

INTRO TO DATA SCIENCE

LECTURE 1: WELCOME

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AGENDA

I. COURSE OVERVIEW

II. WHAT IS DATA SCIENCE?

III. LAB

- SETUP DEVELOPER ENVIRONMENT**

- DATA EXPLORATION**

I. COURSE OVERVIEW

COURSE OVERVIEW

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COURSE OVERVIEW

TOPICS

- **GRADIENT DESCENT & LINEAR REGRESSION**
- **LOGISTIC REGRESSION**
- **BASIC VISUALIZATION**
- **REGULARIZATION**
- **UNSUPERVISED LEARNING - CLUSTERING**
- **DIMENSIONALITY REDUCTION**
- **BAYESIAN INFERENCE & AB TESTING**
- **NATURAL LANGUAGE PROCESSING**
- **RECOMMENDATION SYSTEMS**
- **SUPPORT VECTOR MACHINES**
- **DATABASES**
- **PLUS GUEST SPEAKERS**

COURSE OVERVIEW

SKILLS

- **PROGRAMMING**
- **PRESENTATION & COMMUNICATION**

COURSE OVERVIEW

ASSIGNMENTS

- **DATAEXPLORER CHALLENGES**
- **TERM PROJECT**
- **HOW MUCH HOMEWORK????**

COURSE OVERVIEW

TOOLS

PYTHON DATA SCIENCE STACK

- **SCIKIT-LEARN (MACHINE LEARNING)**
- **NUMPY, SciPY (LINEAR ALGEBRA, NUMERICAL COMPUTATION)**
- **MATPLOTLIB (VISUALIZATION)**
- **PANDAS (MODELING, EASY-TO-USE DATA STRUCTURES)**
- **IPYTHON (INTERACTIVE INTERFACE)**

COURSE ETIQUETTE & INFO

- ▶ **THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO SUCH THING AS A STUPID QUESTION**
- ▶ **NO-ONE KNOWS EVERYTHING ABOUT DATA SCIENCE SO PLEASE RESPECT YOUR FELLOW STUDENTS**
- ▶ **FEEL FREE TO EAT/DRINK DURING CLASS, BUT TRY TO DO IT WITHOUT DISTURBING THE CLASS**
- ▶ **PLEASE REMEMBER THAT YOU ALL COME FROM DIFFERENT BACKGROUNDS, WHAT IS SIMPLE FOR SOME MAY BE CHALLENGING FOR OTHERS. IF YOU ARE AHEAD OF THE CLASS, OR FINDING IT EASY GOING, SAY DURING A LAB, DON'T DISTURB THE REST OF THE CLASS WITH LOUD SIDE CONVERSATIONS**
- ▶ **THERE WILL BE 2 BREAKS DURING THE CLASS OF ABOUT 10 MINS EACH**

INTRODUCTIONS

Partner with someone next to you. Introduce yourselves. When we reconvene, you will introduce your partner to the group.

Please share your partner's:

- ▶ name
- ▶ occupation
- ▶ experience with Python and scikit-learn
- ▶ what s/he is most excited about learning/doing
- ▶ what s/he is most apprehensive about learning/doing
- ▶ something unusual or quirky about them to help ME remember your names

II. WHAT IS DATA SCIENCE?

FUN FACT:

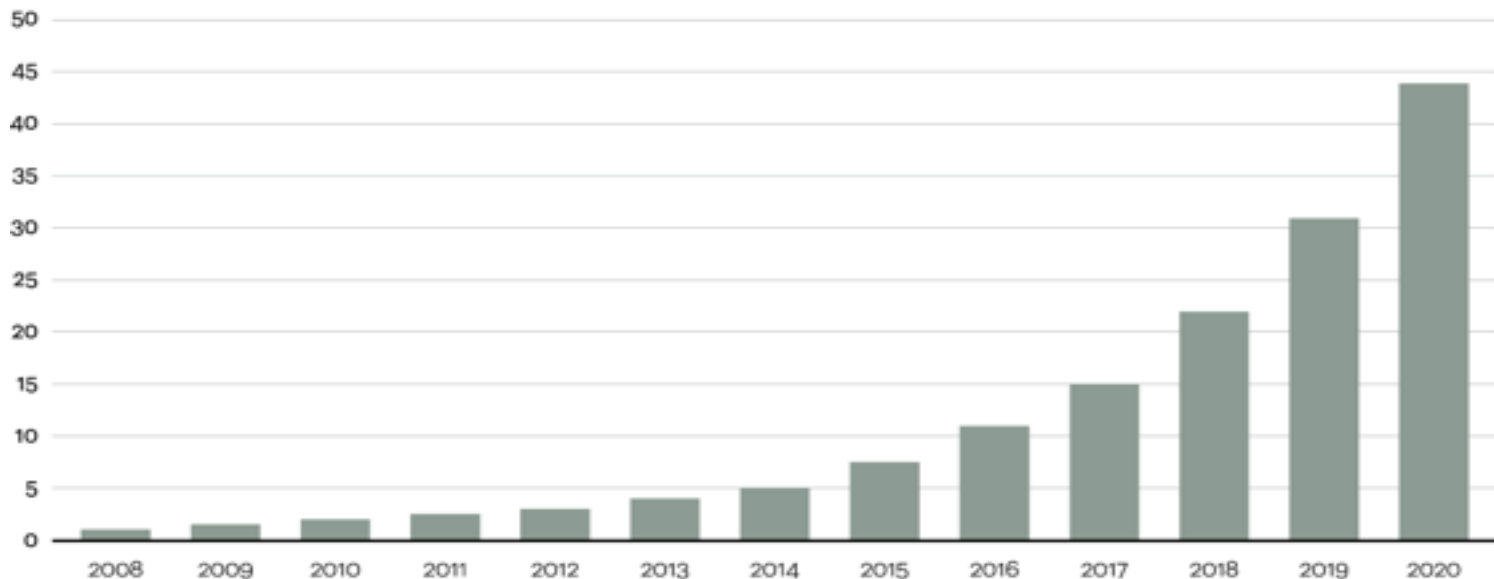
- ▶ Every Day We Create 2.5 Quintillion Bytes of Data
- ▶ 90% of current data was collected in the past two years

