

Using tools for solving problems

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Research should also teach us about teamwork!



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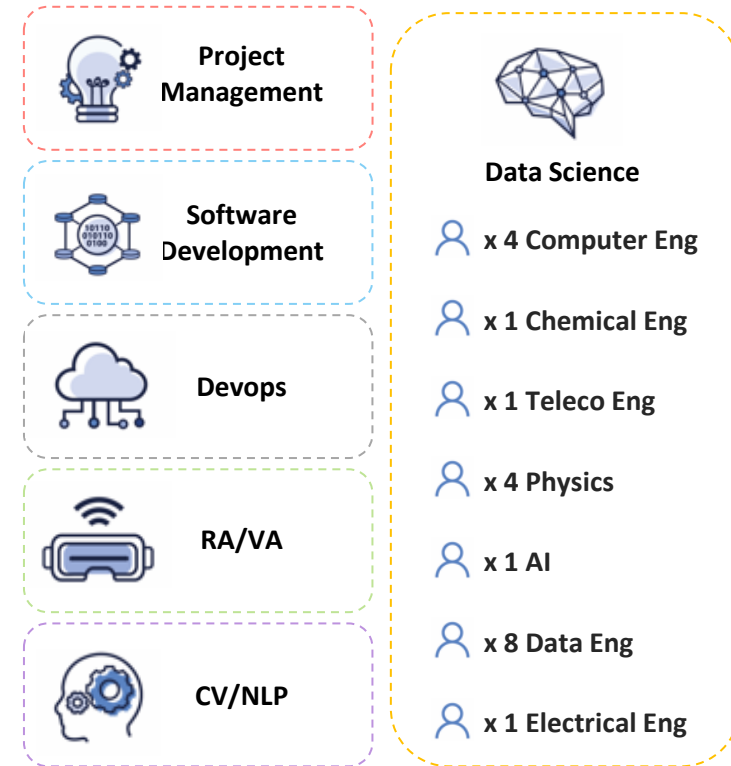
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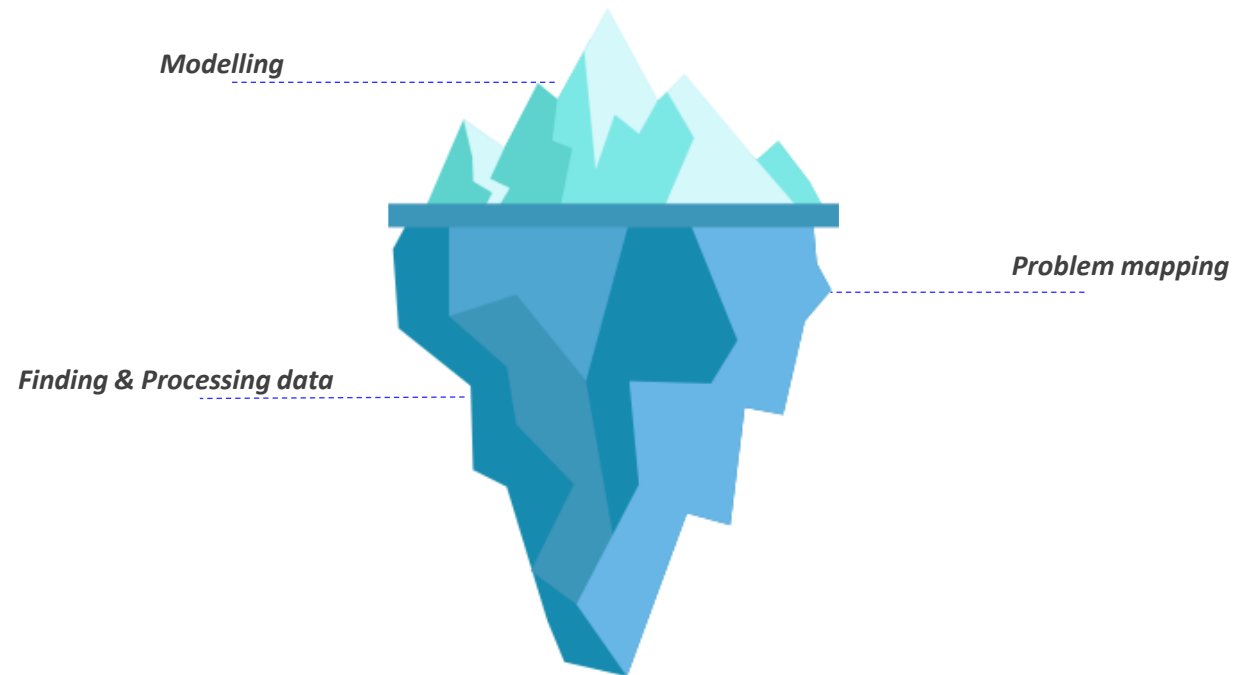
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- What decision will be made?
