

# AI Saturdays Lagos

## Cohort 7

### Introduction to Data Science



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# Today

- What is Data Science?
- What is Data Science not?
- (A few) Data Science Examples
- Discussions



# What is Data Science?



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Data science = statistics +  
data processing +  
machine learning +  
scientific inquiry +  
visualization +  
business analytics +  
big data + ...

In spite of Nigeria's disconcerting poverty rate, a significant amount of Nigerians earn decent remuneration from their chosen fields. Some of these professions earn in excess of millions and as a result, they are pretty competitive to access.



These high-paying jobs are influenced by education (course of study, certification etc.), skills and experience. The jobs cut across multinationals, public and private companies as well as businesses.



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#### Top 25 Highest Paying Jobs in Nigeria Ranked:

1. Surgeon - **N420,000**
2. Aeronautical Engineer - **N410,000**
3. Project Manager - **N321,000**
4. Petroleum Engineer - **N294,000**
5. Sailor - **N263,000**
6. Pilot - **N210,000**
7. Investment Bankers- **N194,000**
8. Dentist- **N193,000**
9. Software Developer- **N153,000**
10. Accountant - **N126,000**



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#### The Best Jobs of 2021 include:

- Physician assistant.
- Software developer.
- Nurse practitioner.
- Medical and health services manager.
- Physician.
- Statistician.
- Speech-language pathologist.
- Data scientist.

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# What is Data Science NOT?



# Data science is not machine learning

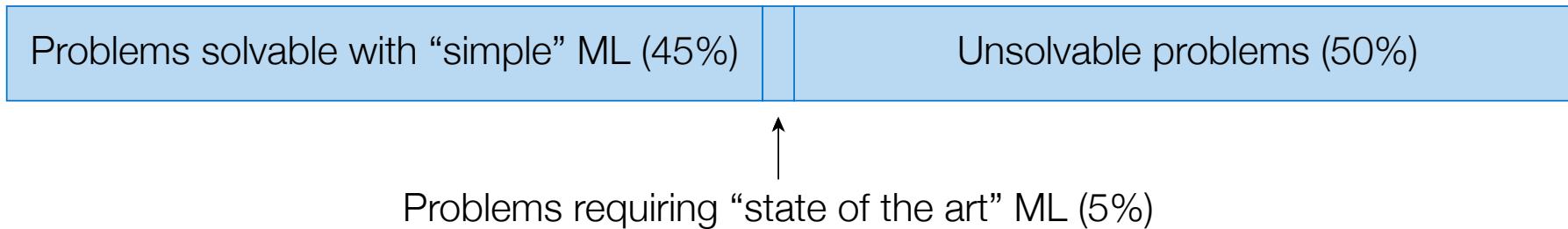
Machine learning involves computation and statistics, but has not (traditionally) been very concerned about answering *scientific questions*

Machine learning has a heavy focus on fancy algorithms...

