

An XML-based Approach for Data Preprocessing of Multi-Label Classification Problems

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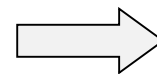
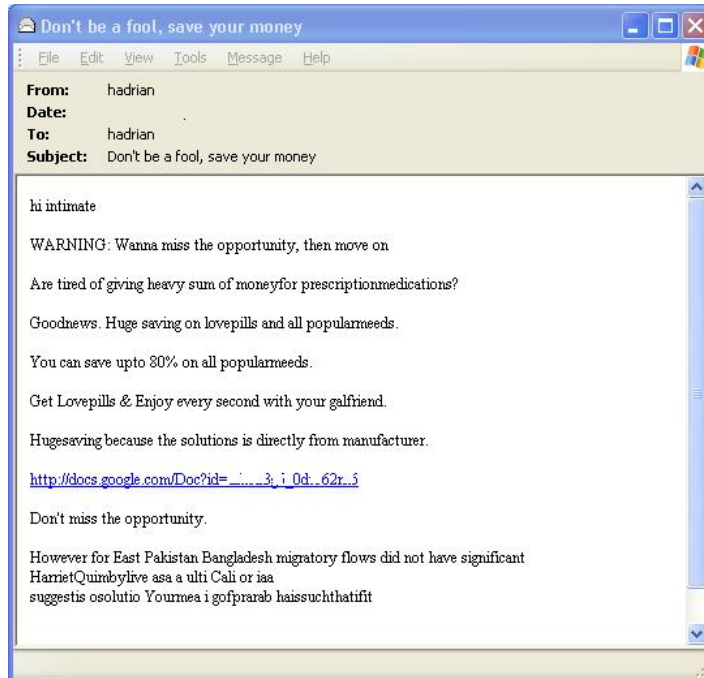
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- ARFF *versus* XML
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 - A Study on the Words
 - Data Transformation
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Introduction (1/4)

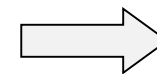
- **Classification**

- Active topic of research in the fields of A.I. and Data Mining.
- Task of automatically assigning objects to **discrete classes** (known as “labels”) based on the features of the objects.
 - **I.e.: predicting** the category(ies) to which an object belongs.

- **Example:** Spam detection



Classifier



spam

object: message

label: spam

Introduction (2/4)

Single-Label Classification (SLC)

- Object must be associated to **one and only one** class label.
 - **Spam detection** – an incoming e-mail either belongs to the class “*spam*” or to the class “*normal*”.
 - **Loan risk prediction** - a loan applicant can be classified as “*low*”, “*medium*” or “*high*” credit risk.
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Multi-Label Classification (MLC)

- Objects can be assigned to **various labels**.
 - **Text categorization** - A news article about the 2014 Football World Cup can be classified as “*Sports*”, “*Politics*” and “*Brazil*”.

Introduction (3/4)

- **Problem Statement**

- It is well-known that a large (perhaps the largest) part of the available data in the world takes the form of **free text** on the Web.

User Reviews

Meryl Streep Italian Style

29 August 2005 | by  (Rome, Italy) - [See all my reviews](#)

Meryl Streep is absolutely astonishing. I forgot it was her ten seconds into the film. That opening breakfast scene where all of her story is written in her magnificent face. As an Italian I know there is no acting involved here. She IS Italian. She reminded me of Anna Magnani in "Bellissima" there is not a single false note. Clint Eastwood, clearly, dedicates the film to her and the results are pure magic. The film is based on an unreadable book- at least I couldn't get through it, in spite of the brevity of the volume - the film however, is bound to become a classic thanks to the powerful chemistry of the stars.

- There has been a increasing interest in the application of classification techniques to these data!
 - **E.g.:** **sentiment analysis.**
- **PROBLEM:** text data are tend to be more **difficult to clean** and **transform** (highly susceptible to **noisy**)
- **CONSEQUENCE:** low quality data → low quality classification.

- Our proposal:

- The use of an XML-based approach for **data preprocessing** in **multi-label classification** of **text documents**.

Introduction (4/4)

- **Goal:** demonstrate that XML facilitates the major steps involved in preprocessing.
- **Classification task:** associate movie summaries to genres.
- **Data:** IMDb (Internet Movie Database - www.imdb.com)

The image shows a screenshot of the IMDb page for the movie "The Bridges of Madison County" (1995). The page features a movie poster on the left, a title section with a "Top 5000" badge, a rating section with a 7.5 star rating, and a "Storyline" section. The "Storyline" text is enclosed in a red border.

The Bridges of Madison County (1995) Top 5000

12 135 min **Drama | Romance** 15 September 1995 (UK)

Your rating: ★★★★★★★★ -/10
Ratings: **7.5/10** from 44,390 users Metascore: 66/100
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Storyline

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Multi-label Classification (1/5)

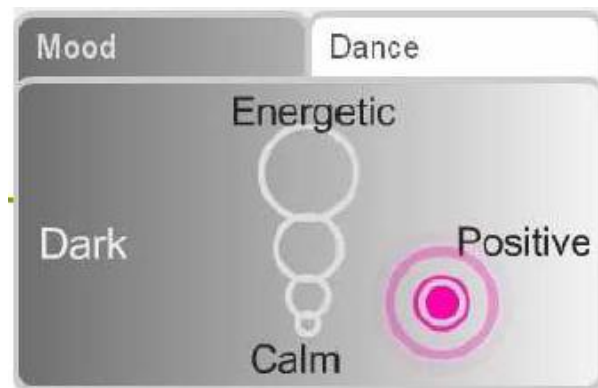
- Recently, several modern applications of MLC have emerged:

- **Scene Classification:**



mountains + trees

- **Music into Emotions:**



- **Functional Genomics:** predicting **functional classes** of genes and proteins

- **Text Classification:** documents into topics (*ex: sports, ecology, religion, ...*)

