

Data Profiling

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If we just have a bunch of data sets in a repository, it is unlikely anyone will ever be able to find, let alone reuse, any of this data. With adequate metadata, there is some hope, but even so, challenges will remain..



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Profiling relational data: a survey

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Abstract Profiling data to determine metadata about a given dataset is an important and frequent activity of any IT professional and researcher and is necessary for various use-cases. It encompasses a vast array of methods to examine datasets and produce metadata. Among the simpler results are statistics, such as the number of null values and distinct values in a column, its data type, or the most frequent patterns of its data values. Metadata that are more difficult to compute involve multiple columns, namely correlations, unique column combinations, functional dependencies, and inclusion dependencies. Further techniques detect condi-

1 Data profiling: finding metadata

Data profiling is the set of activities and processes to determine the metadata about a given dataset. Profiling data is an important and frequent activity of any IT professional and researcher. We can safely assume that any reader of this article has engaged in the activity of data profiling, at least by eye-balling spreadsheets, database tables, XML files, etc. Possibly, more advanced techniques were used, such as keyword searching in datasets, writing structured queries, or even using dedicated data profiling tools.

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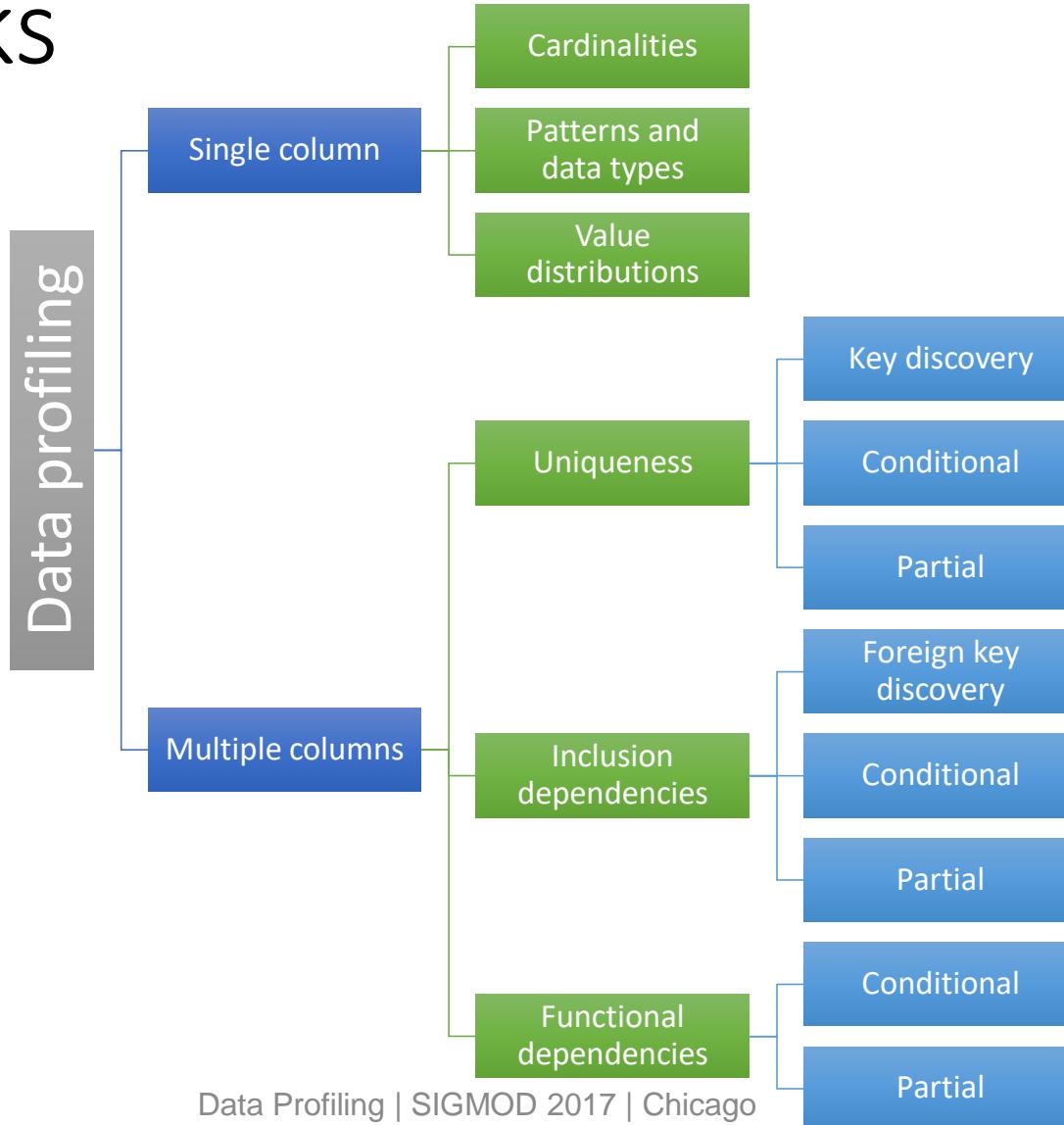
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2851600	R	REMOVED	RD	DECEASED	HAWKINS	MAE	PITTMAN	2730 BELLEMONT-	BURLINGTON	NC	27215	2730 BELLEMONT-ALAMA	BURLINGTON

Many interesting questions remain

- What are possible keys and foreign keys?
 - Phone
 - firstname, lastname, street
- Are there any functional dependencies?
 - zip -> city
 - race -> voting behavior
- Which columns correlate?
 - Date-of-Birth and first name
 - State and last name
- What are frequent patterns in a column?
 - dddd
 - dd aaaa St

Classification of Traditional Profiling Tasks



Data Profiling vs. Data Mining

- Data profiling gathers technical metadata to support data management
- Data mining and data analytics discovers non-obvious results to support business management
- Data profiling results: information about columns and column sets
- Data mining results: information about rows or row sets
 - clustering, summarization, association rules, ...
- Rahm and Do on data cleaning
 - Profiling: Individual attributes
 - Mining: Multiple attributes

[Rahm and Do, Data Cleaning: Problems and Current Approaches, IEEE DE Bulletin, 2000]

Challenges of (Big) Data Profiling

- Large search space
 - Number of rows AND number of columns (and column combinations)
 - “Small” table with 100 columns:
$$2^{100} - 1 = 1,267,650,600,228,229,401,496,703,205,375$$

= 1.3 nonillion column combinations
- Large solution space: Exponential number of dependencies
- New data types and new data models
- New requirements: User-oriented, interactive, streaming
- Solutions: Scale up, scale out, scale in
- Better: Intelligent enumeration and aggressive pruning

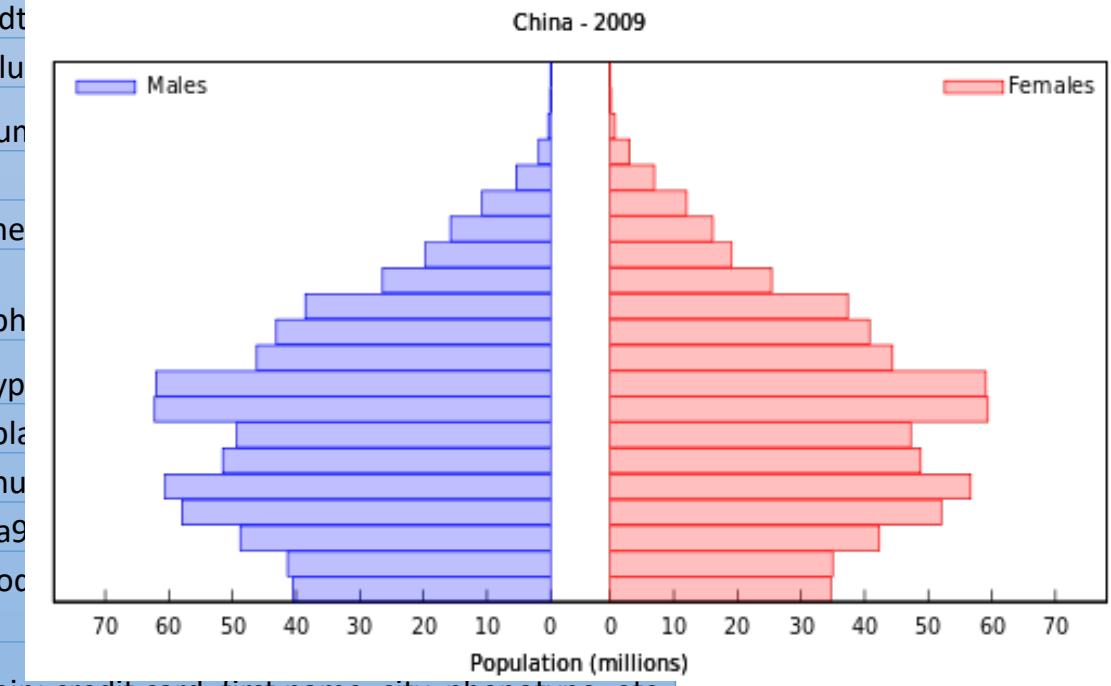
Use Cases for Profiling

- Query optimization
 - Counts and histograms
- Data cleansing
 - Patterns and violations
- Data integration
 - Cross-DB inclusion dependencies
- Scientific data management
 - Handle new datasets
- Data analytics
 - Profiling as preparation and for initial insights
 - Borderline to data mining
- Database reverse engineering

Basic Statistics



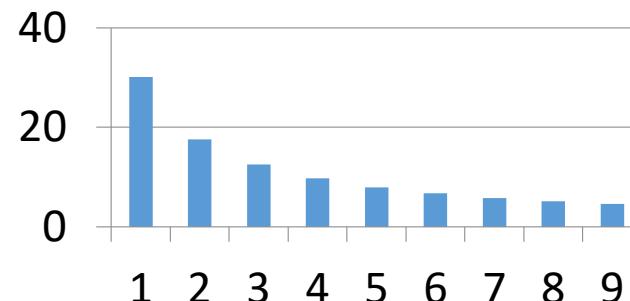
Cardinalities, Distributions, and Patterns



An Aside: Benford Law Frequency (“first digit law”)

- Statement about the distribution of first digits d in (many) naturally occurring numbers:

- $P(d) = \log_{10}(d + 1) - \log_{10}(d) = \log_{10}(1 + 1/d)$



- Holds if $\log(x)$ is uniformly distributed



[Benford: The law of anomalous numbers". Proc. Am. Philos. Soc. 78 (4): 551–572, 1938]

Examples for Benford's Law

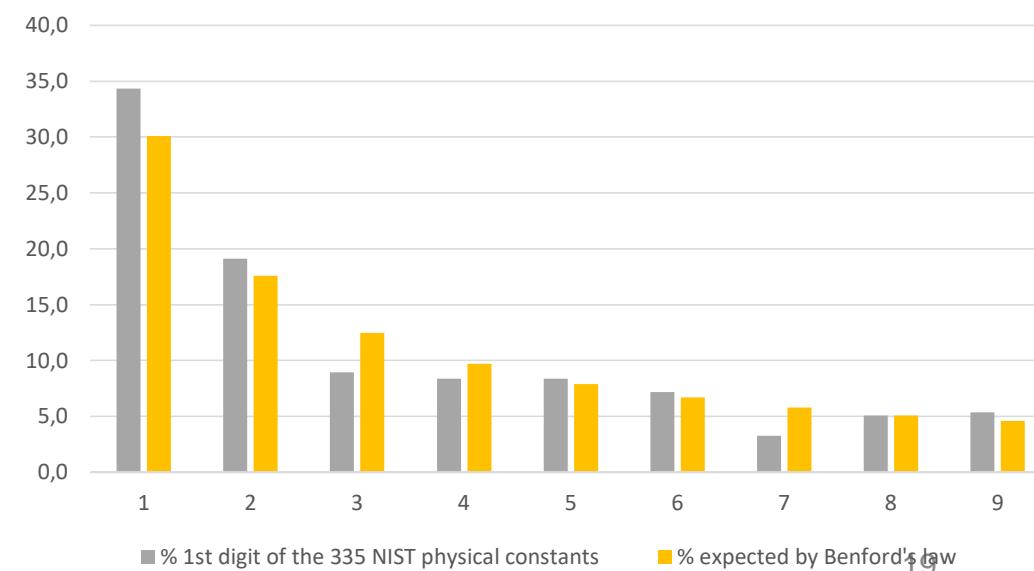
- Surface areas of 335 rivers
- Sizes of 3259 US populations
- 104 physical constants
- 1800 molecular weights
- 308 numbers contained in an issue of Reader's Digest
- Street addresses of the first 342 persons listed in American Men of Science



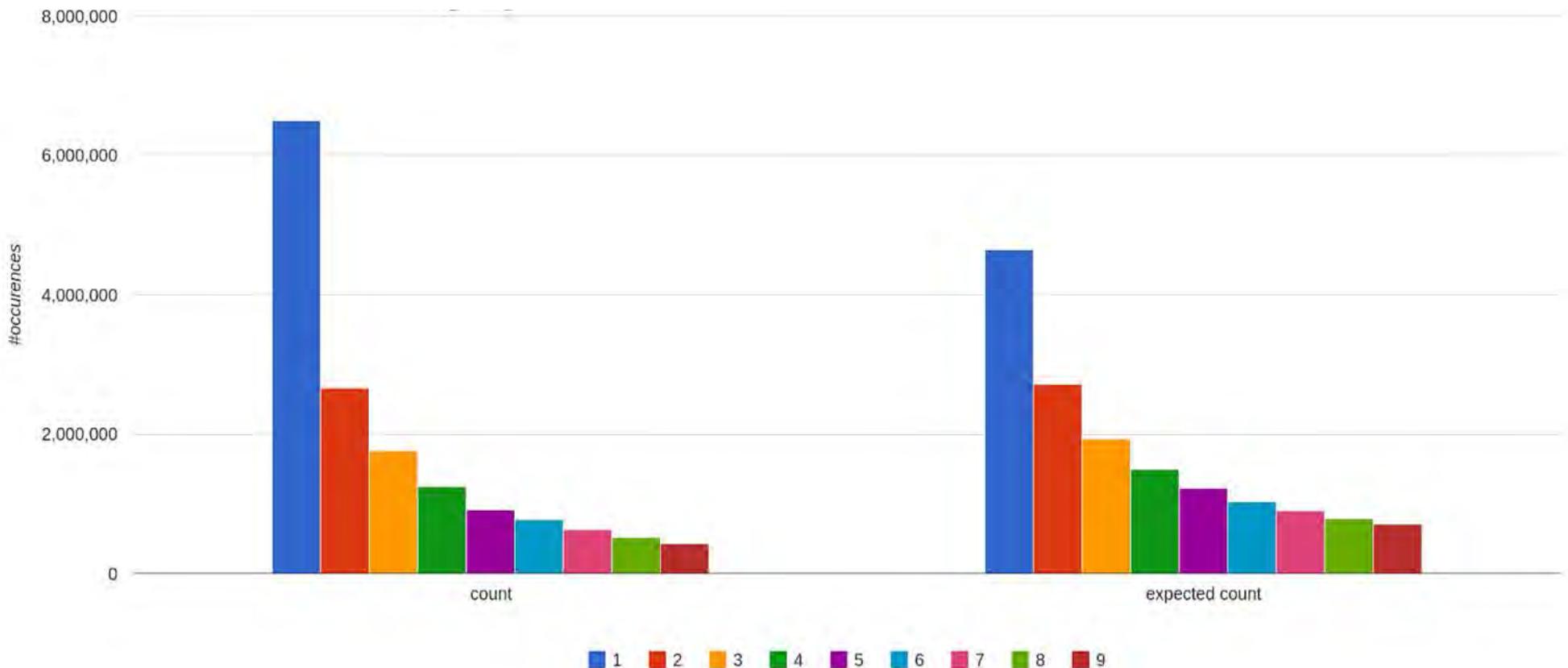
Heights of the 60 tallest structures

Leading digit	meters	
	Count	%
1	26	43.3%
2	7	11.7%
3	9	15.0%
4	6	10.0%
5	4	6.7%
6	1	1.7%
7	2	3.3%
8	5	8.3%
9	0	0.0%

In Benford's law
30.1%
17.6%
12.5%
9.7%
7.9%
6.7%
5.8%
5.1%
4.6%



Occurrences of leading digits in WikiTable numbers



Unique Column Combinations

Unique Column Combinations

- Unique column
 - Only unique values
- Unique column combination
 - Only unique value combinations
 - Minimality: No subset is unique
- (Primary) key candidate
 - No null values
 - Uniqueness and non-null in one instance does not imply key: Only human can specify keys (and foreign keys)
- Meaning of NULL values?

