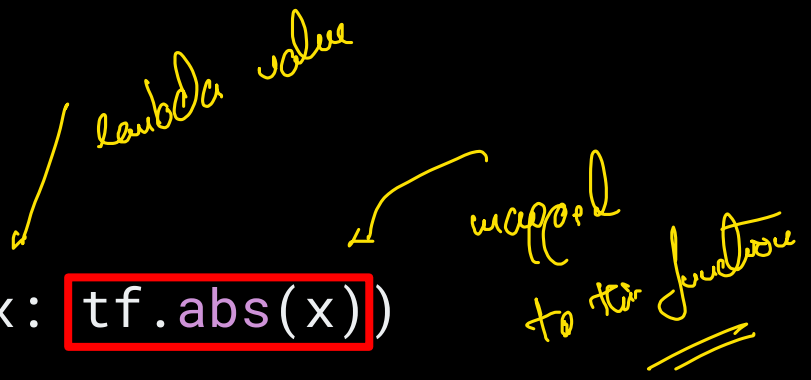
Basic type of creating custom layer using the "Lambda" layer.

```
tf.keras.layers.Lambda(lambda x: tf.abs(x))
```

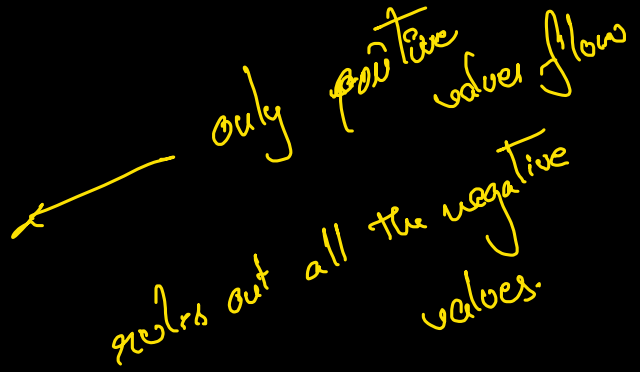
← Not bot suited for simple and easy-to-use ones.

```
tf.keras.layers.Lambda(lambda x: tf.abs(x))
```

```
tf.keras.layers.Lambda(lambda x: tf.abs(x))
```



```
model = tf.keras.models.Sequential([
  tf.keras.layers.Flatten(input_shape=(28, 28)),
  tf.keras.layers.Dense(128, activation='relu'),
  tf.keras.layers.Dense(10, activation='softmax')
])
```



```
model = tf.keras.models.Sequential([
  tf.keras.layers.Flatten(input_shape=(28, 28)),
  tf.keras.layers.Dense(128, activation='relu'),
  tf.keras.layers.Dense(10, activation='softmax')
])
```

```
model = tf.keras.models.Sequential([
  tf.keras.layers.Flatten(input_shape=(28, 28)),
  tf.keras.layers.Dense(128, activation='relu'),
  tf.keras.layers.Dense(10, activation='softmax')
])
```

```
if(x>0):
    return x
else:
    return 0
```

```
Epoch 1/5
1875/1875 [==============================] - 4s 2ms/step - loss: 0.2591 -
accuracy: 0.9262
Epoch 2/5
1875/1875 [==============================] - 4s 2ms/step - loss: 0.1157 -
accuracy: 0.9662
Epoch 3/5
1875/1875 [==============================] - 4s 2ms/step - loss: 0.0801 -
accuracy: 0.9760
Epoch 4/5
1875/1875 [==============================] - 4s 2ms/step - loss: 0.0601 -
accuracy: 0.9820
Epoch 5/5
1875/1875 [==============================] - 4s 2ms/step - loss: 0.0456 -
accuracy: 0.9862
313/313 [==============================] - 0s 1ms/step - loss: 0.0757 -
accuracy: 0.9758
```

