MNIST Data Prediction With Different Types of Deep Learning Models

Objective

This notebook tests 3 different deep learning models on the MNIST hand written digits dataset to see which type of model is able to most accurately predict the digits into one of 10 categories (0 to 9) given an associated image. The test set accuracy will be used to assess which model performs the best, potential recommendations will also be outlined.

The three models that will be tested will be the following:

- Model 1: A densely connected deep neural network
- Model 2: A densely connected deep neural network with dropout applied to help with regularization
- Model 3: A convolutional neural network (CNN) with max pooling

```
import numpy as np
import pandas as pd
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns
import warnings
warnings.filterwarnings("ignore")
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler
from sklearn.metrics import confusion_matrix, precision_recall_curve, roc_auc_score, ro

#import keras objects for Deep Learning
from keras.models import Sequential
from keras.layers import Input,Dense, Flatten, Dropout, BatchNormalization
from keras.datasets import mnist
```

Description of the Data

The MNIST handwritten digits dataset is one of the most popular datasets used in machine learning research and consists of grey-scale images (28x28 pixels). It has 60000 training set images and 10000 test set images and comes part of the Keras library. The following snippets of code loads the data, shows some examples of how it looks, shows the shape etc. and then does some preprocessing of the data to normalise to be used by the deep learning framework of Keras.

```
In [3]: (train_images,y_train),(test_images,y_test) = mnist.load_data()

In [3]: plt.imshow(train_images[0],cmap=plt.cm.binary)
    plt.show()
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10 -

15 -

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25 -

0 5 10 15 20 25
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In [21]:
          y_train[0]
Out[21]:
In [14]:
          train_images.shape
          (60000, 28, 28)
Out[14]:
In [15]:
          test_images.shape
          (10000, 28, 28)
Out[15]:
In [19]:
           x_train = train_images.reshape((60000,28*28))
          x_train = x_train.astype('float32')/255
          x_test = test_images.reshape((10000,28*28))
          x_test = x_test.astype('float32')/255
In [22]:
          y_train
          array([5, 0, 4, ..., 5, 6, 8], dtype=uint8)
Out[22]:
In [11]:
          y_train_df=pd.Series(y_train)
In [14]:
          y_train_df.value_counts()
               6742
Out[14]:
               6265
               6131
          2
               5958
          9
               5949
          0
               5923
          6
               5918
               5851
```

