# How to build & run your first deep learning network in TensorFlow

Jordi Torres & Maurici Yagües
Barcelona, July 2016





# DAY 2

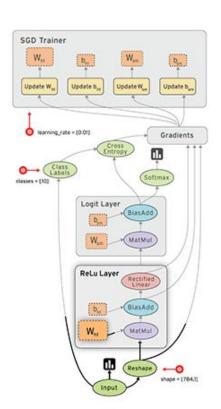
Basic data structures in TensorFlow

Case study: Clustering in TensorFlow

Parallelism and Distribution in TensorFlow

## Core TensorFlow concepts (reminder)

- Graph: A TensorFlow computation, represented as a dataflow graph
- Operation: a graph node that performs computation on tensors
- Tensor: a handle to one of the outputs of an operation



## Tensor: Core TensorFlow data structure (reminder)

- Constants
- Placeholders: must be fed with data on execution
- Variables: a modifiable tensor that lives in TensorFlow's graph of interacting operations
- Session: encapsulates the environment in which operation objects are executed, and Tensor objects are evaluated

## Basic data type: Tensor

- Tensor can be considered a dynamically-sized multidimensional data arrays
- Main types and their equivalent in Python:

Type in TensorFlow	Type in Python	Description
DT_FLOAT	tf.float32	Floating point of 32 bits
DT_INT16	tf.int16	Integer of 16 bits
DT_INT32	tf.int32	Integer of 32 bits
DT_INT64	tf.int64	Integer of 64 bits
DT_STRING	tf.string	String
DT_BOOL	tf.bool	Boolean

# Basic data type: Tensor

• Each tensor has a rank, which is the number of its dimensions.

• For example, the following tensor (defined as a list in Python) has rank 2:

```
t = [[1, 2, 3], [4, 5, 6], [7, 8, 9]]
```

# Basic data type: Tensor

TensorFlow (documentation) uses three types of naming conventions

Shape	Rank	Dimension Number
	0	0-D
[D0]	1	1-D
[D0, D1]	2	2-D
[D0, D1, D2]	3	3-D
[D0, D1, Dn]	n	n-D

## **Transformations**

• Tensors can be manipulated with a series of transformations that supply the TensorFlow package

Operation	Description
tf.shape	To find a shape of a <i>tensor</i>
tf.size	To find the size of a tensor
tf.rank	To find a rank of a <i>tensor</i>
tf.reshape	To change the shape of a <i>tensor</i> keeping the same elements contained
tf.squeeze	To delete in a <i>tensor</i> dimensions of size 1
tf.expand_dims	To insert a dimension to a tensor

# Transformations (cont.)

Operation	Description
tf.slice	To remove a portions of a tensor
tf.split	To divide a tensor into several tensors along one dim
tf.tile	To create a new tensor replicating it multiple times
tf.concat	To concatenate <i>tensors</i> in one dimension
tf.reverse	To reverse a specific dimension of a tensor
tf.transpose	To transpose dimensions in a tensor
tf.gather	To collect portions according to an index

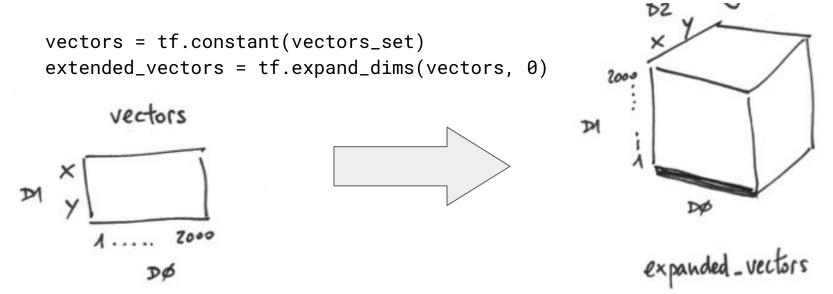
#### Tensor transformations

- For example, suppose that we want to extend an array of 2x2000 (a 2D tensor) to a cube (3D tensor).
- We can use the tf.expand\_dims function, which allows us to insert a dimension to a tensor (the dimensions start at zero):

```
vectors = tf.constant(vectors_set)
extended_vectors = tf.expand_dims(vectors, 0)
```

## Tensor transformations

- For example, suppose that we want to extend an array of 2x2000 (a 2D tensor) to a cube (3D tensor).
- We can use the tf.expand\_dims function, which allows us to insert a dimension to a tensor (the dimensions start at zero):



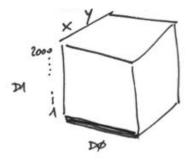
## Tensor shape

• If we obtain the shape of this tensor with the .get\_shape() operation:

```
print expanded_vectors.get_shape()
```

we can see that there is no associated size:

TensorShape([Dimension(1), Dimension(2000), Dimension(2)])



There are three main ways of obtaining data on a TensorFlow program:

- 1. From data files.
- 2. Data preloaded as constants or variables.
- 3. Those provided by Python code.

