


# 15-826: Multimedia Databases and Data Mining


Lecture #10: Fractals - case studies - I  
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## Must-read Material

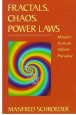
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## Optional Material

Optional, but **very** useful: Manfred Schroeder  
*Fractals, Chaos, Power Laws: Minutes  
from an Infinite Paradise* W.H. Freeman  
and Company, 1991 (on reserve in the WeH  
library)



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## Reminder

- Code at  
[www.cs.cmu.edu/~christos/SRC/fdnq\\_h.zip](http://www.cs.cmu.edu/~christos/SRC/fdnq_h.zip)

Also, in 'R'  
> library(fdim);

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## Outline

Goal: 'Find **similar / interesting** things'

- Intro to DB
- ➔ • Indexing - similarity search
- Data Mining

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## Indexing - Detailed outline

- primary key indexing
- secondary key / multi-key indexing
- spatial access methods
  - z-ordering
  - R-trees
  - misc
- fractals
  - intro
  - ➔ – applications
- text

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## Indexing - Detailed outline

- fractals
  - intro
  - applications
    - ➔ • disk accesses for R-trees (range queries)
    - dimensionality reduction
    - selectivity in M-trees
    - dim. curse revisited
    - "fat fractals"
    - quad-tree analysis [Gaede+]

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## (Fractals mentioned before:)

- for performance analysis of R-trees
- fractals for dim. reduction

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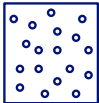
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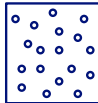
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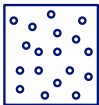
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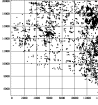

