# Page Stream Segmentation with LLMs: Challenges and Applications in Insurance Document Automation

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## **Abstract**

Page Stream Segmentation (PSS) is critical for automating document processing in industries like insurance, where unstructured document collections are common. This paper explores the use of large language models (LLMs) for PSS, applying parameter-efficient fine-tuning to real-world insurance data. Our experiments show that LLMs outperform baseline models in page- and stream-level segmentation accuracy. However, stream-level calibration remains challenging, especially for high-stakes applications. We evaluate post-hoc calibration and Monte Carlo dropout, finding limited improvement. Future work will integrate active learning to enhance model calibration and support deployment in practical settings.

# 1 Introduction

# 1.1 Background and Motivation

Page stream segmentation (PSS) [\(Collins-](#page-7-0)[Thompson and Nickolov,](#page-7-0) [2002\)](#page-7-0) is a critical task in industries like insurance, law, and healthcare, where bulk transmission of unstructured document collections occurs routinely. Documents are often bundled during digitization processes without clear boundaries, which creates inefficiencies and requires manual reorganization. In adversarial settings such as litigation or insurance claims, senders have little incentive to format documents for optimal downstream processing.

Automated PSS is therefore essential for converting bundled collections into discrete, actionable units compatible with an organization's systems. Failure to automate this process can lead to costly delays, misclassification, and poor decisionmaking, particularly in high-stakes domains.

Research in PSS has been hindered by a lack of publicly available datasets reflecting real-world complexity. Privacy concerns in sectors like healthcare and finance limit access to realistic

data [\(Agin et al.,](#page-6-0) [2015\)](#page-6-0), forcing reliance on synthetic datasets [\(Mungmeeprued et al.,](#page-8-0) [2022a;](#page-8-0) [Van Heusden et al.,](#page-8-1) [2022\)](#page-8-1), which often fail to capture the variability of actual document streams.

At the same time, large-scale Transformer models have driven advances in document processing tasks. While multimodal models are promising, their increased computational complexity during training and inference must be justified by performance improvements.

Building on [Heidenreich et al.](#page-7-1) [\(2024\)](#page-7-1), who demonstrated the efficacy of parameter-efficient fine-tuning (PEFT) of unimodal large language models (LLMs) for synthetic PSS, our study extends this framework to real-world insurance data.

# 1.2 Key Contributions

Our key contributions based on empirical evaluation of real-world insurance data include:

- 1. Real-World Evaluation: We extend [Heiden](#page-7-1)[reich et al.](#page-7-1) [\(2024\)](#page-7-1) by applying LLMs to insurance data, demonstrating that LLMs outperform XGBoost on both page- and streamlevel metrics in real-world PSS tasks. Prior findings that smaller transformer models such as RoBERTa and LayoutLMv3 provided minimal gains over XGBoost motivates the focus on LLMs.
- 2. Calibration Assessment: We assess the calibration of LLM-based models and evaluate post-hoc calibration to mitigate overconfidence, crucial for automation requiring human intervention.
- 3. Stream-Level Confidence: We introduce a stream-level confidence measure based on page-level predictions to determine which streams can be automated versus those requiring human review, analyzed through an accuracy-vs-throughput curve.

## 2 Related Work

#### 2.1 Page Stream Segmentation (PSS)

PSS has evolved from rule-based systems to neural models, but generalizing across diverse document types remains challenging [\(Collins-](#page-7-0)[Thompson and Nickolov,](#page-7-0) [2002;](#page-7-0) [Daher and Be](#page-7-2)[laïd,](#page-7-2) [2014\)](#page-7-2). Transformer-based models [\(Vaswani](#page-8-2) [et al.,](#page-8-2) [2017\)](#page-8-2) are central to NLP and document processing, though their application to PSS is still emerging. Prior work, including [Guha et al.](#page-7-3) [\(2022\)](#page-7-3) and [Mungmeeprued et al.](#page-8-0) [\(2022a\)](#page-8-0), primarily used encoder-based models with convolutional layers. However, multimodal models often add complexity without consistently outperforming unimodal approaches [\(Heidenreich et al.,](#page-7-1) [2024\)](#page-7-1).

