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# Geometric Data Analysis (GDA)

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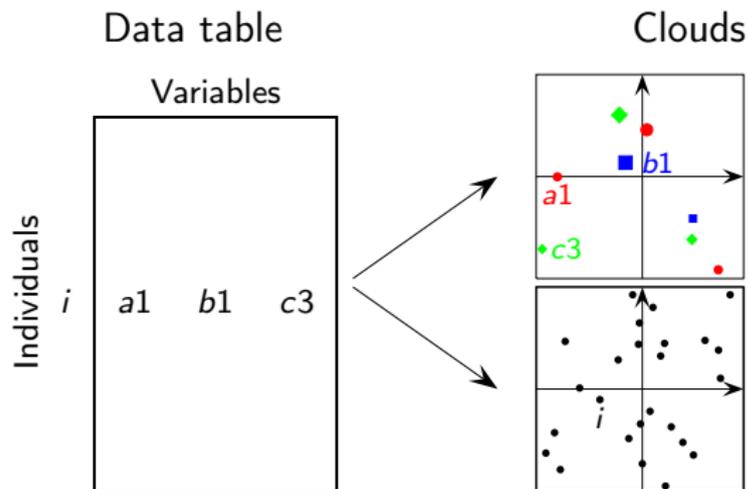
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# I – Introduction to Geometric Data Analysis methods

# 1.1. The Three Key Ideas of GDA

## 1. Geometric modeling



*Cloud of categories:*  
Points represent the categories of variables.

*Cloud of individuals:*  
Points represent individuals.

## 2. Formal approach.

*Structures govern procedures!*

## 3. Inductive philosophy

*The model should follow the data, not the reverse!"*

## I.2. Three Paradigms

- *Correspondence Analysis (CA)*  
→ Contingency table
- *Principal Component Analysis (PCA)*  
→ Individuals  $\times$  Numerical Variables table
- *Multiple Correspondence Analysis (MCA)*  
→ Individuals  $\times$  Categorical Variables table

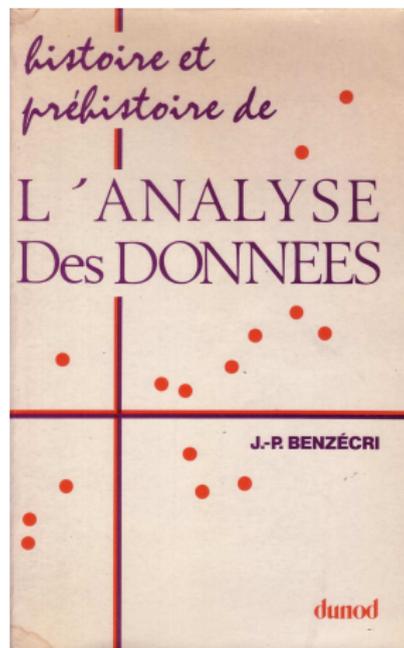
## I.3. Frame model

In Geometric Data Analysis, two principles should be followed (Benzécri, 1992, pp. 382-383):

- *Homogeneity*
- *Exhaustiveness*

Benzécri, 1992, pp. 382-383

## I.4. Historical Sketch



J-P. Benzécri (1982)

## Precursors

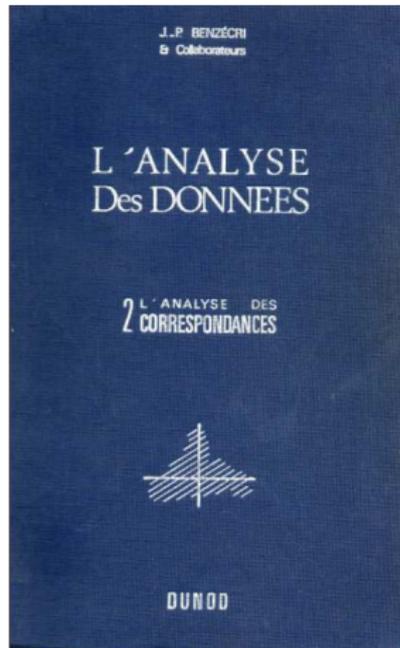
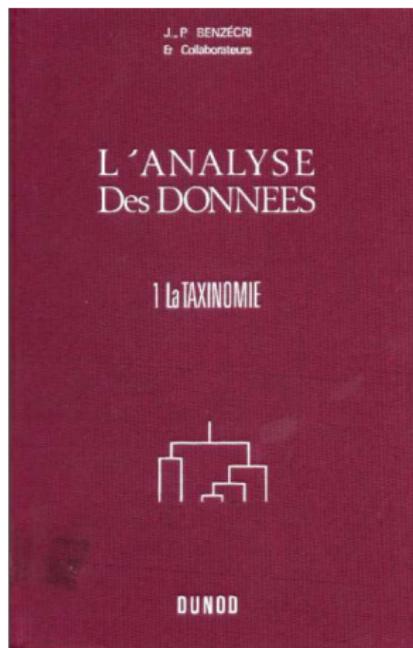
Karl Pearson (1901), Hirschfeld (1935).

*Should we need an Anglo–Saxon patronage for “Analyse des Données”, we would be pleased to turn to the great Karl Pearson.*

Benzécri (1982), p. 116

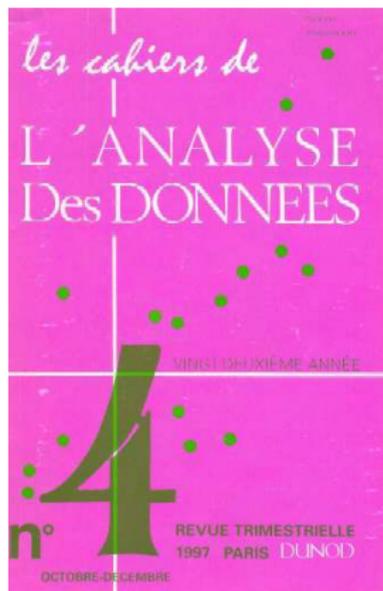
- Optimal scaling: Fisher (1940), Guttman (1942)
- Factor analysis: Burt (1950)
- Quantification method: Hayashi (1952)
- MDS: Shepard (1962).

## Emergence (1963-73)



Benzécri et al. (1973): L'ANALYSE Des DONNÉES  
1 la TAXINOMIE    2 L'ANALYSE DES CORRESPONDANCES

## Recognition and splendid isolation (1973-1980)



1977–1997

Gower (1966), Good (1969), Gabriel (1971)  
Ignored in Shepard, Romney, Nerlove (1972), Kruskal & Wish (1978),  
Shepard (1980) and in Kendall & Stuart (1976)

## International recognition (since 1981)

Greenacre (1984), Lebart & al (1984), Jambu (1991),  
Benzécri (1992) (translation of the introductory book  
published by Dunod in 1984);  
Malinvaud (1980), Deville & Malinvaud (1983):

*“Econometrics without stochastic models”*

Tenenhaus & Young (1985): *Psychometry*;  
Nishisato (1980): *Dual Scaling*;  
Gifi (1981/1990): *Homogeneity Analysis*;  
Carroll & Green (1988), Weller & Romney (1990): MDS group;  
Goodman (1986, 1991), Rao (1995).  
Gower & Hand (1996): *Biplot*.

## Where do we stand now?

### *CARME network:*

international conferences in Cologne (1991,1995,1999), Barcelona (2003), Rotterdam (2007), Rennes (2011), Naples (2015), and the next one in Stellenbosch, South Africa (2019).

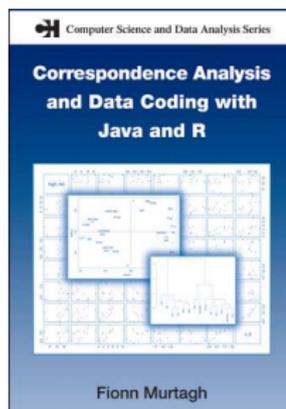
*Workshops* organized in Paris, Uppsala, Copenhagen, Montreux, London, Kaliningrad, Mendoza, Berkeley, Potsdam . . .

## Recent Books:

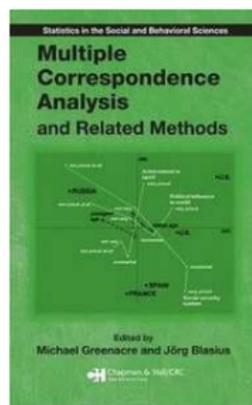
Le Roux & Rouanet



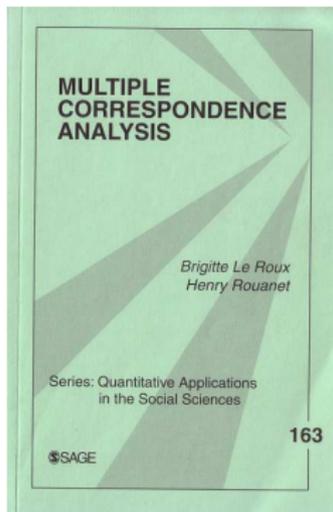
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2005



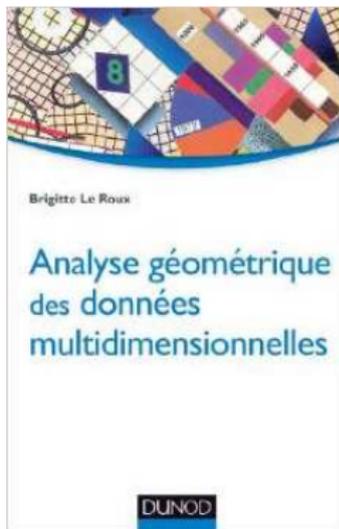
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2003 (2006)



