

IS 532 Data Cleaning Final Project

Directory of Open Access Journals

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1. Introduction and Overview

The Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ) is a community-curated database that indexes high quality, peer reviewed Open Access research journals, periodicals and their articles' metadata. The DOAJ is maintained by the Infrastructure Services for Open Access.

The Directory aims to be comprehensive and cover all open access academic journals that use an appropriate quality control system and is not limited to particular languages, geographical regions, or subject areas. The Directory aims to increase the visibility and ease of use of open access academic journals—regardless of size and country of origin—thereby promoting their visibility, usage and impact.

Motivation and Purpose

Our primary motivation was to clean this data so that it can be used for further analysis - which could be helpful for industry personnels to find out about the research going on in their domain through these journal articles. Since it is an open source database it is not maintained by extensive support and hence we had all the more reason to work with this dataset and clean it.

We also wanted to explore the trends of these journals over years and evaluate how the journal publication has changed over the years.

Some of the trend which we wanted to explore are:

- Find the most widely used language in a journal
- Categorize the journals by the licenses used
- Find out the most common review processes for these journals
- Analyze the average time for journal publication with respect to the subject of the journal

2. Initial Assessment of the Dataset and Use Cases

Dataset Description

The dataset is obtained from the DOAJ website. It is journal metadata for over 14000 Journals which includes information about the journal submission costs, the costs associated with article processing, information about the review process, the subjects of these journals and articles. Some of the columns in the dataset are:

- Journal Title
- Journal URL
- Publisher
- Review process
- Country of publisher
- Full text language

Shape of the Dataset

The dataset consists of over 14445 rows and 57 columns.

```
In [73]: original.shape
Out[73]: (14445, 57)

In [74]: original.dtypes
Out[74]: Journal title                object
Journal URL                        object
Alternative title                  object
Journal ISSN (print version)      object
Journal EISSN (online version)    object
Publisher                         object
Society or institution            object
Platform, host or aggregator      object
Country of publisher              object
Journal article processing charges (APCs) object
APC information URL               object
APC amount                       float64
Currency                         object
Journal article submission fee    object
Submission fee URL                object
Submission fee amount             float64
Submission fee currency           object
Journal waiver policy (for developing country authors etc) object
Waiver policy information URL     object
Digital archiving policy or program(s) object
Archiving: national library       object
Archiving: other                  object
Archiving information URL         object
Journal full-text crawl permission object
Permanent article identifiers     object
Journal provides download statistics object
Download statistics information URL object
First calendar year journal provided online Open Access content int64
Full text formats                 object
Keywords                         object
Full text language               object
URL for the Editorial Board page  object
Review process                    object
Review process information URL    object
URL for journal's aims & scope    object
URL for journal's instructions for authors object
Journal plagiarism screening policy object
Plagiarism information URL        object
Average number of weeks between submission and publication float64
URL for journal's Open Access statement object
Machine-readable CC licensing information embedded or displayed in articles object
URL to an example page with embedded licensing information object
Journal license                   object
License attributes                 object
URL for license terms              object
Does this journal allow unrestricted reuse in compliance with BOAI? object
Deposit policy directory          object
Author holds copyright without restrictions object
Copyright information URL         object
Author holds publishing rights without restrictions object
Publishing rights information URL  object
DOAJ Seal                        object
Tick: Accepted after March 2014  object
Added on Date                     object
Subjects                          object
Number of Article Records         int64
Most Recent Article Added         int64
dtype: object
```

Data Quality Issues

Following are some of the data quality issues which we encountered while performing an exploratory analysis of our dataset:

- **Whitespaces:** Most of the textual columns have leading, trailing, and consecutive whitespaces
- **Number format:** Some of the columns with numbers are in string format which need to be converted to integer or float
- **Date/Time format:** The dates in this dataset are of Argo float format (example: 2004-04-23T21:31:00Z) which is difficult to understand. Since time is not an essential metric for our use case, we will trim the time and transform the date into a more recognizable format (YYYY/MM/DD)
- **Unwanted characters:** Most of the columns (Journal title,Publisher) have unwanted characters and parentheses which needs to be removed
- **Unnecessary columns:** Columns that have a lot of missing values (>80%) and add no value to our use case (URL's) need to be removed

Use Cases

Already good enough use cases

1. Which are the top 10 countries that publish journals?
2. Which is the most common review process in Journal publishing?
3. What are the common licenses used in Journal publication?

Middle-of-the-road use cases

1. **Researchers who want to find journals based on keywords and/or subjects** - to learn about the research going on in their domain. For instance, if a researcher wants to find information about the research going on for the vaccine of coronavirus they can do so by filtering the dataset using keywords and subject. To address this use case we cleaned the columns Keywords and Subjects. We explored the two columns and trimmed the whitespaces in both these columns as a first step to clean them. For the Keywords column, we used text facet and clustering to group similar rows which were different due to typos or punctuation differences. For the Subjects column, we split it in two columns to categorize it as the main subject (Medicine) and the sub subject (Pediatrics) for efficient filtering. The structure of the original column was main subject: sub subject.
2. **Researchers who want to find the average time for journal publication with respect to subject** - To address this use case we used the column - average number of weeks between submission and publication and Number of article records. We converted these columns which were in string format to number.