In our prior work [\(Heidenreich et al.,](#page-7-1) [2024\)](#page-7-1), we evaluated diverse baselines, including RoBERTa (text-only; [Liu et al.,](#page-7-4) [2019\)](#page-7-4), DiT (vision-only; [Li](#page-7-5) [et al.,](#page-7-5) [2022\)](#page-7-5), LiLT (text with layout; [Wang et al.,](#page-8-3) [2022\)](#page-8-3), and LayoutLMv3 (text with layout and vision; [Huang et al.,](#page-7-6) [2022\)](#page-7-6). While these models slightly outperformed XGBoost, they fell significantly short of LLMs, which showed unmatched segmentation performance. This motivates our exclusive focus on LLMs in this study.

#### 2.2 LLMs for Document Processing

LLMs have shown success in document processing tasks, such as those benchmarked in DocVQA [\(Mathew et al.,](#page-7-7) [2021\)](#page-7-7), but many evaluations use synthetic or narrowly scoped datasets, which fail to capture the complexity of real-world streams [\(Van Landeghem et al.,](#page-8-4) [2024\)](#page-8-4). This can obscure model limitations, particularly in tasks like PSS, where document diversity is key.

We address this by evaluating LLMs on a domain-specific insurance dataset, providing insights into their practical performance and limitations, highlighting their real-world applicability.

### 2.3 Calibration and Confidence

Calibration is essential for ensuring reliable predictions in high-stakes tasks, especially where uncertainty can guide decisions [\(Mielke et al.,](#page-8-5) [2022;](#page-8-5) [Huang et al.,](#page-7-8) [2023;](#page-7-8) [Kapoor et al.,](#page-7-9) [2024\)](#page-7-9). In binary classification tasks like PSS, proper calibration helps flag uncertain predictions that may require human intervention.

Although we do not propose a novel calibration method, we assess the effects of Monte Carlo (MC) dropout [\(Gal and Ghahramani,](#page-7-10) [2016\)](#page-7-10) and

logistic regression-based confidence estimation on PSS performance. Our analysis reveals the limitations of these approaches in mitigating overconfidence, highlighting the need for more sophisticated calibration methods in future work [\(Kapoor et al.,](#page-7-9) [2024\)](#page-7-9). Accurate identification of low-confidence predictions is critical for reliable automation.

#### 3 Page Stream Segmentation (PSS)

#### 3.1 Problem Definition

Given a sequence of  $N$  pages,  $P$  $(p_1, p_2, \ldots, p_N)$ , the task is to infer the boundaries between documents, resulting in a sequence of M documents,  $D = (d_1, d_2, \ldots, d_M)$ , where each document  $d_k$  is a contiguous subsequence of P. We focus on restoring page-level boundaries in multi-page files, where documents have been bundled into a single stream for transmission.

This task is framed as a binary classification problem. For each page  $p_i$ , the model predicts whether it starts a new document  $(y_i = 1)$  or continues the current document  $(y<sub>i</sub> = 0)$ , producing a binary vector  $\hat{\mathbf{y}} \in \{0, 1\}^N$ . The prediction is based on a local context of adjacent pages:

$$
(p_{i-l},\ldots,p_{i-1},p_i,p_{i+1},\ldots,p_{i+r})\mapsto y_i.
$$

We primarily explore a local context setting of  $(l =$  $1, r = 0$ ). Additional results for other context settings are shown in Appendix [B.](#page-9-0)

### 3.2 Evaluation Metrics

We evaluate model performance at both the page and stream levels to capture segmentation accuracy across predictions.

Page-Level Evaluation For page-level evaluation, we use precision, recall, and F1 score to assess boundary prediction accuracy.

Stream-Level Evaluation At the stream level, we evaluate segmentation by comparing predicted segmentations  $P$  to ground truth  $G$ . True positives (TP) are documents in both  $P$  and  $\mathcal{G}$ , false positives (FP) are in  $P \setminus G$ , and false negatives (FN) are in  $\mathcal{G} \setminus \mathcal{P}$ . We compute precision, recall, and F1 for each stream.

