

# AI Sudoku Solver

Marine AI Practice in English Mid-term  
Report

Sometimes, Sudoku  
is too hard...

OBJECTIVE

Let’s make it a bit easier

Use Image recognition to recognize written digits

Select the sudoku problem contours from an image  
map the numbers and solve the problem

Create an easy interface to use the program

PROJECT SETUP / BACKGROUND

What tools are we using (so far)

- Python
- Tensorflow (Keras)
  - Cv2
  - Numpy
  - Matplotlib

Information

- Kaggle
- Deep Learning Course
  - Computer Vision Course
- Research
- No Routing Needed Between Capsules  
(Adam Byerly, Tatiana Kalganova, Ian Kear)
  - Sudo OpenCV Blog
  - Tensorflow Documentation
- MNIST dataset

# Our current model

Current  
Accuracy:  
**98.53%**

Current Loss:  
**4.61%**

```
# Create the model with Input layer instead of input_shape
self.model = tf.keras.Sequential([
    # Input layer specifying the input shape
    layers.Input(shape=[28, 28, 1]), # Input layer

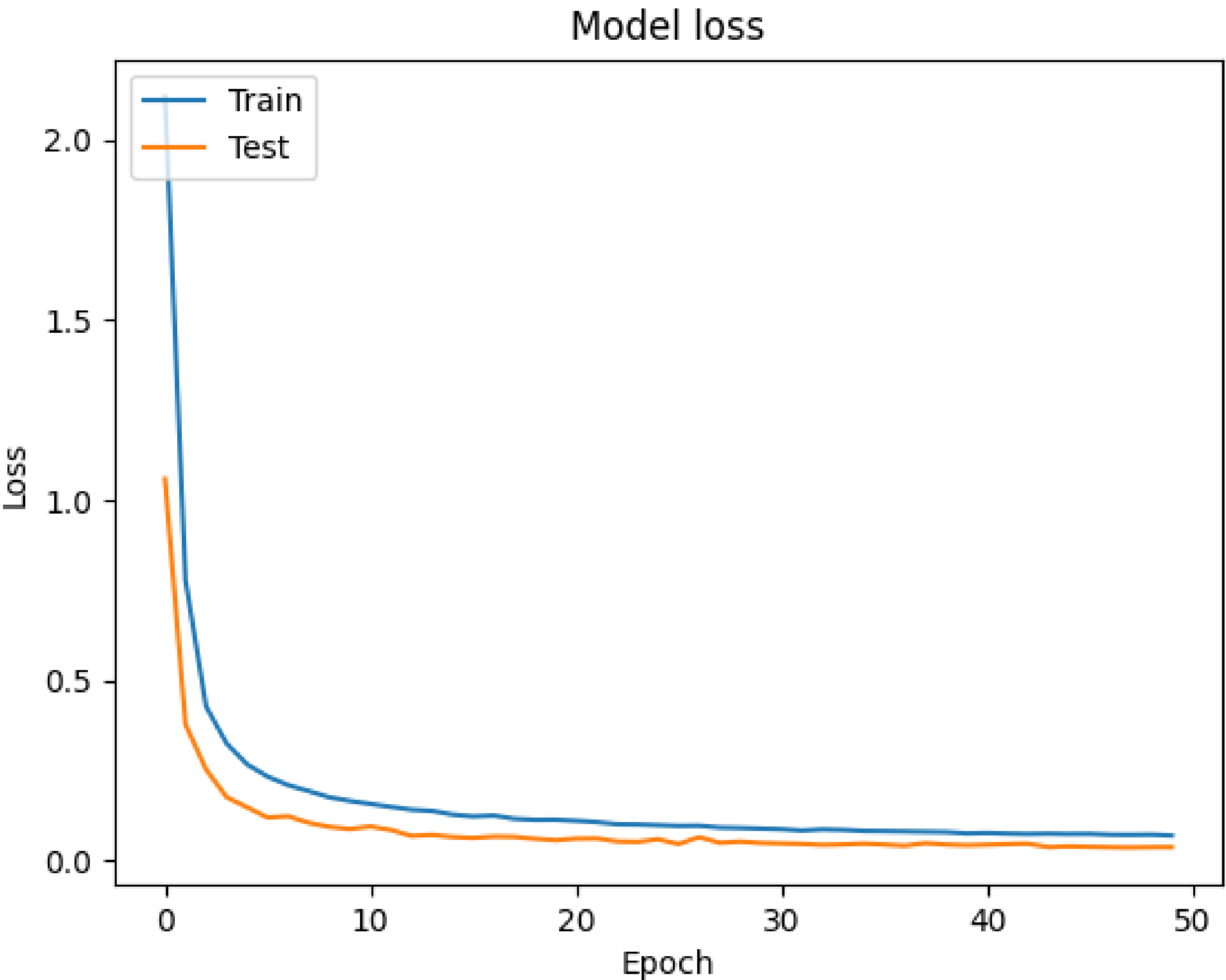
    # data augmentation
    layers.RandomRotation(fill_mode='constant', fill_value=0.0, factor=0.3),

    # First Convolutional Block (3 layers of Conv2D with 64 filters)
    layers.Conv2D(filters=64, kernel_size=3, activation='relu', padding='same'),
    layers.MaxPool2D(),
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    layers.MaxPool2D(),
    layers.Conv2D(filters=64, kernel_size=3, activation='relu', padding='same'),
    layers.MaxPool2D(),

    # Second Convolutional Block
    layers.Dense(activation='relu', units=64),
    layers.Dropout(0.3),
    layers.Conv2D(filters=64, kernel_size=3, activation='relu', padding='same'),

    # Head
    layers.Flatten(),
    layers.Dense(units=10, activation="softmax"),
])
```

