

More Data Cleaning; Crowdsourcing

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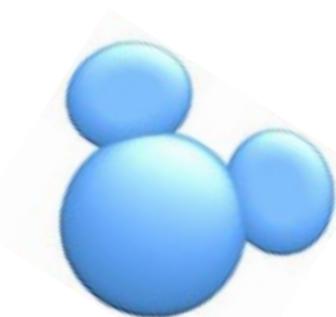
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Today

- Basic Bash Commands
- Crowdsourcing (as much as we get through)

Code-along!



```
cat data.txt | cut -f 2,4 | sort | uniq -c | sort -nr | head
```

Bash Scripting

<https://cs.brown.edu/people/epavlick/articles.txt>

- | | |
|----------------------|------------------|
| 1. ID | 6. Victim Age |
| 2. City | 7. Shooter Age |
| 3. State | 8. Url |
| 4. Date (YYYY-MM-DD) | 9. Title |
| 5. Time | 10. Article Text |

- **head -n {K} blah.txt** # first K lines
- **tail -n {K} blah.txt** # last K lines
- **shuf** # shuffle lines
- **wc blah.txt** # print number of bytes, chars, lines
- **wc -l blah.txt** # print number of lines
- **{cmd1} | {cmd2}** # run cmd1 on the output of cmd2
- **{cmd1} ; {cmd2}** # run cmd1 then cmd2
- **{cmd1} > {file}** # write output of cmd1 to file
- **cut -f {K} -d {D}** # split on delimiter D and select the Kth column
- **sort** # sort the lines by default ordering
- **sort -n** # sort numerically
- **sort -r** # reverse sort
- **uniq** # remove adjacent duplicate lines
- **uniq -c** # remove duplicates but count how many times each occurred
- **uniq -d** # print just the duplicated lines
- **grep “{exp}”** # print only lines matching exp
- **sed “s/{exp1}/{exp2}/g”** # replace exp1 with exp2

cat, less, head, tail

- what does this data even look like?

```
# first 10 lines of file  
$ head articles.txt
```

```
# first line of file  
$ head -n 1 articles.txt
```

```
# random 10 lines from file  
$ cat articles.txt | shuf | head
```

WC

- how many articles are there

```
# how many bytes, words, and lines are  
there?
```

```
$ wc articles.txt
```

```
# how many lines are there?
```

```
$ wc -l articles.txt
```

pipe (|), redirect (>)

```
$ head articles.txt | wc -l  
10
```

```
# write output to file called "tmp"  
$ head articles.txt > tmp  
$ wc -l tmp  
10 tmp
```

```
$ head articles.txt | wc -l > tmp  
$ cat tmp  
10
```

Clicker Question!

Clicker Question!

What is city listed on line 817 of the file?

Clicker Question!

Which command will print just line 817 to the terminal?

- (a) \$ head -n 817 articles.txt | tail -n 1
- (b) \$ cat articles.txt | head -n 817 | tail -n 1
- (c) \$ tail -n 817 articles.txt | head -n 1

cut

```
$ cat articles.txt | cut -f 1 | head -n  
3
```

Antioch
Greeley
Bridgeport

```
$ cat articles.txt | cut -f 4 | cut -f 1  
-d '-' | head -n 3  
2016  
2015  
2014
```

sort, uniq

```
# print the lowest 3 values (includes duplicates)
$ cat articles.txt | cut -f 4 | cut -f 1 -d '-'| sort | head -n 3
1929
1932
1932

# print lowest three values (remove duplicates but count how many
occurrences of each
$ cat articles.txt | cut -f 4 | cut -f 1 -d '-'| sort | uniq -c |
head -n 3
1 1929
2 1932
3 1942
```

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Find the most frequent value for year

(a) 2015

(b) 2016

(c) NA

```
$ cat articles.txt | cut -f 4 | cut -f 1 -d '-' | sort | uniq -c |  
sort -r | head -n 3  
5091 2015  
1821 2016  
1784 NA
```

Find the most frequent value for year

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sort, uniq

How many duplicated entries are there (using url as the uniq id)?

```
# total number of urls (lines)
$ cat articles.txt | cut -f 8 | wc -l
9584
```

```
# number of unique urls
$ cat articles.txt | cut -f 8 | sort | uniq | wc -l
7990
```

```
# number of duplicated urls
$ cat articles.txt | cut -f 8 | sort | uniq -d | wc -l
981
```

regex (grep, sed, awk)

```
$ cat articles.txt | cut -f 2 | grep "NY" | head -n 5
```

```
NY  
HOMINY  
NYC  
NY  
NY
```

```
$ cat articles.txt | cut -f 2 | grep "^NY$" | head
```

```
NY  
NY  
NY  
NY
```

```
$ cat articles.txt | cut -f 2 | grep "^NY[.]*" | head
```

```
NY  
NYC  
NY  
NY  
NY
```

regex (grep, sed, awk)

```
# mask numbers to look at formats
$ cat articles.txt | cut -f 4 | sed "s/[0-9]/#/g" | head -n 3
#####-##-##
#####-##-##
#####-##-##

# remove the leading abbreviations
$ cat articles.txt | cut -f 3 | sed "s/[A-Z] [A-Z] - //g" |
grep -v Unclear | head -n 3
Minnesota
North Carolina
Michigan

# lowercase everything
$ cat articles.txt | cut -f 3 | sed "s/.*/\L&/g"

# replace all non-numeric characters with blanks
$ cat articles.txt | cut -f 6 | sed "s/[^0-9]//g" | head
```

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Hint: Columns are ID=1, City=2, State=3, Date=4,
Time=5, Victim Age=6, Shooter Age=7, Url=8,
Title=9, Text=10

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**Find the 10 titles that appear with the largest
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- (a) `$ cat articles.txt | cut -f 9 | sort | uniq -c | sort -nr | head`
- (b) `$ cat articles.txt | cut -f 8,9 | sort | uniq | cut -f 2 | sort | uniq -c | sort -nr | head`
- (c) `$ cat articles.txt | sort | uniq -f 9 | sort -nr | head`

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Print out all the victim ages that contain no numeric characters.

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Print out all the victim ages that contain no numeric characters.

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Being all fancy...

```
# plot a histogram of all ages
cat articles.txt | cut -f 6 | sed "s/[^\d]//g" | grep -v "^$" | pythonw -c "import sys,
matplotlib.pyplot as plt; plt.hist([int(i)
for i in sys.stdin]); plt.show()"
```

```
# plot a histogram of all ages, removing
outliers
cat articles.txt | cut -f 6 | sed "s/[^\d]//g" | grep -v "^$" | pythonw -c "import sys,
matplotlib.pyplot as plt;
plt.hist([min(int(i), 100) for i in
sys.stdin]); plt.show()"
```