3. Data Cleaning Methods and Processes

To address the data quality issues mentioned above, we have used OpenRefine and Python for Data Cleaning.

A. OpenRefine

OpenRefine is an open source tool used to clean up the dirty data and transform it in a format required by the user which can also work with various spreadsheet formats. In this project, we are using a .csv file and cleaning the messy data from the DOAJ dataset. Through OpenRefine we plan to address data quality issues like trimming and collapsing whitespaces, converting data types, text facet and clustering same rows with different semantics (for instance - lowercase, uppercase difference. The reason we used OpenRefine for these tasks is because of the ease of use of OpenRefine as opposed to Python (the other data cleaning method we are using). It is relatively easier to handle regular expressions related issues in OpenRefine compared to Python.

Following are the steps we took to clean our data:

1. Trim and collapse whitespaces

There were a lot of unnecessary white spaces in a few of the columns which make analysis difficult. We looked for white spaces in textual columns (string) - whitespaces that are present in the beginning and end of the string as well as consecutive whitespaces. While collapsing and trimming these whitespaces, we also found that a couple of textual columns recorded 0 cell changes - which meant they were already clean in terms of whitespaces. Following are the columns for which trimmed and collapsed whitespaces:

- a. Journal title
- b. Alternative title
- c. Publisher
- d. Society or Institution
- e. Review process
- f. Platform or host or aggregator
- g. Country of Publisher
- h. Keywords
- i. Subjects

2. Number

The next thing we looked at was the numeric columns which were actually not numeric values, so we converted them to numeric values through the to number function. Following are the columns that we changed to number:

- a. APC amount
- b. Submission fee amount
- c. The average number of weeks between submission and publication
- d. Number of article records

OpenRefine displays these numeric values which are converted to number in green. We can see a couple of numeric columns in the screenshot below.

▼ APC amount	▼ Currency	▼ Journal article s	▼ Submission fee	▼ Submission fee
1600	EUR - Euro	Yes	100	EUR - Euro
200	EUR - Euro			
520	EUR - Euro			

3. Date

In the given dataset, the dates are of Argo float format (e.g. 2004-04-23T21:31:00Z) including date as well as time. Since time is not an essential metric for our use case, we decided to trim the time and transform the date into a more recognizable format (YYYY/MM/DD). We used `grel` and used the function: `toString(toDate(value),"yyyy-MM-dd")`. We first used the inbuilt To Date function, but we did not witness any change in the column. Post that we used the `grel` function to convert it to date without time. Following are the columns on which we used this function:

- a. The column "Added on Date" was converted to the required date format and added the same to a new column called "Added on Date_Clean"
- b. The same was done for "Most Recent Article Added" and the new column was called "Most Recent Article Added_Clean"

▼ Added on Date	▼ Added on Date_	▼ Subjects	▼ Number of Article	▼ Most Recent Art	▼ Most Recent Art
2004-04-23T21:31:00Z	2004-04-23	Science: Microbiology	53	2013-09-05T16:56:59Z	2013-09-05
2004-04-23T21:31:00Z	2004-04-23	Science	2624	2019-10-09T08:15:52Z	2019-10-09
2014-12-22T19:55:58Z	2014-12-22	General Works	156	2020-04-01T09:39:50Z	2020-04-01
2011-11-10T12:31:05Z	2011-11-10	Medicine: Dermatology	797	2020-04-01T07:20:17Z	2020-04-01 edit
2014-05-29T20:02:32Z	2014-05-29	Science: Biology (General)	1134	2020-01-07T08:44:51Z	2020-01-07
2011-08-08T11:56:58Z	2011-08-08	Science: Botany	3633	2020-01-07T08:30:22Z	2020-01-07
2007-05-10T13:55:49Z	2007-05-10	Medicine: Dentistry	210	2020-02-06T08:34:34Z	2020-02-06
2009-08-04T16:58:51Z	2009-08-04	History (General) and history of Europe: History of Africa Political science: International relations Social Sciences	250	2017-02-03T10:42:02Z	2017-02-03

4. Text facet & Clustering

We created text facets to analyze specific textual columns and group similar items together. Clustering helps us group items that are different because of misspellings, typos, punctuation marks, difference in case of the words. We used the key collision method and fingerprint keying function for clustering the following columns.

a. Journal Title -> Journal Title_Clean:

Method - key collision; Keying function - fingerprint: Using this method and keying function we detected 26 clusters for the Journal title column.

