Foundations of Data Science

DS 3001

Data Science Program

Department of Computer Science

Worcester Polytechnic Institute

Instructor: Prof. Kyumin Lee

Course Objectives

Introduce

 the theoretical foundations, algorithms, and methods of deriving valuable insights from data

Study

 big data management and processing techniques, data analytics, statistical methods and models, data visualization, and etc

Goal of the Class

- Define and explain the key concepts and models relevant to data science.
- Design, implement, and evaluate the core algorithms underlying an end-to-end data science workflow.
 - E.g., the experimental design, data collection, mining, analysis and presentation of information derived from large datasets.
- Apply "best practices" in data science, including facility with modern tools (e.g., Hadoop/Spark).

Class Topics

- Data Exploration
- Data Preprocessing
- Mining and Analytics
- Visualization
- Evaluation
- MapReduce
- Recommender Systems
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Course Structure and Administrivia

Course Information

- Instructor
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- Class hours:
 - 2:00-3:50pm TF
 - Zoom: https://wpi.zoom.us/j/331089671

Course Information

- Course web page
 - http://web.cs.wpi.edu/~kmlee/ds3001/
- Course schedule page
 - http://web.cs.wpi.edu/~kmlee/ds3001/schedule.htm
- Canvas
 - <u>https://canvas.wpi.edu/</u>

Course Materials

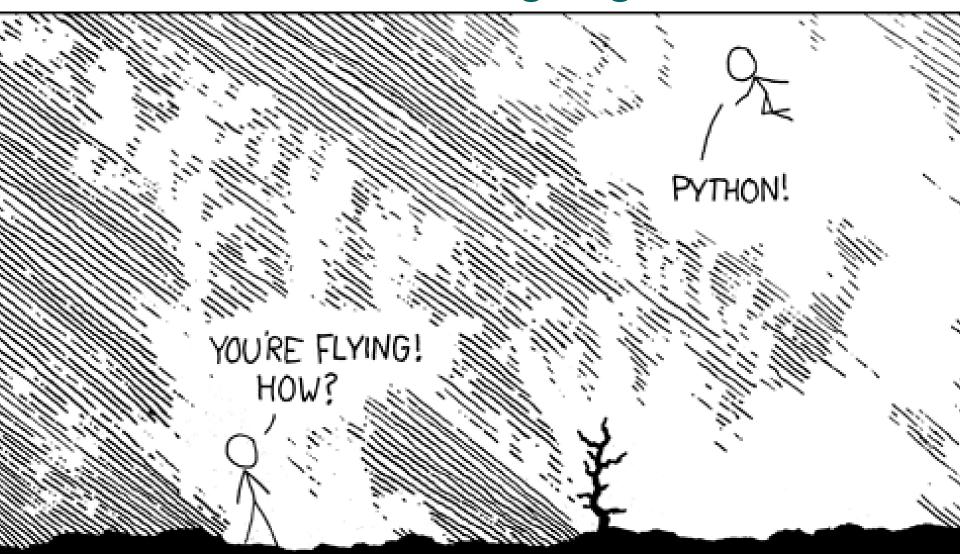
- No primary textbooks required
- But, we will refer to the following books:
 - (DMCT) <u>Data Mining: Concepts and Techniques</u>, 3rd edition (2012). Jiawei Han and Micheline Kamber. Morgan Kaufmann.
 - (IDM) <u>Introduction to Data Mining</u> (2006). Pang-Ning Tan, Michael Steinbach and Vipin Kumar. Addison-Wesley.
 - (MMD) <u>Mining of Massive Datasets</u>(2020). Jure Leskovec, Anand Rajarman and Jeffrey D. Ullman. Cambridge University Press.
 - <u>Doing Data Science</u> (2013). Rachel Schutt, Cathy O'Neil. O'Reilly Media.
 - Mining the Social Web, 3rd Edition (2019). Mikhail Klassen, Matthew A. Russell.
 O'Reilly Media.
 - <u>Data Science from Scratch</u>, 2nd Edition (2019). Joel Grus. O'Reilly Media.
 - (Tufte) The Visual Display of Quantitative Information (2001) by Tufte.
 - (IIR) <u>Introduction to Information Retrieval</u>, Christopher D. Manning, Prabhakar Raghavan, and Hinrich Schutze, Cambridge University Press.

