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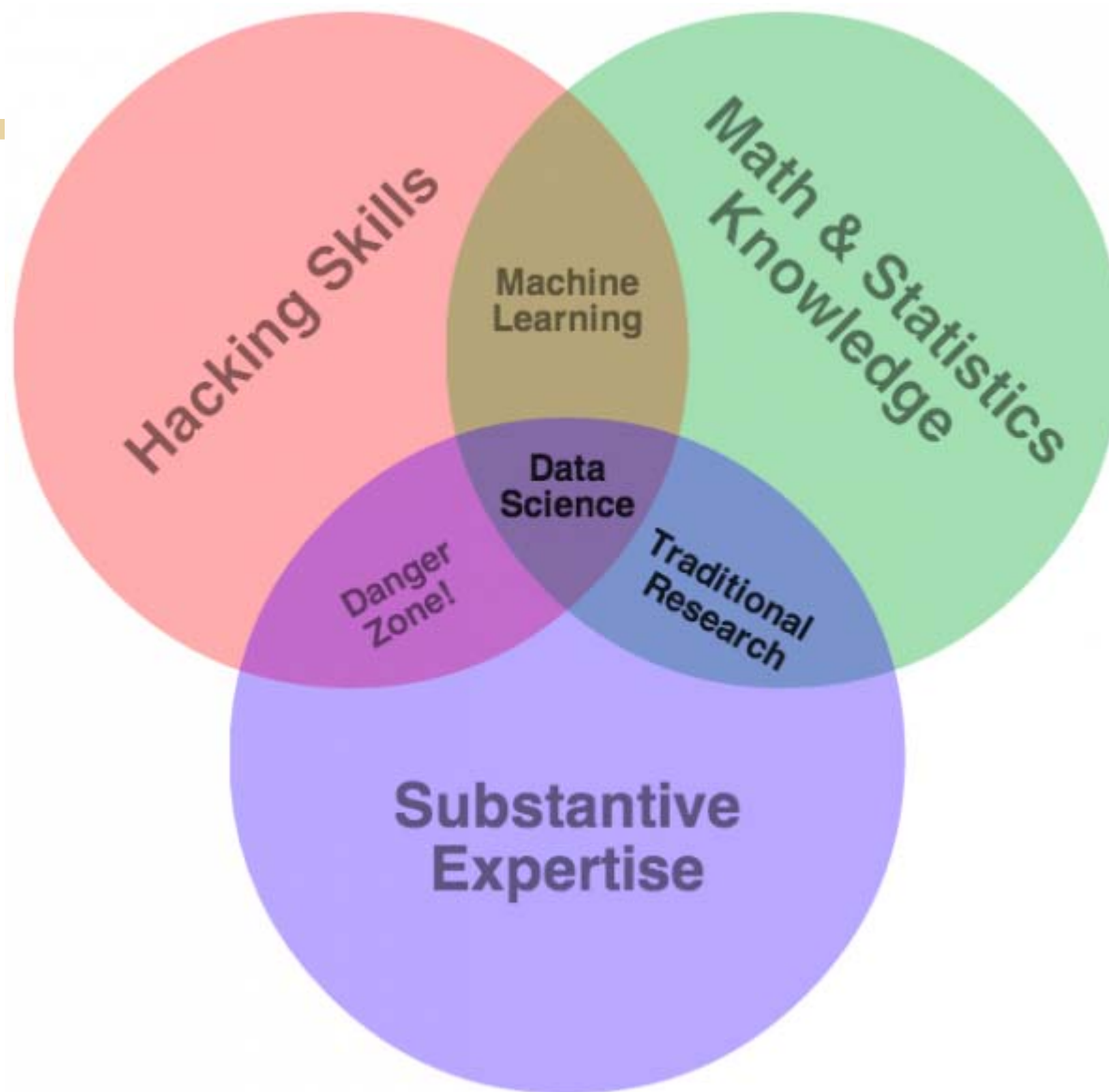
Data Science UW

Methods for Data Analysis



Introduction and Data Exploration
Lecture 1
Stephen Elston





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Course Purpose

- > This course focuses on essential concepts
- > We are building foundations for your data science skills
- > Course Objectives:
 - Learn methods to explore and understand data.
 - Understand the core concepts of probability and statistics.
 - Describe and interpret analytical results from common statistical methods.
 - Understand the mathematical basis of machine learning
 - Expand R programming skills to be able to write/test/log code from scratch.
 - Work with structured and unstructured data.

- > See syllabus for more information:

– <https://canvas.uw.edu/courses/1105274/pages/datasci-350-b-course-syllabus>



Course Requirements and Grading

This course will be graded by attendance, homework, and an individual project.