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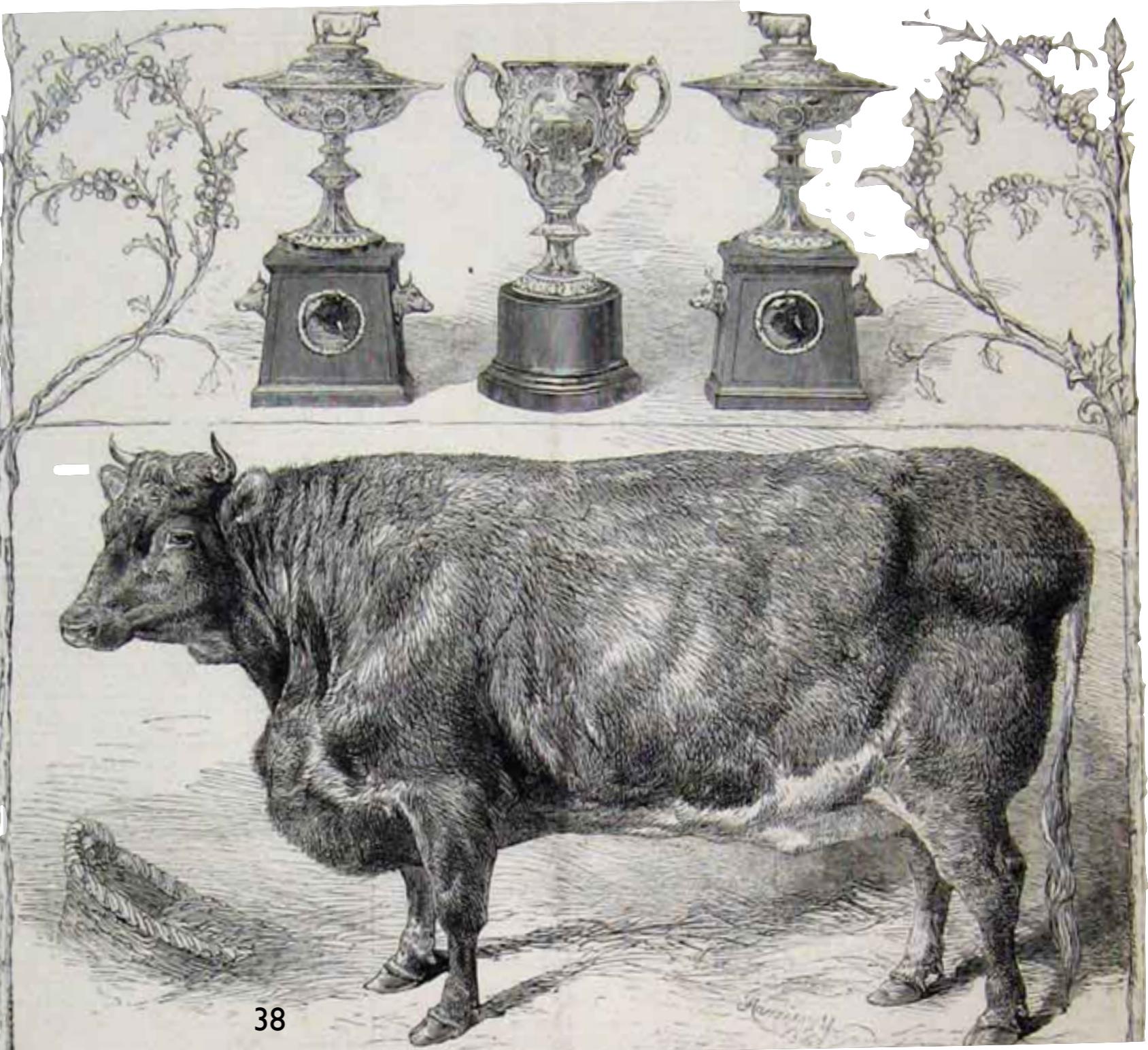
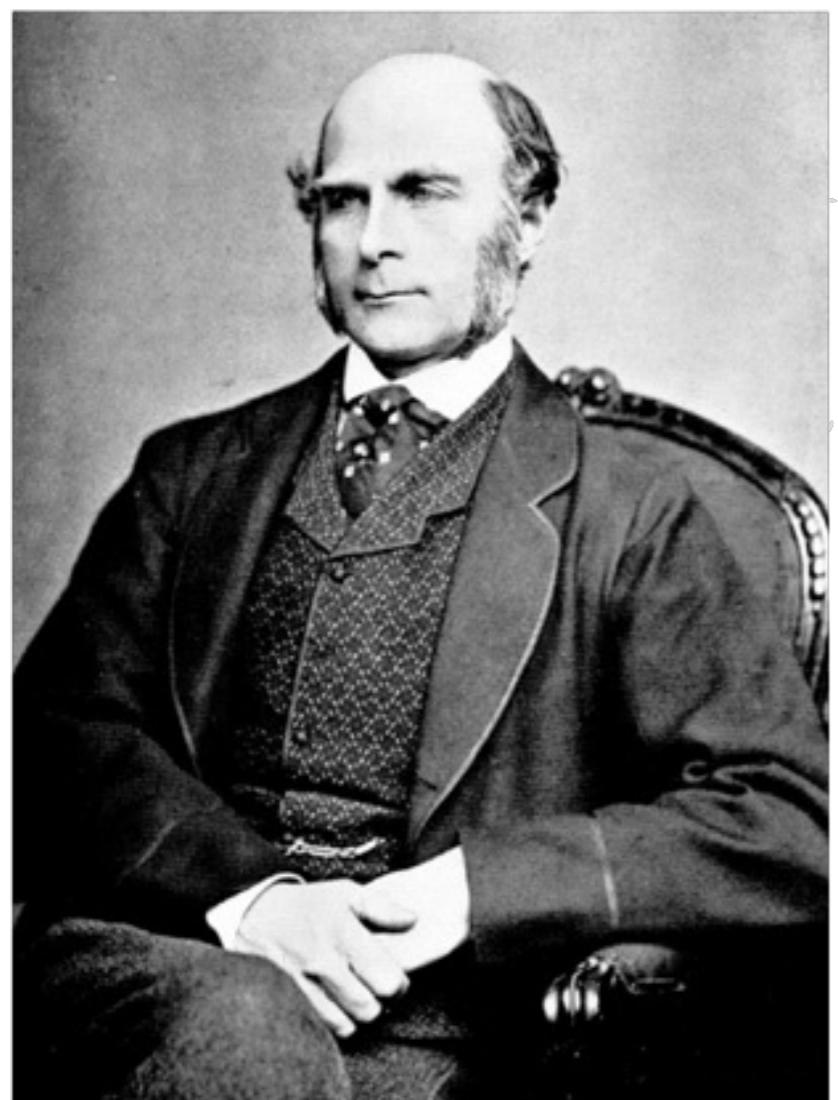
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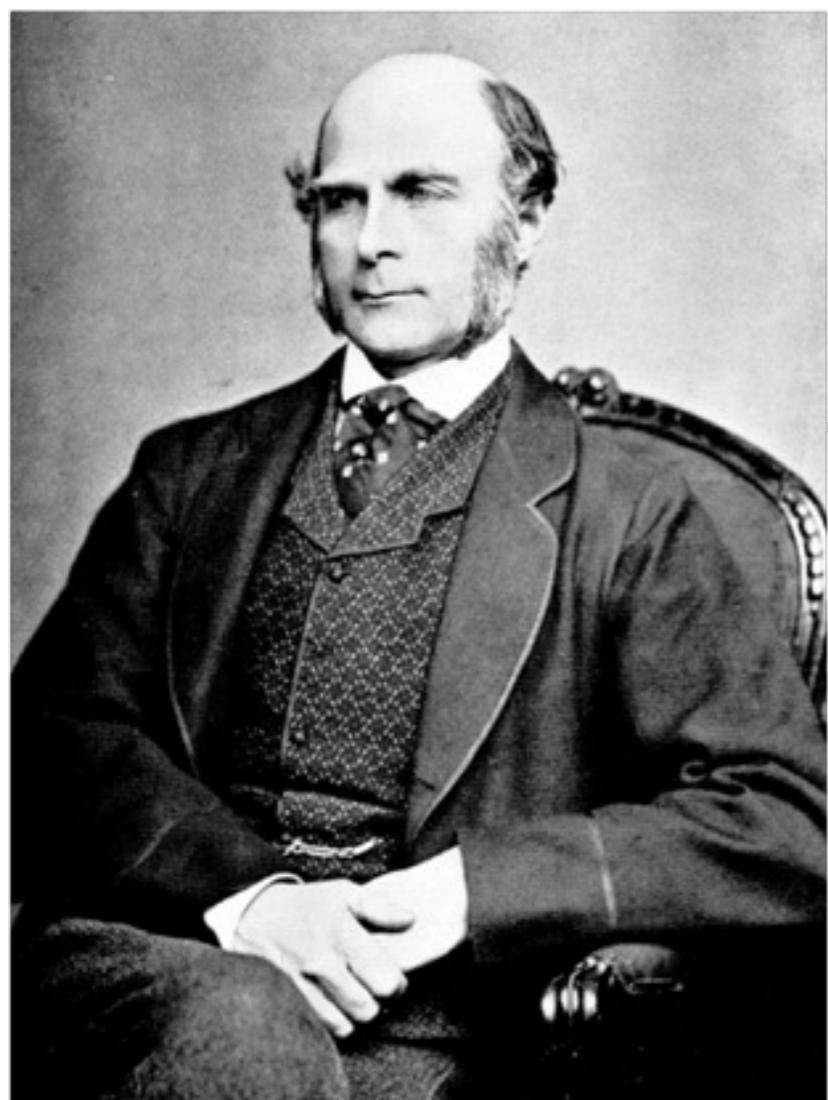


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Cutting a Round Cake on Scientific Principles.

