

# Package ‘handwriter’

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*about\_variable*      *About Varialbe*

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### **Description**

`about_variable()` returns information about the model variable.

### **Usage**

```
about_variable(variable, model)
```

### **Arguments**

`variable`      A variable in the fitted model output by `fit_model()`  
`model`          A fitted model created by `fit_model()`

### **Value**

Text that explains the variable

### **Examples**

```
about_variable(  
  variable = "mu[1,2]",  
  model = example_model  
)
```

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*addToFeatures*      *addToFeatures*

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### **Description**

`addToFeatures`

### **Usage**

```
addToFeatures(FeatureSet, LetterList, vectorDims)
```

**Arguments**

FeatureSet	The current list of features that have been calculated
LetterList	List of all letters and their information
vectorDims	Vectors with image Dims

**Value**

A list consisting of current features calculated in FeatureSet as well as measures of compactness, loop count, and loop dimensions

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analyze\_questioned\_documents

*Analyze Questioned Documents*

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**Description**

analyze\_questioned\_documents() estimates the posterior probability of writership for the questioned documents using Markov Chain Monte Carlo (MCMC) draws from a hierarchical model created with [fit\\_model\(\)](#).

**Usage**

```
analyze_questioned_documents(
  main_dir,
  questioned_docs,
  model,
  num_cores,
  writer_indices,
  doc_indices
)
```

**Arguments**

main_dir	A directory that contains a cluster template created by <a href="#">make_clustering_template()</a>
questioned_docs	A directory containing questioned documents
model	A fitted model created by <a href="#">fit_model()</a>
num_cores	An integer number of cores to use for parallel processing with the doParallel package.
writer_indices	A vector of start and stop characters for writer IDs in file names
doc_indices	A vector of start and stop characters for document names in file names

**Value**

A list of likelihoods, votes, and posterior probabilities of writership for each questioned document.

## Examples

```
## Not run:
main_dir <- "/path/to/main_dir"
questioned_docs <- "/path/to/questioned_images"
analysis <- analyze_questioned_documents(
  main_dir = main_dir,
  questioned_docs = questioned_docs,
  model = model,
  num_cores = 2,
  writer_indices = c(2, 5),
  doc_indices = c(7, 18)
)
analysis$posterior_probabilities

## End(Not run)
```

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calculate_accuracy	<i>Calculate Accuracy</i>
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## Description

Fit a model with `fit_model()` and calculate posterior probabilities of writership with `analyze_questioned_documents()` of a set of test documents where the ground truth is known. Then use `calculate_accuracy()` to measure the accuracy of the fitted model on the test documents. Accuracy is calculated as the average posterior probability assigned to the true writer.

## Usage

```
calculate_accuracy(analysis)
```

## Arguments

analysis      Writership analysis output by `analyze_questioned_documents`

## Value

The model's accuracy on the test set as a number

## Examples

```
# calculate the accuracy for example analysis performed on test documents and a model with 1 chain
calculate_accuracy(example_analysis)
```

```
## Not run:
main_dir <- "/path/to/main_dir"
test_images_dir <- "/path/to/test_images"
analysis <- analyze_questioned_documents(
  main_dir = main_dir,
```

```

questioned_docs = test_images_dir,
model = model,
num_cores = 2,
writer_indices = c(2, 5),
doc_indices = c(7, 18)
)
calculate_accuracy(analysis)

## End(Not run)

```

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cleanBinaryImage	<i>cleanBinaryImage</i>
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### Description

Removes alpha channel from png image.

### Usage

```
cleanBinaryImage(img)
```

### Arguments

img                    A matrix of 1s and 0s.

### Value

png image with the alpha channel removed

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csafe	<i>Cursive written word: csafe</i>
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### Description

Cursive written word: csafe

### Usage

```
csafe
```

### Format

Binary image matrix. 111 rows and 410 columns.

**Examples**

```
csafe_document <- list()
csafe_document$image <- csafe
plotImage(csafe_document)
csafe_document$thin <- thinImage(csafe_document$image)
plotImageThinned(csafe_document)
csafe_processList <- processHandwriting(csafe_document$thin, dim(csafe_document$image))
```

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drop\_burnin

*Drop Burn-In*

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**Description**

drop\_burnin() removes the burn-in from the Markov Chain Monte Carlo (MCMC) draws.

**Usage**

```
drop_burnin(model, burn_in)
```

**Arguments**

model            A list of MCMC draws from a model fit with `fit_model()`.  
burn\_in         An integer number of starting iterations to drop from each MCMC chain.

**Value**

A list of data frames of MCMC draws with burn-in dropped.

**Examples**

```
model <- drop_burnin(model = example_model, burn_in = 25)
plot_trace(variable = "mu[1,2]", model = example_model)
```

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example\_analysis

*Example of writership analysis*

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**Description**

Example of writership analysis

**Usage**

```
example_analysis
```

**Format**

The results of `analyze_questioned_documents()` stored in a named list with 5 items:

**graph\_measurements** A data frame of that shows the writer, document name, cluster assignment, slope, principle component rotation angle, and wrapped principle component rotation angle for each training graph in each questioned documents.

**cluster\_fill\_counts** A data frame of the cluster fill counts for each questioned document.

**likelihoods** A list of data frames where each data frame contains the likelihoods for a questioned document for each MCMC iteration.

**votes** A list of vote tallies for each questioned document.

**posterior\_probabilites** A list of posterior probabilities of writership for each questioned document and each known writer in the closed set used to train the hierarchical model.

