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ILLUSTRATE THE PEAKS WITH THRESHOLDING VALUE FOR IMAGE “شعال”

Threshold value	Maximum peaks values (x,y)		Minimum peaks values (x,y)	
	CC No1	CC No2	CC No1	CC No2
2	30 66 97 112	138 126 199 82 240 79 256 68 270 81	52 33	149 55 211 56 246 58 262 59
8	30 66 97 112	138 126 199 82 270 79	52 33	149 55 211 56
18	97 112	138 126 199 82 270 81	0	149 55 211 56
28	97 112	138 126 199 82	0	149 55
38	97 112	138 126	0	0

According to [20] Table 3 illustrates the minimum peaks as the location of segmentation points of connected components after confirmed by his algorithm. As illustrated in Table 3 in minimum peaks of connected component No one the algorithm is not confirmed all points; because the connected component is one character.

TABLE III

ILLUSTRATE THE MINIMUM PEAKS AS LOCATION OF SEGMENTATION POINTS

Threshold value	Base-line value	Minimum peaks CC No1		Minimum peaks CC No2	
		CSP	Notes	CSP	Notes
2	56	52 33	Not confirmed	149 55 211 56 246 58 262 59	Not confirmed
8	56	52 33	Not confirmed	149 55 211 56	confirmed
18	56	0	Not confirmed	149 55 211 56	confirmed
28	56	0	Not confirmed	149 55	Not confirmed
38	56	0	Not confirmed	0	Not confirmed

Where the algorithm confirmed for two times in connected component no two; where the threshold value it is between 8 and 18, and not confirmed by others; which are lead to over-segmentation or under segmentation.

The experiment was carried out on various images, and there were noted disparity issues in the text size, low quality, Non-uniform illumination, low contrast and thin stroke lines between texts and background as shown in Table 4 below. Table 5 will show the comparison between MLP-ANN, and two others classifiers as Random forest (RF), RIDOR Rule (RDR) classifiers using same features (EDMS).

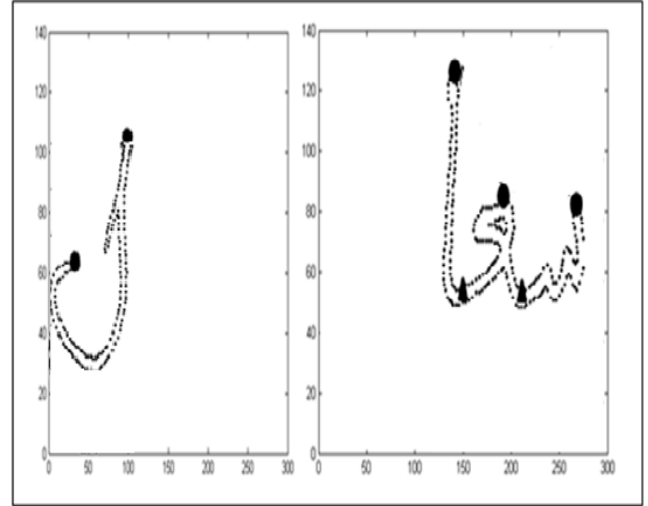


Fig. 6 Shown two main connected components without dots “شعال”

TABLE IV

EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS FROM THE PROPOSED METHOD

Classifiers	Features	DATA SETS			
		IFENENT	ACDAR	AHDB	AHDB_FTR
MLP-ANN	EDMS	97.77%	91.10%	92.62%	90.69%

TABLE V

COMPARISON RESULTS WITH MLP-ANN ON EDMS FEATURES

Classifiers	Features	DATA SETS			
		IFENENT	ACDAR	AHDB	AHDB_FTR
RF	EDMS	93.96%	85.64%	90.91%	89.76%
RDR	EDMS	90.17%	77.72%	89.09%	85.11%

#### A. Comparing Results with Others

This method should be compared with previous methods using other techniques to know the difference between them and contrast recognition results. Therefore, a comparison of this method is drawn with Al Hamad [10] method, and Abu Ain [24] methodology while utilizing similar datasets (ACDAR) in their experimentations. The scores of the classification accuracies and the average precise segmentation correspondingly are 97.77% and 89.87%.

Vertical projection histogram that utilized the text skeleton rather than using the original text image is found considerable for the identification of segmentation points in the methodology of Al-Hamad. This methodology reports the rate of average precise segmentation as 82.98%. Another methodology of the Advance Strokes Labeling Based on Direction Feature (ASLDF) is given for the segmentation of

Abu-Ain. The modified vertical projection histogram and the ASLDF are utilized for the interpretation of segmentation points as given in this methodology. With this view, the average precise segmentation accuracy rate is given as 92.45% with the validation of the recommended set of Arabic language comprising of structural-rules that further endows with segmentation points of lesser respondents.

