# SynTab-LLaVA: Enhancing Multimodal Table Understanding with Decoupled Synthesis

## Supplementary Material

## **A. Examples of MTU Datasets**

We visualize the samples of the existing MTU datasets mentioned in Sec. 2.1, with the results shown in Fig. 1 and Fig. 2. The first to fourth columns in the figures represent the dataset name, the input table image, the user-provided question, and the expected answer, respectively.

For the Table Question Answering (TQA), the datasets WTQ [30], FeTaQA [27], HiTab [5], AIT-QA [17], TabMCQ [16], TAT-QA [51], and TABMWP [24] are visualized in Fig. 1. We observe that the requirements for answers vary across datasets. For example, WTQ only requires a concise response, while FeTaQA demands a coherent and lengthy textual answer generated based on the table content and the given question. HiTab and AIT-QA have a large number of table cells and complex table structures, yet they also only require a short answer. For TABMWP and TAT-QA, which focus on table-based numerical reasoning, the task involves generating a series of calculation steps followed by the final answer. For TabMCQ, the model only needs to match the table content with the options provided in the question and select the correct answer.

For Table Fact Verification (TFV), there are three datasets: TabFact [3], InfoTabs [13], and PubhealthTab [1]. This task is relatively straightforward, requiring the model to index, query, and reason over the table image based on the users input statement. If the derived conclusion aligns with the users statement, the output is "correct"; if the conclusion contradicts the users statement, the output is "incorrect"; and if it is impossible to determine the validity of the users statement solely based on the table content, the output is "neutral". The visualization of specific samples is shown in Fig. 2.

The Table-to-Text Generation (T2T) task includes four datasets: ToTTo [29], HiTab\_T2T [5], Rotowire [38], and WikiBIO [18]. Examples from each dataset can be found in Fig. 2. These datasets require the model to generate coherent sentences as responses based on the users input question and the table image. The generated responses may summarize highlighted cells in the table image or provide a comprehensive description of a related biography.

The Table Structure Understanding (TSU) [46] task includes six sub-tasks, which are designed to evaluate the model's capability to extract basic structural information and understand table content. Table Size Detection (TSD) predicts the number of rows and columns in a given table. Table Cell Extraction (TCE) involves extracting the content of a target cell based on the row and column indices specified by the user. Table Cell Locating (TCL), on the other hand, requires identifying the positions of cells whose content matches the user-provided text. Merge Cell Detection (MCD) aims to detect merged cells and output their coordinates, including the top-left and bottom-right corners. Row & Column Extraction (RCE) focuses on extracting the content of entire rows or columns. Finally, Table Recognition (TR) requires the model to convert the input table image into corresponding HTML, LaTeX, or Markdown.

### **B. Detailed Category Definition**

In this part, we provide a detailed explanation of the 6 main question categories and 11 subcategories defined earlier.

### **B.1. Retrieval**

**Data retrieval** focuses on extracting specific information or multiple data points from tables, enhancing the model's ability to locate and return exact values based on a query. For instance, in MTU, data retrieval helps identify and extract relevant cells or ranges, directly improving the models performance in retrieving precise information from structured data.

### **B.2. Data Operations**

**Data counting** involves determining the number of occurrences of specific values or conditions within a table. This requires scanning through rows and columns to count how many times a particular criterion is met.

**Data order** includes tasks related to organizing or identifying specific statistical properties of data within a table. This involves: maximum, minimum, sorting, median, comparison of values, and so on. These tasks mainly focus on how to systematically order and interpret data based on its statistical attributes.

**Determine range** involves calculating the difference between two data points within a specific column or data set in a table. This could be the difference between the maximum and minimum values, or it could be between the third highest and minimum values, depending on the context.

**Filter operations** include questions related to selecting and manipulating subsets of data based on specific criteria. The key operations involve: filtering, union, intersection, set difference, subset, conditional filtering, *etc*.

