LECTURE 1

Course Overview

An overview of data science and the data science lifecycle

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  - Applications in Remote Sensing for Taxation Automation and in medical Diagnosis.

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What Is Data Science in this course?

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Joey Gonzalez

Data Science is the application of data centric, computational, and inferential thinking to:

- Understand the world (science).
- Solve problems (engineering).

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Interdisciplinary Nature:

- Data science combines elements of computer science, mathematics, and domain expertise to solve complex problems.

Structured Data:

- Refers to data that is organized into a specific format, typically consisting of rows and columns, where each piece of information is stored in a well-defined manner.

Unstructured Data:

- Refers to data that lacks a specific, predefined structure, making it more challenging to organize and analyse compared to structured data.

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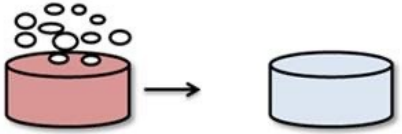

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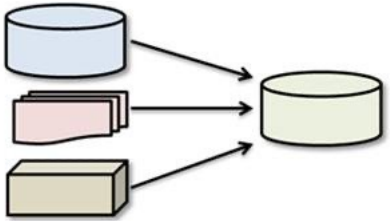

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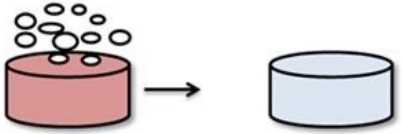

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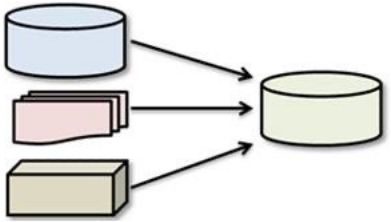

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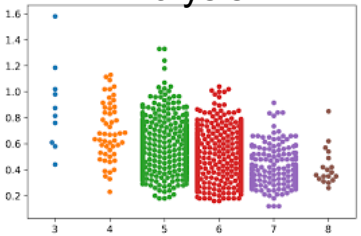

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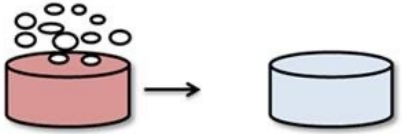

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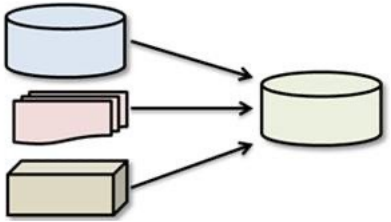

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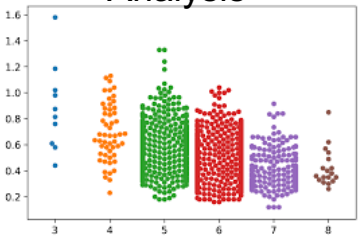

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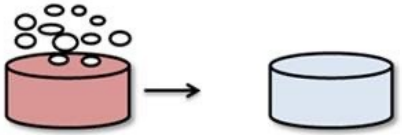

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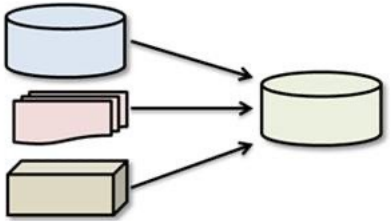

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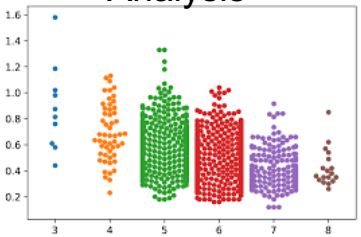

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- Effectively communicate their findings to non-technical stakeholders

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Prepare

Prepare students for **data management**, **machine learning**, and **statistics**, by providing the necessary foundation and context.

Enable

Enable students to start careers as data scientists by providing experience working with **real-world data, tools, and techniques**.

Empower

Empower students to apply computational and inferential thinking to address **real-world problems**.

Importance of Data Science

The world is complicated! Decisions are hard.

- Data science drives decision-making across various industries.
- There is a high demand for data scientists in today's job market.
- Data is used everywhere to answer hard questions and make tough decisions:
  - Science
  - Medicine
  - Engineering
  - Sports

Claims about data come up in discussing almost any important issue:

- Instead of ”Alex says," now it’s "the data says."
- It is usually not easy to tell what the data "says"
- **Empower yourself** to participate in the arguments that shape your life and your society

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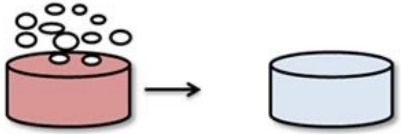

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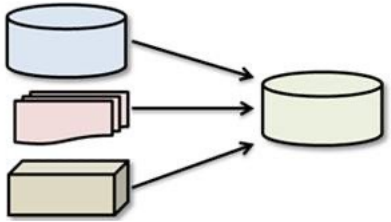

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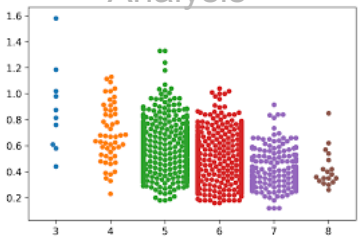