4 5842 5 5421 dtype: int64

Model 1: Dense Deep Learning Model without Dropout

```
In [5]:
       network = Sequential()
       network.add(Dense(512,activation='relu',input_shape=(28*28,)))
       network.add(Dense(10,activation='softmax'))
In [6]:
       network.compile(optimizer='rmsprop', loss='categorical crossentropy',metrics=['accuracy
In [9]:
       from tensorflow.keras.utils import to_categorical
       train labels = to categorical(y train)
       test_labels = to_categorical(y_test)
In [34]:
       train_labels[0]
      array([0., 0., 0., 0., 0., 1., 0., 0., 0., 0.], dtype=float32)
Out[34]:
In [32]:
       network.summary()
      Model: "sequential"
       Layer (type)
                          Output Shape
                                             Param #
       ------
       dense (Dense)
                           (None, 512)
                                             401920
       dense 1 (Dense)
                           (None, 10)
                                             5130
      _____
      Total params: 407,050
      Trainable params: 407,050
      Non-trainable params: 0
In [31]:
       run_hist_nn1=network.fit(x_train,train_labels,epochs=100,batch_size=128,validation_data
      Epoch 1/100
      94 - val loss: 0.0981 - val accuracy: 0.9807
      Epoch 2/100
      96 - val_loss: 0.0881 - val_accuracy: 0.9822
      Epoch 3/100
      95 - val loss: 0.0834 - val accuracy: 0.9833
      Epoch 4/100
      96 - val loss: 0.0909 - val accuracy: 0.9828
      Epoch 5/100
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0.9998 - val loss: 0.0957 - val accuracy: 0.9819
Epoch 6/100
0.9999 - val loss: 0.1025 - val accuracy: 0.9815
Epoch 7/100
0.9998 - val loss: 0.0989 - val accuracy: 0.9828
Epoch 8/100
0.9999 - val loss: 0.1148 - val accuracy: 0.9807
Epoch 9/100
0.9999 - val loss: 0.1083 - val accuracy: 0.9820
Epoch 10/100
0.9999 - val_loss: 0.1093 - val_accuracy: 0.9820
Epoch 11/100
0.9999 - val loss: 0.1041 - val accuracy: 0.9834
Epoch 12/100
0.9999 - val loss: 0.1108 - val accuracy: 0.9839
Epoch 13/100
0.9999 - val loss: 0.1155 - val accuracy: 0.9828
Epoch 14/100
0.9999 - val loss: 0.1148 - val accuracy: 0.9826
Epoch 15/100
0.9999 - val_loss: 0.1156 - val_accuracy: 0.9844
Epoch 16/100
0.9999 - val_loss: 0.1210 - val_accuracy: 0.9828
Epoch 17/100
1.0000 - val loss: 0.1251 - val accuracy: 0.9833
Epoch 18/100
1.0000 - val loss: 0.1259 - val accuracy: 0.9820
Epoch 19/100
1.0000 - val loss: 0.1214 - val accuracy: 0.9839
Epoch 20/100
1.0000 - val loss: 0.1310 - val accuracy: 0.9829
Epoch 21/100
1.0000 - val_loss: 0.1262 - val_accuracy: 0.9840
Epoch 22/100
1.0000 - val loss: 0.1334 - val accuracy: 0.9833
Epoch 23/100
1.0000 - val loss: 0.1353 - val accuracy: 0.9830
Epoch 24/100
1.0000 - val_loss: 0.1373 - val_accuracy: 0.9836
Epoch 25/100
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1.0000 - val loss: 0.1345 - val accuracy: 0.9839
Epoch 26/100
1.0000 - val loss: 0.1380 - val accuracy: 0.9831
Epoch 27/100
1.0000 - val_loss: 0.1358 - val_accuracy: 0.9833
Epoch 28/100
1.0000 - val loss: 0.1378 - val accuracy: 0.9835
Epoch 29/100
1.0000 - val loss: 0.1352 - val accuracy: 0.9835
1.0000 - val_loss: 0.1364 - val_accuracy: 0.9834
Epoch 31/100
1.0000 - val loss: 0.1371 - val accuracy: 0.9835
Epoch 32/100
1.0000 - val loss: 0.1381 - val accuracy: 0.9835
Epoch 33/100
1.0000 - val loss: 0.1389 - val accuracy: 0.9833
Epoch 34/100
1.0000 - val loss: 0.1389 - val accuracy: 0.9835
Epoch 35/100
1.0000 - val_loss: 0.1396 - val_accuracy: 0.9835
Epoch 36/100
1.0000 - val_loss: 0.1399 - val_accuracy: 0.9836
Epoch 37/100
1.0000 - val loss: 0.1405 - val accuracy: 0.9834
Epoch 38/100
1.0000 - val_loss: 0.1407 - val_accuracy: 0.9839
Epoch 39/100
1.0000 - val_loss: 0.1415 - val_accuracy: 0.9839
Epoch 40/100
1.0000 - val loss: 0.1418 - val accuracy: 0.9837
Epoch 41/100
1.0000 - val_loss: 0.1422 - val_accuracy: 0.9838
Epoch 42/100
1.0000 - val loss: 0.1425 - val accuracy: 0.9835
Epoch 43/100
1.0000 - val loss: 0.1428 - val accuracy: 0.9836
Epoch 44/100
1.0000 - val_loss: 0.1431 - val_accuracy: 0.9834
Epoch 45/100
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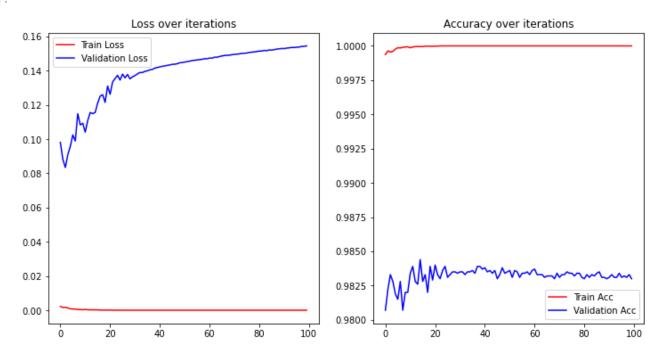
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1.0000 - val loss: 0.1433 - val accuracy: 0.9836
Epoch 46/100
1.0000 - val loss: 0.1437 - val accuracy: 0.9830
Epoch 47/100
1.0000 - val loss: 0.1437 - val accuracy: 0.9833
Epoch 48/100
1.0000 - val loss: 0.1440 - val accuracy: 0.9838
