Package ‘tensorflow’

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Description Interface to 'TensorFlow' <https://www.tensorflow.org/>, an open source software library for numerical computation using data flow graphs. Nodes in the graph represent mathematical operations, while the graph edges represent the multidimensional data arrays (tensors) communicated between them. The flexible architecture allows you to deploy computation to one or more 'CPUs' or 'GPUs' in a desktop, server, or mobile device with a single 'API'. 'TensorFlow' was originally developed by researchers and engineers working on the Google Brain Team within Google's Machine Intelligence research organization for the purposes of conducting machine learning and deep neural networks research, but the system is general enough to be applicable in a wide variety of other domains as well.

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Config/reticulate list( packages = list( list(package = "tensorflow", pip = TRUE) ) )

NeedsCompilation no
This function returns an object that can be used when subsetting tensors with [. If you are familiar with python, this is equivalent to the python Ellipsis ..., (not to be confused with ... in R).
evaluate

Usage

    all_dims()

Examples

    ## Not run:
    # in python, if x is a numpy array or tensorflow tensor
    x[..., i]
    # the ellipsis means "expand to match number of dimension of x".
    # to translate the above python expression to R, write:
    x[all_dims(), i]
    ## End(Not run)

**evaluate**  
*Evaluate a Model*

Description

Evaluate a model object. See implementations in the keras and tfestimators packages.

Usage

    evaluate(object, ...)

Arguments

*object*  
An evaluatable R object.

...  
Optional arguments passed on to implementing methods.

Implementations

* keras
* tfestimators
install_tensorflow

**Description**

Install TensorFlow and its dependencies

**Usage**

```r
install_tensorflow(
    method = c("auto", "virtualenv", "conda"),
    conda = "auto",
    version = "default",
    envname = NULL,
    extra_packages = NULL,
    restart_session = TRUE,
    conda_python_version = "3.6",
    ...
)
```
install_tensorflow_extras

Install additional Python packages alongside TensorFlow

Description

This function is deprecated. Use the extra_packages argument to install_tensorflow() to install additional packages.

Usage

install_tensorflow_extras(packages, conda = "auto")

Arguments

- **packages**: Python packages to install
- **conda**: Path to conda executable (or "auto" to find conda using the PATH and other conventional install locations). Only used when TensorFlow is installed within a conda environment.
parse_arguments  Parse Command Line Arguments

**Description**

Parse command line arguments of the form `--key=value` and `--key value`. The values are assumed to be valid YAML and will be converted using `yaml.load()`.

**Usage**

```r
parse_arguments(arguments = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

- `arguments` A vector of command line arguments. When `NULL` (the default), the command line arguments received by the current R process are used.

parse_flags  Parse Configuration Flags for a TensorFlow Application

**Description**

Parse configuration flags for a TensorFlow application. Use this to parse and unify the configuration(s) specified through a `flags.yml` configuration file, alongside other arguments set through the command line.

**Usage**

```r
parse_flags(
  config = Sys.getenv("R_CONFIG_ACTIVE", unset = "default"),
  file = "flags.yml",
  arguments = commandArgs(TRUE)
)
```

**Arguments**

- `config` The configuration to use. Defaults to the active configuration for the current environment (as specified by the `R_CONFIG_ACTIVE` environment variable), or default when unset.
- `file` The configuration file to read.
- `arguments` The command line arguments (as a character vector) to be parsed.

**Value**

A named R list, mapping configuration keys to values.
shape

Examples

```r
## Not run:
# examine an example configuration file provided by tensorflow
file <- system.file("examples/config/flags.yml", package = "tensorflow")
cat(readLines(file), sep = "\n")

# read the default configuration
FLAGS <- tensorflow::parse_flags("default", file = file)
str(FLAGS)

# read the alternate configuration: note that
# the default configuration is inherited, but
# we override the 'string' configuration here
FLAGS <- tensorflow::parse_flags("alternate", file = file)
str(FLAGS)

# override configuration values using command
# line arguments (normally, these would be
# passed in through the command line invocation
# used to start the process)
FLAGS <- tensorflow::parse_flags(
  "alternate",
  file = file,
  arguments = c("--foo=1")
)
str(FLAGS)

