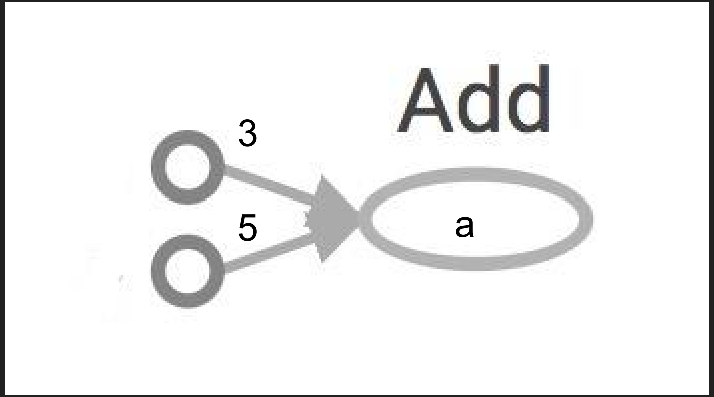

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Tensors are data.
TensorFlow = tensor + flow = data + flow
(I know, mind=blown)

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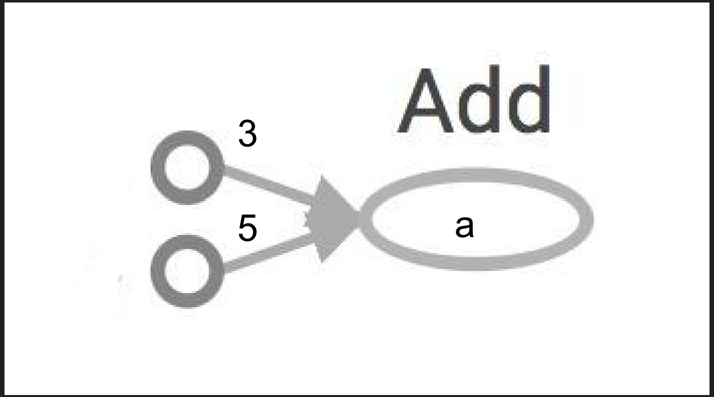

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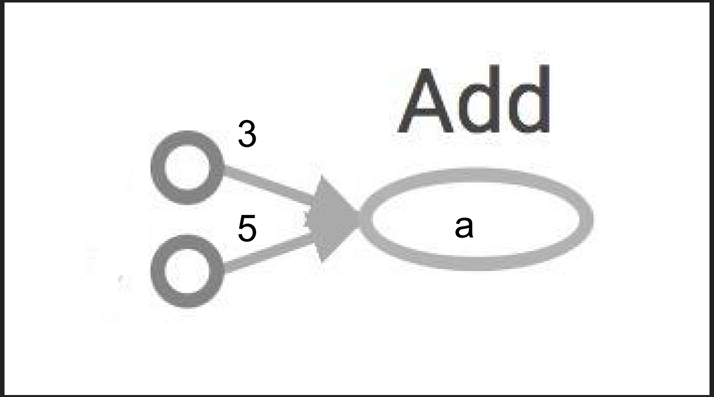


```
>> Tensor("Add:0", shape=(), dtype=int32)
```

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sess.close()
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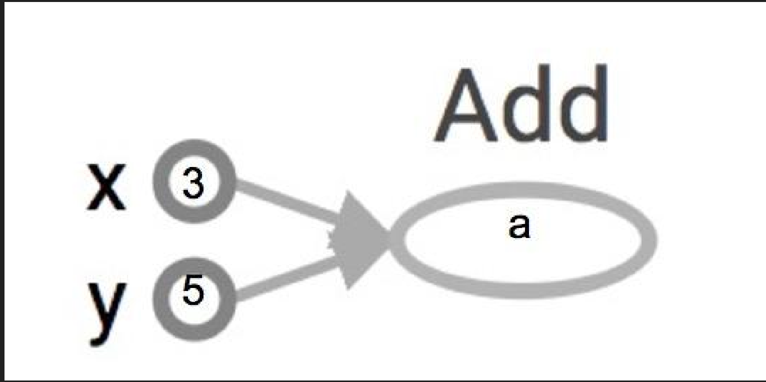

