

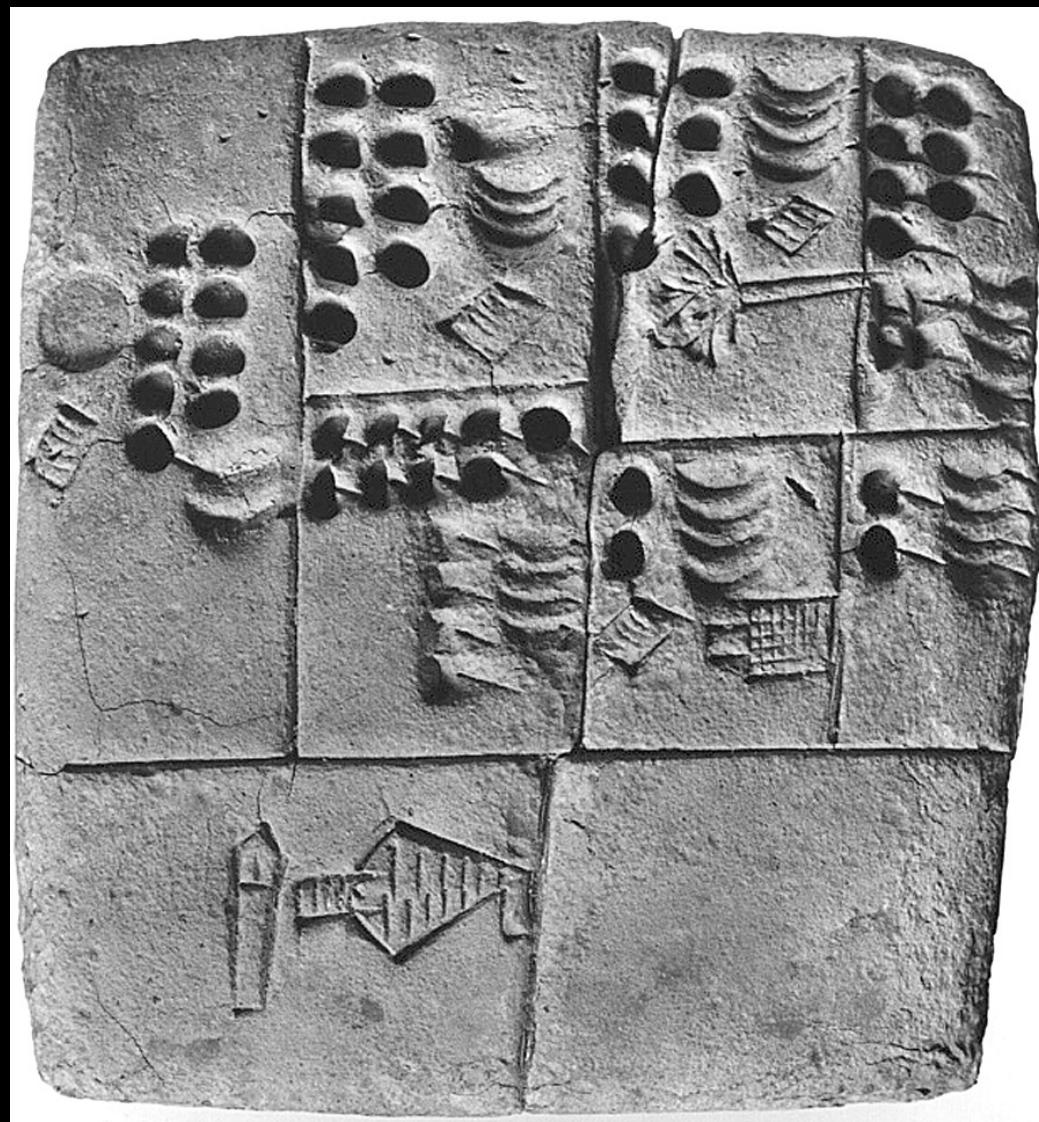
# **Exploring the Origins of Tables for Information Visualization**

