



# American sign language understanding

Project 1 - TAA

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## DATA VISUALIZATION

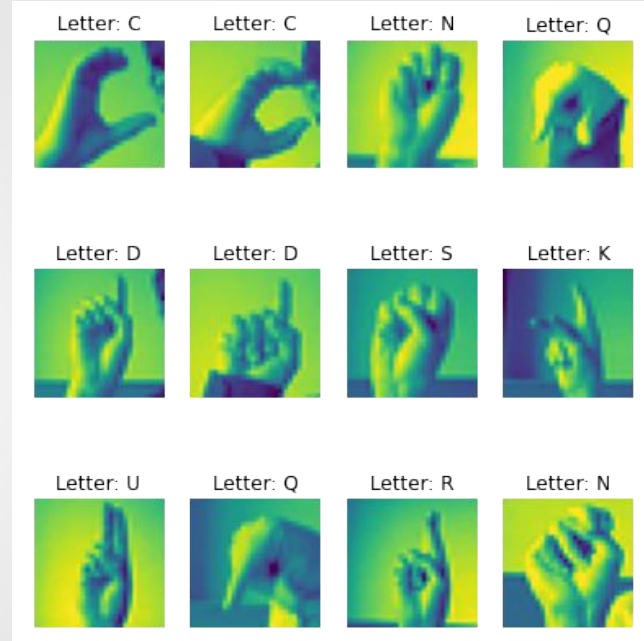
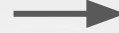
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# DATA VISUALIZATION

## Training dataset

	label	pixel1	pixel2	...	pixel1782	pixel1783	pixel1784
0	3	107	118	...	204	203	202
1	6	155	157	...	103	135	149
2	2	187	188	...	195	194	195
3	2	211	211	...	222	229	163
4	13	164	167	...	163	164	179
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
27450	13	189	189	...	200	222	225
27451	23	151	154	...	195	195	194
27452	18	174	174	...	202	200	200
27453	17	177	181	...	64	87	93
27454	23	179	180	...	205	209	215



## The author transformed the original dataset:

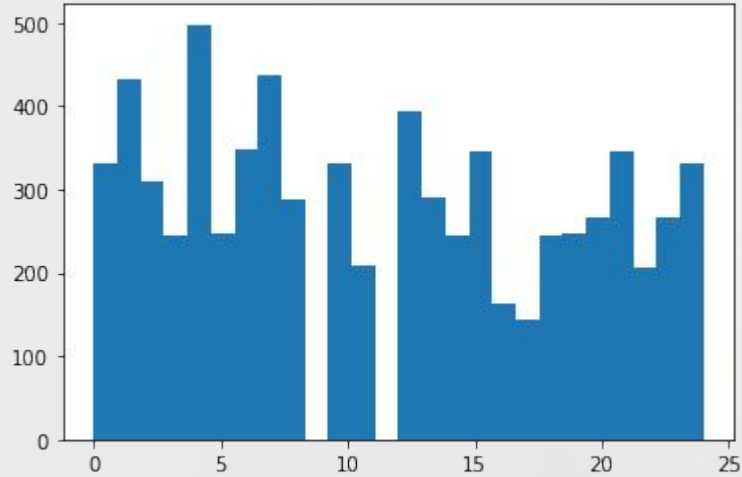
cropping to hands-only → gray-scaling → resizing

Also creating at least 50+ variations to enlarge the quantity:

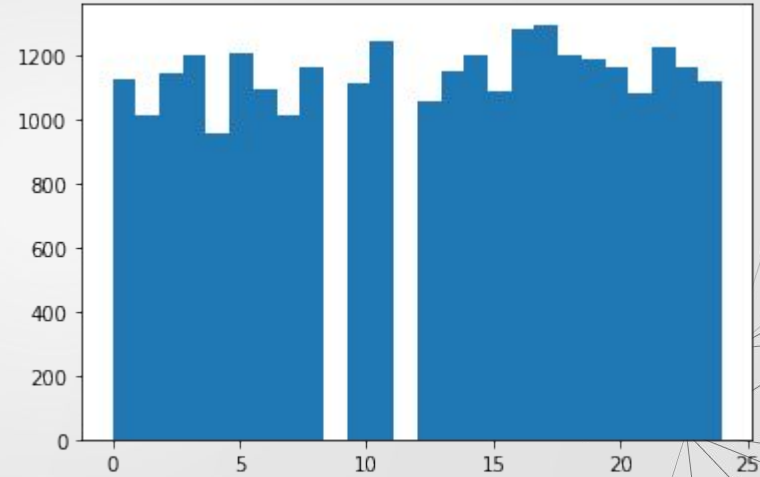
Filters ('Mitchell', 'Robidoux', 'Catrom', 'Spline', 'Hermite') → 5% random pixelation → +/- 15% brightness/contrast → 3 degrees rotation.

