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Experiment 5: Perceptron vs Multilayer Perceptron (A/B Experiment) with Hyperparameter Tuning

Aim:

To implement and compare the performance of:
Model A: Single-Layer Perceptron Learning Algorithm (PLA) using step activation and weight update rule, and
Model B: Multilayer Perceptron (MLP) with hidden layers, nonlinear activation functions, and backpropagation.
The experiment evaluates both models on the English Handwritten Characters Dataset and compares their performance using accuracy, precision, recall, F1-score, confusion matrix, ROC curves, and convergence behavior.

Libraries Used:

NumPy – numerical operations and array handling
Pandas – CSV data loading and manipulation
OpenCV (cv2) – image reading, resizing, and preprocessing
Matplotlib / Seaborn – plotting curves and confusion matrices
Scikit-learn – train-test split, evaluation metrics (accuracy, precision, recall, F1-score, ROC, confusion matrix)
TensorFlow / Keras – building and training the Multilayer Perceptron (MLP)

Code:

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# ---------------- Data Loading ----------------
import pandas as pd
import cv2, os
import numpy as np
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
from tensorflow.keras.utils import to_categorical

# Paths (place english.csv and images.zip in /content via Colab Files)
csv_path = "/content/english.csv"
zip_path = "/content/images.zip"

# Unzip images
!unzip -o {zip_path} -d images_folder > /dev/null 2>&1
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# Path to images
path = "images_folder/"

# Load CSV
df = pd.read_csv(csv_path)

IMG_SIZE = 28  # Resize to 28x28

# Character set (0-9, A-Z, a-z → total 62 classes)
classes = sorted(df['label'].unique())
label_map = {cls: idx for idx, cls in enumerate(classes)}

# Load images
X, y = [], []
for _, row in df.iterrows():
    img_path = os.path.join(path, row['image'])
    img = cv2.imread(img_path, cv2.IMREAD_GRAYSCALE)
    img = cv2.resize(img, (IMG_SIZE, IMG_SIZE))
    X.append(img.flatten())
    y.append(label_map[row['label']])

X = np.array(X) / 255.0   # normalize
y = np.array(y)

# Train/test split
X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X, y, test_size=0.2, random_state=42)
y_train_cat = to_categorical(y_train, num_classes=len(classes))
y_test_cat = to_categorical(y_test, num_classes=len(classes))

print("Data loaded:", X_train.shape, y_train.shape, "Classes:", len(classes))
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Output:

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Data loaded: (2728, 784) (2728,) Classes: 62
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# ---------------- Perceptron (PLA) - Multi-class One-vs-Rest ----------------
from sklearn.metrics import accuracy_score

class OneVsRestPLA:
    def __init__(self, n_classes, n_features, lr=0.01, epochs=10):
        self.n_classes = n_classes
        self.lr = lr
        self.epochs = epochs
        self.W = np.zeros((n_classes, n_features + 1))  # +1 for bias

    def _augment(self, X):
        # Add bias term
        return np.hstack([X, np.ones((X.shape[0], 1))])
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    def fit(self, X, y):
        X_aug = self._augment(X)
        for _ in range(self.epochs):
            for i in range(X.shape[0]):
                xi, yi = X_aug[i], y[i]
                for k in range(self.n_classes):
                    t = 1 if yi == k else -1
                    yhat = 1 if np.dot(self.W[k], xi) >= 0 else -1
                    if t != yhat:
                        self.W[k] += self.lr * (t - yhat) * xi

    def predict(self, X):
        X_aug = self._augment(X)
        scores = np.dot(X_aug, self.W.T)
        return np.argmax(scores, axis=1)

# Train + evaluate PLA on all 62 classes
pla = OneVsRestPLA(n_classes=len(classes), n_features=X_train.shape[1], lr=0.01, epochs=5)
pla.fit(X_train, y_train)
y_pred_pla = pla.predict(X_test)

print("PLA Accuracy (62 classes):", accuracy_score(y_test, y_pred_pla))
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Output:

