
INTRO TO DATA SCIENCE

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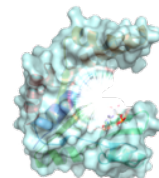
▸ Francesco Mosconi



- Francesco Mosconi is a Data Scientist at Catalit LLC. He is formerly the Chief Data Officer at Spire, a company that invented the first consumer wearable device capable of continuously tracking respiration and activity. He worked as consultant for Roche Ltd. and for Socialbakers, a social media data analytics company. Passionate about data and technology, he was selected in 2011 for the graduate studies program at Singularity University. He earned a joint PhD in biophysics at University of Padua and Université de Paris VI and has a master degree in theoretical physics.



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▸ Dylan Hercher



- My name is Dylan Hercher. I am a recent transplant from New York to San Francisco, I moved around 2 months ago! I received my BS from Colgate University in 2013, where I studied Computer Science and Mathematics. I have been working with General Assembly since my Junior year as a contractor, and joined full time as a Business Intelligence Engineer and Analyst after graduating. Over the past few years I have worked with as much data as I possibly could! Along with developing models and teaching Data Science for GA, I have worked on varied projects from developing a drinks prediction model to forecasting real-estate growth.



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Couse materials: [HTTPS://GITHUB.COM/GA-STUDENTS/DAT_SF_18](https://github.com/GA-STUDENTS/DAT_SF_18)

Introductions

- Your name
- A brief summary of your background (e.g. work, school, etc.)
- What you hope to get out of the class
- One interesting / surprising / fun fact about yourself

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0. INTRODUCTION

1. WHAT IS DATA SCIENCE?

2. THE DATA MINING WORKFLOW

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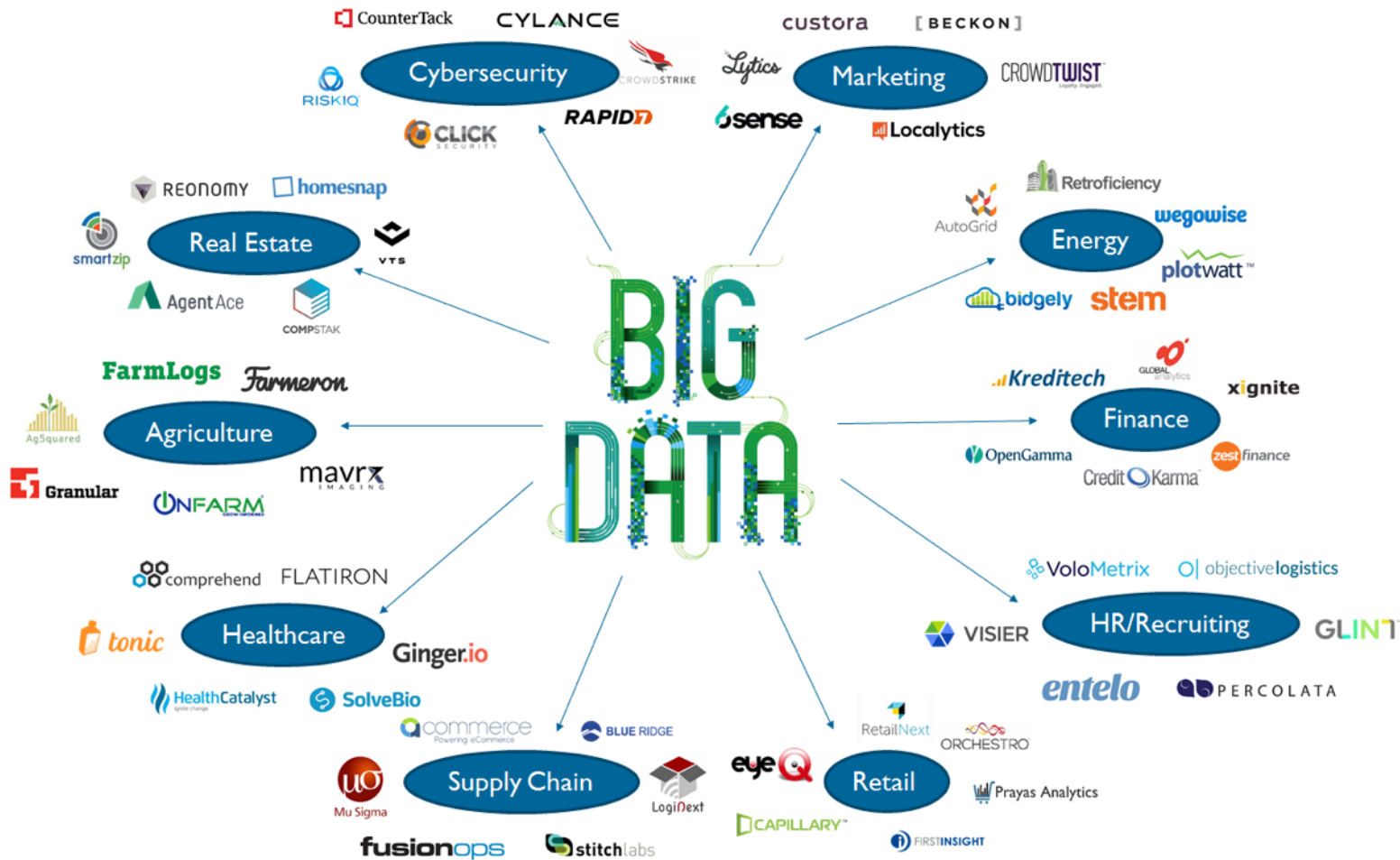
3. GITHUB & IPYTHON

