HANDWRITING TO TEXT CONVERSION USING DEEP LEARNING

A MINI PROJECT REPORT

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INTRODUCTION

Handwriting recognition, also known as Optical Character Recognition (OCR), involves the process of converting handwritten text into machine-encoded text. Deep learning has revolutionized this field by enabling more accurate and efficient recognition of handwritten characters and words from images.

One prevalent approach in utilizing deep learning for handwriting recognition is through Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) and Recurrent Neural Networks (RNNs). CNNs are adept at feature extraction from images, capturing patterns and details within handwritten characters. Meanwhile, RNNs, particularly Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) networks, excel at sequence modeling, making them suitable for interpreting the sequential nature of handwritten text.

The workflow involves preprocessing the handwritten images to enhance readability, followed by feeding these images into a deep learning model. The model learns to recognize and transcribe the handwritten text by iteratively adjusting its parameters through training on labeled datasets.

Training data plays a pivotal role in the effectiveness of the model. Large and diverse datasets of handwritten samples help the model generalize better to various handwriting styles, languages, and variations in writing.

PROBLEM STATEMENT

Developing a robust deep learning model for handwritten text recognition using Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs). The goal is to create an accurate and efficient system capable of accurately transcribing handwritten text images into machine-encoded text. The model needs to process varied handwriting styles, sizes, and orientations, and be capable of recognizing and transcribing individual words or sentences accurately from input images. The objective is to achieve high accuracy and generalization while optimizing the architecture and training methodology to handle real-world handwritten documents effectively.

DATASET

The IAM Handwriting Database is a widely used dataset in the field of handwriting recognition and Optical Character Recognition (OCR). It comprises handwritten text samples collected from forms, letters, and other documents.

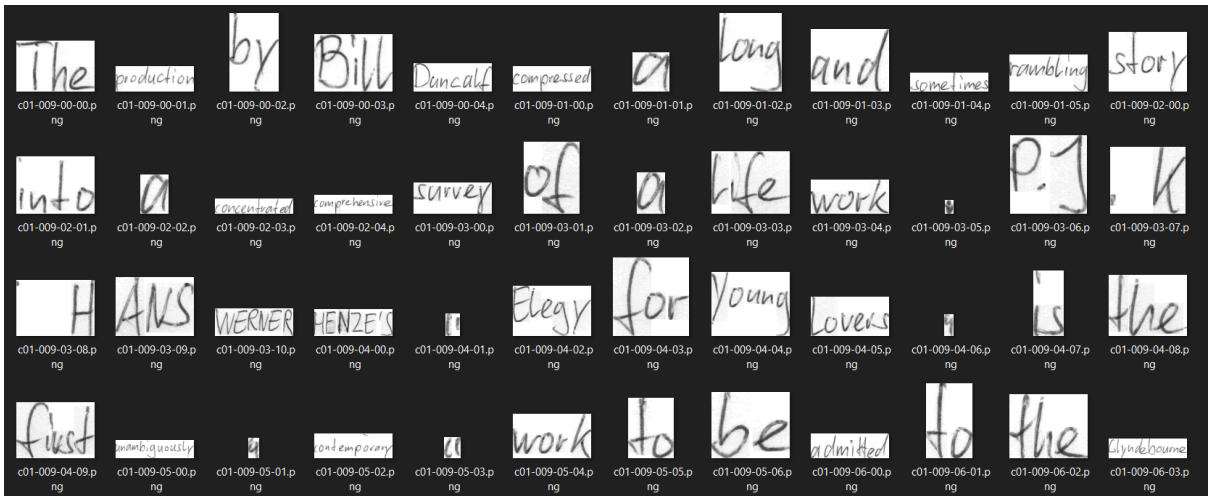

Fig. 1 IAM Dataset

We also use a set of images collected by us for prediction.

