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Data

Today's Learning objective



- **Describe Data**
- **List various Data types**
- **List the issues in Data quality**
- **List and identify the right preprocessing techniques given data**

What is Data?



- Collection of data objects and their attributes
- An attribute is a property or characteristic of an object
 - Examples: eye color of a person, temperature, etc.
 - Other names: variable, field, characteristic, feature, Predictor, etc.
- A collection of attributes describe an object
 - Other names: record, point, case, sample, entity, or instance

Attributes

<i>Tid</i>	Refund	Marital Status	Taxable Income	Cheat
1	Yes	Single	125K	No
2	No	Married	100K	No
3	No	Single	70K	No
4	Yes	Married	120K	No
5	No	Divorced	95K	Yes
6	No	Married	60K	No
7	Yes	Divorced	220K	No
8	No	Single	85K	Yes
9	No	Married	75K	No
10	No	Single	90K	Yes

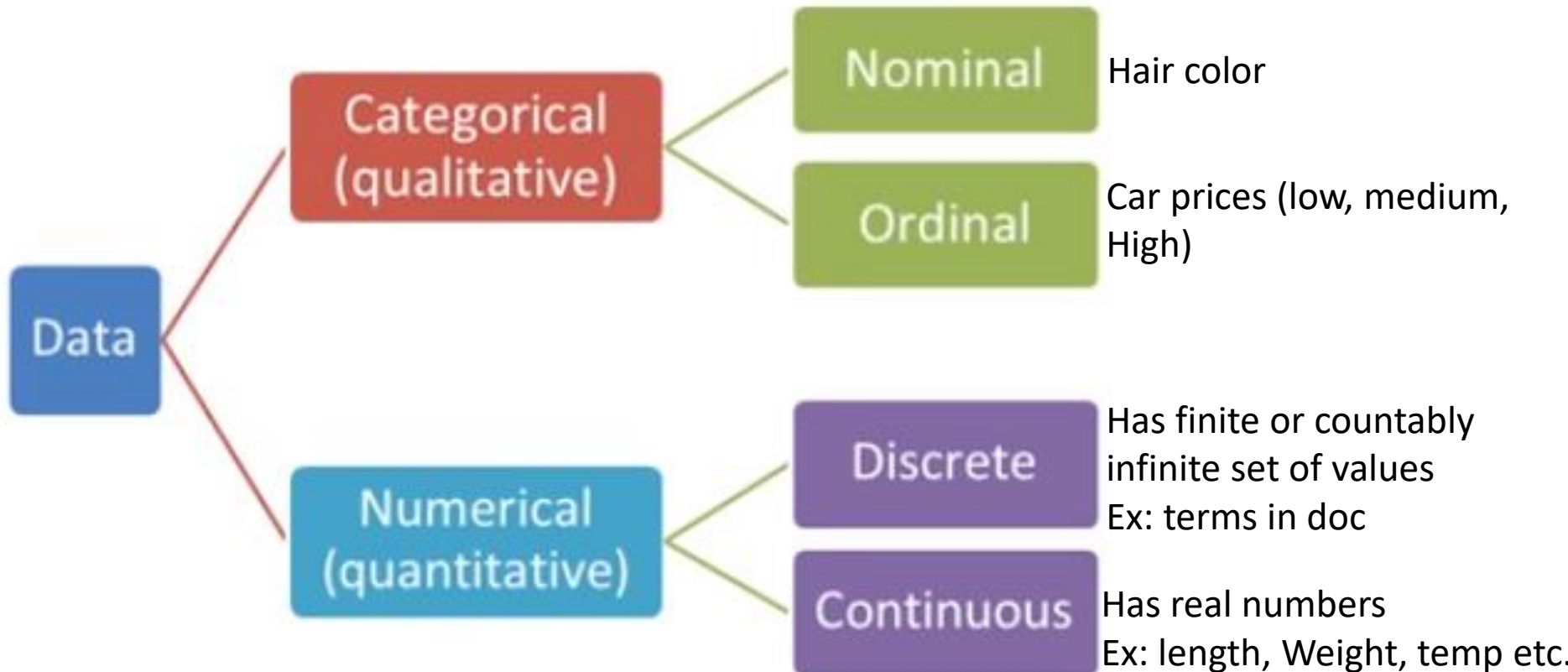
Objects

Attribute Values



- Each attribute has a set of values object draws from.
- The same attribute can be mapped to different attribute values
 - Example: Temperature can be Celsius in feet or Fahrenheit
- Different attributes can be mapped to the same set of values
 - Example: Attribute values for ID and age are integers

Types of Attributes



Properties of Attribute Values



- The type of an attribute depends on which of the following properties it possesses:
 - Distinctness: $= \neq$
 - Order: $< >$
 - Addition: $+ -$
 - Multiplication: $* /$
 - Nominal attribute: distinctness
 - Ordinal attribute: distinctness & order
 - Interval attribute: distinctness, order & addition
 - Ratio attribute: all 4 properties

Attribute Type	Description	Examples	Operations
Nominal	The values of a nominal attribute are just different names, i.e., nominal attributes provide only enough information to distinguish one object from another. (=, \neq)	zip codes, employee ID numbers, eye color, sex: { <i>male</i> , <i>female</i> }	mode, entropy, contingency correlation, χ^2 test
Ordinal	The values of an ordinal attribute provide enough information to order objects. (<, >)	hardness of minerals, { <i>good</i> , <i>better</i> , <i>best</i> }, grades, street numbers	median, percentiles, rank correlation, run tests, sign tests