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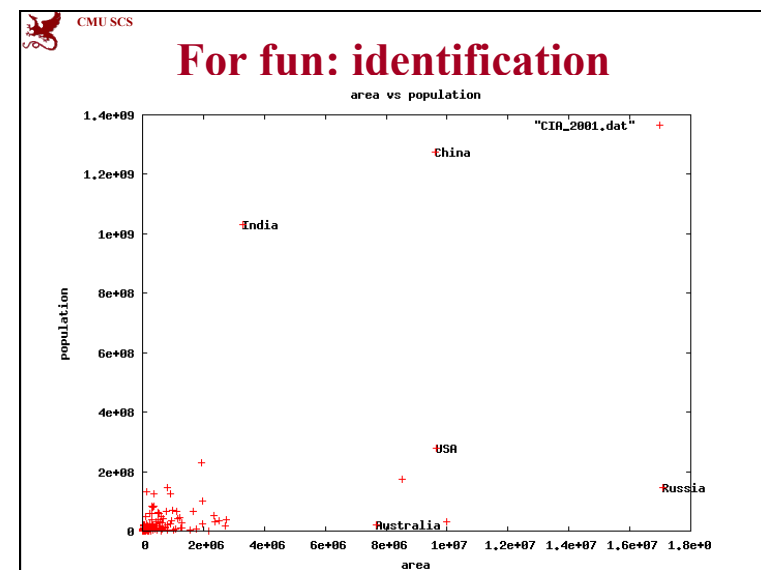
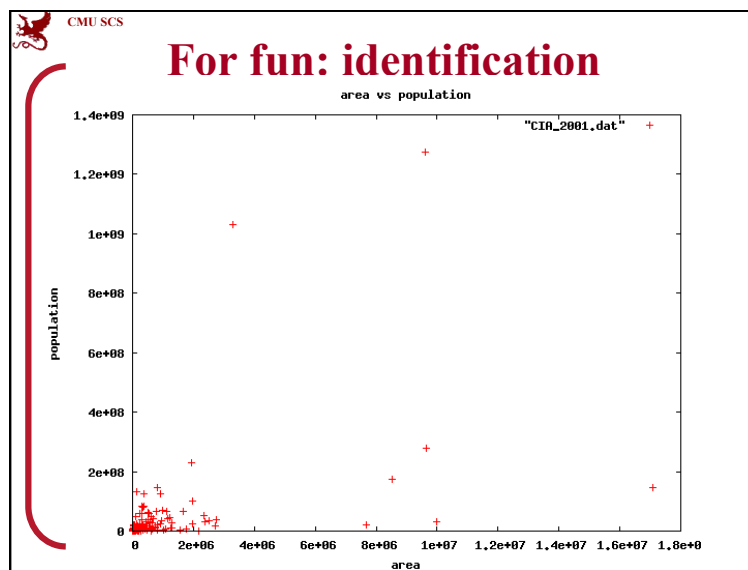
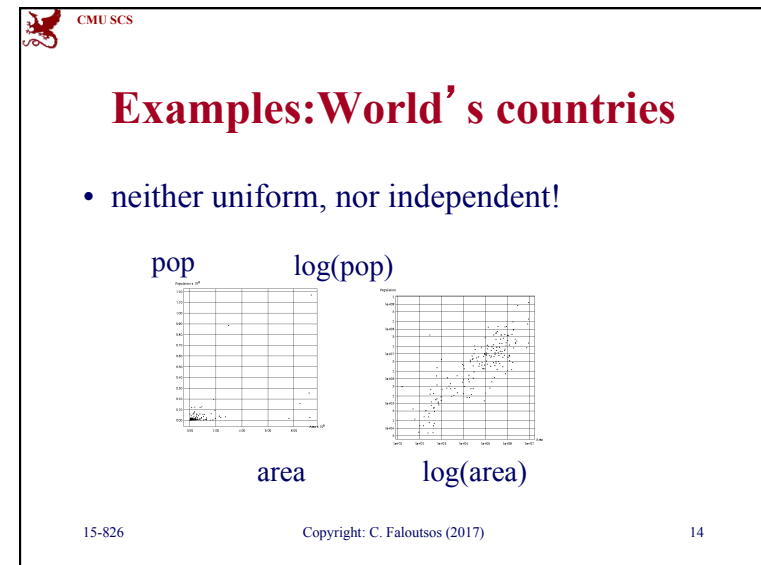
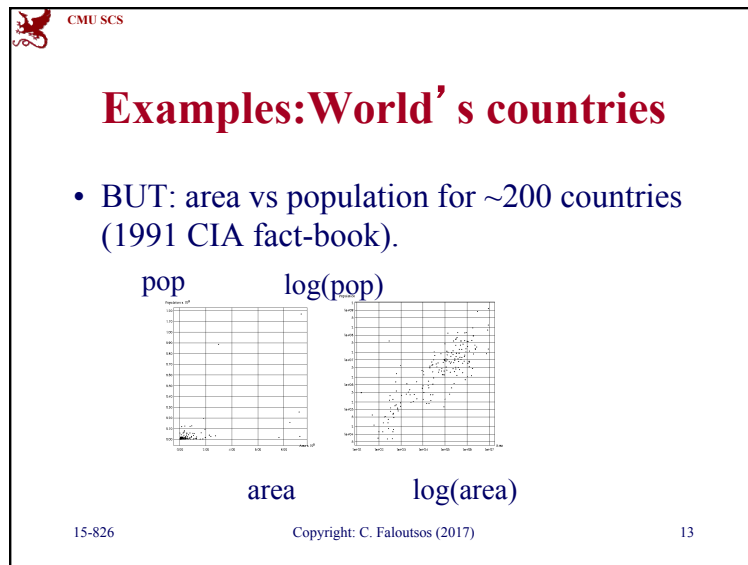
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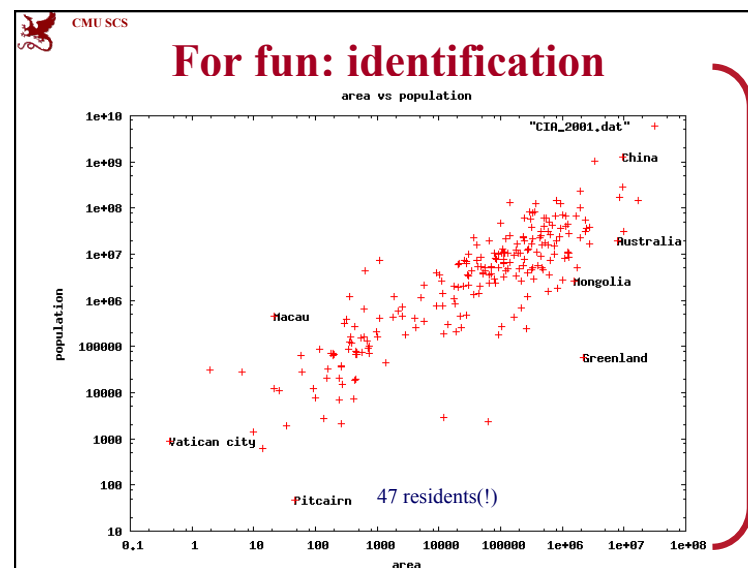
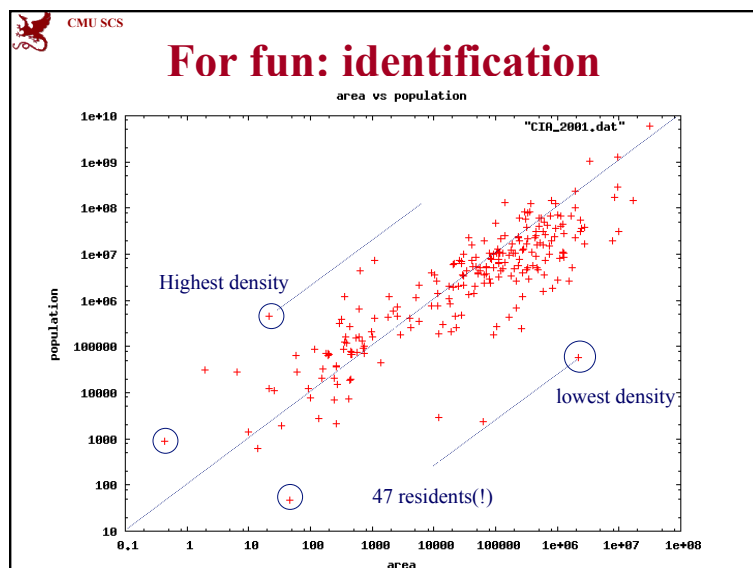
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### Examples: TIGER files

