MNIST Dataset

The MNIST database of handwritten digits (http://yann.lecun.com)



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About Dataset

Context

MNIST is a subset of a larger set available from NIST (it's copied from http://yann.lecun.com/exdb/mnist/)

Content

The MNIST database of handwritten digits has a training set of 60,000 examples, and a test set of 10,000 examples. .

Four files are available:

- train-images-idx3-ubyte.gz: training set images (9912422 bytes)
- train-labels-idx1-ubyte.gz: training set labels (28881 bytes)
- t10k-images-idx3-ubyte.gz: test set images (1648877 bytes)
- t10k-labels-idx1-ubyte.gz: test set labels (4542 bytes)

How to read

See sample MNIST reader

Usability ①

7.50

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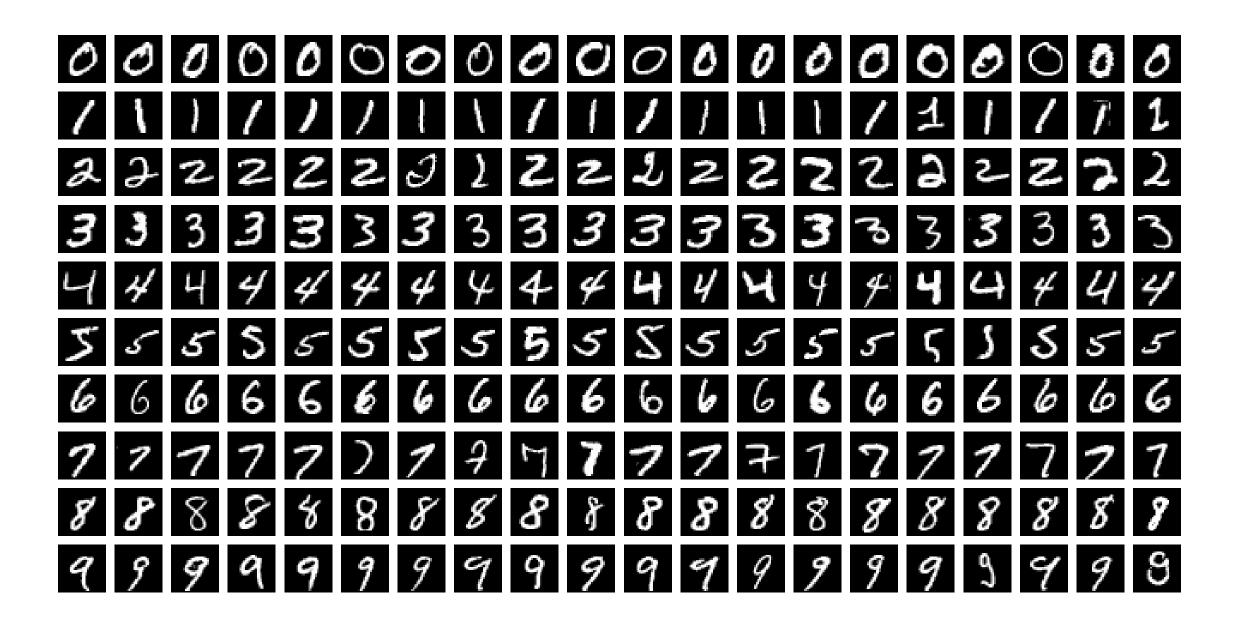
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Tags

Computer Science

Image

Multiclass Classification



Trianing Data

- 60,000 images of handwritten digits from 250 individuals. Among these, 50% are high school students and the other 50% are employees from the Census Bureau.
- All images are composed of 224×224 pixels. Each image also has a corresponding label indicating the digit represented in the image.

Testing Data

- The test data contains 10,000 images of handwritten digits, also sourced from U.S. high school students and Census Bureau employees.
- These images come from a different set of 250 individuals than those whose handwriting was included in the training data.

Why MNIST Dataset?

