

# Introduction to



# What is tensorflow (tf)?

“ TensorFlow™ is an open source software library for numerical computation using data flow graphs. Nodes in the graph represent mathematical operations, while the graph edges represent the multidimensional data arrays (tensors) communicated between them. The flexible architecture allows you to deploy computation to one or more CPUs or GPUs in a desktop, server, or mobile device with a single API. TensorFlow was originally developed by researchers and engineers working on the Google Brain Team within Google's Machine Intelligence research organization for the purposes of conducting machine learning and deep neural networks research, but the system is general enough to be applicable in a wide variety of other domains as well”.

# When should I care about tf?

- I need to speed up my math computations and I want to use GPU.
  - Use cuda if you are brave enough
- I am doing some optimization problem
  - Implement gradient computation and optimizers otherwise.
- I want to do big scale machine learning
  - For small scale use scikit-learn, R...

# Why to choose tf?

- Multi-GPU support
- Cluster/cloud systems supported
- High performance, comparable to other popular frameworks (Torch, Theano)
- “Easy” to deploy for production
- Powerful visualization tool (tensorboard)
- Python and C++ API
- Supported by Google
- Tons of learning resources (Udacity course, [playground](#), tutorials...)
- Easy installation (conda install, pip install...)

# How does tf work?

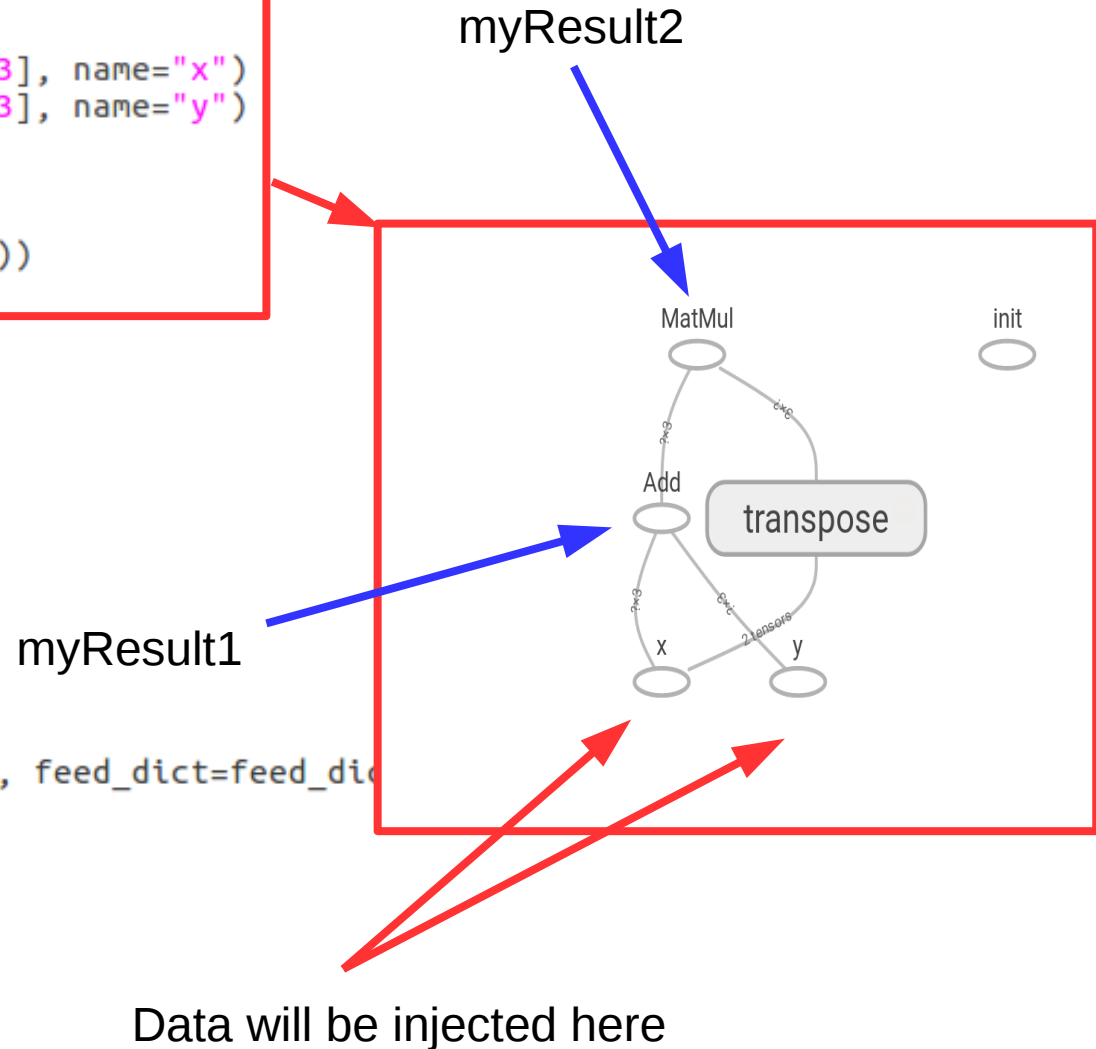
- 1) You define desired operations (computation graph)
- 2) You create a session and use it to inject data and to grab results
- 3) Tf will compile your desired operations as soon as you execute your program
- 4) Tf will manage device communication and operations in a very efficient manner

