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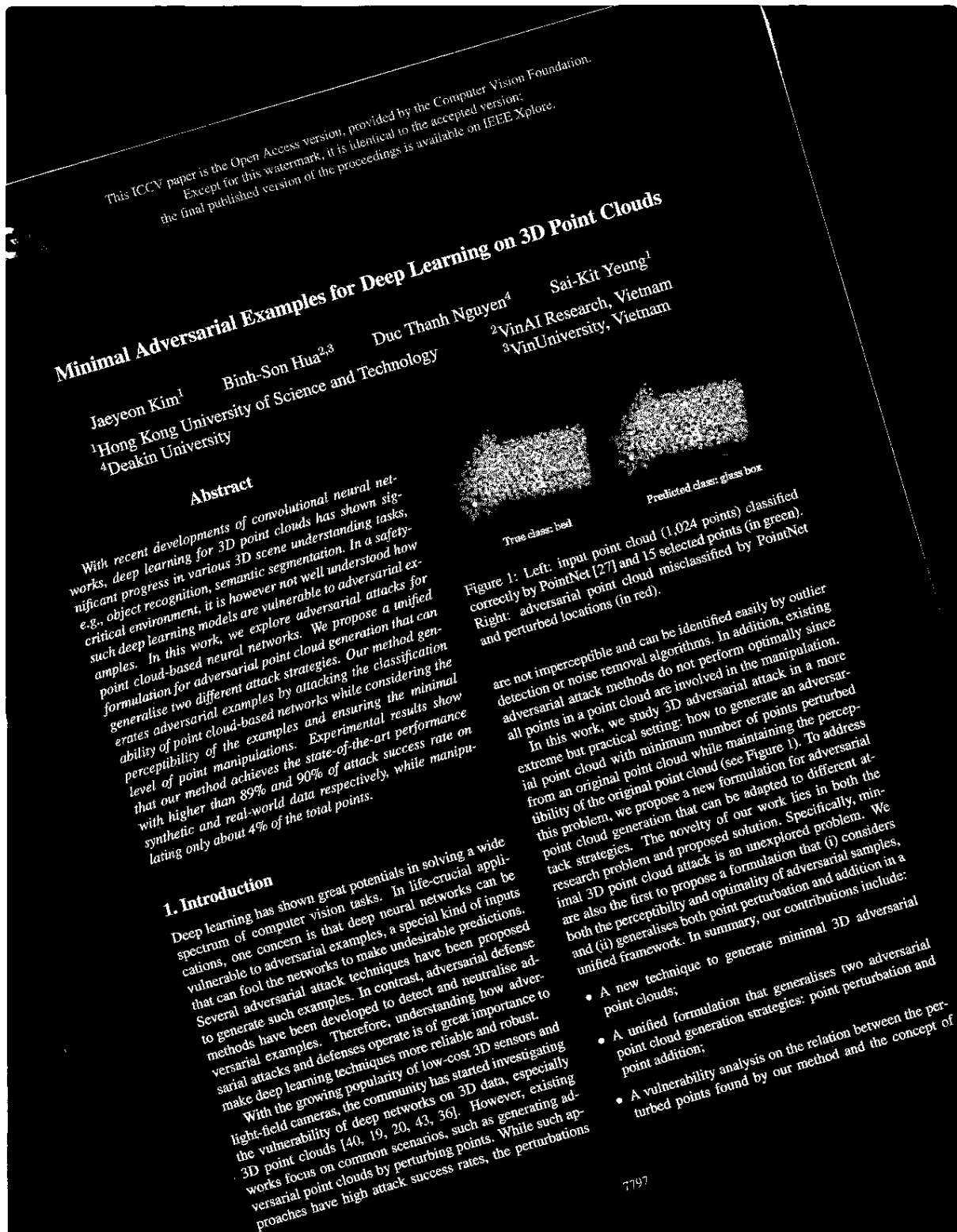
