

SDS Base Camp

History, Pandas Preview & Data Ethics

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Overview for Today

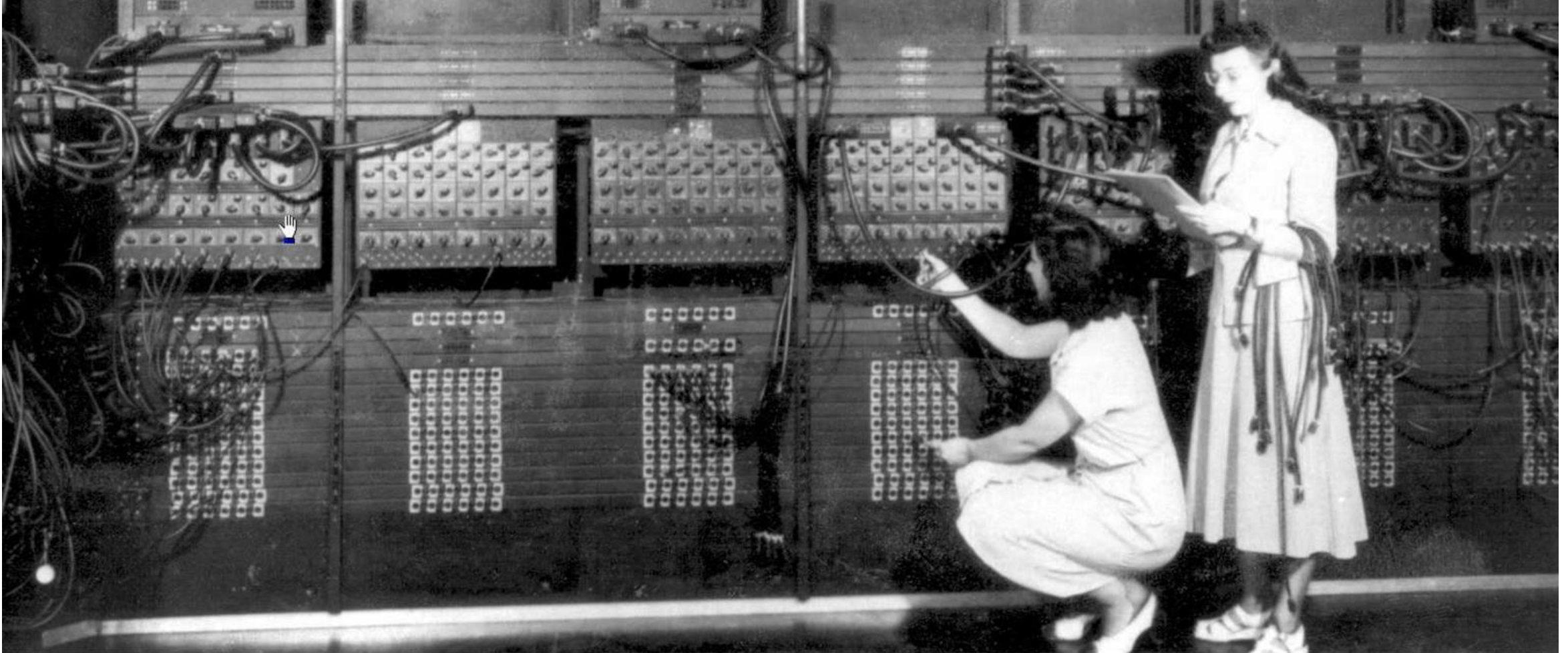
- A brief history of programming languages
- Introducing pandas and the SODAS DataFrame
- Introduction to ethics in Social Data Science

A Very Brief History of Programming Languages

Contextualizing programming

- For our methods
- For why programming languages work in certain ways
 - Products of historical and social circumstances
- For where you fit within networks of people (programmers, data scientists, etc.) and things (programming language communities, etc.)
- To help you learn programming in productive & reflexive ways

