

431 Class 01

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This is PQHS 431 / CRSP 431 / MPH 431

I USED TO THINK
CORRELATION IMPLIED
CAUSATION.



THEN I TOOK A
STATISTICS CLASS.
NOW I DON'T.



SOUNDS LIKE THE
CLASS HELPED.

WELL, MAYBE.



First Activity

First Thing: Write down your guess of Dr. Love's age in years in the appropriate spot on the convenient piece of paper we've provided. Hang on to the paper, as you'll need it again later.

Here's a picture of me, in case that's helpful.



Course Details

Instructor: Thomas E. Love, Ph.D.

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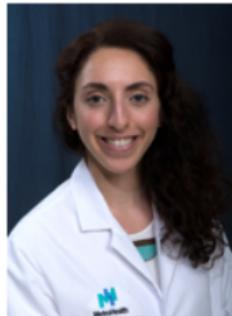
Our web site: <https://thomaselove.github.io/431/>

Links there to:

- Course Syllabus
- Course Calendar, which is the final word for all deadlines, and also links to each day's class page.
- Course Notes (essentially a textbook)
- Software Details (R and R Studio, installation, data and code downloads)
- Assignments: Labs, Minute Papers, Quizzes and Projects

Getting Help: Piazza is your first step (please accept the invitation)

Teaching Assistants (office hours begin 2021-08-29)



Stephanie



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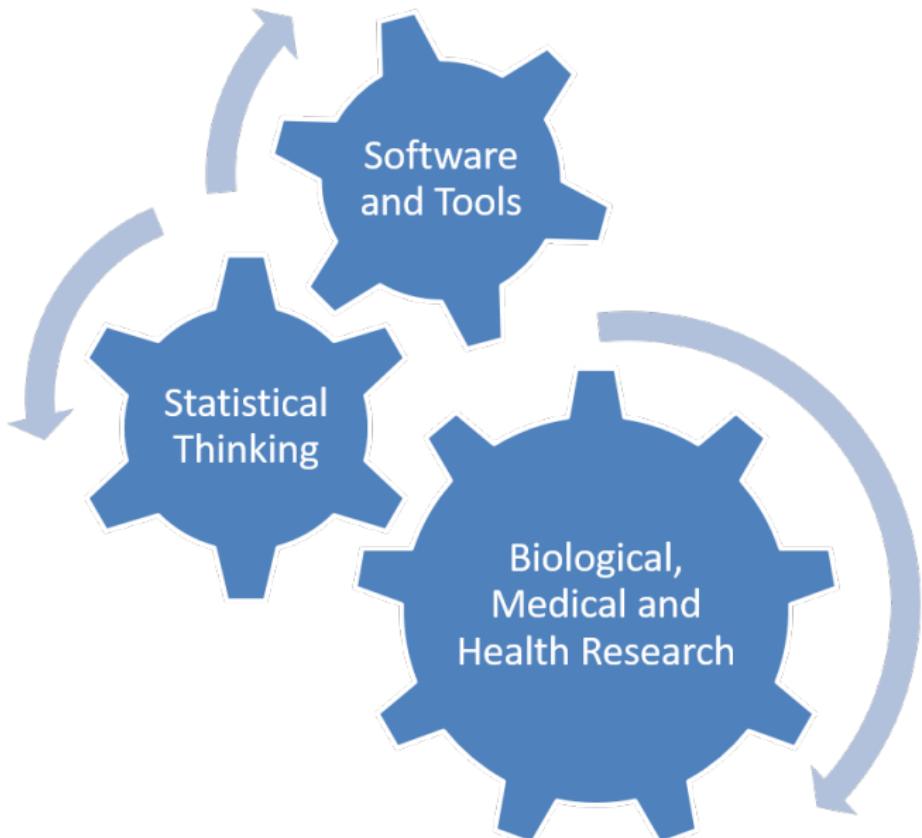
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- TA **office hours** Zoom links posted on our Shared Google Drive.

What is this course about?



