

# Engram Scoring Empirical Basis

## (1A) Same letter preferences

Key preferences from same-letter bigram comparisons only (pure key quality)

### NON-PROLIFIC DATA

Instances analyzed: 756

Key,Finger,Row,Column,Rank,BT\_Strength,CI\_Lower,CI\_Upper

F,4,2,4,1,4.176477899294208,3.3694946159462913,5.8518218910794975

D,3,2,3,2,3.0925605015169326,2.535203398561629,4.011195656581959

E,3,1,3,3,1.3610655649049088,0.8627562755537985,1.8292961310745344

S,2,2,2,4,1.075787479685951,0.5965120189690969,1.5451887560456279

V,4,3,4,5,0.6082927624618688,0.13806885990143172,1.0451377438105673

R,4,1,4,6,0.5305846239524998,0.09785581151606763,0.9379340920126836

W,2,1,2,7,-0.23776116274762676,-0.6665497625072652,0.15511912266908917

A,1,2,1,8,-0.6876316179656282,-1.1288479091387889,-0.34549849017379886

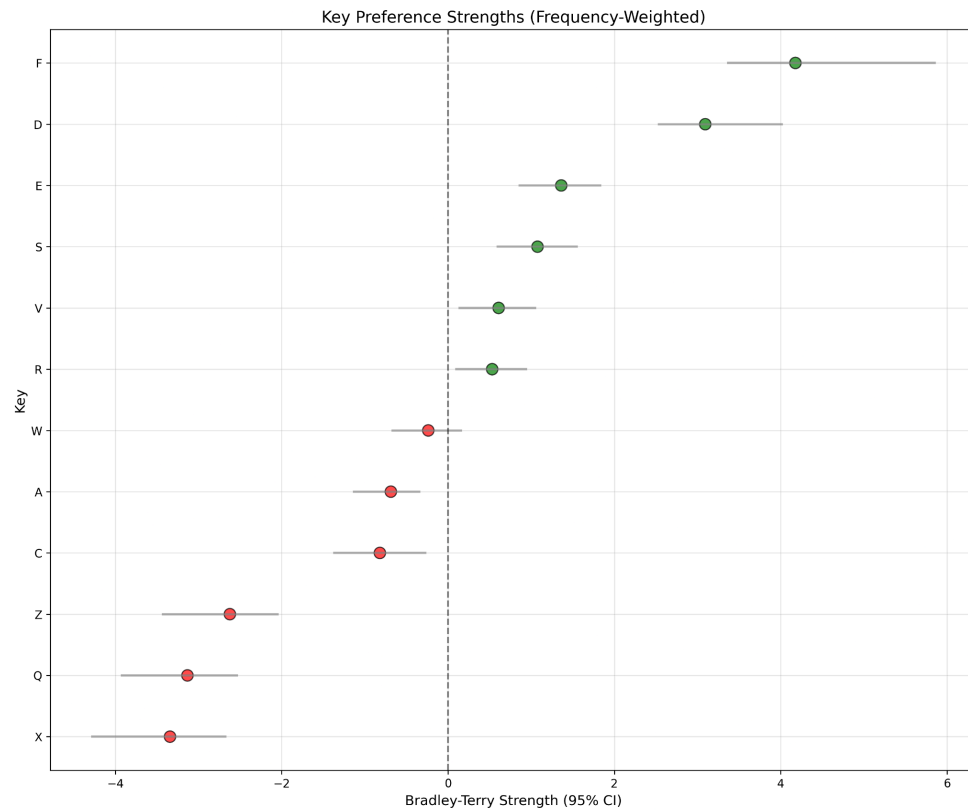
C,3,3,3,9,-0.81964409295591,-1.3666173205652683,-0.2738513771452572

Z,1,3,1,10,-2.6231357621806337,-3.428717330109768,-2.052629567673498

Q,1,1,1,11,-3.1336203993642586,-3.9212349220570277,-2.5407626980491687

X,2,3,2,12,-3.342975796602313,-4.2759012170275215,-2.679634504460716

[F], [D], [E,S], [V,R], [W], [A,C], [Z,Q,X]



## PROLIFIC DATA

Instances analyzed: 426

Key,Finger,Row,Column,Rank,BT\_Strength,CI\_Lower,CI\_Upper

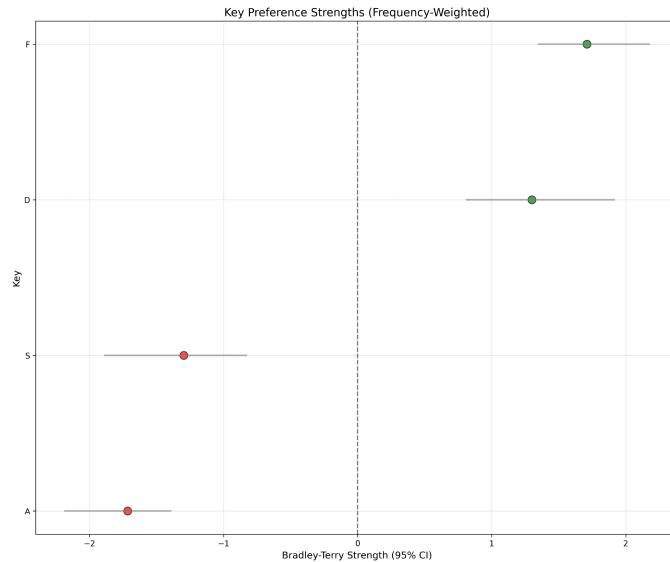
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D,3,2,3,2,1.2999441435448653,0.8123428252045043,1.9132785220474997

S,2,2,2,3,-1.295943804524782,-1.8862886514585542,-0.829382224801393

A,1,2,1,4,-1.7148931621342884,-2.183682185233311,-1.3952477892132804

[F,D], [S,A]



# (1B) Pairwise preferences

28 pairwise key comparisons for detailed analysis

These results rely on mixed-letter bigram data, and are therefore less reliable than the same-letter bigram preference data above.

