

# Advanced Data Management (CSCI 490/680)

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Data Cleaning

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# Comma-separated values (CSV) Format

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- Comma is a field separator, newlines denote records
  - `a,b,c,d,message`  
`1,2,3,4,hello`  
`5,6,7,8,world`  
`9,10,11,12,foo`
- May have a header (`a,b,c,d,message`), but not required
- No type information: we do not know what the columns are (numbers, strings, floating point, etc.)
  - Default: just keep everything as a string
  - Type inference: Figure out the type to make each column based on values
- What about commas in a value? → double quotes

# Reading & Writing Data in Pandas

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Format	Data Description	Reader	Writer
text	<a href="#">CSV</a>	read_csv	to_csv
text	Fixed-Width Text File	read_fwf	
text	<a href="#">JSON</a>	read_json	to_json
text	<a href="#">HTML</a>	read_html	to_html
text	Local clipboard	read_clipboard	to_clipboard
	<a href="#">MS Excel</a>	read_excel	to_excel
binary	<a href="#">OpenDocument</a>	read_excel	
binary	<a href="#">HDF5 Format</a>	read_hdf	to_hdf
binary	<a href="#">Feather Format</a>	read_feather	to_feather
binary	<a href="#">Parquet Format</a>	read_parquet	to_parquet
binary	<a href="#">ORC Format</a>	read_orc	
binary	<a href="#">Msgpack</a>	read_msgpack	to_msgpack
binary	<a href="#">Stata</a>	read_stata	to_stata
binary	<a href="#">SAS</a>	read_sas	
binary	<a href="#">SPSS</a>	read_spss	
binary	<a href="#">Python Pickle Format</a>	read_pickle	to_pickle
SQL	<a href="#">SQL</a>	read_sql	to_sql
SQL	<a href="#">Google BigQuery</a>	read_gbq	to_gbq

[[https://pandas.pydata.org/pandas-docs/stable/user\\_guide/io.html](https://pandas.pydata.org/pandas-docs/stable/user_guide/io.html)]

# read\_csv

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- Convenient method to read csv files
- Lots of different options to help get data into the desired format
- Basic: `df = pd.read_csv(fname)`
- Parameters:
  - `path`: where to read the data from
  - `sep` (or `delimiter`): the delimiter (`,`, `' '`, `'\t'`, `'\s+'`)
  - `header`: if `None`, no header
  - `index_col`: which column to use as the row index
  - `names`: list of header names (e.g. if the file has no header)
  - `skiprows`: number of list of lines to skip



# Writing CSV data with pandas

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- Basic: `df.to_csv(<fname>)`
- Change delimiter with `sep` kwarg:
  - `df.to_csv('example.dsv', sep='|')`
- Change missing value representation
  - `df.to_csv('example.dsv', na_rep='NULL')`
- Don't write row or column labels:
  - `df.to_csv('example.csv', index=False, header=False)`
- Series may also be written to csv

# JavaScript Object Notation (JSON)

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- A format for web data
- Looks very similar to python dictionaries and lists
- Example:
  - ```
{ "name": "Wes",  
  "places_lived": ["United States", "Spain", "Germany"],  
  "pet": null,  
  "siblings": [{"name": "Scott", "age": 25, "pet": "Zuko"},  
               {"name": "Katie", "age": 33, "pet": "Cisco"}] }
```
- Only contains literals (no variables) but allows null
- Values: strings, arrays, dictionaries, numbers, booleans, or null
  - Dictionary keys must be strings
  - Quotation marks help differentiate string or numeric values

# JSON Orientation

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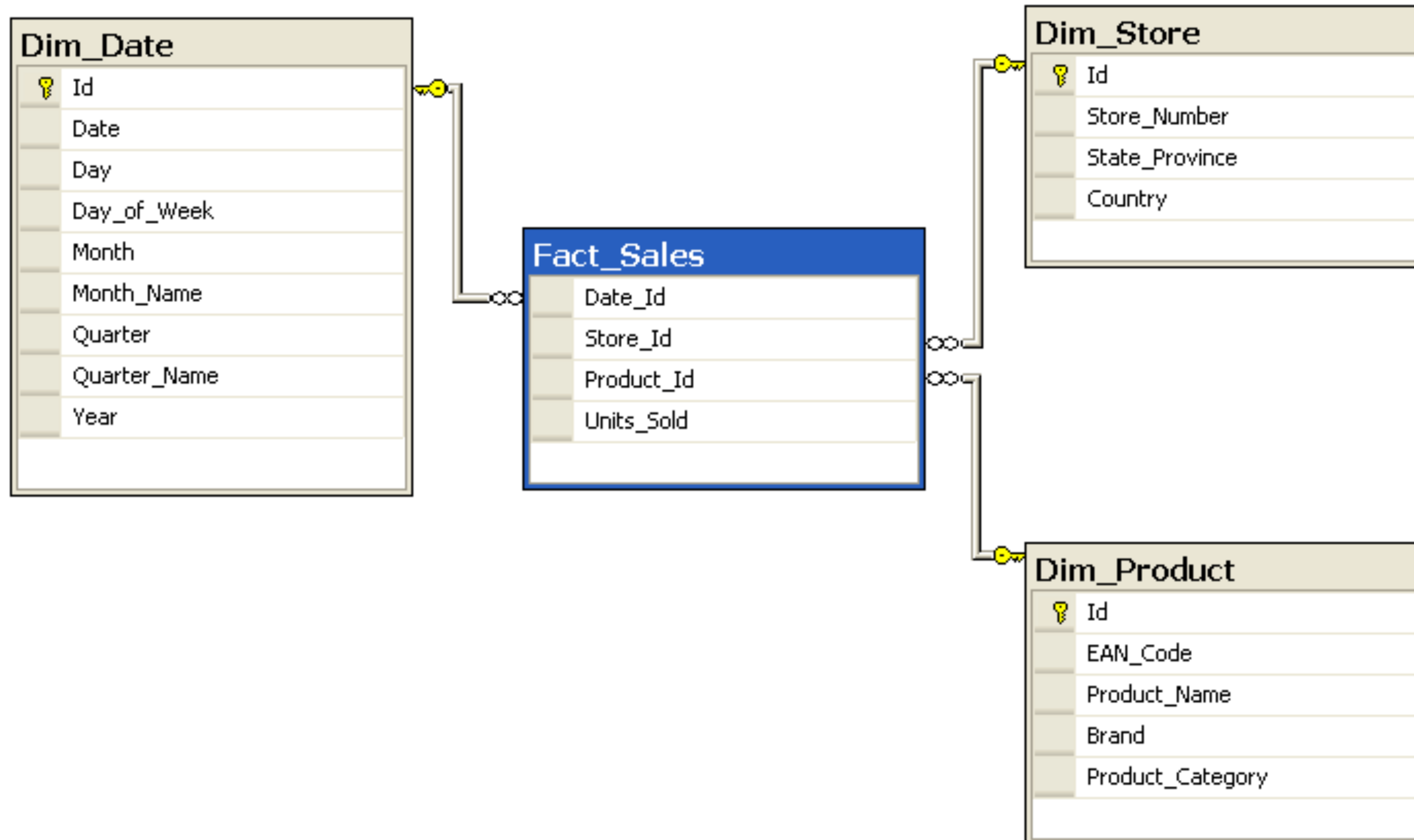
- Indication of expected JSON string format. Compatible JSON strings can be produced by `to_json()` with a corresponding orient value. The set of possible orients is:
  - `split`: dict like `{index -> [index], columns -> [columns], data -> [values]}`
  - `records`: list like `[{column -> value, ... , column -> value}]`
  - `index`: dict like `{index -> {column -> value}}`
  - `columns`: dict like `{column -> {index -> value}}`
  - `values`: just the values array

