# **Handwritten Digit Recognizer**

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### Installing the required packages

```
In [1]: %matplotlib inline
        %pylab
        np.random.seed(1)
        import numpy as np
        import pandas as pd
        import seaborn as sns
        import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
        from sklearn.svm import SVC
        from sklearn.manifold import TSNE
        from sklearn import model_selection
        from sklearn.decomposition import PCA
        from sklearn.ensemble import AdaBoostClassifier
        from sklearn.tree import DecisionTreeClassifier
        from sklearn.neural network import MLPClassifier
        from sklearn.neighbors import KNeighborsClassifier
        from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestClassifier
        from sklearn.model selection import train test split
        from sklearn.model selection import cross val score
        from sklearn.metrics import confusion matrix, precision score, recall score
        import warnings
        def ignore_warn(*args, **kwargs):
            pass
        warnings.warn = ignore warn
```

Using matplotlib backend: MacOSX Populating the interactive namespace from numpy and matplotlib

## Loading the dataset

We have 2 csv files. Train dataset is used to train the model and test dataset is used to test the model developed using the train data.

```
In [3]: test = pd.read_csv('test.csv')
train = pd.read_csv('train.csv')
```

### **Data Description**

The train dataset has 42000 entries with 785 attributes while the test dataset has 28000 entries with 784 variables, excluding the label attribute. The train and test dataset is split on 6:4 ratio ie., 60% and 40% of the data are split as train and test datasets respectively.

```
In [4]: print(train.shape)
    print(test.shape)
    train.head()

    (42000, 785)
    (28000, 784)
```

#### Out[4]:

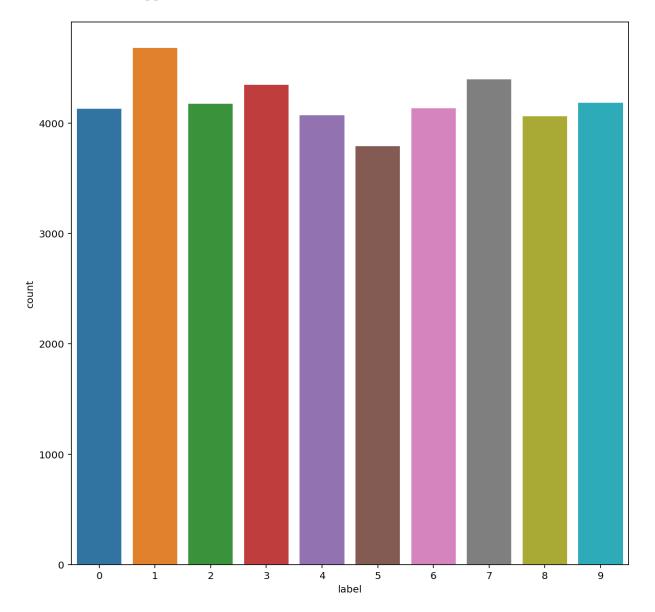
	label	pixel0	pixel1	pixel2	pixel3	pixel4	pixel5	pixel6	pixel7	pixel8	 pixel774	pixel775	ı
0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	 0	0	_
1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	 0	0	
2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	 0	0	
3	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	 0	0	
4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	 0	0	

5 rows × 785 columns

This dataset is sparse ie., there are mostly 0's in the feature matrix. Pixel-value is an integer between 0 and 255, inclusive. Some pixels carry a lot of information about the digit written, while other pixel features such as the edges and usually 0 are not very informative. The scale of the data used to represent the pixels is not numerically meaningful, which leads to the need to normalize the data so that the values do not contribute to the model in an improper way.

