

Urdu Handwriting Recognition Using Machine Learning

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Problem Statement



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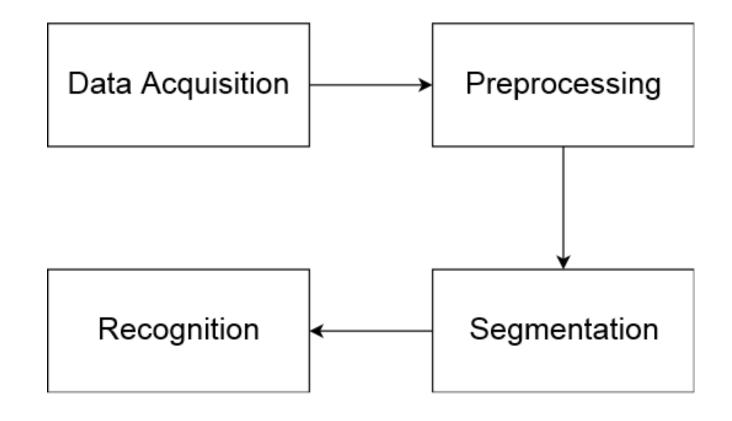
Problem Statement



- Recently, state institutions have been digitizing handwritten records (such as old land records) and FIRs.
- This project may be extended to be used in these initiatives.
- Deep Learning algorithms have been applied for this purpose to other languages and have resulted in surprisingly high accuracies.
- Goal of this project is to apply deep learning algorithms for Urdu handwriting recognition.

Proposed Solution





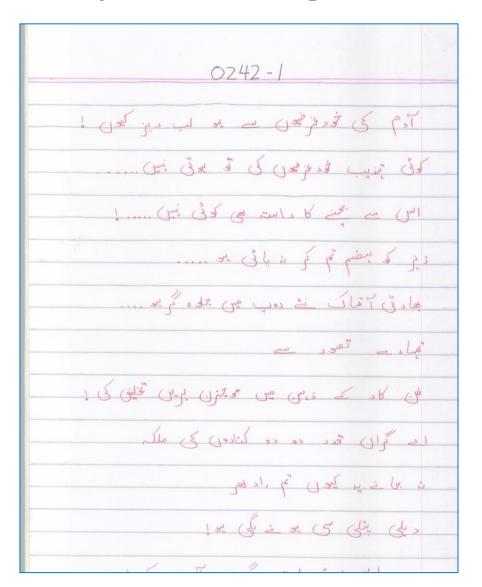
Data Acquisition



- Selected 15,000 lines from approximately 1 million lines taken from Urdu books
- Selection Criteria: Most frequent trigrams, bigrams and unigrams
- Have collected data samples of approximately 5000 lines from 160 writers
- Will extend this to 500 writers

