# Philosophy, Methodology and Paradigm Shift in Big Data

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Abstract: Through information technology, such as social media, sensors, video surveillance or the intelligent network. This ocean data produce a single Big Data terminology. Data plays an important role in strategic decision making. Therefore, the parts that can process and use the data available in large, fast and different volumes can certainly benefit greatly. The Big Data philosophy is a branch of philosophy with the basics, methods and implications of Big Data involving large data sets that have a large volume, velocity, variety, value, and veracity. The power of large data is in the analysis in which the results of the analysis are taken. Big data or small data do not enter and in itself has value. This is only useful if we can get information from the data. And this intuition can be used to combine our decisions. Along with Big Data, there is also a paradigm shift in terms of analytical focus, from descriptive analysis to predictive and prescriptive analysis.

### **1 INTRODUCTION**

Data are facts and statistics collected together for reference or analysis. Information is a given or learned fact about something or someone. The Philosophy of Information is a new development with a capacity to revolutionize philosophy and human interactions with science, technology, data, and reality. Both can be used as a basis for reasoning or calculation. There are several opinions that define data as facts and statistics, and information as knowledge derived from facts and statistics. Kitchin outlines the binary visions that the data itself is neutral in terms of elements of reality or elements of social construction like other elements. The position of the data is neutral to reality without any policy or agenda. Only people are interested in corrupt data and direct it to their own interests, not the basic science itself. Another point of view is that data are an epistemological unit, socially constructed with all prejudices, agendas and political forces that can be incorporated into constructive social interests. As a result, how the ontological data are defined are not neutral, technical, but normative, political and ethical processes. This type of known and common binary vision exists for science in general, discussing whether science is objective or requires subjectivity because it is socially constructed. It would be difficult to prove that science or data of biases from the systems of thought and the tools at the base of their production. He supports proposed the idea of the required dataset by taking this explicitly different influence, such as place, subjectivity, political economy, institutions, rules and systems of thought.

Data science is the extraction of knowledge from data. Data science covers large data and is intended as a broader discipline that uses mathematical engineering, theory, statistics, and information technology such as machine learning, to discover data models in which predictive models can be developed. Intensive data processing requires a large set of data sets that may require scientific computational techniques for modelling, and observation of complete dimensional data for experiments and can be performed in distributed and copied networks.

### **2** GENERAL DEFINITIONS

Philosophy is the study of the nature of knowledge, of truth, of reality and of existence. Its purpose is largely composed in three general categories: ontology, epistemology and ethics. Ontology refers to existence; what are Big Data, how it looks, how it works in the world; definitions and classifications. Epistemology deals with knowledge; how Big Data helps us learn about the new world, how real these discoveries are, what the knowledge is needed to

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engage in the science of Big Data. Ethics discusses how big data are made, how some types of results can be obtained and why; Aesthetics is also part of this category. Any philosophy should provide a concise definition of what is and articulate its purpose and its dimensions.

The philosophy of science is a branch of philosophy that focuses on the foundations, methods and implications of science. The main questions about what science considers, the reliability of scientific theory and the purpose of science. Various data / information philosophy, Big Data, scientific data and intensive data science can be understood in this case as the basic structure, methods and implications. Philosophy Data / Information is a branch of philosophy that deals with the bases, methods and implications of data and information; existence, definition, conceptualization, method, knowledge of possibilities, truth standards and working practices with data and information. The Big Data philosophy is a branch of philosophy that deals with the basics, methods and implications of Big Data; definition, intent, conceptualization, possible knowledge, standards of truth and practice in situations involving high volumes, high speed, large amounts of information and data. Philosophy of data science is the branch of philosophy that focuses on the foundations, methods and implications of data about science, the science of extracting knowledge from data using techniques and the theory of mathematics, statistics, and information technology. The philosophy of intensive data science is a branch of philosophy that deals with the basics, methods and implications of intensive data science; Definition, meaning, knowledge production, conceptualization of science and discovery, definition of knowledge, testing standards, and the practice of intensive computational science in modelling situations, observation, and a large-scale experiment.

## **3** PHILOSOPHIES IN BIG DATA

The Big Data philosophy concerns the basics, methods and implications of Big Data; definitions, meanings, conceptualizations, possible knowledge, truth standards and practices in situations involving large volume variety data sets at high speed. The philosophy of the Big Data emerges as distinct and different fields. The symbiotic productive relationship between Big Data between scientists and philosophers is necessary for further developments in the field. The idea of Kant as a reference that perception without conception is blind, and conception without perception is empty. Different types of blindness, conceptual and perceptive must be investigated in the science of Big Data, for example to avoid the case of fundamentalism data that blindly trust the results of big data. Likewise, stresses that such statistics, there is not a single version of the truth in the science of Big Data. So we have to be critical of the visualization of narrative data and data based on history.

