DATA MINING PRE-PROCESSING

Outline

1. Why data preprocessing?
2. Data cleaning
3. Data integration and transformation
4. Data reduction
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6. Summary

1 Why Data Preprocessing?

Why Data Preprocessing?

- Data in the real world is dirty
  - incomplete: lacking attribute values, lacking certain attributes of interest, or containing only aggregate data
    - e.g., occupation=“”
  - noisy: containing errors or outliers
    - e.g., Salary=“-10”
  - inconsistent: containing discrepancies in codes or names
    - e.g., Age=“42” Birthday=“03/07/1997”
    - e.g., Was rating “1,2,3”, now rating “A, B, C”
    - e.g., discrepancy between duplicate records

Why Data Preprocessing?

- Incomplete data comes from
  - n/a data value when collected
  - different consideration between the time when the data was collected and when it is analyzed
  - human/hardware/software problems
- Noisy data comes from the process of data
  - collection
  - entry
  - transmission
- Inconsistent data comes from
  - Different data sources

Why Data Preprocessing?

- No quality data, no quality mining results!
  - Quality decisions must be based on quality data

  e.g., duplicate or missing data may cause incorrect or even misleading statistics.
  - Data warehouse needs consistent integration of quality data

- *Data extraction, cleaning, and transformation comprises the majority of the work of building a data warehouse*. —Bill Inmon

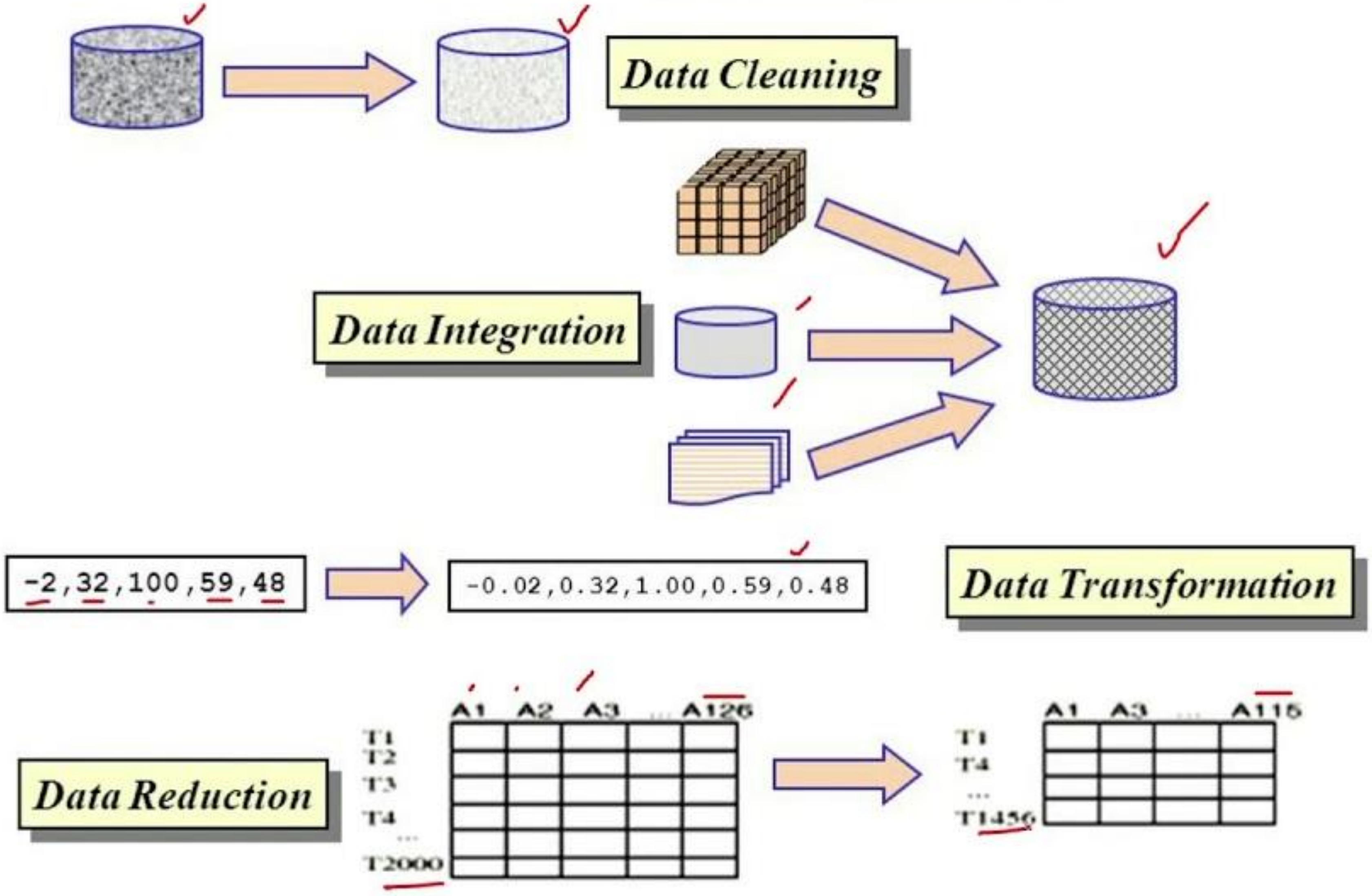
Why Data Preprocessing?

