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On machine learning for data privacy

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- The worst-case scenario
 - Using ML in reidentification
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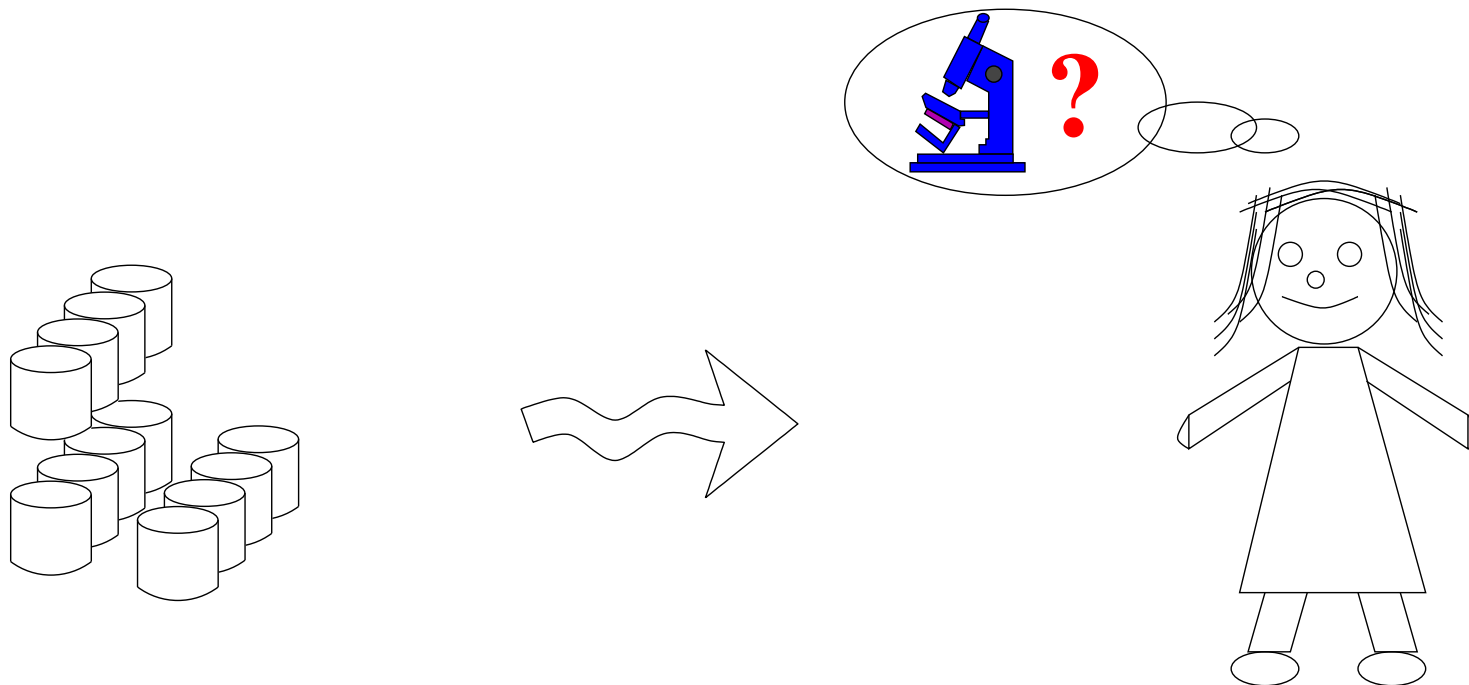
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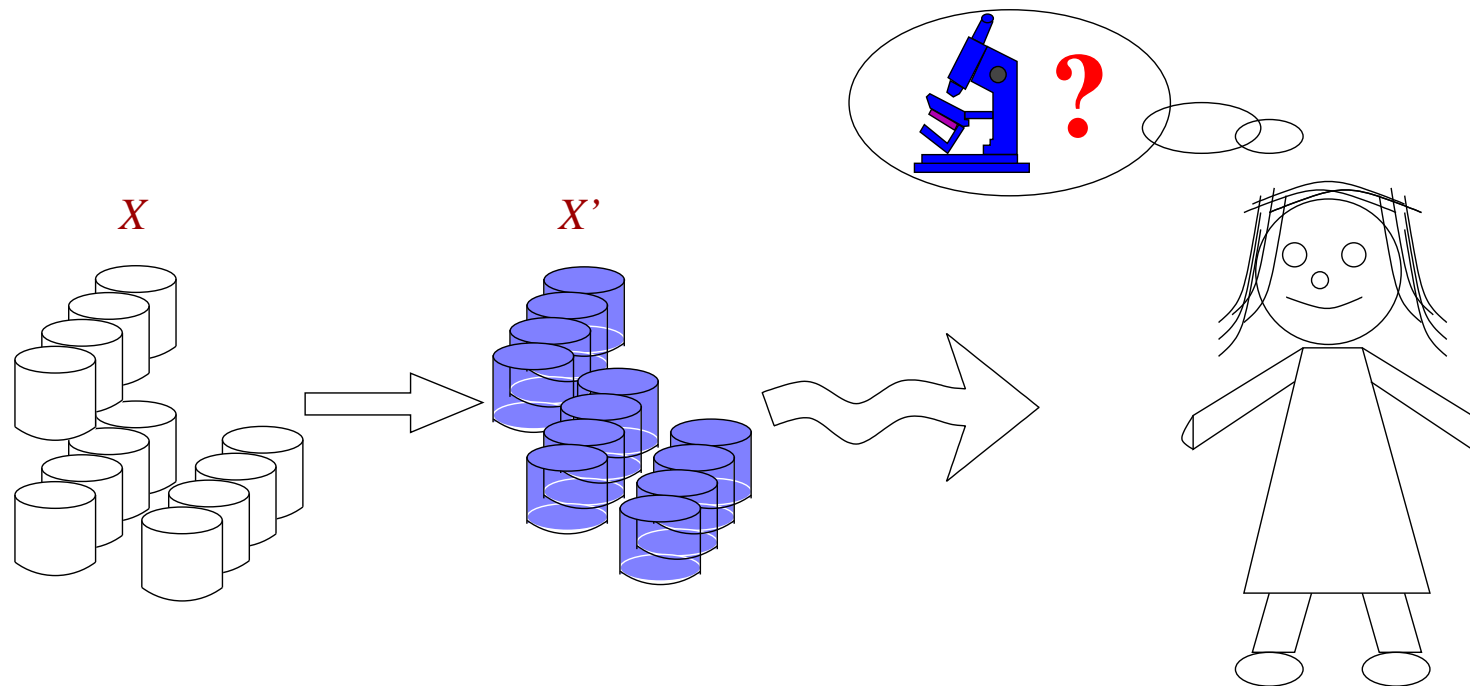
Classification w.r.t. our knowledge on the computation of a third party