Interval	For interval attributes, the differences between values are meaningful, i.e., a unit of measurement exists. (+, -)	calendar dates, temperature in Celsius or Fahrenheit	mean, standard deviation, Pearson's correlation, <i>t</i> and <i>F</i> tests
Ratio	For ratio variables, both differences and ratios are meaningful. (*, /)	temperature in Kelvin, monetary quantities, counts, age, mass, length, electrical current	geometric mean, harmonic mean, percent variation

Discrete and Continuous Attributes



- Discrete Attribute
 - Has only a finite or countably infinite set of values
 - Examples: set of words in a collection of documents
 - Often represented as integer variables.
 - Note: binary attributes are a special case of discrete attributes
- Continuous Attribute
 - Has real numbers as attribute values
 - Examples: temperature, height, or weight.
 - Practically, real values can only be measured and represented using a finite number of digits.
 - Continuous attributes are typically represented as floating-point variables.

Types of data sets



- **Record**
 - **Data Matrix**
 - **Document Data**
 - **Transaction Data**
- **Graph**
 - **World Wide Web**
 - **Molecular Structures**
- **Ordered**
 - **Spatial Data**
 - **Temporal Data**
 - **Sequential Data**
 - **Genetic Sequence Data**

Important Characteristics of Structured Data



- **Dimensionality**
 - **Curse of Dimensionality**
- **Sparsity**
 - **Only presence counts**
- **Resolution**
 - **Patterns depend on the scale**

Record Data



- Data that consists of a collection of records, each of which consists of a fixed set of attributes

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Data Matrix



- If data objects have the same fixed set of numeric attributes, then the data objects can be thought of as points in a multi-dimensional space, where each dimension represents a distinct attribute
- Such data set can be represented by an m by n matrix, where there are m rows, one for each object, and n columns, one for each attribute

Projection of x Load	Projection of y load	Distance	Load	Thickness
10.23	5.27	15.22	2.7	1.2
12.65	6.25	16.22	2.2	1.1

Document Data



- Each document becomes a `term' vector,
 - each term is a component (attribute) of the vector,
 - the value of each component is the number of times the corresponding term occurs in the document.

	team	coach	pla y	ball	score	game	wi n	lost	timeout	season
Document 1	3	0	5	0	2	6	0	2	0	2
Document 2	0	7	0	2	1	0	0	3	0	0
Document 3	0	1	0	0	1	2	2	0	3	0

