# Sign Language Classification Using CNN

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**Problem Statement**: People who suffer from mutism are unable to blend into the community. They use hand signs to communicate, hence normal people face problems trying to understand them. All technologies can play a crucial role in breaking down these communication barriers, it can contribute significantly to their social inclusion. In the wake of this news, our team has decided to carry this project.

**Motivation**: Communication is one of the basic requirements for survival in society. Our main goal is to make these people feel included, and cared for so that they can blend into the community and show their skills.

Data Description: Our data consists of 24 letters of the English sign language pictures. Their pixels were set into CSV files.

```
import os
import numpy as np #Math library
from PIL import Image #Python Imaging Library
%matplotlib inline
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt #Data Visulaization Library
from keras.utils.np_utils import to_categorical
from keras.preprocessing.image import ImageDataGenerator #Used for
from keras.applications.vgg16 import preprocess_input
import tensorflow \#Framework that has the standard models
from keras.models import Sequential, Model
from tensorflow.keras.layers import Flatten, Dense, Dropout, LeakyReLU, ReLU, Conv2D, MaxPool2D, BatchNormalization
from tensorflow.keras.optimizers import Adam #Optimization Function
from sklearn.metrics import accuracy_score
from datetime import datetime
from keras.callbacks import ModelCheckpoint
from tensorflow.keras.callbacks import EarlyStopping
from keras.callbacks import ReduceLROnPlateau
%matplotlib inline
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import numpy as np
from sklearn.metrics import confusion_matrix, classification_report
import numpy as np # linear algebra
import pandas as pd # data processing, CSV file I/O (e.g. pd.read_csv)
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns
#how to load data from kaggle
! pip install kaggle
! mkdir ~/.kaggle
! cp kaggle.json ~/.kaggle/
! chmod 600 ~/.kaggle/kaggle.json
     Looking in indexes: https://pypi.org/simple, https://us-python.pkg.dev/colab-wheels/public/simple/
     Requirement already satisfied: kaggle in /usr/local/lib/python3.8/dist-packages (1.5.12)
     Requirement already satisfied: certifi in /usr/local/lib/python3.8/dist-packages (from kaggle) (2022.12.7)
     Requirement already satisfied: requests in /usr/local/lib/python3.8/dist-packages (from kaggle) (2.23.0)
     Requirement already satisfied: six>=1.10 in /usr/local/lib/python3.8/dist-packages (from kaggle) (1.15.0)
     Requirement already satisfied: python-slugify in /usr/local/lib/python3.8/dist-packages (from kaggle) (7.0.0)
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     Requirement already satisfied: idna<3,>=2.5 in /usr/local/lib/python3.8/dist-packages (from requests->kaggle) (2.10)
     mkdir: cannot create directory '/root/.kaggle': File exists
!kaggle datasets download -d datamunge/sign-language-mnist -p /content/dataset
     Downloading sign-language-mnist.zip to /content/dataset
      99% 62.0M/62.6M [00:00<00:00, 152MB/s]
     100% 62.6M/62.6M [00:00<00:00, 119MB/s]
!unzip /content/dataset/sign-language-mnist.zip #Unzipping Data
     Archive: /content/dataset/sign-language-mnist.zip
       inflating: amer_sign2.png
       inflating: amer sign3.png
       inflating: american_sign_language.PNG
       inflating: sign_mnist_test.csv
inflating: sign_mnist_test/sign_mnist_test.csv
       inflating: sign_mnist_train.csv
       inflating: sign_mnist_train/sign_mnist_train.csv
```