## NON-PROLIFIC DATA

A > Q:  
Preference rate: 98.2% (effect size: 48.2%)  
95% CI: [93.7%, 99.5%]  
Statistical test: p = 0.0000 \*\*\* (n=112)

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Key1,Key2,Key1_Finger,Key1_Row,Key1_Column,Key2_Finger,Key2_Row,Key2_Column,Key1_Preference_Rate,CI_Lower,CI_Upper,F_Value,N_Inst	ances,	Effect_Size,Favored_Key,Strength_of_Preference
A,Q,1,2,1,1,1,1,0.9821428571428571,0.9372195125788385,0.9950891884637512,0.0,112,0.4821428571428571,A,0.9821428571428571		
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Q,Z,1,1,1,1,3,1,0.1111111111111111,0.06734979672470168,0.17788357565034152,0.0,126,0.3888888888888889,Z,0.8888888888888888		
D,V,3,2,3,4,3,4,0.873015873015873,0.8036562871490389,0.9203035393483685,0.0,126,0.373015873015873,D,0.873015873015873		
Q,C,1,1,1,3,3,3,0.1951219512195122,0.1417413411718478,0.2624583082912178,5.773159728050814e-15,164,0.3048780487804878,C,0.8048780487804879		
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W,C,2,1,2,3,3,3,0.2535211267605634,0.18911246066493514,0.33091428230626607,4.2471193228976745e-09,142,0.24647887323943662,C,0.7464788732394366		
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R,E,4,1,4,3,1,3,0.36923076923076925,0.2911386855184367,0.45482941510164543,0.002863745566120679,130,0.13076923076923075,E,0.6307692307692307  
R,V,4,1,4,4,3,4,0.375,0.3001424864299469,0.45635342285581226,0.002699796063260207,144,0.125,V,0.625  
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D,S,3,2,3,2,2,2,0.6144578313253012,0.5386237528178108,0.6851143159897441,0.0031842044619818655,166,0.11445783132530118,D,0.6144578313253012  
A,W,1,2,1,2,1,2,0.6,0.522604836968219,0.67270592399748,0.011412036386001745,160,0.09999999999999998,A,0.6  
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## PROLIFIC DATA

A > Z:

Preference rate: 87.7% (effect size: 37.7%)

95% CI: [83.1%, 91.1%]

Statistical test: p = 0.0000 \*\*\* (n=260)

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Key1,Key2,Key1\_Finger,Key1\_Row,Key1\_Column,Key2\_Finger,Key2\_Row,Key2\_Column,Key1\_Preference\_Rate,CI\_Lower,CI\_Upper,P\_Value,N\_Inst  
ances,Effect\_Size,Favored\_Key,Strength\_of\_Preference  
A,Z,1,2,1,1,3,1,0.8769230769230769,0.8314160184452871,0.9114543434609551,0.0,260,0.3769230769230769,A,0.8769230769230769  
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Q,X,1,1,1,2,3,2,0.7169811320754716,0.6248100335076636,0.7939753731491312,7.898568900044367e-06,106,0.21698113207547165,Q,0.7169811320754716  
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Q,C,1,1,1,3,3,3,0.33544303797468356,0.2856381702065602,0.38920073159352414,4.902239503223882e-09,316,0.16455696202531644,C,0.6645569620253164  
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2781457

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## Focus on non-Prolific data

Prolific data only has same-letter bigram typing data for four of the twelve left-hand finger-column keys.

Non-Prolific data suggests S is a preferred key while Prolific data suggests it's disliked. This magnitude of difference points to Prolific's potential sample bias or data quality issues.

- Non-Prolific data: S = +1.08 (rank 4, positive preference)
- Prolific data: S = -1.30 (rank 3, but negative preference)

For these reasons, we will focus on non-Prolific data for key preferences.

## Statistical separability

Statistical overlap (overlapping CIs):

- E & S: CIs overlap substantially, should be grouped
- V & R: CIs overlap heavily, should be grouped
- A & C: CIs overlap, should be grouped
- Z, Q & X: All overlap, bottom cluster

Borderline cases:

- W sits alone, CI spans zero (neutral)

Natural break points in non-Prolific BT strength distribution (non-overlapping CIs):

- F: 4.18 ← Isolated top performer
- D: 3.09 ← Clear second tier
- E: 1.36, S: 1.08 ← Positive cluster

V: 0.61, R: 0.53 ← Near-neutral cluster  
W: -0.238 ← Isolated slightly negative  
A: -0.688, C: -0.820 ← Negative cluster  
Z: -2.62, Q: -3.13, X: -3.34 ← Very negative cluster

