

Data

Data cleaning, Tidy Data & Data Intuition

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Lectures :http://casimpkinsjr.radiantdolphinpress.com/pages/cogs108_ss1_23/index.html

Plan for today

- Announcements
- A1 Q5 my_list
- Information about the project
- Groups updates
- Lecture 1: Data structures, tidy data and data intuition
- Lecture 2: Programming review (python), Jupyter notebooks, file systems access and structures (uploading, downloading, where everything is remote vs. local)

Announcements

- Due next Friday (11:59 PM)
 - Project Survey - <https://github.com/COGS108/Projects>, project survey link
 - Q1 - “lecture quiz”
 - D1 (recommended finish by Monday)
 - D2 (recommended finish by Wed)
 - A1 (recommend finish by Friday)
- Projects
 - Groups - you should hopefully have found one by now, if not post publicly on piazza first and then if you still cannot locate a group/want us to just assign you we'll use the google form today
 - If you located a group after asking to be assigned, please change your submission to the original group survey (you should be able to change your submissions) so we know
 - You will be assigned a GitHub repo this weekend - please accept the invitation (it will expire)

Announcements II

- We will re-record and release the first discussion replacement as soon as possible
- Waitlist - waiting to hear back, but if you are within 30 you are probably going to be in

Error in A1Q5

- In general the procedure for corrections will be through announcements and handouts - we cannot update your version
- The following code should be provided for you before A1 Q5, so in answering the question insert this first:

```
# These variables are provided to you.  
my_list = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15]  
inds = []
```

COGS 108 Final Projects

The COGS 108 Final Project will give you the chance to explore a topic of your choice and to expand your analytical skills. By working with real data of your choosing you can examine questions of particular interest to you.

- You are encouraged to work on a topic that matters to the world (your family, your neighborhood, a state/province, country, etc).
- Taboo Topics: Movie Predictions/Recommendation System; YouTube Data Analysis, Kickstarter success prediction/analysis,prediction of what makes a song popular on Spotify, political patterns or singling out some individual

Final Project: Objectives

- Identify the problems and goals of a *real* situation and dataset.
- Choose an appropriate approach for formalizing and testing the problems and goals, and be able to articulate the reasoning for that selection.
- Implement your analysis choices on the dataset(s).
- Interpret the results of the analyses.
- Contextualize those results within a greater scientific and social context, acknowledging and addressing any potential issues related to privacy and ethics.
- Work effectively to manage a project as part of a team.

Upcoming Project Components

Project Planning Survey (1%) - 1 submission per group (due Fri Week 2)

Project Review (5%) - Before Mon of week 3, your group will be assigned a previous COGS 108 project to review; A google Form will be released to guide your thinking/discussion about and review of what a previous COGS 108 group did for their project. (due Fri Week 3)

Project Proposal (8%) - a GitHub repo will be created for your group; ‘submit’ on GitHub (due Fri Week 4)

Project Proposal (8%)

Full project guidelines are here: [https://github.com/COGS108/Projects/
blob/master/FinalProject_Guidelines.md](https://github.com/COGS108/Projects/blob/master/FinalProject_Guidelines.md)

Now on to Data...

Example

- What does this have to do with Data Science?



Example

- What does this have to do with Data Science?
- **EVERYTHING!**



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Data Structures Review

Structured data

- can be stored in database
SQL
- tables with rows and columns
- requires a relational key
- 5-10% of all data

Semi-structured data

- doesn't reside in a relational database
- has organizational properties (easier to analyze)
- CSV, XML, JSON

Unstructured

- non-tabular data
- 80% of the world's data
- images, text, audio, videos

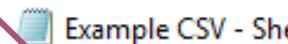
(Semi-)Structured Data

Data that is stored in such a way that it is easy to search and work with. These data are stored in a particular format that adheres to organization principles imposed by the file format. These are the data structures data scientists work with most often.

CSVs

Each column separated by a comma

Has the extension ".csv"



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Email	First Name	Last Name	Company	Snippet 1
example1@domain.com	John	Smith	Company 1	Snippet Sentence1
example2@gmail.com	Mary	Blake	Company 2	Snippet Sentence 2
example3@outlook.com	James	Joyce	Company 3	Snippet Sentence 3

Each row is separated by a new line



Example CSV



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5						
6	CSV file					
7						
8						

Example CSV - Sheet1 — Notatnik
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CSV file

JSON: key-value pairs

nested/hierarchical data

```
{"Name": "Isabela"}
```

The diagram illustrates a JSON object consisting of a single key-value pair. The object is represented by the string {"Name": "Isabela"}. Two pink arrows point from the words "key" and "value" to the colon character in the JSON string, indicating the mapping between the two concepts. The word "key" points to the start of the colon, and the word "value" points to the end of the colon.

