

Bayesian Model Comparison for the Order Restricted RC Association Model

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1 Introduction

- Let $\mathbf{y} = (y_{ij})$ be the frequencies and
- $\mathbf{\Pi} = (\pi_{ij})$ be the probabilities

of an $I \times J$ contingency table of two *ordinal* variables X and Y with I and J levels respectively.

Saturated log-linear model:

$$\begin{aligned} \log \pi_{ij} &= \lambda + \lambda_i^X + \lambda_j^Y + \lambda_{ij}^{XY} & i = 1, \dots, I, j = 1, \dots, J. \\ & \downarrow \\ \log \pi_{ij} &= \lambda + \lambda_i^X + \lambda_j^Y + \boxed{\phi \mu_i \nu_j} & \text{(Goodman, 1979, 1985)} \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

where $\boldsymbol{\mu} = (\mu_1, \mu_2, \dots, \mu_I)$ and $\boldsymbol{\nu} = (\nu_1, \nu_2, \dots, \nu_J)$ be the scores assigned to the levels of X (rows) and Y (columns) respectively.

Synopsis

1. Introduction.
2. Modeling Details.
3. RJMCMC Algorithm.
4. Illustration using simulated and actual data.
5. Discussion and further work.

Interpretation of ϕ

- ϕ is an intrinsic association parameter.
- The above formulation reveals the analogies to the classical correspondence analysis (CA) or canonical correlation model.
- **Interpretation of ϕ :** Log odds ratio of successive categories if the score distances are equal to one since $\log \left(\frac{\pi_{i,j} \pi_{i+1,j+1}}{\pi_{i,j+1} \pi_{i+1,j}} \right) = \phi(\mu_{i+1} - \mu_i)(\nu_{j+1} - \nu_j)$.

USUAL CONSTRAINTS

- Sum-to-zero constraints on row and column main effects (λ_i^X and λ_j^Y).
- Sum-to-zero constraints on row and column scores (μ_i and ν_j).
- Two additional constraints on the row and column scores are needed in order to achieve the identifiability of the model (this due to the fact that (1) is multiplicative and not linear to its parameters).

$$\sum_{i=1}^I \mu_i = \sum_{j=1}^J \nu_j = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{i=1}^I \mu_i^2 = \sum_{j=1}^J \nu_j^2 = 1. \quad (2)$$

Why Use the Bayesian Approach in this Problem?

- They are not approximate and can be implemented even for samples with small size or with sparse contingency tables.
- Score merging in classical methods can be done using stepwise like methods and sequential implementation of significance tests (significance level is higher than the specified one, different model may selected if different starting points are selected).
- Using RJMCMC (or other varying dimension MCMC method) we automatically search the model space and estimate posterior model probabilities.
- Bayesian model averaging can be used in straightforward manner.

Aim of this work

- Work with the order restricted RC model.
- Use the Bayesian approach to identify which scores μ_i, μ_{i+1} and ν_j, ν_{j+1} can be merged.
- Use Reversible jump MCMC to estimate posterior model probabilities (and odds) of each model
- Implement Bayesian model averaging

2 Modeling Details

- We focus on the order restricted version of the RC association model.
- X and Y ordinal \Rightarrow natural to assume that the ordinal structure for scores

$$\mu_1 \leq \mu_2 \leq \dots \leq \mu_I \quad \text{and} \quad \nu_1 \leq \nu_2 \leq \dots \leq \nu_J$$

- **Which successive scores (μ_i, μ_{i+1}) and (ν_j, ν_{j+1}) are equal?**
- In all models we assume that at least two row and two column scores are different.

Proposed Constraints

- We propose to use an alternative set of constraints:

$$\mu_1 = \mu_{\min} < \mu_I = \mu_{\max} \text{ and } \nu_1 = \nu_{\min} < \nu_J = \nu_{\max}$$

- Row and column scores take values in the intervals $[\mu_{\min}, \mu_{\max}]$ and $[\nu_{\min}, \nu_{\max}]$ respectively.
- Sensible choices:
 - $\mu_{\min} = \nu_{\min} = -1$ and $\mu_{\max} = \nu_{\max} = 1$ [range similar to the parameters under constraints (2)]
 - We use: $\mu_{\min} = \nu_{\min} = 0$ and $\mu_{\max} = \nu_{\max} = 1$
 - simplifies computations
 - $\phi = \log\left(\frac{\pi_{11}\pi_{II}}{\pi_{1I}\pi_{I1}}\right)$
- Posterior distributions of scores under (2) can be obtained by transforming MCMC output of the proposed parametrization.