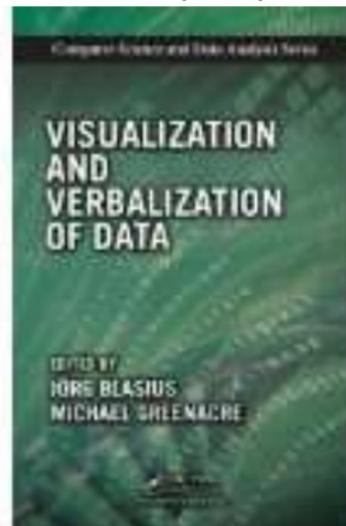
Le Roux & Rouanet  
2010



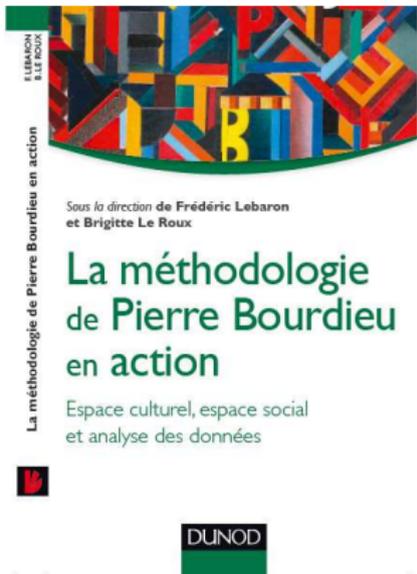
Le Roux  
2014



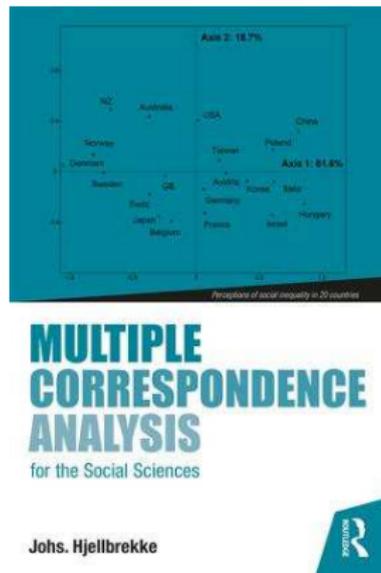
CARME  
2011 (2015)



Lebaron & Le Roux (eds)  
2015



Hjellbrekke  
2017



CA is now recognized and used, but GDA as a whole methodology, is beginning to be discovered by a large audience.



## II — Principal Axes of a Euclidean Cloud

This text is adapted from Chapter 2 of the monograph  
*Multiple Correspondence Analysis*  
(QASS series n°163, SAGE, 2010)

## II.1. Basic Geometric Notions

Elements of a geometric space: *points*, *line*, *plane*.

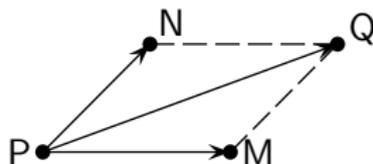
— *Affine notions*: alignment, direction and barycenter.

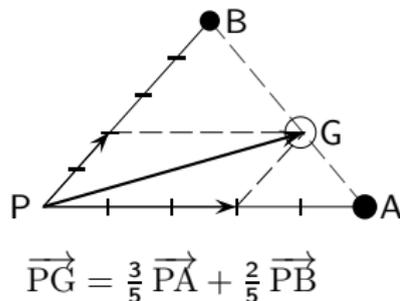
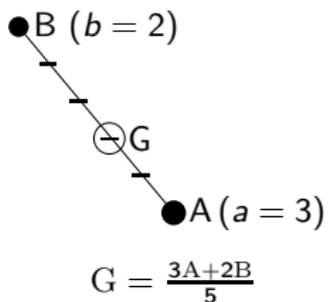
Couple of points (P, M), or *dipole*  $\rightarrow$  *vector*  $\overrightarrow{PM}$

The *deviation* from point P to point M is  $M - P$  (“terminal minus initial”), that is,  $\overrightarrow{PM}$ .

Deviations add up vectorially: sum of vectors by *parallelogram law*

$$\overrightarrow{PM} + \overrightarrow{PN} = \overrightarrow{PQ}$$



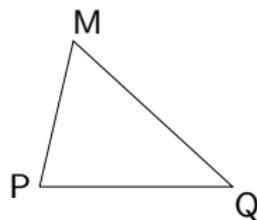
*Barycenter* of a dipole

Barycenter = *weighted average of points*:  $G = \frac{aA + bB}{a + b}$

— *Metric notions*: distances and angles.

*Triangle inequality*:

$$PQ \leq PM + MQ$$

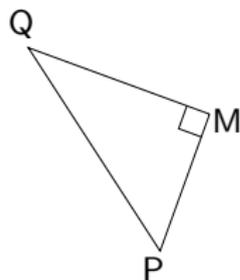


*Pythagorean theorem*:

If PM and MQ are perpendicular then:

$$(PM)^2 + (MQ)^2 = (PQ)^2$$

(triangle MPQ with right angle at M),



## II.2. Cloud of Points

Figure 1. Target example (10 points)

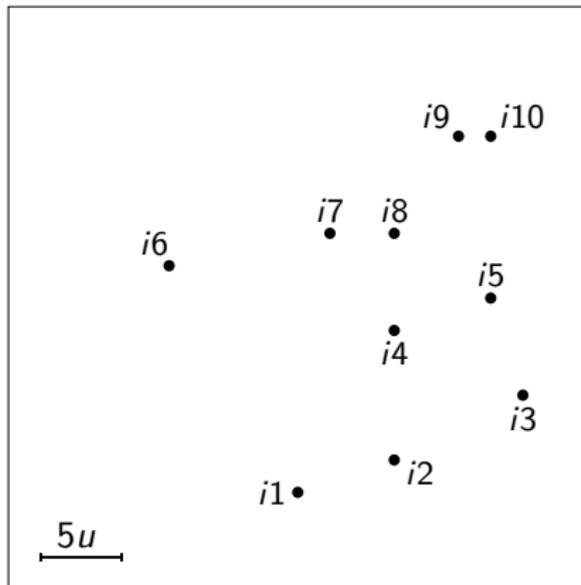
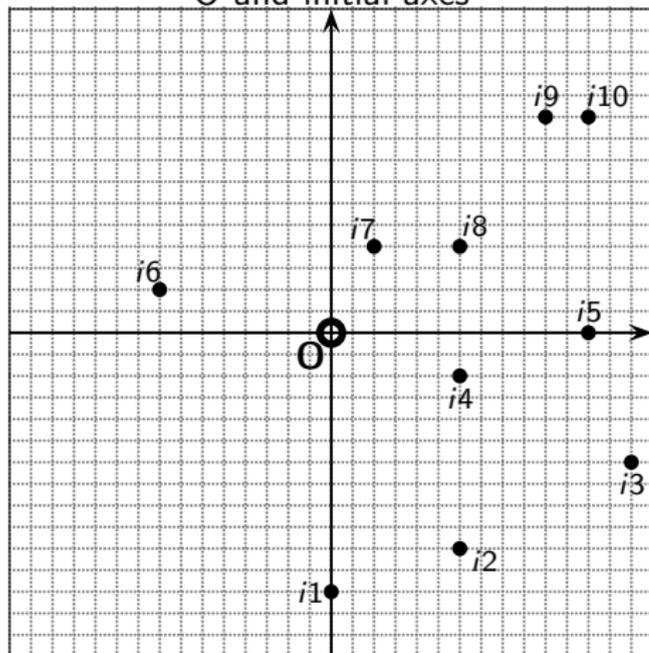


Figure 1b. Target example with origine-point  $O$  and initial axes



Initial coordinates

	$x_1$	$x_2$	weights
$i_1$	0	-12	1
$i_2$	6	-10	1
$i_3$	14	-6	1
$i_4$	6	-2	1
$i_5$	12	0	1
$i_6$	-8	2	1
$i_7$	2	4	1
$i_8$	6	4	1
$i_9$	10	10	1
$i_{10}$	12	10	1
Means	6	0	[10]
Variances	40	52	
Covariance		+ 8	

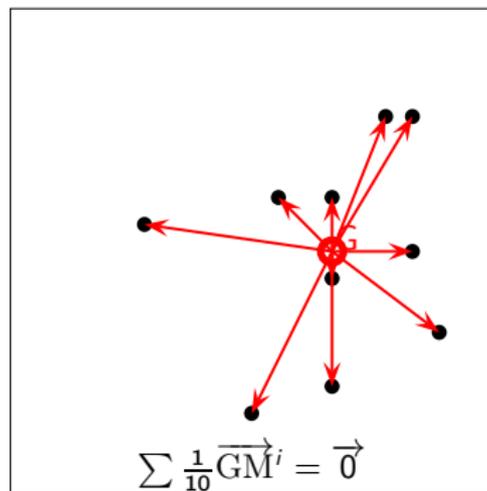
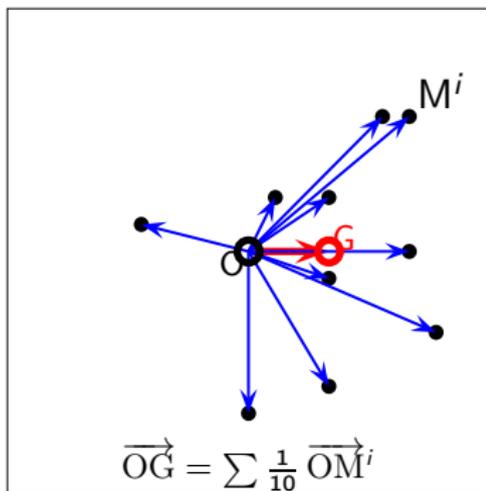
# Mean Point

Cloud of points  $M^i$  with relative weights  $p_i$

*Mean point:* point  $G$

$$\overrightarrow{OG} = \sum p_i \overrightarrow{OM}^i \quad \sum p_i \overrightarrow{GM}^i = \vec{0} \quad (\text{barycentric property})$$

*Target Example:* ( $p_i = \frac{1}{10}$ )



## Variance, contribution

*Variance of a cloud :*

$$V_{\text{cloud}} = \sum p_i (\text{GM}^i)^2$$

### Property

In rectangular axes, the variance of the cloud is the sum of the variances of the coordinate variables.