Calibration Metrics In high-stakes environments, well-calibrated predictions are crucial. We use Expected Calibration Error (ECE) for

<b>Dataset</b>	Real	Lang.	Online	<b>Streams</b>	Docs	Pages
Tobacco800 (Doermann, 2019)	$\times$	EN			742	1.3k
Spanish Banking (Rusiñol et al., 2014)	✓	ES	$\times$	$\overline{\phantom{a}}$	7.2k	69.7k
ITESOFT (Karpinski and Belaïd, 2016)	$\checkmark$	EN	$\times$	532	2.4k	4.3k
Court Lawsuits (Mota et al., 2020)	√	<b>PT</b>	$\times$	117	$\overline{\phantom{a}}$	3.0k
Archive26k (Wiedemann and Heyer, 2021)	$\checkmark$	DE	$\times$	120	4.9k	26.9k
A.I. Lab Splitter (Braz et al., 2021)	$\checkmark$	PT		4.3k	5.5k	31.8k
WooIR (Van Heusden et al., 2022)	✓	<b>NL</b>		229	7.1k	45.0k
TABME (Mungmeeprued et al., 2022b)	$\times$	EN	$\checkmark$	110.0k	44.8k	122.5k
Title Insurance (Guha et al., 2022)	√	EN	$\times$	$\overline{\phantom{0}}$	30.4k	185.5k
SVic+ (Luz De Araujo et al., 2023)	√	PT	$\checkmark$	6.5k	$\overline{\phantom{a}}$	339.5k
Internal (ours)		EN	$\times$	7.5k	20.3k	44.7k

Table 1: Overview of datasets for PSS, highlighting data authenticity, language, and accessibility.

average-case calibration and Maximum Calibration Error (MCE) for worst-case calibration [\(Pak](#page-8-10)[daman Naeini et al.,](#page-8-10) [2015\)](#page-8-10). These metrics assess both binary predictions and stream-level confidence estimates.

Additionally, we plot accuracy versus throughput at the stream level, reporting area under the curve (AUC) and accuracy/throughput at 90% and 80% confidence thresholds, where an accurate stream is defined as perfectly segmented.

## 4 Experimental Setup

#### 4.1 Dataset

Public datasets for PSS in English are extremely limited, with only two publicly available datasets—Tobacco800 and TABME. However, these datasets have significant shortcomings. TABME, while larger, is entirely synthetic, constructed by randomly concatenating unrelated documents into artificial streams. This synthetic nature fails to capture the nuanced challenges of realworld PSS tasks, such as domain-specific conventions in concatenations or the presence of structured and unstructured content. Furthermore, both datasets originate from the same source, limiting their collective utility. These factors render existing public datasets misaligned with the realities of insurance document processing.

In contrast, insurance datasets present unique challenges due to their structural and informational diversity. Our proprietary dataset comprises textdense documents (e.g., health records and contracts), tabular data (e.g., policies and loss runs), scanned letters, emails, and unstructured narratives (e.g., police reports). The data is characterized

by domain-specific jargon spanning legal, medical, and insurance contexts, as well as sensitive Personally Identifiable Information (PII). These features make such datasets crucial for evaluating the performance of PSS systems in real-world scenarios. However, privacy regulations and ethical considerations prevent public release of the dataset, even in anonymized form.

While public datasets like TABME are simpler due to their synthetic construction, our dataset reflects the complexity of real-world streams and provides a robust test bed for segmentation tasks. Future work could address this gap by creating synthetic benchmarks that closely mimic realworld data while adhering to strict PII safeguards. Nonetheless, for high-stakes applications like insurance automation, real-world data remains critical for assessing system performance.

Our dataset consists of 7.5k streams, 20.3k documents, and 44.7k pages, aligning with other private datasets like Title Insurance and ITESOFT. It contains authentic English documents, capturing the complexity of the insurance domain. We partition the dataset into four splits: training (60%), validation (10%), calibration (15%), and test (15%).

