



MCAR, MAR, MNAR - How do I tell them apart?



Explore these 3 websites to discover the difference between MCAR, MAR and MNAR: https://www.missingdata.nl/missing-data/missing-data-mechanisms/mcar/

https://www.missingdata.nl/missing-data/missing-data-mechanisms/mnar/



Type of Missingness: Question 1

Match the following:

Missing At Random (MAR)

Missing Completely At Random (MCAR)

Missing Not At Random (MNAR)

Missing data is unrelated to other variable(s) and unrelated to the variable with missing values itself.

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With missing values

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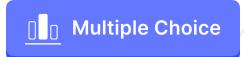
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Data Profiling



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HtaYjVwW-Mo&t=4s



P02a - Data Management: Hands-on Additional Qns

- On LMS, head to "Activity 1: Superstore Dataset" >
 "Practical Questions". Download practical sheets and datasets.
- We will learn to do:
 - Data Profiling look at data types and how to inspect data for quality issues
 - Data Cleaning how to handle the data quality issues found earlier when profiling



Data Profiling #1

What do you observe for these columns?

Column	Data Type	Range/Values	Any Observations?
Ship mode			
Segment	nominal/string	Consumer; Corporate; Home Office; Hm Off (4)	inconsistency
Country	geographical	United States; US; Blanks (3)	Missing values
City			
State			
Postal code			
Region			
Category			
Sub-category			



Data Profiling #2

What do you observe for these columns?

Column	Data Type	Range/Values	Any Observations?
Sales			
Cost			
Quantity			
Discount			





Data Profiling #3

What do you observe for these columns?

Column	Data Type	Range/Values	Any Observations?
Order Date			
Ship Date			

Column	Data Type	Range/Values	Any Observations?
Order ID	nominal/string	e.g. CA-2011-100006 (5009)	Need to split State-Year-Order ID
Customer ID			
Customer Name			
Product ID			
Product Name			

DIY Cleaning



1. There are some inconsistencies in **State** (TX vs Texas, CA vs California). Rename the original column as **State_Old**, then create a new column called **State**. What is the missing line in this pseudo-code?

```
If [State_Old] = "CA" Then "California"
...
Else [State_Old]
End
```

- a. Else If [State_Old] equals "TX" Then "Texas"
- b. Else [State_Old]
- c. Else If [State_Old] equals "Texas" Then "TX"
- d. Else [Others]

DIY Cleaning



- 2. Perform a split on the **Order ID** Column. How many **unique** years were split from the Order ID column?
 - a. 3

- b. 4 c. 5

- d. 2
- 3. Which is the longest duration between Order Date and Ship Date? Add a column and use a formula to find out.

- a. 1 day b. 3 days c. 5 days d. 7 days

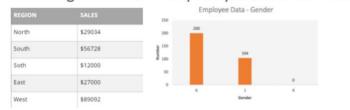
What else can we do for Data Cleaning?

Technically speaking, when trying to detect anomalies, we briefly mentioned in an earlier video about some charts that can be used for categorical vs numeric variables. This part belongs is an overlapping zone between Data Preparation and Data Exploration. We will delve more into usage of charts to detect anomalies in the next section, together with other Data Exploration techniques.

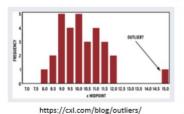
Data Cleaning : Handling Anomalies

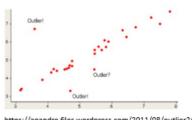
How To Detect Them

· For Categorical Data - Frequency Table or Bar Chart



· For Numeric Data - Histogram, Box Plot, Scatter Plot









Metadata and Data Standards



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xmp8vNeFsck



Data Standards

What: Rules used to standardize the way data are described, represented and structured (e.g. a controlled list that user can select.)

Why: Because what you do with your data can make it easier to work with downstream.





Data format standards

Examples: dates, negative numbers, currency,
 2-letter Canadian province codes

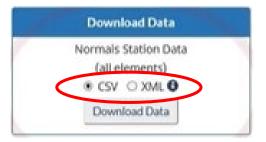
Data file format standards

Example: Comma Separated Variable (CSV) files

Variable standards

 Examples: standardized categories and structures for employment status, age groups, industry, occupation, products

	Jan	Feb	Mar
Temperature			
Daily Average (°C)	-13.7	-10.6	-3.9
Standard Deviation	4.5	3.9	3.0
Daily Maximum (°C)	-9.0	-5.8	0.9
Daily Minimum (°C)	-18.3	-15.4	-8.6
Extreme Maximum (°C)	11.0	9.5	19.5
Date (yyyy/dd)	1980/23	1988/26	1993/23



Example

Research A uses 4 age categories. Research B uses 5 age categories. Is that standardized categories?



