

Writer Identification Using Deep Neural Networks: Impact of Patch Size and Number of Patches

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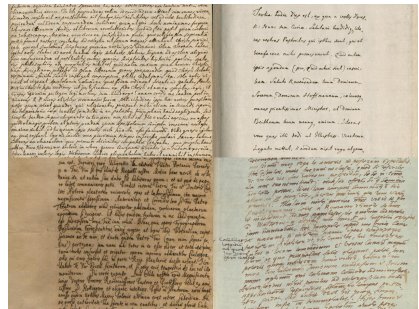
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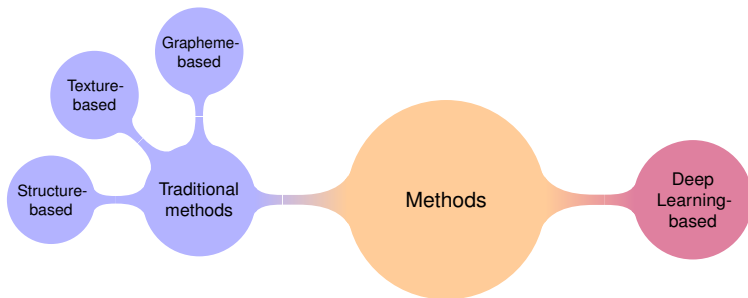
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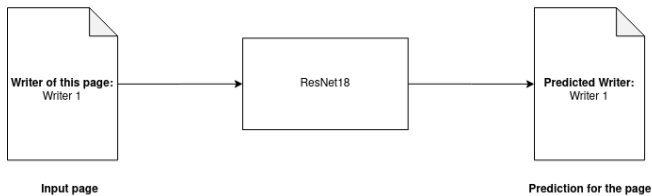
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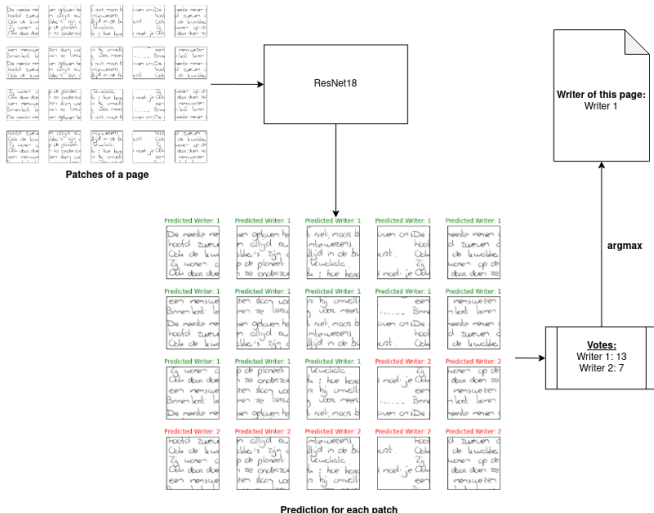
Methods



Model based on full-pages



Model based on patches



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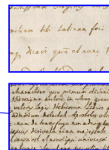
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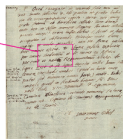
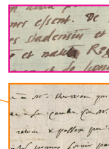
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(c)



(d)

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Preprocessing

- Crop
- Text padding
- Normalize

Text padding

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Experiments: Patches

Patch size	IAM	Firemaker	ICDAR17
100	84.8	78.0	22.6
256	95.7	98.0	63.8
500	96.8	98.0	78.3
600	96.8	98.4	81.0
800	94.6	98.4	83.6
1000	95.0	99.2	-
1200	95.4	-	82.5

Table: Accuracy (in %) for increasing patch sizes. The number of patches was 300 for IAM and Firemaker and 64 for ICDAR17

Experiments:

Full-pages

Dataset	Batch size	Learning rate	Top1 (%)
IAM	9	0.002	91.34
Firemaker	6	0.003	98.32

Experiments:

Historical manuscripts

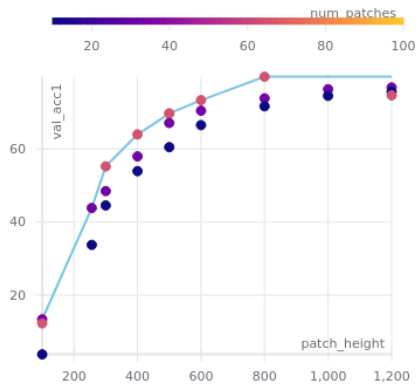
Dataset	Batch size	Learning rate	Top1 (%)
ICDAR17	9	0.002	75.42

Table: Best model with full-pages

Dataset	Num patches	Patch size	Top1 (%)	Patch accuracy (%)
ICDAR17	64	800	83.75	80.1

Table: Best model with patches

Evolution of ICDAR17 patch accuracy over patch sizes



Results on the IAM dataset

Year	Feature	Classifier	Ref.	Writers	Top1 (%)	Top5 (%)	Top10 (%)
2020	CNN with word fragments (FragNet-64)		[15]	657	96.3	—	—
2019	SIFT + RootSIFT	GMM	[7]	650	97.85	—	—
2018	CNN with tuples of images of size 64x64		[16]	650	93.14	—	—
2016	Multi-stream CNN (DeepWriter)		[17]	657	97.3	—	—
2016	p(l _s , l _θ), p(IBOS)		[8]	657	86.9	91.6	94.7
2016	Chain code	KDA	[5]	650	82.7	—	92.2
2015	Graphemes	SR-KDA	[9]	657	92	93	97
2014	MSDH + TDH	KNN	[2]	657	97.1	98.8	99.2
2014	SDS + SOH	Euclidean	[3]	657	98.5	99.1	99.5
2013	Texture LPQ	SVM	[6]	650	96.7	—	—
2013	Connected	KNN, x2	[10]	650	94.8	—	—
2012	Quill-Hinge	NN	[4]	657	97	—	98
2012	SIFT	x2	[11]	650	93.1	—	—
2011	KAS	SVM	[12]	650	92.1	94.5	95.8
2010	Codebook and contour	KNN	[14]	650	91	—	97
2007	Contour PDFs and ink trace	PDFs	[1]	650	89	—	97
2020	CNN with patches of size 600		Ours	657	96.3	—	—

Results on the Firemaker dataset

Year	Feature	Classifier	Ref.	Writers	Top1 (%)	Top5 (%)	Top10 (%)
2020	CNN with word fragments (FragNet-64)		[15]	250	97.6	–	–
2019	SIFT + RootSIFT	GMM	[7]	250	97.98	–	–
2019	CNN with tuples of images of size 64x64		[16]	250	93.56	–	–
2014	SDS + SOH	Euclidean	[3]	250	92.4	96.2	98.8
2013	Connected	KNN, x2	[10]	250	95.2	–	99.2
2012	Quill–Hinge	NN	[4]	251	86	–	97
2007	Contour PDFs and ink trace	PDFs	[1]	250	83	–	95
2020	CNN with patches of size 1500		Ours	250	99.2	–	–

Conclusions

- Proposed a new preprocessing method called *Text padding*
- Demonstrated the promising performance of using bigger patch sizes
- Provided an open-source¹ deep learning based writer identification system that obtained competitive accuracy

¹github.com/akpun/writer-identification

Thanks for watching!

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