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# Abstract

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# Chapter 1

## Introduction

Technological advancement being observed in the past years fundamentally changed the relevance of data in today's digitalized world. Information became an innovation stimulus in the area of research and development. The quantity of data that organizations produce, process, store and share is at a continuous growth. An enormous amount of 1.8 zettabytes ( $1.8 \cdot 10^{21}$  bytes) of new data was produced only in the 2011, and every two consecutive years this number is doubling [27]. After decades of observed technological advancement and innovation, the global internet traffic finally entered the zettabyte-era, as it had reached a magnitude of one zettabyte in 2016, and in the calendar month being as early as September [5].

The vast quantities of processed information allowed for brand new research fields such as data science or big data analytics to form, which are used by organizations to derive new insights in a way that was previously impossible. Organizations collect and process the data to enhance the services they provide to the customers through statistical analysis or newly developed computer science processes including data mining and machine learning. The utility of delivered services is increased at a lower cost and improved efficiency through the insights extracted from the collected information about how the services are consumed [1].

Następne do zrobienia, w uproszczeniu i w podanej kolejności:

- Jak widać, dane są używane wszędzie. Przeciętna osoba sobie nawet nie zdaje sprawy.
- Istota prywatności danych, ochrona danych osobowych.

- Prawo wolno reaguje na uregulowanie ochrony danych osobowych: GDPR dopiero w 2018. Prawo różnie działa w różnych krajach.
- W czasach narastających danych, dane muszą być zanonimizowane, bo...
- ...ale:

It is not possible to predetermine – in a general fashion and without an extra context – the data masking techniques that need to be combined together in order to achieve an actual anonymisation of the previously identifiable information. Instead, a context consisting of:

- exact representation form of the data being processed (*What is the data?*)
- data processors who use the data (*Who will use the data?*)
- processing purpose, e.g. research objective (*How will the data be used?*)

is always required when considering an effective way to anonymise data under that context [13].

Wniosek: generyczny sposób anonimizacji - nie ma takiego.

- Mogą istnieć dobre algorytmy anonimizacji, ale są optymalne jedynie w określonych kontekstach
- **Cel pracy:** stworzenie generycznego rozwiązania do anonimizacji baz danych w dowolnej formie danych (nieważne co dane reprezentują).
- Kontroler danych zna swoje dane i sam dostosowuje optymalny sposób anonimizacji.
- Rozwiązanie może być dostarczone jako free-access (research), B2C lub nawet B2B.
- Zakres pracy, opis rozdziałów - na samym końcu, po zrobieniu innych rozdziałów.

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- introduction into the problem domain
- settling of the problem in the domain
- objective of the thesis
- scope of the thesis

- short description of chapters
- clear description of contribution of the thesis's author – in case of more authors table with enumeration of contribution of authors



# Chapter 2

## Problem analysis

### 2.1 Data explosion

#### 2.1.1 Technology advancement

The continuous and rapid exponential growth of data being collected globally is further excited by improvements to the overall population's accessibility to the digital technology [2]. Cisco Systems estimates within its annual report [4] that 66 percent of the world population will have an access to the web by the 2023, compared to 51 percent in 2018, whereas the number of devices that are connected to the web will reach a staggering value of three times as many as the entire population size – demonstrating a total of 60 percent expansion when compared to 2018. Even the area of mobile connection, which was established long ago, is still sustaining a growth – by 2023, a mobile connectivity will be a privilege for 70 percent of the world's population, compared to 66 percent in 2018. The global average mobile network speeds will be tripled through a rapid increase from 13.2 Mbps in 2018 to 43.9 Mbps in 2023.

#### 2.1.2 Data analytics

Raw representation form of the data is not interpretable until it is put under a context and processed into practical information. Acquiring relevant insights and conclusions from the information can be achieved through a wide term of analytics,

which encompasses the actions needed to be performed to produce new information, including: analysis, filtering, processing, grouping and contextualizing the information. Newly discovered knowledge is inferred from the produced information. Apart from the processes, analytics also includes the technologies, methodologies and algorithms to use and could be divided into descriptive analytics, diagnostic analytics, prescriptive analytics and predictive analytics [2].

