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Experiment 5: Perceptron vs Multilayer Perceptron (A/B Experiment) with Hyperparameter Tuning

1 Aim:

To implement and compare the performance of:

- Model A: Single-Layer Perceptron Learning Algorithm (PLA).
- Model B: Multilayer Perceptron (MLP) with hidden layers and nonlinear activations.

and to select and justify hyperparameters such as activation functions, cost functions, optimizers, learning rates, number of hidden layers, and batch sizes through systematic tuning.

2 Libraries used:

- Pandas
- Numpy
- Matplotlib
- Scikit-learn
- Pillow
- Tensorflow

3 Objective:

The objective of this assignment is to implement and compare the performance of two models—Single-Layer Perceptron (PLA) and Multilayer Perceptron (MLP)—for classification tasks. This includes tuning hyperparameters such as activation functions, cost functions, optimizers, learning rates, hidden layers, and batch sizes, and evaluating the models using standard performance metrics.

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# CONFIG / HYPERPARAMS
IMG_SIZE = (32, 32)    # resize to this
NUM_PIXELS = IMG_SIZE[0] * IMG_SIZE[1]
PLA_EPOCHS = 30
PLA_LR = 0.01
MLP_EPOCHS = 25
MLP_TRIALS = {
    'activations': ['relu', 'tanh'],
    'optimizers': ['sgd', 'adam'],
    'learning_rates': [0.001, 0.01],
    'batch_sizes': [32, 64]
}
RANDOM_STATE = 42
np.random.seed(RANDOM_STATE)
random.seed(RANDOM_STATE)
tf.random.set_seed(RANDOM_STATE)
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# UTILITY FUNCTIONS
def load_and_preprocess_image(path, img_size=IMG_SIZE):
    img = Image.open(path).convert('L')  # grayscale
    img = img.resize(img_size)
    arr = np.asarray(img, dtype=np.float32) / 255.0
    return arr


def plot_confusion_matrix(cm, classes, title='Confusion matrix'):
    plt.figure(figsize=(8, 8))
    plt.imshow(cm, interpolation='nearest', cmap=plt.cm.Blues)
    plt.title(title)
    plt.colorbar()
    tick_marks = np.arange(len(classes))
    plt.xticks(tick_marks, classes, rotation=90)
    plt.yticks(tick_marks, classes)

    fmt = 'd'
    thresh = cm.max() / 2.
    for i, j in itertools.product(range(cm.shape[0]), range(cm.shape[1])):
        plt.text(j, i, format(cm[i, j], fmt),
                 horizontalalignment="center",
                 color="white" if cm[i, j] > thresh else "black")

    plt.ylabel('True label')
    plt.xlabel('Predicted label')
    plt.tight_layout()
    plt.show()
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# LOAD DATASET

print('Loading CSV...')
df = pd.read_csv('/content/drive/MyDrive/ml-lab/english.csv')

df['image'] = df['image'].apply(lambda x: '/content/drive/MyDrive/ml-lab/' +
 ↪str(x))

print('Loading images and preprocessing...')
X_list = []
for p in df['image'].tolist():
    X_list.append(load_and_preprocess_image(p))

X = np.stack(X_list, axis=0)  # shape: (N, H, W)
N = X.shape[0]
X_flat = X.reshape((N, -1))  # flattened for PLA and MLP

le = LabelEncoder()
y = le.fit_transform(df['label'])
classes = le.classes_
NUM_CLASSES = len(classes)
print(f'Loaded {N} samples, {NUM_CLASSES} classes')

# Train-test split
X_train_flat, X_test_flat, y_train, y_test, X_train_img, X_test_img =
 ↪train_test_split(
    X_flat, y, X, test_size=0.2, random_state=RANDOM_STATE, stratify=y)

# For MLP (Keras) we'll use flattened inputs
input_dim = X_train_flat.shape[1]

# One-hot for MLP
y_train_ohe = keras.utils.to_categorical(y_train, NUM_CLASSES)
y_test_ohe = keras.utils.to_categorical(y_test, NUM_CLASSES)

