

tf.contrib.rnn.RNNCell

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Defined in [tensorflow/python/ops/rnn_cell_impl.py](#).See the guides: [RNN and Cells \(contrib\)](#) > [Base interface for all RNN Cells](#), [Seq2seq Library \(contrib\)](#)

Abstract object representing an RNN cell.

Every `RNNCell` must have the properties below and implement `call` with the signature `(output, next_state) = call(input, state)`. The optional third input argument, `scope`, is allowed for backwards compatibility purposes; but should be left off for new subclasses.

This definition of cell differs from the definition used in the literature. In the literature, 'cell' refers to an object with a single scalar output. This definition refers to a horizontal array of such units.

An RNN cell, in the most abstract setting, is anything that has a state and performs some operation that takes a matrix of inputs. This operation results in an output matrix with `self.output_size` columns. If `self.state_size` is an integer, this operation also results in a new state matrix with `self.state_size` columns. If `self.state_size` is a (possibly nested tuple of) `TensorShape` object(s), then it should return a matching structure of Tensors having shape `[batch_size].concatenate(s)` for each `s` in `self.batch_size`.

Properties

activity_regularizer

Optional regularizer function for the output of this layer.

dtype**graph**

input

Retrieves the input tensor(s) of a layer.

Only applicable if the layer has exactly one input, i.e. if it is connected to one incoming layer.

Returns:

Input tensor or list of input tensors.

Raises:

- `AttributeError` : if the layer is connected to more than one incoming layers.

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- `RuntimeError` : If called in Eager mode.
- `AttributeError` : If no inbound nodes are found.

input_shape

Retrieves the input shape(s) of a layer.

Only applicable if the layer has exactly one input, i.e. if it is connected to one incoming layer, or if all inputs have the same shape.

Returns:

Input shape, as an integer shape tuple (or list of shape tuples, one tuple per input tensor).

Raises:

- `AttributeError` : if the layer has no defined input_shape.
- `RuntimeError` : if called in Eager mode.

losses

name

non_trainable_variables

non_trainable_weights

output

Retrieves the output tensor(s) of a layer.

Only applicable if the layer has exactly one output, i.e. if it is connected to one incoming layer.

Returns:

Output tensor or list of output tensors.

Raises:

- `AttributeError` : if the layer is connected to more than one incoming layers.
- `RuntimeError` : if called in Eager mode.

output_shape

Retrieves the output shape(s) of a layer.

Only applicable if the layer has one output, or if all outputs have the same shape.

Returns:

Output shape, as an integer shape tuple (or list of shape tuples, one tuple per output tensor).

Raises:

- `AttributeError` : if the layer has no defined output shape.
- `RuntimeError` : if called in Eager mode.

output_size

Integer or `TensorShape`: size of outputs produced by this cell.

scope_name

state_size

size(s) of state(s) used by this cell.

It can be represented by an Integer, a `TensorShape` or a tuple of Integers or `TensorShapes`.

trainable_variables

trainable_weights

updates

variables

Returns the list of all layer variables/weights.

Returns:

A list of variables.

weights

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A list of variables.

Methods

`__init__`

```
__init__(
    trainable=True,
    name=None,
    dtype=None,
    activity_regularizer=None,
    **kwargs
)
```

`__call__`

```
__call__(
    inputs,
    state,
    scope=None
)
```

Run this RNN cell on inputs, starting from the given state.

Args:

- `inputs`: **2-D** tensor with shape `[batch_size x input_size]`.
- `state`: if `self.state_size` is an integer, this should be a **2-D Tensor** with shape `[batch_size x self.state_size]`. Otherwise, if `self.state_size` is a tuple of integers, this should be a tuple with shapes `[batch_size x s] for s in self.state_size`.
- `scope`: `VariableScope` for the created subgraph; defaults to class name.

Returns:

A pair containing:

- Output: A **2-D** tensor with shape `[batch_size x self.output_size]`.
- New state: Either a single **2-D** tensor, or a tuple of tensors matching the arity and shapes of `state`.

`__deepcopy__`

```
__deepcopy__(memo)
```

`add_loss`

```
add_loss(
    losses,
    inputs=None
)
```

Add loss tensor(s), potentially dependent on layer inputs.

Some losses (for instance, activity regularization losses) may be dependent on the inputs passed when calling a layer. Hence, when reusing a same layer on different inputs **a** and **b**, some entries in **layer.losses** may be dependent on **a** and some on **b**. This method automatically keeps track of dependencies.

The **get_losses_for** method allows to retrieve the losses relevant to a specific set of inputs.

Arguments:

- **losses** : Loss tensor, or list/tuple of tensors.
- **inputs** : Optional input tensor(s) that the loss(es) depend on. Must match the **inputs** argument passed to the **__call__** method at the time the losses are created. If **None** is passed, the losses are assumed to be unconditional, and will apply across all dataflows of the layer (e.g. weight regularization losses).

Raises:

- **RuntimeError** : If called in Eager mode.

add_update

```
add_update(  
    updates,  
    inputs=None  
)
```

Add update op(s), potentially dependent on layer inputs.

Weight updates (for instance, the updates of the moving mean and variance in a BatchNormalization layer) may be dependent on the inputs passed when calling a layer. Hence, when reusing a same layer on different inputs **a** and **b**, some entries in **layer.updates** may be dependent on **a** and some on **b**. This method automatically keeps track of dependencies.

