

"A method of recognising a table within a block of text "

ABSTRACT

A method of recognising the location of a table within a block of text comprising the steps of: attributing a set of values to each line of a sample block of text, which set of values are determined at least by the characteristics of the line of text, the set of values for the sample block of text comprising training examples; indicating whether each line includes part of a table; attributing a set of values to each line of a block of text to be analysed, which set of values are determined at least by the characteristics of that line of text; applying a pattern recognition algorithm to each line of the block of text being analysed and lines from the training examples to identify whether the line of the block of text being analysed includes a part of a table.

[FIGURE 3]