

Exploratory Data Analysis, Painlessly

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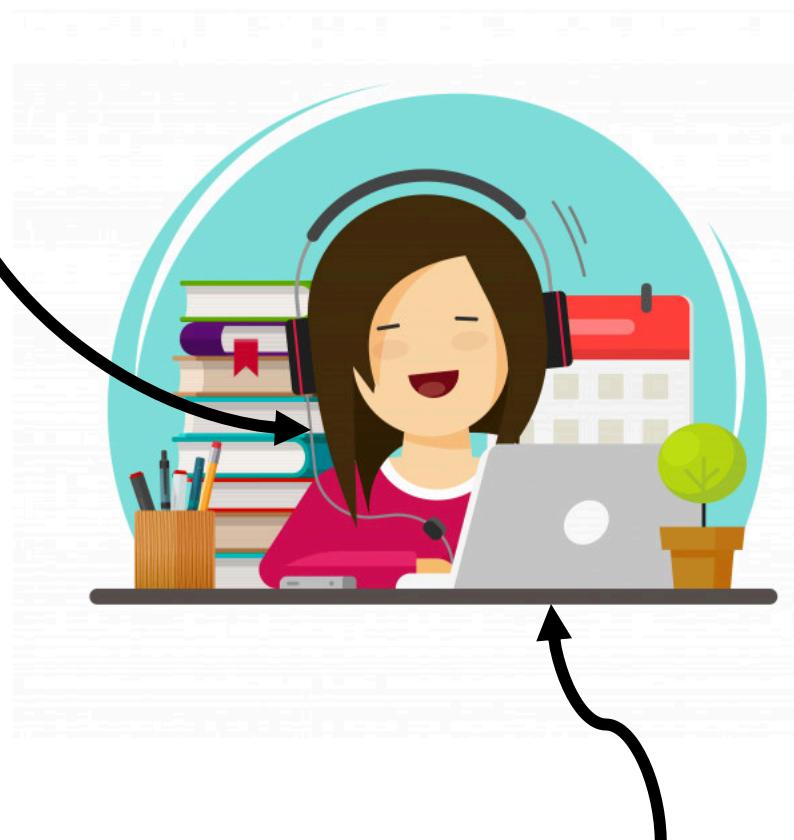
Exploratory data analysis

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In statistics, **exploratory data analysis (EDA)** is an approach to **analyzing data sets** to summarize their main characteristics, often with visual methods. A **statistical model** can be used or not, but primarily EDA is for seeing what the data can tell us beyond the formal modeling or hypothesis testing task. Exploratory data analysis was promoted by **John Tukey** to encourage statisticians to explore the data, and possibly formulate hypotheses that could lead to new data collection and experiments.

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You



Data scientist

Massive Computational Experiments, Painlessly

(STATS 285)

Stanford University, Spring 2021

Ambitious Data Science requires massive computational experimentation; the entry ticket for a solid PhD in some fields is now to conduct experiments involving 1 Million CPU hours. This course covers state-of-the-art practices for conducting massive computational experiments in the cloud in a pain-free and reproducible manner. In addition to giving students a hands-on experience with cluster computing, the course features several guest lectures by renowned data scientists.

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Logistics

For questions, concerns or bug reports, please contact [Alon Kipnis](#) or [Mahsa Lotfi](#) or [David Donoho](#). This course meets Mondays 2:30-3:50 PM on Zoom. If you are a guest speaker for this course, please read [travel section](#) to plan your visit.

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that it is compatible with the XYZ paradigm, run it using @clusterjob on Stanford's Sherlock cluster or on the cloud, and visualize the obtained results in @tableau

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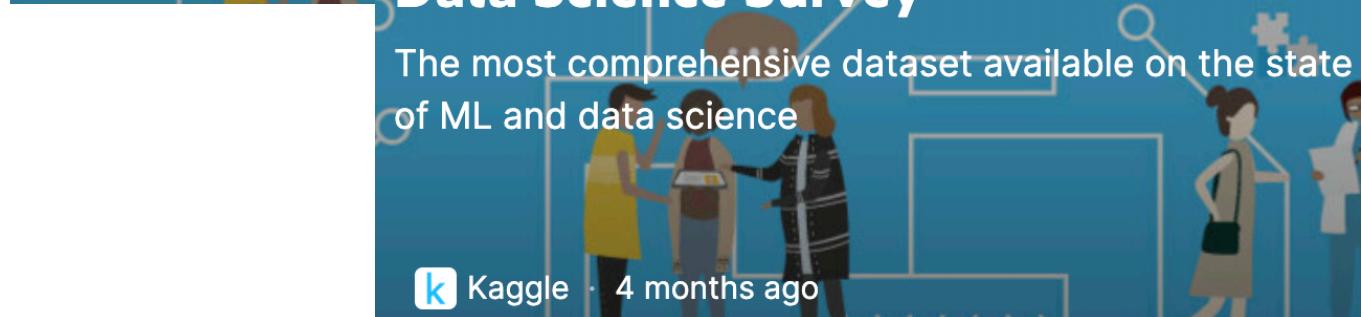
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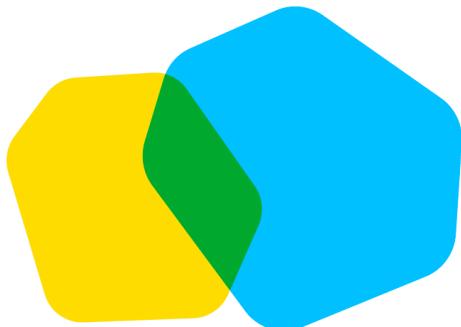
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kaggle

State of Machine Learning and Data Science 2020



Enterprise Executive Summary Report

Overview

For the fourth year, Kaggle surveyed its community of data enthusiasts to share trends within a quickly growing field.

Based on responses from 20,036 Kaggle members, we've created this report focused on the 13% (2,675 respondents) who are currently employed as data scientists.

We can see a clear picture of what is common in the community but also the diverse attributes of its members.

