

# Data Cleaning

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Data Science CSCI 1951A

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# Announcements

- Assignment 1: down! Assignment 2: up!
- Projects:
  - Let me know by today at 10:20 if you want to be N != 4
  - Being thinking about your project data...the first deliverable is not just a “ceremonial” checkpoint
  - “Will we know how to do X by in time?” —> maybe/probably/probably not but you should do it regardless!

# Today

- 45 minutes—let's just see how far we get....
- Problems with dirty data
- Cleaning and string matching heuristics
- Monday: bash commands (come with a command line...if you don't know what that means, ask me)

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# Clicker Questions!

# Clicker Lightning Round!

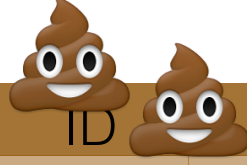
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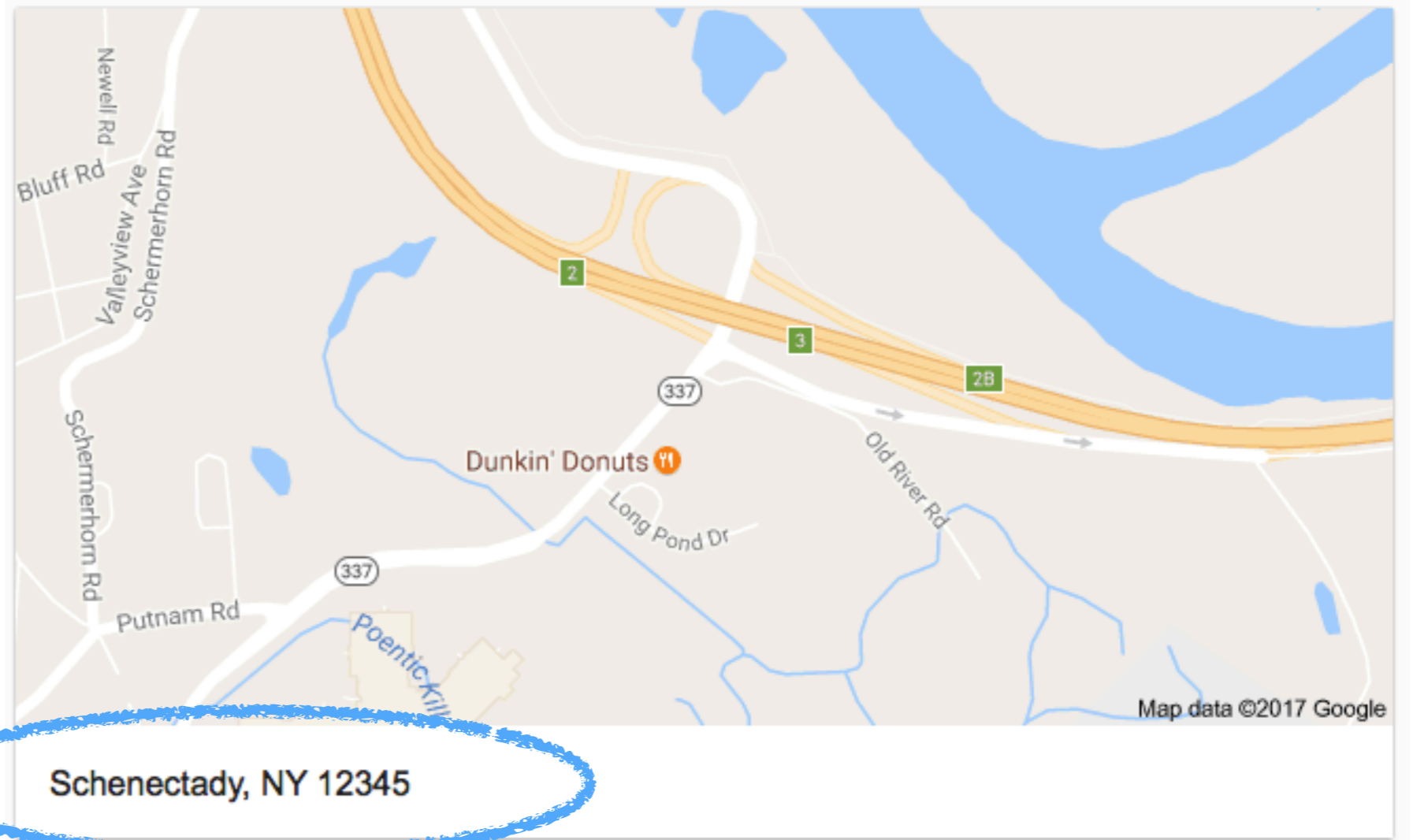
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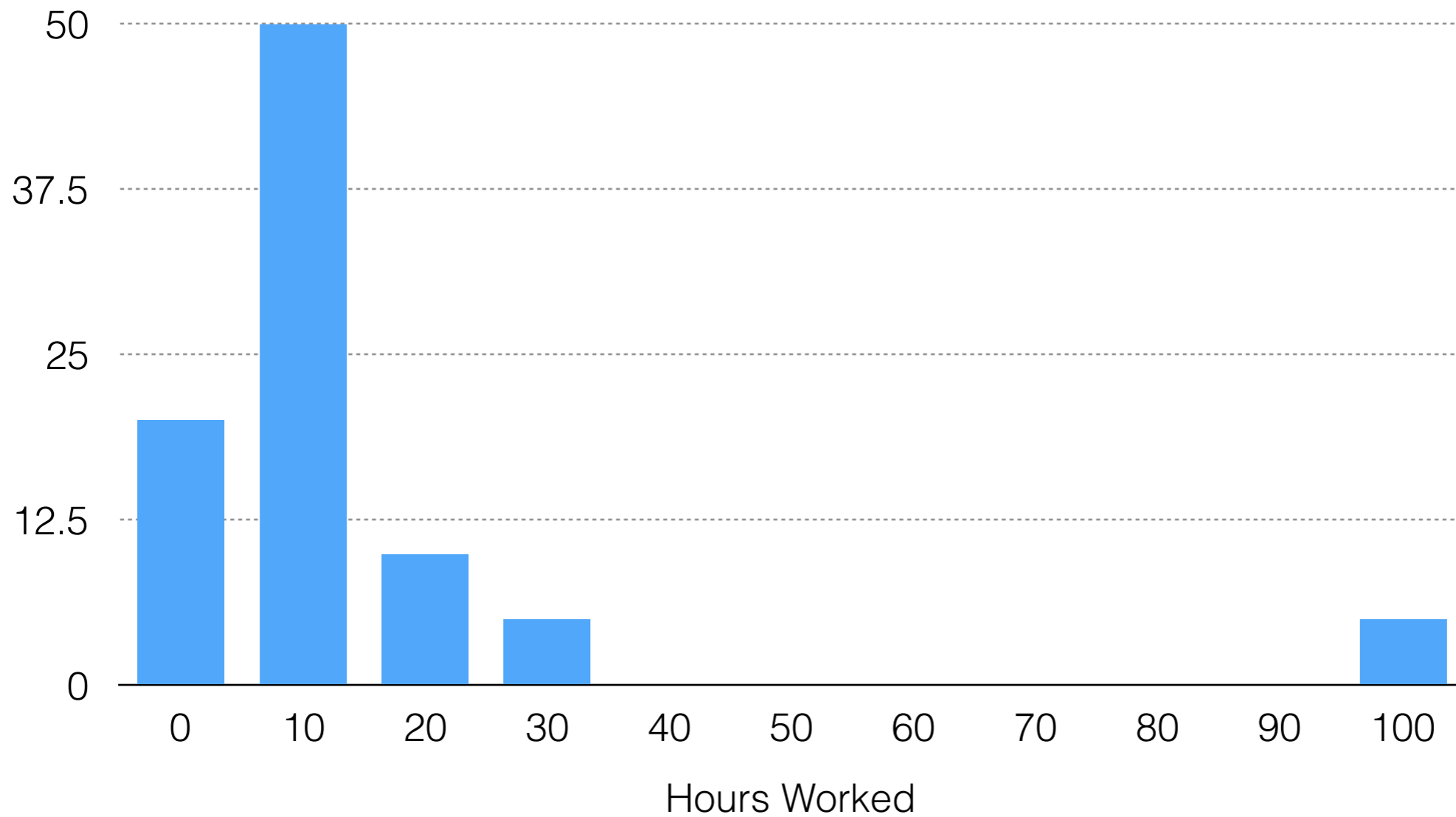
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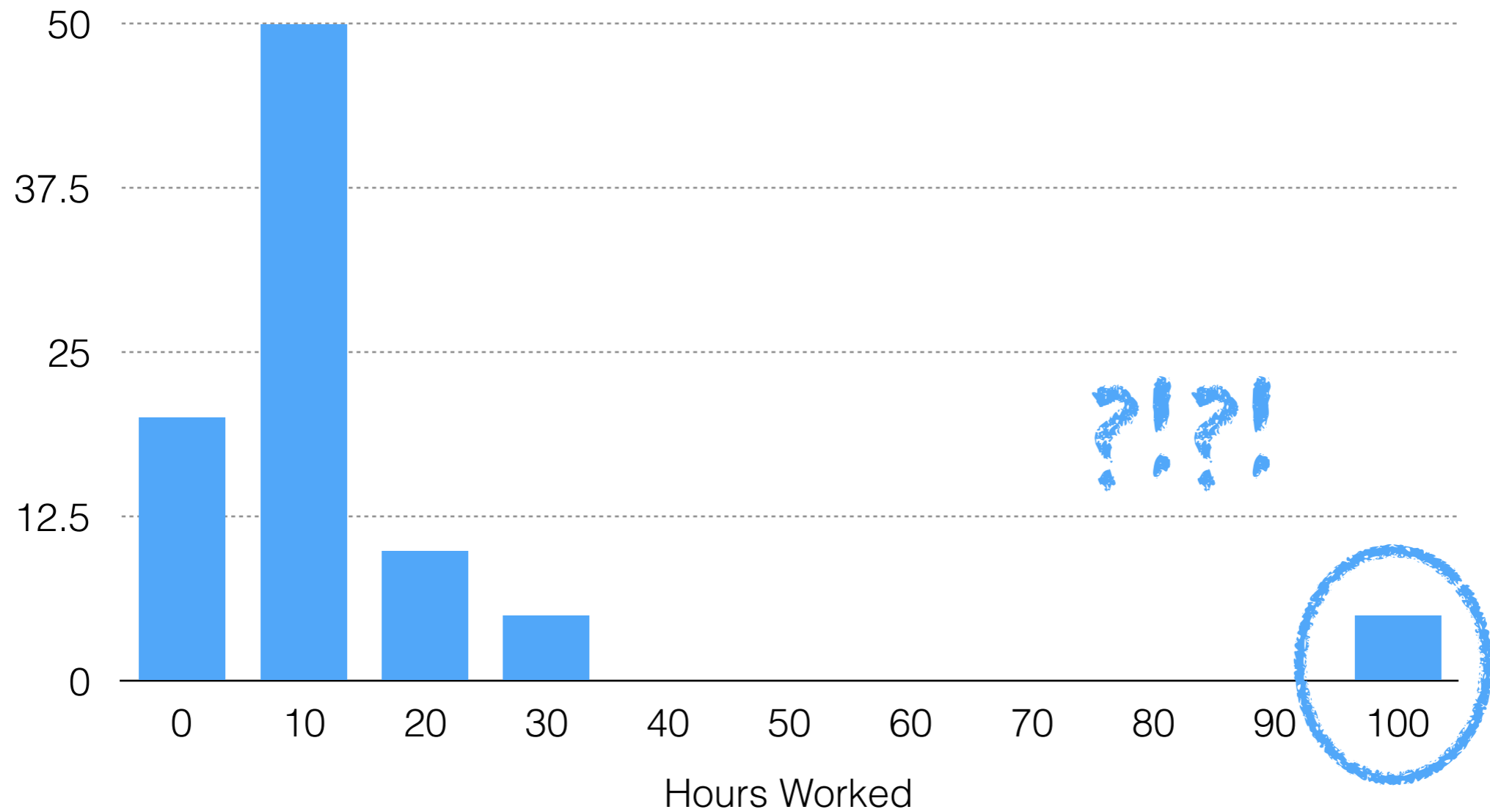


