



BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Major in *Statistics*

Major in *Decision Analytics*



Major in **STATISTICS**

STATISTICS

addresses an important human endeavour...

a desire to make “sense” of *observations*



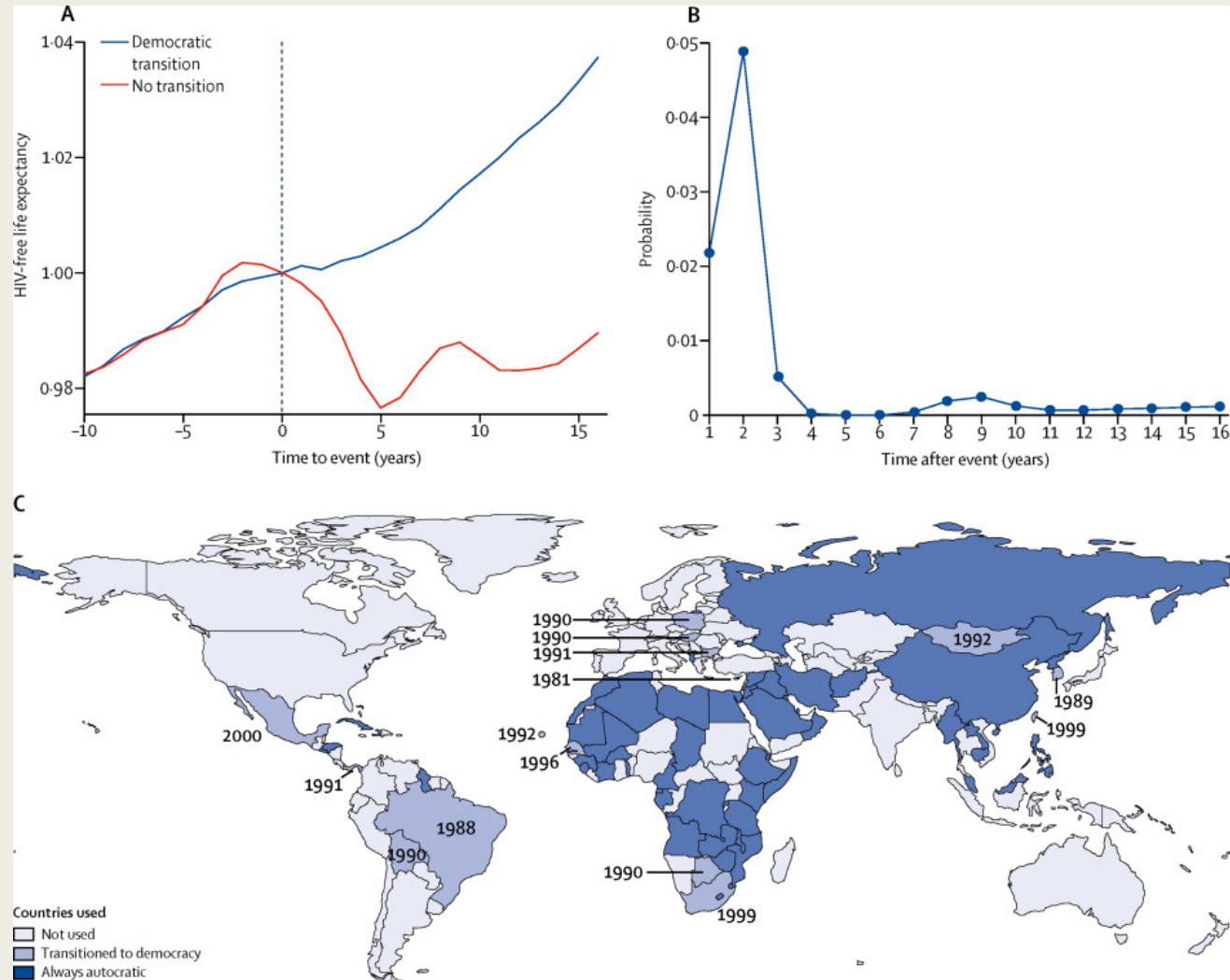
**STATISTICAL
REASONING**



EXAMPLES OF APPLICATIONS

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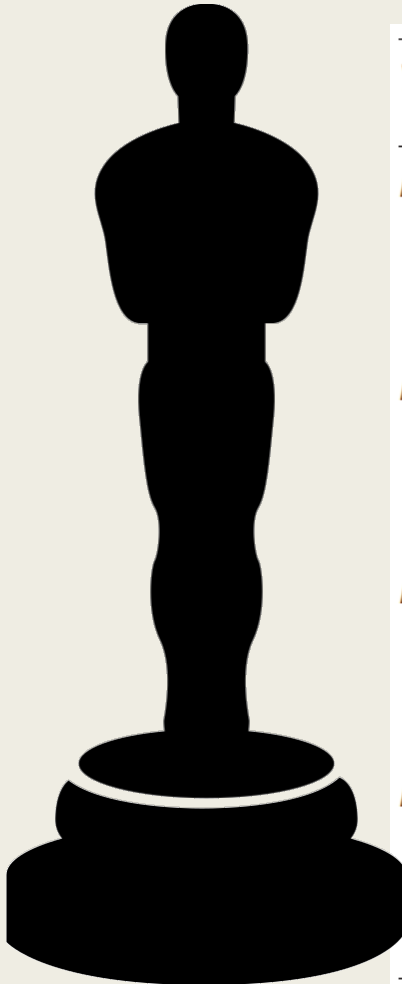
The relationships between democratic experience, adult health, and cause-specific mortality in 170 countries between 1980 and 2016: an observational analysis



