What Is the Melanoma Dataset?

- Annual competition on Kaggle
 - Lots of highly skilled veterans!
- Expert Judgement: 74.1% sensitivity and 60% specificity by dermatologists
- Challenges
 - Large Data Set: 35 GB+ of JPEGs
 - Unbalanced classes: Only 500 positive examples out of n=30,000+)
 - Heterogeneous format: Inconsistent image quality/shape/brightness/orientation
 - Visually ambiguous classes





Baseline Models

Baseline Models

- Logistic Regression
- Support Vector Machine

Baseline Results

Logistic Regression

| | | precision | recall | f1-score | support | | precision | recall | f1-score | support |
|----------|------|-----------|--------|----------|---------|--------------|-----------|--------|----------|---------|
| | 0 | 0.98 | 1.00 | 0.99 | 6441 | 0 | 0.98 | 0.99 | 0.99 | 6440 |
| | 1 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 117 | 1 | 0.07 | 0.05 | 0.06 | 116 |
| accui | cacy | | | 0.98 | 6558 | accuracy | | | 0.97 | 6556 |
| macro | avg | 0.49 | 0.50 | 0.50 | 6558 | macro avg | 0.53 | 0.52 | 0.52 | 6556 |
| weighted | avg | 0.96 | 0.98 | 0.97 | 6558 | weighted avg | 0.97 | 0.97 | 0.97 | 6556 |

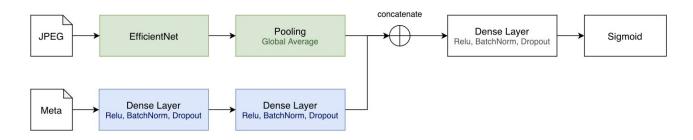
SVM (Linear Kernel)

Notes:

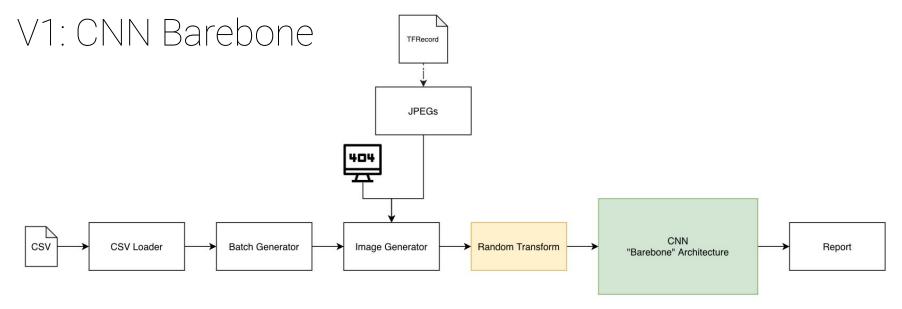
- 10 Epochs
- Sigmoid Threshold = 0.5
- No Regularization

Three Attempts

- V1: CNN Barebone
- V2: CNN Advanced
- V3: CNN (Image) + Neural Network (Metadata)



Bonus EDA: Can neural network learn?



- Input
 - Conv. 3x3x64, ReLu
- Conv. 3x3x32, ReLu
- Flatten
- Dense, Softmax

Architecture 1 Architecture 2

- Input
- Conv. 3x3x75, ReLu
 - o Pool 2x2
 - o Dropout 0.15
- Conv. 3x3x125, ReLu
 - o Pool 2x2
 - Dropout 0.15
- Flatten
- Dense, Softmax

V1: Miserable Failure

First run...

| | 15.000 1000 PM 1000 FM 1000 PM | | |
|--------------|--------------------------------|--------|----------|
| | precision | recall | f1-score |
| 0 | 0.50 | 1.00 | 0.67 |
| 1 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| accuracy | | | 0.50 |
| macro avg | 0.25 | 0.50 | 0.33 |
| weighted avg | 0.25 | 0.50 | 0.33 |

After countless hours of tweaking...

| | precision | recall | f1-score | |
|--------------|-----------|--------|----------|--|
| 0 | 0.53 | 0.96 | 0.68 | |
| 1 | 0.78 | 0.14 | 0.24 | |
| accuracy | | | 0.55 | |
| accuracy | | | | |
| macro avg | 0.65 | 0.55 | 0.46 | |
| weighted avg | 0.65 | 0.55 | 0.46 | |
| | | | | |

And... a full epoch takes ~1 hour to complete... Scrapped 1,000+ lines of codes... Ouch!

