

# Tables Decoded: DELTA for Structure, TARQA for Understanding

## Supplementary Material

### 1. Symbols and abbreviations

Table (1) presents the terminology used in the proposed approaches, along with their full forms and the corresponding tasks in which they are applied. Table (2) lists all the abbreviations used throughout the paper, providing readers with an easy reference to understand the terminology better.

### 2. Motivation for Doubly Decoupled Approach

Table Reconstruction approaches can be divided into:

- **End-to-end VLMs** In conventional table understanding pipelines, physical structure, logical structure, and content recognition (OCR) are often bundled together into a monolithic framework. We refer to this as the VLMs paradigm, where all three aspects: cell boundaries, spanning relations, and textual extraction are jointly modeled. While such end-to-end systems simplify design, they are typically hard to interpret, debug, and adapt across domains and languages.
- **Conventional Decoupling:** Recent approaches such as CascadeTabNet [6], TATR [9], GTE [10], TableFormer [5], and LGPMA [7] attempt to decouple structure recognition from content recognition. However, within the structure recognition stage, the physical structure (rows, columns, cell boundaries) and the logical structure (spanning cells, header associations, merged cells) remain entangled. This coupling often limits flexibility and makes it challenging to localise errors, as mispredictions in geometry and semantics influence each other.
- **Our Doubly-Decoupled Framework: (DELTA)** We introduce a finer decomposition by separating physical and logical structure recognition into independent stages. In the structure recognition stage, the physical structure (cell boundaries) and the logical structure (cell arrangements) should be loosely coupled. The physical structure is inherently tied to image coordinates, whereas the logical structure only requires predicting the arrangement and relationships among cells. By decoupling the two, we can keep the logical layer language-agnostic, while isolating coordinate-dependent errors in the physical layer. This separation improves flexibility, simplifies debugging, and allows each component to be strengthened independently. Specifically, TATR models the physical layout, while SPRINT captures logical relations. Their outputs are then combined into a complete table structure, which is subsequently passed to OCR for content extraction. This double decoupling offers greater control and modularity.

### 3. DELTA in detail

Our proposed framework, DELTA, tackles the long-standing challenge of disentangling physical and logical structures in table structure recognition. Unlike traditional approaches, where geometric layout (rows, columns, cell boundaries) and logical layout (cell arrangement, spans, header associations) are tightly coupled, DELTA predicts them independently and then combines their outputs in a principled manner. Specifically, we employ SPRINT for logical structure prediction, which generates compact OTSL/HTML sequences and offers an ideal balance of speed, accuracy, and language independence, making it robust across multilingual and noisy documents. For the physical structure, we use TATR, a DETR-based model pre-trained on large-scale datasets, that leverages only row and column predictions to ensure clean grid alignment. These two components are integrated to reconstruct complete HTML tables with explicit bounding boxes, row spans, and column spans, making the system modular, interpretable, and extensible. Beyond structure prediction, we also examine the role of OCR for content recognition and conduct comprehensive ablations to validate and justify our design choices.

#### 3.1. SPRINT for Logical Structure

SPRINT is an image-to-sequence model that employs a Global Context Attention (GCA)-based encoder and a transformer-based decoder to generate compact sequence representations (OTSL/HTML) of logical table structures. We adopt SPRINT for logical structure prediction because it achieves an ideal balance of speed, accuracy, and language independence. Unlike methods that rely heavily on OCR or language-specific cues, SPRINT focuses solely on the structural layout, making it inherently robust across multilingual and noisy document settings. This design aligns perfectly with our objective of decoupling physical and logical structure, as SPRINT cleanly predicts the cell arrangement without being confounded by text semantics. Moreover, since it has already demonstrated state-of-the-art performance on table structure recognition benchmarks, it provides a reliable backbone for our framework. We report ablations reported on SPRINT to demonstrate these strengths in Table (3). For further implementation details, we refer the reader to the original SPRINT [3] paper.

#### 3.2. TATR for Physical Structure

To extract the physical structure, we use the TATR [9] V1.1 model pre-trained on FinTabNet, PubTabNet, and

Abbreviation	Description	Task Used For
<b>DELTA</b>	<b>D</b> oubly <b>d</b> Ecoupled <b>tab</b> Le <b>re</b> cons <b>T</b> ruction <b>A</b> pproach (a proposed approach)	Table Reconstruction, measured by TEDS-Structure and TEDS Scores
<b>TARQA</b>	<b>T</b> able structu <b>R</b> e-aware <b>Q</b> uestion <b>A</b> nswering (a fine-tuned LLM on OTSL sequences)	TabQA Table-based Question Answering
<b>TORQUE</b>	<b>T</b> able <b>O</b> riented <b>R</b> econstruction and <b>Q</b> uestion-answering <b>U</b> pon <b>d</b> Evanagari (curated benchmark)	Hindi Table Reconstruction Hindi TabVQA
<b>DELTA</b> <b>TARQA</b>	+ DELTA converts Table Image to OTSL TARQA answers Questions with OTSL	Decoupled VQA task
<b>TARQA-OTSL</b>	TARQA Fine-tuned on OTSL sequences.	TabVQA
<b>TARQA-HTML</b>	TARQA Fine-tuned on HTML sequences.	TabVQA
<b>GT OTSL</b> <b>TARQA-OTSL</b>	+ Ground Truth OTSL given to TARQA-OTSL	TabVQA
<b>GT HTML</b> <b>TARQA-HTML</b>	+ Ground Truth OTSL given to TARQA-OTSL	TabVQA

Table 1. Abbreviations and Their Descriptions

Abbreviation	Description
ANLS	Average Normalized Levenshtein Similarity
EM	Exact Match
GT	Ground Truth
LLMs	Large Language Models
OCR	Optical Character Recognition
OTSL	Optimized Table Structure Language
p.p.	percentage point
SPRINT	Script-agnostic Structure Recognition in Tables
TabQA	Table Question Answering
TabVQA	Table Visual Question Answering
TATR	Table Transformer
TEDS	Tree Edit Distance -based Similarity
TSR	Table Structure Recognition
VLMs	Vision Language Models
WTQ	WikiTableQuestions

Table 2. General abbreviations used in the paper.

