Ex No: 4	Handwritten Digit Recognition using Convolutional Neural Network (CNN)
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Objective: To develop a Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) model for recognizing handwritten digits using the MNIST dataset.

Descriptions: Handwritten digit recognition is a well-known problem in the field of computer vision, where the goal is to classify images of handwritten digits into one of 10 classes (0-9). In this lab, we utilize a CNN model to achieve high accuracy in digit classification.

Model: The CNN model is designed with the following architecture:

1. **Convolutional Layers:**
   - Two convolutional layers are used to extract features from the input images.
   - The first layer has 32 filters of size 3x3, and the second has 64 filters of the same size.
2. **Pooling Layer:**
   - A MaxPooling layer with a pool size of 2x2 is used to reduce the spatial dimensions of the feature maps.
3. **Dropout Layer:**
   - A dropout layer with a dropout rate of 25% is included to prevent overfitting.
4. **Flatten Layer:**
   - The feature maps are flattened into a 1D vector for input into the dense layers.
5. **Dense Layers:**
   - Two fully connected (Dense) layers are added. The first has 256 units with ReLU activation, followed by a dropout layer with a 50% dropout rate. The second Dense layer has 10 units (corresponding to the 10 classes) with softmax activation.
6. **Compilation:**
   - The model is compiled using the categorical cross entropy loss function, the Adadelta optimizer, and accuracy as the evaluation metric.

Building the Parts of the Algorithm:

1. **Define the model structure:**
   - Number of input features: 28x28x1 for grayscale images.
   - Number of output classes: 10 (digits 0-9).
2. **Initialize the model's parameters:**
   - Weights and biases are initialized automatically by the Keras framework.

Accuracy:

1. **Test loss:** 0.7110332250595093
2. **Test accuracy:** 0.836899995803833

Implementation:

1. **Import Libraries:**
   - Necessary libraries such as `tensorflow`, `keras`, `numpy`, and `matplotlib` are imported.
2. **Data Loading and Preprocessing:**
   - The MNIST dataset is loaded, and data is preprocessed by normalizing the pixel values and converting labels to one-hot encoded vectors.
3. **Model Creation:**
   - The CNN model is created using Keras Sequential API.
4. **Model Training:**
   - The model is trained on the training set using a batch size of 128 and for 10 epochs.
5. **Model Evaluation:**
   - The trained model is evaluated on the test set, and the test loss and accuracy are printed.
6. **Model Saving:**
   - The trained model is saved to disk as `mnist.h5`.
7. **GUI for Prediction:**
   - A simple GUI using `Tkinter` is created to predict digits drawn by the user.

GitHub Link:
https://github.com/Yashr22/Lab-4-Handwritten-digit-recognition-using-CNN.git