Uses for UCCs

- Learn characteristics of a new data set
- Database management
 - Find a primary key
 - Find unique constraints
- Query optimization
 - Cardinality estimations for joins
- Find duplicates / data quality issues
 - If expected unique column combinations are not unique
 - Or with partial uniques

Inclusion Dependencies

Inclusion Dependencies

- $A \subseteq B$: All values in A are also present in B
- $A_1, \dots, A_i \subseteq B_1, \dots, B_j$:
All value combinations in A_1, \dots, A_i are also present in B_1, \dots, B_j
- Prerequisite for foreign key
 - Used across relations
 - Use across databases
 - But again: Discovery on a given instance, only user can specify for schema

Motivation for IND Discovery

- General insight into data
- Detect unknown foreign keys
- Example: PDB – Protein Data Bank
 - OpenMMS provides relational schema
 - 175 tables, 2705 attributes
 - Not a single foreign key constraint!
- Example: Ensembl – genome database
 - Shipped as MySQL dump files
 - More than 200 tables
 - Not a single foreign key constraint!
- Web tables: No schema, no constraints, but many connections

```
_pdbx_poly_seq_scheme.pdb_strand_id
_pdbx_poly_seq_scheme.pdb_ins_code
_pdbx_poly_seq_scheme.hetero
A 1 1 DC 1 1 1 DC C A . n
A 1 2 DC 2 2 2 DC C A . n
A 1 3 DG 3 3 3 DG G A . n
A 1 4 DT 4 4 4 DT T A . n
A 1 5 DA 5 5 5 DA A A . n
A 1 6 DC 6 6 6 DC C A . n
A 1 7 DG 7 7 7 DG G A . n
A 1 8 DT 8 8 8 DT T A . n
A 1 9 DA 9 9 9 DA A A . n
A 1 10 DC 10 10 10 DC C A . n
A 1 11 DG 11 11 11 DG G A . n
A 1 12 DG 12 12 12 DG G A . n
#
loop_
_refine_B_iso.class
_refine_B_iso.details
_refine_B_iso.treatment
_refine_B_iso.pdbx_refine_id
'ALL ATOMS' TR isotropic 'X-RAY DIFFRACTION'
'ALL WATERS' TR isotropic 'X-RAY DIFFRACTION'
#
loop_
_refine_occupancy.class
_refine_occupancy.treatment
_refine_occupancy.pdbx_refine_id
'ALL ATOMS' fix 'X-RAY DIFFRACTION'
'ALL WATERS' fix 'X-RAY DIFFRACTION'
#
loop_
_pdbx_version.entry_id
_pdbx_version.revision_date
_pdbx_version.major_version
_pdbx_version.minor_version
_pdbx_version.revision_type
_pdbx_version.details
116D 2008-05-22 3 2 'Version format compliant
116D 2011-07-13 4 0000 'Version format compliant
#
software_name          NHCLSO
```

Functional and other dependencies



Functional and Other Dependencies

- Functional dependency
 - „ $X \rightarrow A$ “: whenever two records have the same X values, they also have the same A values.
 - Multi-valued dependencies
 - Join dependencies
 - Order dependencies
 - `SELECT emp_name
FROM employees
ORDER BY rank, salary`
 - `SELECT emp_name
FROM employees
ORDER BY rank`
-
- | emp_name | rank | salary |
|----------|------|--------|
| Smith | 1 | 40k |
| Johnson | 1 | 40k |
| Williams | 1 | 45k |
| Brown | 2 | 60k |
| Davis | 2 | 60k |
| Miller | 3 | 70k |
| Wilson | 4 | 100k |

Uses for FDs

- Schema design
 - Normalization
 - Keys
 - Data cleansing
 - Schema design and normalization
 - Key discovery
 - Data cleansing (especially partial/conditional FDs)
 - Anomaly detection
 - Data integrity constraints
 - Data curation rules
 - Query optimization:
Independence of column attributes
 - Index selection
- ... and genealogy research!

Functional Dependencies



Functional Dependencies

Person	Lineage	Hair	Religion
			New gods
			New Gods
			Old gods
			New gods
			Old gods

Some Functional Dependencies:

- 1. Person → Lineage
- 2. Person → Hair
- 3. Person → Religion
- 4. Lineage → Hair
- 5. Religion, Hair → Lineage
- 6. ...

Ned Stark: „#4 looks like a reasonable quality constraint“

Ned Stark: „I believe Joffrey violates my database constraint.“

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Tutorial Overview

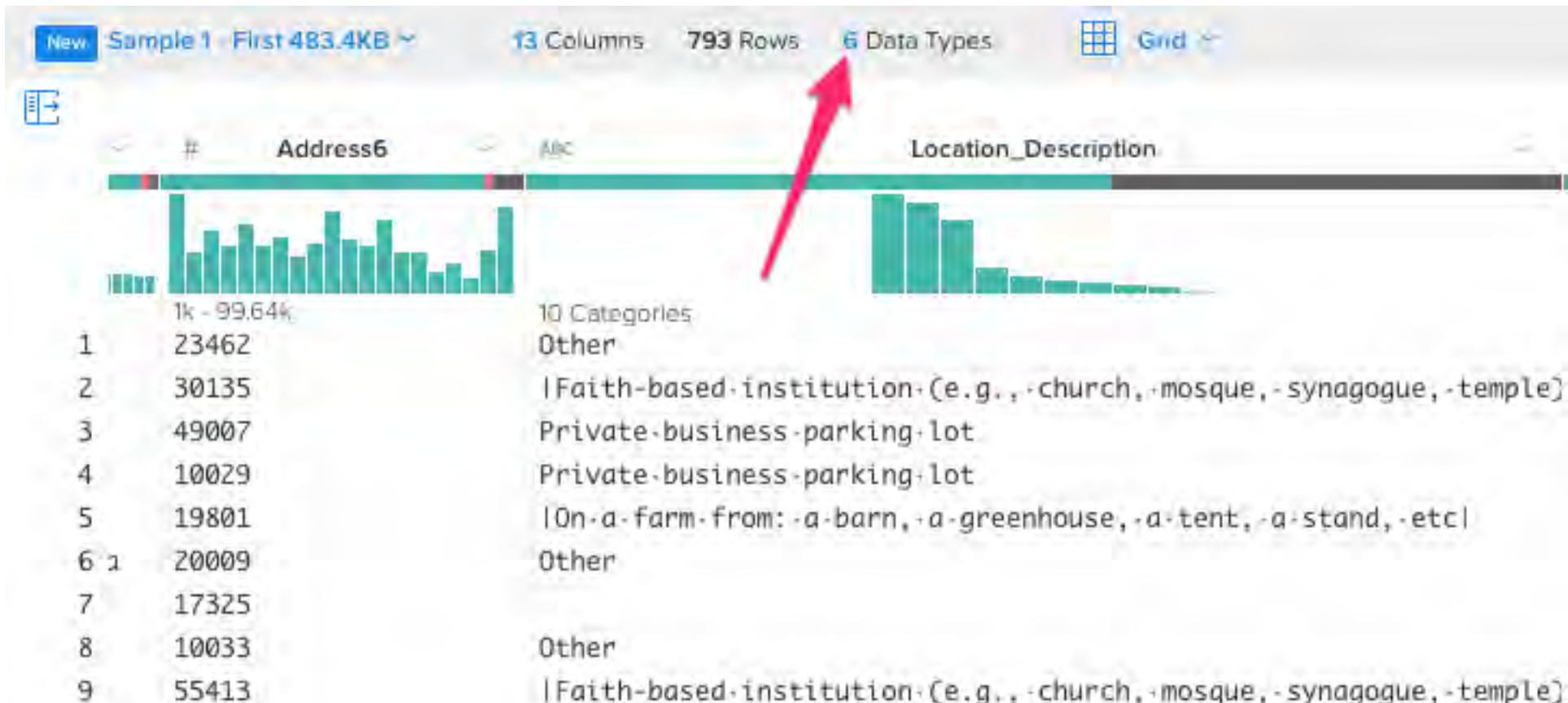
- Motivation
 - Task classification
 - Use cases
- Tools
 - Research and industry
 - Shortcomings
- Single and Multiple Column Analysis
 - Cardinalities and datatypes
 - Co-occurrences and summaries
- Dependencies
 - UCCs, FDs, ODs, INDs
 - and their discovery algorithms
- Outlook
 - Functionality
 - Semantics



Tools in Industry



Trifacta



Open Refine

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IA_OVERVIEW_PROJECT INVESTIGATE Column Analysis

Select Data Sources to Work With

EMPLOYEE

View Analysis Summary
View Details
View the frequency distribution, data classes, properties, domain and completeness information, and formats for the column.

Select View:

- EMPNO
- FIRSTNAME
- MIDINIT
- LASTNAME
- WORKDEPT
- PHONENO
- HIREDATE
- JOB
- EDLEVEL
- SEX
- BIRTHDATE
- SALARY
- BONUS
- COMM
- SALUTATION
- EMERGENCY_CONTACT
- BLOOD_TYPE
- HAIR_COLOR

Properties

Shows inferred and defined structural properties of a column. You can choose new property values to apply to a column.

Data Type

Defined:	Inferred:	Selected:
DECIMAL	DECIMAL	DECIMAL

Inferred Summary

Inferred Data Type

Data Type	Count	Percent
DECIMAL	46	100

Length

Defined:	Inferred:	Selected:
9	9	9

Inferred Summary

Minimum: 8
Median: 8
Average: 8.0217
Maximum: 9
Range: 1

Reviewed

Close Rebuild Inferences Reference Tables Save

Data F

DECIMAL	100%
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8	97.83
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IA_OVERVIEW_PROJECT INVESTIGATE Foreign Key Analysis

Select Data Source to Work With

EMPLOYEE DEPARTMENT

Open Foreign Key Analysis

View Details

You can use this pane to view analysis details about a primary key column and the foreign key column that is associated with the primary key column.

Frequency Values Analysis Details

Foreign Key Candidate Pair

	Base Column	Paired Column
Column	EMPNO	MGRNO
Table	EMPLOYEE	DEPARTMENT
Source	IA	IA
Primary Key	Yes	No
Foreign Key	No	Yes

Paired to Base:

Common Data Values:	8	100.0000%	Common Domain:	Yes
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Base to Paired:

Common Data Values:	8	16.6667%	Common Domain:	No
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Common Domain :

Base Column Paired Column

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Uses Cases Covered By Industrial Tools

Tool	Statistics	Patterns	Data types	Uniques	Column dependency	Data dependency
Attacama , DQ Analyzer	✓	✓		✓		
IBM , InfoSphere Information Analyzer	✓	✓		✓	✓	
Microsoft SQL Server Data Profiling Task	✓	✓				✓
Oracle Enterprise Data Quality	✓	✓				
Paxata Adaptive Preparation	✓					
SAP Information Steward	✓	✓	✓		✓	
Splunk Enterprise/Hunk			✓			✓
Talend Data Profiler	✓	✓			✓	
Trifecta	✓	✓	✓			
Tamr	✓			✓		
OpenRefine	✓	✓	✓			

Restricted data types

Restricted number of columns

Tools in Research



RuleMiner

Dataset: Tax **Browse...**

Approximate Threshold: **0.01** Constant Frequency: **0**

Go

Formula Linguistics

Coverage: **0.40** FDs

Succinctness: **0.60**

not(t1.areacode=t2.areacode & t1.phone=t2.phone)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
not(t1.city!=t2.city & t1.zip=t2.zip)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
There cannot exist two tuples t_1, t_2 in the dataset, such that they have different city ,and they have same zip		
not(t1.state=t2.state & t1.haschild=t2.haschild & t1.childexemp!=t2.childexemp)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
not(t1.state=t2.state & t1.maritalstatus=t2.maritalstatus & t1.singleexemp!=t2.singleexemp)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
not(t1.state=t2.state & t1.salary=t2.salary & t1.rate!=t2.rate)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
not(t1.state=t2.state & t1.salary>t2.salary & t1.rate<t2.rate)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
not(t1.phone=t2.phone)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
not(t1.fname=t2.fname)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

Data Example

Negative Example:

tid	fname	lname	areacode	phone	city	state	zip	maritalstatus	haschild	salary	rate	singleexemp
1	Mark	Ballin	304	2327667	Anthony	AR	25813	S	Y	5000	3	2000
8	Marcelino	Nuth	304	5404707	Kyle	WV	25813	M	N	10000	4	0

Positive Examples:

tid	fname	lname	areacode	phone	city	state	zip	maritalstatus	haschild	salary	rate	singleexemp
1	Mark	Ballin	304	2327667	Anthony	WV	25813	S	Y	5000	3	2000
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ProLOD++

The screenshot shows the ProLOD++ web application interface. On the left, there is a sidebar with the ProLOD++ logo and a list of datasets:

- DailyMed (11,271)
- DBpedia (4,222,586)
- Diseasome (9,047)**
 - diseases (4,213)
 - genes (9,743)
- DrugBank (19,694)
- LinkedMDB (631,003)

The main area has a navigation bar with tabs: Overview, Graph Analysis, Properties, Inverse Properties, Association Rules, Synonyms, and Key Discovery. The current tab is "Graph Analysis". Below the navigation bar, it says "Graphs / Pattern 1".

The central part of the screen displays a grid of 12 small graphs arranged in three rows of four. Each graph consists of nodes (red for diseases, green for genes, white for unknown) and directed edges.

Below the graphs, there are two sections:

Statistics:

Pattern:	41
Nodes:	5
Edges:	5
Diameter:	2

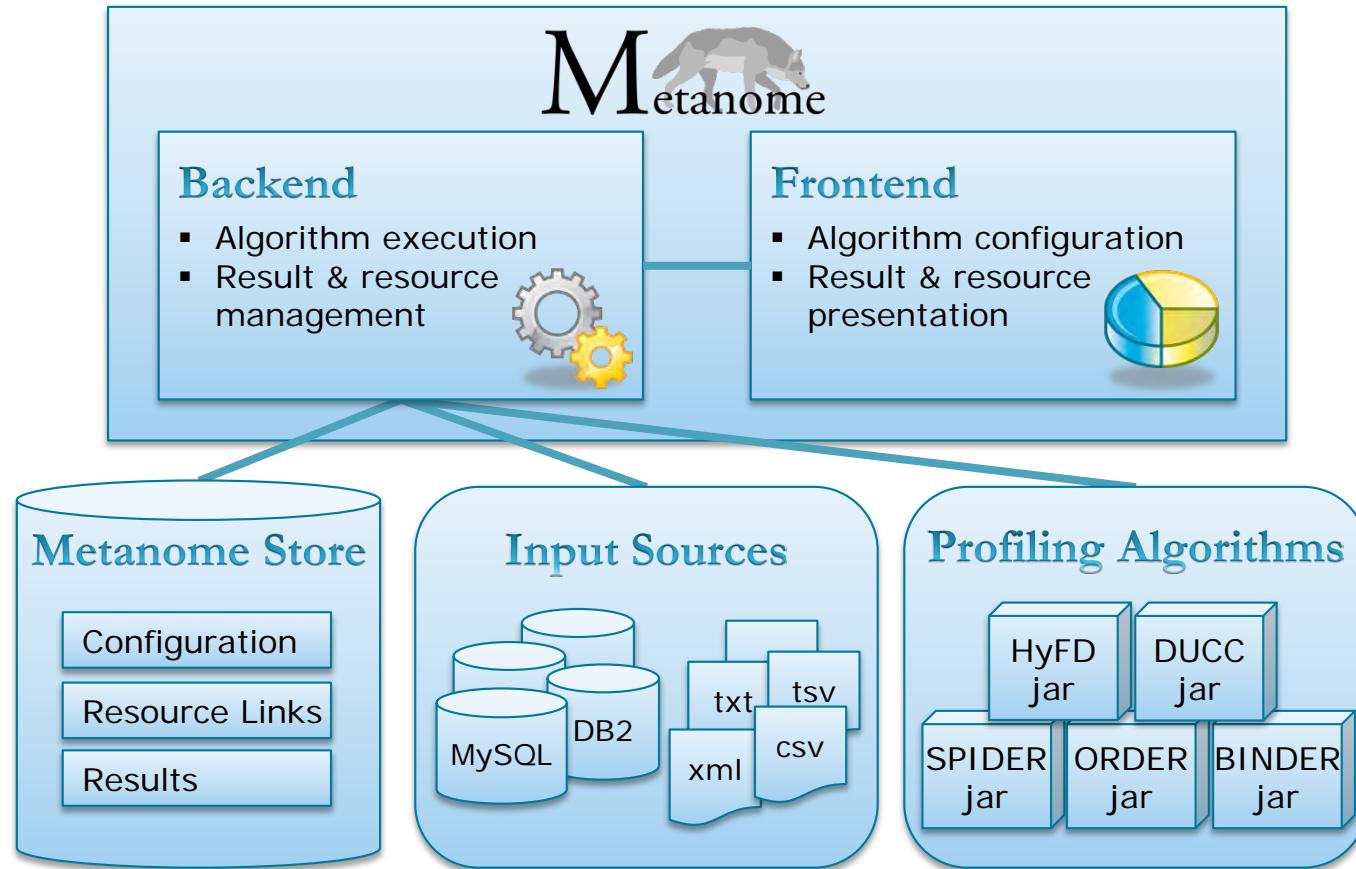
Class distribution:

A pie chart illustrating the distribution of node classes. The legend indicates:

- diseases (Red)
- genes (Green)
- unknown (White)

The chart shows approximately 50% genes, 40% diseases, and 10% unknown nodes.

Metanome Data Profiling Tool



Open source framework, tool plus many algorithms

www.metanome.de

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Tools in Research

Tool	Main purpose	Statistics	Patterns	Data types	Uniques	Dependencies	Data Mining
Bellmann	Data quality browser	✓			✓		
Potter's Wheel	ETL tool	✓	✓				
Data Auditor	Rule discovery						
RuleMiner	Dependency discovery					✓	
MADLib	Machine learning	✓				✓	
Metanome	Data profiling	✓			✓	✓	
ProLOD++	Profiling and Mining	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓

Typical Shortcomings

- Usability
- Tools focus on “easy” problems:
 - Statistics
 - Single column or “few” column dependencies
 - „Checking“ vs. „discovery“
- Many industry tools use SQL instead of optimized algorithms
 - Many queries / no early abort
- No tool covers all types of meta-data
- Management of large meta-data results
 - Summarizing meta-data
 - Ranking meta-data based on relevance

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Single Column Analysis



Cardinalities and distributions

- Number of non-NULL values
- Number of distinct values



Count(*)
count(distinct X)

- MIN and MAX values



For (value in column)
If (value>max)
max=value

- Histograms
- Probability distribution for numeric values
- Detect whether data follows some distribution
 - And count the number of outliers



Bottleneck is sorting the data

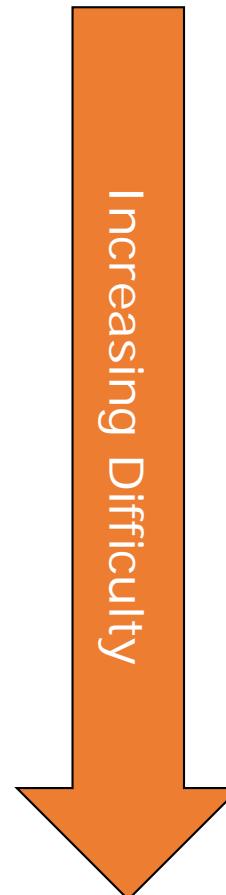
Count distinct in sublinear time and space?