[Permalink](#)

Mass edit 57 cells in column Journal title_Clean
[Undo](#)

Cluster & Edit column "Journal title"

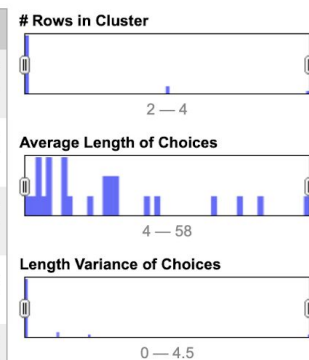
This feature helps you find groups of different cell values that might be alternative representations of the same thing. For example, the two strings "New York" and "new york" are very likely to refer to the same concept and just have capitalization differences, and "Gödel" and "Godel" probably refer to the same person. [Find out more ...](#)

Method key collision

Keying Function fingerprint

26 clusters found

Cluster Size	Row Count	Values in Cluster	Merge?	New Cell Value
2	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nauka i Obrazovanie (1 rows) Obrazovanie i Nauka (1 rows) 	<input type="checkbox"/>	Nauka i Obrazovanie
2	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EconomiA (1 rows) Economía (1 rows) 	<input type="checkbox"/>	EconomiA
2	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ingenieria Industrial (1 rows) Ingeniería Industrial (1 rows) Browse this cluster	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ingenieria Industrial
2	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> J-EBIS (Jurnal Ekonomi dan Bisnis Islam) (1 rows) JEBIS (Jurnal Ekonomi dan Bisnis Islam) (1 rows) 	<input type="checkbox"/>	J-EBIS (Jurnal Ekonomi dan Bi
2	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revista de Psicología (3 rows) Revista de Psicologia (1 rows) 	<input type="checkbox"/>	Revista de Psicología
2	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letras (2 rows) Letras & Letras (1 rows) 	<input type="checkbox"/>	Letras
2	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EduSer (1 rows) Eduser (1 rows) 	<input type="checkbox"/>	EduSer



Select All Unselect All Export Clusters Merge Selected & Re-Cluster Merge Selected & Close Close

Method - key collision; Keying function - ngram-fingerprint: By using the keying function ngram-fingerprint we detected fewer clusters for the same column (10 clusters). We therefore clustered using the fingerprint keying function instead of ngram-fingerprint.

Cluster & Edit column "Journal title"

This feature helps you find groups of different cell values that might be alternative representations of the same thing. For example, the two strings "New York" and "new york" are very likely to refer to the same concept and just have capitalization differences, and "Gödel" and "Godel" probably refer to the same person. [Find out more ...](#)

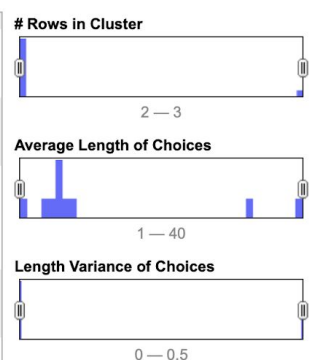
Method key collision

Keying Function ngram-fingerprint

Ngram Size 2

10 clusters found

2	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Podium (2 rows) PODIUM (1 rows) 	<input type="checkbox"/>	Podium
2	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> POLIS (1 rows) Polis (1 rows) 	<input type="checkbox"/>	POLIS
2	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> J-EBIS (Jurnal Ekonomi dan Bisnis Islam) (1 rows) JEBIS (Jurnal Ekonomi dan Bisnis Islam) (1 rows) 	<input type="checkbox"/>	J-EBIS (Jurnal Ekonomi dan Bi
2	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TEMA (1 rows) Tema (1 rows) Browse this cluster	<input type="checkbox"/>	TEMA
2	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lumina (1 rows) Lúmina (1 rows) 	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lumina
2	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Matèria (1 rows) Matéria (1 rows) 	<input type="checkbox"/>	Matèria
2	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Systems (1 rows) mSystems (1 rows) 	<input type="checkbox"/>	Systems



Select All Unselect All Export Clusters Merge Selected & Re-Cluster Merge Selected & Close Close

- b. Keywords -> Keywords_Clean:
Method - key collision; Keying function - fingerprint

Cluster & Edit column "Keywords"

This feature helps you find groups of different cell values that might be alternative representations of the same thing. For example, the two strings "New York" and "new york" are very likely to refer to the same concept and just have capitalization differences, and "Gödel" and "Godel" probably refer to the same person. [Find out more ...](#)

Method key collision Keying Function fingerprint **258 clusters found**

Cluster Size	Row Count	Values in Cluster	Merge?	New Cell Value
8	26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> mathematics education (14 rows) education, mathematics (3 rows) mathematics, mathematics education (3 rows) mathematics, education (2 rows) education, mathematics education (1 rows) education, mathematics, mathematics education (1 rows) mathematics education, education (1 rows) mathematics education, mathematics (1 rows) 	<input type="checkbox"/>	mathematics education
5	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> health sciences, medical sciences (1 rows) health, medical sciences (1 rows) medical sciences, health (1 rows) medical sciences, health sciences (1 rows) medical, health sciences (1 rows) 	<input type="checkbox"/>	health sciences, medical scienc
5	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> business, economics, accounting, finance, management (1 rows) business, economics, management, finance, accounting (1 rows) economics, accounting, business, management, finance (1 rows) economics, accounting, finance, business, management (1 rows) economics, business, management, finance, 	<input type="checkbox"/>	business, economics, accounti

Choices in Cluster

Rows in Cluster

Average Length of Choices

Length Variance of Choices

Select All Unselect All Export Clusters Merge Selected & Re-Cluster Merge Selected & Close Close

nk Mass edit 924 cells in column Keywords_Clean Undo

- c. Full text formats -> Full text formats_Clean

main Mass edit 9221 cells in column Full text formats_Clean Undo

5. Removed parenthesis

Some of the columns had parentheses and those parentheses needed to be removed. Thus they were removed from "Journal title_Clean" and added to a new column "Journal title_parantheses". Below is a screenshot of the parentheses in some of the rows of the columns.

