

Introduction

A typical dataset used in computer vision and deep learning is the MNIST handwritten digit classification issue.

Despite the fact that the dataset is effectively solved, In this example we will create a test harness for estimating the model's performance, investigate model enhancements, and save and load the model to make predictions on new data.

Loading dataset

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In [2]: from tensorflow.keras.datasets import mnist
from matplotlib import pyplot as plt
# Load dataset
(trainX, trainy), (testX, testy) = mnist.load_data()
print('Train: X=%s, y=%s' % (trainX.shape, trainy.shape))
print('Test: X=%s, y=%s' % (testX.shape, testy.shape))
# Visualise Dataset
for i in range(9):
    plt.subplot(330 + 1 + i)
    plt.imshow(trainX[i], cmap=plt.get_cmap('gray'))
plt.show()
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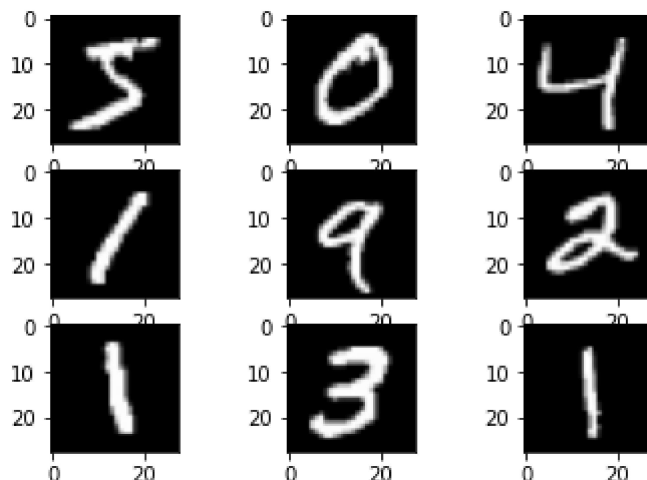
Downloading data from <https://storage.googleapis.com/tensorflow/tf-keras-datasets/mnist.npz> (<https://storage.googleapis.com/tensorflow/tf-keras-datasets/mnist.npz>)

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

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



Making base model

Creating a baseline model is important as it will give us a point of comparison for the improvements we make further down the line

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In [23]: def load_dataset():
# load dataset
(trainX, trainY), (testX, testY) = mnist.load_data()
# reshape dataset to have a single channel
trainX = trainX.reshape((trainX.shape[0], 28, 28, 1))
testX = testX.reshape((testX.shape[0], 28, 28, 1))
# one hot encode target values
trainY = to_categorical(trainY)
testY = to_categorical(testY)
return trainX, trainY, testX, testY
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In [14]: def prep_pixels(train, test):
train_norm = train.astype('float32')
test_norm = test.astype('float32')
# normalize to range 0-1
train_norm = train_norm / 255.0
test_norm = test_norm / 255.0
# return normalized images
return train_norm, test_norm
```

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In [15]: def define_model():
model = Sequential()
model.add(Conv2D(32, (3, 3), activation='relu', kernel_initializer='he_uniform'))
model.add(MaxPooling2D((2, 2)))
model.add(Flatten())
model.add(Dense(100, activation='relu', kernel_initializer='he_uniform'))
model.add(Dense(10, activation='softmax'))
opt = SGD(learning_rate=0.01, momentum=0.9)
model.compile(optimizer=opt, loss='categorical_crossentropy', metrics=['accuracy'])
return model
```

We must evaluate the model after it has been defined.