**Examples**

```
plot_cluster_fill_counts(formatted_data = example_analysis)
plot_posterior_probabilities(analysis = example_analysis)
```

---

example\_cluster\_template

*Example cluster template*

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**Description**

An example cluster template created with `make_clustering_template()`. The cluster template was created from handwriting samples "w0016\_s01\_pLND\_r01.png", "w0080\_s01\_pLND\_r01.png", "w0124\_s01\_pLND\_r01.png", "w0138\_s01\_pLND\_r01.png", and "w0299\_s01\_pLND\_r01.png" from the CSAFE Handwriting Database. The template has K=5 clusters.

**Usage**

```
example_cluster_template
```

**Format**

A list containing a single cluster template created by `make_clustering_template()`. The cluster template was created by sorting a random sample of 1000 graphs from 10 training documents into 10 clusters with a K-means algorithm. The cluster template is a named list with 16 items:

**centers\_seed** An integer for the random number generator.

**cluster** A vector of cluster assignments for each graph used to create the cluster template.

**centers** The final cluster centers produced by the K-Means algorithm.

**K** The number of clusters to build (10) with the K-means algorithm.

**n** The number of training graphs to use (1000) in the K-means algorithm.



- docnames** A vector that lists the training document from which each graph originated.
- writers** A vector that lists the writer of each graph.
- iters** The maximum number of iterations for the K-means algorithm (3).
- changes** A vector of the number of graphs that changed clusters on each iteration of the K-means algorithm.
- outlierCutoff** A vector of the outlier cutoff values calculated on each iteration of the K-means algorithm.
- stop\_reason** The reason the K-means algorithm terminated.
- wcd** A matrix of the within cluster distances on each iteration of the K-means algorithm. More specifically, the distance between each graph and the center of the cluster to which it was assigned on each iteration.
- wcss** A vector of the within-cluster sum of squares on each iteration of the K-means algorithm.

## Examples

```
# view cluster fill counts for template training documents
template_data <- format_template_data(example_cluster_template)
plot_cluster_fill_counts(template_data, facet = TRUE)
```

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example\_model

*Example of a hierarchical model*

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## Description

Example of a hierarchical model

## Usage

```
example_model
```

## Format

A hierarchical model created by `fit_model` with a single chain of 100 MCMC iterations. It is a named list of 4 objects:

- graph\_measurements** A data frame of model training data that shows the writer, document name, cluster assignment, slope, principle component rotation angle, and wrapped principle component rotation angle for each training graph.
- cluster\_fill\_counts** A data frame of the cluster fill counts for each model training document.
- rjags\_data** The model training information from `graph_measurements` and `cluster_fill_counts` formatted for RJAGS.
- fitted\_model** A model fit using the `rjags_data` and the RJAGS and coda packages. It is an MCMC list that contains a single MCMC object.

## Examples

```
# convert to a data frame and view all variable names
df <- as.data.frame(coda::as.mcmc(example_model$fitted_model))
colnames(df)

# view a trace plot
plot_trace(variable = "mu[1,1]", model = example_model)

# drop the first 25 MCMC iterations for burn-in
model <- drop_burnin(model = example_model, burn_in = 25)

## Not run:
# analyze questioned documents
main_dir <- /path/to/main_dir
questioned_docs <- /path/to/questioned_documents_directory
analysis <- analyze_questioned_documents(
  main_dir = main_dir,
  questioned_docs = questioned_docs
  model = example_model
  num_cores = 2
)
analysis$posterior_probabilities

## End(Not run)
```

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extractGraphs

*Extract Graphs*

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## Description

‘r lifecycle::badge("superseded")‘

## Usage

```
extractGraphs(source_folder = getwd(), save_folder = getwd())
```

## Arguments

source\_folder path to folder containing .png images  
save\_folder path to folder where graphs are saved to

## Details

Development on ‘extractGraphs()‘ is complete. We recommend using ‘process\_batch\_dir()‘ instead.

Extracts graphs from .png images and saves each by their respective writer.

**Value**

saves graphs in an rds file

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
sof = "path to folder containing .png images"
saf = "path to folder where graphs will be saved to"
extractGraphs(sof, saf)

## End(Not run)
```

---

fit\_model

*Fit Model*


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**Description**

fit\_model() fits a Bayesian hierarchical model to the model training data in model\_docs and draws samples from the model as Markov Chain Monte Carlo (MCMC) estimates.

**Usage**

```
fit_model(
  main_dir,
  model_docs,
  num_iters,
  num_chains = 1,
  num_cores,
  writer_indices,
  doc_indices,
  a = 2,
  b = 0.25,
  c = 2,
  d = 2,
  e = 0.5
)
```

**Arguments**

main_dir	A directory that contains a cluster template created by <a href="#">make_clustering_template()</a>
model_docs	A directory containing model training documents
num_iters	An integer number of iterations of MCMC.
num_chains	An integer number of chains to use.
num_cores	An integer number of cores to use for parallel processing clustering assignments. The model fitting is not done in parallel.

writer_indices	A vector of the start and stop character of the writer ID in the model training file names. E.g., if the file names are writer0195_doc1, writer0210_doc1, writer0033_doc1 then writer_indices is 'c(7,10)'.
doc_indices	A vector of the start and stop character of the "document name" in the model training file names. This is used to distinguish between two documents written by the same writer. E.g., if the file names are writer0195_doc1, writer0195_doc2, writer0033_doc1, writer0033_doc2 then doc_indices are 'c(12,15)'.
a	The shape parameter for the Gamma distribution in the hierarchical model
b	The rate parameter for the Gamma distribution in the hierarchical model
c	The first shape parameter for the Beta distribution in the hierarchical model
d	The second shape parameter for the Beta distribution in the hierarchical model
e	The scale parameter for the hyper prior for mu in the hierarchical model

### Value

A list of training data used to fit the model and the fitted model

### Examples

