LITERATURE REVIEW

HANDWRITTEN digit recognition is the ability of a computer system to recognize the handwritten inputs like digits, characters etc. from a wide variety of sources like emails, papers, images, letters etc. This has been a topic of research for decades. Some of the research areas include signature verification, bank check processing, postal address interpretation from envelopes etc. Here comes the use of Deep Learning. In the past decade, deep learning has become the hot tool for Image Processing, object detection, handwritten digit and character recognition etc. A lot of machine learning tools have been developed like scikit-learn, scipy-image etc. and pybrains, Keras, Theano, Tensorflow by Google, TFLearn etc. for Deep Learning. These tools make the applications robust and therefore more accurate. The Artificial Neural Networks can almost mimic the human brain and are a key ingredient in image processing field. For example, Convolutional Neural Networks with Back Propagation for Image Processing, Deep Mind by Google for creating Art by learning from existing artist styles etc.. Handwriting Recognition has an active community of academics studying it. The biggest conferences for handwriting recognition are the International Conference on Frontiers in Handwriting Recognition (ICFHR), held in even-numbered years, and the International Conference on Document Analysis and Recognition (ICDAR), held in odd-numbered years. Both of these conferences are endorsed by the IEEE. Active areas of research include: Online Recognition, OfflineRecognition, Signature Verification, Postal-Address Interpretation,Bank-Check Processing, Writer Recognition.

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