Model Formulation

- We introduce latent binary indicators

$$\boldsymbol{\gamma} = (1, \gamma_2, \dots, \gamma_I) \text{ and } \boldsymbol{\delta} = (1, \delta_2, \dots, \delta_J) \text{ and}$$

which are equal to

$$\gamma_i = 1 \text{ when } \mu_i > \mu_{i-1} \text{ (or } \delta_j = 1 \text{ when } \nu_j > \nu_{j-1})$$

$$\gamma_i = 0 \text{ when } \mu_i = \mu_{i-1} \text{ (or } \delta_j = 0 \text{ when } \nu_j = \nu_{j-1})$$

- The vectors $\boldsymbol{\gamma}$ and $\boldsymbol{\delta}$:
 - specify which scores are equal
 - are used instead of the usual model indicator m
- Estimate posterior model probabilities $f(\boldsymbol{\gamma}, \boldsymbol{\delta} | \mathbf{y})$.

Let

$$\Gamma_i = \sum_{k=1}^i \gamma_k \text{ and } \Delta_j = \sum_{k=1}^j \delta_k$$

be the distinct scores under estimation until row i or column j respectively.

Moreover the actual distinct unequal row and column scores will be denoted by the vectors $\boldsymbol{\mu}_\gamma$ and $\boldsymbol{\nu}_\delta$ of dimension Γ_I and Δ_J respectively given by

$$\boldsymbol{\mu}_\gamma = \left(\{\mu_i : \gamma_i = 1; i = 1, 2, \dots, I\} \right) = \left(\mu_\gamma(1), \mu_\gamma(2), \dots, \mu_\gamma(\Gamma_I) \right)^T$$

and

$$\boldsymbol{\nu}_\delta = \left(\{\nu_j : \delta_j = 1; j = 1, 2, \dots, J\} \right) = \left(\nu_\delta(1), \nu_\delta(2), \dots, \nu_\delta(\Delta_J) \right)^T.$$

Then the original scores are given by

$$\mu_i = \mu_\gamma(\Gamma_i) \text{ and } \nu_j = \nu_\delta(\Delta_j)$$

Prior Distributions on Scores

Equivalently, the scores are a priori distributed as ordered iid uniform random variables

$$f(\boldsymbol{\mu}_\gamma) = \frac{(\Gamma_I - 2)!}{(\mu_{\max} - \mu_{\min})^{\Gamma_I - 2}} \mathcal{I}(\mu_{\min} < \text{ordered different } \mu_i < \mu_{\max})$$

Similarly, for the column scores

$$f(\boldsymbol{\nu}_\delta) = \frac{(\Delta_J - 2)!}{(\nu_{\max} - \nu_{\min})^{\Delta_J - 2}} \mathcal{I}(\nu_{\min} < \text{ordered different } \nu_j < \nu_{\max})$$

Prior Distributions on the rest of parameters

Normal with large variances for the rest of the parameters.

Bernoulli for γ_i and δ_j with prior probabilities equal to 1/2.

3 RJMCMC algorithm

- Update model structure: Sample $(\boldsymbol{\gamma}, \boldsymbol{\delta})$ using successive RJMCMC moves:

For $i = 2, \dots, I$, propose $\boldsymbol{\gamma}'$: $\gamma'_i = 1 - \gamma_i$, $\gamma'_k = \gamma_k$ for $k \neq i$.

Split: $(\gamma_i = 0) \rightarrow (\gamma'_i = 1)$

Merge: $(\gamma_i = 1) \rightarrow (\gamma'_i = 0)$

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|---|--|
| (a) Propose $(\mu_{i-1} = \mu_i) \rightarrow (\mu'_{i-1} < \mu'_i)$. | (a) Propose $(\mu_{i-1} < \mu_i) \rightarrow (\mu'_{i-1} = \mu'_i)$. |
| (b) Generate u from $q(u \boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\gamma}, \boldsymbol{\gamma}')$. | (b) (No generation is needed). |
| (c) Set $\boldsymbol{\mu}'_{\boldsymbol{\gamma}'} = g(\boldsymbol{\mu}_\boldsymbol{\gamma}, u)$. | (c) Set $(\boldsymbol{\mu}'_{\boldsymbol{\gamma}'}, u) = g^{-1}(\boldsymbol{\mu}_\boldsymbol{\gamma})$. |
| | (d) Calculate $\boldsymbol{\mu}'$ by $\mu_i = \mu_\gamma(\Gamma_i)$ |
| | (e) Accept/reject the proposed move. |

$\boldsymbol{\delta}$ is updated similarly.