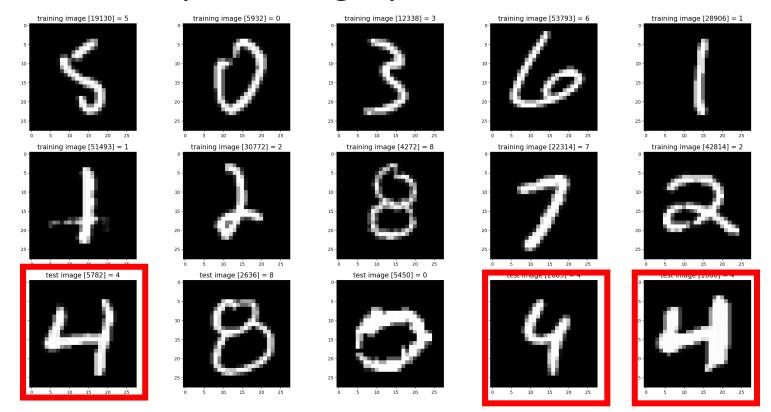
- **Data Availability**: The MNIST dataset, which stands for the Modified National Institute of Standards and Technology dataset, is widely used for training and testing in the field of machine learning. It is a large database of handwritten digits that is publicly available and thus easy to access.
- Well-defined Problem: Since the dataset and problem (digit recognition) are well-defined, you can focus more on the modeling aspects rather than spending a lot of time in the data gathering and cleaning stages.

Identify a Supervised Learning Problem

- Why supervised machine learning?
 - MNist is a labeled dataset
 - Room for improvement: top deep learning methods like CNN achieved over 99% accuracy. There is little room for improvement.
 - Faster than deep learning: Compared to CNN, supervised machine learning methods like SVM has shorter run time.

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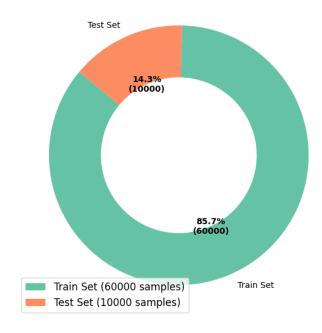
- I first take a look into the input data
- Most of the handwritings are easy to identify by human eyes
- But I do see a variety of writing styles



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- Each input picture is 224x224x3
 - Most pixels are black and do not contain much information
- Dataset is well balanced among all 10 digits
- Pre-defined test/train split
- At first glance, I believe no transform is required, as MNist is a clean dataset

Train-Test Split Proportions



Models & Results & Analysis: Supervised Method

- Directly apply linear kernel SVM on MNist dataset
 - Full Features: 224*224*3=150528
 - Acc: 91%
 - Run time: 20 mins
 - Session was shut down several times due to excessive memory usage.

Supervised Machine learning: SVM

```
from sklearn import svm
 from sklearn import metrics
 svm_linear = svm.SVC(kernel='linear')
 print("Full Features: ",X_train_tsne.shape)
 print(X_val.shape)
 y_val_label=np.argmax(y_val,axis=1)
Full Features: (4800, 150528)
(1200, 224, 224, 3)
            + Markdown
 # fit
 svm_linear.fit(X_train_tsne, y_train_label)
 predictions_SVM = svm_linear.predict(X_val.reshape(1200,-1))
 correct=0
 for i in range(len(predictions_SVM)):
    if(predictions_SVM[i]==y_val_label[i]):
         correct+=1
 print(correct/len(predictions_SVM))
0.9141666666666667
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```

Models & Results & Analysis: Supervised Method with PCA Dimension Reduction

- Use PCA to reduce feature size to 20 per image
 - Lower feature size(~5) produces low accuracy (~66%)
- Apply SVM on the reduced features

• Acc: 91%

Run time: 11 s

Supervised Machine learning: SVM with PCA dimension reduction

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from sklearn.decomposition import PCA
pca = PCA(n_components = 20)
pca.fit(X_train_tsne)
X_train_pca = pca.transform(X_train_tsne)
print(X_train_pca.shape)

(4800, 20)
```

```
from sklearn import svm
 svm_linear2 = svm.SVC(kernel='linear')
 start = timeit.default_timer()
 svm_linear2.fit(X_train_pca, y_train_label)
 print("train_complete")
 X_{val_pca} = pca.transform(X_{val.reshape}(1200, -1))
 print(X_val_pca.shape)
 predictions_pca = svm_linear2.predict(X_val_pca)
 for i in range(len(predictions_pca)):
     if(predictions_pca[i]==y_val_label[i]):
 print(correct/len(predictions_pca))
 stop = timeit.default_timer()
 print('Time: ', stop - start)
train_complete
(1200, 20)
0.9108333333333334
Time: 11.623891282000159
```

