Table precise extraction from PDF file

Approach 1: Camelot

Camelot is a Python library that makes it easy to extract tables from PDF files.

Installation of dependencies

To parse tables from pdf through Camelot, dependencies **Ghostscript** and **Tkinter** must be installed. The dependencies **Ghostscript** and **Tkinter** can be installed using your system's package manager or by running their installer.

Ghostscript:

https://www.ghostscript.com/doc/current/Install.htm

Tkinter:

https://wiki.python.org/moin/TkInter

Installation of Camelot

```
$ pip install camelot-py[cv]
```

Table extraction codes

```
import camelot
import tkinter
import pandas
```

In this section, An article Energetics of Protein-Protein Interactions: Analysis of the Barnase-Barstar Interface by Single Mutations and Double Mutant Cycles downloaded from NCBI Pubmed is used as a sample file, which contains a spreadsheet of thermodynamics data in page 11.

```
tables = camelot.read_pdf('/Users/chengzihao2018/Desktop/Camelot Test/Prote
pages='11',
flavor='stream')
```

The *Stream* method is used to parse tables that have whitespaces between cells to simulate a table structure. The default method is *lattice*, which is used to parse tables that have demarcated lines between cells, and can automatically parse multiple tables present on a page.

```
tables
# <TableList n=1>
```

Now, we have a TableList object called tables, which is a list of Table objects. We can get everything we need from this object.

```
tables [0]
   \# <Table shape=(74, 9)>
   tables[0].df
Out[10]:
               0
                      contact residues.
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              71
                                                                    ± 0.01
```

Now the table has been successfully extracted, but not in perfect accuracy. We can see that the

10\n10

6\n6

cell contact residues on the left top is actually mistakenly parsed from the text outside

5.1 ± 0.1\n5.1 ± 0.1

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1.09 ±

± 0.01

± 0.01

0.01\n1.09

N/D\nN/D 0.01\n1.05

N/D\nN/D

72

73

74 rows × 9 columns

the table in the article. A minor trimming to remove the unwanted row is needed.

```
df1 = df.drop([0])
new_header = df1.iloc[0] #grab the first row for the header
df2 = df1[1:] #take the data less the header row
df2.columns = new_header #set the header row as the df header
df2
```

1	Mutant\nMutant	Ki [nM]\nKi [nM]	K [108M- 1]\nK [108M-1]	N \n N	(cid:507)H [kcal/mol]\n(cid:507)H [kcal/mol]	(cid:507)S [cal/(mol K)]\n(cid:507)S [cal/(mol K)]\nTexp [°C]\nTexp [°C]	(cid:507)G [kcal/mol]\n(cid:507)G [kcal/mol]	(cid:507)Cp [cal/(mol K)]\n(cid:507)Cp [cal/(mol K)]	TH[°C]\nTH[°C]
2	Low affinity mutants\n Low affinity mutants								
3	F36A\nF36A	40 ± 15\n40 ± 15	0.14 ± 0.02\n0.14 ± 0.02	0.89 ± 0.01\n0.89 ± 0.01	-10.2 ± 0.2\n-10.2 ± 0.2	-1.0 ± 0.7\n30\n-1.0 ± 0.7\n30	-9.9 ± 0.1\n-9.9 ± 0.1	-653 ± 25\n-653 ± 25	16.3 : 0.6\n16.3 ± 0.6
4			0.21 ± 0.01\n0.21 ± 0.01	0.98 ± 0.01\n0.98 ± 0.01	-4.1 ± 0.1\n-4.1 ± 0.1	19.9 ± 0.1\n25\n19.9 ± 0.1\n25	-9.4 ± 0.1\n-9.4 ± 0.1		
5			0.53 ± 0.06\n0.53 ± 0.06	1.09 ± 0.01\n1.09 ± 0.01	6.4 ± 0.1\n6.4 ± 0.1	58.2 ± 0.4\n6\n58.2 ± 0.4\n6	-9.9 ± 0.1\n-9.9 ± 0.1		
6	H41A\nH41A	34 ± 10\n34 ± 10	0.26 ± 0.01\n0.26 ± 0.01	1.10 ± 0.01\n1.10 ± 0.01	-5.1 ± 0.2\n-5.1 ± 0.2	17.1 ± 0.5\n28\n17.1 ± 0.5\n28	-10.2 ± 0.1\n-10.2 ± 0.1	-592 ± 12\n-592 ± 12	19.4 ± 0.4
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69			N/D\nN/D	0.89 ± 0.01\n0.89 ± 0.01	6.4 ± 0.2\n6.4 ± 0.2	6\n6			
70	WT\nWT	0.5 ± 0.1\n0.5 ± 0.1	90 ± 10(d)\n90 ± 10(d)	1.03 ± 0.01\n1.03 ± 0.01	-7.4 ± 0.1\n-7.4 ± 0.1	30\n30	-13.8 ± 0.5\n-13.8 ± 0.5	-667 ± 51\n-667 ± 51	18.8 ± 0.9\n18.8 ± 0.9
71			N/D\nN/D	1.07 ± 0.01\n1.07 ± 0.01	-4.1 ± 0.1\n-4.1 ± 0.1	25\n25			
72			N/D\nN/D	1.09 ± 0.01\n1.09 ± 0.01	5.1 ± 0.1\n5.1 ± 0.1	10\n10			
73			N/D\nN/D	1.05 ± 0.01\n1.05 ± 0.01	9.2 ± 0.1\n9.2 ± 0.1	6\n6			

