

Data Preparation For Data Science Process



Date Science vs Cooking





Data Environment

- Data Science Process
- Data Source
- Data File Format
- Data Types
- Data Quality

Data Preparation

- Data Cleansing
- Regex
- Missing Data Handling
- Outlier
- Data Transformation
- Demo

Web Data Processing

- HTML Page Structure
- Regular expressions to extract data
- Beautiful soup to extract data
- Demo



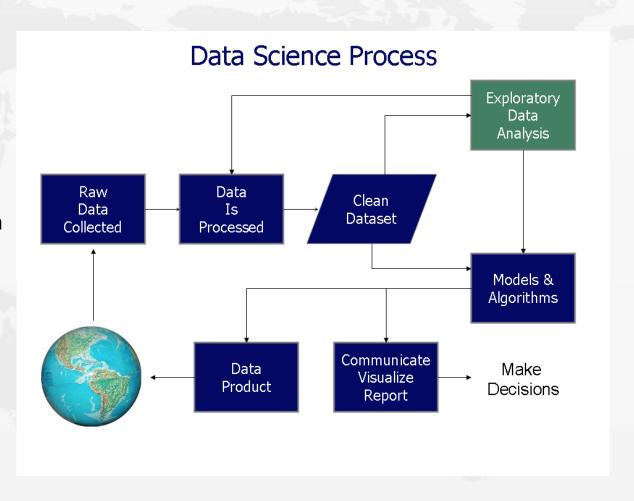
Data Environment

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Introduction: Data Science Process

- 1. Problem Statement
- 2. Data Collection & Storage
- 3. Data Preparation
 - 1) Access Data
 - 2) Clean Data
 - 3) Transform Data
- 4. Exploratory Data Analysis & Visualization
- 5. Modeling
- 6. Presentation or Productization





Data Source: Business View

- Application Generated
 - Internal Application
 - Client-Facing Application
 - Third Party Application: Salesforce/Google Marketing Platform
- Client Provided
 - Sales
 - Accounting/Finance
- Third Party Purchased
 - Marketing Research Company
 - Moody's/Credit Reporting Agency
- Public Data
 - Census Data
 - Twitter
 - Sports
- Manually Collected
 - Survey
 - Campaign



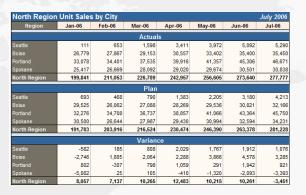
Data Source: Technical View

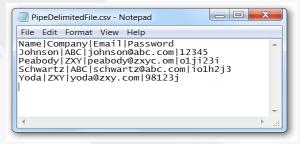
- Data File
 - Spreadsheet/Excel
 - Text file
 - Delimited: csv/tsv
 - Fixed Length
- Database/Data Warehouse
 - RDBMS: SqlServer/Oracle/MySql/Postgres
 - NoSQL DB: MangoDB/Amazon DynamoDB
 - Data Warehouse: Teradata/Amazon Redshift/Snowflake
- HDFS/Spark
 - Parquet
- Cloud/AWS
 - S3
- Other
 - Semi-Structured: Json/XML, html
 - Unstructured: image/text/voice/video



Data File: Structured Data

- Excel:
 - Most common; most problematic
 - Problem: double header, merged cells, color, date
- Delimited format
 - Most common; most preferred
 - Common delimited (csv); tab delimited(tsv); "|" delimited
 - Problem: delimiter in data field. E.g. Los Angles, CA
 - Problem: encoding
- Fixed length
 - Each column length is fixed
 - Problem: Oversized column







Data File: Semi - structured

JSON: JAVASCRIPT OBJECT NOTATION

```
{
  "firstName": "Sally",
  "birthDate": "1971-09-16",
  "faveColor": "light\"Carolina\" blue",
  "pet":
  [
      {
        "type": "dog",
        "name": "Fido"
```

```
},
{
    "type": "dog",
    "name": "Lucky"
}

],
"job": {
    "jobTitle": "Data Scientist",
    "company": "Data Wizards, Inc.",
    "salary":129000
}
```