- Update model parameters $(\boldsymbol{\lambda}^X, \boldsymbol{\lambda}^Y, \phi, \boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\nu})$, given the model structure $(\boldsymbol{\gamma}, \boldsymbol{\delta})$ using a metropolis within Gibbs scheme.

Merge Central Scores

$$(\gamma_i = 1 \rightarrow \gamma'_i = 0, \quad i : 2 < \Gamma_i = \ell < \Gamma_I)$$

$$(\dots \leq \mu_\gamma(\ell-2) < \underbrace{\mu_\gamma(\ell-1) < \mu_\gamma(\ell)} < \mu_\gamma(\ell+1) \leq \dots)$$

↓

$$(\dots \leq \mu'_{\boldsymbol{\gamma}'}(\ell-2) < \mu'_{\boldsymbol{\gamma}'}(\ell-1) < \mu'_{\boldsymbol{\gamma}'}(\ell) \leq \dots)$$

↓

$$\text{Usual transformation: } \mu'_{\boldsymbol{\gamma}'}(\ell-1) = \frac{\mu_\gamma(\ell-1) + \mu_\gamma(\ell)}{2}$$

and leave the rest of the scores unchanged

$$\mu'_{\boldsymbol{\gamma}'}(k) = \begin{cases} \mu_\gamma(k) & \text{for } k < \ell - 1 \\ \mu_\gamma(k+1) & \text{for } k > \ell - 1 \end{cases}$$

The probability of acceptance of the proposed move $(\boldsymbol{\gamma}, \boldsymbol{\mu}) \rightarrow (\boldsymbol{\gamma}', \boldsymbol{\mu}')$ in each RJMCMC step equals $\alpha = \min(1, A)$, where

$$A = \frac{f(\mathbf{y} | \boldsymbol{\lambda}^X, \boldsymbol{\lambda}^Y, \phi, \boldsymbol{\mu}', \boldsymbol{\nu}) f(\boldsymbol{\mu}'_{\boldsymbol{\gamma}'} | \boldsymbol{\gamma}') f(\boldsymbol{\gamma}')}{f(\mathbf{y} | \boldsymbol{\lambda}^X, \boldsymbol{\lambda}^Y, \phi, \boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\nu}) f(\boldsymbol{\mu}_\boldsymbol{\gamma} | \boldsymbol{\gamma}) f(\boldsymbol{\gamma})} \frac{q(u | \boldsymbol{\mu}'_{\boldsymbol{\gamma}'}, \boldsymbol{\gamma}', \boldsymbol{\gamma})^{\gamma'_i}}{q(u | \boldsymbol{\mu}_\boldsymbol{\gamma}, \boldsymbol{\gamma}, \boldsymbol{\gamma}')^{1-\gamma_i}} |J|^{1-2\gamma_i}.$$

$|J|$ is the absolute value of the RJMCMC Jacobian used in the split move and is given by

$$|J| = \left| \frac{\partial g(\boldsymbol{\mu}_\boldsymbol{\gamma}, u)}{\partial (\boldsymbol{\mu}_\boldsymbol{\gamma}, u)} \right|.$$

Remains to specify ...

- the linking function $g(\boldsymbol{\mu}_\boldsymbol{\gamma}, u)$
- the proposal density $q(u |)$

Split Central Scores (inverse move)

$$(\gamma_i = 0 \rightarrow \gamma'_i = 1, \quad i : 2 \leq \Gamma_i = \ell < \Gamma_I)$$

$$(\dots \leq \mu_\gamma(\ell-1) < \mu_\gamma(\ell) < \mu_\gamma(\ell+1) \leq \dots)$$

↓

$$(\dots \leq \mu'_{\boldsymbol{\gamma}'}(\ell-1) < \underbrace{\mu'_{\boldsymbol{\gamma}'}(\ell) < \mu'_{\boldsymbol{\gamma}'}(\ell+1)} < \mu'_{\boldsymbol{\gamma}'}(\ell+2) \leq \dots)$$