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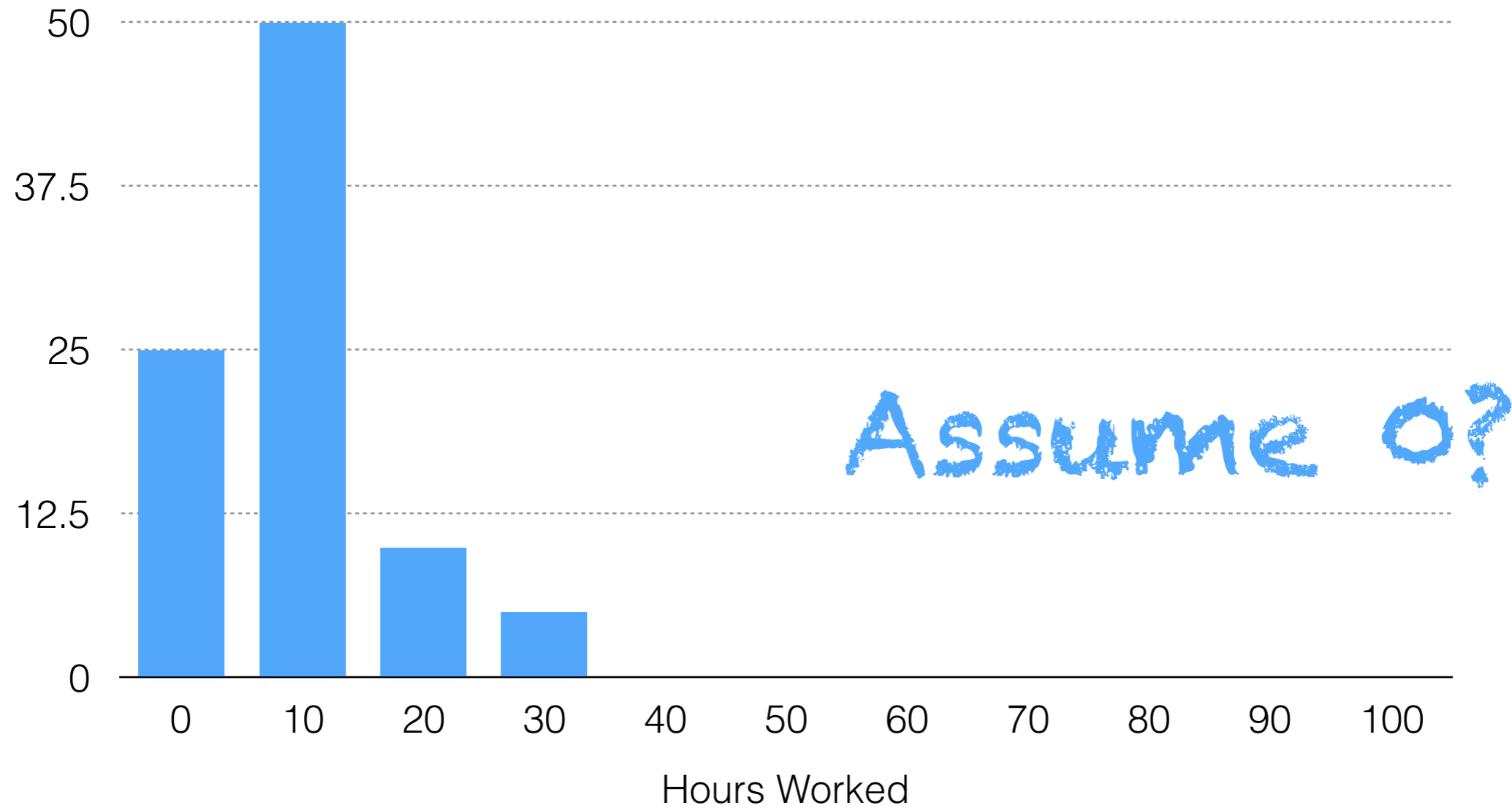
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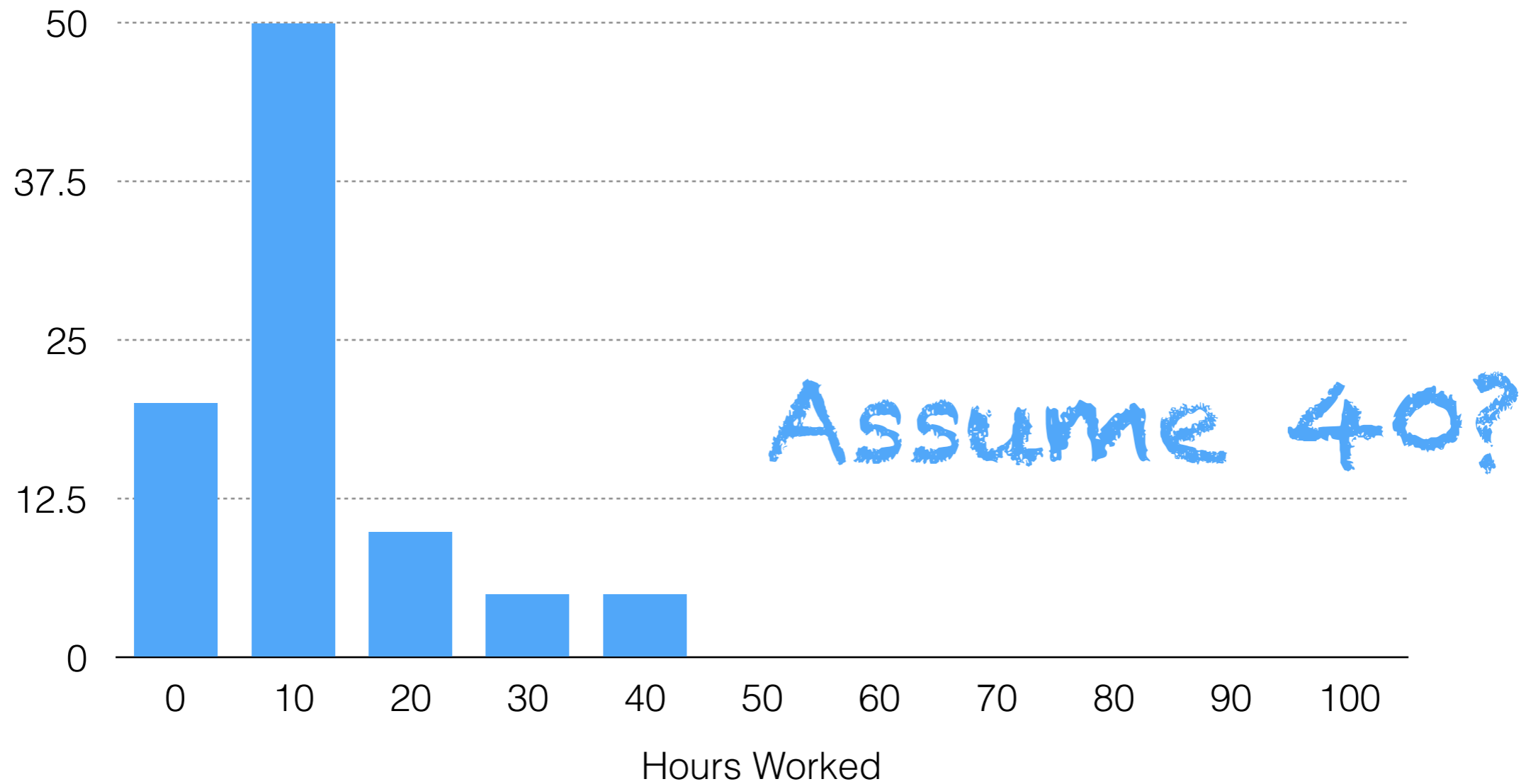