The observation that we can see is it took around '4s' and the highest accuracy is 0.9862

```
Epoch 1/5
1875/1875 [==============================] - 4s 2ms/step - loss: 0.2591 -
accuracy: 0.9262
Epoch 2/5
1875/1875 [==============================] - 4s 2ms/step - loss: 0.1157 -
accuracy: 0.9662
Epoch 3/5
1875/1875 [==============================] - 4s 2ms/step - loss: 0.0801 -
accuracy: 0.9760
Epoch 4/5
1875/1875 [==============================] - 4s 2ms/step - loss: 0.0601 -
accuracy: 0.9820
Epoch 5/5
1875/1875 [==============================] - 4s 2ms/step - loss: 0.0456 -
accuracy: 0.9862
313/313 [==============================] - 0s 1ms/step - loss: 0.0757 -

accuracy: 0.9758
```

```
Epoch 1/5
1875/1875 [==============================] - 4s 2ms/step - loss: 0.2591 -
accuracy: 0.9262
Epoch 2/5
1875/1875 [==============================] - 4s 2ms/step - loss: 0.1157 -
accuracy: 0.9662
Epoch 3/5
1875/1875 [==============================] - 4s 2ms/step - loss: 0.0801 -
accuracy: 0.9760
Epoch 4/5
1875/1875 [==============================] - 4s 2ms/step - loss: 0.0601 -
accuracy: 0.9820
Epoch 5/5
1875/1875 [==============================] - 4s 2ms/step - loss: 0.0456 -
accuracy: 0.9862
313/313 [==============================] - 0s 1ms/step - loss: 0.0757 -

accuracy: 0.9758
```

```
Epoch 1/5
1875/1875 [==============================] - 3s 2ms/step - loss: 0.3568 -
accuracy: 0.8984
Epoch 2/5
1875/1875 [==============================] - 4s 2ms/step - loss: 0.2988 -
accuracy: 0.9170
Epoch 3/5
1875/1875 [==============================] - 4s 2ms/step - loss: 0.2880 -
accuracy: 0.9192
Epoch 4/5
1875/1875 [==============================] - 4s 2ms/step - loss: 0.2821 -
accuracy: 0.9205
Epoch 5/5
1875/1875 [==============================] - 3s 2ms/step - loss: 0.2763 -
accuracy: 0.9227
313/313 [==============================] - 0s 1ms/step - loss: 0.3031 -
accuracy: 0.9154
```

```
Epoch 1/5
1875/1875 [==============================] - 3s 2ms/step - loss: 0.3568 -
accuracy: 0.8984
Epoch 2/5
1875/1875 [==============================] - 4s 2ms/step - loss: 0.2988 -
accuracy: 0.9170
Epoch 3/5
1875/1875 [==============================] - 4s 2ms/step - loss: 0.2880 -
accuracy: 0.9192
Epoch 4/5
1875/1875 [==============================] - 4s 2ms/step - loss: 0.2821 -
accuracy: 0.9205
Epoch 5/5
1875/1875 [==============================] - 3s 2ms/step - loss: 0.2763 -
accuracy: 0.9227
313/313 [==============================] - 0s 1ms/step - loss: 0.3031 -
accuracy: 0.9154
```

Here, we removed the 'relu' and see the performance

```
model = tf.keras.models.Sequential([
  tf.keras.layers.Flatten(input_shape=(28, 28)),
  tf.keras.layers.Dense(128),
  tf.keras.layers.Lambda(lambda x: tf.abs(x)),
  tf.keras.layers.Dense(10, activation='softmax')
])
```

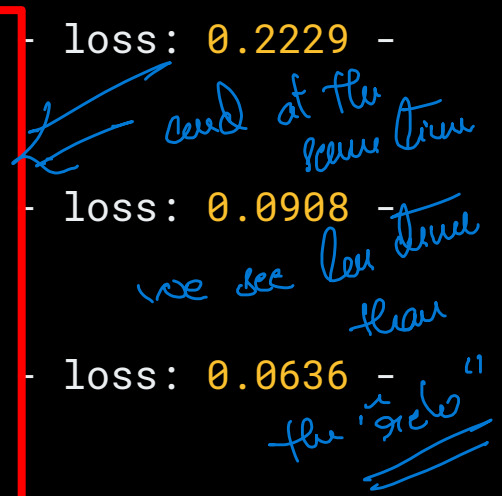
now, we added the custom layer using Lambda function and removed the 'relu' function

```
model = tf.keras.models.Sequential([
  tf.keras.layers.Flatten(input_shape=(28, 28)),
  tf.keras.layers.Dense(128),
  tf.keras.layers.Lambda(lambda x: tf.abs(x)),
  tf.keras.layers.Dense(10, activation='softmax')
])
```

```
Epoch 1/5
1875/1875 [==============================] - 4s 2ms/step - loss: 0.2229 -
accuracy: 0.9377
Epoch 2/5
1875/1875 [==============================] - 3s 2ms/step - loss: 0.0908 -
accuracy: 0.9734
Epoch 3/5
1875/1875 [==============================] - 3s 2ms/step - loss: 0.0636 -
accuracy: 0.9807
Epoch 4/5
1875/1875 [==============================] - 4s 2ms/step - loss: 0.0471 -
accuracy: 0.9853
Epoch 5/5
1875/1875 [==============================] - 4s 2ms/step - loss: 0.0396 -
accuracy: 0.9875
313/313 [==============================] - 0s 1ms/step - loss: 0.0840 -
accuracy: 0.9751
```

The performance we see decreased

```
Epoch 1/5
1875/1875 [==============================] - 4s 2ms/step - loss: 0.2229 -
accuracy: 0.9377
Epoch 2/5
1875/1875 [==============================] - 3s 2ms/step - loss: 0.0908 -
accuracy: 0.9734
Epoch 3/5
1875/1875 [==============================] - 3s 2ms/step - loss: 0.0636 -
accuracy: 0.9807
Epoch 4/5
1875/1875 [==============================] - 4s 2ms/step - loss: 0.0471 -
accuracy: 0.9853
Epoch 5/5
1875/1875 [==============================] - 4s 2ms/step - loss: 0.0396 -
accuracy: 0.9875
313/313 [==============================] - 0s 1ms/step - loss: 0.0840 -
accuracy: 0.9751
```



```python
def my_relu(x):
  return K.maximum(0.0, x)

model = tf.keras.models.Sequential([
  tf.keras.layers.Flatten(input_shape=(28, 28)),
  tf.keras.layers.Dense(128),
  tf.keras.layers.Lambda(my_relu),
  tf.keras.layers.Dense(10, activation='softmax')
])
```