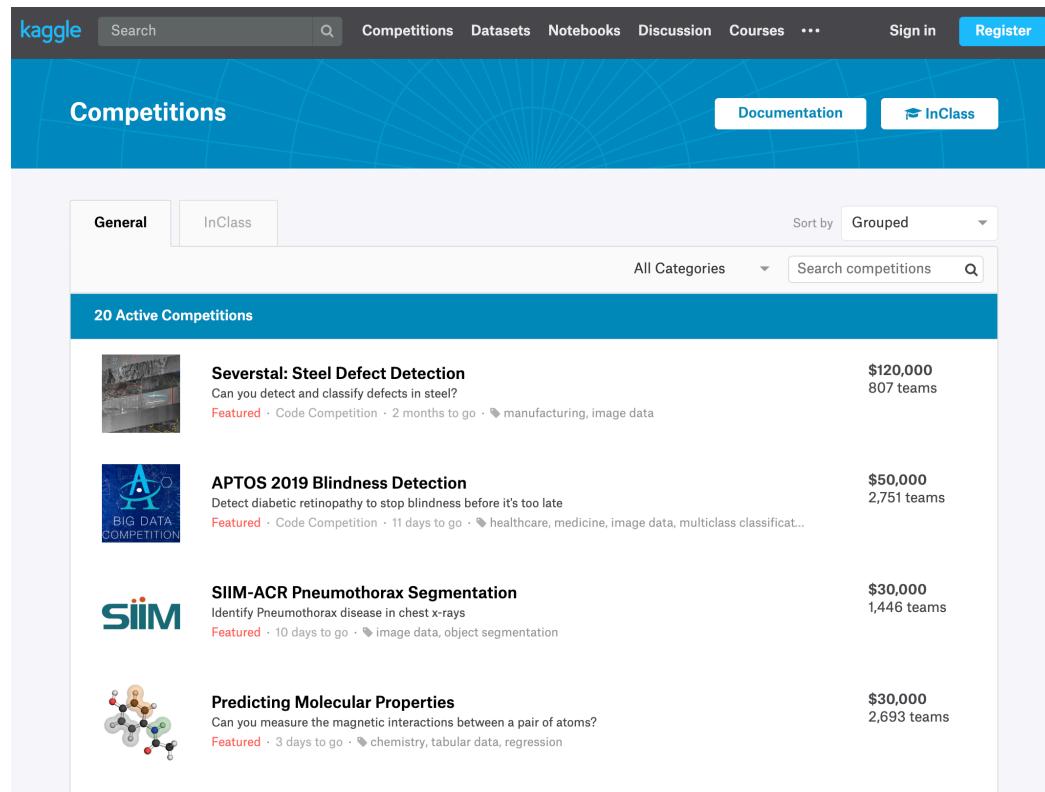
... but sometimes the best way to solve a problem is just by visualizing the data, for instance

# Data science is not machine learning

## Universe of machine learning problems



# Data science is not machine learning competitions



Data science competitions like Kaggle ask you to optimize a metric on a fixed data set

This may or may not ultimately solve the desired business/scientific problem

Data science is the iterative cycle of designing a concrete problem, building an algorithm to solve it (or determining that this is not possible), and evaluating what insights this provides for the real underlying question

# Data science is not statistics

“Analyzing data computationally, to understand some phenomenon in the real world, you say? ... that sounds an awful lot like statistics”

Statistics (at least the academic type) has evolved a lot more along the mathematical/theoretical frontier

Not many statistics courses have a lecture on e.g. web scraping, or a lot of data processing more generally

Plus, statisticians use R, while data scientists use Python ... clearly these are completely different fields

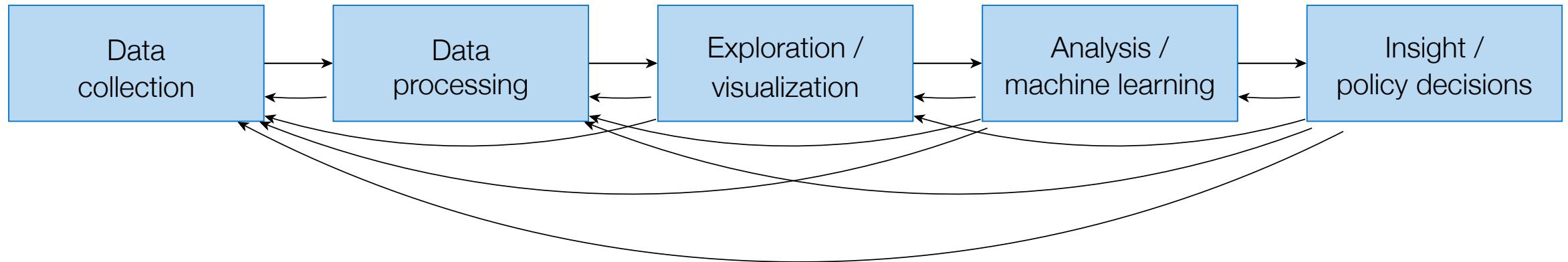
# Data science is not big data

Sometimes, in order to truly understand and answer your question, you need massive amounts of data...

