Neural Network Model

Environment setup, config-driven data loading, two MLPs (engineered/raw), Lightning training, evaluation, permutation importance, and combined-feature retraining workflow summarized below.

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Notebook summary

- The workflow begins by enforcing deterministic behavior and mixed-precision preferences, then loads dataset paths and runtime parameters from YAML for reproducible, configurable experiments.
- Datasets for engineered and raw features are prepared with train/validation/test splits and wrapped in efficient DataLoaders to support GPU training and fast I/O.
- Separate MLPs for each feature pool are defined and encapsulated in a training module that handles optimization, logging, and malignant-class recall tracking per epoch.
- Each model is trained with GPU acceleration and cosine-annealed learning rates, followed by validation/test classification reports to compare precision, recall, F1, and accuracy.
- Permutation importance on the validation split quantifies feature influence for both pools; important features are selected via a simple threshold on mean accuracy drop.
- A combined dataset is built from the union of selected features, a corresponding

Section I: Environment Setup and Reproducibility

- Configure deterministic behavior for CUDA operations
- Import essential Python, data science, and PyTorch libraries
- Set seed values across libraries to ensure reproducible results

In this section, we begin by configuring the environment to promote reproducible and stable training runs. The CUBLAS_WORKSPACE_CONFIG environment variable is set before importing PyTorch to enforce deterministic behavior for certain CUDA operations.

After this, we import frequently used libraries for data handling, visualization, and deep learning. Additionally, PyTorch's floating-point precision mode is adjusted to 'medium' for improved performance during F32 matrix multiplications. To guarantee experiment reproducibility, a set_seed function is defined to seed Python's random, NumPy, and PyTorch (CPU and GPU) operations. This also controls deterministic execution policies in PyTorch's backend, ensuring that results remain consistent across multiple runs of the notebook.

```
# Set environment variable for determinism before import Torch
In [30]:
         import os
         os.environ["CUBLAS_WORKSPACE_CONFIG"] = ":4096:8"
In [31]: # Importing the libraries and setting the floating point precision to medium for
         import random
         import pandas as pd
         import numpy as np
         import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
         import seaborn as sns
         from torch.utils.data import DataLoader, Subset, Dataset
         import torch.nn as nn
         import torch
         import torch.nn.functional as F
         torch.set_float32_matmul_precision('medium')
In [32]: # Seeding the notebook session for reproducible workflow
         def set_seed(seed: int = 42, deterministic: bool = True):
             os.environ["PYTHONHASHSEED"] = str(seed)
             random.seed(seed)
             np.random.seed(seed)
             torch.manual_seed(seed)
             if torch.cuda.is available():
                 torch.cuda.manual seed(seed)
                 torch.cuda.manual_seed_all(seed)
             if deterministic:
                 torch.backends.cudnn.deterministic = True
                 torch.backends.cudnn.benchmark = False
                 try:
                     torch.use deterministic algorithms(True)
                 except Exception:
                     pass
             else:
                 torch.backends.cudnn.deterministic = False
                 torch.backends.cudnn.benchmark = True
         set_seed(42, deterministic=True)
```

Section II: Configuration, Dataset Preparation, and DataLoaders

- Read notebook-specific configurations from an external YAML file
- Define a custom CancerDataset class for structured dataset handling
- Initialize engineered and raw feature datasets (train/val/test splits)
- Wrap datasets with PyTorch DataLoader for efficient batching and parallel loading

