CS 4662-01 Advanced Machine Learning Project: Sign Language Recognition Model

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Project Description & Details

- Our project uses multiple machine learning models to classify Sign Language images and help us identify them as alphabetical letters.
- The American Sign Language letter database of hand gestures represents a multi-class problem with 24 classes of letters (excluding J and Z which require motion).
- We used labels with pixel values and compare them with images of signed words to correctly classify the letters
- The testing/training cases are half the size of a modern MNIST standard but similar to the header row of labels.

Project Goals

- To create a machine-learning algorithm that can correctly identify hand signs as accurately as possible with the usage of new methods learned from this class.
- To create a deeper understanding of how to use certain methods and use them to achieve higher accuracy rates by using multiple libraries
- To improve the Algorithm and increase the accuracy
- ❖ To compare the accuracy of the algorithm with other machine learning algorithms
- ❖ To determine the ROC curve of the multiple algorithms used

Developed Methods, Algorithms, and Tools

- Encoding Method
 - One Hot Encoding

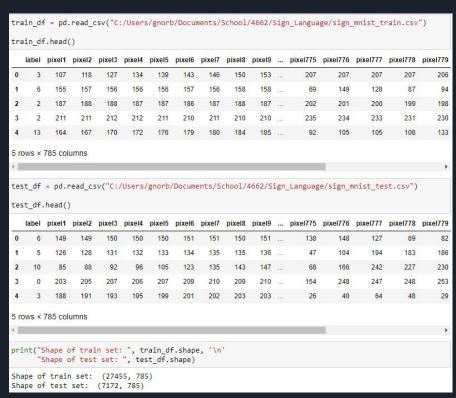
- Algorithms Used
 - > CNN
 - Logistic Regression
 - > KNN
 - AdaBoost
 - Decision Tree
 - > Random Forest

- Tools Used
 - > Pandas
 - > Numpy
 - > Matplotlib
 - > Seaborn
 - > Sklearn
 - Keras

 Here we grab our dataset from our user files

 Print it so we know what data we are working with

We show our label and pixel images



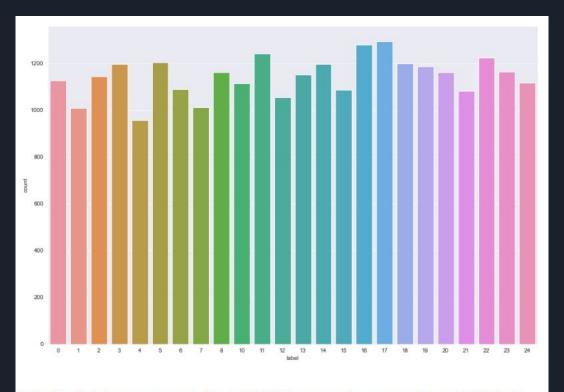
 Next we start with CNN (Convolutional Neural Network)

 CNN is useful for machine learning models because they help with image and object recognition

We grab the letters and plot them on a bar chart A-Z.

Data Visualization

```
warnings.simplefilter(action='ignore', category=FutureWarning)
labels = train df['label']
u labels = np.array(labels)
print(labels)
print(u_labels)
print(np.unique(u labels))
         13
27450
        13
27451
27452
        18
        17
27453
27454
Name: label, Length: 27455, dtype: int64
[ 3 6 2 ... 18 17 23]
[ 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24]
plt.figure(figsize = (15,10)) # Label Count
sns.set style("darkgrid")
sns.countplot(train df['label'])
<AxesSubplot:xlabel='label', ylabel='count'>
```



Note: The training case represents a label (0-25) as a one-to-one map for each alphabetic letter A-Z (and no cases for 9=J or 25=Z because of gesture motions).

In preprocessing we assigning y_train and y_test with 'label' and then delete them off our train_df and test_df.

This is done in order to have train_df and test_df be composed entirely of just the pixel values.