*Contribution of point  $M^i$ :*

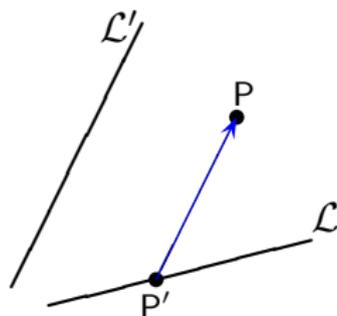
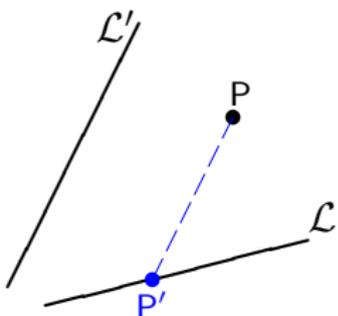
$$\text{Ctr}_i = \frac{p_i (\text{GM}^i)^2}{V_{\text{cloud}}}$$

## II.3. Principal Axes of a Cloud

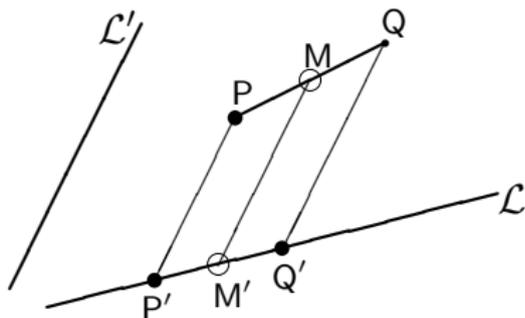
### *Projection of a cloud*

$P'$  = projection of point  $P$  onto  $\mathcal{L}$  along  $\mathcal{L}'$

$\vec{P'P}$  = residual deviation



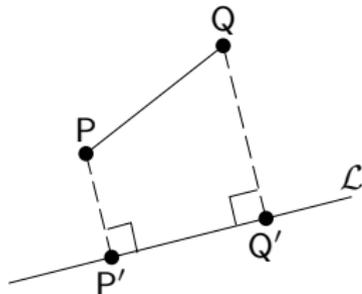
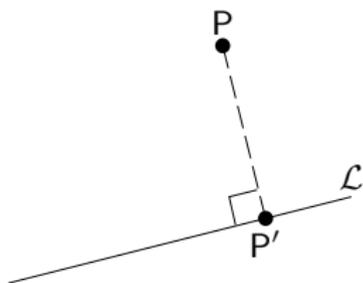
If point  $M$  is the midpoint of  $P$  and  $Q$ , the point  $M'$ , projection of  $M$  on  $\mathcal{L}$ , is the midpoint of  $P'$  and  $Q'$ .



### Mean point property

The mean point is preserved by projection.

*Orthogonal projection:*  $PP'$  is perpendicular to  $\mathcal{L}$ .

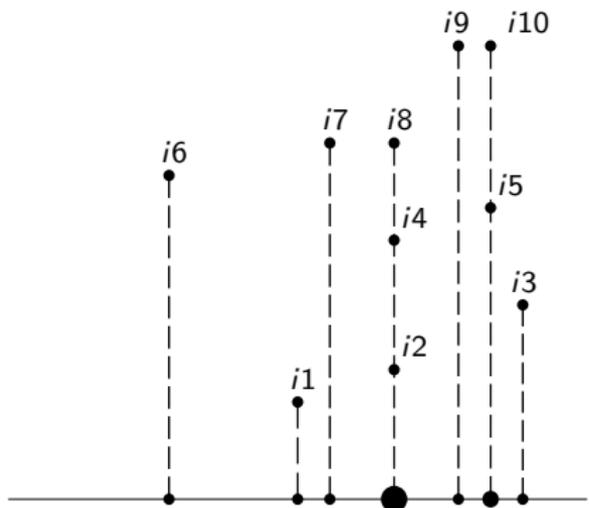


The orthogonal projection contracts distances:  $P'Q' \leq PQ$ , therefore one has the

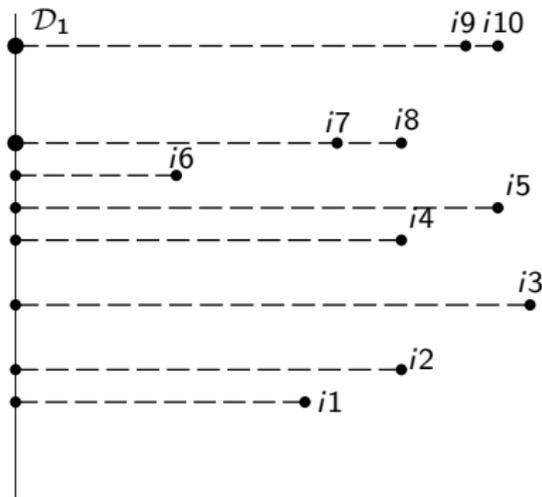
### Property

variance of projected cloud  $\leq$  variance of initial cloud.

## Projected clouds on several lines



variance=40

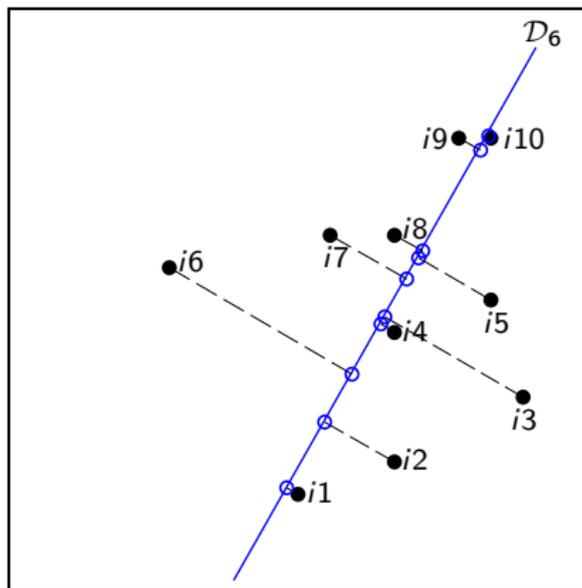


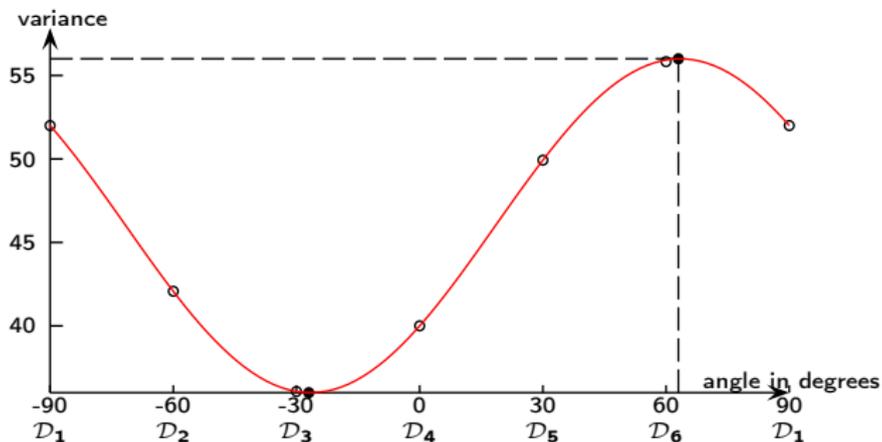
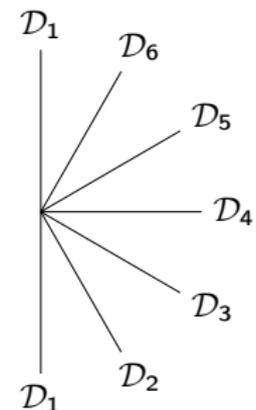
variance = 52

## Orthogonal additive decomposition

The variance of the initial cloud is the sum of the variances of projected clouds onto perpendicular lines:  $V_{\text{cloud}} = 40 + 52 = 92$ .

Projection onto an oblique line (60 degrees) : variance = 55.9





Variance

$D_1$	$D_2$	$D_3$	$D_4$	$D_5$	$D_6$	$D_1$
52	42.1	36.1	40.0	49.9	55.9	52

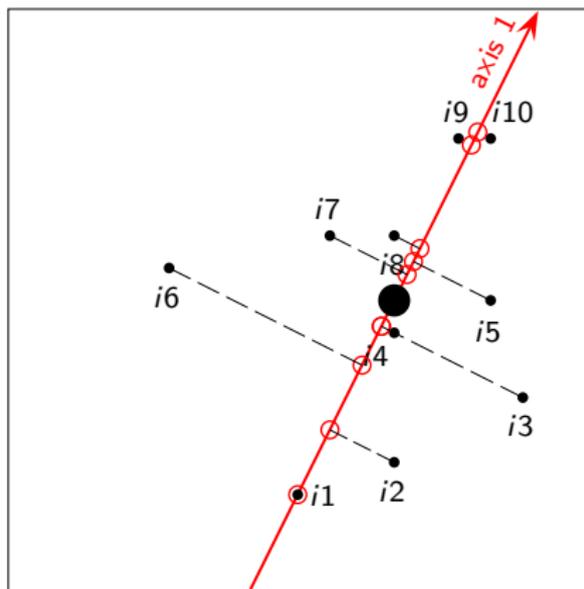
The line whose the variance of the projected cloud is maximum is called *first principal line*.

directed line  $\rightarrow$  *1st principal axis*

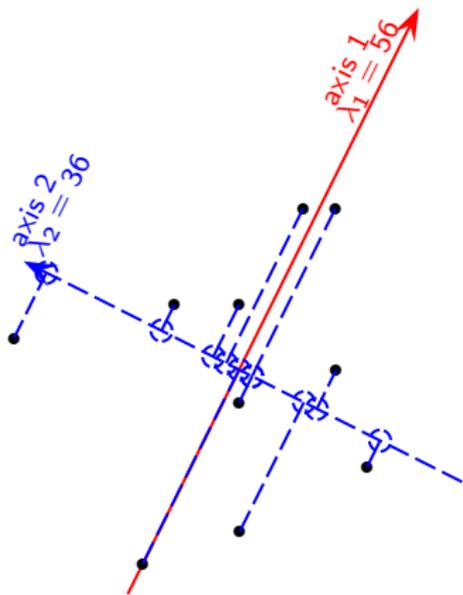
Projected cloud = *1st principal cloud*  
its variance ( $\lambda_1$ ) = *variance of axis 1*

The first principal cloud is *the best fitting* of the initial cloud by an unidimensional cloud in the sense of *orthogonal least squares*

Here, angle =  $63^\circ$ ,  $\lambda_1 = 56$ .



