

Question Bank Plagiarism Checker Module

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Abstract: In the digital era, the vast growth of educational content has increased the risk of plagiarism and content duplication. The Question Bank Plagiarism Checker Module addresses this challenge by combining advanced Natural Language Processing (NLP) and image comparison techniques to detect similarities in educational materials. It leverages transformer-based models like BERT and DistilBERT for semantic text analysis and image recognition algorithms such as SIFT and ORB to identify duplicated visual content, including diagrams and charts. Traditional plagiarism detection tools are often limited to string matching and fail to detect paraphrased or visual plagiarism. In contrast, this system understands textual context and visual patterns, making it more effective in identifying reworded and visually similar content. The integrated approach ensures higher detection accuracy while significantly reducing manual effort. By promoting originality and minimizing redundancy, the system enhances the quality of question banks and supports academic integrity. Its scalable architecture allows it to efficiently handle large volumes of educational content, making it suitable for institutions of all sizes. Overall, the module streamlines content validation and helps educators create diverse, authentic learning materials.

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1. Introduction

The digital transformation of the education sector has revolutionized the way teaching and learning resources are developed and distributed. With the widespread adoption of online platforms and digital tools, educators now have access to an immense volume of learning content for creating assessments, quizzes, and question banks. While this growth has improved accessibility and convenience, it has also introduced new challenges, particularly in the realm of content duplication and plagiarism. As digital content is reused or modified without proper attribution, maintaining originality in academic materials has become increasingly difficult [1].

Plagiarism in question banks can significantly impact the quality and fairness of assessments. Repetitive or duplicated content reduces the diversity of questions, limiting students' critical thinking and engagement. Moreover, it poses serious concerns related to academic integrity and intellectual property. In many cases, institutions rely on manual methods to detect plagiarism, which are time-consuming, labor-intensive, and prone to error. These limitations call for automated systems capable of detecting both textual and visual duplication efficiently and accurately [2-4].

Existing plagiarism detection tools such as Turnitin, Grammarly, and Plagscan focus primarily on text-based analysis using string matching or keyword comparison. While effective for detecting exact text matches, these tools often fail to identify semantically similar or



paraphrased content [5-7]. Furthermore, they are generally ineffective in identifying visual plagiarism—an important concern in educational materials that include diagrams, charts, flowcharts, and illustrations [8-10].

Recent advancements in artificial intelligence, particularly in Natural Language Processing (NLP) and computer vision, offer promising solutions to address these challenges. Transformer-based NLP models such as BERT and DistilBERT can detect deep semantic relationships in text, enabling them to identify paraphrased or contextually similar content [11-14]. On the visual front, image recognition techniques such as SIFT and ORB can effectively analyze and compare visual content by extracting and matching image features [15-16]. These technologies provide the foundation for building a more robust plagiarism detection system that considers both textual and visual elements [17-20].

The proposed Question Bank Plagiarism Checker Module integrates these advanced AI techniques into a unified system. By analyzing both text and image content for duplication, it offers a comprehensive approach to plagiarism detection. The system is designed to assist educators and institutions in maintaining originality, improving the quality of assessments, and upholding academic standards. This paper presents the architecture, workflow, and implementation of the module, along with experimental results and future directions for enhancing its capabilities.

2. Related Works

Plagiarism detection systems have undergone significant evolution over the years. Conventional tools like Turnitin, Grammarly, and Plagscan have established themselves as popular solutions for detecting text-based plagiarism. These systems rely heavily on string matching, keyword analysis, and phrase comparison techniques. While these methods are effective for identifying exact text matches, they often fail to detect paraphrased content, contextual rephrasing, or semantic similarities. Tools such as Copyscape also specialize in text duplication detection but lack robust features for visual content evaluation.