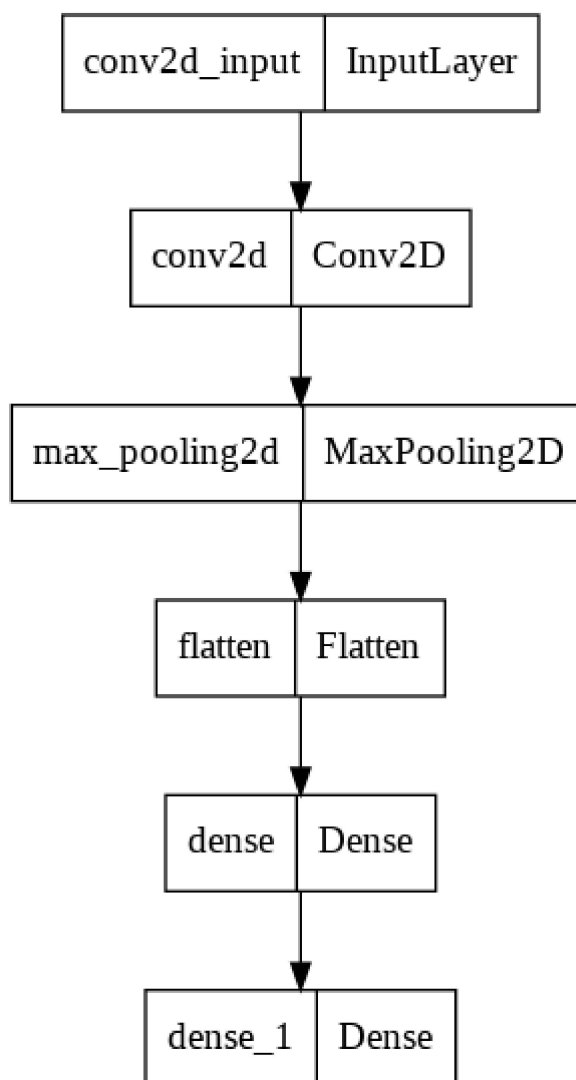
Five-fold cross-validation will be used to assess the model. The value of k=5 was chosen to serve as a baseline for both repeated evaluation and to avoid requiring a long run time. Each test set will be 20% of the training dataset, or approximately 12,000 samples, which is similar to the size of the real test set for this problem.

The training dataset is shuffled before being split, and the sample shuffling is done each time, ensuring that each model we evaluate has the same train and test datasets in each fold, allowing us to compare models apples to apples.

With a default batch size of 32 examples, we'll train the baseline model for a modest 10 training epochs. The test set for each fold will be used to evaluate the model throughout each epoch of the training run so that learning curves can be created afterwards, as well as at the end of the run to estimate the model's performance. As a result, we'll maintain track of the history generated by each run, as well as the fold's categorization accuracy.

These behaviours are implemented in the `evaluate_model()` function, which takes the training dataset as an argument and returns a collection of accuracy scores and training histories that may be summarised afterwards.

Model architecture



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In [16]: # evaluate a model using k-fold cross-validation
def evaluate_model(dataX, dataY, n_folds=5):
    scores, histories = list(), list()
    # prepare cross validation
    kfold = KFold(n_folds, shuffle=True, random_state=1)
    # enumerate splits
    for train_ix, test_ix in kfold.split(dataX):
        # define model
        model = define_model()
        # select rows for train and test
        trainX, trainY, testX, testY = dataX[train_ix], dataY[train_ix], dataX[test_ix], dataY[test_ix]
        # fit model
        history = model.fit(trainX, trainY, epochs=10, batch_size=32, validation_data=(testX, testY))
        # evaluate model
        _, acc = model.evaluate(testX, testY, verbose=0)
        print('> %.3f' % (acc * 100.0))
        # stores scores
        scores.append(acc)
        histories.append(history)
    return scores, histories
```

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In [17]: # plot diagnostic learning curves
def summarize_diagnostics(histories):
    for i in range(len(histories)):
        # plot loss
        plt.subplot(2, 1, 1)
        plt.title('Cross Entropy Loss')
        plt.plot(histories[i].history['loss'], color='blue', label='train')
        plt.plot(histories[i].history['val_loss'], color='orange', label='test')
        # plot accuracy
        plt.subplot(2, 1, 2)
        plt.title('Classification Accuracy')
        plt.plot(histories[i].history['accuracy'], color='blue', label='train')
        plt.plot(histories[i].history['val_accuracy'], color='orange', label='test')
    plt.show()

# summarize model performance
def summarize_performance(scores):
    # print summary
    print('Accuracy: mean=%.3f std=%.3f, n=%d' % (mean(scores)*100, std(scores)*100, len(scores)))
    # box and whisker plots of results
    plt.boxplot(scores)
    plt.show()
```

