# Discovering Visual Element Evolutions for Historical document dating

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## **Basic assumption:**

Visual element patterns are strongly correlated with temporal information.







# Writing styles undergo a gradual, continuous change.













### Questions?

(1) How to extract visual elements? (word? character? grapheme?)

(2) How to model the gradual and continuous change?(regression?)



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#### MPS data set:

The MPS data were carefully evaluated as regards their ground truth (year of origin) by experienced historians/paleographers (Petros Samara and Jan Burgers). The data sets are spaced 25 years apart, from 1300 to 1550 A.D., under the assumption that style evaluation is not taking place at a much faster pace.



### Visual elements:

Word: not always appear in each document hard to segment

Character: not every character is style-sensitive hard to segment

Grapheme: shared with different characters easy to segment

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Histogram of orientations of handwritten stroke descriptor (HOHS):



Scale-invariant Orientation information Robust to degradations Histogram of orientations of handwritten stroke descriptor (HOHS):



Patches with different number of rings (red circles). Therefore, we set 3 (blue circle) to build the HOHS descriptor.

#### Stroke shape elements:



### Self-organizing map (SOM):



A cluster method preserves the topology of visual element with two steps:

1, Competitive step: only one cell or local group of cells at a time gives the active response to the current input.

2, Cooperative step: Any neurons who are the neighbors of the BMU are updated their weights to preserve the topological order.

### Self-organizing map (SOM):



### Question:



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#### Evolution self-organizing map (ESOM):



#### Learning From Neighbors



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#### Framework:



Results:

#### MAE: mean absolute error CS : cumulative score

Method	MAE	STD	$CS(\alpha=25)$
Random Guess	85.3	58.5	25.7%
[5]	35.4	32.9	63.5%
[8]	22.4	-	77.5%
Proposed	17.0	29.1	85.1%

#### Multiple-label clustering (TIP2016)



#### Next step:

#### The project is closed! The data set is open!

#### Public on Monk system:

http://application02.target.rug.nl/monk/Projects/MPS/Download/index.html

#### **README first**

#### MD5 checksum

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1	MPS1300-ppm.tar.gz	650558f7437eb7ea8502455ad527d295	310M
2	<u>MPS1325-ppm.tar.gz</u>	22b81c6dc2983d9576855729eac0add5	528M
3	<u>MPS1350-ppm.tar.gz</u>	c6ad66196ead086c8d48ac28ea88ed16	716M
4	MPS1375-ppm.tar.gz	43e439173397bb33eda09aa1a1ab6898	1.5G
5	<u>MPS1400-ppm.tar.gz</u>	c8499d55277eff557ffc9d4f3f756fbd	1.1G
6	MPS1425-ppm.tar.gz	68ea5940ff7608f90d7397e902670665	1.7G
7	<u>MPS1450-ppm.tar.gz</u>	b6ec683651c52685dba2bc8a72c902eb	3.1G
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9	<u>MPS1500-ppm.tar.gz</u>	5d405444f6a1dcac76db4f5ec129ad8e	2.8G
10	MPS1525-ppm.tar.gz	da06451e577b7d762411c9661f60d04f	1.8G
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The MD5 checksum was computed with Linux tool md5sum

Thanks for your attention! Questions ?

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