

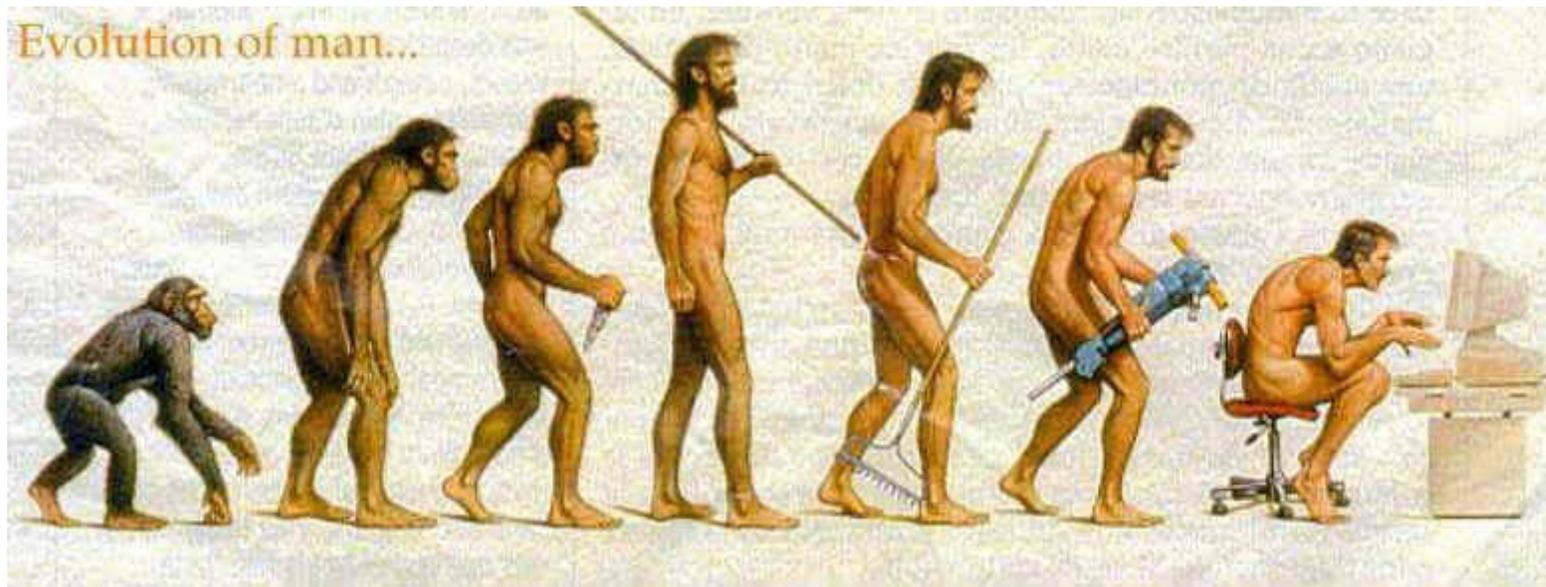


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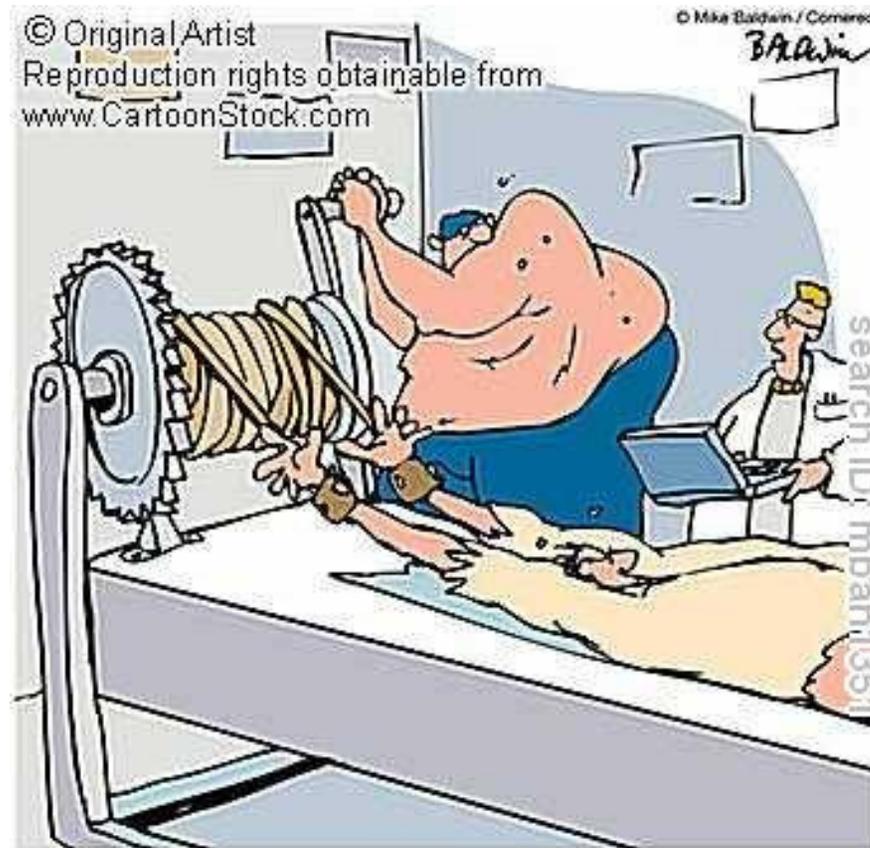
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|| A Lot of Information on the Web



“Come to think of it, he doesn’t need to give us the information. I can just look it up on the Internet.”

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Steve Jobs obituary published by Bloomberg

An obituary of very-much-alive Apple founder Steve Jobs has been accidentally published by the respected Bloomberg business news wire.

By Matthew Moore

Last Updated: 7:05PM BST 28 Aug 2008



Steve Jobs was described as the man who 'refashioned the mobile phone' in the erroneous obituary. Photo: REUTERS

The story, marked "Hold for release – Do not use", was sent in error to the news service's thousands of corporate clients.

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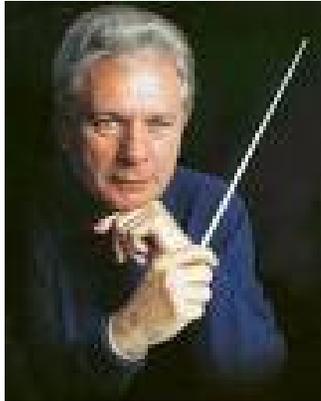
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Pictures of the day

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Information Can Be Erroneous



Maurice Jarre (1924-2009) French Conductor and Composer

“One could say my life itself has been one long soundtrack. Music was my life, music brought me to life, and music is how I will be remembered long after I leave this life. When I die there will be a final waltz playing in my head and that only I can hear.”

2:29, 30 March 2009

A screenshot of a Wikipedia article for Maurice Jarre. The page features the Wikipedia logo on the left and a navigation bar at the top with links for 'article', 'discussion', 'edit this page', and 'history'. The main heading is 'Maurice Jarre' with the subtext 'From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia'. A red banner highlights a revision from 02:29, 30 March 2009 by user 86.42.227.123, stating it may differ significantly from the current revision. Below this, the 'Quotes' section contains a paragraph of text that has been redacted with a grey box. The visible text in the quote section reads: 'Nowadays, if a studio assumes that his film is bad, there is always an executive that gets more nervous than usual and thinks that if they change the music, the film will masterpiece.' and 'One could say my life itself has been one long soundtrack. Music was my life, music brought me to life, and music is how I will be remembered long after I leave this life. will be a final waltz playing in my head and that only I can hear.'

False Information Can Be Propagated

UA's bankruptcy
Chicago Tribune, 2002

Sun-Sentinel.com

Google News

Bloomberg.com

The UAL stock plummeted to \$3 from \$12.5

How Robots Destroyed United Airlines

By Ryan Tate, 8:23 AM on Wed Sep 10 2008, 2,979 views



Yesterday the stock market destruction of United Airlines looked like just another case of bumbling by the Bloomberg news wire. That still appears to be very much correct, but new details tell a larger and more sinister story — a conspiracy of robots to nuke United Airlines by duping one or two humans into acting as pawns. The robot cabal involves aggressive, autonomous bots at Google, Tribune Company and on Wall Street which, despite extensive safeguards, turned swiftly against the wishes of their creators. The whole thing was triggered by some seemingly innocent Google searches and only God knows who it will kill next!

On Monday, travelers Googling for information on airline delays amid bad East Coast weather may have flocked to an old *Chicago Tribune* article about United Airlines' 2002 bankruptcy, hosted on the website of the South Florida *Sun-Sentinel*. Noticing all the incoming traffic, robots running the *Sun-Sentinel* site added the article to a list of most popular stories.

The aggressive journo-cyclons at Google News were watching that list, and inferred that the United Airlines article must be brand new if it was posted there. It didn't help that the human "editors" of the *Sun-Sentinel* website hadn't bothered to put a date stamp on the article to indicate how old it was.

Some different robots at Google then spammed this story out to anyone with a "UAL" news alert.

An unwitting human at Income Securities Advisors Inc. then stumbled upon the old article but thought it was new, because the timestamp attached to it in a Google News search indicated as much. The human posted a link to the article on an Income Securities section of Bloomberg.

Noticing the link, a human at Bloomberg News then published an incorrect headline to Bloomberg's own wire, the newswire confirmed today. (Yesterday it wasn't clear if this was the case — the *Times* correctly implied it was, the *Wall Street Journal* incorrectly said Bloomberg had merely hosted the Income Security report.)

The robots then seized back control of events! Automatic stock-trading systems helped push down the price of UAL amid panicked selling triggered by the Bloomberg report. The stock plummeted to \$3 from \$12.50 before some good robots

The bottom line: Bloomberg news chief Matthew Winkler should be ashamed not only of the recent screwups by his journalists, but also because he was so wrong in his famous tirade line, "the enemy... is not the computer... it's the human!"

San Francisco, 10:00 AM
Wed Dec 31
24 hours
AIM

http://valleywag.gawker.com/5047763/how-robots-destroyed-united-airlines



IS DEEP-WEB DATA CONSISTENT & RELIABLE?

