

The Hamster Wheel and the How and Why of Agile Data Science

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The Question?

Doing vast amounts of homework with my pets led me to wonder:

How do

- **Cats**
- **Hamsters**
- **Hamster Wheels**

relate to **Data Science?**



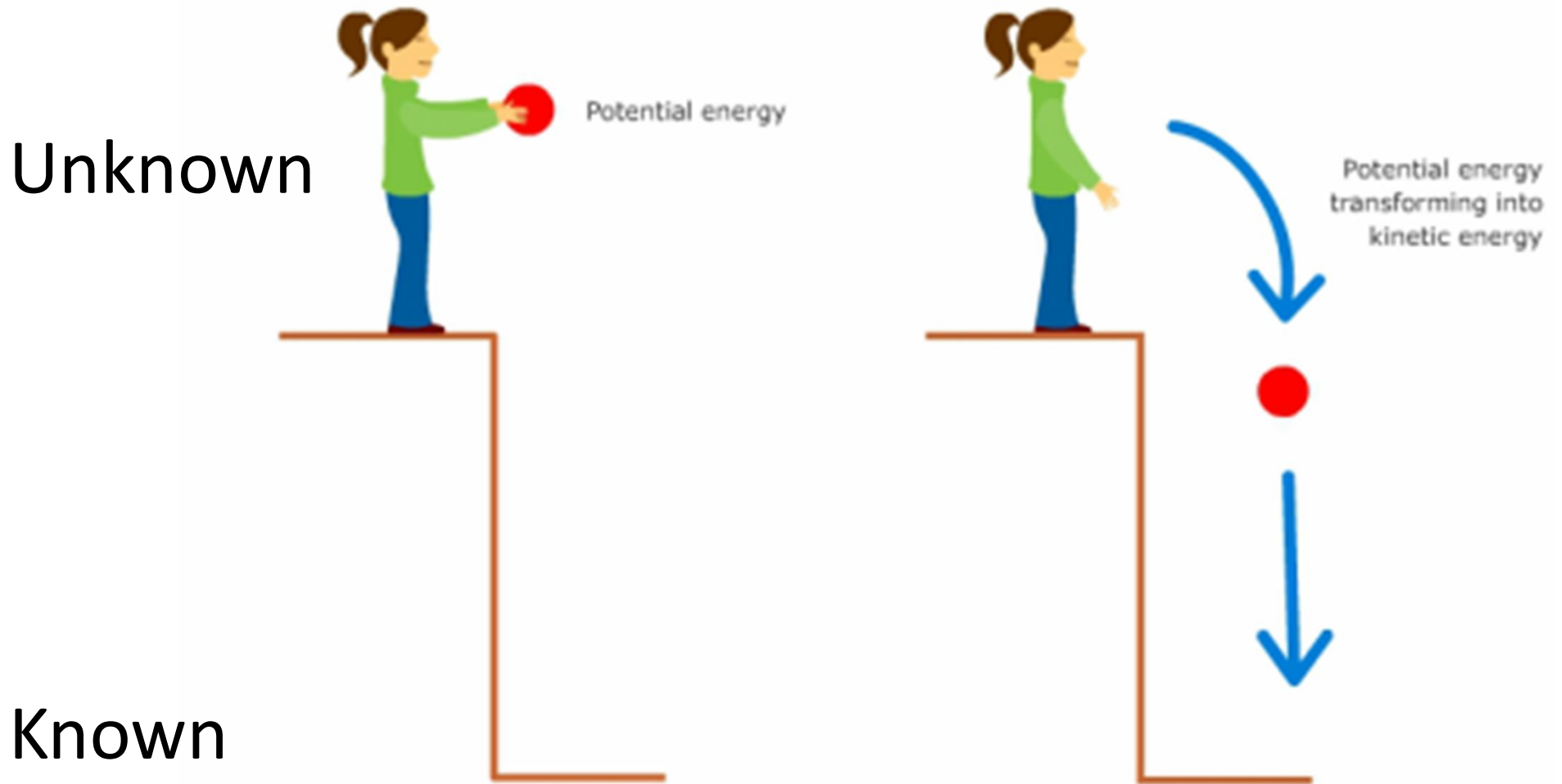
Or, was I doing too much homework?