4. Q&A

LEARNING OBJECTIVE

- Describe the data mining workflow and the key traits of a successful data scientist.
- Set up github account.
- Familiarize with python and iPython

I. WHAT IS DATA SCIENCE?

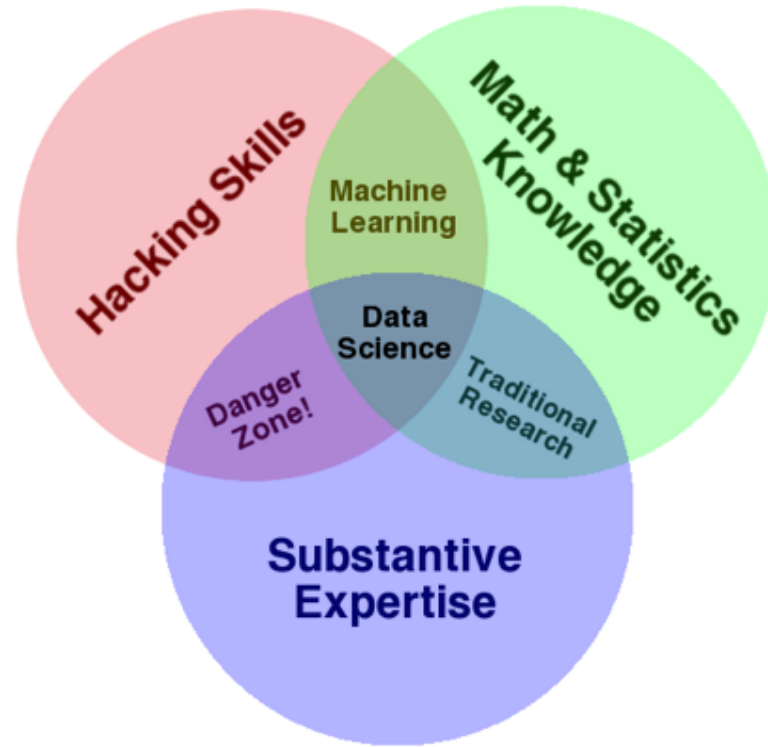


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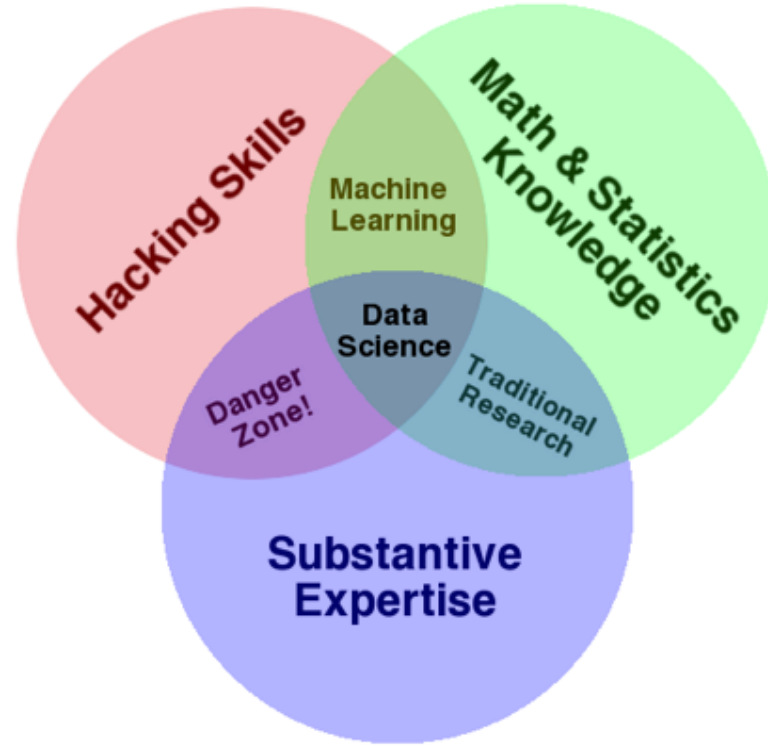
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THE QUALITIES OF A DATA SCIENTIST



source: <http://www.dataists.com/2010/09/the-data-science-venn-diagram/>

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ONE MORE THING!

Communication skills

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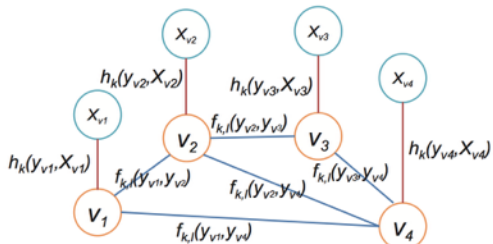


Figure 3: An example of factor graph with four users $\{v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4\}$. Each user v_i is associated with an attribute vector X_{v_i} . $h_k(y_{v_i}, X_{v_i})$ is the node feature function, whereas $f_{k,l}(y_{v_i}, y_{v_j})$ is the edge feature function defined on the edge between users v_i and v_j .

