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CS520
Data Integration, Warehousing, and
Provenance

2. Data Preparation and Cleaning

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- Topics covered in this part
 - Causes of Dirty Data
 - Constraint-based Cleaning
 - Outlier-based and Statistical Methods
 - Entity Resolution
 - Data Fusion




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2. Causes of “Dirty” Data

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- Manual data entry or result of erroneous integration
 - Typos:
 - “Peter” vs. “Pteer”
 - Switching fields
 - “FirstName: New York, City: Peter”
 - Incorrect information
 - “City:New York, Zip: 60616”
 - Missing information
 - “City: New York, Zip: “




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2. Causes of “Dirty” Data

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- Manual data entry or result of erroneous integration (cont.)
 - Redundancy:
 - (ID:1, City: Chicago, Zip: 60616)
 - (ID:2, City: Chicago, Zip: 60616)
 - Inconsistent references to entities
 - Dept. of Energy, DOE, Dep. Of Energy, ...




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2. Cleaning Methods

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- Enforce Standards
 - Applied in real world
 - How to develop a standard not a fit for this lecture
 - Still relies on no human errors
- Constraint-based cleaning
 - Define constraints for data
 - “Make” data fit the constraints
- Statistical techniques
 - Find outliers and smoothen or remove
 - E.g., use a clustering algorithm



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2.1 Cleaning Methods

- **Constraint-based cleaning**
 - Choice of constraint language
 - Detecting violations to constraints
 - Fixing violations (automatically?)



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2.1 Constraint Languages

- First work focused on functional dependencies (FDs)
- Extensions of FDs have been proposed to allow rules that cannot be expressed with FDs
 - E.g., conditional FDs only enforce the FD if a condition is met
 - -> finer grained control, e.g., zip -> city only if country is US
- Constraints that consider master data
 - Master data is highly reliable data such as a government issued zip, city lookup table



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2.1 Constraint Languages (cont.)

- Denial constraints
 - Generalize most other proposed constraints
 - State what should not be true
 - Negated conjunction of relational and comparison atoms
- $$\forall \vec{x} : \neg(\phi(\vec{x}))$$
- Here we will look at FDs mainly and a bit at denial constraints
 - Sometimes use logic based notation introduced previously



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2.1 Example Constraints

Example: Constraints Languages

SSN	zip	city	name	boss	salary
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333-333-6666	60616	Chicago	Hans	NULL	1,000,000
333-355-4343	60616	Chicago	Malcom	Hans	20,000

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C2: Nobody should earn more than their direct superior

C3: Salaries are non-negative



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C1: The zip code uniquely determines the city
- expressible as functional dependency

C2: Nobody should earn more than their direct superior
- e.g., denial constraint

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C1: The zip code uniquely determines the city
 FD1: zip -> city
 $\forall \neg (E(x, y, z, u, v, w) \wedge E(x', y', z', u', v', w') \wedge x = x' \wedge y \neq y')$
 C2: Nobody should earn more than their direct superior
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 C3: Salaries are non-negative
 $\forall \neg (E(x, y, z, u, v, w) \wedge w < 0)$

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2.1 Constraint based Cleaning Overview

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- Define constraints
- Given database D
 - 1) Detect violations of constraints
 - We already saw example of how this can be done using queries. Here a bit more formal
 - 2) Fix violations
 - In most cases there are many different ways to fix the violation by modifying the database (called **solution**)
 - What operations do we allow: insert, delete, update
 - How do we choose between alternative solutions

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2.1 Constraint Repair Problem

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Definition: Constraint Repair Problem

Given set of constraints Σ and an database instance I which violates the constraints find a clean instance I' so that I' fulfills Σ

- This would allow us to take any I'
 - E.g., empty for FD constraints
- We do not want to loose the information in I (unless we have to)
- Let us come back to that later

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How to repair?

Deletion:

- remove some conflicting tuples
- quite destructive

Update:

- modify values to resolve the conflict
- equate RHS values (city here)
- disequate LHS value (zip)

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- How to repair?
- **Deletion:**
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 - quite destructive
- **Update:**
 - modify values to resolve the conflict
 - equate RHS values (city here)
 - disequate LHS value (zip)
- **Insertion?**
 - Not for FDs, but e.g., FKs

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Deletion:

Delete Chicago or Schaumburg?

Delete New York or the two Chicago tuples?

- one tuple deleted vs. two tuples deleted

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Update equate RHS:

Update Chicago->Schaumburg or Schaumburg->Chicago

Update New York->Chicago or Chicago->New York

- one tuple deleted vs. two cells updated

Update disequate LHS:

Which tuple to update?