Study on Two Domains

	#Sources	Period	#Objects	#Local-attrs	#Global-attrs	Considered items
Stock	55	7/2011	1000*20	333	153	16000*20
Flight	38	12/2011	1200*31	43	15	7200*31

Belief of clean data

Poor data quality can have big impact



Study on Two Domains

	#Sources	Period	#Objects	#Local-attrs	#Global-attrs	Considered items
Stock	55	7/2011	1000*20	333	153	16000*20

□ Stock

- Search “stock price quotes”
- Sources: 200 (search results) → 89 (deep web) → 76 (GET method) → 55 (no JavaScript)
- 1000 “Objects”: a stock with a particular symbol on a particular day
 - 30 from Dow Jones Index
 - 100 from NASDAQ100 (3 overlaps)
 - 873 from Russell 3000
- Attributes: 333 (local) → 153 (global) → 21 (provided by > 1/3 sources) → 16 (no change after market close)

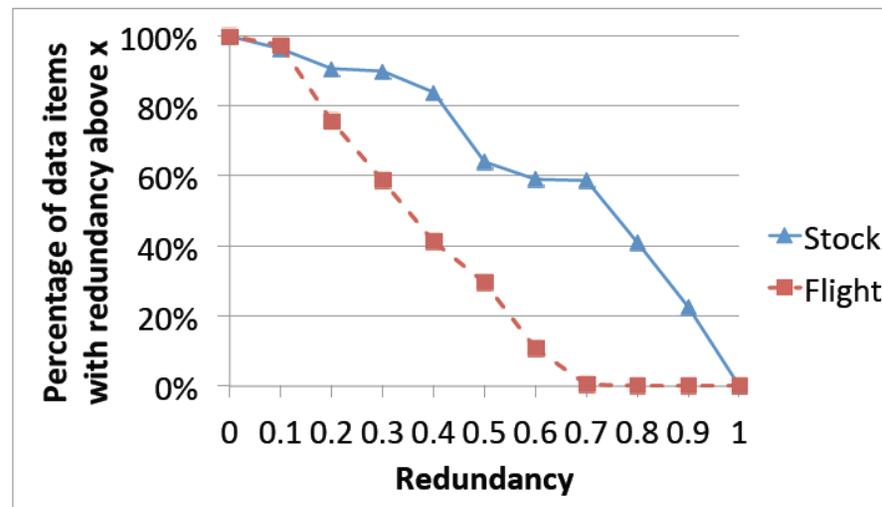
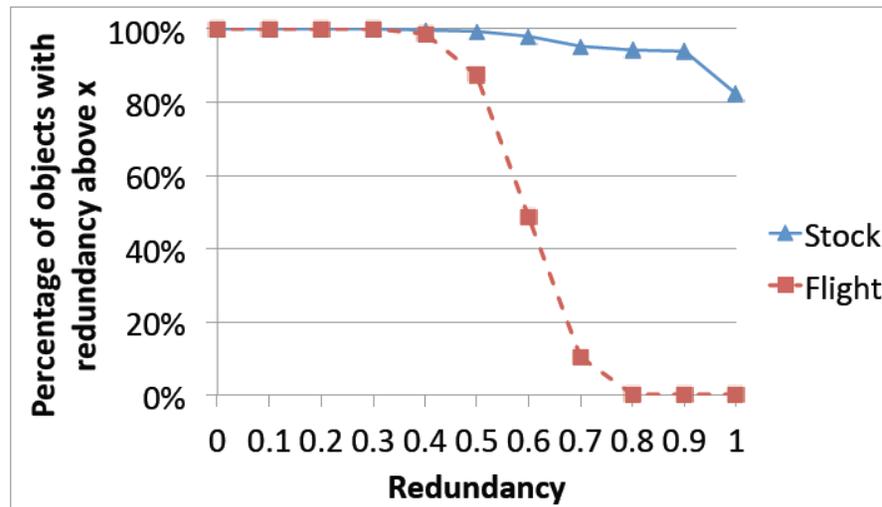
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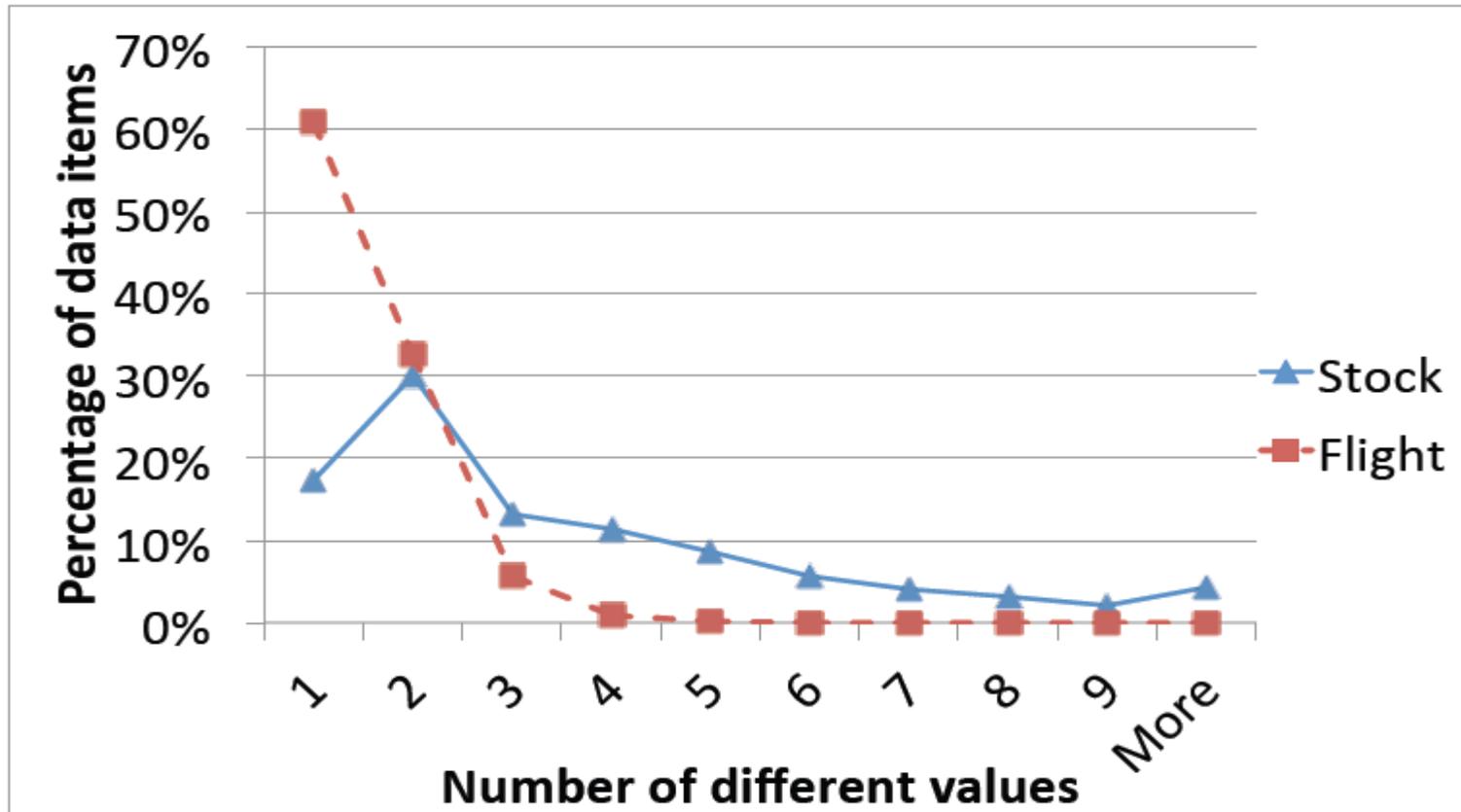
□ Flight

- Search “flight status”
- Sources: 38
 - 3 airline websites (AA, UA, Continental)
 - 8 airport websites (SFO, DEN, etc.)
 - 27 third-party websites (Orbitz, Travelocity, etc.)
- 1200 “Objects”: a flight with a particular flight number on a particular day from a particular departure city
 - Departing or arriving at the hub airports of AA/UA/Continental
- Attributes: 43 (local) → 15 (global) → 6 (provided by > 1/3 sources)
 - scheduled dept/arr time, actual dept/arr time, dept/arr gate

Q1. Is There a Lot of Redundant Data? ✓

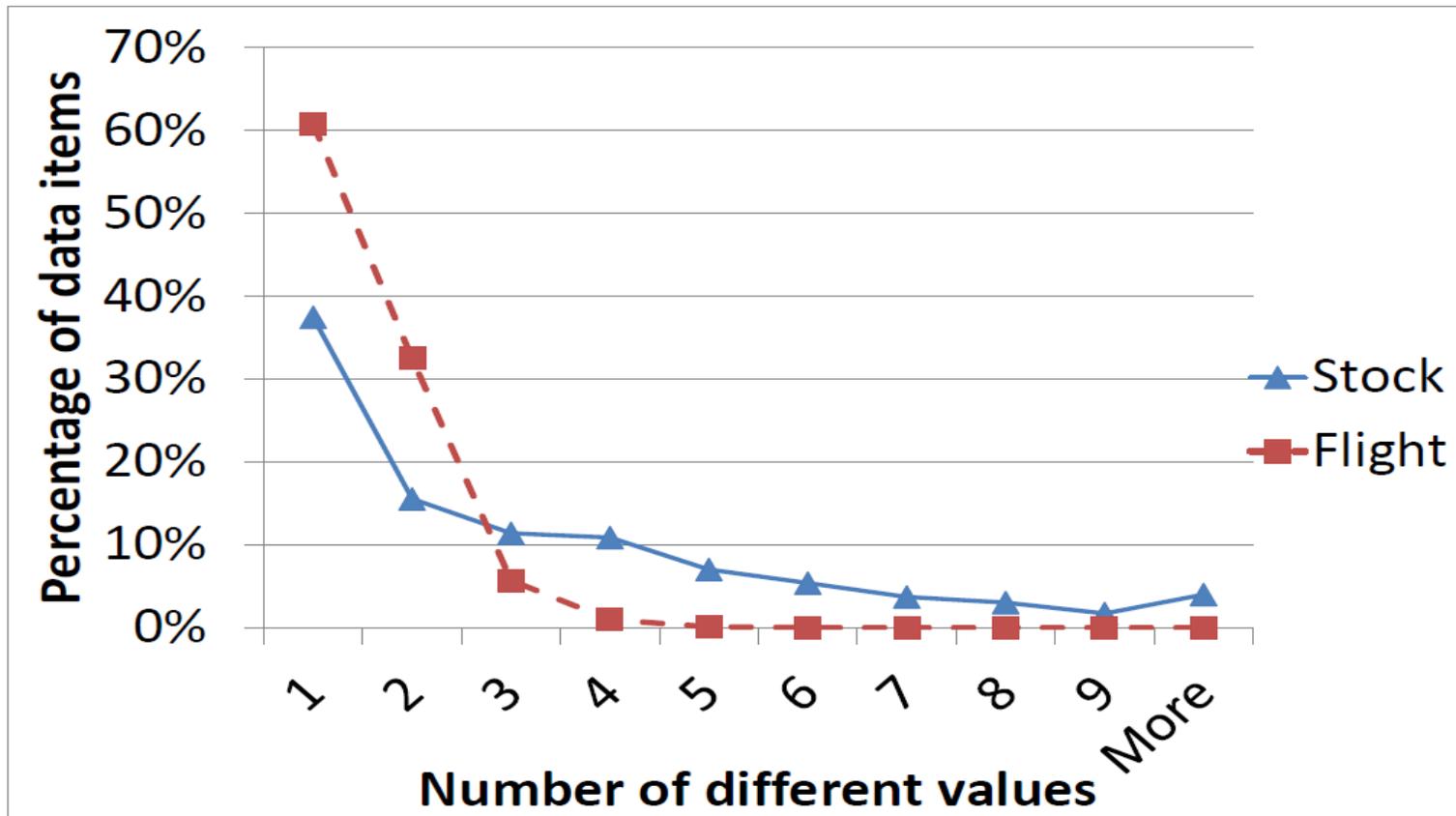


Q2. Is the Data Consistent?