Epoch 49/100
1.0000 - val loss: 0.1446 - val accuracy: 0.9834
1.0000 - val_loss: 0.1447 - val_accuracy: 0.9835
Epoch 51/100
1.0000 - val loss: 0.1450 - val accuracy: 0.9836
Epoch 52/100
1.0000 - val loss: 0.1453 - val accuracy: 0.9831
Epoch 53/100
1.0000 - val loss: 0.1455 - val accuracy: 0.9836
Epoch 54/100
1.0000 - val loss: 0.1459 - val accuracy: 0.9835
Epoch 55/100
1.0000 - val_loss: 0.1461 - val_accuracy: 0.9831
Epoch 56/100
1.0000 - val_loss: 0.1463 - val_accuracy: 0.9834
Epoch 57/100
1.0000 - val loss: 0.1465 - val accuracy: 0.9834
Epoch 58/100
1.0000 - val_loss: 0.1466 - val_accuracy: 0.9835
Epoch 59/100
469/469 [============== ] - 9s 20ms/step - loss: 6.2068e-09 - accuracy:
1.0000 - val loss: 0.1470 - val accuracy: 0.9833
Epoch 60/100
1.0000 - val loss: 0.1469 - val accuracy: 0.9836
Epoch 61/100
1.0000 - val_loss: 0.1474 - val_accuracy: 0.9837
Epoch 62/100
469/469 [============= ] - 9s 20ms/step - loss: 5.8949e-09 - accuracy:
1.0000 - val loss: 0.1473 - val accuracy: 0.9833
Epoch 63/100
1.0000 - val loss: 0.1479 - val accuracy: 0.9833
Epoch 64/100
1.0000 - val_loss: 0.1479 - val_accuracy: 0.9833
Epoch 65/100
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1.0000 - val loss: 0.1483 - val accuracy: 0.9831
Epoch 66/100
1.0000 - val loss: 0.1486 - val accuracy: 0.9832
Epoch 67/100
1.0000 - val loss: 0.1489 - val accuracy: 0.9832
Epoch 68/100
1.0000 - val loss: 0.1490 - val accuracy: 0.9832
Epoch 69/100
1.0000 - val loss: 0.1490 - val accuracy: 0.9830
1.0000 - val_loss: 0.1493 - val_accuracy: 0.9834
Epoch 71/100
1.0000 - val loss: 0.1495 - val accuracy: 0.9831
Epoch 72/100
1.0000 - val loss: 0.1496 - val accuracy: 0.9833
Epoch 73/100
1.0000 - val loss: 0.1498 - val accuracy: 0.9833
Epoch 74/100
1.0000 - val loss: 0.1501 - val accuracy: 0.9835
Epoch 75/100
1.0000 - val_loss: 0.1501 - val_accuracy: 0.9834
Epoch 76/100
1.0000 - val_loss: 0.1503 - val_accuracy: 0.9834
Epoch 77/100
1.0000 - val loss: 0.1506 - val accuracy: 0.9832
Epoch 78/100
1.0000 - val_loss: 0.1508 - val_accuracy: 0.9834
Epoch 79/100
1.0000 - val loss: 0.1509 - val accuracy: 0.9834
Epoch 80/100
1.0000 - val loss: 0.1512 - val accuracy: 0.9831
Epoch 81/100
1.0000 - val_loss: 0.1514 - val_accuracy: 0.9830
Epoch 82/100
1.0000 - val loss: 0.1515 - val accuracy: 0.9833
Epoch 83/100
1.0000 - val loss: 0.1518 - val accuracy: 0.9831
Epoch 84/100
1.0000 - val_loss: 0.1516 - val_accuracy: 0.9833
Epoch 85/100
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1.0000 - val loss: 0.1521 - val accuracy: 0.9832
    Epoch 86/100
    1.0000 - val loss: 0.1520 - val accuracy: 0.9834
    Epoch 87/100
    1.0000 - val_loss: 0.1522 - val_accuracy: 0.9835
    Epoch 88/100
    1.0000 - val_loss: 0.1526 - val_accuracy: 0.9831
    Epoch 89/100
    1.0000 - val loss: 0.1527 - val accuracy: 0.9831
    1.0000 - val_loss: 0.1529 - val_accuracy: 0.9830
    Epoch 91/100
    1.0000 - val loss: 0.1529 - val accuracy: 0.9831
    Epoch 92/100
    1.0000 - val loss: 0.1532 - val accuracy: 0.9833
    Epoch 93/100
    1.0000 - val_loss: 0.1533 - val_accuracy: 0.9831
    Epoch 94/100
    1.0000 - val loss: 0.1535 - val accuracy: 0.9831
    Epoch 95/100
    1.0000 - val_loss: 0.1535 - val_accuracy: 0.9834
    Epoch 96/100
    1.0000 - val_loss: 0.1537 - val_accuracy: 0.9831
    Epoch 97/100
    1.0000 - val loss: 0.1538 - val accuracy: 0.9832
    Epoch 98/100
    1.0000 - val_loss: 0.1542 - val_accuracy: 0.9831
    Epoch 99/100
    1.0000 - val_loss: 0.1542 - val_accuracy: 0.9833
    Epoch 100/100
    1.0000 - val_loss: 0.1545 - val_accuracy: 0.9830
In [34]:
     n = len(run hist nn1.history["loss"])
     fig = plt.figure(figsize=(12, 6))
     ax = fig.add subplot(1, 2, 1)
     ax.plot(range(n), (run_hist_nn1.history["loss"]),'r', label="Train Loss")
     ax.plot(range(n), (run_hist_nn1.history["val_loss"]),'b', label="Validation Loss")
     ax.legend()
     ax.set_title('Loss over iterations')
     ax = fig.add subplot(1, 2, 2)
     ax.plot(range(n), (run_hist_nn1.history["accuracy"]),'r', label="Train Acc")
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ax.plot(range(n), (run_hist_nn1.history["val_accuracy"]),'b', label="Validation Acc")
ax.legend(loc='lower right')
ax.set_title('Accuracy over iterations')
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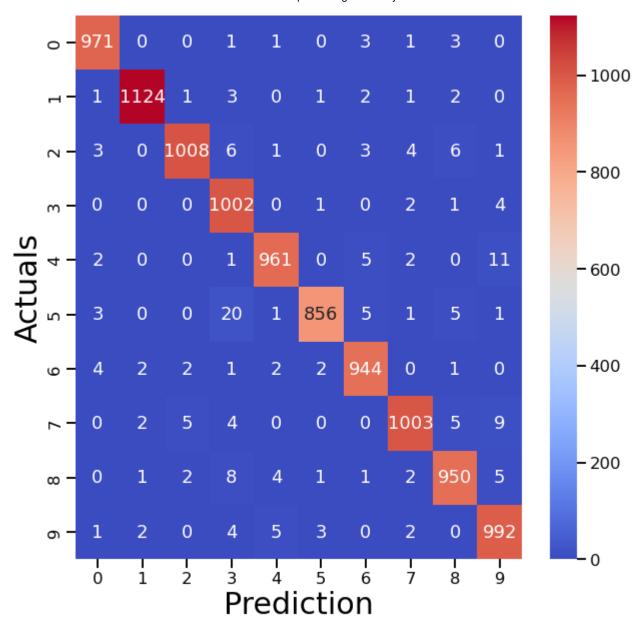
Out[34]: Text(0.5, 1.0, 'Accuracy over iterations')



Model starts plateauing after 15 epochs, retrain for 15 epochs and evaluate on test set:

```
In [21]:
     network = Sequential()
     network.add(Dense(512,activation='relu',input_shape=(28*28,)))
     network.add(Dense(10,activation='softmax'))
     network.compile(optimizer='rmsprop', loss='categorical_crossentropy',metrics=['accuracy
     network.fit(x train,train labels,epochs=15,batch size=128,validation data=(x test,test
     test_loss,test_acc = network.evaluate(x_test,test_labels)
     print('test accuracy: ',test_acc)
     Epoch 1/15
     62 - val loss: 0.1369 - val accuracy: 0.9577
     Epoch 2/15
     7 - val loss: 0.0910 - val accuracy: 0.9733
     96 - val loss: 0.0705 - val accuracy: 0.9785
     Epoch 4/15
     50 - val loss: 0.0691 - val accuracy: 0.9790
     Epoch 5/15
     9 - val loss: 0.0656 - val accuracy: 0.9794
     Epoch 6/15
     13 - val loss: 0.0628 - val accuracy: 0.9816
     Epoch 7/15
     8 - val_loss: 0.0609 - val_accuracy: 0.9824
     Epoch 8/15
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49 - val loss: 0.0666 - val accuracy: 0.9818
     Epoch 9/15
     7 - val_loss: 0.0698 - val_accuracy: 0.9810
     Epoch 10/15
     73 - val loss: 0.0678 - val accuracy: 0.9827
     Epoch 11/15
     2 - val loss: 0.0769 - val accuracy: 0.9817
     Epoch 12/15
     3 - val_loss: 0.0744 - val_accuracy: 0.9818
     Epoch 13/15
     89 - val loss: 0.0736 - val accuracy: 0.9847
     Epoch 14/15
     0 - val loss: 0.0837 - val accuracy: 0.9804
     Epoch 15/15
     1 - val_loss: 0.0898 - val_accuracy: 0.9811
     test accuracy: 0.9811000227928162
In [22]:
      ## we generate two kinds of predictions
      # One is a hard decision, the other is a probabilitistic score.
      y pred prob nn 1 = network.predict(x test)
      y_pred_class_nn_1 = np.argmax(y_pred_prob_nn_1,axis=1)
In [23]:
      sns.set_context('talk')
      cm = confusion matrix(y test, y pred class nn 1)
      _, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(10,10))
      ax = sns.heatmap(cm, annot=True, fmt='d', cmap='coolwarm')
      ax.set ylabel('Actuals', fontsize=30);
      ax.set xlabel('Prediction', fontsize=30)
Out[23]: Text(0.5, 58.5, 'Prediction')
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This model seems to be struggling with predicting 4, 5 and 8. The model also starts overfitting.

