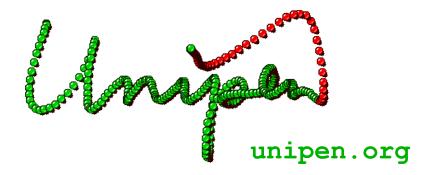


an Informal Competition in Recognizing On-line Words ICROW

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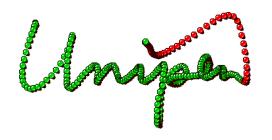
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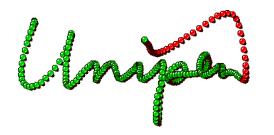
Introduction

- International Unipen Foundation (iUF)
- Originated from IAPR/TC-11
- Idea: collect on-line data and benchmark
- Who gives, shall get in return
- Unipen data format: millions of characters by 40+ institutions



UNIPEN Train R01/V07 set

- set up by NIST, now distributed by iUF
- Residual "unseen" data exists, too
- CDROM can be bought for a low price
- Is referred to regularly in literature



Unipen format

```
.PEN_DOWN
8439 4383
2423 4390
4338 3433
.PEN_UP
4383 4389
4389 4300
4309 7874
.PEN DOWN
```

```
x y (z, p ...)
+ tags
writer
labels
tablet parameters etc.
```



Why an informal competition?

- the UNIPEN benchmark process never materialized
- reasons:
 - cold-water fear & competition
 - difficult data
 - too many platforms/OSes



ICROW: tests Walk-Up performance

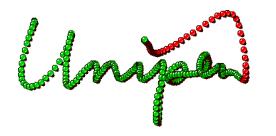
- Data are not in the Unipen database sets (some writer overlap does exist)
- International word list
- Variable difficulty
- Informal testing: take the data, report results. Don't train your recognizer on it.



ICROW summary:

- 884 mixed-style/case words in dictionary: English, Italian, Dutch
- 13119 words in total

by 72 writers, from Italy, Ireland,
& The Netherlands



ICROW summary:

- 31 MB unipen-ICROW-2003.tgz
- 66 MB unipen-ICROW-2003/*/...
 - Unipen *.dat files with (X,Y,)
 - Image *.png files with I(x,y)

- The *.png files are not annotated:
 - Options: TrueViz, IAM, ???



abdomen	abstinent	adherent	adjunct	advocate	afgharistan
aldohyde	algebra	allavion	alp	amenuensis	analyst
crast	antecedent	aorta	abberq.x	agua	as c sim
backap	badminton	benglob	batil	banhaus	basaar
bijoulere	6/c ddor	bobby	bodyguard	Polater	Porax
bouligue	bresford	breakelown	brishano	budget	bu Apat
calcium	charisma	chocklist	cheuron	chlorido	cochpit
colonnade	comport	concubino	conjunct	copy writer	cornwall
cowloop	درمسا	crognel	cycle	csarny	darwin
deadline	clop-20er	clo je wenor	delli	delinguent	deodorant
disjunct	dixie land	cliszy	closen	deine	edelwiss
eguilibrium	e guipment	essay	Rycellond	exodus	export
exuberant	Pascist	feedbach	Palend	fjord	Phipplop
fuchsia	Serie	gladiator	904	guyena	gymnast
halve	hawster	hoffman	holdog	hall	huxley
ryportess	Immigrant	inconvenient	hexad	informant	inhuman
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masher	الجديمة	Mascela	megaberle	mysheries	native
nihi hst	object	ohn	onyx	optimum	profixo
belihera	berjune	parsistent	pigment	burnesseens	book
portfolio	bołboner;	potsdan	beolector	brosbergus	guola
rembrandt	re u e	rhoses	50 m over	sandwich	scherro
showman	shuttle	sight seeing	Sleep	done	society
Squew	Stanza	Showards	Stochholm	2) op welch	strychning
shallgert	swatshirt	symposium	fabloau	formuse	forho
fonic	transfer	troperium	freeling	fer plat	Lurp
upolalo	rpgredo	Vacuum	Ult gim	voll meter	wakes
workshop	wyowing	xylophone	7020	yucea	Sigsag

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abdomen

abstinent

aldehyde

algebra

angst

antecedent

parrab

ba drint on

aldehyde, style "handprint"

al96/296

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Freq	Label	Lang	
43	 "object"	E+NL	
5	"obsoleta"	I	
5	"oceano"	I	
9	"of"	E+NL	
5	"offer"	E+NL	
43	"ohm"	I+NL+E	
5	"omogenei"	I	
9	"on"	E	
9	"one"	E	
43	"onyx"	E+NL	
5	"open"	E+NL	
5	"opportuno"	I	
43	"optimum"	E+NL	
9	"or"	E	
5	"orbit"	E	
5	"order"	E+NL	

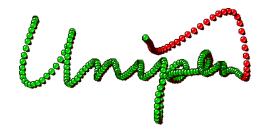
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More rules

- lexicon = all words in combined set
- report per data set
- details need to be sorted out
 - Use Simon Lucas's evaluator code?



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