

# Eclipse and the World of Data Science

Tobias Verbeke (Open Analytics NV)

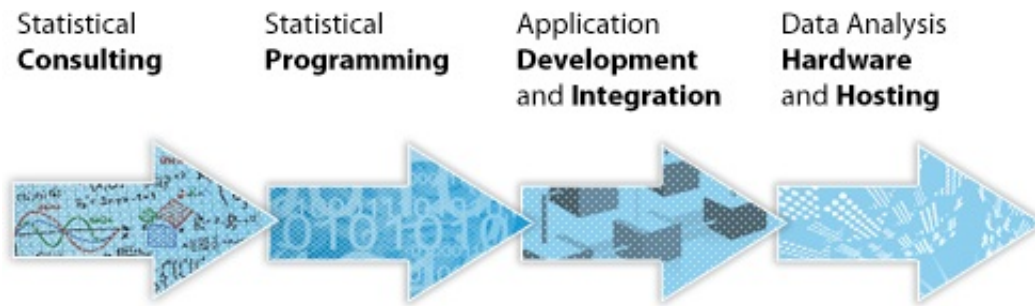
November 4, 2015

Open Analytics

# Data Science Company



# Data Science Company



Data Science

# What is a Data Scientist?

- "statistician who lives in Silicon Valley"
- "[...] a sexed up term for a statistician... Statistics is a branch of science. Data scientist is slightly redundant in some way and people shouldn't berate the term statistician" (Nate Silver)
- "someone who is better in statistics than any software engineer and better at software engineering than any statistician" (Josh Wils)



# What is a Data Scientist?

- "statistician who uses Eclipse" (Tobias Verbeke)
- we don't push buttons, we write code
- we use certain languages
- we need certain data structures and certain interfaces
- we produce certain output in certain ways

