

Data Science Survival Skills

Introduction
WS 2024/2025

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What to expect



DSSS is **hard** work

Lectures: We explain how things work

Exercises: You experience how things work

Homework: You get in touch with the content



Administration stuff

- Please subscribe to the **StudOn** course! (slides, exercises, homework...)
- Register for the exam on **campo**!
- Attendance in lecture and exercise is not mandatory, but strongly encouraged.
- Homework is not mandatory, but strongly encouraged.
 - you get access to the solutions, but if you don't understand them, you should have asked in the exercise!
- Each **successfully** submitted and graded homework gives up to 1 bonus point



Lectures + Exercises

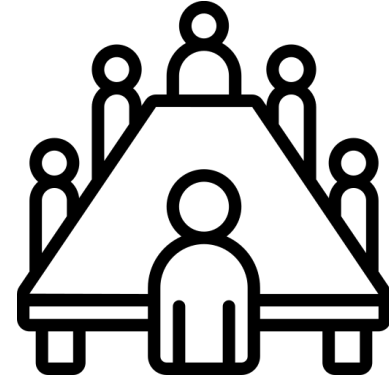
Lectures are Mondays 16-18 c.t.

Exercises are Wednesdays 16-18 c.t.

Homework is provided on Lecture Monday
and due Sunday the week after (almost 14
days later)

Homework:

Task is given on a slide.



All in this lecture hall!

Please submit homework **until Sunday 23:59 PM** to get potentially the bonus point!



When And Where

Est. exam relevance	Monday	Tu	Wednesday	Th	Fr	Sa	So	
	14/10/2024		16/10/2024					
+++	Lecture		Getting started Exercise					
	21/10/2024		23/10/2024					
++	Lecture		OER Exercise					
	28/10/2024		30/10/2024				3/11/2024	
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	4/11/2024		6/11/2024				10/11/2024	
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	11/11/2024		13/11/2024				17/11/2024	
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	18/11/2024		20/11/2024				24/11/2024	
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	25/11/2024		27/11/2024				1/12/2024	
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	2/12/2024		4/12/2024				8/12/2024	
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	9/12/2024		11/12/2024				15/12/2024	
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	16/12/2024		18/12/2024				22/12/2024	
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	23/12/2024		25/12/2024					
	XMAS							
	30/12/2024		1/1/2025					
	XMAS							
	6/1/2025		8/1/2025					
	HOLIDAY		no Exercise					
	13/1/2025		15/1/2025					
+++	Lecture		Exercise					
	20/1/2025		22/1/2025				26/1/2025	
++	Lecture		Exercise				Homework due from	13/1/2025
	27/1/2025		29/1/2025				2/2/2025	
+++	Lecture		Exercise				Homework due from	20/1/2025
	3/2/2025		5/2/2025				9/2/2025	
			Summary				Homework due from	27/1/2025

	In presence
	Online
	No event
	Deadline



This is the
master slide!

Topics

- Technical equipment/hardware basics (CPU, GPU, TPUs)
- From Clean Code to Version Control, Python Package Management, Documentation
- What is data? Differences in data and file types
- Data exploration
- Statistics
- Baselines, Data Mining
- Machine Learning, Deep Learning, (Meta)Heuristics
- Nature Language Processing/LLMs
- Multiprocessing/multithreading, Numba, Code vectorization
- GUIs and Code Deployment

Students

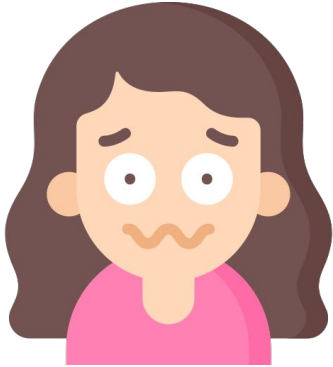
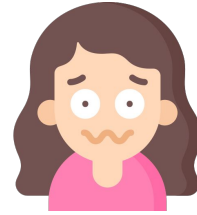
- We planned with ~ 20
- We have a room for ~ 50
- We have 135 registered students

Winter term 2022/2023:

Registered ~ 120

We have a room for ~ 100

We have another ~ 300 on the waiting list...
300 took the exam



Winter term 2023/2024:

Registered ~ 724



Winter term 2024/2026:

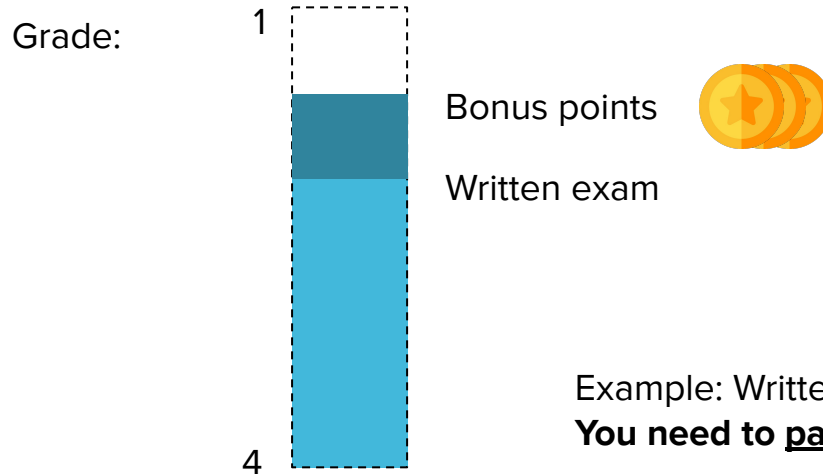
Registered ~ 330

Exam

- Centrally organized, we do not know when and where
- Written Exam: 60 min
- Single choice (Answers A-E, only one is correct)
- Content: Lectures + Exercises + Homework
- I am aiming for CONCEPTS and LOGICAL THINKING

0-5 bonus points:	-0.0
6-9 bonus points:	-0.3
10+ bonus point:	-0.7

max 11



Example: Written exam 2,3 + 10 bonus points → 1,7
You need to pass the exam to receive bonus effect

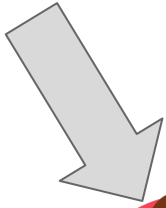
Grades summer term (repeaters)



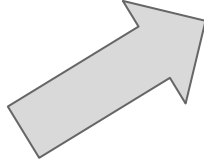
How does homework submission work?

A single pdf
slide to be
submitted

Homework:
Task A,
Task B



A passionate DSSS student



YOUR SOLUTION

Name:
Matriculation number:
IdM:



Upload in time to StudOn submission folder.
Submission due Sundays 23:59 PM.
1 second too late is TOO LATE!

No late submissions accepted - no exceptions.

Homework grading

YOUR SOLUTION

Name:
Matriculation number:
IdM:

Binary decision
(we grade nicely)



Submitted in time



Results on StudOn

What to do when you have a (real!) problem



No E-Mails!
(or it is a highly personal matter)



Please use the StudOn
forum, such that anyone
could answer!

Real (!) problems are:

- You have a question related to the lecture
That you CANNOT FIND ANYWHERE ONLINE!!
- In your exam preparation you came across a problem re the content,
That you CANNOT SOLVE USING THE LIBRARY or STACKOVERFLOW/GOOGLE.

And give us enough time,
e.g. two days before the exam is not the ideal moment!

My/our expectations

- Be at and on time for lectures
- Do the exercises/homework
- Ask questions
- Use the course forum!



I will not answer E-mails
when you can find the
information online etc

Lecture recordings

We are recording this lecture together with RRZE automatically.

This is **an additional service** for you and not guaranteed (that it happens and that the quality is sufficient for understanding and learning).

Recordings from older semesters can be used but content may likely have changed!



Data Science

We live in a world of data

1900s



2020s



Data itself is nothing, context and interpretation is everything

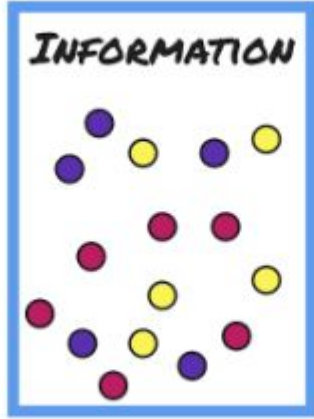
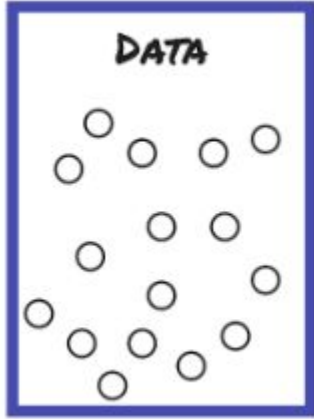


