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Building a repository for record linkage

Abstract

ICPSR is building LinkageLibrary, a repository and community space for researchers involved in linking and combining datasets, as a collaboration between social, statistical, and computer scientists. Unlike surveys or experiments where causal and outcome variables are measured in tandem, it is often necessary when working with organic, non-design data to link to other measures. This makes linkage methodologies particularly important when conducting analyses using administrative data. A common benchmarking repository of linkage methodologies will propel the field to the next level of rigor by facilitating comparison of different algorithms, understanding which types of algorithms work best under different conditions and problem domains, promoting transparency and replicability of research, and encouraging proper citation of methodological contributions and their resulting datasets. It will bring together the diverse scholarly communities (e.g., computer scientists, statisticians, and social, behavioral, economic, and health (SBEH) scientists) who are currently addressing these challenges in disparate ways that do not build on one another's work. Improving linkage methodologies is critical to the production of representative samples, and thus to unbiased estimates of a wide variety of social and economic phenomena. The repository will accelerate the development of new record linkage algorithms and evaluation methods, improve the reproducibility of analyses conducted on integrated data, allow comparisons on same and different data, and move forward the provision of privacy-aware integrated data. The presentation will focus on lessons learned while building the repository and the community, and introduce the LinkageLibrary website.

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SHARING DATA TO ADVANCE SCIENCE



LINKAGE LIBRARY

Maintaining datasets to support the data linkage community

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ICPSR



- Founded in 1962 by 22 universities, now consortium of 800 institutions world-wide
- Focus on social and behavioral science data, broadly defined
- Current holdings
 - 10,000 studies, quarter million files, 5 million variables
 - 1500 are *restricted studies*, almost always to protect confidentiality
 - Bibliography of Data-related Literature with 75,000 citations
- Approximately 60,000 active MyData (“shopping cart”) accounts
- Thematic collections of data about addiction and HIV, aging, arts and culture, child care and early education, criminal justice, demography, health and medical care, and minorities

Data linkage challenges

- Linked data present challenges for both confidentiality and reproducibility
 - Linkage more accurate with more detailed information
 - Need standards for safe, ethical ways to enhance data with new linkages
 - Linked data easier to re-identify, even after removing unique identifiers
 - Need safe places to analyze linked data
 - Linkage strategies introduce differences in datasets that are often not well documented

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LINKAGE LIBRARY

- Encourage researchers to share linked (or linkable) data and linkage strategies
 - Algorithms, code, documents
- Compare approaches across projects, datasets, disciplines
 - Improve linkage practices
 - Improve transparency
 - Commenting – to improve linkage & build community
- Launching in November 2018
 - Looking for beta testers now!
 - [Test site](#)



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What is Linkage Library



Comment
Comment on projects



Projects
Some have data, Some have code, Some have both





GitHub
Interface with GitHub

About

The LinkageLibrary is a community and repository for researchers involved in combining datasets, facilitating comparison of different algorithms, and promoting transparency and replicability of research. We invite computer scientists, statisticians, and social, behavioral, economic, and health scientists to deposit code and/or data, and to join the conversation.

Goals

-  Accelerate development of new record linkage and evaluation methods, and use on real data
-  Improve reproducibility of analyses
-  Develop critical collaborations between researchers, users, and data custodians
-  Help close the gap between research and practice
-  Train the next generation of multi-disciplinary data scientists who can lead the field.
-  Build cross-disciplinary community around data linkage

Three Types of Projects



Data & Code



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Version: V1

Published: October 12, 2018

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Funding Sources: National Science Foundation

Original Distribution URL: www.google.com

Scope of Project

Subject Terms: test; project; library; folder

Linked Resource(s):
<https://fedora.awstest.icpsr.umich.edu/fedora/rest/linkagelibrary/105880/Link/ZZRUVU>

Geographic Coverage: Trinidad

Time Period(s): 2018 ? 2019

Methodology

Response Rate: 100%

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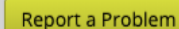
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New Topic

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Batman is better than Black Panther

This is gospel

posted by Abayomi Israel on 11/7/2018 11:50:07 AM edit reply remove

Blasphemy!

posted by Abayomi Israel on 11/7/2018 11:50:19 AM edit reply remove

Testing topic

This is a message about the topic.

With potential hyperlink. www.icpsr.umich.edu

posted by Abayomi Israel on 10/14/2018 2:39:16 PM edit reply remove

hello

posted by Wendi Fornoff on 11/2/2018 10:17:53 AM edit reply remove

Anna testing responses

posted by Annalee Shelton on 10/30/2018 4:25:09 PM edit reply remove

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Creator(s): [Susan](#)

Description: [ksk](#)

Description of Linkage Process: [100](#)

File/Software Types: [java](#) [perl](#) [sas](#)

Abay Israel deterministic other

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Creator(s): [Abay Israel](#)

Description: [Great code that links this data to the US Census. Written in Java and Perl.](#)

Description of Linkage Process: [75%](#)

File/Software Types: [java](#) [perl](#) [spss](#)

Alternative URL: [www.linktomycode.com](#)

ICPSR Deterministic

Linkage added by Abayomi Israel on 2018-10-26T20:15:52.931Z

Creator(s): [ICPSR](#)

Description: [ICPSR Repository As A Service Demo Web application](#)

Description of Linkage Process: [100%](#)

File/Software Types: [code](#)

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