Preprocessing – Binarization & Noise Removal





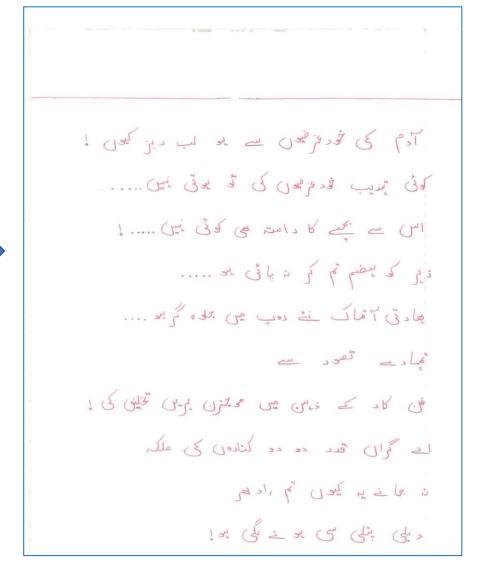


Image Segmentation – Horizontal Projection



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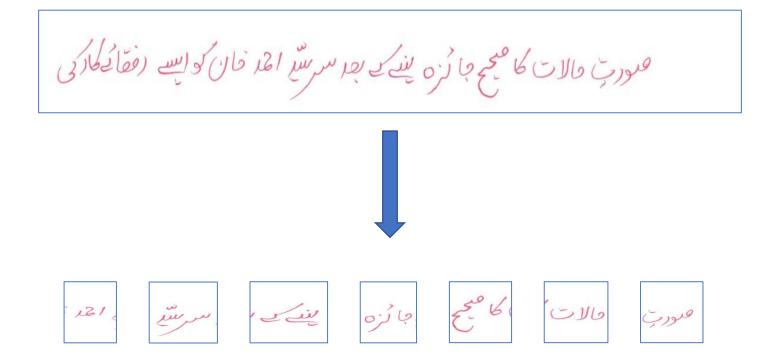
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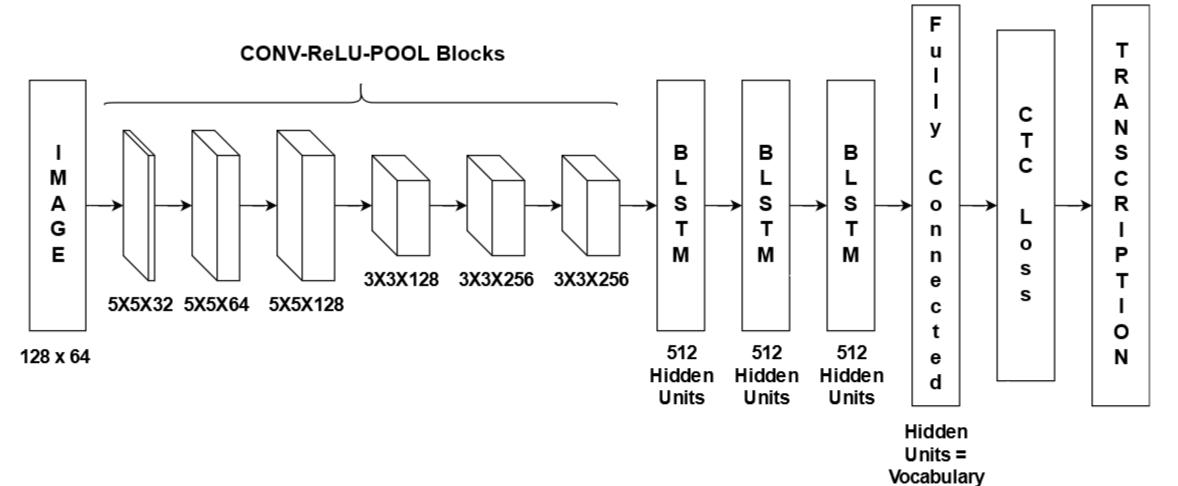
Image Segmentation – Connected Components