FUN FACT:

Figure 1

Data is growing at a 40 percent compound annual rate, reaching nearly 45 ZB by 2020

Data in zettabytes (ZB)



Source: Oracle, 2012

WHAT IS DATA SCIENCE

- A set of tools and techniques used to extract useful information (aka knowledge) from data
- An interdisciplinary, problem-oriented subject
- The application of the *Scientific Method* to solving business problems
- An art

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WHO USES DATA SCIENCE?

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WHAT IS A DATA SCIENTIST?

- *“a data analyst who lives in California”*
- *“a business analyst who lives in New York”*
- *“a statistician who lives in San Francisco”*

WHAT IS A DATA SCIENTIST?



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WHAT MAKES A GOOD DATA SCIENTIST?

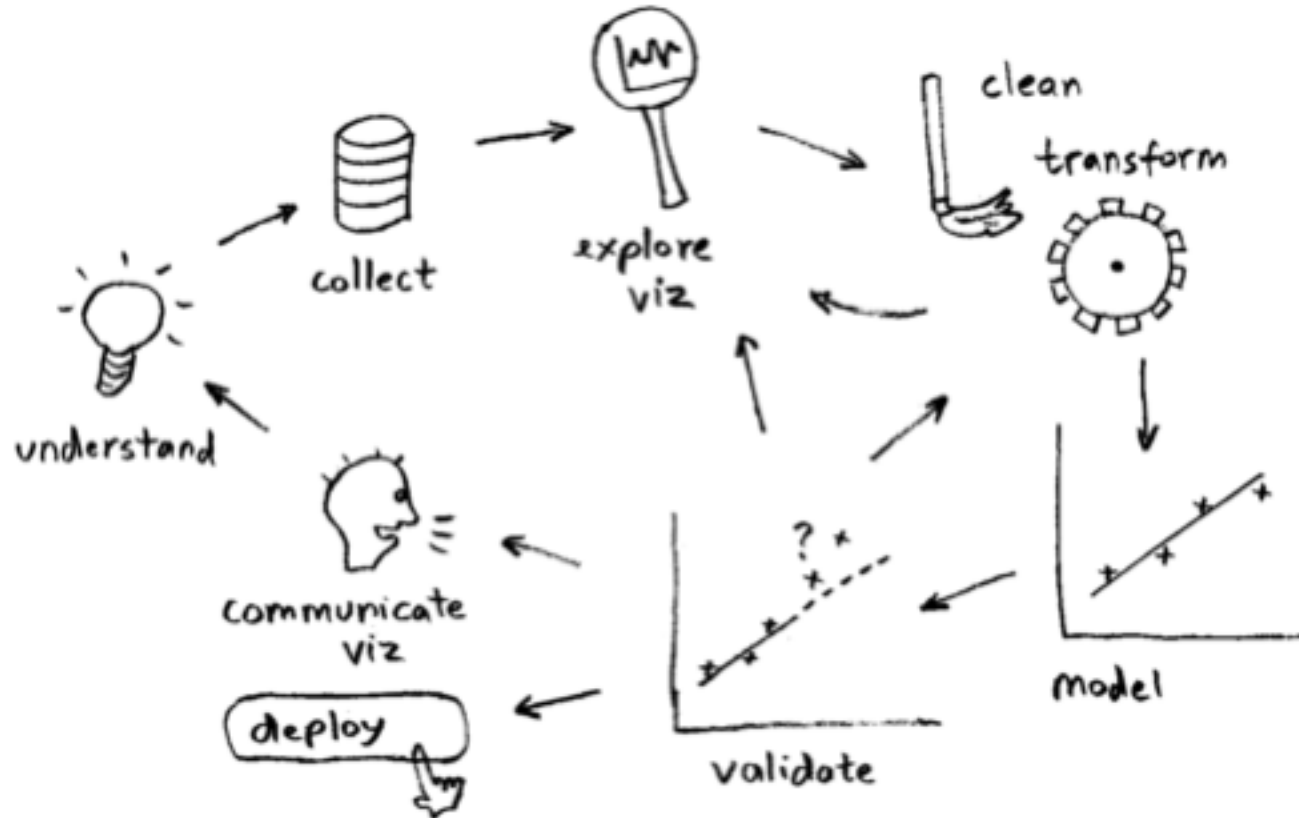
- Software Engineering
- Machine Learning
- Domain expertise
- Communication
- Visualization
- Stats
- Math
- Intuition



Jeff Hammerbacher, Cloudera, Mount Sinai:

1. Identify problem
2. Instrument data sources
3. Collect data
4. Prepare data (integrate, transform, clean, impute, filter, aggregate)
5. Build model
6. Evaluate model
7. Communicate results

DATA SCIENCE WORKFLOW



DISCUSSION:

Problem: You are a top Internet news site competing hard in a tough environment. You have a good story but need a good headline to get readers to enter your site to read the story. Your advertising dollars depend on your headline attracting the most readers in the shortest possible time. How would you approach solving this problem??

In a small group, consider how you might go about solving this problem

III. LAB: SETUP DEVENV