HANDWRITING RECOGNITION USING MXNET

ACCENTURE DIGITAL CHALLENGE

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IDEA / APPROACH

THE PIPELINE IS COMPOSED OF 3 STEPS:

Detecting the handwritten area in a form.



Detecting lines of handwritten texts.



Recognising characters and applying a language model to correct errors.

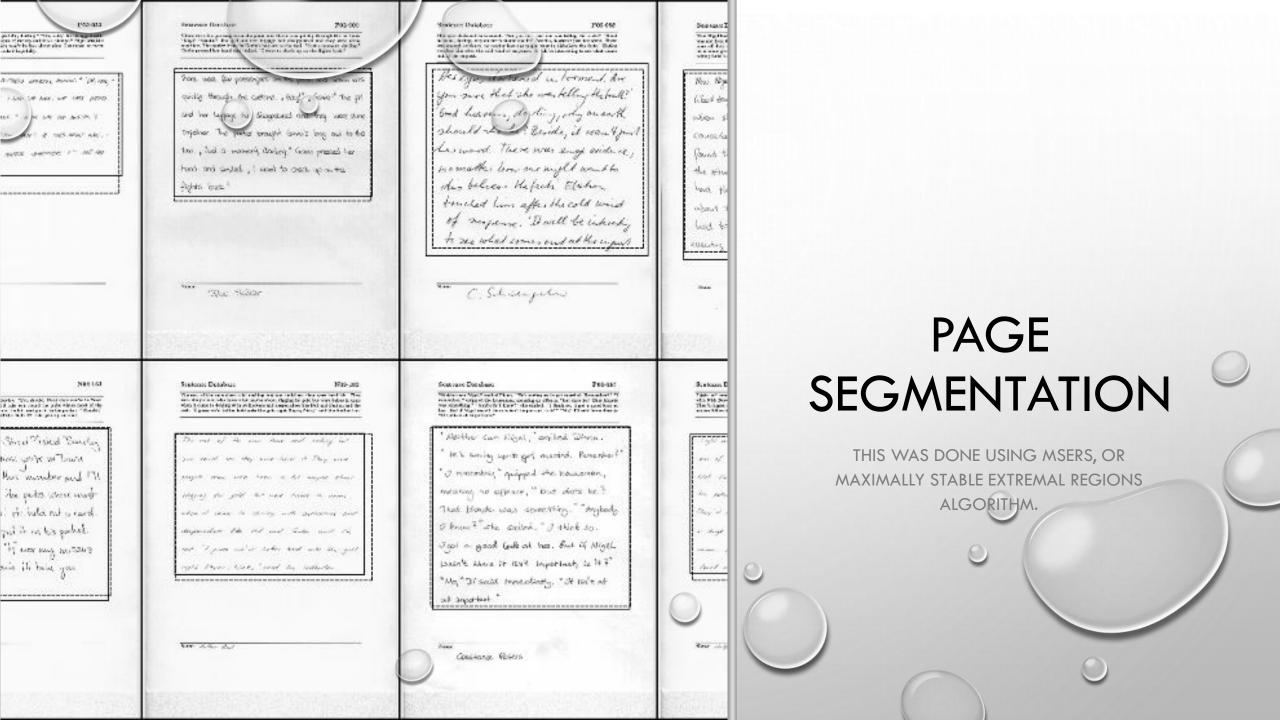
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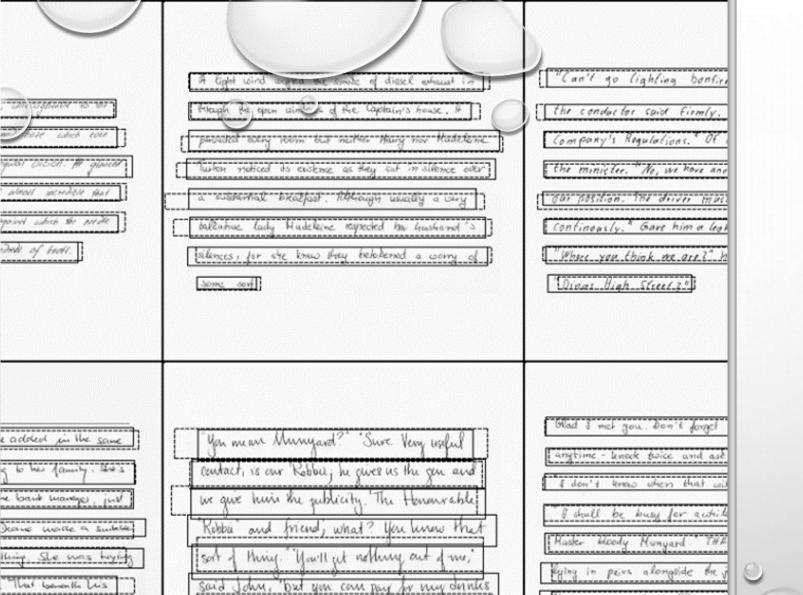
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DATASET

IAM HANDWRITING DATASET:

- 1,539 PAGES OF SCANNED TEXT.
- 5,685 ISOLATED AND LABELED SENTENCES.
- 13,353 ISOLATED AND LABELED TEXT LINES.
- 115,320 ISOLATED AND LABELED WORDS.





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LINE SEGMENTATION

THIS WAS DONE USING SSD(I.E. SINGLE SHOT MULTI-BOX DETECTOR). RESULT:



TEXT RECOGNITION



a) Greedy algorithm outputs

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b) Lexicon search outputs

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c) Beam + lexicon search and language model output

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CONCLUSION

THE CURRENT MODEL WORKS NEARLY PERFECT WITH THE IAM DATASET, HOWEVER FACES VARIOUS ISSUES IN CASE OF OTHER DATA. THE PIPELINE CAN BE ENHANCED IF MUCH MORE DATA IS MADE AVAILABLE. ALSO A UI INTERFACE CAN MAKE THE APPLICATION EASIER TO USE WHICH WE ARE WILLING TO DEVELOP FURTHER.