

EXPLORATORY DATA ANALYSIS = check list =





Hypothesis

what are your assumptions ask yourself questions



Understanding

Browse the data, columns and data types check your domain knowledge







Explore

look for groups, skewness, the unexpected centrality and spread re-express your data if needed: log, root,...







Clean

deal with missing values, why are they missing? extreme values.. are they really outliers?







Relationships

check for correlations between values are all correlations making sense?





Back to the hypothesis

were your assumptions correct? did you tackle the right questions?



keep only relevant and non-redundant plots check all plots are clear and self explanatory



add explanations and overviews document your thought process.. WHY did you do all the analysis?

"The greatest value of a picture is when it forces us to notice what we never expected to see" ~John Tukey