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Course Communication

- The lectures will be recorded and uploaded/linked to the Canvas page
- My lecture notes will be available under "Files" in the Canvas page
- I will email important announcements and post them to the website
- You may email me anytime ... but I only guarantee a response within two days

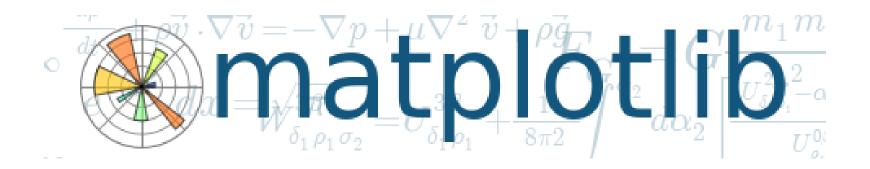
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Class Structure

- Lectures
 - By instructor -- I'll teach data science techniques
 - By us Discussion and interaction in the class
- Your part
 - Homework
 - 4 assignments
 - Two Exams
 - Project
 - Proposal, execution, workshop presentation
- Participation
 - Ask good questions

Grading

- 40% (four) Assignments
- 30% Exams
- 30% Project

Assignments

Assignments

4 assignments

- Submit your solution to Canvas
 - You only use Canvas for submitting your assignments

Late day policy: look at the syllabus

Exams

The exams are closed book.

 You may bring one standard 8.5" by 11" piece of paper with any notes you think appropriate or significant (only use front page).

Project

The Project

- 3 or 4-person team
- Project idea:
 - Propose anything you wish
 - You are encouraged to talk to me

30% of your final grade!!

Project Grading Criteria

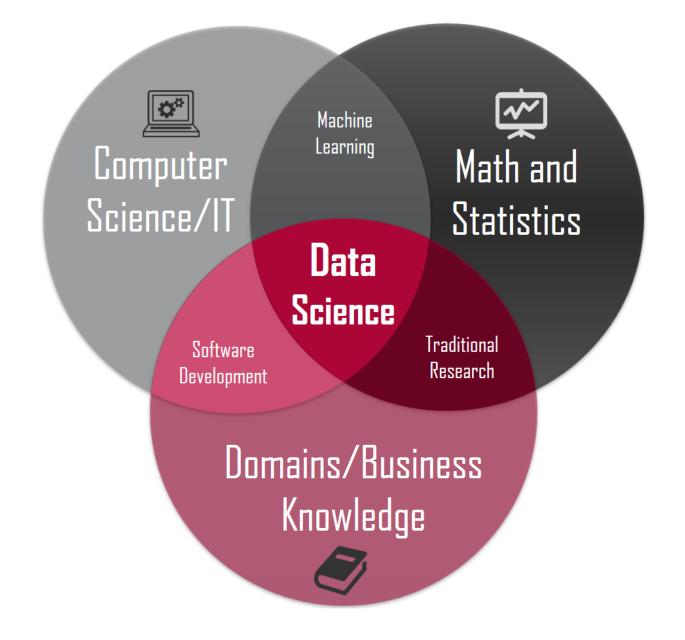
- Form a team by April 3
 - We will make teams and let you now.... But
 - You may share your preference by April 1
- [25%] Project Proposal: April 21
- [25%] Check Point: May 1
- [50%] Project Workshop: May 12

What's Next

What is Data Science?

Data Science...

