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Class **Estimator**Inherits From: **BaseEstimator**Defined in `tensorflow/contrib/learn/python/learn/estimators/estimator.py`.See the guide: [Learn \(contrib\) > Estimators](#)

Estimator class is the basic TensorFlow model trainer/evaluator.

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__init__

```
__init__(
    model_fn=None,
    model_dir=None,
    config=None,
    params=None,
    feature_engineering_fn=None
)
```

Constructs an **Estimator** instance.

Args:

- **model_fn**: Model function. Follows the signature:
 - Args:
 - **features**: single **Tensor** or **dict** of **Tensor**s (depending on data passed to **fit**),
 - **labels**: **Tensor** or **dict** of **Tensor**s (for multi-head models). If mode is **ModeKeys.INFER**, **labels=None** will be passed. If the **model_fn**'s signature does not accept **mode**, the **model_fn** must still be able to handle

`labels=None` .

- `mode` : Optional. Specifies if this training, evaluation or prediction. See `ModeKeys` .
- `params` : Optional `dict` of hyperparameters. Will receive what is passed to Estimator in `params` parameter. This allows to configure Estimators from hyper parameter tuning.
- `config` : Optional configuration object. Will receive what is passed to Estimator in `config` parameter, or the default `config` . Allows updating things in your `model_fn` based on configuration such as `num_ps_replicas` .
- `model_dir` : Optional directory where model parameters, graph etc are saved. Will receive what is passed to Estimator in `model_dir` parameter, or the default `model_dir` . Allows updating things in your `model_fn` that expect `model_dir`, such as training hooks.
- Returns: `ModelFnOps`

Also supports a legacy signature which returns tuple of:

- predictions: `Tensor` , `SparseTensor` or dictionary of same. Can also be any type that is convertible to a `Tensor` or `SparseTensor` , or dictionary of same.
- loss: Scalar loss `Tensor` .
- train_op: Training update `Tensor` or `Operation` .

Supports next three signatures for the function:

- `(features, labels) -> (predictions, loss, train_op)`
- `(features, labels, mode) -> (predictions, loss, train_op)`
- `(features, labels, mode, params) -> (predictions, loss, train_op)`
- `(features, labels, mode, params, config) -> (predictions, loss, train_op)`
- `(features, labels, mode, params, config, model_dir) -> (predictions, loss, train_op)`
- `model_dir` : Directory to save model parameters, graph and etc. This can also be used to load checkpoints from the directory into a estimator to continue training a previously saved model.
- `config` : Configuration object.
- `params` : `dict` of hyper parameters that will be passed into `model_fn` . Keys are names of parameters, values are basic python types.
- `feature_engineering_fn` : Feature engineering function. Takes features and labels which are the output of `input_fn` and returns features and labels which will be fed into `model_fn` . Please check `model_fn` for a definition of features and labels.

Raises:

- `ValueError` : parameters of `model_fn` don't match `params` .

evaluate

```
evaluate(  
    x=None,  
    y=None,  
    input_fn=None,  
    feed_fn=None,  
    batch_size=None,  
    steps=None,  
    metrics=None,  
    name=None,  
    checkpoint_path=None,  
    hooks=None,  
    log_progress=True  
)
```

See `Evaluable` . (deprecated arguments)

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Raises:

- `ValueError` : If at least one of `x` or `y` is provided, and at least one of `input_fn` or `feed_fn` is provided. Or if `metrics` is not `None` or `dict` .

export

```
export(
    export_dir,
    input_fn=export._default_input_fn,
    input_feature_key=None,
    use_deprecated_input_fn=True,
    signature_fn=None,
    prediction_key=None,
    default_batch_size=1,
    exports_to_keep=None,
    checkpoint_path=None
)
```

Exports inference graph into given dir. (deprecated)

THIS FUNCTION IS DEPRECATED. It will be removed after 2017-03-25. Instructions for updating: Please use `Estimator.export_savedmodel()` instead.

Args:

- `export_dir` : A string containing a directory to write the exported graph and checkpoints.
- `input_fn` : If `use_deprecated_input_fn` is true, then a function that given `Tensor` of `Example` strings, parses it into features that are then passed to the model. Otherwise, a function that takes no argument and returns a tuple of (features, labels), where features is a dict of string key to `Tensor` and labels is a `Tensor` that's currently not used (and so can be `None`).
- `input_feature_key` : Only used if `use_deprecated_input_fn` is false. String key into the features dict returned by `input_fn` that corresponds to a the raw `Example` strings `Tensor` that the exported model will take as input. Can only be `None` if you're using a custom `signature_fn` that does not use the first arg (examples).
- `use_deprecated_input_fn` : Determines the signature format of `input_fn` .
- `signature_fn` : Function that returns a default signature and a named signature map, given `Tensor` of `Example` strings, `dict` of `Tensor` s for features and `Tensor` or `dict` of `Tensor` s for predictions.
- `prediction_key` : The key for a tensor in the `predictions` dict (output from the `model_fn`) to use as the `predictions` input to the `signature_fn` . Optional. If `None` , predictions will pass to `signature_fn` without filtering.
- `default_batch_size` : Default batch size of the `Example` placeholder.
- `exports_to_keep` : Number of exports to keep.
- `checkpoint_path` : the checkpoint path of the model to be exported. If it is `None` (which is default), will use the latest checkpoint in `export_dir`.

