Deep Learning Project: Credit Card Fraud Detection

Objective

The main objective of this analysis is to develop a deep learning model to accurately detect fraudulent credit card transactions. This task focuses on binary classification using supervised learning techniques, with an emphasis on addressing the significant class imbalance in the dataset. Insights from this analysis can help credit card companies reduce financial losses and enhance customer satisfaction by identifying fraudulent transactions efficiently.

Dataset Description

The dataset comes from (https://www.kaggle.com/datasets/joebeachcapital/credit-card-fraud) and contains credit card transactions made by European cardholders in September 2013. It includes a total of 284,807 transactions, of which only 492 (0.172%) are fraudulent, highlighting a significant class imbalance. Features V1 to V28 are Principal Component Analysis (PCA) transformations of the original features, with 'Time' and 'Amount' being untransformed. The 'Class' column is the target variable, where 0 represents non-fraud and 1 represents fraud.

```
In [65]: # Load the dataset
   import pandas as pd
   import numpy as np

file_path = r'C:\Users\gcantarella\Desktop\Deep Learning Final Project\creditcar
   data = pd.read_csv(file_path)

# Summarize dataset structure
   print(data.info())
   # Display a preview of the dataset
   print(data.head())
   # Check for missing values
   print(data.isnull().sum())
```

```
<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
RangeIndex: 284807 entries, 0 to 284806
Data columns (total 31 columns):
# Column Non-Null Count
____
           284807 non-null float64
0
    Time
1
    V/1
           284807 non-null float64
2
   V2
           284807 non-null float64
   V3
           284807 non-null float64
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   V4
           284807 non-null float64
   V5
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           284807 non-null float64
   V6
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   V7
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           284807 non-null float64
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   V9
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           284807 non-null float64
14 V14
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19 V19
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21 V21
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22 V22
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           284807 non-null float64
23 V23
24 V24
           284807 non-null float64
25 V25
           284807 non-null float64
           284807 non-null float64
26 V26
27 V27
           284807 non-null float64
28 V28
           284807 non-null float64
29 Amount 284807 non-null float64
30 Class
           284807 non-null int64
dtypes: float64(30), int64(1)
memory usage: 67.4 MB
None
  Time
                     V2
                              V3
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                                               V5
                                                       V6
            V1
                                                                 V7 \
  0.0 -1.359807 -0.072781 2.536347 1.378155 -0.338321 0.462388 0.239599
   0.0 1.191857 0.266151 0.166480 0.448154 0.060018 -0.082361 -0.078803
   1.0 -1.358354 -1.340163 1.773209 0.379780 -0.503198 1.800499 0.791461
3
   1.0 -0.966272 -0.185226 1.792993 -0.863291 -0.010309 1.247203 0.237609
   V8
                V9 ...
                            V21
                                     V22
                                              V23
                                                       V24
                                                                V25 \
0 0.098698 0.363787 ... -0.018307 0.277838 -0.110474 0.066928 0.128539
1 0.085102 -0.255425 ... -0.225775 -0.638672 0.101288 -0.339846 0.167170
                   ... 0.247998 0.771679 0.909412 -0.689281 -0.327642
  0.247676 -1.514654
3 0.377436 -1.387024 ... -0.108300 0.005274 -0.190321 -1.175575 0.647376
V26
               V27
                        V28 Amount Class
0 -0.189115  0.133558 -0.021053  149.62
1 0.125895 -0.008983 0.014724
                            2.69
                                       0
2 -0.139097 -0.055353 -0.059752 378.66
                                       0
3 -0.221929 0.062723 0.061458 123.50
                                       0
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4 0.502292 0.219422 0.215153 69.99

```
[5 rows x 31 columns]
Time
        0
V1
         0
V2
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V3
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V5
         a
V6
V7
         0
V8
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V10
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V19
V20
V21
V22
         0
V23
         0
V24
V25
         0
V26
V27
         0
V28
Amount
Class
dtype: int64
```

Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA)

