Categorical Data Analysis and Visualisation

Part I: An Introduction

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What is Categorical Data?

• Categorical data arises whenever counts are made instead of measurements

Plackett (1974, p. vii)

• ... [Categorical data] can only take on a finite or countable number of values

Andersen (1991, p. 1)

• A categorical variable has a measurement scale consisting of a set of categories

Agresti (2013, p. 1)



• Categorical data consists of variables whose values comprise a set of discrete categories. Such data requires different statistical and graphical methods from those commonly used for quantitative [numerical] data

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Friendly (2000, p. 1)

Why Visualise Data?

If statistical graphics, although born just yesterday, extends its reach every day, it is because it replaces long tables of numbers and it allows one not only to embrace at glance the series of phenomena, but also to signal the correspondence or anomalies, to find the causes, to identify the laws.



Émile Cheysson (1836-1919)

(Cheysson, circa 1877)

Some Key Visualisation Texts



Freely available from <u>www.archive.org</u>.

Peddle's book (1910) is rather technical with lots of mathematics and diagrams about how to construct a graphical display.

Brinton (1914) presents portraits, maps, sketches, etc. It deserves to be made available for future generations.

Some Key Visualisation Texts The 18 chapters of HOW TO MAKE AND USE GRAPHIC CHARTS Haskell (who was an engineer) deal with CHARTS AND GRAPHS graphical analysis in RODUCTION TO GRAPHIC METHOD IN THE YOL AND ANALYSES OF STATISTICS different engineering ALLAN C. HASKELL, B.S. practical problems (nomographic and KARL G. KARSTEN, B. A. (Oxon.) alignment charts). Tutorial INTRODUCTION BY CARL SNYDER TYCLS OF THE FIGERAL RESERVE BANE OF NEW THE Karsten's book "It may be laid down as almost a fundamental principle shat the statistician who is to be successful in business must exhibit the searchis method."-Israed down. discusses physical visualisations used in engineering. Many of these were previously discussed New York PRENTICE-HALL, INC in Peddle's 1910 book 1919 1925 (712 pages & 58 Chapters with (539 pages & 18 Chapters) 6 Appendices) 8



















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	•	• An association (odds-ratio) is indicated by the tendency of diagonally opposite cells						
		in one direction differing in size from those in the other direction						
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		which goes back to the "coxcomb" (or rose chart) used by Florence Nightingale						

• Constructed using the fourfold () function in the vcd R package





Source: Friendly, M. (2000), Visualizing Categorical Data, SAS Institute Inc., p. 86)

























Chernoff, H. (1973). The use of faces to represent points in K-dimensional space graphically, Journal of the American Statistical Association, 68, 361 - 268









https://tmm-archive.github.io/chernoff-fish/





The Andrews Curve

Suppose we consider the following point in a multi-dimensional space . . .

 $(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5, ...)$

One may visualise this space in two dimensions using the Andrews curves.

To visualize them, the Andrews plot defines a finite Fourier series (t $\epsilon[-\pi,\pi]$) and may be defined so that

$$f_i(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}x_1 + x_2\sin(t) + x_3\cos(t) + x_4\sin(2t) + x_5\cos(2t) + \cdots$$

Points positioned close to each other in multi-dimensional space will have

very similar looking Andrews curves

Other Plots

- Been used in the context of correspondence analysis (Rovan, 1994; Khattree & Naik, 2002; Beh & Lombardo, 2014, pp. 23 – 24)
- Tests of significance can be performed (Goodchild & Vijayan, 1974)
- Three dimensional versions proposed (Wegman & Shen, 1993)
- Other variations discussed (Embrechts & Herzberg, 1991)
- andrewsplot() function in the R package pracma



Key Texts on Categorical Data Analysis

There are so many more contributors to the topic

For example, one may consider papers by (but not feel confined to)

- Leo Goodman
- Shelby Haberman
- Alan Agresti

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Michael Greenacre

In this tutorial we will consider a broad spectrum of popular, and not-sopopular, issues raised in the visualisation and analysis of categorical data.

The tools by themselves are not enough to give a flavour of their development, so we will also be considering the description of techniques with a historical twist.

We will look at the graphical display of categorical data but focus much of our attention on the contingency table (two-way and multi-way)

... but first ... an account of the key books on the subject ...



























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