# For ROC, need binarized labels
y_test_binarized = label_binarize(y_test, classes=np.arange(NUM_CLASSES))
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Loading CSV...
Loading images and preprocessing...
Loaded 3410 samples, 62 classes
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# PLA IMPLEMENTATION (one-vs-rest)
print('\nTraining Perceptron (PLA) - One-vs-Rest')

class OneVsRestPLA:
    def __init__(self, n_classes, n_features, lr=0.01):
        self.n_classes = n_classes
        self.n_features = n_features
        self.lr = lr
        # weight matrix: (n_classes, n_features + 1) - last column for bias
        self.W = np.zeros((n_classes, n_features + 1), dtype=np.float32)

    def _augment(self, X):
        # add bias term as 1
        return np.hstack([X, np.ones((X.shape[0], 1), dtype=X.dtype)])

    def fit(self, X, y, epochs=10):
        X_aug = self._augment(X)
        for ep in range(epochs):
            # simple SGD pass
            indices = np.arange(X_aug.shape[0])
            np.random.shuffle(indices)
            for i in indices:
                xi = X_aug[i]
                yi = y[i]
                # for each class k: desired t = 1 if yi==k else -1
                for k in range(self.n_classes):
                    t = 1 if yi == k else -1
                    score = np.dot(self.W[k], xi)
                    yhat = 1 if score >= 0 else -1
                    if t != yhat:
                        # update
                        self.W[k] += self.lr * (t - yhat) * xi

    def predict(self, X):
        X_aug = self._augment(X)
        scores = np.dot(X_aug, self.W.T)  # shape (N, n_classes)
        preds = np.argmax(scores, axis=1)
        return preds

# Train PLA
pla = OneVsRestPLA(n_classes=NUM_CLASSES, n_features=input_dim, lr=PLA_LR)
pla.fit(X_train_flat, y_train, epochs=PLA_EPOCHS)

# Evaluate PLA
y_pred_pla = pla.predict(X_test_flat)
acc_pla = accuracy_score(y_test, y_pred_pla)
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prec_pla, rec_pla, f1_pla, _ = precision_recall_fscore_support(y_test,␣
↪y_pred_pla, average='macro')
print(f'PLA Test Accuracy: {acc_pla:.4f}, Precision: {prec_pla:.4f}, Recall:␣
↪{rec_pla:.4f}, F1: {f1_pla:.4f}')

