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**Description** Functions for analyzing check-all-that-apply (CATA) data from consumer and sensory tests. Cochran's Q test, McNemar's test, and Penalty-Lift analysis provided, as described in for CATA data analysis by Meyners, Castura & Carr (2013) <[doi:10.1016/j.foodqual.2013.06.010](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.foodqual.2013.06.010)>. Cluster analysis can be performed using b-cluster analysis. The quality of cluster analysis solutions can be evaluated using various measures. The methods related to b-cluster analysis are described in a manuscript by Castura, Meyners, Varela & Naes (2022) <[doi:10.1016/j.foodqual.2022.104564](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.foodqual.2022.104564)>.

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barray	<i>Convert 3d array of CATA data to 4d array of CATA differences</i>
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## Description

Converts a three-dimensional array (I assessors, J products, M attributes) to a four-dimensional array of product comparisons (I assessors,  $J(J-1)/2$  product comparisons, two outcomes (of type b or c), M attributes)

## Usage

```
barray(X, values = "bc", type.in = "binary", type.out = "binary")
```

## Arguments

X	three-dimensional array (I assessors, J products, M attributes) where values are $\emptyset$ (not checked) or 1 (checked)
values	"bc" (default) returns two outcomes: b and c; otherwise "abcd" returns four outcomes: a, b, c, d.
type.in	type of data submitted; default (binary) may be set to ordinal or scale.
type.out	currently only binary is implemented

## Value

A four-dimensional array of product comparisons having I assessors,  $J(J-1)/2$  product comparisons, outcomes (see values parameter), M attributes

## References

Castura, J.C., Meyners, M., Varela, P., & Næs, T. (2022). Clustering consumers based on product discrimination in check-all-that-apply (CATA) data. *Food Quality and Preference*, 104564. doi: [10.1016/j.foodqual.2022.104564](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.foodqual.2022.104564).

**Examples**

```
data(bread)

# Get the 4d array of CATA differences for the first 10 consumers
b <- barray(bread$cata[1:10,,,])
```

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bcluster	<i>Wrapper function for b-cluster analysis</i>
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**Description**

By default, `bcluster` calls a function to perform b-cluster analysis by a non-hierarchical iterative ascent algorithm, then inspects results if there are multiple runs.

**Usage**

```
bcluster(X, inspect = TRUE, inspect.plot = TRUE, algorithm = "n",
measure = "b", G = NULL, M = NULL, max.iter = 500, tol = exp(-32),
runs = 1, seed = 2021, verbose = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

<code>X</code>	three-way array with I assessors, J products, M attributes where CATA data have values 0 (not checked) and 1 (checked)
<code>inspect</code>	default (TRUE) calls the <code>inspect</code> function to evaluate all solutions (when runs>1)
<code>inspect.plot</code>	default (TRUE) plots results from the <code>inspect</code> function
<code>algorithm</code>	default is n for non-hierarchical; h for hierarchical
<code>measure</code>	default is b for the b-measure; Q for Cochran's Q test
<code>G</code>	number of clusters (required for non-hierarchical algorithm)
<code>M</code>	initial cluster memberships
<code>max.iter</code>	maximum number of iteration allowed (default 500)
<code>tol</code>	non-hierarchical algorithm stops if variance over 5 iterations is less than tol (default: $\exp(-32)$ )
<code>runs</code>	number of runs (defaults to 1)
<code>seed</code>	for reproducibility (default is 2021)
<code>verbose</code>	maximum number of iterations

**Value**

list with elements:

- `runs` : b-cluster analysis results from `bcluster.n` or `bcluster.h` (in a list if runs>1)
- `inspect` : result from `inspect` (the plot from this function is rendered if `inspect.plot` is TRUE)

## References

Castura, J.C., Meyners, M., Varela, P., & Næs, T. (2022). Clustering consumers based on product discrimination in check-all-that-apply (CATA) data. *Food Quality and Preference*, 104564. doi: [10.1016/j.foodqual.2022.104564](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.foodqual.2022.104564).

## Examples

```
data(bread)

# b-cluster analysis on the first 14 consumers and the first 6 attributes
(b1 <- bcluster(bread$cata[1:14,,1:6], G=2))
# identical to:
# (b2 <- bcluster.n(bread$cata[1:10,,1:6], G=2))
```

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bcluster.h

*b-cluster analysis by hierarchical agglomerative strategy*


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## Description

Perform b-clustering using the hierarchical agglomerative clustering strategy.

## Usage

