Data 100

Lecture 5: Data Cleaning & Exploratory Data Analysis

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Pandas and Jupyter Notebooks

- Reviewed Jupyter Notebook Environment
- Introduced DataFrame concepts
  - **Series:** A named column of data with an index
  - **Indexes:** The mapping from keys to rows
  - **DataFrame:** collection of series with common index
- Dataframe access methods
  - **Filtering** on predicts and **slicing**
  - **df.loc**: location by index
  - **df.iloc**: location by integer address
  - **groupby** & **pivot** (we will review these again today)

Today

Congratulations!

You have **collected** or **been given** a box of data?

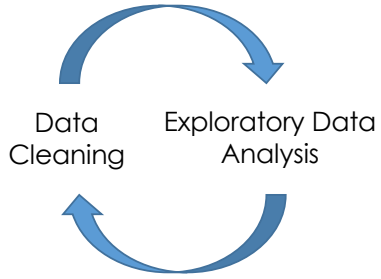
What do you do next?

Data Acquisition

Exploratory Data Analysis

Topics For Lecture Today

- Understanding the Data
  - Data Cleaning
  - Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA)
  - Basic data visualization
- Common Data Anomalies
  - … and how to fix them



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Data Cleaning

- The process of transforming raw data to facilitate subsequent analysis
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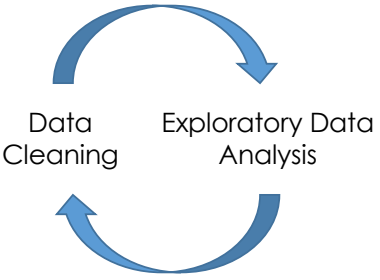

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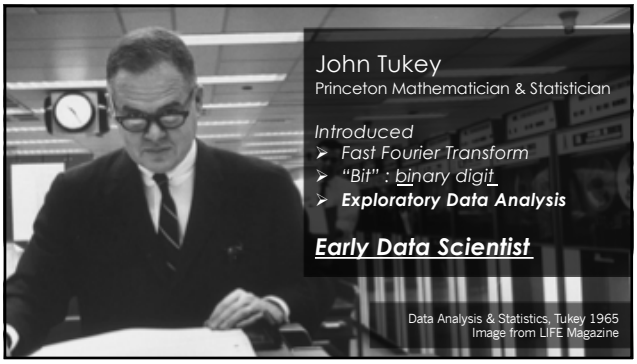
Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA)

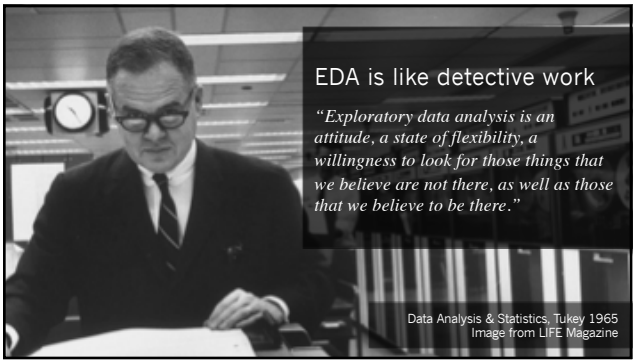
"Getting to know the data"

The process of **transforming**, **visualizing**, and **summarizing** data to:

- Build/confirm understanding of the data and its provenance
- Identify and address potential issues in the data
- Inform the subsequent analysis
- discover *potential* hypothesis … (be careful)

- **EDA is an open ended analysis**
  - Be willing to find something surprising





What should we look for?

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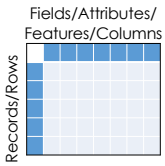

We prefer rectangular data for data analysis (why?)

- Regular structures are easy manipulate and analyze
- A big part of data cleaning is about transforming data to be more rectangular

Two kinds of rectangular data: *Tables and Matrices*
(what are the differences?)