calling the function instead of Lambda approach

```
def my_relu(x):
  return K.maximum(0.0, x)

model = tf.keras.models.Sequential([
  tf.keras.layers.Flatten(input_shape=(28, 28)),
  tf.keras.layers.Dense(128),
  tf.keras.layers.Lambda(my_relu),
  tf.keras.layers.Dense(10, activation='softmax')
])
```

```
def my_relu(x):
  return K.maximum(0.0, x)

model = tf.keras.models.Sequential([
  tf.keras.layers.Flatten(input_shape=(28, 28)),
  tf.keras.layers.Dense(128),
  tf.keras.layers.Lambda(my_relu),
  tf.keras.layers.Dense(10, activation='softmax')
])
```

```
def my_relu(x):
  return K.maximum(0.0, x)

model = tf.keras.models.Sequential([
  tf.keras.layers.Flatten(input_shape=(28, 28)),
  tf.keras.layers.Dense(128),
  tf.keras.layers.Lambda(my_relu),
  tf.keras.layers.Dense(10, activation='softmax')
])
```

```
def my_relu(x):
  return K.maximum(0.5, x)

model = tf.keras.models.Sequential([
  tf.keras.layers.Flatten(input_shape=(28, 28)),
  tf.keras.layers.Dense(128),
  tf.keras.layers.Lambda(my_relu),
  tf.keras.layers.Dense(10, activation='softmax')
])
```

Some commonly used layers

Convolutional

Conv1D/Conv2D/Conv3D

SeparableConv2D

DepthwiseConv2D

Recurrent

LSTM

GRU

Pooling

MaxPooling2D

AveragePooling2D

GlobalAveragePooling2D

Merge

Add

Subtract

Multiply

Activations (Advanced)

LeakyReLU

PReLU

ELU

Core

Activation

Lambda

Input

Dense

Dropout

BatchNormalization

Some commonly used layers

Convolutional

Conv1D/Conv2D/Conv3D

SeparableConv2D

DepthwiseConv2D

Recurrent

LSTM

GRU

Pooling

MaxPooling2D

AveragePooling2D

GlobalAveragePooling2D

Merge

Add

Subtract

Multiply

Activations (Advanced)

LeakyReLU

PReLU

ELU

Core

Activation

Lambda

Input

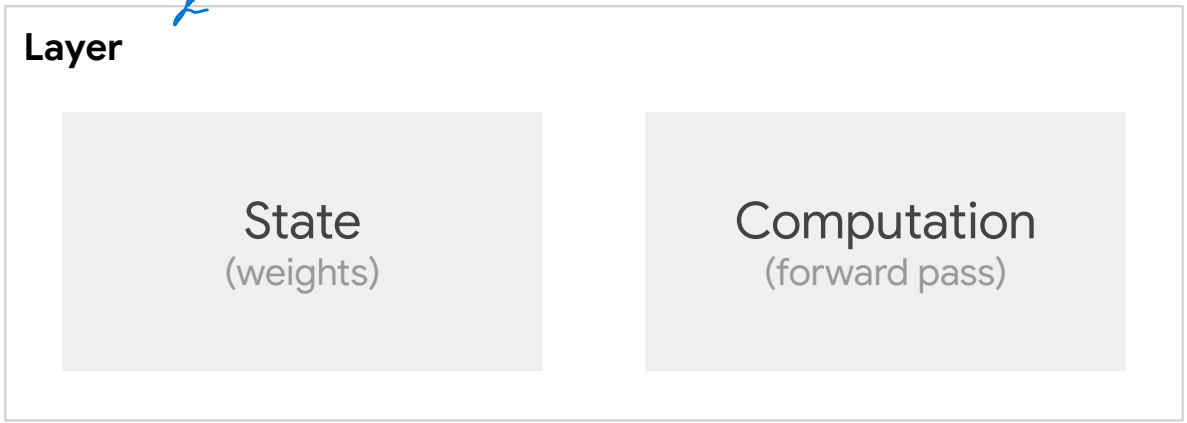
Dense

Dropout

BatchNormalization

What is a Layer?