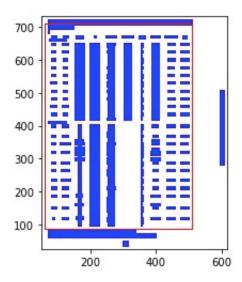
Now we can see that the first row is removed.

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However, for cases that have worse parsing accuracy, an alternative is the <u>Visual Debugging</u> function.

```
camelot.plot(tables[0], kind='contour').show()
```

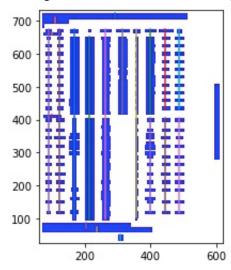
By plotting the contour of parsed tables, borders of the table can be specified:



Or:

```
camelot.plot(tables[0], kind='textedge').show()
```

Textedges can also be visualized by specifying kind='textedge'.



Now that you can have a better idea of the table region by visulize it in the coordinate system.

You can use the table_areas keyword argument to read_pdf() to solve for such cases. table_areas accepts strings of the form: x1,y1,x2,y2

(x1, y1) -> top-left and (x2, y2) -> bottom-right in PDF coordinate space.

In PDF coordinate space, the bottom-left corner of the page is the origin, with coordinates (0, 0). When table areas is specified, Camelot will only analyze the specified regions to look for

tables:

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
0	Mutant\nMutant	Ki [nM]\nKi [nM]	K [108M- 1]\nK [108M-1]	20.27.20.110	(cid:507)H [kcal/mol]\n(cid:507)H [kcal/mol]	(cid:507)S [cal/(mol	(cid:507)G [kcal/mol]\n(cid:507)G [kcal/mol]	(cid:507)Cp [cal/(mol K)]\n(cid:507)Cp [cal/(m	
1	Low affinity mutants\n Low affinity mutants								
2	F36A\nF36A	40 ± 15\n40 ± 15	0.14 ± 0.02\n0.14 ± 0.02	0.89 ± 0.01\n0.89 ± 0.01	-10.2 ± 0.2\n-10.2 ± 0.2	-1.0 ± 0.7\n30\n-1.0 ± 0.7\n30	-9.9 ± 0.1\n-9.9 ± 0.1	-653 ± 25\n-653 ± 25	16.3 ± 0.6\n16.3 ± 0.6
3			0.21 ± 0.01\n0.21 ± 0.01	0.98 ± 0.01\n0.98 ± 0.01	-4.1 ± 0.1\n-4.1 ± 0.1	19.9 ± 0.1\n25\n19.9 ± 0.1\n25	-9.4 ± 0.1\n-9.4 ± 0.1		
4			0.53 ± 0.06\n0.53 ± 0.06	1.09 ± 0.01\n1.09 ± 0.01	6.4 ± 0.1\n6.4 ± 0.1	58.2 ± 0.4\n6\n58.2 ± 0.4\n6	-9.9 ± 0.1\n-9.9 ± 0.1		
68			N/D\nN/D	0.89 ± 0.01\n0.89 ± 0.01	6.4 ± 0.2\n6.4 ± 0.2	6\n6			
69	WT\nWT	0.5 ± 0.1\n0.5 ± 0.1	90 ± 10(d)\n90 ± 10(d)	1.03 ± 0.01\n1.03 ± 0.01	-7.4 ± 0.1\n-7.4 ± 0.1	30\n30	-13.8 ± 0.5\n-13.8 ± 0.5	-667 ± 51\n-667 ± 51	18.8 ± 0.9\n18.8 ± 0.9
70			N/D\nN/D	1.07 ± 0.01\n1.07 ± 0.01	-4.1 ± 0.1\n-4.1 ± 0.1	25\n25			
71			N/D\nN/D	1.09 ± 0.01\n1.09 ± 0.01	5.1 ± 0.1\n5.1 ± 0.1	10\n10			
72			N/D\nN/D	1.05 ± 0.01\n1.05 ± 0.01	9.2 ± 0.1\n9.2 ± 0.1	6\n6			