In this section, we load notebook-level configurations from a YAML file to ensure flexibility and external control over dataset paths and neural network settings such as batch size, worker threads, memory pinning, and persistent workers. A custom dataset class, CancerDataset, is implemented to handle CSV-based feature and target files, optionally applying feature selection and validating input consistency. This class converts features and labels into NumPy arrays and subsequently into PyTorch tensors, making them directly usable in training pipelines. After dataset initialization for both engineered features and raw features, PyTorch DataLoader objects are created for each split (train, validation, test), enabling shuffling, multiprocessing, and optimized GPU memory transfer during model training and evaluation.

```
In [33]: # Loading the notebook cofigurations
         import yaml
         with open("../notebook_config.yaml", "rb") as f:
             config = yaml.safe_load(f)
             X_train_eng, X_val_eng, X_test_eng = config['paths']["X_train_eng"], config[
             y_train_eng, y_val_eng, y_test_eng = config['paths']["y_train_eng"], config[
             X_train_raw, X_val_raw, X_test_raw = config['paths']["X_train_raw"], config[
             y_train_raw, y_val_raw, y_test_raw = config['paths']["y_train_raw"], config[
             X_train, X_val, X_test = config['paths']["X_train"], config['paths']["X_val"
             y_train, y_val, y_test = config['paths']["y_train"], config['paths']["y_val"
             batch_size = config['nn_config']['batch_size']
             num_workers = config['nn_config']['num_workers']
             pin_memory = config['nn_config']['pin_memory']
             persistent_workers = config["nn_config"]['persistent_workers']
In [34]: class CancerDataset(Dataset):
             def __init__(self, feature_path, target_path, use_filter=False, feature_filt
                 super().__init__()
                 dfX = pd.read csv(feature path)
                 y = pd.read_csv(target_path).squeeze()
                 if use_filter and feature_filter:
                     missing = [c for c in feature_filter if c not in dfX.columns]
                     if missing:
                         raise ValueError(f"Columns not found in {feature path}: {missing
                     dfX = dfX.loc[:, feature filter]
                 # Store as numpy arrays
                 self.features = dfX.to_numpy(dtype=dtype_feat, copy=True)
                 self.targets = y.to_numpy(dtype="int64", copy=True)
                 if len(self.features) != len(self.targets):
                     raise ValueError(f"Row count mismatch: X={len(self.features)} vs y={
             def __len__(self):
                 return len(self.targets)
             def __getitem__(self, idx):
                 x = torch.from_numpy(self.features[idx])
                 y = torch.tensor(self.targets[idx], dtype=torch.int64)
                 return x, y
```

```
train_dataset_eng = CancerDataset(X_train_eng, y_train_eng)
val_dataset_eng = CancerDataset(X_val_eng, y_val_eng)
test_dataset_eng = CancerDataset(X_test_eng, y_test_eng)

train_dataset_raw = CancerDataset(X_train_raw, y_train_raw)
val_dataset_raw = CancerDataset(X_val_raw, y_val_raw)
test_dataset_raw = CancerDataset(X_test_raw, y_test_raw)
```

```
In [35]: train_loader_eng = DataLoader(
             train dataset eng,
             batch_size=batch_size,
             num_workers=num_workers,
             shuffle=True,
             pin_memory=pin_memory,
             persistent_workers=persistent_workers
         val_loader_eng = DataLoader(
             val_dataset_eng,
             batch_size=batch_size,
             num_workers=num_workers,
             shuffle=False,
             pin_memory=pin_memory,
             persistent_workers=persistent_workers
         test_loader_eng = DataLoader(
             test_dataset_eng,
             batch_size=batch_size,
             num_workers=num_workers,
             shuffle=False,
             pin_memory=pin_memory,
             persistent_workers=persistent_workers
         train loader raw = DataLoader(
             train dataset raw,
             batch_size=batch_size,
             num_workers=num_workers,
             shuffle=True,
             pin memory=pin memory,
             persistent_workers=persistent_workers
         val_loader_raw = DataLoader(
             val dataset raw,
             batch size=batch size,
             num workers=num workers,
             shuffle=False,
             pin_memory=pin_memory,
             persistent_workers=persistent_workers
         test loader raw = DataLoader(
             test_dataset_raw,
             batch size=batch size,
             num_workers=num_workers,
             shuffle=False,
             pin_memory=pin_memory,
             persistent workers=persistent workers
```

Section III: Model Architecture and Training Module

- Define separate MLP-based models for engineered and raw features
- Use batch normalization, ReLU activations, and dropout for stability and regularization
- Wrap models inside a PyTorch Lightning module (LitModel) to streamline training and evaluation
- Implement epoch-level malignant recall tracking for deeper performance analysis

This section introduces the deep learning model design. Two feedforward neural network classes, <code>EngModel</code> (for engineered features) and <code>RawModel</code> (for raw features), are implemented as multi-layer perceptrons (MLPs) with linear layers, batch normalization, ReLU activations, and dropout for regularization. Both architectures are designed to project high-dimensional input features into class predictions.

