

□ There are different types of attributes

– Nominal

- ◆ Examples: ID numbers, eye color, zip codes

– Ordinal

- ◆ Examples: rankings (e.g., taste of potato chips on a scale from 1-10), grades, height {tall, medium, short}

– Interval

- ◆ Examples: calendar dates, temperatures in Celsius or Fahrenheit.

– Ratio

- ◆ Examples: temperature in Kelvin, length, time, counts

Properties of Attribute Values

- The type of an attribute depends on which of the following properties/operations it possesses:

- Distinctness: ✓ = ≠ ✓ → *Nominal*
- Order: ✓ < > ✓ → *Ordinal*
- Differences are meaningful: ✓ + ✓ → *Interval*
- Ratios are meaningful: ✓ * / ✓ → *Ratio Attribute*
- Nominal attribute: distinctness
- Ordinal attribute: distinctness & order
- Interval attribute: distinctness, order & meaningful differences
- Ratio attribute: all 4 properties/operations

	Attribute Type			
	Attribute Type	Description	Examples	Operations
Categorical Qualitative	Nominal	Nominal attribute values only distinguish. ($=$, \neq)	zip codes, employee ID numbers, eye color, sex: { <i>male</i> , <i>female</i> }	mode, entropy, contingency correlation, χ^2 test
	Ordinal	Ordinal attribute values also order objects. ($<$, $>$)	hardness of minerals, { <i>good</i> , <i>better</i> , <i>best</i> }, grades, street numbers	median, percentiles, rank correlation, run tests, sign tests
Numeric Quantitative	Interval	For interval attributes, differences between values are meaningful. ($+$, $-$)	calendar dates, temperature in Celsius or Fahrenheit	mean, standard deviation, Pearson's correlation, t and F tests
	Ratio	For ratio variables, both differences and ratios are meaningful. ($*$, $/$)	temperature in Kelvin, monetary quantities, counts, age, mass, length, current	geometric mean, harmonic mean, percent variation

This categorization of attributes is due to S. S. Stevens

Discrete and Continuous Attributes

□ Discrete Attribute ✓

- Has only a finite or countably infinite set of values
- Examples: zip codes, counts, or the set of words in a collection of documents
- Often represented as integer variables.
- Note: **binary attributes** are a special case of discrete attributes

□ Continuous Attribute ✓

- Has real numbers as attribute values
- Examples: temperature, height, or weight.
- Practically, real values can only be measured and represented using a finite number of digits.
- Continuous attributes are typically represented as floating-point variables.

Asymmetric Attributes

- Only presence (a non-zero attribute value) is regarded as important
 - Words present in documents
 - Items present in customer transactions
- If we met a friend in the grocery store would we ever say the following? *We don't care about the attributes not in consideration*
"I see our purchases are very similar since we didn't buy most of the same things." *Eg: we don't care about stuff not present, we don't even regard them as attributes*
- We need two asymmetric binary attributes to represent one ordinary binary attribute
 - Association analysis uses asymmetric attributes
- Asymmetric attributes typically arise from objects that are sets

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Symmetric: Present? Yes or No (we also need to know if not present)

Asymmetric attributes: Only if they are present. absence is not noted

Record Data

Types of data sets

- Record ✓
 - Data Matrix
 - Document Data
 - Transaction Data
- Graph
- World Wide Web
- Molecular Structures
- Ordered
- Spatial Data
- Temporal Data
- Sequential Data
- Genetic Sequence Data

Data Matrix

- If data objects have the same fixed set of numeric attributes, then the data objects can be thought of as points in a multi-dimensional space, where each dimension represents a distinct attribute
- Such data set can be represented by an m by n matrix, where there are m rows, one for each object, and n columns, one for each attribute *S*

Projection of x Load	Projection of y load	Distance	Load	Thickness
10.23	5.27	15.22	2.7	1.2
12.65	6.25	16.22	2.2	1.1

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Record Data

- Data that consists of a collection of records, each of which consists of a fixed set of attributes

Tid	Refund	Marital Status	Taxable Income	Cheat
1	Yes	Single	125K	No
2	No	Married	100K	No
3	No	Single	70K	No
4	Yes	Married	120K	No
5	No	Divorced	95K	Yes
6	No	Married	60K	No
7	Yes	Divorced	220K	No
8	No	Single	85K	Yes
9	No	Married	75K	No
10	No	Single	90K	Yes

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Document Data

- Each document becomes a 'term' vector
 - Each term is a component (attribute) of the vector
 - The value of each component is the number of times the corresponding term occurs in the document.

	team	coach	play	ball	score	game	win	lost	timeout	season
Document 1	3	0	5	0	2	6	0	2	0	2
Document 2	0	7	0	2	1	0	0	3	0	0
Document 3	0	1	0	0	1	2	2	0	3	0

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- A special type of record data, where

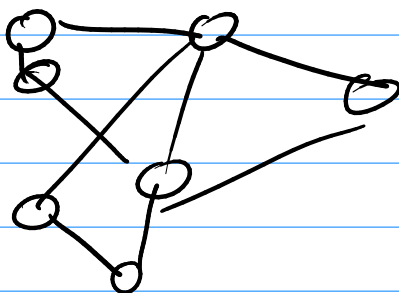
- Each record (transaction) involves a set of items.
- For example, consider a grocery store. The set of products purchased by a customer during one shopping trip constitute a transaction, while the individual products that were purchased are the items.

TID	Items
1	Bread, Coke, Milk
2	Beer, Bread
3	Beer, Coke, Diaper, Milk
4	Beer, Bread, Diaper, Milk
5	Coke, Diaper, Milk

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graphs → molecular structures
generic graphs etc

What kind of common structures
do these compounds have that
make them have some properties

Ordered data

↳ Genomic Sequence data
Spatio-temporal data

Data Quality

- Poor data quality negatively affects many data processing efforts

"The most important point is that poor data quality is an unfolding disaster.

- Poor data quality costs the typical company at least ten percent (10%) of revenue; twenty percent (20%) is probably a better estimate."

Thomas C. Redman, DM Review, August 2004

- Data mining example: a classification model for detecting people who are loan risks is built using poor data
 - Some credit-worthy candidates are denied loans
 - More loans are given to individuals that default

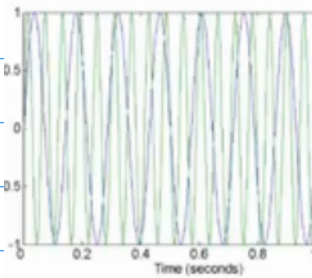
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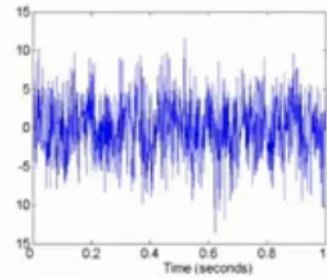
Noise

- For objects, noise is an extraneous object
- For attributes, noise refers to modification of original values
 - Examples: distortion of a person's voice when talking on a poor phone and "snow" on television screen



Two Sine Waves

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Two Sine Waves + Noise

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Data Quality ...

- What kinds of data quality problems?
- How can we detect problems with the data?
- What can we do about these problems?

- Examples of data quality problems:

- Noise and outliers ✓
- Missing values ✓
- Duplicate data ✓
- Wrong data ✓

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