cm_pla = confusion_matrix(y_test, y_pred_pla)
plot_confusion_matrix(cm_pla, classes, title='PLA Confusion Matrix')
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Training Perceptron (PLA) - One-vs-Rest
PLA Test Accuracy: 0.1774, Precision: 0.2708, Recall: 0.1774, F1: 0.1576
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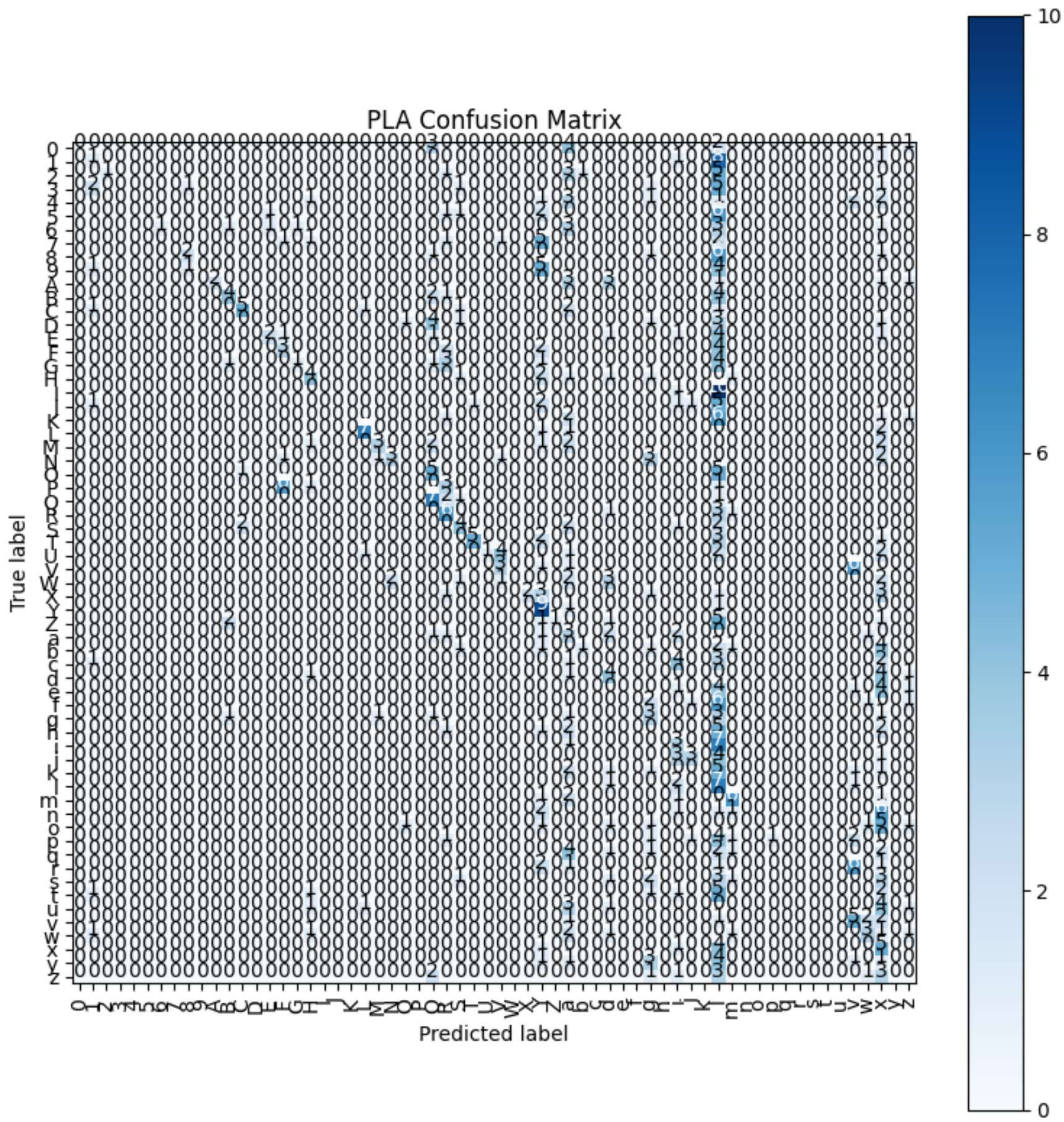

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# MLP: TUNING AND TRAINING (Keras)
best_val_acc = -1.0
best_history = None
best_model = None
best_config = None

for activation in MLP_TRIALS['activations']:
    for opt_name in MLP_TRIALS['optimizers']:
        for lr in MLP_TRIALS['learning_rates']:
            for batch_size in MLP_TRIALS['batch_sizes']:
                print(f'-- Trial: act={activation}, opt={opt_name}, lr={lr},␣
 ↪batch={batch_size}')

                # Build model
                model = keras.Sequential([
                    layers.Input(shape=(input_dim,)),
                    layers.Dense(512, activation=activation),
                    layers.Dense(256, activation=activation),
                    layers.Dense(NUM_CLASSES, activation='softmax')
                ])

                if opt_name == 'sgd':
                    optimizer = keras.optimizers.SGD(learning_rate=lr)
                elif opt_name == 'adam':
                    optimizer = keras.optimizers.Adam(learning_rate=lr)
                else:
                    raise ValueError('Unknown optimizer')

                model.compile(optimizer=optimizer,
                              loss='categorical_crossentropy',
                              metrics=['accuracy'])

