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Data Integration

- Data analysis often requires data integration—the merging of data from multiple data stores into a coherent store.
- Careful integration can help reduce and avoid redundancies and inconsistencies in the resulting data set. This can help improve the accuracy and speed of the subsequent data analysis process.
- The semantic heterogeneity and structure of data pose great challenges in data integration.
- How can we match schema and objects from different sources?
- Schema integration: e.g., A.cust-id ≡ B.cust-#
 - Integrate metadata from different sources



Data Integration

- Entity identification problem:
 - Identify real world entities from multiple data sources,
 e.g., Bill Clinton = William Clinton
- Detecting and resolving data value conflicts
 - For the same real world entity, attribute values from different sources are different
 - Possible reasons: different representations, different scales, e.g., metric vs. British units



Handling Redundancy in Data Integration

- Redundant data occur often when integration of multiple databases
 - Object identification: The same attribute or object may have different names in different databases
 - Derivable data: One attribute may be a "derived" attribute in another table, e.g., annual revenue
- Redundant attributes may be able to be detected by correlation analysis and covariance analysis
- Careful integration of the data from multiple sources may help reduce/avoid redundancies and inconsistencies and improve mining speed and quality



Correlation Analysis (Nominal Data)

• X² (chi-square) test

$$\chi^2 = \sum \frac{(Observed - Expected)^2}{Expected}$$

- The larger the X² value, the more likely the variables are related
- The cells that contribute the most to the X² value are those whose actual count is very different from the expected count
- Correlation does not imply causality
 - # of hospitals and # of car-theft in a city are correlated
 - Both are causally linked to the third variable: population



Chi-Square Calculation: An Example

	Play chess	Not play chess	Sum (row)
Like science fiction	250(90)	200(360)	450
Not like science fiction	50(210)	1000(840)	1050
Sum(col.)	300	1200	1500

• X² (chi-square) calculation (numbers in parenthesis are expected counts calculated based on the data distribution in the two categories)

$$\chi^2 = \frac{(250 - 90)^2}{90} + \frac{(50 - 210)^2}{210} + \frac{(200 - 360)^2}{360} + \frac{(1000 - 840)^2}{840} = 507.93$$

 It shows that like_science_fiction and play_chess are correlated in the group



Correlation Analysis (Numeric Data)

 Correlation coefficient (also called Pearson's product moment coefficient)

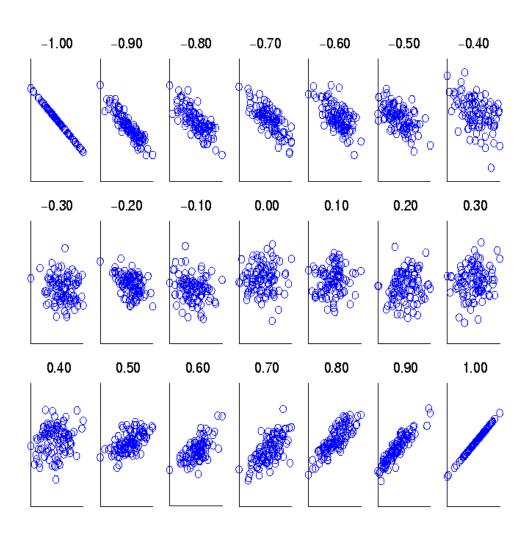
$$r_{A,B} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} (a_i - \overline{A})(b_i - \overline{B})}{(n-1)\sigma_A \sigma_B} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} (a_i b_i) - n\overline{A}\overline{B}}{(n-1)\sigma_A \sigma_B}$$

where n is the number of tuples, \bar{A} and \bar{B} are the respective means of A and B, σ_A and σ_B are the respective standard deviation of A and B, and $\Sigma(a_ib_i)$ is the sum of the AB cross-product.

- If $r_{A,B} > 0$, A and B are positively correlated (A's values increase as B's). The higher, the stronger correlation.
- $r_{A,B} = 0$: independent; $r_{AB} < 0$: negatively correlated



Visually Evaluating Correlation



Scatter plots showing the similarity from -1 to 1.



Correlation (viewed as linear relationship)

- Correlation measures the linear relationship between objects
- To compute correlation, we standardize data objects, A and B, and then take their dot product

$$a'_{k} = (a_{k} - mean(A)) / std(A)$$

$$b'_k = (b_k - mean(B)) / std(B)$$

$$correlation(A, B) = A' \bullet B'$$



Covariance (Numeric Data)

Covariance is similar to correlation

$$Cov(A,B) = E((A-\bar{A})(B-\bar{B})) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n}(a_i-\bar{A})(b_i-\bar{B})}{n}$$
 Correlation coefficient:
$$r_{A,B} = \frac{Cov(A,B)}{\sigma_A\sigma_B}$$

where n is the number of tuples, \overline{A} and \overline{B} are the respective mean or **expected values** of A and B, σ_A and σ_B are the respective standard deviation of A and B.



Covariance (Numeric Data)

- Positive covariance: If Cov_{A,B} > 0, then A and B both tend to be larger than their expected values.
- Negative covariance: If $Cov_{A,B} < 0$ then if A is larger than its expected value, B is likely to be smaller than its expected value.
- Independence: $Cov_{A,B} = 0$ but the converse is not true:
 - Some pairs of random variables may have a covariance of 0 but are not independent. Only under some additional assumptions (e.g., the data follow multivariate normal distributions) does a covariance of 0 imply independence



Co-Variance: An Example



$$Cov(A, B) = E((A - \bar{A})(B - \bar{B})) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} (a_i - \bar{A})(b_i - \bar{B})}{n}$$

• It can be simplified in computation as

$$Cov(A, B) = E(A \cdot B) - \bar{A}\bar{B}$$

Co-Variance: An Example

Suppose two stocks A and B have the following values in one week: (2, 5), (3, 8), (5, 10), (4, 11), (6, 14).

Question: If the stocks are affected by the same industry trends, will their prices rise or fall together?

$$E(A) = (2 + 3 + 5 + 4 + 6)/5 = 20/5 = 4$$

$$E(B) = (5 + 8 + 10 + 11 + 14) / 5 = 48 / 5 = 9.6$$

$$Cov(A,B) = (2 \times 5 + 3 \times 8 + 5 \times 10 + 4 \times 11 + 6 \times 14)/5 - 4 \times 9.6 = 4$$

Thus, A and B rise together since Cov(A, B) > 0.



Tuple Duplication

- In addition to detecting redundancies between attributes, duplication should also be detected at the tuple level (e.g., where there are two or more identical tuples for a given unique data entry case).
- The use of denormalized tables (often done to improve performance by avoiding joins) is another source of data redundancy



Data Value Conflict Detection and Resolution

- Data integration also involves the detection and resolution of data value conflicts.
- For example, for the same real-world entity, attribute values from different sources may differ.
- This may be due to differences in representation, scaling, or encoding.
- For instance, a weight attribute may be stored in metric units in one system and British imperial units in another.



Exercise

- ☐ Explain how redundancy is handled in data integration.
- ☐ Compare and contrast Correlation and Covariance.



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