# DATA VISUALIZATION

Number of examples/class in the  
Test Dataset



Number of examples/class in the  
Train Dataset





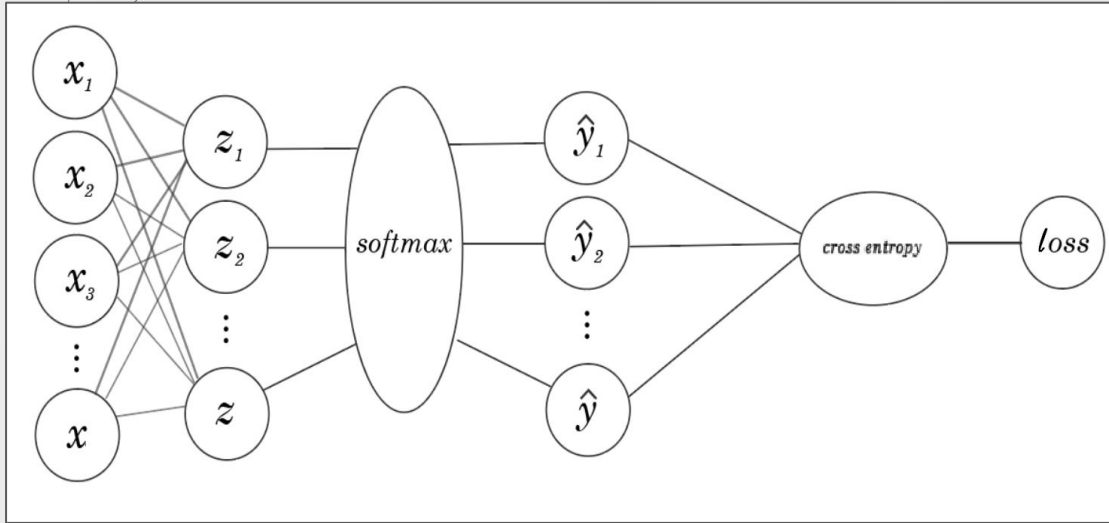
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## ML MODELS

Logistic Regression and  
Convolutional Neural Network

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## LOGISTIC REGRESSION



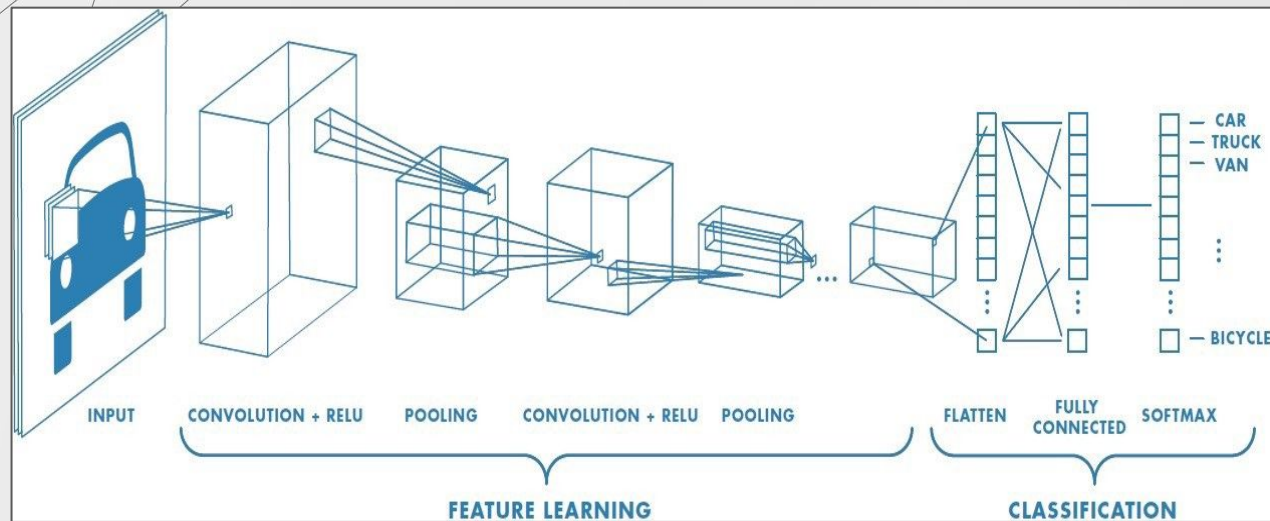
 PyTorch

### Linear model with multi class approach

1. Initially, the function returns a tensor with 26 elements with values ranging from negative infinity to positive infinity
2. `cross_entropy` function that combines the negative log likelihood and softmax function to normalize the resulting values from the linear function.

