

Hands-on Descriptive Analytics in SCM

Descriptive analytics is crucial for gaining insights into supply chain performance. It helps businesses identify trends, patterns, and anomalies in their data, leading to better decision-making and optimization.



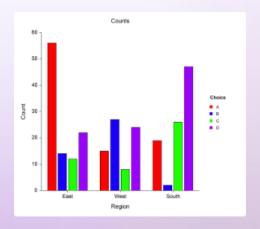
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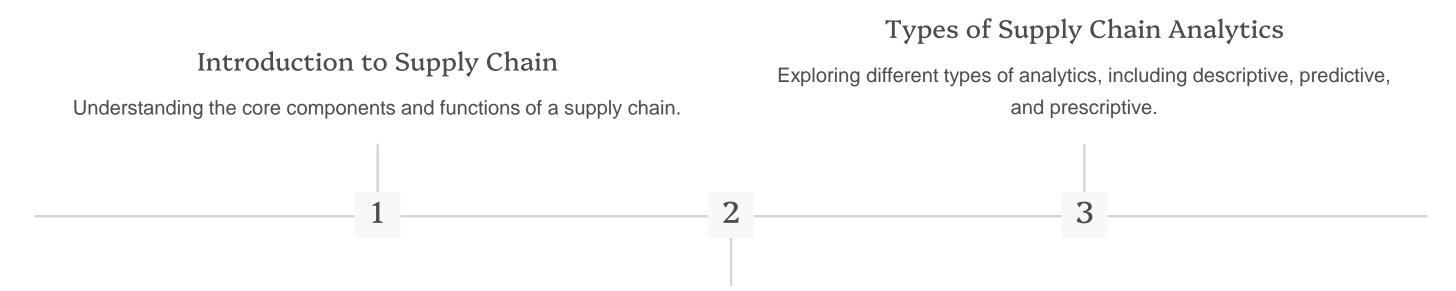


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Recap of Previous Presentation



The role of data and analytics in driving efficiency and profitability.

Importance of Analytics





Guess the Topic





What is the average delivery time for a particular product?

This question can be answered using descriptive analytics.

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What are the top 5 suppliers with the highest on-time delivery rate?

Descriptive analytics can help identify top performers based on key metrics.



What are the inventory levels for different product categories?

Descriptive analytics provides insights into inventory status and trends.





Real Life Cases in SCM

Walmart

Walmart uses descriptive analytics to monitor inventory levels, optimize store layouts, and track customer demand patterns.

Amazon

Amazon leverages descriptive analytics to analyze customer reviews, identify product trends, and optimize warehouse operations.

Nike

Nike uses descriptive analytics to track supply chain performance, analyze sales data, and identify areas for improvement.



Descriptive Analytics Techniques

Trend Analysis

Identifying patterns and trends in data over time, such as increasing sales or decreasing inventory.

Correlation Analysis

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Exploring relationships between different variables, such as the correlation between demand and production capacity.

Distribution Analysis

Understanding the distribution of data, such as the range of delivery times or the frequency of supplier delays.

Outlier Detection

Identifying unusual data points that may indicate errors, anomalies, or significant events.

Unit 1 Descriptive









Hands-on Exercises

Unit 1 Descriptive Analytics in SCM

Scenario	Task	Technique
Analyze sales data for the past year.	Identify seasonal trends in sales.	Trend Analysis
Review delivery time data for a specific product.	Calculate the average delivery time and identify outliers.	Distribution Analysis, Outlier Detection
Compare the performance of different suppliers.	Analyze on-time delivery rates and identify top performers.	Correlation Analysis, Distribution Analysis





Testing the Learning



What is the purpose of descriptive analytics?

To gain insights into supply chain performance, identify trends, and make informed decisions.

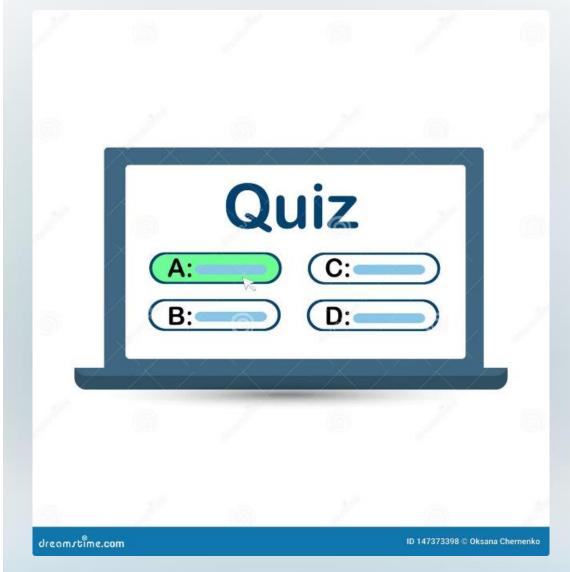
Which technique is used to identify outliers in data?

Outlier Detection.

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Give an example of a real-life case where descriptive analytics is used in SCM.

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Summary and Key Takeaways

Data-Driven Decisions

Descriptive analytics empowers businesses to make data-driven decisions, leading to improved efficiency and profitability.

Identify Trends and Patterns

Descriptive analytics helps uncover trends and patterns in supply chain data, leading to proactive decision-making.

Optimize Operations

Insights from descriptive analytics can be used to optimize various aspects of the supply chain, such as inventory management and supplier selection.











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