

Ninth International Workshop on Frontiers in Handwriting Recognition

**Preliminary Program**

V.1 Aug. 22, 2004

Modulating Population Granularity for Improved Diagnosis of Developmental Dyspraxia from Dynamic Drawing Analysis

*S. Hoque, M. C. Fairhurst, and M. A. Razian*

Contextual Recognition of Hand-Drawn Diagrams with Conditional Random Fields

*M. Szummer and Y. Qi*

**12:00-13:00 Lunch**

**13:00-14:40 Classification Techniques I**

Support Vector Machines for Handwritten Numerical String Recognition

*L. S. Oliveira and R. Sabourin*

A Classifier Based on Distance between Test Samples and Average Patterns of Categorical Nearest Neighbors

*S. Hotta, S. Kiyasu, and S. Miyahara*

Classification of Time-Series Data Using a Generative/Discriminative Hybrid

*K. T. Abou-Moustafa, M. Cheriet, and C. Y. Suen*

Speeding Up the Decision Making of Support Vector Classifiers

*J. Milgram, M. Cheriet, and R. Sabourin*

**14:40-15:05 Coffee Break**

**15:05-16:20 Handwriting Analysis and Gesture Recognition I**

Model Structure Selection and Training Algorithms for an HMM Gesture Recognition System

*N. Liu, B. C. Lovell, P. J. Kootsookos, and R. I. A. Davis*

*Magic Wand*: A Hand-Drawn Gesture Input Device in 3-D Space with Inertial Sensors

*S.-J. Cho, J. K. Oh, W.-C. Bang, W. Chang, E. Choi, J. Yang, J. Cho, and D. Y. Kim*

Inertial Sensor Based Recognition of 3-D Character Gestures with an Ensemble of Classifiers

*J. K. Oh, S.-J. Cho, W.-C. Bang, W. Chang, E. Choi, J. Yang, J. Cho, and D. Y. Kim*

**16:20-16:45 Coffee Break**

**Oct. 25, Monday**

**19:00-20:30 Reception at Daiichi Hotel in Kichijoji**

\*Registration starts on Tuesday.

**Oct. 26, Tuesday**

**8:15- Registration**

**8:20-8:40 Morning Service**

**8:40-9:00 Greetings**

**9:00-10:15 Handwriting Recognition and Shape Analysis I**

Online Character Recognition Using Eigen-Deformations

*H. Mitoma, S. Uchida, and H. Sakoe*

Self-Supervised Adaptation for On-Line Text Recognition

*L. Oudot, L. Prevost, and A. Moises*

Handling Spatial Information in On-Line Handwriting Recognition

*S. Marukatat and T. Artières*

**10:15-10:45 Coffee Break**

**10:45-12:00 Handwriting Recognition and Shape Analysis II**

Generative Models and Bayesian Model Comparison for Shape Recognition

*B. Krishnapuram, C. M. Bishop, and M. Szummer*

**16:45-18:00 Recognition of Word and Text I**

*N*-Gram Language Models for Offline Handwritten Text Recognition  
*M. Zimmermann and H. Bunke*

Handwritten Brazilian Month Recognition: An Analysis of Two NN Architectures and a Rejection Mechanism  
*M. N. Kapp, C. O. De A. Freitas, and R. Sabourin*

A New View of the Output from Word Recognition  
*M.-P. Schambach*

**19:30-21:00 Night Session: Tutorial Sponsored by Microsoft**

“Handwriting Recognition on WindowsXP Tablet PC”  
*Patrick Haluptzok*

**Oct. 27, Wednesday**

**8:15-8:20-8:40 Registration Morning Service**

**8:40-8:55 Classification Techniques II**

Combination of Three Classifiers with Different Architectures for Handwritten Word Recognition  
*S. Günter and H. Bunke*

Normalization Ensemble for Handwritten Character Recognition  
*C.-L. Liu and K. Marukawa*

Boosting Driven by Error Free Regions  
*R. Lindwurm and J. Rottland*

**10:00-11:00 Poster Session I**

*Even numbered posters*

**11:00-12:00 Poster Session II**

*Odd numbered posters*

\*Posters may be posted during the whole workshop days except the final one.