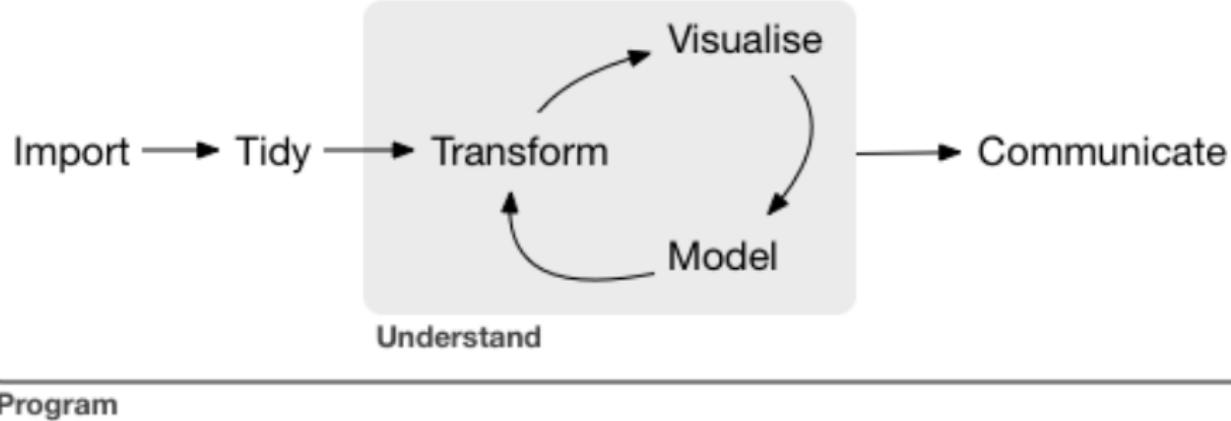
What is this course about?

- Exploratory Data Analysis, Visualization
- Statistical Inference, Making Comparisons
- Linear Regression and related Models

The course is about biostatistics, replicable research, using state-of-the-art tools (R, R Studio, R Markdown), and thinking about how science is most effectively done.

- It is more a course in **how** to do things (highly applied) rather than a theoretical/mathematical justification for **why** we do them. We focus here on practical work.
- It's mostly about getting you doing data science projects for biological, medical and health applications.

What is Data Science about?



Source: <http://r4ds.had.co.nz/introduction.html>

What will we be reading?

Links in the Readings section of [our Calendar](#)

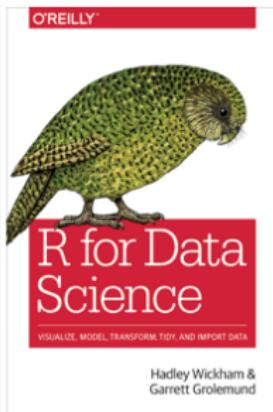
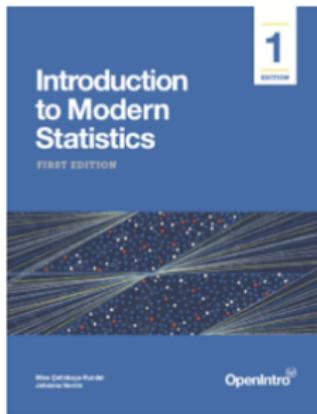
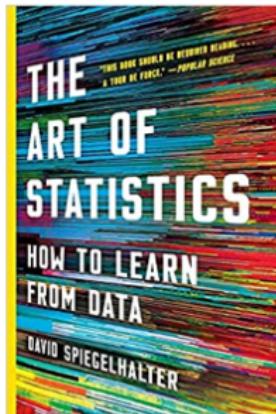
Data Science for
Biological, Medical and
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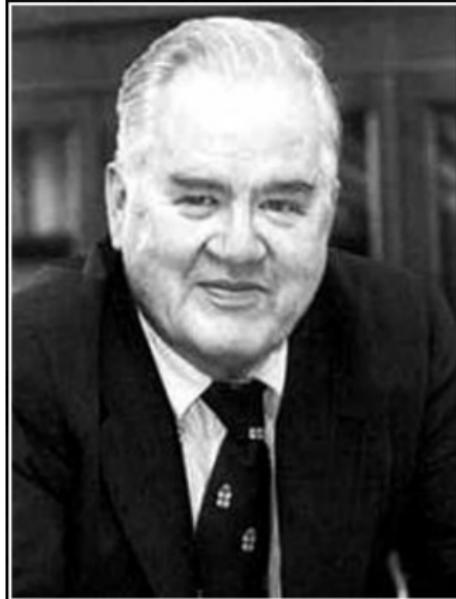
Attendance

