

KaoKore: A Pre-modern Japanese Art Facial Expression Dataset

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Pre-modern Japanese Literature

An example of a Picture Scroll

宇津保物語 / Tale of the hollow tree
National Institute of Japanese Literature
<http://codh.rois.ac.jp/pmjt/book/200017526/>



Pre-modern Japanese Literature



Cursive texts telling the story

Illustrations explaining the story

Make humanities research benefit more from machine learning

“It might be a good idea to think about the way machine learning can (or cannot) be used for humanities research.”

「機械学習は人文学研究にどう使えるのか(または使えないのか)について、
考え方巡らせてみるのもよいかもしれません」

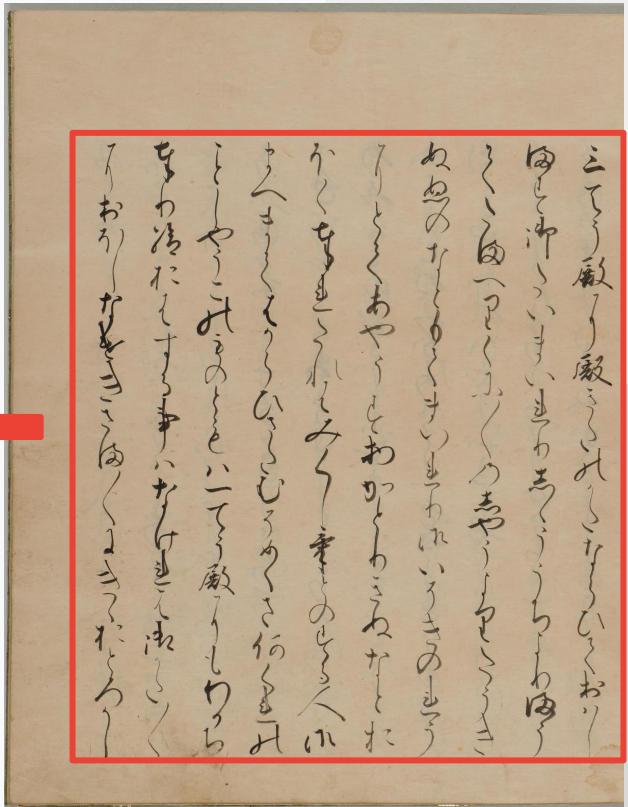
Source: <http://codh.rois.ac.jp/face/>

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Machine learning accelerates research

Benefit from ML:
Cursive Writing Recognition

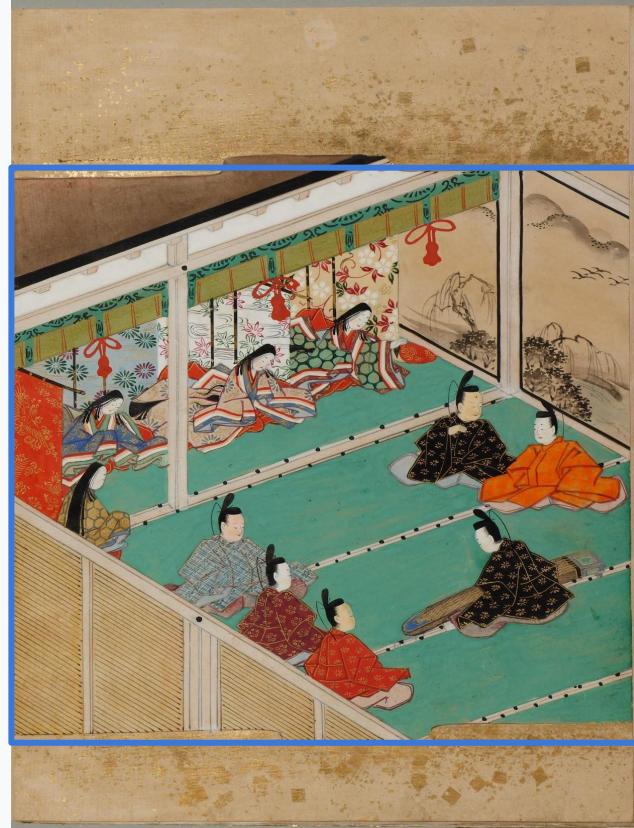
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Machine learning accelerates research

Missing elephant in the room:
Illustrations
Especially faces

Also to benefit from ML?