↓

$$\mu_\gamma(\ell) - u \quad \mu_\gamma(\ell) + u$$

- Generate $u \in (0, \min\{\mu_\gamma(\ell) - \mu_\gamma(\ell-1), \mu_\gamma(\ell+1) - \mu_\gamma(\ell)\})$

- Set $\mu'_{\gamma}(\ell) = \mu_{\gamma}(\ell) - u$ and $\mu'_{\gamma}(\ell + 1) = \mu_{\gamma}(\ell) + u$.
- Leave the rest of the scores unchanged, i.e. set

$$\mu'_{\gamma}(k) = \begin{cases} \mu_{\gamma}(k) & \text{for } k < \ell \\ \mu_{\gamma}(k-1) & \text{for } k > \ell + 1 \end{cases}$$

From the above we have

- In Split Move : $|J| = 2$ and $u = \frac{\mu'_{\gamma}(\ell+1) - \mu'_{\gamma}(\ell)}{2}$
- Hence in Merge Move $\rightarrow |J| = \frac{1}{2}$ and $u = \frac{1}{2} \{ \mu_{\gamma}(\ell) - \mu_{\gamma}(\ell-1) \}$.

Using similar logic we apply the following transformations

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \underbrace{\mu_{\min} = \mu_{\gamma}(1)} < \mu_{\gamma}(2) < & & \mu_{\gamma}(3) & & & < \dots < & \mu_{\gamma}(\Gamma_I) = \mu_{\max} \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow & & & & \downarrow & \\ \frac{\mu_{\min} + \mu_{\gamma}(2)}{2} < & & \mu_{\gamma}(3) & & & < \dots < & \mu_{\gamma}(\Gamma_I) = \mu_{\max} \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow & & & & \downarrow & \\ 0 < & & \mu_{\gamma}(3) - \frac{\mu_{\min} + \mu_{\gamma}(2)}{2} & & & < \dots < & \mu_{\max} - \frac{\mu_{\min} + \mu_{\gamma}(2)}{2} \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow & & & & \downarrow & \\ 0 < & & \frac{\mu_{\gamma}(3) - \frac{\mu_{\min} + \mu_{\gamma}(2)}{2}}{\mu_{\max} - \frac{\mu_{\min} + \mu_{\gamma}(2)}{2}} & & & < \dots < & 1 \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow & & & & \downarrow & \\ \mu_{\min} < & & \mu_{\min} + \frac{2\mu_{\gamma}(3) - \mu_{\min} - \mu_{\gamma}(2)}{2\mu_{\max} - \mu_{\min} - \mu_{\gamma}(2)} (\mu_{\max} - \mu_{\min}) < \dots < & & & \mu_{\max} \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow & & & & \downarrow & \\ \mu'_{\gamma}(1) < & & \mu'_{\gamma}(2) & & & < \dots < & \mu'_{\gamma}(\Gamma_I) \end{array}$$

PROBLEM

The above transformation cannot be applied for merging/splitting the **lowest** or the **highest** scores.

Merge the Lowest Scores $\mu_{\gamma}(1)$ and $\mu_{\gamma}(2)$
 $(\gamma_i = 1 \rightarrow \gamma'_i = 0, i : \Gamma_i = 2)$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \underbrace{\mu_{\min} = \mu_{\gamma}(1)} < \mu_{\gamma}(2) < & & \mu_{\gamma}(3) & & & < \dots \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow & & & & \downarrow & \\ \mu_{\min} = \mu'_{\gamma}(1) < & & \mu'_{\gamma}(2) < \dots & & & & & \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow & & & & \downarrow & \\ \text{Usual Transformation} & & \frac{\mu_{\min} + \mu_{\gamma}(2)}{2} < & & \mu_{\gamma}(3) < \dots & & & \\ \text{Not Valid Since} & & \neq \mu_{\min} & & & & & \end{array}$$

(VIOLATES THE CONSTRAINT $\mu'_{\gamma}(1) = \mu_{\min}$)

Merge the Lowest Scores $\mu_{\gamma}(1)$ and $\mu_{\gamma}(2)$
 $(\gamma_i = 1 \rightarrow \gamma'_i = 0, i : \Gamma_i = 2)$