# tf program structure

```
1 import os
2 import tensorflow as tf
3 import numpy as np
4
5 #Placeholder(interface variables) definition
6 x= tf.placeholder(dtype=tf.float32, shape=[3, 3], name="x")
7 y= tf.placeholder(dtype=tf.float32, shape=[3, 3], name="y")
8
9 #Graph computations definition
10 myResult1= tf.add( x, y) #same as x + y
11 myResult2= tf.matmul(myResult1, tf.transpose(x))
12
13
14 #Create session and initialize variables
15 session = tf.Session()
16 session.run(tf.global_variables_initializer())
17
18 #actual data
19 x_input= np.array([[1,2,3],[1,2,3],[1,2,3]])
20 y_input= np.array([[1,1,1],[2,2,2],[3,3,3]])
21
22
23 #Do actual computations
24 feed_dict= {x: x_input, y:y_input}
25 res1, res2= session.run([myResult1, myResult2], feed_dict=feed_dict)
26 print(res1)
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# Computation graph definition

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# Computation graph definition (2)

- Placeholders (for data injection)  
`tf.placeholder(...)`
- Constants  
`tf.constant(...)`, `tf.zeros(...)`, `tf.ones(...)` ...
- Variables (model parameters, several initialization schemes)  
`tf.get_variable(...)`
- Operations (can be applied to Variables, Constants and Placeholders)  
`tf.add(...)`, `tf.matmul(...)`, `tf.exp(...)`, `tf.diag_part(...)` ...



# Session creation and variable initialization

By default, `tf.Session()` will make use of all available resources.

- If several GPUs, all be allocated (although not necessarily used)
  - Select GPU using environmental variable `CUDA_VISIBLE_DEVICE`
- If no GPU all CPUs will be used (use `tf.ConfigProto` as argument to `tf.Session()` to set desired number)

Variables must be either initialized or loaded from checkpoints before being used

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# Actual computation

Graph variables we want to obtain.

- Tf will do just needed computations to reach these variables.
- MyResults1 and myResults2 state will be save as numpy narrays res1 and res2

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23 #Do actual computations
24 feed_dict= {x: x_input, y:y_input}
25 res1, res2= session.run([myResult1, myResult2])
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```

feed\_dict=feed\_dict

WARNING: session.run is not recommended for real Deep Learning situations. See tf.data for recommended data pipelines.

Dictionary

- Keys: graph placeholders
- Values: np.array's to inject into placeholders

# One more interesting example

## FFT usage example (numpy vs tf).

./1\_tf\_intro/examples/e2\_fftExample.py

Matplotlib needed for results visualization:  
conda install matplotlib

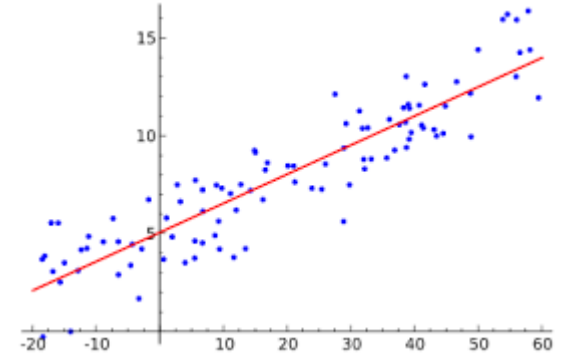
```
3
4
5 #TF version
6
7 def tf_ffshift2(x):
8     n= x.get_shape().as_list()[1] #Number of shifts|
9     p2= (n+1)//2
10    fftOutShiftedDim1= tf.concat([x[:,p2:n,:], x[:,0:p2,:]], 1)
11    fftOutShiftedFinal= tf.concat([fftOutShiftedDim1[:, :, p2:n], fftOutShiftedDim1[:, :, 0:p2]], 2)
12    return fftOutShiftedFinal
13
14 def tf_ifftshift2(x):
15     n= x.get_shape().as_list()[1]
16     p2= n - (n+1)//2
17     ifftOutShiftedDim1= tf.concat([x[:,p2:n,:], x[:,0:p2,:]], 1)
18     ifftOutShiftedFinal= tf.concat([ifftOutShiftedDim1[:, :, p2:n], ifftOutShiftedDim1[:, :, 0:p2]], 2)
19     return ifftOutShiftedFinal
20
21 def tfLPFilter(imgs):
22     #Placeholder(interface variables) definition
23     x= tf.placeholder(dtype=tf.complex64, shape=[None, imgs.shape[1], imgs.shape[2]], name="x")
24     x_Real, x_Imag = tf.real(x), tf.imag(x)
25     xMod= tf.sqrt(tf.square(x_Real)+tf.square(x_Imag))
26     #Graph computations definition
27     i_x= tf_ifftshift2(x)
28     fftOut= tf.fft2d(i_x)
29     fftOut0Real, fftOut0Imag = tf.real(fftOut), tf.imag(fftOut)
30     fft0Mod= tf.sqrt(tf.square(fftOut0Real)+tf.square(fftOut0Imag))
31
```

# Machine Learning: linear regression

$$y_{pred} = b + x_1 w_1 + x_2 w_2 + \dots + x_n w_n = (1, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) (b, w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n)^T$$

Or alternatively

$$y_{pred} = XW + b$$



# Machine Learning: linear regression

Data preparation:  $f(x,y,z) = x+y+z + \text{uniform\_noise}$

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```
1 import tensorflow as tf
2 import numpy as np
3 from keras.datasets import boston_housing
4 from sklearn import cross_validation
5 from sklearn.utils import shuffle
6 from sklearn.metrics import r2_score
7
8 N_EPOCHS= 2
9 BATCH_SIZE= 32
10 LEARNING_RATE= 1e-10 #PLAY with learning rate. try 1e-1, 1e-2 ...
11
12 #load data. We will be using f(x,y,z)= x+y+z + unif_noise as datapoints
13 def generateData1(size=1024):
14     x= np.random.rand(size, 3)*10
15     y= np.expand_dims( np.sum(x, axis=1) + np.random.rand(size)*.1, axis=-1)
16     x_train, x_test, y_train, y_test = cross_validation.train_test_split(x, y, test_size=0.1, random_state=121)
17     return (x_train, y_train), (x_test, y_test)
18
19 (x_train, y_train), (x_test, y_test) = generateData1()
20
21 x_train, x_validation, y_train, y_validation = cross_validation.train_test_split(x_train, y_train, test_size=0.1, random_state=121)
22 print(x_train.shape, y_train.shape)
```

