

# Introduction to Data Science and Business Analytics

PGP DSBA Introductory Mentored Learning Session

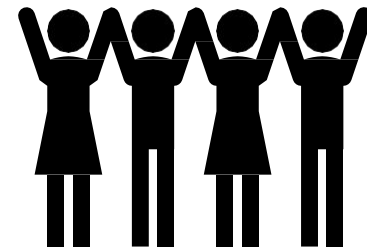
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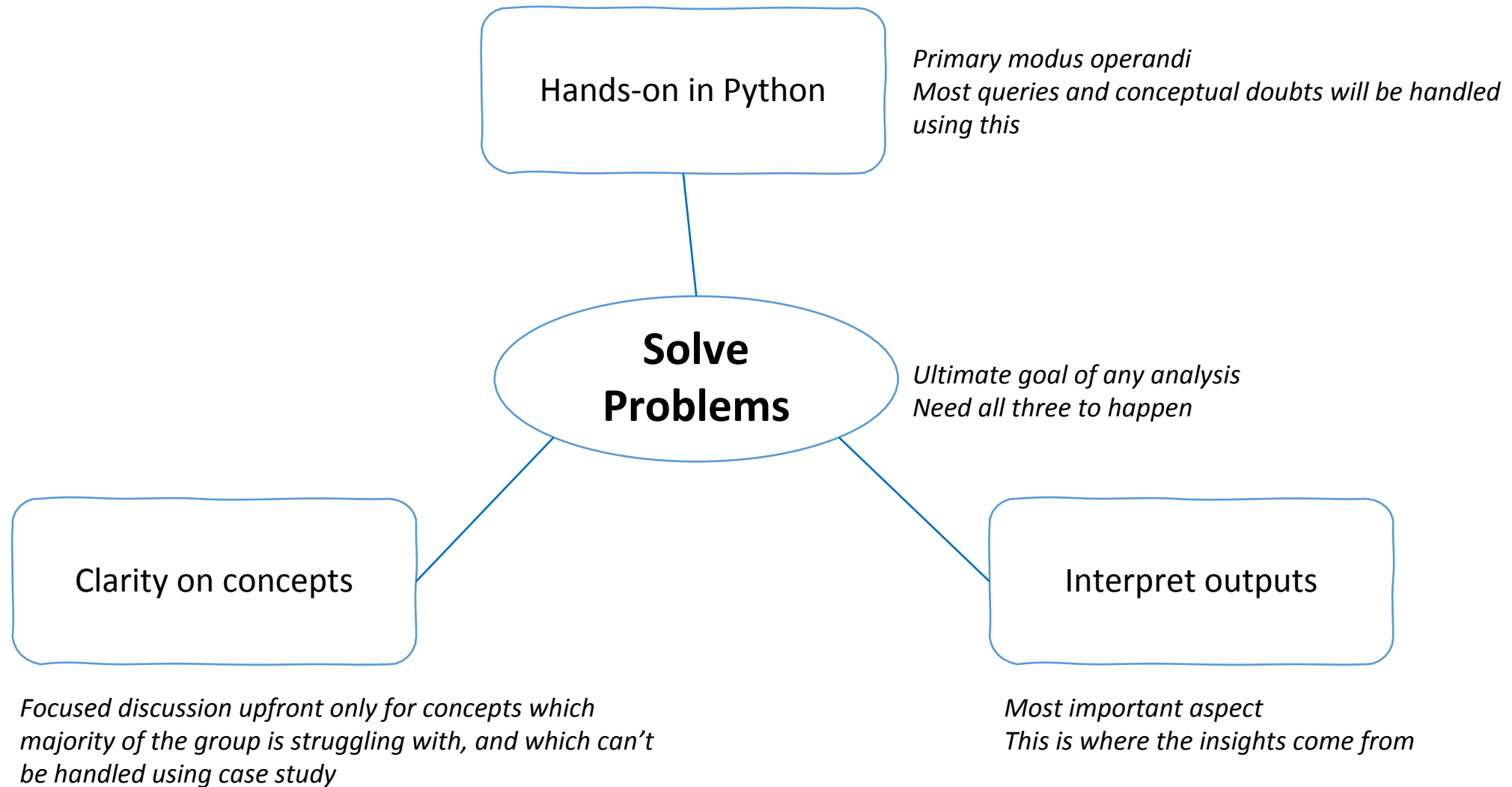
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# Introductions



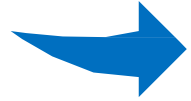
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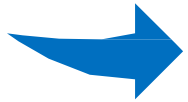
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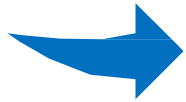
# What is Analytics?