1. **Tables** (a.k.a. data-frames in R/Python and relations in SQL)
   - Named columns with different types
   - Manipulated using data transformation languages (map, filter, group by, join, …)
2. **Matrices**
   - Numeric data of the same type
   - Manipulated using linear algebra

How are these data files formatted?

TSV
Tab separated values

Which is the best?

CSV
Comma separated values

JSON

Comma and Tab Separated Values Files

- Tabular data where
  - records are delimited by a *newline*: "\n", "\r\n"
  - Fields are delimited by ',' (comma) or '\t' (tab)
- Very Common!
- Issues?
  - Commas, tabs in records
  - Quoting
  - …

JavaScript Object Notation (JSON)

- Widely used file format for nested data
  - Natural maps to python dictionaries (many tools for loading)
  - Strict formatting "quoting" addresses some issues in CSV/TSV
- Issues
  - Each record can have different fields
  - Nesting means records can contain records → complicated

XML (another kind of nested data)

```
<catalog>
  <plant type='a'>
    <common>Bloodroot</common>
    <botanical>Sanguinaria canadensis</botanical>
    <zone>4</zone>
    <light>Mostly Shady</light>
    <price>2.44</price>
    <availability>03/15/2006</availability>
    <description>
       <color>white</color>
       <petals>true</petals>
    </description>
    <indoor>true</indoor>
  </plant>
…
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```

Nested structure

We will study XML later in the class

Log data

Is this a csv file? tsv? JSON/XML?

```
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/stat141/Winter04 HTTP/1.1" 301 328
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Data can be **split across files** and **reference other data.**

Structure: Keys

- Often data will reference other pieces of data
- **Primary key:** *the column or set of columns in a table that determine the values of the remaining columns*
  - Primary keys are unique
  - Examples: SSN, ProductIDs, …
- **Foreign keys:** the column or sets of columns that reference primary keys in other tables.

Purchases.csv

OrderNum	ProdID	Quantity
1	42	3
1	999	2
2	42	1

Foreign Key

Orders.csv

OrderNum	CustID	Date
1	171345	8/21/2017
2	281139	8/30/2017

Products.csv

ProdID	Cost
42	3.14
999	2.72

Primary Key

Customers.csv

CustID	Addr
171345	Harmon..
281139	Main ..

Merging/joining data across tables

Joining two tables

OrderNum	ProdID	Name
1	42	Gum
2	999	NullFood
2	42	Towel

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OrderId	Cust Name	Date
1	Joe	8/21/2017
2	Arthur	8/14/2017

Left "key" / Right "key"

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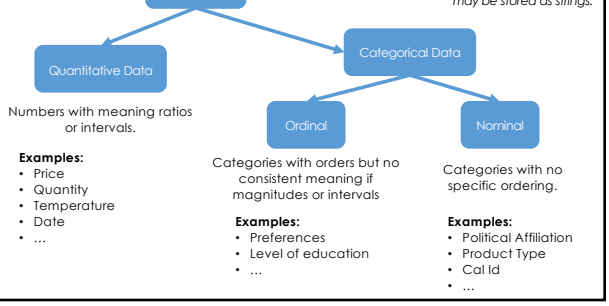
Drop rows that don't match on the key

Questions to ask about ***Structure***

- Are the data in a standard format or encoding?
  - **Tabular data:** CSV, TSV, Excel, SQL
  - **Nested data:** JSON or XML
- Are the data organized in "records"?
  - No: Can we define records by parsing the data?
- Are the data nested? (records contained within records…)
  - Yes: Can we reasonably un-nest the data?
- Does the data reference other data?
  - Yes: can we join/merge the data
- What are the fields in each record?
  - How are they encoded? (e.g., strings, numbers, binary, dates …)
  - What is the type of the data?

Kinds of Data

Note that data categorical data can also be numbers and quantitative data may be stored as strings.



Numbers with meaning ratios or intervals.

Examples:
- Price
- Quantity
- Temperature
- Date
- …

Categories with orders but no consistent meaning if magnitudes or intervals

Examples:
- Preferences
- Level of education
- …

Categories with no specific ordering.

