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Big Data assigned cohorts from variable memberships (Boolean vs Nolanean)

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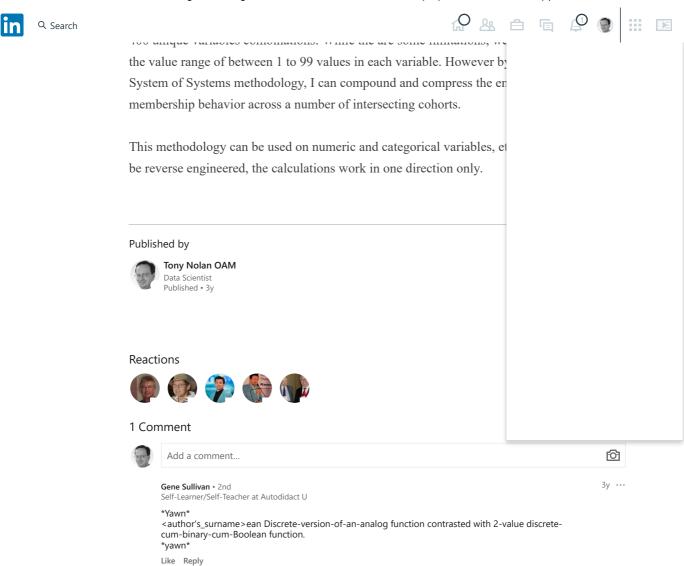
One of the basic ways to work in large datasets, is to assign memberships to rows from their memberships in combinations of variables. Of course the problem is the number of variables that can be used. One of the quick ways to assign to a cohort is to use Boolean. Of course this limits the variable to be solely yes or no, 1 or 0, etc. While it is limited to about 8 to 10 variables, it is also limited that it treats every variable the same, so it is not really distance preserving. Ie the larger or smaller the numbers, dont carry extra meaning.

I sat down one morning, over 20 years ago, and thought how good it would be if there was a way to have numbers between 1 to 10 in each variable, and when they were added up, you got a unique number, a digital hash. But a digital hash that retained distance, etc. But when you apply normal maths to 2 + 1 + 3 = 6 or 1 + 2 + 3 = 6, or 3 + 1 + 2 = 6. Im sure you get the idea.

The next step I tried, was to give a different weighting to each number in the sequence. The difference between each weighting, was a geometric progression, with an extension value. So it became impossible to have any combination of 1,2,3, etc come up to the same end number. I checked this out on graph paper, and ran some mathematical proofs, and did some testing on the ideal value to have as the cascading sequence value.

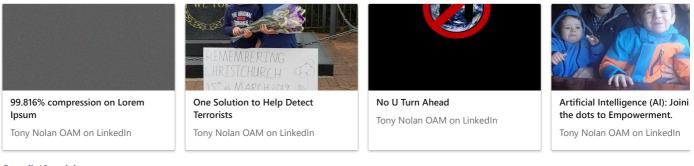
It soon became apparent, that the extension and secondary calculation for the x,y graph was not needed. In fact, I had invented a new variation of a Discrete Cosine Transformation (DCT), much to the shock of some mathematicians who said it should have taken me 20 wars of PHD level work to some up with it

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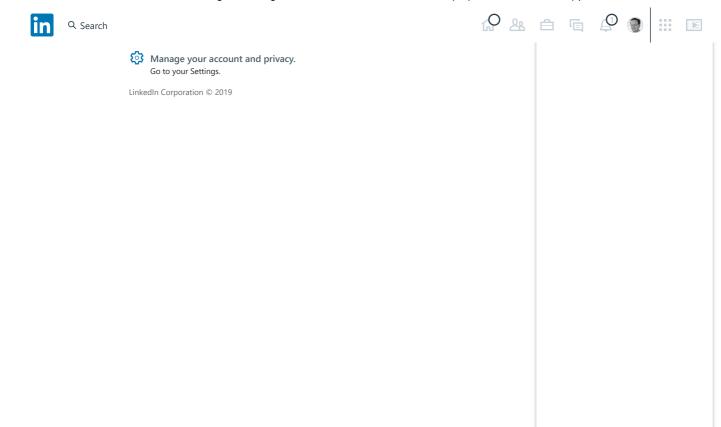


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