## Data Mining & Machine Learning Neural Networks 11/2019



## Exercise 1: Modification and Evaluation

Revisit the neural network in 'Lab 9.0.ipynb':

- 1. Add a set of layers to the model: a dense layer with a ReLu activation layer followed by a dropout layer for regularization. Put this set of layers before the final dense layer, i.e. the one with a softmax activation. Inspect the error rate, did the addition help? What if you remove one of the dropout layer, any noticeable changes in the error rate?
- 2. Continue sifting through several examples that the model got wrong (*Hint: check if there are some classes that the model often got wrong*). Take a look at the predicted probability of these instances (use the *predict* function instead of *predict\_classes*), did the model got totally off the mark? Or was it unsure of its own prediction?

## Exercise 2: Build your own Neural Network

For this exercise you can work on 'Lab 9.1.ipynb' notebook.

Use the 'EA\_FIFA.csv' dataset. Build two neural networks: one for a regression task of predicting a player's 'Rating', and another for a classification task of predicting a player's 'Preffered\_Position' (don't mind the typo in "preffered"!)

Here are several pointers to help you in building the networks:

- Look for example neural network architectures as a start instead of starting from scratch. For example the 'Lab 9.0.ipynb' notebook or tutorials on the web, e.g. <a href="https://towardsdatascience.com/building-a-deep-learning-model-using-keras-1548ca149d37">https://towardsdatascience.com/building-a-deep-learning-model-using-keras-1548ca149d37</a>
- Pay attention to the different variable types. You might or might not want to use all the variables. Pick a starting idea that you can quickly implement, evaluate, and move from there. In the notebook we have already selected a set of variables (features) but feel free try your own set of variables.
- There are 292 unique values of 'Preffered\_Position'. If you decided to simplify the categories, how would you do it? For example, taking only the first position, redo the categorizing into something like: goalkeeper, defender, midfielder, and forward, or even goalkeeper and non-goalkeeper.