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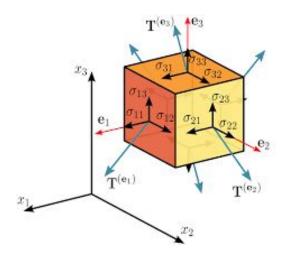
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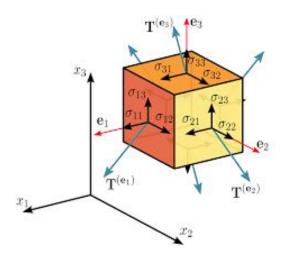
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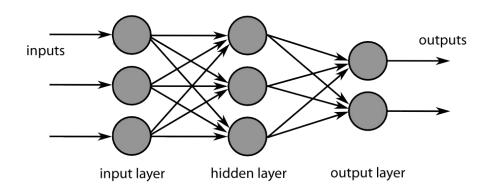
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The flow part comes to describe that:

- the graph (model) is a set of nodes (operations)
- the data (tensors) "flow" through those nodes, undergoing mathematical manipulation

You can look at, and evaluate, any node of the graph

TF APIs TF Bindings

- Python
- C++
- Java
- Go

- C#
- Haskell
- Julia
- Ruby
- Rust
- Scala



Go APIs for TF

- train models
- load models
- consume models



https://www.tensorflow.org/install/install_go

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     func logIntoSite(pinAttempt string, savedModel *tf.SavedModel, printLogs bool) {
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             // open cookiejar
             jar, err := cookiejar.New(nil)
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26
            if err != nil {
27
                     log.Fatal(err)
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             client := &http.Client{
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                     Jar: jar,
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             // read captcha
             captchaUrl := siteUrl + "/captcha.png"
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             captchaImage, err := client.Get(captchaUrl)
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36
             if err != nil {
37
                     log.Fatal(err)
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             defer captchaImage.Body.Close()
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             buf := new(bytes.Buffer)
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             buf.ReadFrom(captchaImage.Body)
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            feedsTensor, err := tf.NewTensor(string(buf.String()))
            if err != nil {
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51
                     log.Fatal(err)
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            feeds := map[tf.Output]*tf.Tensor{feedsOutput: feedsTensor}
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            fetches := []tf.Output{
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57
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61
            captchaText, err := savedModel.Session.Run(feeds, fetches, nil)
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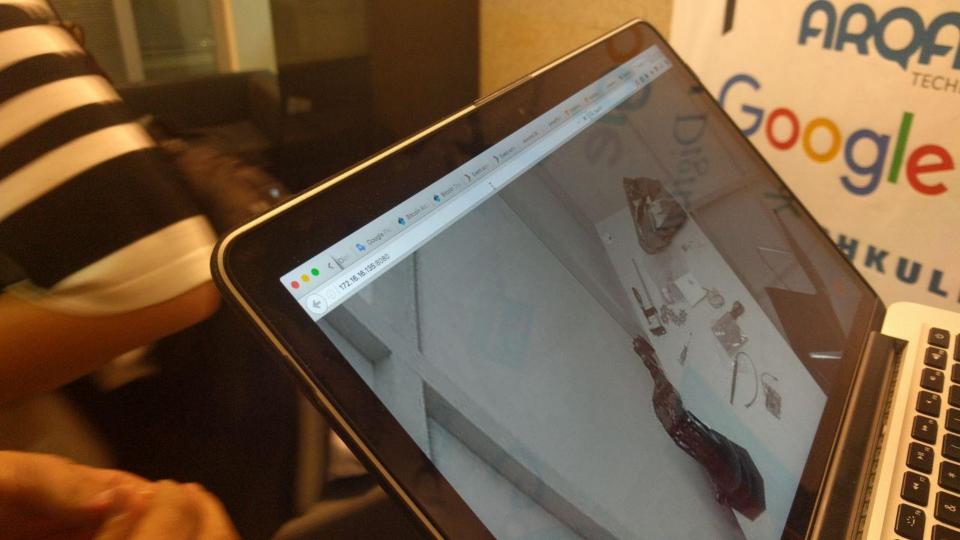
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             // try to log in
             params := url.Values{}
69
             params.Set("pin", pinAttempt)
70
71
             params.Set("captcha", captchaString)
72
73
             res, err := client.PostForm(string(siteUrl+"/disable"), params)
             if err != nil {
74
                     log.Fatal(err)
75
76
77
78
             defer res.Body.Close()
             buf = new(bytes.Buffer)
79
             buf.ReadFrom(res.Body)
80
             response := buf.String()
81
82
             // if bad captcha - retry with same PIN
83
             if parseResponse(response, pinAttempt, captchaString, printLogs) == badCaptcha {
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85
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https://github.com/Pisush/break-captcha-tensorflow/

Thanks!

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Full details at @GopherAcademy advents post 28/12



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