What value do we use here? How to avoid creating other conflicts?

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2.1 Constraint based Cleaning Overview

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- **Principle of minimality**
 - Choose repair that minimally modifies database
 - Motivation: consider the solution that deletes every tuple
- Most update approaches **equate RHS** because there is usually no good way to choose LHS values unless we have **master data**
 - E.g., update zip to 56423 or 52456 or 22322 ...

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2.1 Detecting Violations

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- Given FD $A \rightarrow B$ on $R(A,B)$
 - Recall logical representation
 - For all X, X' : $R(X,Y)$ and $R(X',Y')$ and $X=X' \rightarrow Y=Y'$
 - Only violated if we find two tuples where $A=A'$, but $B \neq B'$
 - In datalog
 - $Q(): R(X,Y), R(X',Y'), X=X', Y \neq Y'$
 - In SQL


```
SELECT EXISTS (SELECT *
                FROM R x, R y
                WHERE x.A=y.A AND x.B<>y.B)
```

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2.1 Example Constraints

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Example: SQL Violation Detection

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Relation: Person(name, city, zip)

FD1: zip -> city

Violation Detection Query

SELECT EXISTS (SELECT *
               FROM Person x, Person y
                WHERE x.zip = y.zip
                  AND x.city <> y.city)

To know which tuples caused the conflict:

SELECT *
FROM Person x, Person y
WHERE x.zip = y.zip
  AND x.city <> y.city
```

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2.1 Fixing Violations

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- Principle of minimality
 - Choose solution that minimally modifies the database
 - Updates:
 - Need a cost model
 - Deletes:
 - Minimal number of deletes

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2.1 Constraint Repair Problem

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Definition: Constraint Repair Problem (restated)

Given set of constraints Σ and a database instance I which violates the constraints find a clean instance I' (does not violate the constraints) with $\text{cost}(I, I')$ being minimal

- Cost metrics that have been used
 - **Deletion + Insertion**

$$\Delta(I, I') = (I - I') \cup (I' - I)$$
 - S-repair: minimize measure above under set inclusion
 - C-repair: minimize cardinality
 - **Update**
 - Assume distance metric d for attribute values

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2.1 Cost Metrics

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- **Update**
 - Assume single relation R with uniquely identified tuples
 - Assume distance metric d for attribute values
 - **Schema(R)** = attributes in schema of relation R
 - t' is updated version of tuple t
 - Minimize:
$$\sum_{t \in R} \sum_{A \in \text{Schema}(R)} d(t.A, t'.A)$$

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$$\sum_{t \in R} \sum_{A \in \text{Schema}(R)} d(t.A, t'.A)$$
- We focus on this one
- This is NP-hard
 - Heuristic algorithm

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2.1 Naïve FD Repair Algorithm

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- **FD Repair Algorithm: 1. Attempt**
 - For each FD $X \rightarrow Y$ in Σ run query to find pairs of tuples that violate the constraint
 - For each pair of tuples t and t' that violate the constraint
 - update $t.Y$ to $t'.Y$
 - choice does not matter because cost is symmetric, right?

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Example: Constraint Repair

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```
t1 and t4: set t1.city = Chicago
t1 and t5: set t1.city = Chicago
t2 and t3: set t2.city = Schaumburg
```

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2.1 Problems with the Algorithm

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- **FD Repair Algorithm: 1. Attempt**
 - For each FD $X \rightarrow Y$ in Σ run query to find pairs of tuples that violate the constraint
 - For each pair of tuples t and t' that violate the constraint: $t.X = t'.X$ and $t.Y \neq t'.Y$
 - update $t.Y$ to $t'.Y$
 - ~~choice does not matter because cost is symmetric, right?~~
 - **Our updates may cause new violations!**

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```
t4 and t1: set t4.city = New York
t1 and t5: set t1.city = Chicago
t2 and t3: set t2.city = Schaumburg
```

Now t₁ and t₂ and t₁ and t₃ in violation!

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2.1 Problems with the Algorithm

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- **FD Repair Algorithm: 2. Attempt**
 - $I' = I$
 - 1) For each FD $X \rightarrow Y$ in Σ run query to find pairs of tuples that violate the constraint
 - 2) For each pair of tuples t and t' that violate the constraint: $t.X = t'.X$ and $t.Y \neq t'.Y$
 - update $t.Y$ to $t'.Y$
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 - 3) If we changed I' goto 1)

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 - update $t.Y$ to $t'.Y$
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 - 3) If we changed I' goto 1)
 - **May never terminate**

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Now t₁ and t₂ and t₁ and t₃ in violation!