```
## Not run:
main_dir <- "/path/to/main_dir"
model_docs <- "path/to/model_training_docs"
questioned_docs <- "path/to/questioned_docs"

model <- fit_model(
  main_dir = main_dir,
  model_docs = model_docs,
  num_iters = 100,
  num_chains = 1,
  num_cores = 2,
  writer_indices = c(2, 5),
  doc_indices = c(7, 18)
)

model <- drop_burnin(model = model, burn_in = 25)

analysis <- analyze_questioned_documents(
  main_dir = main_dir,
  questioned_docs = questioned_docs,
  model = model,
  num_cores = 2
)
analysis$posterior_probabilities

## End(Not run)
```

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format\_template\_data    *Format Template Data*

---

**Description**

format\_template\_data() formats the template data for use with [plot\\_cluster\\_fill\\_counts\(\)](#). The output is a list that contains a data frame called cluster\_fill\_counts.

**Usage**

```
format_template_data(template)
```

**Arguments**

template            A single cluster template created by [make\\_clustering\\_template\(\)](#)

**Value**

List that contains the cluster fill counts

**Examples**

```
template_data <- format_template_data(template = example_cluster_template)
plot_cluster_fill_counts(formatted_data = template_data, facet = TRUE)
```

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get\_clusters\_batch    *get\_clusters\_batch*

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**Description**

get\_clusters\_batch

**Usage**

```
get_clusters_batch(
  template,
  input_dir,
  output_dir,
  writer_indices = NULL,
  doc_indices = NULL,
  num_cores = 1,
  save_master_file = FALSE
)
```

**Arguments**

template	A cluster template created with <code>make_clustering_template</code>
input_dir	A directory containing graphs created with <code>process_batch_dir</code>
output_dir	Output directory for cluster assignments
writer_indices	Optional. A Vector of start and end indices for the writer id in the graph file names.
doc_indices	Optional. Vector of start and end indices for the document id in the graph file names.
num_cores	Integer number of cores to use for parallel processing
save_master_file	TRUE or FALSE. If TRUE, a master file named 'all_clusters.rds' containing the cluster assignments for all documents in the input directory will be saved to the output directory. If FALSE, a master file will not be saved, but the individual files for each document in the input directory will still be saved to the output directory.

**Value**

A list of cluster assignments

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
template <- readRDS('path/to/template.rds')
get_clusters_batch(template=template, input_dir='path/to/dir', output_dir='path/to/dir',
writer_indices=c(2,5), doc_indices=c(7,18), num_cores=1)

get_clusters_batch(template=template, input_dir='path/to/dir', output_dir='path/to/dir',
writer_indices=c(1,4), doc_indices=c(5,10), num_cores=5)

## End(Not run)
```

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```
get_cluster_fill_counts
```

*Get Cluster Fill Counts*

---

**Description**

`get_cluster_fill_counts()` creates a data frame that shows the number of graphs in each cluster for each input document.

**Usage**

```
get_cluster_fill_counts(df)
```

**Arguments**

`df` A data frame of cluster assignments from `get_clusters_batch`. The data frame has columns `docname` and `cluster`. Each row corresponds to a graph and lists the document from which the graph was obtained and the cluster to which that graph is assigned. Optionally, the data frame might also have `writer` and `doc` columns. If present, `writer` lists the writer ID of each document and `doc` is an identifier to distinguish between different documents from the same writer.

**Value**

A dataframe of cluster fill counts for each document in the input data frame.

**Examples**

```
docname <- c(rep("doc1", 20), rep("doc2", 20), rep("doc3", 20))
writer <- c(rep(1, 20), rep(2, 20), rep(3, 20))
doc <- c(rep(1, 20), rep(2, 20), rep(3, 20))
cluster <- sample(3, 60, replace = TRUE)
df <- data.frame(docname, writer, doc, cluster)
get_cluster_fill_counts(df)
```

---

`get_cluster_fill_rates`*Get Cluster Fill Rates*

---

**Description**

`get_cluster_fill_rates()` creates a data frame that shows the proportion of graphs assigned to each cluster in a cluster template.

**Usage**

```
get_cluster_fill_rates(df)
```

**Arguments**

`df` A data frame of cluster assignments from `get_clusters_batch`. The data frame has columns `docname` and `cluster`. Each row corresponds to a graph and lists the document from which the graph was obtained and the cluster to which that graph is assigned. Optionally, the data frame might also have `writer` and `doc` columns. If present, `writer` lists the writer ID of each document and `doc` is an identifier to distinguish between different documents from the same writer.

**Value**

A data frame of cluster fill rates.

## Examples

```
docname <- c(rep("doc1", 20), rep("doc2", 20), rep("doc3", 20))
writer <- c(rep(1, 20), rep(2, 20), rep(3, 20))
doc <- c(rep(1, 20), rep(2, 20), rep(3, 20))
cluster <- sample(3, 60, replace = TRUE)
df <- data.frame(docname, writer, doc, cluster)
rates <- get_cluster_fill_rates(df)
```

---

get\_credible\_intervals

*Get Credible Intervals*

---

## Description

In a model created with `fit_model()` the `pi` parameters are the estimate of the true cluster fill count for a particular writer and cluster. The function `get_credible_intervals()` calculates the credible intervals of the `pi` parameters for each writer in the model.

## Usage