From data files: example input\_data.py

```
SOURCE URL = 'http://yann.lecun.com/exdb/mnist/'
    TRAIN_IMAGES = 'train-images-idx3-ubyte.gz'
    local file = maybe download(TRAIN IMAGES, train dir)
    train images = extract images(local file)
def maybe download(filename, work directory):
  """Download the data from Yann's website, unless it's already here."""
 if not os.path.exists(work directory):
   os.mkdir(work directory)
 filepath = os.path.join(work_directory, filename)
 if not os.path.exists(filepath):
   filepath, _ = urllib.request.urlretrieve(SOURCE_URL + filename, filepath)
   statinfo = os.stat(filepath)
    print('Successfully downloaded', filename, statinfo.st size, 'bytes.')
 return filepath
```

```
def extract images(filename):
  """Extract the images into a 4D uint8 numpy array [index, y, x, depth]."""
  print('Extracting', filename)
  with gzip.open(filename) as bytestream:
    magic = read32(bytestream)
   if magic != 2051:
      raise ValueError(
          'Invalid magic number %d in MNIST image file: %s' %
          (magic, filename))
    num_images = _read32(bytestream)
    rows = read32(bytestream)
    cols = _read32(bytestream)
    buf = bytestream.read(rows * cols * num images)
    data = numpy.frombuffer(buf, dtype=numpy.uint8)
    data = data.reshape(num images, rows, cols, 1)
    return data
```

#### 2. Data preloaded as a:

- Constant using tf.constant(...)
- Variable using tf.Variable(...)

TensorFlow package offers different operations that can be used to generate constants and variables:

# Constants generation

Operation	Description
tf.zeros_like	Creates a tensor with all elements initialized to 0
tf.ones_like	Creates a tensor with all elements initialized to 1
tf.fill	Creates a tensor with all elements initialized to a scalar value given as argument
tf.constant	Creates a tensor of constants with the elements listed as an arguments

# Variable Tensor random generation

Operation	Description
tf.random_normal	Random values with a normal distribution
tf.truncated_normal	Random values with a normal distribution but eliminating those values whose magnitude is more than 2 times the standard deviation
tf.random_uniform	Random values with a uniform distribution
tf.random_shuffle	Randomly mixed tensor elements in the first dimension
tf.set_random_seed	Sets the random seed

#### 3. Provided by Python code:

The call is **tf.placeholder()**, which includes arguments with the type of the elements and the shape of the tensor, and optionally a name.

```
import tensorflow as tf

a = tf.placeholder("float")
b = tf.placeholder("float")

y = tf.mul(a, b)

sess = tf.Session()
print sess.run(y, feed_dict={a: 3, b: 3})
```

With calls in Session.run() or Tensor.eval() this tensor is populated with the data specified in the **feed dict** parameter

## Case study: K-means algorithm

- K-means: Unsupervised algorithm which solves the clustering problem
  - Its procedure follows a simple and easy way to classify a given data set through a certain number of clusters (assume k clusters).
  - Data points inside a cluster are homogeneous and heterogeneous to peer groups, that means that all the elements in a subset are more similar to each other than with the rest.
  - The result of the algorithm is a set of K dots, called centroids, which are the focus of the different groups obtained, and the tag that represents the set of points that are assigned to only one of the K clusters. All the points within a cluster are closer in distance to the centroid than any of the other centroids.

## Case study: K-means algorithm

#### K-means:

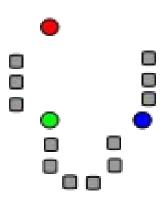
- Computationally expensive problem (NP-hard problem)
- Using algorithms that converge rapidly in a local optimum by heuristics
- The most commonly used algorithm uses an iterative refinement technique.

