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USING ML IN AN ANDROID DEMO APP – THE GOOD, THE BAD, AND THE UGLY

OVERVIEW

- Code for the demo app on github github.com/clkim/NumberDetector
  - Demo app simply tries to classify hand-drawn digits
- This talk highlights some of the Good, the Bad, and the Ugly
  - Journey using a trained ML model to build an Android demo app
  - Some code (Kotlin), and some details of ML model needed to develop app
    - Time constraint: only covering code related to working with the ML model
- We do not cover in any depth:
  - Building/Training a ML model (Google TensorFlow Lite)
  - APIs: Android; Firebase (Google's mobile dev platform: iOS, Android, Web)

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND CREDITS

- Mark Allison: *ML for Android Developers* – Part 1, 2, 3
  - The inspiration and material for this talk, as well as the source code for the demo app, are largely from the above blog series blog.stylingandroid.com/ml-for-android-developers-part-1-2/
- Tianxing Li: github repo *MNIST with TensorFlow Lite on Android*
  - The TensorFlow model trained on the MNIST dataset, and converted to TensorFlow Lite github.com/nex3z/tflite-mnist-android
    - Uses *tf.nn* instead of *tf.keras.layers* module used by TensorFlow "official" MNIST model; seems equivalent

SOME KOTLIN (1 / 3)

- Kotlin is JVM language that Google seems to promote for Android development developer.android.com/kotlin/
- “Pascal syntax” so the type comes after name and colon

```
fun classify(
        bitmap: Bitmap,
        success: (Int, Float, Long) -> Unit
)
```

SOME KOTLIN (2 / 3)

- Extension Functions with Receiver Type (inspired by C#)

```
private val imagePixels = IntArray(imageSize)
...

private fun Bitmap.toVector(): Array<Array<Array<FloatArray>>> {
    getPixels(imagePixels, 0, width, 0, 0, width, height)
    return Array(1) {
        Array(imageHeight) { y ->
            Array(imageWidth) { x ->
                floatArrayOf(imagePixels[x + (y * imageWidth)]
                        .convertToGreyScale()
                )
            }
        }
    }
}
```

SOME KOTLIN (3 / 3)

- Safe Calls (null safety) with safe call operator ?.

```
interpreter.run(inputs, options)
        .addOnSuccessListener { outputs ->
            outputs.map().entries.maxBy { it.value }
                ?.also { maxEntry ->
                    success(maxEntry.key, maxEntry.value,
                            System.currentTimeMillis() - start)
                }
        }
```

- maxEntry?. also({<*lambda*>})
  - also({<*lambda*>}) is not called if maxEntry == null, no NPE;
  - also({<*lambda*>}) is called otherwise

SOME ML FRAMEWORKS/LIBRARIES

- Mobile focused:
  - Google TensorFlow Lite, Apple Core ML, Caffe2(Facebook), Xmartlabs Bender, Quantized-CNN
- Server focused:
  - TensorFlow, Amazon AML, Microsoft Cognitive Toolkit, Apache MXNet, Apache Spark MLlib

- Source: http://hopinfirst.com/top-10-machine-learning-frameworks-mobile-apps/

SIMPLE ANDROID DEMO APP

Hand-draw a digit, multiple motions ok

Acknowledgement:

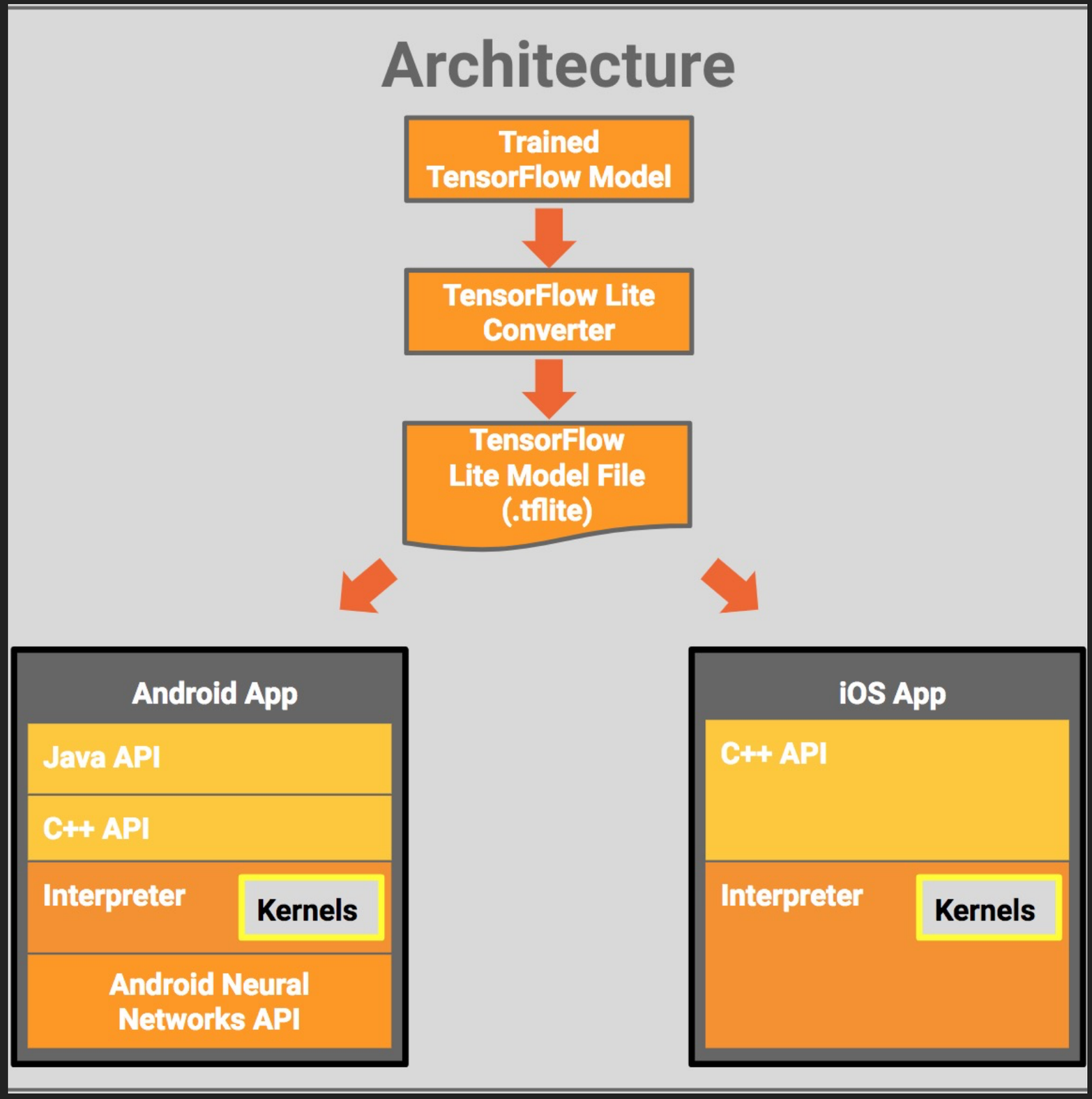
Mark Allison's blog posts and sample code is the inspiration and source for this talk

https://blog.stylingandroid.com/ml-for-android-developers-part-1-2/

OVERVIEW – ANDROID DEMO APP USING MACHINE LEARNING

TENSORFLOW LITE

- TensorFlow for mobile/ embedded devices
- Low latency, small binary
- Android iOS RaspberryPi
- On-device interpreter
- Supports hw acceleration
- Ref: TensorFlow Lite > GUIDE tab (TFLG)
  www.tensorflow.org/lite/overview



USE TF LITE MODEL DIRECTLY, OR HOSTED BY ML KIT (BETA)

