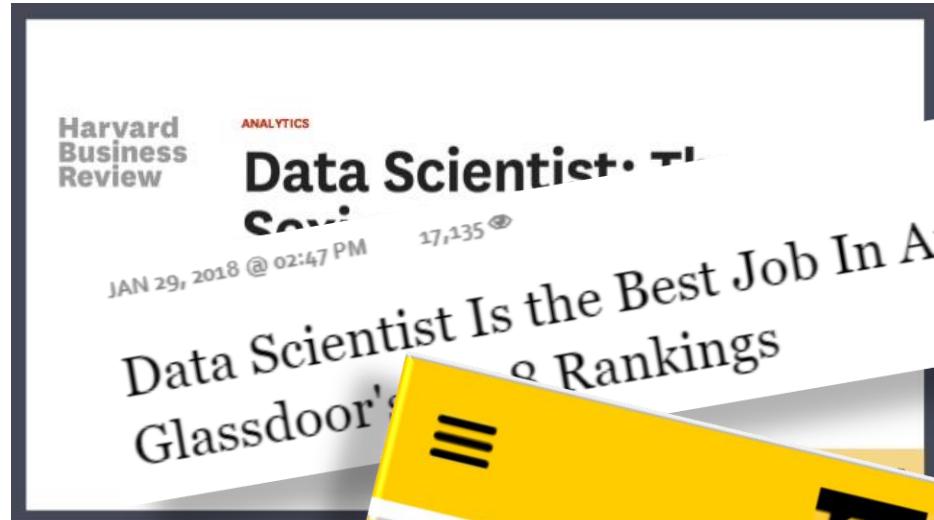


Worth learning data science



GLASSDOOR'S BEST JOBS IN AMERICA 2017

1. Data Scientist

5. Analytics Manager

6. HR Manager

7. Database Administrator

8. Project Manager

9. Designer

10. Solutions Architect

SOURCE: GLASSDOOR 50 BEST JOBS IN AMERICA

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50 Best Jobs in America for 2019

Best Jobs

2019

United States

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Job Title	Median Base Salary	Job Satisfaction	Job Openings	
#1 Data Scientist	\$108,000	4.3/5	6,510	View Jobs
#2 Nursing Manager	\$83,000	4/5	13,931	View Jobs
#3 Marketing Manager	\$82,000	4.2/5	7,395	View Jobs
#4 Occupational Therapist	\$74,000	4/5	17,701	View Jobs
#5 Product Manager	\$115,000	3.8/5	11,884	View Jobs
#6 Devops Engineer	\$106,000	4.1/5	4,657	View Jobs
#7 Program Manager	\$87,000	3.9/5	14,753	View Jobs
#8 Data Engineer	\$100,000	3.9/5	4,739	View Jobs
#9 HR Manager	\$85,000	4.2/5	3,908	View Jobs
#10 Software Engineer	\$104,000	3.6/5	49,007	View Jobs

- 1. Data Scientist**
 2. Site Reliability Engineer
 3. Enterprise Account Executive
 4. Product Designer
 5. Product Owner
 6. Customer Success Manager
 7. Engagement Manager
 8. Solutions Architect
 9. Information Technology Lead
 10. Scrum Master
- 2019's Most Promising Jobs in the U.S.
1. [Data Scientist](#)
- Median Base Salary: \$130,000
- Job Openings (YoY Growth): 4,000+ (56%)
- Career Advancement Score (out of 10): 9
- Top Skills: Data Science, Data Mining, Data Analysis, Python, Machine Learning
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Basic course information

- Data Science = Data Science 1 + Data Science 2 (for historical reasons)
- Credits: 2 + 2
- Contact hours: TU 16-18 + FR 16-18
- Instructor: Roland Molontay
 - 2015: MSc in Applied Mathematics (BME)
 - 2015 - 18: PhD studies in Network Theory (BME)
 - 2016: visiting PhD student at Brown University
 - 2018 - : junior research fellow at MTA-BME Stochastics Research Group
- E-mail: molontayr@gmail.com, data.science.spring.2020@gmail.com
- Teaching assistants/graders: Nóra Balogh, Nőra Stumphauser, Marcell Nagy



Syllabus



Some keywords: data types, data preparation, explanatory data analysis, supervised learning, classification, regression, model evaluation, clustering, recommender system, data visualization, case studies



Form of teaching: mostly lectures (with presentation), problem-solving session, computer-assisted problem solving (mostly in form of homework problems)



Course material: presented lecture slides (with oral explanation) + problem sheets + iPython notebooks



Plenty of useful materials are available online

Aim of the course

- Provide a broad overview of the field
- Learn about theory and use the methods in exciting real life datasets
- Excel in your interview for a junior data scientist position
 - Both in oral interview and take-home assignments

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DATA SCIENCE MACHINE LEARNING PROGRAMMING VISUALIZATION AI PICKS MORE | CONTRIBUTE

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Recommended literature

- Tan, Pang-Ning, Michael Steinbach, and Vipin Kumar. *Introduction to data mining*. 2005.
- James, Gareth, et al. *An introduction to statistical learning*. Vol. 112. New York: Springer, 2013.
- Leskovec, Jure, Anand Rajaraman, and Jeffrey David Ullman. *Mining of massive datasets*. Cambridge University Press, 2014.
- Sammut, Claude, and Geoffrey I. Webb, eds. *Encyclopedia of machine learning and data mining*. Springer, 2016.

The books are uploaded in moodle in pdf form!

Requirements

- Attendance: there will be sign-up sheets every time
- MIDTERM (25%)
 - On Week 7
 - You can use your own „cheat sheets”/ formula sheets / notes
- FINAL (25%)
 - On Week 13
 - You can use your own „cheat sheets”/ formula sheets /notes
- HOMEWORK problems (25%)
 - There will be 4 HW sheets (in every two weeks)
 - Mostly programming problems
- PROJECTS in teams (25%)
 - In teams of 3 (2-4) students



Homework policy

- The homework must be your own work.
 - You can look up books / search for help online
 - If you use longer code snippets from online sources you must refer to the source
 - You are encouraged to help each other if one of you gets stuck, share some ideas with each other
 - You must not send your entire homework to your peers
 - Copying is forbidden but giving assistance is encouraged



Midterm / Final

- On week 7 / on week 13
- 90 minutes each
- 25% each
- Theoretical questions and numerical examples
- You can use your own „cheat sheets”/ formula sheets
 - As many hand-written notes as you wish



Projects

- A data science project in teams
 - Team: 3 (2-4) students
 - All the team members will get the same grade point
 - It is recommended to use a version control tool to share your codes with each other, e.g. <https://github.com/>
 - A teaching assistant will be assigned for each team to help you/ provide guidance.
- Choose a problem that all the team members are interested in
- Schedule
 - W4: forming teams
 - W6: project plan is ready
 - W8: milestone 1
 - W12: milestone 2
 - W14: classroom presentation

Expectations

- Delivering a sophisticated enough data science project
- Studying related work (related papers, projects)
 - Understand what others have done, attempt to not only reproduce the results but improve them in some aspects
- Implementing techniques that we have covered in class
- Try more models, evaluate them, find the best models
- Nice and shiny data visualization
- Optional but appreciated: using models/techniques that we have not covered in class

Deliverables

- W4: Team name + list of team members
- W6: **Project plan**
 - One page long report answering the following questions:
 - What is the vision? Why is the problem interesting?
 - What is the purpose of the project? What results do you expect?
 - What data do you plan to use? How do you plan to gather the data?
 - Are the data big enough and of suitable quality?
 - What data preparation steps do you plan to take?
 - What methodology, what models do you plan to use?
 - How would you visualize the results?

Deliverables II.

- **W8: Milestone 1**
 - Two page long report covering the followings:
 - Have you managed to gather the data? Do you have enough data of appropriate quality?
 - Did you collect the relevant related works? What useful information could you discover?
 - Initial data analysis steps
 - What next steps do you plan to take?
- **W12: Milestone 2**
 - Three page long report covering the followings:
 - Reviewing the related works
 - Data understanding and data preparation steps
 - More data analysis steps, implementing some models and evaluating them

Final deliverable: classroom presentation

- W14: oral presentation should include
 - Description of the problem, motivation
 - Some review of related works
 - Description of the data set
 - Data preparation steps
 - Modeling steps (what models, parameters of the models)
 - Evaluation of the models
 - Sophisticated visualization
 - Interpreting the results, conclusion



Final deliverable II.: codes

- W14: well-written codes (preferably an Ipython notebook)
 - Comments are necessary



Possible data sources

- Own measurements, independent data collection
(e.g. using web scraping techniques)
- Using data repositories:
 - <https://www.kaggle.com/competitions>
 - <https://www.kaggle.com/datasets>
 - <https://archive.ics.uci.edu/ml/index.php>
 - <http://www.kdnuggets.com/datasets/index.html>
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_datasets_for_machine_learning_research
 - <https://www.google.com/publicdata/directory>

kaggle



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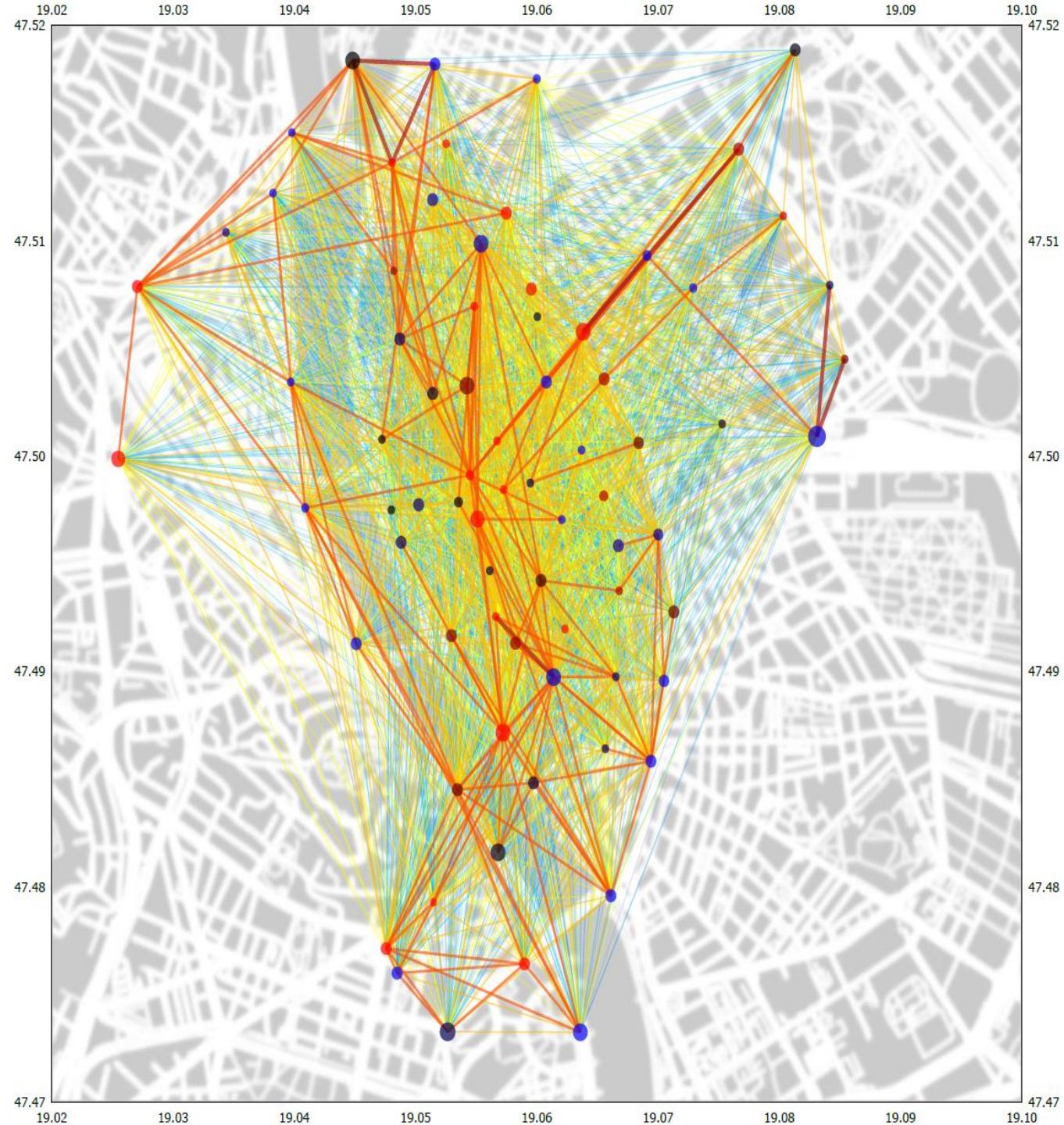
IMPORTANT: USE DATA THAT YOU ARE INTERESTED IN!

