**mca postestimation plots** — Postestimation plots for mca

Postestimation commands

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**mcaplot**

**Description for mcaplot**

mcaplot produces a scatterplot of category points of the MCA variables in two dimensions.

**Menu for mcaplot**

Statistics > Multivariate analysis > Correspondence analysis > Postestimation after MCA or JCA > Plot of category coordinates

**Syntax for mcaplot**

```
mcaplot [ speclist ] [, options]
```

where

```
speclist = spec [ spec ... ]

spec = varlist | (varname [ , plot_options ])
```

and variables in varlist or varname must be from the preceding mca and may refer to either a regular categorical variable or a crossed variable. The variables may also be supplementary.
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plot_options

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Options for mcaplot

Plots

plot_options affect the rendition of markers, including their shape, size, color, and outline (see [G-3] marker_options) and specify if and how the markers are to be labeled (see [G-3] marker_label_options). These options may be specified for each variable. If the overlay option is not specified, then for each variable you may also specify many of the twoway_options excluding by(), name(), and aspectratio(); see [G-3] twoway_options. See twoway_options below for a warning against using options such as xlabel(), xscale(), ylabel(), and yscale().

Options

combine_options affect the rendition of the combined plot; see [G-2] graph combine. combine_options may not be specified with overlay.

overlay overlays the biplot graphs for the variables. The default is to produce a combined graph of the biplot graphs.

dimensions(#1 #2) identifies the dimensions to be displayed. For instance, dimensions(3 2) plots the third dimension (vertically) versus the second dimension (horizontally). The dimension number cannot exceed the number of extracted dimensions. The default is dimensions(2 1).

normalize(norm) specifies the normalization of the coordinates. normalize(standard) returns coordinates in standard normalization. normalize(principal) returns principal coordinates. The default is the normalization method specified with mca during estimation, or normalize(standard) if no method was specified.
`maxlength(#{})` specifies the maximum number of characters for row and column labels; the default is `maxlength(12)`.

`xnegate` specifies that the $x$-axis coordinates be negated (multiplied by $-1$).

`ynegate` specifies that the $y$-axis coordinates be negated (multiplied by $-1$).

`origin` marks the origin and draws the origin axes.

`originlopts(line_options)` affect the rendition of the origin axes. See [G-3] `line_options`.

`twoway_options` are any of the options documented in [G-3] `twoway_options` excluding `by()`.

`mcaplot` automatically adjusts the aspect ratio on the basis of the range of the data and ensures that the axes are balanced. As an alternative, the `twoway_option aspectratio()` can be used to override the default aspect ratio. `mcaplot` accepts the `aspectratio()` option as a suggestion only and will override it when necessary to produce plots with balanced axes; that is, distance on the $x$ axis equals distance on the $y$ axis.

`twoway_options` such as `xlabel()`, `xscale()`, `ylabel()`, and `yscale()` should be used with caution. These options `axis_options` are accepted but may have unintended side effects on the aspect ratio. See [G-3] `twoway_options`. 
mcaprojection

Description for mcaprojection

mcaprojection produces a projection plot of the coordinates of the categories of the MCA variables.

Menu for mcaprojection

Statistics > Multivariate analysis > Correspondence analysis > Postestimation after MCA or JCA > Dimension projection plot

Syntax for mcaprojection

mcaprojection [ speclist ] [ , options ]

where

speclist = spec [ spec ... ]

spec = varlist | (varname [ , plot_options ])

and variables in varlist or varname must be from the preceding mca and may refer to either a regular categorical variable or a crossed variable. The variables may also be supplementary.

options Description

Options

dimensions(numlist) display numlist dimensions; default is all
normalize(principal) scores (coordinates) should be in principal normalization
normalize(standard) scores (coordinates) should be in standard normalization
alternate alternate labels
maxlength(#) use # as maximum number of characters for labels; default is maxlength(12)
combine_options affect the rendition of the combined graphs

Y axis, X axis, Titles, Legend, Overall
twoway_options any options other than by() documented in [G-3] twoway_options

plot_options Description

marker_options change look of markers (color, size, etc.)
marker_label_options add marker labels; change look or position
twoway_options titles, legends, axes, added lines and text, regions, etc.
Options for mcaprojection

- **plot_options** affect the rendition of markers, including their shape, size, color, and outline (see [G-3] marker_options) and specify if and how the markers are to be labeled (see [G-3] marker_label_options). These options may be specified for each variable. If the overlay option is not specified then for each variable you may also specify twoway_options excluding by() and name(); see [G-3] twoway_options.

- **dimensions(numlist)** identifies the dimensions to be displayed. By default, all dimensions are displayed.
- **normalize(norm)** specifies the normalization of the coordinates. normalize(standard) returns coordinates in standard normalization. normalize(principal) returns principal coordinates. The default is the normalization method specified with mca during estimation, or normalize(standard) if no method was specified.
- **alternate** causes adjacent labels to alternate sides.
- **maxlength(#)** specifies the maximum number of characters for row and column labels; the default is maxlen(12).

- **combine_options** affect the rendition of the combined plot; see [G-2] graph combine. These options may not be used if only one variable is specified.

- **twoway_options** are any of the options documented in [G-3] twoway_options, excluding by().

Remarks and examples

Several examples of mcaplot were displayed in [MV] mca, so we will not give more examples here. The discussion in [MV] ca postestimation is also relevant.

We will focus on mcaprojection, which is the mca analogue of caprojection, just as mcaplot is the analogue of cabiplot.

Example 1: MCA dimension projection plot

mcaprojection produces a projection plot of the column coordinates after mca. We continue with example 1 of [MV] mca postestimation. Say that we want to examine the projections in the principal normalization.

```
. use https://www.stata-press.com/data/r16/issp93
   (Selection from ISSP (1993))
. mca A-D, method(joint)
   (output omitted)
```
. mcaprojection, norm(principal)

We would see the same alignment of points in the standard normalization, but the scale would be changed. We have noted previously that item D does not behave like the other variables in the MCA. Each of the first three variables, A, B, and C, has its responses arrayed in order from strong disagreement to strong agreement on the first dimension. Here again, variable D is the only one of the four that shows a different ordering in its projection. We do not see a nice projection from strong disagreement to strong agreement on the second dimension, but an inspection indicates that the first three variables are all in the same order, with the last, D, opposed to the remainder.

Methods and formulas

See Methods and formulas in [MV] mca.

References

See References in [MV] mca.

Also see

[MV] mca — Multiple and joint correspondence analysis
[MV] mca postestimation — Postestimation tools for mca
[MV] ca — Simple correspondence analysis,
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