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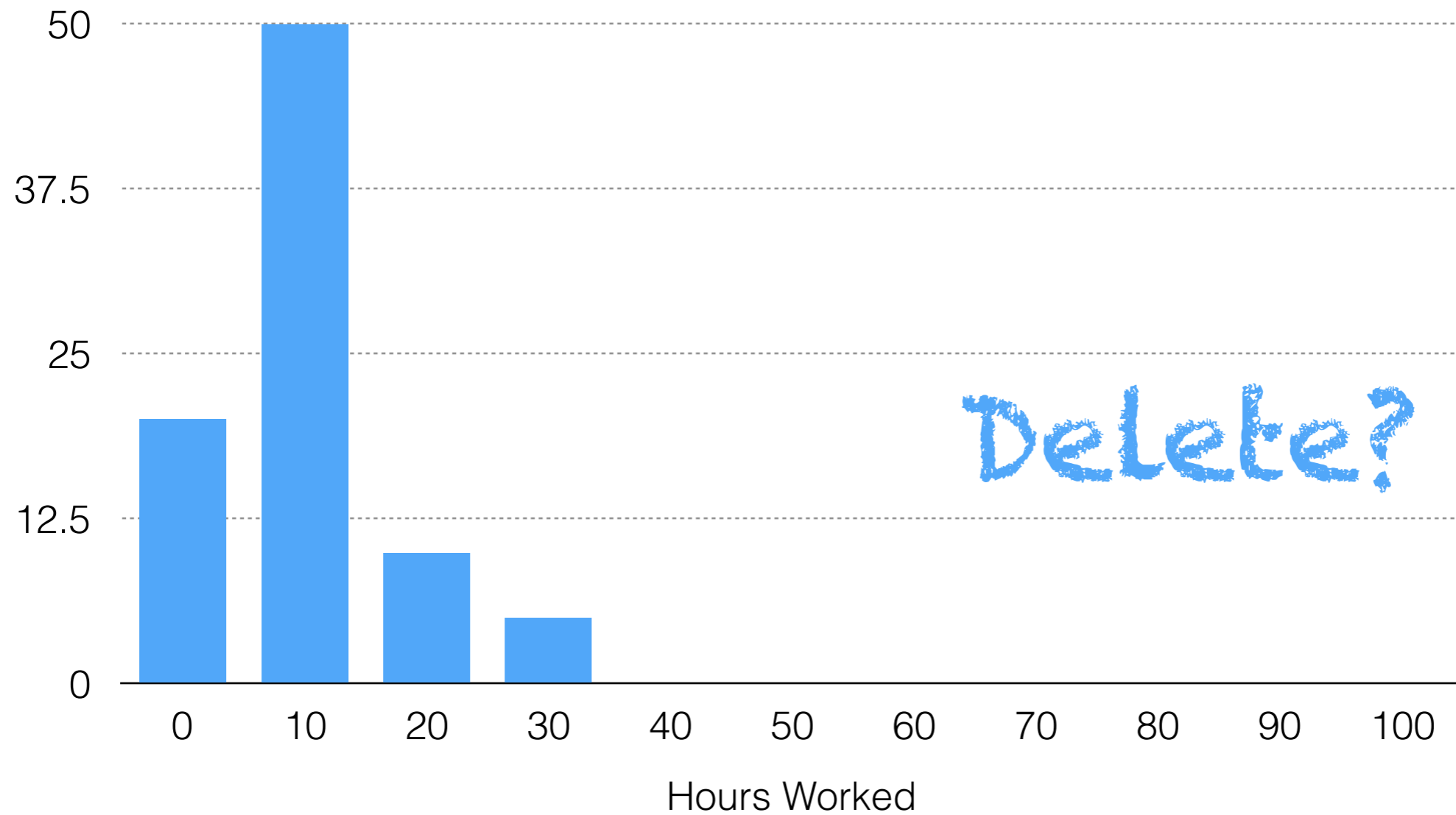
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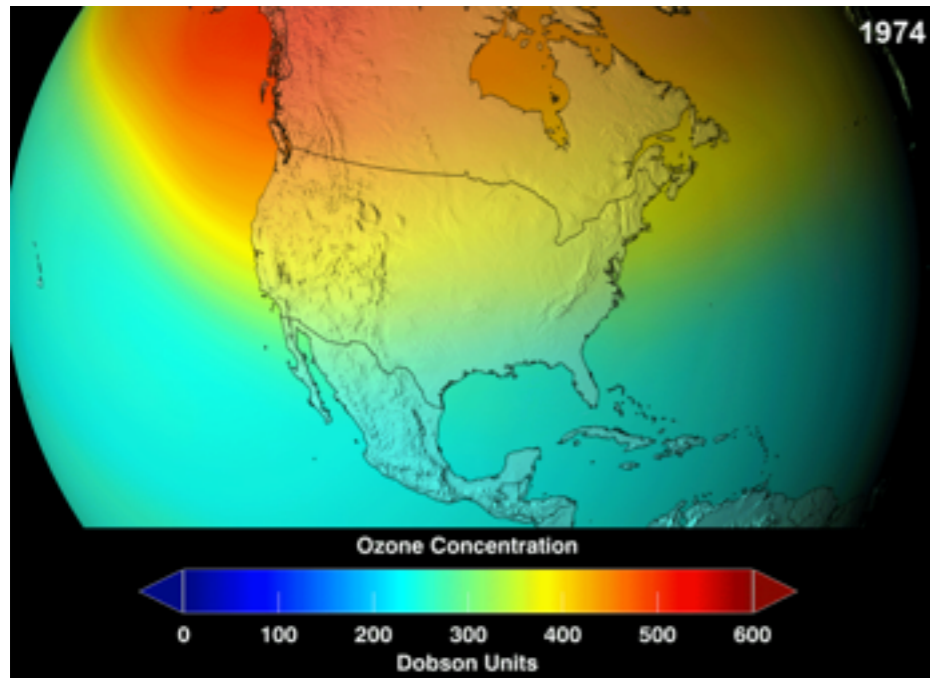


