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Deformed Table Restoration in Scanned PDF

Best practice:

Better table reconstruction results for scanned PDFs or Pictures under complex scenes.

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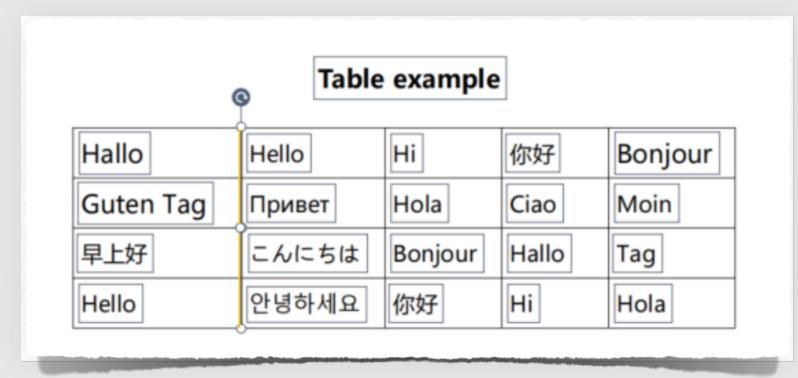
Background and Challenges



The following are two most commonly used tables in PDFs

1

In standard PDF, the table lines, text, and image objects contained in it have known coordinates. Unicode, and even the type. It's relatively simple to restore it to a table with the original information.



2

The regular table in the scanned PDF seems easy to process and its information can be obtained easily by ordinary image processing techniques. We can obtain near-perfect recognition results through open-source OCR.

	Resume		
Name	Li Chunxue		
Nation	Han		photo
Date of birth	February25, 1991	Sex	Female
Weight	44kg	Birth place	Heilongjiang
Major	English	Height	160cm
		Education	Bachelors degree
E-mail	Yimeng0223@163.com	Tel	13936634354
Job objective	Language interpretation	ı	
English level	CET-4, CET-6, TEM-4, TEM-8	3, good spoken	and wrtte English
Major course	Englishwritng, Englisheni English intensive, Engl		_
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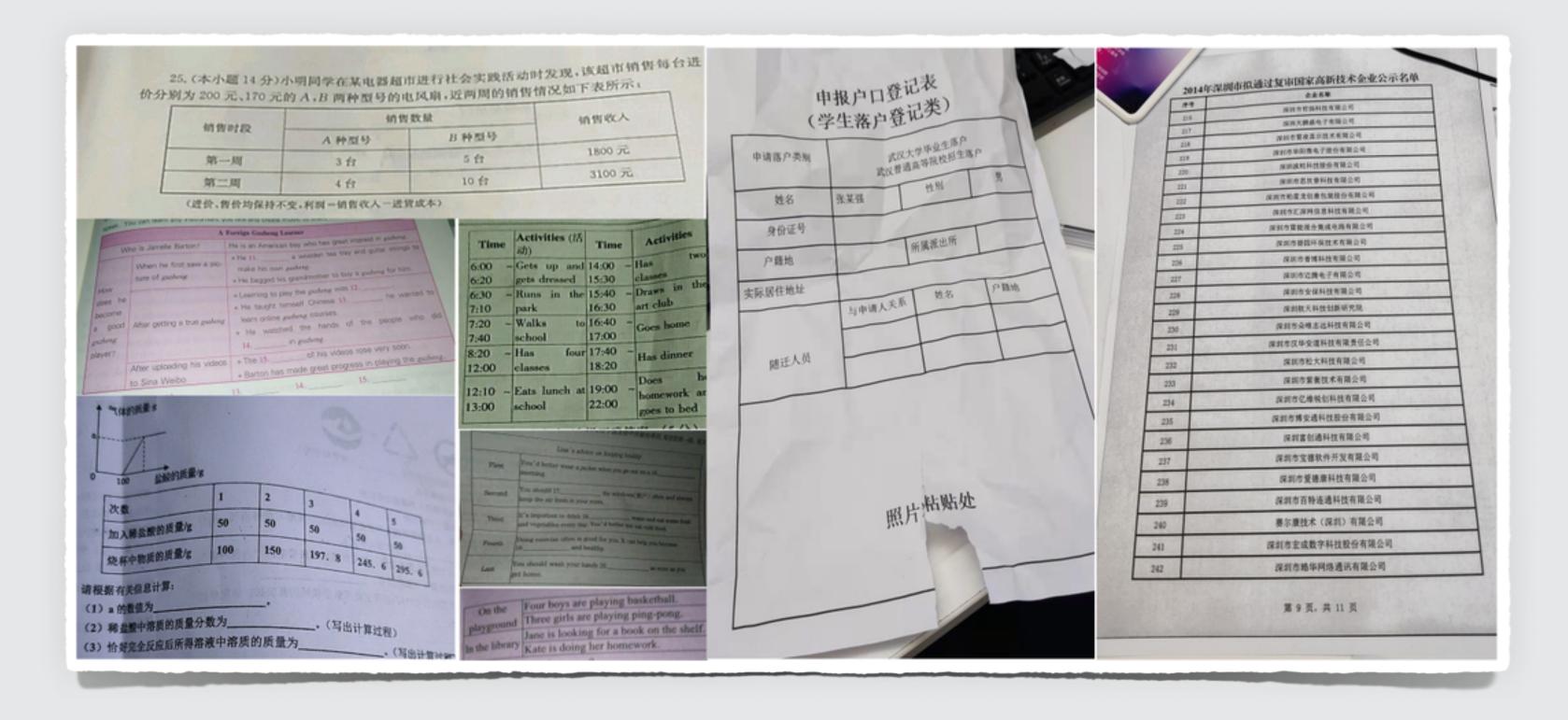
It's a scaned PDF



Background and Challenges



The tables in the PDFs or photos, which are generated by old scanners or are taken by cell phones, might be skewed, blurred, deformed, or interfered by stamps and watermarks, and some texts might also be underlined, bolded, or color-changed. Therefore, it's incredibly challenging to reconstruct such complex tables from pixel information.





Background and Challenges



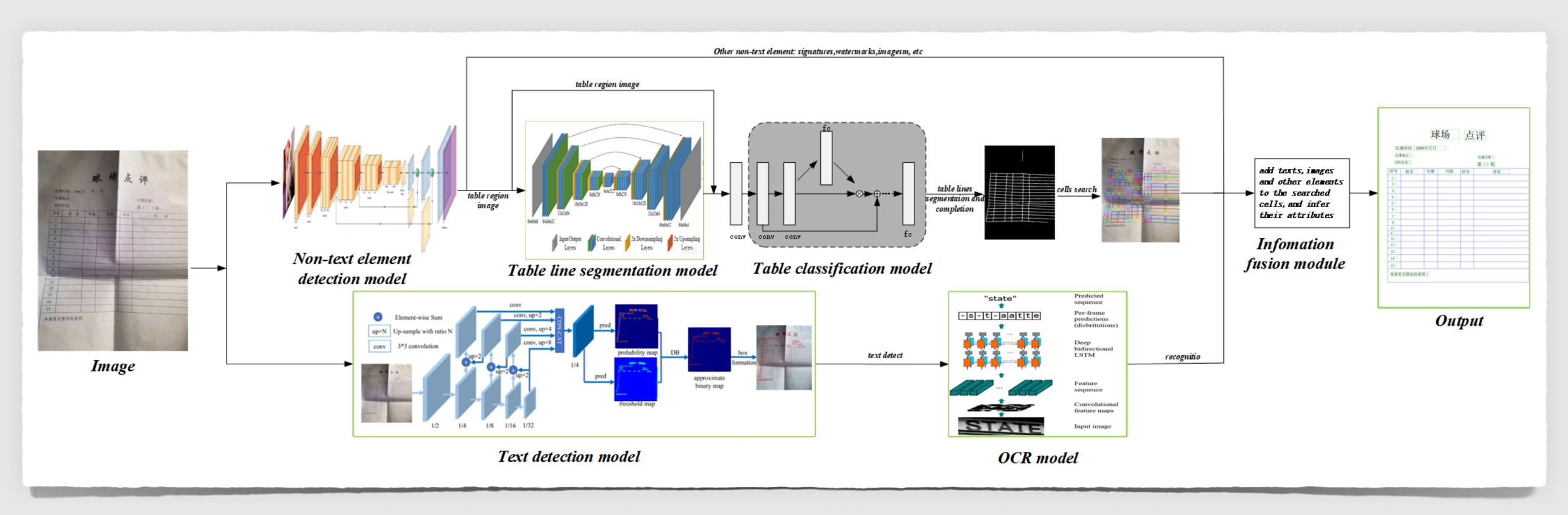
The problems we need to solve:

- 1. Layout analysis (line, text, image, seal, signature etc.)
- 2. Distorted table lines, crooked text, misaligned cells
- 3. Recognition and restoration of table structure
 - Get the table line
 - Remove the interference (redundant line and noise)
 - Supplement line
 - Confirm cells
- 4. Assemble all the parts
- 5. Refine text(color, size, font, bold, paragraph) and image



02 Route map



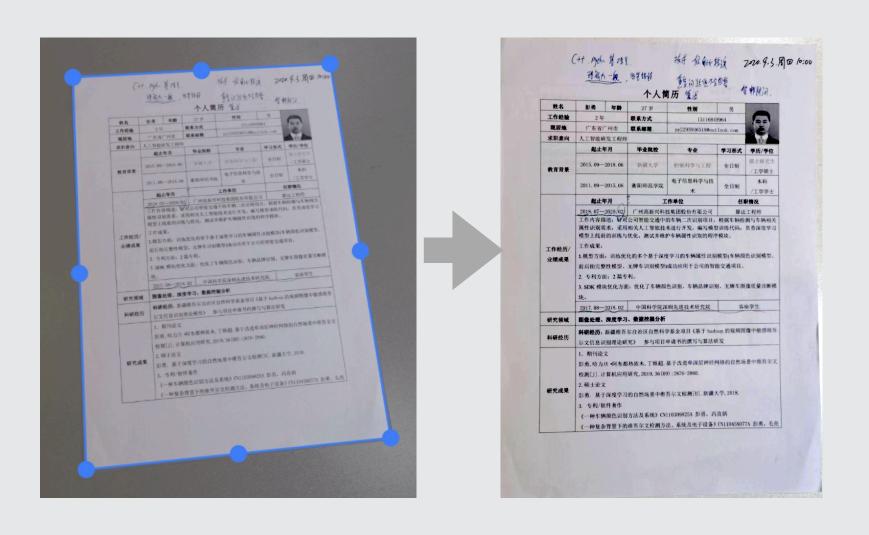


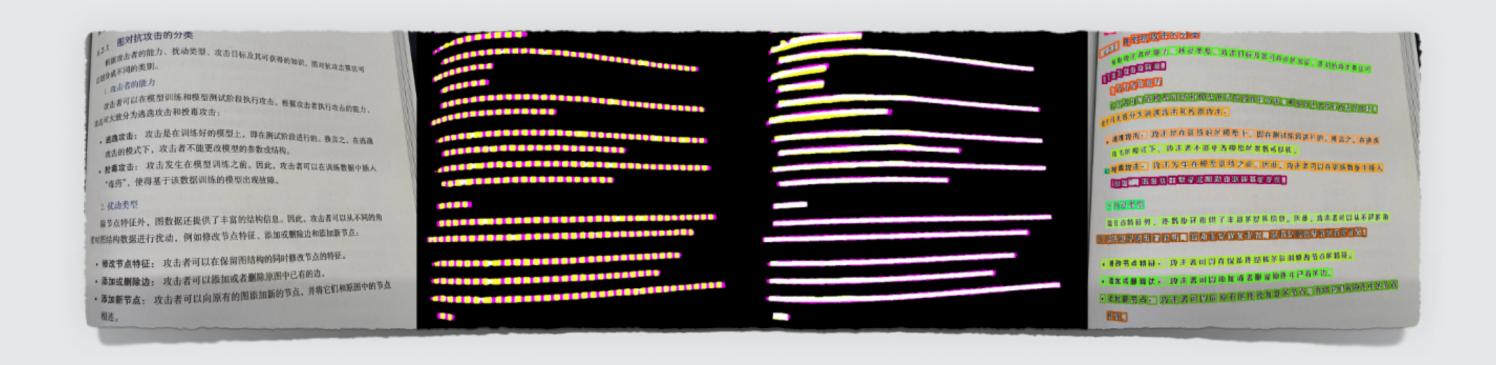


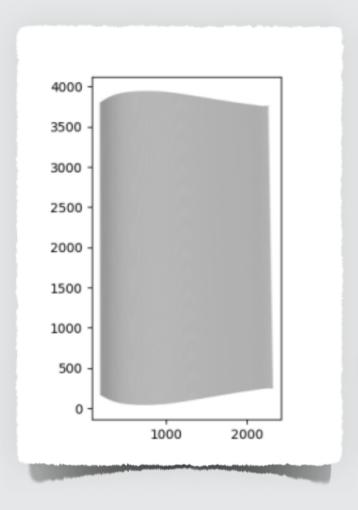
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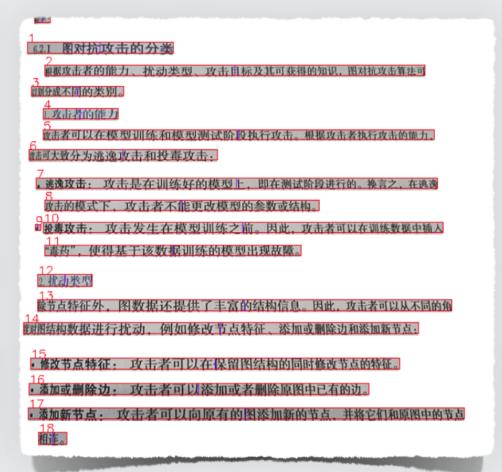


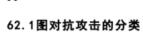
- Document perspective correction
- Document bending correction











积据攻击者的能力、扰动类型、攻击目标及其可获得的知识,图对抗攻击算法可 则分成不同的类别

1攻击者的能力

政击者可以在模型训练和模型测试阶段执行攻击。根据攻击者执行攻击的能力, 政击可大致分为逃逸攻击和投毒攻击:

,逃逸攻击: 攻击是在训练好的模型上,即在测试阶段进行的。换言之,在逃逸 政击的模式下,攻击者不能更改模型的参数或结构。

投毒攻击: 攻击发生在模型训练之前。因此,攻击者可以在训练数据中插入 "毒药",使得基于该数据训练的模型出现故障。

. 扰动类型

除节点特征外,图数据还提供了丰富的结构信息。因此,攻击者可以从不同的角度对图结构数据进行扰动,例如修改节点特征、添加或删除边和添加新节点:

- •修改节点特征: 攻击者可以在保留图结构的同时修改节点的特征
- •添加或删除边: 攻击者可以添加或者删除原图中已有的边。
- ■添加新节点: 攻击者可以向原有的图添加新的节点,并将它们和原图中的节点相连。



Layout analysis



Table, text, underline, image, seal, signature and all elements can be detected by well designed detection model (In our case, text and other objects are detected separately through two models).