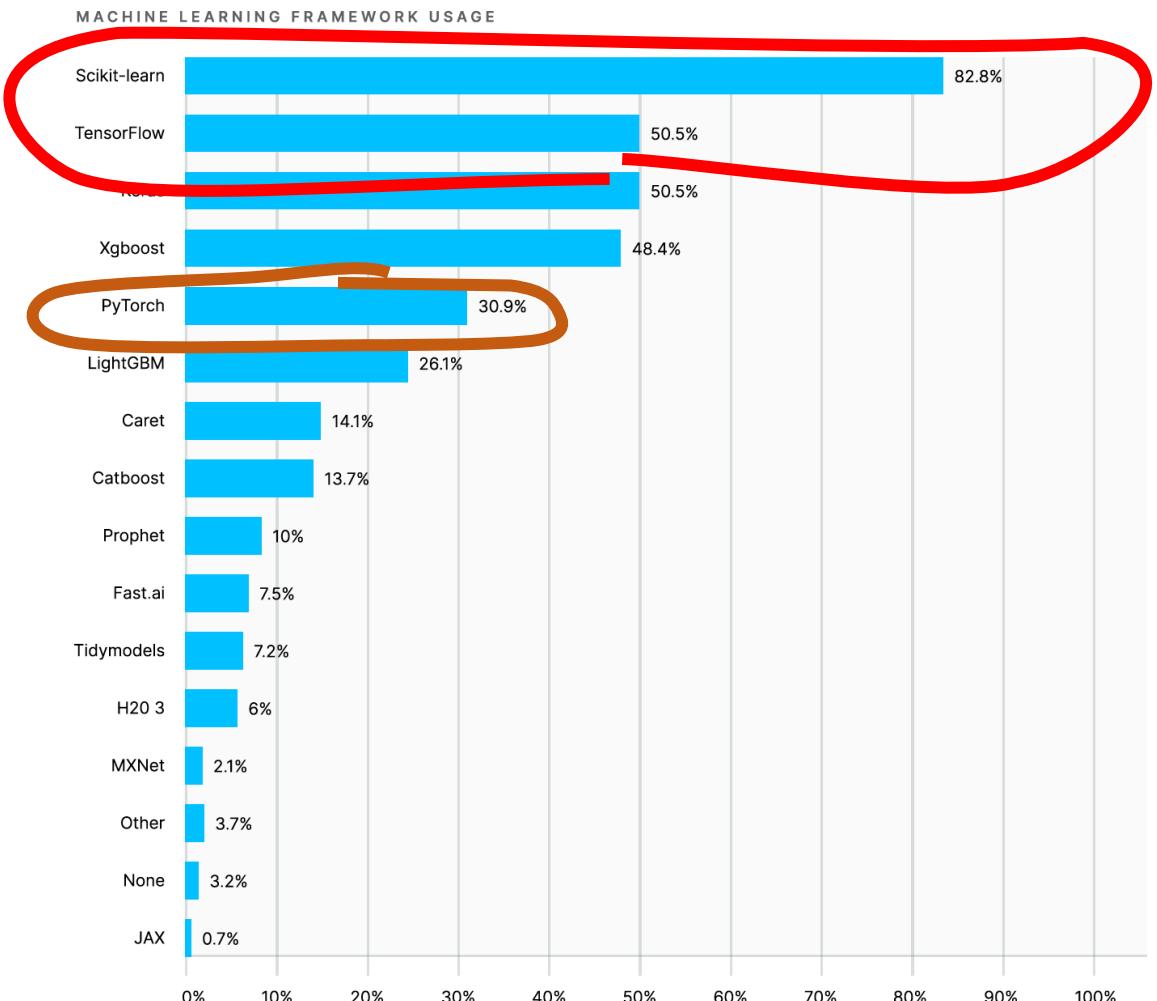
<https://www.kaggle.com/kaggle-survey-2020>

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Q16

Which of the following machine learning frameworks do you use on a regular basis?

- [Scikit-learn](#)
- [TensorFlow](#)
- [Keras](#)
- [PyTorch](#)
- [Fast.ai](#)
- [MXNet](#)
- [Xgboost](#)
- [LightGBM](#)
- [CatBoost](#)
- [Prophet](#)
- [H2O 3](#)
- [Caret](#)
- [Tidymodels](#)
- [JAX](#)
- None
- Other

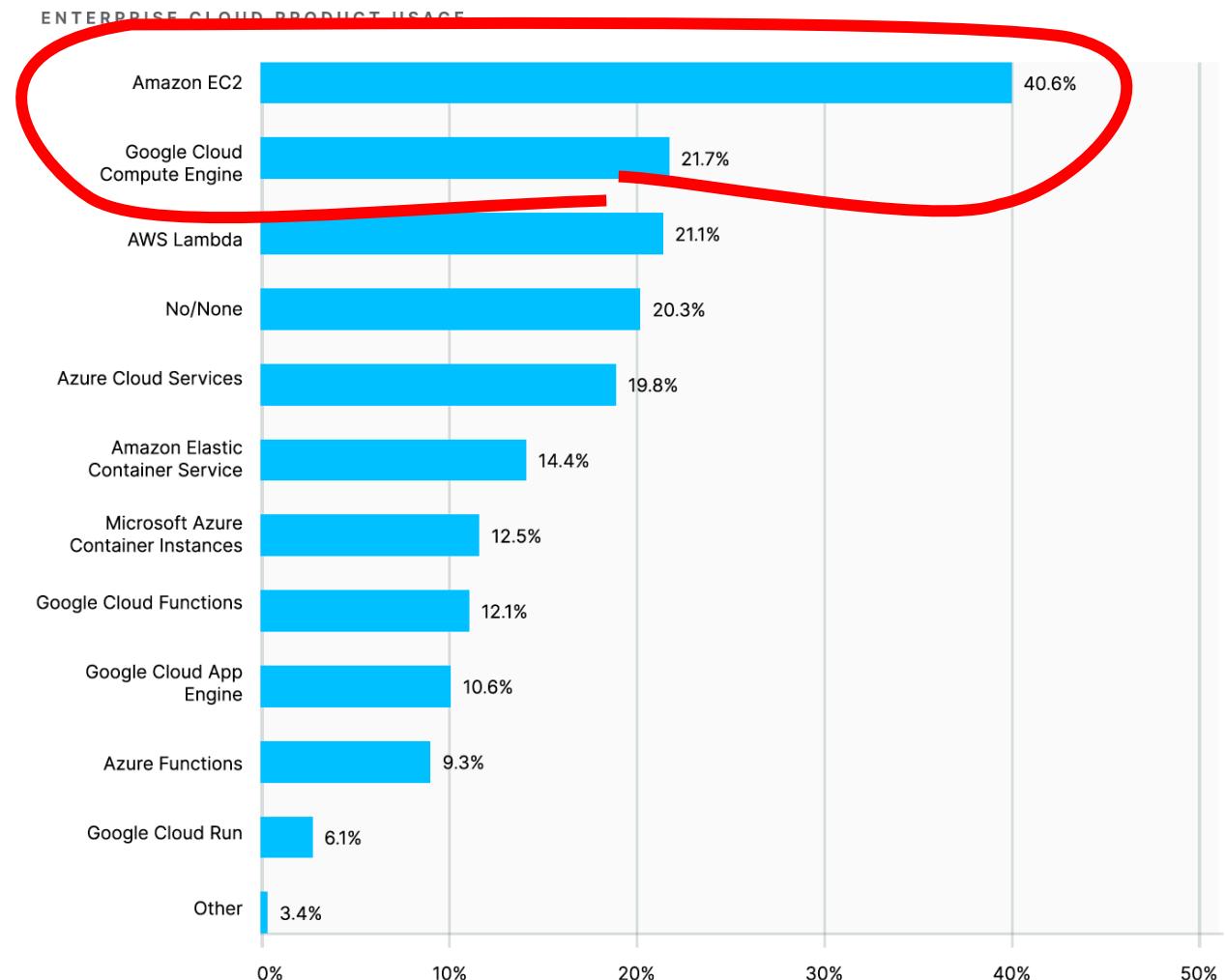


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Q27-A

Do you use any of the following cloud computing products on a regular basis?

- [Amazon EC2](#)
- [AWS Lambda](#)
- [Amazon Elastic Container Service](#)
- [Azure Cloud Services](#)
- [Microsoft Azure Container Instances](#)
- [Azure Functions](#)
- [Google Cloud Compute Engine](#)
- [Google Cloud Functions](#)
- [Google Cloud Run](#)
- [Google Cloud App Engine](#)
- No / None
- Other



