

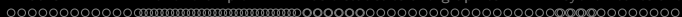


An introduction to R  
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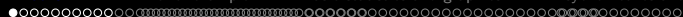




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  - Useful functions



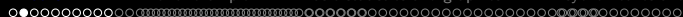


Where did it come from, why use R?

# R: Statistics for all us

- 1 What is it?
- 2 Why use it?
- 3 Common (mis)perceptions of R
- 4 Examples for psychologists
  - graphical displays
  - basic statistics
  - advanced statistics
  - Although programming is easy in R, that is beyond the scope of today



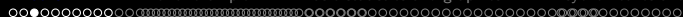


Where did it come from, why use R?

## R: What is it?

- 1 R: An international collaboration
- 2 R: The open source - public domain version of S+
- 3 R: Written by statistician (and all of us) for statisticians (and the rest of us)
- 4 R: Not just a statistics system, also an extensible language.
  - This means that as new statistics are developed they tend to appear in R far sooner than elsewhere.
  - R facilitates asking questions that have not already been asked.





Where did it come from, why use R?

## Statistical Programs for Psychologists

- General purpose programs
  - R
  - S+
  - SAS
  - SPSS
  - STATA
  - Systat
- Specialized programs
  - Mx
  - EQS
  - AMOS
  - LISREL
  - MPlus
  - Your favorite program



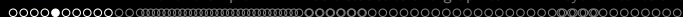


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## Statistical Programs for Psychologists

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  - R
  - \$+
  - \$A\$
  - \$P\$\$
  - \$TATA
  - \$y\$stat
- Specialized programs
  - Mx (OpenMx is part of R)
  - EQ\$
  - AMO\$
  - LI\$REL
  - MPlu\$
  - Your favorite program





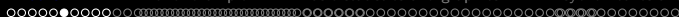
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## R: A way of thinking

- “R is the lingua franca of statistical research. Work in all other languages should be discouraged.”
- “This is R. There is no if. Only how.”
- “Overall, SAS is about 11 years behind R and S-Plus in statistical capabilities (last year it was about 10 years behind) in my estimation.”

Taken from the R.-fortunes (selections from the R.-help list serve)





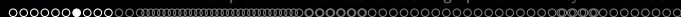
Where did it come from, why use it?

## R is open source, how can you trust it?

- Q: “When you use it [R], since it is written by so many authors, how do you know that the results are trustable?”
- A: “The R engine [...] is pretty well uniformly excellent code but you have to take my word for that. Actually, you don’t. The whole engine is open source so, if you wish, you can check every line of it. If people were out to push dodgy software, this is not the way they’d go about it.”
- Q: Are R packages bug free?
- A: No. But bugs are fixed rapidly when identified.
- Q: How does function `x` work? May I adapt it for my functions.
- A: Look at the code. Borrow what you need.







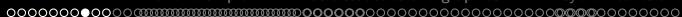
Where did it come from, why use R?

## What is R?: Technically

- R is an open source implementation of S (S-Plus is a commercial implementation)
- R is available under GNU Copy-left
- The current version of R is 2.15.0
- R is a group project run by a core group of developers (with new releases semiannually)

(Adapted from Robert Gentleman)



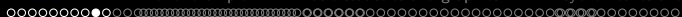


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## R: A brief history

- 1991-93: Ross Ihaka and Robert Gentleman begin work on R project at U. Auckland
- 1995: R available by ftp under the GPL
- 96-97: mailing list and R core group is formed
- 2000: John Chambers, designer of S joins the Rcore (wins a prize for best software from ACM for S)
- 2001-2013: Core team continues to improve base package with a new release every 6 months.
- Many others contribute “packages” to supplement the functionality for particular problems
  - 2003-04-01: 250 packages
  - 2004-10-01: 500 packages
  - 2007-04-12: 1,000 packages
  - 2009-10-04: 2,000 packages
  - 2011-05-12: 3,000 packages
  - 2012-05-12: 3,786 packages





Where did it come from, why use R?

## Misconception: R is hard to use

- 1 R doesn't have a GUI (Graphical User Interface)
  - Partly true, many use syntax.
  - Partly not true, GUIs exist (e.g., R Commander, R-Studio).
  - Quasi GUIs for Mac and PCs make syntax writing easier.
- 2 R syntax is hard to use
  - Not really, unless you think an iPhone is hard to use.
  - Easier to give instructions of 1-4 lines of syntax rather than pictures of what menu to pull down.
  - Keep a copy of your syntax, modify it for the next analysis.
- 3 R is not user friendly: A personological description of R
  - R is introverted: it will tell you what you want to know if you ask, but not if you don't ask.
  - R is conscientious: it wants commands to be correct.
  - R is not agreeable: its error messages are at best cryptic.
  - R is stable: it does not break down under stress.
  - R is open: new ideas about statistics are easily developed.







Installing R on your computer and adding packages

# Go to the R.project.org



## The R Project for Statistical Computing

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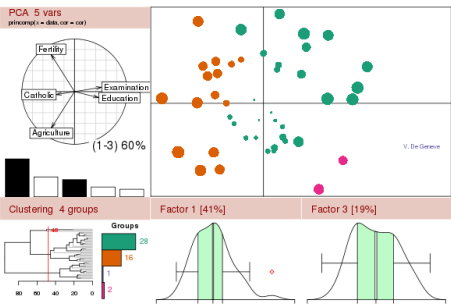
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### Getting Started:

- R is a free software environment for statistical computing and graphics. It compiles and runs on a wide variety of UNIX platforms, Windows and MacOS. To [download R](#), please choose your preferred [CRAN mirror](#).
- If you have questions about R like how to download and install the software, or what the license terms are, please read our [answers to frequently asked questions](#) before you send an email.

### News:

- **R version 2.15.0** (Easter Beagle) has been released on 2012-03-30.
- **R version 2.14.2** (Gift-Getting Season) has been released on 2012-02-29.
- **The R Journal Vol.3/2** is available.
- **useR! 2012** will take place at Vanderbilt University, Nashville Tennessee, U.S.A., June 12-15, 2012.





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# Go to the Comprehensive R Archive Network (CRAN)

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying `http://cran.r-project.org/`. The page title is "The Comprehensive R Archive Network". On the left side, there is a navigation menu with links for "CRAN", "Mirrors", "What's new?", "Task Views", "Search", "About R", "R Homepage", "The R Journal", "Software", "R Sources", "R Binaries", "Packages", "Other", "Documentation", "Manuals", "FAQs", and "Contributed".

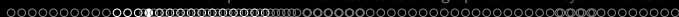
The main content area is titled "The Comprehensive R Archive Network" and contains three sections:

- Download and Install R**: This section states that precompiled binary distributions are available for Windows and Mac users. It provides three links:
  - [Download R for Linux](#)
  - [Download R for MacOS X](#)
  - [Download R for Windows](#)
- Source Code for all Platforms**: This section explains that Windows and Mac users need to compile the source code. It lists:
  - The latest release (2012-03-30, Easter Beagle): [R-2.15.0.tar.gz](#), read [what's new](#) in the latest version.
  - Sources of [R alpha and beta releases](#) (daily snapshots, created only in time periods before a planned release).
  - Daily snapshots of current patched and development versions are [available here](#). Please read about [new features and bug fixes](#) before filing corresponding feature requests or bug reports.
  - Source code of older versions of R is [available here](#).
  - Contributed extension [packages](#)
- Questions About R**: This section contains one link:
  - If you have questions about R like how to download and install the software, or what the license terms are, please read our [answers to frequently asked questions](#) before you send an email.

What are R and CRAN?

