Math, Data Science and Social Impact



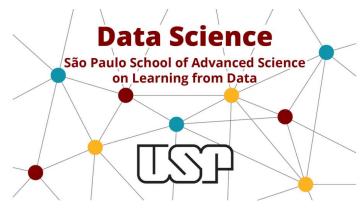
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Summary

- Origins of Data Science
- Mathematics of Data Science
- Responsible Data Science
- Social Data Science



- Babylon, 4000 BC
 - Regular censuses were conducted to decide how much food to produce
 - To feed its population
 - Census Records were written on lay plates

Eat



Data Science is not new

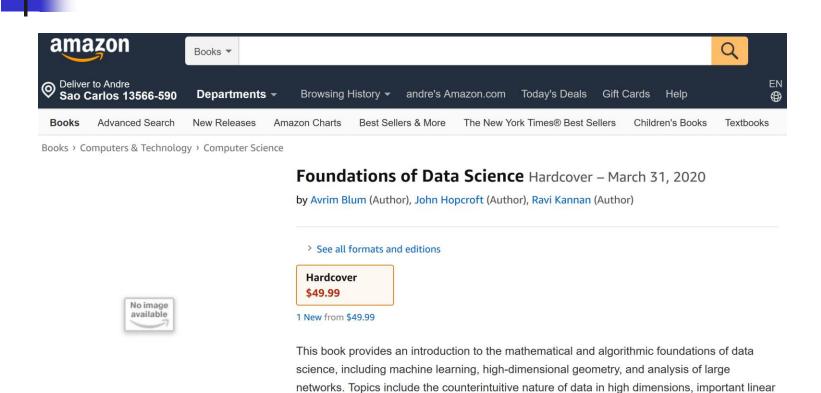
- 1962 John Tucker suggests that statistics should move towards data analysis
- 1974 Peter Naur
 - Turing Awards (2005)
 - Famous for the BNF notation

Data science is the science of dealing with data, once they have been established, while the relation of data to what they represent is delegated to other fields and sciences.

Concise Survey of Computer Methods



- More Science than Data
- Mathematics is the main tool
 - Analysis (differential and integral calculus)
 - Discrete Mathematics
 - Linear Algebra
 - Optimization and Operational Research
 - Statistics
 - ...



algebraic techniques such as singular value decomposition, the theory of random walks and Markov chains, the fundamentals of and important algorithms for machine learning, algorithms and analysis for clustering, probabilistic models for large networks, representation learning

Ten Lectures and Forty-Two Open Problems in the Mathematics of Data Science

Afonso S. Bandeira

December, 2015

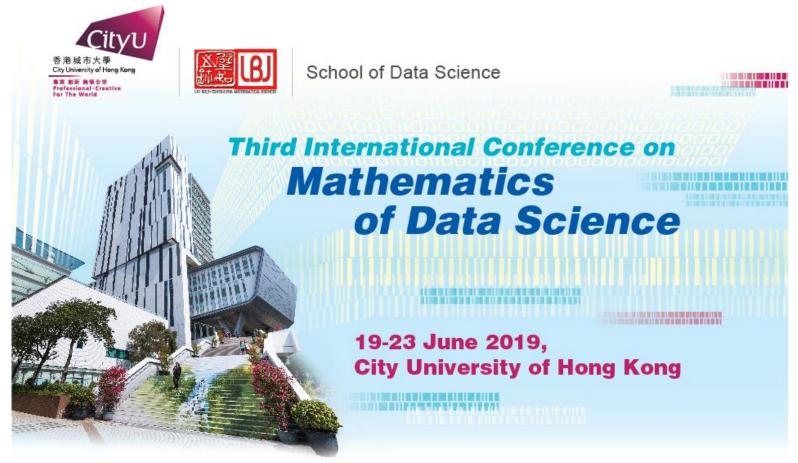
Preface

These are notes from a course I gave at MIT on the Fall of 2015 entitled: "18.S096: Topics in Mathematics of Data Science". These notes are not in final form and will be continuously edited and/or corrected (as I am sure they contain many typos). Please use at your own risk and do let me know if you find any typo/mistake.

Part of the content of this course is greatly inspired by a course I took from Amit Singer while a graduate student at Princeton. Amit's course was inspiring and influential on my research interests. I can only hope that these notes may one day inspire someone's research in the same way that Amit's course inspired mine.

These notes also include a total of forty-two open problems (now 41, as in meanwhile Open Problem 1.3 has been solved [MS15]!).

