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# A NOVEL METHOD FOR HANDWRITTEN DIGIT RECOGNITION SYSTEM

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#### 1. INTRODUCTION

# 1.1 Project Overview

Handwriting recognition is one of the compelling research works going on because every individual in this world has their own style of writing. It is the capability of the computer to identify and understand handwritten digits or characters automatically.

Because of the progress in the field of science and technology, everything is being digitized to reduce human effort. Hence, there comes a need for handwritten digit recognition in many real time applications. MNIST data set is widely used for this recognition process and it has 70000 handwritten digits. We use artificial neural networks to train these images and build a deep learning model. Web application is created where the user can upload an image of a handwritten digit, this image is analyzed by the model and the detected result is returned on to UI.

# 1.2 Purpose

- Digit recognition plays an important role in the modern world.
- It can solve more complex problems and makes humans job easier. Thistype of system can be widely used in the world to recognize zip code or postal code for mail sorting
- In Banking Sector too where more handwritten numbers are involved like account number, figure of cash and checks.

#### 2. LITERATURE SURVEY

# 2.1 Existing Problem

# 1] Microsoft Math solver:

Microsoft Math Solver app is used for solving variety of problems including arithmetic, algebra, trigonometry, calculus, statistics and other topics using an advanced AI.

#### **Advantages:**

- The image recognition is good in this app.
- It also recognizes mathematical solution.
- It is simple and very easy to use
- The handwriting detection of this app is good.
- This app scans and get the right numbers even in the bad lighting.

#### **Disadvantages:**

- This app is mostly used for solving mathematical equations but not for digit recognition.
- This app sometimes show wrong results.
- This app get slower when the target frame is resized.

# 2] Google Lens:

Google Lens app translates words, identifies plants, finds products and more using a camera.

This app is used to scan and translate text, QR codes and bar codes.

#### **Advantages:**

- This app scans and translated text.
- This app is very responsive to photos.
- It translates the input photos accurately.
- It recognizes the handwritten text accurately.

#### **Disadvantages:**

- This app is not specially meant for digit recognition.
- This app has slow scanning process.

## 2.2 REFERENCES

#### 1] Microsoft math solver

https://math.microsoft.com/

## 2] Google lens

https://lens.google/

# 2.3 PROBLEM STATEMENT DEFINITION

The user is a bank manager who needs a handwritten digit recognition system because the different handwriting are confusing. So, a novel method for handwritten digit recognition system must be developed.

Who does the problem affect?	Old people, bankers and customers
What are the boundaries of the problem?	Postal department, courier service and
	Banking sector
What is the issue?	Sometimes handwritten digits are confusing.
	so, the important details such as zip code,
	account number, figure of cash and checks
	may go wrong. By fixing this problem,
	handwritten digits are recognized correctly. If
	we did not solve this problem the transactions
	and mail
	sorting may gone wrong.
When does the issue occurs?	When the digits could not be recognized
	correctly. When the transactions are not
	successful. When the elder people unable to
	understand the smaller handwritten digits.
	When the courier service or postal department
	unable to recognize zip code
	or postal code for mail sorting.
Where is the issue occurring?	The issue occurs in banks and post office
	while transaction and mail sorting.

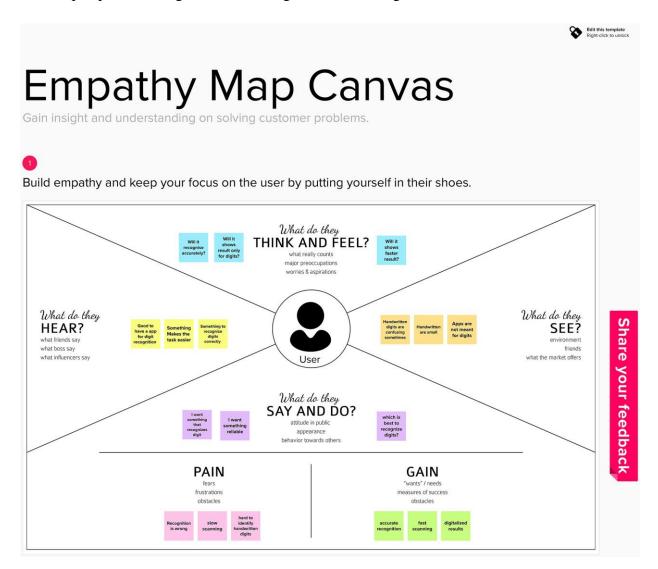
#### 3. IDEATION AND PROPOSED SOLUTION

## 3.1 Empathy Map Canvas

An empathy map is a simple, easy-to-digest visual that captures knowledge about a user's behaviors and attitudes.

