



tf.keras.losses.SparseCategoricalCrossentropy

 [TensorFlow 1 version](#) ([/versions/r1.15/api_docs/python/tf/keras/losses/SparseCategoricalCrossentropy](https://www.tensorflow.org/api_docs/python/tf/keras/losses/SparseCategoricalCrossentropy)).

 [View source](#) (https://github.com/tensorflow/tensorflow/blob/r1.15/tensorflow/python/keras/backend_sparse_categorical_crossentropy.py#L759).
[on GitHub](#)

Computes the crossentropy loss between the labels and predictions.

Inherits From: [Loss](#) (https://www.tensorflow.org/api_docs/python/tf/keras/losses/Loss)

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Main aliases

[tf.losses.SparseCategoricalCrossentropy](#)

(https://www.tensorflow.org/api_docs/python/tf/keras/losses/SparseCategoricalCrossentropy)

Compat aliases for migration

See [Migration guide](#) (<https://www.tensorflow.org/guide/migrate>) for more details.

[tf.compat.v1.keras.losses.SparseCategoricalCrossentropy](#)

(https://www.tensorflow.org/api_docs/python/tf/keras/losses/SparseCategoricalCrossentropy)

```
tf.keras.losses.SparseCategoricalCrossentropy(  
    from_logits=False, reduction=losses_utils.ReductionV2.AUTO,  
    name='sparse_categorical_crossentropy'  
)
```

Used in the notebooks

Used in the guide

Used in the tutorials

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Migrate your TensorFlow 1 code to TensorFlow 2 (https://www.tensorflow.org/guide/migrate) • Training and evaluation with the built-in methods (https://www.tensorflow.org/guide/keras/train_and_evaluate) • Recurrent Neural Networks (RNN) with Keras (https://www.tensorflow.org/guide/keras/rnn) • Writing a training loop from scratch (https://www.tensorflow.org/guide/keras/writing_a_training_loop_from_scratch) • Use TPUs (https://www.tensorflow.org/guide/tpu) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Load text (https://www.tensorflow.org/tutorials/load_text) • Distributed training with Keras (https://www.tensorflow.org/tutorials/distributed_training_with_keras) • Image segmentation (https://www.tensorflow.org/tutorials/image_segmentation) • Save and load a model using a distributed save and load (https://www.tensorflow.org/tutorials/distributed_save_and_load_model) • Image classification (https://www.tensorflow.org/tutorials/image_classification)

Use this crossentropy loss function when there are two or more label classes. We expect labels to be provided as integers. If you want to provide labels using one-hot representation, please use `CategoricalCrossentropy` loss. There should be `# classes` floating point values per feature for `y_pred` and a single floating point value per feature for `y_true`.

In the snippet below, there is a single floating point value per example for `y_true` and `# classes` floating pointing values per example for `y_pred`. The shape of `y_true` is `[batch_size]` and the shape of `y_pred` is `[batch_size, num_classes]`.

Standalone usage:

```
>>> y_true = [1, 2]
>>> y_pred = [[0.05, 0.95, 0], [0.1, 0.8, 0.1]]
>>> # Using 'auto'/'sum_over_batch_size' reduction type.
>>> scce = tf.keras.losses.SparseCategoricalCrossentropy()
>>> scce(y_true, y_pred).numpy()
1.177

>>> # Calling with 'sample_weight'.
>>> scce(y_true, y_pred, sample_weight=tf.constant([0.3, 0.7])).numpy()
0.814

>>> # Using 'sum' reduction type.
>>> scce = tf.keras.losses.SparseCategoricalCrossentropy(
...     reduction=tf.keras.losses.Reduction.SUM)
>>> scce(y_true, y_pred).numpy()
2.354

>>> # Using 'none' reduction type.
>>> scce = tf.keras.losses.SparseCategoricalCrossentropy(
```

```
...     reduction=tf.keras.losses.Reduction.NONE)
>>> scce(y_true, y_pred).numpy()
array([0.0513, 2.303], dtype=float32)
```

