

# Kinds of analysis

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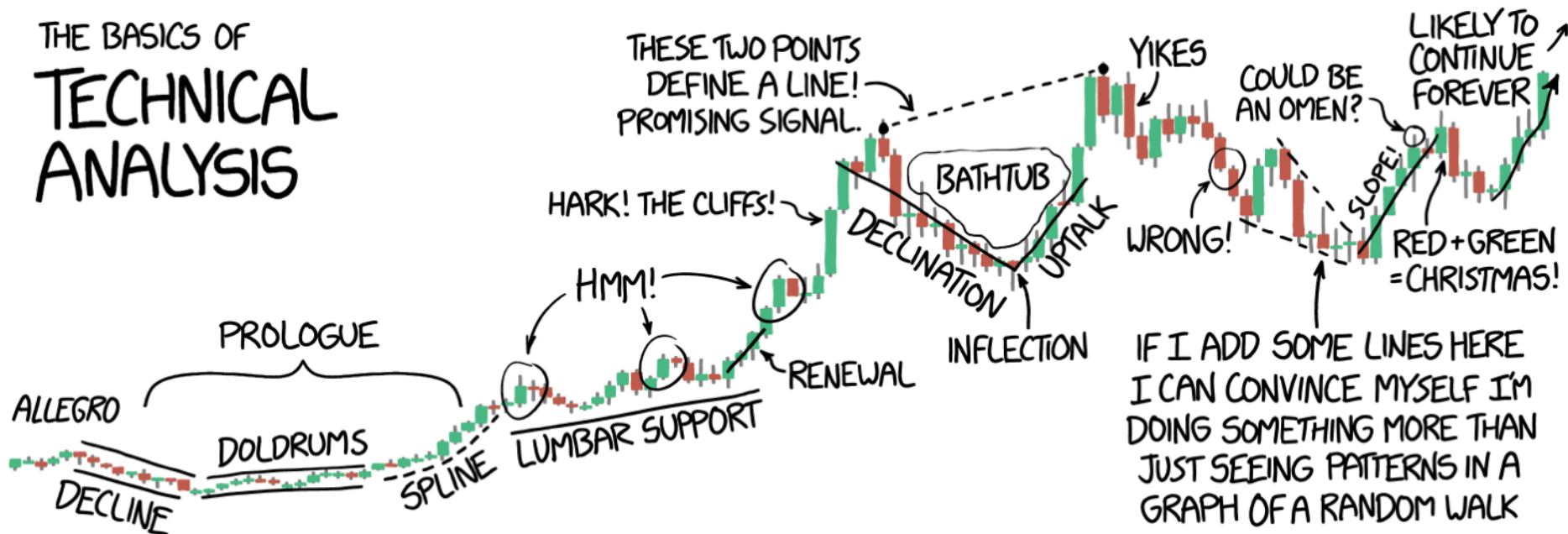


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# THE BASICS OF TECHNICAL ANALYSIS





Data

# How?



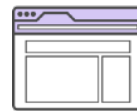
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A Model!



Results!



Product!



Revenue!



Data



The Analytic Approach  
Your Tool Box



The Goods

Descriptive Analysis

Exploratory Analysis

Inferential Analysis

Predictive Analysis

Causal Analysis

Mechanistic Analysis

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Mechanistic Analysis ✗

Classic Statistics (parametric & nonparametric)

Frequentist & Bayesian

Text & Geospatial Analysis

Statistical learning/ML

- Supervised
- Unsupervised

Monte Carlo simulations

variable X ↑

causes

variable Y ↓

e.x. effects of new medication on some illness by randomized trial

variable X ↑ 3.2 units

results in

variable Y ↓ 1.1 units

e.x. electric current governed by wire size

# Summary: Analytical Approaches

*Typically Less Effort* →

## Descriptive Analysis

- 1st thing you do on new data
- Summarize the data
- univariate plots of variables

## Exploratory Analysis

- Exploring relationships
- Asking/defining questions
- univariate/bivariate/multivariate analysis and plotting
- formulate hypothesis

## Inferential Analysis

- Estimating uncertainty
- test theories (infer) about the population (data gen. process)
- Building inference models

→ *Typically More Effort*

## Predictive Analysis

- Building predictive models
- Use historical knowledge to predict future events
- Finding patterns

## Mechanistic Analysis

- Understand precise changes one variable has on another
- typically modeled using deterministic equations
- break down complex systems into constituent parts

## Causal Analysis

- Determine the average change in one variable when you alter another
- typically requires experiments (e.g. randomized studies)
- manipulate one variable observe effect on other

# Exploring Analyses

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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?