#### Steps:

- Initial step: determines an initial set of K centroids.
- 2. Allocation step: assigns each observation to the nearest group.
- 3. Update step: calculates the new centroids for each new group.
- 4. Steps 2 and 3 are repeated until convergence has been reached.

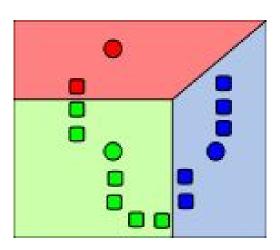
1. Initial step: determines an initial set of K centroids.

k initial "means" (in this case k = 3) are randomly generated within the data domain (shown in color)



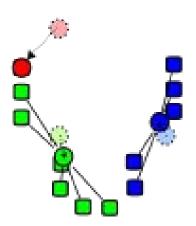
2. Allocation step: assigns each observation to the nearest group.

k clusters are created by associating every observation with the nearest mean. The partitions here represent Voronoi diagram generated by the means

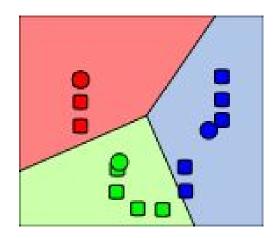


3. Update step: calculates the new centroids for each new group.

The centroid of each of the *k* clusters becomes the new mean. *k* clusters are created by associating every observation with the nearest mean



4. Steps 2 and 3 are repeated until convergence has been reached

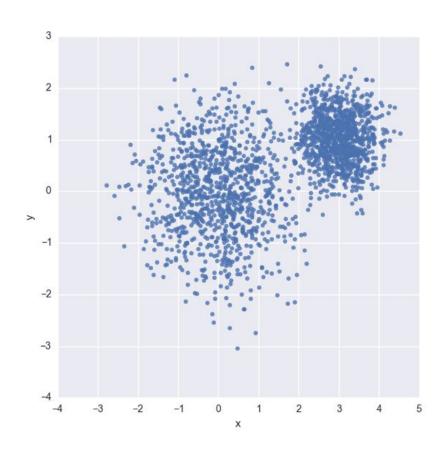


- As it is a heuristic algorithm, there is no guarantee that it will converge to the global optimum, and the result may depend on the initial clusters
- As the algorithm is usually very fast, it is common to run it multiple times with different starting conditions

## K-means: one testbed example

 Generate 2000 points in a 2D space in a random manner (following 2 normal distributions)

# K-means: one testbed example



- 1. Initial step: determines an initial set of K centroids
  - The first thing to do is move all our data to tensors:

```
vectors = tf.constant(vectors_set)
```

Randomly choose K observations from the input data as centroids

```
k = 4
centroides = tf.Variable(tf.slice(tf.random_shuffle(vectors),[0,0],
[k,-1]))
```

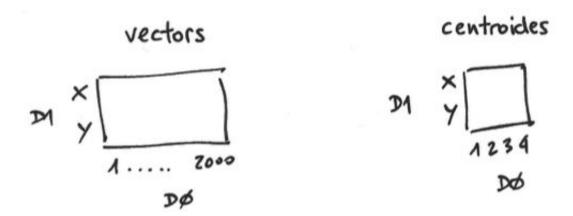
```
(*) centroides.get_shape() \rightarrow TensorShape([Dimension(4), Dimension(2)])
```

#### 2. Allocation step: assigns each observation to the nearest group

 Calculate, for each point, its closest centroid by the Squared Euclidean Distance:

TensorFlow code ?

- (2. Allocation step: assigns each observation to the nearest group)
  - tf.sub(vectors, centroides) is the main function used.
    - o note that, although the two subtract tensors have both 2 dimensions, they have different sizes in one dimension (2000 vs 4 in dimension D0), which, in fact, also represent different things.

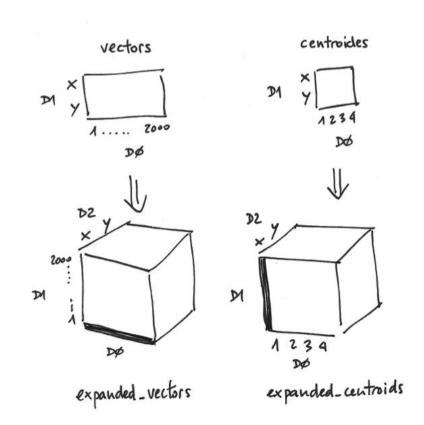


- To fix this problem we could use some of the functions discussed before, for instance tf.
   expand\_dims in order to insert a dimension in both tensors.
- The aim is to extend both tensors from 2 dimensions to 3 dimensions to make the sizes match in order to perform a subtraction:

```
expanded_vectors = tf.expand_dims(vectors, 0)
expanded_centroides = tf.expand_dims(centroides, 1)
```

#### tf.expand\_dims

- inserts one dimension in each tensor; in the first dimension (D0) of vectors tensor,
- and in the second dimension (D1) of centroids tensor.



