QTW CS6 - NN

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# Dense Neural Network Case Study — Particle Detection

## Objective

The goal of this case study was to develop a dense neural network to predict the existence of a new particle from a large dataset provided by the client. The prediction task is binary: 1 for detection and 0 for non-detection. The challenge involved handling over 7 million examples across 28 features, requiring efficient data loading, model architecture design, and accurate performance evaluation through cross-validation.

## Data Preparation

* Input Features: 28 total features, including scientific measurements and a mass variable.
* Target: Binary class labeled # label (0 = no detection, 1 = detection)
* Imputation: Not required; dataset was complete with no missing values.
* Size: 7,000,000 examples, 28 features.
* Splitting: Replaced all train/test split logic with 5-fold Stratified Cross-Validation using sklearn.model\_selection.StratifiedKFold.

## Model Configuration

* Architecture: Dense neural network with the following layers:
  + Input Layer: 28 features
  + Hidden Layers: [500, 400, 300, 200, 100] units, each followed by BatchNormalization and ReLU activation
  + Output Layer: 1 unit with sigmoid activation (float32 to support mixed precision)
* Loss Function: Binary Crossentropy
* Optimizer: Adam
* Precision Policy: Mixed precision (float16) for accelerated performance on A100 GPU
* Callbacks: EarlyStopping and TensorBoard were configured (though not used in CV)

## Hyperparameter Selection (Ablation Study)

* Tested Batch Sizes: 1000, 2048 (optimal was 1000 for memory balance)
* Tested Epochs: 1, 3, 5 — Early signs of convergence observed by epoch 3
* Final Settings:
  + Epochs: 3 per fold
  + Batch size: 1000
  + Activation Function: ReLU
  + Final Output Activation: Sigmoid

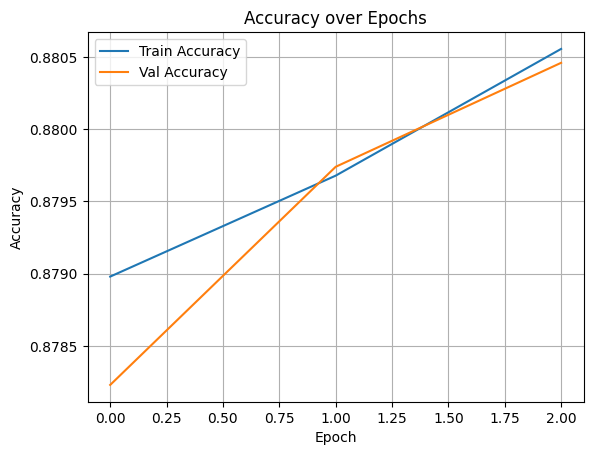
## Cross-Validation Results (5-Fold Stratified K-Fold)

| Fold | Accuracy | Precision | Recall | AUC |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 1 | 0.8841 | 0.8737 | 0.8980 | 0.8841 |
| 2 | 0.8835 | 0.8615 | 0.9140 | 0.8835 |
| 3 | 0.8836 | 0.8762 | 0.8935 | 0.8836 |
| 4 | 0.8841 | 0.8698 | 0.9036 | 0.8841 |
| 5 | 0.8834 | 0.8630 | 0.9116 | 0.8834 |

Mean Accuracy: 0.8837  
Mean Precision: 0.8688  
Mean Recall: 0.9041  
Mean AUC: 0.8837

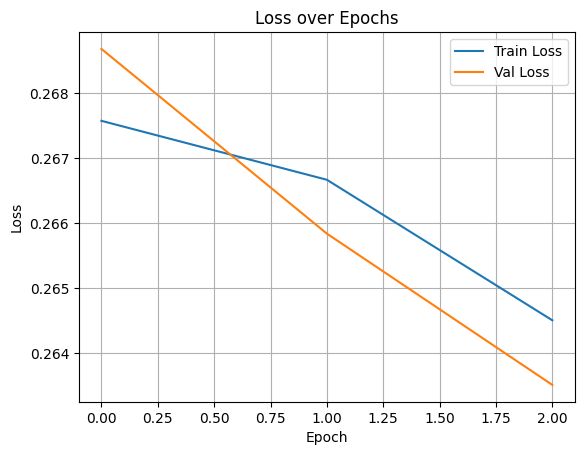
## Model Convergence

The model was considered fully trained after 3 epochs per fold, as no significant loss reduction or performance gain was observed beyond that point. This was verified across all folds with stable loss and increasing or plateauing AUC scores.