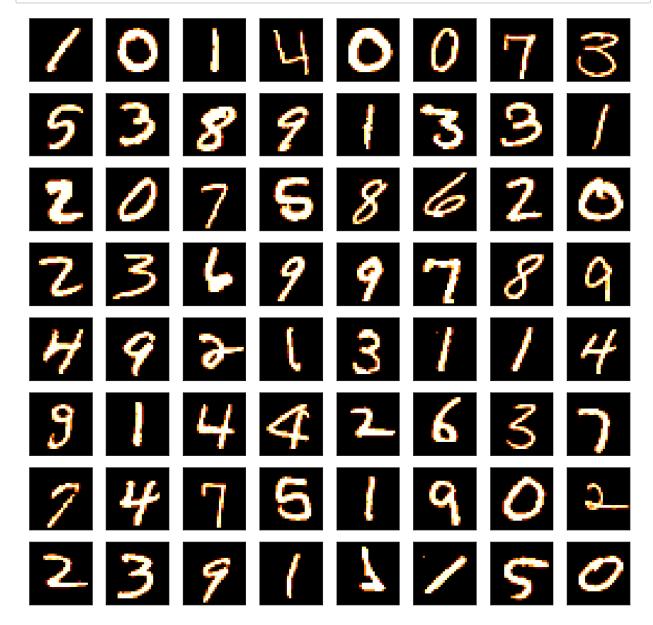
```
target = train["label"]
In [12]:
          train = train.drop("label",1)
          g = sns.countplot(target)
          target.value_counts()
Out[12]: 1
               4684
               4401
          7
               4351
          3
          9
               4188
          2
               4177
          6
               4137
          0
               4132
          4
               4072
          8
               4063
          5
               3795
```

Name: label, dtype: int64



The histogram illustrates the count of digits in the training data for each number. It is used to visualize if there is an unequal sample size among the digits. Since the sample size for each digit appears to be comparable we have no issue of unequal sampling.

**Data Visualization** 



```
In [ ]: Tsne_data = TSNE().fit_transform(train)
    plt.figure(figsize(6, 5))
    plt.scatter(Tsne_data[: , 0], Tsne_data[: , 1], s = 20, c = target, cmap =
    plt.colorbar()
    clim(0, 9)

xlabel("t-SNE feature 1")
ylabel("t-SNE feature 2")
```

### **Null value check**

```
In [14]: train.isnull().any().describe()
Out[14]: count
                      784
         unique
                        1
         top
                    False
         freq
                      784
         dtype: object
In [15]: test.isnull().any().describe()
Out[15]: count
                      784
         unique
                        1
                    False
         top
         freq
                      784
         dtype: object
```

It is evident that train and test set does not have any null values in the dataset. All the values are unique and the data type is object.

#### Normalization to minimize the illumination difference

```
In [16]: train = train / 255.0
test = test / 255.0
```

Illumination is important in image processing. To clearly illustrate the image we need to consider the light and shadow visiblility in our image. We do normalization to minimize the illumination differnce among the numbers and make the data available among particluar range to proceed with the further modeling of our dataset. Data Normalization is also essential to reduce and eliminate redundancy. To fit the original colors of the digits we are using 0 to 255 grayscale value instead of 0 to 1. This will be useful for data visualization of the numbers. Since the data here is pixel values we cannot normalize it like we do for a set of observation data, hence we normalize the data with respect to the grayscale value for a better visualization effect.

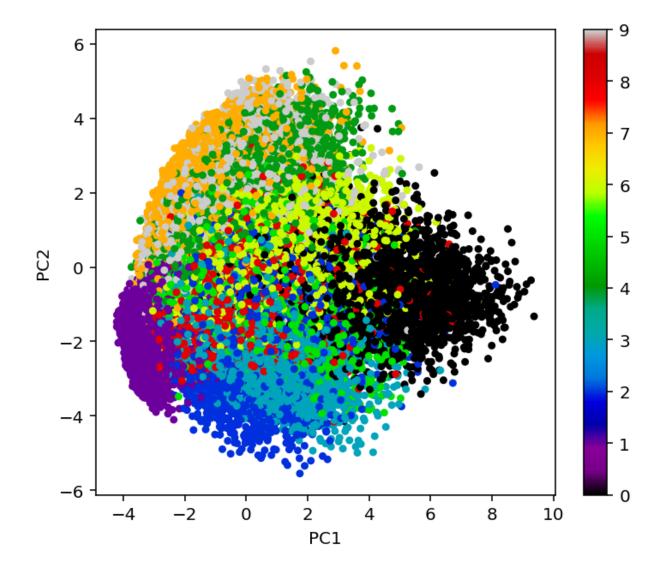
**PCA** 

```
In [17]: pca = PCA(n_components = 2)
    pca.fit(train)
    transform = pca.transform(train)

plt.figure(figsize(6, 5))
    plt.scatter(transform[: , 0],transform[: , 1], s = 20, c = target, cmap = plt.colorbar()
    clim(0, 9)

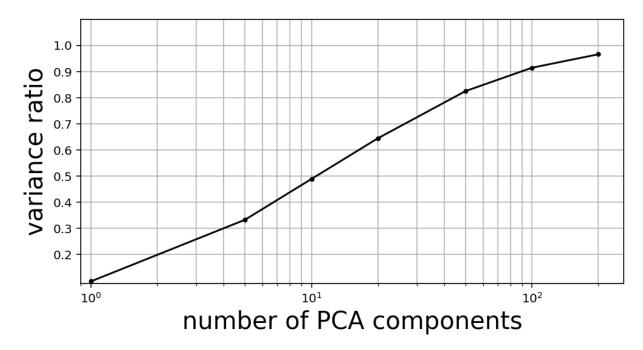
xlabel("PC1")
ylabel("PC2")
```