This list of problems does not necessarily contain the most important problems in the field (although some will be rather important). I have tried to select a mix of important, perhaps approachable, and fun problems. Hopefully you will enjoy thinking about these problems as much as I do!



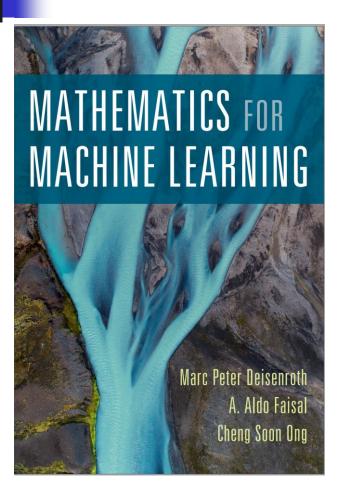


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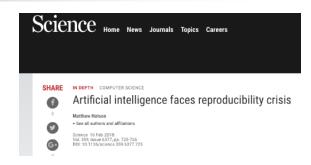
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Responsible Data Science

- Accountability
 - Who is responsible?
- Reproducibility
 - Data, code and experimental choices must be publicly available
- Privacy
 - Knowing 300 likes, ML can predict someone personality better than her/his partner





Responsible Data Science

- Transparency
 - Right to explanation
 - General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR-EU)
 - Explainable AI (XAI)
- Fairness
 - Avoid decisions can be based on sensitive features
 - E.g. Citizenship, Gender, Race
 - Fair Information Practices

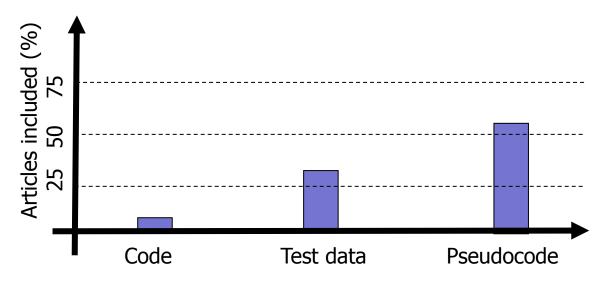


Reproducibility

- ML researchers compare new algorithms to existing alternatives
 - However, code of related alternatives are not often available
 - Reproducibility crisis
 - Medicine and Psychology went through a similar crises in the last decade



- AI researchers do not share their code
 - Survey with 400 algorithms propose in the 2 main AI conferences



Fonte: http://www.sciencemag.org/news/2018/02/missing-data-hinder-replication-artificial-intelligence-studiesF



Reproducibility

- Main reasons for not sharing
 - Code is not finished
 - Code belongs to the company
 - Code depends on another code, not yet published
 - To keep ahead of competitors
 - Code lost because of computer is broken or was stolen
 - "My dog ate my program" reason
 - Nicolas Rougier, INRIA, France



Privacy protection

- Fair Information Practices (FIPs) for data
 - Collection
 - Access
 - Share
 - Use
- Also known as
 - Fair information principles
 - Fair Information Practice Principles



10 FIP principles

- Collection: limited, lawful and by fair means; with consent or knowledge
- 2. Data quality: relevant, accurate, up-to-date
- 3. Purpose specification at time of collection
- 4. Notice of purpose and rights at time of collection
- 5. Uses limited (including disclosures) to purposes specified or compatible



10 FIP principles

- 6. Security through reasonable safeguards
- 7. Transparency of personal data practices
- 8. Individual right of access
- Individual right to modify, complete and remove data
- 10. Data controllers accountable for implementation



Brazilian Data Protection Law

- Based on General Data Protection Regulation
- Protect, but differentiate Personal and sensitive data
 - Personal data:
 - Can identify the person (name, photo, national identification, biometry,...)
 - Sensitive personal data:
 - Can lead to biased decisions (race, gender, political preferences, religion, health, genetic, biometry, ...)
- National data protection agency

Fairness

- Decisions take by ML models can seriously affect individuals
 - Some decisions can be based on sensitive features
 - Citizenship
 - Gender
 - Race
 - Decisions based on sensitive features can lead to illegal or unfair discrimination of subgroups
 - Very active research area



Data Science for Bad

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Bad News



UBER'S SELF-DRIVING CAR FATALITY DRAWS NATIONAL SCRUTINY

theguardian

BUSINESS AUTOMATED FARMING:

GOOD NEWS FOR FOOD SECURITY, BAD NEWS FOR JOB SECURITY?