Please understand that it is not necessary for you to tell us if you're going to miss any particular class session. Just catch up before the next class. You are responsible for getting everything done, but we certainly understand that things happen, and we will do what we can to be flexible.

When we have assignments, those have deadlines. Please meet them, and please get in touch early if meeting those deadlines will not be possible. The Syllabus has more details, and the deadlines are in the Calendar.

If you will need to miss **more than two classes** in a row, or if you are not able to keep up with watching the recordings because of some external issue, that's when you need to get in touch with Dr. Love.

Great Statisticians in History



The greatest value of a picture is
when it forces us to notice what we
never expected to see.

— *John Tukey* —

AZ QUOTES

Photo Source: http://www.azquotes.com/author/14847-John_Tukey

John Tukey (1915-2000)

Gathering Some Data: Age Guessing Activity

- Shortly, we will be asking you to form into a few groups, each with 3-5 people.
- Pay attention to the number of your breakout group.
- One member of your group will then need to open a Google Form on their laptop. I'll provide the link in a moment.
- After a few brief introductory questions, your group will then see one of a series of 10 photos, each of a person.
- For each photo your group will ...
 - estimate the age of the person in the photo (in years)
 - type your (group) guess into the form (so if you guess age 35, you will just type 35.)
- When you've produced all 10 guesses, submit the form. The submitter will get an email confirmation.
- Later, you will be told the true ages and we'll be able to compute errors.

Seeing the Form

One member of your group needs to visit

<https://bit.ly/431-2021-class01-breakout>

- To see the form, you must log into Google using your CWRU account.
- The rest of you can also visit that form, if you like, but only one of you should fill it out for your group.

If you have a little extra time, make sure everyone in your group knows the name and field of everyone else in the group, and knows your group's name.

Here come the photos

OK. Here come the photos. We'll give you a little more time for the first two than we will for the remaining ones.

Remember to have one member of your group fill out the form at <https://bit.ly/431-2021-class01-breakout> although it may help all of you to keep track on paper, as well.

Photo 1



Photo 2



Making Progress

- Your guesses should be going into the form at <https://bit.ly/431-2021-class01-breakout> and you might also want to keep track on your convenient piece of paper, so that when I tell you the ages later, you'll be in a position to see how your group did.
- In spare time between photos, please make the effort to learn the names of the other people in your group, and perhaps what field they are in.

Photo 3



Photo 4



Photo 5



Photo 6



Photo 7



Photo 8



Photo 9



Photo 10



Guess My Age

- ① You should have an initial guess of my age written down from the start of the session.
- ② Now, if you haven't done so already, make a second guess of my age based on what you know about me now, and write that down next to the initial guess.

So if you guessed 18 initially, but now think I'm 19, you should write 18/19. If you still think I'm 18, write 18/18. Make it easy for us to understand your guess.

Age Guessing Robots?

Well, Microsoft used to have a tool online at how-old.net to do this. You can still play “Guess My Age” at <https://www.guessmyage.net/>.

<https://how-old.net>



The AI's guess was...

7 years too high

6 years too low

Do you think you did that well?

OK. Back to the photos!