```
bcluster.h(X, measure = "b", runs = 1, seed = 2021, verbose = FALSE)
```

## Arguments

X	three-way array; the I, J, M array has I assessors, J products, M attributes where CATA data have values 0 (not checked) and 1 (checked)
measure	currently only b (the b-measure) is implemented
runs	number of runs (defaults to 1; use a higher number of runs for a real application)
seed	for reproducibility (default is 2021)
verbose	maximum number of iterations

## Value

An object of class `hclust` from hierarchical b-cluster analysis results (a list of such objects if `runs>1`), where each `hclust` object has the structure described in [hclust](#) as well as the item `retainedB` (a vector indicating the retained sensory differentiation at each iteration (merger)).

## References

Castura, J.C., Meyners, M., Varela, P., & Næs, T. (2022). Clustering consumers based on product discrimination in check-all-that-apply (CATA) data. *Food Quality and Preference*, 104564. doi: [10.1016/j.foodqual.2022.104564](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.foodqual.2022.104564).

**Examples**

```

data(bread)

# hierarchical b-cluster analysis on first 10 consumers and first 6 attributes
b <- bcluster.h(bread$cata[1:14,,1:6])

plot(as.dendrogram(b),
     main = "Hierarchical b-cluster analysis",
     sub = "10 bread consumers on 6 attributes")

```

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bcluster.n	<i>b-cluster analysis by non-hierarchical iterative ascent clustering strategy</i>
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**Description**

Non-hierarchical b-cluster analysis transfers assessors iteratively to reach a local maximum in sensory differentiation retained.

**Usage**

```

bcluster.n(X, G, M = NULL, measure = "b", max.iter = 500, runs = 1,
X.input = "data", tol = exp(-32), seed = 2021, verbose = FALSE)

```

**Arguments**

X	CATA data organized in a three-way array (assessors, products, attributes)
G	number of clusters (required for non-hierarchical algorithm)
M	initial cluster memberships
measure	b (default) for the b-measure is implemented
max.iter	maximum number of iteration allowed (default 500)
runs	number of runs (defaults to 1)
X.input	either "data" (default) or "bc" if X is obtained from the function <a href="#">barray</a>
tol	algorithm stops if variance over 5 iterations is less than tol (default: exp(-32))
seed	for reproducibility (default is 2021)
verbose	maximum number of iterations

**Value**

An object of class `bclust.n` (or a list of such objects if `runs>1`), where each such object has the following components:

- `cluster` : vector of the final cluster memberships
- `totalB` : value of the total sensory differentiation in data set

- retainedB : value of sensory differentiation retained in b-cluster analysis solution
- progression : vector of sensory differentiation retained in each iteration
- iter : number of iterations completed
- finished : boolean indicates whether the algorithm converged before max.iter

## References

Castura, J.C., Meyners, M., Varela, P., & Næs, T. (2022). Clustering consumers based on product discrimination in check-all-that-apply (CATA) data. *Food Quality and Preference*, 104564. doi: [10.1016/j.foodqual.2022.104564](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.foodqual.2022.104564).

## Examples

```
data(bread)

# b-cluster analysis on the first 10 consumers and the first 6 attributes
(b <- bcluster.n(bread$cata[1:10, , 1:6], G=2))
```

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cochranQ

*Cochran's Q test*

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## Description

Calculate Cochran's Q test statistic. The null hypothesis that is assumed is that product proportions are all equal. The alternative hypothesis is that product proportions are not all equal.

## Usage

```
cochranQ(X, na.rm = TRUE, quiet = FALSE, digits = getOption("digits"))
```

## Arguments

X	matrix of I assessors (rows) and J products (columns) where values are 0 (not checked) or 1 (checked)
na.rm	should NA values be removed?
quiet	if FALSE (default) then it prints information related to the test; if TRUE it returns only the test statistic (Q)
digits	significant digits (to display)

## Value

Q test statistic

## References

- Cochran, W. G. (1950). The comparison of percentages in matched samples. *Biometrika*, 37, 256-266.
- Meyners, M., Castura, J.C., & Carr, B.T. (2013). Existing and new approaches for the analysis of CATA data. *Food Quality and Preference*, 30, 309-319, doi: [10.1016/j.foodqual.2013.06.010](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.foodqual.2013.06.010)

## See Also

[mcnemarQ](#)

## Examples