## Cluster averages

- Tier 1 (F): 4.176 BT strength - Elite performance
- Tier 2 (D): 3.093 BT strength - Strong performance
- Tier 3 (E,S): 1.218 BT strength - Positive performance
- Tier 4 (V,R): 0.569 BT strength - Neutral performance
- Tier 5 (W): -0.238 BT strength - Negative performance (isolated)
- Tier 6 (A,C): -0.754 BT strength - Negative performance
- Tier 7 (Z,Q,X): -3.033 BT strength - Very poor performance

## 7-tier scaling

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```python
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```
# Bradley-Terry Strength to MOO Values Transformation
import numpy as np
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```
# Step 1: Individual key Bradley-Terry strengths
```

```
individual_bt_values = {
    'F': 4.176477899294208,
    'D': 3.0925605015169326,
    'E': 1.3610655649049088,
    'S': 1.075787479685951,
    'V': 0.6082927624618688,
    'R': 0.5305846239524998,
    'W': -0.23776116274762676,
    'A': -0.6876316179656282,
    'C': -0.81964409295591,
    'Z': -2.6231357621806337,
    'Q': -3.1336203993642586,
    'X': -3.342975796602313
}
```

```
# Step 2: Find min/max range from individual keys
```

```
min_bt = min(individual_bt_values.values()) # X: -3.343
max_bt = max(individual_bt_values.values()) # F: 4.176
range_bt = max_bt - min_bt
```

```
print("STEP 1: Establish BT Range")
print(f"Min BT: {min_bt:.3f} (key X)")
print(f"Max BT: {max_bt:.3f} (key F)")
print(f"Range: {range_bt:.3f}")
print()
```

# Step 3: Define cluster averages based on statistical analysis

```
tier_bt_values = {
    'Tier 1 (F)': 4.176,
    'Tier 2 (D)': 3.093,
    'Tier 3 (E,S)': 1.218,
    'Tier 4 (V,R)': 0.569,
    'Tier 5 (W)': -0.238,
    'Tier 6 (A,C)': -0.754,
    'Tier 7 (Z,Q,X)': -3.033
}
```

# Step 4: Normalization functions

```
def linear_normalize(bt_value, min_bt, range_bt):
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    """Linear normalization to 0-1 scale"""
```

```
    return (bt_value - min_bt) / range_bt
```

```
def conservative_normalize(bt_value, min_bt, range_bt):
```

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    """Conservative scaling to 0.1-1.0 range to avoid zero values"""
```

```
    linear = linear_normalize(bt_value, min_bt, range_bt)
```

```
    return 0.1 + 0.9 * linear
```

# Step 5: Apply transformations

```
print("STEP 2: Transform Cluster Averages")
```

```
print("Formula: Linear = (cluster_avg - min_individual) / range_individual")
```

```
print("Formula: Conservative = 0.1 + 0.9 * linear")
```

```
print()
```

```
moo_values_linear = {}
```

```
moo_values_conservative = {}
```

```
for tier, bt_value in tier_bt_values.items():
```

```
    linear = linear_normalize(bt_value, min_bt, range_bt)
```

```
    conservative = conservative_normalize(bt_value, min_bt, range_bt)
```

```
    moo_values_linear[tier] = linear
```

```
    moo_values_conservative[tier] = conservative
```

```
    print(f"{tier}: {bt_value:.3f}")
```

```
    print(f"   Linear: ({bt_value:.3f} - {min_bt:.3f}) / {range_bt:.3f} = {linear:.3f}")
```

```
    print(f"   Conservative: 0.1 + 0.9 × {linear:.3f} = {conservative:.3f}")
```

```
    print()
```

# Step 6: Calculate 7-tier cluster averages from individual key BT values

```
print("STEP 3: Calculate 7-Tier Cluster Averages")
```

# Using exact individual BT values for cluster averages

```
cluster_7_calculations = {
```

```
    'Tier 1 (F)': [individual_bt_values['F']], # F alone
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```
    'Tier 2 (D)': [individual_bt_values['D']], # D alone
```

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'Tier 3 (E,S)': [individual_bt_values['E'], individual_bt_values['S']], # E, S
'Tier 4 (V,R)': [individual_bt_values['V'], individual_bt_values['R']], # V, R
'Tier 5 (W)': [individual_bt_values['W']], # W alone (isolated)
'Tier 6 (A,C)': [individual_bt_values['A'], individual_bt_values['C']], # A, C
'Tier 7 (Z,Q,X)': [individual_bt_values['Z'], individual_bt_values['Q'], individual_bt_values['X']] # Z, Q, X
}

```

# Calculate actual cluster averages

```

tier_7_bt_values = {}
for tier, bt_list in cluster_7_calculations.items():
    avg = sum(bt_list) / len(bt_list)
    tier_7_bt_values[tier] = avg
    keys_in_tier = [k for k, v in individual_bt_values.items() if v in bt_list]
    print(f"{tier}: {keys_in_tier} → Average BT = {avg:.3f}")
print()

```

# Step 7: Apply conservative normalization to 7-tier averages

```

print("STEP 4: Apply Conservative Normalization to 7-Tier Averages")
tier_7_moo_values = {}

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```

for tier, bt_value in tier_7_bt_values.items():
    linear = linear_normalize(bt_value, min_bt, range_bt)
    conservative = conservative_normalize(bt_value, min_bt, range_bt)
    tier_7_moo_values[tier] = conservative

    print(f"{tier}: {bt_value:.3f}")
    print(f" Linear: ({bt_value:.3f} - {min_bt:.3f}) / {range_bt:.3f} = {linear:.3f}")
    print(f" Conservative: 0.1 + 0.9 × {linear:.3f} = {conservative:.3f}")
    print()

```

# Step 8: Generate final 7-tier MOO values