                history = model.fit(X_train_flat, y_train_ohe,
                                    validation_split=0.15,
                                    epochs=MLP_EPOCHS,
                                    batch_size=batch_size,
                                    verbose=0)

                val_acc = history.history['val_accuracy'][-1]
                print(f'   val_acc={val_acc:.4f}')

                if val_acc > best_val_acc:
                    best_val_acc = val_acc
                    best_history = history
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                    best_model = model
                    best_config = dict(activation=activation,␣
↪optimizer=opt_name, lr=lr, batch_size=batch_size)

print('\nBest MLP config:', best_config)
print('Best validation accuracy:', best_val_acc)
print('

mlp_preds_prob = best_model.predict(X_test_flat)
mlp_preds = np.argmax(mlp_preds_prob, axis=1)
acc_mlp = accuracy_score(y_test, mlp_preds)
prec_mlp, rec_mlp, f1_mlp, _ = precision_recall_fscore_support(y_test,␣
↪mlp_preds, average='macro')
print(f'MLP Test Accuracy: {acc_mlp:.4f}, Precision: {prec_mlp:.4f}, Recall:␣
↪{rec_mlp:.4f}, F1: {f1_mlp:.4f}')

cm_mlp = confusion_matrix(y_test, mlp_preds)
plot_confusion_matrix(cm_mlp, classes, title='MLP Confusion Matrix')
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Hyperparameter tuning MLP (grid search over small set)
-- Trial: act=relu, opt=sgd, lr=0.001, batch=32
   val_acc=0.0561
-- Trial: act=relu, opt=sgd, lr=0.01, batch=32
   val_acc=0.2146
-- Trial: act=relu, opt=sgd, lr=0.01, batch=64
   val_acc=0.1024
-- Trial: act=relu, opt=adam, lr=0.001, batch=32
   val_acc=0.2878
-- Trial: act=relu, opt=adam, lr=0.001, batch=64
   val_acc=0.2512
-- Trial: act=relu, opt=adam, lr=0.01, batch=32
   val_acc=0.0024
-- Trial: act=relu, opt=adam, lr=0.01, batch=64
   val_acc=0.0098
-- Trial: act=tanh, opt=sgd, lr=0.001, batch=32
   val_acc=0.0585
-- Trial: act=tanh, opt=sgd, lr=0.001, batch=64
   val_acc=0.0220
-- Trial: act=tanh, opt=sgd, lr=0.01, batch=32
   val_acc=0.2512
-- Trial: act=tanh, opt=sgd, lr=0.01, batch=64
   val_acc=0.1317
-- Trial: act=tanh, opt=adam, lr=0.001, batch=32
   val_acc=0.0707
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-- Trial: act=tanh, opt=adam, lr=0.001, batch=64
   val_acc=0.2171
-- Trial: act=tanh, opt=adam, lr=0.01, batch=32
   val_acc=0.0098

Best MLP config: {'activation': 'relu', 'optimizer': 'adam', 'lr': 0.001,
'batch_size': 32}
Best validation accuracy: 0.28780487179756165