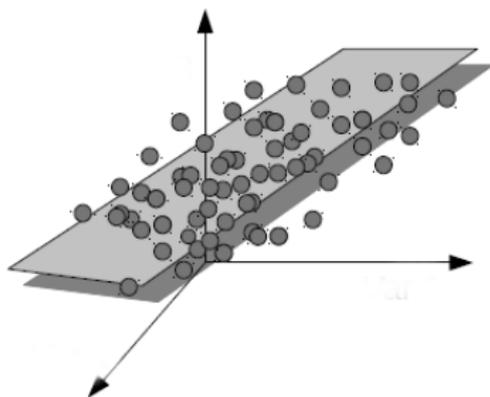
The residual cloud is constructed as the orthogonal projection of the cloud on the subspace orthogonal to the first principal line.



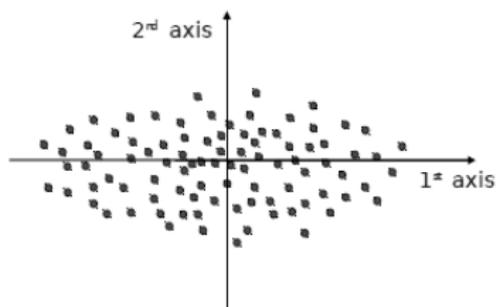
The first principal line of the residual cloud defines the *second principal line* of the initial cloud.

## II.4. From Plane Cloud to High Dimensional Cloud

High dimensional cloud.



Low dimensional projection.



### Heredity property

The plane that best fits the cloud is the one determined by the first two axes.

## II.5. Properties

- **Variance of cloud** = sum of variances of axes:  $V_{\text{cloud}} = \sum \lambda_\ell$ .
- The **principal axes** are *pairwise orthogonal*.  
Each axis can be directed arbitrarily.
- The *principal coordinates* of points define **principal variables**.

they have mean = 0 and variance =  $\lambda$  (eigenvalue)  
they are *uncorrelated* (for distinct eigenvalues).

## Aids to Interpretation

- Quality of fit of an axis or *variance rate*:

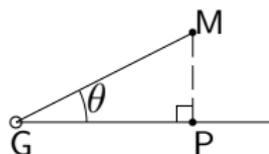
$$\frac{\lambda}{V_{\text{cloud}}}$$

- Contribution of point to axis*:

$$\text{Ctr} = \frac{p(y)^2}{\lambda} \quad (p = \text{relative weight, } y = \text{coordinate on axis})$$

- Quality of representation of point onto axis*:

$$\cos^2 \theta = \frac{GP^2}{GM^2}$$

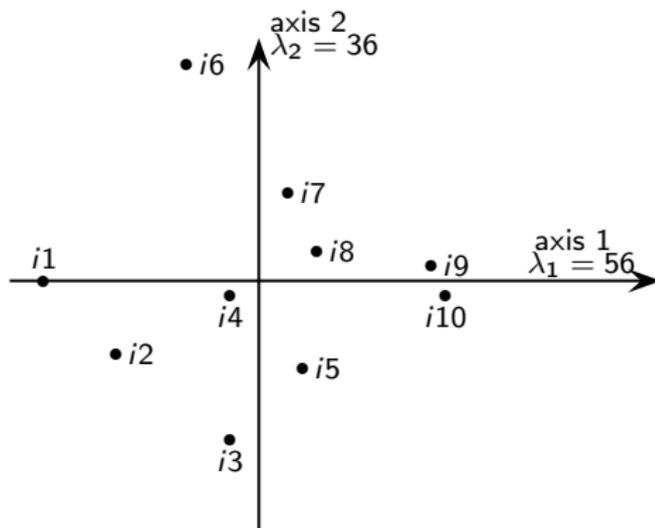


## Results of the Analysis

$\lambda_1 = 56$  (variance of axis 1, eigenvalue),  $\lambda_2 = 36$ .

Variance rate :  $\frac{\lambda_1}{V_{\text{cloud}}} = \frac{56}{92} = 61\%$

**Principal representation** of the cloud.



Results for axis 1 ( $\lambda_1 = 56$ )

	$p_i$	Coordinates	Ctr (%)	squared cosines
$i1$	0.1	-13.41	32.1	1.00
$i2$	0.1	-8.94	14.3	0.80
$i3$	0.1	-1.79	0.6	0.03
$i4$	0.1	-1.79	1.3	0.80
$i5$	0.1	+2.68	3.6	0.20
$i6$	0.1	-4.47	3.6	0.10
$i7$	0.1	+1.79	0.6	0.10
$i8$	0.1	+3.58	2.3	0.80
$i9$	0.1	+10.73	20.6	0.99
$i10$	0.1	+11.63	24.1	0.99

Results for axis 2 ( $\lambda_2 = 36$ )

	Coordinates	Ctr (%)	squared cosines
	0.00	0	0.00
	+4.47	5.6	0.20
	+9.84	26.9	0.97
	+0.89	0.2	0.20
	+5.37	8	0.80
	-13.42	50.0	0.90
	-5.37	8	0.90
	-1.79	0.9	0.20
	-0.89	0.2	0.01
	+0.89	0.2	0.01

- **Reconstitution of distances** between points:

$$(M^{i1}M^{i2})^2 = (-13.41 + 8.94)^2 + (0 - 4.47)^2 = 4.23 = (6.3)^2$$

$$(GM^{i2})^2 = (-8.94)^2 + (-4.47)^2 = 100$$

- **Quality of representation** of point  $M^{i2}$ :  $\cos^2 \theta = \frac{(-8.94)^2}{100} = 0.80$

# III — Multiple Correspondence Analysis (MCA)

This text is adapted from Chapter 3 of the monograph  
*Multiple Correspondence Analysis*  
(QASS series n°163, SAGE, 2010)

## III.1. Introduction

Language of questionnaire

Basic data set: **Individuals**×**Questions** table

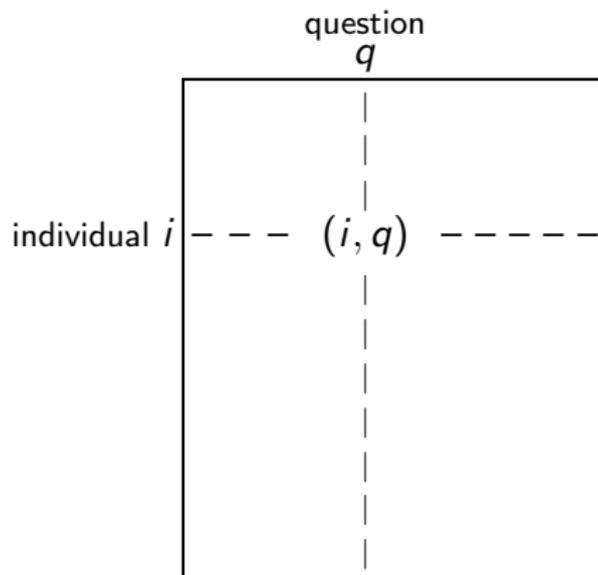
- **Questions** = categorical variables, i.e. variables with a finite number of *response categories* (or *modalities*).
- **Individuals** or “statistical individuals”: (people, firms, items, etc.).

### “*Standard format*”

for each question, each individual chooses *one and only one* response category.

→ otherwise: preliminary phase of *coding*

Table analyzed by mca:  $I \times Q$  table



MCA produces two clouds of points:

the *cloud of individuals* and the *cloud of categories*.

### III.3. Taste example

- Data

$Q = 4$  active variables

<i>Which, if any, of these different types of ... television programmes do you like the most?</i>	$n_k$	$f_k$ in %
<b>News</b> /Current affairs	220	18.1
<b>Comedy</b> /sitcoms	152	12.5
<b>Police</b> /detective	82	6.7
<b>Nature</b> /History documentaries	159	13.1
<b>Sport</b>	136	11.2
<b>Film</b>	117	9.6
<b>Drama</b>	134	11.0
<b>Soap operas</b>	215	17.7
Total	1215	100.0

<i>Which, if any, of these different types of ... (cinema or television) films do you like the most?</i>	$n_k$	$f_k$ in %
<b>Action</b> /Adventure/Thriller	389	32.0
<b>Comedy</b>	235	19.3
<b>Costume Drama</b> /Literary adaptation	140	11.5
<b>Documentary</b>	100	8.2
<b>Horror</b>	62	5.1
<b>Musical</b>	87	7.2
<b>Romance</b>	101	8.3
<b>SciFi</b>	101	8.3
Total	1215	100.0

<i>Which, if any, of these different types of ... art do you like the most?</i>	$n_k$	$f_k$ in %
<b>Performance Art</b>	105	8.6
<b>Landscape</b>	632	52.0
<b>Renaissance Art</b>	55	4.5
<b>Still Life</b>	71	5.8
<b>Portrait</b>	117	9.6
<b>Modern Art</b>	110	9.1
<b>Impressionism</b>	125	10.3
Total	1215	100.0

<i>Which, if any, of these different types of ... place to eat out would you like the best?</i>	$n_k$	$f_k$ in %
<b>Fish &amp; Chips</b> /eat-in restaurant/cafe/teashop	107	8.8
<b>Pub</b> /Wine bar/Hotel	281	23.1
Chinese/Thai/ <b>Indian Restaurant</b>	402	33.1
<b>Italian Restaurant</b> /pizza house	228	18.8
<b>French Restaurant</b>	99	8.1
Traditional <b>Steakhouse</b>	98	8.1
Total	1215	100.0

$K = 8 + 8 + 7 + 6 = 29$  categories

$n = 1215$  individuals

$8 \times 8 \times 7 \times 6 = 2688$  possible response patterns, only 658 are observed.

