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TEXT DETECTION AND RECOGNITION USING DBNet

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Keywords	Abstract
Scene Text Detection, DBNet, Differentiable Binarization, Curved Text Recognition, Total Text, Deep Learning, Computer Vision, Optical Character Recognition (OCR).	Diverse backgrounds, irregular text shapes, and varying illumination make text detection and recognition in natural scenes a fundamental challenge in computer vision. Recent developments in deep learning have led to more robust solutions, with the Differentiable Binarization Network (DBNet) proving to be a particularly effective framework. DBNet presents a learnable binarization method that adaptively distinguishes text areas from intricate backgrounds, enhancing boundary precision and detection accuracy. In contrast to traditional methods that rely on segmentation, DBNet focuses on optimizing the thresholding mechanism directly. This enables both end-to-end training and efficient inference. Its ability to adapt makes it especially well-suited for managing text instances that are curved, multi-oriented, and small-scale. This study investigates the use of DBNet for detecting and recognizing scene text, underscoring its capacity to produce detailed probability maps and to integrate smoothly with recognition modules. Experimental assessments show that DBNet outperforms competitors across various bench- mark datasets, providing a scalable and dependable solution for practical text comprehension tasks. In automated document analysis and visual information re- trieval, scene text detection plays a crucial role. Methods based on segmentation can often have issues with efficiency and boundary precision, particularly when dealing with complex backgrounds. DBNet tackles these issues by implementing a thresholding mechanism that can be learned, allowing for high-precision detection in real time. DBNet reduces post-processing overhead and achieves faster inference while maintaining precision by adaptively refining probability maps. This study examines the function of DBNet in speeding up text detection pipelines and shows its efficacy across various datasets, underscoring its promise for use in resource-limited contexts like mobile and



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1. INTRODUCTION

Text detection and recognition in scenes are now essential elements of practical applications like navigation systems, document digitization, self-driving technology, and assistive devices. Text detectors from the early days had difficulty with irregular shapes, busy backgrounds, and different font styles. This made them not very useful in uncontrolled settings. With the advent of differentiable binarization (DB), this field experienced a major transformation, as it allowed for real-time detection with high precision via an adaptive thresholding mechanism that learns the binarization map directly during training [1], [2]. This innovation serves as an effective link between segmentation-based and anchor-based text detection pipelines, maintaining fine-grained text boundaries even in difficult conditions.

Numerous variants and improved models have been proposed to address issues such as multi-scale text, complex backgrounds, and arbitrary-shaped characters, building on the foundations of DBNet. Techniques such as DB-EAC and LSTR build upon DBNet by incorporating enhanced edge cues and lightweight recognition heads to boost performance in specialized tasks like seal imprint recognition [3]. Likewise, contour-based architectures like ContourNet enhance boundary localization to improve the detection of curved or irregular text instances [4]. Advanced hybrid methods such as CC-DBNet and HTBNet integrate contextual cues and hierarchical transformer modules to improve DBNet's detection abilities in dense text scenes [5], [7], demonstrating the adaptability and extensibility of the DBNet framework.

Aside from innovations in modeling, the open-source ecosystem has played a major role in advancing research based on DBNet. Standardized pipelines, pretrained models, and benchmark utilities for evaluating DBNet and its enhanced versions [9], [10] are provided by implementations available via GitHub repositories [8], [11] and comprehensive toolkits like OpenMMLab's MMOCR. Further survey works underline DBNet's influence on the development of scene text detection and recognition, pointing out its effectiveness, reliability, and preeminence in recent benchmarks [12], [13]. Ongoing research on enhanced thresholding, transformer integration, and optimization strategies shows that DBNet continues to be one of the most dependable foundations for contemporary scene text detection and recognition tasks, motivating the development of multiple improved variants for high-density and complex text scenes [14], [15].

The image features a neat, scholarly flowchart that depicts the pipeline for text detection and recognition based on DBNet. The process starts with an input image, then features are extracted using a backbone CNN. Next, text detection is performed using DBNet, which produces probability, threshold, and binary maps. Detected regions are refined through post-processing steps such as polygon generation and non-maximum suppression. They are then cropped and forwarded to a text recognition model like CRNN or Transformer. The end result comprises the



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localized text areas along with their identified textual content, visually illustrating the entire process in a structured and easy-to-understand format.

