

Psychology 405: Psychometric Theory

Analysis of the midterm

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Outline

Descriptives

IRT

total scores as sum scores

```
sort(mid$total)
[1] 16.5 18.0 18.5 18.5 20.0 21.0 21.5
```

```
> describe(mid$total)
  vars n  mean   sd median trimmed  mad  min  max range  skew kurt
X1    1 7 19.14 1.77  18.5   19.14 2.22 16.5 21.5    5 -0.01  -
```

```
round(sort(scale(mid$total)),2)
[1] -1.49 -0.64 -0.36 -0.36  0.48  1.05  1.33
```

Raw descriptives show some missing data

describe (mid)													
	vars	n	mean	sd	median	trimmed	mad	min	max	range	skew	kurtosis	se
q1	1	7	0.29	0.49	0.0	0.29	0.00	0.0	1.0	1.0	0.75	-1.60	0.18
q2	2	7	0.93	0.19	1.0	0.93	0.00	0.5	1.0	0.5	-1.62	0.80	0.07
q3	3	7	0.71	0.49	1.0	0.71	0.00	0.0	1.0	1.0	-0.75	-1.60	0.18
q4	4	7	0.50	0.29	0.5	0.50	0.00	0.0	1.0	1.0	0.00	-0.43	0.11
q5a	5	7	1.00	0.00	1.0	1.00	0.00	1.0	1.0	0.0	NaN	NaN	0.00
q5b	6	7	0.86	0.38	1.0	0.86	0.00	0.0	1.0	1.0	-1.62	0.80	0.14
q5c	7	7	0.57	0.53	1.0	0.57	0.00	0.0	1.0	1.0	-0.23	-2.20	0.20
q5d	8	7	0.71	0.49	1.0	0.71	0.00	0.0	1.0	1.0	-0.75	-1.60	0.18
q5e	9	7	0.86	0.38	1.0	0.86	0.00	0.0	1.0	1.0	-1.62	0.80	0.14
q5f	10	7	0.14	0.38	0.0	0.14	0.00	0.0	1.0	1.0	1.62	0.80	0.14
q5g	11	7	0.71	0.49	1.0	0.71	0.00	0.0	1.0	1.0	-0.75	-1.60	0.18
q5h	12	7	0.43	0.53	0.0	0.43	0.00	0.0	1.0	1.0	0.23	-2.20	0.20
q5i	13	7	0.71	0.49	1.0	0.71	0.00	0.0	1.0	1.0	-0.75	-1.60	0.18
q5j	14	7	0.29	0.49	0.0	0.29	0.00	0.0	1.0	1.0	0.75	-1.60	0.18
q5k	15	7	0.71	0.49	1.0	0.71	0.00	0.0	1.0	1.0	-0.75	-1.60	0.18
q5l	16	7	0.43	0.53	0.0	0.43	0.00	0.0	1.0	1.0	0.23	-2.20	0.20
q5m	17	7	0.57	0.53	1.0	0.57	0.00	0.0	1.0	1.0	-0.23	-2.20	0.20
q6	18	7	0.71	0.49	1.0	0.71	0.00	0.0	1.0	1.0	-0.75	-1.60	0.18
q7	19	7	0.43	0.53	0.0	0.43	0.00	0.0	1.0	1.0	0.23	-2.20	0.20
q8	20	7	0.71	0.49	1.0	0.71	0.00	0.0	1.0	1.0	-0.75	-1.60	0.18
q9	21	7	0.86	0.38	1.0	0.86	0.00	0.0	1.0	1.0	-1.62	0.80	0.14
q10	22	7	0.57	0.53	1.0	0.57	0.00	0.0	1.0	1.0	-0.23	-2.20	0.20
q11	23	7	0.71	0.49	1.0	0.71	0.00	0.0	1.0	1.0	-0.75	-1.60	0.18
q12	24	7	0.86	0.38	1.0	0.86	0.00	0.0	1.0	1.0	-1.62	0.80	0.14
q13	25	7	0.43	0.53	0.0	0.43	0.00	0.0	1.0	1.0	0.23	-2.20	0.20
q14	26	7	0.00	0.00	0.0	0.00	0.00	0.0	0.0	0.0	NaN	NaN	0.00
q15	27	7	0.00	0.00	0.0	0.00	0.00	0.0	0.0	0.0	NaN	NaN	0.00
q16	28	7	0.14	0.38	0.0	0.14	0.00	0.0	1.0	1.0	1.62	0.80	0.14
q17	29	7	0.14	0.38	0.0	0.14	0.00	0.0	1.0	1.0	1.62	0.80	0.14
q18	30	7	0.29	0.49	0.0	0.29	0.00	0.0	1.0	1.0	0.75	-1.60	0.18
q19	31	7	0.57	0.53	1.0	0.57	0.00	0.0	1.0	1.0	-0.23	-2.20	0.20
q20	32	7	0.14	0.38	0.0	0.14	0.00	0.0	1.0	1.0	1.62	0.80	0.14

