

PaperMage: A Unified Toolkit for Processing, Representing, and Manipulating Visually-Rich Scientific Documents

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Abstract

Despite growing interest in applying natural language processing models to the scholarly domain, scientific documents remain challenging to work with. They're often in difficult-to-use PDF formats, and the ecosystem of models to process them is fragmented and incomplete. We introduce papermage, an open-source Python toolkit for processing and analyzing the contents of visually-rich, structured scientific documents. papermage offers abstractions for seamlessly representing both textual and visual paper elements, integrates several disparate state-of-the-art models into a unified framework, and provides turn-key recipes for standard scientific NLP use-cases. papermage has powered multiple research prototypes along with a large-scale production system, processing millions of PDFs.

🔗 <https://github.com/allenai/papermage>

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1 Introduction

Research papers and textbooks are central to the scientific enterprise, and there is increasing interest in developing new tools for extracting knowledge from these visually-rich documents. Recent research has explored, for example, AI-powered reading support for math symbol definitions (Head et al., 2021), in-situ passage explanations or summaries (August et al., 2023; Rachatasumrit et al., 2022), automatic span highlighting (Chang et al., 2023; Fok et al., 2023), interactive clipping and synthesis (Kang et al., 2022) and more. Further, extracting clean, properly-structured scientific text from PDF documents (Lo et al., 2020; Wang et al., 2020) forms a critical first step in pretraining language models of science (Beltagy et al., 2019; Lee et al., 2019; Gu et al., 2020; Luo et al., 2022; Taylor et al., 2022; Trewartha et al., 2022; Hong et al.,

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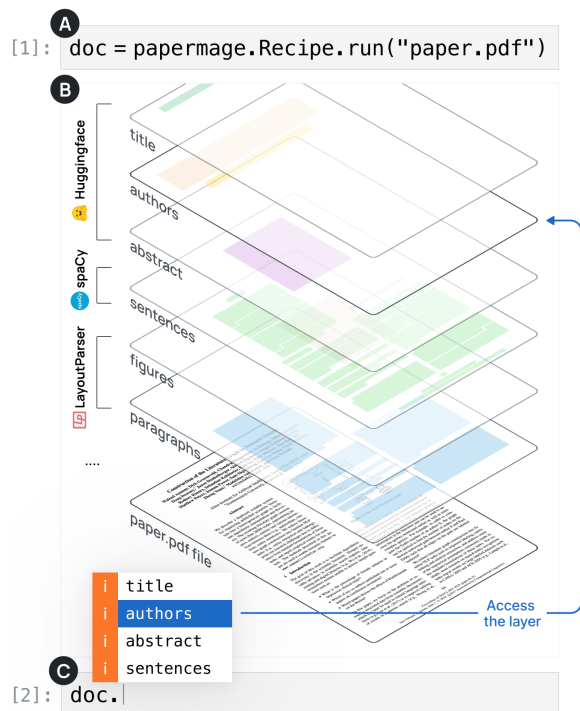


Figure 1: papermage’s document creation and representation. (A) Recipes are turn-key methods for processing a PDF. (B) They compose different models to extract document structure, which we conceptualize as layers of annotation that store textual and visual information. (C) Users can access the data in these layers in Python.

2023), automatic generation of more accessible paper formats (Wang et al., 2021), and developing datasets for scientific natural language processing (NLP) tasks over structured full text (Jain et al., 2020; Subramanian et al., 2020; Dasigi et al., 2021; Lee et al., 2023).

However, this type of NLP research on scientific corpora is difficult because the documents come in difficult-to-use formats like PDF,¹ and existing tools for working with the documents are limited.

¹PDFs store text as character glyphs and their (x, y) positions on a page. Converting this data to usable text for NLP requires error-prone operations like inferring token boundaries, whitespacing, and reading order using visual positioning.