## End(Not run)
```

shape  Tensor shape

Description

Tensor shape

Usage

`shape(...)`

Arguments

...  Tensor dimensions
TensorBoard Visualization Tool

Description

TensorBoard is a tool inspecting and understanding your TensorFlow runs and graphs.

Usage

tensorboard(
  log_dir,
  action = c("start", "stop"),
  host = "127.0.0.1",
  port = "auto",
  launch_browser = getOption("tensorflow.tensorboard.browser", interactive()),
  reload_interval = 5,
  purge_orphaned_data = TRUE
)

Arguments

log_dir
Directories to scan for training logs. If this is a named character vector then the specified names will be used as aliases within TensorBoard.

action
Specify whether to start or stop TensorBoard (TensorBoard will be stopped automatically when the R session from which it is launched is terminated).

host
Host for serving TensorBoard

port
Port for serving TensorBoard. If "auto" is specified (the default) then an unused port will be chosen automatically.

launch_browser
Open a web browser for TensorBoard after launching. Defaults to TRUE in interactive sessions. When running under RStudio uses an RStudio window by default (pass a function e.g. utils::browseURL() to open in an external browser). Use the tensorflow.tensorboard.browser option to establish a global default behavior.

reload_interval
How often the backend should load more data.

purge_orphaned_data
Whether to purge data that may have been orphaned due to TensorBoard restarts. Disabling purge_orphaned_data can be used to debug data disappearance.

Details

When TensorBoard is passed a logdir at startup, it recursively walks the directory tree rooted at logdir looking for subdirectories that contain tfevents data. Every time it encounters such a subdirectory, it loads it as a new run, and the frontend will organize the data accordingly.

The TensorBoard process will be automatically destroyed when the R session in which it is launched exits. You can pass action = "stop" to manually terminate TensorBoard.
Value

URL for browsing TensorBoard (invisibly).

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tensorflow | TensorFlow for R

Description

TensorFlow is an open source software library for numerical computation using data flow graphs. Nodes in the graph represent mathematical operations, while the graph edges represent the multidimensional data arrays (tensors) communicated between them. The flexible architecture allows you to deploy computation to one or more CPUs or GPUs in a desktop, server, or mobile device with a single API.

Details

The TensorFlow API is composed of a set of Python modules that enable constructing and executing TensorFlow graphs. The tensorflow package provides access to the complete TensorFlow API from within R.

For additional documentation on the tensorflow package see https://tensorflow.rstudio.com

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tf | Main TensorFlow module

Description

Interface to main TensorFlow module. Provides access to top level classes and functions as well as sub-modules (e.g. tf$nn, tf$contrib$learn, etc.).

Usage

tf

Format

TensorFlow module
Examples

```r
## Not run:
library(tensorflow)

hello <- tf$constant('Hello, TensorFlow!')
zeros <- tf$Variable(tf$zeros(shape(1L)))

tf$print(hello)
tf$print(zeros)
## End(Not run)
```

tfe_enable_eager_execution

*Enables, for the rest of the lifetime of this program, eager execution.*

Description

If not called immediately on startup risks creating breakage and bugs.

Usage

```r
tfe_enable_eager_execution(
  config = NULL,
  device_policy = c("explicit", "warn", "silent")
)
```

Arguments

- **config** *(Optional)* A `tf$ConfigProto()` protocol buffer with configuration options for the Context. Note that a lot of these options may be currently unimplemented or irrelevant when eager execution is enabled.
- **device_policy** *(Optional)* What policy to use when trying to run an operation on a device with inputs which are not on that device. Valid values: "explicit": raises an error if the placement is not correct. "warn": copies the tensors which are not on the right device but raises a warning. "silent": silently copies the tensors. This might hide performance problems.

Details

After eager execution is enabled, operations are executed as they are defined and tensors hold concrete values, and can be accessed as R matrices or arrays with `as.matrix()`, `as.array()`, `as.double()`, etc.
Examples

```r
## Not run:

# load tensorflow and enable eager execution
tf_require(tensorflow)
tfe_enable_eager_execution()

# create a random 10x10 matrix
x <- tf$random$normal(shape(10, 10))

# use it in R via as.matrix()
heatmap(as.matrix(x))

## End(Not run)
```

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tf_extract_opts Tensor extract options

Description

Tensor extract options

Usage

