

Startup funding pattern analysis

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Summary

Objective

The objective of this analysis is to investigate the history of investment in different categories of startups and get an insight on the significant factors for funding.

Goal

The goal is to overview the patterns of startup investment and provide the useful advice for new entrepreneurs to launch a startup.

Solution

Exploratory data analysis

Project outline

The analysis is performed in three steps:

- Dataset was explored and analyzed.
- Dataset was cleaned and modified.
- Data visualization was applied on the dataset.

Importing of packages

import pandas as pd import numpy as np from scipy import stats import statistics import matplotlib import matplotlib.pyplot as plt from matplotlib.pyplot import figure import scipy.stats as st

from IPython import display import seaborn as sns import csv from statistics import mean

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In [4]: | df = pd.read csv('startup.csv')
In [5]:
         df.head()
Out[5]:
                      name category_list funding_total_usd
                                                          status country_code state_code
                                                                                           city funding_ı
                                                                                       Mountain
          0
                      H2O.ai
                                Software
                                              33.600000 operating
                                                                        USA
                                                                                   CA
                                                                                           View
                                                                                           San
                     One Inc.
                                  Mobile
                                                                        USA
          1
                                               1.150050 operating
                                                                                       Francisco
                                                                                           Lake
          2
                  1000 Corks
                                Software
                                               0.040000 operating
                                                                        USA
                                                                                   OR
                                                                                        Oswego
          3 1000museums.com
                                Software
                                               6.795451 operating
                                                                        USA
                                                                                   MA
                                                                                          Lenox
                      Redox
                                  Health
                                               4.000000 operating
                                                                        USA
                                                                                   WI
                                                                                        Madison
In [6]:
         df_dropped = df.dropna()
In [7]: df_dropped.tail()
Out[7]:
                  name category_list funding_total_usd
                                                      status country_code state_code
                                                                                          city funding_rou
          13708 Zyngenia
                          Technology
                                          25.000000 operating
                                                                    USA
                                                                               MD Gaithersburg
          13709 ZYOMYX
                          Technology
                                          34.275015 operating
                                                                    USA
                                                                               MO
                                                                                       Fremont
          13710
                   Zype
                            Software
                                           3.300000 operating
                                                                    USA
                                                                               NY
                                                                                      New York
                  Whisk
          13711
                (formerly
                              Sports
                                           2.150000 operating
                                                                    USA
                                                                               NY
                                                                                      New York
                 Zypsee)
                                                                                          San
          13712
                  Ôasys
                           Hardware
                                           0.018192 operating
                                                                    USA
                                                                               CA
                                                                                     Francisco
In [8]:
         df dropped['founded at'].unique()
Out[8]: array(['2011', '2008', '2014', '2000', '2013', '2012', '2007', '2010',
                  '1990', '2002', '2001', '2009', '2006', '1999',
                                                                       '1998',
                         '2005', '1986', '2003', '1971', '1989', '1997',
                                                                                 '1979',
                 '1993', '1987', '1961', '1996', '1947', '1994', '1992',
                                                                                 '1984',
                 '1995', '1949', '1985', '1974', '1969', '1975', '1918', '1980',
                 '1944', '1972', '1983', '1982', '1976', '1988', '1991', '1977',
                 '26-Feb', '1973', '1981', '1917', 'Feb-31', '1-Jan', '1970',
                 '1906', '1978', '19-Jul', '1958', '1966',
                                                                 '1953', '1952', '1956',
                 '1908', '1962', '1945', '1967', '1909', '1954', '1968', '1965',
                 '1928', '1963', '18-Sep', '24-Aug', '1920', '1925', '1930', '1926',
                 '1919', '1924', '1951', '29-Apr', '1923', '1914', '1929', '1902',
                 '1939', '1912', '1911', '1933', '1950'], dtype=object)
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In [9]: df_dropped[df_dropped['founded_at']=='2011']['funding_total_usd']
 Out[9]: 0
                  33.600000
         1
                   1.150050
                   0.794000
         9
         13
                   3.400000
                   0.500000
         13661
                  35.600000
         13665
                  45.500000
         13681
                   4.220018
         13690
                   0.080000
         13711
                   2.150000
         Name: funding total usd, Length: 1532, dtype: float64
In [10]: # total funding for 2011
         df dropped[df dropped['founded at']=='2011']['funding total usd'].sum()
Out[10]: 24591.242369436
In [11]: df dropped['founded at'].sort values()
Out[11]: 8528
                   1-Jan
         12530
                   1-Jan
         12534
                   1-Jan
         12536
                   1-Jan
         12529
                   1-Jan
         8318
                  24-Aug
         916
                  26-Feb
         10168
                  29-Apr
         1330
                  Feb-31
         2129
                  Feb-31
         Name: founded at, Length: 13712, dtype: object
In [13]: df dropped['founded at'].value counts()
Out[13]: 2012
                   1657
                   1532
         2011
         2013
                   1511
         2010
                   1157
         2014
                    943
         19-Jul
                      1
         29-Apr
                      1
         26-Feb
                      1
         1945
                      1
         1911
                      1
         Name: founded_at, Length: 92, dtype: int64
In [14]: df dropped[df dropped['founded at'] == '2011']['funding total usd'].sum()
Out[14]: 24591.242369436
```

Question2: what is the funding_total_usd for all available years?