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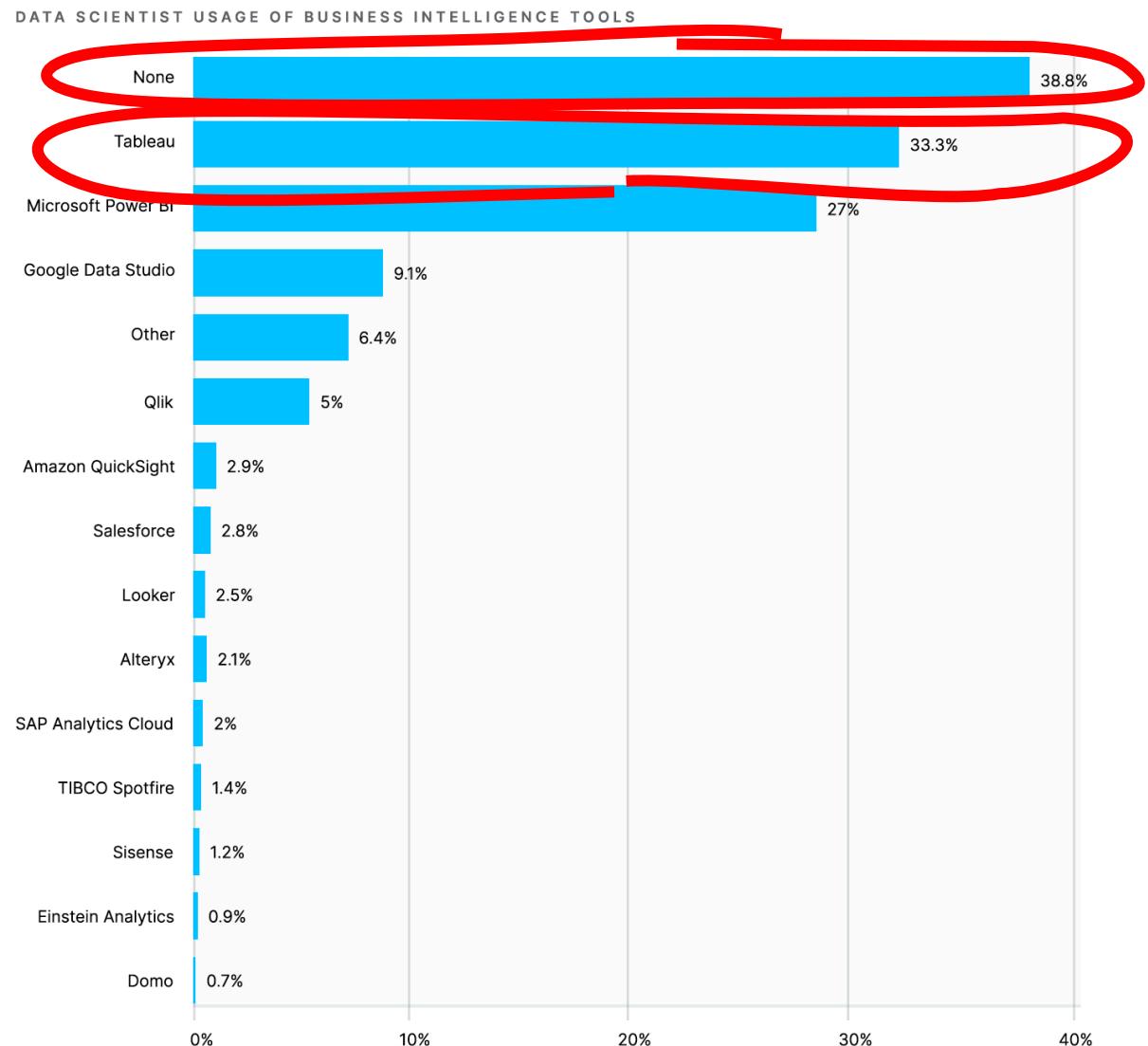
Q32

Which of the following business intelligence tools do you use most often?⁶

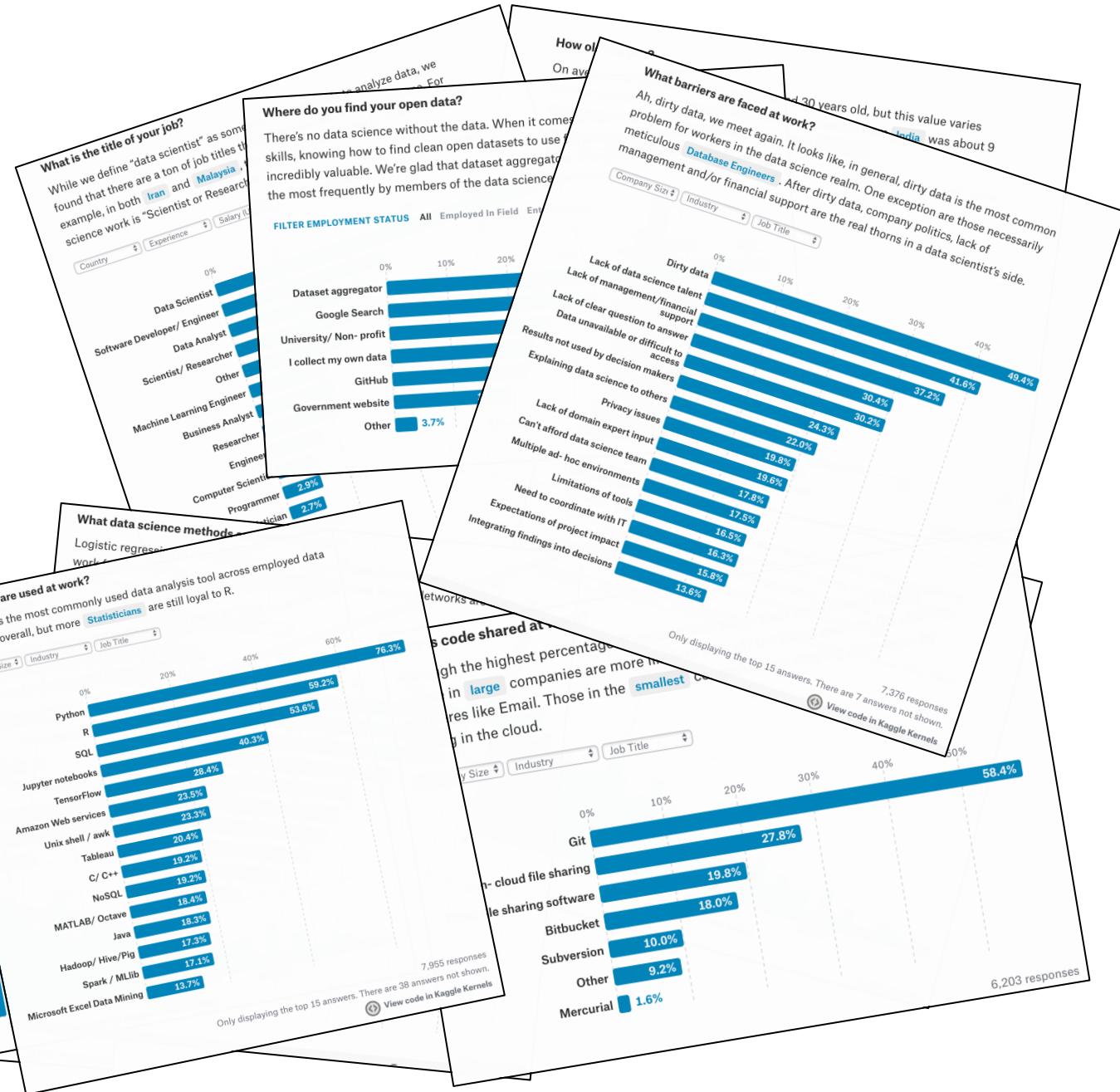
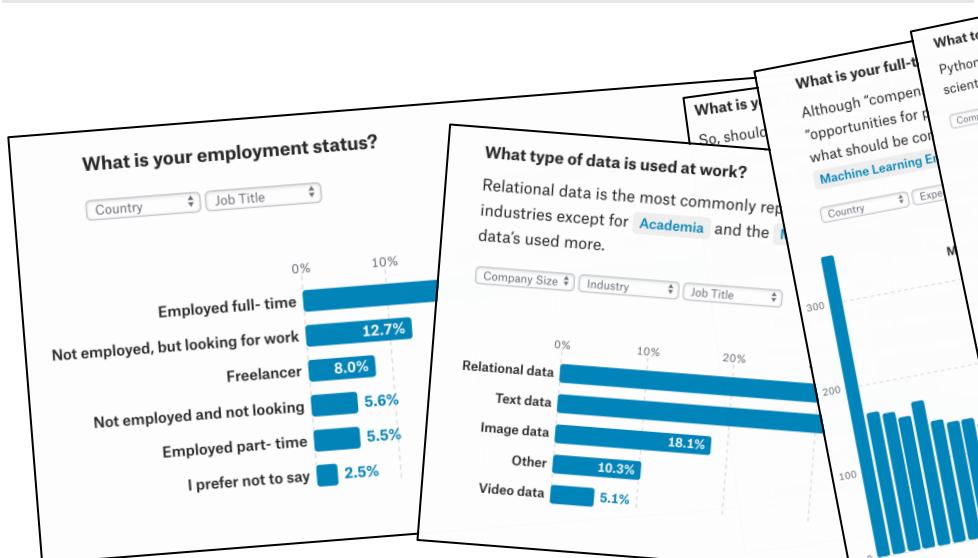
- » Amazon QuickSight
- » Microsoft Power BI
- » Google Data Studio
- » Looker
- » Tableau
- » Salesforce
- » Einstein Analytics
- » Qlik
- » Domo
- » TIBCO Spotfire
- » Alteryx
- » Sisense
- » SAP Analytics Cloud
- » None
- » Other