Bike sharing system

- Busiest Route Prediction
- Docking Station Demand Prediction
- Several interesting projects:
<https://dms.sztaki.hu/bubi/>

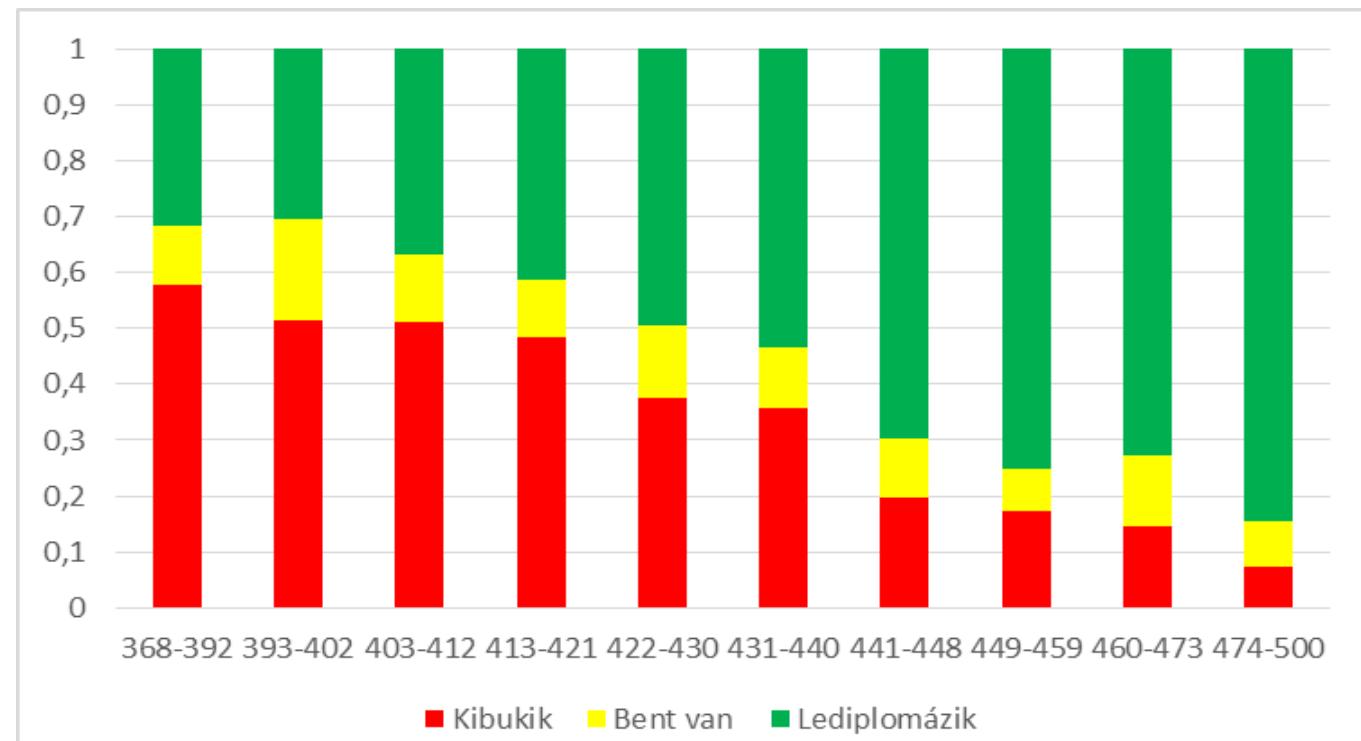


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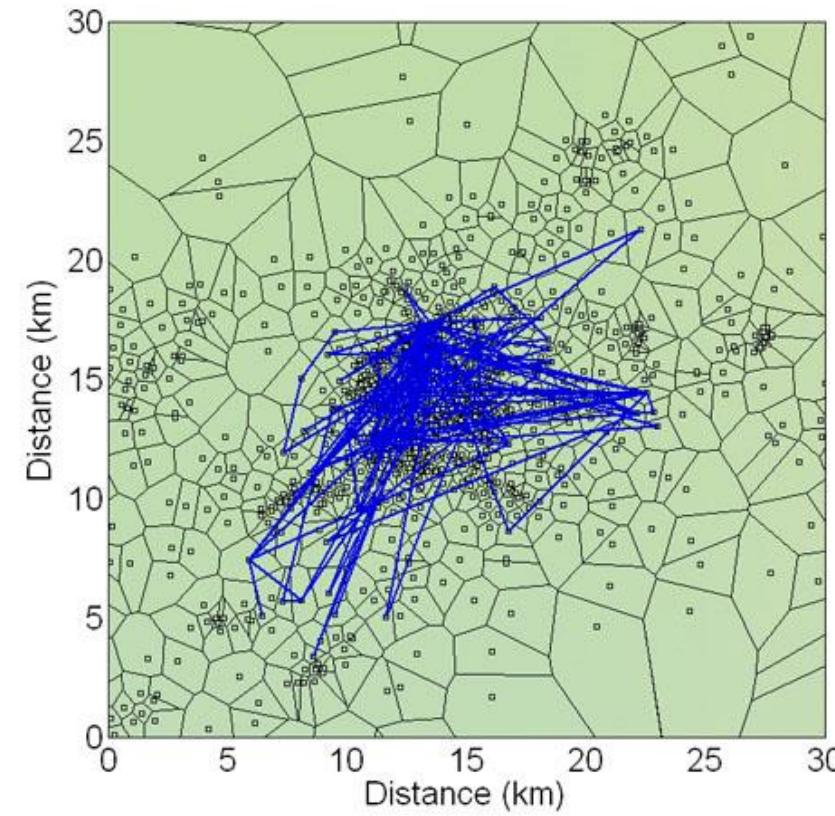
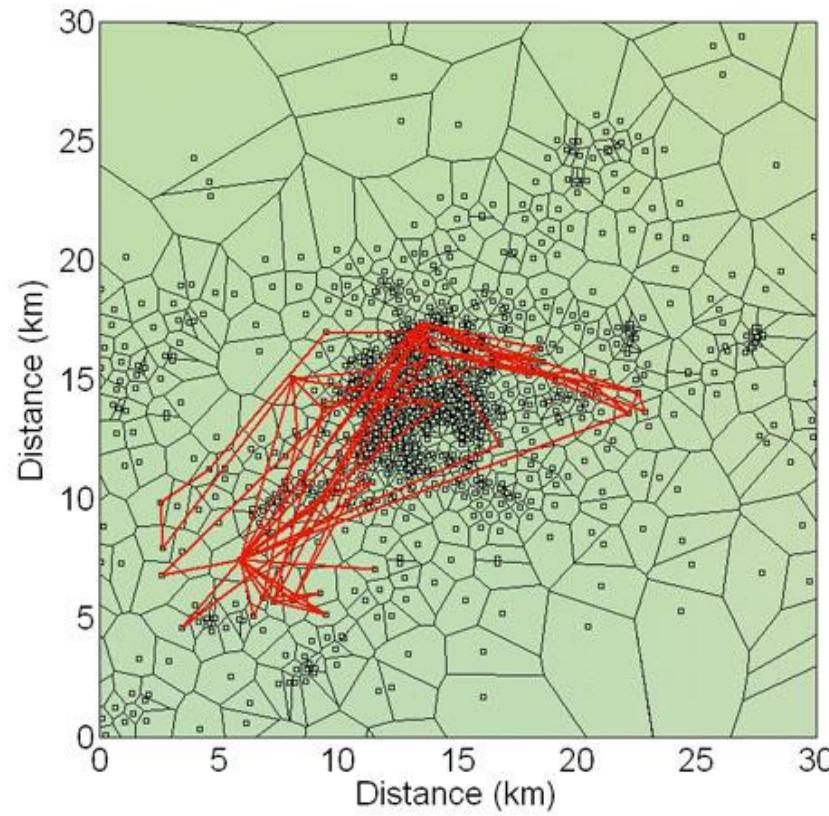
Predictive analytics of university performance

Math multiplicative	132.0
History multiplicative	82.0
Foreign language multiplicative	95.0
Program ID	9N-AM06 ▾
APS calculating method	SP+MP+EP ▾
Financial status	Scholarship ▾
Freshman or Re-enrolled	Freshman ▾
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Marcell Nagy, Zoltán Barabás

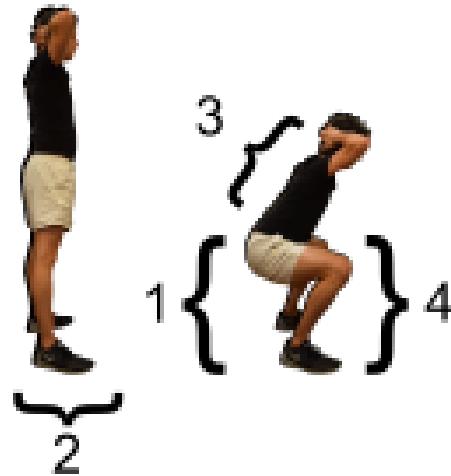
Mobility patterns from cell phone data



Barabási Lab

Automatic personal trainer for squatting

What Makes a Squat?