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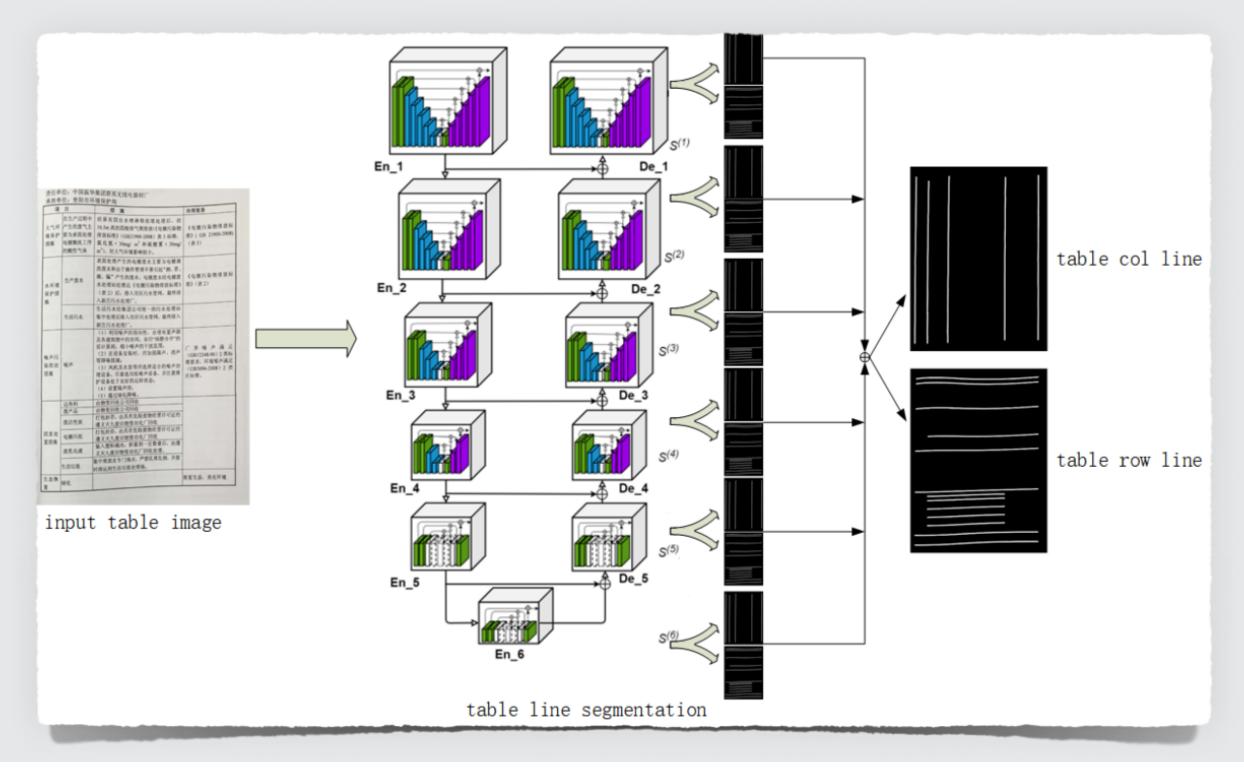
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Obtaining table structure



The traditional table line extraction algorithm is only useful in oversimplified cases, such as tables with straight lines and plain backgrounds. However, the real cases would always be complicated. To solve such a dilemma, we adopt the saliency segmentation model U2Net to extract both vertical and horizontal table lines respectively. The structure diagram of the table segmentation model is as follows:



Model Tricks:

- Data enhancements
 - Adding background noise
 - Adding interference lines
 - Rotating, affine, bending image etc.
 - Changing tones or colors
- vertical and horizontal table lines dealt separately
- bce-loss & dice-loss joint optimization



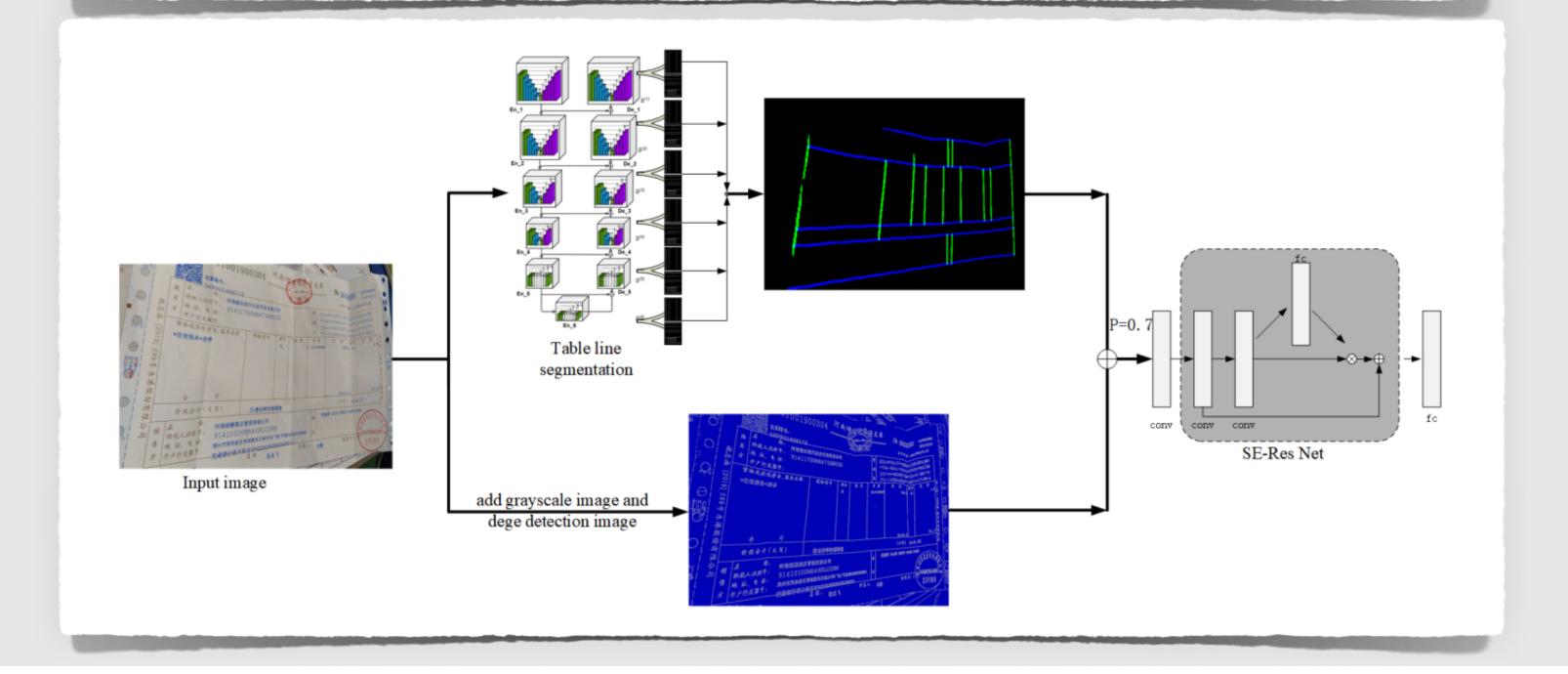
Obtaining table structure



We divide tables into full-line tables (normal tables), less-line tables (tables with only horizontal lines or only vertical lines), and wireless tables. Then we use divergent restoration algorithms and strategies to obtain better restoration effects from these types of tables. For instance, we adopts SE-ResNet as the classification model. The input to the model is a proportional fusion of the table-line segmentation result, the grayscale image and the edge detection map.