Typically, the first step in scientific document processing is to invoke a parser on a document file to convert it into a sequence of tokens and bounding boxes in inferred reading order. Parsers extract only the raw document content, and obtaining richer document structure (e.g., titles, authors, figures) or linguistic structure and semantics (e.g., sentences, discourse units, scientific claims) requires sending the token sequence through downstream models. Unlike more mature parsers (§2.1), these downstream models are often research prototypes (§2.2) that are limited to extracting only a subset of the structures needed for one’s research (e.g., the same model may not provide both sentence splits and figure detection). As a result, users must write extensive custom code that strings pipelines of multiple models together. Research projects using models of different modalities (e.g., combining an image-based formula detector with a text-based definition extractor) can require hundreds of lines of code.

We introduce *papermage*, an open-source Python toolkit for processing scientific documents. Its contributions include (1) *magelib*, a library of data structures and built-in methods for representing and manipulating visually-rich documents as multi-modal constructs, (2) *Predictors*, a set of implementations that integrate different state-of-the-art scientific document analysis models into a unified interface, even if individual models are written in different frameworks or operate on different modalities, and (3) *Recipes*, which provide turn-key access to well-tested combinations of individual (often single-modality) modules to form sophisticated, extensible multi-modal pipelines.

2 Related Work

2.1 Turn-key software for scientific documents

Processing visually-rich documents like scientific papers requires a joint understanding of both visual and textual information. In practice, this often requires combining different models into complex processing pipelines. For example, GRO-BID (GRO, 2008–2023), a widely-adopted software tool for scientific document processing, uses twelve interdependent sequence labeling models² to perform its full text extraction. Other similar tools include CERMINE (Tkaczyk et al., 2015) and ParsCit (Councill et al., 2008). While such software is often an ideal choice for off-the-shelf processing,

it is not necessarily designed for easy extension and/or integration with newer research models.³

2.2 Models for scientific document processing

While aforementioned software tools use CRF or BiLSTM-based models, Transformer-based models have seen wide adoption among NLP researchers for their powerful processing capabilities. Recent years have seen the rise of layout-infused Transformers (Xu et al., 2019; Shen et al., 2022; Xu et al., 2021; Huang et al., 2022b; Chen et al., 2023) for processing visually-rich documents, including recovering logical structure (e.g., titles, abstracts) of scientific papers (Huang et al., 2022a). Similarly, computer vision (CV) researchers have also shown impressive capabilities of CNN-based object detection models (Ren et al., 2015; Tan et al., 2020) for segmenting visually-rich documents based on their layout. While these research models are powerful and extensible for research purposes, it often requires significant “glue” code and combination with different software tools to combine into robust processing pipelines. One example is that of Lincker et al. (2023) who bootstrap a sophisticated processing pipeline around a research model for processing children’s textbooks.

2.3 Combining models and pipelines

papermage’s use case lies between that of turn-key software and a framework for supporting research. Similar to Transformers (Wolfe et al., 2022)’s integration of different research models into standard interfaces, others have done similarly for the visually-rich document domain. LayoutParser (Shen et al., 2021) provides models for visually-rich documents and supports the creation of document processing pipelines. *papermage*, in fact, depends on LayoutParser for access to vision models, but is designed to also integrate text models which are omitted from LayoutParser. To allow models of different modalities to work well together, we also developed the *magelib* library (§3.1).

³Most research in NLP requires a research have the ability to manipulate models within Python. Grobid, for example, requires users to manage a service process and send PDFs through a client. We also found in performing our evaluation in §3.3 that it is difficult to run just the model components isolated from PDF utilities, which makes comparison with research models challenging without significant “glue” code.

²<https://grobid.readthedocs.io/en/latest/Training-the-models-of-Grobid/#models>

```
[3]: doc.sentences[9]

[3]: Entity(id=27, text="in this paper, we...",
           spans=[...], boxes=[...])
```

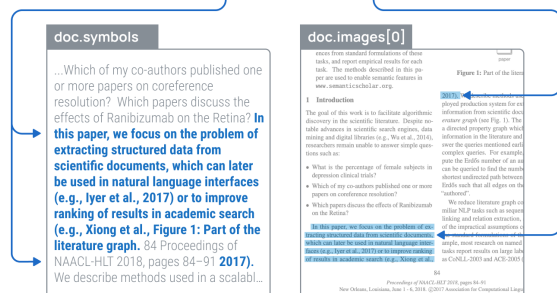


Figure 2: Entities are multimodal content units. Here, spans of a sentence are used to identify its text among all symbols, while boxes map its visual coordinates on a page. spans and boxes can include non-contiguous units, allowing great flexibility in Entities.

