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0.1 Data collection

```
[2]: # import tarfile
     # from tqdm import tqdm
     # from urllib.request import urlopen
     # from io import BytesIO
     # from zipfile import ZipFile
     # import os
     # def download_and_unzip(url, extract_to='Datasets', chunk_size=1024*1024):
           http_response = urlopen(url)
           data = b''
     #
           iterations = http_response.length // chunk_size + 1
     #
           for in tqdm(range(iterations)):
     #
               data += http_response.read(chunk_size)
           zipfile = ZipFile(BytesIO(data))
           zipfile.extractall(path=extract_to)
     # dataset_path = os.path.join('Datasets', 'IAM_Words')
     # if not os.path.exists(dataset_path):
           download_and_unzip('https://git.io/J0fjL', extract_to='Datasets')
           file = tarfile.open(os.path.join(dataset_path, "words.tgz"))
           file.extractall(os.path.join(dataset path, "words"))
```

0.2 Imports

```
[3]: import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from datetime import datetime
import tensorflow as tf
import numpy as np
import os

from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split

from tensorflow.keras.layers.experimental.preprocessing import StringLookup
```

```
from tensorflow import keras

np.random.seed(42)

tf.random.set_seed(42)
```

0.3 Dataset Preprocessing

0.3.1 Spliting

90% training , 5% validation and 5% for testing

n02-120-03-02 ok 182 929 1313 37 25 AT a

```
g06-026k-02-02 ok 182 884 1102 121 44 RB ever e07-061-08-07 ok 157 1856 2179 147 66 HVD had e04-019-01-07 ok 173 1939 920 223 104 NN choice g06-105-03-04 ok 188 1263 1313 122 48 JJB main
```

0.3.2 Getting Image path & Clean label

e04-019-01-07 ok 173 1939 920 223 104 NN choice Here destination folder is words/e04/e04-019/e04-019-01-07.png -> choice choice is the label

```
[7]: base_image_path = os.path.join(base_path, "words")
     def get_image_paths_and_labels(samples):
        paths = []
         labels = []
         for (i, file_line) in enumerate(samples):
             line_split = file_line.strip()
             line_split = line_split.split(" ")
             image_name = line_split[0]
             folder_1 = image_name.split("-")[0]
             folder_2 = image_name.split("-")[1]
             img_path = os.path.join(
                 base_image_path, folder_1, folder_1 + "-" + folder_2, image_name +_

¬".png"

             if os.path.getsize(img_path):
                 paths.append(img_path)
                 labels.append(line_split[-1])
         return paths, labels
```

```
[8]: train_labels[:10]
```

0.3.3 Finding max Char in a label and the size of the vocabulary in the training data.

```
[9]: characters = set()
    max_len = 0

for label in train_labels:
    for char in label:
        characters.add(char)
        max_len = max(max_len, len(label))

characters = sorted(list(characters))
    train_labels_cleaned = train_labels
    print("Maximum length: ", max_len)
    print("Vocabulary size: ", len(characters))
```

Maximum length: 21

Vocabulary size: 78

0.3.4 Building the character vocabulary

Our study involves preprocessing labels at the character level.

This means that if there are 3 labels "who", "are" and "how" then our character vocabulary should be {a, e, h, o, r, w}.

We are using the StringLookup layer for this purpose.

```
[10]: AUTOTUNE = tf.data.AUTOTUNE
```

```
# Mapping characters to integers.
char_to_num = StringLookup(vocabulary=list(characters), mask_token=None)

# Mapping integers back to original characters.
num_to_char = StringLookup(
    vocabulary=char_to_num.get_vocabulary(), mask_token=None, invert=True
)
```

0.3.5 Images Resizing

Instead of square images, many OCR models work with rectangular images. Here we using rectangular images too. Because in this case most of the time our words will be in rectangular shape rather then squre.