- neither uniform, nor independent!

MG county

LB county

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### How to proceed?

- recall the [Pagel+] formula, for range queries of size  $q1 \times q2$

$$\#DiskAccesses(q1, q2) = \sum (x_{i,1} + q1) * (x_{i,2} + q2)$$

But:

formula needs to know the  $x_{i,j}$  sizes of MBRs!

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side of (parent) MBR      Hausdorff fd      # of data points  
page capacity

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## Let's see the rationale

$$s = (C/N)^{1/D_0}$$

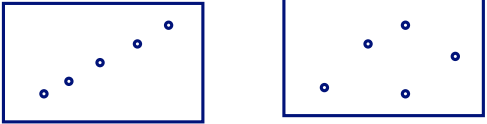
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## R-trees - performance analysis

I.e: for range queries - how many disk accesses,  
if we just now that we have  
-  $N$  points in  $E$ -d space?

A: can not tell! need to know distribution



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## R-trees - performance analysis

Q: OK - so we are told that the **Hausdorff** fractal dim. =  $D_0$  - Next step?  
 (also know that there are at most  $C$  points per page)

$D_0=1$   $D_0=2$

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## R-trees - performance analysis

Assumption1: square-like parents ( $s*s$ )  
 Assumption2: fully packed ( $C$  points each)  
 Assumption3: non-overlapping

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## R-trees - performance analysis

Hint: dfn of Hausdorff f.d.:

Felix Hausdorff (1868-1942)

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## Reminder: Hausdorff or box-counting fd:

- Box counting plot:  $\text{Log}(N(r))$  vs  $\text{Log}(r)$
- $r$ : grid side
- $N(r)$ : count of non-empty cells
- (Hausdorff) fractal dimension  $D_0$ :

$$D_0 = -\frac{\partial \log(N(r))}{\partial \log(r)}$$

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- Hausdorff fd:

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## Reminder

- dfn of Hausdorff fd implies that

$$N(r) \sim r^{-D_0}$$

↙  
# non-empty cells of side  $r$

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## R-trees - performance analysis

Q (rephrased): what is the side  $s_1, s_2, \dots$  of parent nodes, given  $N$  data points, packed by  $C$ , with f.d. =  $D_0$

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## R-trees - performance analysis

A: (educated guess)

- $s=s_1=s_2$  (= ...) - square-like MBRs
- $N/C$  non-empty cells =  $K * s^{(-D_0)}$

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## R-trees - performance analysis

Details of derivations: in [PODS 94].



