Wonderland.... attitudes towards statistics of portuguese university students

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Abstract

Nowadays it is important to value the students' attitudes when they begin a new Study Cycle (Bologna University Cycle) for two sets of reasons: the formative results and its own influence in the teaching learning process. This study emerged in line with some of ours previous works about the Attitudes Towards Statistics research in different contexts. The Escala de Actitudes hacia la Estadística de Estrada (Estrada Attitudes Towards Statistics Scale, EAEE, 2002) was used within Statistics courses in order to plan future actions to the university future teachers and others. The portuguese translation of this scale was validated by a panel of experts. All the items are distributed within a matrix of pedagogical and anthropological components.

The analysis was done among 341 students of a northern portuguese university in different degrees. Statistics is a course taught in the third semester in all degrees, except in Economy and Management where it is taught in the fifth semester. Our preliminary analysis describes the students general data. We also present the conclusions and in summary: despite the different degrees studied we were surprised by the results' similarity, between the studied degrees either in the total scores or in the pedagogical and anthropological components. Among these students the slightly positive attitudes are promising and according to the Cheshire cat: And you've picked up a bit of an attitude, still curious and willing to learn, I hope.

Palabras clave: Attituds towards statistics, Statistic Education, Universitary students.

Wonderland.... actitudes hacia la estadística en estudiantes universitarios portugueses

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RESUMEN:

El trabajo que aqui presentanes se centra en el estudio de las actitudes hacia la Estadistica de estudiantes universitarios de una universidad en el norte de Portugal. Analizamos las respuestas a los items de la Escala de Actitudes hacia la Estadistica de Estrada EAEE (Estrada, 2002). Nuestros resultados indican la necesidad de seguir trabajando por y para los estudiantes, potenciando su formación estadistica pero sin olvidar la componente afectiva.

PALABRAS CLAVE: Actitudes hacia la estadistica, Educación estadistica, Estudiantes universitario.

INTRODUCCIÓN:

Las actitudes son parte integrante de todas las materias de aprendizaje y ocupan un lugar central en el acto educativo, guiando el proceso perceptivo y cognitivo que comporta el aprendizaje de cualquier contenido educativo.

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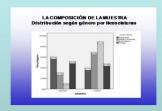
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En nuestro estudio utilizamos como instrumento de medición de actitudes la Escala de Actitudes hacia la Estudirica de Estrada EAEE (Estrada, 2022, as versión portuguesta, validada por pana de jusees (Mariny col. 2011). Dicha escala está composeta por 23 items, 12 afirmativos freute a 11 negativos, que se distribuyen según componentes pedagógicas y anterpologicas

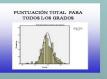
Componentes Pedagógicas	Componentes Antropológicas		
	Social	Educativa	Instrumental
Afetivo	1, 15, 23	3, 16, 9	5, 14, 17, 21
Cognitivo	6, 7	10, 12, 19	2, 22
Comportamental	13, 20	18, 8	4, 11

ABSTRACT:
The work presented focuses on the study of the attitudes towards statistics of students in a university in the north of Portugal. We analyzed the answers to the items of the Scale of Attitudes towards Statistics of Estrada, EAEE (Estrada, 2002). Our results indicate the need for further work by and for students, strengthening their statistical training but without forgetting its emotional component.
KEY WORDS: Attituds towards statistics, Statistic Education, Universitary students



ANÁLISIS DE RESULTADOS





CONCLUSIONES