



# TensorLayer 2.0

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# History of Deep Learning Tools

- Automatic Differentiation



Key reasons for TensorFlow

- Largest user base
- Widest production adoption
- Well-maintained documents
- Battlefield-proof quality
- TPU !

P Y T  R C H

The PyTorch logo consists of the word "PYTORCH" in a black sans-serif font. The letter "T" is replaced by a red flame-like icon.

Microsoft  
 CNTK

The Microsoft CNTK logo features the Microsoft logo (four colored squares) followed by the word "Microsoft" in a small, gray sans-serif font. Below it, the letters "CNTK" are written in a large, dark gray sans-serif font.

 **Caffe2**

The Caffe2 logo includes a white coffee cup icon with two small '+' symbols above it, followed by the word "Caffe2" in a bold, dark gray sans-serif font.

 mxnet

The mxnet logo features the letters "mxnet" in a white sans-serif font inside a blue rounded rectangle. To the left of the text is a white circle containing a blue 'm' shape.

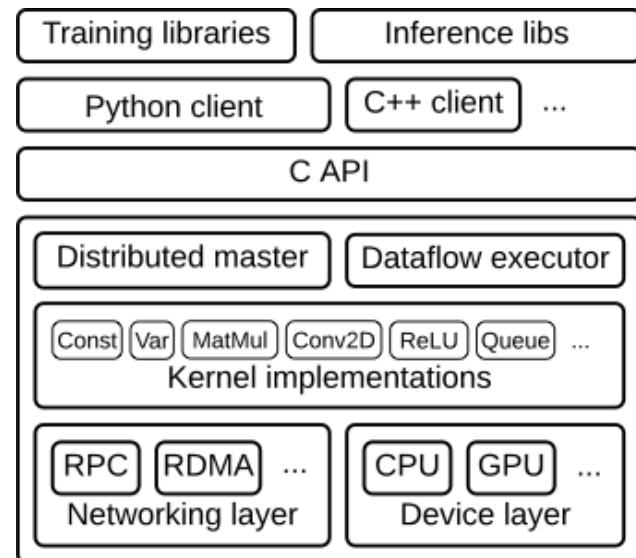
 PaddlePaddle

The PaddlePaddle logo consists of a white stylized 'P' icon followed by the words "PaddlePaddle" in a white sans-serif font on a black background.

# History of Deep Learning Tools

- Beyond Automatic Differentiation

Low-level interface: dataflow graph,  
placeholder, session, queue runner,  
devices ...

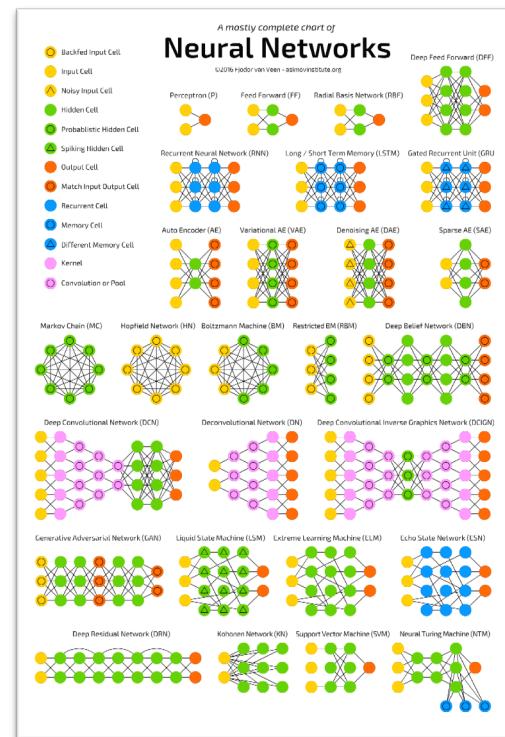


Abstraction gap



Bridged by wrappers:  
TensorLayer, Keras and  
TFLearn

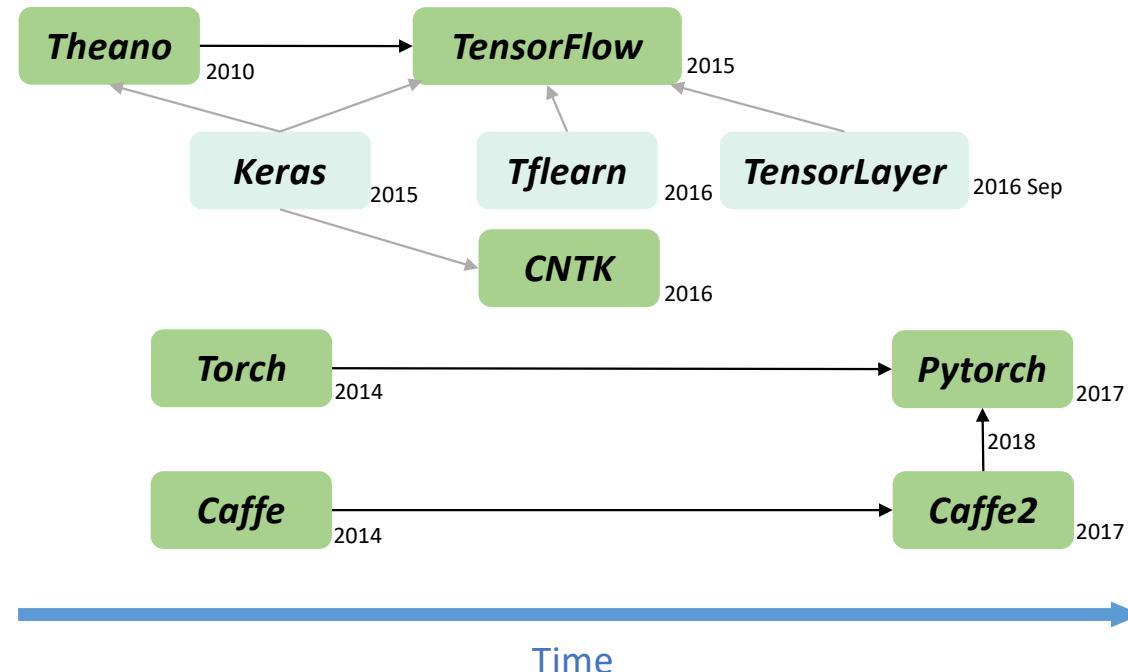
Deep learning high-level elements:  
neural networks, layers and tensors