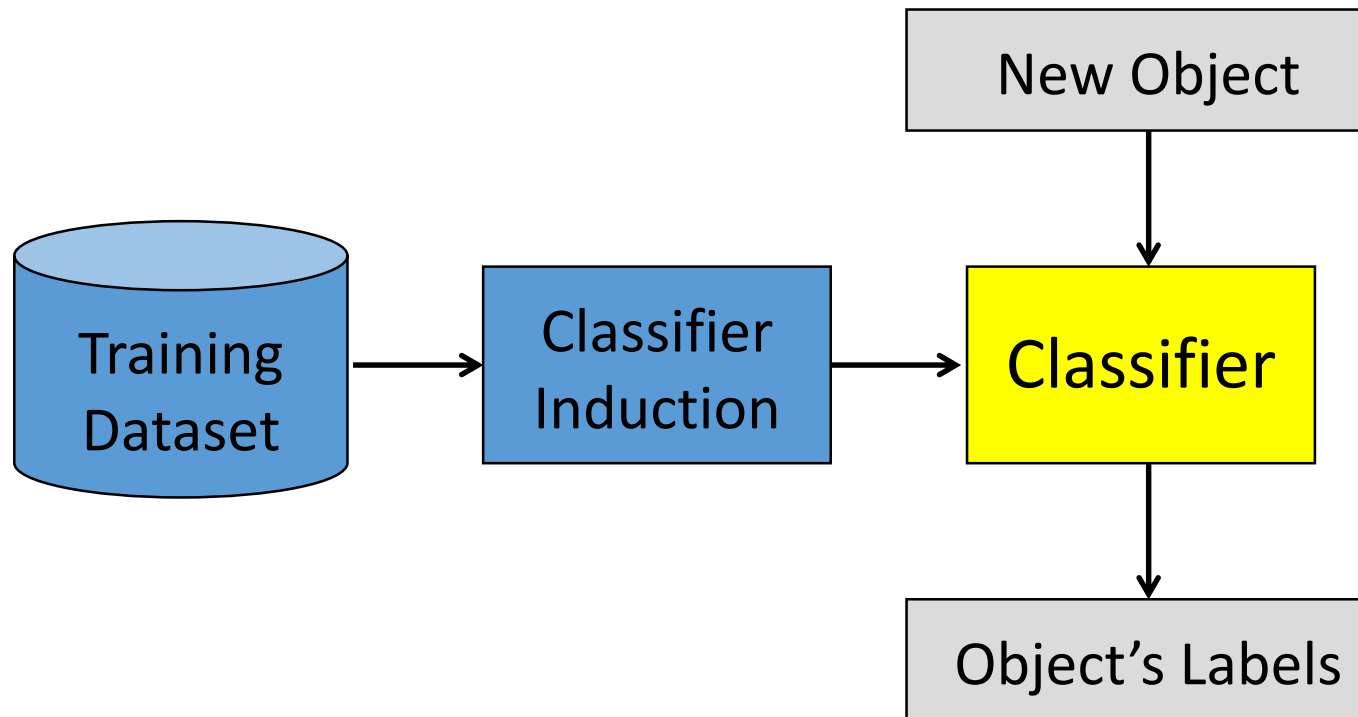
Multi-label Classification (2/5)

- **How to build a multi-label classifier (1/2)?**
 - MLC algorithms need to **learn** from a set objects whose classes are known:
 - The **training dataset**.
- **Example:**
 - **MLC task:** associating movies to genres according to their summaries.
 - Four possible genres: "drama", "romance", "horror", "action".
 - Training dataset

| Text Id | Feature Vector (words of the movie summary) | Drama | Romance | Horror | Action |
|---------|--|-------|---------|--------|--------|
| 1 | x_1 | • | • | | |
| 2 | x_2 | | | • | • |
| 3 | x_3 | | • | | |
| 4 | x_4 | • | | | |
| 5 | x_5 | • | • | | • |

Multi-label Classification (3/5)

- **How to build a multi-label classifier (1/2)?**
 - From the training set, the MLC algorithm learns a **classifier**.



- **Classifier**: function that receives the features of a new object as input and outputs its predicted label set

$$h : X \rightarrow \{0,1\}^q$$

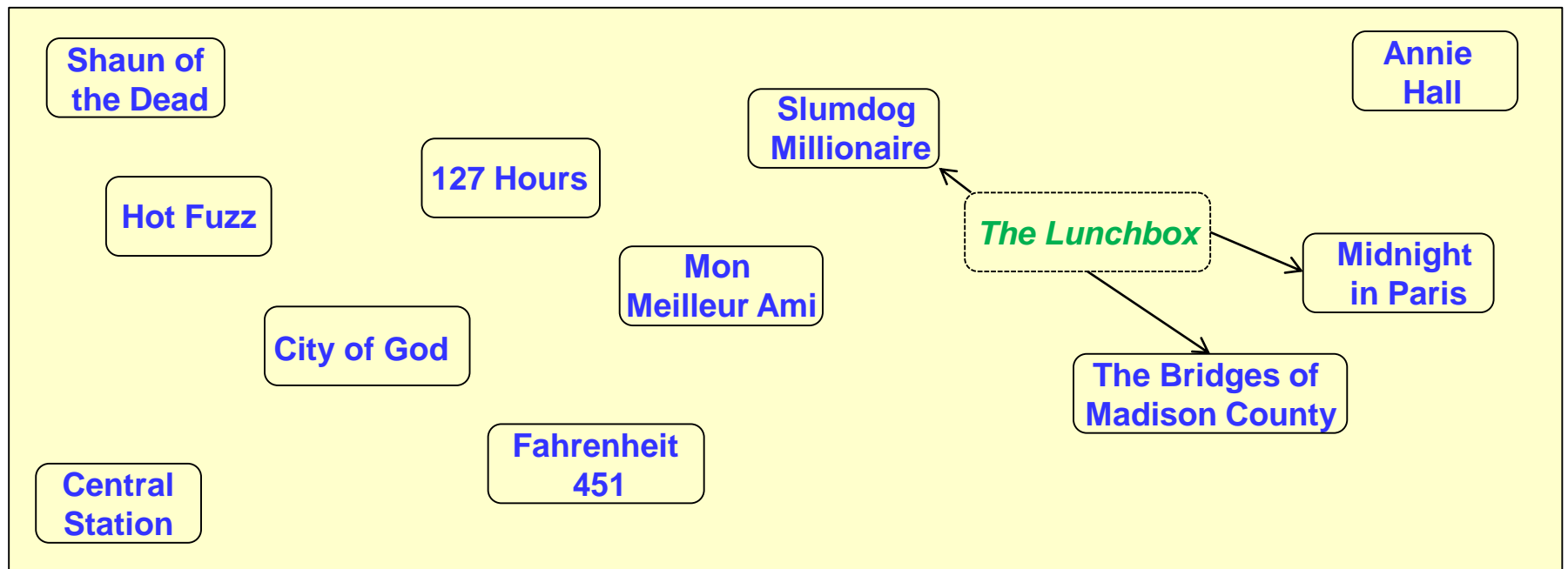
where q = number of labels

Multi-label Classification (4/5)

- Several distinct techniques have been developed for building classifiers:
 - k-Nearest Neighbours (k-NN).
 - Decision trees.
 - Probabilistic classifiers.
 - Neural networks.
 - Support vector machines.
- They are based on different mathematical principles for addressing the classification task.
- In the next slide we give an example of classification with the k-NN technique.