Out[17]: Text(0,0.5,'PC2')



```
In [18]: | n_components_array = ([1, 5, 10, 20, 50, 100, 200])
         vr = np.zeros(len(n components array))
         i = 0;
         for n components in n components array:
             pca = PCA(n_components = n_components)
             pca.fit(train)
             vr[i] = sum(pca.explained_variance_ratio_)
             i = i + 1
         figure(figsize(8, 4))
         plot(n components array, vr, 'k.-')
         xscale("log")
         ylim(9e-2, 1.1)
         yticks(linspace(0.2, 1.0, 9))
         xlim(0.9)
         grid(which = "both")
         xlabel("number of PCA components", size = 20)
         ylabel("variance ratio", size = 20)
```

Out[18]: Text(0,0.5,'variance ratio')



We see that 100 components are needed to capture 90% of the variance in the data. It's a big amount of components. We'll not do that much. Next, we will train a KNN classifier on the PCA output and figure out the best component number for PCA.

```
In [ ]: # function for evaluating classifiers
    def classifier_evaluation(classifier, X_trainval, Y_trainval):
        X_train, X_valid, Y_train, Y_valid = train_test_split(X_trainval, Y_trainclassifier.fit(X_train, Y_train)
        return classifier.score(X_valid, Y_valid)
```

### **PCA Components with KNN**

```
In [ ]: clf = KNeighborsClassifier()
    n_components_array = ([1, 5, 10, 20, 50, 100, 200, 500])
    score_array = np.zeros(len(n_components_array))
    i = 0

for n_components in n_components_array:
    pca = PCA(n_components = n_components)
    pca.fit(train)
    transform = pca.transform(train)
    score_array[i] = classifier_evaluation(clf, transform, target)
    i = i + 1
```

```
In [ ]: figure(figsize(8, 4))
    plot(n_components_array, score_array, 'k.-')
    xscale('log')
    xlabel("number of PCA components", size = 20)
    ylabel("accuracy", size = 20)
    grid(which = "both")
```

The accuracy seems to saturate at 0.95 for 50 PCA components. In fact, the accuracy even seems to drop for much larger numbers, even though a larger number of PCA components captures more of the variance in the data, as seen in the plot above. The drop in accuracy is probably due to overfitting. Thus, we choose 50 as component number.

```
In [19]: pca = PCA(n_components = 50)
    pca.fit(train)
    transform_train = pca.transform(train)
    transform_test = pca.transform(test)
```

### Fitting Models with PCA data

```
In [20]: # split PCA transformed data into train and validation data sets
    X_train, X_test, Y_train, Y_test = train_test_split(transform_train, target

In [21]: print(X_train.shape)
    print(X_test.shape)

    (31500, 50)
    (10500, 50)
```

#### 1. KNN

```
In [20]: knn_best = 0
         knn kfolds = 5
          for k in [1, 5, 10, 15]:
              knnModel = KNeighborsClassifier(n neighbors = k)
              knn_scores = cross_val_score(knnModel, X_train, Y_train, cv = knn_kfold
              score = np.mean(knn scores)
              if score > knn_best:
                  knn_best = score
                  best k = k
         selected knn = KNeighborsClassifier(n neighbors = best k).fit(X train, Y tr
         knn_accuracy = selected_knn.score(X_test, Y_test)
         print ("The best k is: ", best_k)
         print ("The best accurary of the model is ", knn_accuracy)
         The best k is: 5
         The best accurary of the model is 0.9719047619047619
In [24]: knn pred = selected knn.predict(X test)
         knn confusion = confusion matrix(Y test, knn pred)
         print("confusion matrix:")
         print(knn confusion)
         print("The precision of KNN is: ", precision score(Y test, knn pred, average
         print("The recall of KNN is: ", recall_score(Y_test, knn_pred, average = No
         confusion matrix:
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         The precision of KNN is: [0.97949219 0.97844113 0.97309833 0.97089202 0.
         98120673 0.96875
          0.96732026 0.97165633 0.98024948 0.94736842]
         The recall of KNN is: [0.98817734 0.99159664 0.97400186 0.96635514 0.959
         38104 0.96666667
          0.99233716 0.97165633 0.94773869 0.95669291]
```