Usage with the `compile()` API:

```
model.compile(optimizer='sgd',
              loss=tf.keras.losses.SparseCategoricalCrossentropy())
```

Args

<code>from_logits</code>	Whether <code>y_pred</code> is expected to be a logits tensor. By default, we assume that <code>y_pred</code> encodes a probability distribution.
<code>reduction</code>	(Optional) Type of <code>tf.keras.losses.Reduction</code> (https://www.tensorflow.org/api_docs/python/tf/keras/losses/Reduction) to apply to loss. Default value is <code>AUTO</code> . <code>AUTO</code> indicates that the reduction option will be determined by the usage context. For almost all cases this defaults to <code>SUM_OVER_BATCH_SIZE</code> . When used with <code>tf.distribute.Strategy</code> (https://www.tensorflow.org/api_docs/python/tf/distribute/Strategy), outside of built-in training loops such as <code>tf.keras</code> (https://www.tensorflow.org/api_docs/python/tf/keras) <code>compile</code> and <code>fit</code> , using <code>AUTO</code> or <code>SUM_OVER_BATCH_SIZE</code> will raise an error. Please see this custom training tutorial (https://www.tensorflow.org/tutorials/distribute/custom_training) for more details.
<code>name</code>	Optional name for the op. Defaults to 'sparse_categorical_crossentropy'.

Methods

`from_config`

[View source](https://github.com/tensorflow/tensorflow/blob/v2.5.0/tensorflow/python/keras/losses.py#L159-L169) (<https://github.com/tensorflow/tensorflow/blob/v2.5.0/tensorflow/python/keras/losses.py#L159-L169>)

```
@classmethod
def from_config(
    config
)
```

Instantiates a Loss from its config (output of `get_config()`).

Args

<code>config</code>	Output of <code>get_config()</code> .
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Returns

A `Loss` instance.

`get_config`

[View source](https://github.com/tensorflow/tensorflow/blob/v2.5.0/tensorflow/python/keras/losses.py#L261-L266) (https://github.com/tensorflow/tensorflow/blob/v2.5.0/tensorflow/python/keras/losses.py#L261-L266)

```
get_config()
```

Returns the config dictionary for a `Loss` instance.

`__call__`

[View source](https://github.com/tensorflow/tensorflow/blob/v2.5.0/tensorflow/python/keras/losses.py#L120-L157) (https://github.com/tensorflow/tensorflow/blob/v2.5.0/tensorflow/python/keras/losses.py#L120-L157)

```
__call__(
    y_true, y_pred, sample_weight=None
)
```

Invokes the `Loss` instance.

Args

<code>y_true</code>	Ground truth values. shape = <code>[batch_size, d0, .. dN]</code> , except sparse loss functions such as sparse categorical crossentropy where shape = <code>[batch_size, d0, .. dN-1]</code>
<code>y_pred</code>	The predicted values. shape = <code>[batch_size, d0, .. dN]</code>
<code>sample_weight</code>	Optional <code>sample_weight</code> acts as a coefficient for the loss. If a scalar is provided, then the loss is simply scaled by the given value. If <code>sample_weight</code> is a tensor of size <code>[batch_size]</code> , then the total loss for each sample of the batch is rescaled by the corresponding element in the <code>sample_weight</code> vector. If the shape of <code>sample_weight</code> is <code>[batch_size, d0, .. dN-1]</code> (or can be broadcasted to this shape), then each loss element of <code>y_pred</code> is scaled by the corresponding value of <code>sample_weight</code> . (Note on <code>dN-1</code> : all loss functions reduce by 1 dimension, usually <code>axis=-1</code> .)

Returns

Weighted loss float `Tensor`. If `reduction` is `NONE`, this has shape `[batch_size, d0, .. dN-1]`; otherwise, it is scalar. (Note `dN-1` because all loss functions reduce by 1 dimension, usually `axis=-1`.)

Raises

<code>ValueError</code>	If the shape of <code>sample_weight</code> is invalid.
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