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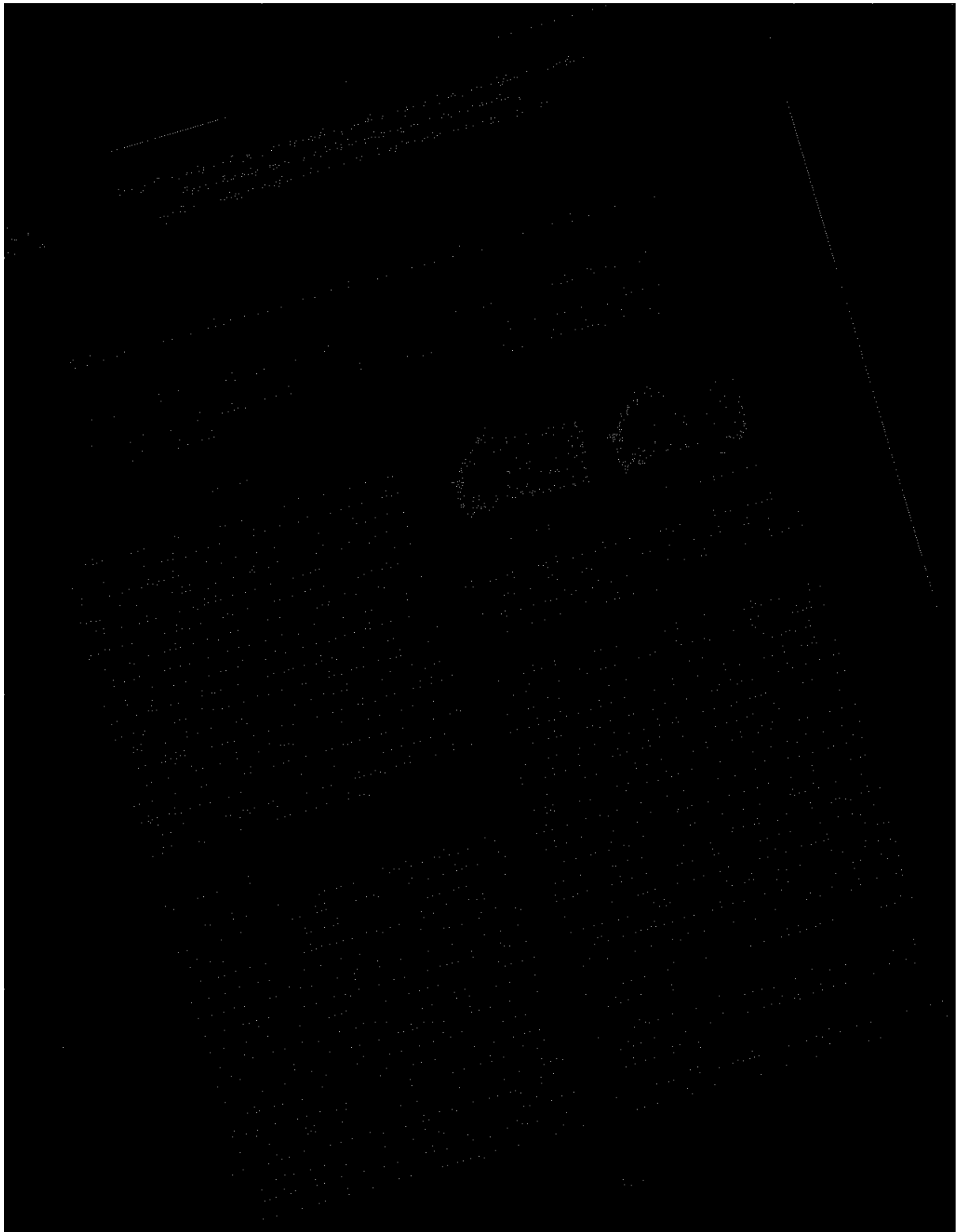
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