Recognition Model

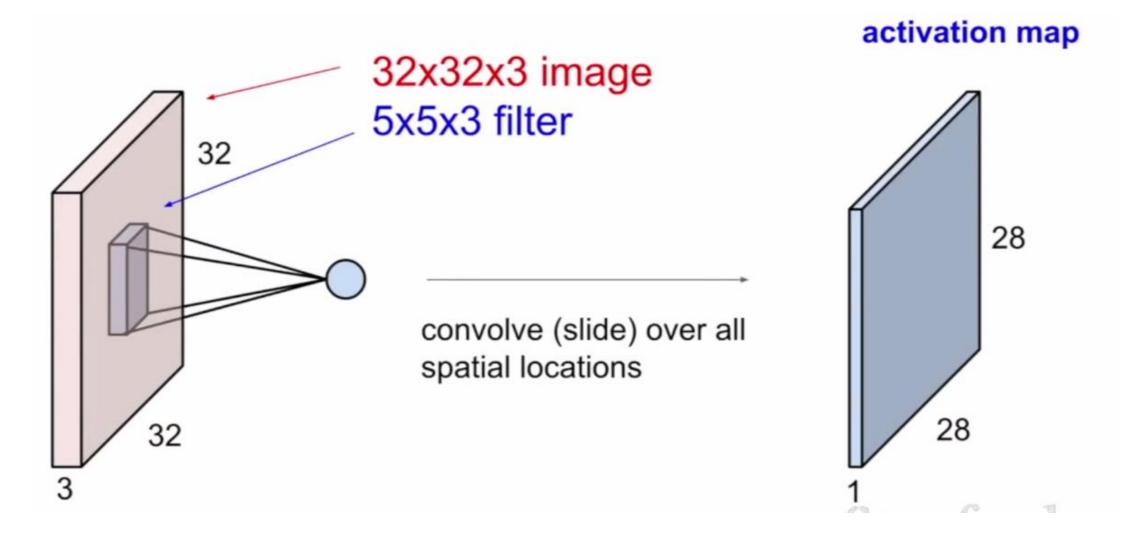




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CONV-ReLU-POOL Blocks: Convolution





CONV-ReLU-POOL Blocks: ReLU



- ReLU = Rectified Linear Unit
- Given some input matrix/tensor X:

$$ReLU(X)_{ij} = \max(0, X_{ij})$$

• Main Idea: Each convolutional filter should learn to recognize some 'feature' of the image. Output of filter should be > 0 when it sees that 'feature' in the image and < 0 when it doesn't. Output is proportional to how sure the filter is of that 'feature' being present in the image

CONV-ReLU-POOL Blocks: Pool



- Subsampling layer: reduces dimension of data
- E.g. 2X2 pooling layer

5	2	0	1
4	7	1	3
9	4	2	6
2	5	8	3

Input

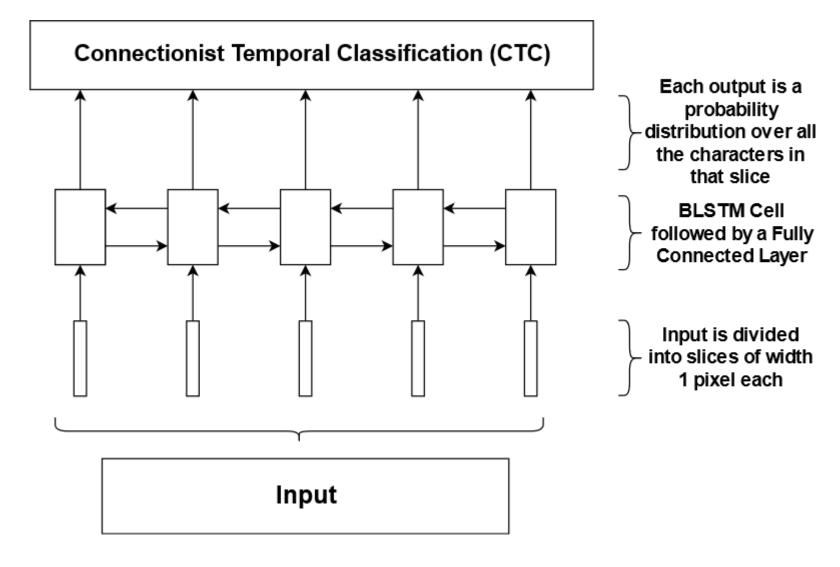


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9	8

Output

Bidirectional LSTM & CTC Loss





Connectionist Temporal Classification (CTC)



• Suppose transcription, t, is:

$$n - e e u - r a - l l -$$

where '-' indicates a blank in the sequence

• β function merges repeated labels and deletes blanks. Output, o, is:

• Let I be the true label and x be the image. Then loss is defined as:

$$-\log \sum_{l \in \beta(t)} p(t \mid x)$$

Minimize this loss with respect to network's parameters

Accuracy Metrics



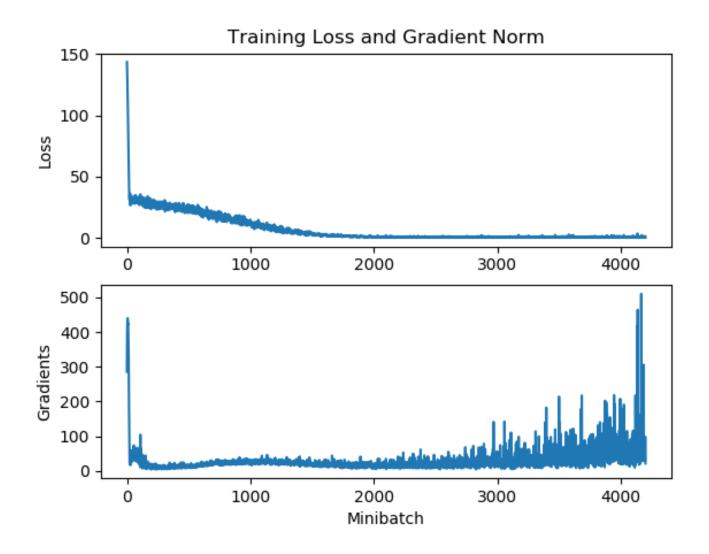
- Loss
 - Equal to negative log probability of true label
 - So if probability of true class is 0.6, then loss = $-\log(0.6) = 0.7$
- Character Recognition Rate (CRR):
 - Let o be the output of system and l be the correct label. Then:

% CRR = Levenshtein distance(o,l)/Length of l

where Levenshtein distance(o,l) is the number of insertions, deletions and substitutions required to make o and l equal

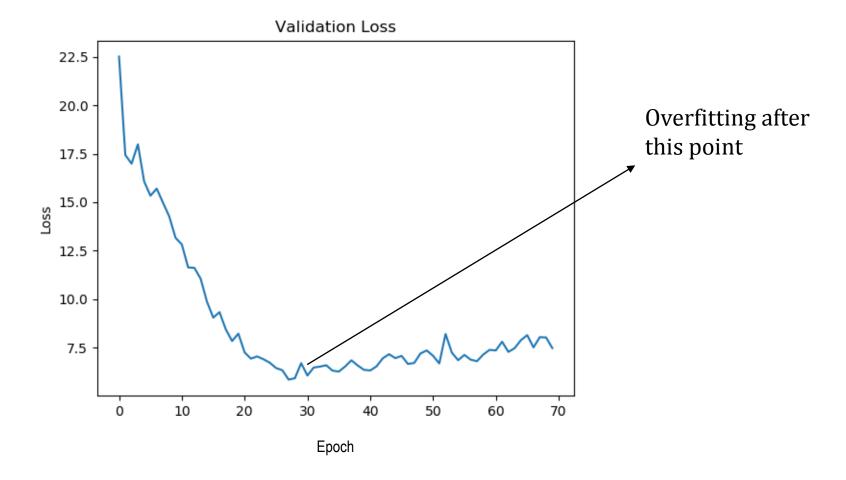
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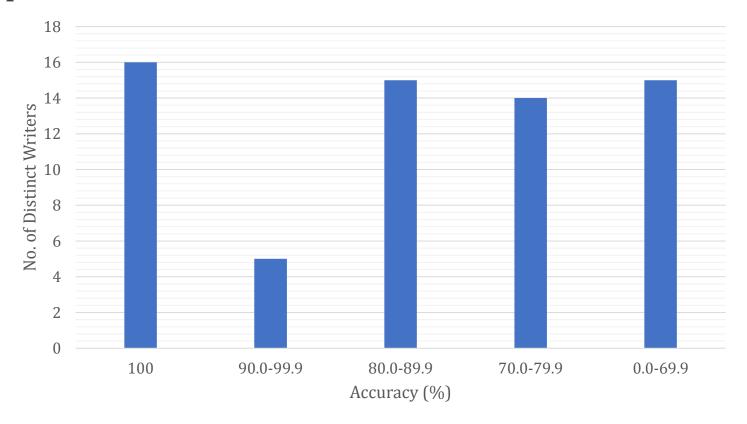




