Implicit assessment in psychology: How to work with the IAT

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What we're using today

- download R Studio and follow the instructions



- for an easy analsyis of the data (no need to install)
- implicitMeasures R package

Disclaimer

This tutorial assumes that Inquisit is used for collecting the IAT data.

It is indeed based on data collected with Inquisit, available here

It is a Race IAT data set with observations from 142 participants.

Explicit measures (i.e., political orientation and attitudes towards $Black/White\ people$) have been collected as well

Both the shiny app and the package can be used with data collected with other administration software

$\mathsf{DScoreApp}$

If you want it simple, DScoreApp is made for you!

Adavantages

- It's super easy to use
- Well documented and the maintainer is always available to help you
- You can visually inspect the results as you compute them
- There's a toy data set with which you can familiarize with the app

Disadvantages

- You have to use excel to prepare the data
- You can compute only one D score at the time
- You have to manually merge in excel the data set with explicit measures to run further analysis

Let's start

Let's take a look at DScoreApp

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Data set have to be arranged in 4 columns, named:

- participant: participant's IDs
- block: Mapping A and Mapping B block labels
- latency: response times
- correct: accuracy responses

The data set

From Inquisit, we usually obtain a .dat file:

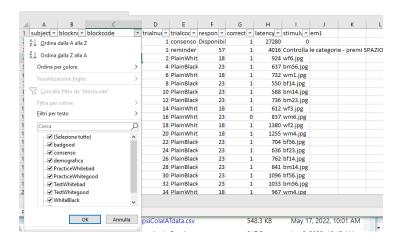
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                                                                                       1090
                                                                                              cattivo
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                                       badgood 4
                                                       Plainbadleft
                                                                                               fallimento
```

Just Copy & Paste in an Excel file! If you don't have "," as the default colum separator: Dati \to Testo in colonne \to Delimitato \to virgola

Just delete the unnecessary columns:

- date
- time
- build

The first column of interest is blockcode. Use the filter function to see all the possible values of the column



The blocks we need are the "critical" blocks of the IAT:

- PracticeWhitegood
- TestWhitegood
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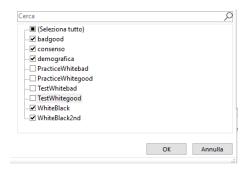
- PracticeWhitegood
- TestWhitegood
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- TestWhitebad

White-Good/Black-Bad Condition (MappingA)

Black-Good/White-Bad Condition (MappingB)

Just select those..... by eliminating all other blocks!

From the filter on the column blockcode, select all blocks but PracticeWhitegood, TestWhitegood, PracticeWhitebad, TestWhitebad:



Highlight and delete all the rows that remained after the filter has been applied

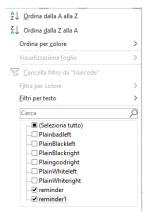
Don't panic when you see you have no more rows

Remove the filter from blockcode and it's all done...ish

trialcode

After selecting the blocks of interest, we still have some trials that are part of the experiment but of no interest for the D score computation (e.g., reminders, instructions)

Set a filter on the trialcode column and select the non-relevant trials:



trialcode

Select all the rows left after applying the filter

Delete them

(Again, don't panic)

Remove the filter from the trialcode column

Polish the data set

Remove any filter left

Remove all the unnecessary columns (blocknum, trialnum, trialcode, response, stimulusitem1)

Rename the remaining columns according to the shiny app instructions:

- ullet subject o participant
- ullet blockcode o block
- ullet latency o latency
- ullet correct o correct

The final look

Δ	Α	В	С	D	Е
1	participant	block	correct	latency	
2	1	PracticeWhitebad	1	725	
3	1	PracticeWhitebad	1	1052	
4	1	PracticeWhitebad	1	1517	
5	1	PracticeWhitebad	1	767	
6	1	PracticeWhitebad	1	985	
7	1	PracticeWhitebad	1	708	
8	1	PracticeWhitebad	1	689	
9	1	PracticeWhitebad	1	719	
10	1	PracticeWhitebad	1	550	
11	1	PracticeWhitebad	1	1101	
12	1	PracticeWhitebad	1	918	
13	1	PracticeWhitebad	1	812	
14	1	PracticeWhitebad	1	717	
15	1	PracticeWhitebad	1	1028	
16	1	PracticeWhitebad	1	823	
17	1	PracticeWhitebad	1	843	
18	1	PracticeWhitebad	1	764	
19	1	PracticeWhitebad	1	651	
20	1	PracticeWhitebad	1	1076	

The file must be saved as .csv with "," specified as the column separator It's super important that "," is set as the column separator because otherwise the app won't work and won't throw an error (because the maintainer thought "I'll add the error message tomorrow")

Upload the data set



Browse through your files, select the file you have just created. It will be automatically uploaded

Prepare the data set



To change the mapping for the computation of the ${\it D}$ score, just select the labels of the blocks from the drop down menu

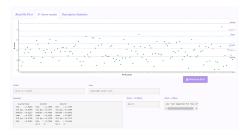
When you're all set just click "Prepare data" and wait for the "Data are ready" message to appear.

Select your *D*

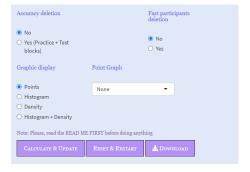
Just select the D score you want to compute from the drop down menu, click on "Calculate & Update", and it's all done! The D scores will shortly appear in the Results panel



(default) Results panel



Play with graphical representations and settings



Download

Once you're done, you can download the results in a .csv file ("," is the column separator)

The name of the file contains the label of the last ${\it D}$ score you have computed

For instance, if D3 is the last algorithm you have computed, than the file name will be: ShinyAPPDscore3.csv

implicitMeasures

If you are an R user, implicitMeasures is made for you!

Adavantages

- It's super easy to use
- Well documented and the maintainer is always available to help you
- You can compute multiple D scores all at once
- Computes the score also for the SC-IAT
- You can compute the D score and run further analysis all in the same place

Disadvantages

- You have to be familiar with R to efficiently use implicitMeasures

Install & Upload

Install package:

- > install.packages("implicitMeasures")
- Upload the package so you can use its functions:
- > library(implicitMeasures)
- and now you're good to go

Import dataset

> data = read.table("IATdata.dat", header = TRUE, sep = "\t")

Again, we use the data set obtained from Inquisit (file .dat):

