

tf.nn.sparse_softmax_cross_entropy_with_logits

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sparse_softmax_cross_entropy_with_logits(  
    _sentinel=None,  
    labels=None,  
    logits=None,  
    name=None  
)
```

Defined in [tensorflow/python/ops/nn_ops.py](#).

See the guide: [Neural Network > Classification](#)

Computes sparse softmax cross entropy between **logits** and **labels**.

Measures the probability error in discrete classification tasks in which the classes are mutually exclusive (each entry is in exactly one class). For example, each CIFAR-10 image is labeled with one and only one label: an image can be a dog or a truck, but not both.

NOTE: For this operation, the probability of a given label is considered exclusive. That is, soft classes are not allowed, and the **labels** vector must provide a single specific index for the true class for each row of **logits** (each minibatch entry). For soft softmax classification with a probability distribution for each entry, see [softmax_cross_entropy_with_logits](#).

WARNING: This op expects unscaled logits, since it performs a **softmax** on **logits** internally for efficiency. Do not call this op with the output of **softmax**, as it will produce incorrect results.

A common use case is to have logits of shape **[batch_size, num_classes]** and labels of shape **[batch_size]**. But higher dimensions are supported.

Note that to avoid confusion, it is required to pass only named arguments to this function.

Args:

- **_sentinel**: Used to prevent positional parameters. Internal, do not use.
- **labels**: **Tensor** of shape **[d_0, d_1, ..., d_{r-1}]** (where **r** is rank of **labels** and result) and dtype **int32** or **int64**. Each entry in **labels** must be an index in **[0, num_classes)**. Other values will raise an exception when this op is run on CPU, and return **NaN** for corresponding loss and gradient rows on GPU.
- **logits**: Unscaled log probabilities of shape **[d_0, d_1, ..., d_{r-1}, num_classes]** and dtype **float32** or **float64**.
- **name**: A name for the operation (optional).

Returns:

A **Tensor** of the same shape as **labels** and of the same type as **logits** with the softmax cross entropy loss.

Raises:

- **ValueError**: If logits are scalars (need to have rank ≥ 1) or if the rank of the labels is not equal to the rank of the labels minus one.

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