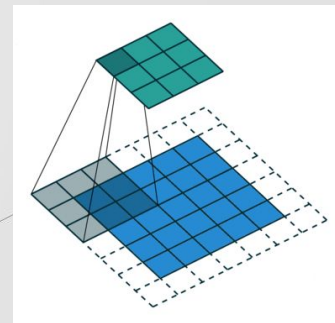
# ML MODELS

## CONVOLUTIONAL NEURAL NETWORK



### Deep Learning algorithm

A ConvNet is able to successfully capture the **Spatial and Temporal dependencies** in an image..

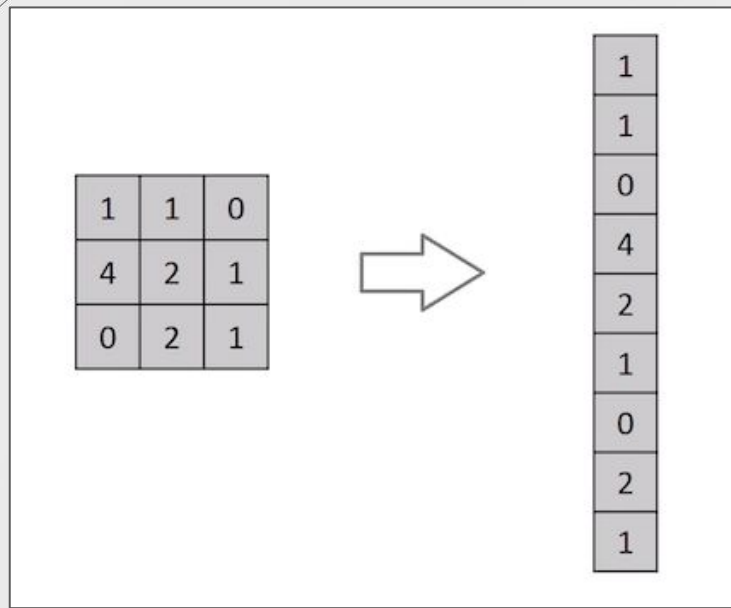


The network can be trained to understand the sophistication of the image better.



# ML MODELS

## WHY 2 DIFFERENT ARCHITECTURES?



In **cases of extremely basic binary images**, a linear method might show an average precision score while performing prediction of classes, but would have **little to no accuracy when it comes to complex images having pixel dependencies throughout.**



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## **HYPERPARAMETERS AND NETWORK STRUCTURE**

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Learning rates, epochs, batch size,  
convolutional layers, decaying learning rate.