./1\_tf\_intro/examples/e3\_linRegr.py

# Machine Learning: linear regression

$$y_{pred} = b + x_1 w_1 + x_2 w_2 + x_3 w_3 = (1, x_1, x_2, x_3) (b, w_1, w_2, w_3)^T$$

```

24 #Model definition
25
26 inputPh= tf.placeholder(dtype=tf.float32, shape=[None, x_train.shape[1]], name="inputData")  Nx3 tensor
27 labelsPh= tf.placeholder(dtype=tf.float32, shape=[None, 1], name="labelsData")  Nx1 tensor
28
29 w= tf.get_variable(name="weights", shape=[x_train.shape[1],1], dtype=tf.float32,
30     initializer=tf.truncated_normal_initializer(mean=0.0, stddev=0.1, dtype=tf.float32, seed=None),
31     regularizer=None, trainable=True)  ← 3x1 tensor
32
33 b= tf.get_variable(name="bias", shape=[1], dtype=tf.float32,
34     initializer=tf.constant_initializer(value=0.01, dtype=tf.float32),
35     regularizer=None, trainable=True)  ← scalar tensor
36
37 y_pred= tf.matmul(inputPh,w) + b  Nx1 tensor
38
39
40 error = tf.reduce_mean(( tf.square(labelsPh -y_pred) ))
41 #error = tf.losses.mean_squared_error(labelsPh, y_pred) #Equivalent but preferred
42
43 optimizer= tf.train.GradientDescentOptimizer(learning_rate= LEARNING_RATE)
44 #optimizer= tf.train.AdamOptimizer(learning_rate= LEARNING_RATE) #Smarter optimizer
45
46 global_step = tf.Variable(0, name='global_step', trainable=False)  ← Optimization iteration counter
47 train_step = optimizer.minimize(error, global_step=global_step)
48
49

```

$$\text{MSE} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (Y_i - \hat{Y}_i)^2.$$

Optimization step operation. Ask tensorflow to compute it in order to update parameters

./1\_tf\_intro/examples/e3\_linRegr.py

# Machine Learning: linear regression

```
60
61 session = tf.Session()
62 session.run(tf.global_variables_initializer())
63
64 nStep=0
65 for nEpoch in range( N_EPOCHS ):
66     # x_train, y_train = shuffle(x_train, y_train, random_state=121)
67     labels_train= []
68     preds_train= []
69     for i in range(0, x_train.shape[0], BATCH_SIZE):
70         feed_dict= {inputPh: x_train[i:i + BATCH_SIZE, ...], labelsPh: y_train[i:i + BATCH_SIZE]}
71         __, y_pred_train, errorExample= session.run([train_step, y_pred, error], feed_dict=feed_dict)
72         nStep+=1
73         labels_train.append( y_train[i:i + BATCH_SIZE])
74         preds_train.append( y_pred_train)
75
76 #EVALUATE VALIDATION DATA
77 labels_val= []
78 preds_val= []
79 for i in range(0, x_validation.shape[0], BATCH_SIZE):
80     feed_dict= {inputPh: x_validation[i:i + BATCH_SIZE, ...], labelsPh: y_validation[i:i + BATCH_S
81     y_pred_val, errorVal= session.run([y_pred, error], feed_dict=feed_dict)
82     labels_val.append( y_validation[i:i + BATCH_SIZE])
83     preds_val.append(y_pred_val)
84
85 preds_train= np.concatenate(preds_train)
86 labels_train= np.concatenate(labels_train)
87 train_r2= coefficient_of_determination(labels_train, preds_train)
88
89 preds_val= np.concatenate(preds_val)
90 labels_val= np.concatenate(labels_val)
91 val_r2= coefficient_of_determination(labels_val, preds_val)
92 print("Epoch %d. train_r2 %f val_r2 %f"%(nEpoch, train_r2, val_r2))
93
```