...But sometimes you don't

Don't create more work for yourself than you need to

# Back to what data science is



# What is Data Science



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# DATA SCIENTIST MUST-HAVE SKILLS

## MATH & STATISTICS

- Machine Learning
- Statistical Modeling
- Exploratory Analysis
- Clustering
- Regression Analysis

## DOMAIN KNOWLEDGE & SOFT SKILLS

- Inclination towards business operations
- Keen on working with data
- Problem solver
- Strategic, proactive, and cooperative
- Interested in hacking

## PROGRAMMING & DATABASE

- Computer Science Fundamentals
- Database Management System
- Data Visualization
- Python
- Big Data

## COMMUNICATION & VISUALIZATION

- Storytelling skills
- Convert data-based insights into decisions
- Collaborative with Sr. Management
- Knowledge of tools like Tableau
- Visual art design



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# (A few) Data Science Examples



# Gendered language in professor reviews

## Gendered Language in Teacher Reviews

This interactive chart lets you explore the words used to describe male and female teachers in about 14 million reviews from RateMyProfessor.com.

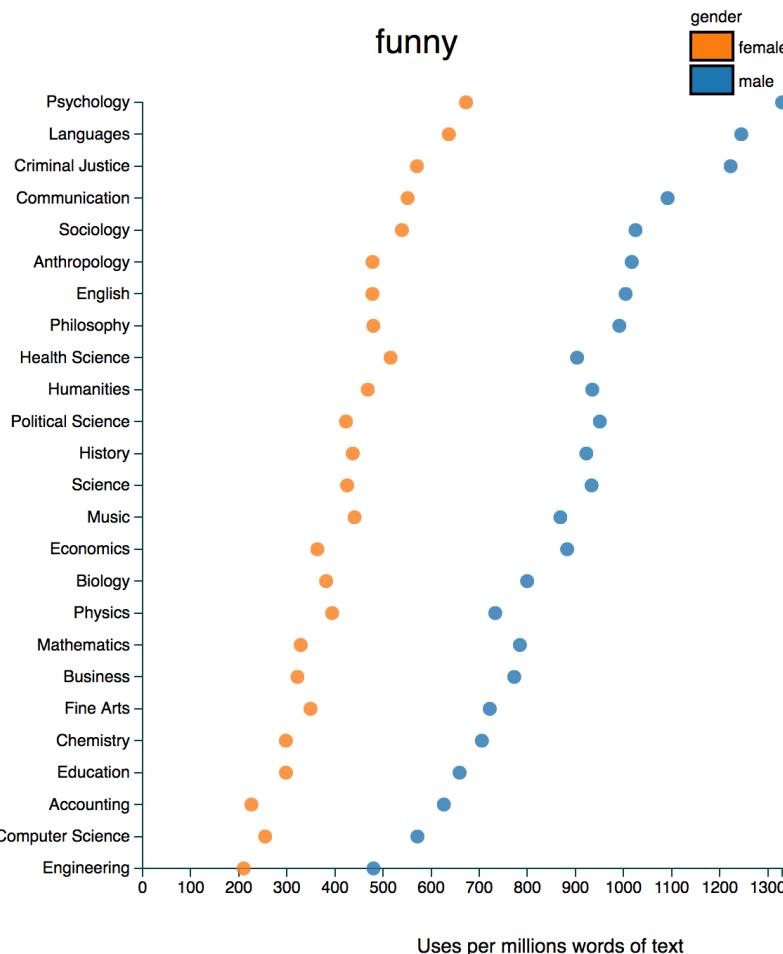
You can enter any other word (or two-word phrase) into the box below to see how it is split across gender and discipline: the x-axis gives how many times your term is used per million words of text (normalized against gender and field). You can also limit to just negative or positive reviews (based on the numeric ratings on the site). For some more background, see [here](#).

Not all words have gender splits, but a surprising number do. Even things like pronouns are used quite differently by gender.