If we use squre then this will add more padding to our images

By using rectangular image we preserved the aspect ratio and content of the images is not affected too.

```
[11]: def distortion free resize(image, img size):
          w, h = img_size
          image = tf.image.resize(image, size=(h, w), preserve aspect ratio=True)
          # Checking tha amount of padding needed to be done.
          pad_height = h - tf.shape(image)[0]
          pad_width = w - tf.shape(image)[1]
          # giving same amount of padding on both sides.
          if pad_height % 2 != 0:
              height = pad_height // 2
              pad_height_top = height + 1
              pad_height_bottom = height
          else:
              pad_height_top = pad_height_bottom = pad_height // 2
          if pad_width % 2 != 0:
              width = pad width // 2
              pad_width_left = width + 1
              pad_width_right = width
          else:
              pad_width_left = pad_width_right = pad_width // 2
          image = tf.pad(
              image,
              paddings=[
                  [pad_height_top, pad_height_bottom],
                  [pad_width_left, pad_width_right],
                  [0, 0],
```

```
image = tf.transpose(image, perm=[1, 0, 2])
image = tf.image.flip_left_right(image)
return image
```

0.3.6 All necessary functions to prepare our data into tf.data.Dataset objects

```
[12]: batch_size = 64
      padding_token = 99
      image_width = 128
      image_height = 32
      def preprocess_image(image_path, img_size=(image_width, image_height)):
          image = tf.io.read file(image path)
          image = tf.image.decode_png(image, 1)
          image = distortion_free_resize(image, img_size)
          image = tf.cast(image, tf.float32) / 255.0
          return image
      def vectorize label(label):
          label = char_to_num(tf.strings.unicode_split(label, input_encoding="UTF-8"))
          length = tf.shape(label)[0]
          pad_amount = max_len - length
          label = tf.pad(label, paddings=[[0, pad_amount]],__

¬constant_values=padding_token)

          return label
      def process_images_labels(image_path, label):
          image = preprocess_image(image_path)
          label = vectorize_label(label)
          return {"image": image, "label": label}
      def prepare_dataset(image_paths, labels):
          dataset = tf.data.Dataset.from_tensor_slices((image_paths, labels)).map(
              process_images_labels, num_parallel_calls=AUTOTUNE
          )
          return dataset.batch(batch_size).cache().prefetch(AUTOTUNE)
```

```
[13]: # Converting into tf.data.Dataset object
train_ds = prepare_dataset(train_img_paths, train_labels)
```

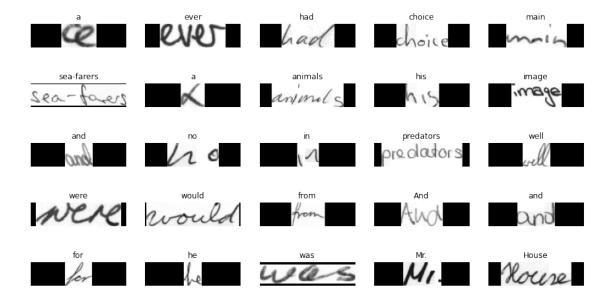
```
validation_ds = prepare_dataset(validation_img_paths, validation_labels)
test_ds = prepare_dataset(test_img_paths, test_labels)
```

0.3.7 Getting real values from a tf.data.Dataset object.

```
[14]: def get_label_in_text (label):
    indices = tf.gather(label, tf.where(tf.math.not_equal(label,
    padding_token)))
    # Convert to string.
    label = tf.strings.reduce_join(num_to_char(indices))
    label = label.numpy().decode("utf-8")
    return label
```

0.3.8 Visualizing a few samples

```
[15]: for data in train_ds.take(1):
          images, labels = data["image"], data["label"]
          _{-}, ax = plt.subplots(5, 5, figsize=(15, 8))
          for i in range(25):
              img = images[i]
              img = tf.image.flip_left_right(img)
              img = tf.transpose(img, perm=[1, 0, 2])
              img = (img * 255.0).numpy().clip(0, 255).astype(np.uint8)
              img = img[:, :, 0]
              # Gather indices where label! = padding token.
              label = labels[i]
              indices = tf.gather(label, tf.where(tf.math.not_equal(label, __
       →padding_token)))
              # Convert to string.
              label = tf.strings.reduce_join(num_to_char(indices))
              label = label.numpy().decode("utf-8")
              ax[i // 5, i % 5].imshow(img, cmap="gray")
              ax[i // 5, i % 5].set_title(label)
              ax[i // 5, i % 5].axis("off")
      plt.show()
```



