# AMAKAN: Fully Interpretable Adaptive Multiscale Attention Through Kolmogorov-Arnold Networks

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Abstract: This paper introduces AMAKAN, a novel method for tabular data classification combining the Adaptive Multiscale Deep Neural Network with Kolmogorov–Arnold Network to ensure full interpretability without sacrificing predictive performance. The Adaptive Multiscale Deep Neural Network dynamically focuses on relevant features at different scales by using learned attention mechanisms. These multiscale features are then refined by Kolmogorov–Arnold Network layers, which replace typical dense layers with learnable univariate functions on network edges, providing transparency by allowing practitioners to visually see and inspect feature transformations directly. Experimental results on a variety of real-world datasets demonstrate that AMAKAN achieves performance equivalent to or better than state-of-the-art baselines while providing transparent and actionable explanations for its predictions. By the seamless combination of interpretable attention mechanisms with Kolmogorov–Arnold Network layers, the paper presents an explainable and efficient deep learning method for tabular data across a vast spectrum of application domains.

### **1** INTRODUCTION

Machine learning research has progressively focused on creating advanced deep learning models capable of processing various data modalities, such as text, images, and time series signals. Despite these successes, applying deep learning to tabular data, perhaps one of the most prevalent data structures in numerous industries, remains an open challenge. Conventional multilayer neural networks tend to struggle with maintaining high accuracy without compromising interpretability, a concern that is particularly important in areas where model transparency is the foundation of trust and accountability.

Recent work has demonstrated that specialized architectures can benefit performance and explainability for tabular data classification. In particular, the Adaptive Multiscale Deep Neural Network (Dentamaro et al., 2024) was developed to provide better feature weighting with design-time interpretability. This is achieved using parallel Excitation Layers of differing compression levels and a Trainable Attention Mechanism, which programmatically selects the learned feature dynamically. Although these mecha-

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nisms partly unlock the internal decision process of the model, further fine-tuning of its ultimate layers needs to be conducted to render it a wholly interpretable system.

Kolmogorov-Arnold Networks (KANs) (Liu et al., 2024) are another powerful recent option for representing complicated relationships among neural networks without relying on pre-defined activation functions in the nodes. Instead, they place learnable univariate functions on the edges.

In doing so, they automatically offer a path towards transparency and interpretability: any edge in a KAN may be viewed and analyzed to reveal the evolution of the input signals. Above all, there are rigorous theoretical foundations for Kolmogorov-Arnold Networks, in the form of the Kolmogorov-Arnold representation theorem (Schmidt-Hieber, 2021), to support their ability to approximate multivariate functions with versatility.

This paper incorporates Kolmogorov-Arnold Networks into the latter sections of the Adaptive Multiscale Deep Neural Network to obtain end-to-end interpretability. That is, the final two dense layers of the Adaptive Multiscale Deep Neural Network are substituted with Kolmogorov-Arnold Network layers, allowing explicit insight into feature transformations. Experimental findings show that such changes consis-

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tently result in improved performance while granting the full transparency required for high-stakes applications.

The remainder of this paper is organized as follows. Section 2 discusses recent research on interpretable deep learning methods for tabular data, including other architectures employing attention mechanisms and tree-based ensembles. Section 3 introduces the initial Adaptive Multiscale Deep Neural Network architecture and outlines how Kolmogorov-Arnold Networks are incorporated into its architecture. Section 4 discusses the experimental setup and datasets considered, and Section 5 presents results on classification performance and interpretability impact. Section 6 concludes and gives future work directions for how this improved architecture can serve as a faithful, fully interpretable deep learning solution for tabular data.

### 2 RELATED WORK

### 2.1 Adaptive Multiscale Deep Neural Network

The Adaptive Multiscale Deep Neural Network, presented by Dentamaro et al. (Dentamaro et al., 2024), has been particularly engineered to improve feature weighting in tabular data classification, with a high level of interpretability. Through the integration of multiple Excitation Layers operating at different levels of compression, the model enables a dynamic evaluation of input feature relevance. These representations are then combined within a Merge Laver through operations like addition, averaging, concatenation, or the Hadamard product, thus enabling the combination of multi-scale feature representations. Finally, a Trainable Attention Mechanism further optimizes the determined feature importance by adjusting weight parameters during training. This method yields considerably enhanced classification performance, thanks to the ability of the model to analyze input data at a multi-resolution level, while interpretability is also improved through attention-based feature weighting.