Dickinson Animal Hospital

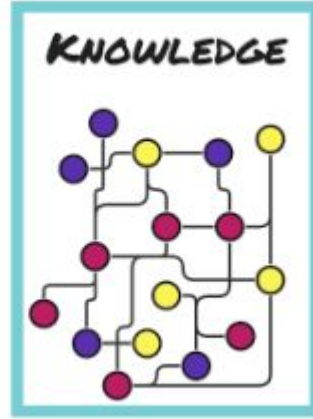


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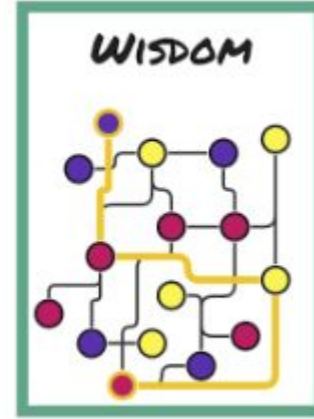
Data is only a starting point



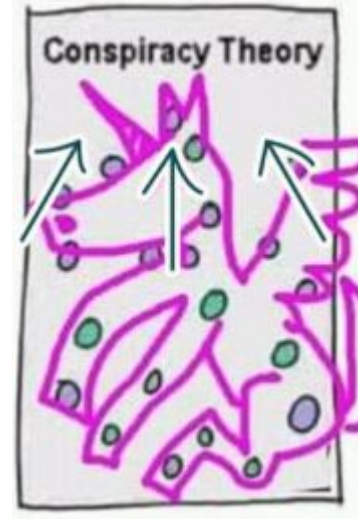
WHO?
WHAT?
WHEN?
WHERE?



HOW?



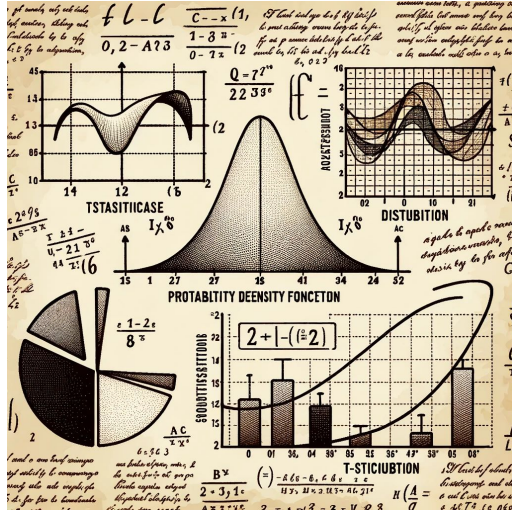
WHY?



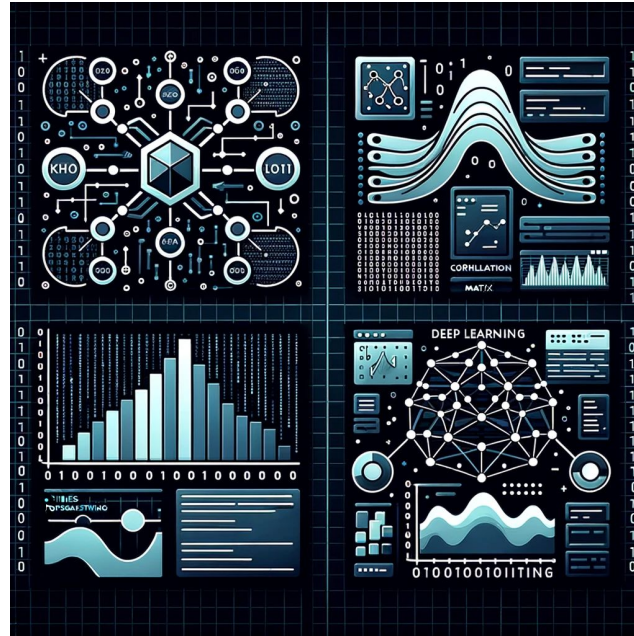
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Why do we need “data science”?

Statistics



- Likelihood, Probabilities
- PDFs
- Descriptive statistics
- Explorative statistics



What we can't do with “classical” statistics alone:

- Machine Learning
- Working with unstructured data (Deep Learning)
- Complex time-series forecasting
- Clustering

A bit of history

AI Magazine Volume 17 Number 3 (1996) (© AAAI)

Articles

From Data Mining to Knowledge Discovery in Databases

There is an urgent need for a new generation of computational theories and tools to assist humans in extracting useful information (knowledge) from the rapidly growing volumes of digital data.

