FACTOR ANALYSIS

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#Load Required Libraries

```
# Install the 'psych' package if not already installed
if(!require(psych)) install.packages("psych", dependencies = TRUE)
## Loading required package: psych
library(psych)
#Factor Analysis on the Iris Dataset
# Load iris dataset
data(iris)
# View the first few rows
head(iris)
    Sepal.Length Sepal.Width Petal.Length Petal.Width Species
## 1
              5.1
                          3.5
                                       1.4
                                                   0.2 setosa
## 2
                          3.0
              4.9
                                       1.4
                                                   0.2 setosa
## 3
             4.7
                         3.2
                                                  0.2 setosa
                                       1.3
## 4
             4.6
                         3.1
                                       1.5
                                                  0.2 setosa
## 5
              5.0
                          3.6
                                                   0.2 setosa
                                       1.4
## 6
              5.4
                          3.9
                                       1.7
                                                   0.4 setosa
# Scale numeric variables (first 4 columns)
iris_scaled <- scale(iris[, 1:4])</pre>
# Determine the number of factors using factor analysis
# Using 4 factors and varimax rotation
fa_iris <- fa(r = iris_scaled,</pre>
              nfactors = 4,
              rotate = "varimax")
```

Summarize results

```
# Summarize results
summary(fa_iris)
##
## Factor analysis with Call: fa(r = iris_scaled, nfactors = 4, rotate = "varimax")
## Test of the hypothesis that 4 factors are sufficient.
## The degrees of freedom for the model is -4 and the objective function was 0
## The number of observations was 150 with Chi Square = 0 with prob < NA
## The root mean square of the residuals (RMSA) is 0
## The df corrected root mean square of the residuals is \, NA
## Tucker Lewis Index of factoring reliability = 1.009
# View factor loadings
fa_iris$loadings
##
## Loadings:
                       MR2
                              MR3
                                     MR4
               MR.1
## Sepal.Length 0.997
## Sepal.Width -0.108 0.757
## Petal.Length 0.861 -0.413 0.288
## Petal.Width 0.801 -0.317 0.492
##
##
                         MR2
                               MR3
                    MR1
## SS loadings
                 2.389 0.844 0.332 0.000
## Proportion Var 0.597 0.211 0.083 0.000
## Cumulative Var 0.597 0.808 0.891 0.891
# Optional: Factor analysis on a subset
subset1 <- subset(iris[, 1:4], iris$Sepal.Length < mean(iris$Sepal.Length))</pre>
fa_subset <- fa(subset1, nfactors = 4, rotate = "varimax")</pre>
print(fa_subset)
## Factor Analysis using method = minres
## Call: fa(r = subset1, nfactors = 4, rotate = "varimax")
## Standardized loadings (pattern matrix) based upon correlation matrix
                 MR3
                       MR2
                             MR1 MR4
                                      h2
## Sepal.Length 0.05 0.90 0.09
                                   0 0.82 0.178 1.0
## Sepal.Width -0.92 -0.05 -0.09
                                   0 0.85 0.150 1.0
## Petal.Length 0.68 0.66 0.30
                                   0 1.00 0.005 2.4
## Petal.Width 0.62 0.62 0.45
                                   0 0.97 0.031 2.8
##
##
                         MR3 MR2 MR1 MR4
## SS loadings
                        1.69 1.64 0.31 0.00
## Proportion Var
                        0.42 0.41 0.08 0.00
## Cumulative Var
                        0.42 0.83 0.91 0.91
## Proportion Explained 0.46 0.45 0.08 0.00
## Cumulative Proportion 0.46 0.92 1.00 1.00
```

```
##
## Mean item complexity = 1.8
## Test of the hypothesis that 4 factors are sufficient.
## df null model = 6 with the objective function = 4.57 with Chi Square = 351.02
## df of the model are -4 and the objective function was 0
## The root mean square of the residuals (RMSR) is 0
## The df corrected root mean square of the residuals is \, NA
## The harmonic n.obs is 80 with the empirical chi square 0 with prob < NA
## The total n.obs was 80 with Likelihood Chi Square = 0 with prob < NA
## Tucker Lewis Index of factoring reliability = 1.018
## Fit based upon off diagonal values = 1
## Measures of factor score adequacy
                                                    MR3 MR2 MR1 MR4
## Correlation of (regression) scores with factors 0.94 0.93 0.73
## Multiple R square of scores with factors
                                                   0.89 0.87 0.53
## Minimum correlation of possible factor scores
                                                   0.78 0.75 0.06 -1
```