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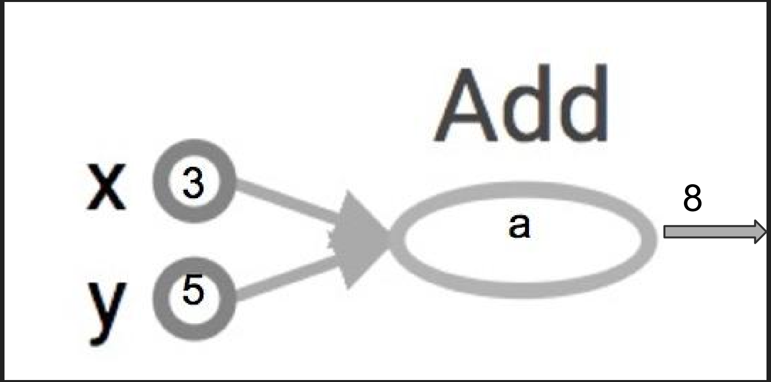

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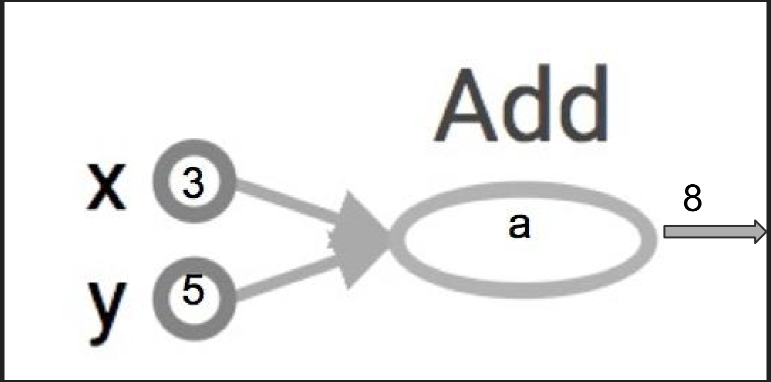

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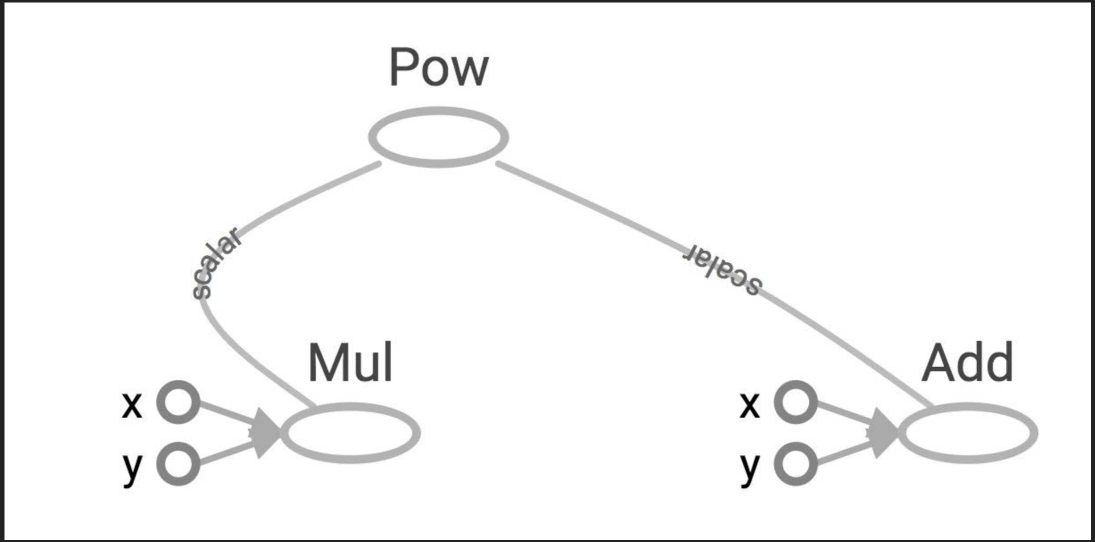
Session will also allocate memory to store the current values of variables.

