

# PyData Ecosystem Webinar:

## Introduction and Best Practices

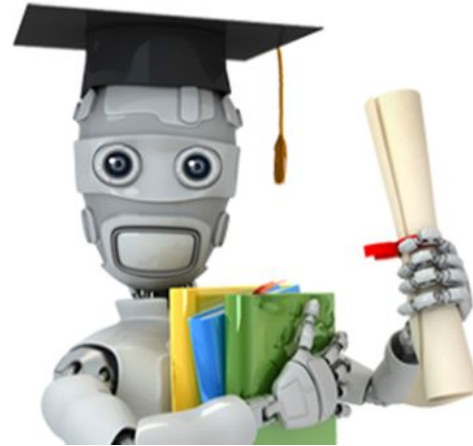


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The field of study that gives computers the ability to learn without being explicitly programmed

--Arthur Samuel, 1959

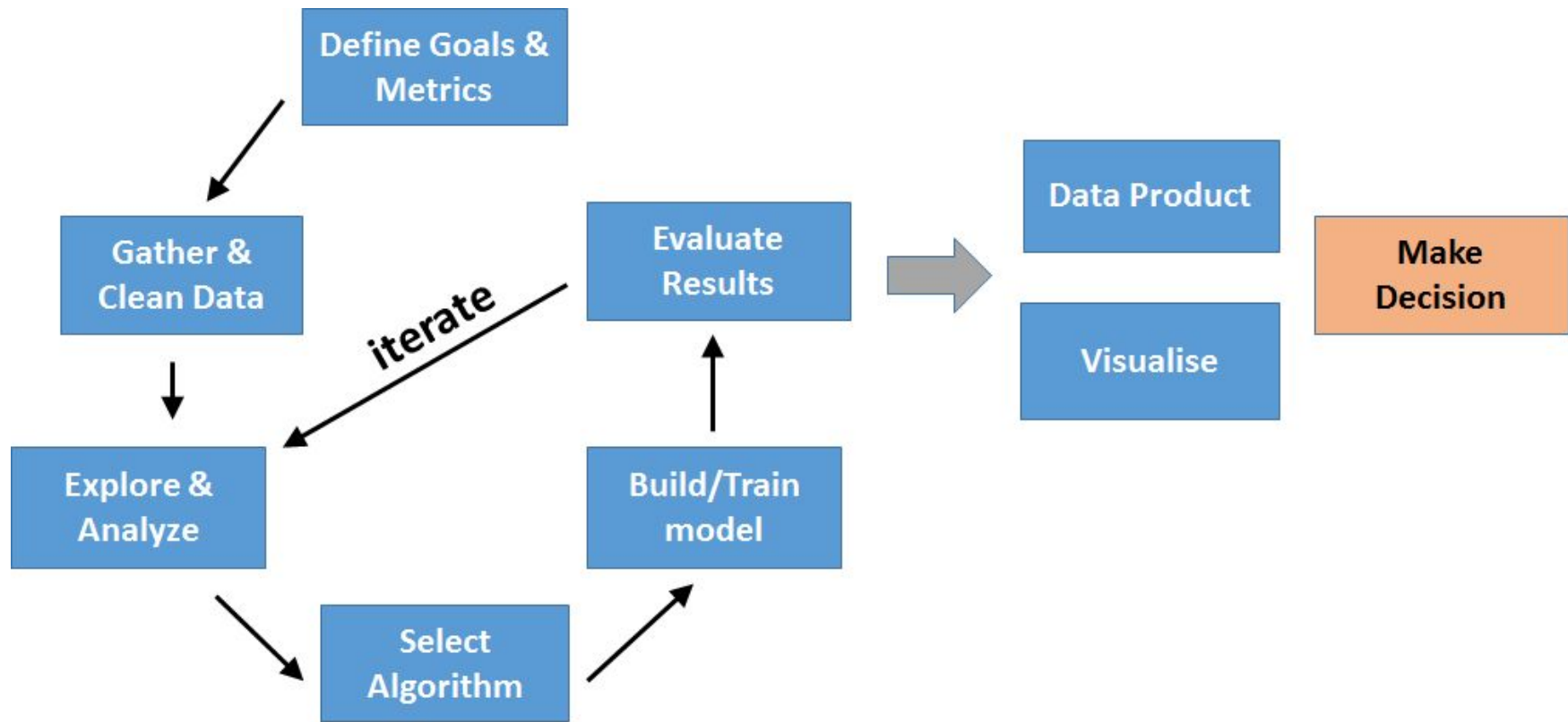


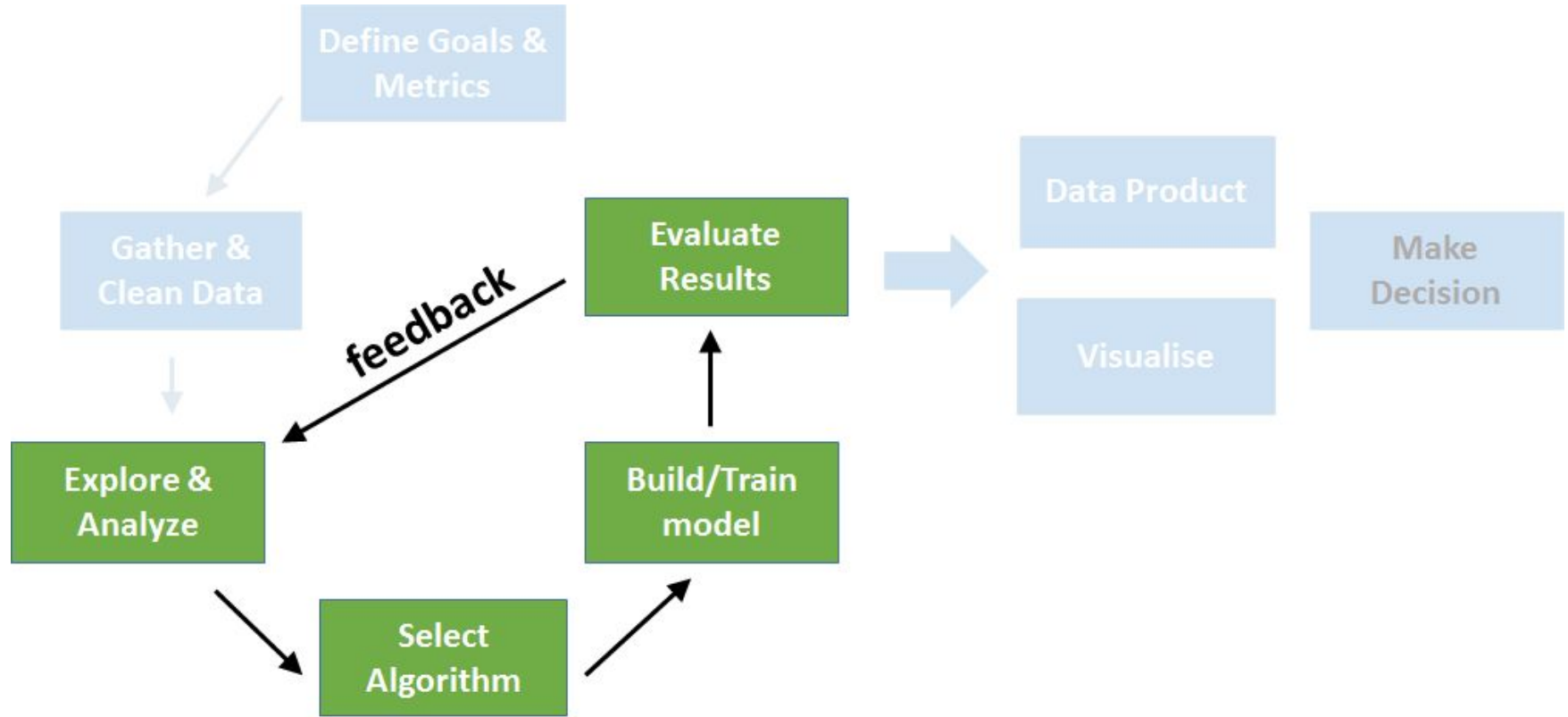
## “Right answers” do exist

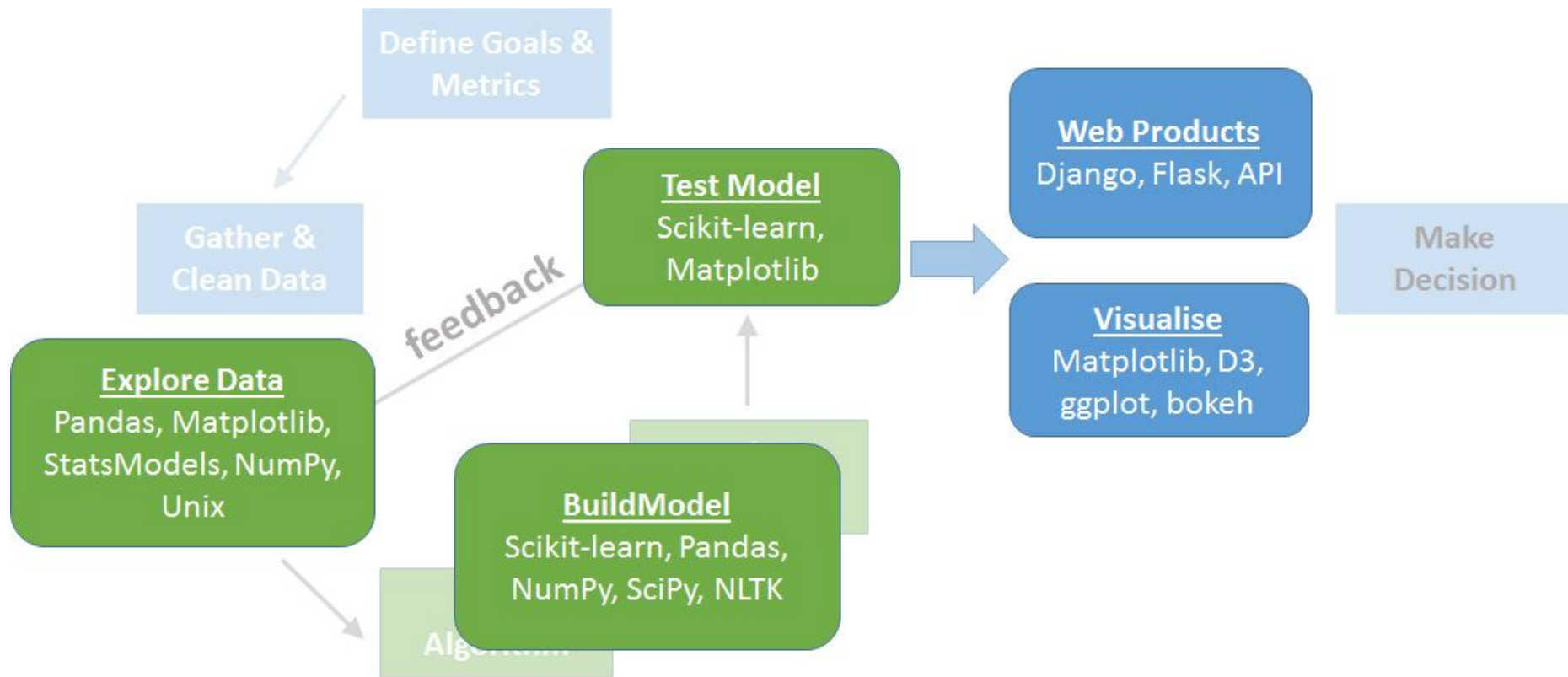
- Spam detectors
- Weather prediction
- Game outcomes
- Medical diagnosis
- Insurance
- Object detection
- Speech recognition

**There are no right answers! Much harder.**

- Find some structure in the given data
- Cluster the data into groups
- Playing games