Predicting Oscar winners

significance

december2007

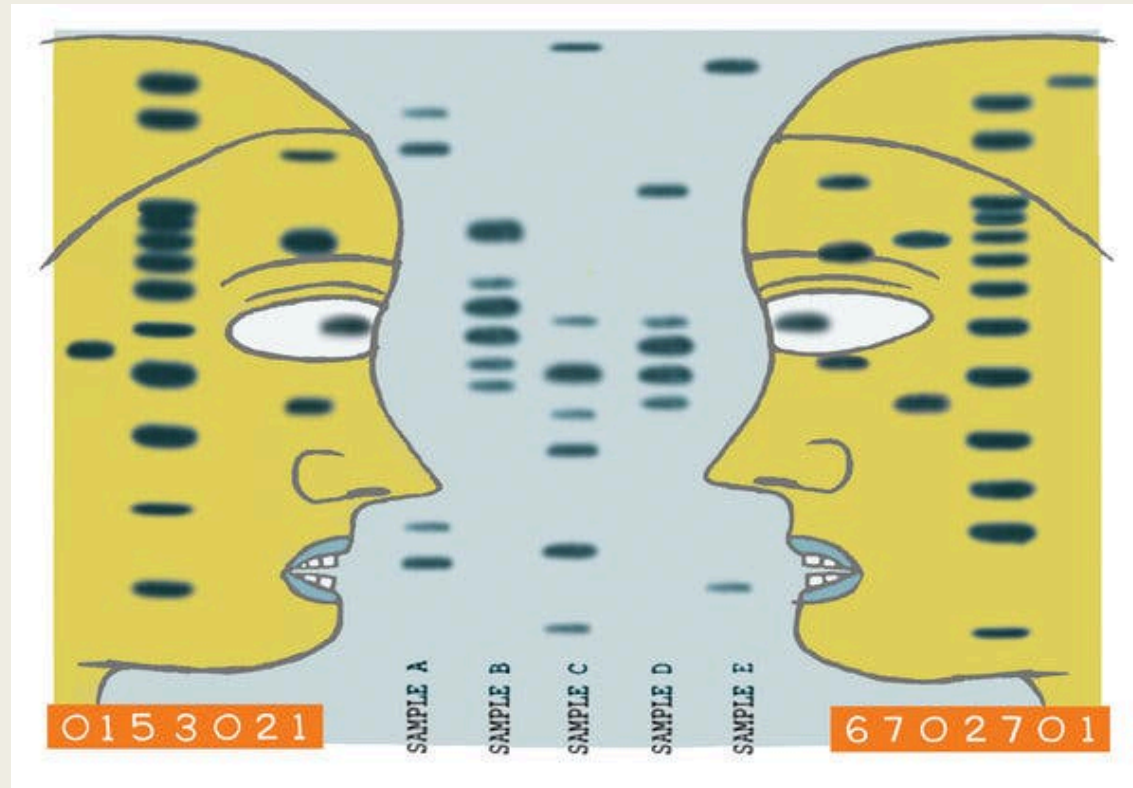


<i>Year</i>	<i>Winner</i>	<i>Probability</i>	<i>Predicted</i>	<i>Probability</i>
<i>Best Picture</i>				
1948	<i>Hamlet</i>	0.01	<i>Johnny Belinda</i>	0.97
2004	<i>Million Dollar Baby</i>	0.01	<i>The Aviator</i>	0.97
1981	<i>Chariots of Fire</i>	0.01	<i>Reds</i>	0.88
<i>Best Director</i>				
2000	Steven Soderbergh	0.01	Ang Lee	0.95
1968	Carol Reed	0.02	Anthony Harvey	0.97
1972	Bob Fosse	0.03	Francis Ford Coppola	0.96
<i>Best Actor</i>				
2001	Denzel Washington	0.00	Russell Crowe	0.99
1968	Cliff Robertson	0.00	Peter O'Toole	0.88
1974	Art Carney	0.02	Jack Nicholson	0.87
<i>Best Actress</i>				
2002	Nicole Kidman	0.07	Renée Zellweger	0.90
1985	Geraldine Page	0.07	Whoopi Goldberg	0.70
1950	Judy Holliday	0.09	Gloria Swanson	0.76

The New York Times

One Twin Committed the Crime — but Which One? A New DNA Test Can Finger the Culprit