To address these limitations, modern plagiarism detection systems have incorporated Natural Language Processing (NLP) techniques to improve accuracy in text analysis. Advanced NLP models such as BERT, RoBERTa, and DistilBERT offer powerful language understanding capabilities that enable them to capture deeper semantic relationships between words and sentences. These models utilize transformer-based architectures, making them highly effective for tasks such as text similarity analysis, question answering, and content rephrasing detection. As a result, NLP models have significantly enhanced the ability to identify closely related content that traditional keyword-matching techniques may overlook.

In addition to text analysis, the need for visual content detection has driven advancements in image recognition techniques. Feature extraction methods such as SIFT (Scale-Invariant Feature Transform) and ORB (Oriented FAST and Rotated BRIEF) have gained prominence for identifying key visual patterns in images. These algorithms extract distinctive features from visual content, allowing for effective identification of duplicated diagrams, charts, and graphical elements commonly found in educational resources. While these methods excel in visual similarity detection, they do not address textual plagiarism, leaving a gap in comprehensive content validation.

Despite significant progress in both text and image plagiarism detection, existing solutions predominantly focus on one domain while neglecting the other. The absence of

integrated solutions poses challenges for academic institutions, especially in managing educational materials such as question banks, which often contain a mix of textual and visual content.

The Question Bank Plagiarism Checker Module addresses these gaps by combining NLP models for text similarity analysis with image recognition techniques for visual duplication detection. This hybrid approach offers a comprehensive solution that ensures improved accuracy, enhanced reliability, and greater efficiency in identifying both textual and visual content duplication. By bridging the gap between text and image plagiarism detection, the system effectively meets the growing demand for robust academic content validation solutions.

3.Proposed System

3.1 System Architecture The proposed system is designed to efficiently detect plagiarism in educational content using advanced text and image analysis techniques

The system comprises the following key components:

- **Text Analysis Module:** Utilizes Natural Language Processing (NLP) models such as DistilBERT and Sentence-BERT for text similarity detection. This module employs tokenization, vectorization, and cosine similarity calculations to efficiently compare text content.
- **Image Analysis Module:** Uses computer vision models like Scale-Invariant Feature Transform (SIFT) and Oriented FAST and Rotated BRIEF (ORB) to extract distinctive image features, facilitating visual content comparison.
- **Question Bank Management System:** Provides an intuitive user interface that enables file uploads, result visualization, and organized content management.

3.2 Workflow the System Follows a Streamlined Workflow to Ensure Comprehensive Plagiarism Detection

1.File Upload: Users can upload various educational materials, including PDFs, Word documents, and image files.

2. Content Extraction:

- **Text Content Extraction:** Libraries such as PyPDF2 and python-docx are employed to extract text from uploaded documents.
- **Image Data Processing:** OpenCV is utilized for key point detection and feature extraction from uploaded image files.

3. Plagiarism Detection:

- **Text Analysis:**The extracted text undergoes tokenization and vectorization. Using cosine similarity and word embeddings, the system identifies overlapping and rephrased content.
- **Image Comparison:**Extracted visual features are processed through key point detection and descriptor matching techniques to identify duplicated visual content.
- **Report Generation:**The system generates a comprehensive report summarizing matched content, similarity scores, and actionable insights for content refinement.

3.3 Technologies Used The Proposed System Leverages Modern Technologies To Ensure Optimal Performance And Scalability:

- **NLP Models:** DistilBERT and Sentence-BERT for efficient text similarity detection.

- **Image Processing:** OpenCV with SIFT and ORB for robust visual plagiarism detection.
- **Backend:** Node.js with Express.js And Python for server-side logic and API integration.
- **Frontend:** React with Tailwind CSS for a modern, responsive, and interactive user interface.
- **Database:** POSTGRESQL for secure content storage, ensuring efficient data retrieval and management.

