

DATA CLEANING

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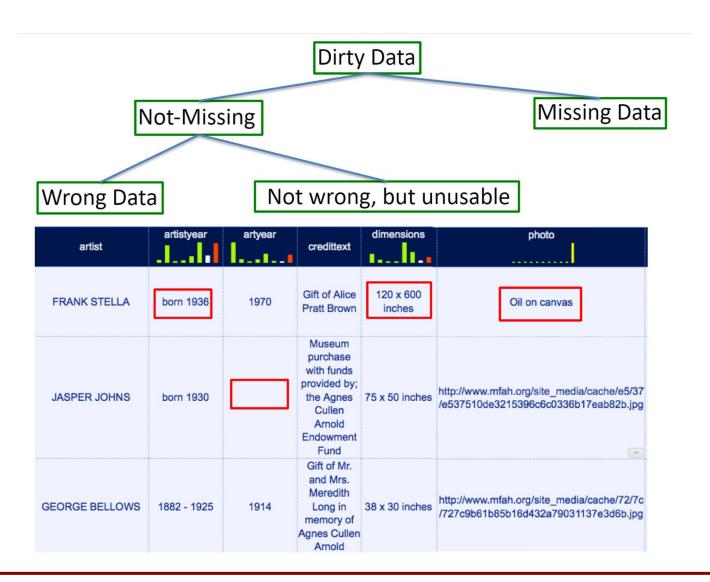
Outline

- Data Cleaning in Tabular Data
- Error Detection
- Data Transformation
- Imputing Missing Values
- OpenRefine



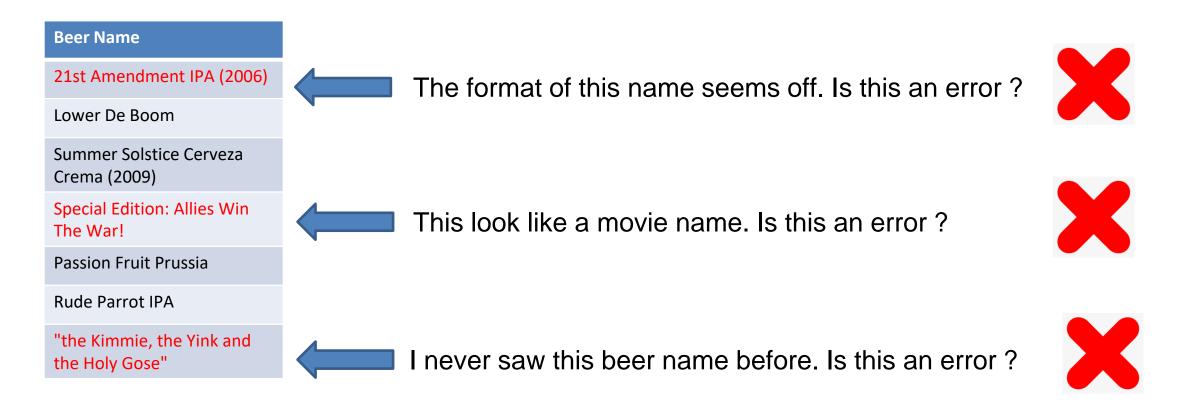
Data Cleaning Problem

 You have a data cleaning problem if the data doesn't look like WHAT YOU WANT IT TO BE.





Meaning of "WHAT YOU WANT IT TO BE?"



Definition of errors is totally based on user design/database schema



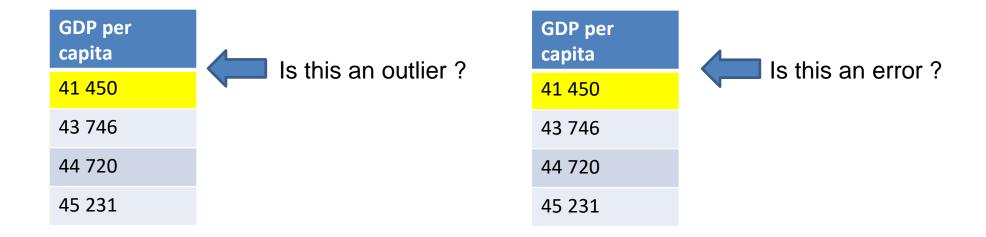
We can never solve the problem?

Beer Name	Beer Year
21st Amendment IPA (2006)	2006
Lower De Boom	2010
Summer Solstice Cerveza Crema (2009)	2009
Special Edition: Allies Win The War!	2006
Passion Fruit Prussia	2007
Rude Parrot IPA	2008
"the Kimmie, the Yink and the Holy Gose"	2011

Evidence in the tables can give you hints about data errors



Errors vs Outliers



However, in a lot of cases, outliers are errors. So many outlier detection methods can be used to help detect errors.

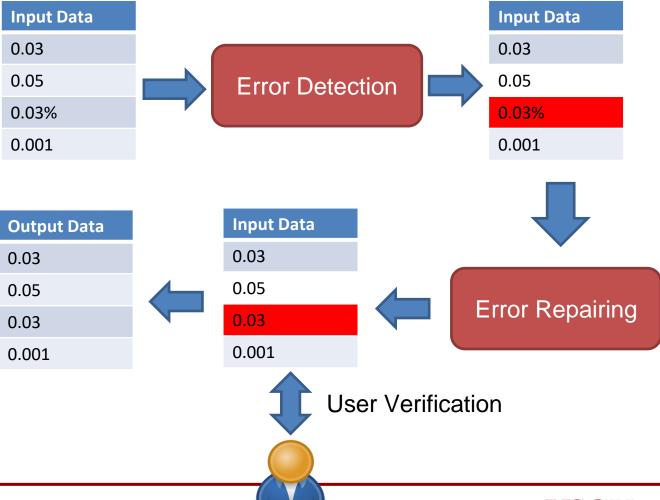


Data Cleaning Pipeline



Detect errors in data

2. Repair errors in data



Data Cleaning Challenges

 Unknownness: You usually doesn't know how errors look like until you see it.

Heterogeneous errors: There are many different type of errors

• Rarity and class imbalance: Errors are typically rare, contrasting to normal instances that often account a large portion of the data.