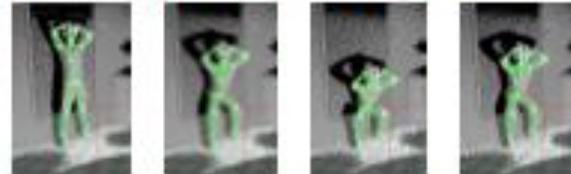


Squat components:

1. Depth: Angle formed between the ankle knee and hip while squatting
2. Stance: distance between feet and center of mass over your ankles
3. Back-Hip Angle: Angle formed between the knees hips and back throughout the squat
4. Knee-Toe Alignment: Location and movement of knees throughout the squat

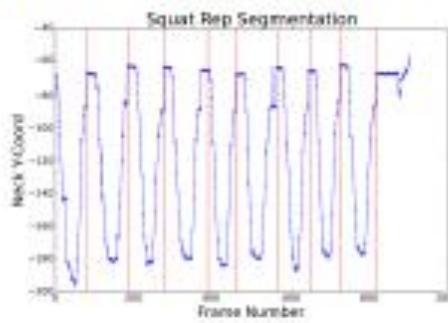
Classification Pipeline

1. Observe data with Kinect (10 reps)

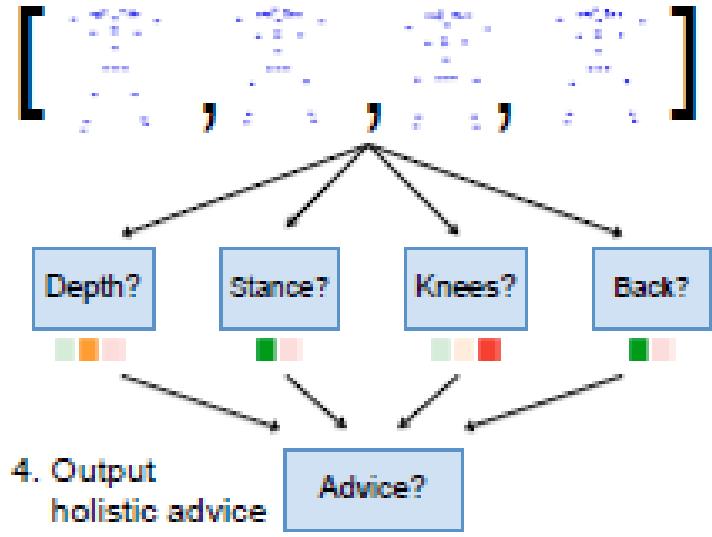


Example squat rep with resolution $t = 4$

2. Segment data into discrete reps



3. Run reps through component classifiers



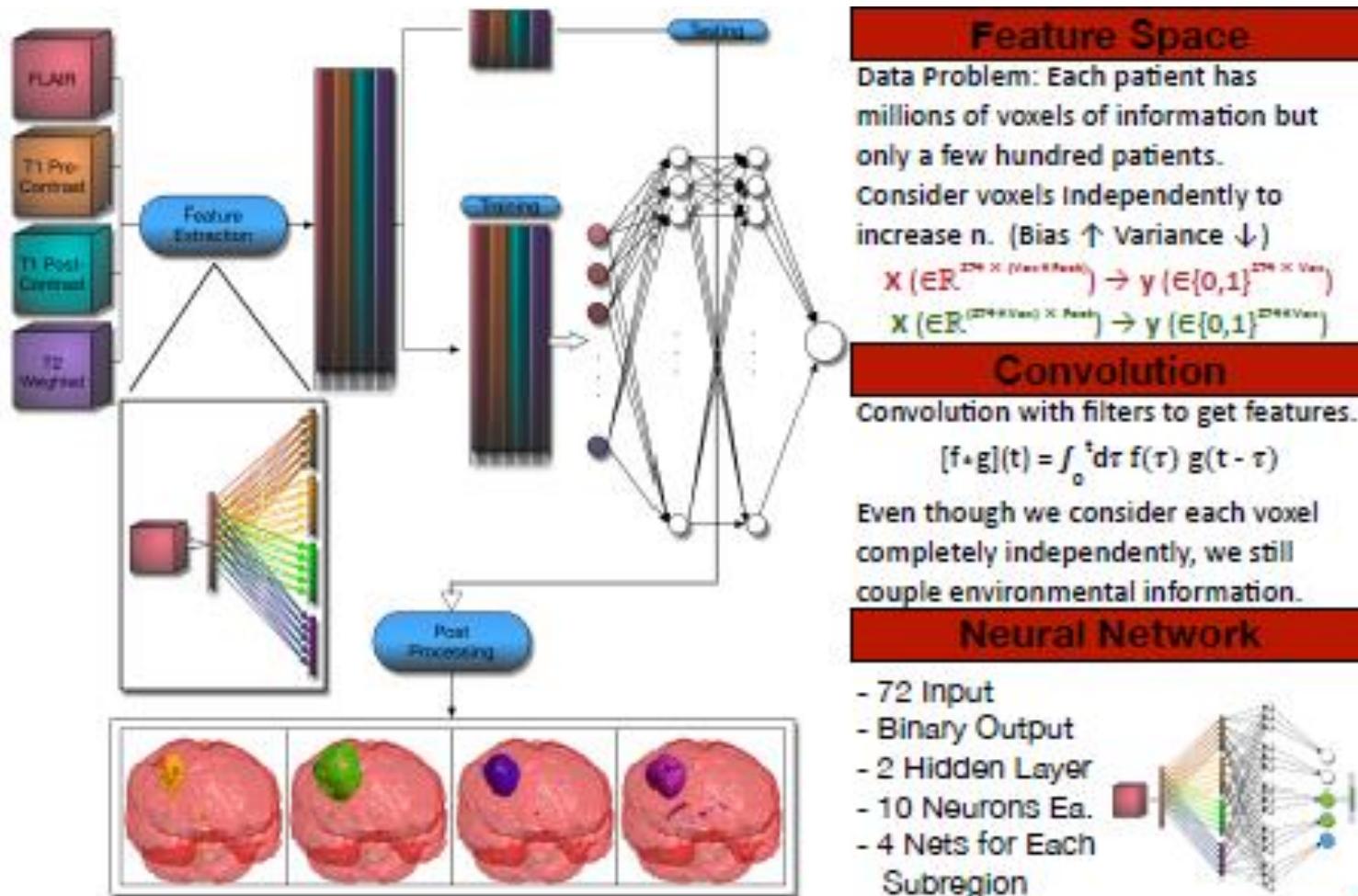
4. Output holistic advice

"You need to get lower on your squats.
Also, keep your knees behind your toes."

Brandon Garcia, Russel Kaplan, Aditya Viswanathan

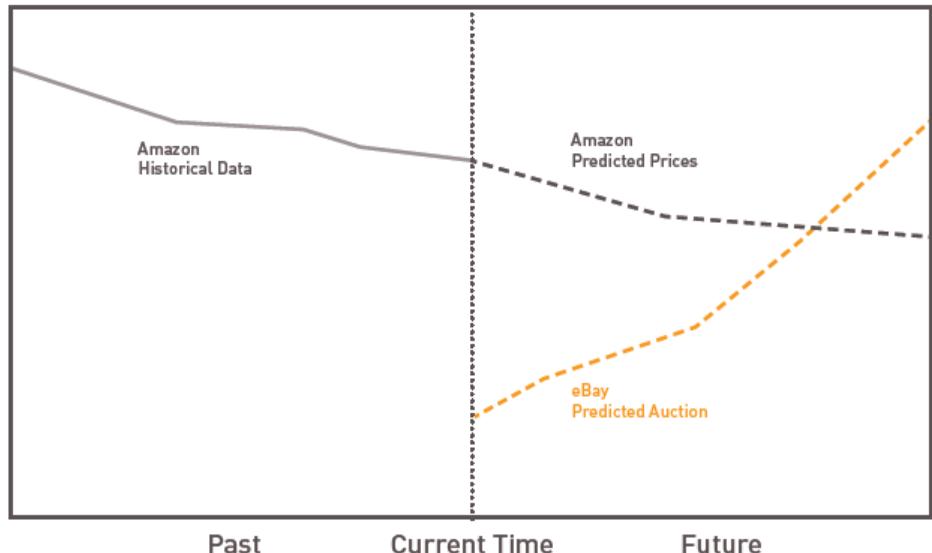
Check out their poster:
http://cs229.stanford.edu/proj2015/183_poster.pdf

Classification of types of brain tumor using MR images

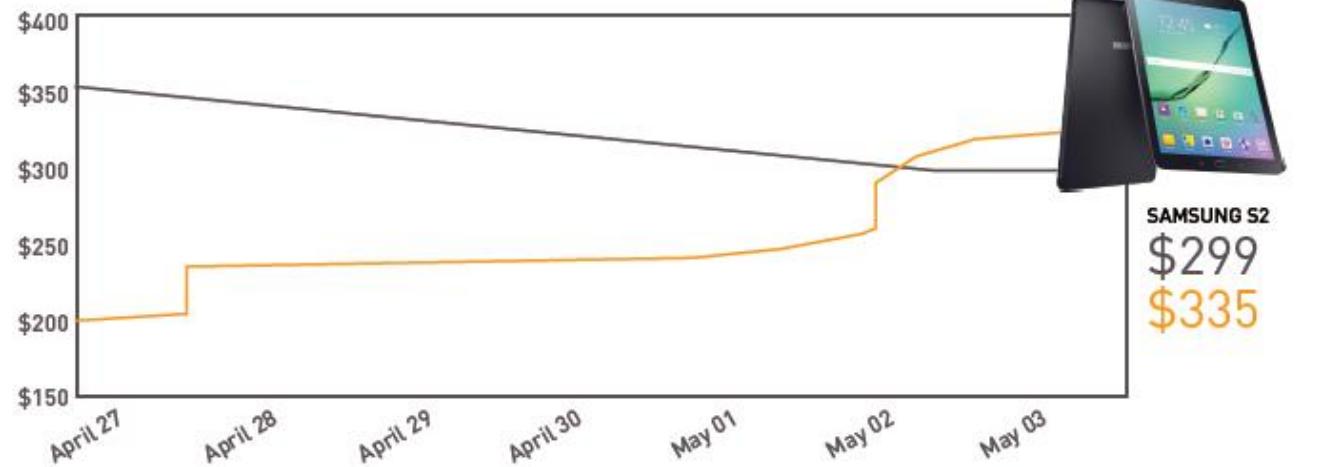


Zhao Chen
Darvin Yi
Tianmin Liu
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their poster:
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Revealing arbitrage possibilities on Amazon and eBay markets



Results



Angelia Wang, Chris Grimm, Adam Hoff,
and Athyuttam Eleti · CSCI1951A



GOPRO HERO SILVER
\$329.99
\$360



LEGO STAR WARS
\$55.99
\$62.9



THE MARTIAN
\$12.99
\$14.99

Some other project ideas

- Finding exoplanets using machine learning techniques
- Predicting the duration of used car advertisements
- Predicting Customer Lifetime Value
- Recognizing the movement of a dog based on sensor data



Grading

- MIDTERM (25%) + FINAL (25%) + HOMEWORK (25%) + PROJECT (25%)
- Cutoffs for letter grades:
 - 90% - A+
 - 85% - A
 - 80% - A-
 - 75% - B+
 - 70% - B
 - 65% - B-
 - 60% - C+
 - 55% - C
 - And so on...