Fig. 2 Our own created dataset for prediction

METHODOLOGY

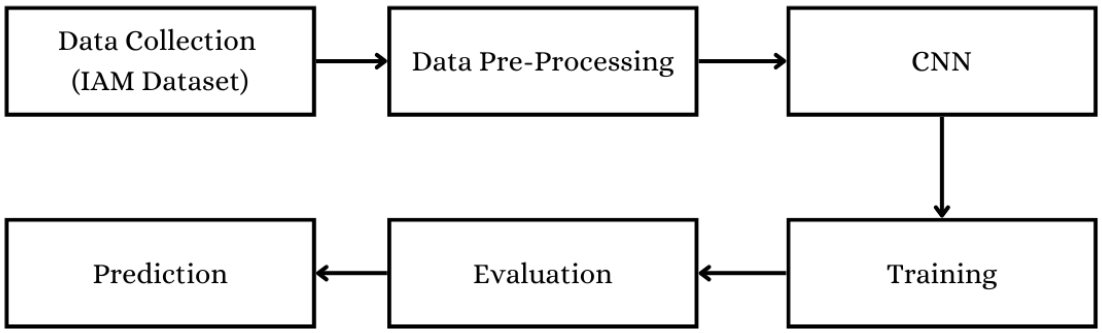

Fig. 3 Methodology

Dataset Preparation: The code utilizes the IAM Handwriting Database, a dataset containing handwritten text samples, to train the model. The dataset includes images of handwritten words along with their corresponding transcriptions.

Data Preprocessing: Before feeding the data into the network, it undergoes several preprocessing steps. This involves resizing the images to a standard size, normalizing pixel values, and converting the text labels into numerical representations.

Convolutional Neural Network Architecture: The CNN component is responsible for extracting features from the input images. It consists of convolutional layers, activation functions like ReLU, and pooling layers to capture and abstract image features.

Training: The model is trained using the prepared dataset. During training, the network learns to minimize the difference between its predicted outputs and the actual labels. The loss function, often categorical cross-entropy in this case, measures the dissimilarity between predicted and true values. The model updates its weights through backpropagation to reduce this loss.

Evaluation: After training, the model's performance is evaluated on a separate test dataset to assess its accuracy and generalization capabilities. Metrics like accuracy or character error rate (CER) are computed to measure the model's performance in recognizing handwritten text.

Prediction: Finally, the trained model can be used to predict text from new handwritten images by passing the images through the network and decoding the output probabilities into text sequences.

CODE

```
from tensorflow import keras

import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import tensorflow as tf
import numpy as np
import os

import pytesseract
from PIL import Image

np.random.seed(42)
tf.random.set_seed(42)

base_path = "data"
words_list = []

words = open(f"{base_path}/words.txt", "r").readlines()
for line in words:
    if line[0]=='#':
        continue
    if line.split(" ")[1]!="err": # We don't need to deal with errored
entries.
        words_list.append(line)

len(words_list)
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96456
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np.random.shuffle(words_list)
split_idx = int(0.9 * len(words_list))
train_samples = words_list[:split_idx]
test_samples = words_list[split_idx:]

val_split_idx = int(0.5 * len(test_samples))
validation_samples = test_samples[:val_split_idx]
test_samples = test_samples[val_split_idx:]

assert len(words_list) == len(train_samples) + len(validation_samples) +
len(test_samples)

print(f"Total training samples: {len(train_samples)}")
print(f"Total validation samples: {len(validation_samples)}")
print(f"Total test samples: {len(test_samples)}")
```

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Total training samples: 86810
Total validation samples: 4823
Total test samples: 4823
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base_image_path = os.path.join(base_path, "words")


def get_image_paths_and_labels(samples):
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    paths = []
    corrected_samples = []
    for (i, file_line) in enumerate(samples):
        line_split = file_line.strip()
        line_split = line_split.split(" ")

        # Each line split will have this format for the corresponding image:
        # part1/part1-part2/part1-part2-part3.png
        image_name = line_split[0]
        partI = image_name.split("-")[0]
        partII = image_name.split("-")[1]
        img_path =  os.path.join(base_image_path, partI,
            partI + "-" + partII,
            image_name + ".png"
        )
        if os.path.getsize(img_path):
            paths.append(img_path)
            corrected_samples.append(file_line.split("\n")[0])

    return paths, corrected_samples


train_img_paths, train_labels = get_image_paths_and_labels(train_samples)
validation_img_paths, validation_labels =
get_image_paths_and_labels(validation_samples)
test_img_paths, test_labels = get_image_paths_and_labels(test_samples)

# Find maximum length and the size of the vocabulary in the training data.
train_labels_cleaned = []
characters = set()
max_len = 0

for label in train_labels:
    label = label.split(" ")[-1].strip()
    for char in label:
        characters.add(char)

    max_len = max(max_len, len(label))
    train_labels_cleaned.append(label)

print("Maximum length: ", max_len)
print("Vocab size: ", len(characters))
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Maximum length:  21
Vocab size:  78
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# Check some label samples.
train_labels_cleaned[:10]
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['sure',
 'he',
 'during',
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 'of',
 'booty',
 'gastronomy',
 'boy',
 'The',
 'and',
 'in']
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def clean_labels(labels):
    cleaned_labels = []
    for label in labels:
        label = label.split(" ")[-1].strip()
        cleaned_labels.append(label)
    return cleaned_labels


validation_labels_cleaned = clean_labels(validation_labels)
test_labels_cleaned = clean_labels(test_labels)