```
t4 and t1: set t4.city = New York
t5 and t4: set t5.city = Chicago
```

repeat

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2.1 Problems with the Algorithm

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- **FD Repair Algorithm: 2. Attempt**
 - Even if we succeed the repair may not be minimal. There may be many tuples with the same X values
 - They all have to have the same Y value
 - Choice which to update matters!

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2.1 Constraint Repair

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$\text{Cheaper: } t_1.\text{city} = \text{Chicago}$
 $\text{Not so cheap: set } t_1.\text{city} \text{ and } t_3.\text{city} = \text{New York}$
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2.1 Problems with the Algorithm

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- **FD Repair Algorithm: 3. Attempt**
 - Equivalence Classes
 - Keep track of sets of cells (tuple,attribute) that have to have the same values in the end (e.g., all Y attribute values for tuples with same X attribute value)
 - These classes are updated when we make a choice
 - Choose Y value for equivalence class using minimality, e.g., most common value
 - Observation
 - Equivalence Classes may merge, but never split if we only update RHS of all tuples with same X at once
 - -> we can find an algorithm that terminates

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- **FD Repair Algorithm: 3. Attempt**
 - Initialize:
 - Each cell in its own equivalence class
 - Put all cells in collection **unresolved**
 - While **unresolved** is not empty
 - Remove tuple t from unresolved
 - Pick FD $X \rightarrow Y$ (e.g., random)
 - Compute set of tuples S that have same value in X
 - Merge all equivalence classes for all tuples in S and attributes in Y
 - Pick values for Y (update all tuples in S to Y)

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2.1 Problems with the Algorithm


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- **FD Repair Algorithm: 3. Attempt**
- Algorithm using this idea:
 - More heuristics to improve quality and performance
 - Cost-based pick of next EQ's to merge
 - Also for FKs (Inclusion Constraints)

A Cost-Based Model and Effective Heuristic for Repairing Constraints by Value Modification

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2.1 Consistent Query Answering

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- As an alternative to fixing the database which requires making a choice we could also leave it dirty and try to resolve conflicts at query time
 - Have to reason over answers to the query without knowing which of the possible repairs will be chosen
 - **Intuition:** return tuples that would be in the query result for **every** possible repair

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2.1 Constraint Repair

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Example: Constraint Repair

	SSN	zip	city	name
t1	333-333-3333	60616	New York	Peter
t2	333-333-9999	60615	Chicago	Gert
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Cheaper: $t_i.city = Chicago$
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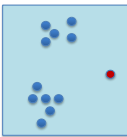
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2.2 Statistical and Outlier

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- Assumption
 - Errors can be identified as outliers
- How do we find outliers?
 - **Similarity-based:**
 - Object is dissimilar to all (many) other objects
 - E.g., clustering, objects not in cluster are outliers
 - **Some type of statistical test:**
 - Given a distribution (e.g., fitted to the data)
 - How probable is it that the point has this value?
 - If low probability \rightarrow outlier



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2.3 Entity Resolution

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- Entity Resolution (ER)
- Alternative names
 - Duplicate detection
 - Record linkage
 - Reference reconciliation
 - Entity matching
 - ...

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2.3 Entity Resolution

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Definition: Entity Resolution Problem

Given sets of tuples A compute equivalence relation $E(t, t')$ which denotes that tuple t and t' represent the same entity.

- Intuitively, E should be based on how similar t and t' are
 - Similarity measure?
- E should be an equivalence relation
 - If t is the same as t' and t' is the same as t'' then t should be the same as t''

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2.3 Entity Resolution

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Example: Two tuples (objects) that represent the same entity

SSN	zip	city	name
333-333-3333	60616	Chicago	Peter

SSN	zip	city	name
3333333333	IL 60616		Petre

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2.3 Entity Resolution

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- Similarity based on similarity of attribute values
 - Which distance measure is appropriate?
 - How do we combine attribute-level distances?
 - Do we consider additional information?
 - E.g., **foreign key connections**
 - How similar should duplicates be?
 - E.g., **fixed similarity threshold**
 - How to guarantee transitivity of E
 - E.g., **do this afterwards**

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2.3 Entity Resolution

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Example: Per attribute similarity

SSN	zip	city	name
333-333-3333	60616	Chicago	Peter

1 0.8 0? 0.6

SSN	zip	city	name
3333333333	IL 60616		Petre