Results



- Validation set accuracy = 72.2%
- Model captures variation between writers



Prototyping





Benchmarks For Other Recognition Tasks



Language	Dataset	Dataset Size	Character Recognition Rate (%)
English Handwritten Text	IAM	13,533	93.41
Arabic Handwritten Text	KHATT	9,000	75.8 ²
Urdu Printed Text	UPTI	10,000	98.0 ± 0.25 ³

¹ Bluche et al. *Scan, Attend and Read: End-to-End Handwritten Paragraph Recognition with MDLSTM Attention.* Preprint: arXiv:1604.03286v3. August 23, 2016

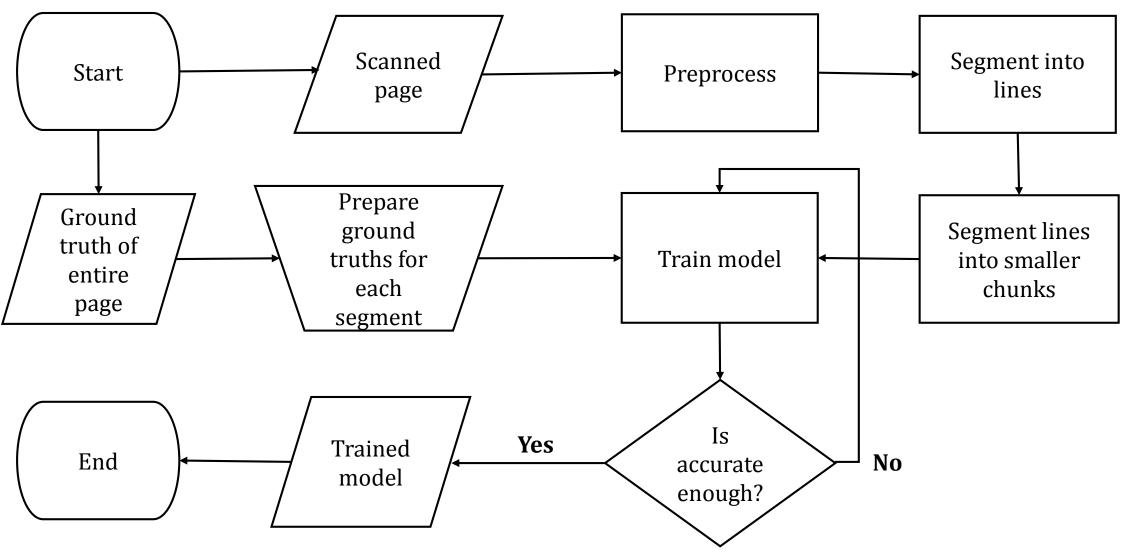
² Ahmed et al. Deep KHATT: *A Deep Learning Benchmark on Arabic Script.* Document Analysis and Recognition (ICDAR), IAPR International Conference, 2017.

³ Naz et al. *Urdu Nasta'liq text recognition using implicit segmentation based on multi-dimensional long short term memory neural networks.* SpringerPlus. November, 2016.

Block Diagram PC/Mobile/Server **Computing System** Scanner Image Preprocessing Segmentation Recognition acquisition **Memory Storage System Display** Save document as a Display .txt or a word file output