To simplify and standardize the training pipeline, a custom PyTorch Lightning module (LitModel) is defined. This wrapper encapsulates the underlying model while handling forward propagation, training and validation steps, optimizer setup, and learning-rate scheduling. In addition to standard logging of loss values, the module accumulates predictions and targets across each epoch to compute **recall for the malignant class**, a clinically significant metric in cancer detection. This ensures that the model is evaluated not only on overall loss but also on its ability to correctly identify malignant cases, which is critical in such domains.

```
In [36]: # Model Definitions
         class EngModel(nn.Module):
             def __init__(self, input_features, num_classes):
                 super(EngModel, self).__init__()
                 self.mlp = nn.Sequential(
                     nn.Linear(input features, 256),
                     nn.BatchNorm1d(256),
                     nn.ReLU(inplace=True),
                     nn.Linear(256, 512),
                     nn.BatchNorm1d(512),
                     nn.ReLU(inplace=True),
                     nn.Dropout(0.25),
                     nn.Linear(512, num_classes),
                 )
             def forward(self, x):
                 x = self.mlp(x)
                 return x
         class RawModel(nn.Module):
             def __init__(self, input_features, num_classes):
                 super(RawModel, self).__init__()
                 self.mlp = nn.Sequential(
                     nn.Linear(input_features, 256),
                     nn.BatchNorm1d(256),
                     nn.ReLU(inplace=True),
                     nn.Linear(256, 512),
                     nn.BatchNorm1d(512),
                     nn.ReLU(inplace=True),
                     nn.Dropout(0.25),
```

```
nn.Linear(512, num_classes),
)
def forward(self, x):
    x = self.mlp(x)
    return x
```

```
In [37]:
         import lightning as L
         import torch
         import torch.nn.functional as F
         from sklearn.metrics import classification_report
         class LitModel(L.LightningModule):
             def __init__(
                 self,
                 model,
                 learning_rate: float = 1e-3,
                 weight_decay: float = 1e-4,
                 min_eta: float = 1e-5,
                 max_epochs: int = 10,
             ):
                 super().__init__()
                 self.model = model
                 self.lr = learning_rate
                 self.weight_decay = weight_decay
                 self.min_eta = min_eta
                 self.max_epochs = max_epochs
                 # Learning-curve accumulators: malignant (class 1) recall per epoch
                 self.train_recall_mal_accum = []
                 self.val_recall_mal_accum = []
                 # Per-epoch caches for preds/targets (used ONLY to compute malignant rec
                 self.train_preds_epoch = []
                 self.train_targets_epoch = []
                 self.val preds epoch = []
                 self.val_targets_epoch = []
             def forward(self, x):
                 return self.model(x)
             # ----- TRAINING -----
             def training_step(self, batch, batch_idx):
                 x, y = batch
                 y = y.long()
                 logits = self(x)
                 loss = F.cross_entropy(logits, y)
                 preds = torch.argmax(logits, dim=1)
                 # cache for per-class recall via sklearn after epoch
                 self.train_preds_epoch.append(preds.detach().cpu())
                 self.train targets epoch.append(y.detach().cpu())
                 self.log("train loss", loss, on step=True, on epoch=True, prog bar=True,
                 return loss
             def on_train_epoch_end(self):
                 # Compute malignant recall from cached preds/targets
                 if self.train preds epoch:
                     preds = torch.cat(self.train_preds_epoch)
                     targets = torch.cat(self.train_targets_epoch)
```

```
self.train_preds_epoch.clear()
        self.train_targets_epoch.clear()
        rep = classification_report(
           targets.numpy(),
           preds.numpy(),
           labels=[0, 1],
           target_names=["Benign", "Malignant"],
           output_dict=True,
           zero_division=0,
       )
       mal_recall = rep.get("Malignant", {}).get("recall", 0.0)
        self.train_recall_mal_accum.append(float(mal_recall))
   else:
       self.train_recall_mal_accum.append(0.0)
# ----- VALIDATION -----
def validation_step(self, batch, batch_idx):
   x, y = batch
   y = y.long()
   logits = self(x)
   loss = F.cross_entropy(logits, y)
    preds = torch.argmax(logits, dim=1)
    self.val_preds_epoch.append(preds.detach().cpu())
    self.val_targets_epoch.append(y.detach().cpu())
    self.log("val_loss", loss, on_step=True, on_epoch=True, prog_bar=True, b
    return loss
def on_validation_epoch_end(self):
    if self.val_preds_epoch:
       preds = torch.cat(self.val_preds_epoch)
       targets = torch.cat(self.val_targets_epoch)
        self.val preds epoch.clear()
       self.val_targets_epoch.clear()
        rep = classification_report(
           targets.numpy(),
           preds.numpy(),
           labels=[0, 1],
           target_names=["Benign", "Malignant"],
           output dict=True,
           zero_division=0,
       mal_recall = rep.get("Malignant", {}).get("recall", 0.0)
       self.val recall mal accum.append(float(mal recall))
    else:
        self.val_recall_mal_accum.append(0.0)
# ------ OPTIMIZER / SCHEDULER -----
def configure_optimizers(self):
   optimizer = torch.optim.Adam(self.parameters(), lr=self.lr, weight_decay
    scheduler = torch.optim.lr scheduler.CosineAnnealingLR(
       optimizer, T_max=self.max_epochs, eta_min=self.min_eta
    return {"optimizer": optimizer, "lr_scheduler": scheduler}
```

Section IV: Engineered Features Training and Monitoring (ENG Pool)

- Initialize a Lightning trainer with GPU acceleration and mixed precision (16-bit autocast)
- Train the engineered-features MLP with cosine annealing learning-rate scheduling
- Plot epoch-wise malignant-class recall to monitor class-sensitive learning

This section configures and runs training for the engineered-features model using a GPU-accelerated trainer with mixed precision to improve throughput and reduce memory usage while preserving FP32 stability for weights. The engineered MLP is wrapped in the Lightning training module and optimized over a fixed epoch budget with CosineAnnealingLR, which smoothly decays the learning rate toward a specified floor without restarts. During training and validation, malignant-class recall is accumulated per epoch to emphasize sensitivity to the positive class; the provided plotting helper then visualizes training and validation recall trajectories, enabling quick checks for generalization gaps, instability, or underfitting.