R is 'GNU S', a freely available language and environment for statistical computing and graphics which provides a wide





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## Download and install the appropriate version – PC

The screenshot shows a web browser window titled "The Comprehensive R Archive Network". The address bar contains "http://cran.r-project.org/" and the search bar contains "R cran". The browser's address bar shows several search engines: Bill's, scholar.google.com, Wikipedia, DuckDuckGo, News (18), Google Maps, RSeek.org, win-builder, and CRAN Package.

The main content of the page is titled "R for Windows". It features the CRAN logo on the left and a list of subdirectories on the right. The subdirectories are:
 

- [base](#): Binaries for base distribution (managed by Duncan Murdoch). This is what you want to [install R for the first time](#).
- [contrib](#): Binaries of contributed packages (managed by Uwe Ligges). There is also information on [third party software](#) available for CRAN Windows services and corresponding environment and make variables.
- [Rtools](#): Tools to build R and R packages (managed by Duncan Murdoch). This is what you want to build your own packages on Windows, or to build R itself.

 Below the subdirectories, there is a note: "Please do not submit binaries to CRAN. Package developers might want to contact Duncan Murdoch or Uwe Ligges directly in case of questions / suggestions related to Windows binaries."

Further down, it says: "You may also want to read the [R FAQ](#) and [R for Windows FAQ](#)."

A final note states: "Note: CRAN does some checks on these binaries for viruses, but cannot give guarantees. Use the normal precautions with downloaded executables."

On the left side of the page, there are several sections of links:
 

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## Starting R on a PC

```

R Console

R version 2.15.0 (2012-03-30)
Copyright (C) 2012 The R Foundation for Statistical Computing
ISEN 3-900051-07-0
Platform: i386-pc-mingw32/i386 (32-bit)

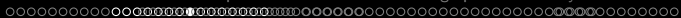
R is free software and comes with ABSOLUTELY NO WARRANTY.
You are welcome to redistribute it under certain conditions.
Type 'license()' or 'licence()' for distribution details.

Natural language support but running in an English locale

R is a collaborative project with many contributors.
Type 'contributors()' for more information and
'citation()' on how to cite R or R packages in publications.

Type 'demo()' for some demos, 'help()' for on-line help, or
'help.start()' for an HTML browser interface to help.
Type 'q()' to quit R.

> |
  
```



[Installing R on your computer and adding packages](#)

## Start up R and get ready to play (Mac version)

```
R version 2.15.0 Patched (2012-03-30 r58887) -- "Easter Beagle"  
Copyright (C) 2012 The R Foundation for Statistical Computing  
ISBN 3-900051-07-0  
Platform: x86_64-apple-darwin9.8.0/x86_64 (64-bit)
```

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```
[R.app GUI 1.43 (5920) x86_64-apple-darwin9.8.0]
```

```
[Workspace restored from /Users/revelle/.RData]
```

```
[History restored from /Users/revelle/.Rapp.history]
```





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## Installing just the psych package

RGui - [R Console]

File Edit View Misc Packages Windows Help



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R version 2.13.0 (2011-04-13)
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ISBN 3-900051-07-0
Platform: i386-pc-mingw32/i386 (32-bit)
```

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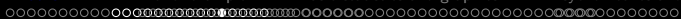
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'help.start()' for an HTML browser interface to help.
Type 'q()' to quit R.
```

```
> install.packages("psych")
```

```
--- Please select a CRAN mirror for use in this session ---
trying URL 'http://cran.stat.ucla.edu/bin/windows/contrib/2.13/psych_1.0-97.zip'
Content type 'application/zip' length 1952216 bytes (1.9 Mb)
opened URL
downloaded 1.9 Mb
```



Installing R on your computer and adding packages

## Or, install and use ctv package to load a task view on a PC

 A screenshot of the RGui console window. The window title is 'RGui - [R Console]'. The menu bar includes 'File', 'Edit', 'View', 'Misc', 'Packages', 'Windows', and 'Help'. The console output shows the R startup sequence, including copyright information, warranty disclaimer, and instructions for using R. A red arrow points from the 'Packages' menu item in the menu bar to the 'install.packages("ctv")' command in the console. Another red arrow points from the 'Packages' menu item to the 'CRAN mirror' text in the console output. The console output shows the successful installation and unpacking of the 'ctv' package.
 

```

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> install.packages("ctv")
--- Please select a CRAN mirror for use in this session ---
trying URL 'http://cran.stat.ucla.edu/bin/windows/contrib/2.13/ctv_0.7-2.zip'
Content type 'application/zip' length 298753 bytes (291 Kb)
opened URL
downloaded 291 Kb

package 'ctv' successfully unpacked and MD5 sums checked

The downloaded packages are in
      C:\users\revelle\Temp\RtmpwNzUtt\downloaded_packages
> library(ctv)
> |
  
```

Use the  
package  
menu to  
select a  
mirror





Installing R on your computer and adding packages

## Check the version number for R (should be $\geq 2.15.0$ ) and for psych ( $\geq 1.2.5$ )

```
> library(psych)
> sessionInfo()
```

```
R version 2.15.0 Patched (2012-03-30 r58887)
Platform: x86_64-apple-darwin9.8.0/x86_64 (64-bit)
```

```
locale:
```

```
[1] en_US.UTF-8/en_US.UTF-8/en_US.UTF-8/C/en_US.UTF-8/en_US.UTF-8
```

```
attached base packages:
```

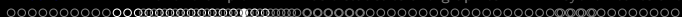
```
[1] stats     graphics  grDevices  utils      datasets  methods   base
```

```
other attached packages:
```

```
[1] MASS_7.3-17           GPArotation_2010.07-1 psych_1.2.5
```





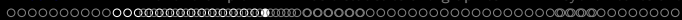


## R is extensible: The use of “packages”

- More than 3750 packages are available for R (and growing daily)
- Can search all packages that do a particular operation by using the sos package
  - `install.packages("sos")` #if you haven't already
  - `library(sos)` # make it active once you have it
    - `findFn("X")` #will search a web data base for all packages/functions that have "X"
    - `findFn("factor analysis")` #will return 9881 matches and reports the top 400
    - `findFn("Item Response Theory")` # will return 199 matches
    - `findFn("INDSCAL ")` # will return 8 matches.
- `install.packages("X")` will install a particular package (add it to your R library – you need to do this just once)
- `library(X)` #will make the package X available to use if it has been installed (and thus in your library)







[Installing R on your computer and adding packages](#)

## Questions?





Basic R capabilities: Calculation, Statistical tables, Graphics

## Basic R commands – remember don't enter the >

R is just a fancy calculator. Add, subtract, sum, products, group

```
> 2 + 2
```

```
[1] 4
```

```
> 3^4
```

```
[1] 81
```

```
> sum(1:10)
```

```
[1] 55
```

```
> prod(c(1, 2, 3, 5, 7))
```

```
[1] 210
```

It is also a statistics table ( the normal distribution, the t distribution)

```
> pnorm(q = 1)
```

```
[1] 0.8413447
```

```
> pt(q = 2, df = 20)
```

```
[1] 0.9703672
```





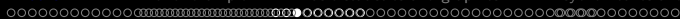
Basic R capabilities: Calculation, Statistical tables, Graphics

## R is a set of distributions. Don't buy a stats book with tables!

**Table:** To obtain the density, prefix with  $d$ , probability with  $p$ , quantiles with  $q$  and to generate random values with  $r$ . (e.g., the normal distribution may be chosen by using `dnorm`, `pnorm`, `qnorm`, or `rnorm`.)

Distribution	base name	P 1	P 2	P 3	example application
<i>Normal</i>	norm	mean	sigma		Most data
<i>Multivariate normal</i>	mvnorm	mean	r	sigma	Most data
<i>Log Normal</i>	lnorm	log mean	log sigma		income or reaction time
<i>Uniform</i>	unif	min	max		rectangular distributions
<i>Binomial</i>	binom	size	prob		Bernuilli trials (e.g. coin flips)
<i>Student's t</i>	t	df		nc	Finding significance of a t-test
<i>Multivariate t</i>	mvt	df	corr	nc	Multivariate applications
<i>Fisher's F</i>	f	df1	df2	nc	Testing for significance of F test
$\chi^2$	chisq	df		nc	Testing for significance of $\chi^2$
<i>Exponential</i>	exp	rate			Exponential decay
<i>Gamma</i>	gamma	shape	rate	scale	distribution theoryh
<i>Hypergeometric</i>	hyper	m	n	k	
<i>Logistic</i>	logis	location	scale		Item Response Theory
<i>Poisson</i>	pois	lambda			Count data
<i>Weibull</i>	weibull	shape	scale		Reaction time distributions





## A very small list of the many data sets available