LEMMA 2. *Factor Conditioning Optimization in Eq. 1 defines a convex quadratic programming problem.*

PROOF. For any non-negative vector z ,

$$z^T Q z =$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^r \sum_{l=1}^r (\hat{r}_{k,l}(v_i, X_{v_i}) \cdot z_l - \hat{r}_{l,k}(v_i, X_{v_i}) \cdot z_k)^2 \geq 0 \quad (11)$$

DEFINITION 4. (**Factor Conditioning Optimization**)

$$\min_{P_{v_i}} \frac{1}{2} P_{v_i}^T Q P_{v_i} \quad (10)$$

$$\text{where} \quad Q_{kl} = \begin{cases} \sum_{m=1, m \neq k}^r \hat{r}_{m,k}^2(v_i, X_{v_i}), & k = l \\ -\hat{r}_{k,l}(v_i, X_{v_i}) \cdot \hat{r}_{l,k}(v_i, X_{v_i}), & k \neq l \end{cases}$$

DEFINITION 5. (**Social Roles and Statuses Inference Model [SRS]**) *The factor graph based social roles and statuses inference model is:*

$$P(Y) = \frac{1}{Z} \left(\prod_{v_i \in V, k} h_k(y_{v_i}, X_{v_i}) \right) \cdot \left(\prod_{v_i \in V} \prod_{v_j \in N(v_i), k, l} f_{k,l}(y_{v_i}, y_{v_j}) \right)$$

where Z is a normalization factor and k, l are the users v_i and v_j .

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- An interdisciplinary, problem-solving oriented subject.
- The application of scientific techniques to practical problems.
- A rapidly growing field.

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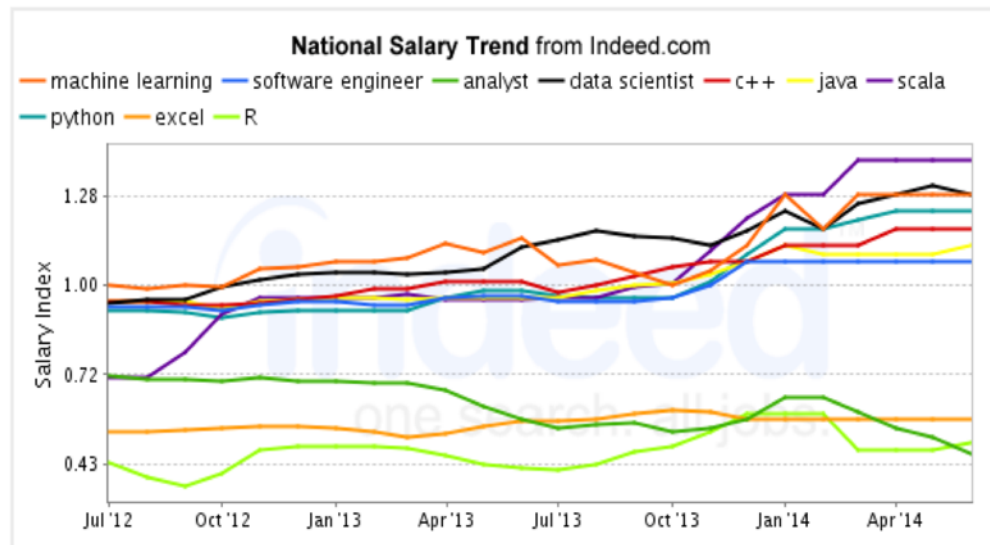
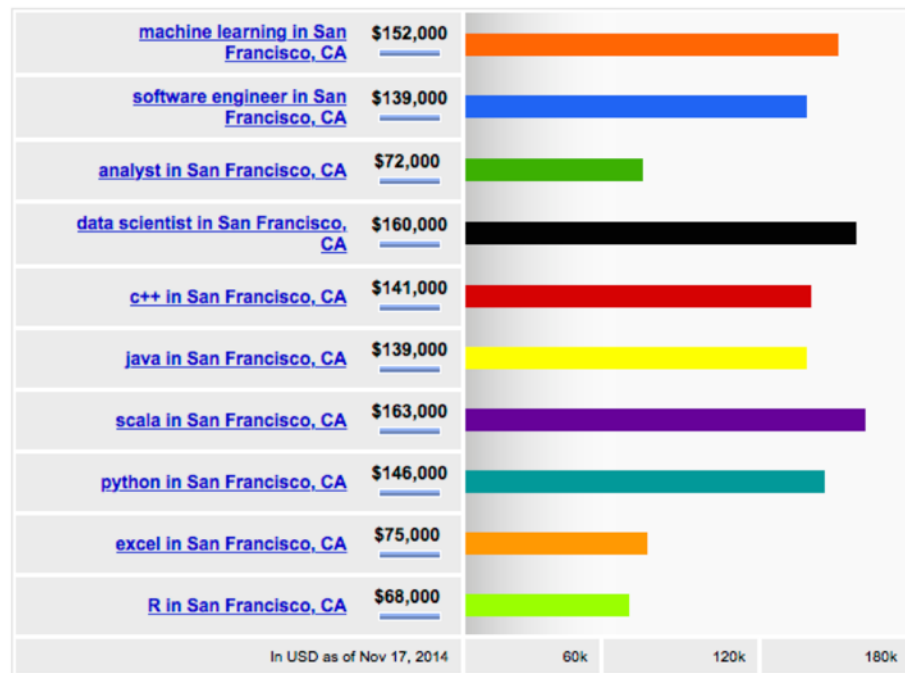
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The screenshot shows the Netflix homepage with a red header. The Netflix logo is on the left. On the right, there's a link for "Your Account & Help" and a search bar containing "Movies, TV shows, actors, directors, genres". Below the header is a navigation bar with four tabs: "Watch Instantly", "Browse DVDs", "Your Queue", and "Movies You'll ❤️". The main content area features a large heading "Congratulations! Movies we think You will ❤️" followed by the text "Add movies to your Queue, or Rate ones you've seen for even better suggestions." Below this, there are eight movie recommendations arranged in two rows of four. Each recommendation includes a movie poster, the title, an "Add" button, a star rating (four red stars and one grey star), and a "Not Interested" link.

