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Optical Digit Recognition (ODR)

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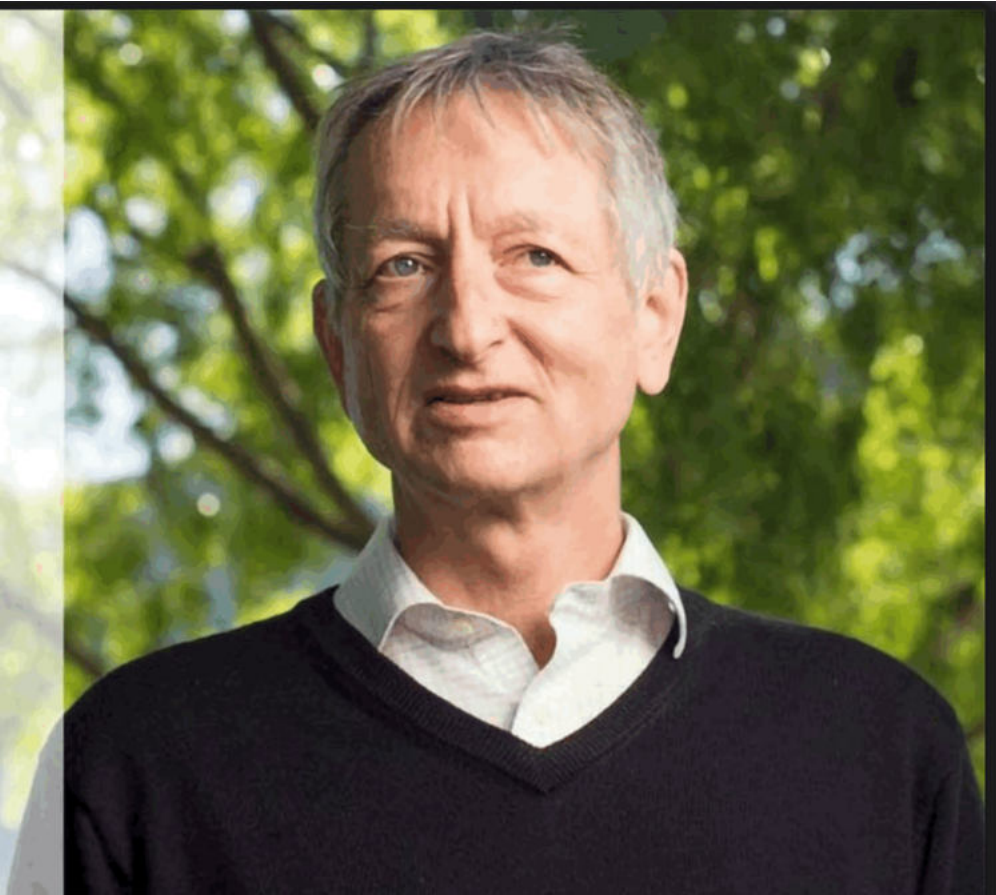
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The future depends
on some graduate
student who is
deeply suspicious of
everything I have
said.

~ Geoffrey Hinton



Machine Learning versus Other things

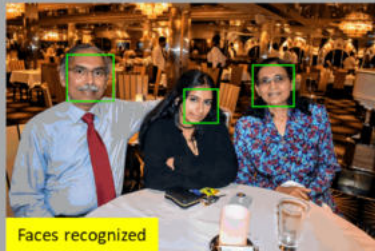
What can Image Processing do?



Exposure corrected, picture sharpened

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What can Machine Learning do?



Faces recognized

Sentiment analyzed

Image	Emotion	Gender
	Happy	Male
	Content	Female
	Happy	Female

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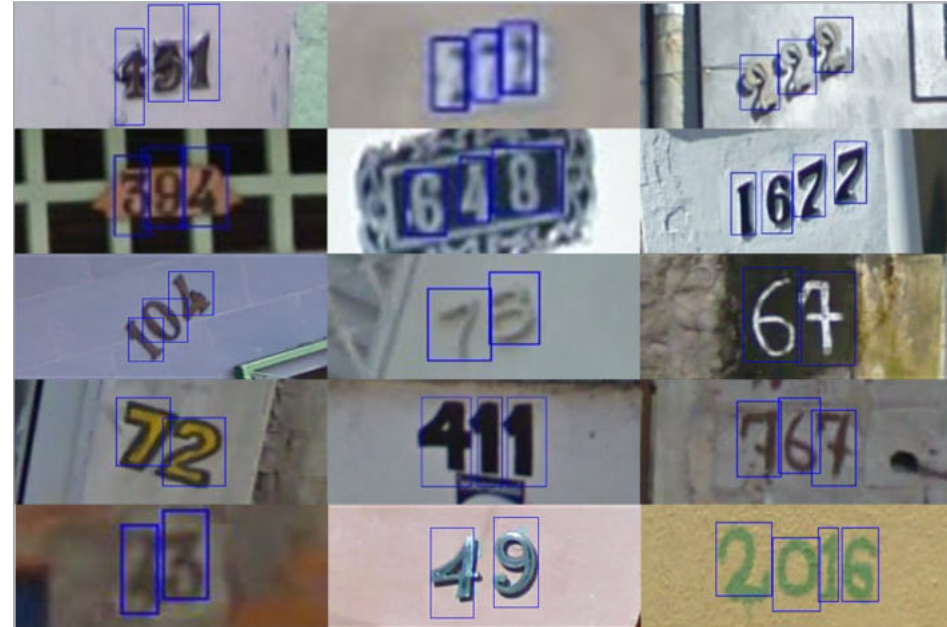
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Problem Statement

