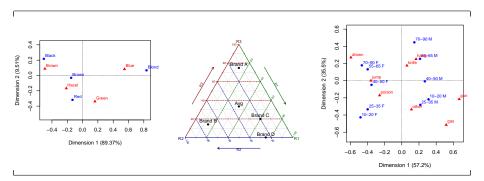
# Correspondence analysis

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# Correspondence analysis: Basic ideas

#### Correspondence analysis (CA)

Analog of PCA for frequency data:

- account for maximum % of  $\chi^2$  in few (2-3) dimensions
- finds scores for row  $(x_{im})$  and column  $(y_{jm})$  categories on these dimensions
- uses Singular Value Decomposition of residuals from independence,

$$d_{ij} = (n_{ij} - \widehat{m}_{ij})/\sqrt{\widehat{m}_{ij}}$$

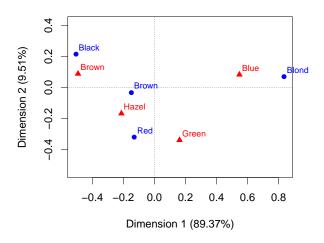
$$\frac{d_{ij}}{\sqrt{n}} = \sum_{m=1}^{M} \lambda_m \, x_{im} \, y_{jm}$$

- *optimal scaling*: each pair of scores for rows  $(x_{im})$  and columns  $(y_{jm})$  have highest possible correlation  $(= \lambda_m)$ .
- plots of the row  $(x_{im})$  and column  $(y_{im})$  scores show associations

# Example: Hair color, eye color data

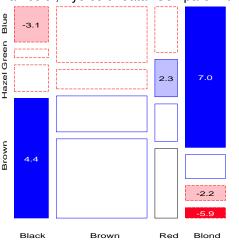
```
library(ca)
(haireve.ca <- ca(haireve))
##
##
   Principal inertias (eigenvalues):
##
  Value
             0.208773 0.022227 0.002598
  Percentage 89.37% 9.52% 1.11%
##
##
##
   Rows:
##
                        Brown
                                    Red
              Black
                                         Blond
## Mass
           0.182432 0.483108 0.119932 0.21453
  ChiDist 0.551192 0.159461 0.354770 0.83840
  Inertia 0.055425 0.012284 0.015095 0.15079
  Dim. 1 -1.104277 -0.324463 -0.283473 1.82823
  Dim. 2 1.440917 -0.219111 -2.144015 0.46671
##
##
   Columns:
##
              Brown
                       Blue
                                Hazel
                                         Green
## Mass
           0.371622 0.36318 0.157095
                                       0.108108
  ChiDist
           0.500487
                    0.55368 0.288654
                                       0.385727
  Inertia
           0.093086
                    0.11134
                             0.013089
                                       0.016085
  Dim. 1 -1.077128 1.19806 -0.465286
                                       0.354011
## Dim. 2 0.592420 0.55642 -1.122783 -2.274122
```

#### Hair color, Eye color data:



- Rough interpretation: row/column points "near" each other are positively associated
- Dim 1: 89.4% of  $\chi^2$  (dark  $\leftrightarrow$  light)
- Dim 2: 9.5% of  $\chi^2$  (Red/Green vs. others)

#### Hair color, Eye color data: Compare with mosaic display



- The main dark-light dimension is reflected in the opposite-corner pattern of residuals
- The 2nd dimension is reflected in deviations from this pattern (e.g., Red hair–Green eyes)
- CA is "accounting for" residuals (deviations) from independence

#### Row and column profiles

- For a two-way table, row profiles and column profiles give the relative proportions of the column/row categories.
- An association is present to the extent that the row/col profiles differ
- Profiles add to 1.0 (100%), and can be visualized in profile space

#### **Example: Toothpaste purchases by region**

120 people in three regions where asked which of four brands of toothpaste, A–D, they had most recently purchased. Is there a difference among regions?

```
## Region
## Brand R1 R2 R3
## Brand A 5 5 30
## Brand B 5 25 5
## Brand C 15 5 5
## Brand D 15 5 0
```

#### Row and column profiles

- Row profiles pertain to the differences among brand preference
- Column profiles pertain to the differences among regions

```
##
                                              R1
                                                    R2
                                                         R3
                                                              Ava
## Brand A 12.5 12.5 75.0 100
                                 ## Brand A 12.5 12.5 75.0
                                                             33.3
  Brand B 14.3 71.4 14.3 100
                                   Brand B 12.5 62.5 12.5
                                                             29.2
  Brand C 60.0 20.0 20.0 100
                                 ## Brand C 37.5 12.5 12.5
                                                             20.8
  Brand D 75.0 25.0 0.0 100
                                 ## Brand D 37.5 12.5 0.0 16.7
## Avg 33.3 33.3 33.3 100
                                 ## Sum
                                           100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0
```