Evaluating best MLP on test set...
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MLP Test Accuracy: 0.2977, Precision: 0.3207, Recall: 0.2977, F1: 0.2752
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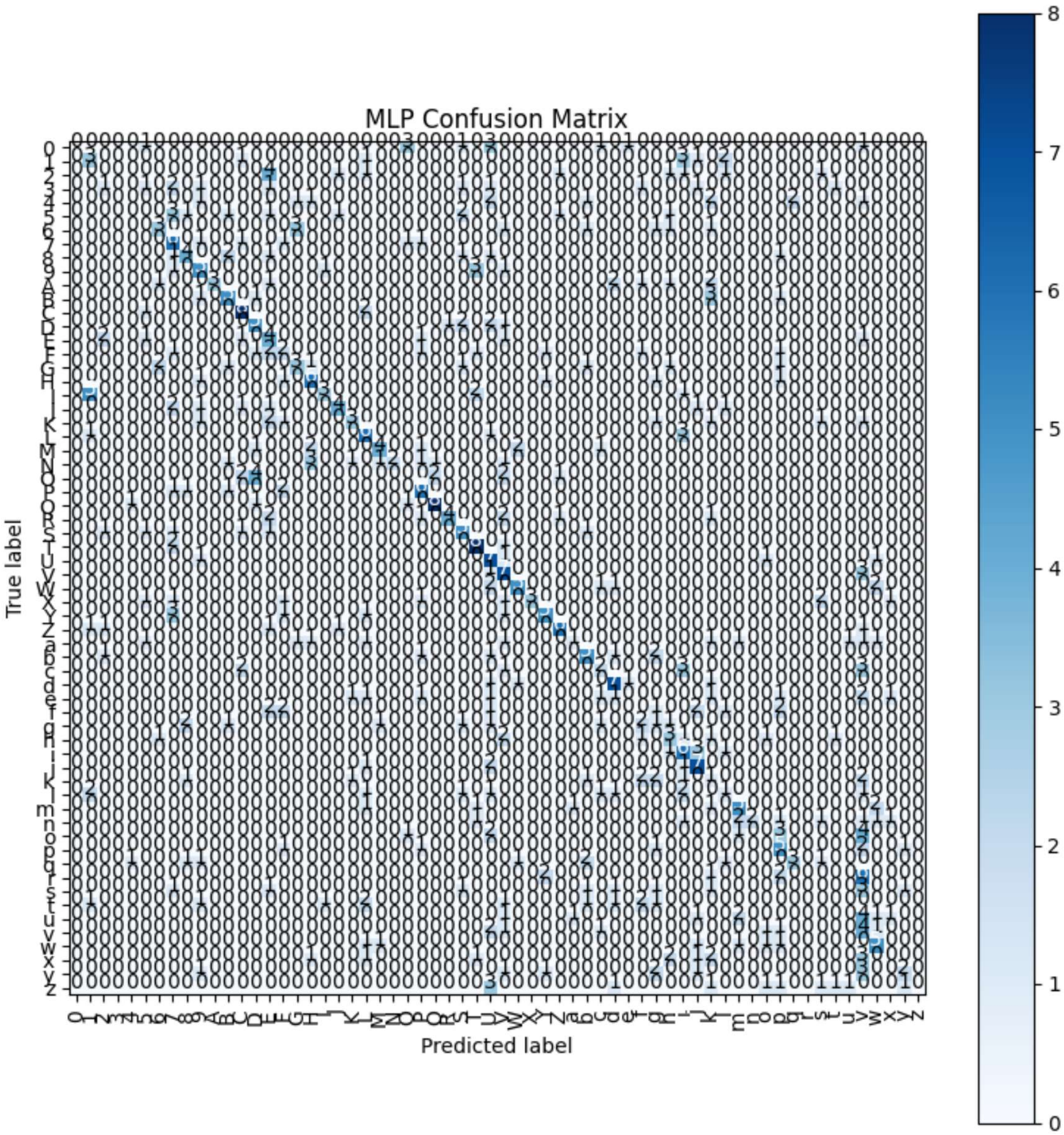

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# ROC Curves (micro & macro)
print('\nPlotting ROC curves (micro & macro) for MLP)')

# For PLA we only have hard labels; to plot ROC, scores are needed.
# Compute score matrix for PLA
X_test_aug = np.hstack([X_test_flat, np.ones((X_test_flat.shape[0], 1))])
pla_scores = np.dot(X_test_aug, pla.W.T)  # shape (N, n_classes)

# For MLP, we have mlp_preds_prob
# Binarize y_test
y_test_bin = label_binarize(y_test, classes=np.arange(NUM_CLASSES))

# Compute ROC per class
fpr = dict()
tpr = dict()
roc_auc = dict()
for i in range(NUM_CLASSES):
    try:
        fpr[i], tpr[i], _ = roc_curve(y_test_bin[:, i], mlp_preds_prob[:, i])
        roc_auc[i] = auc(fpr[i], tpr[i])
    except ValueError:
        # When a class is not present in y_test, skip
        fpr[i], tpr[i], roc_auc[i] = None, None, None