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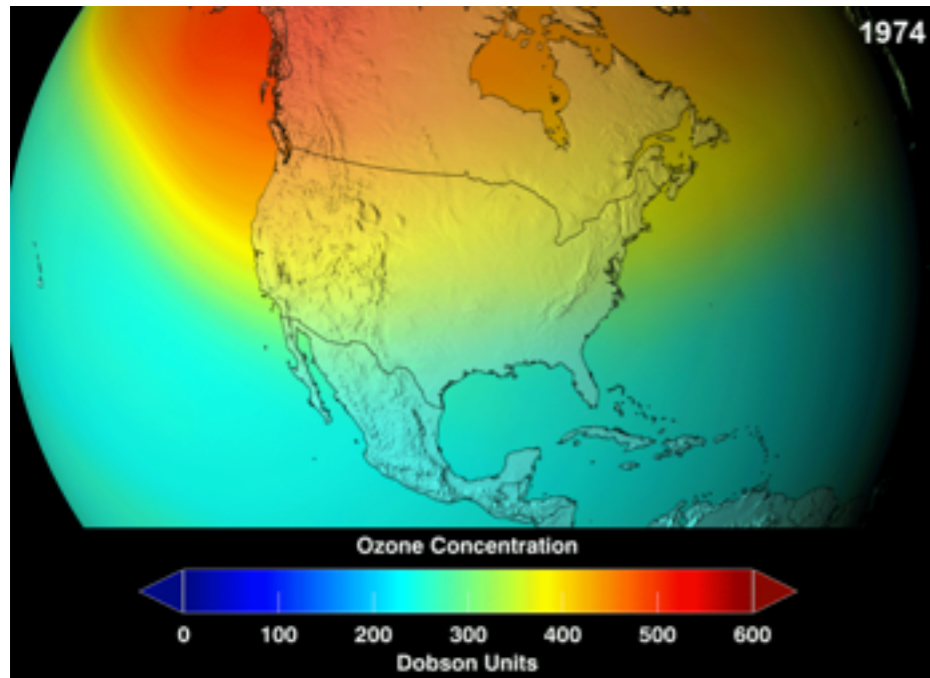
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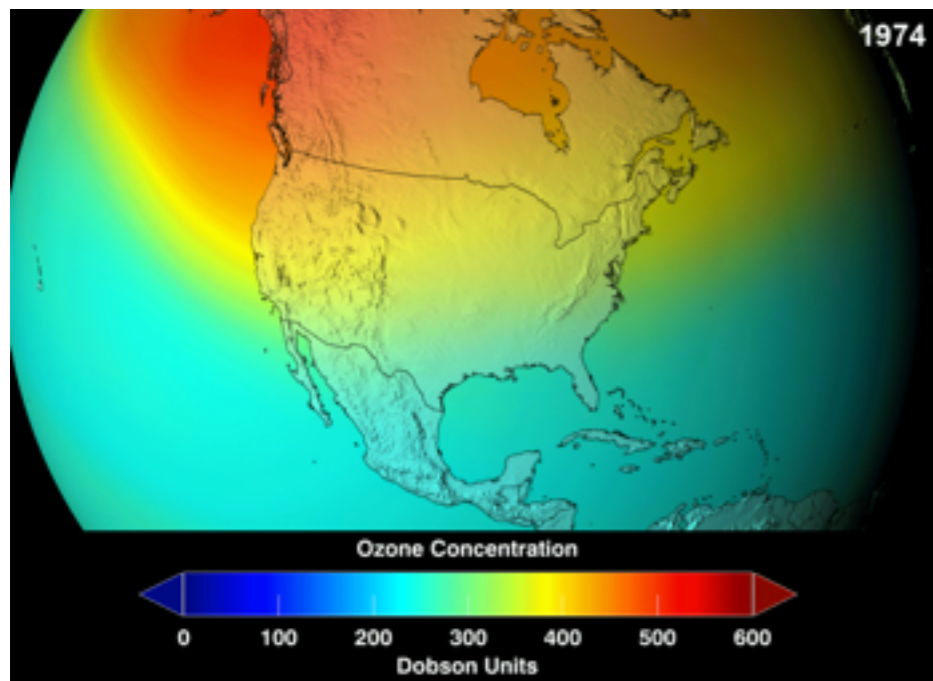
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Always always always! Look at the data!

