Explaining codability

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Introduction

This set of analyses tries to explain the codability scores according to non-linguistic factors. A list of a-priori hypotheses about external factors that could influence agreement in each domain was compiled. The analysis of agreement across domains used a linear mixed effects model with random effects for domains nested within languages and for stimuli nested within domains. Predictor variables were added to the model as fixed effects and remained if they significantly improved the model according to log likelihood comparison.

The factors that were predicted to explain general levels of codability within a population are:

- Number of speakers of the language (from Ethnologue or field linguist's estimate)
- Formal schooling (low, medium, high)
- Subsistance type (hunter-gatherer, horticultural, stable agriculture, industrial, post-industrial)
- Environment type (closed, open, both)
- Environment subtype (urban, jungle, fields, rocky plateau, forest, forest & sea)
- Settlement type (nucleated, dispersed)
- Society has a market (yes, no)

• Society supports specialists (yes, no)

The Environment subtype variable was too varied to provide meaningful explanation in such a small sample, so is left out of this analysis.

For domains where predictor variables were highly co-linear, a two-step approach was taken. A random forests regression with random intercepts for languages was used to predict variation in agreement according to all a-priori predictor variables. Variable importance measures were used to identify key variables. The effect of these variables was tested with a full mixed effects model with random intercepts for language and stimulus.

The hypotheses for each domain were as follows:

Colour

- Presence of paints
- Number of paints (none, few, many)
- Presence of dyes
- Number of dyes (none, few, many)
- Ritual use of colour (yes, no)
- Professional colour (yes, no)
- Coloured (yes, no)
- Weaving patterns (yes, no)

Shape

- formal schooling (low, medium, high)
- pottery (yes, no)
- patterned pottery (yes, no)
- containers (yes, no)
- number of abstract shape categories (none, one, many)
- professional builders (yes, no)
- society makes boats (yes, no)
- boat specialists (yes, no)
- craft specialists (yes, no)
- spinning thread (yes, no)
- weaving (yes, no)
- weaving specialists (yes, no)
- weave patterns (yes, no)
- what weave patterns (none < simple < angular < complex)
- leatherware (yes, no)
- decorated.leatherware (yes, no)

In addition, it is predicted that communities living in round houses will have lower codability for angular shapes than those living in angular (square or rectangular) houses.

Sound

- musical instrument (yes, no)
- specialist musician (yes, no)
- training music (yes, no)
- children music (yes, no)
- animal sounds (yes, no)

Touch

- pulverise spices (yes, no)
- fine surfaces on houses (yes, no)
- professional textures (yes, no)

Taste

- pulverise.spices (yes, no)
- spices herbs (yes, no)
- Number of additives (0-5)
- sweet additive (for sweet stimulus, yes, no)
- salt additive (for salty stimulus, yes, no)
- bitter additive (for bitter stimulus, yes, no)
- sour additive (for sour stimulus, yes, no)
- umami additive (for umami stimulus, yes, no)
- fragrant food (yes, no)

In addition, having particular additives is predicted to increase the codability for the particular taste stimuli.

Smell

- pulverise spices (yes, no)
- spices herbs (yes, no)
- fragrant food (yes, no)
- Subsistance type (particularly hunter-gratherers)
- latitude (proxy for humidity)

Colinearity

These pairs of variables that are co-linear in our sample, meaning that it is redundant to add them both:

- "market", "spices/herbs"
- "pottery coloured", "spinning specialists"
- "pottery coloured", "leatherware"
- "spinning specialists", "leatherware"
- "decorated leatherware", "what leatherware patterns?"
- "pulverise spices", "sweet additive"
- "pulverise spices", "sour additive"
- "sweet additive", "sour additive"

Load libraries

```
library(party)
library(rpart.plot)
library(XLConnect)
library(reshape2)
library(ggplot2)
library(usdm)
library(REEMtree)
library(lme4)
library(sjPlot)
library(gridExtra)
```

Load data

```
s = read.csv("../data/DiversityIndices_ND.csv")
ethnography = read.csv("../data/ethnography/LoP_ethnography_processed.csv")
v.with.variation = apply(ethnography,2,function(X){length(unique(X))>1})
ethnography = ethnography[,v.with.variation]
ethnography$paints.cat =
  factor(ethnography$paints.cat,
         levels=c("none",'few','many'),
         ordered = TRUE)
ethnography$dyes.cat =
  factor(ethnography$dyes.cat,
         levels=c("none",'few','many'),
         ordered = TRUE)
ethnography$ritual.colour.cat =
  factor(ethnography$dyes.cat,
         levels=c("none",'few','many'),
         ordered = TRUE)
ethnography$environment =
  factor(ethnography$environment,
         levels = c("closed", 'both', 'open'))
ethnography$subsistance =
  factor(ethnography$subsistance,
         levels = c("hunter-gatherer", "horticultural",
                    'stable agriculture', 'industrial',
                    "post-industrial"), ordered = T)
ethnography$formal.schooling =
  factor(ethnography$formal.schooling,
         levels = c("low", 'medium', 'high'), ordered = T)
```

```
ethnography$num.additives.scaled = scale(ethnography$num.additives)
ethnography$what.weave.patterns2 =
  factor(ethnography$what.weave.patterns2,
         levels=c("no",'simple','angular','complex'),
         ordered = T)
ethnography$shape2 = "many"
ethnography$shape2[ethnography$shape =="no"] = "none"
ethnography$shape2[ethnography$shape %in% c("oblong",'cylinderical','round')] = "one"
ethnography$shape2 = factor(ethnography$shape2,
                            levels=c("none",'one','many'),
                            ordered = T)
# Add ethnography data to diversity scores
s = cbind(s,
          ethnography[
            match(s$Language,ethnography$Language),
            !names(ethnography) %in%
              c("Language","Language.orig")])
s$pop.logcenter = scale(log(s$pop))
# Cut population into 3 categories
s$pop.cat = cut(s$pop.logcenter,
                quantile(s$pop.logcenter,
                         probs=seq(0,1,length.out=4)),
                include.lowest = T,
                labels = c("Low", "Medium", "High"))
# Transform the diversity index to log scale
# (note that this does not actually change the results much)
s$simpson.diversityIndex.log = log(0.1+s$simpson.diversityIndex)
# scale and center
s$simpson.diversityIndex.log = scale(s$simpson.diversityIndex.log)
```

Set random seed:

```
set.seed(9999)
```

General properties

Use a mixed effects model to test whether the overall codability is affected by general properties of the communities. We start with a null model and add variables if their inclusion significantly improves the fit of the model.

