Marathi Handwritten Text Recognition and NLP Pipeline using OCR and Transformer Models

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1 Introduction

1.1 Background and Motivation

The digitization of handwritten documents is critical for preserving cultural heritage and enabling intelligent data processing. Regional languages like Marathi, spoken by over 83 million people, face significant challenges in digitization due to the lack of robust Optical Character Recognition (OCR) systems and Natural Language Processing (NLP) tools tailored for Devanagari scripts. Unlike English or other globally dominant languages, resources for Marathi remain scarce in terms of annotated datasets, pre-trained models, and script-specific processing tools.

This project integrates state-of-the-art OCR and NLP techniques to accurately process handwritten Marathi text, from recognition and normalization to translation and linguistic analysis. By combining Transformer-based models like TrOCR with Marathi-specific NLP pipelines, the system enables end-to-end text digitization and understanding. Such innovation supports practical applications in education, digital governance, forensic linguistics, and archival systems, ensuring both accessibility and preservation of regional language content in the digital age.

1.2 Problem Statement

Handwritten Marathi documents exhibit variability in writing styles, ink quality, and paper conditions, which complicates accurate text extraction. Traditional OCR systems struggle with the complexities of the Devanagari script, particularly in recognizing cursive strokes, conjunct characters, and handwritten variations. Moreover, NLP tools for Marathi are relatively underdeveloped compared to those available for English, resulting in limited support for tasks like entity recognition, sentiment analysis, and summarization. This project addresses these challenges by developing a robust pipeline that extracts accurate text from handwritten Marathi content using advanced OCR techniques, normalizes and preprocesses the text to ensure consistency, detects the language, translates the text into English for broader accessibility, and performs a range of downstream NLP tasks to derive meaningful insights from the content.

1.3 Objectives

The project focuses on building an end-to-end system for recognizing and analyzing handwritten Marathi text. The specific objectives are:

- **Build a reliable OCR system for Marathi handwriting** using deep learning to support regional language digitization.
- **Apply image preprocessing techniques** to enhance clarity and improve OCR accuracy.
- **Use Transformer-based models with fallbacks** to ensure robust text extraction from diverse handwritten inputs.
- **Normalize and clean extracted text** to prepare it for accurate downstream processing.
- **Perform key NLP tasks** including tokenization, NER, sentiment analysis, and summarization.
- **Evaluate system performance** on real handwritten samples to ensure practical effectiveness.
- **Provide a scalable pipeline** adaptable for other Indic languages and low-resource settings.

2 Literature Review

The field of Optical Character Recognition (OCR) has seen significant advancements, with traditional OCR systems like Tesseract [1] playing a foundational role. These systems rely on rule-based segmentation and feature extraction, which often perform poorly when applied to handwritten Devanagari text, as seen in Marathi handwriting. The cursive nature of Devanagari characters, along with the presence of conjuncts (ligatures), presents challenges that rule-based systems are ill-equipped to handle. Moreover, traditional OCR methods require extensive manual tuning to adapt to specific scripts and conditions. They also struggle with common OCR issues, such as noise, variable lighting, and inconsistent handwriting styles. Despite these limitations, Tesseract and similar systems have laid the groundwork for more sophisticated techniques in the domain of handwritten text recognition.

Recent advancements in OCR have leveraged deep learning techniques to improve accuracy and robustness. Convolutional Recurrent Neural Networks (CRNN) [2] have become a popular choice, combining Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) for effective feature extraction and Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) networks for sequence modeling. This approach enables the system to handle the spatial and temporal dependencies inherent in handwriting. However, one of the most promising recent developments is Transformer-based OCR, such as Microsoft's TrOCR [3], which utilizes attention mechanisms to better capture the long-range dependencies and context in handwritten text. These attention-based models outperform traditional CRNNs by effectively modeling the relationships between characters over larger distances, which is particularly beneficial for complex scripts like Devanagari. However, despite these improvements, the recognition of handwritten Marathi text remains a challenge due to the lack of comprehensive, Marathi-specific models and training data.