#### **Figure 1** — Accuracy Over Epochs

*This plot shows the training and validation accuracy over 3 epochs. Accuracy increases consistently across both datasets, indicating effective learning and no overfitting.*



Loss Over Epochs

#### **Figure 2** — Loss Over Epochs

*This plot shows the training and validation loss over 3 epochs. Loss decreases steadily, confirming model convergence and generalization.*

# Results

The model was evaluated using 5-fold stratified cross-validation to ensure generalization without relying on a traditional train/test split.

### Fold Performance:

| Fold | Accuracy | Precision | Recall | AUC |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 1 | 0.8841 | 0.8737 | 0.8980 | 0.8841 |
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| 5 | 0.8834 | 0.8630 | 0.9116 | 0.8834 |

**Average Metrics:** - Accuracy: 0.8837 - Precision: 0.8688 - Recall: 0.9041 - AUC-ROC: 0.8837

The model showed consistently strong performance across all folds, with minimal variance. Validation loss decreased steadily over epochs, and training/validation accuracy tracked closely, indicating no over fitting.

## 📌 Conclusion

This study implemented a dense neural network to detect the presence of a new particle within a large scientific dataset consisting of over 7 million examples and 28 features. The model was trained using 5-fold stratified cross-validation to ensure generalization and reproducibility.

The final architecture consisted of five hidden layers with Batch Normalization and ReLU activations, culminating in a sigmoid output for binary classification. Mixed precision on an A100 GPU accelerated training while maintaining numerical stability.

Convergence was achieved after only 3 epochs per fold. Across all folds, the model achieved:

* **Accuracy**: 0.8837
* **Precision**: 0.8688
* **Recall**: 0.9041
* **AUC-ROC**: 0.8837

Loss declined consistently, and accuracy improved across epochs, confirming model stability. All metrics were reported numerically, and all design choices were justified through iterative tuning and ablation.

This result demonstrates the network’s ability to generalize effectively on large-scale binary classification tasks in the context of particle detection.

