

# COMP4030 DATA MODELLING AND ANALYSIS (DMA)

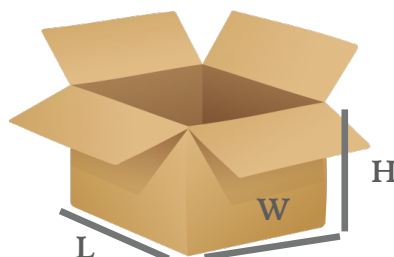
## Lecture 2: Introduction to Modelling (Examples)

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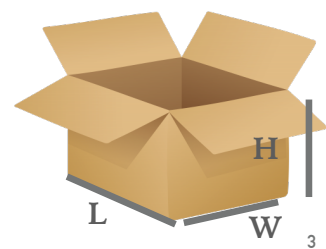
## CLASSIFICATION OF MODELS EXAMPLE: BOX OPTIMISATION

- A food company wants to maximise the amount of items they can ship on boxes they send to supermarkets.
- Create a model to calculate the space inside their current shipping boxes.
- You know the box's height (H), width (W), and length (L).
- $S$ ?  $S_r$ ?  $M$ ?  $Q$ ?
- What assumptions are we making?



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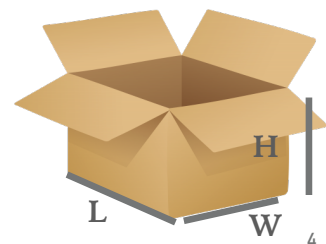
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- **S:** company and its boxes
- **Sr:**  $l$  = box's length,  $w$  = box's width,  
 $h$  = box's height,  **$t$  = box's thickness**  
 $s$  = space inside the box
- **Q:** {How much space is there inside the boxes?}
- $M = \sum = l * w * h = s$   $M = \sum = (l - 2t) * (w - 2t) * (h - 2t) = s$
- Which glaring assumption are we making here?  
**We are not considering the thickness of the boxes**





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- Classification?
  - Phenomenological / mechanistic
  - Static / Dynamic
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  - Natural / artificial
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## CLASSIFICATION OF MODELS EXAMPLE 3: POPULATION CHANGES OF RED FOXES

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- We want to model the population of urban (red) foxes in London.
  - Model changes in a monthly basis.
- Foxes reproduce quickly and die slowly, which can carry a potential risk of overpopulation.
- In London:
  - Foxes reproduce at a monthly rate of  $r = 0,25$
  - Foxes die at a monthly rate of  $d = 0.1$
- Initial number of foxes in London is estimated at 150.
- $S$ ?  $S_r$ ?  $M$ ?  $Q$ ?
- What assumptions are we making?

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- $S = \{\text{Red foxes population in London}\}$
- $S_r = \{F = \text{red foxes}, F(n) = \text{red foxes at month } n,$
- Parameters:  $r = \text{reproduction rate}, d = \text{death rate}\}$
- $Q = \{\text{How does the population of red foxes in London change monthly?}\}$
- $M = \{ F(n) = F(n-1) + r * F(n-1) - d * F(n-1) =$   
 $= F(n-1) * (1 + r - d) \}$

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