```
get_credible_intervals(model, interval_min = 0.05, interval_max = 0.95)
```

## Arguments

<code>model</code>	A model output by <code>fit_model()</code>
<code>interval_min</code>	The lower bound for the credible interval. The number must be between 0 and 1.
<code>interval_max</code>	The upper bound for the credible interval. The number must be greater than <code>interval_min</code> and must be less than 1.

## Value

A list of data frames. Each data frame lists the credible intervals for a single writer.

## Examples

```
get_credible_intervals(model=example_model)
get_credible_intervals(model=example_model, interval_min=0.05, interval_max=0.95)
```



---

get\_posterior\_probabilities  
*Get Posterior Probabilities*

---

**Description**

Get the posterior probabilities for questioned document analyzed with [analyze\\_questioned\\_documents\(\)](#).

**Usage**

```
get_posterior_probabilities(analysis, questioned_doc)
```

**Arguments**

**analysis** The output of [analyze\\_questioned\\_documents\(\)](#). If more than one questioned document was analyzed with this function, then the data frame `analysis$posterior_probabilities` lists the posterior probabilities for all questioned documents. [get\\_posterior\\_probabilities\(\)](#) creates a data frame of the posterior probabilities for a single questioned document and sorts the known writers from the most likely to least likely to have written the questioned document.

**questioned\_doc** The filename of the questioned document

**Value**

A data frame of posterior probabilities for the questioned document

**Examples**

```
get_posterior_probabilities(  
  analysis = example_analysis,  
  questioned_doc = "w0030_s03_pWOZ_r01"  
)
```

---

get\_writer\_profiles *Estimate Writer Profiles*

---

**Description**

Estimate writer profiles from handwritten documents scanned and saved as PNG files. Each file in `input_dir` is split into component shapes called graphs with [process\\_batch\\_dir](#). Then the graphs are sorted into clusters with similar shapes using the cluster template and [get\\_clusters\\_batch](#). An estimate of the writer profile for a document is the proportion of graphs from that document assigned to each of the clusters in `template`. The writer profiles are estimated by running [get\\_cluster\\_fill\\_counts](#). If `measure` is counts than the cluster fill counts are returned. If `measure` is rates than [get\\_cluster\\_fill\\_rates](#) is run and the cluster fill rates are returned.

**Usage**

```
get_writer_profiles(
  input_dir,
  measure = "counts",
  num_cores = 1,
  template = templateK40,
  writer_indices = NULL,
  doc_indices = NULL,
  output_dir = NULL
)
```

**Arguments**

input_dir	A filepath to a folder containing one or more handwritten documents, scanned and saved as PNG file(s).
measure	A character string: either counts or rates. counts returns the cluster fill counts, I.e., the number of graphs assigned to each cluster. rates returns the cluster fill rates, I.e., the proportion of graphs assigned to each cluster.
num_cores	An integer number greater than or equal to 1 of cores to use for parallel processing.
template	Optional. A cluster template created with <a href="#">make_clustering_template</a> . The default is templateK40.
writer_indices	A vector of start and stop characters for writer IDs in file names
doc_indices	A vector of start and stop characters for document names in file names
output_dir	Optional. A filepath to a folder to save the RDS files created by <a href="#">process_batch_dir</a> and <a href="#">get_clusters_batch</a> . If no folder is supplied, the RDS files will be saved to the temporary directory and then deleted before the function terminates.

**Details**

The functions [process\\_batch\\_dir](#) and [get\\_clusters\\_batch](#) take upwards of 30 seconds per document and the results are saved to RDS files in `project_dir > graphs` and `project_dir > clusters`, respectively. If `project_dir` is NULL than the results are saved to the temporary directory and deleted before the function terminates.

**Value**

A data frame

**Examples**

```
docs <- system.file(file.path("extdata"), package = "handwriter")
profiles <- get_writer_profiles(docs, measure = "counts")
plot_writer_profiles(profiles)

profiles <- get_writer_profiles(docs, measure = "rates")
plot_writer_profiles(profiles)
```

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graphToPrototype	<i>Convert graph to a prototype</i>
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**Description**

A graph prototype consists of the starting and ending points of each path in the graph, as well as and evenly spaced points along each path. The prototype also stores the center point of the graph. All points are represented as xy-coordinates and the center point is at (0,0).

**Usage**

```
graphToPrototype(graph, numPathCuts = 8)
```

**Arguments**

graph	A graph from a handwriting sample
numPathCuts	Number of segments to cut the path(s) into

**Value**

List of pathEnds, pathQuarters, and pathCenters given as (x,y) coordinates with the graph centroid at (0,0). The returned list also contains path lengths. pathQuarters gives the (x,y) coordinates of the path at the cut points and despite the name, the path might not be cut into quarters.

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london	<i>Cursive written word: London</i>
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**Description**

Cursive written word: London

**Usage**

```
london
```

**Format**

Binary image matrix. 148 rows and 481 columns.

**Examples**

```
london_document <- list()
london_document$image <- london
plotImage(london_document)
london_document$thin <- thinImage(london_document$image)
plotImageThinned(london_document)
london_processList <- processHandwriting(london_document$thin, dim(london_document$image))
```

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`make_clustering_template`*Make Clustering Template*

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### Description

`make_clustering_template()` applies a K-means clustering algorithm to the input handwriting samples pre-processed with `process_batch_dir()` and saved in the input folder `main_dir > data > template_graphs`. The K-means algorithm sorts the graphs in the input handwriting samples into groups, or *clusters*, of similar graphs.

### Usage