Note: there are dimensions that have not been able to determinate the sizes of those dimensions:

```
print expanded_vectors.get_shape()
print expanded_centroides.get_shape()

TensorShape([Dimension(1), Dimension(2000), Dimension(2)])
TensorShape([Dimension(4), Dimension(1), Dimension(2)])

(*) With 1 it is indicating a no assigned size.
```

TensorFlow allows **broadcasting**, and therefore the **tf.sub** function is able to discover for itself how to do the subtraction of elements between the two tensors.

TensorFlow code ?

```
expanded_vectors = tf.expand_dims(vectors, 0)
expanded_centroides = tf.expand_dims(centroides, 1)
diff=tf.sub(expanded_vectors, expanded_centroides)
sqr= tf.square(diff)
```

(\*) tensor diff shape is **TensorShape([Dimension(4), Dimension(2000), Dimension(2)])** where indicates the centroid, D1 the subtraction value and D2 each x,y point. sqr have the same shape.

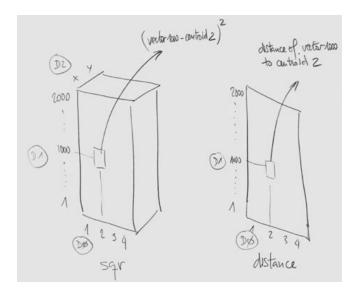
D0

- 2. Allocation step: assigns each observation to the nearest group.
  - Code that calculates, for each point, its closest centroid:

```
distances = tf.reduce_sum(sqr, 2)
assignments = tf.argmin(distances, 0)
```

```
distances = tf.reduce_sum(sqr, 2)
```

 The distance tensor has already reduced one dimension, the one indicated as a parameter in tf.reduce\_sum function TensorShape ([Dimension(4), Dimension(2000)])

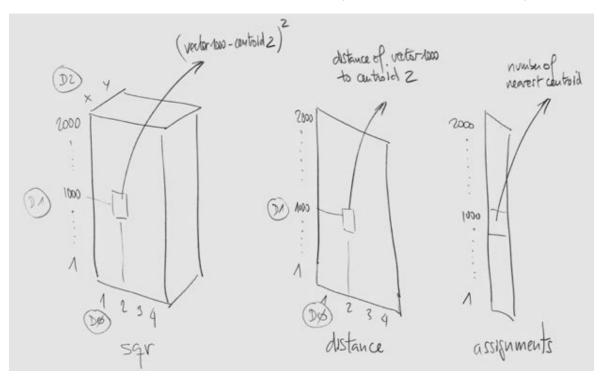


```
assignments = tf.argmin(distances, 0)
```

• The assignation is achieved with tf.argmin, which returns the index with the minimum value of the tensor dimension (in our case D0, which remember that was the centroid). TensorShape([Dimension(2000)])

## K-means: one testbed example (step by step)

```
distances = tf.reduce_sum(sqr, 2)
assignments = tf.argmin(distances, 0)
```



# Tensor operations

Operation	Description
tf.reduce_sum	Computes the sum of elements along one dimensions of a tensor
tf.reduce_prod	Computes the product of elements along one dimensions of a tensor
tf.reduce_min	Computes the minimum of elements along one dimensions of a tensor
tf.reduce_max	Computes the maximum of elements along one dimensions of a tensor
tf.reduce_mean	Computes the mean of elements along one dimensions of a tensor

# Tensor operations

Operation	Description
tf.argmin	Returns the index of the element with the minimum value along tensor dimension
tf.argmax	Returns the index of the element with the maximum value of the tensor dimension

## K-means: one testbed example (step by step)

```
diff=tf.sub(expanded_vectors, expanded_centroides)
sqr= tf.square(diff)
distances = tf.reduce_sum(sqr, 2)
assignments = tf.argmin(distances, 0)
```

Alternative TensorFlow code used in my book (\*)

