# DS-UA 112 Introduction to Data Science

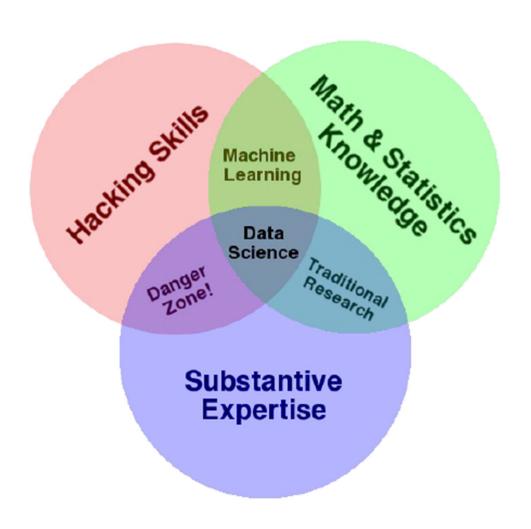
Lecture 1

# Agenda

- Overview
  - ► Data Science
  - ► DS-UA 112
- **▶** Lesson
- ▶ Demo

#### What is Data Science?

- Drawing useful conclusions from data using computation
- **▶** Exploration
  - ▶ Identifying patterns in information
  - ▶ Uses charts and tables
- **▶** Prediction
  - ► Making informed guesses
  - ► Uses procedures to determine appropriate hypotheses
- **▶** Inference
  - Quantifying whether those patterns are reliable
  - ▶ Uses randomization

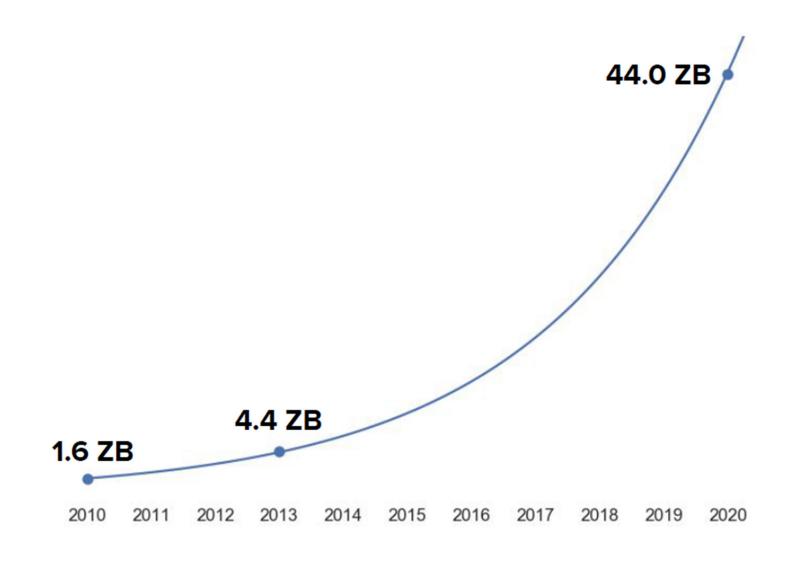


## Who uses Data Science?

- ► Academia
  - ► Event Horizon Telescope
- ► Industry
  - **▶** UPS
- ▶ Government
  - ► Contractors and Social Media

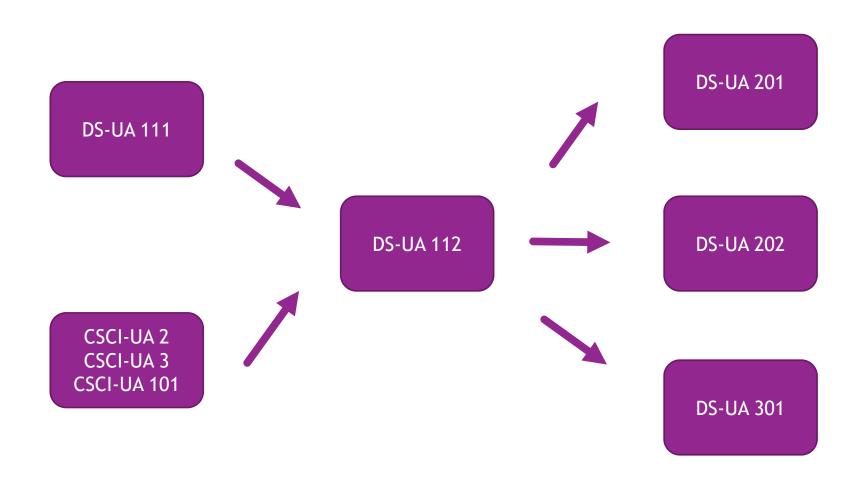
# Why Study Data Science?

