

Psychology 360: Personality Research

Analyzing the data for the final projects

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Outline

Overview

Using Qualtrics

Analyzing your data

More analysis

Advanced analysis

Making an item dictionary

The basic steps

1. Install R on your computer (just do this once) (go to <https://cran.r-project.org>)
2. Install the *psych* and *psychTools* (just do this once) (install packages option)
3. Make *psych* active (`library(psych)`)
4. Get the data in Qualtrics ready to be read
5. Read the data into R using `read.file`
6. Find basic descriptive statistics
7. Score the scales
8. Do regressions or correlations to test your hypotheses

Read the How To's

1. An [introduction](#) (vignette) of the *psych* package
2. An [overview](#) (vignette) of the *psych* package
3. [Installing](#) R and some useful packages
4. Using R and the *psych* package to find [omega_h](#) and ω_t .
5. Using R and the *psych* for [factor analysis](#) and principal components analysis.
6. Using the `scoreItems` function to find [scale scores and scale statistics](#) (this document).
7. Using `mediate` and `setCor` to do [mediation, moderation and regression analysis](#)

Once R is installed and psych is installed

R code

```
library(psych)  #necessary whenever you want to run functions
                 in the psych package
my.data <- read.clipboard()  #normal free field with spaces in between values
#or
my.data <- read.clipboard.csv()  #if the data are in csv format
my.keys <- make.keys(my.data,list(scale1 = cs(Q1,Q2, -Q6),
                                   scale2 = cs((Q3,Q4,Q5)  #etc
dim(my.data)  #how many subjects (rows) and variables (columns)
describe(my.data)
my.scales <- scoreItems(my.keys,my.data)
my.scales
```

Getting the data from Qualtrics

1. Download the data from Qualtrics as either an Excel file or as a csv (comma separated values).
2. A little bit of preprocessing is necessary
 - Prepare a line before your data with short abbreviations for each item
 - This can either be an abbreviation of the item (no more than about 10 characters) or
 - Some clever name such as Q1, Q2, Q3, ...
3. Select this row and all of the data (ignore the first few columns with id number and names, ip addresses, etc)
4. Copy this selection to your clipboard
5. `my.data <- read.clipboard.csv()`
6. Or paste your data into a new csv file so you can automate the process
7. Consider the example data in a file [small.msq](#)

Reading from a remote file

R code

```
fn <- "https://personality-project.org/r/psych/HowTo/scoring.tutorial/small.ms
my.data <- read.file(fn)
dim(my.data)
describe(my.data)
```

```
fn <- "https://personality-project.org/r/psych/HowTo/scoring.tutorial/small.ms
my.data <- read.file(fn)
Data from the .txt file https://personality-project.org/r/psych/HowTo/scoring.tutorial/small.ms
> dim(my.data)
```

```
[1] 200 14
```

```
> describe(my.data)
```

	vars	n	mean	sd	median	trimmed	mad	min	max	range	skew	kurtosis	se
active	1	200	0.86	0.84	1.0	0.78	1.48	0	3	3	0.62	-0.45	0.06
alert	2	199	0.97	0.85	1.0	0.90	1.48	0	3	3	0.54	-0.42	0.06
aroused	3	200	0.52	0.76	0.0	0.38	0.00	0	3	3	1.30	0.92	0.05
sleepy	4	198	1.60	1.08	2.0	1.62	1.48	0	3	3	-0.05	-1.31	0.08
tired	5	200	1.78	1.01	2.0	1.86	1.48	0	3	3	-0.30	-1.04	0.07
drowsy	6	200	1.50	1.08	1.0	1.49	1.48	0	3	3	0.02	-1.28	0.08
anxious	7	200	0.60	0.83	0.0	0.45	0.00	0	3	3	1.31	1.05	0.06
jittery	8	200	0.66	0.87	0.0	0.50	0.00	0	3	3	1.22	0.63	0.06
nervous	9	200	0.44	0.77	0.0	0.25	0.00	0	3	3	1.81	2.63	0.05
calm	10	200	1.55	0.91	2.0	1.57	1.48	0	3	3	-0.06	-0.80	0.06
relaxed	11	199	1.67	0.86	2.0	1.71	1.48	0	3	3	-0.20	-0.63	0.06
at.ease	12	198	1.40	0.96	1.0	1.38	1.48	0	3	3	0.08	-0.96	0.07
gender	13	136	1.54	0.50	2.0	1.55	0.00	1	2	1	-0.18	-1.98	0.04
drug	14	136	1.50	0.50	1.5	1.50	0.74	1	2	1	0.00	-2.01	0.04

