

# Detection and Extraction of Text and sign from Traffic Panel Exploitation Perceptive Rework and OCR

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**Abstract**— Traffic panel and Road signs area unit necessary infrastructures for safe driving. during this paper, we tend totake care of extraction of data from traffic panel image obtained by a mobile. Our approach starts with image pre-processing and binarization. The propose approach is predicated on inexperienced color segmentation technique to find the traffic panel, a way for edge detection and geometrical properties. If panel isn't correct aligned then perspective rework is use To extract text from panel OCR is apply, we tend to reason the previous chances of all the words and make dynamic wordbook, it'sstrong with reference to totally different font sizes, font colors', and background complexities. To find the road sign we tend to use Hough circle technique and guide matching as output it'llshow road sign with its name. To extract text from traffic panel from video frame we tend to use window approach as spacial extension to BOVW.

**Keyword**—Bag of visual words (BOVW),SIFT Descriptors, Houghcircle, Perspective transform.

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## I. Introduction:

The purpose of traffic sign detection and recognition is becoming feasible. New models of vehicles already come equipped with systems which offer automatic detection and recognition of traffic Panel and signs. Information about the route and distance are provided by Traffic panels. Different shape of panel are used to show different traffic information such as rectangular panel having green background is commonly used to show direction of any place route and distance. Circular panel use to show speedlimit. There are many panels on the roads that can be confused with traffic panels, like advertisement panels



**Figure1. (a)Traffic panel (b) Straight prohibited(c) Speed limit sign.**Fig1. Show the distinction between traffic panel and traffic sign. The foremost well-known service is Street read service is provided by Google. Text extraction from pictures may be a difficult drawback as a result of text signs and color suffering from natural calamities, pictures suffer from blurring if they take from moving vehicle through improper shooting angle. There are several panel having sign and text each thus to separate text and sign from the background Object localization is use. Sliding window approach is use to search out the spatial relations between objects in a picture.

In this paper, we tend to gift associate degree approach that enables police investigation panel, and extracting texts and sign from traffic panel having inexperienced and white background. The approach is being with preprocessing of image, extract attribute of image together with font size,

color, texture. Color segmentation algorithmic rule is use to find the inexperienced and white panel. A dynamic word book is formed that contain the words associated with location and traffic info. We've got taken SIFT (Single Invariant Feature Transform) systems as a start line to spot and extract the text. if any alphabet is missing from word then that word is match with word that is keep in info and proper word are show on screen

The paper is organized as follows. Section II gives an Overview of related work. Section III Methodology. Section IV concludes the paper and outlines areas for future research

## II. Related work

Several ways for text detection and recognition in pictures and videos are projected within the past. Amit pimpalkar, etal [1] projected the system that uses spacial extension to BOVW .to acknowledge text and proper it , they reason the previous chances of all the words and build dynamic wordbook. They used OCR (Optical Character Recognition) for text extraction. To find the precise traffic panel ,inexperienced color segmentation was use with specific threshold

A. Reina, et.al. [2] projected approach to find traffic panels by victimisation blue and white colours segmentation. These candidates were classified in step with their form by methodology correlating the radial signature of their FFT (Fast Fourier Transform) with the pattern reminiscent of rectangular form. For a picture transformation homography was administrated to correct the angular deviation of the panel in a picture. Finally, to classify each character and image SVM classifier is applied on the grey-scale image. H. Gómez-Moreno, et.al [3] bestowed the segmentation ways which will be classified into edge detection, color-space thresholding and achromatic/chromatic decomposition. The segmentation rule consist four stages.1) Segmentation 2) Detection 3) Recognition 4) trailing. For color segmentation SVMs was wont to offer higher result. Best ways were Ohta or RGB Normalized that were normalized with reference to illumination and no want of

improvement once it used with (HSI) Hue Saturation Intensity areas.

Bram Alefs et.al.[4] bestowed a system for detection road sign from panel supported edge orientation histograms. this technique are often able to find eighty fifth of the objects from dimension of twelve pixels and ninety fifth for objects of dimension of twenty four pixels at a coffee warning rate. Edge orientation histograms are often calculated expeditiously victimization integral pictures and that they area unit static for tiny variations in rotation and position. It indicate the employment of native indicators in same manner as weak classifiers for AdaBoost.

W. Wu, et.al [5] projected a technique to find text gift traffic panels from video. In this, 2 rules were use. 1) Apply a divide-and-conquer strategy to divide the only task into 2 subtasks. 2) find text from every video frame by combining (2D) two-dimensional image options with the (3-D)three-dimensional geometric structure info of objects that was extracted from video sequence. To extract the region of same color k-means rule was used and traffic panel candidates were detected by looking for flat regions perpendicular to the camera axis.

Shiraz,et.al [6] projected methodology for beholding by combining (ASIFT) affine scale invariant feature rework and a district merging rule. ASIFT was a completely affine invariant rule which means options area unit invariant to 6 affine parameters like 2 camera axis orientations zoom, translation and rotation. The options gave study key points which will be used for matching between totally different pictures of Associate in Nursing object.