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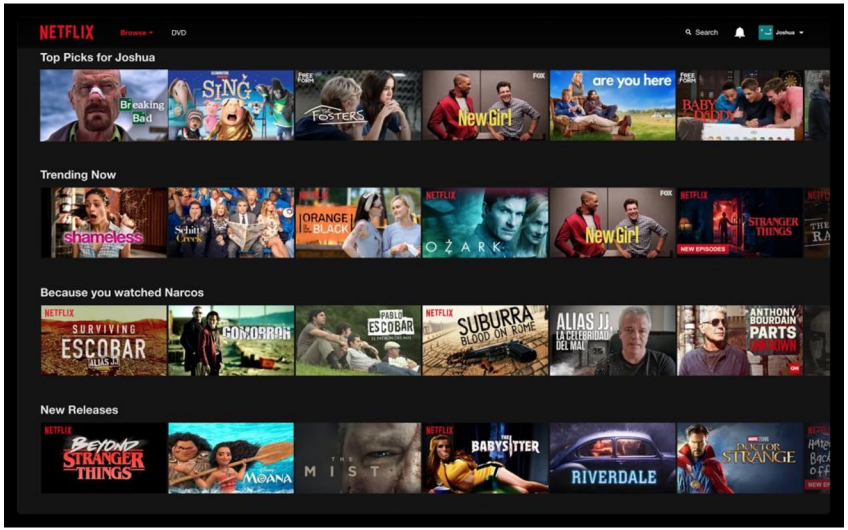
Example:

- Imagine you work for an e-commerce

Recommendation Systems



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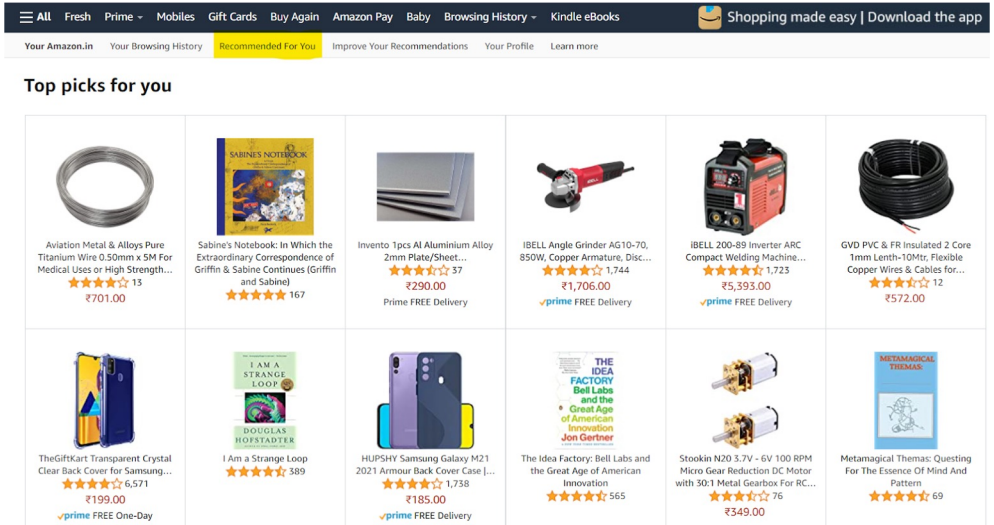

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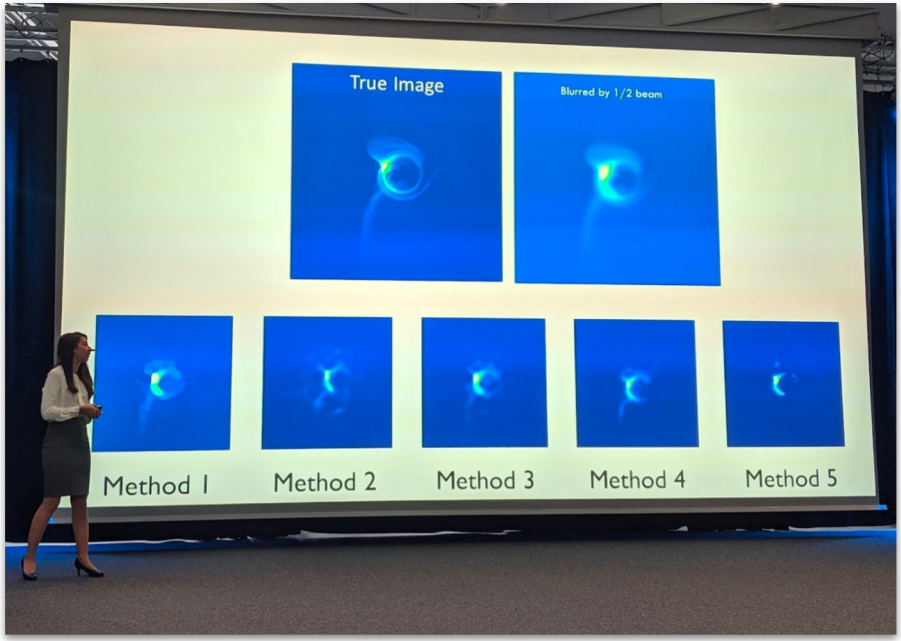

