Table Extraction

for Data Scientists

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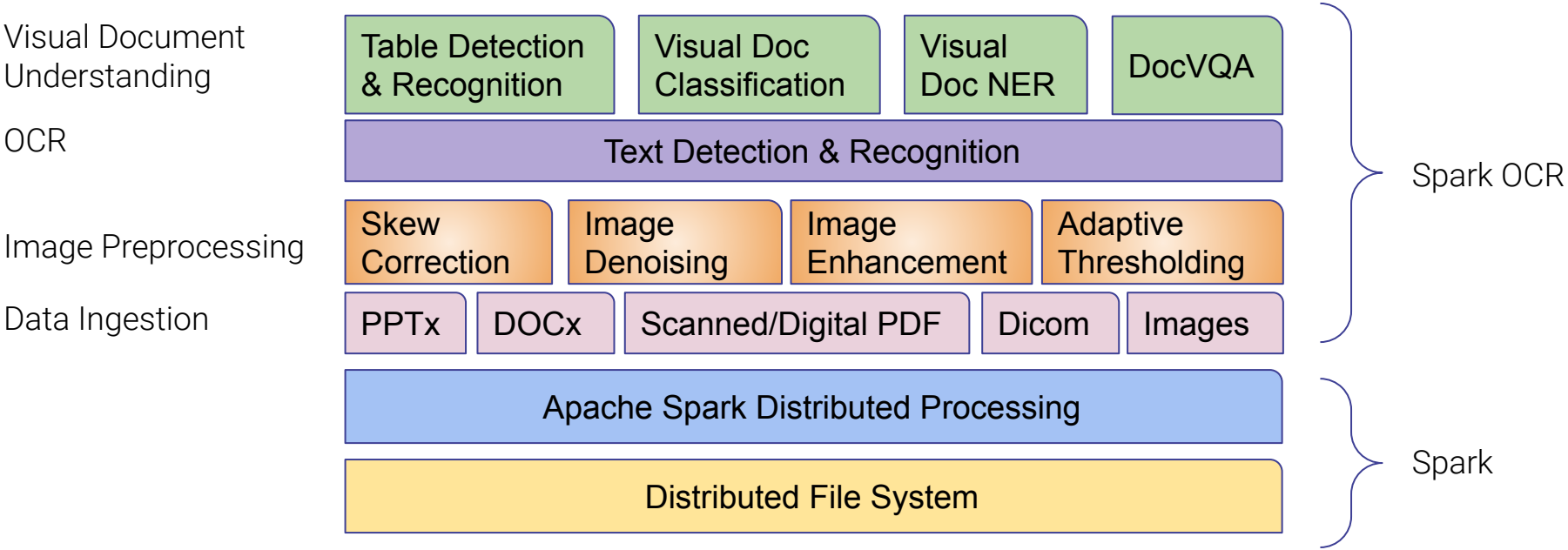
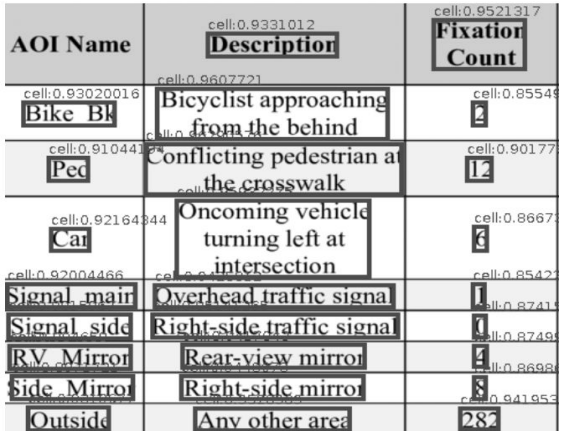
Agenda

Main topic	Introduced Concepts
Introduction	Visual-NLP brief intro. What is Table Processing. Examples.
General Pipeline Architecture	Different architectures; table & cell detection, OCR. Examples.
Alternative Approach	Visual Question Answering. Problem definition. Extracting information from Tables. Examples.
Summary and next steps	JSL's roadmap on Table Extraction.
Questions & Answers	Questions to discuss the content.