Found Answer on My Favorite Tee

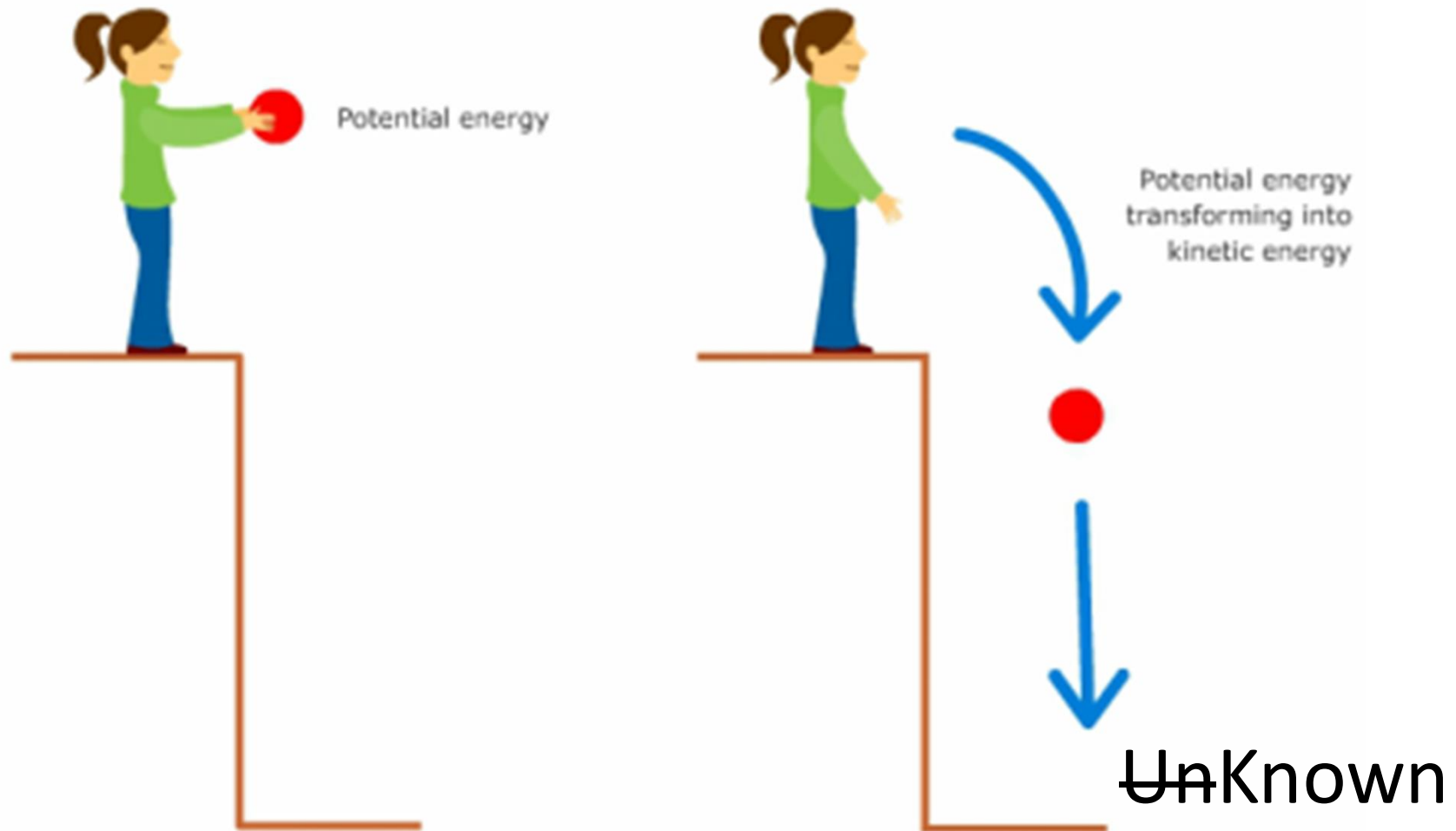


Curiosity = Desire To Know the Unknown

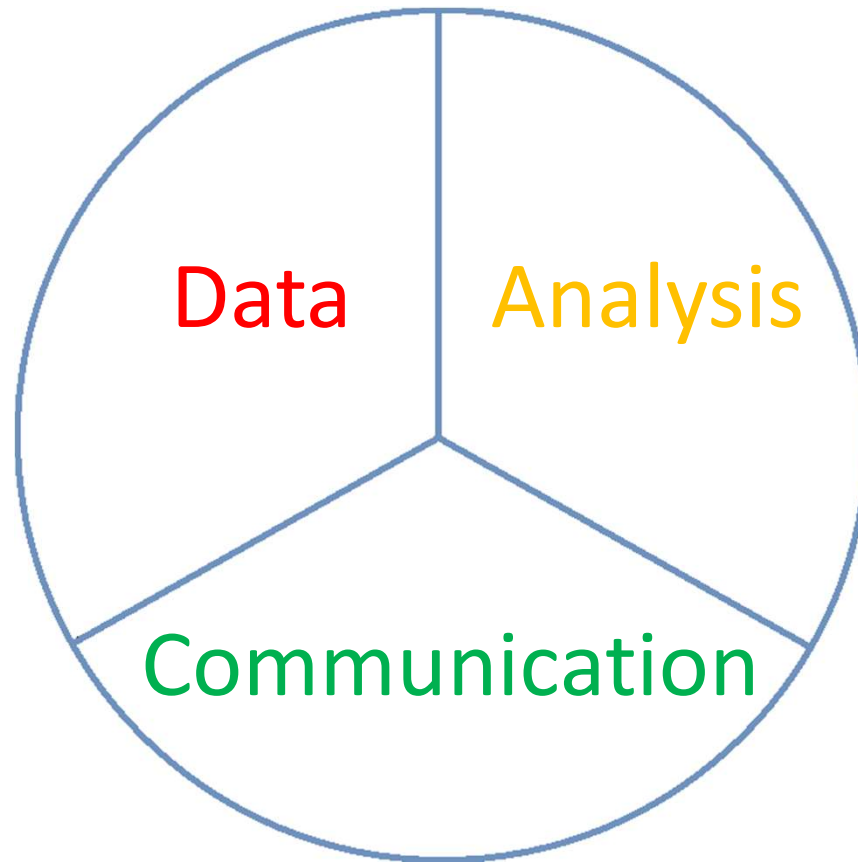
Curiosity = Potential Energy