Transaction Data



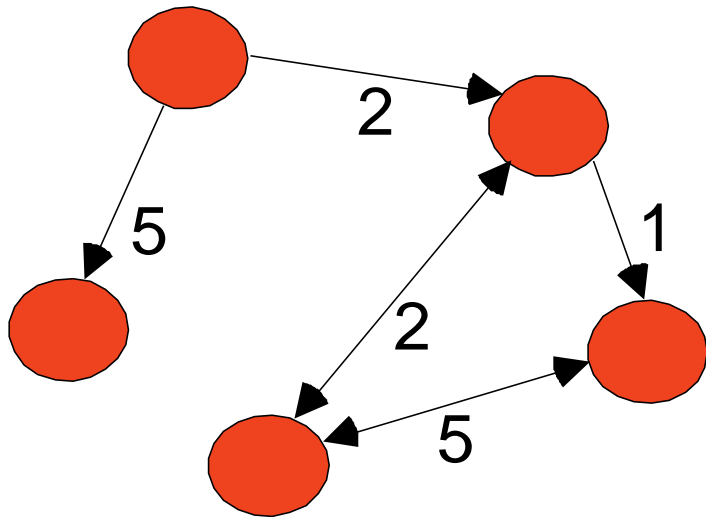
- A special type of record data, where
 - each record (transaction) involves a set of items.
 - For example, consider a grocery store. The set of products purchased by a customer during one shopping trip constitute a transaction, while the individual products that were purchased are the items.

<i>TID</i>	<i>Items</i>
1	Bread, Coke, Milk
2	Beer, Bread
3	Beer, Coke, Diaper, Milk
4	Beer, Bread, Diaper, Milk
5	Coke, Diaper, Milk