```

print("STEP 5: Final 7-Tier MOO Values")
print("tier_values = {")

```

```

key_to_tier_7 = {
    'F': 'Tier 1 (F)',
    'D': 'Tier 2 (D)',
    'E': 'Tier 3 (E,S)',
    'S': 'Tier 3 (E,S)',
    'V': 'Tier 4 (V,R)',
    'R': 'Tier 4 (V,R)',
    'W': 'Tier 5 (W)',
    'A': 'Tier 6 (A,C)',
    'C': 'Tier 6 (A,C)',
    'Z': 'Tier 7 (Z,Q,X)',
    'Q': 'Tier 7 (Z,Q,X)',
    'X': 'Tier 7 (Z,Q,X)'
}

```



```

for key in ['F', 'D', 'E', 'S', 'V', 'R', 'W', 'A', 'C', 'Z', 'Q', 'X']:
    tier = key_to_tier_7[key]
    value = tier_7_moo_values[tier]
    print(f"    '{key}': {value:.3f},")
print("{}")

print("\n7-Tier Insights:")
print("• W is isolated from A/C based on non-overlapping confidence intervals")
print("• Better reflects statistical separability from your Bradley-Terry analysis")
print("• Each tier represents statistically distinct performance levels")
print("• Conservative scaling ensures all values remain active in MOO optimization")
'''

```

#### STEP 1: Establish BT Range

Min BT: -3.343 (key X)

Max BT: 4.176 (key F)

Range: 7.519

#### STEP 2: Transform Cluster Averages

Formula: Linear = (cluster\_avg - min\_individual) / range\_individual

Formula: Conservative = 0.1 + 0.9 \* linear

Tier 1 (F): 4.176

Linear:  $(4.176 - -3.343) / 7.519 = 1.000$

Conservative:  $0.1 + 0.9 \times 1.000 = 1.000$

Tier 2 (D): 3.093

Linear:  $(3.093 - -3.343) / 7.519 = 0.856$

Conservative:  $0.1 + 0.9 \times 0.856 = 0.870$

Tier 3 (E,S): 1.218

Linear:  $(1.218 - -3.343) / 7.519 = 0.607$

Conservative:  $0.1 + 0.9 \times 0.607 = 0.646$

Tier 4 (V,R): 0.569

Linear:  $(0.569 - -3.343) / 7.519 = 0.520$

Conservative:  $0.1 + 0.9 \times 0.520 = 0.568$

Tier 5 (W): -0.238

Linear:  $(-0.238 - -3.343) / 7.519 = 0.413$

Conservative:  $0.1 + 0.9 \times 0.413 = 0.472$

Tier 6 (A,C): -0.754

Linear:  $(-0.754 - -3.343) / 7.519 = 0.344$

Conservative:  $0.1 + 0.9 \times 0.344 = 0.410$

Tier 7 (Z,Q,X): -3.033

Linear:  $(-3.033 - -3.343) / 7.519 = 0.041$

Conservative:  $0.1 + 0.9 \times 0.041 = 0.137$

STEP 3: Calculate 7-Tier Cluster Averages

Tier 1 (F): ['F'] → Average BT = 4.176

Tier 2 (D): ['D'] → Average BT = 3.093

Tier 3 (E,S): ['E', 'S'] → Average BT = 1.218

Tier 4 (V,R): ['V', 'R'] → Average BT = 0.569

Tier 5 (W): ['W'] → Average BT = -0.238

Tier 6 (A,C): ['A', 'C'] → Average BT = -0.754

Tier 7 (Z,Q,X): ['Z', 'Q', 'X'] → Average BT = -3.033

STEP 4: Apply Conservative Normalization to 7-Tier Averages

Tier 1 (F): 4.176

Linear:  $(4.176 - -3.343) / 7.519 = 1.000$

Conservative:  $0.1 + 0.9 \times 1.000 = 1.000$

Tier 2 (D): 3.093

Linear:  $(3.093 - -3.343) / 7.519 = 0.856$

Conservative:  $0.1 + 0.9 \times 0.856 = 0.870$

Tier 3 (E,S): 1.218

Linear:  $(1.218 - -3.343) / 7.519 = 0.607$

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Linear:  $(-0.238 - -3.343) / 7.519 = 0.413$

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Tier 6 (A,C): -0.754

Linear:  $(-0.754 - -3.343) / 7.519 = 0.344$

Conservative:  $0.1 + 0.9 \times 0.344 = 0.410$

Tier 7 (Z,Q,X): -3.033

Linear:  $(-3.033 - -3.343) / 7.519 = 0.041$

Conservative:  $0.1 + 0.9 \times 0.041 = 0.137$

STEP 5: Final 7-Tier MOO Values

tier\_values = {

'F': 1.000,

'D': 0.870,

'E': 0.646,

'S': 0.646,

'V': 0.568,

'R': 0.568,

'W': 0.472,

'A': 0.410,