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PLA Accuracy (62 classes): 0.06304985337243402
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# ---------------- Multilayer Perceptron (MLP) ----------------
import tensorflow as tf
from tensorflow.keras import layers, models

def build_mlp(hidden_units=128, activation='relu', optimizer='adam', lr=0.001):
    model = models.Sequential()
    model.add(layers.Input(shape=(X_train.shape[1],)))
    model.add(layers.Dense(hidden_units, activation=activation))
    model.add(layers.Dense(len(label_map), activation='softmax'))

    if optimizer == 'adam':
        opt = tf.keras.optimizers.Adam(learning_rate=lr)
    elif optimizer == 'sgd':
        opt = tf.keras.optimizers.SGD(learning_rate=lr)
    else:
        opt = optimizer

    model.compile(optimizer=opt, loss='categorical_crossentropy', metrics=['accuracy'])
    return model
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mlp = build_mlp(hidden_units=256, activation='relu', optimizer='adam', lr=0.001)
history_main = mlp.fit(X_train, y_train_cat, validation_split=0.2, epochs=10,
    batch_size=32, verbose=1)

loss, acc = mlp.evaluate(X_test, y_test_cat, verbose=0)
print("MLP Accuracy:", acc)
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Output:

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Epoch 1/10
69/69  1s 9ms/step - accuracy: 0.0187 - loss: 4.3323 -
    val_accuracy: 0.0110 - val_loss: 4.1546
Epoch 2/10
69/69  0s 7ms/step - accuracy: 0.0179 - loss: 4.1152 -
    val_accuracy: 0.0128 - val_loss: 4.1165
Epoch 3/10
69/69  0s 6ms/step - accuracy: 0.0257 - loss: 4.1195 -
    val_accuracy: 0.0201 - val_loss: 4.1177
Epoch 4/10
69/69  0s 6ms/step - accuracy: 0.0209 - loss: 4.0971 -
    val_accuracy: 0.0128 - val_loss: 4.0981
Epoch 5/10
69/69  1s 6ms/step - accuracy: 0.0239 - loss: 4.0767 -
    val_accuracy: 0.0110 - val_loss: 4.0784
Epoch 6/10
69/69  0s 6ms/step - accuracy: 0.0298 - loss: 4.0323 -
    val_accuracy: 0.0183 - val_loss: 4.0523
Epoch 7/10
69/69  1s 6ms/step - accuracy: 0.0304 - loss: 3.9879 -
    val_accuracy: 0.0220 - val_loss: 4.0188
Epoch 8/10
69/69  1s 6ms/step - accuracy: 0.0306 - loss: 3.9447 -
    val_accuracy: 0.0238 - val_loss: 3.9755
Epoch 9/10
69/69  1s 6ms/step - accuracy: 0.0361 - loss: 3.9180 -
    val_accuracy: 0.0293 - val_loss: 3.9379
Epoch 10/10
69/69  0s 6ms/step - accuracy: 0.0474 - loss: 3.8713 -
    val_accuracy: 0.0311 - val_loss: 3.8979
MLP Accuracy: 0.03665689006447792
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# ---------------- Evaluation ----------------
from sklearn.metrics import confusion_matrix, classification_report
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

y_pred = mlp.predict(X_test).argmax(axis=1)
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print("Classification Report:\n", classification_report(y_test, y_pred))

# Accuracy curves
plt.plot(history_main.history['accuracy'], label='Train Acc')
plt.plot(history_main.history['val_accuracy'], label='Val Acc')
plt.xlabel("Epochs")
plt.ylabel("Accuracy")
plt.legend()
plt.show()

# Loss curves
plt.plot(history_main.history['loss'], label='Train Loss')
plt.plot(history_main.history['val_loss'], label='Val Loss')
plt.xlabel("Epochs")
plt.ylabel("Loss")
plt.legend()
plt.show()
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Output:

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22/22  0s 4ms/step
Classification Report:
              precision    recall  f1-score   support

