

Overview

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Outline

Data Science

- Definition

- The practice of Data Science

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- Learning

Data Science

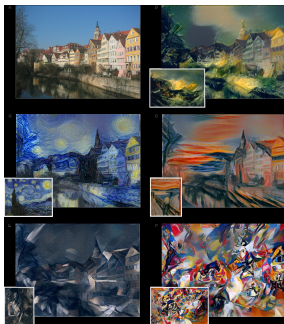
AlphaGo



Prisma



From theory to practice



Leon A. Gatys, Alexander S. Ecker, Matthias Bethge. "A Neural Algorithm of Artistic Style." arXiv:1508.06576.

Data Scientist:

The Sexiest Job of the 21st Century

Meet the people who
can coax treasure out of
messy, unstructured data.
by Thomas H. Davenport
and D.J. Patil

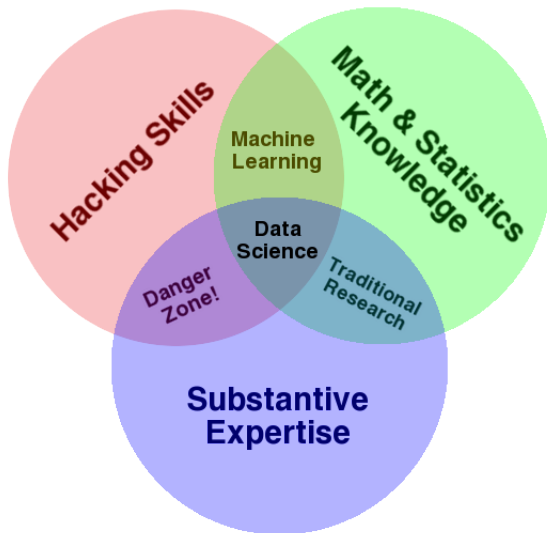
When Jonathan Goldstein arrived for work to have lunch at LinkedIn, the business networking site, the place still felt like a start-up. The company had just under 8 million accounts, and the number was growing quickly as existing members invited their friends and colleagues to join. But some weren't making out connections with the people who were already on the site at the rate executives had expected. Something was apparently missing in the social experience. As one LinkedIn manager put it, "It was like arriving at a conference reception and realizing you don't know anyone. So you just stand in the corner sipping your drink—and you probably leave early."

36 Harvard Business Review October 2012



"I keep saying the sexy job in the next ten years will be statisticians. People think I'm joking, but who would've guessed that computer engineers would've been the sexy job of the 1990s?"
Hal Varian (Chief Economist at Google, 2009).

What is data science?



Data Science Problems

- ▶ Identify the risk factors for various diseases (e.g. cancer).
- ▶ Predict whether someone will have a heart attack on the basis of demographic, diet and clinical measurements.
- ▶ Identify the numbers in a handwritten post code.
- ▶ Use mobile phone activity for disaster management during floods.
- ▶ Identifying risk characters for Airbnb transactions.
- ▶ Predict fares at Uber.
- ▶ Asking Siri to make you a cup of coffee.

Practical Perspective

Booz Allen Hamilton “The Field Guide to Data Science”, 2nd ed.

Data Science is the art of turning data into actions

It's all about the tradecraft. Tradecraft is the process, tools and technologies for humans and computers to work together to transform data into insights.

Data Science tradecraft creates data products

Data products provide actionable information without exposing decision makers to the underlying data or analytics.

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Data Science supports and encourages shifting between deductive (hypothesis-based) and inductive (pattern-based) reasoning

- ▶ This is a fundamental change from traditional analysis approaches.
- ▶ Inductive reasoning and exploratory data analysis provide a means to form or refine hypotheses and discover new analytic paths.
- ▶ Models of reality no longer need to be static.
- ▶ They are constantly tested, updated and improved until better models are found.

Deductive and inductive reasoning

LOOKING BACKWARD AND FORWARD

FIRST THERE WAS BUSINESS INTELLIGENCE

Deductive Reasoning
Backward Looking
Slice and Dice Data
Warehoused and Siloed Data
Analyze the Past, Guess the Future
Creates Reports
Analytic Output

NOW WE'VE ADDED DATA SCIENCE

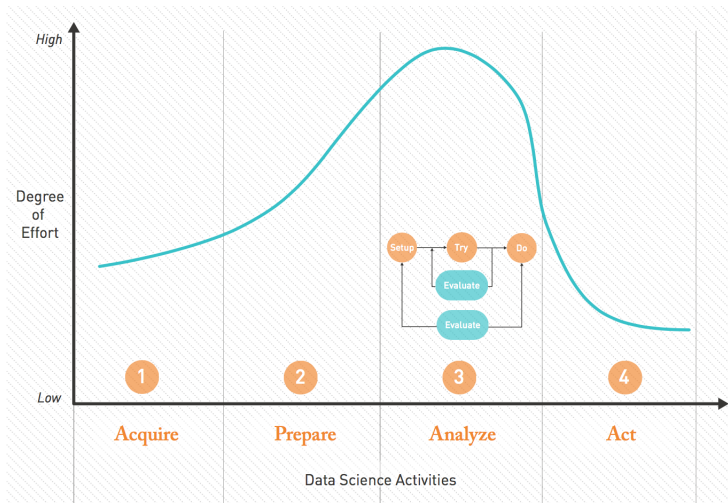
Inductive and Deductive Reasoning
Forward Looking
Interact with Data
Distributed, Real Time Data
Predict and Advise
Creates Data Products
Answer Questions and Create New Ones
Actionable Answer