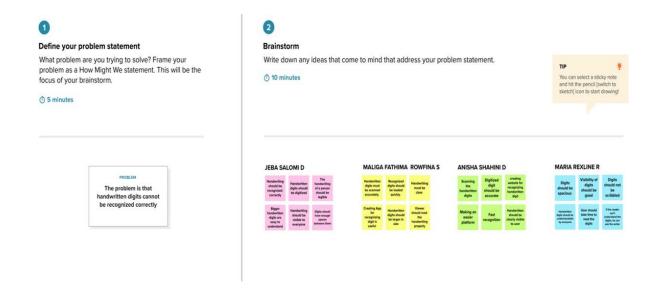
It is a useful tool to help teams better understand their users.

Creating an effective solution requires understanding the true problem and the person who is experiencing it. The exercise of creating the map helps participants consider things from the user's perspective along with his or her goals and challenges.



# 3.2 Ideation and Brainstorming

Brainstorming provides a free and open environment that encourages everyone within a team to participate in the creative thinking process that leads to problem solving. Prioritizing volume over value, out-of-the-box ideas are welcome and built upon, and all participants are encouraged to collaborate, helping each other develop a rich amount ofcreative solutions.

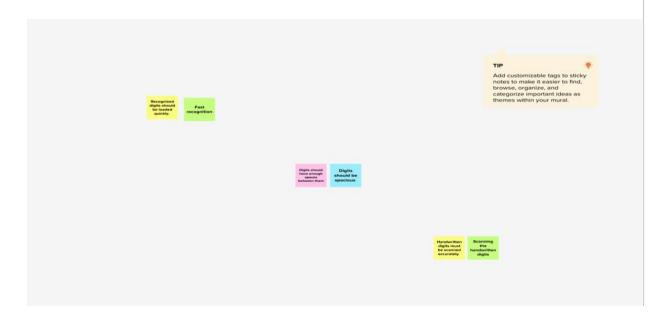


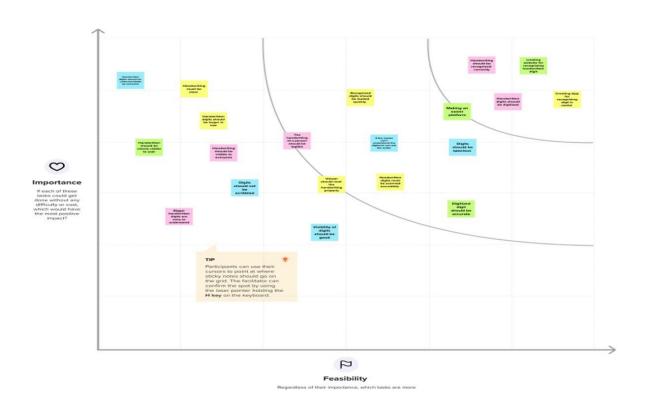


#### Group ideas

Take turns sharing your ideas while clustering similar or related notes as you go. In the last 10 minutes, give each cluster a sentence-like label. If a cluster is bigger than six sticky notes, try and see if you and break it up into smaller sub-groups.

① 20 minutes



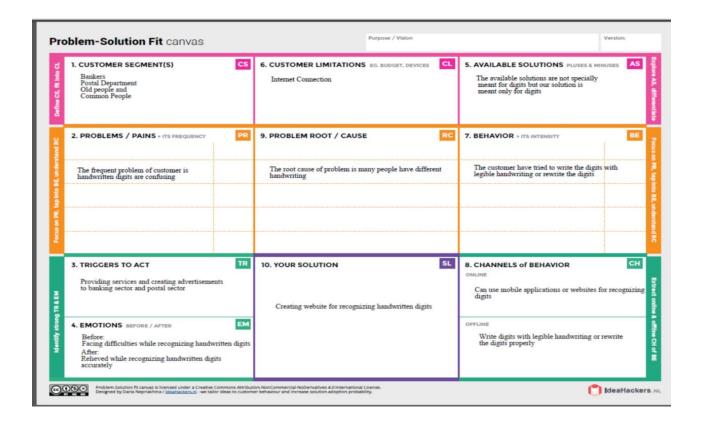


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# **3.3 Proposed Solution**

S. N O	PARAMETER	DESCRIPTION
1.	Problem Statement (Problem to be solved)	Handwritten digits do not always have the same size, thickness and shape. So, the handwritten digits cannot be recognized correctly.
2.	Idea/Solution description	Handwritten digit recognition system is a way to tackle this problem which uses image of a digit to recognize the digit present in the image.
3.	Novelty/Uniqueness	This handwritten recognition system is meant for only digits, but other existed system is meant to recognize alphabets, expressions etc
4.	Social Impact/Customer Satisfaction	<ul> <li>Postal department and courier services can easily find the digits written.</li> <li>Senior citizens who will have eye sight issues with handwritten digits can use this system to recognize the handwritten digits correctly</li> </ul>
5.	Business Model	This system can be converted into a business model by providing services to the Banking sector and Postal sector.
6.	Scalability of the Solution	More number of handwritten digits can be recognized.

## 3.4 Problem Solution fit



# 4. REQUIREMENT ANALYSIS

# **4.1 Functional Requirements**

Following are the functional requirements of the proposed solution.