Data Science Projects -> How to Know Unknown



3 Components of a Data Science Project



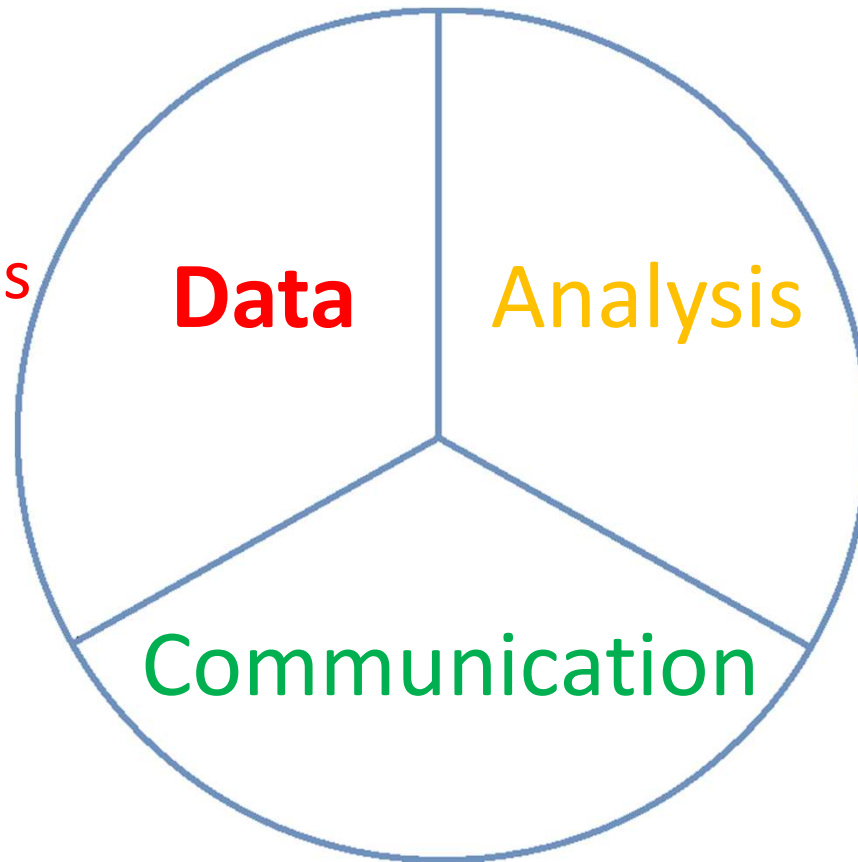
3 Components of a Data Science Project

Facts