#### K-means: one testbed example (step by step)

#### 3. Update step: calculates the new centroids for each new group

 We create a tensor that contains the result of the concatenation of the k tensors that correspond to the mean value of every point that belongs to each k cluster (\*):

```
means = tf.concat(0, [tf.reduce_mean(tf.gather(vectors, tf.reshape
  (tf.where( tf.equal(assignments, c)),[1,-1])), reduction_indices=[1])
for c in xrange(k)])
```

## (brief explanation)

- With tf.equal we can obtain a boolean tensor (*Dimension*(2000)) that indicates (with *true* value) the positions where the *assignment tensor* match with the *K cluster*, which, at the time, we are calculating the average value of the points.
- With tf.where is constructed a tensor (*Dimension(1) x Dimension(2000)*) with the position where the values *true* are on the *boolean tensor* received as a parameter. (i.e. a list of the position of these)
- With tf.reshape is constructed a tensor (Dimension(2000) x Dimension(1)) with the index of the points inside vectors tensor that belongs to this c cluster
- With tf.gather is constructed a tensor (Dimension(1) x Dimension(2000)) which gathers
  the coordinates of the points that form the c cluster
- With tf.reduce\_mean it is constructed a tensor (Dimension(1) x Dimension(2)) that contains the average value of all points that belongs to the cluster c

#### K-means: one testbed example

#### 4. Graph Execution

```
update_centroides = tf.assign(centroides, means)

init_op = tf.initialize_all_variables()

sess = tf.Session()
sess.run(init_op)

for step in xrange(100):
    _, centroid_values, assignment_values = sess.run([update_centroides, centroides, assignments])
```

#### K-means: one testbed example

```
vectors = tf.constant(conjunto_puntos)
k = 4
centroides = tf. Variable(tf.slice(tf.random_shuffle(vectors), [0,0], [k,-1]))
expanded_vectors = tf.expand_dims(vectors, 0)
expanded_centroides = tf.expand_dims(centroides, 1)
assignments = tf.argmin(tf.reduce_sum(tf.square(tf.sub(expanded_vectors,
              expanded_centroides)), 2). 0)
means = tf.concat(0, [tf.reduce_mean(tf.gather(vectors, tf.reshape(tf.where( tf.equal
(assignments, c)), [1,-1]), reduction_indices=[1]) for c in xrange(k)])
update_centroides = tf.assign(centroides, means)
init_op = tf.initialize_all_variables()
sess = tf.Session()
sess.run(init_op)
for step in xrange(100):
   _, centroid_values, assignment_values = sess.run([update_centroides,
                  centroides, assignments])
```

#### K-means: one testbed example

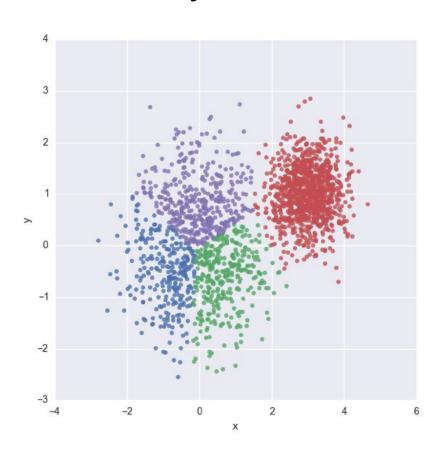
We can use a simple print to know the centroids:

```
print centroid_values
```

The output is as it follows:

```
[[ 2.99835277e+00 9.89548564e-01]
[ -8.30736756e-01 4.07433510e-01]
[ 7.49640584e-01 4.99431938e-01]
[ 1.83571398e-03 -9.78474259e-01]]
```

## Case study: k-means



#### Some words about Parallelism in TensorFlow

- The TensorFlow package, appearing in November 2015, was ready to run on servers with available GPUs and executing the training operation simultaneously in them
  - Requires the CudaToolkit and CUDNN packages

 In February 2016, an update added the capability to distribute and parallelize the processing

#### **GPUs**

- The way to reference those devices in TensorFlow is the following one:
  - o "/cpu:0": To reference the server's CPU.
  - "/gpu:0": The server's GPU, if only one is available.
  - "/gpu:1": The second server's GPU, and so on
- To know (in the output) in which devices our operations and tensors are assigned we need to create a session with the option log\_device\_placement as True.

```
sess = tf.Session(config=tf.ConfigProto(log_device_placement=True))
```

If we want a specific operation to be executed in a specific device:

```
tf.device('/gpu:2')
```