- Who will make it?
- What success actually means?

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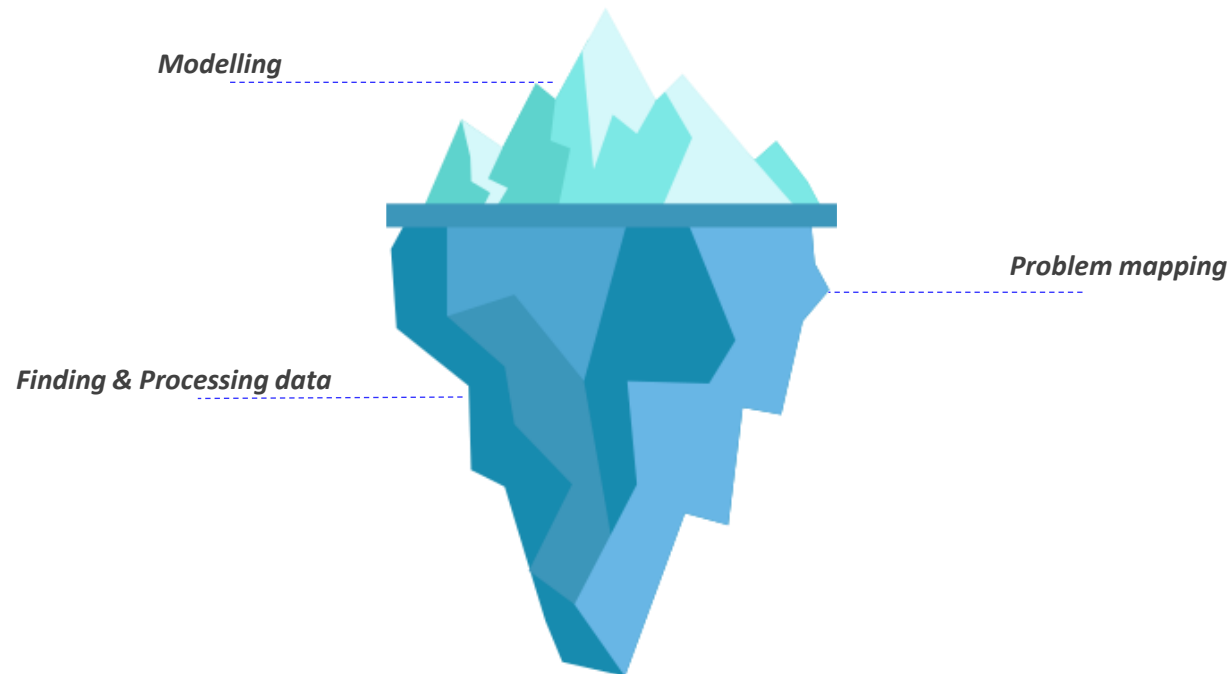
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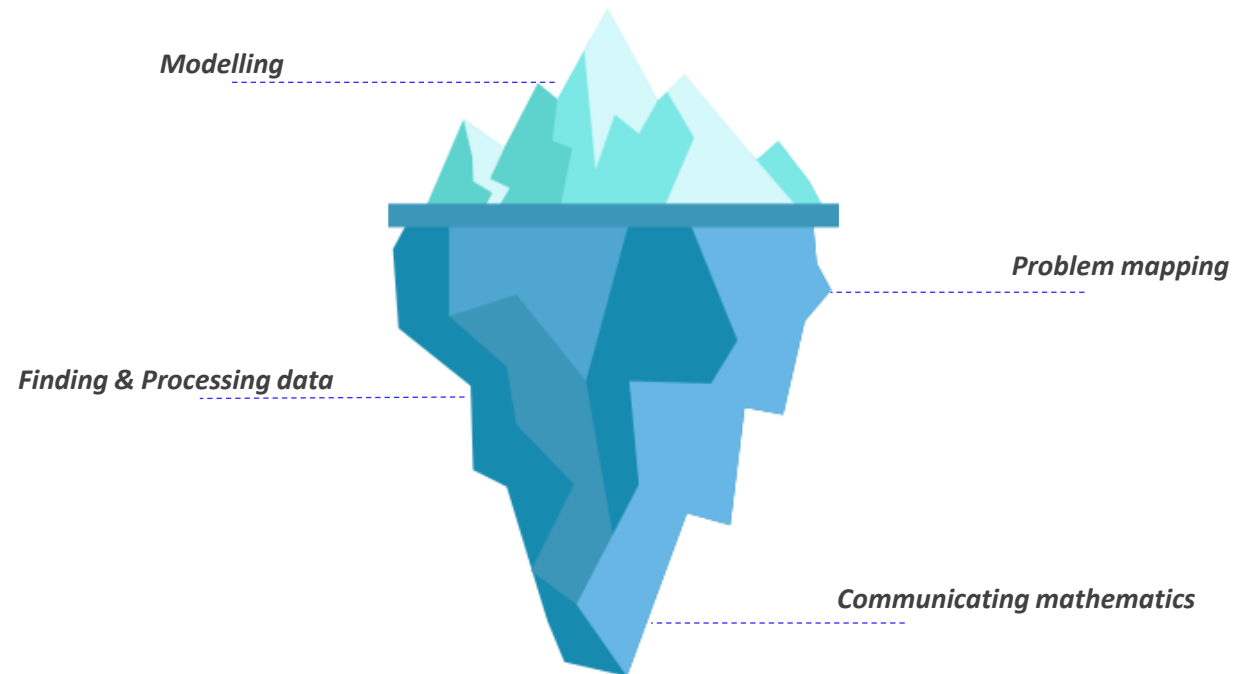


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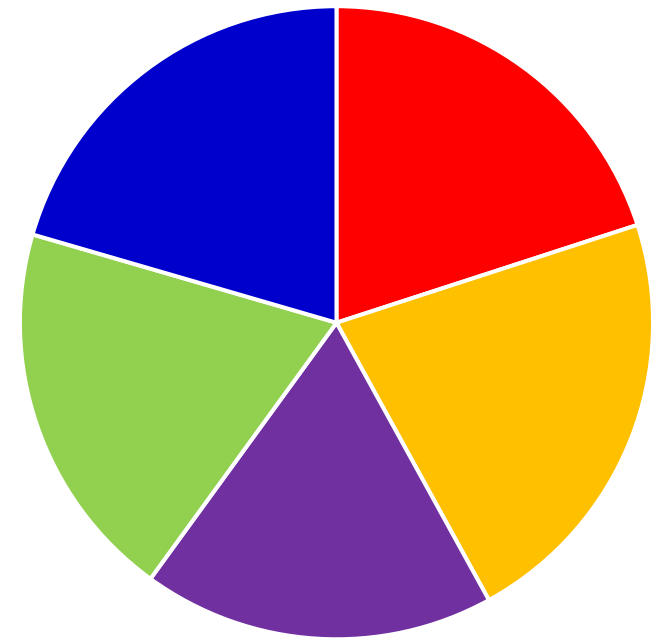
