DATA MINING: DATA PREPROCESSING & HANDLING

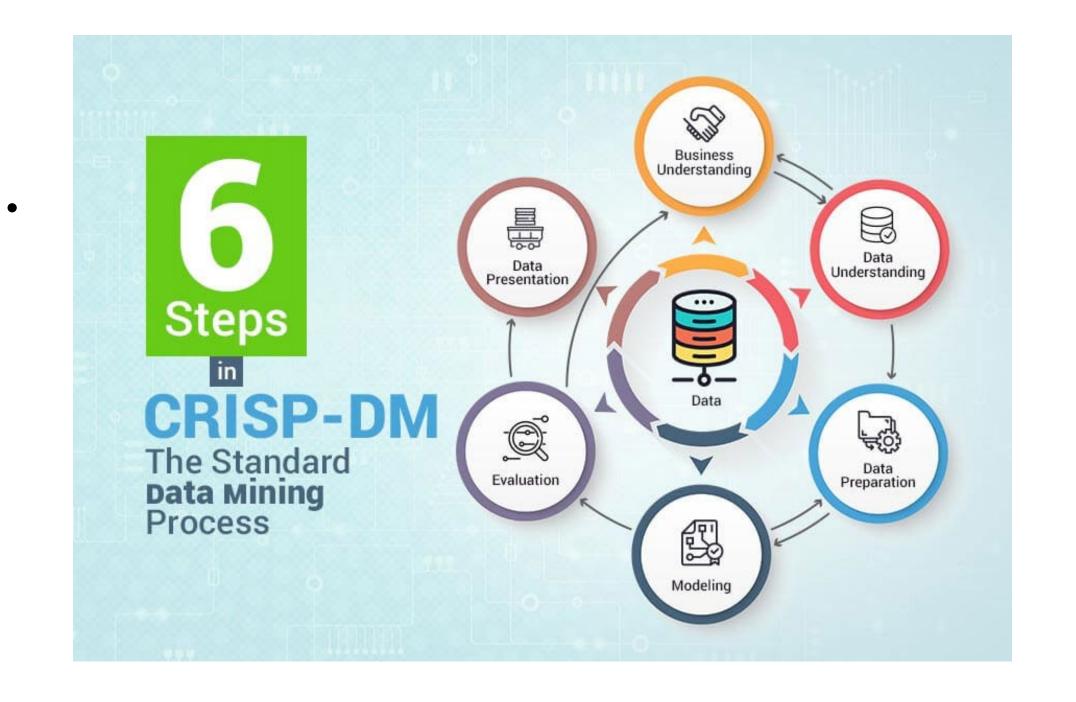


CONTENTS

- Data Mining Project Lifecycle
- Data Quality
- Data Preprocessing
 - Data Cleaning
 - Data Integration
 - Data Reduction
 - Data Transformation and Discretization









- ✓ Poor data quality negatively affects many data processing efforts
- √ The most important point is that poor data quality is an unfolding disaster
- ✓ Poor data quality costs extra for every data science/ data mining project.



- ✓ What kinds of data quality problems?
- ✓ How can we detect problems with the data?
- ✓ What can we do about these problems?
- ✓ Examples of data quality problems:
 - ✓ Noise and outliers
 - ✓ Missing values
 - ✓ Duplicate data





Noise

- ✓ For objects, noise is an extraneous object
- ✓ For attributes, noise refers to modification of original values
- ✓ Noise is anything that is not the "true" signal.
- ✓ It may have values close to your true signal.

Outliers

- ✓ Outliers are data objects with characteristics that are considerably different than most of the other data objects in the data set
 - The vast majority of time outliers are noise but sometimes a data point that is true signal can be an outlier
 - Outliers are the goal of our analysis i.e. Credit card fraud and Intrusion detection



- ✓ Missing values
 - ✓ Reasons for missing values:
 - ☐ Information is not collected (e.g., people decline to give their age)
 - ☐ Attributes may not be applicable to all cases (e.g., annual income is not applicable to children)
 - ✓ Handling missing values:
 - ☐ Eliminate data objects or variables
 - ☐ Estimate missing values (Add mean value of the attribute)



Duplicate data

- Data set may include data objects that are duplicates
- Major issue when merging data from heterogeneous sources
- Examples:
 - ☐ Same person with multiple email addresses





DATA PROCESSING (DATA COLLECTION, DATA PREPROCESSING, FEATURE ENGINEERING)

- ✓ Training an accurate ML model requires data processing to convert data into a usable format. Data processing steps include
- ✓ Collecting data
- ✓ Preparing data
- ✓ And feature engineering that is the process of creating, transforming, extracting, and selecting variables from data.



