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# Approach 2: Pytesseract – wrapper for the Google Tesseract Engine

## **Dataset creation from documents:**

## Step 1: Document Pre Processing

 Documents of all format were converted to a uniform "\*.jpeg" image format using python's pdf2img library.

```
In [1]: import os import pdf2image from pdf2image import convert_from_path import cv2 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt import PypDF2 import PIL from PIL import Image, ImageTk
```

**Libraries** 

- Then each image was pre processed for achieving better accuracy in the OCR(Optical Character Recognition) task using cv2 library.
  - Grayscale Conversion : Each image in the dataset was converted to grayscale.
  - Gaussian Blur: Gaussian blur was applied to each image of the dataset.
  - Thresholding: Binary thresholding was done on each image of the dataset for increasing the contrast of the image.

```
In [2]: def preProcessImage(imagePath):
    image = cv2.imread(imagePath)
    gray = cv2.cvtColor(image, cv2.CoLOR_RGB2GRAY)
    plt.imshow(gray, cmap="gray")
    plt.show()
    blur = cv2.GaussianBlur(gray, (3,3),1)
    plt.imshow(blur, cmap="gray")
    plt.show()
    threshold img = cv2.adaptiveThreshold(blur,255,1,1,11,2)
    plt.imshow(threshold_img, cmap="gray")
    plt.imshow()
    return threshold_img
```

Image pre processor



Before And After Pre Processing
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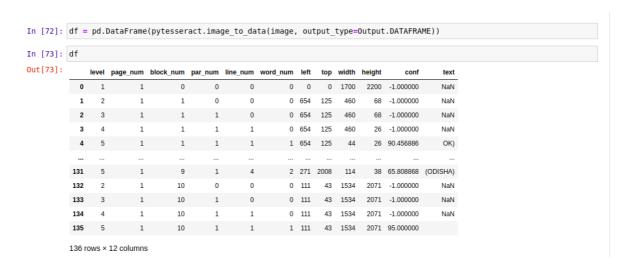


#### Step 2 : Applying OCR to extract a DataFrame from image

Python's pytesseract wrapper was used for this purpose.



- Pytesseract has options to get the output in various formats like dictionary, dataframe, string, etc.
- Output was retreived in form of a pytesseract dataframe and was then converted to the pandas datframe.



Retreived DataFrame

- It resulted in a DataFrame having 12 columns.
  - Level
  - o page num
  - o block num
  - o par\_num
  - line num
  - word\_num
  - left
  - top
  - width
  - height
  - conf
  - text

#### Step 3: Pre Process the dataframe

- It included,
  - removing null values
  - droping irelevent columns
  - removing stopwords
  - adding new box centroid columns using bounding boxes

```
In [4]: def preProcessDataFrame(df):
    #drop null values
    df.dropna(inplace=True)

#columns having same values throughout removed
    toDrop = ["level", "page num"]
    df.drop(columns=toDrop, inplace=True)

#rows having text as a stopword removed
    indexesToDrop = []
    stopwords = ["", " ", ", ", ", ".", ".", "\n", "\t", "\t"
```

DataFrame Pre Processor

# Step 4: Process the text extracted

- Converting whole text to lower case.
- Finding and replacing each date instance to fit in pythons datetime format.

```
importing Jupyter notebook from textPreProcessor.ipynb
Original Date ----> After Processing

5/12/22 ----> 5-12-2022
2/2/2023 ----> 2-2-2023
5:12-2023 ----> 5-12-2023
5,May,2023 ----> 5-05-2023
5 May,2023 ----> 5-05-2023
October 24,2022 ----> 10-24-2022
importing Jupyter notebook from imagePreProcessor.ipynb
```

Date instance pre processor

#### Step 4: Finding neighbour elements for each word on invoice

- For invoice date field, relevent neighbour fields chosen were, ["date", "dated", "invoice", "delivery", "order", "due", "payment", "tax", "bill", "receipt", "issue"]
- All the words existing in close proximity of existing word and all the words to the left in the same line were considered as neighbours.
- Each neighbour was a given a column in dataframe, and its existence/non-existence was shown by 1/0.