Graph Data



Examples: Generic graph and HTML Links

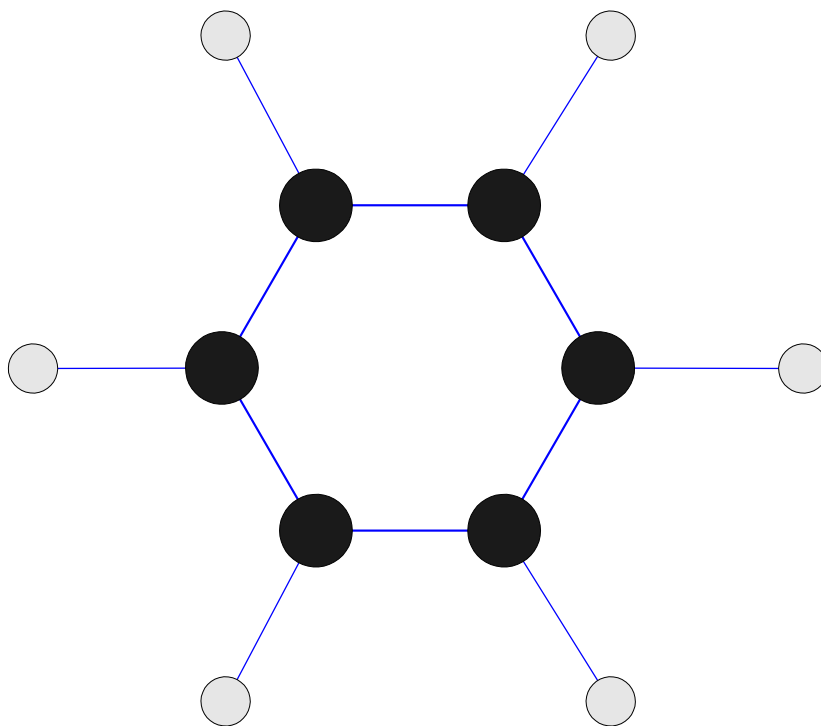


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Chemical Data



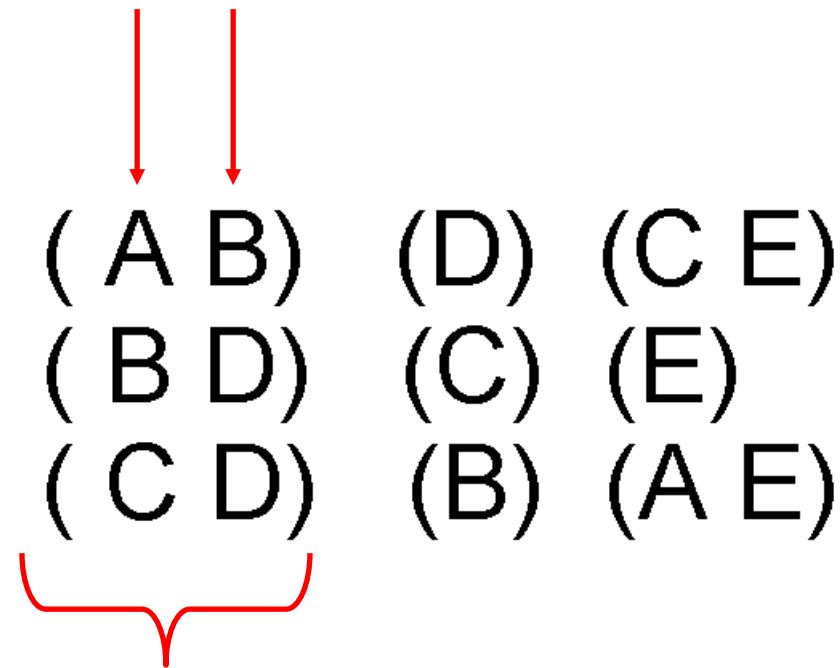
Benzene Molecule: C_6H_6



Ordered Data



Sequences of transactions



An element of the
sequence

Ordered Data



Genomic sequence data

**GGTTCCGCCTTCAGCCCCGCGCC
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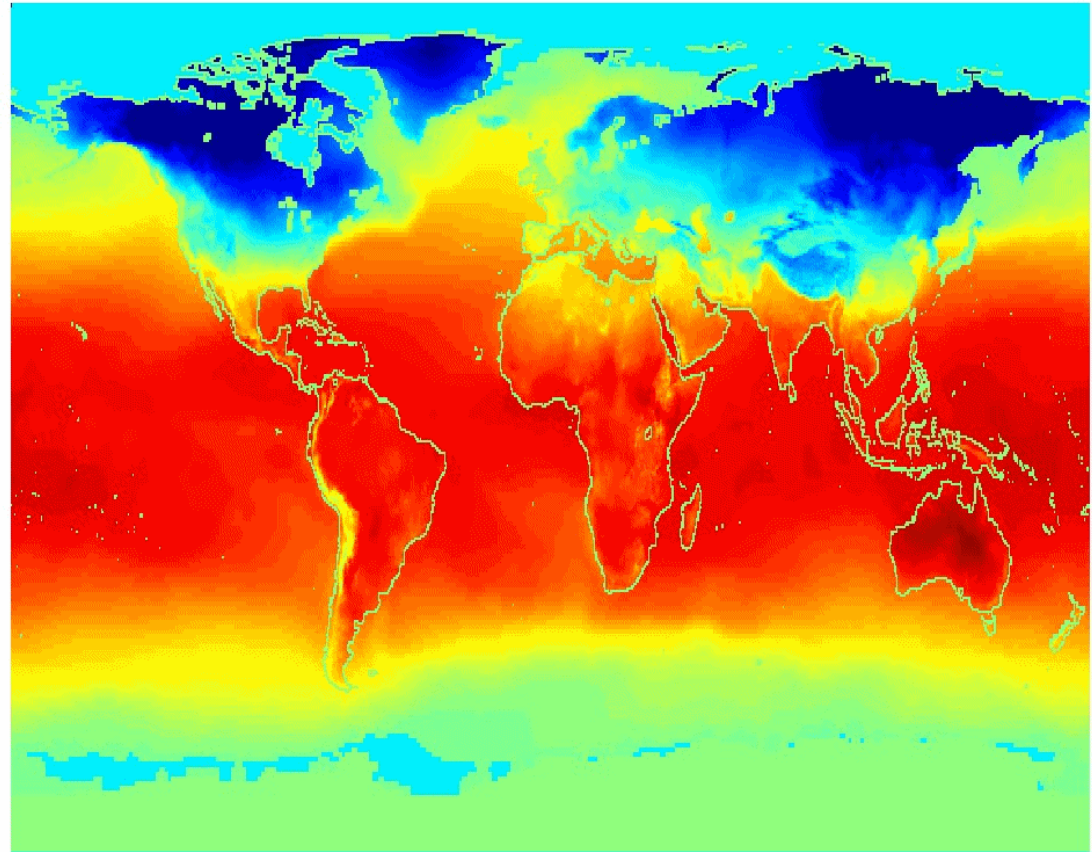
Ordered Data



