

# **A NOVEL METHOD FOR HAND WRITTEN DIGIT RECOGNITION SYSTEM**

A project Report

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# CHAPTER 1

## INTRODUCTION

### a. PROJECT OVERVIEW

Machine learning and deep learning play an important role in computer technology and artificial intelligence. With the use of deep learning and machine learning, human effort can be reduced in recognizing, learning, predictions and in many more areas.

Handwritten Digit Recognition is the ability of computer systems to recognise handwritten digits from various sources, such as images, documents, and so on. This project aims to let users take advantage of machine learning to reduce manual tasks in recognizing digits.

## **b. PURPOSE**

Digit recognition systems are capable of recognizing the digits from different sources like emails, bank cheque, papers, images, etc. and in different real-world scenarios for online handwriting recognition on computer tablets or system, recognize number plates of vehicles, processing bank cheque amounts, numeric entries in forms filled up by hand (tax forms) and so on.

# **CHAPTER 2**

## **LITERATURE SURVEY**

## **a. EXISTING PROBLEM**

The fundamental problem with handwritten digit recognition is that handwritten digits do not always have the same size, width, orientation, and margin since they vary from person to person. Additionally, there would be issues with identifying the numbers because of similarities between numerals like 1 and 7, 5 and 6, 3 and 8, 2 and 5, 2 and 7, etc. Finally, the individuality and variation of each individual's handwriting influence the structure and appearance of the digits.

## **b. REFERENCES**

**Improved Handwritten Digit Recognition Using Convolutional Neural Networks(CNN) (2020)**

*Ahlawat, Savita and Choudhary, Amit and Nayyar, Anand and Singh, Saurabh and Yoon, Byungun*

This paper's primary goal was to enhance handwritten digit recognition ability. To avoid difficult pre-processing, expensive feature extraction, and a complex ensemble (classifier combination) method of a standard recognition system, they examined different convolutional neural network variations. Their current work makes suggestions on the function of several hyper-parameters through thorough evaluation utilizing an MNIST dataset. They also confirmed that optimizing hyper-parameters is crucial for enhancing CNN architecture performance. With the Adam optimizer for the MNIST database, they were able to surpass many previously published results with a recognition rate of 99.89%. Through the trials, it is made

abundantly evident how the performance of handwritten digit recognition is affected by the number of convolutional layers in CNN architecture. According to the paper, evolutionary algorithms can be explored for optimizing convolutional filter kernel sizes, CNN learning parameters, and the quantity of layers and learning rates.

## **An Efficient And Improved Scheme For Handwritten Digit Recognition Based On Convolutional Neural Network (2019)**

*Ali, Saqib and Shaukat, Zeeshan and Azeem, Muhammad and Sakawat, Zareen and Mahmood, Tariq and others*

This study uses rectified linear units (ReLU) activation and a convolutional neural network (CNN) that incorporates the

DeepLearning4j (DL4J) architecture to recognize handwritten digits. The proposed CNN framework has all the necessary parameters for a high level of MNIST digit classification accuracy. The system's training takes into account the time factor as well. The system is also tested by altering the number of CNN layers for additional accuracy verification. It is important to note that the CNN architecture consists of two convolutional layers, the first with 32 filters and a 5x5 window size and the second with 64 filters and a 7x7 window size. In comparison to earlier proposed systems, the experimental findings show that the proposed CNN architecture for the MNIST dataset demonstrates great performance in terms of time and accuracy. As a result, handwritten numbers are detected with a recognition rate of 99.89% and high precision (99.21%) in a short amount of time.

### **Improved Handwritten Digit Recognition Using Quantum K-Nearest Neighbor Algorithm (2019)**

*Wang, Yuxiang and Wang, Ruijin and Li, Dongfen and Adu-Gyamfi, Daniel and Tian, Kaibin and Zhu, Yixin*

The KNN classical machine learning technique is used in this research to enable quantum parallel computing and superposition. They used the KNN algorithm with quantum acceleration to enhance handwritten digit recognition. When dealing with more complicated and sizable handwritten digital data sets, their suggested method considerably lowered the computational time complexity of the traditional KNN algorithm. The paper offered a theoretical investigation of how quantum concepts can be applied to machine learning. Finally, they established a fundamental operational concept and procedure for machine learning with quantum acceleration.