Neighbour information allocation

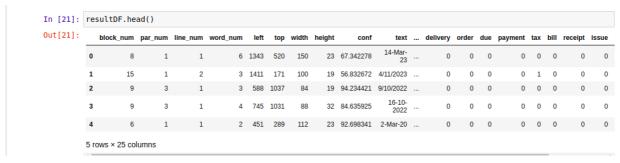
#### Step 5: Extracting only rows having a date as text from whole DataFrame

```
In [10]: def findDateDF(dates, dateDF):
    indexes = []
    for date in dates:
        i = dateDF[dateDF["text"]==date].index
        for index in i:
            indexes.append(index)
    return indexes
In [11]: def dropIndexes(indexes, df):
    indexesToDrop=[]
    for index in df.index:
        if index not in indexes:
            indexesToDrop.append(index)
        df.drop(indexesToDrop, inplace=True)
```

Dataset Extraction

Step 6: These steps were performed on a folder containing several documents to prepare the final dataset for Invoice Date Extraction model

· Resulting DataFrame looked like this,



Result DataFrame

# Step 7 : Now, each entry was manualy annotated 1/0 for is\_invoice\_date/not\_invoice\_date

 Images were fairly distributed among both classifications for a better training.

```
In [284]: df["output"].describe()
Out[284]: count
                  36.000000
          mean
                   0.555556
          std
                   0.503953
          min
                   0.000000
          25%
                   0.000000
          50%
                   1.000000
          75%
                   1.000000
                    1.000000
          max
          Name: output, dtype: float64
```

Output column visualization

# **Model Preperation for training:**

#### Step 1: Dataset preprocessing

- Feature Selection was done and irrelevent features were dropped from the dataset.
- Data was normalized for better results.

**Dataset Pre Processing** 

#### Step 2: Extracting training and testing sets

- Dataset was split between training and testing sets with a ratio of 80/20.
- 18 features were converted to input, xTrain/Test
  - layout information
  - confidence of prediction
  - neighbour information
- isDate/notDate column was converted to output, yTrain/Test

```
In [115]: def extractData(df):
    train, test = train_test_split(df, test_size=0.2, random_state=42, shuffle=True)
    xTrain = train_drop(columns=["output"]).to_numpy()
    xTest = test.drop(columns=["output"]).to_numpy()
    yTest = test["output"].to_numpy()
    yTest = test["output"].to_numpy()
    return xTrain, yTrain, xTest, yTest

In [116]: xTrain, syTrain, xTest, yTest = extractData(df)

In [117]: (28, 18)

In [118]: xTest.shape
Out[117]: (28, 18)

In [119]: yTrain.shape
Out[119]: (28,)

In [120]: type(xTrain)
Out[120]: numpy.ndarray

In [121]: type(yTrain)
Out[121]: numpy.ndarray
```

Train/Test extraction

#### Step 3: Preparing model

- TensorFlow and keras were used to prepare the model.
- Model used was simple ANN, as a complex model would lead to overfitting since the dataset is very small.
  - Optimizer = "adam"
  - coss = "binary\_crossentropy"

**Model Preperation** 

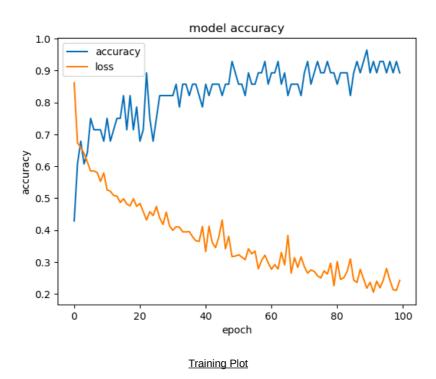
Model was trained for a batch size of 1, and a 100 epochs.

```
In [278]: history = model.fit(xTrain, yTrain,
        epochs=100, batch size=1)
    all: 0.8750 - true_positives: 14.0000 - true_negatives: 11.0000 - false_positives: 1.0000 - false_negatives: 2.0
    000
    Epoch 97/100
    000
    Epoch 98/100
    all: 0.8750 - true positives: 14.0000 - true negatives: 11.0000 - false positives: 1.0000 - false negatives: 2.0
    000
    Epoch 99/100
    1.0000
    Epoch 100/100
```

**Model Training** 

# Step 4: Visualizing the training and evaluating the model.

· Accuracy and loss were plotted.



Evaluation was done on testing set.

Testing Results

- Accuracy = 87.5%
- Precision = 0.8
- Recall = 1.0
- True values = 7/8
- False values = 1/8

## Model Inference on unseen documents:

Step 1: Preprocessing the document to fit our model.

