

# Reconocimiento de Escritura

## Lecture 5/5

### More Layout Analysis and Applications

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- Page Frame Detection

- Urdu/Arabic Document Analysis

- Block Type Classification

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# Page Frame Detection

- ▶ motivation
  - ▶ textual and non-textual noise
  - ▶ textual noise results in OCR errors
- ▶ idea: detect page contents area
- ▶ RAST for page frame detection
  - + solves the problem in a general framework
  - + robust against the amount of noise
  - + robust against overlapping noise

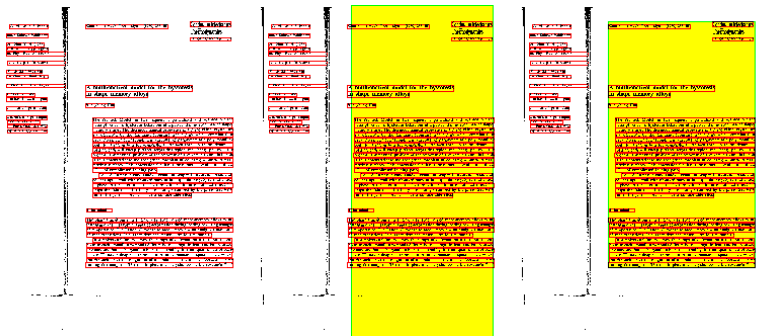




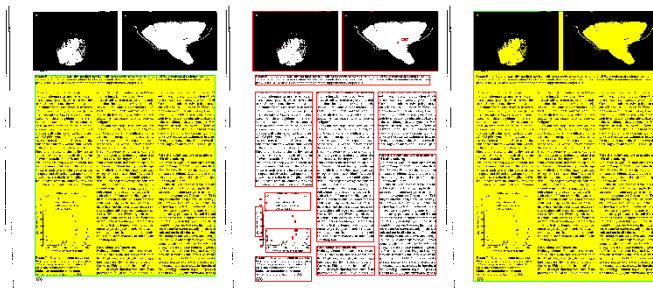
# Page Frame Detection Method

- ▶ two-phase approach
- ▶ (1) determine left and right side ( $\rightarrow$  RAST)
  - ▶ use text-lines
  - ▶ the quality function has two parts:
    - ▶ the left and right border should have many text-line ends on the inside of the page frame
    - ▶ but they should not have many text-line ends on the outside of the page frame
  - ▶ use soft term (bounded error) of the form  $\max(0, 1 - d^2/\epsilon^2)$
- ▶ (2) determine upper and lower side
  - ▶ include all character bounding boxes in the range
  - ▶ adjust for page numbers and images

# Illustration of the Two Steps



# Inclusion of Images and Page Numbers



center image: zones detected by Voronoi algorithm

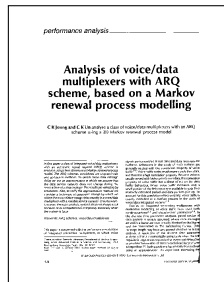
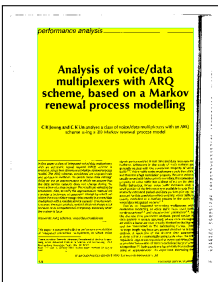
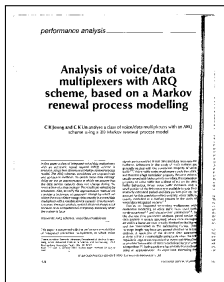
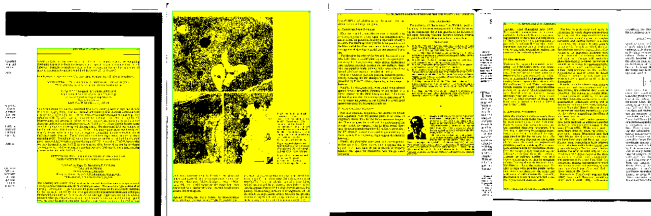
# Page Frame Detection Results

Performance measure	Error rate (%)
Area overlap	4.0
Connected components classification	1.6
Ground-truth zone detection	2.8

Application	Error rate (%)	
	No PFD	With PFD
OCR	4.3	1.7
Layout based document image retrieval	7.0	5.4

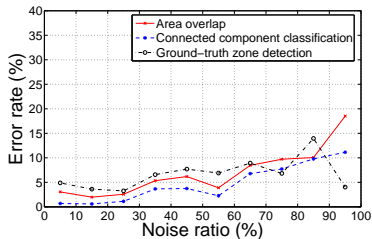
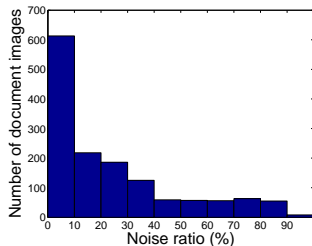
evaluated on the UW-III dataset with every tenth document used as training set

# Examples of Page Frame Detection

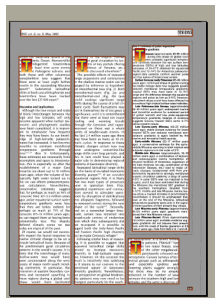


# Robustness against Noise

Noise ratio = outside pixels / total pixels



# Example of OCR Difference



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within the deep-sea record  
nine acme events within  
that there were at least eight  
epoch<sup>27</sup>. Substantial latitude  
225 000 years<sup>20</sup>.

## Discussion and implications

Although the true nature  
apparent when further tax  
frequent they may have  
possible to estimate merid  
necessarily both incomplete  
Antarctic ice sheet (up to



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## Box 3. Evolution of polar-equatorial

Late Cretaceous (approximate  
significant temperature contrast  
of 25-27°C obtained for equator  
poles but true nature of tropics

Earliest Cenozoic (early Paleocene  
suggests greatly reduced merid  
difference between the equatorial  
by anomalous high tropical surface

Late Paleocene-late Eocene (sustained period of global warming  
Eocene tropical SSTs some 4-7°C

Late Eocene-early Miocene (meridional temperature gradient

Early-middle Miocene (23-17°C  
both tropical and subpolar regions

Middle-late Miocene (approximate  
(completion of physical isolation  
Seaway, etc.) lead to major climatic  
oceanic circulation patterns; a  
estimated that during the Miocene  
middle and late Miocene, marine

Screen-shot of Omnipage 14 showing the recognized text of the original document (left) and the document cleaned using page frame detection (right). Note that the reading order of the text has changed, probably due to the slightly changed geometry.