More graph

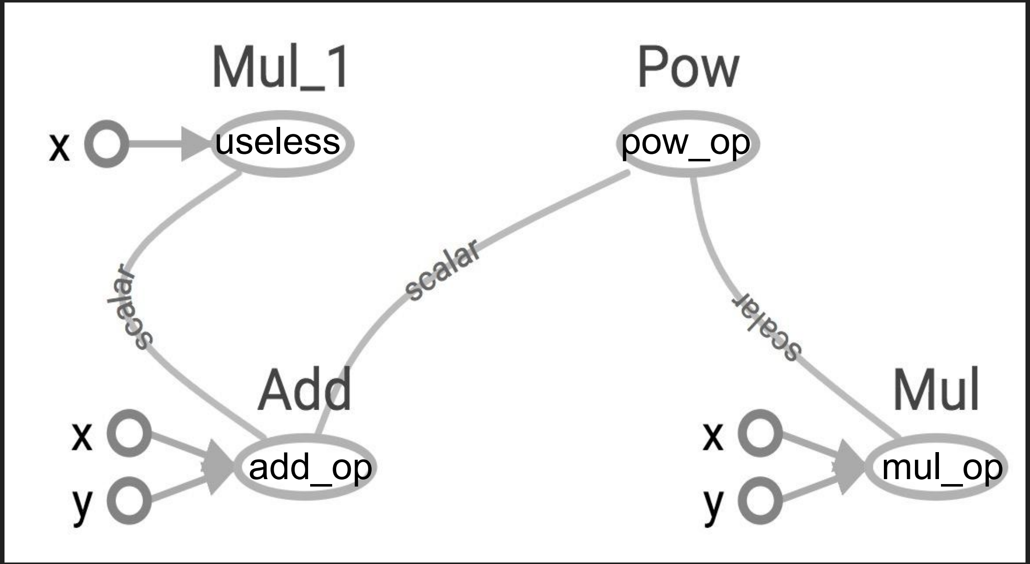
Visualized by TensorBoard

```
x = 2
y = 3
op1 = tf.add(x, y)
op2 = tf.multiply(x, y)
op3 = tf.pow(op2, op1)
with tf.Session() as sess:
      op3 = sess.run(op3)
```



Subgraphs

```
x = 2
y = 3
add_op = tf.add(x, y)
mul_op = tf.multiply(x, y)
useless = tf.multiply(x, add_op)
pow_op = tf.pow(add_op, mul_op)
with tf.Session() as sess:
      z = sess.run(pow_op)
```



Because we only want the value of pow_op and pow_op doesn't depend on useless, session won't compute value of useless
→ save computation

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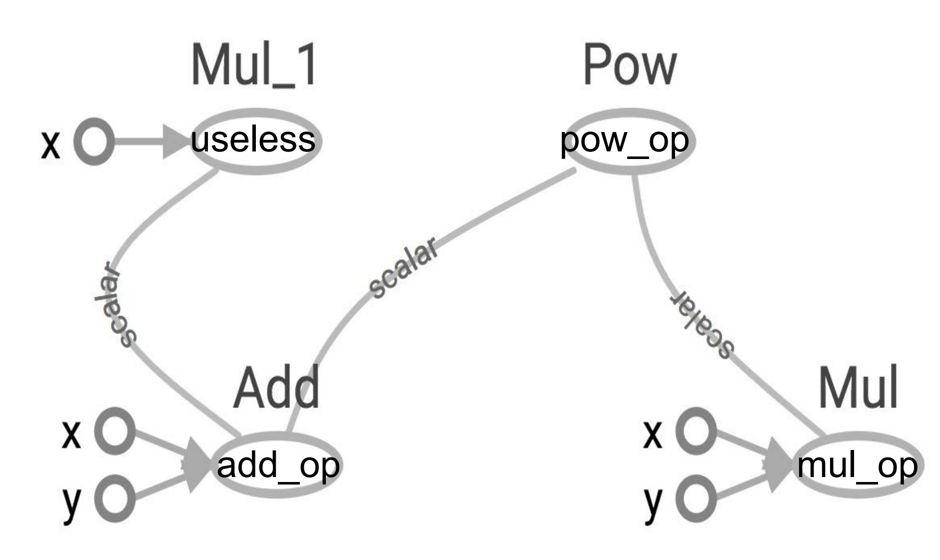
with tf.Session() as sess:
      z, not_useless = sess.run([pow_op, useless])
```



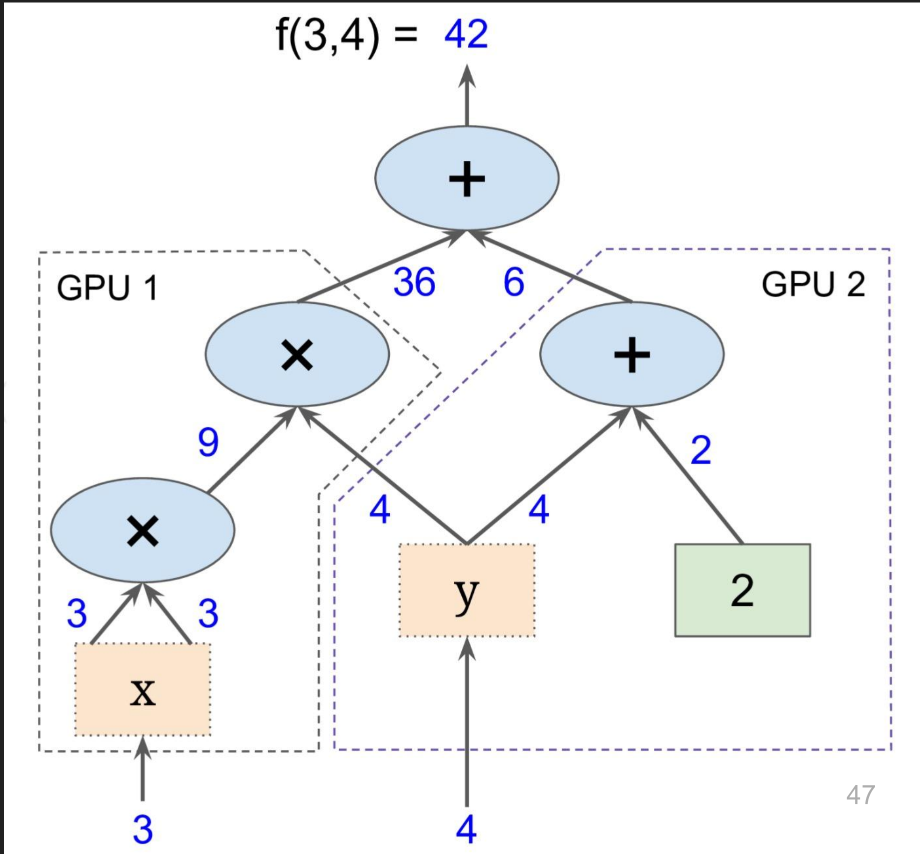

