K. Gaurav, Bhatia P. K. Et al, this paper deals with the various pre-processing techniques involved in the character recognition with different kind of images ranges from a simple handwritten form based documents and documents containing colored and complex background and varied intensities. In this, different preprocessing techniques like skew detection and correction, image enhancement techniques of contrast stretching, binarization, noise removal techniques, normalization and segmentation, morphological processing techniques are discussed. It was concluded that using a single technique for preprocessing, we can't completely process the image. However, even after applying all the said techniques might not possible to achieve the full accuracy in a preprocessing system.

Salvador España-Boquera et al, in this paper hybrid Hidden Markov Model (HMM) model is proposed for recognizing unconstrained offline handwritten texts. In this, the structural part of the optical model has been modelled with Markov chains, and a Multilayer Perceptron is used to estimate the emission probabilities.

In this paper, different techniques are applied to remove slope and slant from handwritten text and to normalize the size of text images with supervised learning methods. The key features of this recognition system were to develop a system having high accuracy in preprocessing and recognition, which are both based on ANNs.

In , a modified quadratic classifier based scheme to recognize the offline handwritten numerals of six popular Indian scripts is proposed. Multilayer perceptron has been used for recognizing Handwritten English characters. The features are extracted from Boundary tracing and their Fourier Descriptors. The character is identified by analysing its shape and comparing its features that distinguish each character. Also an analysis has been carried out to determine the number of hidden layer nodes to achieve high performance of the back propagation network. A recognition accuracy of 94% has been reported for Handwritten English characters with less training time.