JSON

These are all
nested within
attributes

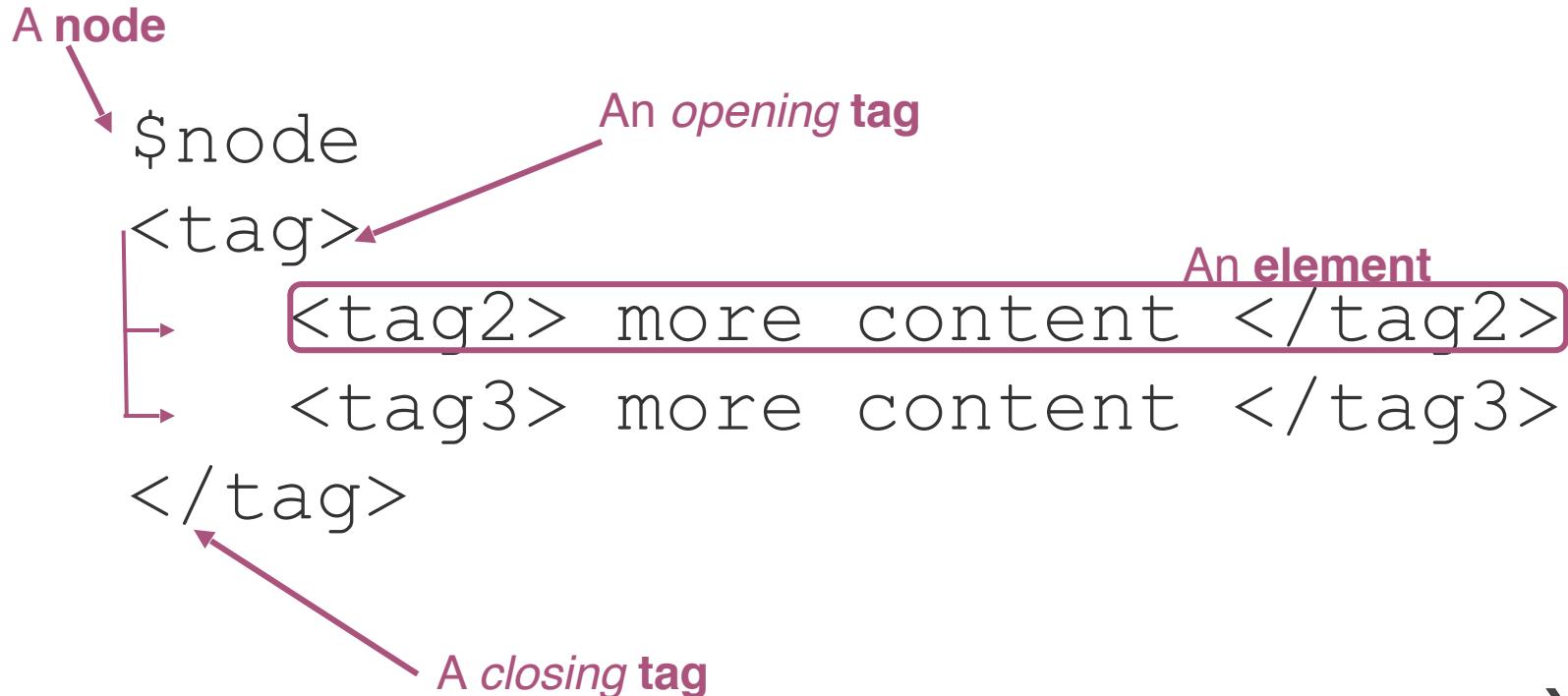
```
"attributes": {  
    "Take-out": true,  
    "Wi-Fi": "free",  
    "Drive-Thru": true,  
    "Good For": {  
        "dessert": false,  
        "latenight": false,  
        "lunch": false,  
        "dinner": false,  
        "breakfast": false,  
        "brunch": false  
    },  
},
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JSON

Extensible Markup Language (XML): nodes, tags, and elements

nested/hierarchical data



XML

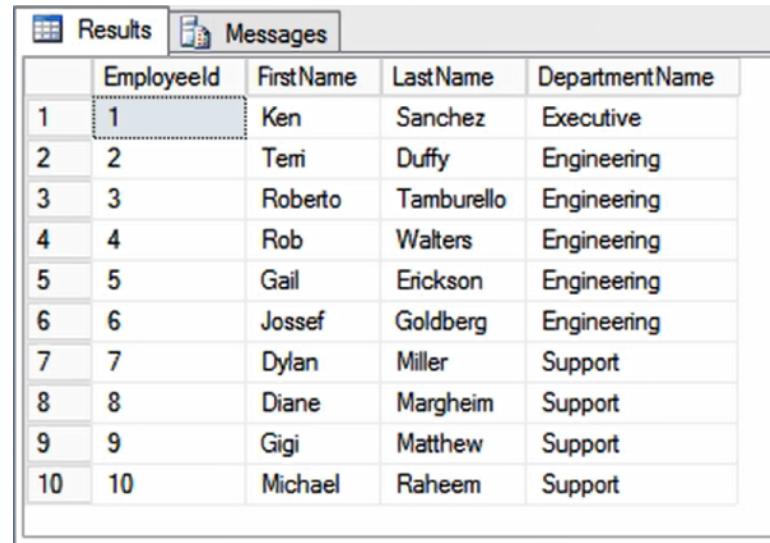
```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<customers>
    <customer>
        <customer_id>1</customer_id>
        <first_name>John</first_name>
        <last_name>Doe</last_name>
        <email>john.doe@example.com</email>
    </customer>
    <customer>
        <customer_id>2</customer_id>
        <first_name>Sam</first_name>
        <last_name>Smith</last_name>
        <email>sam.smith@example.com</email>
    </customer>
    <customer>
        <customer_id>3</customer_id>
        <first_name>Jane</first_name>
        <last_name>Doe</last_name>
        <email>jane.doe@example.com</email>
    </customer>
</customers>
```

XML

adapted from Chris Keown

Relational Databases: A set of interdependent tables

1. Efficient Data Storage
2. Avoid Ambiguity
3. Increase Data Privacy



	EmployeeId	FirstName	LastName	DepartmentName
1	1	Ken	Sanchez	Executive
2	2	Temi	Duffy	Engineering
3	3	Roberto	Tamburello	Engineering
4	4	Rob	Walters	Engineering
5	5	Gail	Erickson	Engineering
6	6	Jossef	Goldberg	Engineering
7	7	Dylan	Miller	Support
8	8	Diane	Margheim	Support
9	9	Gigi	Matthew	Support
10	10	Michael	Raheem	Support

relational
database

Information is stored across tables

unique_identifier
AH13JK
JJ29JJ
CI21AA

unique_identifier
AH13JK
JJ29JJ
JJ29JJ
XJ11AS
CI21AA

unique_identifier
AH13JK
SE92FE
CI21AA

entries are *related* to one another by their unique identifier

relational database

Relational database

restaurant

name	id	address	type
Taco Stand	AH13JK	1 Main St.	Mexican
Pho Place	JJ29JJ	192 Street Rd.	Vietnamese
Taco Stand	XJ11AS	18 W. East St.	Fusion
Pizza Heaven	CI21AA	711 K Ave.	Italian

health inspections

id	inspection_date	inspector	score
AH13JK	2018-08-21	Sheila	97
JJ29JJ	2018-03-12	D'eonte	98
JJ29JJ	2018-01-02	Monica	66
XJ11AS	2018-12-16	Mark	43
CI21AA	2018-08-21	Anh	99

rating

id	stars
AH13JK	4.9
JJ29JJ	4.8
XJ11AS	4.2
CI21AA	4.7

Relational database

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Two different restaurants with
the same name will have
different unique identifiers