Tolerance to 1% value difference

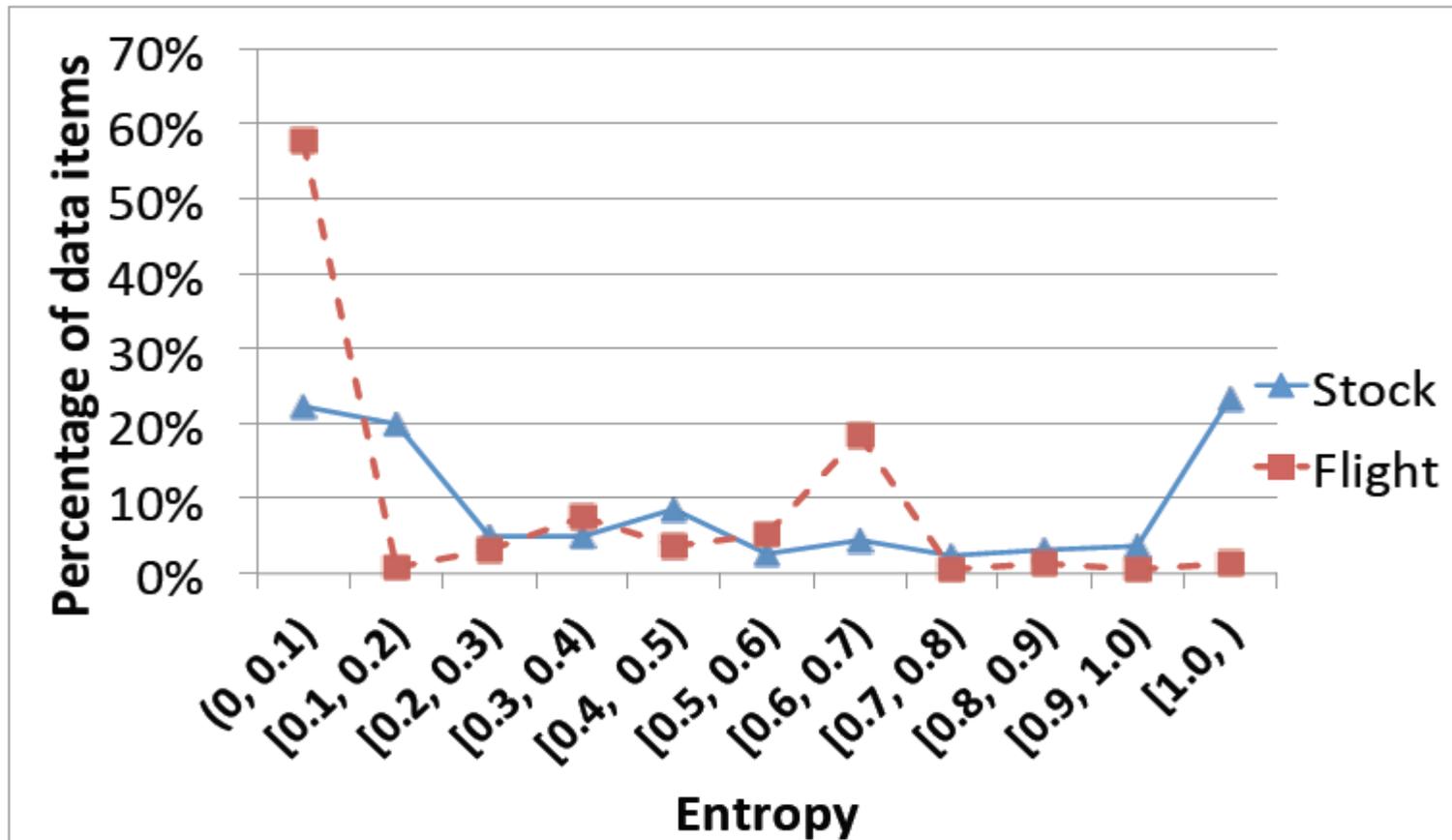
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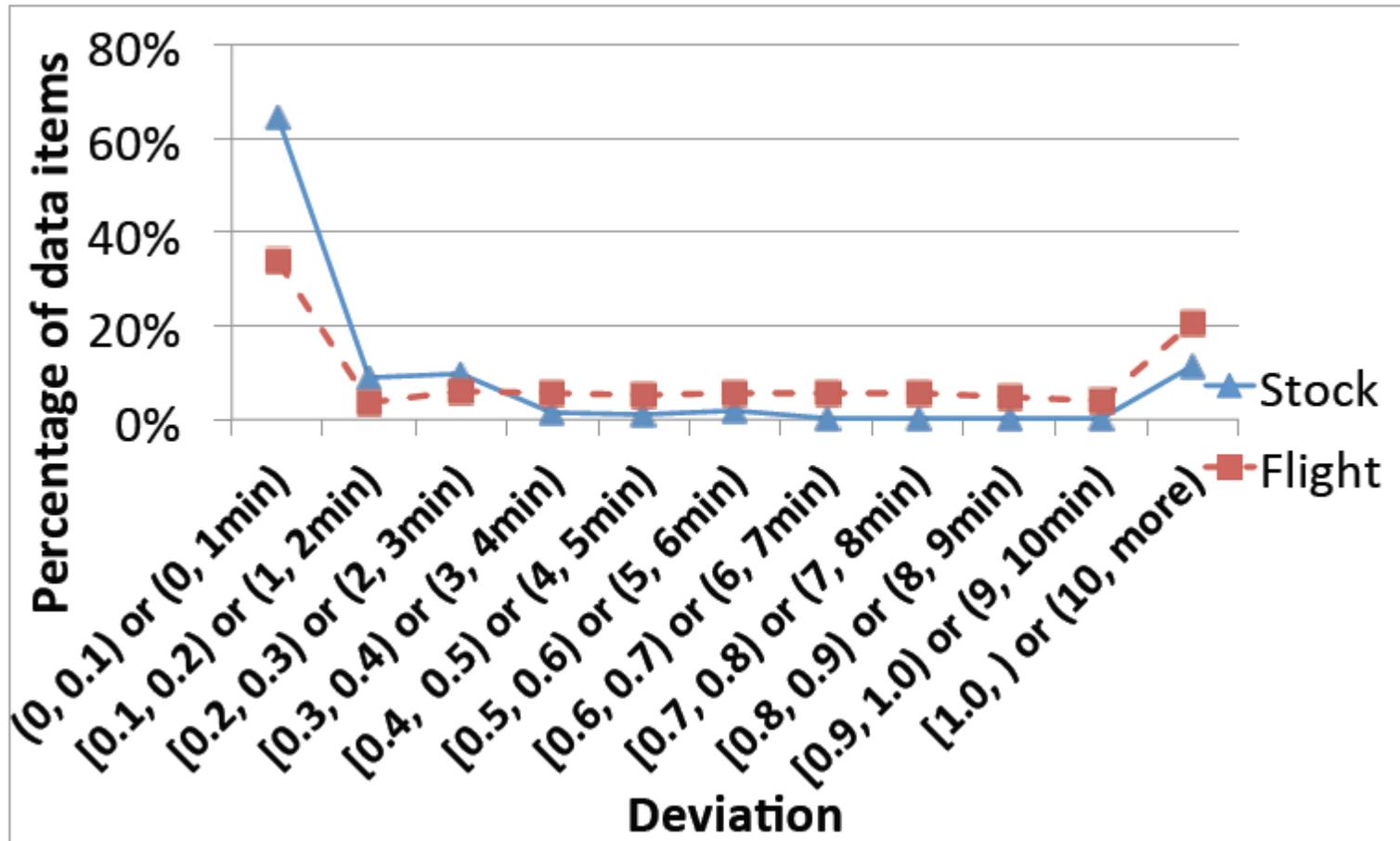
Inconsistency on 50% items after removing *StockSmart*

Q2. Is the Data Consistent? (II)



- ❑ Entropy measures distribution of different values
- ❑ Quite low entropy: one value provided more often than others

Q2. Is the Data Consistent? (III)



- Deviation measures difference of numerical values
- High deviation: 13.4 for Stock, 13.1 min for Flight

Why Such Inconsistency?

— I. Semantic Ambiguity

Yahoo! Finance

Day's Range: 93.80-95.71

Nasdaq

Green Mountain Coffee Roasters, (NasdaqGS: GMCR)

After Hours: 95.13 ↓ -0.01 (-0.02%) 4:07PM EDT

Last Trade:	95.14
Trade Time:	4:00PM EDT
Change:	↑ 1.69 (1.81%)
Prev Close:	93.45
Open:	94.01
Bid:	95.03 x 100
Ask:	95.94 x 100
1y Target Est:	92.50

Day's Range: **93.80 - 95.71**

52wk Range: **25.38 - 95.71**

Volume:	2,384,075
Avg Vol (3m):	2,512,070
Market Cap:	13.51B
P/E (ttm):	119.82
EPS (ttm):	0.79
Div & Yld:	N/A (N/A)

52wk Range: 25.38-95.71

52 Wk: 25.38-93.72

Last Sale	\$ 95.14
Change Net / %	1.69 ▲ 1.81%
Best Bid / Ask	\$ 95.03 / \$ 95.94
1y Target Est:	\$ 95.00
Today's High / Low	\$ 95.71 / \$ 93.80
Share Volume	2,384,175
50 Day Avg. Daily Volume	2,751,062
Previous Close	\$ 93.45
52 Wk High / Low	93.72 / \$ 25.38
Shares Outstanding	152,785,000
Market Value of Listed Security	13,535,964,900
P/E Ratio	120.43
Forward P/E (1yr)	63.57
Earnings Per Share	\$ 0.79
Annual Dividend	N/A
Dividend Date	N/A
Dividend Pymt	N/A
Current Yield	N/A
Beta	0.82
NASDAQ Official Open Price:	\$ 94.01
Date of NASDAQ Official Open Price:	Jul. 7, 2011
NASDAQ Official Close Price:	\$ 95.14
Date of NASDAQ Official Close Price:	Jul. 7, 2011

Day's Range: 93.80-95.71

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— II. Instance Ambiguity

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SALVEPAR (SY) 29 Aug 2011 - 22 Feb 2012

Stock Details

Last Trade:	64.98
Change:	+0.00 (0.00%)
Prev Close:	64.98
Open:	14.73
Days Range:	64.98 - 64.98
52 Week Range:	33.54 - 66.00
Volume:	88168
P/E:	31.54
EPS:	2.06

SYBASE (SY)

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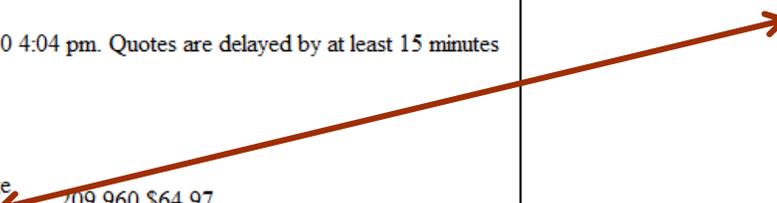
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\$64.98 Change 209,960 \$64.97

Last Trade +0.02% Volume Prev. Close

Change (%)



Why Such Inconsistency?

— III. Out-of-Date Data

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Altera Corporation (NasdaqGS: ALTR)

After Hours: **48.11** ↓ -0.01 (-0.02%) 4:05PM EDT

Last Trade:	48.12	Day's Range:
Trade Time:	4:00PM EDT	52wk Range:
Change:	↑ 1.04 (2.21%)	Volume:
Prev Close:	47.08	Avg Vol (3m):
Open:	47.62	Market Cap:
Bid:	48.09 x 300	P/E (ttm):
Ask:	48.11 x 200	EPS (ttm):
1y Target Est:	47.03	Div & Yield:

Altera Corp (NASDAQ:ALTR)

+ Watch ALTR **\$48.09** ↑ 1.01 (+2.15%) 7/7/2011 3:57 PM

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CAPS Rating	★★★★☆
Open	\$47.59
Previous Close	\$47.08
Daily Range	\$47.35 - \$48.35
52-Week Range	\$24.48 - \$49.59
Market Cap	\$15.50B
P/E Ratio	17.70
Dividend (Yield)	0.24 (0.90%)
Volume	2,745,524
Average Daily Volume	4,424,000

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— IV. Unit Error

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TTI: Stock Quote & Summary Data

\$ 13.11 0.51 ▲ 4.05%
Jul. 7, 2011 Market Closed
Update Quotes: On. Updates every 7 Seconds.

for TTI | Commentary for TTI | Price Charts | Company Financials

Last Sale	\$ 13.11
Change Net / %	0.51 (4.05%)
1y Target Est.	\$ 16.00
Today's High / Low	\$ 13.11 / \$ 12.67
Share Volume	480,067
Previous Close	\$ 12.60
52 Wk High / Low	\$ 16 / \$ 8
Shares Outstanding	76,821,000
Market Value of Listed Security	\$ 1,007,123,310
P/E Ratio	NE
Forward P/E (1yr)	19.69
Earnings Per Share	\$ -0.68
Annualized Dividend	N/A

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TTI **\$13.11** **\$0.51 (4.05%)**

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	Today	5d	1m	3m	1y	5y	10y
Last:	\$13.11				High:	\$13.15	
Prev Close:	\$12.60				Low:	\$12.67	
Open:	\$12.82				Mkt Cap:	\$968M	
Change:	\$0.51 (4.05%)				52Wk High:	\$16.00	
Vol:	472,608				52Wk Low:	\$8.00	
Avg Volume:	559,308				Shares:	76.82B	
EPS:	-				PE Ratio:	-	

Why Such Inconsistency?

