STAD29: Statistics for the Life and Social Sciences

Lecture notes

Section 1

Multidimensional scaling

Multidimensional Scaling

- Have distances between individuals.
- Want to draw a picture (map) in 2 dimensions showing individuals so that distances (or order of distances) as close together as possible. (Or maybe 3 with rgl.)
- If want to preserve actual distances, called metric multidimensional scaling xxx (in R, cmdscale).
- If only want to preserve order of distances, called {non-metric multidimensional scaling} (in R, isoMDS in package MASS).
- Metric scaling has solution that can be worked out exactly.
- Non-metric only has iterative solution.
- Assess quality of fit, see whether use of resulting map is reasonable. (Try something obviously 3-dimensional and assess its failure.)

Packages

The usual, plus some new stuff xxx:

```
library(MASS)
library(tidyverse)
library(ggrepel)
library(ggmap)
library(shapes)
```

Metric scaling: European cities

CSV file europe.csv contains road distances (in km) between 16 European cities. Can we reproduce a map of Europe from these distances?

Read in data:

```
XXX
my_url <- "http://www.utsc.utoronto.ca/~butler/d29/europe.csv"</pre>
europe <- read csv(my url)
## Warning: Missing column names filled in: 'X1' [1]
## Parsed with column specification:
## cols(
##
     X1 = col character(),
##
     Amsterdam = col double(),
     Athens = col_double(),
##
##
     Barcelona = col double(),
##
     Berlin = col double().
     Cologne = col double().
##
     Copenhagen = col double(),
##
     Edinburgh = col_double(),
##
##
     Geneva = col double(),
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```

The data

europe

```
A tibble: 16 x 17
##
      Х1
             Amsterdam Athens Barcelona Berlin Cologne Copenhagen
##
      <chr>>
                  <dbl>
                         <dbl>
                                     <dbl>
                                            <dbl>
                                                     <dbl>
                                                                  <dbl>
##
    1 Amst...
                      0
                          3082
                                      1639
                                               649
                                                        280
                                                                    904
    2 Athe...
                  3082
                                      3312
                                             2552
                                                      2562
                                                                   3414
##
                              0
##
    3 Barc...
                  1639
                          3312
                                         0
                                              1899
                                                      1539
                                                                   2230
    4 Berl...
                                                        575
                                                                    743
##
                    649
                          2552
                                      1899
                                                 0
##
    5 Colo...
                    280
                          2562
                                      1539
                                               575
                                                          0
                                                                    730
##
    6 Cope...
                    904
                          3414
                                      2230
                                               743
                                                        730
                                                                      0
##
    7 Edin...
                   1180
                          3768
                                      2181
                                             1727
                                                       1206
                                                                   1864
##
    8 Gene...
                   1014
                          2692
                                       758
                                              1141
                                                        765
                                                                   1531
##
    9 Lond...
                    494
                          3099
                                      1512
                                             1059
                                                        538
                                                                   1196
                                                       1776
## 10 Madr...
                   1782
                          3940
                                       628
                                             2527
                                                                   2597
## 11 Mars...
                          2997
                                             1584
                                                       1208
                   1323
                                       515
                                                                   1914
## 12 Muni...
                    875
                          2210
                                                        592
                                                                   1204
                                      1349
                                               604
## 13 Paris
                          3140
                                                        508
                                                                   1329
                    515
                                      1125
                                              1094
                    973
                          2198
                                      1679
                                               354
                                                        659
                                                                   1033
## 14 Prag...
## 15 Rome
                                                                   2352
                   1835
                          2551
                                      1471
                                             1573
                                                      1586
## 16 Vien...
                   1196
                          1886
                                      1989
                                               666
                                                        915
                                                                   1345
## # ... with 10 more variables: Edinburgh <dbl>, Geneva <dbl>,
## #
       London <dbl>. Madrid <dbl>. Marseille <dbl>. Munich <dbl>.
       Paris (dhl> Prague (dhl> Rome (dhl> Vienna (dhl>
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```

Multidimensional scaling

- Create distance object first using all but first column of europe.
 europe has distances in it already, so make into dist with as.dist.
- Then run multidimensional scaling and look at result:

```
europe.d <- europe %>% select(-1) %>% as.dist()
europe.scale <- cmdscale(europe.d)
head(europe.scale)</pre>
```

```
## [,1] [,2]

## Amsterdam -348.162277 528.2657

## Athens 2528.610410 -509.5208

## Barcelona -695.970779 -984.6093

## Berlin 384.178025 634.5239

## Cologne 5.153446 356.7230

## Copenhagen -187.104072 1142.5926
```

• This is a matrix of x and y coordinates.