ENIAC - wiring a program



<http://www.columbia.edu/cu/computinghistory/eniac.html>

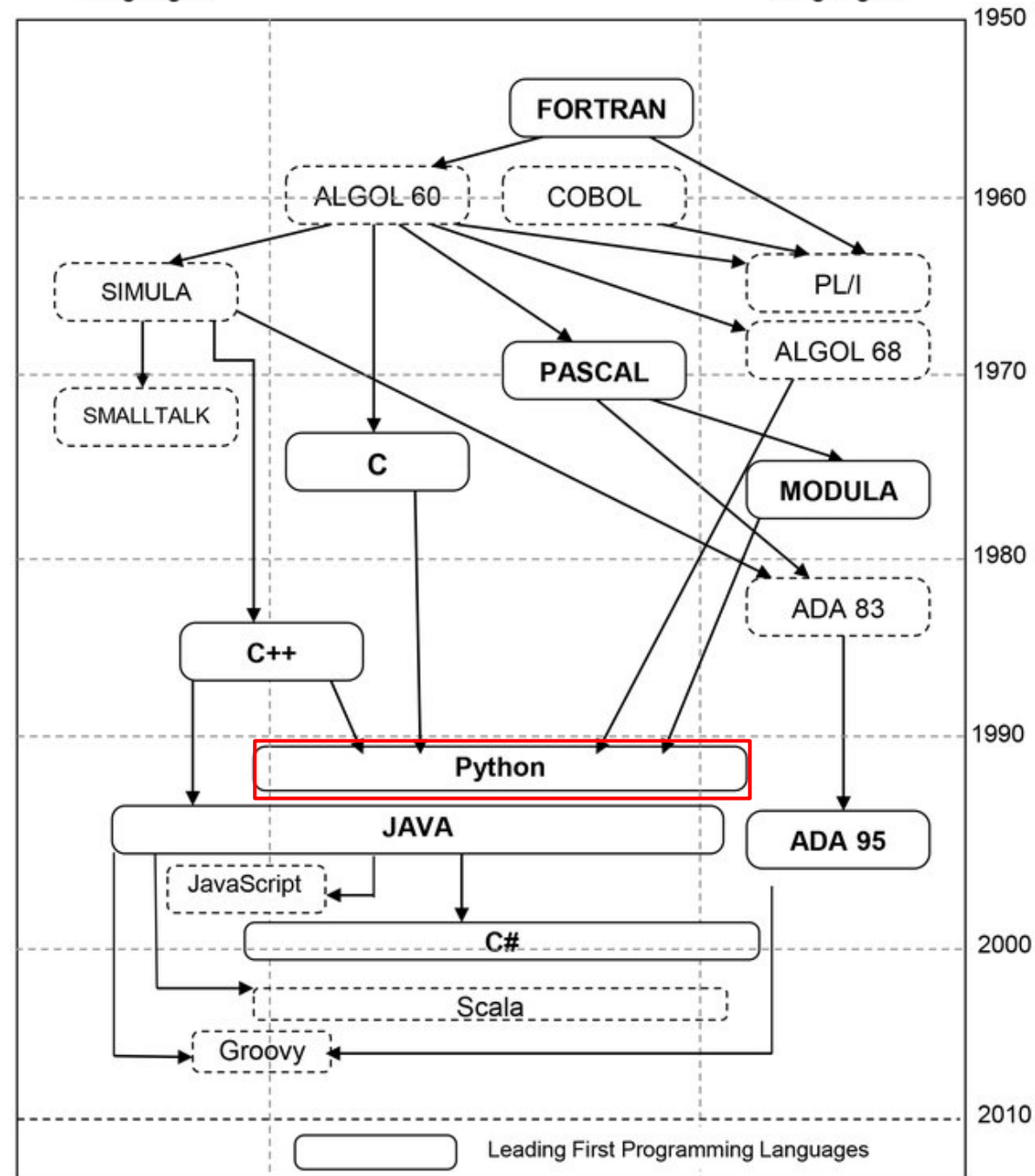
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What is a programming language?

- A computer operates using binary code (i.e. machine language)
 - Sequences of 1s and 0s that have (are given) specific meanings
- Programming language: a language designed to help humans program computers
 - To make programming easier & more readable for people
 - Must still be translatable into machine language

Python: Hello World!

- `print("Hello World!")`
 - (Relatively) easily readable
 - Based on prior languages, e.g. Fortran, C



Assembly

- Used starting in the 1940s

```
bdos    equ    0005H    ; BDOS entry point
start:  mvi     c,9      ; BDOS function: output string
        lxi     d,msg$   ; address of msg
        call    bdos
        ret          ; return to CCP

msg$:   db      'Hello, world!$'
end     start
```

FORTRAN

- Language for mathematical and scientific computing
- Other functions (i.e. working with text data) more difficult

```
1  PROGRAM Hello
2  WRITE (*,*) 'Hello, World!'
3  END PROGRAM Hello
```

Languages over time

- Programming languages as historical, material, social, and culturally constructs
- Influenced by:
 - Hardware
 - Companies
 - Goals for the language
 - Previous languages
 - Users