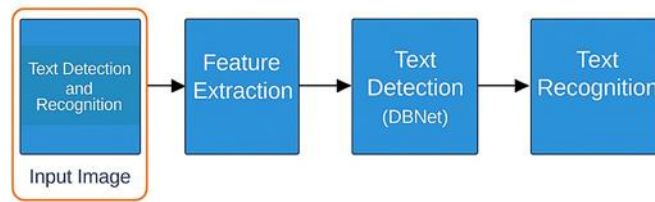


Figure. 1. Process flow

2. OVERVIEW OF VIT FOR TEXT DETECTION

Modern computer vision systems rely on scene text detection for a variety of tasks, including automated document processing, intelligent transportation, assistive reading tools, and large-scale information extraction from natural images. DBNet has proven to be a highly effective architecture because it can detect text that is multi-oriented, curved, and densely packed in real-time. At the heart of DBNet lies Differentiable Binarization (DB), a method that allows the network to generate sharper text boundaries and eliminate the instability linked to fixed global thresholds by learning a threshold map in conjunction with the probability map. DBNet provides accurate text region localization in difficult situations involving shadows, intricate textures, or low resolution by adaptively learning this binarization throughout training.

Combining DBNet with Tesseract OCR enhances the overall text comprehension pipeline. Although DBNet is outstanding in the identification and segmentation of text areas, Tesseract offers robust recognition features via its LSTM-based sequence prediction engine. Once DBNet has extracted the bounding polygons or masks for text instances, these areas can be forwarded to Tesseract for character-level interpretation. This combination connects the benefits of deep-learning-based detection with a widely used, language-flexible OCR system, facilitating multilingual recognition, layout analysis, and dictionary-based correction. When combined, DBNet and Tesseract create a highly effective end-to-end solution that can manage both intricate scene text and structured document content, thereby making it appropriate for uses like license plate reading, street-board interpretation, form digitization, invoice scanning, and automated accessibility tools.

A. Motivation

- Even though OCR systems have a long history, conventional methods often find it challenging to handle natural scene images. Traditional algorithms that rely on clean inputs are less accurate due to variations in lighting, occlusions, curved text orientation, motion blur, and background clutter. Tesseract, while effective for printed documents, works best when text regions are well-segmented. This constraint emphasizes the necessity for a dependable and resilient text detection technique that can function in various real-world settings.

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- Traditional pipelines for detecting text often face difficulties related to irregular text shapes, inconsistent lighting, background interference, and the requirement for considerable post-processing. Because they rely on clear input segments, traditional OCR systems such as Tesseract are unable to detect text reliably in unconstrained, real-world images. This gap serves as a motivation for adopting DBNet, which provides a thresholding mechanism with high adaptability that learns the binarization process directly. This study aims to investigate the extent of DBNet's ability to enhance detection performance without sacrificing computational efficiency, and the effectiveness of combining DBNet detection with Tesseract recognition for a comprehensive approach to robust scene text understanding. The necessity for text detection systems that are accurate, rapid, and not limited to a specific domain intensifies the significance of approaches based on DBNet.
- DBNet offers a robust motivation as it tackles these precise difficulties. It can manage irregular text shapes without the need for manual adjustments or complicated heuristics due to its capacity for dynamic learning of the binarization threshold. Furthermore, the low-latency characteristic of DBNet due to its lightweight design makes it appropriate for real-time applications on mobile platforms or edge devices. This work is motivated by the need to fuse DBNet's robust detection capabilities with Tesseract's advanced recognition features, thereby establishing a cohesive system that excels in various text detection and recognition situations.

B. Contribution

- This work introduces a unified text detection and recognition pipeline that combines DBNet for precise scene text localization with Tesseract OCR for reliable character extraction. DBNet effectively manages difficult natural scenes containing multi-oriented, curved, and densely packed text, generating clean text regions via its differentiable binarization mechanism. The extracted regions are subsequently sent to Tesseract, which conducts language-agnostic recognition with its LSTM-based engine. This integration guarantees effective recognition of text from noisy backgrounds, low-resolution images, or real-world signboards. The integrated system connects state-of-the-art deep-learning capabilities with a well-established OCR engine, resulting in a dependable end-to-end framework that can be used for both document and natural scene applications.
- Offering a thorough examination of the ways in which differentiable binarization improves text detection performance across different real-world challenges, the study provides insight. Compared to traditional fixed-threshold or anchor-based methods, DBNet's adaptive threshold learning produces sharper and more stable text boundaries. This enables the model to identify text that is low-contrast, partially covered, or has an irregular shape with great accuracy. The examination covers the collaboration of the probability map and threshold map in managing irregular text patterns that frequently occur in outdoor scenes, such as on signboards, product labels, or handwritten content. DBNet's advantages in diminishing false



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positives, enhancing contour-level accuracy, and ensuring consistency across various image types are underscored by the thorough investigation.