Different Types of Data Errors

APY
0.05
0.02
0.1
0.05%
0.0100000001

State
California
Calofornia
Arizona
New York
California

City
Los Angeles
Arizona
San Francisco
New York City
San Diego

City	State
Los Angeles	California
San Diego	Arizona
New York City	New York
Phoenix	Arizona
San Francisco	California

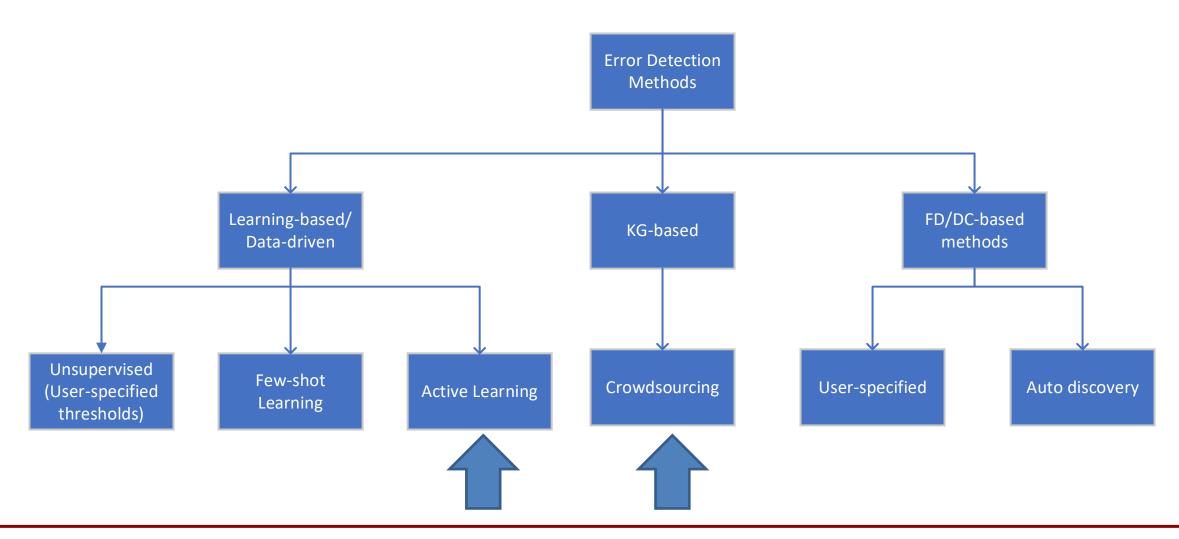
Format Inconsistencies

Wrong values

Violated attribute dependency



Error Detection Methods





Slides from Xu Chu, John Morcos, Ihab F. Ilyas, Mourad Ouzzani, Paolo Papotti, Nan Tang, Yin Ye.

KNOWLEDGE GRAPH BASED ERROR DETECTION



Challenges of KG-based Methods

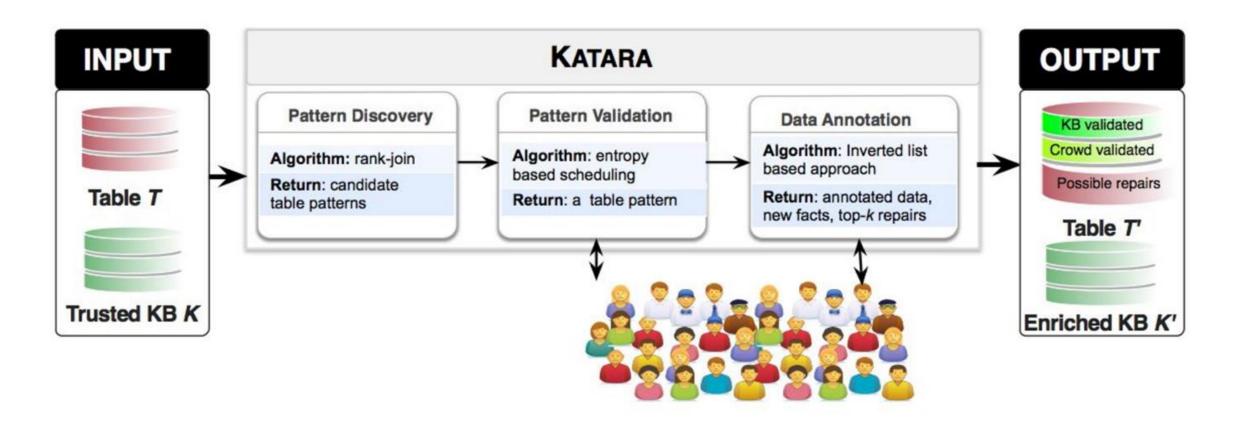
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 - Anything that does not align with KG information is incorrect

- Heterogeneous errors: There are many different type of errors
 - Focus only on violated attribute dependency

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System Overview



What is KATARA?

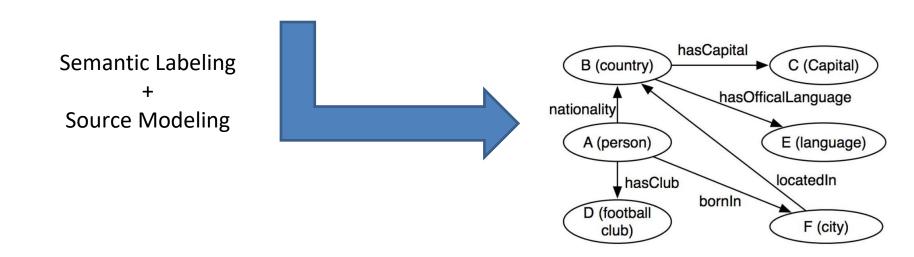
- 1. Table pattern definition and discovery (using KBs)
- 2. Table pattern validation via crowdsourcing
- 3. Data annotation
- 4. Repair recommendation

How can a knowledge graph help us clean data?

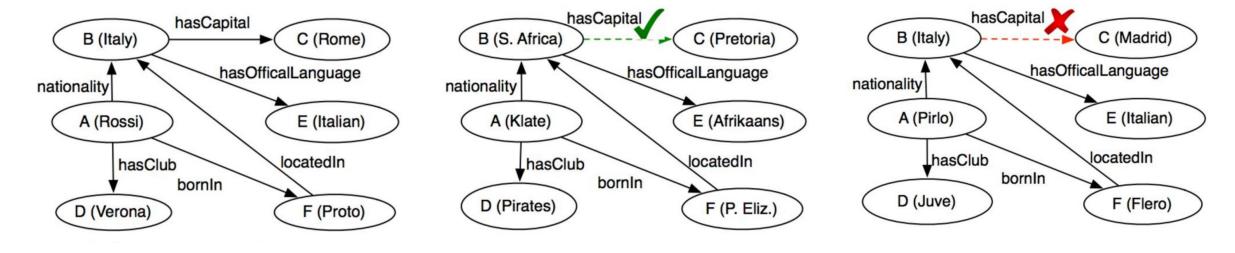


Table pattern semantics

	Α	В	С	D	Е	F	G
t_1	Rossi	Italy	Rome	Verona	Italian	Proto	1.78
t_2	Klate	S. Africa	Pretoria	Pirates	Afrikaans	P. Eliz.	1.69
t_3	Pirlo	Italy	Madrid	Juve	Italian	Flero	1.77



KGs and source models: different situations



Full KB Coverage

Does S. Africa hasCapital "Pretoria?"

Does Italy hasCapital "Madrid?"

Partial KB Coverage

KGs and source models: different situations

What are the relationships between Rossi and 1.78?

Not covered by the KB => Not covered by the system

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KATARA: core component

How do we actually extract knowledge from KGs?