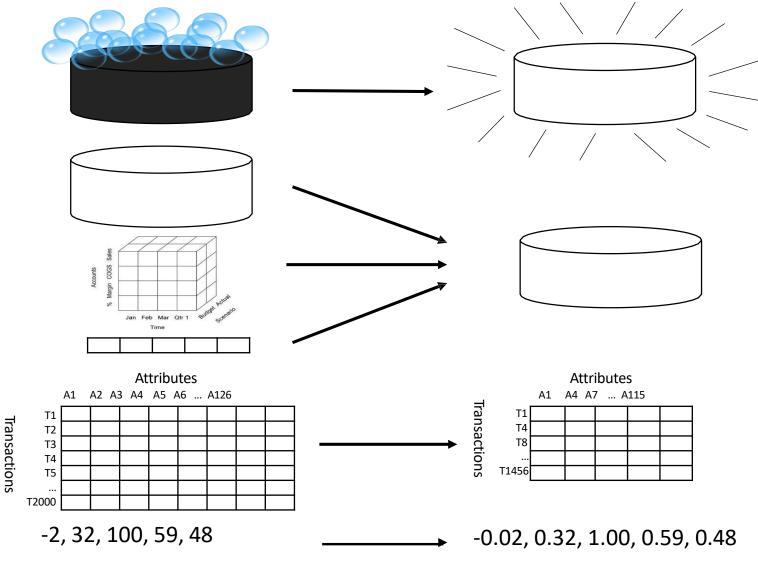
FORMS OF DATA PREPROCESSING

1. Data cleaning

2. Data integration

3. Data reduction

4. Data transformation





1. DATA CLEANING

- Data in the real world is;
 - Incomplete (Missing Data): lacking attribute values, lacking certain attributes of interest, or containing only aggregate data
 - e.g., Occupation="" (missing data)
 - Noisy: containing noise, errors, or outliers
 - e.g., Salary="-10" (an error)
 - Inconsistent: containing discrepancies in codes or names
 - Age="42", Birthday="03/07/2000"
 - Duplicate records not matching



1.1. HANDLING INCOMPLETE (MISSING) DATA

- Ignoring the tuple: Not very effective unless a tuple contains several attributes with missing values
- Filling in the missing value manually: tedious, infeasible
- Filling in it automatically with
 - A global constant: e.g. ∞
 - The attribute mean (Very Effective)
 - The most probable value: inference-based such as a Bayesian formula or decision tree
 - e.g., the annual salary of a person can be inferred using his occupation and age



1.2. HANDLING NOISY DATA

- Binning
 - 1. Partitioning the data into bins after sorting
 - 2. Smoothing by bin means, by bin median, by bin boundaries, etc.
- Regression
 - Fitting the data into regression functions
- Clustering
 - Detecting and removing outliers
- Combined computer and human inspection
 - Detecting suspicious values and checking by human



BINNING

SORTED DATA FOR PRICE (IN

DOLLARS): 4, 8, 15, 21, 21, 24,

25, 28, 34



Partition into (equal-frequency) bins:

Bin 1: 4, 8, 15

Bin 2: 21, 21, 24

Bin 3: 25, 28, 34

Smoothing by bin means:

Bin 1: 9, 9, 9

Bin 2: 22, 22, 22

Bin 3: 29, 29, 29

Smoothing by bin median:

Bin 1: 8, 8, 8

Bin 2: 21, 21, 21

Bin 3: 28, 28, 28

Smoothing by bin boundaries:

Bin 1: 4, 4, 15

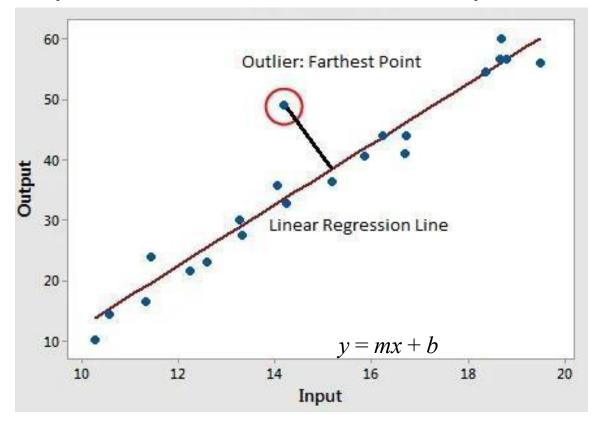
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Bin 3: 25, 25, 34



REGRESSION

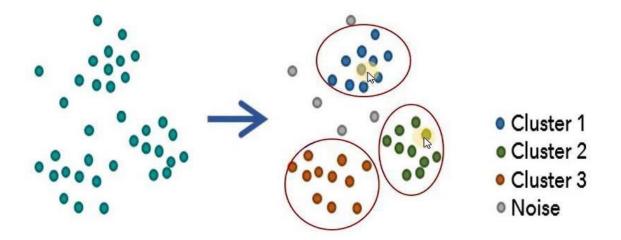
• A technique which is used to fit an equation to a dataset.





CLUSTERING

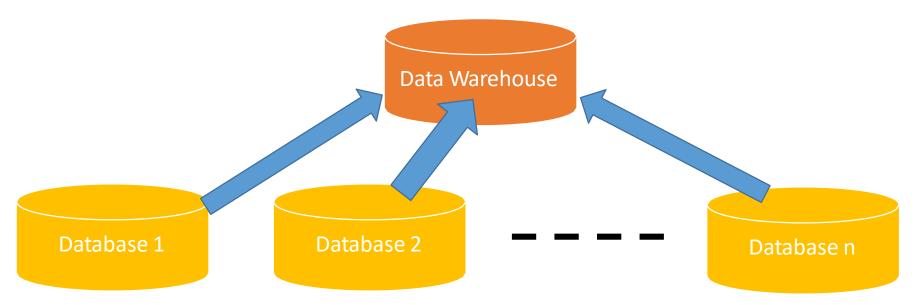
 Clustering divides the data points into a number of groups such that data points in the same groups are more similar to other data points in the same group than those in other groups





2. DATA INTEGRATION

 Data integration is combining data from multiple sources into a coherent data store, as in data warehouses



 There are a number of issues: schema integration, entity resolution, and redundancy/ inconsistency



2. DATA INTEGRATION

- Schema integration
 - Integrating data from multiple sources with heterogeneous schemas
 - e.g customer-id ≡ customer#?
- Entity resolution
 - Identifying the matching records from multiple sources (i.e., those corresponding to the same real-world entity)
 - e.g., Jae-Gil Lee, Jae Gil Lee, Jae G. Lee, and Jae Lee correspond to the same person
- Redundancy/ Inconsistency
 - Finding the true value of an attribute
 - e.g., The price of a book might vary at different stores



3. DATA REDUCTION

- A database/data warehouse may store petabytes of data, and complex data analysis may take a very long time to run on the complete data set
- **Data reduction** is obtaining a reduced representation of the data set that is much smaller in volume but yet produces the same (or almost the same) analytical results



3. DATA REDUCTION

Strategies

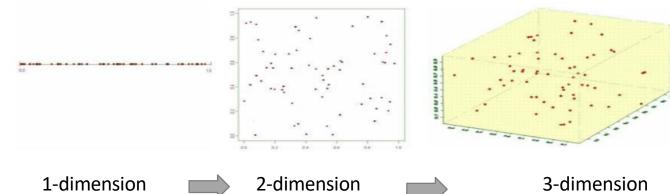
- Dimensionality reduction
 - Wavelet transform
 - Principal components analysis (PCA)
 - Feature subset selection, feature creation
- Numerosity reduction (some simply call it data reduction)
 - Regression
 - Histograms, clustering, sampling
 - Data cube aggregation
- Data compression