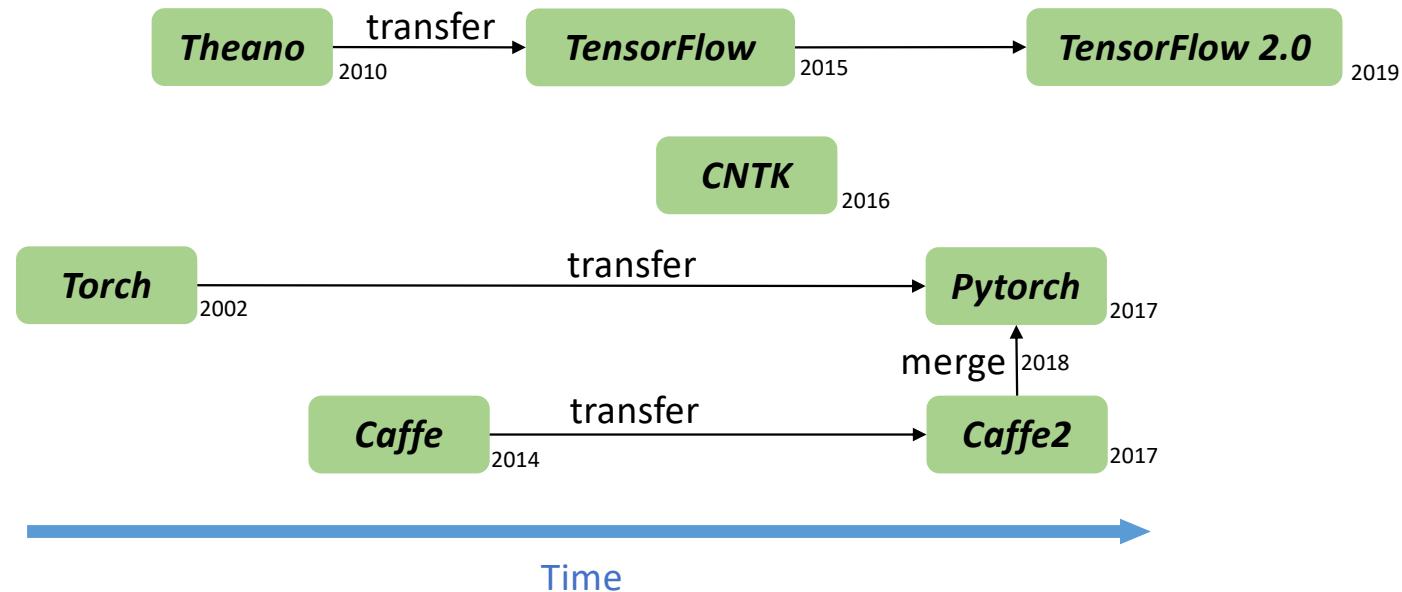
<https://www.tensorflow.org/extend/architecture>

<http://www.asimovinstitute.org/neural-network-zoo/>

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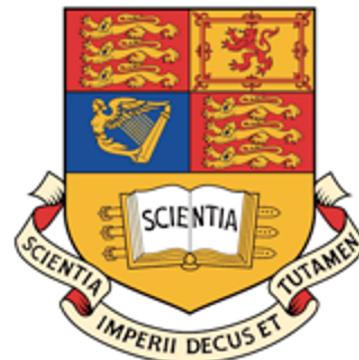


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How to Use

# History of TensorLayer



2016



2019



Time



2015



2019



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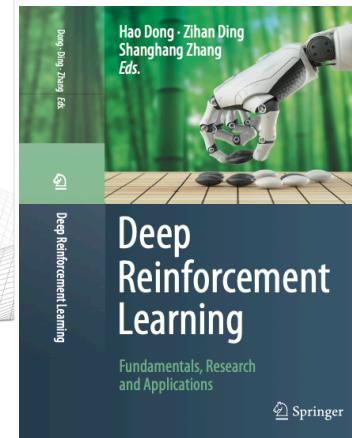
清华大学  
Tsinghua University



Alibaba Group



Microsoft



TensorLayer: A Versatile Library for Efficient Deep Learning Development. H. Dong, A. Supratak et al. ACM MM 2017.

# History of TensorLayer



TensorLayer



Documentation  
(English)