- Data-driven or general purpose (*analysis not known*)
→ anonymization methods / masking methods
- Computation-driven or specific purpose (*analysis known*)
→ cryptographic protocols, differential privacy
- Result-driven (*analysis known: protection of its results*)



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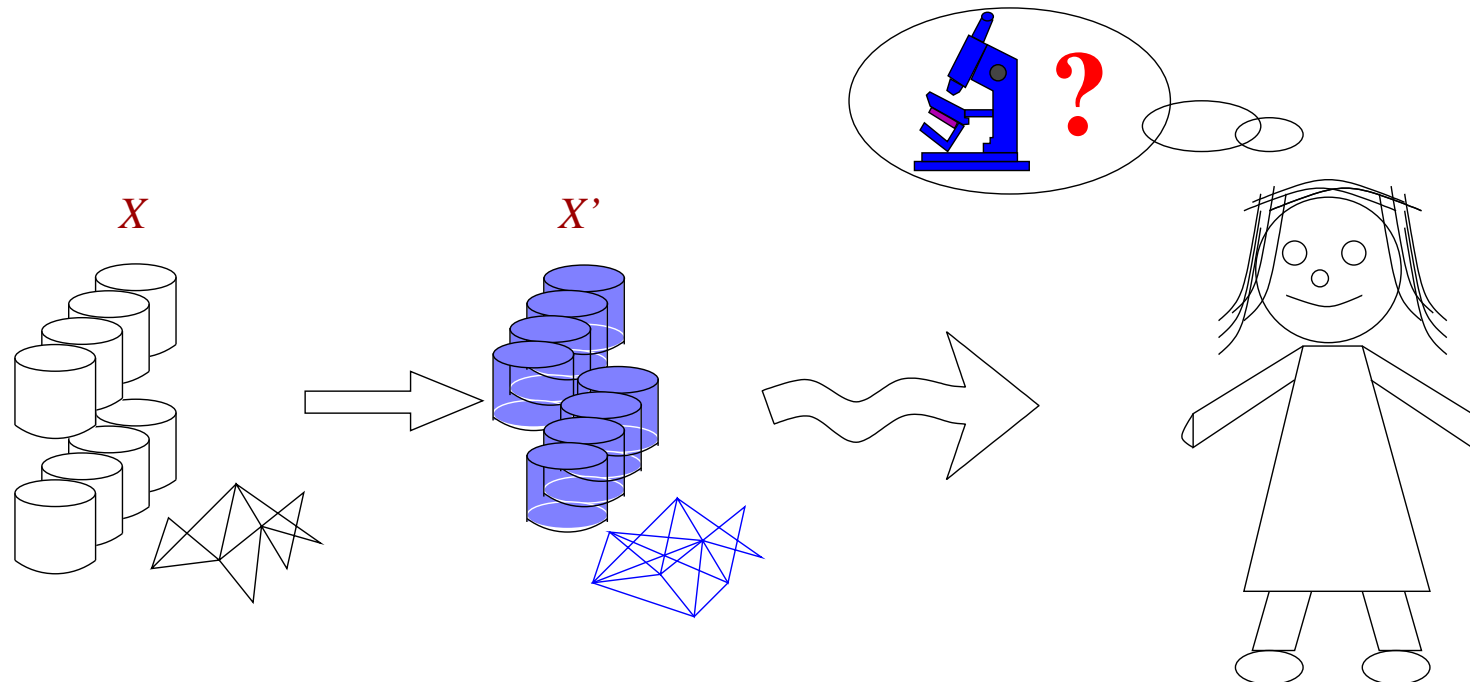
Anonymization/masking method: Given a data file X compute a file X' with data of *less quality*.



