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FRAUD DETECTION WITH DATA ANALYTIC & MACHINE LEARNING

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EXTERNAL VS INTERNAL THREATS



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In 2015, 60 percent of all attacks were carried out by insiders, either ones with malicious intent or those who served as inadvertent actors. In other words, they were instigated by people you'd be likely to trust. And they can result in substantial financial and reputational losses.

DETECTION GAP



Source: VerizoneData Breach Investigation Report (DBIR)

TOP 5 AUDIT TOOLS



CONTINUOUS AUDIT IMPLEMENTATION STEPS



CONTINUOUS AUDITING VS CONTINUOUS MONITORING





Source: Global Technology Audit Guide (GTAG), IIA

CONTINUOUS COMBINED ASSURANCE

	Data assurance	Controls	Compliance	Risk monitoring and assessment	Operations (monitoring)
Who uses					
Management	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
 Audit (internal or external) 	Х	Х	Х		
 Investors 	Х				
 Regulators 	Х	Х	Х		
Purpose					
Diagnostic		Х	Х	Х	Х
Predictive				Х	Х
Historic	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
Primarily performed by					
Automation	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
Manual		Х		Х	Х

BUILDING YOUR OWN FRAUD SELF-DETECTION



DATA ANALYTICS

- Data analytics, as it applies to fraud examination, refers to the use of analytic software to identify trends, patterns, anomalies, and exceptions in data.
- Especially useful when fraud is hidden in large data volumes and manual checks are insufficient.
- Can be reactively and proactively
- Data analysis techniques alone are unlikely to detect fraud; human judgment is needed to decipher results.
- To detect fraud, data analysis techniques must be performed on the full data population, instead of using sample of data.



TYPE OF DATA THAT CAN BE ANALYZED



Unstructured Data



BIG DATA AUDITING

3 Vs of Big Data

<u>Volume</u>: The amount of data being created is vast compared to traditional data sources

Variety: Data comes from all types of formats. This can include data generated within an organization as well as data created from external sources, including publicly available data.

<u>Velocity</u>: Data is being generated extremely quickly and continuously.

Additional Vs

Veracity: Data must be able to be verified based on both accuracy and context.

Variability: Big data is extremely variable and always changing.

<u>Visualization</u>: Analytic results from big data are often hard to interpret; therefore, translating vast amounts of data into readily presentable graphics and charts that are easy to understand is critical to end-user satisfaction and may highlight additional insights.

Value: Organizations, societies, and consumers can all benefit from big data. Value is generated when new insights are translated into actions that create positive outcomes.

OUNCE OF PREVENTION = POUND OF CURE

- A big part of fraud prevention is communicating the program across the organization.
- If everyone knows there are systems in place that alert to potential fraud or breach of controls, and that every single transaction running through your systems is monitored, you've got a great preventative measure.
- It lets people know <u>that they shouldn't</u>
 <u>bother</u>, because they will get caught.



"As fraud schemes become more sophisticated and migratory, access to real time data and the use of advanced data analysis to monitor claims and provider characteristics are critically important." (Daniel R. Levinson, Inspector General, Office of Inspector General, US Department of Health and Human Services)

THE POTENTIAL OF DATA ANALYTIC IN FRAUD PREVENTION



Source: James E. Parry, Predictive Analytics & Fraud Prevention, IBM

DATA ANALYTIC TECHNIQUES

ISACA's 2017 ASIA PACIFIC CACS

DUPLICATE TRANSACTIONS

- A simple example of the application of this technique is the search for duplicate transactions, such as the same invoice number vendor number, payroll credit transaction to same account in a month.
- Ordinarily, one would expect that invoice number - vendor number combinations, would be unique. Therefore, the existence of transactions with the same invoice number vendor number combinations would be an unexpected pattern in the data.
- However, fraud symptoms are only that symptoms - and care should be taken to properly investigate the transactions before jumping to conclusions.