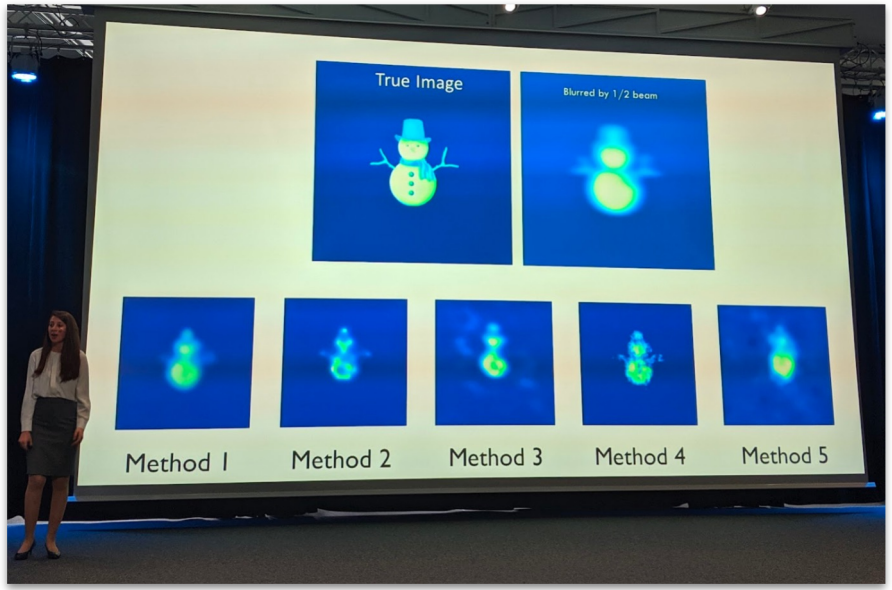

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Technology Trends

- 2020s: **AI...?**
- 2010s: Data Industry
  - Collect and sell information
- 2000s: Internet Industry
  - Online retailers and services
- 1990s: Software Industry
  - Sold computer software
- 1980s: Hardware Industry
  - Sold computers

From Joey Gonzalez.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/AlphaGo_versus_Lee_Sedol

Data!

Knowledge is empowering.

Data science offers **immense potential** to address challenging problems facing society.

The future is in your hands, and I believe:

You will use your knowledge for good.

…I am thrilled to teach Data Science :-)

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The world is complicated! Decisions are hard.

Data science is a fundamentally human-centered field that facilitates decision-making by quantitatively balancing tradeoffs.

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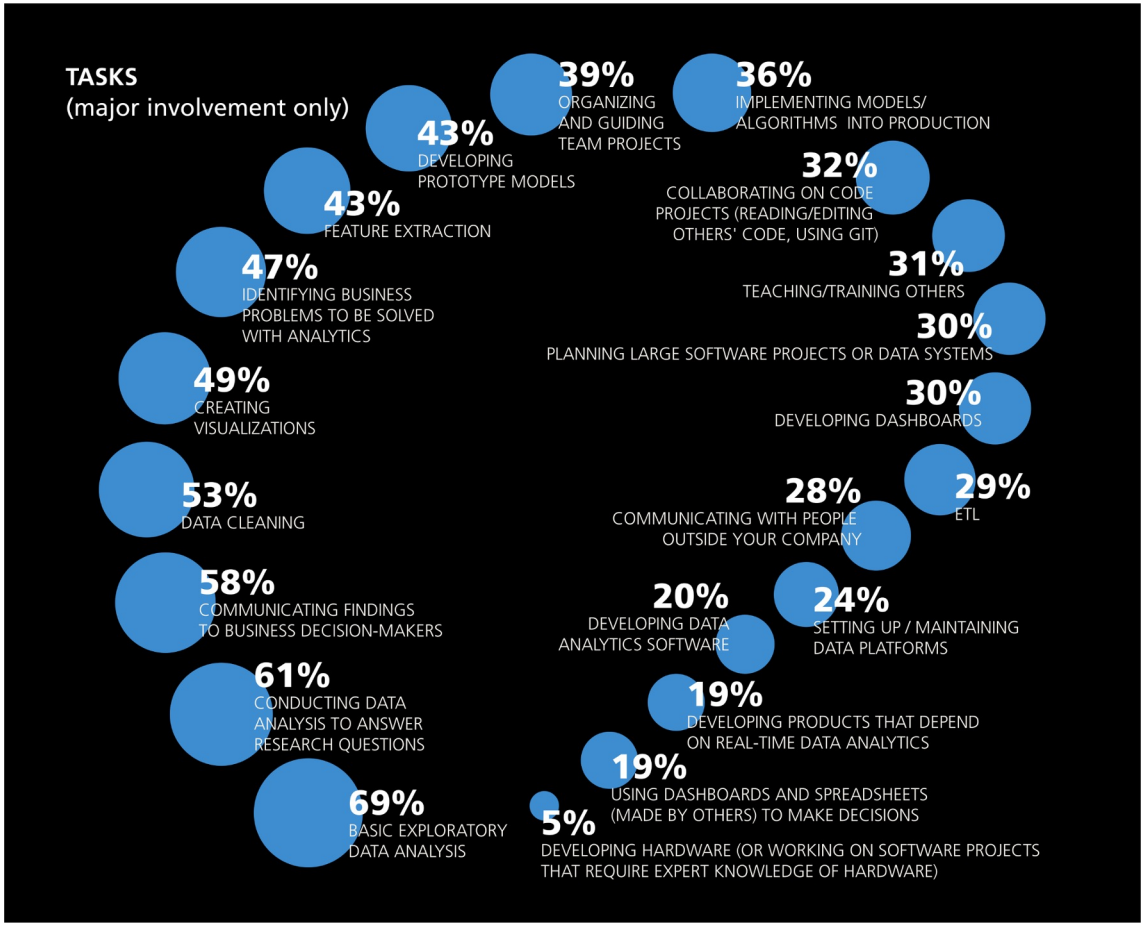