```
'C': 0.410,  
'Z': 0.137,  
'Q': 0.137,  
'X': 0.137,  
}
```

## (2) ROW SEPARATION

Preferences for smaller row separation distances

### NON-PROLIFIC DATA

Instances analyzed: 1156

#### OVERALL ROW SEPARATION PREFERENCE:

Preference rate: 77.5% favor smaller distances (effect size: 27.5%)

95% CI: [75.0%, 79.8%]

Statistical test:  $p = 0.0000$  \*\*\* (n=1156)

#### Same Row (0) vs Reach (1):

Preference: 65.7% favor Smaller distance (effect size: 15.7%)

95% CI: [61.5%, 69.8%]

Statistical test:  $p = 0.0000$  \*\*\* (n=502)

#### Reach (1) vs Hurdle (2):

Preference: 86.5% favor Smaller distance (effect size: 36.5%)

95% CI: [83.7%, 88.9%]

Statistical test:  $p = 0.0000$  \*\*\* (n=654)

### PROLIFIC DATA

#### OVERALL ROW SEPARATION PREFERENCE:

Preference rate: 73.5% favor smaller distances (effect size: 23.5%)

95% CI: [71.9%, 75.0%]

Statistical test:  $p = 0.0000$  \*\*\* (n=3038)

#### Same Row (0) vs Reach (1):

Preference: 71.1% favor Smaller distance (effect size: 21.1%)

95% CI: [68.8%, 73.3%]

Statistical test:  $p = 0.0000$  \*\*\* (n=1576)

#### Reach (1) vs Hurdle (2):

Preference: 76.1% favor Smaller distance (effect size: 26.1%)

95% CI: [73.8%, 78.2%]

Statistical test:  $p = 0.0000$  \*\*\* (n=1462)

## Sample-size weighted meta-analysis

Consistent direction: Both datasets show the same preference ordering (same row > reach > hurdle).  
Different magnitudes: Prolific shows more moderate effect sizes.

```
```python
def combine_datasets(dataset1, dataset2):
    # Combine effect sizes weighted by sample size and inverse variance

    # Non-Prolific data
    n1_same_reach = 502
    effect1_same_reach = 0.157
    ci1_same_reach_width = 0.698 - 0.615 # 0.083

    n1_reach_hurdle = 654
    effect1_reach_hurdle = 0.365
    ci1_reach_hurdle_width = 0.889 - 0.837 # 0.052

    # Convert to cumulative cost structure
    cost_same_row = 0.0
    cost_reach = 0.157 # effect size
    cost_hurdle = 0.157 + 0.365 # 0.522 # Cumulative

    # Convert to scores (flip and normalize to 0-1 range)
    max_cost = 0.522
    score_same_row = 1.0
    score_reach = 1.0 - (0.157 / 0.522) = 0.699
    score_hurdle = 1.0 - (0.522 / 0.522) = 0.0

    # Prolific data
    n2_same_reach = 1576
    effect2_same_reach = 0.211
    ci2_same_reach_width = 0.733 - 0.688 # 0.045

    n2_reach_hurdle = 1462
    effect2_reach_hurdle = 0.261
    ci2_reach_hurdle_width = 0.782 - 0.738 # 0.044

    # Weight by sample size and confidence (inverse of CI width)
    def weighted_average(effect1, n1, ci_width1, effect2, n2, ci_width2):
        weight1 = n1 / ci_width1
        weight2 = n2 / ci_width2
        return (effect1 * weight1 + effect2 * weight2) / (weight1 + weight2)

    combined_same_reach = weighted_average(
        effect1_same_reach, n1_same_reach, ci1_same_reach_width,
        effect2_same_reach, n2_same_reach, ci2_same_reach_width
    )
```

```

combined_reach_hurdle = weighted_average(
    effect1_reach_hurdle, n1_reach_hurdle, ci1_reach_hurdle_width,
    effect2_reach_hurdle, n2_reach_hurdle, ci2_reach_hurdle_width
)

return combined_same_reach, combined_reach_hurdle

# Results: 0.203 for same→reach, 0.290 for reach→hurdle

# Convert to cumulative cost structure
cost_same_row = 0.0
cost_reach = 0.203    # Combined effect size
cost_hurdle = 0.203 + 0.290 = 0.493 # Cumulative

# Convert to scores (flip and normalize to 0-1 range)
max_cost = 0.493
score_same_row = 1.0
score_reach = 1.0 - (0.203 / 0.493) = 0.588
score_hurdle = 1.0 - (0.493 / 0.493) = 0.0
'''

```

### (3) COLUMN SEPARATION

Column separation analysis with row controls + reach vs hurdle by column pattern

#### METHODS NOTES:

- Same-vs-other column tests exclude same-row bigrams (row separation = 0)
- All comparisons control for row separation (1-row vs 1-row, 2-row vs 2-row)
- Adjacent-vs-distant tests separated by row pattern for precision

### NON-PROLIFIC DATA

Instances analyzed: 508

#### OVERALL COLUMN SEPARATION PREFERENCE (WITH ROW CONTROLS):

Preference rate: 55.1% favor smaller distances (effect size: 5.1%)

95% CI: [50.8%, 59.4%]

Statistical test:  $p = 0.0210$  \* (n=508)

#### METHODS NOTES:

- Same-column vs other-column: No row constraints (tests fundamental same-finger preference)
- Adjacent vs distant: Row constraints maintained (isolates pure column separation effect)
- All comparisons require exactly one shared key
- Mixed approach balances sample size with experimental control

#### SAME COLUMN (0) VS OTHER COLUMNS (1-3) - NO ROW CONTROLS:

(All row separations included + shared key constraint)

All Movement Types (0, 1, 2 row separations combined):

Preference: 51.4% favor different-finger movements (effect size: 1.4%)

95% CI: [46.2%, 56.6%]