**12:00-13:00 Lunch**

**13:00-13:50 Invited Talk by Prof. S. N. Srihari**

“Machine Learning in Questioned Handwriting Examination”  
*Prof. S. N. Srihari, State University of New York at Buffalo, USA*

**13:50-14:40 Signature Verification and Writer Identification I**

Using HMM Based Recognizers for Writer Identification and Verification  
*A. Schlapbach and H. Bunke*

Ink-Deposition Model: The Relation of Writing and Ink Deposition Processes  
*K. Franke and S. Rose*

**14:40-15:05 Coffee Break**

**15:05-16:45 Handwriting Analysis and Gesture Recognition II**

Recovering Dynamic Information from Static Handwritten Images

*Y. Qiao and M. Yasuhara*

A Saliency-Based Multiscale Method for On-Line Cursive Handwriting Shape Description

*C. De Stefano, M. Garruto, and A. Marcelli*

Writer Dependent Online Handwriting Generation with Bayesian Network

*H. Choi, S. J. Cho, and J. H. Kim*

Representation and Annotation of Online Handwritten Data

*A. S. Bhaskarabhatla, S. Madhvanath, M. N. S. S. K. Pavan Kumar, A. Balasubramanian, and C. V. Jawahar*

**16:45-17:10 Coffee Break**

**17:10-18:00 Document Analysis and Applications I**

Decompose-Threshold Approach to Handwriting Extraction in Degraded Historical Document Images

*Y. Chen and G. Leedham*

Text Line Segmentation in Handwritten Document Using a Production System

*S. Nicolas, T. Paquet, and L. Heutte*

**19:30-22:00 Banquet at Daiichi Hotel in Kichijoji**

**Oct. 28, Thursday**

**8:20-8:40 Morning Service**

**8:40-10:20 Signature Verification and Writer Identification II**

Recent Advancements in Automatic Signature Verification

*G. Dimauro, S. Impedovo, M. G. Lucchese, R. Modugno, and G. Pirlo*

Automatic Writer Identification Using Fragmented Connected-Component Contours

*L. Schomaker, M. Bulacu, and K. Franke*

ER<sup>2</sup>: An Intuitive Similarity Measure for On-Line Signature Verification

*H. Lei, S. Palla, and V. Govindaraju*

Handwriting Analysis for Writer Verification

*A. Bensefia, T. Paquet, and L. Heutte*

**10:20-10:45 Coffee Break**

**10:45-12:00 Handwriting Analysis and Gesture Recognition III**

Distinguishing Text from Graphics in On-Line Handwritten Ink

*C. M. Bishop, M. Svensén, and G. E. Hinton*

On-Line Handwritten Documents Segmentation

*J. Blanchard and T. Artières*

Learning to Parse Hierarchical Lists and Outlines Using Conditional Random Fields

*M. Ye and P. Viola*

**12:00-13:00 Lunch**

**13:00-14:30 Panel Discussion**

“The Present and Future of the Postal Automation System: In Quest of More Advanced Recognition Technology”

Guest panelists:

*Edward J. Kuebert, US Postal Service, USA*

*Dr. Gerhart Stöner, Deutsche Post World Net, Germany*  
*Joseph Ulvr, Canada Post Corporation, Canada*  
*Dave Evans, Royal Mail, UK*  
*Hideo Uchida, Japan Post, Japan*

**14:30-14:55 Coffee Break**

**14:55-16:10 Recognition of Word and Text II**

Comparing Natural and Synthetic Training Data for Off-Line Cursive Handwriting Recognition  
*T. Varga and H. Bunke*

Handwritten CAPTCHA: Using the Difference in the Abilities of Humans and Machines in Reading Handwritten Words  
*A. Rusu and V. Govindaraju*

Fast Two-Level HMM Decoding Algorithm for Large Vocabulary Handwriting Recognition  
*A. L. Koerich, R. Sabourin, and C. Y. Suen*

**16:10-16:35 Coffee Break**

**16:35-17:50 Document Analysis and Applications II**

Improving the Structuring Search Space Method for Accelerating Large Set Character Recognition  
*Y. Yang and M. Nakagawa*

An Empirical Study of Statistical Language Models for Contextual Post-Processing of Chinese Script Recognition  
*Y.-X. Li and C. L. Tan*

Spiral Recognition Methodology and Its Application for Recognition of Chinese Bank Checks  
*H. Tang, E. Augustin, C. Y. Suen, O. Baret, and M. Cheriet*

**Oct. 29, Friday**

**8:20-8:40 Morning Service**

**8:40-9:55 Classification Techniques III**

Unsupervised Feature Selection for Ensemble of Classifiers  
*M. Morita, L. S. Oliveira, and R. Sabourin*

Using Informational Confidence Values for Classifier Combination: An Experiment with Combined On-Line/Off-Line Japanese Character Recognition  
*S. Jaeger*

A Syntax-Directed Method for Numerical Field Extraction Using Classifier Combination  
*C. Chatelain, L. Heutte, and T. Paquet*

