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Life as a Data Scientist in Tech, As Told by a Statistician



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Abstract:

There are as many definitions of "data scientist" as there are data scientists. Despite this, useful categorizations exist. In this informal talk I'll discuss some of those categorizations and highlight experiences and lessons I've learned as a statistician in tech. I'll briefly discuss a recent research project and introduce A/B testing or massive online randomized controlled experiments. A/B testing is a commonly-used tool in tech and a good domain for statisticians. Lastly, I'll discuss hiring in tech, potentially interesting roles for statisticians, and my own experience hiring and getting hired.

Bio:

Duncan Wadsworth is a Senior Data Scientist in the tech industry. He's currently at Apple working on Maps data and before that was part of the Windows Core Data Science team at Microsoft. He received his Ph.D. in Statistics from Rice University in 2016 and studied Ecology at the University of New Mexico. His academic and professional research interests include measuring fairness and accountability of AI systems, large-scale online randomized experiments, and methods for microbiome data.

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