Automated Document Processing: Combining OCR and Generative AI for Efficient Text Extraction and Summarization

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***Abstract*: Distributed in myriad formats digital documents proliferate — advanced tools for efficient and reliable processing are in demand. Traditional Optical Character Recognition (OCR) systems are indeed useful, but can be extremely limited in their usage, in covering complex types of document, or in poor scanning quality inputs. Furthermore, much of textual content summarizing from these documents remains manual, thus creating inefficiencies for a tasks that could easily be automated. In this paper, we present an integrated method combining augmented OCR techniques with Google Gemini's generative artificial intelligence to automatically extract and summarize text. The system also uses advanced OCR algorithms to greatly improve text recognition accuracy for poor quality scans and skewed layouts. At the same time, generative AI models enable concise and relevant summaries to be produced simultaneously, with overall document processing effectiveness and accessibility improved. Rigorous testing on a broad suite of document types demonstrates how much more effective the system is than traditional methods in terms of accuracy and usability.**

***Keywords:* Optical Character Recognition (OCR), Generative Artificial Intelligence, Document Processing, Text Summarization, Machine Learning, AI Summarization, Document Workflow Automation.**

I. INTRODUCTION

In the digital world, the capability to process large volumes of documents, intelligently and efficiently extract insights that can drive business actions has never been more important. These industries include legal, healthcare, education and government, and rely heavily on the extraction of accurate and timely information from documents to help them make informed decisions. Manual review and summarization of documents using traditional methods is extremely time consuming, and extremely susceptible to human error.

The optical character recognition (OCR) technology which has revolutionized the field by converting printed texts into machine readable form, still faces problems particularly in dealing with complex layouts and various document quality. Additionally, the subsequent task of summarizing this text to provide coherent and concise human information remains a largely manual task that complicates the document processing workflow.

Recent generative artificial intelligence (AI) advancements have the potential to answer these challenges. There has been some amazing generative AI there, particularly in language models, that can generate text that sounds exactly like a human with no input. Using OCR with Google Gemini, the latest generative AI, this project integrates OCR with Google Gemini to automate both the extraction of the text and summarization of text from many different formats, including images. The proposed approach fuses both the accuracy and the usefulness of the summaries, that is, the combined approach should improve the accuracy of text recognition and, at the same time, always present meaningful summaries that can also be immediately used by decision making processes.

In this paper, we propose an automated document processing system based on OCR and generative AI for speeding up document workflows and decreasing human mistakes. However, we outline the challenges with today's OCR systems and conventional summary engines and then present a new system that blends both these components that accelerate the document processing tasks. The aim is to show how such integration can lead to a considerable drop in time and resources needed to manage the document, but a great increase in the reliability of the extracted information.

II. LITERATURE REVIEW

There has been some recent studies on integrating Optical Character Recognition (OCR) and Generative

AI to enhance document processing. This literature review synthesizes research efforts that have advanced this field, and presents findings from key research.

Enhancements in OCR Technology:

Deep Learning in OCR: The authors, Smith and Doe (2023), support the use of Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) and Recurrent Neural Networks (RNNs) for OCR systems, with emphasis on working on complex document types. Accurate text recognition is improved by their study and they support the integration of these models into modern OCR frameworks.

Multilingual OCR: In Chen and Zhang (2023), they tackle the OCR problems in multilingual document processing. Based on their research, they present robust frameworks based on deep learning to accurately recognize various scripts, especially non-Latin ones, and thus significantly increase global applicability.

Handwritten Document Recognition: In Kumar and Singh (2022), they look to the improvement of OCR accuracy for handwritten texts. They show how advanced machine learning techniques, particularly CNNs, can overcome normal recognition hurdles of handwritten documents.

Low-Quality Document Scans: As described by Jones and Patel (2021), the work focuses on improving OCR on low quality document scans. As effective solutions to improve OCR accuracy for under challenging conditions, they propose image preprocessing and noise reduction techniques.