Final transformation

$$\mu'_{\gamma}(k) = \begin{cases} \mu_{\min}, & k = 1, \\ \mu_{\min} + (\mu_{\max} - \mu_{\min}) \frac{2\mu_{\gamma}(k+1) - \mu_{\min} - \mu_{\gamma}(2)}{2\mu_{\max} - \mu_{\min} - \mu_{\gamma}(2)}, & k > 1. \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

Split the Lowest Score $\mu_{\gamma}(1)$ (reverse move)

$(\gamma_i = 0 \rightarrow \gamma'_i = 1, i : \Gamma_i = 1)$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} (\mu_{\min} = \mu_{\gamma}(1) < & & \mu_{\gamma}(2) < \dots) \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow & & & & \downarrow & \\ (\underbrace{\mu_{\min} = \mu'_{\gamma}(1)} < \mu'_{\gamma}(2) < \mu'_{\gamma}(3) < \dots) \end{array}$$

- Set $\mu'_{\gamma}(2) = u$.
- Generate u in the interval

$$u \in \left(\mu_{\min}, \mu_{\gamma}(2) + \frac{(\mu_{\gamma}(2) - \mu_{\min})[\mu_{\max} - \mu_{\gamma}(2)]}{\mu_{\gamma}(2) + \mu_{\max} - 2\mu_{\min}} \right).$$

- In Split Move $\rightarrow |J| = \left(1 - \frac{1}{2} \frac{u - \mu_{\min}}{\mu_{\max} - \mu_{\min}}\right)^{\Gamma_I - 2}$
- In Merge Move $\rightarrow u = \mu_{\gamma}(2)$ and

$$|J| = \left[\left(1 - \frac{1}{2} \frac{u - \mu_{\min}}{\mu_{\max} - \mu_{\min}}\right)^{\Gamma_I - 2} \right]^{-1} = \left(1 - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\mu_{\gamma}(2) - \mu_{\min}}{\mu_{\max} - \mu_{\min}}\right)^{3 - \Gamma_I}.$$

Reminder:

- Γ_I is the number of scores of the current model (In split “smaller”, In merge: “larger” model)
- Γ'_I is the number of scores of the proposed model (In split “larger”, In merge: “smaller” model)

Finally obtain the new proposed scores by

$$\mu'_{\gamma}(k) = \begin{cases} \mu_{\min}, & k = 1, \\ u, & k = 2, \\ \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \mu_{\min} + u + (2\mu_{\max} - \mu_{\min} - u) \frac{\mu_{\gamma}(k-1) - \mu_{\min}}{\mu_{\max} - \mu_{\min}} \right\}, & k > 2. \end{cases} \quad (4)$$

(Inverse transformation of equation (3) - given in the corresponding merge move)

Additional Details

- In practice we have used $\mu_{\min} = \nu_{\min} = 0$ and $\mu_{\max} = \nu_{\max} = 1$.
- When $\Gamma_I = 2$ then only two scores are different and set equal to μ_{\min} and μ_{\max} . No further splitting is allowed. Similar is the case for column scores ν_j .
- Rescaled Beta proposals can be used for proposing values for u .
- In practice we have used **Uniform** proposal which has been proved sufficient for datasets we have implemented the methodology.
- Further investigation is needed in order to construct proposals leading to more efficient RJMCMC schemes.

4 Illustrative Examples.

4.1 Simulated data.

- Monte Carlo study following Galindo-Garre and Vermunt (2004, Psychometrika).
- 1000 simulated datasets for a 5×3 contingency table with $\pi_{ij} = \exp(\phi^* \mu_i^* \nu_j^*)$.

For the three models we have

1. Model m_1 : Different but equidistant Row + Column scores.
2. Model m_2 : $\mu_1^* = \mu_2^*$; rest of the scores are equidistant.
3. Model m_3 : $\mu_1^* = \mu_2^*$ and $\nu_2^* = \nu_3^*$; rest of the scores are equidistant.