Models & Results & Analysis: Supervised Method with Hyperparameter Tuning

- Apply grid search on C, gamma
 - Best combination:
 - C=5, gamma=0.001
 - Accuracy 94%

Supervised Machine learning: SVM hyperparameter tuning

```
from sklearn.model_selection import GridSearchCV
 parameters = \{'C': [1, 5, 10],
            'gamma': [0.001, 0.01, 1]}
 model_SVM_GS = svm.SVC()
 grid = GridSearchCV(estimator=model_SVM_GS, param_grid=parameters)
 grid.fit(X_train_pca, y_train_label)
 # summarize the results of the grid search
 print(grid.best_score_)
 print(grid.best_estimator_)
GridSearchCV(estimator=SVC(),
            param_grid={'C': [1, 5, 10], 'gamma': [0.001, 0.01, 1]})
0.944375
SVC(C=5, gamma=0.001)
 predictions_grid = grid.predict(X_val_pca)
 correct=0
 for i in range(len(predictions_grid)):
     if(predictions_grid[i]==y_val_label[i]):
         correct+=1
 print(correct/len(predictions_grid))
0.9483333333333334
```

Models & Results & Analysis: Unsupervised Method

- Unsupervised methods can also be applied on this dataset
- We use first TSNE to perform dimension reduction
- Followed by GMM clustering
- Ended with label permutation to match with ground truth

Models & Results & Analysis: Unsupervised Method Performance

- The accuracy is 83.6%
- Run time ~ 2 min
- Increasing TSNE component does not improve accuracy

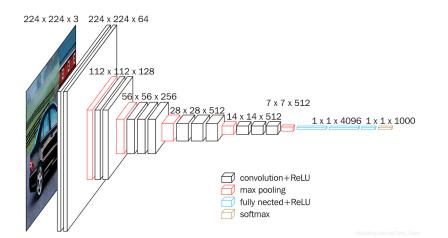
```
stop = timeit.default_timer()
print('Time: ', stop - start)
(4800, 224, 224, 3)
(4800, 150528)
Time: 157.55008647299974
voter=np.zeros(shape=(10,10))
y_train_label=np.argmax(y_train,axis=1)
for i in range(len(clusters)):
    #print(clusters[i], y_train_label[i])
    voter[clusters[i]][y_train_label[i]]+=1
print(voter)
trans=np.argmax(voter,axis=1)
correct=0
for i in range(len(clusters)):
    if y_train_label[i] == trans[clusters[i]]:
       correct+=1
print(correct/len(clusters))
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   0. 1. 2. 7. 0. 1. 0. 0. 347. 0.
   5. 1. 3. 8. 0.366. 4. 1.32. 0.
   0. 1. 1. 3. 472. 10. 1. 25. 8. 299.
  1. 322. 4. 4. 4. 1. 1. 5. 2. 2.]]
0.83645833333333333
```

Models & Results & Analysis: Unsupervised Method using less training data

- Although the accuracy is lower, unsupervised methods is less sensitive to insufficient training data
- We experiment using only half of the training set for training
- Accuracy drops from 83.6% to 83.2%
- While run time drops from 2 min to less than 1 min

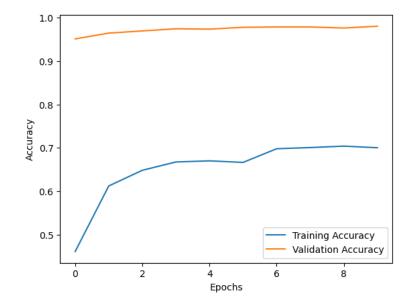
Models & Results & Analysis: Deep-Learning Method

- Since CNN is the king of 2D image processing, I decided to include it in the comparison
- Since 224x224 is the input size of the famous VGG16, we use the pretrained model provided in Keras to solve the problem.
- Below is the architecture of VGG16. The schematic consists of hierarchical CNN feature extractor and fully-connected classifier.



