

IMAGE PROCESSING GROUP PROJECT

Project Name: Skew correction of Text Image

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Implementation

Jupyter notebooks were used for the execution and implementation of the codes.

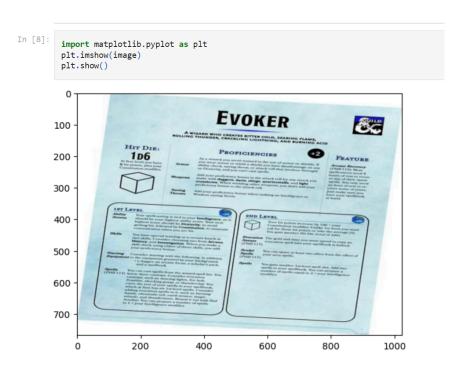
Importing the required libraries and reading the image from the directory:

Applying the pre-processing and the Probabilistic Hough line transform through the following code.

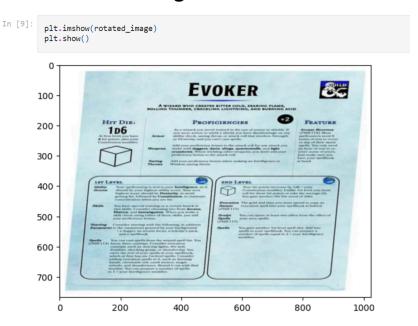
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In [2]: # Read image from directory
           image = cv2.imread('images\houghtransform.jpg')
           # image = cv2.imread('images\houghtransform_2.jpg')
           img_copy = image.copy()
           img_copy_1 = image.copy()
           height, width = image.shape[:2]
           center = (width//2, height//2)
           original_image = image.copy()
           # converting image to grayscale
           gray = cv2.cvtColor(image, cv2.COLOR_RGB2GRAY)
           # blur image
           blur = cv2.GaussianBlur(gray, (5, 5), 0)
           # threshold image
            , threshed = cv2.threshold(blur,0,255,cv2.THRESH_BINARY_INV+
           cv2.THRESH_OTSU)
           # erode image
           eroded = cv2.erode(threshed,(3,3),1)
           # dilate image
           dilate = cv2.dilate(eroded, (35, 35), iterations=3)
 In [3]: lines = cv2.HoughLinesP(dilate,1,np.pi/180,200,None,150,10)
In [5]: if lines is not None:
             horizontal_lines = []
             angles = []
             for i,line in enumerate(lines):
                 x1 = line[0][0]
                 y1 = line[0][1]
                 x2 = line[0][2]
                 y2 = line[0][3]
                 cv2.line(img_copy, (x1,y1), (x2,y2), (0, 0, 255), 1, cv2.LINE_AA)
                 diff_x = x2-x1
                 diff_y = y2-y1
                 if abs(diff_y) < 30 and abs(diff_x) != 0:</pre>
                     horizontal_lines.append((x1, y1, x2, y2))
                         slope = diff_y / diff_x
                         angle = math.degrees(math.atan(slope))
                         print(angle)
                         angles.append(angle)
                     except Exception as e:
                         print(e)
                         continue
             cv2.imshow('All Extracted Lines', img_copy)
             for line in horizontal_lines:
                 # print(line)
                 cv2.line(img_copy_1, (line[0],line[1]), (line[2],line[3]), (0,0,255), 1, cv2.LINE_AA)
                 cv2.imshow('Formated lines',img_copy_1)
             rotation_angle = sum(angles) / len(angles)
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Rotation of original image to show transformation:

The original image:



The corrected result image:



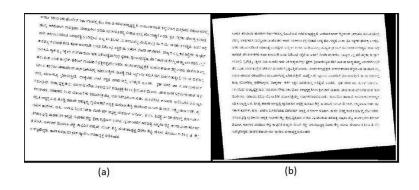


Comparison with alternate methods

1. Radon Transform:

More Complex and Computationally Intensive: Radon Transform is powerful but can be overkill for simple document skew correction, making it less efficient for this specific task.

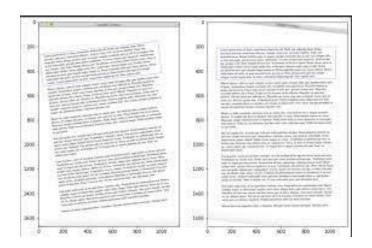
Example of Skew correction using Radon transform.



2. Projection Profile Analysis:

Quick and too Simple: Projection Profile Analysis is efficient but might struggle with documents that don't have evenly spaced, well-defined text lines, reducing accuracy in more complex or noisy images.

Example of Skew correction using Projection profile analysis:



Conclusion:

The Hough Line Transform offers a sweet spot: It's more robust and accurate for a variety of document types compared to Projection Profile Analysis, and less complex than Radon Transform, making it our preferred approach for skew correction of document images.