The segmentation points are identified with the transformed vertical projection histogram and the text skeleton that are contrary to the Al-Hamad and Abu-Ain methodologies. With this view, segmentation points of a larger number of candidates are endowed as given in the neural networks and direction features through validations. The two prior methodologies are disparate whereas this methodology is utilized to detect the connected components as there is one character or more than one to reduce the time for segmentation and avoid over-segmentation. If the connected component is more than one character after

determining the maximum and minimum peaks for detection, the connected components can also be used with the minimum peak for detecting the segmentation point truth from the skeleton point on the baseline for connected components.

The corroboration of segmentation points comprising of the 95.60% and 82.26% as average categorization accuracy rate is done through a neural-based categorization procedure implemented on the segmented characters of Abu-Ain and Al-Hamad correspondingly. This is done by putting every segmented character into a predefined set that already comprised of Arabic character shapes.

Table 6 indicates the comparison of the proposed characters' segmentation method results with Abu Ain and Al Hamad method for each writer with Correct, under, and over segmentation measurement criteria to obtain averages for all writers.

TABLE VI  
COMPARISON OF THE PROPOSED CHARACTERS SEGMENTATION METHOD RESULTS WITH ABU AIN AND AL-HAMAD METHOD

Writer	Correct Segmentation			Under-segmentation			Over-segmentation		
	Proposed	Abu Ain	Al Hamad	Proposed	Abu Ain	Al Hamad	Proposed	Abu Ain	Al Hamad
1	95.36%	94.98%	85.34%	4.63%	3.85%	4.89%	0.2%	1.43%	9.77%
2	91.48%	90.40%	81.02%	8.51%	4.80%	4.22%	0.4%	4.80%	14.7%
3	94.36%	87.30%	82.17%	5.63%	7.14%	2.33%	0.4%	5.56%	15.5%
4	93.1%	87.64%	87.38%	6.89%	10.8%	3.24%	0.5%	1.54%	9.39%
5	89.39%	90.98%	81.79%	10.6%	6.77%	7.28%	0.3%	2.26%	10.4%
6	90.01%	93.10%	80.45%	10%	4.60%	5.67%	0.6%	2.30%	13.8%
7	88.89%	96.98%	84.29%	11.11%	2.64%	2.88%	0.2%	0.38%	12.8%
8	89.61%	91.85%	81.14%	10.38%	3.70%	8%	0.4%	4.44%	10.8%
9	90.78%	96.89%	80%	9.21%	1.56%	3.38%	0.4%	1.56%	16.6%
10	91.22%	94.35%	87.38%	8.77%	5.65%	4.32%	0.4%	0.01%	8.31%
AVG	<b>91.42%</b>	<b>92.45%</b>	<b>82.98%</b>	<b>8.57%</b>	<b>5.15%</b>	<b>4.6%</b>	<b>0.38%</b>	<b>2.43%</b>	<b>12.4%</b>

In the Table 6 comparison of the results noted the proposed accuracy i.e. less than the Abu Ain method for correct segmentation because the proposed method depends on the connected component and the ACDAR dataset have some problems for some characters like ط, ك; these are two characters whereas its more characters to the problem of suffering adjudicated usually consists of two parts in the word, although in one character. This affects the process of taking the features and recognize also. Fig. 7. shows the problems of both characters where the proposed method depends on the connected components then it will deal with these as these are the two connected components. This case led to the obstacle for features' extractions and classifiers; this affected on accuracy rate in correct segmentation and under segmentation.

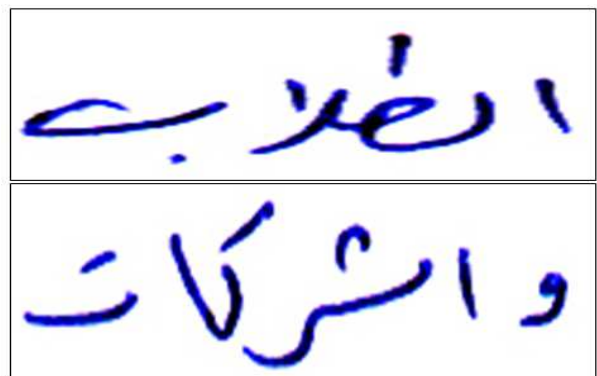


Fig. 7 The problems of suffering adjudicated like "ط", and "ك"

#### IV. CONCLUSION

For the better result to be realized in character recognition, there should be a perfect technique in the segmentation point detection. There should be new techniques to detect potential segmentation points by use of peaks detection, neural network and baseline to segment every word and sub-words into simpler characters. The EDMS features and MLP-ANN techniques have experimentally shown that its accuracy validity is 97.77% in regard to performance.

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