This model aligns with other explainable deep learning approaches developed for tabular data. Neural Oblivious Decision Tree Ensembles (NODE) (Popov et al., 2019) offers differentiable decision trees that support gradient-based learning, thus allowing a balance between interpretability and performance, similarly to other decision-tree-based methodologies (Luo et al., 2021; Dentamaro et al., 2018). As opposed to typical tree-based algorithms, NODE supports end-to-end training while also ensuring transparency at the feature level. Similarly, the Soft Decision Tree Regressor (SDTR) (Luo et al., 2021) blends decision tree approaches with deep learning, leveraging hierarchical representations to both improve predictive ability and model explainability.

Besides hybrid tree-based models, there have been various novel deep learning architectures proposed for tabular data analysis. TabNet (Arik and Pfister, 2021) leverages an interpretable sequential attention mechanism that selectively extracts relevant features step by step, thus improving feature selection and interpretability. However, it requires large datasets for the best training outcomes. Also, Cat-Boost (Prokhorenkova et al., 2018), a gradient boosting system that was particularly tailored for efficient categorical feature management, combines ordered boosting and fast categorical variable processing to maintain high prediction quality with improved interpretability. Aversano et al. (Aversano et al., 2023) further contributed to the field by proposing a data-aware explainable deep learning approach that demonstrates how interpretability can be integrated into predictive systems, particularly in process-aware applications.

## 2.2 Kolmogorov-Arnold Networks (KANs)

Kolmogorov-Arnold Networks (KANs) (Liu et al., 2024) leverage the Kolmogorov-Arnold representation theorem (Schmidt-Hieber, 2021), which states that every multivariate continuous function  $f: [0,1]^n \to \mathbb{R}$  can be represented as a superposition of continuous single-variable functions:

$$f(x_1, x_2, ..., x_n) = \sum_{q=1}^{2n+1} \Phi_q \left( \sum_{p=1}^n \phi_{p,q}(x_p) \right)$$

where  $\Phi_q$  and  $\phi_{p,q}$  are learnable functions.

In contrast to Multi-Layer Perceptrons (MLPs) that apply fixed activation at neurons, KANs apply learnable functions to the edges, which increases flexibility and expressiveness.

Some of the most significant distinctions between KANs and MLPs are as follows:

- Learnable vs. Fixed Activations: KANs make use of learnable function compositions instead of fixed activations, thus showing improved data pattern adaptability.
- Weight Multiplication vs. Function Approximation: KANs allow for dynamic transformations, unlike traditional static weighted sums, by supporting the learning of functions.

• **Shallower yet More Expressive:** KANs achieve strong function approximation using fewer layers, thus reducing the need for large architectures.

KANs are highly interpretable due to their explicit modeling of feature transformation. Their learned functions can be visualized, thus offering important insights into how features influence predictions. In addition, their unique architecture makes them immune to catastrophic forgetting, thus ensuring robustness in sequential learning tasks.

Several research works have enabled the development of the interpretability of Kolmogorov-Arnold Networks. Xu et al. (Xu et al., 2024) have incorporated symbolic regression into KANs, as shown by their implementations in Temporal KAN (T-KAN) and Multi-Task KAN (MT-KAN), and improved transparency in time-series tasks. Galitsky (Galitsky, 2024) has utilized KANs in natural language processing (NLP) by using inductive logic programming to give word-level explanations. A similar strategy of combining explainability with advanced modeling has also been applied in biomedical contexts, such as AI-assisted spectroscopy for cancer assessment (Esposito et al., 2023; Gattulli et al., 2023b; Dentamaro et al., 2021; Gattulli et al., 2023a). De Carlo et al. (De Carlo et al., 2024) and Sun (Sun, 2024) have explored using KANs in graph neural networks and scientific discovery, where inherent complexity presents interpretability challenges. Bozorgasl and Chen (Bozorgasl and Chen, ) have proposed Wav-KAN, which incorporates wavelets for enhanced transparency. Thanks to these advancements, KANs have demonstrated their capability to add interpretability in different architectural frameworks. For this reason, this paper integrates them into the Adaptive Multiscale Deep Neural Network to replace its black-box components and achieve full interpretability.

