Stage 4 - Data Merging and Analysis

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**Show how did you combine the two tables A and B to obtain E? Did you add any other table? When you did the combination, did you run into any issues? Discuss the combination process in detail, e.g., when you merge tuples, what are the merging functions?**

We performed the merging process differently for each set of attributes in the table. We also wrote 2 helper functions to help with the merging process and describe them first.

* getOlderDate(time1, time2)
  + This function returns the older of the two datetime parameters.
* noneHandler(cell1, cell2)
  + We have many values set to None in the tables and to choose between two cells when one or both are None, this function picks the non-None cell and if both are None, then returns None.

We now describe the merging process for each attribute.

* For ‘Name’ and ‘Author’, we pick the larger of the two strings. Empty cells are handled by the *noneHandler* function.
* For ‘Publishing\_Date’, ‘Publisher’, and ‘Format’, we first determine the older of the two publishing dates using the *getOlderDate* function. The merged value of ‘Publisher’ and ‘Format’ were then set to the value of the ‘Publisher’ and ‘Format’ in the tuple corresponding to the older date.
  + In case one of the two dates was None, we used the other date, and set the ‘Publisher’ and ‘Format’ corresponding to the non-None date.
  + In case both the date values were None, we then set the ‘Publishing\_Date’ to None and pick the longer of the ‘Publisher’ and ‘Format’. Null values in ‘Publisher’ and ‘Format’ are handled using the *noneHandler* function.
* For ‘Pages’ and ‘Rating’, we compute the average of the values present in the two cells and use the average in the merged tuple.
  + For ‘Pages’, we then round the average to the nearest integer as a book cannot have fractional number of pages. E.g. 127.5 pages was rounded to 128 pages. None values were handled using the *noneHandler* function.
  + For ‘Rating’, we round up the average to have a precision of 1 after the decimal. None values are handled using the *noneHandler* function.

The code for the merging process can be found at the end of this document.

**Issues**

* We ran into a few issues due to missing cells present in the set of matching tuples. We decided to use the older pf the publishing dates to determine the value of ‘Format’ and ‘Publisher’. Due to this dependency, we had to handle multiple edge cases where the publishing date was null and how this affected the values of the publisher and format.
* We also had some issues in determining the older of the two dates because certain date values were not formatted properly. Hence, we had to fix the format before we determine which date is older. We picked the longer of the two strings as it increases the descriptiveness of the information contained in our table.

We did not add any other table during the merging stage. Once the merging was complete and we had a single table E, we added a new column called ‘Gender’, which describes the gender of the author. This was done to help with the analysis phase. More details can be found in the explanation of the analysis task below.

**Statistics on Table E: specifically, what is the schema of Table E, how many tuples are in Table E? Give at least four sample tuples from Table E.**

**Schema**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| S No. | Attribute | Type | Description |
| 1 | Name | String | Name of the book |
| 2 | Author | String | Name of the author(s) of the book |
| 3 | Publisher | String | Name of the book publisher |
| 4 | Publishing\_Date | String | Date published. Format - year-month-day |
| 5 | Format | String | Format of the book - Paperback, Kindle etc. |
| 6 | Pages | Int | Number of pages |
| 7 | Rating | Float | Book rating, out of 5 |

**Number of tuples**

Table E has 6309 tuples.

**Sample tuples**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Name** | **Author** | **Publisher** | **Publishing\_Date** | **Format** | **Pages** | **Rating** |
| Age of Myth: Book One of The Legends of the First Empire | Michael J. Sullivan | Del Rey | 2017-1-31 | Paperback | 464 | 4.5 |
| Rise of the Dragons (Kings and Sorcerers--Book 1) | Morgan Rice | Morgan Rice | 2017-8-4 | Hardcover | 217 | 4.1 |
| The Book of Deacon (Volume 1) | Joseph Lallo | CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform | 2012-3-18 | Kindle | 322 | 4.3 |
| A Quest of Heroes: Book #1 in the Sorcerer's Ring | Morgan Rice | Morgan Rice | 2012-12-3 | Hardcover | 234 | 3.6 |

**What was the data analysis task that you wanted to do? For that task, describe in detail the data analysis process that you went through.**

**Give any accuracy numbers that you have obtained (such as precision and recall for your classification scheme). Report which learning based matcher you selected after that cross validation.**

**What did you learn/conclude from your data analysis? Were there any problems with the analysis process and with the data?**

**If you have more time, what would you propose you can do next?**

**Append the code of the Python script (that merges the tables) to the end of this pdf file.**

def getOlderDate(time1, time2):

"""

Helper function to get the older of the 2 dates, time1 and time2.