Github

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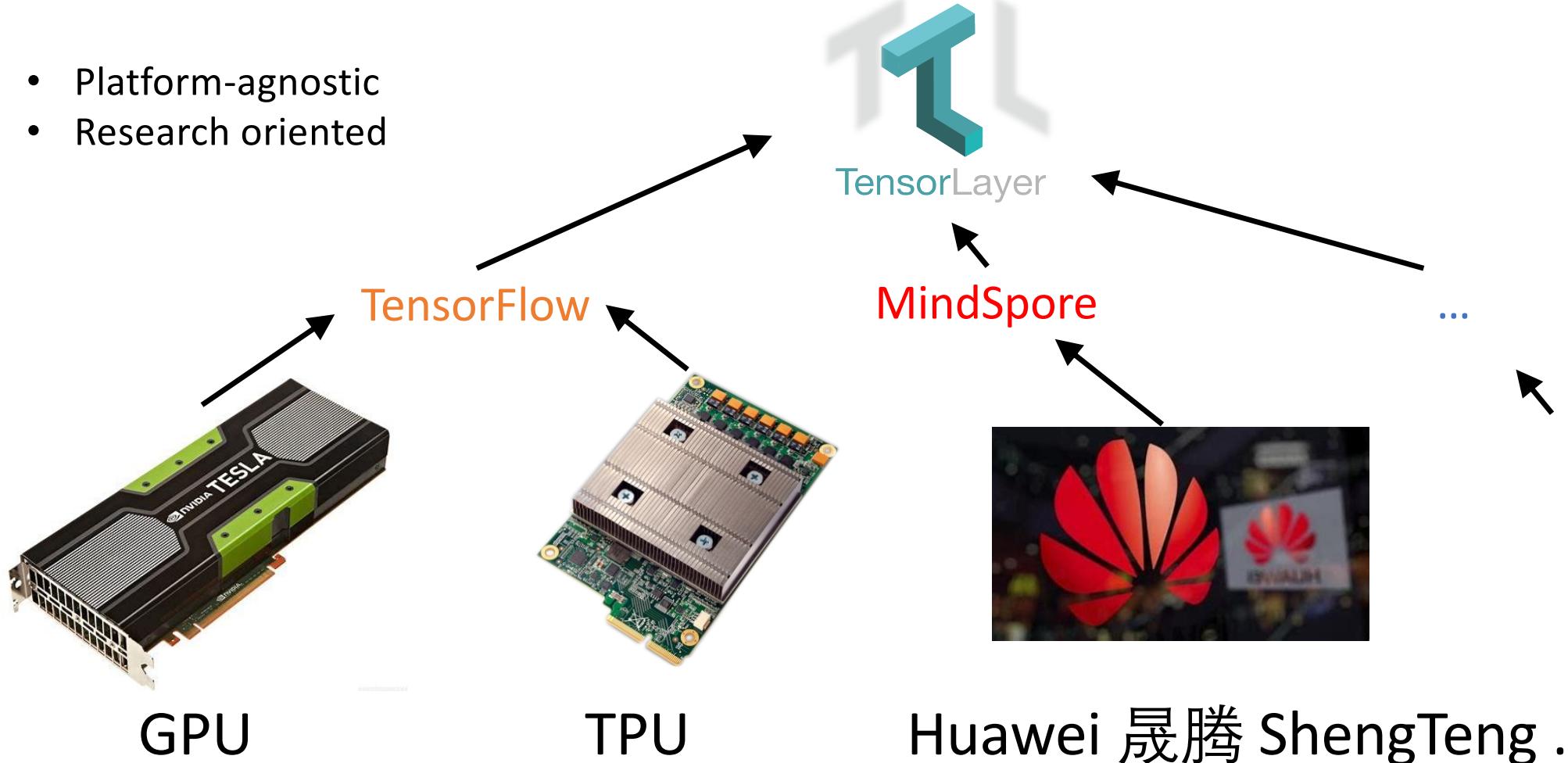
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## Future of TensorLayer

- Platform-agnostic
- Research oriented





# Future of TensorLayer

For TensorLayer 2.x, it is now actively developing and maintaining by the following people who has more than 50 contributions:

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For TensorLayer 1.x, it was actively developed and maintained by the following people (*in alphabetical order*):

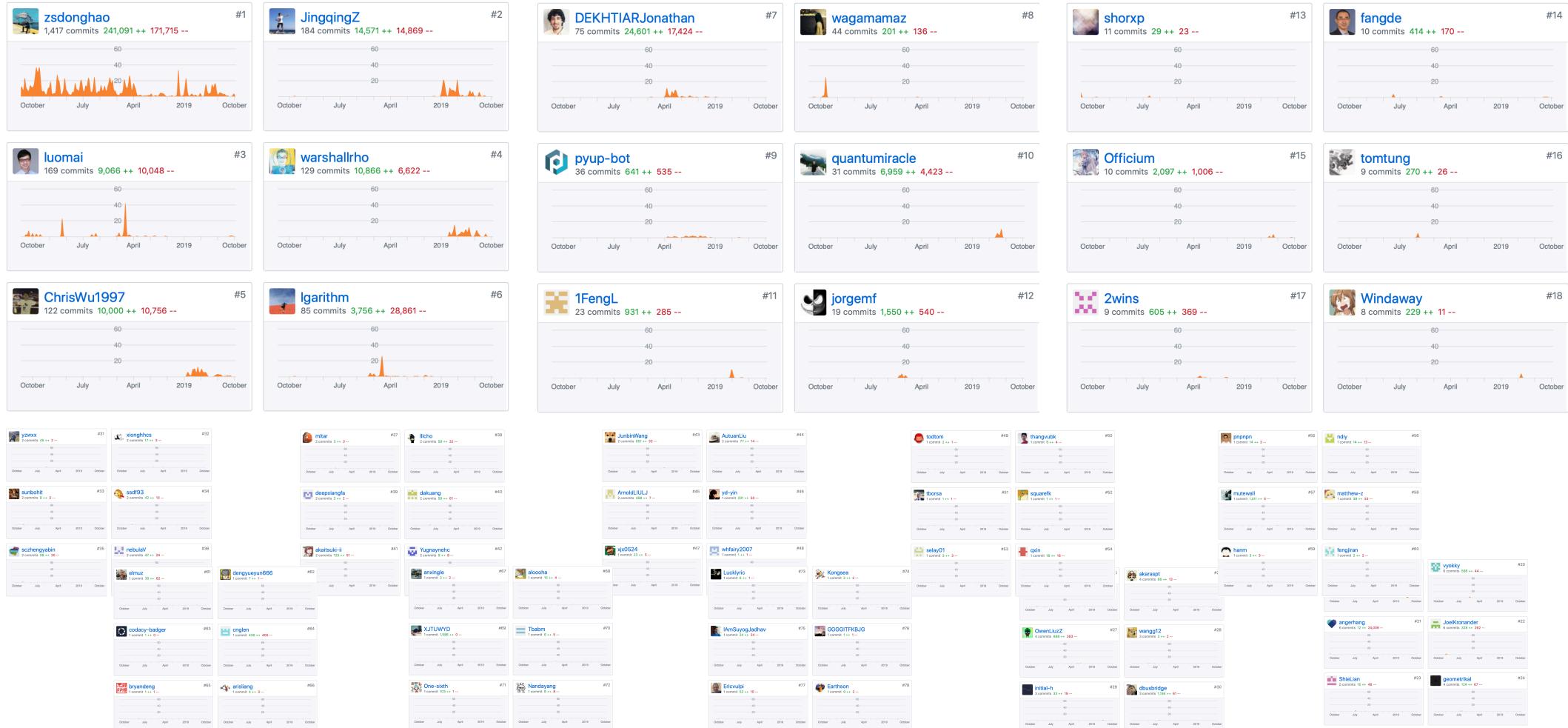
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## Contributors

