

Course Introduction

Stat 133 - Concepts in Computing with Data

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Concepts in Computing with Data

Hello
my name is

Gaston

A little bit about me

- ▶ Originally from Mexico
- ▶ Applied Statistician
- ▶ Statistical Programmer
- ▶ Data Analyst - Consultant





making analytical tools

Concepts in Computing with Data?

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Computational Data Analysis

How to use computational tools
to conduct a statistical analysis
of data

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And thinking about Data
Analysis

Data Analysis

“Data Analysis is the process by which data becomes understanding, knowledge and insight”

Hadley Wickham

About You

About You

- ▶ What's your name?
- ▶ What are you studying / doing?
- ▶ *After graduating, What would you like to do?*

Quick Questions

Data Analysis Experience

What's your data analysis experience?

- ▶ I'm completely new to data analysis
- ▶ I've analyzed data in Excel
- ▶ I've used statistical software (SAS, SPSS, etc)

Programming Experience

What's your programming experience?

- ▶ I have no programming experience
- ▶ I have some programming experience
- ▶ I've written some scripts in R, Python, Matlab
- ▶ I've used the command line (shell or terminal)

Writing Documents

When writing Docs and Reports

- ▶ I use word processors:
Word, Pages, Google Docs, etc
- ▶ I use typesetting systems:
LaTeX, markdown + pandoc

Preparing Slides

When preparing slides

- ▶ I use Power Point, Keynote, Google Slides
- ▶ I use LaTeX beamer, markdown, HTML5

Syllabus

Course webpage

gastonsanchez.com/teaching/stat133

Course Info

- ▶ 10 weeks (June 8 - Aug 14)
- ▶ ~ 50 lectures
- ▶ Lab: Tu & Th, 10-11am, Evans 342
- ▶ 3 units

Tentative Content

The Course in a Nutshell

- ▶ R Basics
- ▶ Statistical Graphics
- ▶ Data Manipulation
- ▶ Exploratory Data Analysis
- ▶ Data Modeling
- ▶ Programming in R
- ▶ Data Technologies
- ▶ Reporting and Communicating

Course Work

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- ▶ ~ 8 Homework assignments
- ▶ ~ 8 Lab assignments
- ▶ 2 Exams (midterm Jul-6, final Aug-14)
- ▶ 1 Final project
more about the project in the next weeks

Overall Score

Value	Concept
10%	Participation
10%	Lab
20%	Homework
30%	Midterm & Final exams
30%	Final Project

Attendance Policy

You are expected to attend all lectures and lab discussions

Office Hours

Monday afternoon (2pm, 3pm, 4pm?)

GSI

Donovan Lieu

Office hrs (to be announced)