### 2.1.3 Big data

Big data analytics deals with the difficulties of managing the observed exponentially increasing collected volumes of data. Its purpose is not only to handle the processing and analysis of the data through specialized software tools and frameworks, but also to handle the means on how this enormous amount of data is collected and stored in the first place. It is in its nature that big data is all about massive volumes of information that require specialized hardware infrastructure to store it [2].

Services of enterprise organizations are running on all the collected data which can take various forms such as database entries, metrics, logs or outgoing messages. New data streaming technologies working at a large scale needed to be engineered to handle the continuous flow of data between systems and databases. An example of such technology includes Apache Kafka which generates even more than a trillion of messages per day for individual large enterprise organizations taking advantage of it [15][19].

This only proves that big data deals not only with massive volumes - it has also to deal with the high velocities of data generation, which is yet another characteristic of data [2]. According to DOMO report published back in 2020, 90% of world's data was generated just in the preceding two years, and on average every person in the world created 1.7 megabytes of data per second - which yields 2.5 quintillion ( $2.5 \cdot 10^{18}$ ) bytes of new data each day [12].

The momentum of the immense big data interest growth among organizations is not fading away yet, as more and more new businesses and researches are drawn to this subject. The benefits of big data especially concern scientific organizations and large enterprises of which financial domain and IT industry are the common

consumers [14]. The organizations find the interest in information analytics for remarkably diversified reasons. It is recognized as a field that will entirely alter all parts of civilization such as businesses or society as a whole [17].

## **Applications**

Various types of organizations collect data to take advantage from the insights derived out of the data. The big data analytics applications' impact can be observed already today in a broad spectrum of domains.

Leading technology companies, such as Google and Facebook, to name a few, sell anonymised collected user data access to their partner advertisers [17]. This is legally possible as the information that was anonymised, i.e. deidentified in a way that it is no longer bound to an individual, may flow from a system to a system.

Large Hadron Collider (LHC) located in CERN, being the largest physical experiment, annually produce approximately 30 petabytes of data. LHC takes an advantage of light sensors that monitor the collisions of hundreds of millions of particles accelerated nearly to the speed of light. The collisions create enormous amount of data to be processed by computer algorithms in the hope of discovering new particles, e.g. a Nobel prize awarding discovery of Higgs boson had taken place in 2012 [3].

Enterprise stores such as Amazon or SAP Commerce Cloud collect the information regarding the way of how the visitors browse and interact with these stores. Collected information may involve the behavioral data related to customer engagement, such as the pages we visit, event clicks, or the way we scroll the page. The insights derived from the collected information enable making future improvements of these services - for example by improving the digital marketing or performance improvements based on the metrics [16]. The customer experience is also improved as based on the collected data the advertisements or item recommendations can be tailored to the specific user's preferences. The recommendation engine may also attempt to match your profile data to people of similar profile to provide better recommendations. Services attempt to analyze the behavioural patterns such as time of day we browse the store or what circumstances caused our last visit to finish. Even the details such as the exact neighbourhood location we live in, com-

bined with its estimated wealth, organizations may attempt to guess our potential income level [17]. These data analytics are performed to improve the possibility of customer buying yet another item.

## 2.2 Data privacy

The privacy endangerment is inherent to big data and it is its major drawback. Our personal data we continuously give away to third parties is the big data fuel.

As the technology evolves, concerns relating to the privacy of our personal information should also grow – and for a relevant reason. We tend not to give a second thought to whom the data is shared, how it may be used and in what kind of circumstances. We don't wonder how our own data may be exploited to alter our thinking, decisions, or even ideas – whether in an ethical manner or not.