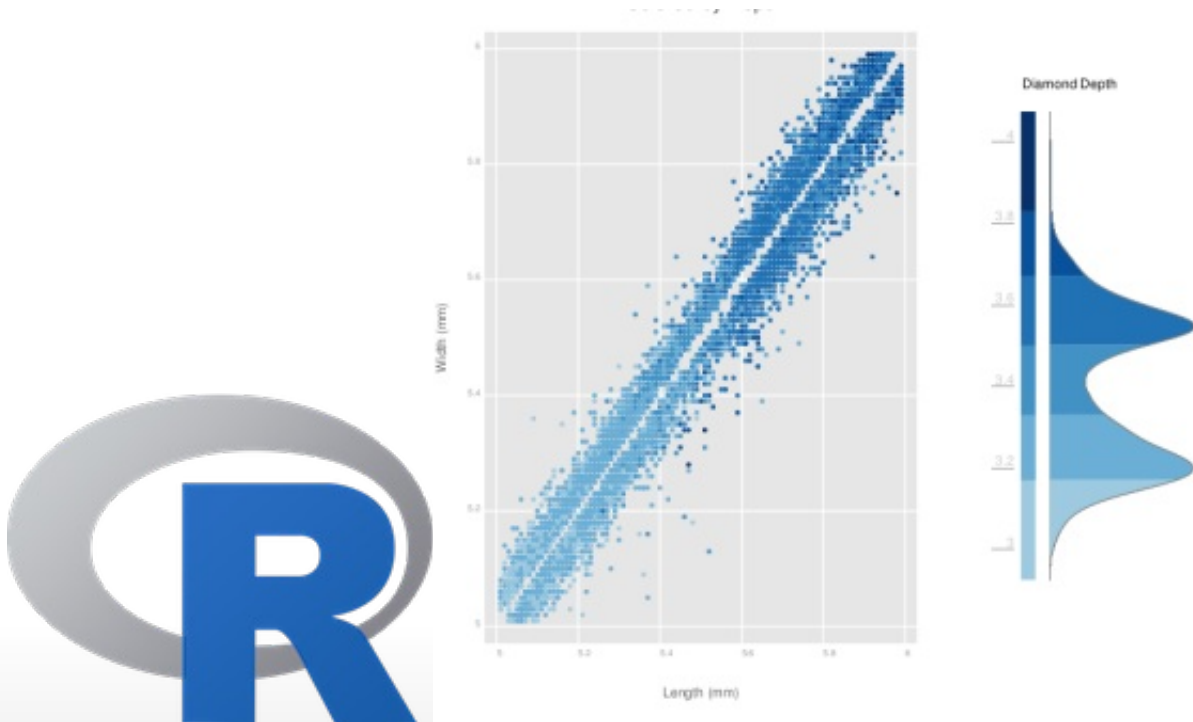


Languages



# R

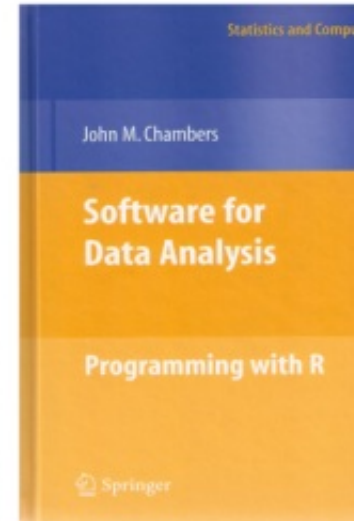
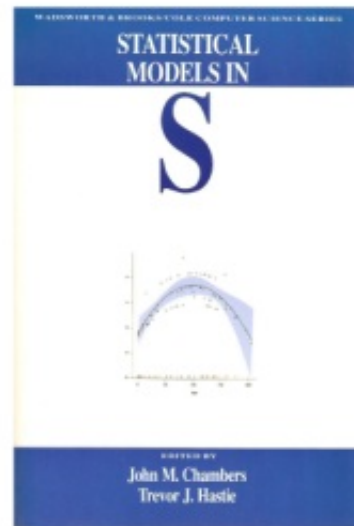
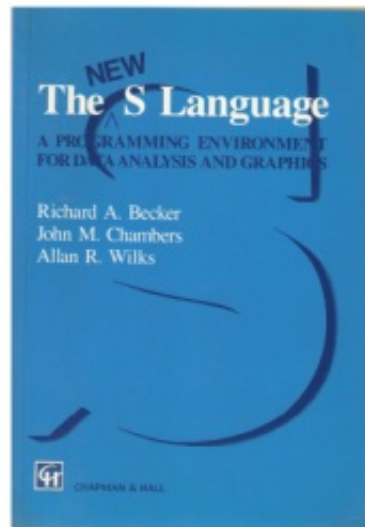
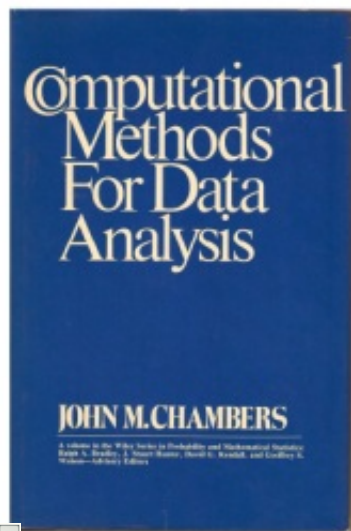
- environment for statistical computing and data analysis
- full-blown programming language, open source
- language designed with the modeler in mind
- model for a lot of the data science tools in other languages