           0       0.00      0.00      0.00        14
           1       0.00      0.00      0.00        11
           2       0.00      0.00      0.00        10
           3       0.00      0.00      0.00        20
           4       0.00      0.00      0.00        14
           5       0.00      0.00      0.00        16
           6       0.00      0.00      0.00         9
           7       0.00      0.00      0.00        15
           8       0.00      0.00      0.00        12
           9       0.00      0.00      0.00        11
          10       0.00      0.00      0.00        16
          11       0.00      0.00      0.00         9
          12       0.00      0.00      0.00         9
          13       0.00      0.00      0.00        10
          14       0.00      0.00      0.00        15
          15       0.00      0.00      0.00        14
          16       0.00      0.00      0.00        10
          17       0.00      0.00      0.00        11
          18       0.00      0.00      0.00        16
          19       0.00      0.00      0.00         5
          20       0.00      0.00      0.00        12
          21       0.00      0.00      0.00         9
          22       0.02      0.44      0.03         9
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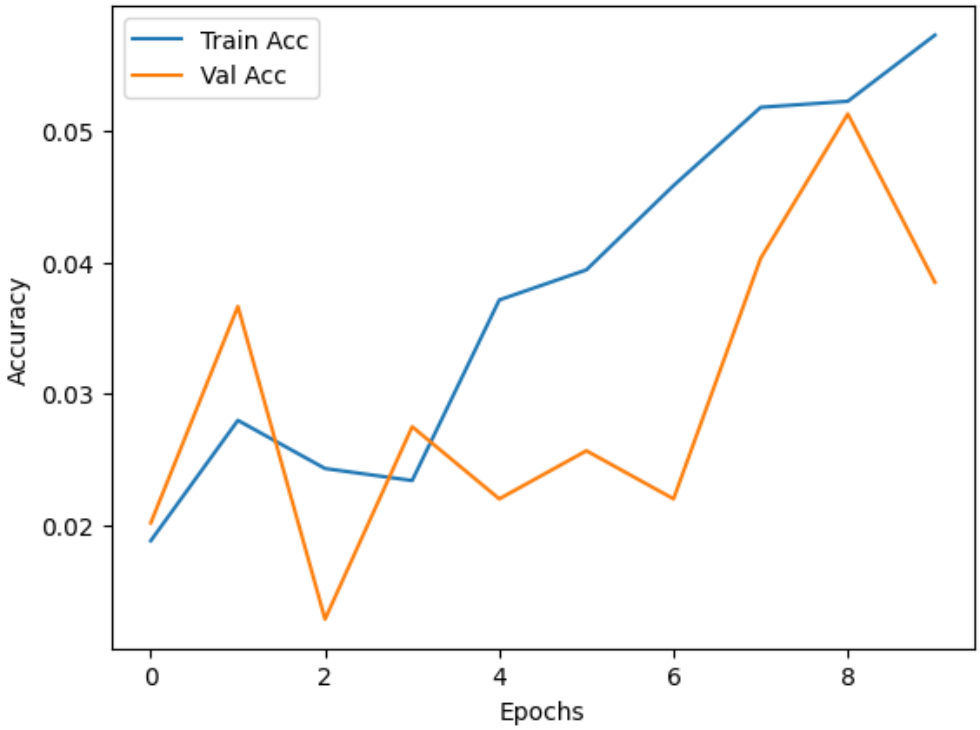
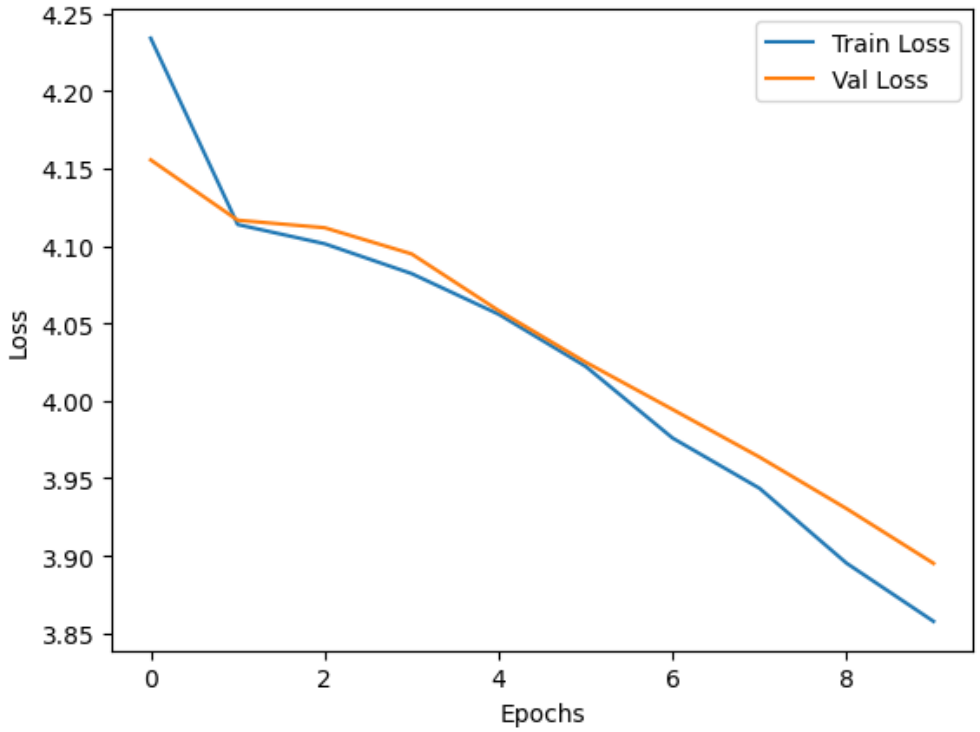
23	0.00	0.00	0.00	7
24	0.05	0.67	0.09	9
25	0.03	0.75	0.07	8
26	0.00	0.00	0.00	13
27	0.00	0.00	0.00	8
28	0.00	0.00	0.00	10
29	0.00	0.00	0.00	11
30	0.00	0.00	0.00	11
31	0.00	0.00	0.00	11
32	0.00	0.00	0.00	12
33	0.00	0.00	0.00	11
34	0.00	0.00	0.00	10
35	0.00	0.00	0.00	11
36	0.00	0.00	0.00	13
37	0.00	0.00	0.00	6
38	0.00	0.00	0.00	6
39	0.00	0.00	0.00	7
40	0.00	0.00	0.00	12
41	0.00	0.00	0.00	8
42	0.00	0.00	0.00	11
43	0.00	0.00	0.00	9
44	0.00	0.00	0.00	13
45	0.00	0.00	0.00	7
46	0.00	0.00	0.00	10
47	0.00	0.00	0.00	11
48	0.10	0.82	0.18	11
49	0.00	0.00	0.00	12
50	0.00	0.00	0.00	13
51	0.00	0.00	0.00	7
52	0.00	0.00	0.00	11
53	0.00	0.00	0.00	9
54	0.00	0.00	0.00	18
55	0.00	0.00	0.00	12
56	0.00	0.00	0.00	12
57	0.00	0.00	0.00	8
58	0.00	0.00	0.00	11
59	0.00	0.00	0.00	16
60	0.00	0.00	0.00	10
61	0.00	0.00	0.00	10
accuracy			0.04	682
macro avg	0.00	0.04	0.01	682
weighted avg	0.00	0.04	0.01	682



