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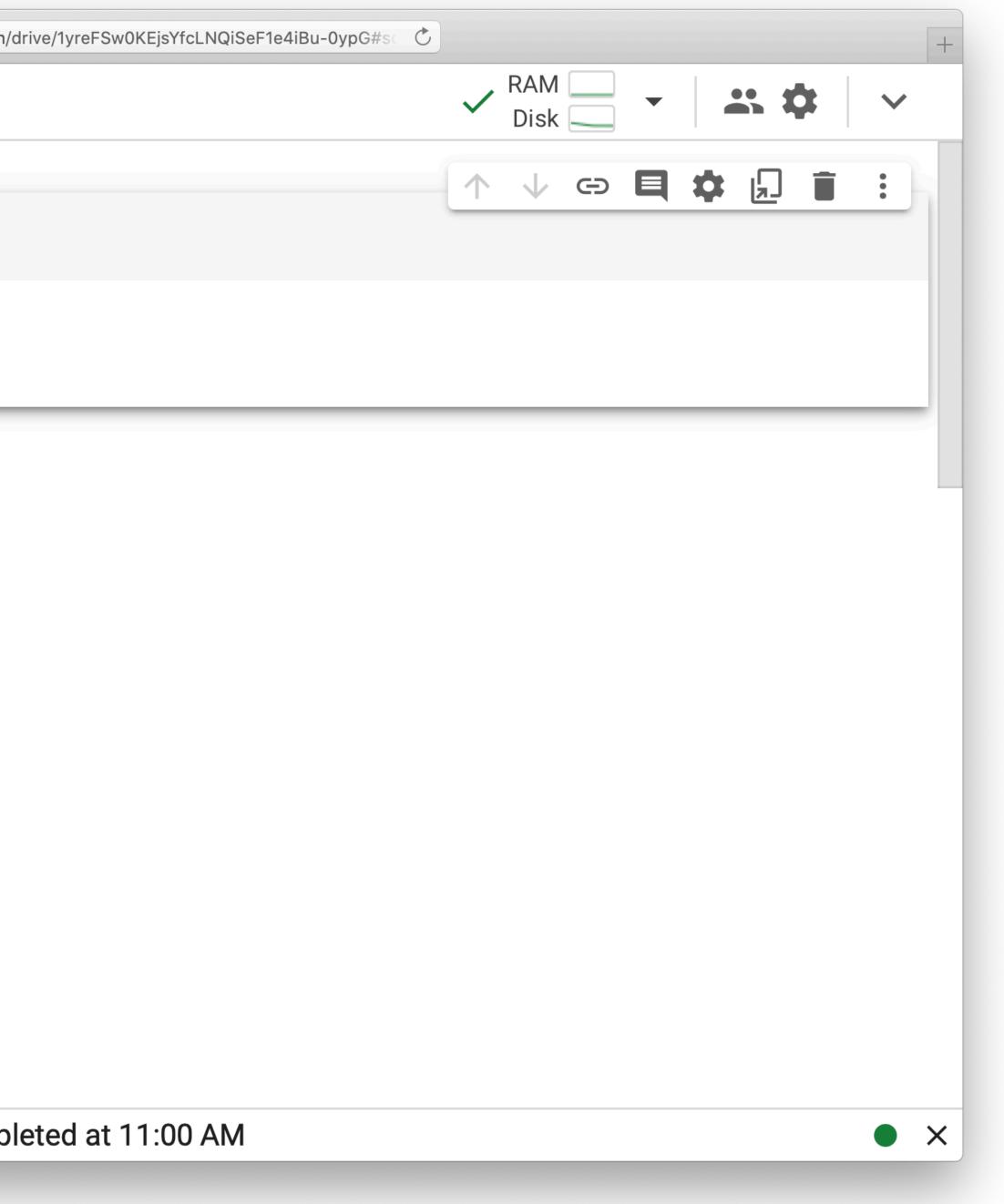
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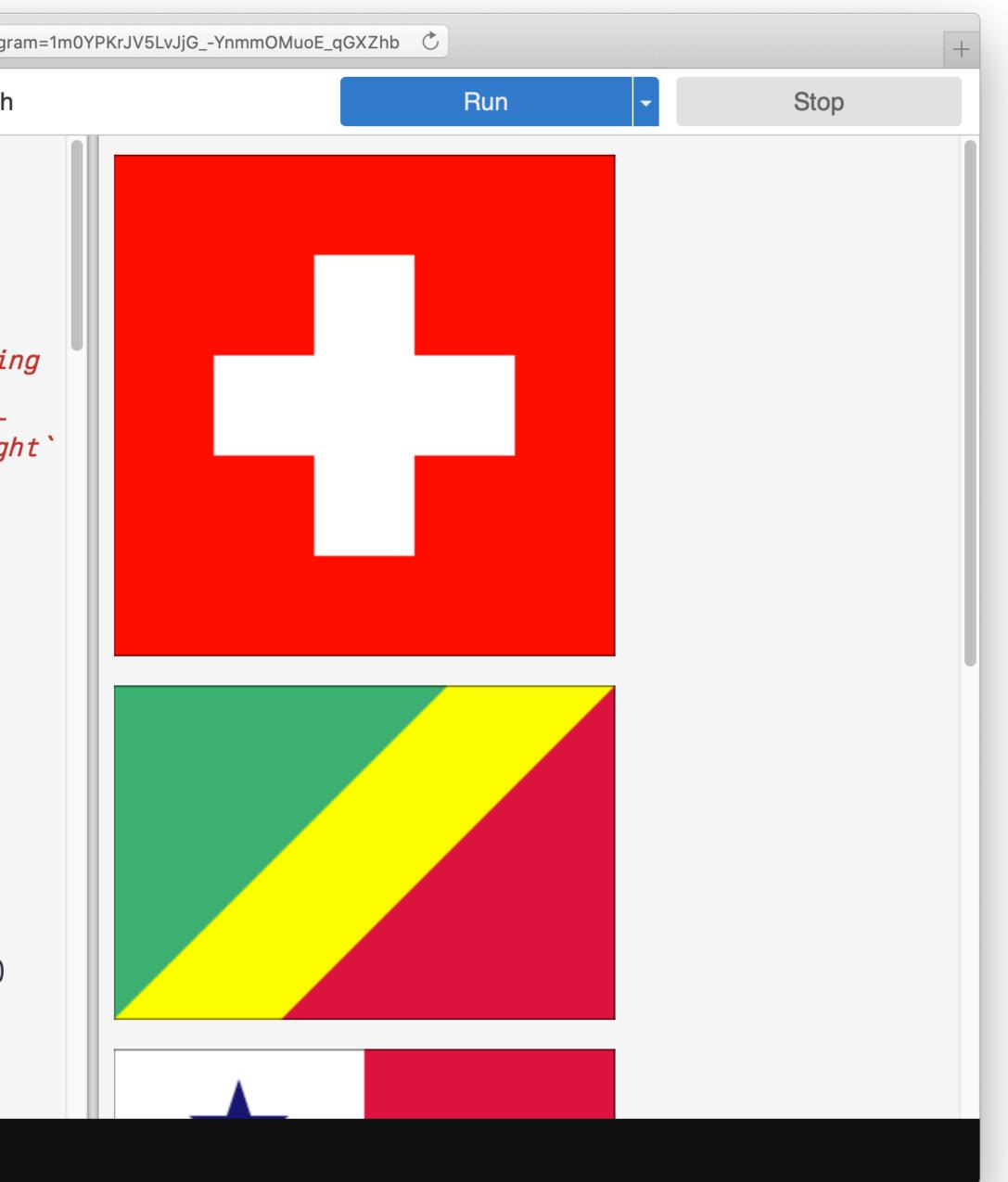


We're not especially interested in Pyret – *or* Python! If you're programming 20 years from now, it will be in a different language, using different tools.

