Optical Character Recognition

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Abstract: The aim of this work is to propose another way to deal with the recognition of authentic messages by giving a versatile instrument that naturally tunes itself to a particular book. The framework depends on bunching together all the comparable words in a book/text and all the while taking care of whole class. The paper portrays the engineering of such a framework and new calculations that have been created for vigorous word picture correlation (counting enrollment, optical stream based mutilation remuneration, and versatile binarization). Results for a huge dataset are introduced too. Over 23% recognition improvement is illustrated. The target of OCR is to accomplish alteration or transformation of any type of text or text-containing archives, for example, manually written content, printed or examined text pictures, into an editable advanced organization for more profound and further preparing. Along these lines, OCR empowers a machine to naturally perceive text in such reports. Some significant moves should be perceived and dealt with to accomplish a fruitful computerization. The textual style attributes of the characters in paper reports and nature of pictures are just a portion of the new difficulties. Because of these difficulties, characters now and again may not be perceived accurately by PC framework. In this paper we research OCR in four unique manners. First we give a definite review of the difficulties that may arise in OCR stages. Second, we survey the overall periods of an OCR framework, for example, pre-preparing, division, standardization, highlight extraction, characterization and post-handling. At that point, we feature improvements and fundamental applications and employments of OCR lastly, a concise OCR history are examined. Subsequently, this conversation gives an extremely extensive survey of the best in class of the field.

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1. Introduction to OCR

Remove this It is regular that we should request to fabricate and configuration machines that can perceive designs. From robotized optical character recognition to confront recognition, unique mark recognizable proof, discourse recognition, DNA succession ID and considerably more, unmistakably precise and dependable example recognition by machine would be incredibly helpful.

Optical character recognition is a functioning exploration zone that endeavors to build up a PC framework with the capacity to concentrate and handle text from pictures naturally. These days there is a colossal interest for putting away data to a PC stockpiling plate from the information accessible in printed or manually written reports to later re-use this data by methods for PCs. One straightforward approach to store data to PC framework from these paper reports could be to initially examine the records and afterward store them as picture documents. However, to re-use this data, it would exceptionally hard to peruse or question text or other data from these picture records. Along these lines a procedure to naturally recover and store data, specifically text, from picture records is required. Obviously, this is definitely not a trifling undertaking. Some significant provokes should be spread out and taken care of to accomplish an effective robotization. The text style attributes of the characters in paper reports and nature of pictures are just a portion of the new difficulties. Because of these difficulties, characters here and there may not be perceived accurately by PC framework. Hence there is a need of systems of character recognition to perform Document Image Analysis (DIA) which beats these difficulties and produces electronic arrangement from the changed records in paper design.

Likewise, Optical Character Recognition (OCR) is the cycle of adjustment or transformation of any type of text or text-containing archives, for example, manually written content, printed or examined text pictures, into an editable advanced configuration for more profound and further handling. Optical character recognition innovation empowers a machine to consequently perceive text in such reports. In true model, it resembles blend of brain and eye of human body. An eye can distinguish, view and concentrate the content from the pictures however totally the human's cerebrum measures that recognized or removed content read by eye. Obviously OCR innovation has not progressed enough to contend with human's capacity. The exhibition and exactness of OCR is straightforwardly reliant upon the nature of information reports. Once more, when we think about human's capacity to perceive text, the presentation of cerebrum's cycle straightforwardly relies on the nature of the information read by eye. While planning and actualizing a mechanized OCR framework, a few issues and difficulties can happen. For instance there is slight contrast between certain digits and letters for PCs to remember them and separate one from the others effectively. For instance, it may not be simple for PCs to separate between digit "0" and letter "o", particularly when these characters are implanted in an exceptionally dull and boisterous foundation. One of the principle focal points of OCR research has been to perceive cursive contents and transcribed content for its wide application region. Today, to tackle the content recognition issue a few unique sorts of OCR programming exist, for example, Desktop OCR, Server OCR, web OCR, etc.