V2: CNN Advanced

TPU + TFRecord + K-Fold = Efficient Training

Stratified Training Data EfficientNet

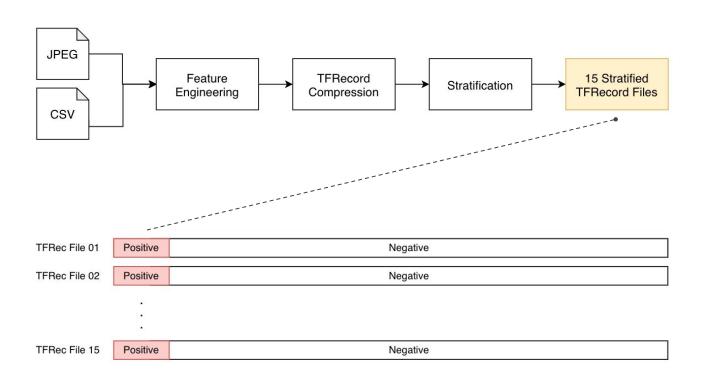
Transfer Learning

Focal Loss

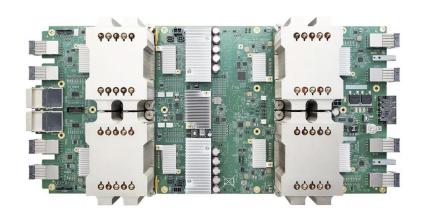
Others

- Additional feature engineering
- Apply random transformation on both training and test datasets
- Restrict image augmentation (e.g. avoid black edges)
- Experiment with hyperparameters using k-fold CV

Stratified Training Data & K-Fold



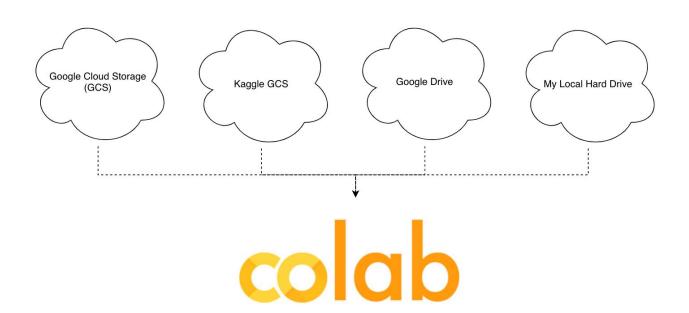
What Is TPU?





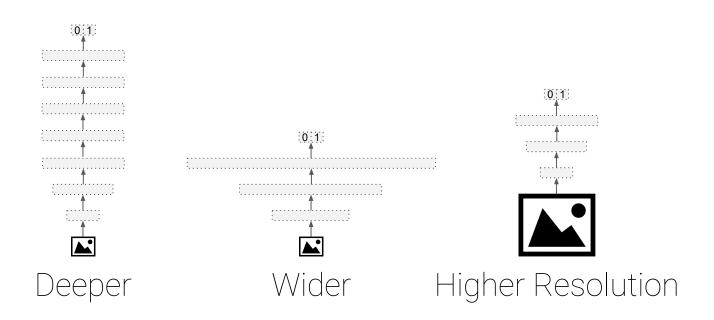
- 4 chips, each has 2 cores
- Processor designed for NN & Tensorflow
- GCS & code changes required (e.g. batch size)!

Colab & TPU



EfficientNet

Problem: How do we scale up a CNN?



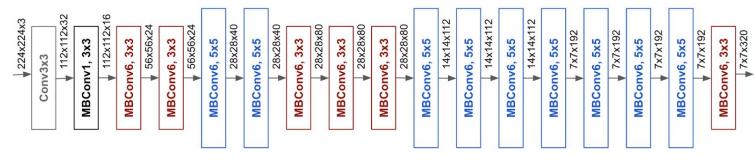
EfficientNet

Baseline Network

 EfficientNet-B0 is constructed using neural architecture search, which optimizes both accuracy and efficiency (FLOPS).