It is a process of going from *Data* to *Decisions*



All business decisions are aimed at solving a certain *problem* and achieving a certain *goal*



Solving problems requires *insights* into various consumer behaviors



These insights can come from *data* created due to consumer behavior

# Let's look at a set of decision in context of Retail

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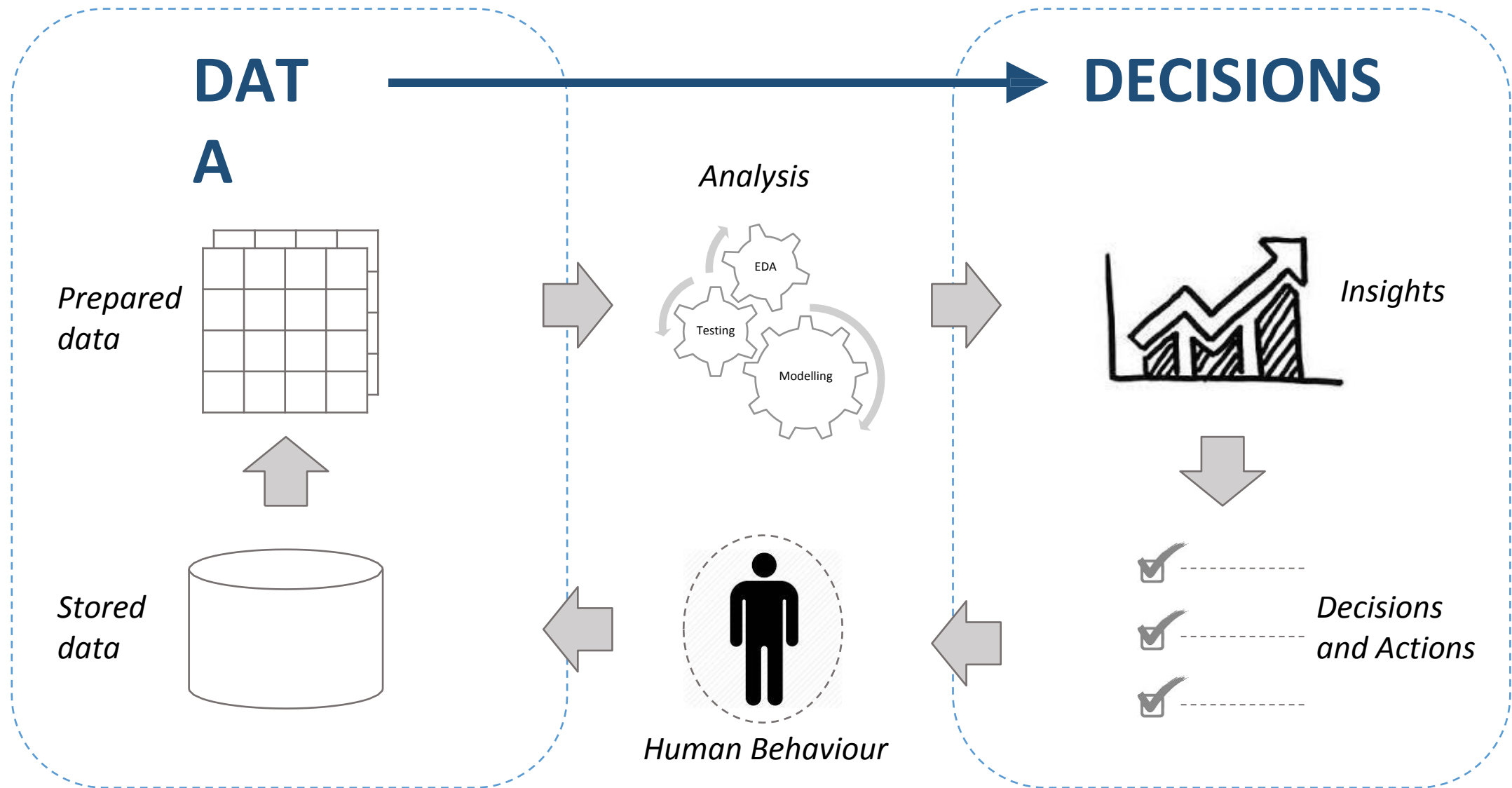
- *Customer spends*
- *Product sales data*
- *Customer demographics*
- *Macroeconomic trends*
- *Online user behaviour*
- *Online content usage*
- *Employee working activity*

