



A/B Testing and Beyond:

Designed Experiments for Data Scientists

A Continuing Education Certificate Offered by The University of San Francisco's Data Institute

September 6 – October 18, 2018

Schedule of Topics

Week 1: Wednesday September 6th

- Introduction
 - o Structured Problem Solving
 - o Advantages and Disadvantages of Experimentation
 - o Fundamental Design Principles: Replication, Randomization, Blocking
 - o Statistical Prerequisites

Week 2: Wednesday September 13th

- A/B/n Testing Part I
 - o Two-group comparisons
 - Hypothesis testing via *t*-tests, *z*-tests and χ^2 -tests
 - o Power analysis and sample size calculations

Week 3: Wednesday September 20th

- A/B/n Testing Part II
 - Multiple group comparisons
 - Hypothesis testing via F-tests and χ^2 -tests
 - o Multiple testing issues and the Bonferroni correction

Week 4: Wednesday September 27th

- Factorial Experiments
 - o Efficient investigation of multiple factors
 - o Design and analysis of full factorial experiments
 - \circ Design and analysis of 2^k factorial experiments

Week 5: Wednesday October 4th

- Fractional Factorial Experiments
 - The importance of economically designed screening experiments
 Design and analysis of 2^{k-p} fractional factorial experiments

Week 6: Wednesday October 11th

- Response Surface Methodology
 - o Response optimization via Central Composite Designs
 - o Multi-objective optimization via desirability functions

Week 7: Wednesday October 18th

- Multi-Armed Bandit Experiments
 - o Exploration of the Bayesian alternative to standard hypothesis testing and A/B/n experiments