XML: EXTENSIBLE MARKUP LANGUAGE

```
<?xml version="1.0" standalone="no"?>
<GridView>
    <rowheader>
        <colheader text="FirstName" width="80" />
        <colheader text="LastName" width="80" />
        <colheader text="Company" width="120" />
        <colheader text="E-mail" width="160" />
    </rowheader>
    <row>
        <col text=" " backcolor="-1" forecolor="-16777216" />
        <col text=" " backcolor="-1" forecolor="-16777216" />
        <col text=" " backcolor="-1" forecolor="-16777216" />
        <col text=" " backcolor="-1" forecolor="-16777216" />
    </row>
    <row>
        <col text="John" backcolor="-1" forecolor="-16777216" />
        <col text="Doe" backcolor="-1" forecolor="-16777216" />
        <col text="Microsoft" backcolor="-7722014" forecolor="-32944" />
        <col text="joe@aol.com" backcolor="-1" forecolor="-16777216" />
    </row>
```



Web Data: HTML - Unstructured





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data scientist jobs in Los Angeles, CA

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Data Scientist

The Honest Company - Los Angeles, CA

Desired Experience: Hive, Machine Learning, R, C/C++, MATLAB, Data Mining, Scala, Weka, Java, Spark, Python 1 day ago

Data Scientist

Fuel Cycle - Los Angeles, CA \$120,000 - \$160,000 a year

Desired Experience: Machine Learning, R, MySQL, AI, Data Mining, Sas, Java, Data Science, Python

30+ days ago

Data Scientist/Quantitative Analyst

Magid - Los Angeles, CA

Desired Experience: Machine Learning, R, Git

B days ago

Data Scientist

Kaiser Permanente - Pasadena, CA

20 days ago

L.A. Care Health Plan - Los Angeles, CA 90017

Desired Experience: Machine Learning, R, Sas, Tableau, Spark, Data Science, Python