## DECISIONS

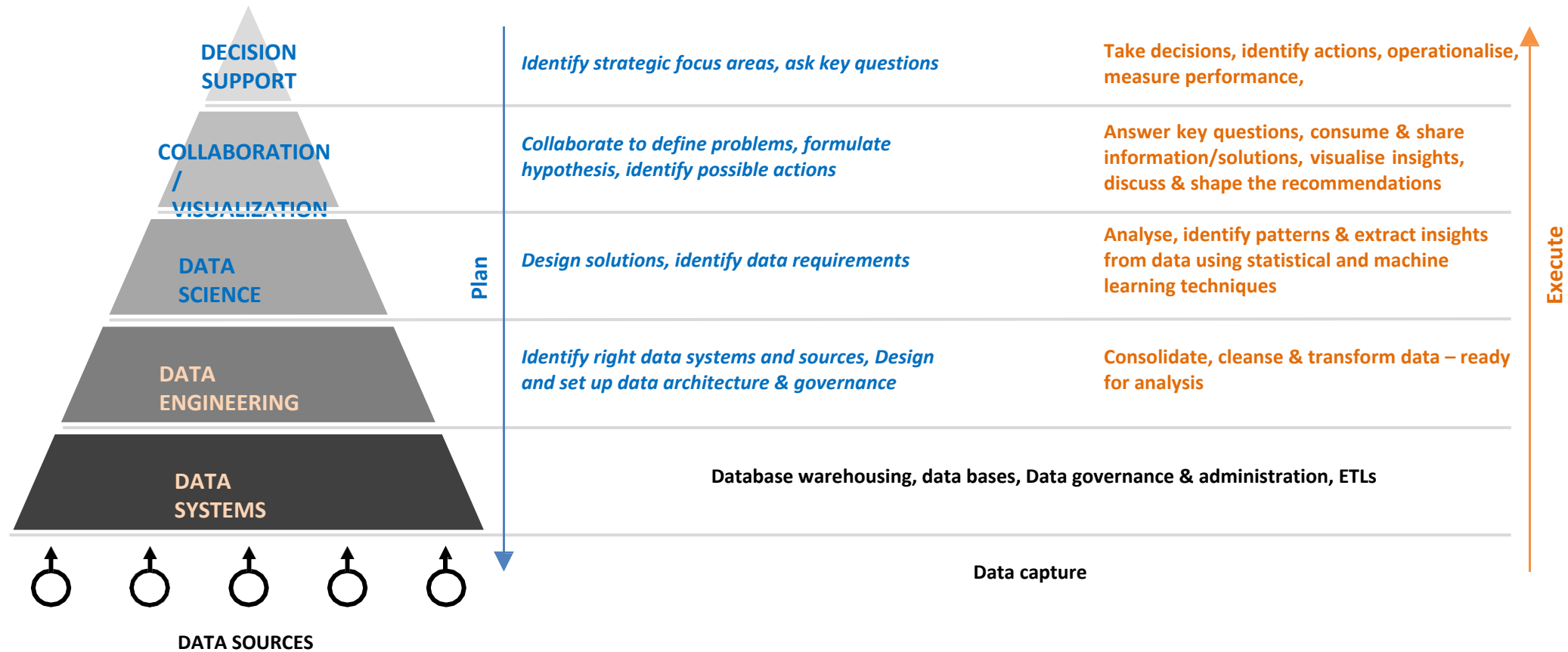
- *What products should I place in my stores?*
- *What should be the price of my new product?*
- *Which customers should I target with marketing?*
- *Which social media platform should I advertise on?*
- *How to improve my customer satisfaction?*
- *How do I improve my productivity?*



