The analysis process

This planning document is intended to support teachers who are delivering the NPA/PDA Data Science or for students who are learning independently. It also aligns with the Data Skills for Work framework.

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Lesson Description

Lesson Overview	The analysis steps Visual inspection
Торіс	Analysis
Book Chapter(s)	Analysing data

NPA level	4, 5, 6
PDA level	7, 8
Data skills for work level	Core, Analysis









Lesson Contents

This lesson consists of:

- A lesson plan (this document)
- A PowerPoint/PDF presentation, 'The analysis process'
- Question worksheet (for learners) on 'The analysis process' in Excel/PDF
- Answers worksheet (for teachers) on 'The analysis process' in Excel/PDF

Note: if the learners are using the Excel versions of the Question-and-Answer workbooks in other software packages (such as Google sheets) the documents may need to be adjusted.

Learning Intentions

We will be learning what is involved in the analysis process, specifically to,

- what we mean by analysis
- a structured way of performing analysis (the analysis steps)
- how to understand data through visual inspection

Success Criteria

I can describe what is meant by analysis

I can describe/explain a structured way of performing analysis (the analysis steps)

I can *describe* what it means to visually inspect data as part of the data understanding step I can *perform* a visual inspection of a simple dataset

Knowledge Prerequisites

Learners should know:

- what data is
- data can be used to solve problems and find answers to questions
- data can be categorised as quantitative or qualitative









Lesson Requirements

	PDA	NPA	Data Skills for work
Qualification	Yes	Yes	Yes
Outcome ID(s)	WD7.2d, WD8.3g	DC4.2b, DC5.2b, DC6.2b	A1.2, A1.3, A3.1, C2.1
	WD7.2d Data loading, WD8.3g Data loading	DS4.2b Describe how data can be analysed, DC5.2b Explain how data can be analysed,	A1.3 Interpretation and insight A3.1 Visualisation of data to
Outcome description(s)		DC6.2b Explain how data can be analysed	provide insight C2.1 Vocabulary used in data science and analytics
Level	7, 8	4, 5, 6	Core, Analysis
Software language	N/A	N/A	N/A
Required equipment /software for student	Lesson: PowerPoint/PDF, Worksheet: Excel/PDF	Lesson: PowerPoint/PDF, Worksheet: Excel/PDF	Lesson: PowerPoint/PDF, Worksheet: Excel/PDF









Task-types

In the worksheet for this lesson, there are up to 6 task-types to that become increasingly challenging to support the students learning. Based on the student's previous knowledge it is possible to select the task-types that are relevant to their stage.

Task-type	Description
1. Recall	To be able to recognise definitions or procedures.
2. Define	To be able to define definitions or procedures.
3. Rephrase	To be able to use their own words to describe definitions or procedures.
4. Apply	To be able to apply definitions or procedures to problem-solving activities.
5. Create	To be able to apply definitions or procedures and create their own solutions to a defined problem.
6. Active	Using knowledge from the lesson which they apply to scenarios they have researched/designed themselves.









Worksheet

The worksheet associated with this lesson is available either in Excel or as a PDF that can be printed. The answer worksheet is available in both formats too.

Worksheet section ID	Description	Task-type	Number of questions
1.1	Data analysis	Recall	2
1.2	Data analysis	Define	1
1.3	Data analysis	Rephase	1
2.1	Analysis example	Apply	1
3.1	Data visual inspection	Recall	2
3.2	Data visual inspection	Apply	5
4.0	Extension	Apply	1
Total			13









How you can use this lesson

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