11 days ago

Senior Data Scientist

Ticketmaster - Hollywood, CA 90028

Desired Experience: Machine Learning, C/C++, Hadoop, HBase, Java, Spark, Python

15 hours ago

```
html PUBLIC "-//WAPFORUM//DTD XHTML Mobile 1.0//EN" "http://www.wapforum.org/DTD/xhtml-mobile10.dtd">
     xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml">
     e>Data Scientist Jobs, Employment in Los Angeles, CA | Indeed Mobile</title>
     name="description" content="555 Data Scientist Jobs available in Los Angeles, CA on Indeed.com. one search. all jobs.">
      http-equiv="content-type" content="text/html; charset=utf-8" />
     a name="referrer" content="origin">
     < rel="next" href="jobs?q=data+scientist&l=Los+Angeles%2C+CA&start=10&pp=AAoAAAFesdLhCAAAAAEdI4JuAQACnhKpqjRrCB4PDNNsJljfj2tIIH6kng">
     k rel="canonical" href="/q-Data-Scientist-l-Los-Angeles,-CA-jobs.html"/>
<link rel="alternate" href="android-app://com.indeed.android.jobsearch/https/www.indeed.com/m/jobs?l=Los+Angeles%2C+CA&q=data+scientist">
<style type="text/css"><!--
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<div><a href="/m/"><img src="/m/_xhtmlmp/images/indeed_r.gif" height="26" width="99" alt="Indeed Mobile Job Search"/>/a></div>
<h1 class="serpHeading">data scientist jobs in Los Angeles, CA</h1>
>Jobs 1-10 of 555:
<b>All - <a rel="nofollow" href="/m/jobs?q=data+scientist&l=Los+Angeles%2C+CA&from=newbtn&fromage=last">New</a>
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new jobs</a>
</0>
<h2 class="jobTitle"><a rel="nofollow" href="viewjob?jk=46caf455b09ff764">Data Scientist</a></h2><br/><br/>
The Honest Company - <span class="location">Los Angeles, CA</span><br/>
<style type="text/css"><!--
.experienceHeader{color:#666}
.experienceList{color:#000}
.experience{margin-top: 4px; margin-bottom: 5px}
<div class="experience">
     n class="experienceHeader">Desired Experience: </span><span class="experienceList">Hive, Machine Learning, R, C/C++, MATLAB, Data Mining, Scala,
Weka, Java, Spark, Python</span><br>
</div>
    an class="date">1 day ago</span>
<h2 class="jobTitle"><a rel="nofollow" href="viewjob?jk=7b8f1e2c8b577bf6">Data Scientist</a></h2><br/><br/>><br/>
Fuel Cycle - <span class="location">Los Angeles, CA</span><br/>
     class="salary">$120,000 - $160,000 a year</span><br/><style type="text/css"><!--
```





```
import MySQLdb

# Open database connection
db = MySQLdb.connect("localhost","testuser","test123","TESTDB" )

# prepare a cursor object using cursor() method
cursor = db.cursor()

# execute SQL query using execute() method.
cursor.execute("SELECT VERSION()")

# Fetch a single row using fetchone() method.
data = cursor.fetchone()

print "Database version : %s " % data

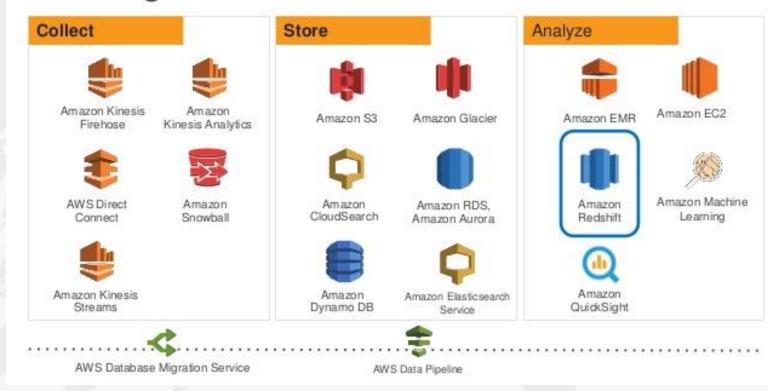
# disconnect from server
db.close()
```



Data Source: HDFS & Cloud

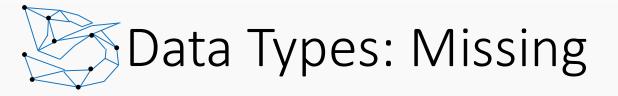
- HDFS
 - Text file and table
 - MapReduce vs Spark
- Cloud Storage and Computing
 - AWS
 - Microsoft Azure
 - Google Could Platform

AWS Big Data Portfolio





- Numeric
 - Discrete: Count; Rating; Grade
 - Continuous: Revenue; Distance; Home Value
 - Watch out: data range! E.g. FICO
- Binary (Dummy)
 - Special case of numeric
 - E.g.: IsMale; HasCar; Pass/Fail
- Categorical
 - Usually contains characters: Gender, Product, Geo, etc.
 - Can be consist of pure numbers: SSN, Zipcode, Phone Number
 - Watch out: Valid Values
- Dates and Time
 - Date, Time, Datetime, Timestamp
 - Watch out: Time Zone!
 - UTC = Coordinated Universal Time = GMT = Greenwich Mean Time
- Missing



Null

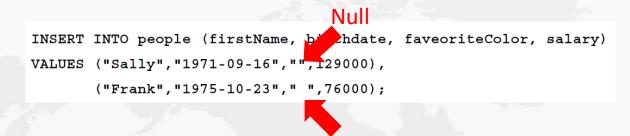
Absence of everything; missing; empty

Blank

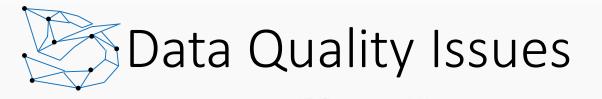
- "" or " or any invisible characters
- Can mean missing
- Can mean "N/A"