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# String Similarity

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Minimal number of edits (inserts, deletes, substitutions) needed to transform A into B.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Levenshtein\\_distance](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Levenshtein_distance)

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11<sup>0</sup>th Waterman St., Providence, RI

**EditDistance = 1**

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Problems?

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$$J(A, B) = \frac{|A \cap B|}{|A \cup B|}$$

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$$\text{Jaccard} = 4 / 6 = .67$$

# String Similarity: Jaccard Similarity

148th Ave NE, Redmond, WA  
NE 148th Ave, Redmond, WA

Jaccard = ???

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jaccard\\_index](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jaccard_index)

# String Similarity: Jaccard Similarity

148th Ave NE, Redmond, WA  
NE 148th Ave, Redmond, WA

Jaccard = 1

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jaccard\\_index](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jaccard_index)

# Clicker Question!

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iPad Two 16GB WiFi White

iPad 2nd generation 16GB WiFi White

**What's the Jaccard Similarity?**

**(a)  $3/8$**

**(b)  $4/11$**

**(c)  $4/7$**

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$\#(\text{iPad, 16GB, Wifi, White})$

$\#(\text{iPad, Two, 2nd, generation, 16GB, Wifi, White})$

# String Similarity: Jaccard Similarity

Michigan State University  
Michigan State Univ.

Michigan State University  
Ohio State University

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# String Similarity: Jaccard Similarity

Jaccard = 0.5

Michigan State University

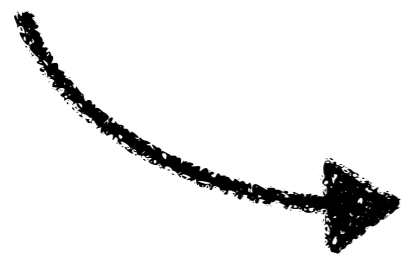
Michigan State Univ.



Jaccard = 0.5

Michigan State University

Ohio State University





# String Similarity: (Weighted) Jaccard Similarity

3

Jaccard = 0.5

Michigan<sub>State University</sub>

Michigan<sub>State Univ.</sub>



Jaccard = 0.25



Michigan<sub>State University</sub>

Ohio<sub>State University</sub>

# String Similarity: (Weighted) Jaccard Similarity

3

Jaccard = 0.5

Michigan State University

Michigan State Univ.