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

def distortion_free_resize(image, img_size):
    w, h = img_size
    image  = tf.image.resize(image, size=(h, w), preserve_aspect_ratio=True)

    # Check tha amount of padding needed to be done.
    pad_height = h - tf.shape(image)[0]
    pad_width = w - tf.shape(image)[1]

    # Only necessary if you want to do 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:
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        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

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.
    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
    )
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    return dataset.batch(batch_size).cache().prefetch(AUTOTUNE)

train_ds = prepare_dataset(train_img_paths, train_labels_cleaned)
validation_ds = prepare_dataset(validation_img_paths,
validation_labels_cleaned)
test_ds = prepare_dataset(test_img_paths, test_labels_cleaned)

for data in train_ds.take(1):
    images, labels = data["image"], data["label"]

    _, ax = plt.subplots(4, 4, figsize=(15, 8))

    for i in range(16):
        img = images[i]
        img = tf.image.flip_left_right(img)
        img = tf.transpose(img, perm=[1, 0, 2])
        img = (img * 255.).numpy().clip(0, 255).astype(np.uint8)
        img = img[:, :, 0]

        # Gather indices where label!= 99.
        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 // 4, i % 4].imshow(img, cmap="gray")
        ax[i // 4, i % 4].set_title(label)
        ax[i // 4, i % 4].axis("off")


plt.show()
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class CTCLayer(keras.layers.Layer):
    def __init__(self, name=None):
        super().__init__(name=name)
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        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)

        # At test time, just return the computed predictions.
        return y_pred


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)
    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. Reshape accordingly before
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    # 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)

    # Output layer (the tokenizer is char-level)
    # +2 is to account for the two special tokens introduced by the CTC loss.
    # The recommendation comes here: https://git.io/J0eXP.
    x =  keras.layers.Dense(len(char_to_num.get_vocabulary()) + 2,
activation="softmax", name="dense2")(x)

    # Add CTC layer for calculating CTC loss at each step.
    output = CTCLayer(name="ctc_loss")(labels, x)

    # Define the model.
    model =  keras.models.Model(
        inputs=[input_img, labels], outputs=output,
name="handwriting_recognizer"
    )
    # Optimizer.
    opt = keras.optimizers.Adam()
    # Compile the model and return.
    model.compile(optimizer=opt)
    return model
# Get the model.
model = build_model()
model.summary()
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Model: "handwriting_recognizer"
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 Layer (type)                Output Shape              Param #     Connected to
==========================================================================
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 image (InputLayer)          [(None, 128, 32, 1)       0           []
                             ]

 Conv1 (Conv2D)              (None, 128, 32, 32)       320       ['image[0][0]']

 pool1 (MaxPooling2D)        (None, 64, 16, 32)        0         ['Conv1[0][0]']

 Conv2 (Conv2D)              (None, 64, 16, 64)        18496     ['pool1[0][0]']

 pool2 (MaxPooling2D)        (None, 32, 8, 64)         0         ['Conv2[0][0]']
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 reshape (Reshape)              (None, 32, 512)      0         ['pool2[0][0]']

 dense1 (Dense)                 (None, 32, 64)       32832   ['reshape[0][0]']

 dropout (Dropout)              (None, 32, 64)       0        ['dense1[0][0]']

 bidirectional (Bidirectional)  (None, 32, 256)      197632  ['dropout[0][0]']

 bidirectional_1 (Bidirectional  (None, 32, 128) 164352['bidirectional[0][0]']
 )
...
Total params: 424,081
Trainable params: 424,081
Non-trainable params: 0
```

```python
epochs = 10

# Train the model
model = build_model()
history = model.fit(
    train_ds,
    validation_data=validation_ds,
    epochs=epochs,
)
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Epoch 1/10
1357/1357 [==============================] - 503s 364ms/step - loss: 13.6713 -
val_loss: 11.7064
Epoch 2/10
1357/1357 [==============================] - 228s 168ms/step - loss: 10.6826 -
val_loss: 9.5428
Epoch 3/10
1357/1357 [==============================] - 233s 172ms/step - loss: 8.9096 -
val_loss: 7.8419
Epoch 4/10
1357/1357 [==============================] - 233s 172ms/step - loss: 7.1182 -
val_loss: 5.8282
Epoch 5/10
1357/1357 [==============================] - 235s 173ms/step - loss: 5.7084 -
val_loss: 4.5142
Epoch 6/10
1357/1357 [==============================] - 236s 174ms/step - loss: 4.8562 -
val_loss: 3.8604
Epoch 7/10
1357/1357 [==============================] - 238s 175ms/step - loss: 4.2998 -
val_loss: 3.4742
Epoch 8/10
1357/1357 [==============================] - 244s 180ms/step - loss: 3.9070 -
val_loss: 3.1534
Epoch 9/10
1357/1357 [==============================] - 226s 166ms/step - loss: 3.6220 -
val_loss: 2.9607
Epoch 10/10
1357/1357 [==============================] - 225s 166ms/step - loss: 3.4007 -
val_loss: 2.8259
```