3 Design of papermage

papermage is comprised of three parts: (1) *magelib*, a library for intuitively representing and manipulating visually-rich documents, (2) Predictors, implementations of models for analyzing scientific papers that unify disparate machine learning frameworks under a common interface, and (3) Recipes, combinations of Predictors that form multi-modal pipelines.

3.1 Representing and manipulating visually-rich documents with *magelib*

In this section, we use code snippets to show how our library’s abstractions and syntax are tailored for the visually-rich document problem domain.⁴

Data Classes. *magelib* provides three base data classes for representing fundamental elements of visually-rich, structured documents: Document, Layers and Entities. First, a Document minimally stores text as a string of symbols:

```
1 from papermage import Document
2 doc = Document(...)
3 >>> doc.symbols
```

But visually-rich documents are more than a linearized string. For example, analyzing a scientific paper requires access to its visuospatial layout (e.g., pages, blocks, lines), logical structure (e.g., title, abstract, figures, tables, footnotes, sections), semantic units (e.g., paragraphs, sentences, tokens),

⁴Exact syntax shown here may differ from that in the code. Given software can evolve beyond the paper, we’ve opted to simplify syntax here, prioritizing legibility and design clarity.

and more (e.g., citations, terms). In practice, this means different parts of *doc.symbols* can correspond to different paragraphs, sentences, tokens, etc. in the Document, each with its own set of corresponding coordinates representing its visual position on a page.

magelib represents structure using Layers that can be accessed as attributes of a Document (e.g., *doc.symbols*, *doc.figures*, *doc.tokens*) (Figure 1). Each Layer is a list of content units, called Entities, which store both textual (e.g., spans, strings) and visuospatial (e.g., bounding boxes, pixel arrays) information. For example, let’s consider representing “sentences” in a scientific paper. As seen in Figure 2, a sentence split across columns/pages and interrupted by floating figures/footnotes would require multiple spans and bounding boxes to represent.

Methods. *magelib* also provides a set of functions for building and interacting with the data classes: Annotating a Document with additional Layers, traversing and spatially searching for matching Entities in one Layer, and cross-referencing between Layers (see Figure 3).

For example, a Document that initially only contains the *doc.symbols* Layer can be annotated with additional Layers through:

```
1 paragraphs: List[Entity] = [...]
2 sentences: List[Entity] = [...]
3 tokens: List[Entity] = [...]
4
5 doc.annotate_entity("paragraphs", paragraphs)
6 doc.annotate_entity("sentences", sentences)
7 doc.annotate_entity("tokens", tokens)
```

Section §3.2 explains in more detail how a user can generate these Entities.

With the three new layers, users automatically gain the ability to iterate through the Document by each paragraph Entity in the paragraphs Layer, and cross-reference with its corresponding Entities in the sentences and tokens Layers:

```
1 for paragraph in doc.paragraphs:
2     for sentence in paragraph.sentences:
3         for token in sentence.tokens:
4             ...
```

Finally, *magelib* also supports cross-modality operations. For example, searching for all tokens in a visual region on the PDF (See Figure 3 F):

```
1 query = Box(l=423, t=71, w=159, h=87, page=0)
2 selected_tokens = doc.find(query, "tokens")
3 [t.text for t in selected_tokens]
4 >>> ["Techniques", "for", "collecting", ...]
```