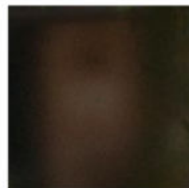
- Recognizing handwritten / printed numbers from an image
- Practical applications include street view number identification



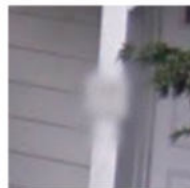
Some more patterns in street view



100 vs. 676



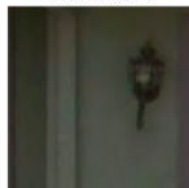
1110 vs. 2641



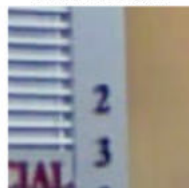
23 vs. 37



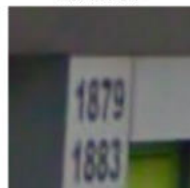
1 vs. 198



4 vs. 332



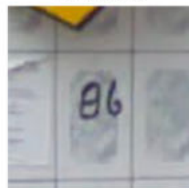
2 vs. 239



1879 vs. 1879-1883



228 vs. 22B



96 vs. 86



1844 vs. 184



62 vs. 62-37



1180 vs. 1780

Extended Problem Space

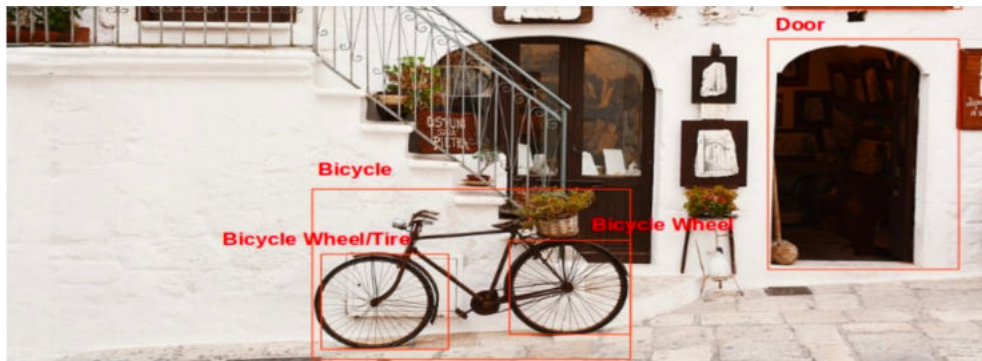


image credit: [Bogdan Dada](#) on [Unsplash](#) (annotations added).

For example, the API might return the following information and bounding location data for the objects in the image above:

Name	mid	Score	Bounds
Bicycle wheel	/m/01bqk0	0.89648587	(0.32076266, 0.78941387), (0.43812272, 0.78941387), (0.43812272, 0.97331065), (0.32076266, 0.97331065)
Bicycle	/m/0199g	0.886761	(0.312, 0.6616471), (0.638353, 0.6616471), (0.638353, 0.9705882), (0.312, 0.9705882)
Bicycle wheel	/m/01bqk0	0.6345275	(0.5125398, 0.760708), (0.6256646, 0.760708), (0.6256646, 0.94601655), (0.5125398, 0.94601655)
Picture frame	/m/06z37_	0.6207608	(0.79177403, 0.16160682), (0.97047985, 0.16160682), (0.97047985, 0.31348917), (0.79177403, 0.31348917)
Tire	/m/0h9mv	0.55886006	(0.32076266, 0.78941387), (0.43812272, 0.78941387), (0.43812272, 0.97331065), (0.32076266, 0.97331065)

Objective



Overall we tried to achieve the following through the course of this project

- A technique to do the multi number detection with its bounding box from a given image.
- Evaluate few classifiers and derive interesting findings