### **3 REVISED ARCHITECTURE**

#### 3.1 Original Network Structure

Adaptive Multiscale Deep Neural Network is proposed to boost feature weighting and attention mechanisms for tabular data classification. The model architecture consists of multiple parallel Excitation Layers with different levels of compression to capture and emphasize relevant features dynamically. The Excitation Layers perform a dense transformation and an Exponential Linear Unit (ELU) activation function to enhance the gradient flow, and a second dense transformation and sigmoid activation function to normalize attention weights to [0,1]. The number of excitation layers is defined proportionally to the number of input features to achieve adaptability to different datasets.

Excitation Layers' outputs are merged through a Merge Layer that carries out one of four operations: Addition, Averaging, Concatenation, or Hadamard Product. Through this operation, multi-scale feature representations are effectively merged before further processing. To normalize feature representations, the network carries out Layer Normalization, followed by a Hadamard Product between the normalized output and original input features. This operation enhances feature weighting without losing raw data properties.

A Trainable Attention Mechanism updates feature importance dynamically using a trainable weight matrix. The matrix, which is set to an identity matrix with a small scaling factor at initialization, is trained to learn the best feature weighting. With an explicit model of feature contribution to the classification task, this mechanism improves both performance and interpretability.

The interpretability of the Adaptive Multiscale Attention Block is realized through an extensive analysis of features at multiple scales. First, the Excitation Layers present an immediate view of the most important features relevant for classification by computing attention weights at various levels of granularity. These attention weights enable the investigation of local feature importance, thereby indicating which features are emphasized in different parts of the network. Second, the overall importance of each input variable is determined by summing attention scores over all instances, providing a high level of understanding of feature relevance. Further, the model explores the variation of feature importance across different classes, allowing an analysis of class-specific feature dynamics. Finally, the network gains insights into nonlinear interactions between features, revealing complex dependencies that are not addressed in conventional models.

With these mechanisms for interpretability built into its design, the Adaptive Multiscale Deep Neural Network is not based on post hoc explainability techniques but is instead inherently transparent regarding its choices. Having the ability to visualize attention distributions and examine feature interactions makes it particularly well-suited to transparency-requiring applications such as medical diagnosis and financial modeling.

In order to improve the interpretability of the model, the final two dense layers have been replaced by two dense layers obtained from the Kolmogorov-Arnold Network, as depicted in Figure 1. To main-

tain consistency with the previous architecture, the first layer of the Kolmogorov-Arnold Network is set to have a number of units equal to the number of input features, while the second layer is set to have a number of units equal to the number of total output classes.



Figure 1: Adaptive Multiscale Attention Network KAN Architecture.

In contrast with the conventional dense layers that depend on linear transformations followed by pre-set activation functions, Kolmogorov-Arnold Network layers inherently use complicated nonlinear transformations using adjustable function compositions. This inherent non-linearity obviates the necessity for the ELU activation function that was used in the dense layers of the original network. The flexibility of the Kolmogorov-Arnold Network layers ensures that the feature transformations are data-dependent, and the model can adaptively learn the most significant representations without pre-defined activation functions.

Every layer in the Kolmogorov-Arnold Network is implemented using a grid size of 5 and a spline order of 3, in line with Liu et al. (Liu et al., 2024)'s methodology in their original research on Kolmogorov-Arnold Networks. Such dimensions achieve the best possible trade-off between computational efficiency and function approximation capacity and thus ensure that the network enjoys a considerable amount of expressiveness while remaining interpretable.