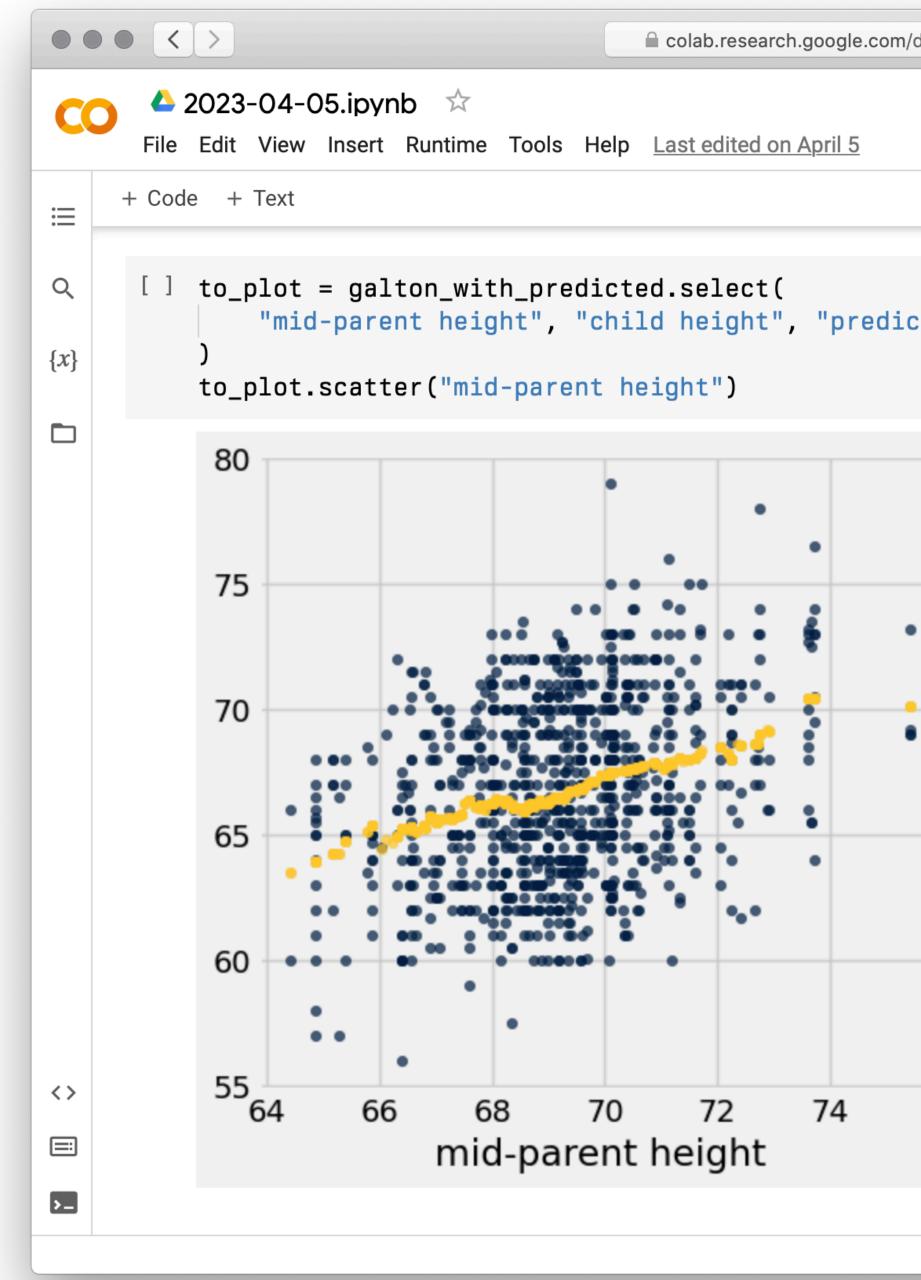
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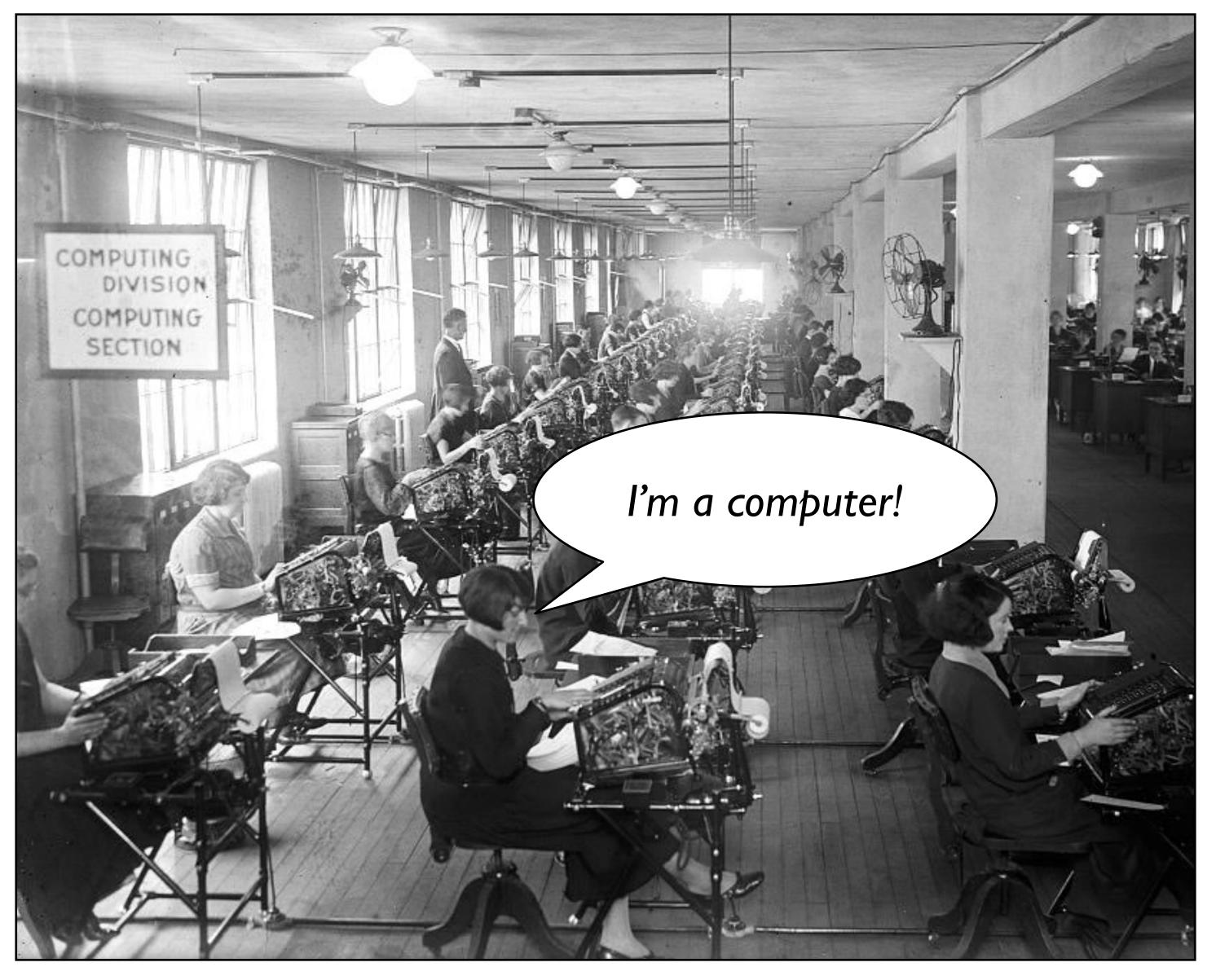
We've been practicing *computational thinking*.

"Modern computer science is the last 1 percent of the historical timeline of computational thinking. Computer scientists inherited and then perfected computational thinking from a long line of mathematicians, natural philosophers, scientists, and engineers all interested in performing large calculations and complex inferences without error."

Peter J. Denning & Matti Tedre, Computational Thinking

Origins of computational thinking

Before the modern computer age, there was a profession of mathematically trained experts who performed complex calculations as teams. They were called "computers".



Bonus Bureau, Computing Division, 1924, loc.gov/pictures/item/2016838906

Teams of human computers engaged in computational thinking long before the invention of electronic computers.

Early computational thinking can be seen going back to the records of the Babylonians, who wrote down general procedures for solving mathematical problems starting around 1800 BCE.

Long before this class, you learned these kind of computational methods.

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Euclid's algorithm

Around 300 BCE, the Greek mathematician Euclid gave a method to find the greatest common divisor (GCD) of two numbers, which is the largest integer that divides both numbers.

Euclid's algorithm

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gcd(48, 18) $\rightarrow gcd(30, 18)$ $\rightarrow gcd(12, 18)$ $\rightarrow gcd(12, 6)$ $\rightarrow gcd(6, 6)$ $\rightarrow 6$

This is another famous method dating back to the ancient Greeks, used to find all the prime numbers up to some limit.

We begin with a list of all the integers, from 2 to the limit.

We cross out all the multiples of 2.

We cross out all the multiples of 2. Then all the multiples of 3.

We cross out all the multiples of 2. Then all the multiples of 3. And 5.

We cross out all the multiples of 2. Then all the multiples of 3. And 5. And so on, leaving you with only the primes between 2 and the limit you chose.

After each round of elimination, a new prime will be revealed, and the next round crosses out all its multiples.

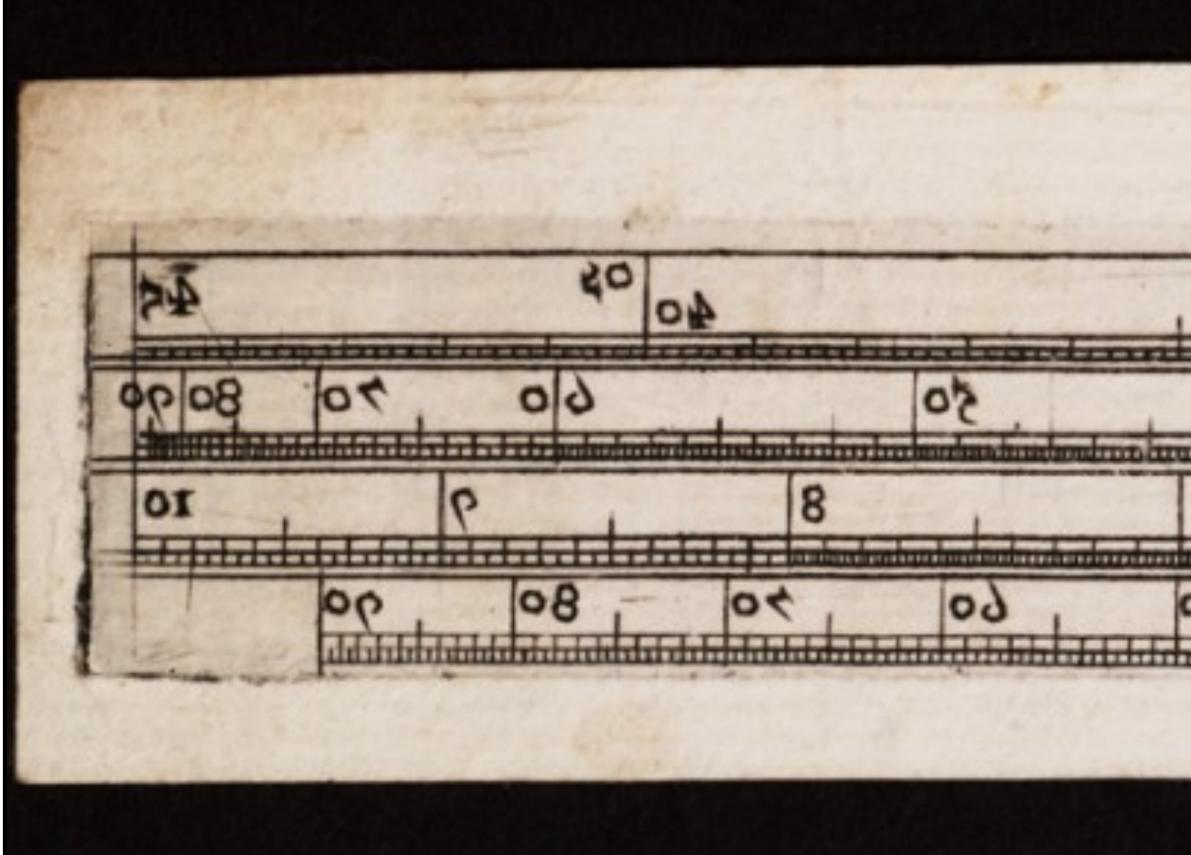
These are computational procedures, carried out by hand!

Programmable computers

No matter how simple and unambiguous the steps are made, human computers make mistakes – and lots of them!

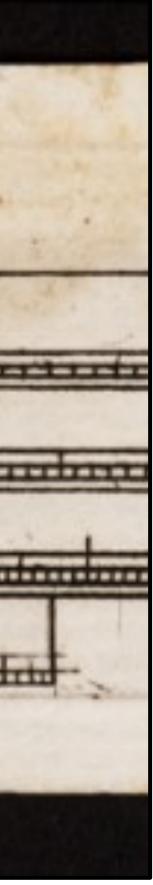
So, inventors through the ages have sought to make computing *machines* to allow people to perform longer computations with fewer errors.

This was a slow process, taking us from...



