Handwritten Digit Recognition using CNN

This notebook builds a deep learning model using the MNIST dataset to recognize handwritten digits (0-9).

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# Step 1: Install Required Libraries
!pip install tensorflow matplotlib seaborn
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# Step 2: Import Libraries
import tensorflow as tf
from tensorflow.keras.datasets import mnist
from tensorflow.keras.utils import to categorical
from tensorflow.keras.models import Sequential
from tensorflow.keras.layers import Conv2D, MaxPooling2D, Flatten, Dense, Dropout
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns
import numpy as np
from sklearn.metrics import classification_report, confusion_matrix
# Step 3: Load and Explore the MNIST Dataset
(x_train, y_train), (x_test, y_test) = mnist.load_data()
print(f'Training samples: {x_train.shape[0]}, Test samples: {x_test.shape[0]}')
# Visualize a sample
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 4))
for i in range(10):
    plt.subplot(2, 5, i+1)
    plt.imshow(x_train[i], cmap='gray')
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plt.title(f"Label: {y_train[i]}")
plt.axis('off')
plt.show()
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Training samples: 60000, Test samples: 10000

Label: 5

Label: 0

Label: 4

Label: 1

Label: 9

Label: 2

Label: 1

Label: 3

Label: 1

Label: 4

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# Step 4: Preprocess the Data
# Reshape and normalize
x_train = x_train.reshape(-1, 28, 28, 1).astype("float32") / 255.0
x_{test} = x_{test.reshape}(-1, 28, 28, 1).astype("float32") / 255.0
# One-hot encode labels
y_train_cat = to_categorical(y_train, 10)
y_test_cat = to_categorical(y_test, 10)
# Step 5: Build the CNN Model
model = Sequential([
    Conv2D(32, kernel_size=(3,3), activation='relu', input_shape=(28,28,1)),
    MaxPooling2D(pool_size=(2,2)),
    Conv2D(64, kernel_size=(3,3), activation='relu'),
    MaxPooling2D(pool_size=(2,2)),
    Flatten(),
    Dense(128, activation='relu'),
    Dropout(0.3),
    Dense(10, activation='softmax')
])
model.summary()
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Model: "sequential"

Layer (type)	Output Shape	Param #
conv2d (Conv2D)	(None, 26, 26, 32)	320
max_pooling2d (MaxPooling2D)	(None, 13, 13, 32)	0
conv2d_1 (Conv2D)	(None, 11, 11, 64)	18,496
max_pooling2d_1 (MaxPooling2D)	(None, 5, 5, 64)	0
flatten (Flatten)	(None, 1600)	0
dense (Dense)	(None, 128)	204,928
dropout (Dropout)	(None, 128)	0
dense_1 (Dense)	(None, 10)	1,290

Total params: 225,034 (879.04 KB)
Trainable params: 225,034 (879.04 KB)
Non-trainable params: 0 (0.00 B)

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# Step 6: Compile and Train the Model
model.compile(optimizer='adam', loss='categorical_crossentropy', metrics=['accuracy'])
history = model.fit(x_train, y_train_cat, epochs=5, batch_size=128, validation_split=0.1)
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# Step 7: Evaluate the Model
loss, accuracy = model.evaluate(x_test, y_test_cat)
print(f"Test Accuracy: {accuracy:.4f}")
# Plot training history
plt.plot(history.history['accuracy'], label='Train')
plt.plot(history.history['val_accuracy'], label='Validation')
plt.title('Model Accuracy')
plt.xlabel('Epoch')
plt.ylabel('Accuracy')
plt.legend()
plt.show()
# Step 8: Confusion Matrix
y_pred = model.predict(x_test)
y_pred_labels = np.argmax(y_pred, axis=1)
conf_matrix = confusion_matrix(y_test, y_pred_labels)
plt.figure(figsize=(10,8))
sns.heatmap(conf_matrix, annot=True, fmt="d", cmap="Blues")
plt.title("Confusion Matrix")
plt.xlabel("Predicted")
plt.ylabel("Actual")
plt.show()
print(classification_report(y_test, y_pred_labels))
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Confusion Matrix

Step 9: Save the Model (optional for deployment)
model.save("mnist_digit_recognition_model.h5")
print("Model saved successfully.")