#### 4.2 Model Architecture

We experiment with two decoder-only LLMs: Phi-3.5-mini (3.8B parameters) [\(Abdin et al.,](#page-6-1) [2024\)](#page-6-1) and Mistral-7B (7B parameters) [\(Jiang et al.,](#page-7-15) [2023\)](#page-7-15), chosen for their varying sizes and architecture to test input robustness.

Given the findings of [Heidenreich et al.](#page-7-1) [\(2024\)](#page-7-1), which demonstrated that smaller transformer models like RoBERTa, LayoutLMv3, and LiLT marginally surpassed XGBoost but significantly underperformed compared to LLMs, we opted not to include these baselines in the current study. This decision enables us to focus on evaluating the unique capabilities of LLMs in PSS while reducing redundancy in experimental comparisons.

## 4.3 Training

We use Low-Rank Adaptation (LoRA) [\(Hu et al.,](#page-7-16) [2021\)](#page-7-16) to fine-tune models efficiently, adapting them for PSS while minimizing computational costs.

The fine-tuning process is standardized across models using a consistent prompt format (see Appendix [A\)](#page-8-11), ensuring comparability. We incorporate OCR for layout-sensitive text representations [\(Wang et al.,](#page-8-12) [2023;](#page-8-12) [Li et al.,](#page-7-17) [2024;](#page-7-17) [Bayani,](#page-6-2) [2024\)](#page-6-2), given the importance of whitespace-based layout in LLMs.

For some models, we introduce stochasticity through Monte Carlo (MC) dropout [\(Gal and](#page-7-10) [Ghahramani,](#page-7-10) [2016;](#page-7-10) [Lin et al.,](#page-7-18) [2024\)](#page-7-18), applied to LoRA weights to capture epistemic uncertainty. When doing so, we fix a dropout rate of  $p = 0.5$ and denote the variant with a 'MC-' prefix. We also experiment with post-hoc calibration methods to assess their impact on confidence estimates.

#### 4.4 Calibration

To estimate confidence, we track key statistics of the model's output predictions [\(Huang et al.,](#page-7-8) [2023;](#page-7-8) [Liu et al.,](#page-7-19) [2024\)](#page-7-19), recording the probability of the "1" class, entropy, and log-odds. For models using MC dropout, we compute the mean, standard deviation, min, and max of these quantities across multiple forward passes.

We also calculate the variation ratio (VR), measuring the fraction of predictions disagreeing with the modal class:

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VR = 1 - \frac{f_{c=c^*}}{N},\tag{1}
$$

where  $f_{c=c^*}$  is the frequency of the modal class across N forward passes.

A logistic regression model is used to recalibrate predictions based on these uncertainty statistics.

At the page level, we define the confidence for each page  $p_i$  as:

$$
C_i = p_i \cdot \mathbb{I}(p_i > 0.5) + (1 - p_i) \cdot \mathbb{I}(p_i \le 0.5), (2)
$$

where  $p_i$  is the calibrated probability for page  $p_i$ , and  $\mathbb{I}(\cdot)$  is the indicator function. Higher confidence is assigned to more certain predictions.

Stream-level confidence C is then computed as the product of page-level confidences:

$$
C = \prod_{i=1}^{N} C_i,
$$
 (3)

where  $N$  is the number of pages in the stream. This provides an overall confidence measure for the entire stream.

#### 5 Results

#### 5.1 Model Comparison

Table [2](#page-4-0) compares model performance on page- and stream-level segmentation tasks, using  $(l = 1, r =$ 0) as context for all models.

XGBoost serves as a baseline, achieving a pagelevel F1 of 0.902 and stream-level F1 of 0.827. Although reasonable, LLMs outperform XGBoost across all metrics. Mistral shows a 0.5-1.0 F1 point improvement over Phi at both levels.

Recalibration of predictions has minimal impact, as expected. For MC dropout variants, the effect is mixed—Phi shows a slight precision gain at the cost of recall, while Mistral sees reduced recall without significant precision gains.