Preprocessing

Once done with preprocessing, we may begin One Hot Encoding on the y_train and y_test labels to categorize the data properly.

```
# OneHotEncoding for the output label:
y_train = np_utils.to_categorical(y train, 25)
y_test = np_utils.to_categorical(y test, 25)
# Label after OneHotEncoding:
print (y train.shape)
print (y train[:10,:])
(27455, 25)
0.]
[0. 0. 0. 0. 0. 0. 0. 0. 0. 0. 0. 0. 1. 0. 0. 0. 0. 0. 0. 0. 0. 0. 0.
```

- After sorting out the labels this is where we start assigning x_train and x_test to solely the pixels from train_df and test_df.
- We now need to normalize the data and in order to assign it within the range of [0,1], we need to divide the x_train and x_test by 255.

```
x train = train df.values
x test = test df.values
print(x_train)
print(x_test)
[[107 118 127 ... 204 203 202]
[155 157 156 ... 103 135 149]
[187 188 188 ... 195 194 195]
[174 174 174 ... 202 200 200]
 [177 181 184 ... 64 87 93]
 [179 180 180 ... 205 209 215]]
[[149 149 150 ... 112 120 107]
 [126 128 131 ... 184 182 180]
 [ 85 88 92 ... 225 224 222]
[190 191 190 ... 211 209 208]
 [201 205 208 ... 67 70 63]
 [173 174 173 ... 195 193 192]]
# Normalize the data
# simply scale the features to the range of [0,1]:
x train = x train.astype('float32')
x_test = x_test.astype('float32')
x train = x train / 255
x_test = x_test / 255
print(x train.shape)
print(x test.shape)
print("\n")
print(x_train)
print(x test)
(27455, 784)
(7172, 784)
[[0.41960785 0.4627451 0.49803922 ... 0.8
[0.60784316 0.6156863 0.6117647 ... 0.40392157 0.5294118 0.58431375]
 [0.73333335 0.7372549 0.7372549 ... 0.7647059 0.7607843 0.7647059
[0.68235296 0.68235296 0.68235296 ... 0.7921569 0.78431374 0.78431374]
 [0.69411767 0.70980394 0.72156864 ... 0.2509804 0.34117648 0.3647059
[0.7019608 0.7058824 0.7058824 ... 0.8039216 0.81960785 0.84313726]
[[0.58431375 0.58431375 0.5882353 ... 0.4392157 0.47058824 0.41960785]
[0.49411765 0.5019608 0.5137255 ... 0.72156864 0.7137255 0.7058824
 [0.33333334 0.34509805 0.36078432 ... 0.88235295 0.8784314 0.87058824
[0.74509805 0.7490196 0.74509805 ... 0.827451 0.81960785 0.8156863
 [0.7882353 0.8039216 0.8156863 ... 0.2627451 0.27450982 0.24705882
 [0.6784314 0.68235296 0.6784314 ... 0.7647059 0.75686276 0.7529412 ]]
```

Once we finish the previous steps we may now begin converting the pixels given to us from a 1-D image to a 3-D image.

```
# Reshaping the data from 1-D to 3-D as required through input by CNN's
x_train = x_train.reshape(-1,28,28,1)
x_test = x_test.reshape(-1,28,28,1)

print(x_train.shape)
print(x_test.shape)
#------
print(y_train.shape)
print(y_test.shape)

(27455, 28, 28, 1)
(7172, 28, 28, 1)
(27455, 25)
(7172, 25)
```

Before starting the model training and accuracy tests, we want to first show off a few of the sample images to demonstrate what they will look like and what the model will be trying to interpret.

Preview of first 10 images Train Images f, ax = plt.subplots(2,5) f.set size inches(10, 10) for i in range(2): for j in range(5): ax[i,j].imshow(x train[k].reshape(28, 28) , cmap = "gray") plt.tight_layout() Test Images f, ax = plt.subplots(2,5) f.set size inches(10, 10) for i in range(2): for j in range(5): ax[i,j].imshow(x_test[k].reshape(28, 28) , cmap = "gray") plt.tight layout()

Define the Network Architecture (model):

