

SML 312 – Research Projects in Data Science

Course Overview & Project Workflow

Three Mini-Projects + One Final Project

- Mini-Project #1 – Linear Regression
- Mini-Project #2 – Classification
- Mini-Project #3 – NLP / Image Processing
- Final Project – up to you!

Class Scheduling:

- M/Tu 7:30 – 9pm Course Meeting (w/10 min break)
- Precepts – Fridays – 1:30pm (w/Daniel Melese)
- Office Hours – After Class or by Appt

SML 312 – Fall 2022 Calendar

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Partial Cloud of Possible Lecture Topics

Under/ Overfitting

Exploratory Data Analysis

Error Analysis

Project Lifecycle

Regularization

Curse of Dimensionality

Dimensionality
Reduction

Measures of Goodness --
ROC & Confusion Matrix

Sample Data
Science Papers

Learning Rate
and Stability

Test/Train Split

Cross-validation

Out of sample

Dummy Variables

RANSAC

Linear Regression

Naïve Bayes

Decision Trees &
Random Forests

NLP

Vector Embeddings

Neural Networks

Python / Jupyter

Github

Slack

Google Colab

Cloud

Data Ingestion

Data Cleaning

Feature Engineering

Reinforcement Learning?

Web Scraping / Packages

Ensemble Methods –
Bagging and Boosting

Other ideas for Possible Topics?

- Your suggestions here!
- Python Modules – Seaborn & Matplotlib.
- Computing on the Cloud... (AWS/GCP/Azure)
- Computer Vision...

