EE6435 Lecture 2

1. Basic data properties

2. Data exploration techniques

3. Introduction to classification problems

Outline

- Data properties
  - Attributes and Objects
  - Types of Data
  - Data Quality
- Basic data exploration techniques
- Introduction to classification problems
  - Decision tree

Most of the slides are from “Introduction to data mining”

What is Data?

- Collection of ***data objects*** and their ***attributes***

- An ***attribute*** is a property or characteristic of an object
  - Examples: eye color of a person, temperature, etc.
  - Attribute is also known as variable, field, characteristic, dimension, or feature
- A collection of attributes describe an ***object***
  - Object is also known as record, point, case, sample, entity, or instance

Tid	Refund	Marital Status	Taxable Income	Cheat
1	Yes	Single	125K	No
2	No	Married	100K	No
3	No	Single	70K	No
4	Yes	Married	120K	No
5	No	Divorced	95K	Yes
6	No	Married	60K	No
7	Yes	Divorced	220K	No
8	No	Single	85K	Yes
9	No	Married	75K	No
10	No	Single	90K	Yes

A More Complete View of Data

- Data may have parts
- The different parts of the data may have relationships
- More generally, data may have structure
- Data can be incomplete
- We will discuss these in more details later

Attribute Values

- ***Attribute values*** are numbers or symbols assigned to an attribute for a particular object

- Distinction between attributes and attribute values

  - Same attribute can be mapped to different attribute values

    - Example: height can be measured in feet or meters

  - Different attributes can be mapped to the same set of values
    - Example: Attribute values for ID and age are integers
    - But properties of attribute values can be different

Types of Attributes

- There are different types of attributes
  - Nominal (categorical, no order)
    - Examples: ID numbers, eye color, zip codes
  - Ordinal
    - Examples: rankings (e.g., taste of potato chips on a scale from 1-10), grades, height {tall, medium, short}
  - Interval
    - Examples: calendar dates, temperatures in Celsius or Fahrenheit.
  - Ratio
    - Examples: length, counts

Properties of Attribute Values

- The type of an attribute depends on which of the following properties/operations it possesses:
  - Distinctness: = ≠
  - Order: < >
  - Differences are meaningful : + -
  - Ratios are meaningful * /

  - Nominal attribute: distinctness
  - Ordinal attribute: distinctness & order
  - Interval attribute: distinctness, order & meaningful differences
  - Ratio attribute: all 4 properties/operations

	Attribute Type	Description	Examples	Operations
Categorical Qualitative	Nominal	Nominal attribute values only distinguish. (=, ≠)	zip codes, employee ID numbers, eye color, sex: {*male, female*}	mode, entropy, contingency correlation, $\chi 2$ test
	Ordinal	Ordinal attribute values also order objects. (<, >)	hardness of minerals, {*good, better, best*}, grades, street numbers	median, percentiles, rank correlation, run tests, sign tests
Numeric Quantitative	Interval	For interval attributes, differences between values are meaningful. (+, -)	calendar dates, temperature in Celsius or Fahrenheit	mean, standard deviation, Pearson's correlation, *t* and *F* tests
	Ratio	For ratio variables, both differences and ratios are meaningful. (*, /)	temperature in Kelvin, monetary quantities, counts, age, mass, length, current	geometric mean, harmonic mean, percent variation

This categorization of attributes is due to S. S. Stevens

Discrete and Continuous Attributes

- Discrete Attribute
  - Has only a finite or countably infinite set of values
  - Examples: zip codes, counts, or the set of words in a collection of documents
  - Often represented as integer variables.
  - Note: binary attributes are a special case of discrete attributes
- Continuous Attribute
  - Has real numbers as attribute values
  - Examples: temperature, height, or weight.
  - Practically, real values can only be measured and represented using a finite number of digits.
  - Continuous attributes are typically represented as floating-point variables.

In-class exercise 1

- You need to design a student record database for students at CityU.
- Question: what attributes do you want to choose for each student record? What are the possible attribute values for each attribute? Design the attributes to cover nominal, ordinal, interval, and ratio.

Types of data sets

- Record
  - Data Matrix
  - Document Data
  - Transaction Data
- Graph
  - World Wide Web
  - Molecular Structures
- Ordered
  - Spatial Data
  - Temporal Data
  - Sequential Data
  - Genetic Sequence Data

Important Characteristics of Data

- Dimensionality (number of attributes)
  - High dimensional data brings a number of challenges
- Sparsity
  - Only presence counts
- Resolution
  - Patterns depend on the scale
- Size
  - Type of analysis may depend on size of data

Record Data

- Data that consists of a collection of records, each of which consists of a fixed set of attributes

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Data Matrix

- If data objects have the same fixed set of numeric attributes, then the data objects can be thought of as points in a multi-dimensional space, where each dimension represents a distinct attribute

- Such data set can be represented by an *m* by *n* matrix, where there are *m* rows, one for each object, and *n* columns, one for each attribute