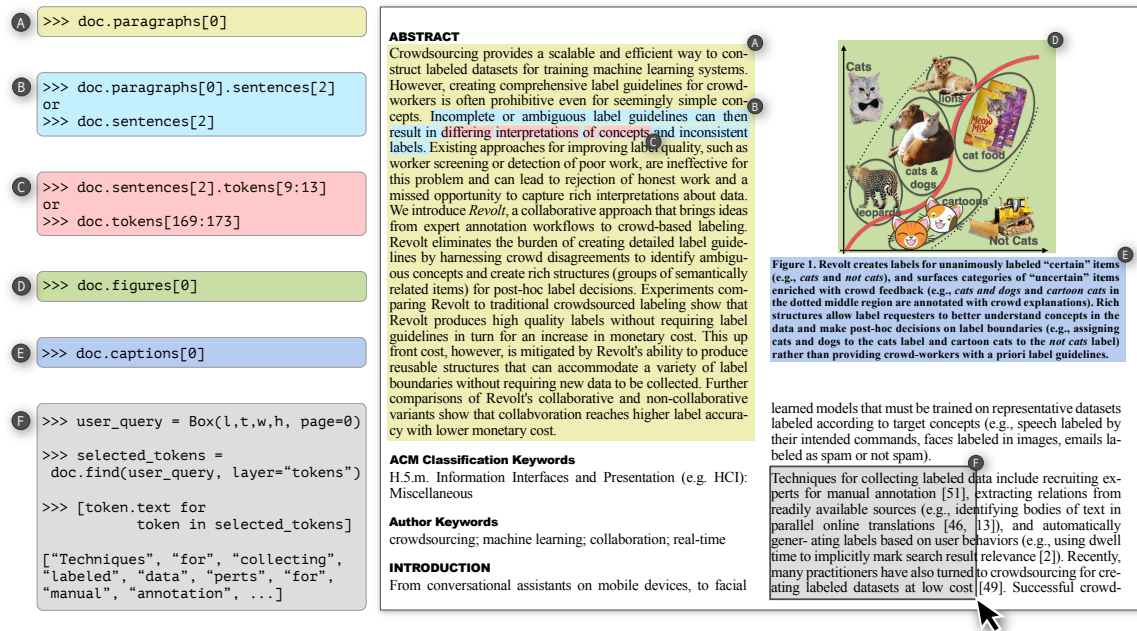


Figure 3: Illustrates how Entities can be accessed flexibly in different ways: (A) Accessing the Entity of the first paragraph in the Document via its own Layer (B) Accessing a sentence via the paragraph Entity or directly via the sentences Layer (C) Similarly, the same tokens can be accessed via the overlapping sentence Entity or directly via the tokens Layer of the Document (where the first tokens are the title of the paper.) (D, E) Figures, captions, tables and keywords can be accessed in similar ways (F) Additionally, given a bounding box (e.g., of a user selected region), papermage can find the corresponding Entities for a given Layer, in this case finding the tokens under the region. Excerpt from Chang et al. (2017).

Protocols and Utilities. For Document instantiation, `magelib` provides hooks into existing PDF processing tools called `Parsers` and `Rasterizers`:

```
1 import papermage as pm
2 parser = pm.PDF2TextParser()
3 doc = parser.parse("...pdf")
4 [token.text for token in doc.tokens]
5 >>> ["Revolt", ":", "Collaborative", ...]
6 doc.page[0].image
7 >>> None
8
9 rasterizer = pm.PDF2ImageRasterizer()
10 images = rasterizer.rasterize("...pdf")
11 rasterizer.attach_images(images, doc)
12 doc.page[0].image
13 >>> Image(np.array(...))
```

In the above example, `papermage` first runs the `PDF2TextParser` (using `pdfplumber`) to extract the textual information from a PDF file, and then runs the `PDF2ImageRasterizer` (using `pdf2image`) to attach an image to each of the corresponding Entities in the Document (i.e., pages). While `magelib` provides wrappers for these existing PDF processing tools out of the box, it can also be extended to support other PDF-processing tools.⁵

⁵PDFs are not the only way of representing visually-rich

3.2 Interfacing with models for scientific document analysis through Predictors

In §3.1, we described how users could create custom Layers by annotating a set of Entities on a Document. But how would they make Entities in the first place?

For example, to identify multimodal structures in visually-rich documents, researchers might want to build complex pipelines that run and combine output from many different models (e.g., computer vision models for extracting figures, NLP models for classifying body text). `papermage` provides a unified interface, called `Predictors`, to ensure models produce Entities that are compatible with the Document.

