

Experiment Table

| Experiment | Change Description | Hyperparameters/Adjustments | Rationale |
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| 1 | Baseline (My Current Model) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Optimizer: Adam, learning rate = 0.0007 - Layers: Dense(128, relu), Dense(64, relu), Dense(32, relu), Dense(16, relu), Dropout(0.3), Dense(2, softmax) - Batch size: 8 - Epochs: 100 - Early Stopping: monitor = 'val_loss', patience = 5, restore_best_weights = True | Establish a reference point to measure improvements. |
| 2 | Increase Learning Rate | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Optimizer: Adam, learning rate = 0.001 (changed from 0.0007) - Layers: Same as baseline - Batch size: 8 - Epochs: 100 - Early Stopping: Same as baseline | Faster learning might help escape local minima and improve convergence speed. |
| 3 | Decrease Learning Rate | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Optimizer: Adam, learning rate = 0.0003 (changed from 0.0007) - Layers: Same as baseline - Batch size: 8 - Epochs: 100 - Early Stopping: Same as baseline | Slower learning might allow more precise optimization, reducing loss further. |
| 4 | Add Learning Rate Scheduler | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Optimizer: Adam, learning rate = 0.001 - Add Callback: ReduceLROnPlateau(monitor='val_loss', factor=0.5, patience=3, min_lr=0.00001) - Layers: Same as baseline - Batch size: 8 - Epochs: 100 - Early Stopping: Same as baseline | Dynamically reduce learning rate when progress stalls, improving loss minimization. |
| 5 | Increase Batch Size | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Optimizer: Adam, learning rate = 0.0007 - Layers: Same as baseline - Batch size: 16 (changed from 8) - Epochs: 100 - Early Stopping: Same as baseline | Larger batches might stabilize gradients and improve generalization. |
| 6 | Adjust Dropout Rate | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Optimizer: Adam, learning rate = 0.0007 - Layers: Dense(128, relu), Dense(64, | Less dropout might retain useful features, |

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| | | relu), Dense(32, relu), Dense(16, relu), Dropout(0.2) (changed from 0.3), Dense(2, softmax) - Batch size: 8 - Epochs: 100 - Early Stopping: Same as baseline | boosting accuracy. |
| 7 | Add Dropout Layers | - Optimizer: Adam, learning rate = 0.0007 - Layers: Dense(128, relu), Dropout(0.2), Dense(64, relu), Dropout(0.2), Dense(32, relu), Dense(16, relu), Dropout(0.3), Dense(2, softmax) - Batch size: 8 - Epochs: 100 - Early Stopping: Same as baseline | Extra regularization might reduce overfitting, lowering loss. |
| 8 | Increase Model Capacity | - Optimizer: Adam, learning rate = 0.0007 - Layers: Dense(256, relu), Dense(128, relu), Dense(64, relu), Dense(32, relu), Dense(16, relu), Dropout(0.3), Dense(2, softmax) - Batch size: 8 - Epochs: 100 - Early Stopping: Same as baseline | More neurons might capture complex patterns, improving accuracy. |
| 9 | Use Batch Normalization | - Optimizer: Adam, learning rate = 0.0007 - Layers: Dense(128, relu), BatchNormalization(), Dense(64, relu), BatchNormalization(), Dense(32, relu), BatchNormalization(), Dense(16, relu), Dropout(0.3), Dense(2, softmax) - Batch size: 8 - Epochs: 100 - Early Stopping: Same as baseline | Normalize activations to stabilize training, potentially reducing loss and boosting accuracy. |
| 10 | Change Optimizer to RMSprop | - Optimizer: RMSprop, learning rate = 0.0007 (changed from Adam) - Layers: Same as baseline - Batch size: 8 - Epochs: 100 - Early Stopping: Same as baseline | RMSprop might adapt better to this problem, improving optimization. |
| 11 | Increase Patience in Early Stopping | - Optimizer: Adam, learning rate = 0.0007 - Layers: Same as baseline - Batch size: 8 - Epochs: 100 - Early Stopping: monitor = 'val_loss', patience = 10 (changed from 5), restore_best_weights = True | Longer patience might allow the model to find a deeper minimum, reducing loss. |

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| 12 | Combine Best Adjustments (Hybrid) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Optimizer: Adam, learning rate = 0.001 - Add Callback: ReduceLROnPlateau(monitor='val_loss', factor=0.5, patience=3, min_lr=0.00001) - Layers: Dense(256, relu), BatchNormalization(), Dense(128, relu), BatchNormalization(), Dense(64, relu), Dense(32, relu), Dense(16, relu), Dropout(0.2), Dense(2, softmax) - Batch size: 16 - Epochs: 100 - Early Stopping: monitor = 'val_loss', patience = 10, restore_best_weights = True | Combines promising changes for optimal performance. |
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