We are quite conservative here, and add random effects for domains within languages and also for stimuli within domains.

```
m0 = lmer(simpson.diversityIndex.log~
            1 +
            (1 | Language/domain) +
            (1|domain/Stimulus.code),data = s)
mPop = update(m0, ~.+pop.logcenter)
anova(m0,mPop)
## refitting model(s) with ML (instead of REML)
## Data: s
## Models:
## m0: simpson.diversityIndex.log ~ 1 + (1 | Language/domain) + (1 |
          domain/Stimulus.code)
## mPop: simpson.diversityIndex.log ~ (1 | Language/domain) + (1 | domain/Stimulus.code) +
## mPop:
             pop.logcenter
##
       Df
              AIC
                     BIC logLik deviance Chisq Chi Df Pr(>Chisq)
        6 5909.4 5945.1 -2948.7
                                   5897.4
## mPop 7 5896.1 5937.7 -2941.0
                                   5882.1 15.353
                                                      1 8.918e-05 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
mEnv = update(mPop, ~.+environment)
anova(mPop,mEnv)
## refitting model(s) with ML (instead of REML)
## Data: s
## Models:
## mPop: simpson.diversityIndex.log ~ (1 | Language/domain) + (1 | domain/Stimulus.code) +
             pop.logcenter
## mEnv: simpson.diversityIndex.log ~ (1 | Language/domain) + (1 | domain/Stimulus.code) +
## mEnv:
            pop.logcenter + environment
##
              AIC
                    BIC logLik deviance Chisq Chi Df Pr(>Chisq)
       Df
## mPop 7 5896.1 5937.7 -2941.0
                                   5882.1
## mEnv 9 5897.2 5950.8 -2939.6
                                   5879.2 2.8746
                                                            0.2376
mEnvD = update(mPop, ~.+environment.details)
anova(mPop,mEnvD)
## refitting model(s) with ML (instead of REML)
## Data: s
## Models:
## mPop: simpson.diversityIndex.log ~ (1 | Language/domain) + (1 | domain/Stimulus.code) +
## mPop:
             pop.logcenter
## mEnvD: simpson.diversityIndex.log ~ (1 | Language/domain) + (1 | domain/Stimulus.code) +
             pop.logcenter + environment.details
## mEnvD:
##
        Df
              AIC
                     BIC logLik deviance Chisq Chi Df Pr(>Chisq)
## mPop 7 5896.1 5937.7 -2941
                                   5882.1
```

```
## mEnvD 12 5900.0 5971.5 -2938
                                   5876.0 6.0605 5
                                                            0.3004
mSett = update(mPop, ~.+settlement)
anova(mPop, mSett)
## refitting model(s) with ML (instead of REML)
## Data: s
## Models:
## mPop: simpson.diversityIndex.log ~ (1 | Language/domain) + (1 | domain/Stimulus.code) +
            pop.logcenter
## mSett: simpson.diversityIndex.log ~ (1 | Language/domain) + (1 | domain/Stimulus.code) +
             pop.logcenter + settlement
## mSett:
                     BIC logLik deviance Chisq Chi Df Pr(>Chisq)
              AIC
        Df
        7 5896.1 5937.7 -2941
## mPop
                                   5882.1
## mSett 8 5898.0 5945.7 -2941
                                   5882.0 0.0121
                                                            0.9125
mMark = update(mPop, ~.+market)
anova(mPop,mMark)
## refitting model(s) with ML (instead of REML)
## Data: s
## Models:
## mPop: simpson.diversityIndex.log ~ (1 | Language/domain) + (1 | domain/Stimulus.code) +
            pop.logcenter
## mMark: simpson.diversityIndex.log ~ (1 | Language/domain) + (1 | domain/Stimulus.code) +
## mMark:
             pop.logcenter + market
##
        Df
              AIC
                     BIC logLik deviance Chisq Chi Df Pr(>Chisq)
         7 5896.1 5937.7 -2941.0
                                    5882.1
## mPop
## mMark 8 5896.8 5944.5 -2940.4
                                    5880.8 1.2432
                                                       1
                                                             0.2649
mSpec = update(mPop, ~.+specialists)
anova(mPop,mSpec)
## refitting model(s) with ML (instead of REML)
## Data: s
## Models:
## mPop: simpson.diversityIndex.log ~ (1 | Language/domain) + (1 | domain/Stimulus.code) +
## mPop:
            pop.logcenter
## mSpec: simpson.diversityIndex.log ~ (1 | Language/domain) + (1 | domain/Stimulus.code) +
             pop.logcenter + specialists
## mSpec:
##
        Df
              AIC
                     BIC logLik deviance Chisq Chi Df Pr(>Chisq)
        7 5896.1 5937.7 -2941.0
                                    5882.1
## mPop
## mSpec 8 5897.9 5945.5 -2940.9
                                    5881.9 0.1514
                                                             0.6972
mSubs = update(mPop, ~.+subsistance)
anova(mPop,mSubs)
## refitting model(s) with ML (instead of REML)
## Data: s
## Models:
## mPop: simpson.diversityIndex.log ~ (1 | Language/domain) + (1 | domain/Stimulus.code) +
## mPop:
            pop.logcenter
## mSubs: simpson.diversityIndex.log ~ (1 | Language/domain) + (1 | domain/Stimulus.code) +
## mSubs:
             pop.logcenter + subsistance
                     BIC logLik deviance Chisq Chi Df Pr(>Chisq)
##
        Df
              AIC
```

```
7 5896.1 5937.7 -2941.0
## mSubs 11 5898.9 5964.4 -2938.4
                                    5876.9 5.1745
                                                        4
                                                              0.2699
mScho = update(mPop, ~.+formal.schooling)
anova(mPop,mScho)
## refitting model(s) with ML (instead of REML)
## Data: s
## Models:
## mPop: simpson.diversityIndex.log ~ (1 | Language/domain) + (1 | domain/Stimulus.code) +
## mPop:
             pop.logcenter
## mScho: simpson.diversityIndex.log ~ (1 | Language/domain) + (1 | domain/Stimulus.code) +
## mScho:
             pop.logcenter + formal.schooling
                      BIC logLik deviance Chisq Chi Df Pr(>Chisq)
         Df
               AIC
## mPop
         7 5896.1 5937.7 -2941.0
                                    5882.1
## mScho 9 5894.3 5947.9 -2938.2
                                    5876.3 5.7206
                                                        2
                                                             0.05725 .
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
The only significant variable is population size. We can also test whether the relationship survives allowing
for random slopes by domain (random slopes by language don't make sense because population doesn't vary
by language).
m0.popSlope = lmer(simpson.diversityIndex.log~
                     (1 | Language/domain) +
                     (1 +pop.logcenter|domain/Stimulus.code),
                   data = s)
mPop2 = update(m0.popSlope, ~.+pop.logcenter)
anova(m0.popSlope,mPop2)
## refitting model(s) with ML (instead of REML)
## Data: s
## Models:
## m0.popSlope: simpson.diversityIndex.log ~ 1 + (1 | Language/domain) + (1 +
                    pop.logcenter | domain/Stimulus.code)
## m0.popSlope:
## mPop2: simpson.diversityIndex.log ~ (1 | Language/domain) + (1 + pop.logcenter |
## mPop2:
              domain/Stimulus.code) + pop.logcenter
                            BIC logLik deviance Chisq Chi Df Pr(>Chisq)
                     AIC
## m0.popSlope 10 5751.5 5811.0 -2865.7
                                           5731.5
## mPop2
               11 5748.7 5814.2 -2863.3
                                          5726.7 4.7884
                                                                   0.02865 *
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
summary(mPop2)
## Linear mixed model fit by REML ['lmerMod']
## Formula:
## simpson.diversityIndex.log ~ (1 | Language/domain) + (1 + pop.logcenter |
##
       domain/Stimulus.code) + pop.logcenter
##
      Data: s
## REML criterion at convergence: 5731.5
## Scaled residuals:
              1Q Median
                                3Q
##
       Min
                                       Max
```

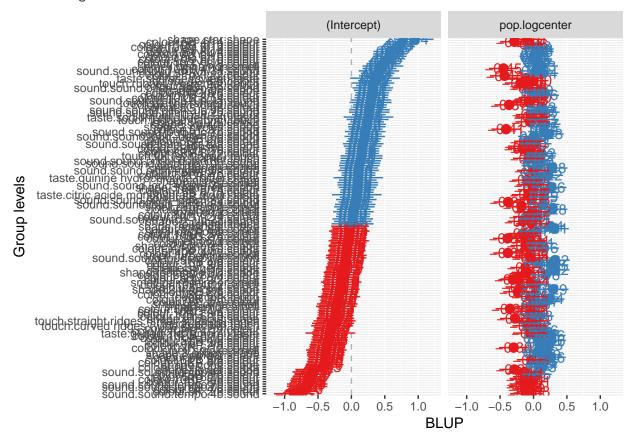
```
## -2.9443 -0.6193 0.0218 0.6113 3.6973
##
## Random effects:
    Groups
                                        Variance Std.Dev. Corr
##
                         Name
##
    Stimulus.code:domain (Intercept)
                                        0.129513 0.35988
##
                         pop.logcenter 0.040504 0.20126
                                                          -0.01
##
    domain:Language
                         (Intercept)
                                        0.220798 0.46989
    Language
                          (Intercept)
                                        0.006338 0.07961
##
##
    domain
                          (Intercept)
                                        0.233937 0.48367
##
                         pop.logcenter 0.039240 0.19809
                                                          0.80
   Residual
                                        0.331665 0.57590
## Number of obs: 2850, groups:
## Stimulus.code:domain, 147; domain:Language, 114; Language, 20; domain, 6
##
## Fixed effects:
##
                 Estimate Std. Error t value
## (Intercept)
                 -0.21071
                              0.20785
                                      -1.014
  pop.logcenter 0.24036
                              0.09763
                                        2.462
##
## Correlation of Fixed Effects:
##
               (Intr)
## pop.logcntr 0.633
```

Statistical summary: There was a significant main effect of population size predicting general agreement (\log likelihood difference = 2.4, df = 1, Chi Squared = 4.79, p = 0.029).

