

tf.parallel_stack

```
parallel_stack(  
    values,  
    name='parallel_stack'  
)
```

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

See the guide: [Tensor Transformations > Slicing and Joining](#)

Stacks a list of rank-**R** tensors into one rank-**(R+1)** tensor in parallel.

Requires that the shape of inputs be known at graph construction time.

Packs the list of tensors in **values** into a tensor with rank one higher than each tensor in **values**, by packing them along the first dimension. Given a list of length **N** of tensors of shape **(A, B, C)**; the **output** tensor will have the shape **(N, A, B, C)**.

For example:

```
x = tf.constant([1, 4])  
y = tf.constant([2, 5])  
z = tf.constant([3, 6])  
tf.parallel_stack([x, y, z]) # [[1, 4], [2, 5], [3, 6]]
```

The difference between **stack** and **parallel_stack** is that **stack** requires all the inputs be computed before the operation will begin but doesn't require that the input shapes be known during graph construction.

parallel_stack will copy pieces of the input into the output as they become available, in some situations this can provide a performance benefit.

Unlike **stack**, **parallel_stack** does NOT support backpropagation.

This is the opposite of **unstack**. The numpy equivalent is

```
tf.parallel_stack([x, y, z]) = np.asarray([x, y, z])
```

Args:

- values**: A list of **Tensor** objects with the same shape and type.
- name**: A name for this operation (optional).

Returns:

- output**: A stacked **Tensor** with the same type as **values**.

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