Perform training step

Validation performance is used to decide which model is best and to make changes

./1\_tf\_intro/examples/e3\_linRegr.py

# Machine Learning: linear regression

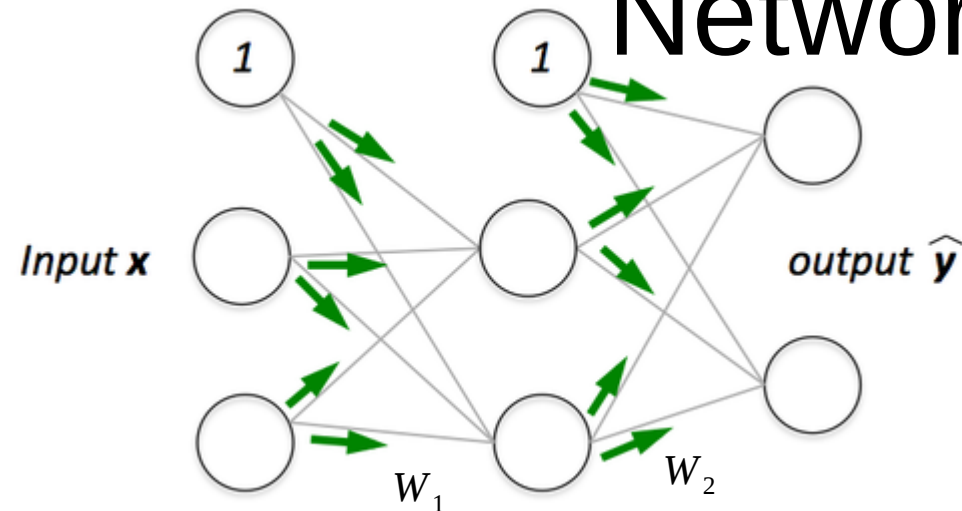
```
94
95 #REPORT PERFORMANCE ON TEST SET
96 labels_test= []
97 preds_test= []
98 for i in range(0, x_test.shape[0], BATCH_SIZE):
99     feed_dict= {inputPh: x_test[i:i + BATCH_SIZE, ...], labelsPh: y_test[i:i + BATCH_SIZE]}
100     y_pred_test, errorTest= session.run([y_pred, error], feed_dict=feed_dict)
101     labels_test.append( y_test[i:i + BATCH_SIZE])
102     preds_test.append(y_pred_test)
103 preds_test= np.concatenate(preds_test)
104 labels_test= np.concatenate(labels_test)
105 test_r2= coefficient_of_determination(labels_test, preds_test)
106
107 print("END.      test_r2 %f"%(test_r2))
108 session.close()
109
```

Testing set should be used just once, when reporting performance. No decision must be taken using testing set performance

./1\_tf\_intro/examples/e3\_linRegr.py



# Your turn: implement Neural Network for regression



$$y_{pred} = W_2 g(X W_1) \rightarrow g \text{ can be sigmoid, tanh, relu ...}$$

- If doubts API: [https://www.tensorflow.org/api\\_docs/python/](https://www.tensorflow.org/api_docs/python/)
- Try different number of layers, different number of neurons, different learning rate... See if your model is capable to overfit.
- If synthetic data is too easy, try to use realistic data
  - Add these 2 lines:
    - `from keras.datasets import boston_housing`
    - `(x_train, y_train), (x_test, y_test) = boston_housing.load_data()`
  - Data scaling can be an issue

My solution: `./1_tf_intro/exercises_sol/sol1_nNetReg.py`

# Your turn: logistic model for classification

Predictions

$Y[100, 10]$

Images

$X[100, 784]$

Weights

$W[784, 10]$

Biases

$b[10]$

$$Y = \text{tf.nn.softmax}(X \cdot W + b)$$

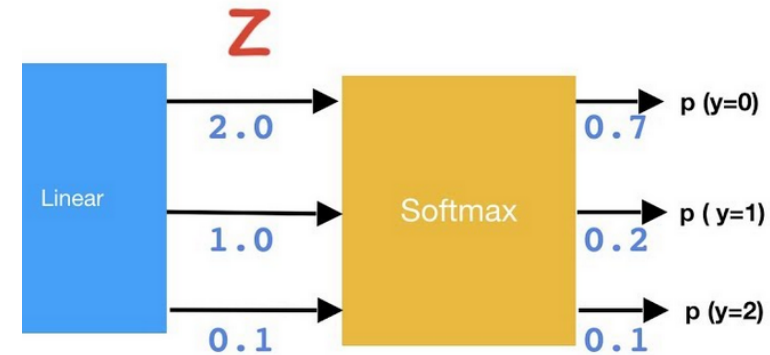
applied line  
by line

matrix multiply

broadcast  
on all lines

Softmax

$$\sigma(\mathbf{z})_j = \frac{e^{z_j}}{\sum_{k=1}^K e^{z_k}}$$



Scores (Logits)

Probabilities

$$\text{cross-entropy} = -\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^k t_{i,j} \log(p_{i,j})$$

- New error function: cross entropy
- New data set: cifar10 → 50K images of 10 categories: dog, cat, car, boat, ...
  - from `keras.datasets import cifar10`
  - `(x_train, y_train), (x_test, y_test) = cifar10.load_data()`
- Labels must be one-hot-encoded: do it automatically with:
  - `sklearn.preprocessing.OneHotEncoder`
- Data scaling can be an issue

```
21 #One-hot-encode labels
22 oh_encoder= OneHotEncoder(n_values=10, sparse=False)
23 y_train= oh_encoder.fit_transform(y_train)
24 y_test= oh_encoder.transform(y_test)
```

