

- Lab 0 grading
- Lab 1 due Thursday 5pm
- Participation in NIST data science project – part of UF DSR team
 - Group
 - Register
 - Dataset
 - Results ensemble



- Improve Data Quality Metrics
 - Use of Constraints
 - Data Cleaning is Cross-disciplinary
- Data Integration
 - Schema mapping
 - WebTables
 - Deduplication
 - Applications
 - Methods Approximate matching, similarity measures over different data objects



Some Similarity Measures

Handle Typographical errors

- Equality on a boolean predicate
- Edit distance
 - Levenstein, Smith-Waterman, Affine
- Set similarity
 - Jaccard, Dice
- Vector Based
 - Cosine similarity, TFIDF

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Good for Names

- Alignment-based or Two-tiered
 - Jaro-Winkler, Soft-TFIDF, Monge-Elkan
- Phonetic Similarity
 - Soundex
- Translation-based
- Numeric distance between values
- Domain-specific

Useful for abbreviations, alternate names.

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Soundex Encoding

A phonetic algorithm that indexes names by their sounds when pronounced in english.

Consists of the first letter of the name followed by three numbers. Numbers encode similar sounding consonants.

- Remove all W, H
- B, F, P, V encoded as 1, C,G,J,K,Q,S,X,Z as 2
- D,T as 3, L as 4, M,N as 5, R as 6, Remove vowels
- Concatenate first letter of string with first 3 numerals

Ex: great and grate become 6EA3 and 6A3E and then G63 More recent, metaphone, double metaphone etc.

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Edit Distance

- Character Operations: I (insert), D (delete), R (Replace).
- Unit costs.
- Given two strings, s,t, edit(s,t):
 - Minimum cost sequence of operations to transform s to t.
 - Example: edit(Error,Eror) = 1, edit(great,grate) = 2
- Folklore dynamic programming algorithm to compute edit();
- Computation and decision problem: quadratic (on string length) in the worst case.
 May be costly operation for large strings
 - Suitable for common typing mistakes
 - Comprehensive vs Comprenhensive
 - Problematic for specific domains
 - AT&T Corporation vs AT&T Corp
 - IBM Corporation vs AT&T Corporation

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Overlap Metrics

- Given two sets of terms S, T
 - Jaccard coef.: Jaccard(S,T) = |S∩T|/|S∪T|
 - Variants
 - If scores (weights) available for each term (element in the set) compute Jaccard() only for terms with weight above a specific threshold.
- What constitutes a good choice of a term score?
 - Terms can be words or "q-grams" (sequence of q characters in a field:
 - e.g., {'AT&', 'T&T', '&T ', 'T C', ...} for AT&T Corp.

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More Sophisticated Techniques

- Evidence from multiple fields
 - Positive and Negative are possible
- Evidence from linkage pattern with other records
- Clustering-based approaches
- ...



- Data Cleaning
 - Perspectives on "Dirty Data"
 - Perspectives on Data Quality
 - Some problems and solutions
- Data Integration
 - Schema Matching
 - Item Similarity for deduplication