- > Attendance: You MUST attend at least 6 out of 10 classes. **This is a non-negotiable UW requirement.**
- > Homework must be completed by the start of the next class. (Assigned weeks 1-8).
 - Returned as a 0,1, or 2.
 - > 0 = Not done or a major parts missing.
 - > 1 = Completed, but missing or serious errors.
 - > 2 = Completed with at most minor issues. Demonstrates full understanding of subject.
- > Individual Project: Due at the start of the last class.
 - Counts as 8 points.





Course Requirements and Grading



There is a total of 24 possible points. (16 pts for hmk + 8 project)

- > Must get 18 total points to pass.
- > All homework assignments must use good R coding technique
- > Results must be presented in a professional style
- > The individual project must be production level code.



Office Hours and Contact Information

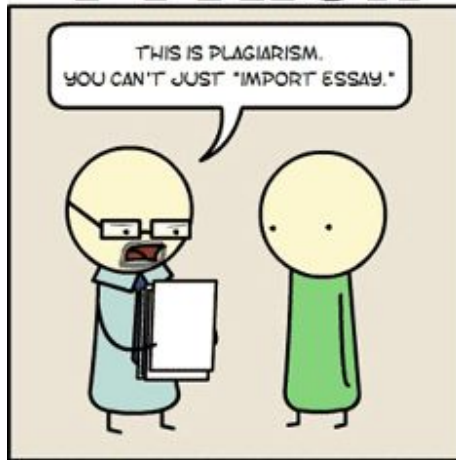
- > Contact me at:
 - stephen.elston@quantia.com
- > When I'm *usually* available:
 - Off/on for simple things during work. (M-F 8am-5pm PST)
 - Sunday various afternoon/evening times.

Emergency contact: 402-980-3192

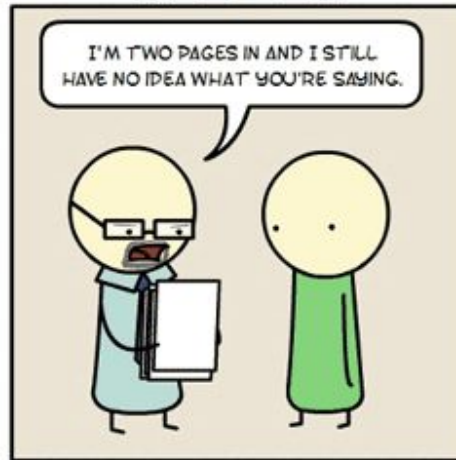


Review

PYTHON



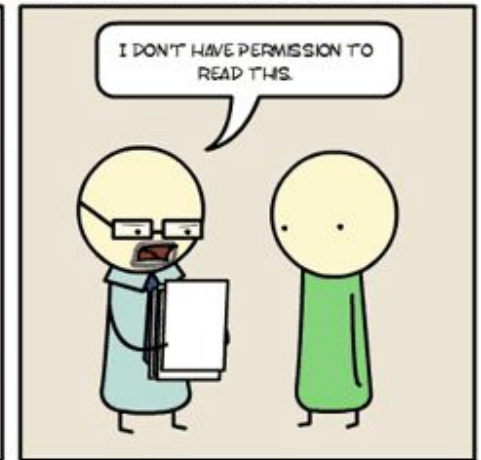
JAVA



C++



UNIX SHELL



ASSEMBLY



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LATEX



HTML



Languages for data science

- > Skills every data scientist should have
- > SQL is the 'Lingua Franca' of data access
- > R – widely used for visualization, statistical analysis, and machine learning
 - We use R in this course
- > Python 3 – widely used for visualization, machine learning, and big data APIs (e.g. Spark)
 - Example for visualization: <https://github.com/Quantia-Analytics/DyDataSF2016Visualization>



