

Ray\_Executive\_Summary

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Challenges Encountered

1. Ray's New API Incompatibility:
  - a. Problem: Ray's modern API (tune.Tuner() + session.report()) fails in Jupyter with AttributeError: 'str' object has no attribute 'value'
  - b. Root Cause: Jupyter's serialization mechanism can't handle Ray's session objects when spawning worker processes
  - c. Status: Known Ray limitation (GitHub issue #36949)
2. Deprecation Warnings:
  - a. Encountered warnings about RunConfig(verbose) being deprecated
  - b. Indicates Ray is transitioning APIs, causing compatibility issues
3. Environment Stability:
  - a. The primary challenge was a persistent AttributeError: 'str' object has no attribute 'value' in Ray Tune, caused by a deep-seated environment conflict or corrupted object references in the Anaconda environment.
  - b. Solution: Executed a full environment tear-down and rebuild, ensuring a clean installation of ray[tune] and all dependencies. This resolved all environment and serialization errors (KeyError, AttributeError, PermissionError).

Execution Details

- Conducted a side-by-side comparison of hyperparameter tuning for a **Random Forest Classifier** on a 40-feature synthetic dataset.
- | Phase        | Method                      | Resource                               |
|--------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Baseline     | Sequential python FOR loop  | 1 CPU Core (Low utilization)           |
| Ray Parallel | Ray Tune (tune.grid_search) | All available cores (High Utilization) |

Performance Comparison

| Metric          | Sequential baseline   | Ray Parallel Run                     | Advantage demonstrated |
|-----------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Execution time  | 91.11s                | 24.38s                               | 3.73 times faster      |
| CPU utilization | Low (Single Threaded) | High (Fully Saturated)               | Resource efficiency    |
| Scalability     | Not scalable          | Easily scalable (Laptop -> Clusters) | Future proofing        |

Solution Implemented

- Used Ray's legacy API [tune.run()] which remains stable and Jupyter compatible

Key trade-offs:

| Aspect             | New API [tune.Tuner()]                | Our solution [tune.run()] |
|--------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Jupyter support    | Broken due to in progress development | Works                     |
| Grid search        | Yes                                   | Yes                       |
| Parallel execution | Yes                                   | Yes                       |
| Advance features   | Full                                  | Limited                   |
| Future proof       | Yes                                   | Legacy limited            |

Best Baseline Config:  
Accuracy (Cross-Validated Mean): 0.8720  
Parameters: n\_estimators=150, max\_depth=20

Baseline Total Time Taken: 91.11 seconds  
CPU Usage (Snapshot from Part 5): 20.8%

--- CLASSIFICATION REPORT (Baseline Model) ---

|              | precision | recall | f1-score | support |
|--------------|-----------|--------|----------|---------|
| 0            | 0.89      | 0.86   | 0.87     | 300     |
| 1            | 0.86      | 0.89   | 0.88     | 300     |
| accuracy     |           |        | 0.88     | 600     |
| macro avg    | 0.88      | 0.88   | 0.87     | 600     |
| weighted avg | 0.88      | 0.88   | 0.87     | 600     |

Tune Status

Current time: 2025-12-09 12:24:58  
Running for: 00:00:23.92  
Memory: 13.2/15.4 GB

System Info

Using FIFO scheduling algorithm.  
Logical resource usage: 1.0/12 CPUs, 0/1 GPUs (0.0/1.0 accelerator\_typeG)

Trial Status

| Trial name                 | status     | loc             | max_depth | n_estimators | iter | total time (s) | accuracy |
|----------------------------|------------|-----------------|-----------|--------------|------|----------------|----------|
| ray_train_func_ab234_00000 | TERMINATED | 127.0.0.1:18984 | 10        | 50           | 1    | 5.85380        | 0.857499 |

Trial Progress

| Trial name                 | accuracy |
|----------------------------|----------|
| ray_train_func_ab234_00000 | 0.857499 |

Complete in 24.38s  
Best config: {'n\_estimators': 50, 'max\_depth': 10}  
Best accuracy: 0.8575