NETFLIX | Your Account & Help

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Spider-Man 3
Add
★★★★☆
Not Interested

300
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The Rundown
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Not Interested

Bad Boys II
Add
★★★★☆
Not Interested

Las Vegas: Season 2 (6-Disc Series)
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★★★★☆
Not Interested

The Last Samurai
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★★★★☆
Not Interested

Star Wars: Episode III
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★★★★☆
Not Interested

Robot Chicken: Season 3 (2-Disc Series)
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award **\$1 million** to anyone
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Netflix Prize

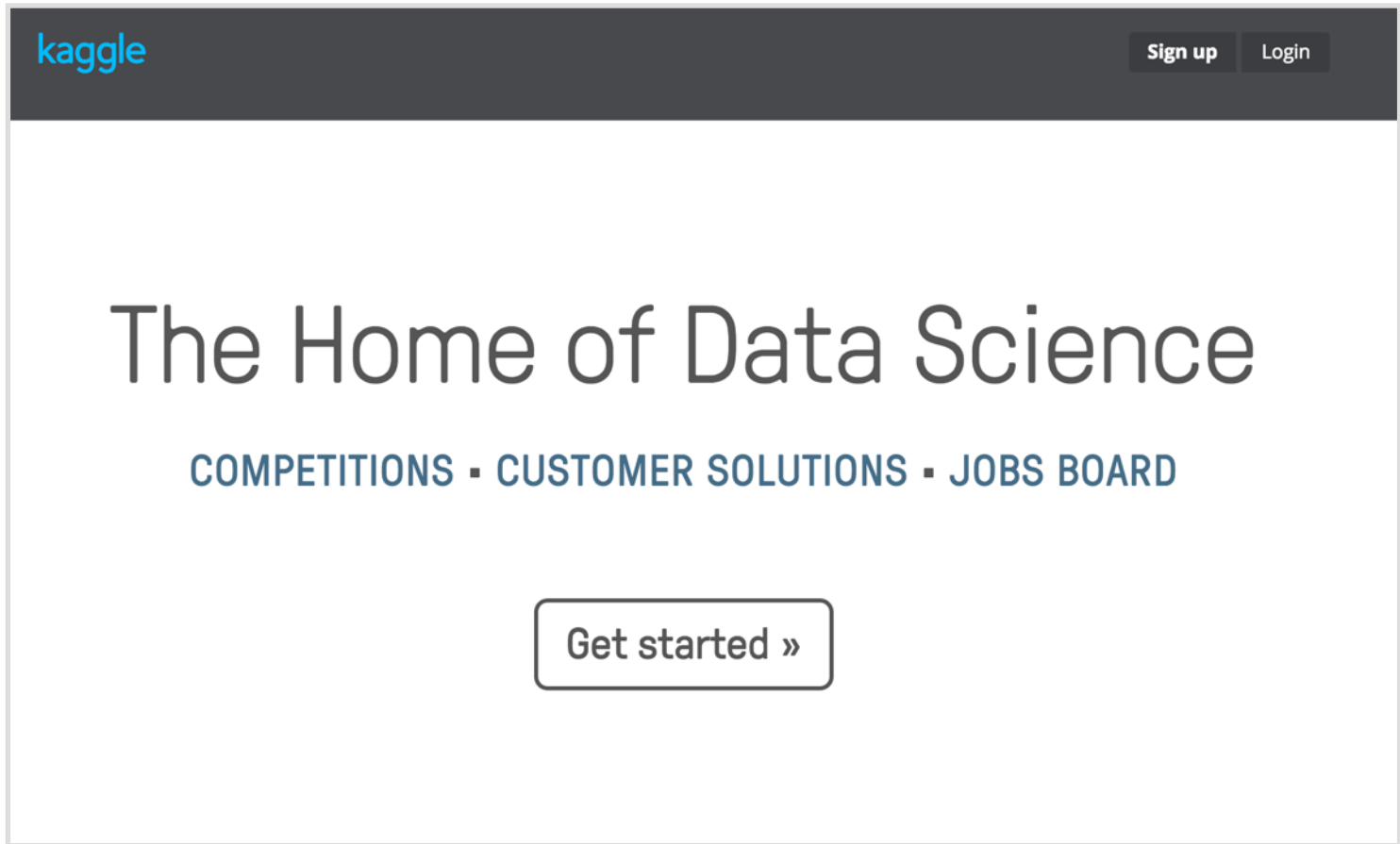
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Leaderboard

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2	PragmaticTheory	0.8582	9.80	2009-06-25 22:15:51
3	BellKor in BigChaos	0.8590	9.71	2009-05-13 08:14:09
4	Grand Prize Team	0.8593	9.68	2009-06-12 08:20:24
5	Dace	0.8604	9.56	2009-04-22 05:57:03
6	BigChaos	0.8613	9.47	2009-06-23 23:06:52





WHO USES DATA SCIENCE?



WHO USES DATA SCIENCE?

- Stack Overflow tag recommendation and response time prediction
- Locating ethnic food in ethnic neighborhoods
- Building optimal NBA teams
- Recommending new musical artists
- Prioritize emergency calls in Seattle
- Finding the right college for you

Music + Data:

<http://bit.ly/echonest>



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Data scientists: better statisticians than
most programmers & better programmers
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WHAT MAKES A GOOD DATA SCIENTIST?