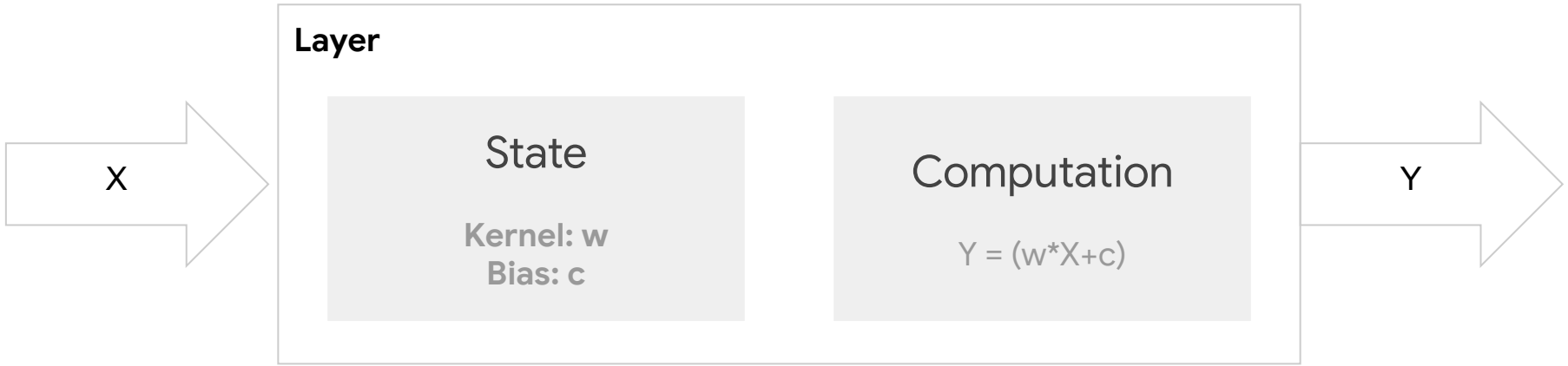
class that captures parameters that encapsulate state and computation to achieve layer purpose in neural network

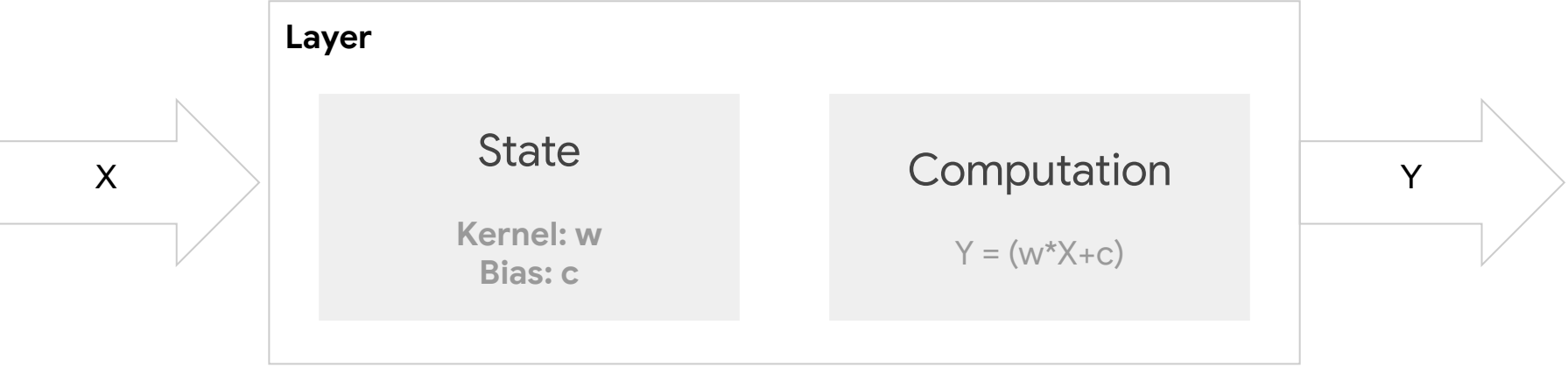


What is a Layer?

What is a Layer?

Simple Dense Layer




Layer
X
State
Kernel: w
Bias: c
Computation
Y = (w*X+c)
Y

```python
class SimpleDense(Layer):

  def __init__(self, units=32):
      super(SimpleDense, self).__init__()
      self.units = units

  def build(self, input_shape):  # Create the state of the layer (weights)
    w_init = tf.random_normal_initializer()
    self.w = tf.Variable(name="kernel",
        initial_value=w_init(shape=(input_shape[-1], self.units), dtype='float32'),
        trainable=True)

    b_init = tf.zeros_initializer()
    self.b = tf.Variable(name="bias",
        initial_value=b_init(shape=(self.units,), dtype='float32'),
        trainable=True)

  def call(self, inputs):  # Defines the computation from inputs to outputs
      return tf.matmul(inputs, self.w) + self.b
```

```python
class SimpleDense(Layer):

  def __init__(self, units=32):
      super(SimpleDense, self).__init__()
      self.units = units

  def build(self, input_shape):  # Create the state of the layer (weights)
    w_init = tf.random_normal_initializer()
    self.w = tf.Variable(name="kernel",
        initial_value=w_init(shape=(input_shape[-1], self.units), dtype='float32'),
        trainable=True)

    b_init = tf.zeros_initializer()
    self.b = tf.Variable(name="bias",
        initial_value=b_init(shape=(self.units,), dtype='float32'),
        trainable=True)

  def call(self, inputs):  # Defines the computation from inputs to outputs
      return tf.matmul(inputs, self.w) + self.b
```

we are basically inheriting the properties of tensorflow layer class

```
class SimpleDense(Layer):

  def __init__(self, units=32):
      super(SimpleDense, self).__init__()
      self.units = units

  def build(self, input_shape):  # Create the state of the layer (weights)
    w_init = tf.random_normal_initializer()
    self.w = tf.Variable(name="kernel",
        initial_value=w_init(shape=(input_shape[-1], self.units), dtype='float32'),
        trainable=True)

    b_init = tf.zeros_initializer()
    self.b = tf.Variable(name="bias",
        initial_value=b_init(shape=(self.units,), dtype='float32'),
        trainable=True)

  def call(self, inputs):  # Defines the computation from inputs to outputs
      return tf.matmul(inputs, self.w) + self.b
```

