

There are **loads** of other analyses I could have done but considering that this is a portfolio, I have kept things as simple as possible for now.

I used the following code to recode my qualitative responses into quantitative numbers.

```
data(package = "ltm")
library(tidyverse)
df<- Environment
x<-df %>% mutate_all(~ str_replace(., "^$", NA_character_)) %>% mutate_all(.funs = ~
as.integer(recode(.x = ., "not very concerned"=0, "slightly concerned"=1, "very concerned"=2)))
library("writexl" write_xlsx(df, "D:\\df.xlsx")
```

Checking assumptions

The unidimensionality assumption was checked through factor analysis and parallel analysis.

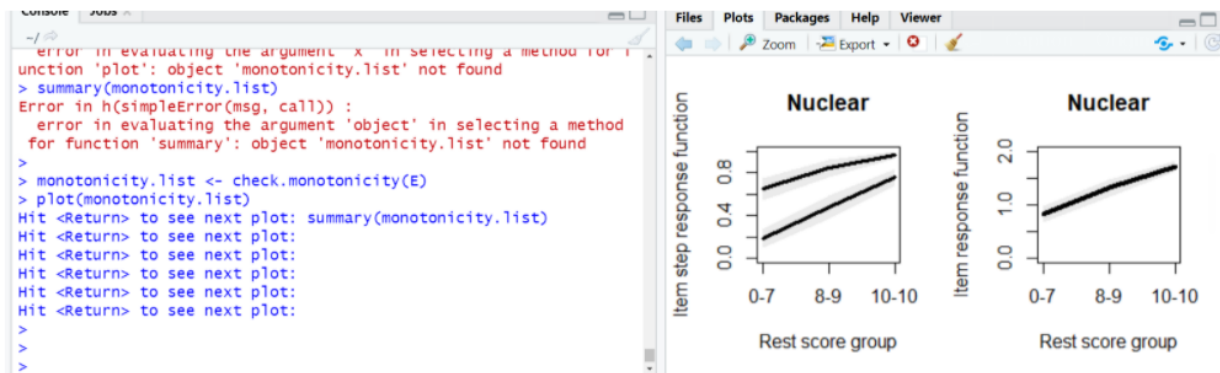
The local dependence assumption was checked through the following test. In practical terms, a correlation of $r=0.40$ is low dependency. The two items only have $0.4 \times 0.4 = 0.16$ of their variance in common. Correlations need to be around 0.7 before we are really concerned about dependency.

| | LeadPetro1 | RiverSea | Radiowaste | AirPollution |
|--------------|------------|----------|------------|--------------|
| LeadPetro1 | NA | 0.148 | -0.082 | 0.106 |
| RiverSea | 12.666 | NA | -0.123 | 0.127 |
| Radiowaste | 3.867 | 8.851 | NA | -0.080 |
| AirPollution | 6.515 | 9.418 | 3.707 | NA |
| Chemicals | 2.746 | 4.760 | 8.896 | 4.335 |
| Nuclear | 2.319 | 5.092 | 10.314 | 4.877 |
| | Chemicals | Nuclear | | |
| LeadPetro1 | -0.069 | -0.063 | | |
| RiverSea | -0.090 | -0.094 | | |
| Radiowaste | 0.124 | 0.133 | | |
| AirPollution | -0.086 | -0.092 | | |
| Chemicals | NA | 0.074 | | |
| Nuclear | 3.175 | NA | | |

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The monotonicity assumption can be checked through the mokken package

As the ability level increases, the probability of getting the item correct increases monotonically.