Multi-label Classification (5/5)




- **Example:** k-Nearest Neighbours.
 - A new object x is classified based on the k objects in the training set which are more similar to it.
 - **Example:** new object = "The Lunchbox" $k=3$




- Neighbour₁ – Slumdog Millionaire (class labels = *Action, Romance, Drama*)
- Neighbour₂ – Midnight in Paris (class labels = *Romance, Fantasy, Comedy*)
- Neighbour₃ – The Bridges of Madison County (class labels = *Romance, Drama*)
- **The Lunchbox** is assigned the labels **Romance** and **Drama**



ARFF *versus* XML (1/7)




- Most classification tools work with training data either structured in:
 - Relational tables; or
 - Flat-files (one record per line).


   Posts: 2


 Re: Text-classification: Data from XML and multiple keywords
« Reply #1 on: November 29, 2010, 01:01:29 PM »

Hi

I just installed  and wanted to start working on it with some test data that is also in XML. I also haven't found a way to import my files to . It it really not possible to do so?

   Posts: 65

 Re: Text-classification: Data from XML and multiple keywords
« Reply #2 on: November 29, 2010, 09:31:35 PM »

Generally speaking,  works with flat-file data. The same as almost all other statistical software.

XML is hierarchical by nature, so it is hard to say how this would work.

You could try reading in the file as HTML and using XPATH to get the attribute values, but it is probably easiest to convert to CSV or Excel first.

ARFF *versus* XML (2/7)

- **The ARFF format**
 - Flat-file format
 - Popularly used in the data mining field

```
@relation loan_risk_prediction
```

```
@attribute age numeric
```

```
@attribute gender {F, M}
```

```
@attribute marital_status {SINGLE, MARRIED, DIVORCED, WIDOWED}
```

```
@attribute monthly_income numeric
```

```
@attribute risk {LOW, MEDIUM, HIGH}
```

```
@data
```

```
18,M,SINGLE,550.00,HIGH
```

```
38,F,MARRIED,1700.00,LOW
```

```
23,M,MARRIED,1300.00,MEDIUM
```

```
32,M,DIVORCED,2500.00,LOW
```

```
19,M,SINGLE,900.00,HIGH
```

```
68,F,WIDOWED,2200.00,MEDIUM
```

```
34,M,MARRIED,1350.00,MEDIUM
```

```
32,F,MARRIED,1400.00,LOW
```

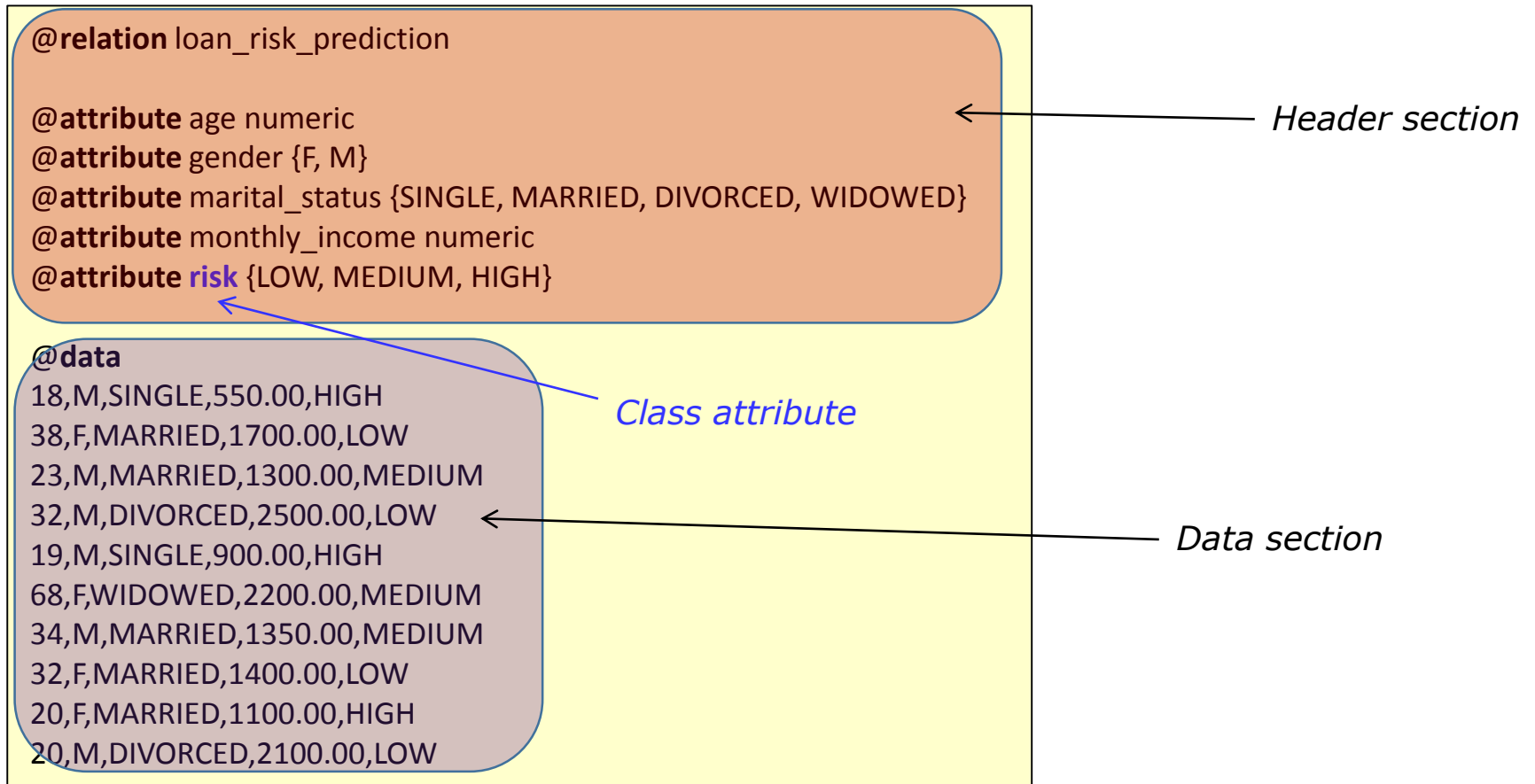
```
20,F,MARRIED,1100.00,HIGH
```

```
20,M,DIVORCED,2100.00,LOW
```