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- Slide rule
 - c. 1620



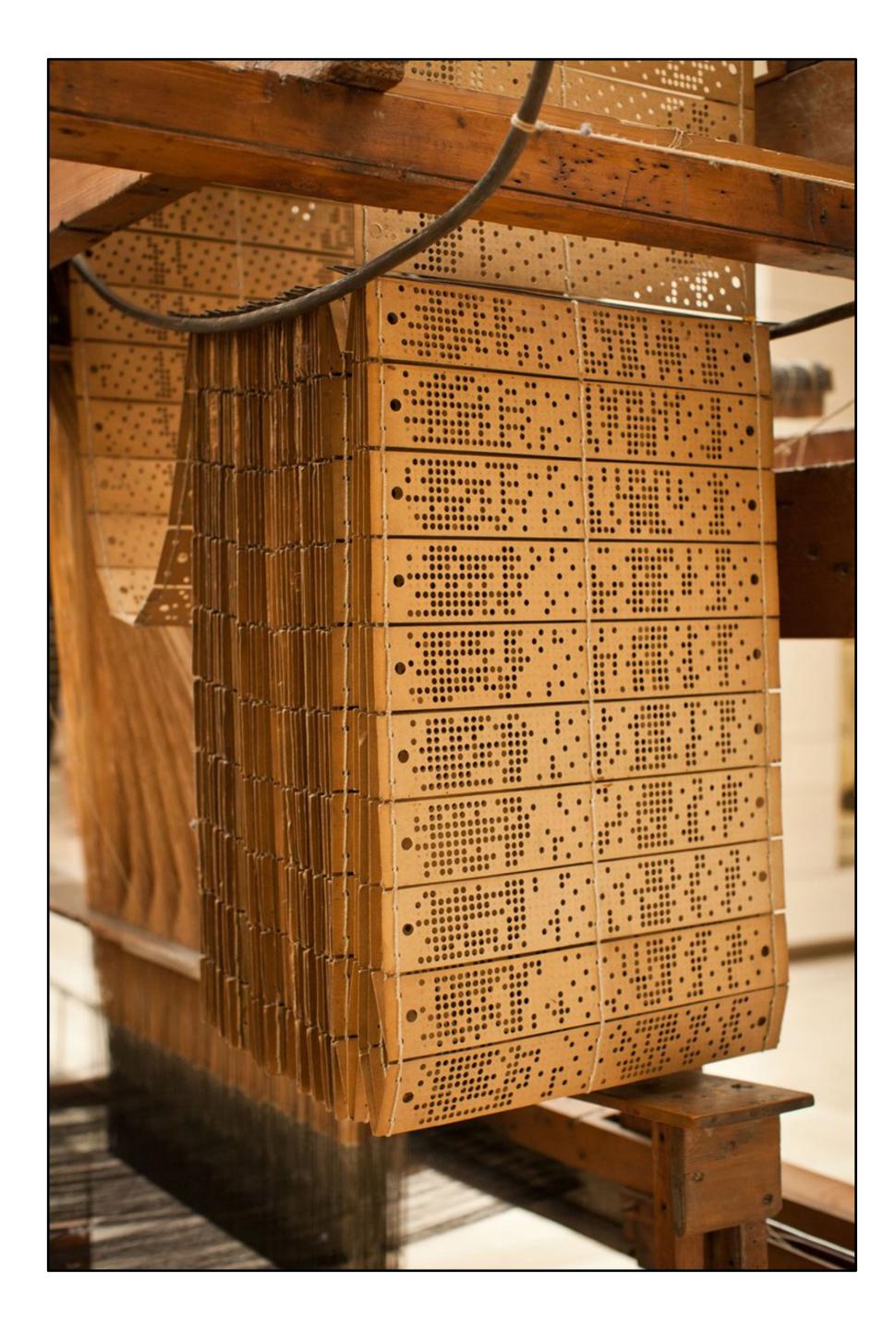


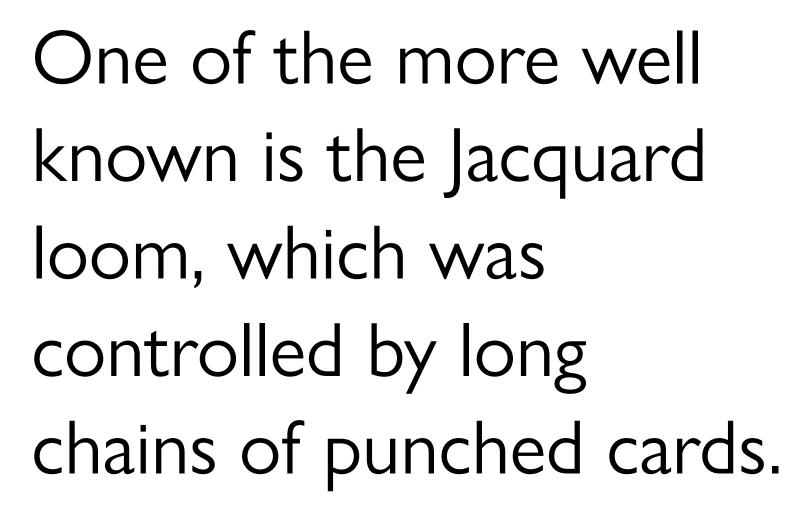
Blaise Pascal's mechanical calculator

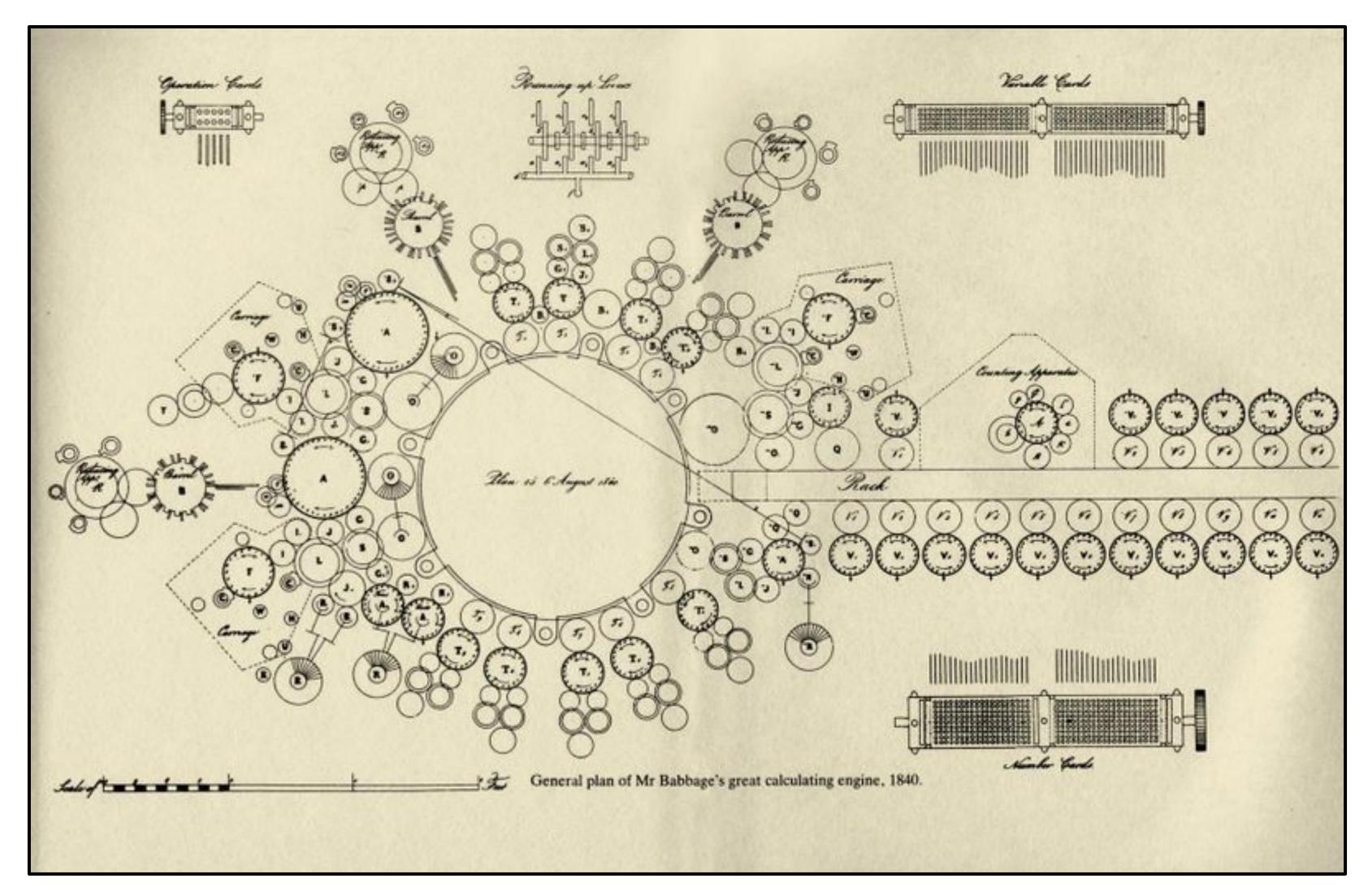
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Precursors to the idea of a *programmable* computer originated well before the electronic computing age.

In the early 1700s, French textile weavers experimented with machines that could weave complex patterns using an automatic loom.







Plan for Babbage's Analytical Engine

1840

Babbage collaborated with a gifted mathematician, Ada Lovelace, who designed algorithms for the Analytical Engine, even though there was no machine to run them on.



Lovelace saw the Analytical Engine not as a mere calculator but as a processor of any information that could be encoded in symbols.

This insight, that computing programs can calculate not only over numbers but over symbols that can stand for anything in the world, anticipated by a hundred years a key tenet of the modern computer age.

Lovelace saw the computer as an *information* machine.