Usama Fayyad, Gregory Piatetsky-Shapiro, and Padhraic Smyth

[From data mining to knowledge discovery in databases](#)

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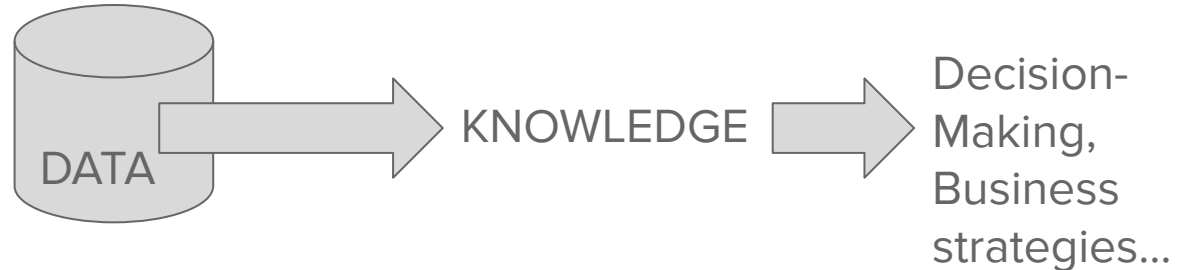
AI magazine, 1996 · [ojs.aaai.org](#)

Abstract

Data mining and knowledge discovery in databases have been attracting a significant amount of research, industry, and media attention of late. What is all the excitement about? This article provides an overview of this emerging field, clarifying how data mining and knowledge discovery in databases are related both to each other and to related fields, such as machine learning, statistics, and databases. The article mentions particular real-world applications, specific data-mining techniques, challenges involved in real-world

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Coining the word “data science”

International Statistical Review (2001), 69, 1, 21–26, Printed in Mexico
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Data Science: an Action Plan for Enlarging the Technical Areas of the Field of Statistics

William S. Cleveland

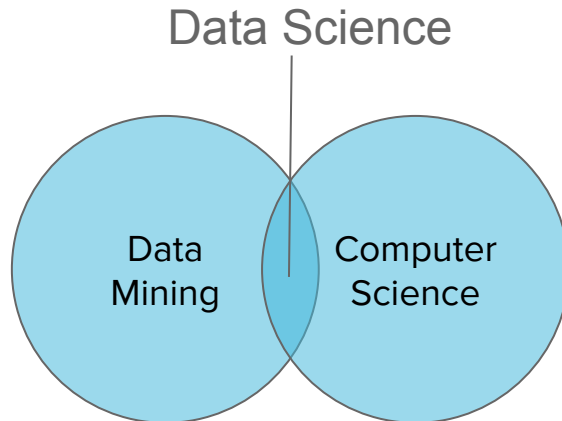
Statistics Research, Bell Laboratories, 600 Mountain Avenue, Murray Hill NJ07974, USA
E-mail: wsc@research.bell-labs.com

Summary

An action plan to enlarge the technical areas of statistics focuses on the data analyst. The plan sets out six technical areas of work for a university department, and advocates a specific allocation of resources devoted to research in each area and to courses in each area. The value of technical work is judged by the extent to which it benefits the data analyst, either directly or indirectly. The plan is also applicable to government research labs and corporate research organizations.

Key words: Future; Applications; Computing; Methods; Models; Theory.

Why not using Data Mining (a common concept based around statistics) and Computer Science to take advantage of both
→ Data Science.



What changed?

Read only
“I am online”

Only consuming

WHEN I WAS A KID, THERE
WERE NO PHONES OR TABLETS.
WE READ CEREAL BOXES AT
BREAKFAST



Wikipedia size and users

	Update
English articles	6,730,059
Total wiki pages	59,193,160
Article percentage	11.37%
Average revisions	19.86
Total admins	881
Total users	46,321,402

UTC time: 16:06 on 2023-Oct-17

Read+Write
“I am **contributing**”

- Social media
 - Myspace
 - Facebook
 - YouTube
 - Instagram
 - Tiktok
- Communicate
- Spread information
- Wikipedia

Let's define the job of data science.