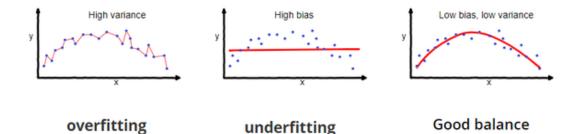
Curse of dimensionality

 When dimensionality increases, data becomes increasingly sparse in the space that it occupies

 Definitions of density and distance between points, which is critical for clustering and outlier detection, become less meaningful



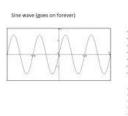


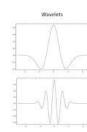


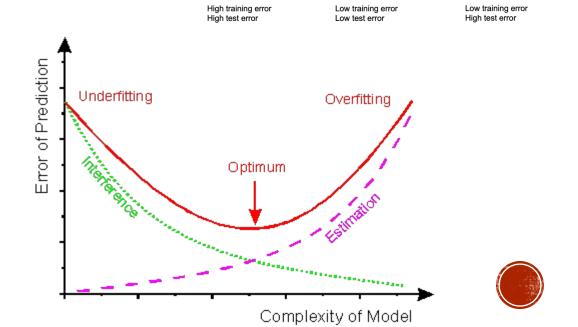
- Purposes
 - To avoid curse of dimensionality
 - To reduce the amount of time and memory required by data mining

algorithms

- To allow data to be more easily visualized
- Possibly, to help eliminate irrelevant features or reduce noise
- Techniques
 - Wavelet transform
 - Principal component analysis (PCA)
 - Feature selection
 - Removing Redundant features
 - Removing Irrelevant features







Optimum method

- Recursive Feature elimination:
 - It is a greedy optimization algorithm which aims to find the best performing feature subset.
 - It repeatedly creates models and keeps aside the best or the worst performing feature at each iteration.
 - It constructs the next model with the remaining features until all the features are used.
 - It then ranks the features based on the order of their elimination.



Heuristics in Feature Selection

- Stepwise forward selection
 - The forward selection approach, also called the greedy approach
 - Repeatedly picking the best single-attribute
 - It starts with empty data set
 - Try adding each feature
 - Estimate classification/regression accuracy for adding each feature
 - Select features that give maximum improvement
 - Stop when there is no significant improvement



Heuristics in Feature Selection

- Stepwise backward elimination
 - Gradually eliminating the features that affect the performance the least
 - Repeatedly eliminating the worst attribute
 - Starts with the full feature set
 - Try removing features
 - Remove the least significant feature at each iteration which improves the performance of the model
 - Stop when there is no significant improvement
- Decision tree induction
 - Using the attributes appeared in the decision tree
 - Attribute with the highest information gain are included

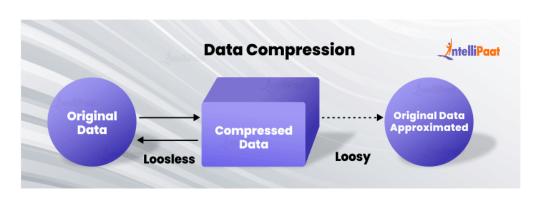


HEURISTICS IN FEATURE SELECTION

Forward selection	Backward elimination	Decision tree	
Initial attribute set: {A1, A2, A3, A4, A5, A6}	Initial attribute set: {A1, A2, A3, A4, A5, A6}	Initial attribute set: {A1, A2, A3, A4, A5, A6}	
Initial reduced set: {} \Rightarrow {A1} \Rightarrow {A1, A4} \Rightarrow Reduced attribute set: {A1, A4, A6}	 ⇒ {A1, A3, A4, A5, A6} ⇒ {A1, A4, A5, A6} ⇒ Reduced attribute set: {A1, A4, A6} 	A4? A1? A6? Y N Y N C1 C2 C3 C4 Reduced attribute set: $\{A1, A4, A6\}$	



- Reducing the data volume by choosing alternative, smaller forms of data representation
- Parametric methods (e.g., regression)
 - Assume the data fits in some model, estimate the model parameters, store only the parameters, and discard the data (except possible outliers)
 - e.g., linear regression (y = mx + b)
- Non-parametric methods
 - Do not assume models
 - Histograms, clustering, sampling