- · Converting to image
- Preprocess image
- Apply OCR using tesseract
- Preprocessing text extracted for relevent extraction field(Invoice Date)
- Normalizing and preprocessing the data extracted

Step 2: Passing this processed data through our model for output.

- Loading the model
- Processing data for input
- Analyzing output to predict final result

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```
return threshold img
In [8]: def processForInput(df):
    colsToDrop = ["left", "top", "width", "height", "text", "index"]
               d = df.drop(columns=colsToDrop)
d["conf"]=d["conf"]/100
d["x"]=d["x"]/1000
d["y"]=d["y"]/1000
               return d.to_numpy()
In [56]: def predict(filePath):
               f = open(filePath, 'rb')
readpdf = PyPDF2.PdfReader(f)
totalpages = len(readpdf.pages)
               if totalpages==1:
                    image = convert_from_path(filePath)
               else:
               image = np.array(image[θ])
image = preProcessImage(image)
                print(type(image))
               data = pytesseract.image_to_data(image, output_type=Output.DATAFRAME)
df = pd.DataFrame(data)
               preProcessDataFrame(df)
               dateDF, dates = extractDateDataFrame(df)
               addNeighbours(df)
indexes = findDateDF(dates, dateDF)
resultDF = df.copy()
               dropIndexes(indexes, resultDF)
resultDF.reset_index(inplace=True)
               texts = []
inputs = []
               for index in resultDF.index:
    texts.append(resultDF["text"][index])
                    inputs.append(processForInput(resultDF))
               input = inputs[i]
pred = model.predict(input)
               predictions[text]=max(pred)
if len(predictions)==0:
               res = max(zip(predictions.values(), predictions.keys()))[1]
```

#### **Inference Results**

- Model was able to predict correct output on many of the unseen images.
- It was not able to predict correct date as an invoice date on some images.
- It was not able to extract any date fields on some images.

```
1/1 [-----] - 0s 36ms/step
1/1 [----] - 0s 25ms/step
31-12-22
```

Correct Output

```
<class 'numpy.ndarray'>

<string>:5: SettingWithCopyWarning:
A value is trying to be set on a copy of a slice from a DataFrame

See the caveats in the documentation: https://pandas.pydata.org/pandas-docs/stable/user_guide/indexing.html#returni
ng-a-view-versus-a-copy
<string>:20: SettingWithCopyWarning:
A value is trying to be set on a copy of a slice from a DataFrame

See the caveats in the documentation: https://pandas.pydata.org/pandas-docs/stable/user_guide/indexing.html#returni
ng-a-view-versus-a-copy

None
```

Unable to detect any date fields

# <u>Important Findings and observations</u>

- Tesseract is very fast as compared to EasyOCR.
- Tesseract is a c++ library and directly calls the c++ code in pyhon script.

```
pytesseract.pytesseract.tesseract_cmd="/home/aman/anaconda3/envs/tallyInvoiceParser.env/bin/tesseract"
os.environ['TESSDATA_PREFIX'] = "/home/aman/anaconda3/envs/tallyInvoiceParser.env/share/tessdata"
os.environ['MLIR_CRASH_REPRODUCER_DIRECTORY']='tensorflow/compiler/mlir/tensorflow/utils/dump_mlir_util.cc:269'
```

- Output of tesseract includes a lot of information which helps in preparing NER models like this.
- Output was incorrect in some cases due to bad approach used for neighbour information extraction. (Use of dynamic radius rather than static would resolve this issue)
- Date was not correctly extracted in some cases due to poor preprocessing of text for date. (Combination of several models like spacy lg, spacy sm and python's datetime can improve this issue)

# **Further Improvements**

- · Accuracy can be further improved by ,
  - $\circ$  Increasing the size of dataset.
  - $\circ \ \ \text{Using different normalization techniques}.$
  - Using a better approach to allocate neighbours, rather than setting a fixed radius.
  - Rather than setting 'radius to find neighbours' as a 'constant', it must be set as a 'ratio of page size', since page sizes are not same for each document.
    - Example:
      - radius = 10 #static for all images
      - radius = image.shape[0]//100 #dynamic
- Similar models can be prepared for other fields to be extracted, by using same model architecture but different preprocessing techniques.
- All these trained models can be combined to perform our task of converting Unstructured Data to Structured Data.