After modification, the dataframe can be exported as multiple types of file such as csv,excel,html,etc.

```
outputpath= '/Users/chengzihao2018/Desktop/Protein0**.csv'
df2.to_csv(outputpath,sep=',',index=False,header=True)
```

The screenshot of the original spreadsheet from the pdf file:

73 rows × 9 columns

Table 1. Thermodynamic parameters for wild-type BLIP and alanine substitution mutants of BLIP contact residues.

Mutant	Ki [nM]	K [10 ⁸ M ⁻¹]	N	ΔH [kcal/mol]	ΔS [cal/(mol K)]	T _{exp} [°C]	ΔG [kcal/mol]	ΔCp [cal/(mol K)]	T _H [°C]
ow affinity	mutants								
F36A 40 ±	40 ± 15	0.14 ± 0.02	0.89 ± 0.01	-10.2 ± 0.2	-1.0 ± 0.7	30	-9.9 ± 0.1	-653 ± 25	16.3 ± 0.6
		0.21 ± 0.01	0.98 ± 0.01	-4.1 ± 0.1	19.9 ± 0.1	25	-9.4 ± 0.1		
		0.53 ± 0.06	1.09 ± 0.01	6.4 ± 0.1	58.2 ± 0.4	6	-9.9 ± 0.1		
H41A	34 ± 10	0.26 ± 0.01	1.10 ± 0.01	-5.1 ± 0.2	17.1 ± 0.5	28	-10.2 ± 0.1	-592 ± 12	19.4 ± 0.4
		0.19 ± 0.01	1.11 ± 0.01	6.5 ± 0.2	56.3 ± 0.6	8	-9.4 ± 0.1		
		0.08 ± 0.01	1.14 ± 0.01	8.1 ± 0.2	61.0 ± 0.8	6	-8.9 ± 0.1		
D49A	20 ± 4	0.38 ± 0.03	1.15 ± 0.01	6.0 ± 0.1	55.6 ± 0.3	15	-10.0 ± 0.1	-271 ± 21	37.7 ± 2.9
		0.51 ± 0.02	1.13 ± 0.01	7.8 ± 0.1	63.0 ± 0.3	10	-10.0 ± 0.1		
		0.67 ± 0.04	1.10 ± 0.01	8.4 ± 0.1	66.0 ± 0.4	6	-10.0 ± 0.1		
Y53A	21 ± 2	0.40 ± 0.04	0.99 ± 0.01	-7.2 ± 0.1	11.0 ± 0.4	30	-10.6 ± 0.1	-544 ± 8	16.8 ± 0.2
		0.14 ± 0.01	0.92 ± 0.01	5.1 ± 0.1	50.8 ± 0.3	8	-9.2 ± 0.1		
		0.29 ± 0.01	1.05 ± 0.01	5.6 ± 0.1	54.1 ± 0.3	6	-9.5 ± 0.1		
K74A	46 ± 8	0.11 ± 0.01	1.07 ± 0.01	-8.7 ± 0.1	3.6 ± 0.3	30	-9.8 ± 0.1	-510 ± 5	12.8 ± 0.
		0.09 ± 0.01	0.95 ± 0.01	-6.3 ± 0.1	10.6 ± 0.3	25	-9.5 ± 0.1		
		0.16 ± 0.01	1.05 ± 0.01	3.5 ± 0.1	45.3 ± 0.2	6	-9.2 ± 0.1		
W112A	13 ± 3	0.28 ± 0.03	1.03 ± 0.01	-8.8 ± 0.2	4.9 ± 0.7	30	-10.3 ± 0.1	-518 ± 12	12.1 ± 0.3
		0.40 ± 0.03	1.12 ± 0.01	-8.5 ± 0.2	6.6 ± 0.7	28	-10.5 ± 0.1		
		0.64 ± 0.02	1.14 ± 0.01	3.3 ± 0.1	47.5 ± 0.4	6	-10.0 ± 0.1		
F142A	16 ± 3	0.38 ± 0.04	1.10 ± 0.01	-6.5 ± 0.1	13.3 ± 0.4	30	-10.5 ± 0.1	-521 ± 6	17.8 ± 0.
		0.26 ± 0.02	1.09 ± 0.01	5.3 ± 0.1	52.9 ± 0.3	8	-9.5 ± 0.1		
		0.38 ± 0.03	1.02 ± 0.01	6.0 ± 0.1	56.3 ± 0.4	6	-9.7 ± 0.1		
H148A	21 ± 2	1.44 ± 0.08	0.67 ± 0.01	-8.2 ± 0.2	10.3 ± 0.7	30	-11.3 ± 0.1	-667 ± 25	18.4 ± 0.
		0.20 ± 0.04	0.82 ± 0.01	5.6 ± 0.2	53.0 ± 0.9	12	-9.5 ± 0.1		
		0.13 ± 0.02	0.83 ± 0.01	7.4 ± 0.3	59.0 ± 1.3	6	-9.1 ± 0.1		
W150A	184 ± 52	0.02 ± 0.001	1.13 ± 0.01	7.5 ± 0.1	54.9 ± 0.3	15	-8.4 ± 0.1	-275 ± 28	32.4 ± 3.
		0.04 ± 0.002	0.90 ± 0.01	8.5 ± 0.2	60.3 ± 0.4	10	-8.6 ± 0.1		
		0.02 ± 0.001	1.02 ± 0.01	10 ± 0.2	64.6 ± 0.4	6	-8.1 ± 0.1		
R160A	11 ± 2	0.21 ± 0.01	1.05 ± 0.01	6.3 ± 0.1	55.3 ± 0.3	15	-9.7 ± 0.1	-458 ± 26	28.6 ± 1.
		0.37 ± 0.04	1.15 ± 0.01	9.1 ± 0.1	66.9 ± 0.5	8	-9.7 ± 0.1		
		0.34 ± 0.03	1.04 ± 0.01	10.6 ± 0.2	72.3 ± 0.5	6	-9.6 ± 0.1		