# Binary Formats

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- CSV, JSON, and XML are all text formats
- What is a binary format?
- Pickle: Python's built-in serialization
- HDF5: Library for storing large scientific data
  - Hierarchical Data Format, supports **compression**
  - Interfaces in C, Java, MATLAB, etc.
  - Use `pd.HDFStore` to access, shortcuts: `read_hdf/to_hdf`,
- Excel: need to specify sheet when a spreadsheet has multiple sheets
  - `pd.ExcelFile` Or `pd.read_excel`
- Parquet: big data format, can use compression

# Databases



[Wikipedia]

# Types of Dirty Data Problems

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- Separator Issues: e.g. CSV without respecting double quotes
  - 12, 13, "Doe, John", 45
- Naming Conventions: NYC vs. New York
- Missing required fields, e.g. key
- Different representations: 2 vs. two
- Truncated data: "Janice Keihanaikukauakahihuliheekahaunaele" becomes "Janice Keihanaikukauakahihuliheek" on Hawaii license
- Redundant records: may be exactly the same or have some overlap
- Formatting issues: 2017-11-07 vs. 07/11/2017 vs. 11/07/2017

[J. Canny et al.]



# Dirty Data: Data Scientist's View

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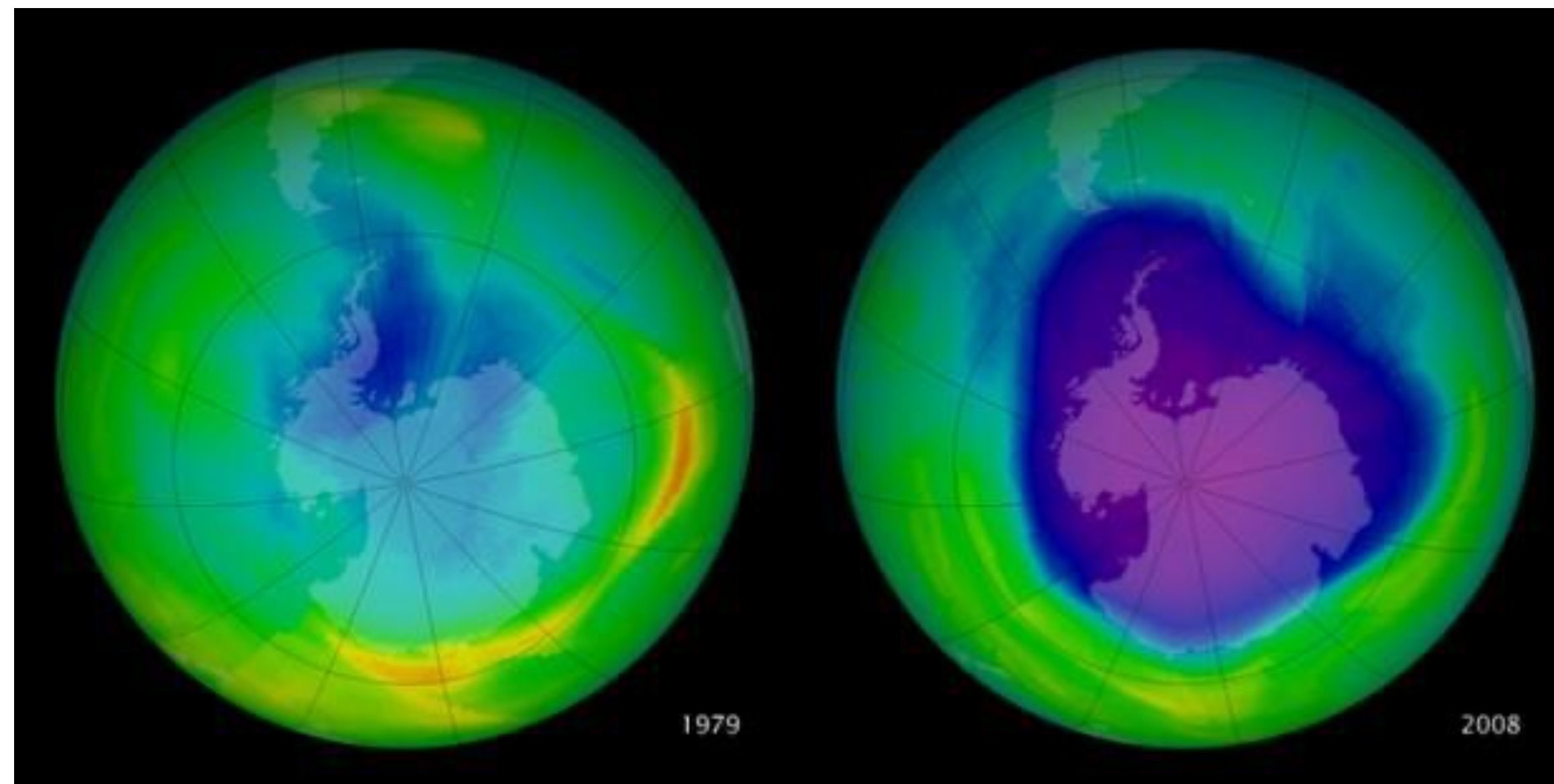
- Combination of:
  - Statistician's View: data has non-ideal samples for model
  - Database Expert's View: missing data, corrupted data
  - Domain Expert's View: data doesn't pass the smell test
- All of the views present problems with the data
- The goal may dictate the solutions:
  - Median value: don't worry too much about crazy outliers
  - Generally, aggregation is less susceptible by numeric errors
  - Be careful, the data may be correct...