```
tf.Session.run(fetches,
               feed_dict=None,
               options=None,
               run_metadata=None)
```

fetches is a list of tensors whose values you want

Subgraphs

Possible to break graphs into several chunks and run them parallelly across multiple CPUs, GPUs, TPUs, or other devices

Example: AlexNet



Graph from *Hands-On Machine Learning with Scikit-Learn and TensorFlow*

Distributed Computation

To put part of a graph on a specific CPU or GPU:

```
# Creates a graph.
with tf.device('/gpu:2'):
  a = tf.constant([1.0, 2.0, 3.0, 4.0, 5.0, 6.0], name='a')
  b = tf.constant([1.0, 2.0, 3.0, 4.0, 5.0, 6.0], name='b')
  c = tf.multiply(a, b)

# Creates a session with log_device_placement set to True.
sess = tf.Session(config=tf.ConfigProto(log_device_placement=True))

# Runs the op.
print(sess.run(c))
```

What if I want to build more than one graph?

You can
but you don’t need more than one graph
The session runs the default graph

But what if I really want to?

URGH, NO

BUG ALERT!

- Multiple graphs require multiple sessions, each will try to use all available resources by default
- Can't pass data between them without passing them through python/numpy, which doesn't work in distributed
- It’s better to have disconnected subgraphs within one graph

I insist …

tf.Graph()

create a graph:

```
g = tf.Graph()
```

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to add operators to a graph, set it as default:

```
g = tf.Graph()
with g.as_default():
      x = tf.add(3, 5)
sess = tf.Session(graph=g)
with tf.Session() as sess:
      sess.run(x)
```

tf.Graph()

To handle the default graph:

```
g = tf.get_default_graph()
```

tf.Graph()

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```
g = tf.Graph()

# add ops to the default graph
a = tf.constant(3)

# add ops to the user created graph
with g.as_default():
      b = tf.constant(5)
```

Prone to errors

tf.Graph()

