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Text Detection

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Problem Statement	Detect text present in the image, followed by surrounding it with a rectangular bounding box.

Software requirements prerequisites

Anaconda

Python 3.8

Python Packages

pytesseract

cv2

os

matplotlib

Steps

1. Image Preprocessing

Text Extraction from the Image using Pytesseract

Load the libraries

```
In [484]: 1 import cv2
          2 import pytesseract
          3 import os
          4 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

In [485]: 1 path = os.getcwd()
          2 exe_path = os.path.join(os.path.join(path, 'Tesseract-OCR'), 'tesseract.exe')
          3 pytesseract.pytesseract.tesseract_cmd = exe_path
```

Read the Image as Gray Scale Image

```
In [486]: 1 img= cv2.imread('./Data/Guided_project1.png',cv2.IMREAD_GRAYSCALE)
```

Resize the image

```
In [492]: 1 print("Before resizing:", img.shape)
          2 img = image_resize(img,height=700)
          3 print("After resizing:", img.shape)
```

Before resizing: (544, 906)
After resizing: (700, 1165)

Convert into binary image

```
In [493]: 1 img = binary_image(img, 110, 255)
```

2. Find possible contours that represent the text

Display Contours

```
In [494]: 1 contour_img = find_text_contours(img)
          2 plt.figure(figsize = (30,30))
          3 plt.imshow(contour_img)
          4 plt.show()
```

3. Read the text from the image using pytesseract.

Read the text from the Image

```
In [495]: 1 custom_config = r'--oem 3 --psm 11'
          2 text = pytesseract.image_to_string(img,lang='eng', config=custom_config)
          3 print(text)
```

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Text detection is the process of detecting the text present in the image followed by surrounding it with a rectangular bounding box. Text detection can be carried out using image-based techniques or machine learning-based techniques. In image-based techniques, an image is segmented into multiple segments, and statistical features of connected components are utilised to form the text. Whereas Machine learning approaches use support vector machines and convolutional neural networks to classify the components into text and non-text.