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API REFERENCE

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1.1 syft

PySyft is a Python library for secure, private Deep Learning. PySyft decouples private data from model training, using Federated Learning, Differential Privacy, and Multi-Party Computation (MPC) within PyTorch.

1.1.1 Subpackages

1.1.1.1 `syft.federated`

1.1.1.1.1 Submodules

1.1.1.1.1.1 `syft.federated.federated_client`

1.1.1.1.1.2 Module Contents

class `syft.federated.federated_client.FederatedClient` (*datasets=None*)

Bases: `syft.generic.object_storage.ObjectStorage`

A Client able to execute federated learning in local datasets.

add_dataset (*self, dataset, key: str*)

remove_dataset (*self, key: str*)

set_obj (*self, obj: object*)

Registers objects checking if which objects it should cache.

Parameters *obj* – An object to be registered.

`_check_train_config` (*self*)

`_build_optimizer` (*self, optimizer_name: str, model, optimizer_args: dict*)

Build an optimizer if needed.

Parameters

- **`optimizer_name`** – A string indicating the optimizer name.
- **`optimizer_args`** – A dict containing the args used to initialize the optimizer.

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Returns A Torch Optimizer.

fit (*self*, *dataset_key*: str, *device*: str = 'cpu', ***kwargs*)

Fits a model on the local dataset as specified in the local TrainConfig object.

Parameters

- **dataset_key** – Identifier of the local dataset that shall be used for training.
- ****kwargs** – Unused.

Returns Training loss on the last batch of training data.

Return type loss

_create_data_loader (*self*, *dataset_key*: str, *shuffle*: bool = False)

_fit (*self*, *model*, *dataset_key*, *loss_fn*, *device*= 'cpu')

evaluate (*self*, *dataset_key*: str, *return_histograms*: bool = False, *nr_bins*: int = -1, *return_loss*: bool = True, *return_raw_accuracy*: bool = True, *device*: str = 'cpu')

Evaluates a model on the local dataset as specified in the local TrainConfig object.

Parameters

- **dataset_key** – Identifier of the local dataset that shall be used for training.
- **return_histograms** – If True, calculate the histograms of predicted classes.
- **nr_bins** – Used together with calculate_histograms. Provide the number of classes/bins.
- **return_loss** – If True, loss is calculated additionally.
- **return_raw_accuracy** – If True, return nr_correct_predictions and nr_predictions

Returns

- **loss**: avg loss on data set, None if not calculated.
- **nr_correct_predictions**: number of correct predictions.
- **nr_predictions**: total number of predictions.
- **histogram_predictions**: histogram of predictions.
- **histogram_target**: histogram of target values in the dataset.

Return type Dictionary containing depending on the provided flags

1.1.1.1.3 `syft.federated.train_config`

1.1.1.1.4 Module Contents

```
class syft.federated.train_config.TrainConfig(model: torch.jit.ScriptModule, loss_fn:  
torch.jit.ScriptModule, owner: AbstractWorker = None, batch_size: int = 32,  
epochs: int = 1, optimizer: str = 'SGD', optimizer_args: dict = {'lr': 0.1}, id:  
Union[int, str] = None, max_nr_batches:  
int = -1, shuffle: bool = True, loss_fn_id:  
int = None, model_id: int = None)
```

TrainConfig abstraction.

A wrapper object that contains all that is needed to run a training loop remotely on a federated learning setup.

`__str__` (*self*)

Returns the string representation of a TrainConfig.

`_wrap_and_send_obj` (*self, obj, location*)

Wrappers object and send it to location.

`send` (*self, location: BaseWorker*)

Gets the pointer to a new remote object.

One of the most commonly used methods in PySyft, this method serializes the object upon which it is called (*self*), sends the object to a remote worker, creates a pointer to that worker, and then returns that pointer from this function.

Parameters `location` – The BaseWorker object which you want to send this object to. Note that this is never actually the BaseWorker but instead a class which instantiates the BaseWorker abstraction.

Returns A weakref instance.

`get` (*self, location*)

`get_model` (*self*)

`get_loss_fn` (*self*)

static `simplify` (*worker: AbstractWorker, train_config: TrainConfig*)

Takes the attributes of a TrainConfig and saves them in a tuple.

Attention: this function does not serialize the model and loss_fn attributes of a TrainConfig instance, these are serialized and sent before. TrainConfig keeps a reference to the sent objects using `_model_id` and `_loss_fn_id` which are serialized here.

Parameters

- `worker` – the worker doing the serialization
- `train_config` – a TrainConfig object

Returns a tuple holding the unique attributes of the TrainConfig object

Return type tuple

static `detail` (*worker: AbstractWorker, train_config_tuple: tuple*)

This function reconstructs a TrainConfig object given it's attributes in the form of a tuple.

Parameters

- `worker` – the worker doing the deserialization
- `train_config_tuple` – a tuple holding the attributes of the TrainConfig

Returns A TrainConfig object

Return type train_config

1.1.1.2 `syft.frameworks`

1.1.1.2.1 Subpackages

1.1.1.2.1.1 `syft.frameworks.keras`

1.1.1.2.1.2 Subpackages

1.1.1.2.1.3 `syft.frameworks.keras.layers`

1.1.1.2.1.4 Submodules

1.1.1.2.1.5 `syft.frameworks.keras.layers.constructor`

1.1.1.2.1.6 Module Contents

`syft.frameworks.keras.layers.constructor.add_constructor_registration(layer_cls)`

This method rewires the layer's constructor to record arguments passed to it.

`syft.frameworks.keras.layers.constructor.filter_layers(layers_module, tfe_layers_module)`

Returns all layer types in module.

1.1.1.2.1.7 Package Contents

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Returns all layer types in module.

1.1.1.2.1.8 `syft.frameworks.keras.model`

1.1.1.2.1.9 Submodules

1.1.1.2.1.10 `syft.frameworks.keras.model.sequential`

1.1.1.2.1.11 Module Contents

`syft.frameworks.keras.model.sequential._args_not_supported_by_tfe = ['activity_regularizer`

`syft.frameworks.keras.model.sequential.share(model, cluster, target_graph=None)`

Secret share the model between *workers*.

This is done by rebuilding the model as a TF Encrypted model inside *target_graph* and pushing this graph to TFEWorkers running the cluster.

Note that this keeps a TensorFlow session alive that must later be shutdown using *model.stop()*.

`syft.frameworks.keras.model.sequential.serve(model, num_requests=5)`

Serve the specified number of predictions using the shared model, blocking until completed.

`syft.frameworks.keras.model.sequential.stop(model)`

Shutdown the TensorFlow session that was used to serve the shared model.

`syft.frameworks.keras.model.sequential._configure_tfe(cluster)`

`syft.frameworks.keras.model.sequential._rebuild_tfe_model(keras_model, stored_keras_weights)`

Rebuild the plaintext Keras model as a TF Encrypted Keras model from the plaintext weights in `stored_keras_weights` using the current TensorFlow graph, and the current TF Encrypted protocol and configuration.

`syft.frameworks.keras.model.sequential._instantiate_tfe_layer(keras_layer, stored_keras_weights)`

`syft.frameworks.keras.model.sequential._get_layer_type(keras_layer_cls)`

`syft.frameworks.keras.model.sequential._trim_params(params, filter_list)`

1.1.1.2.1.12 Package Contents

`syft.frameworks.keras.model.serve(model, num_requests=5)`

Serve the specified number of predictions using the shared model, blocking until completed.

`syft.frameworks.keras.model.share(model, cluster, target_graph=None)`

Secret share the model between *workers*.

This is done by rebuilding the model as a TF Encrypted model inside `target_graph` and pushing this graph to TFWorkers running the cluster.

Note that this keeps a TensorFlow session alive that must later be shutdown using `model.stop()`.

`syft.frameworks.keras.model.stop(model)`

Shutdown the TensorFlow session that was used to serve the shared model.

1.1.1.2.1.13 Submodules

1.1.1.2.1.14 `syft.frameworks.keras.hook`

1.1.1.2.1.15 Module Contents

`class syft.frameworks.keras.hook.KerasHook(keras)`

`_hook_layers(self)`

`_hook_sequential(self)`

1.1.1.2.1.16 `syft.frameworks.tensorflow`

1.1.1.2.1.17 `syft.frameworks.torch`

1.1.1.2.1.18 **Subpackages**

1.1.1.2.1.19 `syft.frameworks.torch.dp`

1.1.1.2.1.20 **Submodules**

1.1.1.2.1.21 `syft.frameworks.torch.dp.pate`

This script computes bounds on the privacy cost of training the student model from noisy aggregation of labels predicted by teachers. It should be used only after training the student (and therefore the teachers as well). We however include the label files required to reproduce key results from our paper (<https://arxiv.org/abs/1610.05755>): the epsilon bounds for MNIST and SVHN students.

1.1.1.2.1.22 **Module Contents**

`syft.frameworks.torch.dp.pate.compute_q_noisy_max(counts, noise_eps)`

Returns $\sim \Pr[\text{outcome} \neq \text{winner}]$.

Parameters

- **counts** – a list of scores
- **noise_eps** – privacy parameter for `noisy_max`

Returns the probability that outcome is different from true winner.

Return type `q`

`syft.frameworks.torch.dp.pate.compute_q_noisy_max_approx(counts, noise_eps)`

Returns $\sim \Pr[\text{outcome} \neq \text{winner}]$.

Parameters

- **counts** – a list of scores
- **noise_eps** – privacy parameter for `noisy_max`

Returns the probability that outcome is different from true winner.

Return type `q`

`syft.frameworks.torch.dp.pate.logmgf_exact(q, priv_eps, l)`

Computes the logmgf value given `q` and privacy `eps`.

The bound used is the min of three terms. The first term is from <https://arxiv.org/pdf/1605.02065.pdf>. The second term is based on the fact that when event has probability $(1-q)$ for `q` close to zero, `q` can only change by $\exp(\text{eps})$, which corresponds to a much smaller multiplicative change in $(1-q)$. The third term comes directly from the privacy guarantee. :param `q`: pr of non-optimal outcome :param `priv_eps`: eps parameter for DP :param `l`: moment to compute.

Returns Upper bound on logmgf

`syft.frameworks.torch.dp.pate.logmgf_from_counts(counts, noise_eps, l)`

ReportNoisyMax mechanism with noise_eps with $2 * \text{noise_eps} - DP$ in our setting where one count can go up by one and another can go down by 1.

`syft.frameworks.torch.dp.pate.sens_at_k(counts, noise_eps, l, k)`

Return sensitivity at distance k.

Parameters

- **counts** – an array of scores
- **noise_eps** – noise parameter used
- **l** – moment whose sensitivity is being computed
- **k** – distance

Returns at distance k

Return type sensitivity

`syft.frameworks.torch.dp.pate.smoothed_sens(counts, noise_eps, l, beta)`

Compute beta-smooth sensitivity.

Parameters

- **counts** – array of scores
- **noise_eps** – noise parameter
- **l** – moment of interest
- **beta** – smoothness parameter

Returns a beta smooth upper bound

Return type smooth_sensitivity

`syft.frameworks.torch.dp.pate.perform_analysis(teacher_preds, indices, noise_eps, delta=1e-05, moments=8, beta=0.09)`

“Performs PATE analysis on predictions from teachers and combined predictions for student.

Parameters

- **teacher_preds** – a numpy array of dim (num_teachers x num_examples). Each value corresponds to the index of the label which a teacher gave for a specific example
- **indices** – a numpy array of dim (num_examples) of aggregated examples which were aggregated using the noisy max mechanism.
- **noise_eps** – the epsilon level used to create the indices
- **delta** – the desired level of delta
- **moments** – the number of moments to track (see the paper)
- **beta** – a smoothing parameter (see the paper)

Returns first value is the data dependent epsilon, then the data independent epsilon

Return type tuple

`syft.frameworks.torch.dp.pate.tensors_to_literals(tensor_list)`

Converts list of torch tensors to list of integers/floats. Fix for not having the functionality which converts list of tensors to tensors

Parameters `tensor_list[List]` – List of torch tensors

Returns List of floats/integers

Return type literal_list[List]

`syft.frameworks.torch.dp.pate.logmgf_exact_torch(q, priv_eps, l)`

Computes the logmgf value given q and privacy ϵ . The bound used is the min of three terms. The first term is from <https://arxiv.org/pdf/1605.02065.pdf>. The second term is based on the fact that when event has probability $(1-q)$ for q close to zero, q can only change by $\exp(\epsilon)$, which corresponds to a much smaller multiplicative change in $(1-q)$. The third term comes directly from the privacy guarantee. :param q : pr of non-optimal outcome :param priv_eps : ϵ parameter for DP :param l : moment to compute.

Returns Upper bound on logmgf

`syft.frameworks.torch.dp.pate.compute_q_noisy_max_torch(counts, noise_eps)`

Returns $\sim \Pr[\text{outcome} \neq \text{winner}]$. :param counts : a list of scores :param noise_eps : privacy parameter for noisy_max

Returns the probability that outcome is different from true winner.

Return type q

`syft.frameworks.torch.dp.pate.logmgf_from_counts_torch(counts, noise_eps, l)`

ReportNoisyMax mechanism with noise_eps with $2 * \text{noise_eps}$ -DP in our setting where one count can go up by one and another can go down by 1.

`syft.frameworks.torch.dp.pate.sens_at_k_torch(counts, noise_eps, l, k)`

Return sensitivity at distance k . :param counts : an array of scores :param noise_eps : noise parameter used :param l : moment whose sensitivity is being computed :param k : distance

Returns at distance k

Return type sensitivity

`syft.frameworks.torch.dp.pate.smooth_sens_torch(counts, noise_eps, l, beta)`

Compute beta-smooth sensitivity.

Parameters

- **counts** – array of scores
- **noise_eps** – noise parameter
- **l** – moment of interest
- **beta** – smoothness parameter

Returns a beta smooth upper bound

Return type smooth_sensitivity

`syft.frameworks.torch.dp.pate.perform_analysis_torch(preds, indices, noise_eps=0.1, delta=1e-05, moments=8, beta=0.09)`

Performs PATE analysis on predictions from teachers and combined predictions for student. :param teacher_preds : a torch tensor of dim $(\text{num_teachers} \times \text{num_examples})$. Each value corresponds to the

index of the label which a teacher gave for a specific example

Parameters

- **indices** – a torch tensor of dim (num_examples) of aggregated examples which were aggregated using the noisy max mechanism.
- **noise_eps** – the epsilon level used to create the indices
- **delta** – the desired level of delta
- **moments** – the number of moments to track (see the paper)

- **beta** – a smoothing parameter (see the paper)

Returns first value is the data dependent epsilon, then the data independent epsilon

Return type tuple

1.1.1.2.1.23 `syft.frameworks.torch.fl`

1.1.1.2.1.24 Submodules

1.1.1.2.1.25 `syft.frameworks.torch.fl.dataloader`

1.1.1.2.1.26 Module Contents

`syft.frameworks.torch.fl.dataloader.numpy_type_map`

`syft.frameworks.torch.fl.dataloader.default_collate` (*batch*)

Puts each data field into a tensor with outer dimension batch size

class `syft.frameworks.torch.fl.dataloader._DataLoaderIter` (*loader, worker_idx*)

Bases: object

Iterates once over the DataLoader’s dataset, as specified by the samplers

`__len__` (*self*)

`__get_batch` (*self*)

`__next__` (*self*)

`__iter__` (*self*)

`stop` (*self*)

class `syft.frameworks.torch.fl.dataloader._DataLoaderOneWorkerIter` (*loader, worker_idx*)

Bases: object

Iterates once over the worker’s dataset, as specified by its sampler

`__get_batch` (*self*)

`__next__` (*self*)

`__iter__` (*self*)

`stop` (*self*)

class `syft.frameworks.torch.fl.dataloader.FederatedDataLoader` (*federated_dataset, batch_size=8, shuffle=False, num_iterators=1, drop_last=False, collate_fn=default_collate, iter_per_worker=False, **kwargs*)

Bases: object

Data loader. Combines a dataset and a sampler, and provides single or several iterators over the dataset.

Parameters

- **federated_dataset** (`FederatedDataset`) – dataset from which to load the data.
- **batch_size** (`int, optional`) – how many samples per batch to load (default: 1).
- **shuffle** (`bool, optional`) – set to `True` to have the data reshuffled at every epoch (default: `False`).
- **collate_fn** (`callable, optional`) – merges a list of samples to form a mini-batch.
- **drop_last** (`bool, optional`) – set to `True` to drop the last incomplete batch, if the dataset size is not divisible by the batch size. If `False` and the size of dataset is not divisible by the batch size, then the last batch will be smaller. (default: `False`)
- **num_iterators** (`int`) – number of workers from which to retrieve data in parallel. `num_iterators <= len(federated_dataset.workers) - 1` the effect is to retrieve `num_iterators` epochs of data but at each step data from `num_iterators` distinct workers is returned.
- **iter_per_worker** (`bool`) – if set to `true`, `__next__()` will return a dictionary containing one batch per worker

```
__initialized = False
__iter__(self)
__next__(self)
__len__(self)
```

1.1.1.2.1.27 `syft.frameworks.torch.fl.dataset`

1.1.1.2.1.28 Module Contents

`syft.frameworks.torch.fl.dataset.logger`

class `syft.frameworks.torch.fl.dataset.BaseDataset` (`data, targets, transform=None`)

This is a base class to be used for manipulating a dataset. This is composed of a `.data` attribute for inputs and a `.targets` one for labels. It is to be used like the `MNIST Dataset` object, and is useful to avoid handling the two inputs and label tensors separately.

Parameters

- **tensors** (`data[list, torch]`) – the data points
- **targets** – Corresponding labels of the data points
- **transform** – Function to transform the datapoints

fix_precision

float_precision

`__len__(self)`

`__getitem__(self, index)`

Parameters `index[integer]` – index of item to get

Returns Data points corresponding to the given index targets: Targets corresponding to given datapoint

Return type `data`

transform (*self*, *transform*)

Allows a transform to be applied on given dataset. :param transform: The transform to be applied on the data

send (*self*, *worker*)

Parameters **class**] (*worker*[*worker*]) – worker to which the data must be sent

Returns Return the object instance with data sent to corresponding worker

Return type *self*

get (*self*)

Gets the data back from respective workers.

fix_prec (*self*, **args*, ***kwargs*)

Converts data of BaseDataset into fixed precision

float_prec (*self*, **args*, ***kwargs*)

Converts data of BaseDataset into float precision

share (*self*, **args*, ***kwargs*)

Share the data with the respective workers

property location (*self*)

Get location of the data

`syft.frameworks.torch.fl.dataset.dataset_federate` (*dataset*, *workers*)

Add a method to easily transform a torch.Dataset or a sy.BaseDataset into a sy.FederatedDataset. The dataset given is split in len(workers) part and sent to each workers

`syft.frameworks.torch.fl.dataset.federate`

`syft.frameworks.torch.fl.dataset.federate`

class `syft.frameworks.torch.fl.dataset.FederatedDataset` (*datasets*)

property workers (*self*)

Returns: list of workers

__getitem__ (*self*, *worker_id*)

Parameters **worker_id**[**str**, **int**] – ID of respective worker

Returns: Get Datasets from the respective worker

__len__ (*self*)

__repr__ (*self*)

1.1.1.2.1.29 `syft.frameworks.torch.fl.utils`

1.1.1.2.1.30 Module Contents

`syft.frameworks.torch.fl.utils.logger`

`syft.frameworks.torch.fl.utils.extract_batches_per_worker` (*federated_train_loader*:
sy.FederatedDataLoader)

Extracts the batches from the federated_train_loader and stores them in a dictionary (keys = data.location).

Args: federated_train_loader: the connection object we use to send responses.

back to the client.

`syft.frameworks.torch.fl.utils.add_model(dst_model, src_model)`

Add the parameters of two models.

Parameters

- **dst_model** (*torch.nn.Module*) – the model to which the `src_model` will be added.
- **src_model** (*torch.nn.Module*) – the model to be added to `dst_model`.

Returns the resulting model of the addition.

Return type `torch.nn.Module`

`syft.frameworks.torch.fl.utils.scale_model(model, scale)`

Scale the parameters of a model.

Parameters

- **model** (*torch.nn.Module*) – the models whose parameters will be scaled.
- **scale** (*float*) – the scaling factor.

Returns the module with scaled parameters.

Return type `torch.nn.Module`

`syft.frameworks.torch.fl.utils.federated_avg(models: List[torch.nn.Module]) → torch.nn.Module`

Calculate the federated average of a list of models.

Parameters **models** (*List[torch.nn.Module]*) – the models of which the federated average is calculated.

Returns the module with averaged parameters.

Return type `torch.nn.Module`

`syft.frameworks.torch.fl.utils.accuracy(pred_softmax, target)`

Calculate the accuracy of a given prediction.

This function assumes `pred_softmax` to be converted into the final prediction by taking the argmax.

Parameters

- **pred_softmax** – array type(float), providing `nr_classes` values per element in target.
- **target** – array type(int), correct classes, taking values in range `[0, nr_classes)`.

Returns float, fraction of correct predictions.

Return type accuracy

`syft.frameworks.torch.fl.utils.create_gaussian_mixture_toy_data(nr_samples: int)`

Create a simple toy data for binary classification

The data is drawn from two normal distributions target = 1: mu = 2, sigma = 1 target = 0: mu = 0, sigma = 1
The dataset is balanced with an equal number of positive and negative samples

Parameters **nr_samples** – number of samples to generate

Returns data, targets

`syft.frameworks.torch.fl.utils.iris_data_partial()`

Returns: 30 samples from the iris data set: <https://archive.ics.uci.edu/ml/datasets/iris>

1.1.1.2.1.31 Package Contents

class `syft.frameworks.torch.fl.BaseDataset` (*data, targets, transform=None*)

This is a base class to be used for manipulating a dataset. This is composed of a `.data` attribute for inputs and a `.targets` one for labels. It is to be used like the MNIST Dataset object, and is useful to avoid handling the two inputs and label tensors separately.

Parameters

- **tensors**] (*data[list, torch]*) – the data points
- **targets** – Corresponding labels of the data points
- **transform** – Function to transform the datapoints

fix_precision

float_precision

__len__ (*self*)

__getitem__ (*self, index*)

Parameters **index[integer]** – index of item to get

Returns Data points corresponding to the given index targets: Targets corresponding to given datapoint

Return type data

transform (*self, transform*)

Allows a transform to be applied on given dataset. :param transform: The transform to be applied on the data

send (*self, worker*)

Parameters **class]** (*worker[worker]*) – worker to which the data must be sent

Returns Return the object instance with data sent to corresponding worker

Return type self

get (*self*)

Gets the data back from respective workers.

fix_prec (*self, *args, **kwargs*)

Converts data of BaseDataset into fixed precision

float_prec (*self, *args, **kwargs*)

Converts data of BaseDataset into float precision

share (*self, *args, **kwargs*)

Share the data with the respective workers

property location (*self*)

Get location of the data

class `syft.frameworks.torch.fl.FederatedDataset` (*datasets*)

property workers (*self*)

Returns: list of workers

__getitem__ (*self, worker_id*)

Parameters **worker_id[str, int]** – ID of respective worker

Returns: Get Datasets from the respective worker

`__len__(self)`

`__repr__(self)`

```
class syft.frameworks.torch.fl.FederatedDataLoader (federated_dataset, batch_size=8,
                                                shuffle=False, num_iterators=1,
                                                drop_last=False, collate_fn=default_collate,
                                                iter_per_worker=False,
                                                **kwargs)
```

Bases: object

Data loader. Combines a dataset and a sampler, and provides single or several iterators over the dataset.

Parameters

- **federated_dataset** (`FederatedDataset`) – dataset from which to load the data.
- **batch_size** (`int`, *optional*) – how many samples per batch to load (default: 1).
- **shuffle** (`bool`, *optional*) – set to `True` to have the data reshuffled at every epoch (default: `False`).
- **collate_fn** (`callable`, *optional*) – merges a list of samples to form a mini-batch.
- **drop_last** (`bool`, *optional*) – set to `True` to drop the last incomplete batch, if the dataset size is not divisible by the batch size. If `False` and the size of dataset is not divisible by the batch size, then the last batch will be smaller. (default: `False`)
- **num_iterators** (`int`) – number of workers from which to retrieve data in parallel. `num_iterators <= len(federated_dataset.workers) - 1` the effect is to retrieve `num_iterators` epochs of data but at each step data from `num_iterators` distinct workers is returned.
- **iter_per_worker** (`bool`) – if set to `true`, `__next__()` will return a dictionary containing one batch per worker

`__initialized = False`

`__iter__(self)`

`__next__(self)`

`__len__(self)`

1.1.1.2.1.32 `syft.frameworks.torch.he`

1.1.1.2.1.33 Submodules

1.1.1.2.1.34 `syft.frameworks.torch.he.paillier`

1.1.1.2.1.35 Module Contents

`syft.frameworks.torch.he.paillier.keygen`

1.1.1.2.1.36 `syft.frameworks.torch.hook`

1.1.1.2.1.37 Submodules

1.1.1.2.1.38 `syft.frameworks.torch.hook.hook`

1.1.1.2.1.39 Module Contents

```
class syft.frameworks.torch.hook.hook.TorchHook(torch, local_worker: BaseWorker =
None, is_client: bool = True, verbose:
bool = True)
```

Bases: `syft.generic.frameworks.hook.hook.FrameworkHook`

A Hook which Overrides Methods on PyTorch Tensors.

The purpose of this class is to:

- extend torch methods to allow for the moving of tensors from one

worker to another. * override torch methods to execute commands on one worker that are called on tensors controlled by the local worker.

This class is typically the first thing you will initialize when using PySyft with PyTorch because it is responsible for augmenting PyTorch with PySyft's added functionality (such as remote execution).

Parameters

- **local_worker** – An optional BaseWorker instance that lets you provide a local worker as a parameter which TorchHook will assume to be the worker owned by the local machine. If you leave it empty, TorchClient will automatically initialize a `workers.VirtualWorker` under the assumption you're looking to do local experimentation or development.
- **is_client** – An optional boolean parameter (default True), indicating whether TorchHook is being initialized as an end-user client. This can impact whether or not variables are deleted when they fall out of scope. If you set this incorrectly on an end user client, Tensors and Variables will never be deleted. If you set this incorrectly on a remote machine (not a client), tensors will not get saved. It's really only important if you're not initializing the local worker yourself.
- **verbose** – An optional boolean parameter (default True) to indicate whether or not to print the operations as they occur.
- **queue_size** – An integer optional parameter (default 0) to specify the max length of the list that stores the messages to be sent.

Example

```
>>> import torch as th
>>> import syft as sy
>>> hook = sy.TorchHook(th)
Hooking into Torch...
Overloading Complete.
# constructing a normal torch tensor in pysyft
>>> x = th.Tensor([-2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3])
>>> x
-2
```

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```

-1
0
1
2
3
[syft.core.frameworks.torch.tensor.FloatTensor of size 6]

```

create_shape (*cls, shape_dims*)

create_wrapper (*cls, wrapper_type*)

create_zeros (*cls, *shape, dtype=None, **kwargs*)

_hook_native_tensor (*self, tensor_type: type, syft_type: type*)

Adds PySyft Tensor Functionality to the given native tensor type.

Overloads the given native Torch tensor to add PySyft Tensor Functionality. Overloading involves modifying the tensor type with PySyft's added functionality. You may read about what kind of modifications are made in the methods that this method calls.

Parameters

- **tensor_type** – The type of tensor being hooked (in this refactor this is only ever torch.Tensor, but in previous versions of PySyft this iterated over all tensor types).
- **syft_type** – The abstract type whose methods should all be added to the tensor_type class. In practice this is always TorchTensor. Read more about it there.

__hook_properties (*self, tensor_type*)

_hook_syft_tensor_methods (*self, syft_type: type*)

_hook_private_tensor_methods (*self, syft_type: type*)

_hook_worker_methods (*self*)

_get_hooked_base_worker_method (*hook_self, attr*)

_hook_additive_shared_tensor_methods (*self*)

Add hooked version of all methods of the torch Tensor to the Additive Shared tensor: instead of performing the native tensor method, it will be forwarded to each share when it is relevant

_hook_parameters (*self*)

This method overrides the torch Parameter class such that it works correctly with our overridden tensor types. The native torch Parameter class kept deleting all of our attributes on our custom tensors, so we wrote our own.

_hook_torch_module (*self*)

Overloads functions in the main torch modules. The way this is accomplished is by first moving all existing module functions in the torch module to native_<function_name_here>.

Example

the real `torch.cat()` will become `torch.native_cat()` and `torch.cat()` will have our hooking code.

classmethod `_get_hooked_func` (*cls, public_module_name, func_api_name, attr*)

Torch-specific implementation. See the subclass for more.

`_get_hooked_additive_shared_method` (*hook_self, attr*)

Hook a method to send it multiple remote workers

Parameters **attr** (*str*) – the method to hook

Returns the hooked method

`_hook_tensor` (*hook_self*)

Hooks the function `torch.tensor()` We need to do this separately from hooking the class because internally torch does not pick up the change to add the args :param hook_self: the hook itself

classmethod `_transfer_methods_to_native_tensor` (*cls, tensor_type: type, syft_type: type*)

Adds methods from the TorchTensor class to the native torch tensor.

The class TorchTensor is a proxy to avoid extending directly the torch tensor class.

Parameters **tensor_type** – The tensor type to which we are adding methods from TorchTensor class.

`_hook_module` (*self*)

Overloading `torch.nn.Module` with PySyft functionality, the primary module responsible for core ML functionality such as Neural network layers and loss functions. It is important to note that all the operations are actually in-place.

`_hook_optim` (*self*)

Overloading `torch.optim.Optimizer` with PySyft functionality. Optimizer hyper-parameters should indeed be converted to fixed precision to interact with fixed precision or additive shared tensors. It is important to note that all the operations are actually in-place.

1.1.1.2.1.40 `syft.frameworks.torch.hook.hook_args`

1.1.1.2.1.41 Module Contents

`syft.frameworks.torch.hook.hook_args.type_rule`

`syft.frameworks.torch.hook.hook_args.forward_func`

`syft.frameworks.torch.hook.hook_args.backward_func`

`syft.frameworks.torch.hook.hook_args.ambiguous_methods`

`syft.frameworks.torch.hook.hook_args.ambiguous_functions`

1.1.1.2.1.42 `syft.frameworks.torch.linalg`

1.1.1.2.1.43 Submodules

1.1.1.2.1.44 `syft.frameworks.torch.linalg.lr`

1.1.1.2.1.45 Module Contents

