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## Qualitative Analysis Techniques of the Literature

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### Abstract

In this article, we provide a framework for analyzing and informing a literature review or, as it is more aptly called, a research synthesis. Specifically, using Leech and Onwuegbuzie's (2007, 2008) work, we delineate how the following four major source types inform qualitative data analysis techniques that are optimal for each of these source types. Further, we outline the role that these qualitative data analysis techniques can play in the research synthesis process: comparison analysis, domain analysis, taxonomic analysis, and theme analysis. We contend that our framework is a first step in an attempt to help literature reviewers analyze and synthesize research in an optimally rigorous way.

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