Extract from the Individuals  $\times$  Questions table

	<i>TV</i>	<i>Film</i>	<i>Art</i>	<i>Eat out</i>
1	Soap	Action	Landscape	SteakHouse
⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮
7	News	Action	Landscape	IndianRest
⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮
31	Soap	Romance	Portrait	Fish&Chips
⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮
235	News	Costume Drama	Renaissance	FrenchRest
⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮
679	Comedy	Horror	Modern	Indian
⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮
1215	Soap	Documentary	Landscape	SteakHouse

A row corresponds to the *response pattern* of an individual

## III.4-a. Cloud of Individuals

**Distance** between 2 individuals due to question  $q$ :

- if  $q$  is an **agreement question**:  
 $i$  and  $i'$  choose the same category  
 $\rightsquigarrow$  the distance due to question  $q$  is null

$$d_q = 0$$

- — if  $q$  is a **disagreement question**:  
 $i$  chooses category  $k$  and  $i'$  chooses category  $k'$   
 $\rightsquigarrow$  the squared distance due to question  $q$  is

$$d_q^2 = \frac{1}{f_k} + \frac{1}{f_{k'}}$$

The squared overall distance is the mean of the squared distances due to active questions

$$d^2 = \sum d_q^2 / Q$$

individual  $i \rightarrow$  point  $M^i$  with relative weight  $p_i = \frac{1}{n}$

G: mean point (center) of the cloud

### Distance of an individual to the center of the cloud

$$(GM^i)^2 = \left( \frac{1}{Q} \sum_{k \in K_i} \frac{1}{f_k} \right) - 1 \quad (K_i: \text{response pattern of individual } i).$$

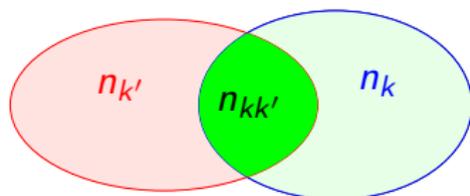
### Variance of the cloud of individuals

$$V_{\text{cloud}} = \frac{K}{Q} - 1$$

(average number of categories per question minus 1).

### III.4-b. Cloud of Categories

*Distance* between categories  $k$  and  $k'$ :  $d^2(k, k') = \frac{n_k + n_{k'} - 2n_{kk'}}{n_k n_{k'} / n}$



category  $k \rightarrow$  category–point  $M^k$  with relative weight  $p_k = f_k/Q$

G: mean point (center) of the cloud

#### Property

G is the mean point of the category–points of any question.

## Distance of a category–point to the center of the cloud

$$(\text{GM}^k)^2 = \frac{1}{f_k} - 1$$

## Variance of the cloud of individuals

$$V_{\text{cloud}} = \frac{K}{Q} - 1$$

## Contributions

Contribution of *category*  $k$

$$\text{Ctr}_k = \frac{1-f_k}{K-Q}$$

Contribution of *question*  $q$

$$\text{Ctr}_q = \frac{K_q-1}{K-Q}$$

## III.5. Principal Clouds

### — *Principal axes*

#### Fundamental properties

- The two clouds have the same variances (eigenvalues).
- $\sum \lambda = V_{\text{cloud}}$ , with  $\bar{\lambda} = \frac{V_{\text{cloud}}}{L} = \frac{1}{Q}$ .

### — *Variance rates and modified rates*

Variance rate:

$$\tau = \frac{\lambda}{V_{\text{cloud}}}$$

Modified rates =  $\frac{(\lambda - \bar{\lambda})^2}{\sum (\lambda - \bar{\lambda})^2}$  (the sum is over  $\lambda$  such that  $\lambda \geq \bar{\lambda}$ )

### — *Principal coordinates and principal variables*

$y_\ell^i$ : coordinate of individual  $i$  on axis  $\ell$

$$y_\ell^I = (y_\ell^i)_{i \in I}: \ell\text{-th principal variable over } I$$

$y_\ell^k$ : coordinate of category  $k$  on axis  $\ell$

$$y_\ell^K = (y_\ell^k)_{k \in K}: \ell\text{-th principal variable over } K$$

### Properties

Mean of principal variable is null:

$$\sum \frac{1}{n} y_\ell^i = 0 \text{ and } \sum p_k y_\ell^k = 0$$

Variance of principal variable  $\ell$  is equal to  $\lambda_\ell$ :

$$\sum \frac{1}{n} (y_\ell^i)^2 = \lambda_\ell \text{ and } \sum p_k (y_\ell^k)^2 = \lambda_\ell$$

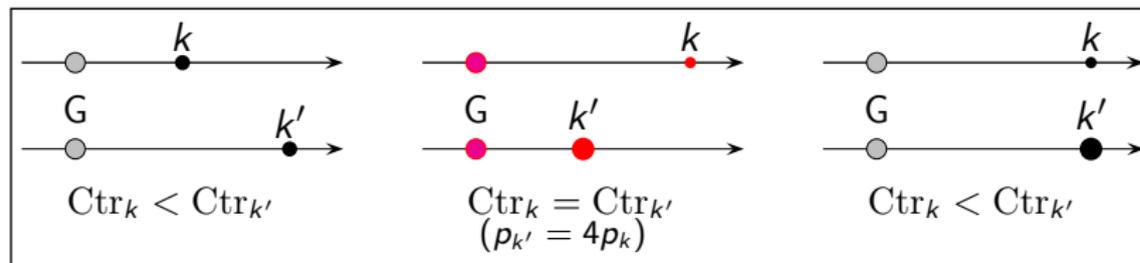
Principal variables are pairwise uncorrelated:

$$\ell \neq \ell' \quad \sum y_\ell^i y_{\ell'}^i = 0 \quad \sum y_\ell^k y_{\ell'}^k = 0$$

## III.6. Aids to Interpretation: Contributions

Contribution of category–point  $k$  to axis  $\ell$ :  $\frac{py^2}{\lambda}$

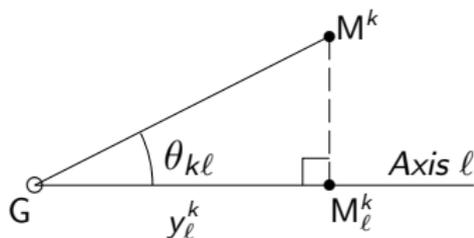
( $y$ : coordinate of point on axis;  $p$ : relative weight;  $\lambda$ : variance of axis)



By grouping, contributions add up  $\rightarrow$  contribution of question...

The quality of representation of point  $M^k$  on axis  $\ell$  is

$$\cos^2 \theta_{k\ell} = \frac{(GM_\ell^k)^2}{(GM^k)^2} = \frac{(y_\ell^k)^2}{(GM^k)^2}$$



## III.7. MCA of the Taste Example

### Data set

The data involve:

- $Q = 4$  active variables
- $K = 8 + 8 + 7 + 6 = 29$  categories
- $n = 1215$  individuals

Overall variance of the cloud :  $V_{\text{cloud}} = \frac{29}{4} - 1 = 6.25$

Contributions of questions to the overall variance:

$$\frac{8-1}{29-4} = 28\% \quad 28\% \quad 24\% \quad 20\%$$

## Elementary statistical results

$8 \times 8 \times 7 \times 6 = 2688$  possible response patterns; 658 are observed.

TV	$n_k$	$f_k$	$\text{Ctr}_k$
News	220	18.1	3.3
Comedy	152	12.5	3.5
Police	82	6.7	3.7
Nature	159	13.1	3.5
Sport	136	11.2	3.6
Film	117	9.6	3.6
Drama	134	11.0	3.6
Soap operas	215	17.7	3.3
<b>Films</b>	1215	100.0	28.0
Action	389	32.0	2.7
Comedy	235	19.3	3.2
Costume Drama	140	11.5	3.5
Documentary	100	8.2	3.7
Horror	62	5.1	3.8
Musical	87	7.2	3.7
Romance	101	8.3	3.7
SciFi	101	8.3	3.7
Total	1215	100.0	28.0

Art	$n_k$	$f_k$	$\text{Ctr}_k$
Performance	105	8.6	3.7
Landscape	632	52.0	1.9
Renaissance	55	4.5	3.8
Still Life	71	5.8	3.8
Portrait	117	9.6	3.6
Modern Art	110	9.1	3.6
Impressionism	125	10.3	3.6
<b>Eat out</b>	1215	100.0	24.0
Fish & Chips	107	8.8	3.6
Pub	281	23.1	3.1
Indian Rest	402	33.1	2.7
Italian Rest	228	18.8	3.2
French Rest	99	8.1	3.7
Steakhouse	98	8.1	3.7
Total	1215	100.0	20.0

## Basic results of MCA

Dimensionality of the cloud  $\leq K - Q = 29 - 4 = 25$ .

Mean of the variances of axes:  $\frac{6.25}{25} = 0.25$ .

Axes whose variances exceed the mean.