0.4 Model Build

Our model will use the CTC loss as an endpoint layer.

```
[16]: class CTCLayer(keras.layers.Layer):
          def __init__(self, name=None, **kwargs):
              super(CTCLayer, self).__init__(name=name, **kwargs)
              self.loss_fn = keras.backend.ctc_batch_cost
          def call(self, y_true, y_pred):
              batch_len = tf.cast(tf.shape(y_true)[0], dtype="int64")
              input_length = tf.cast(tf.shape(y_pred)[1], dtype="int64")
              label_length = tf.cast(tf.shape(y_true)[1], dtype="int64")
              input_length = input_length * tf.ones(shape=(batch_len, 1),__

dtype="int64")

              label_length = label_length * tf.ones(shape=(batch_len, 1),__

dtype="int64")

              loss = self.loss_fn(y_true, y_pred, input_length, label_length)
              self.add_loss(loss)
              # For test time, just returning the computed predictions.
              return y_pred
          def get_config(self):
              config = super(CTCLayer, self).get_config()
              return config
```

```
def build_model():
    # Inputs to the model
   input img = keras.Input(shape=(image_width, image_height, 1), name="image")
   labels = keras.layers.Input(name="label", shape=(None,))
   # First conv block.
   x = keras.layers.Conv2D(
        32,
        (3, 3),
       activation="relu",
       kernel_initializer="he_normal",
       padding="same",
       name="Conv1",
   )(input img)
   x = keras.layers.MaxPooling2D((2, 2), name="pool1")(x)
    # Second conv block.
   x = keras.layers.Conv2D(
        64,
        (3, 3),
       activation="relu",
       kernel_initializer="he_normal",
       padding="same",
       name="Conv2",
   x = keras.layers.MaxPooling2D((2, 2), name="pool2")(x)
    # We have used two max pool with pool size and strides 2.
    # Hence, downsampled feature maps are 4x smaller. The number of filters in
 ⇔the last layer is 64.
    # Reshaping accordingly before passing the output to the RNN part of the
 →model.
   new_shape = ((image_width // 4), (image_height // 4) * 64)
   x = keras.layers.Reshape(target_shape=new_shape, name="reshape")(x)
   x = keras.layers.Dense(64, activation="relu", name="dense1")(x)
   x = keras.layers.Dropout(0.2)(x)
   # RNNs.
   x = keras.layers.Bidirectional(
        keras.layers.LSTM(128, return_sequences=True, dropout=0.25)
   (x)
   x = keras.layers.Bidirectional(
       keras.layers.LSTM(64, return_sequences=True, dropout=0.25)
   (x)
```

```
x = keras.layers.Dense(
       len(char_to_num.get_vocabulary()) + 2, activation="softmax",__

¬name="dense2"

    )(x)
    # Adding CTC layer for calculating CTC loss at each step.
    output = CTCLayer(name="ctc_loss")(labels, x)
    # Defining the model.
    model = keras.models.Model(
       inputs=[input_img, labels], outputs=output, __
 ⇔name="handwriting_recognizer"
    # Optimizer.
    opt = keras.optimizers.Adam()
    # Compiling the model and return.
    model.compile(optimizer=opt)
    return model
# Building the model.
model = build_model()
model.summary()
Model: "handwriting_recognizer"
                             Output Shape Param # Connected to
Layer (type)
===========
image (InputLayer) [(None, 128, 32, 1) 0 []
                             ]
Conv1 (Conv2D)
                             (None, 128, 32, 32) 320 ['image[0][0]']
                            (None, 64, 16, 32) 0
                                                           ['Conv1[0][0]']
pool1 (MaxPooling2D)
```

+2 is to account for the two special tokens introduced by the CTC loss.