Model 2: Dense Deep Learning Model with Dropout

```
Epoch 3/100
52 - val loss: 0.0886 - val accuracy: 0.9732
Epoch 4/100
08 - val loss: 0.0788 - val accuracy: 0.9760
Epoch 5/100
39 - val_loss: 0.0742 - val_accuracy: 0.9783
Epoch 6/100
71 - val loss: 0.0736 - val accuracy: 0.9795
Epoch 7/100
88 - val loss: 0.0740 - val accuracy: 0.9788
Epoch 8/100
03 - val_loss: 0.0732 - val_accuracy: 0.9809
Epoch 9/100
22 - val loss: 0.0717 - val accuracy: 0.9802
Epoch 10/100
26 - val loss: 0.0698 - val accuracy: 0.9821
Epoch 11/100
43 - val_loss: 0.0709 - val_accuracy: 0.9817
Epoch 12/100
51 - val loss: 0.0738 - val accuracy: 0.9806
Epoch 13/100
55 - val loss: 0.0736 - val accuracy: 0.9819
Epoch 14/100
61 - val loss: 0.0755 - val accuracy: 0.9822
Epoch 15/100
66 - val loss: 0.0791 - val accuracy: 0.9824
Epoch 16/100
69 - val loss: 0.0736 - val accuracy: 0.9821
Epoch 17/100
73 - val loss: 0.0733 - val accuracy: 0.9836
Epoch 18/100
77 - val loss: 0.0790 - val accuracy: 0.9831
Epoch 19/100
87 - val loss: 0.0737 - val accuracy: 0.9825
Epoch 20/100
469/469 [============ ] - 13s 27ms/step - loss: 0.0366 - accuracy: 0.98
97 - val_loss: 0.0801 - val_accuracy: 0.9827
Epoch 21/100
92 - val_loss: 0.0800 - val_accuracy: 0.9828
Epoch 22/100
98 - val_loss: 0.0748 - val_accuracy: 0.9841
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Epoch 23/100
469/469 [============= ] - 12s 26ms/step - loss: 0.0346 - accuracy: 0.99
01 - val loss: 0.0823 - val accuracy: 0.9830
Epoch 24/100
469/469 [============= ] - 13s 28ms/step - loss: 0.0348 - accuracy: 0.99
01 - val loss: 0.0735 - val accuracy: 0.9837
Epoch 25/100
07 - val_loss: 0.0774 - val_accuracy: 0.9834
Epoch 26/100
07 - val loss: 0.0807 - val accuracy: 0.9839
Epoch 27/100
08 - val loss: 0.0860 - val accuracy: 0.9828
Epoch 28/100
10 - val_loss: 0.0837 - val_accuracy: 0.9842
Epoch 29/100
15 - val loss: 0.0821 - val accuracy: 0.9834
Epoch 30/100
17 - val loss: 0.0843 - val accuracy: 0.9845
Epoch 31/100
18 - val_loss: 0.0837 - val_accuracy: 0.9834
Epoch 32/100
18 - val loss: 0.0835 - val accuracy: 0.9845
Epoch 33/100
26 - val loss: 0.0895 - val accuracy: 0.9845
Epoch 34/100
24 - val loss: 0.0889 - val accuracy: 0.9845
Epoch 35/100
29 - val loss: 0.0987 - val accuracy: 0.9827
Epoch 36/100
26 - val loss: 0.0919 - val accuracy: 0.9844
Epoch 37/100
33 - val loss: 0.0933 - val accuracy: 0.9846
Epoch 38/100
32 - val loss: 0.0909 - val accuracy: 0.9842
Epoch 39/100
30 - val loss: 0.0937 - val accuracy: 0.9834
Epoch 40/100
35 - val_loss: 0.0995 - val_accuracy: 0.9829
Epoch 41/100
32 - val_loss: 0.1008 - val_accuracy: 0.9831
Epoch 42/100
31 - val_loss: 0.1001 - val_accuracy: 0.9837
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Epoch 43/100
40 - val loss: 0.0974 - val accuracy: 0.9839
Epoch 44/100
38 - val loss: 0.0955 - val accuracy: 0.9849
Epoch 45/100
33 - val_loss: 0.0978 - val_accuracy: 0.9836
Epoch 46/100
42 - val_loss: 0.1017 - val_accuracy: 0.9836
Epoch 47/100
38 - val loss: 0.0951 - val accuracy: 0.9845
Epoch 48/100
42 - val_loss: 0.0995 - val_accuracy: 0.9828
Epoch 49/100
40 - val loss: 0.1041 - val accuracy: 0.9836
Epoch 50/100
40 - val loss: 0.1048 - val accuracy: 0.9845
Epoch 51/100
45 - val_loss: 0.1021 - val_accuracy: 0.9850
Epoch 52/100
38 - val loss: 0.1069 - val accuracy: 0.9832
Epoch 53/100
45 - val loss: 0.1046 - val accuracy: 0.9842
Epoch 54/100
44 - val loss: 0.1042 - val accuracy: 0.9834
Epoch 55/100
48 - val loss: 0.1069 - val accuracy: 0.9838
Epoch 56/100
48 - val loss: 0.1129 - val accuracy: 0.9832
Epoch 57/100
46 - val loss: 0.1103 - val accuracy: 0.9845
Epoch 58/100
54 - val_loss: 0.1094 - val_accuracy: 0.9833
Epoch 59/100
48 - val loss: 0.1153 - val accuracy: 0.9827
Epoch 60/100
51 - val_loss: 0.1120 - val_accuracy: 0.9839
Epoch 61/100
43 - val_loss: 0.1157 - val_accuracy: 0.9829
Epoch 62/100
52 - val_loss: 0.1156 - val_accuracy: 0.9834
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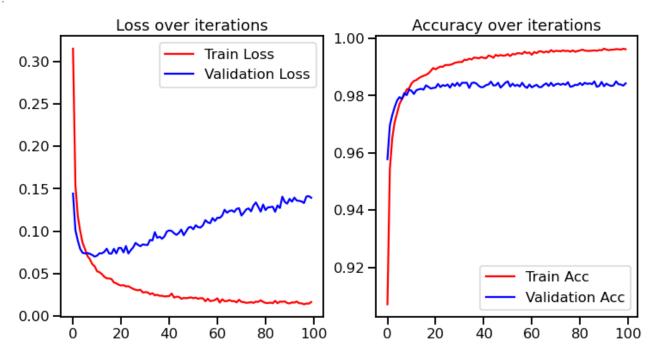
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Epoch 63/100
49 - val loss: 0.1183 - val accuracy: 0.9838
Epoch 64/100
55 - val loss: 0.1252 - val accuracy: 0.9830
Epoch 65/100
55 - val_loss: 0.1217 - val_accuracy: 0.9830
Epoch 66/100
51 - val_loss: 0.1237 - val_accuracy: 0.9838
Epoch 67/100
55 - val_loss: 0.1245 - val_accuracy: 0.9843
Epoch 68/100
52 - val_loss: 0.1225 - val_accuracy: 0.9834
Epoch 69/100
59 - val loss: 0.1262 - val accuracy: 0.9845
Epoch 70/100
54 - val loss: 0.1270 - val accuracy: 0.9834
Epoch 71/100
57 - val_loss: 0.1183 - val_accuracy: 0.9840
Epoch 72/100
56 - val loss: 0.1217 - val accuracy: 0.9842
Epoch 73/100
55 - val loss: 0.1256 - val accuracy: 0.9838
Epoch 74/100
469/469 [================== ] - 17s 35ms/step - loss: 0.0154 - accuracy: 0.99
58 - val loss: 0.1267 - val accuracy: 0.9842
Epoch 75/100
56 - val loss: 0.1233 - val accuracy: 0.9838
Epoch 76/100
57 - val loss: 0.1303 - val accuracy: 0.9847
Epoch 77/100
54 - val loss: 0.1338 - val accuracy: 0.9831
Epoch 78/100
58 - val_loss: 0.1285 - val_accuracy: 0.9833
Epoch 79/100
54 - val loss: 0.1229 - val accuracy: 0.9838
Epoch 80/100
56 - val_loss: 0.1313 - val_accuracy: 0.9837
Epoch 81/100
58 - val_loss: 0.1248 - val_accuracy: 0.9844
Epoch 82/100
61 - val_loss: 0.1280 - val_accuracy: 0.9837
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Epoch 83/100
    58 - val loss: 0.1282 - val accuracy: 0.9845
    Epoch 84/100
    57 - val loss: 0.1289 - val accuracy: 0.9841
    Epoch 85/100
    56 - val_loss: 0.1228 - val_accuracy: 0.9843
    Epoch 86/100
    57 - val loss: 0.1303 - val accuracy: 0.9840
    Epoch 87/100
    58 - val_loss: 0.1273 - val_accuracy: 0.9850
    Epoch 88/100
    57 - val_loss: 0.1407 - val_accuracy: 0.9831
    Epoch 89/100
    59 - val loss: 0.1345 - val accuracy: 0.9834
    Epoch 90/100
    59 - val loss: 0.1324 - val accuracy: 0.9848
    Epoch 91/100
    64 - val_loss: 0.1380 - val_accuracy: 0.9833
    Epoch 92/100
    61 - val loss: 0.1348 - val accuracy: 0.9842
    Epoch 93/100
    59 - val loss: 0.1395 - val accuracy: 0.9837
    Epoch 94/100
    61 - val loss: 0.1361 - val accuracy: 0.9834
    Epoch 95/100
    61 - val loss: 0.1357 - val accuracy: 0.9836
    Epoch 96/100
    63 - val loss: 0.1350 - val accuracy: 0.9850
    Epoch 97/100
    62 - val_loss: 0.1332 - val_accuracy: 0.9840
    Epoch 98/100
    61 - val loss: 0.1408 - val accuracy: 0.9839
    Epoch 99/100
    64 - val loss: 0.1413 - val accuracy: 0.9835
    Epoch 100/100
    62 - val loss: 0.1394 - val accuracy: 0.9843
In [39]:
    n = len(run hist nn2.history["loss"])
    fig = plt.figure(figsize=(12, 6))
    ax = fig.add_subplot(1, 2, 1)
```

```
ax.plot(range(n), (run_hist_nn2.history["loss"]),'r', label="Train Loss")
ax.plot(range(n), (run_hist_nn2.history["val_loss"]),'b', label="Validation Loss")
ax.legend()
ax.set_title('Loss over iterations')

ax = fig.add_subplot(1, 2, 2)
ax.plot(range(n), (run_hist_nn2.history["accuracy"]),'r', label="Train Acc")
ax.plot(range(n), (run_hist_nn2.history["val_accuracy"]),'b', label="Validation Acc")
ax.legend(loc='lower right')
ax.set_title('Accuracy over iterations')
```