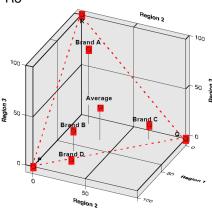
There is clearly an association, meaning that the row (column) profiles differ

```
##
## Pearson's Chi-squared test
##
## data: toothpaste
## X-squared = 79.607, df = 6, p-value = 4.307e-15
```

# Plotting profiles

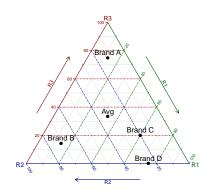
In this simple example we can plot the row profiles as points in 3D space, with axes corresponding to regions, R1, R2, R3

- Each brand is positioned in this space according to its proportions for the regions
- Because proportions sum to 100%, all points lie in the dashed plane PQR
- The Average profile is at the (weighted) centroid
- If no association, all brands would appear at the centroid



# Plotting profiles

Analogous 2D plot is a trilinear plot that automatically scales the R1–R3 values so they sum to 100%



- The Avg profile has coordinates of 33.3% for each region
- Brand preferences by region can be seen by their positions wrt the R1–R3 axes
- This suggests that differences among brands can be measured by their (squared) distances from the centroid, weighted by their row margins (mass)
- Physical analogy suggests the term inertia for this weighted variation

#### **CA** solution

- The CA solution has at most min(r-1, c-1) dimensions
- A 2D solution here is exact, i.e., accounts for 100% of Pearson X<sup>2</sup>

```
library(ca)
tp.ca <- ca(toothpaste)
summary(tp.ca, rows=FALSE, columns=FALSE)

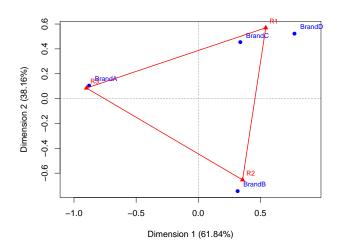
##
## Principal inertias (eigenvalues):
##
## dim value % cum% scree plot
## 1     0.410259 61.8 61.8 ***********
## 2     0.253134 38.2 100.0 *********
## Total: 0.663393 100.0</pre>
```

#### Pearson X2:

```
sum(tp.ca$sv^2) * 120
## [1] 79.607
```

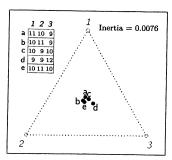
#### **CA** solution

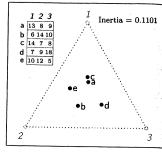
```
res <- plot(tp.ca)
polygon(res$cols, border="red", lwd=2)</pre>
```

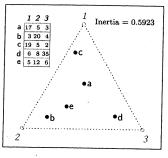


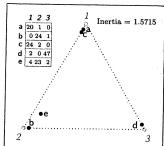
Profiles

Exhibit 4.2: A series of data tables with increasing total inertia. The higher the total inertia, the greater is the association between the rows and columns, displayed by the higher dispersion of the profile points in the profile space. The values in these tables have been chosen specifically so that the column sums are all equal, so the weights in the  $\chi^2$ -distance formulation are the same, and hence distances we observe in these maps are true  $\chi^2$ -distances.





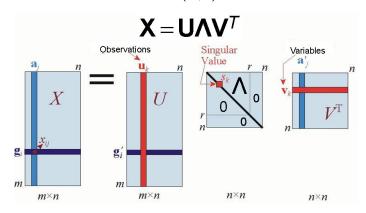




# Singular value decomposition

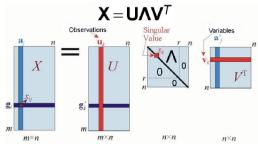
The singular value decomposition (SVD) is a basic technique for factoring a matrix and matrix approximation.

For an  $m \times n$  matrix  $\boldsymbol{X}$  of rank  $r \leq \min(m, n)$  the SVD of  $\boldsymbol{X}$  is:



### Properties of the SVD

- V: columns are the eigenvectors of X<sup>T</sup>X and form an orthonormal basis (V<sup>T</sup>V = I) for the variables
- Λ: diagonal, r singular values are the square roots of the eigenvalues of both XX<sup>T</sup> and X<sup>T</sup>X
- U: columns are the eigenvectors of XX<sup>T</sup> and form an orthonormal basis for the observation profiles, so that U<sup>T</sup>U = I



SVD

# SVD: Matrix approximation

- Let X be an m x n matrix such that rank(X) = r
- If λ<sub>1</sub> ≥ λ<sub>2</sub> ≥ ... ≥ λ<sub>r</sub> are the singular values of X, then x̂, the rank q approximation of X that minimizes || X − X̂ ||, is

$$\hat{\mathbf{X}}_{m \times n} = \sum_{i=1}^{q} \lambda_i \begin{pmatrix} u_{i1} \\ \vdots \\ u_{im} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{v}_{i1} & \cdots & \mathbf{v}_{in} \end{pmatrix} = \lambda_1 u_1 \mathbf{v}_1^T + \cdots + \lambda_q u_q \mathbf{v}_q^T$$
row scores

a sum of q rank=1 (outer) products. The variance in **X** accounted for each term is  ${\lambda_1}^2$ 