- Linear Counting
 - [Whang, Vander-Zanden, Taylor: A linear-time probabilistic counting algorithm for database applications. TODS, 1990]
- Stochastic Averaging
 - [Flajolet, Martin: Probabilistic counting algorithms for data base applications. JCSS, 1985]
- Loglog Algorithm
 - [Durand, Flajolet: Loglog counting of large cardinalities. Algorithms-ESA, 2003]
- SuperLogLog Algorithm
 - [Durand, Flajolet: Loglog counting of large cardinalities. Algorithms-ESA, 2003]
- HyperLogLog Algorithm
 - [Flajolet, Fusy, Gandouet, Meunier: Hyperloglog: the analysis of a near-optimal cardinality estimation algorithm. DMTCS, 2008]



Data types and value patterns

- String vs. number
- String vs. number vs. date
- Categorical vs. continuous
 - Days of the week vs. measurements
- SQL data types
 - CHAR, INT, DECIMAL, TIMESTAMP, BIT, CLOB, ...
- Domains
 - VARCHAR(12) vs. VARCHAR (13)
- XML data types
 - More fine grained
- Regular expressions `(\d{3})-(\d{3})-(\d{4})-(\d+)`
- Semantic domains
 - Address, phone, email, first name
 - Example of ambiguity: phone vs fax

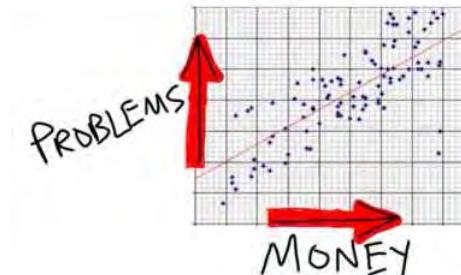


Multi Column Analysis



Pairwise Correlation/Similarity

- Correlations between numeric columns



- Similarity between discrete columns

- Jaccard similarity of two sets = the size of their intersection divided by the size of their union
- Careful with strings: phone numbers 123 456 7890 vs. (123) 456-7890
 - May want to use n-grams

Sketches and Summaries

- Assess column similarity in big (tall and wide) data
 - Want to avoid N^2 pairwise comparisons and multiple big table scans
- Techniques:
 - Sampling
 - Hashing:
 - Minhash [Broder: Compression and Complexity of Sequences, 1997]
 - LSH [Gionis, Indyk, Motwani: Similarity search in high Dimensions via hashing, VLDB'99]
 - Sketches [Cormode, Garofalakis, Haas, Jermaine: Synopses for Massive Data:Samples, Histograms, Wavelets, Sketches, FTD'12]

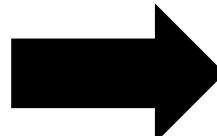
Column Similarity:

$$\text{Jaccard}(C_1, C_2) = \text{intersect}(C_1, C_2) / \text{Union}(C_1, C_2)$$

- Reduce dimension through Minhash:

- Find a hash function $h(\cdot)$ such that:
 - If $\text{sim}(C_1, C_2)$ is high, then with high prob. $h(C_1) = h(C_2)$
 - If $\text{sim}(C_1, C_2)$ is low, then with high prob. $h(C_1) \neq h(C_2)$
 - Estimate similarity by applying k different $h_i(\cdot)$
- Transform table into a Boolean matrix

Residence (A)	Country (B)	Birthplace (C)
Chicago	USA	New York
New York	Germany	Toronto
Berlin	Canada	Chicago



Values	A	B	C
Chicago	1	0	1
New York	1	0	1
Berlin	1	0	0
USA	0	1	0
Germany	0	1	0
Canada	0	1	0
Toronto	0	0	1

Minhash Example

- Simulate hash through permutation of row numbers
- Pick smallest row number where matrix value equals 1

Values	A	B	C
Chicago	1	0	1
New York	1	0	1
Berlin	1	0	0
USA	0	1	0
Germany	0	1	0
Canada	0	1	0
Toronto	0	0	1

h1	h2	h3
1	7	5
2	4	6
3	1	7
4	5	2
5	3	3
6	6	4
7	2	1

Hash	A	B	C
h1	1	4	1
h2	1	3	2
h3	5	2	1

$$\text{sim}(A,B) = 0$$

$$\text{sim}(A,C) = 0.33$$

$$\text{sim}(B,C) = 0$$

Single & Multi-Column Analysis

- Cardinalities
- Data types
- Patterns
- Column similarity
- Sketches, summaries
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- Overlap with data mining
- Most techniques:
 - Not very complex but approximations needed for big data/streaming data

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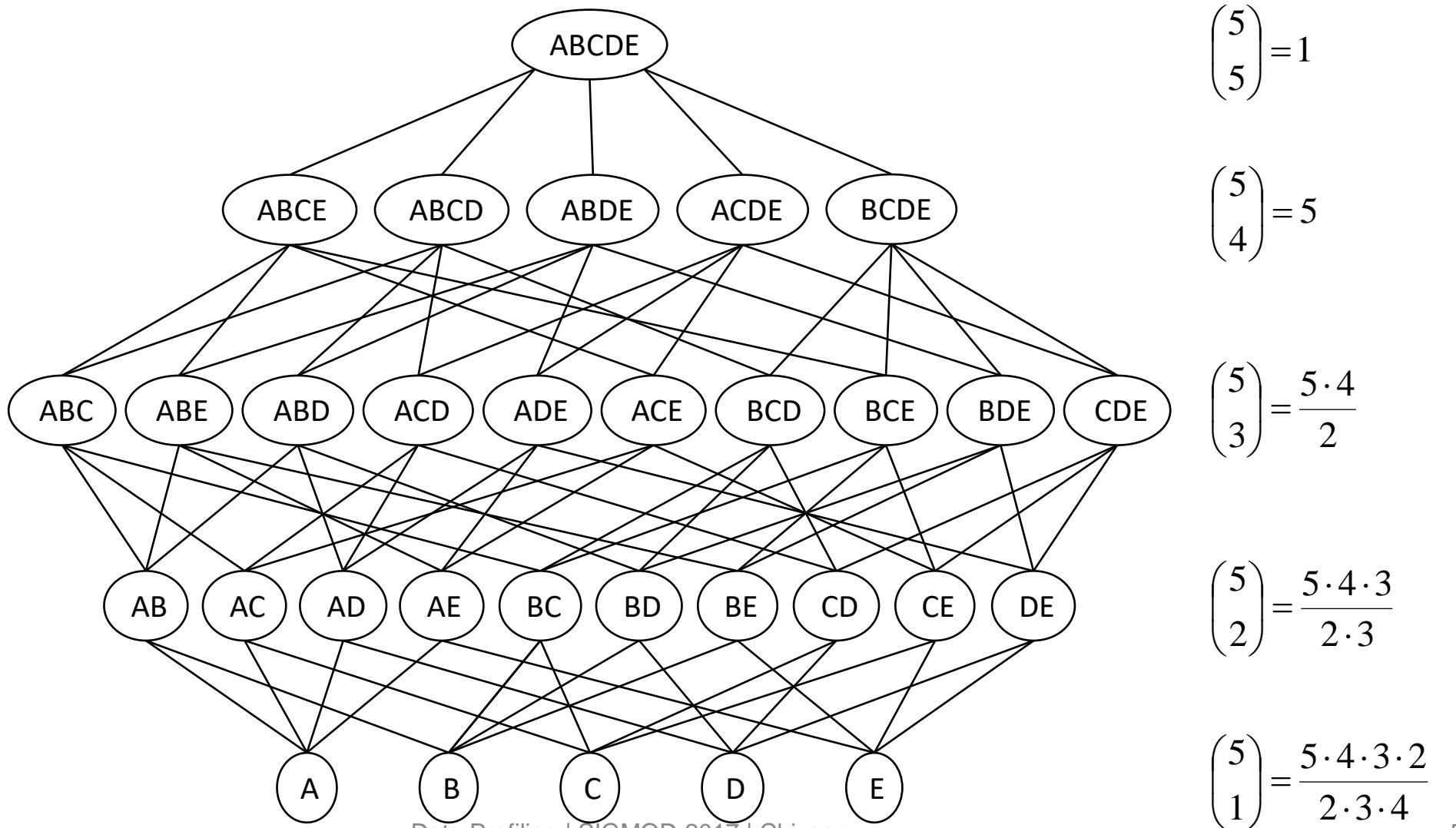
UNIQUE

JUST BECAUSE YOU ARE UNIQUE DOES NOT MEAN YOU ARE USEFUL

Applications

- Learn characteristics of a new data set
- Database management
 - Find candidate keys
- Query optimization
 - Cardinality estimations for joins
- Find duplicates / data quality issues
 - If expected unique column combinations are not unique

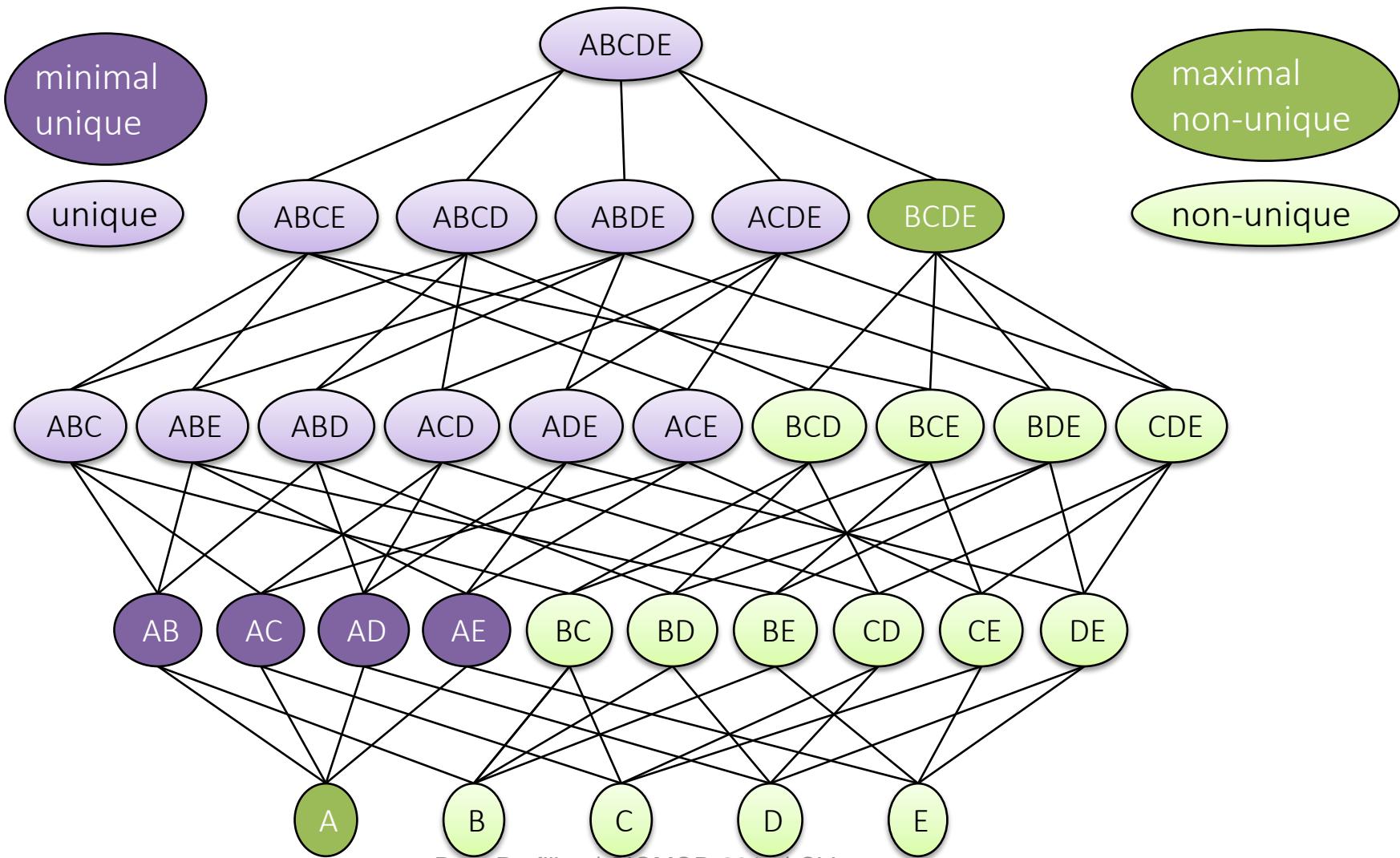
Search Space: Attribute Lattice



Complexity

- For a lattice over n columns
 - $\binom{n}{k}$ combinations of size k
 - All combinations: $2^n - 1$ (let's ignore the -1 from now on)
 - Largest solution set: $\binom{n}{n/2}$ minimal uniques of size $\frac{n}{2}$
 - Adding a column doubles the search space

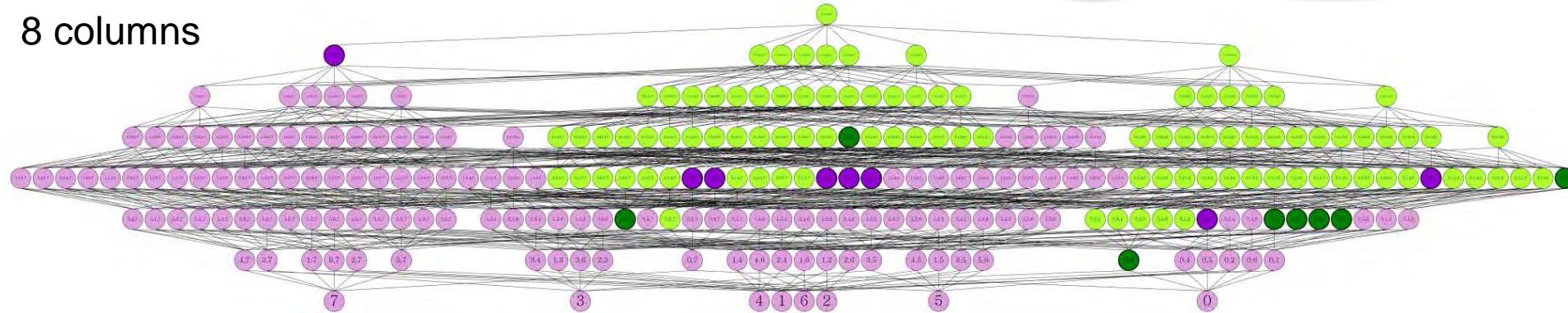
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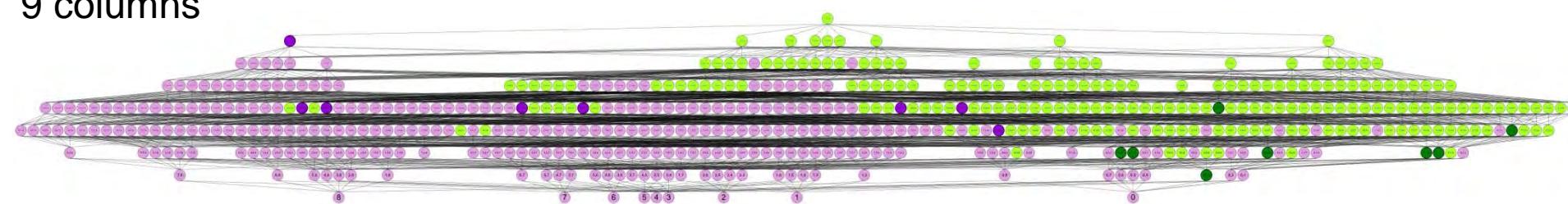
TPCH line item

