

## Data Object

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- ▶ Data sets are made up of data objects.
- ▶ A data object represents an entity. For examples:
  - medical database: patients, treatments
  - university database: students, professors, courses
- Also called samples, examples, instances, data points, objects, tuples.
- ▶ Data objects are described by attributes.
- ▶ Database rows -> data objects; columns ->attributes.
- Attribute (or dimension, feature, variable): a data field, representing a characteristic or feature of a data object, e.g., customer \_ID, name, address, phone

### Attribute Data Types 1. Qualitative/ Quantitative 2. Categorical/Numeric 3. Discrete/ Continuous • Discrete: Has only a finite or countably infinite set of values. Sometimes, represented as integer variables · Continuous: Has real numbers (floating-point) as attribute values. Practically, real values can only be measured. Qualitative/ Categorical Quantitative/ Numeric (Discrete) (Continuous) Ordinal Nominal Interval **Binary** Ratio Symmetric Asymmetric

### Attribute Types

- Nominal: categories, states, or "names of things". <u>Categories cannot be</u> <u>compared</u>
- ▶ **Binary:** Nominal attribute with only 2 states (0 and 1)
  - Symmetric binary: both outcomes equally important
  - ► Asymmetric binary: outcomes not equally important. Convention: assign 1 to most important outcome (e.g., covid19 positive)
- Ordinal: Values have a meaningful order (ranking) but magnitude between successive values is not known. Categories with an implied order

- ► Quantity (integer or real-valued)
- Interval
  - Measured on a scale of equalsized units
  - Values have order
  - ▶ No true zero-point
- Ratio
  - ▶ Inherent zero-point
  - ▶ We can speak of values as being an order of magnitude larger than the unit of measurement (10 K° is twice as high as 5 K°).

### Data Type Examples

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Data Type	Examples
Nominal	color, bloodType, zipCode, ID#, occupation, political party
Ordinal	medal, satisfaction, grade, frequency, academic ranking
Binary- symmetric	gender
Binary- asymmetric	labTest
Interval	celcius, farenheit, pH,
Ratio	kelvin, exam score, weight, height, pulse, monetary quantities

**Interval Data**: No true zero, differences (subtraction) are interpretable.

Data can be added/ subtracted at interval scale but nonsense be multiplied/ divided. Ex. If a day's temperature in celcius/ farenheit is twice than the other day,

we cannot say that one day is twice as hot as another day.

Ratio Data: True zero exists. Zero means none of that variable value, e.g. zero kelvin means no heat.

The ratio of two measurements has a meaningful interpretation.

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<sup>\*\*</sup> A scale is an ordered set of values, continuous or discrete, or a set of categories to which an attribute is mapped.

%	Adverb of Frequency	Example
100%	Always	I always study after class
90%	Usually	I usually walk to work
80%	Normally / Generally	I normally get good marks
70%	Often / Frequently	I often read in bed at night
50%	Sometimes	I sometimes sing in the showe
30%	Occasionally	I occasionally go to bed late
10%	Seldom	I seldom put salt on my food
5%	Hardly ever / Rarely	I hardly ever get angry
0%	Never	Vegetarians never eat meat

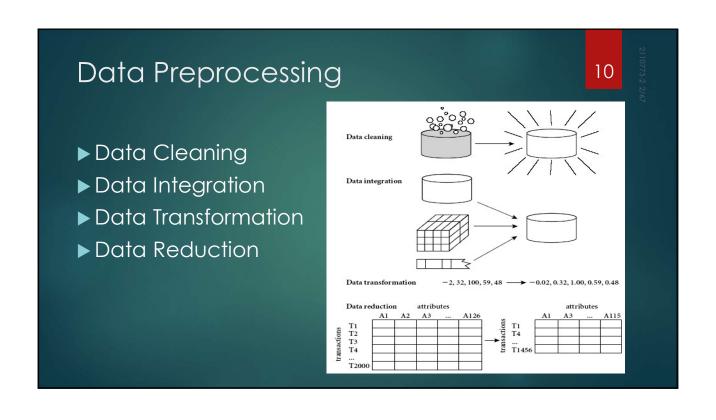
Data	Nominal	Ordinal	Interval	Ratio
Labeled				
Order				
Measurable Difference				
True Zero Starting Point				

Survey

1. How old are you? \_\_\_\_\_\_years
2. Are you: Male Female
3. How much do you spend on groceries each week? \_\_\_\_\_Baht
4. How many cups of coffee do you buy in a week? \_\_\_\_\_

5. Which type of coffee do you like most?
Latte Espresso Cappuccino Americano

6. How likely are you to buy more than a cup of coffee per day?
Very Likely Likely Not Likely Very Unlikely



## Data Cleaning

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- ▶ Fill in missing data
- ▶ Smooth noisy data- random error or variance in a measured variable
- ▶ Identify or remove outliers
- ▶ Resolve inconsistencies
  - ► Same name means differently (BL= blue/ black)
  - Different names appear the same (Bill vs. Williams)
  - ▶ Inappropriate values (Male-Pregnant; born Feb 29, 2562; age=41 birthday=28/08/2010)
  - ▶ Due to inconsistent Unit of Measure