```
In [15]: | ls = []
         for i in list(df_dropped['founded_at'].sort_values().unique()):
             ls.append(df_dropped[df_dropped['founded_at'] == i]['funding_total_usd'].sum
         ())
         print(ls)
         [987.853094, 250.0, 9.0, 20.0, 16.0, 16.5, 245.0, 19.33, 2.0, 18.0, 300.0, 0.157,
         120.0, 2.5, 1.75, 81.35, 0.15432, 16.600216, 1000.0, 59.929933, 25.65, 0.150768,
         7.5, 5.0, 7.4, 10.0, 2.0, 28.5, 6.0, 96.300000000001, 17600.0, 331.0, 60.0, 19.
         6, 23.5, 6.0, 207.259114, 25.0, 10.0, 90.8, 4.67321, 38.65, 13.378196, 3591.0, 2
         1.36, 57.0726, 52.0, 0.75, 506.2, 334.096, 97.4104000000001, 489.7360000000005,
         1109.7, 203.2, 402.561365, 30826.27123, 969.485851, 1235.964973, 430.713798, 716.
         329995999999, 296.064354, 1181.0722830000002, 792.1911379999999, 1247.632421, 10
         73.55674, 1374.605991, 2250.795642, 3907.8827180000003, 4378.504615, 7232.2465834
         2, 9221.717702399, 21293.925880151, 15731.084839000001, 16978.641015884, 18256.38
         3254, 23352.259765249997, 27726.36569675, 24054.835289000002, 27880.752675999996,
         34298.53740258, 27645.401071570002, 33681.691192, 21523.016813984003, 24591.24236
         9436, 19868.646866529, 15863.696440848998, 4790.459357878, 672.336355021, 5.5, 1.
         0, 26.72, 18.5]
In [16]: plt.figure(figsize = (20,5), frameon = False)
         plt.xticks(rotation=90)
         plt.plot(list(df dropped['founded at'].sort values().unique()), ls,'o')
Out[16]: [<matplotlib.lines.Line2D at 0x1241952d0>]
          30000
          20000
          15000
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For data format (Month-Date) in the founding date, these data may belongs to recent years based on its low funding total in overall trend.

Question 3: Answer Question 2 for Software Category

```
In [21]: | ls_software = []
                                     for i in list(df_dropped['founded_at'].sort_values().unique()):
                                                    ls_software.append(df_dropped[(df_dropped['founded_at'] == i) & (df_dropped['c
                                     ategory_list'] == 'Software')]['funding_total_usd'].sum())
                                     print(ls_software)
                                     0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 5.0, 0.0, 10.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 11.4, 0.0,
                                     0.0,\ 0.0,\ 0.0,\ 0.5,\ 6.0,\ 0.0,\ 0.0,\ 10.0,\ 0.0,\ 4.5,\ 25.0,\ 0.0,\ 13.0,\ 0.0,\ 2.5726,
                                     12.0, 0.75, 330.2, 0.0, 0.0, 288.3, 1030.5, 104.0, 346.0, 30127.201999999997, 20
                                     0.26204800000002,\ 101.729971,\ 236.38709300000002,\ 66.680511,\ 114.068238,\ 246.64961,\ 100.068238,\ 246.64961,\ 100.068238,\ 246.64961,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.068238,\ 100.06
                                     74, 190.7, 344.546725, 157.0274999999997, 123.9333999999999, 284.2, 722.272222,
                                     1218.3065430000001, 1403.4045914199999, 2995.954001399, 6851.748235581001, 5274.3
                                     68905, 3170.162111884, 3520.6371440000003, 9759.921296249999, 8078.887584, 6230.7
                                     30723000001, 6664.218580000001, 8051.633184, 8089.574015, 9883.793102, 6659.12378
                                     9, 8531.500703976, 8183.62137026, 4727.556383104, 1324.721404466, 159.1, 0.0, 0.
                                     0, 0.0, 0.0]
In [22]: plt.figure(figsize = (20,5), frameon = False)
                                     plt.xticks(rotation=90)
                                     plt.plot(list(df_dropped['founded_at'].sort_values().unique()), ls_software,'o')
Out[22]: [<matplotlib.lines.Line2D at 0x10ae21ed0>]
                                       25000
                                       20000
                                       15000
                                       10000
                                        5000
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Question 4: Answer Question 3 for Hardware Category