Further analysis reveals XGBoost struggles with documents containing multiple stamps or misleading page sequences (e.g., original and fax page numbers), whereas LLMs consistently succeed. This highlights LLMs' strength in capturing complex document features. An example instance of this is shown in Figure [1.](#page-4-1)

#### 5.2 Model Calibration

Table [3](#page-4-2) shows Expected Calibration Error (ECE) and Maximum Calibration Error (MCE) for each model. Lower values indicate better alignment between predicted probabilities and actual outcomes.

XGBoost exhibits the lowest MCE values at both page and stream levels and shows strong overall calibration. In contrast, all LLMs show higher calibration errors, with post-hoc recalibration improving page-level calibration but not stream-level. MC dropout does not improve calibration and even increases errors, questioning its use for this task given its higher computational cost.

We visualize the reliability of the Mistral model at the page and stream levels in Figure [2.](#page-5-0) Notably, we observe that Mistral has difficulty accurately expressing low-confidence packages, overestimating the true likelihood of perfect segmentation. After

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	<b>Page-Level Metrics</b>				<b>Stream-Level Metrics</b>	
Model	Prec.	Rec.	F1	Prec.	Rec.	F1
<b>XGB</b> oost	0.912	0.893	0.902	0.832	0.827	0.827
Phi	0.935	0.931	0.933	0.864	0.862	0.861
$Phi*$	0.934	0.933	0.934	0.864	0.863	0.861
MC-Phi	0.941	0.934	0.937	0.875	0.874	0.872
$MC-Phi^*$	0.937	0.939	0.938	0.873	0.874	0.872
Mistral	0.953	0.935	0.944	0.883	0.879	0.879
Mistral*	0.947	0.946	0.947	0.884	0.883	0.882
MC-Mistral	0.954	0.931	0.943	0.885	0.878	0.880
MC-Mistral*	0.948	0.938	0.943	0.883	0.879	0.880

Table 2: Comparison of model performance on page- and stream-level metrics. Asterisk (\*) indicates re-calibrated models. The best value per column is bolded, and the best within each model type is underlined.

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Figure 1: An example pair of page headers where LLMs correctly identify a split and XGBoost incorrectly predicts continuity. Despite the introduction of a new page header, XGBoost over-relies on the consecutive page labeling. This is a salient feaure, but misleading for some sets of faxed documents.

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		Page		Stream
Model	ECE	MCE	<b>ECE</b>	MCE
<b>XGB</b> oost	0.011		$0.056$ $0.027$	0.071
Phi	0.012	0.103	0.025	0.131
$Phi*$	0.010	0.101	0.036	0.098
MC-Phi	0.023	0.134	0.049	0.208
$MC$ -Phi $*$	0.010	0.063	0.055	0.142
Mistral	0.017	0.161	0.037	0.137
Mistral*	0.009	0.068	0.052	0.226
MC-Mistral	0.020	0.132	0.042	0.213
MC-Mistral*	0.010	0.129	0.054	0.128

Table 3: Model calibration errors. Asterisk (\*) indicates re-calibrated models. The best values in each column are bolded, and the best within each model type is underlined.

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		C > 0.9		C>0.8	
Model	AIIC	ACC	т	ACC	т
<b>XGBoost</b>	0.908	0.97	0.35	0.93	0.49
Phi	0.931	0.96	0.49	0.94	0.61
$Phi*$	0.930	0.97	0.37	0.96	0.54
MC-Phi	0.934	0.94	0.58	0.92	0.71
$MC-Phi^*$	0.933	0.97	0.33	0.95	0.51
Mistral	0.938	0.95	0.54	0.93	0.70
$Mistral*$	0.939	0.96	0.38	0.96	0.53
MC-Mistral	0.934	0.94	0.54	0.92	0.71
MC-Mistral*	0.937	0.96	0.38	0.96	0.49

Table 4: Model stream accuracy versus throughput (T) at confidence levels of 80% and 90%. Area under the curve summarizes each model's curve. Asterisk (\*) indicates re-calibrated models. The best values are bolded, and the best within each model type is underlined.

calibration, Mistral<sup>∗</sup> results in a better calibrated page predictor, but its behavior is shifted towards underestimating the likelihood of stream accuracy.

