

Preparation Material:

Programming

- Kaggle learn: courses ‘Intro to programming’, ‘Python’ and ‘Pandas’.
- <https://automatetheboringstuff.com/> (This is primarily for those who want to learn more about Python)

Probability and Statistics

- Probability distribution functions: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YXLVjCKVP7U>
- Binomial distribution: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e04_wUoscBU
- Normal distribution: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RKdB1d5-OE0>
- P-values and significance tests: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KS6KEWaoOOE>

Mathematics

- Matrices: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yRwQ7A6jVLk>
- Logarithms: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kqVpPSzkTYA>
- Summation formulas: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XJklaw2e1Pw>
- Finding minima and maxima: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pyLj1s7SOtk>
- Derivatives <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N2PpRnFqnqY>
- Chain rule: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0T0QrHO56qg>

And from <https://www.3blue1brown.com/topics/linear-algebra>, at least chapters 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 and 9. This concerns linear algebra and is an important foundation for many DS techniques.

Prerequisites:

Programming skills (in Python)

The student applicant is able to

- set up his/her own development environment to program, test, and run simple Python scripts
- work with integrated development environments such as Python IDE, Jupyter Notebook, PyCharm, VisualStudio Code
- install Python packages
- use Python data types correctly, e.g. numbers, strings, arrays, lists
- apply standard operations on variables
- explain the different types of variables and data structures in Python
- use and write conditional operators e.g. if-else statements, control and loop statements, and own functions
- use modules and packages
- explain the scope of variables
- use basic functionality of NumPy arrays, Pandas data frames, matplotlib plots
- write Python scripts to load and save data, retrieve data from tab-, or comma-delimited files, store data in data objects, visualize data using scatter plots, box plots, histograms.

Statistics

The student applicant

- Is able to use data visualization
- knows mean, median, mode, modal, range, quartile, mean deviation, standard deviation
- knows univariant, bivariant data, scatter plots, outliers, correlation, variance, (co)variance
- knows concepts of probability, relative frequencies, independent and dependent events
- knows concepts of distribution (discrete and continuous)
- knows concepts of sampling, hypothesis testing, statistical tests, and p-value

Mathematics

The student applicant

- knows and correctly applies methods of differential calculus: limits, slope of a function, derivatives, finding minima/maxima, concept of integration
- knows and correctly applies equations and formulas, exponents, logarithm, polynomials, summation and product symbols, function of one or more variables
- knows and correctly applies vector operations and notation
- knows and correctly applies matrix operations and notation