```
In [23]: ls Hardware = []
                          for i in list(df_dropped['founded_at'].sort_values().unique()):
                                    ls_Hardware.append(df_dropped[(df_dropped['founded_at'] == i) & (df_dropped['c
                         ategory_list'] == 'Hardware')]['funding_total_usd'].sum())
                         print(ls Hardware)
                          0, 0.0, 0.0, 21.5, 50.4104, 0.0, 0.0, 5.5, 10.06, 0.0, 350.0, 0.0, 14.92, 48.8114
                         81, 2.7295, 0.0, 45.78, 17.22, 22.0, 0.0, 437.20918, 81.4, 308.66513399999997, 19
                         55.67384, 220.60000000000000, 1652.3684250000001, 1248.752311, 1807.473634, 1037.
                         860842, 934.2154760000001, 726.15455, 799.081749, 1376.7903700000002, 97.20136600
                         000001, 269.334527, 387.829661, 337.83883000000003, 462.01051700000005, 365.31274
                         700000006, 263.08059199999997, 105.07751700000001, 0.15369300000000002, 0.0, 0.0,
                         0.0, 0.01
In [24]: plt.figure(figsize = (20,5), frameon = False)
                         plt.xticks(rotation=90)
                         plt.plot(list(df_dropped['founded_at'].sort_values().unique()), ls_Hardware,'o')
Out[24]: [<matplotlib.lines.Line2D at 0x125d74a90>]
                           15000
                           12500
                                           \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}
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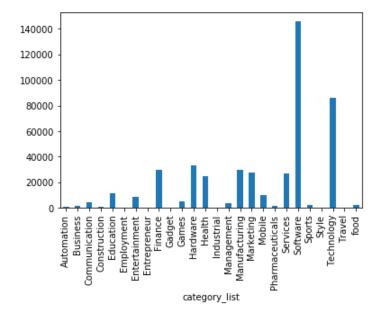
Regardless of the year, how much fund does exist for Automation, Business, ...?

In [25]: df_dropped.groupby('category_list')['funding_total_usd'].sum()

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Out[25]: category_list
         Automation
                                559.024294
         Business
                               1422.426471
         Communication
                               4052.314321
         Construction
                                416.866774
                              11273.229054
         Education
         Employment
                                120.340000
         Entertainment
                               8277.877143
         Entrepreneur
                                   1.545000
         Finance
                              29572.705186
         Gadget
                                   7.500000
                               4853.158856
         Games
         Hardware
                              33107.846342
         Health
                              24640.058284
         Industrial
                                 44.305000
         Management
                               3273.054044
                              29928.799992
         Manufacturing
         Marketing
                              27710.328309
         Mobile
                              10129.438422
         Pharmaceuticals
                               1237.935911
         Services
                              26759.153986
                             145997.345649
         Software
                               2070.726740
         Sports
         Style
                                244.720695
         Technology
                              86163.164572
         Travel
                                327.289249
         food
                               1854.450244
         Name: funding_total_usd, dtype: float64
```

In [26]: df_dropped.groupby('category_list')['funding_total_usd'].sum().plot(kind='bar')

Out[26]: <matplotlib.axes._subplots.AxesSubplot at 0x10ae16fd0>



```
In [27]: print(sum(ls_software))
```

Question 5: What % of startups are software or Technology?

