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Problem Statement A classic problem in the field of pattern recognition is that of handwritten digit recognition. Suppose that you have images of handwritten digits ranging from 0-9 written by various people in boxes of a specific size - similar to the application forms in banks and universities.

The goal is to develop a model that can correctly identify the digit (between 0-9) written in an image.

Objective You are required to develop a model using Support Vector Machine which should correctly classify the handwritten digits from 0-9 based on the pixel values given as features. Thus, this is a 10-class classification problem.

1 Load Libraries and dataset

```
[1]: import warnings warnings.filterwarnings('ignore')
```

```
[2]: import numpy as np # To deal with arrays and matrices import pandas as pd # To deal with dataset
```

```
[3]: # Read the csv files using pandas
train_data = pd.read_csv("/content/drive/My Drive/Colab Notebooks/train.csv")
```

Since the training dataset is quite large (42,000 labelled images), it would take a lot of time for training an SVM on the full MNIST data, so we sub-sample the data for training (10-20% of the data, approx 8400 sample)

```
[4]: np.random.seed = 28 # Randomly select the data train_data_index=np.random.randint(0,train_data.shape[0],8400) train_data = train_data.iloc[train_data_index,:]
```

2 Data Understanding

```
[5]: print("Train data rows and columns: ",train_data.shape)
```

```
Train data rows and columns: (8400, 785)
```

```
[6]: train_data.head() # Display first 5 rows
```

```
[6]:
             label pixel0 pixel1 pixel2 ... pixel780 pixel781 pixel782
     pixel783
     39493
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```

[5 rows x 785 columns]

```
[7]: train_data.isnull().sum() # To check if null values are present in dataset
```

```
0
[7]: label
                  0
     pixel0
                  0
     pixel1
     pixel2
                  0
     pixel3
                  0
                  0
     pixel779
     pixel780
     pixel781
                  0
     pixel782
                  0
     pixel783
                  0
     Length: 785, dtype: int64
```

The train dataset has no null values.

```
[8]: train_data.describe() #Display the description of dataset
```

```
[8]:
                   label
                          pixel0 pixel1
                                           ... pixel781 pixel782 pixel783
     count 8400.000000
                          8400.0 8400.0
                                                 8400.0
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                                                                      8400.0
     mean
               4.435476
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     std
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               9.000000
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     max
```

[8 rows x 785 columns]

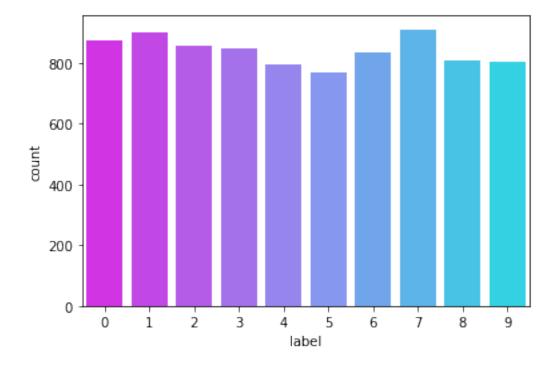
```
[9]: # Check the unique entries of label column np.unique(train_data['label'])
```

```
[9]: array([0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9])
[10]: train_data['label'].value_counts()
[10]: 7
           911
           902
      1
      0
           875
      2
           855
      3
           849
      6
           835
      8
           807
      9
           805
      4
           794
      5
           767
      Name: label, dtype: int64
```

3 Data Visualisation

```
[11]: # Import data visualisation libraries
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns
```

[15]: # Visualizing the number of class and counts in the datasets
sns.countplot(train_data["label"],palette = 'cool_r');

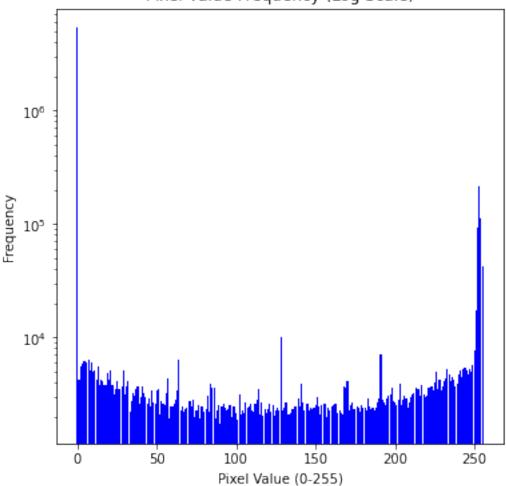


3.0.1 Let us examine few pixels