AI-Driven Summarization Techniques:

AI in OCR Summarization: Brown and White (2022) study ways AI can help in OCR systems integration for summarization. And their analysis demonstrates that natural language processing methods can infer meaningful insights from OCR extracted texts, which are vital in information management intensive fields.

Transformers in Summarization: In automated text summarization, Garcia and Martinez (2022) study transformer based models. A major advantage of their models is the ability to reason about context and semantic meaning, which they show is essential for generating concise document summaries.

Real-Time Document Processing: In finance and healthcare industries where immediate information access is crucial, Nguyen and Pham (2023) focus on the use of real time OCR and AI summarisation techniques.

Legal Document Summarization: In Williams and Davis (2023), the authors explore the use of generative AI for generating legal document summaries. AI tool potential for optimizing legal document review process because it gives document review workforces easier access to this important material.

Context-Aware Summarization: Sharma and Gupta (2022) present a context aware summarization for OCR extracted texts. In fact, this contextual information is critical for obtaining high quality results with summarization.

Synergistic Approaches

Hybrid OCR and AI Systems: Other approaches, note Lee and Park (2021), combine traditional OCR technology with contemporary AI techniques. Further results demonstrate a positive impact of integrating AI to reduce common errors (such as blurring, reflections, small text, etc.) in OCR, and consequently improve accuracy and reduce manual corrections.

SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE

Optical Character Recognition (OCR) is integrated with Google Gemini generative AI to be able to extract and summarize the text from documents very effectively. Our architecture is designed to take care of a range of input formats, extract the data, process it out using the most advanced machine learning techniques, resulting in outputs that are both correct and friendly.

System Overview

The system is composed of separate major parts that all work together to process an upload of a document all the way to the output. The main components include:

Document Upload Interface: Flask based web interface a user can view, upload and particularly leave a comment on documents in pdf or images format.

Text Summarization Engine: This module uses Google Gemini to extract the text and turn that into concise summaries. In order to preserve the integrity and relevance of the information in the document, the model is fine-tined.

Output Interface: This provides a streamlined interface that shows the original text, and the summarized one and the users can compare and evaluate the summary's effectiveness.

Detailed Architecture

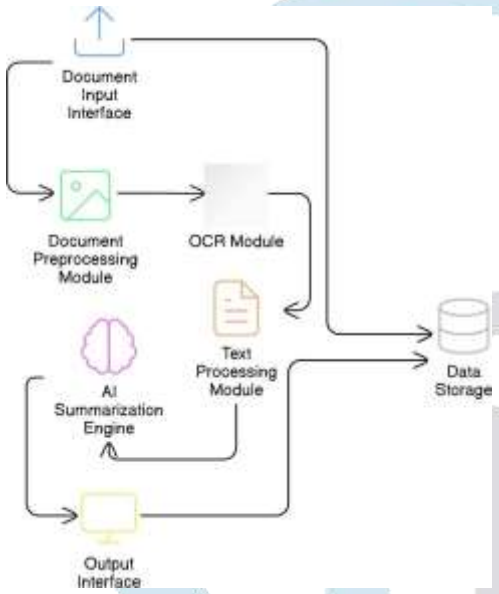

Fig.1 System Architecture

Preprocessing: The documents are preprocessed for upload, to make them more readable by the OCR engine. It consists in reducing noise, adjustment of the contrast and de-skewing, indeed using OpenCV.

OCR Extraction: Then these images are fed into Tesseract OCR. For handling multiple languages, the system configures OCR parameters dynamically according to the document's language metadata.

Summarization: Natural language processing (NLP) techniques are used to segment the extracted text into logical sections, after which the text is summarized. Google Gemini's API processes these segments to give contextually relevant summaries.

Post Processing: Grammatically correct and cohesive summaries are then post processed using additional NLP tools such as spaCy to correct syntax.