Since the OCR research is a functioning and significant field as a rule design recognition issues, because of its quick advancement, extensive surveys of the field are required consistently to monitor the new progressions. One such survey was distributed to talk about the difficulties with text recognition in scene symbolism. This paper endeavors to expand on these sorts of studies by giving a complete writing survey of optical character recognition research. We talk about significant difficulties and principle periods of optical character recognition such us pre-handling, division, standardization, highlight extraction, arrangement and post preparing in detail which should be considered during executing any application identified with the OCR, and in the last segment of our paper some OCR applications what's more, a short OCR history are talked about.

1. OCR Challenges

For good quality and high precision character recognition, OCR procedures expect high caliber or high goal pictures with some essential primary properties, for example, high separating text and foundation. The manner in which pictures are produced is a significant and deciding component in the precision and achievement of OCR, since this regularly influences the nature of pictures drastically. Normally OCR with pictures created by scanners gives high exactness and great execution. Interestingly, pictures created by cameras normally are not as acceptable of a contribution as examined pictures to be utilized for OCR due to the ecological or camera related components. Various blunders may arise, which are explained as follow.

1.1. Scene Complexity

In a normal climate, we can see enormous quantities of man-made items which are remembered for camera taken pictures, for example, compositions, structures, and images. These items have near structures and appearances to message which makes text recognition exceptionally testing in the prepared picture. Text itself is consistently spread out to support decipherability. The test with scene unpredictability is that the encompassing scene makes it difficult to isolate text from non-text.

1.2. Conditions of Uneven Lighting

Oftentimes, taking pictures in common habitats brings about lopsided lighting and shadows. This represents a test for OCR as it debases the ideal attributes of the picture and consequently causes less precise identification, division and recognition results.

This condition with uneven lighting is what distinguishes a scanned image form one that is produced with a camera. The lack of such disparities in lighting and shadows makes scanned images preferred over camera images for their better

characteristics and quality. Although using an on-camera flash may eliminate such problems with uneven lighting, it introduces new challenges.

1.3. Skewness (Rotation)

For optical character recognition frameworks, the perspective for the info picture that taken from camera of hand-held gadget or different contraptions that utilized for taken picture isn't fixed like a scanner input, which slanting of text lines from their exceptional direction may be noticed. Numerous strategies accessible with the end goal of deskew the picture archives, for example, Projection Profile, RAST calculation, Hough change, techniques for Fourier change, and so on.

1.4. Blurring and Degradation

Since working over an assortment of distances are proposed to various computerized cameras, a significant factor is the advanced camera's centering. For the best precision of character recognition and character division, character sharpness is required. Everywhere openings and short distances, lopsided center can be seen when a little perspective changes. Generally associated with photography, there are two sorts of dark which is: out of center dark and development dark. At the point for getting a moving thing, when the shade pace of the camera isn't adequately high, the sensor gets introduced to a consistently evolving scene. Appropriately, obscuring will saw in parts moving.

1.5. Aspect Ratios

Text has diverse viewpoint proportions. Text might be brief, for example, traffic signs, while other content might be any longer, for example, video inscriptions. Area, scale and length of text should be considered with search methodology to identify text, which presents high computational unpredictability.

1.6. Tilting (Perspective Distortion)

Report pictures acquired by scanners is continually corresponding to the plane of sensor, yet this can't be noticed all occasions for recorded picture got by a versatile camera, that may not by and large be corresponding to the structure plane. Likewise, lines of text that removed from the camera appear to be more diminutive than those that closer to the camera which appears to be more noteworthy. The present circumstance causes inclined pictures. Perception of a viewpoint twisting is clear if the recognizer isn't point of view prejudiced, which causes lower recognition rate and precision. Phones have a preferred position with direction sensors. They can perceive whether the gadget is inclined and when winding happens they can prohibit customers to take pictures. Allowing the client to adjust plane of the structure to that of the camera is likewise given by this element. Direction sensors in this manner may guarantee that delivered pictures fulfill a specific

level of equity

1.7. Fonts

Italic style and content textual styles of characters may cover one another, making it hard to play out a portion of the fundamental OCR cycles, for example, division. Characters of different text styles have huge inside class varieties and structure many example sub-spaces, making it hard to perform precise recognition when the character class number is huge.

1.8. Multilingual Environments

But a huge bit of the dialects of Latin have numerous characters, dialects for instance, Japanese, Chinese and Korean, have an enormous number of character classes. Associated characters are exist in Arabic dialects, that as per setting, it changes composing shape. In Hindi syllables speak to by consolidating alphabetic letters into a large number of shapes. In multilingual circumstances, OCR in examined archives remains as an essential examination issue, since OCR in complex imagery is more problematic.

