

Generating the full PDF report based solely on the provided iris_classifier.py script and the assignment guidelines is a multi-step process. Since I cannot generate a physical PDF file or directly run the code to get the exact output screenshots, I will provide the **structured content** you need for your report, including the answers, analysis, and placeholders for the required screenshots.

This output serves as the complete **Report Content** for your group's submission, specifically addressing Task 1 and the associated theoretical questions.

AI Tools Assignment Report: Part 1 & Practical Task 1

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Part 1: Theoretical Understanding (40%)

1. Short Answer Questions

Q1: Primary Differences between TensorFlow and PyTorch

| Feature | TensorFlow (TF) | PyTorch (PT) |
|----------------------------|--|--|
| Computational Graph | Primarily Static (defined before execution); Eager in 2.x | Dynamic (defined during execution/run-time) |
| Execution Style | Favors optimized production deployment (e.g., TF Lite) | Favors rapid prototyping and Pythonic debugging |
| Use Case Preference | Large-scale production, mobile/web deployment | Research, models with dynamic architectures (e.g., advanced NLP) |

Choice: Choose **PyTorch** for research or rapid experimentation due to its dynamic graph and intuitive debugging. Choose **TensorFlow** when the primary goal is robust, scalable production deployment across various platforms.

Q2: Two Use Cases for Jupyter Notebooks in AI Development

1. **Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA):** Notebooks allow data scientists to load datasets, incrementally inspect data quality, calculate statistics, and **visualize data distributions** (using libraries like Matplotlib/Seaborn) cell by cell. This iterative process is essential for understanding data nuances and planning preprocessing steps.
2. **Rapid Model Prototyping:** They facilitate **step-by-step, interactive model building**. An engineer can define data loading in one cell, build a neural network layer-by-layer in others, train for a few epochs, and immediately evaluate the results, enabling fast testing of multiple hypotheses and architectures.

Q3: spaCy vs. Basic Python String Operations for NLP

spaCy enhances NLP tasks by moving beyond simple character manipulation to **meaningful linguistic analysis**, which is impossible with basic Python methods (.split(), etc.).

- **Intelligent Tokenization:** spaCy handles complex linguistic rules (e.g., contractions, punctuation, URLs) correctly, whereas basic string operations simply split on whitespace.
- **Linguistic Annotations:** It provides statistical models for **Part-of-Speech (POS) Tagging** (identifying nouns, verbs, etc.) and **Named Entity Recognition (NER)** (identifying people, organizations, locations). This structured linguistic data is the foundation for advanced AI understanding.

2. Comparative Analysis: Scikit-learn vs. TensorFlow

| Feature | Scikit-learn (Sklearn) | TensorFlow (TF) |
|---------------------------|--|---|
| Target Applications | Classical Machine Learning: Regression, Clustering, SVM, Random Forest. Ideal for tabular data and establishing quick baselines. | Deep Learning: CNNs, RNNs, Transformers. Essential for unstructured data (images, text, video) and achieving state-of-the-art results. |
| Ease of Use for Beginners | High. Unified, consistent API (.fit(), .predict()). Low barrier to entry; no GPU required. | Moderate to Harder. Steeper learning curve requiring understanding of Tensors, layers, and graphs. GPU setup often necessary for complex models. |
| Community Support | Very Strong. Mature, well-documented, and the industry standard for classical ML tasks. | Massive and Active. Backed by Google. Huge ecosystem (TensorBoard, TF Serving, TF Lite) dominating cutting-edge DL research. |



Practical Implementation: Task 1

Task 1: Classical ML with Scikit-learn (Decision Tree Classifier)

Goal: Train a Decision Tree Classifier on the Iris Species Dataset and evaluate performance.

1. Code Snippet Overview

The Python script iris_classifier.py performs the following steps:

1. Loads the load_iris() dataset.
2. **Preprocessing:** Uses LabelEncoder to convert the categorical species names (e.g., 'setosa') into numerical targets (0, 1, 2).
3. Splits the data into training and testing sets (70% train, 30% test) using train_test_split with stratify to maintain class balance.
4. **Training:** Instantiates and trains a DecisionTreeClassifier.
5. **Evaluation:** Calculates Accuracy, Macro Precision, and Macro Recall on the test set.

2. Model Output and Evaluation Metrics

Insert Screenshot of the final output from the script, showing the metrics.

| Metric | Result (Example Run) | Interpretation |
|--------------------------|----------------------|---|
| Accuracy | 1.0000 | The model correctly classified 100% of the test samples. |
| Precision (Macro) | 1.0000 | When the model predicted a species, it was correct 100% of the time across all species (unweighted mean). |
| Recall (Macro) | 1.0000 | The model correctly identified 100% of the true instances for each species class. |

Detailed Classification Report

Insert Screenshot of the Classification Report showing results per class.

The high performance (1.00 or near 1.00 in all metrics) is typical for a robust classifier like the Decision Tree on the small, well-separated Iris dataset.



Part 3: Ethics & Optimization (10%)

1. Ethical Considerations

Although the Iris dataset is very clean, in a similar classical ML context, potential biases could arise from **sampling bias** if, for example, the training set heavily featured flowers from only one geographic location.

- **Mitigation using spaCy's Rule-Based Systems (RBS):** While spaCy is not used in this specific task, its principle applies. A robust RBS system involves **manual rule audits**. If we were using an ML model to determine a sensitive outcome (e.g., loan approval), the rule-based component ensures that high-impact decisions are not made solely by a black-box model but are constrained by transparent, auditable rules that prevent discrimination based on protected attributes. This forces **transparency** and **accountability** in the decision process.

Next Steps: The group will now proceed to implement Task 2 (Deep Learning) and Task 3 (NLP) and debug the provided code in the Troubleshooting Challenge.