Answers are all very specific....



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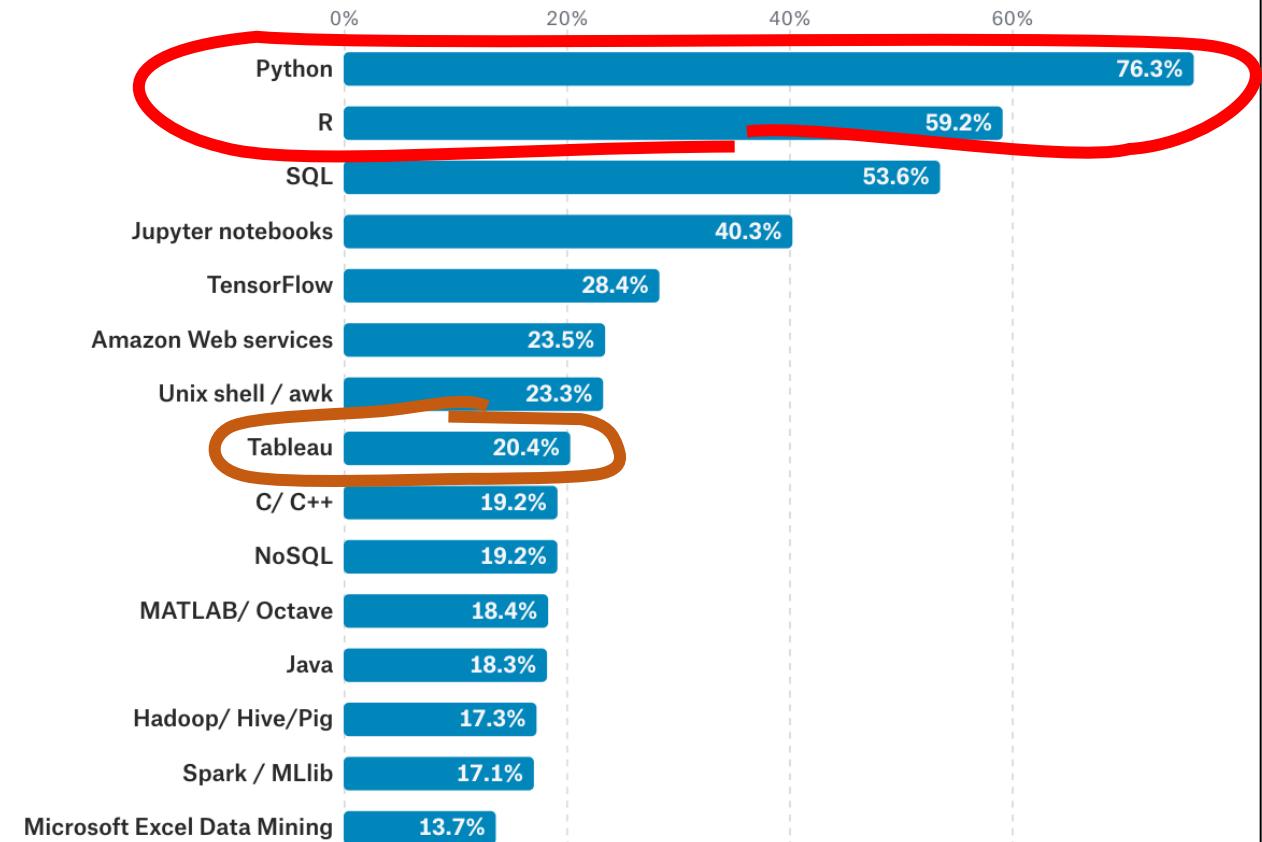
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Company Size ▾ Industry ▾ Job Title ▾