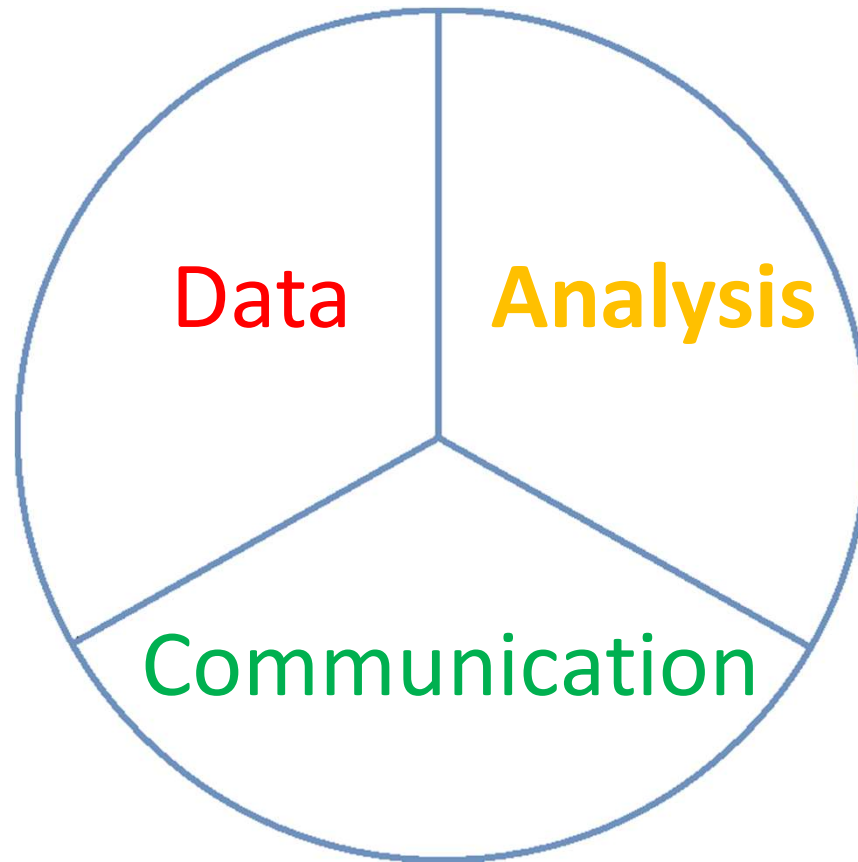
- Real World

Info

- Gathered Facts



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Data

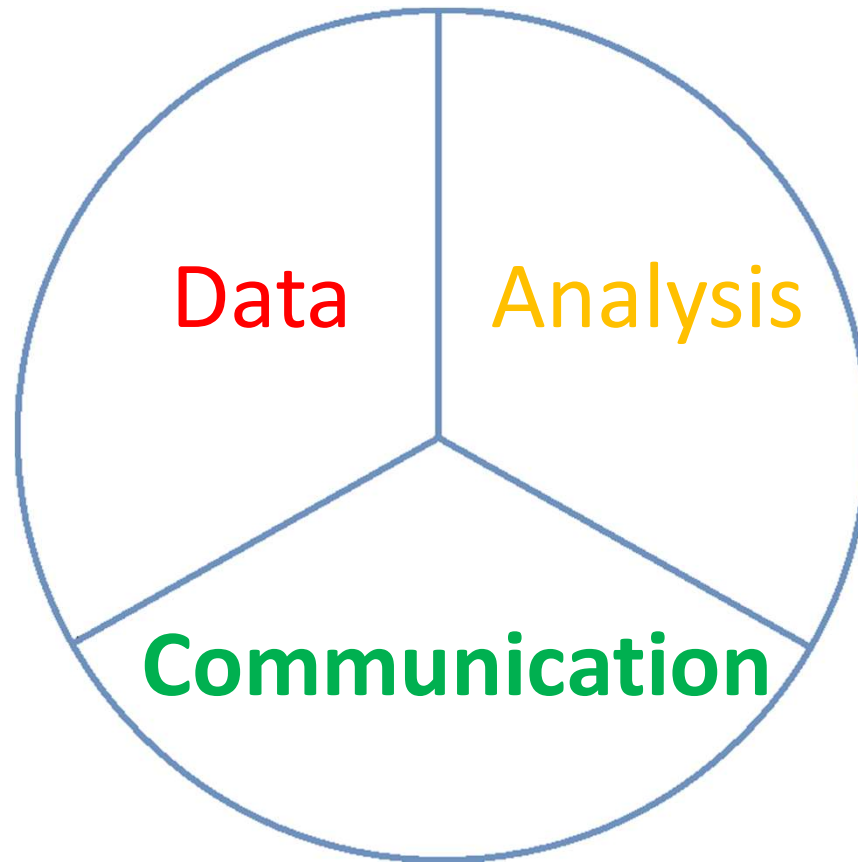
- Cleaned
- Digested