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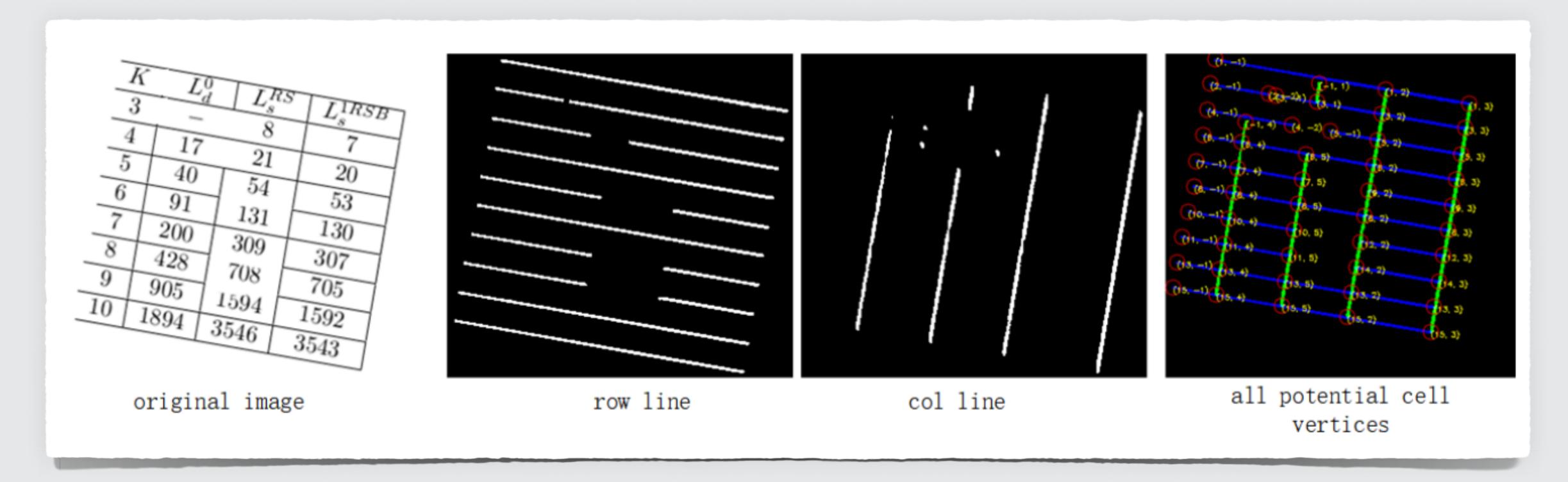




Obtaining table structure



After dividing the row and column lines of the table, it is easy to find that the intersection of the row and column grid lines is the potential cell vertex. As shown in the figure below, endpoints that are a certain distance away from the table intersection could also be potential cell vertex.



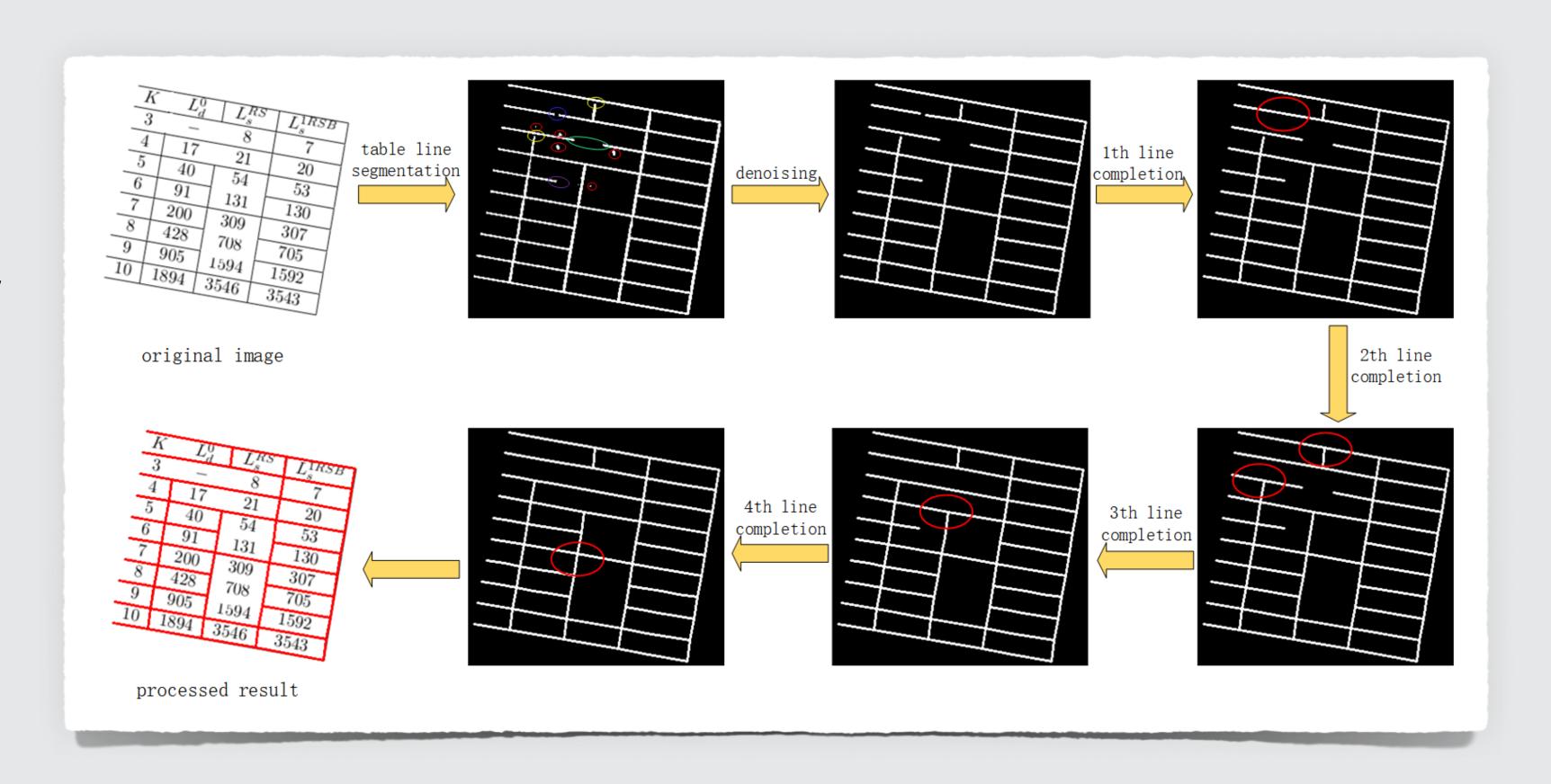


Obtaining table structure



In complex situations like photographing, the segmentation results might have several defects, such as noises and broken lines. Hence, to get a more accurate table structure, it is recommended to do a post-processing base on the segmentation results.

First of all, de-noising the segmentation results. Then, completing the table lines through an iterative algorithm.