# HYPERPARAMETERS

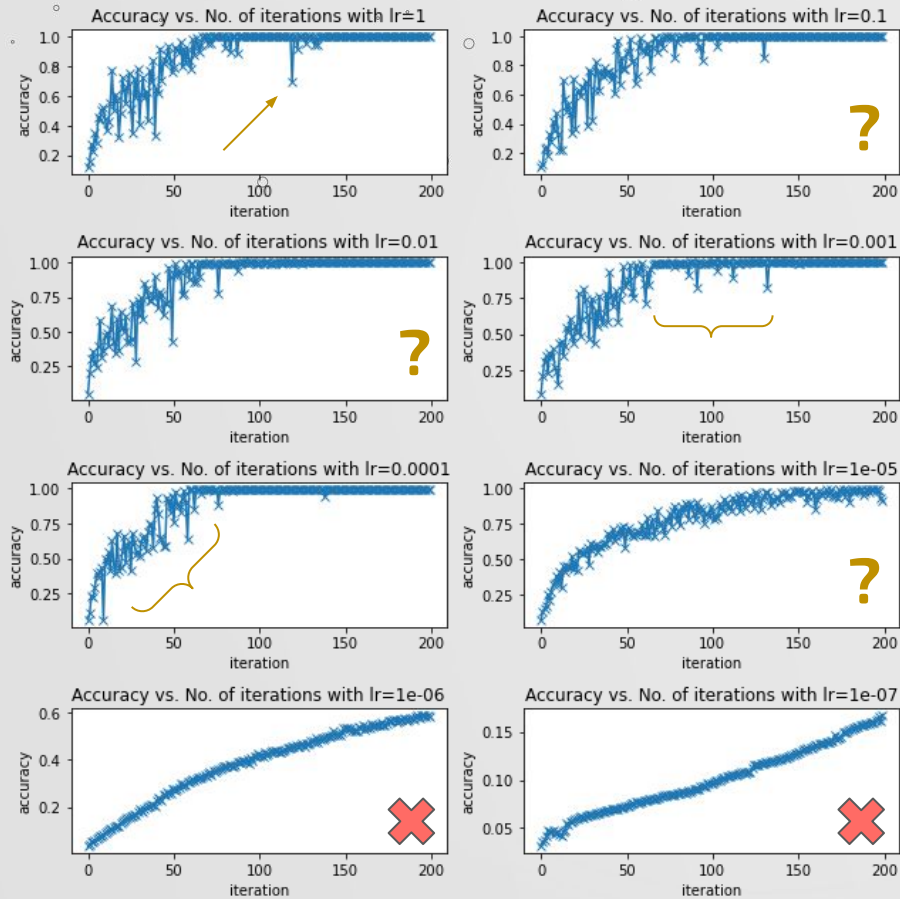
## LOGISTIC REGRESSION MODEL

### Batch size and epochs

256 and 200, based on the literature and prior works related to this problem.

### Learning rate

We tested 8 different learning rates and observed the accuracy graphs.



		Loss	Accuracy
$lr=0.001$ worse	Validation	0.4703	0.9985
	Test	1150.3939	0.6855
$lr=1e-05$ better	Validation	0.0703	0.9835
	Test	5.5739	0.5628

Convolutional may be better?

# NETWORK STRUCTURE

## CONVOLUTIONAL NEURAL NETWORK

### MODEL

Model: "sequential\_2"

Layer (type)	Output Shape	Param #
=====		
conv2d_4 (Conv2D)	(None, 26, 26, 64)	640
max_pooling2d_4 (MaxPooling2D)	(None, 13, 13, 64)	0
conv2d_5 (Conv2D)	(None, 11, 11, 128)	73856
max_pooling2d_5 (MaxPooling2D)	(None, 5, 5, 128)	0
flatten_2 (Flatten)	(None, 3200)	0
dense_4 (Dense)	(None, 256)	819456
dense_5 (Dense)	(None, 26)	6682
=====		

1 <sub>x1</sub>	1 <sub>x0</sub>	1 <sub>x1</sub>	0	0
0 <sub>x0</sub>	1 <sub>x1</sub>	1 <sub>x0</sub>	1	0
0 <sub>x1</sub>	0 <sub>x0</sub>	1 <sub>x1</sub>	1	1
0	0	1	1	0
0	1	1	0	0

Image

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Convolved  
Feature

3.0	3.0	3.0
3.0	3.0	3.0
3.0	2.0	3.0

3	3	2	1	0
0	0	1	3	1
3	1	2	2	3
2	0	0	2	2
2	0	0	0	1

# Data Augmentation

**Re-scales pixels  
of the image to 0-1  
by dividing by 255.**

**Rotates images  
between 0 and 45  
degrees.**

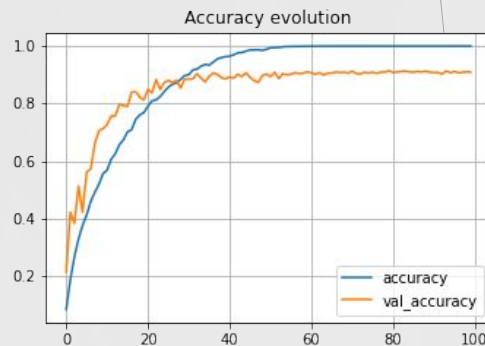
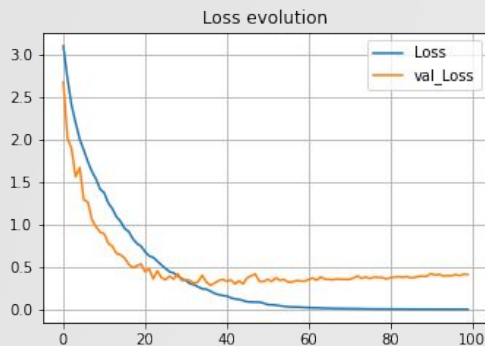
**Shifts images  
horizontally and  
vertically by 15%.**