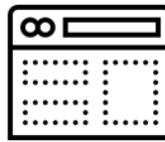
Unstructured Data

Some datasets record information about the state of the world, but in a more heterogeneous way. Perhaps it is a large text corpus with images and links like Wikipedia, or the complicated mix of notes and test results appearing in personal medical records.

Unstructured Data Types



Text files
and
documents



Websites
and
applications



Sensor
data

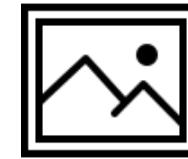


Image
files



Audio
files



Video
files



Email
data



Social
media
data



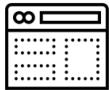
Text: Sentiment Analysis

Positive:
70%

Negative:
20%

Neutral:
10%





PYTHON

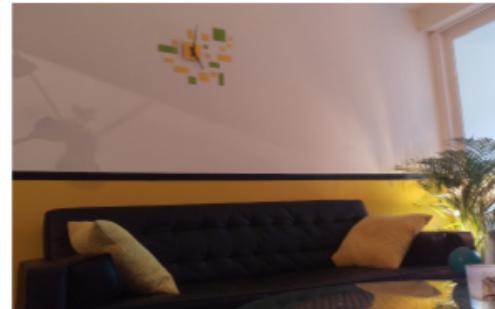
BEAUTIFULSOUP

WEB SCRAPING





Bedroom Or Not?



"The left two photos were correctly predicted as bedrooms; The right two photos were correctly predicted NOT as bedrooms."

Tidy Data

"Good data scientists understand, in a deep way, that the heavy lifting of cleanup and preparation isn't something that gets in the way of solving the problem: it is the problem." - DJ Patil

untidy data

Australian Bureau of Statistics												
1800.0 Australian Marriage Law Postal Survey, 2017												
Released on 15 November 2017												
Table junk												
Table 5 Participation by Federal Electoral Division(a) Males and Age												Gender apartheid
Yeah NA	18-19 years	20-24 years	25-29 years	30-34 years	35-39 years	40-44 years	45-49 years	50-54 years	55-59 years	60-64 years		
Total participants	292	1,058	1,460	1,653	1,515	1,516	1,710	1,730	1,753	1,574		
Lingiari(b)	872	2,910	3,040	3,096	3,607	3,506	3,649	3,331	2,960	2,456		
Primary keynotes	51.0	36.4	38.7	41.4	42.0	43.2	46.9	51.9	59.2	64.1		
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Solomon	Total participants	442	1,461	2,066	2,357	2,188	2,057	2,224	2,108	2,134	1,772	
	Eligible participants	750	2,991	3,994	4,195	3,634	3,398	3,427	3,066	2,931	2,355	
	Participation rate (%)	58.9	48.8	51.7	56.7	60.2	60.5	64.9	68.8	72.8	75.2	
Northern Territory	Total participants	734	2,519	3,531	4,010	3,703	3,573	3,934	3,838	3,887	3,346	
(Total)	Eligible participants	1,322	5,901	7,783	8,151	7,241	6,904	7,072	6,397	5,891	4,811	
	Participation rate (%)	55.5	42.7	45.4	49.2	51.1	51.8	55.6	60.0	66.0	69.5	
Australian Capital Territory Divisions	Covariate as Subheading											
Canberra(d)	Summary of data inside data											
Total participants	1,764	4,789	4,817	4,973	4,626	4,453	5,074	4,826	5,169	4,394		
Eligible participants	2,260	6,471	6,448	6,509	5,983	5,805	6,302	5,902	6,044	5,057		
Participation rate (%)	78.1	74.0	74.7	76.4	77.3	76.7	80.5	81.8	85.5	89.9		