```
class syft.frameworks.torch.linalg.lr.EncryptedLinearRegression (crypto_provider:  
                                                         BaseWorker,  
                                                         hbc_worker:  
                                                         BaseWorker,  
                                                         preci-  
                                                         sion_fractional:  
                                                         int = 6,  
                                                         fit_intercept:  
                                                         bool = True)
```

Multi-Party Linear Regressor based on Jonathan Bloom’s algorithm. It performs linear regression using Secure Multi-Party Computation. While the training is performed in SMPC, the final regression coefficients are public at the end and predictions are made in clear on local or pointer Tensors.

Reference: Section 2 of <https://arxiv.org/abs/1901.09531>

Parameters

- **crypto_provider** – a `BaseWorker` providing crypto elements for `AdditiveSharingTensors` (used for SMPC) such as Beaver triples
- **hbc_worker** – The “Honest but Curious” `BaseWorker`. SMPC operations in PySyft use SecureNN protocols, which are based on 3-party computations. In order to apply it for more than 3 parties, we need a “Honest but Curious” worker. To perform the Encrypted Linear Regression, the algorithm chooses randomly one of the workers in the pool and secret share all tensors with the chosen worker, the crypto provider and the “Honest but Curious” worker. Its main role is to avoid collusion between two workers in the pool if the algorithm secret shared the tensors with two randomly chosen workers and the crypto provider. The “Honest but Curious” worker is essentially a legitimate participant in a communication protocol who will not deviate from the defined protocol but will attempt to learn all possible information from legitimately received messages.
- **precision_fractional** – precision chosen for `FixedPrecisionTensors`
- **fit_intercept** – whether to calculate the intercept for this model. If set to `False`, no intercept will be used in calculations (e.g. data is expected to be already centered)

coef

`torch.Tensor` of shape `(n_features,)`. Estimated coefficients for the linear regression problem.

intercept

`torch.Tensor` of shape `(1,)` if `fit_intercept` is set to `True`, `None` otherwise. Estimated intercept for the linear regression.

pvalue_coef

`numpy.array` of shape `(n_features,)`. Two-sided p-value for a hypothesis test whose null hypothesis is that the each coeff is zero.

pvalue_intercept

`numpy.array` of shape `(1,)` if `fit_intercept` is set to `True`, `None` otherwise. Two-sided p-value for a hypothesis test whose null hypothesis is that the intercept is zero.

fit (*self*, *X_ptrs*: List[torch.Tensor], *y_ptrs*: List[torch.Tensor])
 Fits the linear model using Secured Multi-Party Linear Regression. The final results (i.e. coefficients and p-values) will be public.

predict (*self*, *X*: torch.Tensor)
 Performs prediction of linear model on X, which can be a local torch.Tensor or a wrapped PointerTensor. The result will be either a local torch.Tensor or a wrapped PointerTensor, depending on the nature of X.

summarize (*self*)
 Prints a summary of the coefficients and its statistics. This method should be called only after training of the model.

_check_ptrs (*self*, *X_ptrs*, *y_ptrs*)
 Method that check if the lists of pointers corresponding to the explanatory and explained variables have their elements as expected. It also computes parallelly some Regressor's attributes such as number of features and total sample size.

static _add_intercept (*X_ptrs*)
 Adds a column-vector of 1's at the beginning of the tensors X_ptrs

static _get_workers (*ptrs*)
 Method that returns the pool of workers in a tuple

static _remote_dot_products (*X_ptrs*, *y_ptrs*)
 This method computes the aggregated dot-products remotely. It corresponds to the Compression stage (or Compression within) of Bloom's algorithm

_share_ptrs (*self*, *ptrs*, *worker_idx*)
 Method that secret share a list of remote tensors between a worker of the pool and the 'honest but curious' worker, using a crypto_provider worker

_compute_pvalues (*self*)
 Compute p-values of coefficients (and intercept if fit_intercept==True)

class syft.frameworks.torch.linalg.lr.**DASH** (*crypto_provider*: BaseWorker, *hbc_worker*: BaseWorker, *precision_fractional*: int = 6)

Distributed Association Scan Hammer (DASH) algorithm based on Jonathan Bloom's algorithm. It uses Secured Multi-Party Computation at combine phase. While the training is performed in SMPC, the final regression coefficients are public at the end.

Reference: Section 2 of <https://arxiv.org/abs/1901.09531>

Parameters

- **crypto_provider** – a BaseWorker providing crypto elements for ASTs such as Beaver triples
- **hbc_worker** – The “Honest but Curious” BaseWorker. SMPC operations in PySyft use SecureNN protocols, which are based on 3-party computations. In order to apply it for more than 3 parties, we need a “Honest but Curious” worker. To perform the DASH algorithm, we choose randomly one of the workers in the pool and secret share all tensors with the chosen worker, the crypto provider and the “Honest but Curious” worker. Its main role is to avoid collusion between two workers in the pool if the algorithm secret shared the tensors with two randomly chosen workers and the crypto provider. The “Honest but Curious” worker is essentially a legitimate participant in a communication protocol who will not deviate from the defined protocol but will attempt to learn all possible information from legitimately received messages.
- **precision_fractional** – precision chosen for FixedPrecisionTensors

coef
 torch.Tensor of shape (n_features,). Estimated coefficients for DASH algorithm.

pvalue

numpy.array of shape (n_features,). Two-sided p-value for a hypothesis test whose null hypothesis is that the each coeff is zero.

fit (*self*, *X_ptrs*: List[torch.Tensor], *C_ptrs*: List[torch.Tensor], *y_ptrs*: List[torch.Tensor])

get_coeff (*self*)

get_standard_errors (*self*)

get_p_values (*self*)

_check_ptrs (*self*, *X_ptrs*, *C_ptrs*, *y_ptrs*)

Method that check if the lists of pointers corresponding to the response vector, transient covariate vectors and independent permanent covariate vectors have their elements as expected. It also computes parallelly some Regressor's attributes such as degrees of freedom and total sample size.

static _get_workers (*ptrs*)

Method that returns the pool of workers in a tuple

static _remote_dot_products (*X_ptrs*, *C_ptrs*, *y_ptrs*)

This method computes the aggregated dot-products remotely. It corresponds to the Compression stage (or Compression within) of DASH algorithm

static _remote_qr (*C_ptrs*)

Performs the QR decompositions of permanent covariate matrices remotely. It returns a list with the upper right matrices located in each worker

static _inv_upper (*R*)

Performs the inversion of a right upper matrix (2-dim tensor) in MPC by solving the linear equation $R * R_{inv} = I$ with backward substitution.

_share_ptrs (*self*, *ptrs*, *worker_idx*)

Method that secret share a list of remote tensors between a worker of the pool and the 'honest but curious' worker, using a crypto_provider worker

_compute_pvalues (*self*)

Compute p-values of coefficients

1.1.1.2.1.46 `syft.frameworks.torch.linalg.operations`

1.1.1.2.1.47 Module Contents

`syft.frameworks.torch.linalg.operations.inv_sym(t)`

This function performs the inversion of a symmetric matrix (2-dim tensor) in MPC. It uses LDLt decomposition, which is better than Cholensky decomposition in our case since it doesn't use square root. Algorithm reference: <https://arxiv.org/abs/1111.4144> - Section IV

Parameters *t* – symmetric 2-dim tensor

Returns inverse of *t* as 2-dim tensor

Return type *t_inv*

`syft.frameworks.torch.linalg.operations._ldl(t)`

This function performs the LDLt decomposition of a symmetric matrix (2-dim tensor)

Parameters *t* – symmetric 2-dim tensor

Returns

lower triangular matrix as a 2-dim tensor with same type as `t`: 1-dim tensor which represents the diagonal in the LDLt decomposition `inv_d`: 1-dim tensor which represents the inverse of the diagonal `d`. It is useful

when computing inverse of a symmetric matrix, by caching it we avoid repeated computations with division, which is very slow in MPC

Return type `l`

`syft.frameworks.torch.linalg.operations.qr(t, mode='reduced', norm_factor=None)`

This function performs the QR decomposition of a matrix (2-dim tensor). The decomposition is performed using Householder Reflection.

Parameters

- `t` – 2-dim tensor, shape(M, N). It should be whether a local tensor, a pointer to a remote tensor or an AdditiveSharedTensor
- `mode` – {‘reduced’, ‘complete’, ‘r’}. If $K = \min(M, N)$, then - ‘reduced’ : returns `q`, `r` with dimensions (M, K), (K, N) (default) - ‘complete’ : returns `q`, `r` with dimensions (M, M), (M, N) - ‘r’ : returns `r` only with dimensions (K, N)
- `norm_factor` – float. The normalization factor used to avoid overflow when performing QR decomposition on an AdditiveSharedTensor. For example in the case of the DASH algorithm, this `norm_factor` should be of the order of the square root of number of entries in the original matrix used to perform the compression phase assuming the entries are standardized.

Returns orthogonal matrix as a 2-dim tensor with same type as `t`: lower triangular matrix as a 2-dim tensor with same type as `t`

Return type `q`

`syft.frameworks.torch.linalg.operations._norm_mpc(t, norm_factor)`

Computation of a norm of a vector in MPC. The vector should be an AdditiveSharedTensor.

It performs the norm calculation by masking the tensor with a multiplication by a big random number drawn from a uniform distribution, and computing the square root of the squared norm of the masked tensor, which is computed beforehand with a dot product in MPC.

In order to maintain stability and avoid overflow, this functions uses a `norm_factor` that scales down the tensor for MPC computations and rescale it at the end. For example in the case of the DASH algorithm, this `norm_factor` should be of the order of the square root of number of entries in the original matrix used to perform the compression phase assuming the entries are standardized.

Parameters

- `t` – 1-dim AdditiveSharedTensor, representing a vector.
- `norm_factor` – float. The normalization factor used to avoid overflow

Returns the norm of the vector as an AdditiveSharedTensor

1.1.1.2.1.48 Package Contents

`syft.frameworks.torch.linalg.inv_sym(t)`

This function performs the inversion of a symmetric matrix (2-dim tensor) in MPC. It uses LDLt decomposition, which is better than Cholensky decomposition in our case since it doesn't use square root. Algorithm reference: <https://arxiv.org/abs/1111.4144> - Section IV

Parameters `t` – symmetric 2-dim tensor

Returns inverse of `t` as 2-dim tensor

Return type `t_inv`

`syft.frameworks.torch.linalg.qr(t, mode='reduced', norm_factor=None)`

This function performs the QR decomposition of a matrix (2-dim tensor). The decomposition is performed using Householder Reflection.

Parameters

- `t` – 2-dim tensor, shape(M, N). It should be whether a local tensor, a pointer to a remote tensor or an AdditiveSharedTensor
- `mode` – { 'reduced', 'complete', 'r' }. If $K = \min(M, N)$, then - 'reduced' : returns q, r with dimensions (M, K), (K, N) (default) - 'complete' : returns q, r with dimensions (M, M), (M, N) - 'r' : returns r only with dimensions (K, N)
- `norm_factor` – float. The normalization factor used to avoid overflow when performing QR decomposition on an AdditiveSharedTensor. For example in the case of the DASH algorithm, this `norm_factor` should be of the order of the square root of number of entries in the original matrix used to perform the compression phase assuming the entries are standardized.

Returns orthogonal matrix as a 2-dim tensor with same type as `t`: lower triangular matrix as a 2-dim tensor with same type as `t`

Return type `q`

`class syft.frameworks.torch.linalg.EncryptedLinearRegression` (*crypto_provider: BaseWorker, hbc_worker: BaseWorker, precision_fractional: int = 6, fit_intercept: bool = True*)

Multi-Party Linear Regressor based on Jonathan Bloom's algorithm. It performs linear regression using Secure Multi-Party Computation. While the training is performed in SMPC, the final regression coefficients are public at the end and predictions are made in clear on local or pointer Tensors.

Reference: Section 2 of <https://arxiv.org/abs/1901.09531>

Parameters

- `crypto_provider` – a BaseWorker providing crypto elements for AdditiveSharingTensors (used for SMPC) such as Beaver triples
- `hbc_worker` – The “Honest but Curious” BaseWorker. SMPC operations in PySyft use SecureNN protocols, which are based on 3-party computations. In order to apply it for more than 3 parties, we need a “Honest but Curious” worker. To perform the Encrypted Linear Regression, the algorithm chooses randomly one of the workers in the pool and secret share all tensors with the chosen worker, the crypto provider and the “Honest but Curious” worker. Its main role is to avoid collusion between two workers in the pool if the algorithm secret

shared the tensors with two randomly chosen workers and the crypto provider. The “Honest but Curious” worker is essentially a legitimate participant in a communication protocol who will not deviate from the defined protocol but will attempt to learn all possible information from legitimately received messages.

- **precision_fractional** – precision chosen for FixedPrecisionTensors
- **fit_intercept** – whether to calculate the intercept for this model. If set to False, no intercept will be used in calculations (e.g. data is expected to be already centered)

coef

torch.Tensor of shape (n_features,). Estimated coefficients for the linear regression problem.

intercept

torch.Tensor of shape (1,) if fit_intercept is set to True, None otherwise. Estimated intercept for the linear regression.

pvalue_coef

numpy.array of shape (n_features,). Two-sided p-value for a hypothesis test whose null hypothesis is that the each coeff is zero.

pvalue_intercept

numpy.array of shape (1,) if fit_intercept is set to True, None otherwise. Two-sided p-value for a hypothesis test whose null hypothesis is that the intercept is zero.

fit (*self*, *X_ptrs*: List[torch.Tensor], *y_ptrs*: List[torch.Tensor])

Fits the linear model using Secured Multi-Party Linear Regression. The final results (i.e. coefficients and p-values) will be public.

predict (*self*, *X*: torch.Tensor)

Performs prediction of linear model on X, which can be a local torch.Tensor or a wrapped PointerTensor. The result will be either a local torch.Tensor or a wrapped PointerTensor, depending on the nature of X.

summarize (*self*)

Prints a summary of the coefficients and its statistics. This method should be called only after training of the model.

_check_ptrs (*self*, *X_ptrs*, *y_ptrs*)

Method that check if the lists of pointers corresponding to the explanatory and explained variables have their elements as expected. It also computes parallelly some Regressor’s attributes such as number of features and total sample size.

static _add_intercept (*X_ptrs*)

Adds a column-vector of 1’s at the beginning of the tensors X_ptrs

static _get_workers (*ptrs*)

Method that returns the pool of workers in a tuple

static _remote_dot_products (*X_ptrs*, *y_ptrs*)

This method computes the aggregated dot-products remotely. It corresponds to the Compression stage (or Compression within) of Bloom’s algorithm

_share_ptrs (*self*, *ptrs*, *worker_idx*)

Method that secret share a list of remote tensors between a worker of the pool and the ‘honest but curious’ worker, using a crypto_provider worker

_compute_pvalues (*self*)

Compute p-values of coefficients (and intercept if fit_intercept==True)

class syft.frameworks.torch.linalg.DASH (*crypto_provider*: BaseWorker, *hbc_worker*: BaseWorker, *precision_fractional*: int = 6)

Distributed Association Scan Hammer (DASH) algorithm based on Jonathan Bloom’s algorithm. It uses Secured

Multi-Party Computation at combine phase. While the training is performed in SMPC, the final regression coefficients are public at the end.

Reference: Section 2 of <https://arxiv.org/abs/1901.09531>

Parameters

- **crypto_provider** – a BaseWorker providing crypto elements for ASTs such as Beaver triples
- **hbc_worker** – The “Honest but Curious” BaseWorker. SMPC operations in PySyft use SecureNN protocols, which are based on 3-party computations. In order to apply it for more than 3 parties, we need a “Honest but Curious” worker. To perform the DASH algorithm, we choose randomly one of the workers in the pool and secret share all tensors with the chosen worker, the crypto provider and the “Honest but Curious” worker. Its main role is to avoid collusion between two workers in the pool if the algorithm secret shared the tensors with two randomly chosen workers and the crypto provider. The “Honest but Curious” worker is essentially a legitimate participant in a communication protocol who will not deviate from the defined protocol but will attempt to learn all possible information from legitimately received messages.
- **precision_fractional** – precision chosen for FixedPrecisionTensors

coef

torch.Tensor of shape (n_features,). Estimated coefficients for DASH algorithm.

pvalue

numpy.array of shape (n_features,). Two-sided p-value for a hypothesis test whose null hypothesis is that the each coeff is zero.

fit (*self*, *X_ptrs*: List[torch.Tensor], *C_ptrs*: List[torch.Tensor], *y_ptrs*: List[torch.Tensor])

get_coeff (*self*)

get_standard_errors (*self*)

get_p_values (*self*)

_check_ptrs (*self*, *X_ptrs*, *C_ptrs*, *y_ptrs*)

Method that check if the lists of pointers corresponding to the response vector, transient covariate vectors and independent permanent covariate vectors have their elements as expected. It also computes parallelly some Regressor’s attributes such as degrees of freedom and total sample size.

static _get_workers (*ptrs*)

Method that returns the pool of workers in a tuple

static _remote_dot_products (*X_ptrs*, *C_ptrs*, *y_ptrs*)

This method computes the aggregated dot-products remotely. It corresponds to the Compression stage (or Compression within) of DASH algorithm

static _remote_qr (*C_ptrs*)

Performs the QR decompositions of permanent covariate matrices remotely. It returns a list with the upper right matrices located in each worker

static _inv_upper (*R*)

Performs the inversion of a right upper matrix (2-dim tensor) in MPC by solving the linear equation $R * R_{inv} = I$ with backward substitution.

_share_ptrs (*self*, *ptrs*, *worker_idx*)

Method that secret share a list of remote tensors between a worker of the pool and the ‘honest but curious’ worker, using a crypto_provider worker

`_compute_pvalues` (*self*)
Compute p-values of coefficients

1.1.1.2.1.49 `syft.frameworks.torch.mpc`

1.1.1.2.1.50 Submodules

1.1.1.2.1.51 `syft.frameworks.torch.mpc.beaver`

1.1.1.2.1.52 Module Contents

`syft.frameworks.torch.mpc.beaver.request_triple` (*crypto_provider: AbstractWorker, cmd: Callable, field: int, a_size: tuple, b_size: tuple, locations: list*)

Generates a multiplication triple and sends it to all locations.

Parameters

- **crypto_provider** – worker you would like to request the triple from
- **cmd** – An equation in einsum notation.
- **field** – An integer representing the field size.
- **a_size** – A tuple which is the size that a should be or a torch.Size instance
- **b_size** – A tuple which is the size that b should be or a torch.Size instance
- **locations** – A list of workers where the triple should be shared between.

Returns A triple of AdditiveSharedTensors such that $c_shared = cmd(a_shared, b_shared)$.

1.1.1.2.1.53 `syft.frameworks.torch.mpc.securenn`

This is an implementation of the SecureNN paper <https://eprint.iacr.org/2018/442.pdf>

Note that there is a difference here in that our shares can be negative numbers while they are always positive in the paper

1.1.1.2.1.54 Module Contents

`syft.frameworks.torch.mpc.securenn.p = 67`

`syft.frameworks.torch.mpc.securenn.Q_BITS = 62`

`syft.frameworks.torch.mpc.securenn.no_wrap`

`syft.frameworks.torch.mpc.securenn.decompose` (*tensor*)
decompose a tensor into its binary representation.

`syft.frameworks.torch.mpc.securenn.flip` (*x, dim*)
Reverse the order of the elements in a tensor

`syft.frameworks.torch.mpc.securenn._random_common_bit` (**workers*)
Return a bit chosen by a worker and sent to all workers, in the form of a MultiPointerTensor

`syft.frameworks.torch.mpc.securenn._random_common_value` (*max_value, *workers*)
Return n in [0, max_value-1] chosen by a worker and sent to all workers, in the form of a MultiPointerTensor

`syft.frameworks.torch.mpc.securenn._shares_of_zero` (*size, field, crypto_provider, *workers*)

Return n in $[0, \text{max_value}-1]$ chosen by a worker and sent to all workers, in the form of a MultiPointerTensor

`syft.frameworks.torch.mpc.securenn.select_share` (*alpha_sh, x_sh, y_sh*)

Performs select share protocol If the bit `alpha_sh` is 0, `x_sh` is returned If the bit `alpha_sh` is 1, `y_sh` is returned

Parameters

- `x_sh` (`AdditiveSharingTensor`) – the first share to select
- `y_sh` (`AdditiveSharingTensor`) – the second share to select
- `alpha_sh` (`AdditiveSharingTensor`) – the bit to choose between `x_sh` and `y_sh`

Returns $z_sh = (1 - \text{alpha_sh}) * x_sh + \text{alpha_sh} * y_sh$

`syft.frameworks.torch.mpc.securenn.private_compare` (*x_bit_sh, r, beta*)

Perform privately $x > r$

Parameters

- `x` (`AdditiveSharedTensor`) – the private tensor
- `r` (`MultiPointerTensor`) – the threshold commonly held by alice and bob
- `beta` (`MultiPointerTensor`) – a boolean commonly held by alice and bob to hide the result of computation for the crypto provider

Returns = $(x > r)$.

`syft.frameworks.torch.mpc.securenn.msb` (*a_sh*)

Compute the most significant bit in `a_sh`, this is an implementation of the SecureNN paper <https://eprint.iacr.org/2018/442.pdf>

Parameters `a_sh` (`AdditiveSharingTensor`) – the tensor of study

Returns the most significant bit

`syft.frameworks.torch.mpc.securenn.share_convert` (*a_sh*)

Convert shares of `a` in field L to shares of `a` in field $L - 1$

Parameters `a_sh` (`AdditiveSharingTensor`) – the additive sharing tensor who owns the shares in field L to convert

Returns An additive sharing tensor with shares in field $L-1$

`syft.frameworks.torch.mpc.securenn.relu_deriv` (*a_sh*)

Compute the derivative of Relu

Parameters `a_sh` (`AdditiveSharingTensor`) – the private tensor on which the op applies

Returns 0 if $\text{Dec}(a_sh) < 0$ 1 if $\text{Dec}(a_sh) > 0$ encrypted in an `AdditiveSharingTensor`

`syft.frameworks.torch.mpc.securenn.relu` (*a_sh*)

Compute Relu

Parameters `a_sh` (`AdditiveSharingTensor`) – the private tensor on which the op applies

Returns $\text{Dec}(a_sh) > 0$ encrypted in an `AdditiveSharingTensor`

`syft.frameworks.torch.mpc.securenn.division` (*x_sh, y_sh, bit_len_max=Q_BITS // 2*)

Performs division of encrypted numbers

Parameters

- `y_sh` (`x_sh,`) – the private tensors on which the op applies

- **bit_len_max** – the number of bits needed to represent the highest value in the tensors we may want to avoid giving this value so `Q_BITS` is the default value

Returns element-wise integer division of `x_sh` by `y_sh`

`syft.frameworks.torch.mpc.securenn.maxpool(x_sh)`

Compute MaxPool: returns fresh shares of the max value in the input tensor and the index of this value in the flattened tensor

Parameters `x_sh` (`AdditiveSharingTensor`) – the private tensor on which the op applies

Returns maximum value as an `AdditiveSharingTensor` index of this value in the flattened tensor as an `AdditiveSharingTensor`

`syft.frameworks.torch.mpc.securenn.maxpool_deriv(x_sh)`

Compute derivative of MaxPool

Parameters `x_sh` (`AdditiveSharingTensor`) – the private tensor on which the op applies

Returns an `AdditiveSharingTensor` of the same shape as `x_sh` full of zeros except for a 1 at the position of the max value

`syft.frameworks.torch.mpc.securenn.maxpool2d(a_sh, kernel_size: int = 1, stride: int = 1, padding: int = 0)`

Applies a 2D max pooling over an input signal composed of several input planes. This interface is similar to `torch.nn.MaxPool2D`. :param `kernel_size`: the size of the window to take a max over :param `stride`: the stride of the window :param `padding`: implicit zero padding to be added on both sides

1.1.1.2.1.55 `syft.frameworks.torch.mpc.spdz`

1.1.1.2.1.56 Module Contents

`syft.frameworks.torch.mpc.spdz.no_wrap`

`syft.frameworks.torch.mpc.spdz.spdz_mul(cmd: Callable, x_sh, y_sh, crypto_provider: AbstractWorker, field: int)`

Abstractly multiplies two tensors (mul or matmul)

Parameters

- **cmd** – a callable of the equation to be computed (mul or matmul)
- **x_sh** (`AdditiveSharingTensor`) – the left part of the operation
- **y_sh** (`AdditiveSharingTensor`) – the right part of the operation
- **crypto_provider** (`AbstractWorker`) – an `AbstractWorker` which is used to generate triples
- **field** (`int`) – an integer denoting the size of the field

Returns an `AdditiveSharingTensor`

1.1.1.2.1.57 `syft.frameworks.torch.nn`

1.1.1.2.1.58 Submodules

1.1.1.2.1.59 `syft.frameworks.torch.nn.conv`

1.1.1.2.1.60 Module Contents

```
class syft.frameworks.torch.nn.conv.Conv2d(in_channels, out_channels, kernel_size,  
stride=1, padding=0, dilation=1, groups=1,  
bias=False, padding_mode='zeros')
```

Bases: `torch.nn.Module`

This class is the beginning of an exact python port of the `torch.nn.Conv2d` module. Because PySyft cannot hook into layers which are implemented in C++, our special functionalities (such as encrypted computation) do not work with `torch.nn.Conv2d` and so we must have python ports available for all layer types which we seek to use.

Note that this module has been tested to ensure that it outputs the exact output values that the main module outputs in the same order that the main module does.

However, there is often some rounding error of unknown origin, usually less than 1e-6 in magnitude.

This module has not yet been tested with GPUs but should work out of the box.

```
forward(self, data)
```

1.1.1.2.1.61 `syft.frameworks.torch.nn.pool`

1.1.1.2.1.62 Module Contents

```
class syft.frameworks.torch.nn.pool.AvgPool2d(kernel_size, stride=None,  
padding=0, ceil_mode=False,  
count_include_pad=True, divisor_override=None)
```

Bases: `torch.nn.Module`

This class is the beginning of an exact python port of the `torch.nn.AvgPool2d` module. Because PySyft cannot hook into layers which are implemented in C++, our special functionalities (such as encrypted computation) do not work with `torch.nn.AvgPool2d` and so we must have python ports available for all layer types which we seek to use.

Note that this module has been tested to ensure that it outputs the exact output values that the main module outputs in the same order that the main module does.

However, there is often some rounding error of unknown origin, usually less than 1e-6 in magnitude.

This module has not yet been tested with GPUs but should work out of the box.

```
forward(self, data)
```

1.1.1.2.1.63 `syft.frameworks.torch.nn.rnn`

1.1.1.2.1.64 Module Contents

class `syft.frameworks.torch.nn.rnn.RNNCellBase` (*input_size, hidden_size, bias, num_chunks, nonlinearity=None*)

Bases: `torch.nn.Module`

Cell to be used as base for all RNN cells, including GRU and LSTM This class overrides the `torch.nn.RNNCellBase` Only Linear and Dropout layers are used to be able to use MPC

reset_parameters (*self*)

This method initializes or reset all the parameters of the cell. The paramaters are initiated following a uniform distribution.

init_hidden (*self, input*)

This method initializes a hidden state when no hidden state is provided in the forward method. It creates a hidden state with zero values.

class `syft.frameworks.torch.nn.rnn.RNNCell` (*input_size, hidden_size, bias=True, nonlinearity='tanh'*)

Bases: `syft.frameworks.torch.nn.rnn.RNNCellBase`

Python implementation of RNNCell with tanh or relu non-linearity for MPC This class overrides the `torch.nn.RNNCell`

forward (*self, x, h=None*)

class `syft.frameworks.torch.nn.rnn.GRUCell` (*input_size, hidden_size, bias=True, nonlinearity=None*)

Bases: `syft.frameworks.torch.nn.rnn.RNNCellBase`

Python implementation of GRUCell for MPC This class overrides the `torch.nn.GRUCell`

forward (*self, x, h=None*)

class `syft.frameworks.torch.nn.rnn.LSTMCell` (*input_size, hidden_size, bias=True, nonlinearity=None*)

Bases: `syft.frameworks.torch.nn.rnn.RNNCellBase`

Python implementation of LSTMCell for MPC This class overrides the `torch.nn.LSTMCell`

reset_parameters (*self*)

forward (*self, x, hc=None*)

class `syft.frameworks.torch.nn.rnn.RNNBase` (*input_size, hidden_size, num_layers, bias, batch_first, dropout, bidirectional, base_cell, nonlinearity=None*)

Bases: `torch.nn.Module`

Module to be used as base for all RNN modules, including GRU and LSTM This class overrides the `torch.nn.RNNBase` Only Linear and Dropout layers are used to be able to use MPC

forward (*self, x, h=None*)

_swap_axis (*self, x, h*)

This method swap the axes for batch_size and seq_len. It is used when batch_first==True.

_init_hidden (*self, input*)

This method initializes a hidden state when no hidden state is provided in the forward method. It creates a hidden state with zero values for each layer of the network.

`_apply_time_step` (*self, x, h, c, t, reverse_direction=False*)
Apply RNN layers at time t, given input and previous hidden states

class `syft.frameworks.torch.nn.rnn.RNN` (*input_size, hidden_size, num_layers=1, nonlinearity='tanh', bias=True, batch_first=False, dropout=0, bidirectional=False*)

Bases: `syft.frameworks.torch.nn.rnn.RNNBase`

Python implementation of RNN for MPC This class overrides the `torch.nn.RNN`

class `syft.frameworks.torch.nn.rnn.GRU` (*input_size, hidden_size, num_layers=1, bias=True, batch_first=False, dropout=0, bidirectional=False*)

Bases: `syft.frameworks.torch.nn.rnn.RNNBase`

Python implementation of GRU for MPC This class overrides the `torch.nn.GRU`

class `syft.frameworks.torch.nn.rnn.LSTM` (*input_size, hidden_size, num_layers=1, bias=True, batch_first=False, dropout=0, bidirectional=False*)

Bases: `syft.frameworks.torch.nn.rnn.RNNBase`

Python implementation of LSTM for MPC This class overrides the `torch.nn.LSTM`

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class `syft.frameworks.torch.nn.RNN` (*input_size, hidden_size, num_layers=1, nonlinearity='tanh', bias=True, batch_first=False, dropout=0, bidirectional=False*)

Bases: `syft.frameworks.torch.nn.rnn.RNNBase`

Python implementation of RNN for MPC This class overrides the `torch.nn.RNN`

class `syft.frameworks.torch.nn.GRU` (*input_size, hidden_size, num_layers=1, bias=True, batch_first=False, dropout=0, bidirectional=False*)

Bases: `syft.frameworks.torch.nn.rnn.RNNBase`

Python implementation of GRU for MPC This class overrides the `torch.nn.GRU`

class `syft.frameworks.torch.nn.LSTM` (*input_size, hidden_size, num_layers=1, bias=True, batch_first=False, dropout=0, bidirectional=False*)

Bases: `syft.frameworks.torch.nn.rnn.RNNBase`

Python implementation of LSTM for MPC This class overrides the `torch.nn.LSTM`

class `syft.frameworks.torch.nn.RNNCell` (*input_size, hidden_size, bias=True, nonlinearity='tanh'*)

Bases: `syft.frameworks.torch.nn.rnn.RNNCellBase`

Python implementation of RNNCell with tanh or relu non-linearity for MPC This class overrides the `torch.nn.RNNCell`

forward (*self, x, h=None*)

class `syft.frameworks.torch.nn.GRUCell` (*input_size, hidden_size, bias=True, nonlinearity=None*)

Bases: `syft.frameworks.torch.nn.rnn.RNNCellBase`

Python implementation of GRUCell for MPC This class overrides the `torch.nn.GRUCell`

forward (*self, x, h=None*)

class `syft.frameworks.torch.nn.LSTMCell` (*input_size, hidden_size, bias=True, nonlinearity=None*)

Bases: `syft.frameworks.torch.nn.rnn.RNNCellBase`

Python implementation of LSTMCell for MPC This class overrides the torch.nn.LSTMCell

reset_parameters (*self*)

forward (*self*, *x*, *hc=None*)

```
class syft.frameworks.torch.nn.Conv2d(in_channels, out_channels, kernel_size, stride=1,
                                     padding=0, dilation=1, groups=1, bias=False,
                                     padding_mode='zeros')
```

Bases: torch.nn.Module

This class is the beginning of an exact python port of the torch.nn.Conv2d module. Because PySyft cannot hook into layers which are implemented in C++, our special functionalities (such as encrypted computation) do not work with torch.nn.Conv2d and so we must have python ports available for all layer types which we seek to use.

Note that this module has been tested to ensure that it outputs the exact output values that the main module outputs in the same order that the main module does.

However, there is often some rounding error of unknown origin, usually less than 1e-6 in magnitude.

This module has not yet been tested with GPUs but should work out of the box.

forward (*self*, *data*)

```
class syft.frameworks.torch.nn.AvgPool2d(kernel_size, stride=None, padding=0,
                                          ceil_mode=False, count_include_pad=True,
                                          divisor_override=None)
```

Bases: torch.nn.Module

This class is the beginning of an exact python port of the torch.nn.AvgPool2d module. Because PySyft cannot hook into layers which are implemented in C++, our special functionalities (such as encrypted computation) do not work with torch.nn.AvgPool2d and so we must have python ports available for all layer types which we seek to use.

Note that this module has been tested to ensure that it outputs the exact output values that the main module outputs in the same order that the main module does.

However, there is often some rounding error of unknown origin, usually less than 1e-6 in magnitude.

This module has not yet been tested with GPUs but should work out of the box.

forward (*self*, *data*)

1.1.1.2.1.66 `syft.frameworks.torch.tensors`

1.1.1.2.1.67 Subpackages

1.1.1.2.1.68 `syft.frameworks.torch.tensors.decorators`

1.1.1.2.1.69 Submodules

1.1.1.2.1.70 `syft.frameworks.torch.tensors.decorators.logging`

1.1.1.2.1.71 Module Contents

class `syft.frameworks.torch.tensors.decorators.logging.LoggingTensor` (*owner=None, id=None, tags=None, description=None*)

Bases: `syft.generic.tensor.AbstractTensor`

add (*self, _self, *args, **kwargs*)

Here is an example of how to use the `@overloaded.method` decorator. To see what this decorator do, just look at the next method `manual_add`: it does exactly the same but without the decorator.

Note the subtlety between `self` and `_self`: you should use `_self` and NOT `self`.

manual_add (*self, *args, **kwargs*)

Here is the version of the `add` method without the decorator: as you can see it is much more complicated. However you might need sometimes to specify some particular behaviour: so here what to start from :)

static torch (*module*)

We use the `@overloaded.module` to specify we're writing here a function which should overload the function with the same name in the `<torch>` module :`param module: object` which stores the overloading functions

Note that we used the `@staticmethod` decorator as we're in a class

classmethod on_function_call (*cls, command*)

Override this to perform a specific action for each call of a torch function with arguments containing syft tensors of the class doing the overloading

static simplify (*worker: AbstractWorker, tensor: LoggingTensor*)

This function takes the attributes of a `LogTensor` and saves them in a tuple :`param tensor: a LogTensor`
:type tensor: `LoggingTensor`

Returns a tuple holding the unique attributes of the log tensor

Return type tuple

Examples

```
data = _simplify(tensor)
```

static detail (*worker: AbstractWorker, tensor_tuple: tuple*)

This function reconstructs a LogTensor given it's attributes in form of a tuple. :param worker: the worker doing the deserialization :param tensor_tuple: a tuple holding the attributes of the LogTensor

Returns a LogTensor

Return type *LoggingTensor*

Examples

```
logtensor = detail(data)
```

1.1.1.2.1.72 `syft.frameworks.torch.tensors.interpreters`

1.1.1.2.1.73 Submodules

1.1.1.2.1.74 `syft.frameworks.torch.tensors.interpreters.additive_shared`

1.1.1.2.1.75 Module Contents

`syft.frameworks.torch.tensors.interpreters.additive_shared.no_wrap`

```
class syft.frameworks.torch.tensors.interpreters.additive_shared.AdditiveSharingTensor (sharing=None, dict=None, id=None, field=None, n_bits=None, crypt=None, tags=None, decription=None)
```

Bases: *syft.generic.tensor.AbstractTensor*

`__add__`

`__radd__`

`__sub__`

`__pow__`

`__truediv__`

`__repr__` (*self*)

`__str__` (*self*)

`__bool__` (*self*)

Prevent evaluation of encrypted tensor

property locations (*self*)

Provide a locations attribute

property shape (*self*)

Return the shape which is the shape of any of the shares

dim (*self*)

clone (*self*)

Clone should keep ids unchanged, contrary to copy

get_class_attributes (*self*)

Specify all the attributes need to build a wrapper correctly when returning a response, for example `precision_fractional` is important when wrapping the result of a method on a `self` which is a fixed precision tensor with a non default `precision_fractional`.

property grad (*self*)

Gradient makes no sense for Additive Shared Tensor, so we make it clear that if someone query `.grad` on a Additive Shared Tensor it doesn't error but returns `grad` and can't be set

backward (*self*, **args*, ***kwargs*)

Calling `backward` on Additive Shared Tensor doesn't make sense, but sometimes a call can be propagated downward the chain to an AST (for example in `create_grad_objects`), so we just ignore the call.

get (*self*)

Fetches all shares and returns the plaintext tensor they represent

virtual_get (*self*)

Get the value of the tensor without calling `get` - Useful for debugging, only for `VirtualWorkers`

init_shares (*self*, **owners*)

Initializes shares and distributes them amongst their respective owners

Parameters the list of shareholders. Can be of any length.

(**owners*)-

static generate_shares (*secret*, *n_workers*, *field*, *random_type*)

The cryptographic method for generating shares given a secret tensor.

Parameters

- **secret** – the tensor to be shared.
- **n_workers** – the number of shares to generate for each value (i.e., the number of tensors to return)
- **field** – 1 + the max value for a share
- **random_type** – the torch type shares should be encoded in (use the smallest possible given the choice of mod”

reconstruct (*self*)

Reconstruct the shares of the `AdditiveSharingTensor` remotely without its owner being able to see any sensitive value

Returns A `MultiPointerTensor` where all workers hold the reconstructed value

zero (*self*)

Build an additive shared tensor of value zero with the same properties as `self`

refresh (*self*)

Refresh shares by adding shares of zero

`__getitem_multipointer` (*self, self_shares, indices_shares*)

Support $x[i]$ where x is an AdditiveSharingTensor and i a MultiPointerTensor

Parameters

- **self_shares** (*dict*) – the dict of shares of x
- **indices_shares** (*dict*) – the dict of shares of i

Returns an AdditiveSharingTensor

`__getitem_public` (*self, self_shares, indices*)

Support $x[i]$ where x is an AdditiveSharingTensor and i a MultiPointerTensor

Parameters

- **self_shares** (*dict*) – the dict of shares of x
- **indices_shares** (*tuples of ints*) – integers indices

Returns an AdditiveSharingTensor

`__getitem__` (*self, indices*)

`add` (*self, shares: dict, other*)

Adds operand to the self AST instance.

Parameters

- **shares** – a dictionary $\langle \text{location_id} \rightarrow \text{PointerTensor} \rangle$ of shares corresponding to self. Equivalent to calling `self.child`.
- **other** – the operand being added to self, can be: - a dictionary $\langle \text{location_id} \rightarrow \text{PointerTensor} \rangle$ of shares - a torch tensor - a constant

`sub` (*self, shares: dict, other*)

Subtracts an operand from the self AST instance.

Parameters

- **shares** – a dictionary $\langle \text{location_id} \rightarrow \text{PointerTensor} \rangle$ of shares corresponding to self. Equivalent to calling `self.child`.
- **other** – the operand being subtracted from self, can be: - a dictionary $\langle \text{location_id} \rightarrow \text{PointerTensor} \rangle$ of shares - a torch tensor - a constant

`__rsub__` (*self, other*)

`__private_mul` (*self, other, equation: str*)

Abstractly Multiplies two tensors

Parameters

- **self** – an AdditiveSharingTensor
- **other** – another AdditiveSharingTensor
- **equation** – a string representation of the equation to be computed in einstein summation form

`__public_mul` (*self, shares, other, equation*)

Multiplies an AdditiveSharingTensor with a non-private value (int, torch tensor, MultiPointerTensor, etc.)

When other is a constant equal to zero, the shares vanish so we need to add fresh shares of zero.

Parameters

- **shares** (*dict*) – a dictionary <location_id -> PointerTensor) of shares corresponding to self. Equivalent to calling self.child.
- **other** (*dict of int*) – operand being multiplied with self, can be: - a dictionary <location_id -> PointerTensor) of shares - a torch tensor (Int or Long) - or an integer
- **equation** – a string representation of the equation to be computed in einstein summation form

mul (*self, other*)

Multiplies two tensors together

Parameters

- **self** (*AdditiveSharingTensor*) – an AdditiveSharingTensor
- **other** – another AdditiveSharingTensor, or a MultiPointerTensor, or an integer

`__mul__` (*self, other, **kwargs*)

`__imul__` (*self, other*)

pow (*self, power*)

Compute integer power of a number by recursion using mul

This uses the following trick:

- Divide power by 2 and multiply base to itself (if the power is even)
- Decrement power by 1 to make it even and then follow the first step

matmul (*self, other*)

Multiplies two tensors matrices together

Parameters

- **self** – an AdditiveSharingTensor
- **other** – another AdditiveSharingTensor or a MultiPointerTensor

mm (*self, *args, **kwargs*)

Multiplies two tensors matrices together

`__matmul__` (*self, *args, **kwargs*)

Multiplies two tensors matrices together

`__itruediv__` (*self, *args, **kwargs*)

`_private_div` (*self, divisor*)

`_public_div` (*self, shares: dict, divisor*)

div (*self, divisor*)

mod (*self, shares: dict, modulus: int*)

`__mod__` (*self, *args, **kwargs*)

chunk (*self, shares, *args, **kwargs*)

This method overrides the torch.Tensor.chunk() method of Pytorch

static torch (*module*)

relu (*self*)

positive (*self*)

gt (*self, other*)

`__gt__` (*self*, *other*)

`ge` (*self*, *other*)

`__ge__` (*self*, *other*)

`lt` (*self*, *other*)

`__lt__` (*self*, *other*)

`le` (*self*, *other*)

`__le__` (*self*, *other*)

`eq` (*self*, *other*)

`__eq__` (*self*, *other*)

`max` (*self*, *dim=None*, *return_idx=False*)

Return the maximum value of an additive shared tensor

Parameters

- **dim** (*None* or *int*) – if not *None*, the dimension on which the comparison should be done
- **return_idx** (*bool*) – Return the index of the maximum value Note that if *dim* is specified then the index is returned anyway to match the Pytorch syntax.

Returns the maximum value (possibly across an axis) and optionally the index of the maximum value (possibly across an axis)

`argmax` (*self*, *dim=None*)

`static select_worker` (*args*, *worker*)

utility function for `handle_func_command` which help to select shares (seen as elements of dict) in an argument set. It could perhaps be put elsewhere

Parameters

- **args** – arguments to give to a functions
- **worker** – owner of the shares to select

Returns args where the AdditiveSharedTensors are replaced by the appropriate share

`classmethod handle_func_command` (*cls*, *command*)

Receive an instruction for a function to be applied on a Syft Tensor, Replace in the args all the LogTensors with their child attribute, forward the command instruction to the `handle_function_command` of the type of the child attributes, get the response and replace a Syft Tensor on top of all tensors found in the response.

Parameters

- **command** – instruction of a function command: (command name,
- **self>**, **arguments** [, **kwargs**]) (<*no*) –

Returns the response of the function command

`set_garbage_collect_data` (*self*, *value*)

`get_garbage_collect_data` (*self*)

`static simplify` (*worker: AbstractWorker*, *tensor: AdditiveSharingTensor*)

This function takes the attributes of a AdditiveSharingTensor and saves them in a tuple :param tensor: a AdditiveSharingTensor :type tensor: AdditiveSharingTensor

Returns a tuple holding the unique attributes of the additive shared tensor

Return type tuple

Examples

