

Homework 7 Solution

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Using a high-dimensional dataset of your choice, perform a factor analysis and clustering and interpret the results. You may use, for instance, the datasets inside the psych package, such as bfi (25 personality items thought to boil down to a few core personality types) or iqitems (14 scores that are thought to boil down to a few core mental skills), or anything else you can find. (Load the data using, for instance, `data(bfi)` after loading the psych package; you may need to clean it a bit first with `na.omit()` to remove the observations with na items, or else impute those missing items.) For the factor analysis, you may use any of the methods covered in the lesson - they should all produce similar results, though `princomp` and `prcomp` might be simplest. You don't have to interpret everything, say, `fa()` outputs, which is a lot of stuff - easier to use `str()` to examine the output of your function and find the quantities you want.

Q1) After running your factor analysis or PCA, be sure to discuss and interpret your output:

1. Examine the factor eigenvalues or variances (or the sdev or standard deviations as reported by `prcomp` or `princomp`, which you then need to square to get the variances). Plot these in a scree plot and use the “elbow” test to guess how many factors one should retain. What proportion of the total variance does your subset of variables explain?
2. Examine the loadings of the factors on the variables (sometimes called the “rotation” in the function output) - ie, the projection of the factors on the variables - focusing on just the first one or two factors. Sort the variables by their loadings, and try to interpret what the first one or two factors “mean.” This may require looking more carefully into the dataset to understand exactly what each of the variables were measuring. You can find more about the data in the psych package using `?psych` or visiting <http://personality-project.org/>.

Solution:

Factor analysis procedure:

1)Standardize the variables 2)Create the covariance matrix 3)Find the eigenvectors and eigenvalues for that matrix. 4)Choose how many of them we want to keep and analyze.

```
library(psych) #have some data as well as some machine learning functions like fa()
```

```
## Warning: package 'psych' was built under R version 3.1.3
```

```
data(bfi)
data(bfi.dictionary)
bfi.dictionary
```

##	ItemLabel	Item	Giant3
## A1	q_146	Am indifferent to the feelings of others.	Cohesion
## A2	q_1162	Inquire about others' well-being.	Cohesion
## A3	q_1206	Know how to comfort others.	Cohesion
## A4	q_1364	Love children.	Cohesion
## A5	q_1419	Make people feel at ease.	Cohesion
## C1	q_124	Am exacting in my work.	Stability
## C2	q_530	Continue until everything is perfect.	Stability

## C3	q_619	Do things according to a plan.	Stability
## C4	q_626	Do things in a half-way manner.	Stability
## C5	q_1949	Waste my time.	Stability
## E1	q_712	Don't talk a lot.	Plasticity
## E2	q_901	Find it difficult to approach others.	Plasticity
## E3	q_1205	Know how to captivate people.	Plasticity
## E4	q_1410	Make friends easily.	Plasticity
## E5	q_1768	Take charge.	Plasticity
## N1	q_952	Get angry easily.	Stability
## N2	q_974	Get irritated easily.	Stability
## N3	q_1099	Have frequent mood swings.	Stability
## N4	q_1479	Often feel blue.	Stability
## N5	q_1505	Panic easily.	Stability
## O1	q_128	Am full of ideas.	Plasticity
## O2	q_316	Avoid difficult reading material.	Plasticity
## O3	q_492	Carry the conversation to a higher level.	Plasticity
## O4	q_1738	Spend time reflecting on things.	Plasticity
## O5	q_1964	Will not probe deeply into a subject.	Plasticity
## gender	gender	males=1, females=2	<NA>
## education	education in HS, fin HS, coll, coll grad, grad deg		<NA>
## age	age	age in years	<NA>
##	Big6	Little12 Keying IPIP100	
## A1	Agreeableness	Compassion	-1 B5:A
## A2	Agreeableness	Compassion	1 B5:A
## A3	Agreeableness	Compassion	1 B5:A
## A4	Agreeableness	Compassion	1 B5:A
## A5	Agreeableness	Compassion	1 B5:A
## C1	Conscientiousness	Orderliness	1 B5:C
## C2	Conscientiousness	Orderliness	1 B5:C
## C3	Conscientiousness	Orderliness	1 B5:C
## C4	Conscientiousness	Industriousness	-1 B5:C
## C5	Conscientiousness	Industriousness	-1 B5:C
## E1	Extraversion	Sociability	-1 B5:E
## E2	Extraversion	Sociability	-1 B5:E
## E3	Extraversion	Assertiveness	1 B5:E
## E4	Extraversion	Sociability	1 B5:E
## E5	Extraversion	Assertiveness	1 B5:E
## N1	Emotional Stability	Balance	-1 B5:N
## N2	Emotional Stability	Balance	-1 B5:N
## N3	Emotional Stability	Balance	-1 B5:N
## N4	Emotional Stability	Balance	-1 B5:N
## N5	Emotional Stability	Balance	-1 B5:N
## O1	Openness	Intellect	1 B5:O
## O2	Openness	Intellect	-1 B5:O
## O3	Openness	Intellect	1 B5:O
## O4	Openness	Openness	1 B5:O
## O5	Openness	Openness	-1 B5:O
## gender	<NA>	<NA>	NA <NA>
## education	<NA>	<NA>	NA <NA>
## age	<NA>	<NA>	NA <NA>

```
bfi_data_not_scaled <- na.omit(bfi)
varnames<-names(bfi_data_not_scaled) #keeping the names to use later
```