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# Static vs. Dynamic Models

## Static Model

```
01. import tensorflow as tf
02. from tensorlayer.layers import Input, Dropout, Dense
03. from tensorlayer.models import Model
04.
05. def get_model(inputs_shape):
06.     ni = Input(inputs_shape)
07.     nn = Dropout(keep=0.8)(ni)
08.     nn = Dense(n_units=800, act=tf.nn.relu, name="dense1")(nn)
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14.     return M
15.
16. MLP = get_model([None, 784])
17. MLP.eval()
18. outputs = MLP(data)
```

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# Static vs. Dynamic Models

## Dynamic Model

```

01.  class CustomModel(Model):
02.
03.      def __init__(self):
04.          super(CustomModel, self).__init__()
05.
06.          self.dropout1 = Dropout(keep=0.8)
07.          self.dense1 = Dense(n_units=800, act=tf.nn.relu, in_channels=784)
08.          self.dropout2 = Dropout(keep=0.8) # (self.dense1)
09.          self.dense2 = Dense(n_units=800, act=tf.nn.relu, in_channels=800)
10.          self.dropout3 = Dropout(keep=0.8) # (self.dense2)
11.          self.dense3 = Dense(n_units=10, act=tf.nn.relu, in_channels=800)
12.
13.      def forward(self, x, foo=False):
14.          z = self.dropout1(x)
15.          z = self.dense1(z)
16.          z = self.dropout2(z)
17.          z = self.dense2(z)
18.          z = self.dropout3(z)
19.          out = self.dense3(z)
20.          if foo:
21.              out = tf.nn.relu(out)
22.          return out
23.
24. MLP = CustomModel()
25. MLP.eval()
26. outputs = MLP(data, foo=True) # controls the forward here
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08.         self.dropout2 = Dropout(keep=0.8)(self.dense1)
09.         self.dense2 = Dense(n_units=800, act=tf.nn.relu, in_channels=800)
10.         self.dropout3 = Dropout(keep=0.8)(self.dense2)
11.         self.dense3 = Dense(n_units=10, act=tf.nn.relu, in_channels=800)
12.
13.     def forward(self, x, foo=False):
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## Switching Train/Test Models

```
01.  # method 1: switch before forward
02.  Model.train() # enable dropout, batch norm moving avg ...
03.  output = Model(train_data)
04.  ... # training code here
05.  Model.eval() # disable dropout, batch norm moving avg ...
06.  output = Model(test_data)
07.  ... # testing code here
08.
09.  # method 2: switch while forward
10.  output = Model(train_data, is_train=True)
11.  output = Model(test_data, is_train=False)
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How to Use

# Reuse Weights

## Reuse Weights in Static Model

```
01. def create_base_network(input_shape):
02.     """Base network to be shared (eq. to feature extraction).
03.     """
04.     input = Input(shape=input_shape)
05.     x = Flatten()(input)
06.     x = Dense(128, act=tf.nn.relu)(x)
07.     x = Dropout(0.9)(x)
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11.    return Model(input, x)
12.
13.
14. def get_siamese_network(input_shape):
15.     """Create siamese network with shared base network as layer
16.     """
17.     base_layer = create_base_network(input_shape).as_layer() # convert model as layer
18.
19.     ni_1 = Input(input_shape)
20.     ni_2 = Input(input_shape)
21.     nn_1 = base_layer(ni_1) # call base_layer twice
22.     nn_2 = base_layer(ni_2)
23.     return Model(inputs=[ni_1, ni_2], outputs=[nn_1, nn_2])
24.
25. siamese_net = get_siamese_network([None, 784])
```

# Reuse Weights

## Reuse Weights in Dynamic Model

```
01. class MyModel(Model):
02.     def __init__(self):
03.         super(MyModel, self).__init__()
04.         self.dense_shared = Dense(n_units=800, act=tf.nn.relu, in_channels=784)
05.         self.dense1 = Dense(n_units=10, act=tf.nn.relu, in_channels=800)
06.         self.dense2 = Dense(n_units=10, act=tf.nn.relu, in_channels=800)
07.         self.cat = Concat()
08.
09.     def forward(self, x):
10.         x1 = self.dense_shared(x) # call dense_shared twice
11.         x2 = self.dense_shared(x)
12.         x1 = self.dense1(x1)
13.         x2 = self.dense2(x2)
14.         out = self.cat([x1, x2])
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13.         x1 = self.densel(x1)
14.         x2 = self.dense2(x2)
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How to Use

# Model Information

## Print Model Architecture

```

01. import pprint
02.
03. def get_model(inputs_shape):
04.     ni = Input(inputs_shape)
05.     nn = Dropout(keep=0.8)(ni)
06.     nn = Dense(n_units=800, act=tf.nn.relu)(nn)
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10.    nn = Dense(n_units=10, act=tf.nn.relu)(nn)
11.    M = Model(inputs=ni, outputs=nn, name="mlp")
12.    return M
13.
14. MLP = get_model([None, 784])
15. pprint.pprint(MLP.config)

```