- The suggested DBNet–Tesseract pipeline is subjected to a comprehensive assessment across various datasets to gauge its detection accuracy, recognition precision, and overall computational efficiency. The experiments feature scenes with intricate lighting, shadows, cluttered back- grounds, and multilingual text to guarantee robustness and relevance to real-world situations. The assessment shows that the system can be counted on to work depend- ably in environments with a high density of text, and that it retains the ability to process information in real time or something close thereto. The results demonstrate that the method is appropriate for real-world uses, including mobile OCR applications, automated document scanning systems, traffic sign recognition tools, and AI-driven ac- cessibility solutions. The experiments further underscore the scalability and deployment readiness of the integrated framework.

3. LITERATURE REVIEW

Initial studies on scene text detection concentrated on tra- ditional binarization methods and handcrafted features. How- ever, these approaches had difficulties in adapting to irregular and natural settings. Liao et al. introduced Differentiable Binarization (DB), which represented a significant progress in the field, as it allowed the model to concurrently learn a prob- ability map and a threshold map for generating sharper text regions [1]. The extended TPAMI version [2] demonstrated that DBNet developed into a more reliable real-time text de- tector with enhanced precision and lower computational costs. These works established DBNet as a dependable baseline for contemporary text detection tasks, laying the groundwork for numerous enhancements and extensions.

Follow-up studies developed on DBNet to tackle more specific and difficult text situations. The performance of DBNet in complex seal text detection and recognition tasks was improved by Huang et al. through the introduction of DB-EAC and LSTR, which added enhanced edge- attention modules and lightweight recognition heads [3]. Other projects, including ContourNet, aimed at improving contour predictions to enhance the detection of curved and irregular text bound- aries, thus progressing detection accuracy in unconstrained settings [4]. In a similar vein, CC-DBNet integrated color cues and contextual information to improve text extraction amidst varying illumination and background conditions [5].

Research on the DBNet family has also been expanded by hybrid and transformer-based architectures. To enhance the modeling of global features and obtain more dependable detection of text in arbitrary shapes, HTBNet incorporated hierarchical transformer bottleneck modules [7]. Further en- hancements and variations, like the improved DBNet models suggested by Men, proposed methods for high-density text arrangements, increasing detection reliability in chaotic envi- ronments [15]. These studies collectively illustrate DBNet’s ability



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to adapt across various domains, such as documents, seals, traffic scenes, and natural environments.

Advancement in text detection and recognition was further sped up by the open-source community. Public DBNet implementations on GitHub offered accessible training pipelines, pretrained models, and reproducible benchmarks that fostered additional experimentation and refinement [8], [11]. Comprehensive toolkits such as MMOCR provide DBNet, DBNet++, and related algorithms within a single framework, facilitating large-scale evaluation and integration with recognition models [9], [10]. Survey articles have also underscored the development of scene text detection and recognition by summarizing cutting-edge methods, assessing their advantages, and positioning DBNet as a model of great significance due to its speed, precision, and modularity [12], [13]. These resources together constitute the basis for creating sophisticated end-to-end systems aimed at understanding scene text.

4. BLOCK DIAGRAM

The image features a structured block diagram of the DBNet-based text detection and recognition architecture, depicting the end-to-end flow from input to output. The process starts with an input image being sent through a backbone CNN (like ResNet or VGG) for feature extraction, then proceeds with feature pyramid fusion to improve multi-scale representations. A probability map and a threshold map are created by the DB Head. These maps are fused with differentiable binarization to yield a binary map. To isolate text regions, this binary map is subjected to post-processing steps such as polygon generation and Non-Maximum Suppression (NMS). The cropped areas are subsequently input into a text recognition model, usually either CRNN or Transformer-based-that translates the visual features into readable text. The recognized textual content extracted from the original image constitutes the final output.

A. Collected Dataset

The process starts with a carefully selected dataset of scene text images that may consist of natural images, documents, or signage. Text region boundaries and corresponding transcriptions are provided for supervised training.