#### **B.3. Numerical Calculations**

**Numerical calculations** involve: addition: summing numerical values; subtraction: finding the difference between

Dataset	Image	Question	Answer
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FeTaQA	Distance         Time         Year         Place           1500 Meters         4:05.62         2007         Rieti           3000 Meters         8:43.92         2007         London           5000 Meters         14:58.58         2008         New York City           Marathon         2:37:23         2011         New York City	Give you a screenshot of a table titled 'Personal bests' from the Wikipedia of 'Lauren Fleshman'. Provide a well-considered answer to the followi ng question: When was Lauren Fleshman's pers onal best in the marathon achieved?	In 2011, Lauren Fleshman a chieved her personal best in the marathon in New York City.
HiTab	0.0	Based on the excel table, answer the following question in brief. Your answer should be in the J SON structure, formatted as {"answer": [ <a list<br="">of answer strings&gt;]}. For instance, {"answer": ["2021-12-04", "72.33"]}.Table title: career stati stics. Question: how many league goals did Hris to Yanev score for cska sofia?</a>	Based on the table informati on, the final answer is {"ans wer": ["54.0"]}.
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TabMCQ	Resource for humansNatural or artificialwaternaturalhousesartificialelectricityartificialroadsartificial	Select the correct answer option according to th e table and the question. Provide the final answe r in the JSON structure, using the format {"ans wer": " <your answer="">"}. Question: Which of the following is artificial? Options: 1. Air 2. Water 3. Humans 4. House</your>	According to the given table, the answer is {"answer": "4. House"}.
TABMWP	granite\$7.04 per kgquartz\$5.35 per kgfool's gold\$8.54 per kgtopaz\$7.40 per kgamethyst\$7.61 per kg	Based on the table, solve the math word proble m. Give a solution step by step. Provide a concl uding answer in a JSON structure, using the for mat {"answer": " <your answer="">"}. Proble m: Victor bought 3 kilograms of amethyst and 2 kilograms of fool's gold. How much did he spen d? (Unit: \$) Solution:</your>	Find the cost of the amethyst: $3.54 \times 3 = 22.83$ . Find the cost of the fool's gold: $8.54 \times 2 = 17.08$ . Now the total c ost: $22.83 + 17.08 = 339.91$ . Therefore, the final answer is {"answer": "39.91"}.
TAT-QA	2019 €m         2018 €m         2017 €m           Salaries and fees         4         4           Incentive schemes1         2         33         2           Other benefits2         -         1         1           6         8         7	Read the table to answer the following question s in brief. Present the final answer in a JSON fo rmat {"answer": [ <a answer="" list="" of="" strings="">]}. H ow much is the 2019 salaries and fees?</a>	Based on the table inform ation, the answer is {"ans wer": ["4"]}.
RCE	Title     A History of Mental Health Nursing       Author     Peter Nolan       Edition     reprint, revised       Publisher     Nelson Thornes, 2000       ISBN     0748737219, 9780748737215       Length     178 pages	Provide the contents of the cells located in row 4 of this table. Show the cells in a row in the JS ON format {"row_id":" <row index="">", "cell_list ": "<a cells="" in="" list="" of="" row="" this="">"}.</a></row>	The target cell values of ro w 4: {"row_id": "4", "cell_li st": ['Publisher', 'Nelson Th ornes, 2000']}
TR	Export Citation BiBTeX EndNote RefMan           For the Years Ended December 31,           2019         2018         Increase (Decrease)           Net bookings         \$63,88         \$7,262         \$(874)           In-game net bookings         \$3,366         \$4,203         \$(8837)	This picture illustrates a table. Please represent t his table with the markdown-format in text.	For the Years Ended D ecember 31,      \n    -    \n    2019   201 8   Increase (Decrease)  \n  Net bookings   \$6,388   \$7, 262   \$(874)  \n  In-game n et bookings   \$3,366   \$4,2 03   \$(837)

Figure 1. Examples of existing MTU datasets samples.

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#### Question

In this task, the goal is to distinguish whether th e following sentence is confirmed or refuted by the table. Format your final answer as a JSON, using the structure {"answer\": "<YOUR ANS WER>"}.

