Advanced Deep Learning with Keras

Deeper machine learning technique



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This is a memo to share what I have learnt in Advanced Deep Learning with Keras, capturing the learning objectives as well as my personal notes. The course is taught by Zachary Deane-Mayer from DataCamp, and it includes 4 chapters:

Chapter 1: The Keras Functional API

Chapter 2: Two Input Networks Using Categorical Embeddings, Shared Layers, and Merge Layers

Chapter 3: Multiple Inputs: 3 Inputs (and Beyond!)

Chapter 4: Multiple Outputs

This course shows you how to solve a variety of problems using the versatile Keras functional API. You will start with simple, multi-layer dense networks (also known as multi-layer perceptrons), and continue on to more complicated architectures. The course will cover how to build models with multiple inputs and a single output, as well as how to share weights between layers in a model. We will also cover advanced topics such as category embeddings and multiple-output networks. If you've ever wanted to train a network that does both classification and regression, then this course is for you!

Chapter 1. The Keras Functional API

In this chapter, you'll become familiar with the basics of the Keras functional API. You'll build a simple functional network using functional building blocks, fit it to data, and make predictions.

Keras input and dense layers

```
from keras.layers import Input
input_tensor = Input(shape=(1,))
print(input_tensor)

<tf.Tensor 'input_1:0' shape=(?, 1) dtype=float32>
```



```
from keras.layers import Dense
output_layer = Dense(1)
print(output_layer)
<keras.layers.core.Dense at 0x7f22e0295a58>
```

```
from keras.layers import Input, Dense
input_tensor = Input(shape=(1,))
output_layer = Dense(1)
output_tensor = output_layer(input_tensor)
print(output_tensor)

<tf.Tensor 'dense_1/BiasAdd:0' shape=(?, 1) dtype=float32>
```

Input layers

The first step in creating a neural network model is to define the *Input* layer. This layer takes in raw data, usually in the form of numpy arrays. The shape of the Input layer defines how many variables your neural network will use. For example, if the input data has 10 columns, you define an Input layer with a shape of (10,).

In this case, you are only using one input in your network.

This course touches on a lot of concepts you may have forgotten, so if you ever need a quick refresher, download the Keras Cheat Sheet and keep it handy!

```
# Import Input from keras.layers
from keras.layers import Input

# Create an input layer of shape 1
input_tensor = Input(shape=(1,))
```

Remember that the input layer allows your model to load data.

Dense layers

Once you have an Input layer, the next step is to add a *Dense* layer.

Dense layers learn a weight matrix, where the first dimension of the matrix is the dimension of the input data, and the second dimension is the dimension of the output data. Recall that your Input layer has a shape of 1. In this case, your output layer will also have a shape of 1. This means that the Dense layer will learn a 1x1 weight matrix.

In this exercise, you will add a dense layer to your model, after the input layer.

```
# Load layers
from keras.layers import Input, Dense

# Input layer (from previous exercise)
input_tensor = Input(shape=(1,))

# Create a dense layer
output_layer = Dense(1)

# Connect the dense layer to the input_tensor
output_tensor = output_layer(input_tensor)
```

This network will take the input, apply a linear coefficient to it, and return the result.

Output layers

Output layers are simply Dense layers! Output layers are used to reduce the dimension of the inputs to the dimension of the outputs. You'll learn more about output dimensions in chapter 4, but for now, you'll always use a single output in your neural networks, which is equivalent to Dense (1) or a dense layer with a single unit.

```
# Load layers
from keras.layers import Input, Dense

# Input layer
input_tensor = Input(shape=(1,))

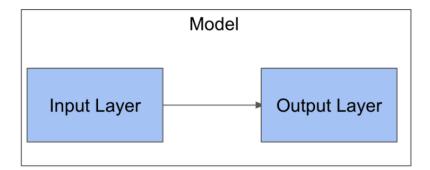
# Create a dense layer and connect the dense layer to the input_tensor in one step
# Note that you did this in 2 steps in the previous exercise, but are doing it in one step now
output_tensor = Dense(1)(input_tensor)
```

The output layer allows your model to make predictions.

Build and compile a model

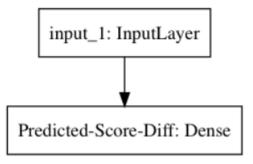
```
from keras.layers import Input, Dense
input_tensor = Input(shape=(1,))
output_tensor = Dense(1)(input_tensor)
model.compile(optimizer='adam', loss='mae')
```





```
input_tensor = Input(shape=(1,))
output_layer = Dense(1, name='Predicted-Score-Diff')
output_tensor = output_layer(input_tensor)
model = Model(input_tensor, output_tensor)
plot_model(model, to_file ='model.png')

from matplotlib import pyplot as plt
img = plt.imread('model.png')
plt.imshow(img)
plt.show()
```



Build a model

Once you've defined an input layer and an output layer, you can build a Keras model. The model object is how you tell Keras where the model starts and stops: where data comes in and where predictions come out.

```
# Input/dense/output layers
from keras.layers import Input, Dense
input_tensor = Input(shape=(1,))
output_tensor = Dense(1)(input_tensor)

# Build the model
from keras.models import Model
model = Model(input_tensor, output_tensor)
```

This model is a complete neural network, ready to learn from data and make prediction.

