

Multiple categorical variables

Concatenated tables

Between- or within-sets?

- In simple CA we analyze the relationship between two categorical variables, a row variable and a column variable.
- In order to generalize this to more than two variables, we need to distinguish two situations:
 1. There are several “explanatory” variables and one or more “response” variables, and we are interested in the relationship between these two sets.
 2. There is a set of “homogeneous” variables, usually all measured on the same scale, and we are interested in their inter-relationships (similar to factor analysis context, but with categorical data).
- We have already had an example of the first situation: in the Spanish Health Survey example: explanatory variables = age and sex, response variable = perceived health; we combined the 7 age categories and 2 sex categories into one interactively coded variable with 14 categories and did a simple CA. We first look at this easier approach of stacking - or concatenating - tables

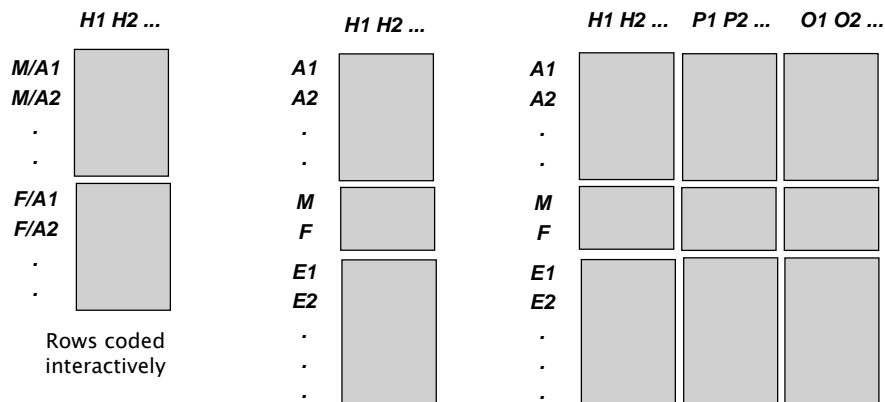
Different ways of concatenating tables

Describing (“explanatory”) variables: *A(GE)*, *S(EX)*, *E(DUCATION)*, etc...

with levels *A1, A2, ...*; *M, F*; *E1, E2, ...*; etc...

Variables to be described (“response”): *H(EALTH)*, *P(RODUCTS)*, *O(PINIONS)*,

etc... with levels *H1, H2, ...*; *P1, P2, ...*; *O1, O2, ...*; etc...



Example: data set “women94” – response variables

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- 33123 respondents
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| 1. <i>before having a child</i> , with possible responses | 1W 1w 1H 1? |
| 2. <i>with a pre-school child</i> | 2W 2w 2H 2? |
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| 4. <i>when all children have left home</i> | 4W 4w 4H 4? |

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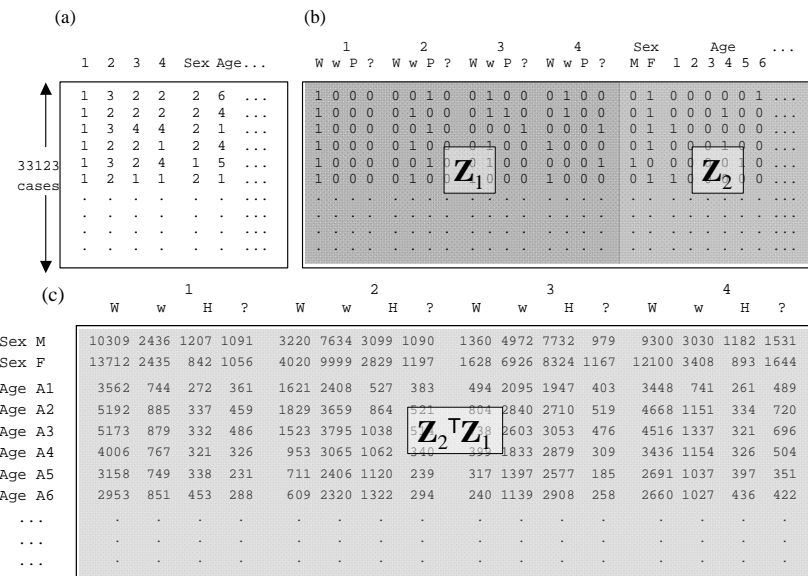
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Data set "women" – explanatory variables

We also have various explanatory variables, from which we select the following six:

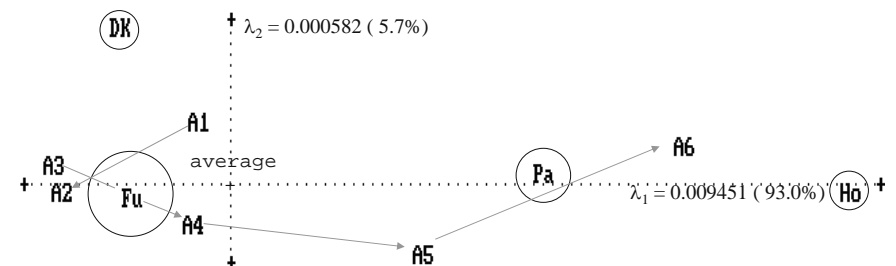
- Country** 24 countries: AUS (Australia), DW (West Germany), DE (East Germany), GB (Great Britain), NI (Northern Ireland), USA, A (Austria), H (Hungary), I (Italy), IRL (Ireland), NL (Netherlands), N (Norway), S (Sweden), CZ (Czechoslovakia), SLO (Slovenia), PL (Poland), BG (Bulgaria), RUS (Russia), NZ (New Zealand), CDN (Canada), RP (Philippines), IL (Israel), J (Japan), E (Spain)
- Sex** 2 categories: M, F
- Age** 6 groups: A1 (up to 25), A2 (26-35), A3 (36-45), A4 (46-55), A5 (56-65), A6 (66 and over)
- Marital status** 5 groups: ma (married), wi (widowed), di (divorced), se (separated), si (single)
- Education** 7 groups: E0 (none), E1 (incomplete primary), E2 (primary), E3 (incomplete secondary), E4 (secondary), E5 (incomplete tertiary), E6 (tertiary)
- Social class** 7 groups: S0 (other), S1 (lower class), S2 (working class), S3 (upper working/lower middle), S4 (middle), S5 (upper middle), S6 (upper)

(a) Original (b) Indicator and (c) Concatenated



Concatenated format

	1				2				3				4			
	W	w	H	?	W	w	H	?	W	w	H	?	W	w	H	?
Sex M	10309	2436	1207	1091	3220	7634	3099	1090	1360	4972	7732	979	9300	3030	1182	1531
Sex F	13712	2435	842	1056	4020	9999	2829	1197	1628	6926	8324	1167	12100	3408	893	1644
Age A1	3562	744	272	361	1621	2408	527	383	494	2095	1947	403	3448	741	261	489
Age A2	5192	885	337	459	1829	3659	864	521	804	2840	2710	519	4668	1151	334	720
Age A3	5173	879	332	486	1523	3795	1038	514	738	2603	3053	476	4516	1337	321	696
Age A4	4006	767	321	326	953	3065	1062	340	399	1833	2879	309	3436	1154	326	504
Age A5	3158	749	338	231	711	2406	1120	239	317	1397	2577	185	2691	1037	397	351
Age A6	2953	851	453	288	609	2320	1322	294	240	1139	2908	258	2660	1027	436	422



Contribution biplot
(cleaned up - categories removed inside box)