#### Example of GPU use:

```
import tensorflow as tf

with tf.device('/gpu:2'):
a = tf.constant([1.0, 2.0, 3.0, 4.0, 5.0, 6.0], shape=[2, 3], name='a')
b = tf.constant([1.0, 2.0, 3.0, 4.0, 5.0, 6.0], shape=[3, 2], name='b')
c = tf.matmul(a, b)

sess = tf.Session(config=tf.ConfigProto(log_device_placement=True))
printsess.run(c)
```

#### Example with two GPUs:

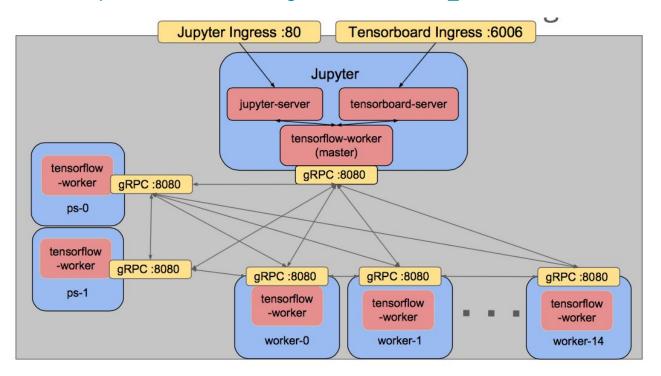
```
import tensorflow as tf
c = []
for d in ['/gpu:2', '/gpu:3']:
with tf.device(d):
a = tf.constant([1.0, 2.0, 3.0, 4.0, 5.0, 6.0], shape=[2, 3])
b = tf.constant([1.0, 2.0, 3.0, 4.0, 5.0, 6.0], shape=[3, 2])
c.append(tf.matmul(a, b))
with tf.device('/cpu:0'):
sum = tf.add_n(c)
sess = tf.Session(config=tf.ConfigProto(log_device_placement=True))
print sess.run(sum)
```

#### Output using log\_device\_placement=True

```
Device mapping:
/job:localhost/replica:0/task:0/qpu:0 -> device: 0, name: Tesla K40c
/job:localhost/replica:0/task:0/gpu:1 -> device: 1, name: Tesla K40c
/job:localhost/replica:0/task:0/gpu:2 -> device: 2, name: Tesla K40c
/job:localhost/replica:0/task:0/gpu:3 -> device: 3, name: Tesla K40c
Const_3: /job:localhost/replica:0/task:0/gpu:3
I tensorflow/core/common_runtime/simple_placer.cc:289] Const_3: /job:localhost/replica:0/task:0/gpu:3
Const_2: /job:localhost/replica:0/task:0/gpu:3
I tensorflow/core/common_runtime/simple_placer.cc:289] Const_2: /job:localhost/replica:0/task:0/gpu:3
MatMul_1: /job:localhost/replica:0/task:0/gpu:3
I tensorflow/core/common_runtime/simple_placer.cc:289] MatMul_1: /job:localhost/replica:0/task:0/gpu:3
Const_1: /job:localhost/replica:0/task:0/gpu:2
I tensorflow/core/common_runtime/simple_placer.cc:289] Const_1: /job:localhost/replica:0/task:0/gpu:2
Const: /job:localhost/replica:0/task:0/gpu:2
I tensorflow/core/common_runtime/simple_placer.cc:289] Const: /job:localhost/replica:0/task:0/gpu:2
MatMul: /job:localhost/replica:0/task:0/gpu:2
I tensorflow/core/common_runtime/simple_placer.cc:289] MatMul: /job:localhost/replica:0/task:0/qpu:2
AddN: /job:localhost/replica:0/task:0/cpu:0
I tensorflow/core/common_runtime/simple_placer.cc:289] AddN: /job:localhost/replica:0/task:0/cpu:0
[[44.56.]
 [98.128.]]
```

## Distributed TensorFlow: gRPC

More information: <a href="https://www.tensorflow.org/versions/r0.8/how\_tos/distributed/index.html">https://www.tensorflow.org/versions/r0.8/how\_tos/distributed/index.html</a>



## Class hands-on (or Homework)

 Reproduce the results (you can download the code from github) presented in this course in your laptop and show them to the instructors.

#### Next session:

 We will build a single layer neural network, step by step, with TensorFlow and use TensorBoard, a graph visualization tool