As a data frame; make picture

We know how to plot data frames, so make one first. xxx

```
europe_coord <- europe.scale %>%
  as_tibble() %>%
  mutate(city = europe$City) %>%
  print(n = 12)
```

```
## This warning is displayed once per session.
```

Warning: `as_tibble.matrix()` requires a matrix with column names or a `.name_re

```
## Warning: Unknown or uninitialised column: 'City'.
## # A tibble: 16 x 2
##
          V1
                  V2
##
        <dbl>
             <db1>
   1 -348. 528.
##
   2 2529. -510.
##
   3 -696. -985.
##
##
   4 384.
           635.
##
        5.15 357.
   6 -187. 1143.
##
```

427.

9 -434.

##

##

##

-882. 894.

8 -161. -330.

The map

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Error in FUN(X[[i]], ...): object 'city' not found

Making a function

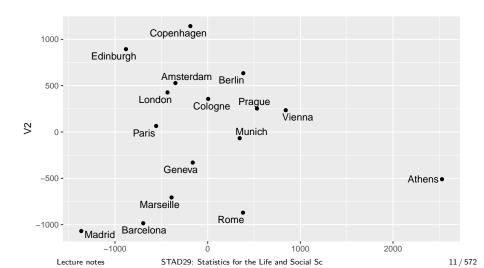
 Idea: given input distance matrix (as stored in a CSV file), output a map (like the one on the previous page).

```
mds_map <- function(filename) {</pre>
  x <- read_csv(filename)
  dist <- x %>%
    select_if(is.numeric) %>%
    as.dist()
  x.scale <- cmdscale(dist) # this is a matrix
  x_coord <- x.scale %>%
    as tibble() %>%
    mutate(place = row.names(x.scale))
  ggplot(x_coord, aes(x = V1, y = V2, label = place)) +
    geom_point() + geom_text_repel() +
    coord_fixed()
}
```

 Use select_if to pick out all the numerical columns (no text), whichever they are.

Does it work?

mds_map("europe.csv")



A square

```
\begin{multicols}{2}

• The data, in square.csv: \begin{small}
```

```
x,A ,B ,C ,D
A,O ,1 ,1 ,1.4
B,1 ,O ,1.4,1
C,1 ,1.4,O ,1
D,1.4,1 ,1 ,O
\end{small}
```

• The map (on right):

```
mds_map("square.csv")
```



Drawing a map of the real Europe

- Works with package ggmap.
- First find latitudes and longitudes of our cities, called geocoding: xxx

```
latlong <- geocode(europe$City)
latlong <- bind_cols(city = europe$City, latlong)
latlong %>% print(n = 6)
```

```
XXX
```

```
## city lon lat
## <chr> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>
## 1 Amsterdam 4.90 52.4
## 2 Athens 23.7 38.0
## 3 Barcelona 2.17 41.4
## 4 Berlin 13.4 52.5
## 5 Cologne 6.96 50.9
## 6 Copenhagen 12.6 55.7
```

A tibble: 6 x 3

Making the map

 Get a map of Europe from Google Maps (specify what you want a map of any way you can in Google Maps). This one centres the map on the city shown and zooms it so all the cities appear (I had to experiment):

```
map <- get_map("Memmingen DE", zoom = 5)</pre>
```

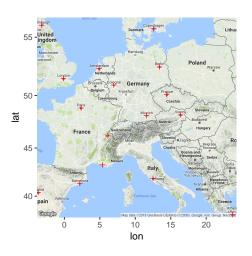
 Plot the map with ggmap. This is ggplot, so add anything to it that you would add to a ggplot, such as cities we want to show:

```
g2 <- ggmap(map) +
  geom_point(
   data = latlong, aes(x = lon, y = lat),
   shape = 3, colour = "red"
)</pre>
```

• We don't have a default data frame or aes for our geom_point, so have to specify one.

The real Europe with our cities

g2



Compare our scaling map

Error in FUN(X[[i]], ...): object 'city' not found

Comments

- North-south not quite right: Edinburgh and Copenhagen on same latitude, also Amsterdam and Berlin; Athens should be south of Rome.
- Rotating clockwise by about 45 degrees should fix that.
- General point: MDS only uses distances, so answer can be "off" by rotation (as here) or reflection (flipping over, say exchanging west and east while leaving north and south same).