Axes	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
variances ( $\lambda$ )	.400	.351	.325	.308	.299	.288	.278	.274	.268	.260	.258	.251
variance rates	.064	.056	.052	.049	.048	.046	.045	.044	.043	.042	0.41	.040
modified rates	.476	.215	.118	.071	.050	.030	.017	.012	.007	.002	.001	.000

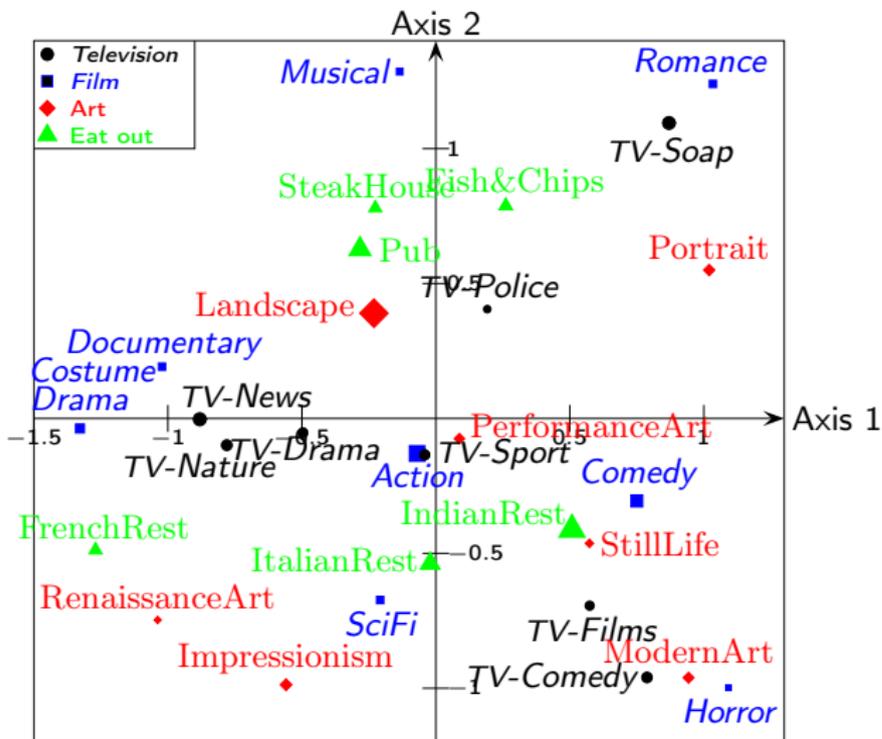
## Principal coordinates and contributions (in %) of 6 individuals

	Coordinates			Contributions (in %)		
	Axis 1	Axis 2	Axis 3	Axis 1	Axis 2	Axis 3
1	+0.135	+0.902	+0.432	0.00	0.19	0.05
7	-0.266	-0.064	-0.438	0.01	0.00	0.05
31	+1.258	+1.549	-0.768	0.33	0.56	0.15
235	-1.785	-0.538	-1.158	0.65	0.07	0.34
679	+1.316	-1.405	-0.140	0.36	0.46	0.00
1215	-0.241	+1.037	+0.374	0.01	0.25	0.04

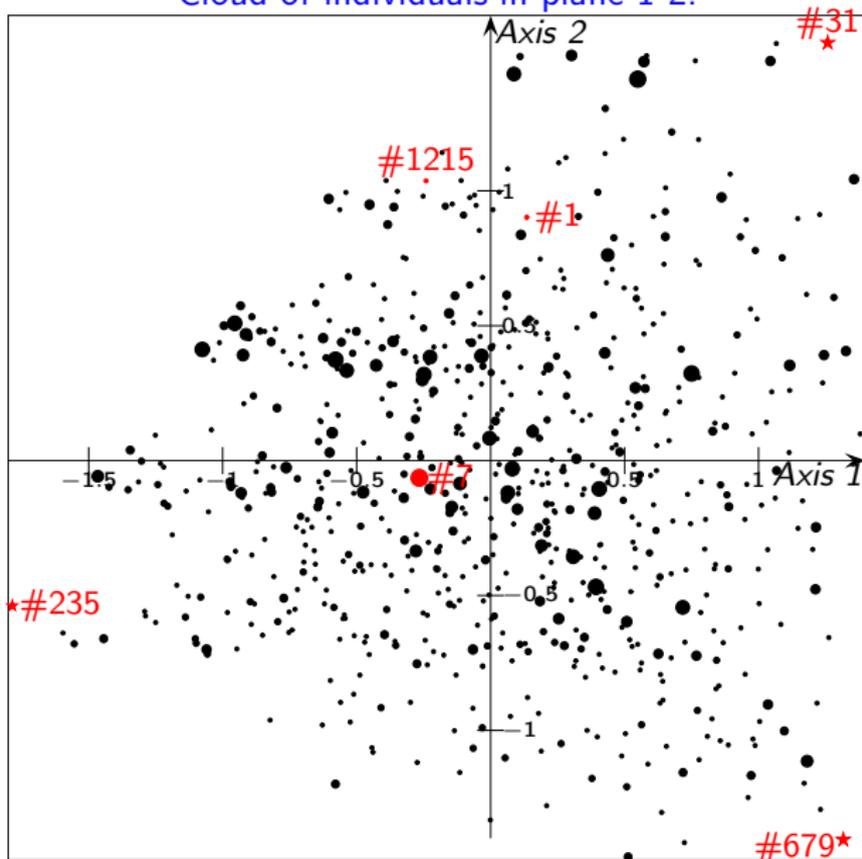
## Relative weight, principal coordinates and contributions (in %) of categories

<i>Television</i>	$p_k$	Axe 1	Axe 2	Axe 3	Axe1	Axe 2	Axe 3
TV-News	.0453	-0.881	-0.003	-0.087	<b>8.8</b>	0.0	0.1
TV-Comedy	.0313	+0.788	-0.960	-0.255	<b>4.9</b>	<b>8.2</b>	0.6
TV-Police	.0169	+0.192	+0.405	+0.406	0.2	0.8	0.9
TV-Nature	.0327	-0.775	-0.099	+0.234	<b>4.9</b>	0.1	0.6
TV-Sport	.0280	-0.045	-0.133	+1.469	0.0	0.1	<b>18.6</b>
TV-Film	.0241	+0.574	-0.694	+0.606	2.0	<b>3.3</b>	2.7
TV-Drama	.0276	-0.496	-0.053	-0.981	1.7	0.0	<b>8.2</b>
TV-Soap	.0442	+0.870	+1.095	-0.707	<b>8.4</b>	<b>15.1</b>	<b>6.8</b>
<i>Film</i>				<i>Total</i>	<i>30.7</i>	<i>27.7</i>	<i>38.4</i>
Action	.0800	-0.070	-0.127	+0.654	0.1	0.4	<b>10.5</b>
Comedy	.0484	+0.750	-0.306	-0.307	<b>6.8</b>	1.3	1.4
CostumeDrama	.0288	-1.328	-0.037	-1.240	<b>12.7</b>	0.0	<b>13.6</b>
Documentary	.0206	-1.022	+0.192	+0.522	<b>5.4</b>	0.2	1.7
Horror	.0128	+1.092	-0.998	+0.103	<b>3.8</b>	<b>3.6</b>	0.0
Musical	.0179	-0.135	+1.286	-0.109	0.1	<b>8.4</b>	0.1
Romance	.0208	+1.034	+1.240	-1.215	<b>5.5</b>	<b>9.1</b>	<b>9.4</b>
SciFi	.0208	-0.208	-0.673	+0.646	0.2	<b>2.7</b>	2.7
<i>Art</i>				<i>Total</i>	<i>34.6</i>	<i>25.7</i>	<i>39.5</i>
PerformanceArt	.0216	+0.088	-0.075	-0.068	0.0	0.0	0.0
Landscape	.1300	-0.231	+0.390	+0.313	1.7	<b>5.6</b>	<b>3.9</b>
RenaissanceArt	.0113	-1.038	-0.747	-0.566	<b>3.0</b>	1.8	1.1
StillLife	.0146	+0.573	-0.463	-0.117	1.2	0.9	0.1
Portrait	.0241	+1.020	+0.550	-0.142	<b>6.3</b>	2.1	0.1
ModernArt	.0226	+0.943	-0.961	-0.285	<b>5.0</b>	<b>5.9</b>	0.6
Impressionism	.0257	-0.559	-0.987	-0.824	2.0	<b>7.1</b>	<b>5.4</b>
<i>Eat out</i>				<i>Total</i>	<i>19.3</i>	<i>23.5</i>	<i>11.2</i>
<b>Fish&amp;Chips</b>	.0220	+0.261	+0.788	+0.313	0.4	<b>3.9</b>	0.7
Pub	.0578	-0.283	+0.627	+0.087	1.2	<b>6.5</b>	0.1
IndianRest	.0827	+0.508	-0.412	+0.119	<b>5.3</b>	<b>4.0</b>	0.4
ItalianRest	.0469	-0.021	-0.538	-0.452	0.0	<b>3.9</b>	<b>2.9</b>
FrenchRest	.0204	-1.270	-0.488	-0.748	<b>8.2</b>	1.4	<b>3.5</b>
Steakhouse	.0202	-0.226	+0.780	+0.726	0.3	<b>3.5</b>	<b>3.3</b>
				<i>Total</i>	<i>15.3</i>	<i>23.1</i>	<i>10.9</i>

# Cloud of categories in plane 1-2



## Cloud of individuals in plane 1-2.



## III.8. Interpretation of Axes

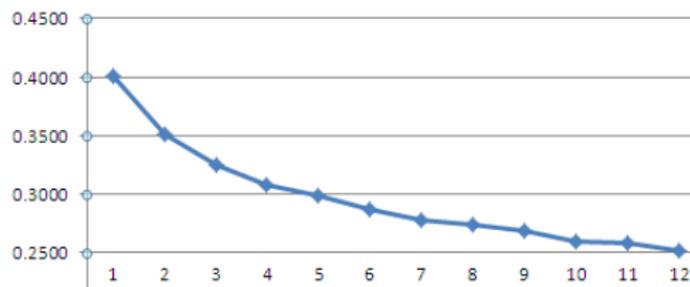
*How many axes need to be interpreted?*

Axis 1: ( $\frac{\lambda_1 - \lambda_2}{\lambda_1} = .12$ ); modified rate = 0.48

Axis 2: ( $\frac{\lambda_2 - \lambda_3}{\lambda_2} = .07$ ); modified rate = 0.22.

Cumulated modified rate for axes 1 and 2 = 0.70.

After axis 4, variances decrease regularly and the differences are small.



