Good features are those whose values are similar for objects belonging to the same category and distinct for objects in different categories. In this paper, an attempt is made to develop an
algorithm for recognition of machine printed isolated Kannada vowels of different font, size and
style using fast discrete curvelet transform. A standard deviation is applied to the coefficients
obtained and the result of this is used as the feature vector. In addition, the features are
obtained by applying the curvelet transform with different scales. A k-NN classifier is adopted for
classification. The proposed algorithm is experimented on 5850 samples of vowels. The
recognition is independent of the font and size of the printed characters and the system is seen
to deliver reasonable recognition accuracies for different scales with 90.17% being the highest
for a combination of scales 1, 2, 3.

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