Inheriting the initialization from the base class

Some user parameters

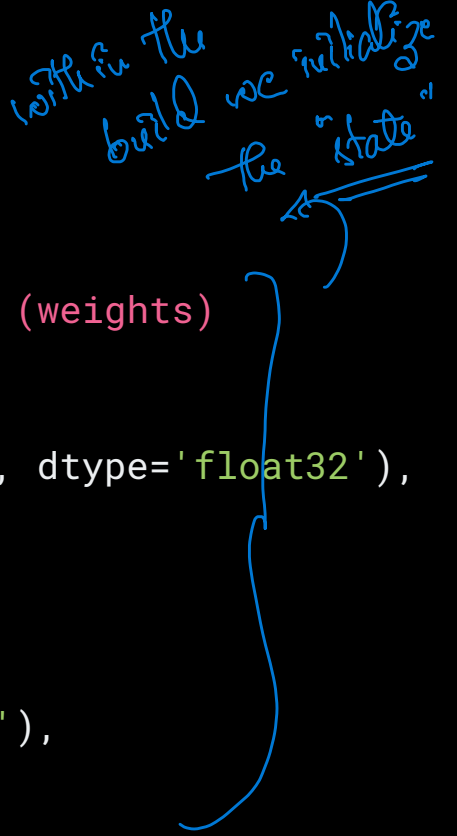
```
class SimpleDense(Layer):

  def __init__(self, units=32):
      super(SimpleDense, self).__init__()
      self.units = units

  def build(self, input_shape):  # Create the state of the layer (weights)
    w_init = tf.random_normal_initializer()
    self.w = tf.Variable(name="kernel",
        initial_value=w_init(shape=(input_shape[-1], self.units), dtype='float32'),
        trainable=True)

    b_init = tf.zeros_initializer()
    self.b = tf.Variable(name="bias",
        initial_value=b_init(shape=(self.units,), dtype='float32'),
        trainable=True)

  def call(self, inputs):  # Defines the computation from inputs to outputs
      return tf.matmul(inputs, self.w) + self.b
```



```python
class SimpleDense(Layer):

  def __init__(self, units=32):
      super(SimpleDense, self).__init__()
      self.units = units

  def build(self, input_shape):  # Create the state of the layer (weights)
    w_init = tf.random_normal_initializer()
    self.w = tf.Variable(name="kernel",
        initial_value=w_init(shape=(input_shape[-1], self.units), dtype='float32'),
        trainable=True)

    b_init = tf.zeros_initializer()
    self.b = tf.Variable(name="bias",
        initial_value=b_init(shape=(self.units,), dtype='float32'),
        trainable=True)

  def call(self, inputs): # Defines the computation from inputs to outputs
      return tf.matmul(inputs, self.w) + self.b
```

```
class SimpleDense(Layer):

  def __init__(self, units=32):
      super(SimpleDense, self).__init__()
      self.units = units

  def build(self, input_shape):  # Create the state of the layer (weights)
    w_init = tf.random_normal_initializer()
    self.w = tf.Variable(name="kernel",
        initial_value=w_init(shape=(input_shape[-1], self.units), dtype='float32'),
        trainable=True)

    b_init = tf.zeros_initializer()
    self.b = tf.Variable(name="bias",
        initial_value=b_init(shape=(self.units,), dtype='float32'),
        trainable=True)

  def call(self, inputs):  # Defines the computation from inputs to outputs
      return tf.matmul(inputs, self.w) + self.b
```

```python
class SimpleDense(Layer):

  def __init__(self, units=32):
      super(SimpleDense, self).__init__()
      self.units = units

  def build(self, input_shape):  # Create the state of the layer (weights)
    w_init = tf.random_normal_initializer()
    self.w = tf.Variable(name="kernel",
        initial_value=w_init(shape=(input_shape[-1], self.units), dtype='float32'),
        trainable=True)

    b_init = tf.zeros_initializer()
    self.b = tf.Variable(name="bias",
        initial_value=b_init(shape=(self.units,), dtype='float32'),
        trainable=True)

  def call(self, inputs):  # Defines the computation from inputs to outputs
      return tf.matmul(inputs, self.w) + self.b
```

```python
class SimpleDense(Layer):

  def __init__(self, units=32):
      super(SimpleDense, self).__init__()
      self.units = units

  def build(self, input_shape):  # Create the state of the layer (weights)
    w_init = tf.random_normal_initializer()
    self.w = tf.Variable(name="kernel",
        initial_value=w_init(shape=(input_shape[-1], self.units), dtype='float32'),
        trainable=True)

    b_init = tf.zeros_initializer()
    self.b = tf.Variable(name="bias",
        initial_value=b_init(shape=(self.units,), dtype='float32'),
        trainable=True)