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# Adaptation to Urdu/Arabic Script

“We are often reminded that English is blessed with one of the simplest scripts in the world.” (Nagy 2000)

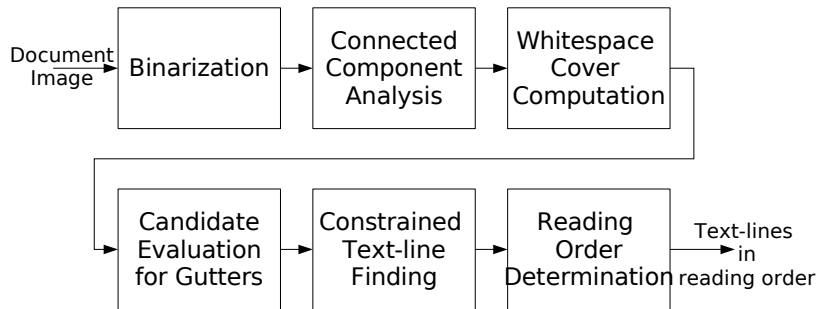
# Motivation for Urdu Document Analysis

- ▶ Urdu has more than 150 million speakers
- ▶ written in Arabic script with above 20,000 ligatures

قوم کے لیے اپنے بے ہنر ہاتھوں سے ایک آئینہ خانہ بنایا ہے جس میں آکر وہ اپنے خط و خال دیکھ سکتے ہیں کہ ہم کون تھے اور کیا ہو گئے۔ اگرچہ اس جانکاہ نظم میں جس کی دشواریاں لکھنے والے کا دل اور دماغ ہی خوب جانتا ہے، بیان کا قیاس نہ مجھ سے ادا ہوا ہے اور نہ ہو سکتا ہے مگر شکریہ

- ▶ no Urdu OCR and layout analysis system
- ▶ large potential market

# Diagram of Approach



# Approach for Urdu Documents

1. Find empty whitespace rectangles that completely cover the page background.
2. The whitespace rectangles are evaluated as candidates for column separators or gutters based on their aspect ratio, width, and proximity to text-sized connected components.
3. Find text-lines that respect the columnar structure of the document.
4. Determine the reading order of the text-lines using constraints on the geometric arrangement of text-line segments on the page. (Change left-to-right model to right-to-left model.)

39- کوئی قلم جو بار بار دیکھی ہو؟  
 باغبان دیکھتا ہوں اور دوتا ہوں۔  
 40- زندگی کے وہ دن جو آپ چاہتے ہیں کلوٹ آئیں؟  
 مجھے تو نہیں جانا چاہتا۔ بس یہ چاہتا ہوں کہ جیسے  
 اب تک کا وقت گزر رہا ہے کہ مجھے ایسے ہی گزرے۔  
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 اور پھر کام پر چلا جاتا ہوں۔  
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# Column Separators

The whitespace rectangles are evaluated as candidates for column separators based on the following constraints:

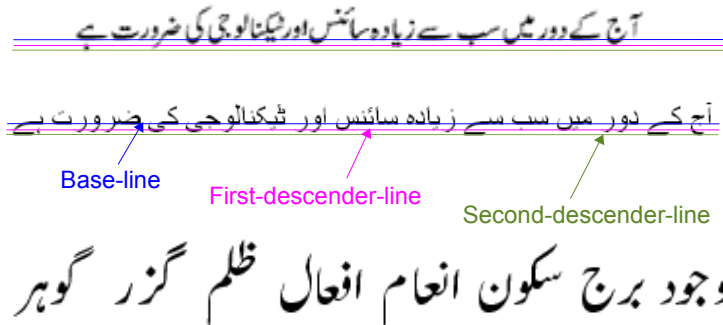
1. Column-separating rectangles must have an aspect ratio of at least 1:3
2. Column-separating rectangles must have a width of at least 1.5 times of the mode of the distribution of widths of inter-word spaces.
3. Column-separating rectangles must be adjacent to at least four character-sized connected components on their left or their right side.

# Constrained Text-Line Finding

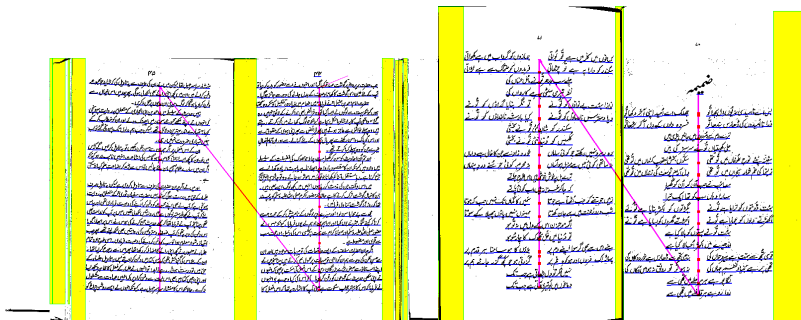
Use Column Separators as Obstacles

adapt Roman script text-line model for Urdu/Arabic:

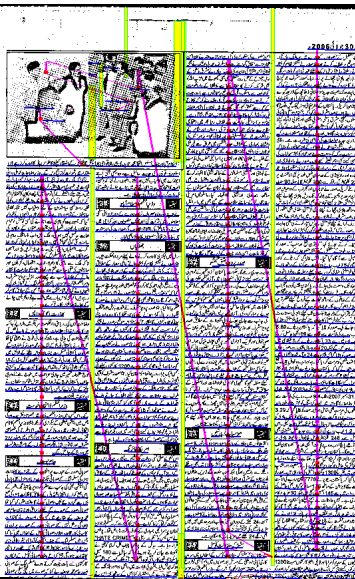
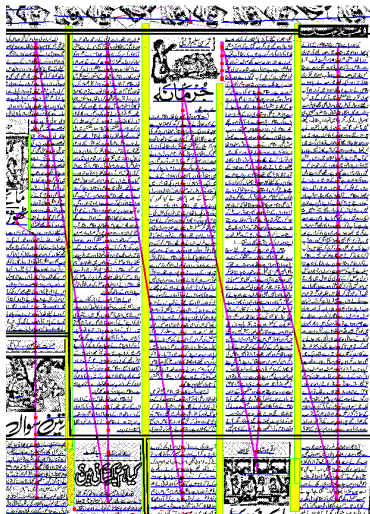
use two descender lines



# Urdu Document Layout Analysis Examples







Note that images and graphics were not removed here, so they result in some spurious text-lines.

