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MAJOR PROJECT REPORT ON

"DIGIT CLASSIFICATION USING SVM ALGORITHM "

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1. Problem Statement

Design a project from the MNIST dataset to identify digit classification using the SVM algorithm.

2. Aim Of the Project

We will develop a model using Support Vector Machine which should correctly classify the handwritten digits from 0-9 based on the pixel values given as features. Thus, this is a 10-class classification problem.

3. List of Libraries used in my project

I. numpy
II. pandas
III. matplotlib.pyplot
IV. seaborn

The platform I have used for my machine learning project is Google Colaboratory and have used list of libraries which are mentioned above and I have also imported sklearn for the creating my method and have use SVM algorithm.

4. Explanation

For this problem, we use the MNIST data which is a large database of handwritten digits. The 'pixel values' of each digit (image) comprise the features, and the actual number between 0-9 is the label.

Since each image is of 28 x 28 pixels, and each pixel forms a feature, there are 784 features. MNIST digit recognition is a well-studied problem in the ML community, and people have trained numerous models (Neural Networks, SVMs, boosted trees etc.) achieving error rates as low as 0.23% (i.e. accuracy = 99.77%, with a convolutional neural network).

Before the popularity of neural networks, though, models such as SVMs and boosted trees were the state-of-the-art in such problems.

We'll first explore the dataset a bit, prepare it (scale etc.) and then experiment with linear and non-linear SVMs with various hyperparameters.

5. Conclusion

The final accuracy on test data is approx. 92%. Note that this can be significantly increased by using the entire training data o f 42,000 images (we have used just 10% of that !). Hence I have to conclude that our model predicted the correct values.

ScreenShots