  def call(self, inputs):  # Defines the computation from inputs to outputs
      return tf.matmul(inputs, self.w) + self.b
```

```python
class SimpleDense(Layer):

  def __init__(self, units=32):
      super(SimpleDense, self).__init__()
      self.units = units

  def build(self, input_shape):  # Create the state of the layer (weights)
    w_init = tf.random_normal_initializer()
    self.w = tf.Variable(name="kernel",
        initial_value=w_init(shape=(input_shape[-1], self.units), dtype='float32'),
        trainable=True)

    b_init = tf.zeros_initializer()
    self.b = tf.Variable(name="bias",
        initial_value=b_init(shape=(self.units,), dtype='float32'),
        trainable=True)

  def call(self, inputs):  # Defines the computation from inputs to outputs
      return tf.matmul(inputs, self.w) + self.b
```

```
class SimpleDense(Layer):

  def __init__(self, units=32):
      super(SimpleDense, self).__init__()
      self.units = units

  def build(self, input_shape):  # Create the state of the layer (weights)
    w_init = tf.random_normal_initializer()
    self.w = tf.Variable(name="kernel",
        initial_value=w_init(shape=(input_shape[-1], self.units), dtype='float32'),
        trainable=True)

    b_init = tf.zeros_initializer()
    self.b = tf.Variable(name="bias",
        initial_value=b_init(shape=(self.units,), dtype='float32'),
        trainable=True)

  def call(self, inputs):  # Defines the computation from inputs to outputs
      return tf.matmul(inputs, self.w) + self.b
```

```python
class SimpleDense(Layer):

  def __init__(self, units=32):
      super(SimpleDense, self).__init__()
      self.units = units

  def build(self, input_shape):  # Create the state of the layer (weights)
    w_init = tf.random_normal_initializer()
    self.w = tf.Variable(name="kernel",
        initial_value=w_init(shape=(input_shape[-1], self.units), dtype='float32'),
        trainable=True)

    b_init = tf.zeros_initializer()
    self.b = tf.Variable(name="bias",
        initial_value=b_init(shape=(self.units,), dtype='float32'),
        trainable=True)

  def call(self, inputs):  # Defines the computation from inputs to outputs
      return tf.matmul(inputs, self.w) + self.b
```

```
my_dense = SimpleDense(units=1)
x = tf.ones((1, 1))
y = my_dense(x)
print(my_dense.variables)
```

```
my_dense = SimpleDense(units=1)
x = tf.ones((1, 1))
y = my_dense(x)
print(my_dense.variables)
```

```
my_dense = SimpleDense(units=1)
x = tf.ones((1, 1))
y = my_dense(x)
print(my_dense.variables)
```

```
my_dense = SimpleDense(units=1)
x = tf.ones((1, 1))
y = my_dense(x)
print(my_dense.variables)
```

```
my_dense = SimpleDense(units=1)
x = tf.ones((1, 1))
y = my_dense(x)
print(my_dense.variables)
```

```
my_dense = SimpleDense(units=1)
x = tf.ones((1, 1))
y = my_dense(x)
print(my_dense.variables)
```

```
[<tf.Variable 'simple_dense_7/kernel:0' shape=(1, 1)
dtype=float32, numpy=array([[0.03688493]], dtype=float32)>,

<tf.Variable 'simple_dense_7/bias:0' shape=(1,)
dtype=float32, numpy=array([0.], dtype=float32)>]
```

```
my_dense = SimpleDense(units=1)
x = tf.ones((1, 1))
y = my_dense(x)
print(my_dense.variables)
```

```
[<tf.Variable 'simple_dense_7/kernel:0' shape=(1, 1)
dtype=float32, numpy=array([[0.03688493]], dtype=float32)>,

<tf.Variable 'simple_dense_7/bias:0' shape=(1,)
dtype=float32, numpy=array([0.], dtype=float32)>]
```

```
my_dense = SimpleDense(units=1)
x = tf.ones((1, 1))
y = my_dense(x)
print(my_dense.variables)
```