Visual NLP


Visual Document Understanding
OCR
Image Preprocessing
Data Ingestion
Table Detection & Recognition
Visual Doc Classification
Visual Doc NER
DocVQA
Text Detection & Recognition
Skew Correction
Image Denoising
Image Enhancement
Adaptive Thresholding
PPTx
DOCx
Scanned/Digital PDF
Dicom
Images
Apache Spark Distributed Processing
Distributed File System
Spark OCR
Spark

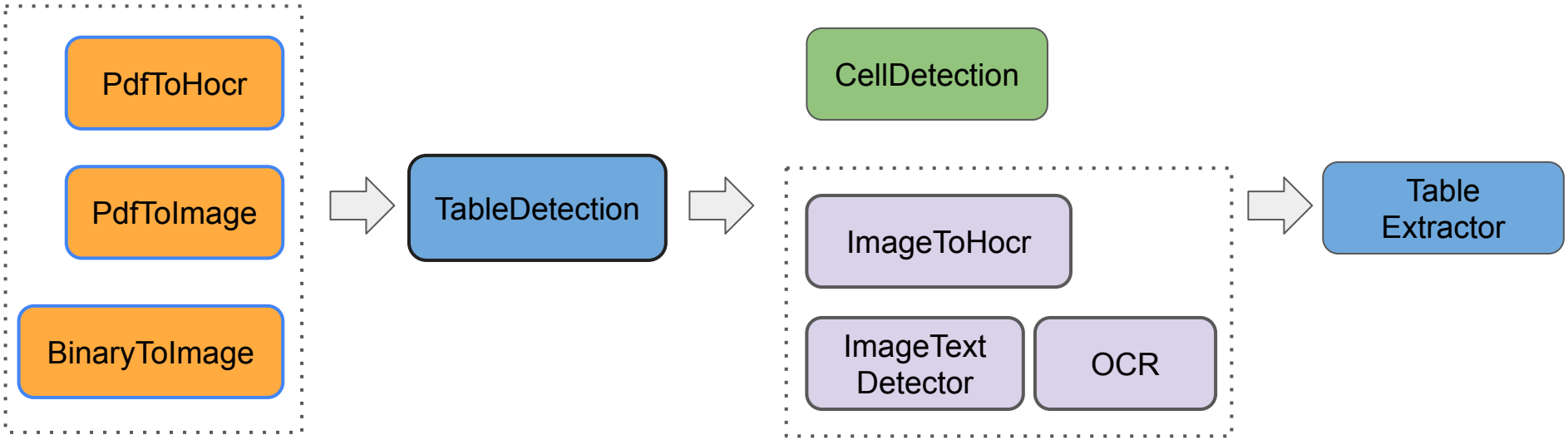
Introduction



col0	col1	col2
Empty	Description	Fixation cm
Bike_Bk	Bieyelis! approaching	2
Ped	(Conflicting pedestrian at| the crosswalk	RD
Car	Oncoming vehicle turning left at intersection	6
Signal_main|	Overhead traffic signal	1
Signal_side	Right-side traffic signal	0
RV_Mirror	Rear-view mirror Right-side mirror	4 8
Outside	Any other area	282

- Table Extraction -> recover the structure, hierarchies and relations of elements in a table.
- Involves multiple steps, OCR, table detection, cell detection.

Pipeline Architecture

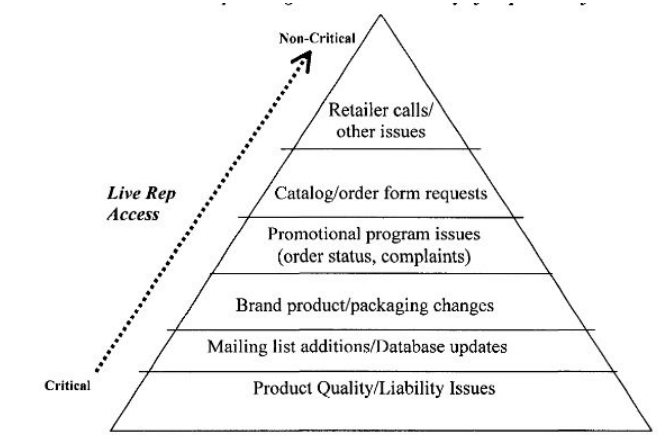


Alternative

DocVQA

- Many times extracting the entire table is not crucial.
- DocVQA can be used to process tables and extract specific information.

