

**A
SYNOPSIS
of
MINOR PROJECT
on
Handwritten Digit Recognition**



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Problem Statement:

The goal of this project is to develop an advanced handwritten digit recognition system using neural networks. Traditional systems are limited to recognizing pre-scanned images of handwritten digits. Our enhanced system not only recognizes scanned images but also includes a graphical user interface (GUI) for real-time digit entry and recognition, providing a more interactive and versatile solution.

Brief Description:

This project focuses on creating a neural network-based system for recognizing handwritten digits. The system utilizes the MNIST dataset, a well-known dataset of handwritten digit images, to train and test the neural network. Additionally, the project incorporates a GUI that allows users to write digits on the screen and receive real-time recognition feedback.

Objective and Scope:

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Objective:

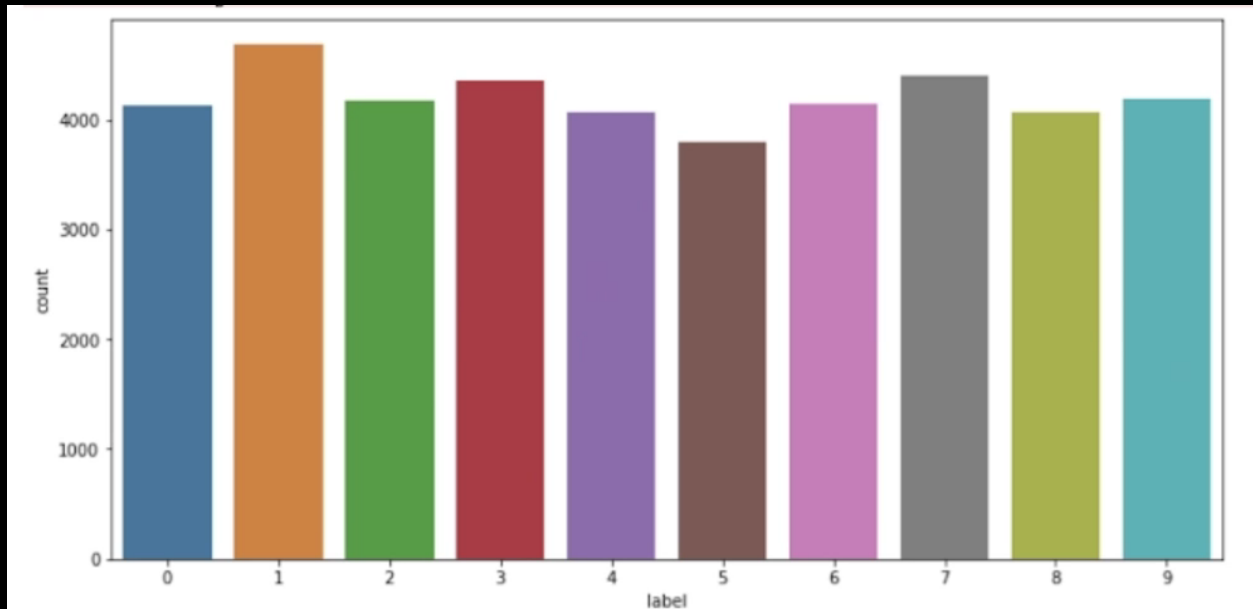
- Develop a robust handwritten digit recognition system using a neural network.
- Extend the functionality to include real-time digit entry and recognition via a GUI.

Scope:

- Use the MNIST dataset for training and testing the neural network.
- Implement a three-layer neural network with one hidden layer for digit recognition.
- Create an interactive GUI for real-time digit input and recognition.

Methodology:**1. Data Preprocessing:**

- Load the MNIST dataset.
- Normalize the pixel values to the range $[0, 1]$.
- Split the data into 60,000 training examples and 10,000 testing examples.



2. Neural Network Architecture:

- **Input Layer:** Distributes features to the next layer.
- **Hidden Layer:** Contains 100 activation units (neurons) to introduce nonlinearity.
- **Output Layer:** Contains 10 output units, each representing a digit (0-9).