- A well-accepted multidimensional view:
  - Accuracy
  - Completeness
  - Consistency
  - Timeliness
  - Believability
  - Value added
  - Interpretability
  - Accessibility
- Broad categories:
  - intrinsic, contextual, representational, and accessibility.

Major Tasks in Data Preprocessing

- Data cleaning
  - Fill in missing values, smooth noisy data, identify or remove outliers, and resolve inconsistencies
- Data integration
  - Integration of multiple databases, data cubes, files, or notes
- Data transformation
  - Normalization (scaling to a specific range)
  - Aggregation
- Data reduction
  - Obtains reduced representation in volume but produces the same or similar analytical results
  - Data discretization: with particular importance, especially for numerical data
  - Data aggregation, dimensionality reduction, data compression, generalization

Forms of data preprocessing



What is Data?

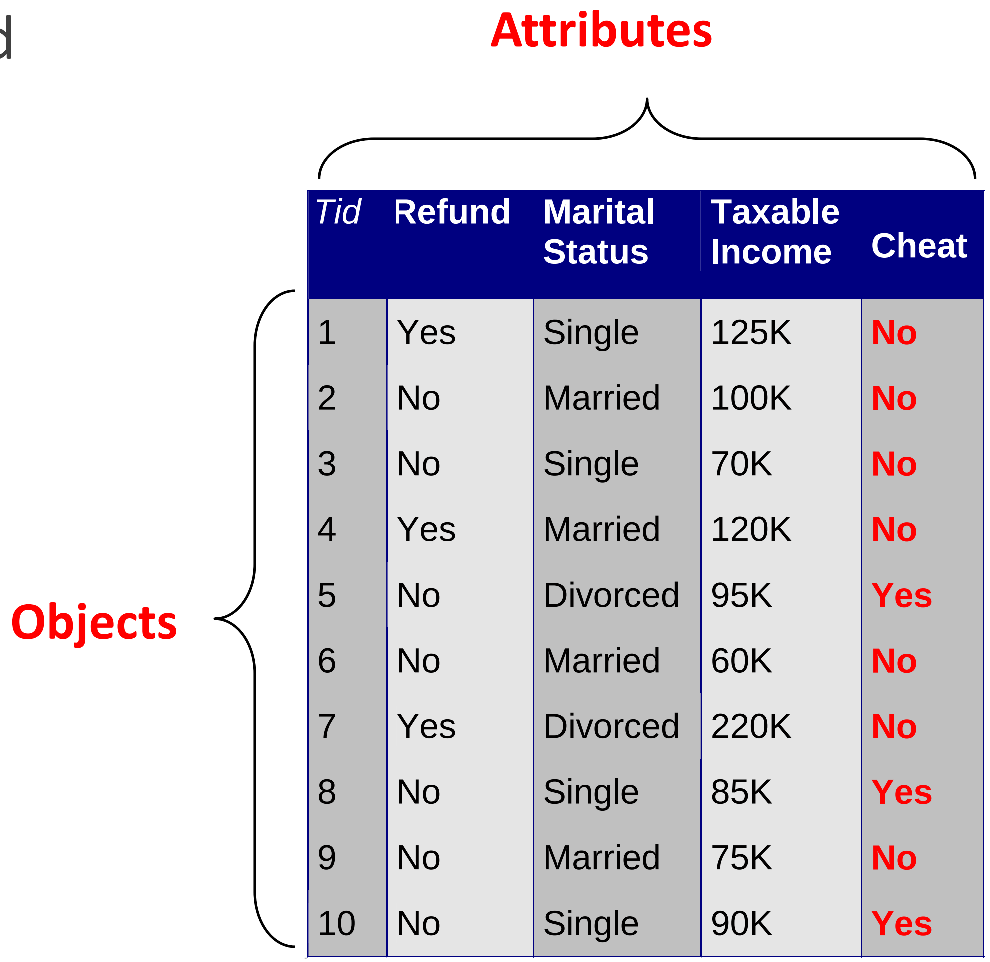
Collection of data objects and their attributes

An attribute is a property or characteristic of an object

- Examples: eye color of a person, temperature, etc.
- Attribute is also known as variable, field, characteristic, or feature

A collection of attributes describe an object

- Object is also known as record, point, case, sample, entity, or instance



Attributes

Objects

Tid	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

Attribute Values

- Attribute values are numbers or symbols assigned to an attribute
- Distinction between attributes and attribute values
  - Same attribute can be mapped to different attribute values
    - Example: height can be measured in feet or meters
  - Different attributes can be mapped to the same set of values
    - Example: Attribute values for ID and age are integers
    - But properties of attribute values can be different
      - ID has no limit but age has a maximum and minimum value

Types of Attributes

- There are different types of attributes
  - Nominal
    - Examples: ID numbers, eye color, zip codes
  - Ordinal
    - Examples: rankings (e.g., taste of potato chips on a scale from 1-10), grades, height in {tall, medium, short}
  - Interval
    - Examples: calendar dates, temperatures in Celsius or Fahrenheit.
  - Ratio
    - Examples: temperature in Kelvin, length, time, counts

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

Discrete and Continuous Attributes

- Discrete Attribute
  - Has only a finite or countably infinite set of values
  - Examples: zip codes, counts, or the 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

2 Data Cleaning

To be continued