1.9. Warping

Substance or text on objects of differing calculations can be another test for OCR to be perceived when pictures of such circumstance caught by hand-held cameras. A couple of conditions may arise with flatbed scanners, wherein the turned content saw when the substance secured on picture, for instance the substance towards the authoritative of a very thick book.

For show paper reports, a strategy for picture dewarping is proposed by Ulges et al. . . By expecting how substance lines are similarly isolated and corresponding to one another, they dewarp pictures.

2. OCR Phases

In this part we portray the primary significant stages and engineering of optical character recognition. These stages incorporate pre-handling, division, standardization, future extraction, characterization and post preparing. For planning a viable application identified with the OCR, we should consider the troubles that may emerge in each stage to acquire high character recognition rate..

2.1. Pre-processing Phase

The point of pre-preparing is to wipe out undesired qualities or commotion in a picture without missing any critical data. Preprocessing strategies are required on shading, dim level or paired record pictures containing text or potentially designs. Since handling shading pictures is computationally more costly, a large portion of the applications in character

recognition frameworks use twofold or dim pictures. Preprocessing diminishes the conflicting information and commotion. It upgrades the picture and sets it up for the following stages in OCR stages.

We can enhance the effectiveness and easiness for an image to be processed in the next phases by converting the image to the suitable format in the preprocessing phase which is the first phase. Therefore, decreasing the noise that causes the reduction in the character recognition rate is the main important issue in preprocessing phase.

In this manner, since preprocessing controls the appropriateness of the contribution for the progressive stages, an essential stage preceding component extraction stage is the preprocessing stage. A large portion of the difficulties we recorded in OCR Challenges' segment should be tended to in preprocessing stage. A few tasks that we may consider to do can be recorded as follows: binarization, commotion decrease, slant amendment, morphological activities, incline evacuation, sifting, thresholding, smoothing, pressure, and diminishing. Some significant preprocessing issues with short portrayal were represented in Table 1.

Processes	Description
Binarization	Separates image pixels as text or background.
Noise Reduction	Better improvements of image acquisition devices produced by the advancements in technology.
Skew Correction	Because of the possibility of rotation of the input image through captured image device, document skew should be corrected.
Morphological Operations	or removing pixels to the characters that have holes or surplus pixels.
Thresholding	For an image, separating information from its background.
Thinning and Skeletonisation	thinning process is the Skeletonisation, which regularize the map of the text until reaches most medial one pixel width

Table 1. Some important pre-processing operations

2.2. Segmentation Phase

The basic and significant part of an Optical Character Recognition (OCR) framework is the division of text line from pictures. By and large, Text division from a report picture combines line division, word division and afterward character division. Division is the way toward confining content part inside a picture from the picture's experience. For fitting rearrangement of the editable content lines from the perceived characters, right off the bat, sectioning the line of text, at that point the words are divided from the fragmented line and afterward from that the characters are portioned.

Archive division is a significant pre-preparing stage in actualizing an OCR framework. It is the way toward grouping a record picture into homogeneous zones, i.e., that each zone contains just a single sort of data, for example, text, a figure, a table, or a halftone picture. As a rule, the precision pace of frameworks identified with the OCR vigorously relies upon the exactness of the page division calculation utilized.

There are three classifications of Algorithms of record division As follows:

• Top-down techniques,

• Bottom-up techniques,

• Hybrid techniques.

The top-down methodology in an archive sections huge locales into more modest sub districts recursively. At the point when measure is met then the record division cycle will stop and at that stage the reaches got comprise the consequences of definite division. In any case, approaches of base up beginning via looking for interest pixels and afterward bunches interest pixels. They at that point deal with those interest pixels into associated segments that comprise characters which are then joined into words, and lines or text blocks. The joining of both top-down and base up strategies is called half and half methodologies.

With respect to parts of OCR framework all through the most recent many years numerous methodologies have just been proposed for division.

A tale procedure for Text Segmentation dependent on A Hough Transform, was proposed by Satadal Saha, Subhadip Basu, Mita Nasipuri and Dipak Kr. Basu.