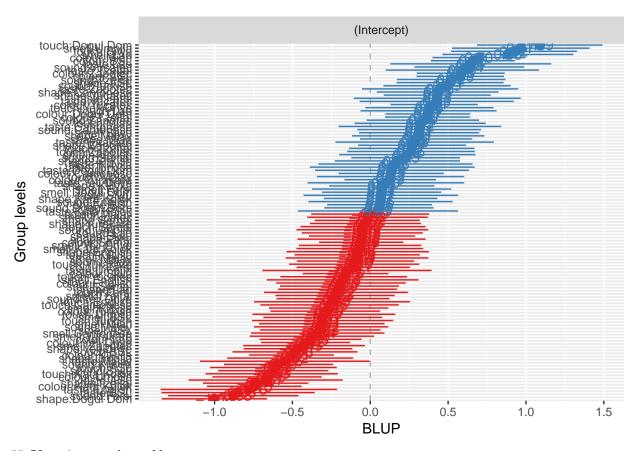
Plot the random effects:

```
sjp.lmer(mPop2, 're', sort.est = "(Intercept)")
```

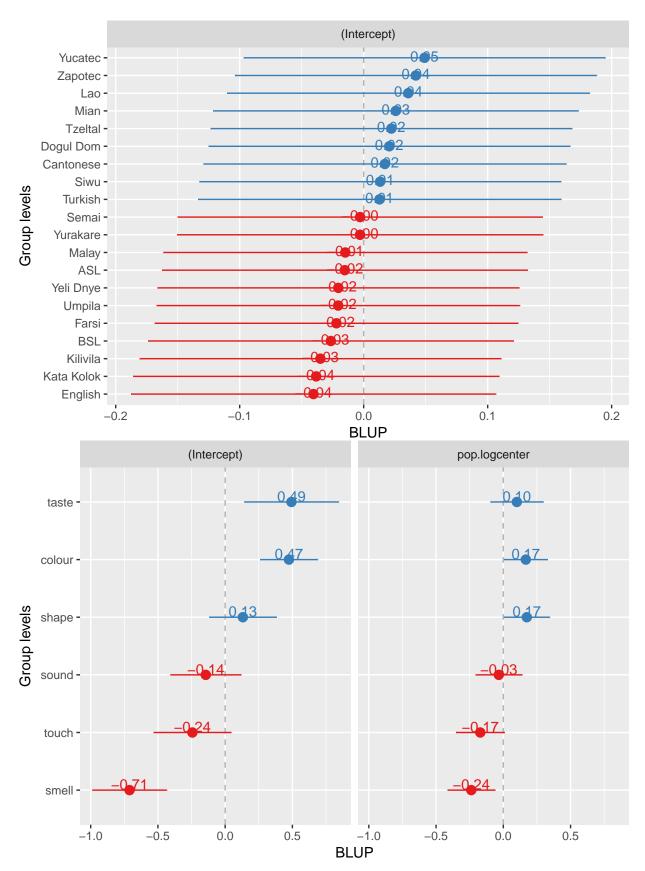
```
## Plotting random effects...
## Plotting random effects...
```



Plotting random effects...



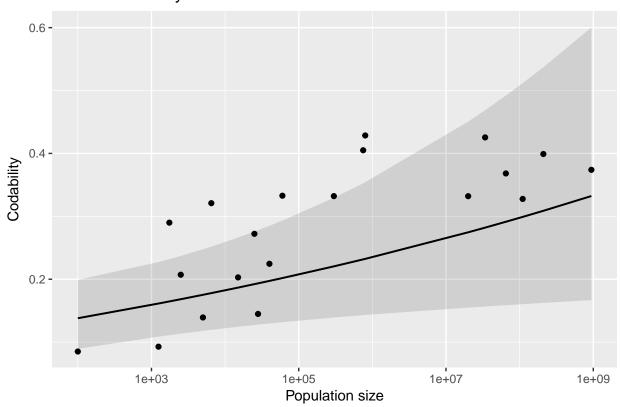
Plotting random effects...



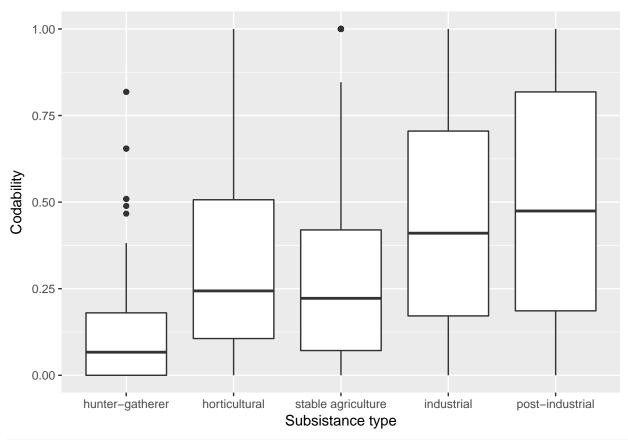
Plot the model effects for population size (extra code is to scale everything back into real numbers):

```
popxcod = data.frame(
  population=tapply(s$pop.logcenter,s$Language, mean),
  mean.codability =
    tapply(s$simpson.diversityIndex.log,s$Language,mean))
popxcod$population = exp((popxcod$population*
  attr(s$pop.logcenter,'scaled:scale')) +
    attr(s$pop.logcenter,'scaled:center'))
popxcod$mean.codability = exp(((popxcod$mean.codability*
  attr(s$simpson.diversityIndex.log,'scaled:scale')) +
    attr(s$simpson.diversityIndex.log,'scaled:center')))-0.1
plotsX = sjp.lmer(mPop2, "eff", show.ci = T,
         show.scatter = T,prnt.plot=F,facet.grid=F)
## Warning: package 'bindrcpp' was built under R version 3.3.2
plotsX$plot.list[[1]]$labels$title = ""
plotsX$plot.list[[1]]$data$x =
  exp((plotsX$plot.list[[1]]$data$x*
  attr(s$pop.logcenter,'scaled:scale')) +
    attr(s$pop.logcenter,'scaled:center'))
plotsX$plot.list[[1]]$data$y =
  exp(((plotsX$plot.list[[1]]$data$y*
  attr(s$simpson.diversityIndex.log,'scaled:scale')) +
    attr(s$simpson.diversityIndex.log,'scaled:center')))-0.1
plotsX$plot.list[[1]]$data$lower =
  exp(((plotsX$plot.list[[1]]$data$lower*
  attr(s$simpson.diversityIndex.log,'scaled:scale')) +
    attr(s$simpson.diversityIndex.log,'scaled:center')))-0.1
plotsX$plot.list[[1]]$data$upper =
  exp(((plotsX$plot.list[[1]]$data$upper*
  attr(s$simpson.diversityIndex.log,'scaled:scale')) +
    attr(s$simpson.diversityIndex.log,'scaled:center')))-0.1
gx.pop = plotsX$plot.list[[1]] +
  scale_x_log10() +
  xlab("Population size") +
  ylab("Codability") +
  ggtitle("Overall codability") +
  geom point(data=popxcod, aes(population,mean.codability))
gx.pop
```