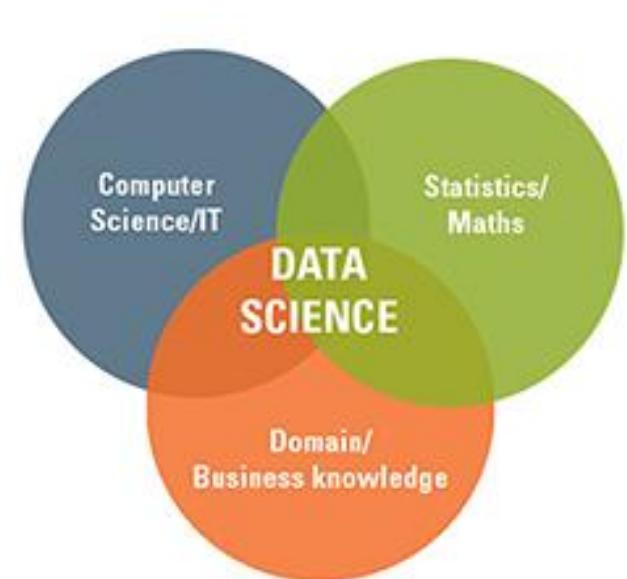
**KEEP
CALM
AND
GET GOOD
GRADES**

Schedule of the semester

	<i>Tuesday class</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday class</i>	<i>Sunday</i>
W1 (02/03)				
W2 (02/10)			HW1 out	
W3 (02/17)				
W4 (02/24)		HW1 deadline	HW2 out	Forming teams
W5 (03/02)				
W6 (03/09)		HW2 deadline	HW3 out	Project plan
W7 (03/16)	MIDTERM			
SPRING BREAK	SPRING BREAK		SPRING BREAK	
W8 (03/30)		HW3 deadline	HW4 out	MILESTONE 1
W9 (04/06)			GOOD FRIDAY	
W10 (04/13)		HW4 deadline		
W11 (04/20)				
W12 (04/27)			LABOR DAY	MILESTONE 2
W13 (05/04)			FINAL	
W14 (05/11)			PROJECT presentations	

What is data science?

- New concept without a canonical definition
- Multidisciplinary nature (mathematics, statistics, computer science, etc.)
- Related concepts: data mining, statistics, machine learning, predictive analytics, big data
- **Purpose: finding novel, non-trivial, useful insights in big data**



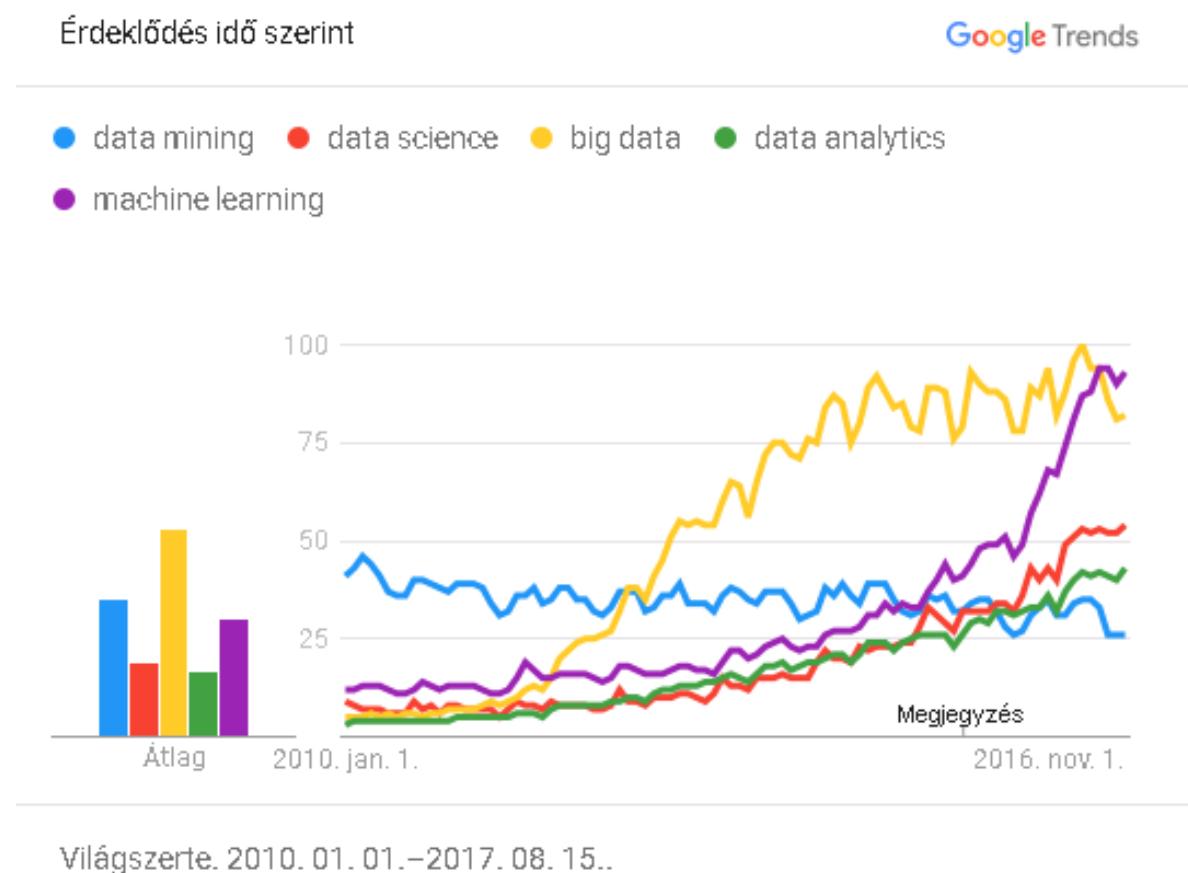
Other definitions

„Data Science is an interdisciplinary field about processes and systems to extract knowledge or insights from data in various forms, either structured or unstructured, which is a continuation of some of the data analysis fields such as statistics, data mining, and predictive analytics.”
Wikipedia

“Data Science refers to an emerging area of work concerned with the collection, preparation, analysis, visualization, management and preservation of large collections of information.”
Jeffrey Stanton, An Introduction to Data Science

Data science and related notions

- Data science
- Data mining
- Data analytics
- Data engineering
- Machine learning
- Statistics
- Knowledge discovery
- Business intelligence
- Predictive analytics
- Big Data



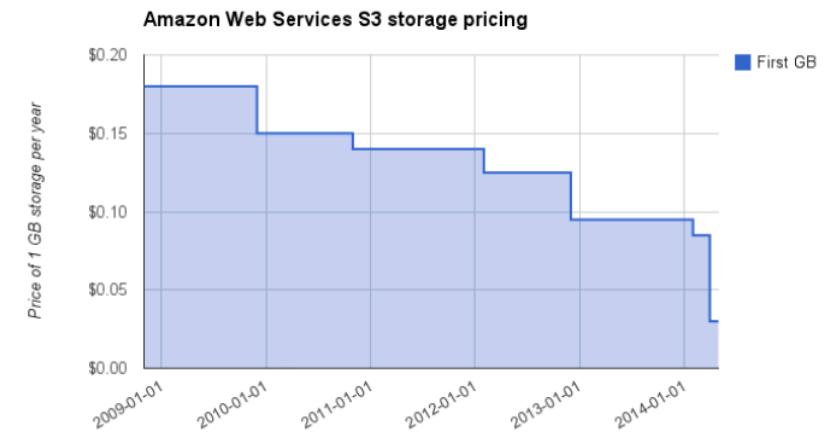
Machine learning

- Purpose: to develop and study algorithms that are able to learn from data and able to make predictions
- Artificial intelligence (AI): the agent is able to make decisions independently (autonomously), it is able to respond to its environment
 - Machine learning: learn the decision from big data



Big data

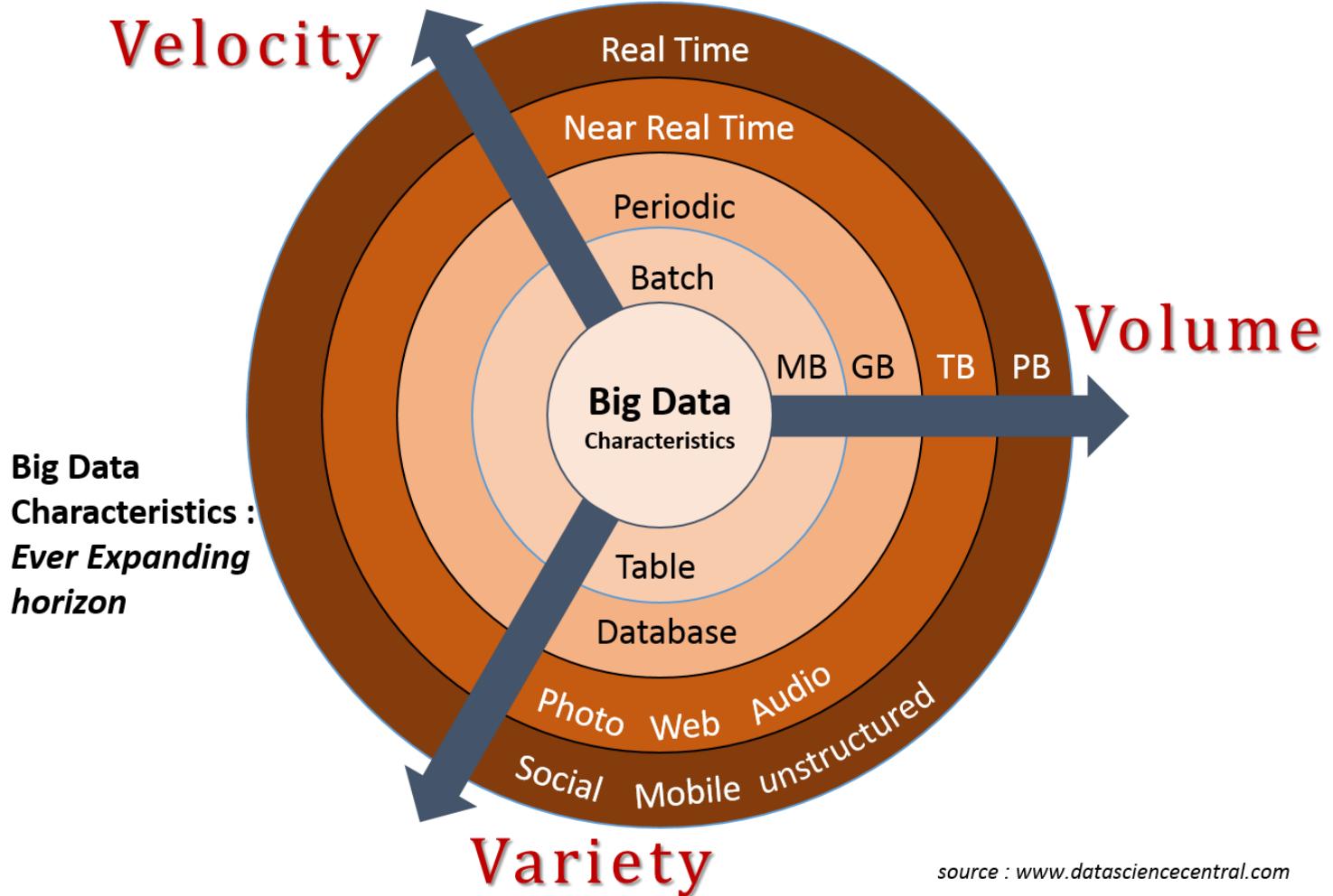
- „Big Data is when the size of the data itself becomes part of the problem”
Mike Loukides, O'Reilly Media
- What size is considered to be „big” data?
 - It depends... When traditional data-processing methods are not able to handle them
- „Between the dawn of civilization and 2003, we only created five exabytes of information; now we're creating that amount every two days.”
Eric Schmidt, Google
- 1 EB = 1 billion GB