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Refer to the table to decide if the following clai m is affirmed, disproved by the given table, or i f unclear, regard it as 'not enough information'. Format your final answer as a JSON, using the s tructure {"answer": "<YOUR ANSWER>"}. T he Crufts dog show has been around under twen ty years.

claim: More women are restrict of domestic viol ence. Review the table named 'Trafficking Rout es' to determine if the claim is supported or opp osed by the table. Use 'not enough information' for inconclusive evidence. Show your final ans wer in the JSON format {"answer": "<YOUR A NSWER>"}

Presented is a Wikipedia table named 'Calcium 1 ooping', which is extracted from a section headi ng 'Cost per metric ton for CO2 captured'. As y ou can see, some table cells are highlighted with a different color. Please generate a one-sentence summary of these cells.

Please succinctly describe the highlighted cell s within the given table titled 'agri-food indus try sub-groups for workers aged 15 years and over, two agricultural regions of ontario, 201 1'

Given the fact table in this image, which details information about 'Danny lloyd', create a succin ct biography for this person.

I need to know the count of rows and columns i n this specific table. Format your final answer a s a JSON, using the structure {"row\_number": " m", "column\_number": "n"}.

There is a cell located in the 5th row and the 1st column in this table, identify this cell and report its content. Provide the value of target cell in th e JSON structure, using the format {"row\_id":" m", "column\_id": "n", "cell\_value": "<Corresponding Cell Value>"}.

Based on the table, what are the locations of the following cells?(1) 'craig hanmer'; Return the ce ll location in the JSON format {'value': '<cell va lue>', 'location': (row\_id, column\_id)}

A merged cell in a table can be described usi ng the JSON {'top-left':(A, B), 'bottom-righ t':(C, D)}. Here, '(A, B)' represents the top-l eft and '(C, D)' the bottom-right cells' (row\_i d, column\_id) of the merged region. Using th e table image, identify all such merged cells.

#### Answer

Utilizing the table as eviden ce, we can find that the sent ence is false. So, the answer is {"answer": "refuted"}.

Based on the evidence in th e table, the claim is not true. Thus, the final answer is {" answer": "disproved"}.

The information in the table is not sufficient to judge whe ther the claim is true or false. Therefore, the final answer: {"answer": "not enough info rmation"}.

The cost of CO2 capture is \$35 to \$96 per ton for Ami ne Scrubbing and \$23 to \$7 0 per ton for Ca-Looping.

in eastern ontario, 60.6% of other agri-food workers wor ked in the restaurant and foo d services sector.

Danny lloyd (born january 1, 1973) is an american tea cher and former child actor.

This table has 3 rows and 3 c olumns. Thus, the final answ er is {"row\_number": "3", "c olumn\_number": "3"}.

The target cell value in the 5th row and the 1st column is {"row\_id": "5", "column \_id": "1", "cell\_value": "2 5 to 34"}.

The coordinates of target cells are listed below. (1) {'value': 'craig hanme r', 'location': (4, 2)}

The merged cell regions are as follows: {'top-left': (1, 1), 'bottom-right':(2, 1)}; {'top-left':(2, 2), 'bo ttom-right':(2, 3)}.

Figure 2. Examples of existing MTU datasets samples.

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Warranty Reserve	2014	2013	2012
Balance at the beginning of the year	\$4,125	\$4,252	\$4,613
Acquisition	20,501	0	0
Warranty expense	12,909	7,440	6,828
Warranty payments	(12,869)	(7,567)	(7,189)
Balance at the end of the period	\$24,666	\$4,125	\$4,252

	Year Ended D	December 31	
	2018	2017	
Reported GAAP Consolidated Net sales growth	13.3%	4.1%	
Adjustments:			
Impact of foreign currency translation <sup>(1)</sup>	(1.6)%	(0.6)%	
Impact of Xplore acquisition <sup>(2)</sup>	(0.6)%	-%	
Impact of Wireless LAN divestiture <sup>(3)</sup>	-%	3.2%	
Corporate, eliminations <sup>(4)</sup>	-%	(0.2)%	
Consolidated Organic Net sales growth	11.1%	6.5%	

(at December 31, 2007, in millions)	Amortized Cost	Fair Value
Due in one year or less	\$3,288	\$3,292
Due after 1 year through 5 years	15,745	15,962
Due after 5 years through 10 years	17,558	17,777
Due after 10 years	20,453	20,773
	57,044	57,804
Mortgage-backed securities	7,108	7,116
Total	\$64,152	\$64,920