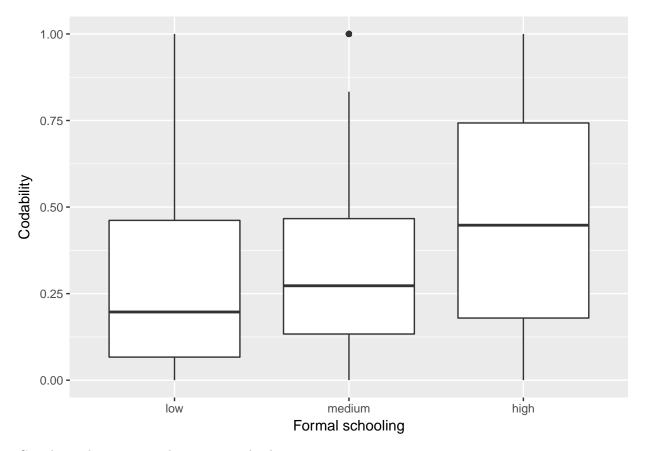
Overall codability



Plots for subsistance, formal schooling.



```
gg.formalschooling =
    ggplot(s,
        aes(formal.schooling,simpson.diversityIndex)) +
    geom_boxplot() +
    xlab("Formal schooling") +
    ylab("Codability")
gg.formalschooling
```



Correlation between population size and subsistance:

kruskal.test(ethnography\$pop, ethnography\$subsistance)

```
##
## Kruskal-Wallis rank sum test
##
## data: ethnography$pop and ethnography$subsistance
## Kruskal-Wallis chi-squared = 12.004, df = 4, p-value = 0.01732
```

Specific domains

There are many more variables to consider for the individual domains. Many are highly correlated, and there are many missing combinations in the data. This makes a regression approach difficult. Instead, we can use a binary decision tree to find clusters in the data based on salient properties. The package REEMtree also allows an additional random effect for Language (crossed random effects for stimulus type are not permitted). So we use random forests to identify key variables (or exclude unimportant variables), then mixed effects modelling to determine significance of main effects.

Note that we're using a categorical version of the population variable that splits the data into "small", "medium", 'large'. This is because the raw population variable is a continuous variable that can be used by a decision tree to split the languages into many arbitrary categories, giving it an unfair advantage over the other variables and making it difficult to interpret the plot.

Colour

Calculate the optimal decision tree, given variables related to colour:

Colour Results

Proportion of variance explained:

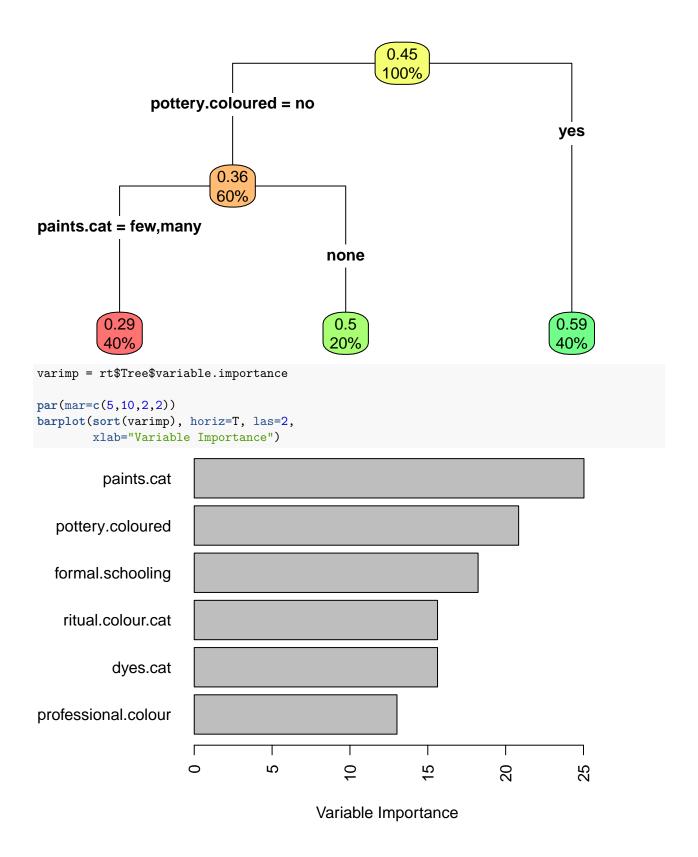
```
# R squared
cor(predict.REEMtree(rt,s.colour,id=s.colour$Language,
    EstimateRandomEffects = T),
    s.colour$simpson.diversityIndex)^2
```

```
## [1] 0.3132261
```

Plot the tree and calculate variable importance:

```
rpart.plot(tree(rt), type=4,extra=100, branch.lty=1, box.palette="RdYlGn", main="Colour")
```

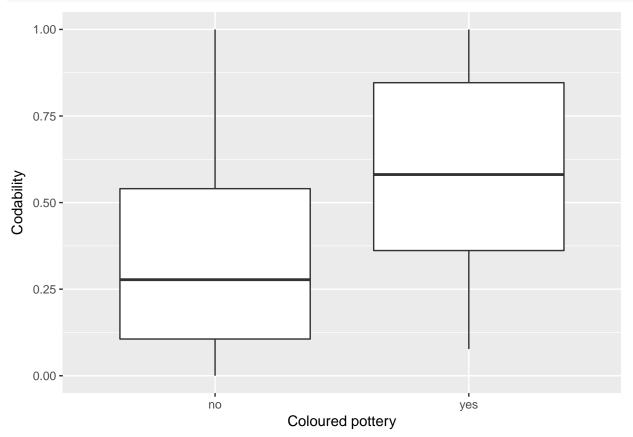
Colour



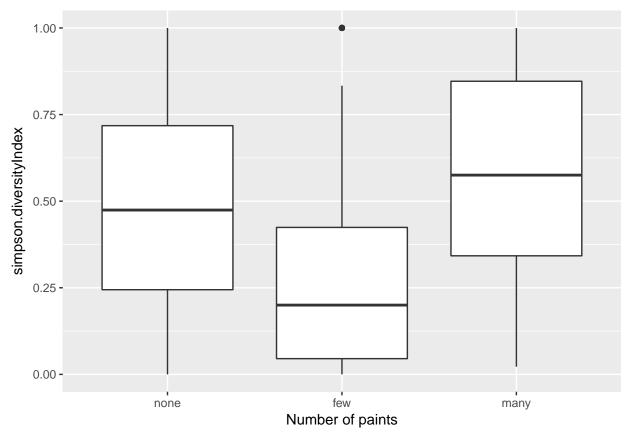
```
par(mar=c(5, 4, 4, 2) + 0.1)
```

Plot the relationships:

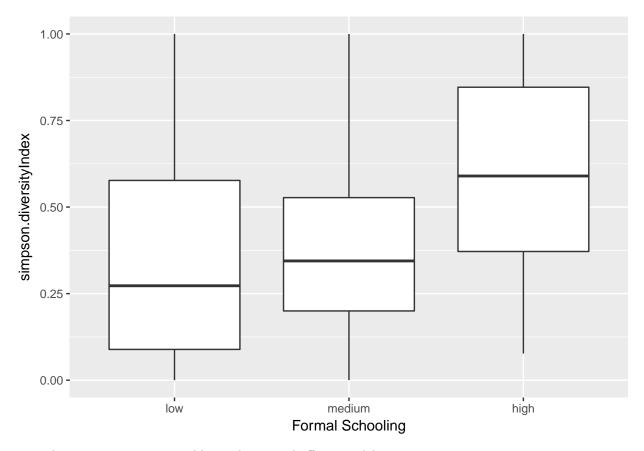
```
ggplot(s.colour,
    aes(pottery.coloured,simpson.diversityIndex)) +
geom_boxplot() +
xlab("Coloured pottery") +
ylab("Codability")
```



```
ggplot(s.colour,
    aes(paints.cat,simpson.diversityIndex)) +
geom_boxplot() +
xlab("Number of paints")
```



```
ggplot(s.colour,
    aes(formal.schooling,simpson.diversityIndex)) +
geom_boxplot() +
xlab("Formal Schooling")
```



