# Step 1.

Formulate a question

- What do we want to predict?
- What are the instances?
- What are the predictive features?
- What data do we have?

## Step 2.

Cleaning & preparing data

- Gather and merge all data into a table
- Deal with missing data
- Convert categorical into binary features
- Set aside instances for testing

ML\_preprocess

### Step 3.

Feature engineering (optional)

- Scaling & outlier capping
- Transformations (log, exp) & binning
- Feature selection

- Feature\_Selection

#### Step 4.

Model & parameter selection

- Test multiple ML algorithms
- ID best combination of parameters for each algorithm (grid search)
- USE VALIDATION DATA

ML\_classification ML\_regression

#### Step 5.

Testing & application

- Build algorithm with best algorithm & parameters
- Get performance metrics on TEST DATA
- Apply trained model on unknown data

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