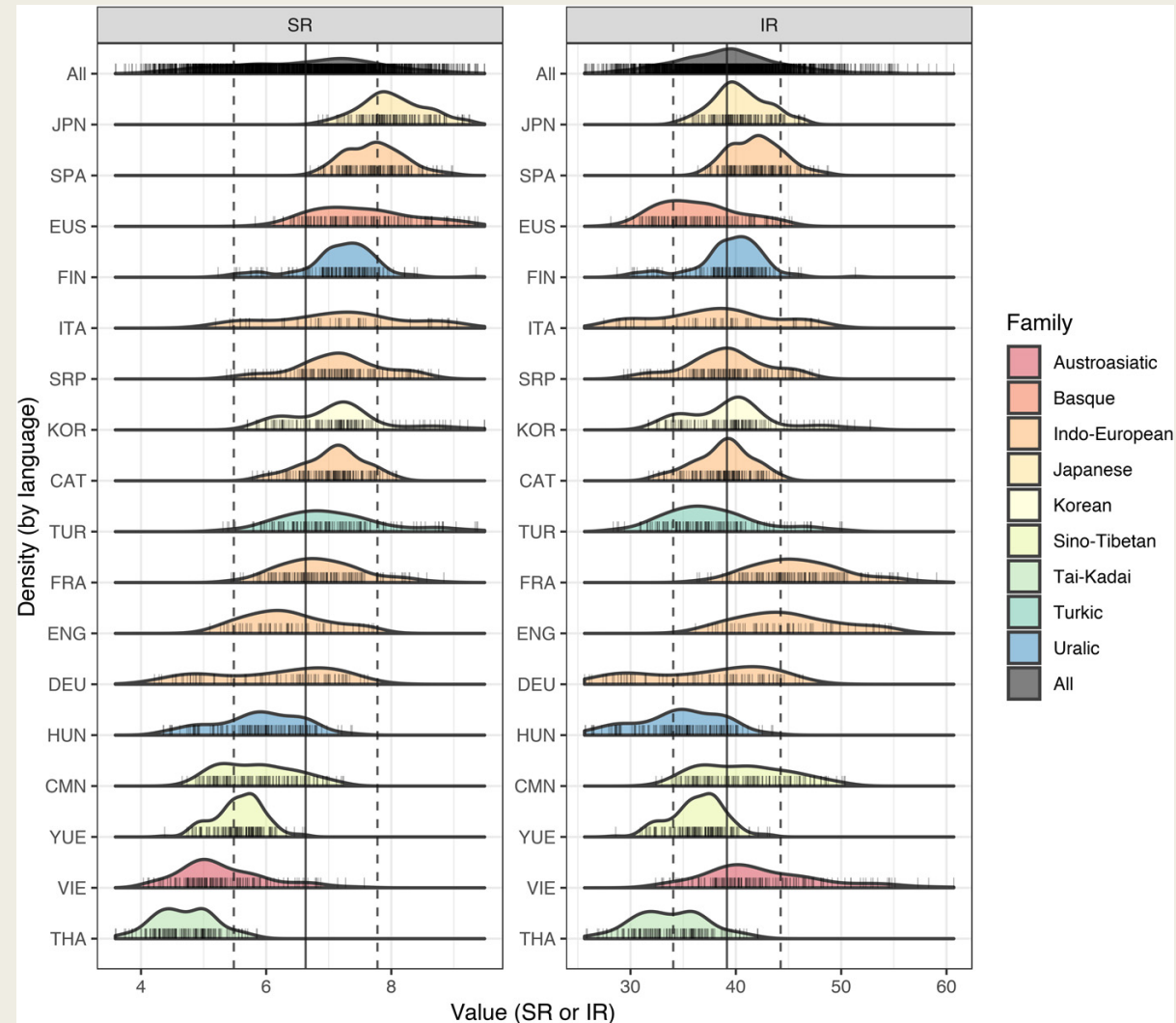
A handful of criminal prosecutions have stalled because DNA tests cannot distinguish between suspects who are twins. Then scientists decided to create one.



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Different languages, similar encoding efficiency:
Comparable information rates across the human
communicative niche



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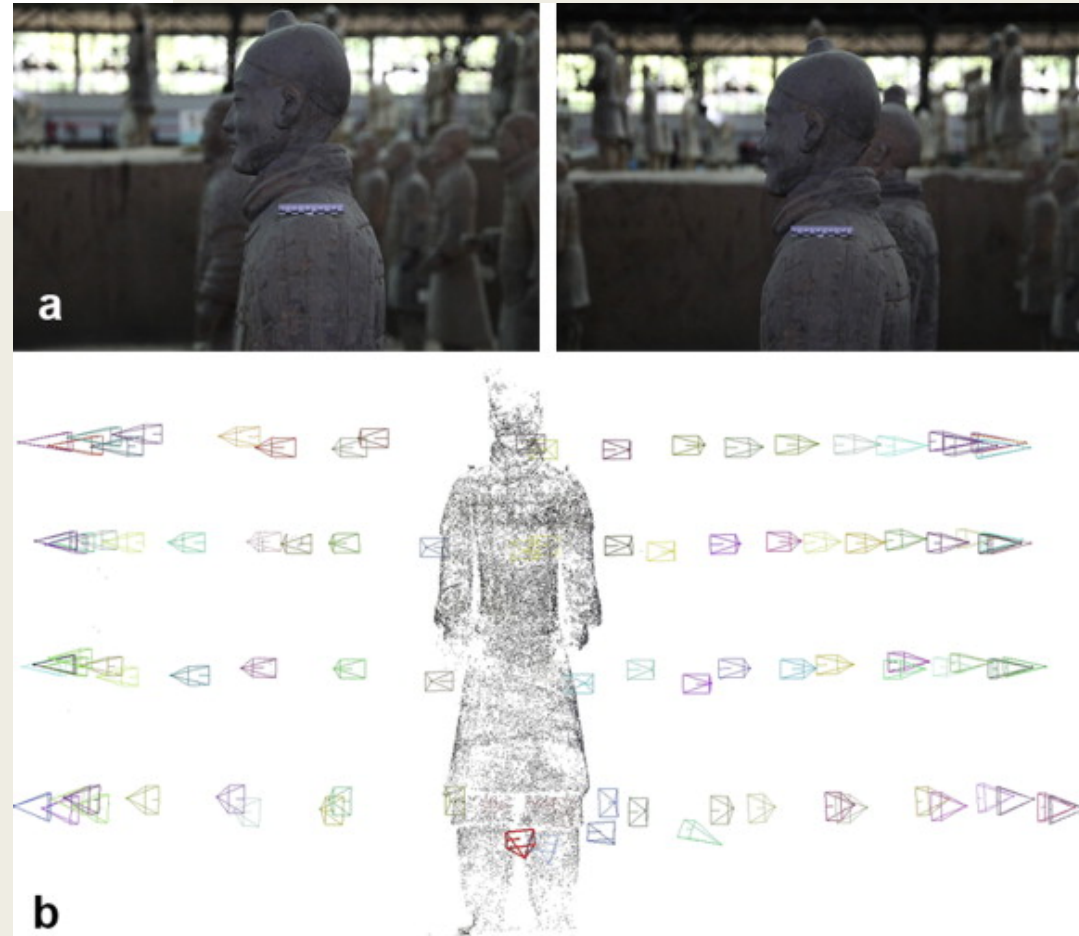
Journal of Archaeological Science