Tons of data, from shopping to trading, health-related information, email conversations, ...

Messy, unstructured, maybe totally irrelevant data



Taking messy data and creating/gaining insights

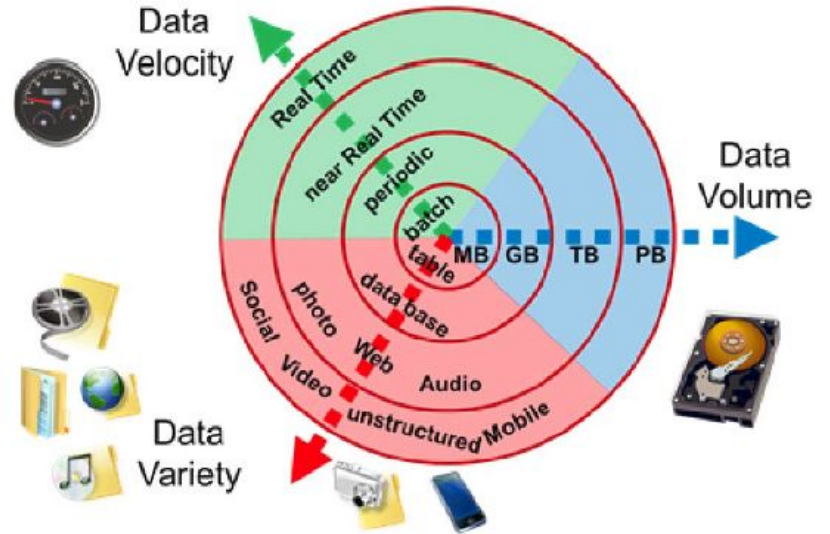
Takeaways, relevant variables, biomarkers, ...

How large is data?

BIG DATA

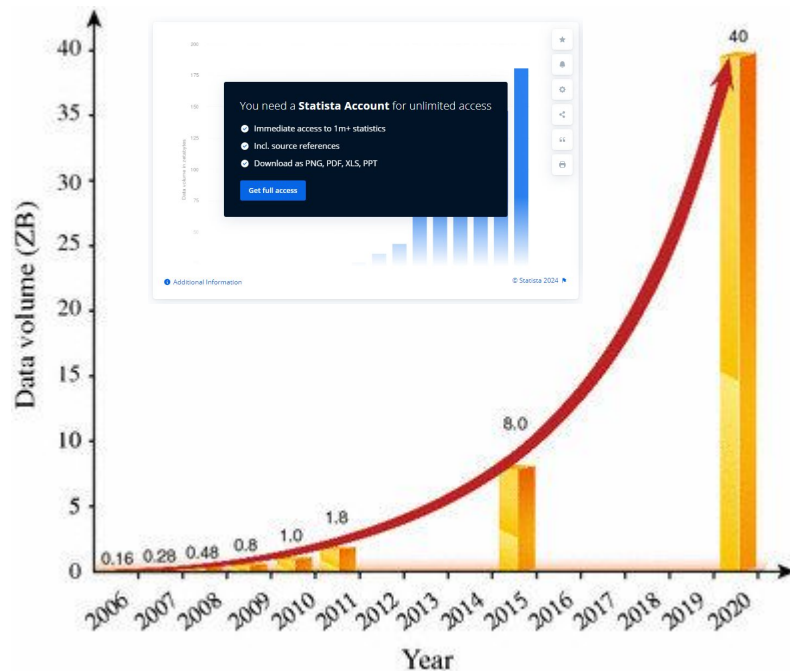
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1000^4	TB terabyte	1024^4	TiB tebibyte	TB terabyte
1000^5	PB petabyte	1024^5	PiB pebibyte	—
1000^6	EB exabyte	1024^6	EiB exbibyte	—
1000^7	ZB zettabyte	1024^7	ZiB zebibyte	—
1000^8	YB yottabyte	1024^8	YiB yobibyte	—

Orders of magnitude of data



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How much data is around?