I have fit two models(1d and 2d) and compared them using Anova

```
Iteration: 404, Log-Lik: -1009.019, Max-Change: 0.00010
> anova(zar1d, zar2d)

Model 1: mirt(data = itzareki, model = 1, itemtype = "graded")
Model 2: mirt(data = itzareki, model = 2, itemtype = "graded")

      AIC      AICC     SABIC      HQ      BIC    logLik      X2
1 2217.035 2219.550 2226.073 2243.523 2283.155 -1090.518    NaN
2 2184.037 2188.172 2195.586 2217.883 2268.524 -1069.019 42.998
  df    p
1 NaN NaN
2  5    0
> |
```

P value is low so we can say that 2 is better than 1. We can also see that AIC is lower in second model

```
> M2(x)
Error: M2() statistic cannot be calculated due to too few degrees
of freedom
>
> x <- mirt(f, 1, itemtype = 'graded')
Iteration: 23, Log-Lik: -1090.518, Max-Change: 0.00004
>
> M2(x)

      M2 df      p    RMSEA   RMSEA_5  RMSEA_95
stats 12.84331 3 0.004988012 0.106368 0.05117397 0.1689135
      SRMSR      TLI      CFI
stats 0.07354776 0.9155455 0.9718485
> |
```

I ran an M2 test on 1D data as it would not run on 2D data due to less df. This portfolio is just for conceptual purpose so i decided to use 1D model instead of 2D.

Item fit statistics

After evaluating the test-level goodness of fit of the model, we can proceed to an item-level fit analysis. If the fit of the overall model is poor, then an item fit analysis might help to uncover the sources of misfit. Even if the overall fit seems adequate, an item fit analysis should be carried out, as it may improve the model with regard to interpretation, usefulness, and other important psychometric qualities. Item fit analysis involves comparing the model predictions with the actual response patterns. In UIRT, item fit can be evaluated by computing the S-X2 statistic for each item. Essentially, this item fit statistic compares the observed and expected proportions of correct and incorrect responses for each total score k in the sample. If the observed and expected proportions are similar, then we conclude that the item fits well. A smaller p value indicates a lack of fit which is the Air pollution item. We would not decide to delete the item in one go as p values can occur due to random variation. If we get same results in subsequent analysis i might consider revising the item

```
>
> itemfit(x, fit_stats = 'S_X2')
      item    S_X2 df.S_X2 RMSEA.S_X2 p.S_X2
1  LeadPetrol 14.671    10    0.040  0.145
2   RiverSea  3.099     3    0.011  0.377
3  RadioWaste  4.815     6    0.000  0.568
4 AirPollution 7.566     2    0.098  0.023
5   Chemicals  8.113     6    0.035  0.230
6    Nuclear  6.515     9    0.000  0.687
> |
```

```
> coef(x)
$LeadPetrol
      a1      a2      d1      d2
par -1.193 1.273 3.903 0.736

$RiverSea
      a1      a2      d1      d2
par -2.554 2.427 7.755 3.312

$RadioWaste
      a1      a2      d1      d2
par -4.645 0.097 7.627 3.297

$AirPollution
      a1      a2      d1      d2
par -3.489 2.47 8.56 1.826

$Chemicals
```

The multidimensional item location.

```
> head(MDIFF(x))
```

| | MDIFF_1 | MDIFF_2 |
|--------------|-----------|-------------|
| LeadPetrol | -2.238020 | -0.42225602 |
| RiverSea | -2.201538 | -0.94010701 |
| Radiowaste | -1.641747 | -0.70973219 |
| AirPollution | -2.002388 | -0.42719159 |
| Chemicals | -1.799065 | -0.77580373 |
| Nuclear | -1.300202 | -0.05499871 |

```
>
```

Finally, we can compute the person parameters, one for each dimension (only first six persons shown here):

```
Nuclear      -1.300202 -0.05499871
```

```
> head(fscores(x))
```