1	0.4004	6.41	0.48
2	0.3512	5.62	0.22
3	0.3250	5.20	0.12
4	0.3081	4.93	0.07
5	0.2989	4.78	0.05
6	0.2876	4.60	0.03

Cumulated modified rate for axes 1, 2 and 3 = 82%

## Guide for interpreting an axis

*Interpreting an axis amounts to finding out what is similar, on the one hand, between all the elements figuring on the right of the origin and, on the other hand between all that is written on the left; and expressing with conciseness and precision, the contrast (or opposition) between the two extremes.*

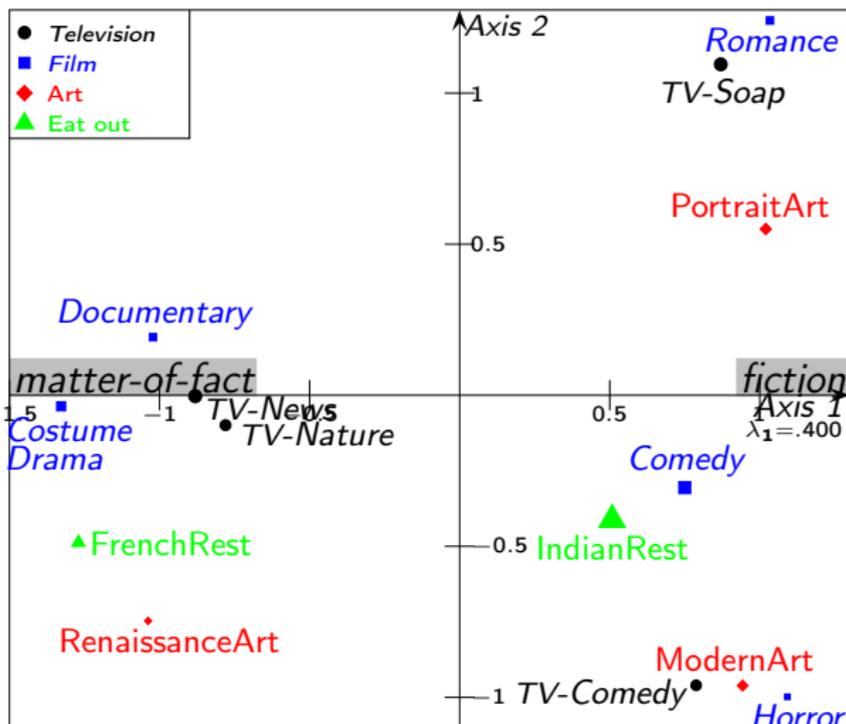
Benzécri (1992, p. 405)

For interpreting an axis, we use the method of contributions of points and deviations.

Baseline criterion = average contribution =  $100/29 \rightarrow 3.4\%$

The interpretation of an axis is based on the categories whose contributions to axis exceed the average contribution.

## Interpretation of axis 1

● TV (31%) *left* *right*

TV-News	8.8	
TV-Soap		8.4
TV-Nature	4.9	
TV-Comedy		4.9

## ■ Film (35%)

Cost. Drama	12.7	
Comedy		6.8
Romance		5.5
Documentary	5.4	
Horror		3.8

## ◆ Art (19%)

Portrait	6.3	
Modern		5.0
Renaissance	3.0	

## ▲ Eat out (15%)

French Rest.	8.2	
Indian Rest.		5.3
Total: 43.0 + 46.0 = 89.0		

14 categories selected for the interpretation of axis 1: sum of contributions = 89% → *good summary*

- Axis 1 opposes *matter-of-fact* (and traditional) tastes to *fiction world* (and modern) tastes.
- Axis 2 opposes *popular* to *sophisticated* tastes.
- Axis 3 opposes *outward dispositions* to *inward ones*.

## III.9. Transition formulas

Transition formulas express the *relation* between  
the *cloud of categories*  
and  
the *cloud of individuals*.

### — Category mean points

$\bar{M}^k$ : category mean point for  $k$  with coordinate on axis  $\ell$

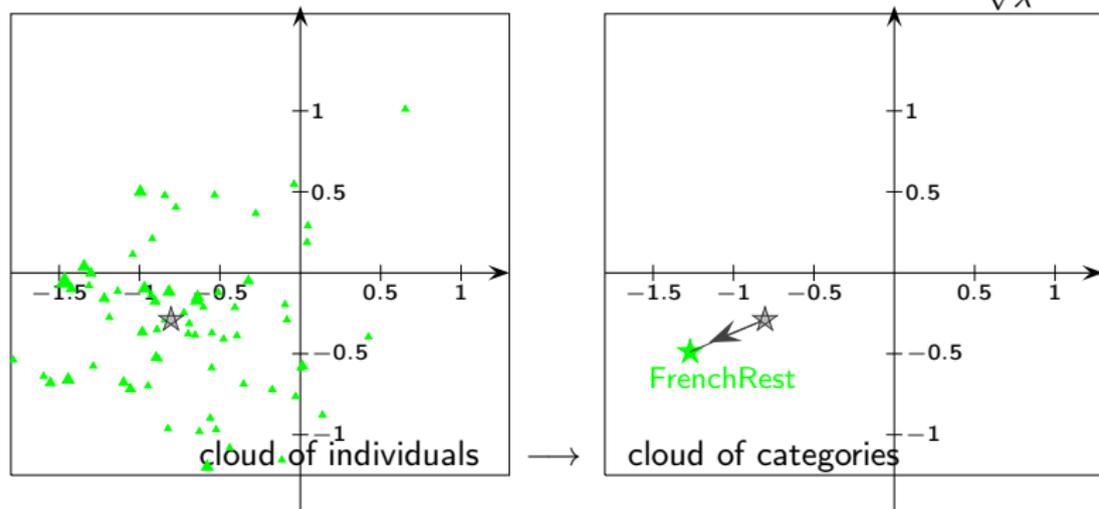
$$\bar{y}_\ell^k = \sqrt{\lambda_\ell} y_\ell^k \quad (\text{second transition formula})$$

The  $K$  category mean points of question  $q$  define the  
*between- $q$  cloud*

.

- First transition formula

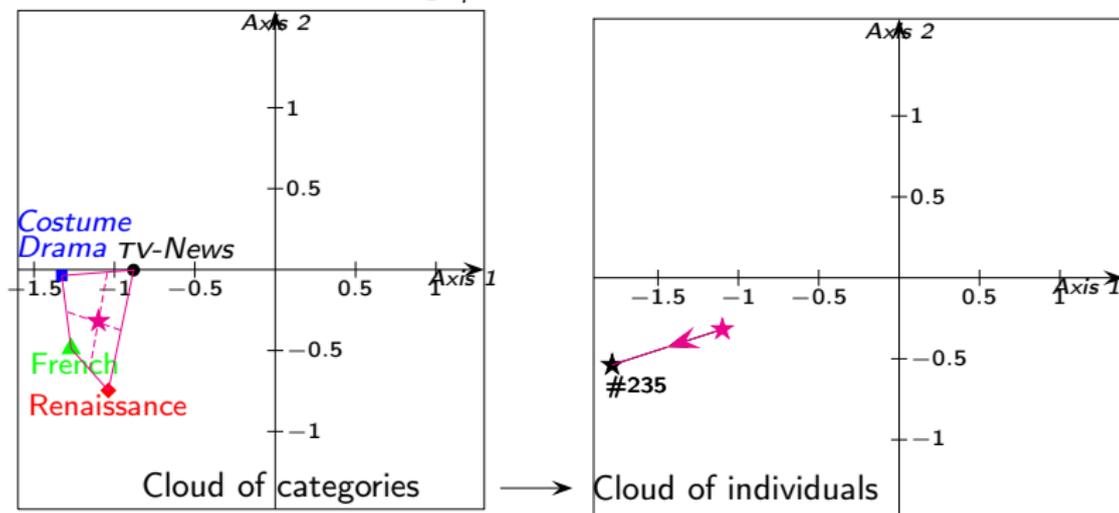
category mean point ( $\bar{y}^k$ )  $\rightarrow$  category point ( $y^k = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda}} \bar{y}^k$ )



*Category-point  $k$  is located at the equibarycenter of the  $n_k$  individuals who have chosen category  $k$ , up to a stretching along principal axes.*

- Second transition formula

mean for individual  $i$  ( $\bar{y}^i = \sum_{k \in K_i} y^k / Q$ )  $\rightarrow$  individual point  $y^i = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda}} \bar{y}^i$



Individual-point is located at the equibarycenter of the  $Q$  category-points of his response pattern, up to a stretching along principal axes.

In terms of coordinates:

- ① mean of the 4 coordinates on axis 1:

$$\frac{-0.881 - 1.328 - 1.038 - 1.270}{4} = -1.12925$$

mean of the 4 coordinates on axis 2:

$$\frac{-0.003 - 0.037 - 0.747 - 0.488}{4} = -0.31875$$

- ② dividing the coordinate on axis 1 by  $\sqrt{\lambda_1}$ :

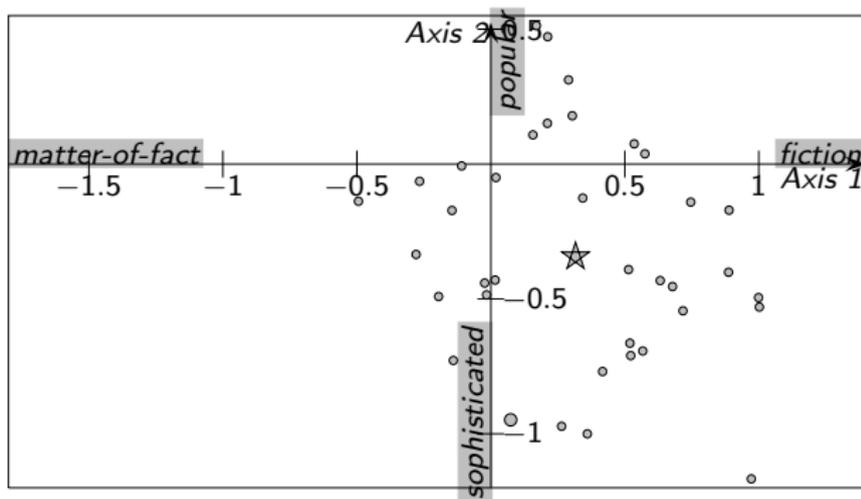
$$y_1^j = \frac{-1.12925}{\sqrt{0.4004}} = -1.785$$

dividing the coordinate on axis 2 by  $\sqrt{\lambda_2}$

$$y_2^j = \frac{-0.31875}{\sqrt{0.3512}} = -0.538$$

which are the coordinates of the *individual-point* #235 .