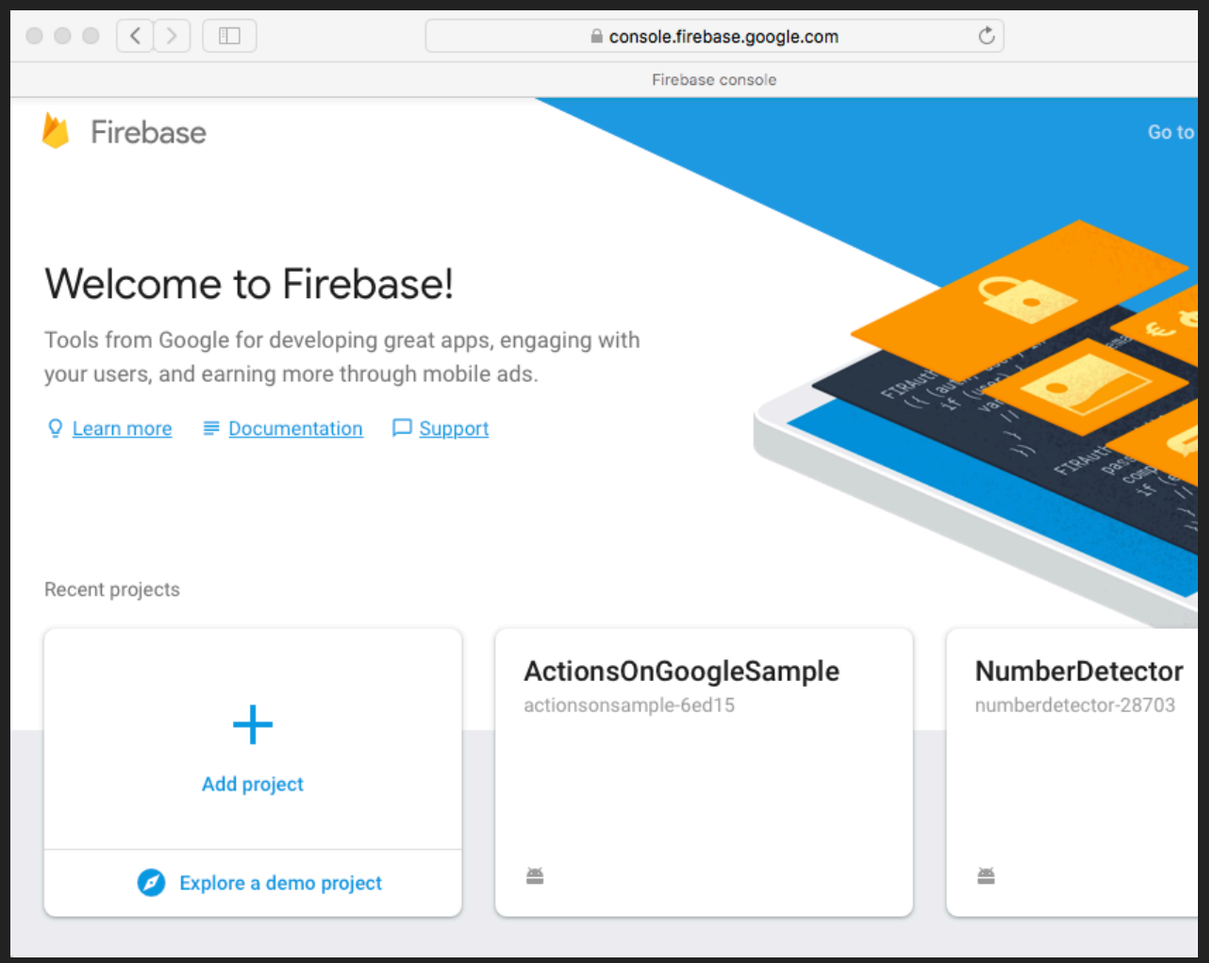
- TFLG > Android demo app: camera demo app; classifies images continuously captured by camera
  - The build process downloads the trained model, eg. quantized MobileNet TensorFlow Lite, and bundles it into the app binary
- We use ML Kit (beta release) for Firebase to host trained model
  - Decouple the model from the app
  - The Good: An upgraded model can be released at any time, without an app update to Google Play (or Apple App Store)

