

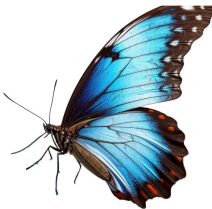


The Bookish Butterfly

Data Sources, Cleaning, and Preprocessing



Raw Data Sources



Book Ratings

[Kaggle Book Crossing Dataset](#)

BX-Book-Ratings.csv (1149779 values)
BX-Books.csv (271379 unique values)

BX-BookRatings.csv	BX-Books.csv
ISBN (10 digit)	ISBN (10 digit)
User ID	Book-Title
Book Rating	Book-Author
	Year-Of-Publication
	Publisher
	Image-URL-S
	Image-URL-M
	Image-URL-L

Plot Summaries

[Kaggle CMU Book Summary](#)

BookSummaries.txt
16,559 unique values

BookSummaries.txt
Wikipedia article ID
Freebase ID
Book title
Author
Publication Date
Book genres
Plot Summary

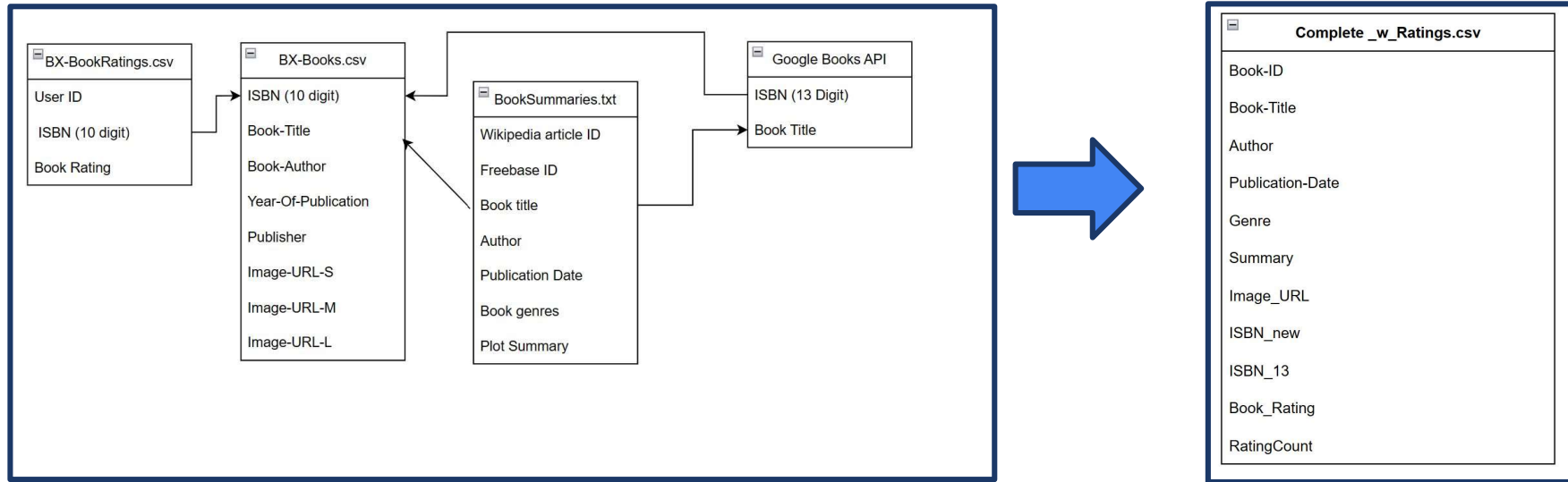
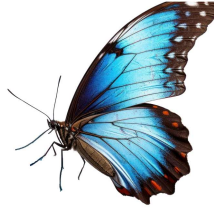
ISBN Matching

[Google Books API](#)

