#### matRiks

# An R package for the automatic generation of Raven-like matrices

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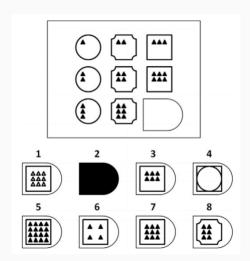
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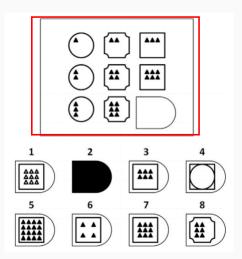
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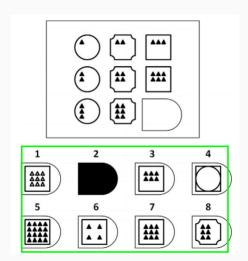
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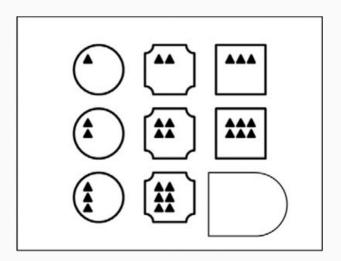


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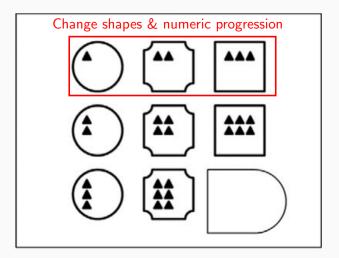
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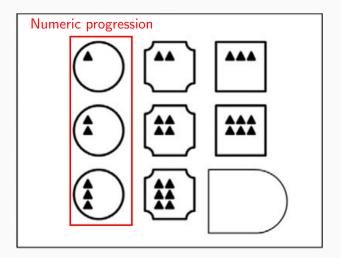
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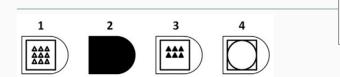


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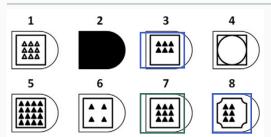








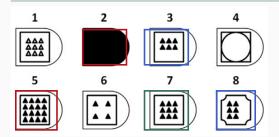




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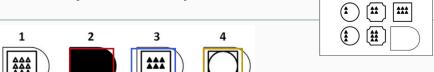


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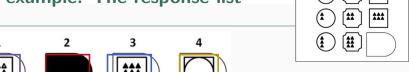
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**Almost** the correct response

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Rule name	Definition
•	Visually merge two elements
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Movement	With a steady background, the movement is created by changing the position of an object across the cells
Rotation	The spatial orientation of the figure changes across the cells
Mental trans-	The third cell results from the application of the charac-
formation	teristics in the second cell to the figures in the first cell.
Numeric pro-	Quantitative increase or decrease in the number of fea-
gression	tures from cell to cell
Changes in	The figures change across cells
shape	
Changes in	The shading of the figures changes across cells
shade	
Changes in size	The size of the figures changes across cells
Changes in	The margins of the figures change across cells
margins	
AND	The third cell contains ONLY the elements that appeared
	in both the first and second cells
OR	The third cell contains ALL the elements in the first and
	second cells
XOR	The third cell contains the elements in the first cell not
	present in the second cell and viceversa
	Mental transformation Numeric progression Changes in shape Changes in shade Changes in size Changes in size Changes in Margins AND OR

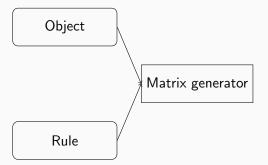
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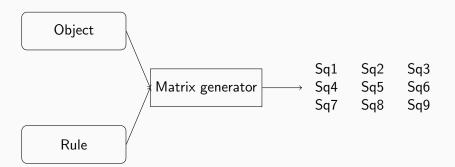
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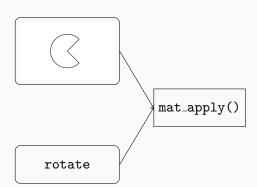


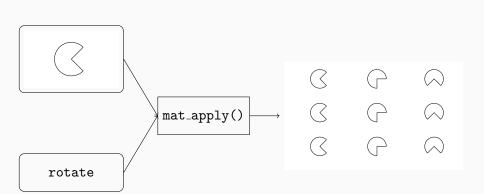






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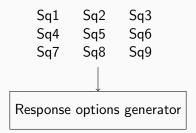




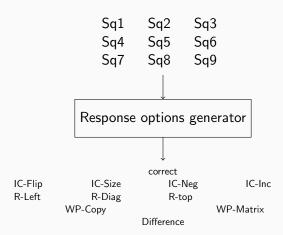
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Sq1 Sq2 Sq3Sq4 Sq5 Sq6Sq7 Sq8 Sq9

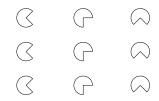
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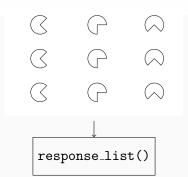


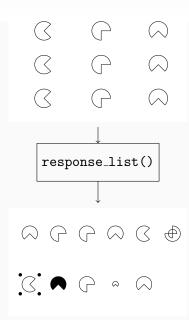
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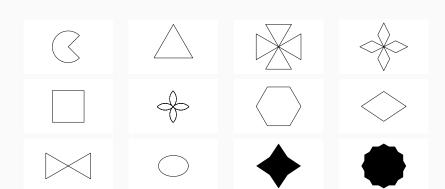
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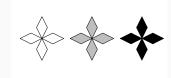


#### Visuospatial rules

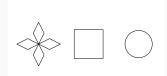
#### Rotate



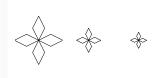
#### Shade



#### Shape



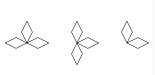
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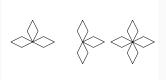
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#### Logical rules

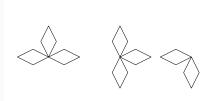
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OR (∪)



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#### Stimuli

40 Raven-like matrices:

- 5 Mono images
- 2 × 2 matrices
- 3 × 3 matrices



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#### Note

- 2 matrices were eliminated because of technical issues
- 4 matrices were eliminated because a lack of monotonicity

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# Starting model

The starting model included 34 matrices:

Madcov	SRMR	SRMSR	MADaQ3	<i>p</i> -value
0.97	0.06	0.08	0.05	< 0.001

Oufit statistic suggested the underfit of one matrix (item 21)  $\rightarrow$  removed and refitted the model

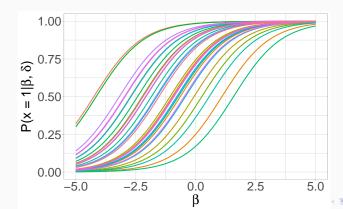
- ullet Check for infit/outfit o no matrices were identified as underfitting
- Check for local dependence:
  - Matrix 37 − 36 → Matrix 37 eliminated
  - Matrix  $28 40 \rightarrow Matrix 40$  eliminated

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