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Objective: To implement Multilayer Perceptron (using Scikit-learn) to classify images in MNIST dataset of handwritten digits.

1. **Download** the dataset from <https://www.openml.org/d/554> . The MNIST database contains a total of 70000 examples of handwritten digits of size 28x28 pixels, labelled from 0 to 9. You can use function `fetch_openml("mnist_784")` to directly download. (10)
2. **Fetch_openml** function returns a data bunch. Using its attributes print the **shape of the input data and target data**. It should be (70,000, 784) and (70,000,) respectively. (5)
3. **Display** the top ten images using matplotlib. You will be required to reshape the dataset temporarily into (70,000, 28, 28) dimensions.
4. Define **X** matrix (70,000, 784) and **y** vector (target feature). (5)
5. **Transform:** Multi-layer Perceptron is sensitive to feature scaling, so it is highly recommended to scale your data. For example, scale each attribute on the input vector X to [0, 1] or [-1, +1], or standardize it to have mean 0 and variance 1. (15)
6. **Split** the dataset into **80% for training** and rest **20% for testing** (`sklearn.model_selection.train_test_split` function) (5)
7. **Train** MultilayerPerceptron Model using built-in function on the training set `MLPClassifier()` constructor with following settings:
 - a. only **one hidden layer** consisting of just **32 neurons**
 - b. Set the **max_iter** to a very low value such as **5**.(Use `sklearn.neural_network import MLPClassifier`) (10)
8. Use the trained model to **predict** on the **test set** and then (15)
 - a. Print 'Accuracy' obtained on the testing dataset i.e. (`sklearn.metrics.accuracy_score` function)
 - b. Precision, Recall and F1 scores (`sklearn.metrics.precision_recall_fscore_support`)
9. Compare and analyse the **test accuracy** for different train-test splits of data such as 60-40, 70-30, 80-20 and 90-10 with the help of **suitable graphs**. (15)
10. **Playing with the model:** Increase the number of iterations to larger values such as 50, 100, 150 and 200 to see the variations in accuracy.