But we need to linearly scale the data into the same range. To do this, I write the following function.

```
linMap <- function(DF, from, to)  #linear mapping
{
  for (i in 1:ncol(DF))
  {
    x<-DF[,i]
    DF[,i]<-((x - min(x)) / max(x - min(x))) * (to - from) + from
  }
  return(DF)
}
```



I will scale data linearly in [0,100]

```
bfi_data<-linMap(bfi_data_not_scaled,0,100)  #normalized in the scale of -100, 100
names(bfi_data)<-varnames
dim(bfi_data)
```

```
## [1] 2236    28
```

```
head(bfi_data)
```

```
##           A1 A2 A3 A4 A5 C1 C2 C3 C4 C5 E1 E2 E3 E4 E5 N1 N2 N3
## 61623 100 100 80 100 80 100 100 100 0 40 20 0 100 80 100 40 80 20
## 61629 60 40 0 80 0 40 20 60 20 60 40 100 60 20 0 100 40 20
## 61634 60 60 80 100 80 60 40 80 40 20 0 40 20 80 60 40 40 60
## 61640 60 80 20 20 0 80 80 80 20 20 40 60 40 100 80 20 60 20
## 61661 0 80 100 80 100 60 40 20 60 80 20 0 20 80 20 20 20 20
## 61664 20 100 80 100 80 40 80 100 40 100 20 20 60 100 100 60 60 60
##           N4 N5 01 02 03 04 05 gender education age
## 61623 20 40 60 40 80 100 0 100 50 21.68675
## 61629 100 60 40 20 60 80 40 0 25 19.27711
## 61634 20 40 80 40 80 100 40 0 0 21.68675
## 61640 20 40 80 20 80 80 80 0 0 16.86747
## 61661 20 20 100 0 80 80 20 0 100 78.31325
## 61664 100 100 100 0 80 100 0 100 25 28.91566
```

```
tail(bfi_data)
```

```
##           A1 A2 A3 A4 A5 C1 C2 C3 C4 C5 E1 E2 E3 E4 E5 N1 N2 N3 N4
## 67541 60 60 80 0 20 40 80 40 100 60 60 60 60 40 60 60 60 100 100
## 67544 80 80 80 100 80 100 100 20 60 80 80 0 80 100 60 80 60 80 40
## 67547 40 60 40 0 40 80 60 80 40 60 40 80 20 40 0 80 100 80 80
## 67556 20 40 80 20 80 80 80 80 0 0 20 20 100 40 100 40 60 40 40
## 67559 80 20 20 60 60 80 80 80 20 100 20 20 60 80 60 80 80 100 60
## 67560 20 40 0 60 20 80 80 40 40 40 40 40 0 20 20 0 20 20 0
##           N5 01 02 03 04 05 gender education age
```

```
## 67541  60  80 60  80 20 60    100    50 22.89157
## 67544  60  60 80  80 60 60    100    50 22.89157
## 67547 100 100  0  60 80 20    100    75 25.30120
## 67556   0  80  0 100 60 40    100    75 31.32530
## 67559   0  80 20  80 80  0      0    75 33.73494
## 67560   0  40  0  40 80  0    100    75 56.62651
```

now factor analysis:

```
eigenm <- eigen(cov(bfi_data))      # Calculating Eigen Values and Eigne Vectors
varnames<-names(bfi_data)
```