The **get_updates_for** method allows to retrieve the updates relevant to a specific set of inputs.

This call is ignored in Eager mode.

Arguments:

- **updates** : Update op, or list/tuple of update ops.
- **inputs** : Optional input tensor(s) that the update(s) depend on. Must match the **inputs** argument passed to the **__call__** method at the time the updates are created. If **None** is passed, the updates are assumed to be unconditional, and will apply across all dataflows of the layer.

add_variable

```
add_variable(  
    name,  
    shape,  
    dtype=None,  
    initializer=None,  
    regularizer=None,  
    trainable=True,  
    constraint=None  
)
```

Adds a new variable to the layer, or gets an existing one; returns it.

Arguments:

- `name` : variable name.
- `shape` : variable shape.
- `dtype` : The type of the variable. Defaults to `self.dtype` or `float32`.
- `initializer` : initializer instance (callable).
- `regularizer` : regularizer instance (callable).
- `trainable` : whether the variable should be part of the layer's "trainable_variables" (e.g. variables, biases) or "non_trainable_variables" (e.g. BatchNorm mean, stddev).
- `constraint` : constraint instance (callable).

Returns:

The created variable.

Raises:

- `RuntimeError` : If called in Eager mode with regularizers.

apply

```
apply(  
    inputs,  
    *args,  
    **kwargs  
)
```

Apply the layer on a input.

This simply wraps `self.__call__`.

Arguments:

- `inputs` : Input tensor(s).
- `*args` : additional positional arguments to be passed to `self.call`.
- `**kwargs` : additional keyword arguments to be passed to `self.call`.

Returns:

Output tensor(s).

build

```
build(_)
```

call

```
call(  
    inputs,  
    **kwargs  
)
```

The logic of the layer lives here.

Arguments:

- `inputs`: input tensor(s).
- `**kwargs`: additional keyword arguments.

Returns:

Output tensor(s).

count_params

```
count_params()
```

Count the total number of scalars composing the weights.

Returns:

An integer count.

Raises:

- `ValueError`: if the layer isn't yet built (in which case its weights aren't yet defined).

get_input_at

```
get_input_at(node_index)
```

Retrieves the input tensor(s) of a layer at a given node.

Arguments:

- `node_index`: Integer, index of the node from which to retrieve the attribute. E.g. `node_index=0` will correspond to the first time the layer was called.

Returns:

A tensor (or list of tensors if the layer has multiple inputs).

Raises:

- `RuntimeError`: If called in Eager mode.

get_input_shape_at

```
get_input_shape_at(node_index)
```

Retrieves the input shape(s) of a layer at a given node.

Arguments:

- `node_index` : Integer, index of the node from which to retrieve the attribute. E.g. `node_index=0` will correspond to the first time the layer was called.

Returns:

A shape tuple (or list of shape tuples if the layer has multiple inputs).

Raises:

- `RuntimeError` : If called in Eager mode.

get_losses_for

```
get_losses_for(inputs)
```

Retrieves losses relevant to a specific set of inputs.

Arguments:

- `inputs` : Input tensor or list/tuple of input tensors. Must match the `inputs` argument passed to the `__call__` method at the time the losses were created. If you pass `inputs=None`, unconditional losses are returned, such as weight regularization losses.

Returns:

List of loss tensors of the layer that depend on `inputs`.

Raises:

- `RuntimeError` : If called in Eager mode.

get_output_at

```
get_output_at(node_index)
```

Retrieves the output tensor(s) of a layer at a given node.

Arguments:

- `node_index` : Integer, index of the node from which to retrieve the attribute. E.g. `node_index=0` will correspond to the first time the layer was called.

Returns:

A tensor (or list of tensors if the layer has multiple outputs).

Raises:

- `RuntimeError` : If called in Eager mode.

get_output_shape_at

```
get_output_shape_at(node_index)
```

Retrieves the output shape(s) of a layer at a given node.

Arguments:

- `node_index` : Integer, index of the node from which to retrieve the attribute. E.g. `node_index=0` will correspond to the first time the layer was called.

Returns:

A shape tuple (or list of shape tuples if the layer has multiple outputs).

Raises:

- `RuntimeError` : If called in Eager mode.

get_updates_for

```
get_updates_for(inputs)
```

Retrieves updates relevant to a specific set of inputs.

Arguments:

- `inputs` : Input tensor or list/tuple of input tensors. Must match the `inputs` argument passed to the `__call__` method at the time the updates were created. If you pass `inputs=None`, unconditional updates are returned.

Returns:

List of update ops of the layer that depend on `inputs`.

Raises:

- `RuntimeError` : If called in Eager mode.

zero_state

```
zero_state(  
    batch_size,  
    dtype  
)
```

Return zero-filled state tensor(s).

Args:

- `batch_size` : int, float, or unit Tensor representing the batch size.
- `dtype` : the data type to use for the state.

Returns:

If `state_size` is an int or TensorShape, then the return value is a **N-D** tensor of shape `[batch_size x state_size]` filled with zeros.

If `state_size` is a nested list or tuple, then the return value is a nested list or tuple (of the same structure) of **2-D** tensors with the shapes `[batch_size x s]` for each s in `state_size` .

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