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Multivariate Taxometric Procedures Niels G. Waller 1998 Can taxometric procedures be used to distinguish types (species, latent classes, taxa) from continua (dimensions, latent traits, factors); and, if so, how? Aimed at demystifying this process, Waller and Meehl unpack Meehl's work on the MAXCOV-HITMAX procedure to reveal the underlying rationale of MAXCOV in simple terms and show how this technique can be profitably used in a variety of disciplines by researchers in their taxonomic work.

Key Business Analytics Bernard Marr 2016-02-10 Key Business Analytics will help managers apply tools to turn data into insights that help them better understand their customers, optimize their internal processes and identify cost savings and growth opportunities. It includes analysis techniques within the following categories: Financial analytics – cashflow, profitability, sales forecasts Market analytics – market size, market trends, marketing channels Customer analytics – customer lifetime values, social media, customer needs Employee analytics – capacity, performance, leadership Operational analytics – supply chains, competencies, environmental impact Bare business analytics – sentiments, text, correlations Each tool will follow the bestselling Key format of being 5-6 pages long, broken into short sharp advice on the essentials: What is it? When should I use it? How do I use it? Tips and pitfalls Further reading This essential toolkit also provides an invaluable section on how to gather original data yourself through surveys, interviews, focus groups, etc.

Demystifying Big Data, Machine Learning, and Deep Learning for Healthcare Analytics Pradeep N 2021-06-25 Demystifying Big Data, Machine Learning, and Deep Learning for Healthcare Analytics presents the changing world of data utilization, especially in clinical healthcare. Various techniques, methodologies, and algorithms are presented in this book to organize data in a structured manner that will assist physicians in the care of patients and help biomedical engineers and computer scientists understand the impact of these techniques on healthcare analytics. The book is divided into two parts: Part 1 covers big data aspects such as healthcare decision support systems and analytics-related topics. Part 2 focuses on the current frameworks and applications of deep learning and machine learning, and provides an outlook on future directions of research and development. The entire book takes a case study approach, providing a wealth of real-world case studies in the application chapters to act as a foundational reference for biomedical engineers, computer scientists, healthcare researchers, and clinicians. Provides a comprehensive reference for biomedical engineers, computer scientists, advanced industry practitioners, researchers, and clinicians to understand and develop healthcare analytics using advanced tools and technologies Includes in-depth illustrations of advanced techniques via dataset samples, statistical tables, and graphs with algorithms and computational methods for developing new applications in healthcare.

Demystifying Evaluation Barry S. Brown 1997

Intelligent Systems in Cybernetics and Automation Control Theory Radek Silhavy 2018-08-28 This book presents real-world problems and pioneering research that reflect novel approaches to cybernetics, algorithms and software engineering in the context of intelligent systems. It gathers the peer-reviewed proceedings of the 2nd Computational Methods in Systems and Software 2018 (CoMeSySo 2018), a conference that broke down traditional barriers by being held online. The goal of the event was to provide an international forum for discussing the latest high-quality research results.

Investing Demystified Lars Kroijer 2013-09-06 Don't spend your time worrying whether you can beat the markets: you don’t need to beat them to be a successful investor. By showing you how to build a simple and rational portfolio and tailor it to your specific needs, Investing Demystified
will help you generate superior returns. With his straightforward and jargon-free advice, Lars Kroijer simplifies the common complex world of finance and tells you everything you need to know – and everything that you don’t need to worry about – in order to make the most from your investments. In Investing Demystified you will: • Discover the mix of stocks, bonds and cash needed for a top performing portfolio • Learn why the most broadly diversified and simplest portfolio makes the most sense • Understand the right level of risk for you and how this affects your investments • Find out why a low cost approach will yield better than leaving you with a higher quality portfolio • Understand the implications of tax and liquidity

Work and Organizational Psychology Christine E. Doyle 2003 In this unique text, Christine Doyle provides the student with a cutting-edge introduction to the field of work and organizational psychology. The main focus is on recent changes that have occurred in the world of work, including the knowledge economy, stress, diversity, learning, and associated problems, and above all, the challenges they pose for work and organizational psychology. Among the topics covered are motivation at work, the concept of stress, and the causes of individual accidents and organizational disasters. Solutions to such problems might include lifelong learning and training, performance management, career development, and employee assistance programmes. This lively, provocative, and highly readable book will be an essential resource for advanced undergraduate and postgraduate students of work and organizational psychology, as well as business management students, managers and anyone with an interest in human resource management.