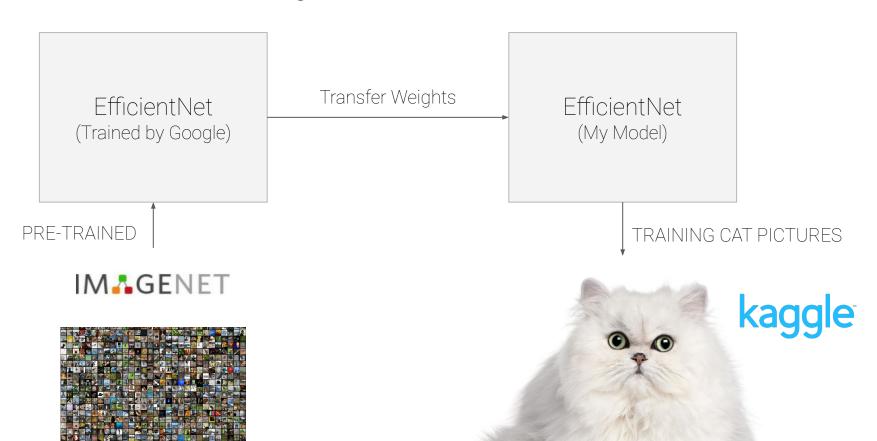
Compound Scaling

- Grid search to optimally scale up EfficientNet-B0 under a fixed resource constraint
- Result: B0, B1, B2, ..., B7



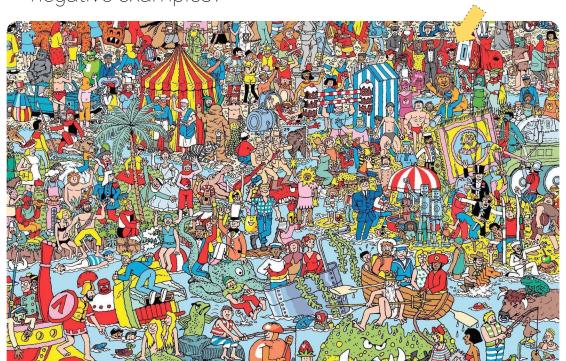
EfficientNet-B0

Transferred Learning

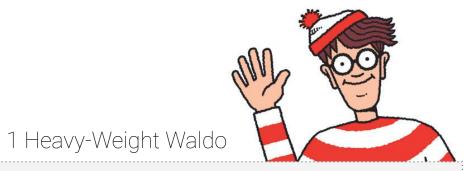


Focal Loss: Finding Learning Waldo

What if... for every positive example, you have 100+ negative examples?



Solution: Weight Adjustment



False Negative

100+ Small Strangers

Correct Predictions

What Is Focal Loss?

$$FL = -\sum_{i=1}^{C=2} \left(1-s_i
ight)^{\gamma} t_i \log(s_i)$$

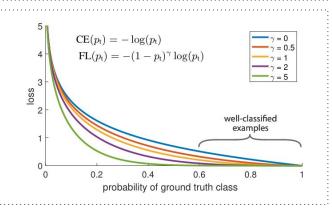
C is the class being predicted Si is the probability predicted by the neural network

Hyperparameters

- t_i (α on FB's paper) is the probability for positive case
 - o 1 in the ideal world
 - Can be adjusted to offset the imbalance in the dataset
- γ is used to adjust the loss curve
 - 2 is the proposed default by FB

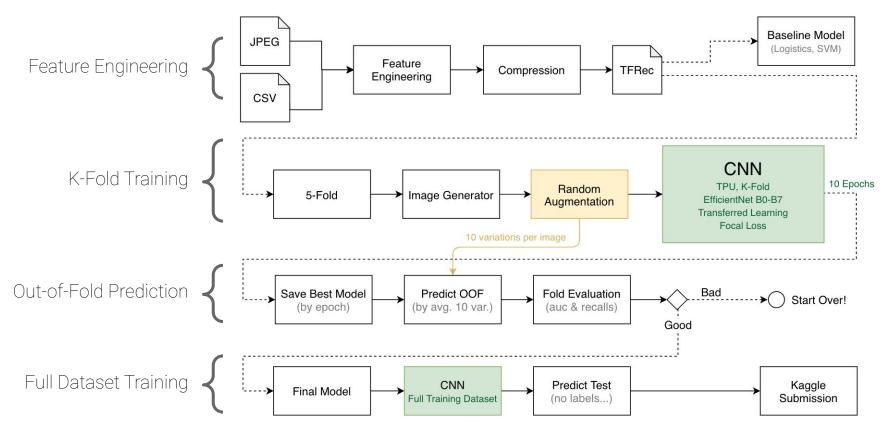
Binary Cross-Entropy

$$CE = -\sum_{i=1}^{C=2} t_i \log(s_i)$$

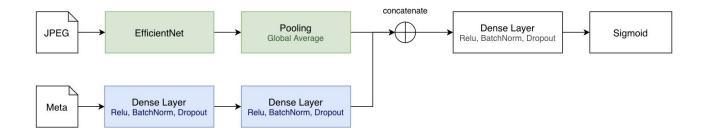


$$L = -lpha_t (1-p_t)^{\gamma} \log(p_t) \ = egin{cases} lpha_t = iggl\{ lpha_t & ext{if } y = 1 \ 1-lpha & ext{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