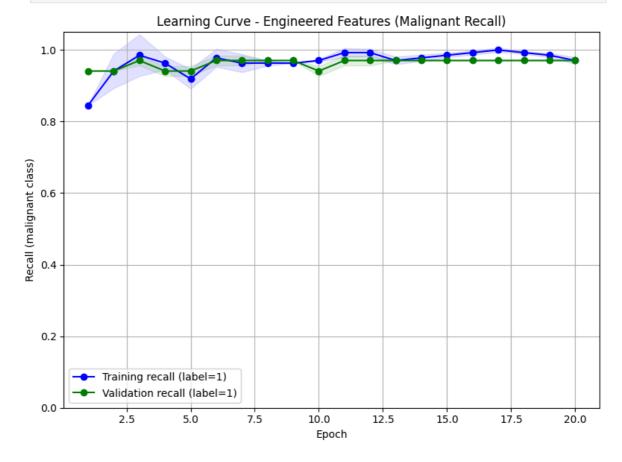
```
In [38]: max_epochs = 20

model_eng = LitModel(
    EngModel(input_features=train_dataset_eng[0][0].shape[0], num_classes=2),
    learning_rate=1e-3,
    max_epochs=max_epochs
)

trainer_eng = L.Trainer(
    max_epochs=max_epochs,
    accelerator='gpu',
    devices=1 if torch.cuda.is_available() else None,
    precision='16-mixed',
    logger=False,
    gradient_clip_val=1.0,
    enable_progress_bar=True,
    num_sanity_val_steps=0
)
trainer_eng.fit(model_eng, train_loader_eng, val_loader_eng)
```

```
Using 16bit Automatic Mixed Precision (AMP)
       Fig. For seamless cloud uploads and versioning, try installing [litmodels](ht
       tps://pypi.org/project/litmodels/) to enable LitModelCheckpoint, which syncs auto
       matically with the Lightning model registry.
       GPU available: True (cuda), used: True
       TPU available: False, using: 0 TPU cores
       HPU available: False, using: 0 HPUs
       LOCAL_RANK: 0 - CUDA_VISIBLE_DEVICES: [0]
       d:\Coding\bcd_mal\venv\Lib\site-packages\lightning\pytorch\utilities\model_summar
       y\model_summary.py:231: Precision 16-mixed is not supported by the model summary.
       Estimated model size in MB will not be accurate. Using 32 bits instead.
         Name | Type | Params | Mode
       -----
       0 | model | EngModel | 139 K | train
       ______
       139 K Trainable params
                Non-trainable params
       139 K Total params
       0.558
               Total estimated model params size (MB)
       10
                Modules in train mode
                Modules in eval mode
       d:\Coding\bcd_mal\venv\Lib\site-packages\lightning\pytorch\trainer\connectors\dat
       a_connector.py:433: The 'train_dataloader' does not have many workers which may b
       e a bottleneck. Consider increasing the value of the `num_workers` argument` to `
       num_workers=15` in the `DataLoader` to improve performance.
       d:\Coding\bcd_mal\venv\Lib\site-packages\lightning\pytorch\trainer\connectors\dat
       a_connector.py:433: The 'val_dataloader' does not have many workers which may be
       a bottleneck. Consider increasing the value of the `num_workers` argument` to `nu
       m_workers=15` in the `DataLoader` to improve performance.
       Training: | 0/? [00:00<?, ?it/s]
       Validation:
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       Validation:
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       Validation: |
       `Trainer.fit` stopped: `max_epochs=20` reached.
In [39]: | def plot_epoch_learning_curve(train_scores, val_scores, title="Learning Curve (M
            epochs = np.arange(1, len(train_scores) + 1)
            train scores = np.asarray(train scores, dtype=float)
            val_scores = np.asarray(val_scores, dtype=float)
```

```
plt.figure(figsize=(8, 6))
plt.plot(epochs, train_scores, 'o-', color='blue', label='Training recall (1
plt.plot(epochs, val_scores, 'o-', color='green', label='Validation recall (
# Optional: shaded band for a simple smoothing uncertainty proxy (rolling st
# Comment out if not desired
if len(train_scores) >= 3:
    tr_roll = np.array([train_scores[max(0,i-k+1):i+1].std() for i in range(
    vl_roll = np.array([val_scores[max(0,i-k+1):i+1].std() for i in range(le
    plt.fill_between(epochs, train_scores - tr_roll, train_scores + tr_roll,
    plt.fill_between(epochs, val_scores - vl_roll, val_scores + vl_roll, col
plt.title(title)
plt.xlabel('Epoch')
plt.ylabel('Recall (malignant class)')
if ylim is not None:
    plt.ylim(*ylim)
plt.grid(True)
plt.legend()
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
```



Section V: Evaluation — Classification Reports (ENG Pool)

• Switch the trained Lightning module to evaluation mode and disable grad

- Run inference over a dataloader, aggregate predictions and targets
- Generate a per-class precision/recall/F1 report for Benign and Malignant

This section implements a utility to compute and display detailed classification metrics for the engineered-features model. The helper sets the module to eval mode with gradients off, iterates through the given dataloader on the correct device, and collects batch-wise predictions alongside ground-truth labels. After concatenation, it prints a scikit-learn classification report (precision, recall, F1-score, support) for the Benign and Malignant classes with consistent label ordering and safe handling of zero-division. The function is then applied to both the validation and test splits to provide an objective post-training assessment of class-wise performance.

```
In [41]: @torch.no grad()
         def eval_classification_report(pl_module: L.LightningModule, dataloader, set_nam
             pl_module.eval()
             device = next(pl_module.parameters()).device
             preds_all, targets_all = [], []
             for xb, yb in dataloader:
                 xb = xb.to(device)
                 yb = yb.to(device).long()
                 logits = pl_module(xb)
                 preds = torch.argmax(logits, dim=1)
                 preds all.append(preds.cpu())
                 targets_all.append(yb.cpu())
             y_true = torch.cat(targets_all).numpy()
             y_pred = torch.cat(preds_all).numpy()
             print(f"\n{set name} Classification Report:")
             print(classification_report(
                 y_true, y_pred,
                 labels=[0, 1],
                 target_names=["Benign", "Malignant"],
                 digits=4,
                 zero division=0
             ))
             return y_true, y_pred
```