Although the use of our personal information existed ever since the very first census was created, data privacy is a relatively new concept, as it did not exist prior to the global adoption of the internet. Granted that our data was used by the researchers even before the digitalized era of the internet, the motives for that usage were not commercial [21]. Nowadays, the data has most certainly become an asset – a resource like any others, and a rather precious one.

It is argued that the data privacy should be centered only around the data usages that have the potential to be a privacy breach. On the other hand, it is argued that merely a collection of the data is already a privacy harm. The information that was collected is endangered by many threats, including data misuse, data breach, data leak or even authorities accesses without legal obligations. Anonymisation is the best method to mitigate conflicts raised by big data with respect to data privacy and data protection [22].

Luckily the law had finally caught up to the circumstances of the increasing data usages and the associated risks. New European regulations were adopted in 2018 in the form of General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) to protect our data privacy in a refined fashion. The data subjects, i.e. the individuals represented by the data [1], now have a better control over their personal information – we are now entitled to know what information concerning us is being processed and for what purpose. We are also entitled to withdraw at any time the consent for



the processing of our data. In case of violations we have the right to complain to authorities and seek justice against both the data controllers, i.e. the entities that determine the intention and means of processing the personal information, and the data processors, i.e. the entities that process the personal information on behalf of the data controllers [28].

An overall awareness of the data privacy significance had improved in the society, and the means to achieve the data privacy through data protection had also improved as organizations needed to adopt to the new situation by applying enhanced measures to their protection of data – anonymisation and pseudonymisation being the notable examples of such measures.

### 2.2.1 Authorization to share data

Majority of data privacy regulations are based on a consent of an individual, i.e. it is lawful to process and use the information for secondary purposes only if an individual explicitly acknowledge their consent for that [29]. This may appear easier said than done due to the unobvious difficulties data controllers face when trying to obtain such a broad authorization consent that will take into account all possible secondary purpose usages.

Consider a patient entering medical facility for an ordinary appointment. The patient would likely find it unusual, disturbing or even shocking if upon his entrance to the facility he was to receive an overwhelming form that included dozens of independent consent authorization requests. The consents could give the impression of being seemingly unrelated to his visit in the first place, e.g. a consent to share the data with researchers of an university located on another continent. In the end that could destroy the data subject's trust – in this case patient's trust.

This theoretical scenario may not easily be implemented in the real world counterpart, as it could be even impossible to know or predict all possible secondary purpose usages in the first place, and consent based authorization is all about knowing the usages.

Consider a newly discovered purpose to process personal information of an already existing database. Getting a consent after the data had already been collected, i.e. backwards in time, would be impossible to accomplish as the data con-

troller would need to contact potentially hundreds of thousands of people for their explicit consent. New purpose can be discovered years after the data collection.

Having that in mind, no consent is required when processing the data that is already anonymised. A data that was stripped from personal identifying or identifiable information data can be used in any way and can be shared with third parties without previously agreed consent. Data controllers now face a realistic to solve problem of information anonymisation rather than an unrealistic problem of consents collection [13].

It is worth mentioning that there exists cases which are defined under Article 6 of General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) [8] when consent is not required to process the data, e.g. if the processing is required to defend the data subject's interests or in order not to break the compliance with legal obligations as a data controller. GDPR is a new European law that replaces the preceeding Data Protection Directive regulation adopted by European Community in 1995 [29].

### 2.2.2 General Data Protection Regulation

One of the primary objectives of GDPR is personal data privacy protection which is a fundamental right and freedom of people as defined under the Recital 1 of GDPR [9] and the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union [6]. Newly discovered challenges for the protection of personal data arise from the ongoing globalization and quick development of digital technologies. This in turn vastly had increased both the scope of the gathering of the data, and the sharing of thereof. General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) is a data protection law that came into force on May 25, 2018 to addresses these data privacy related issues in a strict manner[11].

Compliance with GDPR law is critical for organizations in the view of significant administrative fines they face. Violations of the data processor and data controller obligations defined in GPDR are subject to costly penalties that are imposed by European authorities. Non compliance with technical rules imply a penalty of 2 percent of the total annual turnover of the previous year, or €10 million, whichever one is higher, whereas non compliance with basic data protection principles imply an even higher penalty of 4 percent of the total annual

turnover of the previous year, or €20 million, whichever one is higher [7][18].