Compile a model

The final step in creating a model is *compiling* it. Now that you've created a model, you have to compile it before you can fit it to data. This finalizes your model, freezes all its settings, and prepares it to meet some data!

During compilation, you specify the optimizer to use for fitting the model to the data, and a loss function. 'adam' is a good default optimizer to use, and will generally work well. Loss function depends on the problem at hand. Mean squared error is a common loss function and will optimize for predicting the mean, as is done in *least squares regression*.

Mean absolute error optimizes for the median and is used in quantile regression. For this dataset, 'mean_absolute_error' works pretty well, so use it as your loss function.

```
# Compile the model
model.compile(optimizer='adam', loss='mean_absolute_error')
```

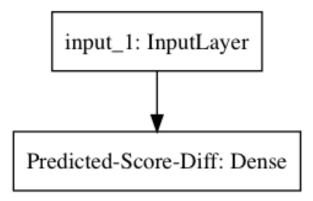
Compiling a model is the final step before fitting it.

Visualize a model

Now that you've compiled the model, take a look a the result of your hard work! You can do this by looking at the model summary, as well as its plot.

The summary will tell you the names of the layers, as well as how many units they have and how many parameters are in the model.

The plot will show how the layers connect to each other.



```
Import the plotting function
from keras.utils import plot model
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
# Summarize the model
model.summary()
                                                                                Input-Layer: InputLayer
                                                                             40 -
# Plot the model
plot model(model, to file='model.png')
                                                                             100 -
# Display the image
                                                                             120 -
                                                                                  Output-Layer: Dense
data = plt.imread('model.png')
                                                                             140 -
plt.imshow(data)
plt.show()
```

It turns out neural networks aren't really black boxes after all!

Fit and evaluate a model

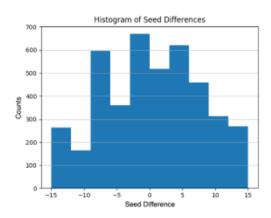
Goal: Predict tournament outcomes

Data Available: team ratings from the tournament organizers

```
import pandas as pd
games_tourney = pd.read_csv('datasets/games_tourney.csv')
games_tourney.head()
Out[1]:
  season team_1 team_2 home seed_diff score_diff score_1 score_2
             288
    1985
                                                                         0
    1985
            5929
                                       4
                                                   6
                                                                   55
                                                                         1
    1985
            9884
                                                                         0
    1985
            73
                     288
                                                                   41
    1985
            3920
                     410
                                                                   63
                                                           54
                                                                         0
```

Input = seed_diff Output = score_diff

- Seed difference: 15
 - o Team 1:16
 - o Team 2:1
- Seed difference: -15
 - o Team 1:1
 - o Team 2:16



```
from keras.models import Model
from keras.layers import Input, Dense
input_tensor = Input(shape=(1,))
output_tensor = Dense(1)(input_tensor)
model = Model(input_tensor, output_tensor)
model.compile(optimizer='adam', loss='mae')
from pandas import read_csv
games = read_csv('datasets/games_tourney.csv')
model.fit(games['seed_diff'],
         games['score_diff'],
         batch_size=64,
         validation_split=.20,
         verbose=True)
model.evaluate(games_test['seed_diff'],
              games_test['score_diff'])
1000/1000 [========== ] - 0s 26us/step
Out[1]: 9.742335235595704
```

Fit the model to the tournament basketball data

Now that the model is compiled, you are ready to fit it to some data!

In this exercise, you'll use a dataset of scores from US College Basketball tournament games. Each row of the dataset has the team ids: team_1 and team_2, as integers. It also has the seed difference between the teams (seeds are assigned by the tournament committee and represent a ranking of how strong the teams are) and the score difference of the game (e.g. if team_1 wins by 5 points, the score difference is 5).

To fit the model, you provide a matrix of X variables (in this case one column: the seed difference) and a matrix of Y variables (in this case one column: the score difference).

The games tourney DataFrame along with the compiled model object is available in your workspace.

Now your model has learned something about the basketball data!

Evaluate the model on a test set

After fitting the model, you can evaluate it on new data. You will give the model a new x matrix (also called test data), allow it to make predictions, and then compare to the known y variable (also called target data).