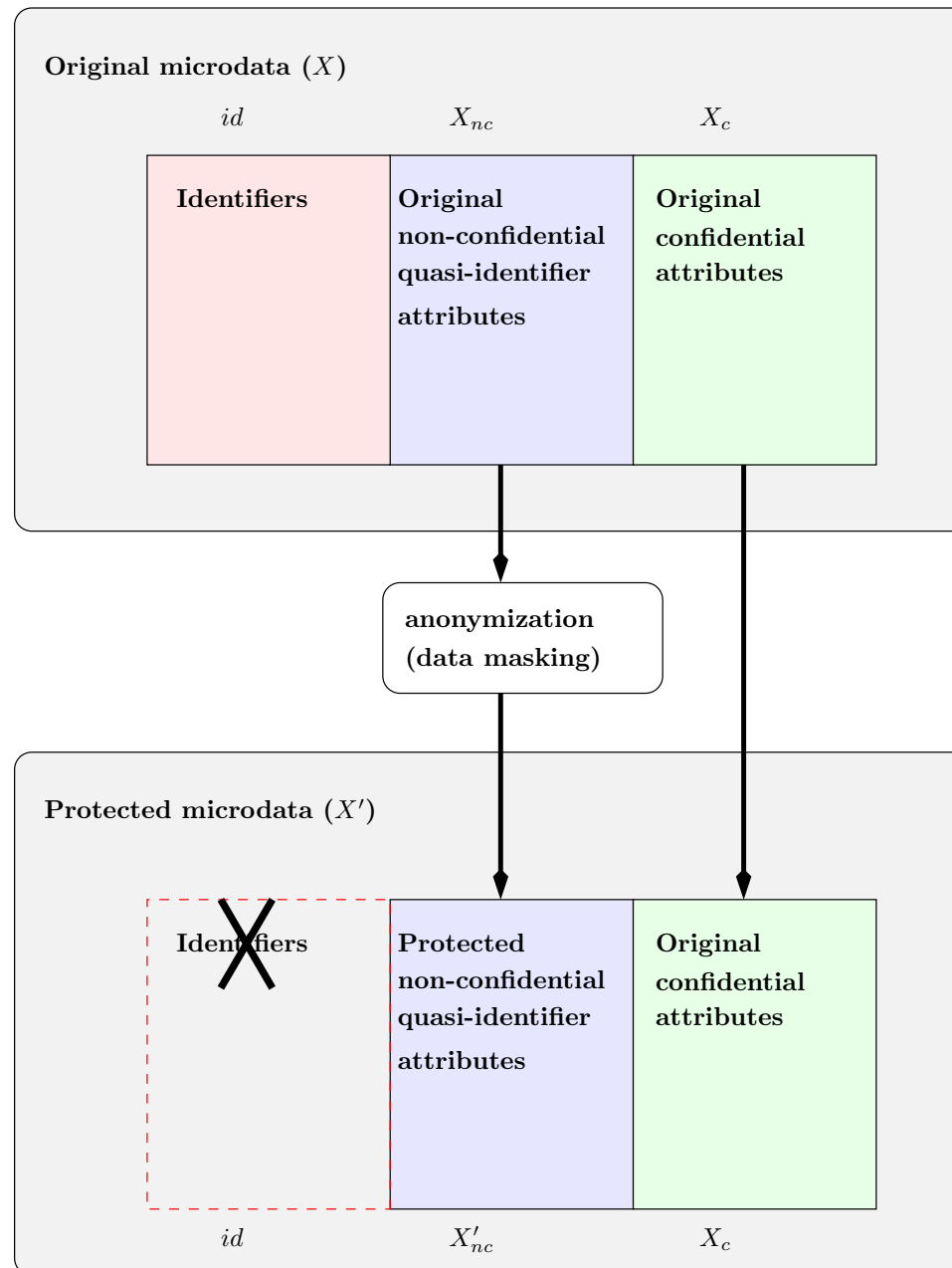
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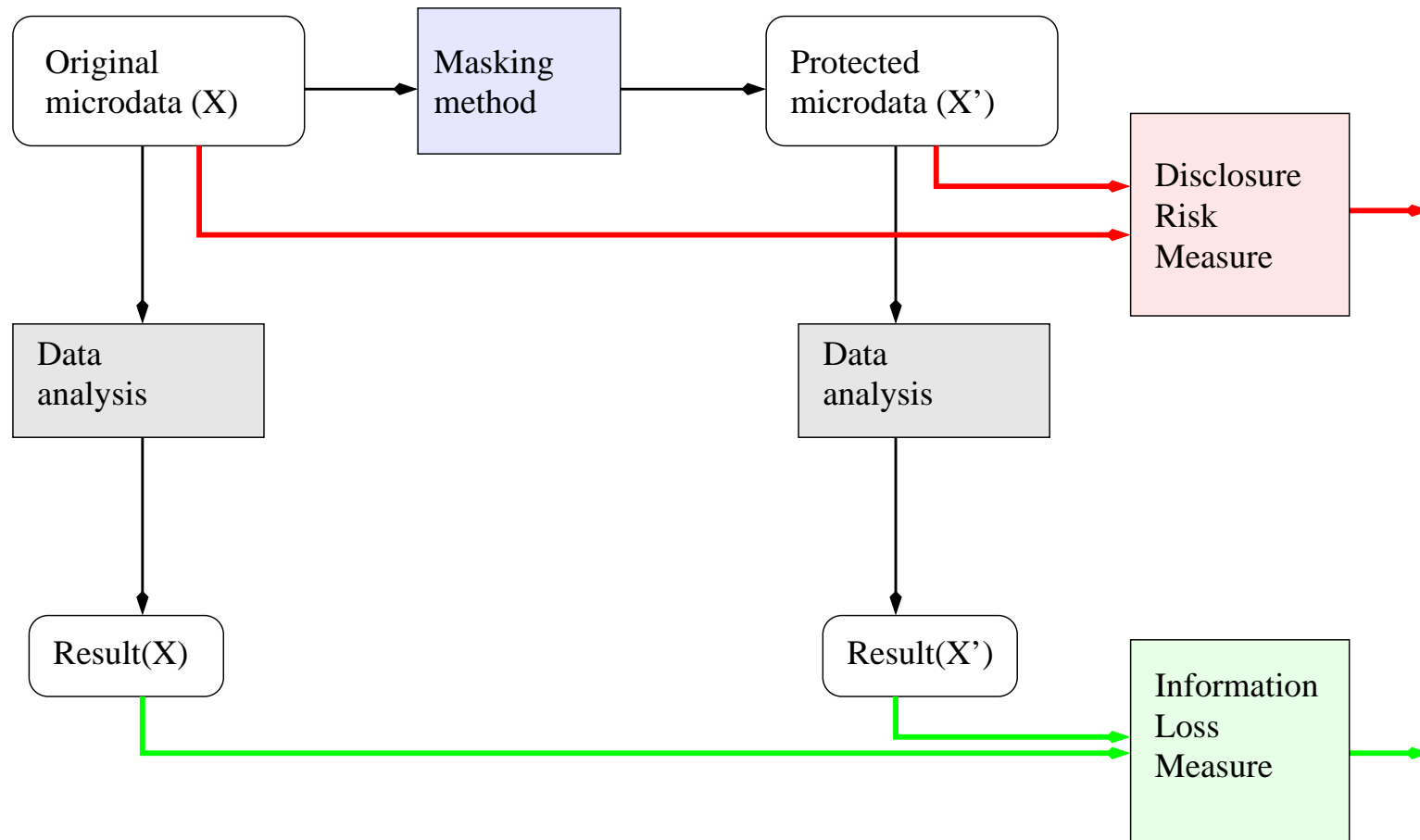
- **Databases**, documents, search logs, social networks, . . .
(also masking taking into account semantics: wordnet, ODP)



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Research questions



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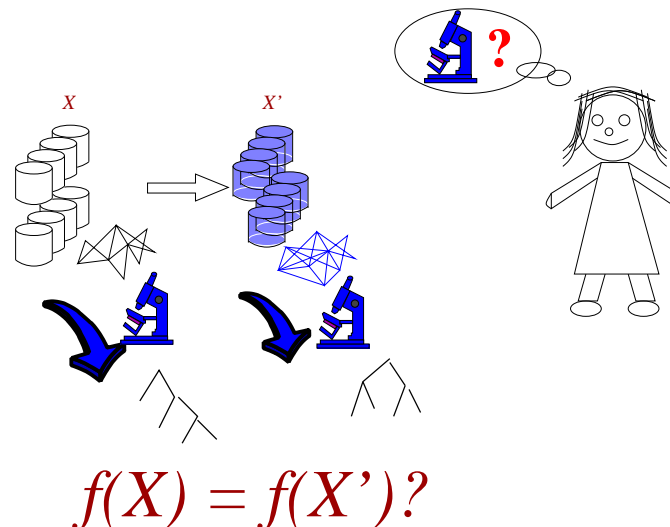
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- Synthetic data generators. (less quality=not real data)
E.g. **(i) model from the data; (ii) generate data from model**

Masking methods

Information loss measures. Compare X and X' w.r.t. analysis (f)

$$IL_f(X, X') = \text{divergence}(f(X), f(X'))$$

- f : generic vs. specific (data uses)
 - Statistics
 - Machine learning: **Clustering and classification**
For example, classification using **decision trees**
 - ... specific measures for graphs



Masking methods

Disclosure risk. ... coming soon

Introduction

Disclosure risk assesment

Disclosure risk assessment

Disclosure risk.

- **Identity disclosure** vs. Attribute disclosure
 - Attribute disclosure: (e.g. learn about Alice's salary)
 - ★ Increase knowledge about an attribute of an individual
 - Identity disclosure: (e.g. find Alice in the database)
 - ★ Find/identify an individual in a masked file

Within machine learning, some attribute disclosure is expected.