## Supplementary individuals



Plane 1-2. Cloud of 38 Indian immigrants  
with its mean point (\*).

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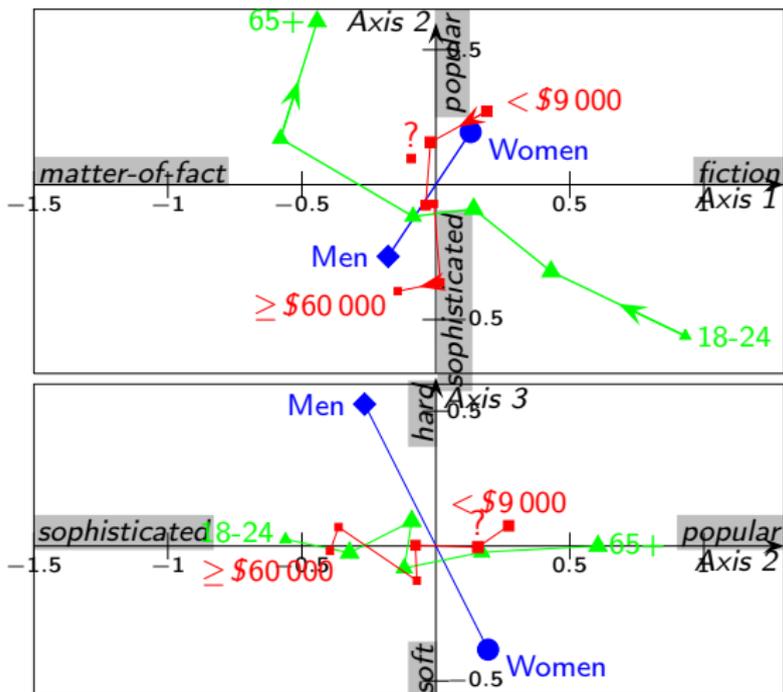
## III.10 Supplementary variables

	weight	Axis 1	Axis 2	Axis 3
Men	513	-0.178	-0.266	+0.526
Women	702	+0.130	+0.195	-0.384
18-24	93	+0.931	-0.561	+0.025
25-34	248	+0.430	-0.322	-0.025
35-44	258	+0.141	-0.090	+0.092
45-54	191	-0.085	-0.118	-0.082
55-64	183	-0.580	+0.171	-0.023
≥ 65	242	-0.443	+0.605	+0.000

		Income		
	weight	Axis 1	Axis 2	Axis 3
< \$9 000	231	+0.190	+0.272	+0.075
\$10-19 000	251	-0.020	+0.157	-0.004
\$20-29 000	200	-0.038	-0.076	+0.003
\$30-39 000	122	-0.007	-0.071	-0.128
\$40-59 000	127	+0.017	-0.363	+0.070
> \$60 000	122	-0.142	-0.395	-0.018
"unknown"	162	-0.092	+0.097	-0.050

As a *rule of thumb*:

- a deviation greater than 0.5 will be deemed to be “**notable**”;
- a deviation greater than 1, definitely “**large**”.



Supplementary questions in plane 1-2 (top), and in plane 2-3 (bottom) (cloud of categories).

# — Specific MCA and Class Specific Analysis (CSA)

This text is adapted from Chapter 3 (§3.3) of the monograph  
*Multiple Correspondence Analysis*  
(QASS series n°163, SAGE, 2010)

# Introduction

- *Specific MCA (SpeMCA)* consists in restricting the analysis to *categories of interest*.
- *Class Specific Analysis (CSA)* consists in analyzing a *subset of individuals* by taking the whole set of individuals as a reference.

## III.11. Specific MCA

The active categories are the *categories of interest*.

The excluded categories, called *passive categories*, are:

- ▶ *Junk categories*: categories of *no-interest*  
not representable by a single point
- ▶ *Infrequent categories*
  - remote from the center
  - contributing too much to the variance of the question
  - too influential on the determination of axes

## Cloud of individuals

If for active question  $q$ ,

- both  $i$  and  $i'$  choose active categories  $k$  and  $k'$ : the distance is unchanged:

$$d_q^{2'} = \frac{1}{f_k} + \frac{1}{f_{k'}}$$

- $i$  chooses active category  $k$  and  $i'$  passive category  $k'$ :

$$d_q^2(i, i') = \frac{1}{f_k} \text{ (dropping } \frac{1}{f_{k'}})$$

*Geometric viewpoint:*

→ projection of the cloud onto a subspace of interest.

## Cloud of categories

subcloud of categories of active questions with weights and distances unchanged.

- **Dimension of the cloud:**  $K' - Q'$

number of active categories ( $K'$ ) minus number of questions without passive categories ( $Q'$ ).

- **Specific overall variance:**

$$\frac{K'}{Q} - \sum_{k \in K'} p_k = \text{sum of eigenvalues}$$

- **Modified rates:**

calculate  $\bar{\lambda}$  = specific variance divided by the number of dimensions of the cloud;

$$\text{modified rates} = \frac{(\lambda - \bar{\lambda})^2}{\sum (\lambda - \bar{\lambda})^2} \quad (\sum \text{ over } \lambda > \bar{\lambda}).$$

## Principal axes and principal variables

- Coordinates of individuals on an axis :

$$\text{Mean} = 0 \quad \text{Variance} = \text{specific eigenvalue}$$

- Coordinate of categories on an axis:
  - Mean of coordinates of *active and passive* categories (weighted by the relative weight  $f_k/Q$ ) = 0
  - Raw sum of squares of coordinates of *active* categories (weighted by  $p_k = f_k/Q$ ) =  $\lambda$

*Fundamental properties of standard MCA are preserved:*

- the principal axes of the cloud of individuals are in a one-one correspondence with those of the cloud of categories,
- the two clouds have the same eigenvalues.
- Link between the two clouds (transition formulas):

$$\bar{y} = \sqrt{\lambda} y$$

( $y$ : principal coordinate of category  $k$ )

$\bar{y}$ : principal coordinate of category mean–point  $k$ )

## III.12-a. Concentration Ellipses

*geometric summary of a subcloud in a principal plane*

$v_1$  = variance of the coordinates of the subcloud on axis 1.

$v_2$  = variance of the coordinates of the subcloud on axis 2.

$c$  = covariance between the 2 sets of coordinates.

$$\frac{v_2(y_1 - m_1)^2 - 2c(y_1 - m_1)(y_2 - m_2) + v_1(y_2 - m_2)^2}{v_1 v_2 - c^2} = \kappa^2$$

## Properties

The concentration ellipse\* of a subcloud is such that the half-axis of the ellipse is along the principal direction of the subcloud projected in the plane under study and its length is equal to  $2\sqrt{\lambda'}$ .

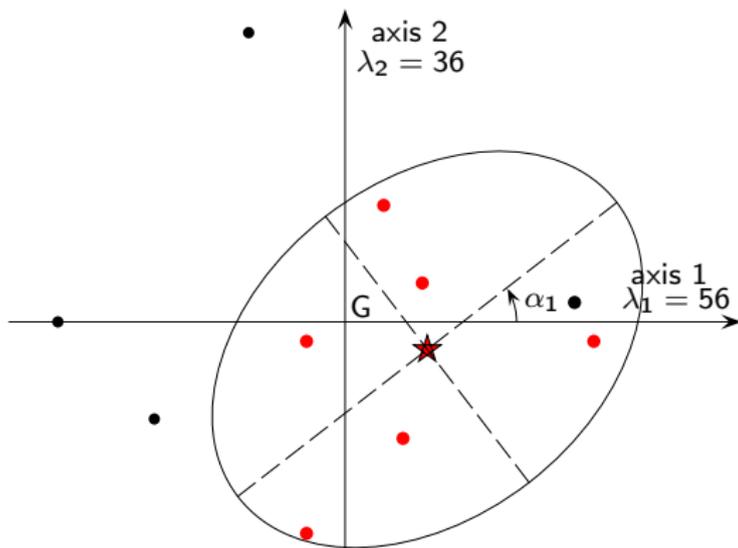
- A uniform distribution over the interior of the ellipse has the *same variance* as the subcloud.
- For a normally-shaped cloud, the concentration ellipse contains about *86% of the points* of the cloud.

Concentration ellipses are especially useful for studying families of subclouds induced by a structuring factor or a clustering procedure.

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\*see Cramér, 1946, p. 284; Le Roux & Rouanet (2010), p.69-T0

From the principal coordinates of the cloud of 10 points coordinates of the mean point  $C$  of the subcloud  $\mathcal{C}$  ( $m_1 = +3.8333$ ,  $m_2 = -1.2778$ ),  
 variances :  $v_1 = 25.30612$ ,  $v_2 = 21.22449$ ),  
 covariance :  $c = +7.75510$   
 Eigenvalues of the covariance matrix:  $\gamma_1^2 = 5.59$  and  $\gamma_2 = 3.90$ ;  
 $\tan \alpha_1 = \frac{\gamma_1^2 - v_1}{c} = 0.7709$ , hence  $\alpha_1 = 37.63^\circ$ .



## III.13-b. Class Specific Analysis (CSA)

Study of a class (subset) of individuals with reference to the whole set of individuals.

We seek to

- determine the specific features of the class,
- compare the *class subcloud* with the *initial cloud*.

## Class specific cloud of individuals

The distance between 2 individuals of the class is the one defined from the whole cloud.

## Class specific cloud of categories

The distance between two categories points depends on

- the relative frequencies of the categories in the class,
- the relative frequencies of the categories in the whole set,
- the conjoint frequency of the pairs of categories in the class.

## Principal axes and principal variables

- Coordinates of individuals on an axis :

$$\text{Mean} = 0 \quad \text{Var} = \text{specific eigenvalue}$$

- Coordinate of categories on an axis (weighted by the relative weight in the whole set):

$$\text{Mean} = 0 \quad \text{Var} = \text{specific eigenvalue}$$