

## tf.contrib.bayesflow.csiszar\_divergence.kl\_forward

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kl_forward(
    logu,
    self_normalized=False,
    name=None
)
```

Defined in [tensorflow/contrib/bayesflow/python/ops/csiszar\\_divergence\\_impl.py](#).

The forward Kullback-Leibler Csiszar-function in log-space.

A Csiszar-function is a member of,

$$F = \{ f: \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R} : f \text{ convex} \}.$$

When `self_normalized = True`, the KL-forward Csiszar-function is:


$$f(u) = u \log(u) - (u - 1)$$

When `self_normalized = False` the  $(u - 1)$  term is omitted.

Observe that as an f-Divergence, this Csiszar-function implies:

$$D_f[p, q] = KL[p, q]$$

The KL is "forward" because in maximum likelihood we think of minimizing  $q$  as in  $KL[p, q]$ .

 **Warning:** this function makes non-log-space calculations and may therefore be numerically unstable for  $|\log u| \gg 0$ .

## Args:

- `logu`: `float`-like `Tensor` representing  $\log(u)$  from above.
- `self_normalized`: Python `bool` indicating whether  $f'(u=1)=0$ . When  $f'(u=1)=0$  the implied Csiszar f-Divergence remains non-negative even when  $p, q$  are unnormalized measures.
- `name`: Python `str` name prefixed to Ops created by this function.

## Returns:

- `kl_forward_of_u`: `float`-like `Tensor` of the Csiszar-function evaluated at  $u = \exp(\log u)$ .

## Raises:

- `TypeError`: if `self_normalized` is `None` or a `Tensor`.

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