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PAPER EVALUATION USING ARTIFICIAL INTELIGENCE

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ABSTRACT

The evaluation of student answer sheets is a time-consuming and labor-intensive process, especially in large-scale examinations. This project presents an automated system for evaluating both multiple-choice questions (MCQ) and subjective answer sheets using Artificial Intelligence (AI), Optical Character Recognition (OCR), and image processing techniques. The system allows users to upload scanned images of answer sheets, which are then processed to extract textual and visual information. For MCQ evaluation, image processing techniques are applied to detect marked answers, which are then compared with the correct answers to calculate the score. Correct responses are highlighted using visual indicators, improving result transparency. For subjective answer evaluation, the system utilizes OCR to convert handwritten or printed text from scanned images into machine-readable format. The extracted answers are then compared with the predefined correct answers using a machine learning algorithm, specifically the K-Nearest Neighbors (KNN) algorithm, to determine similarity and assign scores. This approach enables automated and consistent grading, reducing human bias and errors. The system is implemented as a web-based application with modules for user registration, login, MCQ evaluation, and subjective answer evaluation. Experimental results demonstrate that the system can achieve high accuracy in evaluating both objective and subjective answers, with reliable scoring outputs. However, performance may vary depending on image quality and handwriting clarity. Overall, the project highlights the potential of integrating AI, OCR, and image processing to automate academic evaluation processes, making them faster, more efficient, and scalable.

Keywords: Artificial Intelligence, OCR, Image Processing, KNN Algorithm, Automated Evaluation, MCQ Evaluation, Subjective Answer Analysis, Machine Learning.

I.INTRODUCTION

The traditional method of evaluating student answer sheets is often time-consuming, labor-intensive, and prone to human errors,

especially in large-scale examinations. With the increasing number of students and exams, manual evaluation becomes inefficient and inconsistent. To address these challenges, Artificial Intelligence (AI) has emerged as a powerful tool for automating academic assessment processes. This project focuses on developing an intelligent system that can evaluate both multiple-choice and subjective answer sheets using advanced technologies such as Optical Character Recognition (OCR), image processing, and machine learning. By automating the evaluation process, the system reduces workload, improves accuracy, and ensures fairness in grading.

The system integrates multiple technologies to handle different types of question formats. For MCQ evaluation, image processing techniques are used to detect marked answers from scanned answer sheets. These detected answers are then compared with predefined correct answers to calculate scores. For subjective evaluation, OCR technology is employed to extract textual content from scanned images of handwritten or printed answers. The extracted text is then processed using machine learning algorithms, specifically K-Nearest Neighbors (KNN), to measure similarity between the student's answer and the correct answer. This approach allows the system to assign scores based on content relevance and accuracy, making it suitable for evaluating descriptive answers.

The application is designed as a web-based system with modules for user registration, login, MCQ evaluation, and subjective answer evaluation. Users can upload answer sheets and receive instant results along with visual feedback. Despite its effectiveness, the system faces challenges such as handling poor image quality and diverse handwriting styles. However, with further improvements and integration of advanced AI models, the system can be enhanced to provide even more accurate and reliable evaluations. Overall, this project demonstrates the potential of AI in transforming traditional examination systems into efficient and automated solutions.

II SURVEY OF RESEARCH

The study by R. Smith (2007) [1] introduced Optical Character Recognition (OCR) techniques for extracting text from scanned documents. The methodology involves image preprocessing, segmentation, and character recognition. Results showed that OCR systems can accurately convert printed text into machine-readable format. However, handwritten text recognition remains challenging due to variations in writing styles. This research forms the foundation for extracting textual data from scanned answer sheets in the proposed system.

The work by R. C. Gonzalez and R. E. Woods (2008) [2] focused on digital image processing techniques. The methodology includes image

enhancement, filtering, and object detection to analyze visual data. Results demonstrated effective detection of patterns and shapes in images. However, image noise and poor quality can affect accuracy. This study supports the MCQ evaluation module, where marked answers are detected using image processing.

The study by T. Cover and P. Hart (1967) [3] introduced the K-Nearest Neighbors (KNN) algorithm for classification tasks. The methodology is based on measuring similarity between data points using distance metrics. Results showed that KNN is simple and effective for pattern recognition problems. However, it is sensitive to noisy data and requires proper feature selection. This algorithm is used in the proposed system for evaluating subjective answers.

The research by Y. LeCun et al. (2015) [4] highlighted the importance of deep learning in pattern recognition. The methodology uses neural networks to learn complex data representations. Results showed significant improvements in image and text processing tasks. However, deep learning models require large datasets and high computational power. This research suggests possible future improvements for the system.

The study by T. M. Mitchell (1997) [5] explored machine learning techniques for predictive analysis. The methodology includes supervised learning models for classification and regression. Results demonstrated improved accuracy in automated decision-making systems. However, model performance depends on data quality. This research supports the implementation of AI-based evaluation methods.

The work by I. Goodfellow et al. (2016) [6] discussed deep learning frameworks for advanced AI applications. The methodology involves training neural networks on large datasets to improve accuracy. Results showed superior performance compared to traditional algorithms. However, complexity and resource requirements are high. This study highlights future directions for enhancing automated evaluation systems.