Factor Analysis on the mtcars Dataset

```
# Load mtcars dataset
data(mtcars)
# Perform factor analysis using 'factanal' with 3 factors and varimax rotation
factor_analysis_mtcars <- factanal(x = mtcars,</pre>
                                  factors = 3,
                                  rotation = "varimax")
# Print results
print(factor_analysis_mtcars)
##
## factanal(x = mtcars, factors = 3, rotation = "varimax")
## Uniquenesses:
   mpg cyl disp
                       hp drat
                                   wt qsec
                                               ٧s
                                                     am gear carb
## 0.135 0.055 0.090 0.127 0.290 0.060 0.051 0.223 0.208 0.125 0.158
##
## Loadings:
##
       Factor1 Factor2 Factor3
## mpg
       0.643 -0.478 -0.473
## cyl -0.618
               0.703
                       0.261
## disp -0.719
               0.537
                       0.323
## hp
       -0.291
               0.725
                       0.513
## drat 0.804 -0.241
       -0.778 0.248
## wt
                       0.524
## qsec -0.177 -0.946 -0.151
       0.295 -0.805 -0.204
## vs
        0.880
## am
## gear 0.908
                        0.224
```

```
## carb 0.114
                         0.719
                0.559
##
##
                  Factor1 Factor2 Factor3
                    4.380
                            3.520
                                    1.578
## SS loadings
## Proportion Var
                    0.398
                            0.320
                                    0.143
## Cumulative Var
                    0.398
                            0.718
                                    0.862
## Test of the hypothesis that 3 factors are sufficient.
## The chi square statistic is 30.53 on 25 degrees of freedom.
## The p-value is 0.205
```

- Notes: factanal() arguments:
- x : numeric data matrix or data frame
- factors : number of factors to extract
- rotation: rotation method (e.g., "varimax", "promax")
- scores: type of factor scores ("none", "regression", "Bartlett")
- covmat : covariance matrix if x is not provided

MULTIPLE FACTOR ANALYSIS (MFA) IN R

Step 1: Install and load required packages

```
if(!require(FactoMineR)) install.packages("FactoMineR", dependencies = TRUE)
library(FactoMineR)

if(!require(factoextra)) install.packages("factoextra", dependencies = TRUE)
library(factoextra)
```

Step 2: Load the dataset

```
data("iris")
head(iris)
```

```
##
    Sepal.Length Sepal.Width Petal.Length Petal.Width Species
## 1
              5.1
                          3.5
                                       1.4
                                                   0.2 setosa
## 2
              4.9
                          3.0
                                       1.4
                                                   0.2 setosa
## 3
              4.7
                          3.2
                                       1.3
                                                   0.2 setosa
## 4
              4.6
                          3.1
                                       1.5
                                                   0.2 setosa
## 5
              5.0
                          3.6
                                       1.4
                                                   0.2 setosa
## 6
              5.4
                          3.9
                                       1.7
                                                   0.4 setosa
```

Step 3: Define groups for MFA

```
iris_data <- iris[, 1:4]  # Only numeric columns
group_definitions <- c(2, 2)  # Sepal: 2 variables, Petal: 2 variables</pre>
```