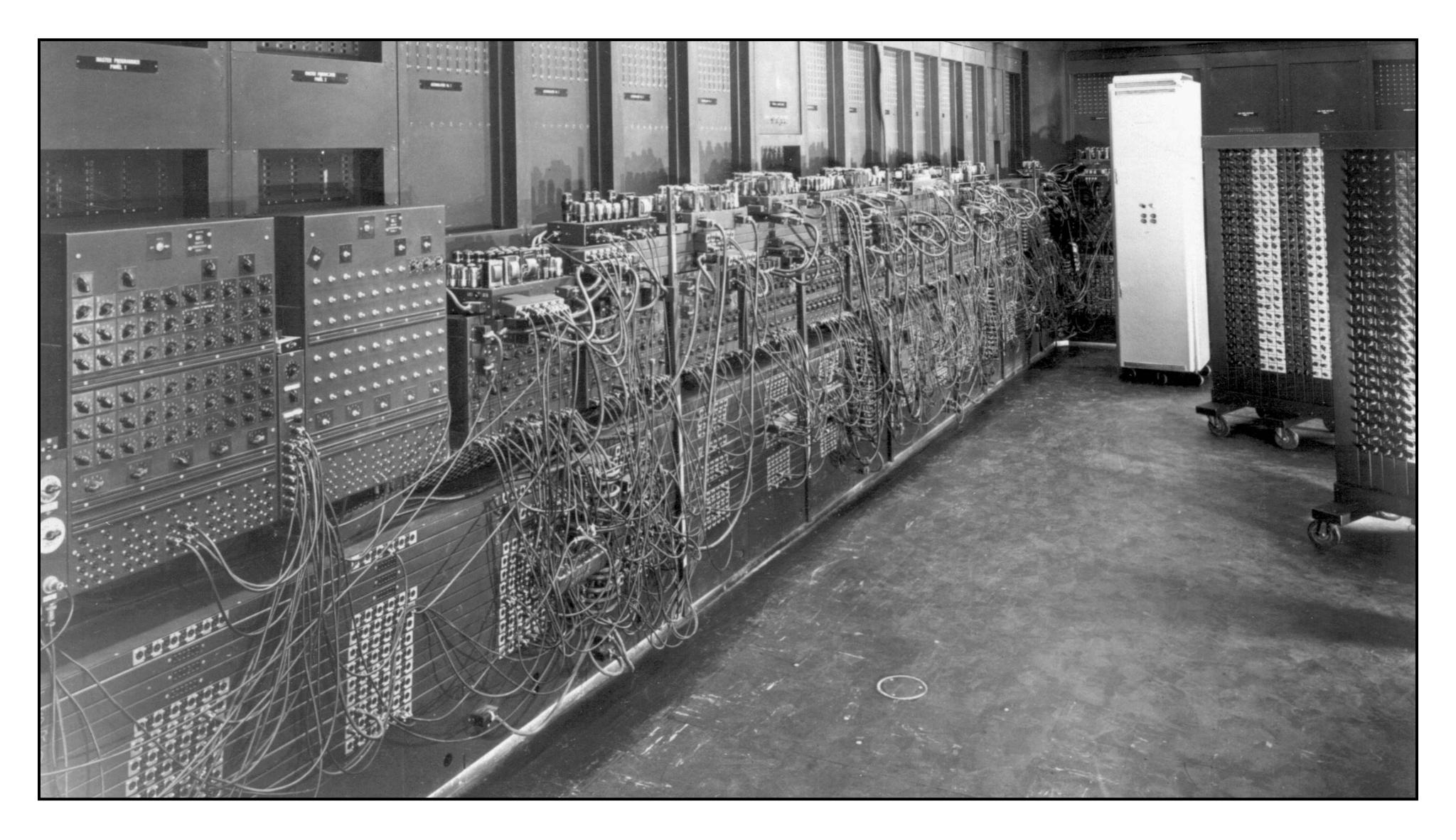
While Babbage's designs for a programmable computer weren't realized at the time, the age of electronics opened new possibilities.





Harvard Mark I

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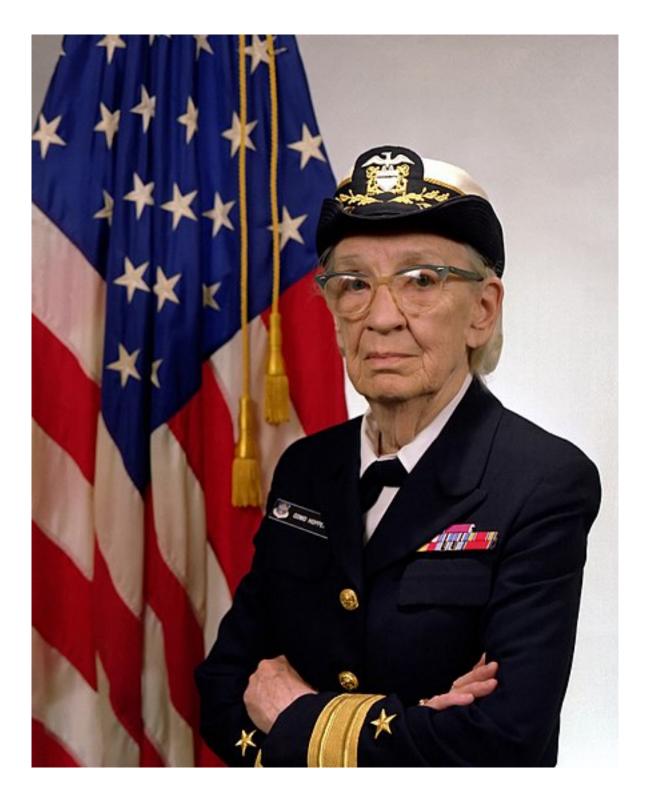
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Early computers were very difficult to program, working in languages that were closely tied to the hardware.

Grace Hopper '28 popularized the idea of a compiler for machine-independent programming languages and defined FLOW-MATIC, the first Englishlike data processing language in the early 1950s.

Those ideas were later folded into the popular COBOL language (1959).



Since the 1950s, many programming languages have been defined, experienced popularity, and then been supplanted by new designs.

Today, Python is the programming language most often used for work in data science and artificial intelligence.

Programming no longer involves plugging in wires or punching cards, but it's still hard!

"The programmer, like the poet, works only slightly removed from pure thought-stuff. He builds castles in the air, from air, creating by exertion of the imagination...

Frederick Brooks, The Mythical Man-Month, 1975



"Few media of creation are so flexible, so easy to polish and rework, so readily capable of realizing grand conceptual structures. Yet the program construct, unlike the poet's words, is real in the sense that it moves and works, producing visible outputs separate from the construct itself...

Frederick Brooks. The Mythical Man-Month, 1975



"One types the correct incantation on a keyboard, and a display screen comes to life, showing things that never were nor could be... It prints results, draws pictures, produces sounds, moves arms. The magic of myth and legend has come true in our time...

Frederick Brooks, The Mythical Man-Month, 1975



"The computer resembles the magic of legend in this respect, too. If one character, one pause, of the incantation is not strictly in proper form, the magic doesn't work. Human beings are not accustomed to being perfect, and few areas of human activity demand it. Adjusting to the requirement for perfection is, I think, the most difficult part of learning to program."

Frederick Brooks, The Mythical Man-Month, 1975



Computing with data

We've seen some cool datasets during this semester - and you got to explore data that was of interest to you for your mini-projects – but there are many, many more datasets you can explore.

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"required reading for anyone interested in data journalism" — Julia Angwin

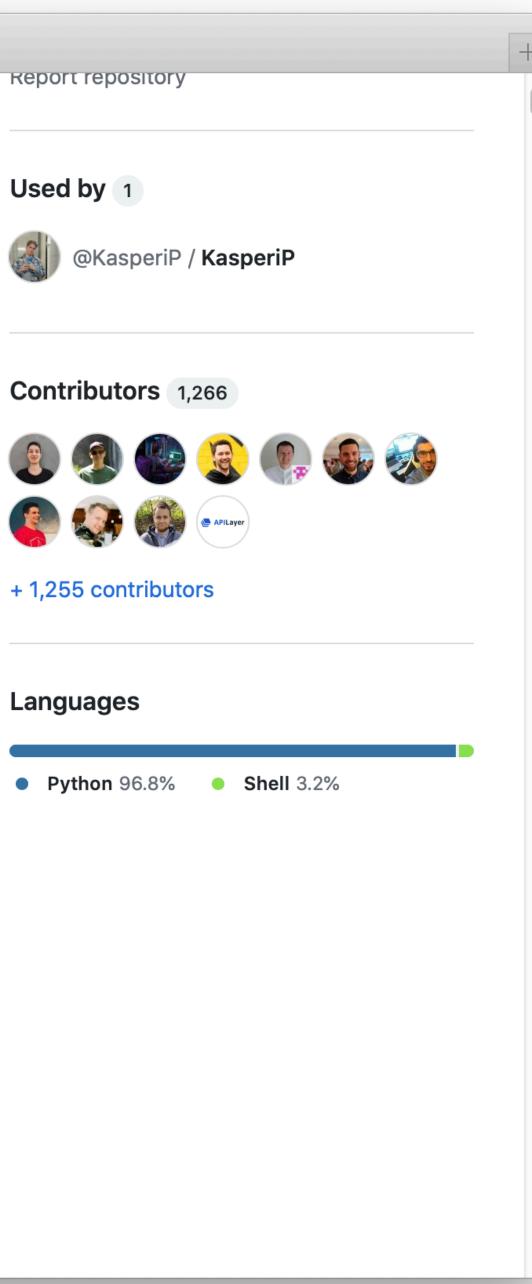
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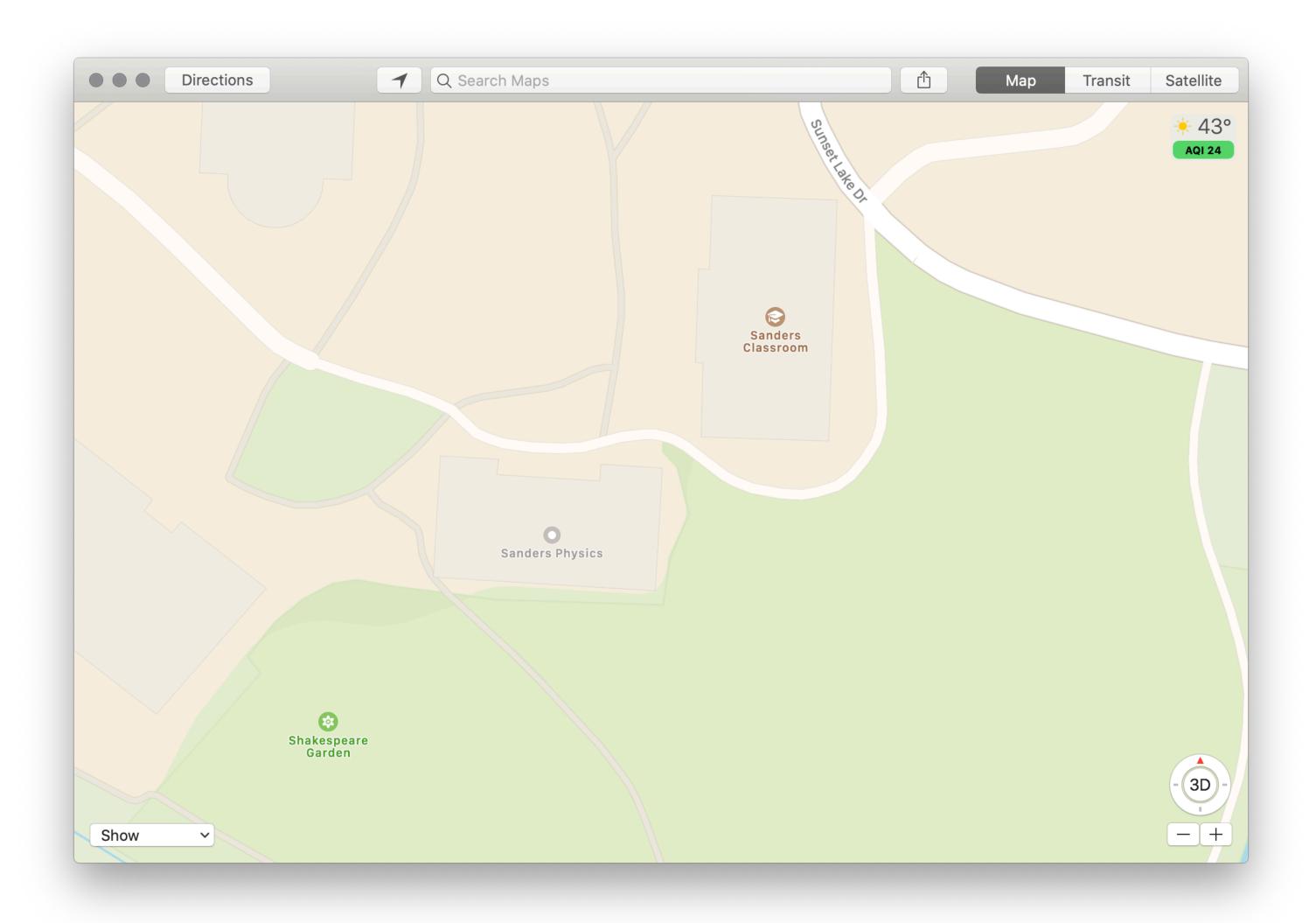


