Feedforward Neural Networks with Multilayer Perceptrons:

Feedforward neural networks (FFNNs) are a fundamental type of artificial neural network where information flows in a single direction, from the input layer to the output layer. Among these, multilayer perceptrons (MLPs) are particularly powerful and widely used due to their ability to learn complex non-linear relationships from data.

Building Blocks:

Neurons: These are the basic processing units, inspired by biological neurons. Each neuron receives inputs, applies weights and a bias, and then computes an output using an activation function (e.g., ReLU, sigmoid).

Layers: Layers are collections of interconnected neurons. FFNNs have at least three layers: input, hidden, and output. MLPs have one or more hidden layers, allowing them to learn complex features from the data.

Functioning:

Input: Data enters the input layer.

Propagation: Information flows through the network layer-by-layer. Each neuron in a layer performs its individual calculation on the weighted sum of its inputs and applies the activation function.

Output: The final layer's neuron(s) produce the network's output.

Learning:

MLPs utilize a training process called backpropagation to adjust the weights and biases based on the difference between the predicted and desired outputs. This error signal is propagated backwards through the network, updating the weights and eventually leading the network to improve its predictions.

Key Concepts:

Non-linearity: Activation functions introduce non-linearity, allowing MLPs to learn complex relationships that wouldn't be possible with linear models.

Architecture: The number of layers and neurons in each layer affect the network's capacity and learning ability. Finding the optimal architecture is crucial.

Regularization: Techniques like dropout or L1/L2 regularization prevent overfitting and improve generalization.

Activation functions: Choosing the right activation function (e.g., ReLU, sigmoid) significantly impacts learning and performance.

Applications:

Classification: Image recognition, spam filtering, sentiment analysis.

Regression: Predicting continuous values like house prices, stock prices.

Time series forecasting: Predicting future values based on historical data.

Further Exploration:

Explore popular libraries like TensorFlow, PyTorch, or Keras to build and train your own MLPs.

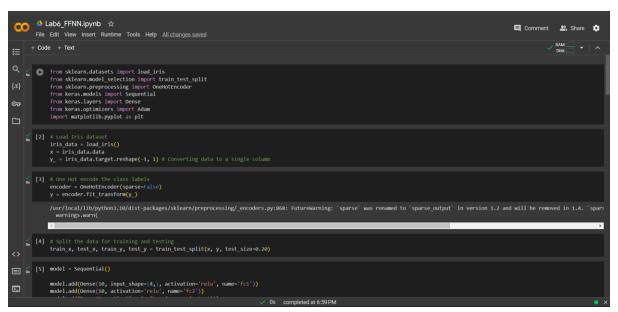
Experiment with different architectures, activation functions, and regularization techniques.

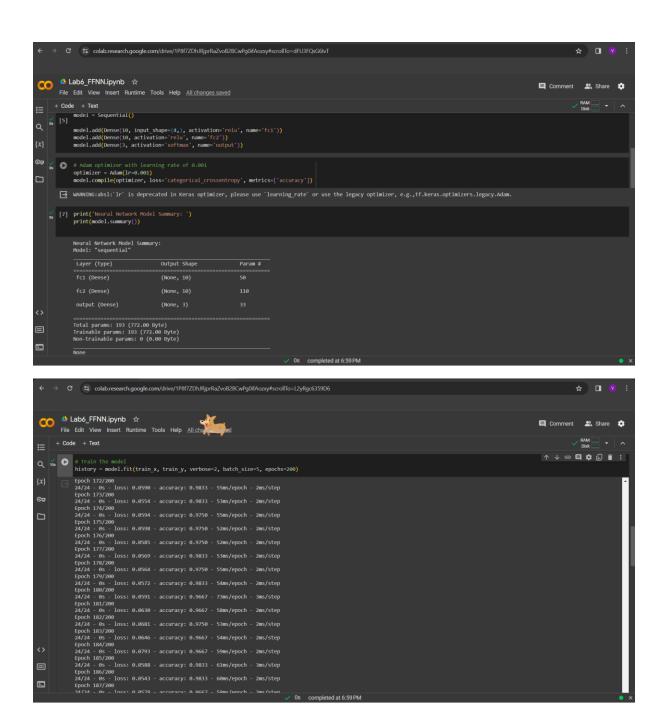
Learn about advanced MLP variants like convolutional neural networks (CNNs) and recurrent neural