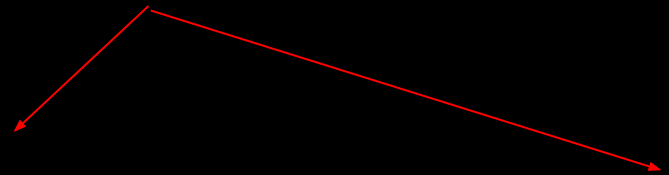
```
[<tf.Variable 'simple_dense_7/kernel:0' shape=(1, 1)
dtype=float32, numpy=array([[0.03688493]], dtype=float32)>,

<tf.Variable 'simple_dense_7/bias:0' shape=(1,)
dtype=float32, numpy=array([0.], dtype=float32)>]
```

```
import numpy as np

xs = np.array([-1.0,  0.0, 1.0, 2.0, 3.0, 4.0], dtype=float)
ys = np.array([-3.0, -1.0, 1.0, 3.0, 5.0, 7.0], dtype=float)

model = tf.keras.Sequential([SimpleDense(units=1)])
model.compile(optimizer='sgd', loss='mean_squared_error')
model.fit(xs, ys, epochs=500,verbose=0)
print(model.predict([10.0]))
```



Expected Answer: 19 (y=2x-1)

Actual Answer: 0.36

(W = 0.036, B=0 => Y=.036 * 10 + 0 = 0.36)

```
Epoch 1/500
1/1 [==============================] - 0s 1ms/step - loss: 14.8152
Epoch 2/500
1/1 [==============================] - 0s 3ms/step - loss: 11.8951
Epoch 3/500
1/1 [==============================] - 0s 1ms/step - loss: 9.5928
```

```
Epoch 498/500
1/1 [==============================] - 0s 2ms/step - loss: 4.1124e-05
Epoch 499/500
1/1 [==============================] - 0s 2ms/step - loss: 4.0279e-05
Epoch 500/500
1/1 [==============================] - 0s 1ms/step - loss: 3.9452e-05
```

```
import numpy as np

xs = np.array([-1.0,  0.0, 1.0, 2.0, 3.0, 4.0], dtype=float)
ys = np.array([-3.0, -1.0, 1.0, 3.0, 5.0, 7.0], dtype=float)

model = tf.keras.Sequential([SimpleDense(units=1)])
model.compile(optimizer='sgd', loss='mean_squared_error')
model.fit(xs, ys, epochs=500,verbose=0)
print(model.predict([10.0]))
```

```
import numpy as np

xs = np.array([-1.0,  0.0, 1.0, 2.0, 3.0, 4.0], dtype=float)
ys = np.array([-3.0, -1.0, 1.0, 3.0, 5.0, 7.0], dtype=float)

model = tf.keras.Sequential([SimpleDense(units=1)])
model.compile(optimizer='sgd', loss='mean_squared_error')
model.fit(xs, ys, epochs=500,verbose=0)
print(model.predict([10.0]))
```

```
[[18.981468]]
```

```
[<tf.Variable
'sequential_15/simple_dense_19/kernel:0' shape=(1, 1)
dtype=float32, numpy=array([[1.9972587]],
dtype=float32)>, <tf.Variable
'sequential_15/simple_dense_19/bias:0' shape=(1,)
dtype=float32, numpy=array([-0.991501],
dtype=float32)>]
```

```
model = tf.keras.models.Sequential([
  tf.keras.layers.Flatten(input_shape=(28, 28)),
  tf.keras.layers.Dense(128, activation='relu'),
  tf.keras.layers.Dropout(0.2),
  tf.keras.layers.Dense(10)
])
```

```
model = tf.keras.models.Sequential([
  tf.keras.layers.Flatten(input_shape=(28, 28)),
  tf.keras.layers.Dense(128, activation='relu'),
  tf.keras.layers.Dropout(0.2),
  tf.keras.layers.Dense(10)
])
```

We're able specify the activation in this situation

But, what we created earlier doesn't have any optional specifying the activation function

```
model = tf.keras.models.Sequential([
  tf.keras.layers.Flatten(input_shape=(28, 28)),
  SimpleDense(128),
  tf.keras.layers.Dropout(0.2),
  tf.keras.layers.Dense(10)
])
```

```
model = tf.keras.models.Sequential([
  tf.keras.layers.Flatten(input_shape=(28, 28)),
  SimpleDense(128),
  tf.keras.layers.Lambda(my_relu),
  tf.keras.layers.Dropout(0.2),
  tf.keras.layers.Dense(10)
])
```

