

**Interpreting mechanisms of prediction for skin cancer diagnosis using multi-task  
learning  
Supplementary Material**

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## Network Architecture

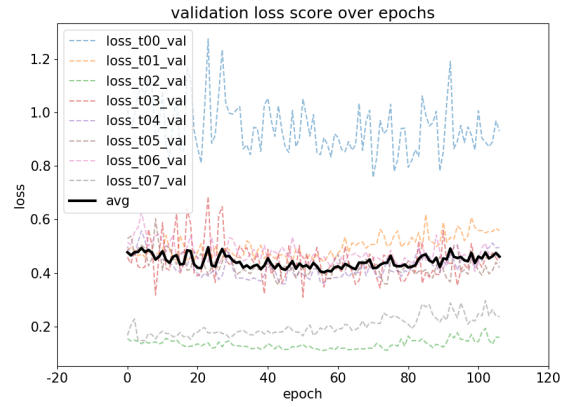
block	layer (kernel/stride)	# output channels		
		standard	double	half
convolutional1	conv1 (5x5/2)	2	4	1
	maxpool1 (2x2/2)	2	4	1
gated1	-	16	32	8
convolutional2	conv2 (1x1/1)	8	16	4
	conv3 (3x3/1)	4	8	2
	maxpool3 (2x2/2)	4	8	2
gated2	-	32	64	16
convolutional3	conv4 (1x1/1)	16	32	8
	conv5 (3x3/1)	8	16	4
	maxpool5 (2x2/2)	8	16	4
gated3	-	64	128	32
convolutional4	conv6 (1x1/1)	32	64	16
	conv7 (3x3/1)	16	32	8
	maxpool7 (2x2/2)	16	32	8
gated4	-	128	256	64
final	conv8 (1x1/1)	64	128	32
	avgpool8	64	128	32
	fc19	64	128	32
	fc110	$J^t$	$J^t$	$J^t$

Table S1: Network architecture. The convolutional blocks have the same architecture for each task, but do not share weights. The last columns indicate the number of channels in the two architectures used in the experiments.

## Training Curves



(a) Training loss.



(b) Validation loss.

Figure S1: Training curves for experiment `standard`. Note that the scale is different because during testing phase the mini-batch weights are not evaluated.

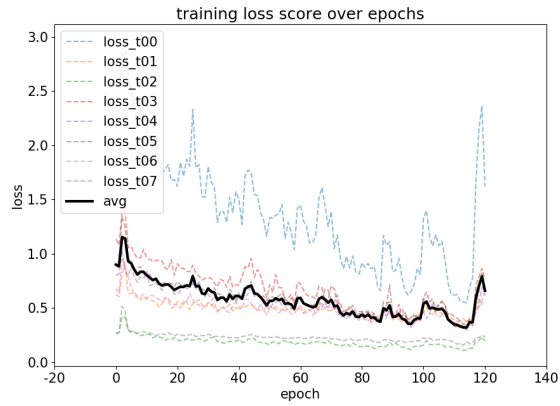


(a) Training loss.

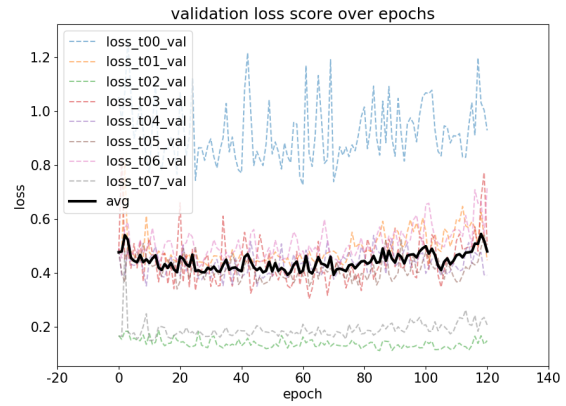


(b) Validation loss.

Figure S2: Training curves for experiment `half`. Note that the scale is different because during testing phase the mini-batch weights are not evaluated.

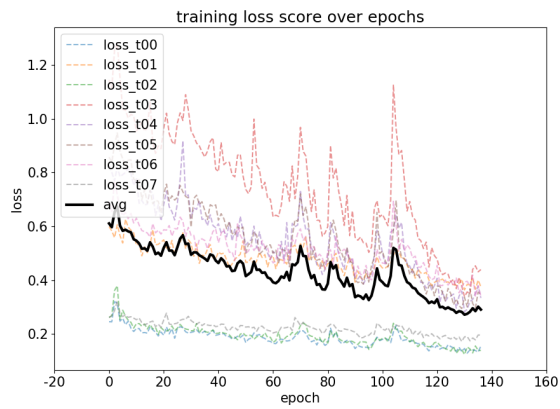


(a) Training loss.

