Stat 133: Concepts in Computing with Data

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Github

github.com/ucb-stat133

About Stat 133

Stat 133 Core Course for Statistics Major

Stats Major

Multivariable Linear Calculus Calculus II Preregs Calculus Algebra **Stat 133 Stat 134 Stat 135** Core Computing Probability **Statistics** Stat 150 Stat 151A Stat 152 Stat 153 Stochastic Linear Sampling Times Modeling Surveys Series Processes **Elective** Stat 154 **Stat 155 Stat 158** Stat 159 Predictive Game Design of Reproducible Modeling Experiments Research Theory

Philosophy

DATA: BY THE NUMBERS









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Data Preparation

- Acquisition
- Storage
- Cleaning
- Processing
- Tidying
- Reshaping
- Wrangling



Analysis

- Exploration
- Description
- Visualization
- Hypothesis Tests
- Inference
- Simulation
- Model Fitting



Reports

- Document(s)
- Article(s)
- Book(s)
- Poster(s)
- Blog post(s)
- Dissertation
- News



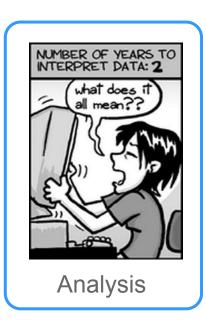
Communication

- Oral
- Print
- Web
- Audio
- Video
- Multimedia
- Other

Sad But True



Data





Report



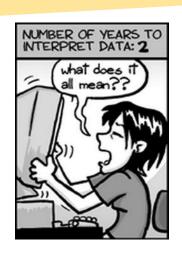
Communication

Traditionally, this is where most teaching focuses on

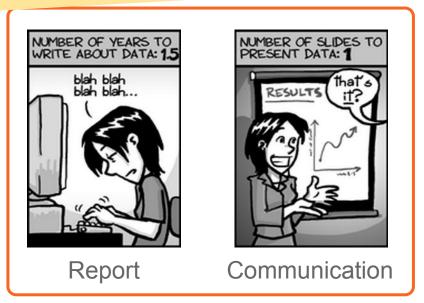
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(ALMOST) NO ONE TEACHES THIS!





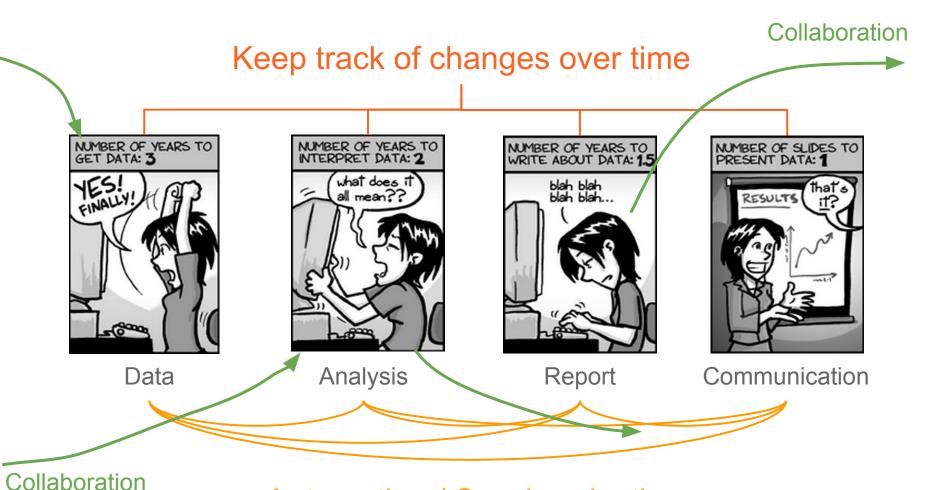
Analysis



In practice these are where we spend most of our time

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Things to keep in mind ...



Automation / Synchronization

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Course Content

Course cornerstones

Data Manipulation

Data Visualization Reporting Tools

Programming Concepts

Data Technologies

& other tools

AND STATISTICAL CONCEPTS

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Data Manipulation

- 1. Data Tables
- 2. Data Tidying
- 3. Selecting and Filtering
- 4. Reshaping
- 5. Aggregation & Group by operations
- 6. Joins and Merges

Data Visualization

- 1. Visualization basics
- 2. Colors
- 3. Statistical graphics
- 4. Efficient displays
- 5. Design and Aesthetics considerations
- 6. Good and bad practices

Programming concepts

- 1. Programming with an emphasis on data analysis
- 2. Data types and data structures
- 3. Control flow structures
- 4. Variables
- 5. Functions
- 6. Regular Expressions

Reporting Tools

- 1. Markdown syntax
- 2. LaTeX (mostly equations)
- 3. Dynamic Documents
- 4. Shiny Apps
- 5. Writing reports

Data Technologies

- 1. Data Tables
- 2. Unstructured data
- 3. HTML, XML, etc
- 4. Web scraping (Web API's)
- 5. JSON
- 6. Relational Databases (SQL)

R and other tools

- 1. R
- 2. RStudio
- 3. Command Line (Bash)
- 4. Version control with Git
- 5. Hosting with Github
- 6. etc

Statistical Concepts

- 1. Basic Numeracy: variability, patterns, comparisons
- 2. Apply introductory concepts
- 3. Methods: regression, classification, dimension reduction
- 4. Simulation: Monte Carlo, bootstrap, etc

Course Resources

Resources

github.com/ucb-stat133

Piazza: Q&A's from Stat 133 community

Office Hours

HW Parties?

Study Groups?

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Some Comments

Remarks

Very hands-on course

Expect to do A LOT OF WORK outside class

Deceptively simple

Very easy to fall behind

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Course Format

Lecture: conceptual stuff, demos, case studies, examples, review some code

Lab: practical work using R, command line, git

Homework: follow the work of labs, plus some challenges

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My Expectations

Don't expect that you'll become a data scientist (that takes years of hard work)

Instead: give you solid foundations about data analysis

Expose you to different "data technologies"

Ultimate Goals

Understand different types of data (e.g. files, forms, formats)

Know how to access information stored in different formats

Know how to do data manipulation and processing in R

Be better prepared to crunch data

Becoming a data scientist is a (yearslong) marathon ... not a (one semester) sprint