Statistical test:  $p = 0.5951$  ( $n=354$ )

#### ADJACENT (1) VS DISTANT (2-3) COLUMNS - BY ROW PATTERN:

Hurdle Movements (2 row separation):

Preference: 85.7% favor distant columns (effect size: 35.7%)

95% CI: [60.1%, 96.0%]

Statistical test:  $p = 0.0075$  \*\* ( $n=14$ )

Reach Movements (1 row separation):

Preference: 80.0% favor adjacent columns (effect size: 30.0%)

95% CI: [58.4%, 91.9%]

Statistical test:  $p = 0.0073$  \*\* ( $n=20$ )

Same Row Movements (0 row separation):

Preference: 75.0% favor adjacent columns (effect size: 25.0%)

95% CI: [66.6%, 81.9%]

Statistical test:  $p = 0.0000$  \*\*\* ( $n=120$ )

## PROLIFIC DATA

Instances analyzed: 1356

#### OVERALL COLUMN SEPARATION PREFERENCE:

Preference rate: 48.8% favor smaller distances (effect size: 1.2%)

95% CI: [46.4%, 51.2%]

Statistical test:  $p = 0.3297$  ( $n=1684$ )

#### METHODS NOTES:

- Same-column vs other-column: No row constraints (tests fundamental same-finger preference)
- Adjacent vs distant: Row constraints maintained (isolates pure column separation effect)
- All comparisons require exactly one shared key
- Mixed approach balances sample size with experimental control

#### SAME COLUMN (0) VS OTHER COLUMNS (1-3) - NO ROW CONTROLS:

(All row separations included + shared key constraint)

All Movement Types (0, 1, 2 row separations combined):

Preference: 54.4% favor different-finger movements (effect size: 4.4%)

95% CI: [51.9%, 56.9%]

Statistical test:  $p = 0.0007$  \*\*\* ( $n=1474$ )

#### ADJACENT (1) VS DISTANT (2-3) COLUMNS - BY ROW PATTERN:

Hurdle Movements (2 row separation):

Preference: 66.2% favor adjacent columns (effect size: 16.2%)

95% CI: [57.7%, 73.7%]

Statistical test:  $p = 0.0002$  \*\*\* (n=130)

Reach Movements (1 row separation):

Preference: 91.7% favor adjacent columns (effect size: 41.7%)

95% CI: [74.2%, 97.7%]

Statistical test:  $p = 0.0000$  \*\*\* (n=24)

Same Row Movements (0 row separation):

Preference: 75.0% favor adjacent columns (effect size: 25.0%)

95% CI: [62.3%, 84.5%]

Statistical test:  $p = 0.0002$  \*\*\* (n=56)

## Focus on same-row data

- Weak effect sizes: Most same-column vs adjacent-column comparisons show small effects with poor statistical significance.
- Small sample sizes: Some critical comparisons have tiny samples, making them unreliable for setting objective weights.
- One strong signal: The only robust finding is that adjacent columns are strongly preferred over distant columns in same-row movements (25.0% effect size,  $n=120$ ,  $p=0.0000$ ; 25.0% effect size,  $n=56$ ,  $p=0.0002$ ).
- $\text{combined\_effect} = 0.250$ ;  $\text{score\_reach} = 1 - 0.250 \# 0.750$

## (4) Inward/outward rolls

Inward vs outward roll preference (same key pairs, different directions)

Methods:

- Compares same key pairs in both movement directions
- Inward roll: Finger number increases (pinky  $\rightarrow$  index)
- Outward roll: Finger number decreases (index  $\rightarrow$  pinky)
- Excludes same-column bigrams (no roll motion possible)
- Controls for key identity, distance, and quality differences

Examples:

- 'as' (inward: finger 1 $\rightarrow$ 2) vs 'sa' (outward: finger 2 $\rightarrow$ 1)
- 'df' (inward: finger 3 $\rightarrow$ 4) vs 'fd' (outward: finger 4 $\rightarrow$ 3)
- 'aw' (inward: finger 1 $\rightarrow$ 2) vs 'wa' (outward: finger 2 $\rightarrow$ 1)

## PROLIFIC DATA

Instances analyzed: 856

CONSTRAINED INWARD VS OUTWARD ROLL PREFERENCE:

Inward roll preference rate: 55.8% (effect size: 5.8%)

95% CI: [52.5%, 59.1%]

Statistical test:  $p = 0.0006$  \*\*\* (n=856)

Hurdle Movements (2 rows apart):

Examples: 'az'/'za', 'qx'/'xq', 'ec'/'ce'

Preference: 53.2% favor outward roll (effect size: 3.2%)

95% CI: [46.6%, 59.6%]

Statistical test:  $p = 0.3474$  ( $n=222$ )

Same Row Movements:

Examples: 'as'/'sa', 'df'/'fd', 'qw'/'wq'

Preference: 72.1% favor inward roll (effect size: 22.1%)

95% CI: [65.7%, 77.8%]

Statistical test:  $p = 0.0000$  \*\*\* ( $n=208$ )

Reach Movements (1 row apart):

Examples: 'aw'/'wa', 'dr'/'rd', 'sz'/'zs'

Preference: 52.6% favor inward roll (effect size: 2.6%)

95% CI: [47.8%, 57.3%]

Statistical test:  $p = 0.2865$  ( $n=426$ )

