

# Classification

Learn how to train and use the CNN model for MNIST datasets.

Chapter Goals:

- Understand how hand-drawn digits are processed and passed into the model for classification

## A. Model logistics

The `run_model_setup` function below shows how to set up and train the CNN we've coded:

```
1 def run_model_setup(self, input_data_loader):
2     logits = self.model_layers(input_data_loader)
3
4     # convert logits to probabilities
5     self.probs = tf.nn.softmax(logits)
6     # round probabilities
7     self.predictions = tf.argmax(
8         self.probs, axis=-1, name='predictions')
9     class_labels = tf.argmax(logits, axis=-1, name='class_labels')
10    # find which predictions were correct
11    is_correct = tf.equal(
12        self.predictions, class_labels)
13    is_correct_float = tf.cast(
14        is_correct,
15        tf.float32)
16    # compute ratio of correct predictions
17    self.accuracy = tf.reduce_mean(
18        is_correct_float)
19    # train model
20    if self.is_training:
21        labels_float = tf.cast(
22            labels, tf.float32)
23        # compute the loss using cross entropy
24        cross_entropy = tf.nn.softmax_cross_entropy_with_logits(
25            labels=labels_float,
26            logits=logits)
27        self.loss = tf.reduce_mean(
28            cross_entropy)
29        # use adam to train model
30        adam = tf.train.AdamOptimizer()
31        self.train_op = adam.minimize(self.loss)
```



For more explanation of the code, see the [Machine Learning for Software Engineers](#) book.

## B. Real data

After training a model on the MNIST dataset, it is ready to classify real hand-drawn digits. Using the techniques from the **Image Processing** section, we can decode the hand-drawn image to obtain its pixel data (in grayscale format) and then resize it to the same dimensions as the MNIST image data. Since our model inputs have shape `(batch_size, input_dim**2)`, we flatten the image's pixel data and reshape it to `(1, input_dim**2)`.

## C. Classifying hand-drawn digits

The code below runs a digit classifier implemented in the backend. It will prompt you to draw a digit. The model will predict which digit you drew.

```
run_digit_recognizer()
```