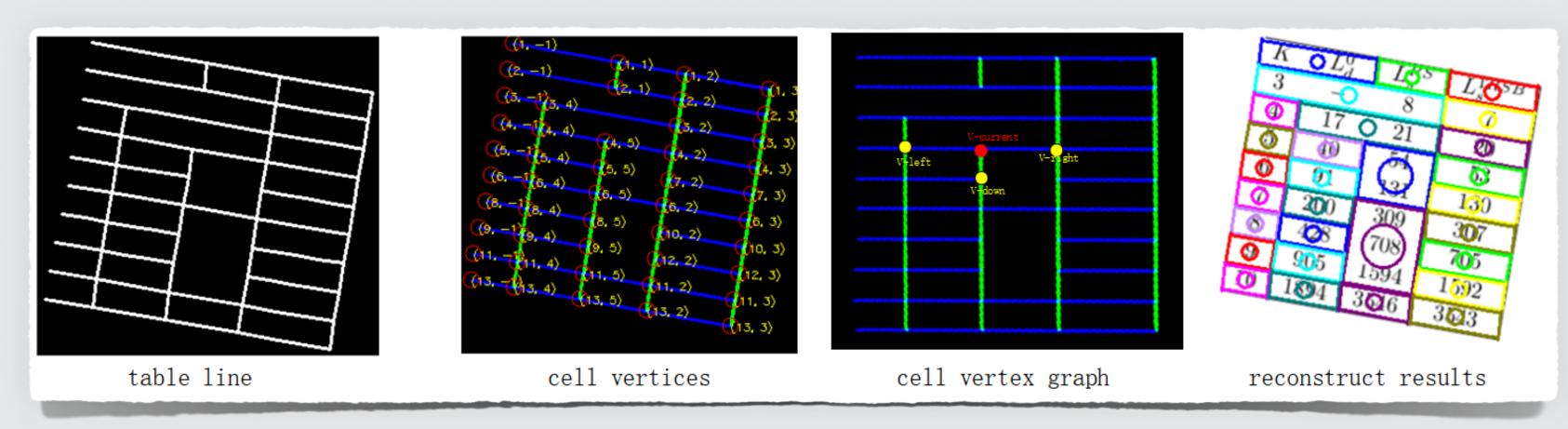


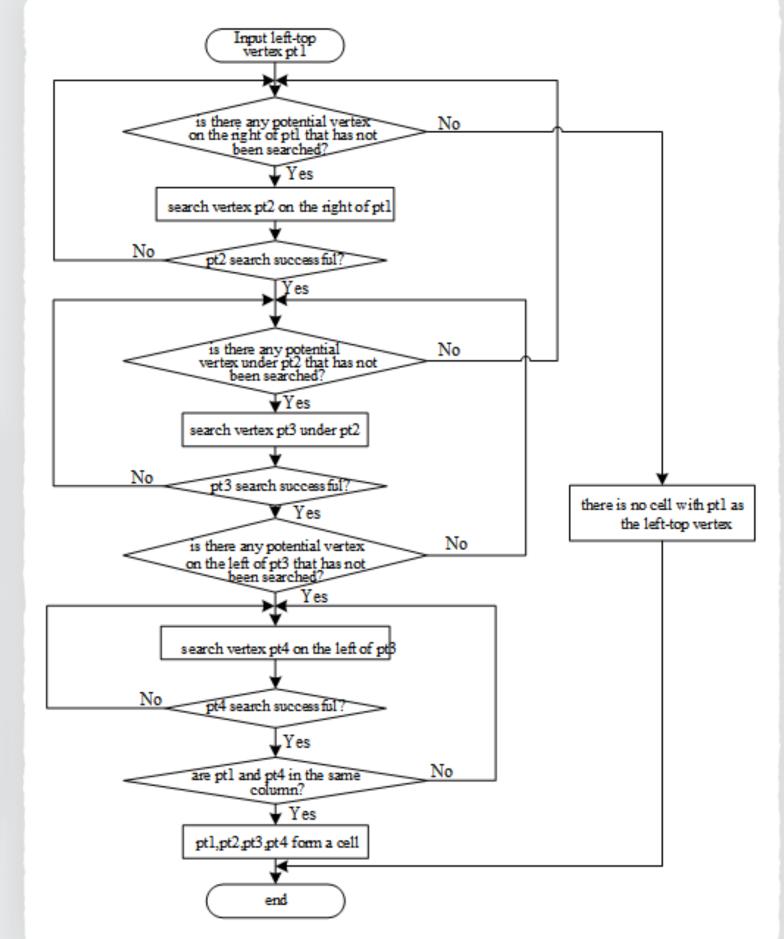
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After getting all the potential cell vertices, we model an undirected graph with all potential vertices. Each vertex contains the information of neighbor vertices that may exist in four directions of V-current: As shown in figure 3 below: V-left, V-right, None, V-down.

Then we apply these logical rules to all the cells and finally extract the structure of the table, as shown in figure 4 below. The flowchart demonstrates one of our traversing strategies.







Text detection scheme for table restoration



In complex table scenarios, text detection and recognition tasks would be more difficult because of the effect of arbitrary-shaped text, dense text, table line interference, horizontal and vertical text ambiguity, etc.

Bad	cases	•
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- 1. Multi-line texts are detected as one line(vertically or horizontally)
- 2. A couple of texts are missed
- 3. Noises are recognized as text lines
- 4. Horizontal texts are detected as vertical

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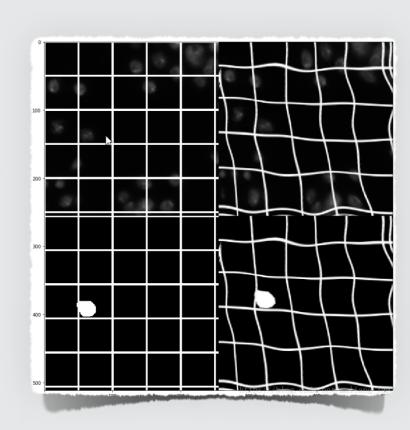
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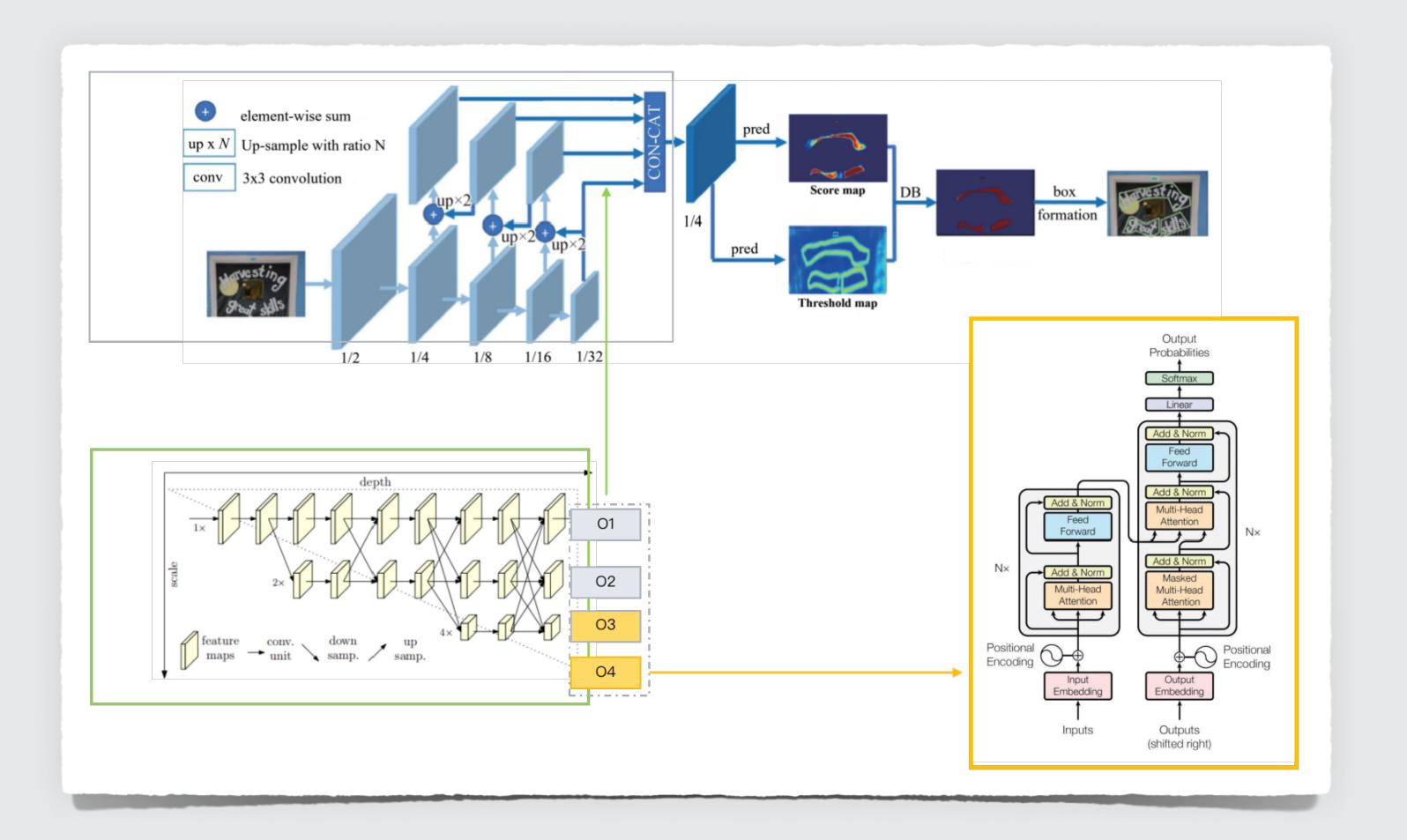