```
[{'args': {'dtype': tf.float32,
          'layer_type': 'normal',
          'name': '_inputlayer_1',
          'shape': [None, 784]},
   'class': '_InputLayer',
   'prev_layer': None},
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   'class': 'Dense',
   'prev_layer': ['dropout_1_node_0']},
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   'class': 'Dropout',
   'prev_layer': ['dense_1_node_0']},
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          'n_units': 800,
          'name': 'dense_2'},
   'class': 'Dense',
   'prev_layer': ['dropout_2_node_0']},
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   'class': 'Dropout',
   'prev_layer': ['dense_2_node_0']},
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          'layer_type': 'normal',
          'n_units': 10,
          'name': 'dense_3'},
   'class': 'Dense',
   'prev_layer': ['dropout_3_node_0']}]
```

# Model Information



## Print Model Information

```
01. print(MLP) # simply call print function
02.
03. # Model(
04. #     (_inputlayer): Input(shape=[None, 784], name='_inputlayer')
05. #     (dropout): Dropout(keep=0.8, name='dropout')
06. #     (dense): Dense(n_units=800, relu, in_channels='784', name='dense')
07. #     (dropout_1): Dropout(keep=0.8, name='dropout_1')
08. #     (dense_1): Dense(n_units=800, relu, in_channels='800', name='dense_1')
09. #     (dropout_2): Dropout(keep=0.8, name='dropout_2')
10. #     (dense_2): Dense(n_units=10, relu, in_channels='800', name='dense_2')
11. # )
```

## Save Weights Only

```
01. MLP.save_weights('./model_weights.h5')
02. MLP.load_weights('./model_weights.h5')
```

## Get Specific Weights

```
01. # indexing
02. all_weights = MLP.all_weights
03. some_weights = MLP.all_weights[1:3]
04.
05. # naming
06. some_weights = MLP.get_layer('dense1').all_weights
```

.trainable\_weights  
.nontrainable\_weights

## Save Weights + Architecture

```
01. MLP.save('./model.h5', save_weights=True)
02. MLP = Model.load('./model.h5', load_weights=True)
```

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# Customize Layer without Weights

```

class Dropout(Layer):
    """
    The :class:`Dropout` class is a noise layer which randomly set some
    activations to zero according to a keeping probability.

    Parameters
    ----------
    keep : float
        The keeping probability.
        The lower the probability it is, the more activations are set to zero.
    name : None or str
        A unique layer name.
    """

    def __init__(self, keep, name=None):
        super(Dropout, self).__init__(name)
        self.keep = keep

        self.build()
        self._built = True

        logging.info("Dropout %s: keep: %f" % (self.name, self.keep))

    def build(self, inputs_shape=None):
        pass    # no weights in dropout layer

    def forward(self, inputs):
        if self.is_train:  # this attribute is changed by Model.train() and Model.eval()
            outputs = tf.nn.dropout(inputs, rate=1 - (self.keep), name=self.name)
        else:
            outputs = inputs
        return outputs