```
In [28]: | sample = df_dropped['category_list'].value_counts()
In [29]: total = df_dropped['category_list'].value_counts().sum()
         total
Out[29]: 13712
In [30]: c = df dropped['category list'].value counts()
         d = df_dropped['category_list'].value_counts().sum()
In [31]: def percentage (d, c):
             return ((c/d)*100)
         for each in c:
             pc = percentage(d, each)
             print (pc)
         34.80892648774796
         11.231038506417736
         7.934655775962661
         7.825262543757293
         7.460618436406068
         5.870770128354725
         4.769544924154025
         3.7995915985997666
         3.6245624270711785
         3.478704784130689
         2.72024504084014
         1.76487747957993
         0.8751458576429404
         0.7876312718786465
         0.7876312718786465
         0.5907234539089848
         0.47403733955659283
         0.41569428238039674
         0.26983663943990666
         0.13127187864644108
         0.13127187864644108
         0.09480746791131855
         0.08022170361726955
         0.03646441073512252
         0.029171528588098013
         0.007292882147024503
```

software funding in San Francisco

```
In [32]: san francisco = df_dropped.query('city == "San Francisco"')
         san francisco.head()
         san francisco.info()
         <class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
         Int64Index: 1877 entries, 1 to 13712
         Data columns (total 20 columns):
                                 1877 non-null object
         name
                                 1877 non-null object
         category_list
                                 1877 non-null float64
         funding_total_usd
         status
                                 1877 non-null object
                                 1877 non-null object
         country code
         state_code
                                 1877 non-null object
         city
                                 1877 non-null object
                                 1877 non-null float64
         funding rounds
         Investors
                                 1877 non-null object
         Number of Investors
                                 1877 non-null float64
         Acquirer
                                 1877 non-null object
         Acquirer_Category
                                 1877 non-null object
         Acquirer Country
                                 1877 non-null object
         Acquirer_State
                                 1877 non-null object
         Acquirer_City
                                 1877 non-null object
         Acquired_Price
                                 1877 non-null object
         Acquired Currency
                                 1877 non-null object
         county
                                 1877 non-null object
         founded at
                                 1877 non-null object
         Coordinates
                                 1877 non-null object
         dtypes: float64(3), object(17)
         memory usage: 307.9+ KB
In [33]: sf_software = []
         for i in list(san_francisco['founded_at'].sort_values().unique()):
              sf_software.append(san_francisco[(san_francisco['founded_at'] == i) & (san_fra
         ncisco['category_list'] == 'Software')]['funding_total_usd'].sum())
         print(sf software)
         [0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 44.0, 0.0, 5.0, 37.5, 7.0, 43.0, 3.436185398999998, 584.620]
         799999999, 240.30255899999997, 131.1009, 181.3372939999999, 100.94809322, 796.2
         87073, 899.088386, 1117.705074, 3054.856993, 1988.7159819999997, 3636.89242100000
         05, 1339.965797, 1793.144333, 2113.9449922599997, 1629.572455, 240.575874466, 18.
         4000000000000001
In [34]: plt.figure(figsize = (20,5), frameon = False)
         plt.xticks(rotation=90)
         plt.plot(list(san_francisco['founded_at'].sort_values().unique()), sf_software,'o'
         )
Out[34]: [<matplotlib.lines.Line2D at 0x126251710>]
          3500
          3000
          2500
          1000
          500
```

Pearson correlation between the number of investers and the funding total

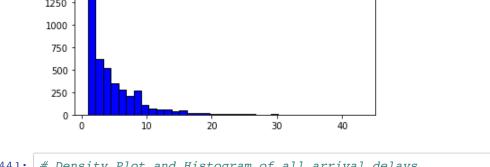
Null hypothesis: number of investers are not correlated with funding total.

Statistical analysis of total funding in software category.

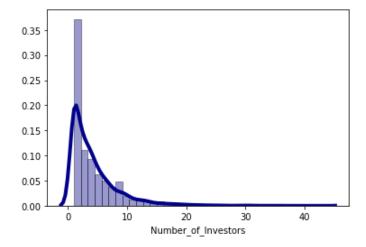
```
In [37]: software_funding = df_dropped.query('category_list == "Software"')
In [38]: mean = np.mean(software funding.funding total usd)
         print(mean)
         30.588172145262952
In [39]: std dev = np.std(software funding.funding total usd)
         print(std dev)
         448.57335577518586
In [40]: mode = stats.mode(software funding.funding total usd)
         print(mode)
         ModeResult(mode=array([2.]), count=array([89]))
In [41]: median = statistics.median(software_funding.funding_total_usd)
         print(median)
         6.052753
In [42]: software_funding.funding_total_usd.describe()
Out[42]: count
                   4773.000000
                    30.588172
         mean
                   448.620354
         std
                      0.010000
         min
         25%
                      1.450000
         50%
                      6.052753
         75%
                     21.700000
                 30079.503000
         Name: funding total usd, dtype: float64
```

Analysis of the number of investors in startups