'Anil Islam: Jurnal Kebudayaan dan Ilmu Keislaman 1	
(En)clave Comahue 1	
[i2]: Investigación e Innovación en Arquitectura y Territorio 1	edit include
[sic] 1	
@tic: Revista d'Innovació Educativa 1	
#Tear: Revista de Educação, Ciência e Tecnologia 1	
027.7 : Zeitschrift für Bibliothekskultur 1	
100-Cs 1	

6. Remove columns

We removed columns that consisted of URLs since these columns were not required for future analysis or any of the use cases of our project. Following are the columns which we removed:

- Submission fee URL
- APC Information URL
- Archiving Information URL
- Download statistics information URL
- URL for the Editorial Board page
- Review process information URL
- URL for journal's aims & scope
- URL for journal's instruction for authors
- URL to an example page with embedded licensing information
- URL for license terms

B. Python Cleaning

1. The shape of the dataset

The shape of the dataset and datatypes of columns: Now that we have covered the cleaning process in open refine, the first step was to verify and analyze the dataset for further cleaning. We used the "shape" function to find the number of rows and columns and the "dtypes" function to find the data type of each column.

The dataset has 14445 rows and 53 columns with the following data types.

```
In [31]: #get the shape of df
df.shape
```

```
Out[31]: (14445, 53)
```

```
In [32]: df.dtypes
```

```
Out[32]: Journal title                object
Journal title_Clean                object
Journal title_Parantheses          object
Journal URL                        object
Alternative title                  object
Journal ISSN (print version)       object
Journal EISSN (online version)     object
Publisher                          object
Society or institution             object
Platform, host or aggregator       object
Country of publisher              object
Journal article processing charges (APCs) object
APC amount                        float64
Currency                          object
Journal article submission fee     object
Submission fee amount             float64
Submission fee currency            object
Journal waiver policy (for developing country authors etc) object
Waiver policy information URL      object
Digital archiving policy or program(s) object
Archiving: national library        object
Archiving: other                  object
Journal full-text crawl permission object
Permanent article identifiers      object
Journal provides download statistics object
First calendar year journal provided online Open Access content int64
Full text formats                  object
Full text formats_Clean           object
Keywords                          object
Keywords_Clean                    object
Full text language                 object
Review process                     object
Journal plagiarism screening policy object
Plagiarism information URL         object
Average number of weeks between submission and publication float64
URL for journal's Open Access statement object
Machine-readable CC licensing information embedded or displayed in articles object
Journal license                    object
License attributes                 object
Does this journal allow unrestricted reuse in compliance with BOAI? object
Deposit policy directory           object
Author holds copyright without restrictions object
Copyright information URL          object
Author holds publishing rights without restrictions object
Publishing rights information URL  object
DOAJ Seal                         object
Tick: Accepted after March 2014   object
Added on Date                     object
Added on Date_Clean               object
Subjects                          object
Number of Article Records          int64
Most Recent Article Added          object
Most Recent Article Added_Clean   object
dtype: object
```

2. Removing unnecessary columns and the unclean versions of the clean columns

After analyzing the dataset we decided to remove all the unnecessary columns that won't add any value to the future analysis. These columns were mostly URLs referring to the components of the journals. Also removing unclean columns that were cleaned using openrefine.

Drop function was used to remove the following columns:

- Plagiarism information URL
- Waiver policy information URL
- Publishing rights information URL
- Copyright information URL
- Full-text formats

- Added on Date
- Most Recent Articles Added
- Keywords
- Journal article submission fee
- Journal title
- Journal title_clean

Removing rows with different languages:

Most of the rows have texts that are in different languages that are read (right to left) RTL and languages that may cause encoding issues. So it is necessary to remove these rows. Also removed those that were just numbers for journal title

“langdetect” python package was used to detect the languages of journal titles. The screenshot below shows the code and the distribution of the languages.