GETTING A TF LITE MODEL

- TFLG > Developer guide: good overview of
  - Training a pre-trained or custom model
  - Converting to TensorFlow Lite model
- Our Demo App takes a short-cut: it does use the MNIST dataset of hand-drawn numeric digits; but instead of starting from scratch, we found a trained model already converted to TensorFlow Lite, e.g. *mnist.tflite*
  (by Tianxing Li, github.com/nex3z/tflite-mnist-android)

ML KIT

- First, create a Firebase account: login at console.firebase.google.com
- > Add project, e.g. NumberDetector
- > Download google-services.json > follow paged instructions to update the app project in Android Studio

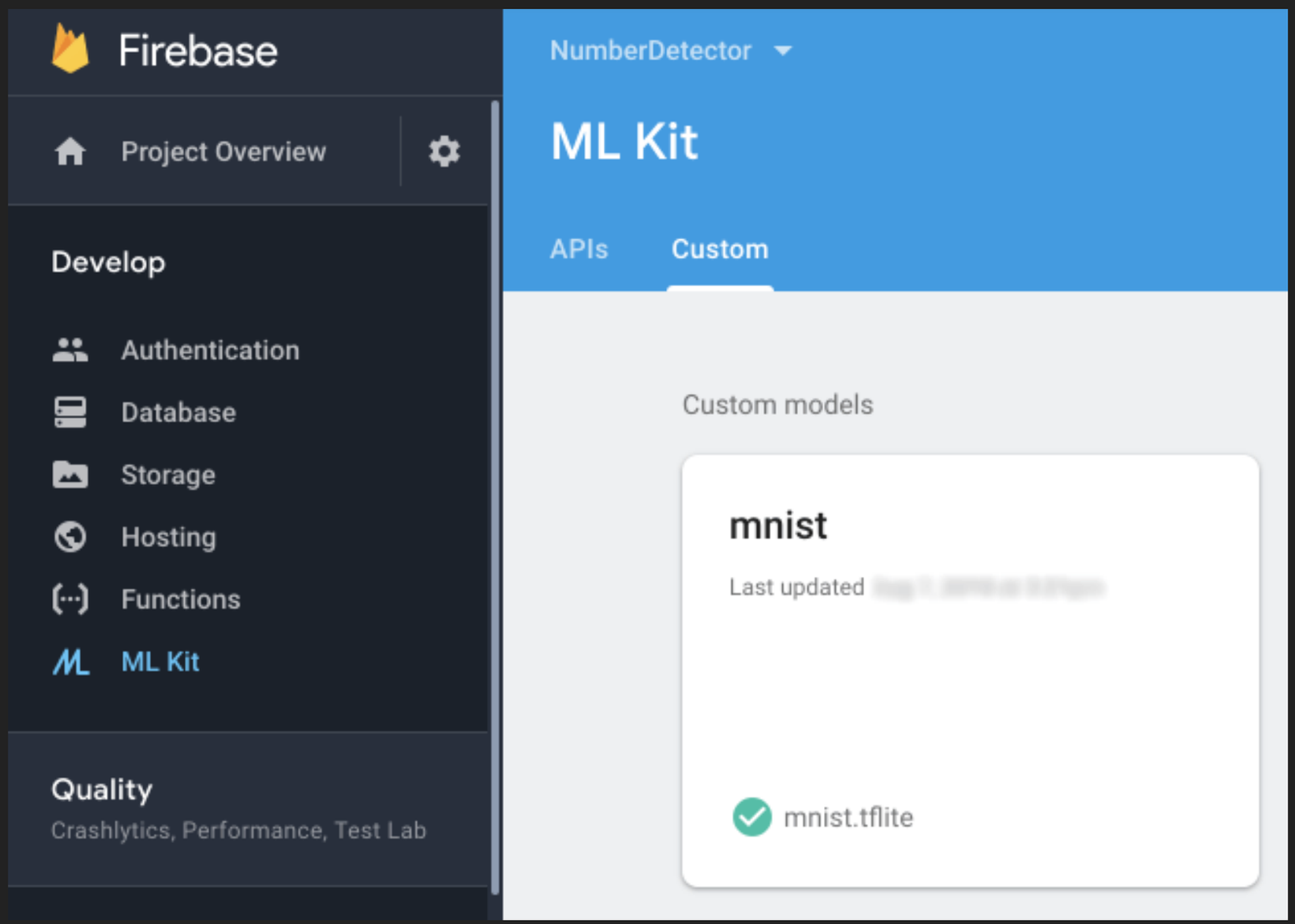


ML KIT (2)

- Last step: connect the app to Firebase by running the app from IDE > Run | Run app; but Catch-22 is: what if app is not ready/debugged?
- A hack, try: use Firebase Assistant to pick any (benign) Firebase feature in order to connect the app, so from IDE > Tool | Firebase > e.g. Test Lab > Run Firebase Test Lab…

ML KIT (3)

- Upload the *mnist.tflite* file to Firebase
- Firebase console > ML Kit > Custom tab



Firebase console

MAGIC SAUCE – THE INPUT AND OUTPUT FORMATS

- A TF Lite model expects as input, and produces as output
  - One or more multidimensional arrays
    - Values of type: *byte*, *int*, *long*, or *float*
