

Week 19, 2025: Hobby and Text Dive

Events/ Work Highlights

PROFESSIONAL

- Upgraded **Newsletter functionalities** via gspread
- CS 234 documented #4, #7, #8
- **48 Laws of Power**: Preface and Laws 1-2
- NLP Buffett: Finished **scraping and cleaning**

PERSONAL

- Bowling PB
- Mahjong + Flowers @ Mother's Day
- Arcade (Maimai + Taiko) with friend



GRATITUDE CORNER

- Friend to **play arcade/ learn Japanese** with me
- **Prof remained supportive** on my research steps
- Math **contacts' enthusiasm** to build ecosystem

PRODUCTIVITY HACKS

- **Leverage procrastination** via "Watch List", "Later List" from "TDL": Counteracts human tendency to avoid confronting "important" things by doing "less important"
- **On narratives** of "making most effort", stick mind to **core objective** to improve efficiency

Fun Facts & Analysis

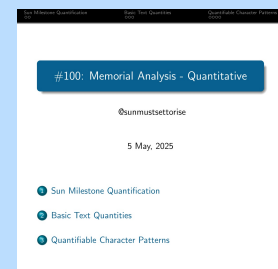
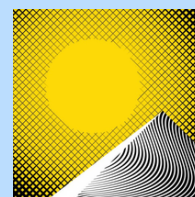
Art of packaging

- Study: **80% of kids chose veggies** over candy when told stories abt **veggies having magic power**
- **"First impression"**: influences **court decisions**, or **professional evaluation**. 6-sec CV rule
- **Sincerity Method**: Share brand story to communicate values, personalization, show cultural sensitivity

What's up next?

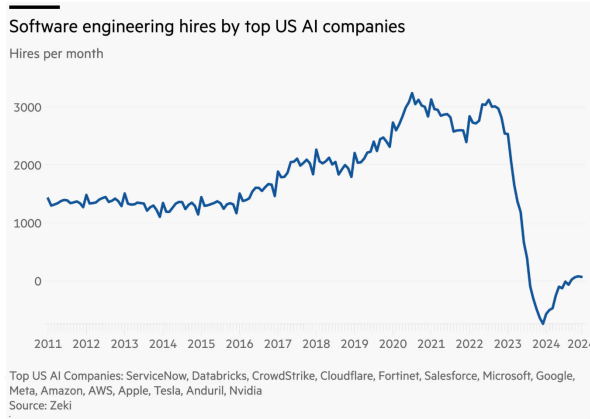
- Py Timetable matcher
- Reading + Continue NLP Analysis of Buffett Letters
- Fina. data sentiment handler
- Read 48 Power Laws > The Fund
- Website v4 ecosystem wrapper

WEEKLY



On my **#100 milestone**, I showcased findings of **Python-based NLP analysis** on past texts - decrease verbosity, longer words, intentional crafts.

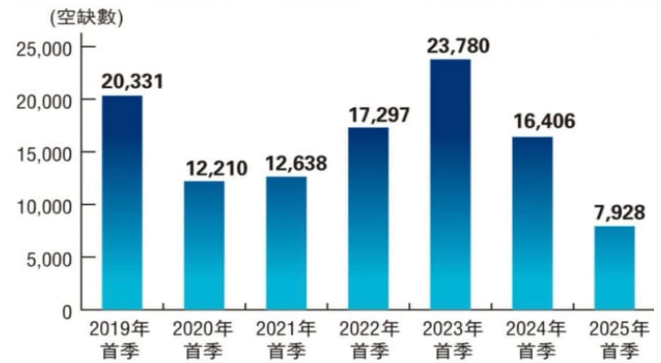
Week 19: Selected Graphs / Charts



If AI agents can perform same tasks, why you?

Net hires on top SWEs have zeroed from AI replacement.

首季度本港大學畢業生全職空缺按年變化



今年首季大學畢業生職位空缺7,928個

較去年少8,478個 跌幅51.7%
但平均薪酬2.1萬元 微增2%

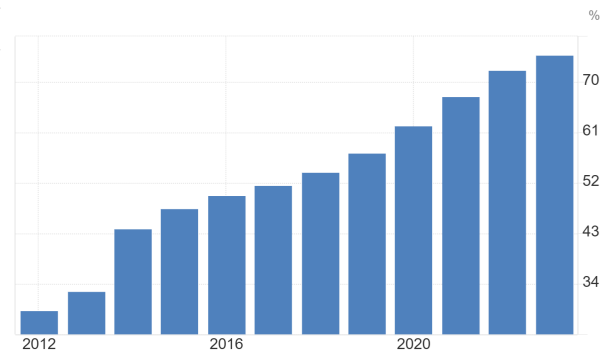
Locally, hiring is... really fucked. (Have u seen that qfin threads?)

職位空缺減少工種(部分)

工種/行業	2025年 首季空缺	2024年 首季空缺	變化(幅度)
客戶服務— 零售 / 酒店 / 旅遊及其他	351個	4,502個	↓ 4,151個(↓ 92.2%)
IT / 程式設計	889個	2,390個	↓ 1,501個(↓ 62.8%)
工程—建築 / 樓宇服務	1,439個	2,468個	↓ 1,029個(↓ 41.7%)
銀行與金融 行政人員	524個	1,101個	↓ 577個(↓ 52.4%)
教育	301個	817個	↓ 516個(↓ 63.2%)
研究與開發	212個	661個	↓ 449個(↓ 67.9%)
市場營銷 / 市場調查	315個	701個	↓ 386個(↓ 55.1%)

By industry, CS hardest hit with weak service demand

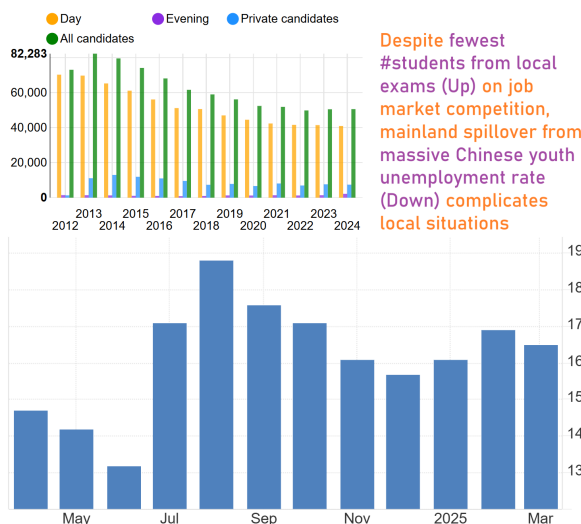
China - School Enrollment, Tertiary (% Gross)



Problem: Excess Chinese "high-qualification" labour supply trickles down further in HK.

Qualification is no longer a thing, and the influx labour input price pressure will press wages downward in HK given more open-door policy towards Chinese citizens on local job market.

Supply side problem: Higher qualis, fewer prime job positions



With mainland integration bringing ample labour supply, HK students lose "scarcity" bargain.

Takeaways:

(1) AI replacement and economic collapse risks makes grad positions much more competitive

(2) HK locally, both local labour demand and supply drops. However the excess labour supply from China's advanced education proportions will cause significant downward wage pressure

(3) Economically, input prices are already converging downward from aggressive mainland commercial integration (Keeta/ food/ tourism)

Protectionism and xenophobia would not work against the greater trend. But what else would work? A question for many of us soon to join mkt.

Would be meaningful to think ahead of the downward wage convergence, after goods.