

# **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.



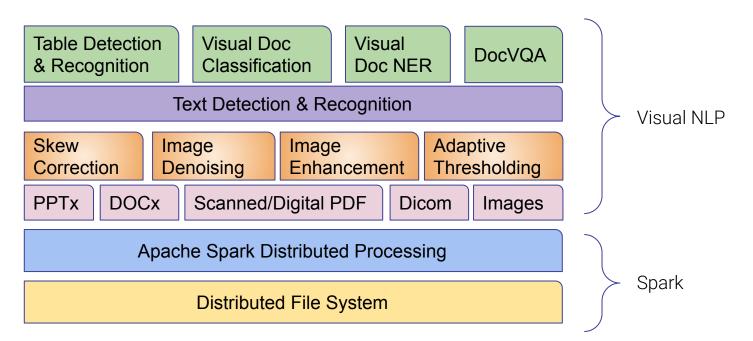
### **Visual NLP**

Visual Document Understanding

OCR

Image Preprocessing

Data Ingestion





### Introduction

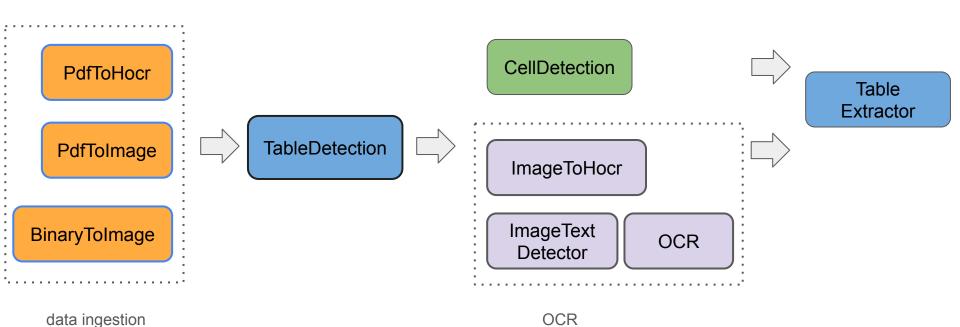
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Signal side RV Mirror	Rear-view mirror	9 II: 0. 8749: 4 II: 0. 8698:
Outside	Right-side mirror Any other area	282



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



# Pipeline Architecture



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# **Metrics**

## 1.1. Table Detection Benchmark (Icdar 2019)

Evaluation on icdar19 cTDaR Track A dataset:

Model	<b>0.6</b> (IOU F1)	<b>0.7</b> (IOU F1)	<b>0.8</b> (IOU F1)	<b>0.9</b> (IOU F1)	Weighted Average
icdar_13_td	0.839	0.820	0.815	0.769	0.807
icdar_19_track_a_modern_td	0.918	0.898	0.893	0.837	0.882
table_bank_both_td	0.839	0.820	0.815	0.769	0.807
icdar_19_track_a_modern_td_v2	0.918	0.898	0.893	0.837	0.882
general_model_td_v2	0.918	0.900	0.893	0.839	0.883
table_detection_v3	0.951	0.946	0.936	0.887	0.93
CascadeTabNet (general model)	0.943	0.934	0.925	0.901	0.923
DETR_td	0.580	0.560	0.510	0.306	0.474

<sup>\*</sup> All models have been fine tunned in CTDAR Track A except DETR\_td and DETR\_td (FT in PubTables-1M)

# 2. Table Detection Benchmark (Icdar 13)

Evaluation on icdar13 dataset:

Model	<b>0.6</b> (IOU F1)	<b>0.7</b> (IOU F1)	<b>0.8</b> (IOU F1)
DeepDeSRT	0.9615	0.974	0.9677
TableNet	0.9628	0.9697	0.9662
general_model_td_v2	1.0	1.0	1.0

<sup>\*</sup> All models have been fine tunned in CTDAR Track A except DETR\_td and DETR\_td\_v2 (FT in PubTables-1M)

# 2. Table Structure Recognition (TSR)

### 2.1. TSR in ICDAR 19 TRACK B

Model	<b>0.6</b> (IOU F1)	<b>0.7</b> (IOU F1)	<b>0.8</b> (IOU F1)	<b>0.9</b> (IOU F1)	Weighted Average
CascadeTabNet	0.438	0.354	0.19	0.036	0.232
NLPR-PAL	0.365	0.305	0.195	0.035	0.206
Multi-Type-TD-TSR	0.589	0.404	0.137	0.015	0.253
SparkOCR	0.306	0.289	0.253	0.097	0.225

<sup>\*</sup> DETR not included because is trained in PubTables-1M. TSR accuracy in Track B low

### 2.2. TSR in PubTables-1M

Test performance of TSR models on PubTables-1M (Paper).

Model	AP	AP50	AP75	AR
Faster R-CNN	0.722	0.815	0.785	0.762
DETR	0.912	0.971	0.948	0.942

<sup>\*</sup> Performance on different subsets (AP, AP50, AP75 and AR) of PubTables-1M dataset

### 3. Table Cell Detection

### TSR in ICDAR 19 TRACK B with TedEval results

Model	Recall	Precision	Hmean
CascadeTabNet			
region_cell_detection	0.925	0.846	0.884

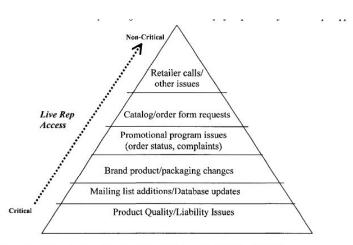


# Alternative DocVQA

- 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

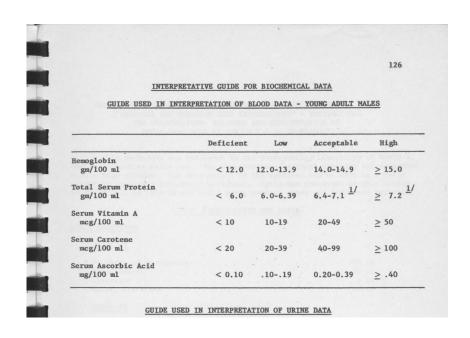
Which is the least critical issue for live rep support? Retailer calls/other issues

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**



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

CH COOKED SAUS

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SCHOOL LUNCH COOKED SAUSAGE PIZZA

CODE 617C

Shell 3.2" x 5" (thin formulal)
Sauce 101
Meat 225
Cheese 564

COMPONENT

WEIGHT

1,40 oz. 0,98 oz. 0.60 oz. 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

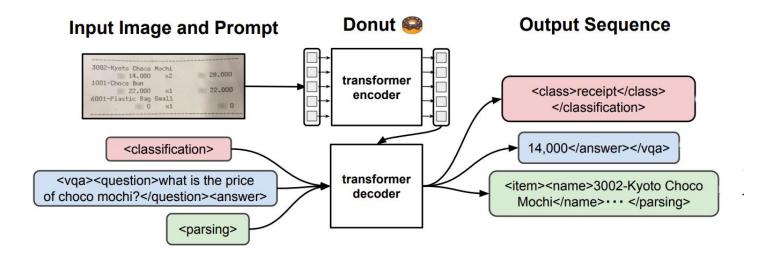


### **Common Architectures**

- 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.







- 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**

<u>TableExtractionBasics</u>

<u>TableProcessingVQA</u>



# **Summary and next steps**

#### 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**