unique non-unique

8 columns



9 columns



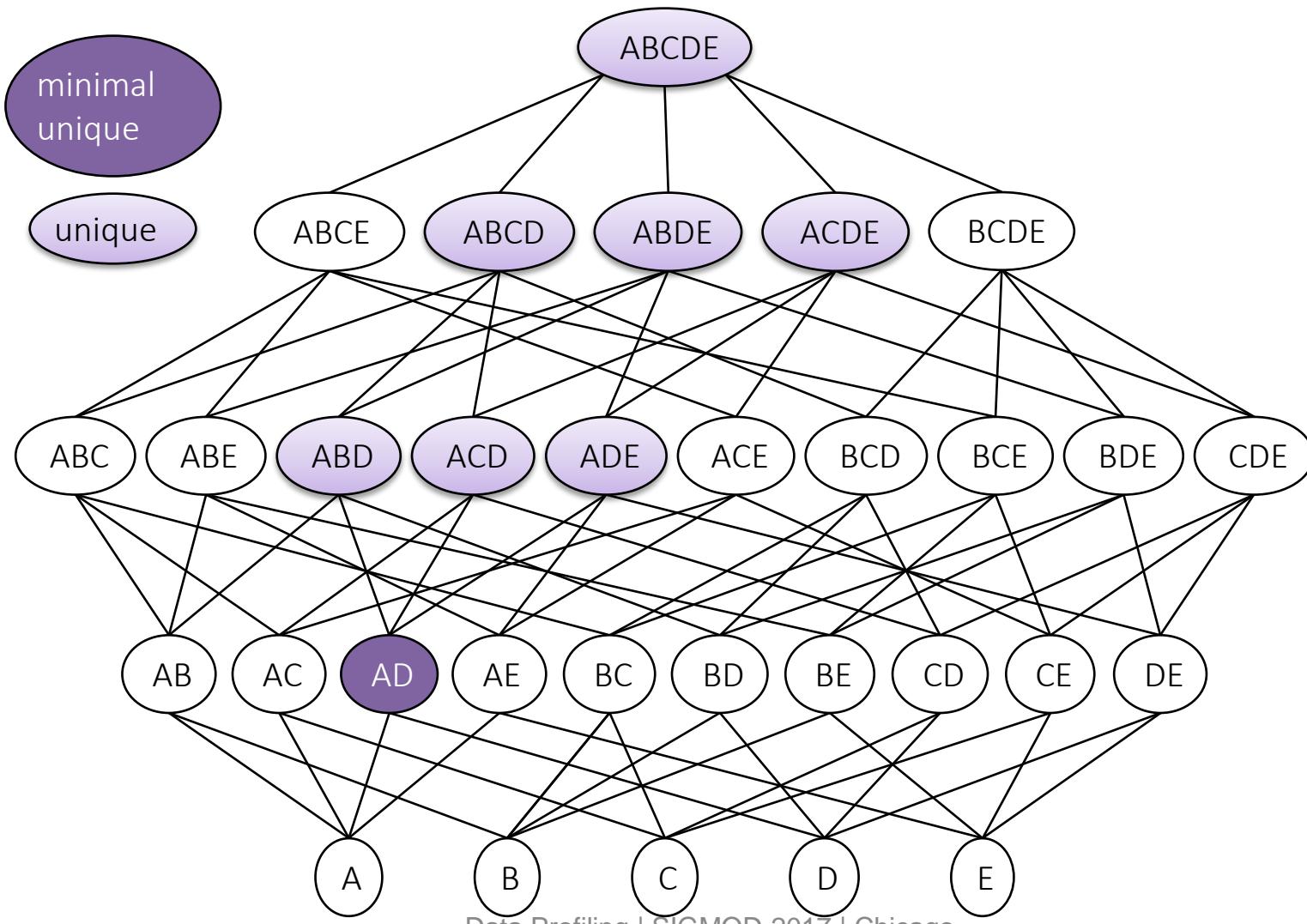
10 columns



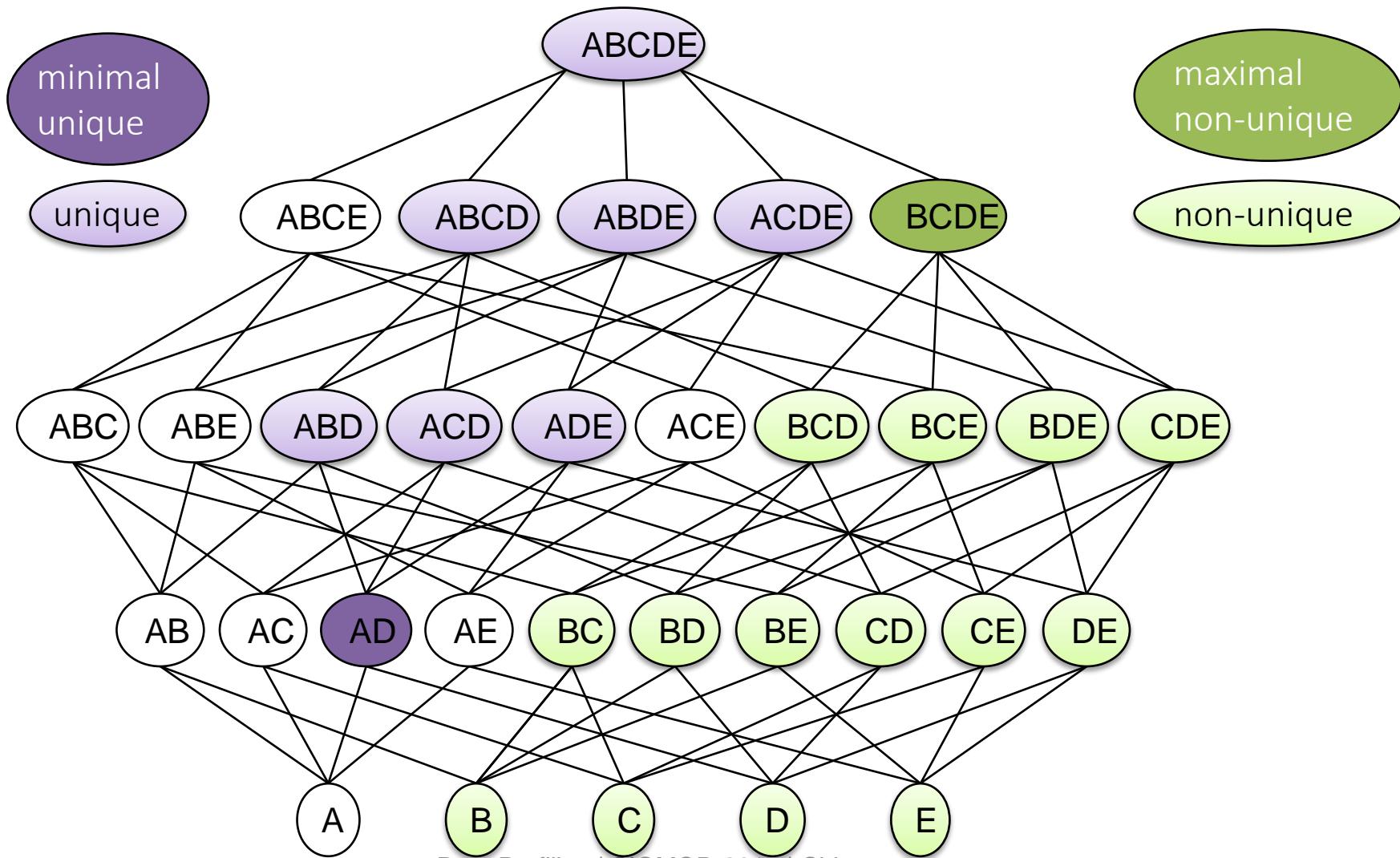
Pruning

- Pruning:
 - If X is unique, its supersets must be unique
 - If Y is non-unique, its subsets must be non-unique
- Finding a unique column prunes half the lattice
 - Remove column from initial data set and restart

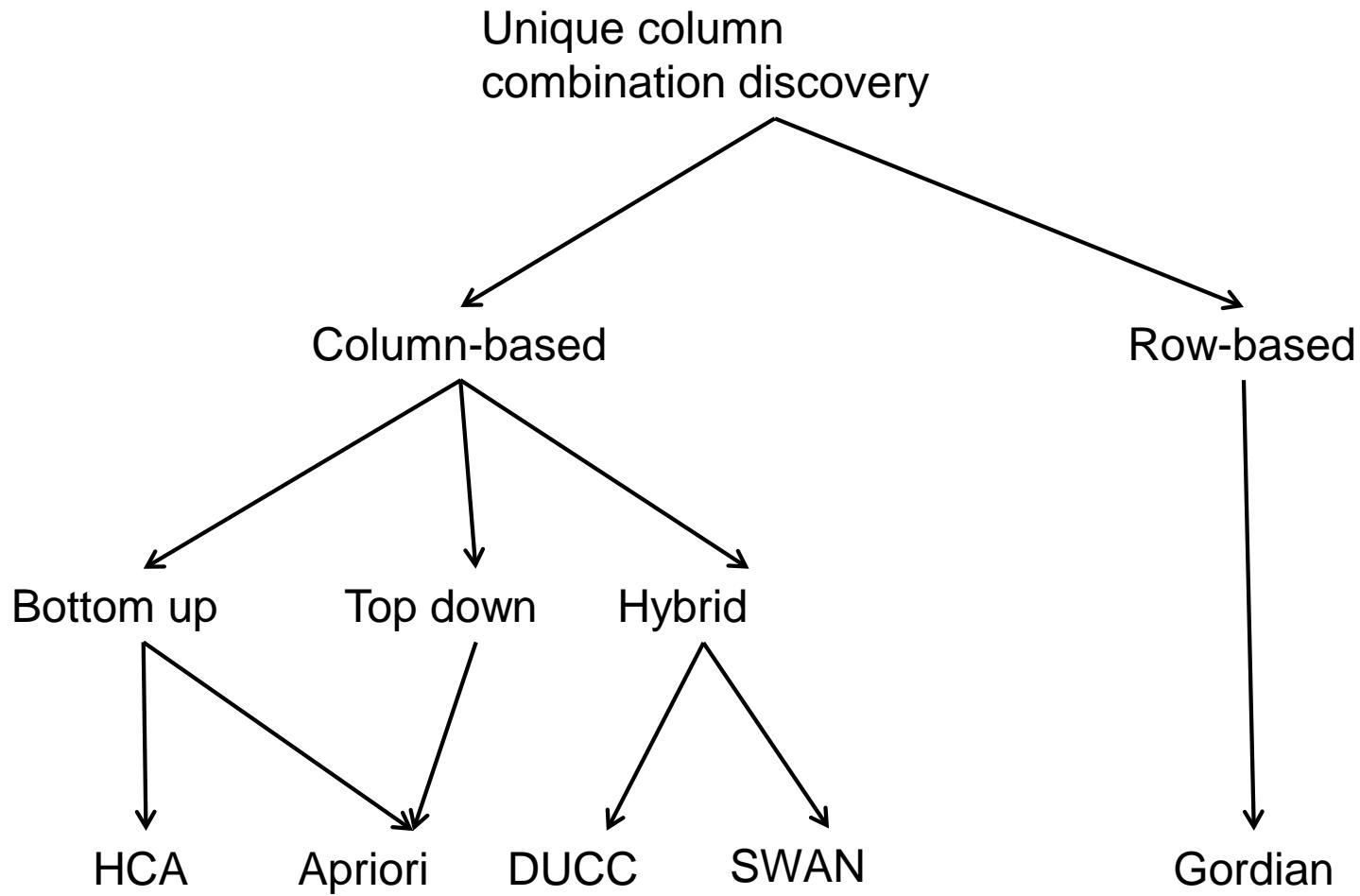
Pruning effect of attribute pair



Pruning both ways



Discovery Algorithms



Column-based algorithms

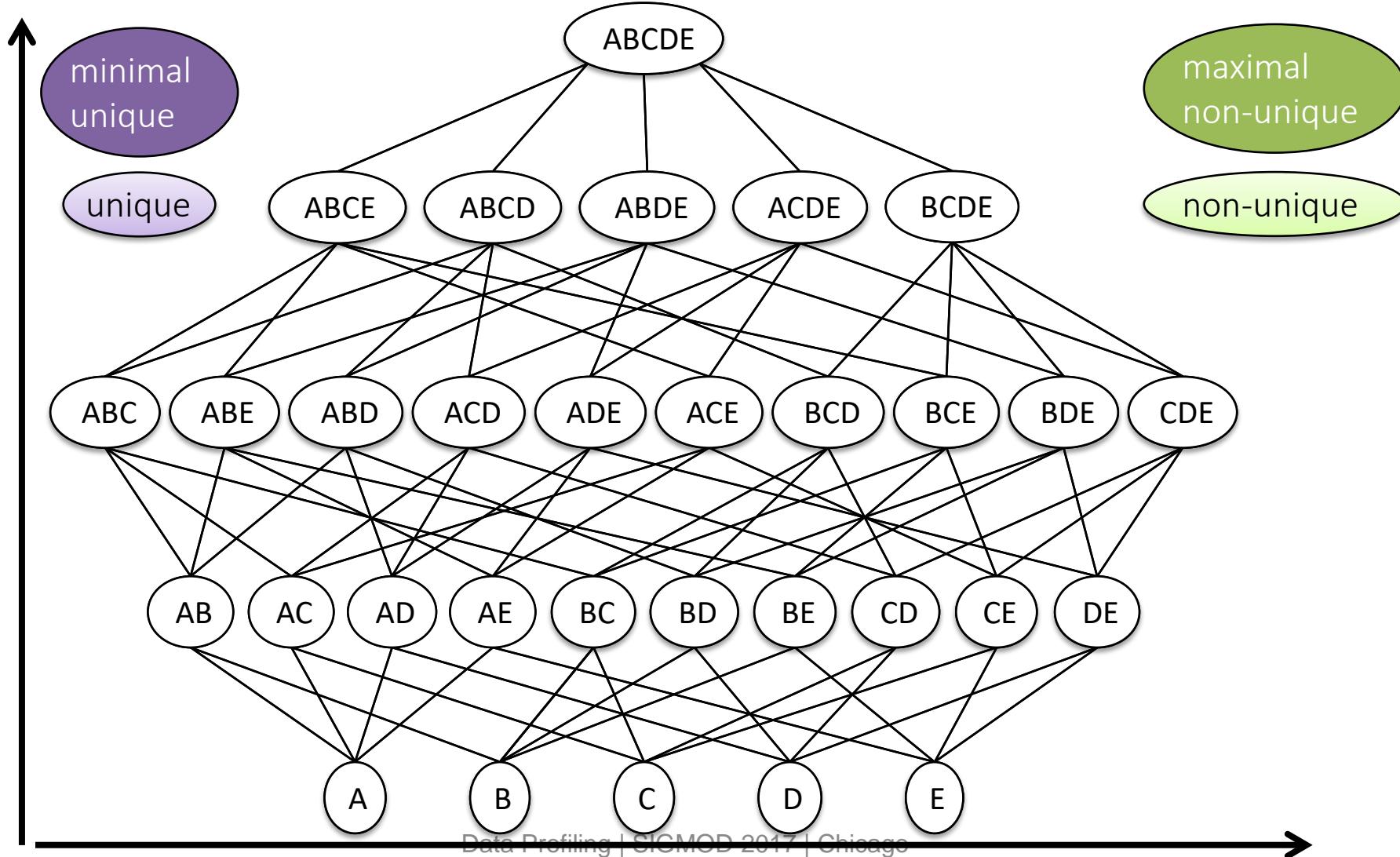
- Traverse through lattice
- Check for uniqueness
 - Can use database backend
 - `SELECT COUNT(DISTINCT A, B, C) FROM R`
 - Compare with row-count
- Prune lattice accordingly

Apriori-based

[Giannella, Wyss: Finding minimal keys in a relation instance. (1999)]

- Basic idea:
 - Using the state of combinations of size k
 - We need to visit only unpruned combinations of size $k+1$
 - Add non-unique columns to combination of size k
- Start with individual columns
- Check pairs of non-unique columns
- Check triples of non-unique pairs ...
- Terminate if no new combinations can be enumerated

Apriori visualized



Characteristics of Apriori

- Works well for small uniques
 - Bottom-up checks single columns first
- Best case: all columns are unique
 - n checks
- Worst case: no uniques = one duplicate row
 - 2^n checks
- Apriori is exponential in n

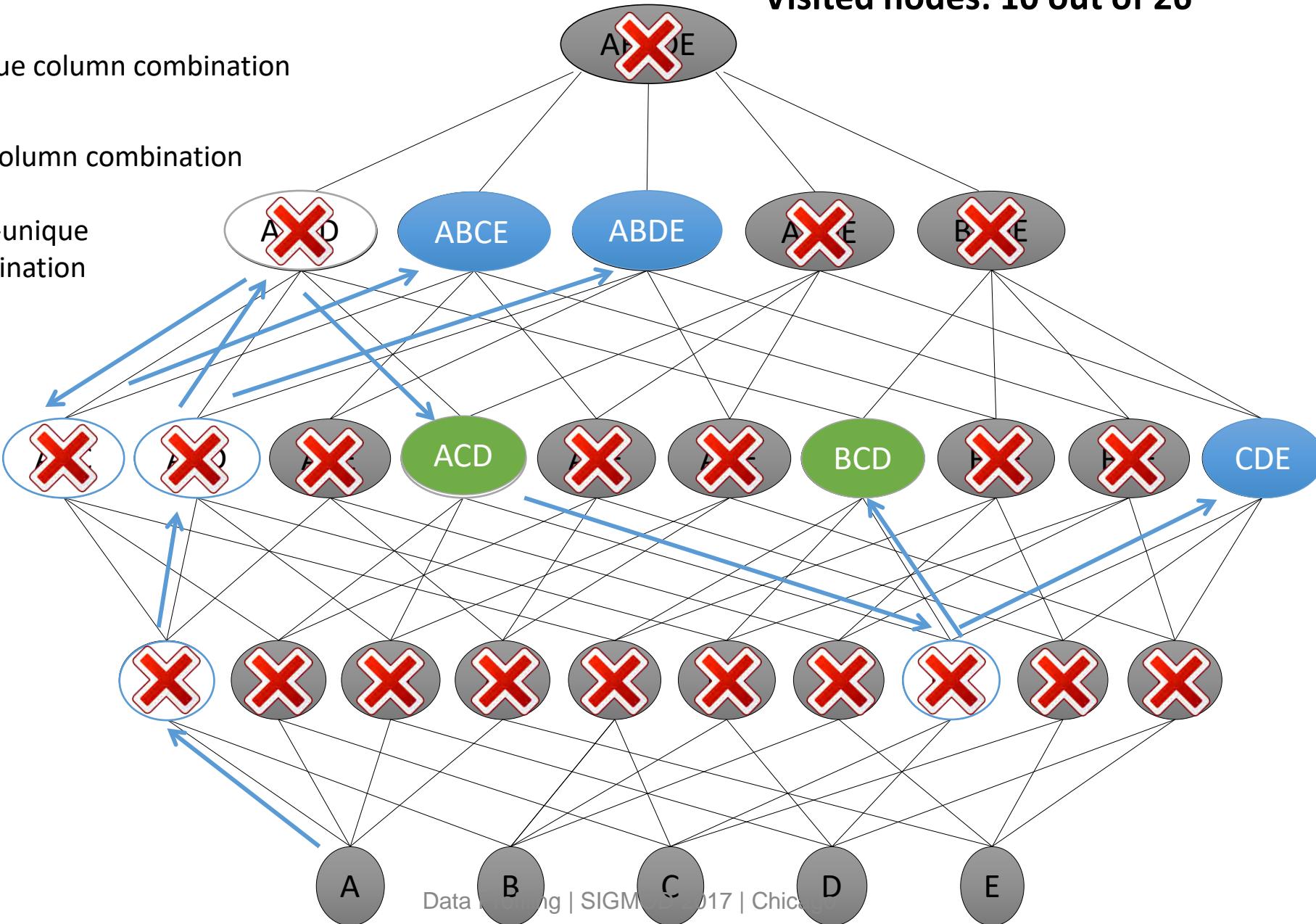
Extensions

- Top-down
 - Start from top (all columns)
 - Works well if solution set is high up
- Hybrid [Giannella, Wyss: Finding minimal keys in a relation instance. (1999)]
 - Interleaved bottom-up and top-down
 - Works well if solution set has many small and large combinations
 - Worst case: solution set in the middle
- Statistics-based extensions [Abedjan, Naumann: Advancing the discovery of unique column combinations, CIKM'11]
 - Uses histograms for pruning
- Random walk [Heise, Quiané-Ruiz, Abedjan, Jentzsch, Naumann: Scalable Discovery of Unique Column Combinations, PVLDB'14]
 - Pick random superset if current column set is non-unique, random subset otherwise

- Unique column combination
- Minimal unique column combination
- Non-unique column combination
- Maximal non-unique column combination
- Pruned**

ACD and BCD are minimal uniques

Visited nodes: 10 out of 26



Uniques on Dynamic Data: SWAN

[Abedjan, Quanie-Ruiz, Naumann: Detecting Unique Column Combinations on Dynamic Data, ICDE'14]

- **Inserts** may create new duplicate combinations
 - Minimal uniques might become non-unique
 - Maximal non-uniques might lose maximality
- **Deletes** remove duplicate value combinations
 - Non-uniques might become unique
 - Minimal uniques might lose minimality
- **SWAN**
 - Leverage previously discovered minimal uniques and maximal non-uniques
 - Create appropriate indices