FR No.	Functional Requirement	Sub Requirement (Story / Sub-Task)
	(Epic)	
FR-1	User uploading image	Upload through Local system
FR-2	Image verification	Verification via message
FR-3	Getting the result	Get result via user Interface

# **4.2 Non-Functional Requirements**

Following are the non-functional requirements of the proposed solution.

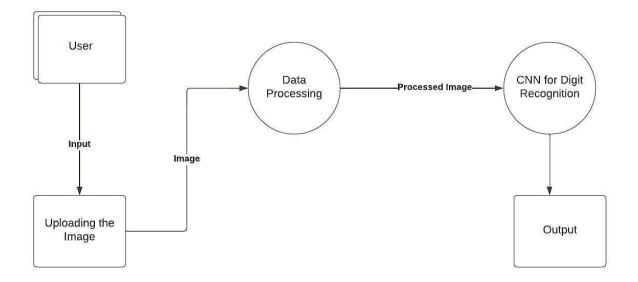
FR No.	Non-Functional Requirement	Description
NFR-1	Usability	People with no understanding to uploadthe
		image must be able to upload the
		image.
NFR-2	Security	Access permission for the local systemmust
		be given by the system's data
		administrator.
NFR-3	Reliability	The system will intimate the user to re
		upload the image if any failure occurs.
NFR-4	Performance	The front-page load time must be within a
		few seconds.
NFR-5	Availability	New module deployment must not impact
		front page and main page.
NFR-6	Scalability	The website traffic limit must be scalable.

# 5. PROJECT DESIGN

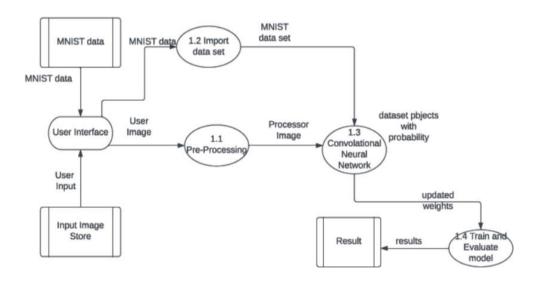
# **5.1** Data Flow Diagram

A Data Flow Diagram (DFD) is a traditional visual representation of the information flows within a system. A neat and clear DFD can depict the right amount of the system requirement graphically. It shows how data enters and leaves the system, what changes the information, and where data is stored.

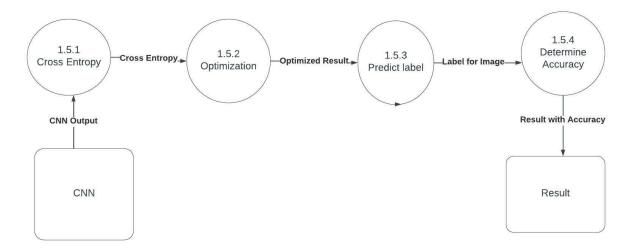
#### Level 0:



## Level 1:

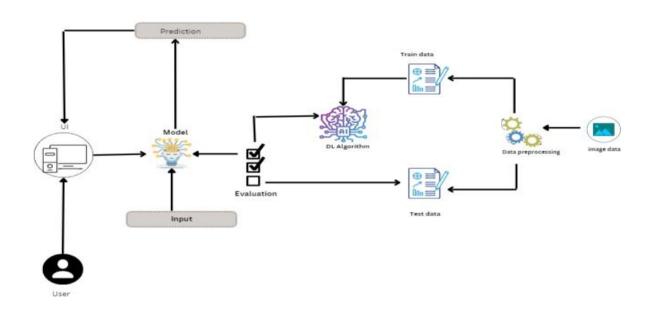


#### Level 2:



# **5.2** Solution & Technical Architecture

#### TECHNICAL ARCHITECTURE



# **5.3** User Stories

User Type	Functional Requirem ent (Epic)	User Story Numb er	User Story / Task	Acceptance criteria	Priority	Relea se
Customer (Web user)	Front Page	USN-1	As a user, I can view the front page of the website where the description of the website is available	I can access my front page of the website	High	Sprint-1
	Choosing the Image	USN-2	As a user, I can choose the image from the local system	I can upload the image	High	Sprint-1
	Recognizethe Image	USN-3	As a user, I can get message after validating the image	I can get a message	Low	Sprint-2
		USN-4	As a user, I can get the recognized digits	I can view digitized results	High	Sprint-3

# 6. PROJECT PLANNING AND SCHEDULING

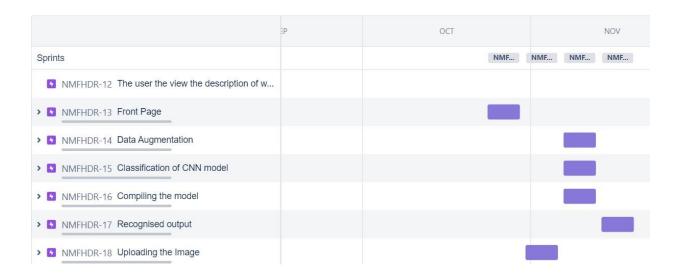
# **6.1 Sprint Planning and Estimation**