# CA notation and terminology

#### Notation:

- Contingency table:  $N = \{n_{ij}\}$
- Correspondence matrix (cell probabilities):  $\mathbf{P} = \{p_{ij}\} = \mathbf{N}/n$
- Row/column masses (marginal probabilities):  ${m r} = \sum_j p_{ij}$  and  ${m c} = \sum_i p_{ij}$
- Diagonal weight matrices:  $\mathbf{D}_r = \operatorname{diag}(\mathbf{r})$  and  $\mathbf{D}_c = \operatorname{diag}(\mathbf{c})$

The SVD is then applied to the correspondence matrix of cell probabilities as:

$${m P} = {m A} {m D}_{\!\lambda} {m B}^{\mathsf T}$$

#### where

- Singular values:  $\mathbf{D}_{\lambda} = \operatorname{diag}(\lambda)$  is the diagonal matrix of singular values  $\lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \cdots \geq \lambda_M$
- Row scores:  $\mathbf{A}_{l \times M}$ , normalized so that  $\mathbf{A} \mathbf{D}_r^{-1} \mathbf{A}^T = \mathbf{I}$
- Column scores:  $\mathbf{B}_{J\times M}$ , normalized so that  $\mathbf{B}\mathbf{D}_c^{-1}\mathbf{B}^{\mathsf{T}}=\mathbf{I}$

#### Principal and standard coordinates

Two types of coordinates are commonly used in CA, based on re-scalings of  $\boldsymbol{A}$  and  $\boldsymbol{B}$ .

#### **Principal coordinates**

Coordinates of the row (F) and column (G) profiles wrt their own principal axes

$$\mathbf{F} = \mathbf{D}_r^{-1} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{D}_{\lambda}$$
 scaled so that  $\mathbf{F}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{D}_r \mathbf{F} = \mathbf{D}_{\lambda}$   
 $\mathbf{G} = \mathbf{D}_c^{-1} \mathbf{B} \mathbf{D}_{\lambda}$  scaled so that  $\mathbf{G}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{D}_c \mathbf{G} = \mathbf{D}_{\lambda}$ 

- Defined so that the inertia along each axis is the corresponding singular value,  $\lambda_i$ ,
- i.e., weighted average of squared principal coordinates =  $\lambda_i$  on dim. i
- The joint plot in principal coordinates, F and G, is called the symmetric map because both row and column profiles are overlaid in the same coordinate system.

### Principal and standard coordinates

#### Standard coordinates

The standard coordinates  $(\Phi, \Gamma)$  are a rescaling of the principal coordinates to unit inertia along each axis,

$$\Phi = \mathbf{D}_r^{-1}\mathbf{A}$$
 scaled so that  $\Phi^T \mathbf{D}_r \Phi = \mathbf{I}$   
 $\Gamma = \mathbf{D}_c^{-1}\mathbf{B}$  scaled so that  $\Gamma^T \mathbf{D}_c \Gamma = \mathbf{I}$ 

- The weighted average of squared standard coordinates = 1 on each dimension
- An asymmetric map shows one set of points (say, the rows) in principal coordinates and the other set in standard coordinates.

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#### Geometric and statistical properties

- nested solutions: CA solutions are *nested*, meaning that the first two dimensions of a 3D solution will be identical to the 2D solution (similar to PCA)
- centroids at the origin: In both principal coordinates and standard coordinates the points representing the row and column profiles have their centroids (weighted averages) at the origin. The origin represents the (weighted) average row profile and column profile.
- chi-square distances: In principal coordinates, the row coordinates are equal to the row profiles  $\mathbf{D}_r^{-1}\mathbf{P}$ , rescaled inversely by the square-root of the column masses,  $\mathbf{D}_c^{-1/2}$ . Distances between two row profiles,  $\mathbf{R}_i$  and  $\mathbf{R}_{i'}$  are  $\chi^2$  distances, where the squared difference  $[\mathbf{R}_{ij}-\mathbf{R}_{i'j}]^2$  is inversely weighted by the column frequency, to account for the different relative frequency of the column categories.

### The ca package in R

• ca() calculates CA solutions, returning a "ca" object

 The result contains the standard row coordinates (rowcoord: Φ) and column coordinates (colcoord: Γ)

```
haireye.ca$rowcoord

## Dim1 Dim2 Dim3

## Black -1.10428 1.44092 -1.08895

## Brown -0.32446 -0.21911 0.95742

## Red -0.28347 -2.14401 -1.63122

## Blond 1.82823 0.46671 -0.31809
```

#### The ca package in R

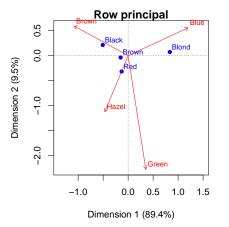
The plot () method provides a wide variety of scalings (map=), with different interpretive properties. Some of these are:

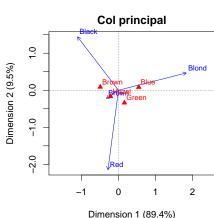
- "symmetric" both rows and columns in pricipal coordinates (default)
- "rowprincipal" or "colprincipal" asymmetric maps, with either rows in principal coordinates and columns in standard coordinates, or vice versa
- "symbiplot" scales both rows and columns to have variances equal to the singular value

The mcja () function is used for multiple correspondence analysis (MCA) and has analogous print (), summary () and plot () methods.

