Getting Started

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Agenda

- 1. Introductions to one another
- 2. A brief introduction to data science
- 3. First activity: Visualizing data in RStudio!
- 4. Discussion of the syllabus
- 5. Check-out

Part 1/5: Introductions (to one another)

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Breakout rooms!

Starting with whomever had a snack or meal most recently, discuss . . .

- 1. What is something you're good at but don't particularly like to do?
- 2. What is something you like to do but aren't particularly good at?
- 3. Why are you interested in data science?

(10 minutes)

Part 2/5: Introductions (to the class)

Course FAQ

Q – What data science background does this course assume?

A - None.

Q - Is this an intro stat course?

A – While statistics \neq data science, they are very closely related and have tremendous of overlap. Hence, this course is a great way to get started with statistics. However this course is *not* your typical high school statistics course.

Q - Will we be doing computing?

A - Yes.

Course FAQ

Q - Is this an intro CS course?

A - No, but many themes are shared.

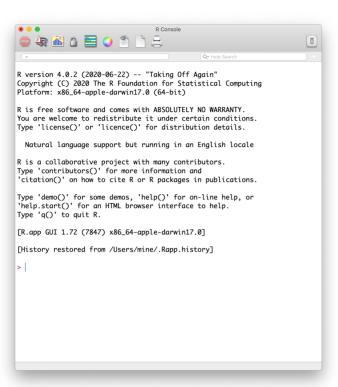
Q – What computing language will we learn?

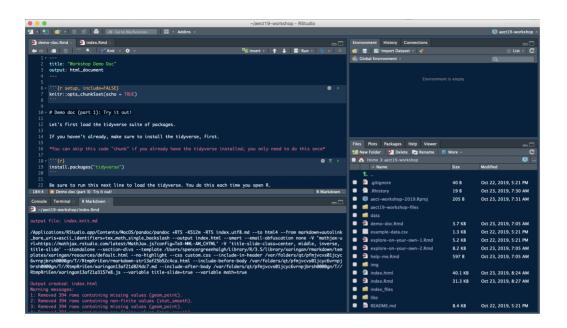
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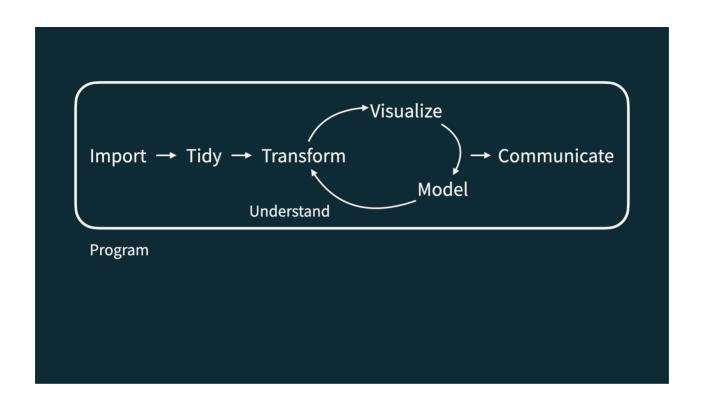
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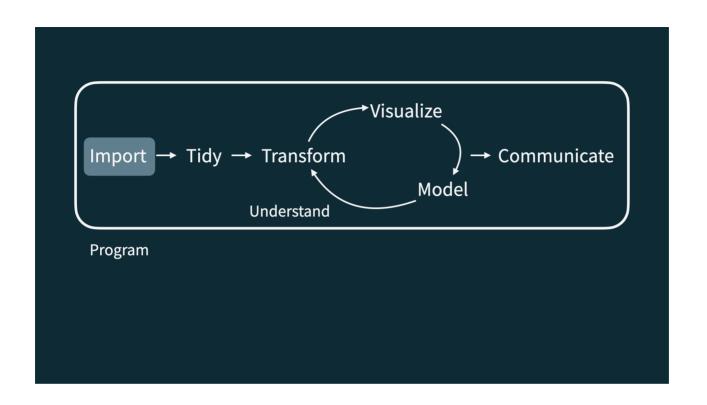
A: We can discuss that over coffee.