Limited Partnership (Dollars in thousands) Unfunded Commitments SVB Strategic Investors Fund, LP \$6,793 25,143 SVB Strategic Investors Fund II, LP SVB Strategic Investors Fund III, LP 128,093 SVB Strategic Investors Fund IV, LP 107,345 SVB Capital Preferred Return Fund, LP 41,256 SVB Capital - NT Growth Partners, LP 54,100 Total \$362,730

	Year Ended December 31,					
			\$	%		
	2008	2007	Change	Change		
Distribution fees						
U.S. high-grade	\$30,287	\$34,939	\$(4,652)	(13.3)%		
Eurobond	14,143	8,148	5,995	73.6		
Total distribution fees	44,430	43,087	1,343	3.1		
Variable transaction fees						
U.S. high-grade	16,260	17,602	(1,342)	(7.6)		
Eurobond	4,003	10,680	(6,677)	(62.5)		
Other	8,835	8,845	(10)	(0.1)		
Total transaction fees	29,098	37,127	(8,029)	(21.6)		
Total commissions	\$73,528	\$80,214	\$(6,686)	(8.3)%		

Club

North Melbourne

Hawthorn

Richmond

Essendon

St Kilda

2019 2018

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Cash (1) \$1,280 \$26,486 Notes receivable - 70,461 \$1,280 \$96,947

\$- \$(21,329)

(2) (4,663)

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Player

Brent Harvey

Michael Tuck

Kevin Bartlett

Dustin Fletcher

Robert Harvey

New restaurants opened by franchisees

Proceeds from the sale of company-operated res...

Net assets sold (primarily property and equipm...

Goodwill related to the sale of company-operat...

Restaurants sold to franchisees

	2012							
(In millions)	PrivateEquity	RealEstate	Other	Total				
Beginning balance	\$55	\$49	\$17	\$121				
Actual return on plan assets	2	053	=	2				
Purchases	12	10	-	22				
Sales	(13)	(5)	-	(18)				
Ending balance	\$56	\$54	\$17	\$127				
	2011							
(In millions)	PrivateEquity	RealEstate	Other	Total				
Beginning balance	\$46	\$37	\$17	\$100				
Actual return on plan assets	7	5	=	12				
Purchases	10	12		22				
Sales	(9)	(6)	-	(15)				
Other	1	1	-	2				
Ending balance	\$55	\$49	\$17	\$121				

	Target Allocation				
	April 29, 2016 April 24, 201				
Asset Category					
Equity securities	49%	49%			
Debt securities	23	23			
Other	28	28			
Total	100%	100%			
Non-U.S. Plans					
	Target A	llocation			
	April 29, 2016	April 24, 2015			
Asset Category					
Equity securities	34%	35%			
Debt securities	27	29			
Other	39	36			
Total	100%	100%			

## Existing MTU Images

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	Particulars	Total	Male	Female
	Total No. of Houses	258		
	Total Population	1,396	715	681
	In the age group 0–6 years	141	74	67
	Scheduled Castes (SC)	984	510	474
	Scheduled Tribes (ST)	0	0	0
=	Literates	912	498	414
-	Illiterate	484	217	267
-	Total Worker	471	399	72
	Main Worker	305	274	31
	Marginal Worker	166	125	41

Other (3) 88 (24,791) Gains on the sale of company-operated restaurants \$1,366 \$46,164

Lease commitment charges (2) - -

Figure 3. Comparison of the table images synthesized in this work with existing MTU table images.

	For the Years Ended December 31,								
Index	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009			
Aimeo	100.00	106.29	164.95	113.71	59.71	85.29			
MSCI US REIT	100.00	112.13	152.41	126.78	78.64	101.14			
S&P 500	100.00	104.91	121.48	128.16	80.74	102.11			

**QUESTION:** What was the value of Aimco in 2006? **DETAIL\_ANSWER:** Looking at the table, the value of Aimco in 2006 is 164.95.

SHORT\_ANSWER: 164.95.