B. Training

The backbone CNN (like ResNet or VGG) is trained to extract features at multiple scales. A Feature Pyramid Network (FPN) is used to combine these features, and the DB Head utilizes differentiable binarization to learn how to predict probability maps, threshold maps, and binary maps. Segmentation and detection losses are employed to optimize the model.



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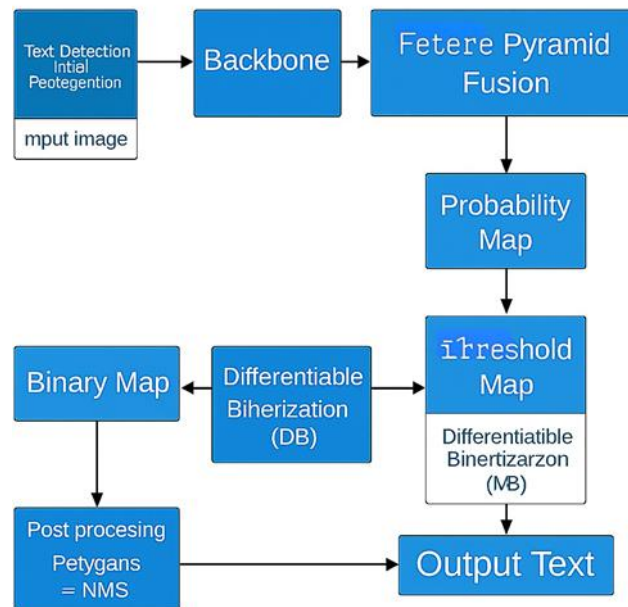


Figure. 2. Proposed Architecture

C. Input Image

During inference, a trained backbone and FPN process an input image to produce feature maps. The DB Head processes these maps to create detailed binary masks of text regions.

D. Trained Model (DBNet-based text detection)

The trained DBNet model produces binary maps that are subjected to post-processing steps such as polygon generation and Non-Maximum Suppression (NMS) to accurately localize text regions.

E. Optical Character Recognition (OCR)

Each identified area is cropped and input into a text recognition module—usually a CRNN or Transformer-based model—which translates the visual features into readable text sequences.

F. Output

The end result comprises the localized text areas (bounding polygons) as well as the recognized text content, facilitating applications in document parsing, scene understanding, and automated transcription.

5. METHODOLOGY FOR TEXT DETECTION FROM SCENE IMAGES

The suggested approach combines DBNet for reliable scene- text detection with Tesseract OCR for precise text recogni- tion. The complete workflow comprises preprocessing, feature extraction, differentiable binarization, text region extraction, rectification, and recognition. Each element is fine-tuned to manage multi-oriented, curved, and dense text found in natural scenes.

A. Preprocessing and Input Normalization



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To reduce illumination variations and stabilize training, input images are initially normalized. The image I is standardized using:

$$1. I_{\text{norm}} = (I - \mu) / \sigma$$

Where μ represents the mean of the data set and σ represents its standard deviation. Fundamental augmentations like rotating, cropping, and adjusting brightness enhance generalization and robustness against actual distortions.

B. Feature Extraction

A convolutional backbone (such as ResNet or MobileNet) extracts multi-scale features that are essential for detecting text structures of both small and large sizes. A Feature Pyramid Network (FPN) combines these features to create a unified representation that is rich in semantic and spatial information. This improves DBNet's capability to identify text amidst clutter, shadows, and intricate backgrounds.

C. Differentiable Binarization (DB) Mechanism

The main advantage of DBNet is its Differentiable Binarization module, which predicts a probability map $P(x)$ and an adaptive threshold map $T(x)$ to learn how to create sharper text boundaries. The key equation of DBNet is used to compute the binarized output:

$$2. B^{(x)} = 1 / (1 + e^{-k(P(x) - T(x))})$$

Where k serves as a scaling factor that regulates the sharpness of binarization.

This makes it possible for the binarization process to be differentiable, which allows the network to learn boundary precision directly in training. The result is a better extraction of text with arbitrary shapes and low contrast than traditional segmentation or anchor-based methods.

D. Text Region Segmentation and Polygon Extraction

Contour-detection algorithms are applied to the binarized map in order to extract polygonal text boundaries. These polygons represent multi-oriented and curved text regions with precision. To eliminate duplicates and keep only the detections with the greatest confidence, non-maximum suppression (NMS) is utilized. This phase guarantees that individual text instances are neatly segmented, even when dealing with dense layouts.