First Factor

```
eigen1 <- eigenm$vectors[,1]
factor1<-data.frame(varnames[order(eigen1)],eigen1[order(eigen1)]) # making a data frame putting data i
names(factor1)<-c("variable","coeff")
head(factor1)
```

```
##  variable      coeff
## 1      E4 -0.2721838
## 2      A5 -0.2075926
## 3      E3 -0.2035585
## 4      E5 -0.1995416
## 5      A3 -0.1857474
## 6      A4 -0.1830021
```

Second Factor

```
eigen2 <- eigenm$vectors[,2]
factor2<-data.frame(varnames[order(eigen2)],eigen2[order(eigen2)])
names(factor2)<-c("variable","coeff")
head(factor2)
```

```
##  variable      coeff
## 1  gender -0.6592427
## 2      N5 -0.3143186
## 3      N3 -0.3085925
## 4      N2 -0.2750784
## 5      N1 -0.2686966
## 6      A3 -0.1634220
```

Third Factor

```
eigen3 <- eigenm$vectors[,3]
factor3<-data.frame(varnames[order(eigen3)],eigen3[order(eigen3)])
names(factor3)<-c("variable","coeff")
head(factor3)
```

```
##  variable      coeff
## 1      N1 -0.2933251
## 2      N2 -0.2587770
## 3      E3 -0.2537076
## 4      O3 -0.2457958
## 5      N3 -0.2444709
## 6      E5 -0.2220712
```

```
##### Forth Factor
eigen4 <- eigenm$eigenvectors[,4]
factor4<-data.frame(varnames[order(eigen4)],eigen4[order(eigen4)])
names(factor4)<-c("variable","coeff")
head(factor4)
```

```
## variable      coeff
## 1          C4 -0.3708560
## 2          C5 -0.3699444
## 3          O2 -0.2769823
## 4          E4 -0.2440007
## 5          O5 -0.1705853
## 6          A5 -0.1259859
```

```
#####
##### 5th Factor
eigen5 <- eigenm$eigenvectors[,5]
factor5<-data.frame(varnames[order(eigen5)],eigen5[order(eigen5)])
names(factor5)<-c("variable","coeff")
head(factor5)
```

```
## variable      coeff
## 1          O2 -0.5046488
## 2          O5 -0.3904196
## 3          A4 -0.2396141
## 4          A1 -0.2247871
## 5          C3 -0.2003373
## 6          C2 -0.1876155
```

```
##### 6th Factor
eigen6 <- eigenm$eigenvectors[,6]
factor6<-data.frame(varnames[order(eigen6)],eigen6[order(eigen6)])
names(factor6)<-c("variable","coeff")
head(factor6)
```