#### 4 EXPERIMENTAL SETUP

The datasets for evaluation are identical to those in (Dentamaro et al., 2024). An overview of the datasets is presented in table 1, including the number of instances, features, and their balancing properties.

The datasets were chosen to provide an overall assessment of the suggested architecture. The UCI Arrhythmia dataset was chosen because it has a very high number of features, and hence it is a suitable benchmark for testing models that deal with intricate feature interactions. In addition, the collection of datasets includes imbalanced and balanced datasets so that the model's performance is evaluated under varying class distributions. The inclusion of the Higgs Boson dataset with more than 11 million samples gives a large-scale benchmark for the scalability of the new approach. Likewise, the Click-Through Rate dataset also gives a large yet structured classification problem with a reasonable feature space. Including the smaller datasets also tests the model's ability to handle low data situations.

To compare and evaluate the suggested architecture against its predecessor version, all experimental approaches were performed using the same model parameters defined in (Dentamaro et al., 2024). In addition, a new baseline experiment was added, where a Kolmogorov-Arnold Network with a single hidden layer was used. The number of units in this layer was set to  $f \times 0.8$ , where f is the number of features in the dataset, to provide consistency with the MLP setup described in (Dentamaro et al., 2024).

According to (Dentamaro et al., 2024), a baseline Kolmogorov-Arnold Network was trained for a maximum of 150 epochs with data standardization (Zscore normalization) being applied before the training phase was initiated. This approach enables fair comparisons by ensuring that all models operate under the same preprocessing settings.

In order to create a general comparative framework, the methodologies being considered can be classified as follows:

- Tree-based approaches
  - Decision Tree
  - Random Forests (Breiman, 2001)

Dataset	Instances	Features	Size	Balancing
UCI Arrhythmia (Guvenir and Quinlan, 1997)	452	279	Small	Imbalanced
UCI Wisconsin Breast Cancer (Wolberg and Street, 1993)	569	32	Small	Balanced
UCI Cervical Cancer (Fernandes and Fernandes, 2017)	72	19	Small	Imbalanced
UCI Diabetic Retinopathy (Antal and Hajdu, 2014)	1,151	20	Small	Balanced
UCI Heart Disease (Janosi and Detrano, 1989)	303	14	Small	Imbalanced
Click-Through Rate (Aden and Wang, 2012)	1,000,000	12	Large	Balanced
Higgs Boson (Baldi et al., 2014)	11,000,000	28	Very Large	Balanced

Table 1: Summary of Datasets Used.

- XGBoost (Chen and Guestrin, 2016)
- CatBoost (Prokhorenkova et al., 2018)
- Non-tree-based approaches
- TabNet (Arik and Pfister, 2021)
- Multi-Layer Perceptron (MLP)
- Support Vector Machine (SVM) with RBF kernel
- Kolmogorov–Arnold Network (KAN) (Liu et al., 2024)
- Original Adaptive Multiscale Attention Network (Dentamaro et al., 2024)

With regard to the architecture suggested in this paper, all experimental protocols were carried out under consistent conditions as outlined in (Dentamaro et al., 2024). For every dataset, four different model configurations were tested, differing in the type of merge layer used. Let  $s_i$  be the output of the *i*-th Excitation Layer, where *n* is the number of Excitation Layers. The merge layer integration was performed using one of the following four methodologies:

• Addition: The outputs produced by every Excitation Layer are combined through element-wise addition to create the composite representation:

$$W_l = \sum_{i=1}^n s_i \tag{1}$$

where  $W_l$  is the resulting weighted feature representation.

• Averaging: The outcomes obtained from the Excitation Layers undergo averaging to allow for an equitable aggregation:

$$W_l = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n s_i \tag{2}$$

where each  $s_i$  preserves a fair contribution to the final merged representation.

• Hadamard Product: The output resulting from the Excitation Layers is element-wise multiplied: n

$$W_l = \prod_{i=2} s_{i-1} \cdot s_i \tag{3}$$

• **Concatenation:** The outputs of the Excitation Layers are concatenated along the feature dimension:

$$W_l = [s_1 \oplus s_2 \oplus \dots \oplus s_n] \tag{4}$$

where  $\oplus$  represents the concatenation operator, thus increasing the feature space dimensionality.