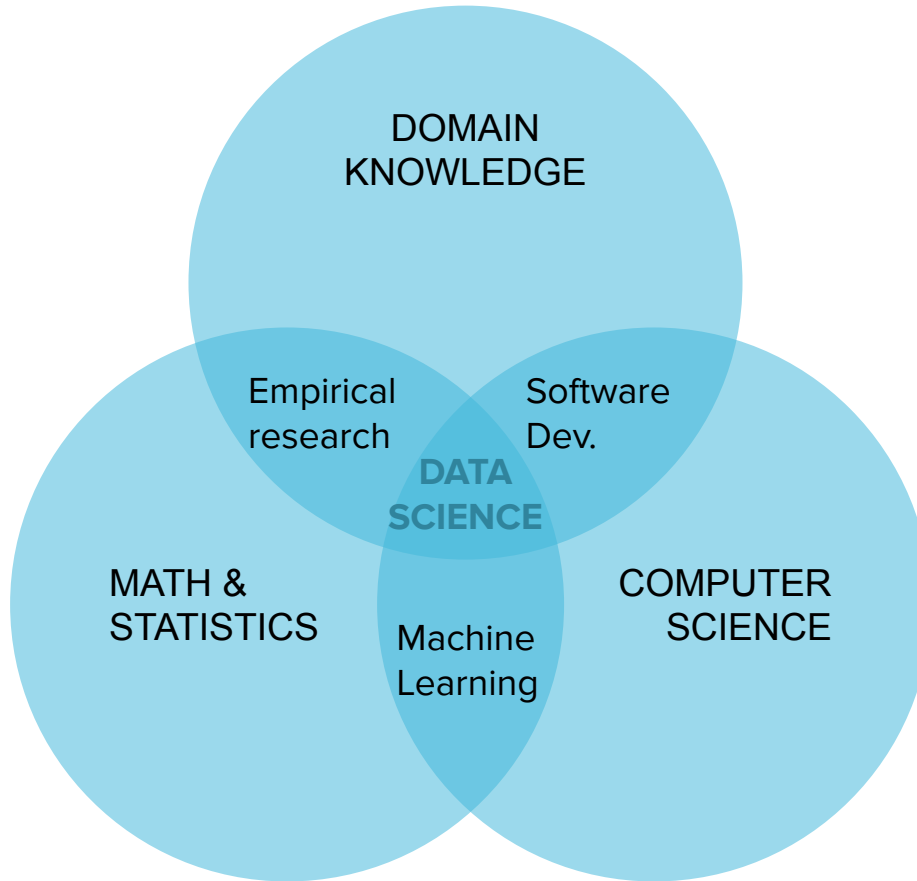
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1000 ⁴	TB terabyte	1024 ⁴	TiB tebibyte	TB terabyte
1000 ⁵	PB petabyte	1024 ⁵	PiB pebibyte	–
1000 ⁶	EB exabyte	1024 ⁶	EiB exbibyte	–
1000 ⁷	ZB zettabyte	1024 ⁷	ZiB zebibyte	–
1000 ⁸	YB yottabyte	1024 ⁸	YiB yobibyte	–

Orders of magnitude of data

Exponential growth of data!