Functional Dependencies



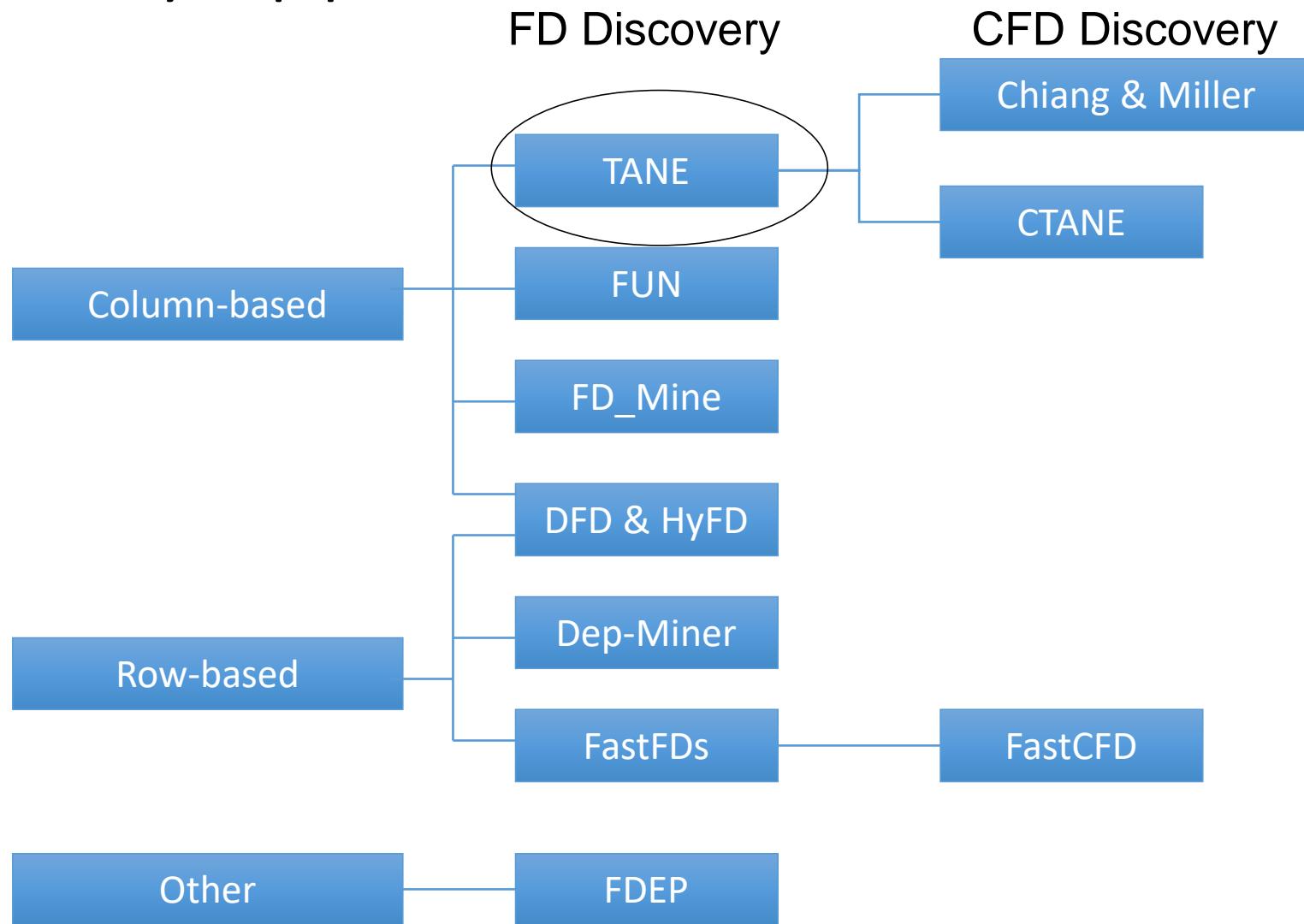
Trivial and minimal FDs

- „ $X \rightarrow A$ “ is a statement about a relation R: When two tuples have same value in attribute set X, the must have same values in attribute A.
- Non-trivial: At least one attribute on RHS does not appear on LHS
 - Street, City \rightarrow Zip, City
- Completely non-trivial: Attributes on LHS and RHS are disjoint.
 - Street, City \rightarrow Zip
- Minimal FD: RHS does not depend on any subset of LHS
- Typical goal: Given a relation R, find all minimal completely non-trivial functional dependencies.

Naive Discovery Approach

- Task: Given relation R , detect all minimal, non-trivial FDs $X \rightarrow A$.
- For each $A \in R$
 - For each column combination X in $R \setminus A$
 - If $\text{COUNT DISTINCT}(X) = \text{COUNT DISTINCT}(XA)$
 - Return $X \rightarrow A$
- Complexity
 - For each of the $|R|$ possibilities for RHS
 - check $2^{(|R|-1)}$ combinations for LHS

FD Discovery approaches

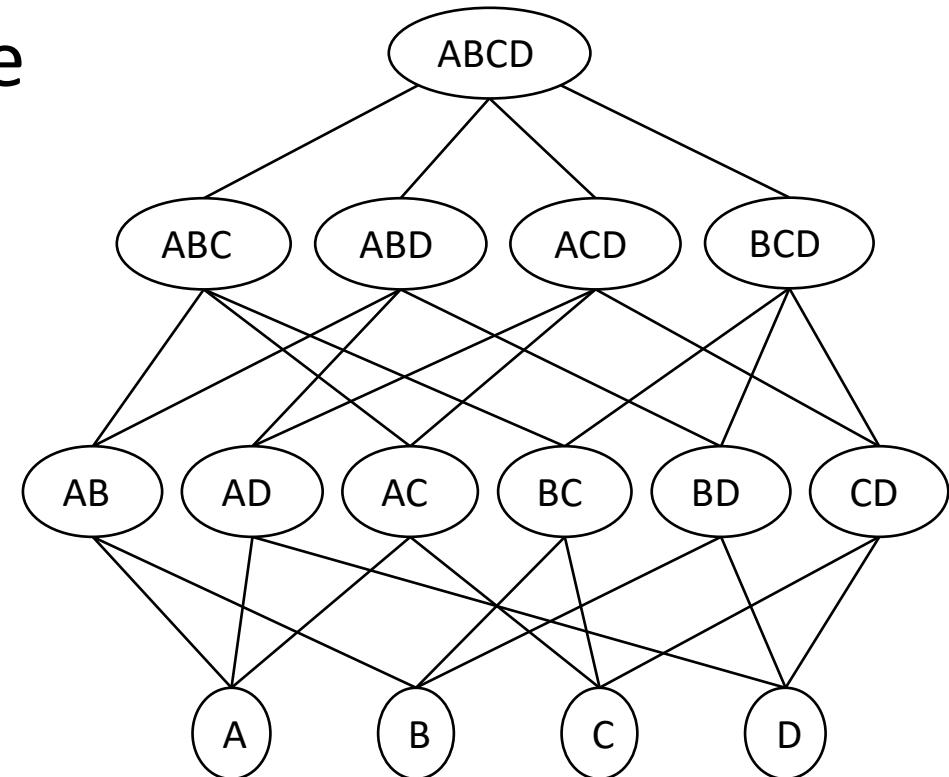


TANE

[Huhtala, Kärkkäinen, Porkka, Toivonen:TANE: An Efficient Algorithm for Discovering Functional and Approximate Dependencies,

Computer Journal'99]

- Bottom up traversal through lattice
 - \Rightarrow only minimal dependencies
 - Pruning: if $B \rightarrow C$, don't check $BD \rightarrow C$
 - Avoids COUNT DISTINCTs
- For a set X , test all $X \setminus A \rightarrow A$, $A \in X$
 - \Rightarrow only non-trivial dependencies

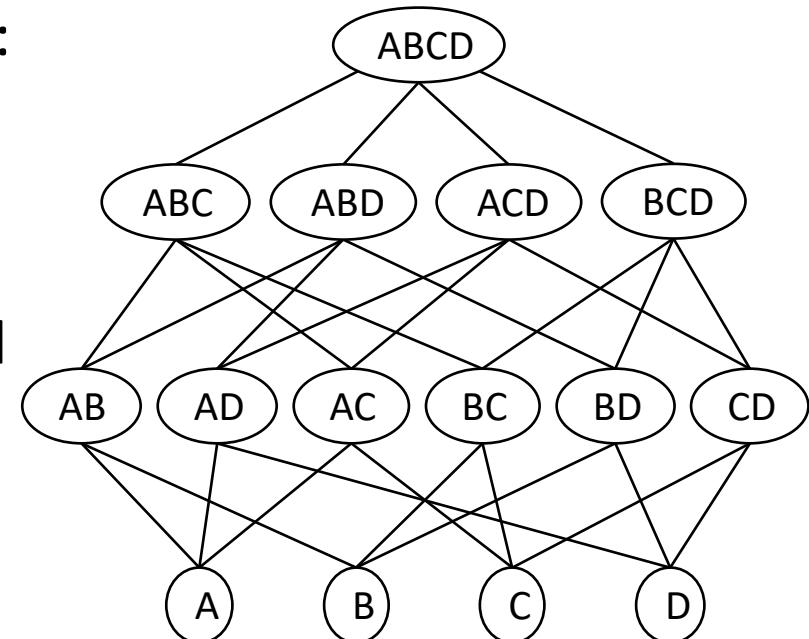


Candidate Sets

- RHS candidate set $C(X)$
- Stores only those attributes that might depend on **all** other attributes in X .
 - I.e., those that still need to be checked
 - If $A \in C(X)$ then A does not depend on any proper subset of X .
- $C(X) = R \setminus \{A \in X \mid X \setminus A \rightarrow A \text{ holds}\}$
- Examples: $R = \{ABCD\}$, and $A \rightarrow C$ and $CD \rightarrow B$ hold
 - $C(A) = \{ABCD\} \setminus \{\} = C(B) = C(C) = C(D)$
 - $C(AB) = \{ABCD\} \setminus \{\}$
 - $C(AC) = \{ABCD\} \setminus \{C\} = \{ABD\}$
 - $C(CD) = \{ABCD\} \setminus \{\}$
 - $C(BCD) = \{ABCD\} \setminus \{B\} = \{ACD\}$

RHS Candidate Pruning

- RHS candidates: $C^+(X) = \{A \in R \mid \forall B \in X: X \setminus \{A, B\} \rightarrow B \text{ does not hold}\}$
 - Special case: $A = B$ corresponds to $C(X)$
 - Reminder: $C(X) = R \setminus \{A \in X \mid X \setminus A \rightarrow A \text{ holds}\}$
- This definition removes three types of candidates:
 - Minimality
 - Pseudotransitivity
 - Superkey
- Examples: $R = \{ABCD\}$, and $A \rightarrow C$ and $CD \rightarrow B$ hold
 - $C(ABC) = \{A\}$
 - $C(BCD) = \{ACD\}$



Row-Based Algorithms

tuple id	first	last	age	phone
1	Max	Payne	32	1234
2	Eve	Smith	24	5432
3	Eve	Payne	24	3333
4	Max	Payne	24	3333

tuple ID pair	difference set
(1,2)	first, last, age, phone
(1,3)	first, age, phone
(1,4)	age, phone
(2,3)	last, phone
(2,4)	first, last, phone
(3,4)	first

- For each candidate RHS (say, phone)
- Find difference sets including phone, with phone removed
 - {first,last,age}, {first,age}, {age}, {last}, {first,last}
- So there are pairs of tuples with different phones and different {first,last,age}, different {first,age}, etc.
- Find minimal column subsets that have a non-empty intersection with each difference set
 - {last,age}
- Conclude that {last,age} → phone

FD Discovery on Dynamic Data

[Wang, Tsou, Lin and Hong: Maintenance of discovered functional dependencies: Incremental deletion, ISDA'03]

- Insertions
 - Existing FDs may be violated: Check each one
- Deletions
 - New FD may appear if conflicting tuple deleted: Revisit entire lattice

Order Dependencies



Example

#	ID	yr	posit	bin	sal	perc	tax	grp	subg
t_1	10	16	secr	1	5K	20%	1K	A	III
t_2	11	16	mngr	2	8K	25%	2K	C	II
t_3	12	16	direct	3	10K	30%	3K	D	I
t_4	10	15	secr	1	4.5K	20%	0.9K	A	III
t_5	11	15	mngr	2	6K	25%	1.5K	C	I
t_6	12	15	direct	3	8K	25%	2K	C	II

- $X \rightarrow A$ if sorting on X also sorts on A
- $\text{tax} \rightarrow \text{salary}$
- OIDs subsume FDs
 - If X functionally determines Y then X orders XY

Discovering Order Dependencies

- List-based lattice approach [Langer, Naumann: Discovering Order Dependencies, VLDBJ'15]
 - Apriori-like, but order matters: $XY \rightarrow A$ is different from $YX \rightarrow A$
- Set-based lattice approach [Szlichta, Godfrey, Golab, Kargar, Srivastava: Effective and Complete Discovery of Order Dependencies via Set-based Axiomatization, PVLDB'17]
 - Rewrite ODs using a set-based canonical form
- Both approaches:
 - New pruning rules based on OD semantics/axioms

Inclusion Dependencies



BINDER – divide & conquer based IND detection
 Linking web tables – an example

Name	Type	Equatorial diameter	Mass	Orbital radius	Orbital period	Rotation period	Confirmed moons	Rings	Atmosphere	Planet	Rotation Period	Revolution Period	Symbol	Unicode	Glyph	
Mercury	Terrestrial	0.382	0.06	0.47	0.24	58.64	0	no	minimal	Mercury	58.6 days	87.97 days	Sun	U+2609	○	
Venus	Terrestrial	0.949	0.82	0.72	0.62	-243.02	0	no	CO ₂ , N ₂	Venus	243 days	224.7 days	Moon	U+263D	☽	
Earth	Terrestrial	1.000	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1	no	N ₂ , O ₂ , Ar	Earth	0.99 days	365.26 days	Moon	U+263E	☾	
Mars	Terrestrial	0.532	0.11	1.52	1.88	1.03	2	no	CO ₂ , N ₂ , Ar	Mars	1.03 days	1.88 years	Mercury	U+263F	☿	
Jupiter	Giant	11.209	317.8	5.20	11.86	0.41	67	yes	H ₂ , He	Jupiter	0.41 days	11.86 years	Venus	U+2640	♀	
Saturn	Giant	9.449	95.2	9.54	29.46	0.43	62	yes	H ₂ , He	Saturn	0.45 days	29.46 years	Earth	U+1F728	♁	
Uranus	Giant	4.007	14.6	19.22	84.01	-0.72	27	yes	H ₂ , He	Uranus	0.72 days	84.01 years	Mars	U+2642	♂	
Neptune	Giant	3.883	17.2	30.06	164.8	0.67	14	yes	H ₂ , He	Neptune	0.67 days	164.79 years	Jupiter	U+2643	♃	
Mars		780			25.6					Pluto	6.39 days	248.59 years	Saturn	U+2644	♄	
Jupiter		399			13.1					Mercury	57.91	1	Uranus	U+2645	♅	
Saturn		378			12.4					Venus	108.21	1.86859	Uranus	U+26E2	♆	
Uranus		370			12.15					Earth	149.6	1.3825	Neptune	U+2646	♈	
Neptune		367			12.07					Mars	227.92	1.52353	Eris	≈ U+2641	♂	
										Ceres	413.79	1.81552	Eris	≈ U+29EC	♀	
										Jupiter	778.57	1.88154	Pluto	U+2647	♎	
										Saturn	1,433.53	1.84123	Pluto	not present	--	
										Uranus	2,872.46	2.00377	Aries	U+2648	♈	
										Neptune	4,495.06	1.56488	Taurus	U+2649	♉	
										Pluto	5,869.66	1.3058	Gemini	U+264A	♊	
										Planetary Joy			Cancer	U+264B	♋	
													Leo	U+264C	♌	
													Virgo	U+264D	♍	
													Libra	U+264E	♎	
													Scorpio	U+264F	♏	
													Sagittarius	U+2650	♐	
													Capricorn	U+2651	♑	
													Capricorn	U+2651	♑	
													Aquarius	U+2652	♒	
													Pisces	U+2653	♓	
													Conjunction	U+260C	☌	
													

Unary IND detection complexity

Name	Type	Equatorial diameter	Mass	Orbital radius	Orbital period	Rotation period	Confirmed moons	Rings	Atmosphere
Mercury	Terrestrial	0.382	0.06	0.47	0.24	58.64	0	no	minimal
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- Name ⊑ Type ?
- Name ⊑ Equatorial_diameter ?
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- Name ⊑ Confirmed_moons ?
- Name ⊑ Rings ?
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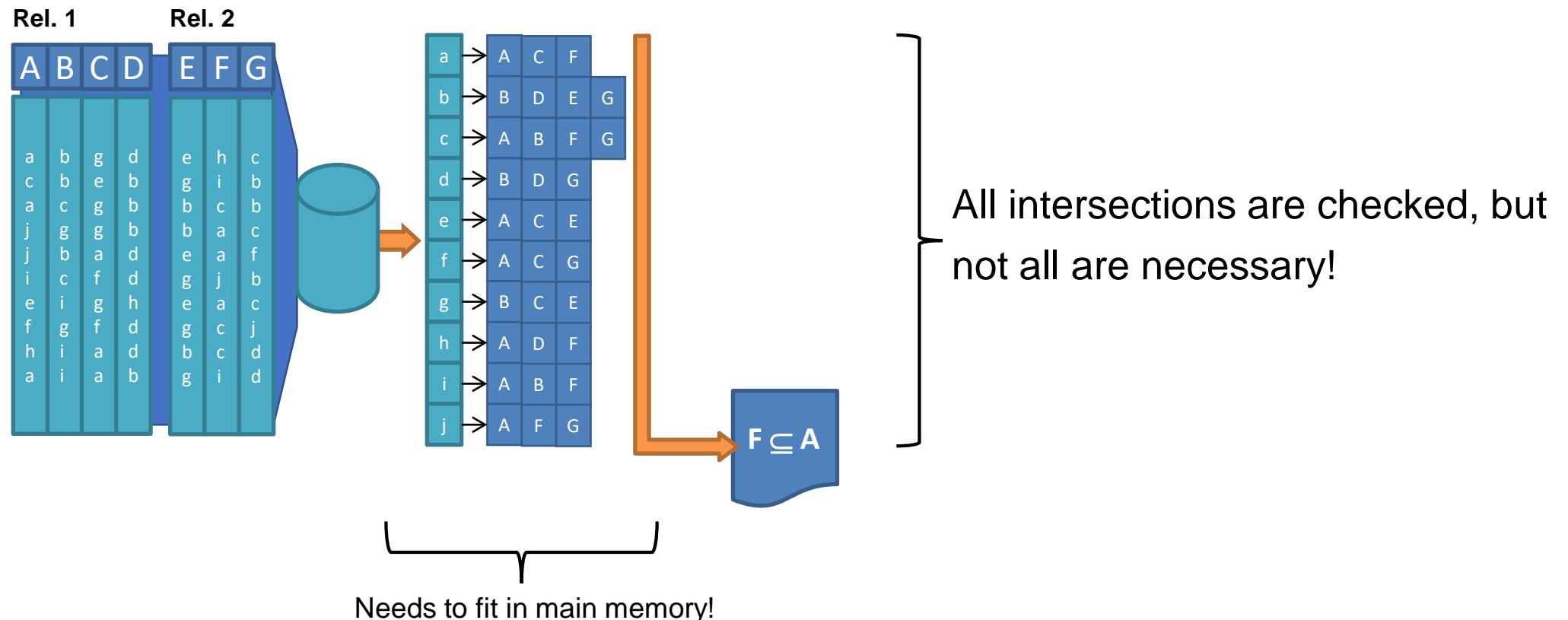
- Mass ⊑ Name ?
- Mass ⊑ Type ?
- Mass ⊑ Equatorial_diameter ?
- ...