Test the most important variables with a mixed effects model:

```
mc.all = lmer(simpson.diversityIndex.log ~
        1 +
          paints.cat +
          pottery.coloured +
          formal.schooling +
        (1 | Language) +
        (1 | Stimulus.code),
     data = s.colour)
mc.noPaints = lmer(simpson.diversityIndex.log ~
          pottery.coloured +
          formal.schooling +
        (1 | Language) +
        (1 | Stimulus.code),
     data = s.colour)
mc.noSchool = lmer(simpson.diversityIndex.log ~
          pottery.coloured +
          paints.cat +
        (1 | Language) +
        (1 | Stimulus.code),
     data = s.colour)
```

```
mc.noPott = lmer(simpson.diversityIndex.log ~
        1 +
         paints.cat +
         formal.schooling +
        (1 | Language) +
        (1 | Stimulus.code),
     data = s.colour)
anova(mc.all, mc.noPaints)
## refitting model(s) with ML (instead of REML)
## Data: s.colour
## Models:
## mc.noPaints: simpson.diversityIndex.log ~ 1 + pottery.coloured + formal.schooling +
## mc.noPaints:
                    (1 | Language) + (1 | Stimulus.code)
## mc.all: simpson.diversityIndex.log ~ 1 + paints.cat + pottery.coloured +
               formal.schooling + (1 | Language) + (1 | Stimulus.code)
## mc.all:
                     AIC
                            BIC logLik deviance Chisq Chi Df Pr(>Chisq)
## mc.noPaints 7 3396.1 3433.8 -1691.1
                                          3382.1
## mc.all
               9 3390.2 3438.6 -1686.1
                                          3372.2 9.925
                                                                0.006996 **
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
anova(mc.all, mc.noSchool)
## refitting model(s) with ML (instead of REML)
## Data: s.colour
## Models:
## mc.noSchool: simpson.diversityIndex.log ~ 1 + pottery.coloured + paints.cat +
## mc.noSchool:
                   (1 | Language) + (1 | Stimulus.code)
## mc.all: simpson.diversityIndex.log ~ 1 + paints.cat + pottery.coloured +
              formal.schooling + (1 | Language) + (1 | Stimulus.code)
##
              Df
                     AIC
                            BIC logLik deviance Chisq Chi Df Pr(>Chisq)
## mc.noSchool 7 3386.7 3424.3 -1686.3
                                          3372.7
                9 3390.2 3438.6 -1686.1
                                          3372.2 0.5037
## mc.all
                                                                   0.7774
anova(mc.all, mc.noPott)
## refitting model(s) with ML (instead of REML)
## Data: s.colour
## Models:
## mc.noPott: simpson.diversityIndex.log ~ 1 + paints.cat + formal.schooling +
                 (1 | Language) + (1 | Stimulus.code)
## mc.noPott:
## mc.all: simpson.diversityIndex.log ~ 1 + paints.cat + pottery.coloured +
               formal.schooling + (1 | Language) + (1 | Stimulus.code)
## mc.all:
##
                          BIC logLik deviance Chisq Chi Df Pr(>Chisq)
## mc.noPott 8 3388.4 3431.4 -1686.2
                                        3372.4
                                        3372.2 0.1791
              9 3390.2 3438.6 -1686.1
                                                                 0.6721
```

There is only a contribution of number of paints beyond population size, but this goes in the opposite direction of the predicted one: societies with few paints have fewer categories than societies with none or many. There was a significant main effect of number of paints (log likelihood difference = 5, df = 2, Chi Squared = 9.92, p = 0.007).

Shape

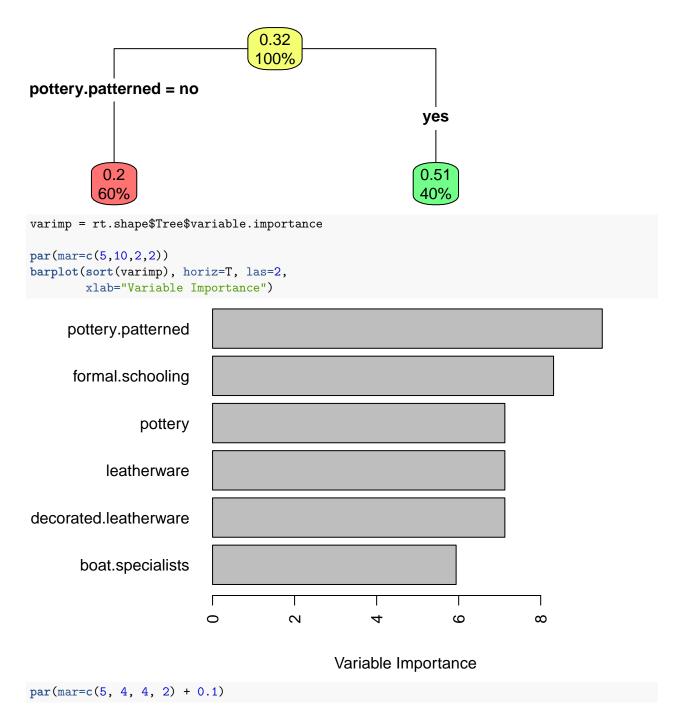
Calculate the optimal decision tree, given variables related to shape:

```
s.shape = s[s$domain=='shape',]
rt.shape = REEMtree(simpson.diversityIndex~
          formal.schooling +
          pottery +
         pottery.patterned +
          containers +
          shape2 +
         professional.builders +
         make.boats+
          boat.specialists+
          craft.specialists+
          spinning.thread+
          weaving+
          weaving.specialists+
          weave.patterns+
          what.weave.patterns2+
         leatherware+
          decorated.leatherware,
         random = ~1|Language,
         data = s.shape,
         MaxIterations=100000)
```

Shape Results

Proportion of variance explained:

Shape



Both pottery.patterned and formal.schooling have high importance. The two variables are highly co-linear (there are no societies with 'high' formal schooling without patterned pottery):

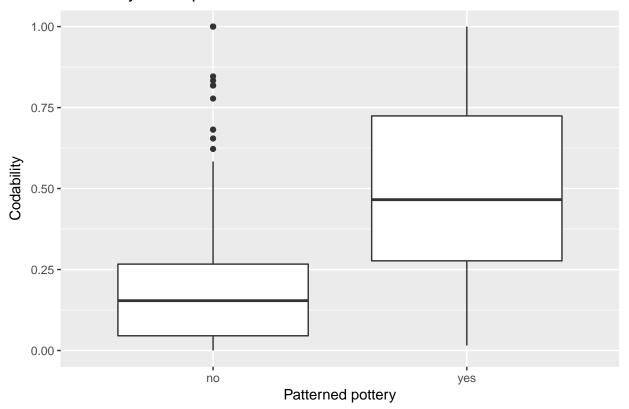
table(s\$formal.schooling, s\$pottery.patterned)

So we can look at both:

```
gx.shape = ggplot(s.shape, aes(pottery.patterned, simpson.diversityIndex))+
  geom_boxplot() +
  xlab("Patterned pottery") +
  ylab("Codability")+
  ggtitle("Codability of Shape")

gx.shape
```

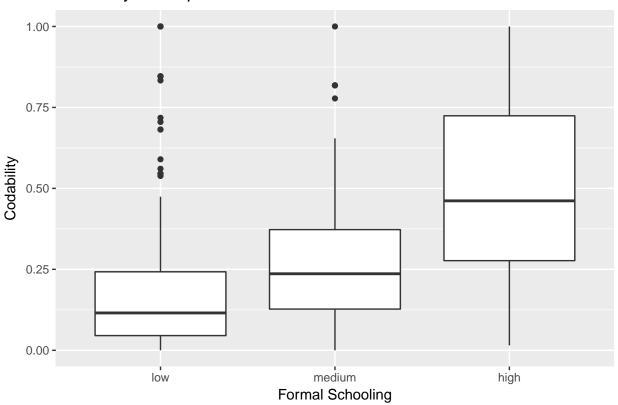
Codability of Shape



```
gx.shape2 = ggplot(s.shape, aes(formal.schooling, simpson.diversityIndex))+
  geom_boxplot() +
  xlab("Formal Schooling") +
  ylab("Codability") +
  ggtitle("Codability of Shape")

gx.shape2
```