Volume 49, September 2014, Pages 249-254



Focus article

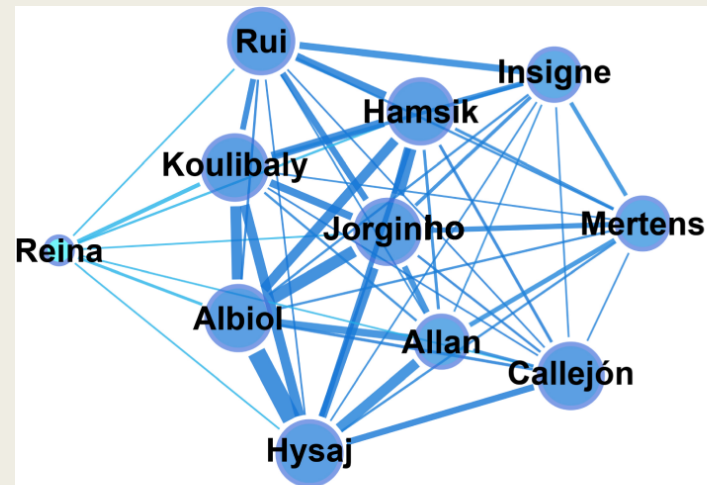
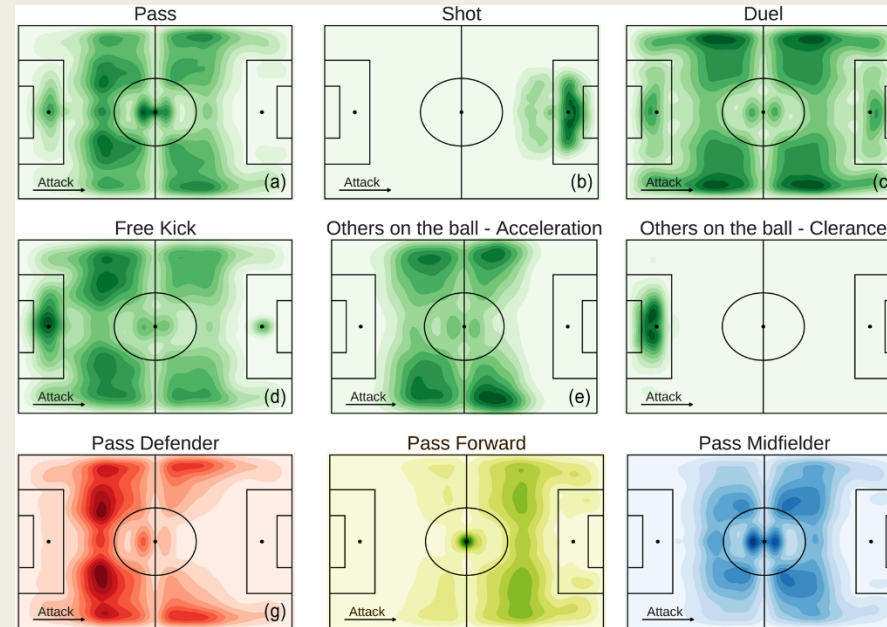
Computer vision, archaeological classification and China's terracotta warriors



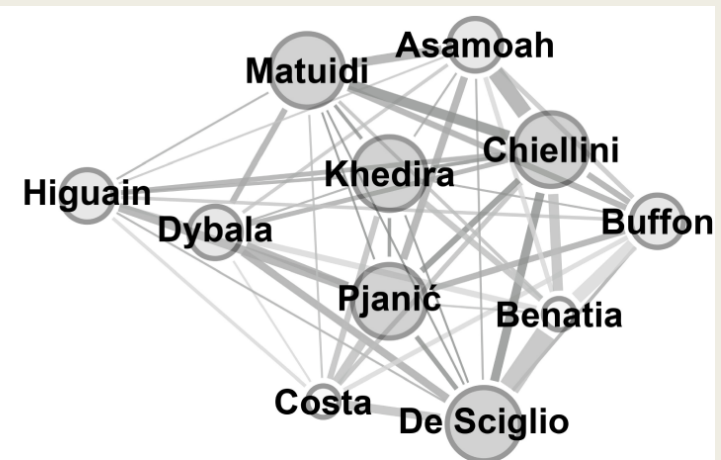
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SCIENTIFIC DATA

A public data set of spatio-temporal match events in soccer competitions



Napoli (0)
connectivity = 14.74



Juventus (1)
connectivity = 19.89

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The Guardian

Aliens may not exist  good news for our survival

A new study suggests that we could well be on our own in the universe. Yet loneliness might have its advantages