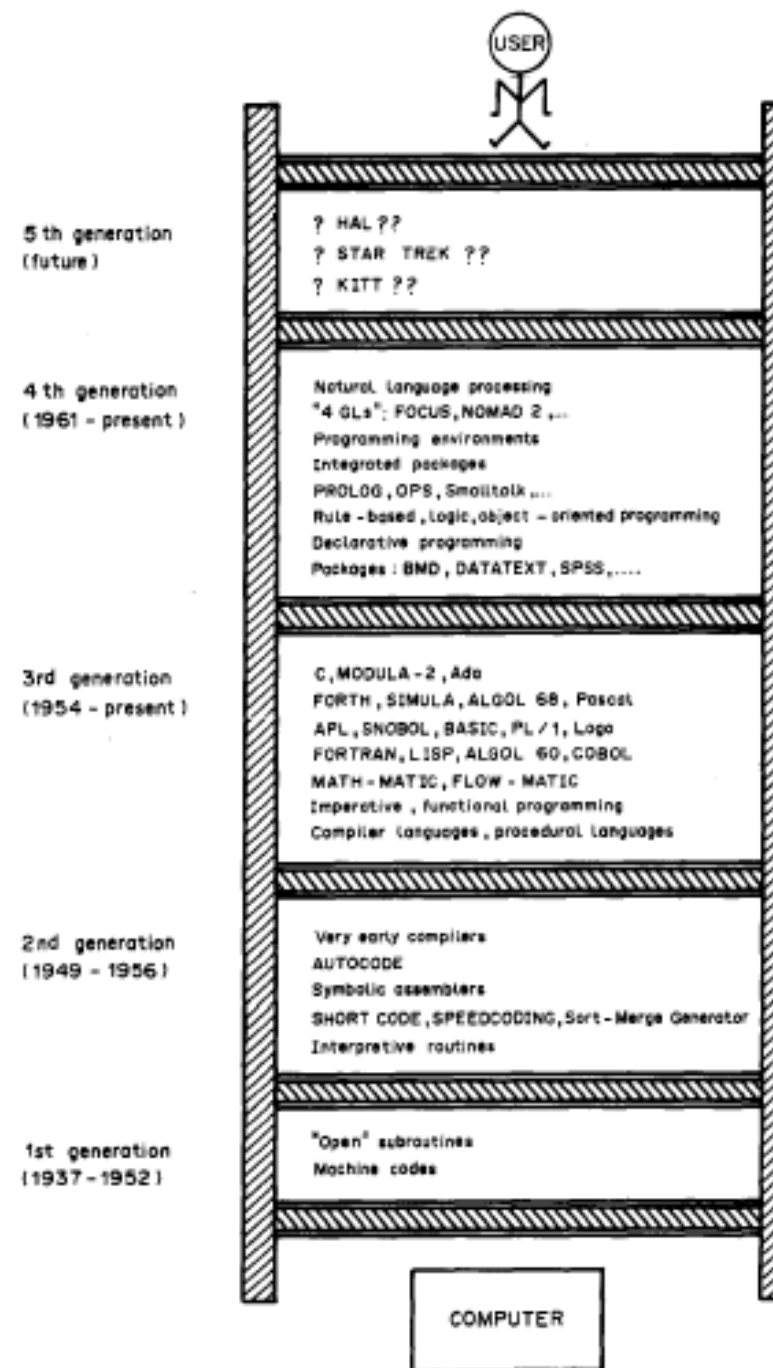


Fig. 1. The software ladder.

(Friedman 1992)

Chef (Programming Language)

Hello World Souffle.

This recipe prints the immortal words "Hello world!", in a basically brute force way. It also makes a lot of food for one person.

Ingredients.

72 g haricot beans

101 eggs

108 g lard

111 cups oil

32 zucchinis

119 ml water

114 g red salmon

100 g dijon mustard

33 potatoes

Method.

Put potatoes into the mixing bowl. Put dijon mustard into the mixing bowl. Put lard into the mixing bowl. Put red salmon into the mixing bowl. Put oil into the mixing bowl. Put water into the mixing bowl. Put zucchinis into the mixing bowl. Put oil into the mixing bowl. Put lard into the mixing bowl. Put lard into the mixing bowl. Put eggs into the mixing bowl. Put haricot beans into the mixing bowl. Liquefy contents of the mixing bowl. Pour contents of the mixing bowl into the baking dish.