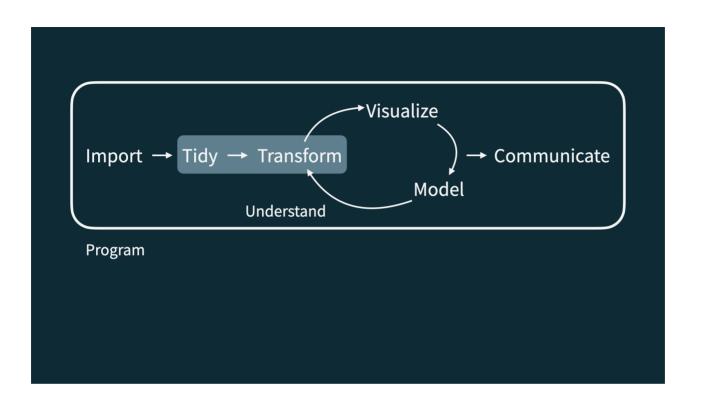
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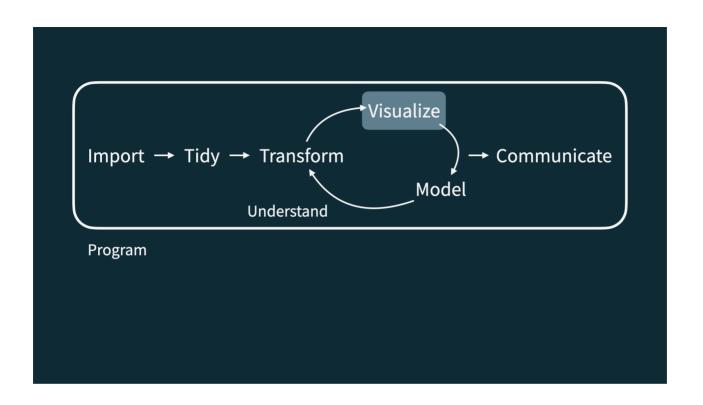