Finally, expected side  $s$  of parent MBRs:

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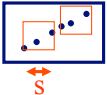
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A:

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## R-trees - performance analysis

Details of derivations: in [Kamel+, PODS 94]. 


Finally, expected side  $s$  of parent MBRs:

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Q: sanity check: how does  $s$  change with  $D0$ ?  
 A:  $s$  grows with  $D0$   
 Q: does it make sense?

Q: does it suffer from (intrinsic) dim. curse?


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## R-trees - performance analysis

Q: Final-final formula (# disk accesses for range queries  $q1 \times q2 \times \dots$ ):  
 A:

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## R-trees - performance analysis

Q: Final-final formula (# disk accesses for range queries  $q1 \times q2 \times \dots$ ):  
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$$N/C * (s + q1) * (s + q2) * \dots * (s + q_E)$$
  
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$$N/(C^2) * (s' + q1) * (s' + q2) * \dots * (s' + q_E)$$
  

$$s' = ??$$

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$$s' = (C^2/N)^{1/D0}$$

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## R-trees - performance analysis

Results: IUE (x-y star coordinates)

# leaf accesses

(a) IUE - Leaf accesses vs. query side

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## R-trees - performance analysis

Results: LB County

# leaf accesses

query side

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## R-trees - performance analysis

Results: MG-county

# leaf accesses

query side

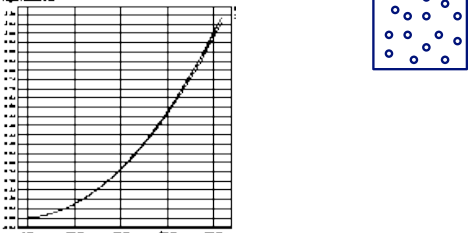
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## R-trees - performance analysis

Results: 2D- uniform

# leaf accesses



query side

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## R-trees - performance analysis

Conclusions: usually, <5% relative error, for range queries

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Optional

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    - ✓ disk accesses for R-trees (range queries)
    - ➔ • dimensionality reduction
    - dim. curse revisited
    - quad-tree analysis [Gaede+]
    - ....

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## Case study #2: Dim. reduction

Optional


Problem definition: 'Feature selection'

- given  $N$  points, with  $E$  dimensions
- keep the  $k$  most 'informative' dimensions


[Traina+, SBBD'00]



Caetano  
Traina



Agma  
Traina



Leejay  
Wu

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## Dim. reduction - w/ fractals

(a) Quarter-circle

(b) Line

(c) Spike

not informative

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Re-phrased: spot and drop attributes with strong (non-)linear correlations

Q: how do we do that?

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## Dim. reduction

A: Hint: correlated attributes do not affect the intrinsic/fractal dimension, e.g., if

$$y = f(x, z, w)$$

we can drop  $y$

(hence: ‘*partial fd*’ (PFD) of a set of attributes = the fd of the dataset, when projected on those attributes)

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## Dim. reduction - w/ fractals

global FD=1

PFD=1

(c) Spike

PFD~0

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Optional

## Dim. reduction - w/ fractals

- (problem: given  $N$  points in  $E$ -d, choose  $k$  best dimensions)
- Q: Algorithm?

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Optional

## Dim. reduction - w/ fractals

- Q: Algorithm?
- A: e.g., greedy - forward selection:
  - keep the attribute with highest partial fd
  - add the one that causes the highest increase in pfd
  - etc., until we are within *epsilon* from the full f.d.

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Optional

## Dim. reduction - w/ fractals

- (backward elimination: ~ reverse)
  - drop the attribute with least impact on the p.f.d.
  - repeat
  - until we are *epsilon* below the full f.d.

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Optional

## Dim. reduction - w/ fractals

- Q: what is the smallest # of attributes we should keep?