**Search term(s) (case-insensitive):  
use commas to aggregate multiple terms**

funny

All ratings   Only positive   Only negative

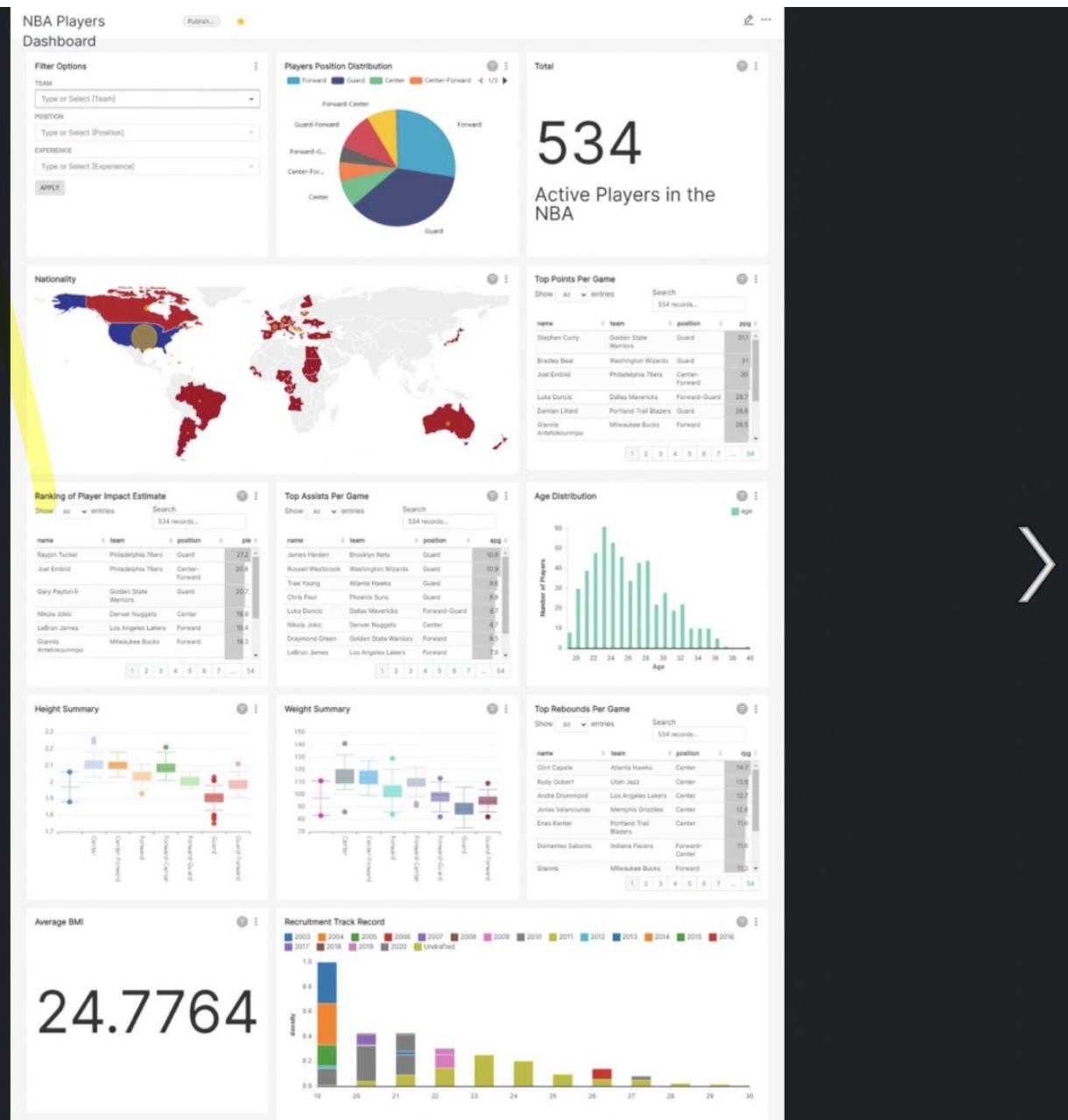


<http://benschmidt.org/profGender/>

# Obligatory quote

The greatest value of a picture is when it forces us to notice what we never expected to see.

-John Tukey



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I recently completed a full-stack, end to end data science project called NBA Players. The aim of this was to simplify and limit the time it takes for an NBA fan or a curious individual to find out useful facts about the current active players in the NBA.

The data pipeline for this process was built and scheduled (weekly) using Apache Airflow (<https://lnkd.in/gpBZj77>). The first component of the workflow was data collection. I used the NBA website as my data source and proceeded to gather data on all active players. This data is inserted into a sqlite3 database file and stored in a data lake; which in this case is a simple file folder (Second Component).

The third component extracts the most recent entry to the data lake and performs a custom ETL (Extraction, Transformation and Loading) process on the data. The processed data is then stored or used to update my data warehouse; a remote PostgreSQL Database instance on [elephantsql.com](https://elephantsql.com). Airflow automatically triggers the pipeline to run every week and updates the data warehouse.