```
> data()
```

```
> data(package="psych")
```

```
> data(Titanic)
```

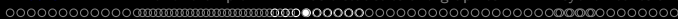
```
> ? Titanic
```

```
> data(cushny)
```

```
> ? cushney
```

- 1 This opens up a separate text window and lists all of the data sets in the currently loaded packages.
- 2 Show the data sets available in a particular package (e.g., *psych*).
- 3 Gets the particular data set with its help file (e.g., the survival rates on the Titanic cross classified by age, gender and class).
- 4 Another original data set used by “student” (Gossett) for the t-test.

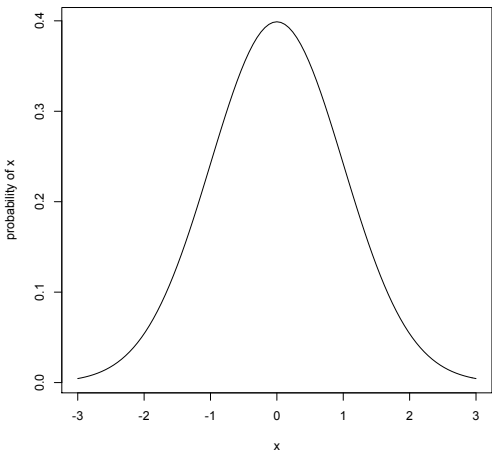




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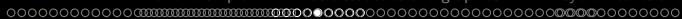
## R can draw distributions

A normal curve



```
curve(dnormal(x),-3,3,  
ylab="probability of  
x",main="A normal  
curve")
```

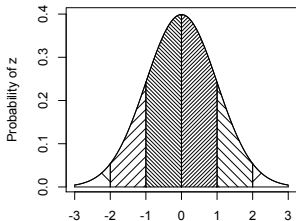




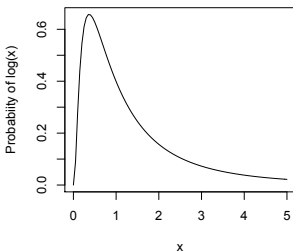
Basic R capabilities: Calculation, Statistical tables, Graphics

## R can draw more interesting distributions

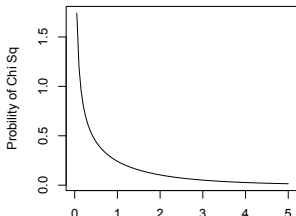
The normal curve



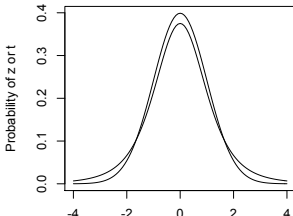
Log normal



Chi Square distribution



Normal and t with 4 df







Basic R capabilities: Calculation, Statistical tables, Graphics

## R is also a graphics calculator

The first line draws the normal curve, the second prints the title, the next lines draw the cross hatching.

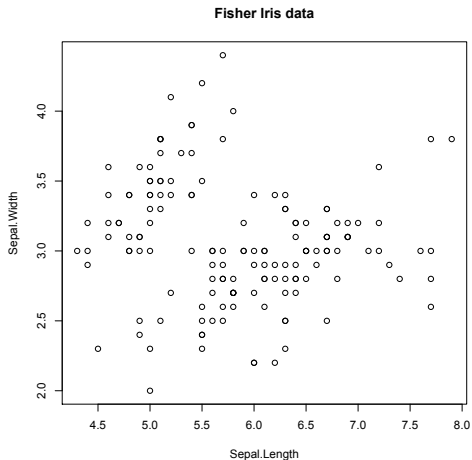
```
op <- par(mfrow=c(2,2))      #set up a 2 x 2 graph
curve(dnorm(x),-3,3,xlab="",ylab="Probability of z")
title(main="The normal curve",outer=FALSE)
xvals <- seq(-3,-2,length=100)
dvals <- dnorm(xvals)
polygon(c(xvals,rev(xvals)),c(rep(0,100),rev(dvals)),density=2,angle=-45)
xvals <- seq(-2,-1,length=100)
dvals <- dnorm(xvals)
polygon(c(xvals,rev(xvals)),c(rep(0,100),rev(dvals)),density=14,angle=45)
xvals <- seq(-1,-0,length=100)
dvals <- dnorm(xvals)
polygon(c(xvals,rev(xvals)),c(rep(0,100),rev(dvals)),density=34,angle=-45)
xvals <- seq(2,3,length=100)
dvals <- dnorm(xvals)
polygon(c(xvals,rev(xvals)),c(rep(0,100),rev(dvals)),density=2,angle=45)
xvals <- seq(1,2,length=100)
dvals <- dnorm(xvals)
polygon(c(xvals,rev(xvals)),c(rep(0,100),rev(dvals)),density=14,angle=-45)
xvals <- seq(0,1,length=100)
dvals <- dnorm(xvals)
polygon(c(xvals,rev(xvals)),c(rep(0,100),rev(dvals)),density=34,angle=45)
curve(dlnorm(x),0,5,ylab='Probabiity of log(x)',main='Log normal')
curve(dchisq(x,1),0,5,ylab='Probability of Chi Sq',xlab='Chi Sq',main='Chi Square distribution')
curve(dnorm(x),-4,4,ylab='Probability of z or t',xlab='z or t',main='Normal and t with 4 df')
curve(dt(x,4),add=TRUE)
op <- par(mfrow=c(1,1))
```





Basic R capabilities: [Calculation](#), [Statistical tables](#), [Graphics](#)

## A simple scatter plot using plot



```
plot(iris[1:2],xlab="Sepal.Length",ylab="Sepal.Width",  
     ,main="Fisher Iris data")
```









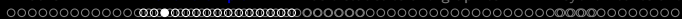
## Get the data and describe it

- 1 First read the data, either from a built in data set, a local file, a remote file, or from the clipboard.
- 2 Describe the data using the `describe` function from *psych*