My solution: `./1_tf_intro/exercises_sol/sol2_logRegr.py`

# Your turn: implement Neural Network for classification

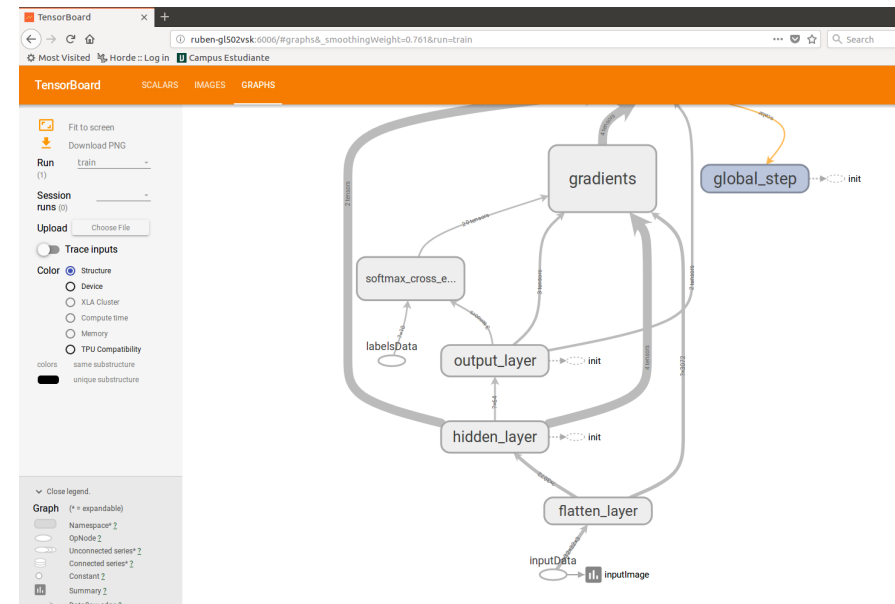
$$y_{pred} = \text{softmax}(W_2 g(X W_1)) \rightarrow g \text{ can be sigmoid, tanh, relu ...}$$

- You can use logistic regression script as starting point
- Try other architectures
  - Explore convolutional layers in API if you have finished
- Help yourself using tensorboard