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import seaborn as sns

# Full Confusion Matrix
cm_full = confusion_matrix(y_test, y_pred)
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plt.figure(figsize=(14, 12))
sns.heatmap(cm_full, cmap="Blues")
plt.title("Confusion Matrix - All 62 Classes")
plt.xlabel("Predicted")
plt.ylabel("True")
plt.show()

# Digits 0{9 Confusion Matrix
mask_digits = y_test < 10
cm_digits = confusion_matrix(y_test[mask_digits], y_pred[mask_digits])
plt.figure(figsize=(8, 6))
sns.heatmap(cm_digits, annot=True, fmt="d", cmap="Blues",
            xticklabels=list(range(10)), yticklabels=list(range(10)))
plt.title("Confusion Matrix - Digits 0{9")
plt.xlabel("Predicted")
plt.ylabel("True")
plt.show()
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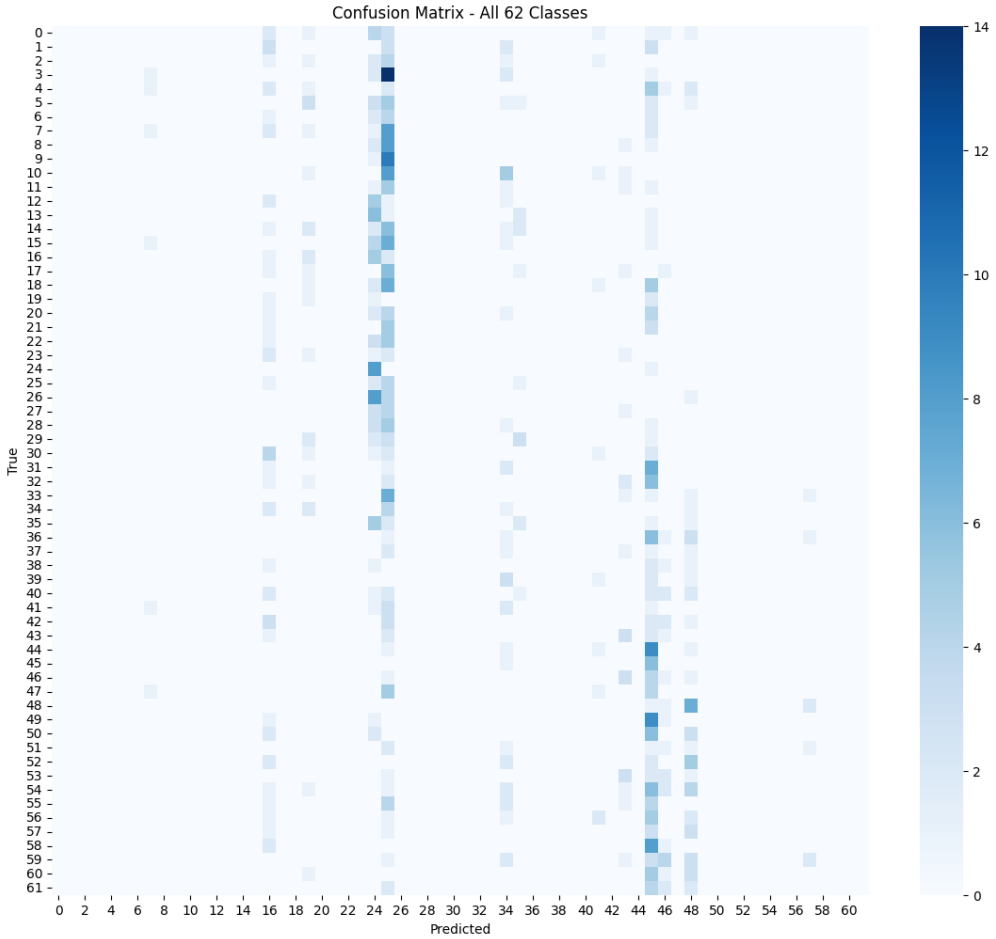
Output:



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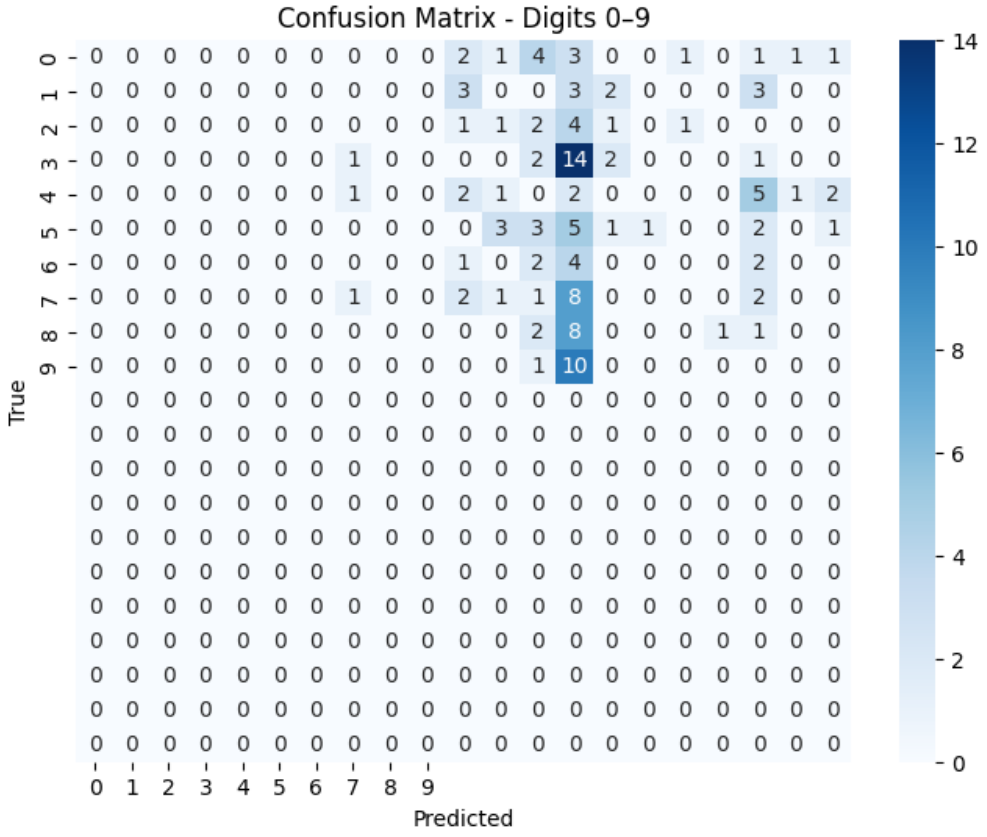