Examples:
- Political Affiliation
- Product Type
- Cal Id
- …

Quiz

http://bit.ly/ds100-sp18-eda

- Price in dollars of a product?
  - (A) Quantitative, (B) Ordinal, (C) Nominal
- Star Rating on Yelp?
  - (A) Quantitative, (B) Ordinal, (C) Nominal
- Date an item was sold?
  - (A) Quantitative, (B) Ordinal, (C) Nominal
- What is your Credit Card Number?
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Granularity

- What does each record represent?
  - Examples: a purchase, a person, a group of users
- Do all records capture granularity at the same level?
  - Some data will include summaries as records
- If the data are coarse how was it aggregated?
  - Sampling, averaging, …
- What kinds of aggregation is possible/desirable?
  - From individual people to demographic groups?
  - From individual events to totals across time or regions?
  - Hierarchies (city/county/state, second/minute/hour/days)
- Understanding and manipulating granularity can help reveal patterns.

Reviewing Group By and Pivot

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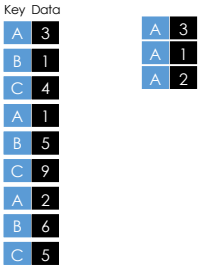

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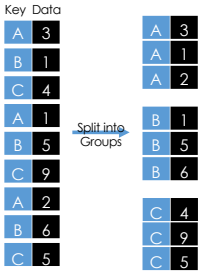

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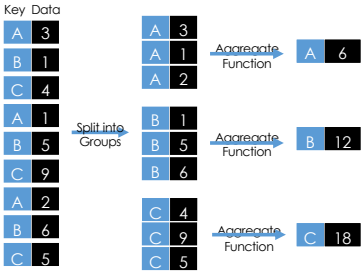

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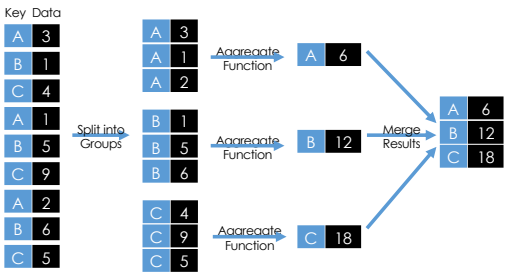

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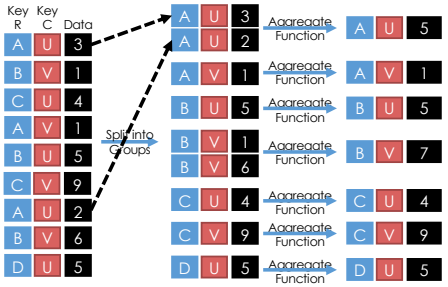

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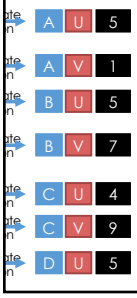

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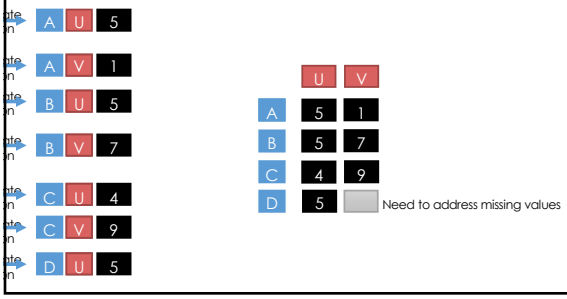

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Scope

- Does my data cover my area of interest?
  - **Example:** *I am interested in studying crime in California but I only have Berkeley crime data.*
- Is my data too expansive?
  - **Example:** *I am interested in student grades for DS100 but have student grades for all statistics classes.*
  - **Solution:** *Filtering → Implications on sample?*
    - *If the data is a sample I may have poor coverage after filtering …*
- Does my data cover the right time frame?
  - More on this in temporality …

To be continued …

In the next lecture