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MNIST HANDWRITTEN DIGIT RECOGNITION USING ML

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ABOUT ME

Background:

- I am a recent B.Tech graduate in Computer Science with a strong interest in data analytics, software development, and cloud engineering.

Work Experience:

- Currently, I am gaining practical exposure at Innomatics Research Labs, where I am working on various data science and Deep Learning projects.

Career Goals:

- I am eager to further my career in Data Science and make meaningful contributions by leveraging my analytical skills, technical knowledge, and passion for solving complex problems.



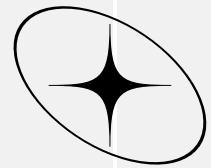


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INTRODUCTION

- The aim of this project is to implement a classification algorithm to recognize handwritten digits (0- 9).
- In pattern recognition, it is well established that no single classifier consistently outperforms others across all classification problems.
- The MNIST database (Modified National Institute of Standards and Technology database) is a large database of handwritten digits that is commonly used for training various image processing systems.

OBJECTIVE

The objective of this project is to accurately recognize handwritten digits using the MNIST dataset by:

1. Importing and preprocessing the image data.
2. Extracting relevant features.
3. Implementing and evaluating the Machine Learning models
4. Assessing the classifier's performance.
5. Utilizing the model for accurate digit prediction



SAMPLE IMAGE OVERVIEW



In [3]: in

Out[3]: 4

In [4]: img.mode

Out[4]: 'L'

In [5]: `img.size`

Out[5]: (28, 28)

```
In [6]: # Read all the images from each folder and convert into below forms  
# -- numpy array  
# -- dataframe
```

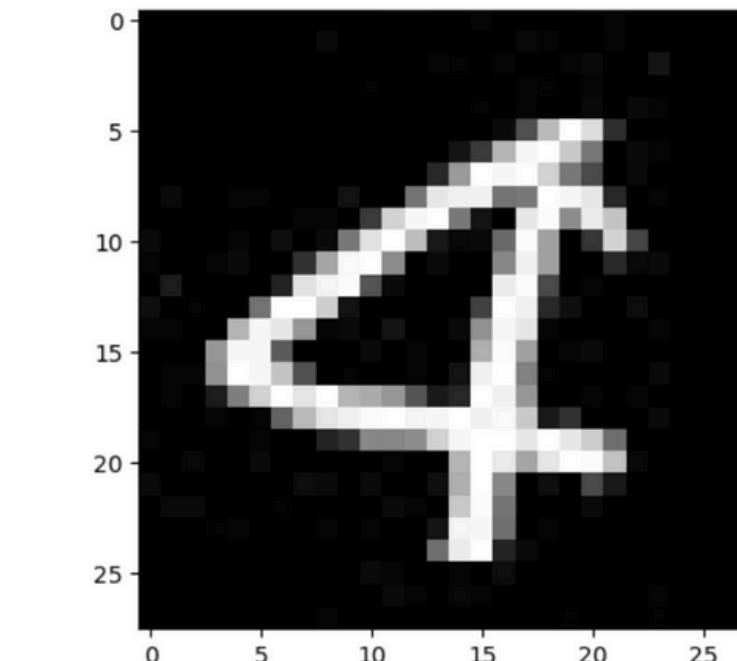
```
In [7]: img_array = np.asarray(img)
```

In [8]: img array

```

[[ 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 4, 4,
  0, 1, 8, 0, 0, 2, 0, 3, 7, 0, 2, 0, 0, 0, 0,
  0, 0], [
  0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 11, 3, 0, 0, 0, 0,
  0, 0, 0, 0, 11, 8, 0, 0, 6, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0,
  0, 0], [
  0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1, 3,
  6, 5, 1, 6, 0, 0, 6, 11, 0, 0, 24, 0, 0,
  0, 0], [
  0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 5, 0, 0,
  0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0]
]
```

:[10]: <matplotlib.image.AxesImage at 0x16277fb0>



```
[11]: pd.DataFrame(img_array)
```

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11]:	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	...	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	...	2	0	3	7	0	2	0	0	0	0
1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	3	...	8	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	...	0	6	11	0	0	24	0	0	0	0
3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	...	5	0	8	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	...	0	0	11	0	11	6	0	0	0	0
5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	...	188	255	222	48	0	0	0	0	0	0

MODEL BUILDING & PROCESS

Step 1: Convert the image into Gray level image or Binary image

Step 2: Preprocessing the Gray Scale/Binary Image

Step 3: Convert the Gray Scale/Binary Image into a single Dimensional Array of [1,n]

Step 4: Keep the label of each Array along with it.