```
data(bread)

# Cochran's Q test on the first 40 consumers on the first attribute ("Fresh")
cochranQ(bread$cata[1:40,,1])
```

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Consumer CATA data set: bread

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## Description

Raw results from CATA and Liking evaluations of six bread products samples by 161 consumers.

## Format

A list with 4 items:

- `$cata` : check-all-that-apply (CATA) data (array, 161 consumers x 6 breads x 31 sensory attributes)
- `$liking` : 9-point hedonic scale data (matrix, 161 consumers x 6 breads)
- `$ideal.cata` : check-all-that-apply (CATA) data for ideal bread (matrix, 161 consumers x 31 sensory attributes)
- `$liking` : 9-point hedonic scale data for ideal bread(vector, 161 consumers)

CATA data is coded 1 if the attribute is checked; otherwise it is coded 0

## References

- Meyners, M., Castura, J.C., & Carr, B.T. (2013). Existing and new approaches for the analysis of CATA data. *Food Quality and Preference*, 30, 309-319, doi: [10.1016/j.foodqual.2013.06.010](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.foodqual.2013.06.010)

## Examples

```
data(bread)
head(bread$cata)
```

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 evaluateClusterQuality

*Evaluate Quality of Cluster Analysis Solution*


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### Description

Evaluate the quality of cluster analysis solutions using measures related to within-cluster product discrimination, between-cluster non-redundancy, overall diversity (coverage), average RV, sensory differentiation retained, and within-cluster homogeneity.

### Usage

```
evaluateClusterQuality(X, M, alpha = .05, M.order = NULL,
  quiet = FALSE, digits = getOption("digits"), ...)
```

### Arguments

X	three-way array; the I, J, M array has I assessors, J products, codeM attributes where CATA data have values 0 (not checked) and 1 (checked)
M	cluster memberships
alpha	significance level to be used for two-tailed tests
M.order	can be used to change the cluster numbers (e.g. to label cluster 1 as cluster 2 and vice versa); defaults to NULL
quiet	if FALSE (default) then it prints information quality measures; if TRUE then returns results without printing
digits	significant digits (to display)
...	other parameters for <code>print.default</code> (if quiet = TRUE).

### Value

A list containing cluster analysis quality measures:

- `$solution` :
  - `Pct.b` = percentage of the total sensory differentiation retained in the solution
  - `min(NR)` = smallest observed between-cluster non-redundancy
  - `Div_G` = overall diversity (coverage)
  - `H_G` = overall homogeneity (weighted average of within-cluster homogeneity indices)
  - `avRV` = average RV coefficient for all between-cluster comparisons
- `$clusters` :
  - `ng` = number of cluster members
  - `bg` = sensory differentiation retained in cluster
  - `xbarg` = average citation rate in cluster
  - `Hg` = homogeneity index within cluster (see [homogeneity](#))



- Dg = within-cluster product discrimination
- `$nonredundancy.clusterpairs` :
  - square data frame showing non-redundancy for each pair of clusters (low values indicate high redundancy)
- `$rv.clusterpairs` :
  - square data frame with RV coefficient for each pair of clusters (high values indicate higher similarity in product configurations)

## References

Castura, J.C., Meyners, M., Varela, P., & Næs, T. (2022). Clustering consumers based on product discrimination in check-all-that-apply (CATA) data. *Food Quality and Preference*, 104564. doi: [10.1016/j.foodqual.2022.104564](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.foodqual.2022.104564).

## See Also

[homogeneity](#)

## Examples

```
data(bread)
evaluateClusterQuality(bread$cata[1:14,,1:6], M = rep(1:2, each = 7))
```

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getb

*Calculate the b-measure*

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## Description

Function to calculate the b-measure, which quantifies the sensory differentiation retained.

## Usage

```
getb(X.b, X.c)
```

## Arguments

X.b	three-way (I, J(J-1)/2, M) array with I assessors, J(J-1)/2 product comparisons, M CATA attributes, where values are counts of type b from the function <a href="#">barray</a> )
X.c	array of same dimension as X.b, where values are counts of type b from the function <a href="#">barray</a> )

## Value

b-measure

## References

Castura, J.C., Meyners, M., Varela, P., & Næs, T. (2022). Clustering consumers based on product discrimination in check-all-that-apply (CATA) data. *Food Quality and Preference*, 104564. doi: [10.1016/j.foodqual.2022.104564](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.foodqual.2022.104564).

## Examples