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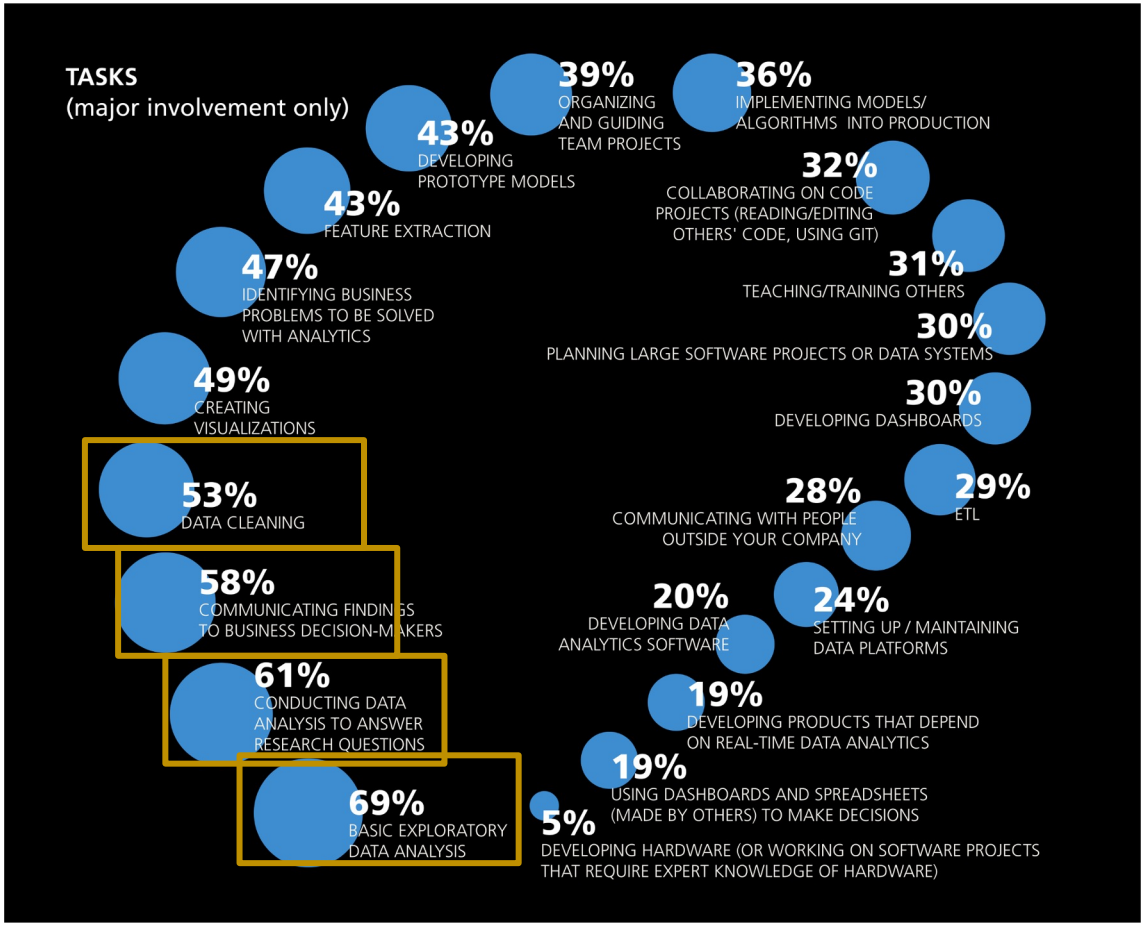

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Data Science Requires Engineering and Scientific Insight

Good data analysis is not:

- The simple application of a statistics recipe.
- Simple application of statistical software.

There are many **tools** out there for data science, but they are merely tools.

- **They don't do any of the important thinking!**

"The purpose of computing is insight, not numbers."