KATARA: SPARQL queries

```
Q_{	ext{types}} select ?c_i where \{?x_i \text{ rdfs:label } t[A_i], ?x_i \text{ rdfs:type/rdfs:subClassOf} * ?c_i\}
```

Get types and supertypes of resources with value t[A_i]



KATARA: SPARQL queries

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\begin{array}{ll} Q_{\mathsf{rels}}^1 & \mathsf{select} \; ?P_{ij} \\ & \mathsf{where} \; \{?x_i \; \mathsf{rdfs:label} \; t[A_i], \, ?x_j \; \mathsf{rdfs:label} \; t[A_j], \\ & \quad ?x_i \; ?P_{ij} / \mathsf{rdfs:subPropertyOf*} \; ?x_j \} \\ Q_{\mathsf{rels}}^2 & \mathsf{select} \; ?P_{ij} \\ & \mathsf{where} \; \{?x_i \; \mathsf{rdfs:label} \; t[A_i], \\ & \quad ?x_i \; ?P_{ij} / \mathsf{rdfs:subPropertyOf*} \; t[A_j] \} \end{array}
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Q1: get relationships where both attributes are resources

Q2: get relationships between one resource and one literal



Evaluating KB types (T) for attributes (A)

$$\mathsf{tf}(T_i, t[A_i]) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } t[A_i] \text{ is not of Type } T_i \\ \frac{1}{\log(\mathsf{Number of Entities of Type } T_i)} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\mathsf{idf}(T_i, t[A_i]) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } t[A_i] \text{ has no type} \\ \log \frac{\text{Number of Types in } \mathcal{K}}{\text{Number of Types of } t[A_i]} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Intuitively, the less the number of types t[Ai] has, the more contribution t[Ai] makes.

$$\mathsf{tf\text{-}idf}(T_i,A_i) = \sum_{t \in \mathcal{T}} \mathsf{tf\text{-}idf}(T_i,t[A_i])$$



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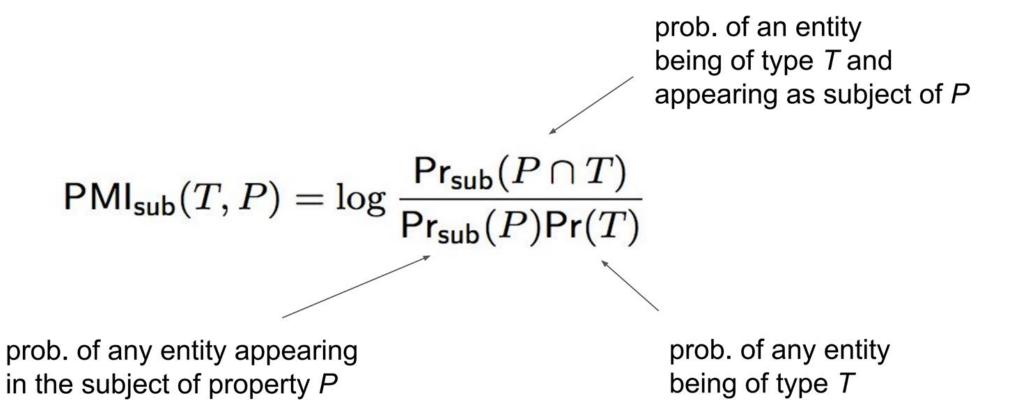
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Which cell is more important?



Evaluating possible column relationships



Quantify the "compatibility" between a type T and relationship P



Evaluating possible column relationships

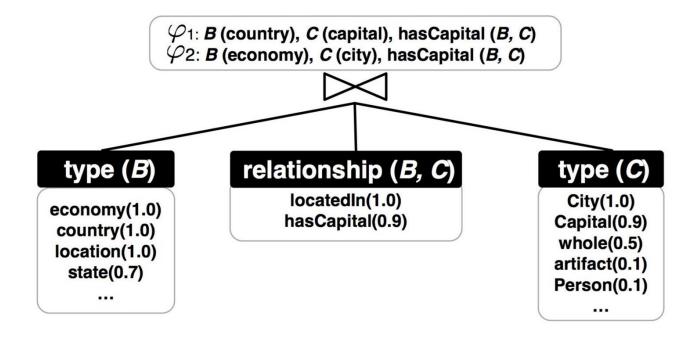
From PMI we get a measure of semantic coherence

$$\begin{array}{l} \mathsf{subSC}(\mathsf{economy}, \mathsf{hasCapital}) = 0.84 \\ \mathsf{subSC}(\mathsf{country}, \mathsf{hasCapital}) = 0.86 \\ \mathsf{objSC}(\mathsf{city}, \mathsf{hasCapital}) = 0.69 \\ \mathsf{objSC}(\mathsf{capital}, \mathsf{hasCapital}) = 0.83 \end{array}$$

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Generate top-k patterns

$$score(\varphi) = \sum_{i=0}^{m} tf-idf(T_i, A_i) + \sum_{ij} tf-idf(P_{ij}, A_i, A_j) + \sum_{ij} (subSC(T_i, P_{ij}) + objSC(T_j, P_{ij}))$$



Top-k to final answer

- Crowdsourcing asking the crowd for help
- Convert table patterns into questions

```
Q_1: What is the most accurate type of the highlighted column? (A, <math>B, C, D, E, F, ...) (Rossi, Italy, Rome, Verona, Italian, Proto, ...) (Pirlo, Italy, Madrid, Juve, Italian, Flero,, ...) \bigcirc country \bigcirc economy \bigcirc state \bigcirc none of the above
```

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Q_2: What is the most accurate relationship for
highlighted columns (A, B, C, D, E, F, ...)
(Rossi, Italy, Rome, Verona, Italian, Proto, ...)
(Pirlo, Italy, Madrid, Juve, Italian, Flero, ...)

\bigcirc B has Capital C \bigcirc C located In B \bigcirc none of the above
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Pattern Validation

 Query the crowd for validation

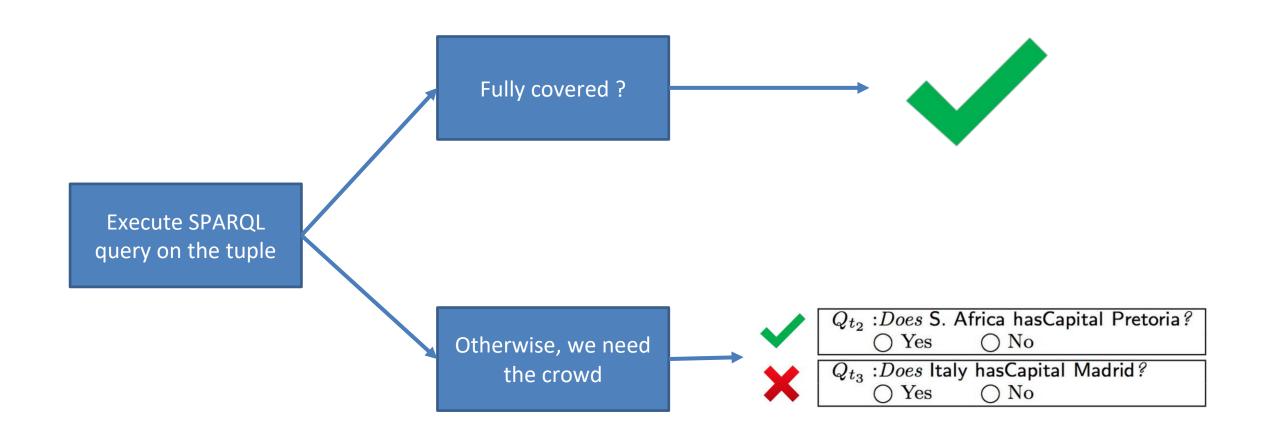
 Remove tuples that violate validation, and repeat above until left with one pattern

	type (B)		type (C)	P(B,C)	score	prob
φ_1	country	1	capital	hasCapital	2.8	0.35
$arphi_2$	economy		capital	hasCapital	2	0.25
$arphi_3$	country		city	locatedIn	2	0.25
φ_4	country		capital	locatedIn	0.8	0.1
φ_5	state		capital	hasCapital	0.4	0.05