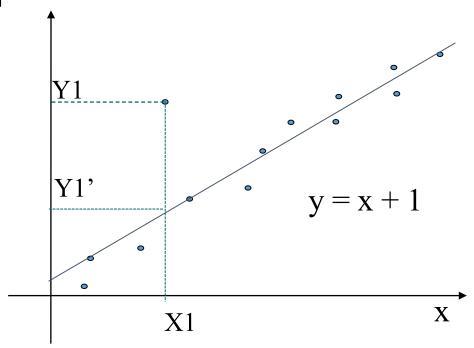


Regression Analysis

- Regression analysis includes any techniques for the modeling and analysis of numerical data consisting of values of a *dependent* variable and of one or more *independent* variables
- The parameters are estimated so as to give a "best fit" of the data
- Most commonly, the best fit is evaluated by using the least squares method, but other criteria have also been used



Linear Regression



- y = mx + b
 - Two regression coefficients, *m* and *b*, specify the line and are to be estimated by using the data at hand



Sampling

- Definition: selection of a subset of individual observations within a population of individuals intended to yield some knowledge about the population
- Key principle: choosing a representative subset of the data
 - Simple random sampling may have very poor performance in the presence of skewed data



Types of Sampling

- Simple random sampling
 - There is an equal probability of selecting any particular item
- Sampling without replacement
 - Once an object is selected, it is removed from the population
- Sampling with replacement
 - A selected object is not removed from the population
 - In sampling with replacement, the same object can be picked up more than once
- Stratified sampling
 - The population is divided into non-overlapping groups (i.e., strata)



Stratified sampling

3.2 NUMEROSITY REDUCTION



Stratified Sampling

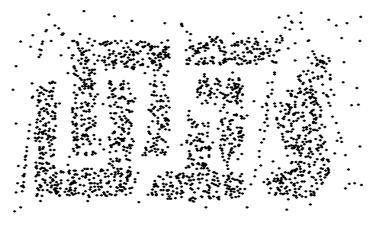
- In general, the size of the sample in each stratum is taken in proportion to the size of the stratum ← called proportional allocation
 - e.g., suppose that in a company there are staff members as below, and we are asked to sample **40** staffs

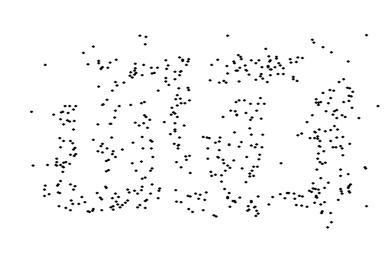
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Male, full-time	90	= (90 x 40) / 180 = 20
Male, part-time	18	= (18 x 40) / 180 = 4
Female, full-time	9	= (9 x 40) / 180 = 2
Female, part-time	63	= (63 x 40) / 180 = 14
Total	180	



SAMPLING SIZE

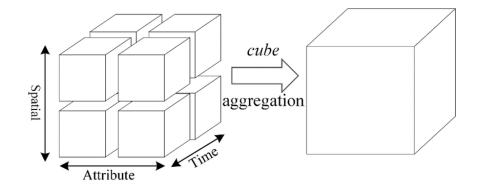






8000 points 2000 Points 500 Points





Data Cube Aggregation

- The lowest level of a data cube (base cuboid)
 - The aggregated data for an individual entity of interest
 - e.g., the amount of sales per day
- Multiple levels of aggregation in data cubes
 - Further reducing the size of data to deal with
 - e.g., day \rightarrow week \rightarrow month \rightarrow quarter \rightarrow year
- Referencing appropriate levels
 - Using the smallest representation which is enough to solve the task



