

## tf.contrib.distributions.bijectors.Softplus

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Class **Softplus**Inherits From: **Bijector**Defined in `tensorflow/contrib/distributions/python/ops/bijectors/softplus_impl.py`.See the guide: [Random variable transformations \(contrib\) > Bijectors](#)Bijector which computes  $Y = g(X) = \text{Log}[1 + \exp(X)]$ .The softplus **Bijector** has the following two useful properties:

- The domain is the positive real numbers
- `softplus(x) approx x`, for large `x`, so it does not overflow as easily as the **Exp Bijector**.

The optional nonzero **hinge\_softness** parameter changes the transition at zero. With **hinge\_softness = c**, the bijector is:

for large `x >> 1`, `c * Log[1 + exp(x / c)] approx c * Log[exp(x / c)] = x`,  
the behavior for large `x` is the same as the standard softplus.

`c > 0` approaches 0 from the right, `f_c(x)` becomes less and less soft,  
approaching `max(0, x)`.

`c = 1` is the default.

`c > 0` but small means `f(x) approx ReLu(x) = max(0, x)`.

`c < 0` flips sign and reflects around the `y-axis`: `f_{-c}(x) = -f_c(-x)`.

`c = 0` results in a non-bijective transformation and triggers an exception.

## Example Use:

```
# Create the Y=g(X)=softplus(X) transform which works only on Tensors with 1 # batch ndim and 2 event ndims (i.e.,
vector of matrices). softplus = Softplus(event_ndims=2) x = [[[1., 2], [3, 4]], [[5, 6], [7, 8]]] log(1 + exp(x)) ==
softplus.forward(x) log(exp(x) - 1) == softplus.inverse(x)
```

Note: `log(.)` and `exp(.)` are applied element-wise but the Jacobian is a reduction over the event space.

#### Properties

3 id="dtype"><code>dtype</code></h3>

type of `Tensor`'s transformable by this distribution.

3 id="event\_ndims"><code>event\_ndims</code></h3>

turns then number of event dimensions this bijector operates on.

3 id="graph\_parents"><code>graph\_parents</code></h3>

turns this `Bijector`'s `graph_parents` as a Python list.

3 id="hinge\_softness"><code>hinge\_softness</code></h3>

3 id="is\_constant\_jacobian"><code>is\_constant\_jacobian</code></h3>

turns true iff the Jacobian is not a function of `x`.

te: Jacobian is either constant for both forward and inverse or neither.

## Returns:

<b>`is_constant_jacobian`: Python `bool`.

3 id="name"><code>name</code></h3>

turns the string name of this `Bijector`.

3 id="validate\_args"><code>validate\_args</code></h3>

turns True if Tensor arguments will be validated.

#### Methods

3 id="\_\_init\_\_"><code>\_\_init\_\_</code></h3>

```
__init__(
    *args,
    **kwargs
)
```

**kwargs:**

- **hinge\_softness**: Nonzero floating point `Tensor`. Controls the softness of what would otherwise be a kink at the origin. Default is 1.0

## forward

```
forward(
    x,
    name='forward'
)
```

Returns the forward `Bijector` evaluation, i.e.,  $X = g(Y)$ .

Args:

- `x`: `Tensor` . The input to the "forward" evaluation.
- `name` : The name to give this op.

Returns:

`Tensor` .

Raises:

- `TypeError` : if `self.dtype` is specified and `x.dtype` is not `self.dtype` .
- `NotImplementedError` : if `_forward` is not implemented.

## `forward_event_shape`

```
forward_event_shape(input_shape)
```

Shape of a single sample from a single batch as a `TensorShape` .

Same meaning as `forward_event_shape_tensor` . May be only partially defined.

Args:

- `input_shape` : `TensorShape` indicating event-portion shape passed into `forward` function.

Returns:

- `forward_event_shape_tensor` : `TensorShape` indicating event-portion shape after applying `forward` . Possibly unknown.