PubTables-1M. TATR, built on DETR [1], predicts six classes, of which we only leverage `table-row` and `table-column` to estimate the rows and columns. For inference, we set the detection threshold to 0.25 and apply non-maximum suppression (NMS) with an IoU threshold of 0.25 on `table-row` predictions to minimize overlap and

improve consistency. The resulting values are then aligned with the output sequence predicted by SPRINT, ensuring coherence between physical and logical structures.

### 3.3. TATR and SPRINT for Complete TSR

This step is responsible for integrating the logical structure (tag sequence predicted by SPRINT) with the physical structure (list of bounding boxes corresponding to detected rows and columns) to produce a final HTML representation of the table. Each `<td>` element in the output is annotated with its bounding box coordinates, as well as rowspan and colspan attributes whenever merged cells are detected. While row and column bounding boxes intersect to form candidate cells, the crucial constraint is that there exists a one-to-one mapping between each logical cell predicted by SPRINT and its corresponding physical bounding box. The algorithm enforces this alignment to guarantee that both spatial positioning and spanning attributes are preserved.

Formally, as seen in Algorithm (1), it takes as input an OTSL matrix  $M$  (generated by SPRINT, note that it can be converted to HTML in a lossless manner, but since SPRINT directly gives an OTSL string, we leverage that initially) and a set of bounding boxes  $Cells$  (derived from TATR). The OTSL matrix encodes the table layout, where each entry specifies whether a position corresponds to a cell (C), a new row marker (N), or is empty. The process begins by initializing an empty HTML string  $H$ . For each entry  $(i, j)$  in  $M$ :

- If it corresponds to a cell, the bounding box  $cell$  is re-

Test	Training	SPRINT Config	TEDS-S Simple	TEDS-S Complex	TEDS-S Overall
PubTabNet	PubTabNet	*Layers: 3, Shape: 32*128	97.91	91.17	94.61
	PubTabNet	Layers: 4, Shape: 32*128	98.12	92.84	95.53
	All	Layers: 6, Shape: 32*128	<b>98.11</b>	92.98	95.60
	All	Layers: 6, Shape: 128*128	98.00	<b>93.32</b>	<b>95.71</b>
FinTabNet	FinTabNet	Layers: 6, Shape: 32*32	<b>98.39</b>	94.57	96.41
	FinTabNet	Layers: 6, Shape: 32*128	98.30	97.46	97.88
	All	Layers: 6, Shape: 128*128	98.31	97.73	98.01
	FinTabNet	Layers: 6, Shape: 128*128	98.35	<b>97.74</b>	<b>98.03</b>
PubTables-1M	PubTables-1M	Layers: 6, Shape: 32*128	98.19	92.69	95.50
	All	Layers: 8, Shape: 32*128	98.88	93.34	96.00
	All	Layers: 6, Shape: 32*128	98.87	94.80	96.75
	All	Layers: 6, Shape: 128*128	<b>98.92</b>	<b>96.54</b>	<b>97.68</b>

Table 3. Results on different test sets for the SPRINT component of DELTA trained on various datasets. The training set of ‘All’ refers to the combined training dataset of all three datasets. The config is dictated by two parameters, mainly the number of decoder layers and the shape (dimensions) of the input image, which is resized in the preprocessing stage. \* indicates that the maximum permissible length of prediction was set to 192 for that experiment, and the length was set to 224 otherwise. All the results are reported on the canonical validation set of PubTabNet [4] and canonical test sets of FinTabNet [4] and PubTables-1M [4]

trieved from *Cells*. The function `get_cell_spans` computes the extent of row and column spans by checking consecutive overlaps in the SPRINT output.

- If spans are present, the bounding box is extended accordingly, and an HTML *td* tag with the appropriate rowspan and/or colspan attributes is generated and appended to *H*.
- If no spans are present, a simple *td* tag with its bounding box is appended. In both cases, the processed bounding box is stored in the *bbox* attribute.

Whenever an entry is marked as *N*, the algorithm closes the current row and begins a new one. After all entries are processed, the final HTML string is completed.

The output consists of the structured HTML string *H*, which encodes the table with explicit row and column spans that maintain the bounding boxes associated with each logical cell. This design ensures that even complex tables with merged rows/columns are reconstructed faithfully, while retaining both logical order (from SPRINT) and spatial grounding (from TATR).