Complexity: $O(n^2 \cdot n)$
for n attributes

Example:
10 attr ~ 90 checks
1,000 attr ~ 999,000 checks

MIND

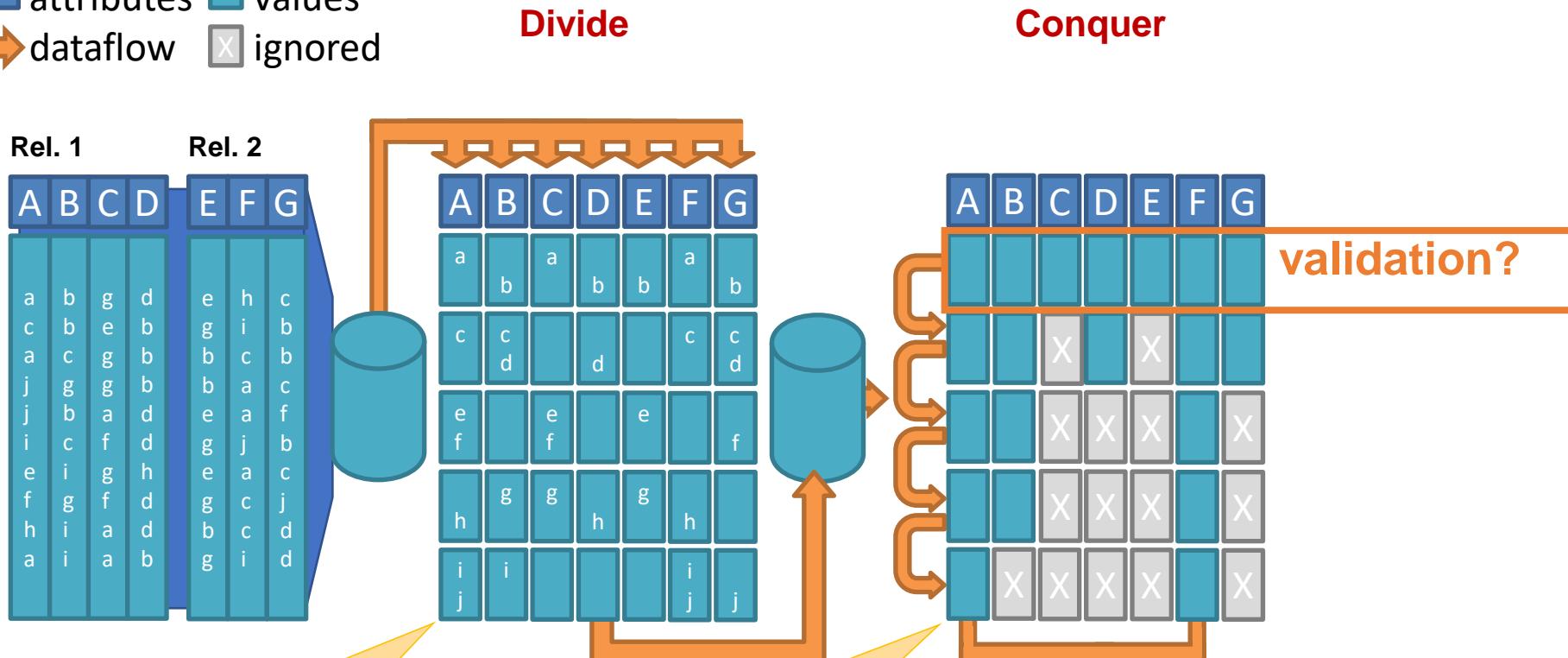
[Marchi, Lopes, Petit: Unary and n-ary inclusion dependency discovery in relational databases, JIIS'09]



BINDER

[Papenbrock, Quiane, Naumann: Divide & Conquer-based Inclusion Dependency Discovery, PVLDB'15]

■ attributes ■ values
➡ dataflow ✕ ignored



Dynamic Memory Handling:
Spill largest buckets to disk if
memory is exhausted.

Lazy Partition Refinement:
Split a partition if it does not
fit into main memory.

$$F \subseteq A$$

Extensions

- Dependencies are sensitive to data errors
- Conditional Functional Dependencies
 - $X \rightarrow A$ but only for $X=x_1$ and $X=x_5$
- Approximate Functional Dependencies
 - How many rows (at a minimum) would have to be removed so the remaining rows satisfy the FD?
- Metric Functional Dependencies
 - $X \rightarrow A$ holds if tuples that agree on X have A s within some distance

RFD abbrev.	RFD name
ACOD	Approximate comparable dependency
ADD	Approximate differential dependency
AFD	Approximate functional dependency
COD	Comparable dependency
CFD	Conditional functional dependency
CFD ^p	CFD with built-in predicates
CFD ^c	CFD with cardinality constraints and synonym rules
CMD	Conditional matching dependency
CSD	Conditional sequential dependency
CD	Constrained functional dependency
DD	Differential dependency
eCFD	Extended conditional functional dependency
FFD	Fuzzy functional dependency
MD	Matching dependency
MFD	Metric functional dependency
ND	Neighborhood dependency
NUD	Numerical dependency
OD	Order dependency
OD _K	OD satisfied within bound k
ODEA	OD satisfied almost everywhere
OFD	Ordered functional dependency
PD	Partial determination
POD	Polarized order dependencies
prefFD	Preference functional dependency
PAC	Probabilistic approximate constraint
pFD	Probabilistic functional dependency
PUD	Purity dependency
RUD	Roll-up dependency
SD	Sequential dependency
SFD	Similarity functional dependency
soft FD	Soft functional dependency
XCFD	XML conditional functional dependency
$\sigma\theta$ XFDFD	XML FD with σ and θ approximation

[Caruccio, Deufemia, Polese: Relaxed Functional Dependencies - A Survey of Approaches. TKDE '16]

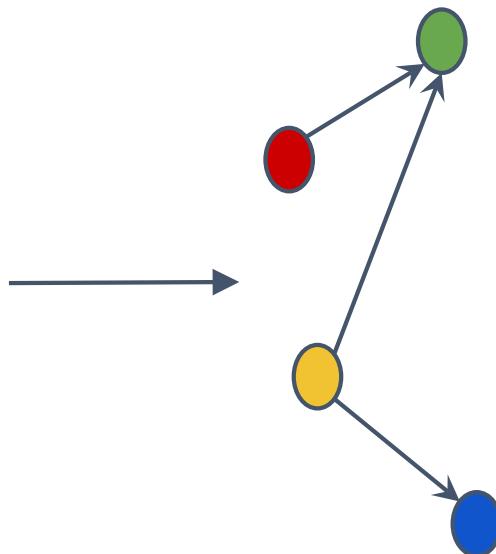
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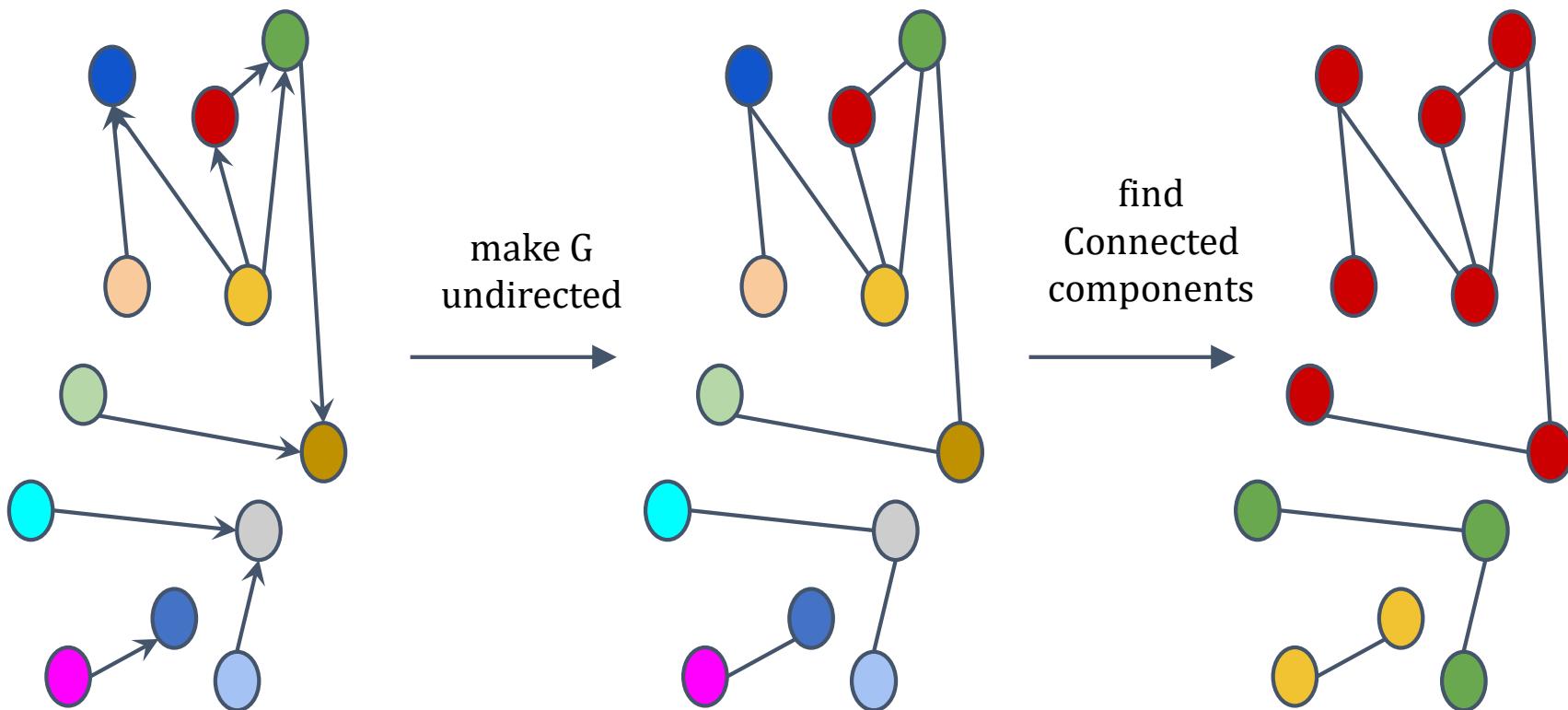
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}
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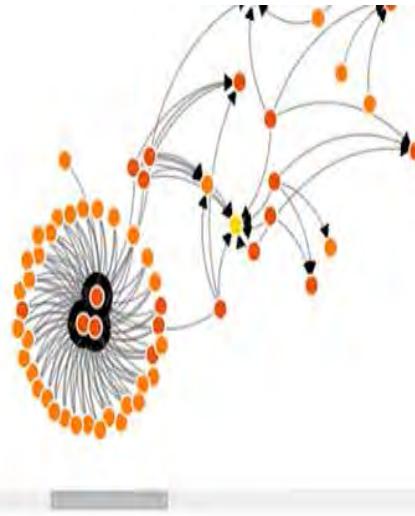
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    }  
)
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Visualization



Interactive Front End



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Celestial Objects	Rotation period	Rotation period
Sun	25.379995 days (equatorial) 35 days (high latitude)	25 d 9 h 7 m 11.6 s 35 d
Mercury	58.6462 days	58 d 15 h 30 m 30 s
Venus	2243.0187 days	2243 d 0 h 26 m
Earth	0.99726968 days	0 d 23 h 56 m 4.100 s
Moon	27.321661 days (synchronous toward Earth)	27 d 7 h 43 m 11.5 s
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Ceres	0.37809 days	0 d 9 h 4 m 27.0 s
Jupiter	0.4135344 days (deep interior) 0.41007 days (equatorial) 0.41369942 days (high latitude)	0 d 9 h 55 m 29.37 s 0 d 9 h 50 m 30 s 0 d 9 h 55 m 43.63 s
Saturn	0.44403 days (deep interior) 0.426 days (equatorial) 0.443 days (high)	0 d 10 h 39 m 24 s 0 d 10 h 14 m 0 d 10 h 38 m

Zoom (1-5)

Range (logarithmic)

Dataset

allFilters

Ranking Dependencies

- Uniques/FDs/ODs
 - rank by size of left hand side ($X \rightarrow A$ over $XYZW \rightarrow A$)
 - rank by position in schema
 - note: apriori-like approaches naturally produce “small” dependencies first
- Inclusion dependencies
 - rank by syntactic similarity: ($\text{name} \subseteq \text{cust_name}$)
 - rank by overlap (given $A \subseteq B$, compute $|B/A|$)
- Approximate dependencies
 - rank by how many rows satisfy them
- Conditional dependencies
 - rank by support (how many rows they cover)

More Dependencies

- Denial constraints [Chu, Ilyas, Papotti: Discovering denial constraints, PVLDB'13]
 - First order logic
 - E.g., If two people live in the same province, the one earning a lower salary must pay less tax
- Differential dependencies [Song and Chen: Differential dependencies: Reasoning and discovery, TODS, 2011]
 - $X \rightarrow Y$ holds when any pair of tuples whose X values are close also have Y values which are close
- Sequential dependencies [Golab, Karloff, Korn, Saha, Srivastava: Sequential dependencies, PVLDB'09]
 - $X \rightarrow [p,q] A$ holds if sorting by X also sorts by A, and consecutive A values are at least p and at most q apart
 - E.g., Year $\rightarrow [0,1000]$ Salary means that salaries do not decrease over time and increase by at most 1000/year

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Tutorial Overview

- Motivation
 - Task classification
 - Use cases
- Tools
 - Research and industry
 - Shortcomings
- Single and Multiple Column Analysis
 - Cardinalities and datatypes
 - Co-occurrences and summaries
- Dependencies
 - UCCs, FDs, ODs, INDs
 - and their discovery algorithms
- Outlook
 - Functionality
 - Semantics



Part Overview

- Functional challenges
- Non-functional challenges
- Semantics of Dependencies



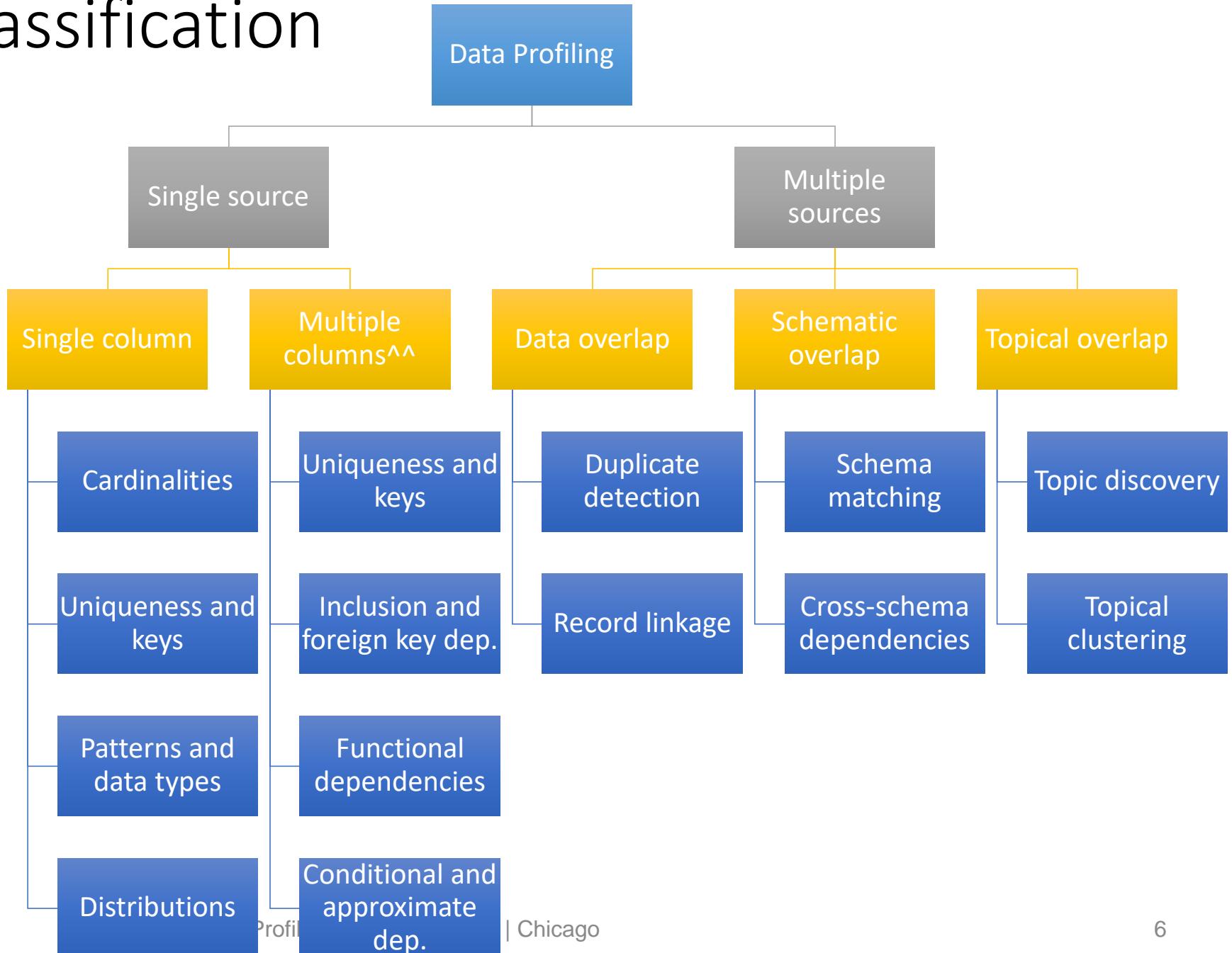
An aerial photograph of a large city, likely Chicago, showing a dense urban area with a grid-like street pattern. The city is surrounded by water, with a prominent river or lake to the east. The buildings vary in height, with many skyscrapers concentrated in the central business district. The overall scene is a high-angle view of a major metropolitan area.

