

CSI4142

Introduction to Data Science
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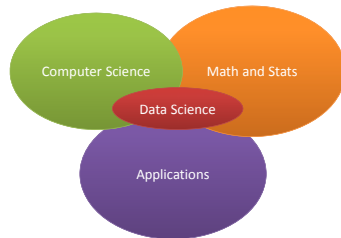
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Course Calendar Description

- Data preparation: organization, basic statistics, cleaning, and integration; Data warehousing and multi-dimensional analysis; Data mining techniques: pattern mining, classification, clustering, outlier and anomaly detection; model evaluation; Big data, analytics, and cloud computing; Data visualization and visual data analytics.
- Prerequisite: CSI2132, (CSI3120 or SEG2106), MAT2377 or (MAT2371 and MAT2375).
 - Databases, Stats and Probabilities, Programming Paradigms

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What is Data Science?



- An interdisciplinary field that combines aspects of computer science, statistics, applied mathematics, and visualization
- Goal: turning data into new insights and new knowledge

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Some Data Science Success Stories

- Identify Fraudulent Insurance Claims (Manulife, Sun Life, etc.)
- Inventory planning in supermarkets
- Smart Cities: Locating the next ABM, Store, Day Care, etc.
- Point of Care Aid: Healthcare (Toronto)
- Identifying High Risk Admissions in ER (CHEO)
- Tracking the Spread of Diseases (FluMap)
- Predictive policing (San Francisco)
- Smart Tracking of Packages (Canada Post)



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Data Science Tasks: STORE and EXPLORE



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- **Extract** data from multiple internal and external sources
- **Analyse** data to determine and improve the quality
- **Preprocess** data to discard irrelevant information
- **Employ** analytics programs, machine learning and statistical methods for building models of the data
- **Explore and examine** data from a variety of angles to determine hidden weaknesses, trends and/or opportunities
- **Devise** data-driven solutions to the most pressing challenges

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Data Science Tasks:

Data + Context

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STORYTELLING: a KEY to success!

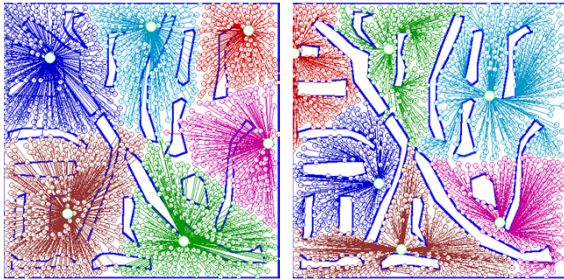
- Communicate predictions and findings to management and IT departments through effective data visualizations and reports
- Recommend cost-effective changes to existing procedures and strategies



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Data Science Tasks: R&D

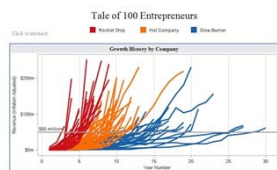
- Invent new algorithms to solve problems
- Build new tools to automate work
 - Unstructured data
 - Linked and graph data
 - Streaming data
 - EXTREMELY large data



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Data Science: CSI Skills

- **Database programming** (SQL, or a variant such as HIVE or MDX)
- **Data preprocessing skills** (R or Python, or a dedicated tool)
- **Data mining skills** (R or Python, or a dedicated tool)
- **Data visualization** (R or a dedicated tool such as Tableau, QlikView, etc.)



https://www.analyticsvidhya.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/entrepreneur_journey.jpg

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Course Outline:

Refer to the Syllabus on the Virtual Campus

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About the team project

- The aim of the project is
 - to design and build a data mart (database for decision support)
 - to explore using Online analytical processing (OLAP) and data mining (machine learning)
- Requirements:
 - time/date dimension; data as recorded over time
 - 100,000+ records
- Send me your suggestions by 19 January 2018:
 - Canada Federal and Provincial Open Data
 - World Bank Data
 - <https://github.com/caesar0301/awesome-public-datasets>
- All teams will use the same data, as determined by majority voting



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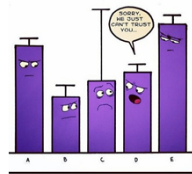
Last year's project



- Crowd-sourced prices of basic groceries in 8 different countries
- Collected via mobile phones
- 500,000 records (duplicates)
- Grocery Prices: Rice, Oranges, Apples, Maize, Salt, Tea, etc.
- <https://data.worldbank.org/data-catalog/crowd-sourced-price-collection>

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Next time: Getting to know our data



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