

Improving OCR outputs through Output Fusion

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Description:

Optical Character Recognition (OCR) is an important task in information. However, the OCR performance can vary depending on image quality, font styles, or the language of the text. Currently, many open-source OCR engines each give better performance under a point-wise condition. This internship aims to develop approaches for merging the outputs of multiple OCR systems to improve the quality of the results. The work will focus on:

- A comparative analysis of the performance of various OCR systems.
- Designing and implementing a method for fusion (e.g., based on majority voting, probabilistic models, or machine learning techniques).
- Evaluating the performance of the fused system on diverse datasets.

Requirements:

- Strong programming skills, preferably in Python.
- Familiarity with image processing techniques, OCR systems and deep learning
- Experience with machine learning techniques, data handling and evaluation
- Ability to work independently and in a team
- Problem-solving and analytical skills
- Familiarity with version control systems (Git)

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