

## tf.einsum

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- `tf.einsum`
- `tf.linalg.einsum`

```
einsum(  
    equation,  
    *inputs,  
    **kwargs  
)
```

Defined in [tensorflow/python/ops/special\\_math\\_ops.py](#).

See the guide: [Math > Reduction](#)

A generalized contraction between tensors of arbitrary dimension.

This function returns a tensor whose elements are defined by **equation**, which is written in a shorthand form inspired by the Einstein summation convention. As an example, consider multiplying two matrices A and B to form a matrix C. The elements of C are given by:

$$C[i,k] = \sum_j A[i,j] * B[j,k]$$

The corresponding **equation** is:

$$ij, jk \rightarrow ik$$

In general, the **equation** is obtained from the more familiar element-wise equation by 1. removing variable names, brackets, and commas, 2. replacing "\*" with ",", 3. dropping summation signs, and 4. moving the output to the right, and replacing "=" with "->".

Many common operations can be expressed in this way. For example:

```
# Matrix multiplication  
>>> einsum('ij,jk->ik', m0, m1) # output[i,k] = sum_j m0[i,j] * m1[j, k]  
  
# Dot product  
>>> einsum('i,i->', u, v) # output = sum_i u[i]*v[i]  
  
# Outer product  
>>> einsum('i,j->ij', u, v) # output[i,j] = u[i]*v[j]  
  
# Transpose  
>>> einsum('ij->ji', m) # output[j,i] = m[i,j]  
  
# Batch matrix multiplication  
>>> einsum('aij,ajk->aik', s, t) # out[a,i,k] = sum_j s[a,i,j] * t[a, j, k]
```

This function behaves like `numpy.einsum`, but does not support:

- Ellipses (subscripts like `ij...,jk...->ik...`)
- Subscripts where an axis appears more than once for a single input (e.g. `ijj,k->ik`).
- Subscripts that are summed across multiple inputs (e.g., `ij,ij,jk->ik`).

Args:

- `equation`: a `str` describing the contraction, in the same format as `numpy.einsum`.
- `*inputs`: the inputs to contract (each one a `Tensor`), whose shapes should be consistent with `equation`.
- `name`: A name for the operation (optional).

Returns:

The contracted `Tensor`, with shape determined by `equation`.

Raises:

- `ValueError`: If
  - the format of `equation` is incorrect,
  - the number of inputs implied by `equation` does not match `len(inputs)`,
  - an axis appears in the output subscripts but not in any of the inputs,
  - the number of dimensions of an input differs from the number of indices in its subscript, or
  - the input shapes are inconsistent along a particular axis.

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