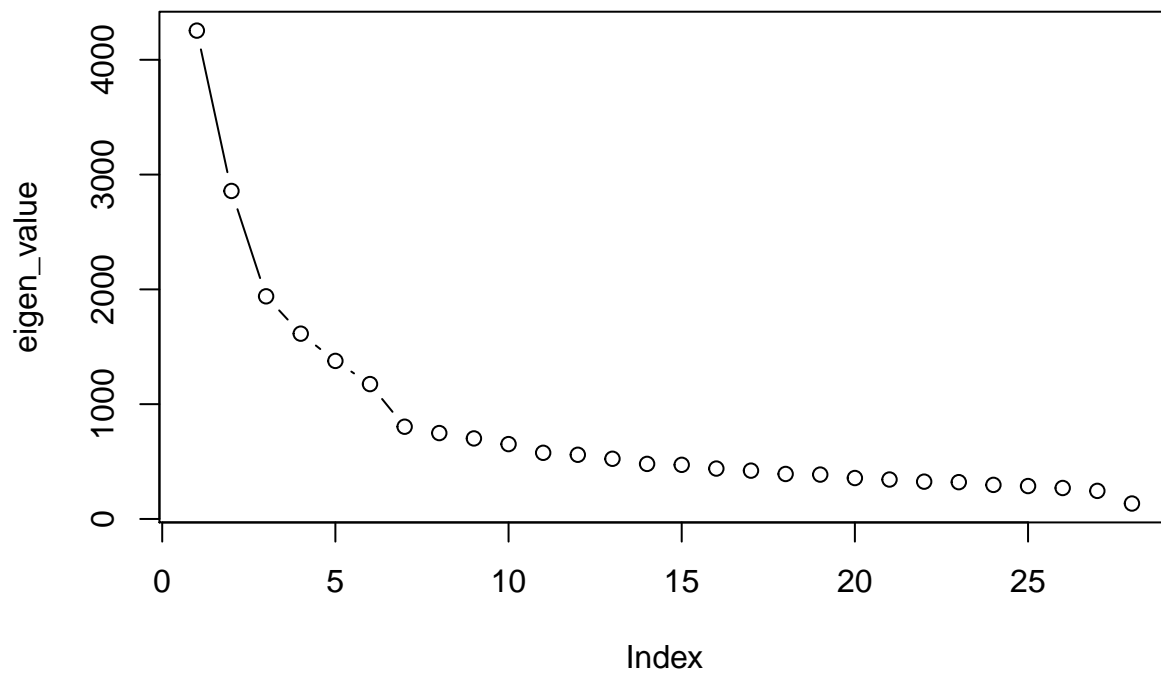
```
## variable      coeff
## 1          A4 -0.3234662
## 2          A3 -0.3149289
## 3          E1 -0.2940488
## 4          A2 -0.2649651
## 5          E2 -0.2559279
## 6          A5 -0.2480322
```

```
##### 7th Factor
eigen7 <- eigenm$eigenvectors[,7]
factor7<-data.frame(varnames[order(eigen7)],eigen4[order(eigen7)])
names(factor7)<-c("variable","coeff")
head(factor7)
```

```
## variable      coeff
## 1          A1  0.04250819
```

```
## 2      E3 -0.08992742
## 3      E1  0.30371424
## 4      O1  0.08650949
## 5      C4 -0.37085600
## 6      O3  0.05534729
```

```
#####
#####Eigen Values
eigen_value<-eigenm$values
plot(eigen_value,type="b")
```



So based on the “Elbow” rule, we would pick 7 factors as our prinipals and assume the rest as noises.