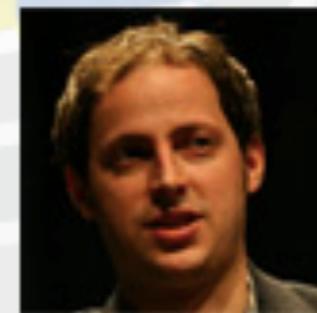
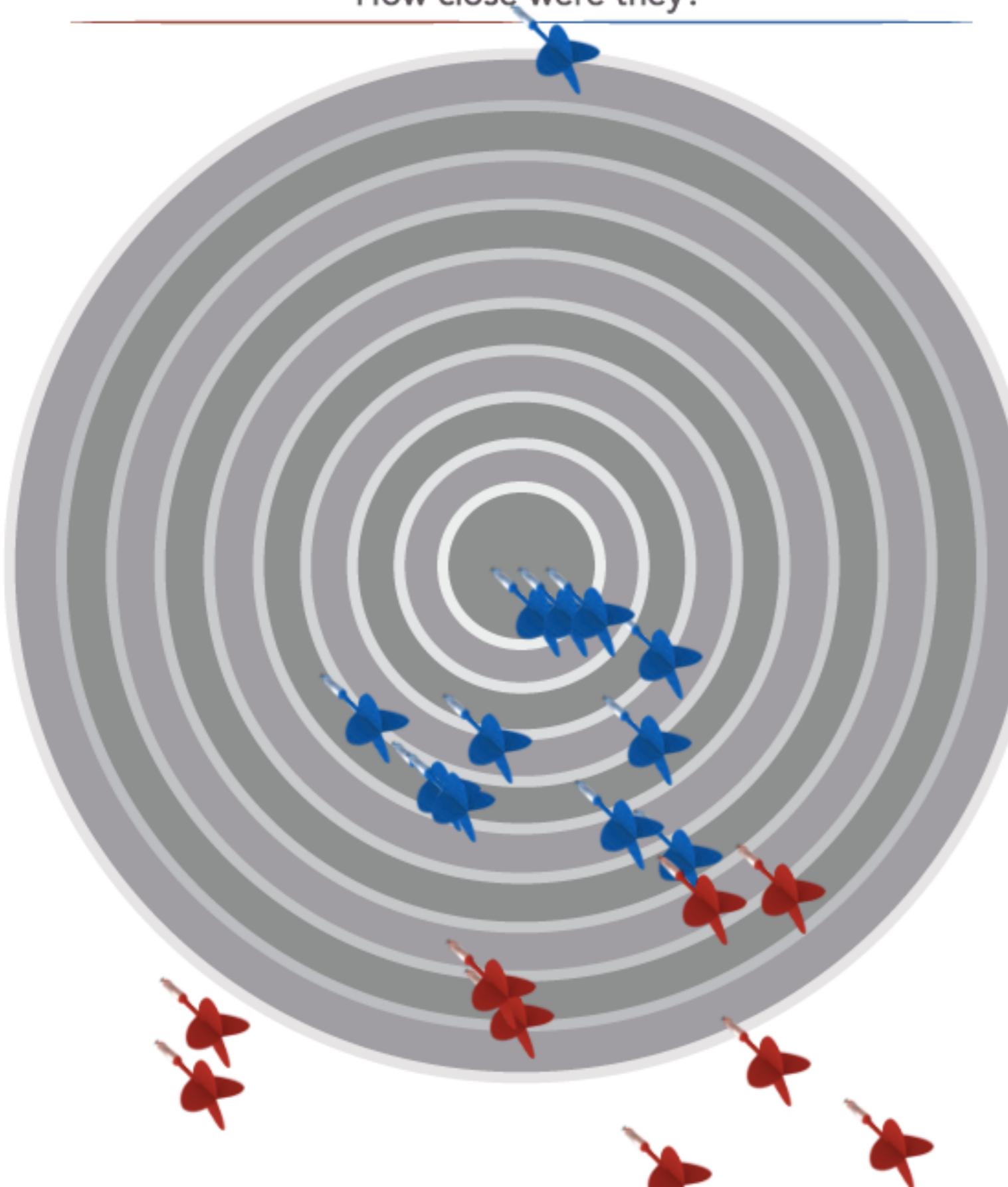
CHRISTMAS suggests cakes, and these the wish on my part to describe a method of cutting them that I have recently devised to my own amusement and satisfaction. The problem to be solved was, "given a round tea-cake of some 5 inches across, and two persons of moderate appetite to eat it, in what way should it be cut so as to leave a minimum of exposed surface to become dry?" The ordinary method of cutting out a wedge is very faulty in this respect. The results to be aimed at are so to cut the cake that the remaining portions shall fit together. Consequently the chords (or the arcs) of the circumferences

The diagram consists of three circular outlines. The first circle shows a vertical dashed line and a horizontal dashed line intersecting at the center, dividing the circle into four quadrants. The second circle shows the same dashed lines, but the top-right quadrant is shaded gray, indicating it has been removed. The third circle shows the final state where the remaining three quadrants are joined together at their common center point.

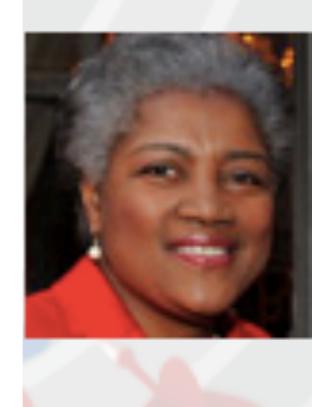
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How close were they?



Nate Silver
The New York Times
Obama: 332
Romney: 206
Difference: 0



Donna Brazile
*Vice Chairwoman of
the Democratic
National Committee*
Obama: 313
Romney: 225
Difference: -19