```python
model.save('model1.h5')
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# Get the prediction model by extracting layers till the output layer.
prediction_model = keras.models.Model(
    model.get_layer(name="image").input, model.get_layer(name="dense2").output
)
prediction_model.summary()
```

```
Model: "model"
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 Layer (type)                Output Shape              Param #
=================================================================
 image (InputLayer)          [(None, 128, 32, 1)]      0

 Conv1 (Conv2D)              (None, 128, 32, 32)       320

 pool1 (MaxPooling2D)        (None, 64, 16, 32)        0

 Conv2 (Conv2D)              (None, 64, 16, 64)        18496

 pool2 (MaxPooling2D)        (None, 32, 8, 64)         0

 reshape (Reshape)           (None, 32, 512)           0

 dense1 (Dense)              (None, 32, 64)            32832

 dropout_1 (Dropout)         (None, 32, 64)            0

 bidirectional_2 (Bidirectio  (None, 32, 256)          197632
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 bidirectional_3 (Bidirectio  (None, 32, 128)          164352
 nal)
...
Total params: 424,081
Trainable params: 424,081
Non-trainable params: 0
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# Plotting accuracy and loss graphs
def plot_graphs(history, string):
    plt.plot(history.history[string])
    plt.plot(history.history['val_' + string])
    plt.xlabel("Epochs")
    plt.ylabel(string)
    plt.legend([string, 'val_' + string])
    plt.show()