← *ARFF file for
loan risk prediction*

ARFF *versus* XML (3/7)

- **The ARFF format**
 - Flat-file format
 - Popularly used in the data mining field



ARFF *versus* XML (4/7)

- **The ARFF format**
 - Simple and intuitive.
 - Sufficient for several classification tasks... as long as they involve:
 - Relational data ("one record per line").
 - Conventional attributes ("age", "salary", "marital status", ...).
 - However ARFF is **not suitable** for **text classification**... this is because:
 - We normally have to deal with multiple labels.
 - We need to deal with a "**less conventional**" attribute:
 - The **words** that appear documents!

ARFF *versus* XML (5/7)

- **Remembering our classification task:**
 - Prediction of movie genres in function of their summaries.



CLINT EASTWOOD MERYL STREEP

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[Contact the Filmmakers on IMDbPro »](#)

ARFF *versus* XML (6/7)

- Example of ARFF file for movie genres classification.

```
@relation movies
```

```
@attribute a {0,1}
```

```
@attribute abandon {0,1}
```

```
@attribute about {0,1}
```

```
...
```

```
@attribute zero {0,1}
```

```
@attribute zoology {0,1}
```

```
@attribute genre_action{0,1}
```

```
@attribute genre_comedy{0,1}
```

```
@attribute genre_drama {0,1}
```

```
...
```

```
@attribute genre_romance {0,1}
```

```
@data
```

```
0,1,0,0,0,0,0,1,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,1,0,0,0,1,...
```

```
1,0,0,0,1,0,0,1,0,0,1,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,1,...
```

```
0,0,1,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,1,0,0,0,1,0,0,0,0,1,0,0,0,...
```

```
...
```

- **Problems:**

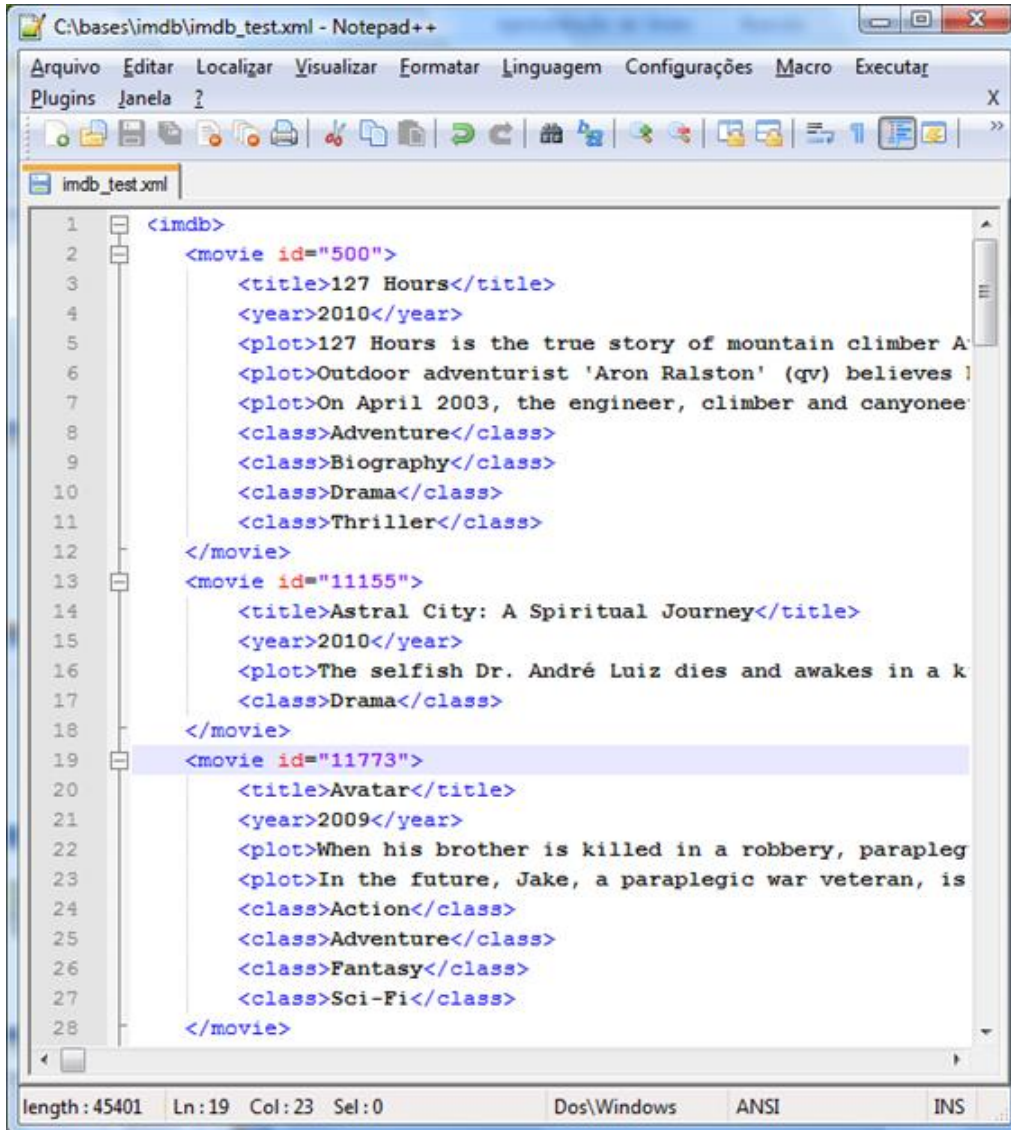
- Each word must be declared as a binary attribute in the header (**bag of words**)

IMDb: \approx 190,000 words
 \approx 154,000 movies

- Cumbersome to query, explore and transform.
- Highly sparse.
- Does not support the specification of multi-valued attributes:
 - Movies with multiple **genres** or plots.