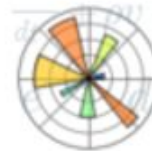
## NumPy

Base  
N-dimensional  
array package



## SciPy library

Fundamental  
library for scientific  
computing



## Matplotlib

Comprehensive 2D  
Plotting



## IPython

Enhanced  
Interactive Console



## Sympy

Symbolic  
mathematics



## pandas

Data structures &  
analysis

**survival** (0 = No; 1 = Yes)

**pclass** Passenger Class (1 = 1st; 2 = 2nd; 3 = 3rd)

**name**

**sex**

**age**

**sibsp** Number of Siblings/Spouses Aboard

**parch** Number of Parents/Children Aboard

**ticket** Ticket Number

**fare**

**cabin**

**embarked** Port of Embarkation

(C = Cherbourg; Q = Queenstown; S = Southampton)

```
pip install numpy scikit-learn pandas matplotlib
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pip install "ipython[notebook]"
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OR

Use [Anaconda](#) distribution



what society thinks I  
do



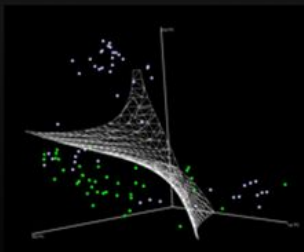
what my friends think  
I do



what my parents think  
I do

$$\begin{aligned}
 L_p &= \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{w}\|^2 - \sum_i \alpha_i y_i (\mathbf{x}_i \cdot \mathbf{w} + b) + \sum_i \alpha_i \\
 \alpha_i &\geq 0, \forall i \\
 \mathbf{w} &= \sum_i \alpha_i y_i \mathbf{x}_i, \sum_i \alpha_i y_i = 0 \\