I also developed an outlier detection machine learning model to identify outlier players present in the database (Jupyter Notebook link: <https://lnkd.in/gNgQ-27>)

<https://nba-superset.herokuapp.com/superset/dashboard/4/>



**Does it solve the  
problem?**



# FiveThirtyEight

ELECTION 2018

FiveThirtyEight

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How do you like your House forecast?

Lite

Keep it simple, please — give me the best forecast you can based on what local and national polls say

Classic

I'll take the polls, plus all the "fundamentals": fundraising, past voting in the district, historical trends and more

Deluxe

Gimme the works — the Classic forecasts plus experts' ratings

## Forecasting the race for the House



Updated Nov. 6, 2018, at 11:06 AM

7 in 8

Chance Democrats win control (87.9%)

↑ Higher probability

Breakdown of seats by party

267 D  
168 R

247 D  
188 R

227 D  
208 R

227 R  
208 D

247 R  
188 D

1 in 8

Chance Republicans keep control (12.1%)

+59

+39 Democratic seats  
AVG. GAIN

+21

10% chance Democrats gain more than 59 seats

80% chance Democrats gain 21 to 59 seats

10% chance Democrats gain fewer than 21 seats

**What communities in Kenya and Uganda would benefit most from charitable donations?**



# Poverty Mapping



Figure 2: Example of metal roof in center of satellite image.



Figure 3: Example of thatched roof in center of satellite image.

A screenshot of a web-based application titled "Dymo". The interface includes a top navigation bar with links for Chrome, File, Edit, View, History, Bookmarks, Window, and Help. Below the bar, a title bar says "Dymo" and shows the URL "dymo.herokuapp.com/brian". The main content area is divided into sections: "User: brian", "Image: KE2013072143-iron.png", "Number Left: 1467", "Instructions:", and "Labels:". The "Labels:" section contains a list of coordinates for identified roofs. At the bottom left is a "Clear" button, and at the bottom right is a "Submit" button.

Figure 6: Screen shot of application deployed for crowdsourced labeling of roofs in satellite images.

Abelson, Varshney, and Sun. “Targeting Direct Cash Transfers to the Extremely Poor,” 2012

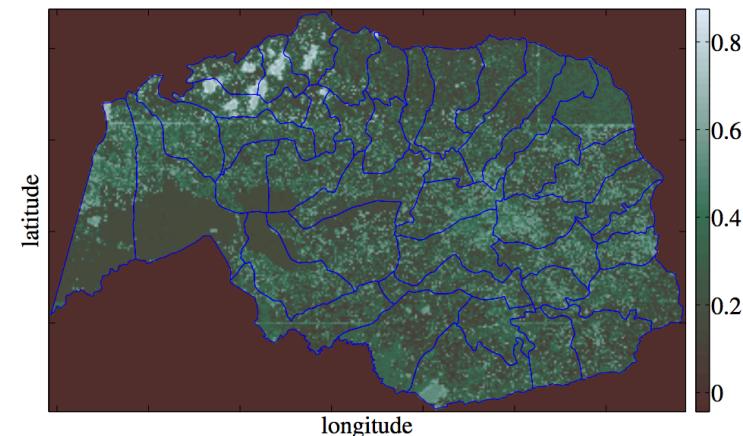


Figure 11: Heat map of proportion of roofs that are metal in the region of interest.

# Administrative



# Learning objectives of this course

After taking this course, you should...

- ... understand the full data science pipeline, and be familiar with programming tools to accomplish the different portions
- ... be able to collect data from unstructured sources and store it using appropriate structure such as relational databases, graphs, matrices, etc
- ... know to explore and visualize your data
- ... be able to analyze your data rigorously using a variety of statistical and machine learning approaches