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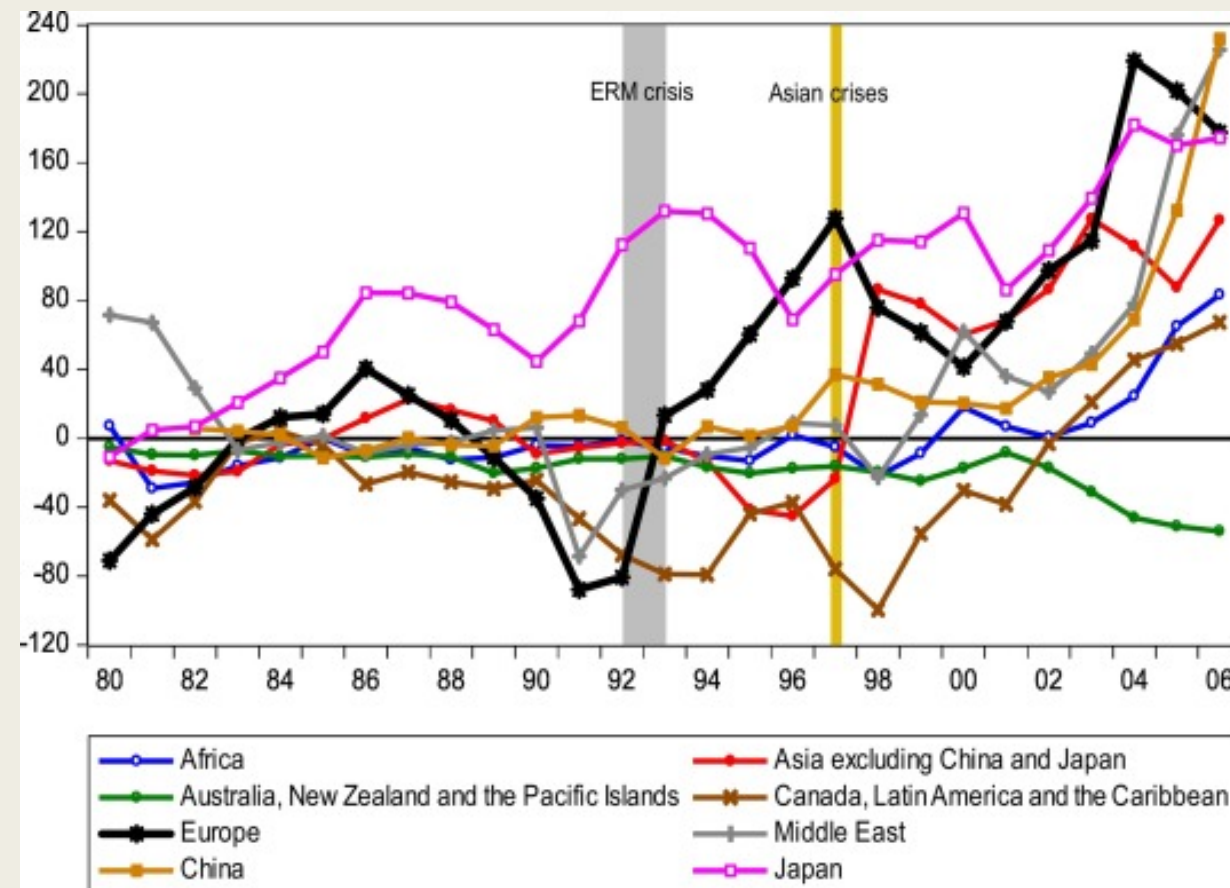
International Review of Financial Analysis

Volume 69, May 2020, 101377



The run-up to the global financial crisis:

A longer historical view of financial liberalization, capital inflows, and asset bubbles



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The Economist

Some days are more equal than others?

China, covid-19, 2020, new confirmed cases, by day

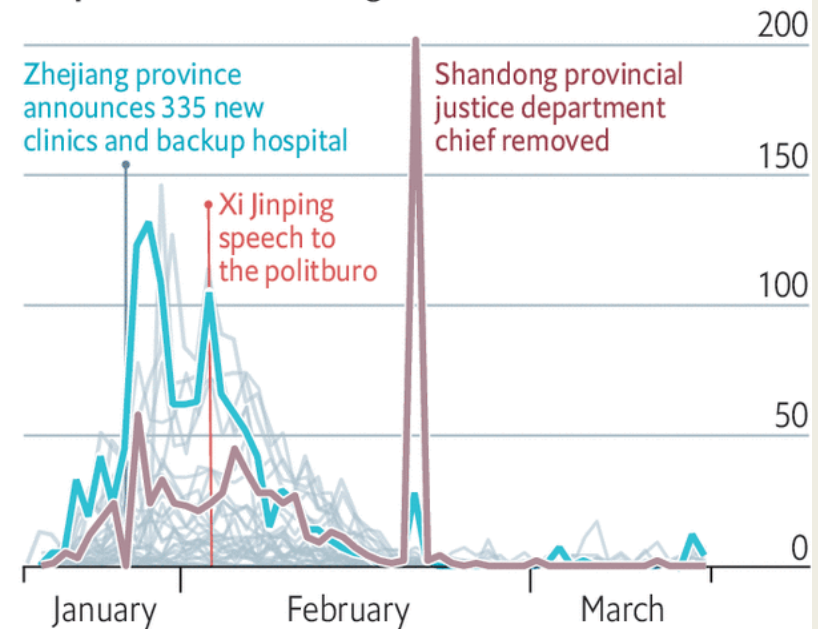
Hubei province



Source: China's National Health Commission

The Economist

All provinces, excluding Hubei



Mathematical background adequate?

- Students must have level 2 or above in
 - HKDSE Extended Module 1 or 2 of Mathematics or equivalent

- Otherwise, strongly advised to take

MATH1011 University Mathematics I

in Semester 1.