# Missing Data

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#### Various reasons:

- ▶ truly missed/impossible to always have a value
- Intentional (disguised missing data)
- ▶ not measured due to no equipment or not able to measure in the past
- ▶ Inconvenient, expensive

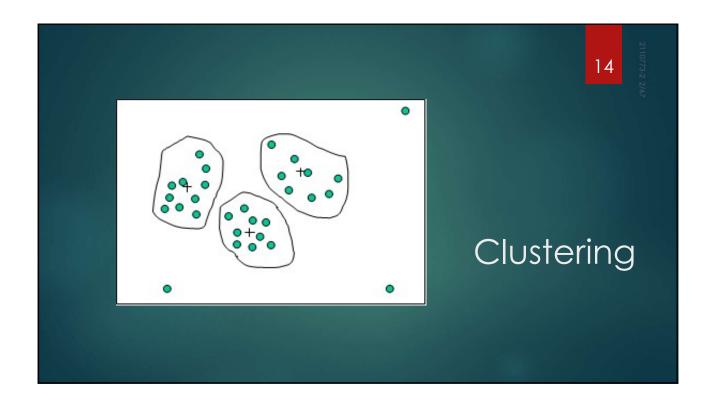
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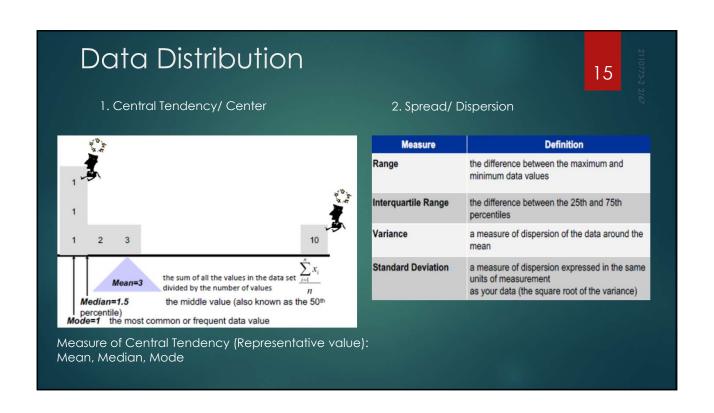
- Leave as is, however, some algo can't deal w/ missing values and the program may refuse to continue or lead to inaccurate results
- ▶ Remove the instance with missing value (e.g. in case of huge dataset or missing class label)
- A global constant, e.g. 999,999 (valid values are much smaller) or -1 (valid values are non-negative). Watch out for zeros as some features can use this as the boolean representation! or "unknown" can be treated as a new class?!
- ▶ Imputing:
  - \* Attribute mean/median (Numerical variables); mode (Categorical variables)
  - \* Substitute w/ valid values of a certain feature e.g. fill in the seasonal averages of temperature for a certain location for missing temperature values given a date
  - \* Model-based/inference-based: Regression, Decision Tree, k-nearest neighbor, Bayesian ...)

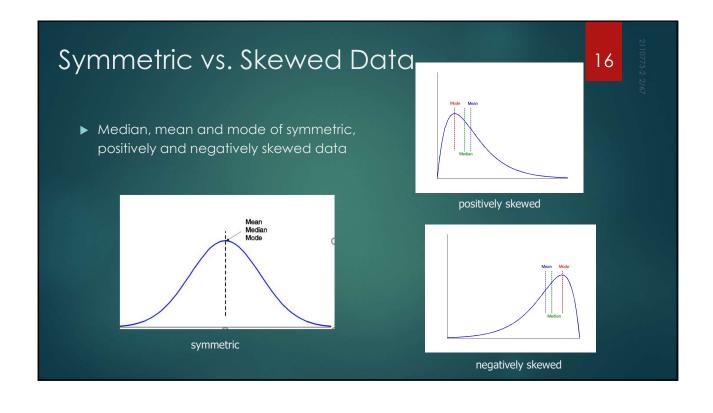
## Noisy Data

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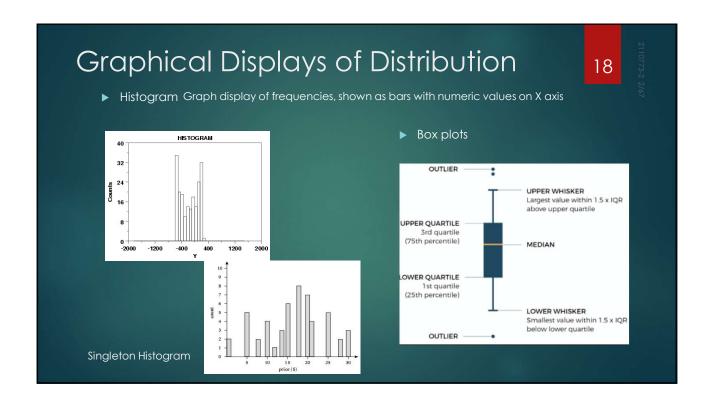
- ▶ Random error or variance in a measured variable
  - ▶ Regression- smooth by fitting the data into regression functions
- ▶ Outliers are noisy data or data points inconsistent with the majority of data, e.g. one's age = 200 year, height=3 metre, widely deviated points
  - ▶ Detect and remove outliers- Clustering
  - ► Truncate outliers- Bell curve, Box plots