Building data models

Data is situated in the environment where it was gathered.

Consider Galton's child-height data.

He gathered the data in England c. 1886. What would happen if you tried to use it to predict heights in Poughkeepsie today? In Guatemala? In China?



When we collect data, it's like making a map:

We're constructing a model, where we choose what to represent, and how to represent it.

"...most of the data and data models we have inherited deal with structures of power, like gender and race, with a crudeness that would never pass muster in a peer-reviewed humanities publication." Miriam Posner, "What's Next: The Radical, Unrealized Potential of

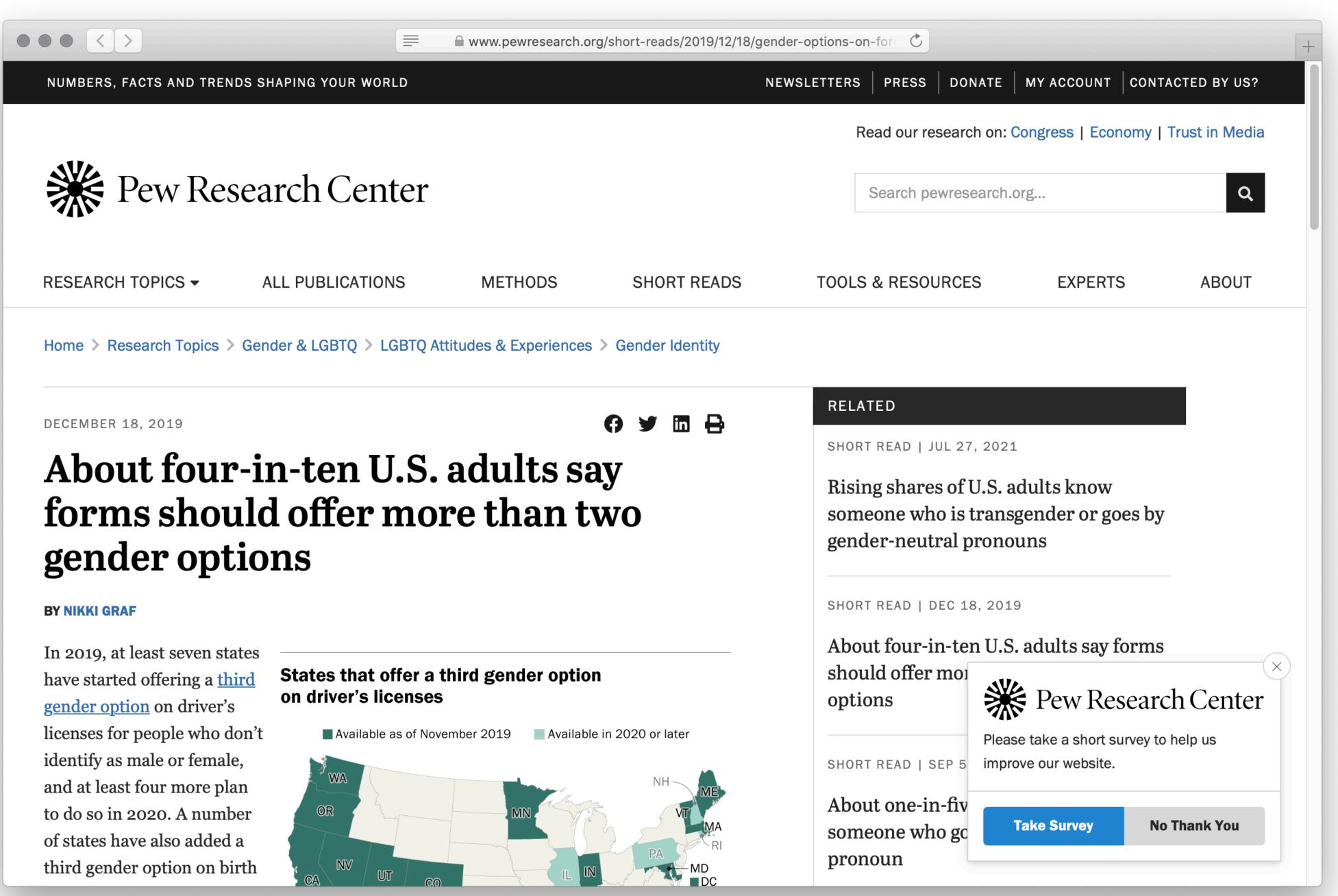
Digital Humanities", 2016

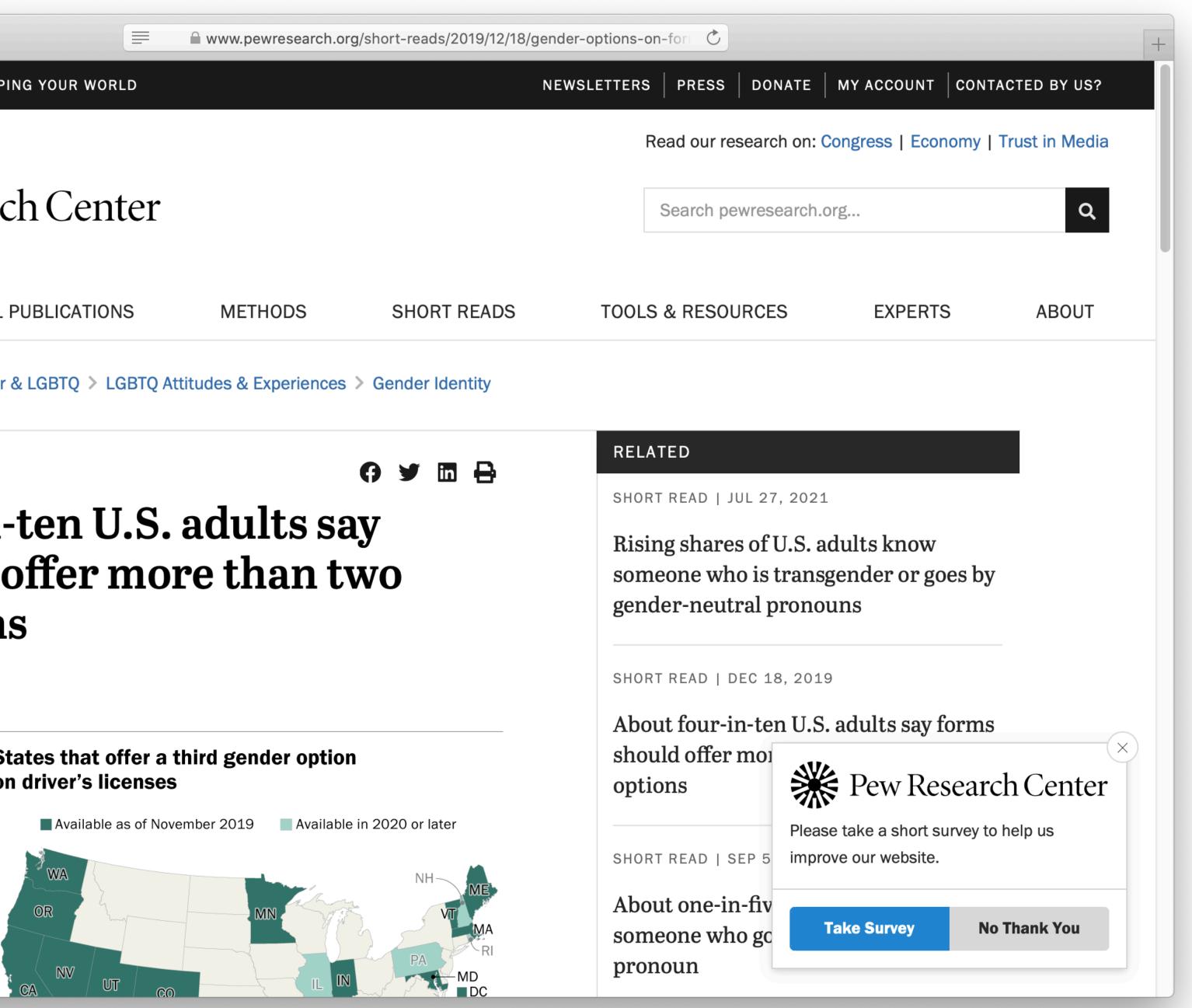
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"I want us to be more ambitious, to hold ourselves to much higher standards when we are claiming to develop data-based work that depicts people's lives." Miriam Posner, "What's Next: The Radical, Unrealized Potential of Digital Humanities", 2016

Data and privacy

Sentiment140

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Return to Sentiment140

General Information

What is Sentiment140?

Sentiment140 allows you to discover the sentiment of a br

How does this work?

You can read about our approach in our technical report: are not described in this paper.

How is this different?

Our approach is different from other sentiment analysis sit

- We use classifiers built from <u>machine learning</u> algo but lower recall.
- We provide transparency for the classification result assess the accuracy of their classifiers.