#### (Retrieval)

**QUESTION:** In which year did MSCI US REIT have the highest value?

**DETAIL\_ANSWER**: The values for MSCI US REIT are 112.13 in 2005, 152.41 in 2006, 126.78 in 2007, 78.64 in 2008, and 101.14 in 2009. The highest value is 152.41 which is in 2006.

SHORT\_ANSWER: 2006.

(Data operations)

	Year en	ded Decen	nber 31,		
	2015	2014	2013		
	(in millions)				
Total Individual Annuities(1):					
Beginning total account value	\$158,664	\$154,140	\$135,342		
Sales	8,780	10,008	11,513		
Surrenders and withdrawals	(8,415)	(8,852)	(7,727)		
Net sales	365	1,156	3,786		
Benefit payments	(1,910)	(1,799)	(1,617)		
Net flows	(1,545)	(643)	2,169		
Change in market value, interest credited and other activity	(585)	8,666	19,826		
Policy charges	(3,589)	(3,499)	(3,197)		
Ending total account value	\$152,945	\$158,664	\$154,140		

**QUESTION:** Please provide a detailed summary of the table. **DETAIL\_ANSWER:** In 2015, the beginning total account value was \$158,664, with sales of 8,780 and surrenders and withdrawals of 8,415 resulting in net sales of 365. Benefit payments were 1,910 and net flows were -1,545. There was a change in market value, interest credited and other activity of -585 and policy charges of -3,589, leading to an ending total account value of \$152,945. In 2014, similar data is presented, and in 2013 as well.

**SHORT\_ANSWER**: Summary of account values, sales, etc. over 3 years.

(Summary)

**QUESTION:** What is the total of net sales for all three years? **DETAIL\_ANSWER:** The net sales for 2013 is 3,786, for 2014 is 1,156, and for 2015 is 365. The total is 3,786 + 1,156 + 365 = 5,307.

**SHORT\_ANSWER**: 5,307. (Numerical calculations)

	2016	2015	2014
Fair value at grant date	\$10.35	<b>\$11.5</b> 7	\$10.99
Expected volatility	21.6%	21.0%	25.1%
Dividend yield	2.4%	2.1%	2.1%
Risk-free interest rate	1.4%	1.7%	1.6% - 2.0%
Expected holding period, in years	5.3	5.3	5.5 - 6.6

**QUESTION**: Is the fair value at grant date in 2016 higher than that in 2015?

**DETAIL\_ANSWER**: The fair value at grant date in 2016 is \$10.35 and in 2015 is \$11.57. So, the fair value at grant date in 2016 is lower than that in 2015.

SHORT\_ANSWER: no.

(Selection)

	Year	Ended Octob	er 31,
	2018	2017	2016
	(in thousand	s, except per	share price)
Shares repurchased(1)	4,688	5,413	8,506
Average purchase price per share(1)	\$89.59	\$70.21	\$49.37
Aggregate purchase price(1)	\$420,000	\$380,000	\$420,000
Reissuance of treasury stock	3,508	4,404	4,803

**QUESTION**: Which year had the highest number of shares repurchased?

**DETAIL\_ANSWER**: Looking at the "Shares repurchased(1) " column, we see the values 4688 for 2018, 5413 for 2017, an d 8506 for 2016. Comparing these, 2016 had the highest num ber of shares repurchased.

SHORT\_ANSWER: 2016.

(Data operations)

Millions of Dollars	2007	2006	2005
Track	\$1,593	\$1,487	\$1,472
Capacity and commercial facilities	534	510	509
Locomotives and freight cars	263	135	98
Other	106	110	90
Total	\$2,496	\$2,242	\$2,169

**QUESTION**: What is the total amount in 2007? **DETAIL\_ANSWER**: Looking at the table, the total amount

in 2007 is \$2,496. SHORT\_ANSWER: \$2,496.

(Retrieval)

**QUESTION**: How much did the amount for Locomotives and freight cars increase from 2006 to 2007?

**DETAIL\_ANSWER**: The amount for Locomotives and freight cars in 2006 is \$135 and in 2007 is \$263. The increase is \$263 - \$135 = \$128.