```r
tf_extract_opts(
  style = getOption("tensorflow.extract.style"),
  ...,  
  one_based = getOption("tensorflow.extract.one_based", TRUE),
  inclusive_stop = getOption("tensorflow.extract.inclusive_stop", TRUE),
  disallow_out_of_bounds = getOption("tensorflow.extract.disallow_out_of_bounds", TRUE),
  warn_tensors_passed_asis = getOption("tensorflow.extract.warn_tensors_passed_asis", TRUE),
  warn_negatives_pythonic = getOption("tensorflow.extract.warn_negatives_pythonic", TRUE)
)
```

Arguments

- **style**
  - one of NULL (the default) "R" or "python". If supplied, this overrides all other options. "python" is equivalent to all the other arguments being FALSE. "R" is equivalent to `warn_tensors_passed_asis` and `warn_negatives_pythonic` set to FALSE

- **...**
  - ignored

- **one_based**
  - TRUE or FALSE, if one-based indexing should be used

- **inclusive_stop**
  - TRUE or FALSE, if slices like `start:stop` should be inclusive of stop
disallow_out_of_bounds
TRUE or FALSE, whether checks are performed on the slicing index to ensure it is within bounds.

warn_tensors_passed_as_is
TRUE or FALSE, whether to emit a warning the first time a tensor is supplied to [ that tensors are passed as-is, with no R to python translation

warn_negatives_pythonic
TRUE or FALSE, whether to emit a warning the first time a negative number is supplied to [ about the non-standard (python-style) interpretation

Value
an object with class "tf_extract_opts", suitable for passing to [.tensorflow.tensor()]

Examples

```r
## Not run:
x <- tf$constant(1:10)

opts <- tf_extract_opts("R")
x[1, options = opts]

# or for more fine-grained control
opts <- tf_extract_opts(
  one_based = FALSE,
  warn_tensors_passed_as_is = FALSE,
  warn_negatives_pythonic = FALSE
)
x[0:2, options = opts]

## End(Not run)
```

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**tf_function**

*Creates a callable TensorFlow graph from an R function.*

**Description**

tf_function constructs a callable that executes a TensorFlow graph created by tracing the TensorFlow operations in f. This allows the TensorFlow runtime to apply optimizations and exploit parallelism in the computation defined by f.

**Usage**

tf_function(
  f,
  input_signature = NULL,
  autograph = FALSE,
  experimental_autograph_options = NULL
)
tf_probability

Arguments

f  the function to be compiled

input_signature  A possibly nested sequence of tf$TensorSpec objects specifying the shapes and dtypes of the tensors that will be supplied to this function. If NULL, a separate function is instantiated for each inferred input signature. If input_signature is specified, every input to f must be a tensor.

autograph  Whether autograph should be applied on f before tracing a graph. This allows for dynamic control flow (if’s, loops etc.) in the traced graph. See https://www.tensorflow.org/guide/autograph for more information. Note: We set the default to FALSE until this functionality is available from R.

experimental_autograph_options  Experimental knobs (in the form of a tuple of tf$autograph$Feature values) to control behavior when autograph = TRUE.

Description

TensorFlow Probability Module

Usage

tf_probability()

Value

Reference to TensorFlow Probability functions and classes

Examples

## Not run:
library(tensorflow)
tfp <- tf_probability()
tfp$distributions$Normal(loc=0, scale=1)

## End(Not run)
train

Train a Model

Description
Train a model object. See implementation in the tfestimators package.

Usage
train(object, ...)

Arguments
- object: A trainable R object.
- ...: Optional arguments passed on to implementing methods.

Implementations
- tfestimators

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train_and_evaluate

Simultaneously Train and Evaluate a Model

Description
Train and evaluate a model object. See implementation in the tfestimators package.

Usage
train_and_evaluate(object, ...)

Arguments
- object: An R object.
- ...: Optional arguments passed on to implementing methods.

Implementations
- tfestimators
use_compat  

**Use Compatibility**

**Description**
Enables TensorFlow to run under a different API version for compatibility with previous versions. For instance, this is useful to run TensorFlow 1.x code when using TensorFlow 2.x.

**Usage**
```
use_compat(version = c("v1", "v2"))
```

**Arguments**
- `version` The version to activate. Must be "v1" or "v2"

**Examples**
```r
## Not run:
library(tensorflow)
use_compat("v1")
## End(Not run)
```

use_session_with_seed  

**Use a session with a random seed**

**Description**
Set various random seeds required to ensure reproducible results. The provided seed value will establish a new random seed for R, Python, NumPy, and TensorFlow. GPU computations and CPU parallelism will also be disabled by default.

**Usage**
```
use_session_with_seed(
  seed,
  disable_gpu = TRUE,
  disable_parallel_cpu = TRUE,
  quiet = FALSE
)
```
Arguments

- **seed**: A single value, interpreted as an integer
- **disable_gpu**: TRUE to disable GPU execution (see Parallelism below).
- **disable_parallel_cpu**: TRUE to disable CPU parallelism (see Parallelism below).
- **quiet**: TRUE to suppress printing of messages.

Details

This function must be called at the very top of your script (i.e. immediately after `library(tensorflow)`, `library(keras)`, etc.). Any existing TensorFlow session is torn down via `tf$reset_default_graph()`. This function takes all measures known to promote reproducible results from TensorFlow sessions, however it's possible that various individual TensorFlow features or dependent libraries escape its effects. If you encounter non-reproducible results please investigate the possible sources of the problem, contributions via pull request are very welcome!

Packages which need to be notified before and after the seed is set can register for the "tensorflow.on_before_use_session" and "tensorflow.on_use_session" hooks (see `setHook()`) for additional details on hooks.

Value

TensorFlow session object, invisibly

Parallelism

By default the `use_session_with_seed()` function disables GPU and CPU parallelism, since both can result in non-deterministic execution patterns (see https://stackoverflow.com/questions/42022950/). You can optionally enable GPU or CPU parallelism by setting the disable_gpu and/or disable_parallel_cpu parameters to FALSE.

Examples