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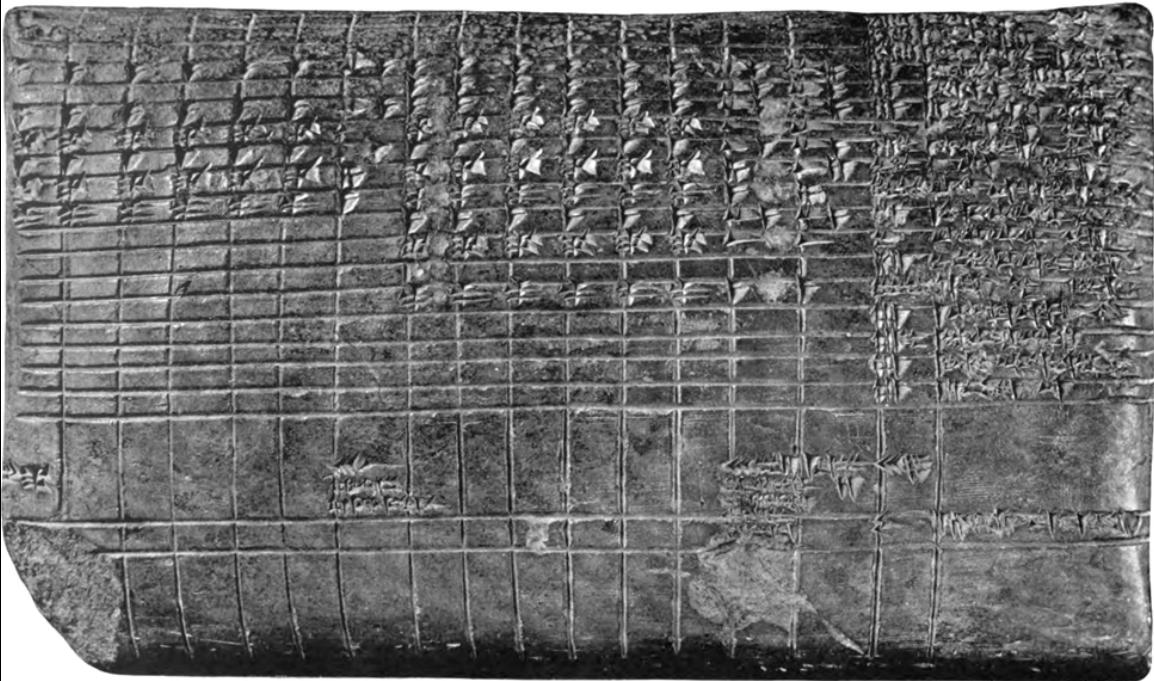
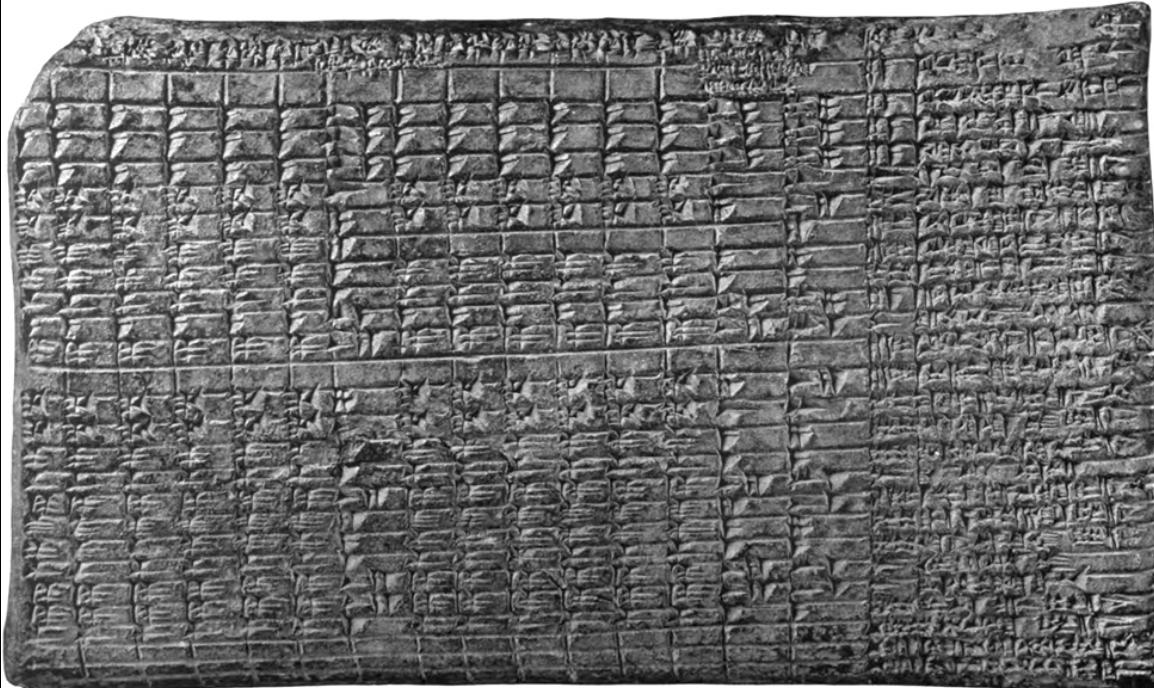
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Uruk III Tablet, (ca. 3200-3000 BCE)  
(MSVO 3, 51, Louvre Museum, Paris,  
France)