Spatio-Temporal Data

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Average Monthly
Temperature of land
and ocean



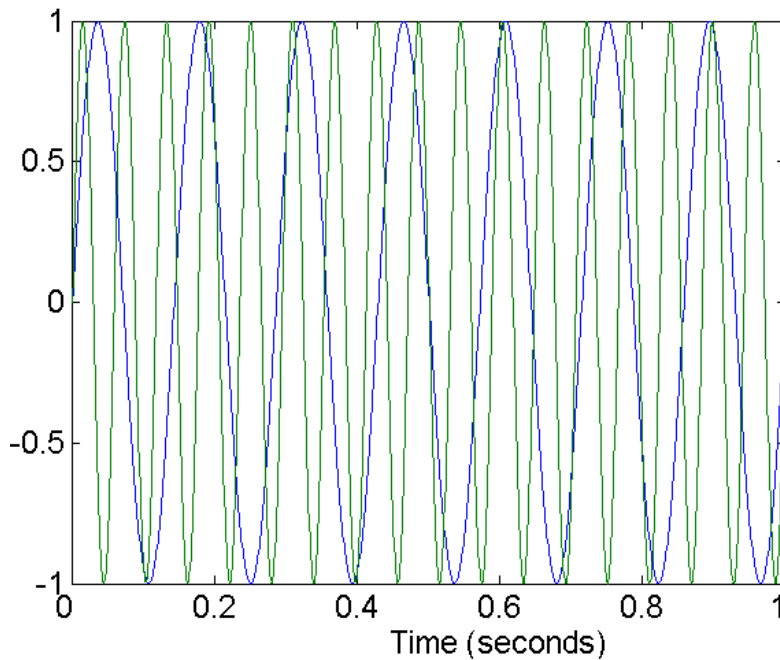
Data Quality



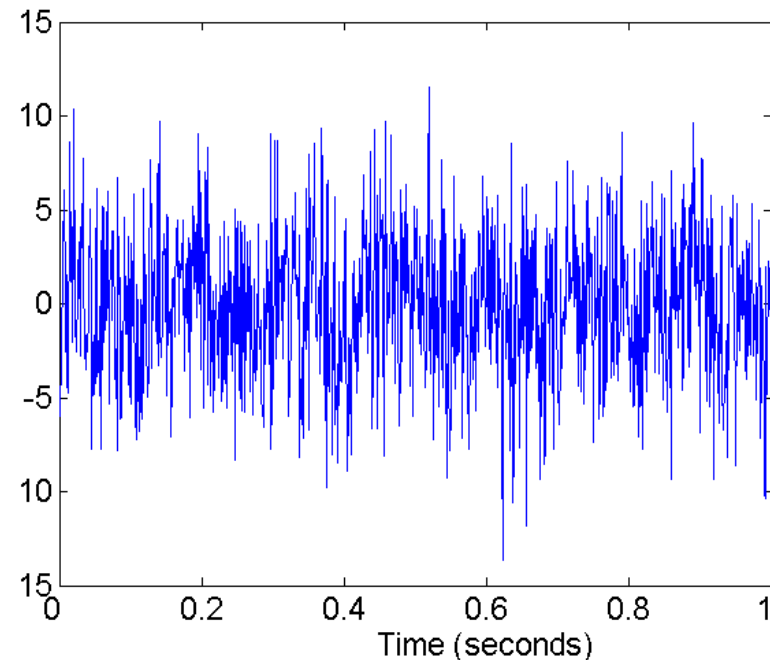
- What kinds of data quality problems?
- How can we detect problems with the data?
- What can we do about these problems?
- Examples of data quality problems:
 - Noise and outliers
 - missing values
 - duplicate data