Approach 2: Excalibur

Excalibur is a web interface to extract tabular data from PDFs, written in Python 3. It is powered by *Camelot*.

Installation and Using Excalibur

You need to install *Ghostscript* before moving forward.

\$ pip install excalibur-py

Then you need to initialize the metadata database using:

\$ excalibur initdb

And then start the webserver using:

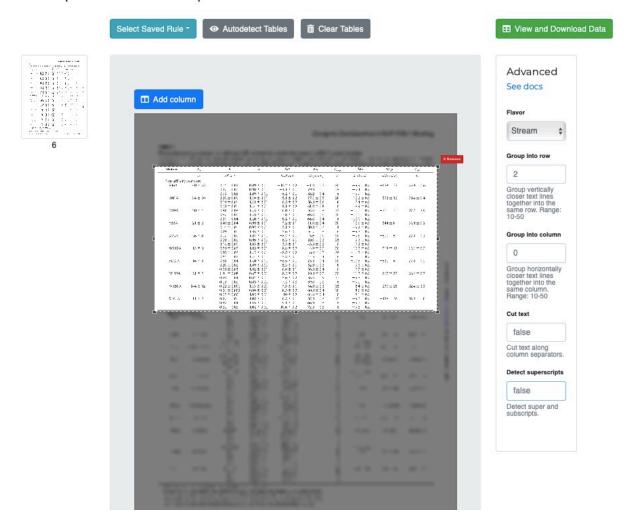
\$ excalibur webserver

Now you can go to http://localhost:5000 and start extracting tabular data from your PDFs:

- 1. Upload a PDF and enter the page numbers you want to extract tables from.
- 2.Go to each page and select the table by drawing a box around it. (You can choose to skip this step since Excalibur can automatically detect tables on its own.
- 3. Click on "Autodetect tables" to see what Excalibur sees.)
- 4. Choose a flavor (Lattice or Stream) from "Advanced".
- 5. Click on "View and download data" to see the extracted tables.
- 6. Select your favorite format (CSV/Excel/JSON/HTML) and click on "Download"!