[J. Canny et al.]



# Be careful how you detect dirty data

- The appearance of a hole in the earth's ozone layer over Antarctica, first detected in 1976, was so unexpected that scientists didn't pay attention to what their instruments were telling them; they thought their instruments were malfunctioning.
  - National Center for Atmospheric Research



[Wikimedia]

# Assignment 2

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- Same data as A1, different version of the dataset
- Dealing with the raw data now
- Same questions as A1, but use pandas
- CS680 students + some questions about problems with the data

# Wrangler

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- Data cleaning takes a lot of **time** and **human effort**
- "Tedium is the message"
- Repeating this process on multiple data sets is even worse!
- Solution:
  - interactive interface (mixed-initiative)
  - transformation language with natural language "translations"
  - suggestions + "programming by demonstration"

# Previous Work: Potter's Wheel

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- V. Raman and J. Hellerstein, 2001
- Defines structure extractions for identifying fields
- Defines transformations on the data
- Allows user interaction

# Potter's Wheel: Structure Extraction

| Example Column Value<br>(Example erroneous values) | # Structures<br>Enumerated | Final Structure Chosen<br>(Punc = Punctuation) |
|----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| -60                                                | 5                          | <i>Integer</i>                                 |
| UNITED, DELTA, AMERICAN etc.                       | 5                          | <i>IspellWord</i>                              |
| SFO, LAX etc. (JFK to OAK)                         | 12                         | <i>AllCapsWord</i>                             |
| 1998/01/12                                         | 9                          | <i>Int Punc(/) Int Punc(/) Int</i>             |
| M, Tu, Thu etc.                                    | 5                          | <i>Capitalized Word</i>                        |
| 06:22                                              | 5                          | <i>Int(len 2) Punc(:) Int(len 2)</i>           |
| 12.8.15.147 (ferret03.webtop.com)                  | 9                          | <i>Double Punc('.') Double</i>                 |
| "GET\b (\b)                                        | 5                          | <i>Punc(") IspellWord Punc(\)</i>              |
| /postmodern/lecs/xia/sld013.htm                    | 4                          | $\xi^*$                                        |
| HTTP                                               | 3                          | <i>AllCapsWord(HTTP)</i>                       |
| /1.0                                               | 6                          | <i>Punc(/) Double(1.0)</i>                     |

[V. Raman and J. Hellerstein, 2001]