# Text-Line Detection Accuracy Results

25 images of Urdu text from different sources

five classes: *book*, *poetry*, *digest*, *magazine*, and *newspaper* with 5 images each

Layout ( $n =$ )	Correct	Split	Merged	Missed
Book (234)	<b>91.45</b>	4.27	0.00	4.27
Poetry (286)	<b>92.31</b>	4.55	0.00	3.15
Digest (702)	<b>80.63</b>	11.54	0.00	7.84
Magazine (1158)	<b>90.07</b>	4.14	0.86	4.75
Newspaper (819)	<b>72.16</b>	7.81	4.15	15.87

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# Block Types

math

$$\begin{aligned}\omega_1 &= \Psi_{\leftrightarrow} \Rightarrow \Psi_{\rightarrow} \vee \Psi_{\leftarrow} \\ \omega_2 &= \Psi_{\rightarrow} \wedge \Psi_{\leftarrow} \Rightarrow \Psi_{\leftrightarrow} \\ \omega_3 &= \Psi_{\rightarrow} \wedge \Psi_{\leftrightarrow} \Rightarrow \Psi_{\leftarrow} \\ \omega_4 &= \Psi_{\leftarrow} \Rightarrow \Psi_{\rightarrow} \vee \Psi_{\leftrightarrow} \\ \omega_5 &= \Psi_{\rightarrow} \wedge \Psi_{\leftarrow} \wedge \Psi_{\leftrightarrow} \Rightarrow \text{false}\end{aligned}$$

text

signals are transmitted in real-time and data messages are buffered. Difficulties in the study of such systems are generally related with the correlation property of voice traffic<sup>1-3</sup>. Voice traffic varies much more slowly than data, and thus has a high correlation property. Because voice is usually served with higher priority over data, this correlation property of voice traffic has a direct effect on the data buffer behaviour. When voice traffic increases, only a small portion of the link capacity is available to data for a relatively extended period and data packets pile up. To account for this correlation effect properly, voice traffic is usually modelled as a Markov process in the study of voice/data integrated systems<sup>2-6</sup>.

$$M_e^2 = \left( M_{\text{eq}}^2 \frac{E_{\text{eq}}^2}{U_{\text{eq}}^2} \right) / \frac{T_{\text{eq}}}{T_{\text{avg}}} \quad (2.3)$$

$$y^{(k)} = e^{j\omega_k n} x^{(k)} \quad (28)$$

Upon graduation (with whatever degree), the young engineer presumptive could expect to work some years under the direction of an experienced engineer (who would continuously critique the performance and output) and in the presence of other engineers of varying experience and knowledge. Together with the neophyte's own learning from the literature and feedback from the plant itself (I mean *real* hardware), this mentoring process could produce (under ideal conditions) outstanding engineers and identify the best career paths for those engineers to pursue.

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# Block Types

table

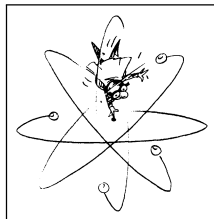
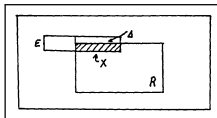
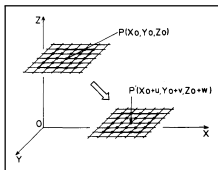
	Centralized	Distributed	Hybrid
Artifact	None	Large*	Small*
Traffic Measurement			
• Interpacket Arrival Time	Yes	Yes	Yes
• Packet Length Distribution	Yes	Yes	Yes
• Number of collisions			
Medium	Yes	Yes	Yes
Node	No	Yes	Yes
• Number of retransmissions	No	Yes	Yes
Performance measurement			
• Delay distribution	No	Yes	Yes
• Channel Utilization	Yes	Yes	Yes
• Node Utilization	No	Yes	Yes
Station Hardware Modification	None	Large	Medium
Station Software Modification	None	Small	None
Local Memory		Small/Large	Small
System Clock	Small	Large	Medium

\*None if dedicated channel is used between stations and central monitor

\*EDTA = ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid  
 DTPA = diethylenetriaminopentaacetic acid  
 EGTA = 2,2'-ethylenedihydroxybis(ethyliminodiacetic acid)  
 CDTA = cyclohexane-1,2-diaminetetraacetic acid  
 HDTA = N-(2-hydroxyethyl)ethylenediaminetriacetic acid  
 TTA = thenoyltrifluoroacetone  
 TBP = tributylphosphate  
 MBK = methyl-isobutylketone  
 HQQ = 8-hydroxyquinoline

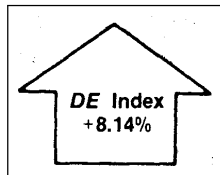
Parameter	Basic Set	Range of Parameter Varied
$\alpha$	10	2 → 50
$\beta$	$10^6$ \$/year	
$\gamma$	$10^6$ \$	
$C_0$	$2 \times 10^6$ \$	
$\lambda$	.07 year	0 → 6 year
$\lambda_1^*$	.03 year	
$\lambda$	.15/year	.10 → .20/year
$S$	$4 \times 10^6$ \$	
$t_d$	0.8	0.4 → 1.0

drawing

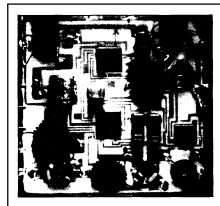
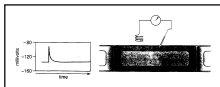


# Block Types

logo



halftone

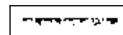
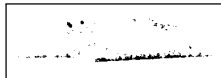


# Block Types

ruling



speckles



## Related Work

reference	# pages	# zones	# types	error [%]
Inglis and Witten, 1995	1001	13831	3	6.7
Liang et al., 1996	979	13726	8	5.4
Sivaramakrishnan et al., 1995	979	13726	9	3.3
Wang et al., 2000	1600	24177	9	2.5
Wang et al., 2006	1600	24177	9	1.5
this work	713	13811	8	1.5

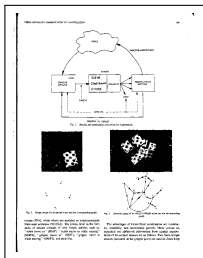
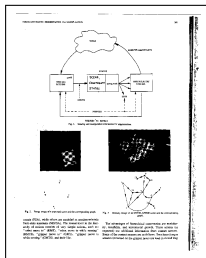
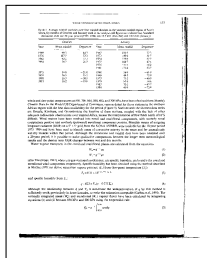
features used in the literature:

connected components, run lengths, cross-correlation between scan-lines, vertical projection profiles, wavelet coefficients, learned masks, black pixel distribution