Example

Workspace - 17430899.pdf



Note: by setting the **Detect superscripts** to be True, superscripts will be **flagged** by CID fonts, such as <s> for subscript, but not correctly displayed.

Here is the comparison between the original table and the extracted table:

Original table screenshot from the pdf:

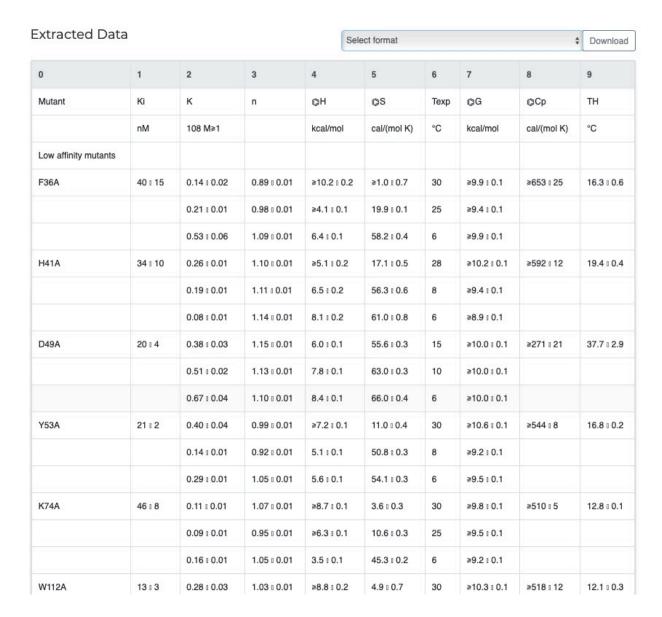
 TABLE 1

 Thermodynamic parameters for wild type BLIP and alanine substitution mutants of BLIP contact residues

 K_i values are the previously reported inhibition concentrations (8). K values were determined by standard ITC for low affinity BLIP mutants. For high affinity BLIP mutants, no entropy is calculated because of the potential errors of the K values. WT, wild type. ND, nondetermined values due to lack of successful displacement ITC measurements.

