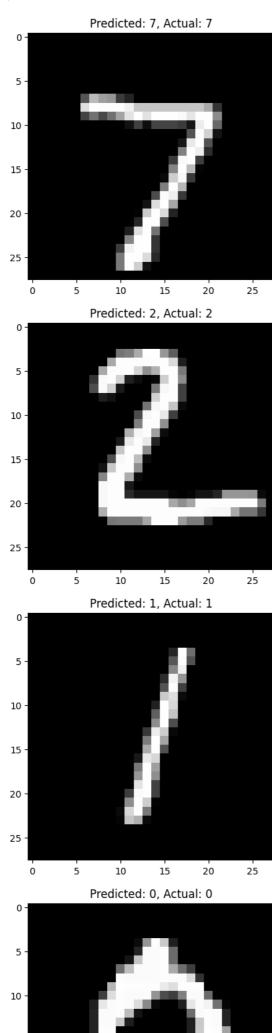
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# Import the modules
import numpy as np
import tensorflow as tf # or import torch for PyTorch
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
# Load the MNIST dataset,
# Which consists of 28x28 pixel grayscale images of handwritten digits.
(X_train, y_train), (X_test, y_test) = tf.keras.datasets.mnist.load_data()
   Downloading data from <a href="https://storage.googleapis.com/tensorflow/tf-keras-datasets/mnist.npz">https://storage.googleapis.com/tensorflow/tf-keras-datasets/mnist.npz</a>
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# Flatten the images and normalize the pixel values to the range [0, 1].
X_{\text{train}} = X_{\text{train.reshape}}((X_{\text{train.shape}}[0], -1)) / 255.0
X_{\text{test}} = X_{\text{test.reshape}}((X_{\text{test.shape}}[0], -1)) / 255.0
# Split the data into training and testing sets.
X_train, X_val, y_train, y_val = train_test_split(X_train, y_train, test_size=0.2, random_state=42)
# Create a simple neural network using a framework like TensorFlow or PyTorch.
model = tf.keras.Sequential([
  tf.keras.layers.Dense(128, activation='relu', input_shape=(784,)),
   tf.keras.layers.Dropout(0.2),
   tf.keras.layers.Dense(10, activation='softmax')
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# Compile the model with an appropriate loss function, optimizer, and metrics.
model.compile(optimizer='adam', loss='sparse_categorical_crossentropy', metrics=['accuracy'])
# Train the model using the training data.
model.fit(X_train, y_train, epochs=5, validation_data=(X_val, y_val))
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   Epoch 4/5
   Epoch 5/5
   <keras.src.callbacks.History at 0x7dd267f25de0>
# Evaluate the model on the test set to see how well it generalizes.
test_loss, test_acc = model.evaluate(X_test, y_test)
print(f'Test Accuracy: {test_acc}')
   Test Accuracy: 0.9753000140190125
# Use the trained model to make predictions on new data.
predictions = model.predict(X_test[:5])
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# Optionally, visualize the model's predictions and check how well it performs on sample images.
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
for i in range(5):
   plt.imshow(X_test[i].reshape(28, 28), cmap='gray')
   plt.title(f'Predicted: {np.argmax(predictions[i])}, Actual: {y_test[i]}')
   plt.show()
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