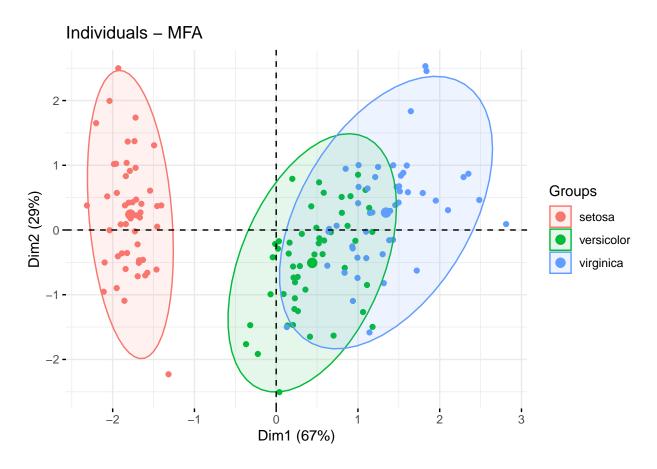
Step 4: Perform Multiple Factor Analysis

```
res_mfa <- MFA(
 iris_data,
 group = group_definitions,
                                # Quantitative variables
 type = c("s", "s"),
 name.group = c("Sepal", "Petal"),
 graph = FALSE
# View MFA summary
summary(res_mfa)
##
## Call:
## MFA(base = iris_data, group = group_definitions, type = c("s",
       "s"), name.group = c("Sepal", "Petal"), graph = FALSE)
##
##
## Eigenvalues
##
                        Dim.1
                               Dim.2
                                       Dim.3
                                              Dim.4
## Variance
                        1.882
                               0.815
                                       0.101
                                              0.011
## % of var.
                       67.006
                              29.026
                                       3.579
                                              0.389
## Cumulative % of var.
                       67.006
                              96.032 99.611 100.000
##
## Groups
##
                 Dim.1
                                       Dim.2
                                                            Dim.3
                          ctr
                               cos2
                                               ctr
                                                     cos2
                                                                     ctr
                0.932 49.551
                              0.536 |
                                      0.810 99.336 0.404 |
                                                            0.047 46.595
## Sepal
## Petal
              | 0.949 50.449 0.901 |
                                      0.005 0.664 0.000 |
                                                            0.054 53.405
##
                cos2
               0.001 l
## Sepal
## Petal
               0.003 I
##
## Individuals (the 10 first)
##
                 Dim.1
                          ctr
                               cos2
                                       Dim.2
                                               ctr
                                                     cos2
                                                            Dim.3
                                                                     ctr
## 1
              0.422
                                             0.146 0.052 | -0.132 0.116
                              0.834 | -0.661
## 2
              | -1.577
                       0.881
                                             0.358 0.147 | -0.230
                                                                  0.350
## 3
              | -1.886 1.261
                              0.965 | -0.361
                                             0.107 0.035 |
                                                            0.005
                                                                  0.000
## 4
              | -1.842 1.202
                              0.902 | -0.603
                                             0.297 0.097 | 0.052
                                                                  0.018
## 5
              | -1.949 1.346
                              0.920 | 0.573
                                             0.268 0.080 | -0.009
                                                                  0.001
## 6
              | -1.733
                       1.064
                              0.615 |
                                      1.372
                                             1.540
                                                   0.385 |
                                                            0.003
                                                                  0.000
## 7
              | -2.038 1.471
                              0.985 | -0.004
                                             0.000 0.000 | 0.252
                                                                  0.420
## 8
              | -1.781 1.123
                              0.987 | 0.179
                                             0.026 0.010 | -0.096
              0.978 0.257 | 0.090 0.054
## 9
## 10
              ##
                cos2
               0.005 |
## 1
               0.018 |
## 2
```

```
## 3
                0.000 |
## 4
                0.001 l
## 5
                0.000 |
## 6
                0.000 |
## 7
                0.015 |
## 8
                0.003 |
## 9
                0.002 |
                0.018 |
## 10
##
## Continuous variables
                  Dim.1
                           ctr
                                 cos2
                                         Dim.2
                                                  ctr
                                                        cos2
                                                               Dim.3
                                                                         ctr
## Sepal.Length | 0.895 38.053
                                0.800 | 0.391 16.752 0.153 | -0.216 41.516
## Sepal.Width | -0.492 11.497
                                0.242 | 0.867 82.584 0.752 |
                                                               0.076 5.078
## Petal.Length | 0.984 26.213 0.968 |
                                         0.052 0.168 0.003 |
                                                               0.122 7.520
## Petal.Width | 0.946 24.236 0.895 | 0.089 0.495 0.008 | 0.301 45.885
##
                 cos2
## Sepal.Length 0.047 |
## Sepal.Width
                0.006 I
## Petal.Length 0.015 |
## Petal.Width
                0.091 |
```