Returns:

The string path to the exported directory. NB: this functionality was added ca. 2016/09/25; clients that depend on the return value may need to handle the case where this function returns None because subclasses are not returning a value.

export_savedmodel

```
export_savedmodel(  
    export_dir_base,  
    serving_input_fn,  
    default_output_alternative_key=None,  
    assets_extra=None,  
    as_text=False,  
    checkpoint_path=None,  
    graph_rewrite_specs=(GraphRewriteSpec((tag_constants.SERVING, ), ()),)  
)
```

Exports inference graph as a SavedModel into given dir.

Args:

- `export_dir_base` : A string containing a directory to write the exported graph and checkpoints.
- `serving_input_fn` : A function that takes no argument and returns an `InputFnOps`.
- `default_output_alternative_key` : the name of the head to serve when none is specified. Not needed for single-headed models.
- `assets_extra` : A dict specifying how to populate the assets.extra directory within the exported SavedModel. Each key should give the destination path (including the filename) relative to the assets.extra directory. The corresponding value gives the full path of the source file to be copied. For example, the simple case of copying a single file without renaming it is specified as `{'my_asset_file.txt': '/path/to/my_asset_file.txt'}`.
- `as_text` : whether to write the SavedModel proto in text format.
- `checkpoint_path` : The checkpoint path to export. If None (the default), the most recent checkpoint found within the model directory is chosen.
- `graph_rewrite_specs` : an iterable of `GraphRewriteSpec`. Each element will produce a separate MetaGraphDef within the exported SavedModel, tagged and rewritten as specified. Defaults to a single entry using the default serving tag ("serve") and no rewriting.

Returns:

The string path to the exported directory.

Raises:

- `ValueError` : if an unrecognized export_type is requested.

fit

```
fit(
    x=None,
    y=None,
    input_fn=None,
    steps=None,
    batch_size=None,
    monitors=None,
    max_steps=None
)
```

See **Trainable** . (deprecated arguments)

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Raises:

- **ValueError** : If **x** or **y** are not **None** while **input_fn** is not **None** .
- **ValueError** : If both **steps** and **max_steps** are not **None** .

get_params

```
get_params(deep=True)
```

Get parameters for this estimator.

Args:

- **deep** : boolean, optional
If **True** , will return the parameters for this estimator and contained subobjects that are estimators.

Returns:

- **params** : mapping of string to any Parameter names mapped to their values.

get_variable_names

```
get_variable_names()
```

Returns list of all variable names in this model.

Returns:

List of names.

get_variable_value

```
get_variable_value(name)
```

Returns value of the variable given by name.

Args:

- `name` : string, name of the tensor.

Returns:

Numpy array - value of the tensor.

partial_fit

```
partial_fit(  
    x=None,  
    y=None,  
    input_fn=None,  
    steps=1,  
    batch_size=None,  
    monitors=None  
)
```

Incremental fit on a batch of samples. (deprecated arguments)

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This method is expected to be called several times consecutively on different or the same chunks of the dataset. This either can implement iterative training or out-of-core/online training.

This is especially useful when the whole dataset is too big to fit in memory at the same time. Or when model is taking long time to converge, and you want to split up training into subparts.

Args:

- `x` : Matrix of shape [n_samples, n_features...]. Can be iterator that returns arrays of features. The training input samples for fitting the model. If set, `input_fn` must be `None`.
- `y` : Vector or matrix [n_samples] or [n_samples, n_outputs]. Can be iterator that returns array of labels. The training label values (class labels in classification, real numbers in regression). If set, `input_fn` must be `None`.
- `input_fn` : Input function. If set, `x`, `y`, and `batch_size` must be `None`.
- `steps` : Number of steps for which to train model. If `None`, train forever.
- `batch_size` : minibatch size to use on the input, defaults to first dimension of `x`. Must be `None` if `input_fn` is provided.
- `monitors` : List of `BaseMonitor` subclass instances. Used for callbacks inside the training loop.

Returns:

`self`, for chaining.

Raises:

- `ValueError` : If at least one of `x` and `y` is provided, and `input_fn` is provided.

predict

```
predict(  
    x=None,  
    input_fn=None,  
    batch_size=None,  
    outputs=None,  
    as_iterable=True  
)
```

Returns predictions for given features. (deprecated arguments)

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Args:

- **x**: Matrix of shape [n_samples, n_features...]. Can be iterator that returns arrays of features. The training input samples for fitting the model. If set, **input_fn** must be **None**.
- **input_fn**: Input function. If set, **x** and 'batch_size' must be **None**.
- **batch_size**: Override default batch size. If set, 'input_fn' must be 'None'.
- **outputs**: list of **str**, name of the output to predict. If **None**, returns all.
- **as_iterable**: If True, return an iterable which keeps yielding predictions for each example until inputs are exhausted. Note: The inputs must terminate if you want the iterable to terminate (e.g. be sure to pass num_epochs=1 if you are using something like read_batch_features).

Returns:

A numpy array of predicted classes or regression values if the constructor's **model_fn** returns a **Tensor** for **predictions** or a **dict** of numpy arrays if **model_fn** returns a **dict**. Returns an iterable of predictions if as_iterable is True.

Raises:

- **ValueError**: If x and input_fn are both provided or both **None**.

set_params

```
set_params(**params)
```

Set the parameters of this estimator.

The method works on simple estimators as well as on nested objects (such as pipelines). The former have parameters of the form **<component>__<parameter>** so that it's possible to update each component of a nested object.

Args:

- ****params**: Parameters.

Returns:

self

Raises:

- `ValueError` : If params contain invalid names.

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