```
data(bread)

bread.bc <- barray(bread$cata)
getb(bread.bc[1:10,,1,], bread.bc[1:10,,2,])
```

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homogeneity	<i>Calculate within-cluster homogeneity</i>
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## Description

Within a group of N consumers, the Homogeneity index lies between 1/N (no homogeneity) to 1 (perfect homogeneity).

## Usage

```
homogeneity(X)
```

## Arguments

X three-way array; the I, J, M array has I assessors, J products, codeM attributes where CATA data have values 0 (not checked) and 1 (checked)

## Value

homogeneity index

## References

Llobell, F., Cariou, V., Vigneau, E., Labenne, A., & Qannari, E. M. (2019). A new approach for the analysis of data and the clustering of subjects in a CATA experiment. *Food Quality and Preference*, 72, 31-39, doi: [10.1016/j.foodqual.2018.09.006](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.foodqual.2018.09.006)

## Examples

```
data(bread)

# homogeneity index for the first 7 consumers on the first 6 attributes
homogeneity(bread$cata[1:7,,1:6])
```

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inspect	<i>Inspect/summarize many b-cluster analysis runs</i>
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### Description

Inspect many runs of b-cluster analysis. Calculate sensory differentiation retained and recurrence rate.

### Usage

```
inspect(X, G = 2, bestB = NULL, bestM = NULL, inspect.plot = TRUE)
```

### Arguments

X	three-way array; the I, J, M array has I assessors, J products, codeM attributes where CATA data have values 0 (not checked) and 1 (checked)
G	number of clusters (required for non-hierarchical algorithm)
bestB	total sensory differentiation retained in the best solution. If not provided, then bestB is determined from best solution in the runs provided (in X).
bestM	cluster memberships for best solution. If not provided, then the best solution is determined from the runs provided (in X).
inspect.plot	default (TRUE) plots results from the <a href="#">inspect</a> function

### Value

A data frame with unique solutions in rows and the following columns:

- B : Sensory differentiation retained
- pctB : Percentage of the total sensory differentiation retained
- B.prop : Proportion of sensory differentiation retained compared to best solution
- raw.agree : raw agreement with best solution
- count : number of runs for which this solution was observed
- c.1, c.2, . . . : remaining columns gives index of the cluster to which the consumers (columns) are allocated

### References

Castura, J.C., Meyners, M., Varela, P., & Næs, T. (2022). Clustering consumers based on product discrimination in check-all-that-apply (CATA) data. *Food Quality and Preference*, 104564. doi: [10.1016/j.foodqual.2022.104564](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.foodqual.2022.104564).

### Examples

```
data(bread)

res <- bcluster.n(bread$cata[1:10, , 1:8], G = 2, runs = 5)
inspect(res)
```

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 mcnemarQ

*McNemar's test*


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### Description

Pairwise tests are conducted using the two-tailed binomial test. These tests can be conducted after Cochran's Q test.

### Usage

```
mcnemarQ(X, na.rm = TRUE, quiet = FALSE, digits = getOption("digits"))
```

### Arguments

X	matrix of I assessors (rows) and J products (columns) where values are 0 (not checked) or 1 (checked)
na.rm	should NA values be removed?
quiet	if FALSE (default) then it prints information related to the test; if TRUE it returns only the test statistic (Q)
digits	significant digits (to display)

### Value

Test results for all McNemar pairwise tests conducted via the binomial test

### References

Cochran, W. G. (1950). The comparison of percentages in matched samples. *Biometrika*, 37, 256-266.

McNemar, Q. (1947). Note on the sampling error of the difference between correlated proportions or percentages. *Psychometrika*, 12(2), 153-157.

Meyners, M., Castura, J.C., & Carr, B.T. (2013). Existing and new approaches for the analysis of CATA data. *Food Quality and Preference*, 30, 309-319, doi: [10.1016/j.foodqual.2013.06.010](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.foodqual.2013.06.010)

### See Also

[cochranQ](#)

### Examples

```
data(bread)