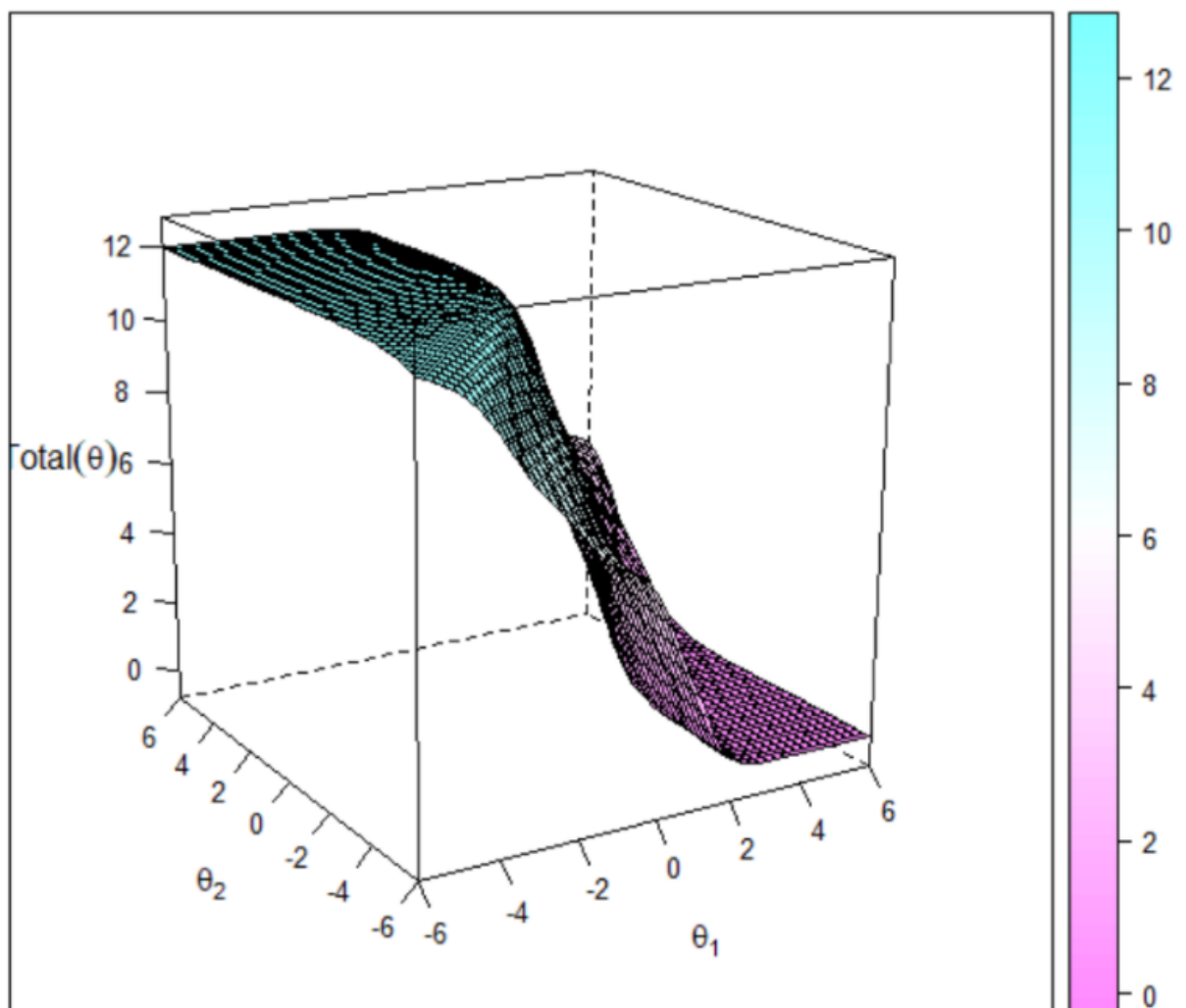
| | F1 | F2 |
|------|------------|-----------|
| [1,] | -0.7991555 | 0.7777467 |
| [2,] | -0.7991555 | 0.7777467 |
| [3,] | -0.7991555 | 0.7777467 |
| [4,] | -0.7991555 | 0.7777467 |
| [5,] | -0.7991555 | 0.7777467 |
| [6,] | -0.7991555 | 0.7777467 |

```
>
```

