



Data Analysis Fundamentals

Lecture 4: Data Quality

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Outline

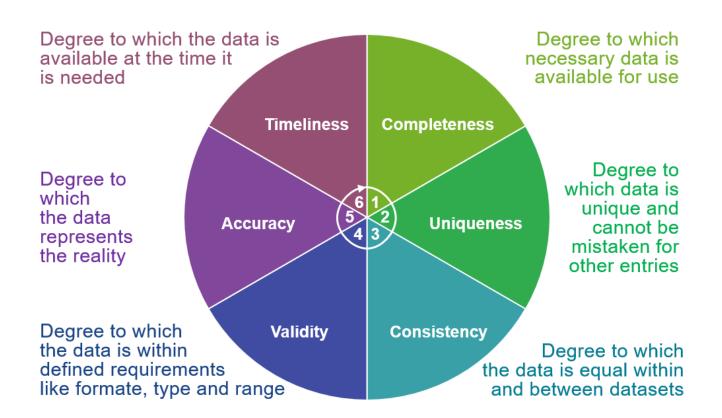
- Introduction to Data Quality
- The six dimensions of data quality
- Practice problem

Data Quality

- ✓ Data quality measures how wellsuited a data set is to serve its specific purpose.
- ✓ Data's suitability for a user's defined purpose.
- ✓ It is subjective, as the concept of quality is relative to the standards defined by the end users' expectations.



Six Dimensions of Data Quality



Completeness

- ✓ Data is considered "complete" when it fulfils expectations of comprehensiveness.
- ✓ The completeness data quality dimension is defined as the percentage of data populated vs. the possibility of 100% fulfilment.
- ✓ Missing Records Example: You are an eligible voter, but the record with your name is missing from the voter's list at the voting booth.
- ✓ Null Attribute Example: Each customer record must have a name, email address, and phone. However, the phone number or the email ID might be missing in some of the customer records.

Completeness

Name	Email	Phone	Spend	Visit count	Reward points
Hank Williams	hank@msn.com	(564)342-1212	\$210.03	2	47.14
Joe Panik		1415)321-7689	\$37.45	1	35.00
David R Simcoke	devid@gmail.com		\$59.13	2	30.00
R Kelly	rkelly@aol.com	(310)789-0000	\$24.64	2	27.28
Bruce Bocily	bbochy@stgiants.com	(415)456-7890	\$0.00	0	26.79
Buster Posey	buster@orgiants.com		\$261.20	12	26.06
Klay Thompson	splashbro@Pwarriomerun	(510)543-2345	\$0.00	0	25.24
Steve Kerr			\$268.53	13	24.25
Ayeesha Curry	acurry@gmail.com	(510)426-7457	\$407.52	8	19.70
Tim Lincecum	timmy@sfgiants.com	(415)453-2345	\$3.272.99	126	19.23
P Diddy	diddy@outlook.com	(510)765-6789	\$0.00	0	17.95

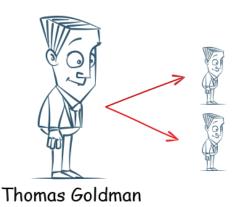
- ✓ Missing Reference Data
- ✓ Data Truncations

Validity

- Data validity describes the closeness of data value to predetermined values or a calculation.
- Signifies that the value attributes are available for aligning with the specific domain or requirement.
- For example, ZIP codes are valid if they contain the correct characters for the region.
- In a calendar, months are valid if they match the standard global names.
- Using business rules is a systematic approach to assess data validity.
- Any invalid data will affect the completeness of data.

Uniqueness

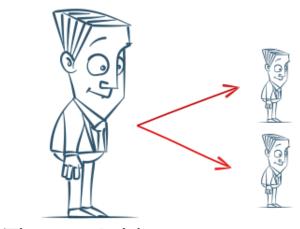
- The occurrence of an object or an event gets recorded multiple times in a dataset.
- An event or entity should only be recorded only once.
- Same Entity Is Represented With Different Identities



