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1. Build a simple feed forward neural network to recognize handwritten character.

Aim:

To design and implement a simple feed-forward neural network (FFNN) using python to recognize handwritten characters from the MNIST dataset

Objectives:

1. To load and pre-process the MNIST handwritten character dataset
2. To build a feed-forward neural network with input, hidden, and output layer
3. To train the model using back propagation and gradients descent
4. To evaluate the trained model on a test dataset and report accuracy
5. To visualize some sample Predictions for verification.

Pseudocode:

Start.

Import necessary libraries

Step 1: Load data

Load MNIST dataset (training_images,
training_labels, testing_images,
testing_labels)

Step 2: Preprocess data

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Preprocess data

Normalize image pixel values to range [0,1]

One-hot encode labels for output layer

Computability

Step 3: Build model

Initialize a sequential feed-forward model

Add flatten layer to convert 28×28 to 784 vector

Add Dense hidden layer with ReLU activation.

Add Dense output layer with softmax activation.

Step 4:

Compile model

Choose optimizer = 'adam'

Loss function = 'categorical_crossentropy'

Metrics = 'accuracy'

Step 5: Train model

Fit the model on training data for defined epochs, and batch size

Step 6: Evaluate model

Predict labels for sample test images

Plot images with predicted and actual labels

Output: epoch 1/5

1688/1688 - accuracy: 0.8714 - loss: 0.4395

- val-accuracy: 0.9632 - val-loss: 0.1179,

Epoch 8/5

1688/1688 - accuracy: 0.9711 - loss: 0.0710

- val-accuracy: 0.9702 - val-loss: 0.0995

Epoch 5/8/6

1688/1688 - accuracy: 0.9855 - loss: 0.0440.

- val-accuracy: 0.9765 - val-loss: 0.0808

Test Accuracy: 0.9749.

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Result:

The feed-forward neural network was implemented successfully using Tensorflow on the MNIST dataset achieved around 97.4% accuracy in recognizing handwritten digits.

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# Import libraries
import tensorflow as tf
from tensorflow.keras.datasets import mnist
from tensorflow.keras.models import Sequential
from tensorflow.keras.layers import Dense, Flatten
from tensorflow.keras.utils import to_categorical

# Load MNIST dataset
(x_train, y_train), (x_test, y_test) = mnist.load_data()

# Normalize pixel values (0-255) -> (0-1)
x_train = x_train.astype("float32") / 255.0
x_test = x_test.astype("float32") / 255.0

# One-hot encode the labels
y_train = to_categorical(y_train, 10)
y_test = to_categorical(y_test, 10)

# Build a simple feed forward neural network
model = Sequential([
    Flatten(input_shape=(28, 28)),           # Flatten image (28x28 -> 784)
    Dense(128, activation='relu'),          # Hidden layer with 128 neurons
    Dense(64, activation='relu'),           # Hidden layer with 64 neurons
    Dense(10, activation='softmax')        # Output layer (10 classes)
])

# compile the model
model.compile(optimizer='adam',
              loss='categorical_crossentropy',
              metrics=['accuracy'])
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[2] # Compile the model
model.compile(optimizer='adam',
               loss='categorical_crossentropy',
               metrics=['accuracy'])

# Train the model
history = model.fit(x_train, y_train,
                     epochs=5,
                     batch_size=32,
                     validation_data=(x_test, y_test))

# Evaluate the model
test_loss, test_acc = model.evaluate(x_test, y_test)
print(f"\nTest Accuracy: {test_acc*100:.2f}%")

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/usr/local/lib/python3.12/dist-packages/keras/src/layers/reshaping/flatten.py:37: UserWarning: Do not pass an `input_shape`/'input_dim` argument to a layer. When using Sequence, super().__init__(**kwargs)
Epoch 1/5
1875/1875    8s 3ms/step - accuracy: 0.8774 - loss: 0.4171 - val_accuracy: 0.9647 - val_loss: 0.1188
Epoch 2/5
1875/1875    5s 3ms/step - accuracy: 0.9699 - loss: 0.0994 - val_accuracy: 0.9739 - val_loss: 0.0859
Epoch 3/5
1875/1875    7s 3ms/step - accuracy: 0.9799 - loss: 0.0672 - val_accuracy: 0.9720 - val_loss: 0.0912
Epoch 4/5
1875/1875    5s 3ms/step - accuracy: 0.9826 - loss: 0.0513 - val_accuracy: 0.9738 - val_loss: 0.0887
Epoch 5/5
1875/1875    6s 3ms/step - accuracy: 0.9870 - loss: 0.0394 - val_accuracy: 0.9769 - val_loss: 0.0819
313/313    1s 2ms/step - accuracy: 0.9741 - loss: 0.0945

Test Accuracy: 97.69%
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