### 3.4. OCR Ablations

The TSR module of DELTA achieves highly reliable structure predictions, with TEDS-Structure scores exceeding 95% on standard datasets. However, the overall TEDS score is hampered by OCR quality, making OCR the primary performance bottleneck. OCR errors arise from noise, complex layouts, slanted text, and special symbols. Since OCR follows TSR in our pipeline, its choice is critical. To assess this impact, we compare two widely used engines: Tesseract [8] and EasyOCR [2]. Tesseract provides broad multilingual support, modularity, and ease of integration but suffers from lower accuracy on noisy data, lacks GPU ac-

celeration, and is slow at inference. In contrast, EasyOCR is GPU-compatible, nearly three times faster, and consistently more accurate. It integrates seamlessly with detection and structure recognition modules, offers greater control over outputs, and is modular enough to be replaced with CRNN-based or fine-tuned models. Empirically, EasyOCR achieves consistently stronger results (Table 4), improving TEDS scores of almost all the datasets. The weighted average increases by 12.45 p.p. across FinTabNet, PubTabNet, FinTabNetQA, and TORQUE, which also translates into higher TabVQA accuracy. The slight drop in performance on PubTabNet stems from its relatively clean images with few OCR errors, rather than a limitation of EasyOCR. In this setting, Tesseract and EasyOCR perform nearly identically, with negligible differences in TEDS scores. In contrast, PubTables-1M poses a greater challenge: its large scale makes Tesseract impractically slow for experiments, whereas EasyOCR strikes a balance between speed and accuracy, achieving a reasonable TEDS score of 54.8. Table (5) highlights the latency comparison, underscoring EasyOCR’s superior efficiency. Accordingly, EasyOCR is used as the default OCR module in our DELTA pipeline, though it can be readily replaced with a stronger alternative.

To isolate OCR as the primary performance bottleneck, we prepared Ground Truth (GT) mapped predictions, where the content of each predicted HTML cell was replaced with the corresponding ground-truth content while preserving the predicted structure. Care was taken to ensure accurate row-wise fidelity and cell mapping. This setup is equivalent to DELTA predictions followed by perfect OCR. As shown by the resulting TEDS scores (Table 4) above 90% in most cases. This shows that the content errors are almost entirely

**Algorithm 1** Converting OTSL Matrix (logical structure) and cell boxes (physical structure) into HTML Sequence.

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1: Input: OTSL matrix  $M$  of size  $R \times C$ , list of cell bounding boxes  $Cells$ 
2: Output: HTML table string  $H$ , list of structured cells  $S$ 
3:  $H \leftarrow \langle \text{<table><tbody>} \rangle$ 
4: for  $i = 1 \rightarrow R$  do
5:   Append " $\langle \text{<tr>} \rangle$ " to  $H$ 
6:   for  $j = 1 \rightarrow C$  do
7:     if  $M[i, j] = C$  then
8:        $cell \leftarrow Cells[i, j]$ 
9:        $(rs, cs) \leftarrow \text{get\_cell\_spans}(M, i, j)$ 
10:      if  $rs > 0 \wedge cs > 0$  then
11:        Extend  $td$  to cover row and column spans
12:        Append  $\langle \text{<td rowspan=rs+1 colspan=cs+1 bbox=cell>} \rangle$  to  $H$ 
13:        else if  $rs > 0$  then
14:          Extend  $td$  vertically
15:          Append  $\langle \text{<td rowspan=rs+1 bbox=cell>} \rangle$  to  $H$ 
16:        else if  $cs > 0$  then
17:          Extend  $td$  horizontally
18:          Append  $\langle \text{<td colspan=cs+1 bbox=cell>} \rangle$  to  $H$ 
19:        else
20:          Append  $\langle \text{<td bbox=cell>} \rangle$  to  $H$ 
21:        end if
22:      else if  $M[i, j] = N$  then
23:        Append " $\langle \text{</tr>} \rangle$ " to  $H$ 
24:      end if
25:    end for
26:  end for
27: Append " $\langle \text{</tbody></table>} \rangle$ " to  $H$ 
28: return  $H$ 

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attributable to OCR. This study clearly indicates that integrating a stronger OCR module can substantially boost the table reconstruction quality of DELTA, effectively narrowing the problem.

## 4. Evaluation Metrics

Table (6) lists the metrics used for evaluation. TEDS and TEDS-S are applied to the table reconstruction task on PubTabNet, PubTables-1M, FinTabNet, and TORQUE; TEDS-S captures structural fidelity, while TEDS score takes into account both structure and content, making them well-suited for measuring both layout accuracy and content alignment. For the TabQA and TabVQA tasks on WTQ, FinTabNetQA, and TORQUE, we report ANLS, EM, and Relieved Accuracy, all of which range from 0 to 100. These

Dataset	Tesseract	Easy OCR	GT Mapped
FinTabNet	41.5	<b>55.9</b>	91.2
PubTabNet	<b>54.4</b>	53.0	87.8
FinTabNetQA	70.0	<b>84.0</b>	92.5
PubTables-1M	-	54.8	86.8
TORQUE	40.8	<b>63.6</b>	83.5

Table 4. TEDS scores across different OCR modules and ground truth content mapped to the structure of DELTA. Results show consistent improvements on FinTabNet, FinTabNetQA, and TORQUE datasets.

OCR Engine	Average Latency per image (in secs)
Tesseract	13.9
EasyOCR	<b>4.3</b>

Table 5. Average Latency comparison of Tesseract and EasyOCR per table image in seconds calculated on the FinTabNet test set.

metrics are standard in QA benchmarks, reflecting exact correctness (EM), tolerance to minor variations (ANLS), and robustness to different semantic answer formats (Relieved Accuracy). Together, they ensure fair and comprehensive comparisons across diverse methods.