Duplicate Transactions

Vendor Number	Amount		
A543891	\$1,035.71		
A543891	\$1,035.71		
	Vendor Number A543891 A543891		



EVEN AMOUNTS

- 1. Another technique is to identify even amounts, or number that have been rounded up.
- MOD() function can easily identify these types of even number. I.e. MOD(Amount,100)=0 will identify transactions that are multiple of 100, MOD(Amount,1000)=0 will identify transactions that are multiple of 1000
- 3. Travel expenses had always be a concern for the auditors as controls were a weak. Employees had a maximum per diem rate when traveling, but had to submit actual receipts to cover the expenses. Another expenses may have their maximums.
- 4. Some people were charging the maximum rates for meals and hotels even though the receipts did not justify the amounts

RATIO ANALYSIS (MINIMUM-MAXIMUM)

- Like financial ratios that give indications of the relative health of a company, data analysis ratios point to possible symptoms of fraud.
- 2. The common methods:
 - the ratio of the highest value to the lowest value (Maximum/Minimum)
 - the ratio of the highest value to the next highest (Maximum/2nd Highest)
 - the ratio of the current year to the previous year.
- 3. If the ratio is close to 1, then they can be sure that there is not much variance between the highest and lowest prices paid. However, if the ratio is large, this could be an indication that too much was paid

Product Line	Max	Min	Ratio
Product 1 Product 2	235 289	127 285	1.85 1.01
Customer	Max	2 nd Highest	Ratio
XYZ Corp. ABC Corp.	\$100,080 \$103,429	\$ 26,068 \$101,210	<u>3.84</u> 1.02

A large ratio indicates that the Maximum value is significantly larger than the second highest value

TREND & REGRESSION ANALYSIS

- Analysis of trends across years, or across departments, divisions, etc. can be very useful in detecting possible frauds.
- 2. Another useful calculation is the ratio of the current year to the previous year.
- A high ratio indicates a significant change in the totals. It can be a sudden downturn of upward trend.



BENFORD LAW

- 1. Benford's Law, developed by Frank Benford in the 1920's, makes predictions on the occurrence of digits in the data.
- 2. Benford's Law concludes that the first digit in a large number of transactions (10,000 plus) will be a '1' more often than a '2'; and a '2' more often than a '3'.
- 3. Benford calculates that the first digit will be a '1' about 30%, whereas '9' only has an expected frequency of about 5% as the first digit



- there should be no price break points (\$6.12 for all packages under 1 pound, \$7.13 for package more than 1 pound and less than 2 pounds)
- numbers should not be assigned, such as policy numbers, social insurance numbers, etc.



Implementation in First Two Digits (FTD): Expected FTD Frequency = log(1+1/FTD)

BENFORD LAW FOR PROCUREMENT FRAUD

Actual vs Benford Frequency % of FSD



ASSOCIATION, CLUSTERING, & ANOMALY DETECTION

- 1. Associations:
 - Finds something that occur together (i.e. other events that support a fraudulent event)
 - Associations can exists between any of the attributes
- 2. Clustering/Anomaly:
 - Reveals natural groups within set of data
 - Encompasses anomaly detection
- 3. Sequential Associations:
 - Finds association occur in time-oriented data
 - Sequence or order of the events



ASSOCIATION, CLUSTERING, & ANOMALY DETECTION

- Define entities/providers that may shared same attributes
- 2. Link between each of them by a connecting line of various gradations of width and structure
- 3. Examples:
 - 1. Non performing loan with 2 debtors having group relationship.
 - 2. Payment made to 2/more vendors with same geo-location (distance measurement).
 - 3. Credit card-holders with same phonenumber but different addresses.
 - 4. Money transfer employee account number



ASSOCIATION, CLUSTERING, & ANOMALY DETECTION

- 1. Anomaly detection is an exploratory method
- 2. Designed for real-time and immediate detection of exceptional cases or records that should be included for further analysis
- Unlike other modeling methods that stores rules about exceptional cases, anomaly detection store information on what normal behavior looks like.
- 4. Implement as unsupervised learning.





