

### Introduction to the World of Data

# **Origin of Decisions**



### Decisions were always data-driven

Let's consider few situations that early civilizations might have faced



Decisions are made today by businesses the same way - but the methods have become more **accurate** and **faster** owing to the evolution of **statistical techniques** & **computing capabilities**This file is meant for personal use by santha.p.kumar@gmail.com only.

## Paradigms in data science



#### Inferential

Make predictions on population based on sample data

Use statistical methods to draw conclusions / infer from data

Representativeness of data

- 1. Effectiveness of a new medication through randomized trial
- 2. Impact of a new policy on citizens

#### Computational

Leverage computational methods and technology to scale insight generation



Focus

Implement algorithms and computational methods to analyse data



Methods

Complexity of algorithms and cost of training large models



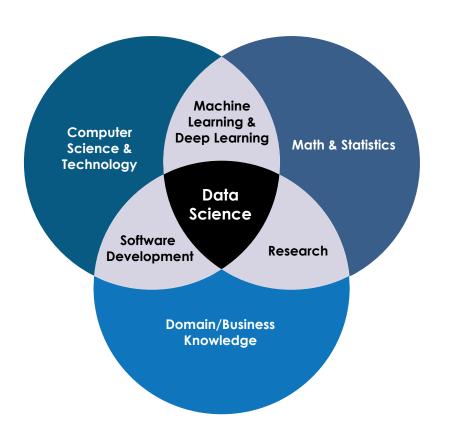
Limitations

- 1. Weather forecasting based on historical and weather patterns
- 2. Optimize routing of vehicles to minimize costs



Examples

### The need for math in Data Science





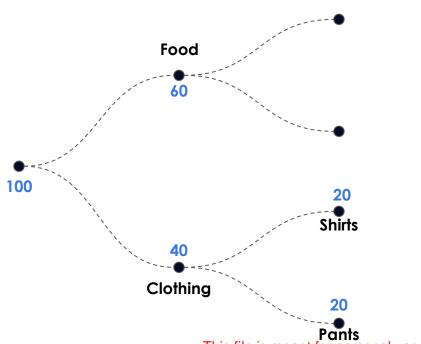
Sales = 500-20\*Price

# **Probability & Descriptive Statistics**

# Bayes' Rule

"Determine probability of a hypothesis based on prior knowledge and new evidence."

Eg: Shopping patterns of 100 people in a retail store



Probability of a new person to enter the food section?

Probability (Food) = 0.6

Probability of a person to enter the clothing section?

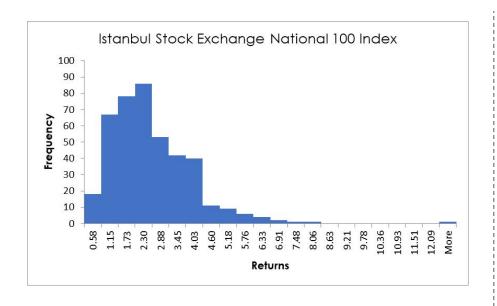
Probability (Clothing) = 0.4

Probability of a person in the shirt section, given, he is in the clothing section?

Probability (Shirt | Clothing) = 0.5

# **Descriptive Statistics**

"Describing features of a dataset by generating summaries about data samples"



Average Return = Mean

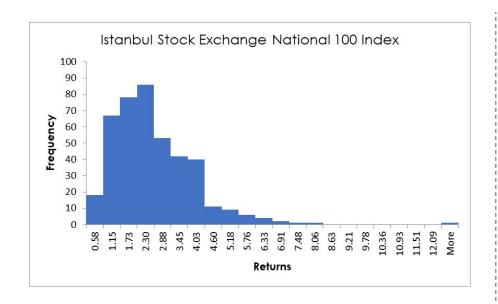
$$\overline{X} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} X_{i}$$

Risk = Standard Deviation

$$\sqrt{\frac{1}{n-1}} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left( X_i - \overline{X} \right)^2$$

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**Happy Learning!** 

