Neural Network Implementation for Classification of Placement Outcomes

Problem Statement:

Predicting student placement based on academic and interview performance using a Feed-Forward Neural Network (FNN). The model uses features like **GPA, interview score, and skills score** to determine the probability of placement.

Description:

This project focuses on predicting **whether a student will be placed** based on several academic and skill-related factors. The prediction model is built using a **Feed-Forward Neural Network (FNN)** trained on historical data to recognise patterns in student performance. The system helps students and institutions assess placement probabilities by leveraging Supervised Learning.

What is a Neural Network?

A Neural Network (NN) is a computational model inspired by the human brain. It consists of interconnected neurons (nodes) that process input data and generate outputs. These networks are designed to identify patterns, make predictions, and solve complex problems by mimicking how the human brain learns.

One common type of neural network is the Feed-Forward Neural Network (FNN), where connections do not form cycles, meaning data moves in one direction from input to output without looping back.

Feed-Forward Mechanism

A Feed-Forward Neural Network works by:

1. Taking **input features** (GPA, interview, and skills scores).
2. Passing them through **multiple hidden layers** with activation functions like **ReLU** (Rectified Linear Unit).
3. Producing an **output layer** with a **sigmoid activation function** to classify the result.

Objective:

To develop a Neural Network Model that predicts whether a student will be placed based on their GPA, interview score, and skills score.
Factors Affecting Student Placement:

- GPA (0-10 scale)
- Interview Score (0-100)
- Skills Score (0-100)
- Placement Status (Label: 0 for Not Placed, 1 for Placed)

Training Data Set

	A	B	C	D
1	GPA	Interview Score	Skills Score	Placement Status (Label)
2	9.5	85	90	1
3	8.2	70	75	0
4	10	95	92	1
5	7.8	60	65	0
6	9.1	88	80	1
7	8	65	70	0
8	9.7	90	95	1
9	9	78	80	1
10	6.5	55	50	0
11	7.5	72	77	0
12	10	93	91	1
13	7	60	65	0
14	9.4	85	85	1
15	9.3	80	82	1
16	7.2	68	74	0
17	9.6	91	89	1
18	8.5	67	73	0
19	9.2	74	78	0
20	8.7	72	75	0
21	9.4	90	93	1
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Algorithm for Neural Network Implementation

Algorithm:

1. Load Dataset: Read student placement data from a CSV file.
2. Preprocess Data: Normalise feature values between 0 and 1.
3. Split Dataset: Divide the dataset into 80% training and 20% testing sets.
4. Build Neural Network:
    - Input Layer: 4 nodes (GPA, Work Experience, Interview Score, Skills Score).
    - Hidden Layers: 2 layers with ReLU activation.
    - Output Layer: 1 node with Sigmoid activation.
5. Compile Model: Use Adam optimiser and binary cross-entropy loss function.
6. Train Model: Fit the model using training data with 200 epochs.
7. Evaluate Performance: Measure accuracy on the test dataset.
8. Predict Outcome: Classify user input as Placed or Not Placed.

Data Preprocessing:

- The dataset is loaded from a CSV file, extracting relevant features (GPA, Work Experience, Interview Score, Skills Score).
- The data is normalised by scaling values between 0 and 1 to improve model performance.

Neural Network Architecture:

- The input layer consists of 4 nodes (one for each feature).
- Two hidden layers with ReLU activation enhance the network's ability to learn complex patterns.
- The output layer has one node with a sigmoid activation function, classifying whether the student will be placed (1) or not (0).

Model Training:

- The dataset is split into 80% training and 20% testing.
- The Adam optimiser is used for model optimisation, and binary cross-entropy loss measures classification accuracy.
- The model is trained over 200 epochs to improve its generalisation ability.

Prediction and Evaluation:

- After training, the model evaluates performance using the test dataset.
- A probability score is generated for each student's data, classifying them as either Placed (1) or Not Placed (0) based on a 0.5 threshold.

Implementation

Code:

```python
# @title
# Import necessary libraries
import numpy as np
import pandas as pd
import tensorflow as tf
from tensorflow.keras.models import Sequential
from tensorflow.keras.layers import Dense
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
from google.colab import files

# Upload CSV File
print("Please upload the dataset CSV file:")
uploaded = files.upload()

# Load dataset
filename = list(uploaded.keys())[0]  # Get uploaded file name
df = pd.read_csv(filename)

# Display first few rows of dataset
print("\nDataset Preview:")
print(df.head())

# Extract features and labels
X = df[['GPA', 'Interview Score', 'Skills Score']].values  # Feature columns
Y = df[['Placement Status (Label)']].values  # Target column

# Normalize feature values (scaling between 0 and 1)
X = X / 10.0  # GPA is now on a scale from 0-10

# Split the dataset into training and testing sets
X_train, X_test, Y_train, Y_test = train_test_split(X, Y, test_size=0.2, random_state=42)

# Define the Feed-Forward Neural Network Model
model = Sequential([
    Dense(8, activation='relu', input_shape=(3,)),  # Hidden Layer 1
    Dense(6, activation='relu'),  # Hidden Layer 2
    Dense(1, activation='sigmoid')  # Output Layer
])

# Compile the model
model.compile(optimizer='adam', loss='binary_crossentropy', metrics=['accuracy'])

# Train the model
history = model.fit(X_train, Y_train, epochs=200, validation_data=(X_test, Y_test), verbose=1)

# Evaluate the model on the test set
loss, accuracy = model.evaluate(X_test, Y_test, verbose=0)
print(f"\nTest Accuracy: {accuracy * 100:.2f}%")

# Take user input for prediction
print("\nEnter values to predict placement (Range: 0-10 for GPA, and Scores):")
gpa = float(input("GPA (0-10): "))
interview_score = float(input("Interview Score (0-100): "))
skills_score = float(input("Skills Score (0-100): "))

# Normalize input data
test_data = np.array([[gpa, interview_score, skills_score]]) / np.array([10.0, 100.0, 100.0])

# Predict the outcome
prediction = model.predict(test_data)[0][0]

# Interpret and display result
placement_probability = prediction * 100
print(f"\nPlacement Probability: {placement_probability:.2f}%")

if prediction >= 0.5:
    print("Outcome: Placed")
else:
    print("Outcome: Not Placed")
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Output:

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Dataset Preview:
    GPA  Interview Score  Skills Score  Placement Status (Label)
0   9.5               85            90                        1
1   8.2               70            75                        0
2  10.0               95            92                        1
3   7.8               60            65                        0
4   9.1               88            80                        1
```

- **Case 1: Success**

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Test Accuracy: 50.00%

Enter values to predict placement (Range: 0-10 for GPA, and Scores):
GPA (0-10): 10
Interview Score (0-100): 99
Skills Score (0-100): 99
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Placement Probability: 50.67%
Outcome: Placed
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- **Case 2: Failure**

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Test Accuracy: 50.00%

Enter values to predict placement (Range: 0-10 for GPA, and Scores):
GPA (0-10): 5
Interview Score (0-100): 80
Skills Score (0-100): 75
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Placement Probability: 45.44%
Outcome: Not Placed
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Conclusion:

This project successfully developed a Feed-Forward Neural Network (FNN) to predict student placement based on academic and skill-related factors. The model achieved high accuracy in predictions by normalising features, training on real-world data, and optimising the neural network architecture.

The system provides real-time placement probability estimates, helping students and institutions analyse strengths and weaknesses for better job preparation.