## 5. OTSL Ablation

Figure (1) presents qualitative examples illustrating the compactness of the OTSL format relative to HTML. We include two scenarios: one featuring a large table and another involving a large table with a more complex structure. These examples demonstrate that OTSL not only preserves structural fidelity but also provides a significantly more compact representation than HTML. The compactness of OTSL further benefits LLMs by reducing context length, enabling more efficient and accurate table understanding. In our analysis, several input tables that were incorrectly processed in HTML format were correctly interpreted when encoded in OTSL, highlighting its effectiveness. This reduced representation allows larger tables to be processed without exceeding context limits, ultimately contributing to improved overall accuracy. Finally, the handling of mathematical expressions depends on the OCR module applied after structure recognition; therefore, OTSL itself does not impose any inherent limitations on the extraction of mathematical equations.

## 6. Qualitative Results

In this section, we present qualitative results for table reconstruction on FinTabNet and TORQUE datasets, as well as for TabQA and TabVQA tasks.



## 6.1. Table Reconstruction

Figure (2a) demonstrates a successful case of DELTA, where the table image has a clean layout with multiple columns and well-separated numeric content. This results in perfect structural accuracy (TEDS-S = 100) and a high overall score (TEDS = 80.98). Similarly, Figure (2b) shows another positive example, with a clear two-column structure and well-defined row-column divisions, yielding TEDS-S = 100 and TEDS = 88.11. In contrast, Figure (3a) highlights a failure case arising from OCR extraction errors: while the structural score remains high (TEDS-S = 95.15), the overall content fidelity is poor (TEDS = 19.35). Figure (3b) presents another challenging example, where low image resolution and a borderless table with bullet points hinder accurate reconstruction, leading to low scores (TEDS-S = 26.09, TEDS = 19.95).

Similarly, Figure (4) presents qualitative examples of table reconstruction results on the TORQUE dataset. Figure (4a) demonstrates a successful reconstruction, reflected in a high TEDS-S and TEDS score of 97.22 and 96.06, respectively. In contrast, Figure (4b) highlights a failure case where slanted text and low-resolution input hinder accurate prediction, resulting in a significantly lower TEDS-S and TEDS score of 44.44 and 14.60, respectively.

## 6.2. Table Question Answering

Figure (5a) and Figure (5b) present qualitative examples from the WTQ dataset for TabQA tasks, where the answers predicted by the proposed TARQA framework are consistent with the ground truth. In contrast, Figure (6a) and Figure (6b) illustrate cases where the predictions deviate from the ground truth. For Figure (6a), the model outputs a value occurring immediately after the correct answer, indicating a limitation in its contextual understanding. For Figure (6b), the prediction is incorrect because the question is of a comparative type, for which the model has not been explicitly fine-tuned.

## 6.3. Table Visual Question Answering

Figure (7a) and Figure (7b) show illustrative TabVQA examples from the FintabnetQA dataset using the DELTA+TARQA pipeline. These examples highlight that even with difficult, borderless tables, the framework can accurately predict both numerical and textual answers, aligning with the ground truth. On the other hand, Figure (8a) and Figure (8b) showcase instances of divergence. In Figure (8a), the model becomes confused due to the complexity of the question type, while in Figure (8b), poor image quality leads to incorrect answer. These cases highlight both the strengths and current limitations of the approach, while also indicating clear directions, improved OCR, and enhanced reasoning for future enhancements.