- Data science is a "concept to unify statistics, data analysis, machine learning and their related methods" in order to "understand and analyze actual phenomena" with data.
- Data Science employs techniques and theories drawn from many fields within the context of mathematics, statistics, information science, and computer science.



Data Scientist Is the Best Job In America According Glassdoor's 2018 Rankings

Ranking	Job Data Scientist	Median Base Salary		Job Score (5.0 scale)	Job Satisfaction (5.0 scale)	Job Openings
1		\$	110,000	4.8	4.2	4,524
2	DevOps Engineer	\$	105,000	4.6	4	3,369
3	Marketing Manager	\$	85,000	4.6	4	6,436
4	Occupational Therapist	\$	74,000	4.5	4	11,903
5	HR Manager	\$	85,000	4.5	3.9	4,458
6	Electrical Engineer	\$	76,000	4.5	3.9	5,839
7	Strategy Manager	\$	135,000	4.5	4.2	1,195
8	Mobile Developer	\$	90,000	4.5	4.1	1,809
9	Product Manager	\$	113,000	4.4	3.7	7,53
10	Manufacturing Engineer	\$	72,000	4.4	4	4,24
11	Compliance Manager	\$	96,000	4.4	4.3	1,222
12	Finance Manager	\$	116,000	4.4	3.8	2,998
13	Risk Manager	\$	97,000	4.4	4.2	1,20
14	Business Development Manager	\$	75,000	4.4	3.9	4,060
15	Front End Engineer	\$	100,000	4.4	4.2	1,22
16	Site Reliability Engineer	\$	120,000	4.4	4.1	1,064
17	Mechanical Engineer	\$	75,000	4.4	3.8	5,07
18	Analytics Manager	\$	115,000	4.4	3.9	1,38
19	Tax Manager	\$	110,000	4.4	3.7	3,30
20	Creative Manager	\$	110,000	4.3	4.3	824
21	Software Engineer	\$	102,500	4.3	3.6	29,187
22	Hardware Engineer	\$	115,000	4.3	4.2	800
23	Corporate Recruiter	\$	65,000	4.3	4.3	2,330
24	QA Manager	\$	92,000	4.3	3.8	1,74
25	Physician Assistant	\$	104,000	4.3	3.6	5,51
26	Database Administrator	\$	94,000	4.3	3.8	2,370
27	UX Designer	\$	90,000	4.3	3.8	1,963
28	Nursing Manager	\$	84,660	4.3	3.7	4,209
29	Engagement Manager	\$	115,000	4.3	3.7	2,169
30	Solutions Architect	\$	125,000	4.2	3.6	3,32
31	Process Engineer	S	78.000	4.2	3.8	3.03

https://www.forbes.com/sites/louiscolumbus/2018/01/29/data-scientist-is-the-best-job-in-america-according-glassdoors-2018-rankings/#5ff89ea65535

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Santa Monica, CA, US

MSc or PhD in a field like computer scienc Strong skills in SQL, R, Python, SAS and rel



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Strong foundation & understanding in fun PCA. Experience with standard data science

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Redwood City, CA, US

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Data Scientist

Progressive Leasing

Draper, UT, US

As a Data Scientist, you will blend analytics result in massive improvements to the way



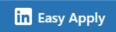
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Job description

Data Scientist (Up to 165K Base)

Outstanding Company, Great Benefits with Amazing Culture!

Ideal candidates enjoy day-to-day data science problem-solving mixed with high levels of customer interaction.

Skills:

- · 7+ years of engineering experience with python
- 3+ years of working experience in data science
- scikit-learn
- Java or C++
- Git
- · Strong communication skills (English)

Experience with:

- · Writing memory-efficient pre-processing pipelines
- · Clustering and unsupervised learning
- Time series
- NLP

Bonus:

- · Visualizing data with javascript
- Kaggle grandmaster, former top 10, or current top 100
- R. Java or C++
- Spark
- Geospatial modeling
- Core contributor of an open source machine learning or data science project

Contact the job poster

Kim Keys 2nd

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Seniority Level

Associate

Industry

Information Technology and Services,

Computer Software

Employment Type

Full-time

Job Functions

Information Technology, Engineering



Is this Science?