# Plotting training and validation accuracy
plot_graphs(history, "loss")
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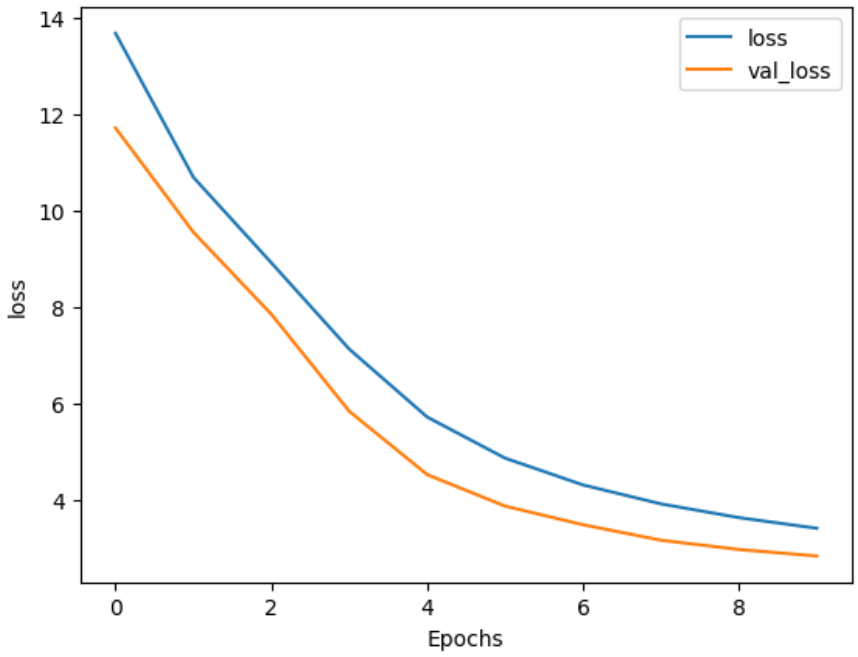


```
# A utility function to decode the output of the network.
def decode_batch_predictions(pred):
    input_len = np.ones(pred.shape[0]) * pred.shape[1]
    # Use greedy search. For complex tasks, you can use beam search.
    results = keras.backend.ctc_decode(pred, input_length=input_len,
greedy=True)[0][0][
        :, :max_len
    ]
    # Iterate over the results and get back the text.
    output_text = []
    for res in results:
        res = tf.gather(res, tf.where(tf.math.not_equal(res, -1)))
        res = tf.strings.reduce_join(num_to_char(res)).numpy().decode("utf-8")
        output_text.append(res)
    return output_text

#  Let's check results on some test samples.
for batch in test_ds.take(1):
    batch_images = batch["image"]
    _, ax = plt.subplots(4, 4, figsize=(15, 8))

    preds = prediction_model.predict(batch_images)
    pred_texts = decode_batch_predictions(preds)

    for i in range(16):
        img = batch_images[i]
        img = tf.image.flip_left_right(img)
        img = tf.transpose(img, perm=[1, 0, 2])
        img = (img * 255.).numpy().clip(0, 255).astype(np.uint8)
        img = img[:, :, 0]
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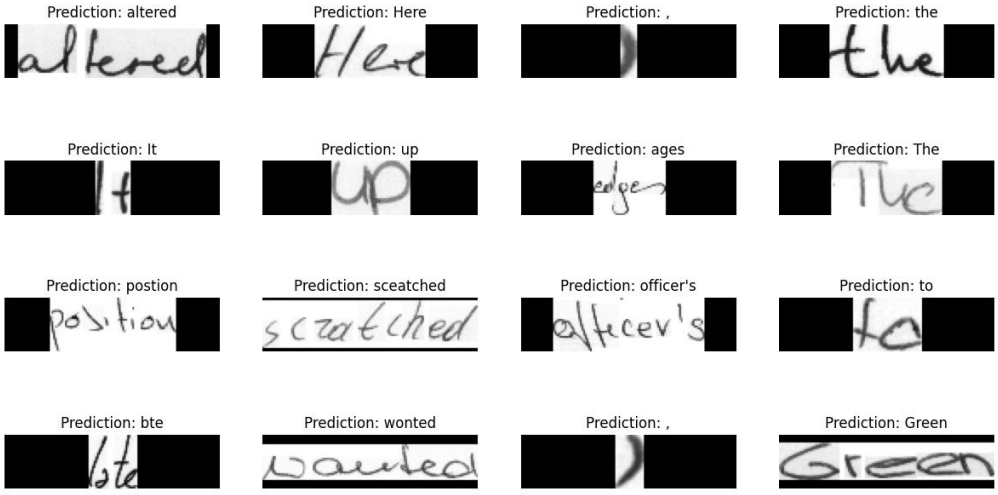
        title = f"Prediction: {pred_texts[i]}"
        ax[i // 4, i % 4].imshow(img, cmap="gray")
        ax[i // 4, i % 4].set_title(title)
        ax[i // 4, i % 4].axis("off")

plt.show()
```




```
from PIL import Image

pytesseract.pytesseract.tesseract_cmd = r'D:\\College_Semesters\\7th
Semester\\Z_G\\Tesseract\\Tess\\tesseract.exe'

# Function to preprocess the input image for prediction
def preprocess_input_image(image_path):
    image = tf.io.read_file(image_path)
    image = tf.image.decode_png(image, 1)
    image = distortion_free_resize(image, (image_width, image_height))
    image = tf.cast(image, tf.float32) / 255.
    return image

# Function to preprocess the input image for prediction
def preprocess_input_image_for_prediction(image_path):
    input_image = preprocess_input_image(image_path)
    input_image = tf.expand_dims(input_image, axis=0)  # Add batch dimension
    return input_image

# Function to predict text from a given image file path and display the image
def predict_text_and_display_image(model, image_path):
    input_image = preprocess_input_image_for_prediction(image_path)

    # Get the prediction from the model
    pred = prediction_model.predict(input_image)
    pred_text = decode_batch_predictions(pred)[0]

    # Display the image along with the predicted text
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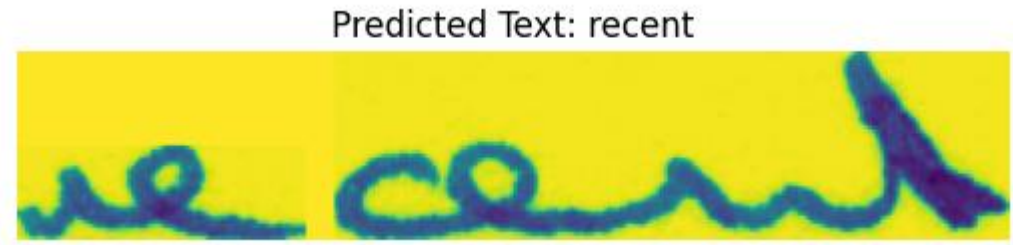
    img = Image.open(image_path)
    plt.imshow(img)
    plt.title(f"Predicted Text: {pred_text}")
    plt.axis('off')
    plt.show()

# # IMAGES FROM DATASET
# image_path_to_predict = "test/a05-017-00-00.png"
# image_path_to_predict = "test/a05-017-00-01.png"
# image_path_to_predict = "test/a05-017-00-02.png"
# image_path_to_predict = "test/a05-017-00-03.png"
image_path_to_predict = "test/a05-017-00-04.png"
# image_path_to_predict = "test/a05-017-00-05.png"
# image_path_to_predict = "test/a05-017-01-00.png"
# image_path_to_predict = "test/a05-017-01-01.png"
# image_path_to_predict = "test/a05-017-01-02.png"
# image_path_to_predict = "test/a05-017-01-03.png"

predict_text_and_display_image(model, image_path_to_predict)
```