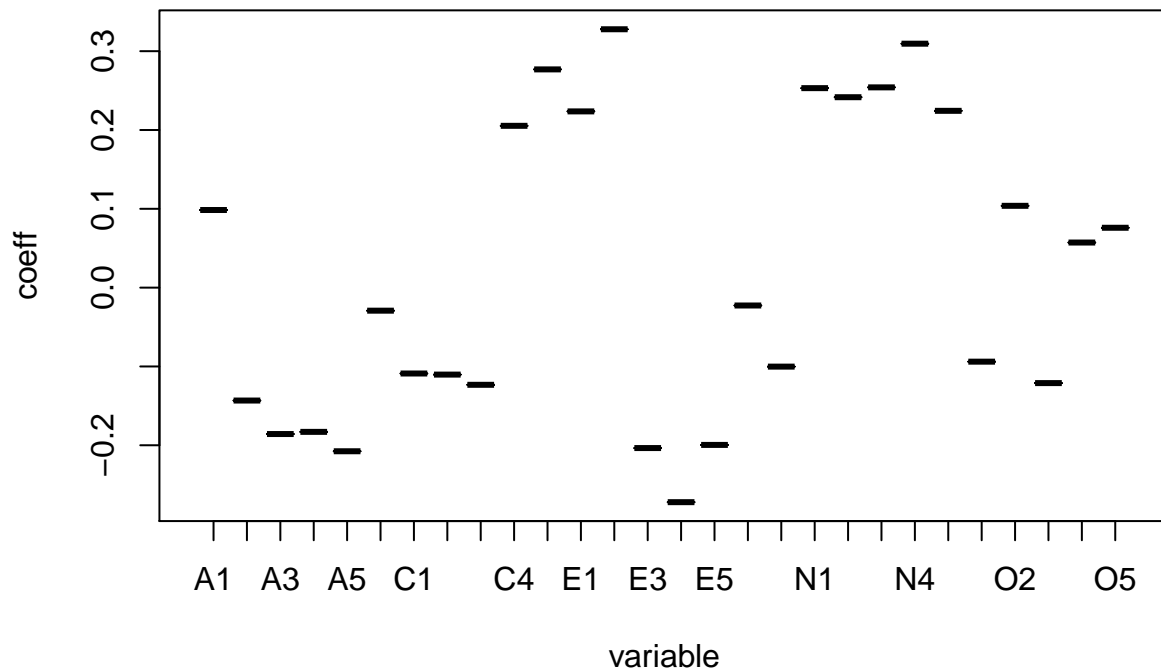
Looking further in factor 1:

```
factor1
```

```
##      variable      coeff
## 1      E4 -0.27218378
## 2      A5 -0.20759257
## 3      E3 -0.20355852
## 4      E5 -0.19954159
## 5      A3 -0.18574741
## 6      A4 -0.18300208
## 7      A2 -0.14326681
## 8      C3 -0.12329704
## 9      O3 -0.12112937
```

```
## 10      C2 -0.11032735
## 11      C1 -0.10893571
## 12    gender -0.10020384
## 13      O1 -0.09392283
## 14     age -0.02921922
## 15 education -0.02266203
## 16      O4  0.05721164
## 17      O5  0.07596257
## 18      A1  0.09848966
## 19      O2  0.10380727
## 20      C4  0.20530128
## 21      E1  0.22361057
## 22      N5  0.22431097
## 23      N2  0.24159433
## 24      N1  0.25312128
## 25      N3  0.25408639
## 26      C5  0.27689672
## 27      N4  0.30950581
## 28      E2  0.32780915
```

```
plot(factor1)
```