ARFF *versus* XML (7/7)

- **So... Why not to use XML?**

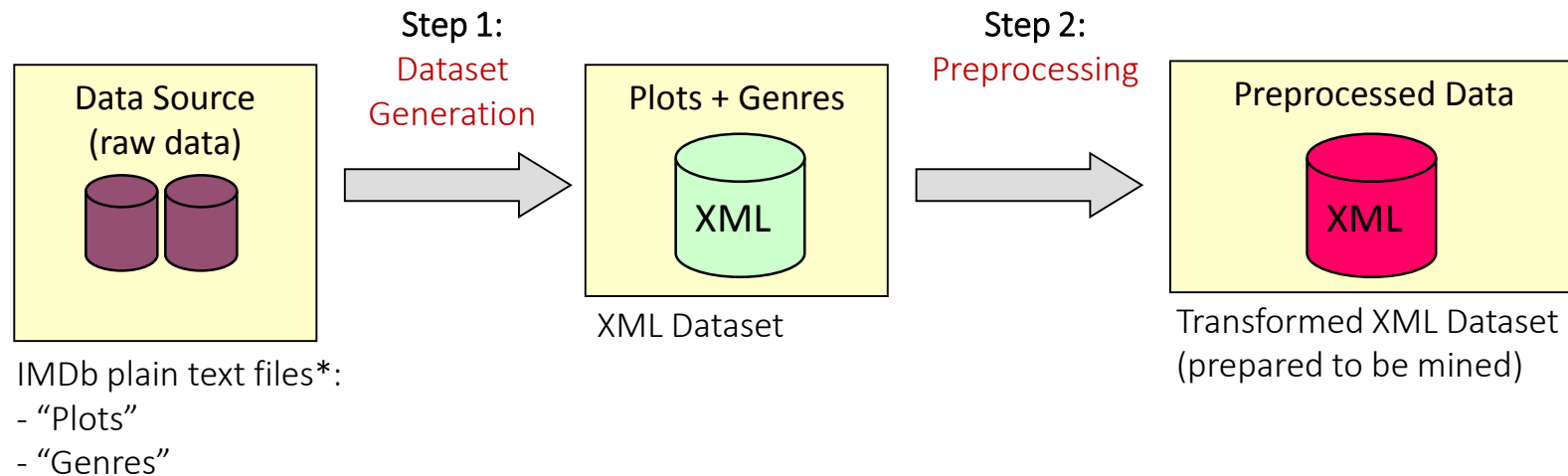


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1 <imdb>
2   <movie id="500">
3     <title>127 Hours</title>
4     <year>2010</year>
5     <plot>127 Hours is the true story of mountain climber A
6     <plot>Outdoor adventurer 'Aron Ralston' (qv) believes
7     <plot>On April 2003, the engineer, climber and canyoneer
8     <class>Adventure</class>
9     <class>Biography</class>
10    <class>Drama</class>
11    <class>Thriller</class>
12  </movie>
13  <movie id="11155">
14    <title>Astral City: A Spiritual Journey</title>
15    <year>2010</year>
16    <plot>The selfish Dr. André Luiz dies and awakes in a k
17    <class>Drama</class>
18  </movie>
19  <movie id="11773">
20    <title>Avatar</title>
21    <year>2009</year>
22    <plot>When his brother is killed in a robbery, parapleg
23    <plot>In the future, Jake, a paraplegic war veteran, is
24    <class>Action</class>
25    <class>Adventure</class>
26    <class>Fantasy</class>
27    <class>Sci-Fi</class>
28  </movie>
```

- Text represented in a natural way.
- Easy to query, explore and transform:
 - SAX
 - XQuery
 - XSLT
- Definition of multi-valued attributes is straightforward (movies with multiple plots and genres).

Experiment (1/10)

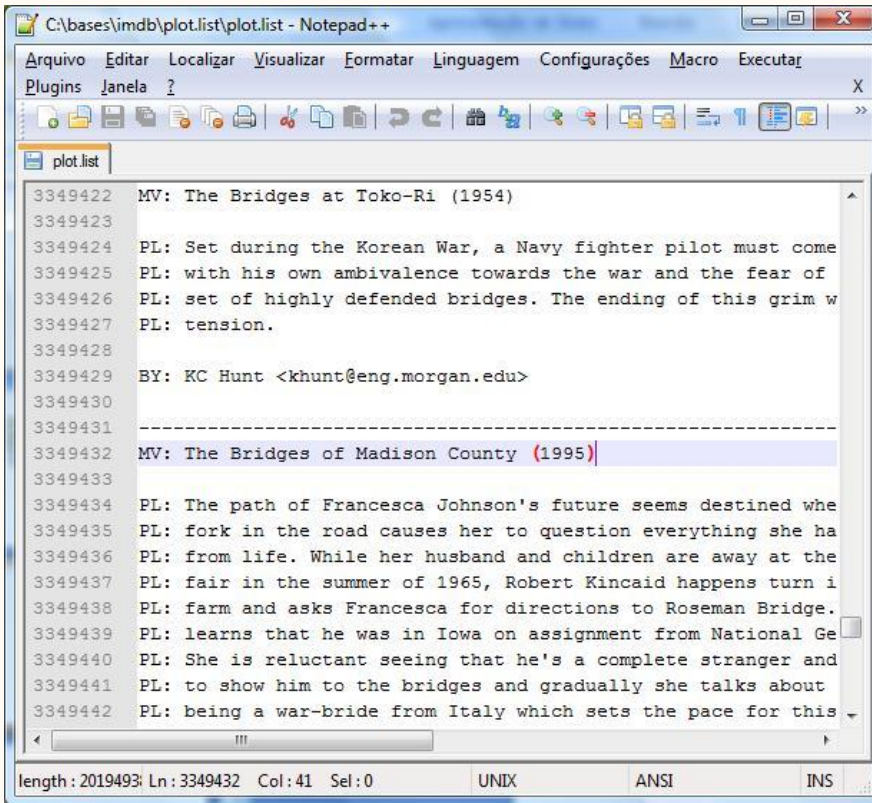
- **Goal:**
 - Transform the original IMDb data* (plain text files) into a XML database.
 - Study and preprocess this database.
 - As a result, we will obtain a dataset, ready to be mined.
 - high quality data → high quality classification.



*The IMDb plain text files can be download: www.imdb.com/interfaces

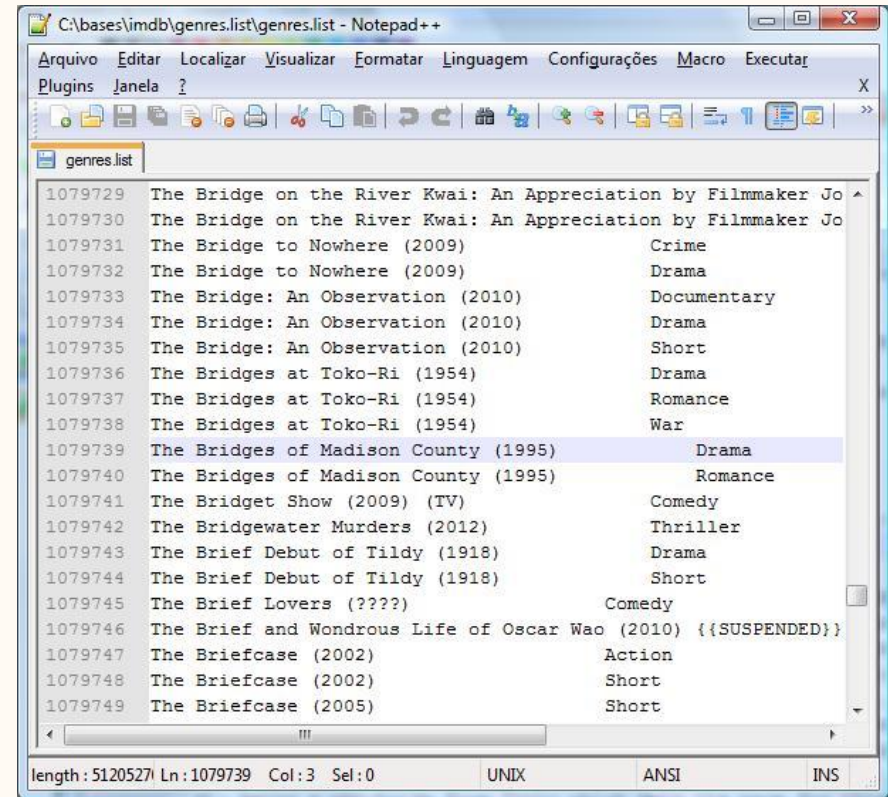
Experiment (2/10)

- **Step 1** – Generation of the “raw” XML dataset