```
data = simplify(tensor)
```

static detail (*worker: AbstractWorker, tensor_tuple: tuple*)

This function reconstructs a `AdditiveSharingTensor` given its attributes in form of a tuple. :param worker: the worker doing the deserialization :param tensor_tuple: a tuple holding the attributes of the `AdditiveSharingTensor`

Returns a `AdditiveSharingTensor`

Return type *AdditiveSharingTensor*

Examples

```
shared_tensor = detail(data)
```

static bufferize (*worker: AbstractWorker, tensor: AdditiveSharingTensor*)

This function takes the attributes of a `AdditiveSharingTensor` and saves them in a protobuf object :param tensor: a `AdditiveSharingTensor` :type tensor: `AdditiveSharingTensor`

Returns a protobuf object holding the unique attributes of the additive shared tensor

Return type protobuf

Examples

```
data = protobuf(tensor)
```

static unbufferize (*worker: AbstractWorker, protobuf_tensor: AdditiveSharingTensorPB*)

This function reconstructs a `AdditiveSharingTensor` given its attributes in form of a protobuf object. :param worker: the worker doing the deserialization :param protobuf_tensor: a protobuf object holding the attributes of the `AdditiveSharingTensor`

Returns a `AdditiveSharingTensor`

Return type *AdditiveSharingTensor*

Examples

```
shared_tensor = unprotobuf(data)
```

1.1.1.2.1.76 `syft.frameworks.torch.tensors.interpreters.autograd`

1.1.1.2.1.77 Module Contents

```
syft.frameworks.torch.tensors.interpreters.autograd.backwards_grad(grad_fn,  
                                                                    in_grad=None)
```

```
class syft.frameworks.torch.tensors.interpreters.autograd.AutogradTensor (data=None,
re-
quires_grad=True,
owner=None,
id=None,
preini-
tial-
ize_grad=False,
**kwargs)
```

Bases: *syft.generic.tensor.AbstractTensor*

A tensor that tracks operations to build a dynamic graph and backprops through the graph to calculate gradients.

backward (*self, grad=None*)

property data (*self*)

property grad (*self*)

attr (*self, attr_name*)

__add__ (*self, other*)

__iadd__ (*self, other*)

__sub__ (*self, other*)

__isub__ (*self, other*)

__mul__ (*self, other*)

__matmul__ (*self, other*)

__pow__ (*self, power, **kwargs*)

__truediv__ (*self, other*)

__gt__ (*self, _self, other*)

__ge__ (*self, _self, other*)

__lt__ (*self, _self, other*)

__le__ (*self, _self, other*)

eq (*self, _self, other*)

relu (*self, self_*)

__getattr__ (*self, name*)

static torch (*module*)

classmethod handle_func_command (*cls, command*)

Receive an instruction for a function to be applied on a AutogradTensor, Perform some specific action (like logging) which depends of the instruction content, replace in the args all the LogTensors with their child attribute, forward the command instruction to the handle_function_command of the type of the child attributes, get the response and replace a AutogradTensor on top of all tensors found in the response.
:param command: instruction of a function command: (command name, <no self>, arguments[, kwargs])
:return: the response of the function command

get (*self*)

Just a pass through. This is most commonly used when calling .get() on a AutogradTensor which has also been shared.

float_precision (*self*)

Just a pass through. This is most commonly used when calling `.float_precision()` on a `AutogradTensor` which has also been shared.

static simplify (*worker: AbstractWorker, tensor: AutogradTensor*)

Takes the attributes of an `AutogradTensor` and saves them in a tuple. Or simply said, it serializes an `AutogradTensor`

Parameters `tensor` – an `AutogradTensor`.

Returns a tuple holding the unique attributes of the `AutogradTensor`.

Return type tuple

static detail (*worker: AbstractWorker, tensor_tuple: tuple*)

This function reconstructs (deserializes) an `AutogradTensor` given its attributes in form of a tuple. :param worker: the worker doing the deserialization :param tensor_tuple: a tuple holding the attributes of the `AutogradTensor`

Returns an `AutogradTensor`

Return type `AutogradTensor`

Examples

```
shared_tensor = detail(data)
```

1.1.1.2.1.78 `syft.frameworks.torch.tensors.interpreters.build_gradients`

1.1.1.2.1.79 Module Contents

`syft.frameworks.torch.tensors.interpreters.build_gradients.tab`

`syft.frameworks.torch.tensors.interpreters.build_gradients.split_signature` (*signature*)

`syft.frameworks.torch.tensors.interpreters.build_gradients.construct_grad_fn_class` (*grad_def*)

`syft.frameworks.torch.tensors.interpreters.build_gradients.derivatives`

1.1.1.2.1.80 `syft.frameworks.torch.tensors.interpreters.crt_precision`

1.1.1.2.1.81 Module Contents

```

class syft.frameworks.torch.tensors.interpreters.crt_precision.CRTPrecisionTensor (residues:
dict
=
None,
base=None,
pre-
ci-
sion_fraction
re-
con-
struc-
tion_coefs=
owner=None,
id=None,
tags:
set
=
None,
de-
scrip-
tion:
str
=
None)

```

Bases: `syft.generic.tensor.AbstractTensor`

A CRT tensor is a tensor whose values are represented as their remainders modulo several pairwise coprime numbers. The true tensor values lie in the \mathbb{Z}_q field where q is the product of all the moduli. A CRT tensor then represent a modular system of equations:

$$x = a_0 \bmod f_0 \dots x = a_n \bmod f_n$$

The Chinese Remainder Theorem (this is where CRT in `CRTPrecisionTensor` comes from) asserts that exactly one x in \mathbb{Z}_q with $q = f_0 * \dots * f_n$ satisfies this system. This x is the real value represented by the tensor. This tensor makes it possible to represent big numbers and to avoid overflows while manipulating them. It also makes additions, subtractions, and multiplications of huge numbers quite efficient.

`__eq__`

`__add__`

`__radd__`

`__sub__`

`__mul__`

`__rmul__`

`__truediv__`

`float_precision` (*self*)

property `grad` (*self*)

Gradient makes no sense for CRT Tensor, so we make it clear that if someone query `.grad` on a CRT Tensor

it doesn't error but returns grad and can't be set

`__str__(self)`

`__repr__(self)`

property `shape(self)`

eq `(self, self_, other_)`

`__neg__(self)`

add `(self, self_, other)`

sub `(self, self_, other)`

`__rsub__(self, other)`

mul `(self, self_, other)`

abstract div `(self, other)`

reconstruct `(self)`

Build the tensor in \mathbb{Z}_q with $q = \text{prod}(\text{self.child.keys}())$ satisfying the modular system represented by the tensor. The algorithm consists in: 1) Compute $N = \text{prod}(\text{self.child.keys}())$ 2) $y_i = N / n_i$ where the n_i 's are moduli in the system 3) $z_i = y_i^{-1} \pmod{n_i}$ (we know z_i exists because all the original moduli are pairwise coprime) 4) The result is $x = \sum(a_i * y_i * z_i)$ where a_i is the residue modulo n_i in the system

We can see that this boils down to a linear combination of a_i 's with coefficients $y_i * z_i$. These coefficients depend only on the moduli used to represent the tensor so we don't need to compute them several times for the same tensor. We can also reuse them for a tensor produced by operations on `self` because 1) the operations can only be done between tensors with the same moduli and 2) the output tensor will have the same moduli. This is why we store them after having computed them once.

static torch `(module)`

share `(self, *owners, field=None, crypto_provider=None)`

Share the tensor between several workers. This gives an `AdditiveSharingTensor` wrapped around the original CRT tensor

get `(self)`

Get back a tensor shared between several workers.

static simplify `(worker: AbstractWorker, tensor: CRTPrecisionTensor)`

This function takes the attributes of a `CRTPrecisionTensor` and saves them in a tuple :param worker: the worker doing the serialization :param tensor: a `CRTPrecisionTensor`

Returns a tuple holding the unique attributes of the tensor

Return type tuple

static detail `(worker: AbstractWorker, tensor_tuple: tuple)`

This function reconstructs a `CRTPrecisionTensor` given its attributes in form of a tuple. :param worker: the worker doing the deserialization :param tensor_tuple: a tuple holding the attributes of the `CRTPrecisionTensor`

Returns a `CRTPrecisionTensor`

Return type `CRTPrecisionTensor`

get_class_attributes `(self)`

`syft.frameworks.torch.tensors.interpreters.crt_precision._moduli_for_fields`

`syft.frameworks.torch.tensors.interpreters.crt_precision._sizes_for_fields`

1.1.1.2.1.82 `syft.frameworks.torch.tensors.interpreters.gradients`

1.1.1.2.1.83 Module Contents

class `syft.frameworks.torch.tensors.interpreters.gradients.AddBackward` (*self*,
other)
 Bases: `syft.frameworks.torch.tensors.interpreters.gradients_core.GradFunc`
gradient (*self*, *grad*)

class `syft.frameworks.torch.tensors.interpreters.gradients.SubBackward` (*self*,
other)
 Bases: `syft.frameworks.torch.tensors.interpreters.gradients_core.GradFunc`
gradient (*self*, *grad*)

class `syft.frameworks.torch.tensors.interpreters.gradients.SumBackward` (*self*)
 Bases: `syft.frameworks.torch.tensors.interpreters.gradients_core.GradFunc`
gradient (*self*, *grad*)

class `syft.frameworks.torch.tensors.interpreters.gradients.AsinBackward` (*self*)
 Bases: `syft.frameworks.torch.tensors.interpreters.gradients_core.GradFunc`
gradient (*self*, *grad*)

class `syft.frameworks.torch.tensors.interpreters.gradients.MulBackward` (*self*,
other)
 Bases: `syft.frameworks.torch.tensors.interpreters.gradients_core.GradFunc`
gradient (*self*, *grad*)

class `syft.frameworks.torch.tensors.interpreters.gradients.DivBackward` (*self*,
other)
 Bases: `syft.frameworks.torch.tensors.interpreters.gradients_core.GradFunc`
gradient (*self*, *grad*)

class `syft.frameworks.torch.tensors.interpreters.gradients.PowBackward` (*self*,
power)
 Bases: `syft.frameworks.torch.tensors.interpreters.gradients_core.GradFunc`
gradient (*self*, *grad*)

class `syft.frameworks.torch.tensors.interpreters.gradients.MatmulBackward` (*self*,
other)
 Bases: `syft.frameworks.torch.tensors.interpreters.gradients_core.GradFunc`
gradient (*self*, *grad*)

class `syft.frameworks.torch.tensors.interpreters.gradients.TBackward` (*self*)
 Bases: `syft.frameworks.torch.tensors.interpreters.gradients_core.GradFunc`
gradient (*self*, *grad*)

class `syft.frameworks.torch.tensors.interpreters.gradients.SigmoidBackward` (*self*)
 Bases: `syft.frameworks.torch.tensors.interpreters.gradients_core.GradFunc`
gradient (*self*, *grad*)

class `syft.frameworks.torch.tensors.interpreters.gradients.SinBackward` (*self*)
 Bases: `syft.frameworks.torch.tensors.interpreters.gradients_core.GradFunc`
gradient (*self*, *grad*)

```
class syft.frameworks.torch.tensors.interpreters.gradients.SinhBackward(self_)
    Bases: syft.frameworks.torch.tensors.interpreters.gradients_core.GradFunc
    gradient(self, grad)
```

```
class syft.frameworks.torch.tensors.interpreters.gradients.SqrtBackward(self_)
    Bases: syft.frameworks.torch.tensors.interpreters.gradients_core.GradFunc
    gradient(self, grad)
```

```
class syft.frameworks.torch.tensors.interpreters.gradients.TanhBackward(self_)
    Bases: syft.frameworks.torch.tensors.interpreters.gradients_core.GradFunc
    gradient(self, grad)
```

```
class syft.frameworks.torch.tensors.interpreters.gradients.ReluBackward(self_)
    Bases: syft.frameworks.torch.tensors.interpreters.gradients_core.GradFunc
    gradient(self, grad)
```

1.1.1.2.1.84 `syft.frameworks.torch.tensors.interpreters.gradients_core`

1.1.1.2.1.85 Module Contents

```
class syft.frameworks.torch.tensors.interpreters.gradients_core.GradFunc(*args)
```

```
    abstract gradient(self, grad)
```

```
    __call__(self, grad)
```

```
    __repr__(self)
```

```
    __setattr__(self, name, value)
```

```
    static simplify(worker: AbstractWorker, grad_fn)
```

Takes the attributes of a `grad_fn` object and saves them in a tuple Every gradient function class that extends *GradFunc* uses this function to simplify the attributes.

Parameters `grad_fn` – gradient function object (AddBackward, SubBackward, etc.)

Returns a tuple containing all the simplified attributes of gradient function

Return type `grad_fn_attrs`

```
    static detail(worker: AbstractWorker, gradfn_tuple)
```

This function reconstructs (deserializes) the gradient function object, given its attributes in the form of a tuple

Args: `gradfn_tuple`: a tuple containing all the simplified attributes of a grad function (along with the class name at beginning)

Returns A correct gradient function object

`syft.frameworks.torch.tensors.interpreters.gradients_core.apply_dim_transformations` (*grad_self*, *grad_other*, *self_shape*, *other_shape*)

Given computed gradients and initial shapes, reshape the gradients to match the initial shapes by reverse engineering the expansion operations made by PyTorch when operating two tensors with different shapes.

Parameters

- **grad_self** – computed gradient for self
- **grad_other** – computed gradient for other
- **self_shape** – initial shape for self
- **other_shape** – initial shape for other

Returns `grad_self`, `grad_other` with the proper shape

1.1.1.2.1.86 `syft.frameworks.torch.tensors.interpreters.hook`

1.1.1.2.1.87 Module Contents

class `syft.frameworks.torch.tensors.interpreters.hook.HookedTensor` (*owner=None*, *id=None*, *tags=None*, *description=None*, *verbose=False*)

Bases: `syft.generic.tensor.AbstractTensor`

`HookedTensor` is an abstraction which should not be used directly on its own. Its purpose is only to allow other tensors to extend it so that they automatically have all of the Torch method hooked without having to add it to the `hook.py` file.

1.1.1.2.1.88 `syft.frameworks.torch.tensors.interpreters.large_precision`

1.1.1.2.1.89 Module Contents

```
class syft.frameworks.torch.tensors.interpreters.large_precision.LargePrecisionTensor (owner=  
    id=None, tags=None, description=None, field=None, int=  
    = 2**51, base=None, int=  
    = 10, precision_fractional=None, internal_type=None, verbose=None)
```

Bases: `syft.generic.tensor.AbstractTensor`

LargePrecisionTensor allows handling of numbers bigger than LongTensor

Some systems using Syft require larger types than those supported natively. This tensor type supports arbitrarily large values by packing them in smaller ones. Typically a user will require to enlarge a float number by fixing its precision

```
tensor.fix_prec()
```

The large value is defined by *precision_fractional*.

The smaller values are of type *internal_type*. The split of the large number into the smaller values is in the range $\pm 2^{**}(\text{size} - 1)$.

By default operations are done with NumPy. This implies unpacking the representation and packing it again.

Sharing a LPT requires using an arithmetic field where the shares will live. This field cannot be bigger than $2^{**}62$ or the process would trigger a `RuntimeError: Overflow when unpacking long`. Note that this field will be applied to the internal representation and not to the scaled tensor.

Check the tests to see how to play with the different parameters.

```
__add__
```

```
add_
```

```
__sub__
```

```
sub_
```

```
__mul__
```

```
mul_
```

`__mod__`

`__gt__`

`__lt__`

`__create_internal_representation` (*self*)
Decompose a tensor into an array of numbers that represent such tensor with the required precision

`static _expand_item` (*a_number*, *max_length*)

`property internal_precision` (*self*)
“The internal precision used to decompose the large numbers is the size of the type - 1. The large number is decomposed into positive smaller numbers. This could provoke overflow if any of these smaller parts are bigger than `type_precision/2`.”

`get_class_attributes` (*self*)
Specify all the attributes need to build a wrapper correctly when returning a response.

`add` (*self*, *self_*, *other*)

`__iadd__` (*self*, *other*)
Add two fixed precision tensors together.

`sub` (*self*, *self_*, *other*)

`__isub__` (*self*, *other*)
Add two fixed precision tensors together.

`mul` (*self*, *self_*, *other*)

`__imul__` (*self*, *other*)

`mod` (*self*, *self_*, *other*)

`gt` (*self*, *self_*, *other*)

`lt` (*self*, *self_*, *other*)

`fix_large_precision` (*self*)

`float_precision` (*self*)
Restore the tensor from the internal representation.

Returns the original tensor.

Return type tensor

`static create_tensor_from_numpy` (*ndarray*, ***kwargs*)
Decompose a NumPy array into an array of numbers that represent such tensor with the required precision.

Typically this method is called on the result of an operation.

`static _split_numbers` (*numbers*, *bits*, *internal_type*)
Splits a tensor of numbers in numbers of a smaller power.

Parameters

- **numbers** (*array*) – the tensor to split.
- **bits** (*int*) – the bits to use in the split.

Returns a tensor with one more dimension representing the original one.

Return type array

`__internal_representation_to_large_ints` (*self*)
Creates an numpy array containing the objective large numbers.

static `_restore_large_number` (*number_parts*, *bits*)

Rebuilds a number from a numpy array.

Parameters

- **number_parts** (*ndarray*) – the numpy array of numbers representing the original one.
- **bits** (*int*) – the bits used in the split.

Returns the large number represented by this tensor

Return type Number

static `_forward_func` (*tensor*)

static `_backward_func` (*tensor*, ***kwargs*)

share (*self*, **owners*, *field=None*, *crypto_provider=None*)

`syft.frameworks.torch.tensors.interpreters.large_precision.type_precision`

1.1.1.2.1.90 `syft.frameworks.torch.tensors.interpreters.native`

1.1.1.2.1.91 Module Contents

`syft.frameworks.torch.tensors.interpreters.native._get_maximum_precision()`

This function returns the maximum value allowed for precision fractions before the chain decides to use LPT.

This function can be overridden if the setup requires the use of LargePrecisionTensor from a smaller precision.

The default value is the size of torch.long

Returns The maximum value for precision allowed in this setup

`syft.frameworks.torch.tensors.interpreters.native.default_pytorch_maximum_precision()`

Dealing with integers $> 2^{62}-1$ is not fun with precision tensors.

class `syft.frameworks.torch.tensors.interpreters.native.TorchTensor`

Bases: `syft.generic.tensor.AbstractTensor`

Add methods to this tensor to have them added to every torch.Tensor object.

This tensor is simply a more convenient way to add custom functions to all Torch tensor types. When you add a function to this tensor, it will be added to EVERY native torch tensor type (i.e. torch.Tensor) automatically by the TorchHook (which is in frameworks/torch/hook.py).

Note: all methods from AbstractTensor will also be included because this tensor extends AbstractTensor. So, if you're looking for a method on the native torch tensor API but it's not listed here, you might try checking AbstractTensor.

float_precision

float_precision_

fix_precision

fix_precision_

has_child (*self*)

property tags (*self*)

property description (*self*)

property `shape` (*self*)

property `data` (*self*)

property `grad` (*self*)

`__str__` (*self*)

`__repr__` (*self*)

`__eq__` (*self*, *other*)

property `id` (*self*)

property `gc` (*self*)

property `disable_gc` (*self*)

property `garbage_collection` (*self*)

`_is_parameter` (*self*)

Utility method to test if the tensor is in fact a Parameter

static `torch` (*module*)

classmethod `handle_func_command` (*cls*, *command*)

Operates as a router for functions. A function call always starts by being handled here and 3 scenarii must be considered:

Real Torch tensor: The arguments of the function are real tensors so we should run the native torch command

Torch wrapper: The arguments are just wrappers at the top of a chain (ex: wrapper>LoggingTensor>Torch tensor), so just forward the instruction to the next layer type in the chain (in the example above to LoggingTensor.handle_func_command), get the response and replace a wrapper on top of all tensors found in the response.

Syft Tensor: The arguments are syft tensors of same type: this can happen if at any node of the chain where some function is forwarded, the handle_func_command modify the function and make a new call but keeps the arguments “un-wrapped”. Making a new call means that by default the command is treated here in the global router.

Parameters `command` – instruction of a function command: (command name,

<no self>, arguments[, kwargs]) :return: the response of the function command

`_get_response` (*cmd*, *args*, *kwargs*)

Return the evaluation of the cmd string parameter

`_fix_torch_library` (*cmd*)

Change the cmd string parameter to use nn.functional path to avoid erros.

`send` (*self*, **location*, *inplace*: *bool* = *False*, *user*=*None*, *local_autograd*=*False*, *preinitialize_grad*=*False*, *no_wrap*=*False*, *garbage_collect_data*=*True*)

Gets the pointer to a new remote object.

One of the most commonly used methods in PySyft, this method serializes the object upon which it is called (self), sends the object to a remote worker, creates a pointer to that worker, and then returns that pointer from this function.

Parameters

- **location** – The BaseWorker object which you want to send this object to. Note that this is never actually the BaseWorker but instead a class which instantiates the BaseWorker abstraction.

- **inplace** – if true, return the same object instance, else a new wrapper
- **local_autograd** – Use autograd system on the local machine instead of PyTorch’s autograd on the workers.
- **preinitialize_grad** – Initialize gradient for AutogradTensors to a tensor
- **no_wrap** – If True, wrap() is called on the created pointer
- **garbage_collect_data** – argument passed down to create_pointer()

Returns A torch.Tensor[PointerTensor] pointer to self. Note that this object will likely be wrapped by a torch.Tensor wrapper.

Raises *SendNotPermittedError* – Raised if send is not permitted on this tensor.

send_(*self*, **location*, ***kwargs*)

Calls send() with inplace option, but only with a single location :param location: workers locations :return:

create_pointer(*self*, *location*: BaseWorker = None, *id_at_location*: str or int = None, *register*: bool = False, *owner*: BaseWorker = None, *ptr_id*: str or int = None, *garbage_collect_data*: bool = True, *shape*=None, ***kwargs*)

Creates a pointer to the “self” torch.Tensor object.

Returns A PointerTensor pointer to self. Note that this object will likely be wrapped by a torch.Tensor wrapper.

mid_get(*self*)

This method calls .get() on a child pointer and correctly registers the results

remote_get(*self*)

Assuming .child is a PointerTensor, this method calls .get() on the tensor that the .child is pointing to (which should also be a PointerTensor)

TODO: make this kind of message forwarding generic?

get(*self*, **args*, *inplace*: bool = False, *user*=None, *reason*: str = "", ***kwargs*)

Requests the tensor/chain being pointed to, be serialized and return :param args: args to forward to worker :param inplace: if true, return the same object instance, else a new wrapper :param kwargs: kwargs to forward to worker

Raises *GetNotPermittedError* – Raised if get is not permitted on this tensor

get_(*self*, **args*, ***kwargs*)

Calls get() with inplace option set to True

allow(*self*, *user*=None)

This function returns will return True if it isn’t a PrivateTensor, otherwise it will return the result of PrivateTensor’s allow method.

Parameters **user** (*object*, *optional*) – User credentials to be verified.

Returns If it is a public tensor/ allowed user, returns true, otherwise it returns false.

Return type boolean

move(*self*, *location*)

remote_send(*self*, *location*, *change_location*=False)

attr(*self*, *attr_name*)

clone(*self*, **args*, ***kwargs*)

Clone should keep ids unchanged, contrary to copy

float_prec(*self*)

float_prec_(*self*)

private_tensor(*self*, *args, allowed_users: Union[str] = [], no_wrap: bool = False, **kwargs)
Convert a tensor or syft tensor to private tensor

Parameters

- ***args** (*tuple*) – args to transmit to the private tensor.
- **allowed_users** (*Union*) – Tuple of allowed users.
- **no_wrap** (*bool*) – if True, we don't add a wrapper on top of the private tensor
- ****kwargs** (*dict*) – kwargs to transmit to the private tensor

fix_prec(*self*, *args, storage='auto', field_type='int100', no_wrap: bool = False, **kwargs)
Convert a tensor or syft tensor to fixed precision

Parameters

- ***args** (*tuple*) – args to transmit to the fixed precision tensor
- **storage** (*str*) – code to define the type of fixed precision tensor (values in (auto, crt, large))
- **field_type** (*str*) – code to define a storage type (only for CRTPrecisionTensor)
- **no_wrap** (*bool*) – if True, we don't add a wrapper on top of the fixed precision tensor
- ****kwargs** (*dict*) – kwargs to transmit to the fixed precision tensor

fix_prec_(*self*, *args, **kwargs)

Performs an inplace transformation to fixed precision and change self to be a wrapper

Parameters

- ***args** – args to transmit to fix_prec
- ****kwargs** – kwargs to transmit to fix_prec

Returns self seen as a wrapper

_requires_large_precision(*self*, max_precision, base, precision_fractional)

Check if any of the elements in the tensor would require large precision.

share(*self*, *owners: List[BaseWorker], field: Union[int, None] = None, crypto_provider: Union[BaseWorker, None] = None, requires_grad: bool = False, no_wrap: bool = False)

This is a pass through method which calls .share on the child.

Parameters

- **owners** (*list*) – A list of BaseWorker objects determining who to send shares to.
- **field** (*int or None*) – The arithmetic field where live the shares.
- **crypto_provider** (*BaseWorker or None*) – The worker providing the crypto primitives.
- **requires_grad** (*bool*) – Should we add AutogradTensor to allow gradient computation, default is False.

share_(*self*, *args, **kwargs)

Allows to call .share() as an inplace operation

combine(*self*, *pointers)

This method will combine the child pointer with another list of pointers

Parameters a list of pointers to be combined into a
MultiPointerTensor(*pointers) –

keep (*self*, *obj*)

Call `.keep()` on `self`'s child if the child is a Promise (otherwise an error is raised). `.keep()` is used to fulfill a promise with a value.

value (*self*)

Call `.value()` on `self`'s child if the child is a Promise (otherwise an error is raised). `.value()` is used to retrieve the oldest unused value the promise was kept with.

torch_type (*self*)

encrypt (*self*, *public_key*)

This method will encrypt each value in the tensor using Paillier homomorphic encryption.

Parameters a public key created using (**public_key*) –
`syft.frameworks.torch.he.paillier.keygen()`

decrypt (*self*, *private_key*)

This method will decrypt each value in the tensor, returning a normal torch tensor.

Parameters a private key created using (**private_key*) –
`syft.frameworks.torch.he.paillier.keygen()`

numpy_tensor (*self*)

This method will cast the current tensor to one with numpy as the underlying representation. The tensor chain will be `Wrapper > NumpyTensor > np.ndarray`

1.1.1.2.1.92 `syft.frameworks.torch.tensors.interpreters.numpy`

1.1.1.2.1.93 Module Contents

class `syft.frameworks.torch.tensors.interpreters.numpy.NumpyTensor` (*numpy_tensor=None*,
owner=None,
id=None,
tags=None,
description=None,
verbose=False)

Bases: `syft.frameworks.torch.tensors.interpreters.hook.HookedTensor`

`NumpyTensor` is a tensor which seeks to wrap the Numpy API with the PyTorch tensor API. This is useful because Numpy can offer a wide range of existing functionality ranging from large precision, custom scalar types, and polynomial arithmetic.

mm (*self*, *_self*, *other*)

transpose (*self*, *_self*, **dims*)

`syft.frameworks.torch.tensors.interpreters.numpy.create_numpy_tensor` (*numpy_tensor*)

1.1.1.2.1.94 `syft.frameworks.torch.tensors.interpreters.paillier`

1.1.1.2.1.95 Module Contents

class `syft.frameworks.torch.tensors.interpreters.paillier.PaillierTensor` (*owner=None, id=None, tags=None, description=None*)

Bases: `syft.generic.tensor.AbstractTensor`

encrypt (*self, public_key*)

This method will encrypt each value in the tensor using Paillier homomorphic encryption.

Parameters a public key created using (**public_key*) -
`syft.frameworks.torch.he.paillier.keygen()`

encrypt_ (*self, public_key*)

This method will encrypt each value in the tensor using Paillier homomorphic encryption.

Parameters a public key created using (**public_key*) -
`syft.frameworks.torch.he.paillier.keygen()`

decrypt (*self, private_key*)

This method will decrypt each value in the tensor, returning a normal torch tensor.

=Args:

***private_key a private key created using** `syft.frameworks.torch.he.paillier.keygen()`

__add__ (*self, *args, **kwargs*)

Here is the version of the add method without the decorator: as you can see it is much more complicated. However you might need sometimes to specify some particular behaviour: so here what to start from :)

__sub__ (*self, *args, **kwargs*)

Here is the version of the add method without the decorator: as you can see it is much more complicated. However you might need sometimes to specify some particular behaviour: so here what to start from :)

__mul__ (*self, *args, **kwargs*)

Here is the version of the add method without the decorator: as you can see it is much more complicated. However you might need sometimes to specify some particular behaviour: so here what to start from :)

mm (*self, *args, **kwargs*)

Here is matrix multiplication between an encrypted and unencrypted tensor. Note that we cannot matrix multiply two encrypted tensors because Paillier does not support the multiplication of two encrypted values.

add (*self, _self, *args, **kwargs*)

Here is an example of how to use the `@overloaded.method` decorator. To see what this decorator do, just look at the next method `manual_add`: it does exactly the same but without the decorator.

Note the subtlety between `self` and `_self`: you should use `_self` and NOT `self`.

sub (*self, _self, *args, **kwargs*)

Here is an example of how to use the `@overloaded.method` decorator. To see what this decorator do, just look at the next method `manual_add`: it does exactly the same but without the decorator.

Note the subtlety between `self` and `_self`: you should use `_self` and NOT `self`.

mul (*self, _self, *args, **kwargs*)

Here is an example of how to use the `@overloaded.method` decorator. To see what this decorator do, just look at the next method `manual_add`: it does exactly the same but without the decorator.

Note the subtlety between `self` and `_self`: you should use `_self` and NOT `self`.

static torch (*module*)

We use the `@overloaded.module` to specify we're writing here a function which should overload the function with the same name in the `<torch>` module :param module: object which stores the overloading functions

Note that we used the `@staticmethod` decorator as we're in a class

static simplify (*worker: AbstractWorker, tensor: PaillierTensor*)

This function takes the attributes of a `LogTensor` and saves them in a tuple :param tensor: a `LogTensor` :type tensor: `PaillierTensor`

Returns a tuple holding the unique attributes of the log tensor

Return type tuple

Examples

```
data = _simplify(tensor)
```

static detail (*worker: AbstractWorker, tensor_tuple: tuple*)

This function reconstructs a `LogTensor` given it's attributes in form of a tuple. :param worker: the worker doing the deserialization :param tensor_tuple: a tuple holding the attributes of the `LogTensor`

Returns a `LogTensor`

Return type `PaillierTensor`

Examples

```
logtensor = detail(data)
```

1.1.1.2.1.96 `syft.frameworks.torch.tensors.interpreters.placeholder`

1.1.1.2.1.97 Module Contents

```
class syft.frameworks.torch.tensors.interpreters.placeholder.PlaceHolder (owner=None,
                                                                    id=None,
                                                                    tags:
                                                                    set
                                                                    =
                                                                    None,
                                                                    de-
                                                                    scrip-
                                                                    tion:
                                                                    str
                                                                    =
                                                                    None)
```

Bases: `syft.generic.tensor.AbstractTensor`

`__repr__`

instantiate (*self*, *tensor*)

Add a tensor as a child attribute. All operations on the placeholder will be also executed on this child tensor.

We remove wrappers is there are any.

__str__ (*self*)

Compact representation of a Placeholder, including tags and optional child

copy (*self*)

Copying a placeholder doesn't duplicate the child attribute, because all copy operations happen locally where we want to keep reference to the same instantiated object. As the child doesn't get sent, this is not an issue.

static simplify (*worker: AbstractWorker*, *tensor: Placeholder*)

Takes the attributes of a Placeholder and saves them in a tuple.

Parameters

- **worker** – the worker doing the serialization
- **tensor** – a Placeholder.

Returns a tuple holding the unique attributes of the Placeholder.

Return type tuple

static detail (*worker: AbstractWorker*, *tensor_tuple: tuple*)

This function reconstructs a Placeholder given it's attributes in form of a tuple. :param worker: the worker doing the deserialization :param tensor_tuple: a tuple holding the attributes of the Placeholder

Returns a Placeholder

Return type *Placeholder*

static bufferize (*worker: AbstractWorker*, *tensor: Placeholder*)

Takes the attributes of a Placeholder and saves them in a Protobuf message.

Parameters

- **worker** – the worker doing the serialization
- **tensor** – a Placeholder.

Returns a Protobuf message holding the unique attributes of the Placeholder.

Return type PlaceholderPB

static unbufferize (*worker: AbstractWorker*, *protobuf_placeholder: PlaceholderPB*)

This function reconstructs a Placeholder given it's attributes in form of a Protobuf message. :param worker: the worker doing the deserialization :param protobuf_placeholder: a Protobuf message holding the attributes of the Placeholder

Returns a Placeholder

Return type *Placeholder*

1.1.1.2.1.98 `syft.frameworks.torch.tensors.interpreters.plusisminus`

1.1.1.2.1.99 `syft.frameworks.torch.tensors.interpreters.polynomial`

1.1.1.2.1.100 `syft.frameworks.torch.tensors.interpreters.precision`

1.1.1.2.1.101 Module Contents

```
class syft.frameworks.torch.tensors.interpreters.precision.FixedPrecisionTensor (owner=None,
                                         id=None,
                                         field:
                                         int
                                         =
                                         2**62,
                                         base:
                                         int
                                         =
                                         10,
                                         pre-
                                         ci-
                                         sion_fractional:
                                         int
                                         =
                                         3,
                                         kappa:
                                         int
                                         =
                                         1,
                                         tags:
                                         set
                                         =
                                         None,
                                         de-
                                         scrip-
                                         tion:
                                         str
                                         =
                                         None)
```

Bases: `syft.generic.tensor.AbstractTensor`

