7-Month Data Science Curriculum

Week 1: Orientation

Overview of Data Science

- o Introduction to Data Science: Definitions, applications, and impact
- How to Learn: Peer-to-peer learning, hands-on approach, and resource utilization
- Career Opportunities: Roles, career paths, and industry applications

Hands-On Activities:

- Icebreaker activities to understand learning goals
- Introduction to learning platforms and tools

Month 1: Databases and SQL

Week 1: Database Basics

 Introduction to Database Concepts: Types of databases, database design, and relational databases

SQL Fundamentals:

- Data Definition Language (DDL)
- Data Manipulation Language (DML)
- Basic queries, joins, and aggregations

• Week 2: NoSQL Databases

- Introduction to NoSQL: Types (document-based, key-value, column-family, graph)
- Basic CRUD operations in NoSQL databases

• Week 3: SQL Project

- Hands-on SQL exercises: Creating and querying databases
- Mini-project: Design and implement a small database with SQL queries

Week 4: NoSQL Project

- Hands-on exercises with NoSQL databases
- Mini-project: Implement and query a NoSQL database

Month 2: Python for Data Science

Unit 1: What is Data Science?

o Introduction to Data Science: Overview, tools, and methodologies

Unit 2: Python for Data Science

- Python Basics: Variables, data types, control structures
- Using Google Colaboratory for Python programming

• Unit 3: The NumPy Module

- o Array operations: Creating, manipulating, and performing operations on arrays
- Hands-on exercises with NumPy arrays

• Unit 4: Applied Statistics in Python

- Basic statistical concepts: Mean, median, mode, variance, standard deviation
- Using Python for statistical analysis

• Unit 5: The Pandas Module

- DataFrames and Series: Creation, manipulation, and analysis
- Data cleaning and transformation using Pandas

• Unit 6: Visualization

- Data visualization techniques using Matplotlib and Seaborn
- Creating and interpreting various types of plots

• Unit 7: Data Mining I - Supervised Learning

- Introduction to supervised learning: Concepts and techniques
- Implementing classification and regression algorithms using scikit-learn

• Unit 8: Data Mining II - Clustering Techniques

- Introduction to clustering: K-Means, hierarchical clustering
- Hands-on exercises with clustering techniques

Unit 9: Data Mining III - Statistical Modeling

- Statistical modeling concepts: Linear regression, logistic regression
- o Building and evaluating models with scikit-learn and statsmodels

• Unit 10: Time Series Analysis

- Introduction to time series data: Components and forecasting methods
- o Time series modeling using statsmodels: AR, MA, ARIMA models

• Week 4: Python Project

- Implement and test Python programs using Google Colaboratory
- o Comprehensive project applying all learned Python and data science techniques

Month 3: Mathematics for Data Science

• Unit 1: Descriptive Statistics

- Measures of central tendency and dispersion
- Data distribution analysis: Histograms, box plots

• Unit 2: Probability Distributions

- o Common distributions: Normal, binomial, Poisson
- Application of distributions in data science

• Unit 3: Matrix Algebra

- o Basics of matrix operations: Addition, multiplication, inversion
- Application of matrix algebra in data science: Linear regression, PCA

• Week 4: Mathematics Project

- Hands-on exercises applying descriptive statistics, distributions, and matrix algebra
- Mini-project: Analyzing a dataset using mathematical concepts

Month 4: Advanced Data Science Techniques

Unit 1: Advanced Supervised Learning

- Advanced techniques in supervised learning: Decision Trees, Random Forests, Gradient Boosting
- Model tuning and validation

Unit 2: Advanced Unsupervised Learning

- Techniques: Principal Component Analysis (PCA), t-SNE
- Dimensionality reduction and feature extraction

Unit 3: Big Data Technologies

- Introduction to PySpark and its ecosystem
- Hands-on exercises with PySpark for big data processing

Unit 4: Deep Learning Basics

- Introduction to neural networks and deep learning
- Building and training simple neural networks using TensorFlow or PyTorch

Week 4: Advanced Techniques Project

- Implementing advanced supervised and unsupervised learning techniques
- PySpark and deep learning project

Month 5: Real-World Data Science Applications

Unit 1: Sentiment Analysis

- Techniques and tools for analyzing sentiment in text data
- o Hands-on exercises with sentiment analysis using Python

Unit 2: Time Series Forecasting

- Advanced time series analysis techniques
- Implementing forecasting models and evaluating performance

Unit 3: Feature Engineering

- Techniques for feature extraction and transformation
- Improving model performance through feature engineering

• Week 4: Applications Project

- Comprehensive project involving sentiment analysis, time series forecasting, and feature engineering
- Presentations and peer reviews

Month 6: Capstone Project Preparation

Week 1-2: Project Planning

- Defining project scope, objectives, and deliverables
- Data collection and preprocessing

• Week 3-4: Project Implementation

- Developing and implementing the project
- o Regular check-ins and progress reviews

Month 7: Capstone Project Execution and Presentation

• Week 1-2: Finalizing the Project

- Completing project development and testing
- Preparing project report and presentation

• Week 3: Presentation Preparation

- Creating and refining presentation slides
- o Practice presentation skills and receive feedback

• Week 4: Capstone Project Presentation

- Final presentations to peers and instructors
- Receiving feedback and discussing potential improvements