Text detection scheme for table restoration



Embedding the Transformer Block in the neck of DBNet(Open source text detection method) to improve the contextual information and the effective receptive field coverage. Besides, we apply a pixel-level stochastic elastic transform in data augmentation to improve the accuracy of arbitrary text detection.







Text detection scheme for table restoration



- The popular CRNN scheme is adopted to get OCR results.
- The features proposed by CNN are fed into the classifier branch to obtain the orientation of current text line.



Difficult OCR scenes with multi orientations

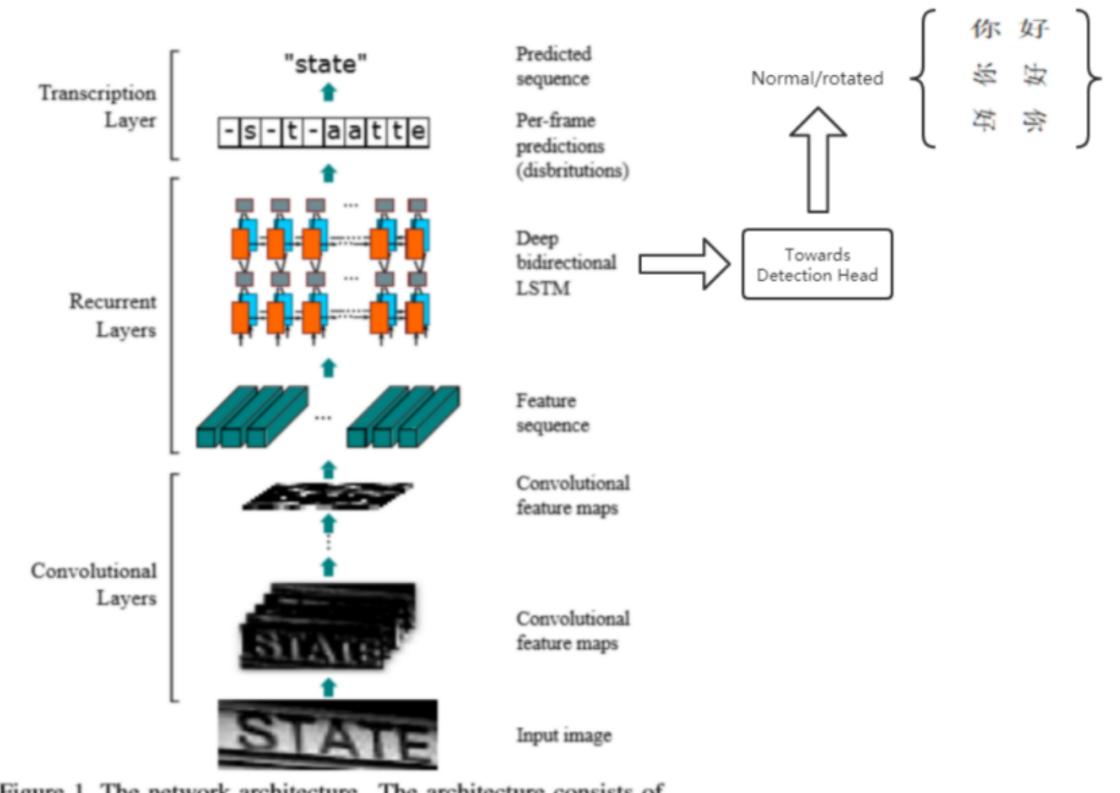


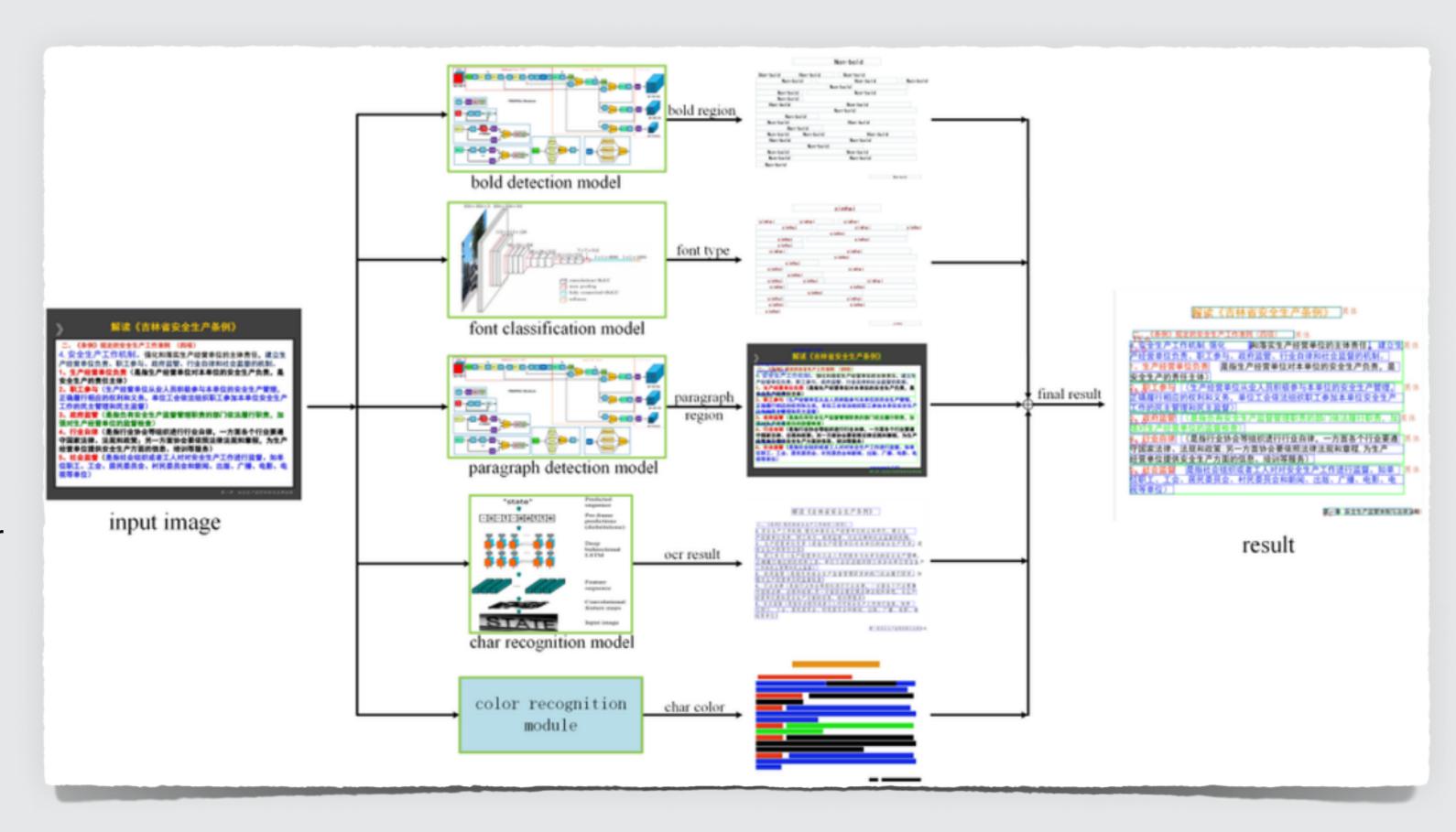
Figure 1. The network architecture. The architecture consists of three parts: 1) convolutional layers, which extract a feature sequence from the input image; 2) recurrent layers, which predict a label distribution for each frame; 3) transcription layer, which translates the per-frame predictions into the final label sequence.