- Statistical and machine learning knowledge
- Engineering experience
- Academic curiosity
- Product sense
- Storytelling
- Cleverness

II. THE DATA SCIENCE WORKFLOW

Dataists

- 1. Obtain
- 2. Scrub
- 3. Explore
- 4. Model
- 5. Interpret

Jeff Hammerbacher

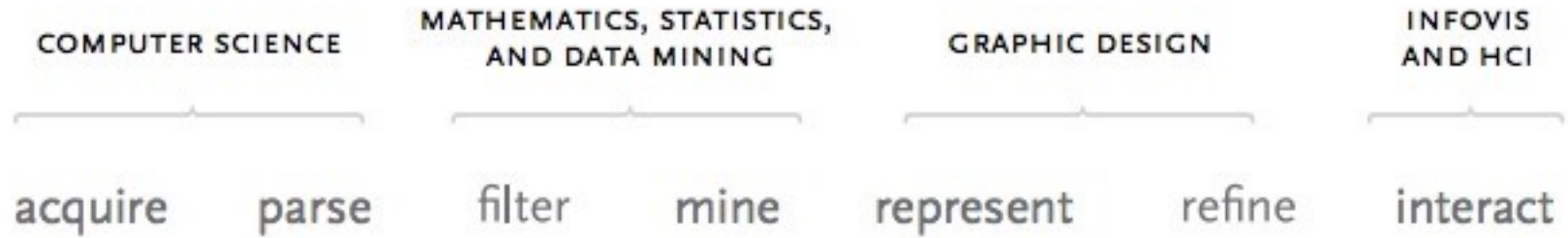
- 1. Identify problem
- 2. Instrument data sources
- 3. Collect data
- 4. Prepare data (integrate, transform, clean, impute, filter, aggregate)
- 5. Build model
- 6. Evaluate model
- 7. Communicate results

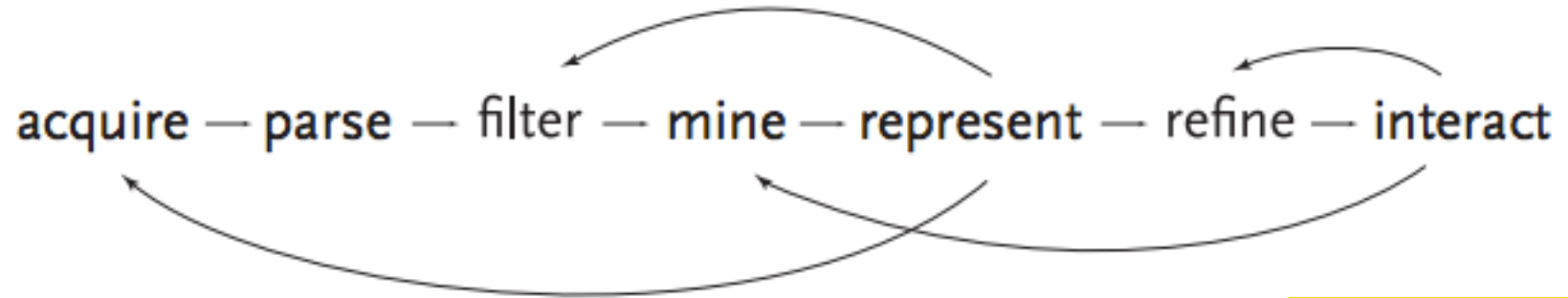
Ted Johnson

- 1. Assemble an accurate and relevant data set
- 2. Choose the appropriate algorithm

Ben Fry

- 1. Acquire
- 2. Parse
- 3. Filter
- 4. Mine
- 5. Represent
- 6. Refine
- 7. Interact





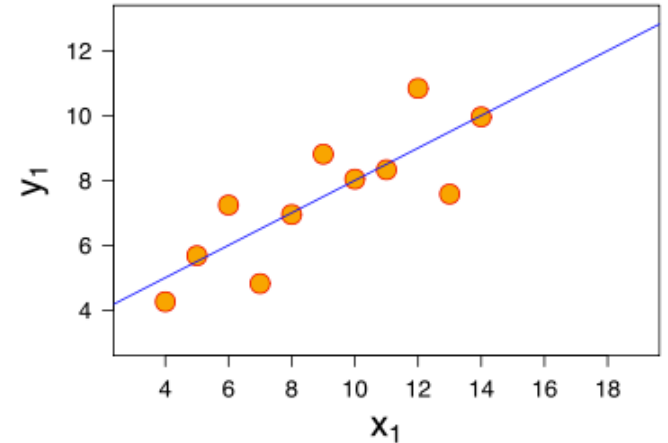
NOTE

This diagram illustrates the iterative nature of problem solving

VISUALIZATIONS AS A MEDIUM

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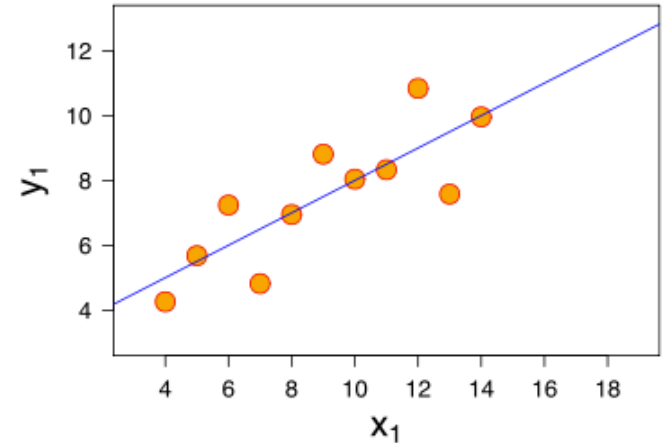
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EXERCISE – WHY VISUALIZE DATA?