#### Asymmetric row/col principal plots are biplots — can interpret projection of points on vectors

```
plot(haireye.ca, map="rowprincipal", arrows=c(FALSE,TRUE))
plot(haireye.ca, map="colprincipal", arrows=c(TRUE, FALSE))
```





### Optimal category scores

- CA has a close relation to canonical correlation analysis, applied to dummy variables representing the categories.
- The singular values,  $\lambda_i$ , are the correlations between the category scores
  - Assign Dim 1 scores, X1 and Y1 to the row/column categories:  $\implies$  max. possible correlation,  $\lambda_1$

  - Thus all association between the row/col categories is captured by the scores
- This optimal scaling interpretation can be used to quantify categorical variables

# Optimal category scores

#### Singular values = canonical correlations

```
haireye.ca <- ca(haireye)
round(haireye.ca$sv, 4)
## [1] 0.4569 0.1491 0.0510
```

#### Extract the row and column coordinates to a data frame

```
RC <- haireye.ca$rowcoord # row coordinates
CC <- haireye.ca$colcoord # col coordinates
HE.df <- as.data.frame(haireye)

Y1 <- RC[match(HE.df$Hair, haireye.ca$rownames),1]
X1 <- CC[match(HE.df$Eye, haireye.ca$colnames),1]
Y2 <- RC[match(HE.df$Hair, haireye.ca$rownames),2]
X2 <- CC[match(HE.df$Eye, haireye.ca$colnames),2]
```

# Optimal category scores

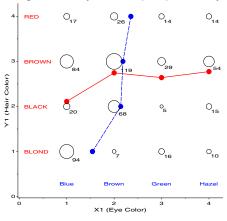
```
HE.df <- cbind(HE.df, X1, Y1, X2, Y2)
print(HE.df, digits=3)

## Hair Eye Freq X1 Y1 X2 Y2
## 1 Black Brown 68 -1.077 -1.104 0.592 1.441
## 2 Brown Brown 119 -1.077 -0.324 0.592 -0.219
## 3 Red Brown 26 -1.077 -0.283 0.592 -2.144
## 4 Blond Brown 7 -1.077 1.828 0.592 0.467
## 5 Black Blue 20 1.198 -1.104 0.556 1.441
## 6 Brown Blue 84 1.198 -0.324 0.556 -0.219
## 7 Red Blue 17 1.198 -0.283 0.556 -2.144
## 8 Blond Blue 94 1.198 1.828 0.556 0.467
```

#### Calculate correlations—all zero except $r(X1,Y1)=\lambda_1$ and $r(X2,Y2)=\lambda_2$

# Simultaneous linear regressions

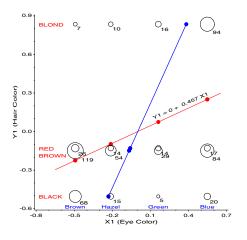
Assign arbitrary scores (1-4) X1 to eye color and Y1 to hair color



- Lines connecting the weighted (conditional) means of Y1 | X1 and X1 | Y1 are not-linear
- The scatterplot uses bubble symbols showing frequency in each cell
- Is it possible to assign row and column scores so that both regressions are linear?

# Simultaneous linear regressions

#### Yes, use CA scores on the first dimension



- The regression of Y1 on X1 is linear, with slope  $\lambda_1$
- The regression of X1 on Y1 is linear, with slope  $1/\lambda_1$
- λ<sub>1</sub> is the (canonical) correlation between X1 and Y1
- The angle between the two lines would be 0 if perfect correlation
- The conditional means (dots) are the principal coordinates

### Example: Mental impairment and parents' SES

Data on mental health status (mental) of 1660 young NYC residents by parents' SES (ses), a  $6 \times 4$  table.