Solution: distributed systems, parallelization, Hadoop, MapReduce
→ we probably won't have time to cover that in this course

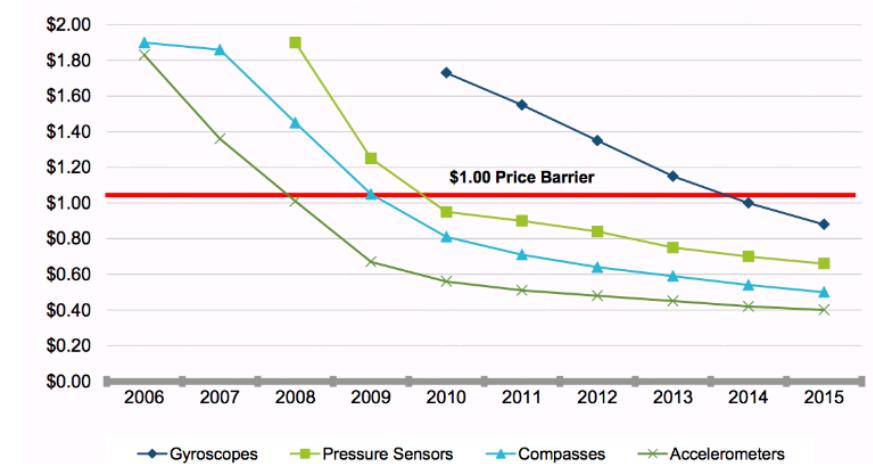
Big data – 3V

- 3Vs model of Doug Laney
- 4th V: Variability
 - Temporal inconsistency with peaks
- 5th V: Veracity
 - The quality of the data is changing, it worsens reliability

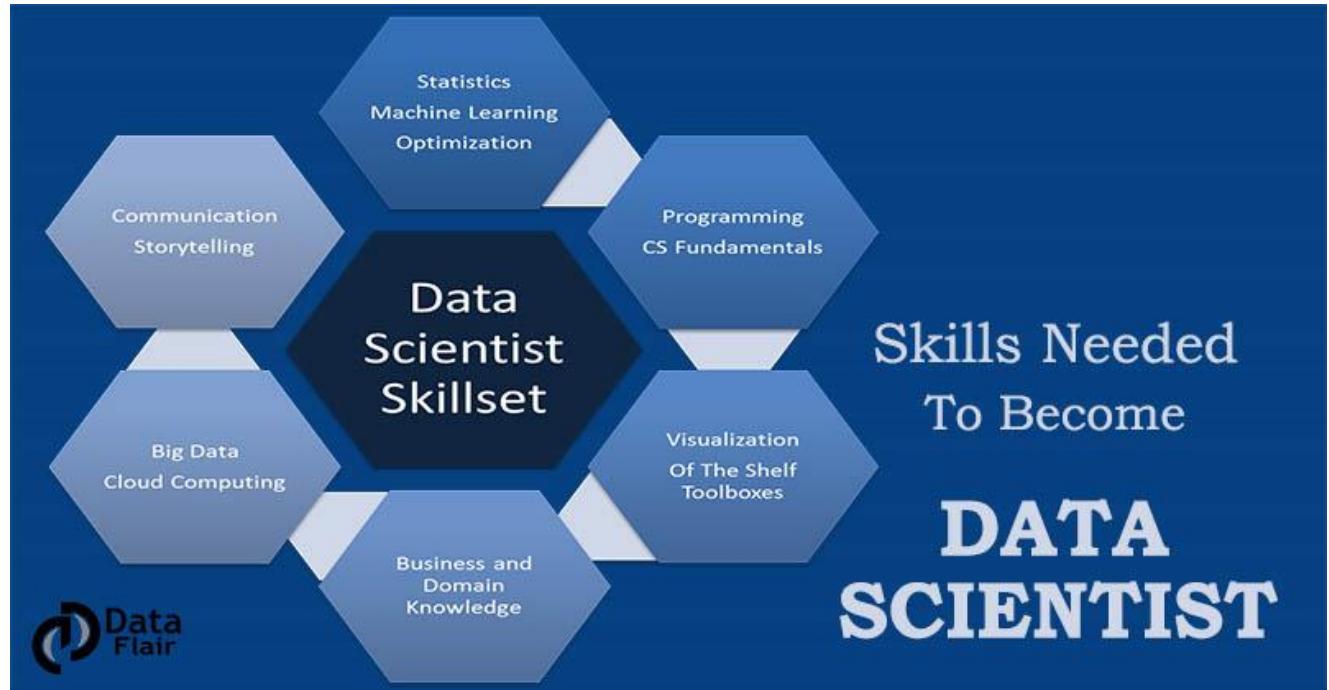


Historical overview

- John Tukey: *The Future of Data Analysis, Annals of Mathematical Statistics*, 1962
 - Before his time, he predicted the emergence of a new scientific discipline about data
- 80s, 90s: storage capacity increases rapidly + prices decrease → data accumulation (data tomb)
 - Even exceeding Moore's law (the number of transistors in a dense integrated circuit doubles about every two years)— a similar observation is true for storage capacity
- „We are drowning in information,
but starving for knowledge”
John Naisbitt, 1982
- New sophisticated methods were needed to retrieve information from large databases → new algorithms
 - Initially heuristics (without proper theory)
 - In the new millennium it receives more research interest → theoretical support
- Nowadays: the price of sensors are decreasing → more data → the challenge is continuous



What does a data scientist know?



MODERN DATA SCIENTIST

Data Scientist, the sexiest job of the 21th century, requires a mixture of multidisciplinary skills ranging from an intersection of mathematics, statistics, computer science, communication and business. Finding a data scientist is hard. Finding people who understand who a data scientist is, is equally hard. So here is a little cheat sheet on who the modern data scientist really is.

MATH & STATISTICS

- ★ Machine learning
- ★ Statistical modeling
- ★ Experiment design
- ★ Bayesian inference
- ★ Supervised learning: decision trees, random forests, logistic regression
- ★ Unsupervised learning: clustering, dimensionality reduction
- ★ Optimization: gradient descent and variants



PROGRAMMING & DATABASE

- ★ Computer science fundamentals
- ★ Scripting language e.g. Python
- ★ Statistical computing packages, e.g., R
- ★ Databases: SQL and NoSQL
- ★ Relational algebra
- ★ Parallel databases and parallel query processing
- ★ MapReduce concepts
- ★ Hadoop and Hive/Pig
- ★ Custom reducers
- ★ Experience with xaaS like AWS

DOMAIN KNOWLEDGE & SOFT SKILLS

- ★ Passionate about the business
- ★ Curious about data
- ★ Influence without authority
- ★ Hacker mindset
- ★ Problem solver
- ★ Strategic, proactive, creative, innovative and collaborative

COMMUNICATION & VISUALIZATION

- ★ Able to engage with senior management
- ★ Story telling skills
- ★ Translate data-driven insights into decisions and actions
- ★ Visual art design
- ★ R packages like ggplot or lattice
- ★ Knowledge of any visualization tools e.g. Flare, D3.js, Tableau

Who is a data scientist?

„I think data scientist is a sexed-up term for a statistician.”

Nate Silver

„A data scientist is someone who is better at statistics than any software engineer and better at software engineering than any statistician.”

Josh Willis

„A data scientist is a statistician who lives in San Francisco.”

„Data Science is statistics on a Mac”

Twitter



Outlook – Nate Silver

- American statistician, the founder and editor in chief of FiveThirtyEight
- He accurately predicted the result of 49 states at 2008 presidential election and got all the 50 states right in 2012



#natesilverfacts

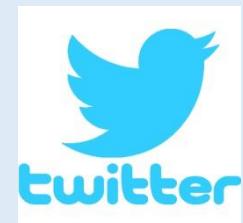
„When Alexander Bell invented the telephone he had 3 missed calls from Nate Silver.”

„Nate Silver can hear sign language.”

„For Nate Silver, asymptotic theory kicks in at N=1.”

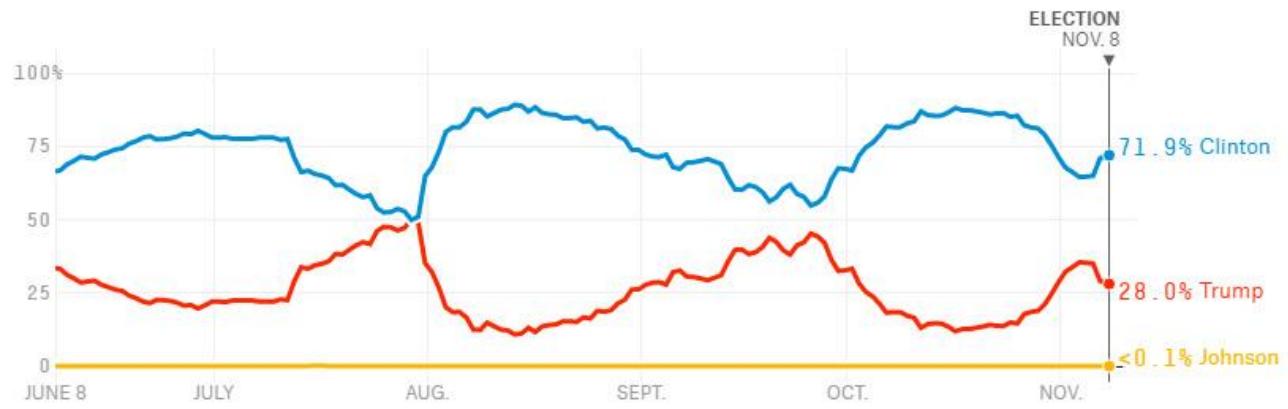
„Fearing Nate Silver, the Null Hypothesis rejected itself.”

„Nate Silver’s model fit the test data even better than the training data.”



Outlook - USA elections, 2016

- 2016: Nate Silver claims that Clinton has much more chance to win (he gives 72% chance to this scenario)
 - Other statisticians give even less chance for Trump
 - Trump won the election
 - Big data also played a big role in the presidential campaign



Donald Trump's campaign shifted odds by making big data personal

Social media surveys helped to target thousands of individuals in swing states

“Gillian Tett

CAMBRIDGE ANALYTICA

Facebook fined £500,000 over Cambridge Analytica scandal

Oct 25, 2018

UK data watchdog says social media giant failed to safeguard its users' personal information



Austin Sullivan/Getty Images
Mark Zuckerberg has been given until the end of the month to respond

Facebook has been fined £500,000 by the UK's data watchdog for allowing political consulting firm Cambridge Analytica to harvest the information of millions of people without their consent.