R. Hamming. *Numerical Methods for Scientists and Engineers (1962).*

Example Questions in Data Science

Some (broad) questions we might try to answer with data science:

- What show should we recommend to our users to watch?
- In which markets should we focus our advertising campaign?
- Should I send my kids to daycare?
- Is the world getting better or worse?
- What areas of the world are at higher risk for climate change impact in 10 years? 20?
- What should we eat to avoid dying early of heart disease?
- Do immigrants from poor countries have a positive or negative impact on the economy?
- Which university will be the most appropriate for Data science engineering?

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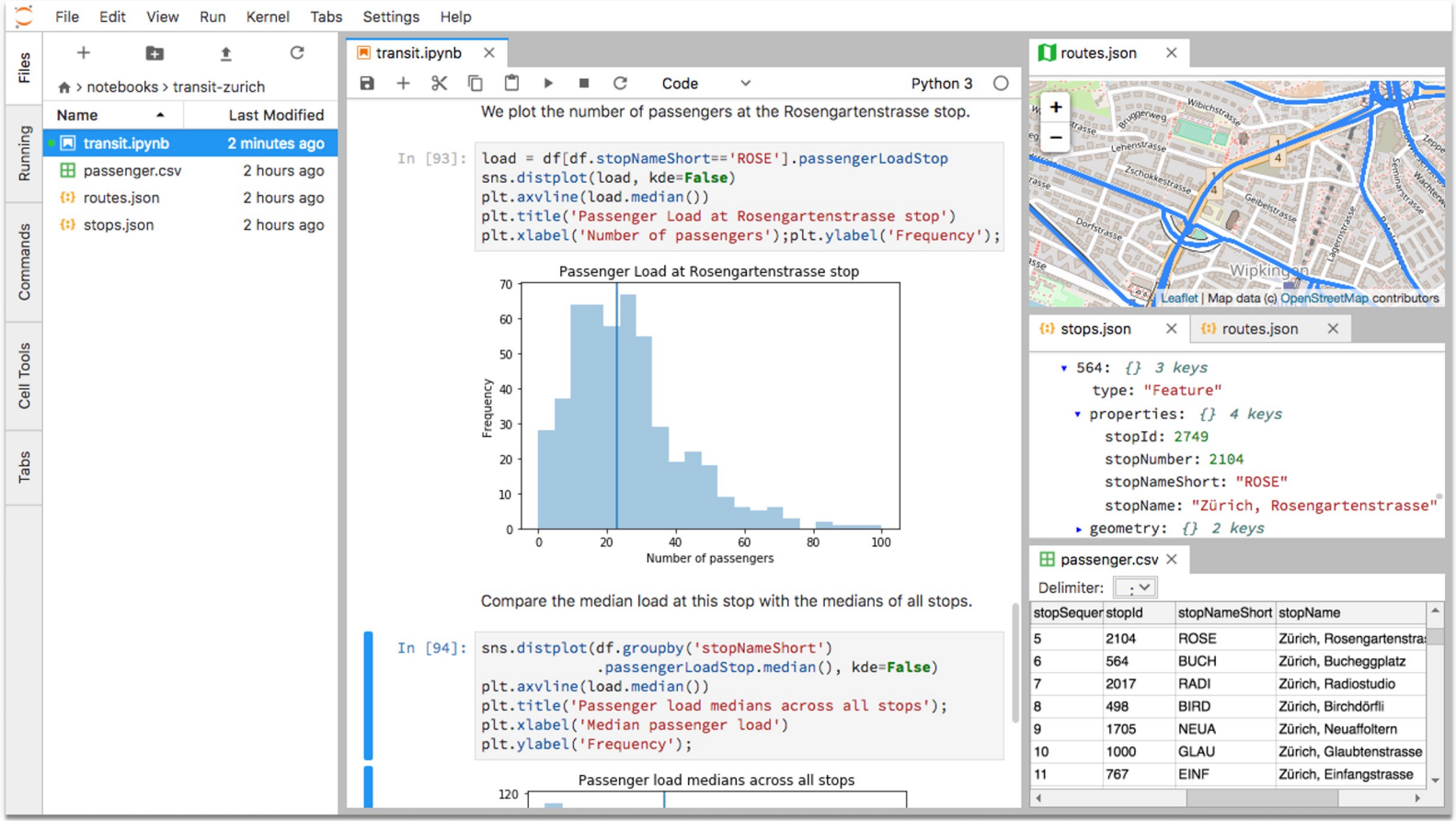
Tentative List of Topics to be Covered in Data Science

- Pandas and NumPy
- Relational Databases & SQL
- Exploratory Data Analysis
- Regular Expressions
- Visualization
  - matplotlib
  - Seaborn
  - plotly
- Sampling
- Model design and loss formulation
- Linear Regression
- Feature Engineering
- Regularization, Bias-Variance Tradeoff, Cross-Validation
- Gradient Descent
- Data science in the physical world
- Logistic Regression
- Clustering
- PCA

Programming Environment for our Course: Jupyter Notebook



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The data science lifecycle is a **high-level description** of the data science workflow.