DocVQA



- *Examined 4 levels of service options ranging from $1.1MM to $6.1MM.*

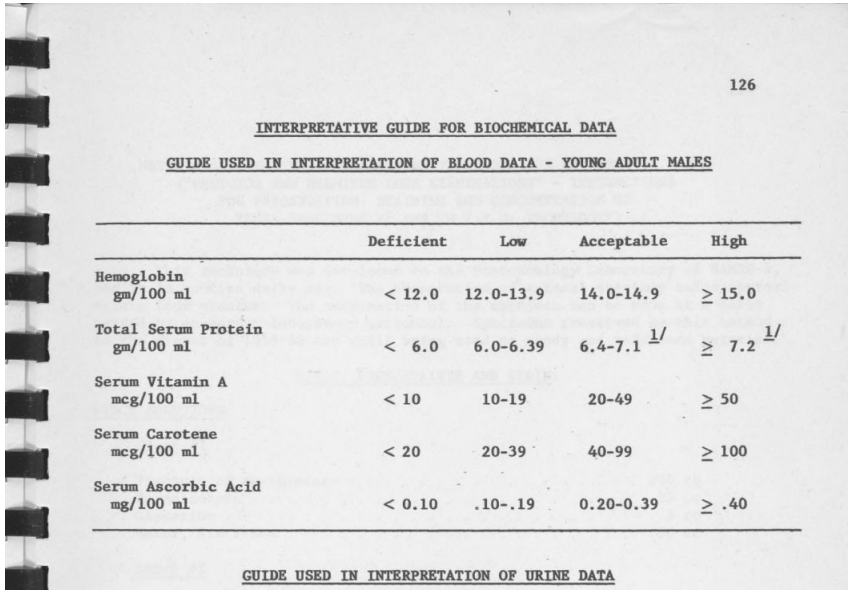
What is the issue at the top of the pyramid? Retailer calls/ other issues

Which is the least critical issue for live rep support? Retailer calls/other issues

Which is the most critical issue for live rep support? Product quality/liability issues

Not only extract and interpret the textual (handwritten, typewritten or printed) content of the document images, but also other visual cues including layout (page structure, forms, tables), non-textual elements (marks, tick boxes, separators, diagrams) and style (font, colours, highlighting).

Example #1



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INTERPRETATIVE GUIDE FOR BIOCHEMICAL DATA

GUIDE USED IN INTERPRETATION OF BLOOD DATA - YOUNG ADULT MALES

	Deficient	Low	Acceptable	High
Hemoglobin gm/100 ml	< 12.0	12.0-13.9	14.0-14.9	≥ 15.0
Total Serum Protein gm/100 ml	< 6.0	6.0-6.39	6.4-7.1 1/	≥ 7.2 1/
Serum Vitamin A mcg/100 ml	< 10	10-19	20-49	≥ 50
Serum Carotene mcg/100 ml	< 20	20-39	40-99	≥ 100
Serum Ascorbic Acid mg/100 ml	< 0.10	.10-.19	0.20-0.39	≥ .40

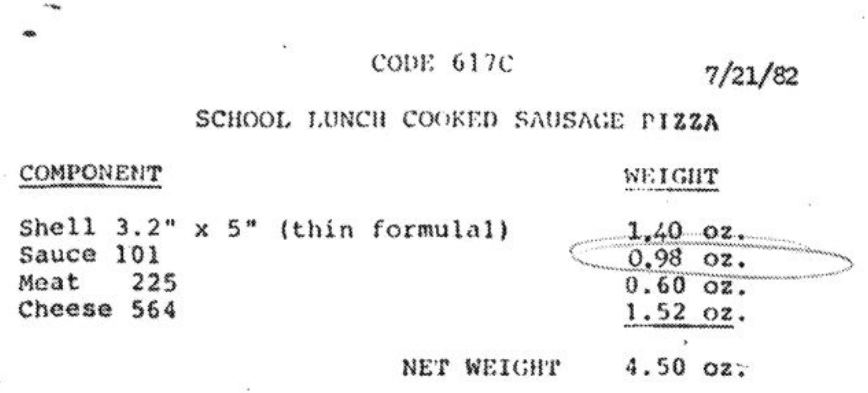
GUIDE USED IN INTERPRETATION OF URINE DATA