Extending the Functionality of Data Profiling

Many Other Kinds of Dependencies

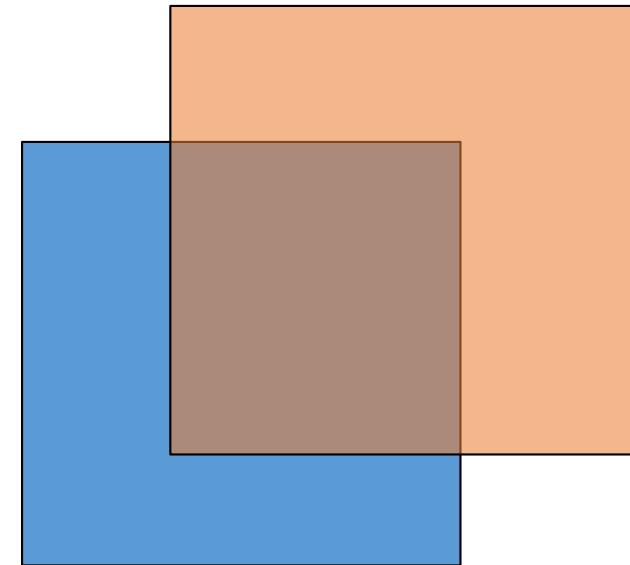
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Extended Classification of Profiling Tasks

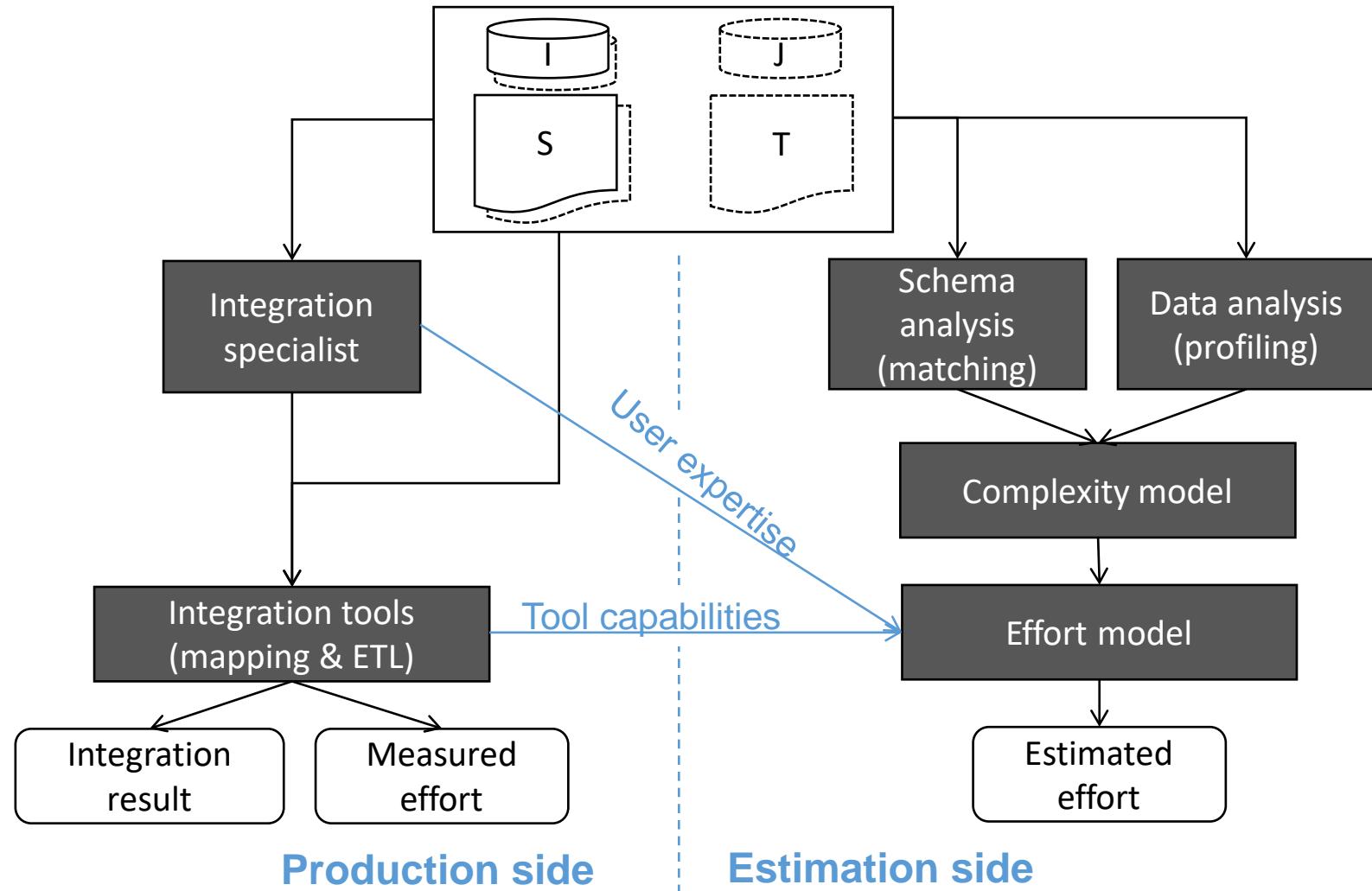


Profiling for Integration

- Create measures to estimate integration (and cleansing) effort
 - Schema and data overlap
 - Severity of heterogeneity
- Schema matching/mapping
 - What constitutes the “difficulty” of matching/mapping?
- Duplicate detection
 - Estimate data overlap
 - Estimate fusion effort
- Overall: Determine integration complexity and integration effort
 - Intrinsic complexity: Schema and data
 - Extrinsic complexity: Tools and expertise



Integration Effort Estimation



[Kruse, Papotti, Naumann: Estimating Data Integration and Cleaning Effort. EDBT 2015]

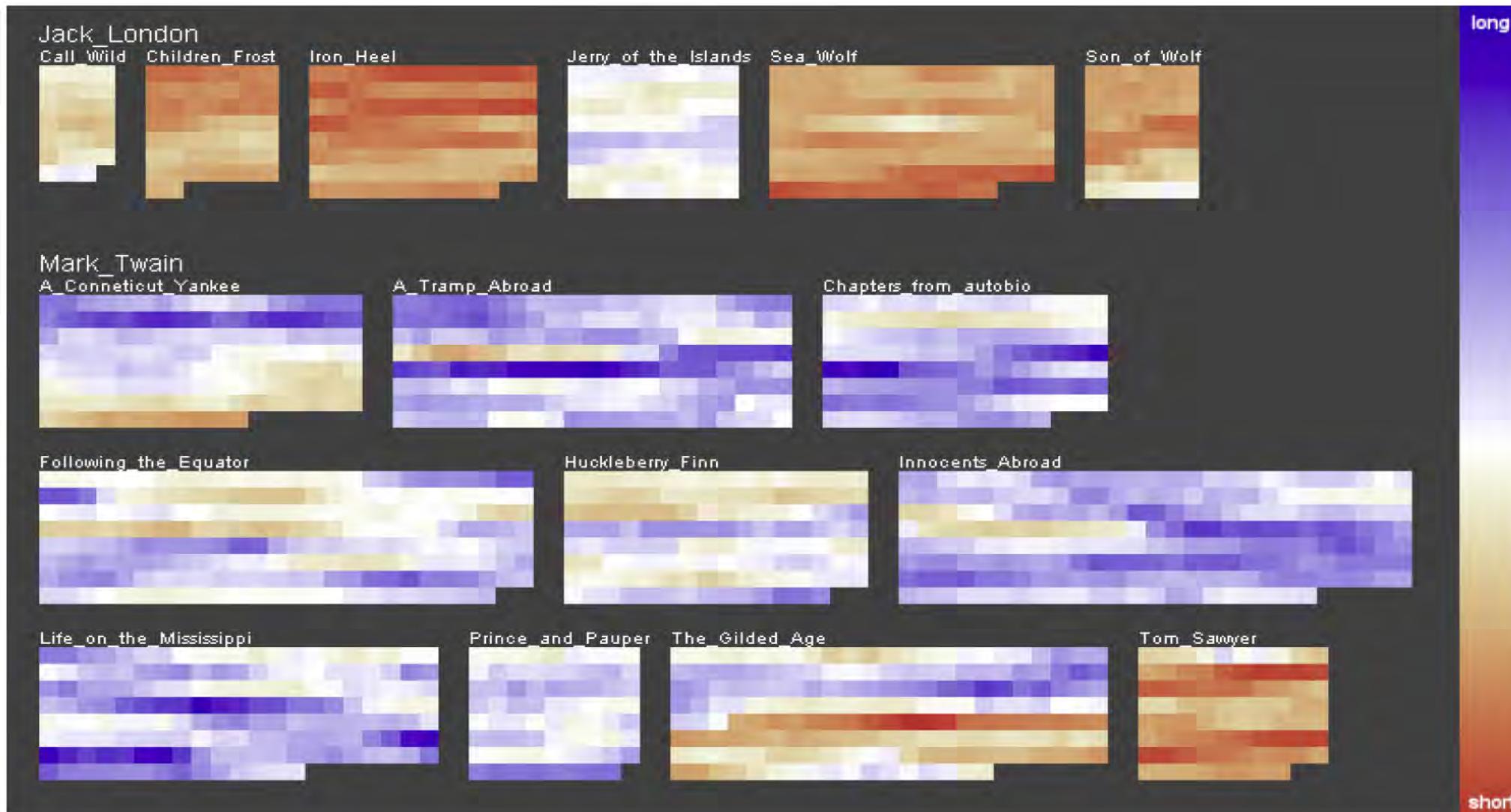
Profiling new Types of Data

- Traditional data profiling: Single table or multiple tables
- More and more data in other models
 - XML / nested relational / JSON
 - RDF triples
 - Textual data: Blogs, Tweets, News
 - Multimedia data
- Different models offer new dimensions to profile
 - XML: Nestedness, measures at different nesting levels
 - RDF: Graph structure, in- and outdegrees
 - Multimedia: Color, video-length, volume, etc.
 - Text: Sentiment, sentence structure, complexity, and other linguistic measures

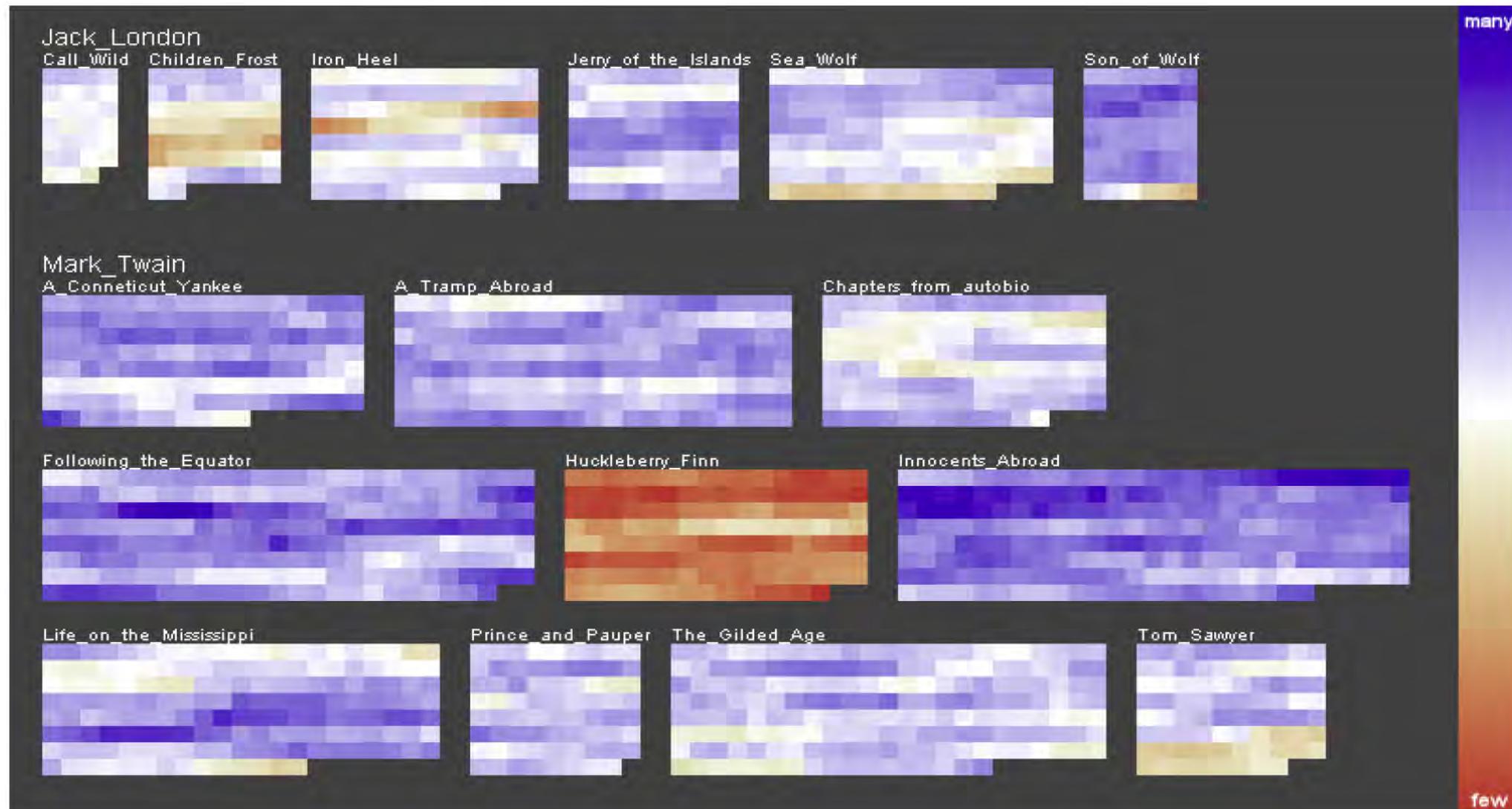
Example: Text Profiling

- Statistical measures
 - Syllables per word
 - Sentence length
 - Proportions of parts of speech
- Vocabulary measures
 - Frequencies of specific words
 - Type-token ratio
 - Simpson's index (vocabulary richness)
 - Number of hapax (dis)legomena
 - Token that occurs exactly once (twice) in the corpus
 - Characterize style of an author