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KEY PROBLEMS

# Key Problems and Current Solutions

**Data preprocessing**

Finding a good way to process our own images of handwritten numbers

**Problematic Numbers**

Since you'll say more in a bit, you can keep these short.

# Finding good ways to process our handwritten data



```
Data loaded successfully!  
Model loaded successfully!  
Predicting 8shen.png  
1/1 _____ 0s  
5  
Predicting 1mads.png  
1/1 _____ 0s  
5  
Predicting 6daniel.png  
1/1 _____ 0s  
5  
Predicting 9shen.png  
1/1 _____ 0s  
5  
Predicting 0shen.png  
1/1 _____ 0s  
5  
Predicting 3mads.png  
1/1 _____ 0s  
5  
Predicting 2mads.png  
1/1 _____ 0s  
5  
Predicting 7shen.png  
1/1 _____ 0s  
5  
Predicting 4mads.png  
1/1 _____ 0s  
5  
Predicting 5daniel.png  
1/1 _____ 0s  
5
```

```
Predicting 8shen.png  
1/1 _____  
8  
Predicting 1mads.png  
1/1 _____  
8  
Predicting 6daniel.png  
1/1 _____  
6  
Predicting 9shen.png  
1/1 _____  
8  
Predicting 0shen.png  
1/1 _____  
8  
Predicting 3mads.png  
1/1 _____  
8  
Predicting 2mads.png  
1/1 _____  
8  
Predicting 7shen.png  
1/1 _____  
8  
Predicting 4mads.png  
1/1 _____  
8  
Predicting 5daniel.png  
1/1 _____  
8
```