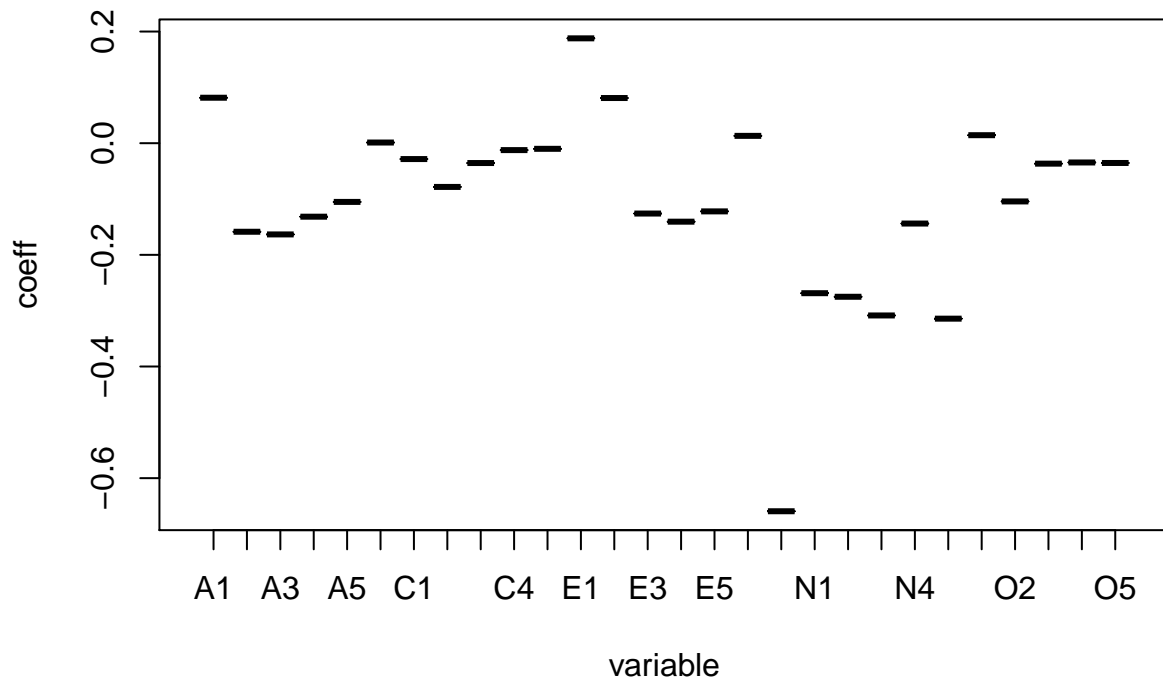


Factor 1: High in E4 and E2 That means peoples personality is dominantly dependent on the factor that wether they are socail and make friends or they are not good at socializing.

```
factor2
```

```
##      variable      coeff
## 1      gender -0.65924268
## 2         N5 -0.31431864
## 3         N3 -0.30859246
## 4         N2 -0.27507843
## 5         N1 -0.26869658
## 6         A3 -0.16342203
## 7         A2 -0.15862877
## 8         N4 -0.14392256
## 9         E4 -0.14059361
## 10        A4 -0.13166272
## 11        E3 -0.12600292
## 12        E5 -0.12216063
## 13        A5 -0.10517137
## 14        O2 -0.10433846
## 15        C2 -0.07835635
## 16        O3 -0.03663671
## 17        C3 -0.03555257
## 18        O5 -0.03547111
## 19        O4 -0.03453805
## 20        C1 -0.02842378
## 21        C4 -0.01236368
## 22        C5 -0.01010810
## 23        age  0.00118689
## 24 education  0.01312702
## 25         O1  0.01434098
## 26         E2  0.08088405
## 27         A1  0.08142249
## 28         E1  0.18778631
```

```
plot(factor2)
```

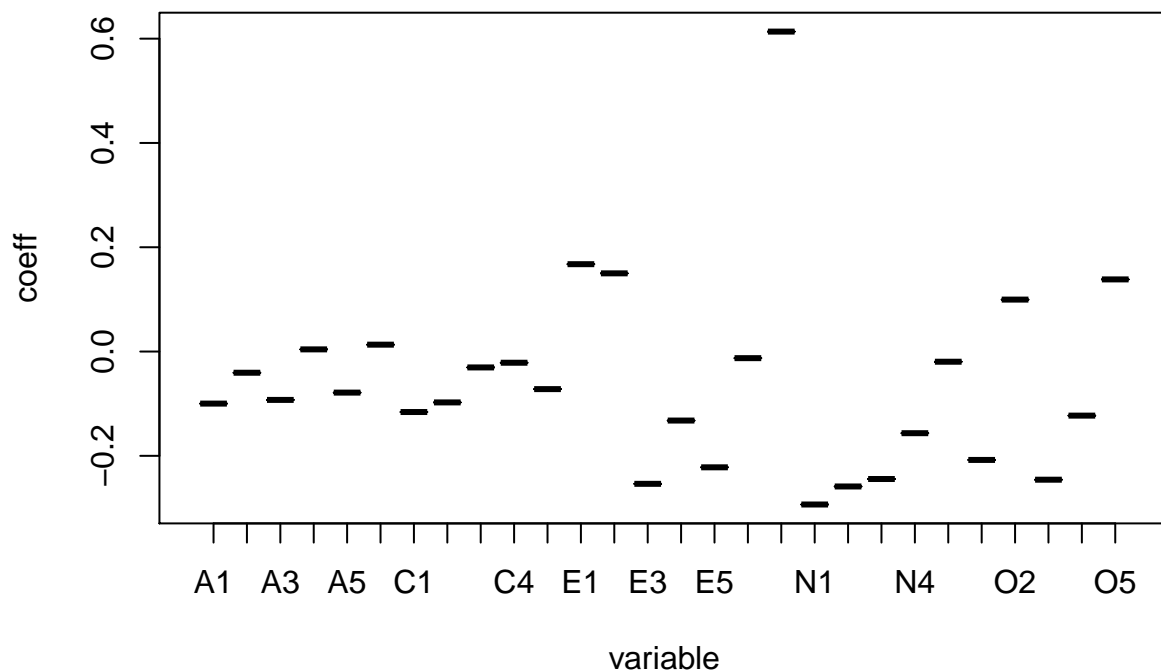
Factor 2: Gender in this factor plays a dominant role. That means gender could play a deterministic role in people's personality characterizations.