```
__add__
__radd__
__sub__
__mul__
mul__
__truediv__
__pow__
__matmul__
mm
```

`__eq__`

get_class_attributes (*self*)

Specify all the attributes need to build a wrapper correctly when returning a response, for example `precision_fractional` is important when wrapping the result of a method on a `self` which is a fixed precision tensor with a non default `precision_fractional`.

property data (*self*)

property grad (*self*)

Gradient makes no sense for Fixed Precision Tensor, so we make it clear that if someone query `.grad` on a Fixed Precision Tensor it doesn't error but returns `grad` and can't be set

backward (*self*, **args*, ***kwargs*)

Calling `backward` on Precision Tensor doesn't make sense, but sometimes a call can be propagated downward the chain to an Precision Tensor (for example in `create_grad_objects`), so we just ignore the call.

attr (*self*, *attr_name*)

fix_precision (*self*, *check_range=True*)

This method encodes the `.child` object using fixed precision

float_precision (*self*)

this method returns a new tensor which has the same values as this one, encoded with floating point precision

truncate (*self*, *precision_fractional*, *check_sign=True*)

add (*self*, *_self*, *other*)

Add two fixed precision tensors together.

add_ (*self*, *value_or_tensor*, *tensor=None*)

__iadd__ (*self*, *other*)

Add two fixed precision tensors together.

sub (*self*, *_self*, *other*)

Subtracts a fixed precision tensor from another one.

__rsub__ (*self*, *other*)

sub_ (*self*, *value_or_tensor*, *tensor=None*)

__isub__ (*self*, *other*)

t (*self*, *_self*, **args*, ***kwargs*)

Transpose a tensor. Hooked is handled by the decorator

mul_and_div (*self*, *other*, *cmd*)

Hook manually `mul` and `div` to add the truncation/rescaling part which is inherent to these operations in the fixed precision setting

mul (*self*, *other*)

__imul__ (*self*, *other*)

div (*self*, *other*)

__itruediv__ (*self*, *other*)

pow (*self*, *power*)

Compute integer power of a number by recursion using `mul`

This uses the following trick:

- Divide power by 2 and multiply base to itself (if the power is even)

- Decrement power by 1 to make it even and then follow the first step

Parameters `power` (*int*) – the exponent supposed to be an integer > 0

matmul (*self*, **args*, ***kwargs*)

Hook manually matmul to add the truncation part which is inherent to multiplication in the fixed precision setting

inverse (*self*, *iterations*=8)

Computes an approximation of the matrix inversion using Newton-Schulz iterations

exp (*self*, *iterations*=8)

Approximates the exponential function using a limit approximation: $\exp(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (1 + x/n)^n$

Here we compute exp by choosing $n = 2^{**d}$ for some large d equal to iterations. We then compute $(1 + x/n)$ once and square d times.

Parameters `iterations` (*int*) – number of iterations for limit approximation

Ref: <https://github.com/LaRiffle/approximate-models>

sigmoid (*self*, *method*='exp')

Approximates the sigmoid function

Parameters

- **self** – the fixed precision tensor
- **method** (*str*) – (default = “exp”) “exp”: Use the exponential approximation and the sigmoid definition

$$\text{sigmoid}(x) = 1 / (1 + \exp(-x))$$

”maclaurin”: Use the Maclaurin / Taylor approximation, with polynomial

interpolation of degree 5 over [-8,8] NOTE: This method is faster but not as precise as “exp” Ref: <https://mortendahl.github.io/2017/04/17/private-deep-learning-with-mpc/#approximating-sigmoid>

log (*self*, *iterations*=2, *exp_iterations*=8)

Approximates the natural logarithm using 8th order modified Householder iterations. Recall that Householder method is an algorithm to solve a non linear equation $f(x) = 0$. Here $f: x \rightarrow 1 - C * \exp(-x)$ with $C = \text{self}$

Iterations are computed by: $y_0 = \text{some constant}$ $h = 1 - \text{self} * \exp(-y_n)$ $y_{n+1} = y_n - h * (1 + h / (2 + h^2 / 3 + h^3 / 6 + h^4 / 5 + h^5 / 7))$

Parameters

- **iterations** (*int*) – number of iterations for 6th order modified Householder approximation.
- **exp_iterations** (*int*) – number of iterations for limit approximation of exp

Ref: <https://github.com/LaRiffle/approximate-models>

__gt__ (*self*, *_self*, *other*)

__ge__ (*self*, *_self*, *other*)

__lt__ (*self*, *_self*, *other*)

`__le__` (*self*, *_self*, *other*)

`eq` (*self*, *_self*, *other*)

`static torch` (*module*)

`classmethod handle_func_command` (*cls*, *command*)

Receive an instruction for a function to be applied on a FixedPrecision Tensor, Perform some specific action (like logging) which depends of the instruction content, replace in the args all the FPTensors with their child attribute, forward the command instruction to the `handle_function_command` of the type of the child attributes, get the response and replace a FixedPrecision on top of all tensors found in the response.
:param *command*: instruction of a function command: (command name, <no self>, arguments[, kwargs])
:return: the response of the function command

`share` (*self*, **owners*, *field=None*, *crypto_provider=None*)

Forward the `.share()` command to the child tensor, and reconstruct a new FixedPrecisionTensor since the command is not inplace and should return a new chain

Parameters

- ***owners*** – the owners of the shares of the resulting AdditiveSharingTensor
- ***field*** – the field size in which the share values live
- ***crypto_provider*** – the worker used to provide the crypto primitives used to perform some computations on AdditiveSharingTensors

Returns A FixedPrecisionTensor whose child has been shared

`share_` (*self*, **args*, ***kwargs*)

Performs an inplace call to share. The FixedPrecisionTensor returned is therefore the same, contrary to the classic share version version

`static simplify` (*worker: AbstractWorker*, *tensor: FixedPrecisionTensor*)

Takes the attributes of a FixedPrecisionTensor and saves them in a tuple.

Parameters

- ***worker*** – the worker doing the serialization
- ***tensor*** – a FixedPrecisionTensor.

Returns a tuple holding the unique attributes of the fixed precision tensor.

Return type tuple

`static detail` (*worker: AbstractWorker*, *tensor_tuple: tuple*)

This function reconstructs a FixedPrecisionTensor given it's attributes in form of a tuple. :param *worker*: the worker doing the deserialization :param *tensor_tuple*: a tuple holding the attributes of the FixedPrecisionTensor

Returns a FixedPrecisionTensor

Return type *FixedPrecisionTensor*

Examples

```
shared_tensor = detail(data)
```

1.1.1.2.1.102 `syft.frameworks.torch.tensors.interpreters.private`

1.1.1.2.1.103 Module Contents

```
class syft.frameworks.torch.tensors.interpreters.private.PrivateTensor (owner=None,
                                                                    id=None,
                                                                    tags:
                                                                    set
                                                                    =
                                                                    None,
                                                                    de-
                                                                    scrip-
                                                                    tion:
                                                                    str
                                                                    =
                                                                    None,
                                                                    al-
                                                                    lowed_users=tuple(),
                                                                    par-
                                                                    ents=tuple(),
                                                                    com-
                                                                    mand:
                                                                    str
                                                                    =
                                                                    None)
```

Bases: `syft.generic.tensor.AbstractTensor`

get_class_attributes (*self*)

Specify all the attributes need to build a wrapper correctly when returning a response.

allow (*self*, *user*)

Overwrite native's allowed to verify if a specific user is allowed to get this tensor.

Parameters **user** (*object*) – user to be verified.

Returns A boolean value (True if the user is allowed and false if it isn't).

Return type bool

register_credentials (*self*, *users: Union[object, tuple] = []*)

Register a new user credential(s) into the list of allowed users to get this tensor.

Parameters **users** (*object or List*) – Credential(s) to be registered.

float_precision (*self*)

Forward float_precision method to next child on tensor stack.

static torch (*module*)

static simplify (*worker: AbstractWorker*, *tensor: PrivateTensor*)

Takes the attributes of a PrivateTensor and saves them in a tuple.

Parameters **tensor** (`PrivateTensor`) – a PrivateTensor.

Returns a tuple holding the unique attributes of the fixed private tensor.

Return type tuple

static detail (*worker: AbstractWorker, tensor_tuple: tuple*)

This function reconstructs a PrivateTensor given it's attributes in form of a tuple. :param worker: the worker doing the deserialization :type worker: AbstractWorker :param tensor_tuple: a tuple holding the attributes of the PrivateTensor :type tensor_tuple: tuple

Returns a PrivateTensor

Return type *PrivateTensor*

Examples

```
shared_tensor = detail(data)
```

1.1.1.2.1.104 Submodules

1.1.1.2.1.105 `syft.frameworks.torch.functions`

1.1.1.2.1.106 Module Contents

`syft.frameworks.torch.functions.combine_pointers` (**pointers: List[ObjectPointer]*) → MultiPointerTensor

Accepts a list of pointers and returns them as a MultiPointerTensor. See MultiPointerTensor docs for details.

Arg:

***pointers:** a list of pointers to tensors (including their wrappers like normal)

1.1.1.2.1.107 `syft.frameworks.torch.torch_attributes`

1.1.1.2.1.108 Module Contents

class `syft.frameworks.torch.torch_attributes.TorchAttributes` (*torch: ModuleType, hook: ModuleType*)

Bases: `syft.generic.frameworks.attributes.FrameworkAttributes`

Adds torch module related custom attributes.

TorchAttributes is a special class where all custom attributes related to the torch module can be added. Any global parameter, configuration, or reference relating to PyTorch should be stored here instead of attaching it directly to some other part of the global namespace.

The main reason we need this is because the hooking process occasionally needs to save global objects, notably including what methods to hook and what methods to NOT hook.

This will hold all necessary attributes PySyft needs.

Parameters

- **torch** – A ModuleType indicating the torch module
- **hook** – A TorchHook to stash

ALIAS = torch

Tensor

is_inplace_method (*self, method_name*)

Determine if a method is inplace or not.

Check if the method ends by `_` and is not a `__xx__`, then stash for constant-time lookup.

Parameters `method_name` – The name for the method.

Returns Boolean denoting if the method is inplace or not.

1.1.1.3 `syft.generic`

1.1.1.3.1 Subpackages

1.1.1.3.1.1 `syft.generic.frameworks`

1.1.1.3.1.2 Subpackages

1.1.1.3.1.3 `syft.generic.frameworks.hook`

1.1.1.3.1.4 Submodules

1.1.1.3.1.5 `syft.generic.frameworks.hook.hook`

1.1.1.3.1.6 Module Contents

class `syft.generic.frameworks.hook.hook.FrameworkHook` (*framework_module, local_worker: BaseWorker = None, is_client: bool = True*)

Bases: `abc.ABC`

abstract classmethod `create_shape` (*cls, shape_dims*)

Factory method for creating a generic `FrameworkShape`.

abstract classmethod `create_zeros` (*cls, shape, dtype, **kwargs*)

Factory method for creating a generic zero `FrameworkTensor`.

classmethod `create_wrapper` (*cls, wrapper_type, *args, **kwargs*)

Factory method for creating a generic wrapper of type `wrapper_type`.

abstract `_hook_native_tensor` (*self, tensor_type: type, syft_type: type*)

Add PySyft-specific tensor functionality to the given tensor type.

See framework-specific implementations for more details.

classmethod `_transfer_methods_to_framework_class` (*hook_cls, framework_cls: type, from_cls: type, exclude: List[str]*)

Adds methods from the `from_cls` class to the `framework_cls` class.

The class `from_cls` is a proxy class useful to avoid extending the native framework class directly.

Parameters

- **framework_cls** – The class to which we are adding methods, e.g. `torch.Tensor` or `tf.Variable`.
- **from_cls** – The class from which we are adding methods, e.g. `TorchTensor`, or `TensorFlowVariable`.

- **exclude** – A list of method names to exclude from the hooking process.

`__hook_native_methods` (*self, tensor_type: type*)

Add hooked version of all methods of `to_auto_overload[tensor_type]` to the `tensor_type`; instead of performing the native tensor method, the hooked version will be called

Parameters `tensor_type` – the `tensor_type` which holds the methods

`__hook_properties` (*hook_self, tensor_type: type*)

Overloads `tensor_type` properties.

If you're not sure how properties work, read: <https://www.programiz.com/python-programming/property>
:param `tensor_type`: The tensor class which is having properties

added to it.

`__which_methods_should_we_auto_overload` (*self, tensor_type: type*)

Creates a list of Torch methods to auto overload.

By default, it looks for the intersection between the methods of `tensor_type` and `torch_type` minus those in the exception list (`syft.torch.exclude`).

Parameters

- **`tensor_type`** – Iterate through the properties of this tensor type.
- **`syft_type`** – Iterate through all attributes in this type.

Returns A list of methods to be overloaded.

`__hook_syft_tensor_methods` (*self, tensor_type: type, syft_type: type*)

Add hooked version of all methods of `to_auto_overload[tensor_type]` to the `syft_type`, so that they act like regular tensors in terms of functionality, but instead of performing the native tensor method, it will be forwarded to each share when it is relevant

Parameters

- **`tensor_type`** – The tensor type to which we are adding methods.
- **`syft_type`** – the `syft_type` which holds the methods

`__hook_private_tensor_methods` (*self, tensor_type: type, syft_type: type*)

Add hooked version of all methods of the `tensor_type` to the Private Tensor: It'll add references to its parents and save command/operations history.

`__hook_pointer_tensor_methods` (*self, tensor_type*)

Add hooked version of all methods of the `tensor_type` to the Pointer tensor: instead of performing the native tensor method, it will be sent remotely to the location the pointer is pointing at.

`__hook_object_pointer_methods` (*self, framework_cls*)

Add hooked version of all methods of the `framework_cls` to the ObjectPointer: instead of performing the native object method, it will be sent remotely to the location the pointer is pointing at.

`__hook_multi_pointer_tensor_methods` (*self, tensor_type*)

Add hooked version of all methods of the torch Tensor to the Multi Pointer tensor: instead of performing the native tensor method, it will be sent remotely for each pointer to the location it is pointing at.

`__hook_string_methods` (*self, owner*)

`__hook_string_pointer_methods` (*self*)

`__add_registration_to__init__` (*hook_self, tensor_type: type, is_tensor: bool = False*)

Adds several attributes to the tensor.

Overload `tensor_type.__init__` to add several attributes to the tensor as well as (optionally) registering the tensor automatically. TODO: auto-registration is disabled at the moment, this might be bad.

Parameters

- **tensor_type** – The class of the tensor being hooked
- **torch_tensor** – An optional boolean parameter (default False) to specify whether to skip running the native initialization logic. TODO: this flag might never get used.

classmethod `_perform_function_overloading` (*cls, parent_module_name, parent_module, func_name*)

classmethod `_get_hooked_syft_method` (*cls, attr*)

Hook a method in order to replace all args/kwargs syft/torch tensors with their child attribute, forward this method with the new args and new self, get response and “rebuild” the syft tensor wrapper upon all tensors found

Parameters **attr** (*str*) – the method to hook

Returns the hooked method

classmethod `_get_hooked_method` (*cls, tensor_type, method_name*)

Hook a method in order to replace all args/kwargs syft/torch tensors with their child attribute if they exist. If so, forward this method with the new args and new self, get response and “rebuild” the torch tensor wrapper upon all tensors found. If not, just execute the native torch method.

Parameters **attr** (*str*) – the method to hook

Returns the hooked method

classmethod `_get_hooked_private_method` (*cls, method_name*)

Hook a method in order to replace all args/kwargs syft/torch tensors with their child attribute if they exist. If so, forward this method with the new args and new self, get response and “rebuild” the torch tensor wrapper upon all tensors found. If not, just execute the native torch method.

Parameters **attr** (*str*) – the method to hook

Returns the hooked method

classmethod `_get_hooked_func` (*cls, public_module_name, func_api_name, func*)

Hook a function in order to inspect its args and search for pointer or other syft tensors. - Calls to this function with normal tensors or numbers / string trigger

usual behaviour

- Calls with pointers send the command to the location of the pointer(s)
- Calls with syft tensor will in the future trigger specific behaviour

Parameters

- **public_module_name** (*str*) – the name of the public module you are hooking this function on (ie the same name that the user would import).
- **attr** (*str*) – the method to hook

Returns the hooked method

classmethod `_get_hooked_pointer_method` (*cls, attr*)

Hook a method to send it to remote worker

Parameters **attr** (*str*) – the method to hook

Returns the hooked method

classmethod `_get_hooked_multi_pointer_method` (*cls, attr*)

Hook a method to send it multiple remote workers

Parameters `attr` (*str*) – the method to hook

Returns the hooked method

classmethod `_string_input_args_adaptor` (*cls, args: Tuple[object]*)

This method is used when hooking String methods.

Some ‘String’ methods which are overridden from ‘str’ such as the magic ‘__add__’ method expects an object of type ‘str’ as its first argument. However, since the ‘__add__’ method here is hooked to a String type, it will receive arguments of type ‘String’ not ‘str’ in some cases. This won’t worker for the underlying hooked method ‘__add__’ of the ‘str’ type. That is why the ‘String’ argument to ‘__add__’ should be peeled down to ‘str’

Parameters `args` – A tuple or positional arguments of the method being hooked to the String class.

Returns A list of adapted positional arguments.

classmethod `_wrap_str_return_value` (*cls, _self, attr: str, value: object*)

classmethod `_get_hooked_string_method` (*cls, attr*)

Hook a *str* method to a corresponding method of *String* with the same name.

Args: `attr` (*str*): the method to hook

Return: the hooked method

classmethod `_get_hooked_string_pointer_method` (*cls, attr*)

Hook a *String* method to a corresponding method of *StringPointer* with the same name.

Args: `attr` (*str*): the method to hook

Return: the hooked method

1.1.1.3.1.7 `syft.generic.frameworks.hook.hook_args`

1.1.1.3.1.8 Module Contents

`syft.generic.frameworks.hook.hook_args.hook_method_args_functions`

`syft.generic.frameworks.hook.hook_args.hook_method_response_functions`

`syft.generic.frameworks.hook.hook_args.get_tensor_type_functions`

`syft.generic.frameworks.hook.hook_args.base_types`

`syft.generic.frameworks.hook.hook_args.one`

`syft.generic.frameworks.hook.hook_args.get_child`

`syft.generic.frameworks.hook.hook_args.type_rule`

`syft.generic.frameworks.hook.hook_args.forward_func`

`syft.generic.frameworks.hook.hook_args.backward_func`

`syft.generic.frameworks.hook.hook_args.ambiguous_methods`

`syft.generic.frameworks.hook.hook_args.ambiguous_functions`

`syft.generic.frameworks.hook.hook_args.register_type_rule` (*new_type_rules: Dict*)

```
syft.generic.frameworks.hook.hook_args.register_forward_func(new_forward_rules:  
Dict)
```

```
syft.generic.frameworks.hook.hook_args.register_backward_func(new_backward_rules:  
Dict)
```

```
syft.generic.frameworks.hook.hook_args.register_ambiguous_method(*method)
```

```
syft.generic.frameworks.hook.hook_args.register_ambiguous_function(*function)
```

```
syft.generic.frameworks.hook.hook_args.default_backward_func(tensorcls)
```

```
syft.generic.frameworks.hook.hook_args.default_register_tensor(*tensorcls)
```

```
syft.generic.frameworks.hook.hook_args.unwrap_args_from_method(attr,  
method_self,  
args, kwargs)
```

Method arguments are sometimes simple types (such as strings or ints) but sometimes they are custom Syft tensors such as wrappers (i.e. FrameworkTensor), LoggingTensor or some other tensor type. Complex types (which have a `.child` attribute) need to have arguments converted from the arg to `arg.child` so that the types match as the method is being called down the chain. To make this efficient, we cache which args need to be replaced with their children in a dictionary called `hook_method_args_functions`. However, sometimes a method (an `attr`) has multiple different argument signatures, such that sometimes arguments have `.child` objects and other times they don't (such as `x.div()`, which can accept either a tensor or a float as an argument). This invalidates the cache, so we need to have a `try/except` which refreshes the cache if the signature triggers an error.

Parameters

- **attr** (*str*) – the name of the method being called
- **method_self** – the tensor on which the method is being called
- **args** (*list*) – the arguments being passed to the method
- **kwargs** (*dict*) – the keyword arguments being passed to the function (these are not hooked ie replace with their `.child` attr)

```
syft.generic.frameworks.hook.hook_args.unwrap_args_from_function(attr, args,  
kwargs, re-  
turn_args_type=False)
```

See `unwrap_args_from_method` for details

Parameters

- **attr** (*str*) – the name of the function being called
- **args** (*list*) – the arguments being passed to the function
- **kwargs** (*dict*) – the keyword arguments being passed to the function (these are not hooked ie replace with their `.child` attr)
- **return_args_type** (*bool*) – return the type of the tensors in the
- **arguments** (*original*) –

Returns

- the arguments where all tensors are replaced with their child
 - the type of this new child
- (- the type of the tensors in the arguments)

```
syft.generic.frameworks.hook.hook_args.build_unwrap_args_from_function(args,
                                                                    re-
                                                                    turn_tuple=False)
```

Build the function `f` that hook the arguments: `f(args) = new_args`

```
syft.generic.frameworks.hook.hook_args.hook_response(attr,          response,
                                                       wrap_type,    wrap_args={},
                                                       new_self=None)
```

When executing a command, arguments are inspected and all tensors are replaced with their child attribute until a pointer or a framework tensor is found (for example an argument could be a framework wrapper with a child being a LoggingTensor, with a child being a framework tensor). When the result of the command is calculated, we need to rebuild this chain in the reverse order (in our example put back a LoggingTensor on top of the result and then a framework wrapper). To make this efficient, we cache which elements of the response (which can be more complicated with nested tuples for example) need to be wrapped in a dictionary called `hook_method_response_functions`. However, sometimes a method (an `attr`) has multiple different response signatures. This invalidates the cache, so we need to have a try/except which refreshes the cache if the signature triggers an error.

Parameters

- **attr** (*str*) – the name of the method being called
- **response** (*list or dict*) – the arguments being passed to the tensor
- **wrap_type** (*type*) – the type of wrapper we’d like to have
- **wrap_args** (*dict*) – options to give to the wrapper (for example the **for the precision tensor** (*precision*)) –
- **new_self** – used for the can just below of inplace ops

```
syft.generic.frameworks.hook.hook_args.build_wrap_reponse_from_function(response,
                                                                    wrap_type,
                                                                    wrap_args)
```

Build the function that hook the response.

Example

`p` is of type `Pointer` `f` is the `hook_response_function` then `f(p) = (Wrapper)>Pointer`

```
syft.generic.frameworks.hook.hook_args.build_rule(args)
```

Inspect the `args` object to find framework or syft tensor arguments and return a rule whose structure is the same as the `args` object, with 1 where there was (framework or syft) tensors and 0 when not (ex: number, str, ...)

Example

in: `([tensor(1, 2), Pointer@bob], 42)` out: `([1, 1], 0)`

```
syft.generic.frameworks.hook.hook_args.build_unwrap_args_with_rules(args,
                                                                    rules, re-
                                                                    turn_tuple=False)
```

Build a function given some rules to efficiently replace in the `args` object syft tensors with their child (but not pointer as they don’t have `.child`), and do nothing for other type of object including framework tensors, str, numbers, bool, etc. Pointers trigger an error which can be caught to get the location for forwarding the call.

Parameters

- **args** (*tuple*) – the arguments given to the function / method

- **rules** (*tuple*) – the same structure but with boolean, true when there is a tensor
- **return_tuple** (*bool*) – force to return a tuple even with a single element

Returns a function that replace syft arg in args with arg.child

```
syft.generic.frameworks.hook.hook_args.build_get_tensor_type(rules,  
                                                             layer=None)
```

Build a function which uses some rules to find efficiently the first tensor in the args objects and return the type of its child.

Parameters

- **rules** (*tuple*) – a skeleton object with the same structure as args but each tensor is replaced with a 1 and other types (int, str) with a 0
- **layer** (*list or None*) – keep track of the path of inspection: each element in the list stand for one layer of deepness into the object, and its value for the index in the current layer. See example for details

Returns a function returning a type

Example

Understanding the layer parameter obj = (a, [b, (c, d)], e) the layer position is for: a: [0] b: [1, 0] c: [1, 1, 0] d: [1, 1, 1] e: [2]

Global behaviour example rules = (0, [1, (0, 0), 0]) - First recursion level

0 found -> do nothing list found -> recursive call with layer = [1]

- Second recursion level 1 found -> update layer to [1, 0]

build the function x: type(x[1][0]) break

- Back to first recursion level save the function returned in the lambdas list 0 found -> do nothing exit loop return the first (and here unique) function

```
syft.generic.frameworks.hook.hook_args.one_layer(idx1)  
syft.generic.frameworks.hook.hook_args.two_layers(idx1, idx2)  
syft.generic.frameworks.hook.hook_args.three_layers(idx1, *ids)  
syft.generic.frameworks.hook.hook_args.four_layers(idx1, *ids)  
syft.generic.frameworks.hook.hook_args.get_element_at  
syft.generic.frameworks.hook.hook_args.build_wrap_response_with_rules(response,  
                                                                           rules,  
                                                                           wrap_type,  
                                                                           wrap_args,  
                                                                           re-  
                                                                           turn_tuple=False,  
                                                                           re-  
                                                                           turn_list=False)
```

Build a function given some rules to efficiently replace in the response object syft or framework tensors with a wrapper, and do nothing for other types of object including , str, numbers, bool, etc.

Parameters

- **response** – a response used to build the hook function

- **rules** – the same structure objects but with boolean, at true when is replaces a tensor
- **return_tuple** – force to return a tuple even with a single element

Response: a function to “wrap” the response

```
syft.generic.frameworks.hook.hook_args.zero_fold(*a, **k)
syft.generic.frameworks.hook.hook_args.one_fold(return_tuple, **kwargs)
syft.generic.frameworks.hook.hook_args.two_fold(lambdas, args, **kwargs)
syft.generic.frameworks.hook.hook_args.three_fold(lambdas, args, **kwargs)
syft.generic.frameworks.hook.hook_args.four_fold(lambdas, args, **kwargs)
syft.generic.frameworks.hook.hook_args.five_fold(lambdas, args, **kwargs)
syft.generic.frameworks.hook.hook_args.six_fold(lambdas, args, **kwargs)
syft.generic.frameworks.hook.hook_args.seven_fold(lambdas, args, **kwargs)
syft.generic.frameworks.hook.hook_args.eight_fold(lambdas, args, **kwargs)
syft.generic.frameworks.hook.hook_args.many_fold(lambdas, args, **kwargs)
syft.generic.frameworks.hook.hook_args.typed_identity(a)
```

We need to add typed identity for arguments which can be either number or tensors. If the argument changes from an int to a tensor, the assertion error triggered by typed_identity will be caught and a new signature will be computed for the command.

```
syft.generic.frameworks.hook.hook_args.register_response_functions
syft.generic.frameworks.hook.hook_args.register_response(attr: str, response: ob-
                                                         ject, response_ids: ob-
                                                         ject, owner: Abstract-
                                                         Worker) → object
```

When a remote worker execute a command sent by someone else, the response is inspected: all tensors are stored by this worker and a Pointer tensor is made for each of them.

To make this efficient, we cache which elements of the response (which can be more complicated with nested tuples for example) in the dict register_response_functions

However, sometimes a function (an attr) has multiple different response signatures. This invalidates the cache, so we need to have a try/except which refreshes the cache if the signature triggers an error.

Parameters

- **attr** (*str*) – the name of the function being called
- **response** (*object*) – the response of this function
- **owner** (*BaseWorker*) – the worker which registers the tensors

```
syft.generic.frameworks.hook.hook_args.build_register_response_function(response:
                                                                           ob-
                                                                           ject)
                                                                           →
                                                                           Callable
```

Build the function that registers the response and replaces tensors with pointers.

Example

(1, tensor([1, 2]) is the response f is the register_response_function then f(p) = (1, (Wrapper)>Pointer)

```
syft.generic.frameworks.hook.hook_args.register_tensor (tensor: FrameworkTensorType, owner: AbstractWorker, response_ids: List = list())
```

Registers a tensor.

Parameters

- **tensor** – A tensor.
- **owner** – The owner that makes the registration.
- **response_ids** – List of ids where the tensor should be stored and each id is pop out when needed.

```
syft.generic.frameworks.hook.hook_args.build_register_response (response: object, rules: Tuple, return_tuple: bool = False) → Callable
```

Build a function given some rules to efficiently replace in the response object framework tensors with a pointer after they are registered, and do nothing for other types of object including , str, numbers, bool, etc.

Parameters

- **response** – the response
- **rules** – the rule specifying where the tensors are
- **return_tuple** – force to return a tuple even with a single element

Returns The function to apply on generic responses

1.1.1.3.1.9 syft.generic.frameworks.hook.trace

1.1.1.3.1.10 Module Contents

class syft.generic.frameworks.hook.trace.**Trace**

Manage logging operations on the fly as they run

active

if True, recording of operation is active

out_of_operation

if True, is ready to record the next operation, means that it's not inside the execution of an already recorded operation

logs

the list of operations recorded

clear (*self*)

enabled (*self*)

syft.generic.frameworks.hook.trace.**tracer** (*func_name=None, method_name=None*)

This is a decorator which allows to record operations and their results when a function or a method is hooked

This decorator is applied on `overloaded_native_method` and `overloaded_func` in the generic hook

1.1.1.3.1.11 Submodules

1.1.1.3.1.12 `syft.generic.frameworks.attributes`

1.1.1.3.1.13 Module Contents

class `syft.generic.frameworks.attributes.FrameworkAttributes` (*framework: ModuleType, hook: FrameworkHook*)

Bases: `abc.ABC`

property `ALIAS` (*cls*)

property `Tensor` (*cls*)
Default Tensor wrapper.

abstract is_inplace_method (*self, method_name*)
Determine if a method is inplace or not.

Framework-dependent, see subclasses for details.

Parameters `method_name` – The name for the method.

Returns Boolean denoting if the method is inplace or not.

`_command_guard` (*self, command: str, get_native: bool = False*)
Check command can be safely used.

Parameters

- **`command`** – A string indicating command name.
- **`get_native`** – A boolean parameter (default `False`) to indicate whether to return the command name or the native torch function. If `False`, return command name else return the native torch function.

Returns The command name or a native framework function

`_is_command_valid_guard` (*self, command: str*)
Validate the command.

Indicates whether a command is valid with respect to the framework guard.

Parameters

- **`command`** – A string indicating command to test.
- **`framework_domain`** – A string indicating the framework domain or module in which the command is supposed to be, e.g. `dir(torch)`, `dir(torch.Tensor)`, `dir(tensorflow)`, etc. (roughly)

Returns A boolean indicating whether the command is valid.

classmethod `get_native_framework_name` (*cls, attr: str*)
Return the name of the native command for the given hooked command.

Parameters `attr` – A string indicating the hooked command name (ex: `torch.add`)

Returns `torch.native_add`

Return type The name of the native command (ex

1.1.1.3.1.14 `syft.generic.frameworks.overload`

1.1.1.3.1.15 Module Contents

class `syft.generic.frameworks.overload.Module`

Bases: `object`

class `syft.generic.frameworks.overload.Overloaded`

static overload_method (*attr*)

hook args and response for methods that hold the `@overloaded.method` decorator

static overload_function (*attr*)

hook args and response for functions that hold the `@overloaded.function` decorator

static overload_module (*attr*)

`syft.generic.frameworks.overload.overloaded`

1.1.1.3.1.16 `syft.generic.frameworks.remote`

1.1.1.3.1.17 Module Contents

class `syft.generic.frameworks.remote.Remote` (*worker, framework_name*)

Bases: `object`

frameworks

static register_framework (*cls*)

1.1.1.3.1.18 `syft.generic.frameworks.types`

1.1.1.3.1.19 Module Contents

`syft.generic.frameworks.types.framework_tensors = []`

`syft.generic.frameworks.types.framework_shapes = []`

`syft.generic.frameworks.types.framework_layer_modules = []`

`syft.generic.frameworks.types.framework_layer_module`

`syft.generic.frameworks.types.framework_tensors`

`syft.generic.frameworks.types.FrameworkTensorType`

`syft.generic.frameworks.types.FrameworkTensor`

`syft.generic.frameworks.types.framework_shapes`

`syft.generic.frameworks.types.FrameworkShapeType`

`syft.generic.frameworks.types.FrameworkShape`

`syft.generic.frameworks.types.framework_layer_modules`

`syft.generic.frameworks.types.FrameworkLayerModuleType`

`syft.generic.frameworks.types.FrameworkLayerModule`

1.1.1.3.1.20 `syft.generic.pointers`

1.1.1.3.1.21 Submodules

1.1.1.3.1.22 `syft.generic.pointers.callable_pointer`

1.1.1.3.1.23 Module Contents

```
class syft.generic.pointers.callable_pointer.CallablePointer (location: Base-
Worker = None,
id_at_location:
Union[str,
int] = None,
owner: Base-
Worker = None,
id: Union[str,
int] = None,
garbage_collect_data:
bool = True,
point_to_attr: str
= None, tags:
List[str] = None,
description: str =
None)
```

Bases: `syft.generic.pointers.object_pointer.ObjectPointer`

A class of pointers that are callable

A `CallablePointer` is an `ObjectPointer` which implements the `__call__` function. This lets you execute a command directly on the object to which it points.

```
__call__ (self, *args, **kwargs)
```

```
syft.generic.pointers.callable_pointer.create_callable_pointer (location: Base-
Worker, id:
str or int,
id_at_location:
str or int,
owner: Base-
Worker, tags,
description,
garbage_collect_data:
bool =
True, register_
pointer:
bool = True) →
ObjectPointer
```

Creates a callable pointer to the object identified by the pair (location, id_at_location).

Note, that there is no check whether an object with this id exists at the location.

Parameters

- `location` –
- `id` –

- `id_at_location` –
- `owner` –
- `tags` –
- `description` –
- `garbage_collect_data` –
- `register_pointer` –

Returns:

1.1.1.3.1.24 `syft.generic.pointers.multi_pointer`

1.1.1.3.1.25 Module Contents

```
class syft.generic.pointers.multi_pointer.MultiPointerTensor (owner:      Base-  
Worker = None,  
id:      Union[str,  
int] = None, tags:  
List[str] = None,  
description: str  
= None, children:  
List[AbstractTensor]  
= [])
```

Bases: `syft.generic.tensor.AbstractTensor`

The `MultiPointerTensor` gathers together several pointers to different locations which can be operated all at once. The pointers can be referencing the same value or a different one depending on the usage.

The `MultiPointerTensor` has the same structure that the `AdditiveSharedTensor`: its child attribute is a dictionary `{worker.id: Pointer}`

`MultiPointerTensor` can be directly instantiated using `x.send(worker1, worker2, etc)` where `x` is a `syft` or framework tensor. In that case, the value of `x` will be sent and replicated to each workers.

`__str__` (*self*)

property `grad` (*self*, *self_*)

`__eq__` (*self*, *other*)

`__add__` (*self*, *other*)

Adding a `MultiPointer` (MPT) and an `AdditiveShared Tensor` (AST) should return an `AdditiveShared Tensor`, so if we have this configuration, we permute `self` and `other` to use the fact that `other.__add__(...)` return an object of type `other`

Else, we just redirect to `.add` which works well

`__mul__` (*self*, *other*)

See `__add__` for details but, `MPT * AST` should return `AST`

property `shape` (*self*)

This method returns the shape of the data being pointed to. This shape information SHOULD be cached on `self._shape`, but occasionally this information may not be present. If this is the case, then it requests the shape information from the remote object directly (which is inefficient and should be avoided).

dim (*self*)

This method fixes the error that the result of `dim` was a list of ints stored inside a `multi_pointer tensor`

get (*self*, *sum_results*: *bool* = *False*)

virtual_get (*self*, *sum_results*: *bool* = *False*)

Get the value of the tensor without calling get - Only for VirtualWorkers

static dispatch (*args*, *worker*)

utility function for `handle_func_command` which help to select shares (seen as elements of dict) in an argument set. It could perhaps be put elsewhere

Parameters

- **args** – arguments to give to a functions
- **worker** – owner of the shares to select

Returns args where the `MultiPointerTensor` are replaced by the appropriate share

classmethod handle_func_command (*cls*, *command*)

Receive an instruction for a function to be applied on a Syft Tensor, Replace in the args all the `LogTensors` with their child attribute, forward the command instruction to the `handle_function_command` of the type of the child attributes, get the response and replace a Syft Tensor on top of all tensors found in the response.

Parameters

- **command** – instruction of a function command: (command name,
- **self>, arguments[, kwargs])** (*<no>*) –

Returns the response of the function command

set_garbage_collect_data (*self*, *value*)

static simplify (*worker*: *AbstractWorker*, *tensor*: *MultiPointerTensor*)

This function takes the attributes of a `MultiPointerTensor` and saves them in a tuple :param tensor: a `MultiPointerTensor` :type tensor: `MultiPointerTensor`

Returns a tuple holding the unique attributes of the additive shared tensor

Return type tuple

Examples

```
data = simplify(tensor)
```

static detail (*worker*: *AbstractWorker*, *tensor_tuple*: *tuple*)

This function reconstructs a `MultiPointerTensor` given it's attributes in form of a tuple. :param worker: the worker doing the deserialization :param tensor_tuple: a tuple holding the attributes of the `MultiPointerTensor`

Returns a `MultiPointerTensor`

Return type *MultiPointerTensor*

Examples

```
multi_pointer_tensor = detail(data)
```

1.1.1.3.1.26 `syft.generic.pointers.object_pointer`

1.1.1.3.1.27 Module Contents

```
class syft.generic.pointers.object_pointer.ObjectPointer (location: BaseWorker = None, id_at_location: Union[str, int] = None, owner: BaseWorker = None, id: Union[str, int] = None, garbage_collect_data: bool = True, point_to_attr: str = None, tags: List[str] = None, description: str = None)
```

Bases: `syft.generic.object.AbstractObject`

A pointer to a remote object.

An `ObjectPointer` forwards all API calls to the remote. `ObjectPointer` objects point to objects. They exist to mimic the entire API of an object, but instead of computing a function locally (such as addition, subtraction, etc.) they forward the computation to a remote machine as specified by `self.location`. Specifically, every `ObjectPointer` has a object located somewhere that it points to (they should never exist by themselves). The objects being pointed to can be on the same machine or (more commonly) on a different one. Note further that a `ObjectPointer` does not know the nature how it sends messages to the object it points to (whether over socket, http, or some other protocol) as that functionality is abstracted in the `BaseWorker` object in `self.location`.