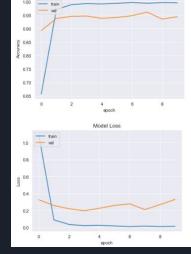
```
# define:
model = Sequential()
# CNN first layer (with 64 3x3 filter):
model.add(Conv2D(64, kernel size=(3,3), activation = 'relu', input shape=(28, 28,1), padding="same"))
# with no zero padding -> (None, 26, 26, 64)
# Pooling Layer:
model.add(MaxPooling2D(pool size = (2, 2)))
# more hidden layers:
model.add(Conv2D(64, kernel size = (3, 3), activation = 'relu', padding="same"))
model.add(MaxPooling2D(pool size = (2, 2)))
# more hidden layers:
model.add(Conv2D(64, kernel size = (3, 3), activation = 'relu', padding="same"))
# Pooling Layer:
model.add(MaxPooling2D(pool size = (2, 2)))
model.add(Flatten())
model.add(Dense(128,activation = "relu"))
# Dropout layer to avoid overfitting
model.add(Dropout(0.20))
model.add(Dense(25, activation = "softmax"))
#compile Model
model.compile(loss="categorical crossentropy", metrics=["accuracy"], optimizer="adam")
model.summary()
```

- This is the summary and training for our model
- We begin to train the fitted model to achieve a higher accuracy as the algorithm iterates.

Model: "sequential_40"			Training
	Output Shape	Param #	=fitted model = model.fit(x train, y train, batch size= 32, validation data = (x test, y test), epochs= 10, verbose=1)
	(None, 28, 28, 64)	640	# batch_size: Integer or None. Number of samples per gradient update.
max_pooling2d_120 (MaxPooli ng2D)	(None, 14, 14, 64)	0	# epochs: Number of iterations over the entire x and y training data. # verbose: 0, 1, or 2. how to see the training progress. 0 = silent, 1 = progress bar, 2 = one line per epoch. # validation_data: Data on which to evaluate the loss and any model metrics at the end of each epoch.
conv2d_121 (Conv2D)	(None, 14, 14, 64)	36928	# You can add some callbacks to get a view on internal states and statistics of the model during training: # https://keras.io/callbacks/
max_pooling2d_121 (MaxPooli ng2D)	(None, 7, 7, 64)	0	Epoch 1/10 858/858 [===================================
conv2d_122 (Conv2D)	(None, 7, 7, 64)	36928	Epoch 2/10 858/858 [=========] - 15s 17ms/step - loss: 0.0907 - accuracy: 0.9709 - val_loss: 0.2597 - val_accuracy:
<pre>max_pooling2d_122 (MaxPooli ng2D)</pre>	(None, 3, 3, 64)	0	0.9374 Epoch 3/10 858/858 [===================================
flatten_40 (Flatten)	(None, 576)	0	0.9455 Epoch 4/10 858/858 [================================] - 15s 17ms/step - loss: 0.0231 - accuracy: 0.9928 - val loss: 0.1975 - val accuracy:
dense_79 (Dense)	(None, 128)	73856	050/050 [] * 155 1/ms/step * 1055: 0.0251 * dcturdcy: 0.5920 * val_1055: 0.1575 * val_acturdcy: 0.9466 6.9466 Epoch 5/10
dropout_40 (Dropout)	(None, 128)	0	558/858 [===========] - 15s 17ms/step - loss: 0.0264 - accuracy: 0.9912 - val_loss: 0.2269 - val_accuracy: 0.9378
dense_80 (Dense)	(None, 25)	3225	Epoch 6/10 858/858 [===================================
Total params: 151,577 Trainable params: 151,577 Non-trainable params: 0			Epoch 7/10 858/858 [============] - 15s 17ms/step - loss: 0.0112 - accuracy: 0.9967 - val_loss: 0.2786 - val_accuracy: 0.9477 0.9477 Epoch 8/10
			.858/858 [===============] - 15s 18ms/step - loss: 0.0181 - accuracy: 0.9941 - val_loss: 0.2116 - val_accuracy: 0.9610
# 640 = (3x3+1)x64 filters # 36928 = (3x3x64+1)x64 filte # 36928 = (3x3x64+1)x64 filte			Epoch 9/10 858/858 [=============] - 15s 18ms/step - loss: 0.0116 - accuracy: 0.9963 - val_loss: 0.2701 - val_accuracy: 0.9350 0.9350 Epoch 10/10
# 73856 = (576+1)×128 # 3225 = (128+1)×25			ESS/858 [==============] - 15s 17ms/step - loss: 0.0143 - accuracy: 0.9958 - val_loss: 0.3312 - val_accuracy: 0.9441