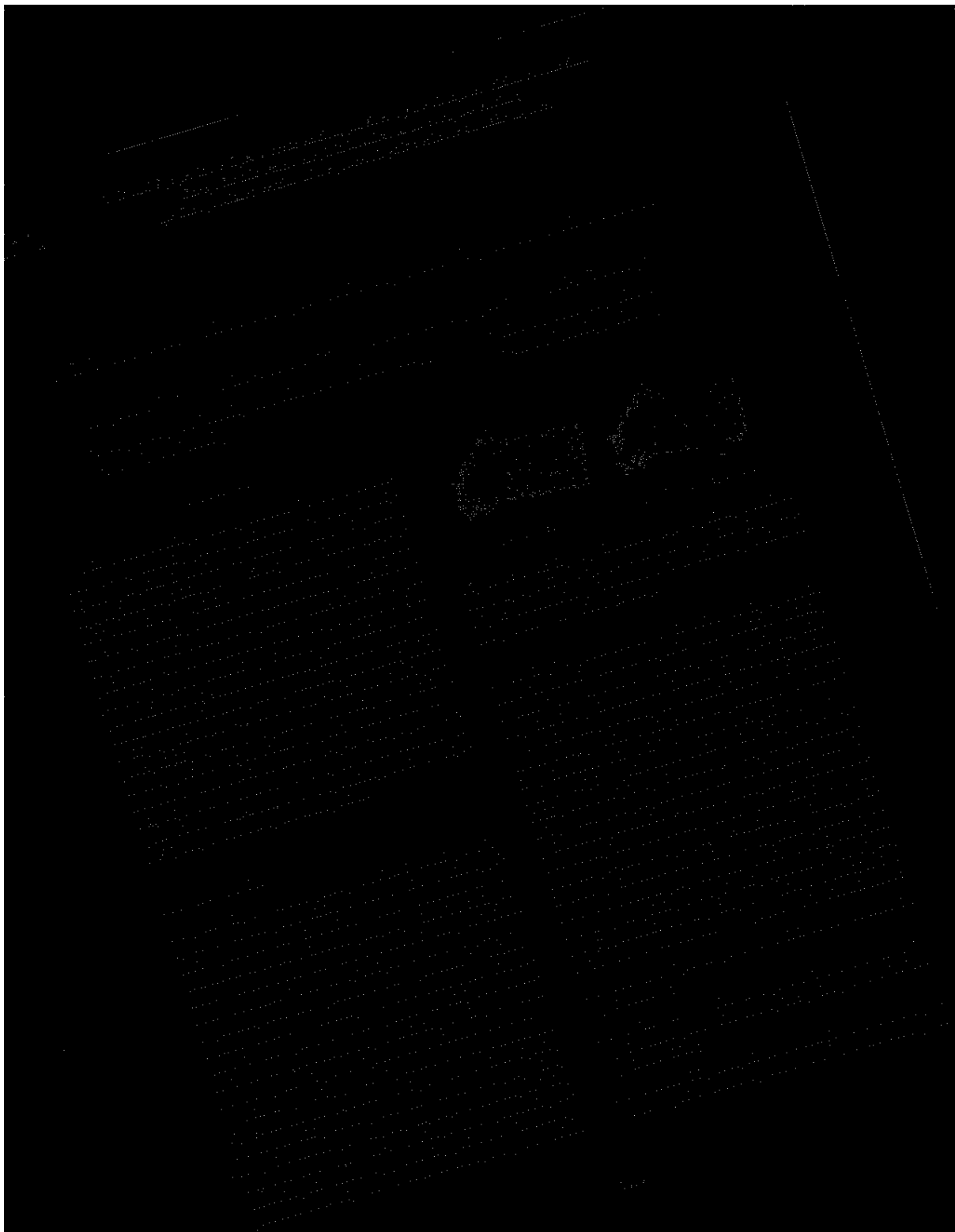
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