

## tf.contrib.losses.mean\_pairwise\_squared\_error

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mean_pairwise_squared_error(  
    predictions,  
    labels=None,  
    weights=1.0,  
    scope=None  
)
```

Defined in [tensorflow/contrib/losses/python/losses/loss\\_ops.py](#).

See the guide: [Losses \(contrib\)](#) > [Loss operations for use in neural networks](#).

Adds a pairwise-errors-squared loss to the training procedure. (deprecated)

THIS FUNCTION IS DEPRECATED. It will be removed after 2016-12-30. Instructions for updating: Use `tf.losses.mean_pairwise_squared_error` instead. Note that the order of the `predictions` and `labels` arguments has been changed.

Unlike `mean_squared_error`, which is a measure of the differences between corresponding elements of `predictions` and `labels`, `mean_pairwise_squared_error` is a measure of the differences between pairs of corresponding elements of `predictions` and `labels`.

For example, if `labels` = [a, b, c] and `predictions` = [x, y, z], there are three pairs of differences are summed to compute the loss:  $\text{loss} = [((a-b) - (x-y))^2 + ((a-c) - (x-z))^2 + ((b-c) - (y-z))^2] / 3$

Note that since the inputs are of size [batch\_size, d0, ... dN], the corresponding pairs are computed within each batch sample but not across samples within a batch. For example, if `predictions` represents a batch of 16 grayscale images of dimension [batch\_size, 100, 200], then the set of pairs is drawn from each image, but not across images.

`weights` acts as a coefficient for the loss. If a scalar is provided, then the loss is simply scaled by the given value. If `weights` is a tensor of size [batch\_size], then the total loss for each sample of the batch is rescaled by the corresponding element in the `weights` vector.

### Args:

- `predictions`: The predicted outputs, a tensor of size [batch\_size, d0, .. dN] where N+1 is the total number of dimensions in `predictions`.
- `labels`: The ground truth output tensor, whose shape must match the shape of the `predictions` tensor.
- `weights`: Coefficients for the loss a scalar, a tensor of shape [batch\_size] or a tensor whose shape matches `predictions`.
- `scope`: The scope for the operations performed in computing the loss.

### Returns:

A scalar `Tensor` representing the loss value.

### Raises:

- `ValueError` : If the shape of `predictions` doesn't match that of `labels` or if the shape of `weights` is invalid.

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