- After our CNN model, we can see the accuracy of the model in the graph.
- This also shows us a breakpoint where maybe too much training is happening and we get overfitting.
- Both model accuracy and model loss show no signs of overfitting with the increase in the number of epochs used.

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
# summarize history for accuracy
plt.plot(fitted_model.history['accuracy'])
plt.plot(fitted_model.history['val_accuracy'])
plt.title('Model Accuracy')
plt.ylabel('Accuracy')
plt.xlabel('epoch')
plt.legend(['train', 'val'], loc='upper left')
plt.show()
# summarize history for loss
plt.plot(fitted_model.history['loss'])
plt.plot(fitted model.history['val loss'])
plt.title('Model Loss')
plt.ylabel('Loss')
plt.xlabel('epoch'
plt.legend(['train', 'val'], loc='upper left')
plt.show()
```



Model Accuracy

The overall accuracy with the CNN model we created is 94%.

This means our model correctly classifies the pixel images into letters at an effective rate of 94%.

```
Testing
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  alphabet = "ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ"
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  plt.figure(figsize=(15,15))
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   for i in range(9):
# Predictions returned by the model in an array format
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 plt.subplot(3,3,i+1)
predict = model.predict(x_test)
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                plt.imshow(x_test[i],cmap='gray')
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 plt.ylabel(f"True: {alphabet[y[i]]}")
# Returns the indices of the maximum values along an axis.
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                plt.xlabel(f"Predicted: {alphabet[classes_x[i]]}")
classes_x = np.argmax(predict, axis=1)
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  plt.show()
print(classes_x)
 [6 5 10 ... 2 4 2]
score = model.evaluate(x_test, y_test)
print('The accuracy is: ', score[1])
225/225 [==========] - 1s 5ms/step - 1 % ms/step - 1 % ms/
The accuracy is: 0.946040153503418
```

Using various Machine Learning algorithms

We read our data and print the shape to visually see the data we are working with.

```
We need the dataset before removing the "label" column
In [59]: train_df_2 = pd.read_csv("C:/Users/gnorb/Documents/School/4662/Sign_Language/sign_mnist_train.csv")
       print(train_df_2.head())
       test_df_2 = pd.read_csv("C:/Users/gnorb/Documents/School/4662/Sign_Language/sign_mnist_test.csv")
       print(test_df_2.head())
           label pixel1 pixel2 pixel3 pixel4 pixel5 pixel6 pixel7 pixel8 \
                        118
                                      134
                   211
                         211
                                212
                                      212
                                              211
                                                    210
                                                            211
                                                                   210
                                       172
                                             176
                                                     179
          pixel9 ... pixel775 pixel776 pixel777 pixel778 pixel779 pixel780 \
            187 ...
            210 ...
                         235
                                                   231
                                                                     226
            185 ...
           pixel781 pixel782 pixel783 pixel784
              175
                               135
              225
                               229
       [5 rows x 785 columns]
           label pixel1 pixel2 pixel3 pixel4 pixel5 pixel6 pixel7 pixel8 \
                          88
                                92
                                              105
                                                     123
                                                            135
                                                                   143
                          205
                                207
                                                     209
                                                                   209
          pixel9 ... pixel775 pixel776 pixel777 pixel778 pixel779 pixel780
            136 ...
            147 ...
                          68
                                  166
                                                                    227
          pixel781 pixel782 pixel783 pixel784
                       225
                               253
                                        255
       [5 rows x 785 columns]
```