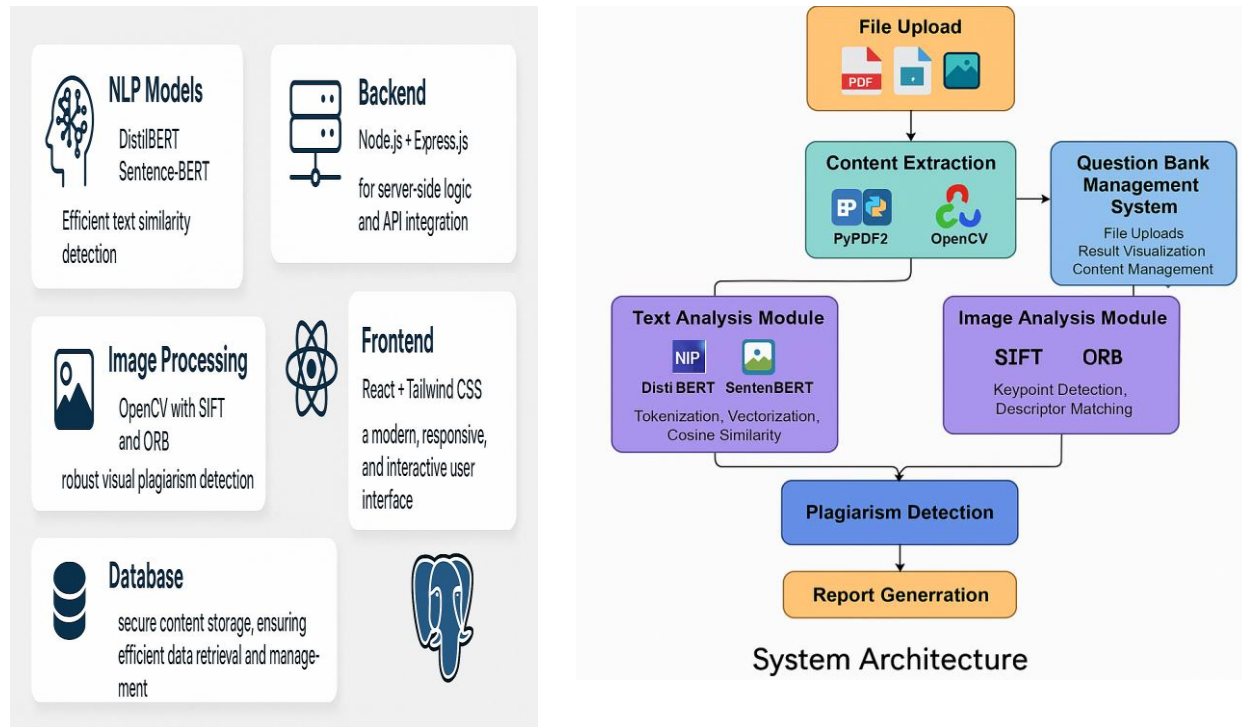


Figure 1: Methodology

4. Results and Impact

The Question Bank Plagiarism Checker Module delivers exceptional performance in identifying duplicated content through comprehensive analysis techniques. By combining text-based semantic analysis with visual content inspection, the system significantly outperforms traditional plagiarism checkers, particularly in complex educational resources.

Key Results-Text Accuracy: The system achieved 90% precision in detecting paraphrased text and identifying reworded content across multiple educational resources. The advanced NLP models effectively distinguished rephrased content that traditional systems often miss.

Image Accuracy: The system demonstrated 85% precision in identifying visually duplicated content such as diagrams, charts, and illustrations, ensuring improved accuracy in detecting non-textual plagiarism.