Jaccard = 0.5



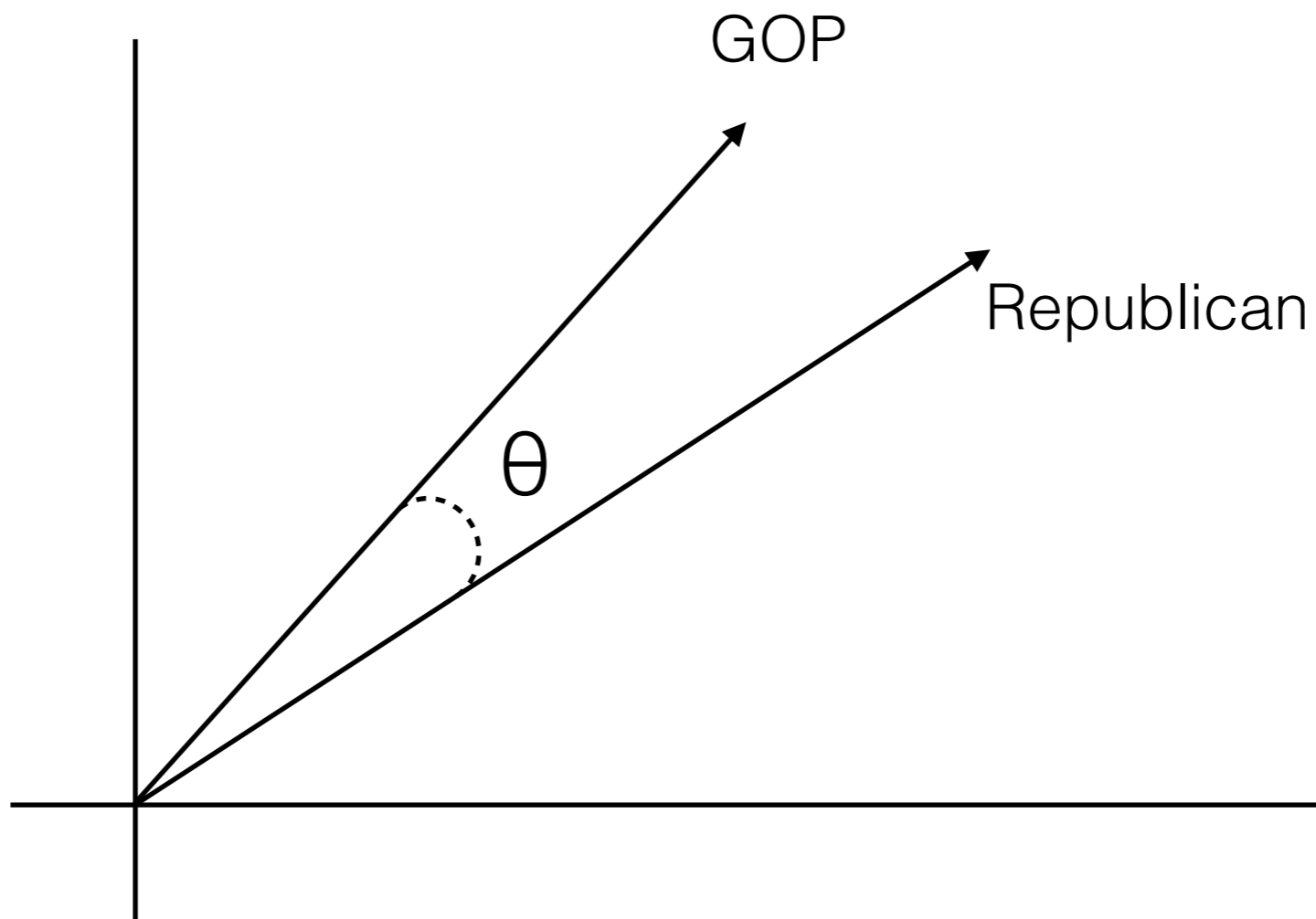
Michigan State University

University of Michigan

# String Similarity: Cosine Similarity

	Senator	Washington	announced	party	primary	chairman
GOP	1002	41	502	700	400	3
Republican	800	35	521	698	423	10

# String Similarity: Cosine Similarity



# Clicker Question!

# Clicker Question!

Brown  
Brown Uni.

**Which metric would (likely) consider the above words more similar?**

- (a) Jaccard**
- (b) Cosine**

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**Which metric would (likely) consider the above words more similar?**

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# Clicker Question!

Motown  
Detroit

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# Clicker Question!

Motown  
Detroit

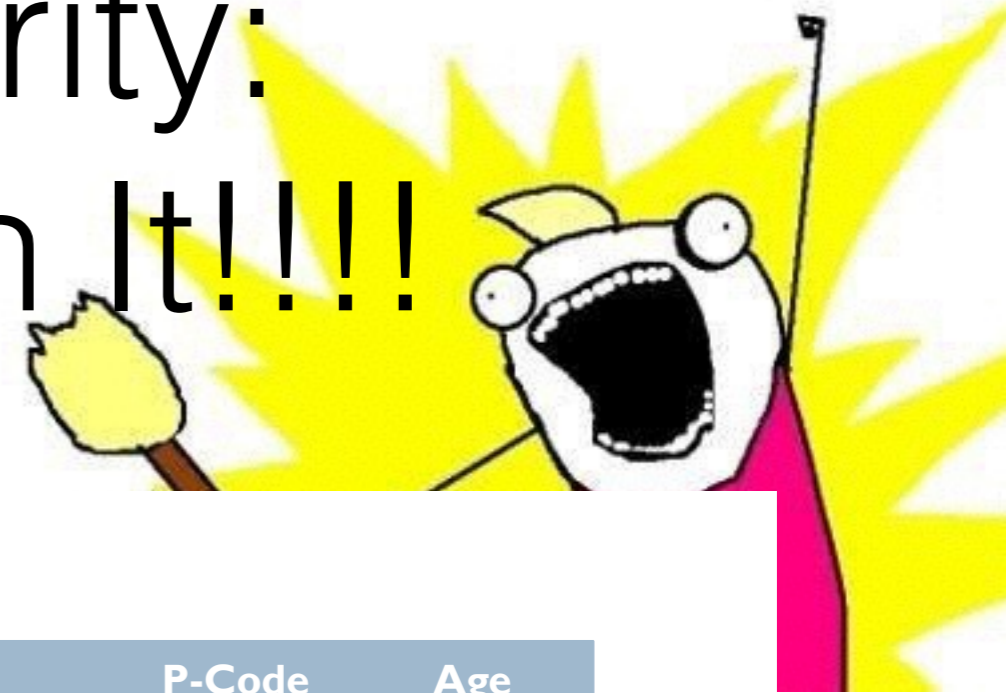
**Which metric would (likely) consider the above words more similar?**

- (a) Jaccard
- (b) Cosine

# String Similarity: Machine Learn It!!!!



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## Customer

Id	Name	Street	City	State	P-Code	Age
1	J Smith	123 University Ave	Seattle	Washington	98106	42
2	Mary Jones	245 3rd St	Redmond	WA	98052-1234	30
3	Bob Wilson	345 Broadway	Seattle	Washington	98101	19
4	M Jones	245 Third Street	Redmond	NULL	98052	299
5	Robert Wilson	345 Broadway St	Seattle	WA	98101	19
6	James Smith	123 Univ Ave	Seattle	WA	NULL	41
7	J Widom	123 University Ave	Palo Alto	CA	94305	NULL
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$WtJaccard = 0.57$