Customer Name	
Thomas Goldman	
Tom Goldman	

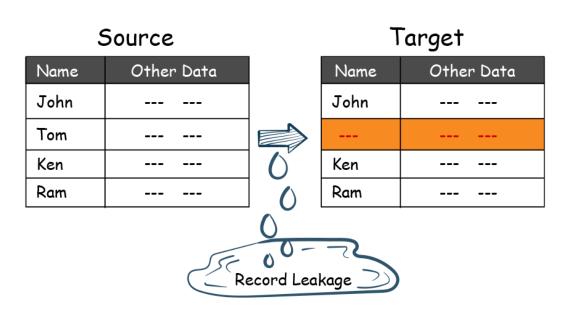
Uniqueness

Same Entity Is Represented Multiple Times With Same Identity



Customer Name	
Thomas Goldman	
Thomas Goldman	

- Consistent data can be explained as how close your data aligns or is uniform with another reference dataset.
- Record Level Data Consistency Across Source and Target



➤ Attribute Consistency Across Source And Target

Name	Email id	Phone no		Name	Email id	Phone no	
John	jo@abc.com	203123425		John	jo@abc.com	203123425	
Tom	tom@pqr.com	2129495555		Tom		2129495555	
Ken	ken@xyz.com	7181234219	0	Ken	ken@xyz.com		
Ram	ram@ghi.com	7772221234	0	Ram	ram@ghi.com	7772221234	
	Data Leakage						

➤ Attribute Consistency Across Source And Target

Order

Order ID	Item	Qty	\$ Amt
0123	Gown	1	\$150
0123	Dress Pant	3	\$200

Shipment

Ship ID	Order ID	Item	Qty	Ship Dt
SHAB1	0123	Gown	3	2/2/2020
SHAB1	0123	Dress Pant	1	2/2/2020

➤ Consistency In Data Representation Across Systems

1	Male	
2	Female	
3	Unknown	

1	W
2	F
3	Uk

1	Male
2	Female

	1	Male	
	2	Female	
	3	Unknown	
	4	NA	
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1	Alpha male
2	Male
3	Alpha female
4	Female
5	Unknown

> Transaction Data Consistency

Yesterday's Account Balance

Act	D†	\$ Amt
A 99	1/1/20	\$ 4000
A 500	2/1/20	\$ 9000

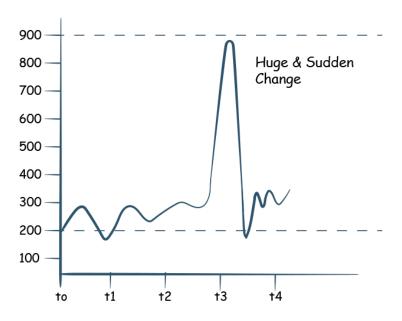
Today's Transaction

Act	Dt	Txn Amt
A 99	2/2/20	+ 1000
A 500	2/2/20	- 1000

Today's Account Balance

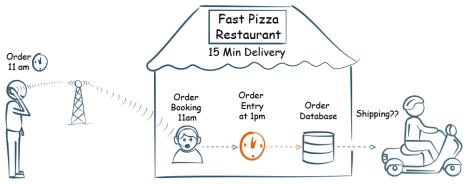
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A 99	2/2/20	\$ 5000
A 500	2/2/20	\$ 4000

Data Consistency Over Time



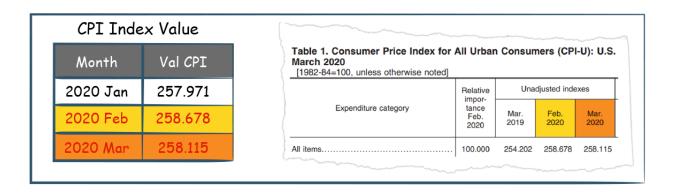
Timeliness

- It is the time lag between the actual event time vs. the event captured in a system to make it available for use.
- The delay between actual event occurrence and the data availability exceptions by the business or the downstream process defines the timeliness quality dimension.
- It is important to understand that the data is still valid, just late.
- In self-driving cars, any lag in the arrival of data can cause accidents as it won't be able to course correct.



Accuracy

- The term "accuracy" refers to the degree to which information accurately reflects an event or object described.
- For example, if a customer's age is 32, but the system says she's 34, that information is inaccurate.
- Data accuracy is the degree to which data represent real-world things, events, or an agreed-upon source.