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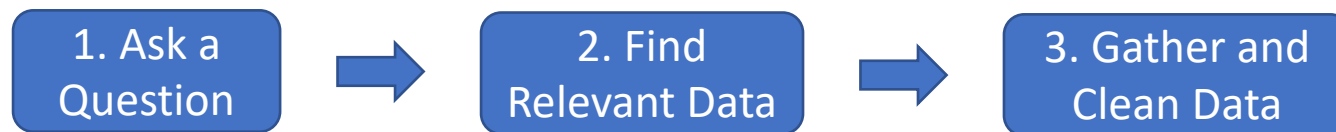
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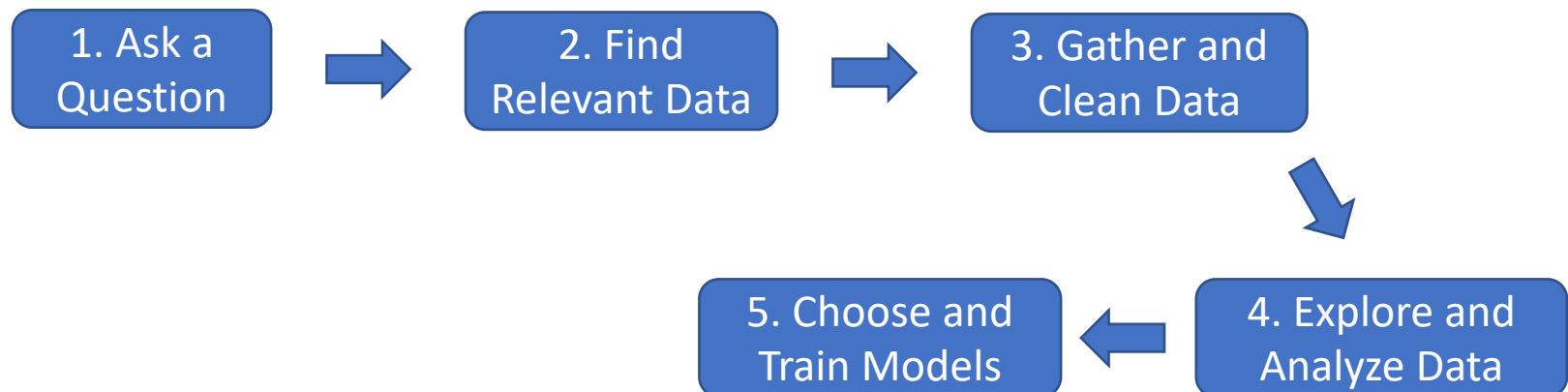
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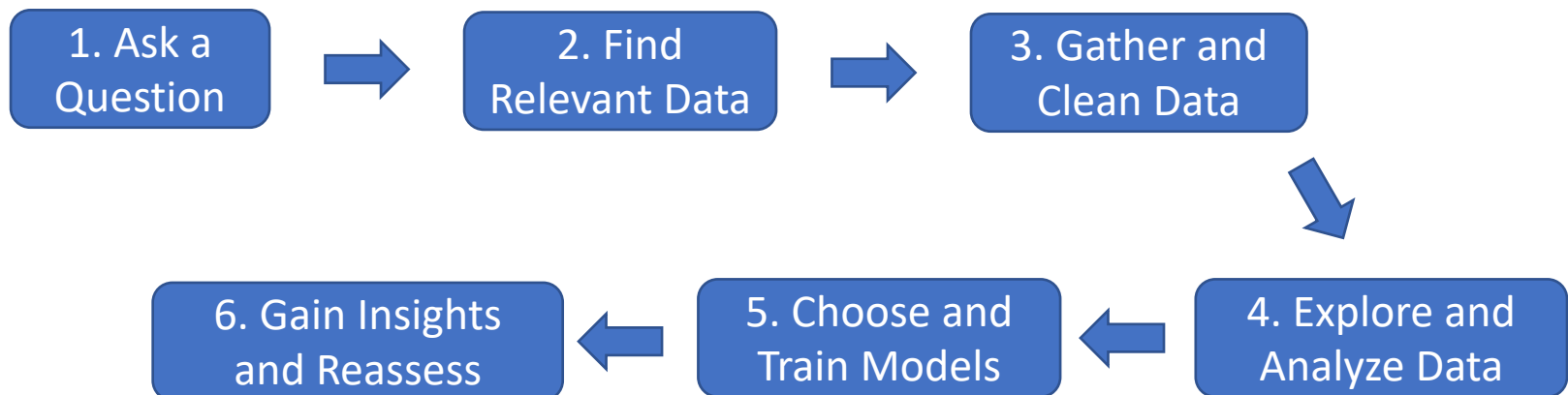