Data mining firm behind Trump election built psych political profiles of nearly every American voter

Data in political

Zuckerberg apologises for book's 'mistakes' over Cambridge

silence, CEO announces Facebook will change with third-party apps and admits 'we made

it go either way, in deciding which of his key political segmented voter groups. Once the campaign was sending out



Cambridge Analytica: how 50m Facebook records were hijacked

1

Approx. 320,000 US voters ('seeders') were paid \$2-5 to take a detailed personality/political test that required them to log in with their Facebook account

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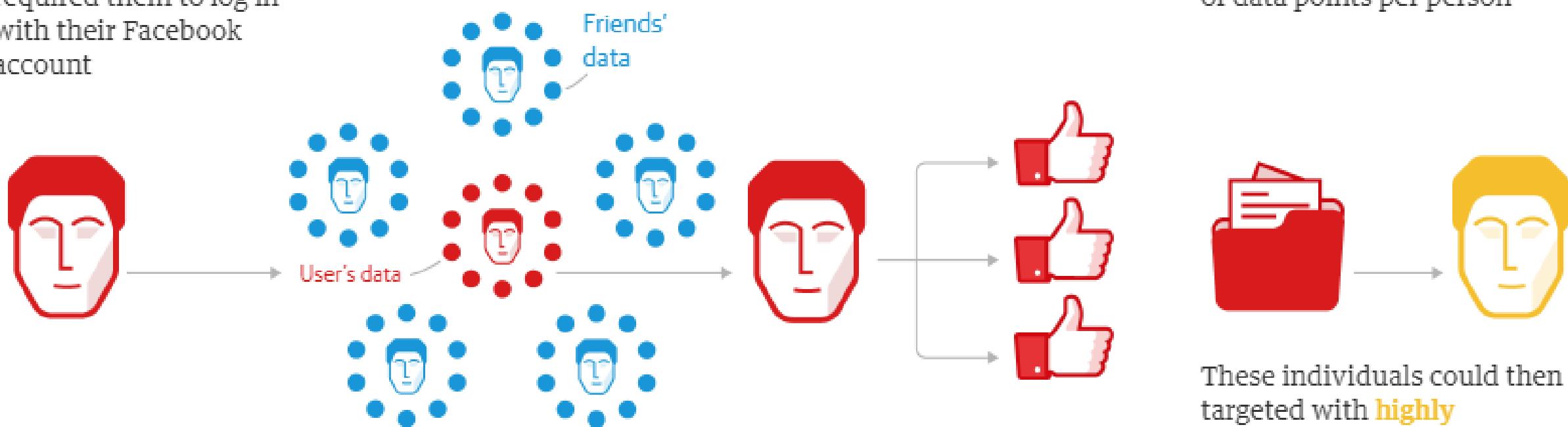
The app also collected data such as likes and personal information from the test-taker's Facebook account ...

3

The personality quiz results were paired with their Facebook data - such as likes - to seek out psychological patterns

4

Algorithms combined the data with other sources such as voter records to create a superior set of records (initially 2m people in 11 key states*), with hundreds of data points per person



... as well their friends' data, amounting to over 50m people's raw Facebook data

These individuals could then be targeted with highly personalised advertising based on their personality data

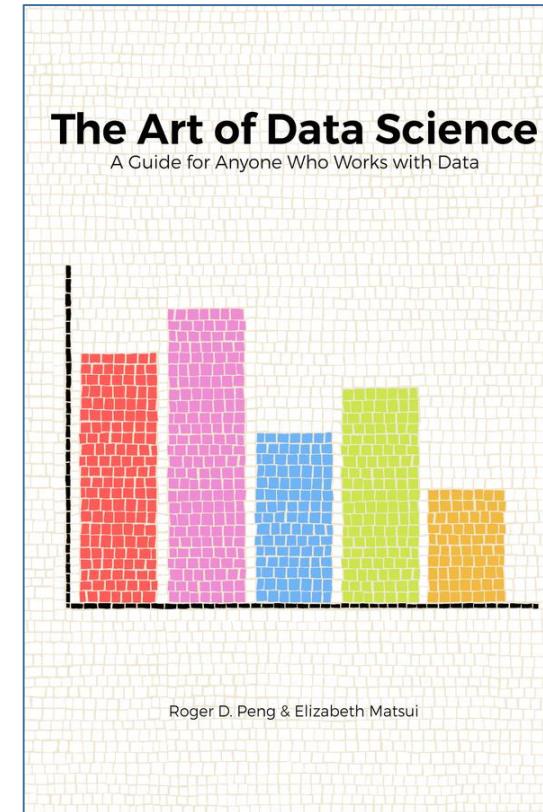
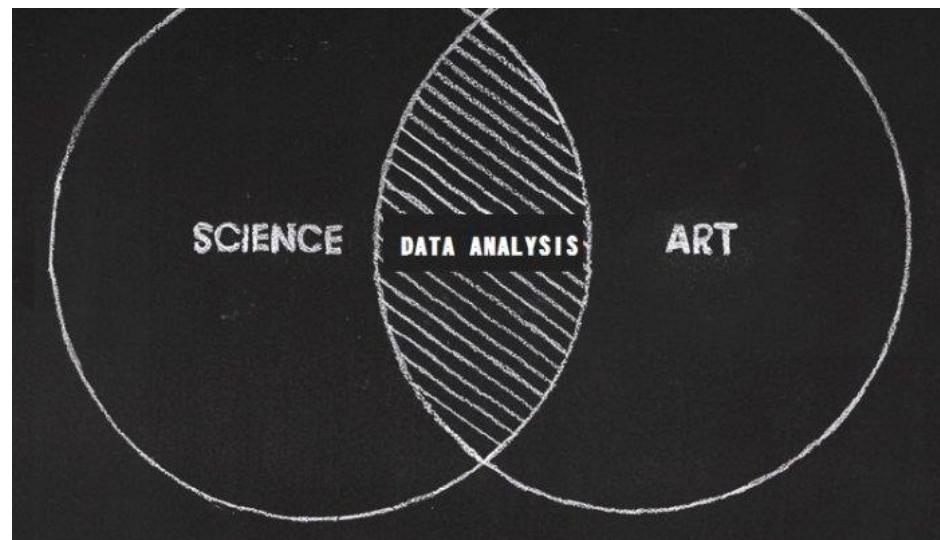
Statistics vs. Data science

- Different aspects/approaches: testing hypothesis (statistical tests) vs. Finding hypothesis (more general question)
- Studying DNA sequences
 - Statistician: Is there a significant connection between a certain DNA subsequent and a certain disease?
 - Data scientist: What are the connections between certain diseases and certain DNA subsequents?
- Studying smoking habits
 - Statistician: Is there a significant difference regarding smoking ratios between males and females?
 - Data scientist: What are the typical groups regarding smoking habits?

Is data science an art?

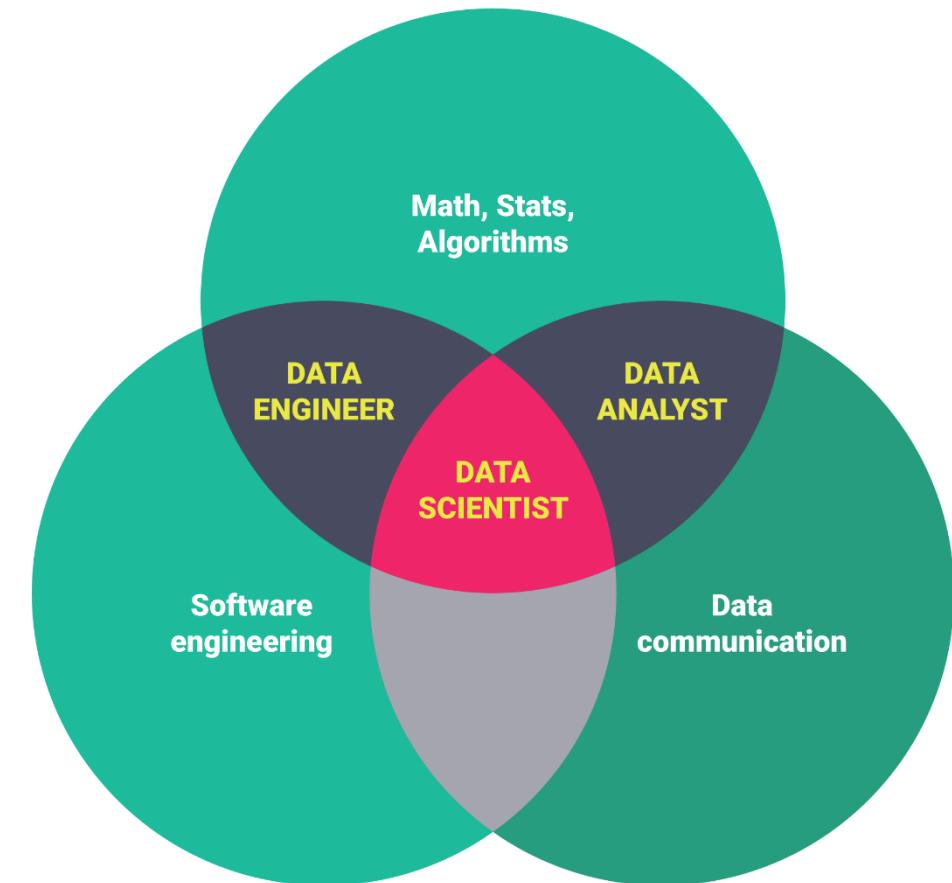
„Science is what we understand well enough to explain to a computer.
Art is everything else we do.”

Donald Knuth



Roles in data science

- There are no strict roles, it depends on the company, on the project
- Job listings are also ambiguous
 - Same positions may cover totally different job descriptions



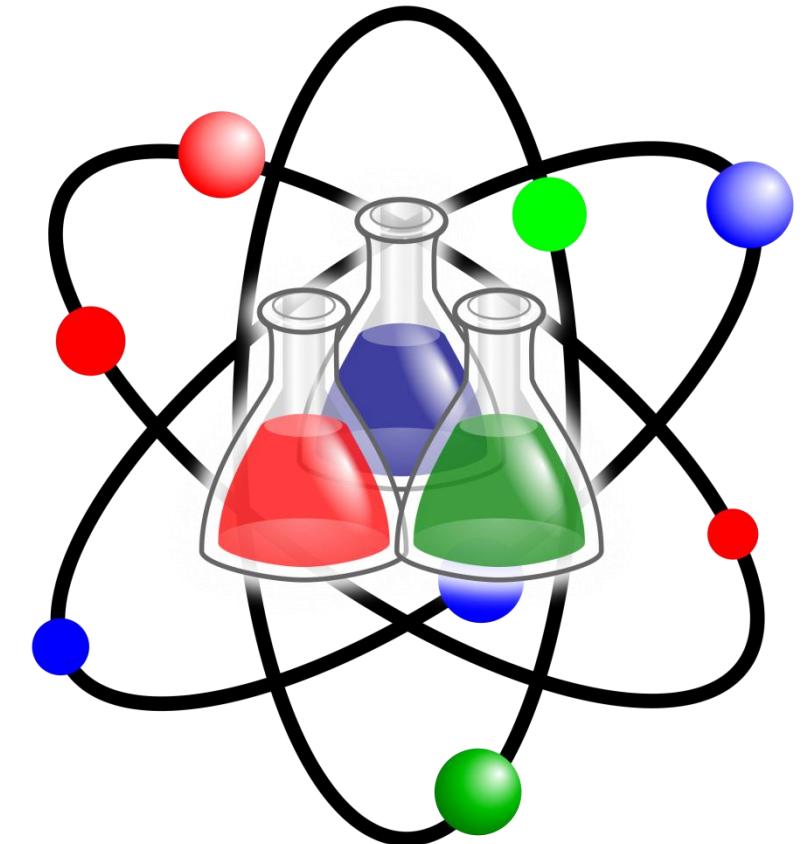
Some application areas– business world

- Telecommunication (optimal pricing, churn detection)
 - Customer history, phone logs
- Retail (up-selling, cross-selling, improving customer satisfaction)
 - Credit card transactions, data from online purchase
- Banks (credit assessment, fraud detection)
 - Customer history, credit card transactions
- Several other domains (stock exchange, social media, websites)