In [42]: y_val_true, y_val_pred = eval_classification_report(model_eng, val_loader_eng, s
y_test_true, y_test_pred = eval_classification_report(model_eng, test_loader_eng)

Validation Cl	assification	Report:		
	precision	recall	f1-score	support
Benign	0.9828	1.0000	0.9913	57
Malignant	1.0000	0.9706	0.9851	34
accuracy			0.9890	91
macro avg	0.9914	0.9853	0.9882	91
weighted avg	0.9892	0.9890	0.9890	91
Test Classifi	cation Repor	t:		
	precision		f1-score	support
Benign	0.9861	0.9861	0.9861	72
Malignant	0.9762	0.9762	0.9762	42
accuracy			0.9825	114
macro avg	0.9812	0.9812	0.9812	114
weighted avg	0.9825	0.9825	0.9825	114

Section VI: Permutation Feature Importance (ENG Pool)

- Convert dataloader batches to arrays and compute a baseline accuracy
- Wrap the Lightning module in a scikit-learn-compatible estimator stub
- Compute permutation importance on the validation split and visualize ranked importances

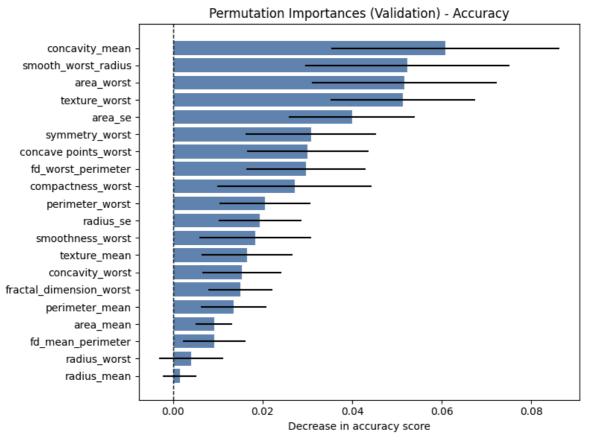
This section quantifies feature contributions for the engineered-features model using permutation importance, a model-agnostic inspection method. After extracting arrays and the baseline accuracy from the validation loader, the trained Lightning module is wrapped with a minimal estimator that exposes predict, enabling seamless use of scikit-learn's permutation_importance API. The routine shuffles each feature across repeated trials and measures the average decrease in accuracy; the resulting means and standard deviations are tabulated and plotted as a horizontal bar chart, highlighting features whose perturbations most degrade validation accuracy. The top rows of the resulting DataFrame provide a quick view of the most influential engineered features.

```
In [43]:
         import numpy as np
         import pandas as pd
         import torch
         from sklearn.inspection import permutation_importance
         from sklearn.metrics import accuracy_score
         import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
         def get_loader_arrays(dataloader, pl_module: L.LightningModule):
             pl module.eval()
             device = next(pl_module.parameters()).device
             X_list, y_list, yhat_list = [], [], []
             with torch.no grad():
                 for xb, yb in dataloader:
                     X list.append(xb.cpu().numpy())
                     y_list.append(yb.cpu().numpy())
                     yhat_list.append(torch.argmax(pl_module(xb.to(device)), dim=1).cpu()
```

```
X = np.concatenate(X_list, axis=0)
    y = np.concatenate(y_list, axis=0)
    yhat = np.concatenate(yhat_list, axis=0)
    base_acc = accuracy_score(y, yhat)
    return X, y, base_acc
def permutation_importance_nn(pl_module: L.LightningModule, dataloader, feature_
                              n_repeats=20, random_state=42, n_jobs=-1):
   X, y, base_acc = get_loader_arrays(dataloader, pl_module)
    # Estimator stub that implements fit and predict to satisfy sklearn
    class EstimatorWrapper:
        def __init__(self, pl_module):
            self.pl_module = pl_module
        def fit(self, X, y=None):
            return self # no-op
        def predict(self, X_):
            device = next(self.pl_module.parameters()).device
            with torch.no grad():
                xb = torch.from_numpy(np.asarray(X_, dtype=np.float32)).to(devic
                logits = self.pl_module(xb)
                preds = torch.argmax(logits, dim=1).cpu().numpy()
            return preds
    est = EstimatorWrapper(pl_module)
    result = permutation_importance(
        est, X, y,
        scoring="accuracy",
        n repeats=n repeats,
        random_state=random_state,
        n jobs=n jobs
    ) # returns importances_mean, importances_std, importances
    if feature names is None:
        feature_names = [f"f{i}" for i in range(X.shape[1])]
    imp_df = pd.DataFrame({
        "feature": feature names,
        "importance_mean": result.importances_mean,
        "importance std": result.importances std
    }).sort_values("importance_mean", ascending=False).reset_index(drop=True)
    # Plot
    order = np.argsort(result.importances_mean)
    plt.figure(figsize=(8, 6))
    plt.barh(np.array(feature_names)[order], result.importances_mean[order],
             xerr=result.importances std[order], color="#4e79a7", alpha=0.9)
    plt.axvline(0.0, color="k", linestyle="--", linewidth=1)
    plt.title("Permutation Importances (Validation) - Accuracy")
    plt.xlabel("Decrease in accuracy score")
   plt.tight_layout()
    plt.show()
    print(f"Baseline validation accuracy: {base acc:.4f}")
    return imp df
```

```
In [44]: df_val_eng = pd.read_csv(X_val_eng)
    real_feature_names_eng = df_val_eng.columns.tolist()
```

```
imp_val_eng = permutation_importance_nn(
    model_eng, val_loader_eng,
    feature_names=real_feature_names_eng,
    n_repeats=30, random_state=42, n_jobs=-1
)
imp_val_eng.head(10)
```