```
[20]: y = pd.value_counts(train_data.values.ravel()).sort_index()
N = len(y)
x = range(N)
width = 0.9
plt.figure(figsize=[6,6])
plt.bar(x, y, width, color="blue")
plt.title('Pixel Value Frequency (Log Scale)')
plt.yscale('log')
plt.xlabel('Pixel Value (0-255)')
plt.ylabel('Frequency')
```

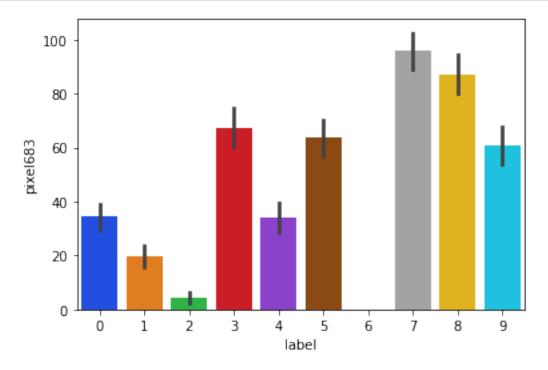
[20]: Text(0, 0.5, 'Frequency')



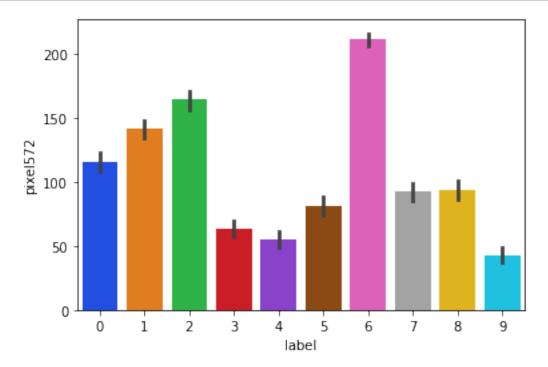


3.0.2 Label vs pixel

[32]: sns.barplot(x='label', y='pixel683', data=train_data,palette='bright');



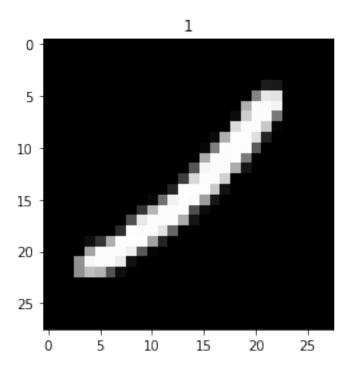




3.0.3 Let us visualise few numbers:

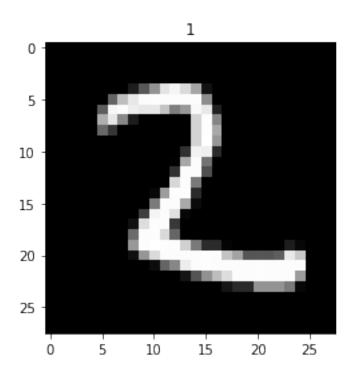
```
[42]: x = train_data.iloc[2, 1:]
x = x.values.reshape(28,28)
plt.imshow(x,cmap='gray')
title=train_data['label'][2]
plt.title(title)
```

```
[42]: Text(0.5, 1.0, '1')
```



```
[43]: x = train_data.iloc[6, 1:]
x = x.values.reshape(28,28)
plt.imshow(x,cmap='gray')
title=train_data['label'][6]
plt.title(title)
```

[43]: Text(0.5, 1.0, '1')



4 Data Preparation

4.0.1 Averaging the feature values

```
[44]: # average feature values
      round(train_data.drop('label', axis=1).mean(), 2)
[44]: pixel0
                  0.0
      pixel1
                  0.0
      pixel2
                  0.0
      pixel3
                  0.0
     pixel4
                  0.0
     pixel779
                  0.0
      pixel780
                  0.0
      pixel781
                  0.0
      pixel782
                  0.0
      pixel783
                  0.0
      Length: 784, dtype: float64
```

4.0.2 Separating the dependent and independent variables

```
[45]: ## Separating the X and Y variable
y = train_data['label']
## Dropping the variable 'label' from X variable
X = train_data.drop(columns = 'label')
## Printing the size of data
print(train_data.shape)
```

(8400, 785)

4.0.3 Normalize data

```
[46]: # Normalization

X = X/255.0

print("X:", X.shape)
```

X: (8400, 784)

4.0.4 Scale data

```
[47]: # scaling the features
from sklearn.preprocessing import scale
X_scaled = scale(X)
```

4.0.5 Split Data into train and validation

```
[48]: from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
# train test split

X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X_scaled, y, test_size = 0.