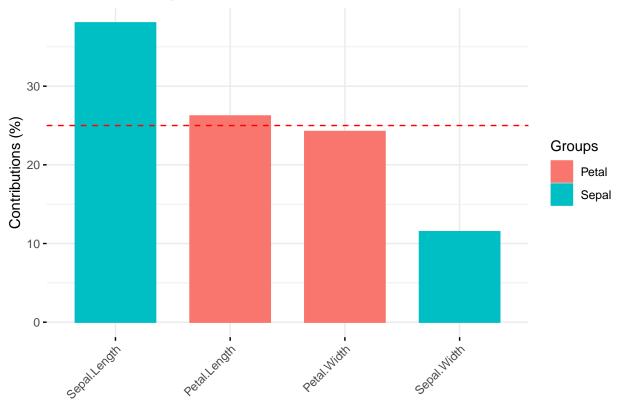
Step 5: Visualize MFA results

```
# Individuals colored by species with ellipses
fviz_mfa_ind(
  res_mfa,
  label = "var",
  habillage = iris$Species,
  addEllipses = TRUE,
  ellipse.level = 0.95
)
```



Contributions of quantitative variables to Dimension 1
fviz_contrib(res_mfa, choice = "quanti.var", axes = 1)





CONFIRMATORY FACTOR ANALYSIS (CFA)