## Data Set Used

- ▶ University of Washington III (UW-III) database
- ▶ 1600 English document images
- ▶ 24177 homogeneous manually labeled page segments/blocks
- ▶ degradation types: direct scan, photocopies → duplicates
- ▶ avoid duplicates here → 713 documents
- ▶ speckles not annotated but important → automatic extraction



# Features

- ▶ Tamura texture feature histogram (TTFH)
- ▶ relational invariant feature histograms (RIFH)
- ▶ down-scaled image  $32 \times 32$  (DSI)
- ▶ number, mean, and variance of run-lengths  
( $RL\{B,W\}\{X,Y,M,S\}V$ )
- ▶ run-length histograms ( $RL\{B,W\}\{X,Y,M,S\}H$ )
- ▶ connected components size histograms  
(CCXH, CCYH, CCXYH)
- ▶ connected components nearest neighbor histogram (CCNNH)
- ▶ fill ratio after horizontal smearing (FR)

# Classification

- ▶ nearest neighbor with leaving-one-out cross-validation
- ▶ Jensen-Shannon divergence for histograms, Euclidean distance for other features
- ▶ weights proportional to inverse of error rate
- ▶ for fast and small classifier
  - ▶ log-linear classifier using maximum entropy criterion
  - ▶ 50/50 split of data for evaluation

# Experimental Results — Single Features

				feature	dim.	extr. [s]	error [%]
				RLBXH	8	0.01	7.9
				RLWXH	8	0.01	5.1
				RLBYH	8	0.01	8.2
				RLWYH	8	0.01	5.6
feature	dim.	extr. [s]	error [%]	RLBMH	8	0.01	11.8
TTFH	512	5.51	<b>3.4</b>	RLWMH	8	0.01	6.6
RIFH	512	12.59	7.8	RLBSH	8	0.01	10.5
DSI	1024	0.01	8.1	RLWSH	8	0.01	6.2
FR	1	0.02	27.3	RLBXV	3	0.01	12.9
CCXH	8	0.04	14.5	RLWXV	3	0.01	9.7
CCYH	8	0.04	14.9	RLBYV	3	0.01	14.6
CCXYH	64	0.04	6.2	RLWYV	3	0.01	12.1
CCNNH	8	0.05	19.0	RLBMV	3	0.01	17.2
				RLWMV	3	0.01	12.6
				RLBSV	3	0.01	16.7
				RLWSV	3	0.01	12.2

# Experimental Results — Combinations

feature	error [%]
RL**V, constant weight	4.1
RL**H, constant weight	1.8
RL*, CC*, 1/error weight	<b>1.5</b>
FR, RL*, CC*, 1/error weight	1.5
TTFH, FR, RL*, CC*, 1/error weight	1.5
RL*, CC*, <i>logistic, 50/50 data split</i>	2.1

# Confusion Matrix

	text	speckles	math	drawing	ruling	table	halftone	logo
text	<b>99.8</b>		.1					
speckles	.5	<b>99.4</b>	.1	.1			.1	
math	8.6		<b>90.8</b>				.6	
drawing	3.0	.3	1.5	<b>86.0</b>		5.5	3.5	.3
ruling	1.3	2.2	.4	.4	<b>96.1</b>			
table	20.7		.8	9.9		<b>68.6</b>	.8	
halftone		1.8		9.7	.9		<b>86.7</b>	.9
logo	36.4	9.1	9.1	9.1			9.1	<b>27.3</b>
frequency	10450	2007	476	401	232	121	113	11

# Examples of Misclassifications



speckles



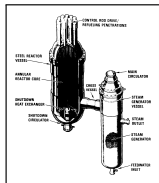
text

$$(P_R \subseteq P_{R'}) \wedge (P \subseteq_F P \sqcup P_R \subseteq_F P \sqcup P_{R'})$$

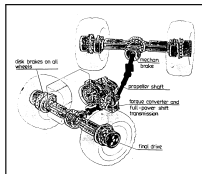
math

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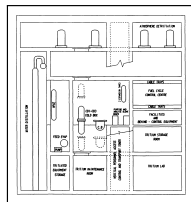
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drawing



halftone



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Problem	Proposed Architectural Scheme			
1. Select the plant main/coordination scheme	field lines	on the factory image	essential within time & global strategy	essential within time
2. Determine and position of area in a direction class code of a factory	field lines	field lines	field lines	essential within time
3. Complete complete class code	N/A	N/A	N/A	total phase for time by using phase
4. Complete the Rough Transitions (for direction)	N/A	N/A	N/A	total phase for time by using phase
5. Periodic Rough Transitions	field lines	field lines	field lines	total phase for time by using phase
6. Obtain Region A-6 (across Rough Transitions)	field lines	field lines	field lines	total phase for time by using phase

table

# Conclusions for Block Classification

- ▶ use run-lengths histograms
- ▶ background run-lengths more important than foreground
- ▶ very competitive error rate of 1.5% using simple features
- ▶ simple, fast and accurate classifier at 2.1%
  - ▶ run-lengths and connected components distribution
  - ▶ maximum entropy log-linear classifier
- ▶ probable improvement: use context information



