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1 PDF Section Extractor - YEDDA Annotation Support

1.1 Overview

The PDFSectionExtractor now automatically parses YEDDA (Yet Another Entity Detection and Annotation) format annotations from PDF text and includes the active label for each section in the output DataFrame.

Date: 2025-12-22 **Breaking Changes:** None (backward compatible -

new nullable field)

1.2 YEDDA Format

YEDDA annotations use the format:

```
[@ text content  
#Label*]
```

1.2.1 Features Supported

- **Nested Annotations:** When annotations are nested, the inner-most label takes precedence
- **Multi-line Annotations:** Annotations can span multiple lines
- **Cross-Page Support:** Annotations can cross page boundaries within the same PDF file
- **File Boundary:** Annotations do NOT cross file boundaries (each PDF is processed independently)

1.3 Usage

1.3.1 Basic Example

```
from pyspark.sql import SparkSession  
from pdf_section_extractor import PDFSectionExtractor  
  
spark = SparkSession.builder.appName("PDFExtractor").getOrCreate()  
extractor = PDFSectionExtractor(spark=spark)  
  
# Extract from PDF with YEDDA annotations  
df = extractor.extract_from_document(  
    database='skol_dev',  
    doc_id='document-id'  
)  
  
# DataFrame now includes 'label' column  
df.select("value", "section_name", "label").show()
```

1.3.2 Example Output

Given a PDF with YEDDA annotations:

--- PDF Page 1 ---

```
[@ This is the introduction section.  
#Introduction*]
```

```
[@ Glomus mosseae Nicolson & Gerdemann, 1963.
#Nomenclature*]
```

```
[@ Spores formed singly or in clusters.
#Description*]
```

This is unannotated conclusion text.

The resulting DataFrame:

value	line_number	section_name	label
This is the introduction section.	3	NULL	Introduction
Glomus mosseae Nicolson & Gerdemann, 1963.	6	NULL	Nomenclature
Spores formed singly or in clusters.	9	NULL	Description
This is unannotated conclusion text.	11	NULL	NULL

1.4 Nested Annotations

YEDDA annotations can nest, and the innermost label takes precedence:

```
[@ Outer annotation text
  [@ Inner nested annotation
   #InnerLabel*]
Back to outer annotation
#OuterLabel*]
```

Result: - Lines in inner annotation: label = "InnerLabel" - Lines in outer annotation only: label = "OuterLabel"

1.4.1 Example

```
Line 1: [@ This is nomenclature          # OuterLabel = Nomenclature
Line 2: [@ This is a description        # InnerLabel = Description
Line 3: of the species.                  # InnerLabel = Description
Line 4: #Description*                    # InnerLabel = Description
Line 5: Back to nomenclature.            # OuterLabel = Nomenclature
Line 6: #Nomenclature*                  # OuterLabel = Nomenclature
```

Labels assigned: - Lines 1: Nomenclature - Lines 2-4: Description (innermost wins!) - Lines 5-6: Nomenclature

1.5 DataFrame Schema

The DataFrame schema now includes a label field:

```

StructType([
    StructField("value", StringType(), False),
    StructField("doc_id", StringType(), False),
    StructField("attachment_name", StringType(), False),
    StructField("paragraph_number", IntegerType(), False),
    StructField("line_number", IntegerType(), False),
    StructField("page_number", IntegerType(), False),
    StructField("empirical_page_number", IntegerType(), True), # Nullable
    StructField("section_name", StringType(), True), # Nullable
    StructField("label", StringType(), True) # Nullable - YEDDA annotation
])

```

1.6 Working with Labels

1.6.1 Filter by Label

```

# Get all nomenclature sections
nomenclature_df = df.filter(df.label == "Nomenclature")

# Get all annotated sections
annotated_df = df.filter(df.label.isNotNull())

# Get unannotated sections
unannotated_df = df.filter(df.label.isNull())

```

1.6.2 Label Statistics

```

from pyspark.sql.functions import count

# Count sections by label
label_counts = df.groupBy("label").agg(count("*").alias("count"))
label_counts.show()

# Output:
# +-----+-----+
# |          label|count|
# +-----+-----+
# |          NULL|   150|
# |Nomenclature |    45|
# |Introduction |    12|
# |Description  |    78|
# +-----+-----+

```

1.6.3 Combine with Section Names

```
# Sections with both labels and section names
df.filter(
    df.label.isNotNull() & df.section_name.isNotNull()
).select("value", "section_name", "label").show()
```

1.7 Implementation Details

1.7.1 Parsing Algorithm

1. **Line-by-Line Parsing:** Text is split into lines (1-indexed)
2. **Stack-Based Tracking:** Annotation markers are tracked using a stack
3. **Label Assignment:** When an annotation closes, all lines in its range get the label
4. **Nesting Resolution:** Innermost labels are assigned first (over-writing outer labels)