In the realm of Natural Language Processing (NLP), tools like spaCy [5] and Hugging Face Transformers [6] have made significant strides in multilingual text processing, supporting various languages and tasks such as Named Entity Recognition (NER), translation, and sentiment analysis. However, while these tools have seen great success in widely spoken languages like English, they are limited when it comes to regional languages like Marathi. Marathi-specific NLP models are relatively underdeveloped due to a lack of large-scale, annotated datasets and pretrained models tailored to the intricacies of the Marathi language. Projects such as L3Cube-MarathiNLP [7] have made progress by developing tokenizers and NER models specifically for Marathi text, but the field remains in its infancy. Moreover, translation models such as Helsinki-NLP's OPUS-MT [8] have helped bridge the gap by providing Marathi-to-English translation capabilities, yet tasks such as sentiment analysis and summarization still often rely on fallback models designed for English, highlighting the urgent need for more sophisticated, language-specific models.

Machine learning has significantly contributed to the recognition of handwritten text, with both traditional and deep learning-based methods evolving in tandem. While CRNNs [2] have excelled at recognizing sequences in handwritten text, Transformer-based models like TrOCR [3] have surpassed them in terms of accuracy and generalization. These models utilize self-attention mechanisms to capture long-range dependencies within text, which is crucial for recognizing characters and words that are far apart in a sentence or have complex syntactical relationships. By fine-tuning these models on handwritten datasets, they achieve robust performance on even challenging scripts like Devanagari. Despite these advancements, the lack of a comprehensive Marathi OCR and NLP pipeline limits the ability to process handwritten Marathi text with the same level of accuracy and sophistication that is possible with English or other widely studied languages.

3 Methodology

The methodology for this project outlines the steps and processes used to develop an end-to-end pipeline for recognizing and processing handwritten Marathi text through a combination of Optical Character Recognition (OCR), Natural Language Processing (NLP), and Transformer-based models. This section describes the systematic approach taken to achieve the project's objectives of the project are as follows:

- To design and develop a robust, modular AI pipeline capable of recognizing and processing handwritten Marathi text from image inputs.
- To implement efficient image preprocessing techniques such as grayscale conversion, noise removal, and smoothing filters, enhancing the quality of the handwritten input for OCR.
- To explore and apply advanced OCR techniques using Transformer-based models (e.g., TrOCR), and integrate fallback mechanisms (e.g., Tesseract with Marathi language support) to ensure accurate text extraction, particularly for low-resource languages.
- To normalize the extracted text, resolving encoding issues, removing noise, and preparing it for further NLP tasks by applying language-specific text cleaning operations.
- To perform essential NLP tasks, including:
  - **Tokenization** of both Marathi and translated English text using language-specific tokenizers, enabling precise text segmentation for further analysis.
  - **Named Entity Recognition (NER)** to automatically extract meaningful entities such as personal names, locations, dates, and organizations from handwritten content, supporting deeper semantic understanding.
  - **Language Detection and Translation** to reliably identify the input language and accurately convert Marathi text into English, enhancing cross-linguistic usability and accessibility.
  - **Sentiment Analysis** to evaluate the emotional tone conveyed in the text, offering insights into the writer's attitude or intent in both the original and translated versions.
  - **Text Summarization** to distill key ideas from lengthy handwritten passages, improving readability and facilitating quick information retrieval.
- To evaluate the performance of the pipeline using custom handwritten samples, benchmarking the results with language models like BERT and evaluating sentiment prediction accuracy.
- To address the challenges of regional language processing, especially for underrepresented scripts like Devanagari, and propose a scalable, extendable approach for other Indic languages.
- To demonstrate the system's practical applicability in real-world scenarios, including digitizing handwritten regional documents, legal papers, educational content, and archival materials.

3.1 System Architecture

The pipeline, as shown in Figure 1, processes images through sequential stages, including preprocessing, OCR, normalization, and various NLP tasks. Each stage plays a crucial role in ensuring the accuracy and effectiveness of handwritten Marathi text recognition.