## **Handwritten Digit Recognition Using Machine And Deep Learning Algorithms(2021)**

*Pashine, Samay and Dixit, Ritik and Kushwah, Rishika*

In this study, they developed three deep and machine learning-based models for handwritten digit recognition using MNIST datasets. To determine which model was the most accurate, they compared them based on their individual properties.

Support vector machines are among the simplest classifiers, making them faster than other algorithms and providing the highest training accuracy rate in this situation. However, due to their simplicity, SVMs cannot categorize complicated and ambiguous images as accurately as MLP and CNN algorithms can. In their research, they discovered that CNN produced the most precise outcomes for handwritten digit recognition. This led them to the conclusion that CNN is the most effective

solution for all types of prediction issues, including those using picture data. Next, by comparing the execution times of the algorithms, they determined that increasing the number of epochs without changing the configuration of the algorithm is pointless due to the limitation of a certain model, and they discovered that beyond a certain number of epochs, the model begins over-fitting the dataset and provides biased predictions.

### **c. PROBLEM STATEMENT DEFINITION**

For years, the traffic department has been combating traffic law violators.



These offenders endanger not only their own lives, but also the lives of other individuals. Punishing these offenders is critical to ensuring that others do not become like them. Identification of these offenders is next to impossible because it is impossible for the average individual to write down the license plate of a reckless driver. Therefore, the goal of this project is to help the traffic department identify these offenders and reduce traffic violations as a result.

## **CHAPTER 3**

### **IDEATION AND PROPOSED SOLUTION**

#### **a. EMPATHY MAP CANVAS**

**b. IDEATION & BRAINSTORMING**

**c. PROPOSED SOLUTION**

S. NO	PARAMETER	DESCRIPTI ON
1	Problem Statement	To create an application that recognizes handwritten digits

2	Idea / Solution Description	The application takes an image as the input and accurately detects the digits in it.
3	Novelty / Uniqueness	Instead of recognizing every text, the application accurately recognizes only the digits
4	Social Impact / Customer Satisfaction	This application reduces the manual tasks that need to be performed. This improves productivity in the workplace.
5	Business Model	<p>The application can be integrated with traffic surveillance cameras to recognize vehicle number plates</p> <p>The application can be integrated with Postal systems to recognize the pin codes effectively</p>
6	Scalability of the Solution	The application can easily be scaled to accept multiple inputs and process them parallelly to further increase efficiency

d. **PROBLEM SOLUTION FIT**



# CHAPTER4

## REQUIREMENT ANALYSIS

### a. FUNCTIONAL REQUIREMENTS

FR.NO	FUNCTIONAL REQUIREMENTS	SUB REQUIREMENTS
FR-1	Model Creation	Get access the MNIST dataset
		Analyze the dataset
		Define a CNN model
		Train and Test the Model
FR-2	Application Development	Create a website to let the user recognize handwritten digits.

		Create a home page to upload images
		Create a result page to display the results
		Host the website to let the users use it from anywhere
		Let users upload images of various formats.
FR-3	Input Image Upload	Let users upload images of various size
		Prevent users from uploading unsupported image formats
		Pre-Process the image to use it on the model
		Create a database to store all the input images

FR-4	Display Results	Display the result from the model
		Display input image
		Display accuracy the result
		Display other possible predictions with their respective accuracy

**b. NON FUNCTIONAL REQUIREMENTS**

NFR	NON-FUNCTIONAL REQUIREMENTS	DESCRIPTION
NFR-1	Usability	The application must be usable in all devices
NFR-2	Security	The application must protect user uploaded image