Exploring the map by plotting in 3 dimensions

- Package rgl makes 3D plots.
- We have to fake up a 3rd dimension (by setting all its values to 1).
- Try this code:

```
library(rgl)
es.2 <- cbind(europe.scale, 1)
plot3d(es.2, zlim = c(-1000, 1000))
text3d(es.2, text = d$city)</pre>
```

- Opens a graphics window with the cities plotted and named.
- Click and hold left mouse button to rotate plot. "Rotate away" 3rd dimension to get a possible map (that preserves distances).

Ontario, the same way

...using our function:

```
g <- mds_map("ontario-road-distances.csv")
g</pre>
```



Removing points

- Messy: have to find which rows and columns contain those cities, then remove just those rows and columns.
- Better:
- "tidy" the distance matrix
- then remove rows we don't need
- then "untidy" it again
- save into .csv file
- Illustrate with square data first (easier to see).

Square data

```
my_url <- "http://www.utsc.utoronto.ca/~butler/d29/square.csv"
square <- read_csv(my_url)
square</pre>
```

Make tidy xxx

```
square %>% gather(point, distance, -1)
```

```
## # A tibble: 16 x 3
##
            point distance
      <chr> <chr>
                      <dbl>
##
##
##
    2 B
##
    3 C
                        1.4
##
    4 D
##
    6 B
            В
##
##
   7 C
                         1.4
##
    8 D
            В
##
                         1.4
   10 B
## 11 C
## 12 D
## 13 A
                         1.4
## 14 B
## 15 C
```

Remove all references to point C

In column x or point:

```
square %>%
  gather(point, distance, -1) %>%
  filter(x != "C", point != "C")
## # A tibble: 9 \times 3
##
            point distance
     <chr> <chr>
##
                       <dbl>
## 1 A
## 2 B
## 3 D
                          1.4
## 4 A
## 5 B
                          1.4
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```

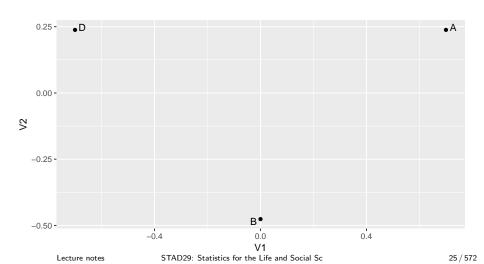
Put back as distance matrix

```
and save as .csv when we are happy:
```

```
noc <- square %>%
  gather(point, distance, -1) %>%
  filter(x != "C", point != "C") %>%
  spread(point, distance)
noc
```

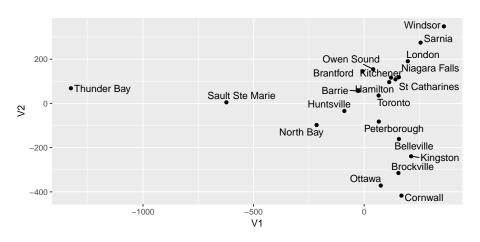
Make map of square-without-C

mds_map("no-c.csv")



Back to Ontario

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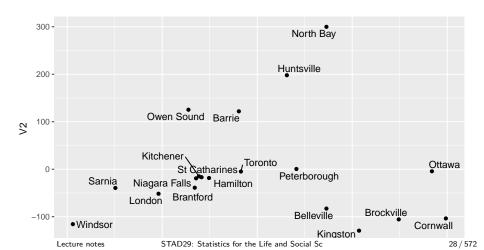
Tidy, remove, untidy xxx

```
my_url <- "http://www.utsc.utoronto.ca/~butler/d29/ontario-road-distances.co
ontario2 <- read_csv(my_url) %>%
    gather(place, distance, -1) %>%
    filter(
        x != "Thunder Bay",
        place != "Thunder Bay",
        x != "Sault Ste Marie",
        place != "Sault Ste Marie"
) %>%
    spread(place, distance) %>%
    write_csv("southern-ontario.csv")
```

Error in ~x != "Thunder Bay": object 'x' not found

Map of Southern Ontario