What do we need from your Mathematics?

- Set notation and theory
- Functions (*incl.* limits, continuity)
- Sequences, series
- Basic calculus (*incl.* partial differentiation, double integration)
- Vectors, matrices (basic operations)

Major in Risk Management vs Major in Statistics

- All 7 introductory level courses SAME
- Advanced level core courses:
2 SAME 2 DIFFERENT
- Risk Management –
courses focus primarily on business-related topics: e.g.
investment, insurance, finance, banking, etc.
- Statistics –
courses cover wide range of topics with emphasis on
“METHODS”, their applications, and underlying theory.
- Students CANNOT double major or major/minor in
Statistics & Risk Management
- For detailed curriculum structure, please refer to
<https://webapp.science.hku.hk/sr4/servlet/enquiry?frmid=MenuP>

Major in **DECISION ANALYTICS**

DECISION ANALYTICS

addresses decisions for modern human ...

a desire to make sense of “big data”



EXAMPLES OF APPLICATIONS

Netflix movie-rating challenge

Movie-rental company

17,770 movies

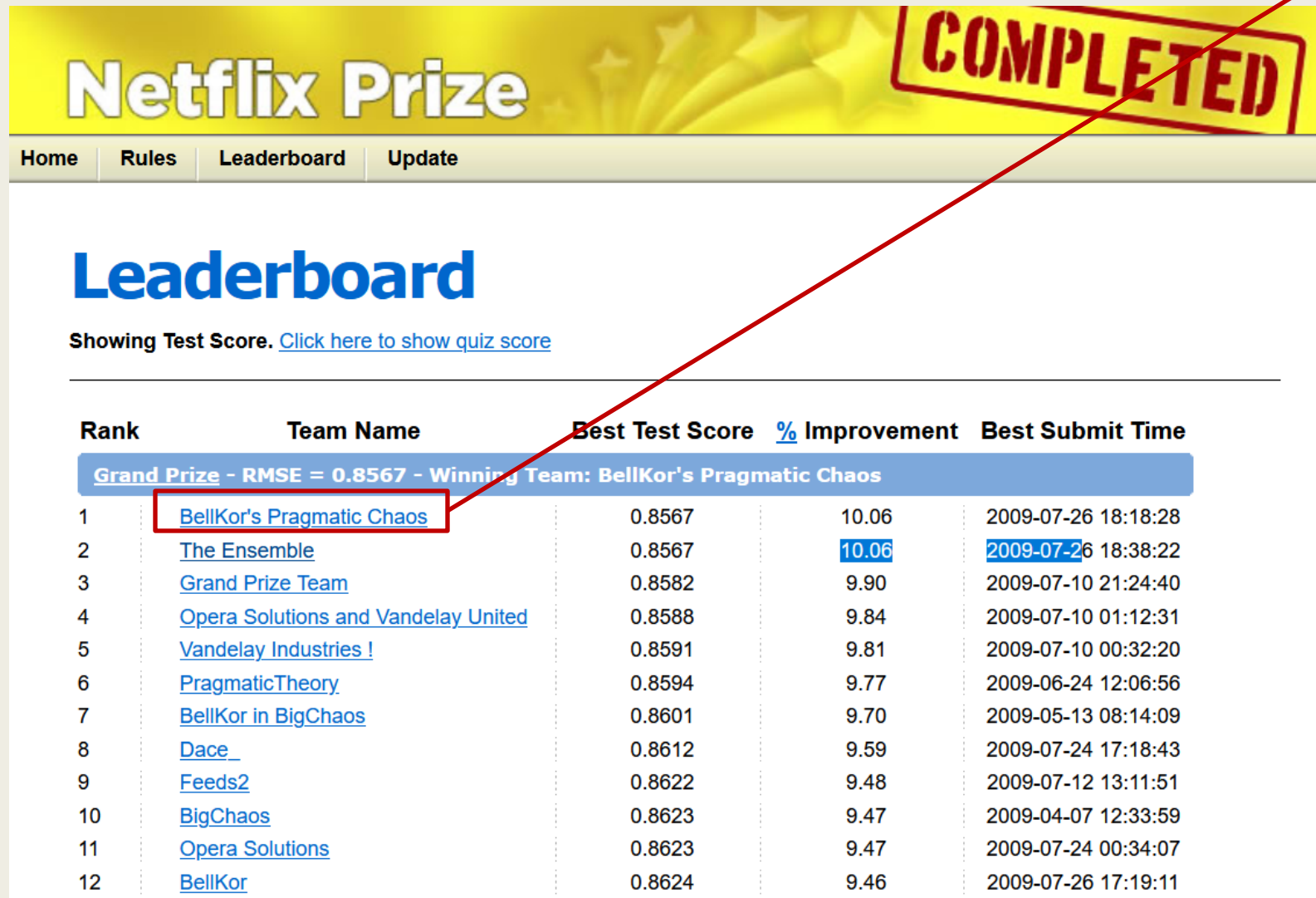
480,189 customers

	Dirty Dancing	Meet the Parents	Top Gun	The Sixth Sense	Catch Me If You Can	The Royal Tenenbaums	Con Air	Big Fish	The Matrix	A Few Good Men
Customer 1	•	•	•	•	4	•	•	•	•	•
Customer 2	•	•	3	•	•	•	3	•	•	3
Customer 3	•	2	•	4	•	•	•	•	2	•
Customer 4	3	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Customer 5	5	5	•	•	4	•	•	•	•	•
Customer 6	•	•	•	•	•	2	4	•	•	•
Customer 7	•	•	5	•	•	•	•	3	•	•
Customer 8	•	•	•	•	•	2	•	•	•	3

How to predict missing ratings of customers?