The four setups enable a thorough evaluation of the impact that different merging methods have on the performance of the model, thus providing insightful information on their respective contributions to interpretability and accuracy.

### **5 RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

In this section, an empirical comparison is made among the proposed architecture and the earlier Adaptive Multiscale Deep Neural Network (Dentamaro et al., 2024) and the baseline models. The comparison is done across various datasets and is measured in terms of classification accuracy using the F1weighted score, which is a balanced measure in case of class imbalance. The motivation behind the comparison is to analyze if the addition of Kolmogorov-Arnold Network layers can enhance the performance of classification along with interpretability.

#### **5.1** Performance Evaluation

The results presented in Table 2 demonstrate that the suggested Adaptive Multiscale Deep Neural Network, equipped with Kolmogorov-Arnold Network layers, performs better than the baseline architecture on nearly all datasets, the sole exceptions being Heart Disease and Higgs Boson. This is seen consistently across merging strategies, indicating that the substitution of the last dense layers with Kolmogorov-Arnold Network layers significantly improves the model's capacity to comprehend intricate feature relationships without sacrificing accuracy.

As per the initial Adaptive Multiscale Deep Neural Network (Dentamaro et al., 2024), the best configurations in the new architecture include the use of either the Hadamard Product or Concatenation within the merge layer. Both methods appear to maximize the use of multi-scale feature representations, thus improving classification performance. However, such high performance levels are also maintained using other merging layers, such as Addition and Averaging, thereby highlighting the resilience of the new architecture with different configurations.

Despite these general improvements, the suggested architecture failed to surpass the baseline model's performance on the Heart Disease and Higgs Boson datasets.

- Heart Disease Dataset: As a result of the intrinsic complexity of Kolmogorov-Arnold Networks, the relatively low number of instances must have impacted the model's ability to generalize well.
- **Higgs Boson Dataset:** The performance of the new architecture is the same as that of the old architecture. New and old architecture scores are still competitive but still fail to beat tree-based models such as XGBoost and CatBoost.

The results show that the suggested changes significantly improve the performance of the Adaptive Multiscale Deep Neural Network on most datasets, while at the same time retaining its interpretability benefits. The slight underperformance on the Heart Disease and Higgs Boson datasets is likely due to problem-specific difficulties, as opposed to fundamental limitations of the new proposed architecture.

#### 5.2 Impact of Interpretability

Kolmogorov–Arnold Networks (KANs) have a clear interpretability advantage compared to standard dense layers. As shown in (Liu et al., 2024), every connection in the network corresponds to a learnable univariate function, enabling the visualization and investigation of the routes that input signals take through different layers. Spline-based functions naturally enable investigation and can be optimized, where necessary, with techniques like pruning or symbolic fitting.

The Adaptive Multi-Scale Attention Block outlined in (Dentamaro et al., 2024) always preserves the integrity of the original feature set. Specifically, the recurrent processing of the input before the trainable attention layer ensures that the subsequent transformations preserve information relevant to the original features. Therefore, inspection of the last two dense layers is instrumental for obtaining a complete understanding of the influence that these original features have on the classification.

A representative case is demonstrated by the examination of the second KAN layer of the model learned on the Click dataset. This dataset has 11 input features and a single binary target. Figure 2 shows the layer after initialization, with each branch having uniform intensity. While the functions might look superficially equivalent, they contain differences due to small random fluctuations, which result from the random initialization process outlined in the initial paper regarding Kolmogorov–Arnold networks.



Figure 2: 2nd KAN layer plot after the initialization on Click-Through Rate (Aden and Wang, 2012).