Conv2 (Conv2D)	(None, 64, 16, 64)	18496	['pool1[0][0]']
pool2 (MaxPooling2D)	(None, 32, 8, 64)	0	['Conv2[0][0]']
reshape (Reshape)	(None, 32, 512)	0	['pool2[0][0]']
dense1 (Dense) ['reshape[0][0]']	(None, 32, 64)	32832	
<pre>dropout (Dropout) ['dense1[0][0]']</pre>	(None, 32, 64)	0	
<pre>bidirectional (Bidirectional) ['dropout[0][0]']</pre>	(None, 32, 256)	197632	
<pre>bidirectional_1 (Bidirectional ['bidirectional[0][0]'])</pre>	(None, 32, 128)	164352	
label (InputLayer)	[(None, None)]	0	
<pre>dense2 (Dense) ['bidirectional_1[0][0]']</pre>	(None, 32, 81)	10449	
ctc_loss (CTCLayer)	(None, 32, 81)	0	['label[0][0]',

```
'dense2[0][0]']
```

Total params: 424,081

Trainable params: 424,081

Non-trainable params: 0

0.4.1 Evaluation Metric -> Edit Distances.

We first segregate the validation images and their labels for convenience.

```
[17]: validation_images = []
validation_labels = []

for batch in validation_ds:
    validation_images.append(batch["image"])
    validation_labels.append(batch["label"])
```

Now, we create a callback to monitor the edit distances.

```
def calculate_edit_distance(labels, predictions):
    # Get a single batch and converting its labels to sparse tensors.
    saprse_labels = tf.cast(tf.sparse.from_dense(labels), dtype=tf.int64)

# Making predictions and converting them to sparse tensors.
input_len = np.ones(predictions.shape[0]) * predictions.shape[1]
predictions_decoded = keras.backend.ctc_decode(
    predictions, input_length=input_len, greedy=True
)[0][0][:, :max_len]
sparse_predictions = tf.cast(
    tf.sparse.from_dense(predictions_decoded), dtype=tf.int64
)

# Computing individual edit distances and average them out.
edit_distances = tf.edit_distance(
    sparse_predictions, saprse_labels, normalize=False
)
return tf.reduce_mean(edit_distances)
```

```
edit_distance_history = []
class EditDistanceCallback(keras.callbacks.Callback):
   def __init__(self, pred_model):
       super().__init__()
        self.prediction_model = pred_model
   def on_epoch_end(self, epoch, logs=None):
        edit distances = []
        for i in range(len(validation images)):
            labels = validation_labels[i]
            predictions = self.prediction_model.predict(validation_images[i])
            edit_distances.append(calculate_edit_distance(labels, predictions).
 →numpy())
        edit_distance_history.append(np.mean(edit_distances))
        print(
            f"Mean edit distance for epoch {epoch + 1}: {np.
 →mean(edit_distances):.4f}"
```

0.5 Training

Now we are ready to kick off model training.

```
peochs = 100

model = build_model()
prediction_model = keras.models.Model(
    model.get_layer(name="image").input, model.get_layer(name="dense2").output
)
edit_distance_callback = EditDistanceCallback(prediction_model)

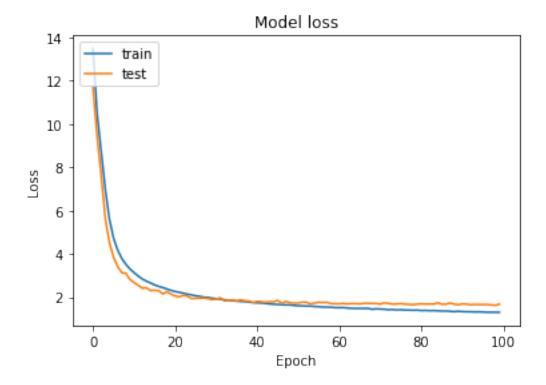
#saving every model weights using Keras checkpoint
from keras.callbacks import ModelCheckpoint
# filepath="checkpoint/check-{epoch:02d}-{val_loss:.4f}.hdf5"
# checkpoint = ModelCheckpoint(filepath= filepath, verbose=1, using the model.
history = model.fit(
    train_ds,
    validation_data=validation_ds,
    epochs=epochs,
```

```
callbacks=[edit_distance_callback],
# callbacks=[edit_distance_callback, checkpoint],
)
```