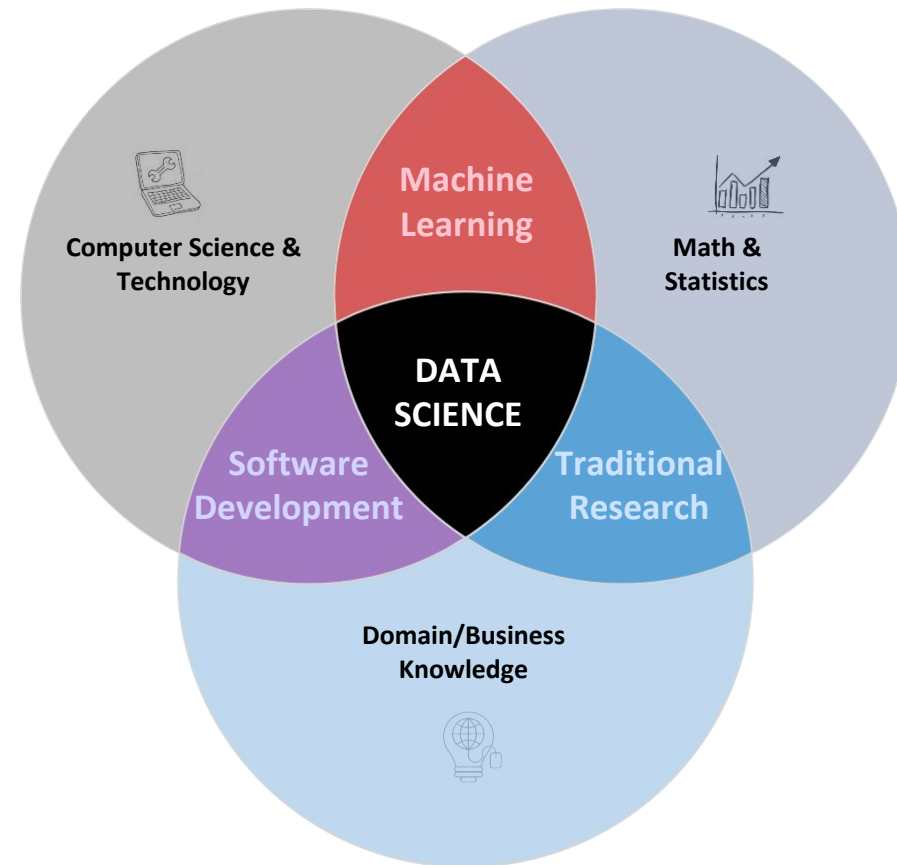
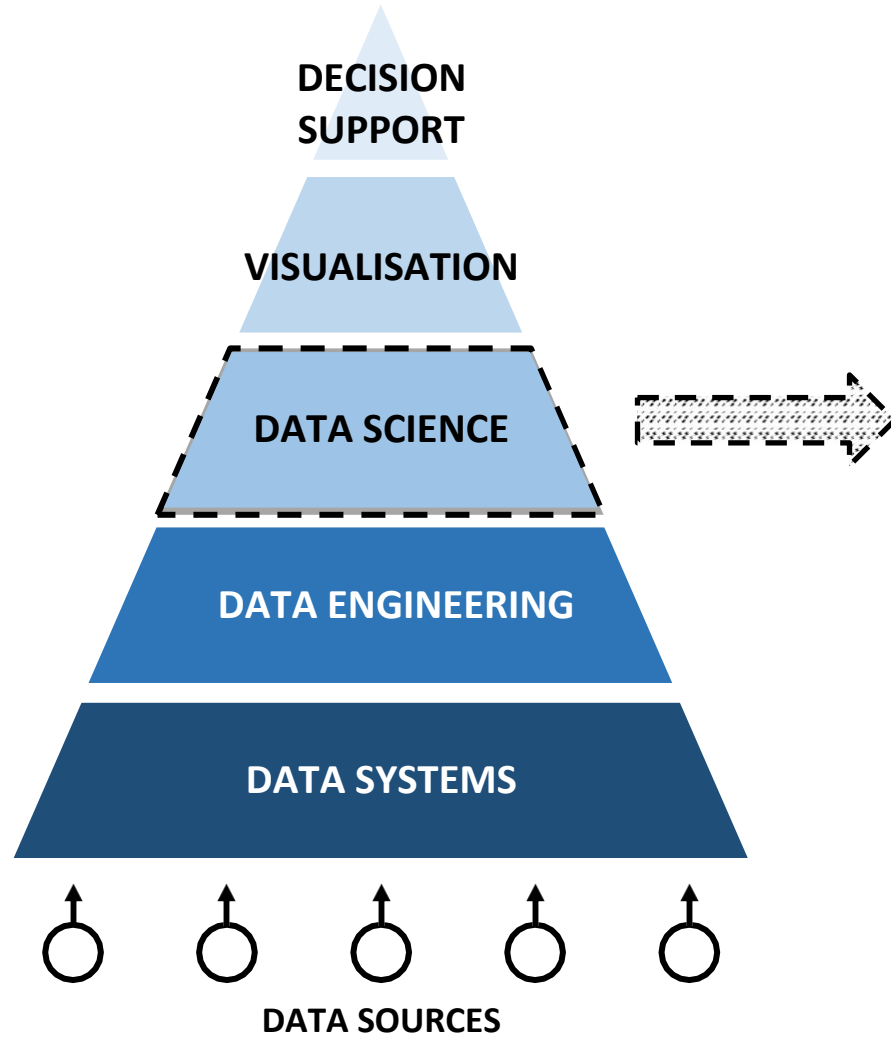
# Analytics basic cycle – Questions?