When the second layer is trained on the Click dataset, it undergoes a significant change, as can be seen in Figure 3. Each of the functions has been adapted to fit the distribution of the data, a fact well represented by the difference in intensity between the branches, which represent how much each of the features affects the classification. It can be seen that the seventh feature seems to have the greatest impact, as represented by the darker branch leading from it to the output of the layer. This representation well illus-

Method	Arrhythmia	Wisconsin Breast Cancer	Cervical Cancer	Diabetic Retinopa- thy	Heart Disease	Click Through Rate	Higgs Boson
Support Vector Machines with RBF	$\begin{array}{c} 0.486 \pm \\ 0.090 \end{array}$	$0.970 \pm 0.010$	$0.991 \pm 0.010$	$\begin{array}{c} 0.704 \pm \\ 0.020 \end{array}$	$0.521 \pm 0.060$	$0.521 \pm 0.060$	$\begin{array}{c} 0.764 \pm \\ 0.001 \end{array}$
Decision Tree	$\begin{array}{c} 0.646 \pm \\ 0.060 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 0.902 \pm \\ 0.030 \end{array}$	$0.994 \pm 0.004$	$\begin{array}{c} 0.611 \pm \\ 0.020 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 0.490 \pm \\ 0.050 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 0.500 \pm \\ 0.030 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 0.716 \pm \\ 0.001 \end{array}$
Multi Layer Perceptron	$\begin{array}{c} 0.634 \pm \\ 0.060 \end{array}$	$0.971 \pm 0.010$	$\begin{array}{c} 0.989 \pm \\ 0.008 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 0.706 \pm \\ 0.020 \end{array}$	$0.503 \pm 0.070$	$\begin{array}{c} 0.487 \pm \\ 0.050 \end{array}$	$0.761 \pm 0.001$
Kolmogorov Arnold Network	$\begin{array}{c} 0.673 \pm \\ 0.070 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 0.973 \pm \\ 0.010 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 0.992 \pm \\ 0.008 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 0.712 \pm \\ 0.020 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 0.510 \pm \\ 0.050 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 0.533 \pm \\ 0.020 \end{array}$	$0.758 \pm 0.002$
Random Forest	$0.665 \pm 0.030$	$0.948 \pm 0.020$	$\begin{array}{c} 0.987 \pm \\ 0.010 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 0.685 \pm \\ 0.030 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 0.525 \pm \\ 0.080 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 0.536 \pm \\ 0.060 \end{array}$	$0.741 \pm 0.001$
XGBoost	$0.675 \pm 0.030$	$\begin{array}{c} 0.970 \pm \\ 0.008 \end{array}$	$0.991 \pm 0.010$	$0.694 \pm 0.001$	$0.507 \pm 0.050$	$\begin{array}{c} 0.507 \pm \\ 0.050 \end{array}$	$0.774 \pm 0.001$
TabNet	$\begin{array}{c} 0.392 \pm \\ 0.090 \end{array}$	$0.935 \pm 0.050$	$\begin{array}{c} 0.990 \pm \\ 0.010 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 0.617 \pm \\ 0.050 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 0.464 \pm \\ 0.050 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 0.464 \pm \\ 0.050 \end{array}$	$0.763 \pm 0.001$
CatBoost	$\begin{array}{c} 0.664 \pm \\ 0.050 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 0.970 \pm \\ 0.020 \end{array}$	$0.987 \pm 0.009$	$\begin{array}{c} 0.682 \pm \\ 0.020 \end{array}$	$0.539 \pm 0.050$	$\begin{array}{c} 0.539 \pm \\ 0.050 \end{array}$	$0.769 \pm 0.001$
Adaptive Multiscale Attention - Add	$0.679 \pm 0.040$	$0.970 \pm 0.004$	$0.996 \pm 0.004$	$\begin{array}{c} 0.740 \pm \\ 0.020 \end{array}$	$0.533 \pm 0.050$	$\begin{array}{c} 0.550 \pm \\ 0.050 \end{array}$	0.769 ± 0.001
Adaptive Multiscale Attention - Avg	$0.619 \pm 0.030$	$0.970 \pm 0.010$	$0.995 \pm 0.005$	$0.744 \pm 0.010$	$0.535 \pm 0.050$	$0.551 \pm 0.050$	$0.765 \pm 0.001$
Adaptive Multiscale Attention - Mul	$0.648 \pm 0.004$	$0.969 \pm 0.010$	$0.995 \pm 0.005$	$0.724 \pm 0.010$	$0.585 \pm 0.050$	$0.609 \pm 0.040$	$0.775 \pm 0.001$
Adaptive Multiscale Attention - Conc	$0.630 \pm 0.040$	$0.967 \pm 0.010$	$0.995 \pm 0.005$	$0.723 \pm 0.020$	$0.497 \pm 0.050$	$0.558 \pm 0.050$	$0.766 \pm 0.001$
Adaptive Multiscale Attention With KANs - Add	$0.667 \pm 0.083$	$0.986 \pm 0.017$	$0.996 \pm 0.008$	$0.739 \pm 0.027$	$0.548 \pm 0.121$	$0.582 \pm 0.001$	$0.767 \pm 0.003$
Adaptive Multiscale Attention With KANs - Avg	$0.661 \pm 0.077$	$0.988 \pm 0.018$	$0.996 \pm 0.008$	$0.740 \pm 0.027$	$0.576 \pm 0.083$	$0.591 \pm 0.001$	$0.773 \pm 0.002$
Adaptive Multiscale Attention With KANs - Mul	$0.682 \pm 0.077$	0.979 ± 0.017	0.997 ± 0.008	0.706 ± 0.029	$0.558 \pm 0.056$	$0.615 \pm 0.001$	0.761 ± 0.002
Adaptive Multiscale Attention With KANs - Conc	$0.699 \pm 0.075$	$0.984 \pm 0.018$	$0.993 \pm 0.009$	$0.753 \pm 0.032$	$0.562 \pm 0.085$	$0.589 \pm 0.001$	$0.766 \pm 0.002$