Serves 1.

Pandas

Based on Slides from Friedolin Merhout

What is Pandas?

- Module to facilitate work with tabular data
- Geared toward data manipulation and data analysis
- Introduces objects familiar to quantitative social scientist



Pandas History

- Started by Wes McKinney while working at AQR Capital Management in 2008
 - Created to conduct quantitative analyses on *financial data*
- Turned into Open Source project
 - McKinney is the "Benevolent Dictator for Life"

Why Pandas First?

- Preview of where we are going
- Relatable format coming from statistical programming
- Motivating learning of basics

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Getting Data I – Downloading

- Base Camp dataset
 - Sources: SODAS website, Twitter, Google Scholar
 - Combines downloading, scraping, and API techniques
- Content:
 - Information on SODAS affiliated individuals, including roles, names, publications, and social media accounts

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- Open data
 - Social science research data:
 - ICPSR: <https://www.icpsr.umich.edu/icpsrweb/ICPSR/>
 - GESIS database: <https://search.gesis.org>
 - Dataverse, e.g. <https://dataverse.harvard.edu/>
 - Google Data Search: <https://datasetsearch.research.google.com/>
 - Data Is Plural: <https://tinyurl.com/ydfgkq8u>
 - Official statistics:
 - Eurostat: <https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat>
 - Statistics Denmark: <https://www.dst.dk/en/Statistik/statistikbanken>
 - Communal and regional data: <https://www.opendata.dk/>
 - Competition datasets: <https://kaggle.com/datasets>

CSV

- “Comma Separated Values”
- Tabular data in text form

Data formatting

- Gist:
 - Varying nature and application of data leads to wide variation in representation and storage formats
- Three main types of formats
 - **Tabular (CSV, XLSX)**
 - Structure: rows and columns
 - Common terminology: rows/observations/cases, columns/vectors/variables

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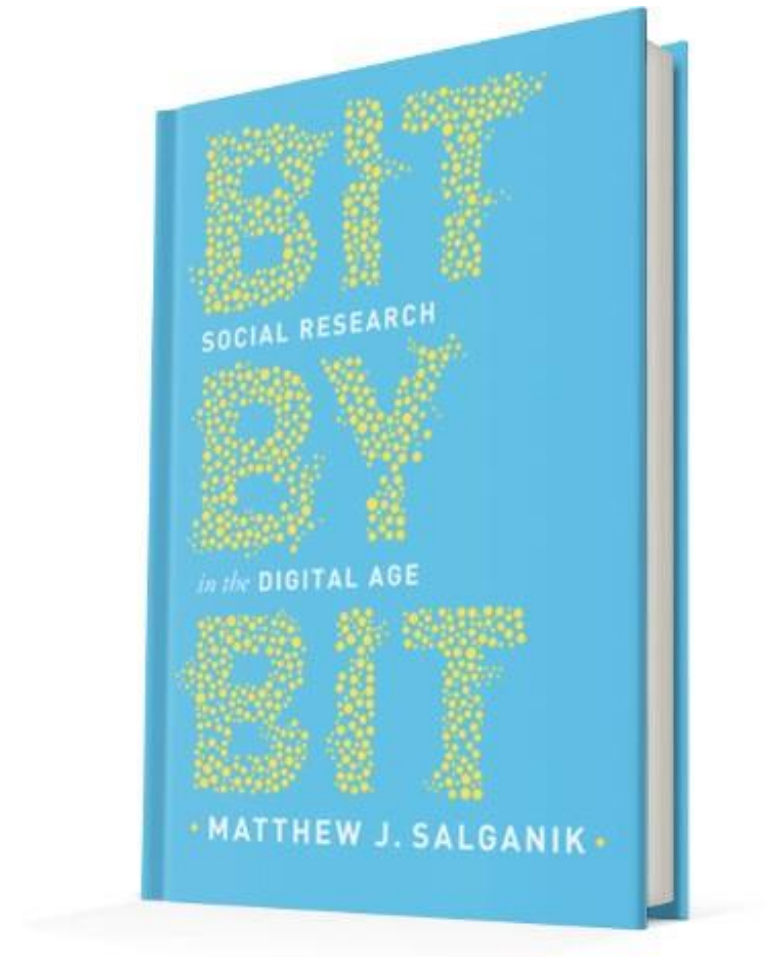


Ethics

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Ethics

- Further discussion in ESDS and Data Governance (Block 3)
- Fundamental part of doing Social Data Science
- See also Salganik lecture on Ethics at the Summer Institute in Computational Social Science:
<https://youtu.be/A-5QaX5ZiK8>