Create the instructions (keys) for scoring the data

R code

```
my.keys <- list(  
EA= c("active","alert","aroused", "-sleepy","-tired", "-drowsy"),  
TA = c("anxious","jittery","nervous","-calm", "-relaxed", "-at.ease"),  
    EAp = c("active","alert","aroused"),  
    EAn = c("sleepy","tired", "drowsy"),  
    TAp = c("anxious","jittery","nervous"),  
    TAn = c("calm", "relaxed", "at.ease")  
)  
  
another.keys.list <- list(EA=c(1:3,-4,-5,-6),TA=c(7:9,-10,-11,-12),  
    EAp =1:3,EAn=4:6,TAp =7:9,TAn=10:12)
```


Score the items

```
Call: scoreItems(keys = my.keys, items = my.data)
```

```
(Unstandardized) Alpha:
```

```
      EA  TA  EAp  EAn  TAp  TAn
alpha 0.85 0.83 0.76 0.89 0.78 0.83
```

```
Standard errors of unstandardized Alpha:
```

```
      EA  TA  EAp  EAn  TAp  TAn
ASE    0.033 0.037 0.067 0.053 0.065 0.06
```

```
Average item correlation:
```

```
      EA  TA  EAp  EAn  TAp  TAn
average.r 0.49 0.44 0.51 0.74 0.55 0.62
```

```
Median item correlation:
```

```
      EA  TA  EAp  EAn  TAp  TAn
0.48 0.40 0.54 0.71 0.57 0.63
```

```
Guttman 6* reliability:
```

```
      EA  TA  EAp  EAn  TAp  TAn
Lambda.6 0.89 0.85 0.75 0.87 0.75 0.79
```

```
Signal/Noise based upon av.r :
```

```
      EA  TA  EAp  EAn  TAp  TAn
Signal/Noise 5.9 4.7 3.2 8.5 3.6 4.8
```

```
Scale intercorrelations corrected for attenuation
```

```
raw correlations below the diagonal, alpha on the diagonal
```

```
corrected correlations above the diagonal:
```

```
      EA  TA  EAp  EAn  TAp  TAn
EA    0.854 0.25 1.025 -1.051 0.40 -0.063
TA    0.212 0.83 0.252 -0.207 1.04 -1.063
EAp   0.826 0.20 0.760 -0.651 0.51 0.032
```

Scores output (continued)

Scale intercorrelations corrected for attenuation
raw correlations below the diagonal, alpha on the diagonal
corrected correlations above the diagonal:

	EA	TA	EAp	EAn	TAp	TAn
EA	0.854	0.25	1.025	-1.051	0.40	-0.063
TA	0.212	0.83	0.252	-0.207	1.04	-1.063
EAp	0.826	0.20	0.760	-0.651	0.51	0.032
EAn	-0.919	-0.18	-0.537	0.894	-0.26	0.112
TAp	0.330	0.84	0.396	-0.217	0.78	-0.593
TAn	-0.053	-0.88	0.025	0.097	-0.48	0.829

Average adjusted correlations within and between scales (MIMS)

	EA	TA	EAp	EAn	TAp	TAn
EA	0.49					
TA	0.10	0.44				
EAp	0.34	0.08	0.51			
EAn	-0.58	-0.11	-0.35	0.74		
TAp	0.16	0.31	0.18	-0.14	0.55	
TAn	-0.03	-0.37	0.01	0.07	-0.26	0.62

Average adjusted item x scale correlations within and between scales (MIMT)

	EA	TA	EAp	EAn	TAp	TAn
EA	0.76					
TA	0.16	0.73				
EAp	0.68	0.17	0.82			
EAn	-0.84	-0.16	-0.49	0.91		
TAp	0.27	0.70	0.33	-0.18	0.84	
TAn	-0.05	-0.76	0.02	0.08	-0.41	0.86

In order to see the item by scale loadings and frequency counts of the data
print with the short option = FALSE