```
> my.data <- sat.act #an example data file that is part of psych
#or
> file.name <- file.choose() #look for it on your hard drive
#or
> file.name <-"http://personality-project.org/r/aps/sat.act.txt"
#now read it
> my.data <- read.table(file.name,header=TRUE)
#or
> my.data <- read.clipboard() #if you have copied the data to the clipboard
> describe(my.data) #report basic descriptive statistics
```

	var	n	mean	sd	median	trimmed	mad	min	max	range	skew	kurto
gender	1	700	1.65	0.48	2	1.68	0.00	1	2	1	-0.61	-1
education	2	700	3.16	1.43	3	3.31	1.48	0	5	5	-0.68	-0
age	3	700	25.59	9.50	22	23.86	5.93	13	65	52	1.64	2
ACT	4	700	28.55	4.82	29	28.84	4.45	3	36	33	-0.66	0
SATV	5	700	612.23	112.90	620	619.45	118.61	200	800	600	-0.64	0
SATQ	6	687	610.22	115.64	620	617.25	118.61	200	800	600	-0.59	0

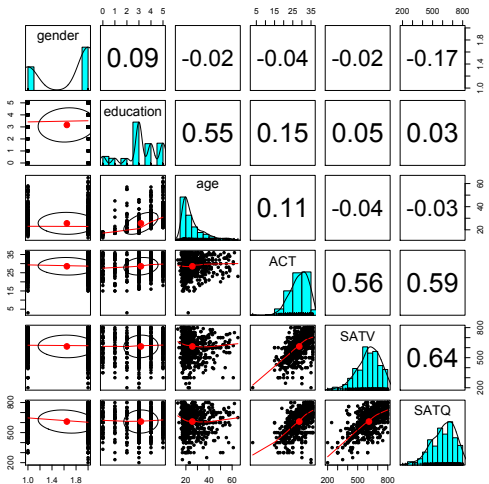




A brief example of exploratory and confirmatory data analysis

## Graphic display of data using pairs.panels

`pairs.panels(my.data)` #Note the outlier for ACT



## Clean up the data using scrub

```
> cleaned <- scrub(my.data,"ACT",min=4)
> describe(cleaned)
```

	var	n	mean	sd	median	trimmed	mad	min	max	range	skew	kurtosis	se
gender	1	700	1.65	0.48	2	1.68	0.00	1	2	1	-0.61	-1.62	0.02
education	2	700	3.16	1.43	3	3.31	1.48	0	5	5	-0.68	-0.06	0.05
age	3	700	25.59	9.50	22	23.86	5.93	13	65	52	1.64	2.47	0.36
ACT	4	699	28.58	4.73	29	28.85	4.45	15	36	21	-0.50	-0.36	0.18
SATV	5	700	612.23	112.90	620	619.45	118.61	200	800	600	-0.64	0.35	4.27
SATQ	6	687	610.22	115.64	620	617.25	118.61	200	800	600	-0.59	0.00	4.41









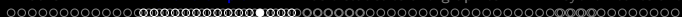












## Compare model 1 and model 2

Test the difference between the two linear models

```
> anova(mod1,mod2)
```

Analysis of Variance Table

Model 1: SATV ~ education + gender + SATQ

Model 2: SATV ~ education \* gender \* SATQ

	Res.Df	RSS	Df	Sum of Sq	F	Pr(>F)
1	683	5079984				
2	679	4870243	4	209742	7.3104	9.115e-06 ***

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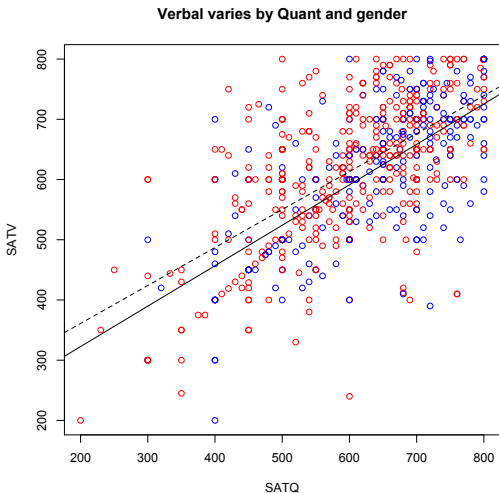
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A brief example of exploratory and confirmatory data analysis

## Show the regression lines by gender



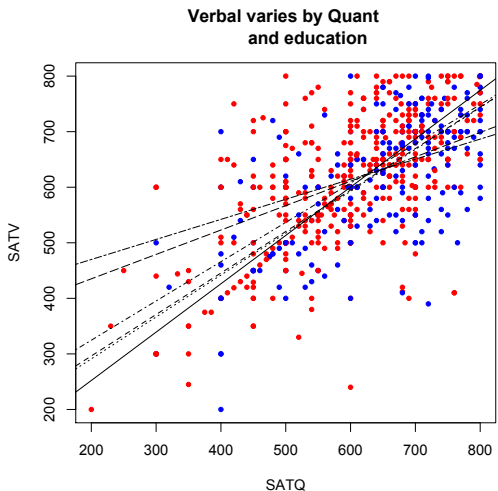
```
> with(my.data,plot(SATV~SATQ,
  col=c("blue","red")[gender]))
> by(my.data,my.data$gender,
  function(x) abline
    (lm(SATV~SATQ,data=x),
    lty=c("solid","dashed")))
> title("Verbal varies by Quant
and gender")
```





A brief example of exploratory and confirmatory data analysis

## Show the regression lines by education



```
> with(my.data, plot(SATV~SATQ,
  col=c("blue", "red")[gender]))
by(my.data, my.data$education,
  function(x) abline(lm(SATV~SATQ,
    data=my.data[my.data$education==x, ],
    lty=c("solid", "dashed", "dotted",
      "dotdash", "longdash",
      "twodash"))[(x$education+1)]))
> title("Verbal varies by Quant
  and education")
```





[A brief example of exploratory and confirmatory data analysis](#)

# Questions?





## Data entry overview

- 1 Using built in data sets for examples
  - `data()` will list  $> 100$  data sets in the `datasets` package as well as all sets in loaded packages.
  - Most packages have associated data sets used as examples
  - *psych* has  $> 40$  example data sets
- 2 Copying from another program
  - use copy and paste into R using `read.clipboard` and its variations
- 3 Reading a text or csv file
  - read a local or remote file
- 4 Importing from SPSS or SAS
- 5 Simulate it (using various simulation routines)





4 steps: read, explore, test, graph

## Examples of built in data sets from the psych package

```
> data(package="psych")
Bechtoldt       Seven data sets showing a bifactor solution.
Dwyer           8 cognitive variables used by Dwyer for an exampl
Reise           Seven data sets showing a bifactor solution.
all.income (income) US family income from US census 2008
bfi             25 Personality items representing 5 factors
blot            Bond's Logical Operations Test - BLOT
burt            11 emotional variables from Burt (1915)
cities          Distances between 11 US cities
epi.bfi         13 personality scales from the Eysenck Personali
and Big 5 inventory
flat (affect)   Two data sets of affect and arousal scores as a
personality and movie conditions
galton          Galton's Mid parent child height data
income          US family income from US census 2008
iqitems        14 multiple choice IQ items
msq             75 mood items from the Motivational State Questi
3896 participants
neo             NEO correlation matrix from the NEO_PI_R manual
sat.act         3 Measures of ability: SATV, SATQ, ACT
Thurstone       Seven data sets showing a bifactor solution.
veg (vegetables) Paired comparison of preferences for 9 vegetable
```







4 steps: read, explore, test, graph

## Reading from a local or remote file

- ❶ Perhaps the standard way of reading in data is using the `read` command.
  - First must specify the location of the file
  - Can either type this in directly or use the `file.choose` function
  - The file name/location can be a remote URL
- ❷ Two examples of reading data

```
file.name <- file.choose() #this opens a window to allow you find the file
my.data <- read.table(file.name)
datafilename="http://personality-project.org/r/datasets/R.appendix1.data"
data.ex1=read.table(datafilename,header=TRUE) #read the data into a table
```