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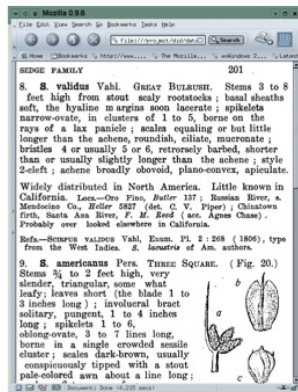
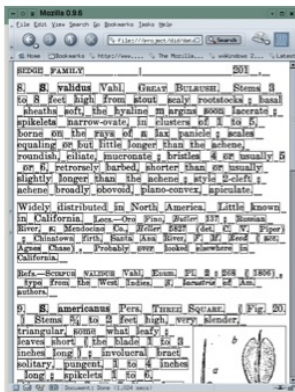
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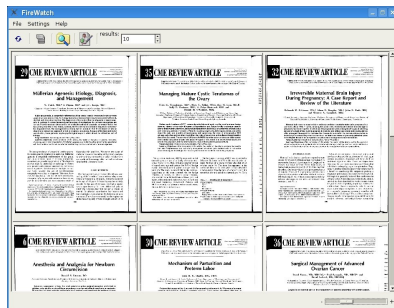
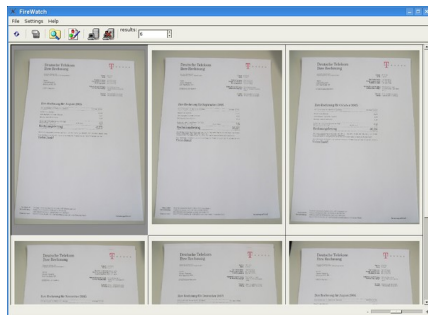
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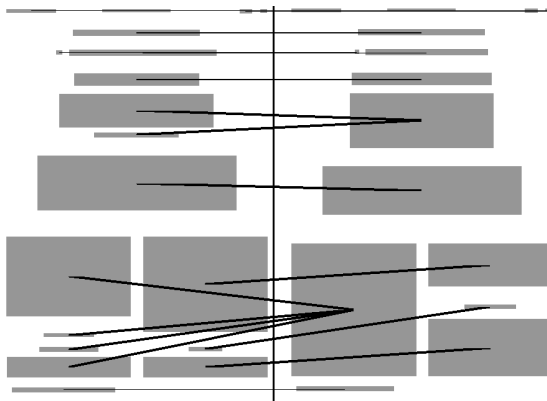
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# Visual Document Search



- visual search feature complementing text-based search

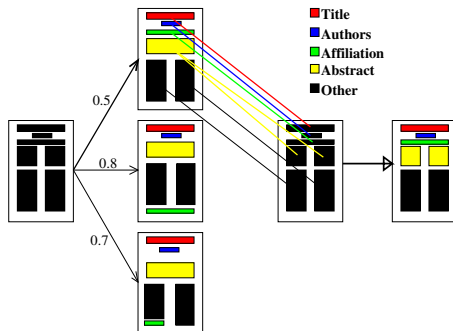
# Layout-Based Search



- ▶ edge cover distance measure for document images

# Example-Based Labeling of Title Page Images

- Labeling of title pages using similar labeled examples
  1. Segment document image using layout analysis
  2. Search for similar labeled documents in dataset using geometrical and textural features
  3. Copy the labels from the best matching document



# Example-based Logical Labeling

"Text/Other"	<i>Behavioural Pharmacology</i> 2000; 11:535–
"Title"	Differential effects of repeated acquisition sequences in monkeys
"Author"	P.J. Winsauer and J.M. Moers
"Affiliation"	Department of Pharmacology and Experimental Medicine, University of Louisiana at Orleans, LA, USA
"Affiliation"	Correspondence to Peter J. Winsauer, University Health Sciences Center, E-mail: pwinsa@lsuhsc.edu
"Text/Other"	Received 6 June 2000; accepted as revised 12 July 2000
"Abstract"	As a means of characterizing the role of and antagonists with selective affinities (–)-4-(dipropylamino)-1,3,4,5-tetrahyd

- ▶ automatic semantic labeling of page segmentations
- ▶ example-based approach: match blocks and transfer labels
- ▶ extend block distance using texture features
- ▶ accuracy on MARG:
  - 99.6% – unknown document
  - 98.9% – unknown journal
  - 94.8% – unknown journal type

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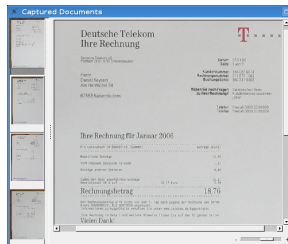
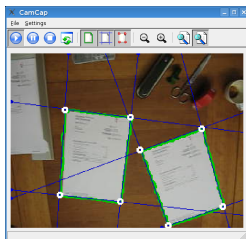
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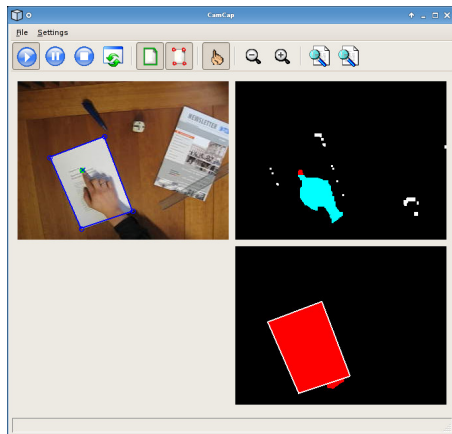
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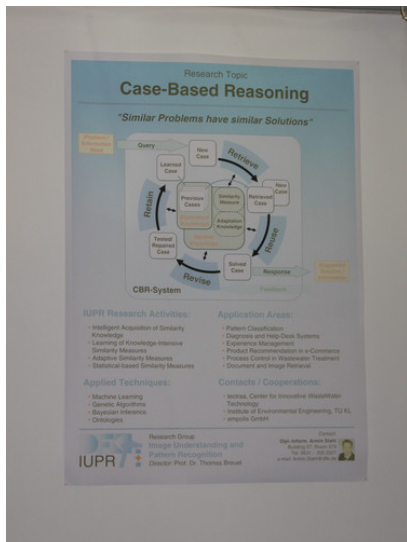
# iDesk User Interaction



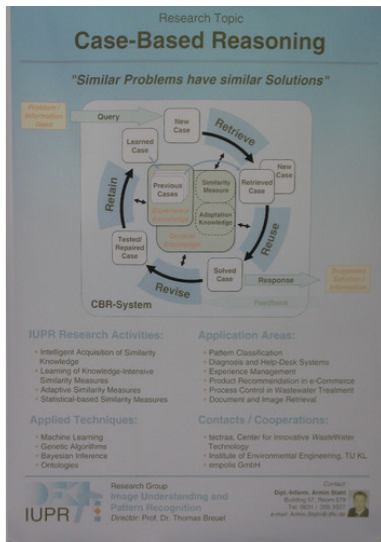
improved user experience:

- ▶ pointing at region of interest possible
- ▶ document detection improved
- ▶ works without separate calibration step
- ▶ zooming enabled

# OSCAR - One Step Capture and Restoration

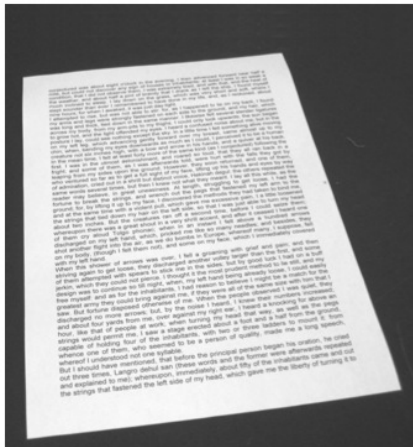


input



output

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# Page Surface Dewarping

paper

Weg ging dabei  
urigen Ort, so  
nicht dahin, es  
an abends beim  
inem die Haut  
"Ach, es gruselt  
das mit an