Implementation of this law had immediately increased the significance of data anonymisation as an information sanitization process in today's world [20]. Anonymisation being a specific form of data masking suddenly became more relevant in today's world for the reason that the strict regulations, and therefore administrative fines, defined in GDPR do not apply to the anonymised information. Data protection principles covered throughout GDPR concern only the processing of information that is already identified to a natural person, or that is identifiable to a natural person, i.e. an individual is yet to be identified. Given the fact that anonymised information is by definition not relating to a person, hence it can be completely exempted from falling under the GDPR requirements, which apply only to personal data, as stated under Recital 26 [10]:

The principles of data protection should apply to any information concerning an identified or identifiable natural person. [...] The principles of data protection should therefore not apply to anonymous information, namely information which does not relate to an identified or identifiable natural person or to personal data rendered anonymous in such a manner that the data subject is not or no longer identifiable. This Regulation does not therefore concern the processing of such anonymous information, including for statistical or research purposes.

GDPR distinguishes personal data, anonymised data and pseudonymised data as distinct variations of data. The information that had gone merely through pseudonymisation process would still fall under the regulations of GDPR, due to the existing relevant possibility of future re-identification of the data subject, whereas in case of the anonymised data, such re-identification is by definition either impossible or extremely impractical, and the anonymisation is irreversible by definition. Anonymised data is completely exempted from being governed by GDPR. Nevertheless, pseudonymisation is still one of many possibilities for the data controllers and data processors to be GDPR compliant [29]. The point of anonymisation in the context of GDPR is to be completely exempted from being governed by this regulation.

## 2.3 Data anonymisation

### 2.3.1 Background

Consider a collection of medical data concerning patients' clinical information. Processing and sharing of medical data volumes is crucial for the evolution of world's healthcare services. Medical researchers and doctors take an advantage of the collected data sets to improve their comprehension of diseases and explore new possibilities to treat these diseases, and hence both the overall capability to treat the diseases and the general efficiency of health services are improved. At last it is the patients who benefit from the research conducted on their data since the services they are offered with continuously improve. Nevertheless, it is known that medical data is exceptionally sensitive in its nature due to the details that include e.g. patient data, laboratory tests results, diagnosis details, prescribed medications and history of diseases [EMR].

Having understood how sensitive is the patient information and the vital needs to share this data, this is where data anonymisation plays an indeed crucial role. It would be impossible to disseminate patient information without prior anonymization of thereof.

### 2.3.2 Definition

The data anonymisation is considered to be an effective one only if both of the following criteries hold true:

- performed anonymisation operations are irreversible
- data subject re-identification is impossible or impractical [<https://gdpr.eu/data-anonymization-taxa-4x35/>].

### 2.3.3 Pseudonymisation

What is pseudonymization? How does it differ?

### 2.3.4 Deidentification

Nawet jeśli dane personall identifiable information PII są usunięte, to można połączyć osobę z pomocą istniejących nieusuniętych danych np. płeć oraz external informacjach np. social media. Komputery są coraz szybsze, źródeł danych coraz więcej - napastnikom coraz łatwiej.

Przykłady takich ataków (Netflix Prize, IMDB).

// todo Conclusion: Anonymisation = false sense of security! All the known examples of this type of identification are from the research world — no commercial or malicious uses have yet come to light — but they prove that anonymization is not an absolute protection.

Why you can't really anonymize the data:

<https://web.archive.org/web/20140109052803/http://strata.oreilly.com/2011/05/anonymize-data-limits.html>

## 2.4 Data masking techniques

Generalisation, suppression, etc.

## 2.5 Existing solutions

List of existing solutions.