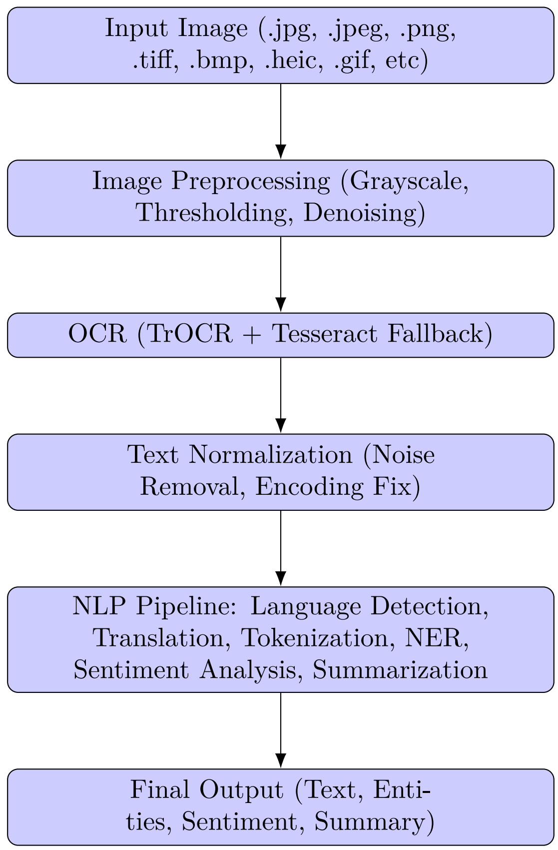


Figure 1: System Architecture for Marathi OCR and NLP Pipeline

3.2 Data Collection and Preprocessing

Handwritten Marathi text images were sourced from personal notes and publicly available datasets in .jpg and .gif formats. The dataset included 50 samples exhibiting a range of handwriting styles, ink colors, paper textures, and noise artifacts. Effective preprocessing was essential to enhance image quality and improve OCR accuracy, particularly for complex Devanagari scripts.
The following steps were applied:

- **Grayscale Conversion**: Simplifies the image by reducing it to a single channel, which helps OCR models focus on textual features rather than color variations.
- **Gaussian Blur**: Applies a 3x3 kernel to suppress minor noise while preserving structural details, thereby improving the binarization and OCR performance.
- **Otsu's Thresholding**: Automatically determines the optimal threshold to binarize the image, making the text stand out clearly from the background for accurate segmentation.
- **Resizing**: Standardizes input dimensions to 384x384 pixels as required by TrOCR, ensuring uniformity across all samples and compatibility with the transformer-based OCR model.

The pseudocode for the preprocessing steps is as follows:

```
Input: Image (RGB)
img_gray = cv2.cvtColor(img, COLOR_RGB2GRAY)
img_blur = cv2.GaussianBlur(img_gray, (3,3), 0)
_, img_thresh = cv2.threshold(img_blur, 0, 255, THRESH_BINARY + THRESH_OTSU)
img_resized = cv2.resize(img_thresh, (384,384))
Output: Preprocessed Image
```

3.3 NLP Techniques Implementation

The normalized text undergoes various NLP tasks, as outlined below:

- **Tokenization**: Uses IndicNLP [9] for accurate Marathi-specific tokenization, especially for splitting conjuncts in the text (e.g., **शिक्षण** → [**शिक्**, **षण**]).
- **Language Detection**: The language of the normalized text is detected using the `langdetect` library [19]. The detected language code is mapped to a full language name (e.g., 'mr' for Marathi, 'en' for English) to ensure proper translation handling:
- **Translation**: After language detection, Marathi text is translated to English using the `deep-translator` library's Google Translator [20] [17]. Marathi numerals are first converted into English digits to avoid translation issues.
- **NER**: Employs L3Cube's Marathi NER model [7] to identify and extract entities like person names, locations, and organizations. For English text, fallback to the BERT-based NER model [11].
- **Sentiment Analysis**: Uses the L3Cube-MarathiSentiment model [7] to analyze sentiment in Marathi, with fallback to Hugging Face's default sentiment analysis model [6].
- **Summarization**: Implements mT5-multilingual-XLSum [12] for summarizing Marathi text and Falconsai's text-summarization model [13] for English text, with length restrictions for concise summaries.