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	$type\;(B)$	$type\;(C)$	P(B,C)	prob
$arphi_1$	country	capital	hasCapital	0.5
$arphi_3$	country	city	locatedIn	0.35
$arphi_4$	country	capital	locatedIn	0.15

Summary





MACHINE LEARNING BASED ERROR DETECTION



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- Unknownness: You usually doesn't know how errors look like until you see it
 - Educated "guessing" + user verification
- Heterogeneous errors: There are many different type of errors
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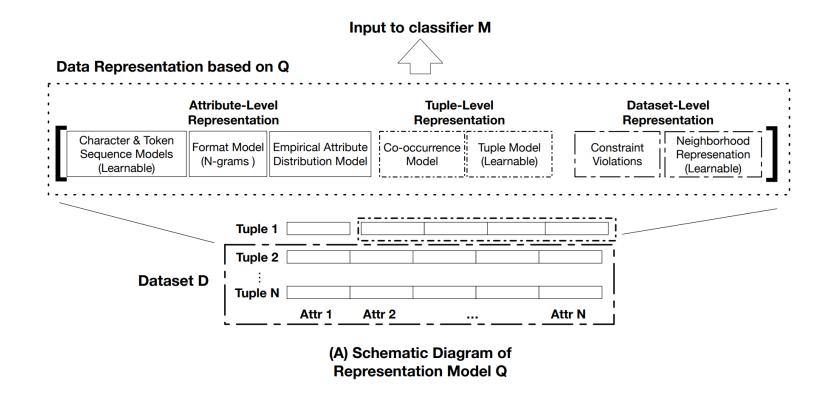
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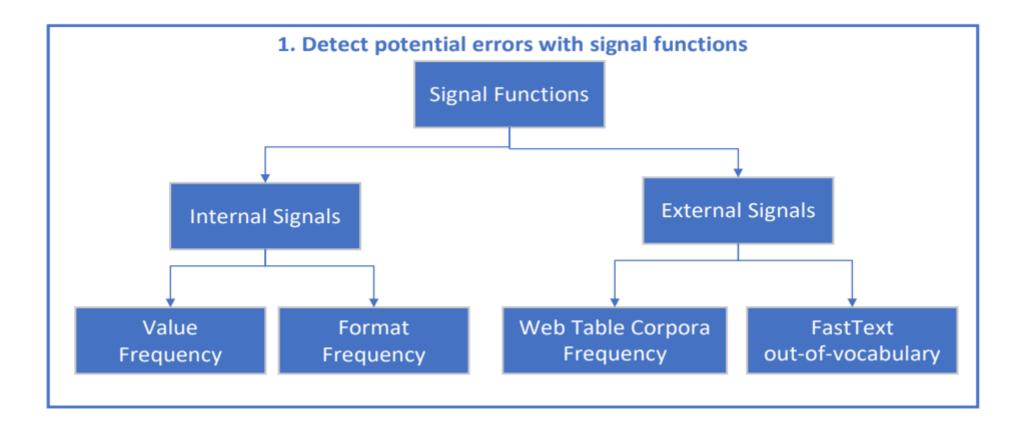
How to cover a variety of errors?

 HoloDetect (Heidari et al, 2019): Variety of features to represent different aspect of data



How to cover a variety of errors?

SPADE: Variety of sub-models:



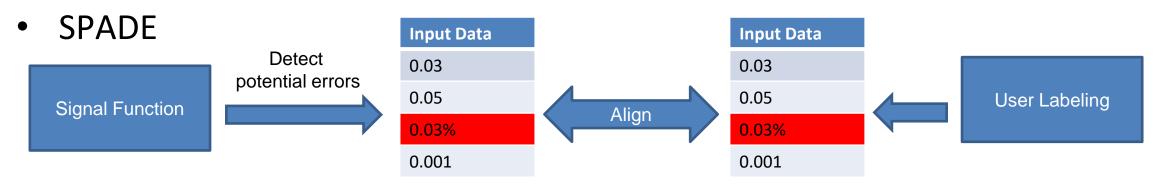
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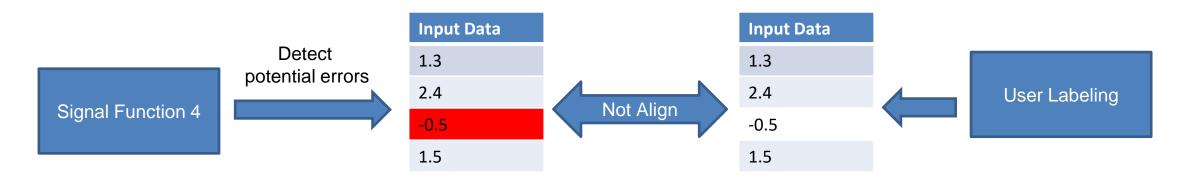
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How to make educated guess?



Increase Signal Function Weight



Decrease Signal Function Weight



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Error Detection as a Few-shot Learning Problem

Labeled Errors	Corrected values
5.6%	5.6
0.500006	0.5



Transformation	Probability
Add % to the end of string	0.5
Add "00006" to the end of string	0.5



User labeled a small set of data





Apply noisy channel on normal values

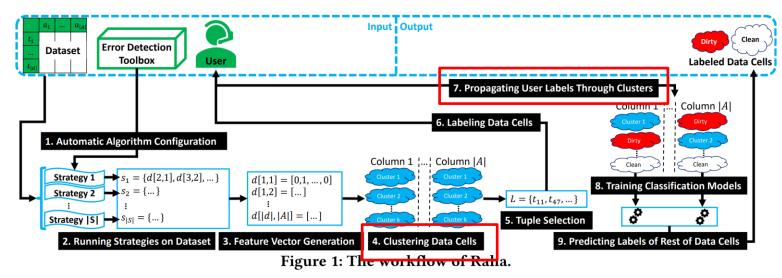
Labeled Normal values	
3.4	
2.3	
0.7	
0.8	