factor3


```
##      variable      coeff
## 1         N1 -0.293325055
## 2         N2 -0.258776994
## 3         E3 -0.253707551
## 4         O3 -0.245795750
## 5         N3 -0.244470911
## 6         E5 -0.222071158
## 7         O1 -0.207912284
## 8         N4 -0.156591934
## 9         E4 -0.132344701
## 10        O4 -0.122899773
## 11        C1 -0.115965720
## 12        A1 -0.099819083
## 13        C2 -0.097603684
## 14        A3 -0.092751085
## 15        A5 -0.078776571
## 16        C5 -0.072086491
## 17        A2 -0.040686075
## 18        C3 -0.030476161
## 19        C4 -0.021489283
## 20        N5 -0.019560622
## 21 education -0.012670655
```

```
## 22      A4  0.004155159
## 23     age  0.013197381
## 24      O2  0.099608351
## 25      O5  0.138333522
## 26      E2  0.149957329
## 27      E1  0.167500003
## 28    gender 0.613544477
```

```
plot(factor3)
```



Factor3: In this factor also gender plays the dominant role.

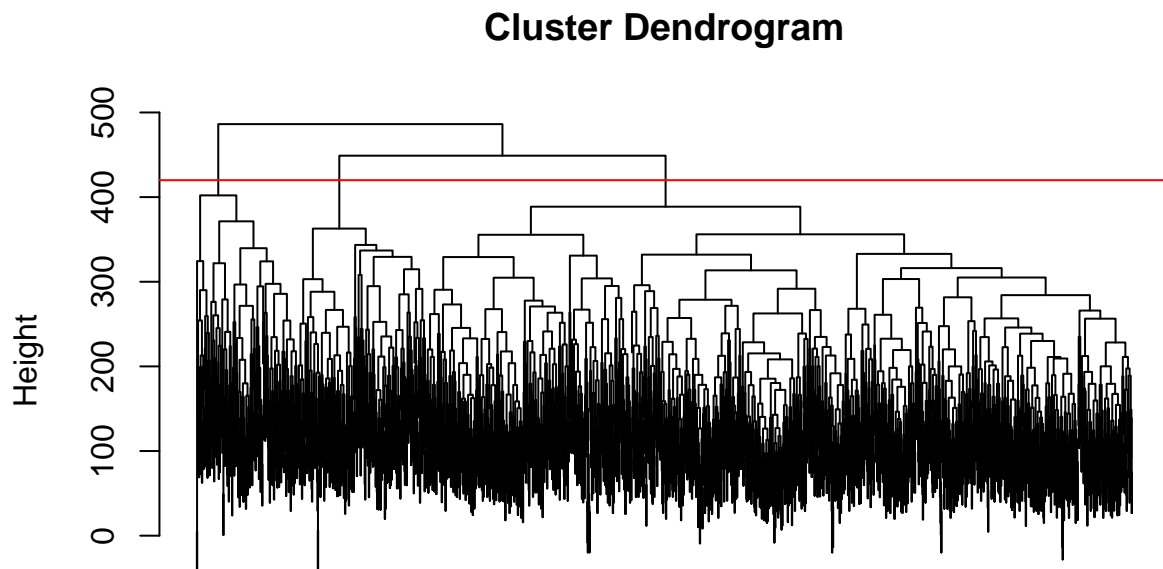
Summary: In this analysis we might say peoples personality Questionnaire highly revolves around the gender and social skills questions and these are key questions. 