```
static create_pointer (obj, location: AbstractWorker = None, id_at_location: str or int = None, register: bool = False, owner: AbstractWorker = None, ptr_id: str or int = None, garbage_collect_data=None)
```

Creates a pointer to the “self” `FrameworkTensor` object.

This method is called on a `FrameworkTensor` object, returning a pointer to that object. This method is the CORRECT way to create a pointer, and the parameters of this method give all possible attributes that a pointer can be created with.

Parameters

- **location** – The `AbstractWorker` object which points to the worker on which this pointer’s object can be found. In nearly all cases, this is `self.owner` and so this attribute can usually be left blank. Very rarely you may know that you are about to move the `Tensor` to another worker so you can pre-initialize the `location` attribute of the pointer to some other worker, but this is a rare exception.
- **id_at_location** – A string or integer id of the tensor being pointed to. Similar to `location`, this parameter is almost always `self.id` and so you can leave this parameter to `None`. The only exception is if you happen to know that the ID is going to be something different than `self.id`, but again this is very rare and most of the time, setting this means that you are probably doing something you shouldn’t.
- **register** – A boolean parameter (default `False`) that determines whether to register the new pointer that gets created. This is set to `false` by default because most of the time a

pointer is initialized in this way so that it can be sent to someone else (i.e., “Oh you need to point to my tensor? let me create a pointer and send it to you”). Thus, when a pointer gets created, we want to skip being registered on the local worker because the pointer is about to be sent elsewhere. However, if you are initializing a pointer you intend to keep, then it is probably a good idea to register it, especially if there is any chance that someone else will initialize a pointer to your pointer.

- **owner** – A AbstractWorker parameter to specify the worker on which the pointer is located. It is also where the pointer is registered if register is set to True.
- **ptr_id** – A string or integer parameter to specify the id of the pointer in case you wish to set it manually for any special reason. Otherwise, it will be set randomly.
- **garbage_collect_data** – If true (default), delete the remote tensor when the pointer is deleted.
- **local_autograd** – Use autograd system on the local machine instead of PyTorch’s autograd on the workers.
- **preinitialize_grad** – Initialize gradient for AutogradTensors to a tensor.

Returns A FrameworkTensor[ObjectPointer] pointer to self. Note that this object itself will likely be wrapped by a FrameworkTensor wrapper.

wrap (*self*, *register=True*, *type=None*, ***kwargs*)
Wraps the class inside framework tensor.

Because PyTorch/TF do not (yet) support functionality for creating arbitrary Tensor types (via subclassing torch.Tensor), in order for our new tensor types (such as PointerTensor) to be usable by the rest of PyTorch/TF (such as PyTorch’s layers and loss functions), we need to wrap all of our new tensor types inside of a native PyTorch type.

This function adds a .wrap() function to all of our tensor types (by adding it to AbstractTensor), such that (on any custom tensor my_tensor), my_tensor.wrap() will return a tensor that is compatible with the rest of the PyTorch/TensorFlow API.

Returns A wrapper tensor of class *type*, or whatever is specified as default by the current syft.framework.Tensor.

classmethod handle_func_command (*cls*, *command*)

Receive an instruction for a function to be applied on a Pointer, Get the remote location to send the command, send it and get a pointer to the response, return. :param command: instruction of a function command: (command name, None, arguments[, kwargs]) :return: the response of the function command

classmethod find_a_pointer (*cls*, *command*)

Find and return the first pointer in the args object, using a trick with the raising error RemoteObjectNotFoundError

get (*self*, *user=None*, *reason: str = "*, *deregister_ptr: bool = True*)

Requests the object being pointed to.

The object to which the pointer points will be requested, serialized and returned.

Note: This will typically mean that the remote object will be removed/destroyed.

Parameters

- **user** (*obj*, *optional*) – authenticate/allow user to perform get on remote private objects.

- **reason** (*str*, *optional*) – a description of why the data scientist wants to see it.
- **deregister_ptr** (*bool*, *optional*) – this determines whether to deregister this pointer from the pointer’s owner during this method. This defaults to True because the main reason people use this method is to move the tensor from the location to the local one, at which time the pointer has no use.

Returns An AbstractObject object which is the tensor (or chain) that this object used to point to on a location.

TODO: add param `get_copy` which doesn’t destroy remote if true.

__str__ (*self*)

Returns a string version of this pointer.

This is primarily for end users to quickly see things about the object. This `tostring` shouldn’t be used for anything else though as it’s likely to change. (aka, don’t try to parse it to extract information. Read the attribute you need directly). Also, don’t use this to-string as a serialized form of the pointer.

__repr__ (*self*)

Returns the to-string method.

When called using `__repr__`, most commonly seen when returned as cells in Jupyter notebooks.

__del__ (*self*)

This method garbage collects the object this pointer is pointing to. By default, PySyft assumes that every object only has one pointer to it. Thus, if the pointer gets garbage collected, we want to automatically garbage collect the object being pointed to.

_create_attr_name_string (*self*, *attr_name*)

attr (*self*, *attr_name*)

setattr (*self*, *name*, *value*)

static simplify (*worker*: AbstractWorker, *ptr*: ObjectPointer)

This function takes the attributes of a ObjectPointer and saves them in a dictionary :param ptr: a Object-Pointer :type ptr: ObjectPointer

Returns a tuple holding the unique attributes of the pointer

Return type tuple

Examples

```
data = simplify(ptr)
```

static detail (*worker*: AbstractWorker, *object_tuple*: tuple)

This function reconstructs an ObjectPointer given it’s attributes in form of a dictionary. We use the spread operator to pass the dict data as arguments to the `init` method of ObjectPointer :param worker: the worker doing the deserialization :param tensor_tuple: a tuple holding the attributes of the ObjectPointer

Returns an ObjectPointer

Return type ObjectPointer

Examples

```
ptr = detail(data)
```

1.1.1.3.1.28 `syft.generic.pointers.object_wrapper`

1.1.1.3.1.29 Module Contents

```
class syft.generic.pointers.object_wrapper.ObjectWrapper (obj, id: int, tags: List[str]  
                                                    = None, description: str  
                                                    = None)
```

A class that wraps an arbitrary object and provides it with an id, tags, and description

```
__call__ (self, *args, **kwargs)
```

```
__str__ (self)
```

```
__repr__ (self)
```

```
property obj (self)
```

```
static create_pointer (object, owner: BaseWorker, location: BaseWorker, ptr_id:  
                       Union[int, str], id_at_location: Union[int, str] = None,  
                       garbage_collect_data=None, **kwargs)
```

Creates a callable pointer to the object wrapper instance

Parameters

- **owner** – A BaseWorker parameter to specify the worker on which the pointer is located. It is also where the pointer is registered if register is set to True.
- **location** – The BaseWorker object which points to the worker on which this pointer's object can be found. In nearly all cases, this is self.owner and so this attribute can usually be left blank. Very rarely you may know that you are about to move the Tensor to another worker so you can pre-initialize the location attribute of the pointer to some other worker, but this is a rare exception.
- **ptr_id** – A string or integer parameter to specify the id of the pointer.
- **id_at_location** – A string or integer id of the object being pointed to. Similar to location, this parameter is almost always self.id and so you can leave this parameter to None. The only exception is if you happen to know that the ID is going to be something different than self.id, but again this is very rare and most of the time, setting this means that you are probably doing something you shouldn't.
- **garbage_collect_data** – If True, delete the remote object when the pointer is deleted.

Returns A pointers.CallablePointer pointer to self.

```
static simplify (worker: AbstractWorker, obj: ObjectWrapper)
```

```
static detail (worker: AbstractWorker, obj_wrapper_tuple: str)
```

1.1.1.3.1.30 `syft.generic.pointers.pointer_plan`

1.1.1.3.1.31 Module Contents

```
class syft.generic.pointers.pointer_plan.PointerPlan (location: AbstractWorker
                                                    = None, id_at_location:
                                                    Union[str, int] = None, owner:
                                                    AbstractWorker = None,
                                                    garbage_collect_data: bool
                                                    = True, id: Union[str, int] =
                                                    None, tags: List[str] = None,
                                                    description: str = None)
```

Bases: `syft.generic.pointers.object_pointer.ObjectPointer`

The PointerPlan keeps a reference to a remote Plan.

It allows to: - `__call__` an evaluation of the remote plan - get the remote plan

It's a simplification compared to the current hybrid state of Plans which can be seen as pointers, which is ambiguous.

property `location` (*self*)

property `id_at_location` (*self*)

`__call__` (*self*, *args, **kwargs)

Transform the call on the pointer in a request to evaluate the remote plan

parameters (*self*)

Return a list of pointers to the plan parameters

request_run_plan (*self*, location: `sy.workers.BaseWorker`, response_ids: `List[Union[str, int]]`, *args, **kwargs)

Requests plan execution.

Send a request to execute the plan on the remote location.

Parameters

- **location** – to which worker the request should be sent
- **response_ids** – where the result should be stored
- **args** – arguments used as input data for the plan
- **kwargs** – named arguments used as input data for the plan

Returns Execution response

get (*self*, deregister_ptr: `bool = True`)

This is an alias to `fetch_plan`, to behave like a pointer

static simplify (*worker*: `AbstractWorker`, *ptr*: `PointerPlan`)

static detail (*worker*: `AbstractWorker`, *tensor_tuple*: `tuple`)

wrap (*self*)

`__str__` (*self*)

Returns a string version of this pointer.

Example

For single pointers: > [PointerPlan | me:33873097403 -> dan:72165846784]

Or for multi pointers: > [PointerPlan | me:55894304374

-> alice:72165846784 -> bob:72165846784

]

`__del__` (*self*)

This method garbage collects the object this pointer is pointing to. By default, PySyft assumes that every object only has one pointer to it. Thus, if the pointer gets garbage collected, we want to automatically garbage collect the object being pointed to.

1.1.1.3.1.32 `syft.generic.pointers.pointer_protocol`

1.1.1.3.1.33 Module Contents

```
class syft.generic.pointers.pointer_protocol.PointerProtocol (location: AbstractWorker = None, id_at_location: Union[str, int] = None, owner: AbstractWorker = None, garbage_collect_data: bool = True, id: Union[str, int] = None, tags: List[str] = None, description: str = None)
```

Bases: `syft.generic.pointers.object_pointer.ObjectPointer`

The PointerProtocol keeps a reference to a remote Protocol.

It allows to: - run an evaluation of the remote protocol - get the remote protocol

run (*self, *args, **kwargs*)

Call a run on the remote protocol

request_remote_run (*self, location: BaseWorker, args, kwargs*)

Requests remote protocol execution.

Send a request to execute the protocol on the remote location.

Parameters

- **location** – to which worker the request should be sent
- **args** – arguments used as input data for the protocol
- **kwargs** – named arguments used as input data for the protocol

Returns Execution response

get (*self, deregister_ptr: bool = True*)

This is an alias to `fetch_protocol`, to behave like a pointer

static simplify (*worker: AbstractWorker, ptr: PointerPlan*)

```
static detail (worker: AbstractWorker, tensor_tuple: tuple)  
wrap (self)
```

1.1.1.3.1.34 `syft.generic.pointers.pointer_tensor`

1.1.1.3.1.35 Module Contents

```
class syft.generic.pointers.pointer_tensor.PointerTensor (location: AbstractWorker  
= None, id_at_location:  
Union[str, int] = None,  
owner: AbstractWorker = None, id:  
Union[str, int] = None,  
garbage_collect_data:  
bool = True, shape:  
FrameworkShapeType =  
None, point_to_attr: str  
= None, tags: List[str] =  
None, description: str =  
None)
```

```
Bases: syft.generic.pointers.object_pointer.ObjectPointer, syft.generic.  
tensor.AbstractTensor
```

A pointer to another tensor.

A PointerTensor forwards all API calls to the remote.PointerTensor objects point to tensors (as their name implies). They exist to mimic the entire API of a normal tensor, but instead of computing a tensor function locally (such as addition, subtraction, etc.) they forward the computation to a remote machine as specified by `self.location`. Specifically, every PointerTensor has a tensor located somewhere that it points to (they should never exist by themselves). Note that PointerTensor objects can point to both FrameworkTensor objects AND to other PointerTensor objects. Furthermore, the objects being pointed to can be on the same machine or (more commonly) on a different one. Note further that a PointerTensor does not know the nature how it sends messages to the tensor it points to (whether over socket, http, or some other protocol) as that functionality is abstracted in the AbstractWorker object in `self.location`.

Example

```
>>> import syft as sy  
>>> hook = sy.TorchHook()  
>>> bob = sy.VirtualWorker(id="bob")  
>>> x = sy.Tensor([1,2,3,4,5])  
>>> y = sy.Tensor([1,1,1,1,1])  
>>> x_ptr = x.send(bob) # returns a PointerTensor, sends tensor to Bob  
>>> y_ptr = y.send(bob) # returns a PointerTensor, sends tensor to Bob  
>>> # executes command on Bob's machine  
>>> z_ptr = x_ptr + y_ptr
```

fix_precision

float_precision

get_shape (*self*)

Request information about the shape to the remote worker

property shape (*self*)

This method returns the shape of the data being pointed to. This shape information SHOULD be cached on `self._shape`, but occasionally this information may not be present. If this is the case, then it requests the shape information from the remote object directly (which is inefficient and should be avoided).

property grad (*self*)**property data** (*self*)**is_none** (*self*)**clone** (*self*)

Clone should keep ids unchanged, contrary to copy. We make the choice that a clone operation is local, and can't affect the remote tensors, so `garbage_collect_data` is always False, both for the tensor cloned and the clone.

get_class_attributes (*self*)

Used for cloning (see `AbstractTensor`)

static create_pointer (*tensor, location: AbstractWorker = None, id_at_location: str or int = None, register: bool = False, owner: AbstractWorker = None, ptr_id: str or int = None, garbage_collect_data=None, shape=None*)

Creates a pointer to the "self" `FrameworkTensor` object.

This method is called on a `FrameworkTensor` object, returning a pointer to that object. This method is the CORRECT way to create a pointer, and the parameters of this method give all possible attributes that a pointer can be created with.

Parameters

- **location** – The `AbstractWorker` object which points to the worker on which this pointer's object can be found. In nearly all cases, this is `self.owner` and so this attribute can usually be left blank. Very rarely you may know that you are about to move the `Tensor` to another worker so you can pre-initialize the `location` attribute of the pointer to some other worker, but this is a rare exception.
- **id_at_location** – A string or integer id of the tensor being pointed to. Similar to `location`, this parameter is almost always `self.id` and so you can leave this parameter to `None`. The only exception is if you happen to know that the ID is going to be something different than `self.id`, but again this is very rare and most of the time, setting this means that you are probably doing something you shouldn't.
- **register** – A boolean parameter (default False) that determines whether to register the new pointer that gets created. This is set to false by default because most of the time a pointer is initialized in this way so that it can be sent to someone else (i.e., "Oh you need to point to my tensor? let me create a pointer and send it to you"). Thus, when a pointer gets created, we want to skip being registered on the local worker because the pointer is about to be sent elsewhere. However, if you are initializing a pointer you intend to keep, then it is probably a good idea to register it, especially if there is any chance that someone else will initialize a pointer to your pointer.
- **owner** – A `AbstractWorker` parameter to specify the worker on which the pointer is located. It is also where the pointer is registered if `register` is set to True.
- **ptr_id** – A string or integer parameter to specify the id of the pointer in case you wish to set it manually for any special reason. Otherwise, it will be set randomly.
- **garbage_collect_data** – If true (default), delete the remote tensor when the pointer is deleted.

Returns A `FrameworkTensor[PointerTensor]` pointer to `self`. Note that this object itself will likely be wrapped by a `FrameworkTensor` wrapper.

move (*self*, *location*)

remote_send (*self*, *destination*, *change_location=False*)

Request the worker where the tensor being pointed to belongs to send it to destination. For instance, if C holds a pointer, ptr, to a tensor on A and calls ptr.remote_send(B), C will hold a pointer to a pointer on A which points to the tensor on B. If change_location is set to True, the original pointer will point to the moved object. Considering the same example as before with ptr.remote_send(B, change_location=True): C will hold a pointer to the tensor on B. We may need to be careful here because this pointer will have 2 references pointing to it.

remote_get (*self*)

get (*self*, *user=None*, *reason: str = ""*, *deregister_ptr: bool = True*)

Requests the tensor/chain being pointed to, be serialized and return

Since PointerTensor objects always point to a remote tensor (or chain of tensors, where a chain is simply a linked-list of tensors linked via their .child attributes), this method will request that the tensor/chain being pointed to be serialized and returned from this function.

Note: This will typically mean that the remote object will be removed/destroyed. To just bring a copy back to the local worker, call .copy() before calling .get().

Parameters

- **user** (*obj*, *optional*) – user credentials to perform authentication process.
- **reason** (*str*, *optional*) – a description of why the data scientist wants to see it.
- **deregister_ptr** (*bool*, *optional*) – this determines whether to deregister this pointer from the pointer’s owner during this method. This defaults to True because the main reason people use this method is to move the tensor from the remote machine to the local one, at which time the pointer has no use.

Returns An AbstractTensor object which is the tensor (or chain) that this object used to point to #on a remote machine.

attr (*self*, *attr_name*)

dim (*self*)

fix_prec (*self*, **args*, ***kwargs*)

Send a command to remote worker to transform a tensor to fix_precision

Returns A pointer to an FixPrecisionTensor

float_prec (*self*, **args*, ***kwargs*)

Send a command to remote worker to transform a fix_precision tensor back to float_precision

Returns A pointer to a Tensor

share (*self*, **args*, ***kwargs*)

Send a command to remote worker to additively share a tensor

Returns A pointer to an AdditiveSharingTensor

keep (*self*, **args*, ***kwargs*)

Send a command to remote worker to keep a promise

Returns A pointer to a Tensor

value (*self*, *args, **kwargs)

Send a command to remote worker to get the result generated by a promise.

Returns A pointer to a Tensor

share_ (*self*, *args, **kwargs)

Send a command to remote worker to additively share inplace a tensor

Returns A pointer to an AdditiveSharingTensor

set_garbage_collect_data (*self*, value)

item (*self*)

Raising error with a message to be using .get instead of .item

__eq__ (*self*, other)

static simplify (*worker*: AbstractWorker, *ptr*: PointerTensor)

This function takes the attributes of a PointerTensor and saves them in a dictionary :param worker: the worker doing the serialization :type worker: AbstractWorker :param ptr: a PointerTensor :type ptr: PointerTensor

Returns a tuple holding the unique attributes of the pointer

Return type tuple

Examples

```
data = simplify(ptr)
```

static detail (*worker*: AbstractWorker, *tensor_tuple*: tuple)

This function reconstructs a PointerTensor given it's attributes in form of a dictionary. We use the spread operator to pass the dict data as arguments to the init method of PointerTensor :param worker: the worker doing the deserialization :param tensor_tuple: a tuple holding the attributes of the PointerTensor

Returns a PointerTensor

Return type *PointerTensor*

Examples

```
ptr = detail(data)
```

static bufferize (*worker*: AbstractWorker, *ptr*: PointerTensor)

static unbufferize (*worker*: AbstractWorker, *protobuf_tensor*: PointerTensorPB)

1.1.1.3.1.36 `syft.generic.pointers.string_pointer`

1.1.1.3.1.37 Module Contents

```
class syft.generic.pointers.string_pointer.StringPointer (location: BaseWorker = None, id_at_location: Union[str, int] = None, owner: BaseWorker = None, id: Union[str, int] = None, garbage_collect_data: bool = True, tags: List[str] = None, description: str = None)
```

Bases: `syft.generic.pointers.object_pointer.ObjectPointer`

This class defines a pointer to a ‘String’ object that might live on a remote machine. In other words, it holds a pointer to a ‘String’ object owned by a possibly different worker (although it can also point to a String owned by the same worker’.

All String method are hooked to objects of this class, and calls to such methods are forwarded to the pointed-to String object.

1.1.1.3.2 Submodules

1.1.1.3.2.1 `syft.generic.id_provider`

1.1.1.3.2.2 Module Contents

```
syft.generic.id_provider.create_random_id()
```

```
class syft.generic.id_provider.IdProvider (given_ids=None)
```

Provides Id to all syft objects.

Generate id and store the list of ids generated Can take a pre set list in input and will complete when it’s empty.

An instance of IdProvider is accessible via `sy.ID_PROVIDER`.

```
pop (self, *args)
```

Provides random ids and store them.

The syntax `.pop()` mimics the list syntax for convenience and not the generator syntax.

Returns Random Id.

```
set_next_ids (self, given_ids: List, check_ids: bool = True)
```

Sets the next ids returned by the id provider

Note that the ids are returned in reverse order of the list, as a `pop()` operation is applied.

Parameters

- **given_ids** – List, next ids returned by the id provider
- **check_ids** – bool, check whether these ids conflict with already generated ids

```
start_recording_ids (self)
```

Starts the recording in form of a list of the generated ids.

get_recorded_ids (*self*, *continue_recording=False*)

Returns the generated ids since the last call to `start_recording_ids`.

Parameters `continue_recording` – if False, the recording is stopped and the list of recorded ids is reset

Returns list of recorded ids

1.1.1.3.2.3 `syft.generic.metrics`

1.1.1.3.2.4 Module Contents

class `syft.generic.metrics.NetworkMonitor`

Provides utility for the monitoring of network traffic, measuring the packets sent through specific filters as passed by user.

static `get_packets` (*timeout=50*, *interface=None*, *bpf_filter=None*, *display_filter='tcp.port == 80'*, *tshark_path=None*, *output_file=None*)

Returns the captured packets of the transmitted data using Wireshark.

Args: `timeout`: An integer. Set for sniffing with tshark. Default to 50 seconds in this setup. `interface`: A string. Name of the interface to sniff on. `bpf_filter`: A string. The capture filter in bpf syntax 'tcp port 80'. Needs to be changed to match filter for the traffic sent. Not to be confused with the display filters (e.g. tcp.port == 80). The former are much more limited and is used to restrict the size of a raw packet capture, whereas the latter is used to hide some packets from the packet list. More info can be found at <https://wiki.wireshark.org/CaptureFilters>. `display_filter`: A string. Default to 'tcp.port == 80' (assuming this is the port of the 'WebsocketClientWorker'). Please see notes for 'bpf_filter' for details regarding differences. More info can be found at <https://wiki.wireshark.org/DisplayFilters>. `tshark_path`: Path to the tshark binary. E.g. '/usr/local/bin/tshark'. `output_file`: A string. Path including the output file name is to saved. E.g. '/tmp/mycapture.cap'

Returns: `capture`: A 'pyshark.capture.live_capture.LiveCapture' object. Of packets sent over WebSockets. `length`: An integer. The number of packets captured at the network interface.

static `read_packet` (*index=None*, *capture_input=None*)

Reads the info of one packet returned by `get_packets` using `pretty_print()`.

Args: `index`: An integer. The index of the packet to be examined.

Returns: `pretty_print`: The info of the packet chosen to be read.

1.1.1.3.2.5 `syft.generic.object`

1.1.1.3.2.6 Module Contents

class `syft.generic.object.AbstractObject` (*id: int = None*, *owner: sy.workers.AbstractWorker = None*, *tags: List[str] = None*, *description: str = None*, *child=None*)

Bases: `abc.ABC`

This is a generic object abstraction.

is_wrapper = False

__str__ (*self*)

__repr__ (*self*)

describe (*self*, *description: str*)

tag (*self*, *_tags: *str*)

serialize (*self*)

Serializes the tensor on which it's called.

This is the high level convenience function for serializing torch tensors. It includes three steps, Simplify, Serialize, and Compress as described in `serde.py`. By default `serde` is compressing using LZ4

Returns

The serialized form of the tensor. For example:

```
x = torch.Tensor([1,2,3,4,5]) x.serialize() # returns a serialized object
```

ser (*self*, *_args, **kwargs)

get (*self*)

Just a pass through. This is most commonly used when calling `.get()` on a Syft tensor which has a child which is a pointer, an additive shared tensor, a multi-pointer, etc.

mid_get (*self*)

This method calls `.get()` on a child pointer and correctly registers the results

get_class_attributes (*self*)

Return all elements which defines an instance of a certain class. By default there is nothing so we return an empty dict, but for example for fixed precision tensor, the fractional precision is very important.

classmethod on_function_call (*cls*, *_args)

Override this to perform a specific action for each call of a torch function with arguments containing syft tensors of the class doing the overloading

classmethod handle_func_command (*cls*, *command*)

Receive an instruction for a function to be applied on a Syft Tensor, Replace in the args all the LogTensors with their child attribute, forward the command instruction to the `handle_function_command` of the type of the child attributes, get the response and replace a Syft Tensor on top of all tensors found in the response.

Parameters

- **command** – instruction of a function command: (command name,
- **self**>, **arguments**[, **kwargs**]) (<no>–

Returns the response of the function command

classmethod rgetattr (*cls*, *obj*, *attr*, *_args)

Get an attribute recursively.

This is a core piece of functionality for the PySyft tensor chain.

Parameters

- **obj** – the object holding the attribute
- **attr** – nested attribute
- **args** – optional arguments to provide

Returns the attribute `obj.attr`

Example

```
>>> rgetattr(obj, 'attr1.attr2.attr3')
[Out] obj.attr1.attr2.attr3
```

`syft.generic.object.initialize_object` (*hook, obj, owner=None, reinitialize=True, id=None, init_args=tuple(), init_kwargs={}*)

Initializes the tensor.

Parameters

- **hook** – A reference to TorchHook class.
- **obj** – An object to keep track of id, owner and whether it is a native tensor or a wrapper over pytorch.
- **reinitialize** – A boolean parameter (default True) to indicate whether to re-execute `__init__`.
- **owner** – The owner of the tensor being initialised, leave it blank to if you have already provided a reference to TorchHook class.
- **id** – The id of tensor, a random id will be generated if there is no id specified.

`syft.generic.object._apply_args` (*hook, obj_to_register, owner=None, id=None*)

1.1.1.3.2.7 `syft.generic.object_storage`

1.1.1.3.2.8 Module Contents

class `syft.generic.object_storage.ObjectStorage`

A storage of objects identifiable by their id.

A wrapper object to a collection of objects where all objects are stored using their IDs as keys.

register_obj (*self, obj: object, obj_id: Union[str, int] = None*)

Registers the specified object with the current worker node.

Selects an id for the object, assigns a list of owners, and establishes whether it's a pointer or not. This method is generally not used by the client and is instead used by internal processes (hooks and workers).

Parameters

- **obj** – A torch Tensor or Variable object to be registered.
- **obj_id** (*int or string*) – random integer between 0 and 1e10 or
- **uniquely identifying the object.** (*string*) –

de_register_obj (*self, obj: object, _recurse_torch_objs: bool = True*)

Deregisters the specified object.

Deregister and remove attributes which are indicative of registration.

Parameters

- **obj** – A torch Tensor or Variable object to be deregistered.
- **_recurse_torch_objs** – A boolean indicating whether the object is more complex and needs to be explored. Is not supported at the moment.

get_obj (*self*, *obj_id*: Union[str, int])

Returns the object from registry.

Look up an object from the registry using its ID.

Parameters **obj_id** – A string or integer id of an object to look up.

Returns Object with id equals to *obj_id*.

set_obj (*self*, *obj*: Union[FrameworkTensorType, AbstractTensor])

Adds an object to the registry of objects.

Parameters **obj** – A torch or syft tensor with an id.

rm_obj (*self*, *remote_key*: Union[str, int])

Removes an object.

Remove the object from the permanent object registry if it exists.

Parameters **remote_key** – A string or integer representing id of the object to be removed.

force_rm_obj (*self*, *remote_key*: Union[str, int])

Forces object removal.

Besides removing the object from the permanent object registry if it exists. Explicitly forces removal of the object modifying the *garbage_collect_data* attribute.

Parameters **remote_key** – A string or integer representing id of the object to be removed.

clear_objects (*self*, *return_self*: bool = True)

Removes all objects from the object storage.

Note: the “return self” statement is kept in order to avoid modifying the code shown in the udacity course.

Parameters **return_self** – flag, whether to return self as return value

Returns self, if return_self if True, else None

current_objects (*self*)

Returns a copy of the objects in the object storage.

1.1.1.3.2.9 syft.generic.string

1.1.1.3.2.10 Module Contents

```
class syft.generic.string.String (object: object = None, encoding: str = None, errors: str = None, id: Union[int, str] = None, owner: BaseWorker = None, tags: List[str] = None, description: str = None)
```

Bases: *syft.generic.object.AbstractObject*

This is a class that wraps the Python built-in *str* class. In addition to providing access to most of *str*'s method call API, it allows sending such wrapped string between workers the same way Syft tensors can be moved around among workers.

methods_to_hook

send (*self*, *location*: BaseWorker)

Sends this String object to the worker specified by 'location'. and returns a pointer to that string as a StringPointer object.

Parameters **location** – The BaseWorker object which you want to send this object to. Note that this is never actually the BaseWorker but instead a class which inherits the BaseWorker abstraction.

Returns A StringPointer objects to self.

get_class_attributes (*self*)

returns minimal necessary keyword arguments to create a String object

on (*self, object: str, wrap=False*)

Takes an object of type strings and assigns it to self.child

__add__ (*self, other: Union[str, 'String']*)

[Important] overriding the `__add__` here is not yet activated. The real hooking happens in `syft/generic/frameworks/hook/hook.py`. Hooking as implemented here (using `@overloaded.method`) is to be activated when `hook_args.py` is adapted to wrapping responses of `str` types into `String` types. This is not yet supported.

add_string (*self, _self: String, other: String*)

This method is created in a way adapted to the logic implemented in `hook_args.py`. That is, it can be wrapped with the decorator `@overloaded.method`.

`hook_args.py` args hooking logic needs that the data types of argument be unchanged. For instance, 'other' should always be of a fixed type 'String' or 'str' but not alternating between both. This can cause unexpected behaviour due to caching in `hook_args.py`.

Parameters

- **_self** – a String object (as received by the decorator). It represents the objects on which we called the add method. It will always be of type `str` inside this method. Since the decorator methods strips the `str` out of the `String` object.
- **other** – a String object that we wish to concatenate to `_self`. Same as above, it is a String object as received by the decorator but here it will always be of type `str`.

Returns The concatenated `str` object between `_self` and `other`. this `str` object will be wrapped by the decorator into a String object

static create_pointer (*obj, location: BaseWorker = None, id_at_location: str or int = None, register: bool = False, owner: BaseWorker = None, ptr_id: str or int = None, garbage_collect_data: bool = True*)

Creates a StringPointer object that points to a String object 'obj' after sending the latter to the worker 'location'.

Returns a StringPointer object

static simplify (*worker: BaseWorker, string: String*)

Breaks String object into a tuple of simpler objects, its constituting objects that are serializable.

Parameters

- **worker** – a BaseWorker object
- **string** – the String object to be simplified

Returns A tuple of simpler objects that are sufficient to recreate a String object that is a clone of `string`.

static detail (*worker: BaseWorker, simple_obj: Tuple*)

Create an object of type String from the reduced representation in `simple_obj`.

Parameters

- **worker** – BaseWorker The worker on which the new String object is to be created.
- **simple_obj** – tuple A tuple resulting from the serialized then deserialized returned tuple from the `simplify` static method above.

Returns A String object

1.1.1.3.2.11 `syft.generic.tensor`

1.1.1.3.2.12 Module Contents

```
class syft.generic.tensor.AbstractTensor (id:          int      = None,      owner:  
                                           sy.workers.AbstractWorker = None,  tags:  
                                           List[str] = None,  description: str = None,  
                                           child=None)
```

Bases: `syft.generic.object.AbstractObject`

```
wrap (self, register=True, type=None, **kwargs)
```

Wraps the class inside an empty object of class *type*.

Because PyTorch/TF do not (yet) support functionality for creating arbitrary Tensor types (via subclassing `torch.Tensor`), in order for our new tensor types (such as `PointerTensor`) to be usable by the rest of PyTorch/TF (such as PyTorch's layers and loss functions), we need to wrap all of our new tensor types inside of a native PyTorch type.

This function adds a `.wrap()` function to all of our tensor types (by adding it to `AbstractTensor`), such that (on any custom tensor `my_tensor`), `my_tensor.wrap()` will return a tensor that is compatible with the rest of the PyTorch/TensorFlow API.

Returns A wrapper tensor of class *type*, or whatever is specified as default by the current `syft.framework.Tensor`.