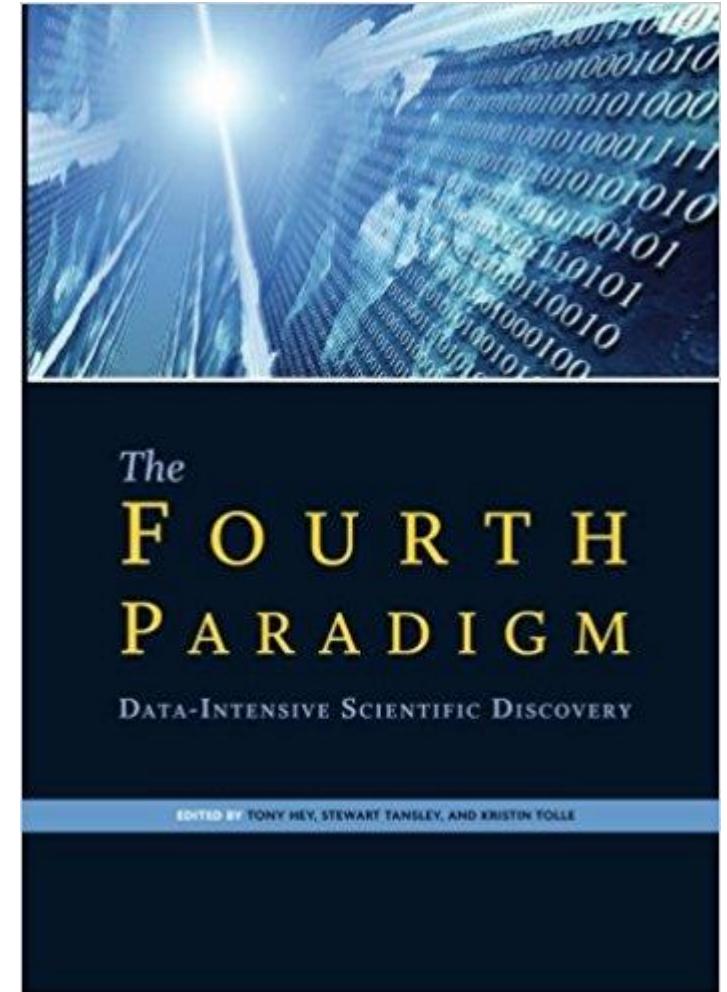
Some application areas– science

- Particle physics
 - Finding new phenomena, validating theories
- Astronomy
 - Analyzing data space telescopes
 - Classifying photos automatically (without a human)
- Drug development
 - Finding drug substance, take out experiments
- Medicine
 - Supporting diagnostic
 - Monitoring systems
- Several other areas (brain research, gene map)



Scientific paradigm shift?

- A thousand years ago: empirical science
 - Describing nature
- Last few hundred years: theoretical approach
 - Introducing models, generalizations
- Last few decades: computational approach
 - Simulation of complex phenomena
- Nowadays: data-driven approach
 - Merging experiments, theory and simulations

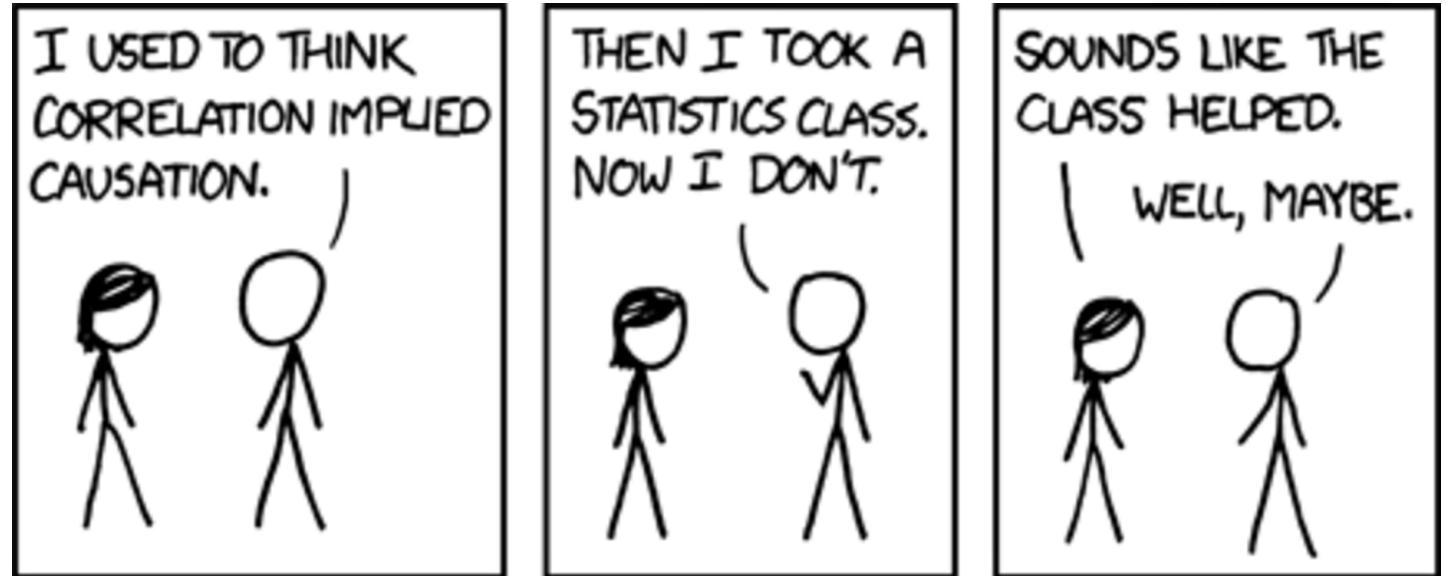


What is not data science?

- Processing and analyzing data are not always considered to be data science
 - Descriptive analysis (e.g. a summary of a population census) is not data science by itself
- Data science looks for patterns, correlations in data BUT correlation DOES NOT imply causation
- Exploring cause and effect relationship is usually out of scope of data science
 - Need for randomized groups
 - Using control groups in verified environments
 - Econometrics – finding causal relations in economic data

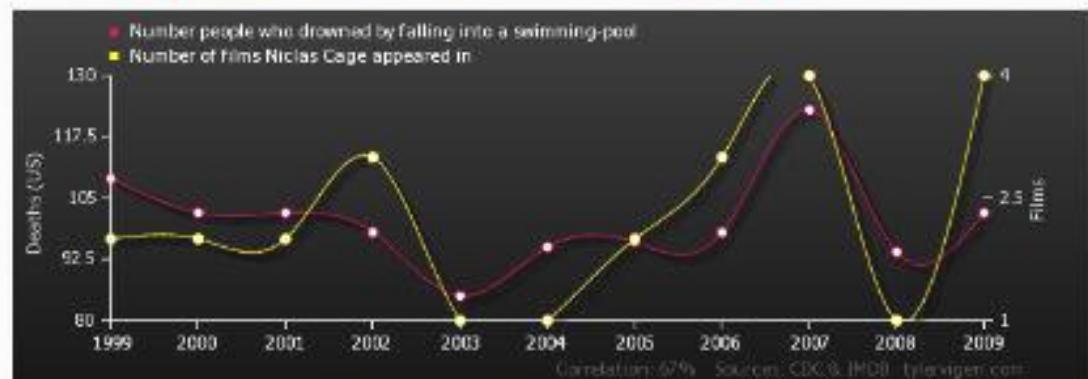
Correlation ≠ causation

- Strong correlation:
 - Height and hair length
 - Ice cream sales and number of drownings



- Be careful! From data one can retrieve connections that is just there due to chance
 - You can't generalize them!
 - See next slides!

Number people who drowned by falling into a swimming-pool
correlates with
Number of films Nicolas Cage appeared in

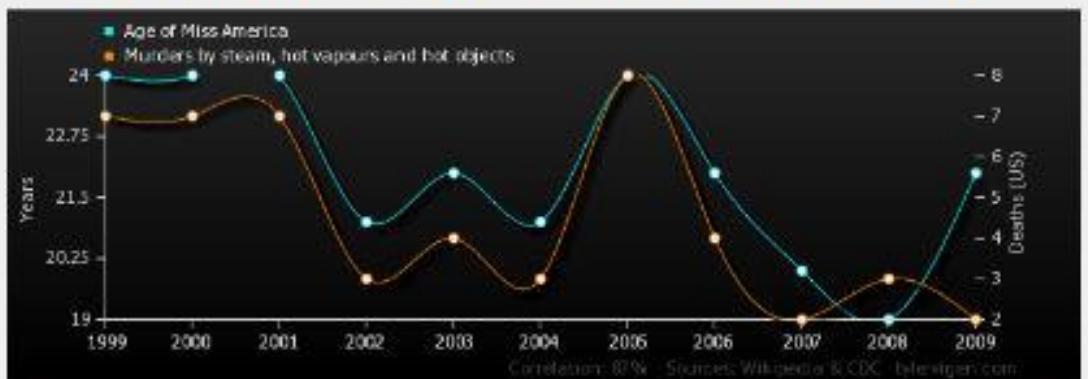


Number people who drowned by falling into a swimming-pool: 100 100 100 98 96 95 98 122 94 102

Age of Miss America

correlates with

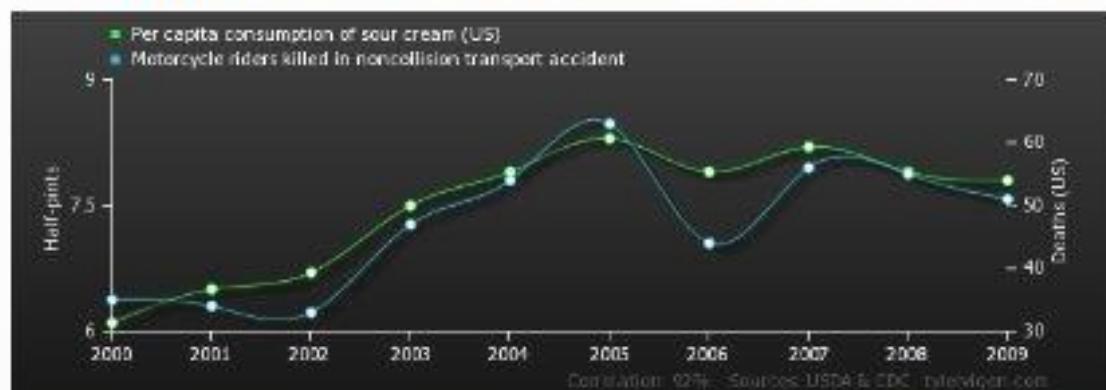
Murders by steam, hot vapours and hot objects