Calling all fuunctions

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In [24]: def run_test_harness():
# load dataset
trainX, trainY, testX, testY = load_dataset()
# prepare pixel data
trainX, testX = prep_pixels(trainX, testX)
# evaluate model
scores, histories = evaluate_model(trainX, trainY)
# learning curves
summarize_diagnostics(histories)
# summarize estimated performance
summarize_performance(scores)
```

```
In [3]: from numpy import mean
from numpy import std
from matplotlib import pyplot as plt
from sklearn.model_selection import KFold
from tensorflow.keras.datasets import mnist
from tensorflow.keras.utils import to_categorical
from tensorflow.keras.models import Sequential
from tensorflow.keras.layers import Conv2D
from tensorflow.keras.layers import MaxPooling2D
from tensorflow.keras.layers import Dense
from tensorflow.keras.layers import Flatten
from tensorflow.keras.optimizers import SGD
from tensorflow.keras.layers import BatchNormalization

run_test_harness()
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NameError                                Traceback (most recent call last)
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    13 from tensorflow.keras.layers import BatchNormalization
    14
--> 15 run_test_harness()
```

NameError: name 'run_test_harness' is not defined

As we can see this model is very consistent with its results in all of the 5 fold of kfor validation.

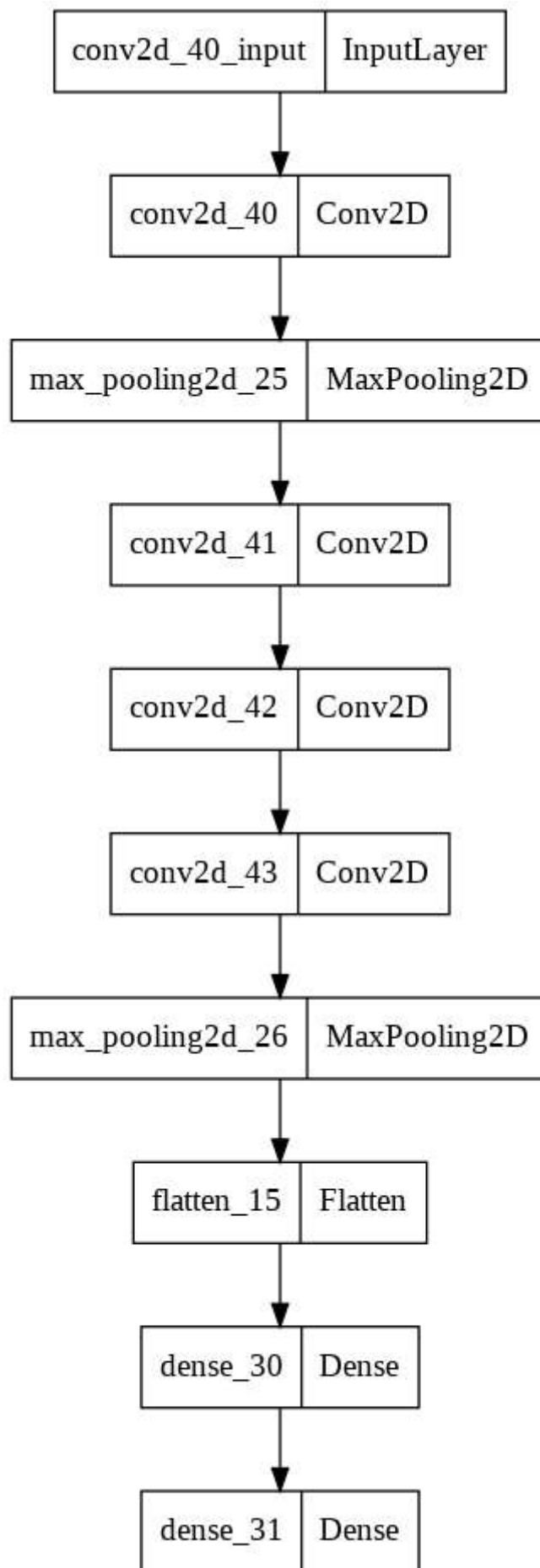
We can see that the model generally achieves a good fit, with train and test learning curves converging. There is no obvious sign of over- or underfitting.

Improved model

To develop improved model we increase the depth of the feature extraction part of the model we even increased the epochs in training for better results

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In [31]: def define_model():
    model = Sequential()
    model.add(Conv2D(32, (3, 3), activation='relu', kernel_initializer='he_uniform'))
    model.add(MaxPooling2D((2, 2)))
    model.add(Conv2D(64, (3, 3), activation='relu', kernel_initializer='he_uniform'))
    model.add(Conv2D(64, (3, 3), activation='relu', kernel_initializer='he_uniform'))
    model.add(Conv2D(64, (3, 3), activation='relu', kernel_initializer='he_uniform'))
    model.add(MaxPooling2D((2, 2)))
    model.add(Flatten())
    model.add(Dense(100, activation='relu', kernel_initializer='he_uniform'))
    model.add(Dense(10, activation='softmax'))
    # compile model
    opt = SGD(learning_rate=0.01, momentum=0.9)
    model.compile(optimizer=opt, loss='categorical_crossentropy', metrics=['accuracy'])
    return model
```