Out[39]: Text(0.5, 1.0, 'Accuracy over iterations')



After 44 epochs there isn't much improvement in the validation accuracy, retrain model for 44 epochs and evaluate on test set:

```
In [24]:
      network = Sequential()
      network.add(Dense(512,activation='relu',input_shape=(28*28,)))
      network.add(Dropout(0.5))
      network.add(Dense(10,activation='softmax'))
      network.compile(optimizer='rmsprop', loss='categorical crossentropy',metrics=['accuracy
      run hist nn2=network.fit(x train,train labels,epochs=44,batch size=128,validation data=
      y_pred_prob_nn_2 = network.predict(x_test)
      y_pred_class_nn_2 = np.argmax(y_pred_prob_nn_2,axis=1)
      Epoch 1/44
      81 - val loss: 0.1451 - val accuracy: 0.9564
      Epoch 2/44
      43 - val_loss: 0.1073 - val_accuracy: 0.9677
      Epoch 3/44
      46 - val loss: 0.0904 - val accuracy: 0.9729
      Epoch 4/44
      01 - val loss: 0.0833 - val accuracy: 0.9752
      Epoch 5/44
```

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42 - val loss: 0.0789 - val accuracy: 0.9780
Epoch 6/44
62 - val loss: 0.0745 - val accuracy: 0.9792
Epoch 7/44
84 - val loss: 0.0708 - val accuracy: 0.9802
Epoch 8/44
06 - val loss: 0.0720 - val accuracy: 0.9807
Epoch 9/44
12 - val loss: 0.0646 - val accuracy: 0.9818
26 - val loss: 0.0701 - val accuracy: 0.9810
Epoch 11/44
39 - val loss: 0.0671 - val accuracy: 0.9830
Epoch 12/44
42 - val loss: 0.0694 - val accuracy: 0.9813
Epoch 13/44
55 - val loss: 0.0760 - val accuracy: 0.9811
Epoch 14/44
59 - val loss: 0.0736 - val accuracy: 0.9821
Epoch 15/44
72 - val_loss: 0.0751 - val_accuracy: 0.9823
Epoch 16/44
74 - val_loss: 0.0721 - val_accuracy: 0.9831
Epoch 17/44
69 - val loss: 0.0727 - val accuracy: 0.9828
Epoch 18/44
78 - val_loss: 0.0735 - val_accuracy: 0.9832
Epoch 19/44
89 - val_loss: 0.0761 - val_accuracy: 0.9827
Epoch 20/44
85 - val loss: 0.0748 - val accuracy: 0.9839
Epoch 21/44
91 - val_loss: 0.0738 - val_accuracy: 0.9844
Epoch 22/44
00 - val loss: 0.0801 - val accuracy: 0.9825
Epoch 23/44
04 - val loss: 0.0789 - val accuracy: 0.9836
Epoch 24/44
95 - val_loss: 0.0820 - val_accuracy: 0.9826
Epoch 25/44
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05 - val loss: 0.0872 - val accuracy: 0.9834
Epoch 26/44
09 - val loss: 0.0820 - val accuracy: 0.9834
Epoch 27/44
13 - val loss: 0.0851 - val accuracy: 0.9827
Epoch 28/44
12 - val loss: 0.0894 - val accuracy: 0.9832
Epoch 29/44
19 - val loss: 0.0860 - val accuracy: 0.9821
18 - val loss: 0.0848 - val accuracy: 0.9839
Epoch 31/44
24 - val loss: 0.0926 - val accuracy: 0.9839
Epoch 32/44
23 - val loss: 0.0903 - val accuracy: 0.9828
Epoch 33/44
22 - val loss: 0.0911 - val accuracy: 0.9839
Epoch 34/44
26 - val loss: 0.0852 - val accuracy: 0.9836
Epoch 35/44
21 - val_loss: 0.0951 - val_accuracy: 0.9837
Epoch 36/44
29 - val_loss: 0.0907 - val_accuracy: 0.9848
Epoch 37/44
29 - val loss: 0.0954 - val accuracy: 0.9832
Epoch 38/44
31 - val_loss: 0.0921 - val_accuracy: 0.9832
Epoch 39/44
33 - val_loss: 0.0941 - val_accuracy: 0.9847
Epoch 40/44
29 - val loss: 0.0960 - val accuracy: 0.9832
Epoch 41/44
39 - val_loss: 0.0969 - val_accuracy: 0.9832
Epoch 42/44
34 - val loss: 0.0933 - val accuracy: 0.9843
Epoch 43/44
34 - val loss: 0.0922 - val accuracy: 0.9844
Epoch 44/44
33 - val loss: 0.0976 - val_accuracy: 0.9839
```