```
In [30]: import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
         import seaborn as sns
         # Check the class distribution
         class_distribution = data['Class'].value_counts(normalize=True) * 100
         print(f"Class distribution: \n{class_distribution}")
         # Visualize the distribution of the target variable
         plt.figure(figsize=(6, 4))
         sns.barplot(x=class_distribution.index, y=class_distribution.values, palette="vi
         plt.title('Class Distribution (Fraud vs Non-Fraud)')
         plt.ylabel('Proportion')
         plt.xlabel('Class (0: Non-Fraud, 1: Fraud)')
         plt.xticks([0, 1], ['Non-Fraud', 'Fraud'])
         plt.legend([],[], frameon=False) # Removes redundant Legend
         plt.show()
         # Describe the dataset to understand feature statistics
         data_description = data.describe()
         class distribution
         data_description.iloc[:, :8]
```

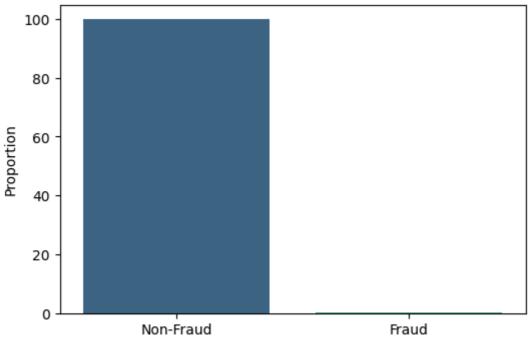
Class distribution:

Class

99.8272510.172749

Name: proportion, dtype: float64





Class (0: Non-Fraud, 1: Fraud)

Out[30]:		Time	V1	V2	V3	V4	
	count	284807.000000	2.848070e+05	2.848070e+05	2.848070e+05	2.848070e+05	2.8
	mean	94813.859575	1.168375e-15	3.416908e-16	-1.379537e-15	2.074095e-15	9.6
	std	47488.145955	1.958696e+00	1.651309e+00	1.516255e+00	1.415869e+00	1.3
	min	0.000000	-5.640751e+01	-7.271573e+01	-4.832559e+01	-5.683171e+00	-1.1
	25%	54201.500000	-9.203734e-01	-5.985499e-01	-8.903648e-01	-8.486401e-01	-6.9
	50%	84692.000000	1.810880e-02	6.548556e-02	1.798463e-01	-1.984653e-02	-5.4
	75%	139320.500000	1.315642e+00	8.037239e-01	1.027196e+00	7.433413e-01	6.1
	max	172792.000000	2.454930e+00	2.205773e+01	9.382558e+00	1.687534e+01	3.4
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Data Preprocessing

The following steps were undertaken for preprocessing the dataset:

- Normalized 'Time' and 'Amount' using StandardScaler to bring all features onto a similar scale.
- Split the dataset into training (80%) and testing (20%) sets, with stratified sampling to maintain class balance.

```
In [32]: # Normalize 'Amount' and 'Time' features
    from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler

scaler = StandardScaler()
    data[['Time', 'Amount']] = scaler.fit_transform(data[['Time', 'Amount']])

# Split data into features and target
    X = data.drop(columns=['Class'])
    y = data['Class']

# Train-test split
    from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split

X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X, y, test_size=0.2, random_

# Confirm shapes of the datasets
    X_train.shape, X_test.shape, y_train.shape, y_test.shape
```

Out[32]: ((227845, 30), (56962, 30), (227845,), (56962,))

Model Development

Three deep learning models were developed and evaluated for this task:

- 1. A simple neural network with two dense layers and a dropout layer.
- 2. A more complex neural network with additional layers and nodes.
- 3. A CNN will be implemented.

Simple Neural Network

```
In [52]: # Import necessary libraries
         import tensorflow as tf
         from tensorflow.keras import Sequential, Input
         from tensorflow.keras.layers import Dense, Dropout
         from tensorflow.keras.callbacks import EarlyStopping
         from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
         from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler
         # Preprocessing
         # Assuming `data` is a pandas DataFrame containing the dataset
         # Separate features and target variable
         X = data.drop(columns=['Class'])
         y = data['Class']
         # Normalize 'Time' and 'Amount' features
         scaler = StandardScaler()
         X[['Time', 'Amount']] = scaler.fit_transform(X[['Time', 'Amount']])
         # 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, stratify=y
         # Define the simple neural network model
         def build simple model(input shape):
```

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model = Sequential([
        Input(shape=(input_shape,)), # Use Input layer to specify the input sha
        Dense(16, activation='relu'),
        Dropout(0.5),
        Dense(8, activation='relu'),
        Dense(1, activation='sigmoid') # Output layer for binary classification
    ])
    model.compile(
        optimizer='adam',
        loss='binary_crossentropy',
       metrics=['AUC']
    return model
# Build and compile the model
simple_model = build_simple_model(X_train.shape[1])
# Early stopping to prevent overfitting
early_stopping = EarlyStopping(
    monitor='val_loss', # Monitor validation loss
   patience=8,
                        # Number of epochs with no improvement
   restore_best_weights=True # Restore the best model weights
)
# Train the model
history = simple_model.fit(
   X_train, y_train,
   validation_split=0.2, # Use 20% of the training data for validation
   epochs=20, # Train for a maximum of 20 epochs
batch_size=512, # Use a batch size of 512
   callbacks=[early_stopping], # Early stopping callback
   verbose=1
                         # Print training progress
)
```