- The Ugly: How to know what are their “shape” and type?
  - 1. Ask the Machine Learning team which trained the model and provided the *.tflite* file
  - 2. Find out from the *.tflite* file

GRAPH VISUALIZATION TOOL

- There is tool to visualize TensorFlow Lite models…
  - if you can find/build it :)

1. Install Bazel build tool, see: docs.bazel.build/versions/master/install.html

2. Clone the TensorFlow repo, run: git clone *https://github.com/tensorflow/tensorflow.git*

3. $ cd tensorflow

4. Stay in subdir; first, confirm file's path has not changed: *tensorflow/lite/tools/visualize.py*

5. then run: $ bazel build tensorflow/lite/tools/visualize (~1 hour on my 2GHz MacBookPro)

6. then run: $ bazel-bin/tensorflow/lite/tools/visualize <path-to>/mnist.tflite <path-to>/mnist.html (creates the *mnist.html* file at specified <path-to> location)

7. Note: didn't try but maybe can combine steps 5/6, see www.tensorflow.org/lite/devguide

INPUT AND OUTPUT FORMATS IN A TENSOR FLOW LITE MODEL

- Open the generated mnist.html file
- inputs: index 16
  shape [1, 28, 28, 1]
  type FLOAT32
  name “x”
- outputs: index 15
  shape [1, 10]
  type FLOAT32
  name “output”

TensorFlow Lite Model

filename	mnist.tflite
version	3
description	TOCO Converted.

Subgraph 0

Inputs/Outputs

inputs	outputs
[16]	[15]