Artificial errors 300006.4 2.%3 0.7% 0.000068

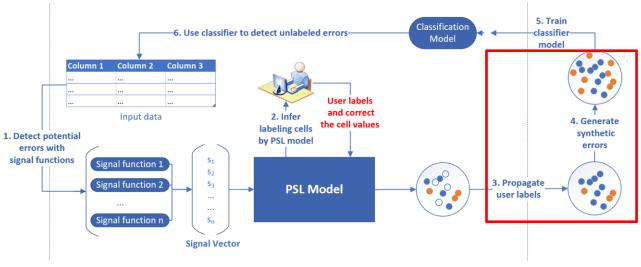


Semi-Supervised Error Detection

Raha



SPADE

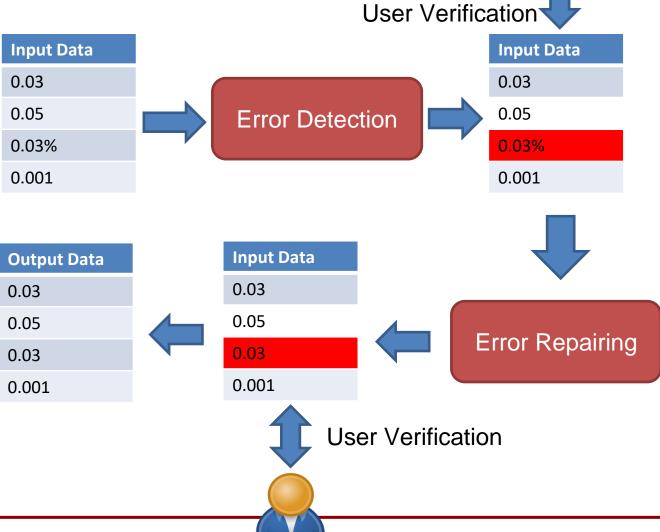


Data Cleaning Pipeline



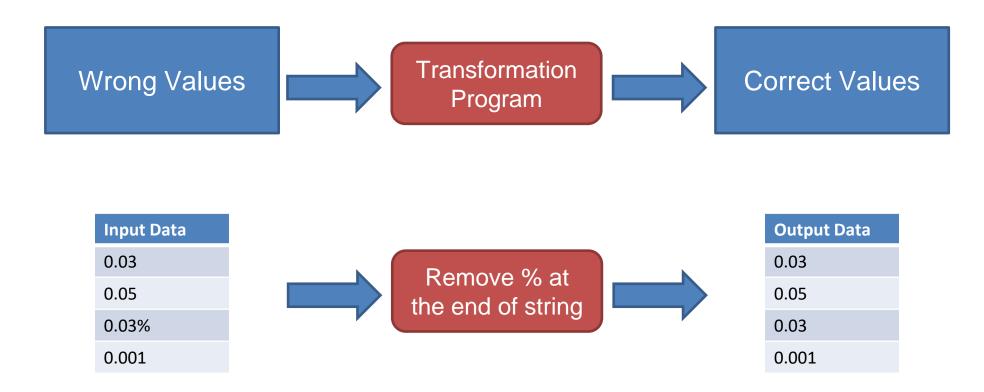
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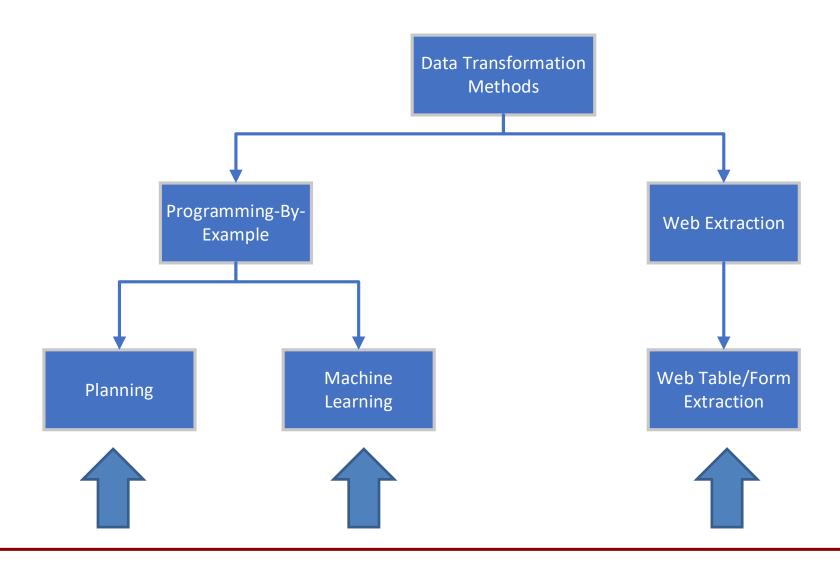
Data Transformation

Why data transformation ?





Data Transformation Methods







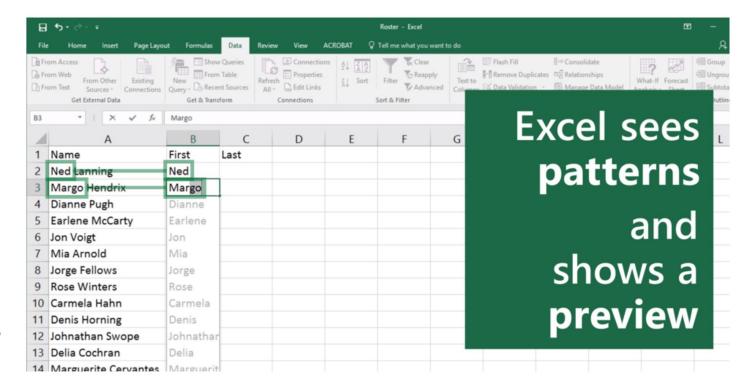
PLANNING FOR PROGRAMMING-BY-EXAMPLE TRANSFORMATION



What is Programming-By-Example Transformation?

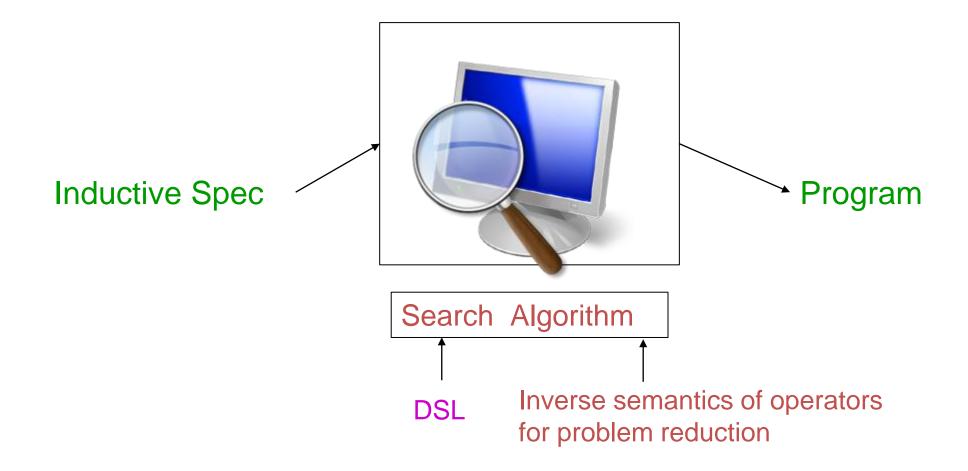
 PBE: Teaching systems new behavior using concrete examples.