```
make_clustering_template(  
  main_dir,  
  template_docs,  
  writer_indices,  
  centers_seed,  
  K = 40,  
  num_dist_cores = 1,  
  max_iters = 25  
)
```

### Arguments

<code>main_dir</code>	Main directory that will store template files
<code>template_docs</code>	A directory containing template training images
<code>writer_indices</code>	A vector of the starting and ending location of the writer ID in the file name.
<code>centers_seed</code>	Integer seed for the random number generator when selecting starting cluster centers.
<code>K</code>	Integer number of clusters
<code>num_dist_cores</code>	Integer number of cores to use for the distance calculations in the K-means algorithm. Each iteration of the K-means algorithm calculates the distance between each input graph and each cluster center.
<code>max_iters</code>	Maximum number of iterations to allow the K-means algorithm to run

### Value

List containing the cluster template

### Examples

```
## Not run:  
main_dir <- "path/to/folder"  
template_docs <- "path/to/template_training_docs"  
template_list <- make_clustering_template(  
  main_dir,  
  template_docs,  
  writer_indices,  
  centers_seed,  
  K = 40,  
  num_dist_cores = 1,  
  max_iters = 25  
)
```

```
main_dir = main_dir,  
template_docs = template_docs,  
writer_indices = c(2, 5),  
K = 10,  
num_dist_cores = 2,  
max_iters = 25,  
centers_seed = 100,  
)  
  
## End(Not run)
```

---

message

*Full page image of the handwritten London letter.*

---

### Description

Full page image of the handwritten London letter.

### Usage

```
message
```

### Format

Binary image matrix. 1262 rows and 1162 columns.

### Examples

```
message_document <- list()  
message_document$image <- message  
plotImage(message_document)  
  
## Not run:  
message_document <- list()  
message_document$image <- message  
plotImage(message_document)  
message_document$thin <- thinImage(message_document$image)  
plotImageThinned(message_document)  
message_processList <- processHandwriting(message_document$thin, dim(message_document$image))  
  
## End(Not run)
```

---

nature1	<i>Full page image of the 4th sample (nature) of handwriting from the first writer.</i>
---------	---

---

**Description**

Full page image of the 4th sample (nature) of handwriting from the first writer.

**Usage**

```
nature1
```

**Format**

Binary image matrix. 811 rows and 1590 columns.

**Examples**

```
nature1_document <- list()
nature1_document$image <- nature1
plotImage(nature1_document)

## Not run:
nature1_document <- list()
nature1_document$image <- nature1
plotImage(nature1_document)
nature1_document$thin <- thinImage(nature1_document$image)
plotImageThinned(nature1_document)
nature1_processList <- processHandwriting(nature1_document$thin, dim(nature1_document$image))

## End(Not run)
```

---

plotImage	<i>Plot Image</i>
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---

**Description**

This function plots a basic black and white image.

**Usage**

```
plotImage(doc)
```

**Arguments**

doc	A document processed with <code>processDocument()</code> or a binary matrix (all entries are 0 or 1)
-----	--

**Value**

ggplot plot

**Examples**

```
csafe_document <- list()
csafe_document$image <- csafe
plotImage(csafe_document)

## Not run:
document <- processDocument('path/to/image.png')
plotImage(document)

## End(Not run)
```

---

`plotImageThinned`      *Plot Thinned Image*

---

**Description**

This function returns a plot with the full image plotted in light gray and the thinned skeleton printed in black on top.

**Usage**

```
plotImageThinned(doc)
```

**Arguments**

`doc`                    A document processed with [processHandwriting\(\)](#)

**Value**

ggplot plot of thinned image

**Examples**

```
csafe_document <- list()
csafe_document$image <- csafe
csafe_document$thin <- thinImage(csafe_document$image)
plotImageThinned(csafe_document)
```

---

plotLetter

*Plot Letter*


---

### Description

This function returns a plot of a single graph extracted from a document. It uses the letterList parameter from the [processHandwriting\(\)](#) or [processDocument\(\)](#) function and accepts a single value as whichLetter. Dims requires the dimensions of the entire document, since this isn't contained in [processHandwriting\(\)](#) or [processDocument\(\)](#).

### Usage

```
plotLetter(
  doc,
  whichLetter,
  showPaths = TRUE,
  showCentroid = TRUE,
  showSlope = TRUE,
  showNodes = TRUE
)
```

### Arguments

doc	A document processed with <a href="#">processHandwriting()</a> or <a href="#">processDocument()</a>
whichLetter	Single value in 1:length(letterList) denoting which letter to plot.
showPaths	Whether the calculated paths on the letter should be shown with numbers.
showCentroid	Whether the centroid should be shown
showSlope	Whether the slope should be shown
showNodes	Whether the nodes should be shown

### Value

Plot of single letter.

### Examples

```
twoSent_document = list()
twoSent_document$image = twoSent
twoSent_document$thin = thinImage(twoSent_document$image)
twoSent_document$process = processHandwriting(twoSent_document$thin, dim(twoSent_document$image))
plotLetter(twoSent_document, 1)
plotLetter(twoSent_document, 4, showPaths = FALSE)
```



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plotLine	<i>Plot Line</i>
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**Description**

This function returns a plot of a single line extracted from a document. It uses the letterList parameter from the processHandwriting function and accepts a single value as whichLetter. Dims requires the dimensions of the entire document, since this isn't contained in processHandwriting.

**Usage**

```
plotLine(letterList, whichLine, dims)
```

**Arguments**

letterList	Letter list from processHandwriting function
whichLine	Single value denoting which line to plot - checked if too big inside function.
dims	Dimensions of the original document

**Value**

ggplot plot of single line

**Examples**