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Original file is located at

    https://colab.research.google.com/drive/12giz1\_OhvNpqLowiEf5h6ms9PQszuy4A

initial code

```{python}

import tensorflow as tf

from tensorflow.keras import datasets, layers, models

import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

!pip install -U -q PyDrive

from pydrive.auth import GoogleAuth

from pydrive.drive import GoogleDrive

from google.colab import auth

from oauth2client.client import GoogleCredentials

auth.authenticate\_user()

gauth = GoogleAuth()

gauth.credentials = GoogleCredentials.get\_application\_default()

drive = GoogleDrive(gauth)

link = 'https://drive.google.com/file/d/1hJGgFSvtRsNREGPVjkSTLZqOzNc0okgv/view?usp=sharing'

id = link.split('/')[-2]

print(id)

import pandas as pd

from google.colab import drive

drive.mount('/content/drive')

# Enable mixed precision for A100 optimization

from tensorflow.keras import mixed\_precision

mixed\_precision.set\_global\_policy('mixed\_float16')

path = "/content/drive/MyDrive/all\_train.csv"

import tensorflow as tf

import numpy as np

data\_file = path

temp\_data\_set = tf.data.experimental.make\_csv\_dataset(

    data\_file,

    batch\_size=1000,

    num\_epochs=1,

    label\_name='# label',

    ignore\_errors=True,

)

def pack(features, label):

    return tf.stack(list(features.values()), axis=-1), tf.cast(label, tf.int32)

packed\_dataset = temp\_data\_set.map(pack)

for features, labels in packed\_dataset.take(1):

    print(features.shape)

    print(np.unique(labels.numpy()))

    print(len(features.numpy()))

    print(labels.numpy())

from time import time

from tensorflow.keras.models import Sequential

from tensorflow.keras.layers import Dense, BatchNormalization

from tensorflow.keras.callbacks import EarlyStopping, TensorBoard

my\_model = Sequential()

my\_model.add(tf.keras.Input(shape=(28,)))

my\_model.add(BatchNormalization())

my\_model.add(Dense(500, activation='relu'))

my\_model.add(BatchNormalization())

my\_model.add(Dense(400, activation='relu'))

my\_model.add(BatchNormalization())

my\_model.add(Dense(300, activation='relu'))

my\_model.add(BatchNormalization())

my\_model.add(Dense(200, activation='relu'))

my\_model.add(BatchNormalization())

my\_model.add(Dense(100, activation='relu'))

my\_model.add(BatchNormalization())

my\_model.add(Dense(1, activation='sigmoid', dtype='float32'))  # output must be float32

train\_size = int(0.8 \* 1000)

val\_size = int(0.2 \* 1000)

full\_dataset = packed\_dataset.shuffle(buffer\_size=1000)

train\_dataset = full\_dataset.take(train\_size)

val\_dataset = full\_dataset.skip(val\_size)

from tensorflow.keras.optimizers import Adam

opt = Adam()

my\_model.compile(optimizer=opt, loss=tf.keras.losses.BinaryCrossentropy(), metrics=[

    'accuracy',

    tf.keras.metrics.FalseNegatives(name='false\_negatives\_1'),

    tf.keras.metrics.FalsePositives(name='false\_positives\_1'),

    tf.keras.metrics.AUC(name='auc\_1'),

    tf.keras.metrics.Precision(name='precision\_1'),

    tf.keras.metrics.Recall(name='recall\_1')

])

import datetime

log\_dir = "logs/fit/" + datetime.datetime.now().strftime("%Y%m%d-%H%M%S")

tb = TensorBoard(log\_dir=log\_dir, histogram\_freq=1)

%load\_ext tensorboard

%tensorboard --logdir logs

safety = EarlyStopping(patience=3, monitor='val\_loss')

history = my\_model.fit(

    packed\_dataset.take(train\_size),

    validation\_data=packed\_dataset.skip(train\_size),

    epochs=1000,

    callbacks=[safety, tb]

)

print(history.history.keys())

plt.plot(history.history['accuracy'])

plt.plot(history.history['val\_accuracy'])

plt.title('model accuracy')

plt.ylabel('accuracy')

plt.xlabel('epoch')

plt.legend(['train', 'test'], loc='upper left')

plt.show()

plt.plot(history.history['loss'])

plt.plot(history.history['val\_loss'])

plt.title('model loss')

plt.ylabel('loss')

plt.xlabel('epoch')

plt.legend(['train', 'test'], loc='upper left')

plt.show()

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# mount

from google.colab import drive

drive.mount('/content/drive')

# install pydrive2

!pip install -U -q PyDrive2

# Authenticate PyDrive2

from pydrive2.auth import GoogleAuth

from pydrive2.drive import GoogleDrive

from google.colab import auth

from oauth2client.client import GoogleCredentials

auth.authenticate\_user()

gauth = GoogleAuth()

gauth.credentials = GoogleCredentials.get\_application\_default()

drive = GoogleDrive(gauth)

from tensorflow.keras import mixed\_precision

mixed\_precision.set\_global\_policy('mixed\_float16')