**Zooms in and out  
images by 20%.**

**Flips images  
horizontally.**

# CNN Hyperparameters

## EPOCHS



## Batch Size

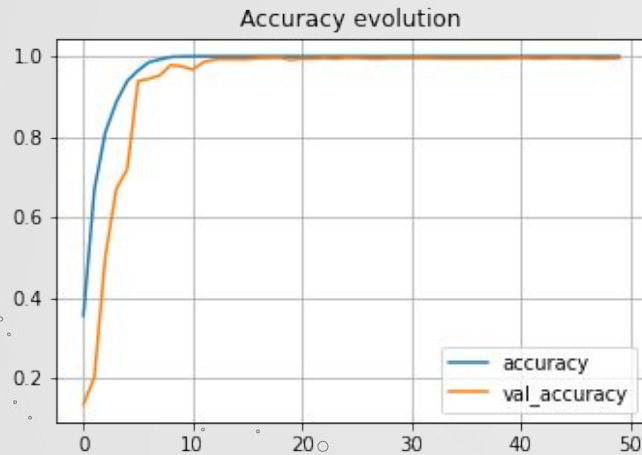
<i>Batch Sizes</i>	<i>Test Accuracies</i>
<b>32</b>	91%
<b>64</b>	95%
<b>128</b>	93%
<b>256</b>	92%
<b>512</b>	98%
<b>1024</b>	93%

## Decaying Learning Rate

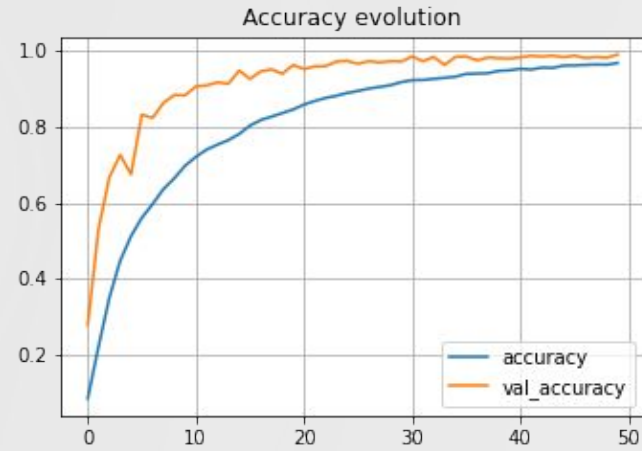
If the validation accuracies were fluctuating a lot the model could overshoot the optima. However, in our case, it didn't make much difference.

# Changes in the Neural Network Structure

## Batch Normalization Layer



## Dropout Layer



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## RESULTS AND PERFORMANCE COMPARISON

Accuracy and Loss.  
Comparison between models.





# Accuracies and Losses

## Logistic Regression Model

	Loss	Accuracy
Validation	0.0703	0.9835
Test	5.5739	0.5628

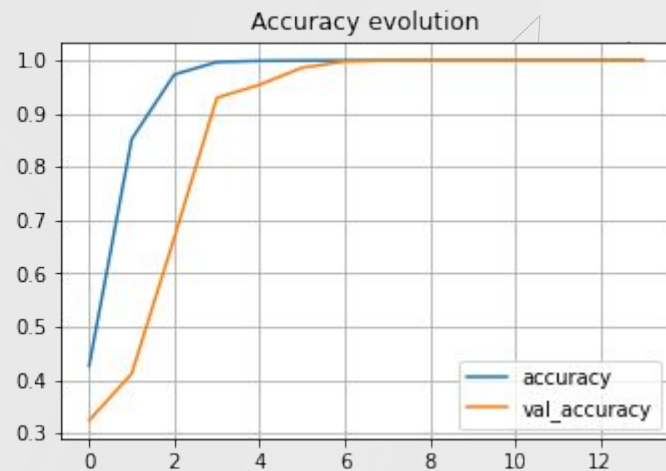
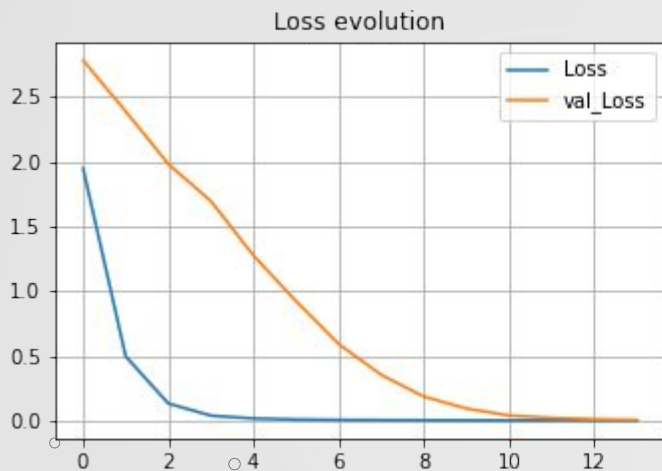
## CNN Model Without Data Augmentation