N/A

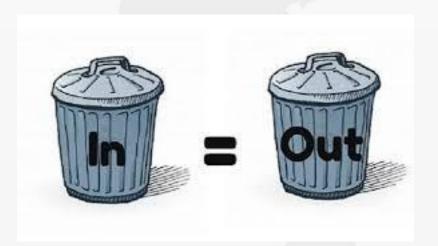
- Can mean "not available": e.g. Age
- Can mean "not applicable": e.g. Middle Name
- Can mean "no answer": e.g. Customer Satisfaction Rating on a Questionnaire



Blank



- Incorrect/Invalid Entry
 - age = 203; gender = 'X'; price = -100; weekday=8
- Missing Data
 - N/A; Null; " "; Unknown
- Unstructured Data
 - merged cell; double header; html
- Conflicting Data
 - click =1000; Impression = 200
- Duplicates
 - double loading; double counting
- Outlier
 - House Price > \$1B; Annual Income < \$500





Data Preparation Best Practice

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- Data Access
- Data Cleansing
- Handle Missing Data
- Identity Outlier
- Transform Data
 - One hot encoding: categorical to numerical
 - Normalization/Standardization
 - Log transformation

Data Quality Check
Data Visualization

Data Cleansing: Techniques

- Integrate: integrate various data sources; integrate multiple columns
 - Merge sales units, sales revenue, price into one dataset
 - Combine year, month and date
- Conform: Conform the inconsistent values.
 - Na, n/a => missing
 - Los Angeles, L.A. => LA
- **Filter**: Filter out the columns and rows not needed for modeling
- **Group**: Group many categorical values into a few buckets
- Aggregate: Aggregate/Disaggregate date to the desired dimensions
- **Derive**: Extract or calculate new metrics based on existing metrics.
 - Price =Revenue/Units
 - Extract seasonality from sales
 - Regex

Data Cleansing: Regex 101

•	a single character of: a, b or c	[abc]	•	capture everything enclosed	()
•	a character except: a, b or c	[^abc]	3 / m 1	match either a or b	(a b)
•	a character in the range: a-z	[a-z]		zero or one of a	a?
•	a character not in the range: a-z	[^a-z]			
•	a character in the range: a-z or A-Z	[a-zA-Z]	•	zero or more of a	a*
•	any single character		•	one or more of a	a+
•	any whitespace character	\s	•	exactly 3 of a	a{3}
•	any non-whitespace character	\s	•	3 or more of a	a{3,}
•	any digit	/d	•	between 3 and 6 of a	a{3,6}
•	any non-digit	\ D			\ \
•	any word character	\w	•	start of string	٨
•	any non-word character	\w	•	end of string	\$

https://regex101.com

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Data Cleansing: Useful Regex

Extract

- Extract url from html: DataAppLab
- Regex = /href="([^"]*)/, Replace = \$1
- Replace
 - Reverse last name and first name: San, Zhang => Zhang San
 - Regex=/([a-zA-Z]+),\s*([a-zA-Z]+)/, Replace = \$2 \$1
- Match/Validation
 - Validate a valid email
 - Regex =/ $([a-z0-9].-]+)@([\da-z\.-]+)\.([a-z\.]{2,6})$/i$



Missing completely at random: MCAR

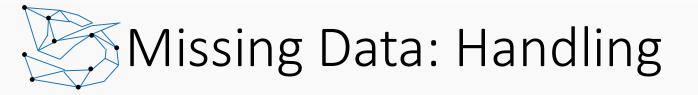
- Roll a dice
- Lottery number

Not missing at random: NMAR

- missing values are systematic
- Income: higher income is less likely to respond
- Weight: higher weight is less likely to respond
- Smoking