Models & Results & Analysis: Deep-Learning Method Performance

- Achieved 99.5% accuracy
- Accuracy is almost 90% at the beginning of training, thanks to the pretrained weight.
- Run time is ~15min



Conclusion

- Raw input, even cleaned, may still need transform like dimension reduction for the following reasons
 - Shorter run time
 - Lower hardware requirement (smaller memory usage)
- Deep learning methods outperforms traditional methods, at the price of higher computing cost
- Hyperparameter selection is crucial regarding model performance

```
import numpy as np
import pandas as pd
import os
for dirname, _, filenames in os.walk('/kaggle/input'):
    for filename in filenames:
        print(os.path.join(dirname, filename))
/kaggle/input/mnist-dataset/train-images.idx3-ubyte
/kaggle/input/mnist-dataset/t10k-labels.idx1-ubyte
/kaggle/input/mnist-dataset/t10k-images.idx3-ubyte
/kaggle/input/mnist-dataset/train-labels.idx1-ubyte
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/kaggle/input/mnist-dataset/train-labels-idx1-ubyte/train-labels-idx1-
ubyte
/kaggle/input/mnist-dataset/train-images-idx3-ubyte/train-images-idx3-
ubyte
```

Libraries to be used

```
import tensorflow as tf
from keras.datasets import mnist
from tensorflow.keras.models import Sequential
from tensorflow.keras.layers import Conv2D, MaxPooling2D, Flatten,
Dense, Dropout
from tensorflow.keras.utils import to_categorical
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
```

Load Data

```
(train_images, train_labels), (test_images, test_labels) =
mnist.load_data()
train_images, test_images = train_images / 255.0, test_images / 255.0
# normalising the dimensions of images to increase the performance of
cnn

# Load the MNIST dataset
(train_images, train_labels), (test_images, test_labels) =
mnist.load_data()

# Normalize the images
train_images, test_images = train_images / 255.0, test_images / 255.0
```

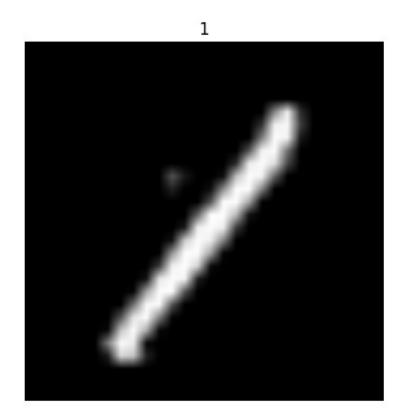
```
# Use only 60% of the dataset
train images, train labels = train images[:int(0.1 *
len(train images))], train labels[:int(0.1 * len(train labels))]
# Convert images to 3-channel (RGB) and resize to 224x224 for VGG16
def preprocess images(images):
   images = tf.expand dims(images, axis=-1) # Add channel dimension
   images = tf.image.grayscale to rgb(images) # Convert to RGB
    images = tf.image.resize(images, [224, 224]) # Resize to 224x224
    return images.numpy()
train images = preprocess images(train images)
test images = preprocess images(test images)
# Convert labels to one-hot encoding
train labels = to categorical(train labels, num classes=10)
test labels = to categorical(test labels, num classes=10)
# Split train data into train and validation sets (80-20 split of 60%
dataset)
X train, X val, y train, y val = train test split(train images,
train labels, test size=0.2, random state=42)
random index = np.random.randint(0,len(train images))
random image = train images[random index]
random label = train labels[random index]
```