- definicja anonimizacji
- rodzaje animonimizacji (od razu odnośniki do literatury (bibliografia))
- metody, narzędzia
- problem analysis
- state of the art, problem statement
- literature research (all sources in the thesis have to be referenced [24, 23, 25, 26])
- description of existing solutions (also scientific ones, if the problem is scientifically researched), algorithms, location of the thesis in the scientific domain

[state of the art dla aplikacji sieciowych]

# Chapter 3

## Requirements and tools

[Dlaczego aplikacja webowa?]

- functional and nonfunctional requirements
- use cases (UML diagrams)
- description of tools
- methodology of design and implementation





# Chapter 4

## External specification

- hardware and software requirements
- installation procedure
- activation procedure
- types of users
- user manual
- system administration
- security issues
- example of usage
- working scenarios (with screenshots or output files)



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Figure 4.1: Figure caption (below the figure).

# Chapter 5

## Internal specification

- concept of the system
- system architecture
- description of data structures (and data bases)
- components, modules, libraries, resume of important classes (if used)
- resume of important algorithms (if used)
- details of implementation of selected parts
- applied design patterns
- UML diagrams

Use special environment for inline code, eg **descriptor** or **descriptor\_gaussian**. Longer parts of code put in the figure environment, eg. code in Fig. 5.1. Very long listings—move to an appendix.

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```
1 class descriptor_gaussian : virtual public descriptor
2 {
3     protected:
4         /** core of the gaussian fuzzy set */
5         double _mean;
6         /** fuzzyfication of the gaussian fuzzy set */
7         double _stddev;
8
9     public:
10        /** @param mean core of the set
11                @param stddev standard deviation */
12        descriptor_gaussian (double mean, double stddev);
13        descriptor_gaussian (const descriptor_gaussian & w
14            );
15        virtual ~descriptor_gaussian();
16        virtual descriptor * clone () const;
17
18        /** The method elaborates membership to the
19                gaussian fuzzy set. */
20        virtual double getMembership (double x) const;
21    };
```

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Figure 5.1: The `descriptor_gaussian` class.

# Chapter 6

## Verification and validation

- testing paradigm (eg V model)
- test cases, testing scope (full / partial)
- detected and fixed bugs
- results of experiments (optional)



# Chapter 7

## Conclusions

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```
1 public class ColumnShuffleFacade extends AnonymisationFacade {
2
3     AnonymisationService<ColumnShuffle> anonymisationService = new
        ↳ ColumnShuffleService();
4
5     @Override
6     List<Pair<String, String>> getAnonymisedRows(ColumnOperations oper,
        ↳ List<Pair<String, String>> rows) {
7         ColumnShuffle columnShuffle = oper.getColumnShuffle();
8         if (columnShuffle == null) {
9             return null;
10        }
11        return anonymisationService.anonymise(rows, columnShuffle);
12    }
13
14    @Override
15    protected AnonymisationService<ColumnShuffle> getAnonymisationService() {
16        return anonymisationService;
17    }
18 }
```

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Figure 7.1: Java code gets easily verbose.

- achieved results with regard to objectives of the thesis and requirements
- path of further development (eg functional extension ...)
- encountered difficulties and problems

Table 7.1: A caption of a table is **above** it.

$\zeta$	method						
	alg. 1	alg. 2	alg. 3			alg. 4, $\gamma = 2$	
			$\alpha = 1.5$	$\alpha = 2$	$\alpha = 3$	$\beta = 0.1$	$\beta = -0.1$
0	8.3250	1.45305	7.5791	14.8517	20.0028	1.16396	1.1365
5	0.6111	2.27126	6.9952	13.8560	18.6064	1.18659	1.1630
10	11.6126	2.69218	6.2520	12.5202	16.8278	1.23180	1.2045
15	0.5665	2.95046	5.7753	11.4588	15.4837	1.25131	1.2614
20	15.8728	3.07225	5.3071	10.3935	13.8738	1.25307	1.2217
25	0.9791	3.19034	5.4575	9.9533	13.0721	1.27104	1.2640
30	2.0228	3.27474	5.7461	9.7164	12.2637	1.33404	1.3209
35	13.4210	3.36086	6.6735	10.0442	12.0270	1.35385	1.3059
40	13.2226	3.36420	7.7248	10.4495	12.0379	1.34919	1.2768
45	12.8445	3.47436	8.5539	10.8552	12.2773	1.42303	1.4362
50	12.9245	3.58228	9.2702	11.2183	12.3990	1.40922	1.3724



