

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 correct/adapt/exclude.
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 versatile, but harder to train.
5. **Variable transformation** is required for Neural Networks.
6. **Image analysis** is mostly done with a Convolutional Neural Network.
7. **Dimensionality reduction** benefits very high dimensional problems.
8. **Geometric data** can be analysed with Graph NNs and Transformers.
9. **Unsupervised learning/clustering** results can be difficult to interpret.
10. **Uncertainties in regression** can be given by ML algorithms.