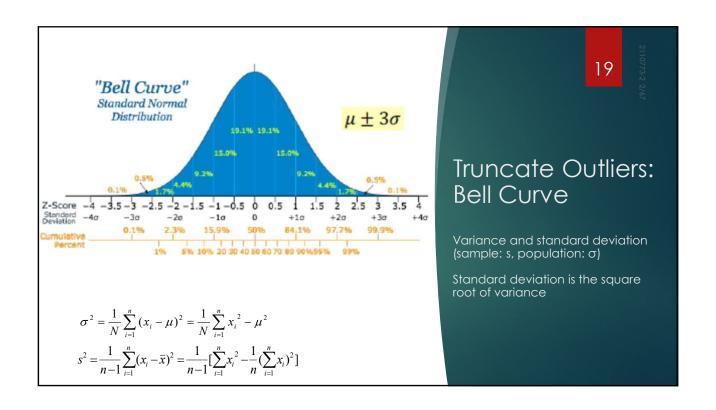


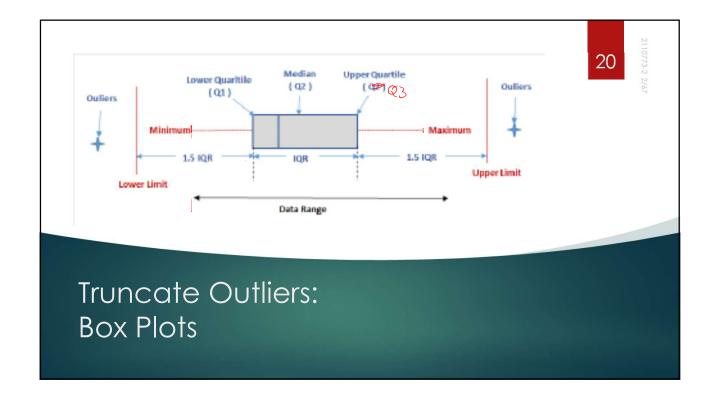




Type of Variable	Best measure of central tendency
Nominal	Mode
Ordinal	Median
Interval/Ratio (not skewed)	Mean
Interval/Ratio (skewed)	Median
	ean, Median, Mode







## Interquartile Range

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- ▶ IQR is a measure of spread indicating where the bulk of the values lie.
  - Quartiles: Q<sub>1</sub> (25<sup>th</sup> percentile), Q<sub>3</sub> (75<sup>th</sup> percentile)
  - Inter-quartile range:  $IQR = Q_3 Q_1$
  - Five number summary: min,  $Q_1$ , median,  $Q_3$ , max
  - \* **Boxplot**: ends of the box are the quartiles; median is marked; add whiskers, and plot outliers individually
  - Outlier: usually, a value higher/lower than 1.5 x IQR

### **IQR** Calculation

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#### Odd set of numbers

- Step 1: Put the numbers in order. 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 9, 12, 15, 18, 19, 27.
- Step 2: Find the median. 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 9, 12, 15, 18, 19, 27.
- ▶ Step 3: Place parentheses around the numbers above and below the median. Not necessary statistically, but it makes Q1 and Q3 easier to spot. (1, 2, 5, 6, 7), 9, (12, 15, 18, 19, 27).
- ▶ Step 4: **Find Q1 and Q3**Think of Q1 as a median in the lower half of the data and think of Q3 as a median for the upper half of data.
  (1, 2, 5, 6, 7), 9, (12, 15, 18, 19, 27). Q1 = 5 and Q3 = 18.
- Step 5: Subtract Q1 from Q3 to find the interquartile range. 18 – 5 = 13.

#### Even set of numbers

- Step 1: Put the numbers in order. 3, 5, 7, 8, 9, 11, 15, 16, 20, 21.
- Step 2: Make a mark in the center of the data:
   3, 5, 7, 8, 9, | 11, 15, 16, 20, 21.
- ▶ Step 3: Place parentheses around the numbers above and below the mark you made in Step 2-it makes Q1 and Q3 easier to spot.
  (3, 5, 7, 8, 9), | (11, 15, 16, 20, 21).
- Step 4: Find Q1 and Q3
  Q1 is the median (the middle) of the lower half of the data, and Q3 is the median (the middle) of the upper half of the data.
  (3, 5, 7, 8, 9), | (11, 15, 16, 20, 21). Q1 = 7 and Q3 = 16.
- ► Step 5: **Subtract Q1 from Q3**. 16 7 = 9.