My solution: `./1_tf_intro/exercises_sol/sol3_nNetClas.py`

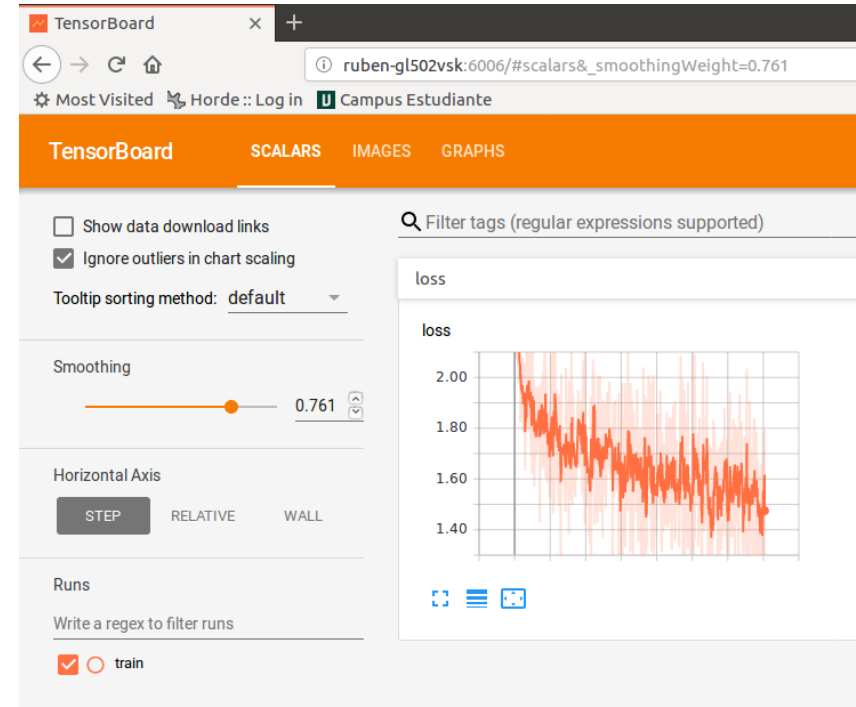
# tensorboard

- Choose what you want to monitor in your graph
  - Scalar tensor:
    - `tf.summary.scalar(name, scalar_tensor)`
  - Images:
    - `tf.summary.image(name, image_tensor)`
  - Histograms:
    - `tf.summary.histogram(name, any_tensor)`
- Right after variables initialization
  - `merged_summary= tf.summary.merge_all()`
  - `train_writer = tf.summary.FileWriter(dir/for/logs/train, session.graph)`
  - `validation_writer = tf.summary.FileWriter(dir/for/logs/test, session.graph)`
- When training, ask for merged\_summary and save it:
  - `__, m_summary= session.run([train_step, merged_summary], feed_dict=feed_dict)`
  - `train_writer.add_summary(m_summary, nStep)`
- Do the same when computing validation
- Launch tensorboard from command line: `tensorboard --logdir dir/for/logs/test`
- Visualize it using your web browser and the url reported by tensorboard