Practical Perspective

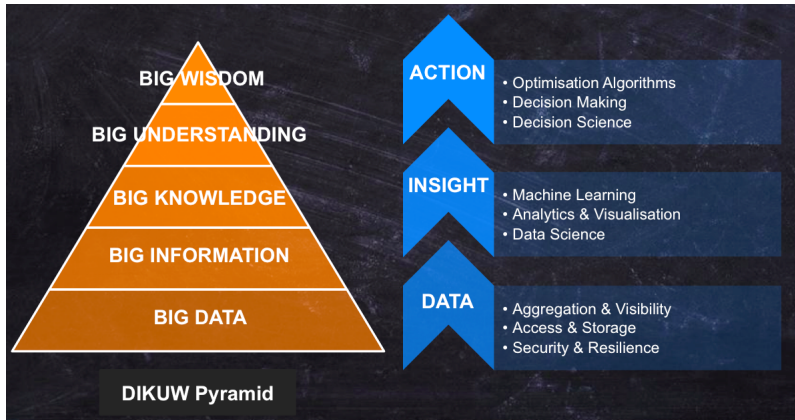
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- ▶ Data Science is necessary for companies to stay with the pack and compete in the future.
- ▶ Data Science capabilities can be built over time.
- ▶ Data Science is a different kind of team sport.

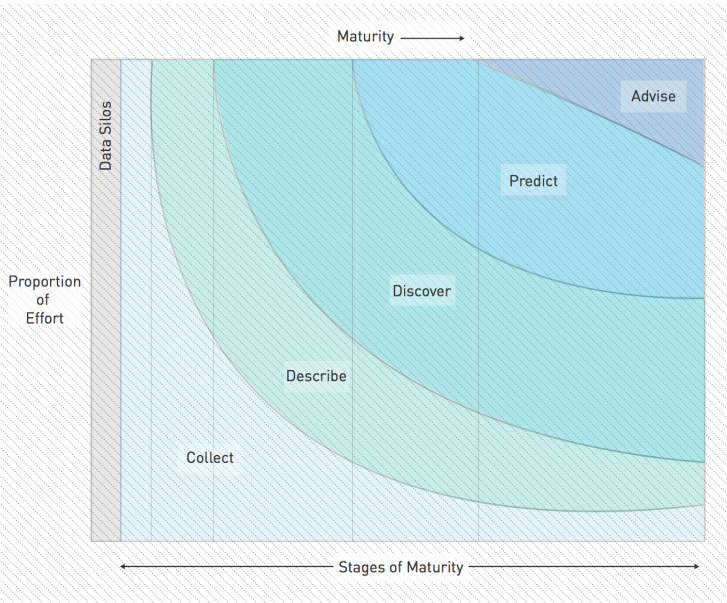
Data science work



DIKUW Pyramid



Data Science maturity



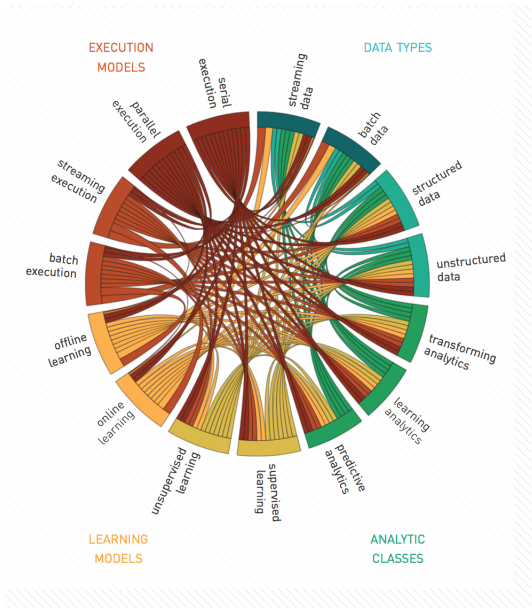
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The Data Science Maturity Model

Data Science principles

- ▶ Be willing to fail.
- ▶ Fail often and learn quickly.
- ▶ Keep the goal in mind.
- ▶ Dedication and focus lead to success.

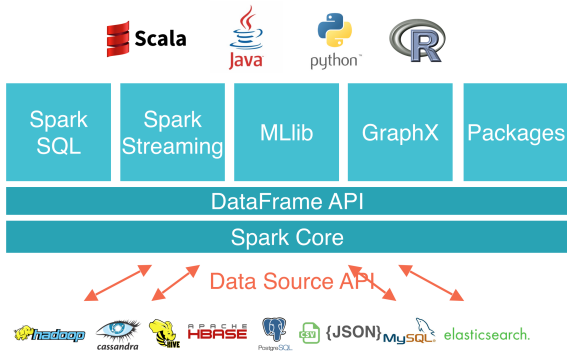
Data Science components



Source: Boaz Allen Hamilton

Interconnection Among the Component Parts of Data Science

Typical data analytic stack



Kaggle Competitions

- ▶ Higgs Boson Machine Learning Challenge.
- ▶ National Data Science Bowl – Assessing Ocean Health.
- ▶ Heritage Health Prize Competition.
- ▶ West Nile Virus Prediction.
- ▶ Predict Closed Questions on Stack Overflow.
- ▶ Flu Forecasting competition.
- ▶ Global Energy Forecasting Competition.

Moving forward