Text detection scheme for table restoration



- Bold detection module: estimate bold attribute
- Font recognition module: analyze the type of fonts
- Paragraph detection module: analyze the paragraph information between the text bndboxes
- Text recognition module: recognize character based on detected text boxes
- Text color recognition module: determine the text color of the texts

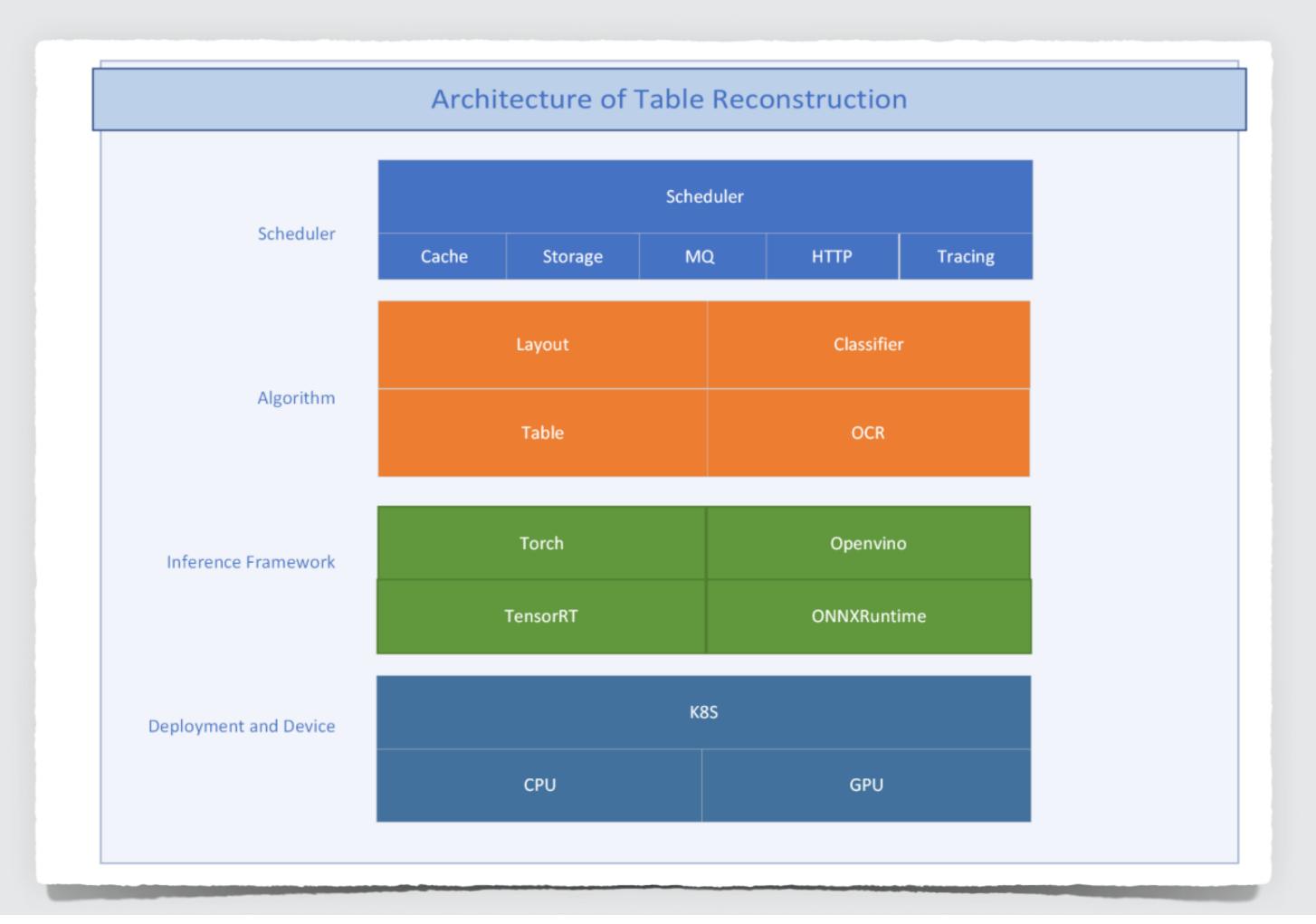




System design and implementation



The service architecture consists of four levels: underlying hardware (cluster and service equipment), inference framework, algorithm module and scheduling module. And 5 main services: scheduler of the scheduling module, layout, classifier, table, and OCR of the algorithm module. The system can run on GPU hardware or pure CPU environment.





System design and implementation







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intel

CPU

Intel® CoreTM
i7-8700 CPU @ 3.20GHz
Number of threads
12

Memory

16 GB

Time-consuming per page

11.38 S

Requests per minute

5.23



CPU

Intel® Xeon® Gold 6240 CPU @ 2.60GHz

Number of threads

72 GPU

4 × Nvidia T4

Memory

128 GB

Time-consuming per page

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Requests per minute

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Real Cases 05



Problems	Causes	Advice
Feeling nervous	Too much homework; Have no time to enjoy hobbies	Make plans for studies and hobbies; Find time to relax as much as you can
Getting short-sighted (近视的)	Read and write in a bad way; Spend much time on computers	Do homework and read books in a correct way; Use computers to do something important
Feeling alone	Have no idea how to get on well with others	Make more friends and understand each other; Share your problem with your friends



Wang Xiaoman is 15 and she is from China. She studies in Class 2, Grade 8. She is a little short and of medium build. She has short hair. She likes sports and she is very popular at school.



Jason is 17 and he comes from the United States. Now he lives with his parents in China. He is in Class 9, Grade 9. His favorite subject is history. Look! He is wearing a white T-shirt and he has short curly



This is Jill. He is 14 and he is from Japan. He studies in Class 6, Grade 8. He is very tall and has short straight hair. He likes reading and painting but he is a little quiet.



Selina is 16 and she comes from Canada. She is in Class 2, Grade 9. She is good-looking and likes telling jokes. She has long hair. She can sing well and she is in our school music club.