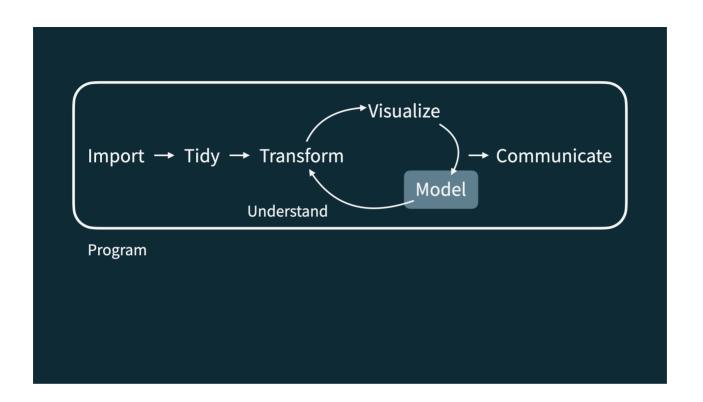


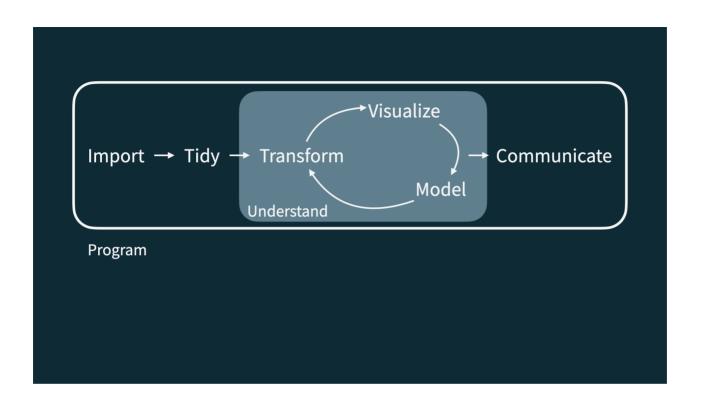


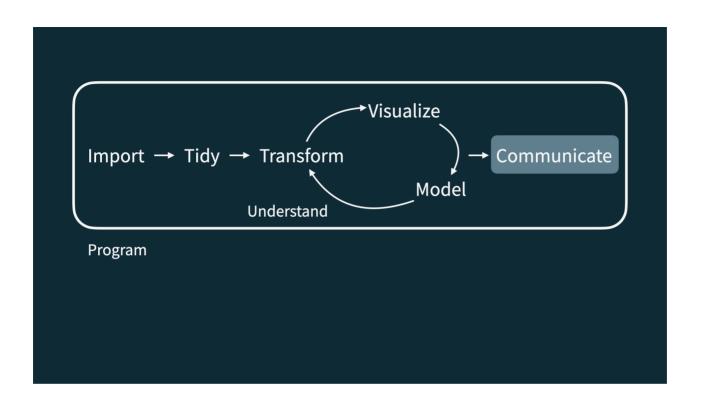


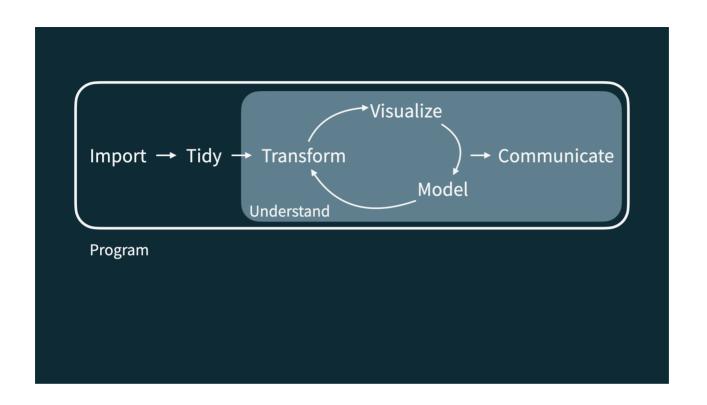


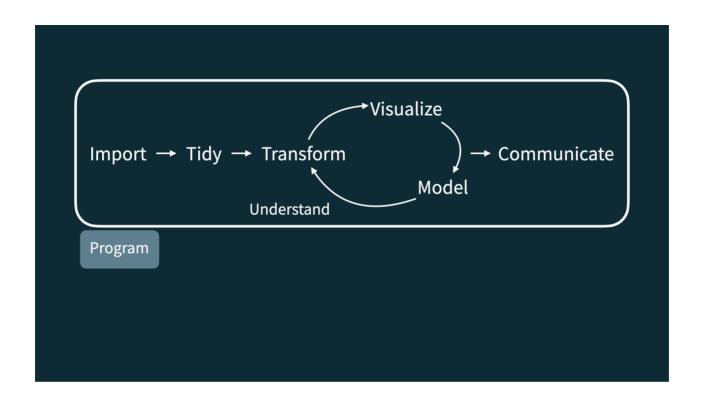












What we learned from your survey responses (thank you!)

- Everyone uses spreadsheet software
- You're (mostly) confident that you can solve problems
 with respect to analyzing data, but are less confident with
 respect to using statistical software
- You have impressive backgrounds and professional experiences
- For many, programming and using statistics correctly can be intimidating
- You're a bit more interested in preparing data for analyses than we thought (cool!)

Pedagogical framework

Constructivist

You'll be involved in the process of building new capabilities (and knowledge and skills) with support from others and carefully-chosen scaffolds.

- 1. You will be doing a great deal of the work
- 2. Then, we will discuss what we did and how it applies

Over-arching design

The pedagogical framework *plays out* in the following specific ways:

- 1. You'll first see some brief examples to give you a sense of what's possible
- 2. You'll be using R Markdown to try things out
- 3. You'll have a chance to share your ideas and thoughts about what you've done; it will also give me a chance to hear from you about what you did

A little motivation theory

Expectancy-value theory

- We choose things that we are *confident* that we can do well and that are *valuable* to us
- We do these in a sociocultural context: our sense of belonging impacts what we choose to do

An argument for this class

- This presentation will make the argument that you can use R and RStudio to solve problems that are important to you
- In doing so, you can participate in a cool community of data scientists in education

Why learn R?

- It is capable of carrying out basic and complex statistical analyses
- It is able to work with data small (n = 30) and large (n = 100,000+) efficiently
- It is a programming language and so is quite flexible
- There is a great, inclusive community of users and developers (and teachers)
- It is increasingly used in education
- It can help you to carry out your educational analyses in open and trustworthy ways
- It is cross-platform, open-source, and freely-available

RMarkdown

- RMarkdown is a data analysis "notebook" that combines text with code and output
- It is a great file type to use when beginning to use R and to create reproducible analyses
- It is fun to use because you can generate different types of output (Word, PDF, and even web-based)

What do you think this code will do?

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sci_mo_processed %>%
  filter(percentage_earned >= .60) %>%
  select(student_id, course_id, percentage_earned))
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filter(percentage earned >= .60) %>%
  select(student id, course id, percentage earned)
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sci mo processed %>%

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What do you think this code will do?

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sci_mo_processed %>%
  filter(percentage_earned >= .60) %>%
  arrange(desc(percentage_earned)) %>%
  select(student_id, course_id, percentage_earned, TimeSpent)
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sci mo processed %>%

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filter(percentage earned >= .60) %>%
  select(student id, course id, percentage earned, TimeSpent)
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Part 3/5: Tutorial

First in-class tutorial: Data viz!

- Navigate to https://github.com/making_data_science_count/s21_intro_to_data_sci_methods_in_ed/find/main
- Begin to type "tutorials"
- Find tutorials-week-1.Rmd
- Download this file by right—clicking it and then open it within RStudio
- Walk through the steps

Part 4/5: Syllabus

Organization of the class

- Class website: https://making_data_science_
 count.github.io/s21_intro_to_data_sci_methods_in_ed/
- Canvas: for submitting assignments and checking grades
- Slack: for communication
- Email: also for communication
- Zoom: for synchronous classes

Part 5/5: Check-out

Random note(s)

• Free rstudio::conf(): https://rstudio.com/conference/ (today until 8 am PT tomorrow, 1/22/2021)

Discuss in base groups (or, if there is insufficient time, in Slack)

- What is one thing you learned today?
- What questions do you still have?