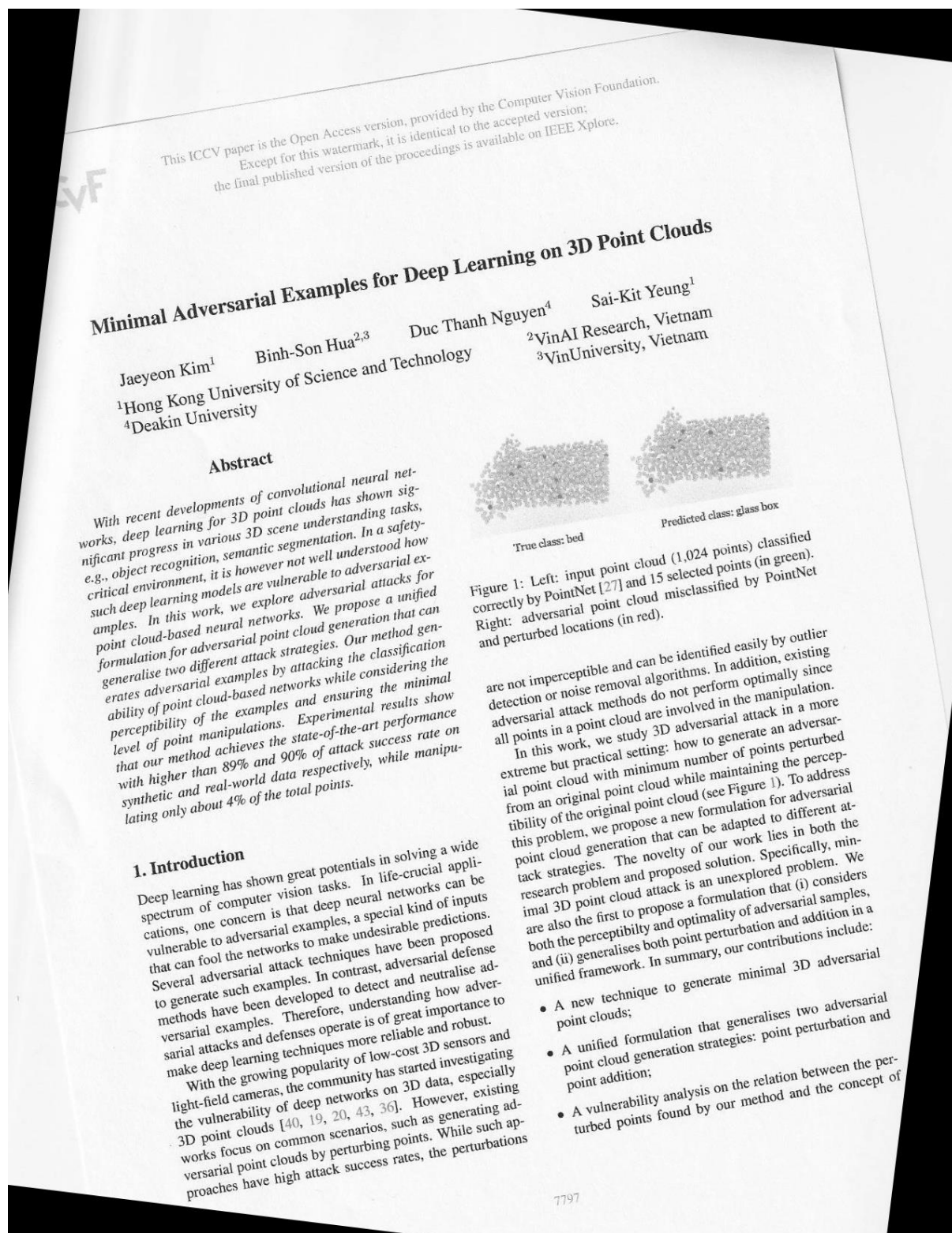
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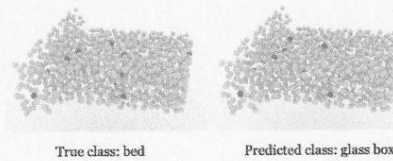