Languages removed were Arabic, Bulgarian, Persian, Korean, Ukrainian, Urdu, Macedonian, Russian, Chinese.

```
In [29]: lang = []
         for each in df["Journal title_Paratheses"]:
             try:
                 lang.append(detected(str(each)))
             except:
                 lang.append("NOT DETECTED")
```

```
In [30]: df["language"] = lang
```

```
In [31]: df["language"].value_counts()
```

```
Out[31]: en      6588
         es      1544
         pt      1103
         id       936
         it       589
         ro       393
         de       328
         fr       310
         ca       262
         sl       231
         tr       202
         hr       199
         pl       145
         ru       142
         uk       131
         tl       128
         et       118
         fi       110
         lt        96
         nl        96
         lv        78
         cy        77
         af        74
         no        70
         sw        61
         sk        42
         so        42
         da        39
         sq        33
         hu        33
         sv        27
         cs        26
         vi        20
         mk         6
         zh-cn      1
         Name: language, dtype: int64
```

3. Checking missing values in each column

Most of the columns in this dataset had many missing values. So it was necessary to find the columns with the maximum number of missing values and remove them. The Image below shows the code used and the percentage of missing values in each column.

```
In [16]: for col in df.columns:
          percentage_missing = np.mean(df[col].isnull())
          print('{} - {}'.format(col, round((percentage_missing*100)))

Journal title_Paratheses - 0.0%
Journal URL - 0.0%
Alternative title - 62.0%
Journal ISSN (print version) - 39.0%
Journal EISSN (online version) - 11.0%
Publisher - 0.0%
Society or institution - 42.0%
Platform, host or aggregator - 16.0%
Country of publisher - 0.0%
Journal article processing charges (APCs) - 0.0%
APC amount - 73.0%
Currency - 73.0%
Submission fee amount - 98.0%
Submission fee currency - 98.0%
Digital archiving policy or program(s) - 71.0%
Archiving: national library - 84.0%
Archiving: other - 94.0%
Journal full-text crawl permission - 19.0%
Permanent article identifiers - 37.0%
Journal provides download statistics - 69.0%
First calendar year journal provided online Open Access content - 0.0%
Full text formats Clean - 0.0%
Keywords Clean - 0.0%
Full text language - 0.0%
Review process - 0.0%
Journal plagiarism screening policy - 49.0%
Average number of weeks between submission and publication - 0.0%
URL for journal's Open Access statement - 0.0%
Machine-readable CC licensing information embedded or displayed in articles - 48.0%
Journal license - 0.0%
License attributes - 98.0%
Does this journal allow unrestricted reuse in compliance with BOAI? - 1.0%
Deposit policy directory - 65.0%
Author holds copyright without restrictions - 0.0%
Author holds publishing rights without restrictions - 0.0%
DOAJ Seal - 0.0%
Tick: Accepted after March 2014 - 0.0%
Added on Date_Clean - 0.0%
Subjects - 0.0%
Number of Article Records - 0.0%
Most Recent Article Added_Clean - 20.0%
language - 0.0%
```

Removing columns with more than 80% missing values:

- Submission fee amount
- Submission fee currency
- Archiving: national library
- Archiving: other
- License attributes

4. Split columns

Splitting “Subjects” into 2 columns and dropping “Subjects” column: Main_subject, Sub_subject

	0	1
0	Science	Microbiology
1	Science	None
2	General Works	None
3	Medicine	Dermatology
4	Science	Biology (General)
...
14440	Medicine	Pediatrics
14441	Technology	Mechanical engineering and machinery: Renewab...
14442	Law	None
14443	Social Sciences	Industries. Land use. Labor: Management. Indu...
14444	Geography. Anthropology. Recreation	Oceanography

14445 rows × 2 columns

The shape of the dataset after cleaning : (14000, 39)

4. Results

Overall changes

Before - Columns: 57, Rows: 14445

```
In [73]: original.shape
Out[73]: (14445, 57)

In [74]: original.dtypes
Out[74]: Journal title                object
Journal URL                        object
Alternative title                  object
Journal ISSN (print version)       object
Journal EISSN (online version)     object
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Society or institution             object
Platform, host or aggregator       object
Country of publisher               object
Journal article processing charges (APCs) object
APC information URL                object
APC amount                        float64
Currency                          object
Journal article submission fee     object
Submission fee URL                 object
Submission fee amount              float64
Submission fee currency             object
Journal waiver policy (for developing country authors etc) object
Waiver policy information URL      object
Digital archiving policy or program(s) object
Archiving: national library        object
Archiving: other                   object
Archiving information URL          object
Journal full-text crawl permission object
Permanent article identifiers      object
Journal provides download statistics object
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Author holds publishing rights without restrictions object
Publishing rights information URL  object
DOAJ Seal                          object
Tick: Accepted after March 2014   object
Added on Date                      object
Subjects                           object
Number of Article Records          int64
Most Recent Article Added          object
dtype: object
```


After - Columns: 39, Rows: 14000

```
In [37]: df.shape
```

```
Out[37]: (14000, 39)
```

```
In [28]: df.dtypes
```

```
Out[28]: Journal title_Paratheses      object
Journal URL                          object
Alternative title                     object
Journal ISSN (print version)          object
Journal EISSN (online version)        object
Publisher                             object
Society or institution                object
Platform, host or aggregator          object
Country of publisher                  object
Journal article processing charges (APCs) object
APC amount                           float64
Currency                             object
Digital archiving policy or program(s) object
Journal full-text crawl permission    object
Permanent article identifiers         object
Journal provides download statistics  object
First calendar year journal provided online Open Access content  int64
Full text formats_Clean               object
Keywords_Clean                        object
Full text language                    object
Review process                        object
Journal plagiarism screening policy    object
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Deposit policy directory               object
Author holds copyright without restrictions object
Author holds publishing rights without restrictions object
DOAJ Seal                             object
Tick: Accepted after March 2014        object
Added on Date_Clean                    object
Subjects                              object
Number of Article Records              int64
Most Recent Article Added_Clean        object
language                              object
main_subject                          object
sub_subject                           object
dtype: object
```