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train_df = pd.read_csv("/content/sign_mnist_train/sign_mnist_train.csv")#Reading the CSV files into the colab notebook
test_df = pd.read_csv("/content/sign_mnist_test/sign_mnist_test.csv")
y_train = train_df['label']
y_test = test_df['label']
del train_df['label']
del test_df['label']
from sklearn.preprocessing import LabelBinarizer
label_binarizer = LabelBinarizer()
y train = label binarizer.fit transform(y train)
y test = label binarizer.fit transform(y test)
x_train = train_df.values
x_test = test_df.values
# Normalize the data
x_train = x_train / 255 #Normalization
x_{test} = x_{test} / 255
# Reshaping the data from 1-D to 3-D as required through input by CNN's
x_{train} = x_{train.reshape(-1,28,28,1)}
x_{\text{test}} = x_{\text{test.reshape}}(-1,28,28,1)
# With data augmentation to prevent overfitting
#datagen = ImageDataGenerator(
#
#
       rotation_range=10, # randomly rotate images in the range (degrees, 0 to 180)
       zoom range = 0.1, # Randomly zoom image
       width_shift_range=0.1, # randomly shift images horizontally (fraction of total width)
#
       height_shift_range=0.1, # randomly shift images vertically (fraction of total height)
       horizontal_flip=False, # randomly flip images
       vertical_flip=False) # randomly flip images
#datagen.fit(x_train)
datagen = ImageDataGenerator(
                                zoom\_range = 0.2,
                                vertical_flip = True ,
                                rotation_range=10,
                                horizontal_flip = True,
                          width_shift_range=0.1,
                           height_shift_range=0.1, )
datagen.fit(x train)
learning_rate_reduction = ReduceLROnPlateau(monitor='val_accuracy', patience = 2, verbose=1,factor=0.5, min_lr=0.00001)
model = Sequential()
\verb|model.add(Conv2D(75 , (3,3) , strides = 1 , padding = 'same' , activation = 'relu' , input\_shape = (28,28,1))||
model.add(MaxPool2D((2,2) , strides = 2 , padding = 'same'))
model.add(Flatten())
model.add(Dense(units = 512 , activation = 'relu'))
model.add(Dropout(0.3))
model.add(Dense(units = 24 , activation = 'softmax'))
model.compile(optimizer = 'adam' , loss = 'categorical_crossentropy' , metrics = ['accuracy'])
model.compile(optimizer = 'adam' , loss = 'categorical_crossentropy' , metrics = ['accuracy'])
\label{eq:history} \textbf{history = model.fit(datagen.flow(x\_train,y\_train, batch\_size = 128) , epochs = 20 , validation\_data = (x\_test, y\_test) )}
    Epoch 1/20
    215/215 [=============] - 57s 262ms/step - loss: 2.8132 - accuracy: 0.1587 - val_loss: 2.1117 - val_accuracy: 0.3600
    Epoch 2/20
    215/215 [=============] - 55s 257ms/step - loss: 2.1730 - accuracy: 0.3143 - val_loss: 1.5925 - val_accuracy: 0.5268
    Epoch 3/20
    215/215 [==
                    Epoch 4/20
    215/215 [============================== ] - 50s 234ms/step - loss: 1.6916 - accuracy: 0.4538 - val_loss: 1.1536 - val_accuracy: 0.6400
    Epoch 5/20
    Epoch 6/20
    Epoch 7/20
    215/215 [============================ ] - 50s 233ms/step - loss: 1.2836 - accuracy: 0.5772 - val_loss: 0.8106 - val_accuracy: 0.7391
    Epoch 8/20
    Enoch 9/20
    Epoch 10/20
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Epoch 11/20
215/215 [=========================== ] - 52s 241ms/step - loss: 1.0346 - accuracy: 0.6519 - val_loss: 0.5852 - val_accuracy: 0.8197
Epoch 12/20
215/215 [============================== ] - 50s 234ms/step - loss: 0.9975 - accuracy: 0.6649 - val_loss: 0.5753 - val_accuracy: 0.8123
Epoch 13/20
                 ===========] - 51s 239ms/step - loss: 0.9647 - accuracy: 0.6723 - val_loss: 0.5163 - val_accuracy: 0.8490
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Epoch 14/20
215/215 [===
                 ==========] - 53s 246ms/step - loss: 0.9166 - accuracy: 0.6900 - val_loss: 0.4745 - val_accuracy: 0.8475
Epoch 15/20
                   =========] - 51s 239ms/step - loss: 0.8894 - accuracy: 0.7004 - val_loss: 0.4658 - val_accuracy: 0.8390
215/215 [===
Epoch 16/20
215/215 [===
                 ==============] - 53s 247ms/step - loss: 0.8507 - accuracy: 0.7128 - val_loss: 0.4532 - val_accuracy: 0.8543
Epoch 17/20
215/215 [================== ] - 52s 242ms/step - loss: 0.8323 - accuracy: 0.7197 - val_loss: 0.4196 - val_accuracy: 0.8539
Epoch 18/20
Epoch 19/20
215/215 [========================== ] - 51s 236ms/step - loss: 0.7771 - accuracy: 0.7360 - val_loss: 0.3838 - val_accuracy: 0.8832
Epoch 20/20
215/215 [=============] - 51s 237ms/step - loss: 0.7681 - accuracy: 0.7367 - val loss: 0.3634 - val accuracy: 0.8779
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#### Model 1 Hyper Parameters:

- One Convolution Layer (Filter 3x3)
- · One Pooling Layer (Filter 2x2)
- · One Hidden Layer of 512 Neurons
- · Output Layer of 24 Neurons For 24 Letters

```
plt.plot(history.history['loss'])
plt.plot(history.history['val_loss'])
plt.legend(['Training', 'Validation'])
plt.title('Training and Validation losses')
plt.xlabel('epoch')
                                                 Traceback (most recent call last)
     <ipython-input-2-a1ce8525d60f> in <module>
     ----> 1 plt.plot(history.history['loss'])
           2 plt.plot(history.history['val_loss'])
                                       'Validation'])
           3 plt.legend(['Training',
           4 plt.title('Training and Validation losses')
5 plt.xlabel('epoch')
     NameError: name 'history' is not defined
      SEARCH STACK OVERFLOW
plt.plot(history.history['accuracy'])
plt.plot(history.history['val_accuracy'])
plt.legend(['Training', 'Validation'])
plt.title('Training and Validation accuracy')
plt.xlabel('epoch')
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Training and Validation accuracy
0.9
        — Training
          Validation
0.8
0.7
0.6
0.5
0.4
0.3
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     0.0
             25
                    5.0
                            7.5
                                  10.0
                                          12.5
                                                 15.0
                                                         17.5
```

```
model = Sequential()
\verb|model.add(Conv2D(75 , (3,3) , strides = 1 , padding = 'same' , activation = 'relu' , input\_shape = (28,28,1))||
model.add(MaxPool2D((2,2) , strides = 2 , padding = 'same'))
model.add(Conv2D(50 , (3,3) , strides = 1 , padding = 'same' , activation = 'relu'))
model.add(Dropout(0.2))
model.add(MaxPool2D((2,2) , strides = 2 , padding = 'same'))
model.add(Conv2D(25 , (3,3) , strides = 1 , padding = 'same' , activation = 'relu'))
model.add(MaxPool2D((2,2) , strides = 2 , padding = 'same'))
model.add(Flatten()) #Put data in an array form
model.add(Dense(units = 512 , activation = 'relu'))
model.add(Dropout(0.3))
model.add(Dense(units = 24 , activation = 'softmax'))
```

Model: "sequential\_2"

Layer (type)	Output Shape	Param #
conv2d_2 (Conv2D)	(None, 28, 28, 75)	750
<pre>max_pooling2d_2 (MaxPooling 2D)</pre>	(None, 14, 14, 75)	0
conv2d_3 (Conv2D)	(None, 14, 14, 50)	33800
dropout_2 (Dropout)	(None, 14, 14, 50)	0
<pre>max_pooling2d_3 (MaxPooling 2D)</pre>	(None, 7, 7, 50)	0
conv2d_4 (Conv2D)	(None, 7, 7, 25)	11275
<pre>max_pooling2d_4 (MaxPooling 2D)</pre>	(None, 4, 4, 25)	0
flatten_2 (Flatten)	(None, 400)	0
dense_4 (Dense)	(None, 512)	205312
dropout_3 (Dropout)	(None, 512)	0
dense_5 (Dense)	(None, 24)	12312

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Total params: 263,449 Trainable params: 263,449 Non-trainable params: 0

#### Model 2 Hyper Parameters:

Epoch 1/20

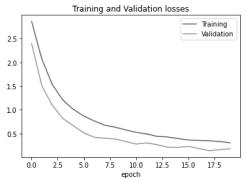
- Three Convolution Layers (Filter 3x3)
- Three Pooling Layers (Filter 2x2)
- · One Hidden Layer of 512 Neurons
- Output Layer of 24 Neurons For 24 Letters

 $\label{eq:history} \mbox{history = model.fit(datagen.flow(x\_train,y\_train, batch\_size = 128) ,epochs = 20 , validation\_data = (x\_test, y\_test) )}$ 