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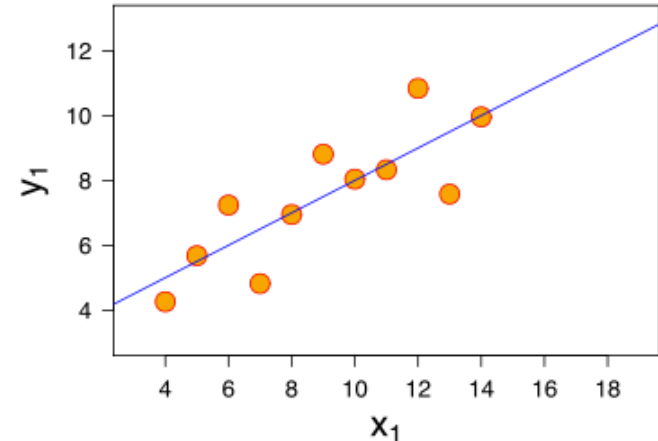
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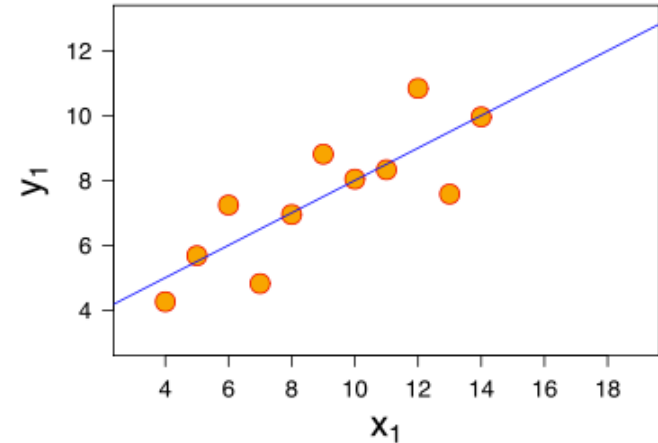
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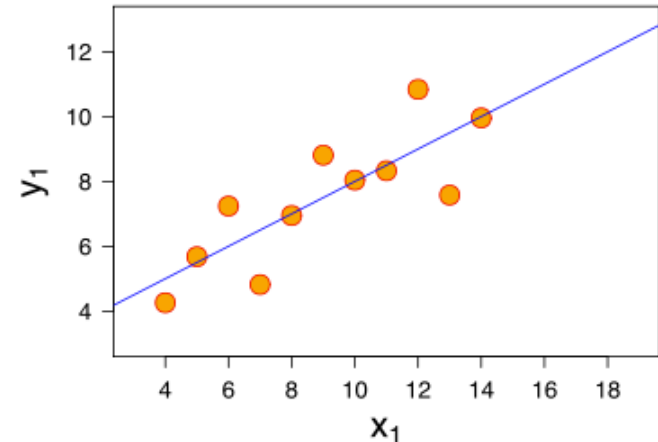
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- *variance of $x = 11$, variance of $y = 4$*
- *correlation of x and $y = 0.8$*



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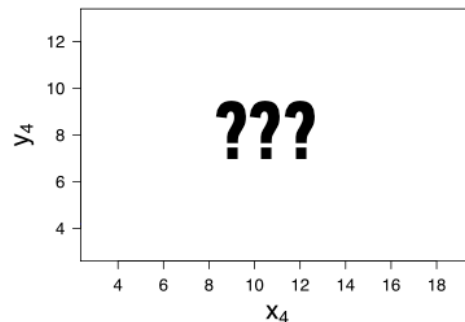
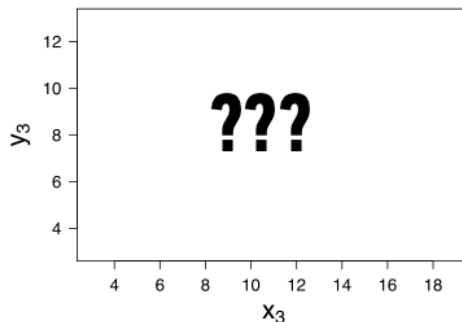
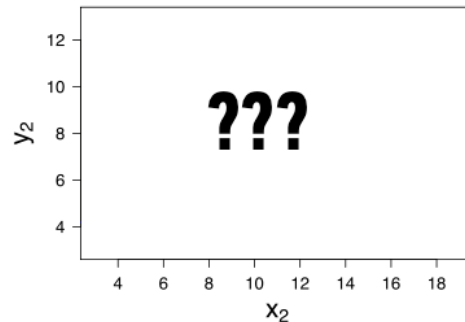
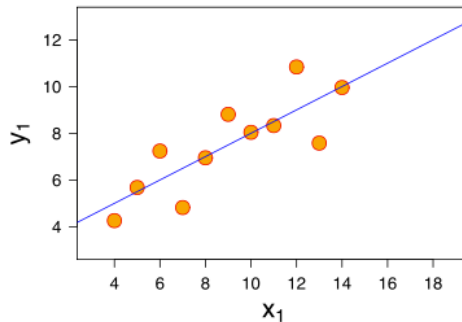
Consider the following dataset:

- *eleven (x, y) points*
- *mean of x = 9, mean of y = 7.5*
- *variance of x = 11, variance of y = 4*
- *correlation of x and y = 0.8*
- *line of best fit: $y = 3.00 + 0.500x$*



*Now, suppose I give you
three more datasets
with exactly the same
characteristics...*