Sociological Abstracts Leo P. Chal 2003 CSA Sociological Abstracts abstracts and indexes the international literature in sociology and related disciplines in the social and behavioral sciences. The database provides abstracts of journal articles and citations to book reviews drawn from over 1,800+ serials publications, and also provides abstracts of books, book chapters, dissertations, and conference papers.

Demystifying Love Stephen B. Levine 2013-05-13 Intended primarily for mental health professionals, Demystifying Love deals plainly with topics rarely written about for clinicians. The book discusses in a small package highly readable and useful topics, such as love (as both noun and verb), psychological intimacy, sexual desire, as well as infidelity, both in background concepts and clinical guidelines. As the book shows, love is the logical point of departure for a clinical understanding of sexuality and its problems. It is the most conventional framework for understanding sexual behaviors, the one that is broadly endorsed across many cultures, often as the ideal context for sexual expression. The book integrates an analysis of love in patients dealing with intimacy, sexual desire, infidelity, forgiveness and reconciliation. Detailed with compelling case studies, the author’s skill as a therapist comes through in the discussion of these topics—many of which are at the heart of numerous couple problems. In creating this illuminating work for mental health professionals, Dr. Levine may have underestimated its appeal. Dr. Levine’s ability to shed light on our internal processes as we love and attempt to be loved throughout life may prove to be of interest to a far broader audience.

Demystifying Unsupervised Feature Learning Adam Paul Coates 2012 Machine learning is a key component of state-of-the-art systems in many application domains. Applied to many kinds of raw data, however, most learning algorithms are unable to make good predictions. In order to succeed, most learning algorithms are applied instead to “features” that represent higher-level concepts extracted from the raw data. These features, developed by expert practitioners in each field, encode important prior knowledge about the task that the learning algorithm would be unable to discover on its own (often limited) labeled training examples. Unfortunately, engineering good feature representations for new applications is extremely difficult. For the most challenging applications in AI, like computer vision, the search for good features and higher-level image representations is vast and ongoing. In this work we study a class of algorithms that attempt to learn feature representations automatically from unlabeled data that is often easy to obtain in large quantities. Though many such algorithms have been proposed and have achieved high marks on benchmark tasks, it has not been fully understood what causes some algorithms to perform well and others to perform poorly. It has thus been difficult to identify any key directions in which new algorithms are needed in order to significantly advance the state of the art. To address this issue, we will present results from an in-depth scientific study of a variety of factors that can affect the performance of feature-learning algorithms. Through a detailed analysis, a surprising picture emerges: we find that many schemes succeed or fail as a result of a few (easily overlooked) factors that are often orthogonal to the particular learning methods involved. In fact, by focusing solely on these factors it is possible to achieve state-of-the-art performance on common benchmarks using quite simple algorithms. More importantly, however, a main contribution of this line of research has been to identify very simple yet highly scalable feature learning methods that, by virtue of focusing on the most critical properties identified in our study, are highly successful in many settings: the proposed algorithms consistently achieve top performance on benchmarks, have been successfully deployed in realistic computer vision applications, and are even capable of discovering high-level concepts like object classes without any supervision.

Demystifying the Model Minority Karen Kurutoschi Inkelas 2000 Agile Business Leadership Methods for Industry 4.0 Bülent Akkaya 2020-10-05 Agile Business Leadership Methods for Industry 4.0 is a collection of innovative new research on leadership styles that will develop agile managers and leaders. It is the perfect guide for company success in the fast-paced environments created by Industry 4.0.