3 3.260870 3.90 4.416667 ## 4 3.000000 5.30 4.861111 ## 5 3.695652 6.30 5.916667

```
# Step 1: Install and load required package
if(!require(lavaan)) install.packages("lavaan", dependencies = TRUE)
library(lavaan)
# Step 2: Load and check the structure of the dataset
data("HolzingerSwineford1939") # Load dataset from lavaan package
head(HolzingerSwineford1939)
                                # View first few rows
##
     id sex ageyr agemo
                         school grade
                                             x1
                                                  x2
                                                        xЗ
                                                                 x4
                                                                      x5
                                                                                 x6
                                    7 3.333333 7.75 0.375 2.333333 5.75 1.2857143
## 1
               13
                      1 Pasteur
     1
          1
     2
               13
                                    7 5.333333 5.25 2.125 1.666667 3.00 1.2857143
##
  2
          2
                      7 Pasteur
  3
     3
               13
                                    7 4.500000 5.25 1.875 1.000000 1.75 0.4285714
                      1 Pasteur
##
               13
                      2 Pasteur
                                    7 5.333333 7.75 3.000 2.666667 4.50 2.4285714
          1
                                    7 4.833333 4.75 0.875 2.666667 4.00 2.5714286
## 5
      5
          2
               12
                      2 Pasteur
##
  6
               14
                      1 Pasteur
                                    7 5.333333 5.00 2.250 1.000000 3.00 0.8571429
##
           x7
                8x
                         x9
## 1 3.391304 5.75 6.361111
## 2 3.782609 6.25 7.916667
```

```
str(HolzingerSwineford1939) # Check structure
## 'data.frame': 301 obs. of 15 variables:
         : int 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 11 ...
## $ id
## $ sex : int 1 2 2 1 2 2 1 2 2 2 ...
## $ ageyr : int 13 13 13 13 12 14 12 12 13 12 ...
## $ agemo : int 1712211205 ...
## $ school: Factor w/ 2 levels "Grant-White",..: 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 ...
## $ grade : int 777777777 ...
## $ x1
           : num 3.33 5.33 4.5 5.33 4.83 ...
## $ x2
           : num 7.75 5.25 5.25 7.75 4.75 5 6 6.25 5.75 5.25 ...
          : num 0.375 2.125 1.875 3 0.875 ...
## $ x3
## $ x4 : num 2.33 1.67 1 2.67 2.67 ...
## $ x5 : num 5.75 3 1.75 4.5 4 3 6 4.25 5.75 5 ...
## $ x6
           : num 1.286 1.286 0.429 2.429 2.571 ...
## $ x7
          : num 3.39 3.78 3.26 3 3.7 ...
## $ x8 : num 5.75 6.25 3.9 5.3 6.3 6.65 6.2 5.15 4.65 4.55 ...
## $ x9 : num 6.36 7.92 4.42 4.86 5.92 ...
# Step 3: Specify the CFA model
# Three latent variables:
  visual -> x1, x2, x3
  textual -> x4, x5, x6
  speed
            -> x7, x8, x9
model <- '
 visual = x1 + x2 + x3
 textual = \sim x4 + x5 + x6
 speed = x7 + x8 + x9
# Step 4: Run CFA and check results
cfa_result <- cfa(model, data = HolzingerSwineford1939)</pre>
# Display summary with fit measures and standardized estimates
summary(cfa_result, fit.measures = TRUE, standardized = TRUE)
## lavaan 0.6-19 ended normally after 35 iterations
##
##
    Estimator
                                                     ML
##
    Optimization method
                                                 NLMINB
##
    Number of model parameters
                                                     21
##
##
    Number of observations
                                                    301
##
## Model Test User Model:
##
##
    Test statistic
                                                 85.306
##
    Degrees of freedom
                                                     24
##
    P-value (Chi-square)
                                                  0.000
##
## Model Test Baseline Model:
```

```
##
##
     Test statistic
                                                    918.852
##
     Degrees of freedom
                                                         36
     P-value
                                                      0.000
##
##
## User Model versus Baseline Model:
##
                                                      0.931
##
     Comparative Fit Index (CFI)
##
     Tucker-Lewis Index (TLI)
                                                      0.896
##
## Loglikelihood and Information Criteria:
##
##
     Loglikelihood user model (HO)
                                                  -3737.745
##
     Loglikelihood unrestricted model (H1)
                                                  -3695.092
##
##
     Akaike (AIC)
                                                   7517.490
##
     Bayesian (BIC)
                                                   7595.339
##
     Sample-size adjusted Bayesian (SABIC)
                                                   7528.739
##
## Root Mean Square Error of Approximation:
##
##
     RMSEA
                                                      0.092
##
     90 Percent confidence interval - lower
                                                      0.071
     90 Percent confidence interval - upper
                                                      0.114
##
##
     P-value H_0: RMSEA <= 0.050
                                                      0.001
##
     P-value H_0: RMSEA >= 0.080
                                                      0.840
##
## Standardized Root Mean Square Residual:
##
                                                      0.065
##
     SRMR
##
## Parameter Estimates:
##
##
     Standard errors
                                                   Standard
##
     Information
                                                   Expected
##
     Information saturated (h1) model
                                                Structured
##
## Latent Variables:
##
                      Estimate Std.Err z-value P(>|z|)
                                                              Std.lv Std.all
##
     visual =~
##
       x1
                          1.000
                                                               0.900
                                                                        0.772
##
       x2
                          0.554
                                   0.100
                                            5.554
                                                      0.000
                                                               0.498
                                                                        0.424
                          0.729
                                   0.109
                                                               0.656
                                                                        0.581
##
       x3
                                            6.685
                                                      0.000
##
     textual =~
##
                         1.000
                                                               0.990