- Both mental and ses are ordered factors
- Convert from frequency data frame to table using xtabs ()

```
data("Mental", package="vcdExtra")
str(Mental)

## 'data.frame': 24 obs. of 3 variables:
## $ ses : Ord.factor w/ 6 levels "1"<"2"<"3"<"4"<..: 1 1 1 1 2 2 2 2 2 3
## $ mental: Ord.factor w/ 4 levels "Well"<"Mild"<..: 1 2 3 4 1 2 3 4 1 2
## $ Freq : int 64 94 58 46 57 94 54 40 57 105 ...

mental.tab <- xtabs(Freq ~ ses + mental, data=Mental)</pre>
```

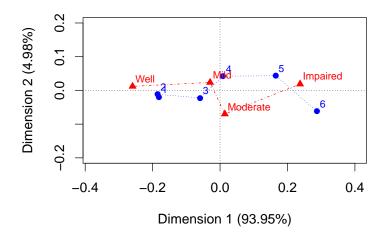
# Example: Mental impairment and parents' SES

```
mental.ca <- ca(mental.tab)
summary(mental.ca)

##
## Principal inertias (eigenvalues):
##
## dim value % cum% scree plot
## 1 0.026025 93.9 93.9 *************
## 2 0.001379 5.0 98.9 *
## 3 0.000298 1.1 100.0
## Total: 0.027702 100.0
...
```

- The exact CA solution has min(r-1, c-1) = 3 dimensions
- The total Pearson  $X^2$  is  $n\Sigma\lambda_i^2 = 1660 \times 0.0277 = 45.98$  with 15 df
- Of this, 93.9% is accounted for by the first dimension

```
res <- plot(mental.ca)
lines(res$rows, col="blue", lty=3)
lines(res$cols, col="red", lty=4)</pre>
```



# Looking ahead

- CA is largely an exploratory method row/column scores are not parameters of a statistical model; no confidence intervals
- Only rough tests for the number of CA dimensions
- Can't test an hypothesis that the row/column scores are have some particular spacing (e.g., are mental and ses equally spaced?)
- These kinds of questions can be answered with specialized loglinear models
- Nevertheless, plot (ca(table)) gives an excellent quick view of associations

# Multi-way tables

Correspondence analysis can be extended to *n*-way tables in several ways:

#### Stacking approach

- n-way table flattened to a 2-way table, combining several variables "interactively"
- Each way of stacking corresponds to a loglinear model
- Ordinary CA of the flattened table → visualization of that model
- Associations among stacked variables are not visualized

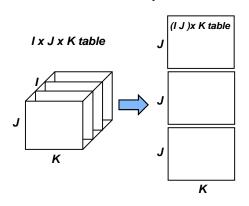
#### Multiple correspondence analysis (MCA)

- Extends CA to n-way tables
- Analyzes all pairwise bivariate associations
- Can plot all factors in a single plot
- An extension, joint correspondence analysis, gives a better account of inertia for each dimension

# Multi-way tables: Stacking

#### Stacking approach:

ullet three-way table, of size  $I \times J \times K$  can be sliced and stacked as a two-way table in different ways



- The variables combined are treated "interactively"
- Each way of stacking corresponds to a loglinear model
  - $(I \times J) \times K \rightarrow [AB][C]$
  - $I \times (J \times K) \rightarrow [A][BC]$
  - $J \times (I \times K) \rightarrow [B][AC]$
- Only the associations in separate

   [] terms are analyzed and displayed
- The stacked table is analyzed with ordinary CA of the two-way stacked table

### Interactive coding in R

• Data in table (array) form: Use as.matrix(structable())

```
mat1 <- as.matrix(structable(A + B ~ C, data=mytable)) # [A B][C]
mat2 <- as.matrix(structable(A + C ~ B + D, data=mytable)) # [A C][B I
ca(mat2)</pre>
```

Data in frequency data frame form: Use paste() or interaction(), followed by xtabs()

```
mydf$AB <- interaction(mydf$A, mydf$B, sep='.')  # levels: A.B
mydf$AB <- paste(mydf$A, mydf$B, sep=':')  # levels: A:B
...
mytab <- xtabs(Freq ~ AB + C, data=mydf)  # [A B] [C]</pre>
```

### Example: Suicide rates in Germany

- Suicide in vcd gives a  $2 \times 5 \times 8$  table of sex by age.group by method of suicide for 53,182 suicides in Germany, in a frequency data frame
- With the data in this form, you can use paste() to join age.group and sex together to form a new variable age\_sex consisting of their combinations.

```
data("Suicide", package="vcd")
# interactive coding of sex and age.group
Suicide <- within(Suicide, {
        age_sex <- paste(age.group, toupper(substr(sex,1,1)))
        })</pre>
```

# Example: Suicide rates in Germany

```
suicide.tab <- xtabs(Freq ~ age sex + method2, data=Suicide)</pre>
suicide tab
##
            method2
   age_sex poison
                     gas hang drown
                                      gun knife jump other
##
     10-20 F
                921
                     4.0
                           212
                                  30
                                       2.5
                                             11
                                                  1.31
                                                        100
##
    10-20 M
             1160
                     335 1524
                                  67
                                      512
                                             47
                                                  189
                                                        464
##
     25-35 F
             1672
                           575
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                                            183
                                                  244
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    55-65 F
             2283
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    55-65 M
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    70-90 F
              1548
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                                      2.2.9
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                                                        147
```