Models

- Math
- Simulation

Visualizations

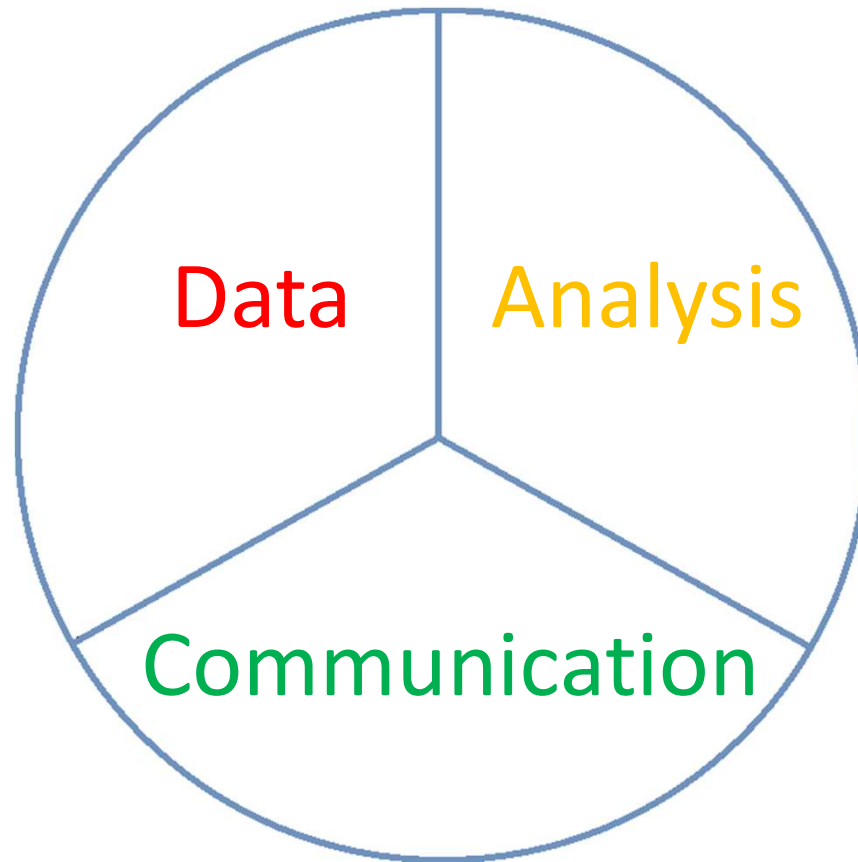
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Verification = Client Agreement + Reality Check