**9:55-10:20 Coffee Break**

**10:20-11:35 Document Analysis and Applications III**

D-Pen: A Digital Pen System for Public and Business Enterprises  
*N. Furukawa, H. Ikeda, Y. Kato, and H. Sako*

Effect of Recognition Errors on Information Retrieval Performance  
*A. Vinciarelli*

Document Retrieval System Tolerant of Segmentation Errors of Document Images  
*T. Nagasaki, T. Takahashi, and K. Marukawa*

**11:35-12:00 Wrap up and Farewell**

**12:30**

**Departure for the Bus Excursion**

## **Poster Session**

**Oct. 27, Wednesday: 10:00-12:00**

### **History and Future Prospects**

- P1: History of the International Workshops on Frontiers in Handwriting Recognition  
*S. Impedovo*

### **Segmentation and Preprocessing**

- P2: A Recognition Based System for Segmentation of Touching Handwritten Numeral Strings  
*Y. Lei, C. S. Liu, X. Q. Ding, and Q. Fu*
- P3: Global Shape Normalization for Handwritten Chinese Character Recognition: A New Method  
*C.-L. Liu and K. Marukawa*
- P4: Handwriting Segmentation of Unconstrained Oriya Text  
*N. Tripathy and U. Pal*
- P5: Machine-Printed from Handwritten Text Discrimination  
*E. Kavallieratou, S. Stamatatos, and H. Antonopoulou*
- P6: Automatic Segmentation of Unconstrained Handwritten Numeral Strings  
*J. Sadri, C. Y. Suen, and T. D. Bui*
- P7: Multi-window Binarization of Camera Image for Document Recognition  
*I.-J. Kim*
- P8: Local Slant Estimation for Handwritten English Words  
*Y. Ding, W. Ohyama, F. Kimura, and M. Shridhar*
- P9: Segmentation of Handwritten Numerals by Graph Representation  
*M. Suwa and S. Naoi*

### **Feature Extraction and Feature Selection**

- P10: Character Image Reconstruction from a Feature Space Using Shape Morphing and Genetic Algorithms  
*C. Iga and T. Wakahara*

- P11: Extraction of Hybrid Complex Wavelet Features for the Verification of Handwritten Numerals  
*P. Zhang, T. D. Bui, and C. Y. Suen*
- P12: Experimental Analysis of the Modified Direction Feature for Cursive Character Recognition  
*X. Y. Liu and M. Blumenstein*
- P13: Evaluation of Feature Sets in the Post Processing of Handwritten Pitman's Shorthand  
*S. M. Htwe, C. Higgins, G. Leedham, and M. Yang*
- P14: An Optimized Hill Climbing Algorithm for Feature Subset Selection: Evaluation on Handwritten Character Recognition  
*C. M. Nunes, A. de S. Britto Jr., C. A. A. Kaestner, and R. Sabourin*
- P15: Foreground and Background Information in an HMM-Based Method for Recognition of Isolated Characters and Numeral Strings  
*A. de S. Britto Jr., R. Sabourin, F. Bortolozzi, and C. Y. Suen*
- P16: A New Series of Rotation Invariant Moments Derived by Lie Transformation Group Theory  
*T. Sakata, R. Nishii, T. S. Chin, and R. Sawae*

### **Character Recognition**

- P17: The Reduction of Memory and the Improvement of Recognition Rate for HMM On-Line Handwriting Recognition  
*D. Funada, D. Muramatsu, and T. Matsumoto*
- P18: Pattern Recognition by Distributed Coding: Test and Analysis of the Power Space Similarity Method  
*T. Kobayashi and M. Nakagawa*
- P19: Application of Fuzzy Logic to Online Recognition of Handwritten Symbols  
*J. A. Fitzgerald, F. Geiselbrechtinger, and T. Kechadi*
- P20: A Generic Approach for On-Line Handwriting Recognition  
*S. Marukatat, T. Artières, and P. Gallinari*
- P21: Learning HMM Structure for On-line Handwriting Modelization  
*H. Binszok and T. Artières*
- P22: Diversity-Performance Relationship in a Handwriting Recognition System Based on Bit-Plane Decomposition  
*S. Chindaro, K. Sirlantzis, M. C. Fairhurst, and S. Hoque*

P23: On the Choice of Training Set, Architecture and Combination Rule of Multiple MLP Classifiers for Multiresolution Recognition of Handwritten Characters  
*U. Bhattacharya, S. Vajda, A. Mallick, B. B. Chaudhuri, and A. Belaid*

### **Asian Character Recognition**

P24: A Method to Accelerate Writer Adaptation for On-Line Handwriting Recognition of a Large Character Set  
*A. Nakamura*