Objects contain objects

R code

```
names(my.scales)
my.scores <- my.scales$scores    #the actual scores are saved in the scores ob
dim(my.scores)
```

```
names(my.scales)
[1] "scores"          "missing"          "alpha"            "av.r"             "sn"
[6] "n.items"         "item.cor"         "cor"              "corrected"        "G6"
[11] "item.corrected"  "response.freq"    "raw"              "ase"              "med.r"
[16] "keys"           "MIMS"             "MIMT"             "Call"
> my.scores <- my.scales$scores    #the actual scores are saved in the scores object
> dim(my.scores)
[1] 200  6
```

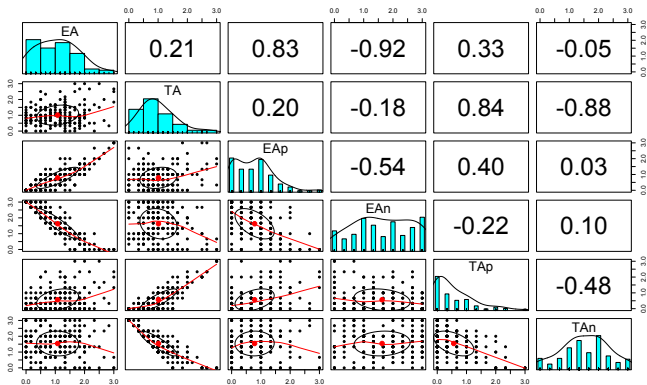
Basic descriptives

R code

```
describe(my.scores)
pairs.panels(my.scores)
```

```
describe(my.scores)
  vars   n mean  sd median trimmed  mad min max range  skew kurtosis   se
EA     1 200 1.08 0.72   1.08   1.05 0.86   0   3   3  0.36   -0.43 0.05
TA     2 200 1.01 0.63   1.00   0.96 0.49   0   3   3  0.88    0.81 0.04
EAp    3 200 0.78 0.67   0.67   0.71 0.49   0   3   3  0.87    0.75 0.05
EAn    4 200 1.63 0.96   1.67   1.66 0.99   0   3   3 -0.09   -1.17 0.07
TAp    5 200 0.57 0.69   0.33   0.44 0.49   0   3   3  1.42    1.64 0.05
TAn    6 200 1.54 0.78   1.67   1.55 0.99   0   3   3 -0.12   -0.54 0.06
```

Show the SPLOM



The effect of drug and gender

1. The original data set (my.data) included the drug condition (1=placebo, 2 = caffeine) and the gender (1= male, 2 = female) of the subjects.
2. Combine these codes with the scale scores

Data manipulation

R code

```
big.data <- cbind(my.scores, my.data[cs(drug,gender)])  
describe(big.data)
```

```
> describe(big.data)
```

	vars	n	mean	sd	median	trimmed	mad	min	max	range	skew	kurtosis	se
EA	1	200	1.08	0.72	1.08	1.05	0.86	0	3	3	0.36	-0.43	0.05
TA	2	200	1.01	0.63	1.00	0.96	0.49	0	3	3	0.88	0.81	0.04
EAp	3	200	0.78	0.67	0.67	0.71	0.49	0	3	3	0.87	0.75	0.05
EAn	4	200	1.63	0.96	1.67	1.66	0.99	0	3	3	-0.09	-1.17	0.07
TAp	5	200	0.57	0.69	0.33	0.44	0.49	0	3	3	1.42	1.64	0.05
TAn	6	200	1.54	0.78	1.67	1.55	0.99	0	3	3	-0.12	-0.54	0.06
drug	7	136	1.50	0.50	1.50	1.50	0.74	1	2	1	0.00	-2.01	0.04
gender	8	136	1.54	0.50	2.00	1.55	0.00	1	2	1	-0.18	-1.98	0.04

Break it down by group

R code

```
describeBy(big.data ~ drug)
error.bars.by(big.data~drug,by.var=FALSE
              ylab="score" ,main="Effect of caffeine on arousal")
```