In this case, you'll use data from the post-season tournament to evaluate your model. The tournament games happen after the regular season games you used to train our model, and are therefore a good evaluation of how well your model performs out-of-sample.

The games tourney test DataFrame along with the fitted model object is available in your workspace.

Looks like your model makes pretty good predicitions!

Chapter 2. Two Input Networks Using Categorical Embeddings, Shared Layers, and Merge Layers

In this chapter, you will build two-input networks that use categorical embeddings to represent high-cardinality data, shared layers to specify re-usable building blocks, and merge layers to join multiple inputs to a single output. By the end of this chapter, you will have the foundational building blocks for designing neural networks with complex data flows.

Category embeddings

Input: integers

Output: floats

 Note: Increased dimensionality: output layer flattens back to 2D

```
Embeddina
   Input Layer
                                                      Output Layer
                                 Layer
                                (lookup
     (integer)
                                                          (float)
                                 table)
from keras.layers import Embedding
input_tensor = Input(shape=(1,))
n teams = 10887
embed_layer = Embedding(input_dim=n_teams,
                         input_length=1,
                         output_dim=1,
                         name='Team-Strength-Lookup')
embed_tensor = embed_layer(input_tensor)
```

Define team lookup

Shared layers allow a model to use the same weight matrix for multiple steps. In this exercise, you will build a "team strength" layer that represents each team by a single number. You will use this number for both teams in the model. The model will learn a number for each team that works well both when the team is team_1 and when the team is team_2 in the input data.

The games season DataFrame is available in your workspace.

The embedding layer is a lot like a dictionary, but your model learns the values for each key.

Define team model

The team strength lookup has three components: an input, an embedding layer, and a flatten layer that creates the output.

If you wrap these three layers in a model with an input and output, you can re-use that stack of three layers at multiple places.

Note again that the weights for all three layers will be shared everywhere we use them.

```
# Imports
from keras.layers import Input, Embedding, Flatten
from keras.models import Model

# Create an input layer for the team ID
teamid_in = Input(shape=(1,))

# Lookup the input in the team strength embedding layer
strength_lookup = team_lookup(teamid_in)

# Flatten the output
strength_lookup_flat = Flatten()(strength_lookup)

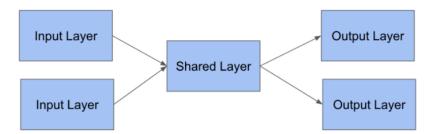
# Combine the operations into a single, re-usable model
team_strength_model = Model(teamid_in, strength_lookup_flat, name='Team-Strength-Model')
```

The model will be reusable, so you can use it in two places in your final model.

Shared layers

```
shared_layer = Dense(1)
output_tensor_1 = shared_layer(input_tensor_1)
output_tensor_2 = shared_layer(input_tensor_2)
```

- Require the functional API
- Very flexible



```
input_tensor = Input(shape=(1,))
n_{\text{teams}} = 10887
embed_layer = Embedding(input_dim=n_teams,
                                                                                               Model
                          input_length=1,
                                                                                              Embedding
                          output_dim=1,
                                                                                                                 Output Layer
                                                                        Input Laver
                                                                                                Layer
                                                                                               (lookup
                          name='Team-Strength-Lookup')
                                                                         (integer)
                                                                                                                    (float)
                                                                                                table)
embed_tensor = embed_layer(input_tensor)
flatten_tensor = Flatten()(embed_tensor)
model = Model(input_tensor, flatten_tensor)
                                                                                                                  Output Layer
                                                                       Input Layer
                                                                                           Shared Model
input_tensor_1 = Input((1,))
                                                                       Input Layer
                                                                                                                  Output Layer
input_tensor_2 = Input((1,))
output_tensor_1 = model(input_tensor_1)
output_tensor_2 = model(input_tensor_2)
```

Defining two inputs

In this exercise, you will define two input layers for the two teams in your model. This allows you to specify later in the model how the data from each team will be used differently.

```
# Load the input layer from keras.layers
from keras.layers import Input

# Input layer for team 1
team_in_1 = Input(shape=(1,), name='Team-1-In')

# Separate input layer for team 2
team_in_2 = Input(shape=(1,), name='Team-2-In')
```

These two inputs will be used later for the shared layer.

Lookup both inputs in the same model

Now that you have a team strength model and an input layer for each team, you can lookup the team inputs in the shared team strength model. The two inputs will share the same weights.

In this dataset, you have 10,888 unique teams. You want to learn a strength rating for each team, such that if any pair of teams plays each other, you can predict the score, even if those two teams have never played before. Furthermore, you want the strength rating to be the same, regardless of whether the team is the home team or the away team.