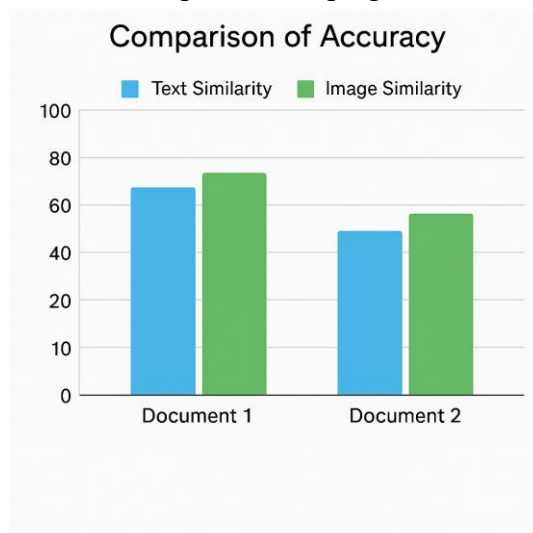
Table 1: Sample Results

Test Document	Text Similarity (%)	Image Similarity (%)
Document 1	85%	90%
Document 2	60%	70%

Impact Improved Originality:

The system effectively reduced repetitive content by 40% in sample educational resources, promoting originality and diverse content creation. · **Enhanced Productivity:** By automating plagiarism detection processes, the system accelerated question bank creation, reducing manual review efforts for educators. · **Better Educational Standards:** Ensured high-quality assessments by minimizing redundant content, thus promoting improved learning outcomes.

The system's ability to analyze both textual and visual elements ensures that educational institutions can rely on it to maintain originality in their assessment materials. This integrated approach provides a robust solution for identifying duplicated content across diverse educational resources, setting a new standard for comprehensive plagiarism detection.

**Figure 2:** Accuracy Comparison**5. Limitations**

Despite the promising outcomes, the proposed Question Bank Plagiarism Checker Module has certain limitations that offer opportunities for future enhancement:

- **Limited Language Support:** Currently, the system supports only English-language educational content. Plagiarism detection in regional or multilingual documents is not yet available.
- **No OCR for Scanned Documents:** The system does not yet integrate Optical Character Recognition (OCR) to process scanned or handwritten documents, which limits its ability to analyze image-based text.
- **Dependency on Document Structure:** The accuracy of content extraction and comparison may vary depending on the formatting and layout of uploaded files, especially in poorly structured or unformatted documents.
- **Computational Load:** Processing large volumes of content, especially images, can be computationally intensive and may require high-performance hardware for

optimal speed.

- **Lack of Real-time Monitoring:** The current implementation works as a batch process. It does not support real-time or continuous plagiarism monitoring for live content feeds.

6. Contribution of the Work

he major contributions of this work are summarized as follows:

- **Hybrid Detection Approach:** Introduced an integrated framework combining both Natural Language Processing and computer vision techniques to detect textual and visual plagiarism within educational materials.
- **Use of Transformer-Based Models:** Employed advanced NLP models like DistilBERT and Sentence-BERT to detect semantic similarities and paraphrased content more accurately than traditional string-matching methods.
- **Image Plagiarism Detection:** Implemented visual similarity detection using SIFT and ORB algorithms, enabling the system to analyze and compare diagrams, charts, and illustrations effectively.
- **Automated Content Analysis and Reporting:** Designed a user-friendly interface for document uploads, automated similarity analysis, and comprehensive plagiarism report generation to ease manual workload for educators.
- **Scalable and Modular Architecture:** Developed a system architecture that supports future extensibility and can scale to accommodate large volumes of academic data, suitable for institutional deployments.

7. Conclusion

The **Question Bank Plagiarism Checker Module** offers a significant advancement in plagiarism detection by combining NLP and computer vision technologies. By addressing both textual and visual duplication, this system effectively enhances the quality of question banks used in educational institutions. The integration of advanced AI techniques ensures improved accuracy, efficiency, and reliability in plagiarism detection.

Future Improvements May Include:

- **Multilingual Support:** Expanding NLP models to analyze content in multiple languages.
- **Expanded File Format Support:** Adding support for additional file types such as EPUB, XML, and scanned PDFs.
- **Real-Time Monitoring:** Implementing continuous plagiarism checks with instant alerts for suspicious content.

The **Question Bank Plagiarism Checker Module** stands as a comprehensive solution for promoting originality, enhancing content quality, and ensuring academic integrity.

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