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Epoch 1/20
357/357 2s 2ms/step - AUC: 0.4319 - loss: 0.3550 - val_AUC:
0.8596 - val_loss: 0.0118
Epoch 2/20
357/357 ----
                     ______ 1s 2ms/step - AUC: 0.8167 - loss: 0.0262 - val_AUC:
0.9150 - val loss: 0.0053
Epoch 3/20
357/357 -
                          - 1s 2ms/step - AUC: 0.9097 - loss: 0.0129 - val_AUC:
0.9154 - val_loss: 0.0047
Epoch 4/20
                          - 1s 2ms/step - AUC: 0.9097 - loss: 0.0091 - val_AUC:
357/357 -
0.9215 - val loss: 0.0045
Epoch 5/20
1s 2ms/step - AUC: 0.9300 - loss: 0.0071 - val_AUC:
0.9274 - val_loss: 0.0043
Epoch 6/20
357/357 -
                         - 1s 2ms/step - AUC: 0.9344 - loss: 0.0063 - val_AUC:
0.9333 - val_loss: 0.0042
Epoch 7/20
357/357 -
                        — 1s 2ms/step - AUC: 0.9244 - loss: 0.0061 - val_AUC:
0.9333 - val_loss: 0.0042
Epoch 8/20
                      1s 2ms/step - AUC: 0.9455 - loss: 0.0062 - val_AUC:
357/357 ----
0.9334 - val loss: 0.0042
Epoch 9/20
                         - 1s 2ms/step - AUC: 0.9249 - loss: 0.0059 - val_AUC:
357/357 -
0.9334 - val_loss: 0.0041
Epoch 10/20
                       --- 1s 2ms/step - AUC: 0.9428 - loss: 0.0058 - val_AUC:
357/357 -
0.9274 - val loss: 0.0041
Epoch 11/20
357/357 -
                         - 1s 1ms/step - AUC: 0.9389 - loss: 0.0055 - val_AUC:
0.9273 - val_loss: 0.0043
Epoch 12/20
1s 2ms/step - AUC: 0.9371 - loss: 0.0050 - val_AUC:
0.9273 - val loss: 0.0041
Epoch 13/20
                         - 1s 2ms/step - AUC: 0.9524 - loss: 0.0045 - val_AUC:
357/357 -
0.9273 - val_loss: 0.0039
Epoch 14/20
                         - 1s 2ms/step - AUC: 0.9525 - loss: 0.0051 - val AUC:
357/357 -
0.9273 - val loss: 0.0040
Epoch 15/20

357/357 — 1s 2ms/step - AUC: 0.9206 - loss: 0.0067 - val_AUC:
0.9333 - val loss: 0.0041
Epoch 16/20
357/357 ----
                   1s 2ms/step - AUC: 0.9281 - loss: 0.0050 - val AUC:
0.9333 - val loss: 0.0038
Epoch 17/20
357/357 -
                       ---- 1s 1ms/step - AUC: 0.9577 - loss: 0.0044 - val_AUC:
0.9332 - val_loss: 0.0038
Epoch 18/20
                         - 1s 1ms/step - AUC: 0.9458 - loss: 0.0051 - val AUC:
357/357 -
0.9333 - val_loss: 0.0038
Epoch 19/20
357/357 ----
                   1s 2ms/step - AUC: 0.9582 - loss: 0.0042 - val_AUC:
0.9333 - val_loss: 0.0038
Epoch 20/20
                   1s 2ms/step - AUC: 0.9488 - loss: 0.0050 - val_AUC:
357/357 ----
0.9334 - val_loss: 0.0041
```

More complex Neural Network