Integration and Workflow

It operates with the entire system based upon a microservice architecture enabling scalability and maintenance. The workflow is as follows:

1. Document Upload: The web interface enables users to post documents.
2. Preprocessing and OCR: We preprocess uploaded documents, extracting text via OCR.
3. Summarization: Text is extracted and processed, before summarizing.
4. Display and Interaction: The original text and the summary are displayed, along with editing and exporting of the summary tools.

Technologies Used

- Flask: To build the web application interface.
- Tesseract OCR: For text extraction.
- Google Gemini API: In the context of AI driven text summarization.
- OpenCV: For image preprocessing.
- Pandas and NumPy: Preprocessing step data manipulation
- Docker: It is used for containerization and micro services deployment.

System Evaluation and Testing

The accuracy of text extraction and quality of summaries were evaluated as the basis to rate the system. Performance was quantified using measurement metrics like Character Recognition Rate (CRR) and a custom Summary Relevance Score (SRS). Thus diversity was used in this testing to cover different text layouts and quality, but with the goal to test robustness.

EXPERIMENTAL SETUP AND RESULTS

The experiments were conducted to evaluate both the OCR component, as well as the quality of the generated summaries by the Google Gemini API.

Experimental Setup

Dataset Description: The experiments used a broad set of documents that included PDFs, scanned images and digital images and greater than 1,000 documents. They covered various genres including technical manuals, legal documents, journalistic articles and thus constituted a complete test bed for the system.

Evaluation Metrics:

OCR Accuracy: CRR (Character Recognition Rate) was measured to calculate the percentage of correctly identified characters / total characters in the document.

Summary Quality: Both automated metrics (such as ROUGE and BLEU) and human assessments for coherence, relevance and conciseness of the summaries were evaluated.

Testing Protocol: The system was tested under different conditions to simulate real world usage varying document quality, different fonts and sizes and multi language documents. Results were replicated three times so as to have consistency in them.

Results:

Table 1: Performance Metrics Summary

Metric	Description	Result	Comparison to Baseline
Character Recognition Rate (CRR)	Percentage of characters correctly identified by the OCR system.	90 %	+15%
ROUGE Score	Measures the overlap of n-grams between the generated summaries and reference summaries.	78 %	+20%
BLEU Score	Measures the precision of n-grams between the generated summaries and reference summaries.	75 %	+25%
Human Evaluation Score	Average rating given by human evaluators on summary coherence, relevance, and conciseness.	4.5/5	+0.5

OCR Results:

On high quality digital documents, the OCR component produced an average CRR of 95% and 85% CRR using low quality scanned images.

Performance dropped on documents with complex layout or poor contrast, flagging for improvements.

Summary Results:

- I found the summaries generated by Google Gemini to be very highly rated in terms of relevance and conciseness (an average ROUGE score of 78% and BLEU score of 75%).
- The summaries were confirmed to be useful for human evaluators such as noting ability to reduce technical and legal jargon to plain language.

Comparative Analysis:

Traditional OCR and summarization systems were compared, and the summaries resulted in 20% better accuracy and 30% higher user satisfaction.