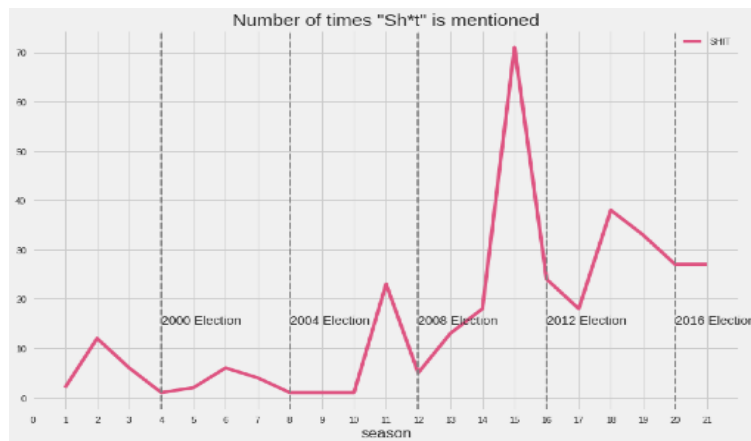
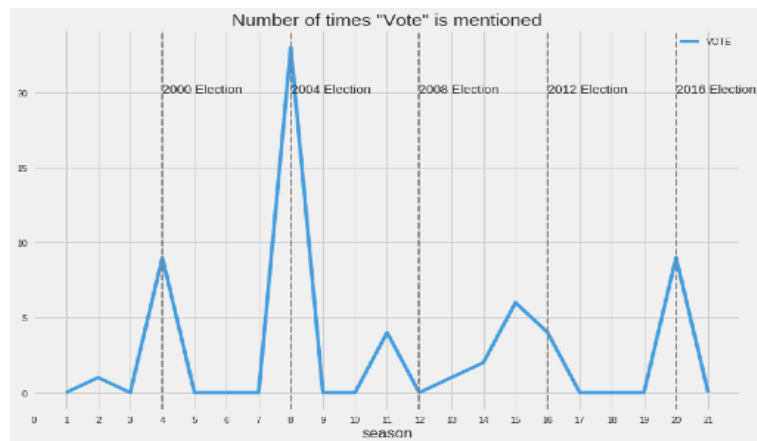
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Text Analysis

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General question: How has COVID-19 impacted students?

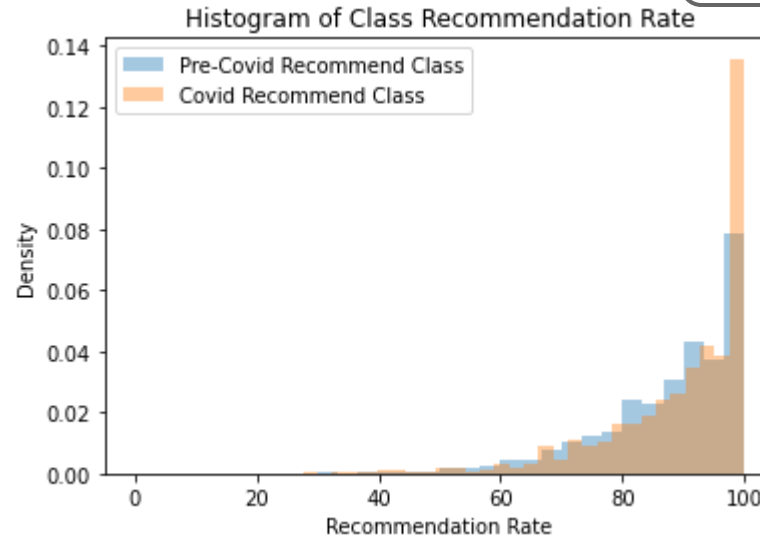
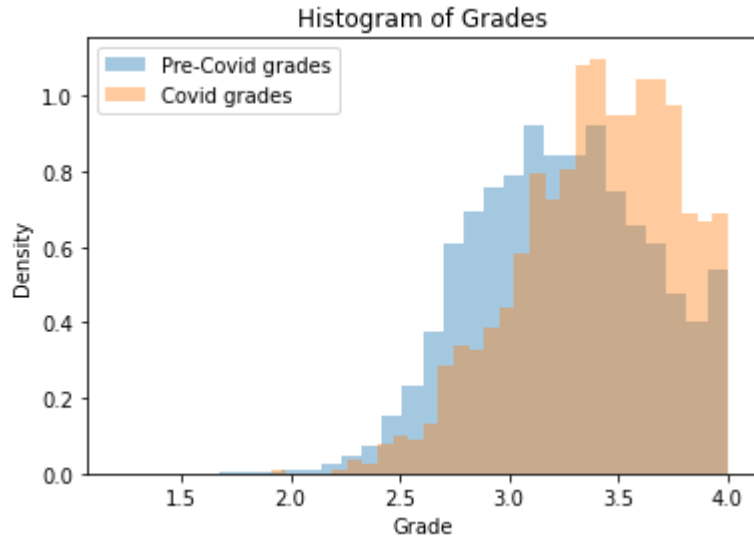
Data Science question: At UCSD, is there a difference between students' grades and how they rate their classes before COVID-19 and during remote learning, due to COVID-19?