0.91

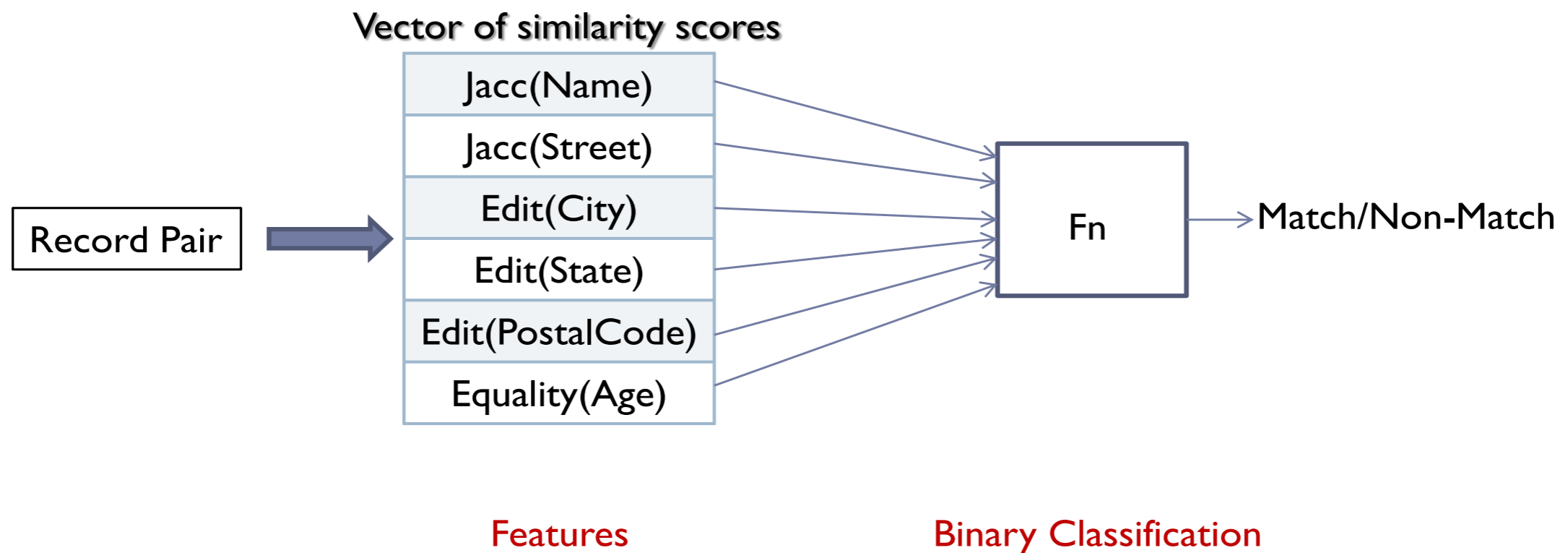
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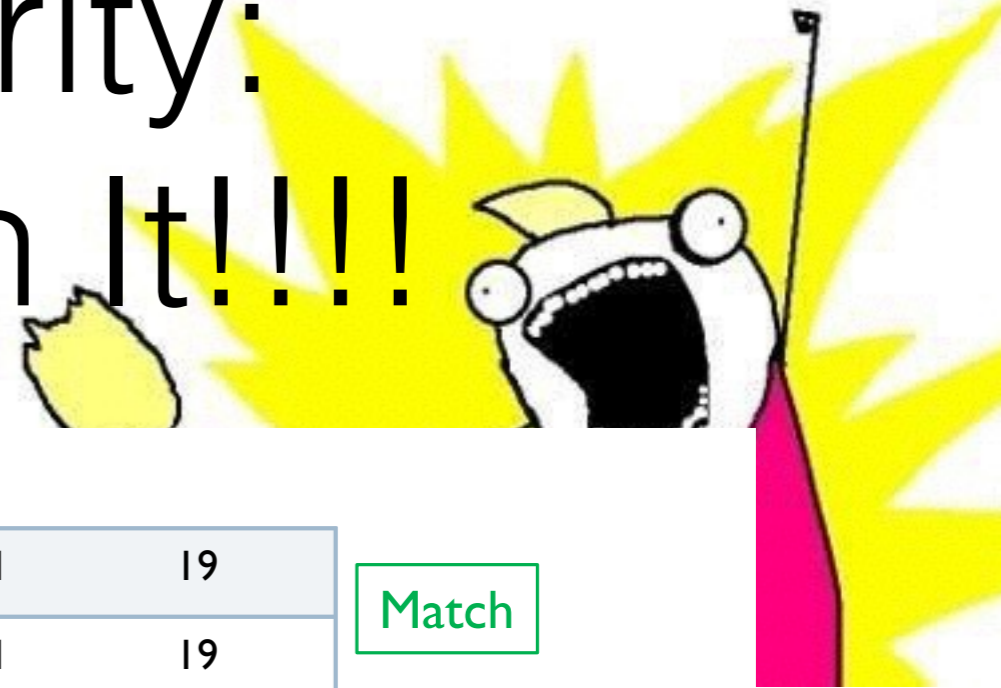
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# String Similarity: Machine Learn It!!!!



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Bob Wilson	345 Broadway	Seattle	Washington	98101	19
Robert Wilson	345 Broadway St	Seattle	WA	98101	19

Match

B Wilson	123 Broadway	Boise	Idaho	83712	19
Robert Wilson	345 Broadway St	Seattle	WA	98101	19