Separating Text line from multi slanted manually written report pictures has been concentrated by S. Basu et al. The proposed strategy for extraction of text lines actualizes a water stream procedure with high pace of achievement.

A. Khandelwal et al proposed a strategy by looking at neighborhood associated segments on content line division from unconstrained manually written report pictures.

Shinde, Archana A., and D. G. Chougule additionally proposed a division strategy in their paper. They introduced that using the customary vertical and even projection profile strategy makes text effectively sectioned into lines and words. They announced trial results with 98% precision of line and word division.

2.3. Normalization Phase

Because of division measure disengaged characters which are prepared to travel through element

extraction stage are gotten, thus the separated characters are limited to a specific size contingent upon the calculations utilized. The division cycle is critical as it changes over the picture as m*n framework. These frameworks are then ordinarily standardized by limiting the size and disposing of the pointless data from the picture without missing any powerful data.

2.4. Feature Extraction Phase

Highlight extraction is the activity of extricating the relevant highlights from items or letter sets to fabricate include vectors. These element vectors are then used by classifiers to distinguish the information unit with target yield unit. It gets easy for the classifier to arrange between disparate classes by looking at these highlights as it turns out to be genuinely simple to decide.

A few methods are proposed for removing highlights from the divided characters in writing. U. Buddy et al have proposed directional chain code highlights and drafting and for manually written numeral recognition considered a component vector of length 100 and have introduced an elevated level of recognition precision. Yet, the element extraction measure is tedious and complex. Dinesh et al have proposed end focuses as the expected highlights for recognition and utilized level/vertical strokes and for transcribed Kannada numerals got an recognition exactness of 90.50%. However, this technique utilizes the diminishing cycle which brings about some deficiency of highlights.

E. Srinivasan et al for manually written letter sets recognition framework have proposed inclining based element extraction using neural organization.

Sharma, Om Prakash et al for transcribed letter sets recognition proposed an improved zone based cross breed include extraction model using Euler number.

Following to Suen, there are two significant classes of highlights: measurable highlights and primary highlights. In a character framework measurable highlights are acquired from factual circulation of each point, for example, drafting, minutes, intersections, fourier changes and projection histograms. Measurable highlights are additionally prominent as worldwide highlights as they are typically arrived at the midpoint of and removed in sub-pictures, for example, networks. At first, measurable highlights are provided to perceive machine printed characters. Then again, underlying or topological highlights are worry to the calculation of the character set to be examined. A portion of these highlights are convexities and concavities in the characters, number of openings in the characters, number of end focuses and so o

2.5. Classification Phase

OCR frameworks comprehensively use the techniques of example recognition, which relegates every guide to a predefined class. Arrangement is the strategy of disseminating contributions concerning identified data to

their contrasting class all together with make bunches with homogeneous characteristics, while isolating unique contributions to various classes. Order is passed on out on the reason of set aside includes in the element space, for instance, underlying highlights, worldwide highlights, etc. It tends to be said that order disengages the element space into a few classes considering the choice principle. Picking classifier relies upon a few specialists, for example, number of free boundaries, accessible preparing set, etc. Different techniques for OCR are investigated by the researchers.

Strategies of OCR arrangement can be sorted as Statistical Techniques, Neural Networks, Template Matching, Support Vector Machine (SVM) calculations, and Combination of classifier..

3.5.1. Template coordinating

This is the most un-complex strategy for character recognition, taking into account coordinating the put away models against the word or character to be seen. By social event of shapes, pixels, bend, etc, the activity of coordinating chooses the degree of comparability between two vectors. A dim level or double information character is appeared differently in relation to a standard plan of put away models. The recognition pace of this system is incredibly fragile to clamor and information distortion.

3.5.2. Statistical Techniques

Speculation of Statistical choice is treating with measurable choice limits and a game plan of optimality rules, which for a given model of a particular class can enhance the probability of the noticed example. The principle factual strategies that are acted in the region of OCR are Nearest Neighbor (NN), Likelihood or Bayes classifier, Clustering Analysis, Hidden Markov Modeling (HMM), Fuzzy Set Reasoning, and Quadratic classifier.