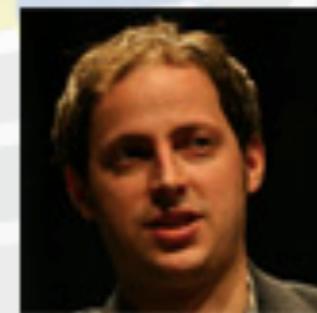
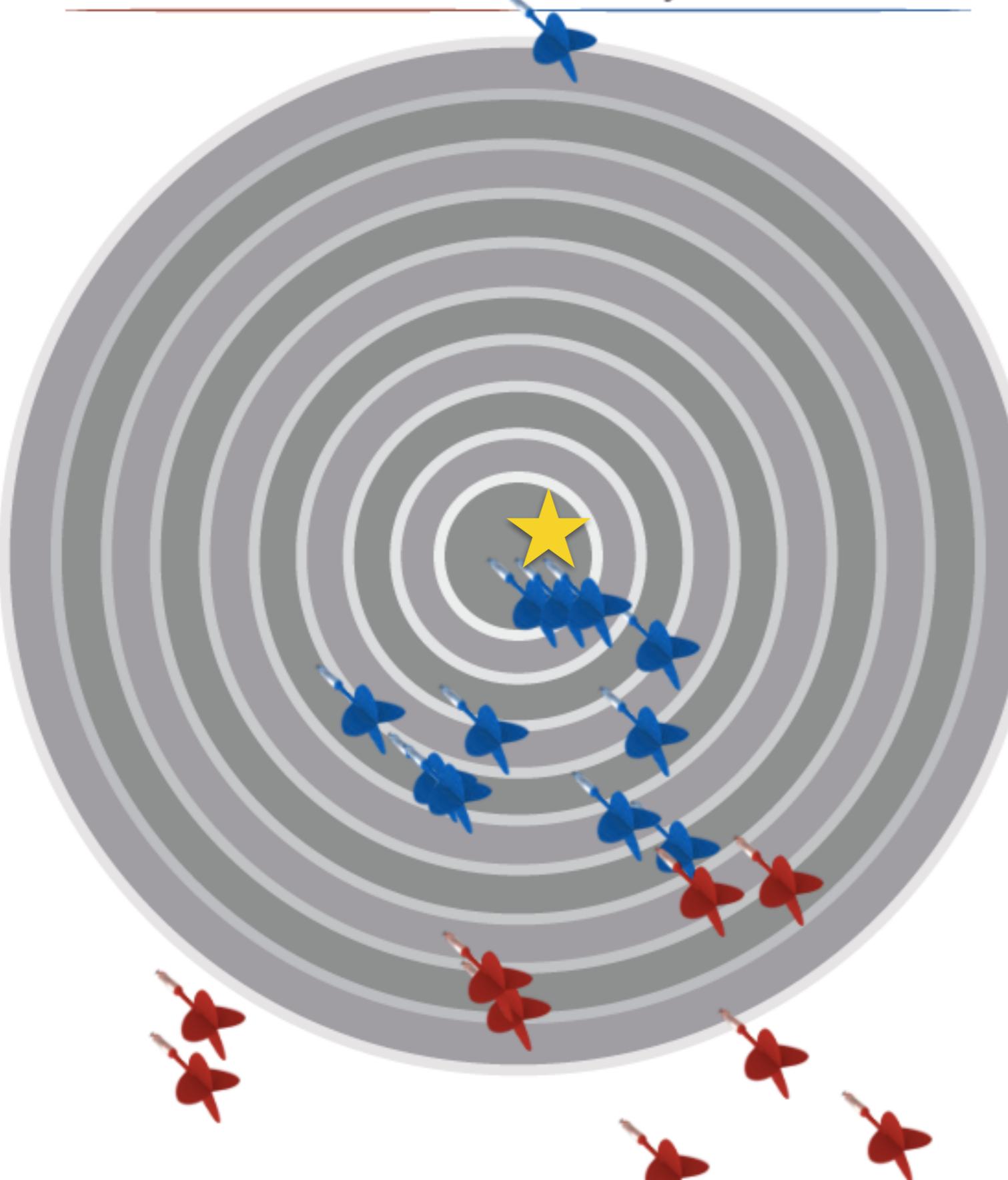
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Fox News
Obama: 265
Romney: 273
Difference: -67



Karl Rove
Obama: 259
Romney: 279
Difference: -73

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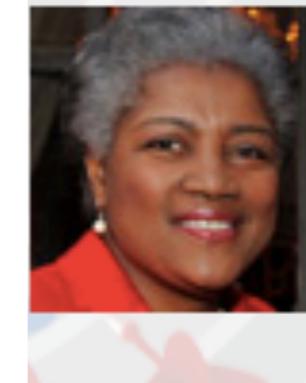
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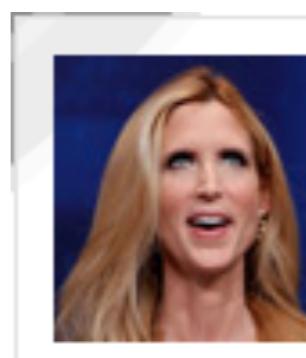
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Motivation

Why do people contribute?

What do workers gain from contributing?



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Motivation

Why do people contribute?

What do workers gain from contributing?



Quality Control

How do we make sure the contributions are good?

How do we identify and incentivize good work?

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A faint watermark of the Kickstarter logo, featuring the words 'KICKSTARTER' in a large, bold, sans-serif font.

A faint watermark of the Stack Overflow logo, featuring a sunburst icon followed by the word 'stack overflow'.

A faint watermark of the Craigslist logo, featuring the word 'craigslist' in a purple script font next to a peace sign icon.

Motivation

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What do workers gain from contributing?

Aggregation

How do we combine many small or distributed contributions into one final answer/result/product?



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KICKSTAR



Quality Control

How do we make sure the contributions are good?

Skill

Do workers need specialized skills?

How do we find or train workers to match the skill sets we need?

Motivation

Why do people contribute?

What do workers gain from contributing?

Aggregation

How do we combine many contributions?

Decomposition

How is the task decomposed into subtasks?

How many subtasks are required to get from input to output?

Quality Control

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Skill

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so we find or train workers to match the skills we need?

Motivation

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The image consists of three screenshots of mobile applications:

- Airbnb:** A banner at the top reads "START HOSTING AND EARN A \$250 CASH BONUS".
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Motivation



Fun

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Implicit Work

morning

morning overHOKs

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~~Implicit
Work~~

morning
No
Choice :)

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Focus of today:



<https://worker.mturk.com/>

All HITs Your HITs Queue

HIT Groups (1-20 of 661)

Show Details

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Requester	Title	HITs	Reward	Created		Actions
Computer Vision Turk	Verify Object Boundaries	19,094	\$0.16	1d ago	Preview	Qualify
James Billings	Market Research Survey	10,328	\$0.01	2m ago	Preview	Accept & Work
Jiaxin	Paraphrase machine-generated questions	8,821	\$0.10	1d ago	Preview	Qualify
robinpraet	Label the requested items in the image	8,518	\$0.06	1d ago	Preview	Qualify
Content Research	Clean Up How-To Questions	7,609	\$0.05	20h ago	Preview	Qualify