Furthermore we have

- ϕ^*, μ_i^*, ν_j^* satisfy SSTO constraints.
- Three different values of $\phi^* = 1, 2, 3$.
- Two sample sizes $n = 100, 1000$

| True Model | n | ϕ | Monte Carlo Means of Posterior probabilities | | | | | |
|------------|------|--------|--|------------|------------|------------------------------|------------|------------|
| | | | $f(\gamma_i = 1 \mathbf{y})$ | | | $f(\delta_j = 1 \mathbf{y})$ | | |
| | | | γ_2 | γ_3 | γ_4 | γ_5 | δ_2 | δ_3 |
| m_1 | 100 | 1 | 58 | 57 | 56 | 57 | 71 | 71 |
| | | 2 | 64 | 66 | 65 | 63 | 81 | 82 |
| | | 3 | 68 | 73 | 73 | 68 | 92 | 92 |
| | 1000 | 1 | 74 | 79 | 78 | 73 | 97 | 97 |
| | | 2 | 74 | 79 | 78 | 73 | 97 | 97 |
| | | 3 | 99 | 99 | 99 | 99 | 100 | 100 |
| m_2 | 100 | 1 | 48 | 56 | 59 | 61 | 71 | 71 |
| | | 2 | 42 | 65 | 72 | 68 | 81 | 83 |
| | | 3 | 40 | 73 | 78 | 75 | 89 | 94 |
| | 1000 | 1 | 37 | 81 | 84 | 80 | 97 | 98 |
| | | 2 | 28 | 99 | 98 | 98 | 100 | 100 |
| | | 3 | 24 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| m_3 | 100 | 1 | 48 | 57 | 59 | 60 | 86 | 48 |
| | | 2 | 40 | 69 | 71 | 65 | 99 | 28 |
| | | 3 | 35 | 78 | 77 | 70 | 100 | 22 |
| | 1000 | 1 | 36 | 84 | 83 | 77 | 100 | 20 |
| | | 2 | 25 | 99 | 98 | 92 | 100 | 13 |
| | | 3 | 21 | 100 | 100 | 97 | 100 | 10 |

| True Model (m_t) | ϕ | $n = 1000$ | | | $n = 100$ | | | |
|----------------------|--------|------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| | | Mean Rank | Rel. Freq. (%) $R_t = 1$ | Rel. Freq. (%) $R_t \leq 3$ | Mean Rank | Rel. Freq. (%) $R_t = 1$ | Rel. Freq. (%) $R_t \leq 3$ | Median $\log PO_{bt}$ |
| m_1 | 1 | 2.04 | 0.442 | 0.866 | 10.50 | 0.025 | 0.092 | 0.955 |
| | 2 | 1.08 | 0.930 | 1.000 | 5.17 | 0.107 | 0.378 | 0.722 |
| | 3 | 1.00 | 0.997 | 1.000 | 3.05 | 0.238 | 0.691 | 0.436 |
| m_2 | 1 | 1.85 | 0.560 | 0.902 | 11.01 | 0.035 | 0.124 | 0.953 |
| | 2 | 1.13 | 0.885 | 0.999 | 4.78 | 0.186 | 0.508 | 0.624 |
| | 3 | 1.09 | 0.910 | 1.000 | 2.90 | 0.341 | 0.732 | 0.329 |
| m_3 | 1 | 2.09 | 0.519 | 0.859 | 10.16 | 0.053 | 0.242 | 0.777 |
| | 2 | 1.20 | 0.847 | 0.989 | 4.37 | 0.184 | 0.566 | 0.543 |
| | 3 | 1.11 | 0.897 | 0.999 | 2.86 | 0.329 | 0.766 | 0.345 |

m_t : True model

R_t : Ranking of posterior probability of model m_t in descending order.

4.2 Application to Data

The method is also implemented in three datasets

1. **Dreams Disturbance Data**
 5×4 table; $n = 223$ children
 (Agresti et al., 1987, Ritov and Gilula, 1993).
2. **Student Survey based Schizotypal Personality Questionnaire data**
 7×6 table; 202 students.
3. **Family size and happiness data**
 5×4 table; $n = 1517$ families
 (see Clogg, 1982, Table 2, Galindo-Garre and Vermunt, 2004).

see for more details in <http://stat-athens.aueb.gr/~jbn/papers/paper18.htm>.

5 Work in progress and future work

1. Comparison of the above models with the Uniform association, Independence and Saturated models [use different prior for ϕ].
2. Incorporate selection between unrestricted RC, Row, Column association models (can we use similar parametrization?)
3. Use similar approach in unrestricted RC model for merging/grouping scores
4. Expand methodology to high dimensional tables
5. Use different priors for scores; for example power prior and imaginary data.

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