`papermage` comes with numerous ready-to-use `Predictors` that leverage state-of-the-art models to extract specific document structures. While `magelib`'s abstractions are general for visually-rich documents, `Predictors` are optimized for parsing of scientific documents. They are designed to (1) be compatible with models from many different machine learning frameworks, (2) support inference

documents. For example, many scientific papers are distributed in XML format. We also provide `Parsers` that can instantiate a Document from XML input. See Appendix A.1.

Use-case	Description	Examples
Linguistic/ Semantic	Segments doc into text units often used for downstream models.	SentencePredictor wraps sciSpaCy (Neumann et al., 2019) and PySBD (Sadvilkar and Neumann, 2020) to segment sentences. WordPredictor is a custom scikit-learn model to identify broken words split across PDF lines or columns. ParagraphPredictor is a set of heuristics on top of both layout and logical structure models to extract paragraphs.
Layout Structure	Segments doc into visual block regions.	BoxPredictor wraps models from LayoutParser (Shen et al., 2021), which provides vision models like EfficientDet (Tan et al., 2020) pretrained on scientific layouts (Zhong et al., 2019).
Logical Structure	Segments doc into organizational units like title, abstract, body, footnotes, caption, and more.	SpanPredictor is compatible with Transformers (Wolfe et al., 2022) token classifiers. We support both pretrained weights from VILA (Shen et al., 2022), as well as RoBERTa (Liu et al., 2019), SciBERT (Beltagy et al., 2019) weights that we’ve finetuned on similar data and compiled using ONNX for production.
Task-specific	User-defined models for a given task can be used with papermage if wrapped as a Predictor following common patterns. See example in §4.	Many NLP researchers depend on prompting a model through an API call. We implement APISpanQAPredictor which interfaces external APIs, such as GPT-3 (Brown et al., 2020). We wrap the system in Newman et al. (2023) which takes a question about a paper snippet, retrieves within-paper evidence using Contriever (Izacard et al., 2022), and prompts a language model API for answers.

Table 1: Types of Predictors implemented in papermage.

Model	Full			Grobid Subset		
	P	R	F1	P	R	F1
<i>Grobid_{CRF}</i>	40.6	38.3	39.1	81.2	76.7	78.9
<i>Grobid_{NN}</i>	42.0	36.5	37.6	84.1	73.0	78.2
<i>RoBERTa</i>	75.9	80.0	76.8	82.6	83.9	83.2
<i>I-VILA</i>	92.0	94.1	92.7	92.2	95.2	93.7

Table 2: Evaluating CoreRecipe for logical structure recovery on S2-VL (Shen et al., 2022). papermage supports interchangeable research models (e.g., text-only RoBERTa, layout-infused I-VILA (Shen et al., 2022)), as well as external APIs, such as calling Grobid. Metrics are computed for token-level classification, macro-averaged over categories. The “Grobid Subset” limits evaluation to only categories for which Grobid returns bounding box information, which was necessary for evaluation on S2-VL. See Appendix A.3 for details.

with text-only, vision-only, and multimodal models, and (3) support both adaptation of off-the-shelf, pretrained models as well as development of new ones from scratch. Similarly to the Transformers library, a Predictor’s implementation is typically independent from its configuration, allowing users to customize each Predictor by tweaking hyperparameters or loading a different set of weights.

Below, we showcase how a vision model and two text models (both neural and symbolic) can be applied in succession to a single Document. See Table 1 for a summary of supported Predictors.

```

1 import papermage as pm
2 cv_predictor = pm.BoxPredictor(...)
3 output = cv_predictor.predict(doc)
4 tables, figures = pm.group_by(output, "label")
5 doc.annotate(tables, figures)
6

```

```

7 nlp_neu_predictor = pm.SpanPredictor(...)
8 output = nlp_neu_predictor.predict(doc)
9 titles, authors = pm.group_by(output, "label")
10 doc.annotate(titles, authors)
11
12 nlp_sym_predictor = pm.SentencePredictor(...)
13 output = nlp_sym_predictor.predict(doc)
14 sentences = pm.group_by(output, "label")
15 doc.annotate(sentences)

```

Predictors return a list of Entities, which can be group_by() to organize them based on predicted label value (e.g., tokens classified as “title” or “authors”). Finally, these predictions are passed to doc.annotate() to be added to Document.