Drop items with no variance

describe(mid[-c(5,26,27,33,36,39,43)])

	vars	n	mean	sd	median	trimmed	mad	min	max	range	skew	kurtosis	se
q1	1	7	0.29	0.49	0.0	0.29	0	0.0	1	1.0	0.75	-1.60	0.18
q2	2	7	0.93	0.19	1.0	0.93	0	0.5	1	0.5	-1.62	0.80	0.07
q3	3	7	0.71	0.49	1.0	0.71	0	0.0	1	1.0	-0.75	-1.60	0.18
q4	4	7	0.50	0.29	0.5	0.50	0	0.0	1	1.0	0.00	-0.43	0.11
q5b	5	7	0.86	0.38	1.0	0.86	0	0.0	1	1.0	-1.62	0.80	0.14
q5c	6	7	0.57	0.53	1.0	0.57	0	0.0	1	1.0	-0.23	-2.20	0.20
q5d	7	7	0.71	0.49	1.0	0.71	0	0.0	1	1.0	-0.75	-1.60	0.18
q5e	8	7	0.86	0.38	1.0	0.86	0	0.0	1	1.0	-1.62	0.80	0.14
q5f	9	7	0.14	0.38	0.0	0.14	0	0.0	1	1.0	1.62	0.80	0.14
q5g	10	7	0.71	0.49	1.0	0.71	0	0.0	1	1.0	-0.75	-1.60	0.18
q5h	11	7	0.43	0.53	0.0	0.43	0	0.0	1	1.0	0.23	-2.20	0.20
q5i	12	7	0.71	0.49	1.0	0.71	0	0.0	1	1.0	-0.75	-1.60	0.18
q5j	13	7	0.29	0.49	0.0	0.29	0	0.0	1	1.0	0.75	-1.60	0.18
q5k	14	7	0.71	0.49	1.0	0.71	0	0.0	1	1.0	-0.75	-1.60	0.18
q5l	15	7	0.43	0.53	0.0	0.43	0	0.0	1	1.0	0.23	-2.20	0.20
q5m	16	7	0.57	0.53	1.0	0.57	0	0.0	1	1.0	-0.23	-2.20	0.20
q6	17	7	0.71	0.49	1.0	0.71	0	0.0	1	1.0	-0.75	-1.60	0.18
q7	18	7	0.43	0.53	0.0	0.43	0	0.0	1	1.0	0.23	-2.20	0.20
q8	19	7	0.71	0.49	1.0	0.71	0	0.0	1	1.0	-0.75	-1.60	0.18
q9	20	7	0.86	0.38	1.0	0.86	0	0.0	1	1.0	-1.62	0.80	0.14
q10	21	7	0.57	0.53	1.0	0.57	0	0.0	1	1.0	-0.23	-2.20	0.20
q11	22	7	0.71	0.49	1.0	0.71	0	0.0	1	1.0	-0.75	-1.60	0.18
q12	23	7	0.86	0.38	1.0	0.86	0	0.0	1	1.0	-1.62	0.80	0.14
q13	24	7	0.43	0.53	0.0	0.43	0	0.0	1	1.0	0.23	-2.20	0.20
q16	25	7	0.14	0.38	0.0	0.14	0	0.0	1	1.0	1.62	0.80	0.14
q17	26	7	0.14	0.38	0.0	0.14	0	0.0	1	1.0	1.62	0.80	0.14
q18	27	7	0.29	0.49	0.0	0.29	0	0.0	1	1.0	0.75	-1.60	0.18
q19	28	7	0.57	0.53	1.0	0.57	0	0.0	1	1.0	-0.23	-2.20	0.20
q20	29	7	0.14	0.38	0.0	0.14	0	0.0	1	1.0	1.62	0.80	0.14
q22	30	7	0.43	0.53	0.0	0.43	0	0.0	1	1.0	0.23	-2.20	0.20
q23	31	7	0.57	0.53	1.0	0.57	0	0.0	1	1.0	-0.23	-2.20	0.20
q26	32	7	0.14	0.38	0.0	0.14	0	0.0	1	1.0	1.62	0.80	0.14

alpha of the scores

R code

```
alpha(mid[-c(5,26,27,33,36,39,43)])
```

Some items (q1 q3 q5c q5f q5h q5l q5m q8 q10 q11 q12 q13 q19 q23 q27 q29 q30) were negatively correlated with the first principal component. These items probably should be reversed.