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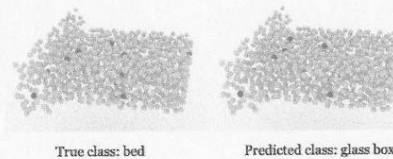

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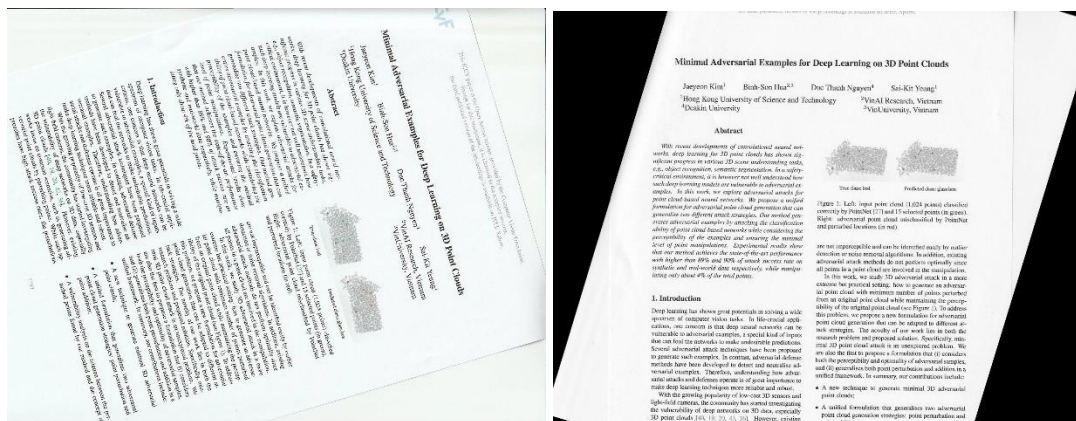