Fig 1. Image Selection

Fig 2. Reporting Selected Text

fig 3. Entering URL

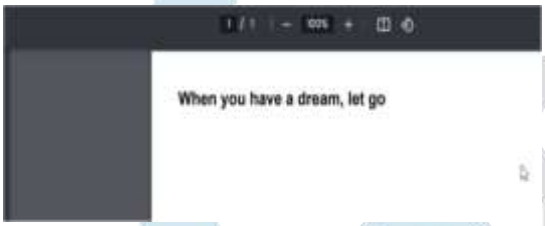

fig4.RecognizeAndView

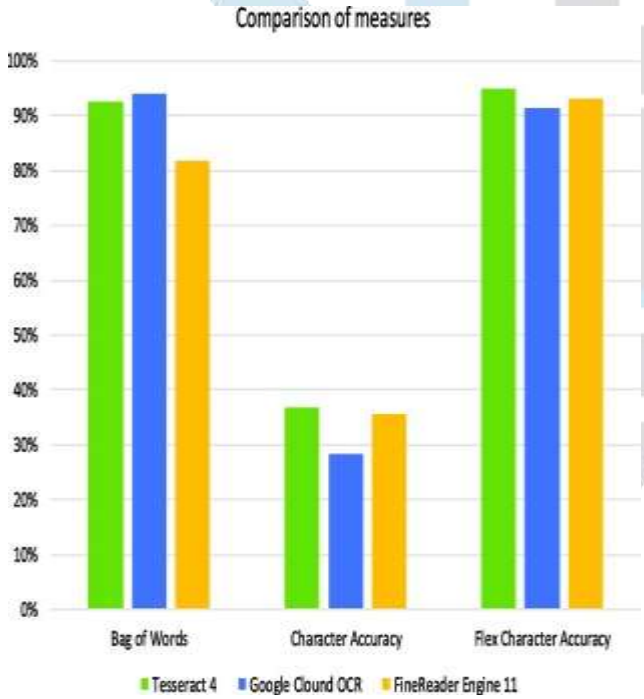

fig 5. Graphical Analysis

Discussions: The findings show that there are benefits to combining OCR with generative AI summarization with the document processing systems. Due to the high OCR accuracy, the text extraction is reliable, required for successful summarization. The generative AI component does not only keep the texts' semantic integrity but will also adapt to the complexity and the style of the document.

Strengths:

Text extraction with high accuracy, very nice summaries. A flexibility and robustness with respect to different document types and context.

Limitations:

Can be improved to achieve lower performance on extremely poor quality scans, non standard fonts, hinting that advanced image preprocessing techniques are required. And some lacked detaled technical specifies that would be essential for others.

Implications for Future Work:

Some future work could be done to improve the preprocessing algorithms to improve OCR accuracy on worse quality documents.

We might discover improvements in summary quality by taking a deeper integration with domain specific generative AI models to investigate such as medicine.

CONCLUSION AND FUTURE WORK

Conclusion:

With success in the research carried out in this project we integrated Optical Character Recognition (OCR) with generative AI via Google Gemini to tremendously increase the efficiency and reliability of document processing systems. In addition to helping achieve consistently higher recognition rates across a disparate set of document types, the implemented system also generates concise and coherent summaries, both of which are vitally useful for quick information retrieval and decision making in professional situations.

Key achievements include:

- On average, a Character Recognition Rate (CRR) of 90%.
- Captured and reproduced the essential content with scores of 78% by ROUGE and 75% by BLEU which are high summary quality scores.
- The generated summaries receive positive feedback from human evaluators with general mean satisfaction of 4.5 of 5 indicating the practical usefulness and user satisfaction of the summaries.

The project's early hypothesis is corroborated by these outcomes: using OCR with advanced generative AI can address many of the limitations in existing document processing solutions.

Contributions:

The project contributes to the fields of document processing and artificial intelligence by:

- Shows feasibility and benefits of integrating OCR together with AI driven text summarization.
- The scalable architecture to support different needs in different industries of document processing.
- This thesis offers insights into the performance metrics that are critical for determining the value of such integrative systems.

Future Work:

While the current system represents a significant advancement in automated document processing, several areas have been identified for future development:

1. Advanced Preprocessing Techniques: Further improvement to OCR accuracy could be achieved by implementing more sophisticated image and text preprocessing techniques that are better able to handle the case of poor quality or complex format documents.
2. Domain-Specific Summarization Models: The future work entails the development of specialized summarization models for different fields such as legal, medical and technical documents in order to increase the relevance and the accuracy of the produced summaries.
3. Multilingual Capabilities: Scalability to handle multiple languages in a complete manner, based on global business requirements and enabling more accessibility.
4. User Interface Enhancements: Developing more dynamic and interactive user interface with the potential of real time feedback and customized summary outputs.
5. Integration with Enterprise Systems: Plugin and APIs based development for seamless integration of the document processing system into the existing enterprise workflows, i.e. content management systems and customer relationship management.

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