Tensors

index	name	type	shape	buffer	quantization
0	layer_1_conv/Conv2D_bias	FLOAT32	[6]	5	{u'details_type': 0}
1	layer_1_conv/Relu	FLOAT32	[1, 28, 28, 6]	12	{u'details_type': 0}
2	layer_1_conv/weight	FLOAT32	[1, 6, 6, 6]	13	{u'details_type': 0}
3	layer_2_conv/Conv2D_bias	FLOAT32	[12]	8	{u'details_type': 0}
4	layer_2_conv/Relu	FLOAT32	[1, 14, 14, 12]	17	{u'details_type': 0}
5	layer_2_conv/weight	FLOAT32	[12, 5, 5, 6]	15	{u'details_type': 0}
6	layer_3_conv/Conv2D_bias	FLOAT32	[24]	10	{u'details_type': 0}
7	layer_3_conv/Relu	FLOAT32	[1, 7, 7, 24]	9	{u'details_type': 0}
8	layer_3_conv/weight	FLOAT32	[24, 4, 4, 12]	11	{u'details_type': 0}
9	layer_4_fc/MatMul_bias	FLOAT32	[200]	3	{u'details_type': 0}
10	layer_4_fc/Relu	FLOAT32	[1, 200]	7	{u'details_type': 0}
11	layer_4_fc/weight/transpose	FLOAT32	[200, 1176]	4	{u'details_type': 0}
12	layer_5_fc/MatMul_bias	FLOAT32	[10]	1	{u'details_type': 0}
13	layer_5_fc/add	FLOAT32	[1, 10]	6	{u'details_type': 0}
14	layer_5_fc/weight/transpose	FLOAT32	[10, 200]	2	{u'details_type': 0}
15	output	FLOAT32	[1, 10]	14	{u'details_type': 0}
16	x	FLOAT32	[1, 28, 28, 1]	16	{u'max': [255.0], u'details_type': 0, u'min': [0.0]}

INPUT AND OUTPUT FORMATS IN A TENSOR FLOW LITE MODEL (2)

- inputs: index 16

  .....

- outputs: index 15

  .....

  .....

Subgraph 0

Inputs/Outputs

inputs	outputs
[16]	[15]

Tensors

index	name

INPUT AND OUTPUT FORMATS IN A TENSOR FLOW LITE MODEL (3)

```
14    layer_5_fc/weight/transpose FLOAT32 [10, 200]
15    output                      FLOAT32 [1, 10]
16    x                           FLOAT32 [1, 28, 28, 1]
```

- inputs: index 16
  shape [1, 28, 28, 1]
  type FLOAT32
  name “x”

- outputs: index 15
  shape [1, 10]
  type FLOAT32
  name “output”

LABELLING THE INPUT AND OUTPUT IN THE MODEL CODE

- nex3z/tflite-mnist-android/*train.py*

```
...
def train(mnist_data, options):
 x = tf.placeholder(tf.float32, [None, 28, 28, 1], name='x')
 ...
with tf.Session() as sess:
 train_writer = tf.summary.FileWriter(options.log_dir + ‘/train',
                                      sess.graph)
 ...
 graph_def = tf.get_default_graph().as_graph_def()
 output_graph = graph_util.convert_variables_to_constants(sess,
                                                          graph_def,
                                                          [‘output'])
 ...
```

INPUT FORMAT FOR MODEL

- Input shape is [1, 28, 28, 1]
- The first number is batch size, so pass in a single image for analysis
- The second and third numbers are the width and height of the image we want to analyze
- The fourth number is the number of values for each pixel; in this case each pixel will be represented by a single FLOAT32 (specified in type). This will represent a greyscale value from 0.0 (black) to 1.0 (white).
- (A bit confusingly, there is also the notion of “index” of the input format, index 0 is used since we have just one input format, not to be confused with the batch size of one)

INPUT FORMAT FOR MODEL (2)

```
...
private val imagePixels = IntArray(imageSize)
...

fun classify(
        bitmap: Bitmap,
        success: (Int, Float, Long) -> Unit
) {
    val inputs = FirebaseModelInputs.Builder()
            .add(bitmap.toVector())
            .build()
    val start = System.currentTimeMillis()
    interpreter.run(inputs, options)
            .addOnSuccessListener { outputs -> ... }
            .addOnFailureListener { exception -> throw(exception) }
}

private fun Bitmap.toVector(): Array<Array<Array<FloatArray>>> {
    getPixels(imagePixels, 0, width, 0, 0, width, height)
    return Array(1) {
        Array(imageHeight) { y ->
            Array(imageWidth) { x ->
                floatArrayOf(imagePixels[x + (y * imageWidth)].convertToGreyScale())
            }
        }
    }
}
```

OUTPUT FORMAT FOR MODEL

- Output shape is [1, 10]
- The first number is the batch size, conforming with the input format batch
- The second number represents the number of classifications. Our model will classify the image from 0-9 inclusive, and each classification will have a FLOAT32 (type) value giving the probability that the input image is that digit classification.

```
[7.906156E-16, 2.7768906E-15, 3.609502E-14, 1.0,
5.1401704E-20, 2.7919297E-12, 7.474837E-17, 6.025316E-17,
1.3942689E-16, 3.370442E-19]
```

- In above array, the fourth classification has max value 1.0, so inferred digit is 3
- (There is also an analogous notion of “index” of the output format, index 0 is used since we also have just one output format.)