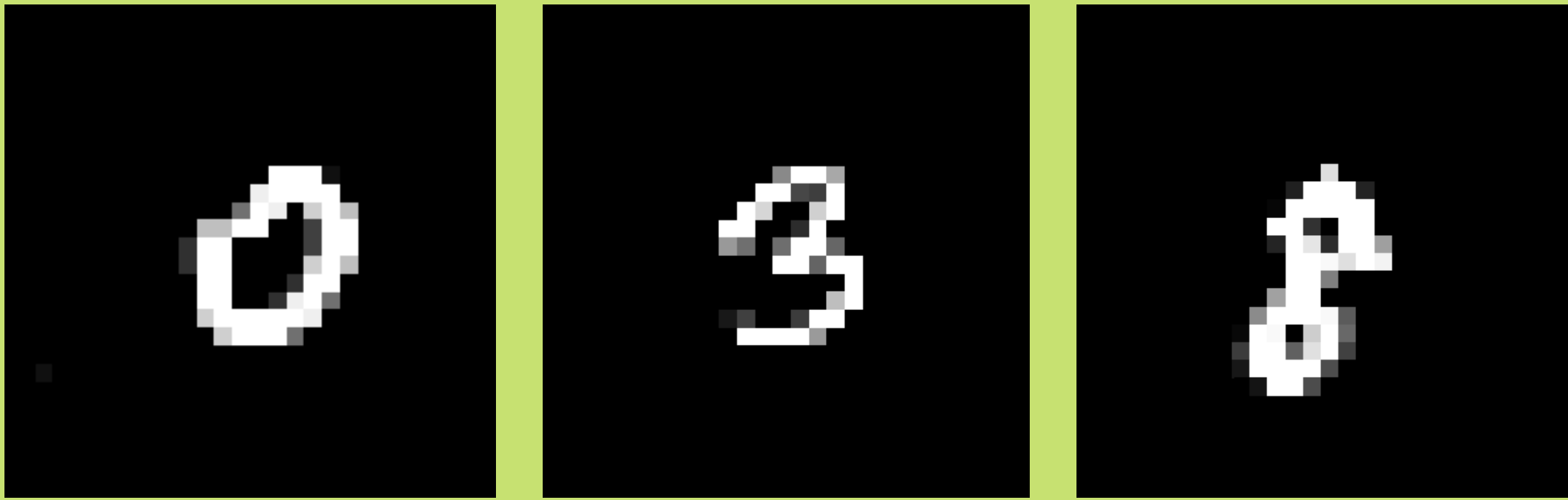
```
Predicting 8shen.png  
1/1 _____ 0s 56ms/step  
1: 8 (76.59%)  
2: 6 (12.72%)  
3: 5 (6.02%)  
Predicting 1mads.png  
1/1 _____ 0s 6ms/step  
1: 1 (54.0%)  
2: 4 (30.65%)  
3: 5 (8.29%)  
Predicting 6daniel.png  
1/1 _____ 0s 6ms/step  
1: 6 (91.97%)  
2: 5 (4.98%)  
3: 8 (2.43%)  
Predicting 9shen.png  
1/1 _____ 0s 7ms/step  
1: 1 (75.21%)  
2: 7 (13.68%)  
3: 8 (4.4%)  
Predicting 0shen.png  
1/1 _____ 0s 7ms/step  
1: 9 (46.07%)  
2: 3 (25.68%)  
3: 5 (13.11%)  
Predicting 3mads.png  
1/1 _____ 0s 6ms/step  
1: 9 (93.06%)  
2: 3 (4.93%)  
3: 5 (1.0%)  
Predicting 2mads.png  
1/1 _____ 0s 6ms/step  
1: 2 (95.2%)  
2: 4 (4.37%)  
3: 7 (0.33%)  
Predicting 7shen.png  
1/1 _____ 0s 7ms/step  
1: 7 (99.5%)  
2: 3 (0.25%)  
3: 9 (0.17%)  
Predicting 4mads.png  
1/1 _____ 0s 6ms/step  
1: 4 (78.57%)  
2: 9 (20.7%)  
3: 5 (0.68%)  
Predicting 5daniel.png  
1/1 _____ 0s 7ms/step  
1: 5 (97.36%)  
2: 8 (2.27%)  
3: 9 (0.31%)
```



PROBLEMATIC NUMBERS

Some numbers are  
hard for our model to  
predict

```
Predicting 8shen.png
1/1  0s 32ms/step
1: 6 (87.77%)
2: 9 (5.13%)
3: 8 (4.01%)
Predicting 0shen.png
1/1  0s 6ms/step
1: 6 (85.12%)
2: 9 (8.43%)
3: 0 (6.15%)
Predicting 3mads.png
1/1  0s 6ms/step
1: 9 (76.58%)
2: 3 (15.32%)
3: 5 (6.36%)
Predicting 2mads.png
```



DEMO

# Live Demo & Showcase

PLAN MOVING FORWARD

TIMELINE

4 weeks

**Week 1:** Fine-tune our model to be able to identify problematic numbers

**Week 2:** Be able to scan and identify a sudoku board

**Week 3:** Pinpoint the position of numbers & solve the sudoku problem

**Week 4:** Create a mobile demo and web server to serve results

Goals

Solve a Sudoku Problem

**Goal 1:** We want to be able to take an image of a Sudoku board and solve it

**Goal 2:** We want to have a high accuracy of identifying handwritten numbers (90%?)

Optimistic Goals

Mobile Interface

If previous goal is achieved we want to expand into a simple mobile app to take a picture, upload image to our web server and produce the solution for the user

“I love sudoku solver, it helped me bring joy to my family and friends”

Future Sudoku Solver User, North Korea