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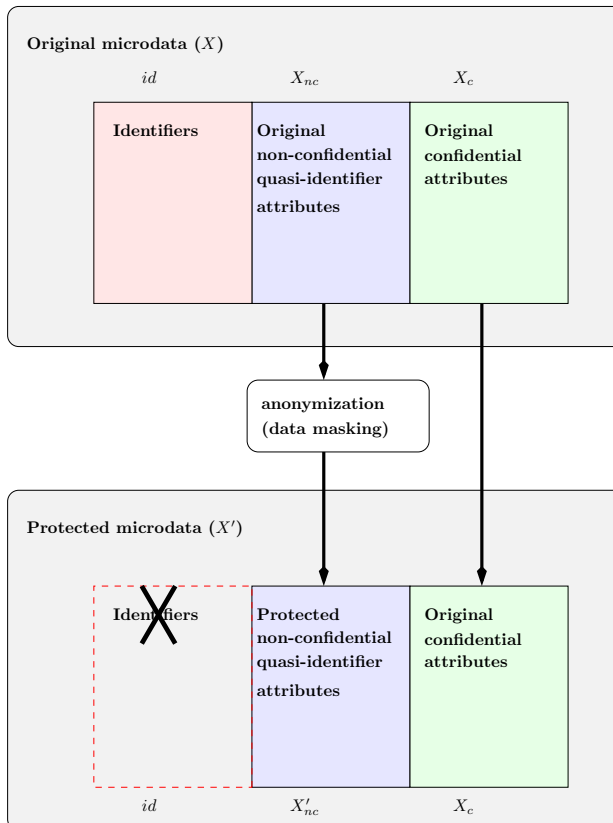
Examples. Privacy models / disclosure risk measures

	Attribute disclosure	Identity disclosure
Boolean	Differential privacy	k-Anonymity
Quantitative	Interval disclosure	Re-identification (record linkage) Uniqueness

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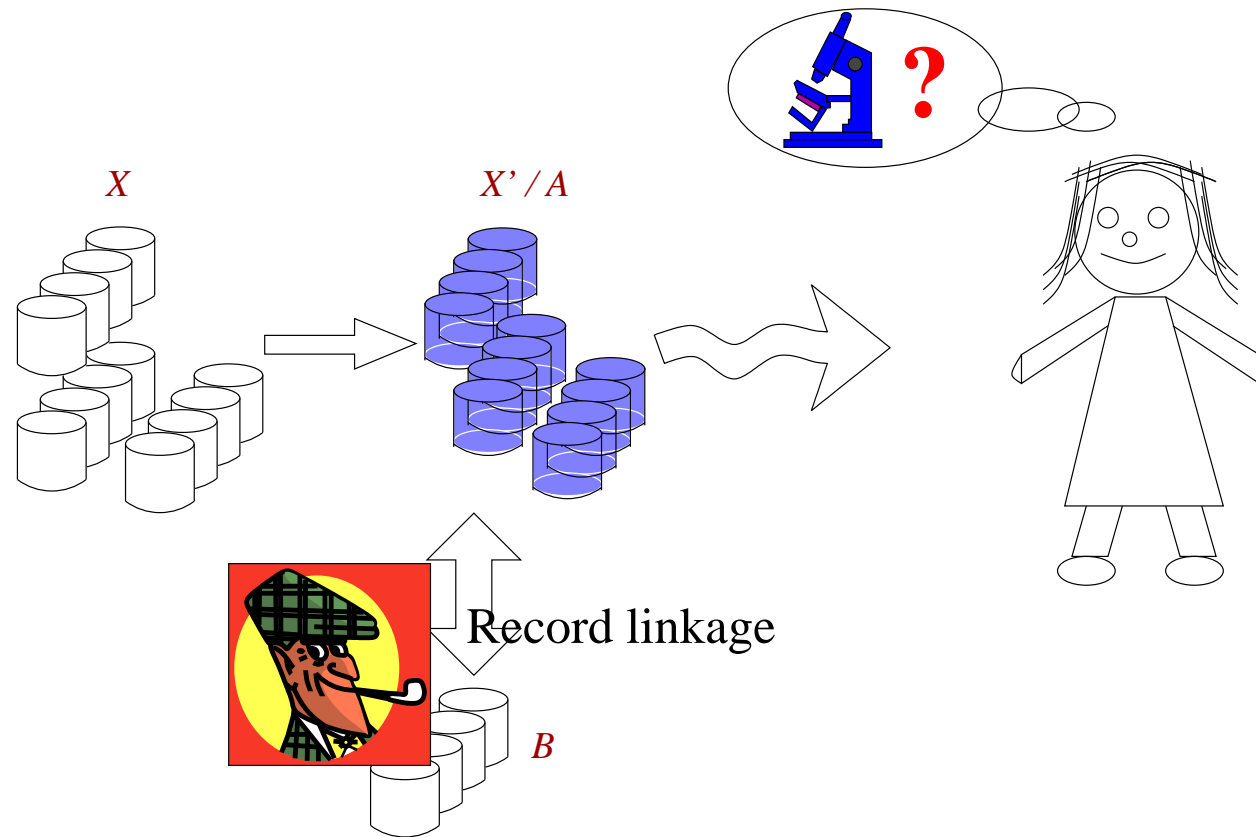
- Protection of the attributes
 - **Identifiers.** Usually removed or encrypted.
 - **Confidential.** X_c are usually not modified. $X'_c = X_c$.
 - **Quasi-identifiers.** Apply masking method ρ . $X'_{nc} = \rho(X_{nc})$.