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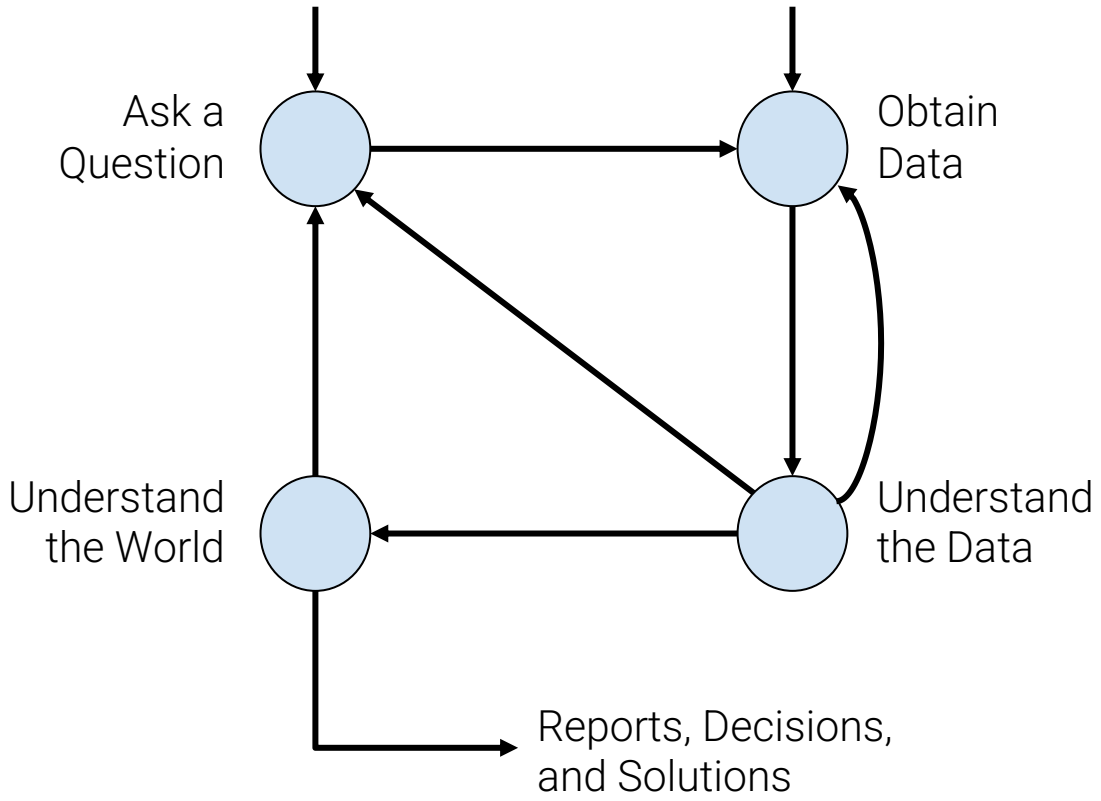
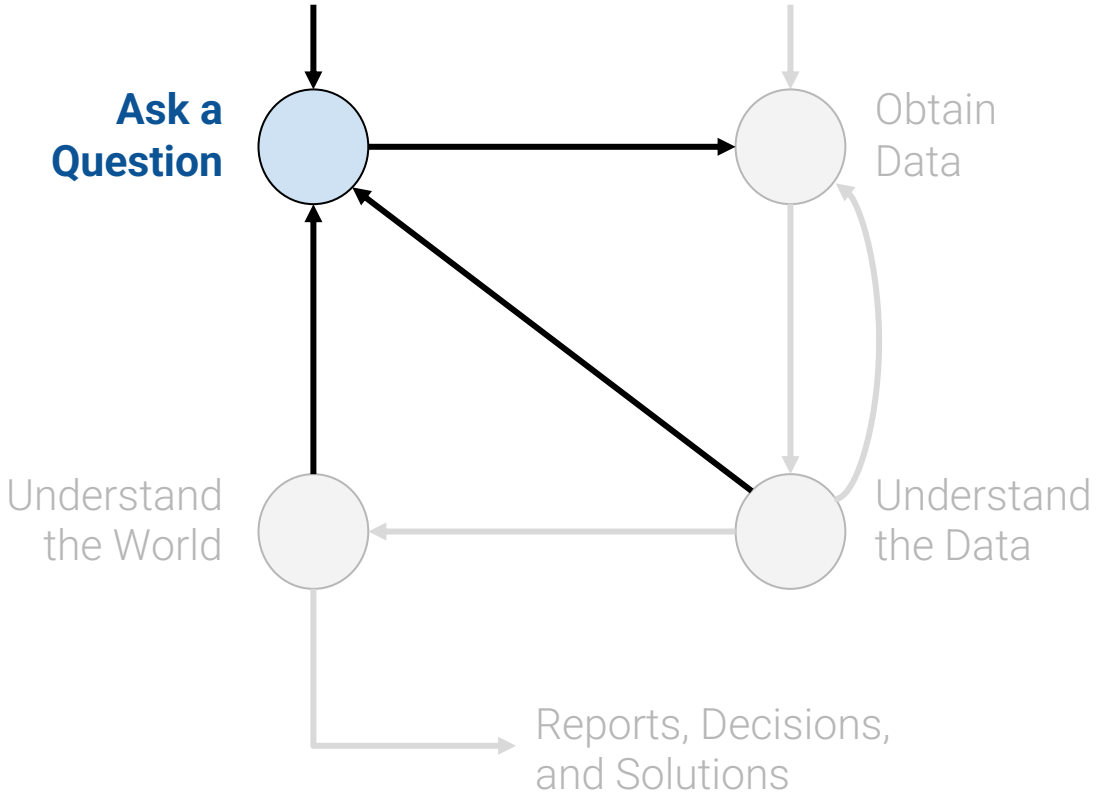