3, train_size = 0.7)
```

5 Model Building

```
[49]: # Importing the libraries to build the SVM model
from sklearn.svm import SVC
from sklearn.model_selection import KFold
from sklearn.model_selection import cross_val_score
from sklearn.model_selection import GridSearchCV
```

5.0.1 Building a Linear SVM model

```
[50]: # linear model
model_linear = SVC(kernel='linear')
model_linear.fit(X_train, y_train)
# predict
```

```
y_pred = model_linear.predict(X_test)
[51]: from sklearn import metrics # for accuracy
      from sklearn.metrics import confusion matrix # for confusion matrix
[52]: # accuracy
      print("accuracy:", metrics.accuracy_score(y_true=y_test, y_pred=y_pred), "\n")
      # confusion matrix
      print(metrics.confusion_matrix(y_true=y_test, y_pred=y_pred))
     accuracy: 0.9119047619047619
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[53]: #precision, recall and f1-score
      scores=metrics.classification_report(y_test, y_pred, labels=[0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, __
       \rightarrow6, 7, 8, 9])
      print(scores)
                    precision
                                  recall f1-score
                                                      support
                 0
                         0.95
                                    0.98
                                               0.96
                                                          261
                                    0.97
                                                          298
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                                    0.93
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                                              0.87
                                                          251
                 4
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                                    0.95
                                              0.92
                                                          232
                 5
                         0.89
                                    0.87
                                              0.88
                                                          226
                 6
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                                    0.94
                                              0.94
                                                          240
                 7
                         0.88
                                    0.89
                                               0.89
                                                          258
                 8
                         0.96
                                    0.85
                                              0.90
                                                          256
                 9
                         0.90
                                    0.87
                                                          284
                                              0.88
         accuracy
                                               0.91
                                                         2520
                                               0.91
                                                         2520
        macro avg
                         0.91
                                    0.91
                         0.91
                                    0.91
                                              0.91
     weighted avg
                                                         2520
```

We have achieved an accuracy of 91% with the help of linear SVM model.

5.0.2 Building non-linear SVM model using RBF kernel

```
[54]: # non-linear model using rbf kernel, C=1, default value of gamma
      non_linear_model = SVC(kernel='rbf')
      # fit model
      non_linear_model.fit(X_train, y_train)
      # predict model
      y_pred = non_linear_model.predict(X_test)
[55]: # Calculate accuracy
      print("accuracy:", metrics.accuracy_score(y_true=y_test, y_pred=y_pred), "\n")
      # Confusion Matrix
      print(metrics.confusion_matrix(y_true=y_test, y_pred=y_pred))
     accuracy: 0.9297619047619048
```

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```
[56]: #precision, recall and f1-score
      scores=metrics.classification_report(y_test, y_pred, labels=[0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, __
       \rightarrow6, 7, 8, 9])
      print(scores)
```

	precision	recall	f1-score	support
0	0.96	0.98	0.97	261
1	0.96	0.97	0.96	298
2	0.81	0.95	0.88	214
3	0.94	0.91	0.92	251
4	0.93	0.98	0.95	232
5	0.93	0.92	0.93	226
6	0.93	0.93	0.93	240
7	0.92	0.91	0.91	258
8	0.98	0.86	0.92	256
9	0.94	0.89	0.91	284
accuracy			0.93	2520
macro avg	0.93	0.93	0.93	2520
weighted avg	0.93	0.93	0.93	2520

We have achieved an accuracy of 93% approx by building a non-linear SVM model using RBF kernel.

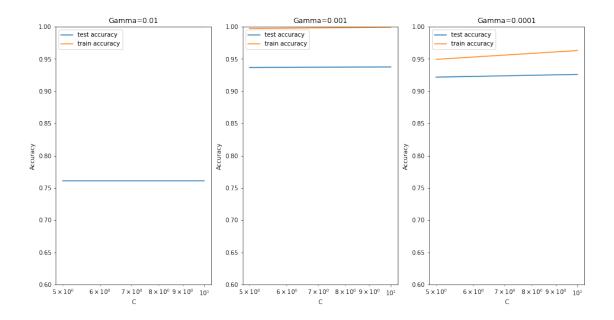
We will now try to tune in our hyperparameters to improve the accuracy.