PBE Transformation:
 Systems learn
 transformation program as
 user input examples





PBE Architecture



Transformation Program

Transformation Programs = Multiple Branch Programs

Branch Program = Substring Programs + Constant Programs

Substring Programs contains 2 Positions.

BNK: whitespace **NUM(**[0-9]+): 98 **UWRD(**[A-Z]): I

LWRD([a-z]+): mage

WORD([a-zA-Z]+): Image

Conditional statement

Transform(value)

switch (classify(value)) :

case format₁:

Branch transformation program $pos_1 = value.indexOf(BNK, NUM, -1)$

 $pos_2 = value.indexOf(NUM, BNK, 2)$

output=value.substr(pos₁, pos₂)

case format₂:

Branch transformation program $pos_3 = value.indexOf("|", NUM, 2)$

 $pos_4 = value.indexOf(NUM, BNK, -1)$

output=value.substr(pos₃, pos₄)

return output

9.75 in 16 in HIGH x 13.75 in 19.5 in WIDE => 19.5



Transformation Program

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19.5

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return output



Creating Hypothesis Spaces

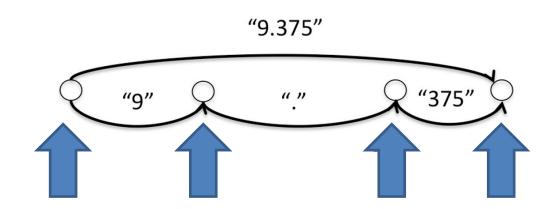
Create traces

Traces: A trace here defines how the output string is constructed from a specific set of substrings from the input string.

Original: 5.25 in HIGH x 9.375 in WIDE

Target: 9.375

Derive hypothesis spaces



Learning Conditional Statements

 Cluster-as-you-go: depends on transformations => split when there is no valid program.

R_1	5.25 in HIGH x 9.375 in WIDE	9.37	' 5	
R_2	20 in HIGH x 24 in WIDE	24		
R_4	Image: 20.5 in. HIGH x 17.5 in. WIDE	17.5)	
R ₃	9.75 in 16 in HIGH x 13.75 in 19.5 in WIDE		19.5	

Cluster1-format₁

Cluster2-format₂

- Learn a multiclass classifier
 - Recognize the format/regex of the inputs

R ₅	Image: 20.5 in. HIGH x 17.5 in. WIDE	format
R ₆	12 in 14 in HIGH x 16 in 18 in WIDE	format

Ranking

Synthesize multiple programs & rank them.

Basic ranking scheme

- Define a partial order over program expressions.
 - Prefer shorter programs.
 - Prefer programs with fewer constants.

Machine-learning based ranking

- Score using a weighted combination of program features.
 - Weights are learned using training data.



Issues with PBE approach

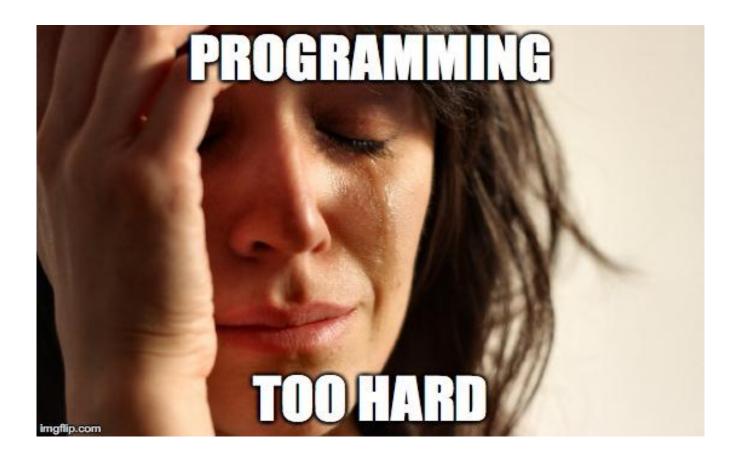
Telephone numbers	User examples
(213) 713-5203	213-713-5203
(213) 713-3475	
385-238-5592	
(385) 724-2345	
213.124.9963	
+1 385-554-0675	
385-218-4325	



Telephone numbers	Output Value
(213) 713-5203	213-713-5203
(213) 713-3475	213-713-3475
385-238-5592	385-238-5592
(385) 724-2345	385-724-2345
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Too Many Records for PBE

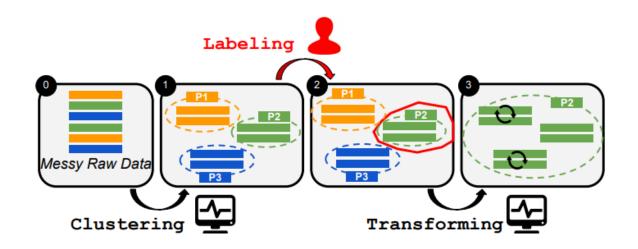


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26"" H x 24"" W x 12.5"" D","26"
"74"" H x 31.5"" W","74"
"10"" H x 8"" W","10"
"18"" H x 8.5"" W x 4"" D","18"
"33 x 25""","33"
"49.5 x 41""","49.5"
"31.75 x 26.25""","31.75"
"Framed at 21.75"" H x 24.25"" W","21.75"
"10"" H x 7.25"" W","10"
"11.75"" H x 8.75"" W","11.75"
"10"" H x 7.25"" W","10"
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"32.5"" H x 15"" W x 10"" D","32.5"
"32.25"" H x 15"" W x 10""D","32.25"
"75"" H x 20""W x 12"" D","75"
"33"" H x 35.25"" W", "33"
"19.5 x 25 x 2.25""","19.5"
"49"" x 5.5""","49"
"14"" H x 11"" W","14"
"31"" x 6.5""", "31"
"36"" H x 32"" W", "36"
"25"" H x 18"" W x 22"" D","25"
"16.25"" x 5.5"" x 5""", "16.25"
"30 x 46""","30"
"20.5"" x 16""", "20.5"
"36"" H x 24"" W", "36"
"12"" H x 9"" W", "12"
"41"" x 14.5"" x 4.5""", "41"
"21.5"" x 29"" x 0.75""", "21.5"
"10.75"" x 19.75"" x 1""", "10.75"
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"21.5"" H x 27"" W x 1"" D","21.5"
"77"" H x 9""W x 7"" D","77"
"10"" H x 8"" W","10"
"70"" H x 11"" W x 3"" D","70"
"3.375"" H x 2.0125"" W", "3.375"
"29.25 x 13 x 8.5""", "29.25"
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Minimizing User Effort: CLX

- CLX: Cluster-Label-Transform (Jin et al, 2019)
 - Clustering before Labeling instead of Clustering based on Labeling