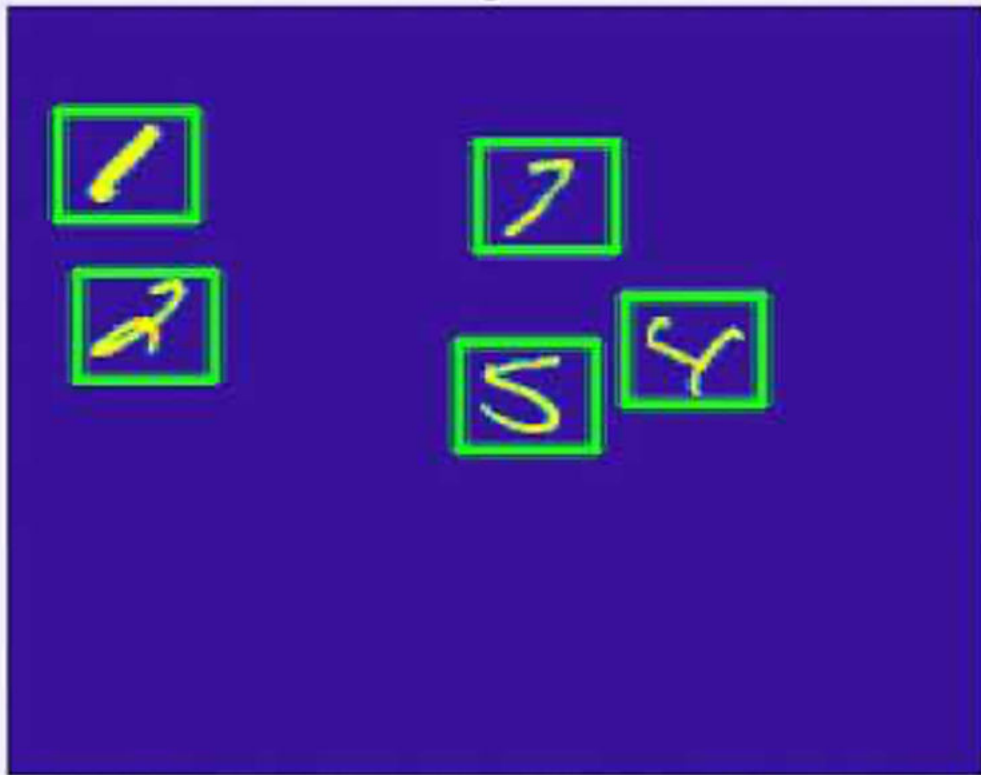
Dataset Challenges & Using MNIST



- Realworld images from Google Street view imagery
 - Images not readily available for processing
 - Heavy preprocessing needed for consumption
- Why we chose MNIST?
 - Core of the problem is number detection
 - MNIST is a rich resource for numbers
 - Can focus more on the problem and classification

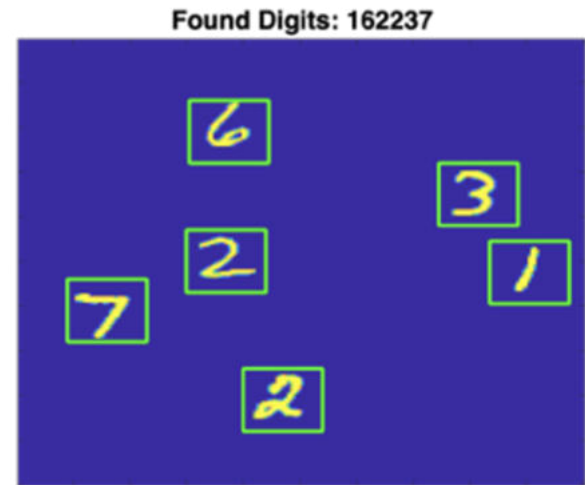
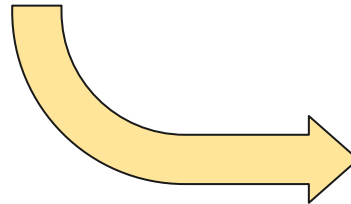
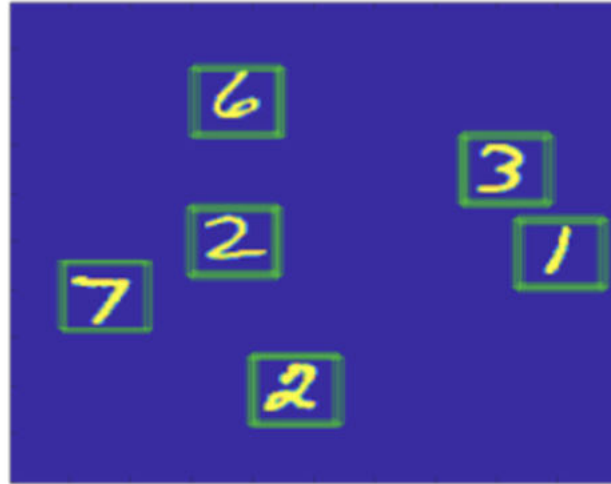
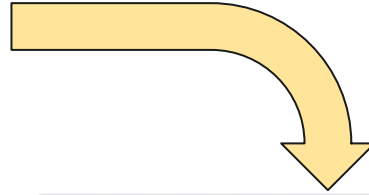
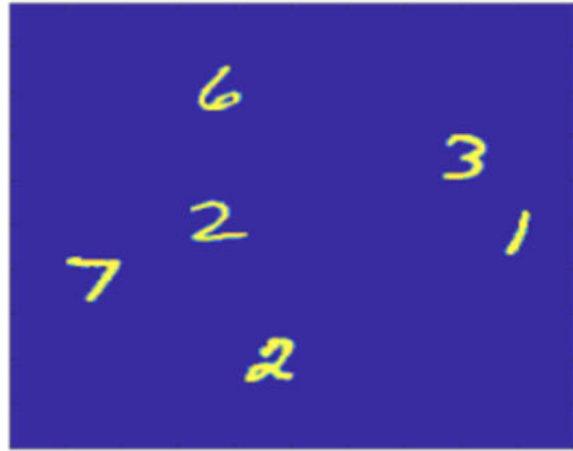
Demo - Video