P25: An Off-Line Recognition Method of Handwritten Primitive Manchu Characters Based on Strokes  
*G. Zhang, J. Li, R. He, and A. Wang*

P26: Online Handwriting Recognition for Tamil  
*K. H. Aparna, V. Subramanian, M. Kasirajan, G. Vijay Prakash, V. S. Chakravarthy, and S. Madhvanath*

P27: Comparison of Elastic Matching Algorithms for Online Tamil Handwritten Character Recognition  
*N. Joshi, G. Sita, A. G. Ramakrishnan, and S. Madhvanath*

P28: The Clustering Technique for Thai Handwritten Recognition  
*I. Methasate and S. Sae-tang*

### **Word Recognition and Linguistic Approaches**

P29: Stability Measure of Entropy Estimate and Its Application to Language Model Evaluation  
*J. Kim, S. Ryu, and J. H. Kim*

P30: Lexicon Organization and String Edit Distance Learning for Lexical Post-Processing in Handwriting Recognition  
*S. Carbonnel and É. Anquetil*

P31: Combination of Contextual Information for Handwritten Word Recognition  
*G. Koch, T. Paquet, and L. Heutte*

P32: Signature and Lexicon Pruning Techniques  
*S. Palla, H. Lei, and V. Govindaraju*

P33: Rejection Strategies for Handwritten Word Recognition  
*A. L. Koerich*

P34: An Activation-Verification Model for On-Line Texts Recognition  
*L. Oudot, L. Prevost, and M. Milgram*

### **Signature Verification and Writer Identification**

P35: The Repeatability of Signatures  
*R. M. Guest*

P36: An Off-Line Signature Verification Method Based on the Questioned Document Expert's Approach and a Neural Network Classifier  
*C. Santos, E. J. R. Justino, F. Bortolozzi, and R. Sabourin*

P37: Selection of Points for On-Line Signature Comparison  
*M. Wirotnius, J.-Y. Ramel, and N. Vincent*

P38: An Effective Writer Verification Algorithm Using Negative Samples  
*X. Wang and X. Ding*

### **Applications**

P39: Generation and Analysis of Handwriting Script with the Beta-Elliptic Model  
*H. Bezine, A. M. Alimi, and N. Sherkat*

P40: A Fast HMM Algorithm Based on Stroke Lengths for On-Line Recognition of Handwritten Music Scores  
*Y. Mitobe, H. Miyao, and M. Maruyama*

P41: Handwritten Address Interpretation System Allowing for Non-use of Postal Codes and Omission of Address Elements  
*T. Akiyama, D. Nishiwaki, E. Ishidera, K. Kondoh, M. Hayashi, and T. Yamauchi*

P42: Handwriting-Based Learning Materials on a Tablet PC: A Prototype and Its Practical Studies in an Elementary School  
*N. Iwayama, K. Akiyama, H. Tanaka, H. Tamura, and K. Ishigaki*

P43: Handwritten Chinese Address Recognition  
*C. Wang, Y. Hotta, M. Suwa, and S. Naoi*

P44: A Search Method for On-Line Handwritten Text Employing Writing-Box-Free Handwriting Recognition  
*H. Oda, A. Kitadai, M. Onuma, and M. Nakagawa*

P45: Base Color Recognition by Tetragonal Regression for Overlapped Watercolors  
*T. Terai, S. Mizuno, and M. Okada*

- P46: PATRAM—A Handwritten Word Processor for Indian Languages  
*K. Madduri, K. H. Aparna, and V. S. Chakravarthy*
- P47: The WANDAML Markup Language for Digital Document Annotation  
*K. Franke, I. Guyon, L. Schomaker, and L. Vuurpijl*
- P48: Recognition and Grouping of Handwritten Text in Diagrams and Equations  
*M. Shilman, P. Viola, and K. Chellapilla*
- P49: Use of Chatroom Abbreviations and Shorthand Symbols in Pen Computing  
*W. B. Huber, S.-H. Cha, C. C. Tappert, and V. L. Hanson*
- P50: A System towards Indian Postal Automation  
*K. Roy, S. Vajda, U. Pal, and B. B. Chaudhuri*
- P51: Verifying the UNIPEN Devset  
*L. Vuurpijl, R. Niels, M. van Erp, L. Schomaker, and E. Ratzlaff*
- P52: A Study on Decision Rule for Japanese Dictation Test  
*M. Shi, W. Ohyama, T. Wakabayashi, and F. Kimura*
- P53: Mode Detection and Incremental Recognition  
*S. Rossignol, D. Willems, A. Neumann, and L. Vuurpijl*

**End of Program**