```
on (self, tensor: AbstractTensor, wrap: bool = True)
```

Add a `syft(log)` tensor on top of the tensor.

Parameters

- **tensor** – the tensor to extend
- **wrap** – if true, add the `syft` tensor between the wrapper
- **the rest of the chain.** If false, just add it at the top (and)

Returns a `syft/torch` tensor

```
copy (self)
```

```
clone (self)
```

Clone should keep ids unchanged, contrary to `copy`

```
refresh (self)
```

Forward to Additive Shared Tensor the call to refresh shares

```
property shape (self)
```

```
__len__ (self)
```

Alias `.shape[0]` with `len()`, helpful for pointers

```
property grad (self)
```

```
syft.generic.tensor.initialize_tensor (hook, obj, owner=None, id=None, init_args=tuple(),  
                                         init_kwargs={})
```

Initializes the tensor.

Parameters

- **hook** – A reference to `TorchHook` class.
- **cls** – An object to keep track of id, owner and whether it is a native tensor or a wrapper over `pytorch`.

- **is_tensor** – A boolean parameter (default False) to indicate whether it is torch tensor or not.
- **owner** – The owner of the tensor being initialised, leave it blank to if you have already provided a reference to TorchHook class.
- **id** – The id of tensor, a random id will be generated if there is no id specified.

1.1.1.4 syft.grid

1.1.1.4.1 Subpackages

1.1.1.4.1.1 syft.grid.authentication

1.1.1.4.1.2 Submodules

1.1.1.4.1.3 syft.grid.authentication.account

1.1.1.4.1.4 Module Contents

class `syft.grid.authentication.account.AccountCredential` (*username, password*)

Bases: `syft.grid.authentication.credential.AbstractCredential`

Parse/represent credentials based on username-password structure. Expected JSON Format: { "accounts": [{"user": "example1", "password": "pass_example"},

{ "user": "user2", "password": "password2"},

]

}

USERNAME_FIELD = `username`

PASSWORD_FIELD = `password`

CREDENTIAL_FIELD = `accounts`

static parse (*path: str, file_name: str*)

Static method used to create new account authentication instances parsing a json file. :param path: Json file path. :type path: str :param file_name: File's name. :type file_name: str

Returns List of account objects.

Return type List

json (*self*)

Convert account instances into a JSON/Dictionary structure.

__str__ (*self*)

1.1.1.4.1.5 `syft.grid.authentication.credential`

1.1.1.4.1.6 Module Contents

class `syft.grid.authentication.credential.AbstractCredential`

Bases: `abc.ABC`

`AbstractCredential` is an abstract class that defines generic methods used by all types of authentications defined in this module.

abstract `parse` (*self*)

Read, parse and load credential files.

abstract `json` (*self*)

Convert credential instances into a JSON structure.

1.1.1.4.2 Submodules

1.1.1.4.2.1 `syft.grid.abstract_grid`

1.1.1.4.2.2 Module Contents

class `syft.grid.abstract_grid.AbstractGrid`

Bases: `abc.ABC`

abstract `search` (*self*, **query*: `Union[str]`)

abstract `serve_model` (*self*, *model*, *id*: `str`, *mpc*: `bool` = `False`, *allow_remote_inference*: `bool` = `False`, *allow_download*: `bool` = `False`, *n_replica*: `int` = `1`)

abstract `query_model_hosts` (*self*, *id*: `str`, *mpc*: `bool` = `False`)

abstract `run_remote_inference` (*self*, *id*: `str`, *data*: `torch.Tensor`, *mpc*: `bool` = `False`)

`_connect_all_nodes` (*self*, *nodes*: `Tuple[Any]`, *node_type*: `Any`)

Connect all nodes to each other. :param nodes: A tuple of grid clients.

`_check_node_type` (*self*, *grid_workers*: `List[Any]`, *node_type*: `Any`)

Private method used to verify if workers used by grid network are exactly what we expect. :returns: Boolean result. :rtype: result

1.1.1.4.2.3 `syft.grid.private_grid`

1.1.1.4.2.4 Module Contents

class `syft.grid.private_grid.PrivateGridNetwork` (**workers*)

Bases: `syft.grid.abstract_grid.AbstractGrid`

search (*self*, **query*)

Searches over a collection of workers, returning pointers to the results grouped by worker. :param query: List of tags used to identify the desired tensor.

Returns list of pointers with pointers that matches with tags.

Return type results

serve_model (*self, model, id: str, mpc: bool = False, allow_remote_inference: bool = False, allow_download: bool = False, n_replica: int = 1*)

Choose some node(s) on grid network to host a unencrypted / encrypted model. :param model: Model to be hosted. :param id: Model's ID. :param mpc: Boolean flag to host a plain text / encrypted model :param allow_remote_inference: Allow to run inference remotely. :param allow_download: Allow to copy the model and run it locally. :param n_replica: Number of copies distributed through grid network.

Raises

- **RuntimeError** – If grid network doesn't have enough nodes to replicate the model.
- **NotImplementedError** – If workers used by grid network aren't grid nodes.

run_remote_inference (*self, id: str, data: torch.Tensor, mpc: bool = False*)

Search for a specific model registered on grid network, if found, It will run inference. :param id: Model's ID. :param dataset: Data used to run inference. :param mpc: Boolean flag to run a plain text / encrypted model

Returns Inference's result.

Return type Tensor

Raises

- **NotImplementedError** – If workers used by grid network aren't grid nodes.
- **RuntimeError** – If model id not found.

query_model_hosts (*self, id: str, mpc: bool = False*)

Search for node host from a specific model registered on grid network, if found, It will return the first host/ set of hosts that contains the desired model. :param id: Model's ID. :param data: Data used to run inference. :param mpc: Boolean flag to search for a plain text / encrypted model

Returns First worker that contains the desired model.

Return type workers

Raises

- **NotImplementedError** – If workers used by grid network aren't grid nodes.
- **RuntimeError** – If model id not found.

_host_encrypted_model (*self, model, n_shares: int = 4*)

This method will choose some grid nodes at grid network to host an encrypted model.

Parameters

- **model** – Model to be hosted.
- **n_shares** – number of workers used by MPC protocol.

Raise: RuntimeError : If grid network doesn't have enough workers to host an encrypted model or if model is not a plan.

_query_encrypted_model_hosts (*self, id: str*)

Search for an encrypted model and return its mpc nodes.

Parameters **id** – Model's ID.

Returns Tuple structure containing Host, MPC Nodes and crypto provider.

Return type Tuple

Raises **RuntimeError** – If model id not found.

`_run_unencrypted_inference` (*self, id: str, data*)

Search for a plain-text model registered on grid network, if found, It will run inference. :param id: Model's ID. :param dataset: Data used to run inference.

Returns Inference's result.

Return type Tensor

Raises **RuntimeError** – If model id not found.

`_run_encrypted_inference` (*self, id: str, data*)

Search for an encrypted model and perform inference. :param model_id: Model's ID. :param data: Dataset to be shared/inferred. :param copy: Boolean flag to perform encrypted inference without lose plan.

Returns Inference's result.

Return type Tensor

Raises **RuntimeError** – If model id not found.

1.1.1.4.2.5 `syft.grid.public_grid`

1.1.1.4.2.6 Module Contents

class `syft.grid.public_grid.PublicGridNetwork` (*hook, gateway_url: str, credential: AbstractCredential = None*)

Bases: `syft.grid.abstract_grid.AbstractGrid`

search (*self, *query: Union[str]*)

Search a set of tags across the grid network.

Parameters **query** – A set of dataset tags.

Returns matrix of tensor pointers.

Return type `tensor_results`

serve_model (*self, model, id: Union[str, int], mpc: bool = False, allow_remote_inference: bool = False, allow_download: bool = False, n_replica: int = 1*)

Choose n (number of replicas defined at gateway) grid nodes registered in the grid network to host a model. :param model: Model to be hosted. :param id: Model's ID. :param mpc: Boolean flag to serve plan models in an encrypted/unencrypted format. :param allow_remote_inference: Allow workers to run inference in this model. :param allow_download: Allow workers to copy the model and run it locally.

query_model_hosts (*self, id: str, mpc: bool = False*)

This method will search for a specific model registered on grid network, if found, It will return all grid nodes that contains the desired model. :param id: Model's ID. :param mpc: Boolean flag to search plan models in an encrypted/unencrypted format.

Returns Worker / list of workers that contains the desired model.

Return type `workers`

Raises

- **RuntimeError** – If grid network doesn't have enough workers to host
- **an encrypted model, or if model isn't a plan.** –

run_remote_inference (*self, id: str, data: torch.Tensor, mpc: bool = False*)

This method will search for a specific model registered on the grid network, if found, It will run inference. :param id: Model's ID. :param dataset: Data used to run inference. :param mpc: Boolean flag to run encrypted/unencrypted inferences.

Returns Inference's result.

Return type Tensor

Raises **RuntimeError** – If model id not registered on the grid network.

`_serve_unencrypted_model` (*self, model, id, allow_remote_inference: bool, allow_download: bool*)

This method will choose one of grid nodes registered in the grid network to host a plain text model. :param model: Model to be hosted. :param id: Model's ID. :param allow_remote_inference: Allow workers to run inference in this model. :param allow_download: Allow workers to copy the model and run it locally.

`_serve_encrypted_model` (*self, model*)

This method will choose some grid nodes at grid network to host an encrypted model.

Parameters **model** – Model to be hosted.

Raises

- **RuntimeError** – If grid network doesn't have enough workers to host
- **an encrypted model, or if model isn't a plan.** –

`_query_unencrypted_models` (*self, id*)

Search for a specific model registered on grid network, if found, It will return the first node that contains the desired model. :param id: Model's ID.

Returns worker that contains the desired model.

Return type worker

`_query_encrypted_models` (*self, id*)

Search for a specific encrypted model registered on grid network, if found, It will return the first node that hosts the desired model and mpc shares. :param id: Model's ID.

Returns List of workers that contains the desired mpc model.

Return type workers

`_run_unencrypted_inference` (*self, id, data*)

Search for an unencrypted model and perform data inference. :param id: Model's ID. :param data: Dataset to be inferred.

Returns Inference's result.

Return type Tensor

Raises **RuntimeError** – If model if not found.

`_run_encrypted_inference` (*self, id, data, copy=True*)

Search for an encrypted model and perform inference.

Parameters

- **model_id** – Model's ID.
- **data** – Dataset to be shared/inferred.
- **copy** – Boolean flag to perform encrypted inference without lose plan.

Returns Inference's result.

Return type Tensor

Raises **RuntimeError** – If model id not found.

`__connect_with_node` (*self, node_id, node_url*)

```
_ask_gateway (self, request_method, endpoint: str, body: Dict = {})
```

1.1.1.5 syft.messaging

1.1.1.5.1 Subpackages

1.1.1.5.1.1 syft.messaging.plan

1.1.1.5.1.2 Submodules

1.1.1.5.1.3 syft.messaging.plan.plan

1.1.1.5.1.4 Module Contents

```
class syft.messaging.plan.plan.func2plan (args_shape=None, state=None)
```

Bases: object

Decorator which converts a function to a plan.

Converts a function containing sequential pytorch code into a plan object which can be sent to any arbitrary worker.

This class should be used only as a decorator.

```
__call__ (self, plan_function)
```

```
syft.messaging.plan.plan.method2plan (*args, **kwargs)
```

```
class syft.messaging.plan.plan.Plan (name: str = None, state: State = None, include_state: bool = False, is_built: bool = False, operations: List[Operation] = None, placeholders: Dict[Union[str, int], Placeholder] = None, forward_func=None, state_tensors=None, id: Union[str, int] = None, owner: sy.workers.BaseWorker = None, tags: List[str] = None, description: str = None)
```

Bases: `syft.generic.object.AbstractObject`, `syft.generic.object_storage.ObjectStorage`

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A Plan is intended to store a sequence of torch operations, just like a function, but it allows to send this sequence of operations to remote workers and to keep a reference to it. This way, to compute remotely this sequence of operations on some remote input referenced through pointers, instead of sending multiple messages you need now to send a single message with the references of the plan and the pointers.

All arguments are optional.

Parameters

- **name** – the name of the name
- **state** – store the plan tensors like model parameters
- **include_state** – if true, implies that the plan is a function, else a class. If true, the state is re-integrated in the args to be accessed within the function
- **is_built** – state if the plan has already been built.
- **placeholders** – dict of placeholders used in the plan

- **operations** – list of commands (called operations)
- **forward_func** – the function to be transformed into a plan
- **state_tensors** – a tuple of state elements. It can be used to populate a state
- **id** – plan id
- **owner** – plan owner
- **tags** – plan tags
- **description** – plan description

get

share

static `_create_placeholders` (*args_shape*)

property `_known_workers` (*self*)

property `location` (*self*)

property `readable_plan` (*self*)

parameters (*self*)

This is defined to match the torch api of nn.Module where `.parameters()` return the model tensors / parameters

send_msg (*self*, **args*, ***kwargs*)

request_obj (*self*, **args*, ***kwargs*)

respond_to_obj_req (*self*, *obj_id*: Union[str, int])

Returns the deregistered object from registry.

Parameters *obj_id* – A string or integer id of an object to look up.

add_placeholder (*self*, *tensor*, *node_type*=None)

Create and register a new placeholder if not already existing (else return the existing one).

The placeholder is tagged by a unique and incremental index for a given plan.

Parameters

- **tensor** – the tensor to replace with a placeholder
- **node_type** – Should be “input” or “output”, used to tag like this: #<type>-*

replace_with_placeholders (*self*, *obj*, ***kw*)

Replace in an object all FrameworkTensors with Placeholders

find_placeholders (*self*, **search_tags*)

Search method to retrieve placeholders used in the Plan using tag search. Retrieve all placeholders which have a tag containing at least one search_tag.

Parameters **search_tags* – tuple of tags

Returns A list of placeholders found

build (*self*, **args*)

Builds the plan.

First, run the function to be converted in a plan in a context which activates the tracing and record the operations in `trace.logs`

Second, store the result ids temporarily to helper ordering the output placeholders at return time

Third, loop through the trace logs and replace the tensors found in the operations logged by PlaceHolders. Record those operations in `plan.operations`

Parameters `args` – Input arguments to run the plan

`copy` (*self*)

Creates a copy of a plan.

`__setattr__` (*self*, *name*, *value*)

Add new tensors or parameter attributes to the state and register them in the owner's registry

`__call__` (*self*, **args*, ***kwargs*)

Calls a plan execution with some arguments.

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and use the result(s) to instantiate to appropriate placeholder.

- Return the instantiation of all the output placeholders.

`run` (*self*, *args*: *Tuple*, *result_ids*: *List[Union[str, int]]*)

Controls local or remote plan execution. If the plan doesn't have the plan built, first build it using the original function.

Parameters

- `args` – Arguments used to run plan.
- `result_ids` – List of ids where the results will be stored.

`send` (*self*, **locations*: *AbstractWorker*, *force*=*False*)

Send plan to locations.

If the plan was not built locally it will raise an exception. If *force* = true plan is going to be sent either way.

Parameters

- `locations` – List of workers.
- `force` – A boolean indicating if this operation should be forced.

`get_` (*self*)

`get_pointers` (*self*)

`fix_precision_` (*self*, **args*, ***kwargs*)

`float_precision_` (*self*)

`share_` (*self*, **args*, ***kwargs*)

`create_pointer` (*self*, *owner*, *garbage_collect_data*, *location*=*None*, *id_at_location*=*None*, ***kwargs*)

`__str__` (*self*)

Returns the string representation of Plan.

`__repr__` (*self*)

static `simplify` (*worker*: *AbstractWorker*, *plan*: *Plan*)

This function takes the attributes of a Plan and saves them in a tuple :param worker: the worker doing the serialization :type worker: AbstractWorker :param plan: a Plan object :type plan: Plan

Returns a tuple holding the unique attributes of the Plan object

Return type tuple

static detail (*worker: AbstractWorker, plan_tuple: tuple*)

This function reconstructs a Plan object given its attributes in the form of a tuple. :param worker: the worker doing the deserialization :param plan_tuple: a tuple holding the attributes of the Plan

Returns a Plan object

Return type plan

static bufferize (*worker: AbstractWorker, plan: Plan*)

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Returns a Protobuf message holding the unique attributes of the Plan object

Return type PlanPB

static unbufferize (*worker: AbstractWorker, protobuf_plan: PlanPB*)

This function reconstructs a Plan object given its attributes in the form of a Protobuf message :param worker: the worker doing the deserialization :param protobuf_plan: a Protobuf message holding the attributes of the Plan

Returns a Plan object

Return type plan

`syft.messaging.plan.plan.tag_sort` (*keyword*)

Utility function to sort tensors by their (unique) tag including “keyword”

1.1.1.5.1.5 `syft.messaging.plan.state`

1.1.1.5.1.6 Module Contents

class `syft.messaging.plan.state.State` (*owner, state_placeholders=None*)

Bases: object

The State is a Plan attribute and is used to send tensors along functions.

It references Plan tensor or parameters attributes using their name, and make sure they are provided to remote workers who are sent the Plan.

`__str__` (*self*)

Returns the string representation of the State.

`__repr__` (*self*)

`tensors` (*self*)

Fetch and return all the state elements.

`copy` (*self*)

`read` (*self*)

Return state tensors that are from this plan specifically, but not those of plans including in this plan. If run while a plan is building, declare all the state tensors to the plan currently building.

static `create_grad_if_missing` (*tensor*)

`fix_precision` (*self, *args, **kwargs*)

`float_precision` (*self*)

`share` (*self, *args, **kwargs*)

get_(*self*)

Get functionality that can only be used when getting back state elements converted to additive shared tensors. Other than this, you shouldn't need to get the state separately.

static simplify(*worker: AbstractWorker, state: State*)

Simplify the plan's state when sending a plan

static detail(*worker: AbstractWorker, state_tuple: tuple*)

Reconstruct the plan's state from the state elements and supposed ids.

static bufferize(*worker: AbstractWorker, state: State*)

Serialize the State to Protobuf message

static unbufferize(*worker: AbstractWorker, protobuf_state: StatePB*)

Reconstruct the plan's state from the state elements and supposed ids.

1.1.1.5.1.7 Package Contents

class `syft.messaging.plan.func2plan`(*args_shape=None, state=None*)

Bases: `object`

Decorator which converts a function to a plan.

Converts a function containing sequential pytorch code into a plan object which can be sent to any arbitrary worker.

This class should be used only as a decorator.

__call__(*self, plan_function*)

`syft.messaging.plan.method2plan`(*args, **kwargs)

class `syft.messaging.plan.Plan`(*name: str = None, state: State = None, include_state: bool = False, is_built: bool = False, operations: List[Operation] = None, placeholders: Dict[Union[str, int], Placeholder] = None, forward_func=None, state_tensors=None, id: Union[str, int] = None, owner: sy.workers.BaseWorker = None, tags: List[str] = None, description: str = None*)

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Returns a tuple holding the unique attributes of the Plan object

Return type tuple

static detail (*worker: AbstractWorker, plan_tuple: tuple*)

This function reconstructs a Plan object given its attributes in the form of a tuple. :param worker: the worker doing the deserialization :param plan_tuple: a tuple holding the attributes of the Plan

Returns a Plan object

Return type plan

static bufferize (*worker: AbstractWorker, plan: Plan*)

This function takes the attributes of a Plan and saves them in a Protobuf message :param worker: the worker doing the serialization :type worker: AbstractWorker :param plan: a Plan object :type plan: Plan

Returns a Protobuf message holding the unique attributes of the Plan object

Return type PlanPB

static unbufferize (*worker: AbstractWorker, protobuf_plan: PlanPB*)

This function reconstructs a Plan object given its attributes in the form of a Protobuf message :param worker: the worker doing the deserialization :param protobuf_plan: a Protobuf message holding the attributes of the Plan

Returns a Plan object

Return type plan

1.1.1.5.2 Submodules

1.1.1.5.2.1 syft.messaging.message

This file exists as the Python encoding of all Message types that Syft sends over the network. It is an important bottleneck in the system, impacting both security, performance, and cross-platform compatability. As such, message types should strive to not be framework specific (i.e., Torch, Tensorflow, etc.).

All Syft message types extend the Message class.

1.1.1.5.2.2 Module Contents

class syft.messaging.message.**Message** (*contents=None*)

All syft message types extend this class

All messages in the pysyft protocol extend this class. This abstraction requires that every message has an integer type, which is important because this integer is what determines how the message is handled when a BaseWorker receives it.

Additionally, this type supports a default simplifier and detailer, which are important parts of PySyft's serialization and deserialization functionality. You can read more about detailers and simplifiers in [syft/serde/serde.py](#).

property contents (*self*)

Return a tuple with the contents of the message (backwards compatability)

Some of our codebase still assumes that all message types have a .contents attribute. However, the contents attribute is very opaque in that it doesn't put any constraints on what the contents might be. Some message types can be more efficient by storing their contents more explicitly (see Operation). They can override this property to return a tuple view on their other properties.

__simplify (*self*)

static simplify (*worker: AbstractWorker, ptr: Message*)

This function takes the attributes of a Message and saves them in a tuple. The detail() method runs the inverse of this method. :param worker: a reference to the worker doing the serialization :type worker: AbstractWorker :param ptr: a Message :type ptr: Message

Returns a tuple holding the unique attributes of the message

Return type tuple

Examples

```
data = simplify(ptr)
```

static detail (*worker: AbstractWorker, msg_tuple: tuple*)

This function takes the simplified tuple version of this message and converts it into a message. The simplify() method runs the inverse of this method.

This method shouldn't get called very often. It exists as a backup but in theory every message type should have its own detailer.

Parameters

- **worker** (*AbstractWorker*) – a reference to the worker necessary for detailing. Read `syft/serde/serde.py` for more information on why this is necessary.
- **msg_tuple** (*Tuple*) – the raw information being detailed.

Returns a Operation.

Return type ptr (*Message*)

Examples

```
message = detail(sy.local_worker, msg_tuple)
```

```
__str__ (self)
```

Return a human readable version of this message

```
__repr__ (self)
```

Return a human readable version of this message

```
class syft.messaging.message.Operation (cmd_name, cmd_owner, cmd_args, cmd_kwargs, return_ids)
```

Bases: `syft.messaging.message.Message`

All syft operations use this message type

In Syft, an operation is when one worker wishes to tell another worker to do something with objects contained in the worker._objects registry (or whatever the official object store is backed with in the case that it's been overridden). Semantically, one could view all Messages as a kind of operation, but when we say operation this is what we mean. For example, telling a worker to take two tensors and add them together is an operation. However, sending an object from one worker to another is not an operation (and would instead use the ObjectMessage type).

property contents (self)

Return a tuple with the contents of the operation (backwards compatability)

Some of our codebase still assumes that all message types have a .contents attribute. However, the contents attribute is very opaque in that it doesn't put any constraints on what the contents might be. Since we know this message is a operation, we instead choose to store contents in two pieces, self.message and

`self.return_ids`, which allows for more efficient simplification (we don't have to simplify `return_ids` because they are always a list of integers, meaning they're already simplified).

static `simplify` (*worker: AbstractWorker, ptr: Operation*)

This function takes the attributes of a `Operation` and saves them in a tuple :param worker: a reference to the worker doing the serialization :type worker: `AbstractWorker` :param ptr: a `Message` :type ptr: `Operation`

Returns a tuple holding the unique attributes of the message

Return type tuple

Examples

```
data = simplify(ptr)
```

static `detail` (*worker: AbstractWorker, msg_tuple: tuple*)

This function takes the simplified tuple version of this message and converts it into a `Operation`. The `simplify()` method runs the inverse of this method.

Parameters

- **worker** (`AbstractWorker`) – a reference to the worker necessary for detailing. Read `syft/serde/serde.py` for more information on why this is necessary.
- **msg_tuple** (`tuple`) – the raw information being detailed.

Returns a `Operation`.

Return type ptr (`Operation`)

Examples

```
message = detail(sy.local_worker, msg_tuple)
```

static `bufferize` (*worker: AbstractWorker, operation: Operation*)

This function takes the attributes of a `Operation` and saves them in Protobuf :param worker: a reference to the worker doing the serialization :type worker: `AbstractWorker` :param ptr: a `Message` :type ptr: `Operation`

Returns a Protobuf message holding the unique attributes of the message

Return type `protobuf_obj`

Examples

```
data = bufferize(message)
```

static `unbufferize` (*worker: AbstractWorker, protobuf_obj: OperationMessagePB*)

This function takes the Protobuf version of this message and converts it into an `Operation`. The `bufferize()` method runs the inverse of this method.

Parameters

- **worker** (`AbstractWorker`) – a reference to the worker necessary for detailing. Read `syft/serde/serde.py` for more information on why this is necessary.
- **protobuf_obj** (`OperationPB`) – the Protobuf message

Returns an `Operation`

Return type obj (`Operation`)

Examples

```
message = unbufferize(sy.local_worker, protobuf_msg)
```

```
static _bufferize_args (worker: AbstractWorker, args: list)
```

```
static _bufferize_arg (worker: AbstractWorker, arg: object)
```

```
static _unbufferize_args (worker: AbstractWorker, protobuf_args: list)
```

```
static _unbufferize_arg (worker: AbstractWorker, protobuf_arg: ArgPB)
```

```
class syft.messaging.message.ObjectMessage (contents)
```

```
Bases: syft.messaging.message.Message
```

Send an object to another worker using this message type.

When a worker has an object in its local object repository (such as a tensor) and it wants to send that object to another worker (and delete its local copy), it uses this message type to do so.

```
static detail (worker: AbstractWorker, msg_tuple: tuple)
```

This function takes the simplified tuple version of this message and converts it into an ObjectMessage. The simplify() method runs the inverse of this method.

Parameters

- **worker** (*AbstractWorker*) – a reference to the worker necessary for detailing. Read `syft/serde/serde.py` for more information on why this is necessary.
- **msg_tuple** (*tuple*) – the raw information being detailed.

Returns a ObjectMessage.

Return type *ptr (ObjectMessage)*

Examples

```
message = detail(sy.local_worker, msg_tuple)
```

```
static bufferize (worker: AbstractWorker, message: ObjectMessage)
```

This function takes the attributes of an Object Message and saves them in a protobuf object :param message: an ObjectMessage :type message: ObjectMessage

Returns a protobuf object holding the unique attributes of the object message

Return type protobuf

Examples

```
data = bufferize(object_message)
```

```
static unbufferize (worker: AbstractWorker, protobuf_obj: ObjectMessagePB)
```

```
class syft.messaging.message.ObjectRequestMessage (contents)
```

```
Bases: syft.messaging.message.Message
```

Request another worker to send one of its objects

If ObjectMessage pushes an object to another worker, this Message type pulls an object from another worker. It also assumes that the other worker will delete its local copy of the object after sending it to you.

static detail (*worker: AbstractWorker, msg_tuple: tuple*)

This function takes the simplified tuple version of this message and converts it into an ObjectRequestMessage. The simplify() method runs the inverse of this method.

Parameters

- **worker** (*AbstractWorker*) – a reference to the worker necessary for detailing. Read `syft/serde/serde.py` for more information on why this is necessary.
- **msg_tuple** (*tuple*) – the raw information being detailed.

Returns a ObjectRequestMessage.

Return type ptr (*ObjectRequestMessage*)

Examples

```
message = detail(sy.local_worker, msg_tuple)
```

class `syft.messaging.message.IsNoneMessage` (*contents*)

Bases: `syft.messaging.message.Message`

Check if a worker does not have an object with a specific id.

Occasionally we need to verify whether or not a remote worker has a specific object. To do so, we send an IsNoneMessage, which returns True if the object (such as a tensor) does NOT exist.

static detail (*worker: AbstractWorker, msg_tuple: tuple*)

This function takes the simplified tuple version of this message and converts it into an IsNoneMessage. The simplify() method runs the inverse of this method.

Parameters

- **worker** (*AbstractWorker*) – a reference to the worker necessary for detailing. Read `syft/serde/serde.py` for more information on why this is necessary.
- **msg_tuple** (*tuple*) – the raw information being detailed.

Returns a IsNoneMessage.

Return type ptr (*IsNoneMessage*)

Examples

```
message = detail(sy.local_worker, msg_tuple)
```

class `syft.messaging.message.GetShapeMessage` (*contents*)

Bases: `syft.messaging.message.Message`

Get the shape property of a tensor in PyTorch

We needed to have a special message type for this because `.shape` had some constraints in the older version of PyTorch.

static detail (*worker: AbstractWorker, msg_tuple: tuple*)

This function takes the simplified tuple version of this message and converts it into an GetShapeMessage. The simplify() method runs the inverse of this method.

Parameters

- **worker** (*AbstractWorker*) – a reference to the worker necessary for detailing. Read `syft/serde/serde.py` for more information on why this is necessary.

- **msg_tuple** (*Tuple*) – the raw information being detailed.

Returns a `GetShapeMessage`.

Return type `ptr` (*GetShapeMessage*)

Examples

```
message = detail(sy.local_worker, msg_tuple)
```

class `syft.messaging.message.ForceObjectDeleteMessage` (*contents*)

Bases: `syft.messaging.message.Message`

Garbage collect a remote object

This is the dominant message for garbage collection of remote objects. When a pointer is deleted, this message is triggered by default to tell the object being pointed to to also delete itself.

static detail (*worker: AbstractWorker, msg_tuple: tuple*)

This function takes the simplified tuple version of this message and converts it into an `ForceObjectDeleteMessage`. The `simplify()` method runs the inverse of this method.

Parameters

- **worker** (*AbstractWorker*) – a reference to the worker necessary for detailing. Read `syft/serde/serde.py` for more information on why this is necessary.
- **msg_tuple** (*Tuple*) – the raw information being detailed.

Returns a `ForceObjectDeleteMessage`.

Return type `ptr` (*ForceObjectDeleteMessage*)

Examples

```
message = detail(sy.local_worker, msg_tuple)
```

class `syft.messaging.message.SearchMessage` (*contents*)

Bases: `syft.messaging.message.Message`

A client queries for a subset of the tensors on a remote worker using this type

For some workers like `SocketWorker` we split a worker into a client and a server. For this configuration, a client can request to search for a subset of tensors on the server using this message type (this could also be called a “`QueryMessage`”).

static detail (*worker: AbstractWorker, msg_tuple: tuple*)

This function takes the simplified tuple version of this message and converts it into an `SearchMessage`. The `simplify()` method runs the inverse of this method.

Parameters

- **worker** (*AbstractWorker*) – a reference to the worker necessary for detailing. Read `syft/serde/serde.py` for more information on why this is necessary.
- **msg_tuple** (*Tuple*) – the raw information being detailed.

Returns a `SearchMessage`.

Return type `ptr` (*SearchMessage*)

Examples

```
message = detail(sy.local_worker, msg_tuple)
```

```
class syft.messaging.message.PlanCommandMessage (command_name: str, message: tuple)
```

```
Bases: syft.messaging.message.Message
```

Message used to execute a command related to plans.

```
property contents (self)
```

Returns a tuple with the contents of the operation (backwards compatability).

```
static simplify (worker: AbstractWorker, ptr: PlanCommandMessage)
```

This function takes the attributes of a PlanCommandMessage and saves them in a tuple

Parameters

- **worker** (*AbstractWorker*) – a reference to the worker doing the serialization
- **ptr** (*PlanCommandMessage*) – a Message

Returns a tuple holding the unique attributes of the message

Return type tuple

```
static detail (worker: AbstractWorker, msg_tuple: tuple)
```

This function takes the simplified tuple version of this message and converts it into a PlanCommandMessage. The simplify() method runs the inverse of this method.

Parameters

- **worker** (*AbstractWorker*) – a reference to the worker necessary for detailing. Read `syft/serde/serde.py` for more information on why this is necessary.
- **msg_tuple** (*Tuple*) – the raw information being detailed.

Returns a PlanCommandMessage.

Return type ptr (*PlanCommandMessage*)

1.1.1.5.2.3 `syft.messaging.protocol`

1.1.1.5.2.4 Module Contents

```
class syft.messaging.protocol.Protocol (plans: List = None, id: int = None, owner: Base-  
Worker = None, tags: List[str] = None, description:  
str = None)
```

```
Bases: syft.generic.object.AbstractObject
```

A Protocol coordinates a sequence of Plans, deploys them on distant workers and run them in a single pass.

It's a high level object which contains the logic of a complex computation distributed across several workers. The main feature of Protocol is the ability to be sent / searched / fetched back between workers, and finally deployed to identified workers. So a user can design a protocol, upload it to a cloud worker, and any other workers will be able to search for it, download it, and apply the computation program it contains on the workers that it is connected to.

Parameters

- **plans** – a list of pairs (worker, plan). “worker” can be either a real worker or a worker id or a string to represent a fictive worker. This last case can be used at creation to specify that

two plans should be owned (or not owned) by the same worker at deployment. “plan” can either be a Plan or a PointerPlan.

- **id** – the Protocol id
- **owner** – the Protocol owner
- **tags** – the Protocol tags (used for search)
- **description** – the Protocol description

deploy (*self*, *workers: *BaseWorker*)

Calling `.deploy()` sends the plans to the designated workers.

This is done in 2 phases: first, we map the fictive workers provided at creation (named by strings) to the provided workers, and second, we send the corresponding plans to each of them. For the first phase, either there is exactly one real worker per plan or one real worker per fictive_worker. `_resolve_workers` replaces the fictive workers by the real ones.

Parameters **workers** – *BaseWorker*. The workers to which plans are to be sent

Returns *self*

Return type “Protocol”

Raises **RuntimeError** – If protocol is already deployed OR the number of workers provided does not equal the number of fictive workers and does not equal the number of plans

`__call__` (*self*, *args, **kwargs)

run (*self*, *args, **kwargs)

Run the protocol by executing the plans sequentially

The input args provided are sent to the first plan location. This first plan is run and its output is moved to the second plan location, and so on. The final result is returned after all plans have run, and it is composed of pointers to the last plan location.

Raises **RuntimeError** – If the protocol has a location attribute and it is not the local worker

request_remote_run (*self*, location: *AbstractWorker*, args, kwargs)

Requests protocol execution.

Send a request to execute the protocol on the remote location.

Parameters

- **location** – to which worker the request should be sent
- **args** – Arguments used as input data for the protocol.
- **kwargs** – Named arguments used as input data for the protocol.

Returns

response from request to execute protocol

Return type *PointerTensor* or list of *PointerTensors*

static find_args_location (args)

Return location if args contain pointers else the local worker

Returns

The location of a pointer if in args, else local worker

Return type *BaseWorker*

send (*self*, *location*: *BaseWorker*)

Send a protocol to a worker, to be fetched by other workers

Parameters **location** – *BaseWorker*. The location to which a protocol is to be sent

static simplify (*worker*: *BaseWorker*, *protocol*: *Protocol*)

This function takes the attributes of a Protocol and saves them in a tuple

Parameters

- **worker** (*BaseWorker*) – the worker doing the serialization
- **protocol** (*Protocol*) – a Protocol object

Returns a tuple holding the unique attributes of the Protocol object

Return type tuple

Raises **TypeError** – if a plan is not *sy.Plan* or *sy.PointerPlan*

static create_from_attributes (*worker*, *id*, *tags*, *description*, *workers_resolved*,
plans_assignments)

This function reconstructs a Protocol object given its attributes.

Parameters

- **worker** – the worker doing the deserialization
- **id** – Protocol id
- **tags** – Protocol tags
- **description** – Protocol description
- **workers_resolved** – Flag whether workers are resolved
- **plans_assignments** – List of workers/plans IDs

Returns a Protocol object

Return type protocol

static detail (*worker*: *BaseWorker*, *protocol_tuple*: *Tuple*)

This function reconstructs a Protocol object given its attributes in the form of a tuple.

Parameters

- **worker** – the worker doing the deserialization
- **protocol_tuple** – a tuple holding the attributes of the Protocol

Returns a Protocol object

Return type protocol

static bufferize (*worker*: *BaseWorker*, *protocol*: *Protocol*)

This function takes the attributes of a Protocol and saves them in protobuf ProtocolPB

Parameters

- **worker** (*BaseWorker*) – the worker doing the serialization
- **protocol** (*Protocol*) – a Protocol object

Returns a protobuf object holding the unique attributes of the Protocol object

Return type ProtocolPB

Raises **TypeError** – if a plan is not *sy.Plan* or *sy.PointerPlan*

static unbufferize (*worker: AbstractWorker, pb_protocol: ProtocolPB*)

This function reconstructs a Protocol object given protobuf object.

Parameters

- **worker** – the worker doing the deserialization
- **pb_protocol** – a ProtocolPB object

Returns a Protocol object

Return type protocol

create_pointer (*self, owner: AbstractWorker, garbage_collect_data: bool*)

Create a pointer to the protocol

Parameters

- **owner** – the owner of the pointer
- **garbage_collect_data** – bool

Returns pointer to the protocol

Return type *PointerProtocol*

__repr__ (*self*)

__str__ (*self*)

_assert_is_resolved (*self*)

Check if protocol has already been resolved

Raises **RuntimeError** – If protocol has already been resolved

_resolve_workers (*self, workers: Tuple[BaseWorker, ...]*)

Map the abstract workers (named by strings) to the provided workers and update the plans accordingly

Parameters **workers** – Iterable of workers. The workers to map to workers in the protocol

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1.1.1.6.1 Subpackages

1.1.1.6.1.1 syft.serde.msgpack

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1.1.1.6.1.3 syft.serde.msgpack.native_serde

This file exists to provide one common place for all serialisation and **simplify_** and **_detail** for all native python objects.

1.1.1.6.1.4 Module Contents

```
syft.serde.msgpack.native_serde._simplify_collection (worker: AbstractWorker,
my_collection: Collection,
shallow: bool = False) →
Tuple
```

This function is designed to search a collection for any objects which may need to be simplified (i.e., torch tensors). It iterates through each object in the collection and calls `_simplify` on it. Finally, it returns the output as the tuple of simplified items of the input collection. This function is used to simplify list, set, and tuple. The reverse function, which undoes the functionality of this function is different for each of these types: `_detail_collection_list`, `_detail_collection_set`, `_detail_collection_tuple`.

Parameters `my_collection` (*Collection*) – a collection of python objects

Returns a tuple with simplified objects.

Return type Tuple

```
syft.serde.msgpack.native_serde._detail_collection_list (worker: AbstractWorker,
my_collection: Tuple,
shallow: bool = False) →
Collection
```

This function is designed to operate in the opposite direction of `_simplify_collection`. It takes a tuple of simple python objects and iterates through it to determine whether objects in the collection need to be converted into more advanced types. In particular, it converts binary objects into torch Tensors where appropriate.

Parameters

- **worker** – the worker doing the deserialization
- **my_collection** (*Tuple*) – a tuple of simple python objects (including binary).

Returns

a collection of the same type as the input where the objects in the collection have been detailed.

Return type Collection

```
syft.serde.msgpack.native_serde._detail_collection_set (worker: AbstractWorker,
my_collection: Tuple, shallow: bool = False) →
Collection
```

This function is designed to operate in the opposite direction of `_simplify_collection`. It takes a tuple of simple python objects and iterates through it to determine whether objects in the collection need to be converted into more advanced types. In particular, it converts binary objects into torch Tensors where appropriate.

Parameters

- **worker** – the worker doing the deserialization
- **my_collection** (*Tuple*) – a tuple of simple python objects (including binary).

Returns

a collection of the same type as the input where the objects in the collection have been detailed.

Return type Collection

```
syft.serde.msgpack.native_serde._detail_collection_tuple (worker: AbstractWorker,
my_tuple: Tuple, shallow: bool = False) →
Tuple
```

This function is designed to operate in the opposite direction of `_simplify_collection`. It takes a tuple of simple python objects and iterates through it to determine whether objects in the collection need to be converted into more advanced types. In particular, it converts binary objects into torch Tensors where appropriate. This is only applicable to tuples. They need special handling because `msgpack` is encoding a tuple as a list.

Parameters

- **worker** – the worker doing the deserialization
- **my_tuple** (*Tuple*) – a collection of simple python objects (including binary).

Returns

a collection of the same type as the input where the objects in the collection have been detailed.

Return type tuple