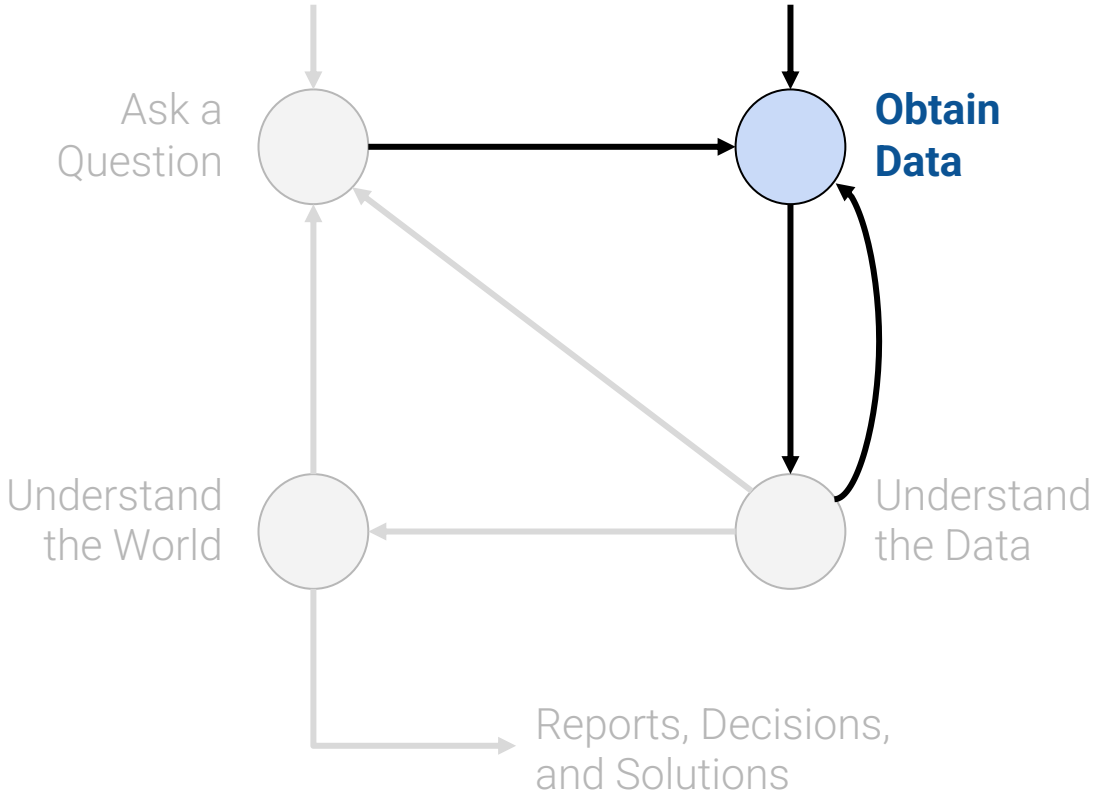
1. Question/Problem Formulation

- What do we want to know?
- What problems are we trying to solve?
- What hypotheses do we want to test?
- What are our metrics for success?