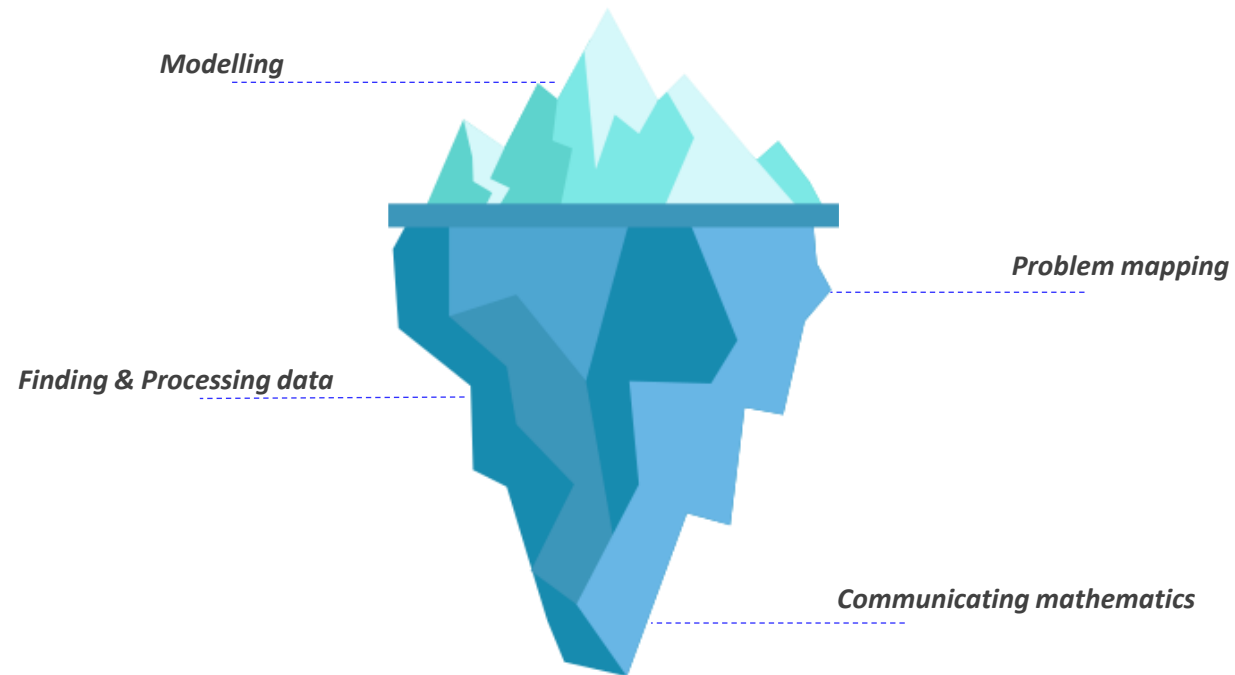
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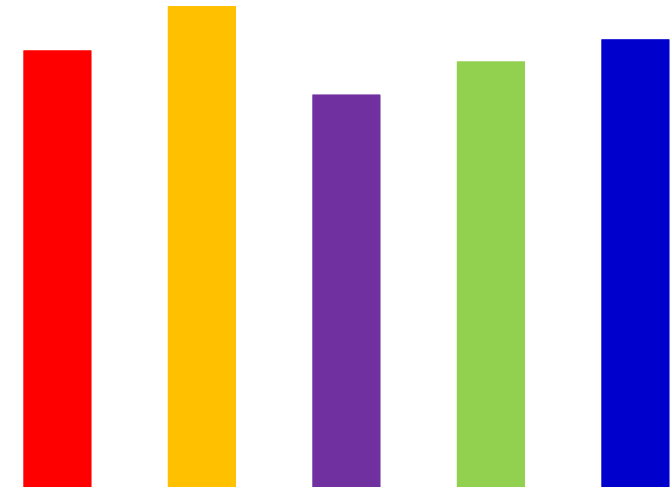
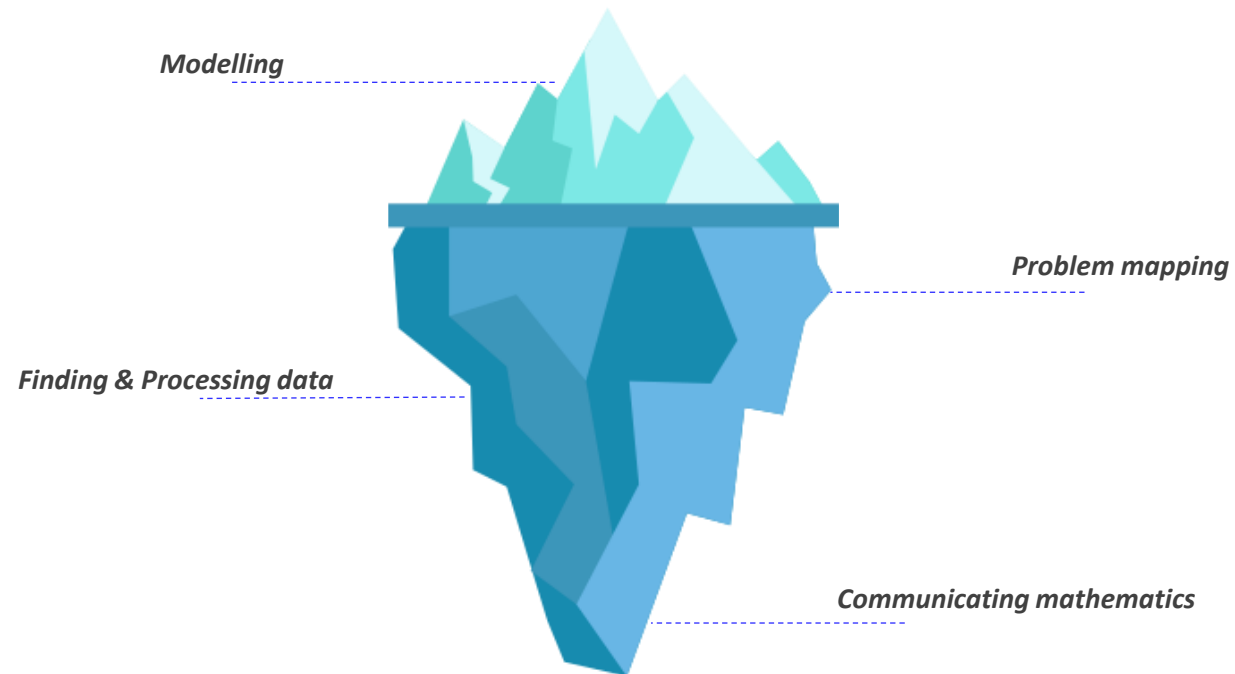
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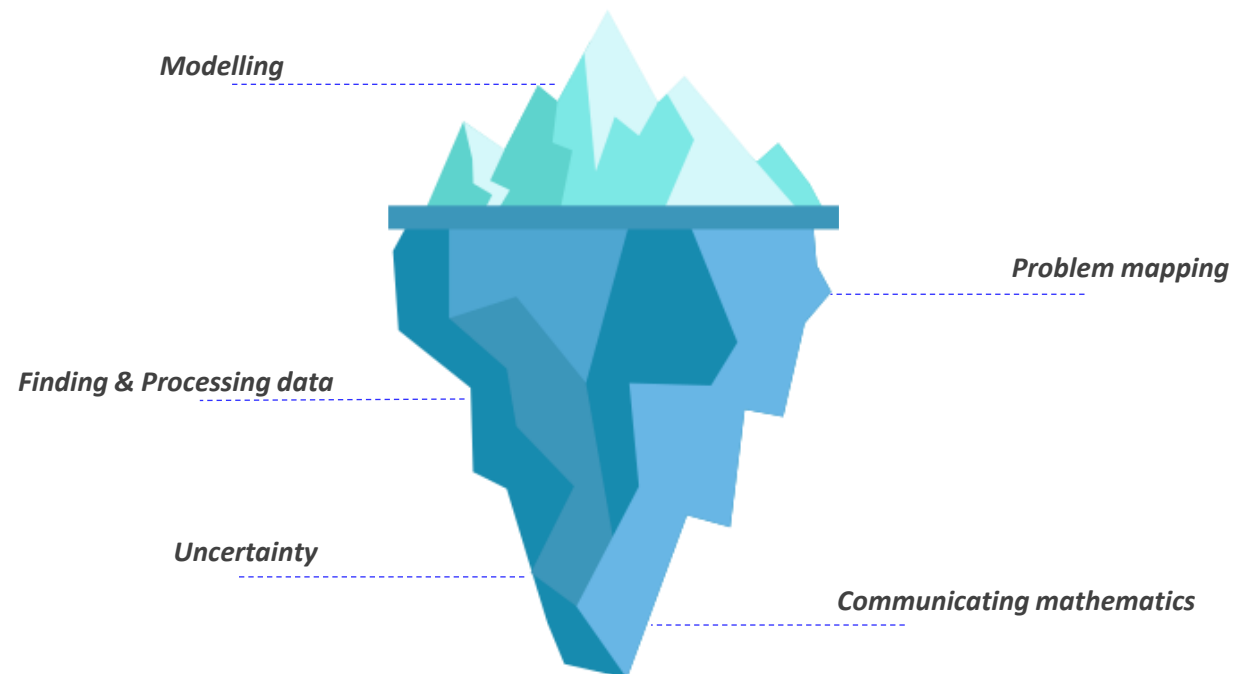
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- Industry often asks for certainty.
- Data almost never provides certainty.
- What it provides is evidence.

- Data science is not fundamentally about algorithms. It is about **good critical thinking**.
- The most valuable thing you gain during a PhD is the ability to **turn observations into knowledge**.
 - To ask meaningful questions.
 - To quantify uncertainty.
 - To critically evaluate evidence.
- And ultimately, to **support decisions with data**.



Thank you!

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