Investigating Real World Data with Online Visualization Tools: Building Future Data Scientists

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Statistics and Data Science Careers

Highly ranked careers in the past 5 years

Growth in demands expected to be over 30% through 2024

http://thisisstatistics.org



instruction

What is in our mathematics curriculum to prepare students for these careers?



To engage in data science and statistics, one uses _____ skills and understandings to create insight from data?

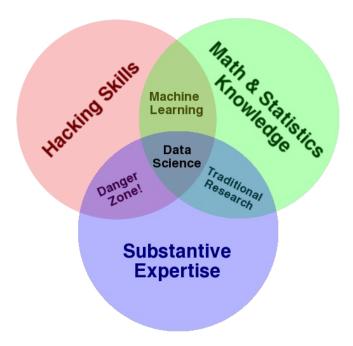


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What is data science?

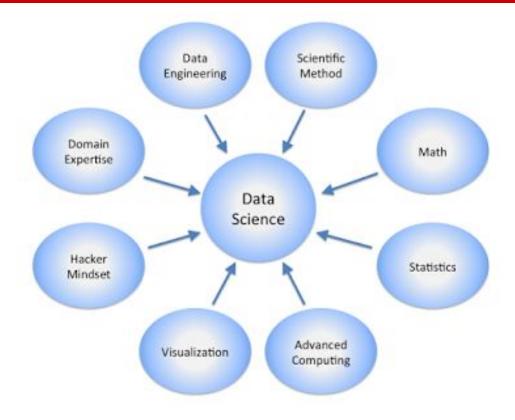


Drew Conway, 2013

http://drewconway.com/zia/2013/3/26/the-data-science-venn-diagram



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David Taylor, 2016

http://www.prooffreader.com/2016/09/battle-of-data-science-venn-diagrams.html



Statistical and Data Literacy should include knowing ...

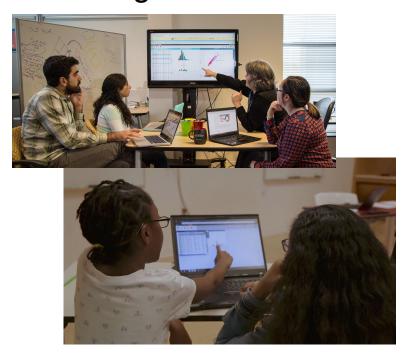
- who collects data about us, why and how they collect it;
- how to analyze and interpret data from random and non-random samples;
- issues of data privacy and ownership;
- how to create representations of data to answer questions about real-life processes;
- the importance of the provenance of data and how it is stored;
- why data must sometimes be altered before analysis; and
- some aspects of predictive modeling.

Gould (2017)



CODAP: Common Online Data Analysis Platform https://codap.concord.org/







Our Goal: Increase opportunities for learning data science and statistics.....

within existing curricula constraints



Core Design Principles for Data, Tools, and Tasks

- Data is real (collected by students or authenticated by teacher), multivariate (categorical & quantitative), "large", and sometimes messy
- Data contexts are engaging to students
- Tools facilitate data moves, in tabular and graphical form
- Tools support links among representations of data
- Tasks have multiple entry points for different levels of sophistication
- Tasks provoke curiosity and promote different ways of engaging with data



Setting the context....

Ever worry about the cost of gas to support your commute to work and active lifestyle?



Do you wonder how the automobile industry may have made vehicles more or less fuel efficient?

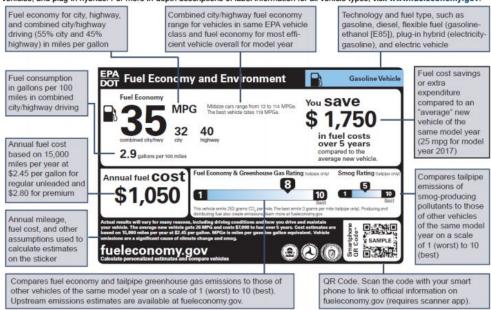
Ever worry about how the automobile industry impacts our environment?



Investigating Fuel Economy of Vehicles

GETTING TO KNOW THE NEW FUEL ECONOMY AND ENVIRONMENT LABEL

The diagram below shows a sample label for a gasoline vehicle. Slightly different designs are used for flexible-fuel vehicles, electric vehicles, and plug-in hybrids. For more in-depth descriptions of label information for all vehicle types, visit www.fueleconomy.gov.