## Page Surface Dewarping

by my good master, Mr.  
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- OCR error rates (commercial): 12.6% → 1.0%

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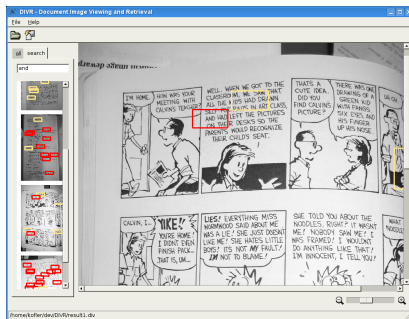
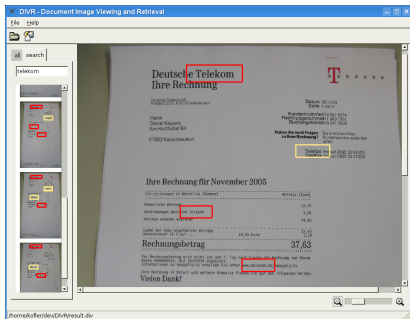
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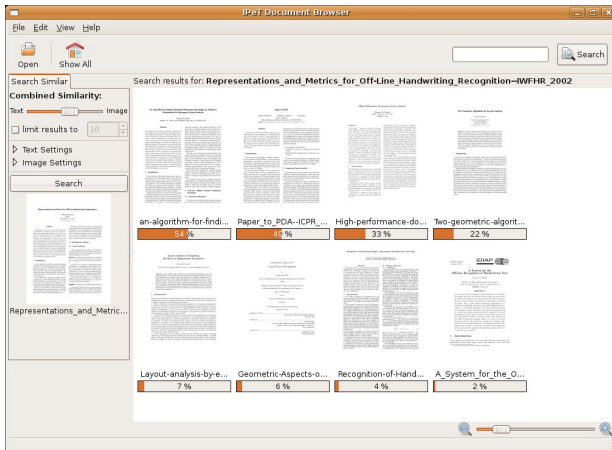
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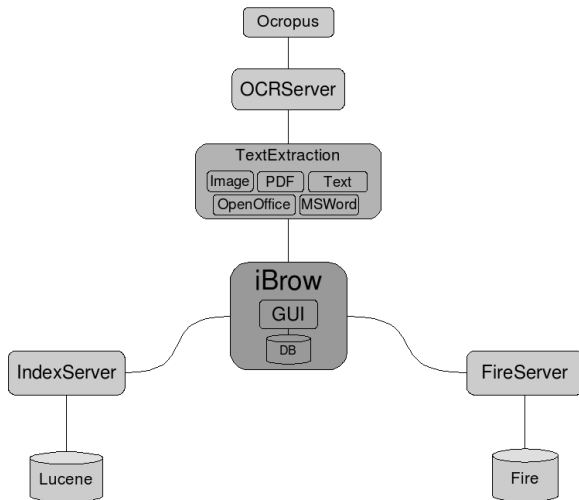
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# Document Browser



- ▶ stand-alone document browser
- ▶ server architecture for visual and textual search
- ▶ uses OCR server for scans and PDFs without included text

# Architectural Overview



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# Document Image to HTML Conversion

- ▶ Put together components of a complete document analysis system
- ▶ Display the results of OCR and layout analysis for debugging purpose

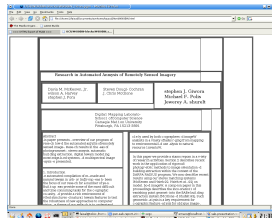
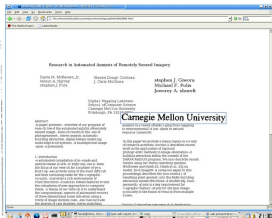






Figure 6 (a) A clonal, partially mantled ripe fruit with one supplementary separation at the fruit base (position 1) and site of eventual separation & present (RHS). No abscission at the position of the supplementary carpe

considerable distances through the cell wallS of adjoining tiSSues), it is evident that SubStrate specificity exists between the secreted enzvmes and the walls of a limited number of cells which are restricted to the immediate vicinity of the zone [6]. In thiS way, only certain cells become separated from their neighbours by the enzymeS that are induced in the zOne. In these dicotyledonous fruits, once the abscission cascade of enzymes is produced (diagnostically, this usually includes a specific 9.5pI isozyme of p-1, 4-glucanhydrolase) Separation is initiated across all the

within 24 hr of the initial after declines. Ethylene onset of cell separation indicate that theSe events are linked. Time-Course eXp shown that only those fru riSe in ethylene synthesis at the fruit-pedicel junction figure 7.

It is not mesocarp tissue abuts directly onto zone eral layers of cells that s carotene nor storage lipid barrier between the meS

classifier confidence information; black: high confidence, blue: medium confidence, red: low confidence; no language model used

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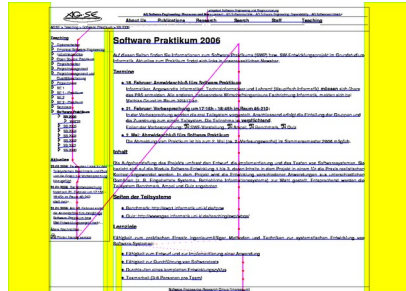
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- ▶ rendering of a web page to image
- ▶ layout analysis of the captured image
- ▶ verify the rendered layout of the webpage



# Image-Based HTML Layout Verifier

## Problems in web page rendering

### ► Browser incompatibilities



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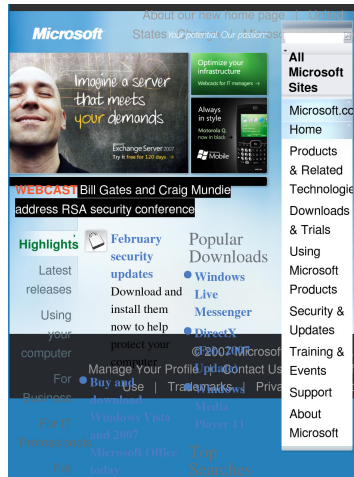
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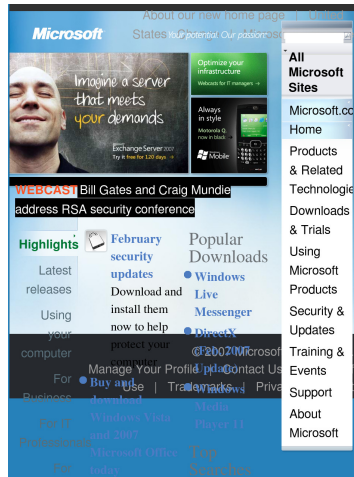
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## Problems in web page rendering

