

DATA SCIENCE

TYPES OF DATA AND APIs

I. ORGANIZING DATA

II. FORMATS

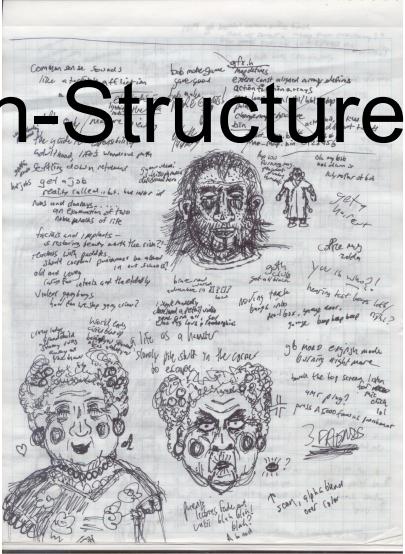
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I. ORGANIZING DATA

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Un-Structured Data



age	sex	brushing	cavities	cavity	timely	elective
9	female	monthly	1	TRUE	0.21	0.07
8	female	daily	0	FALSE	0.2	0.06
34	female	daily	1	TRUE	0.46	0.11
13	male	monthly	2	FALSE	0.13	0.06
20	female	daily	0	FALSE	0.32	0.03
24	female	daily	0	FALSE	0.36	0.06
17	male	daily	0	FALSE	0.17	0.05
42	female	daily	4	TRUE	0.54	0.36
19	male	weekly	7	TRUE	0.19	0.36

Structured Data

- Tabular data
- Nested data
- Graph data

Tabular data

- Rows and columns
- Implicit or explicit “schema”, tidy or not
- Very common and well-handled by software

“Tidy Data” is a conceptual framework for organizing data

- Each variable is a *column*
- Each observation is a *row*
- Each type of observational unit is a *table*

Usually tabular; related to relational “normal forms”

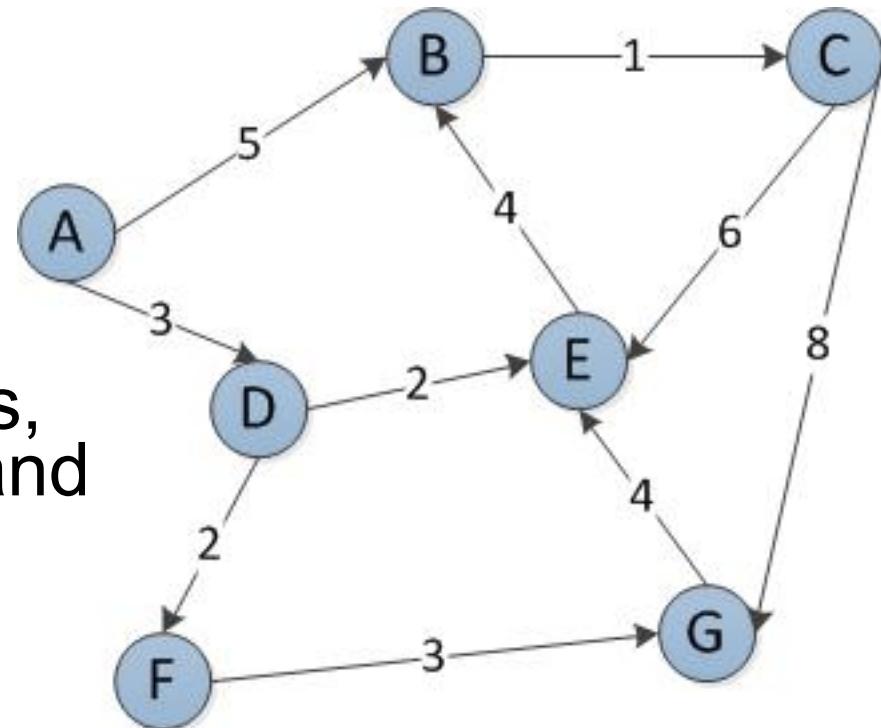
Nested data

- “Hierarchical”, “Tree”, “Object”
- Often schema-less
- Often multiple data types (lists, etc.)
- Often natural and fairly common

```
{  
  - results: [  
    - {  
      count: 2,  
      percentage:  
      total: 2399  
      year: "1997"  
    },  
    - {  
      count: 2,  
      percentage:  
      total: 2544  
      year: "1999"  
    },  
    - {  
      count: 1,  
      percentage:  
      total: 2400  
    }  
  ]  
}
```

Graph data

- Nodes and Edges
- Schema?
- Fits particular applications,
such as social networks and
semantic web



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“FLAT FILES”

Plain text files that hold data (fixed width and delimited text files, typically) are often referred to as “flat files”.

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“FLAT” “ES”

ONE MORE THING!

Plain

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We might include matrix formats, images, and perhaps even more here. (They could also be considered separately.)

Nested data

- Extensible Markup Notation (XML)
- JavaScript Object Notation (JSON)
- Other serialization systems such as Apache Thrift and Avro, and Google Protocol Buffers – even just pickled Python objects

Graph data

- Various formats, built on lower-level formats.

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III. APIs [LAB]

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