```
syft.serde.msgpack.native_serde._simplify_dictionary (worker: AbstractWorker,  
my_dict: Dict, shallow: bool =  
False) → Tuple
```

This function is designed to search a dict for any objects which may need to be simplified (i.e., torch tensors). It iterates through each key, value in the dict and calls `_simplify` on it. Finally, it returns the output tuple of tuples containing key/value pairs. The reverse function to this function is `_detail_dictionary`, which undoes the functionality of this function.

Parameters **my_dict** – A dictionary of python objects.

Returns

Tuple containing tuples of simplified key/value pairs from the input dictionary.

Return type Tuple

```
syft.serde.msgpack.native_serde._detail_dictionary (worker: AbstractWorker, my_dict:  
Dict, shallow: bool = False) →  
Dict
```

This function is designed to operate in the opposite direction of `_simplify_dictionary`. It takes a dictionary of simple python objects and iterates through it to determine whether objects in the collection need to be converted into more advanced types. In particular, it converts binary objects into torch Tensors where appropriate.

Parameters

- **worker** – the worker doing the deserialization
- **my_dict** (*Dict*) – a simplified dictionary of simple python objects (including binary).

Returns

a collection of the same type as the input where the objects in the collection have been detailed.

Return type Dict

```
syft.serde.msgpack.native_serde._simplify_str (worker: AbstractWorker, obj: str) → tuple
```

```
syft.serde.msgpack.native_serde._detail_str (worker: AbstractWorker, str_tuple: tuple)  
→ str
```

```
syft.serde.msgpack.native_serde._simplify_range (worker: AbstractWorker, my_range:  
range) → Tuple[int, int, int]
```

This function extracts the start, stop and step from the range.

Parameters **my_range** (*range*) – a range object

Returns a list defining the range parameters [start, stop, step]

Return type list

Examples

```
range_parameters = _simplify_range(range(1, 3, 4))
```

```
assert range_parameters == [1, 3, 4]
```

```
syft.serde.msgpack.native_serde._detail_range (worker: AbstractWorker,
                                                my_range_params: Tuple[int, int,
                                                                    int]) → range
```

This function extracts the start, stop and step from a tuple.

Parameters

- **worker** – the worker doing the deserialization (only here to standardise signature with other `_detail` functions)
- **my_range_params** (*tuple*) – a tuple defining the range parameters [start, stop, step]

Returns a range object

Return type range

Examples

```
new_range = _detail_range([1, 3, 4])
```

```
assert new_range == range(1, 3, 4)
```

```
syft.serde.msgpack.native_serde._simplify_ellipsis (worker: AbstractWorker, e: Ellipsis) → Tuple[bytes]
```

```
syft.serde.msgpack.native_serde._detail_ellipsis (worker: AbstractWorker, ellipsis: bytes) → Ellipsis
```

```
syft.serde.msgpack.native_serde._simplify_slice (worker: AbstractWorker, my_slice: slice) → Tuple[int, int, int]
```

This function creates a list that represents a slice.

Parameters **my_slice** (*slice*) – a python slice

Returns a list holding the start, stop and step values

Return type tuple

Examples

```
slice_representation = _simplify_slice(slice(1,2,3))
```

```
syft.serde.msgpack.native_serde._detail_slice (worker: AbstractWorker, my_slice: Tuple[int, int, int]) → slice
```

This function extracts the start, stop and step from a list.

Parameters **my_slice** (*tuple*) – a list defining the slice parameters [start, stop, step]

Returns a range object

Return type range

Examples

```
new_range = _detail_range([1, 3, 4])
assert new_range == range(1, 3, 4)
```

```
syft.serde.msgpack.native_serde._simplify_ndarray (worker: AbstractWorker, my_array:
                                                    numpy.ndarray) → Tuple[bin, Tu-
                                                    ple, Tuple]
```

This function gets the byte representation of the array and stores the dtype and shape for reconstruction

Parameters `my_array` (*numpy.ndarray*) – a numpy array

Returns a list holding the byte representation, shape and dtype of the array

Return type list

Examples

```
arr_representation = _simplify_ndarray(numpy.random.random([1000, 1000]))
```

```
syft.serde.msgpack.native_serde._detail_ndarray (worker: AbstractWorker,
                                                    arr_representation: Tuple[bin, Tu-
                                                    ple, str]) → numpy.ndarray
```

This function reconstruct a numpy array from it's byte data, the shape and the dtype by first loading the byte data with the appropriate dtype and then reshaping it into the original shape

Parameters

- **worker** – the worker doing the deserialization
- **arr_representation** (*tuple*) – a tuple holding the byte representation, shape
- **dtype of the array** (*and*) –

Returns a numpy array

Return type `numpy.ndarray`

Examples

```
arr = _detail_ndarray(arr_representation)
```

```
syft.serde.msgpack.native_serde._simplify_numpy_number (worker: Abstract-
Worker, numpy_nb:
Union[numpy.int32,
numpy.int64, numpy.float32,
numpy.float64]) → Tu-
ple[bin, Tuple]
```

This function gets the byte representation of the numpy number and stores the dtype for reconstruction

Parameters `numpy_nb` (*e.g numpy.float64*) – a numpy number

Returns a list holding the byte representation, dtype of the numpy number

Return type list

Examples

```
np_representation = _simplify_numpy_number(worker, numpy.float64(2.3))
```

```
syft.serde.msgpack.native_serde._detail_numpy_number (worker:      AbstractWorker,
                                                       nb_representation:  Tu-
                                                       ple[bin,      Tuple,      str])
→ Union[numpy.int32,
         numpy.int64,  numpy.float32,
         numpy.float64]
```

This function reconstruct a numpy number from it's byte data, dtype by first loading the byte data with the appropriate dtype

Parameters

- **worker** – the worker doing the deserialization
- **np_representation** (*tuple*) – a tuple holding the byte representation
- **dtype of the numpy number** (*and*) –

Returns a numpy number

Return type numpy.float or numpy.int

Examples

```
nb = _detail_numpy_number(nb_representation)
```

```
syft.serde.msgpack.native_serde.MAP_NATIVE_SIMPLIFIERS_AND_DETAILERS
```

1.1.1.6.1.5 syft.serde.msgpack.proto

This file exists to translate python classes to Serde type constants defined in *proto.json* file in <https://github.com/OpenMined/proto>. The reason for this is to have stable constants used in Serde serialization protocol and the definition file that can be used not only by PySyft but also in other languages.

<https://github.com/OpenMined/proto> (*pysyft_proto* module) is included as dependency in setup.py exposes contents of *proto.json* file in *proto_info* variable.

IMPORTANT: New types added in Serde need to be also defined in *proto.json*.

1.1.1.6.1.6 Module Contents

```
class syft.serde.msgpack.proto.TypeInfo (name, obj)
```

Convenience wrapper for type info defined in *proto_info*. Exposes type constants with error handling.

```
property code (self)
```

Returns *code* property (serialization constant) for class or throws an exception if it's not defined in *proto.json*.

```
property forced_code (self)
```

Returns *forced_code* property (serialization constant) for class or throws an exception if it's not defined in *proto.json*.

`syft.serde.msgpack.proto.fullname(cls)`

Returns full name of a given *class* (not instance of class). Source: <https://stackoverflow.com/questions/2020014/get-fully-qualified-class-name-of-an-object-in-python>.

`syft.serde.msgpack.proto.proto_type_info(cls)`

Returns *TypeInfo* instance for a given *class* identified by *cls* parameter. Throws an exception when such class does not exist in the *proto.json*.

1.1.1.6.1.7 `syft.serde.msgpack.serde`

This file exists to provide one common place for all msgpack serialization to occur. As msgpack only supports basic types and binary formats every type must be first be converted to one of these types. Thus, we've split our functionality into three steps. When converting from a PySyft object (or collection of objects) to an object to be sent over the wire (a message), those three steps are (in order):

1. Simplify - converts PyTorch objects to simple Python objects (using pickle)
2. Serialize - converts Python objects to binary
3. Compress - compresses the binary (Now we're ready send!)

Inversely, when converting from a message sent over the wire back to a PySyft object, the three steps are (in order):

1. Decompress - converts compressed binary back to decompressed binary
2. Deserialize - converts from binary to basic python objects
3. Detail - converts some basic python objects back to PyTorch objects (Tensors)

Furthermore, note that there is different simplification/serialization logic for objects of different types. Thus, instead of using if/else logic, we have global dictionaries which contain functions and Python types as keys. For simplification logic, this dictionary is called "simplifiers". The keys are the types and values are the simplification logic. For example, `simplifiers[tuple]` will return the function which knows how to simplify the tuple type. The same is true for all other simplifier/detailer functions.

By default, the simplification/detail operations expect Torch tensors. If the setup requires other serialization process, it can override the functions `_serialize_tensor` and `_deserialize_tensor`

By default, we serialize using msgpack and compress using lz4. If different compressions are required, the worker can override the function `apply_compress_scheme`

1.1.1.6.1.8 Module Contents

`syft.serde.msgpack.serde.MAP_TORCH_SIMPLIFIERS_AND_DETAILERS`

`syft.serde.msgpack.serde.MAP_TF_SIMPLIFIERS_AND_DETAILERS`

`syft.serde.msgpack.serde.MAP_TO_SIMPLIFIERS_AND_DETAILERS`

`syft.serde.msgpack.serde.OBJ_SIMPLIFIER_AND_DETAILERS`

`syft.serde.msgpack.serde.OBJ_FORCE_FULL_SIMPLIFIER_AND_DETAILERS`

`syft.serde.msgpack.serde.EXCEPTION_SIMPLIFIER_AND_DETAILERS`

`syft.serde.msgpack.serde._force_full_simplify(worker: AbstractWorker, obj: object) → object`

To force a full simplify generally if the usual `_simplify` is not suitable.

If we can not full simplify a object we simplify it as usual instead.

Parameters `obj` – The object.

Returns The simplified object.

```
syft.serde.msgpack.serde._generate_simplifiers_and_detailers()
```

Generate simplifiers, forced full simplifiers and detailers, by registering native and torch types, syft objects with custom simplify and detail methods, or syft objects with custom force_simplify and force_detail methods.

NOTE: this function uses *proto_type_info* that translates python class into Serde constant defined in <https://github.com/OpenMined/proto>. If the class used in *MAP_TO_SIMPLIFIERS_AND_DETAILERS*, *OBJ_SIMPLIFIER_AND_DETAILERS*, *EXCEPTION_SIMPLIFIER_AND_DETAILERS*, *OBJ_FORCE_FULL_SIMPLIFIER_AND_DETAILERS* is not defined in *proto.json* file in <https://github.com/OpenMined/proto>, this function will error. :returns: The simplifiers, forced_full_simplifiers, detailers

```
syft.serde.msgpack.serde.inherited_simplifiers_found
```

```
syft.serde.msgpack.serde._serialize_msgpack_simple(obj: object, worker: AbstractWorker = None, simplified: bool = False, force_full_simplification: bool = False) → bin
```

```
syft.serde.msgpack.serde._serialize_msgpack_binary(simple_objects: object, worker: AbstractWorker = None, simplified: bool = False, force_full_simplification: bool = False) → bin
```

```
syft.serde.msgpack.serde.serialize(obj: object, worker: AbstractWorker = None, simplified: bool = False, force_full_simplification: bool = False) → bin
```

This method can serialize any object PySyft needs to send or store.

This is the high level function for serializing any object or collection of objects which PySyft needs to send over the wire. It includes three steps, Simplify, Serialize, and Compress as described inline below.

Parameters

- **obj** (*object*) – the object to be serialized
- **simplified** (*bool*) – in some cases we want to pass in data which has already been simplified - in which case we must skip double simplification - which would be bad... so bad... so... so bad
- **force_full_simplification** (*bool*) – Some objects are only partially serialized by default. For objects where this is the case, setting this flag to True will force the entire object to be serialized. For example, setting this flag to True will cause a VirtualWorker to be serialized WITH all of its tensors while by default VirtualWorker objects only serialize a small amount of metadata.

Returns the serialized form of the object.

Return type binary

```
syft.serde.msgpack.serde._deserialize_msgpack_binary(binary: bin, worker: AbstractWorker = None) → object
```

```
syft.serde.msgpack.serde._deserialize_msgpack_simple(simple_objects: object, worker: AbstractWorker = None) → object
```

```
syft.serde.msgpack.serde.deserialize(binary: bin, worker: AbstractWorker = None) → object
```

```
syft.serde.msgpack.serde._simplify(worker: AbstractWorker, obj: object, **kwargs) → object
```

This function takes an object as input and returns a simple Python object which is supported by the chosen serialization method (such as JSON or msgpack). The reason we have this function is that some objects are

either NOT supported by high level (fast) serializers OR the high level serializers don't support the fastest form of serialization. For example, PyTorch tensors have custom pickle functionality thus its better to pre-serialize PyTorch tensors using pickle and then serialize the binary in with the rest of the message being sent.

Parameters `obj` – An object which may need to be simplified.

Returns An simple Python object which msgpack can serialize.

Raises

- **ValueError** – if `move_this` or `in_front_of_that` are not both single ASCII
- **characters.** –

`syft.serde.msgpack.serde._detail` (*worker: AbstractWorker, obj: object, **kwargs*) → object

Reverses the functionality of `_simplify`. Where applicable, it converts simple objects into more complex objects such as converting binary objects into torch tensors. Read `_simplify` for more information on why `_simplify` and `detail` are needed.

Parameters

- **worker** – the worker which is acquiring the message content, for example
- **to specify the owner of a tensor received(not obvious for (used)–**
- **workers)** (*virtual*)–
- **obj** – a simple Python object which msgpack deserialized.

Returns

a more complex Python object which msgpack would have had trouble deserializing directly.

Return type `obj`

1.1.1.6.1.9 `syft.serde.msgpack.torch_serde`

This file exists to provide one common place for all serialisation and **simplify_** and `_detail` for all tensors (Torch and Numpy).

1.1.1.6.1.10 Module Contents

`syft.serde.msgpack.torch_serde._serialize_tensor` (*worker: AbstractWorker, tensor*) →

Serialize the tensor using as default Torch serialization strategy ^{bin}This function can be overridden to provide different tensor serialization strategies

Args (`torch.Tensor`): an input tensor to be serialized

Returns A serialized version of the input tensor

`syft.serde.msgpack.torch_serde._deserialize_tensor` (*worker: AbstractWorker, serializer: str, tensor_bin*) → `torch.Tensor`

Deserialize the input tensor passed as parameter into a Torch tensor. *serializer* parameter selects different deserialization strategies

Args `worker`: Worker `serializer`: Strategy used for tensor deserialization (e.g.: `torch`, `numpy`, `all`) `tensor_bin`: A simplified representation of a tensor

Returns a Torch tensor

```
syft.serde.msgpack.torch_serde.simplified_tensor_serializer (worker: AbstractWorker, tensor: torch.Tensor) → tuple
```

Strategy to serialize a tensor to native python types. If tensor requires to calculate gradients, it will be detached.

```
syft.serde.msgpack.torch_serde.simplified_tensor_deserializer (worker: AbstractWorker, tensor_tuple: tuple) → torch.Tensor
```

“Strategy to deserialize a simplified tensor into a Torch tensor

```
syft.serde.msgpack.torch_serde.__simplify_torch_tensor (worker: AbstractWorker, tensor: torch.Tensor) → bin
```

This function converts a torch tensor into a serialized torch tensor using pickle. We choose to use this because PyTorch has a custom and very fast PyTorch pickler.

Parameters **tensor** (*torch.Tensor*) – an input tensor to be serialized

Returns serialized tuple of torch tensor. The first value is the id of the tensor and the second is the binary for the PyTorch object. The third is the chain of abstractions, and the fourth (optionally) is the chain of gradient tensors (nested tuple)

Return type tuple

```
syft.serde.msgpack.torch_serde.__detail_torch_tensor (worker: AbstractWorker, tensor_tuple: tuple) → torch.Tensor
```

This function converts a serialized torch tensor into a torch tensor using pickle.

Parameters **tensor_tuple** (*bin*) – serialized obj of torch tensor. It’s a tuple where the first value is the ID, the second value is the binary for the PyTorch object, the third value is the chain of tensor abstractions, and the fourth object is the chain of gradients (.grad.grad, etc.)

Returns a torch tensor that was serialized

Return type torch.Tensor

```
syft.serde.msgpack.torch_serde.__simplify_torch_parameter (worker: AbstractWorker, param: torch.nn.Parameter) → bin
```

This function converts a torch Parameter into a serialized torch Parameter

Parameters **param** (*torch.nn.Parameter*) – an input Parameter to be serialized

Returns serialized tuple of torch Parameter. The first value is the id of the Parameter and the second is the binary for the PyTorch tensor data attribute and last is the requires_grad attr.

Return type tuple

```
syft.serde.msgpack.torch_serde.__detail_torch_parameter (worker: AbstractWorker, param_tuple: tuple) → torch.nn.Parameter
```

This function converts a serialized torch Parameter into a torch Parameter.

Parameters **param_tuple** (*tuple*) – serialized obj of torch tensor. It’s a tuple where the first value is the ID and the second value is the binary for the PyTorch data attribute et and third value is the requires_grad attr.

Returns a torch Parameter that was serialized

Return type torch.Parameter

`syft.serde.msgpack.torch_serde._simplify_torch_device` (*worker*: *AbstractWorker*, *device*: *torch.device*) → *Tuple*

`syft.serde.msgpack.torch_serde._detail_torch_device` (*worker*: *AbstractWorker*, *device_type*: *tuple*) → *torch.device*

`syft.serde.msgpack.torch_serde._simplify_script_module` (*worker*: *AbstractWorker*, *obj*: *torch.jit.ScriptModule*) → *Tuple*

Strategy to serialize a script module using Torch.jit

`syft.serde.msgpack.torch_serde._detail_script_module` (*worker*: *AbstractWorker*, *script_module_bin*: *Tuple*) → *torch.jit.ScriptModule*

“Strategy to deserialize a binary input using Torch load

`syft.serde.msgpack.torch_serde._simplify_torch_size` (*worker*: *AbstractWorker*, *size*: *torch.Size*) → *Tuple[int]*

`syft.serde.msgpack.torch_serde._detail_torch_size` (*worker*: *AbstractWorker*, *size*: *Tuple[int]*) → *torch.Size*

`syft.serde.msgpack.torch_serde._simplify_torch_mem_format` (*worker*: *AbstractWorker*, *mem_format*: *torch.memory_format*) → *int*

`syft.serde.msgpack.torch_serde._detail_torch_mem_format` (*worker*: *AbstractWorker*, *mem_format*: *int*) → *torch.memory_format*

`syft.serde.msgpack.torch_serde.MAP_TORCH_SIMPLIFIERS_AND_DETAILERS`

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`syft.serde.msgpack.proto_type_info` (*cls*)

Returns *TypeInfo* instance for a given *class* identified by *cls* parameter. Throws an exception when such class does not exist in the *proto.json*.

`syft.serde.msgpack.serialize` (*obj*: *object*, *worker*: *AbstractWorker = None*, *simplified*: *bool = False*, *force_full_simplification*: *bool = False*) → *bin*

This method can serialize any object PySyft needs to send or store.

This is the high level function for serializing any object or collection of objects which PySyft needs to send over the wire. It includes three steps, Simplify, Serialize, and Compress as described inline below.

Parameters

- **obj** (*object*) – the object to be serialized
- **simplified** (*bool*) – in some cases we want to pass in data which has already been simplified - in which case we must skip double simplification - which would be bad... so bad... so... so bad
- **force_full_simplification** (*bool*) – Some objects are only partially serialized by default. For objects where this is the case, setting this flag to True will force the entire object to be serialized. For example, setting this flag to True will cause a *VirtualWorker* to be serialized WITH all of its tensors while by default *VirtualWorker* objects only serialize a small amount of metadata.

Returns the serialized form of the object.

Return type *binary*

`syft.serde.msgpack.deserialize` (*binary: bin, worker: AbstractWorker = None*) → object

1.1.1.6.1.12 `syft.serde.protobuf`

1.1.1.6.1.13 Submodules

1.1.1.6.1.14 `syft.serde.protobuf.native_serde`

This file exists to provide a common place for all Protobuf serialisation for native Python objects. If you're adding something here that isn't for *None*, think twice and either use an existing sub-class of Message or add a new one.

1.1.1.6.1.15 Module Contents

`syft.serde.protobuf.native_serde._bufferize_none` (*worker: AbstractWorker, obj: type(None)*) → 'Empty'

This function converts None into an empty Protobuf message.

Parameters `obj` (*None*) – makes signature match other bufferize methods

Returns Empty Protobuf message

Return type `protobuf_obj`

`syft.serde.protobuf.native_serde._unbufferize_none` (*worker: AbstractWorker, obj: Empty*) → 'type(None)'

This function converts an empty Protobuf message back into None.

Parameters `obj` (*Empty*) – Empty Protobuf message

Returns None

Return type `obj`

`syft.serde.protobuf.native_serde.MAP_NATIVE_PROTOBUF_TRANSLATORS`

1.1.1.6.1.16 `syft.serde.protobuf.proto`

This file exists to translate python classes to and from Protobuf messages. The reason for this is to have stable serialization protocol that can be used not only by PySyft but also in other languages.

<https://github.com/OpenMined/syft-proto> (*syft_proto* module) is included as a dependency in setup.py.

1.1.1.6.1.17 Module Contents

`syft.serde.protobuf.proto.MAP_PYTHON_TO_PROTOBUF_CLASSES`

`syft.serde.protobuf.proto.set_protobuf_id` (*field, id*)

`syft.serde.protobuf.proto.get_protobuf_id` (*field*)

1.1.1.6.1.18 `syft.serde.protobuf.serde`

1.1.1.6.1.19 Module Contents

`syft.serde.protobuf.serde.MAP_TORCH_PROTOBUF_TRANSLATORS`

`syft.serde.protobuf.serde.MAP_TO_PROTOBUF_TRANSLATORS`

`syft.serde.protobuf.serde.OBJ_PROTOBUF_TRANSLATORS`

`syft.serde.protobuf.serde.OBJ_FORCE_FULL_PROTOBUF_TRANSLATORS = []`

`syft.serde.protobuf.serde.EXCEPTION_PROTOBUF_TRANSLATORS = []`

`syft.serde.protobuf.serde._force_full_bufferize` (*worker: AbstractWorker, obj: object*)
→ object

To force a full bufferize conversion generally if the usual `_bufferize` is not suitable.

If we can not full convert an object we convert it as usual instead.

Parameters `obj` – The object.

Returns The bufferize object.

`syft.serde.protobuf.serde._generate_bufferizers_and_unbufferizers` ()

Generate bufferizers, forced full bufferizers and unbufferizers, by registering native and torch types, syft objects with custom bufferize and unbufferize methods, or syft objects with custom `force_bufferize` and `force_unbufferize` methods.

NOTE: this function uses `proto_type_info` that translates python class into Serde constant defined in <https://github.com/OpenMined/proto>. If the class used in `MAP_TO_SIMPLIFIERS_AND_DETAILERS`, `OBJ_SIMPLIFIER_AND_DETAILERS`, `EXCEPTION_SIMPLIFIER_AND_DETAILERS`, `OBJ_FORCE_FULL_SIMPLIFIER_AND_DETAILERS` is not defined in `proto.json` file in <https://github.com/OpenMined/proto>, this function will error. :returns: The bufferizers, forced_full_bufferizers, unbufferizers

`syft.serde.protobuf.serde.inherited_bufferizers_found`

`syft.serde.protobuf.serde.serialize` (*obj: object, worker: AbstractWorker = None, simplified: bool = False, force_no_compression: bool = False, force_no_serialization: bool = False, force_full_simplification: bool = False*) → bin

This method can serialize any object PySyft needs to send or store.

This is the high level function for serializing any object or collection of objects which PySyft needs to send over the wire. It includes three steps, Simplify, Serialize, and Compress as described inline below.

Parameters

- **obj** (*object*) – the object to be serialized
- **simplified** (*bool*) – in some cases we want to pass in data which has already been simplified - in which case we must skip double simplification - which would be bad... so bad... so... so bad
- **force_no_compression** (*bool*) – If true, this will override ANY module settings and not compress the objects being serialized. The primary expected use of this functionality is testing and/or experimentation.
- **force_no_serialization** (*bool*) – Primarily a testing tool, this will force this method to return human-readable Python objects which is very useful for testing and debugging (forceably overrides module compression, serialization, and the

'force_no_compression' override)). In other words, only simplification operations are performed.

- **force_full_simplification** (*bool*) – Some objects are only partially serialized by default. For objects where this is the case, setting this flag to True will force the entire object to be serialized. For example, setting this flag to True will cause a VirtualWorker to be serialized WITH all of its tensors while by default VirtualWorker objects only serialize a small amount of metadata.

Returns the serialized form of the object.

Return type binary

```
syft.serde.protobuf.serde.deserialize(binary: bin, worker: AbstractWorker = None, unbufferizes=True) → object
```

This method can deserialize any object PySyft needs to send or store.

This is the high level function for deserializing any object or collection of objects which PySyft has sent over the wire or stored. It includes three steps, Decompress, Deserialize, and Detail as described inline below.

Parameters

- **binary** (*bin*) – the serialized object to be deserialized.
- **worker** (*AbstractWorker*) – the worker which is acquiring the message content, for example used to specify the owner of a tensor received(not obvious for virtual workers)
- **unbufferizes** (*bool*) – there are some cases where we need to perform the decompression and deserialization part, but we don't need to unbufferize all the message. This is the case for Plan workers for instance

Returns the deserialized form of the binary input.

Return type object

```
syft.serde.protobuf.serde._bufferize(worker: AbstractWorker, obj: object, **kwargs) → object
```

This function takes an object as input and returns a Protobuf object. The reason we have this function is that some objects are either NOT supported by high level (fast) serializers OR the high level serializers don't support the fastest form of serialization. For example, PyTorch tensors have custom pickle functionality thus its better to pre-serialize PyTorch tensors using pickle and then serialize the binary in with the rest of the message being sent.

Parameters **obj** – An object which needs to be converted to Protobuf.

Returns An Protobuf object which Protobuf can serialize.

```
syft.serde.protobuf.serde._unbufferize(worker: AbstractWorker, obj: object, **kwargs) → object
```

Reverses the functionality of `_bufferize`. Where applicable, it converts simple objects into more complex objects such as converting binary objects into torch tensors. Read `_bufferize` for more information on why `_bufferize` and `unbufferize` are needed.

Parameters

- **worker** – the worker which is acquiring the message content, for example
- **to specify the owner of a tensor received(not obvious for (used) –**
- **workers**) (*virtual*) –
- **obj** – a simple Python object which msgpack deserialized.

Returns

a more complex Python object which msgpack would have had trouble deserializing directly.

Return type obj

1.1.1.6.1.20 `syft.serde.protobuf.torch_serde`

This file exists to provide one common place for all serialisation and `bufferize_` and `_unbufferize` for all tensors (Torch and Numpy).

1.1.1.6.1.21 Module Contents

`syft.serde.protobuf.torch_serde.SERIALIZERS_SYFT_TO_PROTOBUF`

`syft.serde.protobuf.torch_serde.SERIALIZERS_PROTOBUF_TO_SYFT`

`syft.serde.protobuf.torch_serde._serialize_tensor` (*worker: AbstractWorker, tensor*) →

Serialize the tensor using as default Torch serialization strategy ^{bin}This function can be overridden to provide different tensor serialization strategies

Args (`torch.Tensor`): an input tensor to be serialized

Returns A serialized version of the input tensor

`syft.serde.protobuf.torch_serde._deserialize_tensor` (*worker: AbstractWorker, serializer: str, tensor_bin*) → `torch.Tensor`

Deserialize the input tensor passed as parameter into a Torch tensor. *serializer* parameter selects different deserialization strategies

Args *worker*: Worker serializer: Strategy used for tensor deserialization (e.g.: torch, numpy, all) *tensor_bin*: A simplified representation of a tensor

Returns a Torch tensor

`syft.serde.protobuf.torch_serde.protobuf_tensor_serializer` (*worker: AbstractWorker, tensor: torch.Tensor*) → `TensorDataPB`

Strategy to serialize a tensor using Protobuf

`syft.serde.protobuf.torch_serde.protobuf_tensor_deserializer` (*worker: AbstractWorker, protobuf_tensor: TensorDataPB*) → `torch.Tensor`

“Strategy to deserialize a binary input using Protobuf

`syft.serde.protobuf.torch_serde._bufferize_torch_tensor` (*worker: AbstractWorker, tensor: torch.Tensor*) →

This function converts a Torch tensor into a serialized tensor using Protobuf. Depending on the worker’s serializer, the tensor contents may be serialized to binary representations using Torch or Numpy, or to a generic inner Protobuf message for cross-platform communication.

Parameters *tensor* (`torch.Tensor`) – an input tensor to be serialized

Returns Protobuf version of torch tensor.

Return type `protobuf_obj`

`syft.serde.protobuf.torch_serde._unbufferize_torch_tensor` (*worker*: *AbstractWorker*, *protobuf_tensor*: *TorchTensorPB*) → *torch.Tensor*

This function converts a Protobuf torch tensor back into a Torch tensor. The tensor contents can be deserialized from binary representations produced by Torch or Numpy, or from the generic Protobuf message format for cross-platform communication.

Parameters `protobuf_tensor` (*bin*) – Protobuf message of torch tensor.

Returns a torch tensor converted from Protobuf

Return type *torch.Tensor*

`syft.serde.protobuf.torch_serde._bufferize_torch_device` (*worker*: *AbstractWorker*, *device*: *torch.device*) → *DevicePB*

`syft.serde.protobuf.torch_serde._unbufferize_torch_device` (*worker*: *AbstractWorker*, *protobuf_device*: *DevicePB*) → *torch.device*

`syft.serde.protobuf.torch_serde._bufferize_torch_parameter` (*worker*: *AbstractWorker*, *param*: *torch.nn.Parameter*) → *ParameterPB*

`syft.serde.protobuf.torch_serde._unbufferize_torch_parameter` (*worker*: *AbstractWorker*, *protobuf_param*: *ParameterPB*) → *torch.nn.Parameter*

`syft.serde.protobuf.torch_serde._bufferize_script_module` (*worker*: *AbstractWorker*, *script_module*: *torch.jit.ScriptModule*) → *ScriptModulePB*

`syft.serde.protobuf.torch_serde._unbufferize_script_module` (*worker*: *AbstractWorker*, *protobuf_script*: *ScriptModulePB*) → *torch.jit.ScriptModule*

`syft.serde.protobuf.torch_serde._bufferize_script_function` (*worker*: *AbstractWorker*, *script_module*: *torch.jit.ScriptFunction*) → *ScriptFunctionPB*

`syft.serde.protobuf.torch_serde._unbufferize_script_function` (*worker*: *AbstractWorker*, *protobuf_script*: *ScriptFunctionPB*) → *torch.jit.ScriptFunction*

`syft.serde.protobuf.torch_serde._bufferize_traced_module` (*worker*: *AbstractWorker*, *script_module*: *torch.jit.TopLevelTracedModule*) → *TracedModulePB*

```
syft.serde.protobuf.torch_serde._unbufferize_traced_module (worker: AbstractWorker, proto-  
buf_script: TracedModulePB) →  
torch.jit.TopLevelTracedModule
```

```
syft.serde.protobuf.torch_serde._bufferize_torch_size (worker: AbstractWorker, size:  
torch.Size) → SizePB
```

```
syft.serde.protobuf.torch_serde._unbufferize_torch_size (worker: AbstractWorker,  
protobuf_size: SizePB) →  
torch.Size
```

```
syft.serde.protobuf.torch_serde.MAP_TORCH_PROTOBUF_TRANSLATORS
```

1.1.1.6.1.22 Package Contents

```
syft.serde.protobuf.serialize (obj: object, worker: AbstractWorker = None, simpli-  
fied: bool = False, force_no_compression: bool = False,  
force_no_serialization: bool = False, force_full_simplification:  
bool = False) → bin
```

This method can serialize any object PySyft needs to send or store.

This is the high level function for serializing any object or collection of objects which PySyft needs to send over the wire. It includes three steps, Simplify, Serialize, and Compress as described inline below.

Parameters

- **obj** (*object*) – the object to be serialized
- **simplified** (*bool*) – in some cases we want to pass in data which has already been simplified - in which case we must skip double simplification - which would be bad... so bad... so... so bad
- **force_no_compression** (*bool*) – If true, this will override ANY module settings and not compress the objects being serialized. The primary expected use of this functionality is testing and/or experimentation.
- **force_no_serialization** (*bool*) – Primarily a testing tool, this will force this method to return human-readable Python objects which is very useful for testing and debugging (forceably overrides module compression, serialization, and the ‘force_no_compression’ override)). In other words, only simplification operations are performed.
- **force_full_simplification** (*bool*) – Some objects are only partially serialized by default. For objects where this is the case, setting this flag to True will force the entire object to be serialized. For example, setting this flag to True will cause a VirtualWorker to be serialized WITH all of its tensors while by default VirtualWorker objects only serialize a small amount of metadata.

Returns the serialized form of the object.

Return type binary