### 2. Decision Tree

```
In [25]: DT best = 0
         DT kfolds = 5
         for max_depth in [10, 20, 40, 60, 80, 100]:
             treeModel = DecisionTreeClassifier(max_depth = max_depth)
             DT_scores = cross_val_score(treeModel, X_train, Y_train, cv = DT_kfolds
             score = np.mean(DT scores)
             if score > DT_best:
                  DT best = score
                  best_depth = max_depth
         selected DT = DecisionTreeClassifier(max_depth = best_depth).fit(X_train,Y_
         DT_accuracy = selected_DT.score(X_test, Y_test)
         print ("The best depth is: ", best depth)
         print ("The best accurary of the model is ", DT accuracy)
         The best depth is:
                              20
         The best accurary of the model is 0.8345714285714285
In [26]: dt pred = selected DT.predict(X test)
         dt_confusion = confusion_matrix(Y_test, dt_pred)
         print("confusion matrix:")
         print(dt confusion)
         print("The precision of Decision Tree is: ", precision_score(Y_test, dt_pre
         print("The recall of Decision Tree is: ", recall score(Y test, dt pred, ave
         confusion matrix:
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                   6
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                                                 49
             12
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                                                          77911
         The precision of Decision Tree is: [0.88964182 0.95492487 0.83598875 0.7
                             0.75421941
         9707495 0.813
          0.87727709 0.87340619 0.76339737 0.756310681
         The recall of Decision Tree is: [0.90541872 0.96134454 0.82822656 0.8149
         5327 0.78626692 0.7688172
          0.87643678 0.84942427 0.75879397 0.76673228]
         3. Neural Network
```

```
In [27]: MLPmodel = MLPClassifier(solver = 'lbfqs', max iter = 5000, activation = 't
                                       hidden layer sizes = [10, 5], alpha = 0.5).fi
         MLP score = MLPmodel.score(X test, Y test)
         print("the accuracy of this model is: ", MLP score)
```

the accuracy of this model is: 0.938

```
nn pred = MLPmodel.predict(X test)
nn confusion = confusion matrix(Y test, nn pred)
print("confusion matrix:")
print(nn_confusion)
print("The precision of Neural Network is: ", precision_score(Y_test, nn pr
print("The recall of Neural Network is: ", recall_score(Y_test, nn_pred, av
confusion matrix:
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The precision of Neural Network is: [0.94412331 0.97410192 0.93947858 0.
94326923 0.93442623 0.9284188
 0.93506494 0.94579946 0.92989691 0.8973607 ]
The recall of Neural Network is: [0.96551724 0.97983193 0.93686165 0.916
82243 0.93713733 0.9344086
 0.96551724 0.92736935 0.90653266 0.90354331]
```

#### 4. Random Forest

The best number of estimator is: 200
The best accurary of the model is 0.9501904761904761

```
In [30]: rf pred = selected RF.predict(X test)
          rf confusion = confusion matrix(Y test, rf pred)
          print("confusion matrix:")
          print(rf_confusion)
          print("The precision of Random Forest is: ", precision_score(Y_test, rf_pre
          print("The recall of Random Forest is: ", recall score(Y test, rf pred, ave
         confusion matrix:
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         The precision of Random Forest is: [0.97337278 0.98148148 0.94020239 0.9
          2250233 0.95792564 0.93599161
           0.95246971 0.9625
                                  0.93795243 0.93134328]
         The recall of Random Forest is: [0.97241379 0.97983193 0.94893222 0.9233
          6449 0.94680851 0.95913978
           0.9789272 0.95482728 0.91155779 0.92125984]
```