Codability of Shape



And use a mixed effects model to test the contribuion of each:

```
m.both = lmer(simpson.diversityIndex.log ~
       pottery.patterned +
       formal.schooling +
        (1 | Language) +
        (1 | Stimulus.code),
     data = s.shape)
m.noSchool = lmer(simpson.diversityIndex.log ~
       pottery.patterned +
        (1 | Language) +
        (1 | Stimulus.code),
     data = s.shape)
m.noPPottery = lmer(simpson.diversityIndex.log ~
       formal.schooling +
        (1 | Language) +
        (1 | Stimulus.code),
     data = s.shape)
anova(m.both,m.noSchool)
## refitting model(s) with ML (instead of REML)
## Data: s.shape
## Models:
## m.noSchool: simpson.diversityIndex.log ~ pottery.patterned + (1 | Language) +
```

```
## m.noSchool:
                  (1 | Stimulus.code)
## m.both: simpson.diversityIndex.log ~ pottery.patterned + formal.schooling +
              (1 | Language) + (1 | Stimulus.code)
##
                          BIC logLik deviance Chisq Chi Df Pr(>Chisq)
                   AIC
## m.noSchool 5 864.60 884.56 -427.30
                                        854.60
## m.both
              7 861.83 889.77 -423.92
                                        847.83 6.771
                                                          2
                                                               0.03386 *
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
anova(m.both,m.noPPottery)
## refitting model(s) with ML (instead of REML)
## Data: s.shape
## Models:
## m.noPPottery: simpson.diversityIndex.log ~ formal.schooling + (1 | Language) +
## m.noPPottery:
                    (1 | Stimulus.code)
## m.both: simpson.diversityIndex.log ~ pottery.patterned + formal.schooling +
              (1 | Language) + (1 | Stimulus.code)
## m.both:
                     AIC
                            BIC logLik deviance Chisq Chi Df Pr(>Chisq)
               Df
## m.noPPottery 6 869.44 893.39 -428.72
                                          857.44
                7 861.83 889.77 -423.92
                                          847.83 9.6056
                                                                  0.00194 **
## m.both
                                                             1
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
summary(m.both)
## Linear mixed model fit by REML ['lmerMod']
## Formula:
## simpson.diversityIndex.log ~ pottery.patterned + formal.schooling +
       (1 | Language) + (1 | Stimulus.code)
##
     Data: s.shape
##
## REML criterion at convergence: 854.4
##
## Scaled residuals:
                 1Q
                     Median
## -2.73983 -0.68983 0.02328 0.68054 2.88331
##
## Random effects:
## Groups
                             Variance Std.Dev.
                 Name
## Language
                 (Intercept) 0.1292
                                      0.3595
## Stimulus.code (Intercept) 0.1163
                                      0.3410
## Residual
                             0.4070
                                      0.6380
## Number of obs: 400, groups: Language, 20; Stimulus.code, 20
## Fixed effects:
                        Estimate Std. Error t value
##
## (Intercept)
                       -0.574896 0.193048 -2.978
## pottery.patternedyes 1.305659
                                   0.410185
                                             3.183
## formal.schooling.L
                       -0.003141
                                   0.292338 -0.011
## formal.schooling.Q
                       -0.499201
                                   0.256664 -1.945
##
## Correlation of Fixed Effects:
##
               (Intr) pttry. frm..L
## pttry.pttrn -0.787
```

There was a significant main effect of schooling (log likelihood difference =3.4 , df =2 , Chi Squared =6.77 , p =0.034).

There was a significant main effect of patterned pottery (log likelihood difference =4.8, df =1, Chi Squared =9.61, p =0.0019).

Specific hypotheses about shape

Models:

mO:

Natural objects have (mostly) organic rounded shapes. Living in square/rectangular houses should give more names for angular shaped objects. We test whether living in rounded houses predicts codability for angular shapes. Note that there is only one community which lives in round houses (Umpila). Umpila are Hunter-gatherers, who are not necessarily low-codability across the board (they have very high codability for smell).

```
s.shape$angularShapes = s.shape$Stimulus.code %in%
              c("shape.2 cubes",
                "shape.3 squares",
                'shape.cube',
                'shape.square',
                'shape.rectangle',
                'shape.rectangle 3D')
# Null model
m0 = lmer(simpson.diversityIndex.log ~
            1 +
            (1 | Language) +
            (1 +I(houses=="round") | Stimulus.code),
          data = s.shape[s.shape$angularShapes,])
# Add fixed effect
m1 = lmer(simpson.diversityIndex.log ~
            1 +
            I(houses=="round") +
            (1 | Language) +
            (1 +I(houses=="round") | Stimulus.code),
          data = s.shape[s.shape$angularShapes,])
anova(m0,m1)
## refitting model(s) with ML (instead of REML)
## Data: s.shape[s.shape$angularShapes, ]
```

m0: simpson.diversityIndex.log ~ 1 + (1 | Language) + (1 + I(houses ==

"round") | Stimulus.code)

```
##
                   BIC logLik deviance Chisq Chi Df Pr(>Chisq)
## m0 6 256.70 273.43 -122.35
                                  244.70
## m1 7 254.77 274.29 -120.39
                                  240.77 3.9308
                                                           0.04741 *
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
summary(m1)
## Linear mixed model fit by REML ['lmerMod']
## Formula: simpson.diversityIndex.log ~ 1 + I(houses == "round") + (1 |
##
       Language) + (1 + I(houses == "round") | Stimulus.code)
##
      Data: s.shape[s.shape$angularShapes, ]
##
## REML criterion at convergence: 240.8
##
## Scaled residuals:
                       Median
                                     3Q
                  1Q
                                             Max
  -2.87221 -0.58415 -0.00682 0.59798 2.95397
##
##
## Random effects:
##
    Groups
                  Name
                                            Variance Std.Dev. Corr
                                            0.645532 0.80345
##
    Language
                   (Intercept)
##
    Stimulus.code (Intercept)
                                            0.009365 0.09677
                  I(houses == "round")TRUE 0.017855 0.13362
##
                                                               -1.00
##
  Residual
                                            0.276179 0.52553
## Number of obs: 120, groups: Language, 20; Stimulus.code, 6
##
## Fixed effects:
                             Estimate Std. Error t value
##
## (Intercept)
                             -0.01047
                                         0.19483 -0.054
## I(houses == "round")TRUE -1.69196
                                         0.85495 -1.979
## Correlation of Fixed Effects:
##
               (Intr)
## I(=="")TRUE -0.231
Very weak significant effect for communities with rounded houses to have less agreement on angular shapes
than those living in angular houses. Mean codability for angular houses = 0.35153; mean codability for round
houses = 0.0121212
```

m1: simpson.diversityIndex.log ~ 1 + I(houses == "round") + (1 |

m1:

Language) + (1 + I(houses == "round") | Stimulus.code)

Sound

Calculate the optimal decision tree, given variables related to shape:

Sound Results

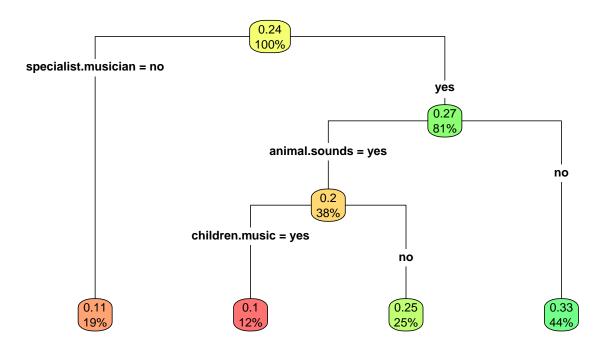
Proportion of variance explained:

```
# R squared
cor(predict.REEMtree(rt.sound,s.sound,id=s.sound$Language, EstimateRandomEffects = T),
    s.sound$simpson.diversityIndex)^2
```

```
## [1] 0.4052415
```

Plot the tree and calculate variable importance:

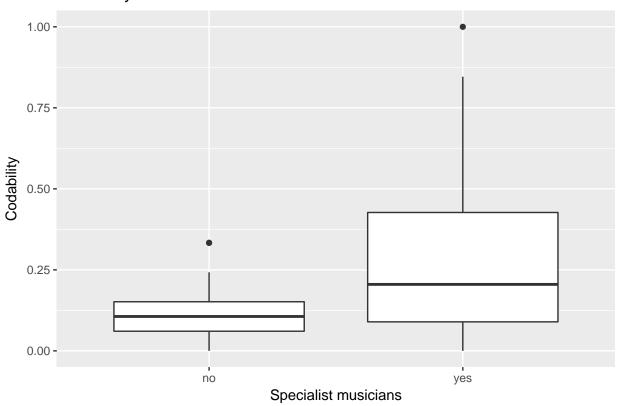
Sound



This suggests that the training of musicians and having specialist musicians is important. Training of musicians depends on having specialist musicians, so we concentrate on the latter.

```
gx.sound = ggplot(s.sound, aes(specialist.musician, simpson.diversityIndex))+
    geom_boxplot() +
    xlab("Specialist musicians") +
    ylab("Codability") +
    ggtitle("Codability of sounds")
gx.sound
```

Codability of sounds



Test with mixed effects modelling:

refitting model(s) with ML (instead of REML)

```
## Data: s.sound
## Models:
## mSd.null: simpson.diversityIndex.log ~ 1 + (1 | Language) + (1 | Stimulus.code)
## mSd.music: simpson.diversityIndex.log ~ 1 + specialist.musician + (1 | Language) +
                (1 | Stimulus.code)
## mSd.music:
##
           Df
                  AIC
                        BIC logLik deviance Chisq Chi Df Pr(>Chisq)
## mSd.null 4 540.57 555.64 -266.29
                                      532.57
## mSd.music 5 538.47 557.31 -264.24 528.47 4.1008
                                                              0.04286 *
                                                       1
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
tapply(s.sound$simpson.diversityIndex,s.sound$specialist.musician,mean)
##
         no
                  yes
## 0.1101010 0.2709464
```

Touch

Calculate the optimal decision tree, given variables related to shape:

Touch Results

Proportion of variance explained:

Touch



There are no significant partitions for touch.

Taste

Calculate the optimal decision tree, given variables related to taste:

(some variables are co-linear, so we take out sweet.addivit ve and sour.additive)

Taste Results

Proportion of variance explained:

No strong effect of number of additives in a full model:

refitting model(s) with ML (instead of REML)

```
## Data: s.taste
## Models:
## mT.null: simpson.diversityIndex.log ~ 1 + (1 | Language) + (1 | Stimulus.code)
## mT.nA: simpson.diversityIndex.log ~ 1 + num.additives.scaled + (1 |
              Language) + (1 | Stimulus.code)
                       BIC logLik deviance Chisq Chi Df Pr(>Chisq)
##
           Df
                 AIC
## mT.null 4 219.36 229.36 -105.68
                                      211.36
            5 220.67 233.17 -105.33
## mT.nA
                                      210.67 0.6901
                                                               0.4061
```

Specific taste hypotheses

Does the codability of a specific taste correlate with having an additive for that taste?

```
tx = s.taste[s.taste$Stimulus.code=="taste.citric acide monohydrate (sour)",]
t.test(tx$simpson.diversityIndex ~ tx$sour.additive)
##
##
   Welch Two Sample t-test
## data: tx$simpson.diversityIndex by tx$sour.additive
## t = -1.3496, df = 15.841, p-value = 0.1961
## alternative hypothesis: true difference in means is not equal to 0
## 95 percent confidence interval:
## -0.30612907 0.06808546
## sample estimates:
##
   mean in group no mean in group yes
           0.3831169
                             0.5021387
tx = s.taste[s.taste$Stimulus.code=="taste.glutamate (umami)",]
t.test(tx$simpson.diversityIndex ~ tx$umami.additive)
##
##
   Welch Two Sample t-test
##
## data: tx$simpson.diversityIndex by tx$umami.additive
## t = -0.31073, df = 8.0573, p-value = 0.7639
## alternative hypothesis: true difference in means is not equal to 0
## 95 percent confidence interval:
## -0.4177380 0.3184188
## sample estimates:
##
   mean in group no mean in group yes
           0.3132727
                             0.3629323
tx = s.taste[s.taste$Stimulus.code=="taste.quinine hydrochloride (bitter)",]
t.test(tx$simpson.diversityIndex ~ tx$bitter.additive)
##
##
   Welch Two Sample t-test
##
## data: tx$simpson.diversityIndex by tx$bitter.additive
## t = -0.12993, df = 10.88, p-value = 0.899
## alternative hypothesis: true difference in means is not equal to 0
## 95 percent confidence interval:
## -0.4251373 0.3778017
## sample estimates:
```

```
mean in group no mean in group yes
##
           0.5184787
                             0.5421466
tx = s.taste[s.taste$Stimulus.code=="taste.sodium chloride (salt)",]
t.test(tx$simpson.diversityIndex ~ tx$salt.additive)
##
## Welch Two Sample t-test
##
## data: tx$simpson.diversityIndex by tx$salt.additive
## t = -1.9499, df = 7.4425, p-value = 0.08972
## alternative hypothesis: true difference in means is not equal to 0
## 95 percent confidence interval:
## -0.45775223 0.04127946
## sample estimates:
   mean in group no mean in group yes
##
           0.3787879
                             0.5870242
tx = s.taste[s.taste$Stimulus.code=="taste.sucrose (sweet)",]
t.test(tx$simpson.diversityIndex ~ tx$sweet.additive)
##
   Welch Two Sample t-test
##
##
## data: tx$simpson.diversityIndex by tx$sweet.additive
## t = -1.3499, df = 1.7914, p-value = 0.3224
## alternative hypothesis: true difference in means is not equal to 0
## 95 percent confidence interval:
## -1.110774 0.624763
## sample estimates:
    mean in group no mean in group yes
           0.4053030
                             0.6483085
##
```

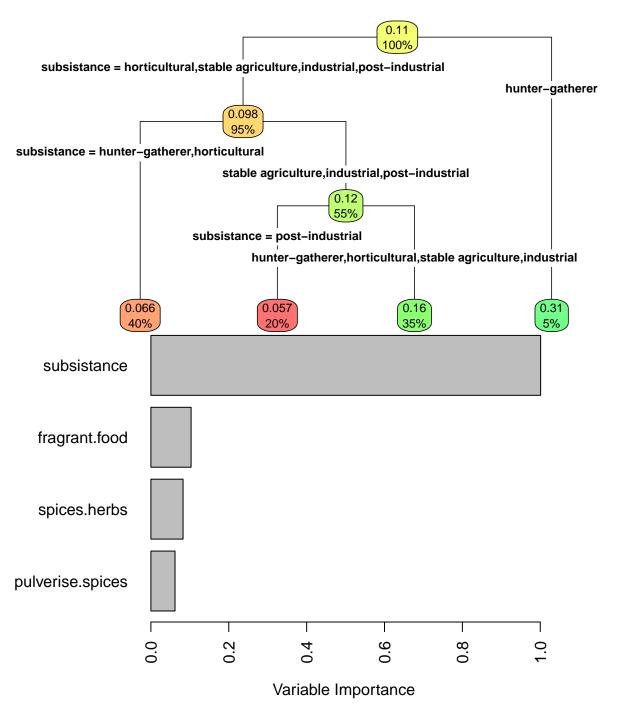
There are no specific taste effects.

Smell

Smell Results

Proportion of variance explained:

Smell

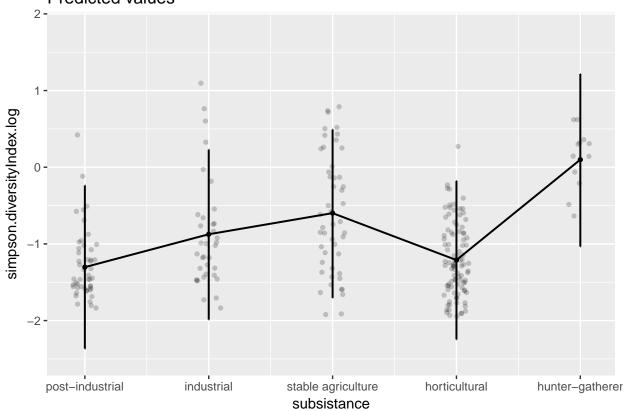


Subsistance predicts codability. Particularly the hunter-gatherer language.