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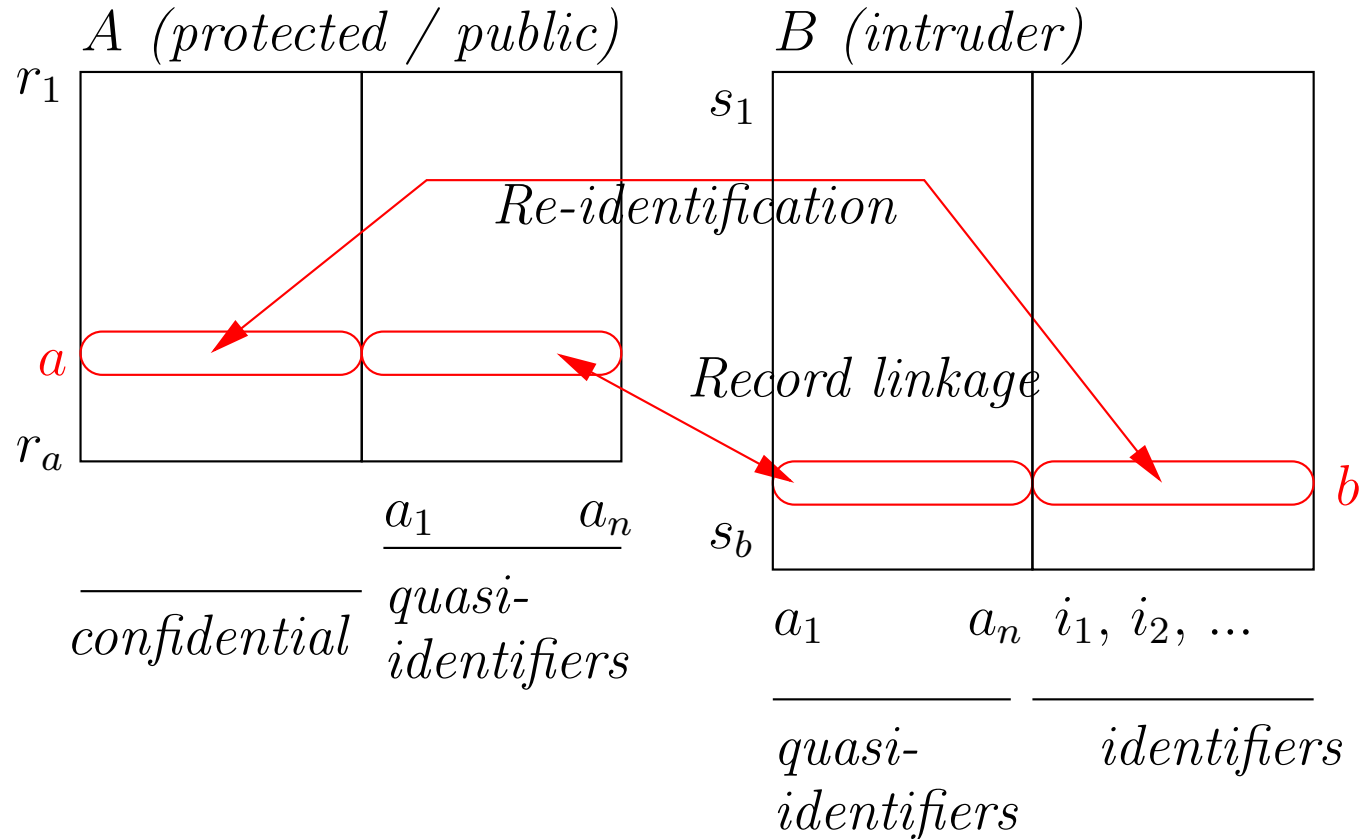
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 - But also,
 - ★ B with a schema different to the one of A (different attributes)
 - ★ Other scenarios. E.g., synthetic data

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Worst-case scenario when measuring disclosure risk

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 - Maximum information: **Use original file to attack**
 - Most effective reidentification method: **Use ML**
Use information on the masking method (transparency)

Worst-case scenario

**ML for reidentification
(learning distances)**

Worst-case scenario

Worst-case scenario for disclosure risk assessment

- Distance-based record linkage
- Parametric distances with best parameters
 - E.g.,
 - Weighted Euclidean distance

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- Distance-based record linkage with Euclidean distance equivalent to:

$$\begin{aligned}d^2(a, b) &= \left\| \frac{1}{n}(a - b) \right\|^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{n} (diff_i(a, b)) \\ &= WM_p(diff_1(a, b), \dots, diff_n(a, b))\end{aligned}$$

with $p = (1/n, \dots, 1/n)$ and

$$diff_i(a, b) = ((a_i - \bar{a}_i)/\sigma(a_i) - (b_i - \bar{b}_i)/\sigma(b_i))^2$$

- $p_i = 1/n$ means equal importance to all attributes
- Appropriate for attributes with equal discriminatory power (e.g., same noise, same distribution)

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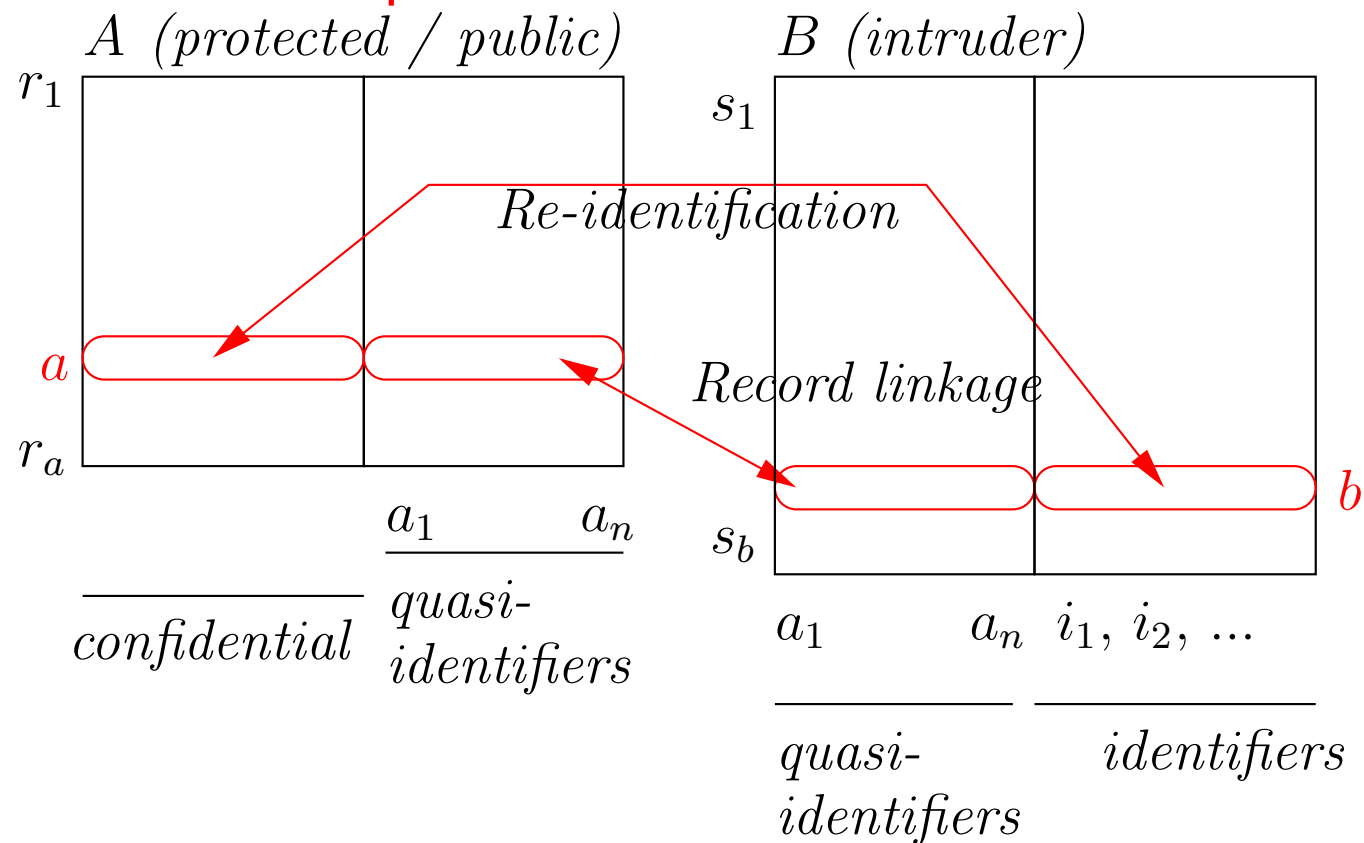
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Worst-case scenario for distance-based record linkage