To achieve this, you use a shared layer, defined by the re-usable model (team_strength_model()) you built in exercise 3 and the two input layers (team in 1 and team in 2) from the previous exercise, all of which are available in your workspace.

```
# Lookup team 1 in the team strength model
team_1_strength = team_strength_model(team_in_1)
# Lookup team 2 in the team strength model
team_2_strength = team_strength_model(team_in_2)
```

Now your model knows how strong each team is.

Merge layers

• add, subtract, multiply, concatenate

```
from keras.layers import Input, Add
in_tensor_1 = Input((1,))
in_tensor_2 = Input((1,))
out_tensor = Add()([in_tensor_1, in_tensor_2])
```

```
Input Layer

Add Layer

Output Layer

Input Layer
```

```
in_tensor_3 = Input((1,))
out_tensor = Add()([in_tensor_1, in_tensor_2, in_tensor_3])
```

```
from keras.models import Model
model = Model([in_tensor_1, in_tensor_2], out_tensor)
```

```
model.compile(optimizer='adam', loss='mean_absolute_error')
```

Output layer using shared layer

Now that you've looked up how "strong" each team is, subtract the team strengths to determine which team is expected to win the game.

This is a bit like the seeds that the tournament committee uses, which are also a measure of team strength. But rather than using seed differences to predict score differences, you'll use the difference of your own team strength model to predict score differences.

The subtract layer will combine the weights from the two layers by subtracting them.

```
# Import the Subtract layer from keras
from keras.layers import Subtract

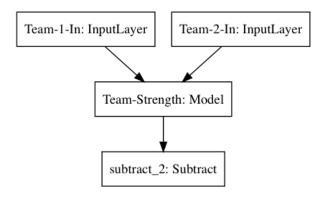
# Create a subtract layer using the inputs from the previous exercise
score_diff = Subtract()([team_1_strength, team_2_strength])
```

This setup subracts the team strength ratings to determine a winner.

Model using two inputs and one output

Now that you have your two inputs (team id 1 and team id 2) and output (score difference), you can wrap them up in a model so you can use it later for fitting to data and evaluating on new data.

Your model will look like the following diagram:



```
from keras.models import Model

# Subtraction layer from previous exercise
score_diff = Subtract()([team_1_strength, team_2_strength])

# Create the model
model = Model([team_in_1, team_in_2], score_diff)

# Compile the model
model.compile(optimizer='adam', loss='mean_absolute_error')
```

Now your model is finalized and ready to fit to data.

Predict from your model

Fit the model to the regular season training data

Now that you've defined a complete team strength model, you can fit it to the basketball data! Since your model has two inputs now, you need to pass the input data as a list.

```
# Get the team 1 column from the regular season data
input 1 = games season['team 1']
# Get the team 2 column from the regular season data
input 2 = games season['team 2']
# Fit the model to input 1 and 2, using score diff as a target
model.fit([input 1, input 2],
       games season['score diff'],
       epochs=1,
       batch size=2048,
       validation split=0.10,
       verbose=True)
<script.py> output:
  Train on 280960 samples, validate on 31218 samples
  Epoch 1/1
   2048/280960 [.....] - ETA: 16s - loss: 12.0254
   34816/280960 [==>.....] - ETA: 1s - loss: 12.2352
   73728/280960 [======>.....] - ETA: 0s - loss: 12.1595
  108544/280960 [=======>>.....] - ETA: 0s - loss: 12.1196
  143360/280960 [=========>.....] - ETA: 0s - loss: 12.1285
  180224/280960 [==========>.....] - ETA: 0s - loss: 12.1261
```

Now our model has learned a strength rating for every team.

Evaluate the model on the tournament test data

The model you fit to the regular season data (model) in the previous exercise and the tournament dataset (games_tourney) are available in your workspace.

In this exercise, you will evaluate the model on this new dataset. This evaluation will tell you how well you can predict the tournament games, based on a model trained with the regular season data. This is interesting because many teams play each other in the tournament that did not play in the regular season, so this is a very good check that your model is not overfitting.

```
# Get team_1 from the tournament data
input_1 = games_tourney['team_1']

# Get team_2 from the tournament data
input_2 = games_tourney['team_2']

# Evaluate the model using these inputs
print(model.evaluate([input_1, input_2], games_tourney['score_diff'], verbose=False))
<script.py> output:
    11.649009290595183
```

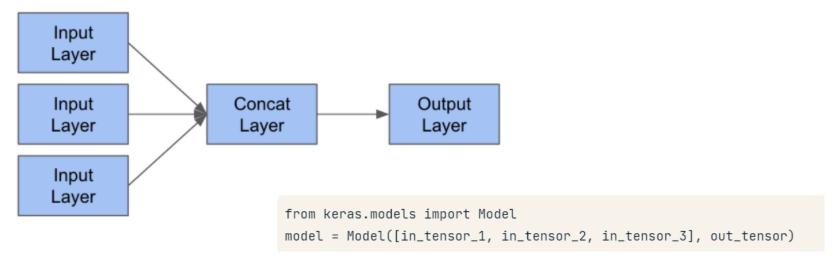
Its time to move on to models with more than two inputs.