3.3 DATA COMPRESSION

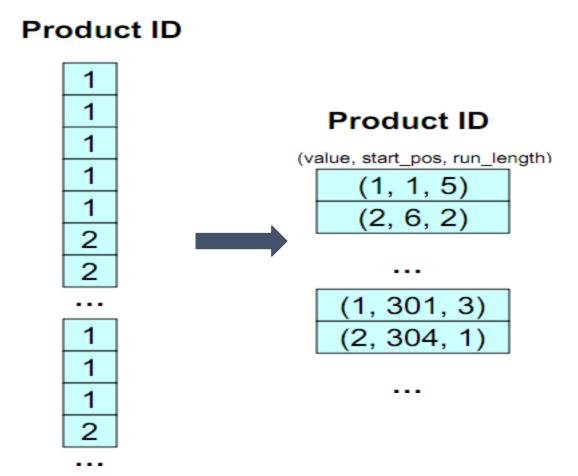
- Data compression is the process of encoding information using fewer bits than the original representation would use
- It was originally developed for reducing the data size, but it is important also for **improving the query performance**
 - Operations can be performed *directly* on compressed data, and the amount of disk I/O's is much reduced
- Almost all data warehousing systems compress data when loading the data



3.3 DATA COMPRESSION

Run-Length Encoding

 Runs of data (i.e., sequences in which the same data value occurs in many consecutive data elements) are stored as a single data value and count, rather than as the original run





4. DATA TRANSFORMATION

- Definition
 - A function that maps the entire set of values of a given attribute to a new set of values such that each old value can be identified with one of the new values
- Methods
 - Normalization
 - Min-max normalization
 - Mean normalization
 - Standardization (Z-score normalization)
 - Discretization: Concept hierarchy climbing
 - A **concept hierarchy** defines a sequence of mappings from a set of low-level concepts to higher-level, more general concept.
 - i.e. replacing low level concepts (such as numerical values for age) by high level concepts (such as baby, child, teenager, young, adult, old)



4. DATA TRANSFORMATION

Normalization:

The goal of normalization is to change the values of numeric columns in the dataset to a common scale.

person_name	Salary	Year_of_ experience	Expected Position Level
Aman	100000	10	2
Abhinav	78000	7	4
Ashutosh	32000	5	8
Dishi	55000	6	7
Abhishek	92000	8	3
Avantika	120000	15	1
Ayushi	65750	7	5

The attributes salary and year_of_experience are on different scale and hence attribute salary can take high priority over attribute year_of_experience in the model.



4. DATA TRANSFORMATION

Normalization:

Min-max normalization [0, 1]

$$x' = \frac{x - \min(x)}{\max(x) - \min(x)}$$

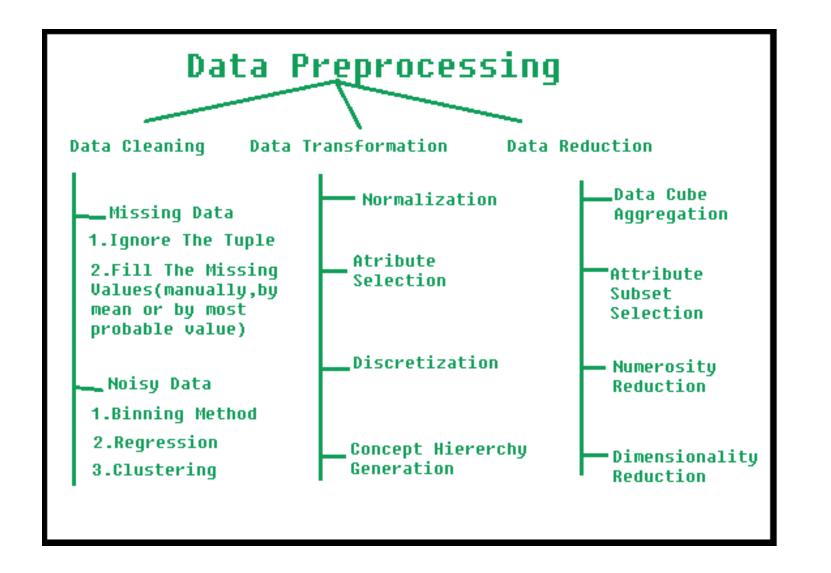
• Mean normalization [-0.5, 0.5]

$$x' = rac{x - \operatorname{average}(x)}{\max(x) - \min(x)}$$

• Standardization (Z-score normalization) [-3, 3]

$$x' = rac{x - ext{average}(x)}{\sigma}$$







Thank You