Descriptive statistics by group
drug: 1

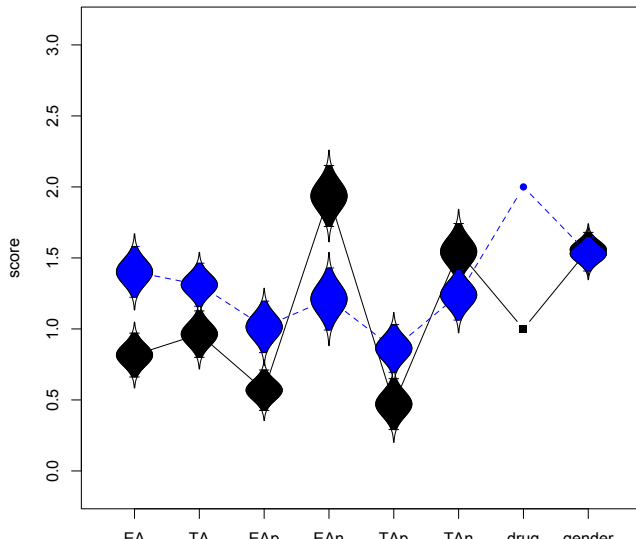
	vars	n	mean	sd	median	trimmed	mad	min	max	range	skew	kurtosis	se
EA	1	68	0.82	0.64	0.83	0.78	0.74	0	2.5	2.5	0.35	-0.80	0.08
TA	2	68	0.96	0.68	0.83	0.88	0.49	0	3.0	3.0	1.28	1.76	0.08
EAp	3	68	0.57	0.59	0.33	0.50	0.49	0	2.0	2.0	0.78	-0.43	0.07
EAn	4	68	1.94	0.89	2.00	1.98	1.48	0	3.0	3.0	-0.21	-1.27	0.11
TAp	5	68	0.47	0.74	0.00	0.31	0.00	0	3.0	3.0	2.08	4.04	0.09
TAn	6	68	1.54	0.82	1.67	1.55	0.99	0	3.0	3.0	-0.15	-0.77	0.10
drug	7	68	1.00	0.00	1.00	1.00	0.00	1	1.0	0.0	NaN	NaN	0.00
gender	8	68	1.56	0.50	2.00	1.57	0.00	1	2.0	1.0	-0.23	-1.97	0.06

drug: 2

	vars	n	mean	sd	median	trimmed	mad	min	max	range	skew	kurtosis	se
EA	1	68	1.40	0.74	1.33	1.38	0.74	0.00	3.00	3.00	0.22	-0.40	0.09
TA	2	68	1.31	0.63	1.33	1.27	0.74	0.33	2.67	2.33	0.41	-0.59	0.08
EAp	3	68	1.01	0.75	1.00	0.94	0.49	0.00	3.00	3.00	0.82	0.54	0.09
EAn	4	68	1.21	0.90	1.17	1.17	1.24	0.00	3.00	3.00	0.23	-1.11	0.11
TAp	5	68	0.86	0.70	0.67	0.82	0.49	0.00	2.33	2.33	0.53	-0.79	0.08
TAn	6	68	1.24	0.73	1.33	1.25	0.99	0.00	2.67	2.67	-0.16	-1.03	0.09
drug	7	68	2.00	0.00	2.00	2.00	0.00	2.00	2.00	0.00	NaN	NaN	0.00
gender	8	68	1.53	0.50	2.00	1.54	0.00	1.00	2.00	1.00	-0.12	-2.02	0.06

The effect of caffeine on multiple affect measures

Effect of caffeine on arousal



Inferential statistics

R code

```
setCor(EA+ TA ~ drug*gender, data=big.data)
```

Call: setCor(y = EA + TA ~ drug * gender, data = big.data)

Multiple Regression from raw data

DV = EA

	slope	se	t	p	lower.ci	upper.ci	VIF	Vy.x
(Intercept)	0.00	0.06	0.00	1.0e+00	-0.12	0.12	1	0.00
drug	0.40	0.06	6.40	1.1e-09	0.28	0.53	1	0.17
gender	-0.22	0.06	-3.54	4.9e-04	-0.35	-0.10	1	0.05
drug*gender	-0.08	0.06	-1.22	2.2e-01	-0.20	0.05	1	0.01

Residual Standard Error = 0.89 with 196 degrees of freedom

Multiple Regression

	R	R ²	R _{uw}	R _{2uw}	Shrunken R ²	SE of R ²	overall F	df1	df2	p
EA	0.47	0.22	0.41	0.17	0.21	0.05	18.81	3	196	9.18e-11

DV = TA

	slope	se	t	p	lower.ci	upper.ci	VIF	Vy.x
(Intercept)	0.00	0.07	0.00	1.00000	-0.14	0.14	1	0.00
drug	0.28	0.07	4.03	0.00008	0.14	0.41	1	0.08
gender	0.03	0.07	0.41	0.68000	-0.11	0.16	1	0.00
drug*gender	-0.02	0.07	-0.32	0.75000	-0.16	0.11	1	0.00