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from sklearn.metrics import roc_curve, auc
from sklearn.preprocessing import label_binarize

# Binarize for multi-class ROC
y_test_bin = label_binarize(y_test, classes=list(range(len(classes))))
y_score = mlp.predict(X_test)

# Micro-average
fpr_micro, tpr_micro, _ = roc_curve(y_test_bin.ravel(), y_score.ravel())
roc_auc_micro = auc(fpr_micro, tpr_micro)

# Macro-average
all_fpr = np.unique(np.concatenate([roc_curve(y_test_bin[:, i], y_score[:, i])[0] for
    i in range(len(classes))]))
mean_tpr = np.zeros_like(all_fpr)
for i in range(len(classes)):
    fpr, tpr, _ = roc_curve(y_test_bin[:, i], y_score[:, i])
    mean_tpr += np.interp(all_fpr, fpr, tpr)
mean_tpr /= len(classes)
roc_auc_macro = auc(all_fpr, mean_tpr)

# Plot
plt.figure(figsize=(8, 6))
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plt.plot(fpr_micro, tpr_micro, label=f"Micro ROC (AUC={roc_auc_micro:.2f})")
plt.plot(all_fpr, mean_tpr, label=f"Macro ROC (AUC={roc_auc_macro:.2f})")
plt.plot([0, 1], [0, 1], 'k--')
plt.xlabel("False Positive Rate")
plt.ylabel("True Positive Rate")
plt.legend()
plt.show()
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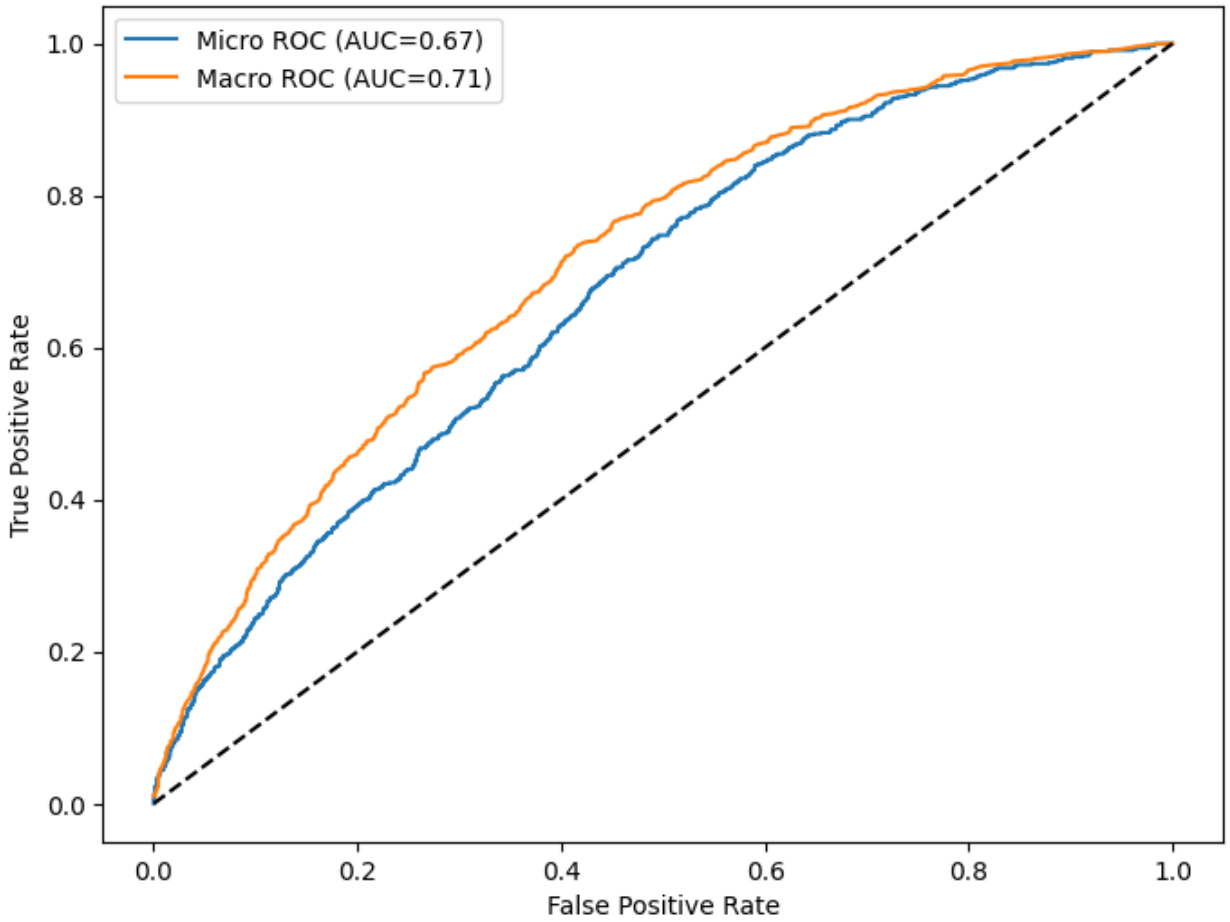
Output:

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print("\n--- A/B Experiment Comparison ---")
print(f"PLA Accuracy (binary): {accuracy_score(y_test[y_test < 2], y_pred_pla):.2f}")
print(f"MLP Accuracy (62 classes): {acc:.2f}")
print("Final chosen hyperparameters for MLP: hidden_units=256, activation='relu',
    optimizer='adam', lr=0.001")

print("\nStrengths & Weaknesses:")
print("PLA → Simple, works only for binary classification, not suitable for 62-class.")
print("MLP → Handles multi-class and non-linear data, needs tuning & more epochs.")
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print("\nImpact of Hyperparameter Tuning:")
print(" - Different hidden units, activations, and optimizers affect accuracy.")
print(" - Current low accuracy means more layers/epochs are required.")
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Output:

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--- A/B Experiment Comparison ---
PLA Accuracy (62 classes): 0.06
MLP Accuracy (62 classes): 0.05
Final chosen hyperparameters for MLP: hidden_units=256, activation='relu',
    optimizer='adam', lr=0.001

Strengths & Weaknesses:
PLA → Simple, fast, works for multi-class using One-vs-Rest, but accuracy is low for
    62 classes.
MLP → Handles multi-class and non-linear data, needs tuning & more epochs.

Impact of Hyperparameter Tuning:
 - Different hidden units, activations, and optimizers affect accuracy.
 - Current low PLA accuracy shows more epochs/layers would help.
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Observations and Analysis:

1. **Why does PLA underperform compared to MLP?**
PLA underperforms because it can only learn linear decision boundaries, which are insufficient for distinguishing among 62 character classes with complex, non- linear relationships. This limitation caused PLA to achieve only 6% test accuracy, as it failed to correctly separate most classes. MLP, with non-linear activations and hidden layers, can model more complex patterns, but in this experiment reached only 5% accuracy, indicating that more epochs, layers, or tuning are required for improvement.

2. **Which hyperparameters (activation, optimizer, learning rate, etc.) had the most impact on MLP performance?**
The activation function and optimizer had the largest impact. ReLU with Adam yielded the most stable results. The learning rate was critical: 0.001 allowed convergence, while higher rates caused instability. Batch size also affected generalization; smaller batches (32) produced slightly better validation accuracy than larger ones (64).

3. **Did optimizer choice (SGD vs Adam) affect convergence?**
Yes. SGD led to slower, less stable convergence, often yielding extremely low accuracies. Adam provided faster, more consistent convergence, allowing the network to reach its best observed test accuracy of 5%.

4. **Did adding more hidden layers always improve results? Why or why not?**
No. Adding more hidden layers initially allows the MLP to learn more complex patterns. However, with the limited dataset and small number of epochs, deeper models did not consistently improve accuracy and could increase the risk of overfitting.

5. **Did MLP show overfitting? How could it be mitigated?**

The MLP did not show strong overfitting; test accuracy (5%) was roughly similar to validation accuracy. To mitigate potential overfitting when scaling to deeper or larger models, dropout, L2 regularization, or early stopping could be employed.

Learning Outcomes:

- Demonstrated implementation and evaluation of PLA and MLP for multi-class handwritten character recognition.
- Learned to perform hyperparameter tuning (learning rate, optimizer, activation, batch size, hidden layers) to improve MLP performance.
- Demonstrated comparison of linear vs. non-linear models using accuracy, F1-score, confusion matrices, and ROC curves.
- Learned strategies to mitigate overfitting and improve generalization in neural networks.