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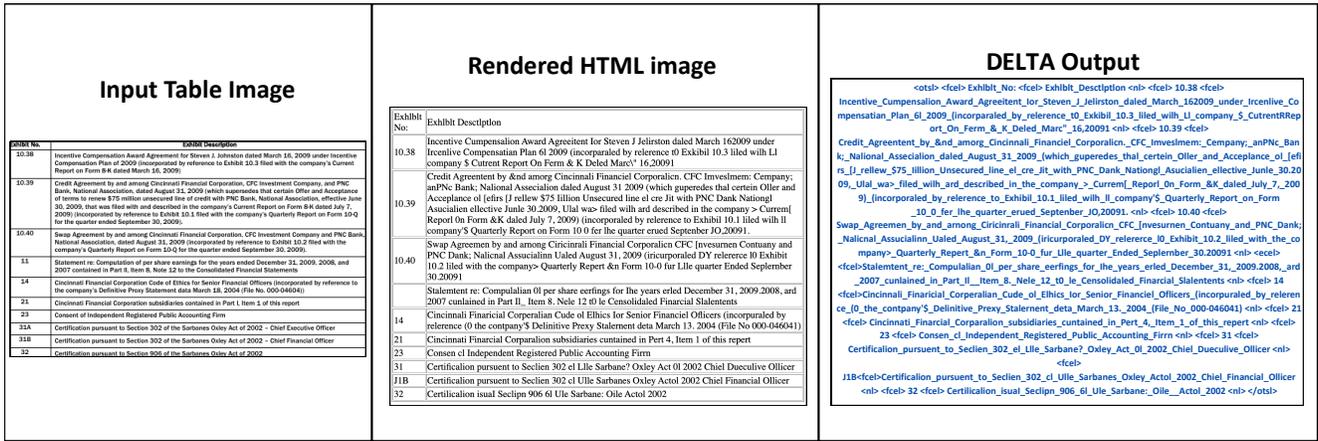
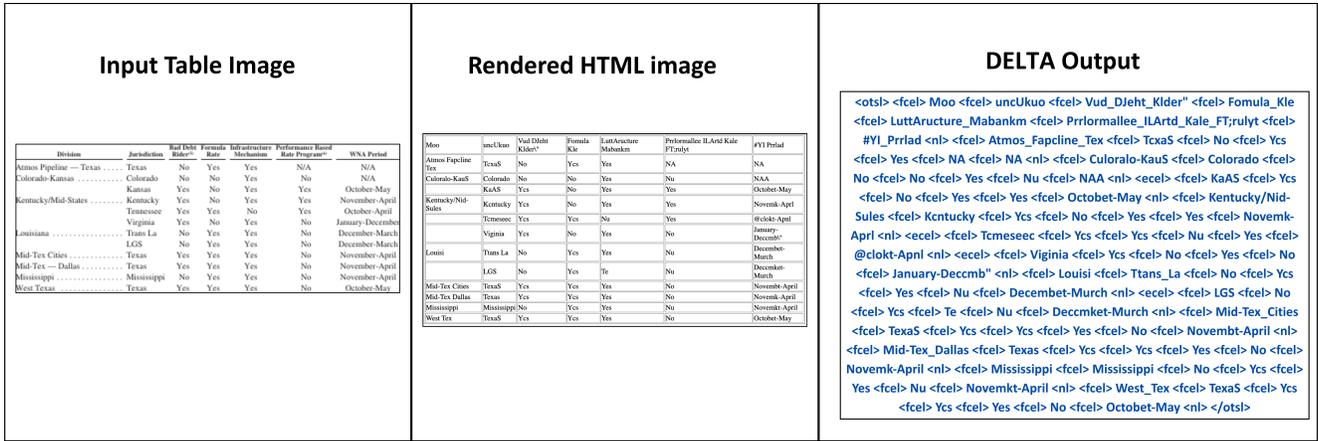
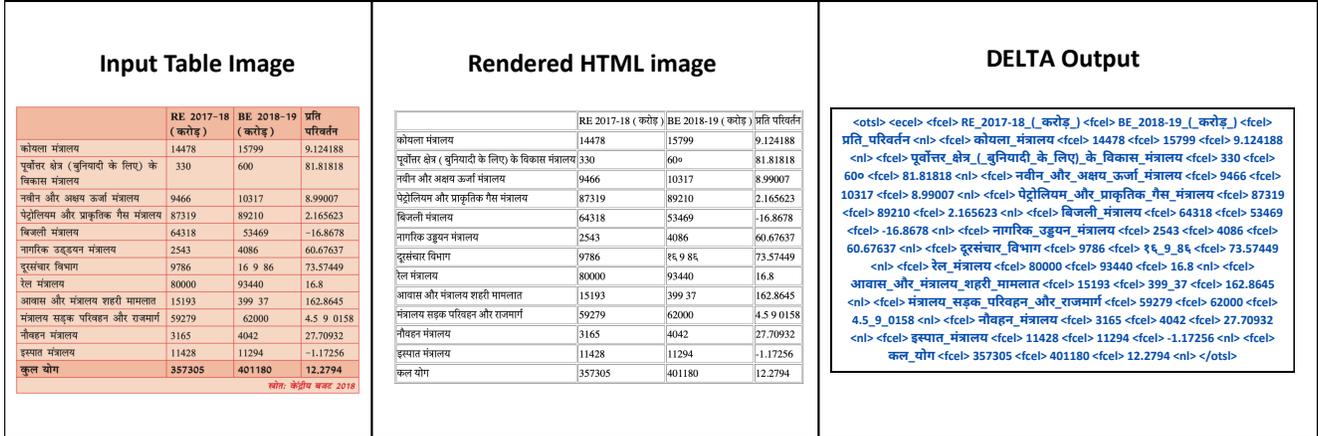
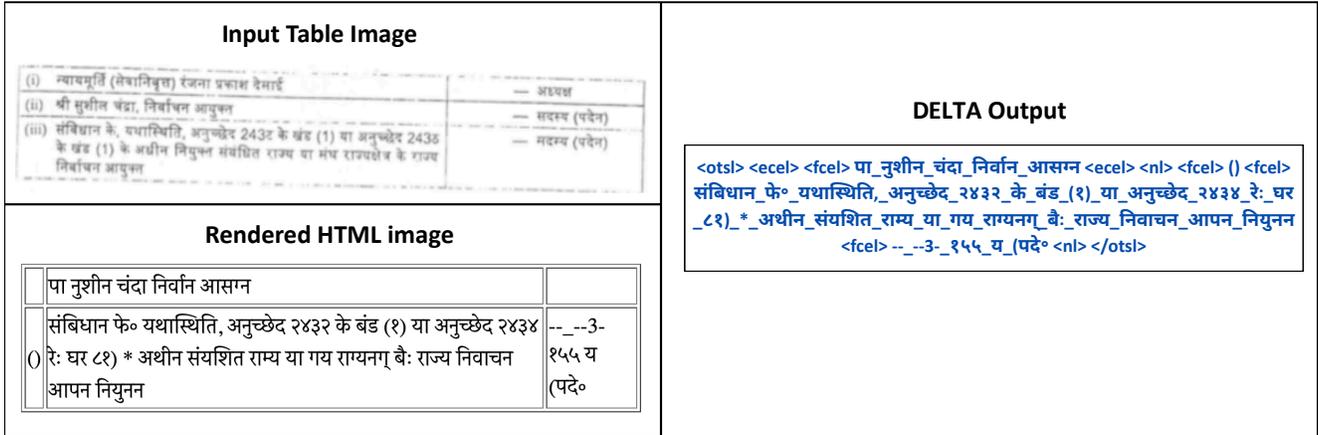


Figure 2. Qualitative examples from the FinTabNet dataset illustrating table reconstruction outputs produced by DELTA framework.