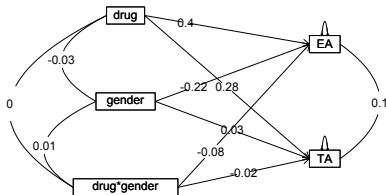
Residual Standard Error = 0.97 with 196 degrees of freedom

Multiple Regression

	R	R ²	R _{uw}	R _{2uw}	Shrunken R ²	SE of R ²	overall F	df1	df2	p
TA	0.22	0.02	0.12	0.02	0.02	0.04	5.42	2	196	0.00124

Show the graphic

Regression Models



More detailed analysis

R code

```
setCor(EAp + EAn + TAP + TAn ~drug +gender,data=big.data)
```

Call: setCor(y = EAp + EAn + TAP + TAn ~ drug + gender, data = big.data)

Multiple Regression from raw data

DV = EAp

	slope	se	t	p	lower.ci	upper.ci	VIF	Vy.x
(Intercept)	0.00	0.06	0.00	1.0e+00	-0.13	0.13	1	0.00
drug	0.33	0.06	5.09	8.5e-07	0.20	0.45	1	0.11
gender	-0.29	0.06	-4.54	9.6e-06	-0.42	-0.16	1	0.09

Residual Standard Error = 0.9 with 197 degrees of freedom

Multiple Regression

	R	R ²	Ruw	R2uw	Shrunken R ²	SE of R ²	overall F	df1	df2	p
EAp	0.44	0.2	0.44	0.2	0.19	0.05	23.97	2	197	4.83e-10

DV = EAn

	slope	se	t	p	lower.ci	upper.ci	VIF	Vy.x
(Intercept)	0.00	0.07	0.00	1.0e+00	-0.13	0.13	1	0.00
drug	-0.38	0.07	-5.75	3.3e-08	-0.50	-0.25	1	0.14
gender	0.13	0.07	2.01	4.5e-02	0.00	0.26	1	0.02

Residual Standard Error = 0.92 with 197 degrees of freedom

Multiple Regression

	R	R ²	Ruw	R2uw	Shrunken R ²	SE of R ²	overall F	df1	df2	p
EAn	0.4	0.16	0.36	0.13	0.15	0.05	18.94	2	197	2.99e-08

DV = TAP

	slope	se	t	p	lower.ci	upper.ci	VIF	Vy.x
(Intercept)	0.00	0.07	0.00	1.0e+00	-0.13	0.13	1	0.00
drug	0.29	0.07	4.22	3.7e-05	0.15	0.42	1	0.08
gender	0.05	0.07	0.76	4.5e-01	-0.08	0.19	1	0.00

Residual Standard Error = 0.96 with 197 degrees of freedom

Dimension reduction through Factor Analysis

R code

```
f2 <- fa(my.data[1:12],2)
```

Factor Analysis using method = minres

Call: fa(r = my.data[1:12], nfactors = 2)

Standardized loadings (pattern matrix) based upon correlation matrix

	MR1	MR2	h2	u2	com
active	0.65	0.07	0.41	0.59	1.0
alert	0.73	0.00	0.53	0.47	1.0
aroused	0.52	-0.13	0.30	0.70	1.1
sleepy	-0.77	0.06	0.60	0.40	1.0
tired	-0.79	-0.05	0.61	0.39	1.0
drowsy	-0.76	-0.03	0.58	0.42	1.0
anxious	0.25	-0.54	0.39	0.61	1.4
jittery	0.34	-0.54	0.46	0.54	1.7
nervous	0.13	-0.62	0.43	0.57	1.1
calm	0.01	0.72	0.52	0.48	1.0
relaxed	0.12	0.75	0.55	0.45	1.0
at.ease	0.13	0.76	0.56	0.44	1.1

	MR1	MR2
SS loadings	3.25	2.70
Proportion Var	0.27	0.22
Cumulative Var	0.27	0.50
Proportion Explained	0.55	0.45
Cumulative Proportion	0.55	1.00

With factor correlations of

	MR1	MR2
MR1	1.00	-0.15
MR2	-0.15	1.00

Factor analysis continued

Mean item complexity = 1.1

Test of the hypothesis that 2 factors are sufficient.

