

# **Test Dimension and Factor Analysis**

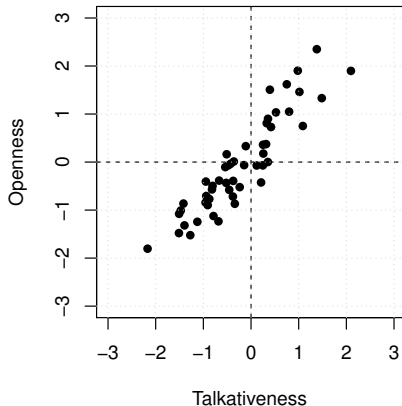
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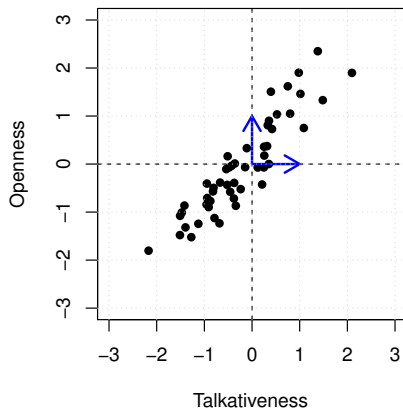
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- ▶ Hypothetical test contains items related to openness and talkativeness.
- ▶ Notice the high correlation between variables.



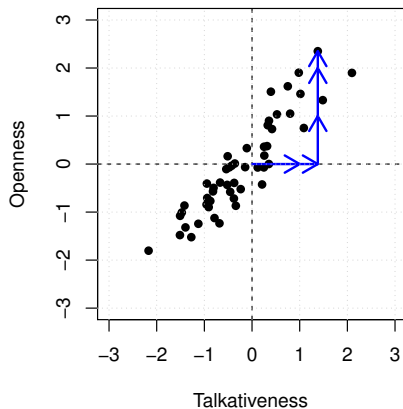
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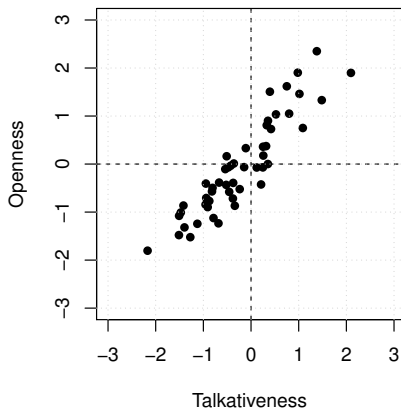
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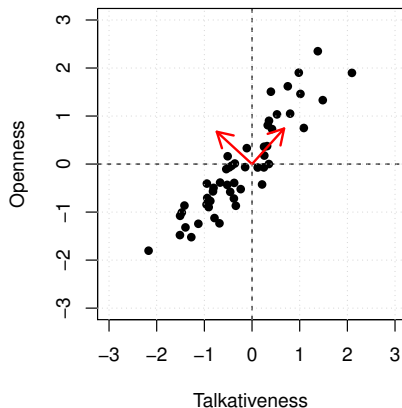
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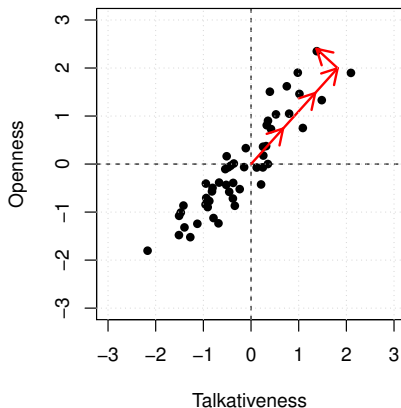
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- Replotting with the new axes reveals that most of the variability in the data lies along *one-dimension*.