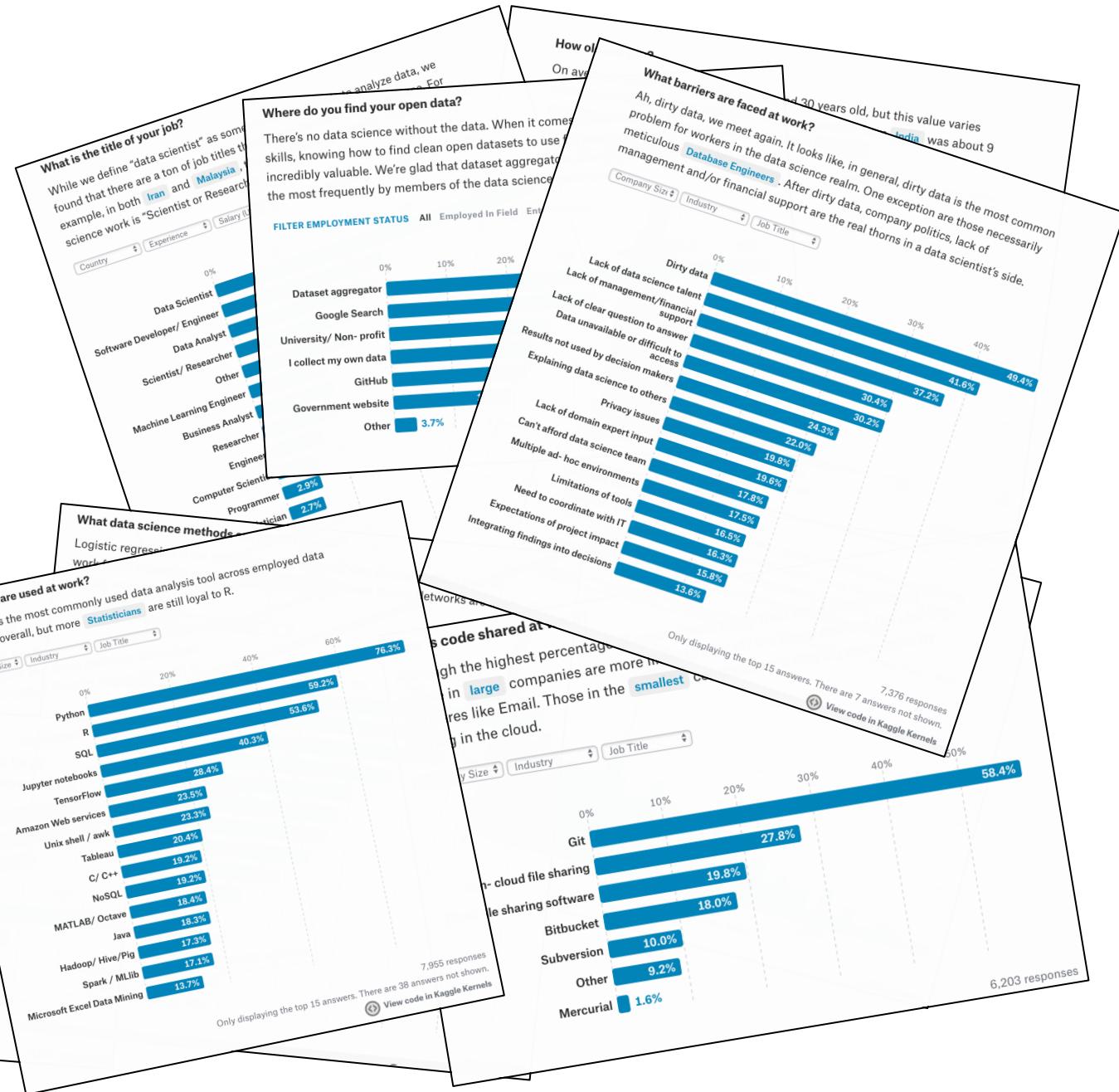
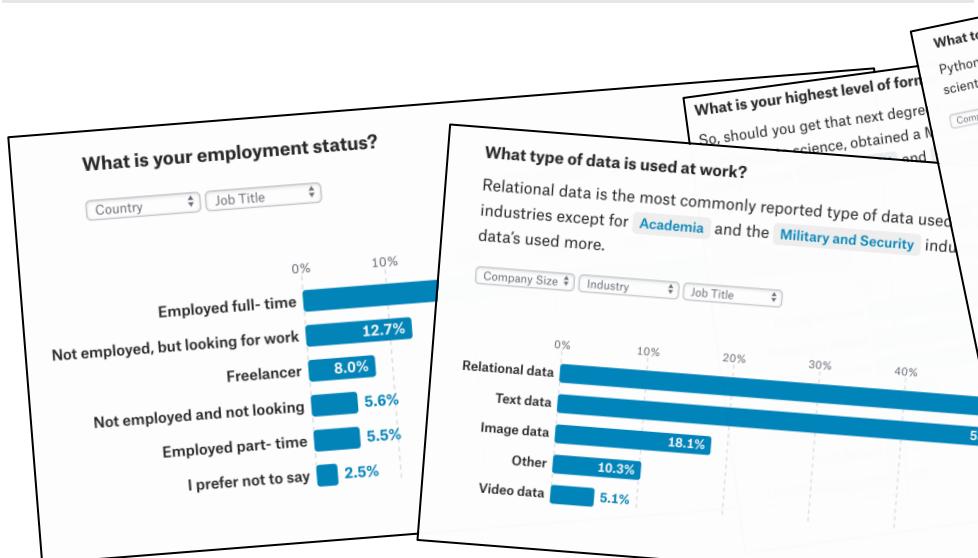


7,955 responses

Only displaying the top 15 answers. There are 38 answers not shown.

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The image shows the cover of the '2017 The State of Data Science & Machine Learning' report by Kaggle. The cover features the Kaggle logo at the top, followed by the year '2017' in large blue letters, and the title 'The State of Data Science & Machine Learning' below it.

Can I generate these myself?

Painlessly?



What barriers are faced at work?

Ah, dirty data, we meet again. It looks like, in general, dirty data is the most common problem for workers in the data science realm. One exception are those necessarily meticulous [Database Engineers](#). After dirty data, company politics, lack of management and/or financial support are the real thorns in a data scientist's side.

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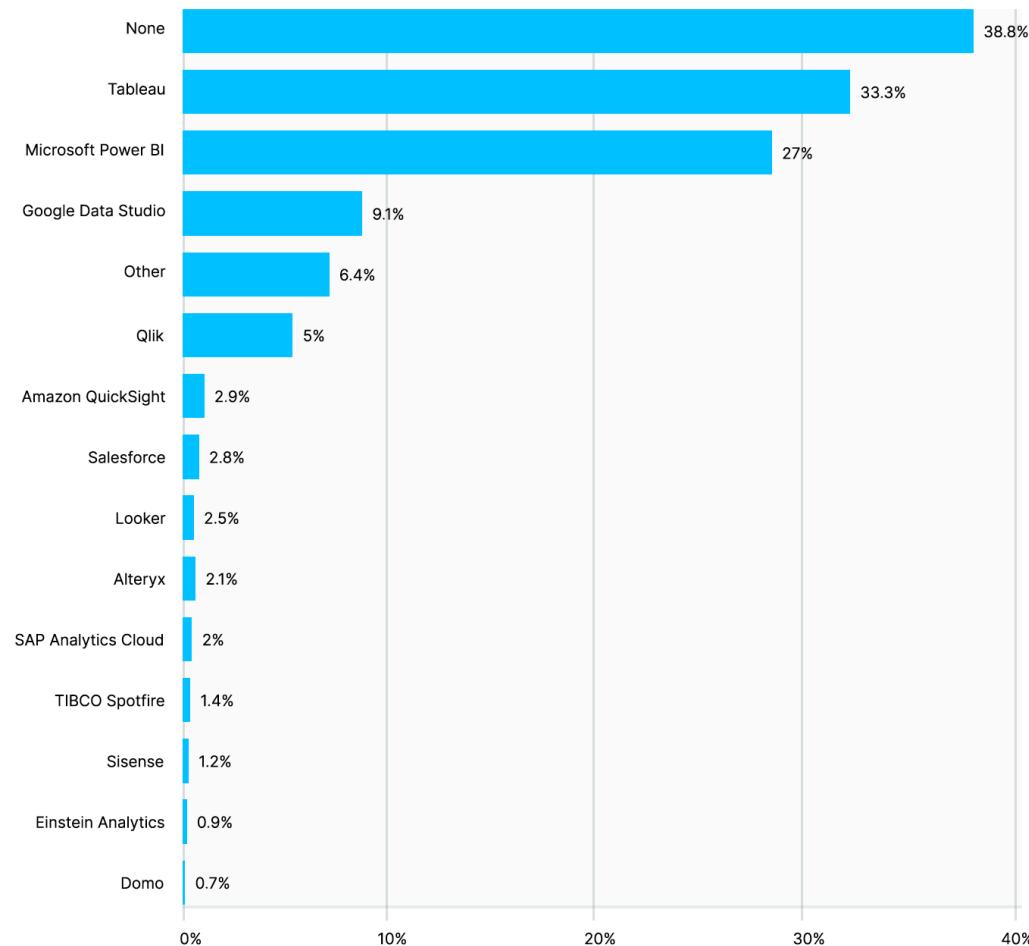
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Let's See...