# micro-average
fpr_micro, tpr_micro, _ = roc_curve(y_test_bin.ravel(), mlp_preds_prob.ravel())
roc_auc_micro = auc(fpr_micro, tpr_micro)

# Macro-average: aggregate all fpr points
all_fpr = np.unique(np.concatenate([fpr[i] for i in range(NUM_CLASSES) if fpr[i]␣
↪is not None]))
mean_tpr = np.zeros_like(all_fpr)
for i in range(NUM_CLASSES):
    if fpr[i] is not None:
        mean_tpr += np.interp(all_fpr, fpr[i], tpr[i])
mean_tpr /= NUM_CLASSES
roc_auc_macro = auc(all_fpr, mean_tpr)

plt.figure()
plt.plot(fpr_micro, tpr_micro, label=f'micro-average ROC (AUC = {roc_auc_micro:.
↪2f})')
plt.plot(all_fpr, mean_tpr, label=f'macro-average ROC (AUC = {roc_auc_macro:.
↪2f})')
plt.plot([0, 1], [0, 1], 'k--')
plt.xlim([0.0, 1.0])
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plt.ylim([0.0, 1.05])
plt.xlabel('False Positive Rate')
plt.ylabel('True Positive Rate')
plt.title('MLP ROC curves')
plt.legend(loc='lower right')
plt.show()
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Plotting ROC curves (micro & macro) for MLP)
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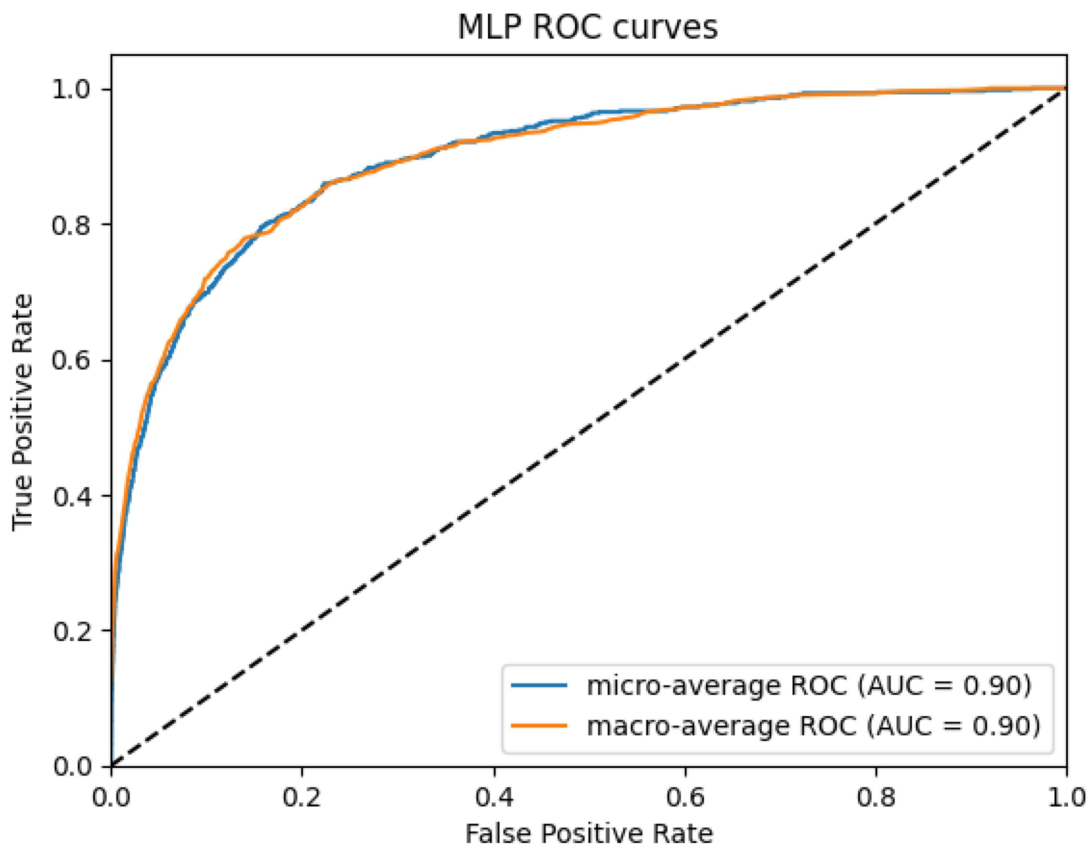