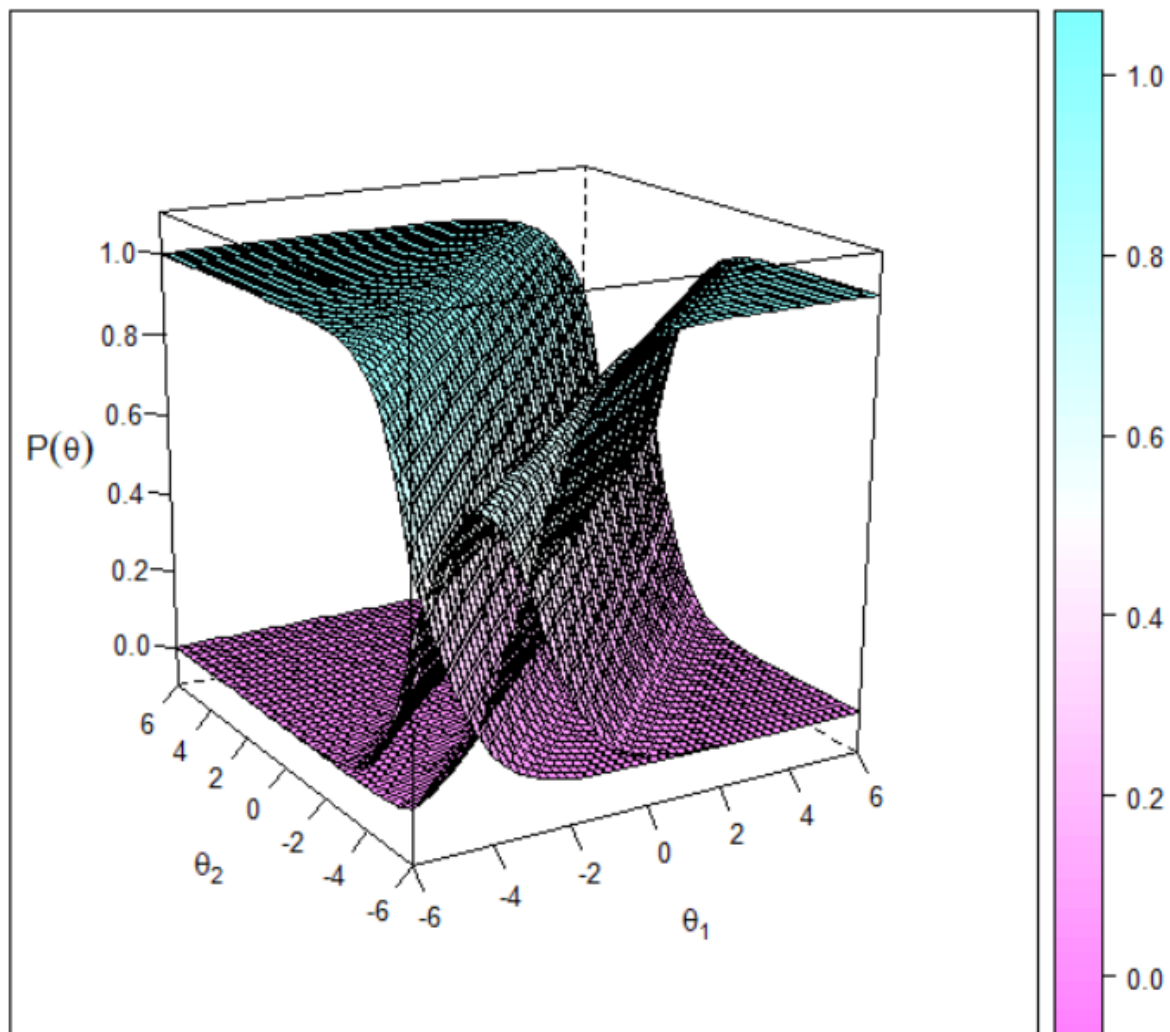
Plots

Expected Total Score (rotate = 'none')