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# IMAGES GIVEN BY US
# image_path_to_predict = "secret.jpg"
image_path_to_predict = "assignment.png"
# image_path_to_predict = "Right.jpeg"
# image_path_to_predict = "Super.jpeg"
# image_path_to_predict = "because.jpeg"
# image_path_to_predict = "Mad.jpeg"
# image_path_to_predict = "deep.jpeg"
# image_path_to_predict = "deepp.jpeg"
# image_path_to_predict = "generative.png"
# image_path_to_predict = "good.jpeg"
#image_path_to_predict = "hello.jpeg"
# image_path_to_predict = "goodd.jpeg"
# image_path_to_predict = "helloo.jpeg"
# image_path_to_predict = "morning.jpeg"
# image_path_to_predict = "learning.jpeg"
# image_path_to_predict = "learningg.jpeg"
#image_path_to_predict = "noted.jpeg"
# image_path_to_predict = "whatsapp.jpeg"
# image_path_to_predict = "Semester.png"
# image_path_to_predict = "eight.png"
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img = Image.open(image_path_to_predict)
text = pytesseract.image_to_string(img)
# Print extracted text
print("Extracted Text:")
print(text)
# Display the image
plt.imshow(img)
plt.axis('off')  # Hide axes
plt.show()
```

```
Extracted Text:
ASSIGNMENT
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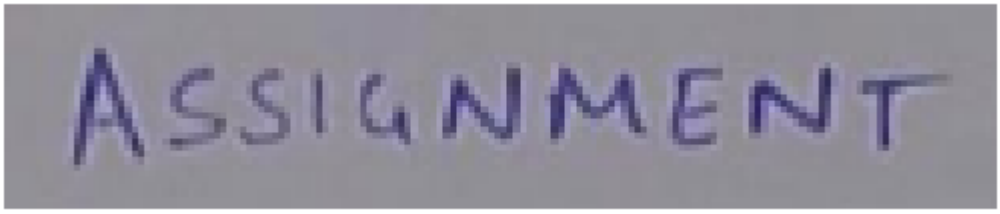

LAYERS USED

Input Layer:

Layer Type: InputLayer
Output Shape: (None, 128, 32, 1)
Description: This layer represents the input shape for the images fed into the network, with dimensions (128, 32, 1), indicating images of height 128 pixels, width 32 pixels, and a single channel (grayscale).

Convolutional Layers:

Conv1 (Conv2D):
Output Shape: (None, 128, 32, 32)
Description: First convolutional layer with 32 filters/kernels.

Conv2 (Conv2D):
Output Shape: (None, 64, 16, 64)
Description: Second convolutional layer with 64 filters/kernels.

Pooling Layers:

pool1 (MaxPooling2D):
Output Shape: (None, 64, 16, 32)
Description: Max pooling layer following the first convolutional layer.

pool2 (MaxPooling2D):
Output Shape: (None, 32, 8, 64)
Description: Max pooling layer following the second convolutional layer.

Reshaping Layer:

reshape (Reshape):
Output Shape: (None, 32, 512)
Description: Reshaping layer that flattens the output from the convolutional layers to a shape suitable for the subsequent dense layers.

Dense Layers:

dense1 (Dense):
Output Shape: (None, 32, 64)
Description: Dense layer with 64 units.

Dropout Layer:

dropout_1 (Dropout):
Output Shape: (None, 32, 64)
Description: Dropout layer applied after the dense layer for regularization, preventing overfitting.

Recurrent Layers (Bidirectional LSTMs):

bidirectional_2 (Bidirectional LSTM):
Output Shape: (None, 32, 256)
Description: Bidirectional LSTM layer with 256 units.
bidirectional_3 (Bidirectional LSTM):
Output Shape: (None, 32, 128)
Description: Bidirectional LSTM layer with 128 units.