```
twoSent_document = list()
twoSent_document$image = twoSent
twoSent_document$thin = thinImage(twoSent_document$image)
twoSent_processList = processHandwriting(twoSent_document$thin, dim(twoSent_document$image))

dims = dim(twoSent_document$image)
plotLine(twoSent_processList$letterList, 1, dims)
```

---

plotNodes	<i>Plot Nodes</i>
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---

**Description**

This function returns a plot with the full image plotted in light gray and the skeleton printed in black, with red triangles over the vertices. Also called from plotPath, which is a more useful function, in general.

**Usage**

```
plotNodes(doc, plot_break_pts = FALSE, nodeSize = 3, nodeColor = "red")
```

**Arguments**

doc	A document processed with <code>processHandwriting()</code>
plot_break_pts	Logical value as to whether to plot nodes or break points. <code>plot_break_pts=FALSE</code> plots nodes and <code>plot_break_pts=TRUE</code> plots break point.
nodeSize	Size of triangles printed. 3 by default. Move down to 2 or 1 for small text images.
nodeColor	Which color the nodes should be

**Value**

Plot of full and thinned image with vertices overlaid.

**Examples**

```

csafe_document <- list()
csafe_document$image <- csafe
csafe_document$thin <- thinImage(csafe_document$image)
csafe_document$process <- processHandwriting(csafe_document$thin, dim(csafe_document$image))
plotNodes(csafe_document)
plotNodes(csafe_document, nodeSize=6, nodeColor="black")

```

---

plot\_cluster\_centers *Plot Template Cluster Centers*

---

**Description**

Plot the cluster centers of a cluster template created with `make_clustering_template`. This function uses a K-Means type algorithm to sort graphs from training documents into clusters. On each iteration of the algorithm, it calculates the mean graph of each cluster and finds the graph in each cluster that is closest to the mean graph. The graphs closest to the mean graphs are used as the cluster centers for the next iteration. Handwriter stores the cluster centers of a cluster template as graph prototypes. A graph prototype consists of the starting and ending points of each path in the graph, as well as and evenly spaced points along each path. The prototype also stores the center point of the graph. All points are represented as xy-coordinates and the center point is at (0,0).

**Usage**

```
plot_cluster_centers(template, plot_graphs = FALSE, size = 100)
```

**Arguments**

template	A cluster template created with <code>make_clustering_template</code>
plot_graphs	TRUE plots all graphs in each cluster in addition to the cluster centers. FALSE only plots the cluster centers.
size	The size of the output plot

**Value**

A plot

**Examples**

```
# plot cluster centers from example template
plot_cluster_centers(example_cluster_template)
plot_cluster_centers(example_cluster_template, plot_graphs = TRUE)
```

---

plot\_cluster\_fill\_counts

*Plot Cluster Fill Counts*

---

**Description**

Plot the cluster fill counts for each document in formatted\_data.

**Usage**

```
plot_cluster_fill_counts(formatted_data, facet = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

formatted\_data Data created by [format\\_template\\_data\(\)](#), [fit\\_model\(\)](#), or [analyze\\_questioned\\_documents\(\)](#)

facet TRUE uses facet\_wrap to create a subplot for each writer. FALSE plots the data on a single plot.

**Value**

ggplot plot of cluster fill counts

**Examples**

```
# Plot cluster fill counts for template training documents
template_data <- format_template_data(example_cluster_template)
plot_cluster_fill_counts(formatted_data = template_data, facet = TRUE)

# Plot cluster fill counts for model training documents
plot_cluster_fill_counts(formatted_data = example_model, facet = TRUE)

# Plot cluster fill counts for questioned documents
plot_cluster_fill_counts(formatted_data = example_analysis, facet = FALSE)
```

---

`plot_cluster_fill_rates`*Plot Cluster Fill Rates*

---

**Description**

Plot the cluster fill rates for each document in `formatted_data`.

**Usage**

```
plot_cluster_fill_rates(formatted_data, facet = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

`formatted_data` Data created by `format_template_data()`, `fit_model()`, or `analyze_questioned_documents()`

`facet` TRUE uses `facet_wrap` to create a subplot for each writer. FALSE plots the data on a single plot.

**Value**

ggplot plot of cluster fill rates

**Examples**

```
# Plot cluster fill rates for template training documents
template_data <- format_template_data(example_cluster_template)
plot_cluster_fill_rates(formatted_data = template_data, facet = TRUE)

# Plot cluster fill rates for model training documents
plot_cluster_fill_rates(formatted_data = example_model, facet = TRUE)

# Plot cluster fill rates for questioned documents
plot_cluster_fill_rates(formatted_data = example_analysis, facet = FALSE)
```

---

`plot_credible_intervals`*Plot Credible Intervals*

---

**Description**

Plot credible intervals for the model's  $\pi$  parameters that estimate the true writer cluster fill counts.

**Usage**

```
plot_credible_intervals(
  model,
  interval_min = 0.025,
  interval_max = 0.975,
  facet = FALSE
)
```

**Arguments**

model	A model created by <a href="#">fit_model()</a>
interval_min	The lower bound of the credible interval. It must be greater than zero and less than 1.
interval_max	The upper bound of the credible interval. It must be greater than the interval minimum and less than 1.
facet	TRUE uses <code>facet_wrap</code> to create a subplot for each writer. FALSE plots the data on a single plot.

**Value**

ggplot plot credible intervals

**Examples**

```
plot_credible_intervals(model = example_model)
plot_credible_intervals(model = example_model, facet = TRUE)
```

---

plot\_graphs

*Plot Graphs*

---

**Description**

Use [processDocument\(\)](#) to split handwriting into component shapes called *graphs*. `plot_graphs()` creates a plot that displays the graphs. `ggplot2::facet_wrap()` places each graph in its own facet, and `ncol` sets the number of columns of facets.

**Usage**

```
plot_graphs(doc, ncol = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

doc	A PNG image of handwriting processed with <a href="#">processDocument()</a> .
ncol	Optionally, set the number of columns in the output plot. The default is NULL which allows <code>ggplot2::facet_wrap()</code> to automatically choose the number of columns.

