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# Build A Simple Feed Forward Neural Network

To Recognize Handwritten Character.

Aim

To design, implement, and train a feed-forward neural network using the MNIST dataset to recognize handwritten digits (0-9).

## OBJECTIVES

1. To understand the architecture of a simple feed-forward neural network.

2. To preprocess and load data for neural network training.

3. To implement the network using dense layers in (Tensorflow) PyTorch.

4. To analyze model performance using test data.

## Pseudocode

1. Import required libraries

2. Load dataset and preprocess it.

3. Define feed forward neural network

4. Initialize model, loss function (MSE), and optimizer (Adam, lr=0.001)

5. For each epoch in range(1, 5)

6. Evaluate Model

7. Sample Prediction and Loss

8. Save Model

MNIST

Dataset

60000 - Train Dataset

10000 - Test Dataset

Labels

0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9



## OBSERVATION:

• The feed forward neural network trained on the MNIST dataset showed consistent improvement in accuracy across epochs, reaching around 97%.

• The training loss decreased steadily, indicating effective learning.

• Most misclassifications occurred between digits with similar shapes such as (3, 5), (7, 9).

• The model generalized well due to MNIST's simplicity and clean data.

• Increasing hidden units can improve performance.

### Output:

Epoch 1	Loss: 0.3782
Epoch 2	Loss: 0.0669
Epoch 3	Loss: 0.0559
Epoch 4	Loss: 0.0517
Epoch 5	Loss: 0.0059
Test Accuracy: 97.05%	

## Justification

→ FFNNs are effective for basic classification but lack spatial awareness.

→ MNIST digits are 28x28 images; flattening them loses spatial structure.



### Result

A simple FFNN that flattens 28x28 images, passes them through two hidden layers, and predicts the digit classes.