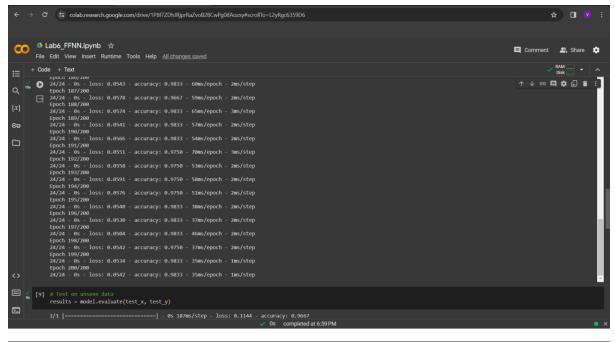
networks (RNNs).

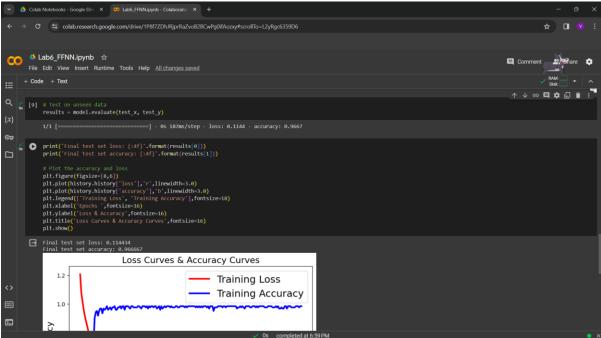
Implementation on iris data set:

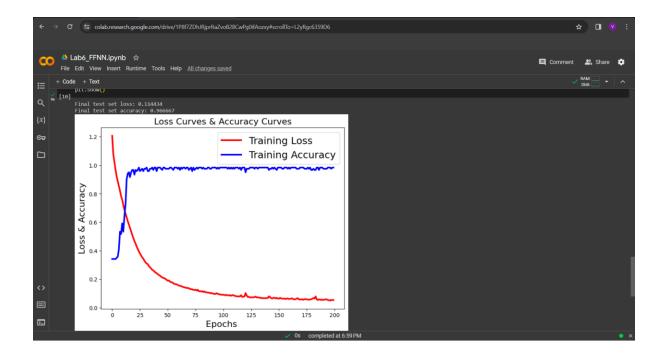
Screenshots/Output:











Code:

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# Import necessary libraries
from sklearn.datasets import load_iris
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
from sklearn.preprocessing import OneHotEncoder
from keras.models import Sequential
from keras.layers import Dense
from keras.optimizers import Adam
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
# Load Iris dataset
iris_data = load_iris()
x = iris_data.data
y_ = iris_data.target.reshape(-1, 1) # Convert data to a single column
# One Hot encode the class labels
encoder = OneHotEncoder(sparse=False)
y = encoder.fit_transform(y_)
# Split the data for training and testing
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train_x, test_x, train_y, test_y = train_test_split(x, y, test_size=0.20)
# Build the model
model = Sequential()
model.add(Dense(10, input_shape=(4,), activation='relu', name='fc1'))
model.add(Dense(10, activation='relu', name='fc2'))
model.add(Dense(3, activation='softmax', name='output'))
# Adam optimizer with learning rate of 0.001
optimizer = Adam(lr=0.001)
model.compile(optimizer, loss='categorical_crossentropy',
metrics=['accuracy'])
print('Neural Network Model Summary: ')
print(model.summary())
# Train the model
history = model.fit(train_x, train_y, verbose=2, batch_size=5, epochs=200)
# Test on unseen data
results = model.evaluate(test_x, test_y)
print('Final test set loss: {:4f}'.format(results[0]))
print('Final test set accuracy: {:4f}'.format(results[1]))
# Plot the accuracy and loss
plt.figure(figsize=[8,6])
plt.plot(history.history['loss'],'r',linewidth=3.0)
plt.plot(history.history['accuracy'],'b',linewidth=3.0)
plt.legend(['Training Loss', 'Training Accuracy'],fontsize=18)
plt.xlabel('Epochs ',fontsize=16)
plt.ylabel('Loss & Accuracy',fontsize=16)
plt.title('Loss Curves & Accuracy Curves',fontsize=16)
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