Step 5: Feed the classifier with the train_data set.

Step 6: Repeat the steps from 1 to 5 for all images in the Sample and Test Database.

Step 7: Feed the classifier with test_data set.

Step 8: Classify the input images into appropriate class label using minimum distance K-nearest neighbor classifier.

Step9: Prediction & End.

DATASET OVERVIEW

```
In [26]: X
```

```
26]: X
```

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	...	774	775	776	777	778	779	780	781	782	783
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	...	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	0	3	7	1	0	0	3	7	0	...	9	0	0	1	9	10	0	0	0	0
2	0	7	0	0	2	0	0	0	4	0	...	0	0	0	12	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	...	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	...	2	0	0	4	3	0	0	0	0
...
41995	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	...	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
41996	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	...	6	6	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
41997	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	7	...	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
41998	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	...	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
41999	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	...	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

42000 rows × 784 columns

```
In [20]: X
```

```
Out[20]: array([[0, 0, 0, ..., 0, 0, 0],  
[0, 0, 0, ..., 0, 0, 0],  
[0, 0, 0, ..., 0, 0, 0],  
...,  
[0, 0, 2, ..., 0, 0, 0],  
[0, 1, 2, ..., 0, 0, 0],  
[0, 1, 2, ..., 0, 0, 0]],
```

```
In [31]: y.value_counts()
```

```
Out[31]: 1    4684  
7    4401  
3    4351  
9    4188  
2    4177  
6    4137  
0    4132  
4    4072  
8    4063  
5    3795  
Name: count, dtype: int64
```

DATA PREPROCESSING

- The MinMax Scaler is a normalization technique used in machine learning and data preprocessing to rescale features to a specified range, usually [0, 1].
- This helps ensure that all features contribute equally to the model's performance, especially when features are on different scale.

```
In [38]: X_train
Out[38]: array([[0.          , 0.          , 0.          , ... , 0.          , 0.          ,
   0.          , 0.          , 0.          , ... , 0.          , 0.          ,
   0.          , 0.          , 0.22727273, ... , 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.          ]])
```

```
In [40]: X_test
Out[40]: array([[0.          , 0.          , 0.          , ... , 0.          , 0.          ,
   0.          , 0.          , 0.          , ... , 0.          , 0.          ,
   0.          , 0.          , 0.27272727, ... , 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.          , 0.27272727, ... , 0.          , 0.          ,
   0.          , 0.          , 0.          , 0.          , 0.          , 0.          ,
   0.          , 0.          , 0.          , 0.          , 0.          , 0.          ,
   0.          , 0.          , 0.          , 0.          , 0.          , 0.          ]])
```

IMAGE MANIPULATIONS:

Binary and Gray scale conversions

```
In [60]: img
```

```
Out[60]:
```



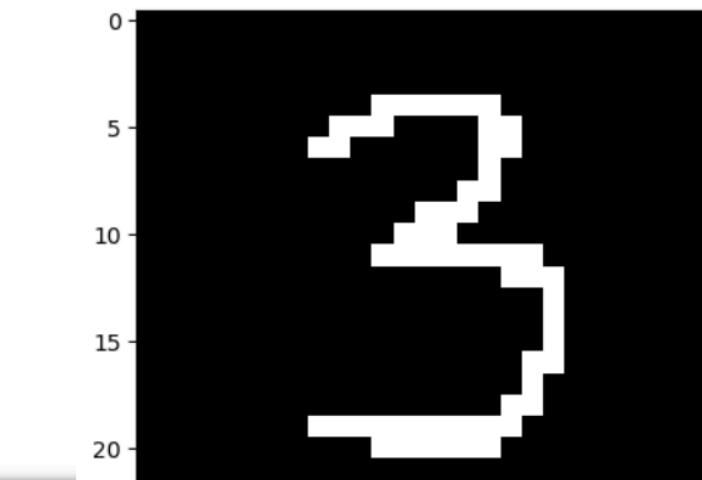
```
In [62]: img_thrsh
```

```
Out[62]:
```



```
In [63]: plt.imshow(img_thrsh,cmap="gray")
```

```
Out[63]: <matplotlib.image.AxesImage at 0x162913890>
```



```
In [65]: prediction
```

```
Out[65]: array(['3'], dtype=object)
```

IMAGE MANIPULATIONS:

Dilation and Erosion Techniques

- Dilation is an operation that increases the size of objects in a binary image. It adds pixels to the boundaries of objects, which can help in connecting disjoint parts of an object or filling small holes.
- Erosion is an operation that decreases the size of objects in a binary image. It removes pixels from the boundaries of objects, which can help in removing noise or separating objects that are close to each other.