Cuneiform tablet, temple of Enlil  
at Nippur, ( c. 1850 BCE )

(CBS 3323, University of  
Pennsylvania).

PERSA  
RUM.

CORIS

MDX XV

XVI

XVII

Leviii OLyMPIAS

XVIII

Censuromae agitato inuentasunt hominū. cxxc L

Nono anno post exactos reges noua digmilia  
nitatis est creata dictatura scilicet & magister  
equitū qui dictatori obsequer&ur. dictator I  
primus largius magister equitū spurius cassius fuit. II

III

lxxiiii OLyMPIAS

XXII

Hellenicu historiographus & democritus phi

III

XXIII

losophus & heradetur cognomento tenebrosus &  
anaxagoras physiscus clari habentur.

V

XXIV

Pythagoras philopbus moritur.

VI

Uulsi coriolor per di derunt.

VII

MDXXV

Lxxi OLyMPIAS

XXVI

Aecilius tragoediariū scriptor agnoscatur.

VIII

XXVII

Lxani contra rominos rebellauerunt romae  
populus apatriis facta sedmone discedit.

VIII

XXVIII

Marcus qui coriolus ceperat interuentu  
maris uluria & uxoris columiae ab op  
pugnatione urbis remouit exercitum.

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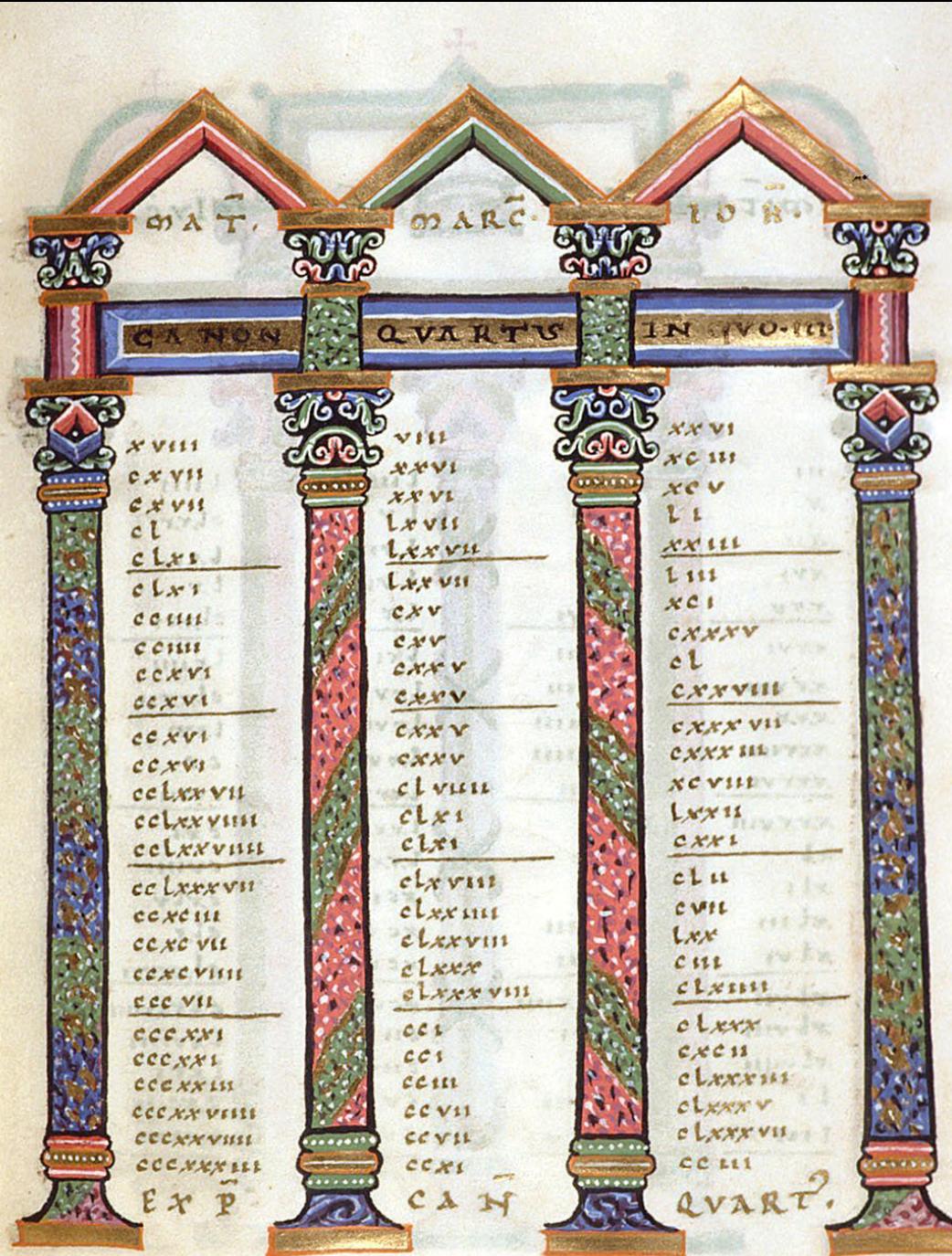
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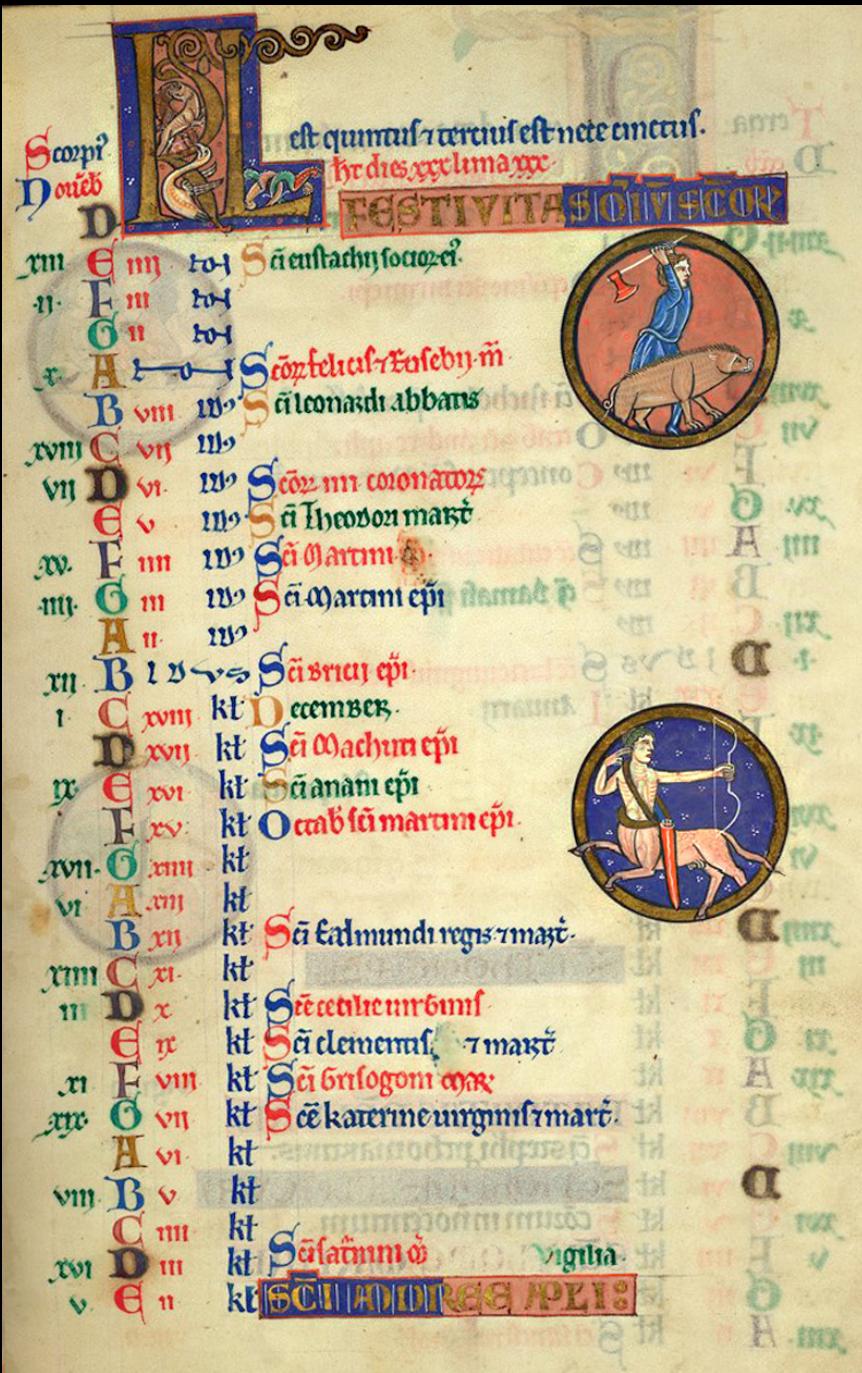
Jerome's Chronicon, (Merton MS  
315, fol. 96r).