Non-Match

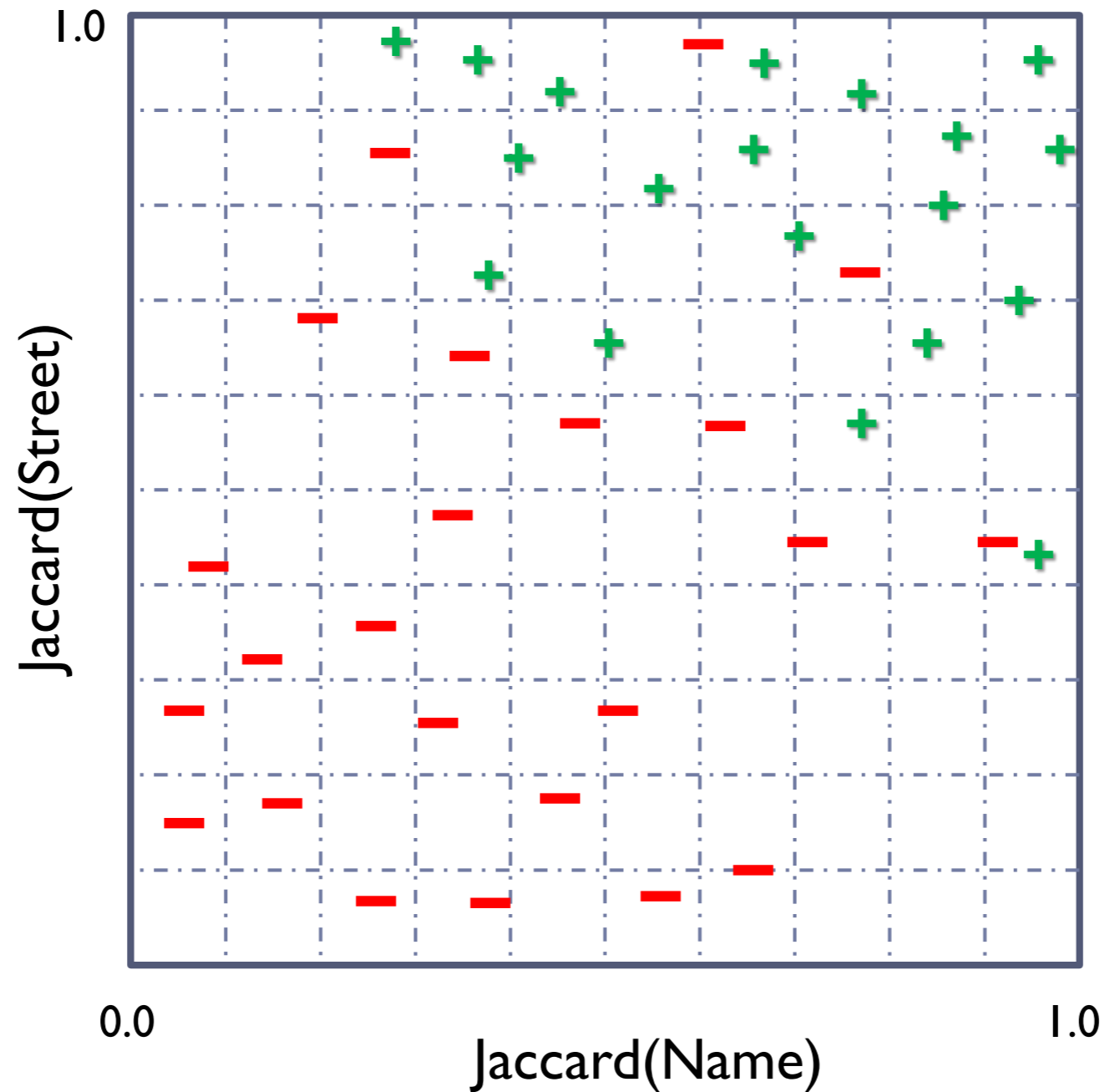
Mary Jones	245 3rd St	Redmond	WA	98052-1234	30
M Jones	245 Third Street	Redmond	NULL	98052	299

Match

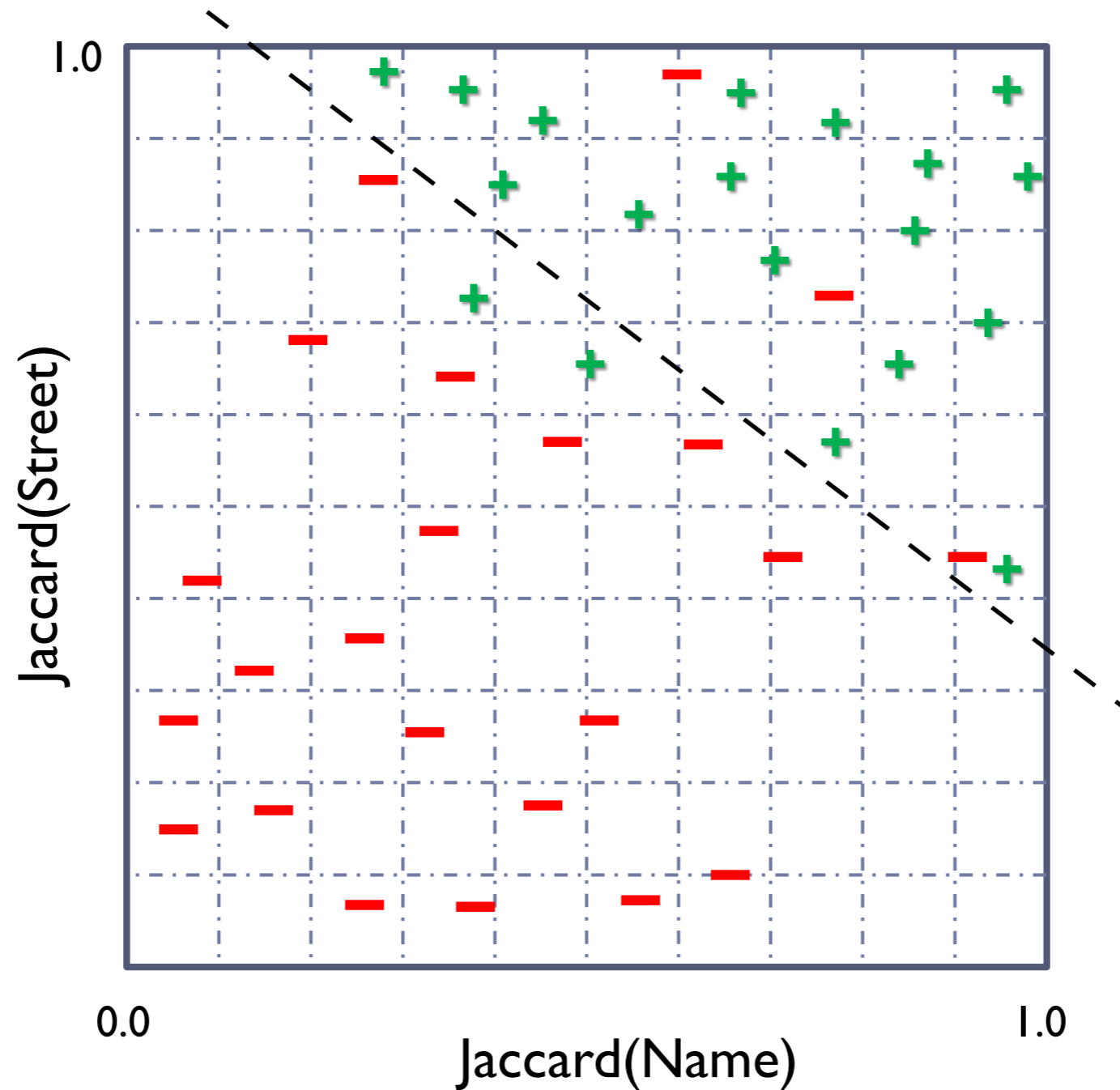
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Non-Match

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And now....a word from your HTAs

(Meanwhile: I HAVE TO GO I'M GONNA MISS  
MY TRAIN EMAIL ME YOUR QUESTIONS HAVE  
A GOOD WEEKEND BYEEEEEE)