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(c) Histogram of predicted probabilities.



Figure 2: Reliability and confidence comparisons between XGBoost and Mistral models.

#### 5.3 Automation Throughput

Table [4](#page-4-3) compares models by stream-level accuracy and throughput at confidence thresholds of 90% ( $C > 0.9$ ) and 80% ( $C > 0.8$ ). The AUC summarizes performance across confidence levels. Throughput reflects the proportion of data processed automatically, while accuracy represents correctness on this subset.

At 90% confidence, XGBoost performs comparably to recalibrated LLMs in accuracy but automates less data. As the threshold lowers to 80%, LLMs maintain higher accuracy over larger volumes, while XGBoost's accuracy drops. This is

visualized in Figure [3](#page-6-3) for Mistral.

The improved AUC for LLMs indicates better handling of PSS nuances, enabling reliable predictions with less manual intervention, crucial for high-throughput environments.

## 6 Discussion and Conclusion

In this work, we demonstrated the effectiveness of large language models (LLMs) for Page Stream Segmentation (PSS) in the insurance domain, significantly outperforming traditional models like XGBoost in both page- and stream-level segmentation. However, calibration remains a challenge,

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Figure 3: Stream-level accuracy versus throughput plots for Mistral and XGBoost models. For each curve, its automation potential is summarized as the AUC.

particularly in high-stakes scenarios where overconfidence poses operational risks.

A key challenge in PSS research is the lack of publicly available datasets that reflect real-world complexity. Existing datasets, such as TABME, are synthetic and fail to capture the structural diversity and domain-specific jargon found in insurance documents, including health records, policies, and contracts. While our proprietary dataset addresses these gaps, privacy constraints prevent its public release. Future efforts should prioritize developing synthetic benchmarks that emulate real-world data while ensuring strict privacy safeguards, as such benchmarks are critical for advancing PSS systems.

Despite evaluating post-hoc calibration and Monte Carlo dropout, these methods increased model complexity without significantly improving stream-level calibration. This underscores the need for more robust calibration techniques. Future work will explore advanced calibration methods and the integration of active learning, where human feedback iteratively improves model performance and reliability.

Our approach offers a clear path to real-world deployment in document-heavy sectors like insurance. Calibrated confidences can guide human validation, with low-confidence streams prioritized to address model uncertainty. This strategy improves reliability while maintaining scalability for automation in high-stakes environments.

In these domains, ethical considerations are

paramount. Misclassifications from overconfident models can lead to costly errors. Ensuring wellcalibrated predictions and incorporating human oversight at key decision points will mitigate risks and enable responsible automation.

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# <span id="page-8-11"></span>A Training Details

## A.1 Traditional Model

We employed count-based and TF-IDF-based vector representations using scikit-learn [\(Pedregosa](#page-8-13) [et al.,](#page-8-13) [2011\)](#page-8-13). Individual pages were treated as "documents" for fitting the vector representations. The text was lowercased, and the default word-based tokenization strategy was applied to produce unigrams. Additionally, TF-IDF vectors were L2 normalized as per the scikit-learn default.

An XGBoost [\(Chen and Guestrin,](#page-7-20) [2016\)](#page-7-20) classifier was trained on adjacent page pairs to predict true document breaks. Each page was independently vectorized, and the vectors of the preceding and current pages were concatenated as the input to the XGBoost model. We adjusted for class imbalance by scaling with the positive class ratio and used 100 estimators.