Google Books API
ISBN (13 Digit)
Book Title

Used to augment CMU data with ISBN Numbers for matching with Book Ratings

Data Cleaning and Joining



Data Limitations

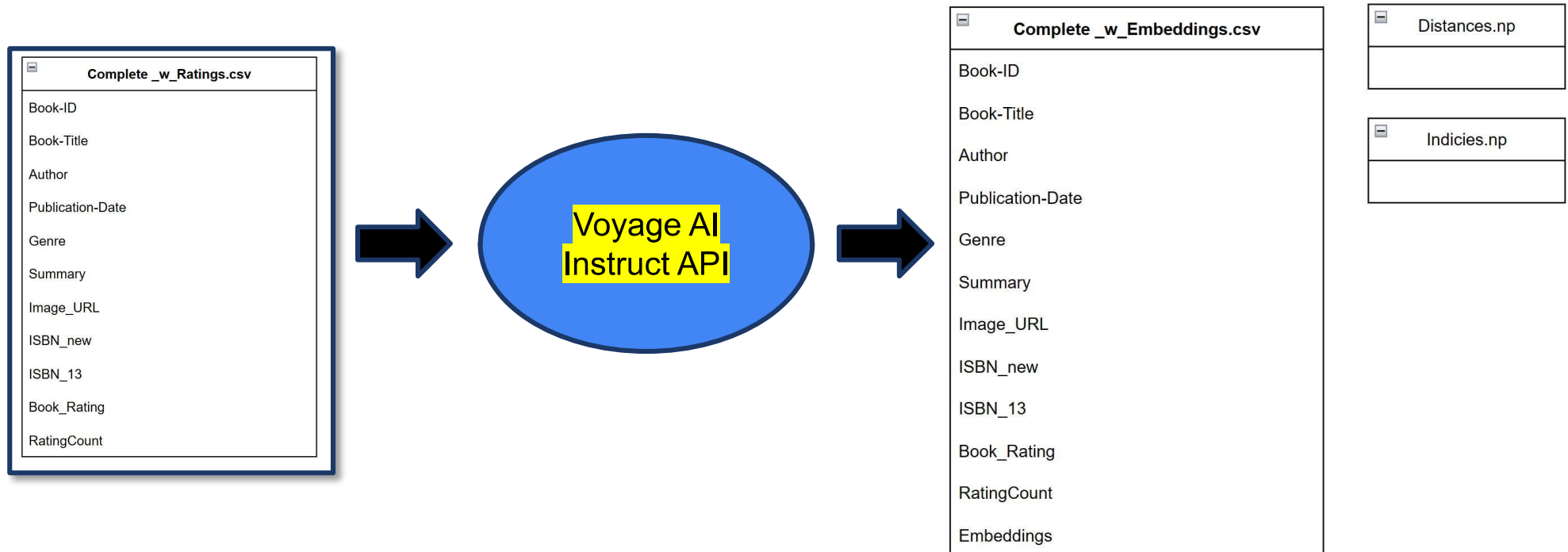
- Small Number of Books can lead to surprising/frustrating results in app (e.g. no results returned for common book or author)
- BookSummaries.txt had no ISBN field for hard matching to ratings data
 - Used fuzzy/best matching on author field between BX-Books.csv and BookSummaries.txt □ **6360** matches
 - Obtained ISBN (13 digit) for **7289** matches using Google API for total of **13649** matches
- Sparse Fields
 - Book genres (**11025** of 13649 books had genre marked)
 - Book Rating (**5115** of 13649 books had ratings)
 - Rating Count is close to 0 for most books

Data Preprocessing - Book Similarity Measures



Voyage-AI-Instruct API

- Ranked #1 in MTEB leaderboards on hugging face in Semantic Textual Similarity(STS)
- Maps user text query to closest book, for use in Book Title and Plot Search
- Calculates “distances” between books based on STS for use in Plot Search



Data Used In Production



Simple Field Matching

(e.g. Author2 Search)

Complete_w_Ratings.csv
Book-ID
Book-Title
Author
Publication-Date
Genre
Summary
Image_URL
ISBN_new
ISBN_13
Book_Rating
RatingCount

Semantic or Semantic + Keyword Search

(resource and memory intensive, only use when necessary)

Complete_w_Embeddings.csv
Book-ID
Book-Title
Author
Publication-Date
Genre
Summary
Image_URL
ISBN_new
ISBN_13
Book_Rating
RatingCount
Embeddings

Distances.np

Indicies.np

Search on Standardized Genre

(one book can span multiple Generic Genres and thus appear in multiple rows)

Genre.csv
Book-ID
Book-Title
Author
Genre
Publication-Date
Summary
Image_URL
ISBN_new
ISBN_13
Book_Rating
RatingCount
Generic Genre