DATA SCIENTIST USAGE OF BUSINESS INTELLIGENCE TOOLS

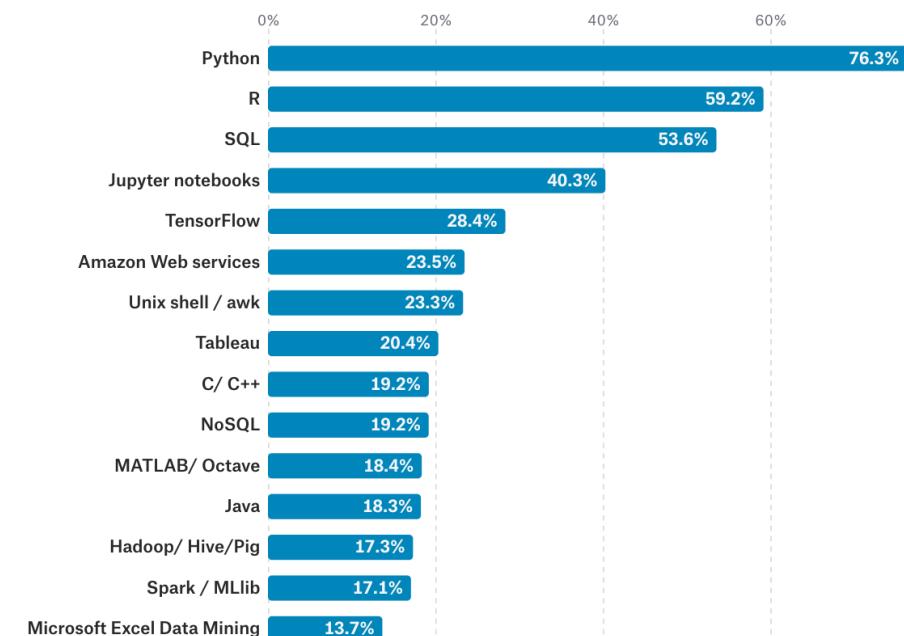


2020

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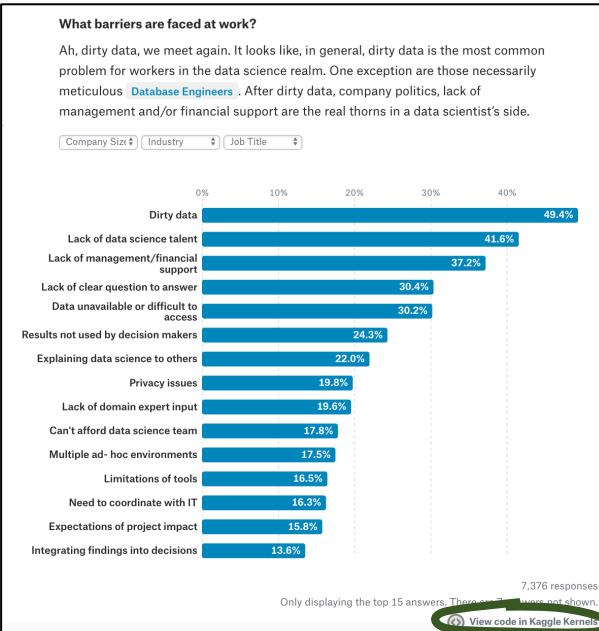
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2017

Obstacles in code-based data analysis

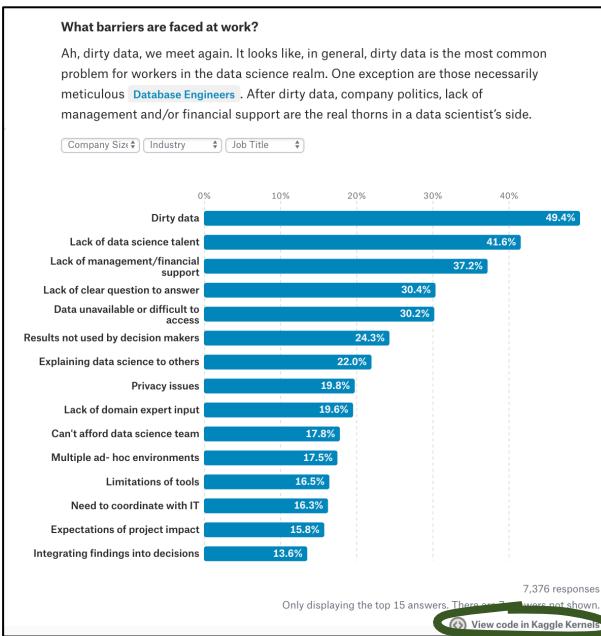
- Reading/cleaning/aggregating data
- Learning/deciphering syntax



```
136 chooseMultiple = function(question, filteredData = cleanData){  
137  
138   filteredData %>%  
139     # Remove any rows where the respondent didn't answer the question  
140     filter(!UQ(sym(question)) == "") %>%  
141     # Remove all columns except question  
142     select(question) %>%  
143     # Add a column with the initial number of respondents to question  
144     mutate(totalCount = n()) %>%  
145     # Split multiple answers apart at the comma, but ignore commas inside parentheses  
146     mutate(selections = strsplit(as.character(UQ(sym(question))),  
147       '\\\\([^\"]+,*SKIP)(*FAIL|,\\\\s*', perl = TRUE)) %>%  
148     # Split answers are now nested, need to unnest them  
149     unnest(selections) %>%  
150     # Group by the selected responses to the question  
151     group_by(selections) %>%  
152     # Count how many respondents selected each option  
153     summarise(totalCount = max(totalCount),  
154       count = n()) %>%  
155     # Calculate what percent of respondents selected each option  
156     mutate(percent = (count / totalCount) * 100) %>%  
157     # Arrange the counts in descending order  
158     arrange(desc(count))  
159   }  
160 }  
  
255 # Filter the data  
256 filterBarriers <- workLife %>%  
257   # Remove blank responses on employment question  
258   filter(!EmploymentStatus == "") %>%  
259   # Keep only entries that indicated that they use code to analyze data at work  
260   filter(CodeWriter == "Yes") %>%  
261   # Keep only entries that included one of the above "employed" statuses  
262   filter(grepl(paste(employed, collapse = "|"), EmploymentStatus))  
263  
264   # Using the filtered data, run chooseMultiple() function  
265   chooseMultiple("WorkChallengesSelect", filterBarriers)
```

Obstacles in code-based data analysis

- Reading/cleaning/aggregating data
- Learning/deciphering syntax
- Code and deliverable mismatch



selections
<chr>
Dirty data
Lack of data science talent in the organization
Company politics / Lack of management/financial support for a data science team
The lack of a clear question to be answering or a clear direction to go in with the available data
Unavailability of/difficult access to data
Data Science results not used by business decision makers
Explaining data science to others
Privacy issues
Lack of significant domain expert input
Organization is small and cannot afford a data science team

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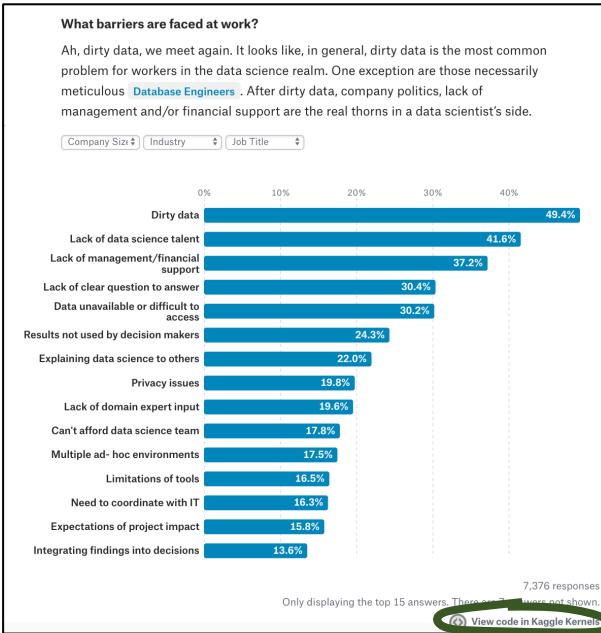
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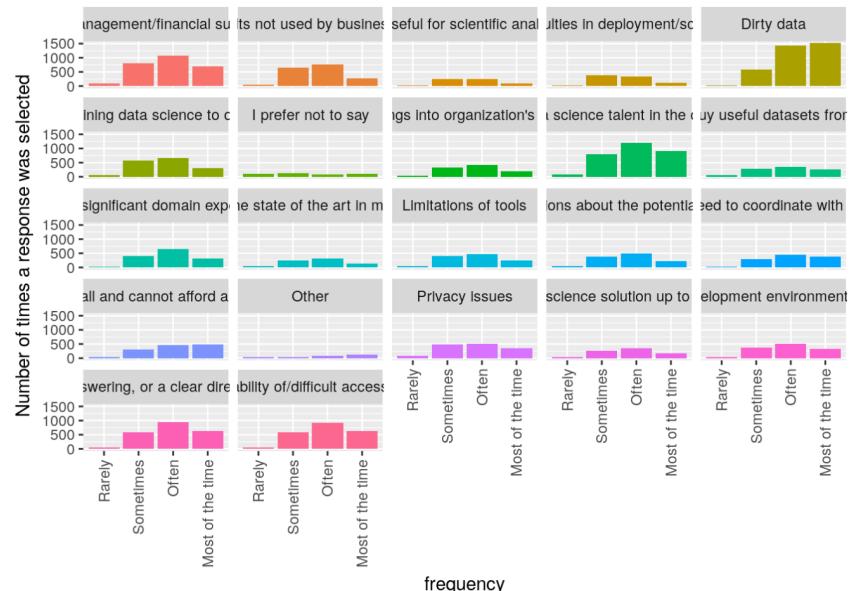
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- Formatting output