Course Policies

DO's



DONT's



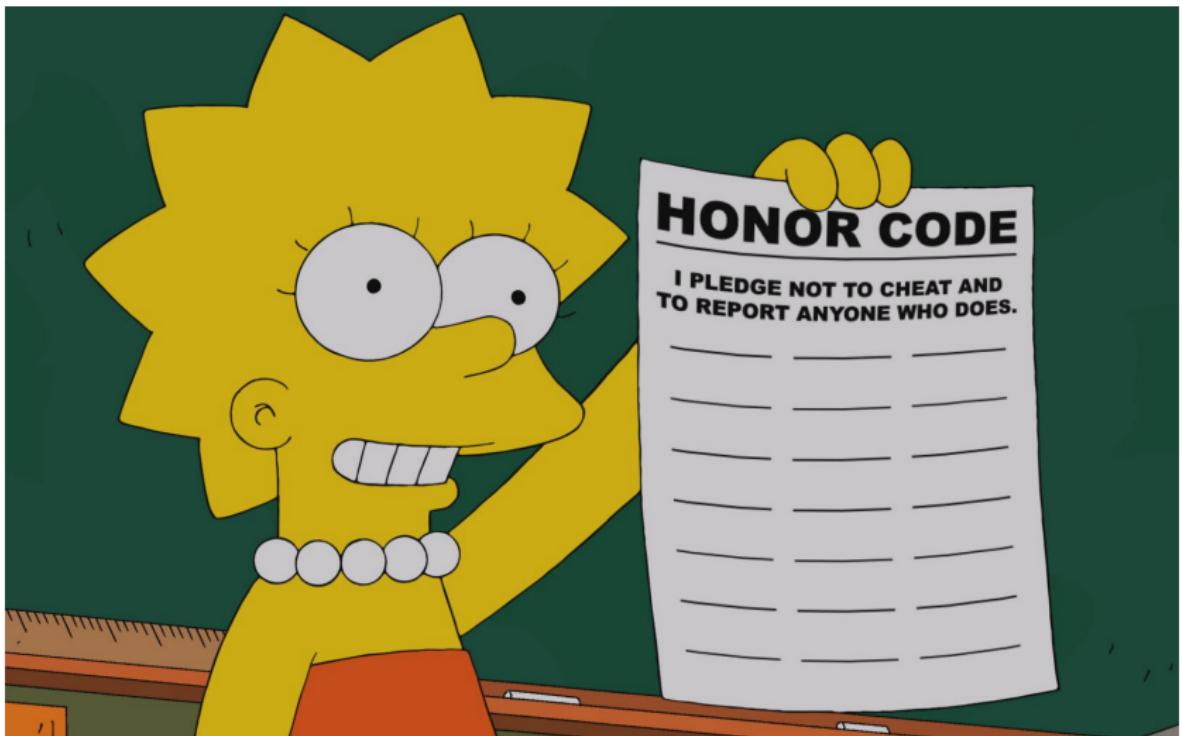






Please don't





Academic Integrity

- ▶ Write your own scripts and code
- ▶ You can share ideas and exchange suggestions, but code must be yours
- ▶ If you use someone else's code (e.g. find it online), give credit
- ▶ Plagiarism won't be tolerated

Email Policy

No email

Email

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- ▶ Use email as a tool to set up a one-on-one meeting
- ▶ Use the subject line **Meeting Request**
- ▶ Include at least two times when you would like to meet
- ▶ Include a brief (one-two sentence) description of the reason for the meeting
- ▶ Email sent for any other reason will NOT be considered or acknowledge
- ▶ Don't expect me to reply right away

I'm a data analyst, not a professional email responder

Let's talk

Q & A's

I strongly encourage you to ask questions about the syllabus and assignments during class time.

For more in-depth discussions (such as guidance on assignments) please plan to meet in person.

Resources

Course webpage

<http://gastonsanchez.com/teaching/stat133>

Github Repo

<https://github.com/gastonstat/stat133>

About this course

Computing with Data (CwD)

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- ▶ CwD means everything and nothing at the same time
- ▶ Data Analysis
- ▶ Data Manipulation
- ▶ Statistical Programming

Computing with Data

“Computing with data refers to activities in which data is acquired, managed, and processed for a great variety of purposes: organization, visualization, summaries, analysis, etc”

John Chambers

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Understanding the Data Analysis Process

DATA: BY THE NUMBERS



JORGE CHAM © 2004

www.phdcomics.com



NUMBER OF YEARS TO
INTERPRET DATA: 2



NUMBER OF YEARS TO
WRITE ABOUT DATA: 1.5





Data Analysis Stages

Workflow

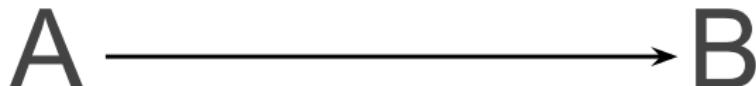
Data Workflow

1. Acquisition-collection
2. Processing and Cleaning
3. Exploration and Visualization
4. Modeling
5. Reporting and Communication

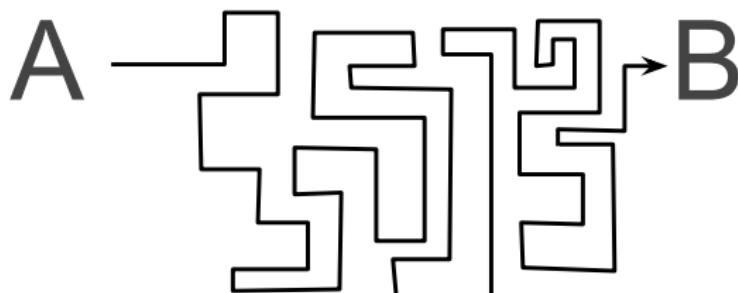
This is not a linear workflow;
there are iterative cycles at any stage