```
> dim(data.ex1) #what are the dimensions of what we read?
```

```
[1] 18 2
```

```
> describe(data.ex1) #do the data look right?
```

	var	n	mean	sd	median	trimmed	mad	min	max	range	skew	kurtosi
Dosage*	1	18	1.89	0.76	2	1.88	1.48	1	3	2	0.16	-1.1
Alertness	2	18	27.67	6.82	27	27.50	8.15	17	41	24	0.25	0.6













## Get the data and look at it

Read in some data, look at the first and last few cases (using `headtail`), and then get basic descriptive statistics. For this example, we will use a built in data set.

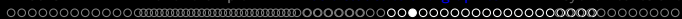
```
> my.data <- epi.bfi
> headtail(my.data)
```

	epiE	epiS	epiImp	epilie	epiNeur	bfragee	bfcon	bfext	bfneur	bfopen	bdi	traitanx	stateanx
1	18	10	7	3	9	138	96	141	51	138	1	24	22
2	16	8	5	1	12	101	99	107	116	132	7	41	40
3	6	1	3	2	5	143	118	38	68	90	4	37	44
4	12	6	4	3	15	104	106	64	114	101	8	54	40
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
228	12	7	4	3	15	155	129	127	88	110	9	35	34
229	19	10	7	2	11	162	152	163	104	164	1	29	47
230	4	1	1	2	10	95	111	75	123	138	5	39	58
231	8	6	3	2	15	85	62	90	131	96	24	58	58

`epi.bfi` has 231 cases from two personality measures.



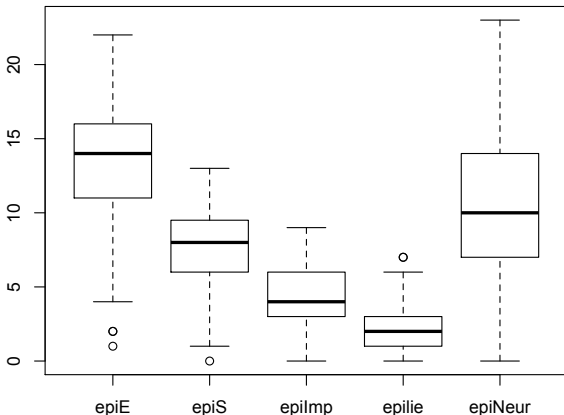




## Boxplots are a convenient descriptive device

Show the Tukey “boxplot” for the Eysenck Personality Inventory

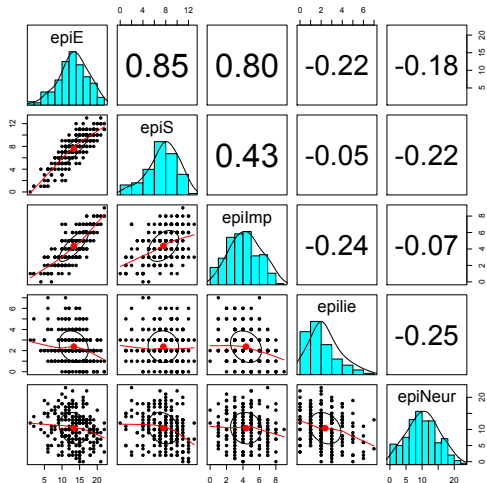
**Boxplots of EPI scales**





## Basic descriptive and inferential statistics

Plot the scatter plot matrix (SPLOM) of the first 5 variables using the `pairs.panels` function



Use the `pairs.panels` function from *psych*

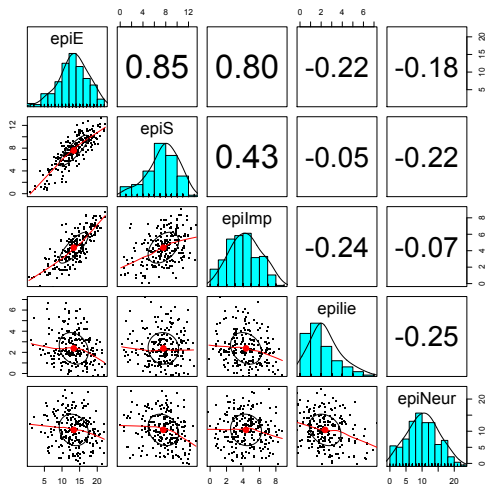
```
pairs.panels(my.data[1:5])
```





## Basic descriptive and inferential statistics

Plot the scatter plot matrix (SPLOM) of the first 5 variables using the `pairs.panels` function but with smaller `pch` and jittering the points.

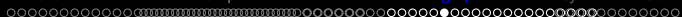


Use the `pairs.panels` function from *psych*

```
pairs.panels(my.data[1:5], pch='.',
             jiggle=TRUE)
```







## Find the correlations for this data set, round off to 2 decimal places

```
> round(cor(my.data, use = "pairwise"), 2)
```

	epiE	epiS	epiImp	epilie	epiNeur	bfagree	bfcon	bfext	bfneur	bfopen	bdi	traitanx	stateanx
epiE	1.00	0.85	0.80	-0.22	-0.18	0.18	-0.11	0.54	-0.09	0.14	-0.16	-0.23	-0.13
epiS	0.85	1.00	0.43	-0.05	-0.22	0.20	0.05	0.58	-0.07	0.15	-0.13	-0.26	-0.12
epiImp	0.80	0.43	1.00	-0.24	-0.07	0.08	-0.24	0.35	-0.09	0.07	-0.11	-0.12	-0.09
epilie	-0.22	-0.05	-0.24	1.00	-0.25	0.17	0.23	-0.04	-0.22	-0.03	-0.20	-0.23	-0.15
epiNeur	-0.18	-0.22	-0.07	-0.25	1.00	-0.08	-0.13	-0.17	0.63	0.09	0.58	0.73	0.49
bfagree	0.18	0.20	0.08	0.17	-0.08	1.00	0.45	0.48	-0.04	0.39	-0.14	-0.31	-0.19
bfcon	-0.11	0.05	-0.24	0.23	-0.13	0.45	1.00	0.27	0.04	0.31	-0.18	-0.29	-0.14
bfext	0.54	0.58	0.35	-0.04	-0.17	0.48	0.27	1.00	0.04	0.46	-0.14	-0.39	-0.15
bfneur	-0.09	-0.07	-0.09	-0.22	0.63	-0.04	0.04	0.04	1.00	0.29	0.47	0.59	0.49
bfopen	0.14	0.15	0.07	-0.03	0.09	0.39	0.31	0.46	0.29	1.00	-0.08	-0.11	-0.04
bdi	-0.16	-0.13	-0.11	-0.20	0.58	-0.14	-0.18	-0.14	0.47	-0.08	1.00	0.65	0.61
traitanx	-0.23	-0.26	-0.12	-0.23	0.73	-0.31	-0.29	-0.39	0.59	-0.11	0.65	1.00	0.57
stateanx	-0.13	-0.12	-0.09	-0.15	0.49	-0.19	-0.14	-0.15	0.49	-0.04	0.61	0.57	1.00





## Basic descriptive and inferential statistics

Find the correlations for this data set, round off to 2 decimal places using `lowerCor`