Who created this?

Sentiment140 was created by Alec Go, Richa Bhayani, an Science graduate students at Stanford University.

What are the use cases?

- 1. Brand management (e.g. windows 10)
- 2. Polling (e.g. obama)
- 3. Planning a purchase (e.g. kindle)

Can you help me?

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I'm itchy and miserable!

@sekseemess no. I'm not itchy for now. Maybe later, lol.

RT @jessverr I love the nerdy Stanford human biology videos - makes me miss school. <u>http://bit.ly/13t7NR</u>

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@spinuzzi: Has been a bit crazy, with steep learning curve, but LyX is really good for long docs. For anything shorter, it would be insane.

I'm listening to "P.Y.T" by Danny Gokey <3 <3 <3 Aww, he's so amazing. I <3 him so much :)

is going to sleep then on a bike ride:]

cant sleep... my tooth is aching.

Blah, blah, blah same old same old. No plans today, going back to sleep I guess.

glad i didnt do Bay to Breakers today, it's 1000 freaking degrees in San Francisco wtf

is in San Francisco at Bay to Breakers.

just landed at San Francisco

San Francisco today. Any suggestions?

?Obama Administration Must Stop Bonuses to AIG Ponzi Schemers ... http://bit.ly/2CUIg

started to think that Citi is in really deep s&^t. Are they gonna survive the turmoil or are they gonna be the next AIG?

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@YarnThing you will not regret going to see Star Trek. It was AWESOME!

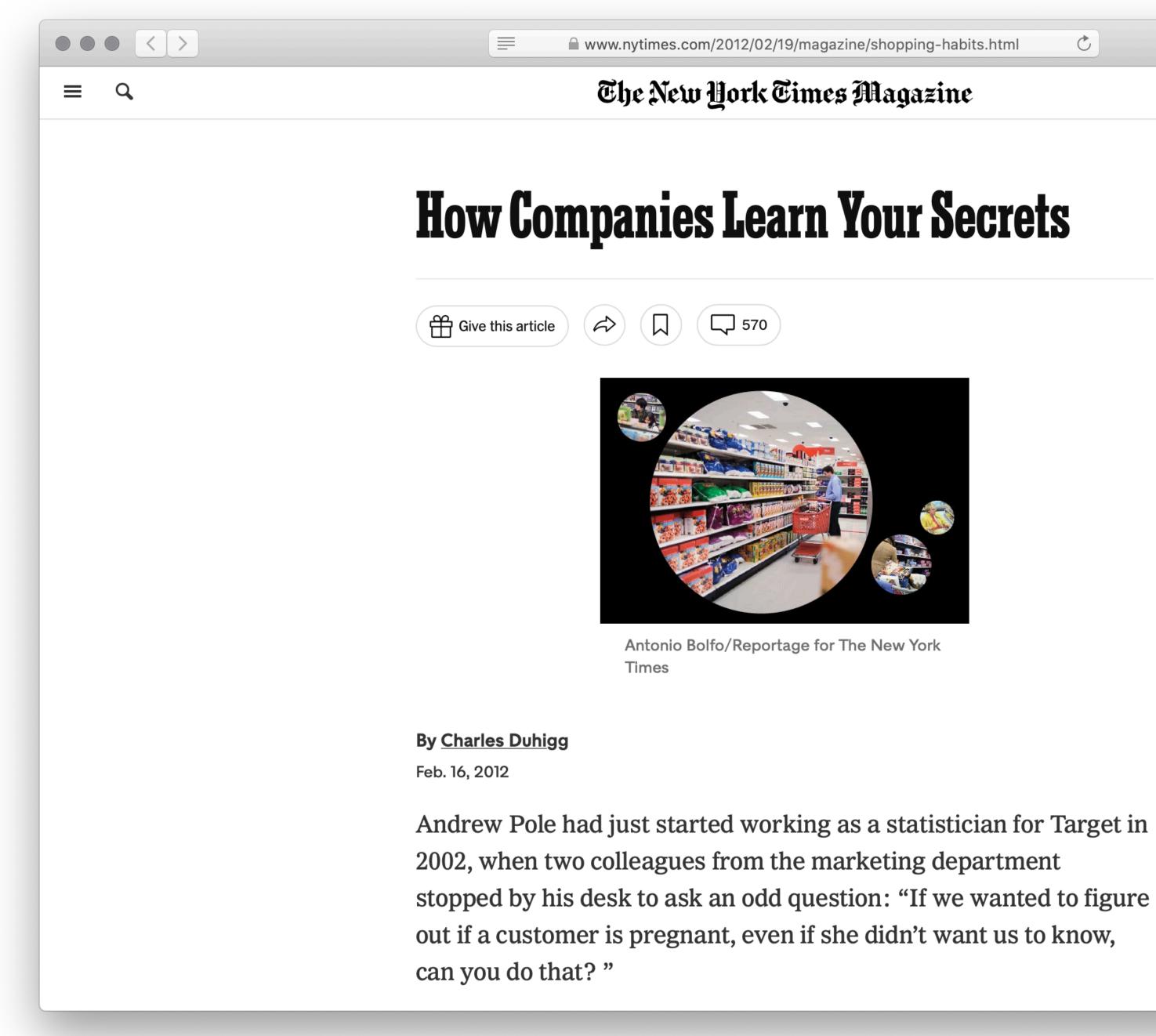
On my way to see Star Trek @ The Esquire.

Going to see star trek soon with my dad.

annoying new trend on the internets: people picking apart michael lewis and malcolm gladwell.

"The words and phrases we search for on Google, the times of day we are most active on Facebook, and the number of items we add to our Amazon carts are all tracked and stored as data – data that are then converted into corporate financial gain."

D'Ignazio & Klein, Data Feminism, 2020



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Account ~

"As Pole's computers crawled through the data, he was able to identify about 25 products that, when analyzed together, allowed him to assign each shopper a 'pregnancy prediction' score. More important, he could also estimate her due date to within a small window, so Target could send coupons timed to very specific stages of her pregnancy.

"One Target employee I spoke to provided a hypothetical example. Take a fictional Target shopper named Jenny Ward, who is 23, lives in Atlanta and in March bought cocoa-butter lotion, a purse large enough to double as a diaper bag, zinc and magnesium supplements and a bright blue rug. There's, say, an 87 percent chance that she's pregnant and that her delivery date is sometime in late August."

Kashmir Hill, "How Target Figured Out a Teen Girl was Pregnant Before Her Father Did", *Forbes*, 2012

Computing with data is complex, and it's not just "technical" issues we need to concern ourselves with!

Computing with data gives us a lot of power! We can do a lot of harm, but we can also do a lot of good!

Computer Science I —or, where do you go from here?

Data types

Naming values

Evaluation

Conditionals (if and cases)

Function signatures

Testing functions

Tabular data

Higher-order functions

Lambda expressions

Linked lists

Defining structured data

Structurally recursive data and functions

Trees (binary, *n*-ary)

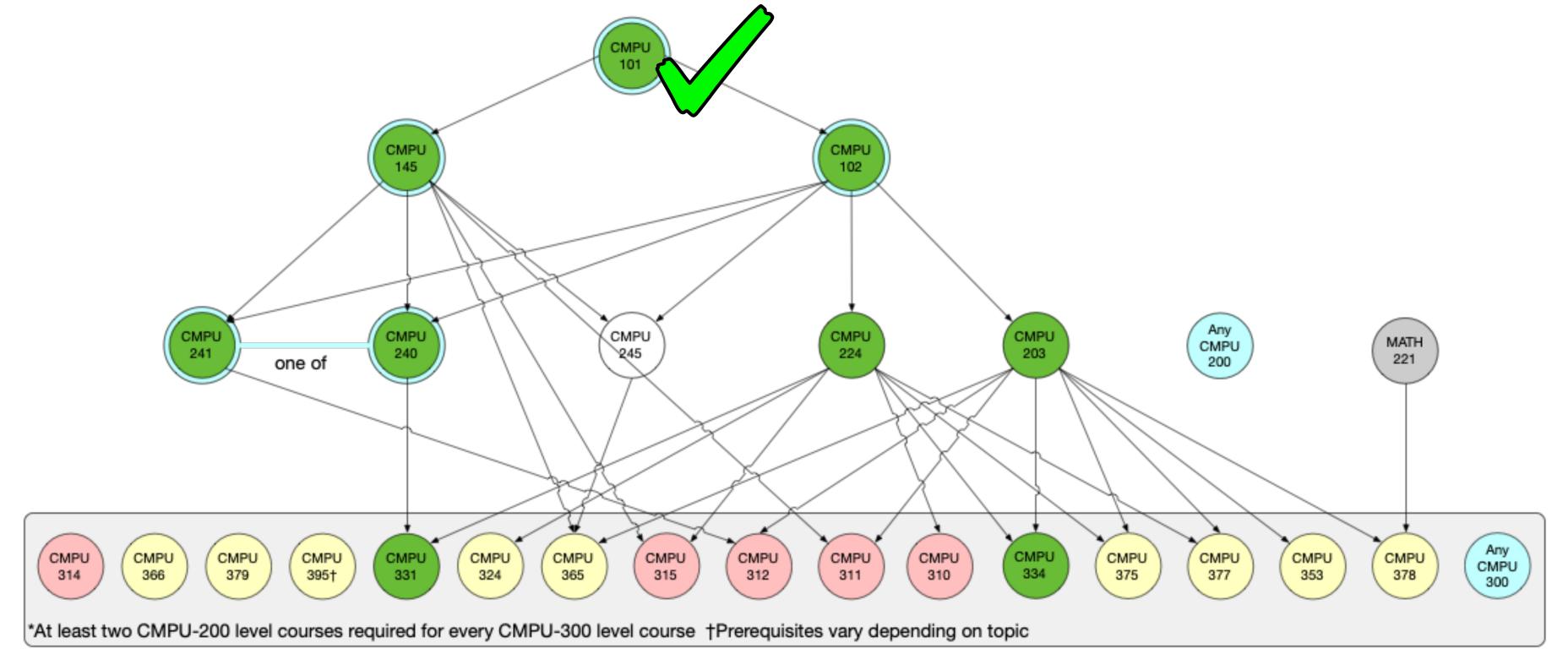
Reactive programs

List and string slicing List comprehensions Numpy arrays Sanitizing real-world data Visualization Dataclasses Side effects and mutation Functional vs imperative languages Iteration (for) Accumulators Debugging using **print** statements Memory and aliasing Dictionaries (hash tables)

Web APIs and JSON

Congratulations on making it this far!

