

Top 10 - on DATA

1. **Check and understand input data** and its most basic relations.
2. **Split data (Train, Valid, and Test)**, to not (unknowingly) overtrain.
3. **Consider number of features**, and omit those which don't contribute.
4. **Ensure LOTS OF useful quality data**, either by having it or getting it.
5. **Fast computing and access to data** for quick analysis turn-around is key.
 6. **If data is in shortage**, consider methods for augmenting.
 7. **All data is flawed**. Make sure you know how and filter it first.
 8. **Map out any missing data** and decide whether to filter or impute.
 9. **Test several methods**, as different methods apply to different cases.
10. **Make cross checks**. All data analysis results can be bugged / flawed.

Top 10 - on ALGORITHMS

1. Use appropriate model/architecture that matches the data / problem.
2. Think carefully about the loss function, i.e. what you want to optimise.
3. Tree algorithms are good for getting fast results on structured data.
4. Neural networks are more performant and versatile, but harder to train.
 5. Variable transformation is typically required for Neural Networks.
 6. Image analysis is mostly done with a Convolutional Neural Network.
 7. Dimensionality reduction benefits very high dimensional problems.
 8. Streams of data (e.g. text) can be analysed with LSTM/RNN networks.
 9. Unsupervised learning/clustering results can be difficult to interpret.
10. Uncertainties in regression can be given by ML (typically NN) algorithms.