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Colloquium Series

What's Best? An Introduction to Model Selection and Causal Diagrams

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If you've ever taken a stats class, you've probably heard the phrase "correlation is not causation". Since many interesting research questions are about causes and effects, but statistical methods are limited to mere correlations, one might wonder how best to use data to answer questions about causation. The ideal solution, the randomized controlled trial, is not always feasible. In this talk, I'll introduce causal diagrams as a tool for decomposing correlation into parts that are interesting and parts that are not. These diagrams can be used as a preliminary step in modeling data collected from observational studies and should be a part of every data scientist's toolkit.

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