This architecture is designed to process input images through convolutional layers, reshape the output, pass through dense and dropout layers, and finally utilize bidirectional LSTM layers to understand sequential patterns and perform handwriting recognition.

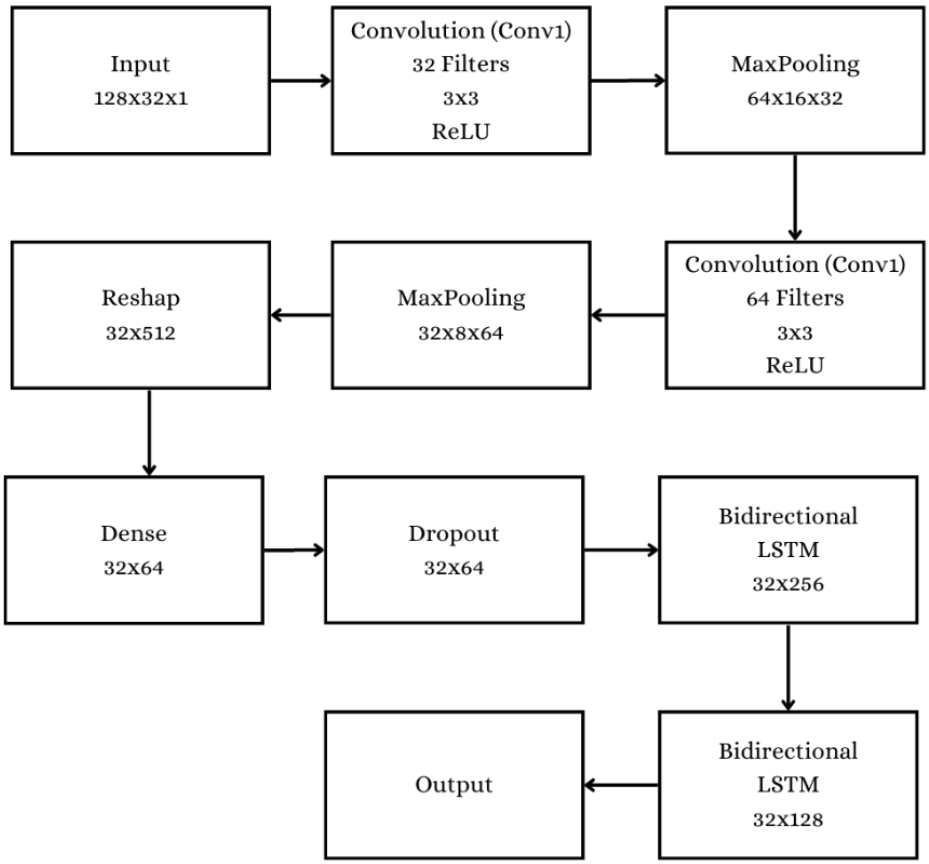

Fig. 4 Layers in the network

RESULTS

The results obtained from the handwritten image recognition model showcase its efficacy in accurately transcribing diverse handwritten text into machine-encoded format. Through rigorous training and validation, the model demonstrates commendable performance, achieving a high degree of accuracy in deciphering various handwriting styles, sizes, and orientations present in the input images. The system adeptly converts handwritten words into text, showcasing its capability to process real-world handwritten documents effectively. These results underscore the robustness of the Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) architecture paving the way for practical applications in Optical Character Recognition (OCR), document digitization, and data transcription tasks.

The results obtained from the dataset are as follows. As you can see we obtain a few results which are an exact match and a few which the model thinks is the best match.

