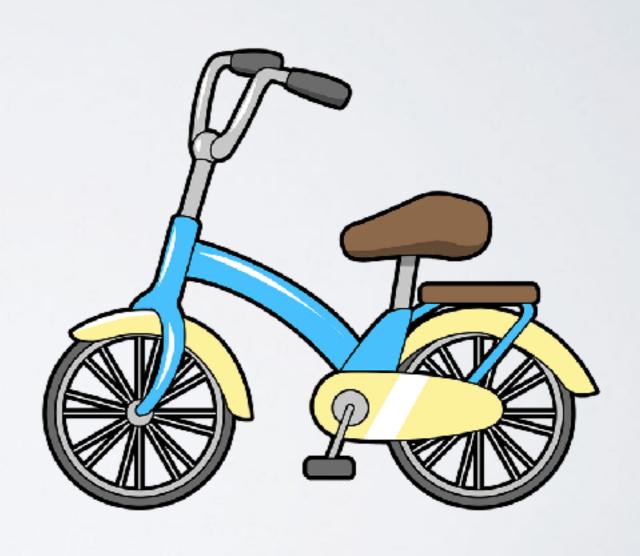
# Turning Data Into Knowledge



Tips and tricks that will empower you to become an Excel Master Jedi Black Belt Guru, and a more powerful Python White Belt Novice