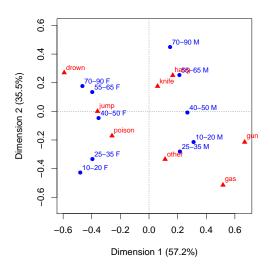
- The CA analysis will be that of the loglinear model [Age Sex] [Method]
- It will show associations between the age—sex combinations and method of suicide
- Associations between age and sex will not be shown in this analysis

# Example: Suicide rates in Germany

```
suicide.ca <- ca(suicide.tab)
summary(suicide.ca)
##
  Principal inertias (eigenvalues):
##
   dim value % cum% scree plot
      0.096151 57.2 57.2 *********
##
  1
##
   2 0.059692 35.5 92.6 ******
##
      0.008183 4.9 97.5 *
        0.002158 1.3 98.8
   5 0.001399 0.8 99.6
   6 0.000557 0.3 100.0
##
        6.7e-050 0.0 100.0
##
##
   Total: 0.168207 100.0
```

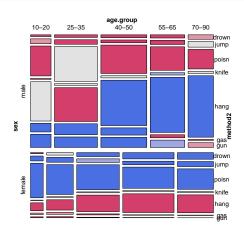
It can be seen that 92.6% of the Pearson  $X^2$  for this model is accounted for in the first two dimensions.

### plot(suicide.ca)



- Dim 1: Sex
- Dim 2: Age
- Interpret method use by age-sex combinations, e.g., young males: gas, gun; young females: poison

### Compare with a mosaic plot also fitting the model [Age Sex][Suicide]:



# Marginal tables and supplementary variables

- An n-way table is collapsed to a marginal table by ignoring factors
- Omitted variables can be included by treating them as supplementary
- These are projected into the space of the marginal CA

### Age by method, ignoring sex:

```
suicide.tab2 <- xtabs(Freq age.group + method2, data=Suicide)
suicide.tab2
##
           method2
  age.group poison
                                  qun knife jump other
                   gas hang drown
##
      10-20
             2081
                  375 1736
                               97
                                  537
                                         58
                                             320
                                                  564
##
     25-35 4495
                  996 3326 352
                                  916 180
                                             642
                                                 1038
   40-50 4689
                  716 5417
                              601
                                  927
                                        2.63
                                             571
                                                 839
                                       257
##
   55-65 3814
                   246 5595
                            886
                                  506
                                             661 590
```

2.32

179

651

253

71.3

### 70-90 2486 Relation of sex and method:

##

```
(suicide.sup <- xtabs(Freq ~ sex + method2, data=Suicide))
##
          method2
## sex
          poison
                    gas
                         hang drown gun knife
                                                 jump other
##
             8917
                   2089
                        14740
                                946
                                     2945
                                            62.8
                                                 1340
                                                       2214
    male
##
    female 8648
                  318
                         5637 1703
                                    173
                                            309
                                                 1505
                                                       1070
```

74 4303

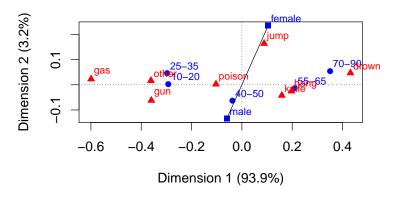
# Marginal tables and supplementary variables

The rows for sex by method are treated as supplementary rows:

- the relation of age and method is now essentially 1 dimensional
- the inertia of Dim 1 (0.604) is nearly the same as that of Dim 2 (0.596) in the stacked table

- Plot the 2D CA solution for the [Age] [Method] marginal table.
- Add category points for Sex (supplementary points)

```
res <- plot(suicide.ca2s, pch=c(16, 15, 17, 24))
lines(res$rows[6:7,])
```



Ignoring Sex has collapsed Dim 1 (Sex) of the [Age Sex][Method] analysis. Supp. points show associations of Method with Sex.

# Multiple correspondence analysis (MCA)

- Extends CA to n-way tables
- Useful when simpler stacking approach doesn't work well, e.g., 10 categorical attitude items
- Analyzes all pairwise bivariate associations. Analogous to:
  - Correlation matrix (numbers)
  - Scatterplot matrix (graphs)
  - All pairwise  $\chi^2$  tests (numbers)
  - Mosaic matrix (graphs)
- Provides an optimal scaling of the category scores for each variable
- Can plot all factors in a single plot
- An extension, joint correspondence analysis, gives a better account of inertia for each dimension

## The indicator matrix and the Burt matrix

Two ways to think about MCA:

### Indicator matrix (dummy variables)

- A given categorical variable, q, can be represented by an indicator matrix  $Z(n \times J_q)$  of dummy variables,  $z_{ij} = 1$  if case i is in category j
- Let  $Z_1, Z_2, \dots, Z_Q$  be the indicator matrices for Q variables
- MCA is then a simple CA applied to the partitioned matrix  $Z = [Z_1, Z_2, ..., Z_O]$

#### **Burt matrix**

The Bert matrix is the product of the indicator matrix Z and its transpose

$$\boldsymbol{B} = \boldsymbol{Z}^{\mathsf{T}}\boldsymbol{Z}$$

 MCA can be defined using the SVD of B, giving category scores for all variables accounting for the largest proportion of all bivariate associations.