```
> lowerCor(my.data)
```

```

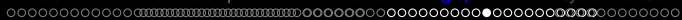
      epiE epiS epImp epili epiNr bflagr bfcon bfext bfner bfopen bdi  trtnx sttnx
epiE      1.00
epiS      0.85  1.00
epiImp    0.80  0.43  1.00
epilie   -0.22 -0.05 -0.24  1.00
epiNeur  -0.18 -0.22 -0.07 -0.25  1.00
bflagree  0.18  0.20  0.08  0.17 -0.08  1.00
bfcon     -0.11  0.05 -0.24  0.23 -0.13  0.45  1.00
bfext     0.54  0.58  0.35 -0.04 -0.17  0.48  0.27  1.00
bfneur    -0.09 -0.07 -0.09 -0.22  0.63 -0.04  0.04  0.04  1.00
bfopen    0.14  0.15  0.07 -0.03  0.09  0.39  0.31  0.46  0.29  1.00
bdi       -0.16 -0.13 -0.11 -0.20  0.58 -0.14 -0.18 -0.14  0.47 -0.08  1.00
traitanx -0.23 -0.26 -0.12 -0.23  0.73 -0.31 -0.29 -0.39  0.59 -0.11  0.65  1.00
stateanx -0.13 -0.12 -0.09 -0.15  0.49 -0.19 -0.14 -0.15  0.49 -0.04  0.61  0.57  1.00

```



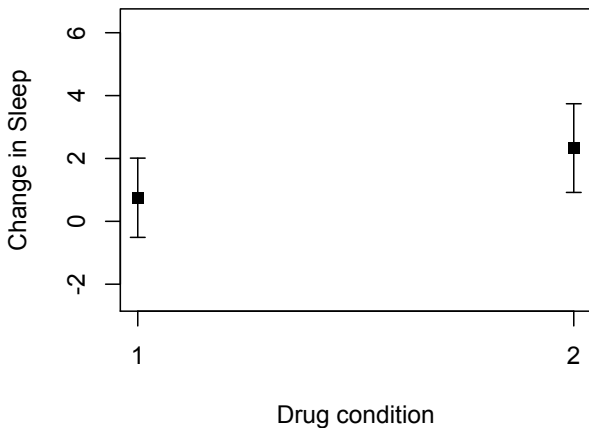






## Two ways of showing Student's t test data

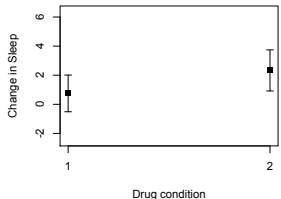
### Student's sleep data



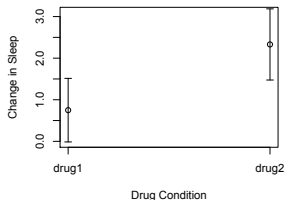


## Two ways of showing Student's t test data

Student's sleep data



Student's paired sleep data



Use the `error.bars.by` and `error.bars` functions. Note that we need to change the data structure a little bit to get the within subject error bars.

- > `error.bars.by(sleep$extra, sleep$group, by.var=TRUE, lines=FALSE, ylab="Change in Sleep", xlab="Drug condition", main="Student's sleep data")`
- > `error.bars(data.frame(drug1=sleep[1:10,1], drug2=sleep[11:20,1]), within=TRUE, ylab="Change in Sleep", xlab="Drug Condition", main="Student's paired sleep data")`





## Analysis of Variance

- 1 aov is designed for balanced designs, and the results can be hard to interpret without balance: beware that missing values in the response(s) will likely lose the balance.
- 2 If there are two or more error strata, the methods used are statistically inefficient without balance, and it may be better to use `lme` in package *nlme*.

```
datafilename="http://personality-project.org/R/datasets/R.appendix2.data"
data.ex2=read.table(datafilename,header=T) #read the data into a table
data.ex2 #show the data
```

```
data.ex2
```

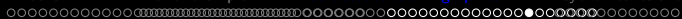
```
#show the data
```

Observation	Gender	Dosage	Alertness	
1	1	m	a	8
2	2	m	a	12
3	3	m	a	13
4	4	m	a	12
...				
14	14	f	b	12
15	15	f	b	18
16	16	f	b	22









## Show the results table

```
> print(model.tables(aov.ex2, "means"), digits=3)
```

```
Residuals      12 311.250  25.938
```

```
Tables of means
```

```
Grand mean
```

```
14.0625
```

```
Gender
```

```
Gender
```

```
      f      m
```

```
16.25 11.88
```

```
Dosage
```

```
Dosage
```

```
      a      b
```

```
13.50 14.62
```

```
Gender: Dosage
```

```
  Dosage
```

```
Gender a      b
```

```
  f 15.75 16.75
```

```
  m 11.25 12.50
```







## Analysis of variance within subjects

```
> datafilename="http://personality-project.org/r/datasets/R.appendix5.data"
> data.ex5=read.table(datafilename,header=T) #read the data into a table
> #data.ex5 #show the data
> aov.ex5 =
+ aov(Recall~(Task*Valence*Gender*Dosage)+Error(Subject/(Task*Valence))+
+ (Gender*Dosage),data.ex5)
> summary(aov.ex5)
```

Error: Subject

	Df	Sum Sq	Mean Sq	F value	Pr(>F)
Gender	1	542.26	542.26	5.6853	0.03449 *
Dosage	2	694.91	347.45	3.6429	0.05803 .
Gender:Dosage	2	70.80	35.40	0.3711	0.69760
Residuals	12	1144.56	95.38		

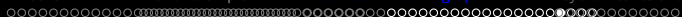
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Error: Subject:Task

	Df	Sum Sq	Mean Sq	F value	Pr(>F)
Task	1	96.333	96.333	39.8621	3.868e-05 ***
Task:Gender	1	1.333	1.333	0.5517	0.4719
Task:Dosage	2	8.167	4.083	1.6897	0.2257
Task:Gender:Dosage	2	3.167	1.583	0.6552	0.5370
Residuals	12	29.000	2.417		

... (lots more)





## Multiple regression

- 1 Use the `sat.act` data set from *psych*
- 2 Do the linear model
- 3 Summarize the results

```
mod1 <- lm(SATV ~ education + gender + SATQ, data=sat.act)
> summary(mod1, digits=2)
```

Call:

```
lm(formula = SATV ~ education + gender + SATQ, data = sat.act)
```

Residuals:

Min	1Q	Median	3Q	Max
-372.91	-49.08	2.30	53.68	251.93

Coefficients:

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t )
(Intercept)	180.87348	23.41019	7.726	3.96e-14 ***
education	1.24043	2.32361	0.534	0.59363
gender	20.69271	6.99651	2.958	0.00321 **
SATQ	0.64489	0.02891	22.309	< 2e-16 ***

Signif. codes: 0 '\*\*\*' 0.001 '\*\*' 0.01 '\*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

Residual standard error: 86.24 on 683 degrees of freedom

(13 observations deleted due to missingness)

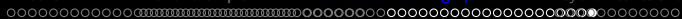
Multiple R-squared: 0.4231, Adjusted R-squared: 0.4205

F-statistic: 167 on 3 and 683 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16

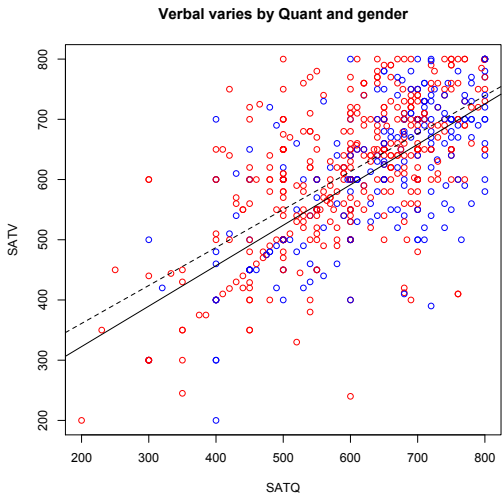








## Show the regression lines by gender

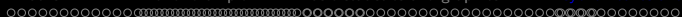


```

> with(sat.act,plot(SATV~SATQ,
  col=c("blue","red")[gender]))
> by(sat.act,sat.act$gender,
  function(x) abline
    (lm(SATV~SATQ,data=x),
    lty=c("solid","dashed")))
> title("Verbal varies by Quant
  and gender")

```





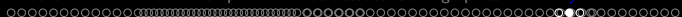
# Psychometrics

- 1 Classical test theory measures of reliability
  - Scoring tests
  - Reliability (alpha, beta, omega)
- 2 Multivariate Analysis
  - Factor Analysis
  - Components analysis
  - Multidimensional scaling
  - Structural Equation Modeling
- 3 Item Response Theory
  - One parameter (Rasch) models
  - 2PL and 2PN models









## Classical Test measures of reliability

# Using `score.items` to score 25 Big 5 items (taken from the bfi example)