What type of Education? [\(HIT Details\)](#) Auto-accept next HIT

Danya Ariel-Boggs

HITs 1617

Reward \$0.03

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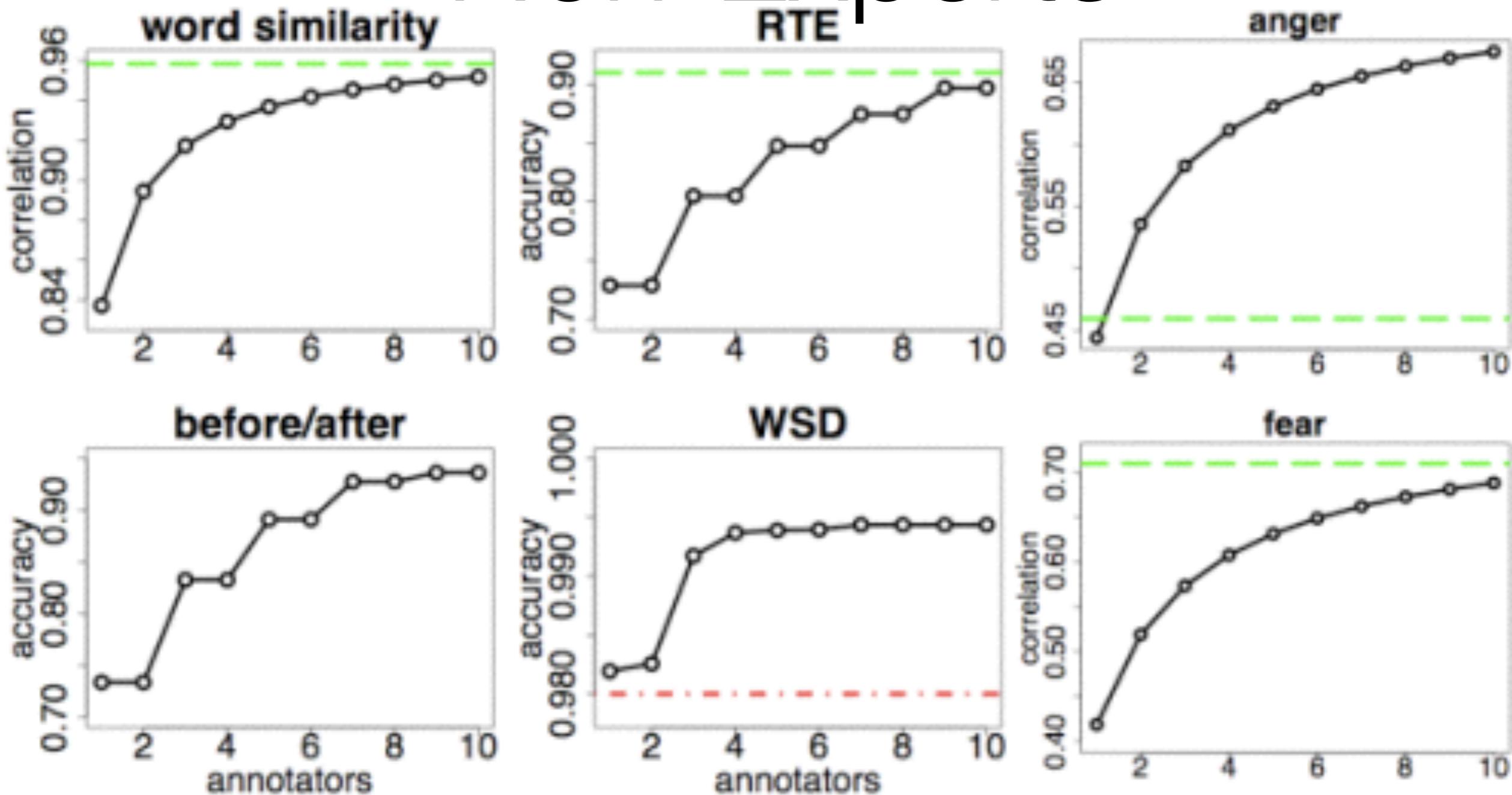
Data Collection Instructions (Click to expand)

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Website:	careum.ch
Country:	Switzerland

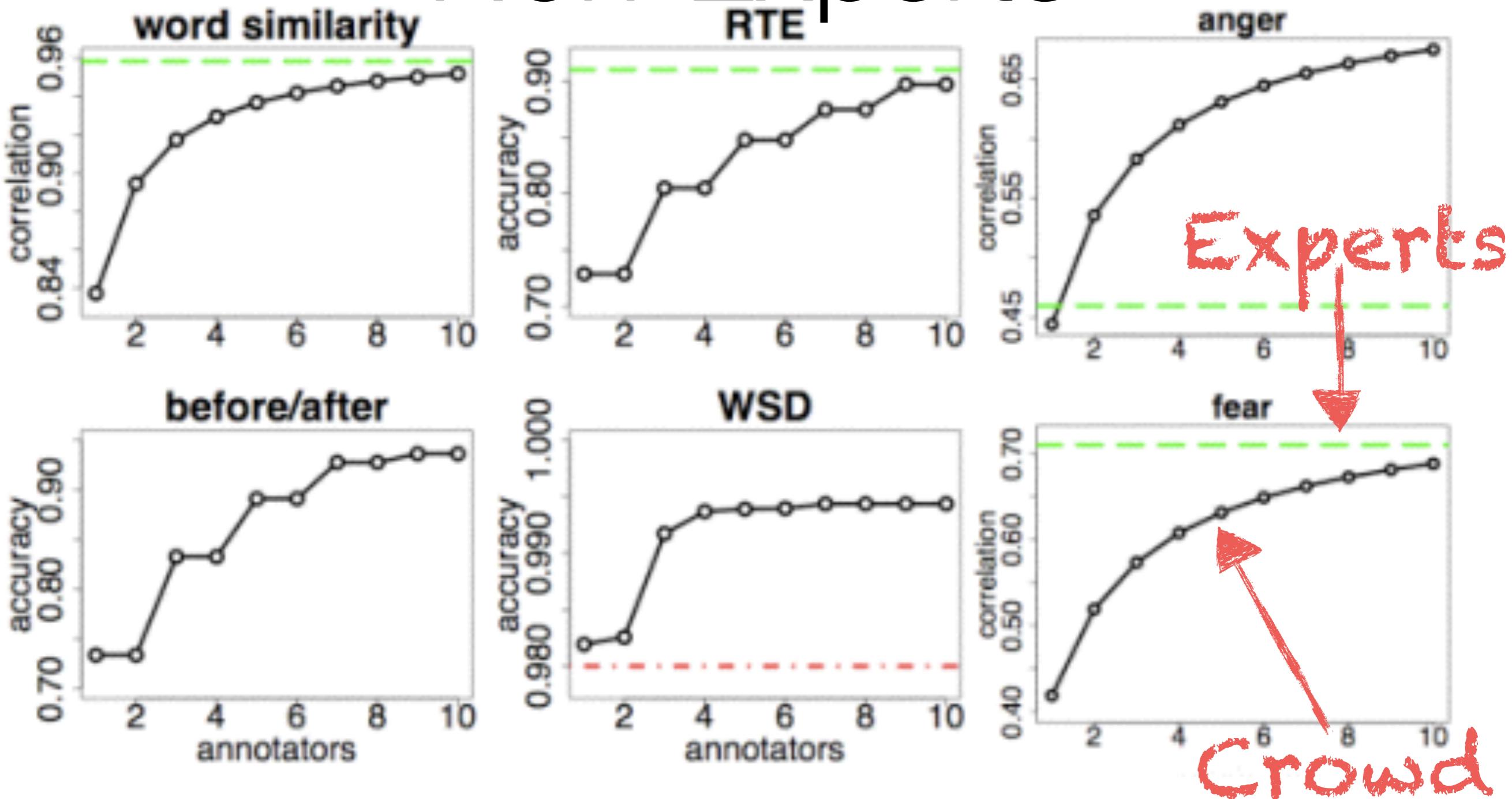
What type of school is it?

At what age do students start attending classes?