# Analytics in an Organization – Questions?

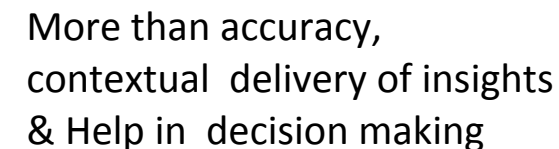
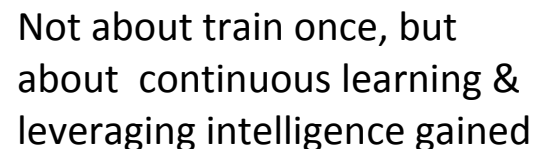
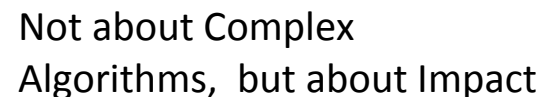
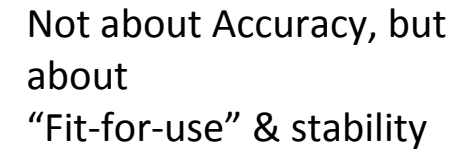


# Analytics vs. Data Science – Questions?



Not about code, but  
the solution

Not about just building a model, but about interpreting what the output means (insights)



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# Introduction to Python help

There is a pretty exhaustive documentation for all python functions

- Pip install
- pdb – the debugger
- %%debugger is another option
- Use Help() or ? – Every function has built in documentation

- You will face many errors  
– IT IS OKAY !

# Debugging is the process of removing errors from codes

PRINT things out a lot

Run code after each change

Read the error message

Google the error message

Ask for help

# Keeping track of values in the data & structure of data is of great importance

PRINT things out a lot

- On every single line of code, you should have a sense of what the variable's values are. If you're not sure, print them out!
- Then, when you run your code, you can look at the console and see how the values might be changing in ways you're not expecting.
- Use functions like `View()`, `class()` to check if your data structures are in the format that you expect them to be.



# Step by step is always better than making multiple changes in one go



Run code after each change

- Every time you run your code, you're getting feedback on your work.
- Track that - Is it getting closer to what you want, or is it going in wrong direction?


# Error messages tell you what's wrong more often than not

Read the error message

- Getting errors in your code can be frustrating if you let them be
- It's really easy to throw your hands up and say "my code has an error" and feel lost
- But generally, about 2/3rds of error messages faced are fairly descriptive
- Maybe something was missing, or there was a typo, or perhaps you skipped a step and now it's not sure what you want it to do
- The error message does its best to tell you what went wrong
- At the very least, it will give you a great clue for places to start hunting for bugs

# Google will generally take you the same errors solved by someone else

- If you can't seem to figure out what your error message is trying to tell you, your best bet is to copy and paste the error message into Google.
- Chances are, you'll get a few stackoverflow.com results, where people have asked similar questions and gotten explanations / answers.



Google the error message

# Don't remain stuck – ask for help

- Raise support queries – 'Need Assistance' on Olympus dashboard
- Ask in mentored learning sessions
- Ask your peers



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# Questions



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