NFR-3	Reliability	The application must give an accurate result as much as possible
NFR-4	Performance	The application must be fast and quick to load up
NFR-5	Availability	The application must be available to use all the time
NFR-6	Scalability	The application must scale along with the user base

## CHAPTER 5

### PROJECT DESIGN

#### a. DATA FLOW DIAGRAM



**b. SOLUTION & TECHNICALARCHITECTURE**



### c. USER STORIES

User Type	Functional Requirements	User Story Number	User Story / Task	AcceptanceCriteria	Priority	Release
Customer	Accessing the Application	USN-1	As a user, I should be able to access the application from anywhere and use on any devices	User can access the application using the browser on any device	High	Sprint-4
	Uploading Image	USN-2	As a user, I should be able to upload images to predict the digits	User can upload images	High	Sprint-3
	Viewing the Results	USN-3	As a user, I should be able to view the results	The result of the prediction is displayed	High	Sprint-3

	ViewingOther Prediction	USN-4	As a user,I should be able to see other close predictions	The accuracy of othervalues must be displayed	Medium	Sprint-4
	Usage Instruction	USN-5	As a user, I should have a usage instruction to knowhow to use the application	The usage instruction is displayed on the home page	Medium	Sprint-4

## CHAPTER6

### PROJECT PLANNINGAND SCHEDULING

### a. SPRINT PLANNING AND ESTIMATION

SPRINT	USER STORY / TASK	STORY POINTS	PRIORITY	TEAM MEMBERS
Sprint - I	Get the dataset	3	High	Mubashshira S
	Explore the data	2	Medium	Mubashshira S Nithya M
	Data Pre-Processing	3	High	Mubashshira S
	Prepare training and testing data	3	High	Mubashshira S Santhiya B

Sprint - II	Create the model	3	High	Mubashshira S
	Train the model	3	High	Nithya M
	Test the model	3	High	Mubashshira S Nandhini P
Sprint - III	Improve the model	2	Medium	Mubashshira S Nithya M
	Save the model	3	High	Mubashshira S
	Build the Home Page	3	High	Nandhini P Santhiya B
	Setup a database to store input images	2	Medium	Nithya M

Sprint - IV	Build the results page	3	High	Mubashshira S Nithya M
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	Integrate the model with the application	3	High	Nithya M
	Test the application	3	High	Mubashshira S Nithya M

## b. SPRINT DELIVERY SCHEDULE

SPRINT	TOTAL STORY POINTS	DURATION	SPRINT START DATE	SPRINT END DATE (PLANNED)	STORY POINTS COMPLETED (AS ON PLANNED DATE)	SPRINT RELEASE DATE (ACTUAL)
Sprint - I	11	6 Days	24 Oct 2022	29 Oct 2022	11	29 Oct 2022
Sprint - II	9	6 Days	31 Oct 2022	05 Nov 2022	9	05 Nov 2022

Sprint - III	10	6 Days	07 Oct 2022	12 Nov 2022	10	12 Nov 2022
Sprint - IV	9	6 Days	14Nov 2022	19 Nov 2022	9	19 Nov 2022

## CHAPTER 7

### CODING & SOLUTIONING



# CHAPTER8

## TESTING

### a. TEST CASES

Test case ID	Feature Type	Component	Test Scenario	Expected Result	Actual Result	Status
HP_TC_001	UI	Home Page	Verify UI elements in the Home Page	The Home page must be displayed properly	Working as expected	PASS
HP_TC_002	UI	Home Page	Check if the UI elements are displayed properly in different screen sizes	The Home page must be displayed properly in all sizes	The UI is not displayed properly in screen size 2560 x 1801 and 768 x 630	FAIL
HP_TC_003	Functional	Home Page	Check if user can upload their file	The input image should be uploaded to the application successfully	Working as expected	PASS

HP_TC_004	Functional	Home Page	Check if user cannot upload unsupported files	The application should not allow user to select a non image file	User is able to upload any file	FAIL
HP_TC_005	Functional	Home Page	Check if the page redirects to the result page once the input is given	The page should redirect to the results page	Working as expected	PASS