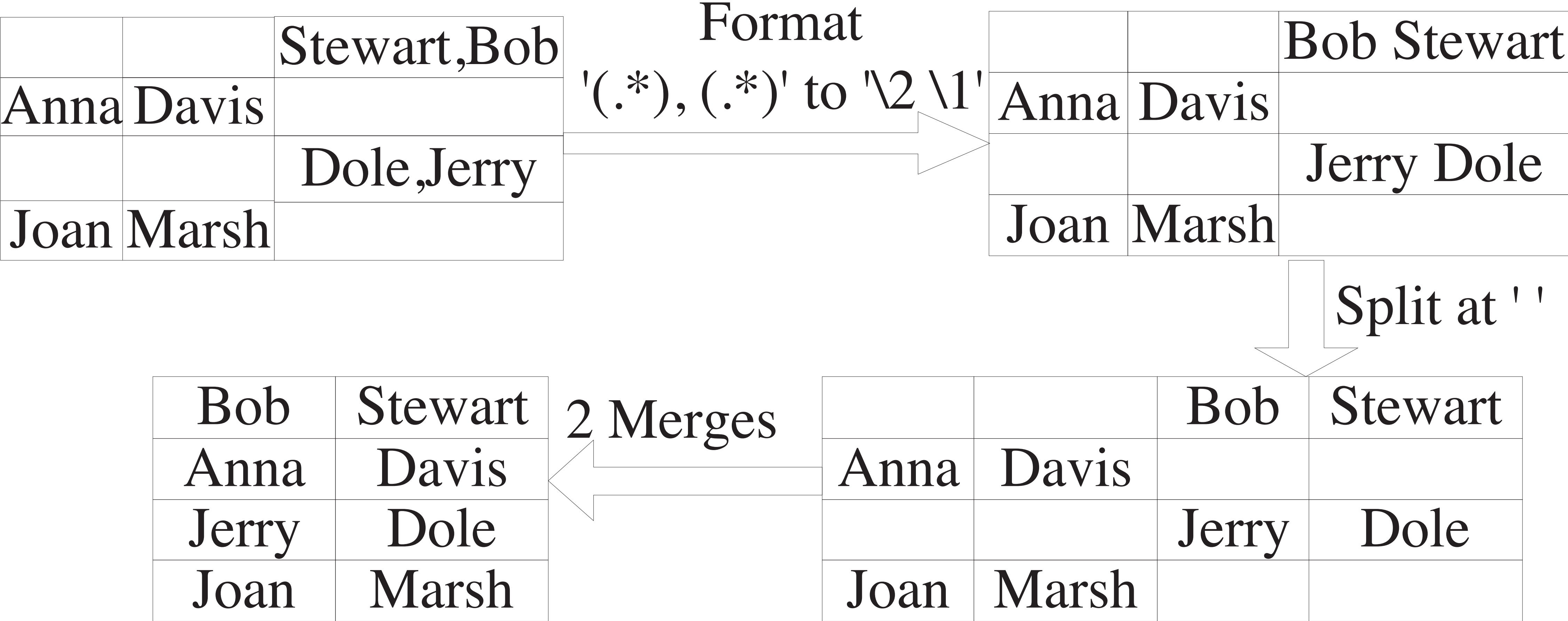
# Potter's Wheel: Transforms

| Transform | Definition                                      |   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|-----------|-------------------------------------------------|---|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Format    | $\phi(R, i, f)$                                 | = | $\{(a_1, \dots, a_{i-1}, a_{i+1}, \dots, a_n, f(a_i)) \mid (a_1, \dots, a_n) \in R\}$                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Add       | $\alpha(R, x)$                                  | = | $\{(a_1, \dots, a_n, x) \mid (a_1, \dots, a_n) \in R\}$                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Drop      | $\pi(R, i)$                                     | = | $\{(a_1, \dots, a_{i-1}, a_{i+1}, \dots, a_n) \mid (a_1, \dots, a_n) \in R\}$                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Copy      | $\kappa((a_1, \dots, a_n), i)$                  | = | $\{(a_1, \dots, a_n, a_i) \mid (a_1, \dots, a_n) \in R\}$                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Merge     | $\mu((a_1, \dots, a_n), i, j, \text{glue})$     | = | $\{(a_1, \dots, a_{i-1}, a_{i+1}, \dots, a_{j-1}, a_{j+1}, \dots, a_n, a_i \oplus \text{glue} \oplus a_j) \mid (a_1, \dots, a_n) \in R\}$                                                                                                                    |
| Split     | $\omega((a_1, \dots, a_n), i, \text{splitter})$ | = | $\{(a_1, \dots, a_{i-1}, a_{i+1}, \dots, a_n, \text{left}(a_i, \text{splitter}), \text{right}(a_i, \text{splitter})) \mid (a_1, \dots, a_n) \in R\}$                                                                                                         |
| Divide    | $\delta((a_1, \dots, a_n), i, \text{pred})$     | = | $\{(a_1, \dots, a_{i-1}, a_{i+1}, \dots, a_n, a_i, \text{null}) \mid (a_1, \dots, a_n) \in R \wedge \text{pred}(a_i)\} \cup$<br>$\{(a_1, \dots, a_{i-1}, a_{i+1}, \dots, a_n, \text{null}, a_i) \mid (a_1, \dots, a_n) \in R \wedge \neg \text{pred}(a_i)\}$ |
| Fold      | $\lambda(R, i_1, i_2, \dots, i_k)$              | = | $\{(a_1, \dots, a_{i_1-1}, a_{i_1+1}, \dots, a_{i_2-1}, a_{i_2+1}, \dots, a_{i_k-1}, a_{i_k+1}, \dots, a_n, a_{i_l}) \mid$<br>$(a_1, \dots, a_n) \in R \wedge 1 \leq l \leq k\}$                                                                             |
| Select    | $\sigma(R, \text{pred})$                        | = | $\{(a_1, \dots, a_n) \mid (a_1, \dots, a_n) \in R \wedge \text{pred}((a_1, \dots, a_n))\}$                                                                                                                                                                   |

**Notation:**  $R$  is a relation with  $n$  columns.  $i, j$  are column indices and  $a_i$  represents the value of a column in a row.  $x$  and  $\text{glue}$  are values.  $f$  is a function mapping values to values.  $x \oplus y$  concatenates  $x$  and  $y$ .  $\text{splitter}$  is a position in a string or a regular expression,  $\text{left}(x, \text{splitter})$  is the left part of  $x$  after splitting by  $\text{splitter}$ .  $\text{pred}$  is a function returning a boolean.

[V. Raman and J. Hellerstein, 2001]

# Potter's Wheel: Example



[V. Raman and J. Hellerstein, 2001]



# Potter's Wheel: Inferring Structure from Examples

| Example Values Split By User<br>(  is user specified split position)                   |                                                                                       | Inferred Structure                                                                                                      | Comments                                                                                                                                  |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <div> Taylor, Jane  , \$52,072 Blair, John  , \$73,238 Tony Smith  , \$1,00,533 </div> |                                                                                       | $(\langle \xi^* \rangle \langle ', ' Money \rangle)$                                                                    | Parsing is doable despite no good delimiter. A <i>regular expression</i> domain can infer a structure of $\$[0-9,]^*$ for last component. |
|                                                                                        | <div> MAA  to  SIN JFK  to  SFO LAX  —  ORD SEA  //  OAK </div>                       | $(\langle len\ 3\ identifier \rangle \langle \xi^* \rangle \langle len\ 3\ identifier \rangle)$                         | Parsing is possible despite multiple delimiters.                                                                                          |
|                                                                                        | <div> 321 Blake #7  , Berkeley  , CA 94720 719 MLK Road  , Fremont  , CA 95743 </div> | $(\langle number\ \xi^* \rangle \langle ', ' word \rangle \langle ', ' (2\ letter\ word) (5\ letter\ integer) \rangle)$ | Parsing is easy because of consistent delimiter.                                                                                          |

[V. Raman and J. Hellerstein, 2001]

# Wrangler Transformation Language

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- Based on Potter's Wheel
- Map: Delete, Extract, Cut, Split, Update
- Lookup/join: Use external data (e.g. from zipcode→state)
- Reshape: Fold and Unfold (aka pivot)
- Positional: Fill and lag
- Sorting, aggregation, key generation, schema transforms

# Interface

- Automated Transformation Suggestions
- Editable Natural Language Explanations

- ▶ Fill **Bangladesh** by **copying** values from **above**
- ▶ Fill **Bangladesh** by **averaging** values from **above**
- ▶ Fill **Bangladesh** by **interpolating** the 5 values from **above**

averaging

✓ copying

interpolating

- Visual Transformation Previews
- Transformation History

| split         | #    | split1                  | #    | split2            | #    | split3          | #    | split4             |
|---------------|------|-------------------------|------|-------------------|------|-----------------|------|--------------------|
|               | 2004 |                         | 2004 |                   | 2004 |                 | 2003 |                    |
| STATE         |      | Participation Rate 2004 |      | Mean SAT I Verbal |      | Mean SAT I Math |      | Participation Rate |
| New York      | 87   |                         | 497  |                   | 510  |                 | 82   |                    |
| Connecticut   | 85   |                         | 515  |                   | 515  |                 | 84   |                    |
| Massachusetts | 85   |                         | 518  |                   | 523  |                 | 82   |                    |
| New Jersey    | 83   |                         | 501  |                   | 514  |                 | 85   |                    |
| New Hampshire | 80   |                         | 522  |                   | 521  |                 | 75   |                    |
| D.C.          | 77   |                         | 489  |                   | 476  |                 | 77   |                    |
| Maine         | 76   |                         | 505  |                   | 501  |                 | 70   |                    |
| Pennsylvania  | 74   |                         | 501  |                   | 502  |                 | 73   |                    |
| Delaware      | 73   |                         | 500  |                   | 499  |                 | 73   |                    |
| Georgia       | 73   |                         | 494  |                   | 493  |                 | 66   |                    |

| split       | #    | fold | fold1                   | #   | value |
|-------------|------|------|-------------------------|-----|-------|
| New York    | 2004 |      | Participation Rate 2004 | 87  |       |
| New York    | 2004 |      | Mean SAT I Verbal       | 497 |       |
| New York    | 2004 |      | Mean SAT I Math         | 510 |       |
| New York    | 2003 |      | Participation Rate 2003 | 82  |       |
| New York    | 2003 |      | Mean SAT I Verbal       | 496 |       |
| New York    | 2003 |      | Mean SAT I Math         | 510 |       |
| Connecticut | 2004 |      | Participation Rate 2004 | 85  |       |
| Connecticut | 2004 |      | Mean SAT I Verbal       | 515 |       |
| Connecticut | 2004 |      | Mean SAT I Math         | 515 |       |
| Connecticut | 2003 |      | Participation Rate 2003 | 84  |       |
| Connecticut | 2003 |      | Mean SAT I Verbal       | 512 |       |
| Connecticut | 2003 |      | Mean SAT I Math         | 514 |       |