Projection of x Load	Projection of y load	Distance	Load	Thickness
10.23	5.27	15.22	2.7	1.2
12.65	6.25	16.22	2.2	1.1

Document Data

- Each document becomes a ‘term’ vector
  - Each term is a component (attribute) of the vector
  - The value of each component is the number of times the corresponding term occurs in the document.

	team	coach	play	ball	score	game	win	lost	timeout	season
Document 1	3	0	5	0	2	6	0	2	0	2
Document 2	0	7	0	2	1	0	0	3	0	0
Document 3	0	1	0	0	1	2	2	0	3	0

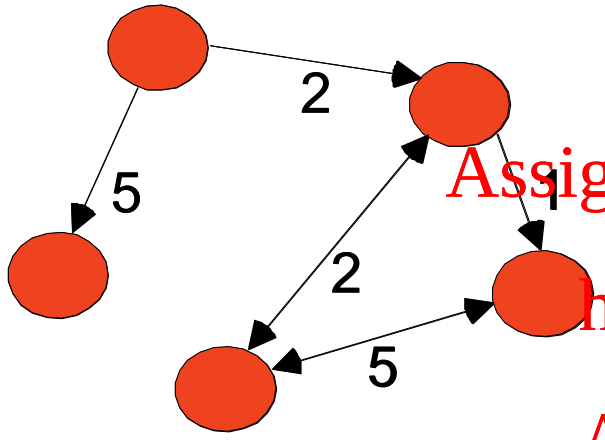
Transaction Data

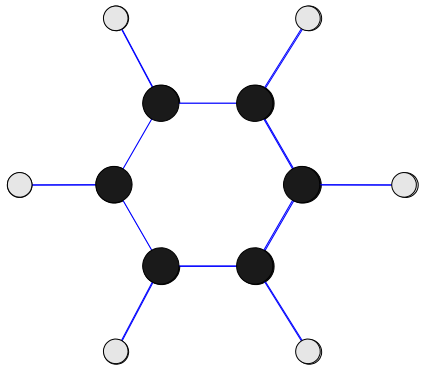
- A special type of record data, where
  - Each record (transaction) involves a set of items.
  - For example, consider a grocery store. The set of products purchased by a customer during one shopping trip constitute a transaction, while the individual products that were purchased are the items.

TID	Items
1	Bread, Coke, Milk
2	Beer, Bread
3	Beer, Coke, Diaper, Milk
4	Beer, Bread, Diaper, Milk
5	Coke, Diaper, Milk