Metadata

What: Extra info provided about the data

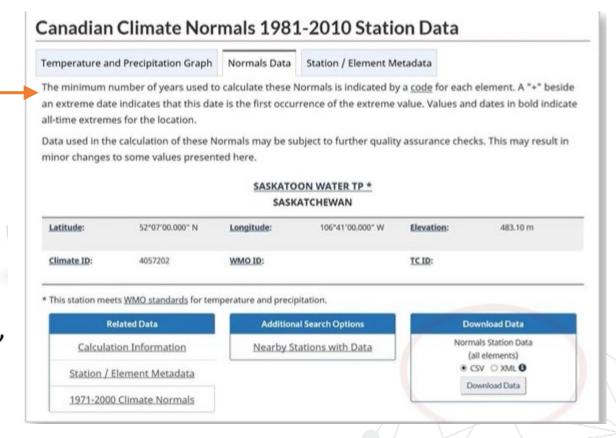
- Source (what, who, why, when, where) of the data
- Data quality
- Methods used to process the data
- Any Data Standards applied or followed
- How data are grouped for more <u>efficient search</u> (via hashtags, key words)

Why: So that it makes it easier to find, interpret, trust and use the data, especially when shared across multiple systems.

- Previously, Metadata is simply defined as: Data about data, Data dictionary
- Now, Metadata also includes business terms, explanation and usage.
 This is to better control and manage business info.

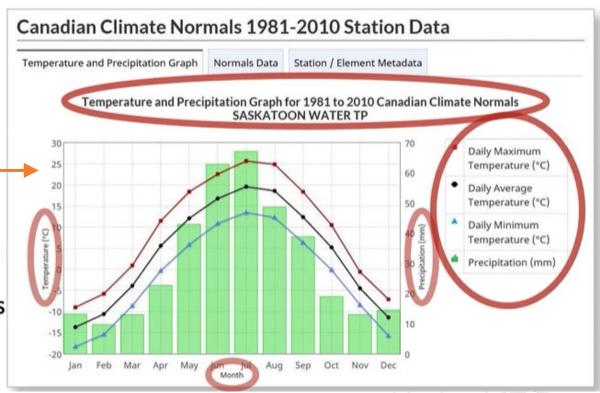
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1	ID	Customer Identification Number	Character		
2	Gen	Gender	Character	F='Females', M='Male'	7
3	Осс	Occupation	Character		
4	Inc	Income	Numeric		
5	Age	Age	Numeric		



Why Data Standards and Metadata are Important

Data standards and metadata enable data to be FAIR...

•Findable: easily searchable

•Accessible: easy to use

Interoperable: easily combined

•Re-useable: easy to share

Important for sharing data across the entire organisation, multiple systems or government agencies.



IM(ICT&SS) and Importance of Metadata/Data Standards

Singapore Context



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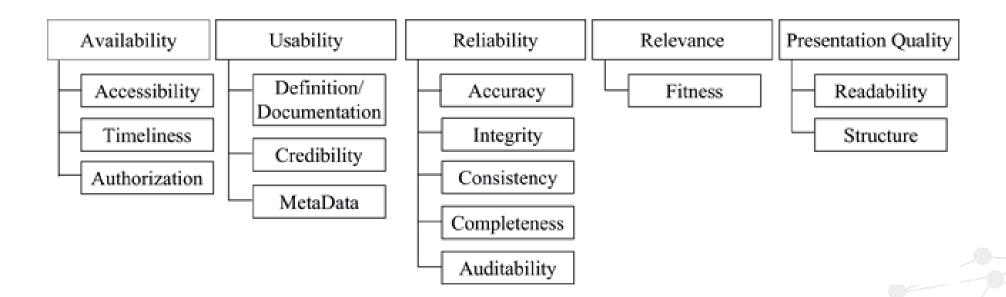
Data Processing and Fusion, which includes minimising errors arising from data processing, such as coding errors, data entry errors, computation errors, and minimising the risk of unauthorised re-identification of individuals or entities through fusion or integration of de-identified datasets.

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Data Quality Dimensions



https://datascience.codata.org/articles/10.5334/dsj-2015-002/#T1

IM (ICT&SS) and the Importance of Data Quality Dimensions

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A Singapore Government Agency Website How to identify >

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Data Quality Dimensions

Accuracy – Is data error-free and reliable?

Consistency – Is the data format standardized?

Completeness – Are all the data elements populated in the system?

Relevance - Does it meet business needs?

Timeliness - Is data available at a time when it is still meaningful?