A. Adam, et.al [7] bestowed new methodology a circular Hough rework for the detection and classification of road signs. A circular Hough rework was applied to complete detection taking advantage of the form properties of the road signs. The regions of interest area unit finally diagrammatic victimization HOG descriptors and area unit fed into trained Support Vector Machines (SVMs) so as to be recognized. several experiments are conducted to live the potency of the projected methodology particularly below adverse atmospheric condition and poor illumination.

Ashish Emmanue et.al [8] bestowed Associate in Nursing best Text Recognition and Translation System for sensible phone. Any language are often regenerate into the other language .Genetic algorithms were wont to method the image to maximize the standard for text conversion from image. the scale of processed image is reduced and also the image segmentation helps in reducing it any therefore holding to use multiple asynchronous makes an attempt for translating text.

Javier Ortiz , et.al [9] projecte da unique approach victimization dynamic windows supported events. At each step It adjusts the window size and also the shift dynamically. The dynamic window approach provides correct models victimization abundant fewer range of learning dynamically instances and options. in order thatit'd be evaluated and also the instances are going to be processed quicker. This makes this approach appropriate to be used on-line and in things wherever computation times area unit vital. Methodology

### III. Methodology

The propose system is to sight the traffic panel and extract the knowledge (text) gift hereon, our complete implementation has been written within the JAVA programming language, that permits the code to run in parallel on heterogonous platforms . Traffic panel detected by victimisation image segmentation for inexperienced and background colours Color-based segmentation is use that relies on a thresholding of the input image in some color area.

Sign and Text area unit thought of as a feature that's extract from panel by victimisation the Harris stargazer salient purpose detector. quick Filter methodology is use to get rid of noise or irrelevant feature. OCR is use to extract the text however extracted text could or might not be blurred or some character area unit erased it'll recover by making information that computes and store the previous chances of all the words. This There area unit some panels with uniform inexperienced backgrounds within the image with letters within them, thus system can think about them as traffic panels generating false positives. Panels area unit validatory victimisation sensitivity and specification defines as:

$$\text{Sensitivity} = \frac{TP}{TP+FN} \quad (1)$$

$$\text{Specificity} = \frac{TN}{TN+FP} \quad (2)$$

TP:- True Positive      TN:- True Negative  
FP:- False Positive      FN:- False Negative

The sensitivity shown in equation (1) relates to the system's ability to search out positive samples and also the specificity shown in equation (2) relates to the system's ability to search out negative samples, If detected panel is traffic panel then it's true positive. If panel is advertisement panel then it's false positive. If panel is gift in frame or image however it's not detected by system then it's True negative. If we would like to sight traffic panel from video frame then it use window approach to search out the placement of text and sign from video frame to recognized data .We use multiframe integration at every single frame

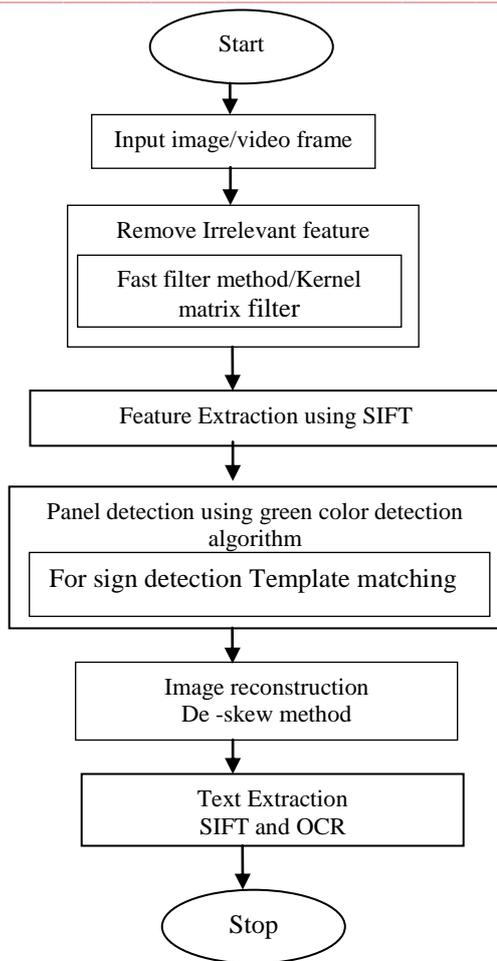


Figure 2: Data flow diagram of proposed system

**Image acquisition**

The input to system is still image or video frame taken by camera or mobile camera. Preprocessing done on Image to enhance it. In this kernel matrix filter is apply on image to smooth it by using some. threshold value. if threshold value is increased the image will be more smooth.