- Reports
- Presentations
- User Interfaces

Most Important for **Working** Data Scientists

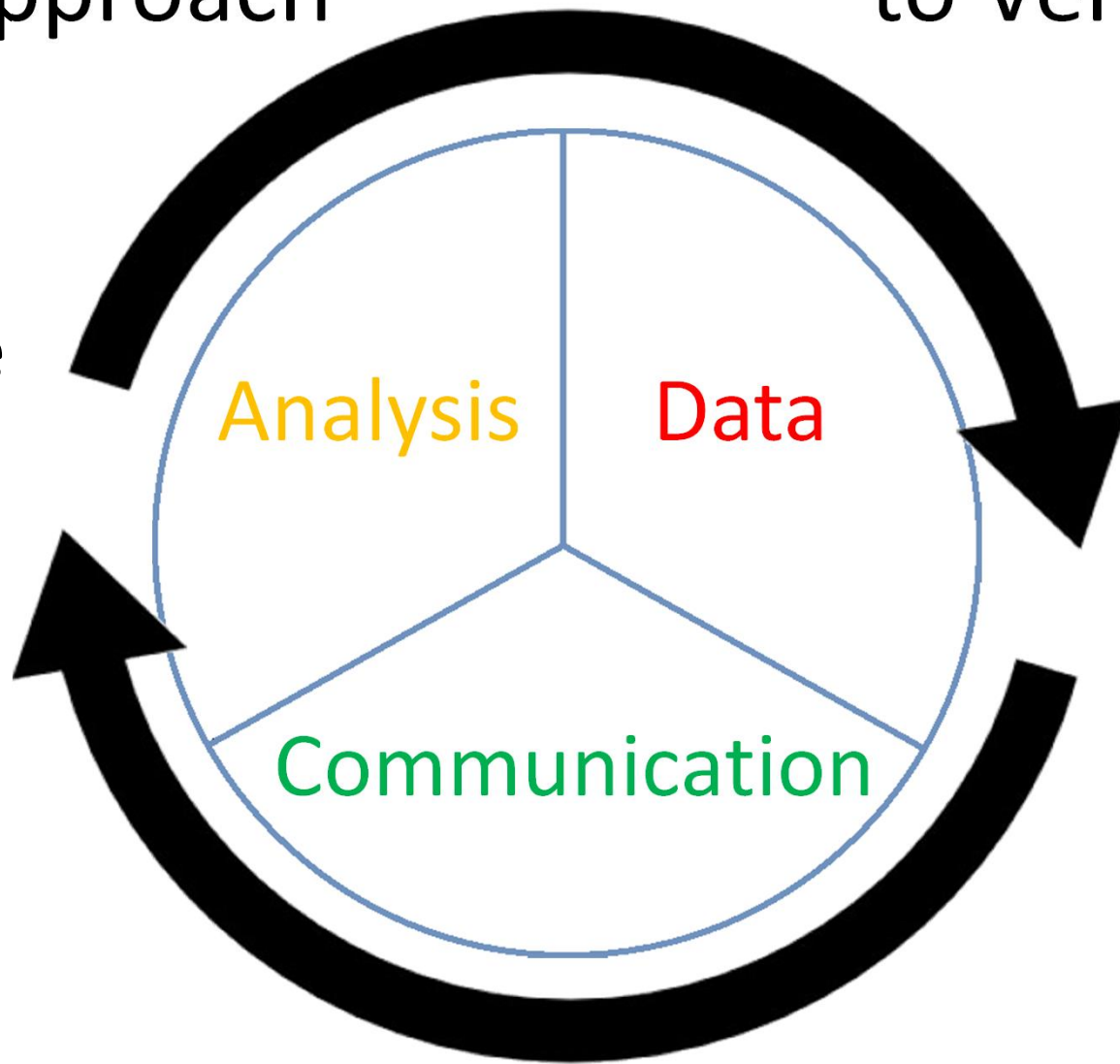


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Agile Approach

to Verification

Iterate



Iterate

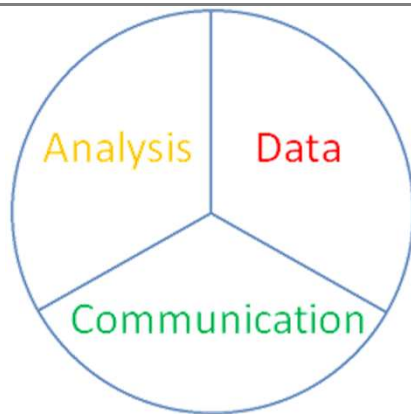
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The Data Science Project Wheel

Why? - because we (i.e. the client) wants to know

How? - iterate Data, Analysis, & Communication