```
In [43]: # matplotlib histogram
         plt.hist(software funding['Number of Investors'], color = 'blue', edgecolor = 'bla
         ck',
                  bins = int(180/5))
Out[43]: (array([2.069e+03, 6.180e+02, 5.150e+02, 3.470e+02, 2.790e+02, 2.110e+02,
                 2.690e+02, 1.040e+02, 6.400e+01, 5.400e+01, 5.400e+01, 3.300e+01,
                 4.700e+01, 1.900e+01, 1.600e+01, 1.600e+01, 8.000e+00, 1.000e+01,
                 1.200e+01, 5.000e+00, 4.000e+00, 3.000e+00, 1.000e+00, 1.000e+00,
                 7.000e+00, 2.000e+00, 0.000e+00, 1.000e+00, 2.000e+00, 0.000e+00,
                 1.000e+00, 0.000e+00, 0.000e+00, 0.000e+00, 0.000e+00, 1.000e+00]),
                            , 2.16666667, 3.33333333, 4.5
                                                                    , 5.66666667,
          array([ 1.
                  6.83333333, 8.
                                            9.16666667, 10.33333333, 11.5
                 12.66666667, 13.83333333, 15.
                                                      , 16.16666667, 17.333333333,
                           , 19.66666667, 20.83333333, 22.
                                                                   , 23.16666667,
                 24.33333333, 25.5
                                         , 26.66666667, 27.83333333, 29.
                                                   , 33.66666667, 34.83333333,
                 30.16666667, 31.33333333, 32.5
                             , 37.16666667, 38.33333333, 39.5
                                                                   , 40.66666667,
                 41.83333333, 43.
                                          ]),
          <a list of 36 Patch objects>)
          2000
          1750
          1500
          1250
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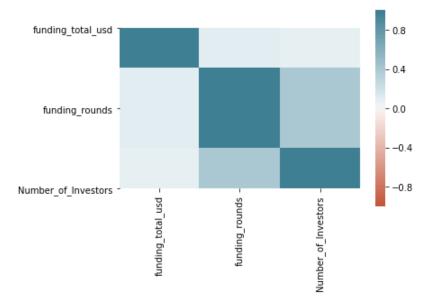


Out[44]: <matplotlib.axes. subplots.AxesSubplot at 0x126cc21d0>

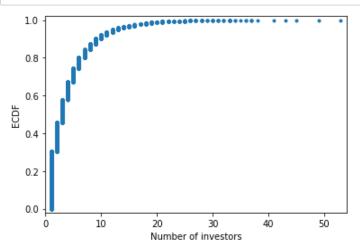


Showing the correlation between number_of_investors and funding_rounds.

```
In [45]: corr = df_dropped.corr()
    ax = sns.heatmap(
        corr,
        vmin=-1, vmax=1, center=0,
        cmap=sns.diverging_palette(20, 220, n=200),
        square=True
)
    ax.set_xticklabels(
        ax.get_xticklabels(),
        rotation=90,
)
    ax.set_yticklabels(),
    rotation=0,
        horizontalalignment='right'
);
```



Making an ECDF



```
In [53]: from wordcloud import WordCloud

names = df_dropped["category_list"][~pd.isnull(df_dropped["category_list"])]
#print(names)
wordcloud = WordCloud(max_font_size=50, width=600, height=300).generate(' '.join(n ames))
plt.figure(figsize=(15,8))
plt.imshow(wordcloud)
plt.title("Wordcloud for category_list", fontsize=35)
plt.axis("off")
plt.show()
```

Wordcloud for category_list



Conclusion

Patterns of downgrowth

- After years of growth since 2007, investment has continued to underperform.
- From 2010 to 2013, investment declined significantly.

Patterns of upgrowth

- In 1983, massive funding was made in the software industry.
- In the Hardware field, the biggest investment was made only in 1953. This might be due to the fact that IBM effectively created the computer market in 1953 with the IBM 650.

Over 35% startups got 1~2 investors, and the funding round and number of investors showed a mild correlation.