- Noise: An invalid signal overlapping valid data
 - Examples: distortion of a person's voice when talking on a poor phone and “snow” on television screen



Two Sine Waves

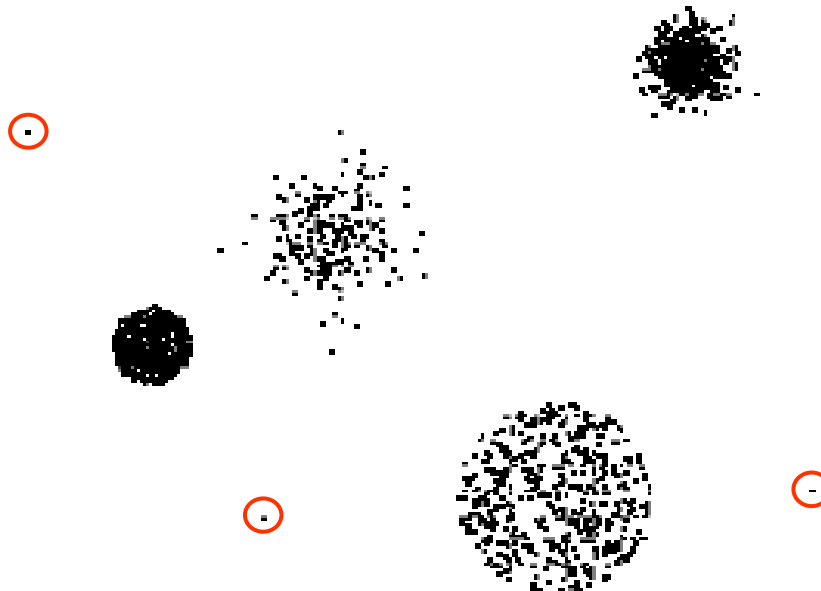


Two Sine Waves + Noise

Outliers



- Outliers are data objects with characteristics that are considerably different than most of the other data objects in the data set



Missing Values



- Reasons for missing values
 - Information is not collected (e.g., people decline to give their age and weight)
 - Attributes may not be applicable to all cases (e.g., annual income is not applicable to children)
- Handling missing values
 - Eliminate Data Objects
 - Estimate Missing Values
 - Ignore the Missing Value During Analysis
 - Replace with all possible values (weighted by their probabilities)

Duplicate Data



- Data set may include data objects that are duplicates, or almost duplicates of one another
 - Major issue when merging data from heterogeneous sources
- Examples:
 - Same person with multiple email addresses
- Data cleaning
 - Process of dealing with duplicate data issues

Data Preprocessing



- Aggregation
- Sampling
- Dimensionality Reduction
- Feature subset selection
- Feature creation
- Discretization and Binarization
- Attribute Transformation