There is no consensus on how to define Big Data. This term is often used as a synonym for related concepts such as business intelligence and data mining. It is true that these three terms concern data analysis and in many cases advanced analysis. But the concept of Big Data differs from two other factors when the volume of data, the number of transactions and the number of data sources are so large and complex that they require special methods and technologies to draw data. For example, traditional data warehouse solutions may fail when dealing with Big Data. Many parts try to define Big Data. Big Data is a capacity, high capacity and / or diversified information that requires the use of economic and information that enables innovative better understanding, decision making and process automation. Everything refers to 3V: Volume, Variety, Velocity, and some elements of Veracity and Value:

- Volume refers to a very large or perhaps unlimited size of data storage media;
- Variety data come from different data sources. For the former, data can come from both internal and external data sources. More importantly, data can come in various formats such as data tables, data structures and data models, such as text, images, video streams, audio reports and more. There is a shift from individual structured data with unstructured data or a combination of both;
- Velocity is associated with large amounts of data about transactions with high refresh rates that produce high-speed data streams and the time to act on these data streams will often be very short. There is a shift from batch processing to real-time streaming;
- Meanwhile, the characteristics of Veracity and Value are related to the uncertainty of the data and the benefit value of the information generated. In Big Data, data is too large and too fast or incompatible with the conventional database architecture structure. To get value from data, technology should be used to extract and obtain more specific information.

### **4 BIG DATA TERMINOLOGIES**

Big Data terminology is often associated with data science, data mining, and data processing. However, Big Data involves more data mining infrastructures, or data processing techniques than ever before. In implementing Big Data technology in an organization, there are 4 important elements that become challenges, namely data, technology, processes and human resources :

#### Data;

The basic description of the data points to objects, events, activities and transactions that are documented, classified and stored but not set to give a particular meaning. Data that has been organized to give meaning and value to the recipient is called information. Data availability is the key to Big Data technology. There are many organizations that have a lot of data about their business processes, structured and unstructured data.

Technology;

This is related to the infrastructure and tools in the operation of Big Data, such as calculation and analysis techniques, as well as media storage. Normally, organizations will not suffer significant limitations in technology because technology can be acquired by buying or working with third parties. Process;

In the process of adopting Big Data technology, a change in organizational culture is required. For example, before Big Data, the leader in managing the organization, make decisions based only on intuition based on values, beliefs or hypotheses. But after Big Data technology, leaders can act on data-driven decisions means making decisions based on accurate data and relevant information.

Human resources.

When applying Big Data technology, human resources must be able to analyse and create creativity, that is, skills / competences to learn new methods that can be collected to collect, interpret and analyse data, computer programming skills and commercial skills. to understand business goals.

Data sources in Big Data technology can be structured and unstructured data. Structured data have predefined data types, formats and structures. While in unstructured data, text data with incorrect formatting or no built-in structure, making it structured to require more effort, tools and time. This data is generated by internet applications such as social media. Unstructured data sources are those with little or no control over the format. Text data, video data and audio data fall into this category. Unstructured data is complicated because the meaning of byte is not predetermined. Structured and unstructured data include semi-structured data. Semistructured data are data that can be irregular or incomplete and have structures that can change quickly or unpredictably. It usually has a structure, but does not fit the fixed pattern. Web logs are a good example of semi-structured data.

### **5 METHODOLOGIES**

Is it more important to work with Big Data than traditional data? By reading large amounts of data, we might start thinking that just because Big Data has a high volume, speed and variations are somehow better or more important than other data. This is not the case. The power of large data is in the analysis in which the results of the analysis are taken. Big data or small data do not enter and in itself has value. This is only useful if we can get information from the data. And this intuition can be used to combine our decisions. Since the introduction of Big Data in data collection and analysis, this technique has been compared with previously conducted conventional methods, such as surveys. The comparison between the two methods appears as follows :

Table 1. Comparison Method Between Conventional andData Analytics

Legacy	Data Analytics
Confirmative	Explorative (Predictive)
Small Data Set	Large Data Set
Small Number of	Large Number of
Variable	Variable
Deductive	Inductive
(No Predictions)	
Numeric Data	Numeric and
	Non-Numeric Data
Clean Data	Data Cleaning

The phases of activities and technical support on Big Data are as follows:

- Obtain, related resources and how to obtain data;
- Access, related to the power of data access; the data already collected require governance, integration, storage and calculation to be managed for the next step;
- Analytical, related to the information to be obtained, to the results of the data management that has been processed. The analysis can be descriptive, diagnostic, predictive (foresee future events) and prescriptive (recommending options and implications of each option);
- Application, related to the visualization and results of analysis reports.

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There are several important ways in which Big Data is different from traditional data sources. Frank [10] suggests the following ways Big Data can be viewed differently from traditional data sources. First, Big Data can be a completely new source of data. The transactions we perform are not transactions that are fundamentally different from what we would traditionally do. An organization can acquire Web transactions, but the transaction is actually just the same transaction that has been acquired from years. However, it actually captures browsing behavior because customers make transactions by creating new fundamental data. Secondly, it can sometimes be argued that the speed of data feeds increases so as to qualify as a new source of data. Third, the more semistructured and unstructured data that arrive. Most traditional data sources exist in structured areas.

### 6 PARADIGM SHIFT IN BIG DATA

Along with Big Data, there is also a paradigm shift in terms of analytical focus. It is a passage from a descriptive analysis to predictive and prescriptive analysis. Descriptive analysis answers the question "what happened in the past?" This usually involves reporting. Predictive analysis aims at something about "what could happen next?" This is more difficult and involves the extrapolation of trends and patterns in the future. While the prescriptive analysis tries to answer, "how do I manage this"? This is where the analysis starts to work. It's really corporate and depends on the case. The three types of analysis existed before the era of Big Data, but the focus was on traditional reports. The difference that Big Data brings to the table is an appetite and long-sighted vision skills and appetite and ability for a quick and usable vision.

### 7 CONCLUSIONS

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