# Topics covered

Week	Date	Topic	Resources	Instructors
1	4-Sep	Introduction to Data Science	<a href="#">Slide</a> , <a href="#">Note</a>	Tejumade Afonja
2	11-Sep	Data Collection and Scraping	<a href="#">Slide</a> , <a href="#">Note</a>	Akintayo Jabar
3	18-Sep	Relational Data	<a href="#">Slide</a> , <a href="#">Note</a>	Akintayo Jabar
4	25-Sep	Visualization and Data Exploration	<a href="#">Slide</a> , <a href="#">Note</a>	Ahmed Olanrewaju
5	2-Oct	Matrices, Vectors, and Linear Algebra	<a href="#">Slide</a> , <a href="#">Note</a>	Lawrence Francis
6	9-Oct	Data Preprocessing	<a href="#">Slide</a> , <a href="#">Videos</a>	Esemeje Omole
7	16-Oct	Introduction to Machine Learning	<a href="#">Slide</a> , <a href="#">Note</a>	Olumide Okubadejo
8	23-Oct	Linear Models	<a href="#">Slide</a> , <a href="#">Note</a> , <a href="#">Playlist</a>	Stanley Dukor
9	30-Oct	<b>Break</b>		
10	6-Nov	Model Evaluation	<a href="#">Slide</a> , <a href="#">Playlist</a>	Orevaoghene Ahia
11	13-Nov	Nonlinear Models	<a href="#">Slide</a> , <a href="#">Note</a>	Kenechi Dukor
12	20-Nov	Probabilistic Models	<a href="#">Slide</a> , <a href="#">Note</a>	Tejumade Afonja

[https://github.com/AISaturdaysLagos/cohort7\\_structure](https://github.com/AISaturdaysLagos/cohort7_structure)



# Practicals covered

## Practicals

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The practicals will touch on different MLOPS and will be held alongside classes each week.

Week	Date	Topic
1	4-Sep	Data Science Notebook Frameworks
2	11-Sep	A web scraping task with basic intro first; Data Labelling Tools and Frameworks
3	18-Sep	Intro to Pandas; Optimized computational Framework part 1 (Pandas related)
4	25-Sep	Industrial Strength Visualization libraries
5	2-Oct	Intro to numpy; Optimized computational Framework part 2 (Numpy related)
6	9-Oct	Outlier and Anomaly Detection
7	16-Oct	Intro to Sklearn
8	23-Oct	No Practicals
9	30-Oct	<b>Break</b>
10	6-Nov	Model and Data Versioning



# Main Resources

Practical Data Science

INFORMATION

LECTURES

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FAQ

This page lists the class lectures and recitations, plus additional material (slides, notes, video) associated with each lecture. Recordings of all the classes will available on the course [Canvas page](#).

## Lectures

Date	Lecture	Slides	Notes
	<b>Data collection and management</b>		
1-Feb	Introduction	<a href="#"></a>	<a href="#"></a>
3-Feb	Data collection and scraping	<a href="#"></a>	<a href="#"></a>
8-Feb	Jupyter Notebook lab	<a href="#"></a>	<a href="#"></a>
10-Feb	Relational data	<a href="#"></a>	<a href="#"></a>
15-Feb	Visualization and data exploration	<a href="#"></a>	<a href="#"></a>
17-Feb	Vectors, matrices, and linear algebra	<a href="#"></a>	<a href="#"></a>
22-Feb	Graph and network processing	<a href="#"></a>	<a href="#"></a>
24-Feb	Free text and natural language processing	<a href="#"></a>	<a href="#"></a>
1-Mar	(continued)		
	<b>Statistical modeling and machine learning</b>		

<http://datasciencecourse.org>



# Main Resources

## Machine Learning @ VU

Machine Learning at VU University Amsterdam

This page contains all public information about the course *Machine Learning* at the VU University Amsterdam. We provide the following materials:

- **Lecture slides and videos.**
- **Worksheets** These are very brief Jupyter notebooks to help you get the software installed and to show the basics. They introduce the libraries Numpy, Matplotlib, Pandas, Sklearn and Keras.
- **Homework** The homework consists of small pen-and-paper exercises to help you test that you've really understood the more technical points of the lectures. Answers are provided. If you are a registered student, please refer to the Canvas page instead. All material authored by [Peter Bloem](#) unless noted otherwise.

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			homework	worksheets	previous
	<b>1. Introduction</b> 1.1 What is machine learning? 1.2 Classification 1.3 Other abstract tasks 1.4 Social impact 1	playlist slides			2020 2019 2018

<https://mlvu.github.io>



# Questions?