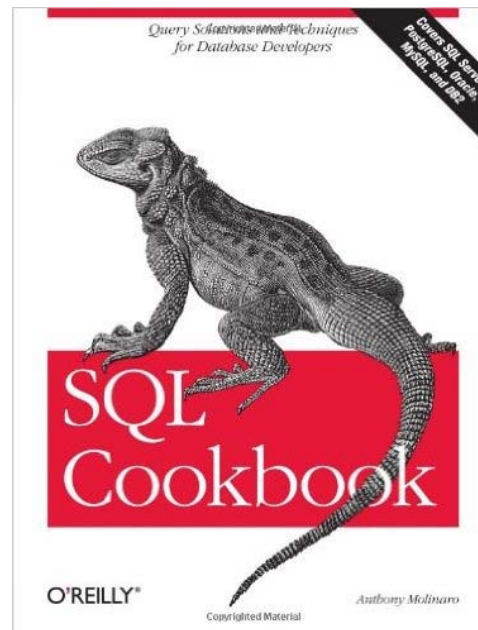
SQL Resources

SQL Tutorial and Resources

<http://www.w3schools.com/sql/>

Querying with Transact SQL Course, Graeme Malcom

<https://www.edx.org/course/querying-transact-sql-microsoft-dat201x-3>



Prepare for R Demos

> Install R

<https://cran.r-project.org/>

-or-

<https://mran.revolutionanalytics.com/download/>

> Install RStudio

<https://www.rstudio.com/products/rstudio/download/>



GitHub

- > Code, data and slides for this course are in a GitHub repository

<https://github.com/StephenElston/DataScience350>

- > Install GitHub for desk top

<https://help.github.com/desktop/guides/getting-started/installing-github-desktop/>

- Or, just download the zip files



R Review

> R resources:

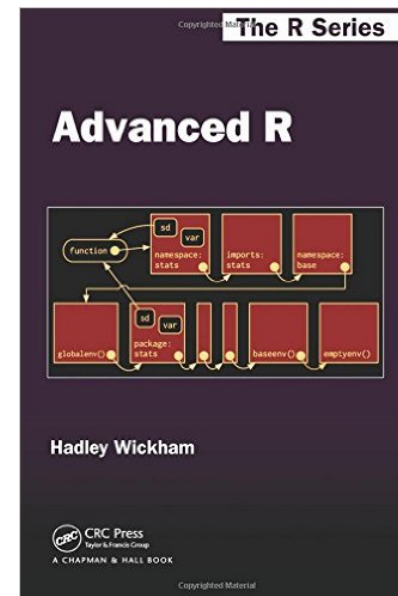
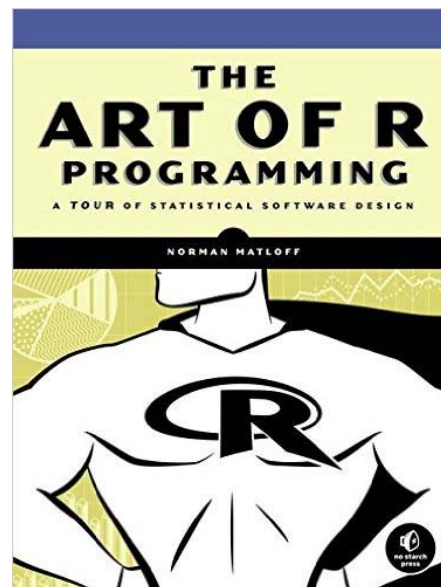
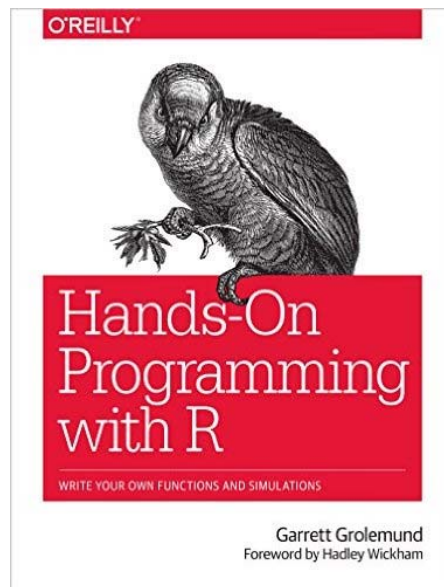
- R page:
 - > <http://www.r-project.org/other-docs.html>
- Stackoverflow:
 - > <http://www.stackoverflow.com>
- 'Little' R intro:
 - > <http://cran.r-project.org/doc/contrib/Rossiter-RIntro-ITC.pdf>
- Quick R:
 - > <http://statmethods.net/>
- There are many tutorials available online, e.g.,
 - > <http://cyclismo.org/tutorial/R/>
- Google's Style Guide:
 - > <http://google-styleguide.googlecode.com/svn/trunk/google-r-style.html>