Missing at random: MAR

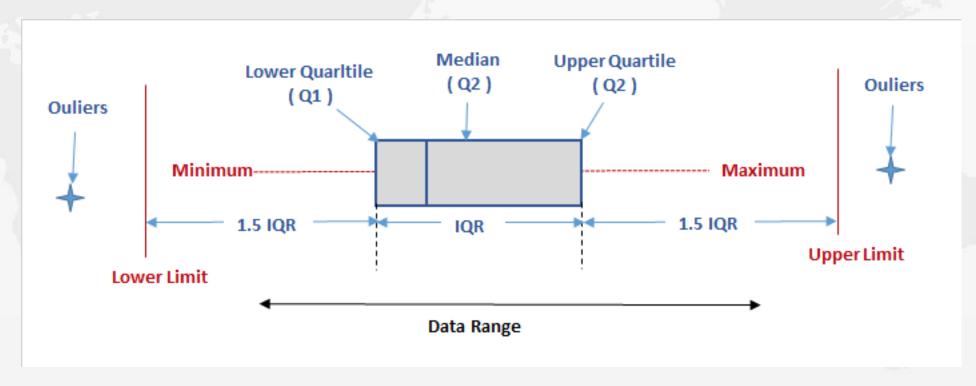
- Most Common
- Missing values can somewhat be predicted by known info
- Know height, missing weight
- Know # of rooms, missing sqrt



- Impute from other attributes
 - Impute weight from height
- Impute from other observations
 - Majority vote (categorical)
 - Mean of same/similar group (numerical)
 - Carry last value (time series)
 - Linear fill (time series)
 - Carry same trend (time series)
- "Missing" Category: not missing at random
- Dummy Variable—indicator of missing
- Remove row or column



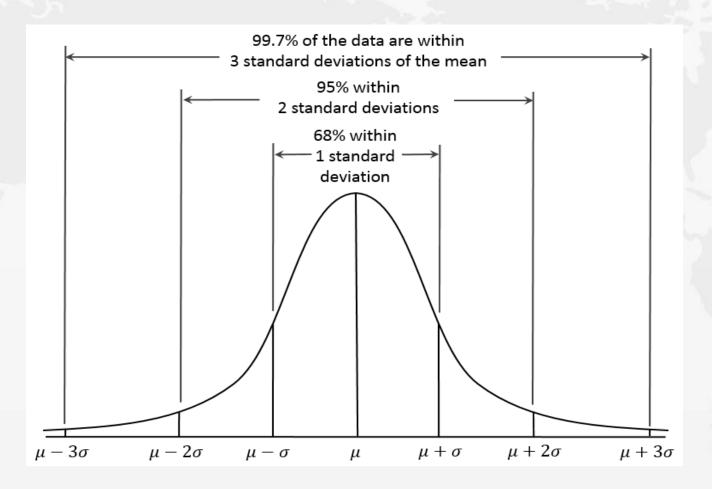
- Check the frequency distribution of the data
- Box-plot: An outlier is a point of data that lies over 1.5 IQRs(interquartile range) below the first quartile (Q1) or above third quartile (Q3) in a given data set.

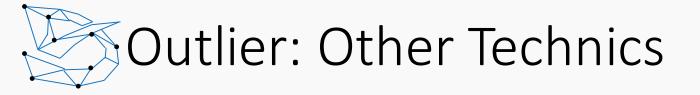




Outlier: Normal Distribution

• Outlier: 2 or 3 STD from mean





- Univariable Outlier:
 - Median Absolute Deviation
- Multivariate Outlier
 - Mahalanobis Distance