```
> keys.list <- list(Agree=c(-1,2:5),Conscientious=c(6:8,-9,-10),Extraversion=c(-11,-12,13:15),
                   Neuroticism=c(16:20),Openness = c(21,-22,23,24,-25))
> keys <- make.keys(28,keys.list,item.labels=colnames(bfi))
> score.items(keys,bfi)
```

```
Call: score.items(keys = keys, items = bfi)
```

(Unstandardized) Alpha:

	Agree	Conscientious	Extraversion	Neuroticism	Openness
alpha	0.7	0.72	0.76	0.81	0.6

Average item correlation:

	Agree	Conscientious	Extraversion	Neuroticism	Openness
average.r	0.32	0.34	0.39	0.46	0.23

Guttman 6\* reliability:

	Agree	Conscientious	Extraversion	Neuroticism	Openness
Lambda.6	0.7	0.72	0.76	0.81	0.6

Scale intercorrelations corrected for attenuation

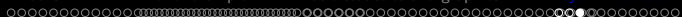
raw correlations below the diagonal, alpha on the diagonal

corrected correlations above the diagonal:

	Agree	Conscientious	Extraversion	Neuroticism	Openness
Agree	0.70	0.36	0.63	-0.245	0.23
Conscientious	0.26	0.72	0.35	-0.305	0.30
Extraversion	0.46	0.26	0.76	-0.284	0.32
Neuroticism	-0.18	-0.23	-0.22	0.812	-0.12
Openness	0.15	0.19	0.22	-0.086	0.60

...





## Classical Test measures of reliability

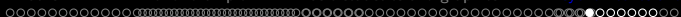
## score.items output, continued

Item by scale correlations:

corrected for item overlap and scale reliability

	Agree	Conscientious	Extraversion	Neuroticism	Openness
A1	-0.40	-0.06	-0.11	0.14	-0.14
A2	0.67	0.23	0.40	-0.07	0.17
A3	0.70	0.22	0.48	-0.11	0.17
A4	0.49	0.29	0.30	-0.14	0.01
A5	0.62	0.23	0.55	-0.23	0.18
C1	0.13	0.53	0.19	-0.08	0.28
C2	0.21	0.61	0.17	0.00	0.20
C3	0.21	0.54	0.14	-0.09	0.08
C4	-0.24	-0.66	-0.23	0.31	-0.23
C5	-0.26	-0.59	-0.29	0.36	-0.10
E1	-0.30	-0.06	-0.59	0.11	-0.16
E2	-0.39	-0.25	-0.70	0.34	-0.15
E3	0.44	0.20	0.60	-0.10	0.37
E4	0.51	0.23	0.68	-0.22	0.04
E5	0.34	0.40	0.55	-0.10	0.31
N1	-0.22	-0.21	-0.11	0.76	-0.12
N2	-0.22	-0.19	-0.12	0.74	-0.06
N3	-0.14	-0.20	-0.14	0.74	-0.03
N4	-0.22	-0.30	-0.39	0.62	-0.02
N5	-0.04	-0.14	-0.19	0.55	-0.18
O1	0.16	0.20	0.31	-0.09	0.52
O2	-0.01	-0.18	-0.07	0.19	-0.45
O3	0.26	0.20	0.42	-0.07	0.61
O4	0.06	-0.02	-0.10	0.21	0.32
O5	-0.09	-0.14	-0.11	0.11	-0.53
gender	0.25	0.11	0.12	0.14	-0.07
education	0.06	0.03	0.01	-0.06	0.13
age	0.22	0.14	0.07	-0.13	0.10





## Factor analysis of Thurstone 9 variable problem

```
> f3 <- fa(Thurstone,3) #use this built in dataset
> f3
```

Factor Analysis using method = minres

```
Call: fac(r = r, nfactors = nfactors, n.obs = n.obs, rotate = rotate,
  scores = scores, residuals = residuals, SMC = SMC, missing = FALSE,
  impute = impute, min.err = min.err, max.iter = max.iter,
  symmetric = symmetric, warnings = warnings, fm = fm, alpha = alpha)
```

Standardized loadings based upon correlation matrix

	MR1	MR2	MR3	h2	u2
Sentences	0.91	-0.04	0.04	0.82	0.18
Vocabulary	0.89	0.06	-0.03	0.84	0.16
Sent.Completion	0.83	0.04	0.00	0.73	0.27
First.Letters	0.00	0.86	0.00	0.73	0.27
4.Letter.Words	-0.01	0.74	0.10	0.63	0.37
Suffixes	0.18	0.63	-0.08	0.50	0.50
Letter.Series	0.03	-0.01	0.84	0.72	0.28
Pedigrees	0.37	-0.05	0.47	0.50	0.50
Letter.Group	-0.06	0.21	0.64	0.53	0.47

	MR1	MR2	MR3
SS loadings	2.64	1.86	1.50
Proportion Var	0.29	0.21	0.17
Cumulative Var	0.29	0.50	0.67

With factor correlations of

	MR1	MR2	MR3
MR1	1.00	0.59	0.54
MR2	0.59	1.00	0.52
MR3	0.54	0.52	1.00

...





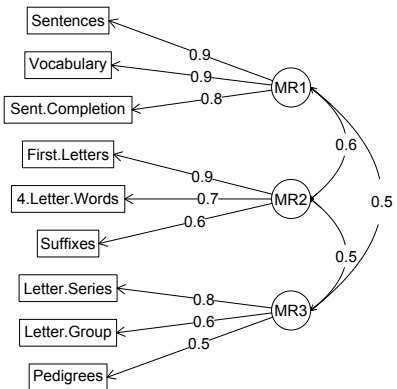




## The simple factor structure

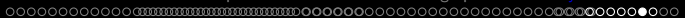
`factor.diagram(f3) # show the diagram`

### Factor Analysis





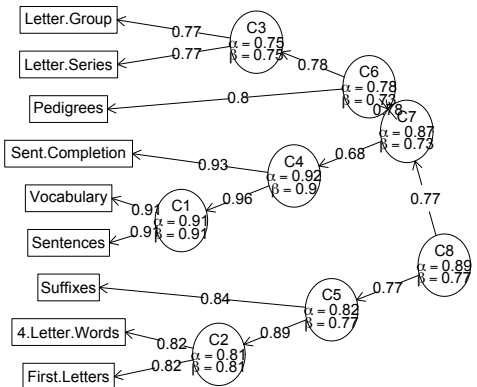


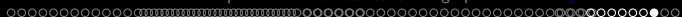


## A hierarchical cluster structure found by iclust

iclust(Thurstone)

iclust

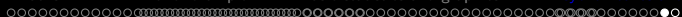




## Structural Equation modeling packages

- 1 sem (by John Fox and others)
  - uses RAM notation
- 2 lavaan (by Yves Rosseel and others)
  - Mimics as much as possible MPLUS output
  - Allows for multiple groups
  - Easy syntax
- 3 OpenMx
  - Open source and R version of Mx
  - Allows for multiple groups (and almost anything else)
  - Complicated syntax

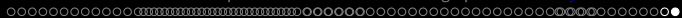




## Multiple packages to do Item Response Theory analysis

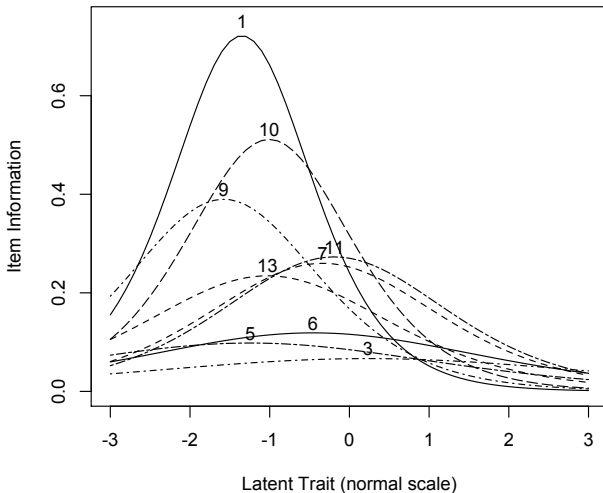
- 1 *psych* uses a factor analytic procedure to estimate item discriminations and locations
  - `irt.fa` finds either tetrachoric or polychoric correlation matrices
    - converts factor loadings to discriminations
  - `plot.irt` plots item information and item characteristic functions
  - look at examples for `irt.fa`
  - two example data sets: `iqitems` and `bfi`
- 2 Other packages include *ltm*, *eRm*, *mirt*, + others

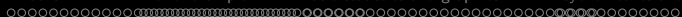




# Item Response Information curves for 14 iq items

Item information from factor analysis

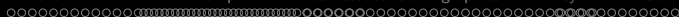




## A brief technical interlude

- 1 Data structures
  - The basic: scalars, vectors, matrices
  - More advanced data frames and lists
  - Showing the data
- 2 Getting the length, dimensions and structure of a data structure
  - `length(x)`, `dim(x)`, `str(x)`
- 3 Objects and Functions
  - Functions act upon objects
  - Functions actually are objects themselves
  - Getting help for a function or a package





## The basic types of data structures

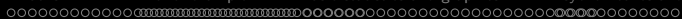
- 1 Scalars (characters, integers, reals, complex)  