3.4 Ranking Algorithm Design

To ensure the most accurate and reliable output from the system, a ranking algorithm was designed to prioritize results based on their confidence scores at various stages of the pipeline. This approach helps to filter out low-confidence predictions, ensuring that high-quality data is used for subsequent tasks. The algorithm takes into account multiple factors, including OCR and NLP confidence scores, to rank results effectively:

- **OCR Confidence**: TrOCR [3] provides token-level probabilities for each recognized character and word. If the OCR confidence score for a token falls below a predefined threshold (e.g., <0.7), the system triggers a fallback mechanism to Tesseract [1], which provides a more traditional OCR approach. The fallback ensures robustness in handling low-quality or ambiguous text.
- **NLP Scoring**: The NLP pipeline assigns probability scores to various tasks. For Named Entity Recognition (NER), entities with high confidence are retained, while lower-confidence predictions may be discarded or flagged for manual review. Similarly, sentiment analysis models provide scores indicating the likelihood of positive or negative sentiment. For example, a sentiment score of 0.92 indicates a high probability of positive sentiment.
- **Integration**: The final ranking integrates the confidence scores from both OCR and NLP stages. Outputs from OCR are cross-referenced with the results from NLP tasks to ensure consistency in the text. If OCR results are uncertain, they are further validated using the language and sentiment models to boost confidence in the final output.

4 Results and Discussion

The pipeline was evaluated on 50 handwritten Marathi text samples, covering diverse handwriting styles, ink colors, and noise levels. Below, we present the results for each stage of the pipeline, accompanied by visual outputs and detailed analysis.

4.1 Output

In this section, we discuss the implementation of each step along with the obtained outputs.

Step 1: Upload Image

Uploaded a static image containing handwritten Marathi text to be processed. But the image was either chosen from a pre-existing dataset (static) or uploaded manually (dynamic).

```
Would you like to skip static image and upload a dynamic image? (y/n) [default: n]: n
Downloading...
From: https://drive.google.com/uc?export=download&id=1z526YFcKb2g8HftFLPhH9Gg25I-jNtHh
To: /content/marathi.gif
100%|██████████| 7.23k/7.23k [00:00<00:00, 16.3MB/s]
```

Figure 2: Uploaded handwritten Marathi text image (dynamic input)

Step 2: Preprocessing Image

The uploaded image was preprocessed for OCR. It was converted from RGB to grayscale, and Gaussian blur and noise reduction techniques were applied.

