

TABLE V: Comparison of the performance of fine tuning different pre-trained F-RCNN and M-RCNN models on the SPD documents. The performance scores are MAP @ IOU [0.50:0.95] evaluated via a 5-fold cross-document-validation on 20 SPD documents. The results demonstrate the advantage of PubLayNet over general image datasets in domain adaptation for document layout analysis.

Category	Method	Initialization	F-RCNN	M-RCNN
Text	zero-shot	PubLayNet	0.482	0.468
	fine tuning	PubLayNet	<b>0.701</b>	<b>0.708</b>
	fine tuning	COCO	0.651	0.661
	fine tuning	ImageNet	0.622	0.629
List	zero-shot	PubLayNet	0.508	0.510
	fine tuning	PubLayNet	<b>0.681</b>	<b>0.684</b>
	fine tuning	COCO	0.622	0.611
	fine tuning	ImageNet	0.603	0.603
Table	zero-shot	PubLayNet	0.422	0.419
	fine tuning	PubLayNet	0.541	<b>0.596</b>
	fine tuning	COCO	<b>0.560</b>	0.588
	fine tuning	ImageNet	0.528	0.573
Macro average	zero-shot	PubLayNet	0.470	0.465
	fine tuning	PubLayNet	<b>0.641</b>	<b>0.663</b>
	fine tuning	COCO	0.611	0.620
	fine tuning	ImageNet	0.584	0.602

to train deep learning models that can accurately recognize the layout of unseen journals. For documents in a distant domain, e.g., government documents and SPD documents, we demonstrated the value of using PubLayNet in a transfer learning setting.

## VI. CONCLUSION

We automatically generated the PubLayNet dataset, which is the largest ever available document layout annotation dataset exploiting redundancy in PCMOA. This dataset allows state-of-the-art object detection algorithms to be trained delivering high performance layout recognition on biomedical articles. Furthermore, this dataset is shown to be helpful to pre-train object detection algorithms to identify tables and different document layout objects in health insurance documents. These results are encouraging since the developed dataset is potentially helpful for document layout annotation of other domains. PubLayNet is available from <https://github.com/ibm-aur-nlp/PubLayNet>.

As future work, we plan to exploit PMCOA for the automatic generation of large datasets to solve other document analysis problems with deep learning models. For example, PubLayNet does not contain relationships between the layout elements, e.g., a paragraph and a section title. Such information is available in the XML representation and can be exploited to automatically create a dataset of the logical structure of documents.

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