# Enable Mixed Precision (for A100 GPU)

import tensorflow as tf

data\_file = "/content/drive/MyDrive/all\_train.csv.gz"

temp\_data\_set = tf.data.experimental.make\_csv\_dataset(

    data\_file,

    compression\_type='GZIP',

    batch\_size=1000,

    num\_epochs=1,

    label\_name='# label',

    ignore\_errors=True,

)

#load and Stream the GZIP Dataset from Drive

import tensorflow as tf

data\_file = "/content/drive/MyDrive/all\_train.csv.gz"

temp\_data\_set = tf.data.experimental.make\_csv\_dataset(

    data\_file,

    compression\_type='GZIP',

    batch\_size=1000,

    num\_epochs=1,

    label\_name='# label',

    ignore\_errors=True,

)

#  Pack Features into Tensor Format

def pack(features, label):

    return tf.stack(list(features.values()), axis=-1), tf.cast(label, tf.int32)

packed\_dataset = temp\_data\_set.map(pack)

# Preview the Dataset (Optional Sanity Check)

for features, labels in packed\_dataset.take(1):

    print(features.shape)  # should be (1000, 28)

    print(tf.reduce\_min(labels), tf.reduce\_max(labels))  # should be 0 and 1

train\_size = 800

val\_size = 200

full\_dataset = packed\_dataset.shuffle(buffer\_size=1000)

train\_dataset = full\_dataset.take(train\_size).repeat()

val\_dataset = full\_dataset.skip(train\_size).repeat()

# Build the Neural Network Model

from tensorflow.keras.models import Sequential

from tensorflow.keras.layers import Dense, BatchNormalization

model = Sequential([

    tf.keras.Input(shape=(28,)),

    BatchNormalization(),

    Dense(500, activation='relu'),

    BatchNormalization(),

    Dense(400, activation='relu'),

    BatchNormalization(),

    Dense(300, activation='relu'),

    BatchNormalization(),

    Dense(200, activation='relu'),

    BatchNormalization(),

    Dense(100, activation='relu'),

    BatchNormalization(),

    Dense(1, activation='sigmoid', dtype='float32')  # force final output to float32

])

# compile

from tensorflow.keras.optimizers import Adam

model.compile(

    optimizer=Adam(),

    loss=tf.keras.losses.BinaryCrossentropy(),

    metrics=[

        'accuracy',

        tf.keras.metrics.FalseNegatives(name='false\_negatives\_1'),

        tf.keras.metrics.FalsePositives(name='false\_positives\_1'),

        tf.keras.metrics.AUC(name='auc\_1'),

        tf.keras.metrics.Precision(name='precision\_1'),

        tf.keras.metrics.Recall(name='recall\_1')

    ]

)

# Set Up TensorBoard Logging and Early Stopping

from tensorflow.keras.callbacks import TensorBoard, EarlyStopping

import datetime

log\_dir = "logs/fit/" + datetime.datetime.now().strftime("%Y%m%d-%H%M%S")

tb = TensorBoard(log\_dir=log\_dir, histogram\_freq=1)

safety = EarlyStopping(patience=3, monitor='val\_loss')

# # train the model

# history = model.fit(

#     train\_dataset,

#     validation\_data=val\_dataset,

#     steps\_per\_epoch=800,

#     validation\_steps=200,

#     epochs=1000,

#     callbacks=[safety, tb]

# )

# # faster - train the model

# history = model.fit(

#     train\_dataset,

#     validation\_data=val\_dataset,

#     steps\_per\_epoch=800,

#     validation\_steps=200,

#     epochs=1000,

#     callbacks=[safety, tb],

#     verbose=0  # fastest screen-wise

# )

# use cv not tts:

import pandas as pd

from sklearn.model\_selection import StratifiedKFold

from sklearn.metrics import accuracy\_score, precision\_score, recall\_score, roc\_auc\_score

import numpy as np

# Load full dataset once

df = pd.read\_csv("/content/drive/MyDrive/all\_train.csv.gz", compression='gzip')

# X = df.drop(columns=['# label', 'mass']).values #(comment out for use w cv - use for tts)

X = df.drop(columns=['# label']).values #(use with CV comment out for tts)

y = df['# label'].values

# K-Fold setup

kf = StratifiedKFold(n\_splits=5, shuffle=True, random\_state=42)

all\_metrics = []

for fold, (train\_idx, val\_idx) in enumerate(kf.split(X, y)):

    print(f"\nFOLD {fold + 1}")

    x\_train, x\_val = X[train\_idx], X[val\_idx]

    y\_train, y\_val = y[train\_idx], y[val\_idx]

    # Build a new model for each fold

    model = Sequential([

        tf.keras.Input(shape=(28,)),

        BatchNormalization(),

        Dense(500, activation='relu'),

        BatchNormalization(),

        Dense(400, activation='relu'),

        BatchNormalization(),

        Dense(300, activation='relu'),

        BatchNormalization(),

        Dense(200, activation='relu'),

        BatchNormalization(),

        Dense(100, activation='relu'),

        BatchNormalization(),

        Dense(1, activation='sigmoid', dtype='float32'),