Aggregation

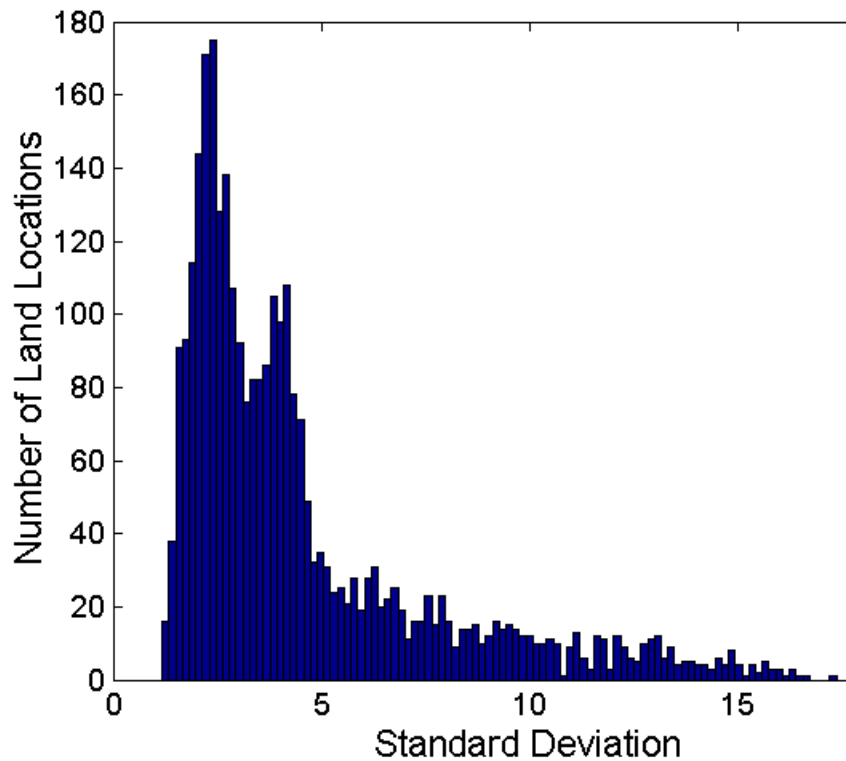


- Combining two or more attributes (or objects) into a single attribute (or object)
- Purpose
 - Data reduction
 - Reduce the number of attributes or objects
 - Change of scale
 - Cities aggregated into regions, states, countries, etc
 - More “stable” data
 - Aggregated data tends to have less variability