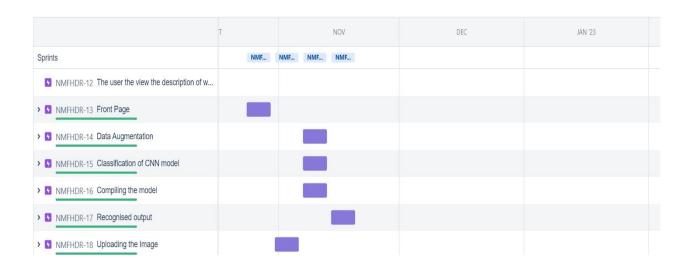
Sprint	Functional Requireme nt (Epic)	User Story Number	User Story / Task	Story Points	Prior ity	Team Members
Sprint-1	Front Page	USN-1	As a user, I can view the front page of the website where the description of the website is available	2	High	Anisha Shahini D and Maliga Fathima Rowfina S
Sprint-2	Uploading the Image	USN-2	As a user, I can choose the image from the local system	2	Low	Maria RexlineR and Jeba Salomi D
Sprint-3	Data Augmentati on	USN-3	As a developer, the image dataset must be augmented.	1	High	Anisha Shahini D and Maria Rexline R.
Sprint-3	Classification of CNN model	USN-4	As a developer, model must be classified	3	High	Jeba Salomi D, Maliga Fathima Rowfina S and Anisha Shahini D and Maria Rexline R.
Sprint-3	Compiling the model	USN-5	As a developer, a model must be compiled and fitted	3	High	Maliga Fathima Rowfina, S,and Jeba Salomi D
Sprint-4	Recognized output	USN-3	As a user, I can get the recognized digits.	2	High	Jeba Salomi D, Maliga Fathima Rowfina S, Maria Rexline R, Anisha Shahini D

# **6.2 Sprint Delivery Schedule**

Sprint	Total Story Points	Durati on	Sprint Start Date	Sprint EndDate (Planned)	Story Points Completed (as on Planned End Date)	Sprint Release Date (Actual)
Sprint-1	20	6 Days	24 Oct 2022	29 Oct 2022	12	29 Oct 2022
Sprint-2	20	6 Days	31 Oct 2022	05 Nov 2022	12	05 Nov 2022
Sprint-3	20	6 Days	07 Nov 2022	12 Nov 2022	12	12 Nov 2022
Sprint-4	20	6 Days	14 Nov 2022	19 Nov 2022	12	19 Nov 2022

# 6.3 Reports from JIRA





#### 7. CODING AND SOLUTIONING

#### 7.1 Feature 1

#### Uploading the image from local system:

Web application allows the user to upload the image from the local disk.

#### **7.2** Feature 2

#### Recognise the digit:

Web application shows the result of predicted image

#### **Source code:**

#### recognise.html:

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
  <head>
    k rel="stylesheet" href="{{ url_for('static', filename='recognize.css') }}">
    <script src="https://ajax.googleapis.com/ajax/libs/jquery/3.1.0/jquery.min.js">
    document.getElementById("result").style.color="solid black";
    </script>
    <h1 style="color:rgb(25, 25, 112)"><center>DIGIT RECOGNITION</center></h1>
  </head>
  <body>
    <h2><center>Upload image here to recognize the digit</center></h2>
    <div class="bg">
    <center>
       {% with messages = get flashed messages() %}
        {% if messages %}
           {% for message in messages %}
            <fort size ="+1"><b><center>{{ message }}</center></b></font>
           {% endfor %}
        { % endif % }
      {% endwith %}
     </center>
    </div>
```

```
<form method="post" action="/" enctype="multipart/form-data" >
       < dl >
         <center>
           <input class="upload-btn" type ="file" name="file" autocomplete="off" hidden="hidden"</pre>
required>
      </center>
      </dl>
       {% if filename %}
         <div style="padding:20px;"><center>
         <img src="{{ url_for('display_image', filename=filename) }}">
         </center>
         </div>
       {% endif %}
       <center>
         <input class="btn" type="submit" value="PREDICT">
      </center>
      </form>
    <center><font size ="+2"><b>PREDICTED DIGIT IS: {{prediction}}}
   </b></font></center>
  </body>
</html>
```

#### app.py:

```
from flask import Flask, render_template, request, url_for, redirect, flashfrom
werkzeug.utils import secure filename
import os
import urllib.request
from tensorflow.keras.models import load_model from
tensorflow.keras.preprocessing import imagefrom PIL
import Image
import numpy as np
model=load_model(r'models/mnistCNN.h5') app =
Flask(_name_)
UPLOAD_FOLDER = 'static/uploads/' app.secret_key
= "secret key" app.config['UPLOAD FOLDER'] =
UPLOAD_FOLDER
app.config['MAX CONTENT LENGTH'] = 16 * 1024 * 1024
ALLOWED_EXTENSIONS = set(['png', 'jpg', 'jpeg'])
def allowed file(filename):
  return '.' in filename and filename.rsplit('.', 1)[1].lower() in ALLOWED_EXTENSIONS
@app.route('/')def
index():
  return render_template("index.html")
@app.route('/recognise', methods=['GET','POST']) def
recognise():
  if request.method == 'POST': return
    redirect(url for('index'))
  return render_template('recognise.html')
@app.route('/', methods=['POST']) def
upload_image():
  if 'file' not in request.files:flash('No
    file part')
    return redirect(request.url)
```

```
file = request.files['file']if
  file.filename == ":
     flash('No image selected for uploading')return
    redirect(request.url)
  if file and allowed file(file.filename): filename
     = secure filename(file.filename)
     file.save(os.path.join(app.config['UPLOAD_FOLDER'],filename))
     flash('Image uploaded successfully')
     img=Image.open(file.stream).convert("L") img=img.resize((28,28))
    im2arr = np.array(img)
    im2arr = im2arr.reshape(1,28,28,1)
    y_pred = model.predict(im2arr)
     print(np.argmax(y_pred))
    prediction=str(np.argmax(y_pred))
    return render template('recognise.html',filename=filename,prediction=prediction) else:
     flash('Allowed image types are - png, jpg, jpeg')return
    redirect(request.url)
@app.route('/display/<filename>') def
display image(filename):
  return redirect(url for('static',filename='uploads/' +filename), code=301)
if name == " main ":
  app.run(debug = False)
```

# 8. TESTING

# **8.1** Test Cases

В	С	D	E	F	G	Н		J	K	L	M
Feature 1 Type	Component	Test Scenario	Pre-Requites	Steps to Execute	Test Data	Expected Result	Actual Result	Status	Comments	Bug ID	Executed by
2 UI 3	Home page	Verify the UI elements and get to know about descriptions of website	Internet, Mobile and Laptop Devices	1.Enter the URL  And click enter 2. View the description	1127.0.0.1:5000	Viewing the home page	Working as expected	Pass			Jeba Salomi. D and Anisha Shahini. D
Function 6	Page	Entering the page to upload image and to predict it	and Lanton Devices	1.Click the choose the file option 2.Choose the file from the local system	1 nng	The file will get uploaded	Working as expected	Pass			Maliga Fathima Rowfina. S and Maria Rexline. R
Function	Page	Entering the page to upload image and to predict it	Internet, Mobile	1.Click the "choose file" option 2.Choose the file from the local system	sample ndf	The file will get uploaded	Working as expected	Fail	1.The file not get chosen     2.Upload correct file format	BUG_RecognisePage_0 01	Jeba Salomi. D and Anisha Shahini. D
Function	Recognise Page	Viewing & Predicting the image	Internet, Mobile and Laptop Devices	1.Click the predict button	1 nng	The image is get viewed and predicted	Working as expected	Pass			Maliga Fathima Rowfina. S and Maria Rexline. R

# **8.2** User Acceptance Testing

User Acceptance Testing (UAT) explains the test coverage and open issues of the handwriting digit recognition project at the time of the release to UAT

# **8.2.1** Defect Analysis

Resolution	Severity 1	Severity 2	Severity 3	Severity 4	Subtotal
By Design	1	0	1	0	2
Duplicate	0	0	0	0	0
External	0	0	2	0	2
Fixed	4	1	0	1	6
Not Reproduced	0	0	0	1	1
Skipped	0	0	0	1	1
Won't Fix	1	0	1	0	2
Totals	6	3	1	4	14

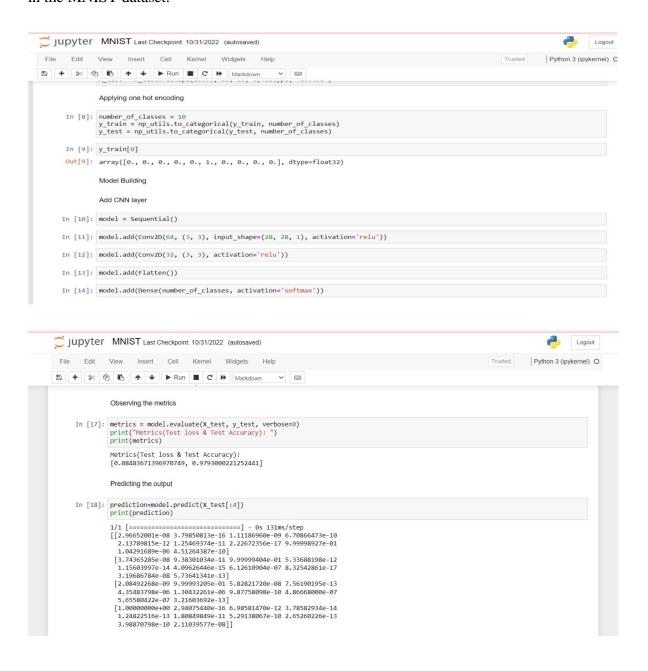
# **8.2.2** Test Case Analysis

Section	Total Cases	Not Tested	Fail	Pass
Client Application	10	0	3	7
Security	2	0	1	1
Performance	3	0	1	2
Exception Reporting	2	0	0	2

#### 9. RESULTS

#### **9.1 Performance Metrics**

We have used MNIST dataset for building Convolutional Neural Network model. The layers used in the model are Convolutional layer, flatten layer and dense layer. The model shows the test accuracy of 97% and loss accuracy 8%. The application shows accurate result for the images in the MNIST dataset.



#### 10. ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES

# **Advantages:**

- This web application allows the user to upload the image
- This web application is developed only for recognizing the digits
- This web application predicts the image in the MNIST dataset accurately
- This application shows error message when other file formats are chosen
- This application simple User Interface
- This application is easy to use
- The web pages in this application are easy to navigate

## **Disadvantages:**

- This application does not recognize some digits accurately
- This application does not allow the user to scan the image
- This application only allows png, jpg and jpeg image formats

#### 11. CONCLUSION

The proposed web application is an Internet based system. In this system, the user canupload the image from the local system and recognize the digit in the uploaded image.

The concepts of Neural Networks, machine learning and data mining are being implemented in most problems faced by technologists and programmers around the world. The idea is to train a computer to think and make decisions like a human being. The concepts used in this application helps us to understand the essential requirements to build a Convolutional Neural network. The Convolution Neural Network model is build on MNIST dataset.

The purpose of this web application is to recognise the handwritten digit.

# 12. FUTURE SCOPE

As part of our future enhancements, we aim to tune our model to find the most accurate solution for classification. Furthermore, it would be worthwhile to run this system for multi-digit recognition and character recognition. Likely, this would aid in complete handling of occlusion and would lead to improved detection and classification results. Data storage should be as efficient as possible, in spite of having a many training samples.

#### 13. APPENDIX

# Source code: index.html: <!DOCTYPE html> <head> <link rel="stylesheet" href="{{ url\_for('static', filename='index.css') }}"> <meta charset="UTF-8"> <title>index page</title> </head> <body> <h1 class="heading">HANDWRITTEN DIGIT RECOGNITION SYSTEM</h1> <div class="icon"> Handwritten Text Recognition is a technology that is much needed in this as oftoday. This digit Recognition system is used to recognize the digits from different source like emails, bank cheque, papers, images.ex. Before proper implementation of this technology we have relied on writing texts with our ownhands which can result in errors. It's difficult to store and access physical data with efficiency. The project presents recognizing the handwriting digits (0 to 9) from the famous MNIST dataset. Here we will be using artificial neural networks/convolutional network.