```
Preprocessing the data for Classification
from sklearn.preprocessing import LabelEncoder
from sklearn.metrics import accuracy score
# Reshape each image pixels into a row of feature table with 28*28=784 features (each pixel is a feature):
x train = x train.reshape(27455, 28 * 28 * 1)
x test = x test.reshape(7172, 28 * 28 * 1)
# print(x train)
y train = train df 2.iloc[0:27455, 0].values
y test = test df 2.iloc[0:7172, 0].values
x train = x train * 255
x test = x test * 255
print(x train)
print("\n")
print(y_train)
[[107. 118. 127. ... 204. 203. 202.]
 [155, 157, 156, ... 103, 135, 149.]
 [187. 188. 188. ... 195. 194. 195.]
 [174. 174. 174. ... 202. 200. 200.]
 [177. 181. 184. ... 64. 87. 93.]
 [179. 180. 180. ... 205. 209. 215.]]
[ 3 6 2 ... 18 17 23]
print(x train.shape)
print(x test.shape)
print(y train.shape)
print(y_test.shape)
(27455, 784)
(7172, 784)
(27455,)
(7172,)
```

Using various Machine Learning algorithms: Logistic Regression

Using Logistic Regression, we predict an accuracy of 68%

Using various Machine Learning algorithms: KNN

Using KNN, we predict an accuracy of 80%

```
from sklearn.neighbors import KNeighborsClassifier

# K value should be odd
k = 3

my_knn = KNeighborsClassifier(n_neighbors=k) # name of the object is arbitrary!

# Training ONLY on the training set:
my_knn.fit(x_train, y_train)

# Testing on the testing set:
y_predict_knn = my_knn.predict(x_test)

print(y_predict_knn, '\n')

score_knn = accuracy_score(y_test, y_predict_knn)
print('Accuracy:', score_knn, '\n')

[ 6 5 21 ... 2 4 2]

Accuracy: 0.8039598438371445
```

```
y_predict_knn = my_knn.predict(x_test)

y_predict_prob_knn = my_knn.predict_proba(x_test)

# AUC

fpr_knn, tpr_knn, thresholds_knn = metrics.roc_curve(y_test, y_predict_prob_knn[:,1], pos_label=1)

AUC_knn = metrics.auc(fpr_knn, tpr_knn)

print('AUC:', AUC_knn)

AUC: 0.9785735383009123
```

Using various Machine Learning algorithms:

AdaBoost

- Using AdaBoost, we predict an accuracy of 26%
- The lowest accuracy of all our various algorithms

```
AdaBoost

from sklearn.ensemble import AdaBoostClassifier

# In the following line, "my_AdaBoost" is instantiated as an "object" of AdaBoostClassifier "class".

my_AdaBoost = AdaBoostClassifier(n_estimators = 29, random_state=2)

# We can use the method "fit" of the "object my_AdaBoost" along with training dataset and labels to train the model.

my_AdaBoost.fit(x_train, y_train)

y_predict_ab = my_AdaBoost.predict(x_test)

print(y_predict_ab, '\n')

score_ab = accuracy_score(y_test, y_predict_ab)

print('Accuracy:', score_ab, '\n')

[ 2 5 17 ... 2 12 2]

Accuracy: 0.25697155605131067
```

Using various Machine Learning algorithms: Decision Tree

Using Decision Tree, we predict an accuracy of 44%

```
Decision Tree

from sklearn.tree import DecisionTreeClassifier

my_DecisionTree = DecisionTreeClassifier(random_state=3)

# We can use the method "fit" of the objects "my_decisiontree" along with training dataset and labels to train the model.

# Training ONLY on the training set:

my_DecisionTree.fit(x_train, y_train)

# Testing on the testing set:

y_predict_dt = my_DecisionTree.predict(x_test)

print(y_predict_dt, '\n')

# We can now compare the "predicted labels" for the Testing Set with its "actual labels" to evaluate the accuracy score_dt = accuracy_score(y_test, y_predict_dt)

print('Accuracy:', score_dt, '\n')

[22 20 10 ... 2 4 2]

Accuracy: 0.43530395984383713
```

```
y_predict_dt = my_DecisionTree.predict(x_test)

y_predict_prob_dt = my_DecisionTree.predict_proba(x_test)