[]: print(edit_distance_history)

```
[33]: print(history.history.keys())
# ploting history for loss
plt.plot(history.history['loss'])
plt.plot(history.history['val_loss'])
plt.title('Model loss')
plt.ylabel('Loss')
plt.xlabel('Epoch')
plt.legend(['train', 'test'], loc='upper left')
plt.show()
```

dict_keys(['loss', 'val_loss'])



0.5.1 Saving model

0.6 Prediction

0.6.1 Predicted float -> String / text function

0.6.2 Load saved model and predict using list of file path

```
predictions = []
for path in image_paths:
    # Load an image and preprocess it
    image = preprocess_image(path)

# Make a prediction
    pred = prediction_model.predict(image[np.newaxis, ...])

# Convert the predictions to text
    predicted_text = decode_batch_predictions(pred)
    predictions.append({path:predicted_text})
```

0.6.3 Predicting some with predict_by_saved_model function

1/1 [=======] - 2s 2s/step

```
1/1 [========] - 0s 25ms/step

1/1 [======] - 0s 26ms/step

1/1 [======] - 0s 37ms/step

[{'Datasets/IAM_Words/words/a03/a03-006/a03-006-00-00.png': ['Today']},
{'Datasets/IAM_Words/words/a03/a03-006/a03-006-01-01.png': ['arrived']},
{'Datasets/IAM_Words/words/a03/a03-006/a03-006-02-00.png': ['Foreign']},
{'Datasets/IAM_Words/words/a03/a03-006/a03-006-06-03.png': ['any']}]
```

0.7 Testing

```
[]: t_true = []
t_pred = []
t_img = []

for batch in test_ds:
    batch_images = batch["image"]
    batch_label = batch["label"]
```

```
preds = prediction_model.predict(batch_images)
pred_texts = decode_batch_predictions(preds)
for i in range(len(batch_images)):
    img = batch_images[i]
    img = tf.image.flip_left_right(img)
    img = tf.transpose(img, perm=[1, 0, 2])
    img = (img * 255.0).numpy().clip(0, 255).astype(np.uint8)
    img = img[:, :, 0]

actual_text = get_label_in_text(batch_label[i])
    t_true.append(actual_text)
    t_pred.append(pred_texts[i])
    t_img.append(img)
```

0.7.1 Accuracy Calculator

```
[38]: def calculate_accuracy_char(true,prediction):
    min_len = min( len(true), len(prediction) )
    for i in range( min_len ):
        for j in range( min( len( true[i] ), len( prediction[i] ) ) ):
        pass

def calculate_accuracy(true,prediction):
    count = 0
    min_len = min( len(true), len(prediction) )

for i in range( min_len ):
    if true[i].lower() == prediction[i].lower():
        count+=1
    return count/min_len
```

```
[49]: acc = calculate_accuracy(t_true, t_pred)
print('Test Data Size : ',len(t_true))
print('Accuracy : ',acc*100,'%')
```

Test Data Size: 4823

Accuracy: 75.67903794318889 %

0.7.2 Plotting The Predictions

```
[40]: def plot_prediction(true, prediction, images, row=6, column=4, figsize=(16, 9)):
    min_len = min( len(true), len(prediction), len(images) )
    _, ax = plt.subplots(row, column, figsize=figsize)

for i in range(min_len):
    if(i<row*column):
        title = f"Real = {true[i]} || Pred = {prediction[i]}"
        ax[i //column, i % column].imshow(images[i], cmap="gray")
        ax[i //column, i % column].set_title(title)
        ax[i //column, i % column].axis("off")</pre>
```

[46]: plot_prediction(t_true[:24],t_pred[:24],t_img[:24])