BE_TC_001	Functional	Backend	Check if all the routes are working properly	All the routes should properly work	Working as expected	PASS
M_TC_001	Functional	Model	Check if the model can handle various image sizes	The model should rescale the image and predict the results	Working as expected	PASS
M_TC_002	Functional	Model	Check if the model predicts the digit	The model should predict the number	Working as expected	PASS
M_TC_003	Functional	Model	Check if the model can handle complex input image	The model should predict the number in the complex image	The model fails to identify the digit since the model is not built to handle such data	FAIL
RP_TC_001	UI	Result Page	Verify UI elements in the Result Page	The Result page must be displayed properly	Working as expected	PASS

RP_TC_002	U I	Result Page	Check if the input image is displayed properly	The input image should be displayed properly	The size of the input image exceeds the display container	FAIL
RP_TC_003	U I	Result Page	Check if the result is displayed properly	The result should be displayed properly	Working as expected	PASS
RP_TC_004	U I	Result Page	Check if the other predictions are displayed properly	The other predictions should be displayed properly	Working as expected	PASS

## b. USER ACCEPTANCE TESTING

### i. DEFECT ANALYSIS

Resolution	Severity 1	Severity 2	Severity 3	Severity 4	Total
By Design	1	0	1	0	2
Duplicate	0	0	0	0	0
External	0	0	2	0	2
Fixed	4	1	0	1	6
Not Reproduced	0	0	0	1	1
Skipped	0	0	0	1	1

Won't Fix	1	0	1	0	2
Total	6	1	4	3	14

## ii. TEST CASE ANALYSIS

Section	Total Cases	Not Tested	Fail	Pass
Client Application	10	0	3	7
Security	2	0	1	1
Performance	3	0	1	2
Exception Reporting	2	0	0	2

# CHAPTER9

## RESULTS

### a. PERFORMANCE METRICS

# **CHAPTER 10**

## **ADVANTAGES & DISADVANTAGES**

### **ADVANTAGES**

- i. Reduces manual work
- ii. More accurate than average human
- iii. Capable of handling a lot of data
- iv. Can be used anywhere from any device

## **DISADVANTAGES**

- v. Cannot handle complex data
- vi. All the data must be in digital format
- vii. Requires a high performance server for faster predictions
- viii. Prone to occasional errors

# **CHAPTER 11**

## **CONCLUSION**

This project demonstrated a web application that uses machine learning to recognise handwritten numbers. Flask, HTML, CSS, JavaScript, and a few other technologies were used to create this project. The model predicts the handwritten digit using a CNN network. During testing, the model achieved a 99.61% recognition rate. The proposed project is scalable and can easily handle a huge number of users. Since it is a web application, it is compatible with any device that can run a browser. This project is extremely useful in real-world scenarios such as recognizing number plates of vehicles, processing bank cheque amounts, numeric entries in forms filled up by hand (tax forms) and so on. There is so much room for improvement, which can be implemented in subsequent versions.

# **CHAPTER 12**

## **FUTURE SCOPE**

This project is far from complete and there is a lot of room for improvement.

Some of the improvements that can be made to this project are as follows:

- ix. Add support to detect from digits multiple images and save the results
- x. Add support to detect multiple digits
- xi. Improve model to detect digits from complex images
- xii. Add support to different languages to help users from all over the world

This project has endless potential and can always be enhanced to become better. Implementing this concept in the real world will benefit several industries and reduce the workload on many workers, enhancing overall work efficiency.

## **APPENDIX**

### **SOURCE CODE**

MODEL CREATION



FLASK APP

RECOGNIZER

HOME PAGE (HTML)

HOME PAGE (CSS)

HOME PAGE (JS)

PREDICT PAGE (HTML)

## **GITHUB**

<https://github.com/IBM-EPBL/IBM-Project-40041-1660621871>