— V. Pure Error

FlightView

American Airlines Flight Number 119 (AA119)

FLIGHT TRACKER

Departure
 Airport: Newark Liberty Intl (KEWR)
 Scheduled Time: 6:15 PM, Dec 08
 Takeoff Time: 6:53 PM, Dec 08
 Terminal - Gate: Terminal A - 32

6:15 PM

Arrival Status: In Air
 Airport: Los Angeles Intl (KLAX)
 Scheduled Time: 9:40 PM, Dec 08
 Estimated Time: 9:42 PM, Dec 08
 Time Remaining: 25 min
 Terminal - Gate: Terminal 4 - 42B
 Baggage Claim: 4

9:40 PM

FlightAware

AAL119 (Track inbound flight)
 American Airlines "American"

Aircraft: Boeing 737-800 (twin-jet) (B738/Q)
 Origin: Terminal A / Gate 32 / Newark Liberty Intl (KEWR)
 Destination: Terminal 4 / Gate 42B / Los Angeles Intl (KLAX)
 Route: ZIMMZ Q42 BTRIX Q480 AIR J80 VHP J80 MCI J24 SLN J102 ALS J44 RSK J64 PGS RIIVR2
 Date: 2011年 12月 08日 (Thursday)
 Duration: 5 hours 43 minutes
 Progress: 20 minutes left / 5 hours 23 minutes
 Status: En Route (2,284 sm done, 308 sm to go)
 Distance: Direct: 2,451 sm / Planned: 2,458
 Fare: \$51.99 to \$3,561, average: \$241.96
 Cabin: First: Dinner / Economy: Food for sale
 Departure: 06:15PM EST / 07:08PM EST / 06:53PM EST
 Arrival: 08:33PM PST / 09:17PM PST / 09:36PM PST

6:15 PM

06:15PM EST
 08:33PM PST

8:33 PM

Orbitz

American Airlines # 119

Leg 1: In Transit

Departs: Newark (EWR) View real-time airport conditions at [link]

Gate: 32

6:22 PM

Scheduled	Estimated	Actual
6:22p Dec 8	-	6:32p Dec 8

Arrives: Los Angeles (LAX) View real-time airport conditions [link]

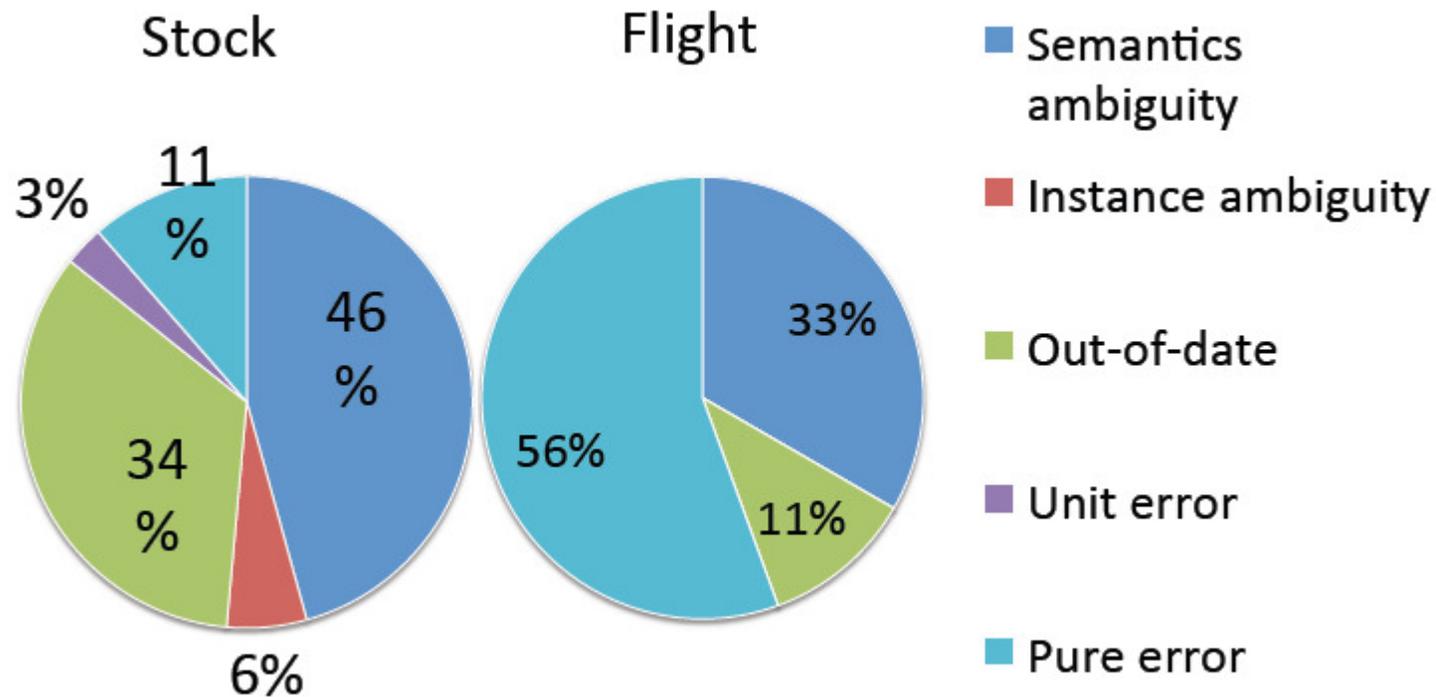
Gate: 42B

Scheduled Estimated Actual

Scheduled	Estimated	Actual
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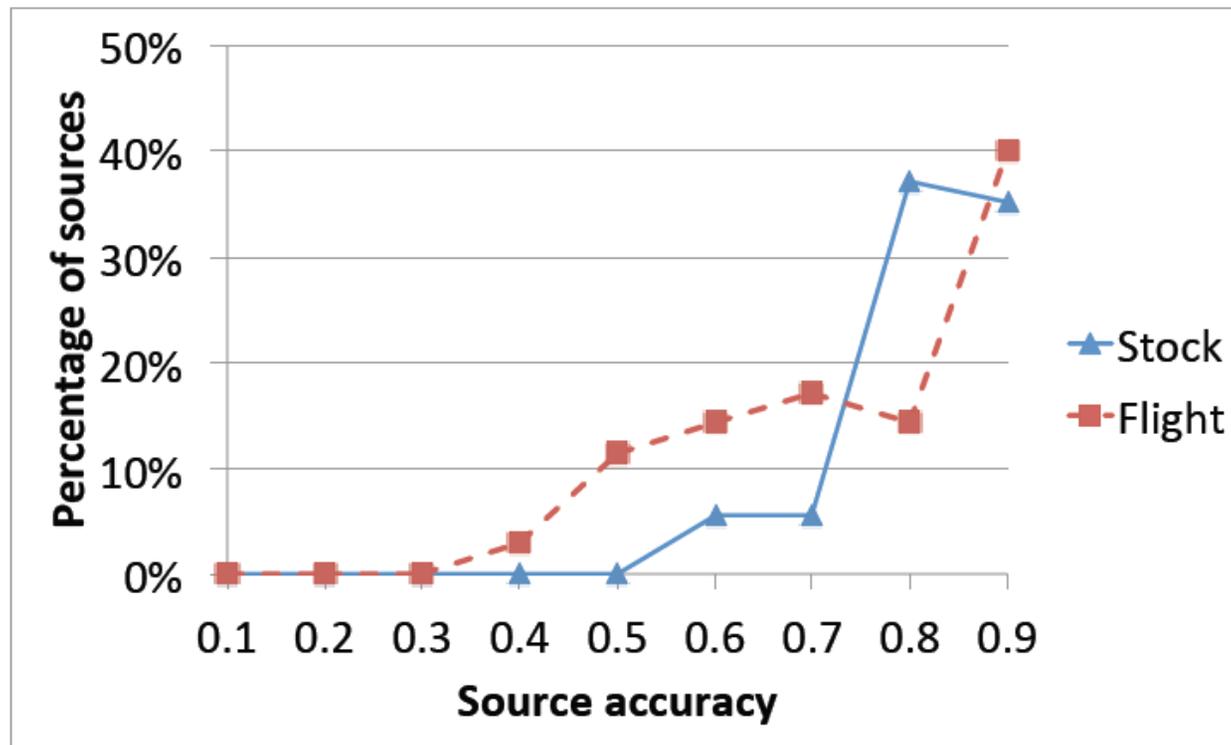
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Why Such Inconsistency?



□ Random sample of 20 data items and 5 items with the largest # of values in each domain

Q3. Do Sources Have High Accuracy? ❌



- Not high on average: .86 for Stock and .8 for Flight
- Gold standard
 - Stock: vote on data from *Google Finance, Yahoo! Finance, MSN Money, NASDAQ, Bloomberg*
 - Flight: from airline websites

Q3-2. What About Authoritative Sources?



	Source	Accuracy	Coverage
Stock	<i>Google Finance</i>	.94	.82
	<i>Yahoo! Finance</i>	.93	.81
	<i>NASDAQ</i>	.92	.84
	<i>MSN Money</i>	.91	.89
	<i>Bloomberg</i>	.83	.81
Flight	<i>Orbitz</i>	.98	.87
	<i>Travelocity</i>	.95	.71
	<i>Airport average</i>	.94	.03

- Reasonable but not so high accuracy
- Medium coverage

Q4. Is There Copying or Data Sharing Between Deep-Web Sources?



The image displays four overlapping screenshots of financial data for Apple, Inc. (AAPL), illustrating data consistency across different sources. Each screenshot shows the following information:

- Company Name:** Apple, Inc. (NQ: AAPL)
- Price Change:** -6.000 (-1.775%)
- Volume:** 18,927,580
- Price And Volume Chart:** Intraday chart showing price movement from 10AM to 12PM.
- Related Searches:** 1. Forex Calculator, 2. Currency Trading (leftmost); 1. Forex Software, 2. Real Time Stock Quotes (middle-left); 1. Forex Software, 2. Real Time Stock Quotes (middle-right).
- Price And Volume Table:** Summary of key metrics.
- Morningstar Profile:** Section for further analysis.

Metric	Value
Today's Open	332.00
Bid (Size)	332.85 (500)
Ask (Size)	333.10 (400)
Prev. Close	338.04
Today's Range	331.90 - 338.22
52wk Range	235.56 - 364.90
Shares Outstanding	924,754,561

Morningstar Profile: Apple, Inc. designs, manufactures, and markets personal

Q4-2. Is Copying or Data Sharing Mainly on Accurate Data?