```
In [25]:
          sns.set_context('talk')
          cm = confusion_matrix(y_test, y_pred_class_nn_2)
          _, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(10,10))
          ax = sns.heatmap(cm, annot=True, fmt='d', cmap='coolwarm')
          ax.set_ylabel('Actuals', fontsize=30);
          ax.set_xlabel('Prediction', fontsize=30)
         Text(0.5, 58.5, 'Prediction')
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In [26]:
    test_loss,test_acc = network.evaluate(x_test,test_labels)
    print('test accuracy: ',test_acc)
```

Model 3: Convolutional Neural Network

Building a simple CNN to see if this will improve test accuracy

```
In [8]:
          from keras import layers
          from keras import models
          network = models.Sequential()
          network.add(layers.Conv2D(32,(3,3),activation='relu',input_shape=(28,28,1)))
          network.add(layers.MaxPooling2D((2,2)))
          network.add(layers.Conv2D(64,(3,3),activation='relu'))
          network.add(layers.MaxPooling2D((2,2)))
          network.add(layers.Conv2D(64,(3,3),activation='relu'))
          network.add(layers.Flatten())
          network.add(Dense(512,activation='relu'))
          network.add(Dense(10,activation='softmax'))
          network.summary()
         Model: "sequential 1"
          Layer (type)
                                     Output Shape
                                                               Param #
          .-----
          conv2d (Conv2D)
                                     (None, 26, 26, 32)
                                                               320
          max pooling2d (MaxPooling2D (None, 13, 13, 32)
                                      (None, 11, 11, 64)
          conv2d 1 (Conv2D)
                                                               18496
          max pooling2d 1 (MaxPooling (None, 5, 5, 64)
          2D)
          conv2d 2 (Conv2D)
                                     (None, 3, 3, 64)
                                                               36928
          flatten (Flatten)
                                     (None, 576)
          dense 2 (Dense)
                                     (None, 512)
                                                               295424
          dense 3 (Dense)
                                      (None, 10)
                                                               5130
         Total params: 356,298
         Trainable params: 356,298
         Non-trainable params: 0
In [10]:
          x train = train images.reshape((60000, 28, 28, 1))
          x train = x train.astype('float32')/255
          x_test = test_images.reshape((10000,28,28,1))
          x test = x test.astype('float32')/255
In [11]:
          network.compile(optimizer='rmsprop',loss='categorical crossentropy',metrics=['accuracy'
          run_hist_nn3=network.fit(x_train,train_labels,epochs=100,batch_size=128,validation_data
          y pred prob nn 3 = network.predict(x test)
          y_pred_class_nn_3 = np.argmax(y_pred_prob_nn_3,axis=1)
         Epoch 1/100
```

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415 - val loss: 0.0786 - val accuracy: 0.9757
Epoch 2/100
853 - val_loss: 0.0510 - val_accuracy: 0.9841
Epoch 3/100
905 - val loss: 0.0312 - val accuracy: 0.9911
Epoch 4/100
930 - val loss: 0.0373 - val accuracy: 0.9888
Epoch 5/100
946 - val loss: 0.0280 - val accuracy: 0.9928
Epoch 6/100
959 - val loss: 0.0359 - val accuracy: 0.9905
Epoch 7/100
964 - val loss: 0.0335 - val accuracy: 0.9915
Epoch 8/100
969 - val_loss: 0.0397 - val_accuracy: 0.9907
Epoch 9/100
976 - val loss: 0.0429 - val accuracy: 0.9914
Epoch 10/100
979 - val loss: 0.0442 - val accuracy: 0.9913
Epoch 11/100
980 - val_loss: 0.0501 - val_accuracy: 0.9916
Epoch 12/100
982 - val loss: 0.0415 - val accuracy: 0.9926
Epoch 13/100
985 - val_loss: 0.0443 - val_accuracy: 0.9930
Epoch 14/100
988 - val loss: 0.0469 - val accuracy: 0.9930
989 - val loss: 0.0598 - val accuracy: 0.9912
Epoch 16/100
988 - val loss: 0.0641 - val accuracy: 0.9917
Epoch 17/100
469/469 [============ ] - 73s 156ms/step - loss: 0.0036 - accuracy: 0.9
991 - val loss: 0.0579 - val accuracy: 0.9925
Epoch 18/100
990 - val loss: 0.0663 - val accuracy: 0.9905
Epoch 19/100
991 - val_loss: 0.0671 - val_accuracy: 0.9915
Epoch 20/100
991 - val_loss: 0.0677 - val_accuracy: 0.9913
Epoch 21/100
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994 - val loss: 0.0637 - val accuracy: 0.9915
Epoch 22/100
993 - val_loss: 0.0693 - val_accuracy: 0.9909
Epoch 23/100
993 - val loss: 0.0742 - val accuracy: 0.9913
Epoch 24/100
993 - val loss: 0.0787 - val accuracy: 0.9915
Epoch 25/100
993 - val loss: 0.0780 - val accuracy: 0.9912
Epoch 26/100
994 - val loss: 0.0923 - val accuracy: 0.9916
Epoch 27/100
994 - val loss: 0.0986 - val accuracy: 0.9911
Epoch 28/100
992 - val_loss: 0.0845 - val_accuracy: 0.9915
Epoch 29/100
995 - val loss: 0.1005 - val accuracy: 0.9912
Epoch 30/100
994 - val loss: 0.0820 - val accuracy: 0.9922
Epoch 31/100
995 - val_loss: 0.0876 - val_accuracy: 0.9921
Epoch 32/100
995 - val loss: 0.0930 - val accuracy: 0.9925
Epoch 33/100
995 - val loss: 0.0990 - val accuracy: 0.9922
Epoch 34/100
996 - val loss: 0.1002 - val accuracy: 0.9915
996 - val loss: 0.0850 - val accuracy: 0.9926
Epoch 36/100
996 - val loss: 0.1037 - val accuracy: 0.9929
Epoch 37/100
994 - val loss: 0.1065 - val accuracy: 0.9918
Epoch 38/100
996 - val loss: 0.1307 - val accuracy: 0.9918
Epoch 39/100
996 - val_loss: 0.1562 - val_accuracy: 0.9914
Epoch 40/100
996 - val_loss: 0.1410 - val_accuracy: 0.9915
Epoch 41/100
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998 - val loss: 0.1377 - val accuracy: 0.9918
Epoch 42/100
95 - val loss: 0.1240 - val accuracy: 0.9919
Epoch 43/100
0.9998 - val loss: 0.1297 - val accuracy: 0.9918
Epoch 44/100
97 - val loss: 0.1576 - val accuracy: 0.9916
Epoch 45/100
97 - val loss: 0.1688 - val accuracy: 0.9909
Epoch 46/100
98 - val loss: 0.1841 - val accuracy: 0.9887
Epoch 47/100
96 - val loss: 0.1365 - val accuracy: 0.9913
Epoch 48/100
0.9998 - val_loss: 0.1793 - val_accuracy: 0.9909
Epoch 49/100
95 - val loss: 0.1641 - val accuracy: 0.9919
Epoch 50/100
95 - val loss: 0.1704 - val accuracy: 0.9912
Epoch 51/100
96 - val_loss: 0.1264 - val_accuracy: 0.9926
Epoch 52/100
98 - val loss: 0.1660 - val accuracy: 0.9916
Epoch 53/100
97 - val_loss: 0.1496 - val_accuracy: 0.9927
Epoch 54/100
96 - val loss: 0.1702 - val accuracy: 0.9916
98 - val loss: 0.1498 - val accuracy: 0.9915
Epoch 56/100
98 - val loss: 0.1586 - val accuracy: 0.9924
Epoch 57/100
97 - val loss: 0.1510 - val accuracy: 0.9920
Epoch 58/100
98 - val loss: 0.1447 - val accuracy: 0.9912
Epoch 59/100
96 - val_loss: 0.1470 - val_accuracy: 0.9916
Epoch 60/100
98 - val_loss: 0.1573 - val_accuracy: 0.9926
Epoch 61/100
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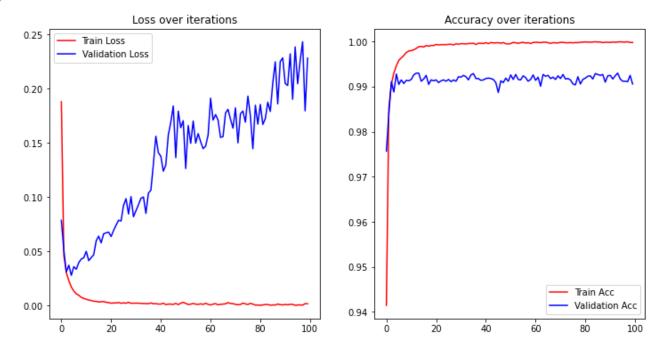
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0.9998 - val loss: 0.1913 - val accuracy: 0.9914
Epoch 62/100
98 - val loss: 0.1711 - val accuracy: 0.9921
Epoch 63/100
98 - val loss: 0.1761 - val accuracy: 0.9901
Epoch 64/100
0.9999 - val loss: 0.1711 - val accuracy: 0.9927
Epoch 65/100
99 - val loss: 0.1551 - val accuracy: 0.9923
Epoch 66/100
98 - val loss: 0.1558 - val accuracy: 0.9925
Epoch 67/100
96 - val loss: 0.1776 - val accuracy: 0.9918
Epoch 68/100
98 - val_loss: 0.1810 - val_accuracy: 0.9921
Epoch 69/100
97 - val loss: 0.1719 - val accuracy: 0.9916
Epoch 70/100
97 - val loss: 0.1637 - val accuracy: 0.9924
Epoch 71/100
98 - val_loss: 0.1824 - val_accuracy: 0.9918
Epoch 72/100
0.9998 - val loss: 0.1500 - val accuracy: 0.9927
Epoch 73/100
97 - val loss: 0.1769 - val accuracy: 0.9917
Epoch 74/100
97 - val loss: 0.1794 - val accuracy: 0.9918
98 - val loss: 0.1691 - val accuracy: 0.9915
Epoch 76/100
97 - val loss: 0.1931 - val accuracy: 0.9906
Epoch 77/100
98 - val loss: 0.1750 - val accuracy: 0.9904
Epoch 78/100
98 - val loss: 0.1447 - val accuracy: 0.9922
Epoch 79/100
0.9998 - val_loss: 0.1848 - val_accuracy: 0.9906
Epoch 80/100
0.9999 - val_loss: 0.1673 - val_accuracy: 0.9916
Epoch 81/100
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0.9999 - val loss: 0.1854 - val_accuracy: 0.9919
Epoch 82/100
0.9999 - val_loss: 0.1670 - val_accuracy: 0.9923
Epoch 83/100
99 - val loss: 0.1724 - val accuracy: 0.9924
Epoch 84/100
99 - val loss: 0.1875 - val accuracy: 0.9917
Epoch 85/100
0.9999 - val_loss: 0.1790 - val_accuracy: 0.9929
Epoch 86/100
0.9999 - val loss: 0.2052 - val accuracy: 0.9927
Epoch 87/100
0.9999 - val loss: 0.2248 - val accuracy: 0.9925
Epoch 88/100
98 - val_loss: 0.1860 - val_accuracy: 0.9927
Epoch 89/100
0.9998 - val loss: 0.2250 - val accuracy: 0.9910
Epoch 90/100
0.9998 - val loss: 0.2284 - val accuracy: 0.9924
Epoch 91/100
98 - val_loss: 0.2049 - val_accuracy: 0.9925
Epoch 92/100
0.9999 - val loss: 0.2030 - val accuracy: 0.9917
Epoch 93/100
98 - val loss: 0.2321 - val accuracy: 0.9924
Epoch 94/100
99 - val loss: 0.1902 - val accuracy: 0.9930
0.9999 - val loss: 0.2385 - val accuracy: 0.9917
Epoch 96/100
0.9999 - val loss: 0.2046 - val accuracy: 0.9912
Epoch 97/100
0.9999 - val loss: 0.2253 - val accuracy: 0.9912
Epoch 98/100
0.9999 - val loss: 0.2432 - val accuracy: 0.9911
Epoch 99/100
98 - val_loss: 0.1796 - val_accuracy: 0.9925
Epoch 100/100
98 - val_loss: 0.2283 - val_accuracy: 0.9906
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In [12]:
    n = len(run_hist_nn3.history["loss"])
    fig = plt.figure(figsize=(12, 6))
    ax = fig.add_subplot(1, 2, 1)
    ax.plot(range(n), (run_hist_nn3.history["loss"]),'r', label="Train Loss")
    ax.plot(range(n), (run_hist_nn3.history["val_loss"]),'b', label="Validation Loss")
    ax.legend()
    ax.set_title('Loss over iterations')

ax = fig.add_subplot(1, 2, 2)
    ax.plot(range(n), (run_hist_nn3.history["accuracy"]),'r', label="Train Acc")
    ax.plot(range(n), (run_hist_nn3.history["val_accuracy"]),'b', label="Validation Acc")
    ax.legend(loc='lower right')
    ax.set_title('Accuracy over iterations')
```

