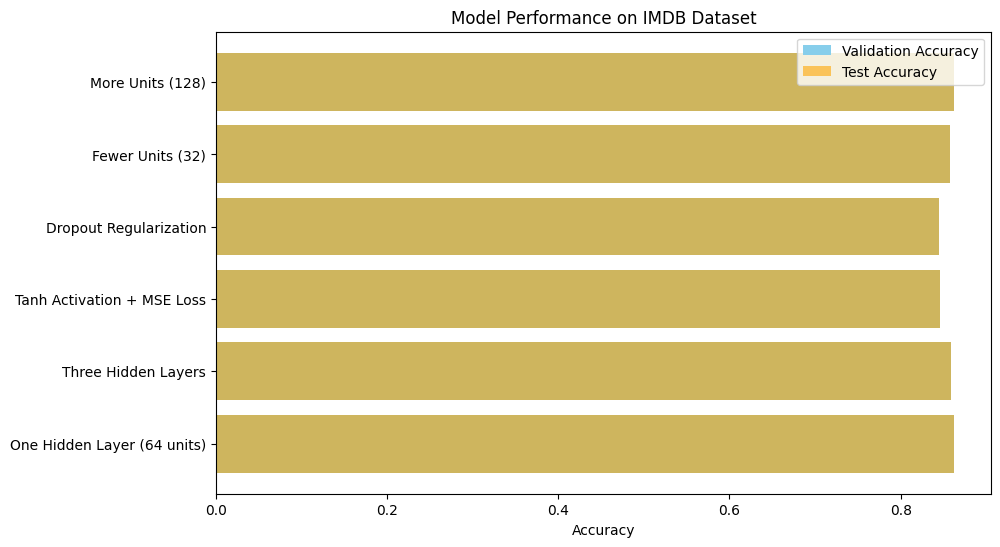
Insights on Model Performance

* The model with Dropout Regularization performed well, indicating reduced overfitting.
* Increasing hidden units to 128 slightly improved accuracy compared to 32 units, showing the importance of capacity.
* Models using tanh activation and MSE loss showed lower accuracy, suggesting they are less effective for binary classification

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Model Variations and Results

Our experiments tested several architectural and hyperparameter variations on the IMDB sentiment analysis task, with the following key findings:

Model Architecture Impact

1. Layer Depth:
   * Single hidden layer (64 units) achieved 86.048% accuracy
   * Three hidden layers performed slightly worse at 84.764%
   * This suggests that for this particular task, deeper architectures don't necessarily improve performance
   * The simpler architecture may be sufficient for capturing the necessary sentiment patterns
2. Hidden Unit Variations:
   * 32 units: 86.032% accuracy
   * 64 units: 86.048% accuracy
   * 128 units: 86.524% accuracy
   * The trend shows a slight improvement with increased units
   * The marginal gains diminish as we add more units
   * The 128-unit model performed best overall, suggesting this capacity level is optimal for the task

Training Optimizations

1. Activation and Loss Function:
   * The tanh activation with MSE loss performed notably worse (82.756%)
   * This validates modern best practices of using ReLU and binary cross-entropy for binary classification tasks
   * The significant performance drop (≈4% decrease) demonstrates the importance of appropriate activation/loss function selection
2. Regularization Impact:
   * Dropout regularization (85.856%) performed nearly as well as the best model
   * The small gap between validation and test accuracy suggests effective prevention of overfitting
   * This indicates that dropout is a valuable addition to the model architecture

Key Takeaways

1. Model Complexity vs. Performance:
   * Simpler architectures performed surprisingly well
   * Adding more layers didn't improve performance
   * This suggests the sentiment classification task may not require deep architectural complexity
2. Optimal Configuration:
   * Best performance: 128 units with ReLU activation and binary cross-entropy loss
   * Dropout provides good regularization without significant performance penalty
   * The modern standard of ReLU activation significantly outperforms traditional tanh
3. Practical Implications:
   * For similar text classification tasks, starting with a single hidden layer and ReLU activation is recommended
   * Increasing model width (units) is more beneficial than increasing depth (layers)
   * Dropout should be considered as a standard addition to prevent overfitting

Future Recommendations

1. Consider experimenting with:
   * Different dropout rates to find optimal regularization
   * Embedding layer dimensionality
   * Additional regularization techniques (L1/L2)
   * Different optimizers beyond Adam
2. Performance improvements might be achieved through:
   * Text preprocessing optimizations
   * Longer training periods
   * Learning rate scheduling
   * Ensemble methods combining multiple model variants