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◆ 原典ID：110X@445@3@2 ◆ 所蔵：慶應義塾大学 ◆ 制作年：室町末近世初 ◆ 制作年：from 1500
◆ 制作年：to 1600 ◆ tag : Sketch ◆ tag : Drawing ◆ tag : Art ◆ tag : Illustration ◆ tag : Cartoon
◆ tag : Poster ◆ tag : Font ◆ tag : Modern art ◆ tag : Painting ◆ tag : Person



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Facial Expression Collection

Facial Expressions Collections

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Project site: <http://codh.rois.ac.jp/face/>

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Facial Expressions Collections is providing **cut out and collected parts of faces** appearing in art works for researches into art history, especially in the study of artistic style.

This project currently focuses mostly on **illustrations from Late Muromachi Period (~13th century) to Early Edo Period (~17th century)**, publicly available from National Institute of Japanese Literature, Kyoto University Rare Materials Digital Archive and Keio University Media Center, as well as providing corresponding **metadata**.

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Accelerating Humanities Research with Machine Learning

Make a Machine Learning Friendly dataset!

We make the KaoKore dataset

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KaoKore dataset

Totally 8573 256x256 RGB images



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00000003.jpg

KaoKore dataset

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Full metadata labeled by experts



00000000.jpg

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$ head -n 1 tag_list.txt  
00000000.jpg:制作年=from 1500;制作年=to 1600;制作  
年=室町末近世初;原典=ふんせう;向き=四分の三;性別=男;  
所蔵=慶應義塾大学;身分=貴族
```

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For supervised learning,
classes labels

<i>Class</i>	<i>Labels</i>	<i>Examples</i>
gender (性別)	male (男)	
	female (女)	
status (身分)	noble (貴族)	
	warrior (武士)	
incarnation (化身)		
	commoner (庶民)	

KaoKore dataset

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Full metadata labeled by experts

For supervised learning,
official train/dev/test splitting

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$ for label in 'train' 'dev' 'test' ; do  
printf "%5s %4d\n" $label $(grep $label  
labels.csv | wc -l); done
```

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train 6568  
dev   826  
test  821
```

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Quantitative Results ⇒ Supervised machine learning



Gender: Male or Female?

Social Status: Noble? Warrior? Incarnation? Commoner?

Method (variant)	Gender Classifier Test Accuracy	Social Status Classifier Test Accuracy
vgg (11)	0.9318	0.7882
alexnet	0.9318	0.7415
resnet (18)	0.9300	0.8330
resnet (34)	0.9354	0.7935
mobilenet (v2)	0.9408	0.8402
densnet (121)	0.9479	0.8025
inception (v3)	0.9497	0.8509

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Creativity: GANs

Karras et al.: A Style-Based Generator Architecture for Generative Adversarial Networks





Creativity: GANs



Generated



Real Data

Creativity: (Intrinsic) Style Transfer

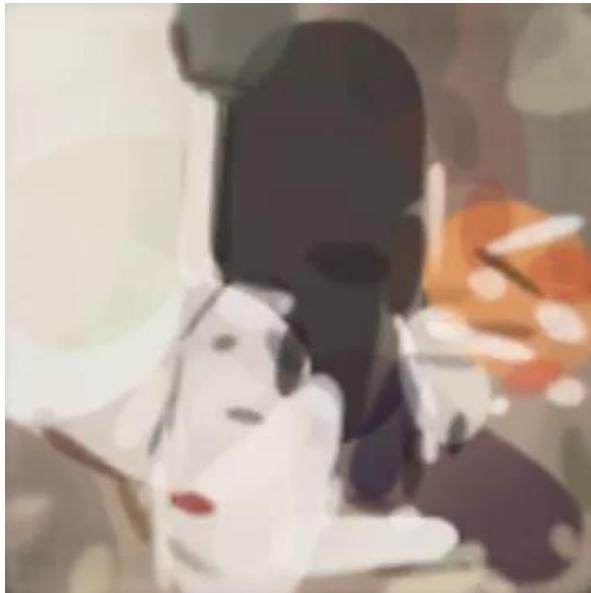
Nakano: *Neural Painters: A learned differentiable constraint for generating brushstroke paintings*





Creativity: Neural Painting

Huang et al: *Learning to Paint With Model-based Deep Reinforcement Learning*





Paper & open sourced data:

<https://github.com/rois-codh/kaokore>

Future directions:

Helping human-in-the-loop annotation mechanism

Going beyond face images.

Kaokore

Classics



Dataset

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Creativity