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215/215 [=============] - 59s 272ms/step - loss: 2.8606 - accuracy: 0.1268 - val_loss: 2.3946 - val_accuracy: 0.2639
Epoch 2/20
215/215 [===
         ================================ ] - 60s 280ms/step - loss: 2.0572 - accuracy: 0.3384 - val_loss: 1.4948 - val_accuracy: 0.5481
Epoch 3/20
215/215 [=============] - 59s 274ms/step - loss: 1.5246 - accuracy: 0.4973 - val loss: 1.0893 - val accuracy: 0.6638
Epoch 4/20
215/215 [===
               :==========] - 60s 277ms/step - loss: 1.2041 - accuracy: 0.5956 - val_loss: 0.8138 - val_accuracy: 0.7474
Epoch 5/20
215/215 [===
                 =========] - 59s 274ms/step - loss: 1.0074 - accuracy: 0.6529 - val_loss: 0.6630 - val_accuracy: 0.8067
Epoch 6/20
215/215 [===
           Epoch 7/20
215/215 [============] - 58s 269ms/step - loss: 0.7626 - accuracy: 0.7362 - val loss: 0.4237 - val accuracy: 0.8793
Epoch 8/20
215/215 [=============] - 59s 274ms/step - loss: 0.6766 - accuracy: 0.7652 - val_loss: 0.4004 - val_accuracy: 0.8829
Epoch 9/20
215/215 [====
           Epoch 10/20
215/215 [=============================== ] - 59s 276ms/step - loss: 0.5757 - accuracy: 0.8001 - val_loss: 0.3306 - val_accuracy: 0.9106
Epoch 11/20
215/215 [====
                ========== ] - 59s 276ms/step - loss: 0.5221 - accuracy: 0.8191 - val loss: 0.2765 - val accuracy: 0.9134
Epoch 12/20
               :==========] - 59s 274ms/step - loss: 0.4920 - accuracy: 0.8310 - val_loss: 0.2991 - val_accuracy: 0.9108
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Epoch 13/20
215/215 [=====
          Epoch 14/20
215/215 [============================= ] - 58s 268ms/step - loss: 0.4283 - accuracy: 0.8522 - val_loss: 0.2148 - val_accuracy: 0.9283
Epoch 15/20
Fnoch 16/20
215/215 [==================] - 60s 280ms/step - loss: 0.3624 - accuracy: 0.8742 - val_loss: 0.2301 - val_accuracy: 0.9253
Epoch 17/20
215/215 [========================== - 60s 277ms/step - loss: 0.3525 - accuracy: 0.8796 - val_loss: 0.1839 - val_accuracy: 0.9373
Epoch 18/20
215/215 [===
                  ==========] - 59s 276ms/step - loss: 0.3471 - accuracy: 0.8807 - val_loss: 0.1391 - val_accuracy: 0.9610
Epoch 19/20
215/215 [=====
          Epoch 20/20
215/215 [========================== ] - 60s 279ms/step - loss: 0.3035 - accuracy: 0.8960 - val_loss: 0.1782 - val_accuracy: 0.9497
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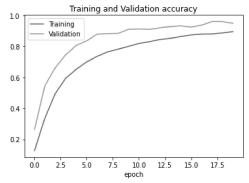
```
plt.plot(history.history['val_loss'])
plt.legend(['Training', 'Validation'])
plt.title('Training and Validation losses')
plt.xlabel('epoch')
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plt.plot(history.history['accuracy'])
plt.plot(history.history['val_accuracy'])
plt.legend(['Training', 'Validation'])
plt.title('Training and Validation accuracy')
plt.xlabel('epoch')
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model = Sequential()
model.add(Conv2D(75 , (3,3) , strides = 1 , padding = 'same' , activation = 'relu' , input_shape = (28,28,1)))
model.add(MaxPool2D((2,2) , strides = 2 , padding = 'same'))
model.add(Conv2D(50 , (3,3) , strides = 1 , padding = 'same' , activation = 'relu'))
model.add(Dropout(0.2))
model.add(MaxPool2D((2,2) , strides = 2 , padding = 'same'))
model.add(Conv2D(50 , (3,3) , strides = 1 , padding = 'same' , activation = 'relu'))
model.add(MaxPool2D((2,2) , strides = 2 , padding = 'same'))
model.add(Flatten())
model.add(Dense(units = 512 , activation = 'relu'))
\verb|model.add(Dropout(0.3))| \# Randomly selected neurons are ignored to improve processing \& time to results
model.add(Dense(units = 256 , activation = 'relu'))
model.add(Dropout(0.3))
model.add(Dense(units = 24 , activation = 'softmax'))
model.compile(optimizer = 'adam' , loss = 'categorical_crossentropy' , metrics = ['accuracy'])
  \text{history = model.fit(datagen.flow(x\_train,y\_train, batch\_size = 128) ,epochs = 20 , validation\_data = (x\_test, y\_test) } ) 
    Epoch 1/20
    215/215 [============================= ] - 95s 440ms/step - loss: 2.8870 - accuracy: 0.1179 - val_loss: 2.2111 - val_accuracy: 0.3192
    Epoch 2/20
    Epoch 3/20
    Fnoch 4/20
    215/215 [============================= ] - 94s 435ms/step - loss: 0.9838 - accuracy: 0.6525 - val_loss: 0.5940 - val_accuracy: 0.8132
    Epoch 5/20
    Epoch 6/20
    215/215 [==
                       =========] - 91s 422ms/step - loss: 0.6869 - accuracy: 0.7580 - val_loss: 0.3666 - val_accuracy: 0.8844
    Epoch 7/20
    215/215 [==
                        :========] - 89s 415ms/step - loss: 0.5904 - accuracy: 0.7888 - val_loss: 0.4127 - val_accuracy: 0.8604
    Epoch 8/20
    215/215 [==
                        :=======] - 93s 434ms/step - loss: 0.5378 - accuracy: 0.8113 - val_loss: 0.3633 - val_accuracy: 0.8717
    Epoch 9/20
    215/215 [===
                   ===========] - 89s 415ms/step - loss: 0.4809 - accuracy: 0.8293 - val_loss: 0.2468 - val_accuracy: 0.9207
    Epoch 10/20
    215/215 [====
                 Epoch 11/20
    215/215 [============================ ] - 92s 426ms/step - loss: 0.3963 - accuracy: 0.8592 - val_loss: 0.1626 - val_accuracy: 0.9519
    Epoch 12/20
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              Epoch 13/20
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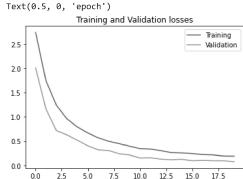
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215/215 [============================ ] - 93s 434ms/step - loss: 0.3278 - accuracy: 0.8867 - val_loss: 0.1226 - val_accuracy: 0.9618
Epoch 14/20
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            Epoch 15/20
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                                   - 91s 424ms/step - loss: 0.2902 - accuracy: 0.8990 - val_loss: 0.1236 - val_accuracy: 0.9646
Epoch 16/20
215/215 [===
                      =========] - 91s 424ms/step - loss: 0.2700 - accuracy: 0.9055 - val_loss: 0.0891 - val_accuracy: 0.9685
Epoch 17/20
215/215 [==
                                    - 89s 415ms/step - loss: 0.2580 - accuracy: 0.9104 - val_loss: 0.0955 - val_accuracy: 0.9668
Epoch 18/20
215/215 [===
                              =====] - 90s 417ms/step - loss: 0.2506 - accuracy: 0.9145 - val_loss: 0.0664 - val_accuracy: 0.9840
Epoch 19/20
                                    - 89s 413ms/step - loss: 0.2269 - accuracy: 0.9214 - val_loss: 0.0592 - val_accuracy: 0.9799
215/215 [==
Epoch 20/20
215/215 [====
                     =========] - 89s 415ms/step - loss: 0.2217 - accuracy: 0.9215 - val_loss: 0.0614 - val_accuracy: 0.9780
```