Card 1



Card 1

Eric Chong
Master Chef Canada winner
Photo date: April 2014

Age 21

Card 2



Card 2

Katherine Archuleta
Former U.S. OPM Director
Photo date: 2013

Age 64

Card 3



Card 3

Elise Mayfield
Chef, Actor, Baker
Photo date: 2014

Age 28

Card 4



Card 4

Kevin Love
(then) High School Student
Photo date: June 2014

Age 14

No, not THAT Kevin Love



THIS Kevin Love, on the right (January 2019)



Card 5



Card 5

Rosemary McGinn

Photo date: July 2013

Age 54

Card 6



Card 6

John Chaney
Basketball Coach
Photo date: 2006

Age 74

Card 7



Card 7

David Storm

Photo date: August 2014

Age 44

Card 8



Card 8

Margo Glantz
Writer
Photo date: 2013

Age 83

Card 9



Card 9

Quade Ross Honey
Fugitive
Photo date: 2012

Age 24

Card 10



Card 10

Bianca Lawson
Actress
Photo date: 2013

Age 34

How did the AI at <https://how-old.net> do?



#1 Age 21
AI guess 27



#2 Age 64
AI 44



#3 Age 28
AI 22



#4 Age 14
AI 19



#5 Age 54
AI 36



#6 Age 74
