Package ‘image.binarization’

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Description Improve optical character recognition by binarizing images. The package focuses primarily on local adaptive thresholding algorithms.
   In English, this means that it has the ability to turn a color or gray scale image into a black and white image. This is particularly useful as a preprocessing step for optical character recognition or handwritten text recognition.
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Description

Binarize images in order to further process it for Optical Character Recognition (OCR) or Handwritten Text Recognition (HTR) purposes


Usage

image_binarization(x, type, opts = list())

Arguments

- **x**
  an image of class ’magick-image’. In grayscale. E.g. a PGM file. If not provided in grayscale, will extract the gray channel.

- **type**

- **opts**
  a list of options to pass on to the algorithm. See the details and the examples.

Details

Options which can be bassed on to the binarization routines, with the defaults between brackets

- otsu: none
- bernsen: window(75L), k(0.2), threshold(100L), contrast-limit(25L)
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- niblack: window(75L), k(0.2)
- sauvola: window(75L), k(0.2)
- wolf: window(75L), k(0.2)
- nick: window(75L), k(-0.2)
- gatos: window(75L), k(0.2), glyph(60L)
- su: window(75L), minN(75L)
- trsingh: window(75L), k(0.2)
- bataineh: none
- wan: window(75L), k(0.2)
- isauvola: window(75L), k(0.2)

Note that it is important that you provide the window / threshold / contrast-limit, minN, glyph argument as integers (e.g. as in 75L) and the other parameters as numerics.

Value

a binarized image of class magick-image as handled by the magick R package

Examples

```r
library(magick)
f <- system.file("extdata", "doxa-example.png", package = "image.binarization")
img <- image_read(f)
img <- image_convert(img, format = "PGM", colorspace = "Gray")

binary <- image_binarization(img, type = "otsu")
binary

binary <- image_binarization(img, type = "bernsen",
    opts = list(window = 50L, k = 0.2, threshold = 50L))
binary

binary <- image_binarization(img, type = "niblack", opts = list(window = 75L, k = 0.2))
binary

binary <- image_binarization(img, type = "sauvola")
binary

binary <- image_binarization(img, type = "wolf")
binary

binary <- image_binarization(img, type = "nick", opts = list(window = 75L, k = -0.2))
binary

binary <- image_binarization(img, type = "gatos", opts = list(window = 75L, k = 0.2, glyph = 50L))
binary

binary <- image_binarization(img, type = "su", opts = list(window = 20L))
binary

binary <- image_binarization(img, type = "trsingh")
binary

binary <- image_binarization(img, type = "bataineh")
binary

binary <- image_binarization(img, type = "wan")
binary

binary <- image_binarization(img, type = "isauvola", opts = list(window = 75L, k = 0.2))
binary
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