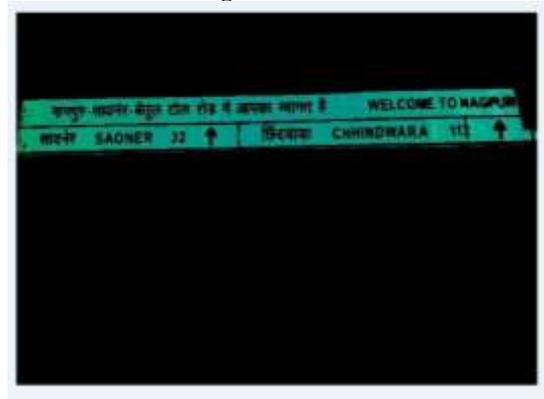
Figure 3: Select image

**Color segmentation**

In image segmentation an image is separated into different parts so that it easily separate and view as individual objects. The segmentation process is based on various features which is extracted in preprocessing. feature may be color information used to create histograms, pixels information indicate edges or boundaries or texture information. We use green color segmentation algorithm to detect the traffic panel. In this algorithm first we store the reference green

color in variable and define the limit of window height and window width. also we define color threshold for each pixel in window we calculate distance between two pixel, if distance is less than color threshold then pixel consider as green pixel. In this way only green panel is detected by using green segmentation algorithm.

Figure 4. Detected traffic panel using color segmentation.



If the detected panel is tilted as show in figure 5, then Perspective transform is use to make it straight because OCR is not work on tilted text.

Algorithm for perceptive Transform

1. Get the Edges with Canny Edge detector.
2. Detect lines with hough transform
3. Get corners by finding intersection between lines.
4. Check if approximate polygon curve has 4 vertices.
5. Determine Top-left , Bottom-left, Top-right, Bottom right.
6. Apply Perspective Transform.



Figure 5. Tilted Text

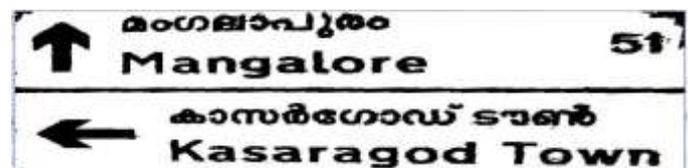


Figure 6. output of Perceptive transform

### Text Extraction

Once the panel is detected next objective is to extract the text from panel. Optical character recognition (OCR) is use to extract the information but the limitation is that if panel is tilted then text is not extracted ,so De-skew method apply if the document was not aligned, it may need to be tilted with few degree clockwise or counterclockwise in order to make lines of text perfectly horizontal or vertical. Once the panel objects are detected, a character recognition method is applied. First, we used SIFT keypoints to describe alphabetic characters, numbers. It consider a geometric frame of four parameters the key point center coordinates x and y, its radius and its orientation angle. For symmetrical character and number, we have left out the orientation angle, to avoid wrong recognition of characters. SIFT keypoints of panel are extracted from a set of reference images and the corresponding descriptor vectors are stored in a database. A character or symbol is recognized in a new image by comparing each feature vector from the new image to the database and finding candidate matching features based on Euclidean distance of their feature vectors.



Figure7. Output of OCR

### Sign detection

The road signs detection and classification based on color based detection, to locate regions of interest. A circular Hough transform is applied on complete detection with the shape properties of the road signs. Sign objects are selecting by thresholding. For thresholding color image is converted into HIS (Hue – Saturation – Intensity) color space. Hough transform creates a binary image, each pixels has values above a predefined threshold are set value 1, and all the others are set to 0.value for Hue component range between 0 to 360 and for the Saturation component between 0-255. Global thresholds are used as -  $H < 22$  or  $H > 306$  and  $S > 38$  for the red color A median filter is applied to the binary images in order to eliminate noise. shape based detection is applied in order to separate traffic signs. Shape based detection use circular Hough transform algorithm that identifies circular curves. A circle is mathematically expressed as  $(x-x_1)^2 + (y-y_1)^2 = r^2$   $x_1, x_2$  is center of circle and  $r_2$  is radius of circle.

To extract HOG descriptors, an image is separated into blocks, which are formed by overlapping cells. Each cell includes non-overlapping pixels and each cell a 1-D histogram of edges orientation is derived. Orientation angles are quantized into bins and for each pixel a vote is assigned to the appropriate bin to which the orientation value belongs and this vote is weighted by the magnitude.

To detect the triangular traffic sign panel we use template matching algorithm.

1. Find the intensity gradient of image.  
Magnitude= $\sqrt{\quad}$   
Direction= $\text{invtan}(Gy/Gx)$
2. Apply non-maximum suppression
3. Do Hysteresis Threshold.
4. Save the Data set.



Figure 8. Sign detected using Template matching



Left\_reverse\_bend

Figure9. Sign detected with information

### IV. Conclusion

This paper with success discover traffic panel and extract data mechanically from panel by applying numerous techniques like image conversion, vertical and horizontal panel detection, image reorientation, field extension, traffic sign detection mistreatment descriptor and guide matching methodology. a whole methodology for traffic panel, road sign detection and recognition is given by contemplate existing difficulties. attention is given on potency of representing region of interest by HOG descriptors. The results square measure satisfying and it's been shown that HOG descriptors square measure honest for representing the image. pictures taken by camera suffer from illumination result, low distinction, and shadows on the panel, these panels square measure properly detected thanks to color segmentation threshold and perspective remodel. For video frame this work improve recognition rate because it window approach. The algorithm is implemented using Java language-based Open CV Library.

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