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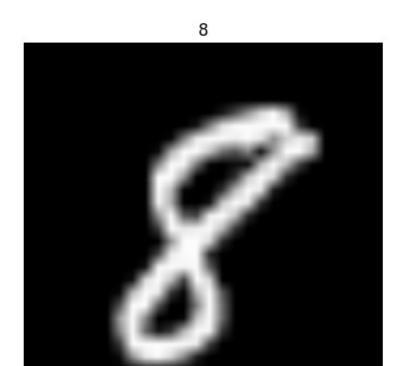
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temp=np.argmax(train labels, axis=1)
d=\{\}
for i in range(10):
    d[i]=0
for q in temp:
    d[q]+=1
print(d)
#balanced dataset
{0: 592, 1: 671, 2: 581, 3: 608, 4: 623, 5: 514, 6: 608, 7: 651, 8:
551, 9: 601}
for i in range(20):
    random index = np.random.randint(0, len(train images))
    random image = train images[random index]
    random label = train labels[random index]
    plt.imshow(random_image, cmap='gray') # Use 'gray' for MNIST
images
```

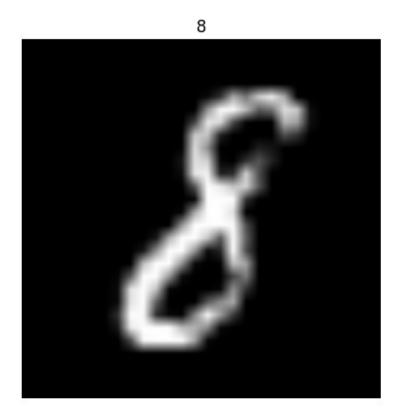
```
plt.axis('off')
  plt.title(np.argmax(random_label)) # Convert one-hot label back
to a class index
  plt.show()
```







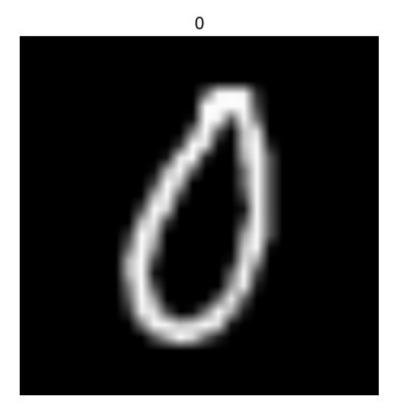




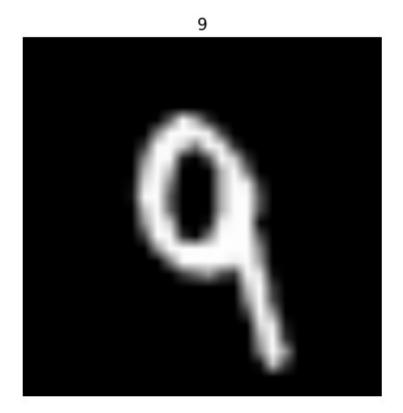




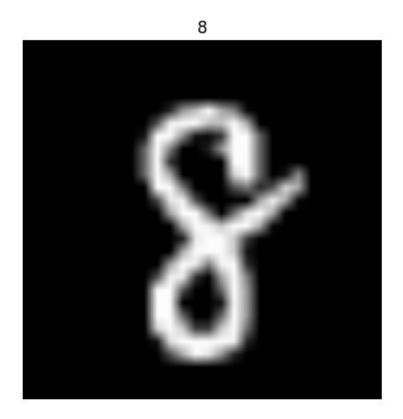




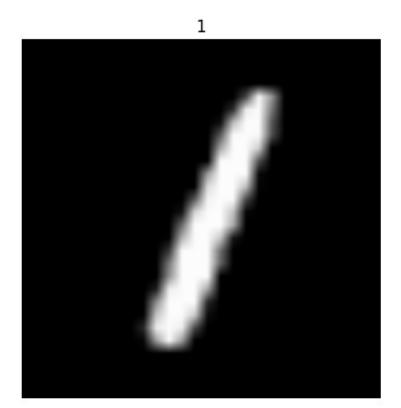


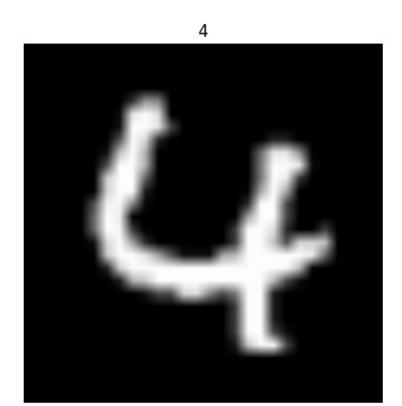


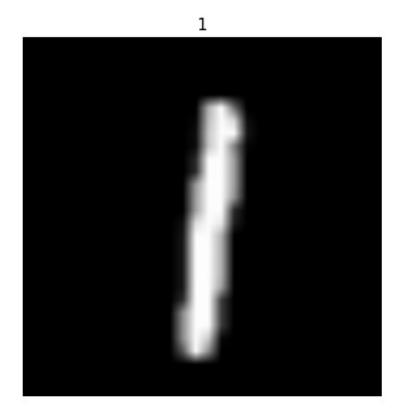


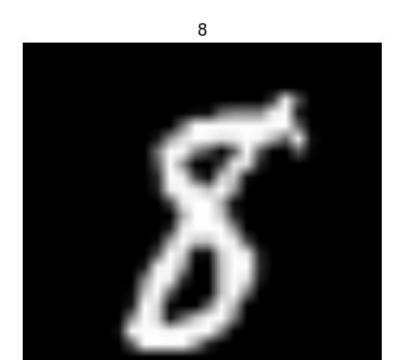


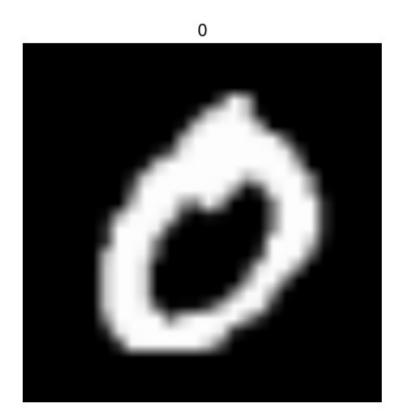


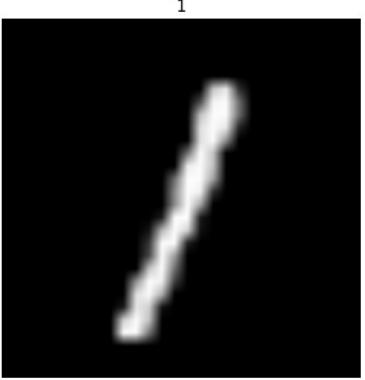