3.3 End-to-end processing with Recipes

Finally, papermage provides predefined combinations of Predictors, called Recipes, for users seeking a high-quality option for turn-key processing of visually-rich documents:

```

1 from papermage import CoreRecipe
2 recipe = CoreRecipe()
3 doc = recipe.run("...pdf")
4 doc.captions[0].text
5 >>> "Figure 1. ..."

```

A brief performance comparison of potential modules for papermage main Recipe is reported in Table 2. We expect Recipes to appeal to two groups of users—end-to-end consumers, and developers of high-level applications. The former is comprised of developers and researchers who are looking for a one-step solution to multimodal scientific document analysis. The latter are likely developers and researchers looking to combine document structure primitives to build a complex application (see example in §4).

4 Vignette: Building an Attributed QA System for Scientific Papers

How could researchers leverage papermage for their research? Here, we walk through a user scenario in which a researcher (Lucy) is prototyping an attributed QA system for science.

System Design. Drawing inspiration from [Ko et al. \(2020\)](#) and [Lee et al. \(2023\)](#), Lucy is studying how language models can be used to resolve questions that arise while reading a paper (e.g. *What does this mean?* or *What does this refer to?*). In her prototype reading interface design, a user can highlight a passage that they are reading and ask a question about it. A retrieval model then finds relevant passages from the rest of the paper. The prototype then uses the *text* of the retrieved passages along with the user question to prompt a language model to generate an answer. When presenting the answer to the user, the prototype also *visually* highlights the retrieved passages as supporting evidence to the generated answer.

Getting started quickly. As a researcher proficient in Python, it only takes Lucy minutes to install papermage using pip and successfully process a local PDF file by following the example code snippet for CoreRecipe in §3.2. In an interactive session, she familiarizes herself with the provided Layers by following the traversal, cross-referencing and querying examples in §3.1. She makes sure she can serialize and re-instantiate her Document (§A.2).

Formatting input. Before using papermage, Lucy has prior experience building QA pipelines, but only dealt with text-only data (e.g., `<str>`) and document context (e.g., `<List[str]>`). Lucy realizes that she can reuse her prior code with papermage by implementing a couple of wrappers to gain additional capabilities: First, she converts a user’s highlighted passage from a visual selection to text following the example in Figure 3 F. Next, she converts Document to her required text format by following the traversal examples in §3.1 (e.g., using `[s.text for s in doc.sentences]`). Within a few lines of code, Lucy has everything she needs for text-only input to her QA pipeline.

Formatting output. Lucy runs her QA system on her newly acquired text data and now has (1) a model-generated answer and (2) several retrieved evidence passages. She realizes that she already has access to the evidences’ bounding boxes via a

similar call to how she defined the model input context (e.g., `[s.bboxes for s in doc.sentences]`). She can easily pass this to the user interface to enable linking to and highlighting of those passages.

Defining a Predictor. The pattern Lucy has followed is used in our many Predictor implementations: (1) gain access to text by traversing Layers (e.g., sentences), (2) perform all usual NLP computation on that text, and (3) format model output as Entities. This simple pattern allows users to reuse familiar models in existing frameworks and eschews lengthy onboarding to papermage. Lucy wraps her code in a new `APISpanQAPredictor` class. We’ve included an implementation of this Predictor as part of papermage (see Table 1).

Fast iterations. Leveraging the bounding box data from papermage to visually highlight the retrieved passages, Lucy suspects the retrieval component is likely underperforming. She makes a simple edit from `doc.sentences` to `doc.paragraphs` and evaluates system performance under different input granularity. She also realizes the system often retrieves content outside the main body text. She restricts her traversal to filter out paragraphs that overlap with footnotes—`[p.text for p in doc.paragraphs if len(p.footnotes) == 0]`—making clever use of the cross-referencing functionality to detect when a paragraph is actually coming from a footnote. This example demonstrates the versatility of the affordances provided by `magelib`.