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# Appendices



# Index of abbreviations and symbols

DNA deoxyribonucleic acid

MVC model–view–controller

$N$  cardinality of data set

$\mu$  membership function of a fuzzy set

$\mathbb{E}$  set of edges of a graph

$\mathcal{L}$  Laplace transformation





# Listings

(Put long listings in the appendix.)

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```
1 partition fcm_possibilistic::doPartition
2                                     (const dataset & ds)
3 {
4     try
5     {
6         if (_nClusters < 1)
7             throw std::string ("unknown_number_of_clusters"
8                               );
9         if (_nIterations < 1 and _epsilon < 0)
10            throw std::string ("You_should_set_a_maximal_
11                               number_of_iteration_or_minimal_difference_--
12                               _epsilon.");
13         if (_nIterations > 0 and _epsilon > 0)
14            throw std::string ("Both_number_of_iterations_
15                               and_minimal_epsilon_set_--_you_should_set_
16                               either_number_of_iterations_or_minimal_
17                               epsilon.");
18
19         auto mX = ds.getMatrix();
20         std::size_t nAttr = ds.getNumberOfAttributes();
21         std::size_t nX    = ds.getNumberOfData();
22         std::vector<std::vector<double>> mV;
23         mU = std::vector<std::vector<double>> (_nClusters)
```

```

    ;
18   for (auto & u : mU)
19       u = std::vector<double> (nX);
20   randomise(mU);
21   normaliseByColumns(mU);
22   calculateEtas(_nClusters, nX, ds);
23   if (_nIterations > 0)
24   {
25       for (int iter = 0; iter < _nIterations; iter++)
26       {
27           mV = calculateClusterCentres(mU, mX);
28           mU = modifyPartitionMatrix (mV, mX);
29       }
30   }
31   else if (_epsilon > 0)
32   {
33       double frob;
34       do
35       {
36           mV = calculateClusterCentres(mU, mX);
37           auto mUnew = modifyPartitionMatrix (mV, mX);
38
39           frob = Frobenius_norm_of_difference (mU,
40                                               mUnew);
41           mU = mUnew;
42       } while (frob > _epsilon);
43   }
44   mV = calculateClusterCentres(mU, mX);
45   std::vector<std::vector<double>> mS =
46       calculateClusterFuzzification(mU, mV, mX);
47
48   partition part;
49   for (int c = 0; c < _nClusters; c++)
```

---

```
48     {
49         cluster cl;
50         for (std::size_t a = 0; a < nAttr; a++)
51         {
52             descriptor_gaussian d (mV[c][a], mS[c][a]);
53             cl.addDescriptor(d);
54         }
55         part.addCluster(cl);
56     }
57     return part;
58 }
59 catch (my_exception & ex)
60 {
61     throw my_exception (__FILE__, __FUNCTION__,
62                          __LINE__, ex.what());
63 }
64 catch (std::exception & ex)
65 {
66     throw my_exceptionn (__FILE__, __FUNCTION__,
67                          __LINE__, ex.what());
68 }
69 catch (std::string & ex)
70 {
71     throw my_exception (__FILE__, __FUNCTION__,
72                          __LINE__, ex);
73 }
74 catch (...)
75 {
76     throw my_exception (__FILE__, __FUNCTION__,
77                          __LINE__, "unknown_exception");
78 }
79 }
```

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# List of additional files in electronic submission (if applicable)

Additional files uploaded to the system include:

- source code of the application,
- test data,
- a video file showing how software or hardware developed for thesis is used,
- etc.



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