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4. 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 preprocess the MNIST handwritten characters 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, test-images, test-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

Compatibility

Step 3: Build model

Initialize a sequential feed-forward model

Add flatten layer to convert 28×28 to 784 vector

And Dense hidden layer with ReLU activation.

And 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: 0.8717 - loss: 0.4395

- val accuracy: 0.9632 - val loss: 0.1179

Epoch 3/5

1688/1688 - accuracy: 0.9777 - loss: 0.0710

- val accuracy: 0.9702 - val loss: 0.0996

Epoch 5/5

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

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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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# 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 Sequ
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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