3.5.3. Neural Networks

Character characterization issue is related to heuristic reasoning as individuals can see characters and records by their learning and experience. Along these lines neural organizations which are practically heuristic in nature are incredibly proper for this kind of issue. A neural organization is a finding out engineering that incorporates gigantically equal interconnection of adaptable hub processors. Yield starting with one hub is fortifying then onto the next one in the organization and an official decision depends on the confounded coordinated effort, all things considered. Because of its comparable character, it can apply estimations at a rate higher diverged from the conventional techniques. Feed-forward neural organizations and criticism neural organizations can be idea as order of neural organization designs.

Author(s)	OCR Application	Accuracy %
Shah, Parul, et al	chassis-number recognition	95.49
Zhai, Xiaojun, et al	Automatic Number Plate Recognition ANPR	97.3
Shamsher, Inam, et al	OCR for printed Urdu script	98.3
Yetirajam, Manas, et al	classification and Recognition of broken characters	68.33

Table 2. Accuracy comparison among recent proposed OCR systems based on neural network

3.5.4. Kernel Methods

While the most basic part procedures are uphold Vector Machines, strategies, for example, Kernel Fisher Discriminant Analysis (KFDA) and Kernel Principal Component Analysis (KPCA) likewise utilize piece strategy. Backing vector machines (SVM) are perhaps the most broadly utilized and best directed learning procedures that can be utilized for double or multi-class grouping. In arrangement strategies, by show the informational index initially is apportioned into preparing and testing sets. The goal of SVM is to convey a model, which predicts the yield of the test set. Width of the edge between the classes is the improvement rule, i.e., the unfilled zone around the choice limit described by the stretch to the nearest preparing model.

3.5.5. Combination Classifier

Distinctive order techniques have their own specific focal points and inadequacies. In this way conventionally different classifiers are combined together to take care of a given arrangement issue. Matei, Oliviu, Petrica C. Pop, and H. Vălean by using neural organizations and k-Nearest Neighbor, proposed Optical character recognition in genuine conditions, for example, power meters and gas-meters.

2.6. Postprocessing Phase

It has been demonstrated that individuals can peruse penmanship by setting up to 60%. While preprocessing attempts to clean the record from a particular perspective, it may clear basic information, since the setting information isn't open at this stage. In case the semantic information were open to a particular degree, it would contribute a significant measure to the exactness of the OCR stages. Then again, the entire OCR issue is for choosing the setting of the saved picture. In this manner the joining of setting and shape information in all the periods of OCR systems is fundamental for significant overhauls in recognition rates. This is done in the Postprocessing stage with a contribution to the beginning stages of OCR. The most un-complex strategy for combining the setting information is the use of a word reference for changing the minor mistakes of the OCR systems. The essential idea is to spell check the OCR yield and give a couple of particular choices for the yields of the

recognizer that occur in the word reference.

3. OCR Applications

Optical character recognition has been performed in a numerous of applications. We discussed a portion of these application zones in this segment..

3.1. Handwriting Recognition

Handwriting recognition is the ability of a computer to get and translate intelligible handwritten data from sources, for instance, paper records, photographs, contact screens and various devices. The image of the composed substance may be identified "disconnected" from a touch of paper by optical filtering (optical character recognition) or astute word recognition. Then again, the improvements of the pen tip might be recognized "on line", for example by a pen-based PC screen surface.

3.2. Receipt Imaging

Receipt imaging is extensively used as a piece of various associations applications to screen monetary records and shield amassing of installments from storing up. In government workplaces and self-sufficient associations, OCR streamlines data social occasion and investigation, among various systems.

3.3. Legal Industry

Legal industry is similarly one of the beneficiaries of the OCR development. OCR is used to digitize reports, and to explicitly go into PC information base. Authentic specialists can additionally look through records needed from colossal information bases by essentially composing a couple of catchphrases.

3.4. Banking

In banking, it is used to handle checks without human intercession. A check can be implanted with a machine where the structure channels the whole to be given and the correct proportion of money is traded. This advancement has been romanticized for printed check, and is truly exact for transcribed checks decreasing the hold-up time in banks.