```
> head(data)
    date time build subject blocknum blockcode trialnum
1 121318 09:55 3.0.6.0
                                          consenso
2 121318 09:55 3.0.6.0
                                     19 WhiteBlack
3 121318 09:55 3.0.6.0
                                     19 WhiteBlack
                                                            PlainW
4 121318 09:55 3.0.6.0
                                     19 WhiteBlack
                                                          4 PlainBl
5 121318 09:55 3.0.6.0
                                     19 WhiteBlack
                                                          6 PlainW
6 121318 09:55 3.0.6.0
                                     19 WhiteBlack
                                                          8 PlainBl
                                                           response
```

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3 4 5

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> table(data\$blockcode)

badgood	consenso	demografica	PracticeWhite
5985	147	852	:
PracticeWhitegood	TestWhitebad	TestWhitegood	WhiteB
3003	5822	5863	;
WhiteBlack2nd			
3003			

We have a lot of stuff to get rid of....

trialcode

> table(data\$trialcode)

	occupazio	età	edu	consenso
	142	142	142	147
Pla	PlainWhiteleft	Plaingoodright	PlainBlackright	PlainBlackleft
	3560	7125	3561	3575
	reminder1	reminder	pol2	pol1
	285	857	142	142

Prepare data set

```
> data clean = clean iat(
    data, # data set name
+
    sbj id = "subject", # column of sbj IDs
+
    block_id = "blockcode", # column of the block labels
+
+
   mapA practice = "PracticeWhitegood",
   mapA_test = "TestWhitegood",
+
+
   mapB_practice = "PracticeWhitebad",
+
   mapB test = "TestWhitebad",
    latency_id = "latency", # column with latency
+
    accuracy_id = "correct", # column with accuracy
+
    trial id = "trialcode", # column with trial labels
    trial_eliminate = c("reminder", "reminder1"), # trials to get rid of
    demo_id = "blockcode", # column of the block labels
+
+
    trial_demo = "demografica" # label of the demographic trials
+ )
```

- > names(data_clean)
- [1] "data_keep" "data_eliminate" "demo"
 - data_keep: the data set on which we compute the *D* scores (with class data.frame, iat_clean)
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 - demo: a data set containing all the demographic infos (we will see it later!)

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If you export in .csv data_keep you can upload it to DScoreApp!

> write.table(data_clean[[1]], "cleanIAT.csv", sep = ",", row

Compute D score

```
> iat = data clean[[1]]
Use the compute_iat() function:
> d3 = compute_iat(iat, Dscore = "d3")
> head(d3[, 1:5])
  participant n_trial nslow10000 nfast400 nfast300
                  120
                                      0.01
2
                  120
                                      0.03
3
                  120
                                      0.14
                  120
                                      0.07
5
            5
                  120
                                      0.00
6
                  120
                                      0.00
```