```
random image.shape
(224, 224, 3)
labels = str(list(range(0,10)))
labels
'[0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9]'
num samples = 12
random indices = np.random.choice(train images.shape[0], num samples,
replace=False)
sample images = train images[random indices]
sample labels = train labels[random indices]
train labels = to_categorical(train_labels)
test labels = to categorical(test labels)
```

Deep learning: VGG16 Network

```
from tensorflow.keras.applications import VGG16
from tensorflow.keras.models import Model
from tensorflow.keras.layers import Flatten, Dense, Dropout
vgg_base = VGG16(weights='imagenet', include_top=False,
input shape=(224, 224, 3))
```

```
# Freeze the VGG16 base layers
for layer in vgg base.layers:
    layer.trainable = False
# Add custom layers on top of VGG16
x = Flatten()(vgg_base.output)
x = Dense(128, activation='relu')(x)
x = Dropout(0.5)(x)
output = Dense(10, activation='softmax')(x) # 10 classes for MNIST
# Create final model
model = Model(inputs=vgg base.input, outputs=output)
# Compile the model
model.compile(optimizer='adam', loss='categorical crossentropy',
metrics=['accuracy'])
# Train the model without using ImageDataGenerator
##change to true if train CNN
if False:
    history = model.fit(
        X_train, y_train, # Directly use the training data
        validation data=(X val, y val), # Directly use the validation
data
        epochs=10,
        batch size=32 # Set batch size here
    )
```

Unsupervised method: TSNE+GMM