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# Customize Layer with Weights

```

class Dense(Layer):
    """The :class:`Dense` class is a fully connected layer.

    Parameters
    -----
    n_units : int
        The number of units of this layer.
    act : activation function
        The activation function of this layer.
    name : None or str
        A unique layer name. If None, a unique name will be automatically generated.
    .....

    def __init__(
        self,
        n_units,    # the number of units/channels of this layer
        act=None,   # None: no activation, tf.nn.relu: ReLU ...
        name=None,  # the name of this layer (optional)
    ):
        super(Dense, self).__init__(name) # auto naming, dense_1, dense_2 ...
        self.n_units = n_units
        self.act = act

    def build(self, inputs_shape): # initialize the model weights here
        shape = [inputs_shape[1], self.n_units]
        self.W = self._get_weights("weights", shape=tuple(shape), init=self.W_init)
        self.b = self._get_weights("biases", shape=(self.n_units, ), init=self.b_init)

    def forward(self, inputs): # call function
        z = tf.matmul(inputs, self.W) + self.b
        if self.act: # is not None
            z = self.act(z)
        return z

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    W_init : initializer
        The initializer for the weight matrix.
    b_init : initializer or None
        The initializer for the bias vector. If None, skip biases.
    in_channels: int
        The number of channels of the previous layer.
        If None, it will be automatically detected when the layer is forwarded for the first time.
    name : None or str
        A unique layer name. If None, a unique name will be automatically generated.
    .....

    def __init__(
        self,
        n_units,
        act=None,
        W_init=tl.initializers.truncated_normal(stddev=0.1),
        b_init=tl.initializers.constant(value=0.0),
        in_channels=None, # the number of units/channels of the previous layer
        name=None,
    ):
        # we feed activation function to the base layer, 'None' denotes identity function
        # string (e.g., relu, sigmoid) will be converted into function.
        super(Dense, self).__init__(name, act=act)

        self.n_units = n_units
        self.W_init = W_init
        self.b_init = b_init
        self.in_channels = in_channels

        # in dynamic model, the number of input channel is given, we initialize the weights here
        if self.in_channels is not None:
            self.build(self.in_channels)
            self._built = True

        logging.info(
            "Dense %s: %d %s"
            (self.name, self.n_units, self.act.__name__ if self.act is not None else 'No Activation')
        )

    def build(self, inputs_shape): # initialize the model weights here
        if self.in_channels: # if the number of input channel is given, use it
            shape = [self.in_channels, self.n_units]
        else: # otherwise, get it from static model