```
C:\bases\imdb\plot.list\plot.list - Notepad++
Arquivo  Editar  Localizar  Visualizar  Formatar  Linguagem  Configurações  Macro  Executar
Plugins  Janela  ?
plot.list
3349422  MV: The Bridges at Toko-Ri (1954)
3349423
3349424  PL: Set during the Korean War, a Navy fighter pilot must come
3349425  PL: with his own ambivalence towards the war and the fear of
3349426  PL: set of highly defended bridges. The ending of this grim w
3349427  PL: tension.
3349428
3349429  BY: KC Hunt <khunt@eng.morgan.edu>
3349430
3349431
3349432  MV: The Bridges of Madison County (1995)
3349433
3349434  PL: The path of Francesca Johnson's future seems destined whe
3349435  PL: fork in the road causes her to question everything she ha
3349436  PL: from life. While her husband and children are away at the
3349437  PL: fair in the summer of 1965, Robert Kincaid happens turn i
3349438  PL: farm and asks Francesca for directions to Roseman Bridge.
3349439  PL: learns that he was in Iowa on assignment from National Ge
3349440  PL: She is reluctant seeing that he's a complete stranger and
3349441  PL: to show him to the bridges and gradually she talks about
3349442  PL: being a war-bride from Italy which sets the pace for this
length: 2019493 Ln: 3349432 Col: 41 Sel: 0 UNIX ANSI INS
```

plot.list: **256,486** movies
3.88M lines



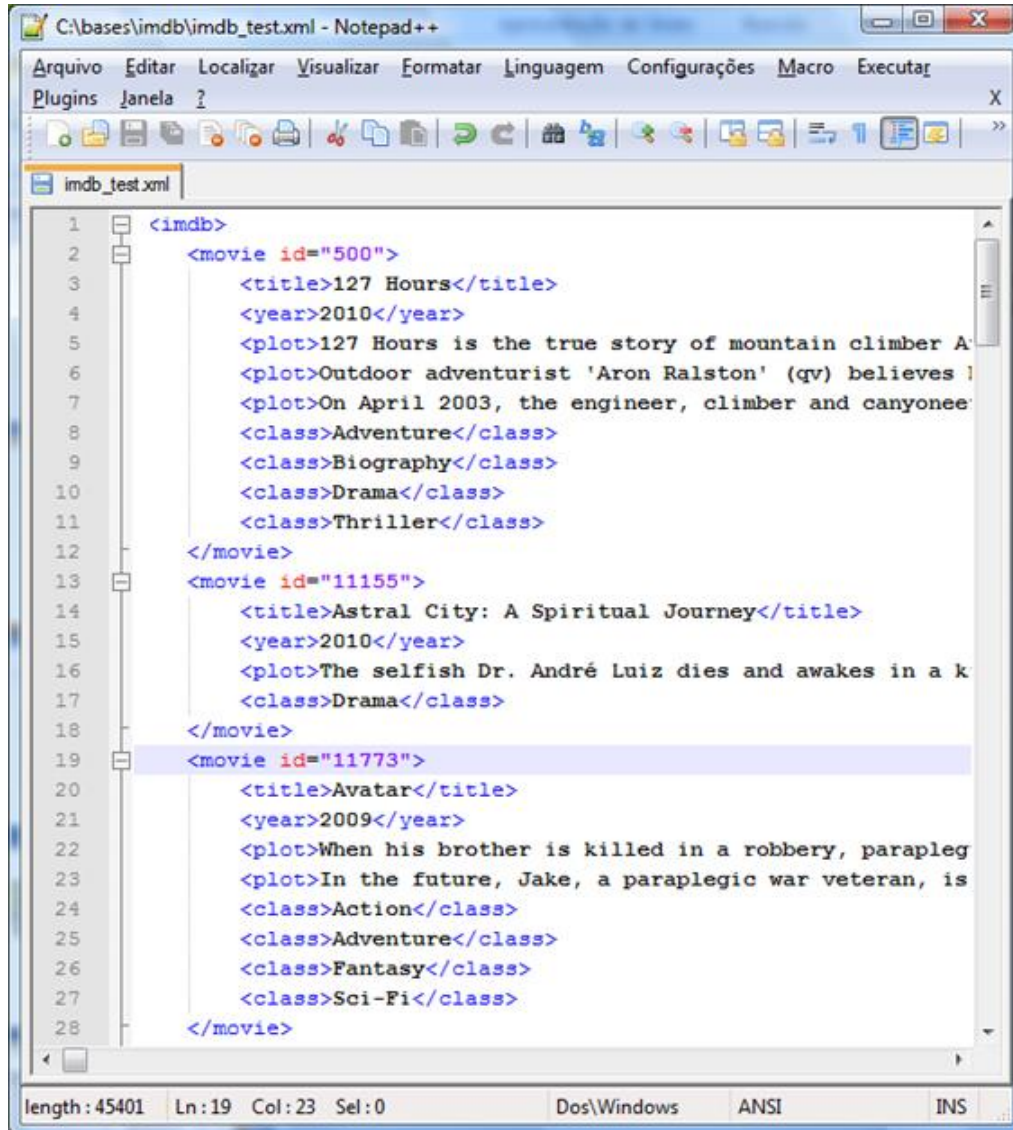
```
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genres.list
1079729  The Bridge on the River Kwai: An Appreciation by Filmmaker Jo
1079730  The Bridge on the River Kwai: An Appreciation by Filmmaker Jo
1079731  The Bridge to Nowhere (2009)                Crime
1079732  The Bridge to Nowhere (2009)                Drama
1079733  The Bridge: An Observation (2010)           Documentary
1079734  The Bridge: An Observation (2010)           Drama
1079735  The Bridge: An Observation (2010)           Short
1079736  The Bridges at Toko-Ri (1954)               Drama
1079737  The Bridges at Toko-Ri (1954)               Romance
1079738  The Bridges at Toko-Ri (1954)               War
1079739  The Bridges of Madison County (1995)        Drama
1079740  The Bridges of Madison County (1995)        Romance
1079741  The Bridget Show (2009) (TV)                 Comedy
1079742  The Bridgewater Murders (2012)              Thriller
1079743  The Brief Debut of Tildy (1918)              Drama
1079744  The Brief Debut of Tildy (1918)              Short
1079745  The Brief Lovers (????)                     Comedy
1079746  The Brief and Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao (2010) {{SUSPENDED}}
1079747  The Briefcase (2002)                         Action
1079748  The Briefcase (2002)                         Short
1079749  The Briefcase (2005)                         Short
length: 5120527 Ln: 1079739 Col: 3 Sel: 0 UNIX ANSI INS
```

genres.list: **778,676** movies
1.33M lines

- Merging of the two plain IMDb files into a single XML dataset.
- **Result**: XML file containing 153,499 movies.

Experiment (3/10)

- **Step 1** – Generation of the “raw” XML dataset