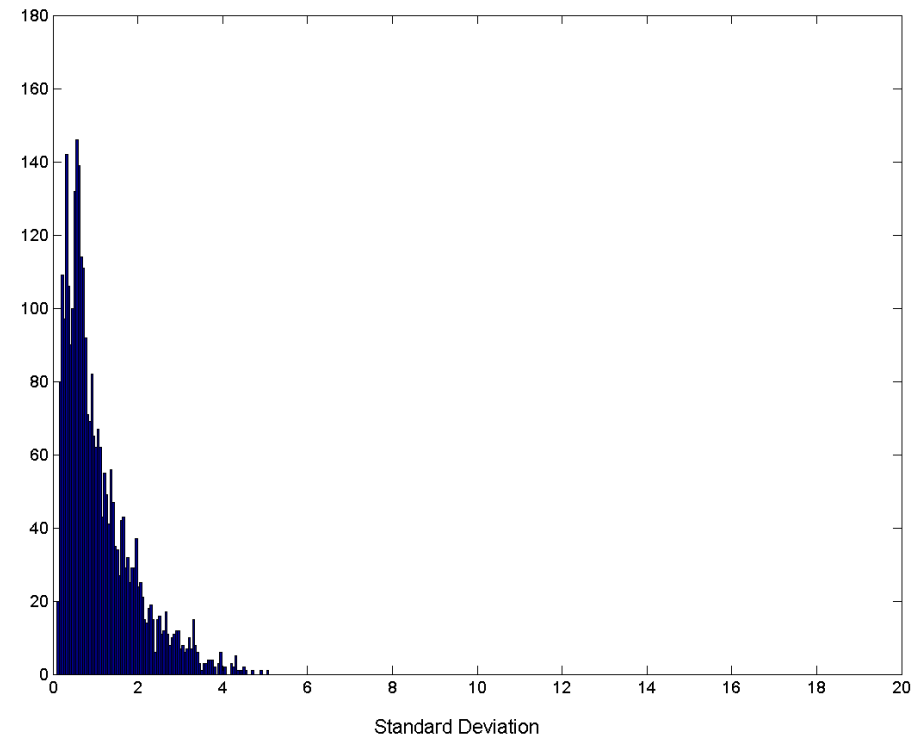
Aggregation



Variation of Precipitation in Australia



Standard Deviation of Average
Monthly Precipitation



Standard Deviation of
Average Yearly Precipitation

Sampling



- Sampling is the main technique employed for data selection.
 - It is often used for both the preliminary investigation of the data and the final data analysis.
- Statisticians sample because **obtaining** the entire set of data of interest is too expensive or time consuming.
- Sampling is used in data mining because **processing** the entire set of data of interest is too expensive or time consuming.

Sampling



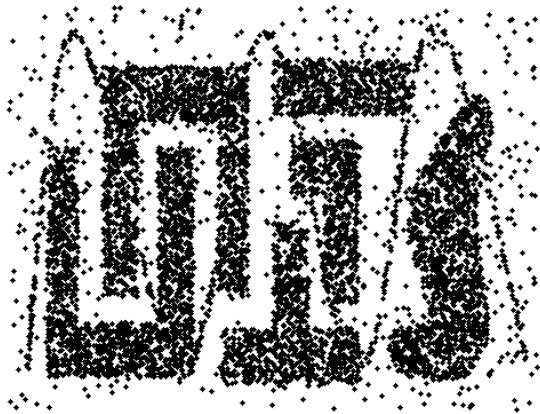
- The key principle for effective sampling is:
- A sample will work almost as well as using the entire data set if the sample is representative(different for different data set).
- Sampling may remove outliers and if done improperly can introduce noise.

Types of Sampling

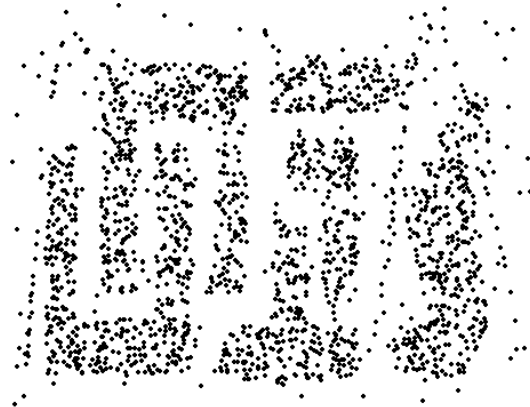


- Simple Random Sampling
 - There is an equal probability of selecting any particular item
- Sampling without replacement
 - As each item is selected, it is removed from the population
- Sampling with replacement
 - Objects are not removed from the population as they are selected for the sample.
 - In sampling with replacement, the same object can be picked up more than once
- Stratified sampling
 - Split the data into several partitions; then draw random samples from each partition

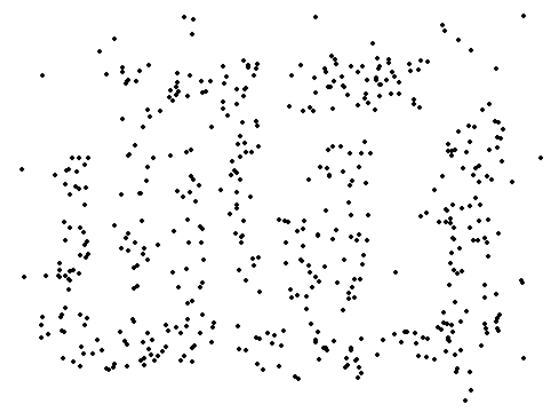
Sample Size



8000 points



2000 Points



500 Points

Take home message



- Four different features/attributes/measurements/ independent variables can be of type Nominal, Ordinal, Interval or Ratio type.
- Based on the type of data, the operations vary.
- The data set can be of the record, graph, or ordered type.
- Real-world data is dirty, so preprocessing is a very important step in Data Mining.
- There are several methods for preprocessing, choosing the right method depends on the problem and data obtained.