### TRICYCLE VS BICYCLE





# AUTO VS MANUAL TRANSMISSION





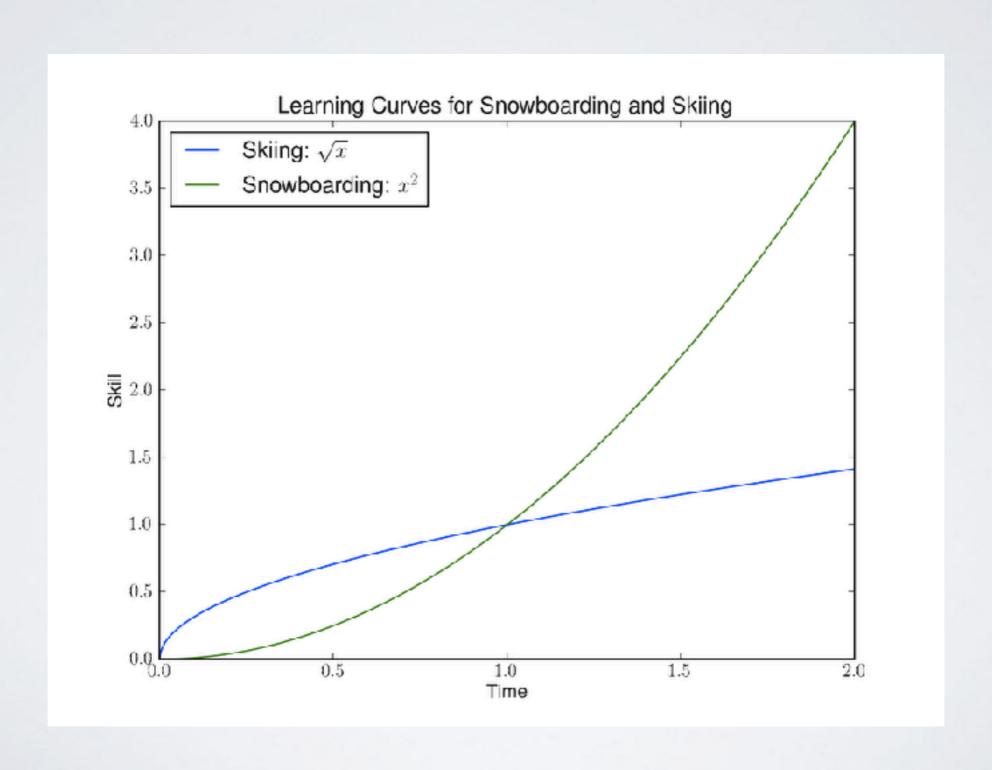
### SKIING VS SNOWBOARDING



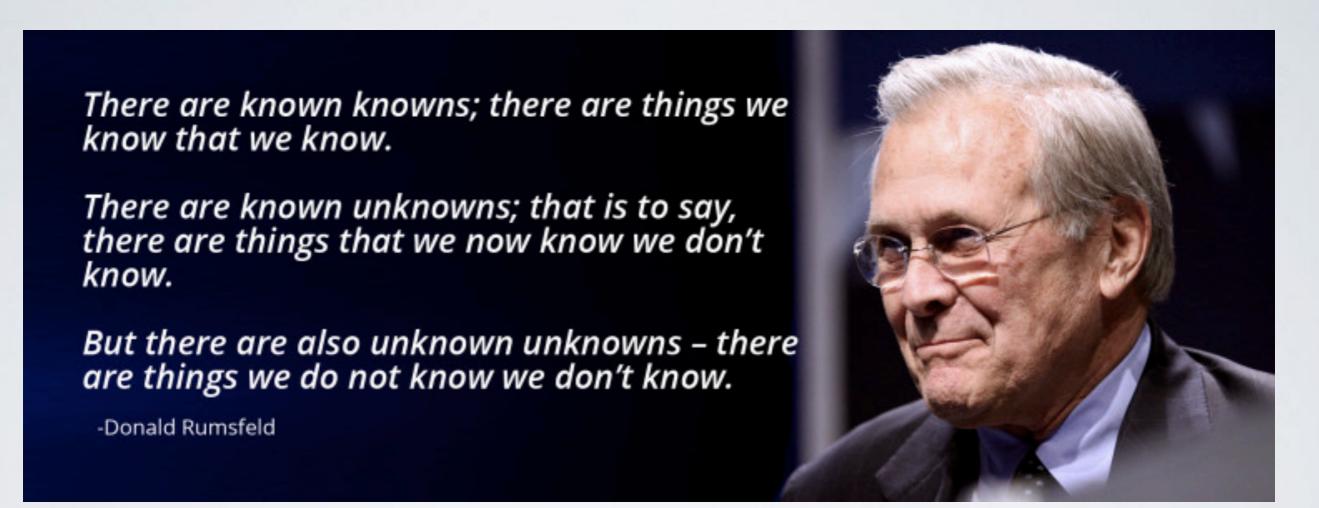
### EXCELVS PYTHON



# WHAT DOTHESE HAVE IN COMMON?



#### EXPLORETHE UNKNOWNS



- Browse Excel's functionality from the Ribbon
- · Google your Excel problems, someone probably has asked them online

### THE KCTM DATA ANALYSIS LEARNING CURVE

- · Use more formatting, the Excel White Belt
- Use more shortcuts
- Use Pivot Tables
- Use Macros (but not really)
- Use custom functions, the Excel Black Belt
- Use Python, the eternal White Belt

#### XR EXAMPLE: FORMATTING

- Use Table Formatting
  - Filters get automatically applied
  - Easier to read with alternating row colours
- Conditional Formatting also helps you process information
- · Freeze panes helps you read datasets with a lot of rows and columns
- Group columns to hide columns (avoid Hide column feature)
- Tab colours

#### KEYBOARD SHORTCUTS

- F2 to edit cells
- Arrow keys to navigate spreadsheet, or TAB
- CTRL-Home to move to top-left most cell
- CTRL End to move to bottom-right most cell
- CRTL-A to select
- CTRL-PgUp and CTRL-PgDn to access other tabs
- CTRL-TAB to access other workbooks

#### KEYBOARD SHORTCUTS

- Access keyboard shortcuts via ALT
  - pre and post Office 2007 shortcuts work
- Example: Name Manager
  - ALT I+N+D (Office 2003 and earlier)
  - ALT M+N (Office 2007 and later)
  - Directly Name box

#### OTHER DATA MANIPULATION

- Sort and Filter
- Text to columns
- Remove duplicates
- Arrays (requires CTRL-SHIFT-ENTER)
  - Example use find to count Scheffersomyces entries

# PREFERRED METHODS FOR DATA ANALYSIS

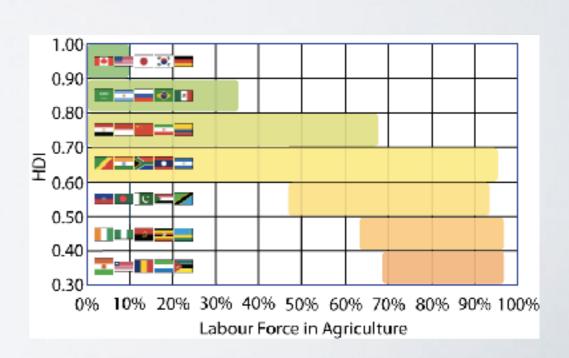
- Keep raw data, meta data, and summary of data on separate sheets
  - Only add meta or additional calculations to raw data
- Defined names are your friends
- I prefer advanced functions over Pivot tables

#### ANALYZE 2008 US ELECTION

- Download data from the web within Excel
  - · Can use other sources such as XML, databases, text files
  - Can refresh data
- Apply 'advanced functions' to further analyze data
- Paste special features
- Pivot table

#### HDI EXAMPLE

- sumifs(sum range, criteria range, criteria I, criteria range criteria 2
  - · can only be used with equality
- sum(if( (condition I)\*(condition 2),...)
  - can use equality or inequalities

