Programming for Data Science

CSC310
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  - Book
What is Data Science?

Data science is the discipline of the extraction of knowledge from data.

It relies on

- computer science
  - for AI, data structures, algorithms, visualization, big data support, and general programming
- statistics/mathematics
  - for data models and inference
- domain expertise
  - for asking questions and interpreting results
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How do we do that?

- We build MODELS of data!
Models: Play Tennis

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Lots of data - very little information!

Build a model - a decision tree!
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This model summarizes the whole table correctly!
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Where does the data come from?

- The data pipeline!
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How do we preprocess our data for model building?

- Statistics!
  - Descriptive Statistics
  - Missing Value Processing
  - Normalization
Descriptive vs. Inferential

- Descriptive Statistics
  - Methods for organizing and summarizing information

- Inferential Statistics
  - Methods for drawing and measuring the reliability of conclusions about a population based on information obtained from a sample of the population
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How do we ask the right questions?

- Domain Expertise!

Knowledge cannot be generated in a vacuum. You need the context of a domain in order to generate new insights. E.g. bioinformatics, climate modeling, sales forecasting, etc.