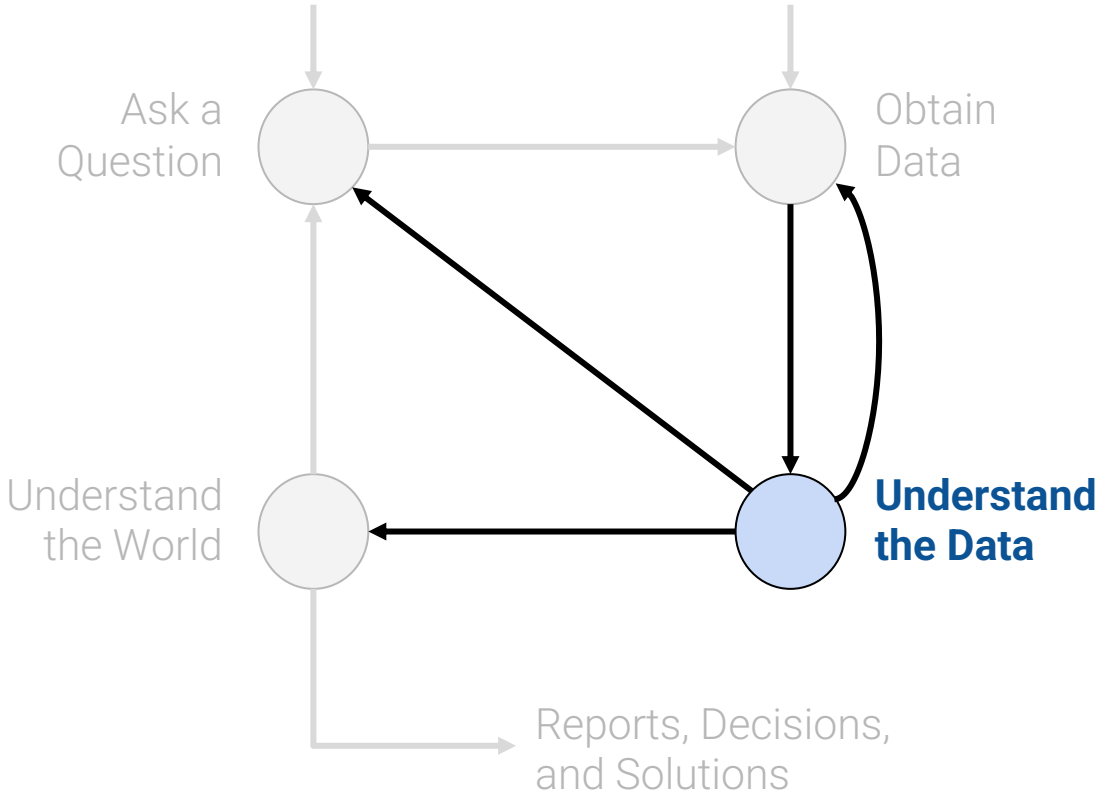
2. Data Acquisition and Cleaning

- What data do we have and what data do we need?
- How will we sample more data?
- Is our data representative of the population we want to study?



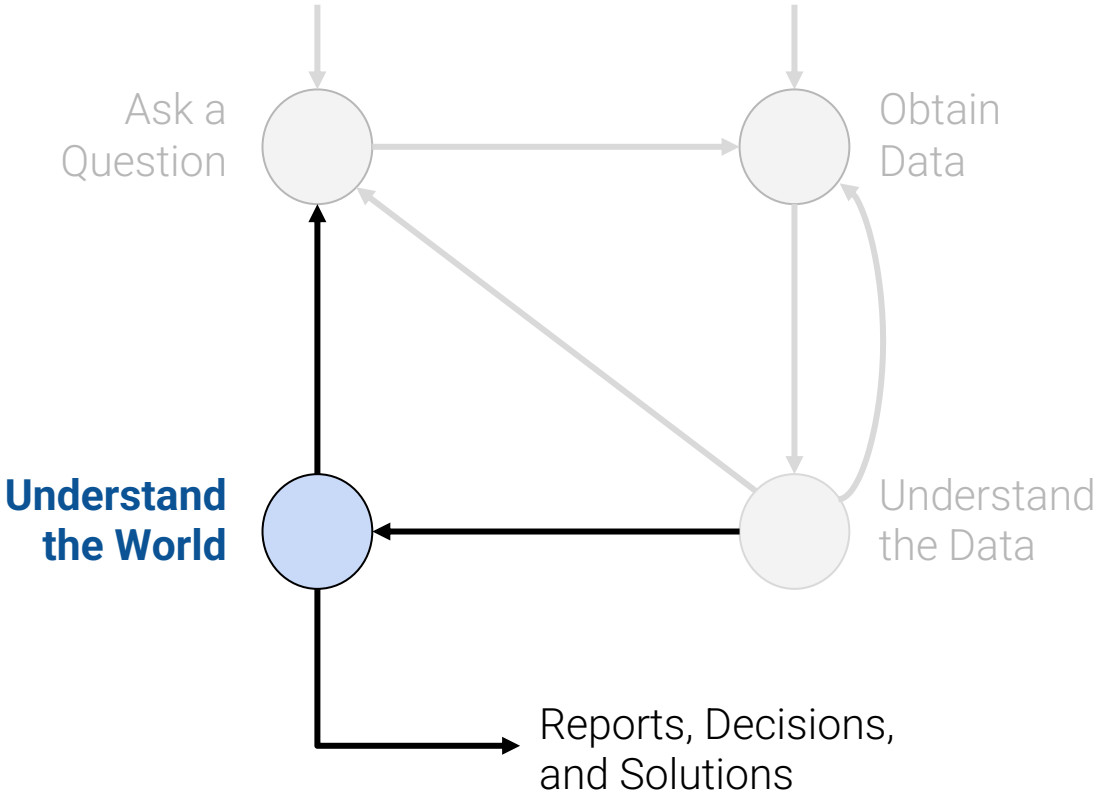
3. Exploratory Data Analysis & Visualization

- How is our data organized and what does it contain?
- Do we already have relevant data?
- What are the biases, anomalies, or other issues with the data?
- How do we transform the data to enable effective analysis?



4. Prediction and Inference

- What does the data say about the world?
- Does it answer our questions or accurately solve the problem?
- How robust are our conclusions and can we trust the predictions?



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