**Value**

A plot of all graphs in the document

**Examples**

```
image_path <- system.file("extdata", "phrase_example.png", package = "handwriter")
doc <- processDocument(image_path)
plot_graphs(doc)
```

---

plot\_posterior\_probabilities

*Plot Posterior Probabilities*

---

**Description**

Creates a tile plot of posterior probabilities of writership for each questioned document and each known writer analyzed with [analyze\\_questioned\\_documents\(\)](#).

**Usage**

```
plot_posterior_probabilities(analysis)
```

**Arguments**

`analysis`      A named list of analysis results from [analyze\\_questioned\\_documents\(\)](#).

**Value**

A tile plot of posterior probabilities of writership.

**Examples**

```
plot_posterior_probabilities(analysis = example_analysis)
```

---

plot_trace	<i>Plot Trace</i>
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---

**Description**

Create a trace plot for all chains for a single variable of a fitted model created by `fit_model()`. If the model contains more than one chain, the chains will be combined by pasting them together.

**Usage**

```
plot_trace(variable, model)
```

**Arguments**

variable	The name of a variable in the model
model	A model created by <code>fit_model()</code>

**Value**

A trace plot

**Examples**

```
plot_trace(model = example_model, variable = "pi[1,1]")
plot_trace(model = example_model, variable = "mu[2,3]")
```

---

plot_writer_profiles	<i>Plot Writer Profiles</i>
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**Description**

Create a line plot of writer profiles for one or more documents.

**Usage**

```
plot_writer_profiles(profiles, color_by = "docname", ...)
```

**Arguments**

profiles	A data frame of writer profiles created with <code>{get_writer_profiles}</code> .
color_by	A column name. 'ggplot2' will always group by docname, but will use this column to assign colors.
...	Additional arguments passed to <code>ggplot2::facet_wrap</code> , such as facets, nrow, etc.

**Value**

A line plot

**Examples**

```
docs <- system.file(file.path("extdata"), package = "handwriter")
profiles <- get_writer_profiles(docs, measure = "counts")
plot_writer_profiles(profiles)

profiles <- get_writer_profiles(docs, measure = "rates")
plot_writer_profiles(profiles)
```

---

processDocument

*Process Document*

---

**Description**

Load a handwriting sample from a PNG image. Then binarize, thin, and split the handwriting into graphs.

**Usage**

```
processDocument(path)
```

**Arguments**

path            File path for handwriting document. The document must be in PNG file format.

**Value**

The processed document as a list

**Examples**

```
image_path <- system.file("extdata", "phrase_example.png", package = "handwriter")
doc <- processDocument(image_path)
plotImage(doc)
plotImageThinned(doc)
plotNodes(doc)
```



---

processHandwriting      *Process Handwriting by Component*

---

### Description

The main driver of handwriting processing. Takes in an image of thinned handwriting created with `thinImage()` and splits the the handwriting into shapes called *graphs*. Instead of processing the entire document at once, the thinned writing is separated into connected components and each component is split into graphs.

### Usage

```
processHandwriting(img, dims)
```

### Arguments

`img`                      Thinned binary image created with `thinImage()`.  
`dims`                      Dimensions of thinned binary image.

### Value

A list of the processed image

### Examples

```
twoSent_document <- list()
twoSent_document$image <- twoSent
twoSent_document$thin <- thinImage(twoSent_document$image)
twoSent_processList <- processHandwriting(twoSent_document$thin, dim(twoSent_document$image))
```

---

process\_batch\_dir      *Process Batch Directory*

---

### Description

Process a list of handwriting samples saved as PNG images in a directory: (1) Load the image and convert it to black and white with `readPNGBinary()` (2) Thin the handwriting to one pixel in width with `thinImage()` (3) Run `processHandwriting()` to split the handwriting into parts called *edges* and place *nodes* at the ends of edges. Then combine edges into component shapes called *graphs*. (4) Save the processed document in an RDS file. (5) Optional. Return a list of the processed documents.

### Usage

```
process_batch_dir(input_dir, output_dir = ".", skip_docs_on_retry = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

input\_dir        Input directory that contains images

output\_dir       A directory to save the processed images

skip\_docs\_on\_retry

                 Logical whether to skip documents in input\_dir that caused errors on a previous run. The errors and document names are stored in output\_dir > problems.txt. If this is the first run, process\_batch\_list will attempt to process all documents in input\_dir.

**Value**

No return value, called for side effects

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
process_batch_dir("path/to/input_dir", "path/to/output_dir")

## End(Not run)
```

---

process\_batch\_list        *Process Batch List*

---

**Description**

Process a list of handwriting samples saved as PNG images: (1) Load the image and convert it to black and white with `readPNGBinary()` (2) Thin the handwriting to one pixel in width with `thinImage()` (3) Run `processHandwriting()` to split the handwriting into parts called *edges* and place *nodes* at the ends of edges. Then combine edges into component shapes called *graphs*. (4) Save the processed document in an RDS file. (5) Optional. Return a list of the processed documents.