df null model = 66 with the objective function = 6.17 with Chi Square = 1198.51

df of the model are 43 and the objective function was 1.65

The root mean square of the residuals (RMSR) is 0.09

The df corrected root mean square of the residuals is 0.11

The harmonic n.obs is 199 with the empirical chi square 223.16 with prob < 3.6e-26

The total n.obs was 200 with Likelihood Chi Square = 319.12 with prob < 7.6e-44

Tucker Lewis Index of factoring reliability = 0.623

RMSEA index = 0.179 and the 90 % confidence intervals are 0.161 0.198

BIC = 91.29

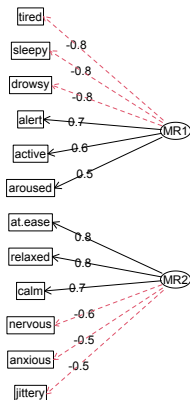
Fit based upon off diagonal values = 0.93

Measures of factor score adequacy

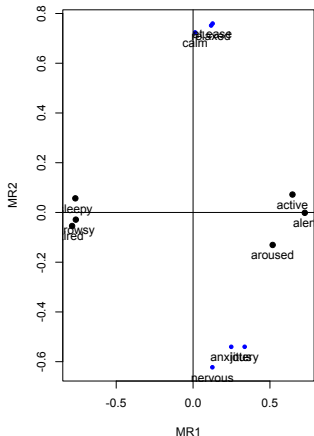
	MR1	MR2
Correlation of (regression) scores with factors	0.94	0.92
Multiple R square of scores with factors	0.87	0.84
Minimum correlation of possible factor scores	0.75	0.69

Two ways of showing the results

Factor Analysis



Factor Analysis



Cluster the items

R code

```
ic <- iclust(my.data[1:12])
```

ICLUST (Item Cluster Analysis)

Call: iclust(r.mat = my.data[1:12])

Purified Alpha:

C9 C10

0.85 0.83

G6* reliability:

C9 C10

0.71 0.69

Original Beta:

C9 C10

0.69 0.65

Cluster size:

C9 C10

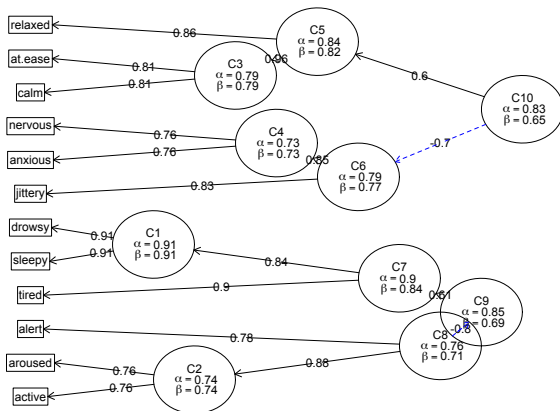
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Item by Cluster Structure matrix:

	0	P	C9	C10
active	C9	C9	-0.65	-0.09
alert	C9	C9	-0.71	-0.19
aroused	C9	C9	-0.55	-0.28
sleepy	C9	C9	0.81	0.24
tired	C9	C9	0.77	0.14
drowsy	C9	C9	0.79	0.15
anxious	C10	C10	-0.31	-0.62
jittery	C10	C10	-0.41	-0.64
nervous	C10	C10	-0.19	-0.68
calm	C10	C10	0.12	0.70
relaxed	C10	C10	0.00	0.70
at.ease	C10	C10	0.01	0.70

Show the iclust diagram

ICLUST



The two structures are practically identical

R code

```
factor.congruence(ic,f2)
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```
factor.congruence(ic,f2)
      MR1 MR2
C9  -0.99 0.20
C10 -0.33 0.96
```

Making an item dictionary to clean up the output

1. When showing the pattern of item responses using factor analysis or scale construction, it is helpful to refer to items not by item number (e.g. Q1, Q2) but rather in terms of the item content.
2. Basic scoring commands (e.g. `makeKeys`) are easier with short names (Q1, Q3) but that results in output which is not as helpful.
3. Thus, we have the ability to create dictionaries
4. To do this, first make up a a Excel spreadsheet with at least columns:
 - Column 1: the abbreviation (Q1, Q3, ..) for the item
 - Column 2: The full item (do not use apostrophes)
 - Give column labels (item, content)
5. Copy these two columns to R using `read.clipboard.tab()`
e.g. `my.dictionary <- read.clipboard.tab()`
6. Give the data the row names of the abbreviations
`rownames(my.dictionary) <- my.dictionary[,1]`