

ISTM 6212 - Week 2

the shell, pipelines, csvkit, data types

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Agenda

- ✧ Reproducibility
- ✧ Exercise 01
- ✧ Git / GitHub review (if needed)
- ✧ The shell: input, output, pipelines
- ✧ csvkit and data types
- ✧ Exercise 02

What is "reproducibility"?

Reproducibility

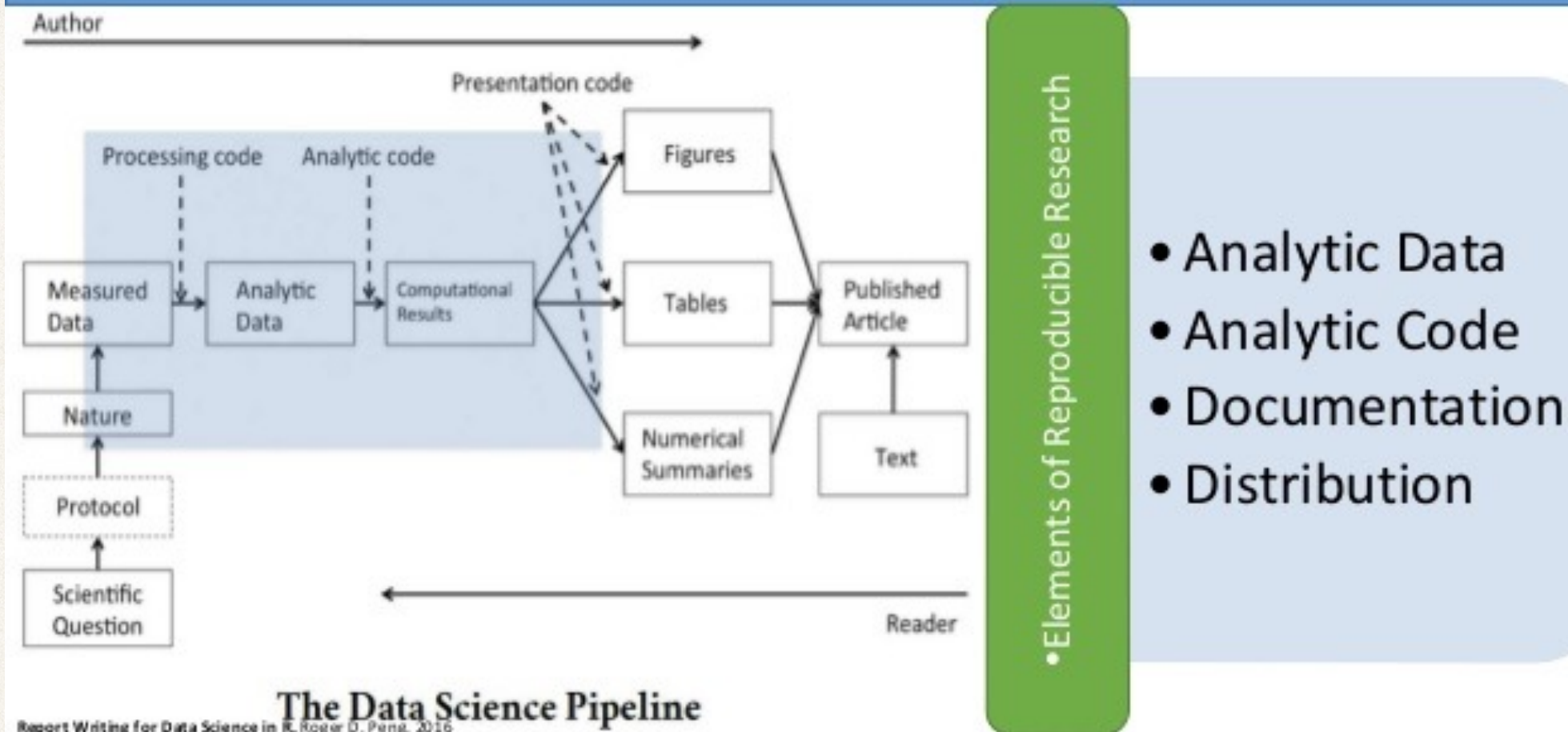
- ❖ Ability to produce the same outputs from same inputs using same methods
- ❖ Sharing of analytical data and code
- ❖ Documentation of data, processing, and statistical methods
- ❖ Attention to code style, file formats, packaging
- ❖ Allows verification of methods

Why not focus on "replication"?

Why not "replication"?

- ✦ Expense
- ✦ Impracticality
- ✦ Uniqueness
- ✦ Ethics

Data Science Pipeline



The research/data science pipeline

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Reproducible by whom?

- ❖ Your colleagues
- ❖ Your clients / customers
- ❖ Your bosses, their bosses, and their bosses
- ❖ Your professors
- ❖ Future you

Literate programming

- ❖ Look it up in Wikipedia (really!)
- ❖ Human readable, and Machine readable
- ❖ R: sweave, RMarkdown, knitr
- ❖ For us: Jupyter!

✧ make it a habit

✧ develop it as your craft

Exercise 01

You did well!

- ❖ Setting up our pipeline:
 - ❖ Jupyter and Git / GitHub (for you)
 - ❖ datanotebook.org, nbgrader, scripts (for me)
- ❖ A few missed answers, but largely on target

Good answers (part 1)

- ❖ "The use of the capital 'F' means that the contents of the current directory will be shown in a sorted order, and directories will be marked with a trailing '/'. The lower-case 'f' means the contents will be displayed without marking directories and will be unsorted. The single dot '.' references the current directory."

Good answers (part 2)

- ❖ "The double dots are a shortcut to refer to the parent directory. In this case, the double dots, used with 'ls', show the contents of the parent directory."
- ❖ "The double dot is the directory above the current working directory. In my case, it is '/home/vagrant/Data Warehousing'."

For your next exercise!

- ❖ Python 3
- ❖ Submit your .ipynb file to Blackboard / GitHub
- ❖ Your "pwd" might not be my "pwd". Same with executed cell counts.
- ❖ Always write complete sentences w / proper capitalization and punctuation.
- ❖ Limit long cell output

✧ Give datanotebook.org a try

Git / GitHub review (if needed)

- ❖ Add / edit / move / delete your files how you like
- ❖ Tell Git what you did; Git tracks **changes**
- ❖ Publish to GitHub; GitHub facilitates **exchanges**

Git tracks changes

Git basics - one local repository

✧init, add, commit

✧status, diff

✧reset

✧log

✧mv, rm

Git basics - more than one

✧ clone, remote

✧ branch, checkout

✧ fetch, merge

✧ push, pull

✧ .gitignore

GitHub facilitates exchanges

GitHub

- ❖ Publish your code for others to read / use / modify
- ❖ Clone others' code for you to read / use / modify
- ❖ Send code changes to other people
- ❖ Review and incorporate changes from other people
- ❖ Store your code as a remote backup

"future you" \subseteq "other people"

Use GitHub's docs (they're good!)

- ❖ help.github.com esp. Bootcamp, Setup, Using Git
- ❖ Setting up your keys: laptop, in VM, desktop, etc.
- ❖ Following other people
- ❖ Tracking other projects
- ❖ Pull requests and forks