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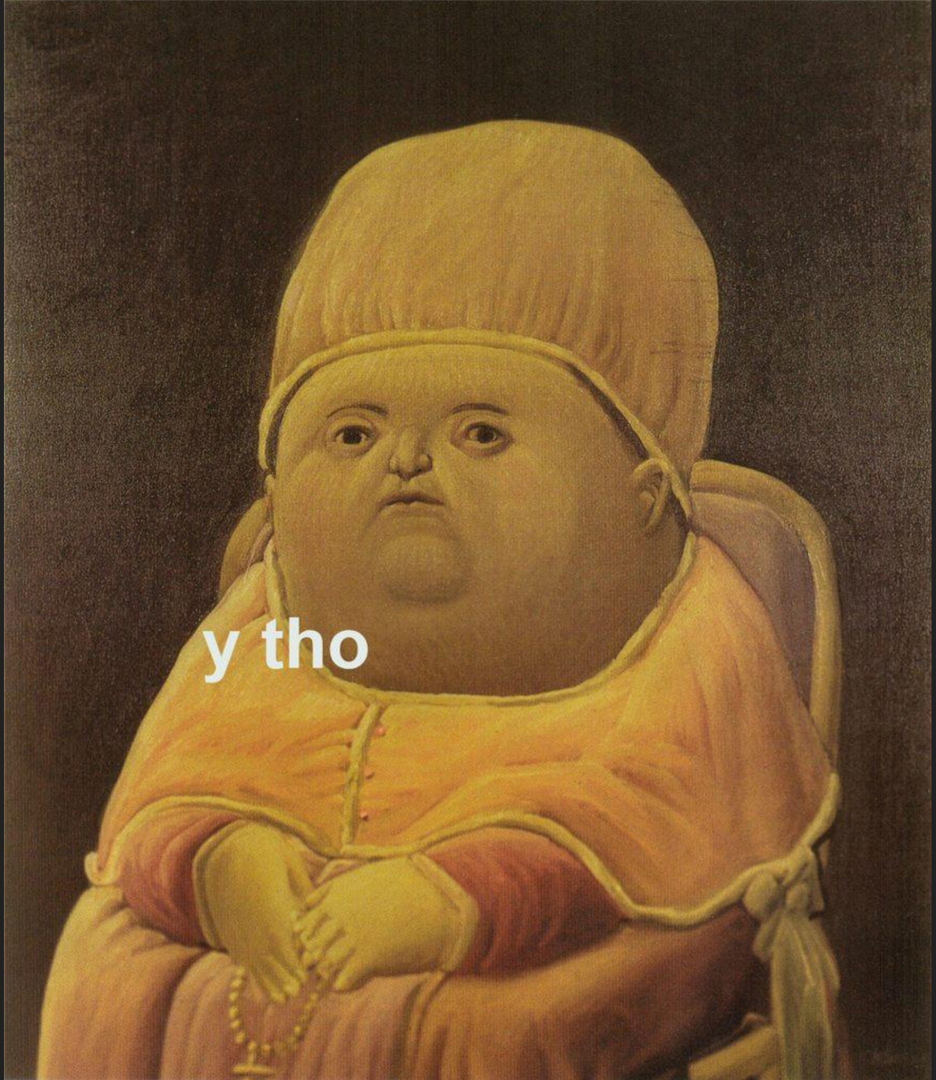
```
g1 = tf.get_default_graph()
g2 = tf.Graph()

# add ops to the default graph
with g1.as_default():
      a = tf.Constant(3)

# add ops to the user created graph
with g2.as_default():
      b = tf.Constant(5)
```

Better
But still not good enough because no more than one graph!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4. Many common machine learning models are taught and visualized as directed graphs

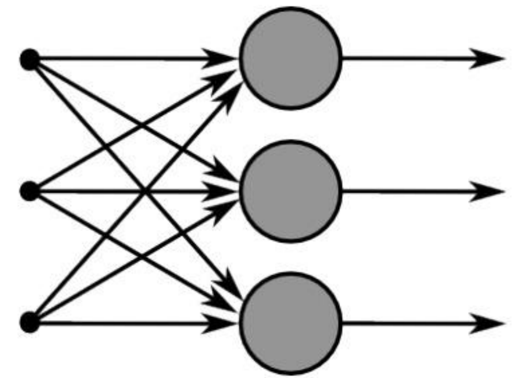

Figure 3: This image captures how multiple sigmoid units are stacked on the right, all of which receive the same input x.

A neural net graph from Stanford's CS224N course

Next class

Basic operations

Constants and variables

Data pipeline

Fun with TensorBoard

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Thanks!