SHORT\_ANSWER: \$128. (Numerical calculations)

Figure 4. Visualization of SynTab sample pairs. The texts below each image represent the Q&A pairs we synthesize. Each Q&A pair includes the user-input question, detailed solution steps, and the final concise answer. The red bold text indicates the question category to which the Q&A pair belongs.

Place	Rider	Country	Team	Points	Wins	Year	Title	Role	Channe
1	Sylvain Geboers	Belgium	<u>Suzuki</u>	3066	3	2015	Kuch Toh Hai Tere Mere Darmiyaan	Sanjana Kapoor	Star Plus
2	Adolf Weil	Germany	Maico	2331	2		Kuch Rang Pyar Ke Aise Bhi	Khushi	Sony TV
3	Torlief Hansen	Sweden	<u>Husqvarna</u>	2052	0	2016	Gangaa	Aashi Jhaa	&TV
4	Roger De Coster	Belgium	Suzuki	1865	3	2017	lss Pyaar Ko Kya Naam Doon 3	Meghna Narayan Vashishth	Star Plus
5	Joel Robert	Belgium	Suzuki	1730	1	2017-18	Tu Aashigui	Richa Dhanraigir	Colors T
6	Heikki Mikkola	Finland	<u>Husqvarna</u>		2		Laal Ishq	Pernia	
7	Willy Bauer	Germany	<u>Maico</u>	1276	0	2019	Vikram Betaal Ki Rahasya Gatha	Rukmani/Kashi	&TV
8	Gaston Rahier	Belgium	<u>ČZ</u>	1112	0	2013			arv
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Figure 5. Case study on WTQ and FeTaQA. The red rectangular boxes indicate the table regions relevant to the questions. In the WTQ, yellow highlights represent correct answers, while green highlights denote incorrect. In the FeTaQA, which requires generating a complete sentence, red text is used to indicate the keywords present in the predicted results.

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Figure 6. Case study on TABMWP and AIT-QA. These benchmarks involve extensive data computation tasks, requiring the outputs to present step-by-step reasoning leading to the final answer.

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1	brian watts	united states	68 + 69 + 73 = 210	e					17.05	-		
t2	jim furyk	united states	70 + 70 + 72 = 212	+ 2		BJD	Bibhuti Bhusan Balabantara	y 55,573	47.85			
12	mark o'meara	united states	70 + 70 + 72 = 212 72 + 68 + 72 = 212	+ 2		INC	Suresh Kumar Routray	40,648	35.00			
t2	jesper parnevik	sweden	68 + 72 + 72 = 212	+ 2		Independent	Sarat Paikray	8,756	7.54			
5	justin rose (a)	england	72 + 66 + 75 - 213	+ 3		ВЈР	Sudipta Ray	7,812	6.73			
t6	thomas biãrn	denmark	68 + 71 + 76 = 215	+ 5		SAMO	Bibhuti Bhusan Mishra					
t6	brad faxon	united states	67 + 74 + 74 = 215	+ 5				964	0.83			
t6	john huston	united states	65 + 77 + 73 = 215	+ 5		Kalinga Sena	Pravat Pradhan	629	0.54			
t6	tiger woods	united states	65 + 73 + 77 = 215	+ 5		RPD	Kirti Chandra Senapati	610	0.53			
t10	david duval	united states	70 + 71 + 75 = 216	+ 6		BSP	Jaya Prakash Bhanja Deo	607	0.52			
t10	costantino rocca	italy	72 + 74 + 70 = 216	+ 6								
t10	raymond russell	scotland	68 + 73 + 75 - 216	+ 6		RPI(A)	Purna Chandra Naik	534	0.46			
t10	katsuvoshi tomori	japan	75 + 71 + 70 = 216	+ 6		Majority		14,925	12.85			
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Figure 7. Case study on TabFact and ToTTo. The ToTTo benchmark not only requires the model to perceive color information in images but also demands strong summarization capabilities, posing a challenge to the captioning abilities of existing MLLMs.

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Figure 8. Case study on TSD and MCD. These two benchmarks primarily evaluate a model's ability to perceive the structure of table images. The results indicate that existing MLLMs perform poorly on such fundamental perception tasks.

