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Unexpected opportunities on your Undergrad, Masters and PhD

(For anyone who likes coding)

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Outline

- Benefits / drawbacks

- Approach

- Opportunities

  - Coding skills, coding competitions, Internships

  - Scholarships, miscellaneous opportunities, community

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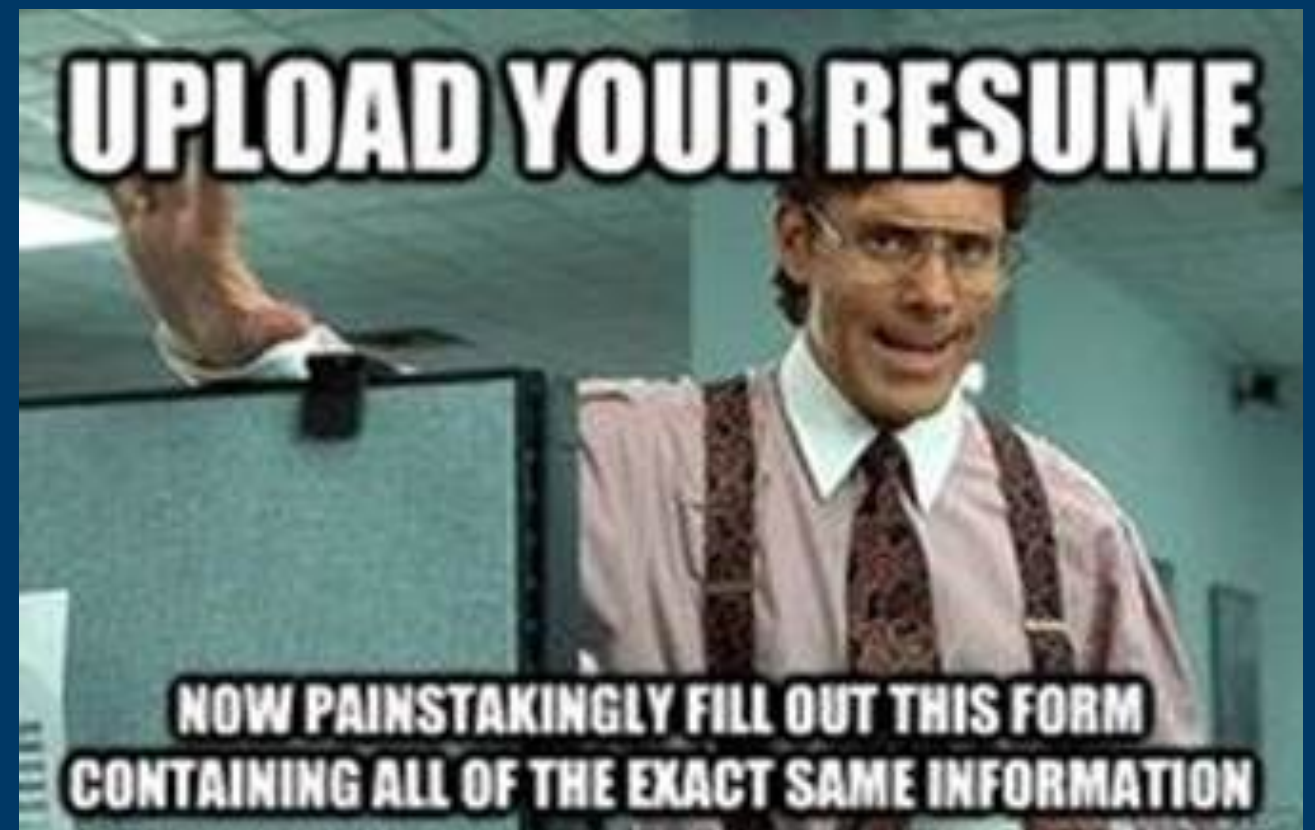
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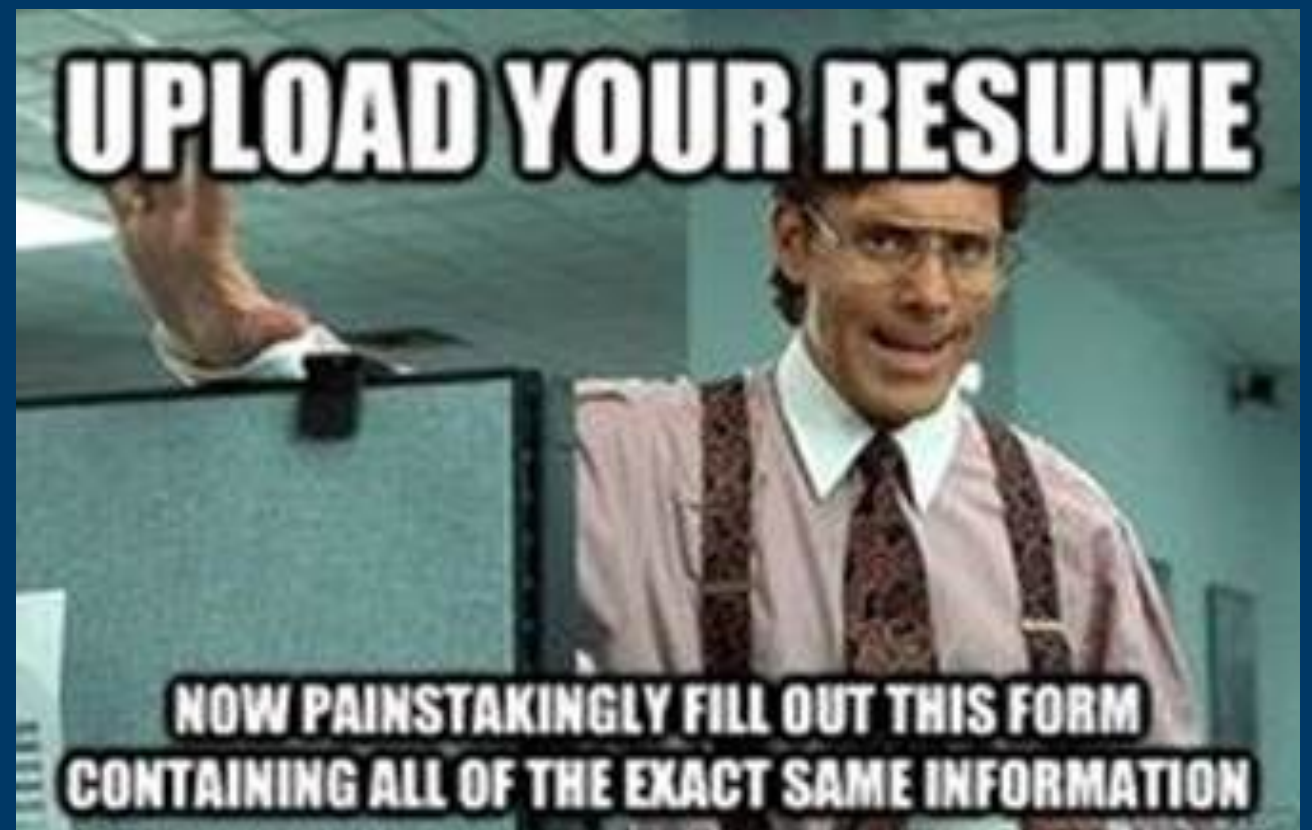- Get your CV ready (clear not fancy)

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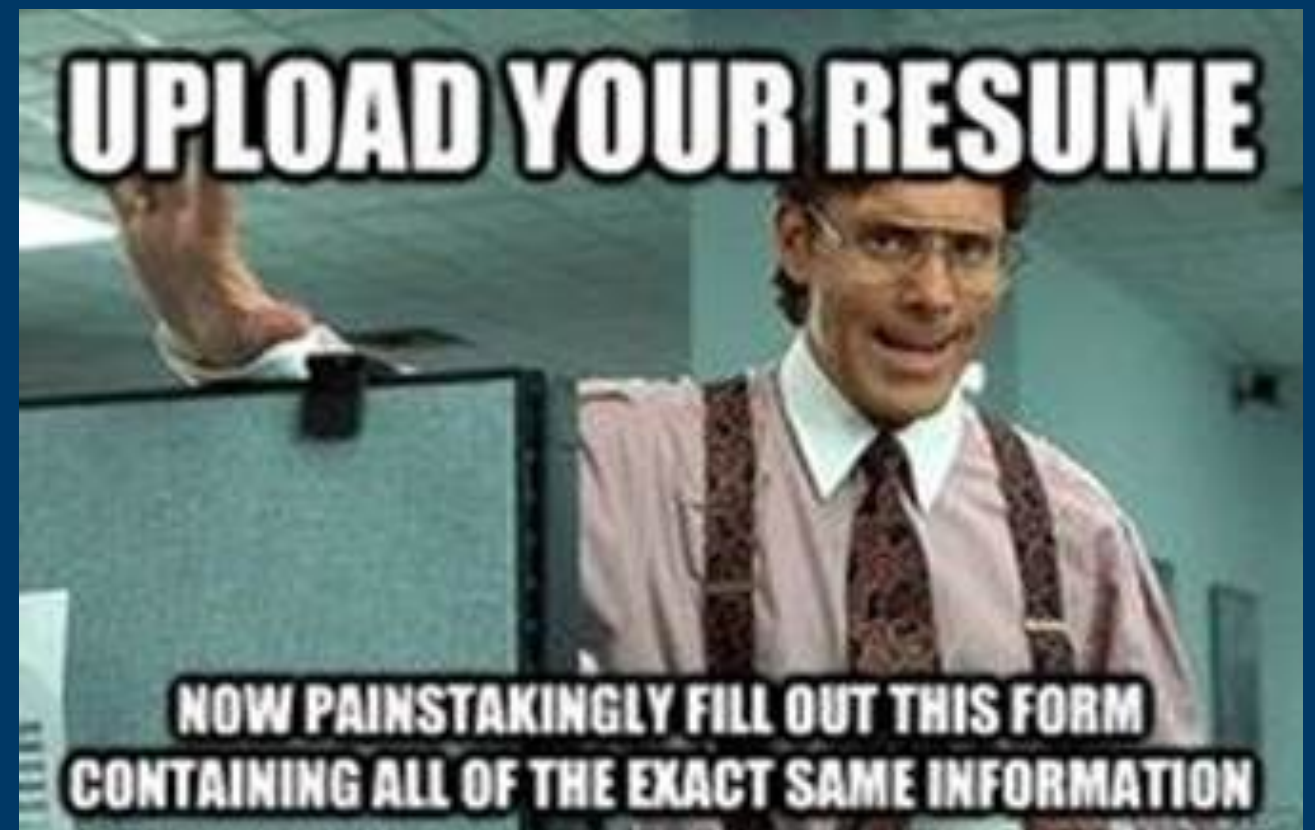
