Non Cursive Handwritten Text Recognition

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ABSTRACT

- Offline non cursive handwritten text recognition
- Semester Target: Segment handwritten document to individual characters

PROJECT OVERVIEW

- ➤ Input: Scanned image in jpg/png/tiff format
- Output: Folders containing segmented lines, words and characters

SALIENT FEATURES

- Can process images from smartphones
- Can segment characters even when gap is very small

FLOW CHART

Original Image (Input)



Binarization



Line Segmentation



Word Segmentation



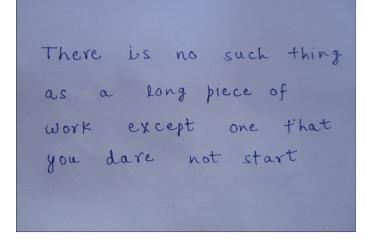
Character Segmentation



Segmented Character Images (Output)

METHODOLOGY

ORIGINAL IMAGE



BINARIZED IMAGE

There is no such thing as a long piece of work except one that you dare not start

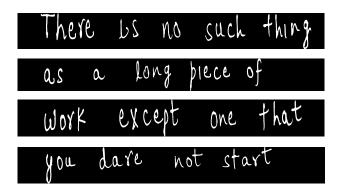
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METHODOLOGY - CONTINUED

LINE SEGMENTATION



WORD SEGMENTATION (FIRST LINE)











CHARACTER SEGMENTATION (WORD)





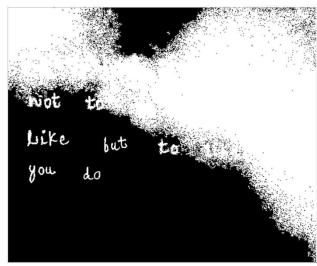






EXPERIMENTS

HIGH LEVEL OF NOISE



CHARACTERS TOUCHING EACH OTHER



ASSUMPTIONS

- Low noise, evenly lit image with high pixel density
- Characters do not touch each other
- Gaps between words are much larger than gap between characters
- ➤ Dot symbols over letters 'i' and 'j' are not considered

CONCLUSION

- Images with less noise and more pixel density performed better
- Local Binarization works better than global Binarization

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