(a) Shows a prediction that closely aligns with the input table, achieving a high TEDS-S and TEDS score of 97.22 and 96.06, respectively.



(b) Depicts a challenging case with slanted text and low-resolution input, leading to notable differences between the predicted and input tables and a lower TEDS-S and TEDS score of 44.44 and 14.60, respectively.

Figure 4. Qualitative results of the proposed DELTA framework on a TORQUE sample for the table reconstruction task.

Table Image				HTML String from WTQ	Input Question
	<b>Album</b>	<b>Artist(s)</b>	<b>Sales</b>	<pre>&lt;table border="1" cellspacing="0" cellpadding="5"&gt; &lt;thead&gt; &lt;tr&gt; &lt;th&gt;Album&lt;/th&gt; &lt;th&gt;Artist(s)&lt;/th&gt; &lt;th&gt;Sales&lt;/th&gt; &lt;/tr&gt; &lt;/thead&gt; &lt;tbody&gt; &lt;tr&gt; &lt;td&gt;Vain elämää&lt;/td&gt; &lt;td&gt;various artists&lt;/td&gt; &lt;td&gt;164,119&lt;/td&gt; &lt;/tr&gt; &lt;tr&gt; &lt;td&gt;Koodi&lt;/td&gt; &lt;td&gt;Robin&lt;/td&gt; &lt;td&gt;117,126&lt;/td&gt; &lt;/tr&gt; &lt;tr&gt; &lt;td&gt;Vain elämää&lt;/td&gt; &lt;td&gt;various artists&lt;/td&gt; &lt;td&gt;81,725&lt;/td&gt; &lt;/tr&gt; &lt;tr&gt; &lt;td&gt;Chillaa&lt;/td&gt; &lt;td&gt;Robin&lt;/td&gt; &lt;td&gt;73,439&lt;/td&gt; &lt;/tr&gt; &lt;tr&gt; &lt;td&gt;21&lt;/td&gt; &lt;td&gt;Adele&lt;/td&gt; &lt;td&gt;44,297&lt;/td&gt; &lt;/tr&gt; &lt;tr&gt; &lt;td&gt;Yhdestä puusta&lt;/td&gt; &lt;td&gt;Jukka Poika&lt;/td&gt; &lt;td&gt;42,429&lt;/td&gt; &lt;/tr&gt; &lt;tr&gt; &lt;td&gt;Vie mut kotiin&lt;/td&gt; &lt;td&gt;Jesse Kaikuranta&lt;/td&gt; &lt;td&gt;38,985&lt;/td&gt; &lt;/tr&gt; &lt;tr&gt; &lt;td&gt;Kun valaistun&lt;/td&gt; &lt;td&gt;Chisu&lt;/td&gt; &lt;td&gt;31,541&lt;/td&gt; &lt;/tr&gt; &lt;tr&gt; &lt;td&gt;Joululauluja&lt;/td&gt; &lt;td&gt;Juha Tapio&lt;/td&gt; &lt;td&gt;29,080&lt;/td&gt; &lt;/tr&gt; &lt;tr&gt; &lt;td&gt;Hunningolla&lt;/td&gt; &lt;td&gt;Erin&lt;/td&gt; &lt;td&gt;27,655&lt;/td&gt; &lt;/tr&gt; &lt;/tbody&gt; &lt;/table&gt;</pre>	Which album has the highest number of sales but doesn't have a designated artist?
1	Vain elämää	various artists	164,119		<b>Answer from TARQA</b> <b>vain elämää</b>
2	Koodi	Robin	117,126		
3	Vain elämää	various artists	81,725		
4	Chillaa	Robin	73,439		<b>Groundtruth Answer</b> <b>vain elämää</b>
5	21	Adele	44,297		
6	Yhdestä puusta	Jukka Poika	42,429		
7	Vie mut kotiin	Jesse Kaikuranta	38,985		
8	Kun valaistun	Chisu	31,541		
9	Joululauluja	Juha Tapio	29,080		
10	Hunningolla	Erin	27,655		