Daily **Mail**

HOW COMPUTERS CAN HARM YOUR CHILDREN'S FUTURE...

BY DAMAGING THEIR BRAINS

The New York Times

WHEN AN ALGORITHM HELPS SEND YOU TO PRISON

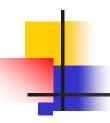
PACA HALL

DOES USING SOCIAL MEDIA MAKE YOU LONFLY?

The Register

ROBOT SURGEONS KILL 144 PATIENTS, HURT 1,391, MALFUNCTION 8,061 TIMES

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Good News



FAST GENETIC SEQUENCING

SAVES NEWBORN LIVES

PUNCH

BENEFITS OF TEACHING AND LEARNING WITH COMPUTERS

The Alercury News

ELDERS WHO USE TECH TOOLS FEEL LESS LONELY, MORE PHYSICALLY FIT, STANFORD STUDY FINDS

◆ NBC NEWS

HOW SCIENCE IS HELPING STOP CRIME BEFORE IT OCCURS

PSYCHOLOGICAL SCIENCE

PREVENTING ROAD ACCIDENTS BEFORE THEY CAN HAPPEN

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THESE SCIENTISTS ARE TRAINING COMPUTERS

TO HELP FARMERS SAVE THEIR CROPS



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Movements for Good

Programs









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Foundations and Orgs













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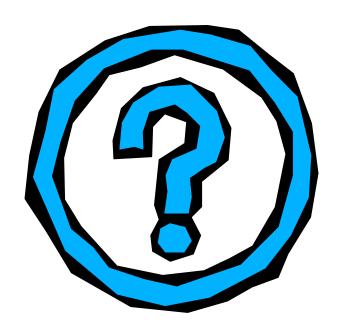
Data Science for good

- University of Chicago summer program
- Non-profit movement
 - Bring social and economical benefits to people and communities
 - Some programs are funded by companies
- Adopted by other institutions
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- Contribution for a fair society

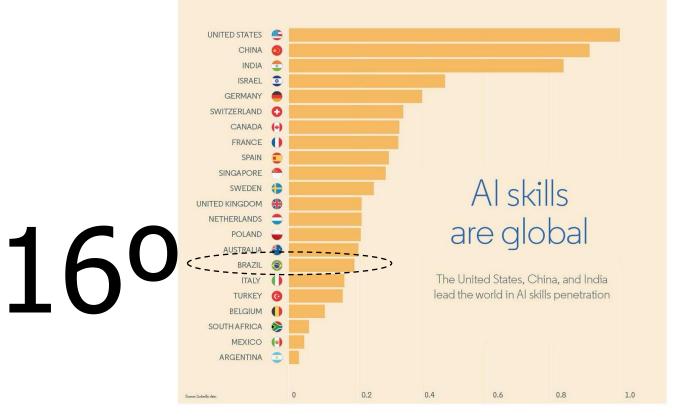




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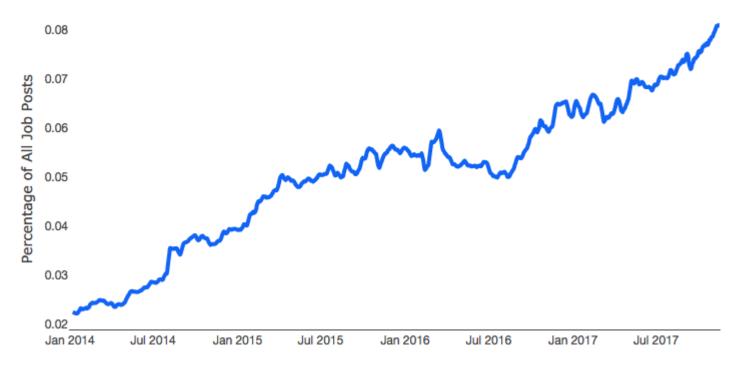
Human resources



Note: Country comparison is done by benchmarking every country against the United States. Specifically, we divide the Al skill penetration index of each country by that of the United States using the common occupations between the United States and each country. Therefore, the country index reflects how much Al skills penetrate a country's occupations relative to the United States over the past 3 years.

Jobs in Data Science

Data Science Jobs on Indeed Have Quadrupled over the last 4 years



https://medium.com/indeed-data-science/transitioning-from-academia-to-industry-perspectives-from-indeeds-data-scientists-de890acd1bf