[S. Kandel et al., 2011]

# Automation from past actions

- Infer parameter sets from user interaction
- Generating transforms
- Ranking and ordering transformations:
  - Based on user preferences, difficulty, and corpus frequency
  - Sort transforms by type and diversify suggestions

(a) Reported crime in Alabama

(b) *before:* { 'in', ' ' }      'Alabama' → { 'Alabama', word }  
*selection:* { 'Alabama' }      'in' → { 'in', word, lowercase }  
*after:* ∅      ' ' → { ' ' }

(c) *before:* { (' '), ('in', ' '), (word, ' '), (lowercase, ' ') }  
*selection:* { ('Alabama'), (word) }  
*after:* ∅

(d)  $\{(), ('Alabama'), ()\}$        $\{(), (word), ()\}$   
 $\{(' '), (), ()\}$        $\{(word, ' '), (), ()\}$   
 $\{(' '), ('Alabama'), ()\}$        $\{(word, ' '), ('Alabama'), ()\}$   
 $\{(' '), (word), ()\}$        $\{(word, ' '), (word), ()\}$   
 $\{('in', ' '), (), ()\}$        $\{(lowercase, ' '), (), ()\}$   
 $\{('in', ' '), ('Alabama'), ()\}$        $\{(lowercase, ' '), ('Alabama'), ()\}$   
 $\{('in', ' '), (word), ()\}$        $\{(lowercase, ' '), (word), ()\}$

(e)  $\{(lowercase, ' '), ('Alabama'), ()\} \rightarrow /[a-z]+ (Alabama)/$

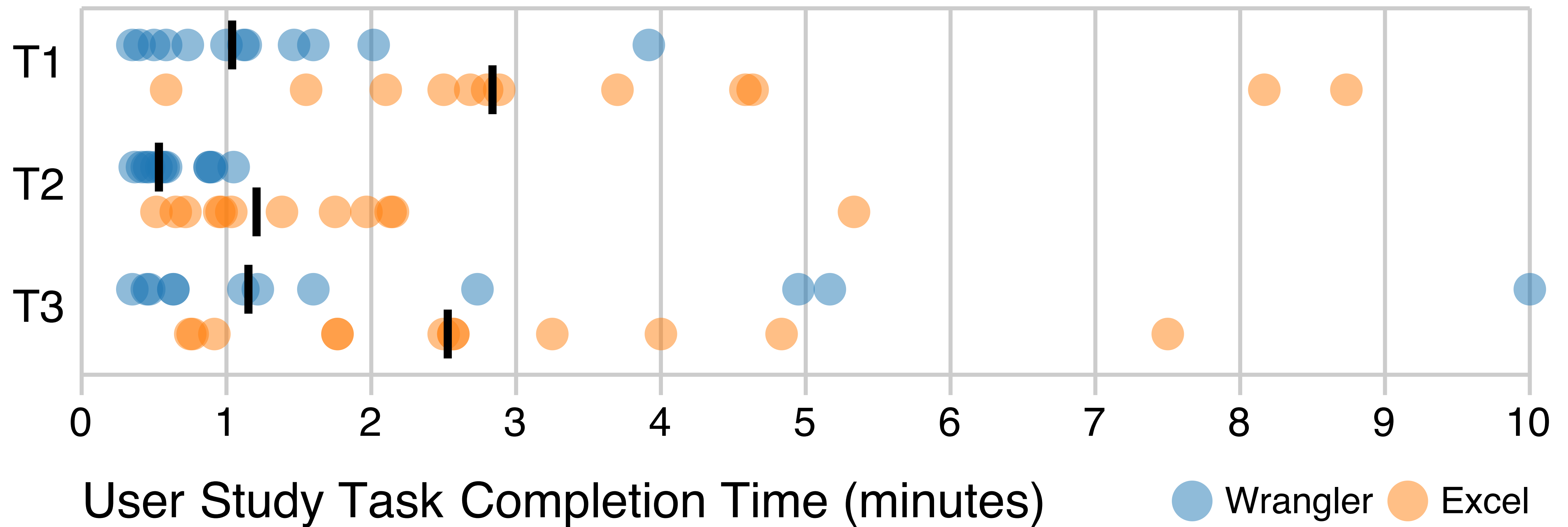
[S. Kandel et al., 2011]

# Evaluation

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- Compare with Excel
- Tests:
  - Extract text from a single string entry
  - Fill in missing values with estimates
  - Reshape tables
- Allowed users to ask questions about Excel, not Wrangler
- Found significant effect of tool and users found previews and suggestions helpful
- Complaint: No manual fallback, make implications of user choices more obvious for users