- **Optimal weights** using a supervised machine learning approach
- **We need a set of examples from:**



Formalization of the problem

Machine Learning for distance-based record linkage

- Generic solution, using
 - an arbitrary combination function \mathbb{C} (aggregation)
 - with parameter p

$$d(a_i, b_j) = \mathbb{C}_p(\text{diff}_1(a, b), \dots, \text{diff}_n(a, b))$$

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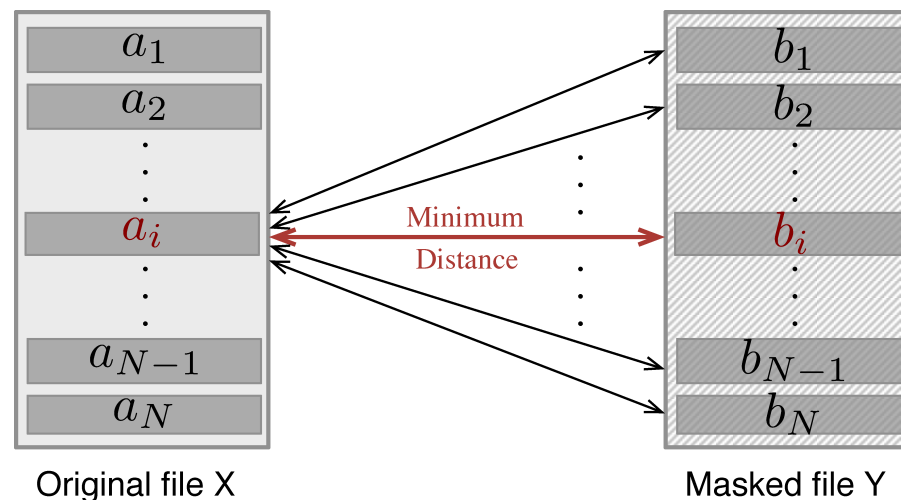
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 - $K_i \in \{0, 1\}$, if $K_i = 0$ reidentification is correct

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Additional constraints according to \mathbb{C}

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- Example: the case of the **weighted mean** $\mathbb{C} = WM$
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$$\sum_{i=1}^n p_i = 1$$

$$p_i \geq 0$$

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Machine Learning for distance-based record linkage

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 - **OWA - linear combination of order statistics** (weighted):
Weights: to discard lower or larger distances
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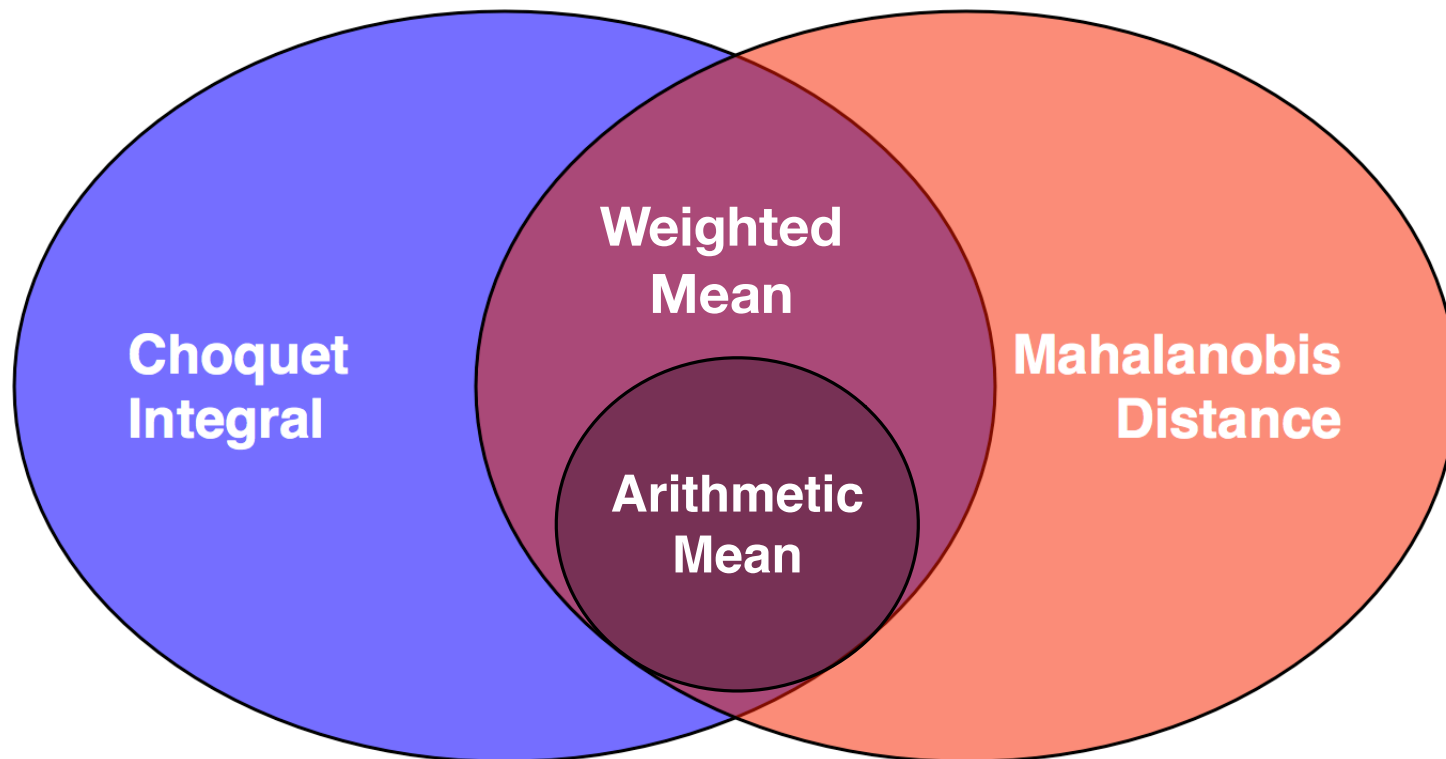
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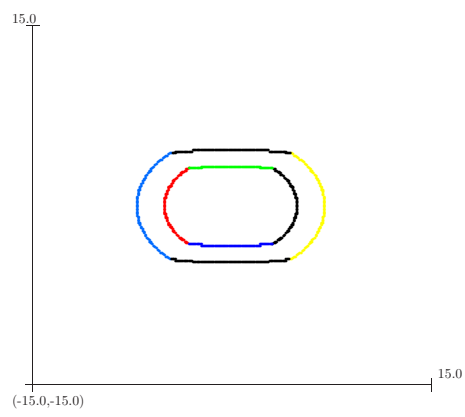
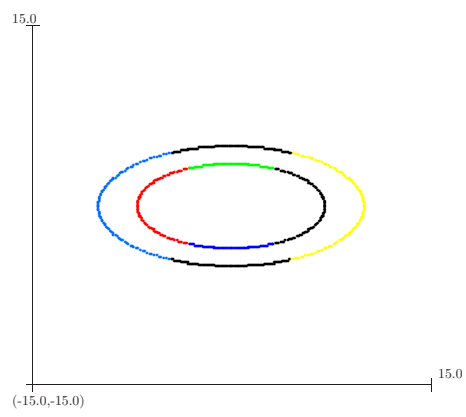
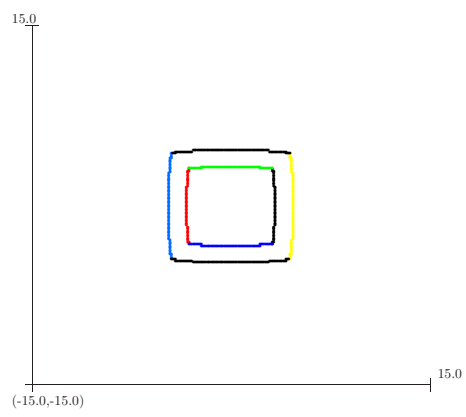
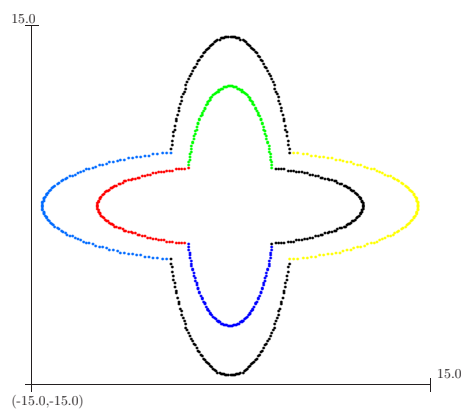
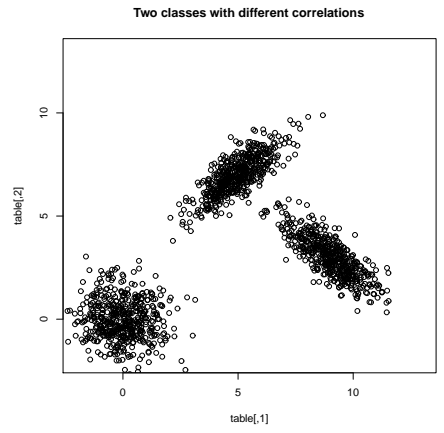
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- Distances considered