A Step-by-Step Guide to Exploratory Factor Analysis with R and R Studio Marley W. Watkins 2020-12-30 This is a concise, easy to use, step-by-step guide for applied researchers conducting exploratory factor analysis (EFA) using the open source software R. In this book, Dr. Watkins systematically reviews each decision step in EFA with screen shots of R and RStudio code, and recommends evidence-based best practice procedures. This is an eminently applied, practical approach with few or no formulas and is aimed at readers with little to no mathematical background. Dr. Watkins uses minimal jargon and formula to help facilitate grasp of the key issues users will face while applying EFA, along with how to implement, interpret, and report results. Copious scholarly references and quotations are included to support the reader in responding to editorial reviews. This is a valuable resource for upper-level undergraduate and postgraduate students, as well as for more experienced researchers undertaking multivariate or structure equation modeling courses across the behavioral, medical, and social sciences.

Demystifying Field Guide David Vance 2021-12-28 The Bridge to Your L&D Measurement and Reporting Strategy Building measurement skills is critical for talent development professionals who seek to align their L&D programs to business outcomes for organizational success. Designed to improve your measurement capability and advance the measurement maturity of your organization, the Measurement Demystified Field Guide presents a refresh on the talent development reporting principles framework and measurement strategy. While the Field Guide serves as a standalone volume, it is also a companion to the authors’ first book, Measurement Demystified. In an easy-to-use workbook style, the Field Guide provides nearly 100 skill-building exercises of varying types to help you uncover what measurement work your organization is doing; assess organizational maturity and gaps; understand how to apply specific concepts; and determine what’s right for
your organization moving forward. It also offers interview questions to better understand users’ wants and needs; case study exercises to test your knowledge gaps; and reflection questions that focus on your deepening knowledge and skill. You can write your answers in the book or use the resources on ATD’s website. Achieving measurement maturity is a change effort requiring commitment and discipline. Understanding your current capabilities and gaps is an essential first step followed by determining where your organization wants to go in this area. Once both are achieved, you will be able to develop your desired measurement and reporting strategy—the bridge between where you are today and where you aspire to be. The Measurement Demystified Field Guide is that bridge.

Biography of a Blunder Dileep Edara 2016-02-29 Engaging with a critical analysis of the base and superstructure thesis, regarding which a surprising number of reputed Marxist thinkers betray a perpetual ambivalence – by frequently deploying it in a variety of contexts, but simultaneously denying its validity. The author contends that, although these theoretical shifts are never formulated in a conscious and conclusive manner – as is done here – the best practitioners in Marxist analyses are always inspired by the methodological implications of the mode of production thesis, and, for this reason, the thesis is claimed to be the “conceptual unconscious of Marxism”.

The Best Writing on Mathematics 2015 Mircea Pitici 2016-01-12 The year’s finest writing on mathematics from around the world. This annual anthology brings together the year’s finest mathematics writing from around the world. Featuring promising new voices alongside some of the foremost names in the field, The Best Writing on Mathematics 2015 makes available to a wide audience many articles not easily found anywhere else—and you don’t need to be a mathematician to enjoy them. These writings offer surprising insights into the nature, meaning, and practice of mathematics today. They delve into the history, philosophy, teaching, and everyday occurrences of math, and take readers behind the scenes of today’s hottest mathematical debates. Here David Hand explains why we should actually expect unlikely coincidences to happen; Arthur Benjamin and Ethan Brown unveil techniques for improving custom-made magic number squares; Dana Mackenzie describes how mathematicians are making essential contributions to the development of synthetic biology; Steven Strogatz tells us why it’s worth writing about math for people who are alienated from it; Lisa Rougetet traces the earliest written descriptions of Nim, a popular game of mathematical strategy; Scott Aaronson looks at the unexpected implications of testing the wisdom of crowds; and many, much, more. In addition to presenting the year’s most memorable writings on mathematics, this must-have anthology includes a bibliography of other notable writings and an introduction by the editor, Mircea Pitici. This book belongs on the shelf of anyone interested in where math has taken us—and where it is headed. Quantitative Research for the Qualitative Researcher Laura M. O’Dwyer 2013-07-19 Quantitative Research for the Qualitative Researcher is a concise, supplemental text that provides qualitatively oriented students and researchers with the requisite skills for conducting quantitative research. Throughout the book, authors Laura M. O’Dwyer and James A. McKenna present step-by-step guidance to prepare readers both cognitively and attitudinally to conduct high quality research in the quantitative tradition. Highlighting the complementary nature of quantitative and qualitative research, they effectively explain the fundamental structure and purposes of design, measurement, and statistics within the framework of a research report, (including a dissertation). The text encourages the reader to see quantitative methodology for what it is: a process for systematically discovering new knowledge that can help describe, explain, and predict the world around us.