Minimizing User Effort: Active Learning

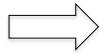
Entire dataset

Raw
10" H x 8" W
H: 58 x W:25"
12"H x 9"W
11"H x 6"
30 x 46"

Sampled records

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Sampling	7

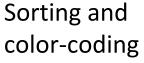
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Raw	Transformed
10" H x 8" W	10
11"H x 6"	11
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30 x 46"	30 x 46
11"H x 6"	11
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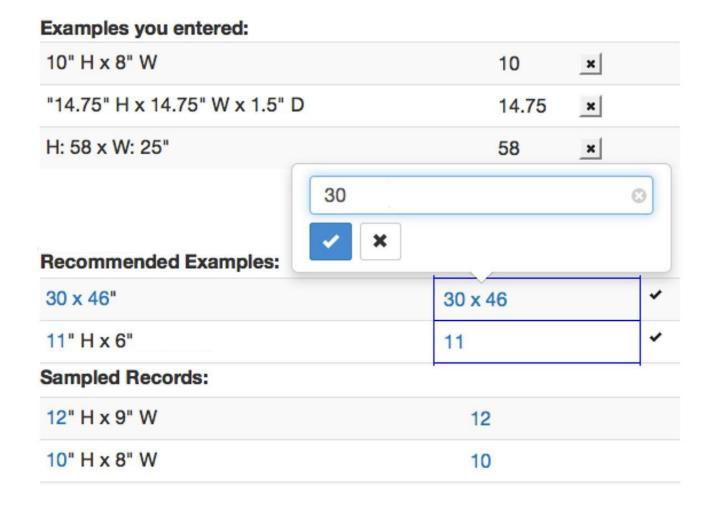




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Learning from users' feedback

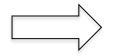


Color-coded Output

Entire dataset

Raw	Transformed
10" H x 8" W	10
H: 58 x W:25"	58
12"H x 9"W	12
11"H x 6"	11
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30 x 46"	30 x 46

Random Sampling



Sampled records

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Verifying records: Active Learning

Raw	Transformed
30 x 46"	30 x 46
11 "H x 6"	11
•••	•••

Sorting and color-coding



Raw	Transformed
11"H x 6"	11
30 x 46"	30 x 46



Verifying Records

- Recommend records causing runtime errors
 - Records cause the program exit abnormally

Program: (LWRD, ')', 1)

Input: 2008 Mitsubishi Galant ES \$7500 (Sylmar CA) pic

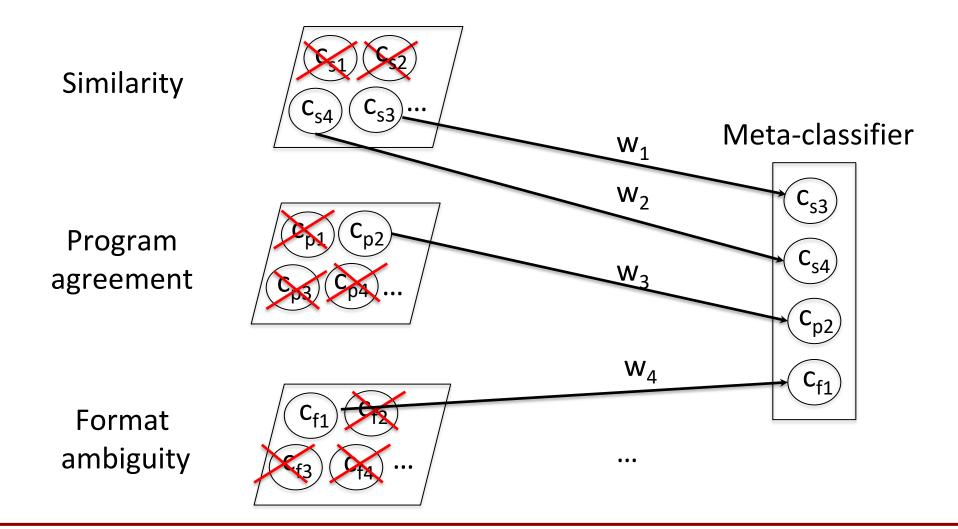
- Recommend potentially incorrect records
 - Learn a binary meta-classifier

Ex:

Raw	Transformed
11"H x 6"	11
30 x 46"	30 x 46



Learning the Meta-classifier





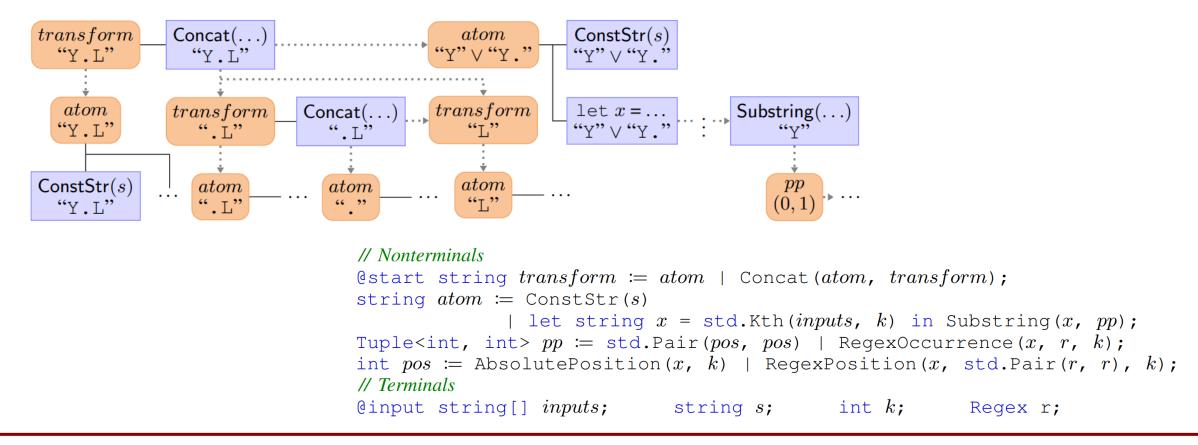


LEARNING TO PROGRAMMING-BY-EXAMPLE



Planning as a Searching Problem

Planning Problem can be solved by searching



Why not seq2seq?