Choquet integral. A fuzzy integral w.r.t. a fuzzy measure (non-additive measure). CI generalizes Lebesgue integral. **Interactions.**

Footnote: Mahalanobis / CI



Experiments and distances

Machine Learning for distance-based record linkage

- Data sets considered (from CENSUS dataset)
 - *M4-33*: 4 attributes microaggregated in groups of 2 with $k = 3$.
 - *M4-28*: 4 attributes, 2 attributes with $k = 2$, and 2 with $k = 8$.
 - *M4-82*: 4 attributes, 2 attributes with $k = 8$, and 2 with $k = 2$.
 - *M5-38*: 5 attributes, 3 attributes with $k = 3$, and 2 with $k = 8$.
 - *M6-385*: 6 attributes, 2 attributes with $k = 3$, 2 attributes with $k = 8$, and 2 with $k = 5$.
 - *M6-853*: 6 attributes, 2 attributes with $k = 8$, 2 attributes with $k = 5$, and 2 with $k = 3$.

Experiments and distances

Machine Learning for distance-based record linkage

- Percentage of the number of correct re-identifications.

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$d^2 AM$	84.00	68.50	71.00	39.75	78.00	84.75
$d^2 MD$	94.00	90.00	92.75	88.25	98.50	98.00
$d^2 WM$	95.50	93.00	94.25	90.50	99.25	98.75
$d^2 WM_m$	95.50	93.00	94.25	90.50	99.25	98.75
$d^2 CI$	95.75	93.75	94.25	91.25	99.75	99.25
$d^2 CI_m$	95.75	93.75	94.25	90.50	99.50	98.75
$d^2 SB_{NC}$	96.75	94.5	95.25	92.25	99.75	99.50
$d^2 SB$	96.75	94.5	95.25	92.25	99.75	99.50
$d^2 SB_{PD}$	—	—	—	—	—	99.25

d_m : distance; d_{NC} : positive; d_{PD} : positive-definite matrix

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- Computation time comparison (in seconds).

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d^2WM	29.83	41.37	24.33	718.43	11.81	17.77
d^2WM_m	3.43	6.26	2.26	190.75	4.34	6.72
d^2CI	280.24	427.75	242.86	42,731.22	24.17	87.43
d^2CI_m	155.07	441.99	294.98	4,017.16	79.43	829.81
d^2SB_{NC}	32.04	2,793.81	150.66	10,592.99	13.65	14.11
d^2SB	13.67	3,479.06	139.59	169,049.55	13.93	13.70

1h=3600; 1d = 86400s

- Constraints specific to weighted mean and Choquet integral for distances

N : number of records; n : number of attributes

	d^2WM_m	d^2CI_m
Additional Constraints	$\sum_{i=1}^n p_i = 1$ $p_i > 0$	$\mu(\emptyset) = 0$ $\mu(V) = 1$ $\mu(A) \leq \mu(B) \text{ when } A \subseteq B$ $\mu(A) + \mu(B) \geq \mu(A \cup B) + \mu(A \cap B)$
Total Constr.	$N(N-1) + N + 1 + n$	$N(N-1) + N + 2 + (\sum_{k=2}^n \binom{n}{k} k) + \binom{n}{2}$

Experiments and distances

Machine Learning for distance-based record linkage

- A summary of the experiments

	AM	MD	WM	OWA	SB	CI
Computation	Very fast	Very fast	Fast	regular	Hard	Hard
Results	Worse	Good	Good	Bad	Very Good	Very Good
Information	No	No	Few	Few	Large	Large

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Transparency: Definition

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- “the release of information about processes and even parameters used to alter data” (Karr, 2009).