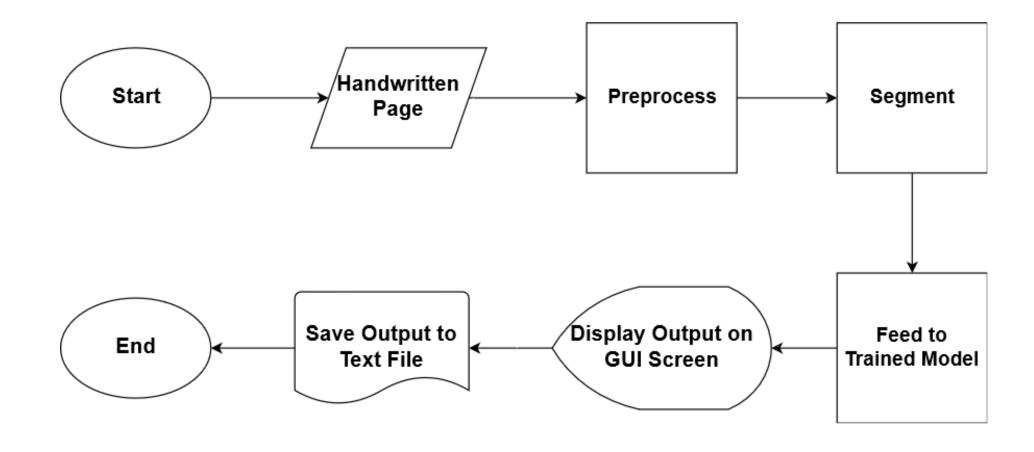
Flow Chart - Training





Flow Chart - Deployment





Modern Tools Usage



- Programming Languages
 - Python
 - Java
- Libraries
 - Tensorflow
 - NumPy
 - OpenCV
- Computational Resources: Google Compute Engine for GPUs
- Graphical User Interface Frameworks
 - QT Creator
 - Tkinter

Industrial Linkage – Funding - Entrepreneur



Applications

- Digitization of land records (e.g. recent digitization by Punjab Information Technology Board)
- Digitization of old handwritten records in universities, schools, libraries
- Digitization of FIRs

Funding

- Center for Language Engineering (CLE), KICS, is funding the dataset part of the project
- May have the potential to be a commercial product
 - Useful for governments, universities, schools, libraries
 - Can help companies become paperless

Future Deliverables



- Urdu Handwritten Text Dataset 10,000 text lines with Ground Truths
- An executable file (and the source code) of the final GUI program
- Poster Competition –Industrial Open House
- Project Report
- Project Paper
- Project Video

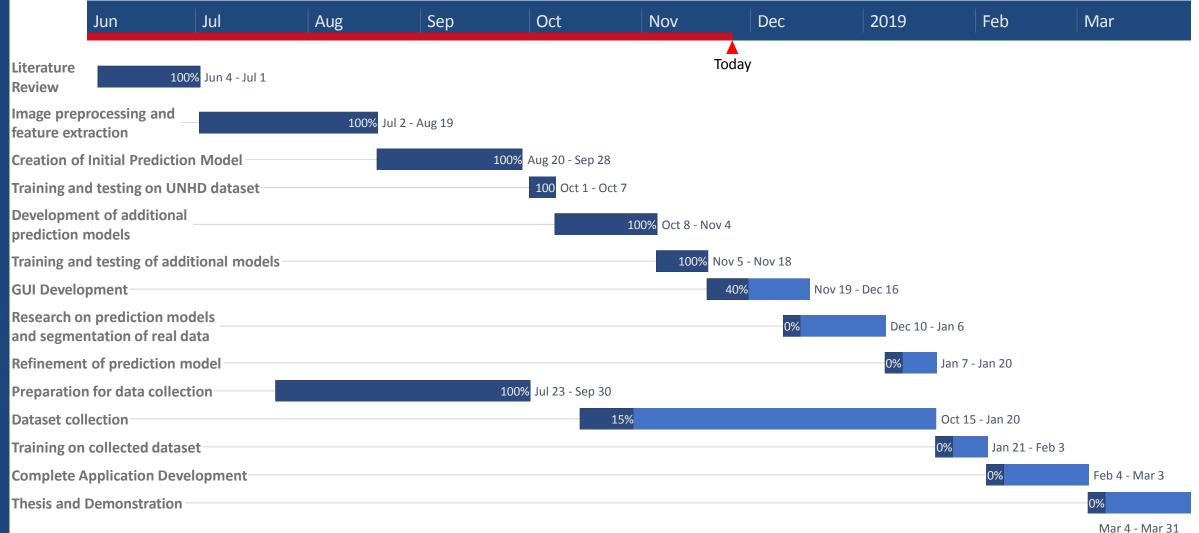
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