

## tf.contrib.layers.legacy\_fully\_connected

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legacy_fully_connected(
    x,
    num_output_units,
    activation_fn=None,
    weight_init=initializers.xavier_initializer(),
    bias_init=tf.zeros_initializer(),
    name=None,
    weight_collections=(ops.GraphKeys.WEIGHTS, ),
    bias_collections=(ops.GraphKeys.BIASES, ),
    output_collections=(ops.GraphKeys.ACTIVATIONS, ),
    trainable=True,
    weight_regularizer=None,
    bias_regularizer=None
)

```

Defined in [tensorflow/contrib/layers/python/layers/layers.py](#).

Adds the parameters for a fully connected layer and returns the output.

A fully connected layer is generally defined as a matrix multiply:  $y = f(w * x + b)$  where  $f$  is given by `activation_fn`. If `activation_fn` is `None`, the result of  $y = w * x + b$  is returned.

If  $x$  has shape  $[\text{dim}_0, \text{dim}_1, \dots, \text{dim}_n]$  with more than 2 dimensions ( $n > 1$ ), then we repeat the matrix multiply along the first dimensions. The result  $r$  is a tensor of shape  $[\text{dim}_0, \dots, \text{dim}_{n-1}, \text{num\_output\_units}]$ , where  $r_{i_0, \dots, i_{n-1}, k} = \sum_{0 \leq j < \text{dim}_n} x_{i_0, \dots, i_{n-1}, j} \cdot w_{j, k}$ . This is accomplished by reshaping  $x$  to 2-D  $[\text{dim}_0 \cdot \dots \cdot \text{dim}_{n-1}, \text{dim}_n]$  before the matrix multiply and afterwards reshaping it to  $[\text{dim}_0, \dots, \text{dim}_{n-1}, \text{num\_output\_units}]$ .

This op creates  $w$  and optionally  $b$ . Bias ( $b$ ) can be disabled by setting `bias_init` to `None`.

The variable creation is compatible with `tf.variable_scope` and so can be reused with `tf.variable_scope` or `tf.make_template`.

Most of the details of variable creation can be controlled by specifying the initializers (`weight_init` and `bias_init`) and in which collections to place the created variables (`weight_collections` and `bias_collections`; note that the variables are always added to the `VARIABLES` collection). The output of the layer can be placed in custom collections using `output_collections`. The collections arguments default to `WEIGHTS`, `BIASES` and `ACTIVATIONS`, respectively.

A per layer regularization can be specified by setting `weight_regularizer` and `bias_regularizer`, which are applied to the weights and biases respectively, and whose output is added to the `REGULARIZATION_LOSSES` collection.

## Args:

- `x`: The input `Tensor`.
- `num_output_units`: The size of the output.
- `activation_fn`: Activation function, default set to `None` to skip it and maintain a linear activation.
- `weight_init`: An optional weight initialization, defaults to `xavier_initializer`.
- `bias_init`: An initializer for the bias, defaults to 0. Set to `None` in order to disable bias.
- `name`: The name for this operation is used to name operations and to find variables. If specified it must be unique for

this scope, otherwise a unique name starting with "fully\_connected" will be created. See `tf.variable_scope` for details.

- `weight_collections` : List of graph collections to which weights are added.
- `bias_collections` : List of graph collections to which biases are added.
- `output_collections` : List of graph collections to which outputs are added.
- `trainable` : If `True` also add variables to the graph collection `GraphKeys.TRAINABLE_VARIABLES` (see `tf.Variable`).
- `weight_regularizer` : A regularizer like the result of `l1_regularizer` or `l2_regularizer` . Used for weights.
- `bias_regularizer` : A regularizer like the result of `l1_regularizer` or `l2_regularizer` . Used for biases.

## Returns:

The output of the fully connected layer.

## Raises:

- `ValueError` : If x has rank less than 2 or if its last dimension is not set.

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