	Loss	Accuracy
Validation	0.0044	1.0
Test	0.2359	0.9331

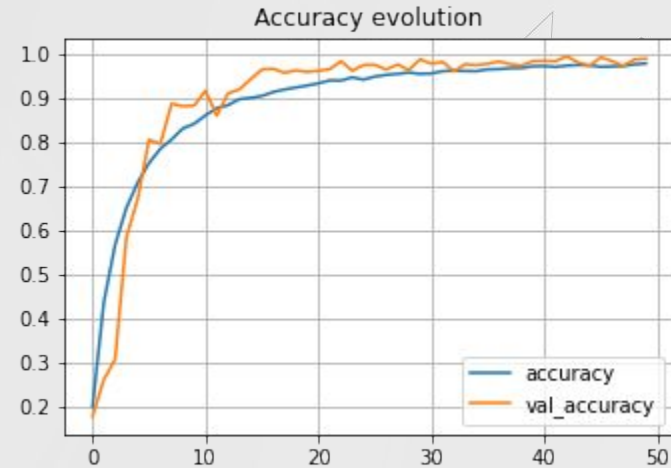
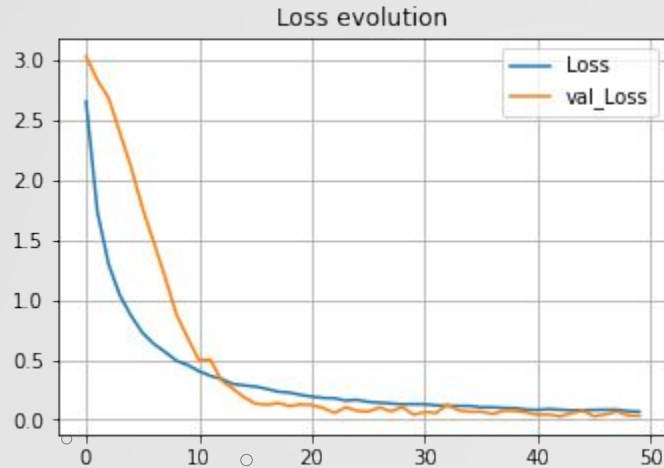
## CNN Model With Data Augmentation