Ethics

- Three approaches
 - Rules-based approach
 - Ad hoc approach
 - Principles-based approach



Ethics

- Prominent examples
 - Emotional contagion
 - Tastes, Ties, and Time
 - Encore



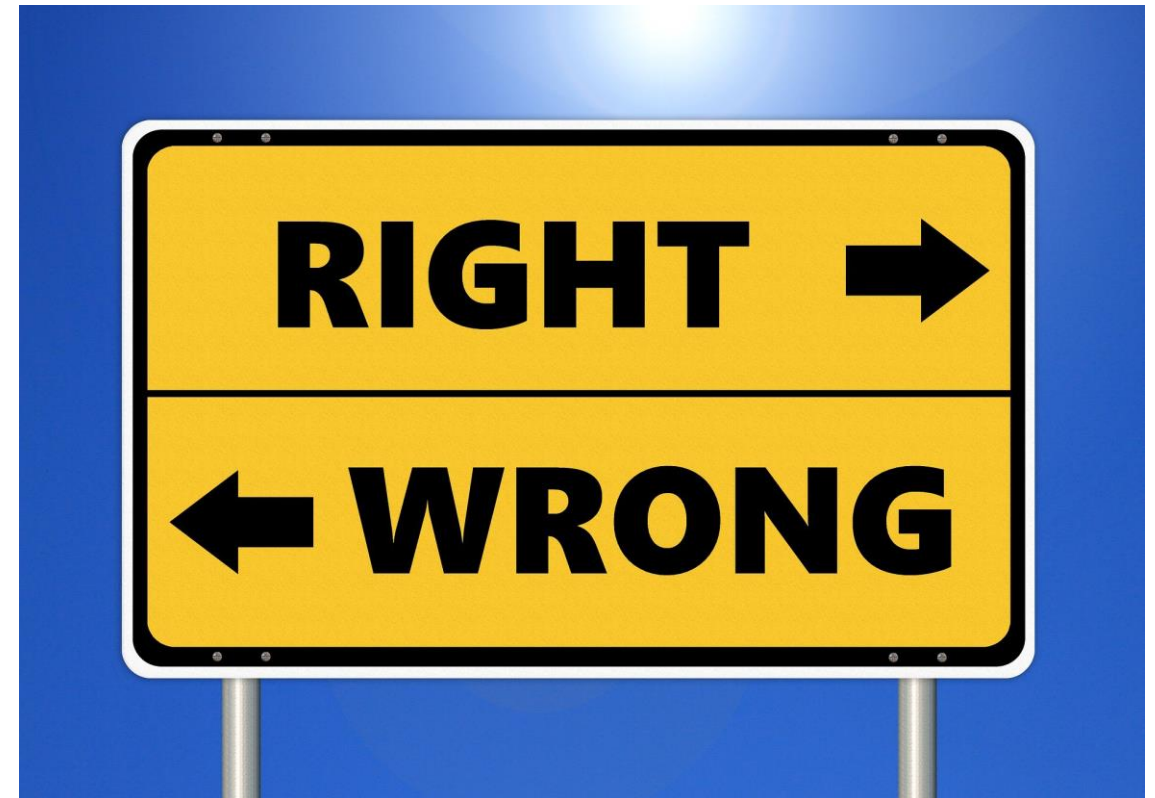
Ethics

- Ethics Exercise A
 - Consider the Base Camp dataset constructed from SODAS, Twitter, and Google Scholar data
 - Which example is this most related to and how?
 - Emotional Contagion
 - Taste, Ties, and Time
 - Encore
 - Do you foresee specific ethical concerns? If so, what are they?
 - Think-Pair-Share



Ethics

- Principles
 - Respect for persons
 - Beneficence
 - Justice
 - Respect for Law and Public Interest



Ethics

- Ethics Exercise B
 - Returning to the Base Camp dataset constructed from SODAS, Twitter, and Google Scholar data
 - Consider the four principles. How would you weigh and, if appropriate, address each of them in this case?
 - Respect for persons
 - Benefice
 - Justice
 - Respect for Law and Public Interest
 - Think-pair-share



Exercise Preview

- Get to know the SODAS data
- Explore data sources and gain first familiarity with pandas
- More data ethics
- Daily reflections
- And more...

Groups Update

- A few shuffles in groups/classes (updated pdf on Absalon)
- If you have new group members, please welcome them!