Currency

- Data Currency reflects the real-world state vs. the state captured in the dataset.
- A mailing list has customers' addresses. But if the customers have already moved to a new address, the data loses its currency.
- Timeliness is the late arrival of data or delay, but the information is still accurate. If the data is late and reflects a state that has changed or expired, and hence the data becomes irrelevant and loses its value or currency.

Conformity

- Conformity means that the data values of the same attributes must be represented in a uniform format and data types.
- Format Conformity

Customer	Order Dt	
Don	2019/2/12	
Joe	12/24/2019	
Tim	2019/2/12 22:09:01	

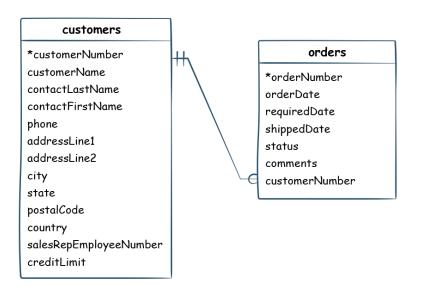
Conformity

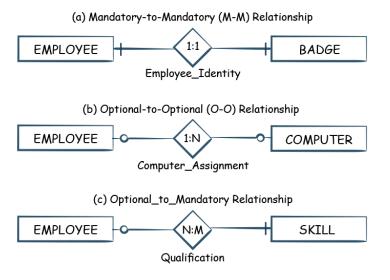
Data Type Conformity

Customer	Order Amt	
Don	\$100	
Joe	Five Hundred Dollars	
Tim	\$300	

Integrity

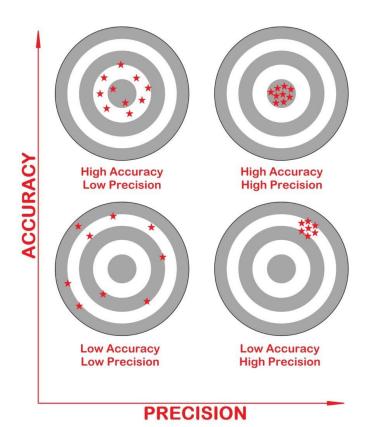
- Data Integrity Quality dimension is the degree to which a defined relational constraint is implemented between two data sets.
- Referential Integrity Or Foreign Cardinality Integrity Keys





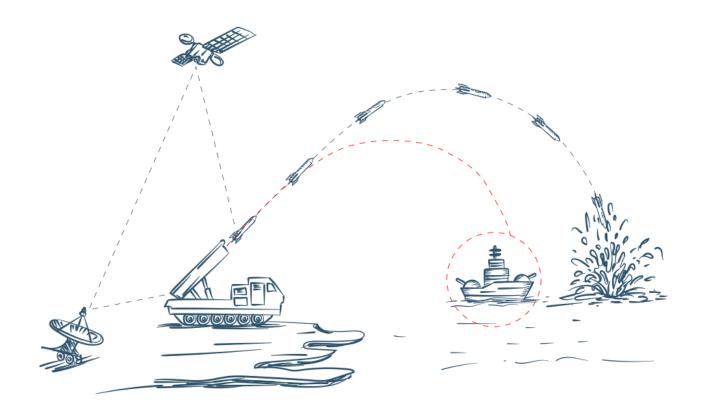
Precision

The degree to which the data has been rounded or aggregated.



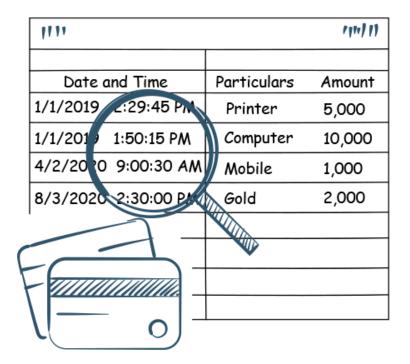
Precision

Precision Errors Due To Rounding of Number



Precision

Time Precision



	Debit	
Date	Particulars	Amount (\$)
1/1/2019	Printer	5,000
1/1/2019	Computer	10,000
4/2/2020	Mobile	1,000
8/3/2020	Gold	2,000