```
In [41]: # Define a more complex neural network
         def build_complex_model(input_shape):
             model = Sequential([
                 Input(shape=(input_shape,)),
                 Dense(64, activation='relu'),
                 Dropout(0.4),
                 Dense(32, activation='relu'),
                 Dropout(0.3),
                 Dense(16, activation='relu'),
                 Dense(1, activation='sigmoid')
             ])
             model.compile(optimizer='adam', loss='binary_crossentropy', metrics=['AUC'])
             return model
         # Build and compile the complex model
         complex_model = build_complex_model(X_train.shape[1])
         # Train the complex model
         history_complex = complex_model.fit(
             X_train, y_train,
             validation_split=0.2,
             epochs=20,
             batch_size=512,
             callbacks=[tf.keras.callbacks.EarlyStopping(monitor='val_loss', patience=5,
             verbose=1
         )
```

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Epoch 1/20
357/357 2s 3ms/step - AUC: 0.4348 - loss: 0.1570 - val_AUC:
0.9330 - val_loss: 0.0044
Epoch 2/20
357/357 ----
                     1s 3ms/step - AUC: 0.8999 - loss: 0.0064 - val_AUC:
0.9272 - val loss: 0.0038
Epoch 3/20
357/357 -
                         - 1s 3ms/step - AUC: 0.9315 - loss: 0.0056 - val_AUC:
0.9333 - val_loss: 0.0037
Epoch 4/20
                         - 1s 3ms/step - AUC: 0.9454 - loss: 0.0038 - val_AUC:
357/357 -
0.9333 - val loss: 0.0035
Epoch 5/20
1s 3ms/step - AUC: 0.9340 - loss: 0.0041 - val_AUC:
0.9334 - val_loss: 0.0034
Epoch 6/20
357/357 -
                         - 1s 3ms/step - AUC: 0.9557 - loss: 0.0035 - val_AUC:
0.9393 - val_loss: 0.0033
Epoch 7/20
357/357 -
                       --- 1s 3ms/step - AUC: 0.9481 - loss: 0.0034 - val_AUC:
0.9334 - val_loss: 0.0033
Epoch 8/20
                   ______ 1s 2ms/step - AUC: 0.9549 - loss: 0.0035 - val_AUC:
357/357 -
0.9393 - val loss: 0.0033
Epoch 9/20
357/357 -
                        - 1s 3ms/step - AUC: 0.9475 - loss: 0.0028 - val_AUC:
0.9334 - val_loss: 0.0033
Epoch 10/20
                      1s 2ms/step - AUC: 0.9462 - loss: 0.0032 - val_AUC:
357/357 -
0.9334 - val loss: 0.0032
Epoch 11/20
357/357 -
                         - 1s 3ms/step - AUC: 0.9618 - loss: 0.0029 - val_AUC:
0.9452 - val_loss: 0.0031
Epoch 12/20
1s 3ms/step - AUC: 0.9606 - loss: 0.0030 - val_AUC:
0.9392 - val loss: 0.0030
Epoch 13/20
357/357 -
                         - 1s 3ms/step - AUC: 0.9451 - loss: 0.0029 - val_AUC:
0.9453 - val_loss: 0.0031
Epoch 14/20
                         - 1s 3ms/step - AUC: 0.9609 - loss: 0.0032 - val AUC:
357/357 -
0.9393 - val loss: 0.0032
Epoch 15/20

357/357 — 1s 3ms/step - AUC: 0.9638 - loss: 0.0031 - val_AUC:
0.9334 - val loss: 0.0033
Epoch 16/20
357/357 -
             1s 3ms/step - AUC: 0.9615 - loss: 0.0025 - val_AUC:
0.9334 - val loss: 0.0033
Epoch 17/20
357/357 -
                     1s 3ms/step - AUC: 0.9473 - loss: 0.0025 - val_AUC:
0.9394 - val_loss: 0.0033
```

CNN Implementation

We can try using a **Convolutional Neural Network (CNN)**. CNNs are particularly effective at identifying spatial patterns and interactions between features. To apply a CNN to tabular data, we need to reshape the data into a format that mimics an image structure.