Main Stages of a Data Analysis Cycle





ideal linear data analysis process



data analysis process in practice

Data Analysis is a lot like
cooking & baking

Work Environment



Tools & Utensils



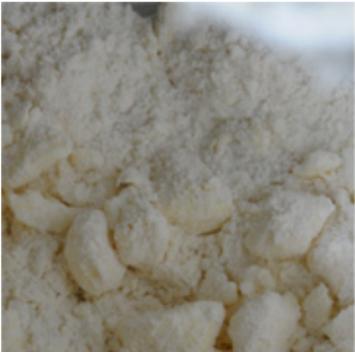
Raw Data



Processing, Cleaning, Organizing



Manipulation



Modeling



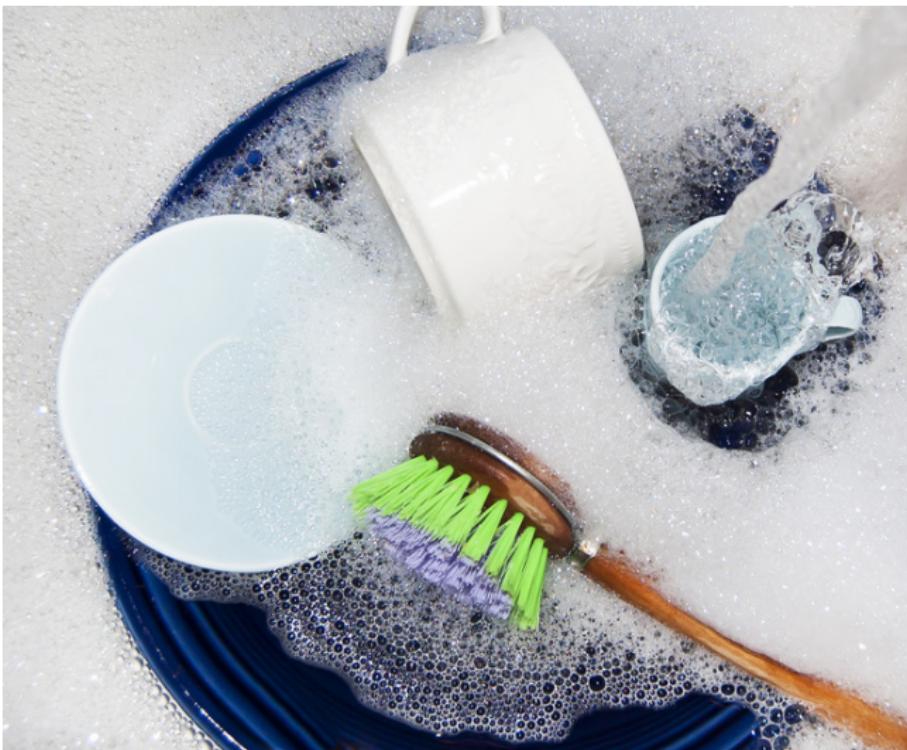
Presentation & Consumption



Good -vs- Bad Practices



Housekeeping



Becoming a data scientist
is a **Marathon**, not a sprint

Working Environment

Tools

Tools for this course

- ▶ Computer
- ▶ Text Editor
- ▶ R (software for data analysis)
- ▶ RStudio (IDE)
- ▶ Terminal or Command Line
- ▶ Latex
- ▶ git*
- ▶ github account*

Tools

Text editors for OS X, Windows and Linux

Choose a text editor of your preference:

- ▶ Emacs: <http://www.gnu.org/software/emacs/>
- ▶ Atom: <https://atom.io/>
- ▶ Sublime Text: <http://www.sublimetext.com/>
- ▶ Vim <http://www.vim.org/download.php>
- ▶ TextWrangler (Mac OS X only):
<http://www.barebones.com/products/textwrangler/>
- ▶ Notepad ++ (Windows only): <https://notepad-plus-plus.org/>



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The R Project for Statistical Computing

Getting Started

R is a free software environment for statistical computing and graphics. It compiles and runs on a wide variety of UNIX platforms, Windows and MacOS. To [download R](#), please choose your preferred [CRAN mirror](#).

If you have questions about R like how to download and install the software, or what the license terms are, please read our [answers to frequently asked questions](#) before you send an email.

News

- [R version 3.2.0](#) (Full of Ingredients) has been released on 2015-04-16.
- [R version 3.1.3](#) (Smooth Sidewalk) has been released on 2015-03-09.
- [The R Journal Volume 6/2](#) is available.
- [useR! 2015](#), will take place at the University of Aalborg, Denmark, June 30 - July 3, 2015.
- [useR! 2014](#), took place at the University of California, Los Angeles, USA June 30 - July 3, 2014.

Getting R

Download R

- ▶ R project website
<http://www.r-project.org>
- ▶ Go to CRAN
<http://cran.r-project.org/mirrors.html>
- ▶ Select closest mirror, e.g.
<http://cran.cnr.Berkeley.edu/>
- ▶ Choose the right version for your Operating System
(e.g. Linux, Mac, Windows)

Getting RStudio

Download RStudio

- ▶ Rstudio
<http://www.rstudio.com/>
- ▶ RStudio desktop
<http://www.rstudio.com/products/rstudio/download/>
- ▶ Choose the right version for your Operating System
(e.g. Linux, Mac, Windows)

Tools

Rtools (for Windows only)

If you work with Windows, you'll need **Rtools**:

<http://cran.r-project.org/bin/windows/Rtools/>

Command Line Tools (Mac)

If you've never used the Mac Terminal before, it's likely that you'll need to install the **Command Line Tools** (you'll know if you need this).

Tools

LaTeX

If you don't have it, install LaTeX:

- ▶ TeX Live (Linux): <http://www.tug.org/texlive/>
- ▶ MacTeX (Mac OS X): <http://www.tug.org/mactex/>
- ▶ ProTeXt (Windows): <http://www.tug.org/protext/>

Tools

git

For all platforms:

<http://git-scm.com/book/en/v2/Getting-Started-Installing-Git>

github

If you don't have it yet, open a (free) account in github

<https://github.com/join>