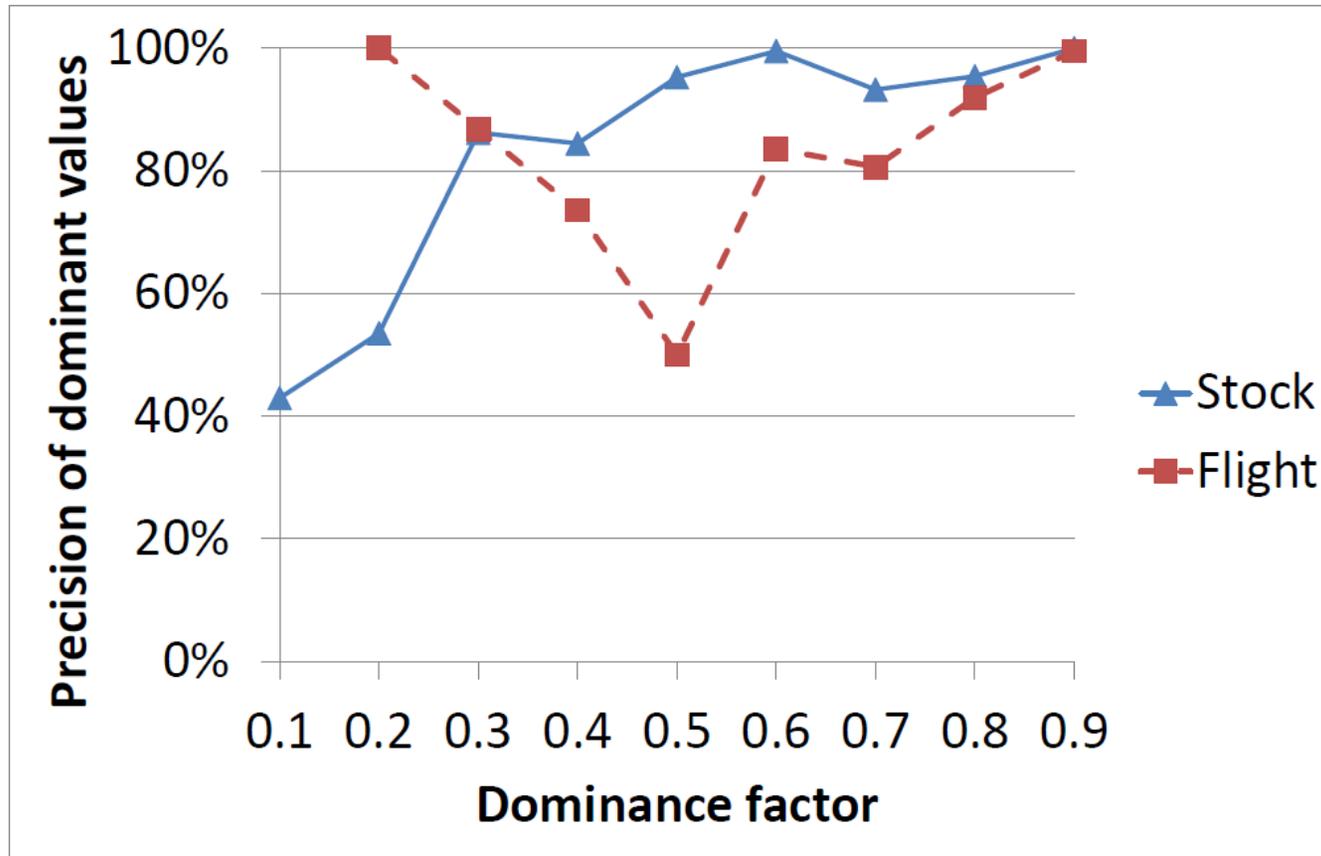


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Stock	Depen claimed	11	1	.99	.99	.92
	Depen claimed	2	1	1	.99	.75
Flight	Depen claimed	5	0.80	1	1	.71
	Query redirection	4	0.83	1	1	.53
	Dependence claimed	3	1	1	1	.92
	Embedded interface	2	1	1	1	.93
	Embedded interface	2	1	1	1	.61



HOW TO RESOLVE INCONSISTENCY (*DATA FUSION*)?

Basic Solution: Voting



- ❑ Only 70% correct values are provided by over half of the sources
 - ❑ .908 voting precision for Stock; i.e., wrong values for 1500 data items
 - ❑ .864 voting precision for Flight; i.e., wrong values for 1000 data items

Improvement I. Using Source Accuracy

	S ₁	S ₂	S ₃
Flight 1	7:02PM	6:40PM	7:02PM
Flight 2	5:43PM	5:43PM	5:50PM
Flight 3	9:20AM	9:20AM	9:20AM
Flight 4	9:40PM	9:52PM	8:33PM
Flight 5	6:15PM	6:15PM	6:22PM



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Higher accuracy;
More trustable

Naïve voting obtains an accuracy of 80%

Improvement I. Using Source Accuracy

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Flight 4	9:40PM	9:52PM	8:33PM
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Higher accuracy;
More trustable

Challenges:

1. How to decide source accuracy?
2. How to leverage accuracy in voting?

Considering accuracy obtains an accuracy of 100%

Source Accuracy: Bayesian Analysis

□ Goal: $\Pr(v_i(D) \text{ true} \mid \Phi_D(\mathbf{S}))$, for each $D, v_i(D)$

□ According to Bayes Rule, we need to know

□ $\Pr(\Phi_D(\mathbf{S}) \mid v_i(D) \text{ true}), \Pr(v_i(D) \text{ true})$, for each $v_i(D)$

□ $\Pr(\Phi_D(\mathbf{S}) \mid v_i(D) \text{ true})$ can be computed as:

□ $\prod_{S \in s(v_i(D))} (A(S)) * \prod_{S \in S \setminus s(v_i(D))} ((1 - A(S))/n)$

□ $\Pr(v_i(D) \text{ true} \mid \Phi_D(\mathbf{S})) = e^{\text{Conf}(v_i(D))} / (\sum_{v_o(D)} e^{\text{Conf}(v_o(D))})$

□ $\text{Conf}(v_i(D)) = \sum_{S \in s(v_i(D))} \ln(nA(S)/(1 - A(S)))$

□ $A(S) = \text{Avg}_{v_i(D) \in S} \Pr(v_i(D) \text{ true} \mid \Phi_D(\mathbf{S}))$

|| Computing Source Accuracy

□ Source accuracy $A(S)$

$$A(S) = \text{Avg}_{v_i(D) \in S} \Pr(v_i(D) \text{ true} \mid \Phi)$$

- $v_i(D) \in S$: S provides value v_i on data item D
- Φ : observations on all data items by sources S
- $\Pr(v_i(D) \text{ true} \mid \Phi)$: probability of $v_i(D)$ being true

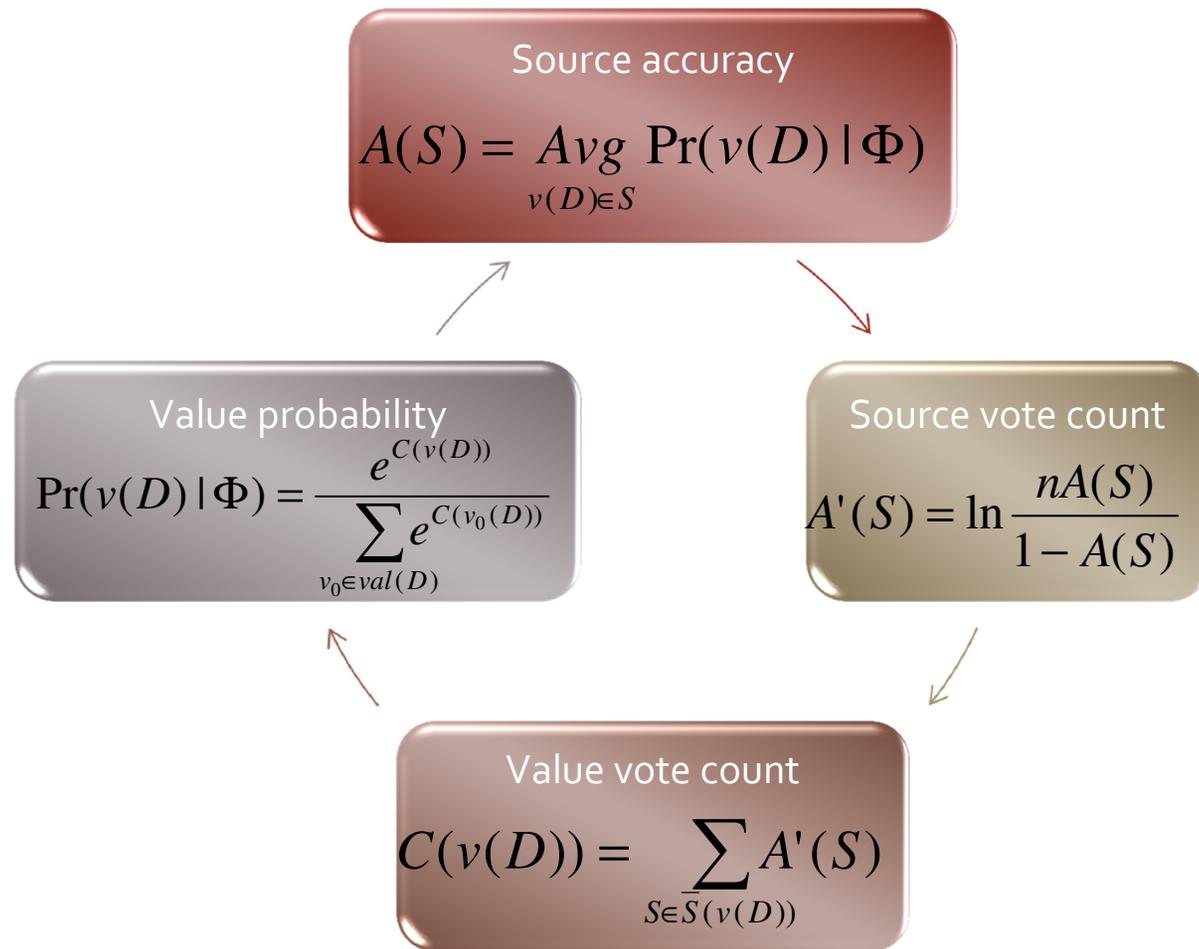
How to compute $\Pr(v_i(D) \text{ true} \mid \Phi)$?