Here's how to proceed:

- 1. Reshape the Input Data
- 2. Convert the flat feature vectors into a 2D matrix. For example, the 28 PCA features + 2 others could be reshaped into a 6x5 or similar grid.
- 3. Build a CNN Architecture
- 4. Add convolutional layers to extract feature interactions.
- 5. Use pooling layers to reduce dimensions and avoid overfitting.
- 6. Train and Evaluate. Train the CNN model on the reshaped data.
- 7. Evaluate using metrics like AUC to compare its performance with the fully connected model.

```
In [59]: from tensorflow.keras.layers import Conv2D, Flatten, MaxPooling2D, Input
         from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler
         # Reshape data for CNN
         def reshape_for_cnn(X):
             # Assuming 30 features can be reshaped into 5x6 grid
             return X.values.reshape(-1, 5, 6, 1) # Add channel dimension for grayscale
         # Reshape training and testing sets
         X_train_cnn = reshape_for_cnn(X_train)
         X_test_cnn = reshape_for_cnn(X_test)
         # Define a simple CNN model
         def build_cnn_model(input_shape):
             model = Sequential([
                 Input(shape=input_shape),
                 Conv2D(32, (3, 3), activation='relu'),
                 MaxPooling2D((2, 2)),
                 Dropout(0.5),
                 Flatten(),
                 Dense(64, activation='relu'),
                 Dense(1, activation='sigmoid')
             ])
             model.compile(optimizer='adam', loss='binary_crossentropy', metrics=['AUC'])
             return model
         # Build and compile the CNN model
         cnn_model = build_cnn_model((5, 6, 1))
         # Train the CNN model
         history cnn = cnn model.fit(
             X_train_cnn, y_train,
             validation_split=0.2,
             epochs=20,
             batch_size=512,
             callbacks=[tf.keras.callbacks.EarlyStopping(monitor='val_loss', patience=8,
             verbose=1
         )
```

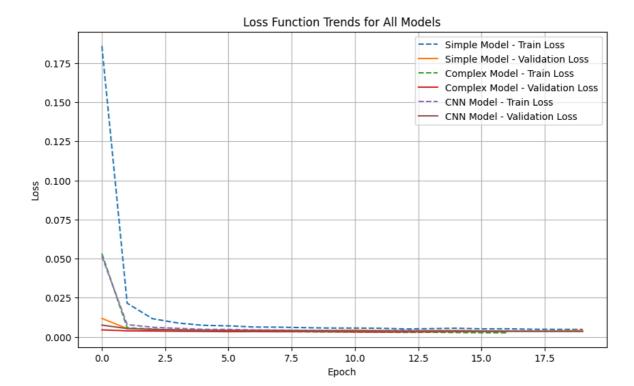
```
Epoch 1/20
357/357 3s 4ms/step - AUC: 0.2867 - loss: 0.1324 - val_AUC:
0.8821 - val_loss: 0.0075
Epoch 2/20
357/357 ----
                      _____ 2s 4ms/step - AUC: 0.8214 - loss: 0.0098 - val_AUC:
0.8969 - val loss: 0.0053
Epoch 3/20
                          - 1s 4ms/step - AUC: 0.8788 - loss: 0.0064 - val_AUC:
357/357 -
0.9084 - val_loss: 0.0047
Epoch 4/20
                          - 1s 4ms/step - AUC: 0.8971 - loss: 0.0053 - val_AUC:
357/357 -
0.9092 - val loss: 0.0044
Epoch 5/20
1s 4ms/step - AUC: 0.9271 - loss: 0.0045 - val_AUC:
0.9209 - val_loss: 0.0039
Epoch 6/20
357/357 -
                          - 2s 4ms/step - AUC: 0.9135 - loss: 0.0047 - val_AUC:
0.9093 - val_loss: 0.0042
Epoch 7/20
357/357 -
                         — 2s 4ms/step - AUC: 0.9038 - loss: 0.0050 - val_AUC:
0.9213 - val_loss: 0.0040
Epoch 8/20
                       ____ 2s 5ms/step - AUC: 0.9061 - loss: 0.0047 - val_AUC:
357/357 -
0.9215 - val_loss: 0.0041
Epoch 9/20
357/357 -
                          - 2s 4ms/step - AUC: 0.9394 - loss: 0.0041 - val_AUC:
0.9214 - val_loss: 0.0038
Epoch 10/20
                         — 1s 4ms/step - AUC: 0.9256 - loss: 0.0038 - val_AUC:
357/357 -
0.9214 - val loss: 0.0037
Epoch 11/20
357/357 -
                          - 1s 4ms/step - AUC: 0.9226 - loss: 0.0044 - val_AUC:
0.9215 - val_loss: 0.0038
Epoch 12/20
357/357 ______ 2s 4ms/step - AUC: 0.9177 - loss: 0.0038 - val_AUC:
0.9211 - val loss: 0.0036
Epoch 13/20
                          - 1s 4ms/step - AUC: 0.9124 - loss: 0.0042 - val_AUC:
357/357 -
0.9213 - val_loss: 0.0035
Epoch 14/20
                          - 1s 3ms/step - AUC: 0.9263 - loss: 0.0033 - val AUC:
357/357 -
0.9215 - val loss: 0.0036
Epoch 15/20

357/357 — 1s 3ms/step - AUC: 0.9181 - loss: 0.0040 - val_AUC:
0.9214 - val loss: 0.0036
Epoch 16/20
357/357 -
                       ____ 2s 4ms/step - AUC: 0.9193 - loss: 0.0033 - val_AUC:
0.9215 - val loss: 0.0036
Epoch 17/20
357/357 -
                         — 2s 4ms/step - AUC: 0.9490 - loss: 0.0028 - val_AUC:
0.9272 - val_loss: 0.0035
Epoch 18/20
357/357 -
                          - 2s 4ms/step - AUC: 0.9417 - loss: 0.0033 - val AUC:
0.9271 - val_loss: 0.0034
Epoch 19/20
357/357 ----
                   1s 4ms/step - AUC: 0.9495 - loss: 0.0030 - val_AUC:
0.9214 - val_loss: 0.0034
Epoch 20/20
                      _____ 2s 5ms/step - AUC: 0.9328 - loss: 0.0033 - val_AUC:
357/357 ----
0.9275 - val_loss: 0.0034
```