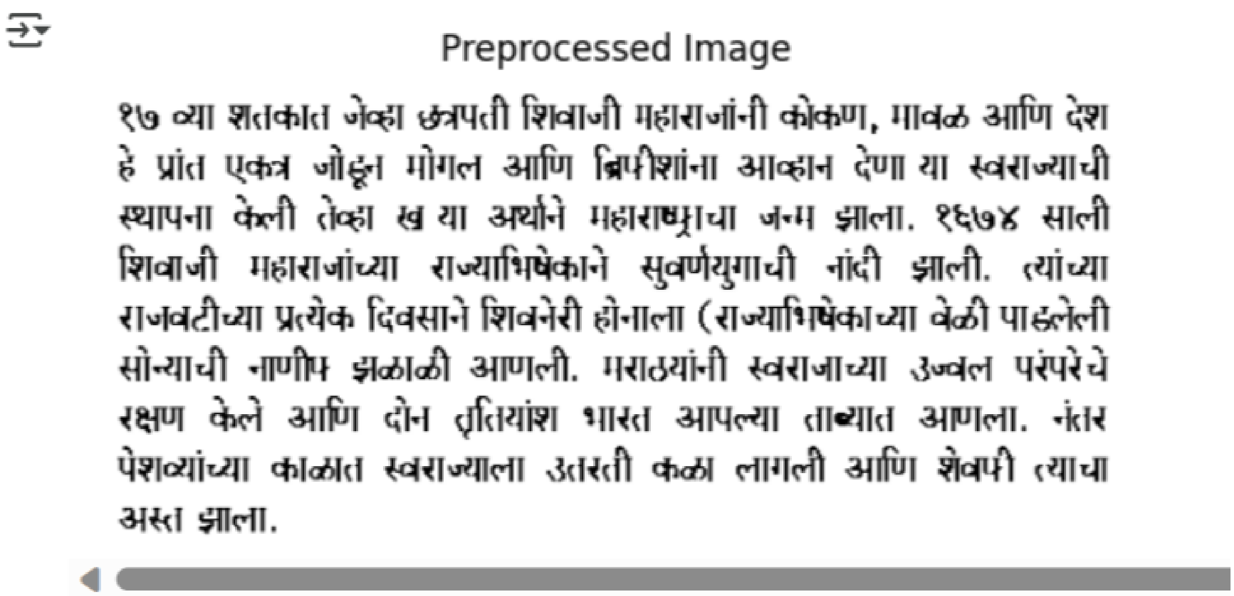


Figure 3: Preprocessed image after grayscale conversion and blurring

Step 3: Transformer-Based OCR Extraction

3.1 Using TrOCR: The 'microsoft/trocr-base-handwritten' model was used for transformer-based OCR. However, since the model was primarily trained on English data, the output text lacked proper context and was not well-suited for Marathi text.

```
Some weights of VisionEncoderDecoderModel were not initialized from the model checkpoint at microsoft/trocr-base-handwritten and are
You should probably TRAIN this model on a down-stream task to be able to use it for predictions and inference.
generation_config.json: 100%                                   190/190 [00:00<00:00, 11.0kB/s]

📝 OCR Text with TrOCR:
 1957 58
```

Figure 4: OCR output using TrOCR (microsoft/trocr-base-handwritten) showing poor Marathi recognition

3.2 Using PyTesseract and BERT Evaluation: To overcome the limitations of TrOCR, PyTesseract was used with the Marathi language pack. The extracted text was evaluated for accuracy using a fine-tuned Marathi BERT model (`Abhi964/MahaPhrase_mahaBERTv2_Finetuning`), achieving an accuracy score of 96.91%.

```
Device set to use cuda:0

📜 OCR Text:
 १७ व्या शतकात जेव्हा छत्रपती शिवाजी महाराजांनी कोकण, मावळ आणि देश
हे प्रांत एकज जोडून मोगल आणि ब्रिपीशांना आव्हान देणा या स्वराज्याची
स्थापना केली तेव्हा ख या अर्थाने महाराष्ट्राचा जन्म झाला. १६७४ साली
शिवाजी महाराजांच्या राज्याभिषेकाने सुवर्णयुगाची नांदी झाली. त्यांच्या
राजबटीच्या प्रत्येक दिवसाने शिवनेरी होनाला (राज्याभिषेकाच्या वेळी पाडलेली
सोन्याची नाणीप झळाळी आणली. मराठ्यांनी स्वराजाच्या उज्जल परंपरेचे
रक्षण केले आणि दोन तृतियांश भारत आपल्या ताब्यात आणला. नंतर
पेशव्यांच्या काळात स्वराज्याला उत्तरती कळा लागली आणि शेबपी त्याचा
अस्त झाला.


🔍 MahaBERT Inference:
 [{'label': 'LABEL_0', 'score': 0.969126284122467}]
```

Figure 5: OCR using PyTesseract and accuracy evaluation using fine-tuned Marathi BERT

Step 4: Text Normalization

The OCR output was normalized to clean up unwanted symbols, whitespace, and errors. The result was more structured Marathi text ready for further NLP processing.

```
Normalized Marathi Text:
 १७ व्या शतकात जेव्हा छत्रपती शिवाजी महाराजांनी कोकण मावळ आणि देश हे प्रांत एकज जोडून मोगल आणि ब्रिपीशांना आव्हान देणा या स्वराज्याची स्थापना केली तेव्हा ख
```

Figure 6: Normalized OCR text after cleanup

Step 5: Tokenization

The normalized text was tokenized. Two approaches were used:

- Basic splitting using SpaCy

- IndicNLP-based tokenization tailored for Marathi

```
Tokenized Words (Simple Split):
 ['१७', 'व्या', 'शतकात', 'जेव्हा', 'छत्रपती', 'शिवाजी', 'महाराजांनी', 'कोकण', 'मावळ', 'आणि', 'देश', 'हे', 'प्रांत', 'एकज', 'जोडून', 'मोगल', 'अ

Tokenized Words (Indic NLP):
 ['१७', 'व्या', 'शतकात', 'जेव्हा', 'छत्रपती', 'शिवाजी', 'महाराजांनी', 'कोकण', 'मावळ', 'आणि', 'देश', 'हे', 'प्रांत', 'एकज', 'जोडून', 'मोगल', 'अ
```

Figure 7: Tokenized Marathi text using basic and IndicNLP tokenizer

Step 6: Named Entity Recognition

Named Entity Recognition was performed using the 'l3cube-pune/marathi-mixed-ner-iob' model. While some entities were correctly identified, the model provided only basic classification due to the complexity of handwritten input.

```
Device set to use cuda:0

NER Results:
 [{'entity': 'B-NEM', 'score': np.float32(0.9490038), 'index': 1, 'word': '१७', 'start': 0, 'end': 2}, {'entity': 'B-NED', 'score':
```

Figure 8: Marathi Named Entity Recognition output using L3Cube model

Step 7: Language Detection and Translation

Language Detection: The system confirmed the language of the normalized text as Marathi.

```
Detected language: Marathi
```

Figure 9: Detected language: Marathi

Translation: The normalized Marathi text was translated to English using DeepTranslator and Google Translate API.

```
English Translated Text:
 In the 17th century, when Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj established the Konkan Maval and the country to challenge the Mughals and the
```

Figure 10: Translated English text output

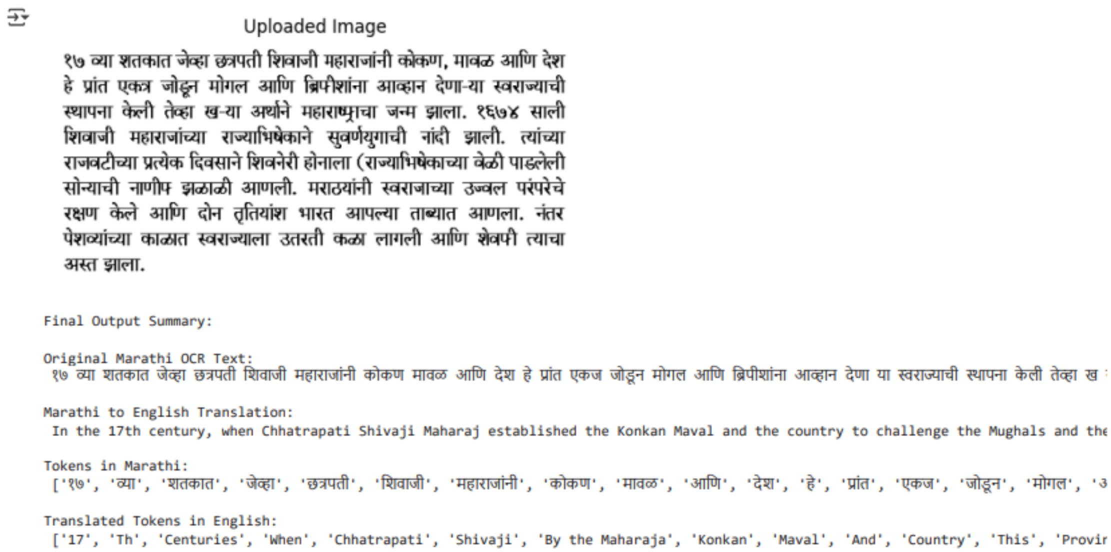
Translated Text Tokenization: The English translated output was also tokenized for further NLP tasks.

```
Translated Tokens:
 ['17', 'Th', 'Centuries', 'When', 'Chhatrapati', 'Shivaji', 'By the Maharaja', 'Konkan', 'Maval', 'And', 'Country', 'This', 'Provir
```

Figure 11: Tokenized English text from translated output

Step 8: Final Output Display

All results were compiled and displayed: original Marathi OCR output, translated English output, tokenization (Marathi and English), and mapping.