## `forward_event_shape_tensor`

```
forward_event_shape_tensor(  
    input_shape,  
    name='forward_event_shape_tensor'  
)
```

Shape of a single sample from a single batch as an `int32` 1D `Tensor` .

Args:

- `input_shape` : `Tensor` , `int32` vector indicating event-portion shape passed into `forward` function.
- `name` : name to give to the op

Returns:

- `forward_event_shape_tensor` : `Tensor` , `int32` vector indicating event-portion shape after applying `forward` .

## `forward_log_det_jacobian`

```
forward_log_det_jacobian(
    x,
    name='forward_log_det_jacobian'
)
```

Returns both the forward\_log\_det\_jacobian.

Args:

- `x`: **Tensor**. The input to the "forward" Jacobian evaluation.
- `name`: The name to give this op.

Returns:

**Tensor**, if this bijector is injective. If not injective this is not implemented.

Raises:

- **TypeError**: if `self.dtype` is specified and `y.dtype` is not `self.dtype`.
- **NotImplementedError**: if neither `_forward_log_det_jacobian` nor `{_inverse, _inverse_log_det_jacobian}` are implemented, or this is a non-injective bijector.

## inverse

```
inverse(
    y,
    name='inverse'
)
```

Returns the inverse **Bijector** evaluation, i.e.,  $X = g^{-1}(Y)$ .

Args:

- `y`: **Tensor**. The input to the "inverse" evaluation.
- `name`: The name to give this op.

Returns:

**Tensor**, if this bijector is injective. If not injective, returns the k-tuple containing the unique `k` points `(x1, ..., xk)` such that  $g(x_i) = y$ .

Raises:

- **TypeError**: if `self.dtype` is specified and `y.dtype` is not `self.dtype`.
- **NotImplementedError**: if `_inverse` is not implemented.

## inverse\_event\_shape

```
inverse_event_shape(output_shape)
```

Shape of a single sample from a single batch as a **TensorShape**.

Same meaning as `inverse_event_shape_tensor` . May be only partially defined.

Args:

- `output_shape` : `TensorShape` indicating event-portion shape passed into `inverse` function.

Returns:

- `inverse_event_shape_tensor` : `TensorShape` indicating event-portion shape after applying `inverse` . Possibly unknown.

## `inverse_event_shape_tensor`

```
inverse_event_shape_tensor(  
    output_shape,  
    name='inverse_event_shape_tensor'  
)
```

Shape of a single sample from a single batch as an `int32` 1D `Tensor` .

Args:

- `output_shape` : `Tensor` , `int32` vector indicating event-portion shape passed into `inverse` function.
- `name` : name to give to the op

Returns:

- `inverse_event_shape_tensor` : `Tensor` , `int32` vector indicating event-portion shape after applying `inverse` .

## `inverse_log_det_jacobian`

```
inverse_log_det_jacobian(  
    y,  
    name='inverse_log_det_jacobian'  
)
```

Returns the  $(\log \circ \det \circ \text{Jacobian} \circ \text{inverse})(y)$ .

Mathematically, returns:  $\log(\det(dX/dY))(Y)$  . (Recall that:  $X=g^{-1}(Y)$  .)

Note that `forward_log_det_jacobian` is the negative of this function, evaluated at  $g^{-1}(y)$  .

Args:

- `y` : `Tensor` . The input to the "inverse" Jacobian evaluation.
- `name` : The name to give this op.

Returns:

`Tensor` , if this bijector is injective. If not injective, returns the tuple of local log det Jacobians,  $\log(\det(Dg_i^{-1}(y)))$  , where  $g_i$  is the restriction of  $g$  to the  $i$ th partition  $D_i$  .

## Raises:

- `TypeError` : if `self.dtype` is specified and `y.dtype` is not `self.dtype` .
- `NotImplementedError` : if `_inverse_log_det_jacobian` is not implemented.

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