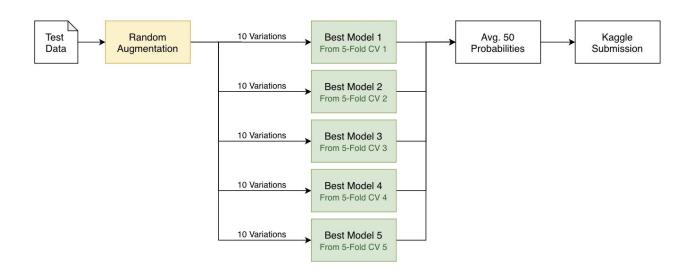
V2 Architecture



V3 Architecture



V3 Predictions



Results

V2 Results

Rank #1, 2019 Competition

| Configuration | Sensitivity | AUC |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| SENet154 SS 224×224 | 67.2 ± 0.8 | 94.1 ± 0.4 |
| EN B0 SS $224 \times 224 \ C = 8$ | 66.7 ± 1.8 | 94.0 ± 0.3 |
| EN B0 SS 224×224 | 65.8 ± 1.7 | 92.9 ± 0.8 |
| EN B0 RR 224×224 | 67.0 ± 1.6 | 93.3 ± 0.5 |
| EN B1 SS 240×240 | 65.9 ± 1.6 | 93.8 ± 0.3 |
| EN B1 RR 240×240 | 66.8 ± 1.5 | 93.7 ± 0.7 |
| EN B2 SS 260×260 | 67.2 ± 1.4 | 94.1 ± 0.6 |
| EN B2 RR 260×260 | 67.6 ± 2.0 | 93.9 ± 0.7 |
| EN B3 SS 300×300 | 67.8 ± 2.0 | 94.3 ± 0.5 |
| EN B3 RR 300×300 | 67.0 ± 1.5 | 94.0 ± 0.6 |
| EN B4 SS 380×380 | 67.8 ± 1.1 | 94.1 ± 0.5 |
| EN B4 RR 380×380 | 68.1 ± 1.6 | 94.2 ± 0.5 |
| EN B5 SS 456×456 | 68.2 ± 0.9 | 93.5 ± 0.7 |
| EN B5 RR 456×456 | 68.0 ± 2.2 | 94.0 ± 0.7 |
| EN B6 SS 456×456 | 68.8 ± 0.7 | 93.8 ± 0.5 |
| Ensemble Average | 71.7 ± 1.7 | 95.4 ± 0.5 |
| Ensemble Optimal | 72.5 ± 1.7 | 95.4 ± 0.5 |

Our Results

AUC: 89.05

Problem: Underfitting (?)

- Only 10 epochs of training
- Training and validation show similar performance
- Test Set Performance (Leaderboard):
 - o 0.89 AUC
 - o Rank: 1,498 (out of 2,600+ entries)

Specs:

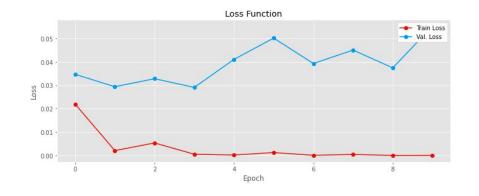
- Model: EfficientNet B7
- Loss Function: Focal Loss
- Transferred Learning: ImageNet
- Epochs: 8
- Batch Size: 64
- Image Size: 256x256
- Random Image Augmentation: True

V3 Results

Problem: Overfitting (high variance), large performance gap between training and validation

Epoch 5:

| | Training Data | Validation Data |
|-----------|---------------|-----------------|
| AUC | 0.96 | 0.71 |
| Recall | 0.93 | 0.15 |
| Precision | 0.83 | 0.36 |



Demo

colab

What Else Can Be Done?

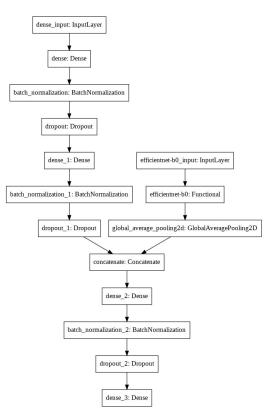
v2 (underfitting) and v3 (overfitting) suffer from different issues and require different treatments.

Other Things to Try:

- Ensemble!
- Hyperparameters Tuning
 - Gradient Clipping
 - Learning Rate Decay
 - o Grid Search
- Feature Engineering
 - Hair Simulation
 - Microscope Vignette Simulation
 - Higher Resolutions

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V3 TensorFlow Model



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