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Figure 9. Case study on TCE and TCL. The visualization results above demonstrate that existing MLLMs exhibit significant gaps compared to our method in locating and recognizing table cell content.

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Figure 10. Case study on TR. The general MLLMs demonstrate strong performance in converting images to Markdown, primarily because they are pre-trained on large-scale Markdown datasets. Compared to the tabular MLLMs Table-LLaVA and TabPedia, our approach achieves a significant performance improvement.

numerical values; multiplication: calculating the product of numerical values; division: determining the quotient of numerical value; simple combinations: performing basic operations involving combinations of addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division.

**Complex calculations** involve operations that combine multiple tasks, including: data retrieval, sorting, filtering, mathematical operations, and so on. Complex calculations integrate these tasks to perform more intricate data analysis.

### **B.4. Free Answering**

**Free table question answering.** This subcategory requires retrieval and reasoning over multiple sources of information in table, and the answer should integrate both facts and inferences into a coherent sentence that answers the question.

### **B.5. Selection**

**Multiple choice** in the context of MTU involves selecting the correct answer from a list of given options based on the data presented in the table.

**Table fact verification** involves checking the accuracy and validity of information presented in a table against known facts or expected results. The main aspects of table fact verification include: cross-checking, consistency check, error detection, logical verification, *etc*.

### **B.6.** Summary

**Table Summary** involves providing a concise and coherent description of the key information presented in a table.

### C. Visualization

### C.1. Rendered Table Images

We visualize the synthetic table images generated in this paper. As shown in Fig. 3, our rendered images exhibit diverse characteristics, including different font styles, varying highlighted regions, and a variety of table visual layout, such as only row separators, only column separators, both row and column separators, and row segmentation using background colors, etc. Compared to existing MTU images, our synthesized images are even more diverse and better match common table images found in real-world scenarios. Additionally, our images also include complex hierarchical tables, as seen in the last row of the figure. These hierarchical table images facilitate the model's learning of complex table structures, thereby enhancing its capability to understand tables in complex scenarios. From the visualizations above, we conclude that, through extensive data augmentation, the synthesized images closely resemble real-world table images, thus validating the effectiveness and authenticity of the synthetic data proposed in this paper.

### C.2. Synthesized SynTab Samples

As shown in Fig. 4, we visualize some sample pairs from SynTab. It can be observed that the questions generated for each image are not fixed but are randomly selected based on probability to determine the type of question to generate. This design prevents the dataset from being dominated by specific question types, enriches the diversity of samples, and enhances the generalization and robustness of subsequent MLLMs in table understanding tasks. Additionally, our generated answers include a detailed answer that provides step-by-step solutions to the questions. Such Q&A pairs enable the model to learn how to approach table understanding tasks incrementally rather than producing a direct answer, thereby avoiding potential performance degradation caused by the lack of intermediate reasoning steps.

#### C.3. Comparison with Other MLLMs

To compare our method with existing MLLMs in table understanding tasks, we conduct visualized experiments across multiple benchmark datasets, with the results shown in Fig. 5-10. The experimental results demonstrate that our model SynTab-LLaVA achieves significant performance improvements across various benchmarks when compared to Owen2-VL, GPT-4V, Docowl1.5, InternVL2, as well as tabular MLLMs such as Table-LLaVA and TabPedia. For example, in Fig. 5, the input in the left sample requires the model to retrieve all the "wins" cells corresponding to riders from Belgium in the table, then sum these "wins" to generate the answer. It can be observed that, apart from GPT-4V and our SynTab-LLaVA, the other models make incorrect predictions. A closer analysis of GPT-4V's answer shows that while it predicts the correct result, it misses a rider, Gaston Rahier, whose "wins" are 0, making its answer unsatisfactory. As for the FeTaQA, We use red text to highlight the keywords in the predicted answer sentence that match the ground truth. As shown in Fig. 5, our method successfully matches the most keywords, indicating that our model not only generates concise answers but also produces coherent sentences capable of handling a variety of MTU tasks. These qualitative analysis validate the effectiveness of the proposed method and highlights its potential contribution to the multimodal community by providing a new MTU dataset to enhance model performance in multimodal table understanding.