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# Class SparseFeatureColumn

Defined in tensorflow/contrib/linear\_optimizer/python/ops/sparse\_feature\_column.py.

Represents a sparse feature column.

Contains three tensors representing a sparse feature column, they are example indices ( int64 ), feature indices ( int64 ), and feature values ( float ). Feature weights are optional, and are treated as 1.0f if missing.

For example, consider a batch of 4 examples, which contains the following features in a particular SparseFeatureColumn:

- Example 0: feature 5, value 1
- Example 1: feature 6, value 1 and feature 10, value 0.5
- Example 2: no features
- Example 3: two copies of feature 2, value 1

This SparseFeatureColumn will be represented as follows:

```
<0, 5, 1>
<1, 6, 1>
<1, 10, 0.5>
<3, 2, 1>
<3, 2, 1>
```

For a batch of 2 examples below:

- Example 0: feature 5
- Example 1: feature 6

is represented by SparseFeatureColumn as:

```
<0, 5, 1>
<1, 6, 1>
```

# **Properties**

The example indices represented as a dense tensor.

Returns:

A 1-D Tensor of int64 with shape [N].

### feature\_indices

The feature indices represented as a dense tensor.

Returns:

A 1-D Tensor of int64 with shape [N].

### feature\_values

The feature values represented as a dense tensor.

Returns:

May return None, or a 1-D Tensor of float32 with shape [N].

# Methods

#### \_\_init\_\_

```
__init__(
    example_indices,
    feature_indices,
    feature_values
)
```

Creates a SparseFeatureColumn representation.

## Args:

- example\_indices: A 1-D int64 tensor of shape [N]. Also, accepts python lists, or numpy arrays.
- feature\_indices: A 1-D int64 tensor of shape [N]. Also, accepts python lists, or numpy arrays.
- feature\_values: An optional 1-D tensor float tensor of shape [N]. Also, accepts python lists, or numpy arrays.

### Returns:

# A SparseFeatureColumn

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