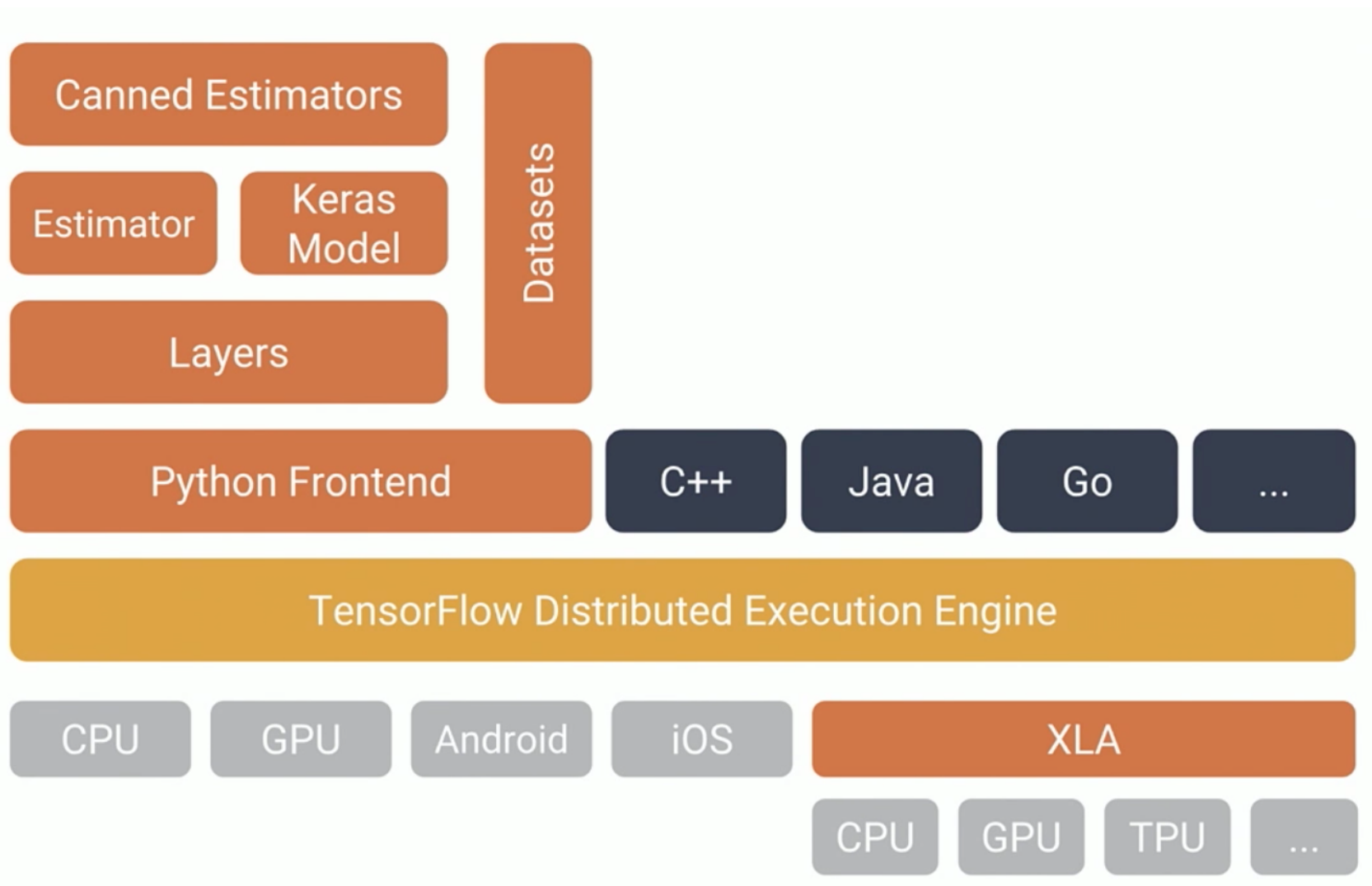


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# High level tf



# Layers level tf

- No need to define weights and bias variables
- No need to care about tensor shapes except for the placeholders

```
--
33 inputPh= tf.placeholder(dtype=tf.float32, shape=[None ]+ list(x_train.shape[1:]) , name="inputData")
34 labelsPh= tf.placeholder(dtype=tf.float32, shape=[None, y_train.shape[-1]], name="labelsData",)
35 tf.summary.image('inputImage', inputPh)
36
37 conv2d_out= tf.layers.Conv2D(filters=32, kernel_size=5, strides=1, padding="same", activation=tf.nn.relu) (inputPh)
38 conv2d_out= tf.layers.MaxPooling2D(pool_size=4, strides=2) (conv2d_out)
39
40 input_flatten= tf.layers.Flatten() (conv2d_out)
41
42 h1_out= tf.layers.Dense(units=N_HIDDEN, activation=tf.nn.relu ) (input_flatten)
43
44 with tf.variable_scope("output_layer"):
45     logits= tf.layers.Dense(units= y_train.shape[-1], activation=None ) (h1_out)
46     y_pred= tf.nn.softmax(logits)
47
```

- Training, evaluation, checkpointing, etc. it is still cumbersome

My solution: `./1_tf_intro/examples/e4_nNet_tfLayers.py`

# keras

- Easy model definition
- Easy model training, evaluation, checkpointing

```
10
19 #Rescale data.
20 x_train= x_train /255.0
21 x_test= x_test /255.0
22
23 print(x_train.shape, y_train.shape, x_train.max(), x_train.min() )
24 #One-hot-encode labels
25 oh_encoder= OneHotEncoder(n_values=10, sparse=False)
26 y_train= oh_encoder.fit_transform(y_train)