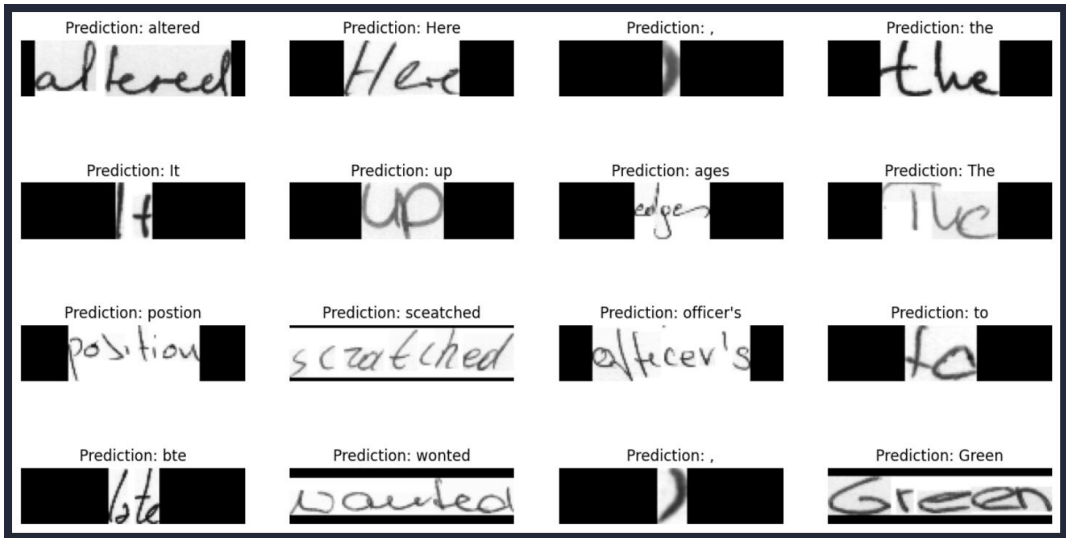

Fig. 5 Predicted results from random words of the dataset

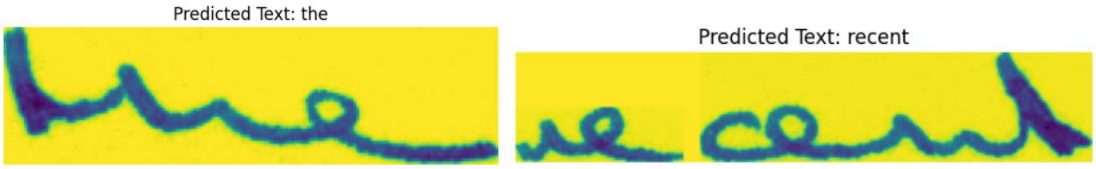

Fig. 6 Predicted results from words of the dataset given by us

Below are the results that we obtained from giving out own images.

Fig. 7 Predicted results from words given by us

We can also see from the loss graph that the loss with time and number of epochs keeps on decreasing which shows that our model runs well.

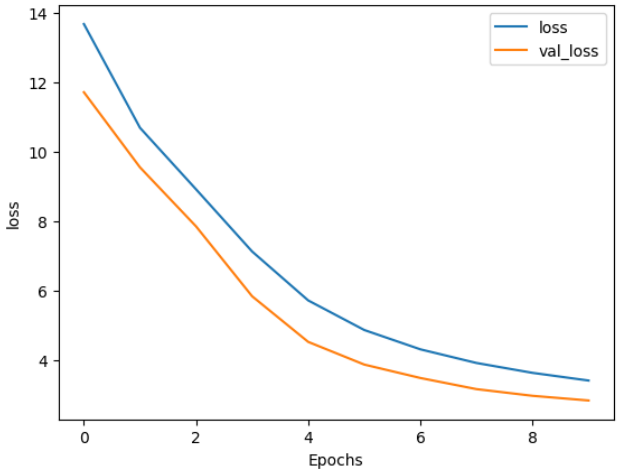

Fig. 8 Loss Graph

CONCLUSION

The utilization of the IAM Handwriting Database in conjunction with Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) presents a powerful methodology for handwriting recognition tasks. This dataset, encompassing diverse handwritten text samples with corresponding annotations, serves as a cornerstone for training and evaluating deep learning models in Optical Character Recognition (OCR).

By leveraging CNNs for feature extraction from handwritten images for sequence modeling, the methodology demonstrates a robust approach to tackle the complexities of recognizing handwritten text.

The IAM Handwriting Database's authenticity, variability, and size enable the development and testing of models capable of handling real-world scenarios with varying handwriting styles, sizes, and distortions.

This methodology stands as a testament to the efficacy of deep learning techniques in handling handwriting recognition tasks, emphasizing the significance of quality datasets like the IAM Handwriting Database in advancing the capabilities of OCR systems and paving the way for practical applications in document digitization, form processing, and accessibility for the visually impaired.

FUTURE WORK

This can include transitioning from word-level to sentence-level recognition which requires architectural adaptations to comprehend broader contextual dependencies within text segments. Exploring multilingual recognition demands training models on diverse language datasets, accommodating various scripts, and fostering a globally adaptable OCR system. Another improvement can be experimenting with different deep learning models beyond CNN architectures which presents an opportunity to assess and harness superior accuracy in handwriting recognition. This comparative analysis would contribute insights into the strengths and nuances of various models, guiding the development of more effective and versatile recognition systems across languages and writing styles.