```
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Plugins  Janela  ?
imdb_test.xml
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24    <class>Action</class>
25    <class>Adventure</class>
26    <class>Fantasy</class>
27    <class>Sci-Fi</class>
28  </movie>
length: 45401  Ln:19  Col:23  Sel:0  Dos\Windows  ANSI  INS
```

- Nice file!!!
 - But **not yet ready** to be mined!
 - The reasons are presented in the next slides
 - *Let's go to the Step 2 of the experiment.*

Experiment (4/10)

- **Step 2** – Preprocessing

- Two sub-steps:

- 1. STUDY:**

- The XQuery Language and the SAX API were used to querying and exploring the XML dataset.

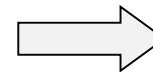
- 2. TRANSFORMATION:**

- According to the results of the study, we clean and transform the XML dataset.

Experiment (5/10)

- **Step 2.1** – Preprocessing / Study
 - XQuery was used to generate frequency tables

```
<freq_genres>
{
for $u in distinct-values(doc("imdb.xml")//movie/class)
let $b := doc("imdb.xml")//movie[class=$u]
return
<row>
<genre>{$u}</genre>
<count>{count($b)}</count>
</row>
}
</freq_genres>
```



```
<freq_genres>
<row>
  <genre>Drama</genre>
  <count>59177</count>
</row>
<row>
  <genre>Action</genre>
  <count>14416</count>
</row>
<row>
  <genre>Comedy</genre>
  <count>38373</count>
</row>
<row>
  <genre>Crime</genre>
  <count>10875</count>
</row>
<row>
  <genre>Adult</genre>
  <count>1625</count>
</row>
<row>
  <genre>Adventure</genre>
  <count>9596</count>
</row>
...
</freq_genres>
```

Experiment (6/10)

- **Step 2.1** – Preprocessing / Study
 - SAX was used to perform a study on the words.
 - Some results:

| Description | Result |
|---|--|
| Total number of words | 16.305.677 |
| Number of distinct words | 187.718 |
| About half of the words occur only once | <i>“agnosticism”</i> , <i>“polyvision”</i> |
| Several misspelled words and typos | <i>“marjuana”</i> , <i>“characters”</i> , <i>“theforce”</i> , ... |
| Several proper names | <i>“Robert”</i> (freq=3,053), <i>“Rosemary”</i> (229), <i>“Carlos”</i> (1,363), <i>“Marquinhos”</i> (5), <i>“Aleksandrov”</i> (2) |
| Synonyms, multiple languages | <i>“Brazil”</i> (741), <i>“Brasil”</i> (49), ... |

Experiment (7/10)

- **Step 2.2** – Preprocessing / Transformations
 - From the results of our study we could do:
 - **Data reduction:**
 - Words that appeared only once were removed.
 - Removal of stop words (*details soon*)
 - Stemming (*details soon*)
 - It would also be possible to perform **data cleaning**
 - E.g: correction of typos.

Experiment (8/10)

- **Step 2.2** – Preprocessing – Transformations

- **Stop Words.**

- Words that tend to be very frequent, but do not help on discriminating the movie genres.
 - articles, prepositions, adverbs, ...
 - **E.g.:** "the" occurs in 100% of the movies...
 - On the IMDb domain, there are also specific words that can be regarded as useless: "movie", "film", the *proper names*.

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<stopwords>
  <stopword>the</stopword>
  <stopword>and</stopword>
  <stopword>to</stopword>
  <stopword>mr</stopword>
  <stopword>that</stopword>
  <stopword>from</stopword>
  <stopword>movie</stopword>
  ...
</stopwords>
```