# Bivariate MCA: Hair Eye color

- For the hair-eye color data, the indicator matrix Z has n=592 rows (observations) and 4 + 4 = 8 columns (categories).
- Shown below in frequency form, using h1-h4 for hair color and e1-e4 for eye color
- E.g., first row reflects the 68 observations with black hair and brown eyes

```
Hair
       Eve Frea
                   h2
Black Brown
            119
Brown Brown
 Red Brown
Blond Brown
Black Blue
             20 1 0
              84
Brown
     Blue
     Blue
             17
 Red
             94
Blond Blue
```

### Expand this to case form for **Z** (592 x 8)

```
Z <- expand.dft(haireye.df)[,-(1:2)]
vnames <- c(levels(haireye.df$Hair), levels(haireye.df$Eye))
colnames(Z) <- vnames
dim(Z)
## [1] 592 8</pre>
```

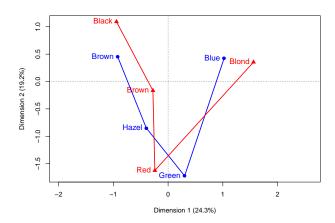
If the indicator matrix is partitioned as  $\mathbf{Z} = [\mathbf{Z}_1, \mathbf{Z}_2]$ , corresponding to the hair, eye categories, then the contingency table is given by  $\mathbf{N} = \mathbf{Z}_1^T \mathbf{Z}_2$ .

```
(N <- t(as.matrix(Z[,1:4])) %*% as.matrix(Z[,5:8]))

## Brown Blue Hazel Green
## Black 68 20 15 5
## Brown 119 84 54 29
## Red 26 17 14 14
## Blond 7 94 10 16
```

- We can then use ordinary CA on the indicator matrix, Z
- Except for scaling, this is the same as the CA of N
- The inertia contributions differ, and this is handled better by MCA

```
Z.ca <- ca(Z)
res <- plot(Z.ca, what=c("none", "all"))</pre>
```



### The Burt matrix

For two categorical variables, the Burt matrix is

$$m{B} = m{Z}^{\mathsf{T}} m{Z} = \left[ egin{array}{ccc} m{N}_1 & m{N} \\ m{N}^{\mathsf{T}} & m{N}_2 \end{array} 
ight] \ .$$

- N<sub>1</sub> and N<sub>2</sub> are diagonal matrices containing the marginal frequencies of the two variables
- The contingency table, N appears in the off-diagonal block

A similar analysis to that of the indicator matrix Z is produced by:

```
Burt <- t(as.matrix(Z)) %*% as.matrix(Z)
rownames(Burt) <- colnames(Burt) <- vnames
Burt.ca <- ca(Burt)
plot(Burt.ca)</pre>
```

- Standard coords are the same
- Singular values of B are the squares of those of Z

### Multivariate MCA

For Q categorical variables, the Burt matrix is

$$m{B} = m{Z}^{\mathsf{T}} m{Z} = \left[ egin{array}{cccc} m{N}_1 & m{N}_{[12]} & \cdots & m{N}_{[1Q]} \\ m{N}_{[21]} & m{N}_2 & \cdots & m{N}_{[2Q]} \\ dots & dots & \ddots & dots \\ m{N}_{[Q1]} & m{N}_{[Q2]} & \cdots & m{N}_Q \end{array} 
ight] \; .$$

- The diagonal blocks  $N_i$  contain the one-way marginal frequencies
- The off-diagonal blocks  $N_{[ij]}$  contain the bivariate contingency tables for each pair (i, j) of variables.
- Classical MCA can be defined as a SVD of the matrix B
- It produces scores for the categories of all variables accounting for the greatest proportion of the bivariate associations in off-diagonal blocks in a small number of dimensions.

# MCA properties

- The inertia contributed by a given variable increases with the number of response categories: inertia  $(\mathbf{Z}_q) = J_q 1$
- The centroid of the categories for each variable is at the origin of the display.
- For a given variable, the inertia contributed by a given category increases as the marginal frequency in that category decreases. Low frequency points therefore appear further from the origin.
- The category points for a binary variable lie on a line through the origin.

