

# A FRAMEWORK OF HANDWRITTEN MYANMAR DIGITS AND CHARACTERS RECOGNITION BY USING BACKPROPAGATION NEURAL NETWORK

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## ABSTRACT

This paper proposes a framework for recognizing the handwritten Myanmar-digits and characters on a computer. Supervised learning of Multilayer Feedforward Neural Network is used to develop this system. Backpropagation algorithm is applied to all of the recognition of handwritten digits and characters to the network. The Network has to be trained with several different forms of handwritten Myanmar-digits and characters. This proposed network can recognize the Myanmar digits and characters in the Roll-No and payment amount fields of the voucher sheet and then calculates the sum of all recognized payment amount values. This system includes two main subsystems: image preprocessing and training Neural Network with Backpropagation algorithm.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

One of the most classical applications of the Artificial Neural Network is the Character Recognition System. This system becomes the basic for many different types of applications in various fields such as, processing a check, performing an eye/face scan at the airport entrance, teaching a robot to pick up an object, etc. Today, OCR is widely employed in the post offices, banks, airports, airline offices and businesses. OCR also has been the subject of research activity for many years.

Handwritten character recognition is more difficult and heuristic approach since it contributes a very large number of variations and styles of digit patterns written by different people. There are many different approaches, methods, and algorithms for OCR systems. Handwritten Character Recognition Systems have been developed for many languages and character sets. Several methods for recognizing Latin, Chinese, Japanese, Thai, Greek characters have been proposed. This paper aims to develop the recognition for handwritten Myanmar digits and characters.

The related works of handwritten digits and characters recognition are pointed out in section 2. The next section, Section 3, explains the nature of multilayer feedforward neural network. In Section 4, the proposed system is explained with step by step

approach. In section 5, the experimental results of the proposed system are described with tables and graphs. Finally, section 6 concludes the proposed system.

## 2. RELATED WORKS

Numerous document recognitions have been proposed in various languages and character set. In [10], off-line cursive Czech text recognition has been presented using histograms and also described the difference for Czech and English handwritten text. In [5], automatic recognition of type written Arabic character sets was described by the use of Zernike Moments as a feature extractor.

Nilar Thein [7] proposed a recognition method for Myanmar Car license plate number, which identified out printed Myanmar character and digits by using Backpropagation Neural Network.

In [6], histogram-based handwritten Myanmar-OCR was presented by using the rule generation of H-rule (Horizontal rule), V-rule (Vertical rule) and HV-rule.

In [4], the use of Hidden Markov Models (HMMs) for off-line Myanmar handwriting word recognition was discussed.

## 3. BACKPROPAGATION NEURAL NETWORK

The multi-layer feedforward neural network is used in this system to classify handwritten Myanmar-digits and characters. The network has three layers: input, output, and one hidden layer. The supervised learning Backpropagation Algorithm is used. The two important phases in Backpropagation Algorithm are training and testing. During the training the errors at the output layer are backward propagated through the hidden layers. The weight of each connection is adjusted for all the connections. The process is repeated for either a predefined number of iterations or until the learning starts saturate. Learning starts by using a predefined training set and the desired output is represented. The Backpropagation Learning Algorithm is based on an error-correction learning rule. The algorithm calculates the difference between the actual response and the desired output of each neuron.

Feed-forward NNs allow signals to travel one way only; from input to output. There is no feedback (loops). Feed-forward NNs tend to be straight forward networks that associate inputs with outputs. They are extensively used in pattern recognition.