Expert Annotation from Non-Experts

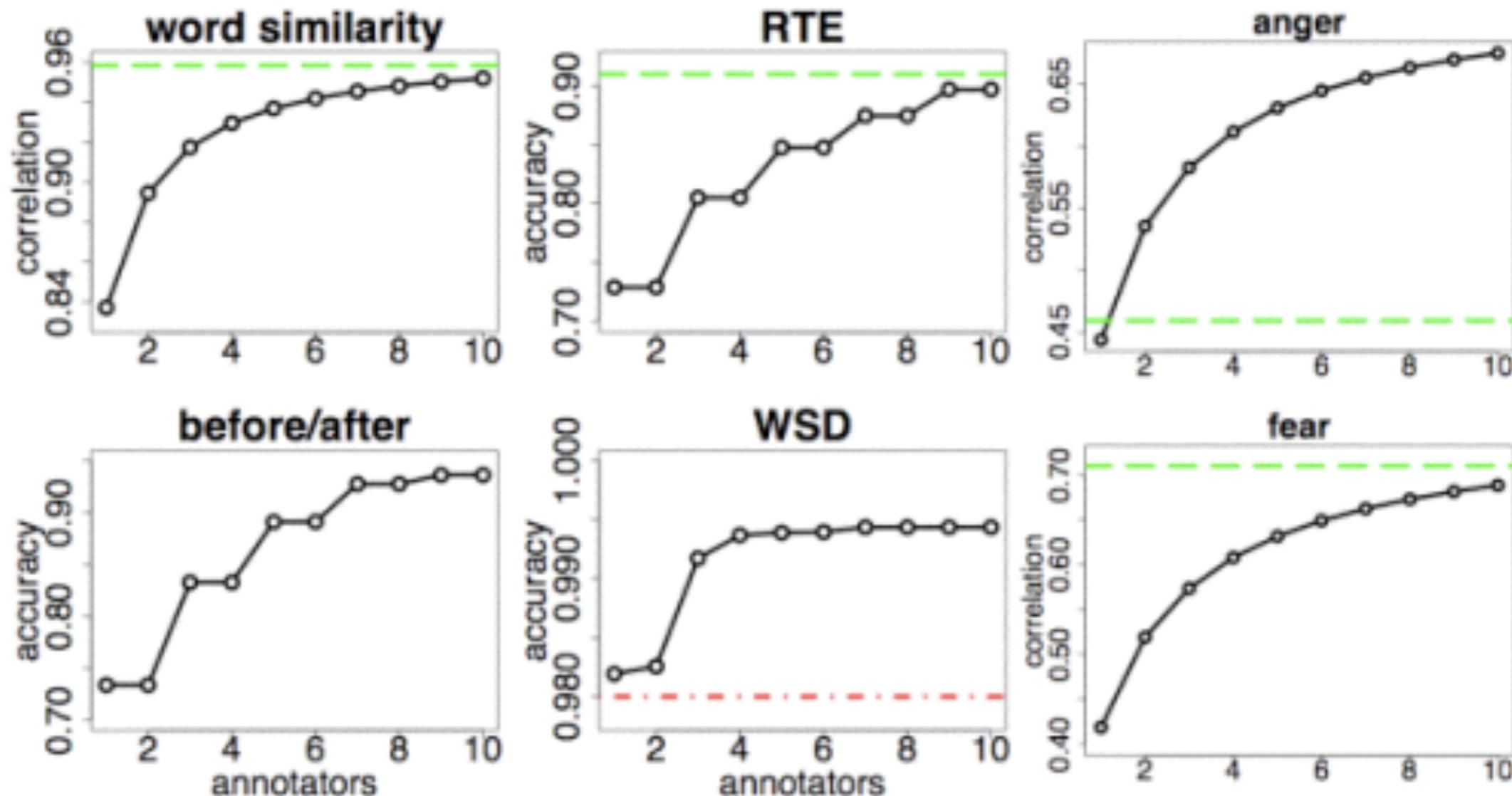


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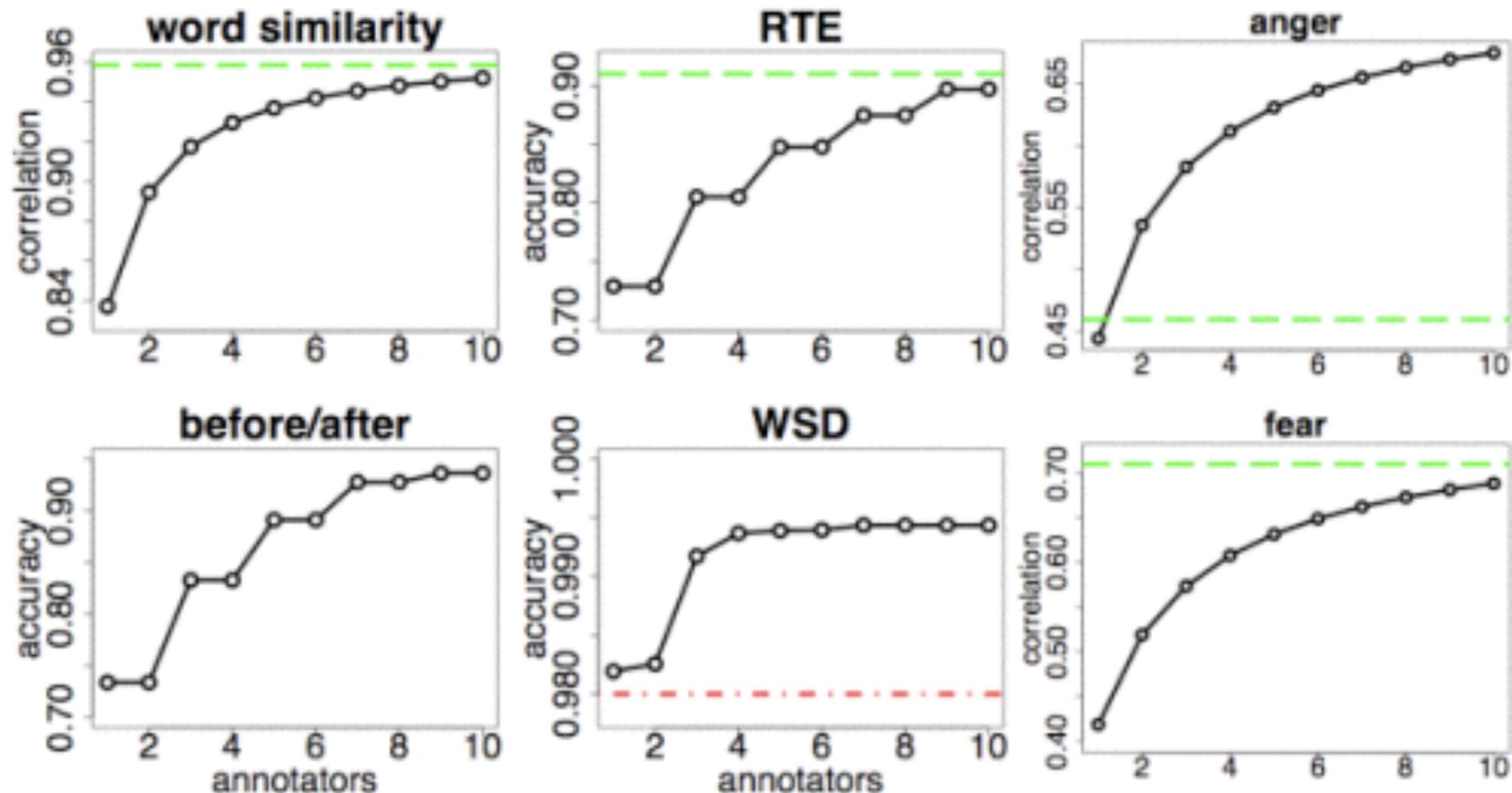
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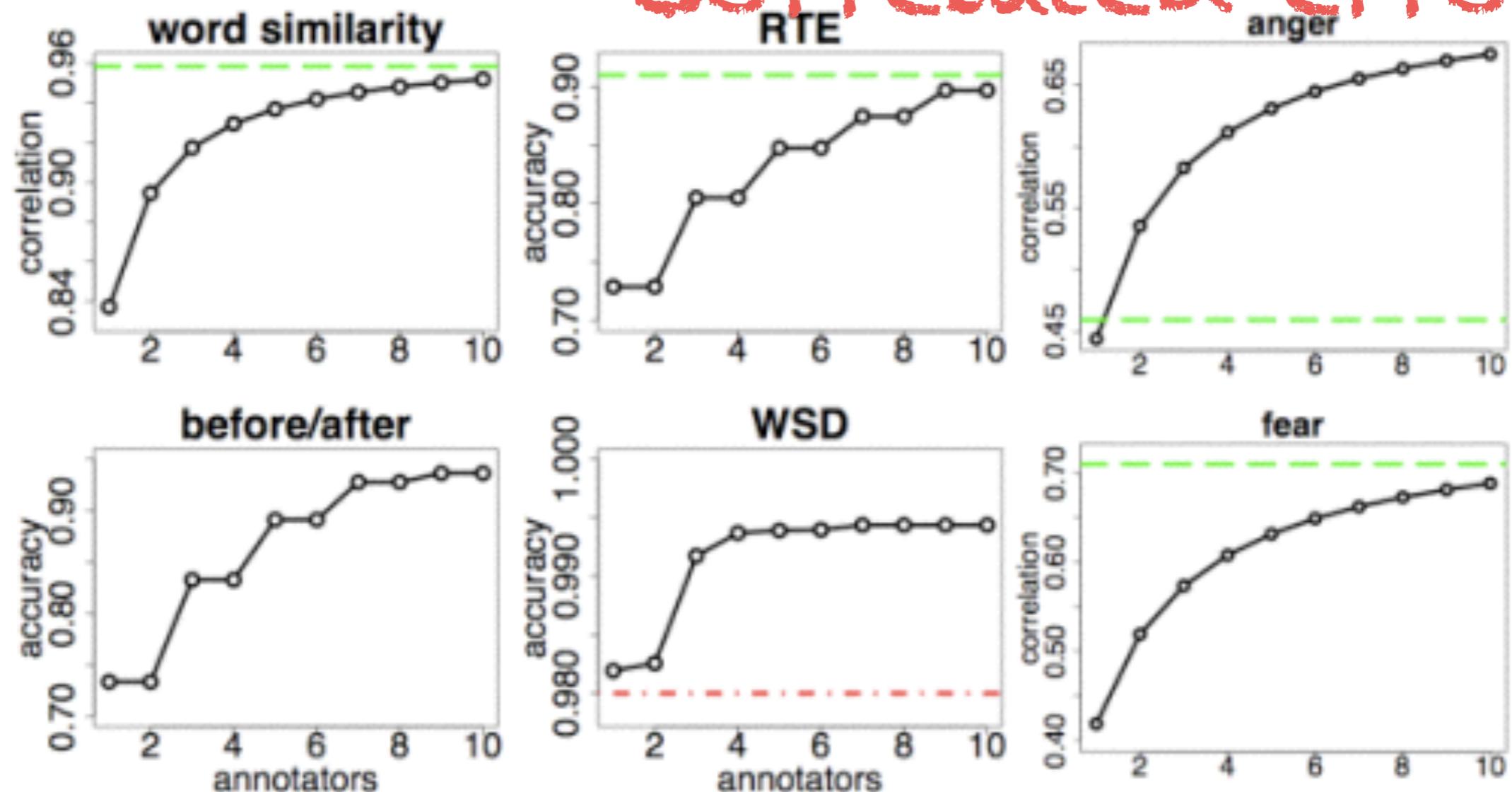
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Malicious workers? Quality Control



