Data scientist: qualifications and skills

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What does a data scientist do?

- Design experiments
- Pull and clean data
- Analyze data
- Communicate results

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What skills do they need?

- Statistics (inference)
- Machine learning (prediction)
- Data analysis
- Data communication

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The Data Scientist's Toolbox

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Commitment	1-4 hours/week
Duration	4 weeks

About the Course

In this course you will get an introduction to the main tools and ideas in the data scientist's toolbox. The course gives an overview of the data, questions, and tools that data analysts and data scientists work with. There are two components to this course. The first is a conceptual introduction to the ideas behind turning data into actionable knowledge. The second is a practical introduction to the tools that will be used in the program like version control, markdown, git, GitHub, R, and RStudio.

COURSE 2

- Background of data scientists
  - Statistics + application + engineering
  - Quantitative + data science transition
  - Software engineering + statistics

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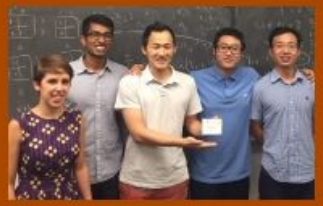

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What statistics should do about big data: problem forward not solution backward

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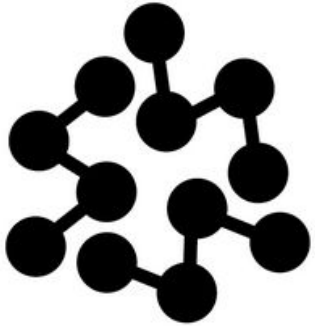
There has been a lot of discussion among statisticians about big data and what statistics should do to get involved. Recently Steve M. and Larry W. took up the same issue on their blog. I have been thinking about this for a while, since I work in genomics, which almost always comes with "big data". It is also one area of big data where statistics and statisticians have played a huge role.

A question that naturally arises is, "why have statisticians been so successful in genomics?" I think a major reason is the phrase I borrowed from Brian C. (who may have borrowed it from Ron B.)

> *problem first, not solution backward*



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- Willing to find answers on their own
- Unintimidated by new data
- Willing to say I don’t know
- Friendly but relentless

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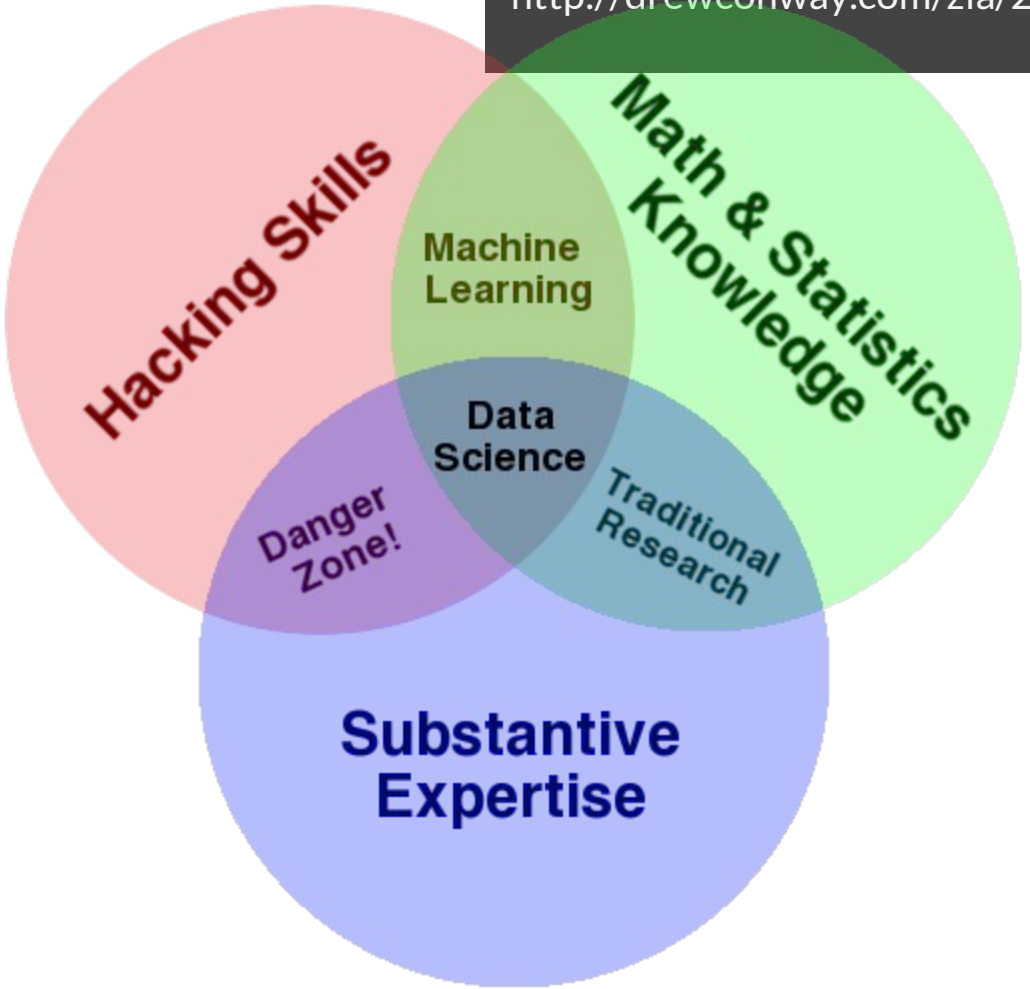
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