27 y_test= oh_encoder.transform(y_test)
28 print(x_train.shape, y_train.shape)
29
30 #No longer needed as keras can split validation automatically
31 #x_train, x_validation, y_train, y_validation = cross_validation.train_test_split(x_train, y_train, test_size=0.1, random_state=121)
32
33 print("data ready")
34 #Model definition
35
36 model = keras.models.Sequential()
37 model.add( layers.Conv2D(filters=32, kernel_size= 5, strides=1,padding='same', activation='relu', input_shape= x_train.shape[1:] ))
38 model.add( layers.MaxPooling2D(pool_size=4, strides=2 ) )
39 model.add( layers.Flatten() )
40 model.add( layers.Dense(N_HIDDEN, activation='relu'))
41 model.add( layers.Dense(y_train.shape[-1], activation='softmax'))
42 sgd= keras.optimizers.SGD(lr=LEARNING_RATE, decay=0., momentum=0., nesterov=False)
43
44 #Advanced topic: use tensorflow directly inside keras we won't discuss now
45 def roc_auc(y_true, y_pred):
46     auc = tf.metrics.auc(y_true, y_pred)[1]
47     keras.backend.get_session().run(tf.local_variables_initializer())
48     return auc
49
50 model.compile(loss='categorical_crossentropy',optimizer=sgd, metrics=['accuracy', roc_auc])
51 print("network created")
52 print("training begin")
53 model.fit(x_train, y_train,epochs=N_EPOCHS, batch_size=BATCH_SIZE, validation_split=0.1)
54 score = tuple(model.evaluate(x_test, y_test, batch_size=BATCH_SIZE))
55 print("Testing evaluation loss %f acc %f roc_auc %f"%score)
```

My solution: [./1\\_tf\\_intro/examples/e5\\_nNet\\_keras.py](#)



To be continued