Safety Management and Human Factors Pedro Arezes and Anne Garcia 2022-07-24 Safety Management and Human Factors Proceedings of the 13th International Conference on Applied Human Factors and Ergonomics (AHFE 2022), July 24–28, 2022, New York, USA Web Analytics Demystified Eric T. Peterson 2004 Demystifying “national Character” in Black Africa Pat McGowan 1979 The Art of Credit Derivatives Joao Garcia 2010-02-16 Credit derivatives have been instrumental in the recent increase in securitization activity. The complex nature and the size of the market have given rise to very complex counterparty credit risks. The Lehman failure has shown that these issues can paralyse the financial markets, and the need for detailed understanding has never been greater. The Art of Credit Derivatives shows practitioners how to put a framework in place which will support the securitization activity. By showing the models that support this activity and linking them with very practical examples, the authors show why a mind-shift within the quant community is needed - a move from simple modeling to a more hands on mindset where the modeler understands the trading implicitly. The book has been written in five parts, covering the modeling framework; single name corporate credit derivatives; multi name corporate credit derivatives; asset backed securities and dynamic credit portfolio management. Coverage includes: counting strategies, solutions to the inherent risks associated with investing in securitization instruments how to use the standardized credit indices as the most appropriate instruments in price discovery processes and why these indices are the essential tools for short term credit portfolio management why the dynamics of systemic correlation and the standardised credit indices are linked with leverage, and consequently the implications for liquidity and solvability of financial institutions how Lévy processes and long term memory processes are related to the understanding of economic activity why regulatory capital should be portfolio dependant and how to use stress tests and scenario analysis to model how to put structured products in a mark-to-market environment, increasing transparency for accounting and compliance. This book will be invaluable reading for Credit Analysts, Quantitative Analysts, Credit Portfolio Managers, Academics and anyone interested in these complex yet important markets. Demystifying Strategy Tony Grundy 2012-10-03 Demystifying Strategy provides you with not only the basic strategic tools and techniques but also a thorough understanding of the entire process of strategic thinking and management. Using tips, guidelines and exercises it helps you to assess your own strategic mind and covers key topics such as: the different perspectives on strategy, economic analysis, dynamic competitive positioning, designing and evaluating options, implementation, managing the strategy process and how to nurture your strategic mind. Aimed at executives, entrepreneurs and also students of management, it enables you to assess the teaching of strategy ‘gurus’, construct your own strategy audit and challenge thinking styles by assessing the cognitive processes involved in developing successful strategies.

Project Management for Executives Steve Houseworth, PhD, PMP 2011-11-17 Insurance/Financial IT executive says: “you clearly paint what success looks like and call out solid characteristics of structure/igor within the discipline.” VP of Technology at digital publisher says: “I have found this book to be a valuable resource as Dr. Houseworth has made the complex subject of project management very approachable. His many examples, slogans and other techniques help the reader quickly grasp and remember key project management concepts. Throughout the book Dr. Houseworth has distributed little gems of insight that are practical and can immediately be applied. I wholeheartedly recommend this book.” In today’s competitive environment, you can no longer fail to meet organizational objectives; if you do, someone else will take your place. That’s why you need to add value by successfully completing projects on time. Author Dr. Steve Houseworth, a certified project management professional, provides a step-by-step plan that makes it a cinch to get the job done right the first time around. By sharing practical case studies, he helps executives amprime project management skills. Go beyond typical project management theory and discover ways to • set up and protect projects so they succeed; • use exercises, slogans, and customized tools to influence work culture; • facilitate processes effectively so that work gets done faster and better; • understand what’s important to executives in order to wield influence. You’ll understand both how projects work and...
how executives can support project success. Work smarter, and take steps to improve performance with Project Management for Executives.