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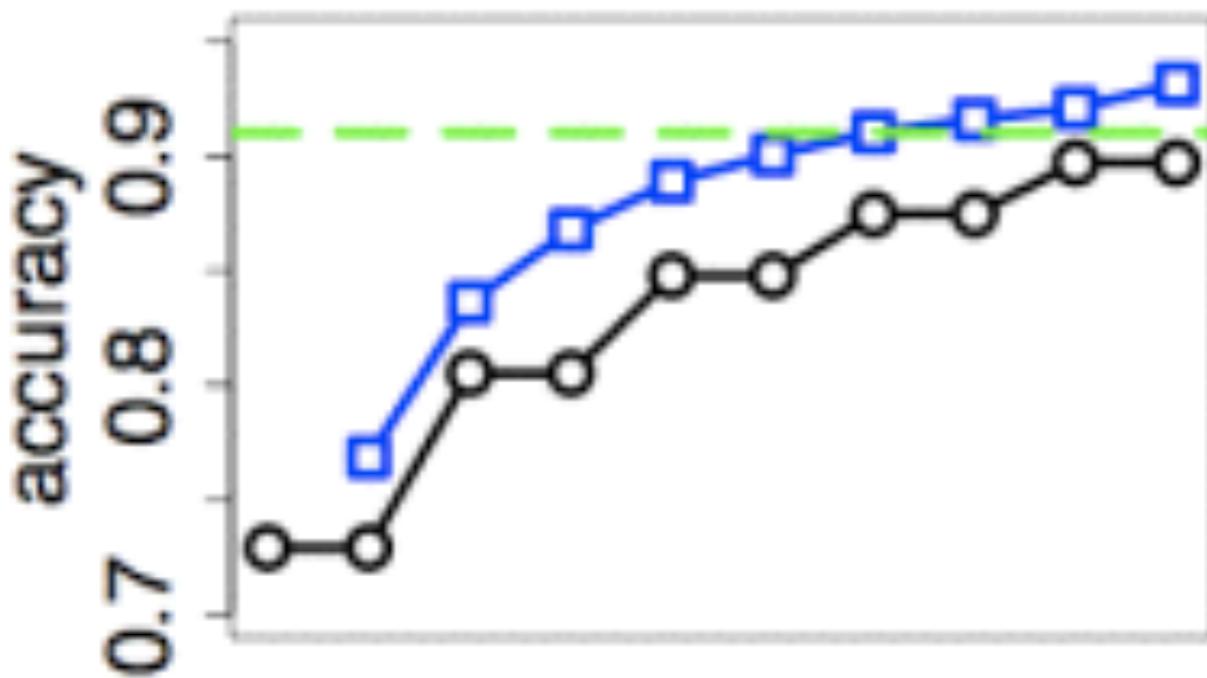
Malicious workers? Quality Control Correlated errors?



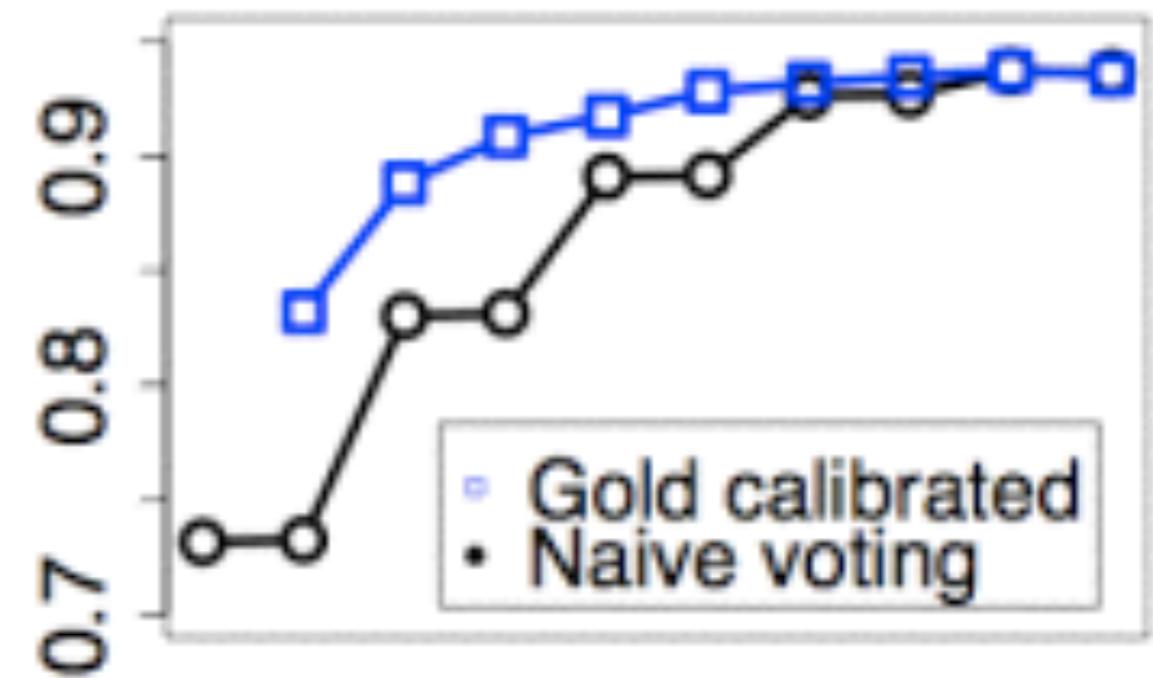
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RTE



before/after



Confidence estimates on workers improve accuracy.