AI 63



#7 Age 44
AI 55



#8 Age 83
AI 79



#9 Age 24
AI 35

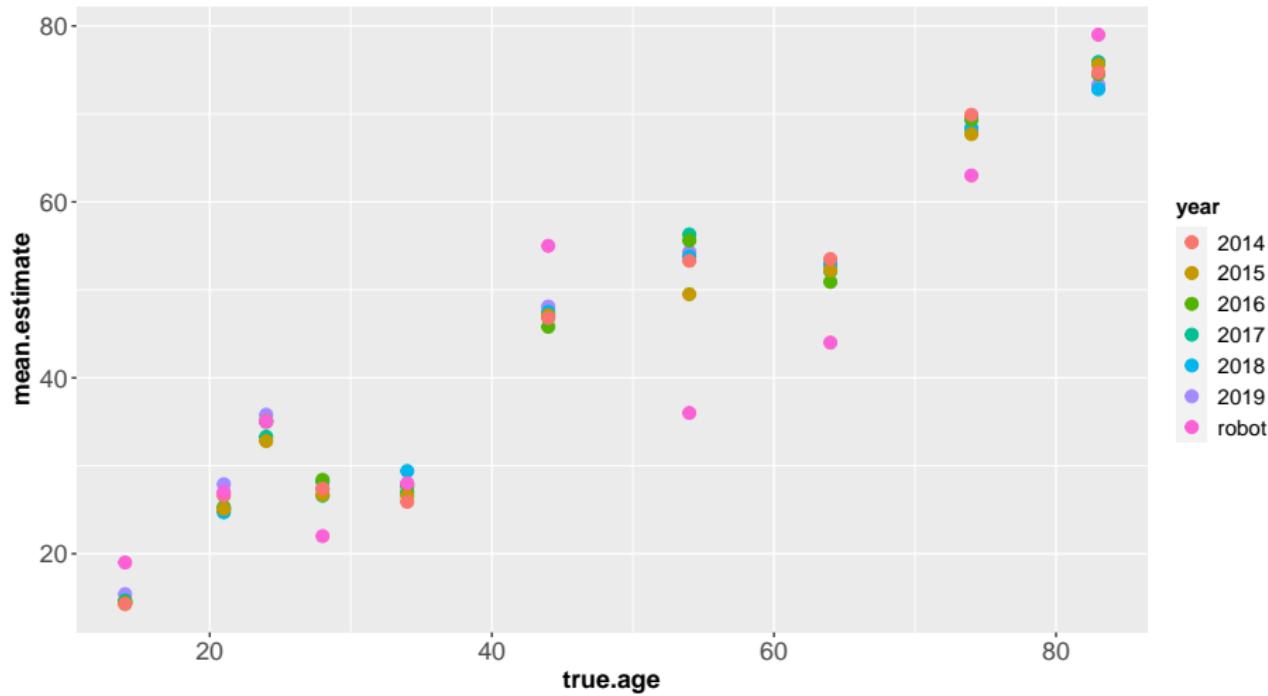


#10 Age 34
AI 28

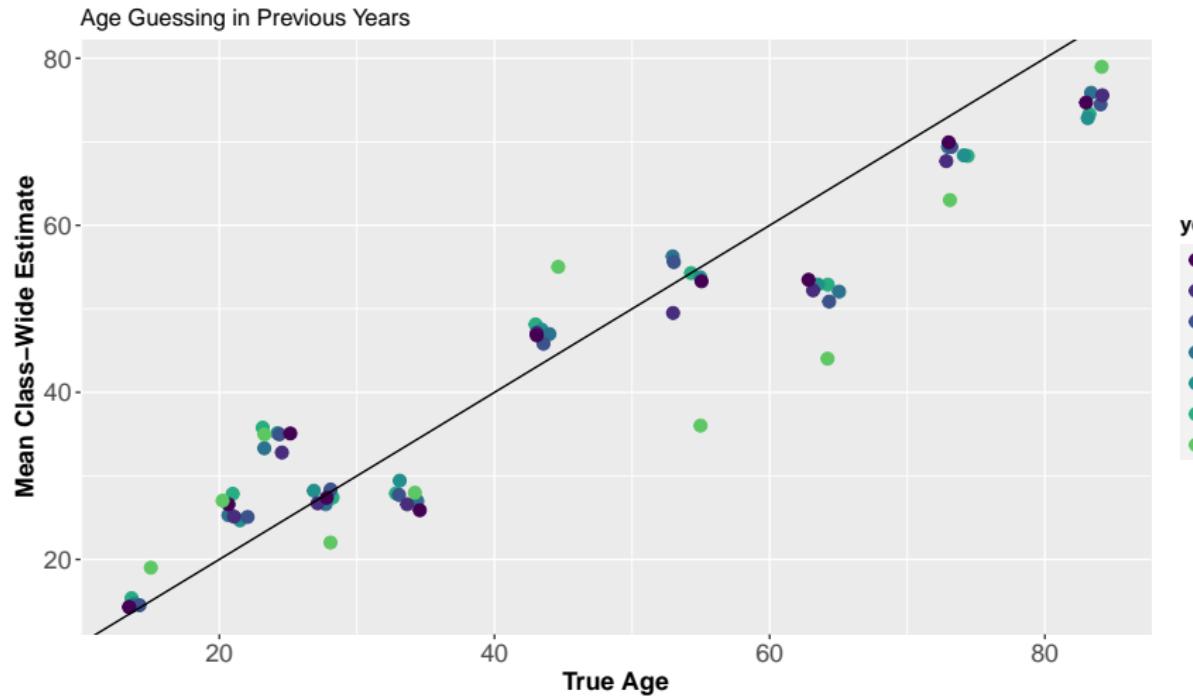
photo-age-history-2019.csv Data Set (excerpt)

card	label	true.age	sex	facing	year	mean.estimate	error
1	Chong	21	M	R	2019	27.9	6.9
2	Archuleta	64	F	L	2019	52.9	-11.1
3	Mayfield	28	F	L	2019	27.4	-0.6
4	Love	14	M	L	2019	15.4	1.4
5	McGinn	54	F	R	2019	54.3	0.3
6	Chaney	74	M	L	2019	68.3	-5.7
7	Storm	44	M	R	2019	48.1	4.1
8	Glantz	83	F	L	2019	73.3	-9.7
9	Honey	24	M	L	2019	35.8	11.8
10	Lawson	34	F	R	2019	27.9	-6.1
1	Chong	21	M	R	2018	24.7	3.7
2	Archuleta	64	F	L	2018	52.9	-11.1

Scatterplot of Prior Results, 1



Scatterplot of Prior Results, 2



Mean Class-Wide Guesses (2014-17 combined)



#1 Age 21 2014-17 Mean Guesses	25.5	#2 Age 64 52.2	46.7	#3 Age 28 27.3	75.2	#4 Age 14 14.4	34.1	#5 Age 54 53.7	26.8
#6 Age 74		#7 Age 44		#8 Age 83		#9 Age 24		#10 Age 34	



Mean Class-Wide Errors (2014-17 combined)



