

Applying One Hot Encoding

If you see our `y_train` variable contains Labels representing the images containing in `x_train`. AS these are numbers usually they can be considered as numerical or continuous data, but with respect to this project these Numbers are representing a set of class so these are to be represented as categorical data, and we need to binaries these categorical data that's why we are applying One Hot encoding for `y_train` set.

One-Hot Encoding

```
# one hot encode
number_of_classes = 10 #storing the no. classes in a variable
y_train = np_utils.to_categorical(y_train, number_of_classes) #converts the output in binary format
y_test = np_utils.to_categorical(y_test, number_of_classes)
```

One hot encoding is a process by which categorical variables are converted into a form that could be provided to ML algorithms to do a better job in prediction. We apply One-Hot Encoding in order to convert the values into 0's and 1's. For a detailed point of view, look at this [link](#)

Now let's see how our label 5 is index 0 of `y_train` is converted

```
y_train[0] #printing the new Label

array([0., 0., 0., 0., 0., 1., 0., 0., 0., 0.], dtype=float32)
```

As we see the new the label is printed in the form of 0's and 1's and is of type float.