Baseline validation accuracy: 0.9890

Out[44]

:	feature	importance_mean	importance_std
(concavity_mean	0.060806	0.025494
	smooth_worst_radius	0.052381	0.022820
2	2 area_worst	0.051648	0.020685
3	texture_worst	0.051282	0.016134
4	area_se	0.039927	0.014039
į	symmetry_worst	0.030769	0.014579
•	concave points_worst	0.030037	0.013588
7	fd_worst_perimeter	0.029670	0.013354
8	compactness_worst	0.027106	0.017197
9	perimeter_worst	0.020513	0.010125

Section VII: Raw Features Training and Monitoring (RAW Pool)

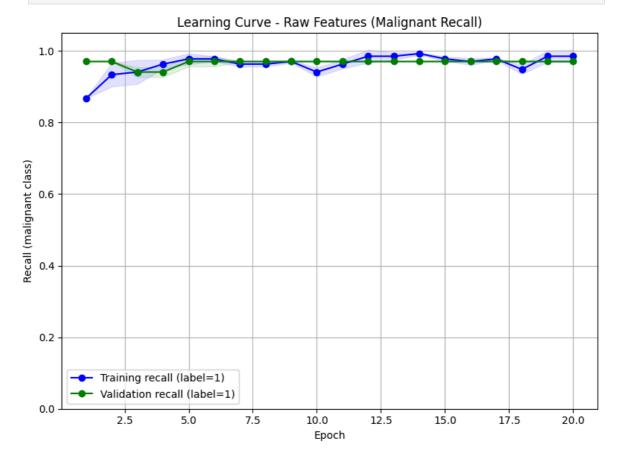
- Initialize a GPU-accelerated Lightning trainer with mixed precision (16-bit autocast)
- Train the raw-features MLP under the same schedule and hyperparameters as the engineered pool
- Reuse the validation loop to monitor epoch-wise malignant-class recall

This section mirrors the engineered-features pipeline for the raw-features model. A PyTorch Lightning Trainer is configured with precision='16-mixed', which applies automatic mixed precision to accelerate training while keeping model weights in FP32 for numerical stability. The raw-feature MLP is wrapped in the Lightning module and trained for a fixed number of epochs with identical optimizer and scheduler settings, ensuring a controlled comparison between feature pools. Validation proceeds identically, logging losses and accumulating malignant-class recall per epoch for downstream visualization and sensitivity analysis.

```
In [45]: max epochs = 20
         model raw = LitModel(
             RawModel(input_features=train_dataset_eng[0][0].shape[0], num_classes=2),
             learning_rate=1e-3,
             max_epochs=max_epochs
         )
         trainer_eng = L.Trainer(
             max_epochs=max_epochs,
             accelerator='gpu',
             devices=1 if torch.cuda.is available() else None,
             precision='16-mixed',
             logger=False,
             gradient_clip_val=1.0,
             enable_progress_bar=True,
             num sanity val steps=0
         trainer eng.fit(model raw, train loader raw, val loader raw)
```

