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Data Wrangling

Introduction to Data Science Algorithms

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Administrivia

- Course Staff: Apoorva / Pedro
- Moodle self-enrollment now working
- Questions?

Big Picture

- Data are messy (this isn't so messy!)
- The first step to doing anything cool is using data
- Need to use common sense and brute force often
- You'll see more in first homework (up tomorrow, due Sept. 8)

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- Today: pure Python (easier with Pandas), will help expose level of Python you'll need

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- Periods instead of commas (vice versa)
- Odd New York parties
- Semi-colon delimiters
- Includes totals

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                  for x in votes if x["TOTAL VOTES #"])
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for ss in set(x["STATE"] for x in votes):
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margins = {}
for ss in set(x["STATE"] for x in votes
              if x["STATE"] != "District of Columbia"):
    margins[ss] = winner(votes, ss)[2] - \
        second(votes, ss)[2]
num_margin = argmax(margins)
print("Largest percentage margin %f in %s" %
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Summary

- Data are messy
- Easier with formatted data (e.g., csv)
- Need basic data structures
- Check whether answers are reasonable

Next Time ...

- Lecture: make sure to do reading
- Probability foundations (if you found today boring ...)
- Math needed for the course (quiz likely)