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2.3 Entity Resolution – Distance Measures

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- **Edit-distance**
 - measures similarity of two strings
 - $d(s,s')$ = minimal number of insert, replace, delete operations (single character) that transform s into s'
 - Is symmetric (actually a metric)
 - Why?

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2.3 Entity Resolution

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Definition: Edit Distance

Given two strings s, s' we define the edit distance $d(s,s')$ as the minimum number of single character insert, replacements, deletions that transforms s into s'

Example:

NEED -> STREET

Trivial solution: delete all chars in **NEED**, then insert all chars in **STREET**

- gives **upper bound** on distance $\text{len}(\text{NEED}) + \text{len}(\text{STREET}) = 10$

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2.3 Entity Resolution

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Example:

NEED -> STREET

Minimal solution:

- insert S
- insert T
- replace N with R
- replace D with T

$d(\text{NEED}, \text{STREET}) = 4$


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2.3 Entity Resolution

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- Principal of optimality**
 - Best solution of a subproblem is part of the best solution for the whole problem
- Dynamic programming algorithm**
 - $D(i,j)$ is the edit distance between prefix of len i of s and prefix of len j of s'
 - $D(\text{len}(s), \text{len}(s'))$ is the solution
 - Represented as matrix
 - Populate based on rules shown on the next slide




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2.3 Entity Resolution

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- Recursive definition**
 - $D(i,0) = i$
 - Cheapest way of transforming prefix $s[i]$ into empty string is by deleting all i characters in $s[i]$
 - $D(0,j) = j$
 - Same holds for $s'[j]$
 - $D(i,j) = \min \{$
 - $D(i-1,j) + 1$
 - $D(i,j-1) + 1$
 - $D(i-1,j-1) + d(i,j)$ with $d(i,j) = 1$ if $s[i] \neq s'[j]$ and 0 else




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2.3 Entity Resolution

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Example:
NEED -> STREET

		S	T	R	E	E	T
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
N	1						
E	2						
E	3						
D	4						




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2.3 Entity Resolution

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Example:
NEED -> STREET

		S	T	R	E	E	T
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
N	1	1					
E	2						
E	3						
D	4						




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N	1	1	2	3	4		
E	2	2	2	3			
E	3	3	3				
D	4	4					

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E	3	3	3	3			
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E	3	3	3	3	3	3	4
D	4	4	4	4	4	4	4

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2.3 Entity Resolution – Distance Measures

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- Other sequence-based measures for string similarity
 - **Needleman-Wunsch**
 - Missing character sequences can be penalized differently from character changes
 - **Affine Gap Measure**
 - Limit influence of longer gaps
 - E.g., Peter Friedrich Mueller vs. Peter Mueller
 - **Smith-Waterman Measure**
 - More resistant to reordering of elements in the string
 - E.g., Prof. Franz Mueller vs. F. Mueller, Prof.

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2.3 Entity Resolution – Distance Measures

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- Other sequence-based measures for string similarity
 - **Jaro-Winkler**
 - Consider shared prefixes
 - Consider distance of same characters in strings
 - E.g., johann vs. ojhann vs. ohannj
 - See textbook for details!

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2.3 Entity Resolution – Distance Measures

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- **Token-set based measures**
 - Split string into tokens
 - E.g., single characters
 - E.g., words if string represents a longer text
 - Potentially normalize tokens
 - **E.g., word tokens replace word with its stem**
 - Generating, generated, generates are all replaced with generate
 - Represent string as set (multi-set) of tokens



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Example: Tokenization

Input string:

S = "the tokenization of strings is commonly used in information retrieval"

Set of tokens:

Tok(S) = {commonly, in, information, is, of, retrieval, strings, the, tokenization, used}

Bag of tokens:

Tok(S) = {commonly:1, in:1, information:1, is:1, of:1, retrieval:1, strings:1, the:1, tokenization:1, used:1}



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2.3 Entity Resolution – Distance Measures

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- **Jaccard-Measure**
 - $B_s = \text{Tok}(s)$ = token set of string s
 - Jaccard measures relative overlap of tokens in two strings
 - Number of common tokens divided by total number of tokens

$$d_{jacc}(s, s') = \frac{\|B_s \cap B_{s'}\|}{\|B_s \cup B_{s'}\|}$$



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Example: Tokenization

Input string:

S = "nanotubes are used in these experiments to..."

S' = "we consider nanotubes in our experiments..."

S'' = "we prove that P=NP, thus solving ..."

Tok(S) = {are, experiments, in, nanotubes, these, to, used}

Tok(S') = {consider, experiments, in, nanotubes, our, we}

Tok(S'') = {P=NP, prove, solving, that, thus, we}

$d_{jacc}(S, S') =$