Fenner(e)	Total participants	1,477	4,687	5,178	5,786	6,029	5,463	5,191	4,208	3,948	3,466	
	Eligible participants	1,904	6,354	7,121	7,822	7,960	7,155	6,480	5,206	4,692	3,945	
	Participation rate (%)	77.6	73.8	72.7	74.0	75.7	78.4	80.1	80.8	84.1	87.8	
	NA Yeah											
Australian Capital Territory (Total)	Total participants	6,242	24,476	24,699	25,604	24,910	24,269	24,904	25,117	26,009		
	Eligible participants	4,104	12,825	13,569	14,331	13,943	12,960	12,762	11,109	10,736	9,002	
	Participation rate (%)	77.8	73.9	73.7	75.1	76.4	76.5	80.3	81.3	84.9	87.3	
Australia	Total participants	151,297	438,166	441,658	460,548	462,206	479,360	524,620	517,693	543,449	506,799	
	Eligible participants	201,439	635,909	646,916	665,250	656,446	660,841	693,850	659,150	684,720	597,396	
	Participation rate (%)	75.1	68.9	68.3	69.2	70.4	72.5	75.6	78.5	81.8	84.8	
	Return of the table junk											
	MS Excel or Die											
a) The Federal Electoral Divisions are current	as at 24 August 2017											
b) Includes those whose age is unknown												
c) Includes Christmas Island and the Cocos (Keeling) Islands												
d) Includes Norfolk Island												
e) Includes Jervis Bay												

data
wrangling

tidy data

area	gender	age	State	Area (sq km)	Eligible participants	Participation rate (%)	Total participants	Total Participants
Adelaide	Female	18-19 years	SA	76	1341	83.5	1120	1120
Adelaide	Female	20-24 years	SA	76	4620	81.2	3750	3750
Adelaide	Female	25-29 years	SA	76	4897	81.8	4004	4004
Adelaide	Female	30-34 years	SA	76	4784	79.8	3820	3820
Adelaide	Female	35-39 years	SA	76	4319	79	3411	3411
Adelaide	Female	40-44 years	SA	76	4310	80.6	3472	3472
Adelaide	Female	45-49 years	SA	76	4579	81.4	3728	3728
Adelaide	Female	50-54 years	SA	76	4475	84.7	3791	3791
Adelaide	Female	55-59 years	SA	76	4622	87.3	4033	4033
Adelaide	Female	60-64 years	SA	76	4342	89.3	3879	3879
Adelaide	Female	65-69 years	SA	76	3970	90.7	3602	3602
Adelaide	Female	70-74 years	SA	76	3009	90.3	2716	2716
Adelaide	Female	75-79 years	SA	76	2156	88.5	1908	1908
Adelaide	Female	80-84 years	SA	76	1673	85.1	1423	1423

Data Wrangling defined

- The process of restructuring a dataset from whatever form it is initially in to a computationally usable form suitable for data science

Tidy Data

1. Each **variable** you measure should be in a single column

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1	ID	LastName	FirstName	Sex	City	State	Occupation
2	1004	Smith	Jane	female	Frederick	MD	Welder
3	4587	Nayef	Mohammed	male	Upper Darby	PA	Nurse
4	1727	Doe	Janice	female	San Diego	CA	Doctor
5	6879	Jordan	Alex	male	Birmingham	AL	Teacher