            shape = [inputs_shape[1], self.n_units]
        self.W = self._get_weights("weights", shape=tuple(shape), init=self.W_init)
        if self.b_init: # if b_init is None, no bias is applied
            self.b = self._get_weights("biases", shape=(self.n_units, ), init=self.b_init)

    def forward(self, inputs): # initialize the model weights here
        z = tf.matmul(inputs, self.W)
        if self.b_init:
            z = tf.add(z, self.b)
        if self.act:
            z = self.act(z)
        return z

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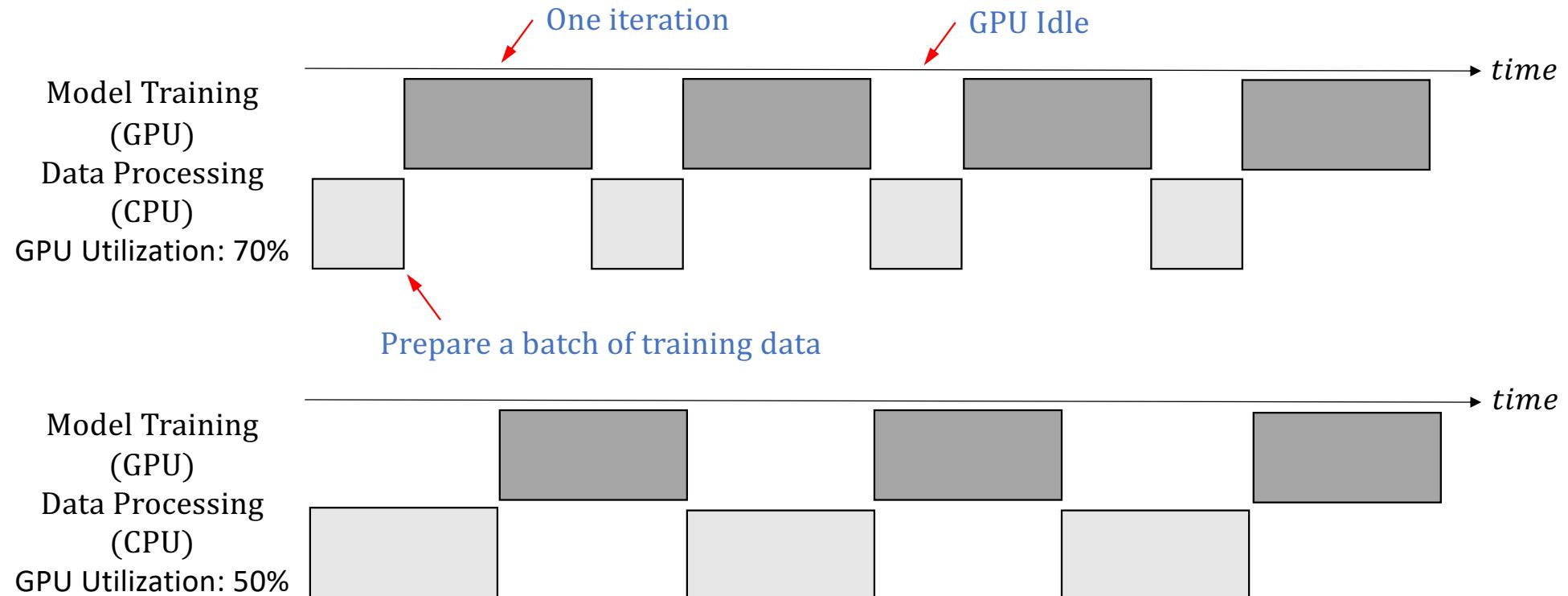
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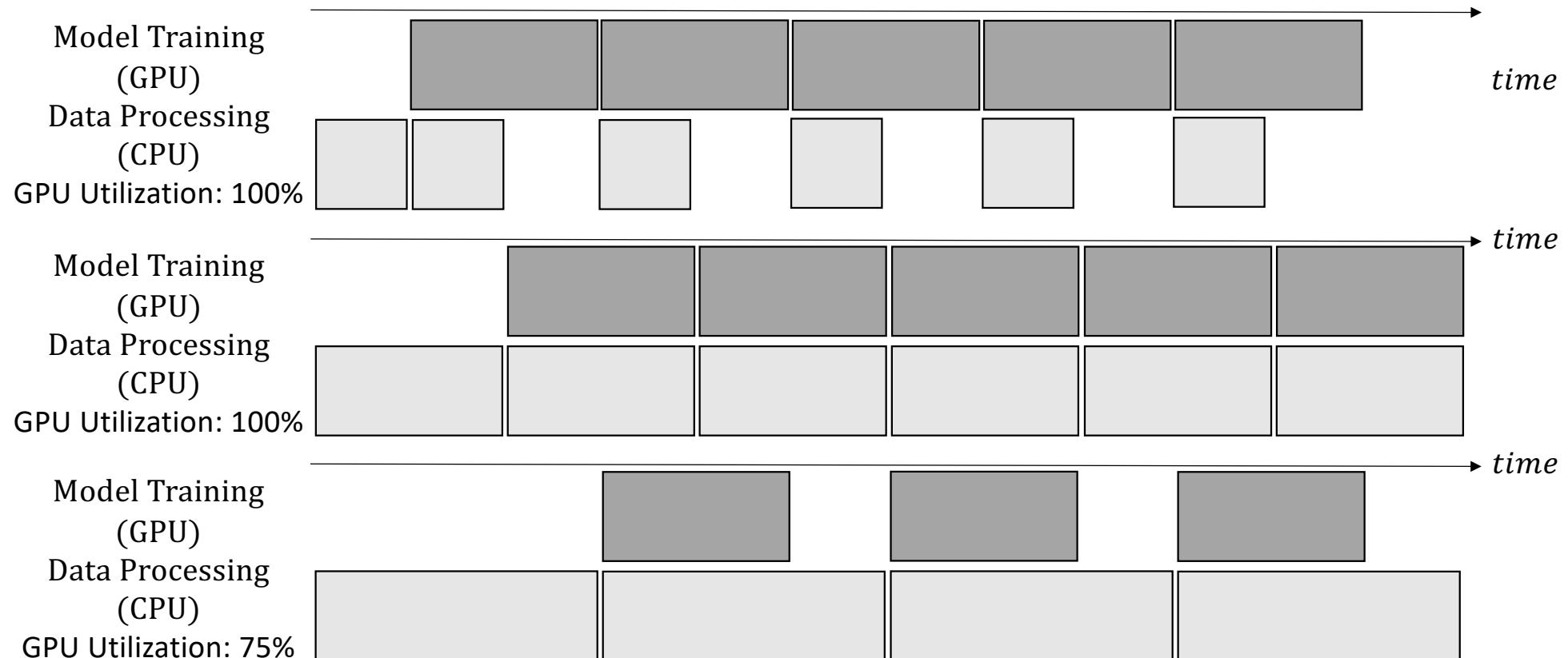
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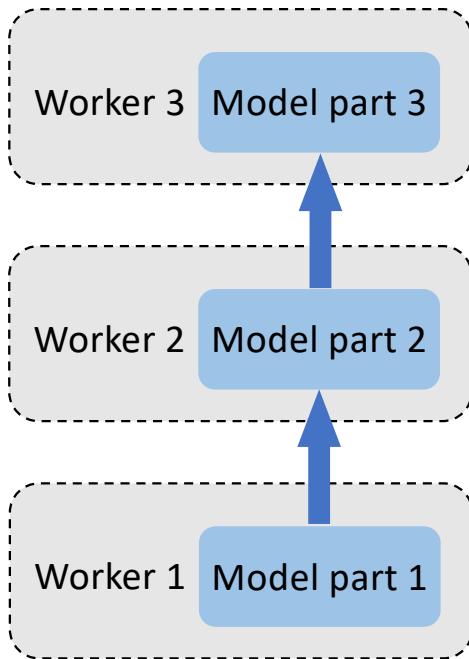


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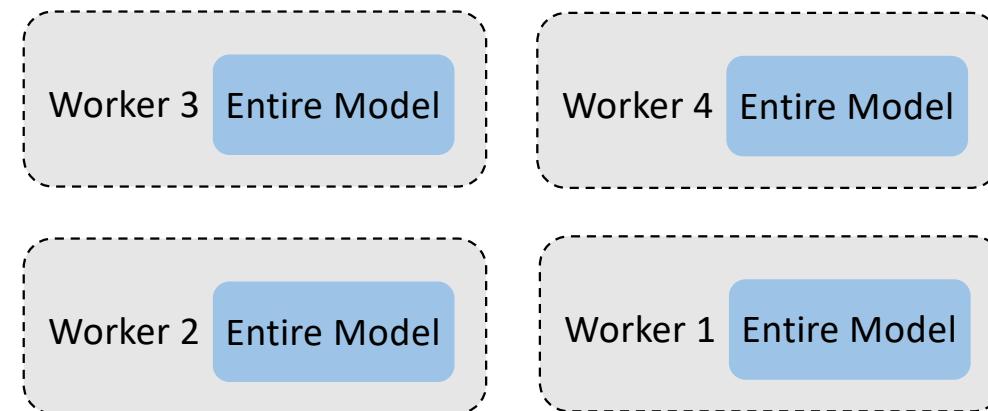
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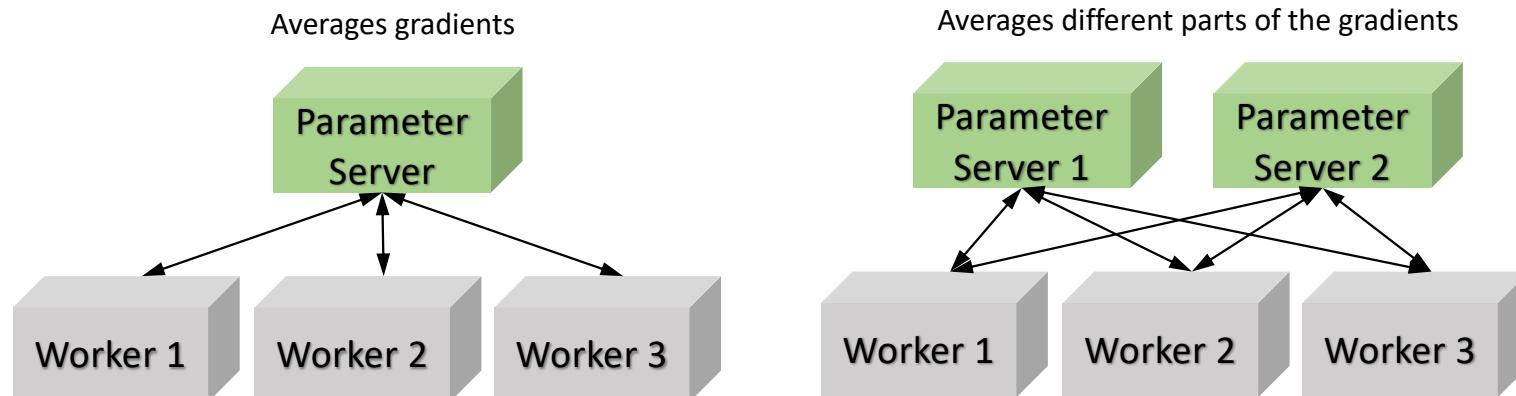
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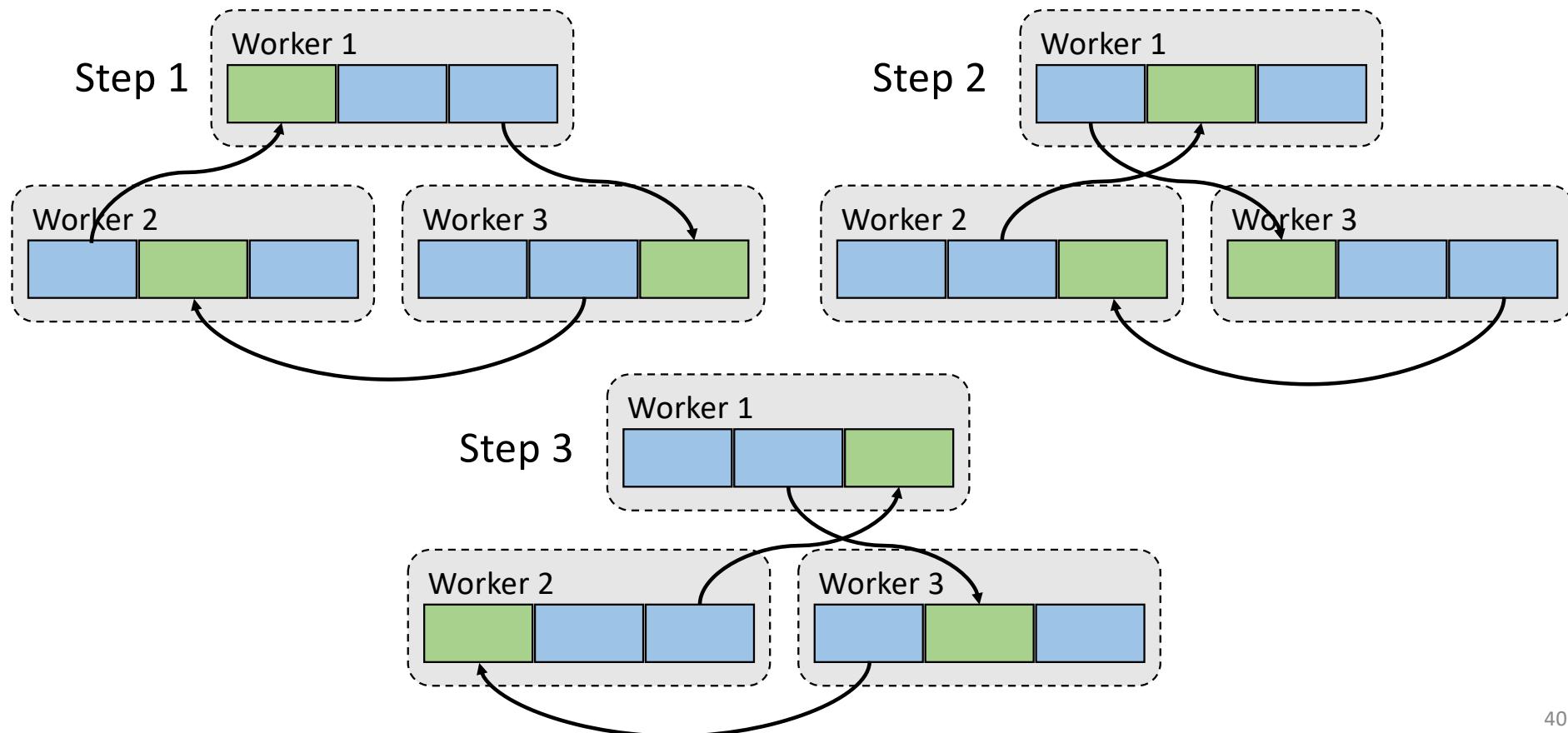
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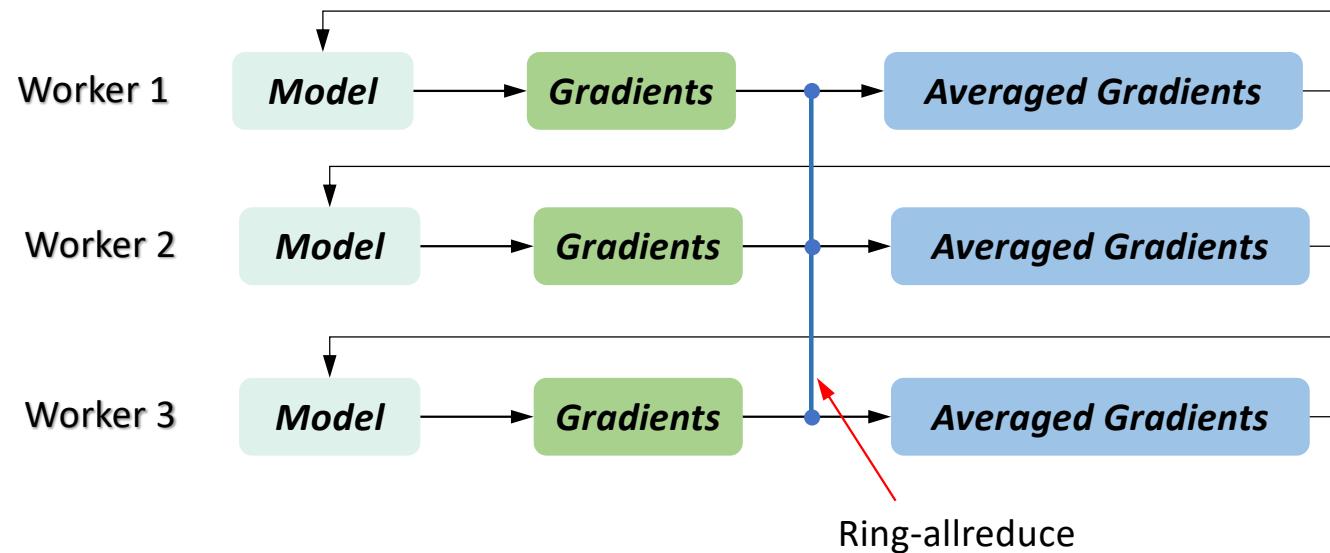
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Please install TensorFlow and TensorLayer and make sure this code is runnable



[https://github.com/tensorlayer/tensorlayer/blob/master/examples/basic\\_tutorials/tutorial\\_mnist\\_mlp\\_static.py](https://github.com/tensorlayer/tensorlayer/blob/master/examples/basic_tutorials/tutorial_mnist_mlp_static.py)



# Thanks