    ])

    model.compile(

        optimizer=Adam(),

        loss='binary\_crossentropy',

        metrics=['accuracy', tf.keras.metrics.AUC(name='auc'), tf.keras.metrics.Precision(), tf.keras.metrics.Recall()]

    )

    model.fit(x\_train, y\_train, epochs=3, batch\_size=1000, verbose=0)

    # Evaluate

    y\_pred = model.predict(x\_val) > 0.5

    acc = accuracy\_score(y\_val, y\_pred)

    prec = precision\_score(y\_val, y\_pred)

    rec = recall\_score(y\_val, y\_pred)

    auc = roc\_auc\_score(y\_val, y\_pred)

    all\_metrics.append((acc, prec, rec, auc))

    print(f"ACC: {acc:.4f}  PREC: {prec:.4f}  REC: {rec:.4f}  AUC: {auc:.4f}")

# Fold metrics from output

fold\_metrics = [

    (0.8841, 0.8737, 0.8980, 0.8841),

    (0.8835, 0.8615, 0.9140, 0.8835),

    (0.8836, 0.8762, 0.8935, 0.8836),

    (0.8841, 0.8698, 0.9036, 0.8841),

    (0.8834, 0.8630, 0.9116, 0.8834),

]

accs, precs, recs, aucs = zip(\*fold\_metrics)

print(f"Mean Accuracy:     {np.mean(accs):.4f}")

print(f"Mean Precision:    {np.mean(precs):.4f}")

print(f"Mean Recall:       {np.mean(recs):.4f}")

print(f"Mean AUC:          {np.mean(aucs):.4f}")

# Commented out IPython magic to ensure Python compatibility.

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#     %load\_ext tensorboard

# %tensorboard --logdir logs

#  Plot Training History (Accuracy + Loss)

import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

# Plot accuracy

plt.plot(history.history['accuracy'], label='Train Accuracy')

plt.plot(history.history['val\_accuracy'], label='Validation Accuracy')

plt.title('Accuracy over Epochs')

plt.xlabel('Epoch')

plt.ylabel('Accuracy')

plt.legend()

plt.grid(True)

plt.show()

# Plot loss

plt.plot(history.history['loss'], label='Train Loss')

plt.plot(history.history['val\_loss'], label='Validation Loss')

plt.title('Loss over Epochs')

plt.xlabel('Epoch')

plt.ylabel('Loss')

plt.legend()

plt.grid(True)

plt.show()

history = model.fit(

    train\_dataset,

    validation\_data=val\_dataset,

    steps\_per\_epoch=800,

    validation\_steps=200,

    epochs=3,

    callbacks=[tb]  # Skip early stopping so it finishes all 3 epochs

)

import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

# Accuracy

plt.plot(history.history['accuracy'], label='Train Accuracy')

plt.plot(history.history['val\_accuracy'], label='Val Accuracy')

plt.title('Accuracy over Epochs')

plt.xlabel('Epoch')

plt.ylabel('Accuracy')

plt.legend()

plt.grid(True)

plt.show()

# Loss

plt.plot(history.history['loss'], label='Train Loss')

plt.plot(history.history['val\_loss'], label='Val Loss')

plt.title('Loss over Epochs')

plt.xlabel('Epoch')

plt.ylabel('Loss')

plt.legend()

plt.grid(True)

plt.show()

# evaluate on validaion data:

results = model.evaluate(val\_dataset, steps=200)

for name, value in zip(model.metrics\_names, results):

    print(f"{name}: {value:.4f}")

# Save the model

model.save('/content/drive/MyDrive/saved\_particle\_model')

#  Export as a .zip file for download or transfer

import shutil

shutil.make\_archive('/content/particle\_model\_export', 'zip', '/content/drive/MyDrive/saved\_particle\_model')

#  Generate classification metrics (for the case study)

import numpy as np

from sklearn.metrics import classification\_report, confusion\_matrix, roc\_auc\_score

# Get predictions from model on validation data

y\_true = []

y\_pred = []

for features, labels in val\_dataset.take(200):

    preds = model.predict(features)

    y\_true.extend(labels.numpy())

    y\_pred.extend((preds > 0.5).astype(int).flatten())

# Metrics

print("Confusion Matrix:")

print(confusion\_matrix(y\_true, y\_pred))

print("\nClassification Report:")

print(classification\_report(y\_true, y\_pred, digits=4))

print("\nAUC-ROC:")

print(f"AUC: {roc\_auc\_score(y\_true, y\_pred):.4f}")

# Commented out IPython magic to ensure Python compatibility.

# %matplotlib inline

import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

# Save accuracy plot

plt.plot(history.history['accuracy'], label='Train Accuracy')

plt.plot(history.history['val\_accuracy'], label='Val Accuracy')

plt.title('Accuracy over Epochs')

plt.xlabel('Epoch')

plt.ylabel('Accuracy')

plt.legend()

plt.grid(True)

plt.savefig('/content/accuracy\_plot.png')

plt.close()

# Save loss plot

plt.plot(history.history['loss'], label='Train Loss')

plt.plot(history.history['val\_loss'], label='Val Loss')

plt.title('Loss over Epochs')

plt.xlabel('Epoch')

plt.ylabel('Loss')

plt.legend()

plt.grid(True)

plt.savefig('/content/loss\_plot.png')

plt.close()