## SAME-ROW SCORING

22.1% effect size  $\rightarrow \pm 0.11$  bonus/penalty

$1.0 - (22.1\% \text{ effect size}) = 0.779$

## Consideration: CONTEXT-DEPENDENT TRIGRAM SCORING

```
```python
```

```
# MOO Scoring:
```

```
def score_trigram_order(finger1, finger2, finger3, row1, row2, row3):
    if finger1 == finger2 == finger3: # 1 finger
        return 0 # same finger
    elif finger1 == finger2 or finger2 == finger3: # 2 fingers
        if key1 == key2 or key2 == key3:
            return 0.5 # repeat key treated the same as a cross-row trigram
        else:
            return 0 # mixed finger patterns
    else: # 3 different fingers
        # Same-row trigrams: Apply empirical inward preference
        if row1 == row2 == row3:
            if finger1 < finger2 < finger3:
                return 1.0 # inward roll
            elif finger1 > finger2 > finger3:
                return 0.779 # outward roll (empirical penalty)
        # Cross-row trigrams: Keep equal weighting (no empirical data)
        elif finger1 < finger2 < finger3 or finger1 > finger2 > finger3:
            return 0.5 # both directions neutral
        return 0.0 # mixed/same finger patterns
    if finger1 != finger2 or finger2 != finger3: # 2 different keys
        return 0.779 # repeat keys
```



```
else:
    return 0 # same finger
...
```

## (5) SIDE REACH

Side reach analysis: Same-row bigrams only (no same-column)

Methods:

- Same-row bigrams only: Both keys on same keyboard row (0 row separation)
- No same-column bigrams: Excludes same-finger movements for cleaner results
- Standard area: Bigrams using only columns 1-4 (Q,W,E,R,A,S,D,F,Z,X,C,V)
- Side reach: Bigrams containing column 5 keys (T,G,B)
- Purest test of side reach cost without movement complexity confounds

Examples:

- Row 1: 'qw' vs 'qt', 'er' vs 'et', 'wr' vs 'wt'
- Row 2: 'as' vs 'ag', 'df' vs 'dg', 'sf' vs 'sg'
- Row 3: 'zx' vs 'zb', 'cv' vs 'cb', 'xv' vs 'xb'

Exclusions:

- Different rows: 'aw' vs 'at' (reach movements)
- Same column: 'de' vs 'gt' (same finger movements)

## PROLIFIC DATA

Instances analyzed: 804

SAME-ROW SIDE REACH PREFERENCE:

Standard area preference rate: 65.4% (effect size: 15.4%)

95% CI: [62.1%, 68.6%]

Statistical test:  $p = 0.0000$  \*\*\* (n=804)

## SCORING

side\_reach\_score:  $1 - 0.154 = 0.846$

Compound penalty logic (each penalty reduces the remaining quality rather than the total):

- 1 side reach: retains 84.6% quality
- 2 side reaches: retains  $84.6\% \times 84.6\% = 71.6\%$  quality
- This models diminishing marginal cost appropriately
- An 15.4% effect size can be interpreted as "side reach bigrams retain 84.6% of standard quality" rather than "side reach costs exactly 15.4% points."

## Bigram Scoring System

```
"""
Scoring criteria from the Bigram Typing Preference Study for use as MOO objectives:

1. Key preferences (empirical Bradley-Terry tiers inside left finger-columns)
```

2. Row separation (empirical meta-analysis of left same-row, reach, and hurdle key-pairs)

3. Same-row finger order and column separation

- (empirical analysis of left key-pairs toward vs. away from the thumb)
- (empirical meta-analysis of left key-pairs in adjacent vs. remote columns)

Scoring criteria isolated from above:

4. Same-finger (empirical analysis of left same- vs. different finger inside finger-columns; see #3)

5. Outside reach (empirical analysis of left-hand lateral stretches outside finger-columns; see #1)

Additional simple scoring criteria considered problematic by the Alternative Keyboard Layout communities:

6. Scissor (adjacent column hurdle; ignores all other awkward finger mechanics)

7. Half-scissor (adjacent column reach; ignores all other awkward finger mechanics)

Collectively, these criteria address finger mechanics generally considered problematic:

- uncomfortable key/finger positions: #1
- uncomfortable transitions:
  - reaches and hurdles: #2
  - skipping within a row: #3
  - outward rolls: #3 (within a row)
  - same-finger bigrams: #4 (and #3)
  - lateral stretches: #5 (and #1, #3)
  - scissors: #6, #7 (row separation is also explicitly penalized by #2)
- uncomfortable patterns:
  - redirects: addressed by the trigram scoring criteria

Each criterion score for a layout is the average score across all bigrams.

The overall Engram score is simply the average of the criterion scores.

The output files contain all possible key-pairs (e.g., "QW", "QE", "AS") with their corresponding scores.

Main output files:

- ../tables/engram\_2key\_scores.csv - Overall average score

```

- ../tables/engram_2key_scores_key_preference.csv
- ../tables/engram_2key_scores_row_separation.csv
- ../tables/engram_2key_scores_same_row.csv
- ../tables/engram_2key_scores_same_finger.csv
- ../tables/engram_2key_scores_outside.csv
- ../tables/engram_2key_scores_scissor.csv
- ../tables/engram_2key_scores_half_scissor.csv
"""