	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Age of Miss America Years (Wikipedia)	24	24	24	21	22	21	24	22	20	19	22
Murders by steam, hot vapours and hot objects Deaths (US) (CDC)	7	7	7	3	4	3	8	4	2	3	2

Correlation: 0.870127

Per capita consumption of sour cream (US)
correlates with
Motorcycle riders killed in noncollision transport accident

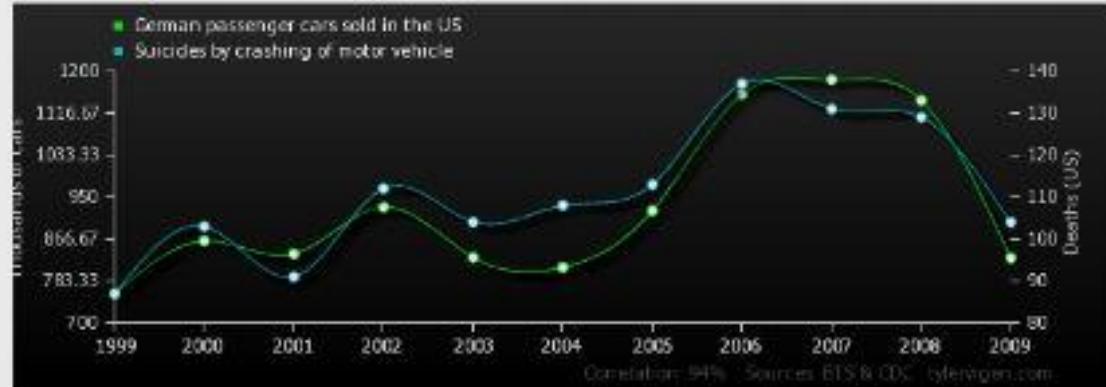


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German passenger cars sold in the US

correlates with

Suicides by crashing of motor vehicle



	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
German passenger cars sold in the US Thousands of cars (ETS)	758	863	837	930	830	810	923	1,154	1,183	1,142	829
Suicides by crashing of motor vehicle Deaths (US) (CDC)	87	103	91	112	104	108	113	137	131	129	104

Correlation: 0.935701

Python vs. R

DATA SCIENCE WARS

R VS. **python**

DataCamp
Learn data analysis for free.

"The closer you are to statistics, research and data science, the more you might prefer R."

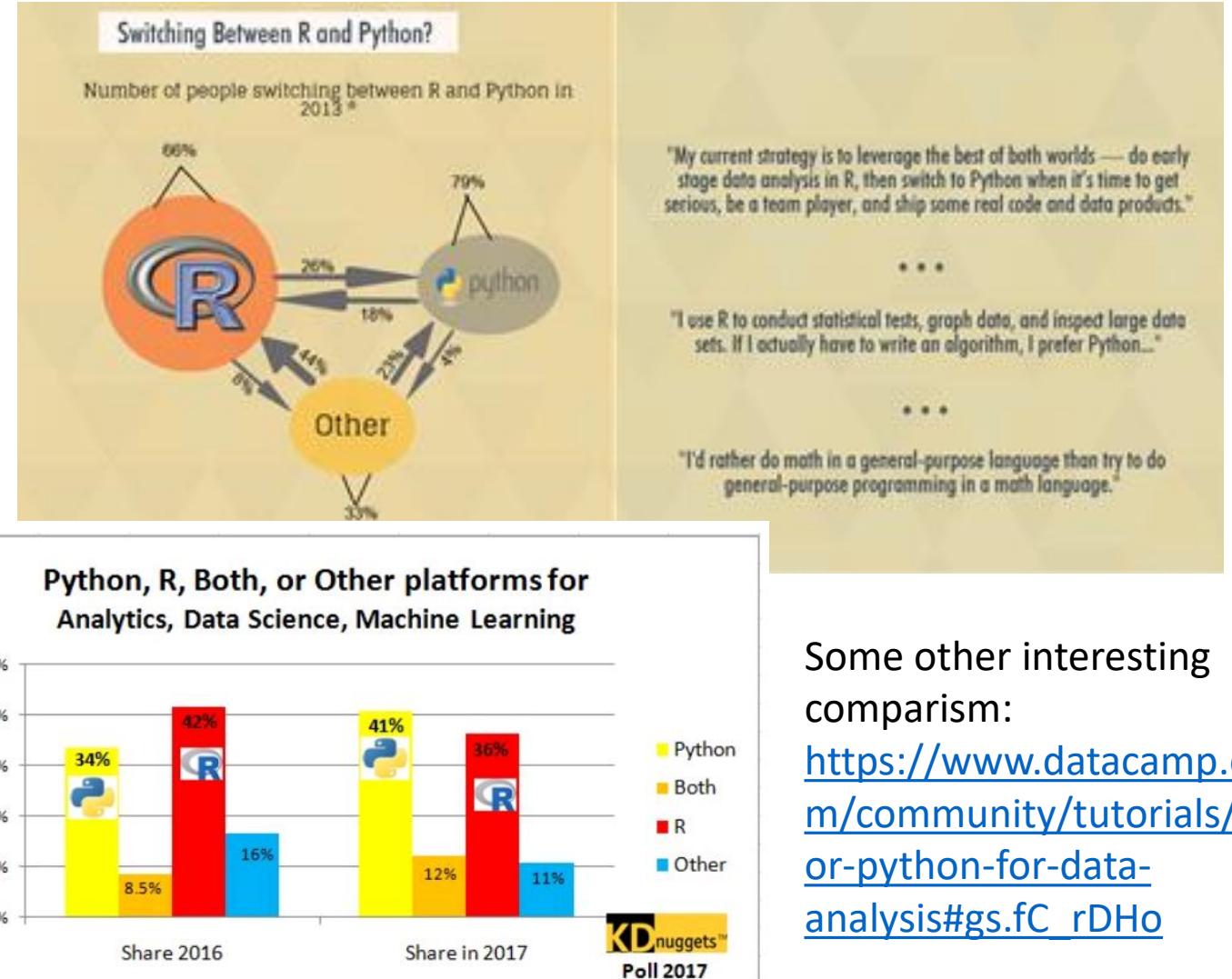
R has a steep learning curve at start. Once you know the basics, you can easily learn advanced stuff.

R is not hard for experienced programmers.

"The closer you are to working in an engineering environment, the more you might prefer Python."

Python's focus on readability and simplicity makes that its learning curve is relatively low and gradual.

Python is considered a good language for starting programmers.



Refreshing Python

- I really encourage everybody to refresh his/her knowledge in Python
 - A good tutorial
 - https://www.tutorialspoint.com/python/python_quick_guide.htm
 - Until „Directories in Python”
 - From „Creating Classes” to „Bulit-In Class Attributes”
 - If you need more than a quick refresh I recommend the following short, free interactive online courses:
 - <https://www.datacamp.com/courses/intro-to-python-for-data-science/>
 - <https://www.codeschool.com/courses/try-python>
 - Some other useful materials are uploaded in Moodle



Python preparation

- We will use Jupyter IPython with Anaconda distribution
 - Runs in a web browser
 - Interactive
 - Simple
 - Scenic
- Download it by following this link: <https://www.anaconda.com/download/>
- More useful links:
 - <https://ipython.org/install.html>
 - <https://www.continuum.io/downloads#windows>



Using Ipython notebooks

- From Anaconda Navigator you can launch Jupyter Notebook or JupyterLab

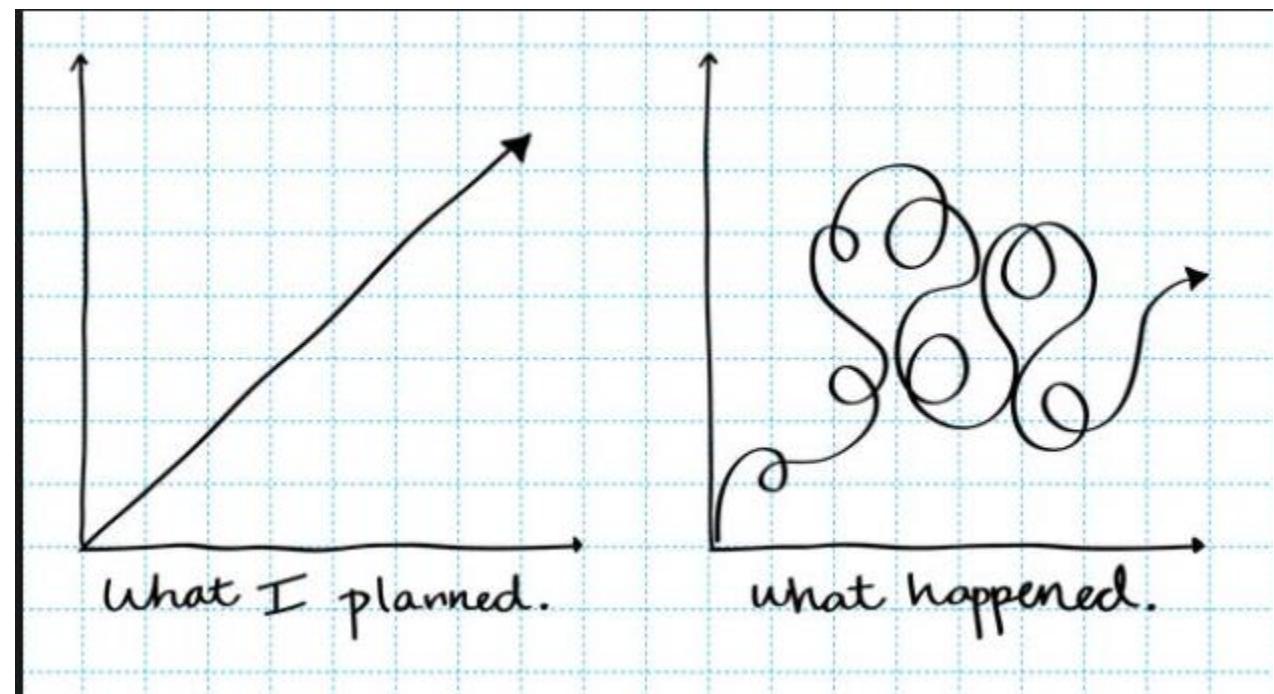
- The notebook will start in your default web browser



- More information:
<https://jupyter.readthedocs.io/en/latest/running.html#running>

What are we going to learn about?

- Data types, data processing
- Classification (k NN, decision tree, naive Bayes, logistic regression, SVM, neural networks)
- Hybrid classification (bagging, boosting, ensemble)
- Regression (linear, polynomial)
- Evaluating models
- Clustering (k-means, hierarchical, density based)
- Recommender systems
- Networks, PageRank algorithm
- Data visualization
- Case studies



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