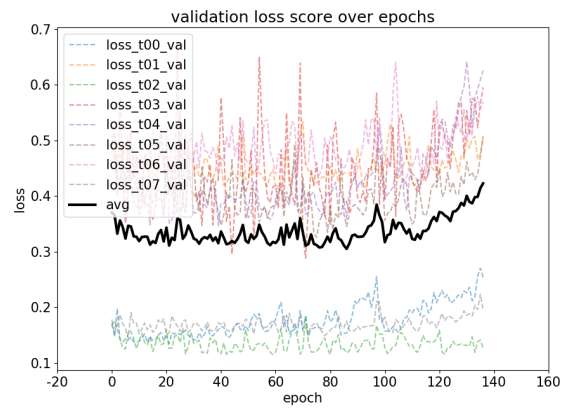


(b) Validation loss.

Figure S3: Training curves for experiment `double`. Note that the scale is different because during testing phase the mini-batch weights are not evaluated.



(a) Training loss.



(b) Validation loss.

Figure S4: Training curves for experiment `binary`. Note that the scale is different because during testing phase the mini-batch weights are not evaluated.



(a) Training loss.



(b) Validation loss.

Figure S5: Training curves for experiment `gates-off`. Note that the scale is different because during testing phase the mini-batch weights are not evaluated.

## Melanoma diagnosis confusion matrices

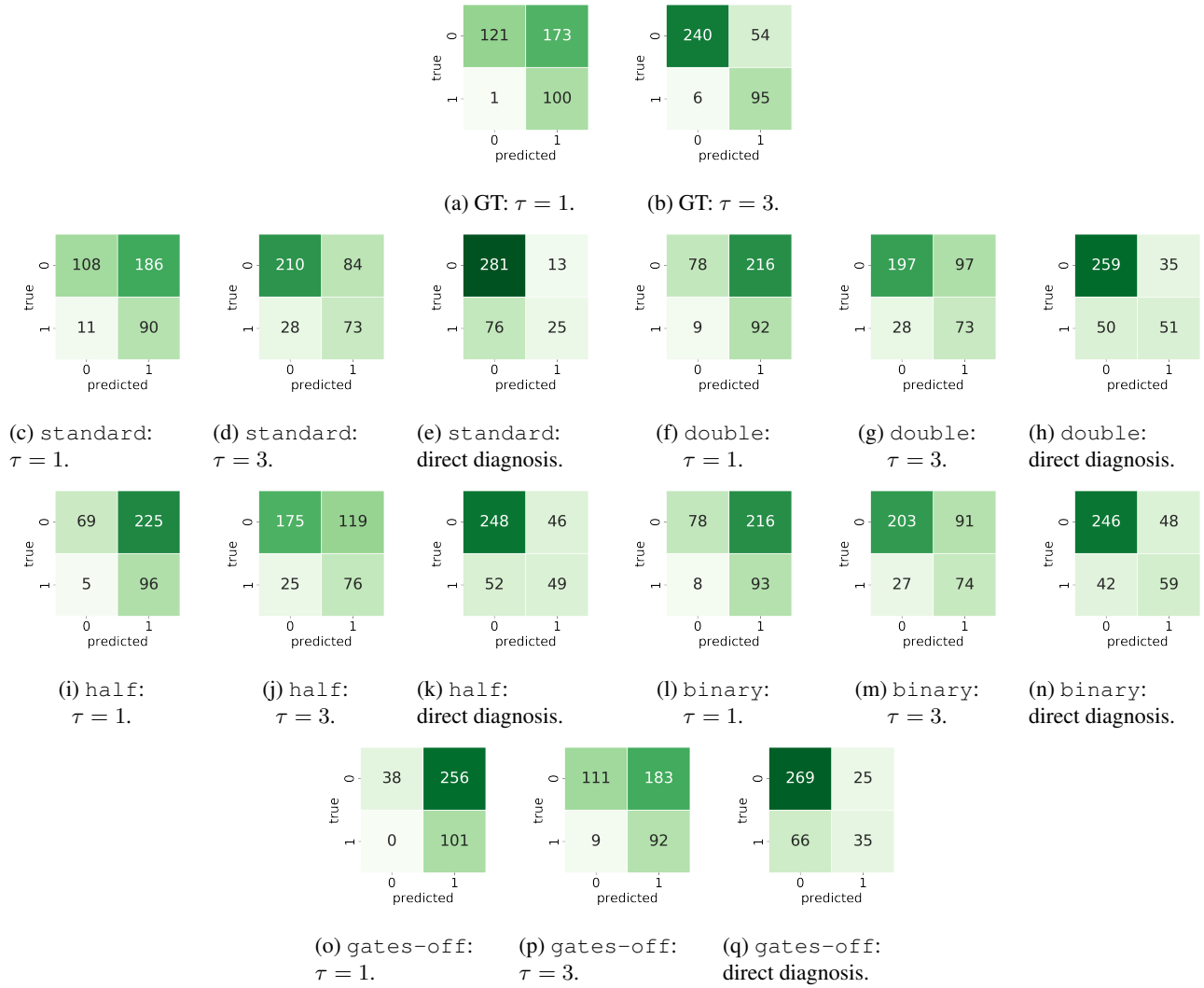


Figure S6: Confusion matrices of the binary melanoma diagnosis for various experiments.  $\tau$  is the threshold chosen for the 7-point checklist method [1, 2]. 0: not melanoma; 1: melanoma.

## References

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