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... involved many statistical techniques,
of which most important is SVD (Singular
Value Decomposition)



Rank	Team Name	Best Test Score	% Improvement	Best Submit Time
Grand Prize - RMSE = 0.8567 - Winning Team: BellKor's Pragmatic Chaos				
1	BellKor's Pragmatic Chaos	0.8567	10.06	2009-07-26 18:18:28
2	The Ensemble	0.8567	10.06	2009-07-26 18:38:22
3	Grand Prize Team	0.8582	9.90	2009-07-10 21:24:40
4	Opera Solutions and Vandelay United	0.8588	9.84	2009-07-10 01:12:31
5	Vandelay Industries !	0.8591	9.81	2009-07-10 00:32:20
6	PragmaticTheory	0.8594	9.77	2009-06-24 12:06:56
7	BellKor in BigChaos	0.8601	9.70	2009-05-13 08:14:09
8	Dace_	0.8612	9.59	2009-07-24 17:18:43
9	Feeds2	0.8622	9.48	2009-07-12 13:11:51
10	BigChaos	0.8623	9.47	2009-04-07 12:33:59
11	Opera Solutions	0.8623	9.47	2009-07-24 00:34:07
12	BellKor	0.8624	9.46	2009-07-26 17:19:11

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- For computer science, to enroll in COMP2119, students must also take
COMP2113 Programming Technologies and Tools

Major in Decision Analytics vs Major in Statistics / Risk Management

- 8 introductory level courses (1 more than STAT/RM)
 - *COMP1117 Computer programming*
 - *COMP2119 Introduction to data structures & algorithms*
(instead of STAT1600 Statistics: ideas and concepts)
- 5 Advanced level core courses (1 more than STAT/RM):
one common to all 3 majors: STAT3600 Linear statistical analysis
- Heavier emphasis on
COMPUTER SCIENCE + MATHEMATICS
- Students CANNOT double major in Decision Analytics and
Statistics, Risk Management, Computing & Data Analytics, Computer Science
- Students CANNOT major in Decision Analytics and minor in
Statistics, Computer Science
- The detailed curriculum structure can be found at Faculty website.



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Major in *Decision Analytics*

your attention please...



Reminder

- plan ahead
- watch out for pre-requisites of individual courses
- courses **CANNOT** be double-counted to fulfill different majors/minors

(exception for double major in Science:

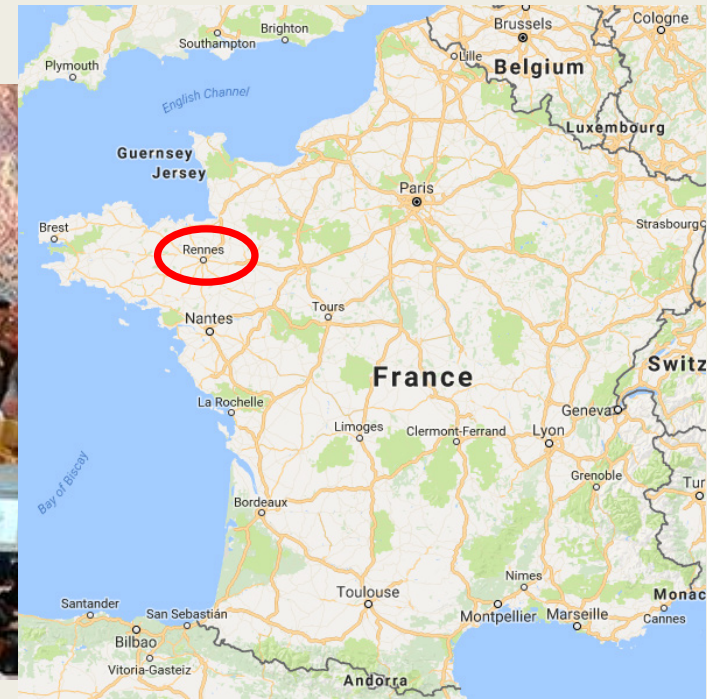
SCNC1111 & SCNC1112 & up to 12 credits of compulsory courses

REQUIRED by both Science majors can be double-counted)

- consult course selection advisors if necessary

ENSAI

- ☺ Faculty-sponsored 2-week overseas study exchange tour to France
- ☺ National School for Statistics and Data Analysis
 - *Rennes, France*
- ☺ Ecole nationale de la statistique et de l'analyse de l'information (ENSAI in French)



Support from University and Department

- **HKU** : Centre of Development and Resources for Students
 - *NETmatch, NETjobs, JIIS (Joint Institutions Job Info. System)*
- **Department** : Internship / Job Online Application System

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The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <https://apps.saas.hku.hk/internship/index.php>. The page header includes the Department of Statistics & Actuarial Science logo and a group photo. The main content area displays user information and application status.