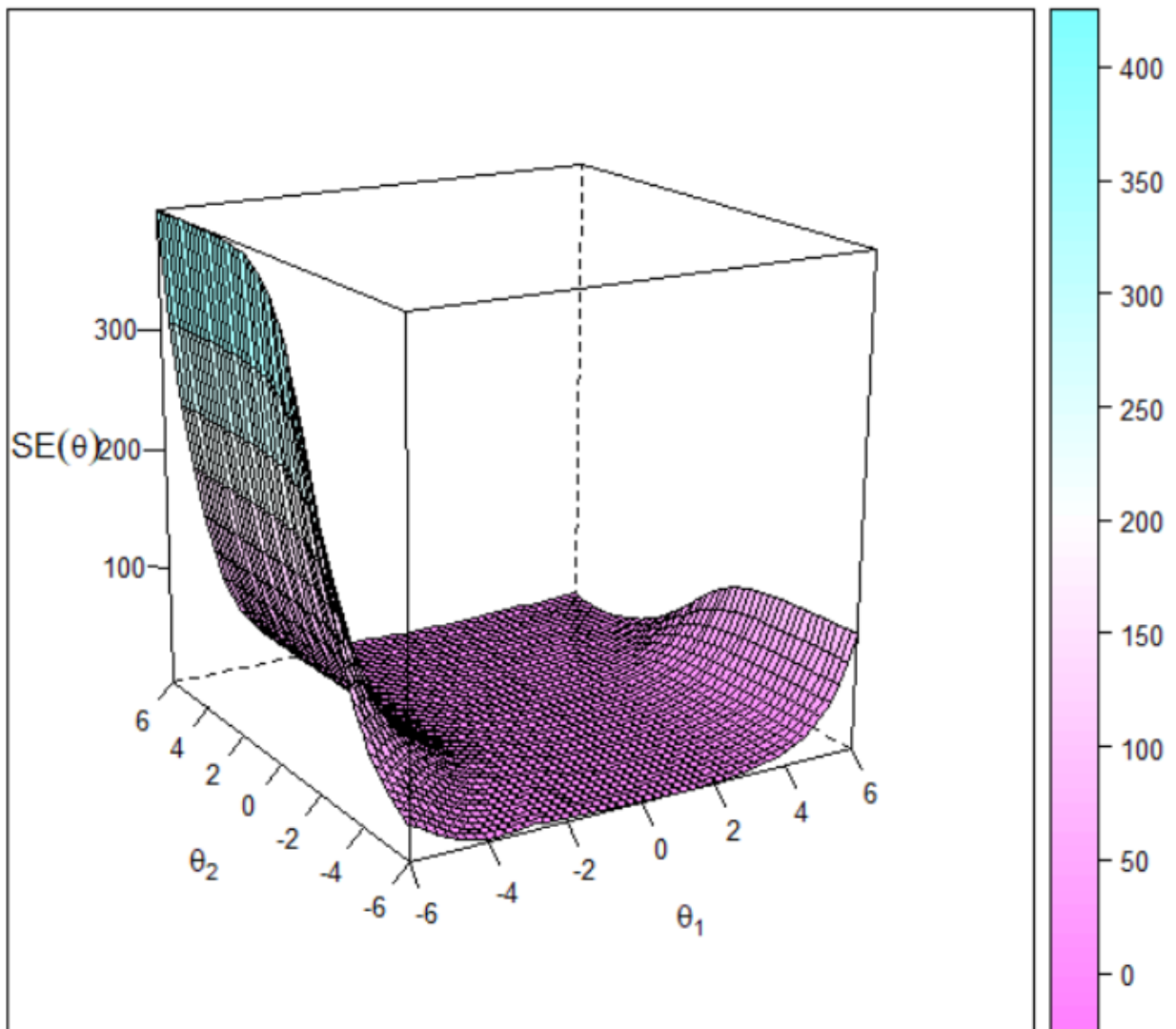
[Caption](#) [Original](#)