Evolution of Sciences

- Before 1600, empirical science
- 1600-1950s, theoretical science
 - Each discipline has grown a theoretical component. Theoretical models often motivate experiments and generalize our understanding.
- 1950s-1990s, computational science
 - Over the last 50 years, most disciplines have grown a third, computational branch (e.g. empirical, theoretical, and computational ecology, or physics, or linguistics.)
 - Computational Science traditionally meant simulation. It grew out of our inability to find closed-form solutions for complex mathematical models.
- 1990-now, data science
 - The flood of data from new scientific instruments and simulations
 - The ability to economically store and manage petabytes of data online
 - The Internet and computing Grid that makes all these archives universally accessible
 - Scientific info. management, acquisition, organization, query, and visualization tasks scale almost linearly with data volumes. Data Science is a major new challenge!
- Jim Gray and Alex Szalay, *The World Wide Telescope: An Archetype for Online Science*, Comm. ACM, 45(11): 50-54, Nov. 2002

The key word in "Data Science" is not Data, it is Science

- Data science is only useful when the data are used to answer a question.
- It is much, much easier to say "My data are bigger than yours" or to say, "I can code in Hadoop, can you?" than to say, "I have this really hard question, can I answer it with my data?"
- The issue is that the hype around big data/data science will flame out if data science is only about "data" and not about "science". The long term impact of data science will be measured by the scientific questions we can answer with the data.

http://simplystatistics.org/2013/12/12/the-key-word-in-data-science-is-not-data-it-is-science/

Data Science: Why should we care?

Data in Silicon Valley

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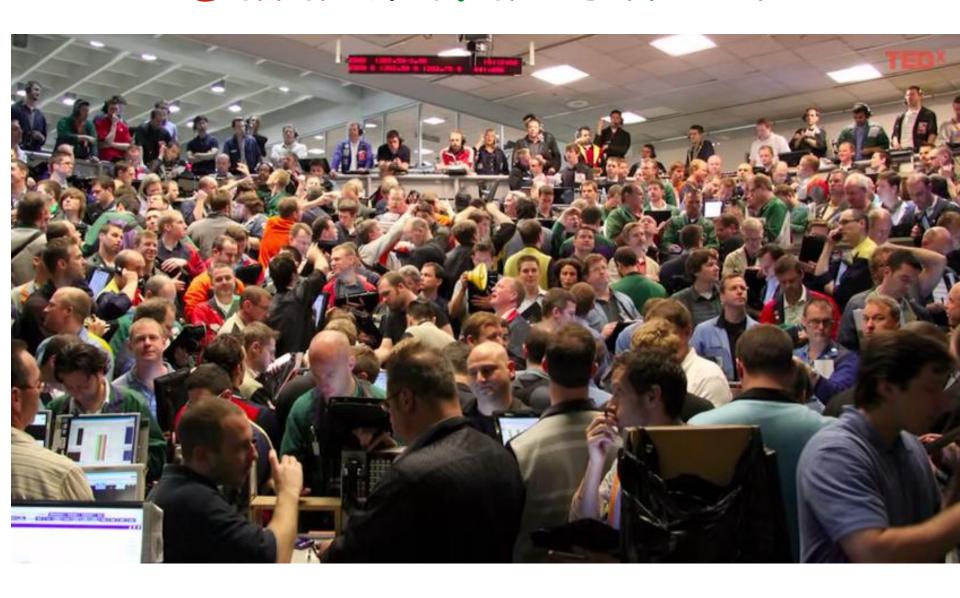