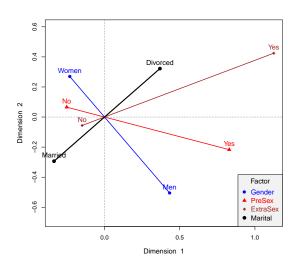
## MCA example: Pre- and extramarital sex

- PreSex data: the  $2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2$  table of gender, premarital sex, extramatrial sex and marital status (divorced, still married)
- The function mjca() provides several scalings for the singular values
- Here I use lambda="Burt"

```
data("PreSex", package="vcd")
PreSex <- aperm(PreSex, 4:1) # order variables G, P, E, M
presex.mca <- mjca(PreSex, lambda="Burt")
summary(presex.mca)
##
  Principal inertias (eigenvalues):
##
   dim value % cum% scree plot
   1 0.149930 53.6 53.6 *********
##
## 2 0.067201 24.0 77.6 *****
## 3 0.035396 12.6 90.2 ***
##
       0.027365 9.8 100.0 **
   Total: 0.279892 100.0
```

# MCA example: Pre- and extramarital sex

plot (presex.mca)



## Inertia in MCA

- In simple CA, total inertia =  $\sum \lambda_i^2 = \chi^2/n$
- $\implies$  sensible to consider % inertia for each dimension

Not so straight-forward in MCA:

- For a given indicator matrix,  $Z_q$ , the inertia is  $J_q 1$
- For all variables, with  $J = \Sigma J_q$  categories, the total inertia of  $\mathbf{Z} = [\mathbf{Z}_1, \dots, \mathbf{Z}_Q]$  is the average of the inertias of the sub-tables

$$\textit{inertia}(oldsymbol{Z}) = rac{1}{Q} \sum_{q} \textit{inertia}(oldsymbol{Z}_q) = rac{1}{Q} \sum_{q} (J_q - 1) = rac{J - Q}{Q}$$

- The average inertia per dimension is therefore 1/Q
- Interpret dimensions with inertia > 1/Q (as in PCA:  $\lambda > 1$ )
- In analysis of the Burt matrix, average inertia is inflated by the diagonal blocks

### Inertia in MCA

#### Two solutions:

### Adjusted inertia

- Ignores the diagonal blocks in the Burt matrix
- Calculates adjusted inertia as

$$(\lambda_i^*)^2 = \left[\frac{Q}{Q-1}(\lambda_i^Z - \frac{1}{Q})\right]^2$$

• Express contributions of dimensions as  $(\lambda_i^*)^2 / \sum (\lambda_i^*)^2$ , with summation over only dimensions with  $(\lambda^Z)^2 > 1/Q$ .

### Joint correspondence analysis

- Start with MCA analysis of the Burt matrix
- Replace diagonal blocks with values estimated from that solution
- Repeat until solution converges, improving the fit to off-diagonal blocks

# MCA example: Survival on the Titanic

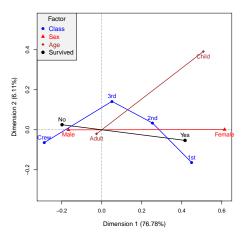
- Analyze the Titanic data, using mjca ()
- The default inertia method is lambda="adjusted"
- Other methods are "indicator", "Burt", "JCA"

### Compare adjusted inertias with other methods:

- Total inertia is sum(dim(Titanic) -1) / 4 = 6/4 = 1.5
- should only interpret dimensions with inertia > 1/4

## MCA example: Survival on the Titanic

#### plot(titanic.mca)



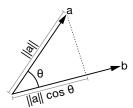
- Dim 1 is perfectly aligned with sex
- This is also strongly aligned with survival and class
- Dim 2 pertains largely to class and age effects
- Survival associated with being female, upper class and child
- Using adjusted inertia, the 2D solution accounts for 83%

# Biplots for contingency tables

The *biplot* is another visualization method that also uses the SVD to give a low-rank (2D) representation.

- In CA, the (weighted)  $\chi^2$  distances between row (column) points reflect the differences among row (column) profiles
- In the biplot, rows and columns are represented by vectors from the origin with an inner product (projection) interpretation

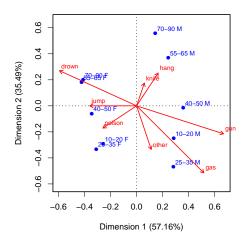
$$m{Y}pproxm{A}m{B}^{ extsf{T}}\Longleftrightarrowm{y}_{ij}pproxm{a}_{i}^{ extsf{T}}m{b}_{j}$$



## Example: suicide rates in Germany

There are a variety of different scalings for biplots. Here we use the contribution biplot

```
plot(suicide.ca, map="colgreen", arrows=c(FALSE, TRUE))
```



- Associations between age-sex categories and suicide methods can be read as projections of the points on the vectors.
- Lengths of vectors for suicide categories reflect their contributions to this 2D plot

# Summary

- CA is an exploratory method designed to account for association (Pearson  $\chi^2$ ) in a small number of dimensions
  - Row and column scores provide an optimal scaling of the category levels
  - Plots of these can suggest an explanation for association
- CA uses the singular value decomposition to approximate the matrix of residuals from independence
- Standard and principal coordinates have different geometric properties, but are essentially re-scalings of each other
- Multi-way tables can be handled by:
  - Stacking approach— collapse some dimensions interactively to a 2-way table
  - Each way of stacking → a loglinear model
  - MCA analyzes the full n way table using an indicator matrix or the Burt matrix