Given a table of n temporally distinct corpus parts where each corpus part (i) is named by a different (average) year and (ii) contains numerical information about a linguistic phenomenon ... 1 repeat 2 for any two directly adjacent corpus parts 3 compute and store some measure of variability for their combined data 4 identify the two corpus parts with the smallest measure of variability 5 merge the data from these two corpus parts 6 assign a new name to the newly merged corpus part 7 until all recordings have the same name