5.1 Grid Search: Hyperparameter Tuning:

```
[57]: # creating a KFold object with 5 splits
      folds = KFold(n_splits = 5, shuffle = True, random_state = 10)
      # specify range of hyperparameters and set the parameters by cross-validation
      hyper_params = [ {'gamma': [1e-2, 1e-3, 1e-4], 'C': [5,10]}]
      # specify model
      model = SVC(kernel="rbf")
      # set up GridSearchCV()
      model_cv = GridSearchCV(estimator = model, param_grid = hyper_params,
                              scoring= 'accuracy',cv = folds,verbose = 1,
                              return_train_score=True)
      model_cv.fit(X_train, y_train)
     Fitting 5 folds for each of 6 candidates, totalling 30 fits
     [Parallel(n_jobs=1)]: Using backend SequentialBackend with 1 concurrent workers.
     [Parallel(n_jobs=1)]: Done 30 out of 30 | elapsed: 21.3min finished
[57]: GridSearchCV(cv=KFold(n_splits=5, random_state=10, shuffle=True),
                   error_score=nan,
                   estimator=SVC(C=1.0, break_ties=False, cache_size=200,
                                 class weight=None, coef0=0.0,
                                 decision_function_shape='ovr', degree=3,
                                 gamma='scale', kernel='rbf', max iter=-1,
                                 probability=False, random_state=None, shrinking=True,
                                 tol=0.001, verbose=False),
                   iid='deprecated', n_jobs=None,
                   param_grid=[{'C': [5, 10], 'gamma': [0.01, 0.001, 0.0001]}],
                   pre_dispatch='2*n_jobs', refit=True, return_train_score=True,
                   scoring='accuracy', verbose=1)
[58]: cv_results = pd.DataFrame(model_cv.cv_results_)
      cv results
[58]:
         mean_fit_time
                        std_fit_time ... mean_train_score std_train_score
      0
             43.183779
                            0.215039 ...
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                            0.071576 ...
      1
             10.425212
                                                 0.997194
                                                                   0.000159
      2
             9.929614
                            0.039062 ...
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                                                                   0.001652
      3
             43.339500
                            0.443365 ...
                                                 1.000000
                                                                   0.000000
      4
             10.331604
                            0.080817 ...
                                                                   0.000104
                                                 0.999235
      5
              8.132794
                            0.044637 ...
                                                 0.963010
                                                                   0.001674
```

5.1.1 Plot the graphs for the Train vs Test accuracy

```
[60]: # converting C to numeric type for plotting on x-axis
      cv_results['param_C'] = cv_results['param_C'].astype('int')
      # # plotting
      plt.figure(figsize=(16,8))
      # subplot 1/3
      plt.subplot(131)
      gamma_01 = cv_results[cv_results['param_gamma']==0.01]
      plt.plot(gamma_01["param_C"], gamma_01["mean_test_score"])
      plt.plot(gamma_01["param_C"], gamma_01["mean_train_score"])
      plt.xlabel('C')
      plt.ylabel('Accuracy')
      plt.title("Gamma=0.01")
      plt.ylim([0.60, 1])
      plt.legend(['test accuracy', 'train accuracy'], loc='upper left')
      plt.xscale('log')
      # subplot 2/3
      plt.subplot(132)
      gamma_001 = cv_results[cv_results['param_gamma']==0.001]
      plt.plot(gamma_001["param_C"], gamma_001["mean_test_score"])
      plt.plot(gamma_001["param_C"], gamma_001["mean_train_score"])
      plt.xlabel('C')
      plt.ylabel('Accuracy')
      plt.title("Gamma=0.001")
      plt.ylim([0.60, 1])
      plt.legend(['test accuracy', 'train accuracy'], loc='upper left')
      plt.xscale('log')
      # subplot 3/3
      plt.subplot(133)
      gamma_0001 = cv_results[cv_results['param_gamma']==0.0001]
      plt.plot(gamma_0001["param_C"], gamma_0001["mean_test_score"])
      plt.plot(gamma_0001["param_C"], gamma_0001["mean_train_score"])
      plt.xlabel('C')
      plt.ylabel('Accuracy')
      plt.title("Gamma=0.0001")
      plt.ylim([0.60, 1])
      plt.legend(['test accuracy', 'train accuracy'], loc='upper left')
      plt.xscale('log')
```



The best test score is 0.9375850340136054 corresponding to hyperparameters {'C': 10, 'gamma': 0.001}

