

# Advanced Keras: motivation

In introducing Deep Learning, we have asserted that

*It's all about the Loss function*

That is: the key to solving many Deep Learning problems

- Is not in devising a complex network architecture
- But in writing a Loss function that captures the semantics of the problem

Up until now

- We have been using pre-defined Loss functions (e.g., `binary_crossentropy`)
- Specifying the Loss function in the compile statement

```
model.compile(loss='binary_crossentropy')
```

- Using the built-in "training loop" (cycling through epochs, using Gradient Descent to update weights)
  - `model.fit( ... )`

You can [write your own loss functions](https://keras.io/api/losses/) (<https://keras.io/api/losses/>).

In Keras, a Loss function has the signature

*`loss_fn(y_true, y_pred, sample_weight=None)`*

But what if your Loss function needs access to values that are not part of the signature ?

In that case, you might need to [write your own training loop](https://keras.io/guides/writing_a_training_loop_from_scratch/)  
([https://keras.io/guides/writing\\_a\\_training\\_loop\\_from\\_scratch/](https://keras.io/guides/writing_a_training_loop_from_scratch/)).

- Cycle through epochs
- Within each epoch, cycle through mini-batches of examples
- For each mini-batch of examples: compute the custom loss
- Compute the gradient of the loss with respect to the weights
- Update the weights

Rather than writing the entire training loop, it sometimes suffices to just write the [train step](https://keras.io/guides/customizing_what_happens_in_fit/) ([https://keras.io/guides/customizing\\_what\\_happens\\_in\\_fit/](https://keras.io/guides/customizing_what_happens_in_fit/)).

- The "body" of the doubly-nested loop (for each epoch, for each mini-batch)
- The part that
  - Computes the Loss
  - Computes gradients
  - Updates the weights

In this module we will

- Illustrate the Functional model
  - allows more complex network architectures than the Keras Sequential model
- Show how to write complex Loss functions
- Show how to write custom training loops

In addition, we will show you how to create new Layer types (e.g., Transformer)

# Functional model

[Autoencoder \(Autoencoder\\_example.ipynb#Library-for-Vanilla-Autoencoder-demo\)](#)

- Functional model

## Issues

- We could use a Sequential model with initial Encoder layers and final Decoder layers
  - But we would not be able to independently access the Encoder nor the Decoder as isolated models

# VAE: Complex Loss; Manual Gradient updates

Variational Autoencoder (VAE) (<https://colab.research.google.com/github/keras-team/keras-io/blob/master/examples/generative/ipynb/vae.ipynb#scrollTo=DEU05Oe0vJrY>).

- Functional model
- VAE: Custom train step (<https://colab.research.google.com/github/keras-team/keras-io/blob/master/examples/generative/ipynb/vae.ipynb#scrollTo=0EHkZ1WCHw9E>).
  - Complex loss

## Issues



# Transformer: Custom layers, Skip connections, Layer Norm

[Transformer layer \(https://colab.research.google.com/github/keras-team/keras-io/blob/master/examples/nlp/ipynb/neural\\_machine\\_translation\\_with\\_transformer.ipynb#scrollto=IMkSs\)](https://colab.research.google.com/github/keras-team/keras-io/blob/master/examples/nlp/ipynb/neural_machine_translation_with_transformer.ipynb#scrollto=IMkSs)

- Functional model
- Custom layers
- Layer Norm
- Skip connections

The following diagram shows the architecture, which we can compare to the code

- [Full architecture diagram \(compare with code\) \(Transformer.ipynb#Full-Encoder-Decoder-Transformer-architecture\)](#)

We can dig deeper to examine how the Attention layers are implemented in code:

- [Scaled dot-product attention \(https://www.tensorflow.org/text/tutorials/transformer#scaled\\_dot\\_product\\_attention\)](https://www.tensorflow.org/text/tutorials/transformer#scaled_dot_product_attention)
- [Multi-head attention \(https://www.tensorflow.org/text/tutorials/transformer#multi-head\\_attention\)](https://www.tensorflow.org/text/tutorials/transformer#multi-head_attention)

## Issues

- Build a new layer type
  - Why are the components layers (e.g., Dense, MultiHeadAttention, LayerNormalization) instantiated in the class constructor
    - As opposed to being defined in the "call" method
    - Because we **need** one instance of the layer
      - Not a new instance each time the class is "called" per batch
      - This would result in brand new weights for each example batch
    - The "call" method accesses the shared layer instances and performs the computation using them
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# Neural Style Transfer

Neural Style Transfer ([https://keras.io/examples/generative/neural\\_style\\_transfer/](https://keras.io/examples/generative/neural_style_transfer/))

- Complex Loss
- Custom training loop

Here ([https://www.tensorflow.org/tutorials/generative/style\\_transfer](https://www.tensorflow.org/tutorials/generative/style_transfer)) is a tutorial view of the notebook.

In [2]: `print("Done")`

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