Q2) Next perform a cluster analysis of the same data. 3. First use k-means and examine the centers of the first two or three clusters. How are they similar to and different from the factor loadings of the first couple factors? 4. Next use hierarchical clustering. Print the dendrogram, and use that to guide your choice of the number of clusters. Use cutree to generate a list of which clusters each observation belongs to. Aggregate the data by cluster and then examine those centers (the aggregate means) as you did in (3). Can you interpret all of them meaningfully using the methods from (3) to look at the centers? 5. From the factor and cluster analysis, what can you say more generally about what you have learned about your data?

```
hout <- hclust(dist(bfi_data),method="complete") #or method="average" or...
plot(hout,labels=FALSE)
```

#To get the cluster assignments, we just apply cutree to the hclust output,

```
#choose either the height to cut it at, or the number of clusters:
#as.vector(cutree(hout,h=420)) # cut the plot at height=21
abline(a=420,b=0,col="red")
```



```
dist(bfi_data)
hclust (*, "complete")
```

According to the plot, having 3 clusters seems to be reasonable. Lets do the K-means with 3 clusters:

```
set.seed(100)

kout <- kmeans(bfi_data,centers=3,nstart=30) #means 30 times change the random initialization of the c
# and choose the best one that has minimum

centroids <- kout$centers

topvars_centroid1 <- centroids[1,order(centroids[1,])]
topvars_centroid2 <- centroids[2,order(centroids[2,])]
topvars_centroid3 <- centroids[3,order(centroids[3,])]

topvars_centroid1
```

##	C4	A1	N1	E2	N4	O5	N5
##	17.03617	20.18670	20.77013	22.98716	23.54726	24.52742	25.01750
##	O2	E1	N3	C5	N2	age	education
##	26.60443	26.79113	27.60793	27.67795	33.93232	34.08500	54.78413

##	E3	C3	C2	O4	O3	C1	E5
##	71.50525	73.11552	74.00233	75.70595	76.07935	77.08285	78.90315
##	O1	A3	E4	A5	A2	A4	gender
##	82.12369	83.50058	83.92065	84.17736	85.39090	85.50758	85.76429

topvars_centroid2

##	gender	O5	age	N5	O2	A1
##	0.1631321	29.3637847	30.3779555	32.9200653	34.0946166	36.5089723
##	C4	N1	N3	N4	N2	E1
##	36.8026101	41.1092985	43.0668842	50.0489396	50.2446982	51.3539967
##	E2	E3	education	C5	E4	E5
##	53.1158238	53.6704731	54.2006525	55.4649266	58.8254486	60.6851550
##	C3	C2	A3	A5	A4	A2
##	62.6753670	63.2300163	63.3278956	63.4584013	65.9380098	66.9494290
##	C1	O3	O1	O4		
##	68.4828711	68.9722675	78.0097879	81.4029364		

topvars_centroid3

##	A1	age	O5	C4	O2	E1	E3
##	27.91123	30.79053	34.02089	39.11227	41.56658	43.91645	52.76762
##	education	N1	E2	C5	E4	N5	N4
##	55.25457	55.27415	55.61358	56.31854	59.32115	59.63446	60.60052
##	C3	E5	N3	O3	A5	C2	N2
##	62.03655	62.74151	63.00261	63.02872	64.33420	65.16971	66.94517
##	C1	A3	O1	A4	A2	O4	gender
##	67.36292	67.78068	68.79896	70.46997	74.72585	80.65274	99.86945

cluster 1 and 3 are specified for men. and cluster 2 is for women. according to cluster 1, A4, A2 A5 and E4,A3 are high for men. That means these men are: 1)loving children 2)Inquire about others' well-being 3)Make people feel at ease 4)Make friends easily 5)Know how to comfort others These Men are so social and caring about others.

however, O4 and O1 are high in women. These women are: 1) Spending time reflecting on things 2) full of ideas apparently alot of these women are passionate about their future, thinking alot and not so social.

The 3rd cluster which is again for men:

They are high in O4 and significantly less in A4,A2 and A5 These means that these men are 1)full of ideas 2) Less social These men are more serious about the life.

Summary:

Factor analysis and Cluster analysis in this study provides the fact that people's personality could be divided majorly based on their gender and social skills. Those having the same sex and social skills would be having almost the same other personality characteristics. Also cluster analysis, and the hierarchy plot, demonstrated us that socialability in men are forming their other characteristics which is not the case in women as much.