"""

# We have imputed missing day, month or year with a 0; Replacing the 0 with 1 here

time1 = '-'.join(index if index != '0' else '1' for index in time1.split('-'))

time2 = '-'.join(index if index != '0' else '1' for index in time2.split('-'))

minValue = min(datetime.strptime(time1, '%Y-%M-%d'), datetime.strptime(time2, '%Y-%M-%d'))

return minValue.strftime('%Y-%M-%d')

def noneHandler(cell1, cell2):

"""

Handles nan present in the cells

"""

if cell1 == 'nan' and cell2 == 'nan':

return None

return cell1 if cell1 != 'nan' else cell2

def merge(matches):

"""

Takes in the matches dataframe, extracts the matching

rows one by one from each table and then merges them.

"""

output = []

# Get the indices of the matching rows from each table as a tuple: e.g. (31, 26)

indices = list(zip(matches['ltable\_ID'].tolist(), matches['rtable\_ID'].tolist()))

for index1, index2 in indices:

# Holds the merged row

merged = []

# take max length

for column in ['Name','Author']:

cell1 = str(A.at[index1, column])

cell2 = str(B.at[index2, column])

if cell1 != 'nan' and cell2 != 'nan':

merged.append(max(cell1, cell2))

else:

merged.append(noneHandler(cell1, cell2))

# take the oldest publishing date, publisher and format

for column in ['Publishing\_Date']:

cell1 = str(A.at[index1, column])

cell2 = str(B.at[index2, column])

if cell1 != 'nan' and cell2 != 'nan':

olderDate = getOlderDate(cell1, cell2)

if olderDate == cell1:

merged += [A.at[index1, 'Publisher'], olderDate, A.at[index1, 'Format']]

else:

merged += [B.at[index2, 'Publisher'], olderDate, B.at[index2, 'Format']]

elif cell1 == 'nan' and cell2 == 'nan':

# Publishing date is none for both

pubCell1 = A.at[index1, 'Publisher']

pubCell2 = B.at[index2, 'Publisher']

formatCell1 = A.at[index1, 'Format']

formatCell2 = B.at[index2, 'Format']

# Take max of the publisher and format

if pubCell1 != 'nan' and pubCell2 != 'nan' and formatCell1 != 'nan' and formatCell2 != 'nan':

merged += [max(pubCell1, pubCell2), None, max(formatCell1, formatCell2)]

else:

merged += [noneHandler(pubCell1, pubCell2), None, noneHandler(formatCell1, formatCell2)]

elif cell2 == 'nan':

merged += [A.at[index1, 'Publisher'], A.at[index1, 'Publishing\_Date'], A.at[index1, 'Format']]

else:

merged += [B.at[index2, 'Publisher'], B.at[index2, 'Publishing\_Date'], B.at[index2, 'Format']]

for column in ['Pages','Rating']:

cell1 = str(A.at[index1, column])

cell2 = str(B.at[index2, column])

if cell1 != 'nan' and cell2 != 'nan':

avgValue = np.mean([float(cell1), float(cell2)])

# Round the number of pages to nearest int, as we cannot have 127.5 pages

if column == 'Pages':

merged.append(str(round(avgValue)))

else:

merged.append(str(round(avgValue, 2)))

else:

merged.append(noneHandler(cell1, cell2))

output.append(merged)

return pd.DataFrame(output, columns=['Name', 'Author', 'Publisher', 'Publishing\_Date', 'Format','Pages', 'Rating'])

merged = merge(matches)