III. WORKING METHODOLOGY

The proposed system follows a structured approach to automate the evaluation of student answer sheets using Artificial Intelligence, OCR, and image processing techniques. Initially, the process begins with user interaction through a web-based interface, where users register and log in securely. Once authenticated, users can choose between MCQ evaluation and subjective answer evaluation modules. For both modules, the system accepts scanned images of answer sheets as input. These images are preprocessed using image processing techniques such as noise removal, resizing, and grayscale conversion to enhance clarity and improve accuracy. This

preprocessing step ensures that the input data is suitable for further analysis and reduces errors during text extraction and answer detection.

In the MCQ evaluation module, the system applies image processing techniques to detect marked answers from the scanned paper. It identifies filled circles or selected options and compares them with the predefined correct answers stored in the system. Based on this comparison, the system calculates the total score and highlights correct answers with green indicators and incorrect ones with red indicators. This visual feedback helps users easily understand the evaluation results. The system ensures fast and accurate grading of objective-type questions, significantly reducing manual effort and time required for evaluation.

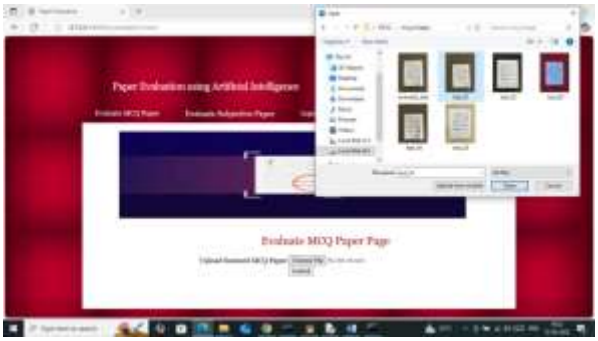
In the subjective answer evaluation module, the system uses OCR technology to extract text from scanned images of handwritten or printed answers. The extracted text is then processed using the K-Nearest Neighbors (KNN) algorithm to measure similarity between the student's answer and the correct answer provided by the user. Based on the similarity score, the system assigns marks and calculates the overall percentage. The results are displayed instantly to the user through the interface. Although the system performs efficiently, factors such as handwriting quality and image clarity can affect accuracy. Future enhancements may include advanced deep learning models to improve text recognition and evaluation accuracy.

IV RESULTS EXPLANATIONS

In this paper we are utilizing OCR, Image Processing and Artificial Intelligence algorithms like KNN to evaluate student answer with correct answer to compute scoring marks. In propose work user can upload scanned subjective or multiple choice question papers and then image processing and OCR technique will be applied to extract answers and then apply Artificial Intelligence algorithm to calculate scoring percentage based on correct answer and student answer.

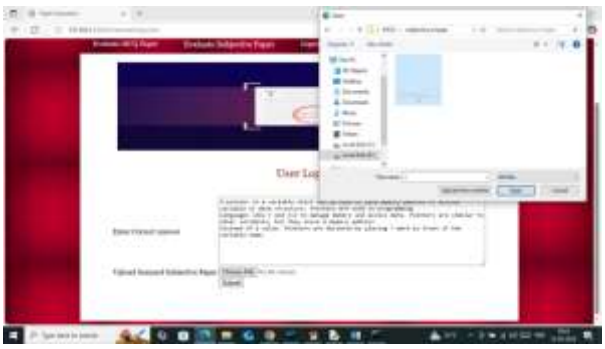
To implement this project we have designed following modules

1) New User Sign up: using this module user can sign up with the application
2) User Login: user can login to system
3) Evaluate MCQ Paper: using this module user can upload MCQ paper and then system will evaluate paper and give score
4) Evaluate Subjective Paper: using this module user can enter subjective correct answer and then upload scanned copy of student subjective answer and then employ AI algorithm to give score.



In above screen selecting and uploading MCQ paper and then press button to get below page

In above screen first image is the uploaded exam image and second image is the correction image along with marks where green circle represents correct answer and red circle represents incorrect answer given by student. Similarly you can upload and test other papers. Now click on 'Evaluate Subjective Paper' link to get below page



In above screen in first text area entered the correct subjective answer and then upload student subjective scanned image and then press button to get below page

In above screen student got 96% score and similarly you can checked with any image

V.CONCLUSION

The proposed system for paper evaluation using Artificial Intelligence successfully demonstrates the automation of both MCQ and subjective answer assessment using OCR, image processing, and machine learning techniques. By integrating these technologies, the system is capable of extracting information from scanned answer sheets and evaluating them efficiently with minimal human intervention. The MCQ evaluation module accurately detects marked answers and provides instant scoring with visual feedback, while the subjective evaluation module uses OCR and the K-Nearest Neighbors (KNN) algorithm to assess answer similarity and assign marks. This significantly reduces manual workload, improves consistency, and eliminates human bias in the evaluation process.

The system shows promising results in terms of accuracy and efficiency, especially when the input images are clear and properly formatted. However, challenges such as variations in handwriting, poor image quality, and limitations of OCR in recognizing complex text can affect performance. Additionally, the use of simple machine learning algorithms may not fully capture the semantic meaning of subjective answers. These limitations highlight the need for more advanced techniques to improve accuracy and robustness.

In future work, the system can be enhanced by incorporating deep learning-based OCR models, natural language processing (NLP) techniques, and semantic analysis for better evaluation of descriptive answers. Integration with cloud-based systems and large datasets can further improve scalability and performance. Overall, this project demonstrates the potential of AI-driven solutions in transforming traditional examination systems into efficient, accurate, and automated processes.

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