	Loss	Accuracy
Validation	0.0314	0.9950
Test	0.0315	0.9873

# CNN Model Without Data Augmentation



# CNN Model With Data Augmentation



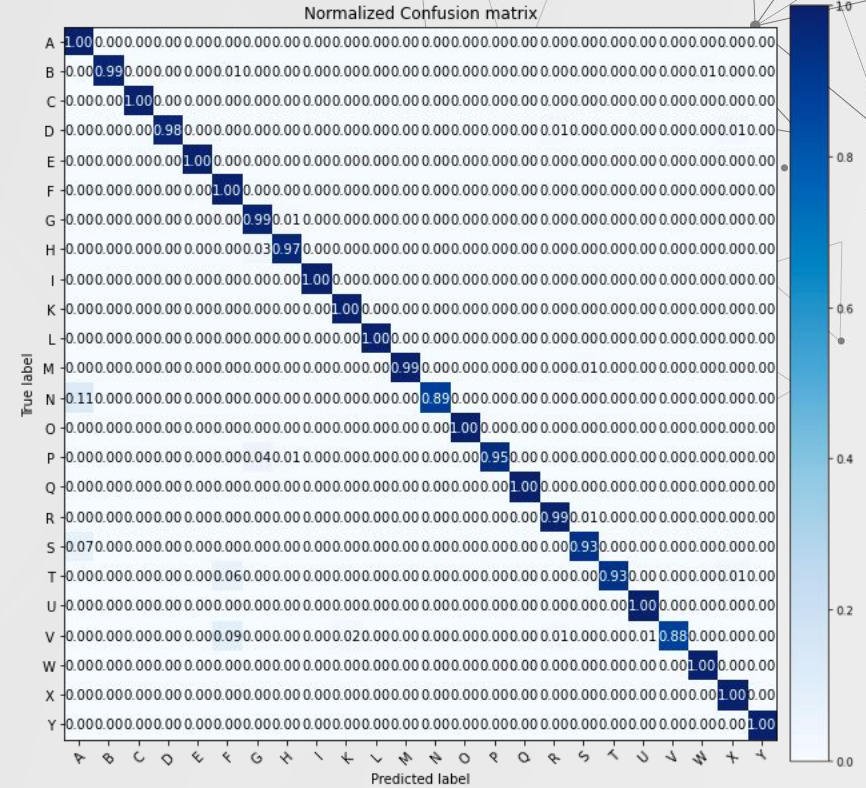
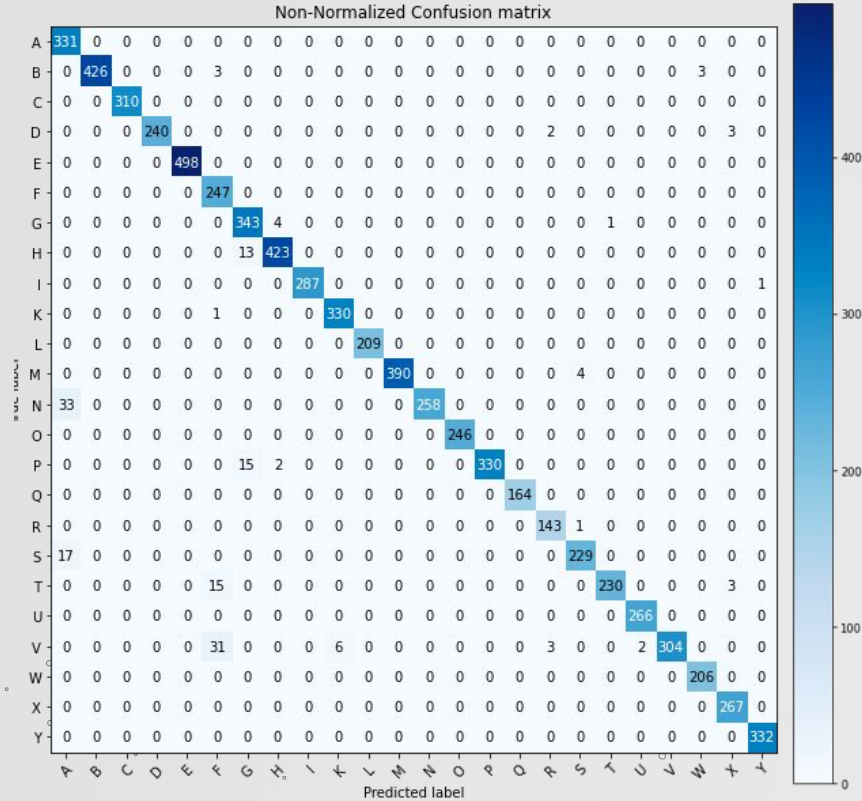
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## PREDICTIONS WITH DIFFERENT PICTURES

Predicting letters with images of the dataset and with our own.



# CNN Model Confusion Matrix



# CNN Model Predictions With Data Set Images

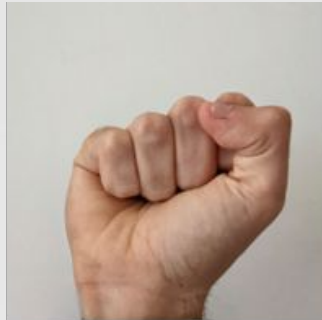


# Our Pictures

Label = T



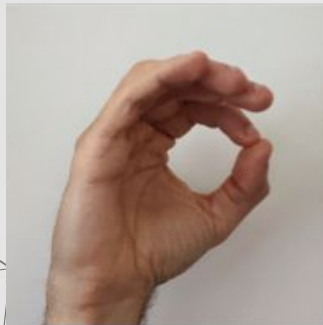
Label = A



Label = V



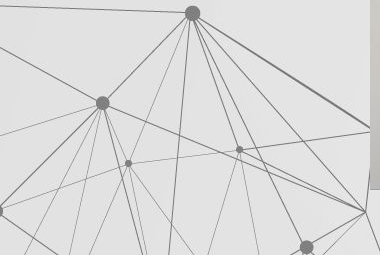
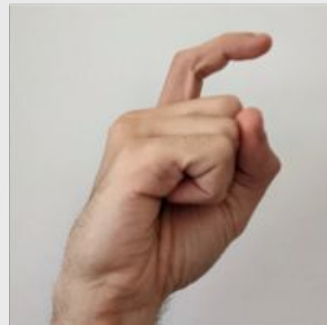
Label = O