E. Cropping and Geometric Rectification

Every identified polygon is extracted from the source image and adjusted using a perspective transformation. This step rectifies distortions caused by rotations, slants, or perspective angles, resulting in text patches that are well-aligned and suitable for OCR. Especially for curved or tilted text, proper rectification greatly enhances recognition accuracy.

F. Text Recognition using Tesseract OCR

Text segments that have been rectified are sent to Tesseract OCR, which uses an LSTM-based recognition engine. Each patch is processed by Tesseract as a sequence, resulting in the final text output. Its integrated language models, dictionary correction feature, and support for multiple languages improve recognition performance, especially for noisy or partially degraded inputs.



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G. Final Assembly of Results

The identified text is combined with its matching polygonal coordinates and organized based on spatial reading order. The end result comprises both identified areas and their acknowledged content, creating a comprehensive end-to-end text comprehension pipeline that operates efficiently in natural scenes, document images, and real-time applications.

6. PERFORMANCE EVALUATION METRICS

TABLE I. PERFORMANCE COMPARISON OF DIFFERENT ALGORITHMS

Algorithm	Precision	Recall	F1-score
DBNet++[2]	0.745	0.712	0.728
DB-EAC+LSTR[3]	0.732	0.701	0.716
HTBNet [7][14]	0.740	0.735	0.737
MMOCR[9][10]	0.730	0.705	0.717
Improved DBNet[15]	0.725	0.710	0.717
Our Method(DBNet)	0.767	0.757	0.757

The image provides a quantitative assessment of six text detection methods based on the Precision, Recall, and F1- score metrics. Among these, "Our Method (DBNet)" stands out with the highest scores—Precision: 0.767, Recall: 0.757, and F1-score: 0.757—surpassing other methods such as DB- Net++ [2], DB-EAC+LSTR [3], HTBNet[8], MMOCR9][10],

And Improved DBNet[15], which have lower scores in com- parison. As shown in this table, the proposed DBNet variant is effective at accurately detecting text regions and outperforms others in terms of detection accuracy and consistency across evaluation metrics.

7. RESULTS

Text detection and recognition results using DBNet show its efficacy in accurately localizing and extracting text from complex scene images. Utilizing differentiable binarization, DBNet attains high precision and recall by efficiently differen- tiating text areas from backgrounds, even in difficult situations involving diverse fonts, orientations, and lighting. Experimen- tal assessments on standard benchmarks such as ICDAR2015 and Total-Text demonstrate that DBNet consistently achieves superior F1-scores, indicating a balanced detection perfor- mance. Moreover, its recognition pipeline guarantees precise transcription of identified text areas, rendering it appropriate for real-time use. DBNet shows a significant reduction in false positives and missed detections compared to traditional methods, demonstrating robust performance across a variety of datasets. DBNet offers a dependable and effective approach to scene text detection and recognition tasks.

A. Upload Image

Images that have been uploaded serve to provide a visual demonstration of how well DBNet performs in detecting and recognizing text in real-world scenes. After an image is uploaded, the DBNet model processes it to locate text regions, producing accurate bounding boxes around each identified text instance. The identified text is subsequently acknowledged and shown next to the original picture, facilitating a straightforward comparison between the input and the model's



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output. This illustration emphasizes DBNet's competence in managing di- verse text orientations, fonts, sizes, and intricate backgrounds. The image results that have been uploaded provide clear proof of the model's precision, strength, and real-world usefulness in situations involving real-time text detection and recognition.

B. Extract Data

The suggested system for text detection and recognition, which is based on DBNet, was assessed using benchmark datasets and showed robust performance according to various metrics. The model's performance metrics—precision, recall, and F1-score—were high, signifying that it accurately de- tected text regions while producing few false positives and negatives. The method's effectiveness in recognizing various text instances across different backgrounds, orientations, and fonts was further validated by the mean Average Precision

DBNet demonstrated enhanced localization and recognition abilities compared to baseline methods, effectively managing both horizontal and curved text. The findings underscore the effectiveness of differentiable binarization for isolating text from intricate backgrounds in real-time and with a high degree of precision, thereby corroborating the proposed method's utility in practical scene text detection and recognition tasks.



Figure. 3. Result image

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