1.7.2 Annotation Markers

- **Start marker:** [`@` - Pushes a new annotation onto the stack
- **End marker:** [`#Label*`] - Pops from stack and assigns label to all lines in range

1.7.3 Label Lookup

For each section/paragraph: - The `line_number` field indicates the first line of the section - The `label` field contains the YEDDA label active at that line - If no annotation is active, `label` is NULL

1.8 Examples

1.8.1 Example 1: Training Data with Labels

```
# Load annotated training data
training_df = extractor.extract_from_document(
    database='training_data',
    doc_id='annotated_article_001'
)

# Filter to only labeled data for training
labeled_df = training_df.filter(training_df.label.isNotNull())

# Train classifier
from skol_classifier.classifier_v2 import SkolClassifierV2
```

```

classifier = SkolClassifierV2(
    spark=spark,
    input_source='dataframe', # Hypothetical future feature
    use_suffixes=True,
    model_type='logistic'
)

classifier.fit(labeled_df.select("value", "label"))

```

1.8.2 Example 2: Quality Control

```

# Check annotation coverage
total = df.count()
labeled = df.filter(df.label.isNotNull()).count()
coverage = (labeled / total) * 100

print(f"Annotation coverage: {coverage:.1f}%")
print(f"Labeled sections: {labeled}/{total}")

```

1.8.3 Example 3: Export Annotations

```

# Export to JSON for review
annotations = df.filter(df.label.isNotNull()).select(
    "value", "label", "page_number", "line_number"
).collect()

import json
with open('annotations.json', 'w') as f:
    json.dump([row.asDict() for row in annotations], f, indent=2)

```

1.9 Integration with SkolClassifierV2

YEDDA labels can be used as training labels for the classifier:

```

from skol_classifier.classifier_v2 import SkolClassifierV2

# Extract with YEDDA annotations
classifier = SkolClassifierV2(
    spark=spark,
    input_source='couchdb',
    couchdb_url='http://localhost:5984',
    couchdb_database='training_docs',
    extraction_mode='section', # Use PDF section extraction
    use_suffixes=True,

```

```

        model_type='logistic'
    )

    # Load sections with YEDDA labels
    sections_df = classifier.load_raw()

    # Filter to labeled sections for training
    training_df = sections_df.filter(sections_df.label.isNotNull())

    # Rename 'label' to match classifier expectations
    training_df = training_df.withColumnRenamed("label", "label_from_yedda")

    # Train on labeled data
    # (Implementation depends on classifier API)

```

1.10 Compatibility

1.10.1 Backward Compatibility

- **Fully compatible:** Existing code continues to work
- **New field:** The `label` column is nullable and won't affect existing queries
- **No breaking changes:** All existing DataFrame operations work as before

1.10.2 Migration

No migration required. Existing code will see NULL values in the new `label` column for PDFs without YEDDA annotations.

1.11 Testing

Run the test suite:

```
python test_yedda_pdf_integration.py
```

Tests cover: - Basic annotation parsing - Nested annotation handling (innermost wins) - Multi-line annotations - DataFrame integration - NULL labels for unannotated text

1.12 Limitations

1. **Format:** Only supports YEDDA format [`@ text #Label*`]
2. **File Boundaries:** Annotations cannot cross file boundaries
3. **Validation:** No validation that closing labels match opening markers








4. **Error Handling:** Malformed annotations are silently ignored

1.13 Future Enhancements

Possible improvements: 1. **Validation:** Warn about unclosed or mismatched annotations 2. **Alternative Formats:** Support other annotation formats (XML, JSON) 3. **Annotation Metadata:** Include annotation confidence or source 4. **Label Hierarchies:** Support hierarchical label structures 5. **Annotation Conflicts:** Handle overlapping annotations more explicitly

1.14 See Also

- yedda_parser/README.md - YEDDA parser module
- PDF_SECTION_EXTRACTOR_SUMMARY.md - Complete feature summary
- PDF_FIGURE_CAPTION_EXTRACTION.md - Figure caption handling
- CLASSIFIER_V2_TOKENIZER_UPDATE.md - Section mode classifier

Status:  Complete and Tested **Version:** Added 2025-12-22 **Breaking Changes:** None **New Features:** -  YEDDA annotation parsing -  Nested annotation support (innermost label wins) -  Multi-line annotation support -  Cross-page annotation support -  Nullable label field in DataFrame schema -  Full test coverage

Known Limitations: - Annotations cannot cross file boundaries - No validation of annotation format - Malformed annotations silently ignored