Digital Image Processing

Color Coded Academic ICal

Team ID: 22

Project Title: Color Coded Academic ICal

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Github link of our project:

https://github.com/appari/dip_project

Introduction:

The project we have implemented is conversion of time table to ICal.

Previous approaches involve human expertise to manually insert reminders in the Icalendar.

Problem Statement:

Given an image of a academic calendar convert it into a form that can be modified by the users. Basically we have to convert the text in the image to

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editable text. This text can then be converted into a color coded ical.

And Using that iCal we can export that data into respective applications

based on user's convenience.

In this project we have implemented an ical converter for the time table

given as input. The conversion is made to simplify the task of user who has

to set reminders on important days in the time table. So, in this project we

automated the task of user to set reminders in Icalendar which can be

exported to respective applications like reminder, google calendar etc.

Motivation:

Now a days, each and every task done by a person were mostly automated.

So, In our busy daily life it is not so easy to spare much time on each task of

ours and people usually get confused or forget the important tasks of

theirs. Here comes the use of reminders. (Why wasting time to set

reminders ':(') So we automated the task of setting reminders given the

time table image.

Overview:

INPUT: Time Table Image

OUTPUT: Converted ICal

METHOD:

- First recognize edges in the input time table.
- Mark endpoints of each edge detected.
- Perform a euclidean distance based elimination of duplicate points or using naive detection of duplicate points.
- Find bounding boxes formed using the points detected above.
- For each bounding box detected recognize text in the box and then separate them and store the text present in it and colour of that box.
- Construct a data structure of events and dates including months from the data stored in the above step.

NOTE: SOME OF THE ABOVE STEPS INVOLVE
PREPROCESSING THE DATA LIKE IN RECOGNIZE TEXT.

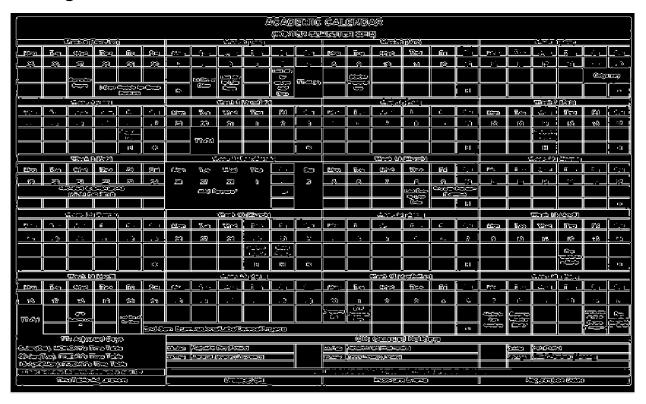
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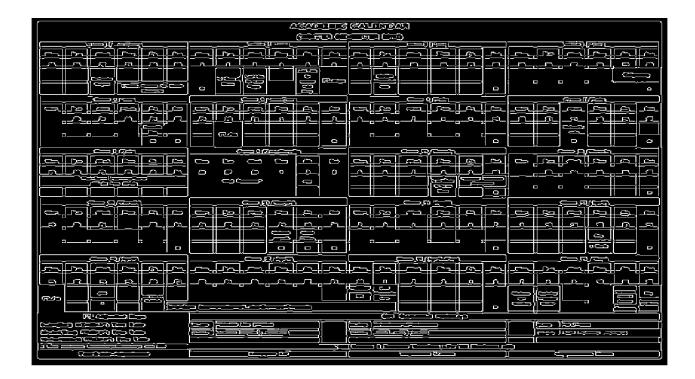
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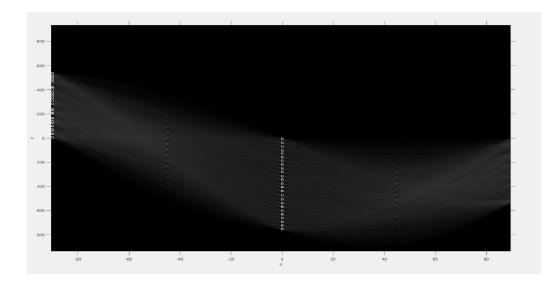
4.Using Canny Edge detection



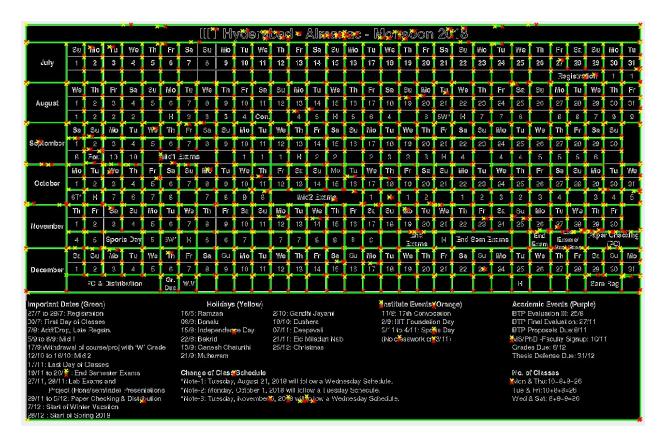
The above images are obtained by converting the image into an grayscale and then the filters are applied to them. So we can see that the images from sobel and prewitt has best preserved the edges from the given image.