2. Every **observation** of a variable should be in a different row

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1	ID	LastName	FirstName	Sex	City	State	Occupation
2	1004	Smith	Jane	female	Frederick	MD	Welder
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3. There should be one table for each type of data

Demographic Survey Data

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1	ID	LastName	FirstName	Sex	City	State	Occupation
2	1004	Smith	Jane	female	Frederick	MD	Welder
3	4587	Nayef	Mohammed	male	Upper Darby	PA	Nurse
4	1727	Doe	Janice	female	San Diego	CA	Doctor
5	6879	Jordan	Alex	male	Birmingham	AL	Teacher

Doctor's Office Measurements Data

	A	D	E	F	G
1	ID	Height_inches	Weight_lbs	Insulin	Glucose
2	1004	65	180	0.60	163
3	4587	75	215	1.46	150
4	1727	62	124	0.72	177
5	6879	77	160	1.23	205

4. If you have multiple tables, they should include a column in each *with the same column label* that allows them to be joined or merged

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
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	A	D	E	F	G
1	ID	Height_inches	Weight_lbs	Insulin	Glucose
2	1004	65	180	0.60	163
3	4587	75	215	1.46	150
4	1727	62	124	0.72	177
5	6879	77	160	1.23	205

Tidy data == rectangular data

A

	A	B	C	D	E
1	id	sex	glucose	insulin	triglyc
2	101	Male	134.1	0.60	273.4
3	102	Female	120.0	1.18	243.6
4	103	Male	124.8	1.23	297.6
5	104	Male	83.1	1.16	142.4
6	105	Male	105.2	0.73	215.7

Tidy Data Benefits

1. consistent data structure
2. foster tool development
3. require only a small set of tools to be learned
4. allow for datasets to be combined



Tabular Data Time

A

ID	Last	First	height_m	height_f
1004	Smith	Jane	NA	65
4587	Nayef	Mohammed	72	NA
1727	Doe	Janice	NA	60
6879	Jordan	Alex	55	NA

B

ID	Last	First	height_m	height_f
1004	Smith	Jane		65
4587	Nayef	Mohammed	72	
1727	Doe	Janice		60
6879	Jordan	Alex	55	

C

ID	Last	First	sex	height
1004	Smith	Jane	female	65
4587	Nayef	Mohammed	male	72
1727	Doe	Janice	fem	60
6879	Jordan	Alex	male	55

D

ID	Last	First	sex	height
1004	Smith	Jane	F	65
4587	Nayef	Mohammed	M	72
1727	Doe	Janice	F	60
6879	Jordan	Alex	M	55

Which of these tables stores data best?



A



B

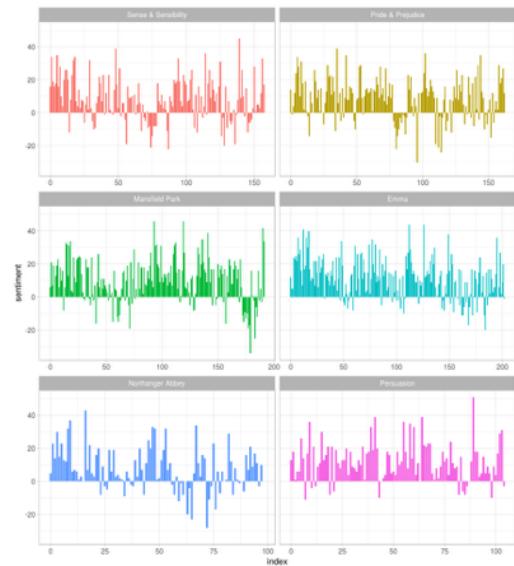


C



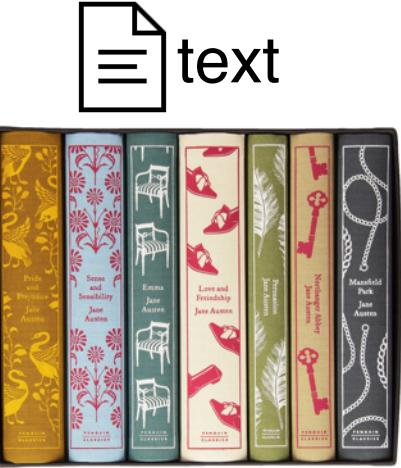
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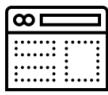
results



tidy dataset

Word	Novel	Frequency
good	Emma	359
young	Emma	192
friend	Emma	166





website



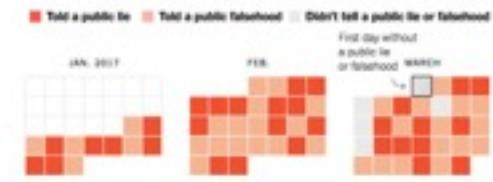
A horizontal black arrow pointing to the right.

tidy dataset

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Text</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>URL</u>
