DSND: Introduction To Data Science

→ Lesson 1: The Data Sci. process

How to approach DS problems

→ CRISP-DM

cross industry standard process 4 data mining.

① Develop business understanding
↳ understanding problems & pain points

② Data understanding
↳ what data will you need to solve your problem?

↳ note that ① & ② can happen in either order

③ Prepare data
↳ collect, access data
↳ cleaning & feature engineering where possible/needed

4) Data Modeling
   ↳ Perform statistical analysis
   ↳ Answer questions
5) Evaluate results
6) Deploy / Iterate

What is required
- Curiosity
- the right data
- the right tools

Modeling

→ instantiate, fit, predict, score
- Quantitative vs Categorical vars.

Looking at variables
↳ correlation matrices, heatmaps, / Choose
matrix plots etc / features

Objective: try to capture as much signal in your data as possible

→ Handling missing values

① Drop rows
↳ problem, increases bias

② Impute values
↳ removes variability & predictive power of that column

→ Categorical variables

↳ ML models need numerical values
→ one hot encoding
↳ each choice in a categorical variable becomes a dummy variable
↳ Always remember to drop one column

Problems: does not scale well w/ many categorical variables.

→ Deploying Model

↳ Automate tasks
↳ Communicate for others to take action
↳ Dashboards
↳ etc.

→ Lesson 2: Communication w/ Stakeholders

↳ value of a project can be cut short

→ GitHub

↳ Repository for code

- Covered by README:
  - Motivation
  - versions & installs
  - file desc.
  - Licensing

→ Medium

↳ communicate project w/ other people

→ communication

↳ who is the audience?

↳ technical vs accessible

↳ consider prior knowledge

① "Pull in" reader

② keep engaged w/ story

③ end w/ summary & call to action

① "Pull in"

↳ compelling image boosts engagement

- relevance
  - to others
  - to current events

② keep engaged

- use paragraphs!
- pictures & other whitespace for pacing

③ Call to action

- reiterate main points
- call to action
  - ↳ makes clear how reader should act afterward

→ Pick a dataset

→ Pose 3 questions you want answered

→ Analyze data using python
  - ↳ Munge
  - ↳ Visualize
  - ↳ Model
  - ↳ etc.

→ Communicate insights

Deliverable: - GitHub repo
+
- Medium Blog Post

Notes:
- Stick to CRISP DM