3.5. Healthcare

To deal with printed material, therapeutic administrations have in like manner seen a development in the usage of OCR advancement. Restorative help specialists ceaselessly need to oversee broad volumes of archives for every patient, incorporating assurance outlines and furthermore broad wellbeing structures. To remain mindful of all of this information, it is important to enter applicable data into an electronic data set. With OCR preparing devices, we can remove information from structures

and put it into data sets, so that every patient's data is immediately recorded and recovered when required in future.

3.6. Captcha

A CAPTCHA is a framework that can make and grade tests that human can pass yet current programming innovation can't. Pernicious developer can make programming to abuse individual data on sites. Word reference assault will be attack against mystery word affirmed structures where a software engineer creates a framework to again and again endeavor unmistakable passwords like from word reference of most normal passwords. In CAPTCHA, an image including a plan of letters and numbers is delivered with assortment of size and literary styles, diverting foundations, subjective parts, features and commotion so text can't be perused through OCR. Current OCR systems can be used to clear the commotion and bit the image to make the image manageable by such noxious clients.

3.7. Automatic Number Plate Recognition

Programmed number plate recognition is used as a mass perception technique making usage of optical character recognition on pictures to perceive vehicle enlistment plates. ANPR has furthermore been made to store the photos got by the cameras including the numbers got from tag. ANPR development own to plate assortment all around as it is a territory specific advancement. They are used by various police powers and as a procedure for electronic cost gathering on compensation per-use roads.

4. OCR History

The development of retina scanner is the underlying character recognition idea, that it is a structure for picture transmission which makes use of photocells mosaic. An imperative jump forward occurred in 1890 which is the present TV and examining machines with Nipkow's development which is a progressive scanner. In the midst of the OCR early ages was considered as an assistance for the outwardly disabled people. Be that as it may, later on it shaped into an incomprehensible field of inventive work.

In Germany in 1929, a patent account of Tauschek is the essential verification of optical character recognition system and later in 1935, he was expressed US Patent and in 1933, Handel was expressed straightforwardly. Layout images with a round circle are used by both the machines, so that light shimmers can be seen through it. Before the plate, the image that should be seen is held and is then lit up. Through the format opening, the light reflecting off a piece of it is then connected with and a photograph sensor is used for recognizing it.

The modernly open OCRs may be orchestrated into four ages dependent on their solidarity, viability and versatility. Just picked text styles and states of characters could be perused by the first OCRs. Such machines were used in mid 1960s. IBM 1418 was the original OCR to become into

commonly advertised. Coherent layout coordinating was the technique that used. The OCRs second ages were generously more fit, which could see the two characters printed by machine and also manually written. The OCRs second ages which were open in the midst of the focal point of 1960 to mid-1970s was bound to numerals as it were. IBM 1287 was the fundamental OCR plan of second era, which was a blend structure that combines both simple and advanced innovation.

For development of print based checked record further examination was done and therefore developed the OCRs third era. They work on manually written characters of helpless print quality characters than previously and immense set. Such systems were notable in the midst of the period 1975-1985.

For sifting and seeing characters from complex records intermixed with compositions, The OCRs fourth era are fit, Mathematical images and tables besides unconstrained manually written characters, inferior quality boisterous archives, for instance, copies, fax and shading reports. Presently more perplexing OCRs are available for Arabic, Chinese, Japanese and Roman preliminary.

5. Conclusions

Various calculations, strategies and methods have been proposed to optical character recognition in scene symbolism, yet there are insufficient writing studies in this field. In this paper, we have proposed an association of these strategies, calculations and procedures. It is trusted that this extensive study will give knowledge into the ideas in question, and maybe incite further advances in the region. Right off the bat, we examined significant difficulties of OCR, at that point we talked about in incredible detail the principle significant stages, engineering, proposed calculations and procedures of OCR, we feature that for planning any application identified with the OCR, one should give extraordinary consideration to each stage to get high precise character recognition rate, yet at the same time we can't propose extensive calculations for each stage since it relies on datasets, application particulars, and boundary points of interest. At last significant applications identified with the OCR and a concise OCR history are talked about.

In spite of the fact that the best in class OCR empowers text recognition with high exactness, we imagine that there could be a lot more useful uses of OCR. As a future work we are wanting to utilize OCR for such viable applications for every day individual use. We are wanting to consolidate cell phones with OCR in one OCR framework. A robotized book peruser or a receipt tracker establishes a portion of our future OCR based applications.

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