Build the final model with the optimal hyperparameters

```
[62]: # model with optimal hyperparameters
    # model
    model = SVC(C=10, gamma=0.001, kernel="rbf")
    model.fit(X_train, y_train)
    y_pred = model.predict(X_test)
    # metrics
    print("accuracy", metrics.accuracy_score(y_test, y_pred), "\n")
    print(metrics.confusion_matrix(y_test, y_pred), "\n")
```

accuracy 0.9424603174603174

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[ 1 3 7 0 4 0 0 238 0 5]
[ 2 3 2 10 2 7 1 1 226 2]
[ 1 0 2 2 3 1 0 11 0 264]]
```

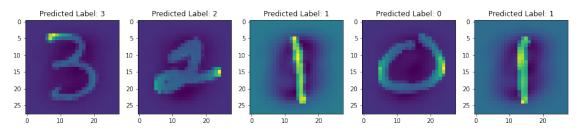
	precision	recall	f1-score	support
0	0.97	0.98	0.97	261
1	0.96	0.97	0.97	298
2	0.86	0.97	0.91	214
3	0.92	0.92	0.92	251
4	0.94	0.98	0.96	232
5	0.95	0.94	0.94	226
6	0.95	0.93	0.94	240
7	0.93	0.92	0.92	258
8	0.98	0.88	0.93	256
9	0.96	0.93	0.95	284
accuracy			0.94	2520
macro avg	0.94	0.94	0.94	2520
weighted avg	0.94	0.94	0.94	2520

Finally, after tuning our hyperparameters we achieve an accuracy of 94% approx.

```
[64]: # Let us visualize our final model on unseen training dataset

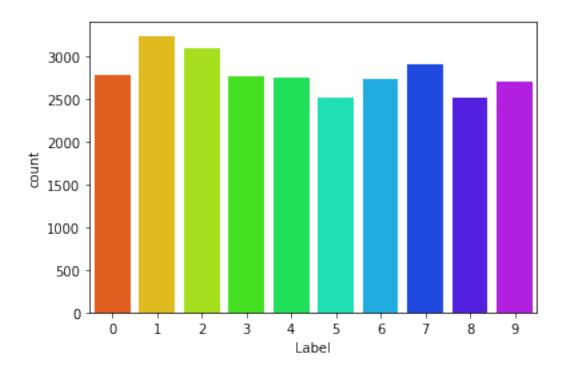
df = np.random.randint(1,y_pred.shape[0]+1,5)

plt.figure(figsize=(16,4))
for i,j in enumerate(df):
    plt.subplot(150+i+1)
    d = X_test[j].reshape(28,28)
    plt.title(f'Predicted Label: {y_pred[j]}')
    plt.imshow(d)
plt.show()
```



5.2 Let us use our final model on test data

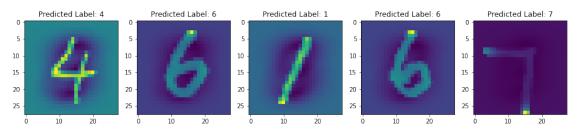
```
[65]: #import file and reading few lines
      test_df = pd.read_csv('/content/drive/My Drive/Colab Notebooks/test.csv')
      test_df.head(10)
[65]:
         pixel0
                pixel1 pixel2 pixel3 ... pixel780
                                                       pixel781
                                                                  pixel782 pixel783
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      [10 rows x 784 columns]
[66]: test_df.shape
[66]: (28000, 784)
[67]: test_df.info()
     <class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
     RangeIndex: 28000 entries, 0 to 27999
     Columns: 784 entries, pixel0 to pixel783
     dtypes: int64(784)
     memory usage: 167.5 MB
[69]: test df = test df/255.0
      print("test_data:", test_df.shape)
     test_data: (28000, 784)
[70]: test_scaled = scale(test_df)
[71]: test_predict = model.predict(test_scaled)
[75]: # Plotting the distribution of prediction
      a = {'ImageId': np.arange(1,test_predict.shape[0]+1), 'Label': test_predict}
      data_to_export = pd.DataFrame(a)
      sns.countplot(data_to_export['Label'], palette = 'gist_rainbow');
```



```
[73]: # Let us visualize few of predicted test numbers

df = np.random.randint(1,test_predict.shape[0]+1,5)

plt.figure(figsize=(16,4))
for i,j in enumerate(df):
    plt.subplot(150+i+1)
    d = test_scaled[j].reshape(28,28)
    plt.title(f'Predicted Label: {test_predict[j]}')
    plt.imshow(d)
plt.show()
```



5.3 Conclusion

The accuracy achieved using a non-linear kernel (0.94) is a bit higher than that of a linear one (0.91). We can conclude that the problem is non-linear in nature.