What is the Acceptable Haemoglobin level(g/100ml)?
14.0-14.9

What is the deficiency level for Haemoglobin in blood?
<12.0

What is the acceptable level of Serum Carotene in blood?
40-99

Example #2



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SCHOOL LUNCH COOKED SAUSAGE PIZZA

COMPONENT	WEIGHT
Shell 3.2" x 5" (thin formula1)	1.40 oz.
Sauce 101	0.98 oz.
Meat 225	0.60 oz.
Cheese 564	1.52 oz.
NET WEIGHT	4.50 oz.

What is the number circled?

0.98 oz.

What is the net weight?

Retailer calls/other issues

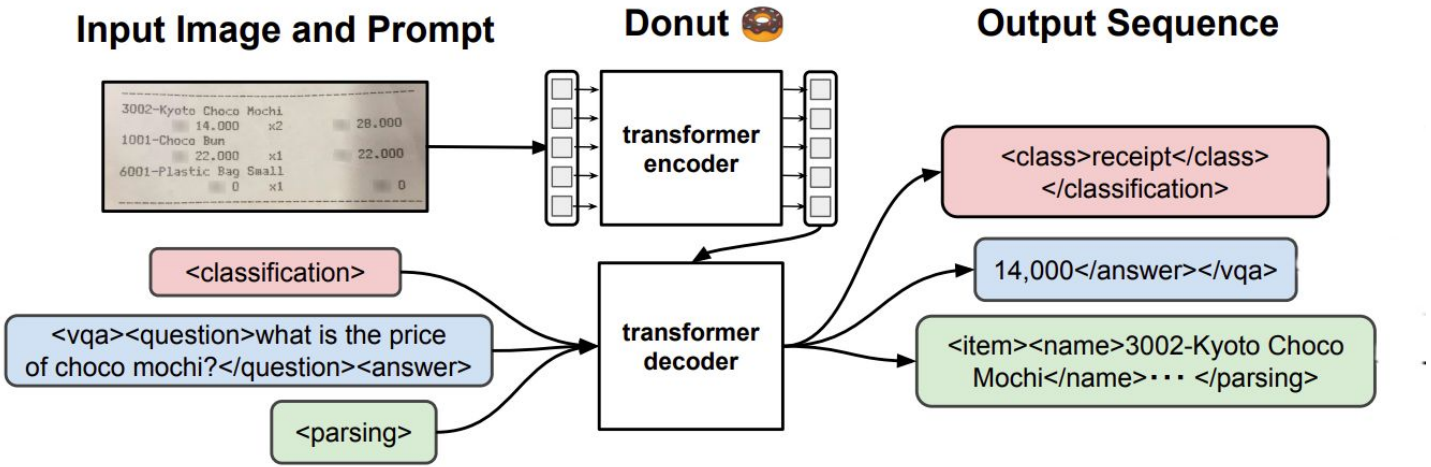
What is the title of the table?

SCHOOL LAUNCH COOKED SAUSAGE PIZZA

Common Architectures

1. **Roughly 2 types of architectures:** OCR + decoder and encoder/decoder.
2. **OCR + decoder:** They use 3 types of features: layout, text, and image.
3. **Encoder-decoder:** they use a visual transformer + language model decoding.

Donut



- OCR-free VDU model
- Swin Transformer is used for the encoder.
- BART is used as the language decoder.

Best Practices

- Identify the documents/sections you care about.
- Apply a limited set of well defined questions covering the information you need.
- Rephrase the questions.
- Use confidence scores.

Examples

TableExtractionBasics

TableProcessingVQA

Trial license for 10 days, https://bit.ly/Zero_Shot_Visual_NLP

Summary and next steps

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We've covered…

- Table Extraction Basics & Best Practices.
- Examples of different Table Extraction Pipelines.
- Practical problems & solutions.
- DocVQA as an alternative.
- Examples.

Summary and next steps

Next steps…

- We are adding new improved models all the time.
- New output formats for Tables.
- Trainable models.
- Want to try yourself? Ask for a trial!, enes@johnsnowlabs.com

Questions & Answers