DATA SCIENCE WITH VISUAL ANALYTICS

30 MIN TEASER TALK

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DATA SCIENCE – Why All The Excitement?

SMALL DATA EXAMPLE

Dr. John Snow's London Cholera Map (1854)

- data collection
- data assimilation
- statistical testing
- visualization
- computational analysis (brain)
- domain knowledge

Very early example of data science



MODERN DATA SCIENTIST

MATH & STATISTICS

- ✿ Machine learning
- ☆ Statistical modeling
- ☆ Experiment design
- ☆ Bayesian inference
- ☆ Supervised learning: decision trees, random forests, logistic regression
- ☆ DOMAIN KNOWLEDGE☆ & SOFT SKILLS
 - \bigstar Passionate about the business
 - 🕁 🛛 Curious about data
 - ☆ Influence without authority
 - 🛱 Hacker mindset
 - ✿ Problem solver

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Strategic, proactive, creative, innovative and collaborative

21th century, requires a mixture of computer science, communication who a data scientist is, is equally h the modern data scientist really i:



PROGRAMMING & DATABASE

- ☆ Computer science fundamentals
- 🕸 🛛 Scripting language e.g. Python
- 🕁 Statistical computing packages, e.g., R
- ✿ Databases: SQL and NoSQL
- ✿ Relational algebra

COMMUNICATION & VISUALIZATION

- Able to engage with senior management
- ✿ Story telling skills
- Translate data-driven insights into decisions and actions
- 🖈 🛛 Visual art design
- ✿ R packages like ggplot or lattice
- Knowledge of any of visualization tools e.g. Flare, D3.js, Tableau

Google Flu Trends





Predict emerging flu from search terms in specific regions

Could predict regional outbreaks of flu up to 10 days before reported by the CDC

NATE SILVER'S ELECTION PREDICTIONS

elections2012

Live results President

Senate House

Governor Choose your

Numbers nerd Nate Silver's forecasts prove all right on election night

FiveThirtyEight blogger predicted the outcome in all 50 states, assuming Barack Obama's Florida victory is confirmed

Luke Harding

guardian.co.uk, Wednesday 7 November 2012 10.45 EST



Takes a big-picture approach

- use multiple sources of unique data
- combine with historical data
- apply principles of sound statistical analysis

OPPORTUNITIES GALORE





MILLION SERVER DATA CENTER

NOT ALWAYS NEEDED



DATA SCIENTISTS

The U.S. will need 140,000-190,000 predictive analysts and 1.5 million managers/analysts by 2018

McKinsey Global Institute's June 2011

New Data Science institutes being created or repurposed – NYU, Columbia, Washington, UCB,...

New degree programs, courses, boot-camps:

• e.g., at Berkeley: Stats, I-School, CS, Astronomy...

Stony Brook as well as SUNY Korea will offer an MS Specialization in Data Science starting now (Fall 2015)

CHARACTERISTICS OF BIG DATA





BIG DATA APPROACH TO SCIENCE

Traditional Analytics Structured & Repeatable Structure built to store data **Hypothesis** Question Analyzed Information Data Answer **Start with hypothesis** Test against selected data Analyze after landing...

Big Data Analytics

Iterative & Exploratory Data is the structure



DATABASES VS. DATA SCIENCE

	Databases	Data Science
Data Value	"Precious"	"Cheap"
Data Volume	Modest	Massive
Examples	Bank records, Personnel records, Census, Medical records	Online clicks, GPS logs, Tweets, Building sensor readings
Priorities	Consistency, Error recovery, Auditability	Speed, Availability, Query richness
Structured	Strongly (Schema)	Weakly or none (Text)
Properties	Transactions, ACID*	CAP* theorem (2/3), eventual consistency
Realizations	SQL	NoSQL: Riak, Memcached, Apache River, CouchDB. etc.
Approach	Query the past	Query the future

CAP = Consistency, Availability, Partition Tolerance ACID = Atomicity, Consistency, Isolation and Durability

SCIENTIFIC VS. DATA-DRIVEN MODELING





Nugent group / C3 LBL

Scientific Modeling	Data-Driven Approach
Physics-based models	General inference engine replaces model
Problem-Structured	Structure not related to problem
Mostly deterministic, precise	Statistical models handle true randomness, and unmodeled complexity
Run on Supercomputer or High-end Computing Cluster	Run on cheaper computer Clusters

VISUAL DATA SCIENCE OR VISUAL ANALYTICS

AN INTRODUCTORY EXAMPLE

The Georgia Tech Jigsaw System

Next a more Conceptual View























PROJECT SUGGESTIONS

THE 2015 VAST CHALLENGE

http://vacommunity.org/VAST+Challenge+2015

Mayhem at DinoFun World

Find out what happened when a peaceful celebration in a small town turns into crime and mayhem perpetrated by a poor, misguided and disgruntled figure from the past

CHALLENGES AND COMPETITIONS

For VAST 2015

- select among two mini challenges and a grand challenge
- solving the grand challenge gives more prestige for the award

Kaggle competitions <u>https://www.kaggle.com/competitions</u>

- San Francisco Crime Classification
- Titanic: Machine Learning from Disaster
- Identify hand motions from EEG recordings (award \$10k)
- Predict if context ads will earn a user's click (award \$20k)
- Model quoted prices for industrial tube assemblies (award \$30k)
- Identify signs of diabetic retinopathy in eye images (award \$100k)
- and others on that site