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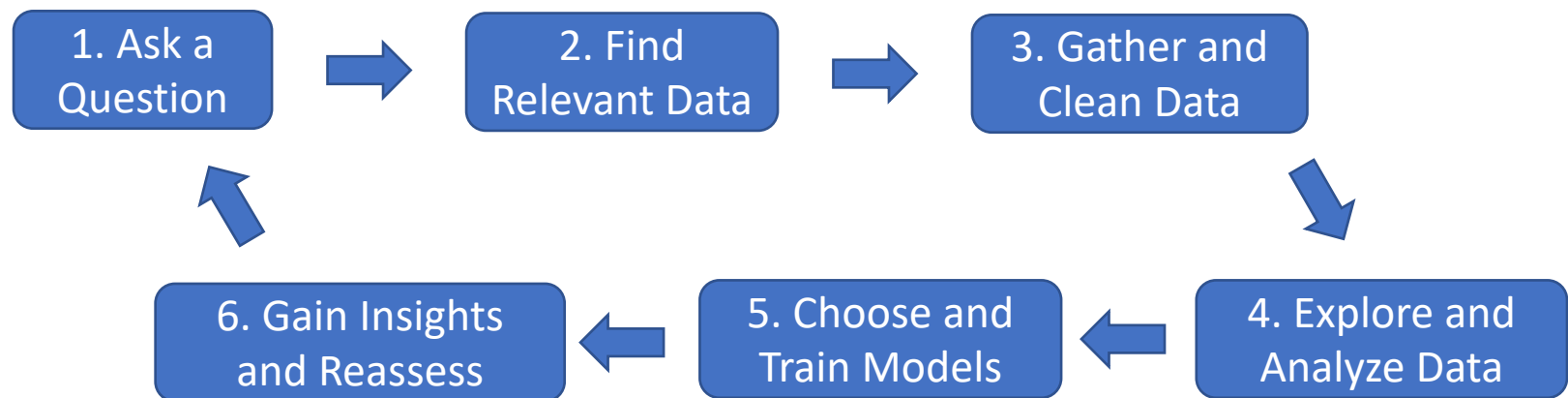
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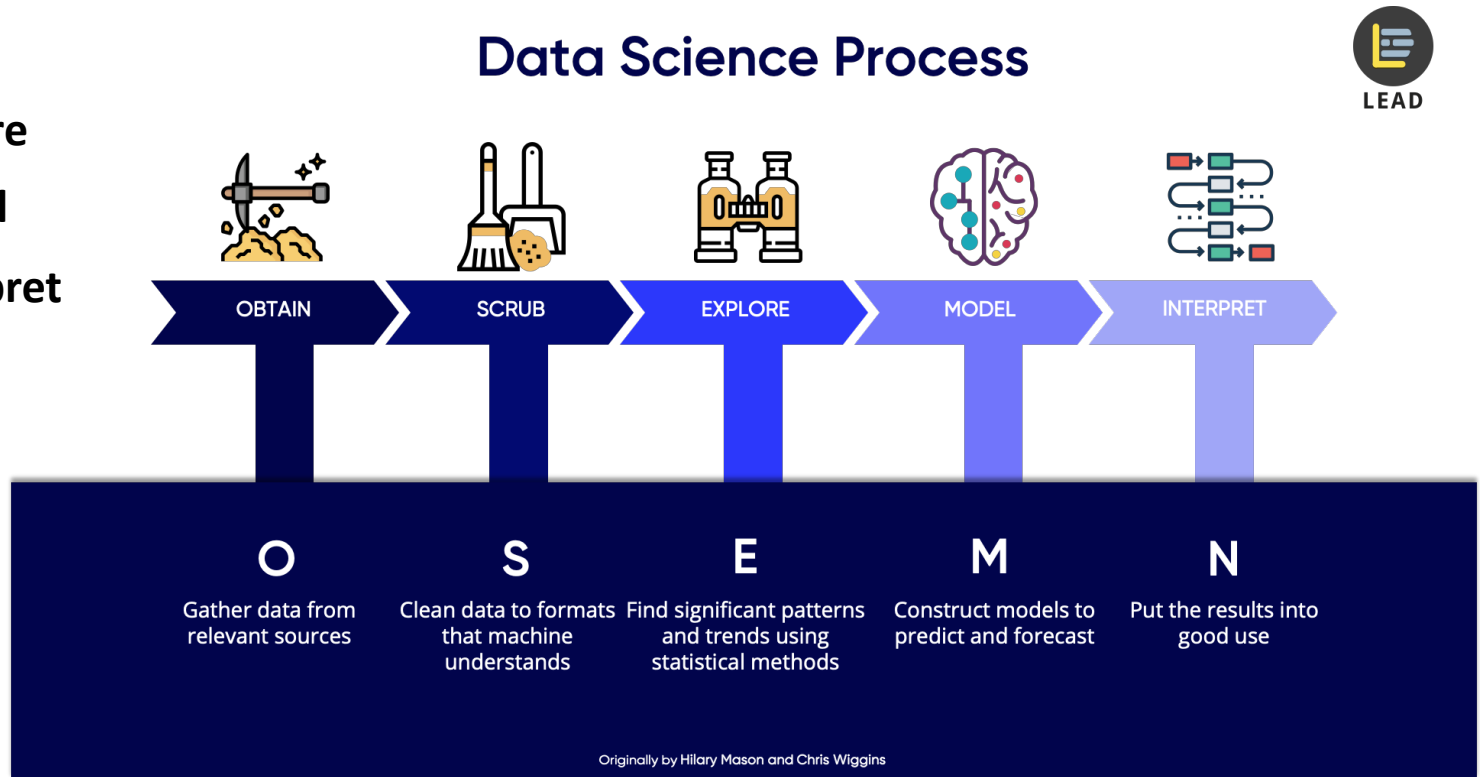
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Another Version – OSEMN “Awesome” (originated in 2010 by Hillary Mason):

