

Data Description and Proposed Projects

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Agenda

1. Data Description

- Description
- Available Dataset
- How to Load

2. Proposed Projects

- Basic Vehicle Data Statistics
- Multiple Drivers Detection
- Battery Voltage Forecasting





Data Description

Data Size:

- almost every 10 seconds one message per device when running
- on average 150 messages per trip
- currently recording 1 million trips per day

time-invariant variables:

- Vehicle Make
- Vehicle Model
- Vehicle Year
- ...

time-variant variables:

- speed (times series data)
- RPM (time series data)
- Fuel Efficiency (time series data)
- ...

- There are two data files and can be downloaded from, <https://canvas.sfu.ca/courses/31980/files>
- You could either work with R data frames or SQL data

	R Data		SQL Data	
Name	case_study_dt1.RData	case_study_dt2.RData	casestudy_dt1.sqlite	casestudy_dt2.sqlite
Size	254 MB	387 MB	2.5 GB	3.9 GB
No. of Variables	158	158	158	158
No. of Data Records	946,650	1,462,146	946,650	1,462,146

- Use of additional data sources optional

Loading R data files

- Download R data file on to you machine
- Set working directory: `setwd("dir")`
- Load Rdata: `load("case_study_dt1.RData")`
- Print variable names: `names(case_study_dt1)`
- Read variable values: `case_study_dt1$source_id[1]`

Loading SQL Data files

- Download and Set working directory
- Install R packages: RSQLite and DBI
- Creating a database connection:
 - `con = dbConnect(RSQLite::SQLite(), dbname="casestudy_dt1.sqlite")`
- Look for tables in the above database using the connection you created
 - `dbListTables(con)`
- Read variable names of the data table
 - `dbGetQuery(con, "PRAGMA table_info('case_study_dt1')")`
- Pull / Read variable value
 - `dbGetQuery(con, "SELECT source_Vehicle_VinDetails_Make FROM case_study_dt1 WHERE source_Vehicle_Vindetail_Year==2014")`



Project Proposals

Idea 1:

- derive basic insights from our dataset
- possible options:
 - data visualization and summary of make-model-year distribution of vehicles
 - consider geographical distribution as well
 - design an algorithmic way to detect outliers and inaccurate values
 - find missing values, replace them with something reasonable (e.g. imputation method)
- any other interesting facts about the available dataset

Idea 2:

- multiple drivers per car detection
- “source_id” is a unique identifier of each car
- possible variables to consider:
 - “source_DeviceTime_TimeStamp” and “source_DeviceTime_Status”
 - “source_Vehicle_Location_Lat” and “source_Vehicle_Location_Lng”
 - “source_Vehicle_Speed_Value”

Idea 3:

- forecast battery voltage given the existing information in the data-set
 - start with linear regression
 - use external data resources to improve performance
 - use more advanced algorithms such as KNN
- compare results using different metrics (e.g., MAE, RMSE, etc.)
- drive results for different prediction horizon
 - minutes
 - hours
 - days
- challenges:
 - values sent when ignition off are more accurate
 - different people make different number of trips

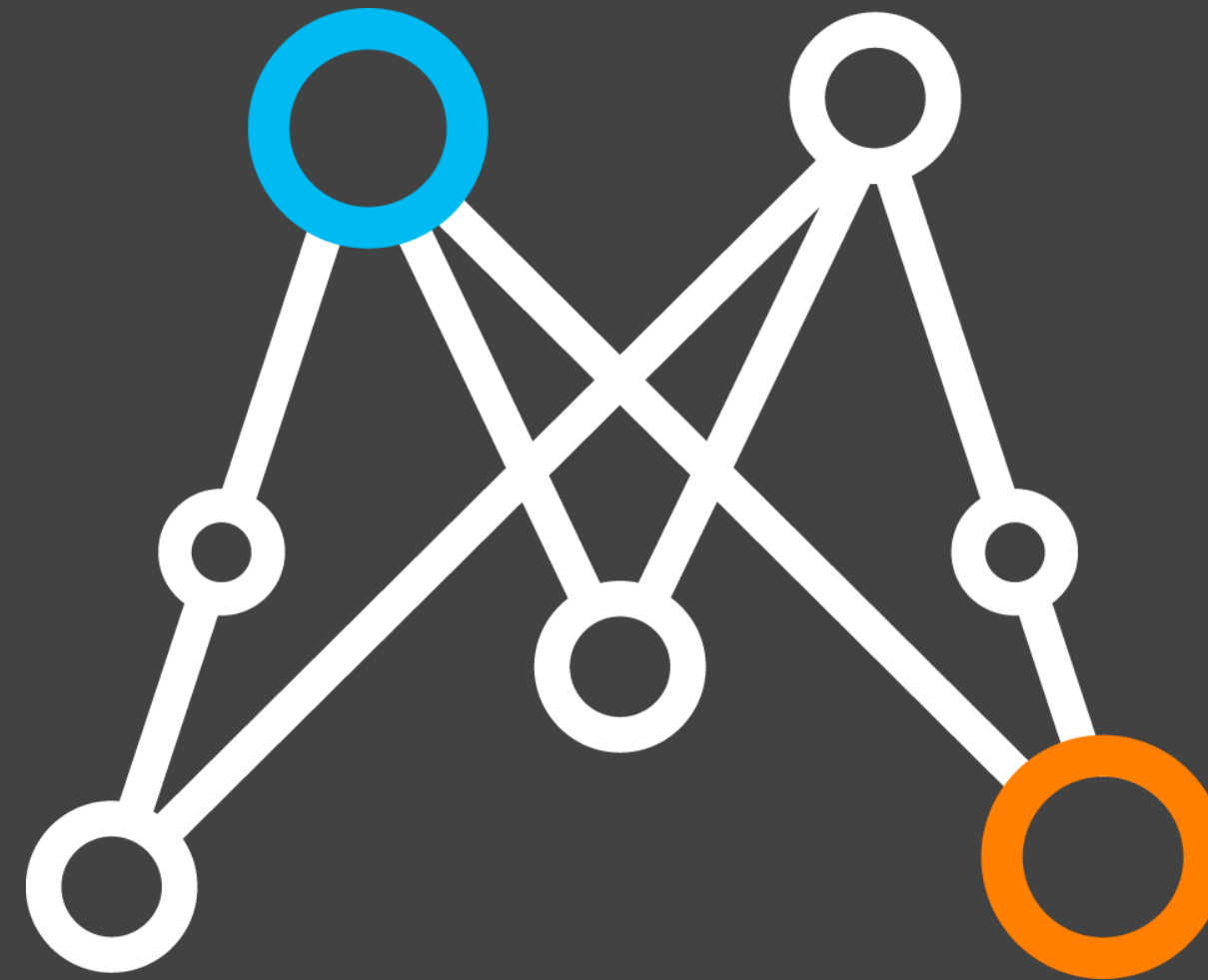


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Thank You!



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