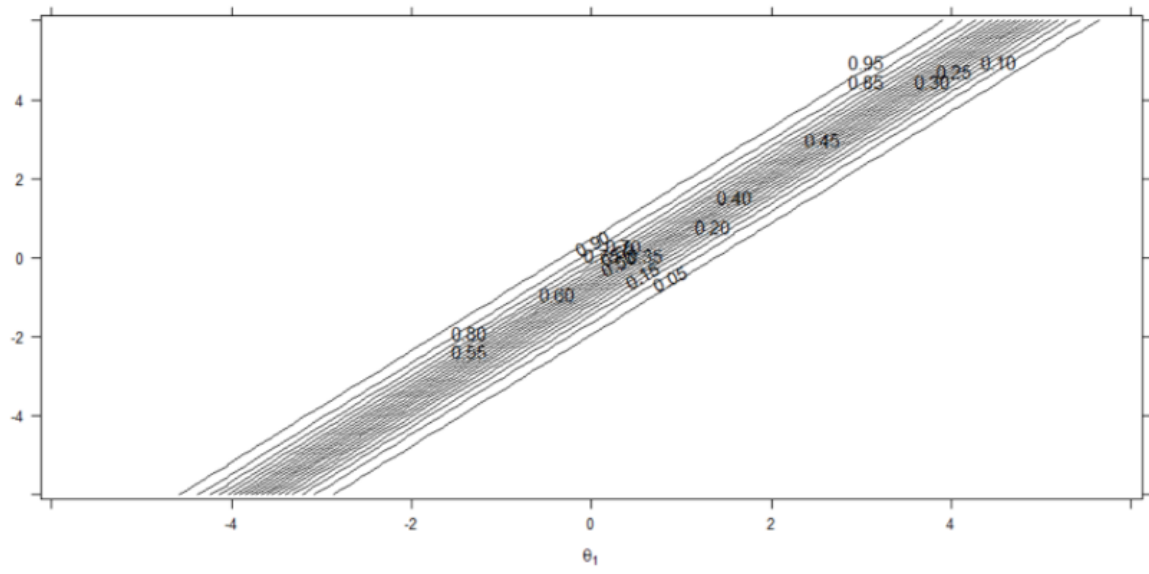
Item 1 Trace (rotate = 'none')



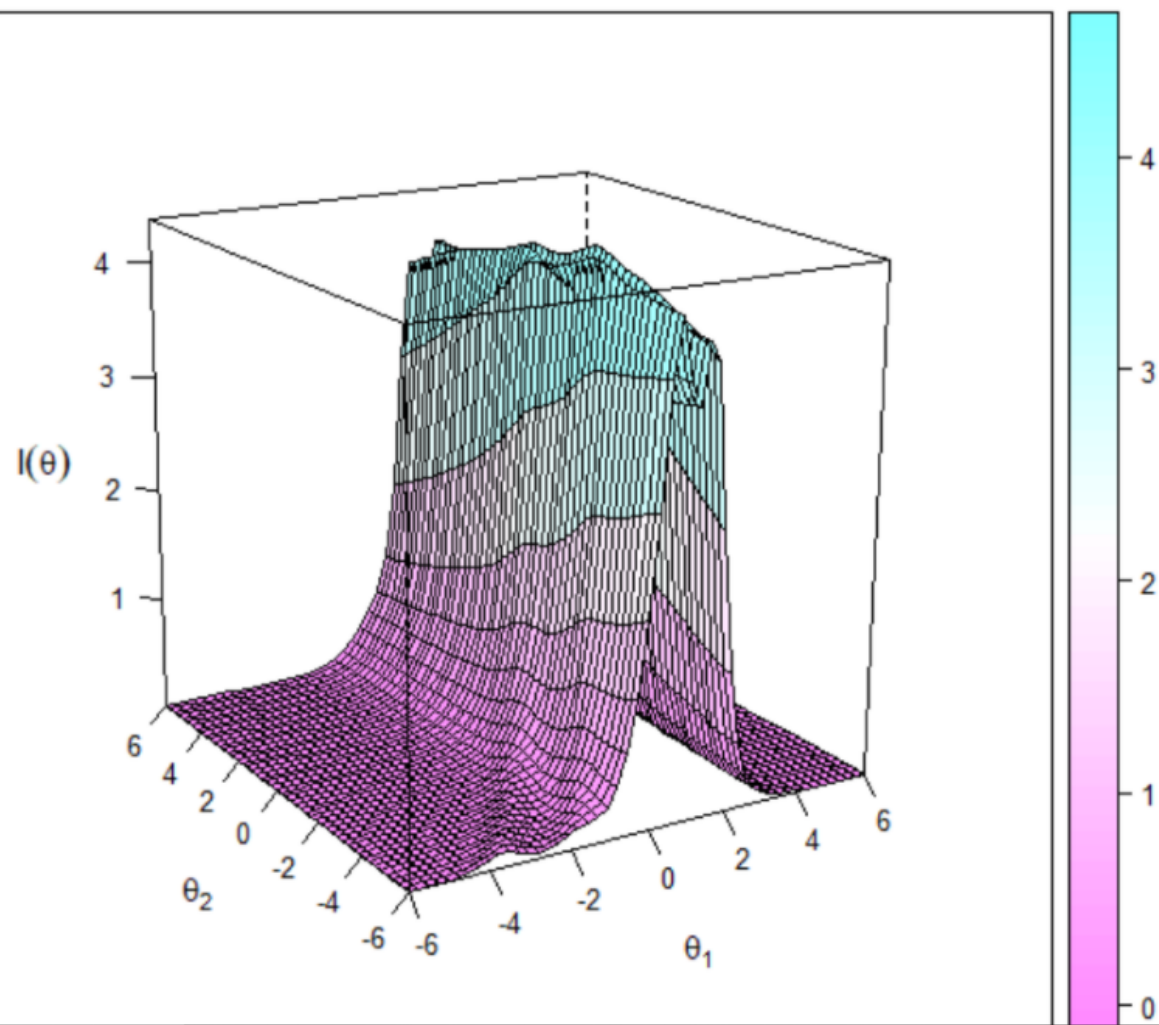
Test Standard Errors (rotate = 'none')