Short	Long
1. mop	mob
2. cup	cub
3. pat	pad
4. flack	flag
5. pup	pub
6. pick	pig

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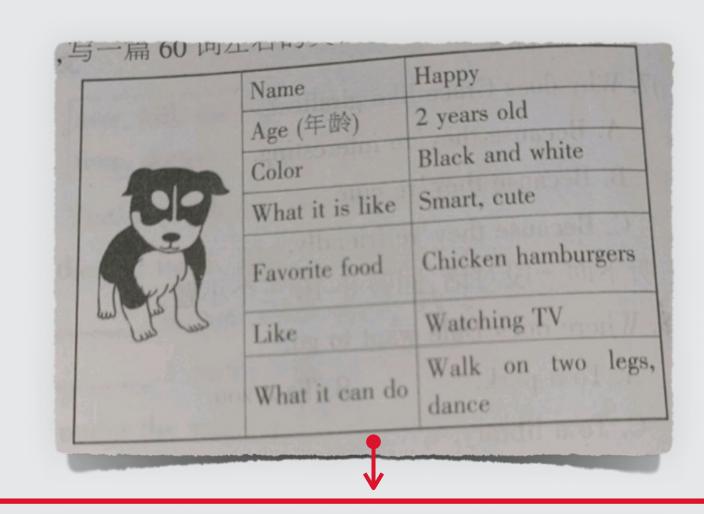
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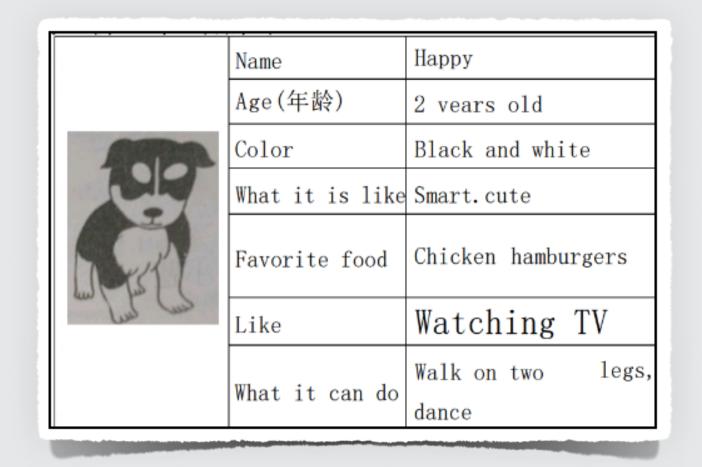
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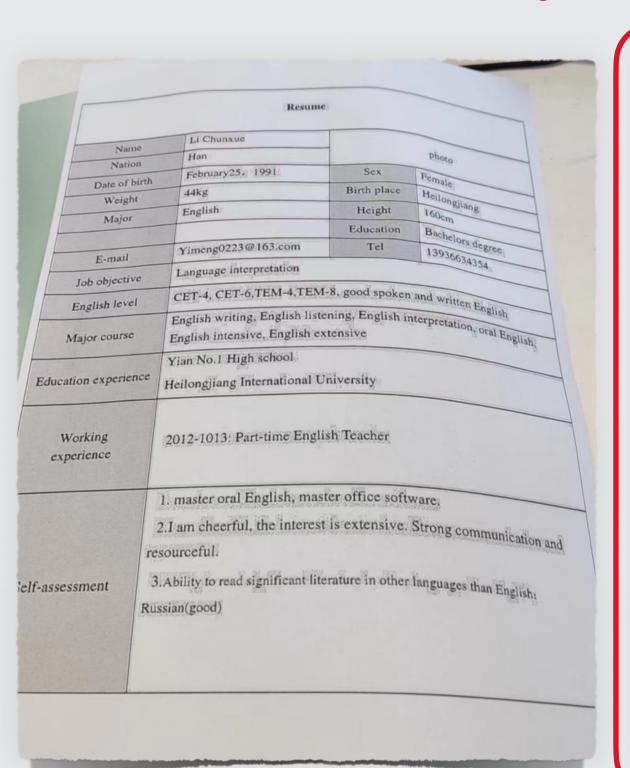
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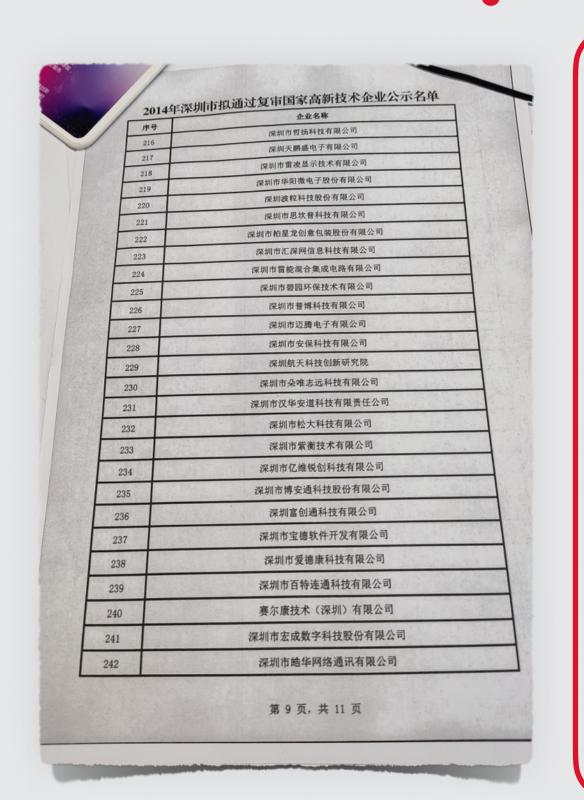


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Nation	Han					
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Major	English	Height	160cm			
		Education	Bachelors degree			
E-mail	Yimeng0223@163.com	Te1	13936634354			
Job objective	Language interpretation					
English level	CET-4, CET-6, TEM-4, TEM-8, good spoken and written English					
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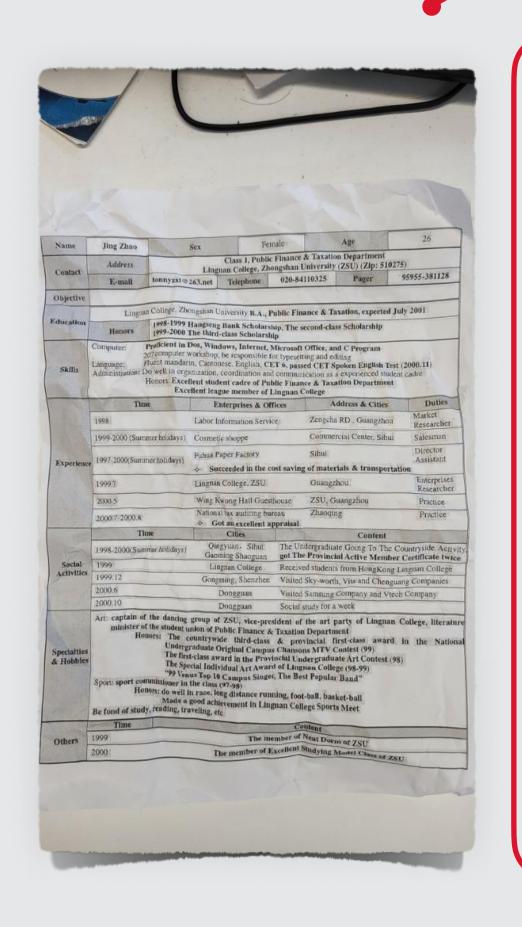


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Summary and outlook



- Tables in scanned PDFs can be recognized and reconstructed by a series of algorithms, whether it is regular or deformed.
- Benefiting from deep learning techniques, picture-form-table regain its original and rich information.
- The entire set of technologies can rely on cloud or local GPU for computing, or run locally with CPU.
- User-experience get a sharp increase because the technologies speed up the whole process of reconstructing tables.
- The OCR and table structure recognition should still be improved, since they are not perfect.
- Calculation is not only time-consuming but also resource-consuming, so optimizing works are completely necessary for the future.



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