#### Model 3 Hyper Parameters:

- Three Convolution Layers (Filter 3x3)
- Three Pooling Layers (Filter 2x2)
- Two Hidden Layers of 512 Neurons & 256 Neurons
- · Output Layer of 24 Neurons For 24 Letters

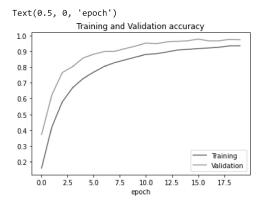
When you have training data, if you try to train your model too much, it might overfit, and when you get the actual test data for making predictions, it will not probably perform well. Dropout regularization is one technique used to tackle overfitting problems in deep learning.

```
plt.plot(history.history['loss'])
plt.plot(history.history['val_loss'])
plt.legend(['Training', 'Validation'])
plt.title('Training and Validation losses')
plt.xlabel('epoch')
```



Results Analysis: As shown above, the losses curve is decreasing with every epoch which means our model is successfully learning.

```
plt.plot(history.history['accuracy'])
plt.plot(history.history['val_accuracy'])
plt.legend(['Training', 'Validation'])
plt.title('Training and Validation accuracy')
plt.xlabel('epoch')
```



Results Analysis: As shown above, the accuracy curve is increasing with every epoch which means our model is successfully learning.

### Comparison:

1. MODEL ONE: Although the validation accuracy increased with epochs, it only reached 0.8779.

- 2. MODEL TWO:Increasing the number of covolution & pooling layers has affected the validation accuracy that it jumped to 0.9497.
- 3. MODEL THREE: Adding more hidden layers i.e More neurons, the validation accuracy has shown greater improvement. It rose to 0.9780.

  This has proved that as the number of layers, and filters increase, also as different activation functions are put to trial with different types of data, the accuracy increases.

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