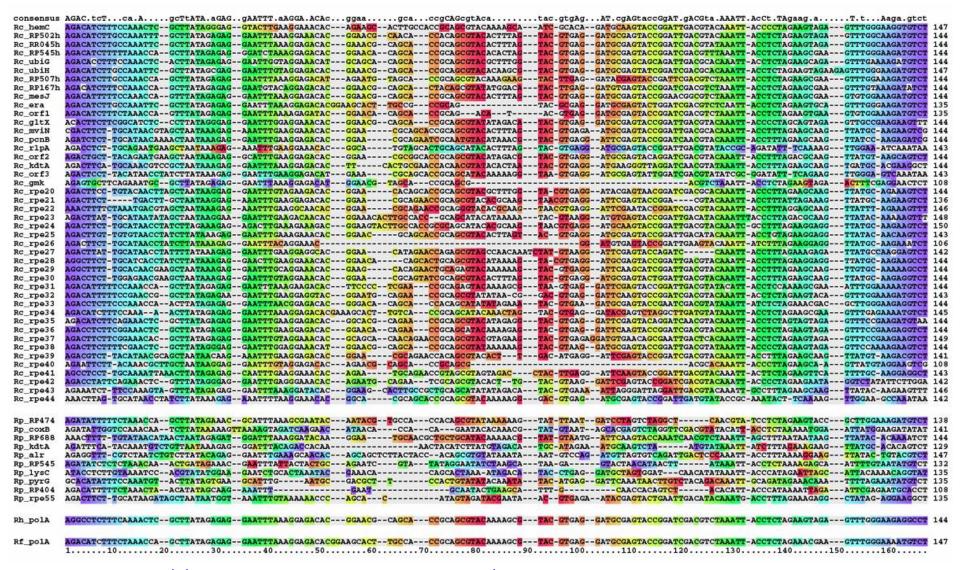




Data in Wall Street



Data in Biomedical Research



BBC documentary

- The Age of Big Data
 - Crime Prevention

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How Target Figured Out A Teen Girl Was Pregnant Before Her Father Did



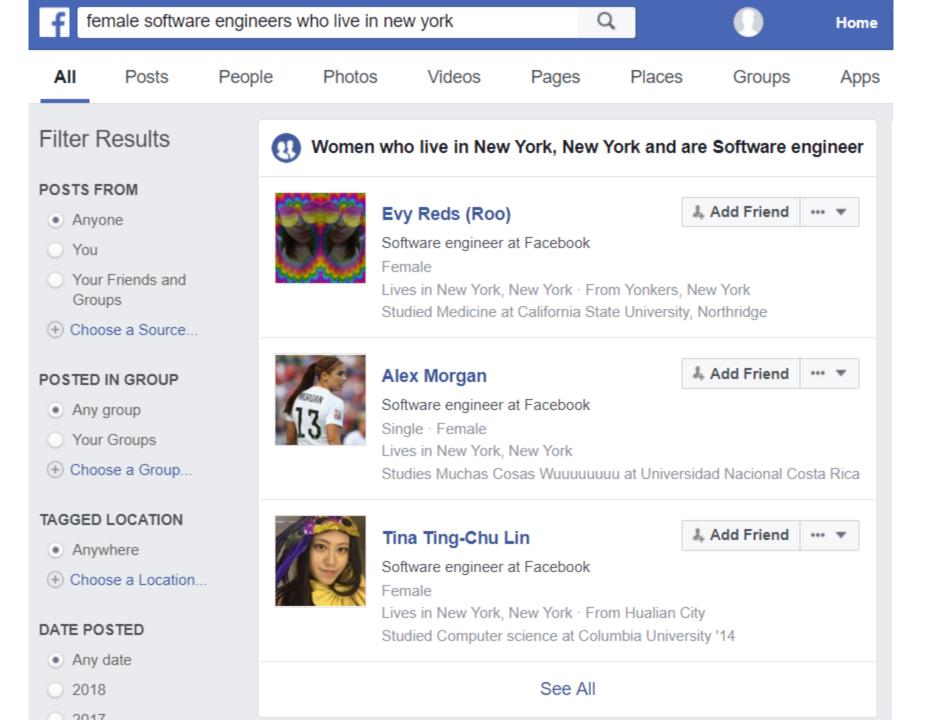
Every time you go shopping, you share intimate details about your consumption patterns with retailers. And many of those retailers are studying those details to figure out what you like, what you need, and which coupons are most likely to make you happy. Target, for example, has figured out how to data-mine its way into your womb, to figure out whether you have a baby on the way long before you need to start buying diapers.