**Usage**

```
process_batch_list(images, output_dir, skip_docs_on_retry = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

images            A vector of image file paths

output\_dir        A directory to save the processed images

skip\_docs\_on\_retry

                 Logical whether to skip documents in the images argument that caused errors on a previous run. The errors and document names are stored in output\_dir > problems.txt. If this is the first run, process\_batch\_list will attempt to process all documents in the images argument.

**Value**

No return value, called for side effects

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
images <- c('path/to/image1.png', 'path/to/image2.png', 'path/to/image3.png')
process_batch_list(images, "path/to/output_dir", FALSE)
process_batch_list(images, "path/to/output_dir", TRUE)

## End(Not run)
```

---

readPNGBinary	<i>Read PNG Binary</i>
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**Description**

This function reads in and binarizes a PNG image.

**Usage**

```
readPNGBinary(
  path,
  cutoffAdjust = 0,
  clean = TRUE,
  crop = TRUE,
  inversion = FALSE
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>path</code>	File path for image.
<code>cutoffAdjust</code>	Multiplicative adjustment to the K-means estimated binarization cutoff.
<code>clean</code>	Whether to fill in white pixels with 7 or 8 neighbors. This will help a lot when thinning – keeps from getting little white bubbles in text.
<code>crop</code>	Logical value dictating whether or not to crop the white out around the image. TRUE by default.
<code>inversion</code>	Logical value dictating whether or not to flip each pixel of binarized image. Flipping happens after binarization. FALSE by default.

**Value**

Returns image from path. 0 represents black, and 1 represents white by default.

## Examples

```
image_path <- system.file("extdata", "phrase_example.png", package = "handwriter")
csafe_document <- list()
csafe_document$image = readPNGBinary(image_path)
plotImage(csafe_document)
```

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read_and_process	<i>Read and Process</i>
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## Description

### [Superseded]

Development on `read_and_process()` is complete. We recommend using `processDocument()`. `read_and_process(image_name, "document")` is equivalent to `processDocument(image_name)`.

## Usage

```
read_and_process(image_name, transform_output)
```

## Arguments

image_name	The file path to an image
transform_output	The type of transformation to perform on the output

## Value

A list of the processed image components

## Examples

```
# use handwriting example from handwriter package
image_path <- system.file("extdata", "phrase_example.png", package = "handwriter")
doc <- read_and_process(image_path, "document")
```

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*rgb2grayscale*                      *rgba2grayscale*

---

**Description**

Changes RGB image to grayscale

**Usage**

`rgb2grayscale(img)`

**Arguments**

`img`                      A 3D array with slices R, G, and B

**Value**

`img` as a 3D array as grayscale

---

*rgba2rgb*                              *rgba2rgb*

---

**Description**

Removes alpha channel from png image.

**Usage**

`rgba2rgb(img)`

**Arguments**

`img`                      A 3-d array with slices R, G, B, and alpha.

**Value**

`img` as a 3D array with alpha channel removed

---

`templateK40`*Cluster Template with 40 Clusters*

---

### Description

A cluster template with 40 clusters created with `make_clustering_template`. This template was created from handwriting samples from the CSAFE Handwriting Database, the CVL Handwriting Database, and the IAM Handwriting Database.

### Usage

```
templateK40
```

### Format

A list containing the contents of the cluster template.

**cluster** A vector of cluster assignments for each graph used to create the cluster template. The clusters are numbered sequentially 1, 2,...,K.

**centers** The final cluster centers produced by the K-Means algorithm.

**K** The number of clusters in the template.

**n** The number of training graphs to used to create the template.

**iters** The maximum number of iterations for the K-means algorithm.

**WithinClustDists** The within cluster distances on the final iteration of the K-means algorithm. More specifically, the distance between each graph and the center of the cluster to which it was assigned on each iteration. The output of `make_clustering_template` stores the within cluster distances on each iteration, but the previous iterations were removed here to reduce the file size.

### Details

'handwriter' splits handwriting samples into component shapes called graphs. The graphs are sorted into 40 clusters with a K-Means algorithm.

### Examples

```
# view number of clusters
templateK40$K

# view number of iterations
templateK40$iters

# view cluster centers
plot_cluster_centers(templateK40)
```

---

thinImage	<i>thinImage</i>
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**Description**

This function returns a vector of locations for black pixels in the thinned image. Thinning done using Zhang - Suen algorithm.

**Usage**

```
thinImage(img)
```

**Arguments**

img                    A binary matrix of the text that is to be thinned.

**Value**

A thinned, one pixel wide, image.

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twoSent	<i>Two sentence printed example handwriting</i>
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**Description**

Two sentence printed example handwriting

**Usage**

```
twoSent
```

**Format**

Binary image matrix. 396 rows and 1947 columns

**Examples**

```
twoSent_document <- list()
twoSent_document$image <- twoSent
plotImage(twoSent_document)

## Not run:
twoSent_document <- list()
twoSent_document$image <- twoSent
plotImage(twoSent_document)
twoSent_document$thin <- thinImage(twoSent_document$image)
plotImageThinned(twoSent_document)
```

```
twoSent_processList <- processHandwriting(twoSent_document$thin, dim(twoSent_document$image))  
## End(Not run)
```

---

*whichToFill*

*whichToFill*

---

**Description**

Finds pixels in the plot that shouldn't be white and makes them black. Quick and helpful cleaning for before the thinning algorithm runs.

**Usage**

```
whichToFill(img)
```

**Arguments**

*img*            A binary matrix.

**Value**

A cleaned up image.



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