

Course Reminders

- Due Friday (11:59 PM)
 - D4
 - Q4
 - A2
 - Mid-quarter survey (*optional*)
 - Weekly Project Survey (*optional*)
- Scores posted on Canvas: Q3, D3, project review
- Project Proposal grading underway

Project Reviews

- Really well done overall; thoughtful, clear, and detailed
- Strengths:
 - Premise: interesting questions
 - Writing: background information clear; visualizations, consistency across/throughout; analysis and results explained and interpreted clearly
 - Code: code well commented and explained
- Weaknesses:
 - Flow: code question & hypothesis don't match; typos; poor variable naming; avoid output of large tables/datasets; inconsistencies between explanations and code; mislabeled visualizations
 - Writing: poor flow, wording, clarity; poor communication; confusing as to what was done; too wordy/long-winded; text hard to read/follow; failure to define initialisms/acronyms; used too much jargon; don't overwhelm the reader - subsections; bullet points
 - Data: unclear exactly what was being measured
 - Code: too repetitive, cluttered
 - Analysis: didn't quite have the data they needed (often time-related); explanations lacking for analysis


Approaches to Analysis

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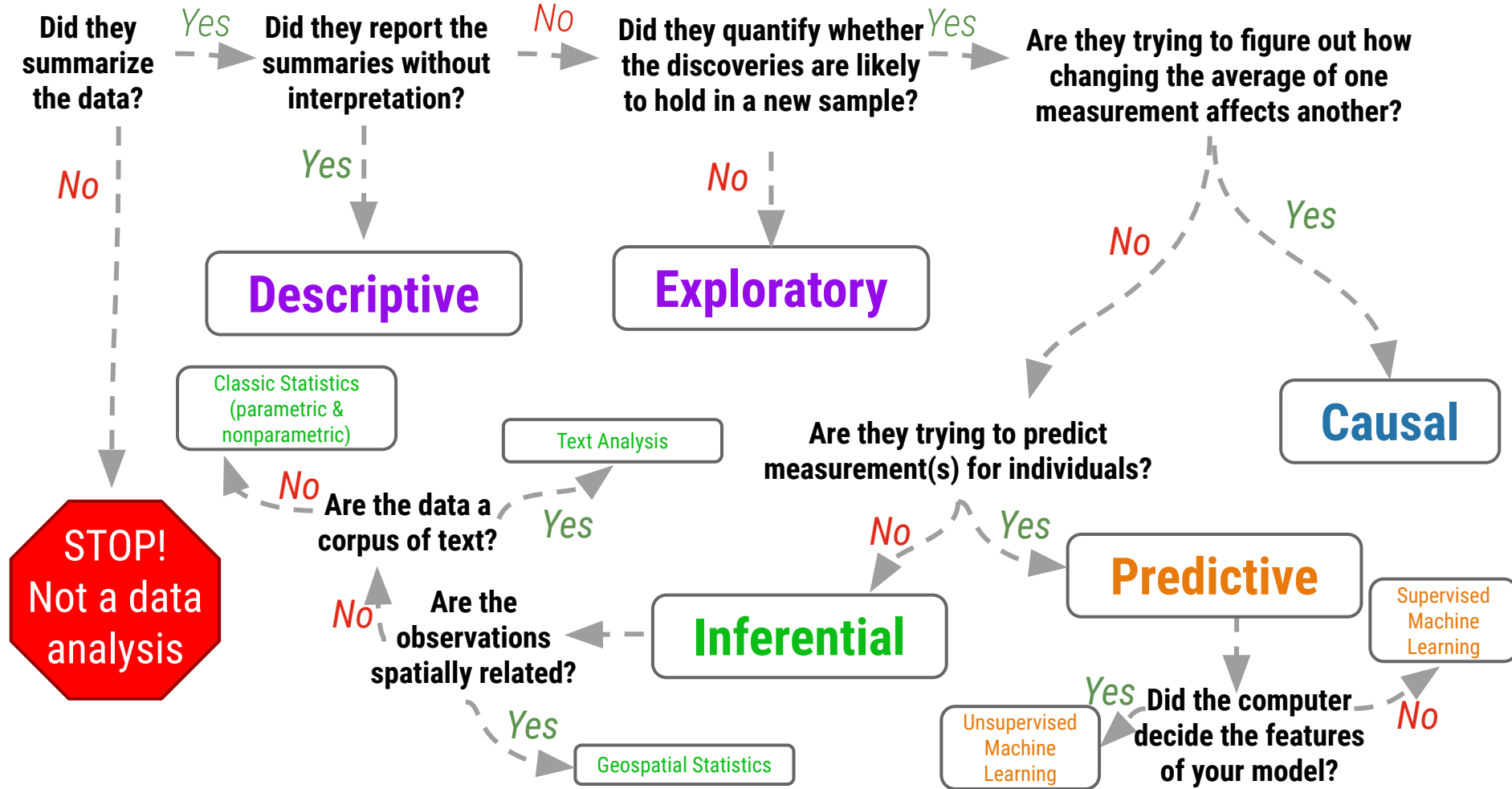