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Using 16bit Automatic Mixed Precision (AMP)
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        tps://pypi.org/project/litmodels/) to enable LitModelCheckpoint, which syncs auto
       matically with the Lightning model registry.
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       HPU available: False, using: 0 HPUs
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        y\model_summary.py:231: Precision 16-mixed is not supported by the model summary.
        Estimated model size in MB will not be accurate. Using 32 bits instead.
          Name | Type | Params | Mode
        0 | model | RawModel | 139 K | train
                Trainable params
                Non-trainable params
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       139 K
                 Total params
       0.558 Total estimated model params size (MB)
                 Modules in train mode
                 Modules in eval mode
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        a_connector.py:433: The 'train_dataloader' does not have many workers which may b
        e a bottleneck. Consider increasing the value of the `num_workers` argument` to
        num_workers=15` in the `DataLoader` to improve performance.
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        a_connector.py:433: The 'val_dataloader' does not have many workers which may be
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       m_workers=15` in the `DataLoader` to improve performance.
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       Validation:
        `Trainer.fit` stopped: `max epochs=20` reached.
In [46]: plot epoch learning curve(
             model_raw.train_recall_mal_accum,
             model_raw.val_recall_mal_accum,
```

title="Learning Curve - Raw Features (Malignant Recall)"
)



Section VIII: Evaluation — Classification Reports (RAW Pool)

- Set the trained raw-features module to eval mode and disable gradients
- Infer over validation and test loaders, aggregating predictions and targets
- Print the scikit-learn classification report for Benign and Malignant classes

This section evaluates the raw-features model using the same reporting utility applied to the engineered pool. The procedure switches the Lightning module to evaluation mode, iterates over the specified dataloaders on the correct device, and collects batch-wise predictions and ground truth. The concatenated outputs are passed to scikit-learn's classification_report to summarize precision, recall, F1-score, and support per class, along with aggregate metrics such as macro/weighted averages and accuracy, enabling an apples-to-apples comparison between feature pools.

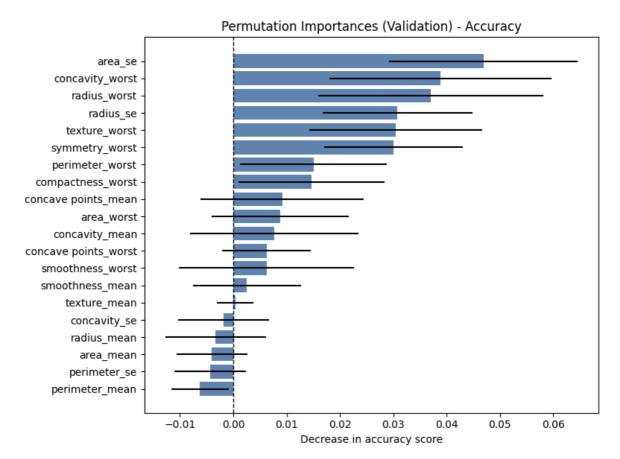
```
In [47]: y_val_true, y_val_pred = eval_classification_report(model_raw, val_loader_raw, s
y_test_true, y_test_pred = eval_classification_report(model_raw, test_loader_raw)
```

Validation Cl	assification	Report:		
	precision	recall	f1-score	support
Benign	0.9825	0.9825	0.9825	57
Malignant	0.9706	0.9706	0.9706	34
accuracy			0.9780	91
macro avg	0.9765	0.9765	0.9765	91
weighted avg	0.9780	0.9780	0.9780	91
Test Classifi	cation Repor	t:		
	precision	recall	f1-score	support
Benign	0.9863	1.0000	0.9931	72
Malignant	1.0000	0.9762	0.9880	42
accuracy			0.9912	114
macro avg	0.9932	0.9881	0.9905	114
weighted avg	0.9913	0.9912	0.9912	114
weighted avg	0.5515	0.7712	0.7712	114

Section IX: Permutation Feature Importance (RAW Pool)

- Extract validation arrays and baseline accuracy from the raw-features loader
- Use a lightweight estimator wrapper to enable scikit-learn permutation importance
- Rank and visualize raw-feature importances with mean impact and variability

This section assesses the contribution of each raw feature using a permutation-based, model-agnostic approach on the validation split. After converting the dataloader to arrays and computing the baseline accuracy, the trained raw-feature Lightning module is exposed via a minimal predict-only wrapper to interface with scikit-learn's permutation importance routine. The algorithm repeatedly shuffles each feature, measures the average decrease in accuracy, and summarizes results in a DataFrame and bar plot, allowing quick identification of raw inputs that most influence classification performance.



Baseline validation accuracy: 0.9780

Out[48]:	Out[48]:		importance_mean	importance_std	
	0	area_se	0.046886	0.017704	

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0	area_se		0.046886	0.017704
1	concavity_worst		0.038828	0.020799
2	radius_worst		0.036996	0.021135
3	radius_se		0.030769	0.014015
4	texture_worst		0.030403	0.016221
5	symmetry_worst		0.030037	0.012982
6	perimeter_worst		0.015018	0.013750
7	compactness_worst		0.014652	0.013706
8	concave points_mean		0.009158	0.015302
9	area_worst		0.008791	0.012815

Section X: Feature Selection and Combined-Feature Training

- Select features by thresholding permutation-importance means from both pools
- Merge selected engineered and raw features into a unified, stable list
- Train a combined-feature MLP and evaluate learning curves and reports

This section operationalizes feature selection by applying a threshold to permutationimportance scores from both engineered and raw pools, yielding two subsets that are

then unioned into a single, stable feature list for downstream modeling. Using this combined subset, new dataset objects and dataloaders are instantiated to ensure the training pipeline consumes only the most influential inputs, which can improve efficiency and generalization. A compact MLP classifier is defined for the merged feature space and trained under the same schedule and precision settings, after which malignant-class recall curves are visualized and detailed validation/test classification reports are produced to assess whether the fused representation improves sensitivity and overall performance.

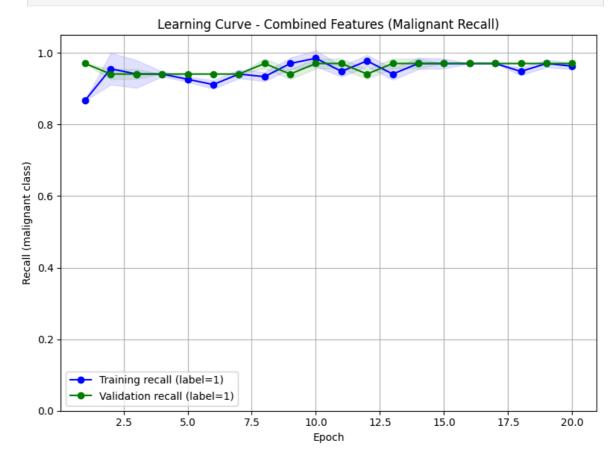
```
In [49]: def select features by threshold(imp df: pd.DataFrame, threshold: float):
             # expects columns: ["feature", "importance_mean", "importance_std"]
             sel = imp_df.loc[imp_df["importance_mean"] > threshold, "feature"].tolist()
             return sel
         # Pick thresholds (tune based on plots/distribution of importances)
         thr_eng = 0.03
         thr raw = 0.03
         selected_features_eng = select_features_by_threshold(imp_val_eng, thr_eng)
         selected_features_raw = select_features_by_threshold(imp_val_raw, thr_raw)
         # Combine uniques while preserving a stable order (sorted or by first appearance
         combined_selected = sorted(set(selected_features_eng) | set(selected_features_ra
         print(f"Selected engineered features ({len(selected_features_eng)}): {selected_features_eng}
         print(f"Selected raw features ({len(selected_features_raw)}): {selected_features
         print(f"Combined unique selected features ({len(combined_selected)}): {combined_
        Selected engineered features (7): ['concavity_mean', 'smooth_worst_radius', 'area
        _worst', 'texture_worst', 'area_se', 'symmetry_worst', 'concave points_worst']
        Selected raw features (6): ['area_se', 'concavity_worst', 'radius_worst', 'radius
        _se', 'texture_worst', 'symmetry_worst']
        Combined unique selected features (10): ['area_se', 'area_worst', 'concave points
        _worst', 'concavity_mean', 'concavity_worst', 'radius_se', 'radius_worst', 'smoot
        h_worst_radius', 'symmetry_worst', 'texture_worst']
In [50]: train dataset combined = CancerDataset(X train, y train, use filter=True, feature
         val_dataset_combined = CancerDataset(X_val, y_val, use_filter=True, feature_fi
         test_dataset_combined = CancerDataset(X_test, y_test, use_filter=True, feature_
         train_loader_combined = DataLoader(
             train dataset combined,
             batch_size=batch_size,
             num workers=num workers,
             shuffle=True,
             pin_memory=pin_memory,
             persistent_workers=persistent_workers
         val loader combined = DataLoader(
             val_dataset_combined,
             batch_size=batch_size,
             num_workers=num_workers,
             shuffle=False,
             pin_memory=pin_memory,
             persistent workers=persistent workers
         test loader combined = DataLoader(
```