Using Source Accuracy in Data Fusion

- ❑ Input: data item D , $\text{val}(D) = \{v_0, v_1, \dots, v_n\}$, Φ
- ❑ Output: $\Pr(v_i(D) \text{ true} \mid \Phi)$, for $i=0, \dots, n$ (sum=1)
- ❑ Based on Bayes Rule, need $\Pr(\Phi \mid v_i(D) \text{ true})$
- ❑ Under independence, need $\Pr(\Phi_D(S) \mid v_i(D) \text{ true})$
 - ❑ If S provides v_i : $\Pr(\Phi_D(S) \mid v_i(D) \text{ true}) = A(S)$
 - ❑ If S does not : $\Pr(\Phi_D(S) \mid v_i(D) \text{ true}) = (1-A(S))/n$

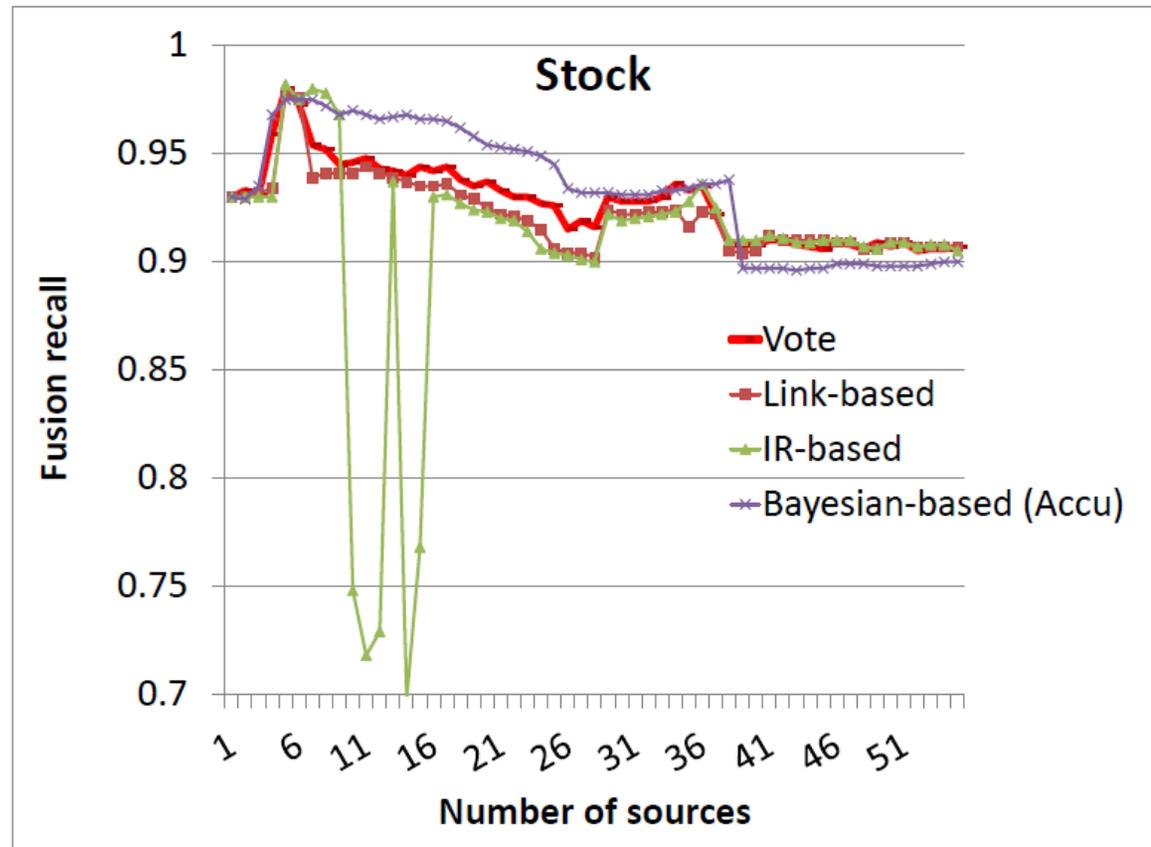
Challenge: How to handle inter-dependence between source accuracy and value probability?

Data Fusion Using Source Accuracy



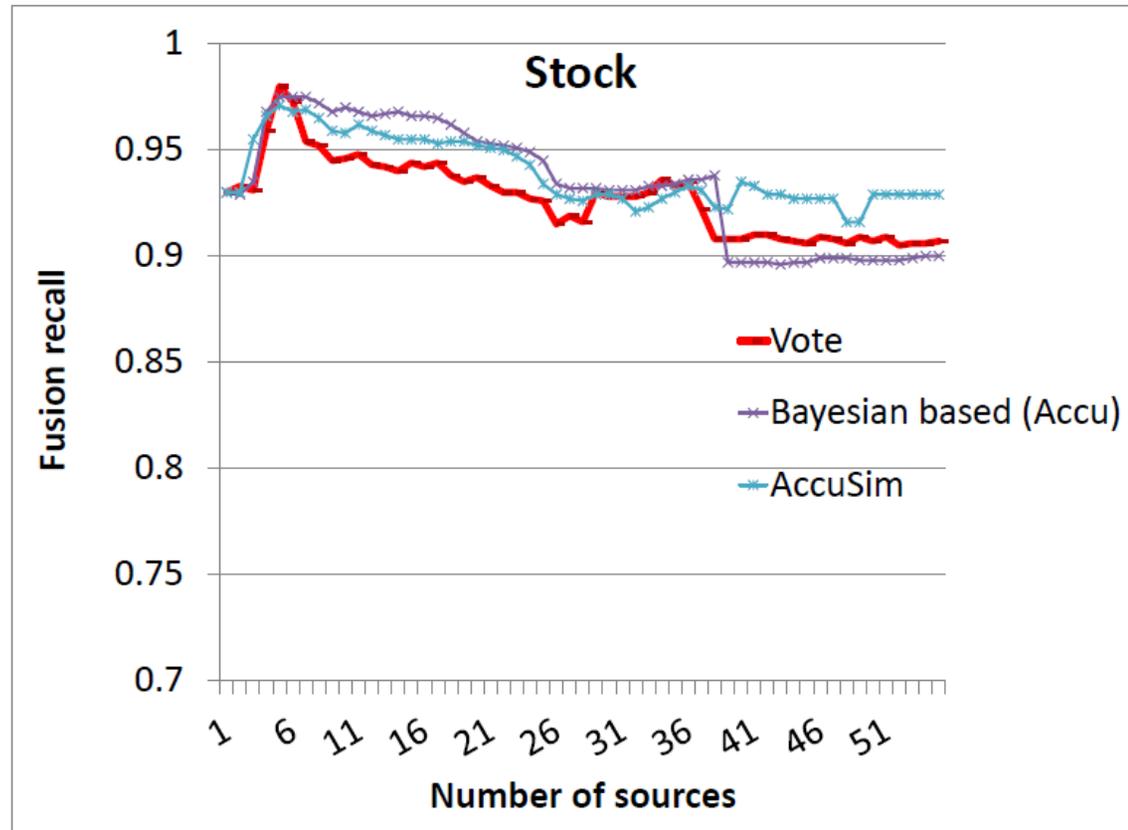
□ Continue until source accuracy converges

Results on Stock Data (I)



- ❑ Sources ordered by recall (coverage * accuracy)
- ❑ Among various methods, the Bayesian-based method (Accu) performs best at the beginning, but in the end obtains a final precision (=recall) of .900, worse than Vote (.908)

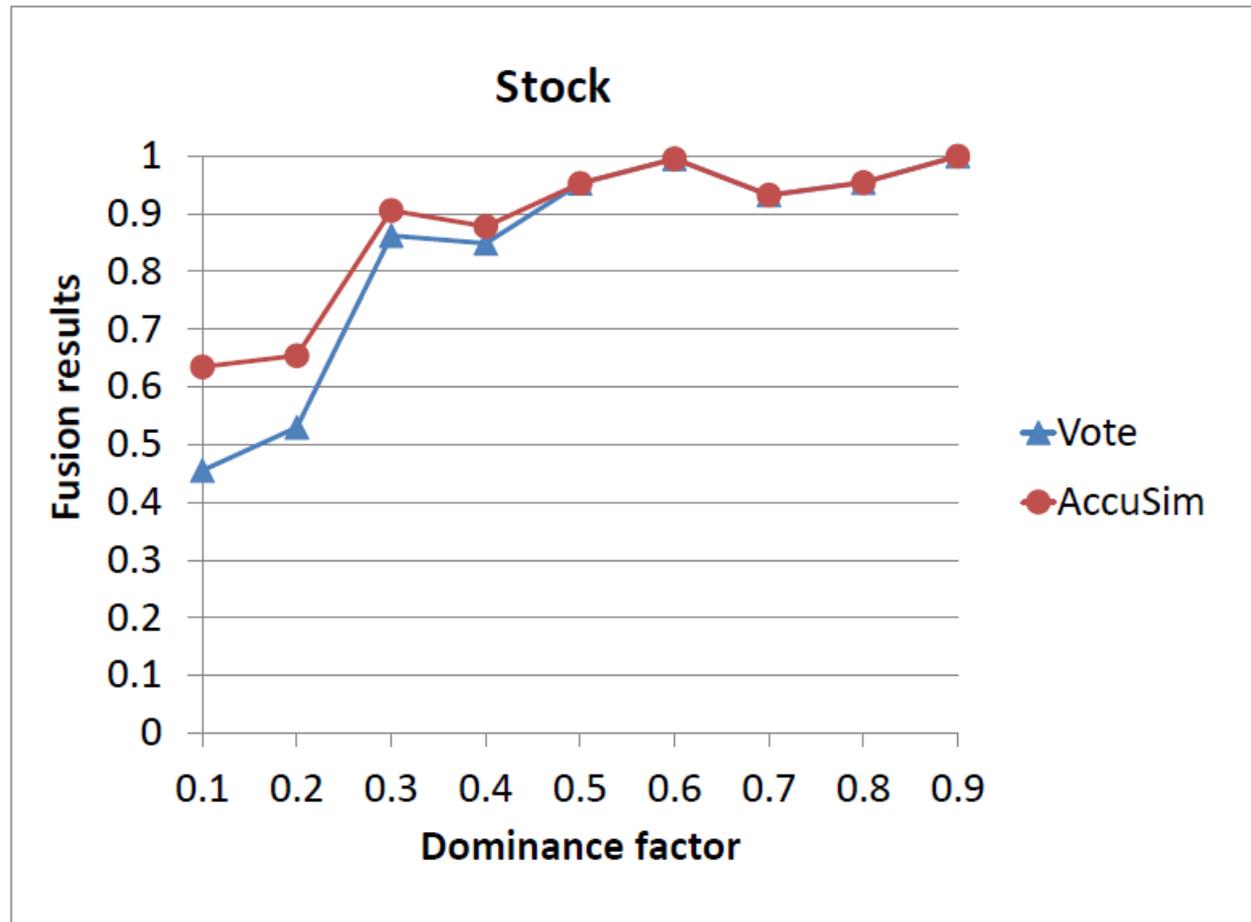
Results on Stock Data (II)