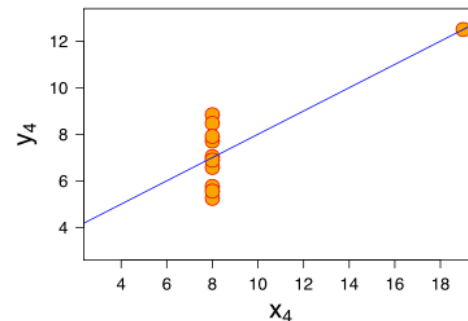
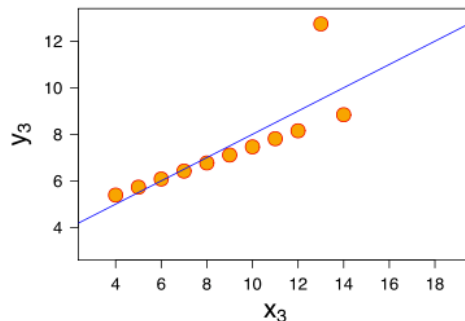
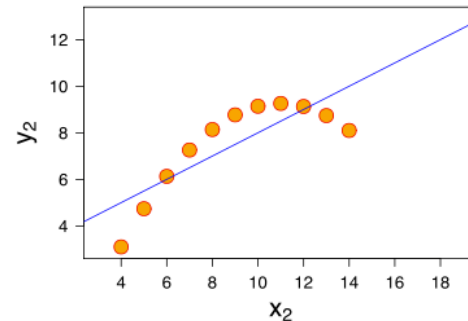
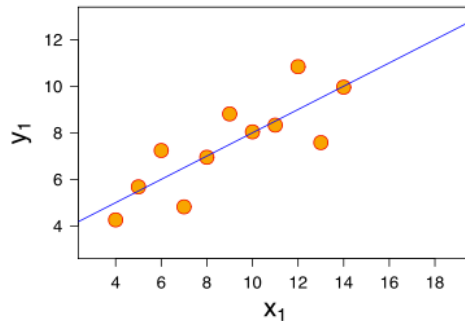
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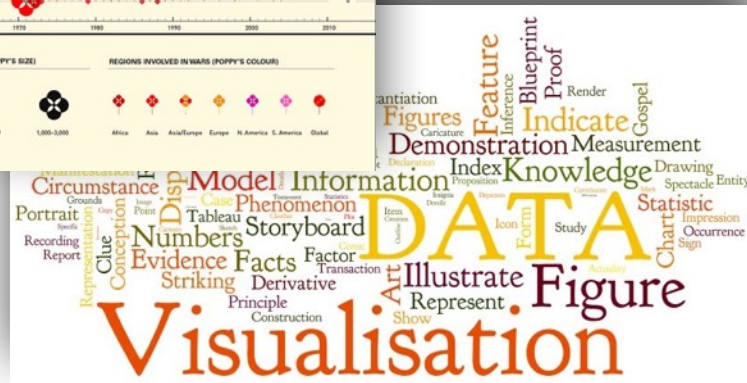
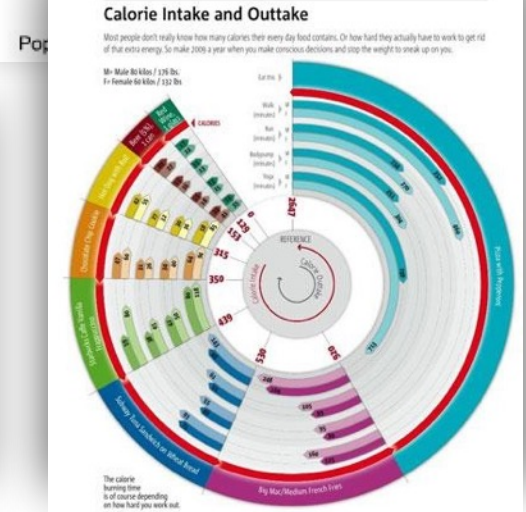
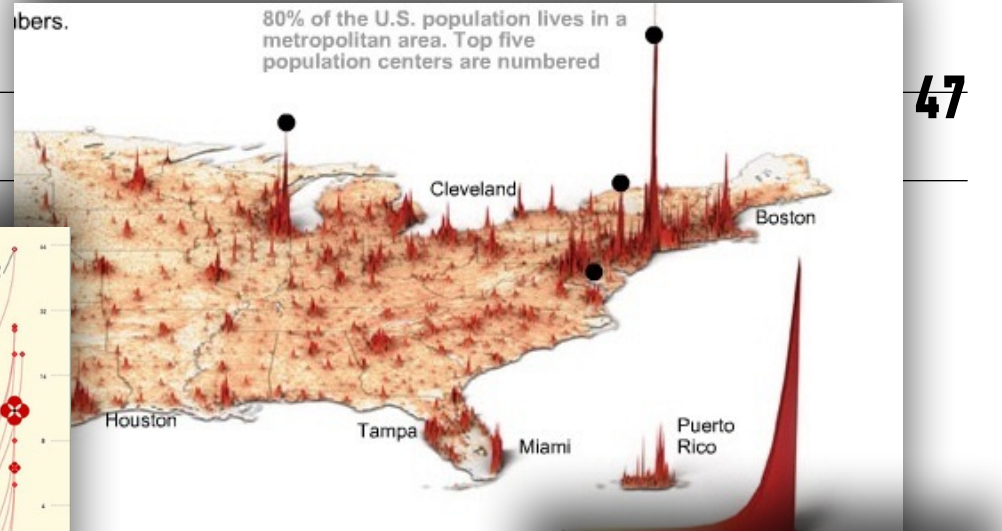
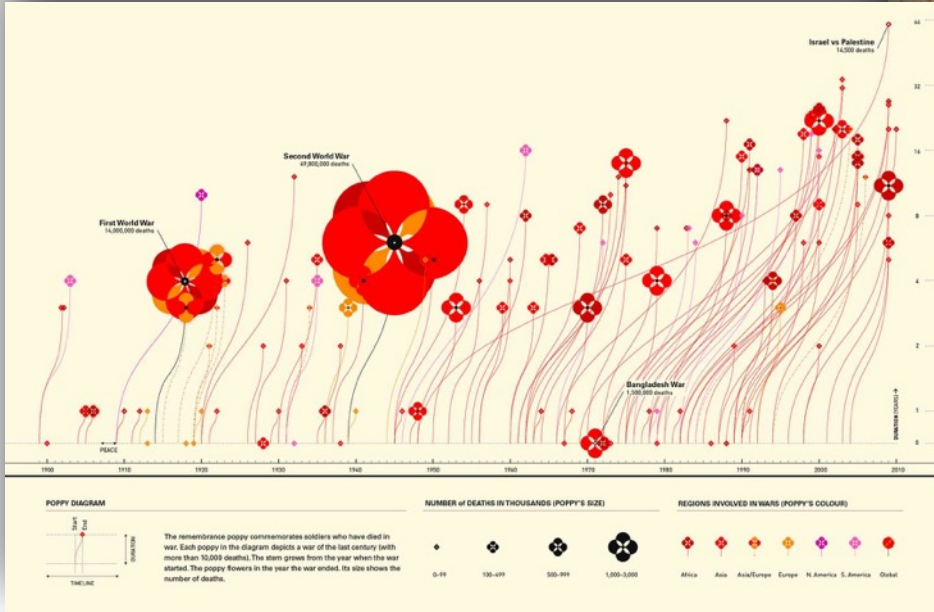
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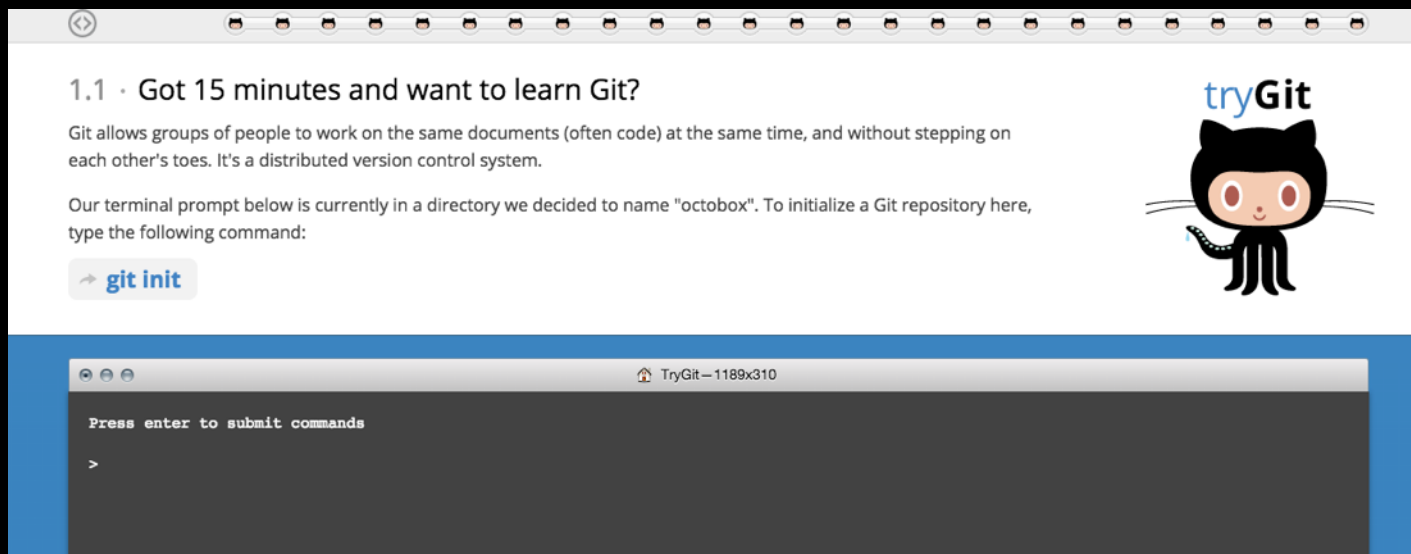