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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?

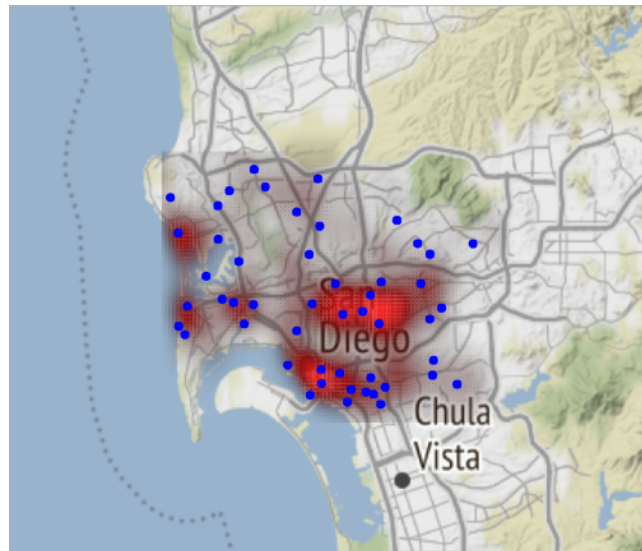
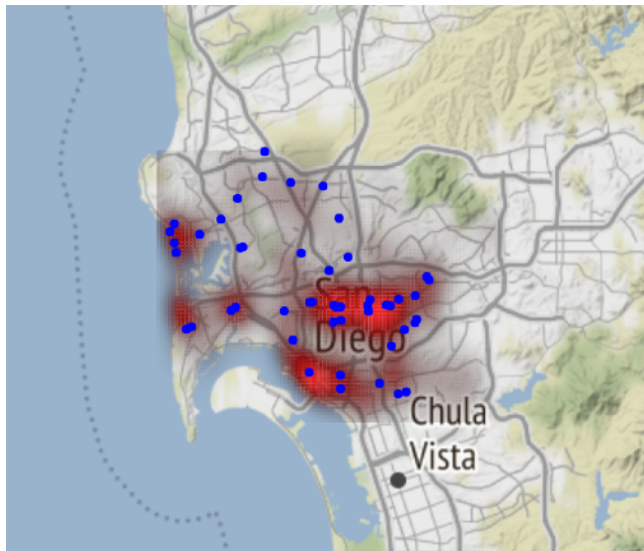
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Geospatial Analysis



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?

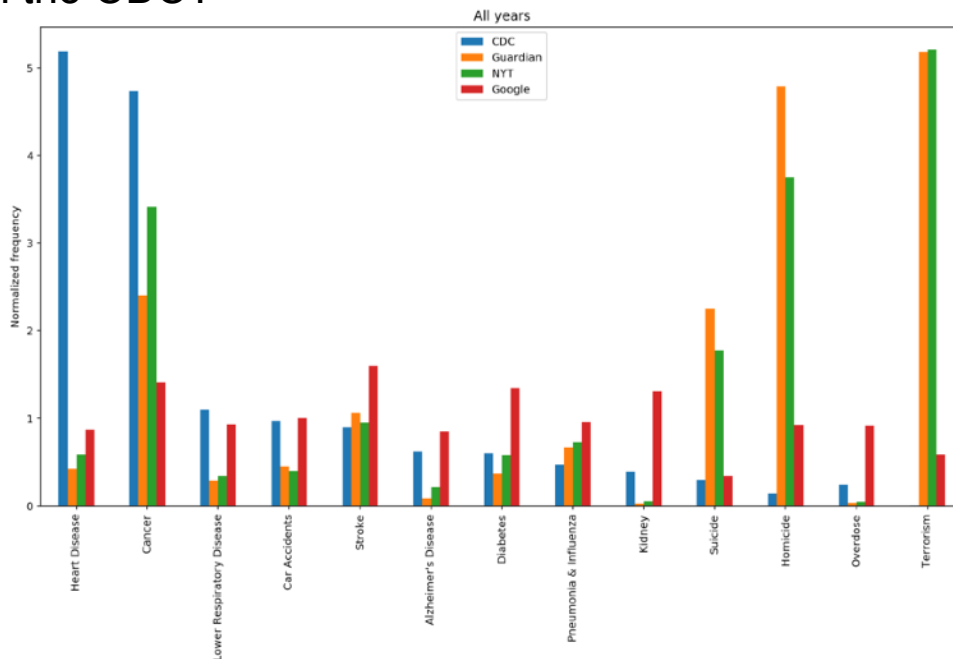
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*In case of the total drought in California, how many desalination plant projects we need to supply residential use water for population who live in urban areas in California?*

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