```
> head(d3[, 6:10])
```

```
accuracy.practice_MappingA accuracy.practice_MappingB accuracy.te
                          1.00
1
                                                        1.00
2
                          1.00
                                                        0.95
3
                          0.95
                                                        0.75
                          1.00
                                                        0.95
5
                          0.95
                                                        1.00
6
                          0.95
                                                        0.90
                                            ıgA
```

	accuracy.test_MappingB	accuracy.Mappin
L	0.950	0.98333
	1 000	0 00000

1	0.950	0.9833333
2	1.000	0.9833333
3	0.900	0.9000000
4	0.950	0.9666667
5	0.925	0.9333333

6

```
> head(d3[, 11:15])
```

```
accuracy. MappingB RT_mean. MappingA RT_mean. MappingB mean_practice
1
          0.9666667
                             597.6649
                                               738,7075
2
          0.9833333
                             598.3324
                                               649.2085
3
          0.8500000
                             575.2006
                                               721.7637
4
          0.9500000
                             606.2957
                                                645,4930
5
          0.9500000
                             849.8184
                                               1011.9773
6
          0.9500000
                             914.6978
                                               981.7482
  mean_test_MappingA
            585.7973
2
            589.5736
3
            585.2044
4
            618.3685
5
            695.3284
6
            911.1501
```

> head(d3[, 16:19])

	mean_practice_MappingB	mean_test_MappingB	$d_practice_d3$	d_test_o
1	851.5500	682.2862	1.00062841	0.6082558
2	840.5754	553.5250	0.62762704	-0.231817
3	973.0089	596.1411	1.16298569	0.0550429
4	746.2660	595.1065	0.70572685	-0.1628654
5	1134.5500	950.6909	-0.04599615	0.691086
6	1152.3929	896.4259	0.50668795	-0.034255

```
> head(d3[, 20:21])
```

```
dscore_d3 cond_ord
1 0.8044421 MappingB_First
2 0.1979047 MappingA_First
3 0.6090143 MappingB_First
4 0.2714307 MappingA_First
5 0.3225454 MappingA_First
6 0.2362163 MappingB_First
```

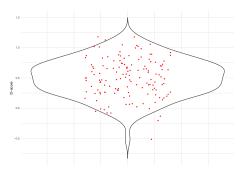
> head(d3[, 22:23])

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- 1 PracticeWhitegood_and_TestWhitegood PracticeWhitebad_and_TestWhite
- 2 PracticeWhitegood_and_TestWhitegood PracticeWhitebad_and_TestWhit 3 PracticeWhitegood and TestWhitegood PracticeWhitebad and TestWhite
- 4 PracticeWhitegood and TestWhitegood PracticeWhitebad and TestWhite
- 5 PracticeWhitegood_and_TestWhitegood PracticeWhitebad_and_TestWhite
- 6 PracticeWhitegood_and_TestWhitegood PracticeWhitebad_and_TestWhite

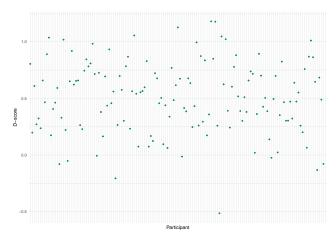
Some plots!

> d_density(d3, graph = "violin")



Other plots

> d_point(d3, x_values = FALSE)

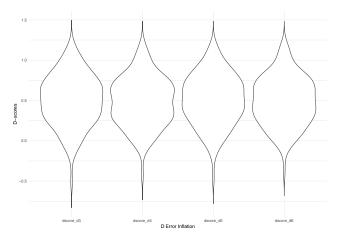


Multiple D scores at once

```
> dscores = multi_dscore(iat, ds = "error-inflation")
Careful!
> names(dscores)
[1] "dscores" "graph"
```

> head(dscores[[1]])

> dscores[[2]]



Did we forget about demo...?