TEXT MINING & FRAUD TRIANGLE



TYPICAL TEXT MINING PROCESS



FINANCIAL REPORT FRAUD ANALYTIC (MANUFACTURING COMPANIES)

Most non-performing debtors failed to provide a recent updated & audited financial report after their first disbursement

Z-Score = 1.2A + 1.4B + 3.3C + 0.6D + 1.0E38 (50%) FRA NFR 38 (50%) ZSEORI A = Working Capital/Total Assets < 1.49 -1.49 B = Retained Earnings/Total Assets 35 (81%) 3 (09%) (19%) (91%) 8 30 C = Earnings Before Interest & Tax/Total Assets EBIT TT. D = Market Value of Equity/Total Liabilities < 0.02 < 7.10 >=7.10 2 27 (93%) 8 (57%) (100%) 1 (03%) E = Sales/Total Assets 2 (07%)6 (43%) 0 (00%) 30 (97%) COSAL COSAL < 922.30 >=922. < 5395.05 >=5395.05 Altman considered a Z score 25 (100%) 2 (50%) 8 (89%) 0 (00%) (50%) 2 0 (00%) 1 (11%) 5 (100%) value of 1.81 as a cutoff point DEBTEO to define financial distress for < 0.43 >=0.43 US manufacturing firms, 35 out (00%) 8 (100%) 0 (100%) 0 (00%) of 38 fraud companies have

Source: Detection of Fraudulent Financial Statements through the use of Data Mining Techniques, Efstathios Kirkos, Charalambos Spathis, Yannis Manolopoylos

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low Z-Score < 1.49

FINANCIAL REPORT FRAUD ANALYTIC (BAYESIAN BELIEF NETWORK)

According to the network, fraud presents strong dependencies from the input variables ZSCORE, DEBTEQ, NPTA, SALTA and WCTA. Each of these variables expresses a different aspect of a firm's financial status. Z SCORE refers to financial distress, DEBTEQ to leverage; NPTA refers to profitability, SALTA to sales performance and WCTA to solvency.



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FINANCIAL REPORT FRAUD ANALYTIC (TEXT ANALYSIS/MINING)

- These disclosures (qualitative narratives) may not contain fraud indicators explicitly; however indicators of fraud can be constructed by <u>understanding the</u> <u>syntactic as well as semantics of any natural</u> <u>language</u> because <u>perpetrators of fraud may</u> <u>camouflage the indicators by using semantic arsenal</u> <u>of the language</u>.
- In order to conceal the fraudulent activity, perpetrators may use selective sentence constructions, selective adjectives and adverbial phrases.

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FAKE ID NUMBER



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Caller Name Identification



FAKE ID EMAIL ADDRESS



- Use the nslookup -type:mx <email_server>.
- Use telnet command to check the SMTP port and RCPT TO to check the email address.
- Use those commands in VBA Script for Excel formula.

UNSTRUCTURED DATA ANALYSIS -GPS

Vendor (A)

Jeremy's Design Company, 123 5th Street, Anytown, MO (Total Payments = \$84,337)

Employee (B)

Jeremy Clopton, 4300 Oak Street, Anytown, MO

Only 20% of data in organization is structured data, 80% is unstructured data (not housed in database). However, anti fraud detection is recently focused in the 20%



Source: Secret Conspiracies & Hidden Patterns: Fraud and Advanced Data Mining, Shauna Woody-Caoussens, Forensic & Valuation Services

GPS LOCATION TO FIND FAKE ADDRESS



- Use GPS location to find if the address validity
- Use Google Maps Distance Matrix API to get the distance between 2 addresses.
- API function is called from Excel Sheet VBA-Script

VENDOR/EMPLOYEE RELATIONSHIP

Matching Attributes	Employee ID	First Name	Middle Initial	Last Name	Vendor ID	Name	City	State	Total Payments
Address	131313131	Beth	Е	Davis	D58468431	Davis Designs	Anvtowo	мо	5 768
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Non-Obvious Relationship Association ("Link Analysis")

Linking items that are related but removed by several degrees of separation to mask their relationship.

Latent Semantic Analysis

Concept searching based on tone, recurring themes and communication nuances

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