```
<div class="btn">
  <a href="{{ url_for('recognise') }}" target="_self">continue</a>
  </div>
  </div>
</body>
</html>
```

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    <div class="bg">
    <center>
       {% with messages = get_flashed_messages() %}
        {% if messages %}
           {% for message in messages %}
            <fort size ="+1"><b><center>{{ message }}</center></b></font>
           {% endfor %}
```

```
{% endif %}
      {% endwith %}
     </center>
    </div>
    <form method="post" action="/" enctype="multipart/form-data" >
       < dl >
         <center>
           <input class="upload-btn" type ="file" name="file" autocomplete="off"
hidden="hidden" required>
      </center>
       </dl>
       {% if filename %}
         <div style="padding:20px;"><center>
         <img src="{{ url_for('display_image', filename=filename) }}">
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         </div>
       {% endif %}
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         <input class="btn" type="submit" value="PREDICT">
       </center>
      </form>
```

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<center><font size ="+2"><b>PREDICTED DIGIT IS: {{prediction}}}
    </b></font></center>
  </body>
</html>
index.css:
*{
  margin: 0;
  padding: 0;
}
body{
  background-image: url('bg.jpg');
  background-size: cover;
  background-repeat: no-repeat;
  overflow: hidden;
}
.heading{
  color: #eadf7e;
  padding-right: 50px;
  right: 0;
  margin-top:
               150px;
  margin-left:
               100px;
  text-align: left;
}
```

```
.icon{
  width: 100%;
}
p{
  color: #fff;
  font-size: 1.5em;
  text-align: center;
  font-family:cursive;
  font-weight: 100;
  right: -20px;
  width: 595px; height:
  270px; padding-left:
  156px;padding-top:
  174px;margin-top: -
  141px;
}
.btn{
  width: 130px;
  height: 40px;
  background: #eadf7e;
  border: none;
  margin-bottom: 74px;
  margin-left: 350px;
```