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## Solution: Image-based layout verification

- ▶ Rendering of a web page to image
- ▶ Layout analysis and OCR of the captured image
- ▶ Check for
  - ▶ Usable page layouts
  - ▶ Readability of the rendered text
  - ▶ Visibility of all textual contents



# Rendering a Web Page to Image

representative browsers

- ▶ Internet Explorer (Windows)
- ▶ Mozilla Firefox (Linux)
- ▶ Safari (MacOS)

# Web Page Image Binarization

salient features of web page screenshots

- ▶ Extensive use of colors
- ▶ Both normal and inverted text in the same image
- ▶ No noise
- ▶ No skew
- ▶ Perfectly rendered fonts

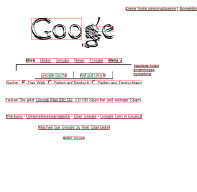
→ Seems to be a trivial problem, but

- ▶ Font anti-aliasing, colored non-uniform background, colored text, ...

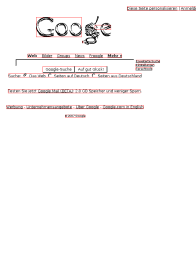


# Text-Line Extraction

- goal: highlighting of differences in layouts of differently rendered webpages



(a) Internet Explorer

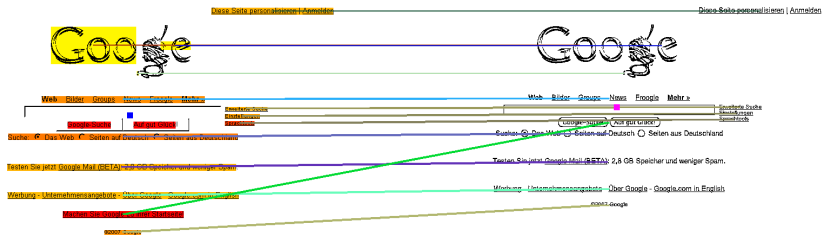


(b) Firefox



(c) Safari

# Text-Line Matching



# Layout Verification



# Content Verification

- ▶ goal:
  - ▶ identify incorrectly rendered and missing text
- ▶ problem:
  - ▶ low OCR accuracy on screenshots of webpages
- ▶ approach:
  - ▶ OCR on HTML page
  - ▶ highlight incorrectly rendered text

# Image-Based HTML Layout Verifier

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<b>Home</b> Group News Projects Publications... Teaching Jobs Demos & Contact Us Login	<b>Welcome to the IUPR Research Group</b>
Username	<b>Director: <u>Thomas Breuel</u>, please contact <u>Jane Bensch</u> (secretary, DFKI business) or <u>Ingrid Romani</u> (secretary University business)</b>
Password	Welcome to the Image Understanding and Pattern Recognition (IUPR) research group (aka AG Breuel) at the <u>Computer Science Department of the University of Kaiserslautern</u> and the <u>German Research Center for Artificial Intelligence (DFKI)</u> .
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# Bibliographic Meta-Data Extraction

- ▶ task: extract structured meta-data from references
- ▶ problem: strong variations across different reference styles
  - ▶ subfield ordering
  - ▶ partitioning symbols
  - ▶ spacing differences
  - ▶ content representation
- ▶ goal: retrieve labeling of reference according to semantics
- ▶ example:
  - ▶ input: (plain text)  
Davenport, T., D. DeLong and M. Beers, "Successful knowledge management projects," Sloan management review, 39, 2, (1998), 43–57.
  - ▶ output: (bibtex)  
author = "Davenport, T. and DeLong, D. and Beers, M."  
title = "Successful knowledge management projects"  
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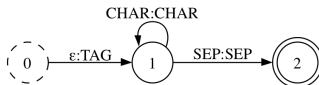


# probabilistic finite state transducers

- ▶ motivation:
  - ▶ modular and flexible
  - ▶ composition of complex models via abstract operations
  - ▶ training-based derivation of weights
  - ▶ intuitive illustration as directed graph

- ▶ model:

- ▶ one PFST for each occurring subfield



- ▶ language model is built as a closure of subfield bigrams
    - ▶ training on dataset yields probabilistically weighted PFST

# performance evaluation of the system

- ▶ Cora dataset:
  - ▶ used for training and evaluation purposes
  - ▶ publicly available and most commonly applied
  - ▶ consists of 500 research paper citations
- ▶ Cora evaluation:

	word	field	instance
<b>CRF</b> (Peng et al.)	95.4		77.3
<b>PFST</b>	88.5	82.6	42.7
<b>HMM</b> (Seymore et al.)	85.1		10.0
<b>INFOMAP</b> (Day et al.)		73.3	

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# Arc and Line Detection - Motivation

- ▶ analysis of scanned technical drawings
- ▶ reconstruction of CAD data
- ▶ use advantages of CAD storage for archives of drawings

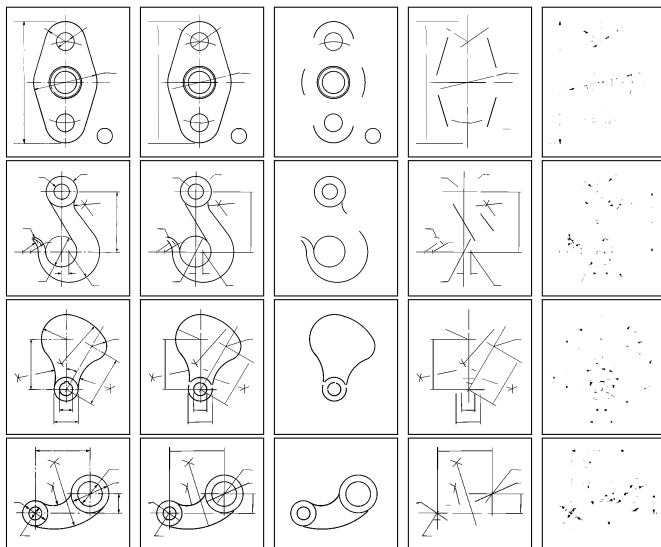
# Arc and Line Detection - Method

- ▶ use runs of black pixels
- ▶ explicitly include line thickness
- ▶ no preprocessing like thinning, line adjacency graphs, ...
- ▶ global optimization, no heuristics
- ▶ use quality function, branch-and-bound, interval arithmetic
  - ▶ keep priority queue of parameter regions
  - ▶ use upper bound of quality estimate for region
  - ▶ on best region:
    - ▶ stop?
    - ▶ output?
    - ▶ split and re-insert