Table of Changes

Data Cleaning Step	Column Changed	Number of Cells Changed
value.trim()	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Journal titleSociety or Institution	<ul style="list-style-type: none">660495
Drop consecutive whitespaces	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Journal titleSociety or InstitutionKeywords	<ul style="list-style-type: none">142924
value.toNumber()	<ul style="list-style-type: none">APC AmountSubmission Fee AmountNumber of Article Records	<ul style="list-style-type: none">399230514445
toString(toDate)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Added on date_CleanMost Recent Article Added_Clean	<ul style="list-style-type: none">1444511522

Clustering	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Journal title_Clean • Full text formats_Clean • Keywords_Clean 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 57 • 9221 • 924
Remove	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submission fee URL • APC Information URL • Archiving Information URL • Download statistics information URL • URL for the Editorial Board page • Review process information URL • URL for journal's aims & scope • URL for journal's instruction for authors • URL to an example page with embedded licensing information • URL for license terms • Submission fee amount • Submission fee currency • Archiving: national library • Archiving: other • License attributes 	

Integrity Constraints

a. Relational Schema:

SQL Exporter functionality of OpenRefine was used to get the final schema of our dataset into data_cleaning_final_dataset-csv.sql and then we explored the dataset in SQL and checked for Integrity Constraints.

b. Dataset description:

Journal title_Paratheses VARCHAR(255) NULL,
Journal URL VARCHAR(255) NOT NULL,

Alternative title VARCHAR(255) NULL,
Journal ISSN (print version) VARCHAR(255) NULL,
Journal EISSN (online version) VARCHAR(255) NULL,
Publisher VARCHAR(255) NULL,
Society or institution VARCHAR(255) NULL,
Platform, host or aggregator VARCHAR(255) NULL,
Country of publisher VARCHAR(255) NULL,
Journal article processing charges (APCs) VARCHAR(255) NULL,
APC amount NUMERIC NULL,
Currency VARCHAR(255) NULL,
Digital archiving policy or program(s) VARCHAR(255) NULL,
Journal full-text crawl permission VARCHAR(255) NULL,
Permanent article identifiers VARCHAR(255) NULL,
Journal provides download statistics VARCHAR(255) NULL,
First calendar year journal provided online Open Access content VARCHAR(255) NULL,
Full text formats_Clean VARCHAR(255) NULL,
Keywords_Clean VARCHAR(255) NULL,
Full text language VARCHAR(255) NULL,
Review process VARCHAR(255) NULL,
Journal plagiarism screening policy VARCHAR(255) NULL,
Average number of weeks between submission and publication VARCHAR(255) NULL,
URL for journal's Open Access statement VARCHAR(255) NULL,
Machine-readable CC licensing information embedded or displayed in articles VARCHAR(255) NULL,
Journal license VARCHAR(255) NULL,
Does this journal allow unrestricted reuse in compliance with BOAI? VARCHAR(255) NULL,
Deposit policy directory VARCHAR(255) NULL,
Author holds copyright without restrictions VARCHAR(255) NULL,
Author holds publishing rights without restrictions VARCHAR(255) NULL,
DOAJ Seal VARCHAR(255) NULL,
Tick: Accepted after March 2014 VARCHAR(3) NULL,
Added on Date_Clean DATE NULL,
Subjects VARCHAR(255) NULL,
Number of Article Records INT NULL,
Most Recent Article Added_Clean DATE NULL,
language VARCHAR(2) NULL,
main_subject VARCHAR(255) NULL,
sub_subject VARCHAR(255) NULL

- Every record in this dataset can be uniquely identified by the Journal URL column and therefore it is the PRIMARY KEY for our schema which is NOT NULL and UNIQUE.
- For this particular dataset we can use the following entities to create relationships:
 - Journal URL
 - Publisher
 - Society or institution
 - Country of publisher
 - Main_subject
 - Number of Article Records

Here Journal URL is the foreign key and can be used to uniquely identify publisher, institution, country of publisher, main_subject and number of articles. This relationship brings all the necessary primary information together and makes querying easy. New entities can be added if required.

c. Integrity Constraints:

We identified some integrity constraints for our dataset.

SQL Queries that violate the ICs:

1)

INSERT INTO clean_data_set_lang(Journal URL, Journal title_Clean, Tick: Accepted after March 2014) values (www.pmadan.com, priyanshu madan, none)

According to our ICs in this data, the length of “Tick: Accepted after March 2014” can only be 3 or less but we have given an input more than 3 which violates the IC.