```
g <- mds_map("southern-ontario.csv")
g</pre>
```



What about that cluster of points?

- Plot looks generally good, but what about that cluster of points?
- "Zoom in" on area between -150 and -100 on x axis, -50 to 0 on y axis.
- Code below overrides the coord_fixed we had before. xxx

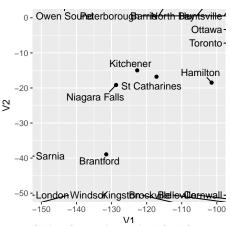
$$g2 \leftarrow g + coord_fixed(xlim = c(-150, -100), ylim = c(-50, 0))$$

Coordinate system already present. Adding new coordinate system,

Zoomed-in plot

Ignore the arrows to points off the map:

g2



Does that make sense?

- Get a Google map of the area, with the points labelled.
- First geocode the cities of interest: xxx

```
cities <- c(
   "Kitchener ON", "Hamilton ON", "Niagara Falls ON",
   "St Catharines ON", "Brantford ON"
)
latlong <- geocode(cities)
latlong <- bind_cols(city = cities, latlong) %>% print()
```

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Making the Google map

Plot the map, plus the cities, plus labels for the cities:

```
gmap \leftarrow ggmap(map) +
  geom_point(
    data = latlong,
    aes(x = lon, y = lat),
    shape = 3, colour = "red"
  ) +
  geom text repel(
    data = latlong,
    aes(label = city)
```

```
\begin{frame}[frame]{The mds map and Google map}
```

```
"'r g2 "' "'r gmap "'
```

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Quality of fit

Read in "southern Ontario" data set from file:

```
my_url <- "http://www.utsc.utoronto.ca/~butler/d29/southern-or
ontario2 <- read_csv(my_url)</pre>
```

Calling cmdscale with eig=T gives more info: xxx

```
select_if(is.numeric) %>%
cmdscale(eig = T)
names(ontario2.2)
```

```
## [1] "points" "eig" "x" "ac" "GOF" ontario2.2$GOF
```

```
## [1] 0.8381590 0.8914059
ontario2.3 <- ontario2 %>%
    select_if(is.numeric) %>%
    cmdscale(3, eig = T)
```

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ontario2 3\$GOF

ontario2.2 <- ontario2 %>%

Comments

- Coordinates now in points.
- GOF is R-squared-like measure saying how well map distances match real ones. Higher is better.
- For Ontario road distances, GOF better for 3 dimensions than 2, presumably to accommodate St Catharines and Niagara Falls?

3-dimensional coordinates, cities attached xxx

```
ontario2.3$points %>%
 as tibble() %>%
 mutate(city = ontario2$x)
## # A tibble: 19 x 4
##
         V1
                 ٧2
                        V3 city
##
      <dbl>
              <dbl>
                    <dbl> <chr>
  1 -38.7 122.
                    4.17 Barrie
##
##
   2 146. -82.8 1.53 Belleville
##
   3 -132. -38.9
                  14.1
                           Brantford
##
   4 298. -106. -7.74 Brockville
   5 397. -104. -22.0 Cornwall
##
##
   6 -101. -18.5
                  30.0 Hamilton
   7 62.4 198.
                     -14.0 Huntsville
##
   8 214. -129. 10.8 Kingston
##
##
   9 -123. -15.0 -6.44 Kitchener
## 10 -208. -51.6 -36.5 London
## 11 -129. -19.1
                    155. Niagara Falls
     146. 300.
                     -25.4 North Bay
## 12
## 13
          -4.30
                     -47.2
                           Ottawa
      368.
## 14 -145, 125,
                     -16.0 Owen Sound
       82.5
              0.551 -6.92 Peterborough
## 16 -299.
            -39.4
                     -72.5 Sarnia
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```

RGL code for 3 dimensions

```
library(rgl)
plot3d(ontario.3)
text3d(ontario.3, text = d2$city)
```

\begin{frame}[fragile]{Comparing MDS solution with "reality": Procrustes rotation}

- How to tell that an MDS map makes a good correspondence with "what should be"?
- Problem: MDS map might be rotated/scaled/reflected from reality.
- How to find rotation/scaling/reflection that best matches reality?
- Answer: Procrustes rotation.
- In R: procOPA in package shapes.