- We have input sequence: raw strings
- We have output sequence: user-provided strings
- Seems like a perfect seq2seq

But it is not

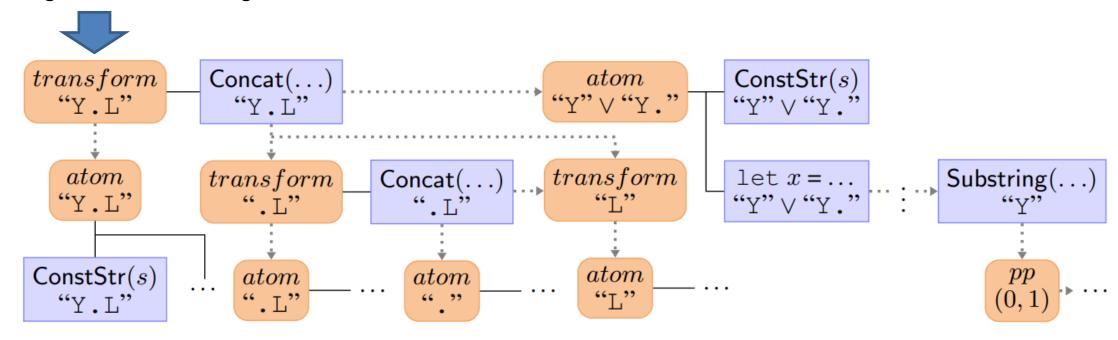
Raw	Transformed
10" H x 8" W	10
11"H x 6"	11
•••	•••
30 x 46"	30 x 46



Planning as a Searching Problem

Planning Problem can be solved by searching

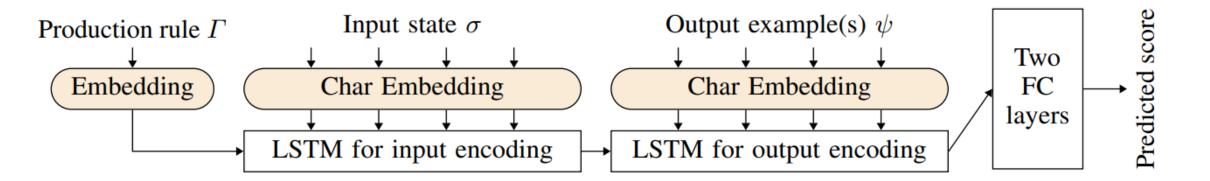
Predicting next state at a given state



Learning to Search

Benefits:

- Much easier to obtain training examples: synthesis training data
- Search space can be much smaller than word space
- Classification is easier to generalize





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LEARNING TRANSFORMATIONS FROM WEB TABLES



Other Types of Transformations

How to fill in this table?

Airport	City
BER	Berlin
JFK	New York
ORD	Chicago
НВЕ	?
IST	?
FRA	?
BOS	?
DFW	?

What if we have this?

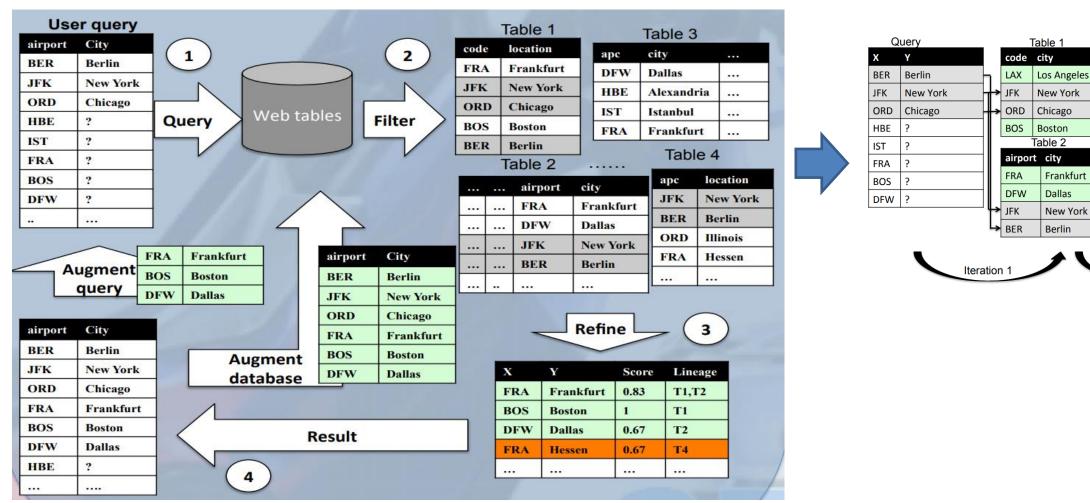
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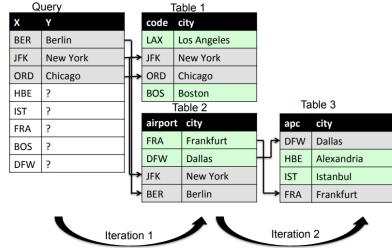
STATE OF CALIFORNIA
CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
TAX AND FEE ADMINISTRATION

Airport Code Table (Sorted by Airport Code)

APC	City	Name
L84	Lost Hills	Lost Hills Airport
L88	New Cuyama	New Cuyama Airport
L90	Ocotillo Wells	Ocotillo Airport
L94	Tehachapi	Mountain Valley Airport
LAX	Los Angeles	Los Angeles International Airport
LGB	Long Beach	Long Beach Airport (Daugherty Field)
LHM	Lincoln	Lincoln Regional Airport (Karl Harder Field)
LLR	Little River	Little River Airport
LPC	Lompoc	Lompoc Airport
LSN	Los Banos	Los Banos Municipal Airport
LVK	Livermore	Livermore Municipal Airport
M45	Markleeville	Alpine County Airport
M90	Mendota	Mendota Airport
MAE	Madera	Madera Municipal Airport
MCC	Sacramento	McClellan Airfield (was McClellan AFB)
MCE	Merced	Merced Municipal Airport (MacReady Field)
MER	Atwater	Castle Airport
MHR	Sacramento	Sacramento Mather Airport
MHV	Mojave	Mojave Airport
MIT	Shafter	Shafter Airport (Minter Field)
MMH	Mammoth Lakes	Mammoth Yosemite Airport
MOD	Modesto	Modesto City-County Airport (Harry Sham Field)
MPI	Mariposa	Mariposa-Yosemite Airport

Extract Transformations from Web Tables







IMPUTING MISSING VALUES



Imputing Values to Missing Data

- In federated data, between 30%-70% of the data points will have at least one missing attribute - data wastage if we ignore all records with a missing value
- Remaining data is seriously biased
- Lack of confidence in results
- Understanding pattern of missing data unearths data integrity issues

Missing Value Imputation

- Standalone imputation
 - Mean, median, other point estimates
 - Assume: Distribution of the missing values is the same as the non-missing values.
 - Does not take into account inter-relationships
 - Introduces bias
 - Convenient, easy to implement

Missing Value Imputation

- Better imputation use attribute relationships
- Assume: all prior attributes are populated

```
X1 | X2 | X3 | X4 | X5

1.0 | 20 | 3.5 | 4 | .

1.1 | 18 | 4.0 | 2 | .

1.9 | 22 | 2.2 | . | .

0.9 | 15 | . | . | .
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- Common techniques
 - Regression (parametric)

Missing Value Imputation – Linear Regression

- Regression method
 - Use linear regression, sweep left-to-right

$$X3=a+b*X2+c*X1;$$

X4=d+e*X3+f*X2+g*X1, and so on

 X3 in the second equation is estimated from the first equation if it is missing



DATA CLEANING TOOL - OPENREFINE



OpenRefine

- Powerful tool that can be effectively used for data cleansing
- Cleans and transforms raw data, linking it with web services and databases
- Very easy to use and has a web interface
- Freely available and works well with any browser