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*“Data science is the process of formulating a quantitative question that can be answered with data, collecting and cleaning the data, **analyzing the data**, and communicating the answer to the question to a relevant audience.”*



To do this, you have to look at, describe, and explore the data



Summary: Analytical Approaches

1. **Descriptive** (and **Exploratory**) Data Analysis are the first step(s)
2. **Inference** establishes relationships
 - a. Classic Statistics
 - b. Geospatial Analysis
 - c. Text Analysis
3. Machine Learning is for **prediction**
 - a. Supervised
 - b. Unsupervised
4. Experiments best way to establish **causality**

Exploring Analyses

General question: What impacts politics in America?

Data Science question: Is there a relationship between the sentiment of political words in South Park and America's presidential approval rating?

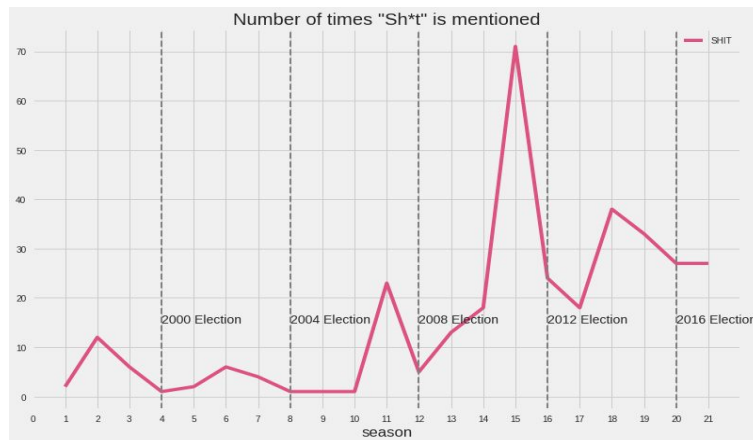
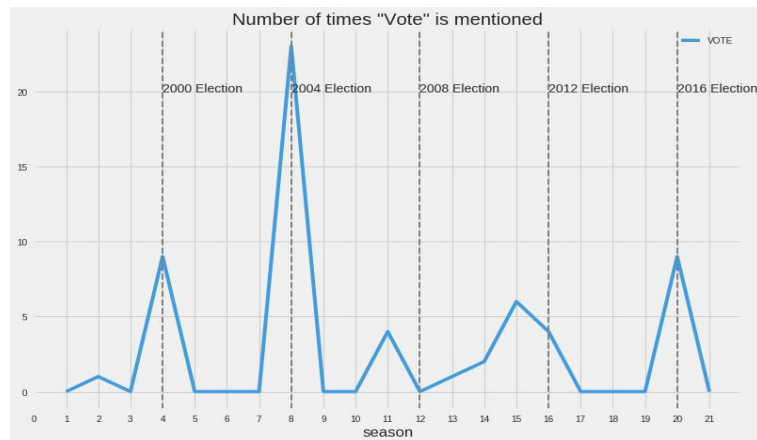
Descriptive

Exploratory

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General question: What gets too much attention in the news?

Data Science Question: Is there a relationship over time between cause of death terms in the *NYT*, The Guardian, and Google trends data relative to data from the CDC?