```
test_dataset_combined,
batch_size=batch_size,
num_workers=num_workers,
shuffle=False,
pin_memory=pin_memory,
persistent_workers=persistent_workers
)
```

```
In [51]: # Model Definitions
         class CombinedModel(nn.Module):
             def __init__(self, input_features, num_classes):
                 super(CombinedModel, self).__init__()
                  self.mlp = nn.Sequential(
                      nn.Linear(input_features, 256),
                      nn.BatchNorm1d(256),
                      nn.ReLU(inplace=True),
                      nn.Linear(256, 512),
                      nn.BatchNorm1d(512),
                      nn.ReLU(inplace=True),
                      nn.Dropout(0.25),
                      nn.Linear(512, num_classes),
             def forward(self, x):
                 x = self.mlp(x)
                 return x
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                Non-trainable params
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        e a bottleneck. Consider increasing the value of the `num_workers` argument` to
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        `Trainer.fit` stopped: `max epochs=20` reached.
In [53]: plot epoch learning curve(
             model combined.train recall mal accum,
             model_combined.val_recall_mal_accum,
```

title="Learning Curve - Combined Features (Malignant Recall)"
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In [54]: y_val_true, y_val_pred = eval_classification_report(model_combined, val_loader_c
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Validation Classification Report:

	precision	recall	f1-score	support
Benign	0.9828	1.0000	0.9913	57
Malignant	1.0000	0.9706	0.9851	34
accuracy			0.9890	91
macro avg	0.9914	0.9853	0.9882	91
weighted avg	0.9892	0.9890	0.9890	91

Test Classification Report:

	precision	recall	f1-score	support
Benign Malignant	0.9726 0.9756	0.9861 0.9524	0.9793 0.9639	72 42
accuracy macro avg weighted avg	0.9741 0.9737	0.9692 0.9737	0.9737 0.9716 0.9736	114 114 114