"True" coordinates

XXX

 Get latitudes and longitudes of cities by geocoding, as before. Glue "ON" onto city names to make sure we get right ones: xxx

```
lookup <- str_c(ontario2$x, " ON")
latlong <- geocode(lookup)
latlong <- bind_cols(city = ontario2$x, latlong) %>% print(n = 4)
```

A tibble: 19×3

• Not (x,y) coordinates: one degree of latitude is always 110.25 km, but one degree of longitude is only that at the equator (less than that as

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"True" coordinates part 2

- Make coordinates by multiplying by cosine of "typical" latitude.
- Find mean latitude:

```
m <- mean(latlong$lat)
m</pre>
```

- Turn into radians and find its cosine:
 - ul+ <- cos(m * ni / 190)

```
mult <- cos(m * pi / 180)
mult
```

[1] 0.7191153

[1] 44.01851

 Create "true" coords by multiplying the longitudes by that. This needs to be R matrix, not data frame: xxx

```
truecoord <- with(latlong, cbind(V1 = lon * mult, V2 = lat))</pre>
```

Using procOPA

- Feed 2 things into procOPA: first, "true" coordinates, second MDS coordinates.
- Get out:
- (centred and scaled) first set of coordinates `Ahat`
- (centred and scaled) second set of coordinates Bhat
- sum of squared differences between two sets of coordinates OSS
- Rotation matrix R
- Ahat and Bhat coordinates supposed to match as well as possible. xxx

```
ontario.pro <- procOPA(
   truecoord,
   ontario2.2$points
)
names(ontario.pro)</pre>
```

Make data frames of output, glue together

Two sets of coordinates, Ahat are actual, Bhat are from MDS. xxx

```
A <- ontario.pro$Ahat %>%
  as tibble() %>%
 mutate(which = "actual", city = ontario2$x)
B <- ontario.pro$Bhat %>%
  as tibble() %>%
  mutate(which = "MDS", city = ontario2$x)
dp <- bind_rows(A, B)</pre>
dp %>% sample n(6)
## # A tibble: 6 x 4
##
         V1
                V2 which city
      <dbl> <dbl> <chr>
                          <chr>>
## 1 -1.22 -1.09 MDS London
## 2 -1.33 0.551 actual Owen Sound
## 3 -0.802 -0.588 MDS Niagara Falls
## 4 -0.0836 2.55 MDS
                          North Bay
## 5 3.13 1.00 actual Cornwall
## 6 -1.43 0.331 MDS
                          Owen Sound
```

procOPA, part 2: plotting

Procrustes rotation plot

- Strategy: plot all the locations, and colour them by whether they were the true location (red) or the MDS one (blue), which is in which.
 Label each location with the city name in the appropriate colour.
- I realized it was actually easy to join the two instances of a city by a line (in green, here, 3rd line) by setting group=city: xxx

```
g_opa <- ggplot(dp, aes(
    x = V1, y = V2, colour = which,
    label = city
)) + geom_point() +
    geom_line(aes(group = city), colour = "green") +
    geom_text_repel(size = 2)</pre>
```

• On plot, look to see whether points that are same city are joined by a short green line (good) or a long one (bad).

The maps

Error in FUN(X[[i]], ...): object 'V1' not found

Comments

- True locations red, MDS locations blue
- Most things in roughly right place (esp. relative to other things)
- Extreme cities off by a bit, but OK relative to neighbours.
- St Catharines, Niagara Falls off by most.
- Sarnia, Windsor also off noticeably.
- These four cities had largest "third dimension" in 3D representation ontario2.3.

Rotation matrix

Shows how MDS map needs to be rotated to get best match with actual coordinates:

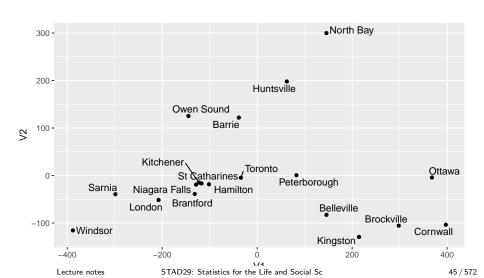
ontario.pro\$R

```
## [,1] [,2]
## [1,] 0.8845749 0.4663981
## [2,] -0.4663981 0.8845749
```

Rotation angle θ such that $\cos\theta=0.885$, $\sin\theta=0.466$: $\theta=23$ degrees (counterclockwise). \$ %\$ %\$

Is that right? Look at MDS map again

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A cube

Cube has side length 1, so distance across diagonal on same face is $\sqrt{2} \simeq 1.4$ and "long" diagonal of cube is $\sqrt{3} \simeq 1.7$.