 \nabla \hat{g}(\theta_t) &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \nabla \ell(x_i, y_i; \theta_t) + \nabla r(\theta_t) \\
 \theta_{t+1} &= \theta_t - \eta_t \nabla \ell(x_{i(t)}, y_{i(t)}; \theta_t) - \eta_t \cdot \nabla r(\theta_t) \\
 \mathbb{E}_{i(t)}[\ell(x_{i(t)}, y_{i(t)}; \theta_t)] &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_i \ell(x_i, y_i; \theta_t)
 \end{aligned}$$

what other programmers  
think I do

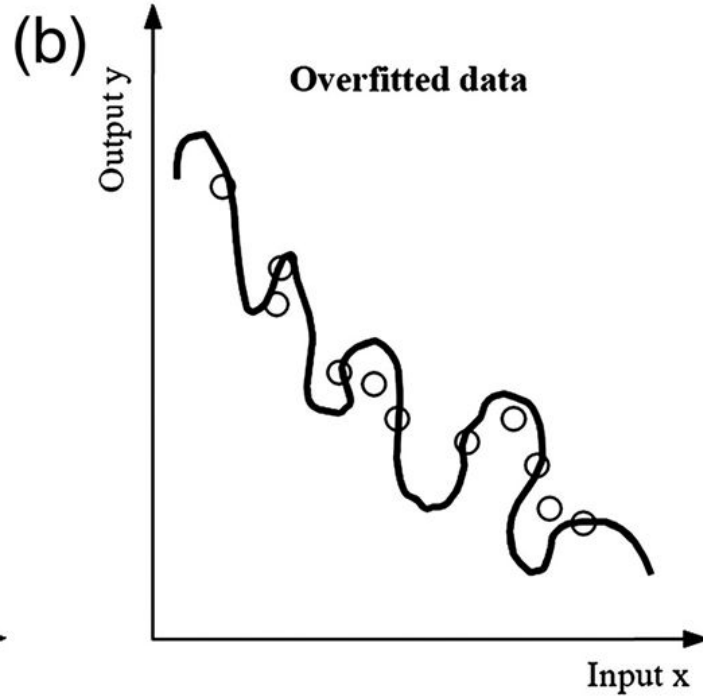
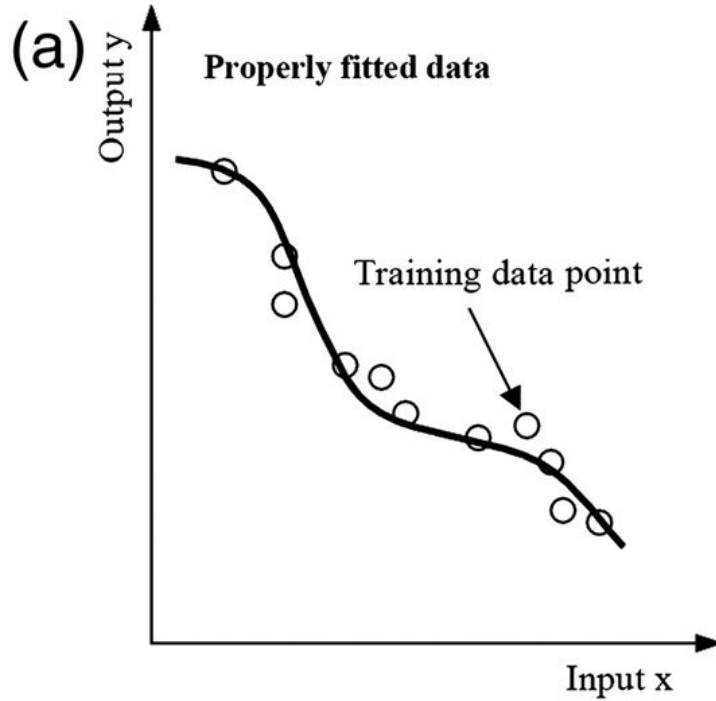


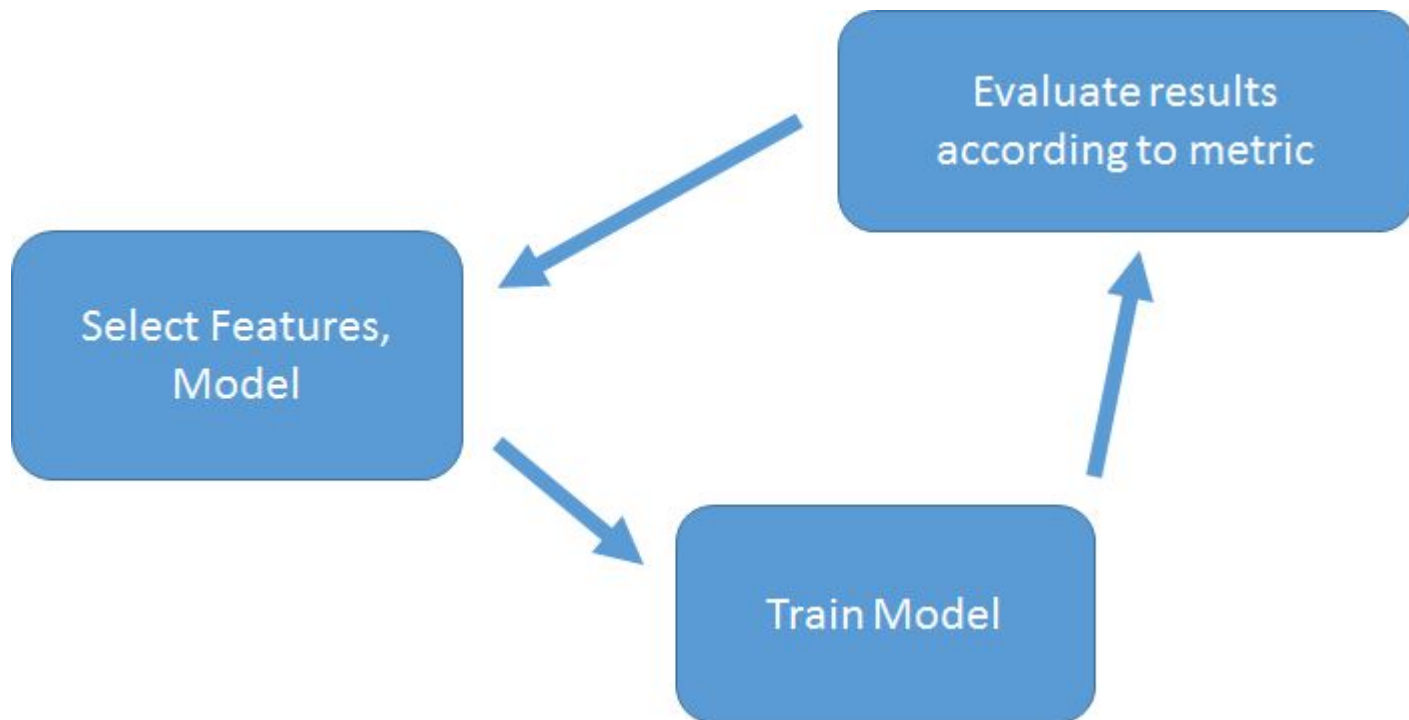
what I think I do

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>>> from sklearn import svm
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what I really do

Don't Overdo it:





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Learning From Data	Yaser S. Abu-Mostafa	Small, good for beginners and has an online course
Machine Learning: A Probabilistic Perspective	Kevin P. Murphy	Larger, current, and very popular
The Elements of Statistical Learning: Data Mining, Inference, and Prediction	Trevor Hastie, Robert Tibshirani, Jerome Friedman	A lot of theory, and has a free PDF edition

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Machine Learning	Andy Ng	Coursera.org
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