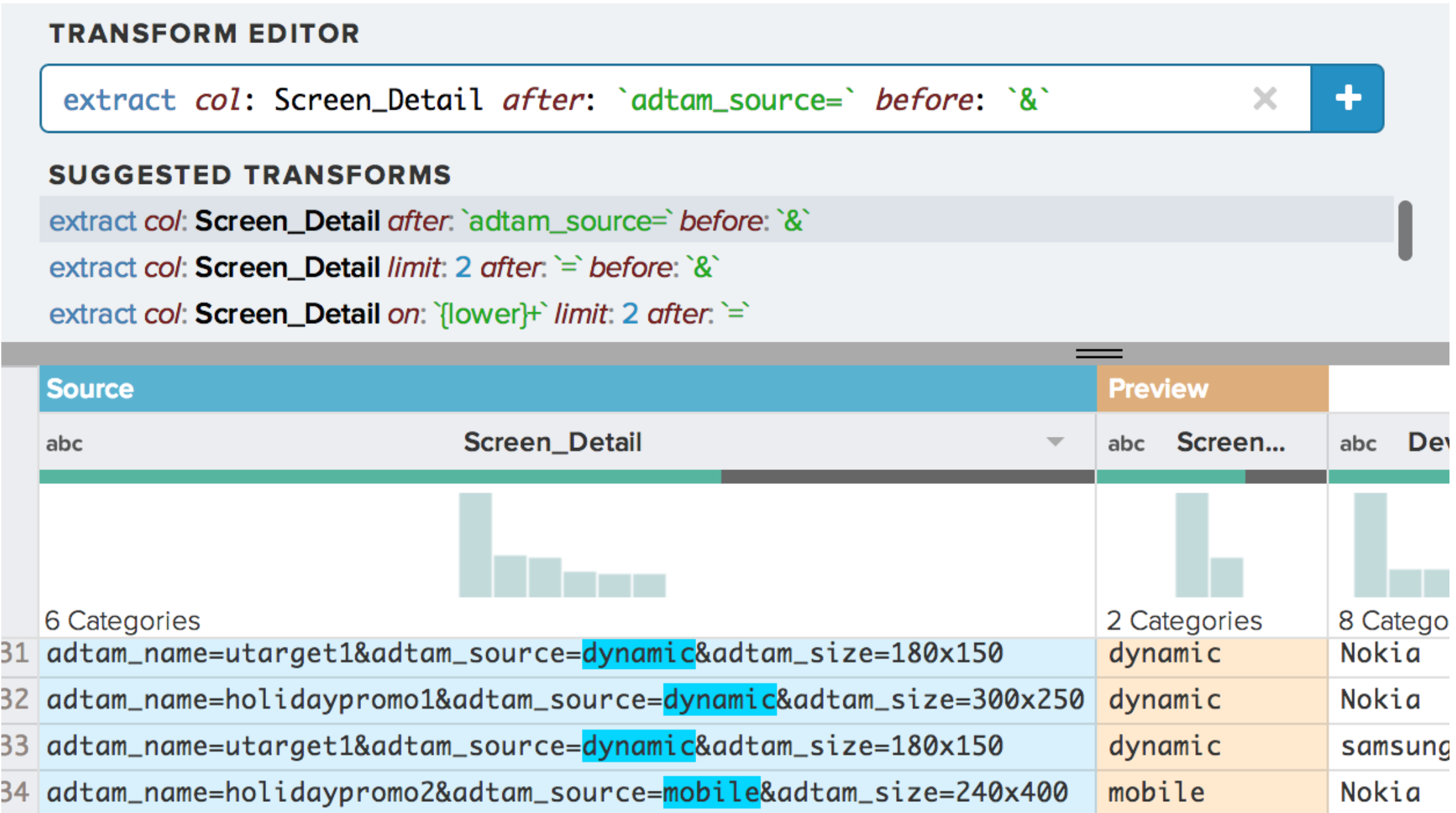
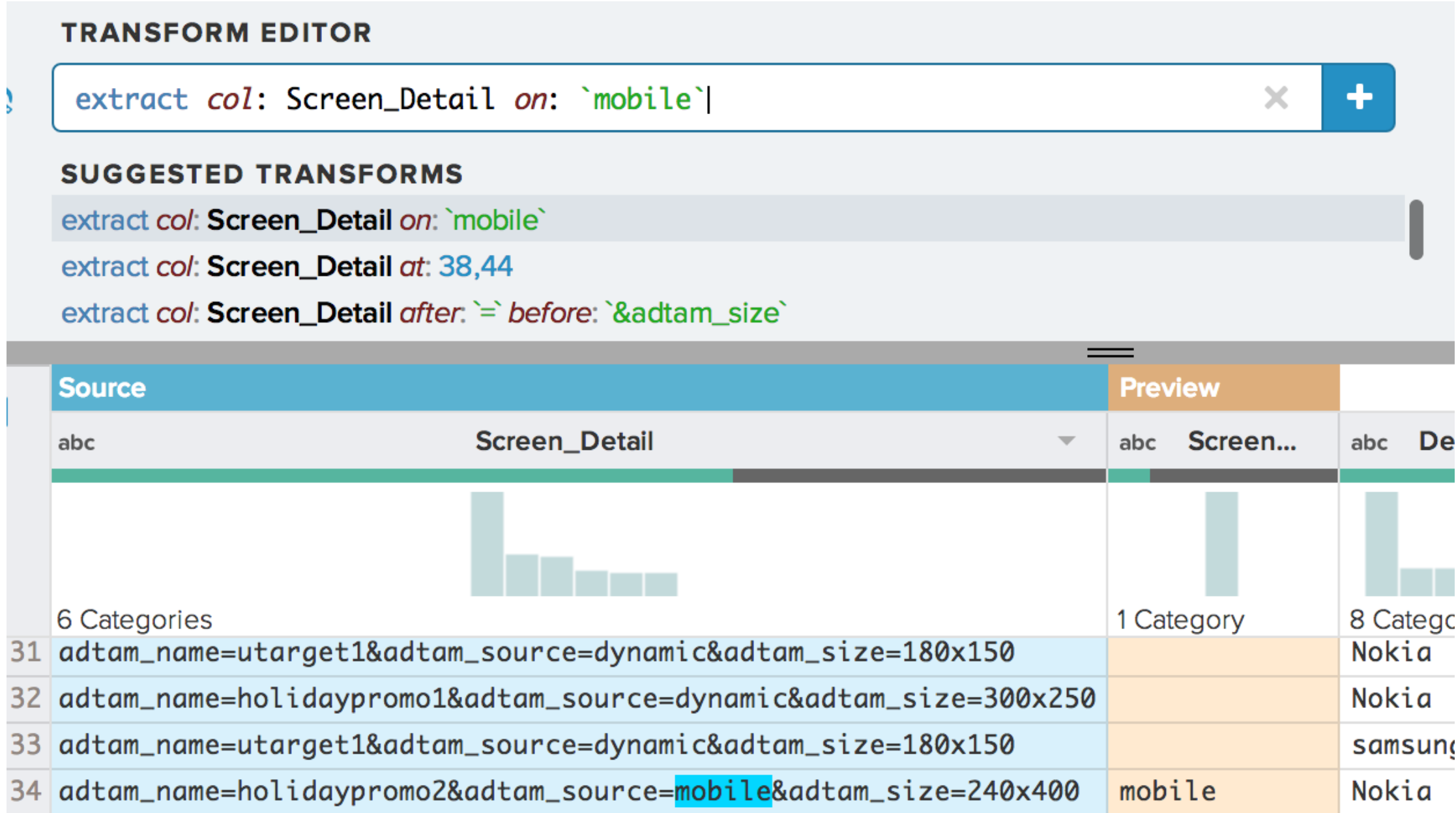
# Task Completion Times