## A.2 Decoders

We primarily rely on Unsloth [\(Han and Han\)](#page-7-21) for performance efficient fine-tuning of LLMs. For Mistral-7B, we use the 4-bit quantized version of the instruct v0.3 model<sup>[1](#page-8-14)</sup>. For Phi-3.5-mini, we use the 4-bit quantized version of the instruct model<sup>[2](#page-8-15)</sup>. Models are trained using Hugging Face's TRL library [\(von Werra et al.\)](#page-8-16) on completion tokens only, ignoring the instructions when backpropagating. The prompt template is shown in Listing [1,](#page-9-1) where

<span id="page-8-14"></span><sup>1</sup> [https://huggingface.co/unsloth/](https://huggingface.co/unsloth/mistral-7b-instruct-v0.3-bnb-4bit)

[mistral-7b-instruct-v0.3-bnb-4bit](https://huggingface.co/unsloth/mistral-7b-instruct-v0.3-bnb-4bit)

<span id="page-8-15"></span><sup>2</sup> [https://huggingface.co/unsloth/Phi-3.](https://huggingface.co/unsloth/Phi-3.5-mini-instruct-bnb-4bit) [5-mini-instruct-bnb-4bit](https://huggingface.co/unsloth/Phi-3.5-mini-instruct-bnb-4bit)

<span id="page-9-1"></span>You are a skilled document reviewer. Given extracted text from pages of documents , your task is to determine if a page starts a new document or continues from the previous one . You will be presented with the text of the current page and the text of the preceding page . Example : Prior text : ### This is the text on the page before the page you are evaluating . ### Page text : ### This is the text on the page you are evaluating. ### Carefully review the text to decide if the current page starts a new document or continues from the previous one . Here is the input : Prior text : ### { pg\_prev } ### Page text : ### { pg } ### Output your prediction as a JSON object . When the page is the start of a new document, your output should be {"label": 1}. If the page continues the document from the previous page , your output should be {" label ": 0}. Do not provide any explanation , additional information , or punctuation. Simply provide the JSON object. Does the page start a new document?

Listing 1: Instruction prompt used for page stream segmentation. When using a bidirectional context (i.e.,  $r > 0$ ), the prompt is modified to feature a pg\_next after the page of interest. When including mutliple pages in the context (i.e.,  $l, r > 1$ ), pages are separated with a page break sequence.

pg and pg\_prev attempt to preserve layout structure in 2D [\(Wang et al.,](#page-8-12) [2023\)](#page-8-12). When applying MC dropout to models, we fix a dropout rate of  $p = 0.5$ , and sample a model's output  $N = 16$ times for every input page.

All other hyperparameters are summarized in Table [5.](#page-10-0) We perform all decoder fine-tuning on a single NVIDIA H100 GPU, with LoRA weights in BF16 format.

# <span id="page-9-0"></span>B Additional Results

## **B.1**  $(l = 1, r = 0)$

Similar to the automation curve displayed for Mistral in Figure [3,](#page-6-3) we present additional automation curves for Phi (Figure [4,](#page-10-1) MC-Mistral (Figure [6\)](#page-11-0), and MC-Phi (Figure [5\)](#page-10-2). Overall, the automation curves exhibit similar features, with the Mistral model offering the best accuracy-throughput trade-

<span id="page-10-0"></span>

Params.	Mistral-7B	Phi-3.5-mini
Peak LR	$3\times10^{-5}$	$3 \times 10^{-5}$
Batch size	16	16
Weight decay	0.01	0.01
Optimizer	paged_adamw_8bit	paged_adamw_8bit
Max train epochs	5	5
LR warm-up steps	200	<b>200</b>
LoRA $r$	16	16
LoRA $\alpha$	16	16
Sequence length	8192	8192

Table 5: Hyperparameters used for PEFT of decoder-only LLMs.



<span id="page-10-1"></span>

Figure 4: Stream-level accuracy versus throughput plots for Phi and XGBoost models. For each curve, its automation potential is summarized as the AUC.

# **B.2**  $(l = 1, r = 1)$

Under a context setting of  $(l = 1, r = 1)$ , models observe the page before and after the page of interest when making a classification decision. To support a bidirectional page context, we slightly modify the LLM prompt to include references to a "next page."