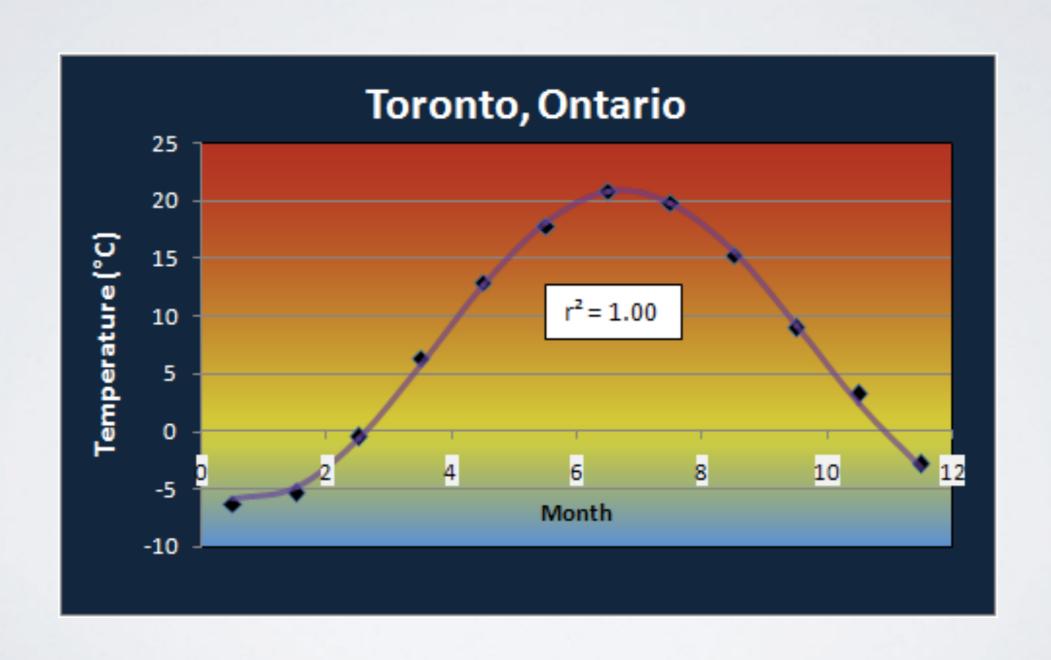


#### MOVIE ANALYSIS

- Use of advanced functions to analyze data from different perspectives
  - all movies vs blockbusters vs revenue



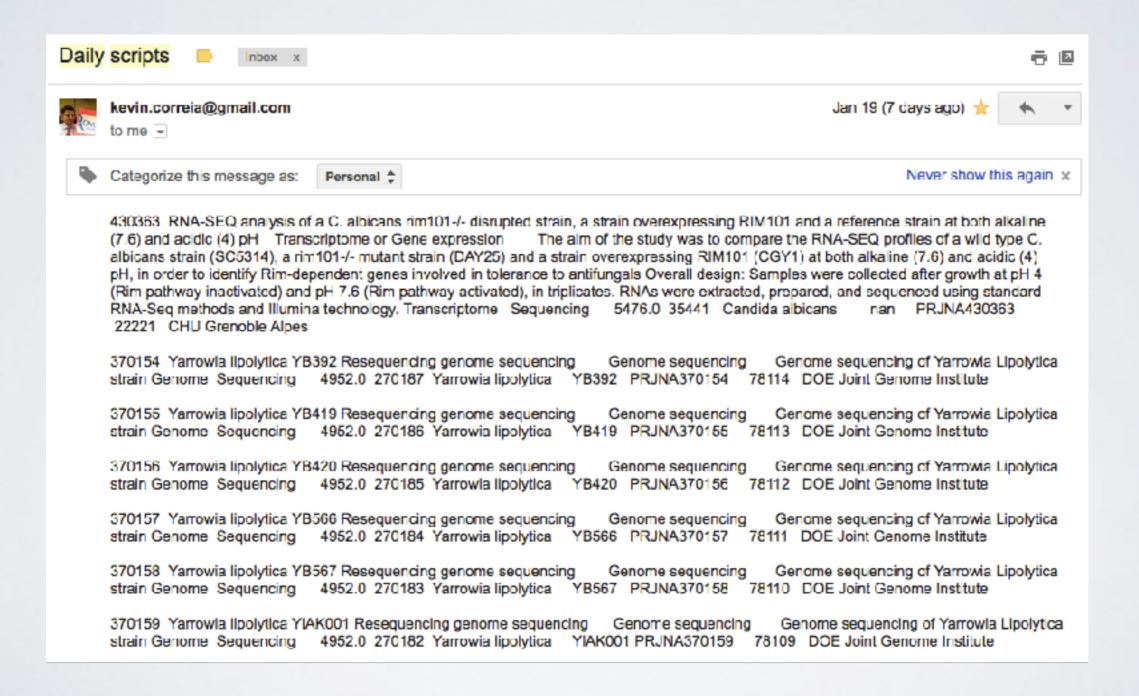
## TEMPERATURE AS A SINUSOIDAL FUNCTION



#### PYTHON EXAMPLES

- pandas (think Excel in Python)
- scrapping with Beautiful Soup
- UniProt
- Entrez / NCBI

#### AUTOMATED EMAIL SCRIPTS



### YOU ALWAYS WIN WITH PROGRAMING

Geeks and repetitive tasks Practice = reduced overhead to write scripts time A loses spent runs script writes script to automate wins gets annoyed does it manually makes fun of geek's complicated method does it manually task size

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