Item 4 Probabilily Contour (rotate = 'none')



Test Information (rotate = 'none')



We could have also done a confirmatory factor analysis. I use the ASTI data

It has a few sub dimensions identified from research. Items were created according to each dimension and then administered to sample. We want to see if items load on these dimensions

The ASTI (Levenson et al., 2005) is a self-report scale measuring the complex target construct of wisdom. The items can be assigned to five dimensions: self-knowledge and integration (SI), peace of mind (PM), non-attachment (NA), self-transcendence (ST), and presence in the here-and-now and growth (PG).

Usage

```
data("ASTI")
```

Format

A data frame with 1215 individuals, 25 ASTI items (3 or 4 categories per items), and 2 covariates (gender, group).
Item wordings:

ASTI1

I often engage in quiet contemplation. (PM; reversed)

ASTI2

I feel that my individual life is a part of a greater whole. (ST)

ASTI3

I don't worry about other people's opinions of me. (NA)

ASTI4

I feel a sense of connection with both myself and the world. (ST)

Item 18 has very less loading on pg dimension

```
> round(astisum$rotF["ASTI18",], 4)
      si      1,5,9,22na 2,4,7,13,16,24,25pg      si*pm*na*st*pg
0.0000      0.0000      0.0367      0.0000
> |
```

The global fit indices and model test suggest a poor model fit. M2 p-value is significant

```
0.0000      0.0000      0.0367      0.0000
> M2(asti5d, QMC = TRUE)
      M2 df p      RMSEA      RMSEA_5      RMSEA_95      SRMSR      TLI      CFI
stats 3062.338 252 0 0.0994316 0.09625165 0.1025554 0.1279998 0.3219027 0.3502642
> |
```

A good strategy, before even considering fitting a confirmatory MIRT model, is to compute unidimensional models for each subscale individually and eliminate misfitting items already at that level. The items kept in the model can be subsequently subject to a higher-dimensional IRT fit.

```

> coef(asti5d)
$ASTI1
      a1 a2 a3 a4    d1    d2
par  0  0  0  0 0.98 -1.363

$ASTI2
      a1 a2 a3 a4    d1    d2    d3
par  0  0  0  0 2.039 0.456 -1.441

$ASTI3
      a1    a2 a3 a4    d1    d2    d3
par  0 0.76  0  0 1.916 -0.115 -2.148

$ASTI4
      a1 a2 a3 a4    d1    d2    d3
par  0  0  0  0 2.376 0.546 -1.554

$ASTI5
      a1 a2 a3 a4    d1    d2    d3
par  0  0  0  0 2.278 0.222 -1.876

$ASTI6
      a1    a2 a3 a4    d1    d2    d3
par  0 0.969  0  0 1.942 -0.232 -2.28

$ASTI7
      a1 a2 a3 a4    d1    d2    d3
par  0  0  0  0 1.53 -0.002 -1.758

```