Unknown



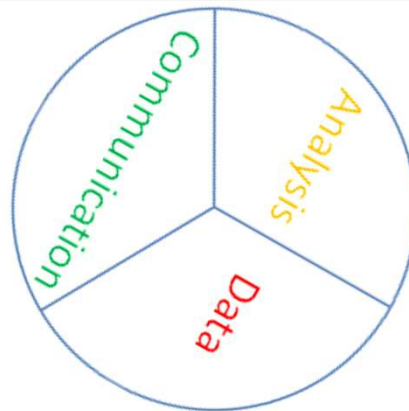
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Keep going until

Unknown



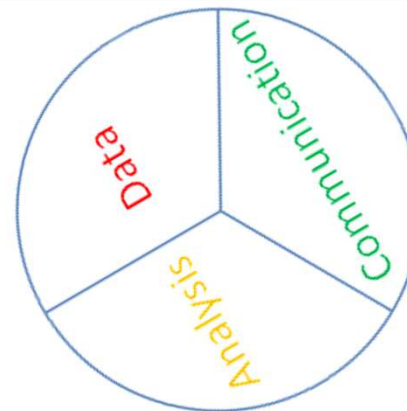
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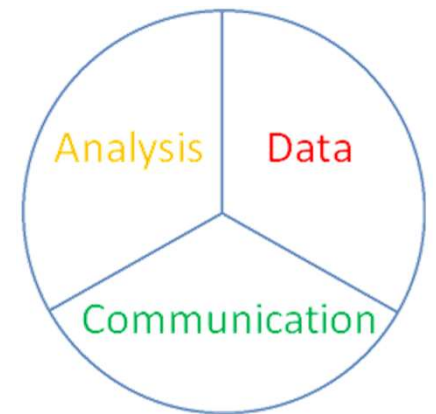


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the client knows what they want



~~Unknown~~

Or Until the Cat is Curious Again



Thank You 😊