we have a workaround by using a lambda layer.

```
model = tf.keras.models.Sequential([
  tf.keras.layers.Flatten(input_shape=(28, 28)),
  tf.keras.layers.Dense(128, activation='relu'),
  tf.keras.layers.Dropout(0.2),
  tf.keras.layers.Dense(10)
])
```

```
model = tf.keras.models.Sequential([
  tf.keras.layers.Flatten(input_shape=(28, 28)),
  tf.keras.layers.Dense(128, activation='relu'),
  tf.keras.layers.Dropout(0.2),
  tf.keras.layers.Dense(10)
])
```

```
model = tf.keras.models.Sequential([
  tf.keras.layers.Flatten(input_shape=(28, 28)),
  SimpleDense(128),
  tf.keras.layers.Lambda(my_relu),
  tf.keras.layers.Dropout(0.2),
  tf.keras.layers.Dense(10)
])
```

```
class SimpleDense(Layer):

  def __init__(self, units=32):
      super(SimpleDense, self).__init__()
      self.units = units

  def build(self, input_shape):  # Create the state of the layer (weights)
    w_init = tf.random_normal_initializer()
    self.w = tf.Variable(name="kernel",
        initial_value=w_init(shape=(input_shape[-1], self.units), dtype='float32'),
        trainable=True)

    b_init = tf.zeros_initializer()
    self.b = tf.Variable(name="bias",
        initial_value=b_init(shape=(self.units,), dtype='float32'),
        trainable=True)

  def call(self, inputs):  # Defines the computation from inputs to outputs
      return tf.matmul(inputs, self.w) + self.b
```

```python
class SimpleDense(Layer):

  def __init__(self, units=32):
      super(SimpleDense, self).__init__()
      self.units = units

  def build(self, input_shape):  # Create the state of the layer (weights)
    w_init = tf.random_normal_initializer()
    self.w = tf.Variable(name="kernel",
        initial_value=w_init(shape=(input_shape[-1], self.units), dtype='float32'),
        trainable=True)

    b_init = tf.zeros_initializer()
    self.b = tf.Variable(name="bias",
        initial_value=b_init(shape=(self.units,), dtype='float32'),
        trainable=True)

  def call(self, inputs):  # Defines the computation from inputs to outputs
      return tf.matmul(inputs, self.w) + self.b
```

```python
class SimpleDense(Layer):

  def __init__(self, units=32):
      super(SimpleDense, self).__init__()
      self.units = units

  def build(self, input_shape):  # Create the state of the layer (weights)
    w_init = tf.random_normal_initializer()
    self.w = tf.Variable(name="kernel",
        initial_value=w_init(shape=(input_shape[-1], self.units), dtype='float32'),
        trainable=True)

    b_init = tf.zeros_initializer()
    self.b = tf.Variable(name="bias",
        initial_value=b_init(shape=(self.units,), dtype='float32'),
        trainable=True)

  def call(self, inputs):  # Defines the computation from inputs to outputs
      return tf.matmul(inputs, self.w) + self.b
```

```python
class SimpleDense(Layer):

  def __init__(self, units=32):
      super(SimpleDense, self).__init__()
      self.units = units

  def build(self, input_shape):  # Create the state of the layer (weights)
    w_init = tf.random_normal_initializer()
    self.w = tf.Variable(name="kernel",
        initial_value=w_init(shape=(input_shape[-1], self.units), dtype='float32'),
        trainable=True)

    b_init = tf.zeros_initializer()
    self.b = tf.Variable(name="bias",
        initial_value=b_init(shape=(self.units,), dtype='float32'),
        trainable=True)

  def call(self, inputs):  # Defines the computation from inputs to outputs
      return tf.matmul(inputs, self.w) + self.b
```

```python
class SimpleDense(Layer):

  def __init__(self, units=32):
      super(SimpleDense, self).__init__()
      self.units = units

  def build(self, input_shape):  # Create the state of the layer (weights)
    w_init = tf.random_normal_initializer()
    self.w = tf.Variable(name="kernel",
        initial_value=w_init(shape=(input_shape[-1], self.units), dtype='float32'),
        trainable=True)

    b_init = tf.zeros_initializer()
    self.b = tf.Variable(name="bias",
        initial_value=b_init(shape=(self.units,), dtype='float32'),
        trainable=True)

  def call(self, inputs):  # Defines the computation from inputs to outputs
      return tf.matmul(inputs, self.w) + self.b
```

```
class SimpleDense(Layer):

  def __init__(self, units=32, activation=None):
      super(SimpleDense, self).__init__()
      self.units = units
      self.activation = tf.keras.activations.get(activation)


  def call(self, inputs):
      return self.activation(tf.matmul(inputs, self.w) + self.b)
```

default is "None"

It can take

↑ this is gonna get the activation function

that is called on the initializer

!, reliable this way can perform the activation

In our custom create activation function

```
class SimpleDense(Layer):

  def __init__(self, units=32, activation=None):
      super(SimpleDense, self).__init__()
      self.units = units
      self.activation = tf.keras.activations.get(activation)


  def call(self, inputs):
      return self.activation(tf.matmul(inputs, self.w) + self.b)
```

```
class SimpleDense(Layer):

  def __init__(self, units=32, activation=None):
      super(SimpleDense, self).__init__()
      self.units = units
      self.activation = tf.keras.activations.get(activation)


  def call(self, inputs):
      return self.activation(tf.matmul(inputs, self.w) + self.b)
```

```
class SimpleDense(Layer):

  def __init__(self, units=32, activation=None):
      super(SimpleDense, self).__init__()
      self.units = units
      self.activation = tf.keras.activations.get(activation)


  def call(self, inputs):
      return self.activation(tf.matmul(inputs, self.w) + self.b)
```

```
model = tf.keras.models.Sequential([
  tf.keras.layers.Flatten(input_shape=(28, 28)),
  SimpleDense(128, activation='relu'),
  tf.keras.layers.Dropout(0.2),
  tf.keras.layers.Dense(10, activation='softmax')
])
```

```
model = tf.keras.models.Sequential([
  tf.keras.layers.Flatten(input_shape=(28, 28)),
  SimpleDense(128, activation='relu'),
  tf.keras.layers.Dropout(0.2),
  tf.keras.layers.Dense(10, activation='softmax')
])
```