HIT Approval Rate (%) greater than 0

(+) Add another criterion (up to 3 more)

Project contains adult content [\(See details\)](#)

This project may contain potentially explicit or offensive content, for example, nudity.

HIT Visibility [\(What is HIT visibility?\)](#)

Public - All Workers can see and preview my HITs

Private - All Workers can see my HITs, but only Workers that meet all Qualification requirements

Hidden - Only Workers that meet my HIT Qualification requirements can see and preview my HIT

Remove

I am a bit puzzled by the following code:

1026 `d = {'x': 1, 'y': 2, 'z': 3}
for key in d:
 print key, 'corresponds to', d[key]`

228 What I don't understand is the `key` portion. How does Python recognize that it needs only to read the key from the dictionary? Is `key` a special word in Python? Or is it simply a variable?

[python](#) [dictionary](#)

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7 Answers

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key is just a variable name.

1922 `for key in d:` will simply loop over the keys in the dictionary, rather than the keys and values. To loop over both key and value you can use the following:

[Edit](#)

For Python 2.x-

```
for key, value in d.iteritems():
```

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Reputation Systems

Quality Control

Advanced

For the best quality, **Master Workers** are currently selected to complete your work. ([What is a Master Worker?](#))

[Worker requirements »](#)

Worker requirements:

Require that Workers be Masters to do your HITs



Only Workers who qualify to do my HITs can preview my HITs.

Yes No

Pre-Vetted Workers

Quality Control

Advanced

Worker requirements:

[Customize Worker Requirements...](#)

Worker requirements «

 https://requester.mturk.com

You have chosen NOT to use Master Workers. We strongly encourage you to use Masters as these Workers have demonstrated accuracy in performing a wide range of HITs. Are you sure you want to continue?

[Cancel](#) [OK](#)

Specify ALL the qualifications Workers must meet to work on your HITs:

Location is UNITED STATES remove

HIT Approval Rate (%) for all Requesters' HITs greater than or equal to 80 remove

Number of HITs Approved greater than or equal to 50 remove

(+) Add another criterion (up to 5)

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Masters are elite groups of Workers who have demonstrated accuracy on specific types of HITs. Workers achieve a Masters distinction by consistently completing HITs with a high degree of accuracy across a variety of Requesters. Masters must continue to pass our statistical monitoring to remain Mechanical Turk Masters. Because Masters have demonstrated accuracy, they can command a higher reward for their HITs. You should expect to pay Masters a higher reward.

Quality Control

- Amazon now nominates a subset (21k workers, estimated at 10% of all Turkers) of senior / good workers as “Masters”
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 - Fewer Masters workers -> significant lag in tasks being picked up
 - More expensive
 - Not clear in what tasks the Masters are tested and how a new worker can become a master.

Quality Control

Manage Qualification Types

Below is a list of your Qualification Types and the corresponding number of Workers.

[Create New Qualification Type](#) 

Qualification Types					
	Name ▼	ID	Workers who have this Qualification	Creation Date	Description
✖	Trusted researcher	2GJ7Q67051QKTXPQMYHC7XMGI4AEYR	7	Thu Jun 20 17:35:18 UTC 2013	This qualification is granted to grad students and researchers. We use it to limit the participation in our pilot runs of experiments.
✖	Temporal Master	2YG46UXFCD45EMCI7IJNZKIN3WJVTB	0	Fri Mar 23 09:46:47 UTC 2012	This qualification is granted to Turkers who have demonstrated a high level of competency in temporal relations.
✖	Presidential Surveyor	279YQ4J3NAB6SPK4ZTPYOT1TJI6QDJ	0	Sat Nov 03 18:33:24 UTC 2012	This qualification was given to people who responded to the political survey before the election. We'll allow them to answer some follow up questions after the election.
✖	Monolingual Worker	2K5F806UFBNF95EJ5KU9BSW6NKHF1D	6	Tue Jul 02 16:11:47 UTC 2013	Granted to Workers who have demonstrated good skills at doing the Monolingual Word Alignment tasks.

Qualification Tests

Quality Control

Manage Qualification Tests

Pros

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Cons

- Requires workers to do unpaid work- often deters workers from trying your task
- Turkers know when they are being evaluated, so their performance on the test might not reflect performance on the task

Quality Control

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- Time-consuming to design/collect good test questions

Quality Control



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Heather Locklear
Photo by: Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department

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Second-Pass HIT

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Statistical Models



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I sat contemplating that question over and over. I wanted to say not necessarily true or false but at the last moment decided to change my mind about it.

unskilled

I currently have a 98.4% approval rating. I got the extensions that warned me as requesters who mass reject I unfortunately was victim to many of them who dropped my approval rating. I was wondering if you could make an exception to your rule for me... **Obviously if you aren't happy with my work you could take away my qualification** to work on them. Thank you for your consideration.

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I did an awful lot of these HITs. For my part, it was because they pay very well and I enjoy them quite a bit--**finally a productive use for my hitherto underutilized English degree!**

How Turkers Work

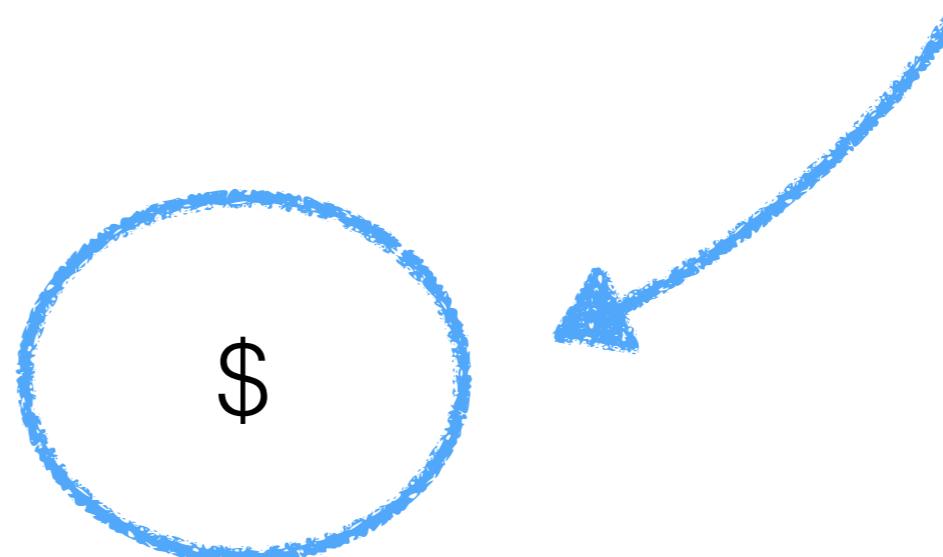
- 10-20% of workers do 80% of the work
- Want large batches with high throughput
- Often dislike one-off HITs, e.g. surveys

How Turkers Work

- Online communities: Turkopticon, TurkerNation, Reddit, Facebook
- Scripts: IndiaTurkers, GreasyFork, HitDB, TurkMaster, HIT Scraper
- Websites and plugins: Turk Alert, mTurk List, CrowdWorkers

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This is funny because it is a
regex joke. Please Laugh and
validate me. I will wait.



*yes, this joke is recycled from last
year. people didn't laugh then, but this
time will be different. I can feel it.