$$q(\vartheta, (x_0, x_1, y)) = \max\left(0, d^{-\frac{1}{2}} \sum_{x=x_0}^{x_1} \operatorname{sgn}\left(\frac{d}{2} - d_{\vartheta}(x, y)\right)\right)$$

$$q(\vartheta, (x_0, x_1, y)) = \max\left(0, 1 - \frac{\left|\frac{d}{2} - d_{\vartheta}(x_0, y)\right|}{\sigma^2}\right) + \max\left(0, 1 - \frac{\left|\frac{d}{2} - d_{\vartheta}(x_1, y)\right|}{\sigma^2}\right)$$

# Arc and Line Detection - Examples



# Arc and Line Detection - Summary

- ▶ globally optimal detection possible
- ▶ very exact results
- ▶ results (VRI-scores) on GREC 2003 contest images:
  - 0.757 our method (2005)
  - 0.609 S. JiQiang (2003)
  - 0.487 D. Elliman (2003)
- ▶ 2nd place in GREC2005 contest
- ▶ current implementation memory intensive (500M), takes some time ( $\sim 5$ min)

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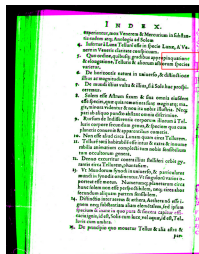
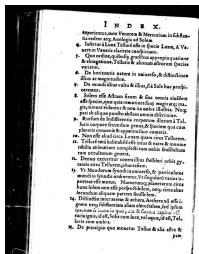
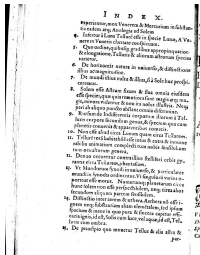
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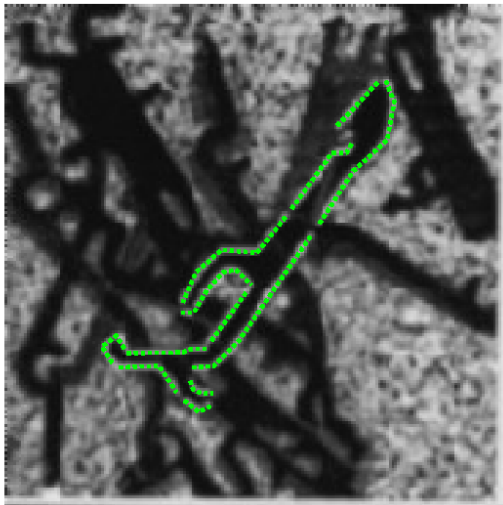
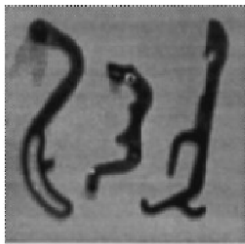
# Historical Document Revision Detection



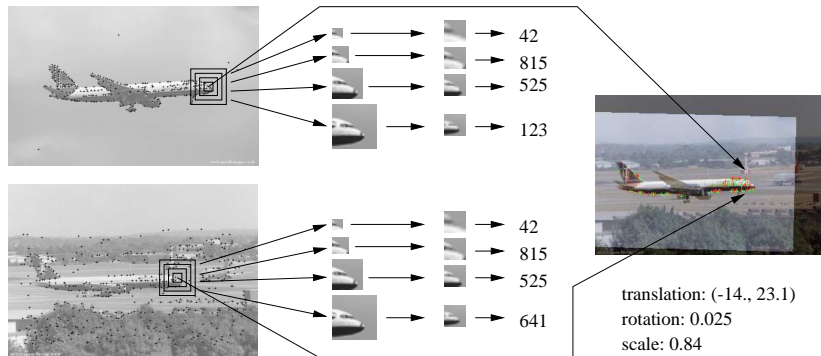
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- ▶ robust document image matching for historical documents
- ▶ question:  
Which changes were made between different printings?
- ▶ uses geometric matching and Fourier contour descriptors

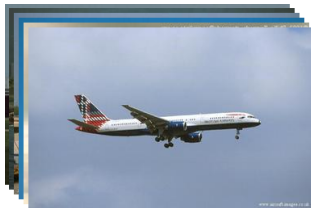
# RAST: Application in Inspection



# RAST for Object Matching



# Object-Based Image Retrieval



- ▶ detect whether an image contains an object of a given class
- ▶ efficient matching for fully-connected patch-based model
- ▶ uses our RAST algorithm
- ▶ optimal, statistically well-founded

# Object-Based Image Retrieval – Method

- ▶ match weakly annotated reference images, no segmentation
- ▶ patch-based approach (interest points, cluster descriptors)
- ▶ factor dependencies:  $x/y$ -translation, rotation, scale
- ▶ find optimal match using branch-and-bound approach
- ▶ set of reference patches  $R$ , test patches  $S$

$$\hat{\vartheta}(R, S) := \arg \max_{\vartheta \in T} Q(\vartheta, R, S)$$

$$Q(\vartheta, R, S) := \sum_{p \in R} q(\vartheta, p, S)$$

$$q(\vartheta, p, S) := \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \exists p' \in S: l_p = l_{p'} \wedge d(\vartheta, p, p') \leq d_0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

## Object-Based Image Retrieval – Results

method	airp.	faces	mot.
constellation model A	32.0	6.0	16.0
automatic segmentation	2.2	0.1	10.4
texture feature combination	0.8	1.6	8.5
constellation model B	9.8	3.6	7.5
PCA SIFT features	2.1	0.3	5.0
discriminative salient patches, SVM	7.0	2.8	3.8
spatial part-based model	6.7	1.8	3.0
constellation model C	6.3	9.7	2.7
patch histograms A	3.8	7.1	2.5
features inspired by visual cortex	3.3	1.8	2.0
patch histograms B	1.4	3.7	1.1
IPeT approach	4.8	2.8	1.3

- ▶ error rates [%] on Caltech data
- ▶ possible use in DIA → logo recognition

<http://demo.iupr.org/>