3. Training Process:

- Perform feedforward propagation to compute activations.
- Implement backpropagation to minimize the error between predicted and actual outputs.
- Use a regularization parameter (λ) set to 0.1 to prevent overfitting.
- Optimize the network for 70 iterations to achieve the best performance.

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batch_size = 64  
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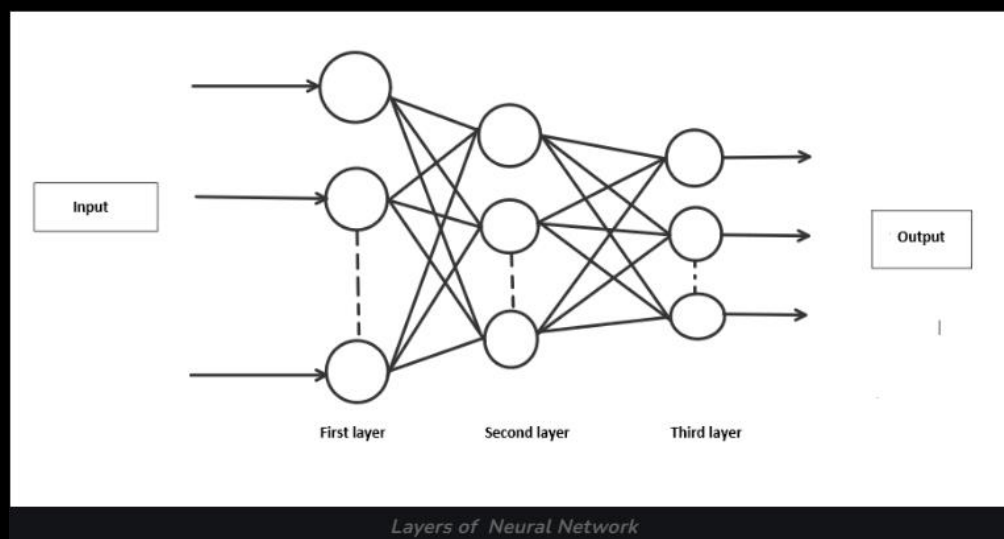
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Epoch 2/20
657/657 ————— 106s 162ms/step - accuracy: 0.9620 - loss: 0.1232
Epoch 3/20
657/657 ————— 107s 163ms/step - accuracy: 0.9739 - loss: 0.0863
Epoch 4/20
657/657 ————— 140s 161ms/step - accuracy: 0.9783 - loss: 0.0725
Epoch 5/20
657/657 ————— 105s 160ms/step - accuracy: 0.9802 - loss: 0.0685
Epoch 6/20
447/657 ————— 33s 161ms/step - accuracy: 0.9825 - loss: 0.0619

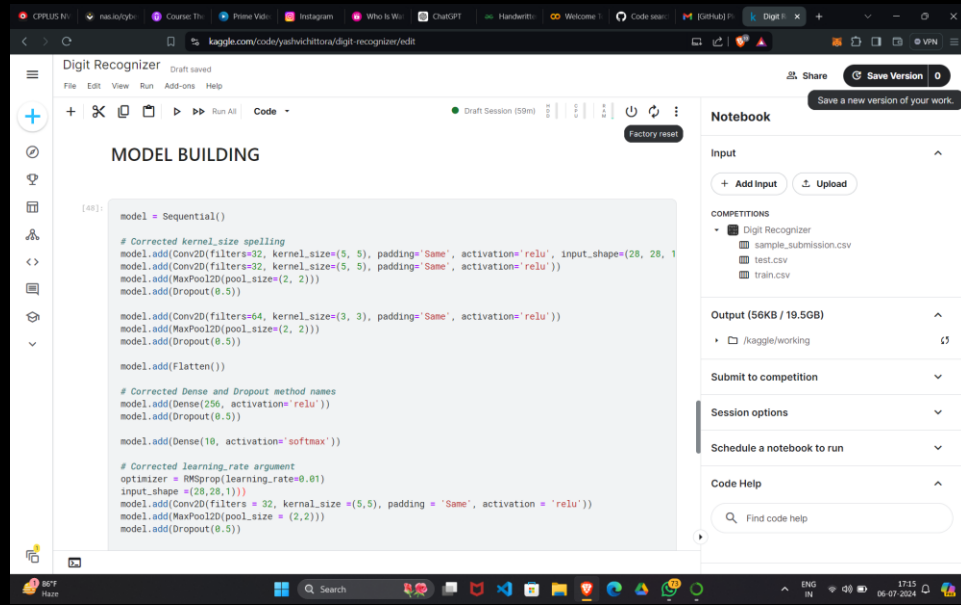
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4. GUI Integration:

- Develop a graphical user interface for real-time digit input.
- Integrate the trained neural network with the GUI for immediate recognition feedback.





Hardware and Software Requirements:

Hardware:

- Standard computer with sufficient RAM (at least 8GB) and CPU (preferably multi-core).

Software:

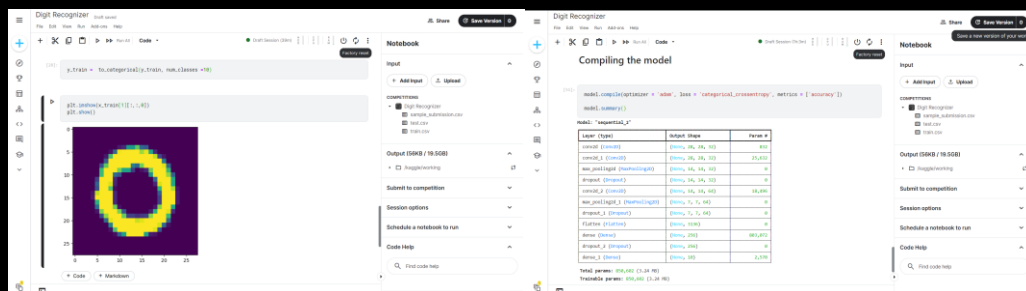
- Python 3.x
- TensorFlow and Keras libraries
- Matplotlib for visualization
- GUI toolkit (such as Tkinter or PyQt)

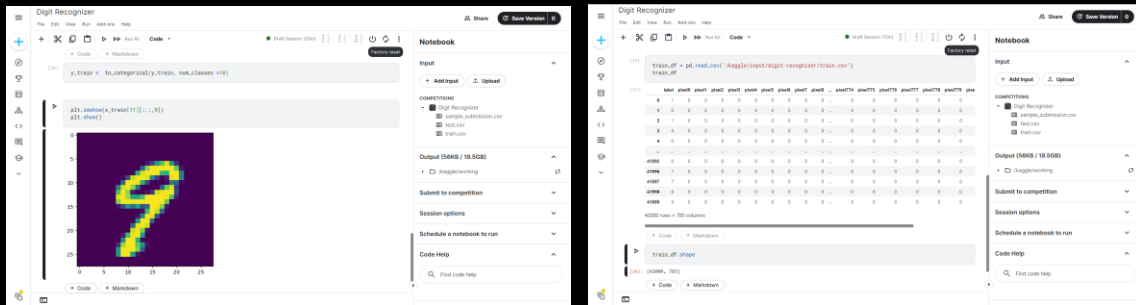
Technologies:-

- **Programming Language: Python**
- **Machine Learning Framework: TensorFlow and Keras**
- **Data Visualization: Matplotlib**
- **GUI Development: Tkinter or PyQt**

Testing Techniques:

- **Unit Testing: Ensure individual components (e.g., data preprocessing, model training) function correctly.**
- **Integration Testing: Verify that the neural network and GUI components work seamlessly together.**
- **Performance Testing: Evaluate the accuracy and speed of the digit recognition system on both the MNIST test set and real-time input via the GUI.**





Project Contribution:

This project enhances the traditional handwritten digit recognition systems by incorporating real-time digit input and recognition capabilities. The integration of a GUI makes the system more user-friendly and practical for a wider range of applications, from educational tools to assistive technologies. By implementing a neural network with regularization and optimization techniques, the project ensures high accuracy and reliability in digit recognition tasks.