```
tsne = TSNE(n components=3,
               n jobs=-1
   digits_proj = tsne.fit_transform(X_train_tsne)
   gmm = GaussianMixture(
       n components=10)
   clusters = gmm.fit predict(digits proj)
   #Your statements here
   stop = timeit.default timer()
   print('Time: ', stop - start)
   voter=np.zeros(shape=(10,10))
   for i in range(len(clusters)):
       #print(clusters[i],y_train_label[i])
       voter[clusters[i]][y train label[i]]+=1
   print(voter)
   trans=np.argmax(voter,axis=1)
   correct=0
   for i in range(len(clusters)):
       if y train label[i]==trans[clusters[i]]:
           correct+=1
   print(correct/len(clusters))
Time: 157.3312752239999
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Unsupervised method: reduce training data

```
n components=10)
clusters2 = gmm2.fit predict(digits proj2)
#Your statements here
stop = timeit.default timer()
print('Time: ', stop - start)
voter2=np.zeros(shape=(10,10))
for i in range(len(clusters2)):
    #print(clusters[i],y train label[i])
    voter2[clusters2[i]][y_train_label2[i]]+=1
print(voter2)
trans2=np.argmax(voter2,axis=1)
correct2=0
for i in range(len(clusters2)):
    if y_train_label2[i]==trans2[clusters2[i]]:
        correct2+=1
print(correct2/len(clusters2))
(2400, 150528)
Time: 56.688194474000284
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```

Supervised Machine learning: SVM

```
from sklearn import svm
from sklearn import metrics
svm_linear = svm.SVC(kernel='linear')
print("Full Features: ",X_train_tsne.shape)
print(X_val.shape)
y_val_label=np.argmax(y_val,axis=1)
Full Features: (4800, 150528)
(1200, 224, 224, 3)
```

Supervised Machine learning: SVM with PCA dimension reduction

```
from sklearn.decomposition import PCA
pca = PCA(n components = 20)
pca.fit(X train tsne)
X train pca = pca.transform(X train tsne)
print(X train pca.shape)
(4800, 20)
from sklearn import svm
svm linear2 = svm.SVC(kernel='linear')
start = timeit.default timer()
# fit
svm linear2.fit(X train pca, y train label)
print("train complete")
X_{val_pca} = pca.transform(X_{val.reshape(1200,-1)})
print(X val pca.shape)
predictions pca = svm linear2.predict(X val pca)
correct=0
for i in range(len(predictions pca)):
    if(predictions pca[i]==y val label[i]):
        correct+=1
print(correct/len(predictions pca))
stop = timeit.default timer()
print('Time: ', stop - start)
train_complete
(1200, 20)
0.9083333333333333
Time: 13.015603397999712
```

Supervised Machine learning: SVM hyperparameter tuning

```
from sklearn.model selection import GridSearchCV
parameters = \{'C': [1, 5, 10],
          'gamma': [0.001, 0.01, 1]}
model SVM GS = svm.SVC()
grid = GridSearchCV(estimator=model SVM GS, param grid=parameters)
grid.fit(X_train_pca, y_train_label)
print(grid)
# summarize the results of the grid search
print(grid.best score )
print(grid.best_estimator_)
GridSearchCV(estimator=SVC(),
             param grid={'C': [1, 5, 10], 'gamma': [0.001, 0.01, 1]})
0.944166666666666
SVC(C=5, gamma=0.001)
predictions grid = grid.predict(X val pca)
correct=0
for i in range(len(predictions grid)):
    if(predictions grid[i]==y val label[i]):
        correct+=1
print(correct/len(predictions grid))
0.9483333333333334
```

Deep learning: other analysis