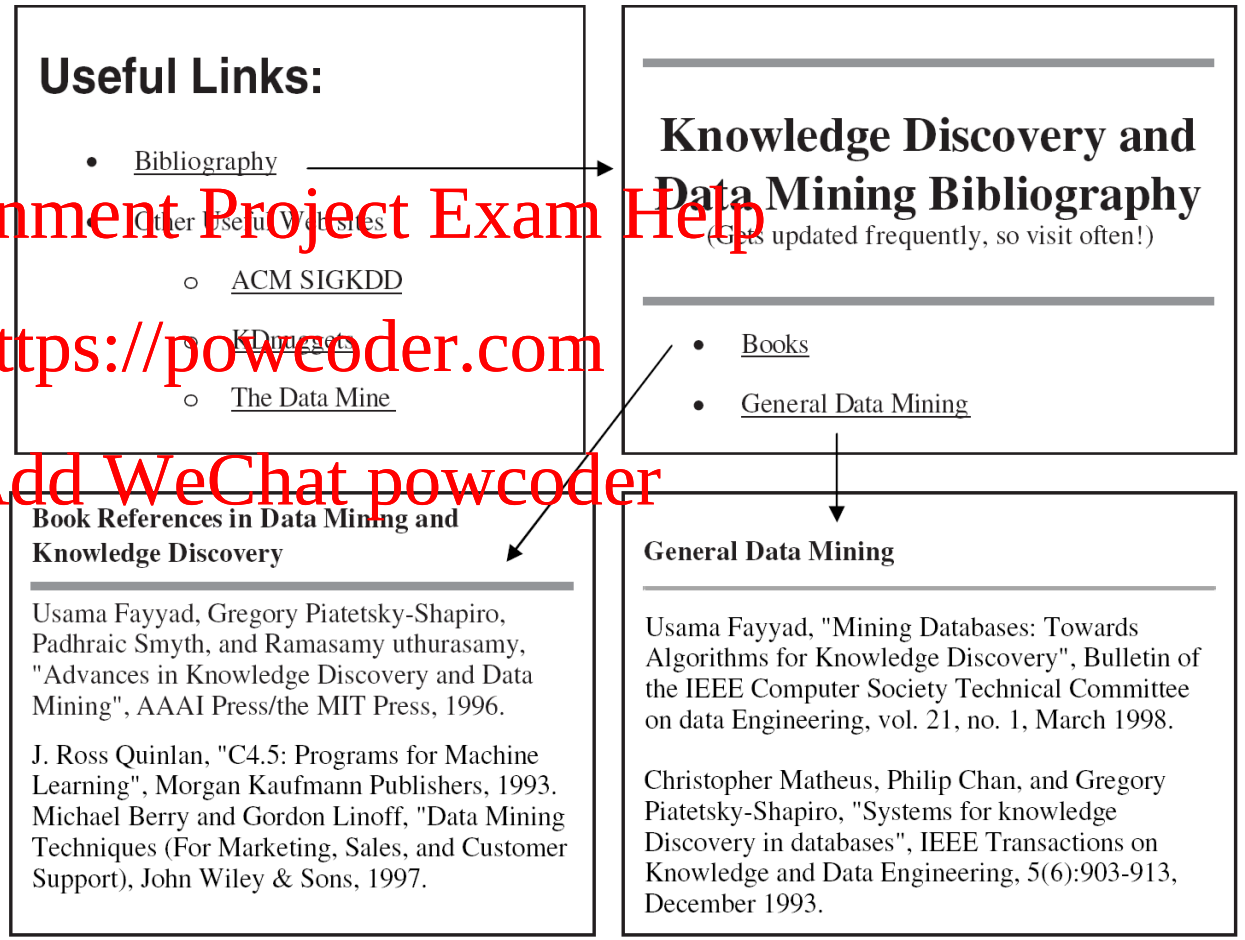
Graph Data

- Examples: Generic graph, a molecule, and webpages



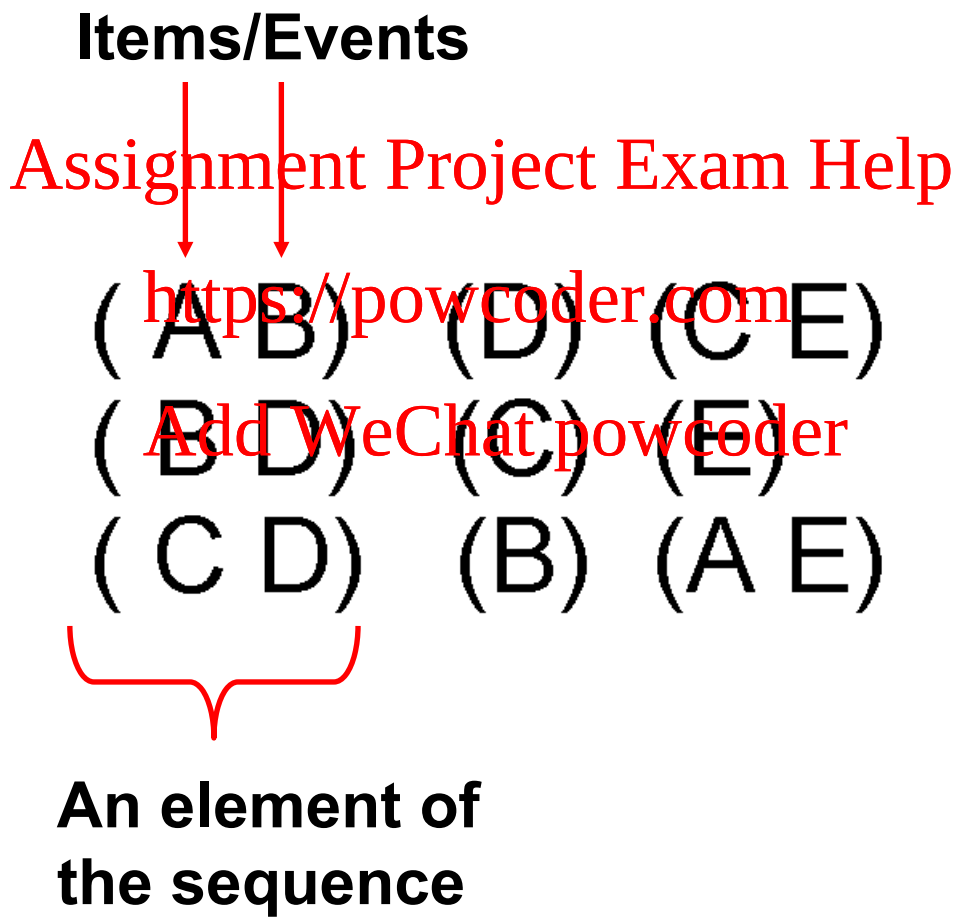


Benzene Molecule: C6H6



Ordered Data

- Sequences of transactions



Ordered Data

- Genomic sequence data

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CGCAGGGCCCGCCCCGCGCCGTC
GAGAAGGGCCCGCCTGGCGGGCG
GGGGGAGGCGGGGCCGCCCGAGC
CCAACCGAGTCCGACCAGGTGCC
CCCTCTGCTCGGCCTAGACCTGA
GCTCATTAGGCGGCAGCGGACAG
GCCAAGTAGAACACGCGAAGCGC
TGGGCTGCCTGCTGCGACCAGGG
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Ordered Data

- Spatio-Temporal Data

Average Monthly Temperature of land and ocean