Effect.

- Information Loss. **Positive effect, less loss/improve inference**

E.g., noise addition $\rho(X) = X + \epsilon$ where ϵ s.t.

$$E(\epsilon) = 0 \text{ and } Var(\epsilon) = kVar(X)$$

$$Var(X') = Var(X) + kVar(X) = (1 + k)Var(X).$$

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Effect.

- Disclosure Risk. **Negative effect, larger risk**
 - Attack to single-ranking microaggregation (Winkler, 2002)
 - Formalization of the transparency attack (Nin, Herranz, Torra, 2008)
 - Attacks to microaggregation and rank swapping (Nin, Herranz, Torra, 2008)

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- Disclosure Risk. **Formalization**
 - X and X' original and masked files, $\mathbf{V} = (V_1, \dots, V_s)$ attributes
 - $B_j(x)$ set of masked records associated to x w.r.t. j th variable.
 - Then, for record x , the masked record x_ℓ corresponding to x is in the intersection of $B_j(x)$.

$$x_\ell \in \bigcap_j B_j(x).$$

- **Worst case scenario** in record linkage: upper bound of risk

Transparency

Attacking Rank Swapping

Transparency

Rank swapping

- For ordinal/numerical attributes
 - Applied attribute-wise
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Data: (a_1, \dots, a_n) : original data; p : percentage of records

Order (a_1, \dots, a_n) in increasing order (i.e., $a_i \leq a_{i+1}$) ;

Mark a_i as unswapped for all i ;

for $i = 1$ **to** n **do**

if a_i *is unswapped* **then**

 Select ℓ randomly and uniformly chosen from the limited
 range $[i + 1, \min(n, i + p * |X|/100)]$;

 Swap a_i with a_ℓ ;

Undo the sorting step ;

Transparency

Rank swapping.

- Marginal distributions not modified.
- Correlations between the attributes are modified
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- Given a value a , we can define the set of possible swaps for a_i
Proceed as rank swapping does: a_1, \dots, a_n ordered values If $a_i = a$,
it can only be swapped with a_ℓ in the range

$$\ell \in [i + 1, \min(n, i + p * |X|/100)]$$

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- Otherwise, we can apply record linkage within this set

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Intruder's attack. Example.

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8	9	1	3	10	10	3	5	
6	7	10	2	5	5	8	1	X
10	3	4	1	8	4	2	2	X
7	1	2	6	9	2	4	4	
9	4	6	4	7	3	5	6	X
2	2	8	8	4	1	10	10	X
1	10	3	9	3	9	1	7	
4	8	7	10	2	6	9	8	
5	5	5	5	6	7	6	3	X
3	6	9	7	1	8	7	9	

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6	7	10	2	5	5	8	1	X	X
10	3	4	1	8	4	2	2	X	
7	1	2	6	9	2	4	4		
9	4	6	4	7	3	5	6	X	
2	2	8	8	4	1	10	10	X	
1	10	3	9	3	9	1	7		X
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 - $B_3(x_{23} = 10) = \{(5, 5, 8, 1), (2, 6, 9, 8), (4, 1, 10, 10)\}$
 - $B_4(x_{24} = 2) = \{(5, 5, 8, 1), (8, 4, 2, 2), (6, 7, 6, 3), (9, 2, 4, 4)\}$
- The intersection is a single record

$(5, 5, 8, 1)$

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Intruder's attack. Application.

- Data:
 - Census (1080 records, 13 attributes)
 - EIA (4092 records, 10 attributes)
- Rank swapping parameter:
 - $p = 2, \dots, 20$

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Intruder's attack. Result

	Census			EIA		
	RSLD	DLD	PLD	RSLD	DLD	PLD
rs 2	77.73	73.52	71.28	43.27	21.71	16.85
rs 4	66.65	58.40	42.92	12.54	10.61	4.79
rs 6	54.65	43.76	22.49	7.69	7.40	2.03
rs 8	41.28	32.13	11.74	6.12	5.98	1.12
rs 10	29.21	23.64	6.03	5.60	5.19	0.69
rs 12	19.87	18.96	3.46	5.39	4.87	0.51
rs 14	16.14	15.63	2.06	5.28	4.55	0.32
rs 16	13.81	13.59	1.29	5.19	4.54	0.23
rs 18	12.21	11.50	0.83	5.20	4.54	0.22
rs 20	10.88	10.87	0.59	5.15	4.36	0.18

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Intruder's attack. Summary

- When $|\cap B_j| = 1$, this is a match.
25% of reidentifications in this way \neq 25% in distance-based or probabilistic record linkage.
- Approach applicable when the intruder knows a single record
- The more attributes the intruder has, the better is the reidentification.
Intersection never increases when the number of attributes increases.
- When p is not known, an upper bound can help
If the upper bound is too high, some $|\cap B_j|$ can be zero

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- Then,

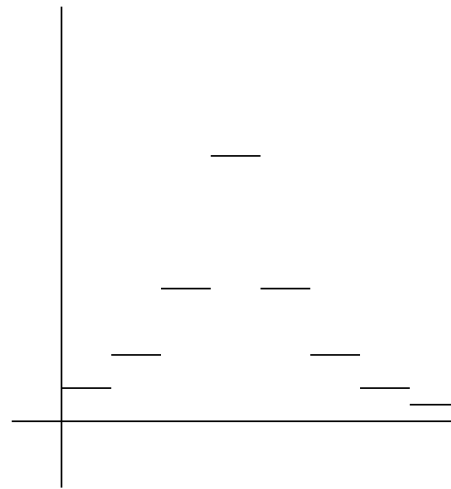
$$\cap B_j = X$$

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Approaches to avoid transparency attack in rank swapping.

- Rank swapping p -buckets. Select bucket B_s using

$$\Pr[B_s \text{ is chosen} | B_r] = \frac{1}{K} \frac{1}{2^{s-r+1}}.$$



- Rank swapping p -distribution. Swap a_i with a_ℓ where $\ell = i + r$ and r according to a $N(0.5p, 0.5p)$.

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Information Loss. Compare X and X' w.r.t. analysis

$$IL_f(X, X') = \textit{divergence}(f(X), f(X'))$$

- f : clustering (k -means).
 - Comparison of clusters by means of Rand, Jaccard indices
 - Comparison of clusters by means of F-measure
- f : classification (SVM, Naïve classifiers, k -NN, Decision Trees)
 - Comparison of accuracy

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Experiments and distances

- Quantitative measures of risk
- Worst-case scenario for disclosure risk
 - Parametric distances
 - Distance/metric learning
- Transparency and disclosure risk
 - Masking method and parameters published
 - Disclosure risk revisited
 - New masking methods resistant to transparency

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