```
input layer 1 (InputLayer) (None, 224, 224, 3)
0
| block1 conv1 (Conv2D)
                               (None, 224, 224, 64)
1,792
block1 conv2 (Conv2D)
                               (None, 224, 224, 64)
36,928
 block1 pool (MaxPooling2D)
                              (None, 112, 112, 64)
| block2 conv1 (Conv2D)
                               | (None, 112, 112, 128) |
73,856
block2 conv2 (Conv2D)
                               | (None, 112, 112, 128) |
147,584
| block2 pool (MaxPooling2D)
                               (None, 56, 56, 128)
| block3 conv1 (Conv2D)
                               (None, 56, 56, 256)
295,168
| block3 conv2 (Conv2D)
                               | (None, 56, 56, 256) |
590,080
block3 conv3 (Conv2D)
                               (None, 56, 56, 256)
590,080
 block3 pool (MaxPooling2D)
                               (None, 28, 28, 256)
| block4_conv1 (Conv2D)
                               | (None, 28, 28, 512) |
1,180,160 |
| block4 conv2 (Conv2D)
                               (None, 28, 28, 512)
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2,359,808
 block4 conv3 (Conv2D)
                                 (None, 28, 28, 512)
2,359,808
                                 (None, 14, 14, 512)
 block4 pool (MaxPooling2D)
block5_conv1 (Conv2D)
                                 (None, 14, 14, 512)
2,359,808
 block5_conv2 (Conv2D)
                                 (None, 14, 14, 512)
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 block5_conv3 (Conv2D)
                                 (None, 14, 14, 512)
2,359,808 |
| block5 pool (MaxPooling2D)
                                 (None, 7, 7, 512)
| flatten 1 (Flatten)
                                 (None, 25088)
 dense_2 (Dense)
                                 (None, 128)
3,211,392
 dropout 1 (Dropout)
                                 (None, 128)
dense 3 (Dense)
                                  (None, 10)
1,290
Total params: 17,927,370 (68.39 MB)
Trainable params: 3,212,682 (12.26 MB)
Non-trainable params: 14,714,688 (56.13 MB)
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loss,accuracy = model.evaluate(X train,y train)
print(f"The model accuracy is : {accuracy} \n the model loss :
{loss}")
WARNING: All log messages before absl::InitializeLog() is called are
written to STDERR
0x7dc46000cf40 initialized for platform CUDA (this does not guarantee
that XLA will be used). Devices:
                               102 service.cc:153] StreamExecutor
I0000 00:00:1733920451.204534
device (0): Tesla T4, Compute Capability 7.5
I0000 00:00:1733920451.204540
                               102 service.cc:153] StreamExecutor
device (1): Tesla T4, Compute Capability 7.5
                  36:33 15s/step - accuracy: 0.0625 - loss:
 1/150 —
2.5141
cluster using XLA! This line is logged at most once for the lifetime
of the process.
150/150 —
                     ----- 33s 124ms/step - accuracy: 0.0936 - loss:
2.3835
The model accuracy is: 0.10104166716337204
the model loss: 2.377922773361206
plt.plot(history.history['accuracy'],label='Training Accuracy')
plt.plot(history.history['val accuracy'], label = 'Validation')
Accuracy')
plt.xlabel("Epochs")
plt.ylabel('Accuracy')
plt.legend()
plt.show()
NameError
                                      Traceback (most recent call
last)
Cell In[52], line 1
----> 1 plt.plot(history.history['accuracy'],label='Training
Accuracy')
     2 plt.plot(history.history['val accuracy'], label = 'Validation'
Accuracy')
     3 plt.xlabel("Epochs")
NameError: name 'history' is not defined
plt.plot(history.history['loss'],label='Training Loss')
plt.plot(history.history['val loss'],label='Validation Loss')
plt.xlabel("Epoche")
plt.ylabel("Loss")
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plt.legend()
plt.show()
import numpy as np
# Predict the class probabilities for the test dataset
predictions = model.predict(X val)
# Convert probabilities to class labels
predicted_labels = np.argmax(predictions, axis=1)
true labels = np.argmax(y val, axis=1) # Convert one-hot to class
indices
from sklearn.metrics import confusion matrix
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns
# Generate the confusion matrix
true labels = np.argmax(y val, axis=1) # Convert one-hot encoded to
class indices
predicted labels = np.argmax(predictions, axis=1) # Already
converting probabilities to class indices
correct=0
for i in range(len(true labels)):
    if true_labels[i]==predicted labels[i]:
        correct+=1
print(correct/len(true labels))
from sklearn.metrics import confusion matrix
# Generate confusion matrix
conf matrix = confusion matrix(true labels, predicted labels)
# Plot the confusion matrix
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 8))
sns.heatmap(conf_matrix, annot=True, fmt='d', cmap='Blues',
xticklabels=range(10), yticklabels=range(10))
plt.xlabel('Predicted Labels')
plt.ylabel('True Labels')
plt.title('Confusion Matrix')
plt.show()
```