# History of R

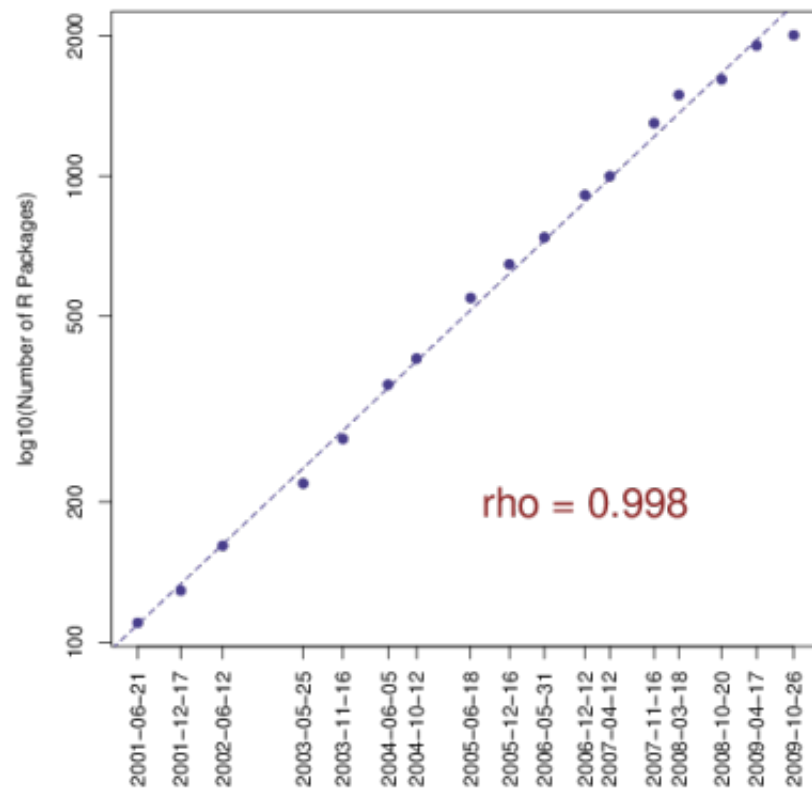
- S language at AT&T Bell Labs
- pioneering for interactive statistics (1975-1976)
- four landmark book publications (conceptual integrity)
- ACM Award 1998

"For the S system which has forever altered how people analyze, visualize and manipulate data"



# Who uses R?

- everyone (including Oracle, Microsoft, Google, HP, facebook, Pfizer, Bayer, Morgan Stanley, Ford, New York Times, John Deere, etc.)



# Data Structures

# data.frame

- not just arrays, but observations, labels, categorical data, ordinal data, numeric data
- built-in support for missing data (three-valued logic)
- neat indexing facilities

```
head(warpbreaks, n = 2)
```

```
## breaks wool tension
## 1    26   A     L
## 2    30   A     L
```

```
warpbreaks[warpbreaks$wool == "B" & warpbreaks$breaks < 15, 1:2]
```

```
## breaks wool
## 29    14   B
## 50    13   B
```

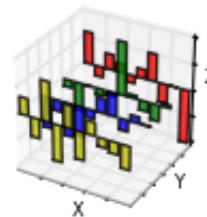
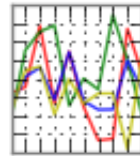
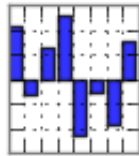


# Python DataFrame

- pandas library for data manipulation and statistics
- defines a DataFrame object with integrated indexing

pandas

$$y_{it} = \beta' x_{it} + \mu_i + \epsilon_{it}$$



```
In [10]: df2 = pd.DataFrame({ 'A' : 1.,  
.....:                      'B' : pd.Timestamp('20130102'),  
.....:                      'C' : pd.Series(1,index=list(range(4)),dtype='float32'),  
.....:                      'D' : np.array([3] * 4,dtype='int32'),  
.....:                      'E' : pd.Categorical(["test","train","test","train"]),  
.....:                      'F' : 'foo' })
```

```
In [11]: df2
```

```
Out[11]:
```

	A	B	C	D	E	F
0	1	2013-01-02	1	3	test	foo
1	1	2013-01-02	1	3	train	foo
2	1	2013-01-02	1	3	test	foo
3	1	2013-01-02	1	3	train	foo



# Spark DataFrame API

Quote from the 2015 Bossies:

The sweet spot for Spark continues to be machine learning. Highlights since last year include the replacement of the SchemaRDD with a Dataframes API, similar to those found in R and Pandas, making data access much simpler than with the raw RDD interface.