```
margin-top: 200px;
  font-size: 32px;
  border-radius: 60px;
  cursor: pointer;
  transition: .4s ease;
  text-align: center;
}
.btn a{
  text-decoration: none;
  color: #000; transition:
  .3s ease;
}
.btn:hover{
  color: rgb(255, 250, 250);
}
recognise.css:
body {
  background-color: rgb(209, 209, 227);
}
div{
  text-align: right;
}
h1 {
  color: azure;
  text-align: left;
```

```
}
p {
  color:rgb(188, 195, 216);
  font-style: italic;
  text-align: right;
  text-indent: 30px;
  font-size: large;
}
.pre {
color: black;
}
.btn {
border: 2px solid gray;
 color: white;
 background-color:rgb(25, 25, 112);padding:
 8px 20px;
 border-radius: 8px;
 font-size: 20px;
 font-weight: bold;
}
.upload-btn{
  border: 3px solid rgb(25, 25, 112);
  cursor: pointer;
  color: rgb(25, 25, 112);
  display: inline-block;
  font-size: 20px;
  font-weight: bold;
  border-radius: 8px;
```

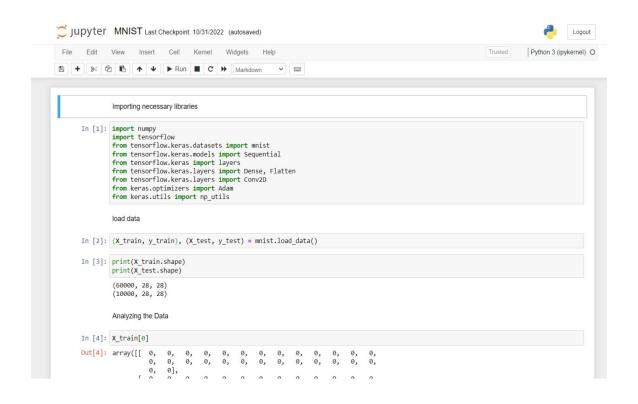
```
height: 39px;
  line-height: 36px;
}
.upload-btn::-webkit-file-upload-button{ background:
  rgb(25, 25, 112);
  color: white; padding:
  8px 16px;border:
  none; cursor: pointer;
}
.msg {
  color: solid red;
  font-size: large;
}
/*.upload-btn input[type=file] {
display: none;
}*/
/*#custom-button {
  padding: 10px; color:
  white;
  background-color: blue;
  border: 1px solid #000;
  border-radius: 5px;
  cursor: pointer;
}
```

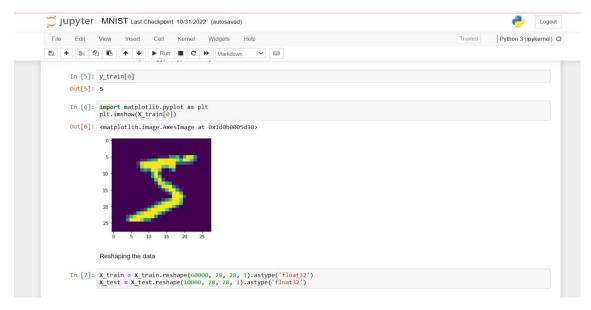
```
#custom-button:hover{
  background-color: #00b28f;
}
#custom-text{
  margin-left: 10px;
  font-family: sans-serif;
  color: #aaa;
}*/
#display_image{
  width: 375px;height:
  211px;
  border: 1px solid black;
  background-position: center;
  background-size: cover;
  }
app.py:
from flask import Flask, render_template, request, url_for, redirect, flashfrom
werkzeug.utils import secure_filename
import os
import urllib.request
from tensorflow.keras.models import load_model from
tensorflow.keras.preprocessing import imagefrom PIL
import Image
import numpy as np
model=load_model(r'models/mnistCNN.h5')
```

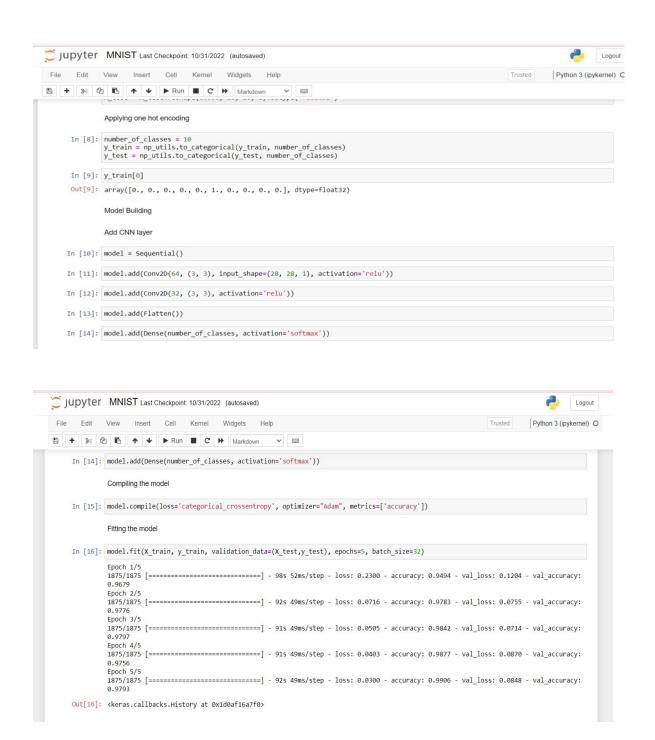