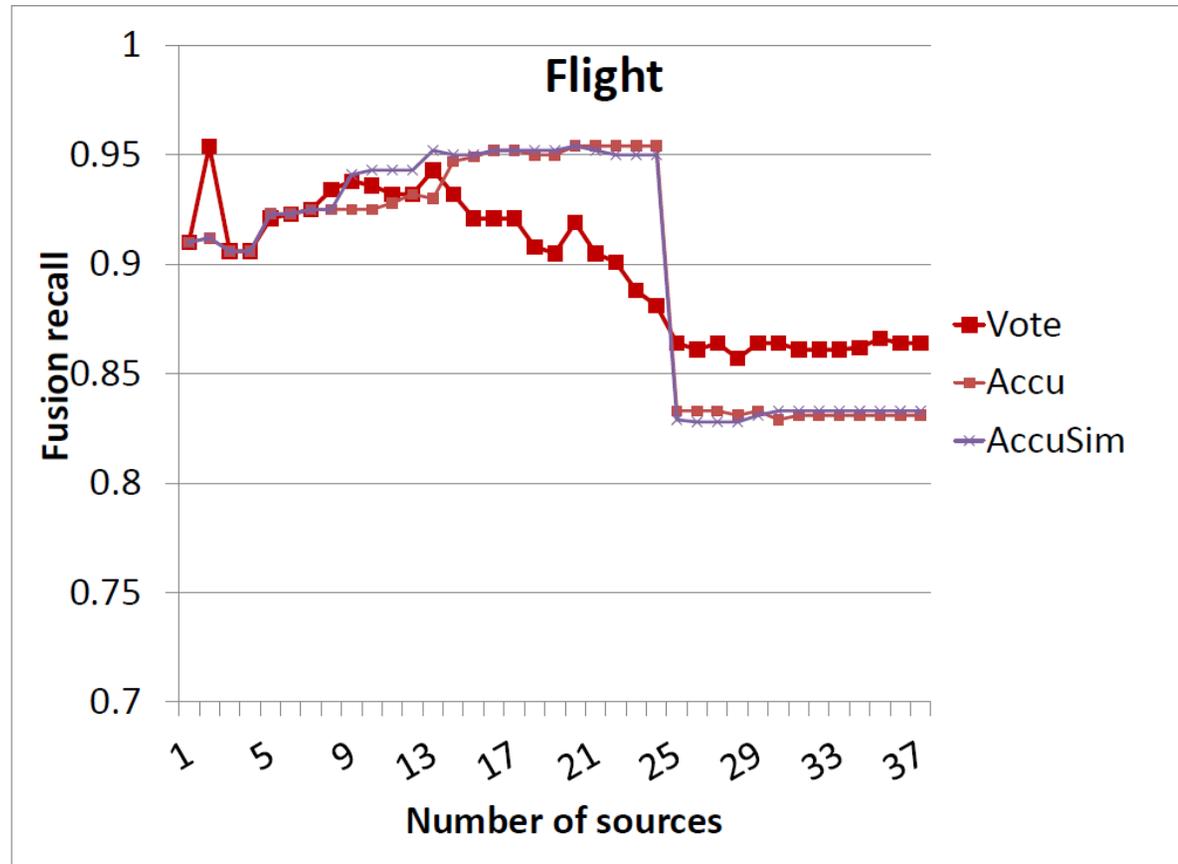
□ AccuSim obtains a final precision of .929, higher than Vote and any other method (around .908)

□ This translates to 350 more correct values

Results on Stock Data (III)



Results on Flight Data



□ Accu/AccuSim obtain final precision of .831/.833, both lower than Vote (.857)

□ WHY??? What is that magic source?

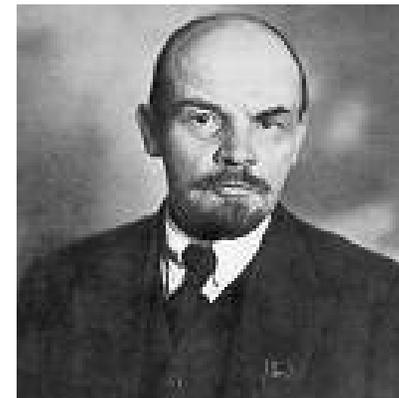
Copying on Erroneous Data

	Remarks	Size	Schema sim	Object sim	Value sim	Avg accu
Stock	Depen claimed	11	1	.99	.99	.92
	Depen claimed	2	1	1	.99	.75
Flight	Depen claimed	5	0.80	1	1	.71
	Query redirection	4	0.83	1	1	.53
	Dependence claimed	3	1	1	1	.92
	Embedded interface	2	1	1	1	.93
	Embedded interface	2	1	1	1	.61

Copying on Erroneous Data

	S ₁	S ₂	S ₃	S ₄	S ₅
Flight 1	7:02PM	6:40PM	7:02PM	7:02PM	8:02PM
Flight 2	5:43PM	5:43PM	5:50PM	5:50PM	5:50PM
Flight 3	9:20AM	9:20AM	9:20AM	9:20AM	9:20AM
Flight 4	9:40PM	9:52PM	8:33PM	8:33PM	8:33PM
Flight 5	6:15PM	6:15PM	6:22PM	6:22PM	6:22PM

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— *Vladimir Lenin*

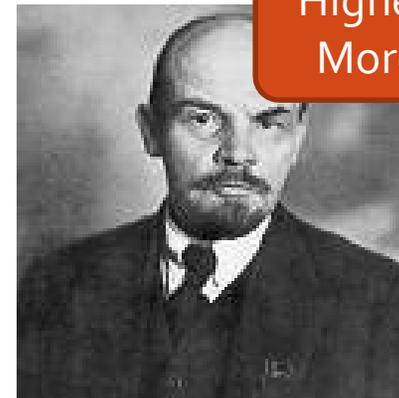


Copying on Erroneous Data

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Higher accuracy;
More trustable

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Considering source accuracy can be worse when there is copying

Improvement II. Ignoring Copied Data

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Challenges:

1. How to detect copying?
2. How to leverage copying in voting?

It is important to detect copying and ignore copied values in fusion

Copying?

Are Source 1 and Source 2 dependent? Not necessarily

Source 1 on USA Presidents:

1st : George Washington

2nd : John Adams

3rd : Thomas Jefferson

4th : James Madison

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41st : George H.W. Bush

42nd : William J. Clinton

43rd : George W. Bush

44th : Barack Obama

Source 2 on USA Presidents:

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2nd : John Adams ✓

3rd : Thomas Jefferson ✓

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41st : George H.W. Bush ✓

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Copying? — Common Errors

Are Source 1 and Source 2 dependent? Very likely

Source 1 on USA Presidents:

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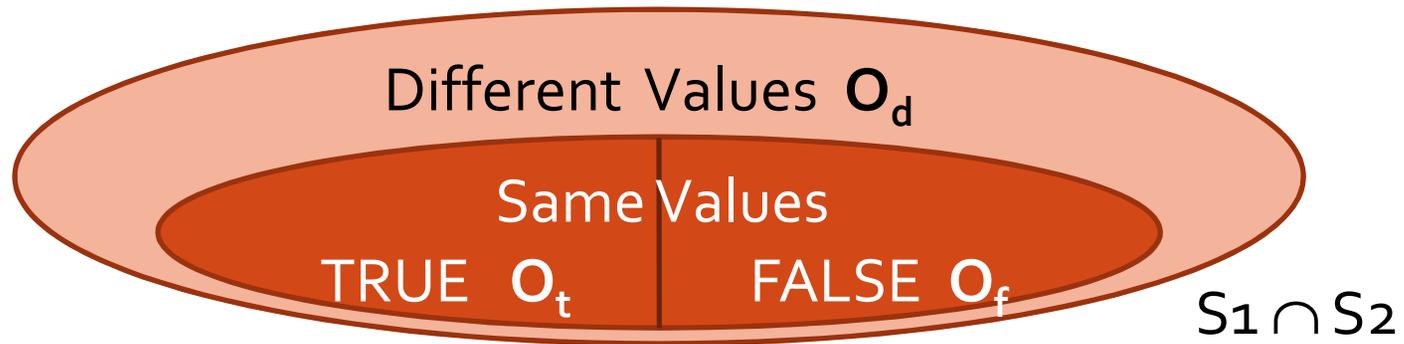
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Copying Detection: Bayesian Analysis



□ Goal: $\Pr(S_1 \perp S_2 | \Phi)$, $\Pr(S_1 \sim S_2 | \Phi)$ (sum = 1)

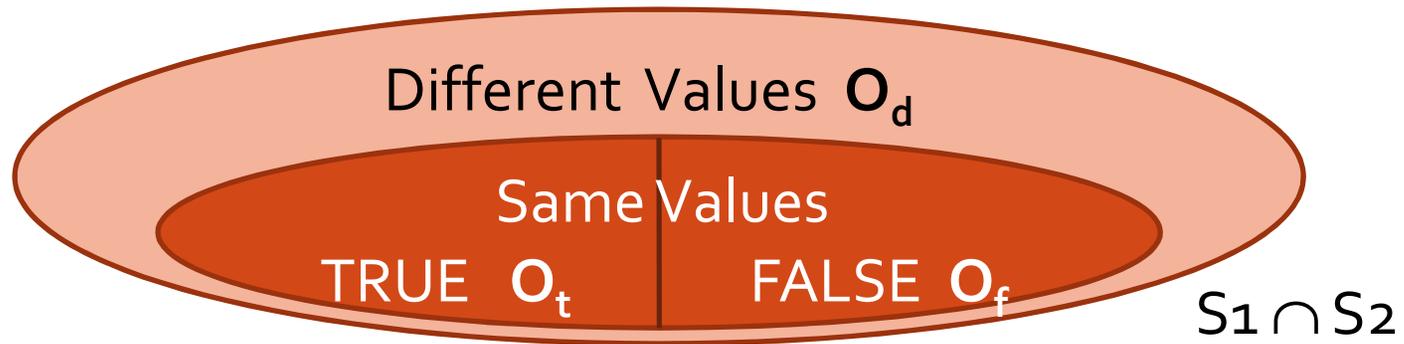
□ According to Bayes Rule, we need to know

□ $\Pr(\Phi | S_1 \perp S_2)$, $\Pr(\Phi | S_1 \sim S_2)$

□ Key: compute $\Pr(\Phi_D | S_1 \perp S_2)$, $\Pr(\Phi_D | S_1 \sim S_2)$

□ For each $D \in S_1 \cap S_2$

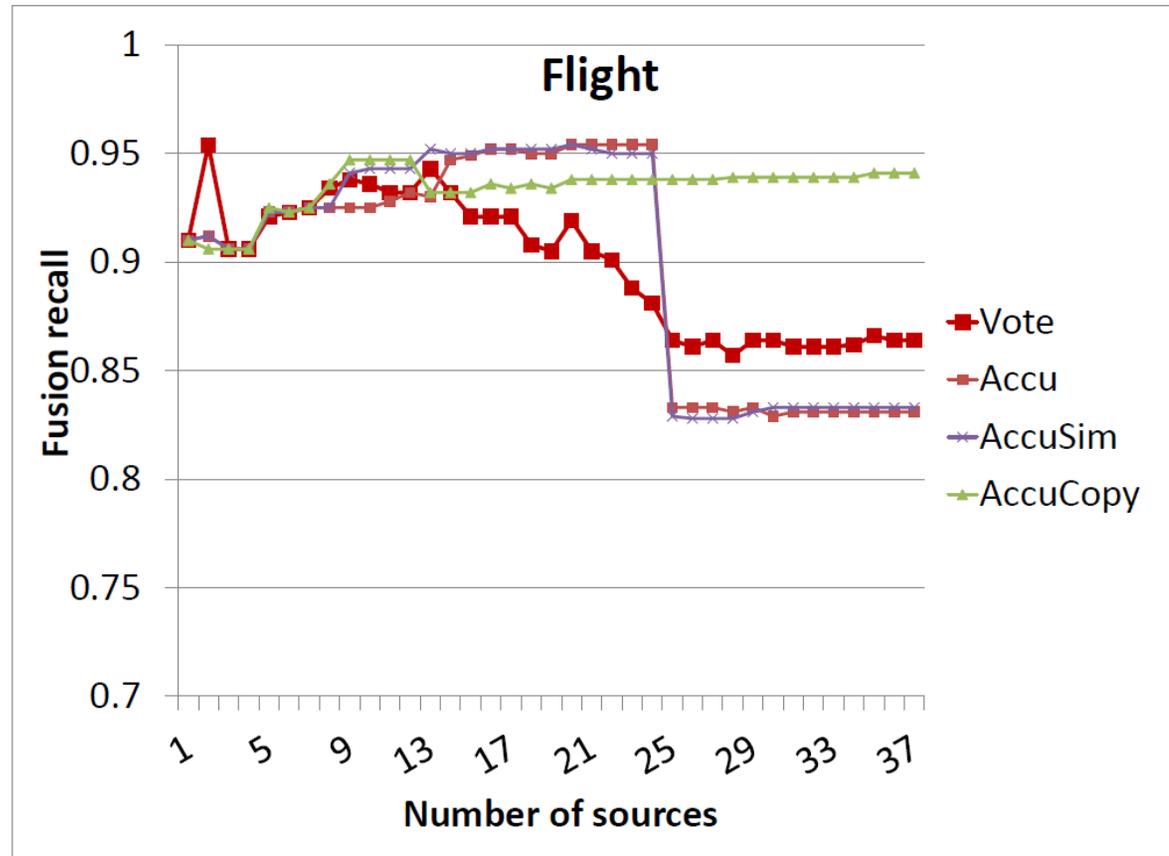
Copying Detection: Bayesian Analysis



Pr	Independence		Copying
O_t	A^2	<	$A \cdot c + A^2(1 - c)$
O_f	$\frac{(1 - A)^2}{n}$	<<	$(1 - A) \cdot c + \frac{(1 - A)^2}{n}(1 - c)$
O_d	$P_d = 1 - A^2 - \frac{(1 - A)^2}{n}$	>	$P_d(1 - c)$