```
> A <- 1  
> B <- 2
```
- 2 Vectors (of scalars, all of one type) have length  

```
> C <- month.name[1:5]  
> D <- 12:24  
> length(D)  
  
[1] 13
```
- 3 Matrices (all of one type) have dimensions  

```
> E <- matrix(1:20, ncol = 4)  
> dim(E)  
  
[1] 5 4
```





## Show values by entering the variable name

```
> A
```

```
[1] 1
```

```
> B
```

```
[1] 2
```

```
> C
```

```
[1] "January" "February" "March"    "April"    "May"
```

```
> D
```

```
[1] 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24
```

```
> E
```

```
      [,1] [,2] [,3] [,4]
[1,]    1    6   11   16
[2,]    2    7   12   17
[3,]    3    8   13   18
[4,]    4    9   14   19
[5,]    5   10   15   20
```





## More complicated (and useful) types: Data frames and Lists

- 1 Data frames are collections of vectors and may be of different type. They have two dimensions.

```
> E.df <- data.frame(names = C, values = c(31, 28, 31, 30, 31))
```

```
> dim(E.df)
```

```
[1] 5 2
```

- 2 Lists are collections of what ever you want. They have length, but do not have dimensions.

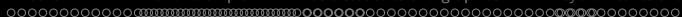
```
> F <- list(first = A, a.vector = C, a.matrix = E)
```

```
> length(F)
```

```
[1] 3
```







## Show values by entering the variable name

```
> E.df
```

```
      names values
1  January     31
2  February    28
3   March     31
4   April     30
5    May     31
```

```
> F
```

```
$first
[1] 1
```

```
$a.vector
```

```
[1] "January" "February" "March"    "April"    "May"
```

```
$a.matrix
```

```
      [,1] [,2] [,3] [,4]
[1,]    1    6   11   16
[2,]    2    7   12   17
[3,]    3    8   13   18
[4,]    4    9   14   19
[5,]    5   10   15   20
```



- 1 To show the structure of a list, use `str`

```
> str(F)
```

```
List of 3
```

```
$ first : num 1
```

```
$ a.vector: chr [1:5] "January" "February" "March" "April" ...
```

```
$ a.matrix: int [1:5, 1:4] 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 ...
```

- 2 to address an element of a list, call it by name or number, to get a row or column of a matrix specify the row, column or both.

```
> F[[2]]
```

```
[1] "January" "February" "March" "April" "May"
```

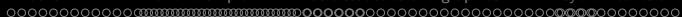
```
> F[["a.matrix"]][, 2]
```

```
[1] 6 7 8 9 10
```

```
> F[["a.matrix"]][2, ]
```

```
[1] 2 7 12 17
```





## Addressing the elements of a data.frame or matrix

Setting row and column names using paste

```
> E <- matrix(1:20, ncol = 4)
> colnames(E) <- paste("C", 1:ncol(E), sep = "")
> rownames(E) <- paste("R", 1:nrow(E), sep = "")
> E
```

```
      C1 C2 C3 C4
R1    1  6 11 16
R2    2  7 12 17
R3    3  8 13 18
R4    4  9 14 19
R5    5 10 15 20
```

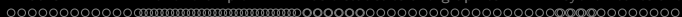
```
> E["R2", ]
```

```
 C1 C2 C3 C4
  2  7 12 17
```

```
> E[, 3:4]
```

```
      C3 C4
R1   11 16
R2   12 17
R3   13 18
R4   14 19
R5   15 20
```





## Objects and Functions

- 1 R is a collection of Functions that act upon and return Objects
- 2 Although most functions can act on an object and return an object (  $a = f(b)$  ), some are binary operators
  - primitive arithmetic functions  $+$ ,  $-$ ,  $*$ ,  $/$ ,  $\%*\%$ ,
  - logical functions  $<$ ,  $>$ ,  $==$ ,  $!=$
- 3 Some functions do not return values
  - `print(x,digits=3)`
  - `summary(some object)`
- 4 But most useful functions act on an object and return a resulting object
  - this allows for extraordinary power because you can combine functions by making the output of one the input of the next.
  - The number of R functions is very large, for each package has introduced more functions, but for any one task, not many functions need to be learned.





## Getting help

- ① All functions have a help menu
  - `help(the function)`
  - `? the function`
  - most function help pages have examples to show how to use the function
- ② Most packages have “vignettes” that give overviews of all the functions in the package and are somewhat more readable than the help for a specific function.
  - The examples are longer, somewhat more readable. (e.g., the vignette for *psych* is available either from the menu (Mac) or from <http://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/psych/vignettes/overview.pdf>)
- ③ To find a function in the entire R space, use `findFn` in the *sos* package.
- ④ Online tutorials (e.g., <http://Rpad.org> for a list of important commands, <http://personality-project.org/r>) for a tutorial for psychologists.
- ⑤ Online and hard copy books







## More useful statistical functions, Use ? for details

[mean](#) (x)  
[is.na](#) (x) also [is.null\(x\)](#), [is...](#)  
[na.omit](#) (x) ignore missing data  
[sum](#) (x)  
[rowSums](#) (x) see also [colSums\(x\)](#)  
[min](#) (x)  
[max](#) (x)  
[range](#) (x)  
[table](#) (x)  
[summary](#) (x) depends upon x  
[sd](#) (x) standard deviation  
[cor](#) (x) correlation  
[cov](#) (x) covariance  
[solve](#) (x) inverse of x  
[lm](#) ( $y \sim x$ ) linear model  
[aov](#) ( $y \sim x$ ) ANOVA

Selected functions from *psych* package

[describe](#) (x) descriptive stats  
[describe.by](#) (x,y) descriptives by group  
[pairs.panels](#) (x) SPLOM  
[error.bars](#) (x) means + error bars  
[error.bars.by](#) (x) Error bars by groups  
[fa](#) (x,n) Factor analysis  
[principal](#) (x,n) Principal components  
[iclust](#) (x) Item cluster analysis  
[score.items](#) (x) score multiple scales  
[score.multiple.choice](#) (x) score multiple choice scales  
[alpha](#) (x) Cronbach's alpha  
[omega](#) (x) MacDonald's omega  
[irt.fa](#) (x) Item response theory through factor analysis





# Questions?