For detecting the edge we perform a hough transform and then look in which filtered image max no. of edges are being highlighted.

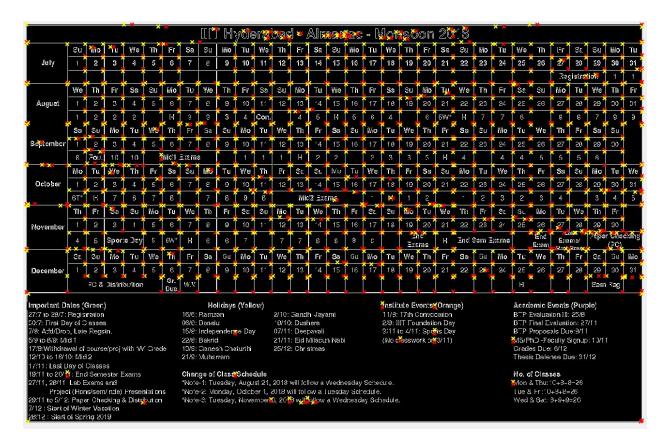
5.Using Hough Transform



We find the peaks with theta = -90 or 0 because all the edges are either horizontal or vertical. We got a total of 44 edges, 19 vertical and 25 horizontal. So after highlighting the edges we get:



After detecting edges using Hough transform Corner points for blocks are computed by using the edges detected as in the above image.



Detecting and removing duplicate points from the edge points detected would result in the following image(can be done with multiple nearest points elimination)i.e; by removing points which are near to each other and keeping only one point instead of the whole.

The corners detected binary image will look like the below one:

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Success and Failure Cases:

Edges and corners are detected well for clear table images(like our almanac).

But the results are not good for calendars which are blurry

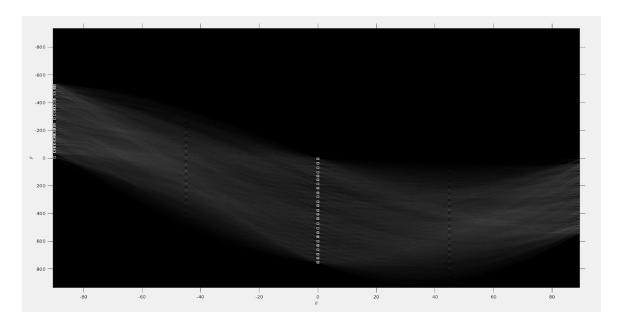
1. Successful case would be image as above.

2. Failure cases Image is as follows

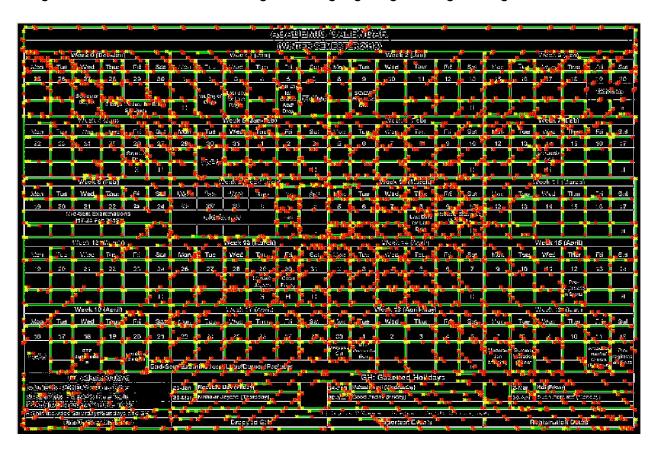


As we can see from the above image that the edge corner points were not detected well so our corner detection will not work for images like this.

Hough transform output for sobel filtered output of failure image:



We get 20 vertical 25 horizontal edges. So highlighting the edges we get:



FOR DETECTION OF TEXT INSIDE BOX:

Now our new objective will be to detect text inside a box

We performed preprocessing of the box using binary image conversion and Detected text inside the box using **OCR**.

Milestones

<u>Milestone</u>	<u>Date</u>	Task allocation
Gather the background information for the project	October 4	(Both)
Recognize text in the image(Code)	October 8	Appari Lalith
Detect the recognized text(Theory)	October 22(Tentative)	(Both)
Convert the text in the image to	October 26	Appari Lalith

text(Code)		
Detect Colors from the image	October 31	Sai Preetham
Gather various types of information from the Image and convert them into an object	November 9	(Both)
Construct an ical	November 15	(Both)