Chapter 3. Multiple Inputs: 3 Inputs (and Beyond!)

In this chapter, you will extend your 2-input model to 3 inputs, and learn how to use Keras' summary and plot functions to understand the parameters and topology of your neural networks. By the end of the chapter, you will understand how to extend a 2-input model to 3 inputs and beyond.

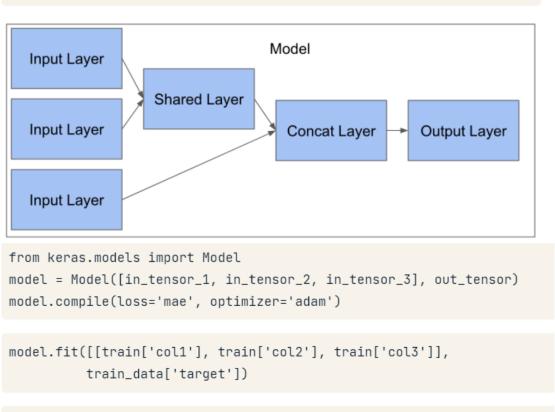
Three-input models

```
from keras.layers import Input, Concatenate, Dense
in_tensor_1 = Input(shape=(1,))
in_tensor_2 = Input(shape=(1,))
in_tensor_3 = Input(shape=(1,))
out_tensor = Concatenate()([in_tensor_1, in_tensor_2, in_tensor_3])
output_tensor = Dense(1)(out_tensor)
```



```
shared_layer = Dense(1)
shared_tensor_1 = shared_layer(in_tensor_1)
shared_tensor_2 = shared_layer(in_tensor_1)
out_tensor = Concatenate()([shared_tensor_1, shared_tensor_2, in_tensor_3])
out_tensor = Dense(1)(out_tensor)
```

```
from keras.models import Model
model = Model([in_tensor_1, in_tensor_2, in_tensor_3], out_tensor)
```



Make an input layer for home vs. away

test['target'])

model.evaluate([[test['col1'], test['col2'], test['col3']],

Now you will make an improvement to the model you used in the previous chapter for regular season games. You know there is a well-documented home-team advantage in basketball, so you will add a new input to your model to capture this effect.

This model will have three inputs: team_id_1, team_id_2, and home. The team IDs will be integers that you look up in your team strength model from the previous chapter, and home will be a binary variable, 1 if team_1 is playing at home, 0 if they are not.

The team_strength_model you used in the previous chapter has been loaded into your workspace. After applying it to each input, use a Concatenate layer to join the two team strengths and with the home vs away variable, and pass the result to a Dense layer.

```
# Create an Input for each team
team_in_1 = Input(shape=(1,), name='Team-1-In')
team_in_2 = Input(shape=(1,), name='Team-2-In')

# Create an input for home vs away
home_in = Input(shape=(1,), name='Home-In')

# Lookup the team inputs in the team strength model
team_1_strength = team_strength_model(team_in_1)
team_2_strength = team_strength_model(team_in_2)

# Combine the team strengths with the home input using a Concatenate layer, then add a Dense layer
out = Concatenate()([team_1_strength, team_2_strength, home_in])
out = Dense(1)(out)
```

Now you have a model with 3 inputs!

Make a model and compile it

Now that you've input and output layers for the 3-input model, wrap them up in a Keras model class, and then compile the model, so you can fit it to data and use it to make predictions on new data.

```
# Import the model class
from keras.models import Model

# Make a Model
model = Model([team_in_1, team_in_2, home_in], out)

# Compile the model
model.compile(optimizer='adam', loss='mean_absolute_error')
```

Now our 3-input model is ready to meet some data!

Fit the model and evaluate

Now that you've defined a new model, fit it to the regular season basketball data.

Use the model you fit in the previous exercise (which was trained on the regular season data) and evaluate the model on data for tournament games (games_tourney).

Its time to further explore this model.

Summarizing and plotting models

The summary for a Keras model shows you all the layers in the model, as well as how many parameters each layer has. Importantly, Keras models can have non-trainable parameters that are fixed and do not change, as well as trainable parameters, that are learned from the data when the model is fit.