Found Digits: 25417



Assigned Image Digits: 1 5 2 7 4

Demo - Screenshots



Demo - Screenshots

8 7 1 4 8 6 6

Clustering of found gigits

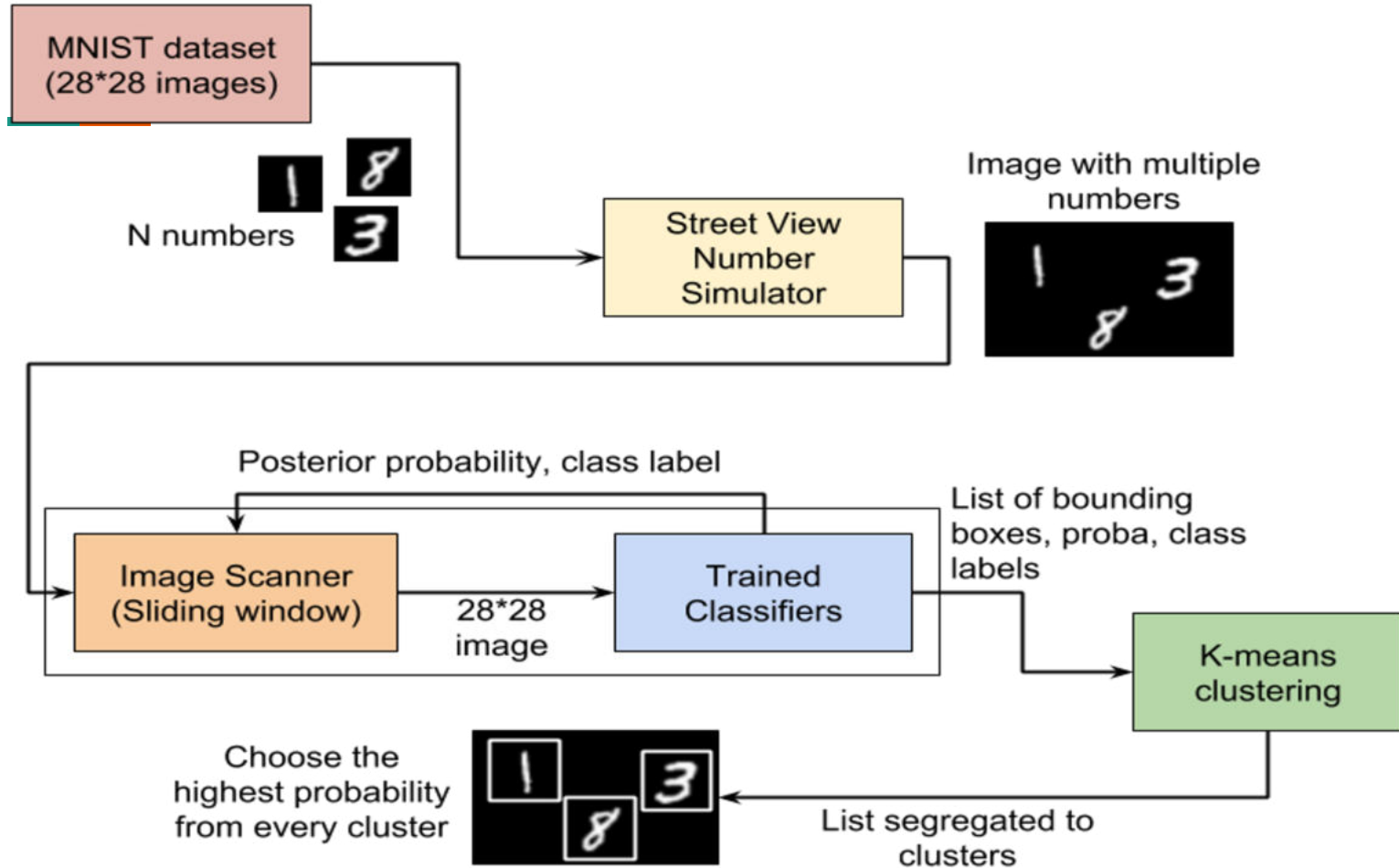
8 7 1 4 8 6 6

Found Zip Code: 8714866

8 7 1 4 8 6 6

Assigned Image Digits: 8 7 1 4 8 6 6

Overall Approach

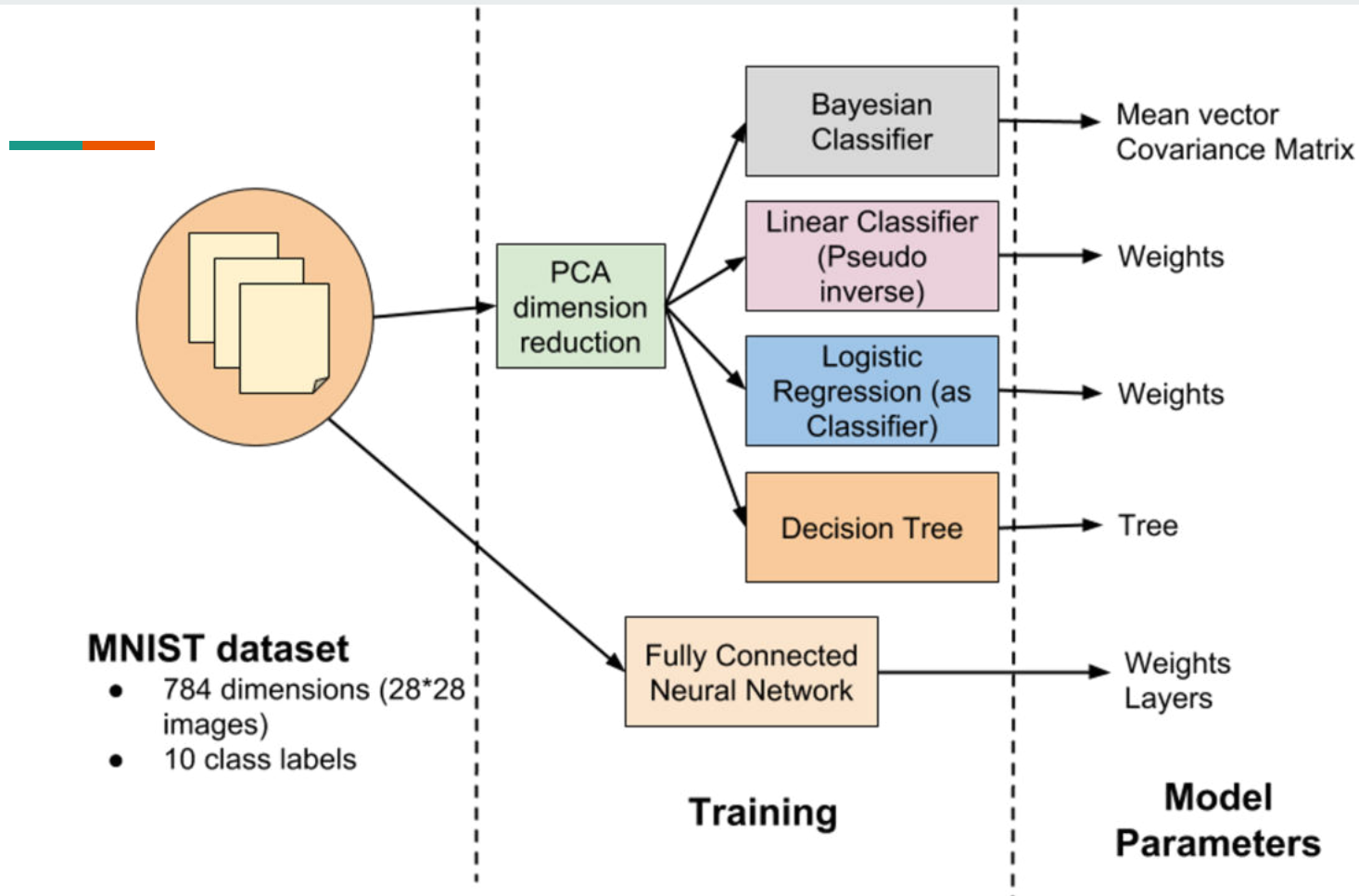


Techniques Used



- Image generator with random number of digits or address/zip code
- Sliding window to search through image
- Supervised learning classification to recognize digit, collect cluster of found digits
- K-means and posterior probability to report address/zip code or digits with bounding box

