

MNIST database

It is a dataset of 60,000 small square 28×28 pixel grayscale images of handwritten single digits between 0 and 9.

The task is to classify a given image of a handwritten digit into one of 10 classes representing integer values from 0 to 9, inclusively.

MNIST challenge is to develop a machine learning algorithm that can classify these images into 10 classes (0 to 9).

For classification of these images into class of 10 we are using XGBoost Classification algorithm .

Methodology

1)Import libraries required and import dataset from keras.

2)Visualize data.

3)Train the model on dataset and predict for the testing data.

4)Evaluate the model.

Importing necessary Libraries

In [42]:

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from keras.datasets import mnist
import xgboost as xgb
import numpy as np
from sklearn.metrics import mean_squared_error, r2_score, classification_report
```

Importing and splitting MNIST dataset

In [43]:

```
# load dataset
(trainX, trainy), (testX, testy) = mnist.load_data()
# summarize loaded dataset
print('Train: X=%s, y=%s' % (trainX.shape, trainy.shape))
print('Test: X=%s, y=%s' % (testX.shape, testy.shape))
```

Train: X=(60000, 28, 28), y=(60000,)
Test: X=(10000, 28, 28), y=(10000,)

Plotting few images

In [44]:

```
# plot first few images
for i in range(9):
    # define subplot
    pyplot.subplot(330 + 1 + i)
    # plot raw pixel data
    pyplot.imshow(trainX[i])
# show the figure
pyplot.show()
```



In [45]:

```

0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0]
[ 0 0 0 0 136 253 253 253 212 135 132 16 0 0 0 0 0 0
 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0]
[ 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0]
[ 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0]
[ 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0]]
(60000,)
(10000, 28, 28)
(10000,)

```

Reshaping trainX and testX

In [46]:

```
trainX= trainX.reshape(60000,784)
testX = testX.reshape(10000,784)
```

XGBoost classification

In [51]:

```
XG = xgb.XGBClassifier(objective='reg:squarederror', colsample_bytree = 0.5, learning_rate = 0.1,
max_depth = 7, alpha = 10, n_estimators = 200)
```

In [54]:

```
XG.fit(trainX, trainy)
```

Out[54]:

```
XGBClassifier(alpha=10, base_score=0.5, booster='gbtree', colsample_bylevel=1,
             colsample_bynode=1, colsample_bytree=0.5, gamma=0,
             learning_rate=0.1, max_delta_step=0, max_depth=7,
             min_child_weight=1, missing=None, n_estimators=200, n_jobs=1,
             nthread=None, objective='multi:softprob', random_state=0,
             reg_alpha=0, reg_lambda=1, scale_pos_weight=1, seed=None,
             silent=None, subsample=1, verbosity=1)
```

Evaluation

In [55]:

```
XG.score(testX, testy)
```

Out[55]:

```
0.9793
```

Prediction

In [64]:

```
y_pred = XG.predict(testX)
```

There are four ways to check if the predictions are right or wrong:

TN / True Negative: the case was negative and predicted negative

TP / True Positive: the case was positive and predicted positive

FN / False Negative: the case was positive but predicted negative

FP / False Positive: the case was negative but predicted positive

1) Precision = $TP / (TP + FP)$

2) Recall = $TP / (TP + FN)$

3) F1 Score = $2 (Recall \times Precision) / (Recall + Precision)$

In [65]:

```
print(classification_report(y_test, y_pred))
```

	precision	recall	f1-score	support
0	0.98	0.99	0.98	980
1	0.99	0.99	0.99	1135
2	0.97	0.97	0.97	1032
3	0.98	0.98	0.98	1010
4	0.99	0.98	0.98	982
5	0.99	0.98	0.98	892
6	0.98	0.98	0.98	958
7	0.98	0.97	0.97	1028
8	0.97	0.98	0.97	974
9	0.97	0.97	0.97	1009
accuracy			0.98	10000
macro avg	0.98	0.98	0.98	10000
weighted avg	0.98	0.98	0.98	10000