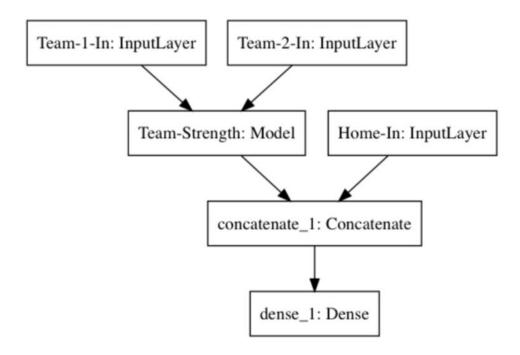
Models with more trainable parameters are typically more flexible. This can also make them more prone to overfitting. Models with fewer trainable parameters are less flexible, but therefore less likely to overfit.

Layer (type)	Output Shape	Param #	Connected to
input_1 (InputLayer)	(None, 1)	0	
input_2 (InputLayer)	(None, 1)	0	
input_3 (InputLayer)	(None, 1)	0	
concatenate_1 (Concatenate)	(None, 3)	0	input_1[0][0] input_2[0][0] input_3[0][0]
dense_1 (Dense)	(None, 1)	4	concatenate_1[0][0]
Total params: 4 Trainable params: 4 Non-trainable params: 0			

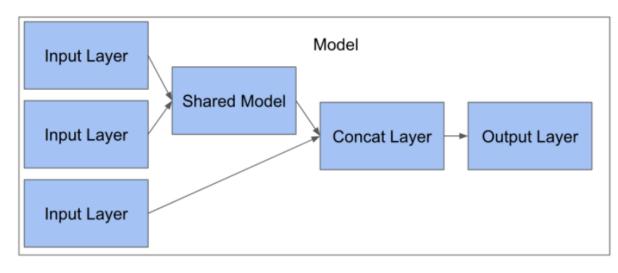
In this case, the model has three inputs. Since all three of them feed into one Dense layer, the model has four parameters: one per input plus a bias, or intercept. All of these parameters are trainable. A model's trainable parameters are usually in its Dense layers.

Layer (type)	Output Shape	Param #	Connected to
input_1 (InputLayer)			
embedding_1 (Embedding)			
flatten_1 (Flatten)			
input_2 (InputLayer)			
input_3 (InputLayer)	(None, 1)	0	
concatenate_1 (Concatenate)	(None, 3)	0	flatten_1[0][0] input_2[0][0] input_3[0][0]
dense_1 (Dense)	(None, 1)	4	concatenate_1[0][0]
Total params: 10,891 Trainable params: 10,891 Non-trainable params: 0			

Here is the summary of a slightly more complicated model. You can see that this model has an embedding layer. Even though the dense layer still only has 4 parameters, the model has many more trainable parameters, because of the embedding layer. It's important to remember that embedding layers often add a very large number of trainable parameters to a model. Recall that embedding layers map integers to floats: each unique value of the embedding input gets a parameter for its output.



Here is the plot for a very complicated model. The box at the bottom of the image represents the model's output. In this case, the model has one output. Note that output layers have arrows coming in, but no arrows going out. The boxes in the middle of the image represent intermediate steps in the model. These boxes have arrows coming in, and arrows going out. Note that this model has a shared model: the team strength model, which is applied to two of the inputs before they are combined in the concatenate layer with the third input. The boxes at the top of the image represent the inputs. These boxes only have one arrow going out and none coming in.



Here's another way of looking at the same model, using the network diagrams I've made for the previous chapter's models. Shared models work exactly the same as shared layers. This is a useful abstraction because you can put together a sequence of layers to define a custom model, and then share the entire model in exactly the same way you'd share a layer. It's a little prettier when you make them by hand, but the autoplotting function in Keras does a good job representing the actual structure of the model.

Model summaries

In this exercise, you will take a closer look at the summary of one of your 3-input models available in your workspace as model. Note how many layers the model has, how many parameters it has, and how many of those parameters are trainable/non-trainable.

How many *total* parameters does this model have?

Layer (type)	Output Shape	Param #	Connected to
Team-1-In (InputLayer)	(None, 1)	0	
Team-2-In (InputLayer)	(None, 1)	0	
Team-Strength (Model)	(None, 1)	10888	Team-1-In[0][0] Team-2-In[0][0]
Home-In (InputLayer)	(None, 1)	0	
concatenate_1 (Concatenate)	(None, 3)	0	Team-Strength[1][0] Team-Strength[2][0] Home-In[0][0]
dense_1 (Dense)	(None, 1)	4	concatenate_1[0][0]
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Team-1-In (InputLayer)

Team-2-In (InputLayer)

Team-Strength (Model)

Home-In (InputLayer)

concatenate_1 (Concatenate)

Its time to plot this model.

Which layer of

your model has

the most

trainable

parameters?

dense_1 (Dense)

 \bigcirc 0

 \bigcirc 4

0 10,888

0 10,892

How many *trainable* parameters does this model have? Zero trainable parameters would imply the model can't learn anything.

This model has an embedding layer, so it will have many more than 4 trainable parameters.