To do this, run the function again with the 'check.keys=TRUE' option

Reliability analysis

```
Call: alpha(x = mid[-c(5, 26, 27, 33, 36, 39, 43)])
```

raw_alpha	std.alpha	G6(smc)	average_r	S/N	ase	mean	sd	median_r
-1.5	-0.95	-0.93	-0.014	-0.49	1.2	0.5	0.049	0

95% confidence boundaries

	lower	alpha	upper
Feldt	-5.07	-1.46	0.50
Duhachek	-3.90	-1.46	0.98

	raw_alpha	std.alpha	G6(smc)	average_r	S/N	var.r	med.r
q1	-0.88	-0.55	-0.54	-0.0103	-0.36	0.17	0.000
q2	-1.20	-0.58	-0.57	-0.0106	-0.37	0.17	0.000
q3	-0.89	-0.55	-0.54	-0.0103	-0.36	0.17	0.000
q4	-1.64	-1.12	-1.09	-0.0154	-0.53	0.17	-0.091
q5b	-2.16	-1.63	-1.59	-0.0180	-0.62	0.16	0.000
q5c	-1.05	-0.63	-0.62	-0.0112	-0.39	0.16	0.000
q5d	-1.06	-0.78	-0.76	-0.0127	-0.44	0.17	0.000
q5e	-2.16	-1.63	-1.59	-0.0180	-0.62	0.16	0.000
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Allow items to be reversed – but is this meaningful for an exam?

R code

```
alpha(mid[-c(5, 26, 27, 33, 36, 39, 43)], check.keys=TRUE)
```

Reliability analysis

```
Call: alpha(x = mid[-c(5, 26, 27, 33, 36, 39, 43)], check.keys = TRUE)
```

raw_alpha	std.alpha	G6(smc)	average_r	S/N	ase	mean	sd	median_r
0.9	0.91	0.88	0.21	9.7	0.053	0.53	0.22	0.26

95\% confidence boundaries

	lower	alpha	upper
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Feldt	0.76	0.9	0.98
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Duhachek	0.80	0.9	1.01
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Reliability if an item is dropped:

	raw_alpha	std.alpha	G6(smc)	average_r	S/N	var.r	med.r
q1-	0.90	0.90	0.88	0.21	9.5	0.12	0.26
q2	0.90	0.90	0.88	0.21	9.4	0.12	0.26
q3-	0.90	0.90	0.88	0.21	9.5	0.12	0.26
q4	0.90	0.91	0.88	0.22	9.9	0.12	0.26
q5b	0.90	0.90	0.87	0.21	9.1	0.12	0.26
q5c-	0.90	0.90	0.88	0.21	9.2	0.12	0.26
q5d	0.90	0.90	0.88	0.21	9.5	0.12	0.26
q5e	0.90	0.90	0.87	0.21	9.1	0.12	0.26
q5f-	0.91	0.91	0.88	0.22	10.1	0.12	0.26
q5g	0.89	0.90	0.87	0.20	8.7	0.12	0.26
q5h-	0.91	0.91	0.88	0.22	10.1	0.12	0.26
q5i	0.90	0.90	0.88	0.21	9.2	0.12	0.26

....

Try IRT analysis

R code

```
f1 <- irt.fa(mid[-c(5,26,27,33,36,39,43)])  
f1
```

```
f1  
Item Response Analysis using Factor Analysis
```

```
Call: irt.fa(x = mid[-c(5, 26, 27, 33, 36, 39, 43)])  
Item Response Analysis using Factor Analysis
```

```
Summary information by factor and item  
Factor = 1
```

	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3
q1	0.07	0.09	0.11	0.11	0.08	0.06	0.03
q3	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.03	0.03	0.02	0.02
q5b	0.32	0.57	0.36	0.11	0.03	0.01	0.00
q5c	0.04	0.08	0.12	0.15	0.14	0.10	0.06
q5e	0.32	0.57	0.36	0.11	0.03	0.01	0.00
q5g	0.11	0.40	0.66	0.33	0.08	0.02	0.00
q5i	0.07	0.11	0.14	0.13	0.10	0.06	0.03
q5j	0.02	0.05	0.12	0.26	0.32	0.22	0.10
q5k	0.05	0.06	0.07	0.07	0.06	0.05	0.03
q5l	0.06	0.10	0.15	0.16	0.13	0.08	0.04
q5m	0.04	0.06	0.08	0.09	0.08	0.07	0.05
q7	0.02	0.02	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.02	0.02
q8	0.03	0.05	0.08	0.10	0.11	0.09	0.06
q9	0.32	0.57	0.36	0.11	0.03	0.01	0.00
q10	0.04	0.09	0.18	0.25	0.22	0.13	0.06
q12	0.02	0.04	0.07	0.11	0.14	0.14	0.10
q13	0.02	0.02	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.02	0.02
q16	0.02	0.04	0.07	0.13	0.18	0.18	0.12
q17	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.02
q18	0.02	0.05	0.12	0.26	0.32	0.22	0.10
q19	0.03	0.05	0.05	0.06	0.06	0.05	0.04