Data Transformation: Normalization vs Standardization

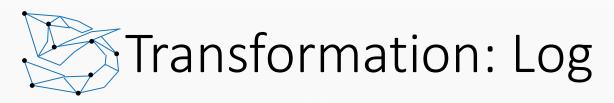
	Normalization	Standardization	
Formula	$x_{new} = \frac{x - x_{min}}{x_{max} - x_{min}}$	$x_{new} = \frac{x - \mu}{\sigma}$	
Pro	Bounded (0,1)Apply to all distribution	 Works well for normal distribution 	
Con	Make outliers "normal"	UnboundedOnly works well for normal distribution	

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Transformation: When to Normalize

- Linear Model
 - Recommended
 - Doesn't change model accuracy
 - Easier to compare coefficient: larger coefficient, larger impact
 - Intercept well interpreted: the expected value of Yi when the predictors are set to their means
 - Avoid coefficient like 10^-9 when one variable has a very large scale
 - Cons: More difficult to interpret the model in terms of on unit change in Xi
- Tree Model
 - Not necessary as the scale is irrelevant
- Logistic Regression
 - Typically not needed
- SVM
 - Recommended
 - Help with faster converge



Linear Model; Skewed Data

Log Predictor

$$y = e^{ax} + b$$
 $\xrightarrow{\log x \text{ item}} y = ax' + b$

Log Outcome

$$y = ln (ax + b)$$
 $\xrightarrow{\log y \text{ item}} y' = ax + b$

Log both equation

$$y = e^c * x_1^a * x_2^b \xrightarrow{\text{log both sides}} \ln y = c + ax_1 + bx_2$$



Use Python to clean Airbnb listings data (from file)



Web Data Preparation

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Web data raw format: HTML

Understanding the HTML Page Structure

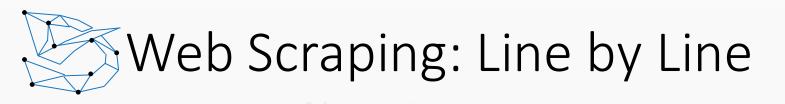
HTML can be parsed in two ways:

- The line-by-line delimiter model
- The tree structure model

```
<div id="content">
<h2>Sep 13, 2014</h2>
<a href="/2014/sep/14/"> next day</a> Sep 13, 2014 <a href="/2014/sep/12/">previous day →</a>

 a href="#1574618"
    name="1574618"> #</a> <span style="color:#b78a0f;8"
    class="username" rel="petisnnake"> &lt;petisnnake&gt;</span> i didnt know that 
...

...
```



The line-by-line delimiter model

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```

- <h2></h2> tags as delimiters to extract the date
- tags as delimiters to extract text
- Rel="" as delimiters to extract user name
- From the end of to the beginning of
 is the actual line message

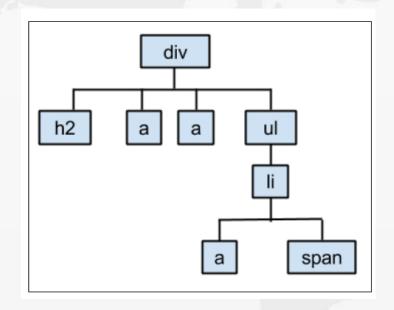
Extract date by Regex: <h2>(.+)<\/h2>
Extract message by Regex : <\/span>(.+)<\/li>

</div>

The tree structure model: we can consider the structure of HTML as a tree structure

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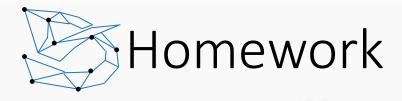


Extract date by beautifulSoup: div.h2.text Extract message by beautifulSoup: div.ul.li.text

</div>



 Use Python Beautifulsoup to collect and clean job listing data from indeed.com



- Got to indeed.com and scrape first 50(or how many you want) pages of data scientist jobs (without limiting the location) and analyze on below questions:
 - What's the distribution of data scientists' salary
 - What's the geographic distribution of the jobs
 - What are the top 10 skills required for data scientist jobs: NLTK



Q&A

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