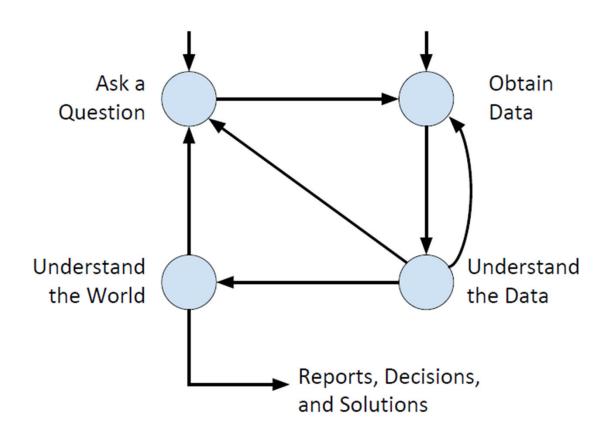
- ▶ Data is not just numbers, it includes
  - ► Text
  - **►** Images
  - **▶** Videos
- ► Technology has made data ubiquitous
  - ► Storage
  - **▶** Communication
  - **▶** Digitization



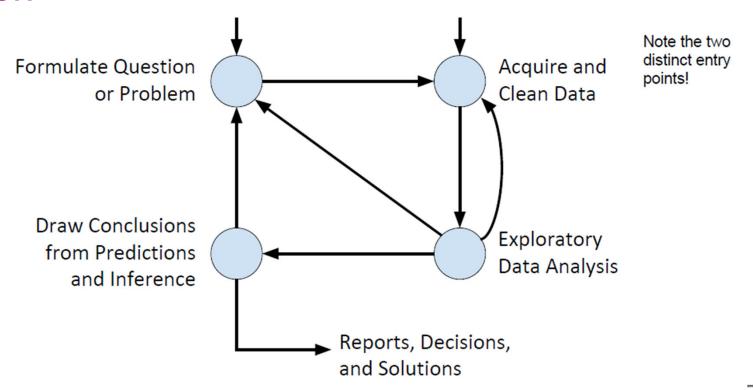
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- ► Interdisciplinary course for students in the sciences and humanities
- ▶ Part of the Major and Minor in Data Science
- ► Goals
  - ▶ Prepare
  - **►** Empower
  - **▶** Enable

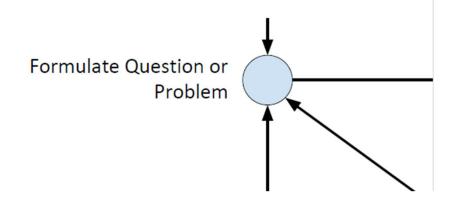




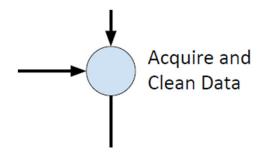
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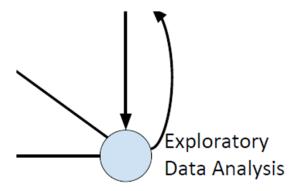


- What do we want to know?
- What problems are we trying to solve?
- What are the hypotheses we want to test?
- What are our metrics for success?



- What data do we have and what data do we need?
- How will we collect more data?
- How do we organize the data for analysis?





- Do we already have relevant data?
- What are the biases, anomalies, or other issues with our data?
- How do we transform the data to enable effective analysis?

#### Demo

- ► Understanding information from novels
  - ▶ Step 1: Determine a question
  - ► Step 2: Gather Data
  - ► Step 3: Explore the Data
- Examples of coding in Python on JupyterHub
- ► Goal
  - ▶ How to summarize information?
  - ▶ How can text be data?

#### Reminders

- Section
  - ► Section 002 Tuesdays 3:30-4:20pm (60<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Room C04)
  - ► Section 003 Thursdays 3:30-4:20pm (60<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Room 161)
  - ► Section 005 11:00-11:50pm (60<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Room C04)
  - ► Section 006 12:55-1:45pm (60<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Room C04)
- Syllabus
  - ▶ Please review the course policies about assignments and grading.
- Surveys
  - ► Please complete Survey 1
  - ► Students in Section 002 should complete the survey about rescheduling