CS courses at Vassar



Major-required courses

- CMPU 101 Computer Science I: Problem-Solving and Abstraction
- CMPU 102 Computer Science II: Data Structures and Algorithms
- CMPU 145 Foundations of Computer Science
- CMPU 203 Computer Science III: Software Design and Implementation
- CMPU 224 Computer Organization
- CMPU 240 Theory of Computation
- CMPU 241 Analysis of Algorithms
- CMPU 331 Compilers
- CMPU 334 Operating Systems

Correlate-required courses

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- CMPU 101 Computer Science I: Problem-Solving and Abstraction CMPU 245 Declarative Programming Models
- CMPU 102 Computer Science II: Data Structures and Algorithms CMPU 145 - Foundations of Computer Science
- CMPU 240 or 241 Theory of Computation or Analysis of Algorithms
- CMPU 2xx Any other 200-level course
- CMPU 3xx Any 300-level course

300-level electives (at least one for major)

- CMPU 324 Computer Architecture
- CMPU 353 Bioinformatics
- CMPU 365 Artificial Intelligence
- CMPU 366 Computational Linguistics
- CMPU 375 Computer Networks
- CMPU 377 Parallel Programming
- CMPU 378 Graphics
- CMPU 379 Computer Animation: Art, Science and Criticism
- CMPU 395 Advanced Special Topics

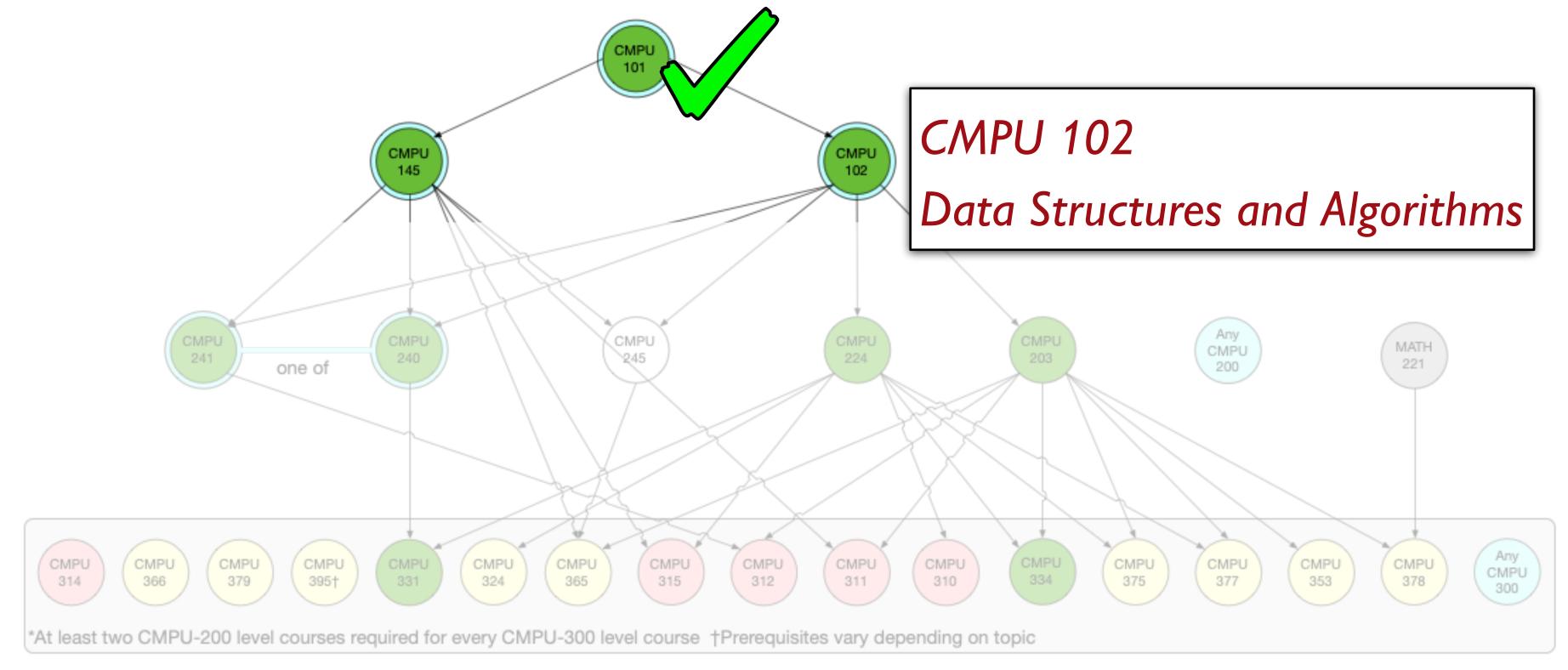
200-level electives (not required for major)

Intensives (at least one for major)

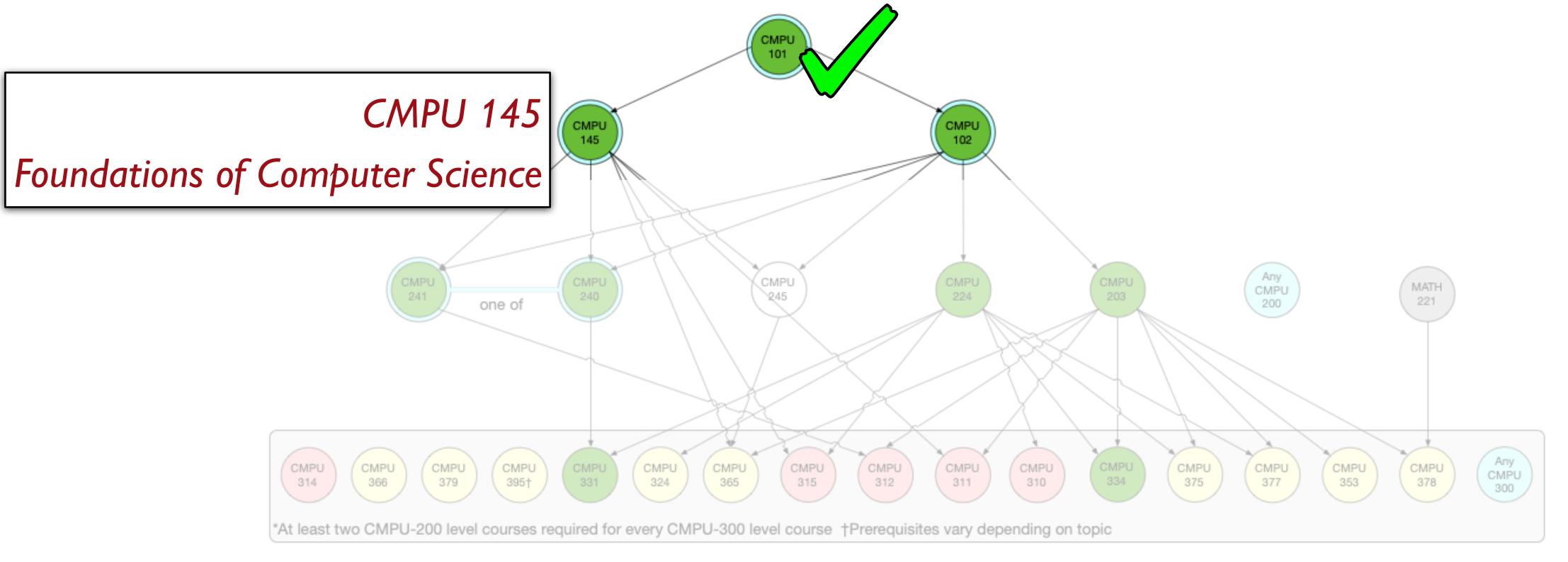
- CMPU 310 Topics in Virtualization
- CMPU 311 Database Systems
- CMPU 312 Applications of Artificial Intelligence
- CMPU 314 Projects in Digital Media Production
- CMPU 315 Computer Security