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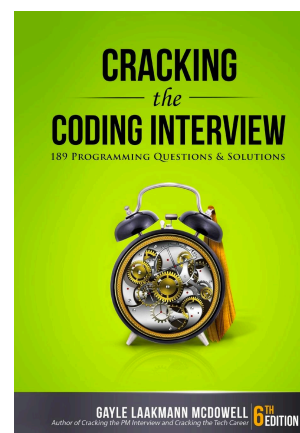
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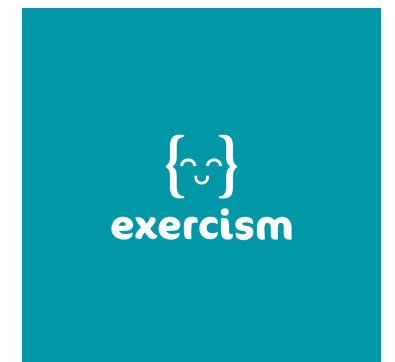
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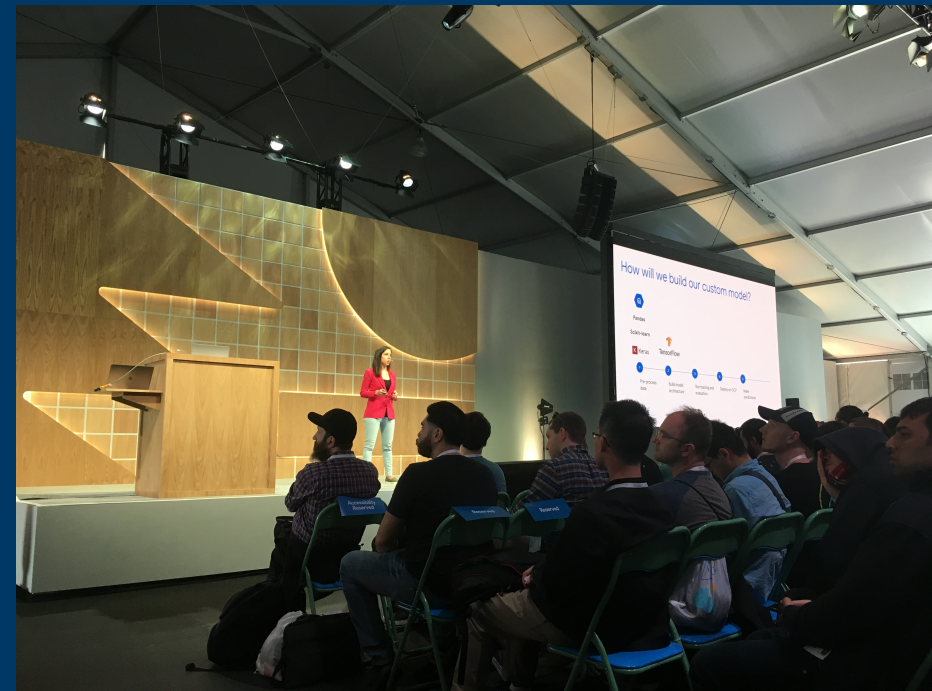