Mutant	K_i	K	n	ΔH	ΔS	$T_{ m exp}$	ΔG	ΔCp	T_H
	пм	$10^8 \mathrm{M}^{-1}$		kcal/mol	cal/(mol K)	°C	kcal/mol	cal/(mol K)	°C
Low affinity	mutants								
F36A	40 ± 15	0.14 ± 0.02	0.89 ± 0.01	-10.2 ± 0.2	-1.0 ± 0.7	30	-9.9 ± 0.1	-653 ± 25	16.3 ± 0.6
		0.21 ± 0.01	0.98 ± 0.01	-4.1 ± 0.1	19.9 ± 0.1	25	-9.4 ± 0.1		
		0.53 ± 0.06	1.09 ± 0.01	6.4 ± 0.1	58.2 ± 0.4	6	-9.9 ± 0.1		
H41A	34 ± 10	0.26 ± 0.01	1.10 ± 0.01	-5.1 ± 0.2	17.1 ± 0.5	28	-10.2 ± 0.1	-592 ± 12	19.4 ± 0.4
		0.19 ± 0.01	1.11 ± 0.01	6.5 ± 0.2	56.3 ± 0.6	8	-9.4 ± 0.1		
		0.08 ± 0.01	1.14 ± 0.01	8.1 ± 0.2	61.0 ± 0.8	6	-8.9 ± 0.1		
D49A	20 ± 4	0.38 ± 0.03	1.15 ± 0.01	6.0 ± 0.1	55.6 ± 0.3	15	-10.0 ± 0.1	-271 ± 21	37.7 ± 2.9
		0.51 ± 0.02	1.13 ± 0.01	7.8 ± 0.1	63.0 ± 0.3	10	-10.0 ± 0.1		
		0.67 ± 0.04	1.10 ± 0.01	8.4 ± 0.1	66.0 ± 0.4	6	-10.0 ± 0.1		
Y53A	21 ± 2	0.40 ± 0.04	0.99 ± 0.01	-7.2 ± 0.1	11.0 ± 0.4	30	-10.6 ± 0.1	-544 ± 8	$16.8 \pm 0.$
		0.14 ± 0.01	0.92 ± 0.01	5.1 ± 0.1	50.8 ± 0.3	8	-9.2 ± 0.1		
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K74A	46 ± 8	0.11 ± 0.01	1.07 ± 0.01	-8.7 ± 0.1	3.6 ± 0.3	30	-9.8 ± 0.1	-510 ± 5	$12.8 \pm 0.$
		0.09 ± 0.01	0.95 ± 0.01	-6.3 ± 0.1	10.6 ± 0.3	25	-9.5 ± 0.1		
		0.16 ± 0.01	1.05 ± 0.01	3.5 ± 0.1	45.3 ± 0.2	6	-9.2 ± 0.1		
W112A	13 ± 3	0.28 ± 0.03	1.03 ± 0.01	-8.8 ± 0.2	4.9 ± 0.7	30	-10.3 ± 0.1	-518 ± 12	$12.1 \pm 0.$
		0.40 ± 0.03	1.12 ± 0.01	-8.5 ± 0.2	6.6 ± 0.7	28	-10.5 ± 0.1		
		0.64 ± 0.02	1.14 ± 0.01	3.3 ± 0.1	47.5 ± 0.4	6	-10.0 ± 0.1		
F142A	16 ± 3	0.38 ± 0.04	1.10 ± 0.01	-6.5 ± 0.1	13.3 ± 0.4	30	-10.5 ± 0.1	-521 ± 6	$17.8 \pm 0.$
		0.26 ± 0.02	1.09 ± 0.01	5.3 ± 0.1	52.9 ± 0.3	8	-9.5 ± 0.1		
		0.38 ± 0.03	1.02 ± 0.01	6.0 ± 0.1	56.3 ± 0.4	6	-9.7 ± 0.1		
H148A	21 ± 2	1.44 ± 0.08	0.67 ± 0.01	-8.2 ± 0.2	10.3 ± 0.7	30	-11.3 ± 0.1	-667 ± 25	$18.4 \pm 0.$
		0.20 ± 0.04	0.82 ± 0.01	5.6 ± 0.2	53.0 ± 0.9	12	-9.5 ± 0.1		
		0.13 ± 0.02	0.83 ± 0.01	7.4 ± 0.3	59.0 ± 1.3	6	-9.1 ± 0.1		
W150A	184 ± 52	0.02 ± 0.001	1.13 ± 0.01	7.5 ± 0.1	54.9 ± 0.3	15	-8.4 ± 0.1	-275 ± 28	$32.4 \pm 3.$
		0.04 ± 0.002	0.90 ± 0.01	8.5 ± 0.2	60.3 ± 0.4	10	-8.6 ± 0.1		
		0.02 ± 0.001	1.02 ± 0.01	10 ± 0.2	64.6 ± 0.4	6	-8.1 ± 0.1		
R160A	11 ± 2	0.21 ± 0.01	1.05 ± 0.01	6.3 ± 0.1	55.3 ± 0.3	15	-9.7 ± 0.1	-458 ± 26	$28.6 \pm 1.$
		0.37 ± 0.04	1.15 ± 0.01	9.1 ± 0.1	66.9 ± 0.5	8	-9.7 ± 0.1		
		0.34 ± 0.03	1.04 ± 0.01	10.6 ± 0.2	72.3 ± 0.5	6	-9.6 ± 0.1		

Extracted .csv file:



According to the comparison, we can clearly see that some special symbols such as delta symbol and Plus-minus sign cannot be correctly parsed.

The issue occurs in most of the cases that contain such symbols.

I also notice that in some pdf files, the delta symbol can be displayed correctly, however, it can also sometimes be transfered into character D or *benzene ring* symbol. In some other output csv files, Plus-minus can be displayed correctly, or can be mistakenly transfered to 6.

The possible explanation could be that PDF has its encoding system of binary, while text file or csv file use utf-8 instead.