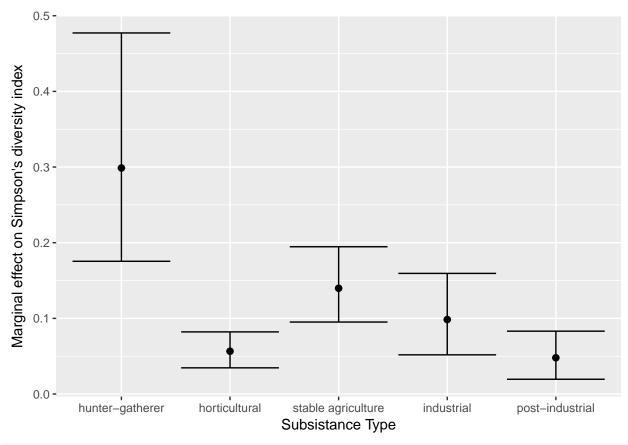
```
data = s.smell)
m1.smell = update(m0.smell, ~. + subsistance)
anova(m0.smell,m1.smell)
## refitting model(s) with ML (instead of REML)
## Data: s.smell
## Models:
## m0.smell: simpson.diversityIndex.log ~ 1 + (1 | Language) + (1 + subsistance |
## m0.smell:
                 Stimulus.code)
## m1.smell: simpson.diversityIndex.log ~ (1 | Language) + (1 + subsistance |
## m1.smell:
                 Stimulus.code) + subsistance
                 AIC
                        BIC logLik deviance Chisq Chi Df Pr(>Chisq)
           Df
## m0.smell 18 432.62 495.27 -198.31
                                       396.62
## m1.smell 22 416.96 493.53 -186.48
                                       372.96 23.659
                                                          4 9.348e-05 ***
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
summary(m1.smell)
## Linear mixed model fit by REML ['lmerMod']
## Formula: simpson.diversityIndex.log ~ (1 | Language) + (1 + subsistance |
##
       Stimulus.code) + subsistance
##
      Data: s.smell
##
## REML criterion at convergence: 384.2
##
## Scaled residuals:
               1Q Median
##
      Min
                                3Q
                                       Max
## -2.3109 -0.6086 -0.1843 0.5665 2.7232
##
## Random effects:
## Groups
                                Variance Std.Dev. Corr
                  Name
## Language
                  (Intercept)
                                0.04893 0.2212
  Stimulus.code (Intercept)
                                0.05062 0.2250
##
                  subsistance.L 0.02622 0.1619
##
                                                 -0.73
                  subsistance.Q 0.01212 0.1101
##
                                                  0.20 - 0.82
##
                  subsistance.C 0.01019 0.1009
                                                   0.99 -0.81 0.32
                                                  -0.57 0.98 -0.92 -0.67
##
                  subsistance^4 0.07803 0.2793
## Residual
                                0.22559 0.4750
## Number of obs: 240, groups: Language, 20; Stimulus.code, 12
##
## Fixed effects:
##
                Estimate Std. Error t value
## (Intercept)
                -0.77520
                          0.09759 -7.943
## subsistance.L 0.78019
                            0.19787
                                       3.943
## subsistance.Q 0.25163
                            0.17959
                                       1.401
## subsistance.C 0.65474
                            0.14742
                                       4.441
## subsistance<sup>4</sup> 0.42002
                            0.15335
                                       2.739
##
## Correlation of Fixed Effects:
               (Intr) sbss.L sbss.Q sbss.C
## subsistnc.L 0.172
## subsistnc.Q 0.342 0.483
```

```
## subsistnc.C 0.478 0.330 0.246
## subsistnc^4 -0.101 0.318 0.019 -0.174
sjp.lmer(m1.smell, 'pred', "subsistance", show.ci = T)
```

Predicted values



```
gx = sjp.lmer(m1.smell, 'eff', show.ci = T, prnt.plot = F)
subsd = gx$plot$data
subsd$`Subsistance Type` = factor(subsd$label,
          levels = c("hunter-gatherer", "horticultural",
                    'stable agriculture', 'industrial',
                    "post-industrial"), ordered = T)
convertSimps = function(X){
  exp(X * attr(s$simpson.diversityIndex.log,'scaled:scale') +
    attr(s$simpson.diversityIndex.log,'scaled:center'))-0.1
}
subsd$y = convertSimps(subsd$y)
subsd$lower = convertSimps(subsd$lower)
subsd$upper = convertSimps(subsd$upper)
ggplot(subsd,
       aes(`Subsistance Type`, y)) +
  geom_point(size=2) +
  geom_errorbar(aes(ymin = lower, ymax = upper)) +
  ylab("Marginal effect on Simpson's diversity index")
```



M tapply(s.smell\$simpson.diversityIndex,s.smell\$subsistance,mean)

```
## post-industrial industrial stable agriculture
## 0.05675500 0.12930588 0.17779720
## horticultural hunter-gatherer
## 0.06604194 0.31296296
```

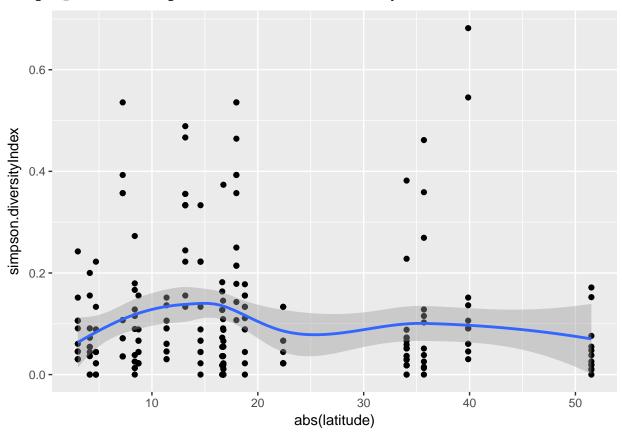
tapply(s.smell\$simpson.diversityIndex,s.smell\$subsistance=='hunter-gatherer',mean)

```
## FALSE TRUE
## 0.09760326 0.31296296
```

Relationship with latitude:

```
m1.smell = update(m0.smell, ~. +I(abs(latitude)))
m2.smell = update(m1.smell, ~. +I(abs(latitude)^2))
anova(m0.smell, m1.smell, m2.smell)
## refitting model(s) with ML (instead of REML)
## Data: s.smell
## Models:
## m0.smell: simpson.diversityIndex.log ~ 1 + (1 | Language) + (1 + I(abs(latitude)) |
## m0.smell:
                 Stimulus.code)
## m1.smell: simpson.diversityIndex.log ~ (1 | Language) + (1 + I(abs(latitude)) |
## m1.smell:
                 Stimulus.code) + I(abs(latitude))
## m2.smell: simpson.diversityIndex.log ~ (1 | Language) + (1 + I(abs(latitude)) |
                 Stimulus.code) + I(abs(latitude)) + I(abs(latitude)^2)
## m2.smell:
                         BIC logLik deviance Chisq Chi Df Pr(>Chisq)
##
            Df
                  AIC
## m0.smell 6 408.97 429.85 -198.48
                                       396.97
## m1.smell 7 410.83 435.20 -198.42
                                       396.83 0.1329
                                                                0.7155
## m2.smell 8 412.20 440.05 -198.10
                                       396.20 0.6325
                                                                0.4264
ggplot(s.smell, aes(abs(latitude), simpson.diversityIndex)) +
  geom_point() + geom_smooth()
```

$geom_smooth()$ using method = 'loess' and formula 'y ~ x'



No significant relationship with latitude.

Extra Graphs

```
pdf("../results/graphs/Diversity_by_population.pdf", width=6, height=6)
gx.pop
dev.off()
## pdf
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         gx.pop + ggtitle("B: Overall codability"),
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         gx.sound + ggtitle("D: Sounds"),
         gx.shape2 + ggtitle("E: Shapes"),
         gx.shape + ggtitle("F: Shapes"),
         gx.shape.house + ggtitle("G: Angular Shapes"),
         gx.smell +ggtitle("H: Smells"),
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plot(gx2b)
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dev.off()
## pdf
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postscript("../results/graphs/Diversity_plots.eps", width=10, height=6)
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