User Information:

- UID: 2008000001
- Name: Ugrad Test_Student1
- Last Status: Available working period: From: 2019-04-10 To: 2019-11-30
- Major: Statistics
- E-mail: @hku.hk
- Contact Phone: +852 12345678
- CAP Profile: (Cover letter & CV) [Upload Profile]
- PPP Score: Letter & CV Submitted: 0.0, Case Analysis & Presentation: 0.0, Mock Interview: 0.0

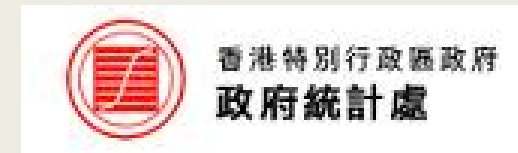
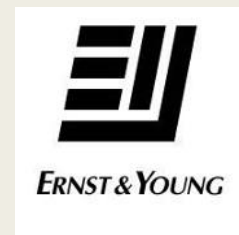
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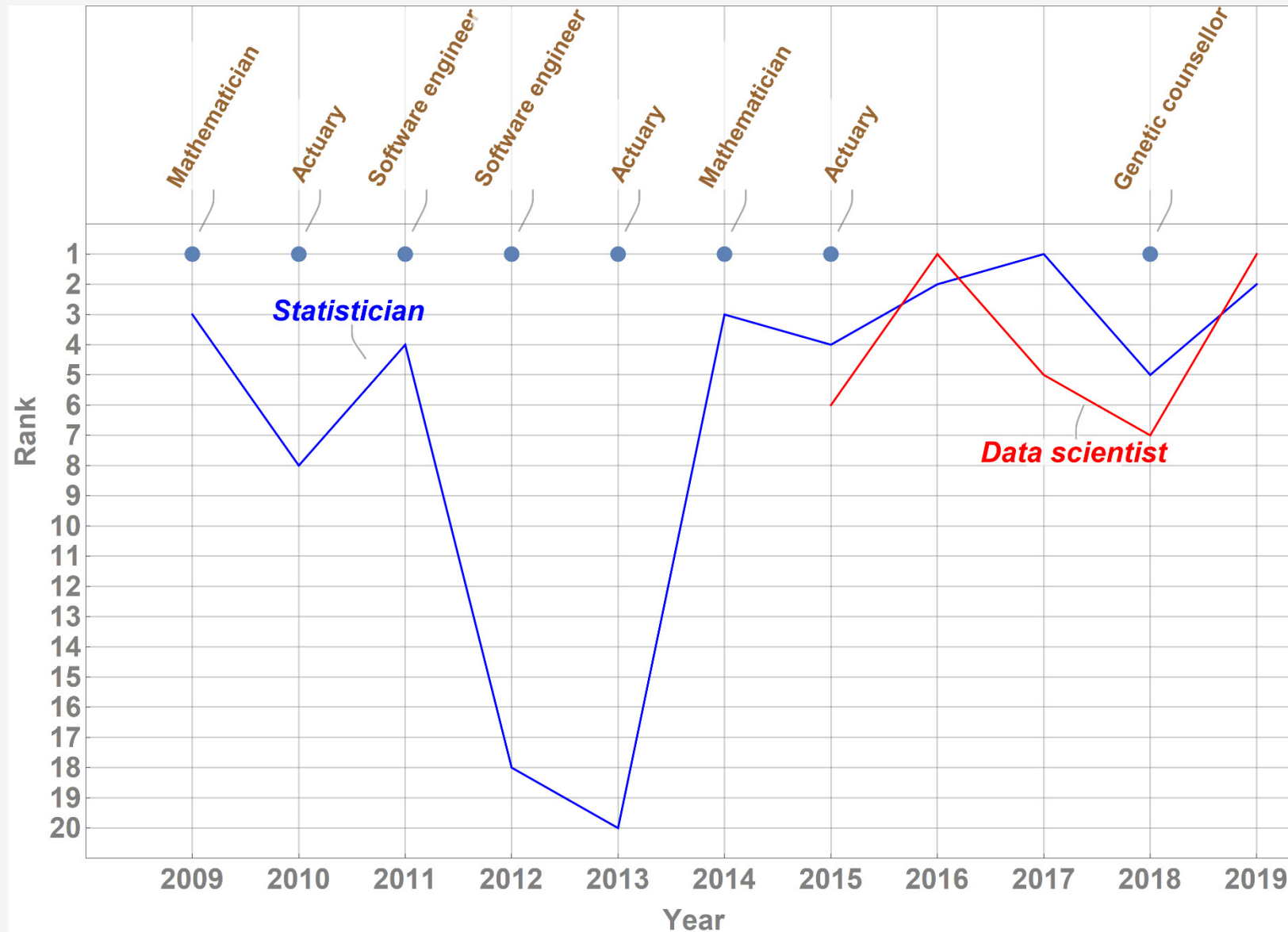
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Jobtype	Company Name	Job Title / Job Description / Form	Closing date	Action
Full-time_ST&AS	EFA	Portfolio Investment Analyst(ASAP) (GRAD Internship) IR 1452	2019-06-11	Submit completed application via email at careers@efadrin.com
Internship_AS&ST	AIA Group	Actuarial Internship Programme (Jan-Jun 2020) AW 1526	2019-08-31	Submit completed application via email at Rachel-yh.chan@aia.com
Internship_AS&ST	Blue, trade name of Aviva Life Insurance Co Ltd	Actuarial Intern (Jan-Jun 2020) MY 1529	2019-08-31	Submit completed application via email at careers@blue.com.hk
Full-time_AS&ST	CIGNA	Contract Associate - Valuation (IFRS) (ASAP) JC 1629	2019-08-25	Submit completed application via email at sandy.lau@cigna.com
Full-time_AS&ST	YF Life Insurance International Ltd	Actuarial Analyst (GRAD/ASAP) VL 1643	2019-08-18	Submit completed application via email at recruit@yflife.com

Career Development Training

- Summer IT course:
 - *Essential IT skills (certificate course)*
- Career Advising Programme (CAP) to prepare students for:
 - *internships and job opportunities*
 - *advancing resume and interview skills*





Contact Persons

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