8	Jan 21, 2017	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	https://zenko.fyi/101-234/politics
9	Jan 21, 2017	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	https://zenko.fyi/101-234/politics
3	Jan 23, 2017	[REDACTED] [REDACTED]	[REDACTED] [REDACTED]	https://zenko.fyi/101-234/politics
3	Jan 25, 2017	New Discrepancy with previous version	DISCREPANCY WITH PREVIOUS VERSION	https://zenko.fyi/101-234/politics
4	Jan 25, 2017	Transcript of the Press conference [REDACTED]	Transcript of the press conference [REDACTED]	https://zenko.fyi/101-234/politics



results



text ≡(lyrics)

ThePudding "I'll be analyzing the repetitiveness of a dataset of 15,000 songs that charted on the Billboard Hot 100 between 1958 and 2017."

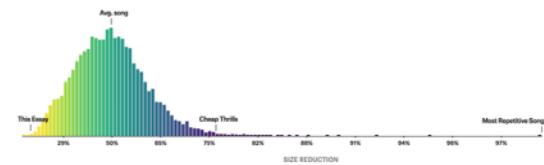


AN EXERCISE IN LANGUAGE COMPRESSION
Are Pop Lyrics Getting More Repetitive?
By Colin Morris

tidy dataset

song	Artist	Released	Reduction
Cheap Thrills	Sia	2016	76
Around The World	Daft Punk	1997	98
Everybody Dies	J. Cole	2018	27

results



What are these uber repetitive outliers? *Around The World* by Daft Punk gets reduced a whopping 98%. It goes from 2,610 characters to 61. Small enough to fit in a tweet - twice!

Data cleaning

What is data cleaning?

- Fixing/removing incorrect, corrupted, incorrectly formatted, duplicate, incomplete, data within a dataset
- Many issues combining data sources and types, researcher styles, standards, recording errors, etc

Consequences of poorly cleaned data

- Unreliable outcomes and algorithms
- Difficult to detect these issues
- Biased results
- Failure to process algorithms (for example NaNs causing errors)

Variability in cleaning

- There is no one process to clean data
- Varies from set to set, project to project, software to software
- But can establish a ‘template’ procedure/process of ‘check-offs’ to make sure you’ve done your best to address it

Methods can be

- Interactive through tools and toolsets
- Automated through scripts, programs or other software (batch processing)

Data Wrangling vs. Data Cleaning

- Data wrangling focuses on transforming the data from a ‘raw’ format into a format suitable for computational use
- Data cleaning focuses on, as discussed, fixing/removing incorrect, corrupted, incorrectly formatted, duplicate, incomplete, data within a dataset

Data Intuition



In today's pattern recognition class my professor talked about PCA, eigenvectors and eigenvalues.

1011



I understood the mathematics of it. If I'm asked to find eigenvalues etc. I'll do it correctly like a machine. But I didn't **understand** it. I didn't get the purpose of it. I didn't get the feel of it.