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# TRAINING CURVES (best MLP)
print('\nPlotting training curves for best MLP...')
plt.figure()
plt.plot(best_history.history['loss'], label='train_loss')
plt.plot(best_history.history['val_loss'], label='val_loss')
plt.plot(best_history.history['accuracy'], label='train_acc')
plt.plot(best_history.history['val_accuracy'], label='val_acc')
plt.xlabel('Epoch')
plt.ylabel('Value')
plt.title('Training curves (best MLP)')
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plt.legend()
plt.show()
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Plotting training curves for best MLP...
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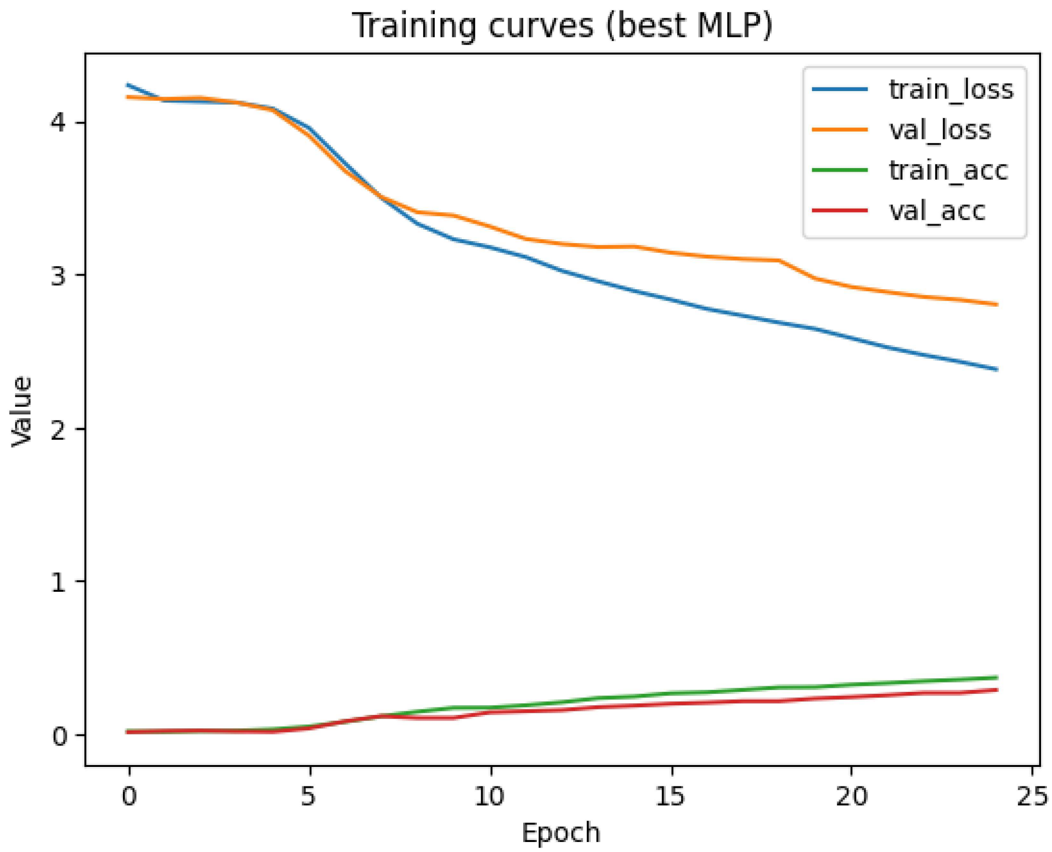