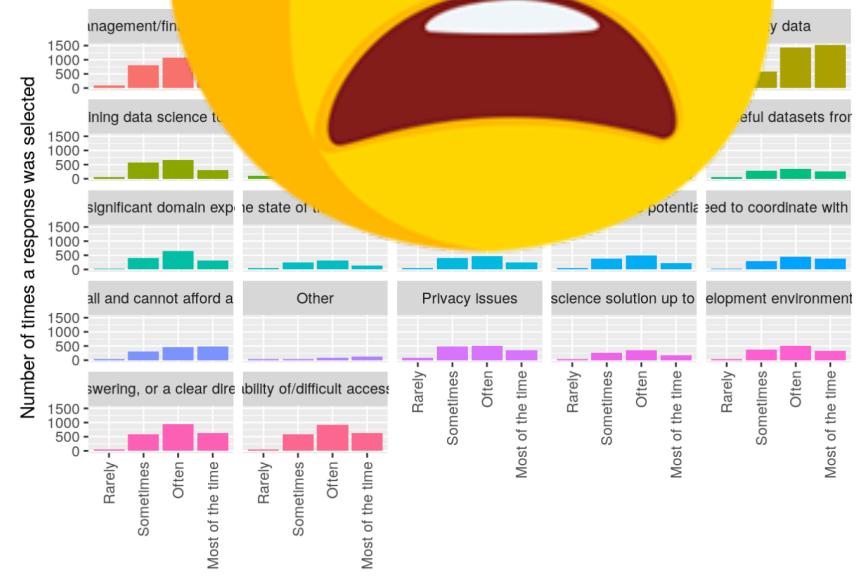
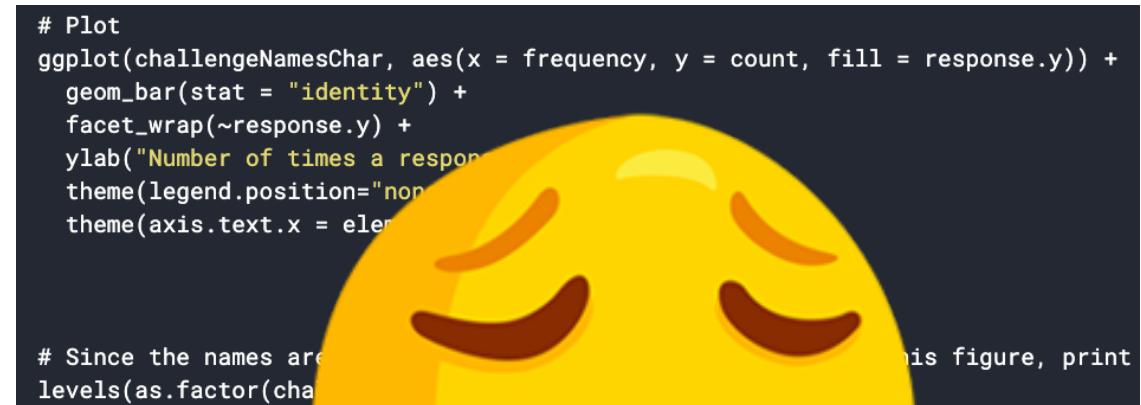
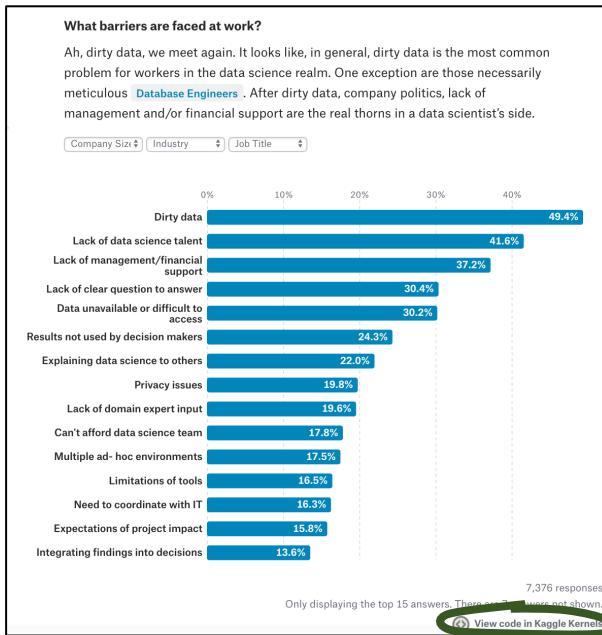
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# Plot
ggplot(challengeNamesChar, aes(x = frequency, y = count, fill = response.y)) +
  geom_bar(stat = "identity") +
  facet_wrap(~response.y) +
  ylab("Number of times a response was selected") +
  theme(legend.position="none") +
  theme(axis.text.x = element_text(angle = 90,
                                    vjust = 0.5,
                                    hjust = 1))