Table 2: F1-weighted average scores ( $\pm$  standard deviation) on various datasets.

trates how the spline-based functions are optimized for the problem at hand, as well as providing an instantaneous way of determining the most relevant inputs for the final prediction.



Figure 3: 2nd KAN layer plot after the training on Click-Through Rate (Aden and Wang, 2012).

## 6 CONCLUSION AND FUTURE WORK

This paper presents AMAKAN, a fully interpretable version of the Adaptive Multiscale Deep Neural Network architecture for tabular data classification, replacing the last two dense layers of the original model with Kolmogorov–Arnold Network layers. This enhancement takes advantage of the inherent flexibility of Kolmogorov–Arnold Networks, which replace fixed activations with spline-based, learnable functions, thereby offering explicit insight into feature transformations at every stage of the network.

Empirical evaluations conducted over several datasets demonstrate that the proposed modified architecture performs better than the original Adaptive Multiscale Deep Neural Network in the majority of the test cases with higher F1-weighted scores. The rationale behind such improvement is the fact that the Kolmogorov–Arnold Network layers are adaptive and thus efficiently learn complicated nonlinear mappings of the input data, thus offering a better and more precise feature representation compared to standard dense layers.

One of the most important advantages of Kolmogorov–Arnold Networks is the increased interpretability. In contrast to dense layers founded on linear transformations followed by fixed activation functions, Kolmogorov–Arnold Networks allow one to utilize visualizable and learnable spline functions, which are explicit descriptions of complicated nonlinear transformations. This allows to clearly see the contribution of every feature to predictions with considerably greater transparency.

Looking into the future, several promising directions for future work have appeared. One direction is the extension of this hybrid architecture to regression problems, which may further cement the general usefulness and applicability of the method beyond classification problems. Another direction is the application of other interpretability techniques instead of Kolmogorov–Arnold Networks for the final two layers, which may yield novel insights and tools, and potentially give a deeper insight into feature relations and interactions in the data.

Overall, the integration of Adaptive Multiscale Attention mechanisms with Kolmogorov–Arnold Networks represents a significant advance towards fully interpretable, efficient, and effective deep learning models for the specific needs of tabular data analysis. The hybrid solution is an attractive direction of future research that addresses the essential tradeoff between model interpretability and performance in real-world machine learning applications.

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