

**: Libraries .1**

- `import tensorflow as tf`
- `import tensorflow_datasets as tfds`

**DATASET- Importing .2**

- `shuffle_files=True`: The MNIST data is only stored in a single file, but for larger datasets with multiple files on disk, it's good practice to shuffle them when training.
- `as_supervised=True`: Returns a tuple (img, label) instead of a dictionary {'image': img, 'label': label}.

**DATASET – Normalization .3**

- `normalize_img(image, label)`:
- `"""Normalizes images: `uint8` -> `float32`."""`
- `tf.cast` - Casts a tensor to a new type.

`tf.cast(x, dtype, name=None)`: The operation casts x (in case of Tensor) or x.values (in case of SparseTensor or IndexedSlices) to dtype.

**TRAIN SET – transformations .4**

- `tf.data.Dataset.map`: TFDS provide images of type `tf.uint8`, while the model expects `tf.float32`. Therefore, you need to normalize images.
- `tf.data.Dataset.cache` As you fit the dataset in memory, cache it before shuffling for a better performance.  
**Note:** Random transformations should be applied after caching.
- `tf.data.Dataset.shuffle`: For true randomness, set the shuffle buffer to the full dataset size.  
**Note:** For large datasets that can't fit in memory, use `buffer_size=1000` if your system allows it.
- `tf.data.Dataset.batch`: Batch elements of the dataset after shuffling to get unique batches at each epoch.
- `tf.data.Dataset.prefetch`: It is good practice to end the pipeline by prefetching for performance.

**TEST SET .5**

Testing pipeline is similar to the training pipeline with small differences:

- Don't need to call `tf.data.Dataset.shuffle`.
- Caching is done after batching because batches can be the same between epochs.

## Training Model .6

- The model is sequential and not parallel, the same type we learned in DL lecture.
- Module: `tf.keras.layers`: Keras layers API.
- `tf.keras.layers.Flatten(data_format=None, **kwargs)`

class Flatten: Flattens the input. Does not affect the batch size.

<b>data_format</b>	A string, one of <code>channels_last</code> (default) or <code>channels_first</code> . The ordering of the dimensions in the inputs.
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- class Dense: Just your regular densely-connected NN layer.

<b>units</b>	Positive integer, dimensionality of the output space.
<b>kernel_initializer</b>	Initializer for the kernel weights matrix
<b>activation</b>	Activation function to use. If you don't specify anything, no activation is applied (ie. "linear" activation: $a(x) = x$ ).

- class `tf.keras.layers.Dropout`: Applies Dropout to the input.

<b>rate</b>	Float between 0 and 1. Fraction of the input units to drop.
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- class `tf.keras.layers.BatchNormalization`: Layer that normalizes its inputs.

Batch normalization applies a transformation that maintains the mean output close to 0 and the output standard deviation close to 1.

## 7. ביצוע קומפילציה לאימון

- Class Compile - Configures the model for training.

<b>optimizer</b>	String (name of optimizer) or optimizer instance.
<b>loss</b>	Loss function. May be a string (name of loss function), or a <code>tf.keras.losses.Loss</code> instance.
<b>metrics</b>	List of metrics to be evaluated by the model during training and testing. Each of this can be a string (name of a built-in function), function or a <code>tf.keras.metrics.Metric</code> instance.

- `tf.keras.losses.SparseCategoricalCrossentropy`:  
Computes the crossentropy loss between the labels and predictions.
- `tf.keras.optimizers.Adam`:  
Optimizer that implements the Adam algorithm.

<b>learning_rate</b>	A <code>tf.Tensor</code> , floating point value, a schedule that is a <code>tf.keras.optimizers.schedules.LearningRateSchedule</code> , or a callable that takes no arguments and returns the actual value to use. The learning rate. Defaults to 0.001
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- `tf.keras.metrics.SparseCategoricalAccuracy`  
Calculates how often predictions match integer labels.

## 8. ביצוע אימון למודל

`model.fit` - trains the model for a fixed number of epochs (iterations on a dataset).

<b>ds_train</b>	Input data.
<b>epochs</b>	Integer. Number of epochs to train the model.
<b>validation_data</b>	Data on which to evaluate the loss and any model metrics at the end of each epoch. The model will not be trained on this data.