 \bigcirc 0

4

0,888

10,892

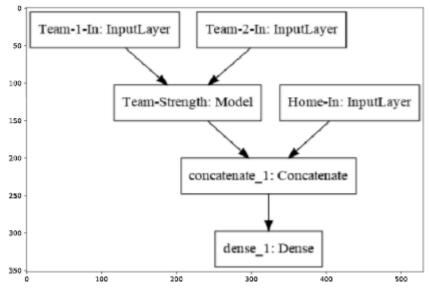
Plotting models

In addition to summarizing your model, you can also plot your model to get a more intuitive sense of it. Your model is available in the workspace.

```
# Imports
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from keras.utils import plot_model

# Plot the model
plot_model(model, to_file='model.png')

# Display the image
data = plt.imread('model.png')
plt.imshow(data)
plt.show()
```



How many *inputs* does this model have?

3

 \bigcirc 2

 \bigcirc 1

4

How many outputs does this model have?

2

3

Team-1-In

Team-2-In

Which layer is shared between 2 inputs?

Team-Strength

dense_1

Its time to move on to stacked models.

Stacking models

"model stacking" = using the predictions from one model as an input to another model. Model stacking is a very advanced data science concept. It is the most sophisticated way of combining models, and when done right can yield some of the most accurate models in existence. Model stacking is often employed to win popular predictive modeling competitions.

```
from pandas import read_csv
games_season = read_csv('datasets/games_season.csv')
games_season.head()
   team_1 team_2 home score_diff
     3745
             6664
      126
             7493
      288
             3593
     1846
             9881
                                 16
                                 12
     2675
            10298
```

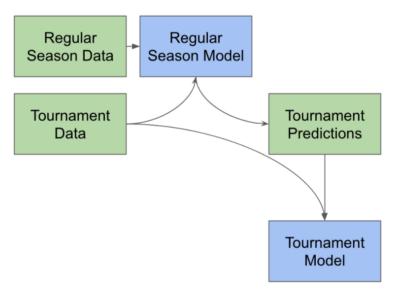
```
games_tourney = read_csv('datasets/games_tourney.csv')
games_tourney.head()

team_1 team_2 home seed_diff score_diff
0 288 73 0 -3 -9
1 5929 73 0 4 6
2 9884 73 0 5 -4
3 73 288 0 3 9
4 3920 410 0 1 -9
```

two datasets:

- the college basketball data from the regular season tournament (over 300,000 rows)
- the college basketball data from the post-season tournament (about 4,000 rows)

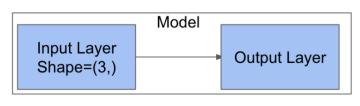
Recall that our embedding layer has about 11,000 inputs. So 4,000 rows of data is not enough to learn all 11,000 parameters in our embedding layer. In the previous lesson, you built a three-input model on the regular season data. You can re-use this model to add predictions from the regular season model to the tournament dataset.



This diagram shows the process for stacking these 2 models. You start with the regular season dataset and fit a model to it. You then predict on the tournament dataset, using this model. This gives you predicted tournament outcomes, which you can now use to build a better model of the actual tournament outcomes. You additionally use the tournament seeds when modeling the tournament. These tournament seeds come from a committee, and are intended to, like your model, capture each team's "strength," without using an embedding layer. The tournament seeds can be thought of as a simplified version of your team strength model, determined by a human rather than a computer.

ga	ames_to	urney[['hom	e','seed_diff','pred']].head()
	home	seed_diff	pred
0	0	-3	0.582556
1	0	4	0.707279
2	0	5	1.364844
3	0	3	0.699145
4	0	1	0.833066

The prediction from the regular season model captures the effects of team_1 and team_2, which means you now don't need to use those two variables in the tournament model, and can avoid the use of an embedding layer. You can focus your modeling efforts on the purely numeric data, which is a little easier to work with. With purely numeric inputs, you can pass all of them to a single input layer.



In other words, an input layer with a shape of 3 is another way of defining a 3 input model. The only drawback of this approach is that all the inputs must be numeric.

```
from keras.layers import Input, Dense
in_tensor = Input(shape=(3,))
out_tensor = Dense(1)(in_tensor)
```

```
from keras.models import Model
model = Model(in_tensor, out_tensor)
model.compile(optimizer='adam', loss='mae')
train_X = train_data[['home', 'seed_diff', 'pred']]
train_y = train_data['score_diff']
model.fit(train_X, train_y, epochs=10, validation_split=.10)
```

A huge advantage of this approach is simplicity. You can create a model with a single input tensor and an output tensor, and fit it using a single dataset. Similarly, evaluating the model requires a single dataset, rather than a list. As you can see, this stacked model is pretty accurate! It's off, on average, by about 9 points in a given game.