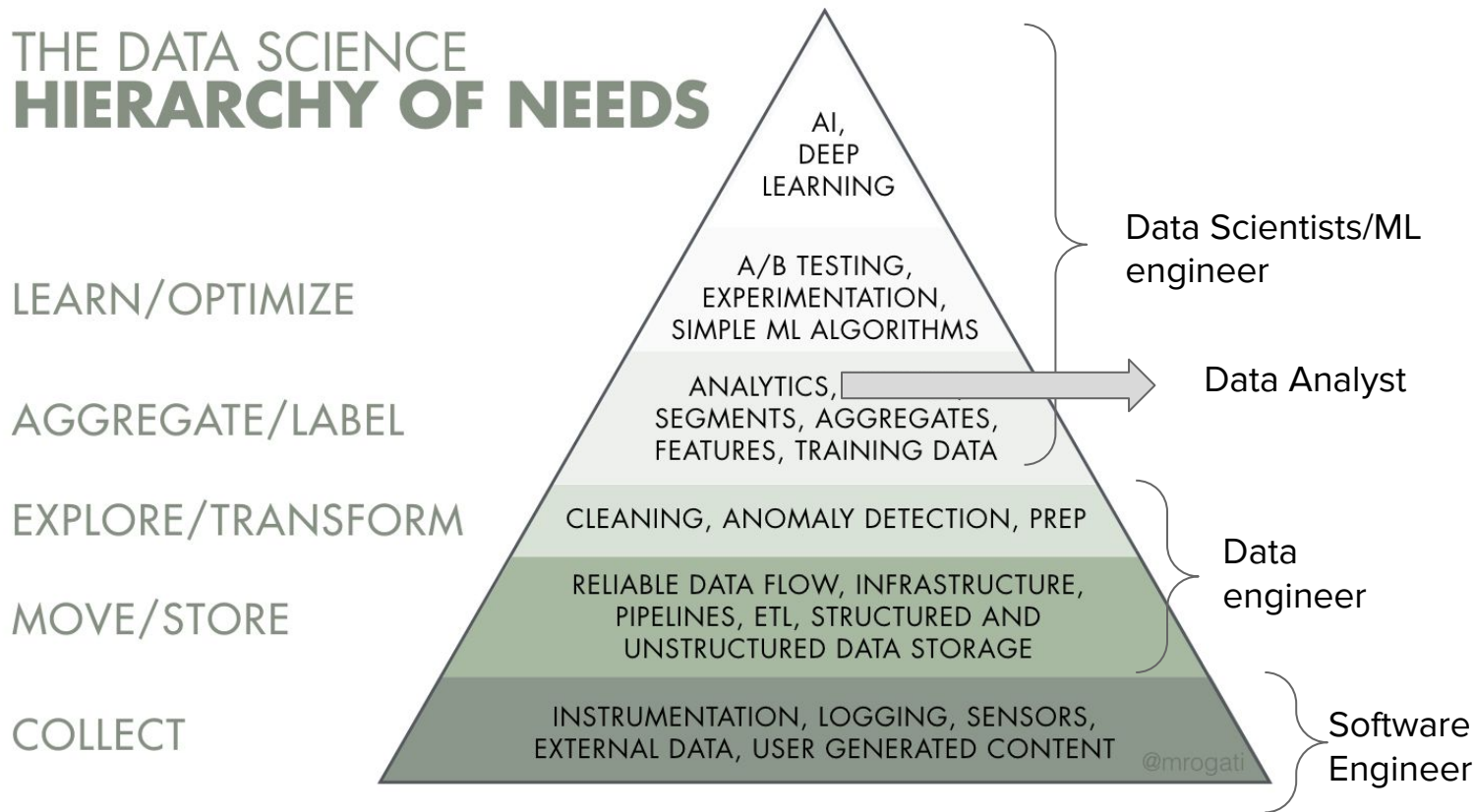
2021: we estimate 180 ZB in 2025

What is “Data Science”?



Data Science Pyramid of Needs

THE DATA SCIENCE HIERARCHY OF NEEDS



What we are tackling in this course

THE DATA SCIENCE HIERARCHY OF NEEDS

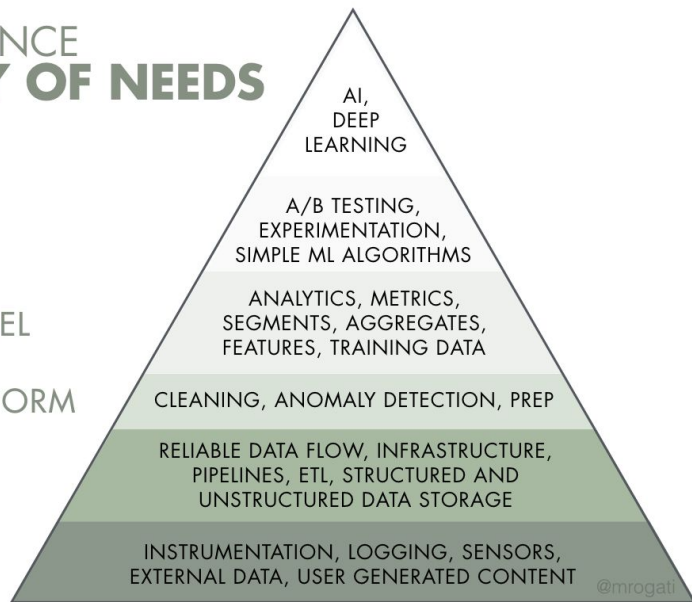
LEARN/OPTIMIZE

AGGREGATE/LABEL

EXPLORE/TRANSFORM

MOVE/STORE

COLLECT



Semester duration

Homework

Description of the homework

- We put an example Jupyter notebook on StudOn,
That should help you get started **with Colab and numpy**.
This is voluntary.

We have an exercise on Wednesday as a small recap for everyone.

No (!) bonus points for this task