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## Dim. reduction - w/ fractals

- Q: what is the smallest # of attributes we should keep?
- A: we should keep at least as many as the f.d. (and probably, a few more)

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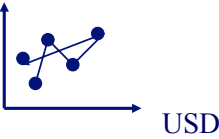
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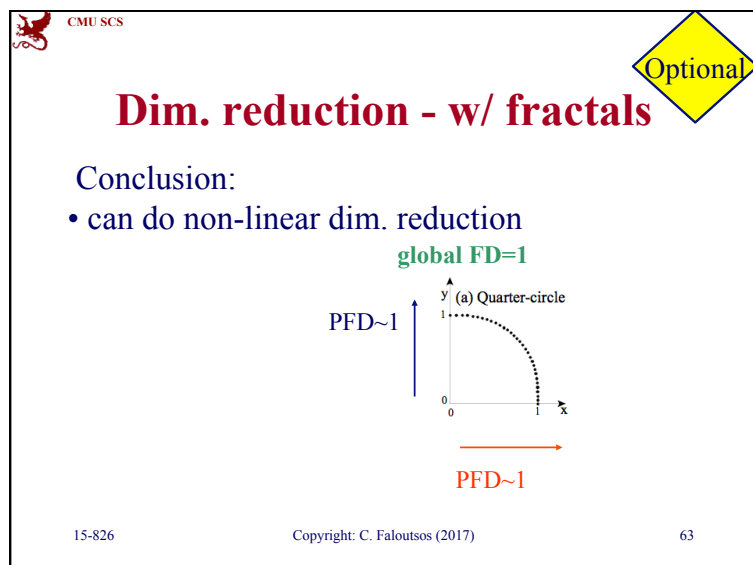
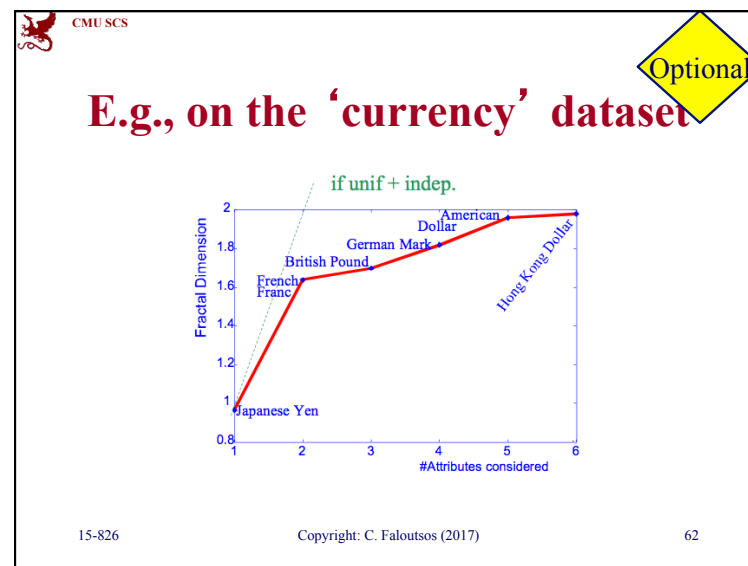
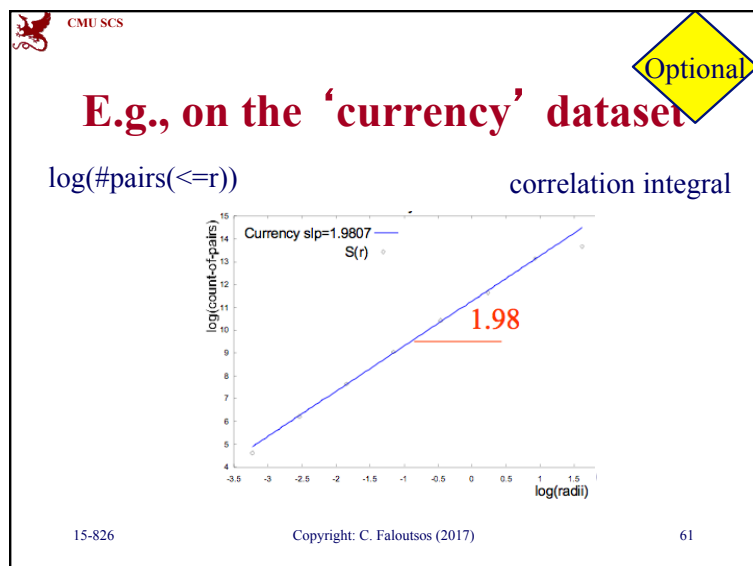
- Results: E.g., on the 'currency' dataset
- (daily exchange rates for USD, HKD, BP, FRF, DEM, JPY - i.e., 6-d vectors, one per day - base currency: CAD)

e.g.: FRF



USD

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