**Handbook of Marketing Analytics**

Natalie Mzik: Marketing Science contributes significantly to the development and validation of analytical tools with a wide range of applications in business, public policy, and litigation support. The Handbook of Marketing Analytics showcases the analytical methods used in marketing and their high-impact real-life applications. Fourteen chapters provide an overview of specific marketing analytic methods in some technical detail and 22 case studies present thorough examples of the use of each method in marketing management, public policy, and litigation support. All contributing authors are recognized authorities in their area of specialty.

**Latent Variable Modeling with R**

Robert Hofmann Finch 2015-06-26 This book demonstrates how to conduct latent variable modeling (LVM) in R by highlighting the features of each model, their specialized uses, examples, sample code and an interactive R session. Each chapter features a detailed example including the analysis of the data using R, the relevant theory, the assumptions underlying the model, and other statistical details to help readers better understand the models and interpret the results. Every R command necessary for conducting the analyses is described along with the resulting output which provides readers with a template to follow when they apply the methods to their own data. The basic information pertinent to each model, the newest developments in these areas, and the relevant R code to use them are reviewed. Each chapter also features an introduction, summary, and suggested readings. A glossary of the text's boldfaced key terms and key R commands serve as helpful resources. The book is accompanied by a website with exercises, an answer key, and the in-text example data sets.

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Provides some examples that use messy data providing a more realistic situation readers will encounter with their own data. Reviews a wide range of LVMs including factor analysis, structural equation modeling, item response theory, and mixture models and advanced topics such as fitting nonlinear structural equation models, nonparametric item response theory models, and mixture regression models. Demonstrates how data simulation can help researchers better understand statistical methods and assist in selecting the necessary sample size prior to collecting data. Demonstrates how data simulation can help researchers better understand statistical methods and assist in selecting the necessary sample size prior to collecting data. Provides exercises that apply the models along with annotated R output answer keys and the data that corresponds to the in-text examples so readers can replicate the results and check their work. The book opens with basic instructions in how to use R to read data, download functions, and conduct basic analyses. From there, each chapter is dedicated to a different latent variable model including exploratory and confirmatory factor analysis (CFA), structural equation modeling (SEM), multiple groups CFA/SEM, least squares estimation, growth curve models, mixture models, item response theory (both dichotomous and polytomous items), differential item functioning (DIF), and correspondence analysis. The book concludes with a discussion of how data simulation can be used to better understand the workings of a statistical method and assist researchers in deciding on the necessary sample size prior to collecting data. A mixture of independently developed R code along with available libraries for simulating latent models in R are provided so readers can use these simulations to analyze data using the methods introduced in the previous chapters. Intended for use in graduate or advanced undergraduate courses in latent variable modeling, factor analysis, structural equation modeling, item response theory, measurement, or multivariate statistics taught in psychology, education, human development, and social and health sciences, researchers in these fields also appreciate this book’s practical approach over the conventional textbook format, effective use of information to serve as a standalone text. Familiarity with basic statistical concepts is assumed but basic knowledge of R is not.

**Confirmatory Factor Analysis for Applied Research, Second Edition**

Timothy A. Brown 2015-01-07 This accessible book has established itself as the go-to resource on confirmatory factor analysis (CFA) for its emphasis on practical and conceptual aspects rather than mathematics or formulas. Detailed, worked-through examples drawn from psychology, management, and sociology studies illustrate the procedures, pitfalls, and extensions of CFA methodology. The text shows how to formulate, program, and interpret CFA models using popular latent variable software packages (LISREL, Mplus, EQS, SAS/Calis); understand the similarities ...

