

tf.keras.backend.variable

```
variable(  
    value,  
    dtype=None,  
    name=None,  
    constraint=None  
)
```

Defined in [tensorflow/python/keras/_impl/keras/backend.py](#).

Instantiates a variable and returns it.

Arguments:

- `value`: Numpy array, initial value of the tensor.
- `dtype`: Tensor type.
- `name`: Optional name string for the tensor.
- `constraint`: Optional projection function to be applied to the variable after an optimizer update.

Returns:

A variable instance (with Keras metadata included).

Examples:

```
>>> from keras import backend as K  
>>> val = np.array([[1, 2], [3, 4]])  
>>> kvar = K.variable(value=val, dtype='float64', name='example_var')  
>>> K.dtype(kvar)  
'float64'  
>>> print(kvar)  
example_var  
>>> kvar.eval()  
array([[ 1.,  2.],  
       [ 3.,  4.]])
```

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