Though exhibiting negligible difference with the results presented in the main body, we show page and stream metrics in Table [6,](#page-11-1) calibration errors in Table [7,](#page-11-2) and automation-related metrics in Table [8.](#page-11-3)

**B.3** 
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(l = 2, r = 0)
$$

We briefly explored extending the left-hand context of models, allowing models to predict the start

<span id="page-10-2"></span>

Figure 5: Stream-level accuracy versus throughput plots for MC-Phi and XGBoost models. For each curve, its automation potential is summarized as the AUC.

of a document based on the prior two pages. Between the two prior pages, we insert a page break sequence. We present page and stream metrics in Table [9,](#page-12-0) calibration errors in Table [10,](#page-12-1) and automation-related metrics in Table [11.](#page-12-2)

<span id="page-11-1"></span>

	<b>Page-Level Metrics</b>			<b>Stream-Level Metrics</b>		
Model	Prec.	Rec.	- F1	Prec.	Rec.	F1
Phi $Phi*$	0.935 0.934	0.939	0.942 0.938 0.870	0.937 0.868	0.866 0.869	0.865 0.868
Mistral $M$ istral*	0.948 0.947	0.937 0.94	0.943 0.943	0.88 0.881	0.878 0.88	0.877 0.879

Table 6: Decoder-only LLM performance under a context setting of  $(l = 1, r = 1)$ , where a model takes the previous, current, and subsequent page as input to decide if the current page begins a new document.

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Figure 6: Stream-level accuracy versus throughput plots for MC-Mistral and XGBoost models. For each curve, its automation potential is summarized as the AUC.

<span id="page-11-3"></span>

	$C > 0.9$ $C > 0.8$		
Model AUC ACC T ACC T			
Phi $Phi*$	0.929 0.94 0.53 0.92 0.66 0.932 0.97 0.35 0.95 0.54		
Mistral 0.931 0.93 0.56 0.91 0.72 Mistral* 0.937 0.98 0.28 0.95 0.47			

Table 8: Model automation metrics under a context setting of  $(l = 1, r = 1)$ .

<span id="page-11-2"></span>

	Page	<b>Stream</b>
Model	ECE MCE ECE MCE	
Phi $Phi*$	$0.020$ $0.093$ $0.040$ $0.150$ 0.007 0.114 0.039 0.090	
Mistral Mistral* 0.010 0.042 0.068 0.174	0.024 0.197 0.057 0.219	

Table 7: Model calibration errors under a context setting of  $(l = 1, r = 1)$ .

<span id="page-12-0"></span>

	<b>Page-Level Metrics</b>		<b>Stream-Level Metrics</b>				
Model	Prec.	Rec.	- F1	Prec.	Rec.	к1	
Ph <sub>i</sub>	0.953	0.935	0.944	0.883	0.879	0.879	
$Phi*$	0.947	0.946		0.947 0.884	0.883	0.882	
Mistral	0.952	0.927	0.939	0.882	0.875	0.877	
Mistral <sup>*</sup>	0.935	0.944	0.939	0.867	0.871	0.867	

Table 9: Decoder-only LLM performance under a context setting of  $(l = 2, r = 0)$ , where a model takes the previous two pages and the current page as input to decide if the current page begins a new document.

<span id="page-12-1"></span>

	Page	Stream		
Model	ECE MCE ECE MCE			
Phi $Phi*$	0.013 0.135 0.027 0.185 0.012 0.085 0.040 0.086			
Mistral Mistral <sup>*</sup>	0.014 0.149 0.027 0.079 0.007 0.082 0.047 0.107			

Table 10: Model calibration errors under a context setting of  $(l = 2, r = 0)$ .

<span id="page-12-2"></span>

	$C > 0.9$ $C > 0.8$		
Model AUC ACC T ACC T			
Phi $Phi*$	0.934 0.96 0.49 0.93 0.63 0.936 0.98 0.35 0.96 0.54		
Mistral 0.936 0.96 0.49 0.93 0.65 Mistral* 0.932 0.97 0.34 0.95 0.54			

Table 11: Model automation metrics under a context setting of  $(l = 2, r = 0)$ .