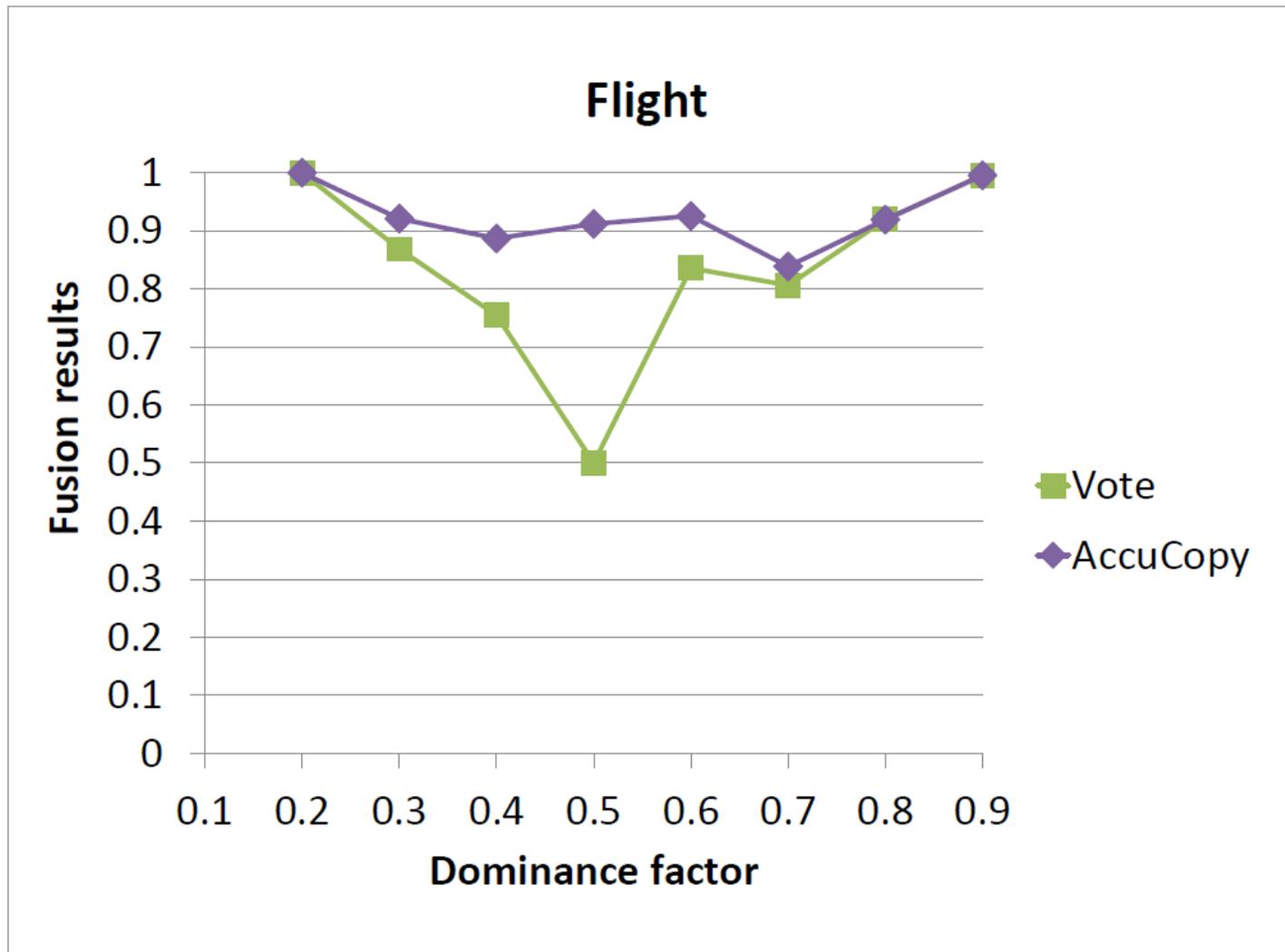
A-source accuracy; n-#wrong-values; c-copy rate

Results on Flight Data



- AccuCopy obtains a final precision of .943, much higher than Vote (.864)
 - This translates to 570 more correct values

Results on Flight Data (II)

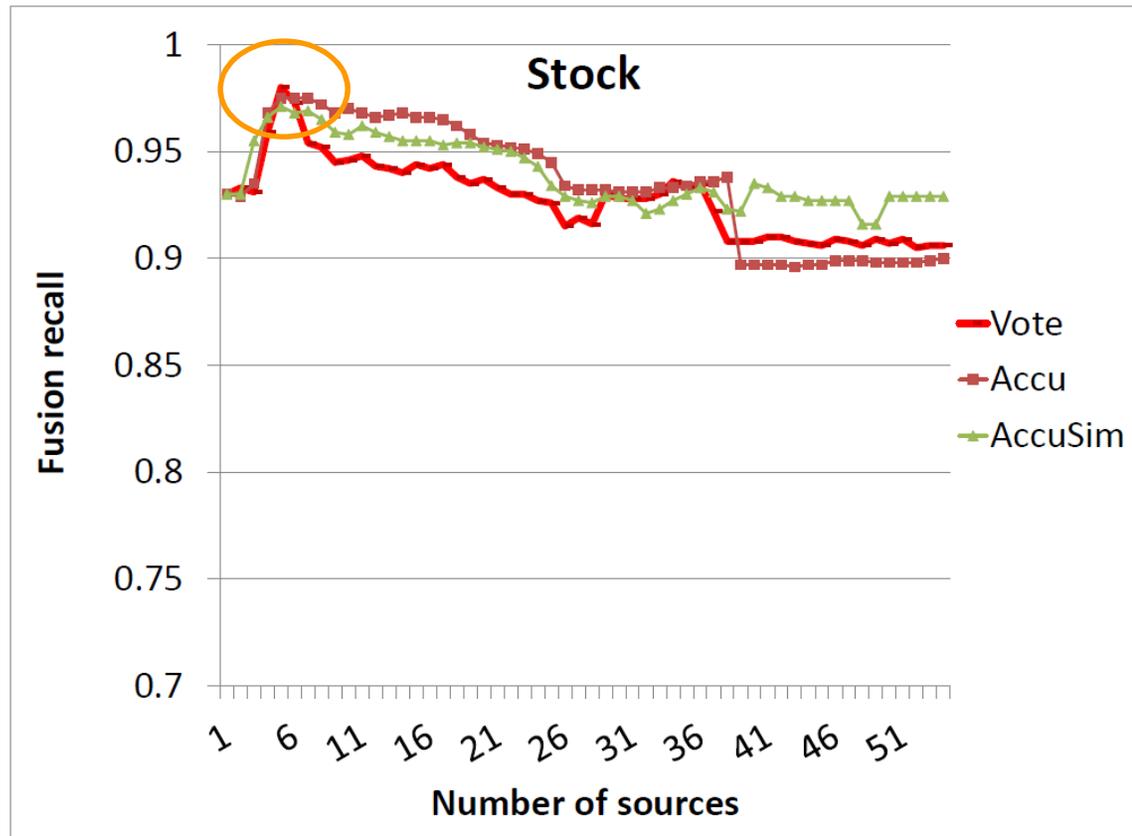


Take-Aways

- ❑ Deep Web data is not fully trustable
 - ❑ Deep Web sources have different accuracies
 - ❑ Copying is common

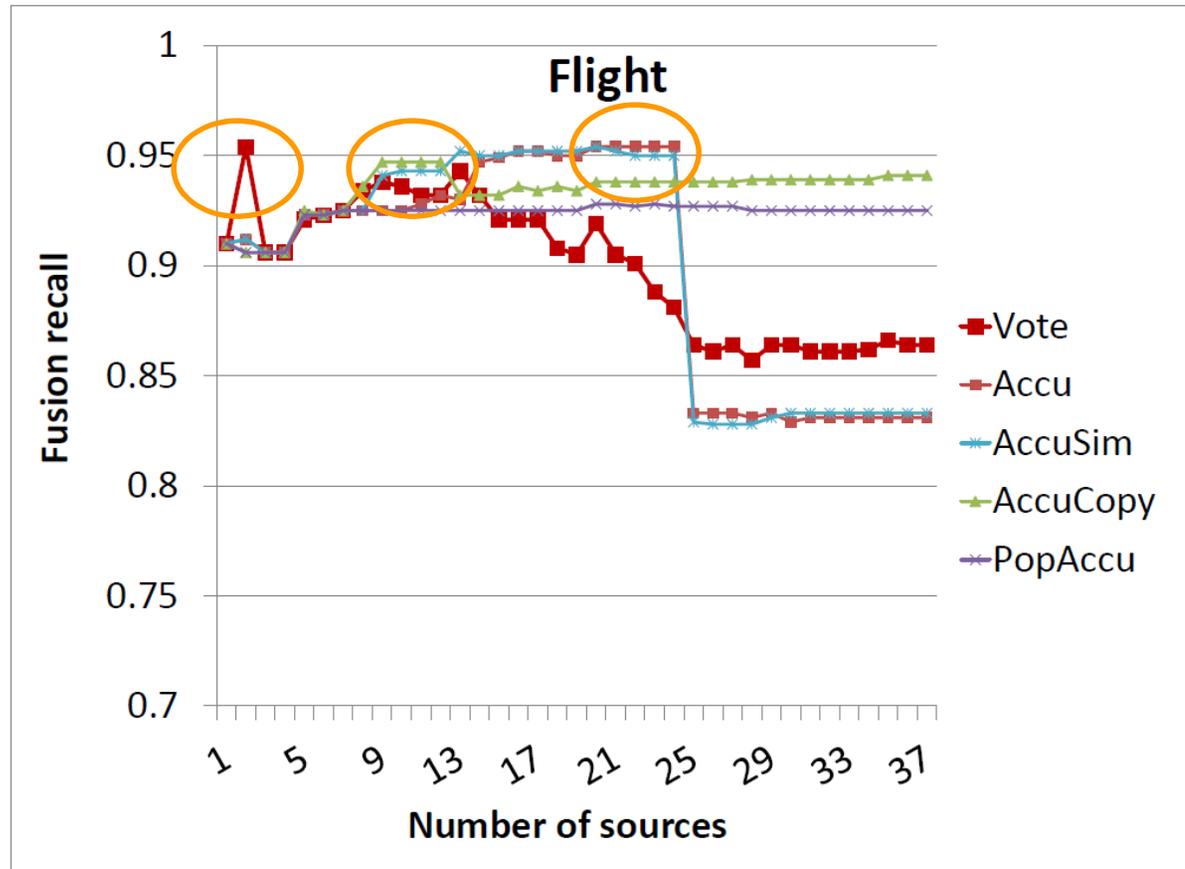
- ❑ Truth finding on the Deep Web can leverage
 - ❑ source accuracy
 - ❑ copying relationships, and
 - ❑ value similarity

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