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11 Active Competitions

Deepfake Detection Challenge
Identify videos with facial or voice manipulations
Featured · Code Competition · 2 months to go · 🏷 video data, online video
$1,000,000
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Google QUEST Q&A Labeling
Improving automated understanding of complex question answer content
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Real or Not? NLP with Disaster Tweets
Predict which Tweets are about real disasters and which ones are not
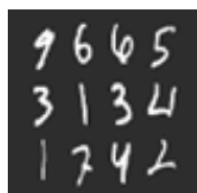Getting Started · Ongoing · 🏷 text data, binary classification
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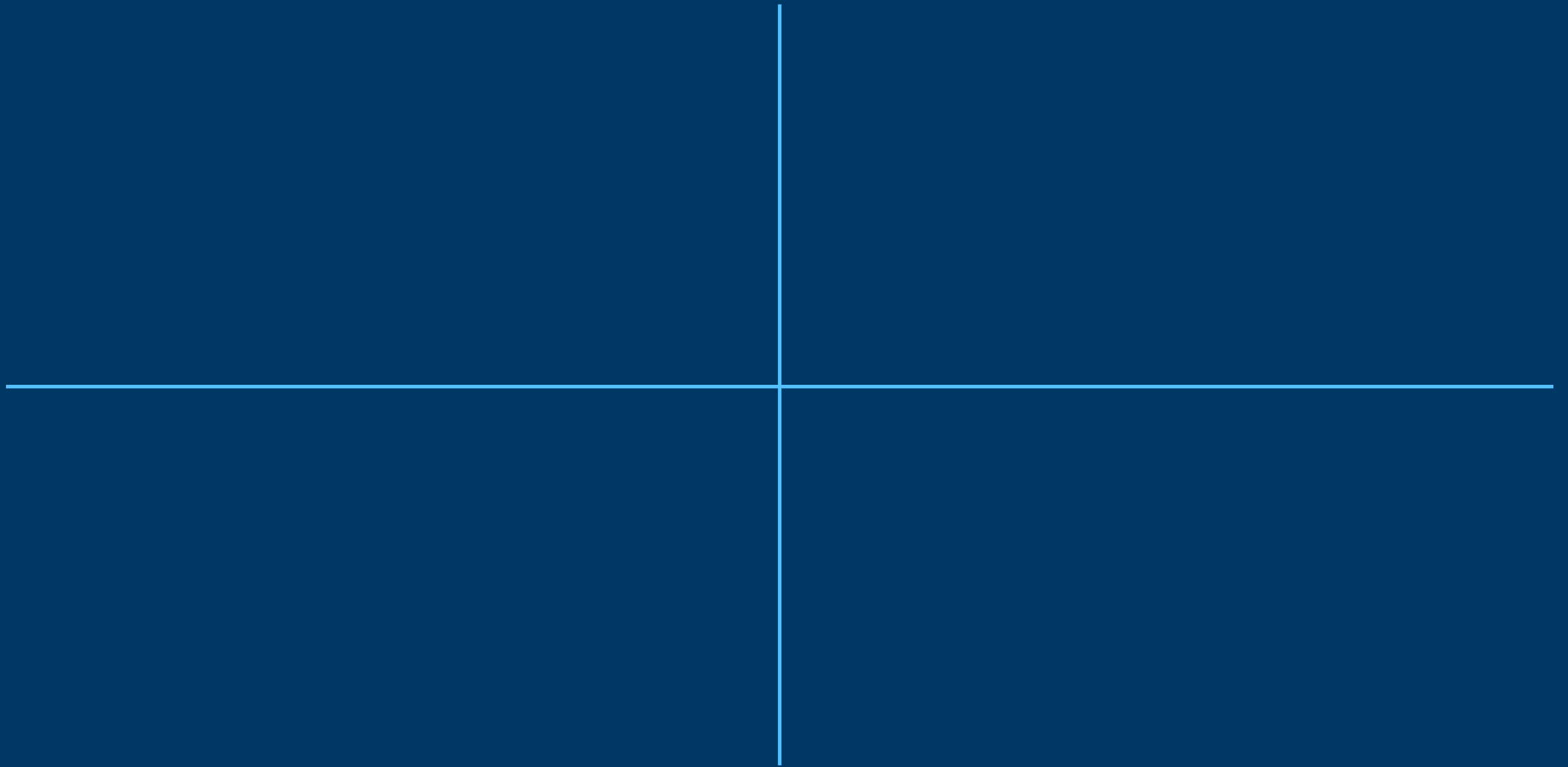
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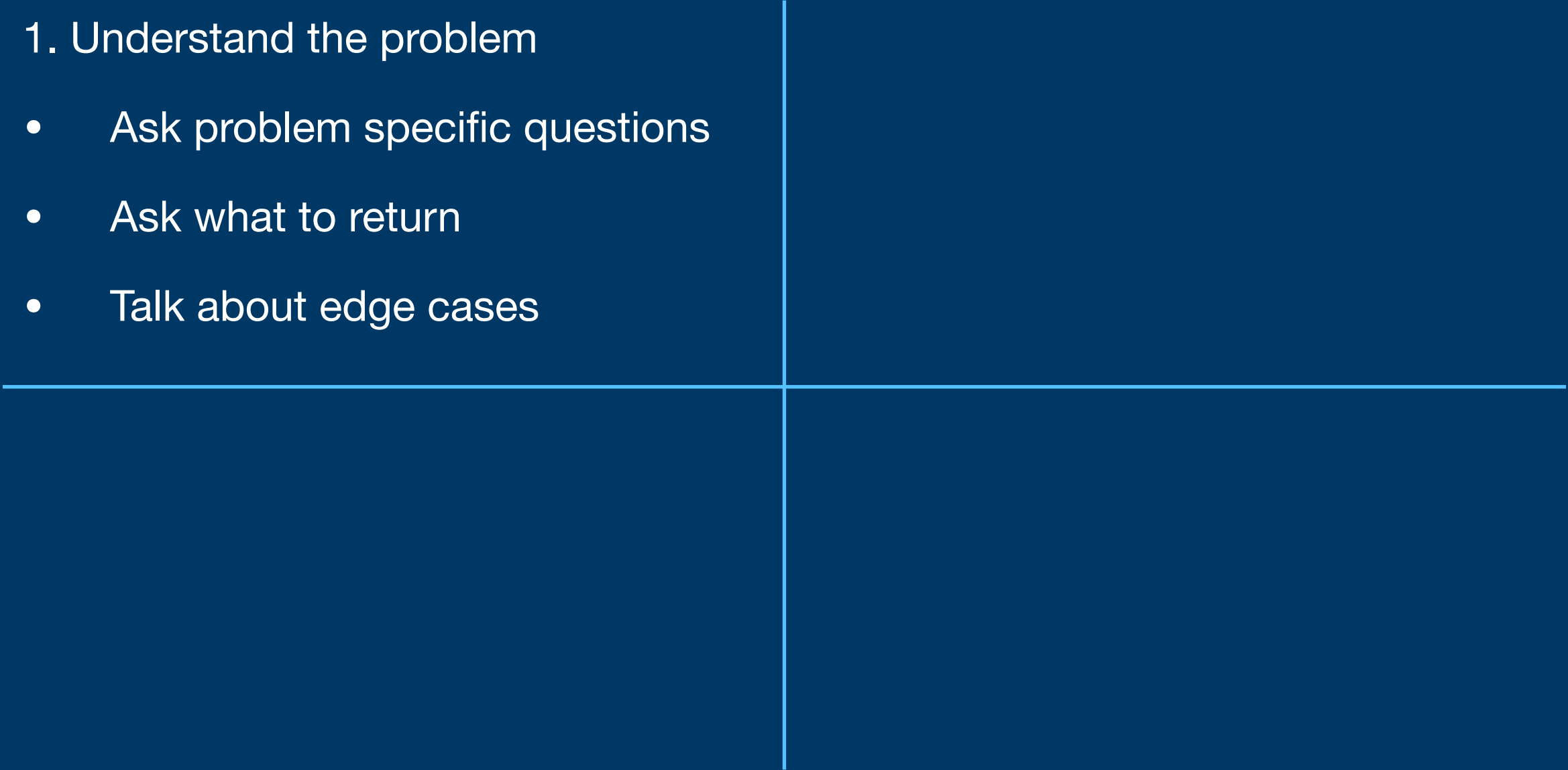
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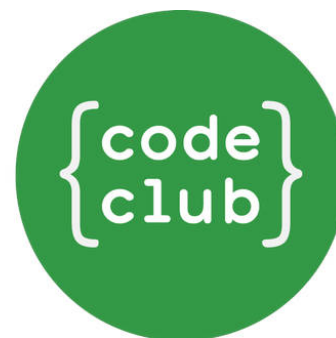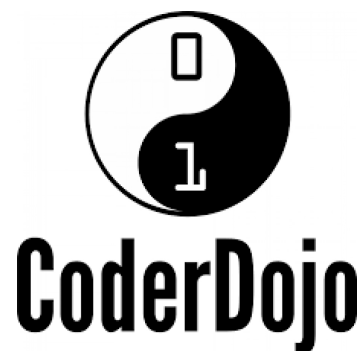
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