2)

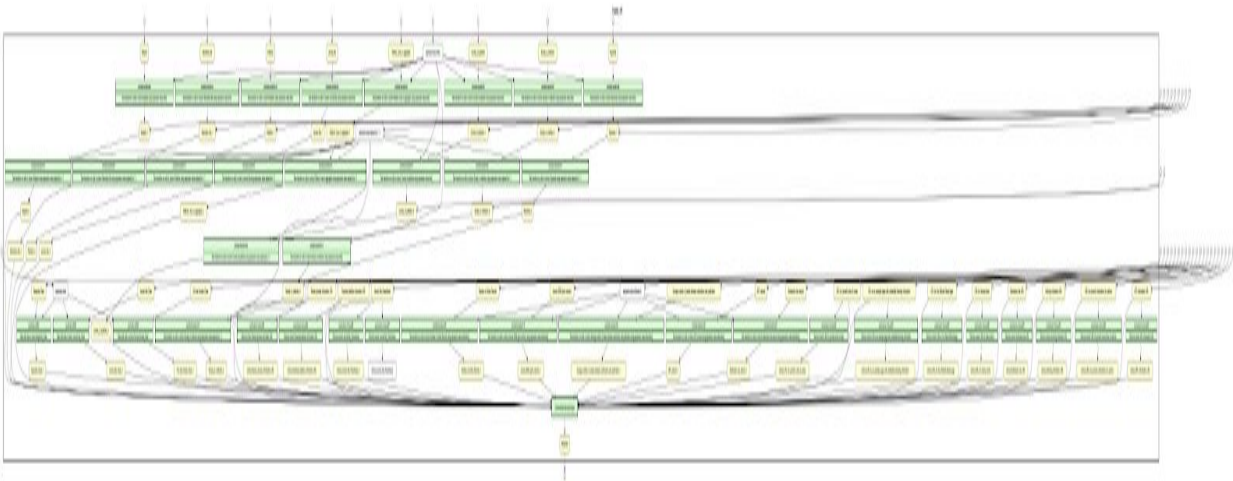
INSERT INTO clean_data_set_lang(Journal URL, Journal title_Clean, Tick: Accepted after March 2014, Number of Article Records) values (www.pmadan.com, priyanshu madan, Yes, 18.0)

According to our ICs in this data, “Number of Article Records” can only have integers but we have given a float input which violates the IC.

3) INSERT INTO clean_data_set_lang(Journal URL, Journal title_Clean, Tick: Accepted after March 2014, Number of Article Records) values (NA, priyanshu madan, Yes, 18)

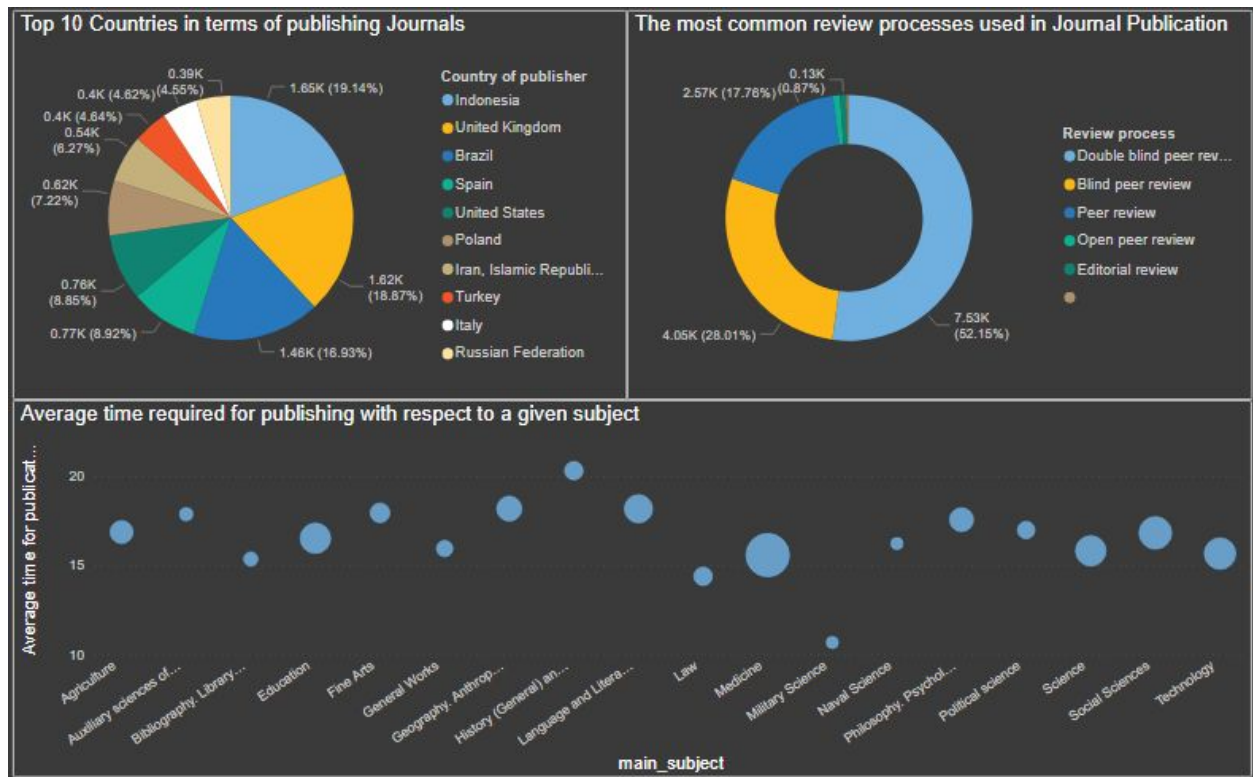
According to our ICs in this data, “Journal URL” cannot be NA as it is a primary key but we have given a null value input which violates the IC.