(a) The predicted answers align with the ground truth

Table Image						HTML String from WTQ	Input Question
<b>Year</b>	<b>Competition</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Notes</b>	<pre>&lt;table border="1" cellspacing="0" cellpadding="5"&gt; &lt;thead&gt; &lt;tr&gt; &lt;th&gt;Year&lt;/th&gt; &lt;th&gt;Competitions&lt;/th&gt; &lt;th&gt;Venue&lt;/th&gt; &lt;th&gt;Position&lt;/th&gt; &lt;th&gt;Event&lt;/th&gt; &lt;th&gt;Notes&lt;/th&gt; &lt;/tr&gt; &lt;/thead&gt; &lt;tbody&gt; &lt;tr&gt; &lt;td&gt;2000&lt;/td&gt; &lt;td&gt;World Junior Championships&lt;/td&gt; &lt;td&gt;Santiago, Chile&lt;/td&gt; &lt;td&gt;1st&lt;/td&gt; &lt;td&gt;Discus throw&lt;/td&gt; &lt;td&gt;59.51 m&lt;/td&gt; &lt;/tr&gt; &lt;tr&gt; &lt;td&gt;2003&lt;/td&gt; &lt;td&gt;All-Africa Games&lt;/td&gt; &lt;td&gt;Abuja, Nigeria&lt;/td&gt; &lt;td&gt;5th&lt;/td&gt; &lt;td&gt;Shot put&lt;/td&gt; &lt;td&gt;17.76 m&lt;/td&gt; &lt;/tr&gt; &lt;tr&gt; &lt;td&gt;2003&lt;/td&gt; &lt;td&gt;All-Africa Games&lt;/td&gt; &lt;td&gt;Abuja, Nigeria&lt;/td&gt; &lt;td&gt;2nd&lt;/td&gt; &lt;td&gt;Discus throw&lt;/td&gt; &lt;td&gt;62.86 m&lt;/td&gt; &lt;/tr&gt; &lt;tr&gt; &lt;td&gt;2004&lt;/td&gt; &lt;td&gt;African Championships&lt;/td&gt; &lt;td&gt;Brazzaville, Republic of the Congo&lt;/td&gt; &lt;td&gt;2nd&lt;/td&gt; &lt;td&gt;Discus throw&lt;/td&gt; &lt;td&gt;63.50 m&lt;/td&gt; &lt;/tr&gt; &lt;tr&gt; &lt;td&gt;2004&lt;/td&gt; &lt;td&gt;Olympic Games&lt;/td&gt; &lt;td&gt;Athens, Greece&lt;/td&gt; &lt;td&gt;8th&lt;/td&gt; &lt;td&gt;Discus throw&lt;/td&gt; &lt;td&gt;62.58 m&lt;/td&gt; &lt;/tr&gt; &lt;tr&gt; &lt;td&gt;2006&lt;/td&gt; &lt;td&gt;Commonwealth Games&lt;/td&gt; &lt;td&gt;Melbourne, Australia&lt;/td&gt; &lt;td&gt;7th&lt;/td&gt; &lt;td&gt;Shot put&lt;/td&gt; &lt;td&gt;18.44 m&lt;/td&gt; &lt;/tr&gt; &lt;tr&gt; &lt;td&gt;2006&lt;/td&gt; &lt;td&gt;Commonwealth Games&lt;/td&gt; &lt;td&gt;Melbourne, Australia&lt;/td&gt; &lt;td&gt;4th&lt;/td&gt; &lt;td&gt;Discus throw&lt;/td&gt; &lt;td&gt;60.99 m&lt;/td&gt; &lt;/tr&gt; &lt;tr&gt; &lt;td&gt;2007&lt;/td&gt; &lt;td&gt;All-Africa Games&lt;/td&gt; &lt;td&gt;Algiers, Algeria&lt;/td&gt; &lt;td&gt;3rd&lt;/td&gt; &lt;td&gt;Discus throw&lt;/td&gt; &lt;td&gt;57.79 m&lt;/td&gt; &lt;/tr&gt; &lt;tr&gt; &lt;td&gt;2008&lt;/td&gt; &lt;td&gt;African Championships&lt;/td&gt; &lt;td&gt;Addis Ababa, Ethiopia&lt;/td&gt; &lt;td&gt;2nd&lt;/td&gt; &lt;td&gt;Discus throw&lt;/td&gt; &lt;td&gt;56.98 m&lt;/td&gt; &lt;/tr&gt; &lt;/tbody&gt; &lt;/table&gt;</pre>	In which competition did hopley finish first?
2000	World Junior Championships	Santiago, Chile	1st	Discus throw	59.51 m		<b>Answer from TARQA</b> <b>World Junior Championships</b>
2003	All-Africa Games	Abuja, Nigeria	5th	Shot put	17.76 m		
2003	All-Africa Games	Abuja, Nigeria	2nd	Discus throw	62.86 m		
2004	African Championships	Brazzaville, Republic of the Congo	2nd	Discus throw	63.50 m		<b>Groundtruth Answer</b> <b>World Junior Championships</b>
2004	Olympic Games	Athens, Greece	8th	Discus throw	62.58 m		
2006	Commonwealth Games	Melbourne, Australia	7th	Shot put	18.44 m		
2006	Commonwealth Games	Melbourne, Australia	4th	Discus throw	60.99 m		
2007	All-Africa Games	Algiers, Algeria	3rd	Discus throw	57.79 m		
2008	African Championships	Addis Ababa, Ethiopia	2nd	Discus throw	56.98 m		

(b) The predicted answers align with the ground truth

Figure 5. Qualitative examples from the WTQ dataset for TabQA tasks, illustrating answers generated TARQA-OTSL.