Try MDS on this obviously 3-dimensional data.

Cube data as distances xxx

cube <- read_delim(my_url, " ")</pre>

```
cube
    A tibble: 8 x 9
          ` a` b` c` d` e`
##
    <chr> <chr>
##
## 1 a
             O" " NA" " NA" " NA" " NA" "
                                          NA" <NA>
                                                   " NA"
## 2 b
             1" " O" " NA" " NA" " NA" " NA" < NA>
                                                   " NA"
                       O" " NA" " NA" " NA" <NA>
## 3 c
                                                   " NA"
## 4 d
                 1" "
                       1" " O" " NA" "
                                         NA" <NA>
                                                   " NA"
## 5 e
          " 1" 1.4 1.4 1.7
                                 " O" " NA" <NA>
                                                   " NA"
          1.4 " 1" 1.7 1.4 "
                                    1" "
                                          O" <NA>
## 6 f
                                                   " NA"
          1.4 1.7 " 1" 1.4 " 1" " 1.4" " 0"
## 7 g
                                                   " NA"
## 8 h
          1.7 1.4 1.4
                           " 1" 1.4
                                                     0"
```

my_url <- "http://www.utsc.utoronto.ca/~butler/d29/cube.txt"

Making dist object

```
cube.d <- cube %>% select(-1) %>% as.dist()
## Warning in storage.mode(m) <- "numeric": NAs introduced by
## coercion
cube.d</pre>
```

```
## b 1.0
## c 1.0 1.0
## d 1.4 1.0 1.0
## e 1.0 1.4 1.4 1.7
## f 1.4 1.0 1.7 1.4 1.0
## g 1.4 1.7 1.0 1.4 1.0 1.4
## h 1.7 1.4 1.4 1.0 1.4 1.0 1.0
```

##

MDS and plotting commands

By default in 2 dimensions; save the extra stuff for later:

```
cube.2 <- cube.d %>% cmdscale(eig = T)
```

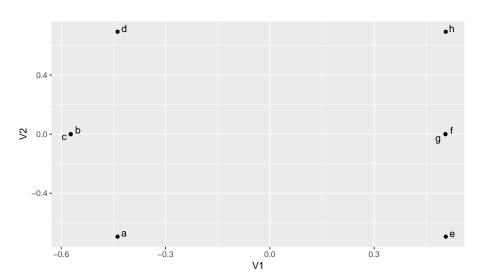
 Make data frame to plot, remembering the points to plot are in points now:

```
d <- cube.2$points %>%
  as_tibble() %>%
  mutate(corners = cube$x)
```

• Plot points labelled by our names for the corners:

```
g <- ggplot(d, aes(x = V1, y = V2, label = corners)) +
  geom_point() + geom_text_repel()</pre>
```

The "cube"



2 and 3 dimensions

```
cube.3 <- cube.d %>% cmdscale(3, eig = T)
cube.2$GOF
```

```
## [1] 0.639293 0.664332
```

cube.3\$GOF

```
## [1] 0.9143532 0.9501654
```

Really need 3rd dimension to represent cube.

Non-metric scaling

- Sometimes distances not meaningful as distances
- Only order matters: closest should be closest, farthest farthest on map, but how much further doesn't matter.
- Non-metric scaling, aims to minimize stress, measure of lack of fit.
- Example: languages. Make map based on "similarity" of number names, without requiring that 1 is "eight times better" than 8.

my_url <- "http://www.utsc.utoronto.ca/~butler/d29/languages.txt"

The languages

number.d <- read_table(my_url)</pre>

XXX

 Recall language data (from cluster analysis): 1–10, measure dissimilarity between two languages by how many number names differ xxx in first letter:

```
number.d
      A tibble: 11 x 12
        la
                                    dk
                                            n٦
                                                    de
                    en
                            nο
                                                                    es
        <chr> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <
        en
                                                     6
                                                             6
                                                                     6
     2 no
     3 dk
     4 n1
                                     6
     6 fr
                                             9
                                            10
     9 pl
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```

Non-metric scaling

- Turn language dissimilarities into dist object
- Run through isoMDS from MASS package; works like cmdscale.
- Map only reproduces relative xxx closeness of languages. xxx

```
d <- number.d %>%
    select_if(is.numeric) %>%
    as.dist()
number.nm <- d %>% isoMDS()

