Arabic Characters Recognition using Fuzzy-Neural Network

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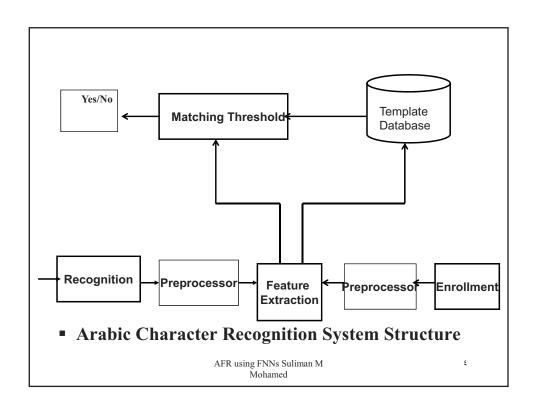
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Overview of ACR-FNNs

- ACR may provide a solution to the data entry problems, a bottleneck for the data processing industry. Four Character Forms (isolated, initial, medial and final (characters=105 it was 28-30)) used
- The research describes a system of ACR by using NNs & FNN recognizers to select the best combination of characters recognized by a fuzzy neural network.
- The computational intelligent approach proposed here permits the recognition of the four types of characters with a segmentation procedure allowing overlapped strokes having FNN-ph\signaleqsignal meaning



The Four Forms Problem (isolated, initial, medial and final)

Arabic Isolated letter forms
ا ب ت ث ج ح خ د ذ ر ز س ش ص ض
ط ظ ع غ ف ق ك ل م ن ه و ي ء ة
ب ت ث ج ح ح س ش ص ض
ب ت ث ج ح ح س ش ص ض

Arabic Initial letter forms
ب ت ث ج ح ح س ش ص ض
ب ت ث ج ح خ س ش ص ض
ا ب ت ث ج ح خ د ذ ر ز
ا ب ت ث ج ح خ د د ر ز
ا ب ت ث ج ح خ د د ر ز
ا ب ت ث ج ح خ د د ر ز
س ش ص ض ط ظ ع غ ف
ق ك ل م ن ه و ي ئ ة

Feature Extraction

- Feature Extraction (FE) is a step by step automatic algorithm has been implemented. The methodology developed, is comprised of image pre-processing and FE and then use intelligent system.
- FE implemented in four steps, such as, threshold, directional image computing, character points extraction, and feature vector encoding
- The statistical distribution of feature vectors been analysed using SPSS.

Fuzzy-Neural Networks Techniques

- Fuzzy logic and neural networks are the most computational intelligence techniques which imitate biological (brain) system & human behaviour.
- We investigated the combination of features of NN (with learning ability, self-organizing and high speed parallel structure) and fuzzy systems (with ability to process fuzzy information using fuzzy membership).
- In this system we utilised Neural and Fuzzy-Neural recognizers namely (MLP, RBF and FNN). NNs and FNN all depend on training and testing the feature encoded vector of feature extraction.

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Neural Networks (NNs) and Fuzzy-Neural Recognizers Results

- The developed feature vector used in a three recognizers to recognize a given database of character images into well known characters.
- The system has been tested on database of 219 character images. Recognition accuracy of 98.3% for FNN, 96.07% for MLP and 84.54% for RBF was achieved, without any rejection. This achievement is very reliable compared to reviewed existing studies which targeted up to 95% accuracy.

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Further Works

- Create a database of Arabic characters for research and official use,
- Image enhancement techniques to deal with poor quality images and different nosey conditions,
- Apply thinning methodologies to enhance feature extraction
- Developing FNNs Techniques that can deal with other Arabic related issues

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Many Thanks to all of you and Welcome for your questions



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