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[origin: EP0115546A1] A computer-controlled method for automatically determining the respective value of the print quality of a printer and for adjusting said print quality towards an optimum value DQ_{opt} using the empirically determined average optimum image contrast signal (PCS) as well as the standard deviation σ of PCS which results from the equation $\langle IMAGE \rangle$ where R_B = reflection of the background and R_i = reflection of an image element i or point i (PEL). The method is characterised in that by optoelectronic scanning of all image elements i of a character along the skeleton line and the background, the actual value of the image contrast signal is formed from the individual values $\langle IMAGE \rangle$ for all n image elements and, from these n scanning values, a factor $\langle IMAGE \rangle$ is derived and a print quality factor $\langle IMAGE \rangle$ and from it $1/n \times 2$ is formed, in that subsequently the actual value of print quality $DQ = a_0 + a_1 \cdot 1/n \times 2$ is determined from that value, and in that by iterative automatic comparison between the stored optimum value DQ_{opt} of the print quality and the value determined for the print quality in a closed control loop, the control factors for readjusting the different parameters of the printer are derived and used.

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