likert: An R Package for Visualization and Analysis of Likert-Based Items

This package aims to provide the necessary tools to allow the user to make his/her own decisions about how the data should be treated, while also providing figures that may help clarify how well the assumptions discussed here hold up.

Motivation

- summarize likert type items
- provide tabular results
- provide visualizations
- allow flexibility (e.g. ggplot2 annotate) have a consistent aesthetic
- use familiar S3 generics (i.e. print, plot, summary)

Data

require(likert)
require(pisa)
data(pisaitems)

The figure to follow will use Item 24 regarding 'Reading Attitudes' from the Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) from pisaitems dataframe in the pisa package, which

asks:

I read only if I have to.

- Reading is one of my favorite hobbies.
- I like talking about books with other people.
- I find it hard to finish books.
- I feel happy if I receive a book as a present.
- For me, reading is a waste of time.
- I enjoy going to a bookstore or a library.
- I read only to get information that I need.
- I cannot sit still and read for more than a few minutes.
- I like to express my opinions about books I have read.
- I like to exchange books with my friends.