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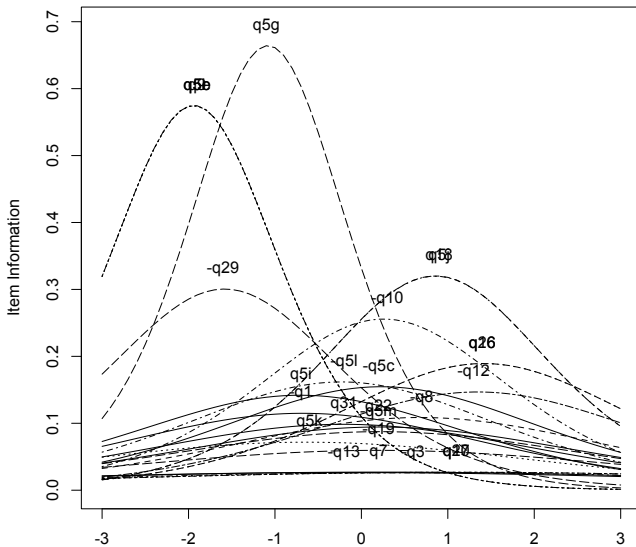
R code

```
plot(f1)  
plot(f1, type="test")
```

q19	0.03	0.05	0.05	0.06	0.06	0.05	0.04
q20	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.02
q22	0.04	0.06	0.08	0.09	0.09	0.07	0.05
q26	0.02	0.04	0.07	0.13	0.18	0.18	0.12
q29	0.17	0.29	0.27	0.15	0.06	0.02	0.01
q31	0.05	0.07	0.09	0.10	0.09	0.06	0.04
Test Info	1.94	3.55	3.76	3.15	2.66	1.91	1.15
SEM	0.72	0.53	0.52	0.56	0.61	0.72	0.93
Reliability	0.48	0.72	0.73	0.68	0.62	0.48	0.13

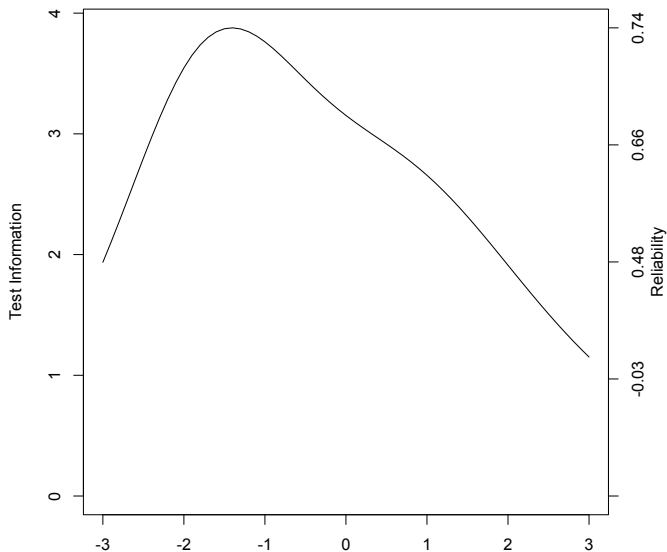
Item information

Item information from factor analysis



Test information

Test information from factor analysis



But some of those items seem to be reversed scored!

R code

```
f1$fa$loadings
```

```
' f1$fa$loadings
```

```
Loadings:
```

```
MR1
```

```
q1 -0.561
```

```
q2 -0.123
```

```
q3 -0.307
```

```
q4 -0.166
```

```
q5b 0.835
```

```
q5c -0.618
```

```
q5d 0.184
```

```
q5e 0.835
```

```
q5f
```

```
q5g 0.852
```

```
q5h
```

```
q5i 0.602
```

```
q5j 0.749
```

```
q5k 0.472
```

```
q5l -0.627
```

```
q5m -0.509
```

```
q6 0.132
```

```
q7 0.312
```

```
q8 -0.550
```

```
q9 0.835
```

```
q10 -0.711
```

```
q11
```

```
q12 -0.608
```

```
q13 -0.309
```

```
q16 0.656
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```
q17 0.311
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q18 0.749
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```
q19 0.422
```

Tests require meaningful variability and good items

1. Although IRT does not require variance of the total score, the FA approach to IRT is based on the correlations, and does.
2. Need to try other IRT approaches