#-----
# Engram's bigram scoring criteria
#-----
# 1. Key preferences (empirical Bradley-Terry tiers inside left finger-columns)
# 2. Row separation (empirical meta-analysis of left same-row, reach, and hurdle
key-pairs)
# 3. Same-row finger order and column separation
#   - (empirical analysis of left key-pairs toward vs. away from the thumb)
#   - (empirical meta-analysis of left key-pairs in adjacent vs. remote columns)
# 4. Same-finger (empirical analysis of left same- vs. different finger inside
finger-columns)
# 5. Outside reach (empirical analysis of left-hand lateral stretches outside
finger-columns)
# 6. Scissor (adjacent column hurdle; ignores all other awkward finger mechanics)
# 7. Half-scissor (adjacent column reach; ignores all other awkward finger
mechanics)
#-----

# 1. Key preferences (empirical Bradley-Terry tiers inside left finger-columns)
#   0.137 - 1.000: keys inside the 8 finger-columns
#   0.000: keys outside the 8 finger-columns
tier_values = {
    'F': 1.000, 'J': 1.000,
    'D': 0.870, 'K': 0.870,
    'E': 0.646, 'I': 0.646,
    'S': 0.646, 'L': 0.646,
    'V': 0.568, 'M': 0.568,
    'R': 0.568, 'U': 0.568,
    'W': 0.472, 'O': 0.472,

```

```

        'A': 0.410, ';': 0.410,
        'C': 0.410, ',': 0.410,
        'Z': 0.137, '/': 0.137,
        'Q': 0.137, 'P': 0.137,
        'X': 0.137, '.': 0.137
    }

    key_score = 0
    for key in [char1, char2]:
        key_score += tier_values.get(key, 0) # Get tier value or 0 if not found

    scores['key_preference'] = key_score / 2.0 # Average over 2 keys

    # 2. Row separation (empirical meta-analysis of left same-row, reach, and hurdle
key-pairs)
    #    1.000: 2 hands
    #    1.000: 2 keys in the same row
    #    0.588: 2 keys in adjacent rows (reach)
    #    0.000: 2 keys straddling home row (hurdle)
    if hand1 != hand2:
        scores['row_separation'] = 1.0 # Two hands
    else:
        if row_gap == 0:
            scores['row_separation'] = 1.0 # Same row
        elif row_gap == 1:
            scores['row_separation'] = 0.588 # Adjacent row (reach)
        else:
            scores['row_separation'] = 0.0 # Skip row (hurdle)

    # 3. Same-row finger order and column separation
    #    - (empirical analysis of left key-pairs toward vs. away from the thumb)
    #    - (empirical meta-analysis of left key-pairs in adjacent vs. remote columns)
    #    1.000: 2 hands
    #    1.000: adjacent columns, inward roll, in the same row
    #    0.779: adjacent columns, outward roll, in the same row
    #    0.750: remote columns, inward roll, in the same row
    #    0.779 x 0.750: remote columns, outward roll, in the same row

```

```

#    0.500: different rows, different fingers
#    0.000: same finger
if hand1 != hand2:
    scores['same_row'] = 1.0          # Two hands
elif finger1 == finger2:
    scores['same_row'] = 0.0          # Same finger
elif row_gap == 0: # Same row logic

    # Apply same-row finger order/direction (stronger effect)
    if finger2 > finger1:              # Inward
        scores['same_row'] = 1.0
    elif finger2 < finger1:           # Outward
        scores['same_row'] = 0.779

    # Apply column separation penalty (weaker effect)
    if column_gap >= 2:               # Remote columns
        scores['same_row'] *= 0.750

else:
    scores['same_row'] = 0.5          # Different rows, different fingers

# 4. Same-finger (empirical analysis of left same- vs. different finger inside
finger-columns)
#    1.0: 2 hands
#    1.0: 2 fingers
#    0.0: 1 finger
if hand1 != hand2:
    scores['same_finger'] = 1.0       # Two hands
elif finger1 != finger2:
    scores['same_finger'] = 1.0       # Two fingers
else:
    scores['same_finger'] = 0.0       # Same finger

# 5. Outside reach (empirical analysis of left-hand lateral stretches outside
finger-columns)
#    1.000: 0 outside keys
#    0.846: 1 outside key
#    0.716: 2 outside keys

```

```

    qwerty_home_blocks_set = set(qwerty_home_blocks) # Convert to set for O(1) lookup
performance

    # Count how many keys are outside the home blocks
    outside_count = sum(1 for key in [char1, char2] if key not in
qwerty_home_blocks_set)

    # Apply score based on count
    outside_scores = {0: 1.0, 1: 0.846, 2: 0.716}
    scores['outside'] = outside_scores[outside_count]

    # 6. Scissor (adjacent column hurdle; ignores all other awkward finger mechanics)
    #     1.0: 2 hands
    #     1.0: non-scissor
    #     0.0: scissor
    scores['scissor'] = 1.0 # Default score
    if hand1 != hand2:
        scores['scissor'] = 1.0 # Two hands
    elif finger1 != finger2:
        if column_gap == 1 and row_gap == 2:
            scores['scissor'] = 0.0 # Adjacent hurdle

    # 7. Half-scissor (adjacent column reach; ignores all other awkward finger
mechanics)
    #     1.0: 2 hands
    #     1.0: non-half-scissor
    #     0.0: half-scissor
    scores['half_scissor'] = 1.0 # Default score
    if hand1 != hand2:
        scores['half_scissor'] = 1.0 # Two hands
    elif finger1 != finger2:
        if column_gap == 1 and row_gap == 1:
            scores['half_scissor'] = 0.0 # Adjacent reach

    return scores

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