```
> demo_raw = data_clean[[3]]
> str(demo_raw)
'data.frame': 852 obs. of 12 variables:
               : int 121318 121318 121318 121318 121318 121318 12
$ date
               : chr "09:55" "09:55" "09:55" "09:55" ...
$ time
$ build
               : chr "3.0.6.0" "3.0.6.0" "3.0.6.0" "3.0.6.0" ...
               : int 1111112222...
$ participant
$ blocknum
               : int 57 57 57 57 57 57 57 57 57 57 ...
$ blockcode
               : chr "demografica" "demografica" "demografica" "de
$ trialnum
                      1 1 1 1 4 4 1 1 1 1 ...
               : int
$ trialcode
               : chr
                      "sesso" "età" "occupazio" "edu" ...
$ response
               : chr
                      "Maschio" "21" "stud" "sup" ...
$ correct
               : int
                      1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 . . .
$ latency
               : int
                      19185 19185 19185 19185 28866 28866 24586 24
                      "0" "0" "0" "0" ...
$ stimulusitem1: chr
```

Let's start by keeping only the column of interest:

```
> demo_raw = demo_raw[, c("participant", "trialcode", "respons")
> str(demo_raw)
'data.frame': 852 obs. of 3 variables:
```

```
$ participant: int 1 1 1 1 1 1 2 2 2 2 ...
$ trialcode : chr "sesso" "età" "occupazio" "edu" ...
$ response : chr "Maschio" "21" "stud" "sup" ...
```

Reshape the data set

```
> demo <- reshape(demo_raw, timevar = "trialcode", idvar = "page of trialcode")</pre>
> str(demo)
'data.frame': 142 obs. of 7 variables:
 $ participant : int 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 ...
 $ response.sesso : chr "Maschio" "Maschio" "Femmina" "Fer
                           "21" "31" "21" "21" ...
 $ response.età
                    : chr
                           "stud" "stud" "stud" ...
 $ response.occupazio: chr
                           "sup" "magistrale" "sup" "sup" ..
 $ response.edu : chr
                           "3" "3" "3" "2" ...
 $ response.pol1 : chr
                           "2" "5" "2" "3" ...
 $ response.pol2 : chr
```

Polish the data set

```
> colnames(demo) <- gsub("response.", "", colnames(demo))</pre>
> demo[, c(3, 6:7)] \leftarrow apply(demo[, c(3, 6:7)], 2, as.integer)
> str(demo)
'data.frame': 142 obs. of 7 variables:
$ participant: int 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 ...
$ sesso : chr "Maschio" "Maschio" "Femmina" "Femmina" ...
$ età : int 21 31 21 21 20 20 19 20 20 ...
$ occupazio : chr "stud" "stud" "stud" "stud" ...
$ edu : chr "sup" "magistrale" "sup" "sup" ...
$ pol1 : int 3 3 3 2 4 3 2 3 3 3 ...
$ pol2 : int 2 5 2 3 4 2 3 2 1 2 ...
```

Merge demo with d3

```
> d3complete = merge(d3, demo, by = "participant")
> str(d3complete[17:29])
 'data.frame': 142 obs. of 13 variables:
   $ mean_test_MappingB: num 682 554 596 595 951 ...
   $ d practice d3
                                                                                                1.001 0.628 1.163 0.706 -0.046 ...
                                                                          : num
   $ d test d3
                                                                                                  0.608 -0.232 0.055 -0.163 0.691 ...
                                                                          : num
   $ dscore d3
                                                                                                  0.804 0.198 0.609 0.271 0.323 ...
                                                                         : num
   $ cond ord
                                                             : chr
                                                                                                  "MappingB_First" "MappingA_First" "Mapp
   $ legendMappingA : chr
                                                                                                  "PracticeWhitegood and TestWhitegood" "
   $ legendMappingB : chr
                                                                                                "PracticeWhitebad and TestWhitebad" "PracticeWhitebad" "PracticeWhiteb
   $ sesso
                                                                          : chr
                                                                                                "Maschio" "Maschio" "Femmina" "Femmina"
   $ età
                                                                                                  21 31 21 21 21 20 20 19 20 20 ...
                                                                          : int
   $ occupazio
                                                                          : chr
                                                                                                  "stud" "stud" "stud" "stud" ...
                                                                          : chr "sup" "magistrale" "sup" "sup" ...
   $ edu
   $ pol1
                                                                          : int 3 3 3 2 4 3 2 3 3 3 ...
                                                                          : int 2523423212...
   $ pol2
```

Compute correlation

```
> correlations <- data.frame(cor(d3complete[, c("dscore_d3", "pol1"</pre>
```

- > correlations <- round(correlations, 2)</pre>
- > correlations[upper.tri(correlations, diag = TRUE)] <- ""</pre>

Results are in Table 1:

Table 1: Race IAT correlations

	dscore_d3	pol1	pol2
dscore_d3			
pol1	0		
pol2	0.12	-0.34	

Supplementary material

DScoreApp:

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