# McNemar's exact pairwise test for all product pairs
# on the first 40 consumers and the first attribute ("Fresh")
mcnemarQ(bread$cata[1:40,,1])
```

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pLift

*Penalty-Lift Analysis*

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## Description

Penalty-Lift analysis for CATA variables, which is the difference between the average hedonic response when CATA attribute is checked vs. the average hedonic response when CATA attribute is not checked.

## Usage

```
pLift(X, Y)
```

## Arguments

X            *either* a matrix of CATA data with I consumers (rows) and J products (columns) *or* an array of CATA data with I consumers, J products, and M attributes.

Y            matrix of hedonic data with I consumers (rows) and J products (columns)

## Value

Penalty lift for the attribute if X is a matrix; otherwise, penalty-lift for each attribute if X is a 3d array.

## References

Meyners, M., Castura, J.C., & Carr, B.T. (2013). Existing and new approaches for the analysis of CATA data. *Food Quality and Preference*, 30, 309-319, doi: [10.1016/j.foodqual.2013.06.010](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.foodqual.2013.06.010)

## Examples

```
data(bread)

# penalty lift, based only on the first 20 consumers

# for the first attribute ("Fresh")
pLift(bread$cata[1:20,,1], bread$liking[1:20, ])

# for the first 3 attributes
pLift(bread$cata[1:20,,1:3], bread$liking[1:20, ])
```

rv.coef

*Calculate RV Coefficient*

---

**Description**

Calculate RV coefficient

**Usage**

```
rv.coef(X, Y, method = 1)
```

**Arguments**

X	input matrix (same dimensions as Y)
Y	input matrix (same dimensions as X)
method	1 (default) and 2 give identical RV coefficients

**Value**

RV coefficient

**References**

Robert, P., & Escoufier, Y. (1976). A unifying tool for linear multivariate statistical methods: the RV-coefficient. *Journal of the Royal Statistical Society: Series C (Applied Statistics)*, 25, 257-265.

**Examples**

```
# Generate some data
set.seed(123)
X <- matrix(rnorm(8), nrow = 4)
Y <- matrix(rnorm(8), nrow = 4)

# get the RV coefficient
rv.coef(X, Y)
```

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salton*Salton's cosine measure*

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**Description**

Calculate Salton's cosine measure

**Usage**

```
salton(X, Y)
```

**Arguments**

X                    input matrix (same dimensions as Y)  
 Y                    input matrix (same dimensions as X)

**Value**

Salton's cosine measure

**References**

Salton, G., & McGill, M.J. (1983). *Introduction to Modern Information Retrieval*. Toronto: McGraw-Hill.

**Examples**

```
# Generate some data
set.seed(123)
X <- matrix(rnorm(8), nrow = 4)
Y <- matrix(rnorm(8), nrow = 4)

# get Salton's cosine measure
salton(X, Y)
```

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toMatrix

*Converts 3d array of CATA data to a tall 2d matrix format*


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**Description**

Converts a three-dimensional array (I assessors, J products, M attributes) to a two-dimensional matrix with (I assessors, J products) rows and (M attributes) columns, optionally preceded by two columns of row headers.

**Usage**

```
toMatrix(X, header.rows = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

X                    three-dimensional array (I assessors, J products, M attributes) where values are 0 (not checked) or 1 (checked)  
 header.rows        TRUE (default) includes row headers; set to FALSE to exclude these headers

**Value**

A matrix with I assessors \* J products in rows and M attributes in columns (preceded by 2 columns) of headers if header.rows = TRUE

**Examples**

```
data(bread)

# convert CATA results from the first 10 consumers and the first 4 attributes
# to a tall matrix
toMatrix(bread$cata[1:10,,1:4])
```

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toWideMatrix	<i>Converts 3d array of CATA data to a wide 2d matrix format</i>
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**Description**

Converts a three-dimensional array (I assessors, J products, M attributes) to a two-dimensional matrix (J products, (I assessors, M attributes))

**Usage**

```
toWideMatrix(X)
```

**Arguments**

X                    three-dimensional array (I assessors, J products, M attributes) where values are 0 (not checked) or 1 (checked)

**Value**

A matrix with J products in rows and I assessors \* M attributes in columns

**Examples**

```
data(bread)

# convert CATA results from the first 10 consumers and the first 4 attributes
# to a wide matrix
toWideMatrix(bread$cata[1:10,,1:4])
```



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