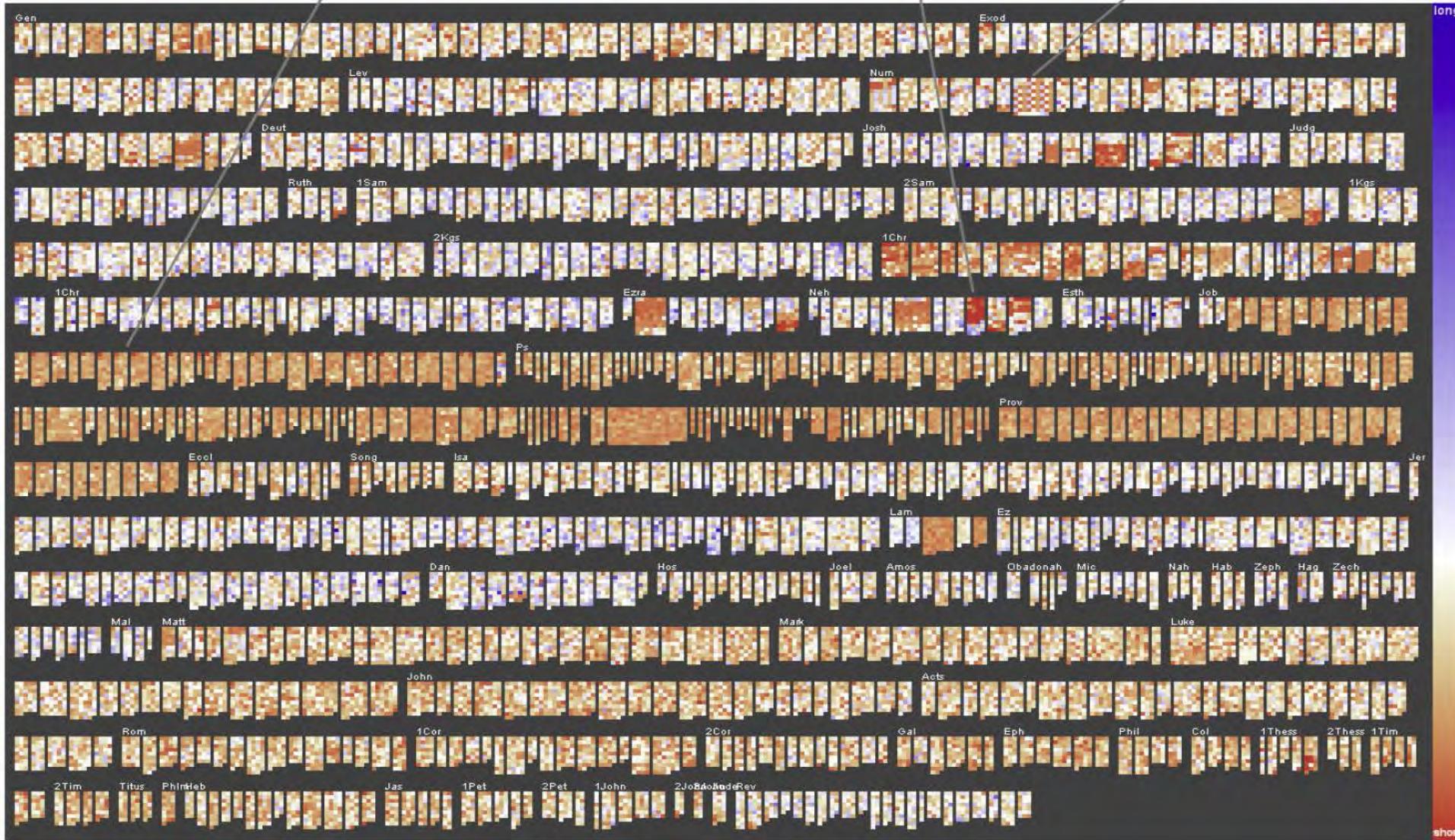
Average Sentence Length



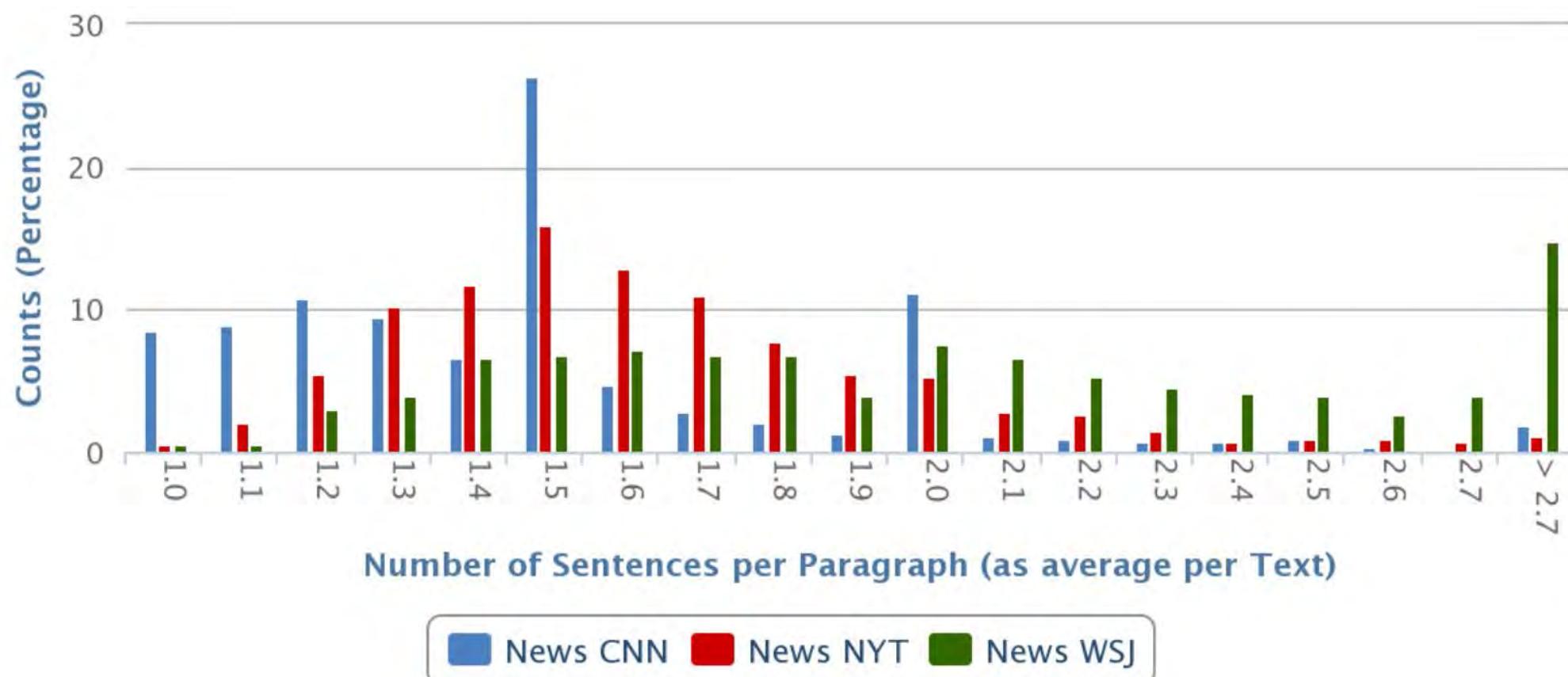
Hapax Legomena



Verse Length



Example: News Article Statistics



A photograph of the Chicago skyline at dusk or night, viewed from across a body of water. The city lights reflect off the water, and the sky is a gradient of orange and blue. In the foreground, there is a snow-covered area with some bare trees and streetlights.

Improving Non-Functional Properties of Data Profiling

Holistic Profiling

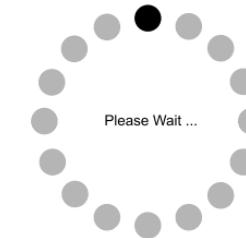
- Various profiling methods for various profiling tasks
- Commonalities/similarities
 - Search space: All column combinations (or pairs thereof)
 - I/O: Read all data at least once
 - Data structure: Some index or hash table
 - Pruning and candidate generation: based on subset/superset relationships
 - Sortation: Benefit from sorted sets
- Challenge: Develop single method to output all/most profiling results

Incremental Profiling

- Data is dynamic
 - Insert (batch or tuple-based)
 - Updates
 - Deletes
- Problem: Keep profiling results up-to-date without reprofiling the entire data set
 - Easy examples: SUM, MIN, MAX, COUNT, AVG
 - Difficult examples: MEDIAN, uniqueness, FDs, etc.

Online Profiling

- Profiling is long procedure
 - Boring for developers
 - Expensive for machines (I/O and CPU)
- Challenge: Display intermediate results
 - ... of improving/converging accuracy
 - Allows early abort of profiling run
- Gear algorithms toward that goal
 - Allow intermediate output
 - Enable early output: “progressive” profiling

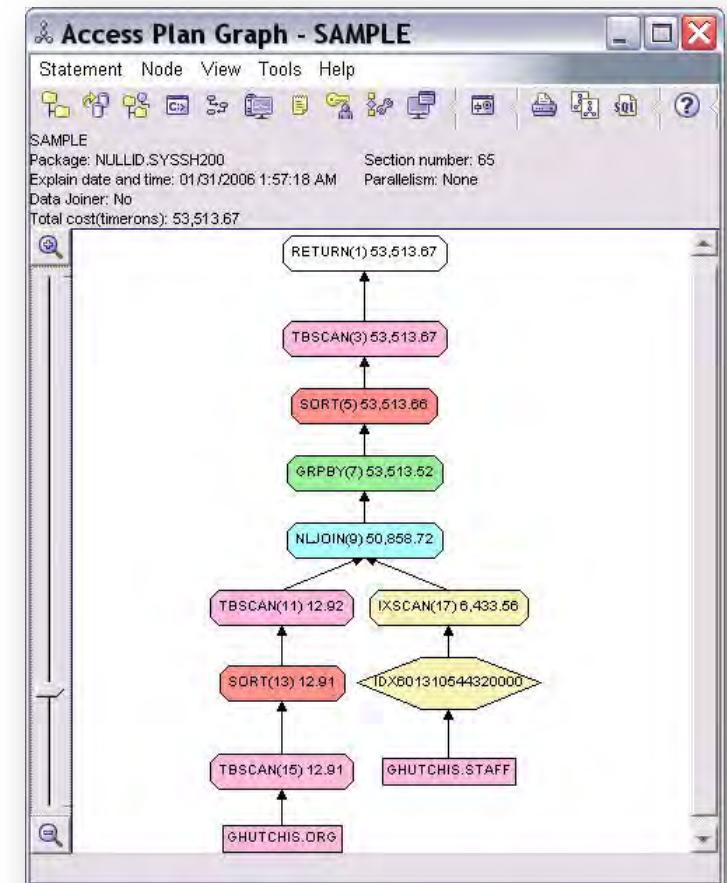


Temporal Profiling

- Observe behavior of dependencies over time
 - Do FDs appear and disappear?
 - Does a partial IND become less partial over time?
 - ...
- Metadata monitoring
 - Meta-Metadata

Profiling Query Results

- Query results are boring: Spruce them up with some metadata
 - Usually only: Row count
 - For each column, give some statistics
- Idea: Piggy-back profiling on query execution
 - Re-use sortations, hash tables, etc.



Data Generation and Testing

- Generate volumes of data with certain properties
 - Test extreme cases
 - Test scalability
- Problem: Interaction between properties
 - FDs vs. uniqueness
 - Patterns vs. conditional INDs
 - Distributions vs. all others...
- Problem: Create realistic data
 - Distributions, patterns
 - Placement of dependencies (tight or spread out)

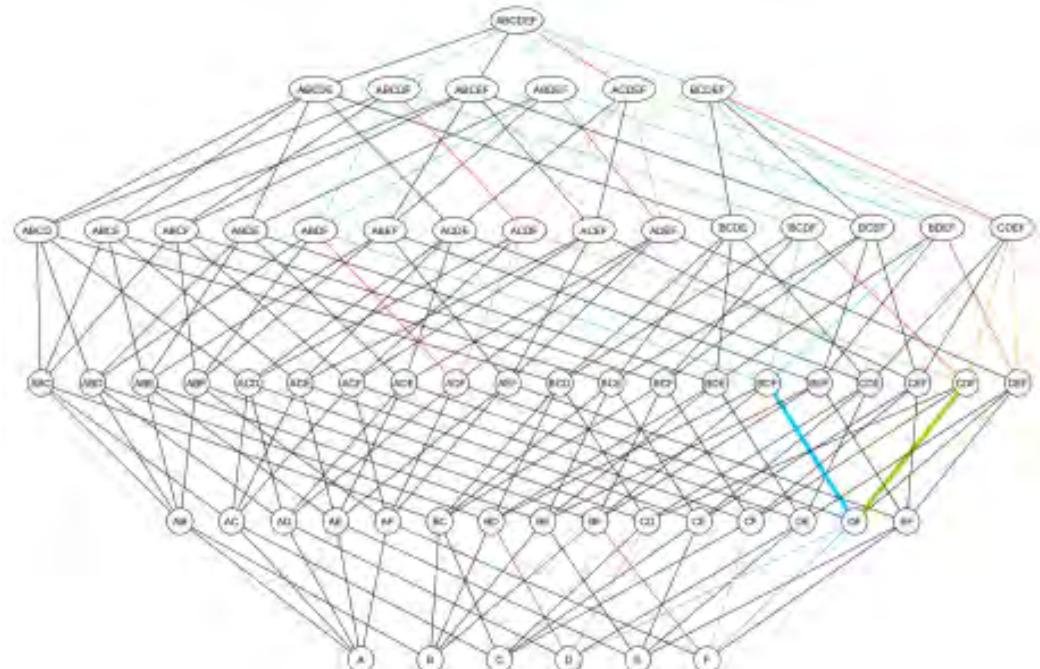
Recent work

[Arocena et al. : Messing Up with BART: Error Generation for Evaluating Data-Cleaning Algorithms. PVLDB 9(2), 2015]

[Arocena et al. : The iBench Integration Metadata Generator . PVLDB 9(3), 2015]

Data Profiling Benchmark

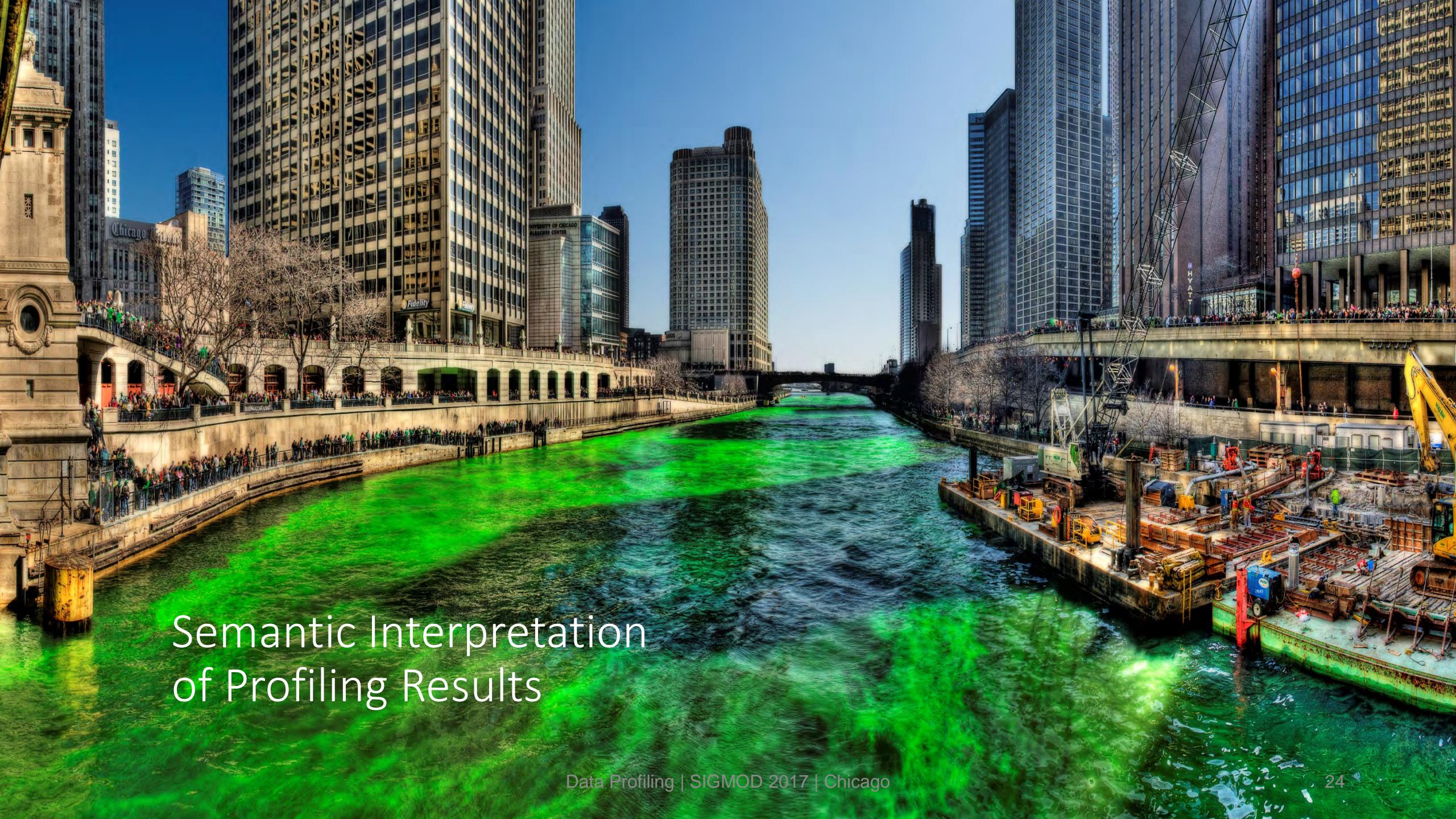
- Define data
 - Data generation
 - Real-world dataset(s)
 - Different scale-factors: Rows and columns
 - Define tasks
 - Individual tasks
 - Sets of tasks
 - Define measures
 - Speed
 - Speed/cost
 - Minimum hardware requirements
 - Accuracy for approximate approaches



Summary – much to do

- Efficient profiling
- Scalable profiling
- Holistic profiling
- Incremental profiling
- Online profiling
- Temporal profiling
- Profiling query results
- Profiling new types of data
- Data profiling benchmark





Semantic Interpretation of Profiling Results

Turning Instance-based Observations to Schema-based Constraints

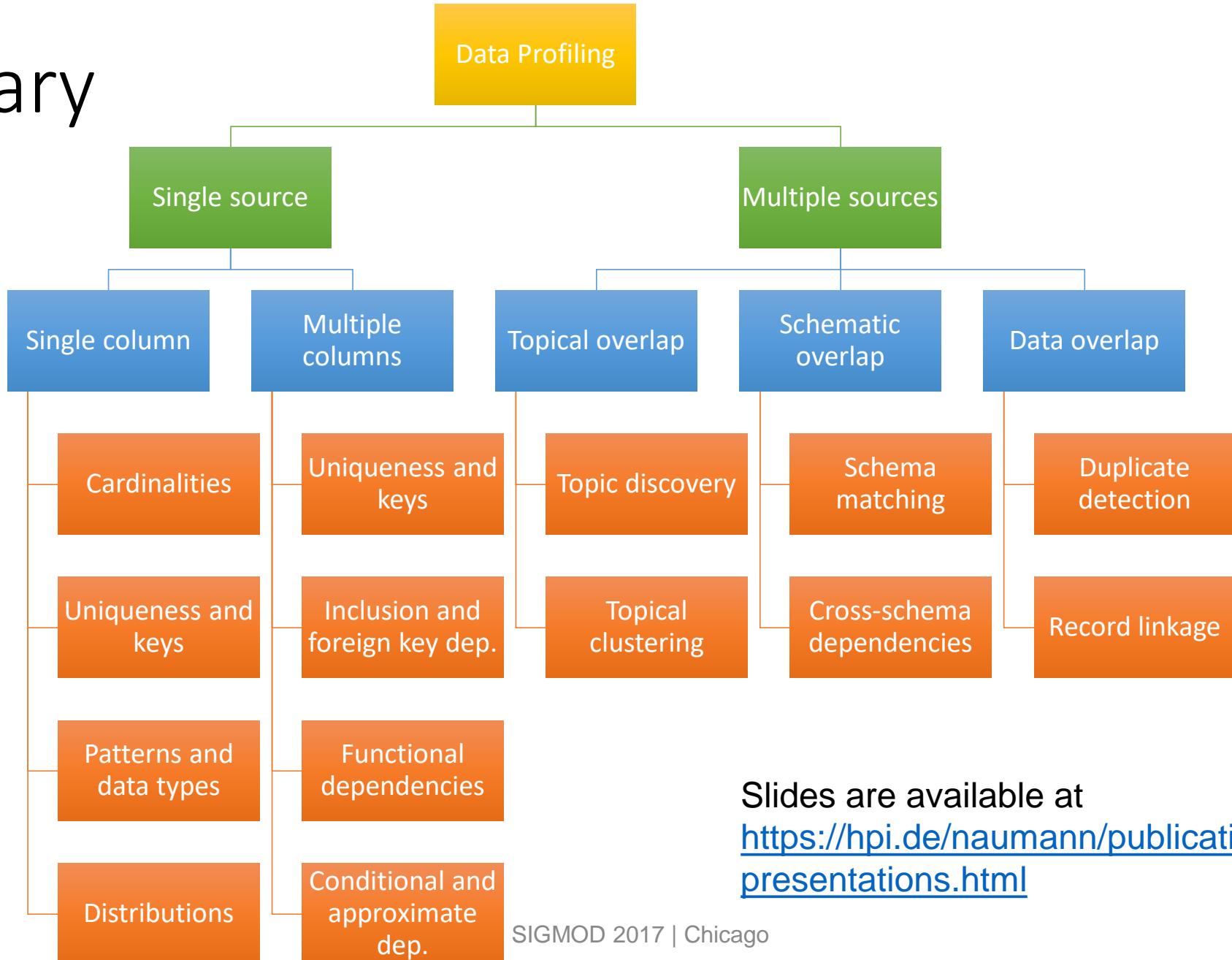
- Hundreds of UCCs – which ones are keys?
 - Thousands of FDs – which ones are true?
 - Millions of INDs – which ones are foreign keys?
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- User-driven interpretation
 - Rank and visualize metadata
 - Machine-driven interpretation
 - Machine learning



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