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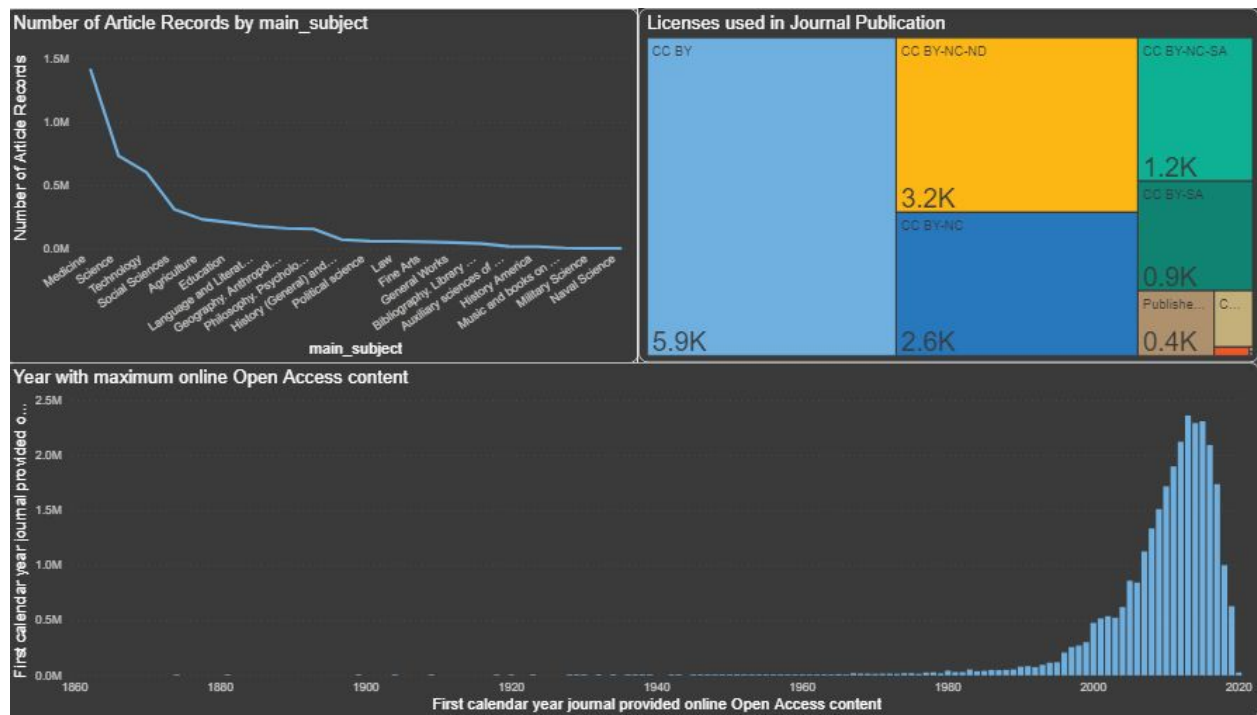
PowerBI Dashboard

After thoroughly cleaning the dataset, we wanted to gather insights from the dataset. The following insights were generated from the clean dataset.



According to the data from the DOAJ website, Indonesia, United Kingdom, and Brazil happen to be the top 3 countries in terms of publishing journals.

The visualization in the bottom suggests the average time required in publishing wrt a given subject. The maximum amount of time is taken by journals with topics relating to the general history and history of Europe while the minimum is taken by the journals of military science.



The visualization on the top left corner indicates that maximum articles according to the dataset are written about medicine followed by science and technology.

Talking about publishing licenses, CC BY happens to be the most common one followed by CC BY-NC-ND to the close second.

Lastly, since 1993 there has been a gradual increase in the number of journals opting for Open Access content and was seen to be a maximum 20 years later in the year 2013.

5. Conclusion and Future Work

This project helped us apply the learnings of this course on a real data analysis assignment. When we read the phrase that “data cleansing takes 90% of the time in the real world undertaking” first time on the internet we thought that it is an exaggeration, however now that we've experienced it first-hand, we modified our thoughts.

There were certain challenges we faced while working with the dataset and performing the data cleaning process including dealing with special characters and with data in different languages in some of the cells of the workbook. Dealing with such problems helped improve our decision making and analytical thinking.

One of the possibilities of future work in this project could be to utilise other data cleaning tools and do a comparative study of the tools in order to understand the difference and also similarities that the same offer.