```r
## Not run:
library(tensorflow)
use_session_with_seed(42)

## End(Not run)
```

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**view_savedmodel**  
View a Saved Model

Description

View a serialized model from disk.
Usage

view_savedmodel(model_dir)

Arguments

model_dir The path to the exported model, as a string.

Value

URL for browsing TensorBoard (invisibly).

Description

Subset tensors with [

Usage

## S3 method for class 'tensorflow.tensor'

x[

  ...,  
  drop = TRUE,
  style =getOption("tensorflow.extract.style"),
  options = tf_extract_opts(style)
]

Arguments

x Tensorflow tensor

... slicing specs. See examples and details.

drop whether to drop scalar dimensions

style One of "python" or "R".

options An object returned by tf_extract_opts()

Examples

## Not run:
sess <- tf$Session()

x <- tf$constant(1:15, shape = c(3, 5))
sess$run(x)
# by default, numerics supplied to '...' are interpreted R style
sessed$run( x[,1] ) # first column
sessed$run( x[1:2,] ) # first two rows
sess$run( x[,1, drop = FALSE] )

# strided steps can be specified in R syntax or python syntax
sess$run( x[, seq(1, 5, by = 2)] )
sess$run( x[, 1:5:2] )
# if you are unfamiliar with python-style strided steps, see:
# https://docs.scipy.org/doc/numpy-1.13.0/reference/arrays.indexing.html#basic-slicing-and-indexing

# missing arguments for python syntax are valid, but they must by backticked
# or supplied as NULL
sess$run( x[, `::2`] )
sess$run( x[, NULL:NULL:2] )
sess$run( x[, `2::`] )

# Another python feature that is available is a python style ellipsis `...`
# (not to be confused with R dots `...`)
# a all_dims() expands to the shape of the tensor
y <- tf$constant(1:(3^5), shape = c(3,3,3,3,3))
identical(
  sess$run( y[all_dims()], 1 ),
  sess$run( y[,,1] )
)

# tf$newaxis are valid
sess$run( x[, tf$newaxis] )

# negative numbers are always interpreted python style
# The first time a negative number is supplied to `\[`, a warning is issued
# about the non-standard behavior.
sess$run( x[-1,] ) # last row, with a warning
sess$run( x[-1,] ) # the warning is only issued once

# specifying `style = 'python'` changes the following:
# + zero-based indexing is used
# + slice sequences in the form of `start:stop` do not include `stop`
# in the returned value
# + out-of-bounds indices in a slice are valid

# The style argument can be supplied to individual calls of `\[` or set
# as a global option

# example of zero based indexing
sess$run( x[0, , style = 'python'] ) # first row
sess$run( x[1, , style = 'python'] ) # second row

# example of slices with exclusive stop
options(tensorflow.extract.style = 'python')
sess$run( x[, 0:1] ) # just the first column
sess$run( x[, 0:2] ) # first and second column

# example of out-of-bounds index
sess$run( x[, 0:10] )
options(tensorflow.extract.style = NULL)
# slicing with tensors is valid too, but note, tensors are never
# translated and are always interpreted python-style.
# A warning is issued the first time a tensor is passed to `\`
# sess$run( x[, tf$constant(0L):tf$constant(2L)] )
# just as in python, only scalar tensors are valid
# https://www.tensorflow.org/api_docs/python/tf/Tensor#__getitem__

# To silence the warnings about tensors being passed as-is and negative numbers
# being interpreted python-style, set
options(tensorflow.extract.style = 'R')

# clean up from examples
options(tensorflow.extract.style = NULL)

## End(Not run)
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