Updated Model Architecture



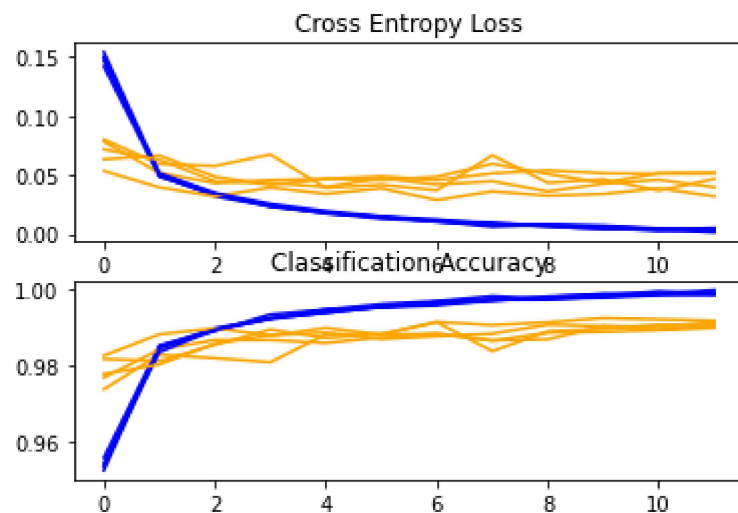
```
In [9]: def evaluate_model(dataX, dataY, n_folds=5):
        scores, histories = list(), list()
        # prepare cross validation
        kfold = KFold(n_folds, shuffle=True, random_state=1)
        # enumerate splits
        for train_ix, test_ix in kfold.split(dataX):
            # define model
            model = define_model()
            # select rows for train and test
            trainX, trainY, testX, testY = dataX[train_ix], dataY[train_ix], dataX[test_ix], dataY[test_ix]
            # fit model
            history = model.fit(trainX, trainY, epochs=12, batch_size=32, validation_data=(testX, testY))
            # evaluate model
            _, acc = model.evaluate(testX, testY, verbose=0)
            print('> %.3f' % (acc * 100.0))
            # stores scores
            scores.append(acc)
            histories.append(history)
        return scores, histories
```

