

The use of a score function in a data collection context

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Unified Enterprise Survey

Few units have a large impact on the population characteristics

- Several questionnaires
 - Key variables are in common
 - Secondary variables are industry-specific
 - Scores based on weighted revenues
 - To follow-up units with high scores
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Annual Survey of Manufactures

Collection of financial and commodity variables

- Scores based on all commodities
 - Relative size of units
 - Relative importance of commodities
 - Fine-tuning is part of the process
 - Good results in terms of budget
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Relation with other processes

- Sample size
 - Stratification
 - Estimation (potential bias)
 - Metadata
 - No automated transfer of information across steps
 - Developers use metadata to fine-tune all processes
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