```
app = Flask(_name__)
UPLOAD_FOLDER = 'static/uploads/' app.secret_key
= "secret key" app.config['UPLOAD_FOLDER'] =
UPLOAD_FOLDER
app.config['MAX CONTENT LENGTH'] = 16 * 1024 * 1024
ALLOWED_EXTENSIONS = set(['png', 'jpg', 'jpeg'])
def allowed file(filename):
  return '.' in filename and filename.rsplit('.', 1)[1].lower() in ALLOWED_EXTENSIONS
@app.route('/')def
index():
  return render_template("index.html")
@app.route('/recognise', methods=['GET','POST'])def
recognise():
  if request.method == 'POST': return
    redirect(url_for('index'))
  return render_template('recognise.html')
@app.route('/', methods=['POST'])def
upload_image():
  if 'file' not in request.files:
    flash('No file part')
    return redirect(request.url)file
  = request.files['file']
```

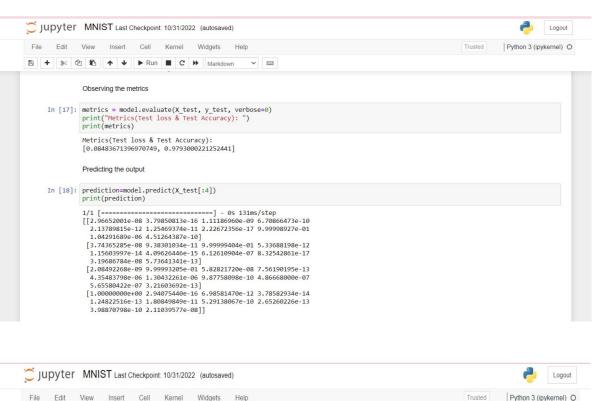
```
if file.filename == ":
     flash('No image selected for uploading')
     return redirect(request.url)
  if file and allowed file(file.filename): filename =
     secure_filename(file.filename)
     file.save(os.path.join(app.config['UPLOAD FOLDER'],filename))
     flash('Image uploaded successfully')
     img=Image.open(file.stream).convert("L") img=img.resize((28,28))
     im2arr = np.array(img)
     im2arr = im2arr.reshape(1,28,28,1)
     y_pred = model.predict(im2arr)
     print(np.argmax(y_pred))
     prediction=str(np.argmax(y_pred))
     return render template('recognise.html',filename=filename,prediction=prediction) else:
     flash('Allowed image types are - png, jpg, jpeg')return
     redirect(request.url)
@app.route('/display/<filename>') def
display image(filename):
  return redirect(url for('static',filename='uploads/' +filename), code=301)
if name == " main ":
  app.run(debug = False)
```

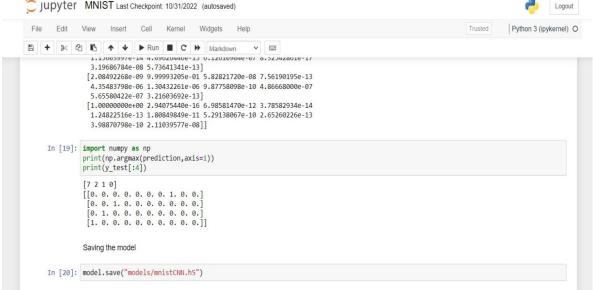
## MNIST.ipynb:

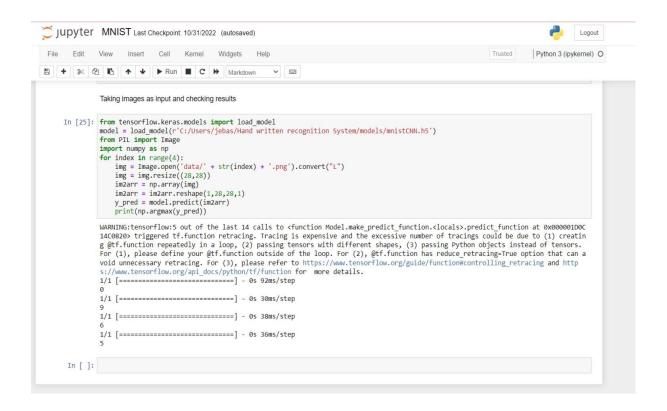












#### Github link:

https://github.com/IBM-EPBL/IBM-Project-45273-1660729179

#### **Demo link:**

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1kQk3FiAKiFXau\_dFjuVCL70Ft RwVTeDu/view?usp=sharing