                                                                        0.852
       x4
                                   0.065
                                           17.014
##
       x5
                          1.113
                                                      0.000
                                                               1.102
                                                                        0.855
                                   0.055
##
       x6
                          0.926
                                           16.703
                                                      0.000
                                                               0.917
                                                                        0.838
##
     speed =~
##
       x7
                          1.000
                                                               0.619
                                                                        0.570
                                                      0.000
##
       8x
                          1.180
                                   0.165
                                            7.152
                                                               0.731
                                                                         0.723
##
                          1.082
                                   0.151
                                            7.155
                                                      0.000
                                                               0.670
                                                                         0.665
       x9
##
## Covariances:
                      Estimate Std.Err z-value P(>|z|)
##
                                                              Std.lv Std.all
```

```
##
     visual ~~
##
      textual
                         0.408
                                  0.074
                                           5.552
                                                    0.000
                                                             0.459
                                                                      0.459
                                                             0.471
##
       speed
                         0.262
                                  0.056
                                           4.660
                                                    0.000
                                                                      0.471
     textual ~~
##
##
       speed
                         0.173
                                  0.049
                                           3.518
                                                    0.000
                                                             0.283
                                                                      0.283
##
## Variances:
##
                      Estimate Std.Err z-value P(>|z|)
                                                            Std.lv Std.all
##
      .x1
                         0.549
                                  0.114
                                           4.833
                                                    0.000
                                                             0.549
                                                                      0.404
##
                         1.134
                                  0.102
                                                    0.000
                                                                      0.821
      .x2
                                         11.146
                                                             1.134
##
      .x3
                         0.844
                                  0.091
                                           9.317
                                                    0.000
                                                             0.844
                                                                      0.662
                                  0.048
                                           7.779
##
      .x4
                         0.371
                                                    0.000
                                                             0.371
                                                                      0.275
                                  0.058
##
      .x5
                         0.446
                                          7.642
                                                    0.000
                                                             0.446
                                                                      0.269
##
                         0.356
                                  0.043
                                           8.277
                                                    0.000
                                                             0.356
      .x6
                                                                      0.298
##
      .x7
                         0.799
                                  0.081
                                           9.823
                                                    0.000
                                                             0.799
                                                                      0.676
##
      .x8
                         0.488
                                  0.074
                                           6.573
                                                    0.000
                                                             0.488
                                                                      0.477
##
      .x9
                         0.566
                                  0.071
                                           8.003
                                                    0.000
                                                             0.566
                                                                      0.558
                                           5.564
##
      visual
                         0.809
                                  0.145
                                                    0.000
                                                             1.000
                                                                      1.000
##
      textual
                         0.979
                                  0.112
                                           8.737
                                                    0.000
                                                             1.000
                                                                      1.000
##
       speed
                         0.384
                                  0.086
                                           4.451
                                                    0.000
                                                             1.000
                                                                      1.000
```