5 Conclusion

In this work, we’ve introduced papermage, an open-source Python toolkit for processing scientific documents. papermage was developed to supply high-quality data and reduce friction for research prototype development at [Semantic Scholar](#). Today, it is being used in the production PDF processing pipeline to provide data for both the literature graph ([Ammar et al., 2018](#); [Kinney et al., 2023](#)) and the paper-reading interface ([Lo et al., 2023](#)). It has also been used in working research prototypes which have since contributed to research publications ([Fok et al., 2023](#); [Kim et al., 2023](#)).⁶ We open-source papermage in hopes it will simplify research workflows that depend on scientific documents and promote extensions to other visually-rich documents like textbooks ([Lincker et al., 2023](#)) and digitized print media ([Lee et al., 2020](#)).

⁶See a demo of such a prototype papeo.app/demo.

Ethical Considerations

As a toolkit primarily designed to process scientific documents, there are two areas where papermage could cause harms or have unintended effects.

Extraction of bibliographic information

papermage could be used to parse author names, affiliation, emails from scientific papers. Like any software, this extraction can be noisy, leading to incorrect parsing and thus mis-attribution of manuscripts. Further, since papermage relies on static PDF documents, rather than metadata dynamically retrieved from publishers, users of papermage need consider how and when extracted names should no longer be associated with authors, a harmful practice called deadnaming (Queer in AI et al., 2023). We recommend papermage users to exercise caution when using our toolkit to extract metadata, to cross-reference extracted content with other sources when possible, and to design systems such that authors have the ability to manually edit any data about themselves.

Misrepresentation or fabrication of information in documents

In §3, we discussed how papermage can be easily extended to support high-level applications. Such applications might include question answering chatbots, or AI summarizers that perform information synthesis over one or more papermage documents. Such applications typically rely on generative models to produce their output, which might fabricate incorrect information or misstate claims. Developers should be vigilant when integrating papermage output into any downstream application, especially in systems that purport to represent information gathered from scientific publications.

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A Appendix

A.1 Comparison and Compatibility with XML

One can view Layers as capturing content hierarchy (e.g., tokens vs sentences) similar to that of other structured document representations, like TEI XML trees. We note that Layers are stored as unordered attributes and don't require nesting. This allows for specific cross-layer referencing operations that don't adhere to strict nesting relationships. For example:

```
1 for sentence in doc.sentences:
2     for line in sentence.lines:
3         ...
```

Recall that a sentence can begin or end midway through a line and cross multiple lines (§3.1). Similarly, not all lines are exactly contained within the boundaries of a sentence. As such, sentences and lines are not strictly nested within each other. This relationship would be difficult to encode in an XML format adhering to document tree structure.

Regardless, the way we represent structure in documents is highly versatile. We demonstrate this by also implementing GrobidParser as an alternative to the PDF2TextParser in §3.1. GrobidParser invokes Grobid to process PDFs, and reads the resulting TEI XML file generated by Grobid by converting each XML tag of a common level into an Entity of its own Layer. We use this to perform the evaluation in Table 2.

A.2 Additional magelib Protocols and Utilities

Serialization. Any Document and all of its Layers can be exported to a JSON format, and perfectly reconstructed:

```
1 import json
2 with open("...json", "w") as f_out:
3     json.dump(doc.to_json(), f_out)
4
5 with open("...json", "r") as f_in:
6     doc = json.load(f_in)
```

A.3 Evaluating papermage's CoreRecipe against Grobid

Here, we detail how we performed the evaluation reported in §3.3 (Table 2). We also provide a full breakdown by category in Table 3.

As described earlier in the paper, Grobid is quite difficult to evaluate as it is developed with tight coupling between the PDF parser (pdfalto) and

the models it employs to perform logical structure recovery over the resulting token stream. As such, there is no straightforward way to run just the model components of Grobid on an alternative token stream like that provided in the S2-VL (Shen et al., 2022) dataset.

