Data Science

An Introduction - 30 mins

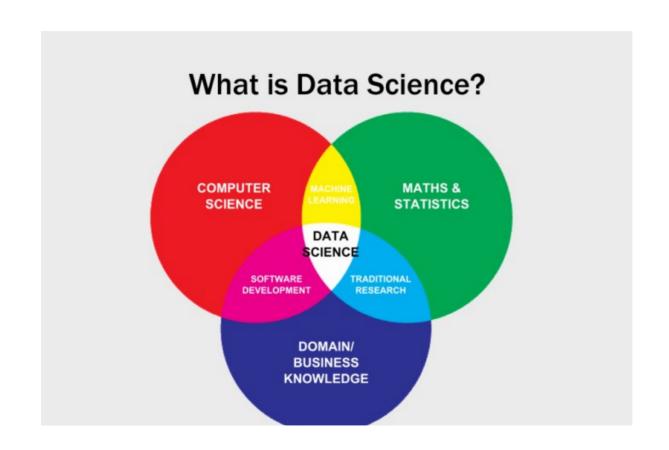


Introduction to Data science

Data science is an inter-disciplinary field that uses scientific methods, processes, algorithms to extract knowledge and insights from many structural and unstructured data.



Many disciplines.....





Sports are always interesting to watch and we all have our favourites clubs.

And we always discuss with our friends and colleagues on which club will win the EPL.

A better way to make an informed guess is to involve the data to predict the EPL winner.



Have you ever wondered how Amazon, eBay, Jumia suggest items for you to buy?

How Gmail filters your emails in the spam and non-spam categories?

How Netflix predicts the shows of your liking?

How a Bank mobile app would deny you a loan?



How do they do it?

These are the few questions we ponder from time to time. In reality, doing such tasks are impossible without the availability of data.

Data science is all about using data to solve problems.



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Or a product recommendation such as which movie to watch?
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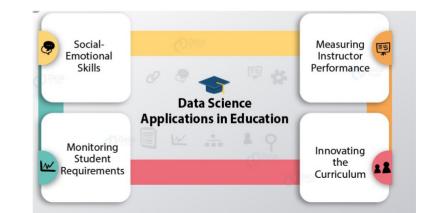
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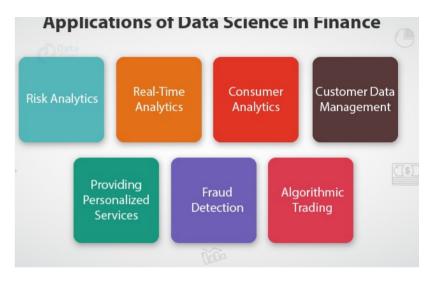






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And many more......

Data Science Methodology

Business understanding – What does the business need?

Data understanding – What data do we have / need? Is it clean?

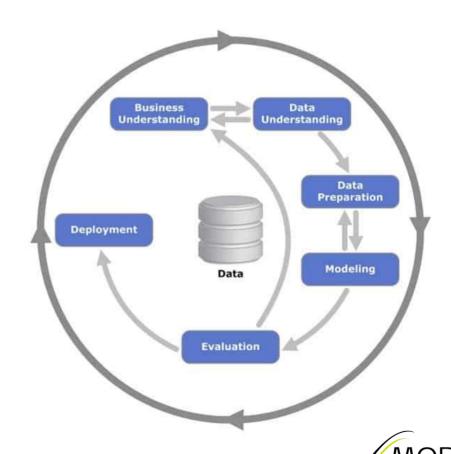
Data preparation – How do we organize the data for modeling?

Modeling – What modeling techniques should we apply?

Evaluation – Which model best meets the business objectives?

Deployment – How do stakeholders access the results?

Feedback - How is the model performing?



Read more..

Forms of Data

Structured

 Data that can be stored and processed in a fixed format, aka schema



Semi-structured

Data that does not have a formal structure of a data model, i.e. a table definition in a relational DBMS, but nevertheless it has some organizational properties like tags and other markers to separate semantic elements that makes it easier to analyze, aka XML or JSON

Unstructured

 Data that has an unknown form and cannot be stored in RDBMS and cannot be analyzed unless it is transformed into a structured format is called as unstructured data



Forms of Data

Unstructured data

The university has 5600 students.
John's ID is number 1, he is 18 years old and already holds a B.Sc. degree.
David's ID is number 2, he is 31 years old and holds a Ph.D. degree. Robert's ID is number 3, he is 51 years old and also holds the same degree as David, a Ph.D. degree.

Semi-structured data

Structured data

ID	Name	Age	Degree
1	John	18	B.Sc.
2	David	31	Ph.D.
3	Robert	51	Ph.D.
4	Rick	26	M.Sc.
5	Michael	19	B.Sc.



Data Science in Python

- · Python libraries for Data Science
- Standard Python libraries useful for Data Analysis with Python are:
- Pandas for data munging and preparation
- NumPy abundance of useful features for operations on n-arrays and matrices in Python
- · SciPy library of software for engineering and science
- · Matplotlib tailored for the generation of simple and powerful visualizations
- Statsmodels data exploration by using methods of estimation of statistical models
- scikit-learn concise & consistent interface to the common ML algorithms
- Seaborn visualization of statistical models; based & highly dependent on Matplotlib
- Bokeh is aimed at interactive visualizations; independent of Matplotlib main focus is interactivity, with presentation via modern browsers in the style of Data-Driven Documents
- Plotly web-based toolbox for building visualizations, exposing APIs to Python, etc.
- Theano / TensorFlow / Keras
- NLTK Natural Language Toolkit tasks of symbolic & statistical NL processing
- Gensim / Scrapy



Data Science Tools/Notebooks

- There are several notebooks and tools used by data Scientists
- Apache Zeppelin
- Jupyter Notebook
- Watson Studio
- BeakerX
- Anaconda Distributions.

We will be using the popular Jupyter notebook;

- · Can be found in anaconda distribution
- Google Colab(This Class)
- Watson Studio



Today Practice...Python Programming

Lets GO!