More R Resources

R Inferno, Pat Burns

http://www.burns-stat.com/pages/Tutor/R_inferno.pdf



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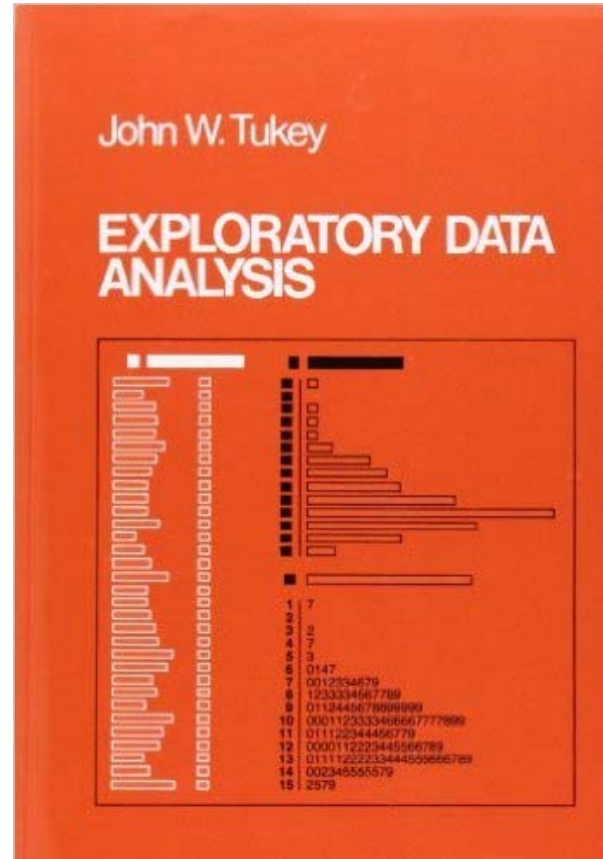
Exploratory data analysis

- > Iterative exploration of the data with visualization
- > Understand the relationships in the data
- > Use multiple views of data
- > Aesthetics to project multiple dimensions
- > Conditioning to project multiple dimensions



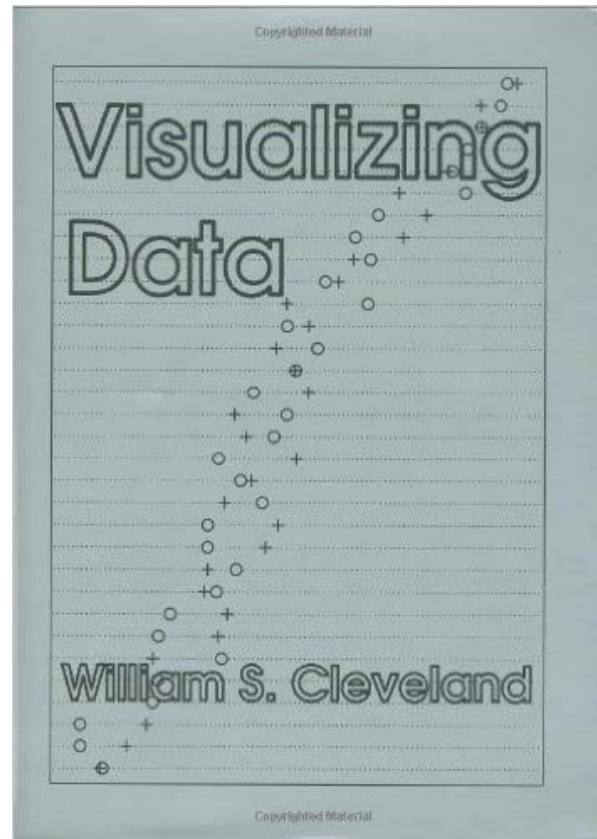
Seminal Book

John Tukey, Exploratory Data Analysis, 1977, Addison-Westley



Seminal Book

Visualizing Data, William S. Cleveland, Hobart Press 1993

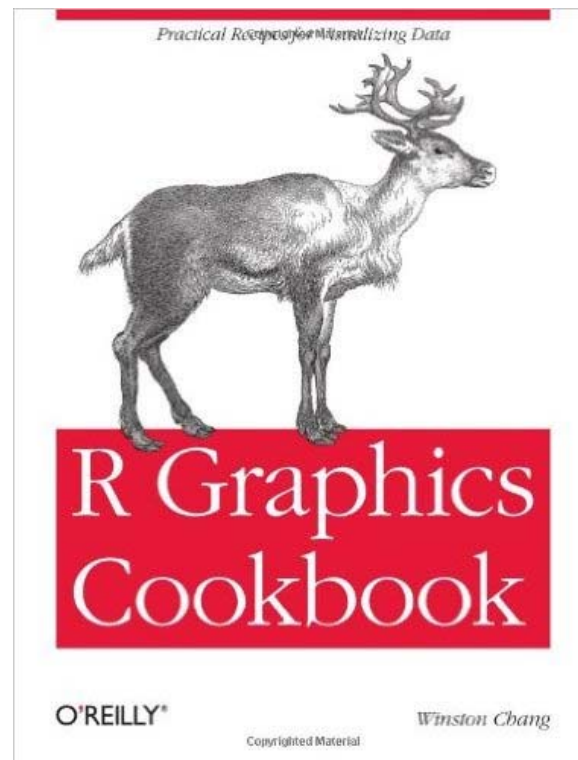


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ggplot2 resources

ggplot2 cheat sheet

<https://www.rstudio.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/ggplot2-cheatsheet.pdf>



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R Demo



Data Visualization

