

Data stores

You must first have data to mine. Data stores include one or several databases or data warehouses.

Cleanse data

Data must be stored in a consistent format and free from errors and redundancies.

Search data

Actual mining occurs when data is combed for patterns and trends. Rules for patterns are noted.

Analyse reports

Someone must analyse mining results for validity and relevance.

Report findings

The mining results can then be reviewed and interpreted, and a plan of action determined.

marts are storage methods that involve archiving large amounts of data in a way that makes it easy 50 to access when necessary.

When the process is complete, the mining software generates a report. An analyst goes over the report to see if further work needs to be done, such as refining parameters, using other 55 data analysis tools to examine the data, or even scrapping the data if it's unusable. If no further work is required, the report proceeds to the decision makers for appropriate action.

The power of data mining is being used for 60 many purposes, such as analysing Supreme Court decisions, discovering patterns in health care, pulling stories about competitors from newswires, resolving bottlenecks in production processes, and analysing sequences in the human

65 genetic makeup. There really is no limit to the type of business or area of study where data mining can be beneficial.

Re-read the text to find the answers to these questions.

Match the terms in Table A with the statements in Table B.

Table A

- Data mining
- Cleansed data

AI b

Data warehouse

Table B

- Storage method of archiving large amounts of data to make it easy to access
- Data free from duplicate and erroneous information
- iii A process of filtering through large amounts of raw data for useful information
- iv A computing tool that tries to operate in a way similar to the human brain

Mark the following as True or False:

- Data mining is a process of analysing known patterns in data.
- b Artificial intelligence is commonly used in data mining.
- In data mining, patterns found while analysing data are used for further analysing the data.
- Data mining is used to detect false insurance claims.
- Data mining is only useful for a limited range of problems.

Complete the following description of the data mining process using words from the text:

Large amounts of data stored in data
are often used for data The data is
first to remove information
and errors. The is then analysed using
a tool such as An
analysis report is then analysed by an
who decides if the need to be refined,
other data tools need to be used, or if
the results need to be discarded because they
are The analyst passes the final
results to the makers who decide on
the action.