Choosing Shape Features by means of Genetic Algorithms for Glyph-clustering of Historical Documents

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Abstract

The solution for a feature selection problem is presented in the field of document image processing. The choice of shape features for describing glyphs of historical documents is a non-trivial task since the variations of glyphs in different documents is innumerable. Hence, the manual selection of shape features would be a cumbersome task. To select a subset of features from a given set a genetic algorithm is used which optimises the result of a clustering process by x-means. The result of x-means is evaluated by using different quality measures. The optimisation methodology is illustrated within a case study, in which the selection of an appropriate set of features is a crucial part of the system. The intended application supports a user who is transcribing historical documents by showing him similar occurrences of a given glyph.

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