In the mean time, one can also use Spark interactively from an R terminal.



DSL for modeling



# Turn Ideas into Software

- from mathematical idea to software

response ~ predictors

Fuel ~ Power + Weight

Fuel ~ Weight + sqrt(Power)

Fuel ~ poly(Weight, 3) + sqrt(Power)

Fuel ~ Power + sqrt(Weight) + Power:sqrt(Weight)

Fuel ~ Power \* sqrt(Weight)

Fuel ~ Power \* sqrt(Weight) + Type

Fuel ~ s(Power) + s(Weight)

- interfaces designed with the modeler in mind ('formula interface')



# Turn Ideas into Software (contd.)

```
lm(weight ~ group)
```

```
glm(lot1 ~ log(u), data = clotting, family = Gamma)
```

```
rpart(Kyphosis ~ Age + Number + Start, data = kyphosis)
```

```
gam(y ~ s(x0) + s(x1) + s(x2), family = poisson)
```

```
gee(breaks ~ tension, id = wool, data = warpbreaks, corstr = "AR-M", Mv = 1)
```

```
lmer(Reaction ~ Days + (Days | Subject), sleepstudy)
```



# Python

- statsmodels library, depends on patsy library



The screenshot shows the patsy library documentation page. On the left is a dark blue sidebar with the patsy logo and 'latest' version indicator. Below the logo is a search bar labeled 'Search docs'. Further down are links for 'Overview', 'Quickstart', and 'How formulas work'. The main content area has a light blue header with 'Docs » patsy - Describing statistical models in Python' and a link to 'Edit on GitHub'. The main title is 'patsy - Describing statistical models in Python', followed by a 'Contents:' section.

```
ModelDesc.from_formula("Fuel ~ Power + Weight + Power:Weight")
```



# Apache Mahout DSL

- a little deeper than the formula interface
- distributed machine learning, moving away from MapReduce

## Scala DSL

- **Scala** as programming/scripting environment
- **R-like DSL :**

$$G = BB^T - C - C^T + \xi^T \xi s_q^T s_q$$

```
val G = B %*% B.t - C - C.t + (ksi dot ksi) * (s_q cross s_q)
```

(Courtesy of Sebastian Schelter)



Demo

# Reproducible Research

# Reproducible research

- literate programming transposed to statistical practice
- analysis code and description of the analysis and results ("comments") in one single document
- push the button and the computer conducts the analysis, generates graphs and tables, includes these in the report and you're done



# Notebooks

- interactive form of a reproducible document
- code cells and non-code cells, interacts with R sessions etc.
- Jupyter notebook most succesful implementation





Demo

# Science Working Group

# Building Blocks

- top-down: dawnsci, chemclipse, ICE
- bottom-up: triquetrum for scientific workflow engines, datasets, advanced visualization
- data science is the science of analyzing data independently of the scientific application domain
- room for more tooling that focuses on generic data science building blocks



# Some Examples

- Datasets project inspired on Numpy NDArray
- pandas, on top of Numpy, implements the data frames idea, could be the next step
- Scientific Reporting Mylyn docs extended to support Rmd documents, could be extended to pymd documents for reproducible reporting using Python



# IP in Science

- contributing back is in the researcher's DNA
- R is GPL, Python has a GPL-compatible license, a lot of LGPL out there etc.
- to build on the shoulders of giants, new ways need to be found to cohabit with these communities



# Conclusions

# Conclusions

- chances are you will see more and more data scientists
- by definition, they use Eclipse
- they will in all likelihood speak a mouthful of R
- time for woRld domination...



# Acknowledgements

- Stephan Wahlbrink (WalWare)
- Science WG Members





# Questions?

[tobias.verbeke@openanalytics.eu](mailto:tobias.verbeke@openanalytics.eu)



Thanks!



# eclipsecon Europe

Ludwigsburg, Germany, 3 - 5 November 2015

Evaluate the sessions at [www.eclipsecon.org](http://www.eclipsecon.org)

+1

0

-1