Exploratory Factor Analysis (EFA)

```
# Step 1: Install and Load Required Packages
if(!require(psych)) install.packages("psych", dependencies = TRUE)
library(psych)

if(!require(factoextra)) install.packages("factoextra", dependencies = TRUE)
library(factoextra)

if(!require(lavaan)) install.packages("lavaan", dependencies = TRUE)
library(lavaan)
```

Step 2: Load and Inspect the Dataset

```
data(mtcars)
head(mtcars)
             # View first few rows
##
                    mpg cyl disp hp drat
                                           wt qsec vs am gear carb
## Mazda RX4
                   21.0 6 160 110 3.90 2.620 16.46
                   21.0 6 160 110 3.90 2.875 17.02 0 1
                                                                 4
## Mazda RX4 Wag
## Datsun 710
                   22.8 4 108 93 3.85 2.320 18.61 1
                                                                 1
## Hornet 4 Drive
                   21.4 6 258 110 3.08 3.215 19.44 1 0
                                                            3
                                                                 1
## Hornet Sportabout 18.7 8 360 175 3.15 3.440 17.02 0 0
                                                                 2
## Valiant
                   18.1 6 225 105 2.76 3.460 20.22 1 0
                                                            3
                                                                 1
```

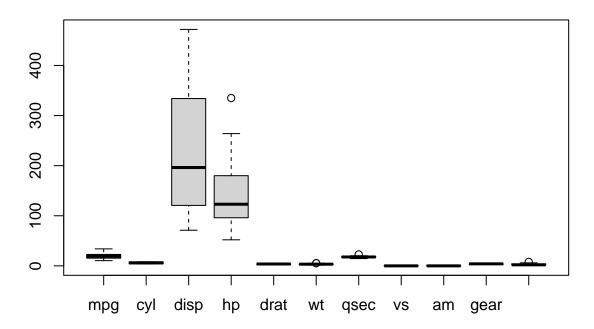
Step 3: Perform Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA)

```
# Check for missing values
sum(is.na(mtcars))

## [1] 0

# Check for outliers
boxplot(mtcars, main = "Boxplot of mtcars Variables")
```

Boxplot of mtcars Variables



Step 4: Conduct EFA

```
# Perform EFA with 2 factors and Varimax rotation
efa_result <- fa(r = mtcars, nfactors = 2, rotate = "varimax")

# Step 5: View EFA Results
print(efa_result)

## Factor Analysis using method = minres
## Call: fa(r = mtcars, nfactors = 2, rotate = "varimax")</pre>
```

```
## Standardized loadings (pattern matrix) based upon correlation matrix
##
         MR1
              MR2
                    h2
                           u2 com
       0.68 -0.63 0.85 0.147 2.0
## mpg
## cyl -0.63 0.73 0.94 0.064 2.0
## disp -0.73 0.61 0.90 0.102 1.9
       -0.32 0.88 0.88 0.124 1.3
## hp
## drat 0.81 -0.22 0.71 0.292 1.1
       -0.78 0.45 0.82 0.179 1.6
## wt
## qsec -0.15 -0.87 0.78 0.216 1.1
## vs
        0.30 -0.79 0.71 0.292 1.3
## am
        0.90 0.07 0.82 0.183 1.0
## gear 0.88 0.15 0.80 0.200 1.1
## carb 0.05 0.81 0.66 0.342 1.0
##
##
                         MR1 MR2
## SS loadings
                        4.46 4.39
## Proportion Var
                        0.41 0.40
## Cumulative Var
                        0.41 0.81
## Proportion Explained 0.50 0.50
## Cumulative Proportion 0.50 1.00
## Mean item complexity = 1.4
## Test of the hypothesis that 2 factors are sufficient.
## df null model = 55 with the objective function = 15.4 with Chi Square = 408.01
## df of the model are 34 and the objective function was 2.76
## The root mean square of the residuals (RMSR) is 0.04
## The df corrected root mean square of the residuals is 0.06
## The harmonic n.obs is 32 with the empirical chi square 6.87 with prob < 1
## The total n.obs was 32 with Likelihood Chi Square = 69.56 with prob < 0.00031
## Tucker Lewis Index of factoring reliability = 0.827
## RMSEA index = 0.178 and the 90 % confidence intervals are 0.121 0.245
## BIC = -48.28
## Fit based upon off diagonal values = 0.99
## Measures of factor score adequacy
##
                                                    MR1 MR2
## Correlation of (regression) scores with factors 0.98 0.98
## Multiple R square of scores with factors
                                                   0.95 0.96
## Minimum correlation of possible factor scores
                                                   0.91 0.92
```