NAAN MUDHALVAN PROJECT

TITLE:

RECOGNIZING HANDWRITTEN DIGITS WITH DEEP LEARNING FOR SMARTER AI APPLICATION

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GITHUB REPOSITORY

LINK:https://github.com/munni437/phase2/blob/main/PROJECT%20 PHASE%20II%20(1)

1. Problem Statement

Recognizing handwritten digits is a classic problem in computer vision that has practical applications in postal automation, bank check processing, and digitized note-taking. Manual digit recognition is time-consuming and error-prone. By using deep learning techniques, we aim to develop an automated, accurate, and scalable solution to recognize handwritten digits, contributing to smarter AI applications.

2. Objectives of the Project

- To develop a deep learning model capable of accurately classifying handwritten digits from images.
- To achieve high accuracy and low loss using convolutional neural networks (CNNs).
- To gain insights into model behavior through visualization techniques like confusion matrices and activation maps.
- To explore real-time deployment options for the model.

3. Flowchart of the project workflow

Step 1: Data Collection

→ Download the MNIST handwritten digits dataset.

Step 2: Data Preprocessing

→ Normalize pixel values, reshape images, and encode labels.

Step 3: Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA)

→ Visualize data distributions and identify useful patterns.

Step 4: Feature Engineering

→ Prepare data for CNN input (e.g., reshaping, augmentation).

Step 5: Model Building and Training

ightarrow Train a Convolutional Neural Network to classify digits.

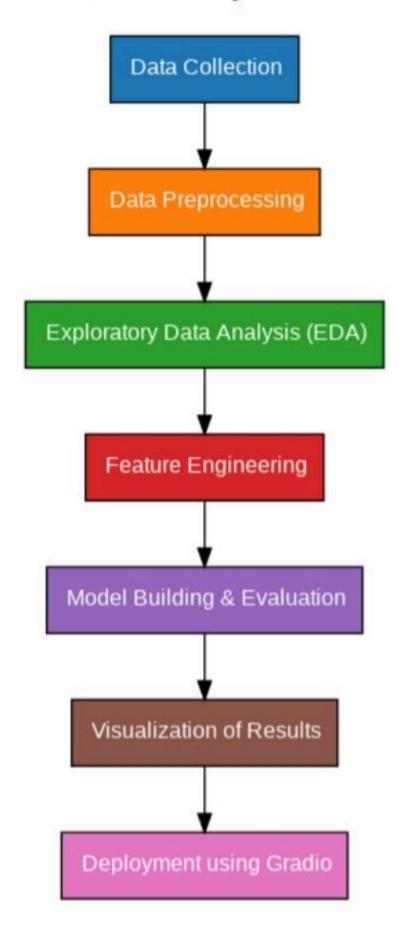
Step 6: Model Evaluation

→ Measure accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-score.

Step 7: Deployment

→ Build a web interface for real-time digit prediction

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4. Scope of the Project

- Features: Pixel intensity values of images (28x28 grayscale).
- **Modeling**: Use CNN architectures (e.g., LeNet, CNN with BatchNorm, Dropout).
- Limitations: The project will be limited to the MNIST dataset and similar datasets due to computational constraints.
- **Tools**: Restricted to Python-based open-source libraries and deployment on web-based platforms (optional).

5. Data Sources

Dataset: MNIST handwritten digits dataset.
 https://www.tensorflow.org/datasets/catalog/mnist

• **SourceType**: Public and static

6. High-Level Methodology

- **Data Collection**: Dataset will be downloaded using Keras/TensorFlow dataset utilities or from Kaggle.
- **Data Cleaning**: Check for anomalies like corrupt or mislabeled images; ensure correct formatting and normalization (pixel values scaled 0-1).

```
from tensorflow.keras.datasets import mnist

# Load dataset

(x_train, y_train), (x_test, y_test) = mnist.load_data()

print(f"Training samples: {x_train.shape}, Test samples: {x_test.shape}")
```

Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA):

- Display sample digits per class.
- Use heatmaps to understand Visualize digit distribution.
- average patterns.

```
# Save this as app.py
import streamlit as st
from tensorflow.keras.models import load_model
import numpy as np
from PIL import Image
model = load_model('your_model.h5') # Save your model first
st.title("Digit Recognizer")
uploaded_file = st.file_uploader("Choose an image...", type=["png",
"jpg", "jpeg"])
if uploaded_file is not None:
  image = Image.open(uploaded_file).convert('L').resize((28, 28))
  img_array = np.array(image) / 255.0
  img_array = img_array.reshape(1, 28, 28, 1)
```

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prediction = model.predict(img_array)
```

Feature Engineering:

• Normalize pixel values.

```
from tensorflow.keras.models import Sequential
from tensorflow.keras.layers import Conv2D, MaxPooling2D, Flatten,
Dense, Dropout
                                                                         n
model = Sequential([
  Conv2D(32, (3,3), activation='relu', input_shape=(28,28,1)),
  MaxPooling2D((2,2)),
  Conv2D(64, (3,3), activation='relu'),
  MaxPooling2D((2,2)),
  Flatten(),
  Dense(128, activation='relu'),
  Dropout(0.5),
  Dense(10, activation='softmax')
])
model.compile(optimizer='adam', loss='categorical_crossentropy',
metrics=['accuracy'])
```

Model Evaluation:

- Metrics: Accuracy, Precision, Recall, F1-score, Confusion Matrix.
- Use train/test split or K-fold cross-validation.

```
# Train the model
model.fit(x_train, y_train_cat, epochs=5, validation_split=0.2,
batch size=64)
# Evaluate on test data
test_loss, test_acc = model.evaluate(x_test, y_test_cat)
```

print(f"Test Accuracy: {test_acc:.4f}")

■ Visualization & Interpretation:

- # Plot training history
- import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

```
history = model.history.history
plt.plot(history['accuracy'], label='Train Accuracy')
plt.plot(history['val_accuracy'], label='Validation Accuracy')
plt.legend()
plt.title('Model Accuracy')
plt.show()
```

• **Deployment** (optional):

o Streamlit or Gradio app to take an image input and display the predicted digit.

7. Tools and Technologies

• **Programming Language**: Python

• Notebook/IDE: Google Colab / Jupyter Notebook

• Libraries:

o Data Handling: numpy, pandas

o Visualization: matplotlib, seaborn

o Modeling: tensorflow, keras, scikit-learn

• Optional Deployment Tools: Streamlit, Gradio, Flask

8. Team Members and Roles

1.MUNNI A	Data preprocessing, model development, documentation and presentation
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