Out[12]: Text(0.5, 1.0, 'Accuracy over iterations')



The validation accuracy peaks at 5 epochs after that the model starts overfitting. Retrain the model on 5 epochs and evaluate:

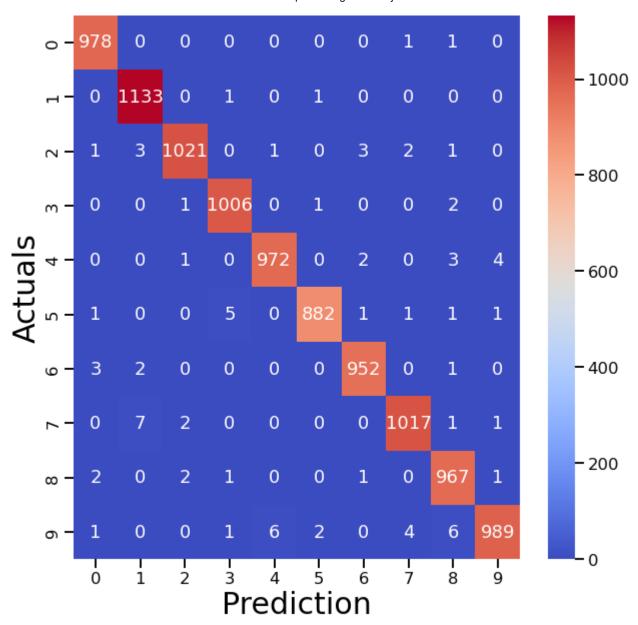
```
In [15]:
    network = models.Sequential()
    network.add(layers.Conv2D(32,(3,3),activation='relu',input_shape=(28,28,1)))
    network.add(layers.MaxPooling2D((2,2)))
    network.add(layers.Conv2D(64,(3,3),activation='relu'))
    network.add(layers.MaxPooling2D((2,2)))
    network.add(layers.Conv2D(64,(3,3),activation='relu'))
    network.add(layers.Flatten())
    network.add(Dense(512,activation='relu'))
    network.add(Dense(512,activation='relu'))
    network.summary()
    network.compile(optimizer='rmsprop',loss='categorical_crossentropy',metrics=['accuracy' run_hist_nn3=network.fit(x_train,train_labels,epochs=5,batch_size=128,validation_data=( y_pred_prob_nn_3 = network.predict(x_test)
    y_pred_class_nn_3 = np.argmax(y_pred_prob_nn_3,axis=1)
```

In [16]:

Out[16]:

Model: "sequential 2"

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Layer (type)
                  Output Shape
                                   Param #
conv2d 3 (Conv2D)
                  (None, 26, 26, 32)
                                   320
max pooling2d 2 (MaxPooling (None, 13, 13, 32)
2D)
                  (None, 11, 11, 64)
conv2d 4 (Conv2D)
                                   18496
max pooling2d 3 (MaxPooling (None, 5, 5, 64)
2D)
conv2d 5 (Conv2D)
                  (None, 3, 3, 64)
                                   36928
flatten 1 (Flatten)
                  (None, 576)
dense 4 (Dense)
                  (None, 512)
                                   295424
dense 5 (Dense)
                  (None, 10)
                                   5130
______
Total params: 356,298
Trainable params: 356,298
Non-trainable params: 0
Epoch 1/5
394 - val loss: 0.0601 - val accuracy: 0.9797
Epoch 2/5
852 - val loss: 0.0296 - val accuracy: 0.9905
Epoch 3/5
903 - val loss: 0.0440 - val accuracy: 0.9859
Epoch 4/5
924 - val loss: 0.0295 - val accuracy: 0.9911
Epoch 5/5
942 - val loss: 0.0243 - val accuracy: 0.9917
sns.set context('talk')
cm = confusion_matrix(y_test, y_pred_class_nn_3)
_, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(10,10))
ax = sns.heatmap(cm, annot=True, fmt='d', cmap='coolwarm')
ax.set ylabel('Actuals', fontsize=30);
ax.set_xlabel('Prediction', fontsize=30)
Text(0.5, 58.5, 'Prediction')
```



Findings:

The dense deep learning model without dropout started overfitting quite early and offered a test set accuracy of 98.11%, the same network with dropout applied wasn't overfitting as much and the test set accuracy improved to 98.39%. Model 1 struggled to accurately predict digits 4, 5 and 8 accurately. Classes 8, 4 and 5 were also the digits with the lowest number of samples in the training set in comparison to the other digits, with 5 having the least number of training images. Model 2 addressed some of these misclassifications but still struggled with class 8. Employing a CNN with maxpooling addresses these shortcomings and the model test accuracy improves to 99.17%,

reducing the error rate by almost 50% compared to the dense deep learning model without dropout.

The CNN with maxpooling is the best model and should be used for predictions.

Recommendations

The test set accuracy of the CNN is already very good but to get even more improvement a potential idea is to use transfer learning and make use of feature extraction from pre-built large and popular CNN model architectures like inception or VGG.

In []:		