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In [33]: def run_test_harness():
        # load dataset
        trainX, trainY, testX, testY = load_dataset()
        # prepare pixel data
        trainX, testX = prep_pixels(trainX, testX)
        # evaluate model
        scores, histories = evaluate_model(trainX, trainY)
        # learning curves
        summarize_diagnostics(histories)
        # summarize estimated performance
        summarize_performance(scores)
```

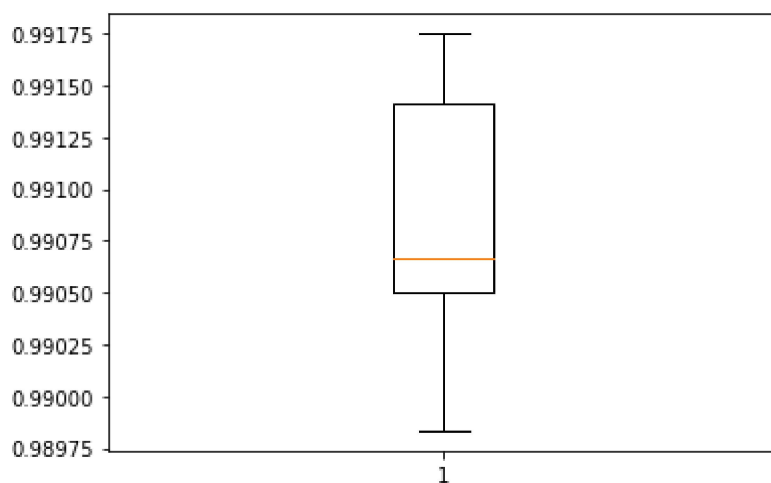
Running and evaluating Improved model


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In [34]: run_test_harness()
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> 99.067  
> 99.050  
> 98.983  
> 99.175  
> 99.142
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Accuracy: mean=99.083 std=0.068, n=5



The plot of the learning curves is showing that the models still have a good fit on the problem, with no clear signs of overfitting. The plots may even suggest that further training epochs could be helpful.

We can see that the avg model accuracy has shot up to 99 % and without much standard deviation between the 5 fold runs , which shows the model performance is stable we can see that our model performance has improved and now we can save the new updated model

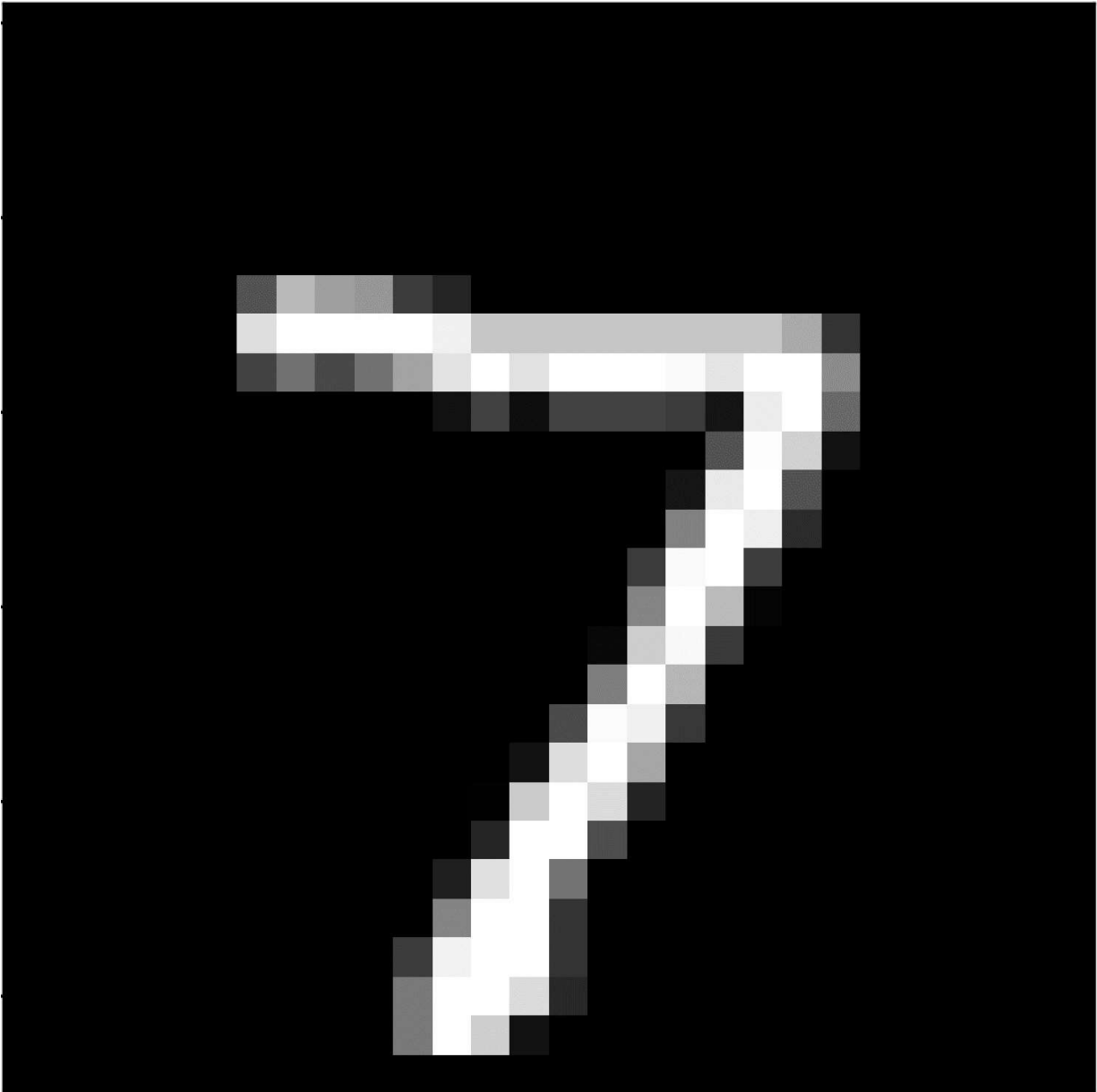
Saving final model