VISUALIZATION: BEING CREATIVE



LAB: INTRO TO GITHUB

[HTTP://TRY.GITHUB.COM/](http://try.github.com/)



The screenshot shows the tryGit website interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with a back button and a row of small GitHub Octocat icons. The main content area has a heading "1.1 · Got 15 minutes and want to learn Git?". Below this, a paragraph explains that Git allows groups of people to work on the same documents (often code) at the same time, and without stepping on each other's toes. It's a distributed version control system. Another paragraph states that the terminal prompt below is currently in a directory named "octobox". To initialize a Git repository here, type the following command:

`git init`

On the right side, there's a logo for "tryGit" with the GitHub Octocat character. Below the main content, there's a terminal window titled "TryGit — 1189x310". The terminal displays the prompt "Press enter to submit commands" and a cursor ">" on the next line.

SETUP GIT REPO

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WORKING AT THE UNIX COMMAND LINE

EXERCISE – WORKING AT THE UNIX COMMAND LINE

KEY OBJECTIVES

- Navigate the filesystem
- Create, move, copy, and delete files & directories
- View & search files
- Edit & interact with files
- Combine steps
- Learn more

TOOLS

- ls, cd
- cat, touch, mv, cp, mkdir, rm, rmdir
- head, tail, less, cat, grep
- vim, tr, sort, uniq, wc
- pipe (|)
- man, apropos

NOTE

Being comfortable at the command line makes your life much easier!