Fig 3.1:   (a) doc_1   (b) doc_1 de-skewed

This shows the strength of the algorithm on too skewed images, we can see that the algorithm works fine on images with large skew values with same set of parameters. This shows Hough lines can be used with proper candidate selection strategy to de-skew documents.

Fig 3.2: (a) doc_2   (b) doc_2 de-skewed

We can see that the algorithm works fine on this image where the skew angle is not large and Hough lines can be used to estimate the mean angle of the document. The algorithm works properly but because of low resolution (198 x 255) pytesseract is not able to parse pdf from this image.

Fig 3.3: doc_3

This image was added to the dataset to include high cropping scenario, the algorithm fails on this image. The algorithm is not able to calculate angle on this image.
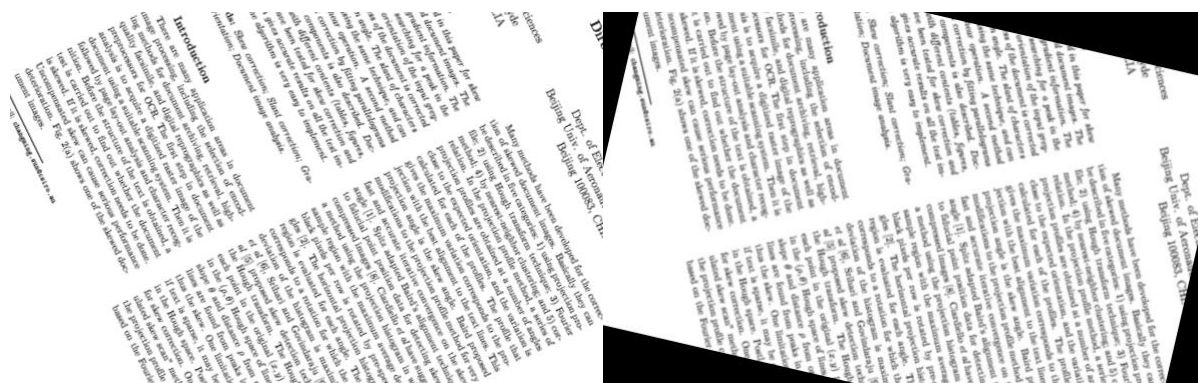

Fig 3.4:   (a) doc_4   (b) doc_4 de-skewed

This document was included for another difficult scenario for this algorithm where we can see that the same parameters which work for slightly skewed document, will not work for documents that have a larger skew value. Although the document is horizontally aligned

Fig 3.5: doc_5

The algorithm is not able to calculate lines angle for this document. This shows that the algorithm fails with the same set of parameters on such images.