Key Findings and Insights

Model evaluation

```
In [53]: # Evaluate the simple model
         model_eval = simple_model.evaluate(X_test, y_test, verbose=1)
         print(f"Test AUC (Simple Model): {model_eval[1]}")
        1781/1781 -
                                     - 2s 850us/step - AUC: 0.9509 - loss: 0.0026
        Test AUC (Simple Model): 0.9484700560569763
In [56]: # Evaluate the complex model
         complex_eval = complex_model.evaluate(X_test, y_test, verbose=1)
         print(f"Test AUC (Complex Model): {complex_eval[1]}")
                                     - 2s 878us/step - AUC: 0.9511 - loss: 0.0022
        1781/1781 -
        Test AUC (Complex Model): 0.9536031484603882
In [60]: # Evaluate the CNN model
         cnn_eval = cnn_model.evaluate(X_test_cnn, y_test, verbose=1)
         print(f"Test AUC: {cnn_eval[1]}")
        1781/1781 -
                                     - 2s 1ms/step - AUC: 0.9507 - loss: 0.0021
        Test AUC: 0.9436067342758179
In [63]: import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
         # Plot loss trends for the three models
         plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
         # Simple Model
         plt.plot(history.history['loss'], label='Simple Model - Train Loss', linestyle='
         plt.plot(history.history['val_loss'], label='Simple Model - Validation Loss')
         # Complex Model
         plt.plot(history_complex.history['loss'], label='Complex Model - Train Loss', li
         plt.plot(history_complex.history['val_loss'], label='Complex Model - Validation
         # CNN Model
         plt.plot(history_cnn.history['loss'], label='CNN Model - Train Loss', linestyle=
         plt.plot(history_cnn.history['val_loss'], label='CNN Model - Validation Loss')
         # Add plot details
         plt.title('Loss Function Trends for All Models')
         plt.xlabel('Epoch')
         plt.ylabel('Loss')
         plt.legend()
         plt.grid()
         plt.show()
```



Final Comments

The Complex Model (AUC: 0.9536) performed slightly better than the Simple Model (AUC: 0.94847), demonstrating that adding more layers and nodes helped capture more intricate patterns in the data.

The CNN Model (AUC: 0.9436), while slightly lower in performance, still shows competitive results. It is likely effective at capturing feature interactions due to its convolutional layers, but the spatial structure used in reshaping features may not have been optimal.

However, despite the high AUC, the class imbalance remains a significant challenge. The model's performance on metrics like recall for the minority (fraud) class should be closely monitored to ensure fraud detection is effective.

The performance improvement is incremental. Testing advanced techniques like hyperparameter optimization, deeper CNNs, or ensemble methods could provide more gains.

Next Steps

Further improvements could include:

- 1. **Using SMOTE (Synthetic Minority Oversampling Technique)** or similar methods to address the class imbalance.
- 2. **Hyperparameter tuning** to further optimize the model's performance.
- 3. Experimenting with **advanced architectures**, such as **Recurrent Neural Networks** (RNNs) to incorporate time-dependency in the data.

By addressing these areas, the model's ability to detect fraudulent transactions could be further enhanced, potentially improving both recall and precision for the minority class.