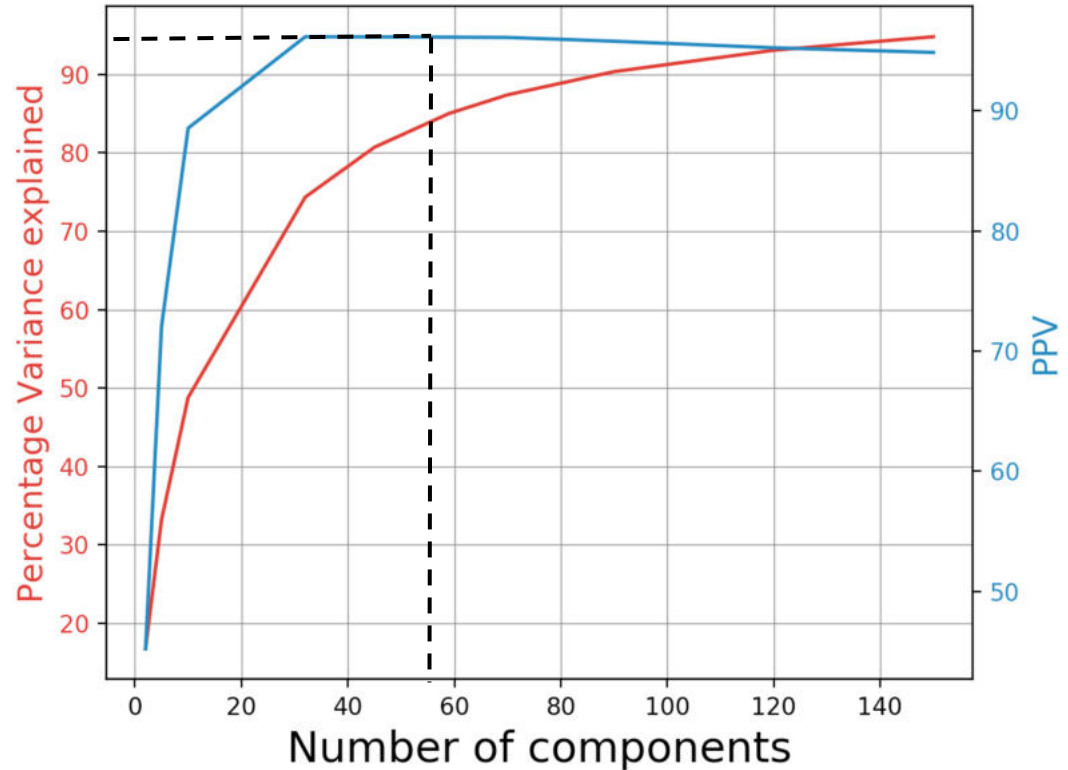
Supervised Learning - Classifiers



PCA Analysis



- PCA determination through percentage of variance explained
- Choice of optimal number of components based on PPV



Astounding Insights!

- Accuracy is not reliable. We know this! High false positives get hidden by very high false negatives
- The PPV with Bayes classification after PCA is significantly higher than PPV before PCA

Bayes on 784 dimension

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Overall
Accuracy	97.7	98.4	96.6	95.4	96.1	95.5	98.4	95.3	91.1	93.1	95.8
Sensitivity	96.5	93.1	74.7	70.6	63.4	51.1	92.7	59.5	86.8	93.4	78.8
Specificity	97.9	99.1	99	98.1	99.5	99.7	99.1	99.4	91.6	93.1	97.6
PPV	83.5	92.8	89.1	80.7	92.4	94.6	91.7	92.5	53	60.1	78.8

