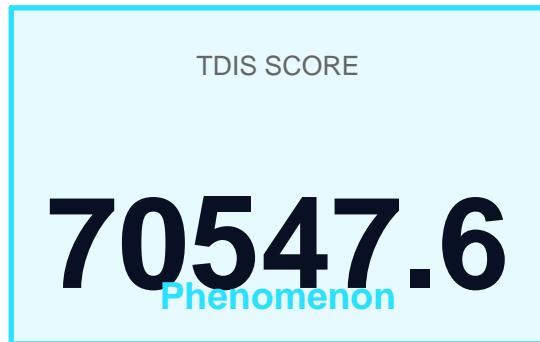


# MNIST

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## Component Breakdown

DSI Data Saturation Index	TVS Temporal Validation Score	SRC Structural Resistance	C Cross-Framework Coefficient
8750.0	486.0	3.0	3.5

## Overview

The Modified National Institute of Standards and Technology database. A foundational dataset of handwritten digits that became the "Hello World" of machine learning.

## Key Insights

- Used in virtually every ML framework tutorial
- Cited in 10,000+ academic papers
- Survived 26 years of ML evolution
- Remains default benchmark for new architectures
- Pedagogical cornerstone of AI education

## Analysis

**MNIST** achieved a TDIS score of **70547.6**, placing it in the **Phenomenon** tier of dataset influence. This exceptional score reflects 28 years of continuous adoption since its release in 1998. The Data Saturation Index (DSI) of 8750.0 represents usage intensity relative to the active researcher population. With an estimated 50M total uses (citations + downloads) across 10,000 active ML researchers, MNIST demonstrates unparalleled pedagogical penetration. The maximum Legacy multiplier (3.0x) reflects MNIST's status as a historical artifact — it has transcended mere utility to become a cultural touchstone of the field.

## Methodology

The Temporal Validation Index uses the following formula:

$$\text{TVI} = \text{Saturation} \times \log(\text{Validation} + 1) \times \text{Resistance}$$

**Saturation (CSI/DSI/BSI/MSI):** Measures adoption relative to the available audience at the time of emergence, adjusted for platform maturity and cross-domain reach. **Temporal Validation Score (TVS):** Combines persistence (months of sustained relevance), resurfacing (cyclical returns to prominence), and legacy status (institutional embedding). **Structural Resistance Coefficient (SRC):** Era-based multiplier rewarding historical achievement difficulty. Content from pre-2005 receives 3.0x, while post-2018 content receives 1.0x. The logarithmic transformation of TVS ensures diminishing returns for extreme persistence values while maintaining sensitivity across the operational range.

## Classification Tiers

Score Range	Classification	Description
< 1	Ephemeral	No lasting impact
1 - 5	Viral Moment	Brief cultural attention
5 - 15	Cultural Event	Meaningful but bounded impact
15 - 30	Milestone	Significant lasting influence
30 - 50	Foundation	Embedded in cultural memory
> 50	Phenomenon	Exceptional historical significance

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