[S. Kandel et al., 2011]



# Improvements in Prediction



Update suggestions when given more information

[Heer et al., 2015]



# Data Wrangling Tasks

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- Unboxing: Discovery & Assessment: What's in there? (types, distribution)
- Structuring: Restructure data (table, nested data, pivot tables)
- Cleaning: does data match expectations (often involves user)
- Enriching & Blending: Adding new data
- Optimizing & Publishing: Structure for storage or visualization

[J. M. Hellerstein et al., 2018]

# Differences with Extract-Transform-Load (ETL)

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- ETL:
  - Who: IT Professionals
  - Why: Create static data pipeline
  - What: Structured data
  - Where: Data centers
- "Modern Data Preparation":
  - Who: Analysts
  - Why: Solve problems by designing recipes to use data
  - What: Original, custom data blended with other data
  - Where: Cloud, desktop

[J. M. Hellerstein et al., 2018]

# Trifacta Wrangler

# Paper Critique

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- Foofah: Transforming Data By Example, Z. Jin et al., 2017
- Due Wednesday **before** class, submit via Blackboard
- Read the paper
- Look up references if necessary
- Keep track of things you are confused by or that seem problematic
- Write a few sentences summarizing the paper's contribution
- Write more sentences discussing the paper and what you think the paper does well or doesn't do well at
- For this response, compare/contrast with Wrangler/Trifacta
- Length: 1/2-1 page



# Data Cleaning in pandas

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# Handling Missing Data

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- Filtering out missing data:
  - Can choose rows or columns
- Filling in missing data:
  - with a default value
  - with an interpolated value
- In pandas:

| Argument             | Description                                                                                                                                 |
|----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>dropna</code>  | Filter axis labels based on whether values for each label have missing data, with varying thresholds for how much missing data to tolerate. |
| <code>fillna</code>  | Fill in missing data with some value or using an interpolation method such as <code>'ffill'</code> or <code>'bfill'</code> .                |
| <code>isnull</code>  | Return boolean values indicating which values are missing/NA.                                                                               |
| <code>notnull</code> | Negation of <code>isnull</code> .                                                                                                           |

[W. McKinney, Python for Data Analysis]

# Filling in missing data

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- fillna arguments:

| Argument | Description                                                                     |
|----------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| value    | Scalar value or dict-like object to use to fill missing values                  |
| method   | Interpolation; by default 'ffill' if function called with no other arguments    |
| axis     | Axis to fill on; default axis=0                                                 |
| inplace  | Modify the calling object without producing a copy                              |
| limit    | For forward and backward filling, maximum number of consecutive periods to fill |

[W. McKinney, Python for Data Analysis]



# Filtering and Cleaning Data

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- Find duplicates
  - `duplicated`: returns boolean Series indicating whether row is a duplicate—first instance is **not marked** as a duplicate
- Remove duplicates:
  - `drop_duplicates`: drops all rows where  `duplicated` is  `True`
  - `keep`: which value to keep (first or last)
- Can pass specific columns to check for duplicates, e.g. check only key column

# Changing Data

- Convert strings to upper/lower case
- Convert Fahrenheit temperatures to Celsius
- Create a new column based on another column

```
In [56]: lowercased
```

```
Out[56]:
```

```
0      bacon
1  pulled pork
2      bacon
3    pastrami
4  corned beef
5      bacon
6    pastrami
7  honey ham
8    nova lox
Name: food, dtype: object
```

```
meat_to_animal = {
    'bacon': 'pig',
    'pulled pork': 'pig',
    'pastrami': 'cow',
    'corned beef': 'cow',
    'honey ham': 'pig',
    'nova lox': 'salmon'
}
```

```
In [57]: data['animal'] = lowercased.map(meat_to_animal)
```

```
In [58]: data
```

```
Out[58]:
```

|   | food        | ounces | animal |
|---|-------------|--------|--------|
| 0 | bacon       | 4.0    | pig    |
| 1 | pulled pork | 3.0    | pig    |
| 2 | bacon       | 12.0   | pig    |
| 3 | Pastrami    | 6.0    | cow    |
| 4 | corned beef | 7.5    | cow    |
| 5 | Bacon       | 8.0    | pig    |
| 6 | pastrami    | 3.0    | cow    |
| 7 | honey ham   | 5.0    | pig    |
| 8 | nova lox    | 6.0    | salmon |

[W. McKinney, Python for Data Analysis]

# Replacing Values

- `fillna` is a special case
- What if `-999` in our dataset was identified as a missing value?

```
In [61]: data
```

```
Out[61]:
```

```
0      1.0
```

```
1    -999.0
```

```
2      2.0
```

```
3    -999.0
```

```
4   -1000.0
```

```
5      3.0
```

```
dtype: float64
```

```
In [62]: data.replace(-999, np.nan)
```

```
Out[62]:
```

```
0      1.0
```

```
1      NaN
```

```
2      2.0
```

```
3      NaN
```

```
4   -1000.0
```

```
5      3.0
```

```
dtype: float64
```

- Can pass list of values or dictionary to change different values

# Clamping Values

- Values above or below a specified thresholds are set to a max/min value

```
In [93]: data.describe()
```

```
Out[93]:
```

|       | 0           | 1           | 2           | 3           |
|-------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| count | 1000.000000 | 1000.000000 | 1000.000000 | 1000.000000 |
| mean  | 0.049091    | 0.026112    | -0.002544   | -0.051827   |
| std   | 0.996947    | 1.007458    | 0.995232    | 0.998311    |
| min   | -3.645860   | -3.184377   | -3.745356   | -3.428254   |
| 25%   | -0.599807   | -0.612162   | -0.687373   | -0.747478   |
| 50%   | 0.047101    | -0.013609   | -0.022158   | -0.088274   |
| 75%   | 0.756646    | 0.695298    | 0.699046    | 0.623331    |
| max   | 2.653656    | 3.525865    | 2.735527    | 3.366626    |

```
In [97]: data[np.abs(data) > 3] = np.sign(data) * 3
```

```
In [98]: data.describe()
```

```
Out[98]:
```

|       | 0           | 1           | 2           | 3           |
|-------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| count | 1000.000000 | 1000.000000 | 1000.000000 | 1000.000000 |
| mean  | 0.050286    | 0.025567    | -0.001399   | -0.051765   |
| std   | 0.992920    | 1.004214    | 0.991414    | 0.995761    |
| min   | -3.000000   | -3.000000   | -3.000000   | -3.000000   |
| 25%   | -0.599807   | -0.612162   | -0.687373   | -0.747478   |
| 50%   | 0.047101    | -0.013609   | -0.022158   | -0.088274   |
| 75%   | 0.756646    | 0.695298    | 0.699046    | 0.623331    |
| max   | 2.653656    | 3.000000    | 2.735527    | 3.000000    |