To perform this baseline evaluation, we ran the original PDFs that were annotated for S2-VL through our GrobidParser using v0.7.3. Grobid also returns bounding boxes of some predicted categories (e.g., authors, abstract, paragraphs). We use these bounding boxes to create Entities that we annotate on a Document constructed manually from S2-VL data. Using magelib cross-layer referencing, we were able to match Grobid predictions to S2-VL data to perform this evaluation.

Though we found there are certain categories for which bounding box information was either not available (e.g., Titles) or Grobid simply did not return that output (e.g., Figure text extraction). These are represented by zeros in Table 3, which contributes to the lower scores in Table 2 after macro averaging. For a more apples-to-apples comparison, we also included a "Grobid Subset" evaluation which restricted to just categories in S2-VL for which Grobid produced bounding box information.

In addition to Grobid, we evaluate two of our provided Transformer-based models. The RoBERTa-large (Liu et al., 2019) model is a Transformers token classification model that we finetuned on the S2-VL training set. The I-VILA model is a layout-infused Transformer model pretrained by Shen et al. (2022) on the S2-VL training set. Like we did with Grobid, we ran our CoreRecipe using these two models on the original PDFs in S2-VL, and performed a similar token mapping operation since our PDF2TextParser also produces a different token stream than that provided in S2-VL.

At the end of the day, the Transformer-based models performed better at this task than Grobid. This is unsurprising given expected improvements using a Transformer model over a CRF or BiLSTM. The Transformer models were also trained on S2-VL data, which gave them an advantage over Grobid. Overall, this evaluation intended to show how papermage enables cross-system comparisons, even eschewing token stream incompatibility, and to illustrate an upper bound of the performance left on the table by existing software systems that don't use of state-of-the-art models.

Structure Category	GROBID _{CRF}			GROBID _{NN}			RoBERTa			I-VILA		
	P	R	F1	P	R	F1	P	R	F1	P	R	F1
Abstract	81.9	89.1	85.3	85.3	89.8	87.5	89.2	93.7	91.4	97.4	98.3	97.8
Author	55.2	42.6	48.1	75.1	14.0	23.6	87.5	73.5	79.9	65.5	96.9	78.2
Bibliography	96.5	98.6	97.5	95.5	97.6	96.5	93.6	93.3	93.5	99.7	98.2	99.0
Caption	70.3	70.0	70.2	70.2	69.7	70.0	80.0	77.3	78.6	93.1	89.6	91.3
Equation	71.1	85.3	77.6	71.1	85.3	77.6	55.0	85.7	67.0	90.7	94.2	92.4
Figure	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	88.9	82.3	85.4	99.8	96.8	98.3
Footer	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	56.1	59.9	57.9	96.8	78.1	86.5
Footnote	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	59.8	44.3	50.9	80.2	93.5	86.3
Header	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	40.5	84.3	54.7	92.9	99.1	95.9
Keywords	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	93.8	97.1	95.4	96.9	99.4	98.1
List	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	61.9	63.8	62.9	76.7	82.4	79.4
Paragraph	94.5	89.8	92.1	94.4	89.9	92.1	93.5	93.0	93.3	98.7	97.9	98.3
Section	83.0	79.4	81.1	83.0	79.4	81.1	67.7	82.7	74.4	96.2	91.6	93.9
Table	97.3	58.6	73.2	97.9	58.6	73.3	94.7	71.8	81.7	96.1	94.9	95.5
Title	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	76.3	96.7	85.3	98.7	99.9	99.3
Macro Avg (Full S2-VL)	40.6	38.3	39.1	42.0	36.5	37.6	75.9	80.0	76.8	92.0	94.1	92.7
Macro Avg (Grobid Subset)	81.2	76.7	78.9	84.1	73.0	78.2	82.6	83.9	83.2	92.2	95.2	93.7

Table 3: Evaluating CoreRecipe for logical structure recovery on S2-VL (Shen et al., 2022). These are per-category metrics for Table 2. Metrics are computed for token-level classification, macro-averaged over categories. The “Grobid Subset” limits evaluation to only categories for which Grobid returns bounding box information, which was necessary for evaluation on S2-VL.