# ONLINE CHINESE CHARACTER RECOGNITION 

HMM VS BAYES NET

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- Number of strokes
- Stroke order
- Stroke direction
- Stroke shape
- Stroke length
- Stroke position


## PRIOR WORK

- Hidden Markov Model with character strokes as the hidden variables



## SIMPLIFICATIONS

- Online, not OCR
- Small subset of dictionary
- User inputs strokes in the correct order
- User lifts pen after every stroke
- Training data is fully labeled


## NEW APPROACH

- Improve recognition on poorly recognized strokes
- Test tolerance of model to removing simplification (stroke order correctness)
- Naïve (hybrid) Bayes classifier to recognize the strokes
- Same variables: length, directionality, number of turns


## INITIAL RESULTS

| Stroke | $\#$ <br> Correct | Wrong <br> Length <br> /Other | Percent <br> Correct | \# <br> Correct | Wrong <br> Length/ <br> Other | Percent <br> Correct |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Long L-to-R | 85 | $5 / 10$ | $85 \%$ | 83 | $17 / 0$ | $83 \%$ |
| Short L-to-R | 33 | $9 / 8$ | $66 \%$ | 49 | $1 / 0$ | $98 \%$ |
| Short T-to-B | 9 | $1 / 5$ | $60 \%$ | 14 | $0 / 1$ | $93 \%$ |
| Short TL-to-BR | 25 | $0 / 0$ | $100 \%$ | 24 | $0 / 1$ | $96 \%$ |
| Long T-to-B | 70 | $0 / 0$ | $100 \%$ | 69 | $0 / 1$ | $99 \%$ |

## ASPIRATIONS VS REALITY \& LIMITATIONS

- What I actually wanted to do is really big!
- Changing simplifications like whether or not the user picks up the pen makes labeling much harder
- Ideal model is probably a hybrid of the two approaches
- With a more complex dictionary, relative stroke positioning/points of intersection become very important, eg:
石 右


## QUESTIONS?

## INPUT DATA

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