1. Obtain
2. Scrub
3. Explore
4. Model
5. iNterpret



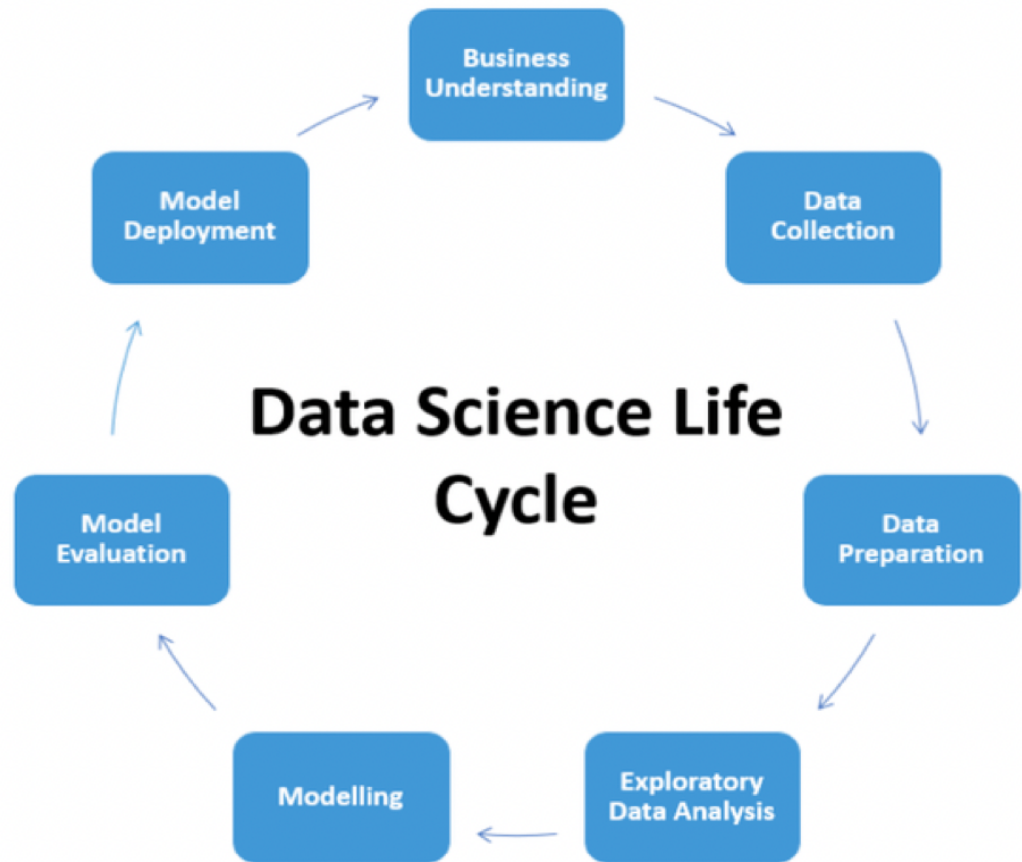
Reference: 1/3/2019 Article “5 Steps of a Data Science Project Lifecycle”

<https://towardsdatascience.com/5-steps-of-a-data-science-project-lifecycle-26c50372b492>

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Still Other Versions:

1. Business Understanding
2. Data Collection
3. Data Preparation
4. Exploratory Data Analysis
5. Modelling
6. Model Evaluation
7. Model Deployment



Reference: 4/15/2021 Article: "A Complete Tour of the Data Science Lifecycle"

<https://analyticsindiamag.com/a-complete-tour-of-data-science-project-life-cycle/>

Your Data Science Final Project Lifecycle

Using a process like this (you decide*), please start to work on your final project (through some initial EDA) this week so you have some data to consider as we start talking about modelling next week. Taking time to get to know your data will help you decide how to think about what it can tell you!

It's ok if your process doesn't feel perfect the first time... it is perfectly normal to iterate the process several times with your project by the end of the course.

Starting early with your question and data exploration will give you time and options for next steps if your initial data isn't useful for answering the question you're interested in, or if you need to refine your question based on what you learn from initial explorations!

***For Reference, more than you ever wanted to know about Data Science Workflows is here:**

<https://resources.github.com/downloads/development-workflows-data-scientists.pdf>