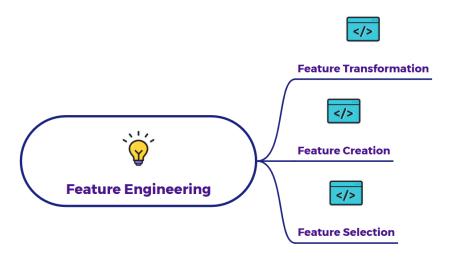
## What is Feature Engineering?

**Feature engineering** is the process of using domain knowledge to select, create, and transform features (variables) from raw data to improve the performance of a machine learning model.



This process can be broken down into three main parts:

- Feature Transformation: Modifying existing features, for example, by performing feature scaling or encoding categorical variables.
- Feature Creation: Generating new features from the existing data.
- Feature Selection: Choosing the most relevant features for the model.

Feature engineering is a critical step in the data science lifecycle, typically performed during the **preparation** phase.