# AUC
fpr_dt, tpr_dt, thresholds_dt = metrics.roc_curve(y_test, y_predict_prob_dt[:,1], pos_label=1)

AUC_dt = metrics.auc(fpr_dt, tpr_dt)
print('AUC:', AUC_dt)

AUC: 0.758354626882075
```

Using various Machine Learning algorithms: Random Forest

Using Random Forest, we predict an accuracy of 74%

```
Random Forest

from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestClassifier

# You can adjust parameters:
my_RandomForest = RandomForestClassifier(n_estimators = 19, bootstrap = True, random_state=3)

# Training ONLY on the training set:
my_RandomForest.fit(x_train, y_train)

# Testing on the testing set:
y_predict_rf = my_RandomForest.predict(x_test)

print(y_predict_dt)
print(y_predict_dt)
print("\n")

# We can now compare the "predicted labels" for the Testing Set with its "actual labels" to evaluate the accuracy
score_rf = accuracy_score(y_test, y_predict_rf)

print('Accuracy:', score_rf, '\n')

[22 20 10 ... 2 4 2]

Accuracy: 0.7391243725599553
```

```
y_predict_rf = my_RandomForest.predict(x_test)

y_predict_prob_rf = my_RandomForest.predict_proba(x_test)

# AUC
fpr_rf, tpr_rf, thresholds_rf = metrics.roc_curve(y_test, y_predict_prob_rf[:,1], pos_label=1)

AUC_rf = metrics.auc(fpr_rf, tpr_rf)
print('AUC:', AUC_rf)

AUC: 0.9878494546103969
```

Graphing the AUC's & ROC curves

ROC

```
# Importing the "pyplot" package of "matplotlib" library of python to generate
# graphs and plot curves:
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
# The following line will tell Jupyter Notebook to keep the figures inside the explorer page
# rather than opening a new figure window:
%matplotlib inline
plt.figure()
# Roc Curve:
plt.plot(fpr_lr, tpr_lr, color='red', lw=2,
         label='Logistic Regression (area = %0.2f)' % AUC lr)
plt.plot(fpr knn, tpr knn, color='purple', lw=2,
         label='KNN (area = %0.2f)' % AUC knn)
plt.plot(fpr_dt, tpr_dt, color='deepskyblue', lw=2,
         label='Decision Tree (area = %0.2f)' % AUC dt)
plt.plot(fpr ab, tpr ab, color='seagreen', lw=2,
         label='AdaBoost (area = %0.2f)' % AUC ab)
plt.plot(fpr rf, tpr rf, color='hotpink', lw=2,
         label='Random Forest (area = %0.2f)' % AUC rf)
# Random Guess Line:
plt.plot([0, 1], [0, 1], color='blue', lw=1, linestyle='--')
# Defining The Range of X-Axis and Y-Axis:
plt.xlim([-0.005, 1.005])
plt.ylim([0.0, 1.01])
# Labels, Title, Legend:
plt.xlabel('False Positive Rate')
plt.ylabel('True Positive Rate')
plt.title('Receiver Operating Characteristic')
plt.legend(loc="lower right")
plt.show()
                Receiver Operating Characteristic
  0.4

    Logistic Regression (area = 1.00)

                            KNN (area = 0.98)
                             Decision Tree (area = 0.76)
                              AdaBoost (area = 0.87)
                            Random Forest (area = 0.99)
                       False Positive Rate
```

- Logistic Regression has the best performance (1.00)
- Random Forest (0.99)
- **❖** KNN (0.98)
- AdaBoost (0.87)
- Decision Tree (0.76).
- If we compare these algorithms with our algorithm using CNN, it shows better performance than most classifiers.

Conclusion

- In order to correctly identify hand signs using CNN, we were able to achieve an extremely high accuracy rate from our algorithm CNN.
- When comparing CNN to other machine learning algorithms we have previously learned and plotting them using the AUC-ROC curve, we can see that CNN is far superior when doing image recognition for this project.
- CNN taught us to use Neural Networks to effectively classifier models that require image classification.