OUTPUT FORMAT FOR MODEL (2)

```
fun classify(
        bitmap: Bitmap,
        success: (Int, Float, Long) -> Unit
) {
    val inputs = FirebaseModelInputs.Builder().add(bitmap.toVector()).build()
    val start = System.currentTimeMillis()
    interpreter.run(inputs, options)
            .addOnSuccessListener { outputs -> outputs.map().entries.maxBy { it.value }
                    ?.also { maxEntry ->
                        success(maxEntry.key, maxEntry.value,
                                System.currentTimeMillis() - start)
                    }
            }
            .addOnFailureListener { exception -> throw(exception) }
}
...

private fun FirebaseModelOutputs.map(): Map<Int, Float> {
    return getOutput<Array<FloatArray>>(0)[0]
            .mapIndexed { index, fl -> index to fl }.toMap()
}
```

WHERE IS THE BAD

- It's all good… but Mark Allison did share one gotcha
  - "I had got everything working but the accuracy of the digit detection was pretty poor."
- The Bad: Incorrect assumptions about Training Dataset
- The MNIST images were white digits drawn on black b/g; so subtract original greyscale value calculated from 1.0

```
private fun Int.convertToGreyScale(): Float =
        1f - ((Color.red(this) + Color.green(this) + Color.blue(this))
                .toFloat() / 3f / 255f)
```

WRAP UP – ANOTHER EXAMPLE INPUT AND OUTPUT FORMATS

- In TFLG > Android demo app: camera demo app
  - If use: quantized Mobilenet TensorFlow Lite model
  - Input shape is 1 * 224 * 224 * 3
    - 1 image in a batch
    - 224 x 224 width and height of image
    - 3 bytes (type “uint8” see www.tensorflow.org/lite/tf_ops_compatibility#supported_types)
      - for the three colors of a pixel
  - Output shape is 1 * 1001
    - the model has 1001 unique categories for the image

APPENDIX 1 – OVERVIEW OF APP LOGIC FLOW

- In MainActivity, a custom view representing the finger canvas is created. When FingerCanvasView view's onTouchEvent(MotionEvent) is called with ACTION_UP, drawingListener(bitmap) is called
- In MainActivity, the drawingListener(bitmap) listener function is *defined* to launch a coroutine that calls numberClassifier.classify(bitmap, *success*); the *success* lambda is *defined*: 1) to take three parameters: the first parameter would be the inferred digit; 2) to launch another coroutine to update the text view at top of app to display that inferred digit passed in
- The magic happens in the NumberClassifier classify(bitmap, *success*) method. That class has a FirebaseModelInterpreter interpreter. The method first converts the bitmap into FirebaseModelInputs inputs with the expected input format, then calls interpreter.run(inputs, options) where options defines the input and output formats; the run call returns a Task<FirebaseModelOutputs> task on which we call addOnSuccessListener(<lambda>) to add a onSuccess lambda that takes a FirebaseModelOutputs outputs parameter. The onSuccess lambda extracts the output array from the FirebaseModelOutputs outputs since we know the output format, then finds the array element (indexed from 0 to 9) with the max value (which is a probability value), then calls the *success* lambda with the index of the max element as the first parameter

APPENDIX 2 – LINKS TO USEFUL BLOG POSTS, TUTORIALS

- https://towardsdatascience.com/an-intuitive-guide-to-deep-network-architectures-65fdc477db41
- https://firebase.google.com/docs/ml-kit/android/use-custom-models