

# Top 10 - on DATA

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