Charles Duhigg outlines in the New York Times how Target tries to hook parents-to-be at that crucial moment before they turn into rampant — and loyal — buyers of all things pastel,



Target has got you in its aim

plastic, and miniature. He talked to Target statistician Andrew Pole — before Target freaked out and cut off all communications — about the clues to a customer's impending bundle of joy. Target assigns every customer a Guest II number, tied to their credit card, name, or email address that becomes a bucket that stores a history of everything they've bought and any demographic information Target has collected from them or bought from other sources.



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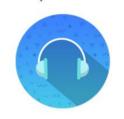
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The Data Science Process

Jeff Hammerbacher

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

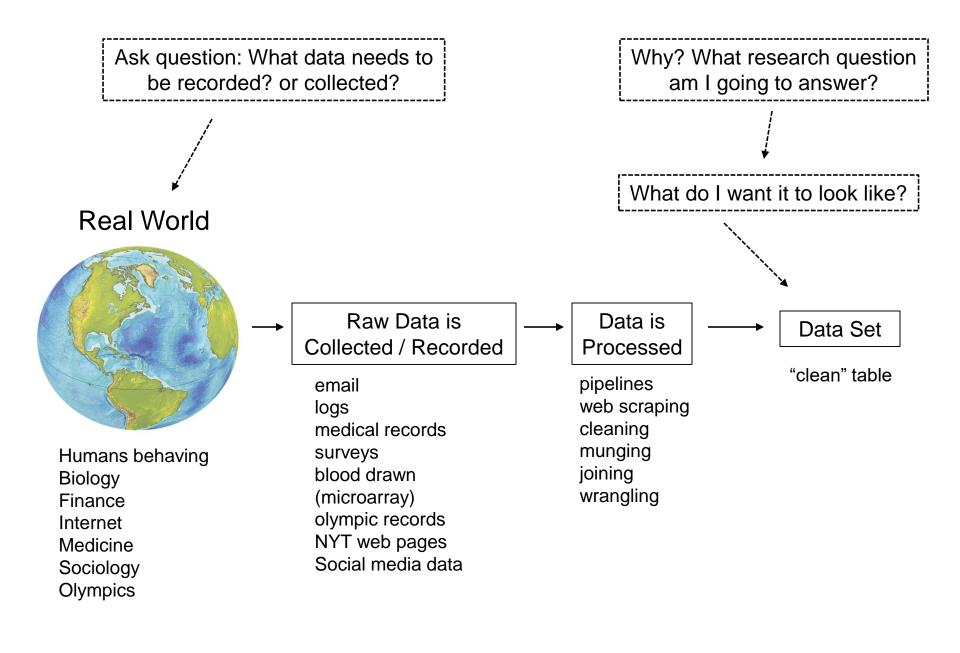
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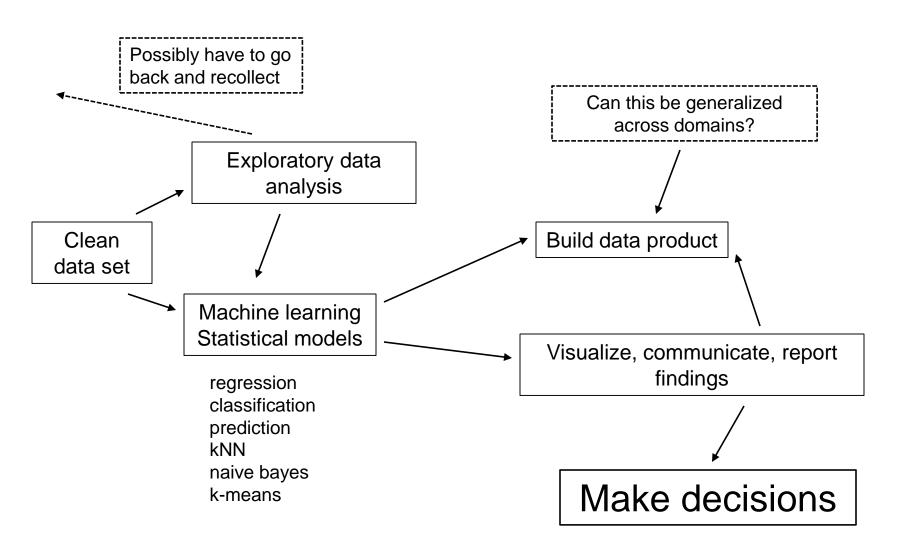
1. Capture