```
In [37]: # load dataset
trainX, trainY, testX, testY = load_dataset()
# prepare pixel data
trainX, testX = prep_pixels(trainX, testX)
# define model
model = define_model()
# fit model
model.fit(trainX, trainY, epochs=15, batch_size=32, verbose=0)
# save model
model.save('final_model.h5')
```

loading saved model and making prediction

running the model in completely new images out of dataset

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In [8]:

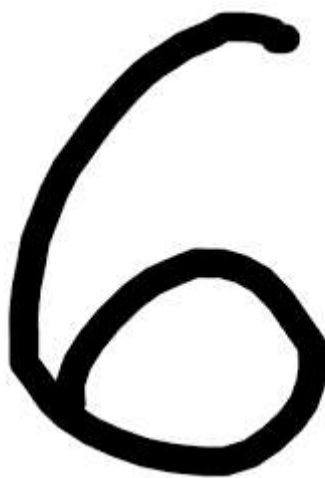
```
from numpy import argmax
from keras.preprocessing.image import load_img
from keras.preprocessing.image import img_to_array
from keras.models import load_model

def load_image(filename):
    # load the image
    img = load_img(filename, grayscale=True, target_size=(28, 28))
    # convert to array
    img = img_to_array(img)
    # reshape into a single sample with 1 channel
    img = img.reshape(1, 28, 28, 1)
    # prepare pixel data
    img = img.astype('float32')
    img = img / 255.0
    return img

# load the image
img = load_image('1.png')
# load model
model = load_model('final_model.h5')
# predict the class
predict_value = model.predict(img)
digit = argmax(predict_value)
print(digit)
```

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In [48]:

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# Load the image
img = load_image('6.png')
# Load model
model = load_model('final_model.h5')
# predict the class
predict_value = model.predict(img)
digit = argmax(predict_value)
print(digit)
```

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We can see that the model performs well even on images outside the dataset hence we can say that our final model is working well

Github link to the Repository :- <https://github.com/Shikhar10000/MNIST-Handwritten-Digit-Classification> (<https://github.com/Shikhar10000/MNIST-Handwritten-Digit-Classification>)

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