# Computing Indicator Values

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- Useful for machine learning
- Want to take possible values and map them to 0-1 indicators

• Example:

```
In [109]: df = pd.DataFrame({'key': ['b', 'b', 'a', 'c', 'a', 'b'],  
.....:                    'data1': range(6)})
```

```
In [110]: pd.get_dummies(df['key'])
```

```
Out[110]:
```

|   | a | b | c |
|---|---|---|---|
| 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| 5 | 0 | 1 | 0 |

- Example: Genres in movies

# String Transformation

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- One of the reasons for Python's popularity is string/text processing
- `split(<delimiter>)`: break a string into pieces:
  - `s = "12,13, 14"`  
`slist = s.split(',') # ["12", "13", " 14"]`
- `<delimiter>.join([<str>])`: join several strings by a delimiter
  - `":".join(slist) # "12:13: 14"`
- `strip()`: remove leading and trailing whitespace
  - `[p.strip() for p in slist] # ["12", "13", "14"]`



# String Transformation

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- `replace(<from>, <to>)`: change substrings to another substring
  - `s.replace(',', ':') # "12:13: 14"`
- `upper()` / `lower()`: casing
  - `"AbCd".upper() # "ABCD"`
  - `"AbCd".lower() # "abcd"`

# String Transformations

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- `index(<str>)`: find where a substring first occurs (Error if not found)
  - `s = "12,13, 14"`  
`s.index(',')` # 2  
`s.index(':')` # `ValueError` raised
- `find(<str>)`: same as `index` but `-1` if not found
  - `s.find(',')` # 2  
`s.find(':')` # `-1`
- `startswith()` / `endswith()`: boolean checks for string occurrence
  - `s.startswith("1")` # `True`  
`s.endswith("5")` # `False`

# String Methods

| Argument                                                             | Description                                                                                                                                                   |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>count</code>                                                   | Return the number of non-overlapping occurrences of substring in the string.                                                                                  |
| <code>endswith</code>                                                | Returns <code>True</code> if string ends with suffix.                                                                                                         |
| <code>startswith</code>                                              | Returns <code>True</code> if string starts with prefix.                                                                                                       |
| <code>join</code>                                                    | Use string as delimiter for concatenating a sequence of other strings.                                                                                        |
| <code>index</code>                                                   | Return position of first character in substring if found in the string; raises <code>ValueError</code> if not found.                                          |
| <code>find</code>                                                    | Return position of first character of <i>first</i> occurrence of substring in the string; like <code>index</code> , but returns <code>-1</code> if not found. |
| <code>rfind</code>                                                   | Return position of first character of <i>last</i> occurrence of substring in the string; returns <code>-1</code> if not found.                                |
| <code>replace</code>                                                 | Replace occurrences of string with another string.                                                                                                            |
| <code>strip</code> ,<br><code>rstrip</code> ,<br><code>lstrip</code> | Trim whitespace, including newlines; equivalent to <code>x.strip()</code> (and <code>rstrip</code> , <code>lstrip</code> , respectively) for each element.    |
| <code>split</code>                                                   | Break string into list of substrings using passed delimiter.                                                                                                  |
| <code>lower</code>                                                   | Convert alphabet characters to lowercase.                                                                                                                     |
| <code>upper</code>                                                   | Convert alphabet characters to uppercase.                                                                                                                     |
| <code>casefold</code>                                                | Convert characters to lowercase, and convert any region-specific variable character combinations to a common comparable form.                                 |
| <code>ljust</code> ,<br><code>rjust</code>                           | Left justify or right justify, respectively; pad opposite side of string with spaces (or some other fill character) to return a string with a minimum width.  |

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# Regular Expressions

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- AKA regex
- A syntax to better specify how to decompose strings
- Look for patterns rather than specific characters
- "31" in "The last day of December is 12/31/2020."
- May work for some questions but now suppose I have other lines like:  
"The last day of September is 9/30/2020."
- ...and I want to find dates that look like:
- <numbers>/<numbers>/<numbers>
- Cannot search for every combination!
- \d+/\d+/\d+

# Regular Expressions

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- Character classes:
  - `\d` = digits
  - `\s` = spaces
  - `\w` = word character `[a-zA-Z0-9_]`
  - `[a-z]` = lowercase letters (square brackets indicate a set of chars)
- Repeating characters or patterns
  - `+` = one or more (any number)
  - `*` = zero or more (any number)
  - `?` = zero or one
  - `{<number>}` = a specific number (or range) of occurrences



# Regular Expressions in Python

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- `import re`
- `re.search(<pattern>, <str_to_check>)`
  - Returns `None` if no match, information about the match otherwise
- Capturing information about what is in a string → **parentheses**
- `(\d+)/\d+/\d+` will **capture** information about the month
- ```
match = re.search('(\d+)/\d+/\d+', '12/31/2016')
if match:
    match.group() # 12
```
- `re.findall(<pattern>, <str_to_check>)`
  - Finds all matches in the string, `search` only finds the first match
- Can pass in flags to alter methods: e.g. `re.IGNORECASE`

# Pandas String Methods

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- Any column or series can have the string methods (e.g. replace, split) applied to the entire series
- Fast (vectorized) on whole columns or datasets
- use `.str.<method_name>`
- `.str` is **important!**
  - ```
data = pd.Series({'Dave': 'dave@google.com',  
                  'Steve': 'steve@gmail.com',  
                  'Rob': 'rob@gmail.com',  
                  'Wes': np.nan})
```

```
data.str.contains('gmail')  
data.str.split('@').str[1]  
data.str[-3:]
```

# Paper Critique

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- Foofah: Transforming Data By Example, Z. Jin et al., 2017
- Due Wednesday **before** class, submit via Blackboard
- Read the paper
- Look up references if necessary
- Keep track of things you are confused by or that seem problematic
- Write a few sentences summarizing the paper's contribution
- Write more sentences discussing the paper and what you think the paper does well or doesn't do well at
- For this response, compare/contrast with Wrangler/Trifacta
- Length: 1/2-1 page