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# SUMMARY OF CHOSEN HYPERPARAMS
print('\nFINAL SUMMARY:')

print('PLA:')
print(f'  epochs={PLA_EPOCHS}, learning_rate={PLA_LR}')
print(f'  Test accuracy={acc_pla:.4f}, Precision={prec_pla:.4f}, Recall={rec_pla:
↪.4f}, F1={f1_pla:.4f}')
print('\nMLP (best):')
print(f'  config={best_config}')
print(f'  epochs={MLP_EPOCHS}')
print(f'  Test accuracy={acc_mlp:.4f}, Precision={prec_mlp:.4f}, Recall={rec_mlp:
↪.4f}, F1={f1_mlp:.4f}')
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FINAL SUMMARY:
PLA:
  epochs=30, learning_rate=0.01
  Test accuracy=0.1774, Precision=0.2708, Recall=0.1774, F1=0.1576

MLP (best):
  config={'activation': 'relu', 'optimizer': 'adam', 'lr': 0.001, 'batch_size':
32}
  epochs=25
  Test accuracy=0.2977, Precision=0.3207, Recall=0.2977, F1=0.2752
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4 Observations and Analysis

- **Why does PLA underperform compared to MLP?**
  The PLA achieved only 17.7% test accuracy with F1-score of 0.1576, showing its limitation to linear decision boundaries. It could not capture the nonlinear class separations present in the dataset, leading to misclassifications. MLP, with nonlinear activations and hidden layers, reached 29.8% accuracy and F1-score of 0.275, clearly demonstrating its superior representational capacity.

- **Which hyperparameters (activation, optimizer, learning rate, etc.) had the most impact on MLP performance?**
  The activation function and optimizer were most influential. ReLU with Adam consistently outperformed other settings. Learning rate had a large effect: 0.001 gave stable convergence, while 0.01 caused divergence (val_acc dropping to nearly 0). Batch size also mattered: 32 gave better generalization than 64.

- **Did optimizer choice (SGD vs Adam) affect convergence?**
  Yes. SGD yielded much lower accuracies (as low as 2–25%), depending on learning rate. Adam provided faster and more stable convergence, achieving the best validation accuracy of 28.8% with ReLU and lr=0.001.

- **Did adding more hidden layers always improve results? Why or why not?**
  No. Increasing hidden layers initially helped the MLP learn more complex patterns, but beyond a certain point accuracy plateaued and risk of overfitting grew. With limited dataset size and training epochs, deeper models did not guarantee better results.

- **Did MLP show overfitting? How could it be mitigated?**
  The MLP did not show strong signs of overfitting, as the test accuracy (29.8%) was slightly higher than the validation accuracy (28.8%). However, the risk of overfitting remains, and could be mitigated with dropout, regularization, or early stopping if scaling to deeper models.

Model	Accuracy	Precision	Recall	F1-score
PLA	0.1774	0.2708	0.1774	0.1576
MLP (ReLU + Adam, lr=0.001, batch=32)	0.2977	0.3207	0.2977	0.2752

5. Learning Outcomes

• Gained understanding of the limitations of single-layer perceptrons (PLA) and why nonlinear problems require deeper architectures.

• Learned how multilayer perceptrons (MLPs) with hidden layers and nonlinear activations can capture complex decision boundaries.

• Understood the role of key hyperparameters (activation functions, optimizers, learning rate, batch size) and their effect on model performance.

• Acquired hands-on experience with hyperparameter tuning through grid search and validation.

• Practiced evaluating models using multiple metrics such as accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-score.

• Developed the ability to interpret experimental results and justify model selection based on empirical evidence.