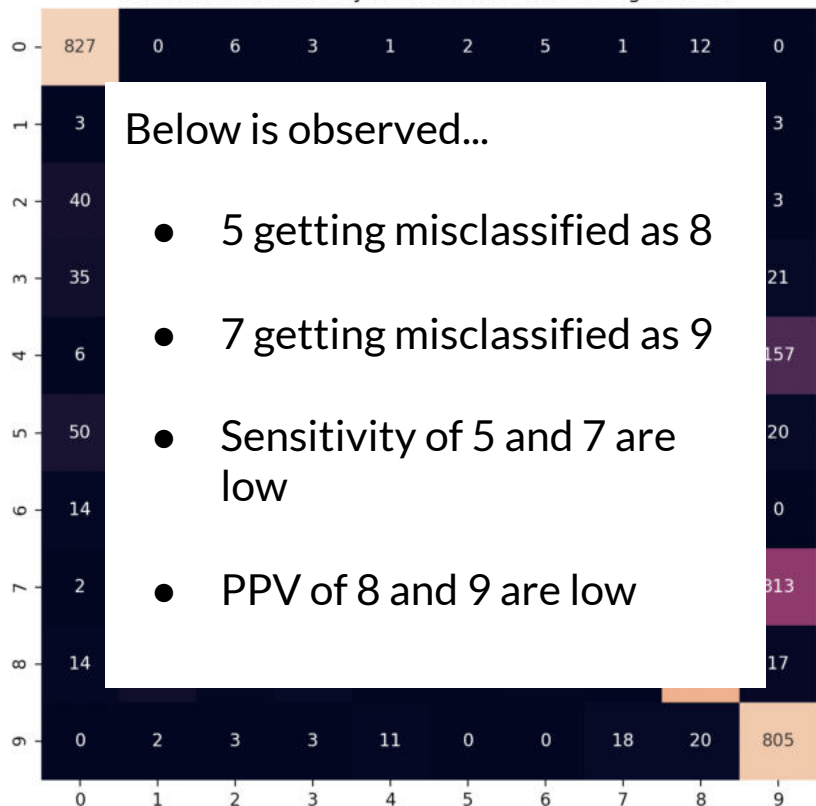
Bayes after PCA with 59 components

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Overall
Accuracy	99.7	99.5	99.1	99.1	99.4	99.1	99.5	99.3	98.4	99.1	99.2
Sensitivity	98.6	95.9	97.5	94.9	96.5	94.3	96.2	95.4	97.2	95.1	96.2
Specificity	99.8	100	99.3	99.6	99.7	99.5	99.9	99.8	98.6	99.6	99.6
PPV	98.6	99.7	93.9	96.3	97	95.2	99.3	97.9	88.3	96	96.2

Astounding Insights!

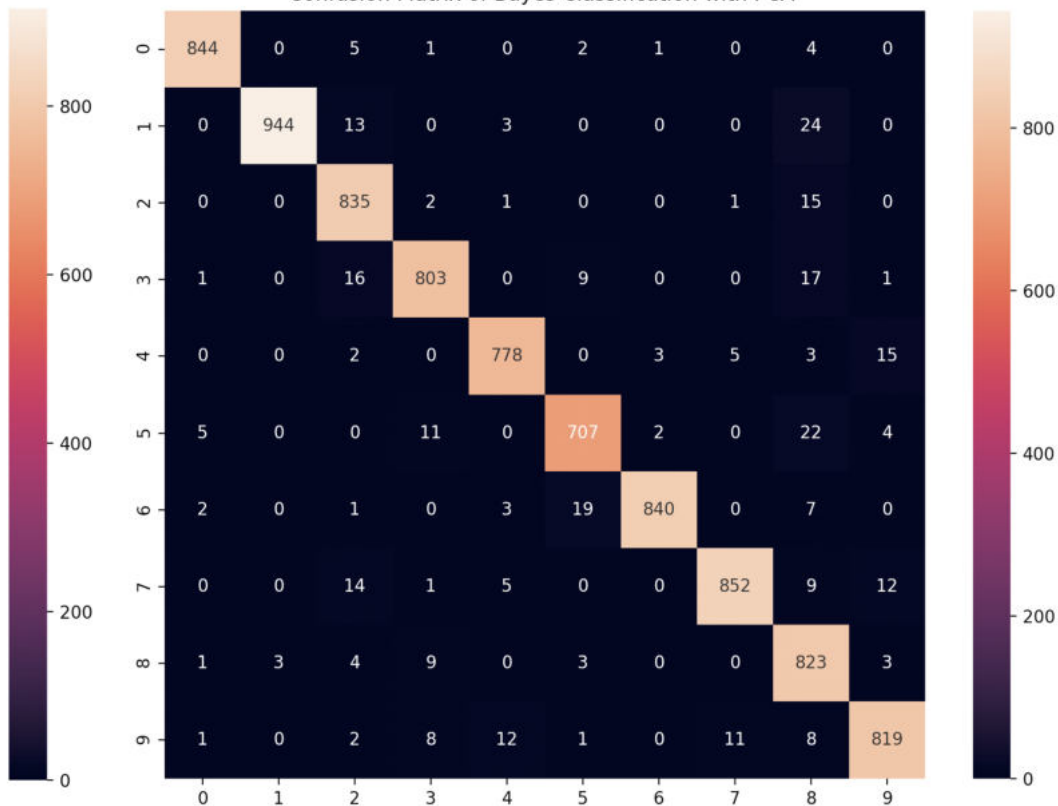
Bayes on 784 dimension

Confusion Matrix of Bayes Classification with Original Data



Bayes after PCA with 59 components

Confusion Matrix of Bayes Classification with PCA



Astounding Insights!