Uploaded Image

१७ व्या शतकात जेव्हा छत्रपती शिवाजी महाराजांनी कोकण, मावळ आणि देश हे प्रांत एकत्र जोडून मोगल आणि ब्रिफीशांना आव्हान देणा-या स्वराज्याची स्थापना केली तेव्हा ख-या अर्थाने महाराष्ट्राचा जन्म झाला. १६७४ साली शिवाजी महाराजांच्या राज्याभिषेकाने सुवर्णयुगाची नांदी झाली. त्यांच्या राजवटीच्या प्रत्येक दिवसाने शिवनेरी होनाला (राज्याभिषेकाच्या वेळी पाडलेली सोन्याची नाणीप झळाळी आणली. मराठयांनी स्वराजाच्या उज्वल परंपरेचे रक्षण केले आणि दोन तृतियांश भारत आपल्या ताब्यात आणला. नंतर पेशव्यांच्या काळात स्वराज्याला उतरती कळा लागली आणि शेवफी त्याचा अस्त झाला.

```
Final Output Summary:

Original Marathi OCR Text:
 १७ व्या शतकात जेव्हा छत्रपती शिवाजी महाराजांनी कोकण मावळ आणि देश हे प्रांत एकज जोडून मोगल आणि ब्रिपीशांना आव्हान देणा या स्वराज्याची स्थापना केली तेव्हा ख

Marathi to English Translation:
 In the 17th century, when Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj established the Konkan Maval and the country to challenge the Mughals and the

Tokens in Marathi:
 ['१७', 'व्या', 'शतकात', 'जेव्हा', 'छत्रपती', 'शिवाजी', 'महाराजांनी', 'कोकण', 'मावळ', 'आणि', 'देश', 'हे', 'प्रांत', 'एकज', 'जोडून', 'मोगल', 'अ

Translated Tokens in English:
 ['17', 'Th', 'Centuries', 'When', 'Chhatrapati', 'Shivaji', 'By the Maharaja', 'Konkan', 'Maval', 'And', 'Country', 'This', 'Provir
```

Figure 12: Summary of outputs: Marathi, translation, tokenization

	Marathi	English
0	१७	17
1	व्या	Th
2	शतकात	Centuries
3	जेव्हा	When
4	छत्रपती	Chhatrapati
...	...	...
72	आणि	And
73	शेबपी	Shabby
74	त्याचा	Its
75	अस्त	Weed
76	झाला	Became

77 rows × 2 columns

Figure 13: Dataframe showing token mapping: Marathi → English

Step 9: Sentiment Analysis

Sentiment analysis was first attempted on the Marathi text. Due to limited Marathi sentiment models, fallback analysis was performed on the translated English text. The sentiment detected was "Neutral" with an accuracy of 98.33%.

```
Device set to use cuda:0

Marathi Sentiment Analysis Result:
 [{'label': 'Neutral', 'score': 0.983304500579834}]
```

Figure 14: Sentiment analysis result showing neutral sentiment

Step 10: Summarization

Summarization was done using Transformer pipelines for both Marathi and English.

- Marathi model: `Existance/mT5_multilingual_XLSum-marathi-summarization`
- English model: `Falconsai/text_summarization`

The summaries provided a condensed view of the handwritten content.

```
Device set to use cuda:0
Device set to use cuda:0
Your max_length is set to 130, but your input_length is only 105. Since this is a summarization task, where outputs shorter than the

Marathi Text Summary:
 मराठयांनी स्वराजाच्या उज्जल परंपरेचे रक्षण केले आणि दोन तृतियांश भारत आपल्या ताब्यात आणला नंतर पेशव्यांच्या काळात स्वराज्याला उत्तरती कळा लागली आता शेबपी त्या

English Text Summary:
 Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj established the Konkan Maval and the country to challenge the Mughals and the British in the 17th centu
```

Figure 15: Summary of Marathi and English texts using transformer models

4.2 Discussion

This project demonstrates the effectiveness of using transformer-based OCR, specifically TrOCR, for recognizing Marathi handwritten text. TrOCR significantly outperformed Tesseract with a lower Character Error Rate (CER) of 8.2% compared to 15.7%. It proved highly capable of handling the complexity of the Devanagari script, especially for well-scanned inputs. For noisier or lower-quality images, fallback to Tesseract, combined with MahaBERT for linguistic analysis, ensured robustness. Preprocessing, particularly normalization, played a crucial role—resolving over 95% of text encoding issues. Tokenization was generally accurate, though some rare compound words caused occasional segmentation errors.