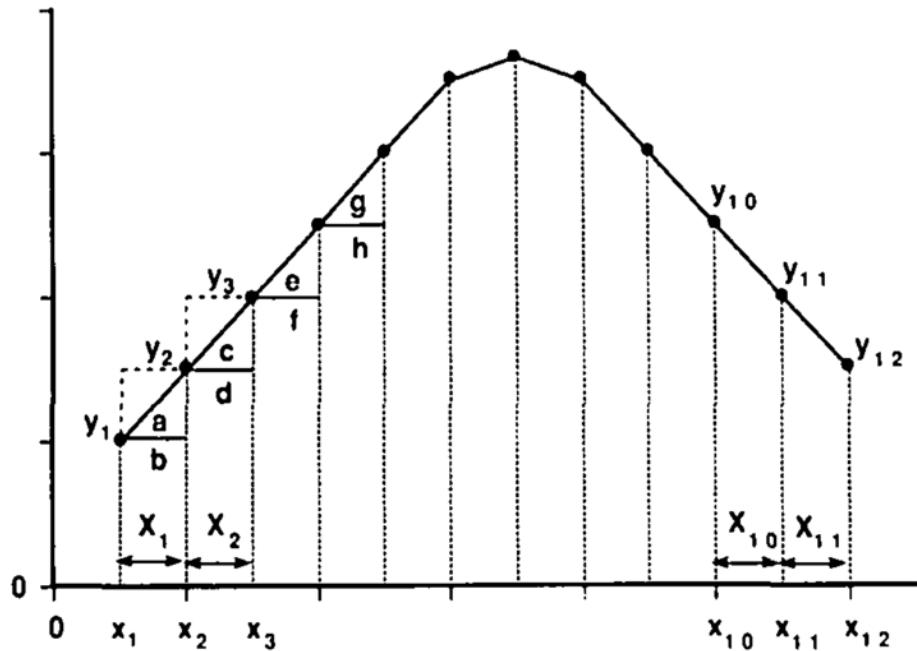
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You do not really understand something unless you can explain it to your grandmother. -- Albert Einstein

Well, I can't explain these concepts to a layman or grandma.

1. Why PCA, eigenvectors & eigenvalues? What was the *need* for these concepts?
2. How would you explain these to a layman?



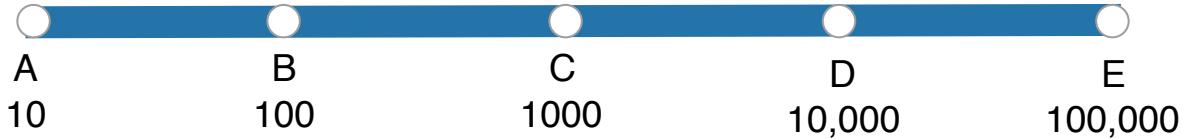
Theory vs. Practice: “Tai’s model”

Figure 1—Total area under the curve is the sum of individual areas of triangles *a*, *c*, *e*, and *g* and rectangles *b*, *d*, *f*, and *h*.



Fermi Estimation

Approximately how many piano tuners do you think there are
in the city of Chicago?





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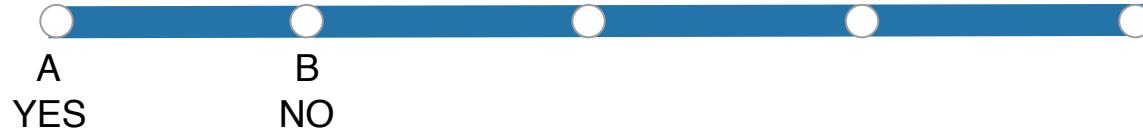
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—Josh (Bolton, MA)



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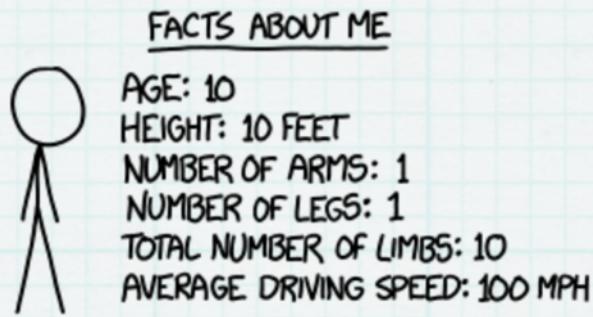
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This answer is pretty straightforward. We can look up the size of the world's paint industry, extrapolate backward to figure out the total amount of paint produced. We'd also need to make some assumptions about how we're painting the ground. Note: When we get to the Sahara desert, I recommend not using a brush.



But first, let's think about different ways we might come up with a guess for what the answer will be. In this kind of thinking—often called **Fermi estimation**—all that matters is getting in the right ballpark; that is, the answer should have about the right number of digits. In Fermi estimation, you can round [1] all your answers to the nearest order of magnitude:



Let's suppose that, on average, everyone in the world is responsible for the existence of two rooms, and they're both painted. My living room has about 50 square meters of paintable area, and two of those would be 100 square meters. 7.15 billion people times 100 square meters per person is a little under a trillion square meters —an area smaller than Egypt.

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Let's make a wild guess that, on average, one person out of every thousand spends their working life painting things. If I assume it would take me three hours to paint the room I'm in, [2] and 100 billion people have ever lived, and each of them spent 30 years painting things for 8 hours a day, we come up with 150 trillion square meters ... just about exactly the land area of the Earth.