To recap: stacking keras models means using the predictions from one model as an input to a second model. When stacking, it's important to use different datasets for each model. In this case, you use the regular season data for one model and the tournament dataset for the second model. Finally, if your input dataset is purely numeric, you can put multiple inputs in a single input layer.

Add the model predictions to the tournament data

In lesson 1 of this chapter, you used the regular season model to make predictions on the tournament dataset, and got pretty good results! Try to improve your predictions for the tournament by modeling it specifically.

You'll use the prediction from the regular season model as an input to the tournament model. This is a form of "model stacking."

To start, take the regular season model from the previous lesson, and predict on the tournament data. Add this prediction to the tournament data as a new column.

Now you can try building a model for the tournament data based on your regular season predictions.

Create an input layer with multiple columns

In this exercise, you will look at a different way to create models with multiple inputs. This method only works for purely numeric data, but its a much simpler approach to making multi-variate neural networks.

Now you have three numeric columns in the tournament dataset: 'seed_diff', 'home', and 'pred'. In this exercise, you will create a neural network that uses a single input layer to process all three of these numeric inputs.

This model should have a single output to predict the tournament game score difference.

```
# Create an input layer with 3 columns
input_tensor = Input((3,))

# Pass it to a Dense layer with 1 unit
output_tensor = Dense(1)(input_tensor)

# Create a model
model = Model(input_tensor, output_tensor)

# Compile the model
model.compile(optimizer='adam', loss='mean_absolute_error')
Now your model is ready to meet some data!
```

Fit the model

Now that you've enriched the tournament dataset and built a model to make use of the new data, fit that model to the tournament data.

Note that this model has only one input layer that is capable of handling all 3 inputs, so it's inputs and outputs do not need to be a list.

Tournament games are split into a training set and a test set. The tournament games before 2010 are in the training set, and the ones after 2010 are in the test set.

In the next exercise, you'll see if our model is any good!

Evaluate the model

Now that you've fit your model to the tournament training data, evaluate it on the tournament test data. Recall that the tournament test data contains games from after 2010.

Your model works pretty well on data in the future!

Chapter 4. Multiple Outputs

In this chapter, you will build neural networks with multiple outputs, which can be used to solve regression problems with multiple targets. You will also build a model that solves a regression problem and a classification problem simultaneously.

Two-output models

Make prediction for 2 targets at once, eg. use 1 model to predict scores of both teams in a basketball match.

```
from keras.layers import Input, Concatenate, Dense
input_tensor = Input(shape=(1,))
output_tensor = Dense(2)(input_tensor)
from keras.models import Model
                                                                                  Model
model = Model(input_tensor, output_tensor)
                                                                      Input Layer
                                                                                          Output Layer
                                                                       (1 unit)
                                                                                            (2 units)
model.compile(optimizer='adam', loss='mean_absolute_error')
games_tourney_train[['seed_diff', 'score_1', 'score_2']].head()
   seed_diff score_1 score_2
          -3
                   41
                            50
                            55
                   61
                   59
                            63
3
                   50
                            41
                            63
           1
                   54
X = games_tourney_train[['seed_diff']]
y = games_tourney_train[['score_1', 'score_2']]
model.fit(X, y, epochs=500)
```

Now that the model is fit, you can take a look at what it learned. The dense layer has two weights and two biases.

```
model.get_weights()

[array([[ 0.60714734, -0.5988793 ]], dtype=float32),
array([70.39491, 70.39306], dtype=float32)]
```

The weights indicate that each additional unit of seed difference for the input data equals about .60 additional points for team 1 (and .60 fewer points for team 2). The bias, or intercept term for each team is about 70 points, indicating that we expect an average basketball team to score about 70 points in an average game. In other words, 2 teams with a 1 point seed difference would be expected to have a score of about 69 to 71, while 2 teams with a 10 point seed difference would be expected to have a score of about 64 to 76.

```
X = games_tourney_test[['seed_diff']]
y = games_tourney_test[['score_1', 'score_2']]
model.evaluate(X, y)

11.528035634635021
```

Evaluating a model with two outputs is very similar to evaluating a model with 1 output, except you provide the evaluation function a dataset with 2 columns of data for the target.

Simple two-output model

In this exercise, you will use the tournament data to build one model that makes two predictions: the scores of both teams in a given game. Your inputs will be the seed difference of the two teams, as well as the predicted score difference from the model you built in chapter 3.

The output from your model will be the predicted score for team 1 as well as team 2. This is called "multiple target regression": one model making more than one prediction.

```
# Define the input
input_tensor = Input(shape=(2,))
# Define the output
output_tensor = Dense(2)(input_tensor)
```

```
# Create a model
model = Model(input_tensor, output_tensor)
# Compile the model
model.compile(loss='mean_absolute_error', optimizer='adam')
```

Course completed!

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