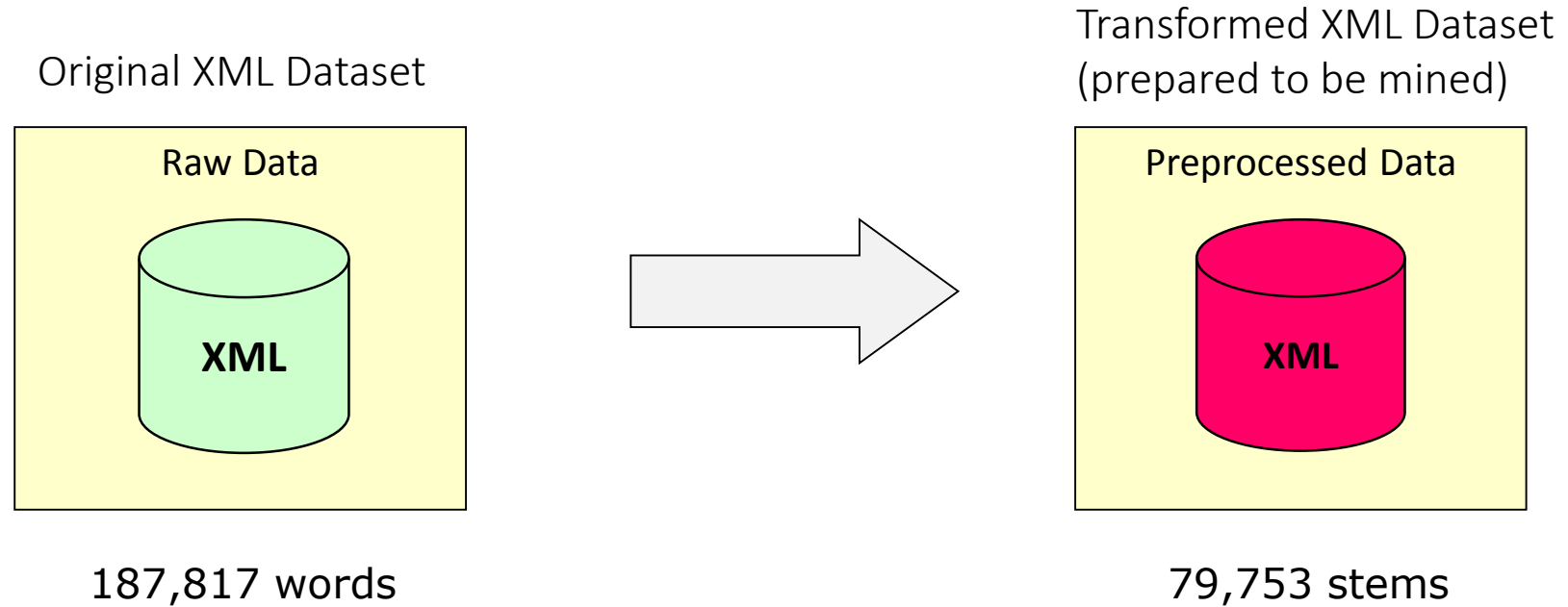
Experiment (9/10)

- **Step 2.2** – Preprocessing – Transformations
- **Stemming**
 - The process of conflating the variant forms of a word into a compact representation: the **stem**.
 - **Intuition:** morphological variants of words typically have similar interpretations and can be considered as equivalent for the purpose of data mining analysis.
 - **Example:**
 - The words “educate”, “educational”, “education” and “educating” could all be reduced to the stem “educ”.
 - In this work we used the **Porter Algorithm*** (*JAVA implementation*).

*The specification of the Porter Algorithm can be found at: <http://tartarus.org/martin/PorterStemmer/>

Experiment (10/10)

- **Summary**



Conclusions

- XML facilitates the major steps involved in data preprocessing of text data.
- With the use of the SAX and XQuery, we could easily:
 - Querying, exploring and transforming the IMDb dataset.



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The Bridges of Madison County (1995)

135 min **Drama | Romance** 15 September 1995 (UK) Top 5000

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Storyline

The path of Francesca Johnson's future seems destined when an unexpected fork in the road causes her to question everything she had come to expect from life. While her husband and children are away at the Illinois state fair in the summer of 1965, Robert Kincaid happens turn into the Johnson farm and asks Francesca for directions to Roseman Bridge. Francesca later learns that he was in Iowa on assignment from National Geographic magazine. She is reluctant seeing that he's a complete stranger and then she agrees to show him to the bridges and gradually she talks about her life from being a war-bride from Italy which sets the pace for this bittersweet and all-too-brief romance of her life. Through the pain of separation from her secret love and the stark isolation she feels as the details of her life consume her, she writes her thoughts of the four-day love affair which took up three journals. The journals are found by her children after the lawyer was going over Francesca's will and ... *Written by Mark*

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Future Work (1/2)

- Define the final format of the preprocessed XML dataset.
- Develop an algorithm to direct mining this dataset.

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<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
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  ...
  <class>drama</class>
  <class>suspense</class>
</movie>
  ...
</imdb>
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Future Work (2/2)

- Evaluating the feasibility of developing an **XSLT version** of the Porter Stemming Algorithm.
 - This algorithm relies on the idea that the suffixes in English language are mostly made up of a combination of **smaller** and **simpler suffixes**.
 - It works in 5 steps:
 - Within each step the word is tested against a few set of **suffix transformation rules**.
 - If a test results in TRUE, the word suffix is removed or transformed; The control moves to the next step.
 - Otherwise, the next rule in the step is tested.

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