2. Curate

3. Communicate

This Class





Data Collection

1. Download Existing Datasets

- https://www.kdnuggets.com/datasets/index .html
- https://github.com/caesar0301/awesomepublic-datasets
- https://snap.stanford.edu/data/index.html
- https://www.kaggle.com/
- http://dumps.wikimedia.org/
- https://www.yelp.com/dataset/challenge
- etc

2. Crawling Webpage and Process HTML

 HTML is all about how to display/show data, but not about giving you the data.

Easy to download, but, hard to process

 Powerful, but it is your last choice of getting data from websites

Follow rules: robots.txt

3. Use Web Application Programming Interfaces (APIs)

- Twitter: https://developer.twitter.com/en/docs.html
- Flickr: https://www.flickr.com/services/api/
- Google Maps: https://developers.google.com/maps/documentation/
- Facebook: https://developers.facebook.com/docs/apis-and-sdks/
- Foursquare: https://developer.foursquare.com/
- Airbnb: https://www.airbnb.com/partner
- Wikipedia API: https://www.mediawiki.org/wiki/API:Main_page
- Youtube API: https://developers.google.com/youtube/
- Halo API: https://developer.haloapi.com/

A list of Web APIs is in http://www.programmableweb.com/apis/directory

Social Media Data

Social Science

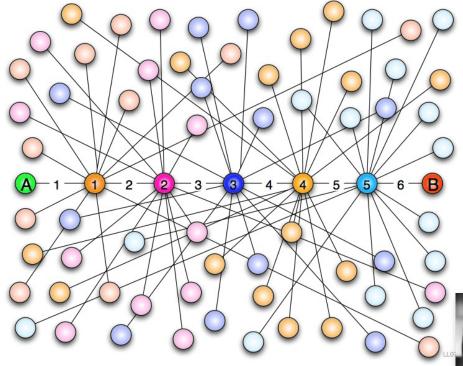
Data Science

"six-degrees of separation"



296 letters **64** arrived







190 million people





Stanley Milgram Harvard University

1967

Jure Leskovec, Eric Horvitz
CMU, Microsoft

2007

Graph Data: Social Networks



Facebook social graph

4-degrees of separation [Backstrom-Boldi-Rosa-Ugander-Vigna, 2011]

April 23, 2013





News, discussion and a behind-the-scenes look at the process from The Associated Press. Managed 24/7 by a team of editors based in NY: apne.ws/APStaff

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Democratic Sen. Baucus, Finance committee chairman, says he won't run for re-election: apne.ws/10blOFf -CJ

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Breaking: Two Explosions in the White House and Barack Obama is injured





Hackers used the Associated Press Twitter account to send out a false tweet about an attack on the White House, briefly causing stock prices to tumble Tuesday.