## initial value 12.404671
## iter 5 value 5.933653
## iter 10 value 5.300747
## final value 5.265236
## converged
```

[1] "points" "stress"

names(number.nm)

Results

• Stress is very low (5%, good):

```
number.nm$stress
```

```
## [1] 5.265236
$ %$ %$
```

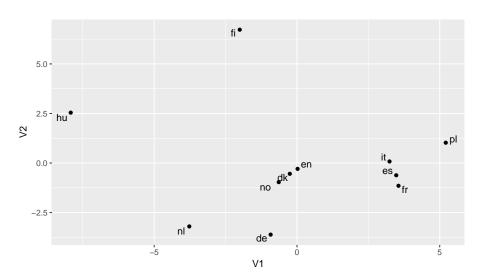
• Familiar process: make a data frame to plot. Use name dd for data frame this time since used d for distance object:

```
dd <- number.nm$points %>%
  as_tibble() %>%
  mutate(lang = number.d$la)
```

• Make plot:

```
g <- ggplot(dd, aes(x = V1, y = V2, label = lang)) +
  geom_point() + geom_text_repel()</pre>
```

The languages map



Comments

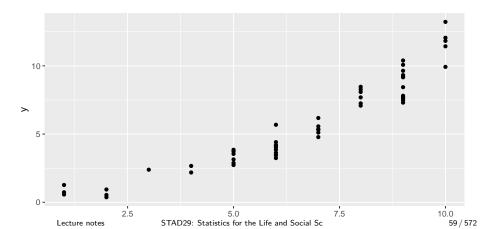
- Tight clusters: Italian-Spanish-French, English-Danish-Norwegian.
- Dutch and German close to English group.
- Polish close to French group.
- Hungarian, Finnish distant from everything else and each other!
- Similar conclusions as from the cluster analysis.

Shepard diagram

- Stress for languages data was 5.3%, very low.
- How do observed dissimilarities and map distances correspond?
- For low stress, expect larger dissimilarity to go with larger map distance, almost all the time.
- Not necessarily a linear trend since non-metric MDS works with order of values.
- Actual dissimilarity on x-axis; map distances on y-axis.

Shepard diagram for languages

```
Shepard(d, number.nm$points) %>%
  as_tibble() %>%
  ggplot(aes(x = x, y = y)) + geom_point()
```



Cube, revisited xxx

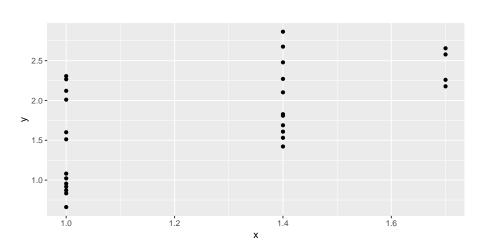
```
cube.d <- cube %>% select(-x) %>% as.dist(cube)
## Warning in storage.mode(m) <- "numeric": NAs introduced
## by coercion
cube.2 <- isoMDS(cube.d, trace = F)</pre>
cube. 2$stress
## [1] 17.97392
cube.3 <- isoMDS(cube.d, k = 3, trace = F)</pre>
cube.3$stress
```

- ## [1] 0.007819523
 - Stress is 18% for 2 dimensions, basically 0% for 3.
 - Three dimensions correct, two dimensions bad.
 - Shepard diagrams for these: xxx

```
cube2.sh <- Shepard(cube.d, cube.2$points)</pre>
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```

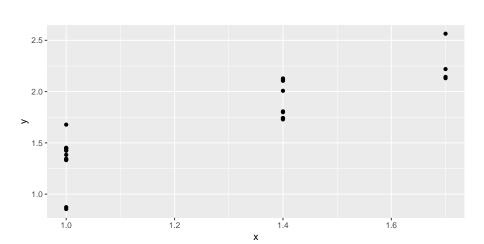
Shepard diagram for 2-dimensional cube

g2



Shepard diagram for 3-dimensional cube

g3



Guidelines for stress values, in %

Smaller is better:

Stress value	Interpretation
Less than 5	Excellent: no prospect of misinterpretation
	(rarely achieved)
5-10	Good: most distances reproduced well, small
	prospect of false inferences
10-20	Fair: usable, but some distances misleading.
More than 20	Poor: may be dangerous to interpret

- Languages: stress in "good" range.
- Cube: xxx
 - 2 dimensions "fair", almost "poor";
 - 3 dimensions, "excellent".