Label = L

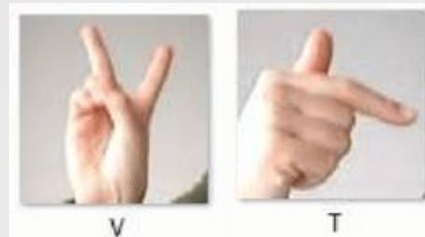
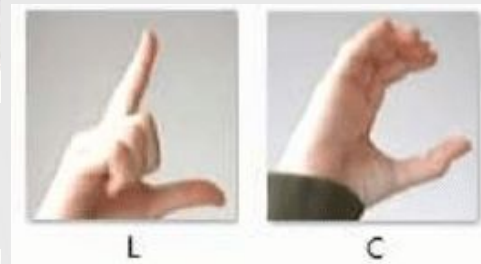
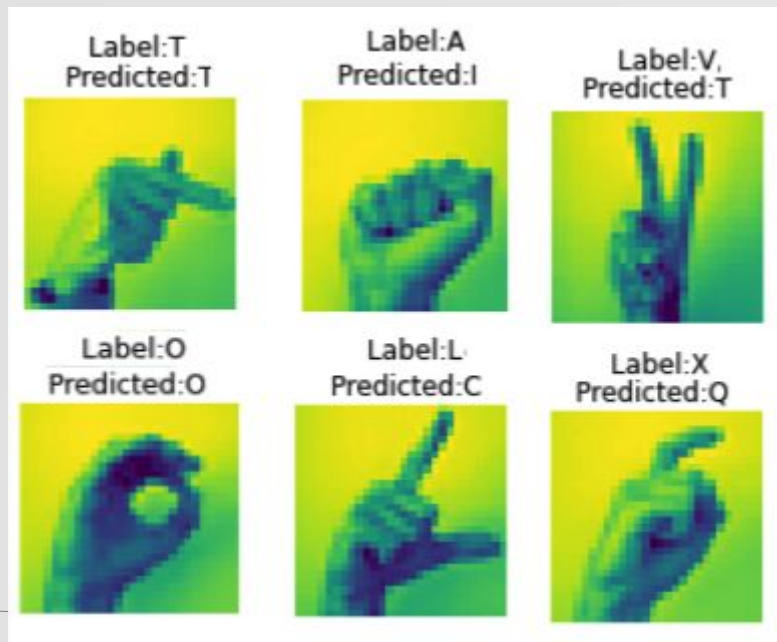


Label = X





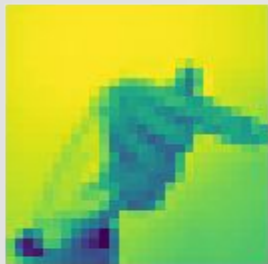
# Logistic Regression Model Predictions With Our Pictures



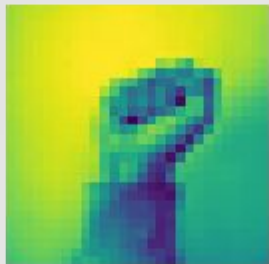


# CNN Model Predictions With Our Pictures

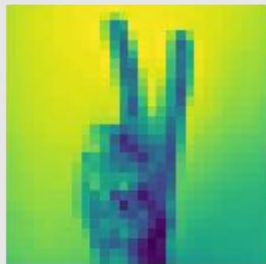
Label = T  
Predicted = T



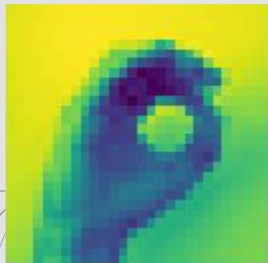
Label = A  
Predicted = N



Label = V  
Predicted = V



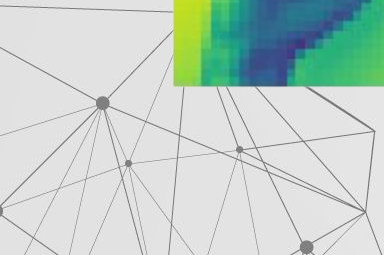
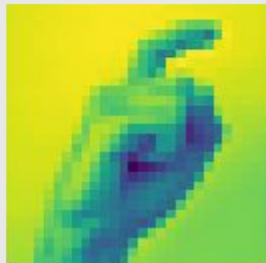
Label = O  
Predicted = O



Label = L  
Predicted = L



Label = X  
Predicted = X





# 06

## Conclusion

How can we improve?