The above experiments show that while the algorithm can work well with the same set of parameters on variety of images (doc, doc_1, doc 2, and doc 4) but it will fail on images where candidate selection strategy fails, and no lines can be plotted. e.g.: (doc_3 and doc_5).

Although it is important to highlight that doc 4 was correctly aligned horizontally and doc 2 was correctly aligned but the text could not be parse due to low resolution.

Thus, we can conclude that Hough Transform is a strong method to de-skew a document provided the image is a **good quality image** and **not too low resolution**. Also, the image should have visible characters so that the **angles can be calculated**.

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Fig 4.1: Result of print text from skewed document

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Fig 4.2: Result of print text from de-skewed document. This highlights the importance of de-skewing in the domain of Document Recognition.

Please Note: The ablation study for different thresholds has been shown in the notebook with visualisations. Task 2.2 (Parameter Setting)

The summary of ablation study:

Parameters tried: 5, 10, 15

Density_threshold of 15 yields best accuracy visually.

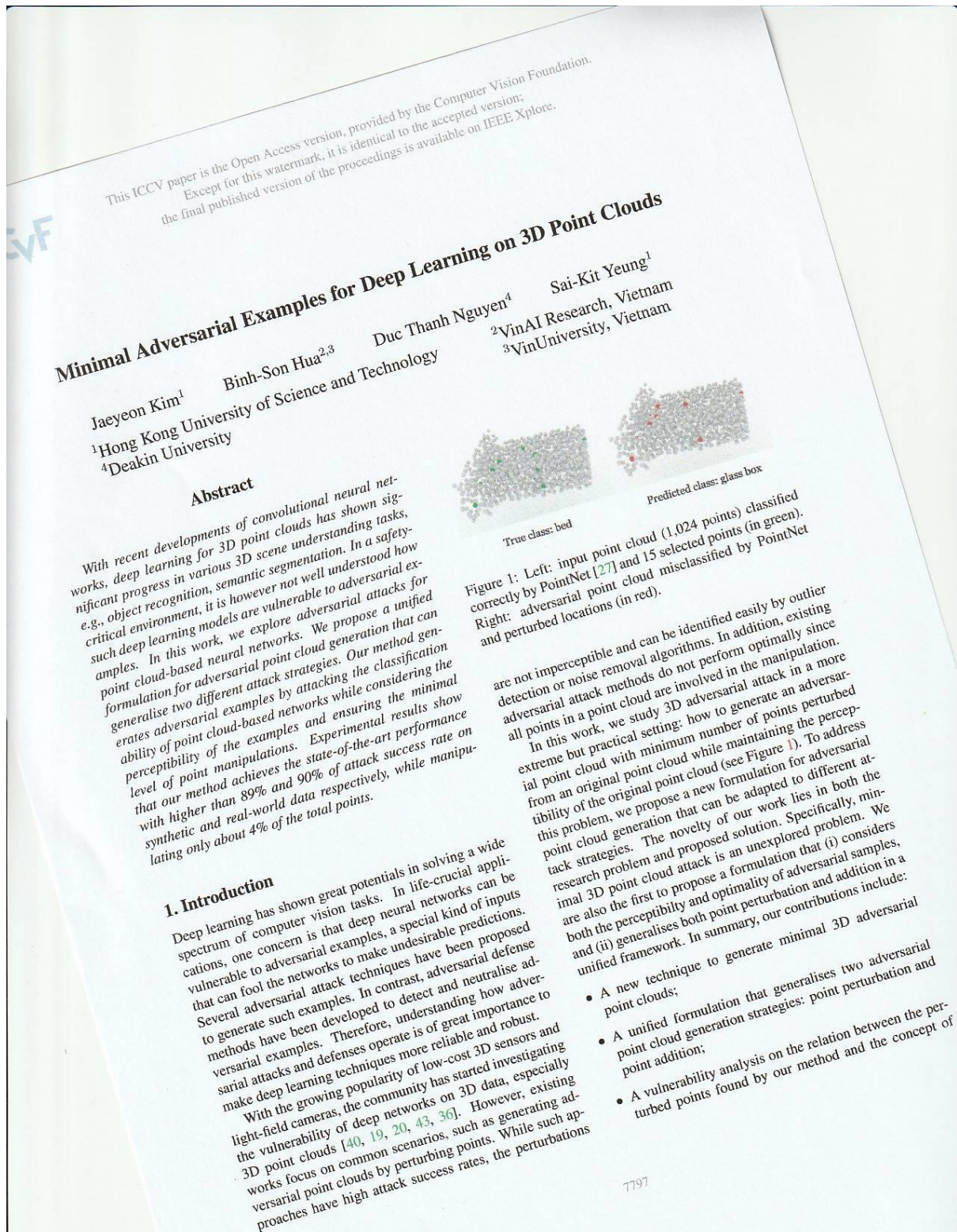**The summary of candidate points:**

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This PDF contains all the images required for running the notebook in the appendix. The appendix also contains the pdf of doc.jpg and its de-skewed version.

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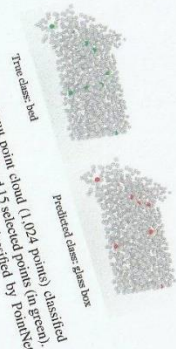
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Sample Document

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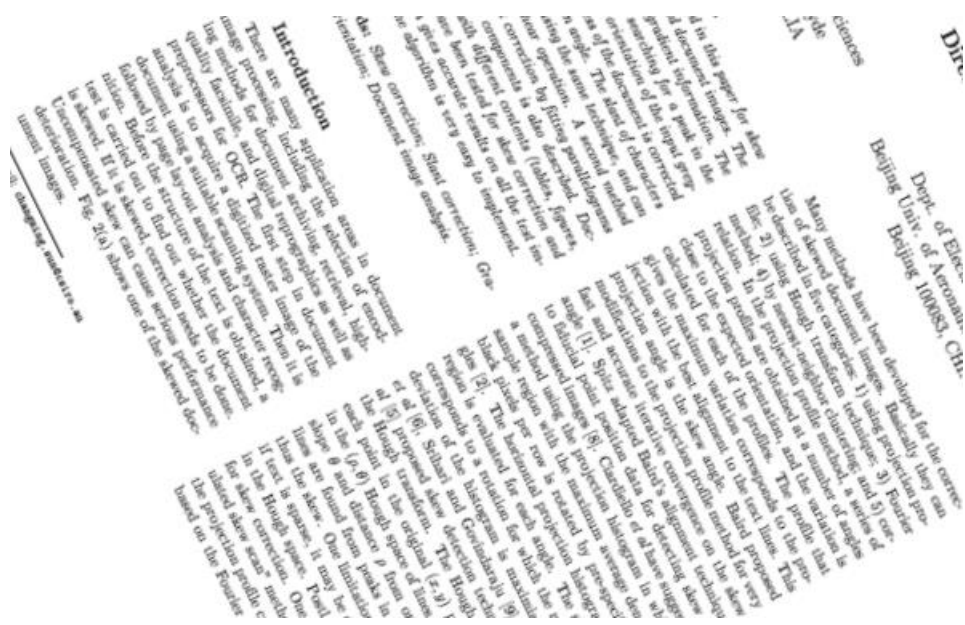...2113, AUSTRALIA

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...ords: Skew correction; Slant correction; Gra-...rientation; Document image analysis.

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