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Pos	No	Driver	Team	Laps	Time/Retired	Grid	Points					
1	1	Sébastien Bourdais	Newman/Haas Racing	66	1:51.31.146	2	34					
2	9	Justin Wilson	RuSPORT	66	+3.528 secs	1	29					
3	5	Will Power	Team Australia	66	+46.536 secs	4	26					
4	2	Bruno Junqueira	Newman/Haas Racing	66	+1:04.023	3	23					
5	15	Alex Tagliani	Team Australia	66	+1:18.033	8	22					
6	6	Oriol Servià	PKV Racing	66	+1:28.745	7	19					
7	4	Nelson Philippe	CTE Racing - HVM	66	+1:29.997	10	17					
8	27	Andrew Ranger	Mi-Jack Conquest Racing	65	+ 1 Lap	16	16					
9	3	David Martínez	Forsythe Racing	65	+ 1 Lap	9	13					
10	7	Buddy Rice	Forsythe Racing	65	+ 1 Lap	14	11					
11	34	Charles Zwolsman	Mi-Jack Conquest Racing	65	+ 1 Lap	12	10					
12	18	Antônio Pizzonia	Rocketsports Racing	65	+ 1 Lap	15	9					
13	11	Jan Heylen	Dale Coyne Racing	65	+ 1 Lap	17	8					
14	10	Ryan Briscoe	RuSPORT	64	+ 2 Laps	5	7					
15	19	Andreas Wirth	Dale Coyne Racing	64	+ 2 Laps	18	6					
16	20	Katherine Legge	PKV Racing	63	+ 3 Laps	13	5					
17	8	Mario Domínguez	Rocketsports Racing	59	Retired	11	4					
18	14	Dan Clarke	CTE Racing - HVM	7	Differential	6	3					

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#	Player	Goals	Caps	Career					
1	Landon Donovan	57	155	2000–present					
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3	Eric Wynalda	34	106	1990–2000					
4	Brian McBride	30	95	1993–2006					
5	Joe-Max Moore	24	100	1992–2002					
6T	Jozy Altidore	21	67	2007–present					
6T	Bruce Murray	21	86	1985–1993					
8	Eddie Johnson	19	62	2004–present					
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(b) The predictions differ from the ground truth

Figure 6. Qualitative examples from the WTQ dataset for TabQA tasks, illustrating answers generated by TARQA-OTSL.

Input Table Image				
Period	Total Number of Shares Purchased <sup>(a)</sup>	Average Price Paid per Share <sup>(b)</sup>	Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs	Maximum Dollar Value of Shares that May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs <sup>(c)</sup>
10/01/18-10/31/18	36,701	\$ 82.02	-	\$ 5,579,603,383
11/01/18-11/30/18	3,145,000	63.75	3,138,171	5,379,603,637
12/01/18-12/31/18	7,812,656	60.86	7,804,590	4,904,604,184
Total	10,994,357	61.76	10,942,761	

<p><b>Input Question</b></p> <p>What was the total number of shares purchased in the period from 10/01/18 to 10/31/18?</p>	<p><b>Answer from TARQA</b></p> <p><b>36,701</b></p>
	<p><b>Groundtruth Answer</b></p> <p><b>36,701</b></p>

(a) The predicted answers coincide with the ground truth

Input Table Image				
December 31, 2015 <i>dollars in millions</i>	Fair Value of Level 3 Assets	Valuation Technique	Significant Unobservable Input	Range (Weighted-Average)
<b>Recurring</b>				
Other investments — principal investments — direct:	\$ 50	Individual analysis of the condition of each investment		
Debt instruments			EBITDA multiple	N/A (5.40)
Equity instruments of private companies			EBITDA multiple (where applicable)	5.40 - 6.70 (6.60)
<b>Nonrecurring</b>				
Impaired loans <sup>(a)</sup>	—	Fair value of underlying collateral	Discount	00.00 - 34.00% (15.00%)
Goodwill	1,060	Discounted cash flow and market data	Earnings multiple of peers	10.30 - 17.80 (12.79)
			Equity multiple of peers	1.25 - 1.56 (1.43)
			Control premium	10.00 - 30.00% (19.18%)
			Weighted-average cost of capital	12.00 - 13.00% (12.54%)

<p><b>Input Question</b></p> <p>What is the valuation technique used for Impaired loans?</p>	<p><b>Answer from TARQA</b></p> <p>Fair value of underlying collateral</p>
	<p><b>Groundtruth Answer</b></p> <p>Fair value of underlying collateral</p>

(b) The predicted answers coincide with the ground truth

Figure 7. Illustrative TabVQA examples from the FintabnetQA dataset showcasing the performance of DELTA+TARQA-OTSL.

<b>Input Table Image</b>			
		<b>Year ended December 31,</b>	
		<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>
		<b>2012</b>	
Computed tax at statutory tax rate .....		\$297	\$ 31
State income taxes, net of federal tax benefit (1) .....		22	5
Non-deductible expenses and other (2) .....		8	(8)
Foreign taxes .....		(17)	(15)
<b>Total</b> .....		<b>\$310</b>	<b>\$ 13</b>

<b>Input Question</b>  <b>What was the total for the year ended December 31, 2013?</b>	<b>Answer from TARQA</b>  <b>\$1,080,544.00</b>
	<b>Groundtruth Answer</b>  <b>\$218</b>

(a) The ground truth and predicted answers are diverging from each other.

<b>Input Table Image</b>			
(In millions)	2008	2007	2006 (a)
Stock Option Awards	\$35.9	\$35.2	\$61.9
Restricted Share/Unit Awards	21.2	15.9	7.5
Total Stock-based Compensation Expense	\$57.1	\$51.1	\$69.4

(a) Includes \$33.8 million and \$2.9 million of stock option and restricted share expense, respectively, resulting from the accelerated vesting upon the change of control that occurred as a result of the Fisher merger.

<b>Input Question</b>  <b>How much was the Restricted Share/Unit Awards in 2006?</b>	<b>Answer from TARQA</b>  <b>fas</b>
	<b>Groundtruth Answer</b>  <b>7.5 million</b>

(b) The ground truth and predicted answers are diverging from each other.

Figure 8. Illustrative TabVQA examples from the FintabnetQA dataset showcasing the performance of DELTA+TARQA-OTSL.