```
syft.serde.protobuf.deserialize (binary: bin, worker: AbstractWorker = None, unbuffer-  
izes=True) → object
```

This method can deserialize any object PySyft needs to send or store.

This is the high level function for deserializing any object or collection of objects which PySyft has sent over the wire or stored. It includes three steps, Decompress, Deserialize, and Detail as described inline below.

Parameters

- **binary** (*bin*) – the serialized object to be deserialized.
- **worker** (*AbstractWorker*) – the worker which is acquiring the message content, for example used to specify the owner of a tensor received(not obvious for virtual workers)
- **unbufferizes** (*bool*) – there are some cases where we need to perform the decompression and deserialization part, but we don't need to unbufferize all the message. This is the case for Plan workers for instance

Returns the deserialized form of the binary input.

Return type object

1.1.1.6.1.23 `syft.serde.torch`

1.1.1.6.1.24 Submodules

1.1.1.6.1.25 `syft.serde.torch.serde`

1.1.1.6.1.26 Module Contents

`syft.serde.torch.serde.TORCH_DTYPE_STR`

`syft.serde.torch.serde.TORCH_STR_DTYPE`

`syft.serde.torch.serde.TORCH_MFORMAT_ID`

`syft.serde.torch.serde.TORCH_ID_MFORMAT`

`syft.serde.torch.serde.torch_tensor_serializer` (*worker: AbstractWorker, tensor*) → bin
Strategy to serialize a tensor using Torch saver

`syft.serde.torch.serde.torch_tensor_deserializer` (*worker: AbstractWorker, tensor_bin*) → torch.Tensor
“Strategy to deserialize a binary input using Torch load

`syft.serde.torch.serde.numpy_tensor_serializer` (*worker: AbstractWorker, tensor: torch.Tensor*) → bin
Strategy to serialize a tensor using numpy npy format. If tensor requires to calculate gradients, it will be detached.

Args (*torch.Tensor*): an input tensor to be serialized

Returns A serialized version of the input tensor

`syft.serde.torch.serde.numpy_tensor_deserializer` (*tensor_bin*) → torch.Tensor
Strategy to deserialize a binary input in npy format into Torch tensor

Args *tensor_bin*: A binary representation of a tensor

Returns a Torch tensor

1.1.1.6.2 Submodules

1.1.1.6.2.1 `syft.serde.compression`

This file exists to provide one common place for all compression methods used in simplifying and serializing PySyft objects.

1.1.1.6.2.2 Module Contents

`syft.serde.compression.NO_COMPRESSION = 40`

`syft.serde.compression.LZ4 = 41`

`syft.serde.compression.ZSTD = 42`

`syft.serde.compression.scheme_to_bytes`

`syft.serde.compression._apply_compress_scheme` (*decompressed_input_bin*) → tuple
Apply the selected compression scheme. By default is used LZ4

Parameters `decompressed_input_bin` – the binary to be compressed

`syft.serde.compression.apply_lz4_compression` (*decompressed_input_bin*) → tuple
Apply LZ4 compression to the input

Parameters `decompressed_input_bin` – the binary to be compressed

Returns a tuple (compressed_result, LZ4)

`syft.serde.compression.apply_zstd_compression` (*decompressed_input_bin*) → tuple
Apply ZSTD compression to the input

Parameters `decompressed_input_bin` – the binary to be compressed

Returns a tuple (compressed_result, ZSTD)

`syft.serde.compression.apply_no_compression` (*decompressed_input_bin*) → tuple
No compression is applied to the input

Parameters `decompressed_input_bin` – the binary

Returns a tuple (the binary, LZ4)

`syft.serde.compression._compress` (*decompressed_input_bin: bin*) → bin

This function compresses a binary using the function `_apply_compress_scheme` if the input has been already compressed in some step, it will return it as it is

Parameters `decompressed_input_bin` (*bin*) – binary to be compressed

Returns a compressed binary

Return type bin

`syft.serde.compression._decompress` (*binary: bin*) → bin

This function decompresses a binary using the scheme defined in the first byte of the input

Parameters `binary` (*bin*) – a compressed binary

Returns decompressed binary

Return type bin

1.1.1.6.2.3 `syft.serde.serde`

This file exists to provide one common place for all serialization to occur regardless of framework. By default, we serialize using msgpack and compress using lz4. If different compressions are required, the worker can override the function `apply_compress_scheme`.

1.1.1.6.2.4 Module Contents

`syft.serde.serde.serialize` (*obj*: object, *worker*: `AbstractWorker` = None, *simplified*: bool = False, *force_full_simplification*: bool = False, *strategy*: `Callable[[object, AbstractWorker], bin]` = `msgpack.serialize`) → bin

This method can serialize any object PySyft needs to send or store.

This is the high level function for serializing any object or collection of objects which PySyft needs to send over the wire. It includes three steps, Simplify, Serialize, and Compress as described inline below.

Parameters

- **obj** (*object*) – the object to be serialized
- **simplified** (*bool*) – in some cases we want to pass in data which has already been simplified - in which case we must skip double simplification - which would be bad... so bad... so... so bad
- **force_full_simplification** (*bool*) – Some objects are only partially serialized by default. For objects where this is the case, setting this flag to True will force the entire object to be serialized. For example, setting this flag to True will cause a `VirtualWorker` to be serialized WITH all of its tensors while by default `VirtualWorker` objects only serialize a small amount of metadata.

Returns the serialized form of the object.

Return type binary

`syft.serde.serde.deserialize` (*binary*: bin, *worker*: `AbstractWorker` = None, *strategy*: `Callable[[bin, AbstractWorker], object]` = `msgpack.deserialize`) → object

This method can deserialize any object PySyft needs to send or store.

This is the high level function for deserializing any object or collection of objects which PySyft has sent over the wire or stored. It includes three steps, Decompress, Deserialize, and Detail as described inline below.

Parameters

- **binary** (*bin*) – the serialized object to be deserialized.
- **worker** (`AbstractWorker`) – the worker which is acquiring the message content, for example used to specify the owner of a tensor received(not obvious for virtual workers)
- **details** (*bool*) – there are some cases where we need to perform the decompression and deserialization part, but we don't need to detail all the message. This is the case for Plan workers for instance

Returns the deserialized form of the binary input.

Return type object

1.1.1.6.3 Package Contents

class `syft.serde.AbstractWorker`

Bases: `abc.ABC`

`syft.serde.serialize` (*obj: object, worker: AbstractWorker = None, simplified: bool = False, force_full_simplification: bool = False, strategy: Callable[[object, AbstractWorker], bin] = msgpack.serialize*) → `bin`

This method can serialize any object PySyft needs to send or store.

This is the high level function for serializing any object or collection of objects which PySyft needs to send over the wire. It includes three steps, Simplify, Serialize, and Compress as described inline below.

Parameters

- **obj** (*object*) – the object to be serialized
- **simplified** (*bool*) – in some cases we want to pass in data which has already been simplified - in which case we must skip double simplification - which would be bad... so bad... so... so bad
- **force_full_simplification** (*bool*) – Some objects are only partially serialized by default. For objects where this is the case, setting this flag to True will force the entire object to be serialized. For example, setting this flag to True will cause a `VirtualWorker` to be serialized WITH all of its tensors while by default `VirtualWorker` objects only serialize a small amount of metadata.

Returns the serialized form of the object.

Return type `binary`

`syft.serde.deserialize` (*binary: bin, worker: AbstractWorker = None, strategy: Callable[[bin, AbstractWorker], object] = msgpack.deserialize*) → `object`

This method can deserialize any object PySyft needs to send or store.

This is the high level function for deserializing any object or collection of objects which PySyft has sent over the wire or stored. It includes three steps, Decompress, Deserialize, and Detail as described inline below.

Parameters

- **binary** (*bin*) – the serialized object to be deserialized.
- **worker** (`AbstractWorker`) – the worker which is acquiring the message content, for example used to specify the owner of a tensor received(not obvious for virtual workers)
- **details** (*bool*) – there are some cases where we need to perform the decompression and deserialization part, but we don't need to detail all the message. This is the case for `Plan` workers for instance

Returns the deserialized form of the binary input.

Return type `object`

1.1.1.7 `syft.workers`

1.1.1.7.1 Submodules

1.1.1.7.1.1 `syft.workers.abstract`

1.1.1.7.1.2 Module Contents

class `syft.workers.abstract.AbstractWorker`

Bases: `abc.ABC`

1.1.1.7.1.3 `syft.workers.base`

1.1.1.7.1.4 Module Contents

`syft.workers.base.logger`

class `syft.workers.base.BaseWorker` (*hook: FrameworkHook, id: Union[int, str] = 0, data: Union[List, tuple] = None, is_client_worker: bool = False, log_msgs: bool = False, verbose: bool = False, auto_add: bool = True*)

Bases: `syft.workers.abstract.AbstractWorker`, `syft.generic.object_storage.ObjectStorage`

Contains functionality to all workers.

Other workers will extend this class to inherit all functionality necessary for PySyft's protocol. Extensions of this class overrides two key methods `_send_msg()` and `_recv_msg()` which are responsible for defining the procedure for sending a binary message to another worker.

At its core, `BaseWorker` (and all workers) is a collection of objects owned by a certain machine. Each worker defines how it interacts with objects on other workers as well as how other workers interact with objects owned by itself. Objects are either tensors or of any type supported by the PySyft protocol.

Parameters

- **hook** – A reference to the `TorchHook` object which is used to modify PyTorch with PySyft's functionality.
- **id** – An optional string or integer unique id of the worker.
- **known_workers** – An optional dictionary of all known workers on a network which this worker may need to communicate with in the future. The key of each should be each worker's unique ID and the value should be a worker class which extends `BaseWorker`. Extensions of `BaseWorker` will include advanced functionality for adding to this dictionary (node discovery). In some cases, one can initialize this with known workers to help bootstrap the network.
- **data** – Initialize workers with data on creating worker object
- **is_client_worker** – An optional boolean parameter to indicate whether this worker is associated with an end user client. If so, it assumes that the client will maintain control over when variables are instantiated or deleted as opposed to handling tensor/variable/model lifecycle internally. Set to `True` if this object is not where the objects will be stored, but is instead a pointer to a worker that exists elsewhere.

- **log_msgs** – An optional boolean parameter to indicate whether all messages should be saved into a log for later review. This is primarily a development/testing feature.
- **auto_add** – Determines whether to automatically add this worker to the list of known workers.

abstract `_send_msg` (*self*, *message: bin*, *location: BaseWorker*)

Sends message from one worker to another.

As BaseWorker implies, you should never instantiate this class by itself. Instead, you should extend BaseWorker in a new class which instantiates `_send_msg` and `_recv_msg`, each of which should specify the exact way in which two workers communicate with each other. The easiest example to study is VirtualWorker.

Parameters

- **message** – A binary message to be sent from one worker to another.
- **location** – A BaseWorker instance that lets you provide the destination to send the message.

Raises NotImplementedError – Method not implemented error.

abstract `_recv_msg` (*self*, *message: bin*)

Receives the message.

As BaseWorker implies, you should never instantiate this class by itself. Instead, you should extend BaseWorker in a new class which instantiates `_send_msg` and `_recv_msg`, each of which should specify the exact way in which two workers communicate with each other. The easiest example to study is VirtualWorker.

Parameters message – The binary message being received.

Raises NotImplementedError – Method not implemented error.

registration_enabled (*self*)

remove_worker_from_registry (*self*, *worker_id*)

Removes a worker from the dictionary of known workers. :param worker_id: id to be removed

remove_worker_from_local_worker_registry (*self*)

Removes itself from the registry of hook.local_worker.

load_data (*self*, *data: List[Union[FrameworkTensorType, AbstractTensor]]*)

Allows workers to be initialized with data when created

The method registers the tensor individual tensor objects.

Parameters data – A list of tensors

send_msg (*self*, *message: Message*, *location: BaseWorker*)

Implements the logic to send messages.

The message is serialized and sent to the specified location. The response from the location (remote worker) is deserialized and returned back.

Every message uses this method.

Parameters

- **msg_type** – A integer representing the message type.
- **message** – A Message object

- **location** – A BaseWorker instance that lets you provide the destination to send the message.

Returns The deserialized form of message from the worker at specified location.

recv_msg (*self*, *bin_message: bin*)

Implements the logic to receive messages.

The binary message is deserialized and routed to the appropriate function. And, the response serialized the returned back.

Every message uses this method.

Parameters **bin_message** – A binary serialized message.

Returns A binary message response.

send (*self*, *obj: Union[FrameworkTensorType, AbstractTensor]*, *workers: BaseWorker*, *ptr_id: Union[str, int] = None*, *garbage_collect_data=None*, ***kwargs*)
Sends tensor to the worker(s).

Send a syft or torch tensor/object and its child, sub-child, etc (all the syft chain of children) to a worker, or a list of workers, with a given remote storage address.

Parameters

- **tensor** – A syft/framework tensor/object to send.
- **workers** – A BaseWorker object representing the worker(s) that will receive the object.
- **ptr_id** – An optional string or integer indicating the remote id of the object on the remote worker(s).
- **local_autograd** – Use autograd system on the local machine instead of PyTorch's autograd on the workers.
- **preinitialize_grad** – Initialize gradient for AutogradTensors to a tensor
- **garbage_collect_data** – argument passed down to create_pointer()

Example

```
>>> import torch
>>> import syft as sy
>>> hook = sy.TorchHook(torch)
>>> bob = sy.VirtualWorker(hook)
>>> x = torch.Tensor([1, 2, 3, 4])
>>> x.send(bob, 1000)
Will result in bob having the tensor x with id 1000
```

Returns A PointerTensor object representing the pointer to the remote worker(s).

execute_command (*self*, *message: tuple*)

Executes commands received from other workers.

Parameters **message** – A tuple specifying the command and the args.

Returns A pointer to the result.

execute_plan_command (*self*, *message: tuple*)

Executes commands related to plans.

This method is intended to execute all commands related to plans and avoiding having several new message types specific to plans.

Parameters **message** – A tuple specifying the command and args.

send_command (*self*, *recipient: BaseWorker*, *message: tuple*, *return_ids: str = None*)

Sends a command through a message to a recipient worker.

Parameters

- **recipient** – A recipient worker.
- **message** – A tuple representing the message being sent.
- **return_ids** – A list of strings indicating the ids of the tensors that should be returned as response to the command execution.

Returns A list of PointerTensors or a single PointerTensor if just one response is expected.

get_obj (*self*, *obj_id: Union[str, int]*)

Returns the object from registry.

Look up an object from the registry using its ID.

Parameters **obj_id** – A string or integer id of an object to look up.

respond_to_obj_req (*self*, *request_msg: tuple*)

Returns the deregistered object from registry.

Parameters **request_msg** (*tuple*) – Tuple containing object id, user credentials and reason.

register_obj (*self*, *obj: object*, *obj_id: Union[str, int] = None*)

Registers the specified object with the current worker node.

Selects an id for the object, assigns a list of owners, and establishes whether it's a pointer or not. This method is generally not used by the client and is instead used by internal processes (hooks and workers).

Parameters

- **obj** – A torch Tensor or Variable object to be registered.
- **obj_id** (*int or string*) – random integer between 0 and 1e10 or string uniquely identifying the object.

de_register_obj (*self*, *obj: object*, *_recurse_torch_objs: bool = True*)

De-registers the specified object with the current worker node.

Parameters

- **obj** – the object to deregister
- **_recurse_torch_objs** – A boolean indicating whether the object is more complex and needs to be explored.

send_obj (*self*, *obj: object*, *location: BaseWorker*)

Send a torch object to a worker.

Parameters

- **obj** – A torch Tensor or Variable object to be sent.
- **location** – A BaseWorker instance indicating the worker which should receive the object.

request_obj (*self*, *obj_id: Union[str, int]*, *location: BaseWorker*, *user=None*, *reason: str = ""*)

Returns the requested object from specified location.

Parameters

- **obj_id** (*int or string*) – A string or integer id of an object to look up.
- **location** (*BaseWorker*) – A BaseWorker instance that lets you provide the lookup location.
- **user** (*object, optional*) – user credentials to perform user authentication.
- **reason** (*string, optional*) – a description of why the data scientist wants to see it.

Returns A torch Tensor or Variable object.

get_worker (*self, id_or_worker: Union[str, int, 'BaseWorker'], fail_hard: bool = False*)

Returns the worker id or instance.

Allows for resolution of worker ids to workers to happen automatically while also making the current worker aware of new ones when discovered through other processes.

If you pass in an ID, it will try to find the worker object reference within self._known_workers. If you instead pass in a reference, it will save that as a known_worker if it does not exist as one.

This method is useful because often tensors have to store only the ID to a foreign worker which may or may not be known by the worker that is de-serializing it at the time of deserialization.

Parameters

- **id_or_worker** – A string or integer id of the object to be returned or the BaseWorker object itself.
- **fail_hard** (*bool*) – A boolean parameter indicating whether we want to throw an exception when a worker is not registered at this worker or we just want to log it.

Returns A string or integer id of the worker or the BaseWorker instance representing the worker.

Example

```
>>> import syft as sy
>>> hook = sy.TorchHook(verbose=False)
>>> me = hook.local_worker
>>> bob = sy.VirtualWorker(id="bob", hook=hook, is_client_worker=False)
>>> me.add_worker([bob])
>>> bob
<syft.core.workers.virtual.VirtualWorker id:bob>
>>> # we can get the worker using it's id (1)
>>> me.get_worker('bob')
<syft.core.workers.virtual.VirtualWorker id:bob>
>>> # or we can get the worker by passing in the worker
>>> me.get_worker(bob)
<syft.core.workers.virtual.VirtualWorker id:bob>
```

_get_worker (*self, worker: AbstractWorker*)

_get_worker_based_on_id (*self, worker_id: Union[str, int], fail_hard: bool = False*)

add_worker (*self, worker: BaseWorker*)

Adds a single worker.

Adds a worker to the list of _known_workers internal to the BaseWorker. Endows this class with the ability to communicate with the remote worker being added, such as sending and receiving objects, commands, or information about the network.

Parameters `worker` (*BaseWorker*) – A BaseWorker object representing the pointer to a remote worker, which must have a unique id.

Example

```
>>> import torch
>>> import syft as sy
>>> hook = sy.TorchHook(verbose=False)
>>> me = hook.local_worker
>>> bob = sy.VirtualWorker(id="bob", hook=hook, is_client_worker=False)
>>> me.add_worker([bob])
>>> x = torch.Tensor([1, 2, 3, 4, 5])
>>> x
1
2
3
4
5
[syft.core.frameworks.torch.tensor.FloatTensor of size 5]
>>> x.send(bob)
FloatTensor[_PointerTensor - id:9121428371 owner:0 loc:bob
            id@loc:47416674672]
>>> x.get()
1
2
3
4
5
[syft.core.frameworks.torch.tensor.FloatTensor of size 5]
```

add_workers (*self*, *workers*: List['BaseWorker'])

Adds several workers in a single call.

Parameters `workers` – A list of BaseWorker representing the workers to add.

__str__ (*self*)

Returns the string representation of BaseWorker.

A to-string method for all classes that extend BaseWorker.

Returns The Type and ID of the worker

Example

A VirtualWorker instance with id 'bob' would return a string value of. >>> import syft as sy >>> bob = sy.VirtualWorker(id="bob") >>> bob <syft.workers.virtual.VirtualWorker id:bob>

Note: `__repr__` calls this method by default.

__repr__ (*self*)

Returns the official string representation of BaseWorker.

__getitem__ (*self*, *idx*)

static is_tensor_none (*obj*)

request_is_remote_tensor_none (*self*, *pointer*: *PointerTensor*)

Sends a request to the remote worker that holds the target a pointer if the value of the remote tensor is None or not. Note that the pointer must be valid: if there is no target (which is different from having a target equal to None), it will return an error.

Parameters **pointer** – The pointer on which we can to get information.

Returns A boolean stating if the remote value is None.

static get_tensor_shape (*tensor*: *FrameworkTensorType*)

Returns the shape of a tensor casted into a list, to bypass the serialization of a torch.Size object.

Parameters **tensor** – A torch.Tensor.

Returns A list containing the tensor shape.

request_remote_tensor_shape (*self*, *pointer*: *PointerTensor*)

Sends a request to the remote worker that holds the target a pointer to have its shape.

Parameters **pointer** – A pointer on which we want to get the shape.

Returns A torch.Size object for the shape.

fetch_plan (*self*, *plan_id*: *Union[str, int]*, *location*: *BaseWorker*, *copy*: *bool = False*)

Fetches a copy of a the plan with the given *plan_id* from the worker registry.

This method is executed for local execution.

Parameters **plan_id** – A string indicating the plan id.

Returns A plan if a plan with the given *plan_id* exists. Returns None otherwise.

_fetch_plan_remote (*self*, *plan_id*: *Union[str, int]*, *copy*: *bool*)

Fetches a copy of a the plan with the given *plan_id* from the worker registry.

This method is executed for remote execution.

Parameters **plan_id** – A string indicating the plan id.

Returns A plan if a plan with the given *plan_id* exists. Returns None otherwise.

fetch_protocol (*self*, *protocol_id*: *Union[str, int]*, *location*: *BaseWorker*, *copy*: *bool = False*)

Fetch a copy of a the protocol with the given *protocol_id* from the worker registry.

This method is executed for local execution.

Parameters **protocol_id** – A string indicating the protocol id.

Returns A protocol if a protocol with the given *protocol_id* exists. Returns None otherwise.

_fetch_protocol_remote (*self*, *protocol_id*: *Union[str, int]*, *copy*: *bool*)

Target function of `fetch_protocol`, find and return a protocol

search (*self*, *query*: *Union[List[Union[str, int]], str, int]*)

Search for a match between the query terms and a tensor's Id, Tag, or Description.

Note that the query is an AND query meaning that every item in the list of strings (*query**) must be found somewhere on the tensor in order for it to be included in the results.

Parameters

- **query** – A list of strings to match against.
- **me** – A reference to the worker calling the search.

Returns A list of `PointerTensors`.

request_search (*self*, *query*: *List[str]*, *location*: *BaseWorker*)

`_get_msg` (*self*, *index*)

Returns a decrypted message from `msg_history`. Mostly useful for testing.

Parameters `index` – the index of the message you’d like to receive.

Returns A decrypted messaging.Message object.

static `create_message_execute_command` (*command_name*: *str*, *command_owner*=None, *return_ids*=None, **args*, ***kwargs*)

helper function creating a message tuple for the `execute_command` call

Parameters

- **command_name** – name of the command that shall be called
- **command_owner** – owner of the function (None for torch functions, “self” for classes derived from `workers.base` or `ptr_id` for remote objects)
- **return_ids** – optionally set the ids of the return values (for remote objects)
- ***args** – will be passed to the call of `command_name`
- ****kwargs** – will be passed to the call of `command_name`

Returns (`command_name`, `command_owner`, `args`, `kwargs`), `return_ids`

Return type tuple

property `serializer` (*self*, *workers*=None)

Define the serialization strategy to adopt depending on the workers it’s connected to. This is relevant in particular for Tensors which can be serialized in an efficient way between workers which share the same Deep Learning framework, but must be converted to lists or json-like objects in other cases.

Parameters `workers` – (Optional) the list of workers involved in the serialization. If not provided, `self._known_workers` is used.

Returns ‘all’: serialization must be compatible with all kinds of workers ‘torch’: serialization will only work between workers that support PyTorch (more to come: ‘tensorflow’, ‘numpy’, etc)

Return type A str code

static `simplify` (*_worker*: *AbstractWorker*, *worker*: *AbstractWorker*)

static `detail` (*worker*: *AbstractWorker*, *worker_tuple*: *tuple*)

This function reconstructs a PlanPointer given it’s attributes in form of a tuple.

Parameters

- **worker** – the worker doing the deserialization
- **plan_pointer_tuple** – a tuple holding the attributes of the PlanPointer

Returns A worker id or worker instance.

static `force_simplify` (*_worker*: *AbstractWorker*, *worker*: *AbstractWorker*)

static `force_detail` (*worker*: *AbstractWorker*, *worker_tuple*: *tuple*)

1.1.1.7.1.5 `syft.workers.node_client`

1.1.1.7.1.6 Module Contents

class `syft.workers.node_client.NodeClient` (*hook, address, credential: AbstractCredential = None, id: Union[int, str] = 0, is_client_worker: bool = False, log_msgs: bool = False, verbose: bool = False, encoding: str = 'ISO-8859-1'*)

Bases: `syft.workers.websocket_client.WebsocketClientWorker`, `syft.federated.federated_client.FederatedClient`

Federated Node Client.

property `url` (*self*)

Get Node URL Address. :returns: Node's address. :rtype: address (str)

property `models` (*self*)

Get models stored at remote node.

Returns List of models stored in this node.

Return type models (List)

__authenticate (*self*)

Perform Authentication Process using credentials grid credentials. :raises RuntimeError: If authentication process fail.

__update_node_reference (*self, new_id: str*)

Update worker references changing node id references at hook structure. :param new_id: New worker ID. :type new_id: str

__parse_address (*self, address: str*)

Parse Address string to define secure flag and split into host and port. :param address: Adress of remote worker. :type address: str

__get_node_id (*self*)

Get Node ID from remote node worker :returns: node id used by remote worker. :rtype: node_id (str)

__forward_json_to_websocket_server_worker (*self, message: dict*)

Prepare/send a JSON message to a remote node and receive the response. :param message: message payload. :type message: dict

Returns response payload.

Return type node_response (dict)

__forward_to_websocket_server_worker (*self, message: bin*)

Send a bin message to a remote node and receive the response. :param message: message payload. :type message: bytes

Returns response payload.

Return type node_response (bytes)

__return_bool_result (*self, result, return_key=None*)

connect_nodes (*self, node*)

Connect two remote workers between each other. :param node: Node that will be connected with this remote worker. :type node: WebsocketFederatedClient

Returns node response.

Return type node_response (dict)

serve_model (*self*, *model*, *model_id*: *str* = *None*, *mpc*: *bool* = *False*, *allow_download*: *bool* = *False*, *allow_remote_inference*: *bool* = *False*)

Hosts the model and optionally serve it using a Socket / Rest API. :param model: A jit model or Syft Plan. :param model_id: An integer/string representing the model id. :type model_id: str :param If it isn't provided and the model is a Plan we use model.id.: :param if the model is a jit model we raise an exception.: :param allow_download: Allow to copy the model to run it locally. :type allow_download: bool :param allow_remote_inference: Allow to run remote inferences. :type allow_remote_inference: bool

Returns True if model was served successfully.

Return type result (bool)

Raises

- **ValueError** – model_id isn't provided and model is a jit model.
- **RuntimeError** – if there was a problem during model serving.

run_remote_inference (*self*, *model_id*, *data*)

Run a dataset inference using a remote model.

Parameters

- **model_id** (*str*) – Model ID.
- **data** (*Tensor*) – dataset to be inferred.

Returns Inference result

Return type inference (Tensor)

Raises **RuntimeError** – If an unexpected behavior happen.

delete_model (*self*, *model_id*: *str*)

Delete a model previously registered.

Parameters **model_id** (*String*) – ID of the model that will be deleted.

Returns If succeeded, return True.

Return type result (bool)

__str__ (*self*)

1.1.1.7.1.7 syft.workers.tfe

To be extended in the near future.

1.1.1.7.1.8 Module Contents

syft.workers.tfe.logger

syft.workers.tfe._TMP_DIR

class syft.workers.tfe.TFEWorker (*host=None*, *auto_managed=True*)

start (*self*, *player_name*, *cluster*)

Start the worker as a player in the given cluster. Depending on whether the worker was constructed with a host or not this may launch a subprocess running a TensorFlow server.

stop (*self*)

Stop the worker. This will shutdown any TensorFlow server launched in *start()*.

connect_to_model (*self*, *input_shape*, *output_shape*, *cluster*, *sess=None*)

Connect to a TF Encrypted model being served by the given cluster.

This must be done before querying the model.

query_model (*self*, *data*)

Encrypt data and sent it as input to the model being served.

This will block until a result is ready, and requires that a connection to the model has already been established via *connect_to_model()*.

query_model_async (*self*, *data*)

Asynchronous version of *query_model* that will not block until a result is ready. Call *query_model_join* to retrieve result.

This requires that a connection to the model has already been established via *connect_to_model()*.

query_model_join (*self*)

Retrieves the result from calling *query_model_async*, blocking until ready.

class `syft.workers.tfe.TFECluster` (**workers*)

A TFECluster represents a group of TFEWorkers that are aware about each other and collectively perform an encrypted computation.

property `workers` (*self*)

start (*self*)

Start all workers in the cluster.

stop (*self*)

Stop all workers in the cluster.

__build_cluster (*self*, *workers*)

1.1.1.7.1.9 `syft.workers.virtual`

1.1.1.7.1.10 Module Contents

class `syft.workers.virtual.VirtualWorker`

Bases: `syft.workers.base.BaseWorker`, `syft.federated.federated_client.FederatedClient`

__send_msg (*self*, *message: bin*, *location: BaseWorker*)

__recv_msg (*self*, *message: bin*)

1.1.1.7.1.11 `syft.workers.websocket_client`

1.1.1.7.1.12 Module Contents

`syft.workers.websocket_client.logger`

`syft.workers.websocket_client.TIMEOUT_INTERVAL = 999999`

```
class syft.workers.websocket_client.WebsocketClientWorker (hook, host: str,
                                                         port: int, secure:
                                                         bool = False, id:
                                                         Union[int, str] = 0,
                                                         is_client_worker: bool
                                                         = False, log_msgs:
                                                         bool = False, verbose:
                                                         bool = False, data:
                                                         List[Union[torch.Tensor,
                                                         AbstractTensor]] =
                                                         None)
```

Bases: *syft.workers.base.BaseWorker*

property url (*self*)

connect (*self*)

close (*self*)

search (*self*, query)

_send_msg (*self*, message: bin, location=None)

_forward_to_websocket_server_worker (*self*, message: bin)

_recv_msg (*self*, message: bin)

Forwards a message to the WebsocketServerWorker

_send_msg_and_deserialize (*self*, command_name: str, *args, **kwargs)

list_objects_remote (*self*)

objects_count_remote (*self*)

clear_objects_remote (*self*)

async async_fit (*self*, dataset_key: str, return_ids: List[int] = None)

Asynchronous call to fit function on the remote location.

Parameters

- **dataset_key** – Identifier of the dataset which shall be used for the training.
- **return_ids** – List of return ids.

Returns See return value of the FederatedClient.fit() method.

fit (*self*, dataset_key: str, **kwargs)

Call the fit() method on the remote worker (WebsocketServerWorker instance).

Note: The argument return_ids is provided as kwargs as otherwise there is a miss-match with the signature in VirtualWorker.fit() method. This is important to be able to switch between virtual and websocket workers.

Parameters

- **dataset_key** – Identifier of the dataset which shall be used for the training.
- ****kwargs** – return_ids: List[str]

evaluate (*self*, dataset_key: str, return_histograms: bool = False, nr_bins: int = -1, return_loss=True, return_raw_accuracy: bool = True)

Call the evaluate() method on the remote worker (WebsocketServerWorker instance).

Parameters

- **dataset_key** – Identifier of the local dataset that shall be used for training.
- **return_histograms** – If True, calculate the histograms of predicted classes.
- **nr_bins** – Used together with `calculate_histograms`. Provide the number of classes/bins.
- **return_loss** – If True, loss is calculated additionally.
- **return_raw_accuracy** – If True, return `nr_correct_predictions` and `nr_predictions`

Returns

- `loss`: avg loss on data set, None if not calculated.
- `nr_correct_predictions`: number of correct predictions.
- `nr_predictions`: total number of predictions.
- `histogram_predictions`: histogram of predictions.
- `histogram_target`: histogram of target values in the dataset.

Return type Dictionary containing depending on the provided flags

`__str__` (*self*)

Returns the string representation of a Websocket worker.

A to-string method for websocket workers that includes information from the websocket server

Returns The Type and ID of the worker

1.1.1.7.1.13 `syft.workers.websocket_server`

1.1.1.7.1.14 Module Contents

```
class syft.workers.websocket_server.WebsocketServerWorker (hook, host: str, port:
int, id: Union[int,
str] = 0, log_msgs:
bool = False, verbose:
bool = False, data:
List[Union[torch.Tensor,
AbstractTensor]] =
None, loop=None,
cert_path: str = None,
key_path: str = None)
```

Bases: `syft.workers.virtual.VirtualWorker`, `syft.federated.federated_client.FederatedClient`

async `_consumer_handler` (*self*, *websocket*: `websockets.WebSocketCommonProtocol`)

This handler listens for messages from WebsocketClientWorker objects.

Parameters `websocket` – the connection object to receive messages from and add them into the queue.

async `_producer_handler` (*self*, *websocket*: `websockets.WebSocketCommonProtocol`)

This handler listens to the queue and processes messages as they arrive.

Parameters `websocket` – the connection object we use to send responses back to the client.

`_recv_msg` (*self*, *message*: *bin*)

async `_handler` (*self*, *websocket*: `websockets.WebSocketCommonProtocol`, **unused_args*)

Setup the consumer and producer response handlers with asyncio.

Parameters **websocket** – the websocket connection to the client

```
start (self)  
    Start the server  
list_objects (self, *args)  
objects_count (self, *args)
```

1.1.2 Submodules

1.1.2.1 syft.codes

1.1.2.1.1 Module Contents

```
class syft.codes.PLAN_CMDS  
    Bases: object  
  
    FETCH_PLAN = fetch_plan  
    FETCH_PROTOCOL = fetch_protocol  
  
class syft.codes.TENSOR_SERIALIZATION  
    Bases: object  
  
    TORCH = torch  
    NUMPY = numpy  
    TF = tf  
    ALL = all  
  
class syft.codes.GATEWAY_ENDPOINTS  
    Bases: object  
  
    SEARCH_TAGS = /search  
    SEARCH_MODEL = /search-model  
    SEARCH_ENCRYPTED_MODEL = /search-encrypted-model  
    SELECT_MODEL_HOST = /choose-model-host  
    SELECT_ENCRYPTED_MODEL_HOSTS = /choose-encrypted-model-host  
  
class syft.codes.REQUEST_MSG  
    Bases: object  
  
    TYPE_FIELD = type  
    GET_ID = get-id  
    CONNECT_NODE = connect-node  
    HOST_MODEL = host-model  
    RUN_INFERENCE = run-inference  
    LIST_MODELS = list-models  
    DELETE_MODEL = delete-model  
    RUN_INFERENCE = run-inference  
    AUTHENTICATE = authentication
```

```

class syft.codes.RESPONSE_MSG
    Bases: object

    NODE_ID = id

    ERROR = error

    SUCCESS = success

    MODELS = models

    INFERENCE_RESULT = prediction

```

1.1.2.2 syft.dependency_check

1.1.2.2.1 Module Contents

```

syft.dependency_check.logger
syft.dependency_check.pstf_spec
syft.dependency_check.tfe_spec
syft.dependency_check.tfe_available
syft.dependency_check.torch_spec
syft.dependency_check.torch_available

```

1.1.2.3 syft.exceptions

Specific Pysyft exceptions.

1.1.2.3.1 Module Contents

```

exception syft.exceptions.DependencyError (package, pypi_alias=None)
    Bases: Exception

```

```

exception syft.exceptions.PureFrameworkTensorFoundError
    Bases: BaseException

```

Exception raised for errors in the input. This error is used in a recursive analysis of the args provided as an input of a function, to break the recursion if a FrameworkTensor is found as it means that `_probably_` all the tensors are pure torch/tensorflow and the function can be applied natively on this input.

expression -- input expression in which the error occurred

message -- explanation of the error

```

exception syft.exceptions.RemoteObjectFoundError (pointer)
    Bases: BaseException

```

Exception raised for errors in the input. This error is used in a context similar to PureFrameworkTensorFoundError but to indicate that a Pointer to a remote tensor was found in the input and thus that the command should be sent elsewhere. The pointer retrieved by the error gives the location where the command should be sent.

expression -- input expression in which the error occurred

message -- explanation of the error

exception `syft.exceptions.InvalidTensorForRemoteGet` (*tensor: object*)
Bases: Exception

Raised when a chain of pointer tensors is not provided for *remote_get*.

exception `syft.exceptions.WorkerNotFoundException`
Bases: Exception

Raised when a non-existent worker is requested.

exception `syft.exceptions.CompressionNotFoundException`
Bases: Exception

Raised when a non existent compression/decompression scheme is requested.

exception `syft.exceptions.CannotRequestObjectAttribute`
Bases: Exception

Raised when *.get()* is called on a pointer which points to an attribute of another object.

exception `syft.exceptions.TensorsNotCollocatedException` (*tensor_a, tensor_b, attr='a method'*)
Bases: Exception

Raised when a command is executed on two tensors which are not on the same machine. The goal is to provide as useful input as possible to help the user identify which tensors are where so that they can debug which one needs to be moved.

exception `syft.exceptions.ResponseSignatureError` (*ids_generated=None*)
Bases: Exception

Raised when the return of a hooked function is not correctly predicted (when defining in advance ids for results)

get_attributes (*self*)

Specify all the attributes need to report an error correctly.

static simplify (*worker: sy.workers.AbstractWorker, e*)

Serialize information about an Exception which was raised to forward it

static detail (*worker: sy.workers.AbstractWorker, error_tuple: Tuple[str, str, dict]*)

Detail and re-raise an Exception forwarded by another worker

exception `syft.exceptions.SendNotPermittedError`
Bases: Exception

Raised when calling *send* on a tensor which does not allow *send* to be called on it. This can happen do to sensitivity being too high

static simplify (*worker: sy.workers.AbstractWorker, e*)

Serialize information about an Exception which was raised to forward it

static detail (*worker: sy.workers.AbstractWorker, error_tuple: Tuple[str, str, dict]*)

Detail and re-raise an Exception forwarded by another worker

exception `syft.exceptions.GetNotPermittedError`
Bases: Exception

Raised when calling *get* on a pointer to a tensor which does not allow *get* to be called on it. This can happen do to sensitivity being too high

static simplify (*worker: sy.workers.AbstractWorker, e*)

Serialize information about an Exception which was raised to forward it

static detail (*worker: sy.workers.AbstractWorker, error_tuple: Tuple[str, str, dict]*)
 Detail and re-raise an Exception forwarded by another worker

exception `syft.exceptions.IdNotUniqueError`

Bases: Exception

Raised by the ID Provider when setting ids that have already been generated

exception `syft.exceptions.PlanCommandUnknownError` (*command_name: object*)

Bases: Exception

Raised when an unknown plan command execution is requested.

exception `syft.exceptions.ObjectNotFoundError` (*obj_id, worker*)

Bases: Exception

Raised when object with given object id is not found on worker

obj_id -- id of the object with which the interaction is attempted

worker -- virtual worker on which the interaction is attempted

exception `syft.exceptions.InvalidProtocolFileError`

Bases: Exception

Raised when PySyft protocol file cannot be loaded.

exception `syft.exceptions.UndefinedProtocolTypeError`

Bases: Exception

Raised when trying to serialize type that is not defined in protocol file.

exception `syft.exceptions.UndefinedProtocolTypePropertyError`

Bases: Exception

Raised when trying to get protocol type property that is not defined in protocol file.

`syft.exceptions.route_method_exception` (*exception, self, args, kwargs*)

1.1.2.4 `syft.sandbox`

1.1.2.4.1 Module Contents

`syft.sandbox.create_sandbox` (*gbs, verbose=True, download_data=True*)

There's some boilerplate stuff that most people who are just playing around would like to have. This will create that for you

`syft.sandbox.hook` (*gbs*)

1.1.2.5 `syft.version`

1.1.2.5.1 Module Contents

`syft.version.__version__` = 0.2.3a1

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