Bayes on 784 dimension
5 misclassified as 8

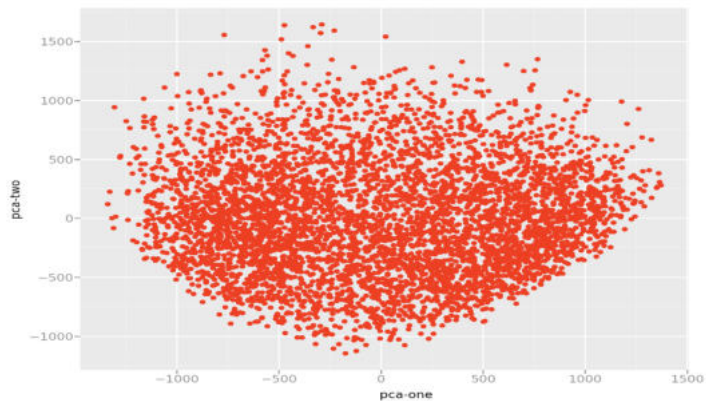
Bayes after PCA with 59 components
5 classified as 5

Reasoning

- Observed only with Bayes classifier
- There seems to be an overfitting problem with using full data.
- While PCA is not particularly a method to fix overfitting, in this case components with variance much larger than the effect of the noise are relatively unaffected by the noise

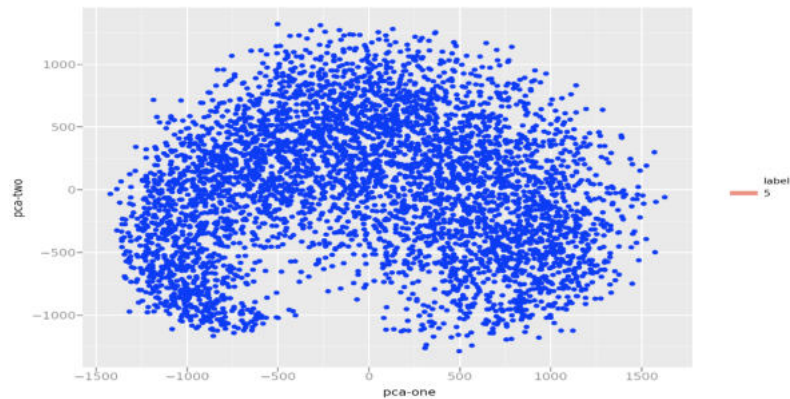
PCA Scatter plot - Some examples..

First and Second Principal Components colored by digit



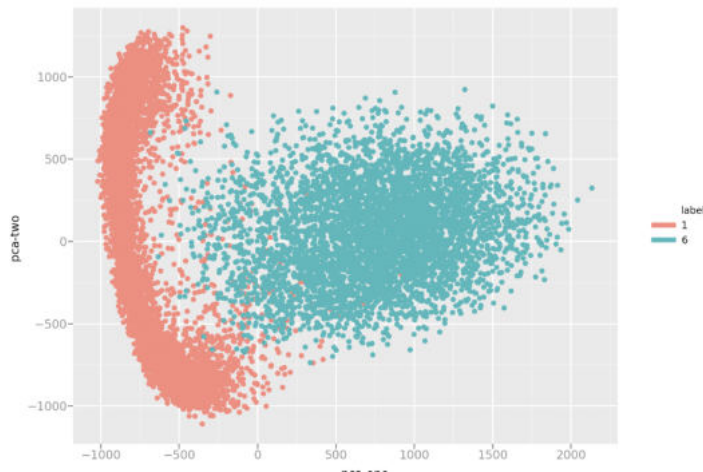
Digits
5 & 7

First and Second Principal Components colored by digit



First and Second Principal Components colored by digit

Digits 1 & 6



Interesting Facts

- Linear classifier (pseudo inverse) gave a PPV of 55% clearly indicating lack of linear separability



- Adding non linear quadratic dimension to the power 2 yielded a bump in PPV to 90%

	Linear Classifier (Pseudo Inverse)	Linear Classifier quadratic power 2 (Pseudo Inverse)
PPV	56%	87%
Dimensions	784	1830
Training time (ms)	75	900

- When tried for quadratic power 3, the training did not complete even after 15 minutes

Performance Metrics

	Accuracy	Sensitivity	Specificity	PPV
Full Bayesian	99.2	96.17	99.57	96.22
Logit	98.24	91.02	99.02	91.08
Neural Networks*	91.37	80.15	81.09	73.21
Decision Tree	96.75	83.42	98.2	83.48

** 784 dimensions, rest of the classifiers are run on the reduced dimensionality-PCA(59)*

Conclusion on classifiers



- By no means we have tried all possible tuning across all classifiers
- Goal was to bring out some interesting insights
- With the minimal combinations tried out, we feel Bayes classification on over PCA worked best for the given MNIST dataset for a 10 class classification.
- The reasoning thus far is that the distribution is highly gaussian in nature and PCA helped reduce noise to a certain extent leading to the highest PPV.

What we enjoyed ?



- The main goal from the beginning was to try something more deeper.
- We really enjoyed coming up with the technique for detecting multiple numbers and their bounding boxes.
- We thoroughly enjoyed going one step further with some of the concepts studied in class and applying / learning in practice.
- Definitely the outcome of Bayes classifier with PCA took us by surprise, main learning being when to use and not use them.