#1 Age 21
2014-17
Errors +4.5
-4.9

#2 Age 64
-11.8
+2.7

#3 Age 28
-0.7
-7.8

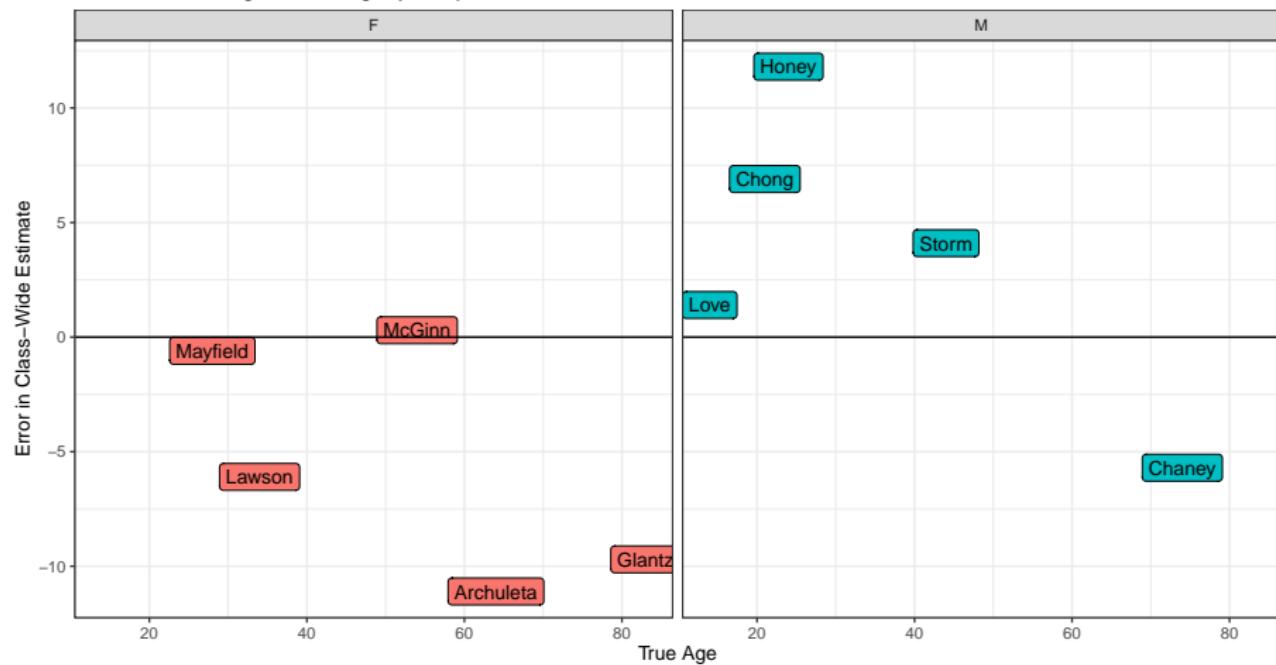
#4 Age 14
+0.4
+10.1
-7.2

#6 Age 74 #7 Age 44 #8 Age 83 #9 Age 24 #10 Age 34



Scatterplot of 2019 Results with Labels

Errors in 2019 Age Guessing, by Subject's Sex



Hans Rosling and “The Joy of Stats”

200 countries over 200 years using 120,000 numbers, in about 4 minutes.

<http://bit.ly/431-rosling>

And if you liked that ...

- The 20 minute version (from 2007):
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RUwS1uAdUcl>
- The full documentary from the BBC:
<https://www.gapminder.org/videos/the-joy-of-stats/>
- Video playlist from Gapminder: <https://www.gapminder.org/videos/>

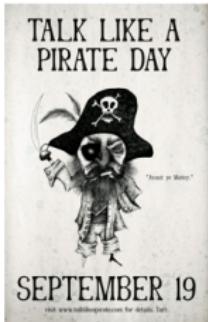
What's next?



RStudio makes R easier to use. It includes a code editor, debugging & visualization tools.



R Packages



R Markdown

from R Studio

Analyze. Share. Reproduce.

Your data tells a story. Tell it with R Markdown.
Turn your analyses into high quality documents, reports, presentations and dashboards.

What's next?

- Return the “Convenient Piece of Paper” to us so we can collect data on your guesses of my age.
- See the Ten Things To Do After Class on our Class 01 README.