# Practical 2.9 & 2.10 Solution: Supervised learning: MNIST digit classification

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#### Dimensionality reduction & Feature selection

```
library(readr)
library(tidyverse)
## -- Attaching core tidyverse packages ----- tidyverse 2.0.0 --
## v dplyr 1.1.4 v purrr 1.0.2
## v forcats 1.0.0 v stringr 1.5.1
## v ggplot2 3.5.0
                    v tibble
                                  3.2.1
## v lubridate 1.9.3 v tidyr
                                  1.3.1
                                       ## -- Conflicts -----
## x dplyr::filter() masks stats::filter()
## x dplyr::lag() masks stats::lag()
## i Use the conflicted package (<a href="http://conflicted.r-lib.org/">http://conflicted.r-lib.org/</a>) to force all conflicts to become error
mnist_raw <- read.csv("mnist_train.csv", header = FALSE)</pre>
pixels_gathered <- mnist_raw %>%
 head(1000) %>%
 rename(label = V1) %>%
 mutate(instance = row number()) %>%
  gather(pixel, value, -label, -instance) %>%
 tidyr::extract(pixel, "pixel", "(\\d+)", convert = TRUE) %>%
  mutate(pixel = pixel - 2,
        x = pixel \% 28,
        y = 28 - pixel %/% 28)
features=data.frame(label=mnist_raw$V1[1:1000])
# set labels (of 1000 examples) as the first column in features dataframe
for (i in 1:56)
 features=cbind(features,fi=c(1:1000)*0)
  # create 56 features (28 for rows and 28 for column) for the 1000 examples
for (i in 1:28) {
  # loop over 28 rows and 28 columns
 for (j in 1:1000) {
   # compute row & column means for each digit example using pixels gathered
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features[j,i+1]= mean(pixels_gathered$value[pixels_gathered$instance==j&pixels_gathered$y==i]);
# first 28 features: row means (each row has fixed y)
features[j,i+29] = mean(pixels_gathered$value[pixels_gathered$instance==j&pixels_gathered$x==i-1]);
# next 28 features: column means (each row has fixed x)
}
```

Compute means for each label and feature.

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fstats <- matrix(1:560, nrow=10, ncol=56)
for (i in 1:10)
  for ( j in 1:56) {
   fstats[i,j] <- mean(features[features$label==i-1, j+1])
  }</pre>
```

Plot features of each label.

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par(nrow=c(5,2))

## Warning in par(nrow = c(5, 2)): "nrow" is not a graphical parameter

for (i in 1:10) {
   plot(fstats[i,], ylab = "Value", xlab = "Feature index")
   title(paste("Feature values for digit", toString(i-1)))
}
```



