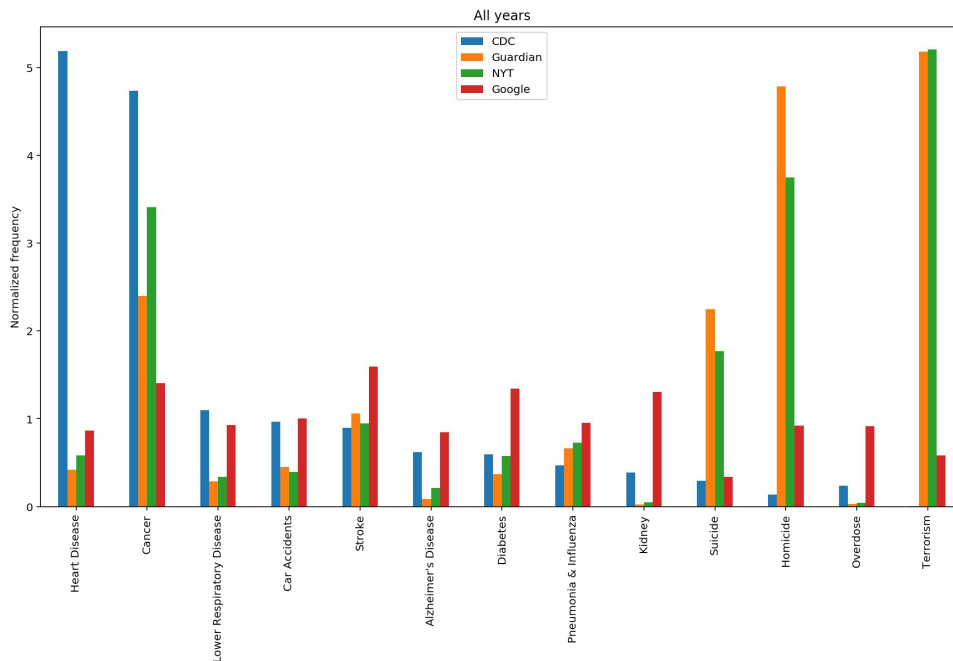
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Descriptive

Exploratory

Predictive

Classification: Often we seek to assign a label to an item from a discrete set of possibilities.

Can we predict who will win next year's NCAA tournament? The Masters? The Super Bowl? The pennant? A game?

Can we predict the genre of a given movie (comedy, drama, or animation?) from just its script?

Descriptive

Exploratory

Predictive

Regression: A way to forecast a given numerical quantity using other relevant features.

Can we predict someone's weight given other information?

How much snow will the East Coast get this year?

General question: Why isn't police response time always the same?

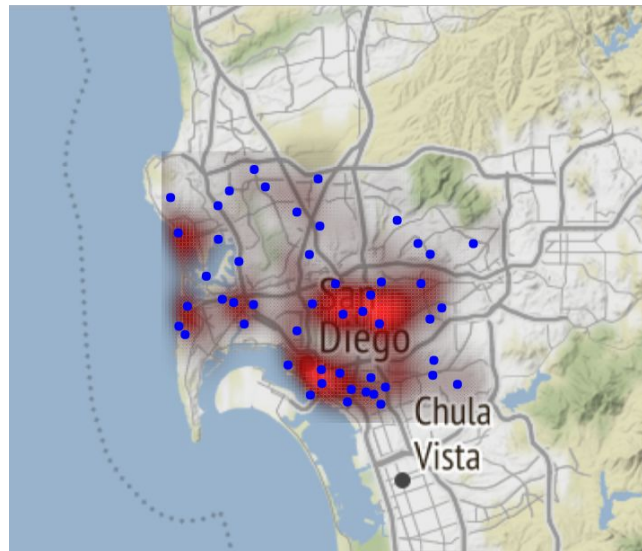
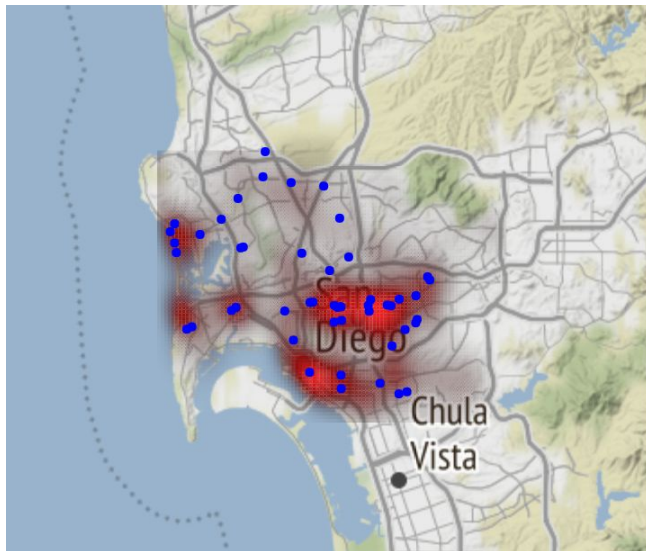
Data Science question: Where should police cars be stationed, accounting for crime levels and time of day, to make police response times equitable throughout San Diego?

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In case of the total drought in California, how many desalination plant projects we need to supply residential use water for population who live in urban areas in California?

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