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## Eusebian canon table for Matthew, Mark, and John.

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Calendar, November, English Psalter

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**I**n principio huius figurae se eleventh littera cum numeris suis. Propter secundum ecurrentes magis anni quam hinc inse. **D**ecim annos eius ecurrentibus quae recipiuntur. **xix.** anno solari. **D**emque primi anni solarii septuaginta. id est. anni pignoris si quatuor et usq; ad videntem colorum se. **xxviii.** ut scilicet ecurrentes quo anno sit solari eisdem. **I**ndicatores a viridi colore nocturno. **xxv.** anno colori redente. **H**oc est quod figura ecurrentes super positi. et martyrologio pignore designantur. Id est cum anni curlibet anni. **P**ro descripitione figurae inferius est epistola. Et annis cyclorum lunae. ut si nouerit quod sit anni. **xxvii.** tene ipsius et per annos linea ubi est numerus decimi ecurrentis repertus est ecurrentis epistola. **C**inquo cyclorum lunare. et ova fere necessaria eadem anni. In anteriori parte se pagina de atrauante scripta anni ab origine mundi secundum lev. incipit avi **Lxxvii.** et magis anni numero iehoannis **A. xviii.** In posteriori quoque parte se anni ab origine mundi de atrauante. Secundum hebreum a ueritatem. incipiens **A. viii.** decim **vii.** et anni incarnatione domini ex manu inchoantes ab. d. c. e. l. v. Quibus annoz numeri. **s. x. v. 1. 1. 1. 1.** singulis ad dederis sequentem numerum explabis.

## Computus Table, (MS. 17, fol. 30r, St. John's College, Oxford).

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# Future Work

- Further explore tabular formats in ancient documents
- Expand notion of gridding and text
- Expand analysis of computistical table

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