In [68]: dilation_img

Out[68]: 

In [70]: erosion_img

Out[70]: 

ML MODELS AND ACCURACIES

Logistic Regression:

- Simple, interpretable, and works well with linearly separable data.

Support Vector Machines (SVM):

- Effective in high-dimensional spaces, particularly with a good choice of kernel (e.g., RBF kernel).

Decision Trees:

- Simple, interpretable, and capable of capturing non-linear patterns.

Random Forests:

- Robust, reduces overfitting by averaging multiple decision trees.

DecisionTree accuracy: 0.8427380952380953

Logistic Regression accuracy: 0.919404761904762

Support Vector Machine accuracy: 0.9332142857142857

RandomForestClassifier accuracy: 0.9615476190476191

MODEL BUILDING

K Nearest Neighbours

Accuracy Achieved:

- Test Set Accuracy: 97%.
- The model demonstrated strong performance, accurately predicting the digit in 97 out of 100 cases.

Conclusion:

Effectiveness of KNN:

- KNN proved to be highly effective for this image recognition task.
- Simple yet powerful, KNN offers high accuracy with minimal preprocessing.

```
In [56]: predict_digit(r"/Users/nithyasanthoshini/Desktop/  
4  
Out[56]: array(['4'], dtype=object)
```

```
Out [52]: 97.71130952380952
```

```
In [91]: predict_digit([r"/Users/nithyasanthoshini/Desktop/I  
r"/Users/nithyasanthoshini/Desktop/I  
r"/Users/nithyasanthoshini/Desktop/I  
9  
8  
7  
Out[91]: array(['9', '8', '7'], dtype=object)
```



NEURAL NETWORK FOR MNIST DIGIT PREDICTION

Architecture:

- **Input Layer:** Flattened 28x28 images (784 features)
- **Hidden Layer:** Dense layer with 512 neurons and ReLU activation
- **Output Layer:** Dense layer with 10 neurons and Softmax activation for classification

Compilation:

- **Optimizer:** RMSprop
- **Loss Function:** Categorical Crossentropy
- **Metrics:** Accuracy

Performance:

- **Training Accuracy:** 99%
- **Test Accuracy:** 97%

```
accuracy: 0.8721 - loss: 0.4355
```

```
accuracy: 0.9665 - loss: 0.1138
```

```
accuracy: 0.9787 - loss: 0.0713
```

```
accuracy: 0.9843 - loss: 0.0503
```

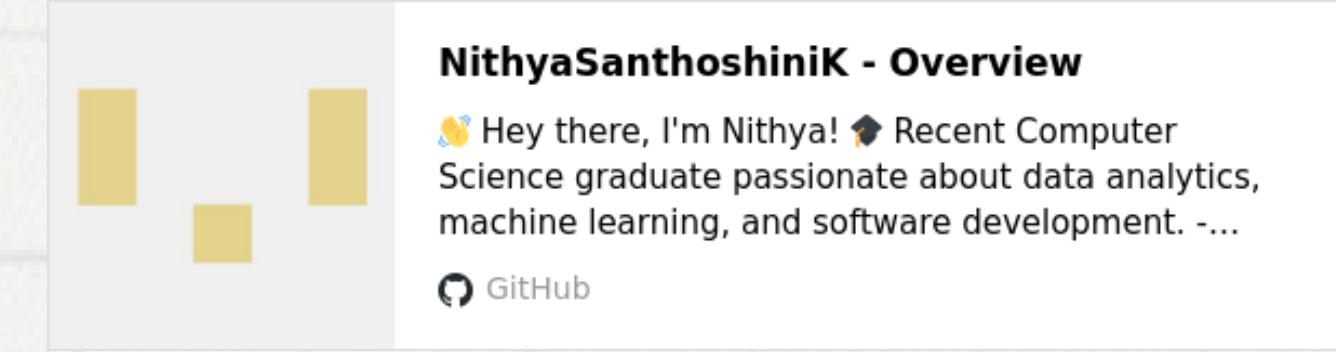
```
accuracy: 0.9900 - loss: 0.0355
```

```
test_acc: 0.9793999791145325
```

CONCLUSION

- This project successfully demonstrates the use of the K-Nearest Neighbors (KNN) algorithm and Neural Networks for handwritten digit recognition using the MNIST dataset, achieving an impressive accuracy of 97.7% and 98%
- Through systematic steps of importing and preprocessing the image data, extracting relevant features, and implementing the KNN classifier and Artificial Neural Networks , we achieved highly accurate predictions of handwritten digits.

THANK YOU



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