**Educational Research**

Marten Shipman 2005-09-30 Most social researchers nurse a frustration. The solutions to the problems they uncovers uncouvouver dee in the structure of society. Radical political action seems to be required to effect beneficial changes. But no such action is likely and those who recommend it are likely to lose support. That is the lot of many educational researchers. Throughout the articles that follow there is that hidden, frustrating agenda. Yet one ongoing responsibility of educational researchers to structure regular reminders that old injustices persist whilenew ones are uncovered.

**Demystifying the Chinese Economy**

Justin Yifu Lin 2012 An insightful account of the remarkable transition of the Chinese economy from impoverished backwater to economic powerhouse.

**Racial Attitudes and Asian Pacific Americans**

Karen Kurutsuchi Inkelas 2006-07-02 This study examines the complex sources and implications of the racial attitudes of Asian Pacific American (APA) college students, who, as one of the fastest growing demographics in higher education enrollments, play an increasingly significant role in campus race relations.

**Theories of Counseling**

Samuel T. Gladding 2021-07-13 In this concise yet comprehensive book, Dr. Gladding provides an overview of 15 major counseling theories. Accessible and reader friendly, this book is perfect for counselors and therapists looking to review or learn the essentials of major theories of counseling and psychotherapy.

**Sales Management That Works**

Frank V. Cespedes 2021-02-23 This smart, practical, and research-based guide, Harvard Business School professor Frank Cespedes offers essential sales strategies for a world that never stops changing. The rise of e-commerce. Big data. AI. Given these trends (and many others), there’s no doubt that sales is changing. But much of the current conventional wisdom is misleading and not supported by empirical data. If you view sales as a misfit, you will make decisions based on faulty assumptions and, in a competitive market, eventually fall behind those with a keener grasp of the current selling environment. In this no-nonsense book, sales expert and Harvard Business School professor Frank Cespedes provides sales managers and executives with the tools they need to separate the signal from the noise. These include how to: Hire and deploy the right talent Pay and incentivize your sales force Improve ROI from your training programs Create a comprehensive sales model Test and try the best prices Build and manage a multichannel approach Brimming with fascinating examples, insightful research, and helpful diagnostics, Sales Management That Works will help data managers build a great sales team, create an optimal strategy, and steer clear of hype and fads. Salespeople will be better equipped to respond to changes, executives will be able to track and accelerate ROI, and readers will understand why improving selling is a social as well as an economic responsibility of business.

**Demystifying Factor Analysis**

Garry Welch 2010 Factor analysis is a powerful data reduction technique that has been widely used in the fields of psychology and education to explore personality, psychopathology, human abilities, and other facets of the human condition. More recently it has been applied to variables of interest in other fields of endeavor, including medicine, marketing, and geology. Factor analysis was designed to help researchers working with complex correlational data to identify a simpler set of latent, explanatory dimensions (factors) underlying a pattern of inter-correlations. Once identified, these factors were expected to improve our measurement strategies as well as our understanding of basic theoretical concepts. Despite this promise, the practical use of factor analysis has been limited to date not only by methodological disputes based on statistical grounds, but also by a pervasive belief that factor analysis is inherently mysterious and requires both psychometric intuition and the convergence of evidence from many statistical and analytical sources to correctly identify factor structures among a given group of variables. Not surprisingly, there has been little agreement about the structure of most questionnaires and scales developed to date using this approach. Our book addresses these roadblocks as the reader is walked through the practical steps used in conducting a factor analysis using simple worked examples. We provide an elegant yet logical approach to the practical use of factor analysis based on the work of Raymond B. Cattell that eschews the conventional wisdom, and is alternately based on the principal of factor replicability. Finally, we direct the interested reader to a new website that provides a user-friendly research tool (FACTOREP) that will help them identify replicable and therefore scientifically illuminating interpretations of their data.

**Model Minority Myth Revisited**

Guofu Li 2008-08-01 This is the first in the book series on educational research sponsored by Chinese American Educational Research and Development Association (CAERDA, www.caerda.org).