# Since the names are often too long to be displayed well in this figure, print
levels(as.factor(challengeNamesChar$response.y))
```



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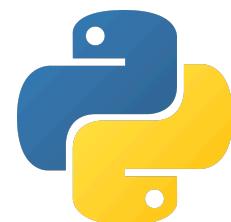


frequency

Misalignment of goals

Data analysis for dissemination

- Flexible framework for implementing complex calculations
- Concise representations like scripts and functions
- Facilitates the efficient **communication** of insights.

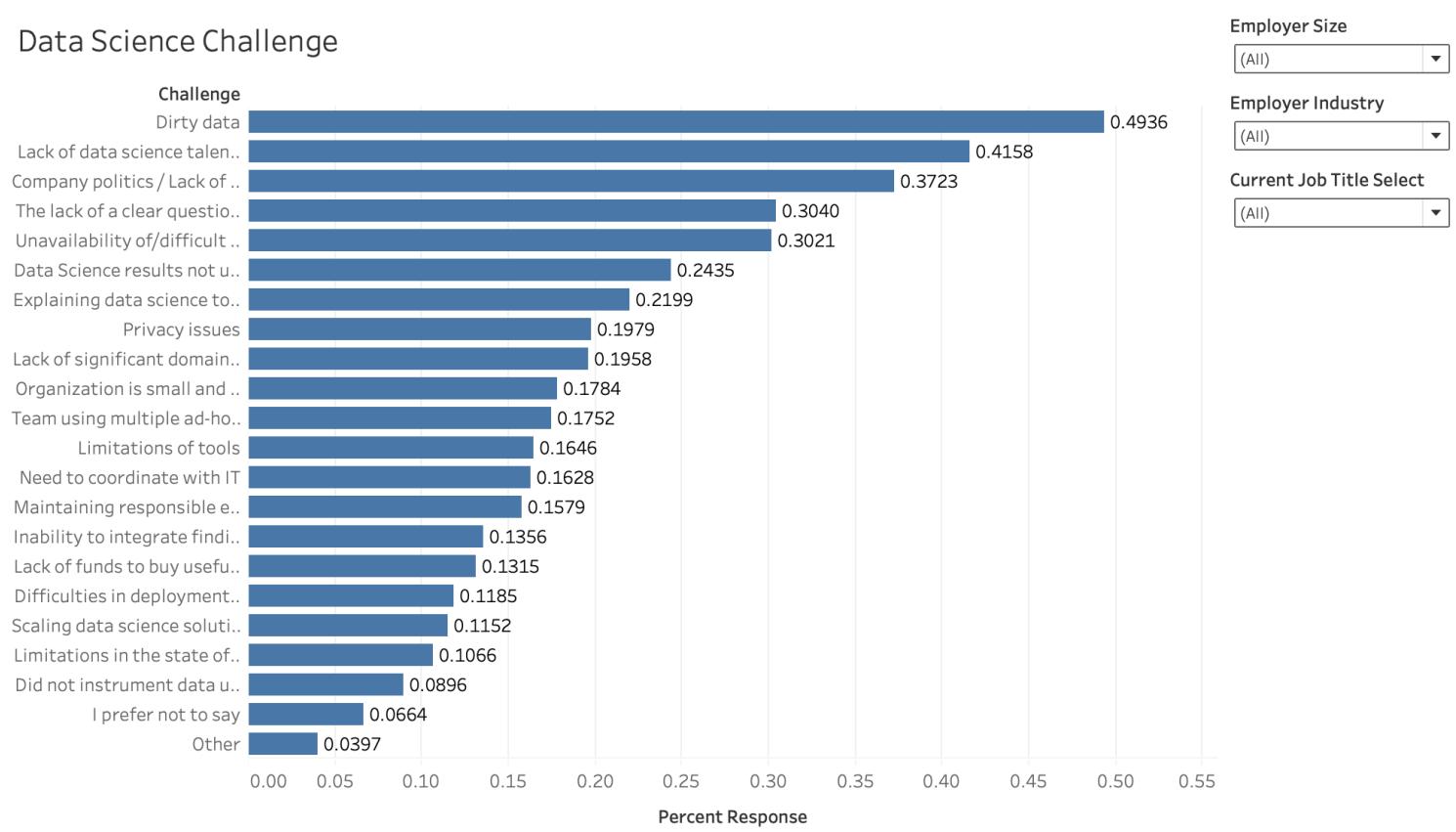


Data analysis for exploration

- Fast manipulation of data
- Intuitive interface
- Facilitates the efficient **discovery** of insights.



Demo 1: Data Science Challenges



<https://stats285.github.io/>

Prevalence of neural collapse during the terminal phase of deep learning training

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Demo:
Visualizing
Research

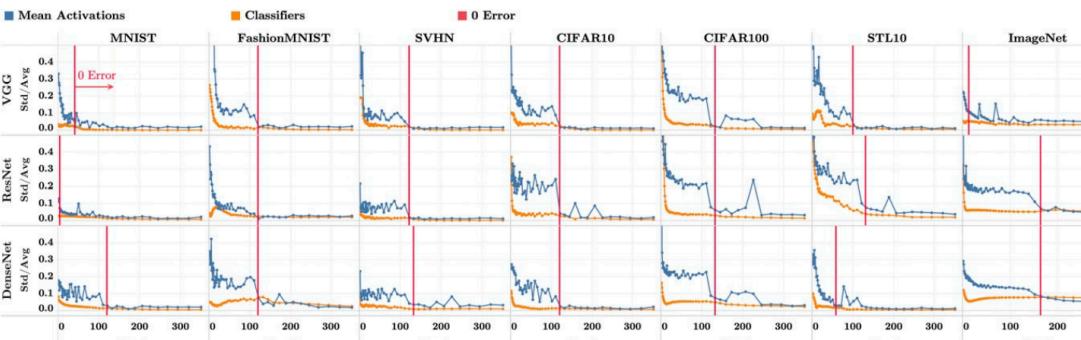


Fig. 2. Train class means become equinorm. The formatting and technical details are as described in Section 3. In each array cell, the vertical axis shows the coefficient of variation of the centered class-mean norms as well as the network classifiers norms. In particular, the blue lines show $\text{Std}_c(\|\mu_c - \mu_G\|_2)/\text{Avg}_c(\|\mu_c - \mu_G\|_2)$ where $\{\mu_c\}$ are the class means of the last-layer activations of the training data and μ_G is the corresponding train global mean; the orange lines show $\text{Std}_c(\|\mathbf{w}_c\|_2)/\text{Avg}_c(\|\mathbf{w}_c\|_2)$ where \mathbf{w}_c is the last-layer classifier of the c th class. As training progresses, the coefficients of variation of both class means and classifiers decrease.

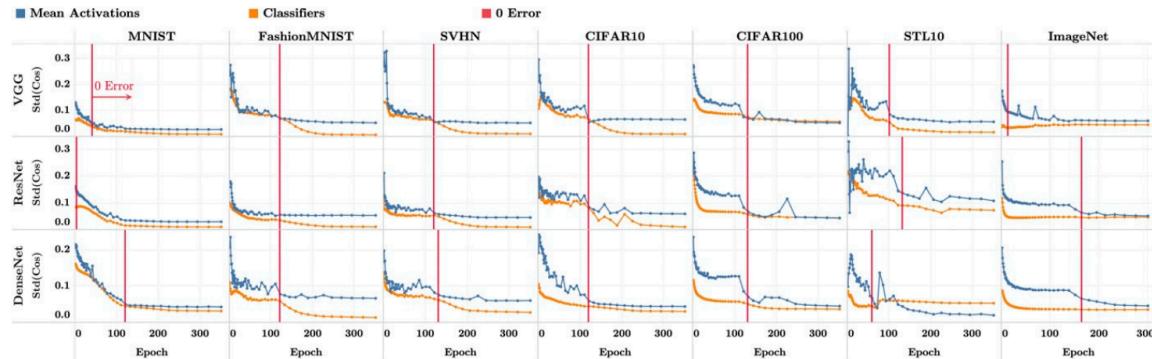


Fig. 3. Classifiers and train class means approach equiangularity. The formatting and technical details are as described in Section 3. In each array cell, the vertical axis shows the SD of the cosines between pairs of centered class means and classifiers across all distinct pairs of classes c and c' . Mathematically, denote $\cos_\mu(c, c') = (\langle \mu_c - \mu_G, \mu_{c'} - \mu_G \rangle / (\|\mu_c - \mu_G\|_2 \|\mu_{c'} - \mu_G\|_2))$ and $\cos_w(c, c') = (\langle \mathbf{w}_c, \mathbf{w}_{c'} \rangle / (\|\mathbf{w}_c\|_2 \|\mathbf{w}_{c'}\|_2))$ where $\{\mathbf{w}_c\}_{c=1}^C$, $\{\mu_c\}_{c=1}^C$, and μ_G are as in Fig. 2. We measure $\text{Std}_{c,c' \neq c}(\cos_\mu(c, c'))$ (blue) and $\text{Std}_{c,c' \neq c}(\cos_w(c, c'))$ (orange). As training progresses, the SDs of the cosines approach zero, indicating equiangularity.

<https://purl.stanford.edu/ng812mz4543>