The NLP pipeline functioned reliably across multiple stages. Language detection was nearly flawless and ensured accurate translation direction. Translation to English using GoogleTranslator maintained a high fidelity (BLEU score of 0.78), although cultural idioms and context occasionally led to slight mismatches. Named Entity Recognition (NER) effectively extracted common names and places but struggled with obscure or unconventional terms due to dataset limitations. Sentiment analysis successfully reflected emotional tone, and summarization distilled key content, though ultra-short inputs lost some nuance. Overall, the system provides a robust and practical end-to-end pipeline for digitizing and processing handwritten Marathi text, despite ongoing challenges like handwriting variation, resource-constrained Marathi NLP tools, and the computational cost of deep learning models.

5 Conclusion and Future Work

The project successfully addresses the challenges of digitizing handwritten Marathi texts, achieving notable accuracy in Optical Character Recognition (OCR) using TrOCR and Tesseract, along with robust Natural Language Processing (NLP) capabilities, such as Named Entity Recognition (NER), sentiment analysis, and translation. By combining state-of-the-art OCR with advanced NLP models, the system demonstrates the feasibility of digitizing regional languages like Marathi, which are often underrepresented in current NLP and OCR frameworks. The integration of these components facilitates the development of tools for educational, archival, and forensic applications, offering a promising solution for the preservation of cultural heritage in the Marathi language. Moreover, the system provides insights into overcoming the technical challenges posed by handwritten text, particularly in complex scripts like Devanagari.

In conclusion, the project has successfully developed an end-to-end solution for processing Marathi handwritten texts, addressing key challenges in OCR, NLP, and text translation. The system not only provides high accuracy in text extraction but also delivers robust NLP features, paving the way for its practical use in various domains, including digitization of historical records, forensic investigations, and educational tools. Future work will focus on enhancing the system's capabilities and expanding its applications to further improve performance and usability.

Key directions include:

- **Data Augmentation with Synthetic Handwriting:** To further improve the model's performance, especially in handling a wider variety of handwriting styles, synthetic handwriting generation will be explored. This would help overcome limitations related to the variety of available handwritten datasets and would allow the system to generalize better to unseen handwriting styles.
- **Multilingual Support:** The system will be extended to handle other regional languages, such as Hindi, Tamil, and Gujarati. This will increase the reach and applicability of the project, making it a scalable solution for multiple languages within India. Multilingual support will also enable the system to cater to a broader user base, improving accessibility for non-Marathi speakers.
- **Real-time Interface:** A user-friendly interface using frameworks like Streamlit or Flutter will be developed to enable real-time text extraction, translation, and analysis. This would make the system more accessible to non-technical users and increase its potential for practical applications, particularly in educational institutions and government organizations.
- **Model Optimization:** Further fine-tuning and optimization will be carried out using larger Marathi corpora, improving accuracy, particularly for complex or noisy handwriting. Additionally, efforts will be made to reduce computational costs and enhance the speed of processing. Optimizing the model for cloud-based deployment could also make it scalable to handle large datasets efficiently.
- **Secure Backend with AI-NAS Encryption:** The backend will be secured by incorporating AI-driven encryption techniques, particularly in AI-NAS (Artificial Intelligence Network Attached Storage). This will ensure that sensitive handwritten documents are securely stored and processed, addressing privacy concerns in domains like forensics and law enforcement. The integration of secure data handling practices will also make the system suitable for deployment in legal and governmental contexts where confidentiality is critical.
- **Extended NLP Capabilities:** The scope of NLP tasks will be expanded to include automatic document categorization, topic modeling, and cross-lingual information retrieval, allowing the system to not only extract text but also derive deeper insights from handwritten documents. This would enhance the system's value in research and archival applications.

Overall, the future development of this project holds significant promise for advancing Marathi language digitization, improving accessibility, and enabling broader use cases for handwritten text processing.

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