

Multinomial Processing Tree Models in R

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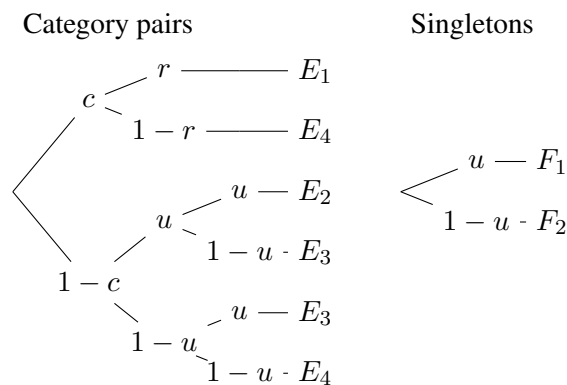
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Multinomial processing tree models are a class of statistical models for categorical data with latent parameters. These parameters are the link probabilities of a tree-like graph and represent the cognitive processing steps executed to arrive at observable response categories (Batchelder & Riefer, 1999; Erdfelder et al., 2009; Riefer & Batchelder, 1988).

In this presentation, the **mpt** package (Wickelmaier, 2011) in *R* is introduced which provides functions for fitting and testing such models. The model structure is represented symbolically using a simple formula interface. Parameter estimation is carried out by the expectation-maximization algorithm described in Hu and Batchelder (1994). The statistical procedures are illustrated using examples from cognitive psychology and memory research.



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