#### 5. AdaBoost

```
In [31]: boostModel = AdaBoostClassifier(RandomForestClassifier(max_depth = None), a
   boost_score = boostModel.score(X_test, Y_test)
   print("the accuracy of this model is: ", boost_score)
```

the accuracy of this model is: 0.9602857142857143

```
ada pred = boostModel.predict(X test)
ada confusion = confusion matrix(Y test, ada pred)
print("confusion matrix:")
print(ada_confusion)
print("The precision of AdaBoost is: ", precision score(Y test, ada pred, a
print("The recall of AdaBoost is: ", recall score(Y test, ada pred, average
confusion matrix:
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The precision of AdaBoost is: [0.97828233 0.98810535 0.94977169 0.943043
88 0.96771037 0.94532072
 0.97245964 0.96855346 0.94501018 0.93939394]
The recall of AdaBoost is: [0.97635468 0.97731092 0.96564531 0.94392523
0.95647969 0.96666667
 0.98084291 0.95482728 0.93266332 0.94586614]
```

#### 6. SVM

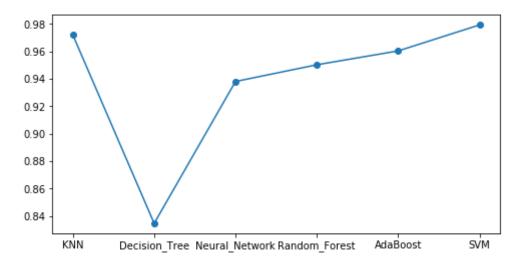
```
In [33]: best score = 0
         kfolds = 5
         for C in [0.1, 1, 5, 10]:
             for gamma in [0.1, 1, 5]:
                 svm model = SVC(kernel = 'rbf', gamma = gamma, C = C).fit(X train,
                 svm scores = cross val score(svm model, X train, Y train, cv = kfol
                 score = np.mean(svm_scores)
                 if score > best score:
                     best score = score
                     best gamma = gamma
                     best c = C
         selected svm = SVC(C = best c, gamma = best gamma).fit(X train, Y train)
         svm accuracy = selected svm.score(X test, Y test)
         print ("The best gamma is: ", best gamma)
         print ("The best C is: ", best c)
         print ("The best accurary of the model is ", svm accuracy)
         The best gamma is:
         The best C is:
```

The best accurary of the model is 0.9792380952380952

```
In [34]:
         svm pred = selected svm.predict(X test)
          svm confusion = confusion matrix(Y test, svm pred)
          print("confusion matrix:")
          print(svm_confusion)
          print("The precision of SVM is: ", precision score(Y test, svm pred, averag
          print("The recall of SVM is: ", recall_score(Y_test, svm_pred, average = Nc
         confusion matrix:
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                                                  0.99154691 0.94910714 0.97742239 0.
         The precision of SVM is: [0.9900892]
          98923679 0.97863248
          0.98849473 0.98384201 0.96439169 0.979979981
         The recall of SVM is: [0.98423645 0.98571429 0.98700093 0.97102804 0.977
          75629 0.98494624
          0.98754789 0.97077059 0.9798995 0.963582681
```

#### **Model Performance**

```
In [36]: names = ["KNN", "Decision_Tree", "Neural_Network", "Random_Forest", "AdaBoo
    results = [knn_accuracy, DT_accuracy, MLP_score, RF_accuracy, boost_score,
    plt.plot(names, results, '-o')
    plt.show()
```



We found that the best model is SVM (C = 5, gamma = 0.1) by comparing all the accuracy, precision and recall values. We'll fit this model on test data set and submit the result to Kaggle. We will also submit the results of all the other models above to check the scores.

```
In []: #knn_submit = selected_knn.predict(transform_test)
    #dt_submit = selected_DT.predict(transform_test)
    #MLP_submit = MLPmodel.predict(transform_test)
    #rf_submit = selected_RF.predict(transform_test)
    #boost_submit = boostModel.predict(transform_test)
    svm_submit = selected_svm.predict(transform_test)
In []: res_submit = pd.Series(boost_submit, name = "Label")
submission = pd.concat([pd.Series(range(1, len(test) + 1), name = "ImageId"))
```

submission.to\_csv("submission.csv", index = False)

### **Kaggle Performance**

```
In [37]: model_names = ["KNN", "Decision_Tree", "Neural_Network", "Random_Forest", "
    perf_arr = np.array([0.97285, 0.82985, 0.93228, 0.94814, 0.96242, 0.97942])
    all_df = pd.DataFrame(perf_arr, columns = ["Kaggle Performance"])
    all_df.insert(loc = 0, column = 'Model_names', value = model_names)
    all_df
```

#### Out[37]:

	Model_names	Kaggle Performance
0	KNN	0.97285
1	Decision_Tree	0.82985
2	Neural_Network	0.93228
3	Random_Forest	0.94814
4	AdaBoost	0.96242
5	SVM	0.97942