

## tf.nn.fractional\_avg\_pool

```
fractional_avg_pool(
    value,
    pooling_ratio,
    pseudo_random=False,
    overlapping=False,
    deterministic=False,
    seed=0,
    seed2=0,
    name=None
)
```

Defined in `tensorflow/python/ops/gen_nn_ops.py`.

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

Performs fractional average pooling on the input.

Fractional average pooling is similar to Fractional max pooling in the pooling region generation step. The only difference is that after pooling regions are generated, a mean operation is performed instead of a max operation in each pooling region.

## Args:

- `value`: A `Tensor`. Must be one of the following types: `float32`, `float64`, `int32`, `int64`. 4-D with shape `[batch, height, width, channels]`.
- `pooling_ratio`: A list of `floats` that has length `>= 4`. Pooling ratio for each dimension of `value`, currently only supports row and col dimension and should be `>= 1.0`. For example, a valid pooling ratio looks like `[1.0, 1.44, 1.73, 1.0]`. The first and last elements must be 1.0 because we don't allow pooling on batch and channels dimensions. 1.44 and 1.73 are pooling ratio on height and width dimensions respectively.
- `pseudo_random`: An optional `bool`. Defaults to `False`. When set to True, generates the pooling sequence in a pseudorandom fashion, otherwise, in a random fashion. Check paper [Benjamin Graham, Fractional Max-Pooling](#) for difference between pseudorandom and random.
- `overlapping`: An optional `bool`. Defaults to `False`. When set to True, it means when pooling, the values at the boundary of adjacent pooling cells are used by both cells. For example:

```
index 0 1 2 3 4
value 20 5 16 3 7
```

If the pooling sequence is `[0, 2, 4]`, then 16, at index 2 will be used twice. The result would be `[41/3, 26/3]` for fractional avg pooling. `deterministic`: An optional `bool`. Defaults to `False`. When set to True, a fixed pooling region will be used when iterating over a `FractionalAvgPool` node in the computation graph. Mainly used in unit test to make `FractionalAvgPool` deterministic. `seed`: An optional `int`. Defaults to `0`. If either seed or seed2 are set to be non-zero, the random number generator is seeded by the given seed. Otherwise, it is seeded by a random seed. `seed2`: An optional `int`. Defaults to `0`. A second seed to avoid seed collision. `name`: A name for the operation (optional).

## Returns:

A tuple of `Tensor` objects (output, row\_pooling\_sequence, col\_pooling\_sequence).

- `output` : A `Tensor` . Has the same type as `value` . output tensor after fractional avg pooling.
- `row_pooling_sequence` : A `Tensor` of type `int64` . row pooling sequence, needed to calculate gradient.
- `col_pooling_sequence` : A `Tensor` of type `int64` . column pooling sequence, needed to calculate gradient.

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