Extra-departmental

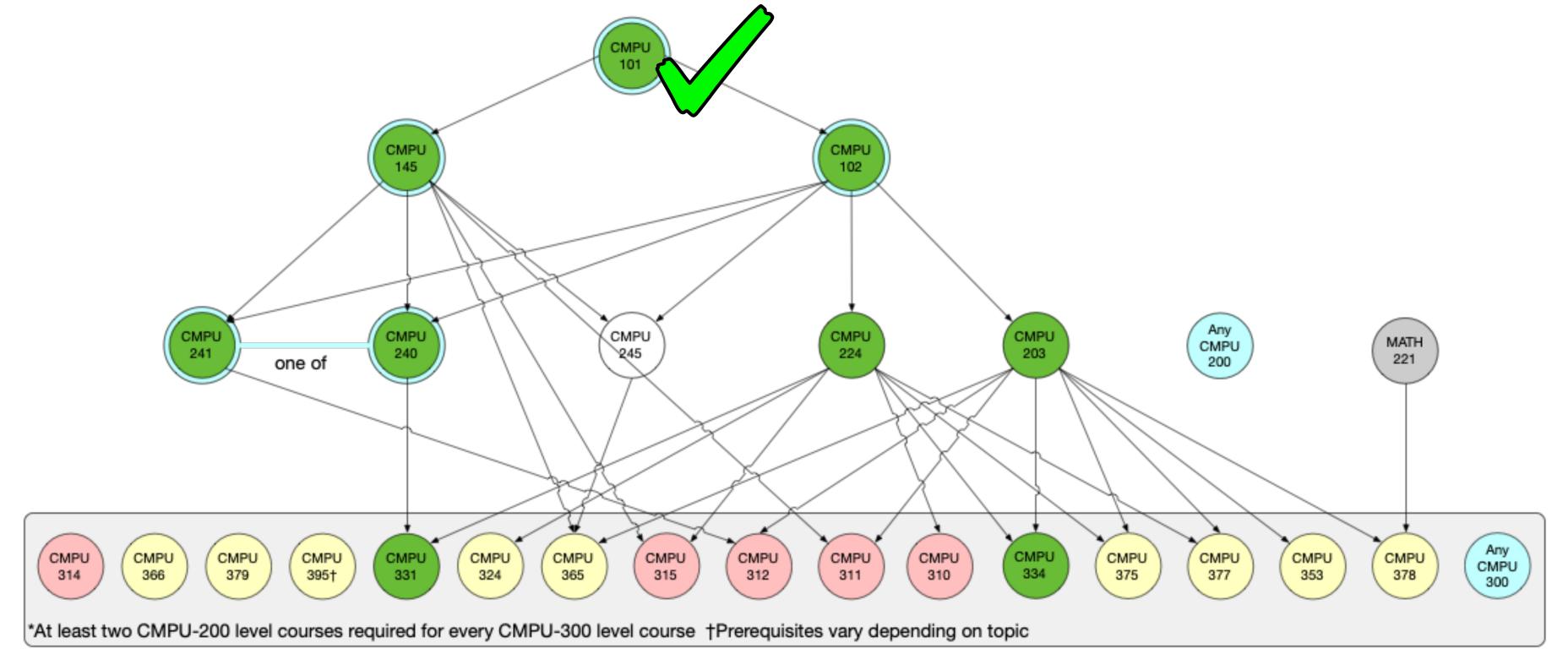
MATH 221 - Linear Algebra



Major-required courses	300-level electives (at least one for major)	Intensives (at least one for major)	
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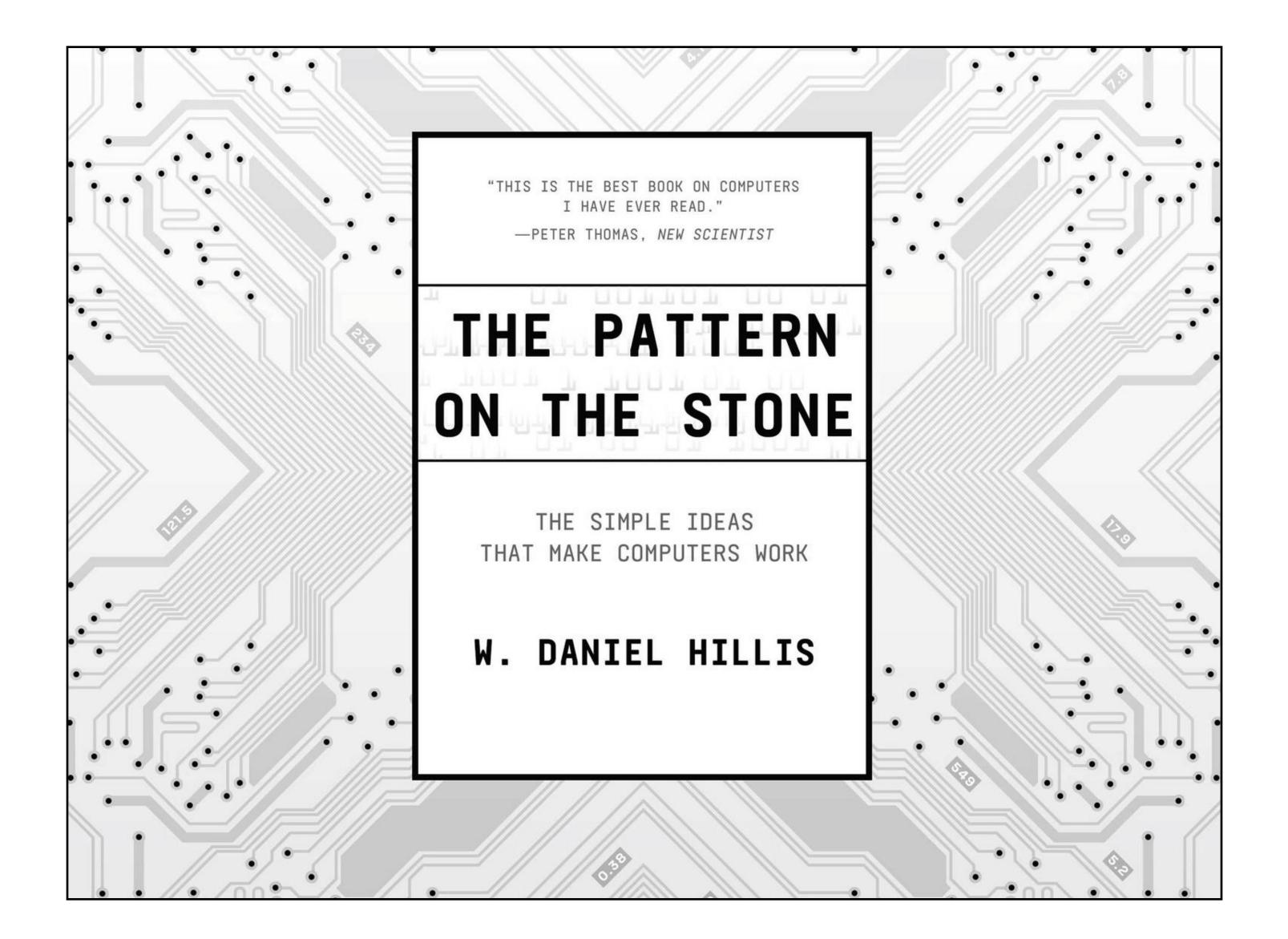
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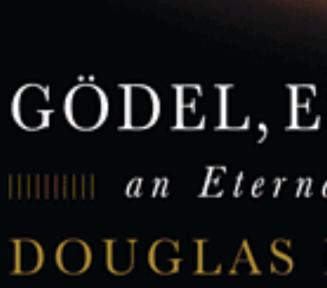
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And, you know, probably some cool courses I don't teach as well!

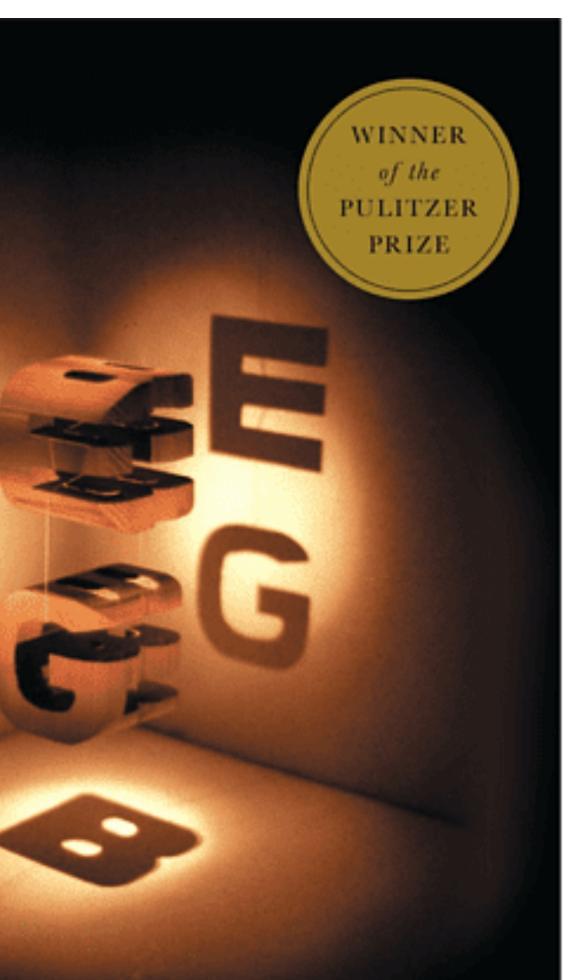


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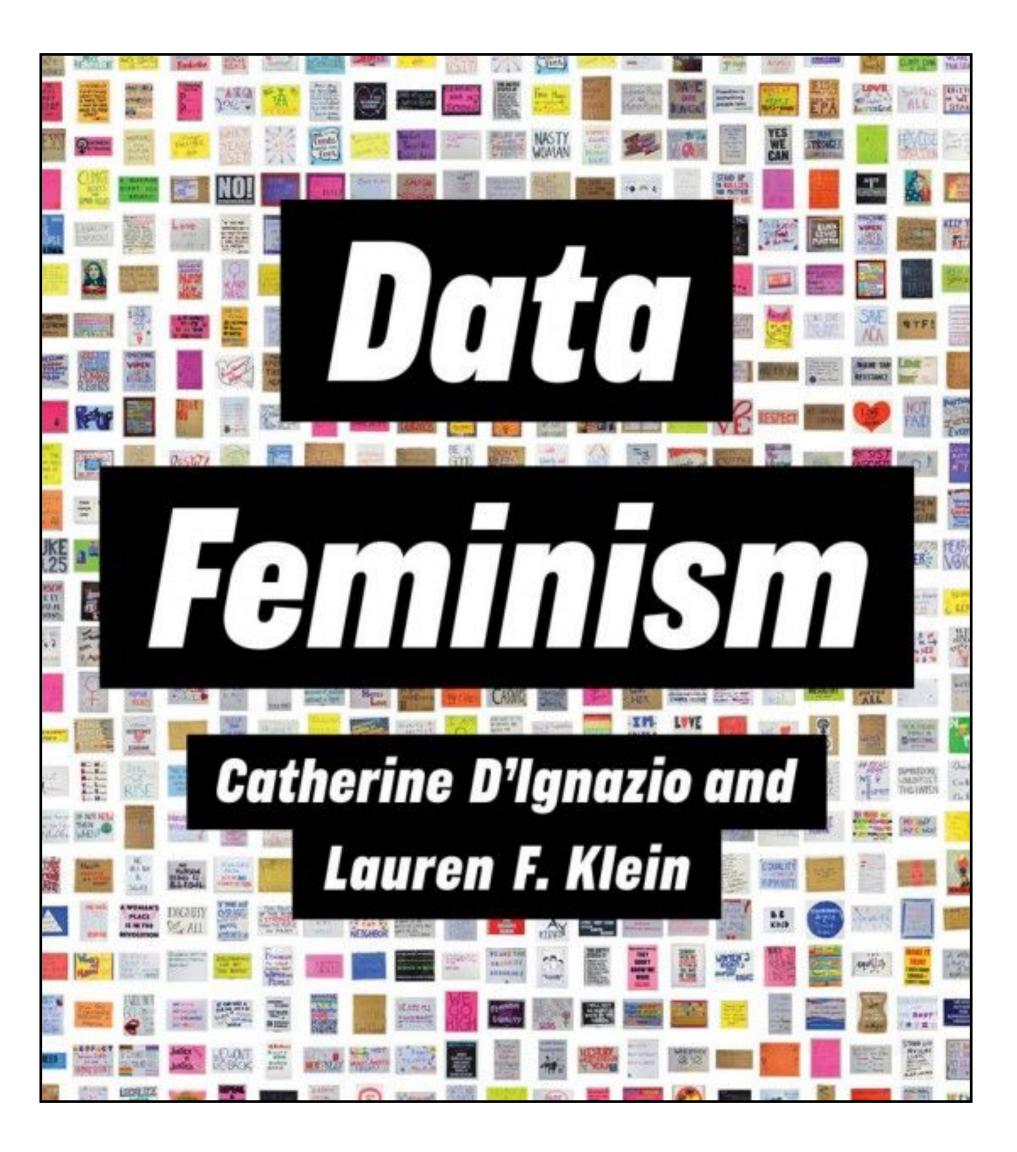




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That's it!

We'll meet some time during study week to review for Exam 2, working through practice problems and answering your questions.

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