$d_{jacc}(S, S'') =$

$d_{jacc}(S', S'') =$



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$d_{jacc}(S, S') = 3 / 10 = 0.3$

$d_{jacc}(S, S'') = 0 / 13 = 0$

$d_{jacc}(S', S'') = 1 / 11 = 0.0909$



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- **Other set-based measures**
 - **TF/IDF**: term frequency, inverse document frequency
 - Take into account that certain tokens are more common than others
 - If two strings (called documents for TF/IDF) overlap on uncommon terms they are more likely to be similar than if they overlap on common terms
 - E.g., the vs. carbon nanotube structure



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- **TF/IDF**: term frequency, inverse document frequency
 - Represent documents as feature vectors
 - One dimension for each term
 - Value computed as frequency times IDF
 - Inverse of frequency of term in the set of all documents
 - Compute cosine similarity between two feature vectors
 - Measure how similar they are in term distribution (weighted by how uncommon terms are)
 - Size of the documents does not matter
 - **See textbook for details**



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2.3 Entity Resolution

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- **Entity resolution**
 - Concatenate attribute values of tuples and use string similarity measure
 - Loose information encoded by tuple structure
 - **E.g., [Gender:male,Salary:9000]**
 - > “Gender:male,Salary:9000”
 - or -> “male,9000”
 - Combine distance measures for single attributes
 - Weighted sum or more complex combinations
 - E.g., $d(t,t') = w_1 \times d_A(t.A,t'.A) + w_2 \times d_B(t.B,t'.B)$
 - Use quadratic distance measure
 - E.g., earth-movers distance



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2.3 Entity Resolution

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- **Entity resolution**
 - Rule-based approach
 - Set of **if this than that** rules
 - Learning-based approaches
 - Clustering-based approaches
 - Probabilistic approaches to matching
 - Collective matching



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- **Weighted linear combination**
 - Say tuples have **n** attributes
 - **w_i**: predetermined weight of an attribute
 - **d_i(t,t')**: similarity measure for the **ith** attribute

$$d(t, t') = \sum_{i=0}^n w_i \times d_i(t, t')$$

- Tuples match if **d(t,t') > β** for a threshold **β**



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Example: Weighted sum of attribute similarities

SSN	zip	city	name
333-333-3333	60616	Chicago	Peter

1

0.8

0?

0.6

SSN	zip	city	name
3333333333	IL 60616		Petre

Assumption: SSNs and names are most important, city and zip are not very predictive

$$w_{SSN} = 0.4, w_{zip} = 0.05, w_{city} = 0.15, w_{name} = 0.4$$

$$\begin{aligned} d(t, t') &= 0.4 \times 1 + 0.05 \times 0.8 + 0.15 \times 0 + 0.4 \times 0.6 \\ &= 0.4 + 0.04 + 0 + 0.24 \\ &= 0.68 \end{aligned}$$



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- **Weighted linear combination**
 - How to determine weights?
 - **E.g., have labeled training data and use ML to learn weights**
 - Use non-linear function?



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2.3 Entity Resolution

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- **Rule-based approach**
 - Collection (list) of rules
 - **if** $d_{\text{name}}(t, t') < 0.6$ **then** unmatched
 - **if** $d_{\text{zip}}(t, t') = 1$ **and** $t.\text{country} = \text{USA}$ **then** matched
 - **if** $t.\text{country} \neq t'.\text{country}$ **then** unmatched
- **Advantages**
 - Easy to start, can be incrementally improved
- **Disadvantages**
 - Lot of manual work, large rule-bases hard to understand

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- **Learning-based approach**
 - Build all pairs (t, t') for training dataset
 - Represent each pair as feature vector from, e.g., similarities
 - Train classifier to return {match, no match}
- **Advantages**
 - automated
- **Disadvantages**
 - Requires training data

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- **Clustering-based approach**
 - Apply clustering method to group inputs
 - Typically hierarchical clustering method
 - Clusters now represent entities
 - Decide how to merge based on similarity between clusters
- **Advantages**
 - Automated, no training data required
- **Disadvantages**
 - Choice of cluster similarity critical

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2.3 Entity Resolution

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- **Entity resolution**
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 - **Collective matching**
 - See text book



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2. Overview

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- Topics covered in this part
 - Causes of Dirty Data
 - Constraint-based Cleaning
 - Outlier-based and Statistical Methods
 - Entity Resolution
 - **Data Fusion**



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2.4 Data Fusion

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- Data Fusion = how to combine (possibly conflicting) information from multiple objects representing the same entity
 - Choose among conflicting values
 - If one value is missing (NULL) choose the other one
 - Numerical data: e.g., median, average
 - Consider sources: have more trust in certain data sources
 - Consider value frequency: take most frequent value
 - Timeliness: latest value



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- 7) Big Data Analytics
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