



# What is deep learning? And

Comparing various deep learning  
learning frameworks

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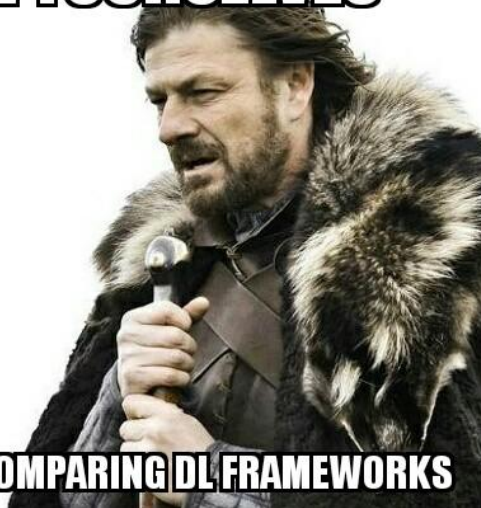


# What is deep learning?

- When you use an algorithm to train your computer to solve a pre-defined example and try it on a new example, you have got machine learning
- Deep learning is that part of machine learning where you use a model of computing like a human brain!
- Get your kid to wear clothes!(To differentiate between AI, ML and DL)

The big thing for today!

**BRACE YOURSELVES**



**WE ARE NOW COMPARING DL FRAMEWORKS**

# 1) Caffe

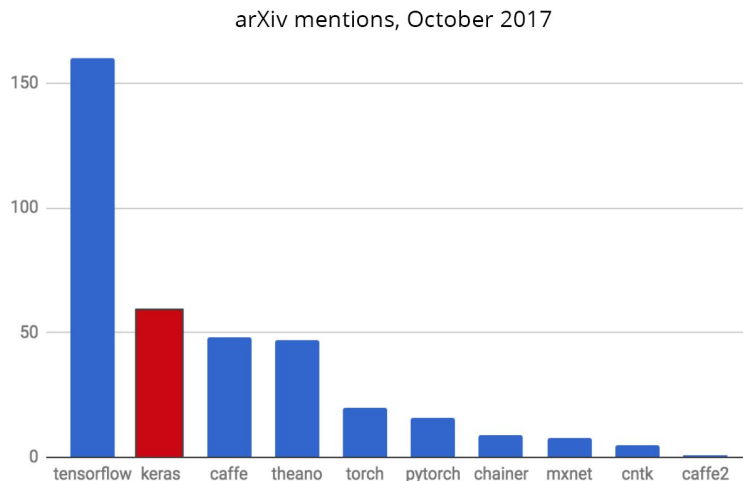
- ❖ Caffe was developed by Yangqing Jia at UC Berkeley back when he was doing his Ph.D
- ❖ Dr. Jia is currently at FAIR developing Caffe2
- ❖ It's open sourced on GitHub
- ❖ Advantages:
  - Really nice interface for Python or MATLAB
  - Awesome for image classification( it has built-in models so you don't need to write a single line of code)
  - It's really fast!
- ❖ Cons:
  - You cannot define your own layers
  - Don't try to tinker with the code
  - You cannot go outside its comfort zone

## 2) Chainer

- ❖ Chainer was developed by scientists from University of Tokyo
- ❖ Advantages:
  - No CUDA or GPU jargon to scare you: Chainer works even on 32-bit windows system
  - Really helpful community; they are on Slack!
  - Was initially built for dynamic computation and NLP
- ❖ Disadvantages:
  - Slow computing power as compared to recent frameworks
  - Low quality of visualization
  - Not so used by deep learning community

### 3) Keras

- ❖ Developed by Francois Chollet
- ❖ Advantages:
  - Great for starters: Keras is usually the framework used in introduction courses
  - Researchers love it!
  - Easy deployment
  - Multiple backend engines- Tensorflow, CNTK, Theano
- ❖ Disadvantages:
  - Lack of pre-trained models
  - Difficult debugging
  - Tinkering with the code is difficult



## 4) CNTK

- ❖ Developed by Microsoft Research
- ❖ Advantages:
  - Twice as fast as TensorFlow
  - CNTK can be easily extended from Python for layers and learners
  - Very powerful C++ and Python APIs
- ❖ Disadvantages:
  - Not much used apart from Microsoft
  - Lesser outreach than Torch or TensorFlow



## 5) Torch/ PyTorch

- ❖ Developed by FAIR
- ❖ Advantages:
  - The **BEST** user interface
  - Torch has been preferred over and over again by industry due to its comfortable use
  - You don't get confused over the theoretical aspects or the architecture
  - You can define, change and execute nodes as you go, no special session interfaces or placeholders. Overall, the framework is more tightly integrated with Python language
  - Very easy to debug
- ❖ Disadvantages:
  - Not so-great visualization(Tensorboard rules!)
  - Lacks good deployment and distributed training

## 6) TensorFlow

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# Episode I: The Death of Theano

- Google released its framework known as TensorFlow after several cases of problems with Chainer, CNTK and Keras.
- Later Theano stopped accepting contributions and active maintenance and TensorFlow stole the limelight
- It could even run on Android or iOS.
- With the release of TensorBoard, TF left all other frameworks back in terms of data visualization
- TF became popular due to its community and even has an MOOC!
- TF suddenly became the biggest Jedi!

## Episode II: The Empire Strikes Back

- However, it was soon discovered that TF had a lot of problems
- It had really very large binaries(20 MB+) and you dare not tinker with them!
- The documentation was not as good as expected(C++)
- Too low level to use comfortably for rapid prototyping, yet too high level to use comfortably in cutting edge research or in production environments that are resource constrained.
- Not great for debugging at all!
- Comparison!
- Less explicit functions

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Questions are welcome!

May the neural network be with you!