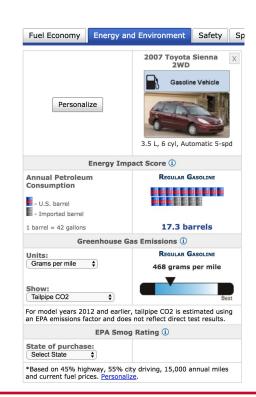
Look up a few cases!

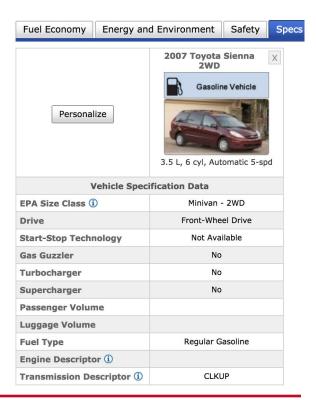
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A Vehicle: 2007 Toyota Sienna









Going beyond a few cases....

If we looked at data *for many vehicles*, what could we learn about fuel economy in vehicles?



Let's explore some data from 2015

What vehicle attributes may be of interest?



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Accellance	Describation (Control of Control
Attribute	Description
Division	Company name
Carline	Model name of the vehicle
Vehicle_Type	ldentifies the vehicle as car, SUV, van, minivan, or truck
Eng_Displacement	A measure of volume (in liters) of the total volume of air in all the cylinders in an engine as air is swept through the chambers in a complete cycle.
No_Cylinders	Number of cylinders in an engine
City_MPG	Estimated miles per gallon in city driving
Hwy_MPG	Estimated miles per gallon in highway driving
Comb_MPG	Estimated miles per gallon in a combination of city driving (55%) and highway driving (45%)
Guzzler	ldentifies whether the vehicle has exceptionally low fuel economy (Y, N)
Transmission	ldentifies vehicles as manual or automatic transmission
Detail_Transmission	Detailed description of transmission type
No_Gears	Number of transmission gears
Drive_Desc	Drivetrain (2-wheel, 4-wheel, or all-wheel)
Fuel_Usage	Type of fuel (premium, midgrade, regular, diesel)
AnnualFuel_Cost	Estimated annual fuel cost assuming 15,000 miles per year (55% city and 45% highway) and average fuel price
Hybrid	Identifies whether the vehicle has a hybrid engine (Y, N) such that it utilizes more than one form of onboard energy to achieve propulsion. A hybrid will have a traditional engine and fuel tank, as well as one or more electric motors and a battery pack
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1226 vehicles from 2015

We could use all data

Or

We could use a random sample of the data

Or

We could use random samples from the data

Or

We could take random samples from the data



Different Data Formats

Sample of 300 vehicles (Option 2)

tinyurl.com/2015VehiclesSample

Option 3: Download CSV file and import into CODAP

tinyurl.com/vehiclescsv codap.concord.org

Option 4: Data in CODAP with a Sampler designed

tinyurl.com/sampler2015vehicles



Examining Relationships in Samples of Data and Building Inference Ideas



Teaching Statistics Through Inferential Reasoning



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Discussion Questions

What were the benefits of using this large multivariate data set? What about drawbacks?

What data moves did students use to model and reason about the linear relationship?

To what extent does this task promote curiosity?

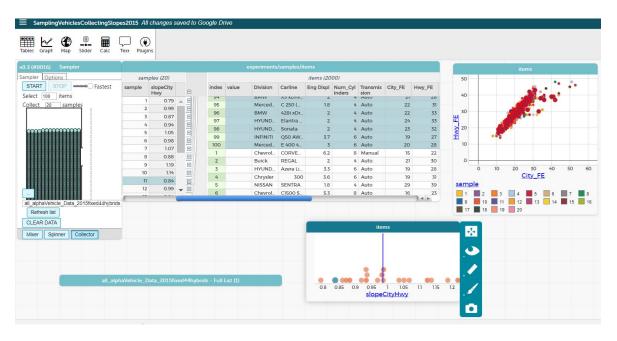


Discussion of Data Tools and Task

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