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How much paint does it take to paint a house? I'm not enough of an adult to have any idea, so let's take another Fermi guess.

Based on my impressions from walking down the aisles, home improvement stores stock about as many light bulbs as cans of paint. A normal house might have about 20 light bulbs, so let's assume a house needs about 20 gallons of paint.^[3] Sure, that sounds about right.

The average US home costs about \$200,000. Assuming each gallon of paint covers about 300 square feet, that's a square meter of paint per \$300 of real estate. I vaguely remember that the world's real estate has a combined value of something like \$100 trillion, [4] which suggests there's about 300 billion square meters of paint on the world's real estate. That's about one New Mexico.

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Of course, both of the building-related guesses could be overestimates (lots of buildings are not painted) or underestimates (lots of things that are not buildings [5] are painted) But from these wild Fermi estimates, my guess would be that there probably isn't enough paint to cover all the land.

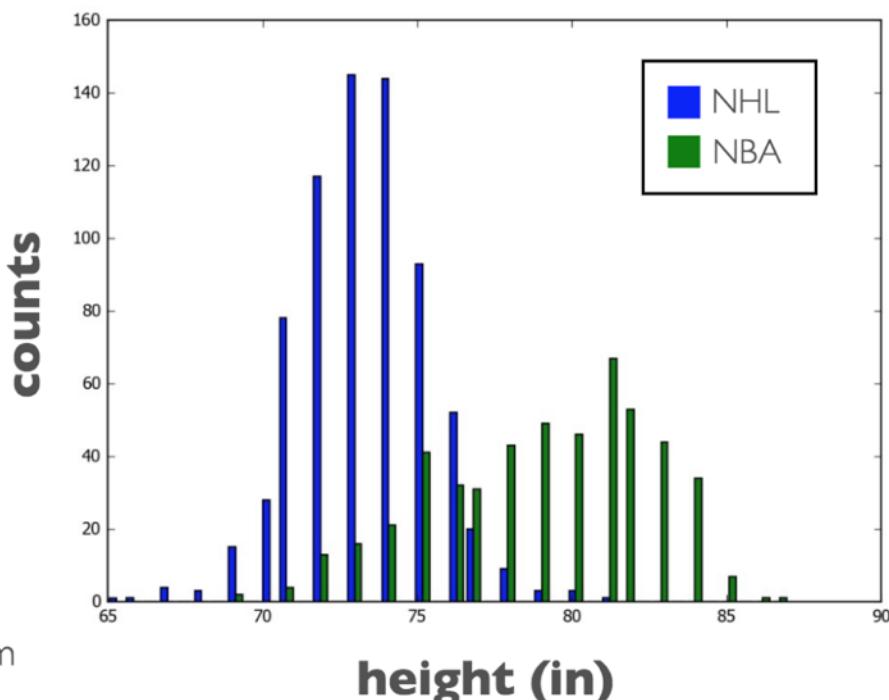
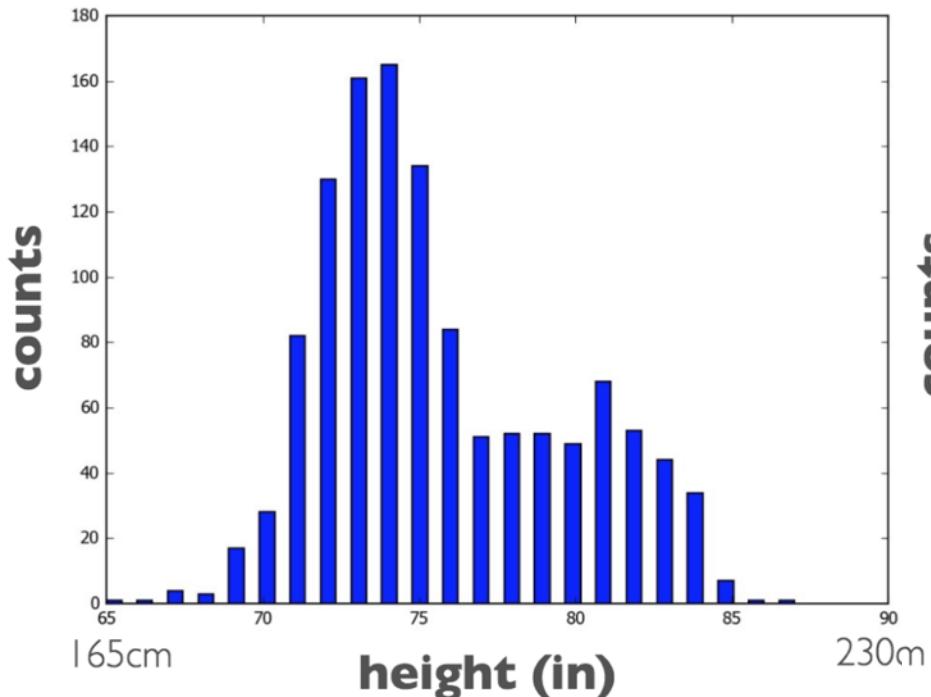
So, how did Fermi do?

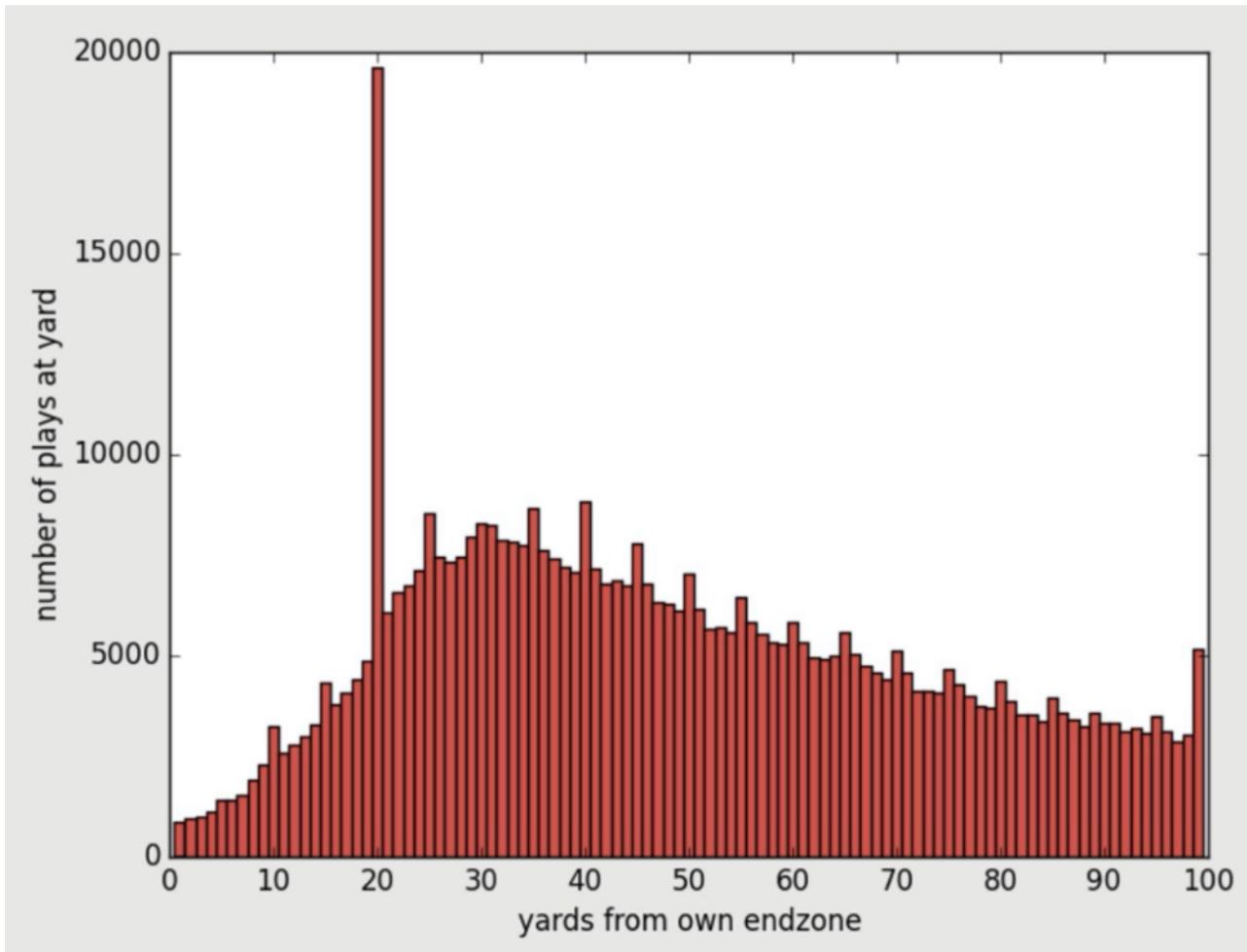
According to the report [**The State of the Global Coatings Industry**](#), the world produced 34 billion liters of paints and coatings in 2012.

There's a neat trick that can help us here. If some quantity—say, the world economy—has been growing for a while at an annual rate of n —say, 3% (0.03)—then the most recent year's share of the whole total so far is $1 - \frac{1}{1+n}$, and the whole total so far is the most recent year's amount times $1 + \frac{1}{n}$.

If we assume paint production has, in recent decades, followed the economy and grown at about 3% per year, that means the total amount of paint produced equals the current yearly production times 34.^[6] That comes out to a little over a trillion liters of paint. At 30 square meters per gallon,^[7] that's enough to cover 9 trillion square meters—about the area of the United States.

So the answer is no; there's not enough paint to cover the Earth's land, and—at this rate—probably won't be enough until the year 2100.





Data Intuition

1. Think about your question and your expectations
2. Do some Fermi calculations (back of the envelope calculations)
3. Write code & look at outputs <- think about those outputs
4. Use your gut instinct / background knowledge to guide you
5. Review code & fix bugs
6. Create test cases - “Sanity checks”