

# Compositional Data Analysis with R

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## R a free statistical language and environment

R (<http://www.r-project.org/>) is a free language and environment for statistical computing and graphics. R is similar to the award-winning S system, which was developed at Bell Laboratories by John Chambers et al. It provides a wide variety of statistical and graphical techniques (linear and nonlinear modelling, statistical tests, time series analysis, classification, clustering...).

The term *environment* is intended to characterize it as a fully planned and coherent system, rather than an incremental accretion of very specific and inflexible tools, as is frequently the case with other data analysis software.

R is an integrated suite of software facilities for data manipulation, calculation and graphical display.

## ... R a free statistical language and environment

It includes

- an effective data handling and storage facility,
- a suite of operators for calculations on arrays, in particular matrices,
- a large, coherent, integrated collection of intermediate tools for data analysis,
- graphical facilities for data analysis and display either on-screen or on hardcopy, and
- a well-developed, simple and effective programming language which includes conditionals, loops, user-defined recursive functions and input and output facilities.

The current version of the R library for compositional data analysis is available at <http://vlado.fmf.uni-lj.si/pub/mixture/>

## Aitchison's Household budget survey

from the Aitchison's book *The Statistical Analysis of Compositional Data*:

Sample survey of single persons living alone in a rented accommodation, twenty men and twenty women were randomly selected and asked to record over a period of one month their expenditures on the following four mutually exclusive and exhaustive commodity groups.

**H** – housing, including fuel and light,

**F** – foodstuffs, including alcohol and tobacco,

**O** – other goods, including clothing, footwear. . . ,

**S** – services, including transport and vehicle.

We consider only the expenditure proportions, not the values – *compositional data*.

## Aitchison's Household budget survey

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M4	892	842	287	395
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M7	388	655	153	233
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M10	1641	440	6471	2063
M11	1180	1243	768	813
M12	619	684	99	204
M13	253	422	15	48
M14	661	739	71	188
M15	1981	869	1489	1032
M16	1746	746	2662	1594
M17	1865	915	5184	1767
M18	238	522	29	75
M19	1199	1095	261	344
M20	1524	964	1739	1410

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W1	820	114	183	154
W2	184	74	6	20
W3	921	66	1686	455
W4	488	80	103	115
W5	721	83	176	104
W6	614	55	441	193
W7	801	56	357	214
W8	396	59	61	80
W9	864	65	1618	352
W10	845	64	1935	414
W11	404	97	33	47
W12	781	47	1906	452
W13	457	103	136	108
W14	1029	71	244	189
W15	1047	90	653	298
W16	552	91	185	158
W17	718	104	583	304
W18	495	114	65	74
W19	382	77	230	147
W20	1090	59	313	177

## The 'mixture' class in R

Household budget survey

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The *input mixture data* consist of a *data matrix* preceded by a *title*. In R we represent them as a structure  $m$

(  $m\$tit$ ,  $m\$mat$ ,  $m\$sum$ ,  $m\$sta$  )

$m\$sum$  is the *row sum* and

$m\$sta$  is a *status* with values:

- 2 – matrix contains negative elements
- 1 – zero sum row exists
- 0 – rows with different row sum(s)
- 1 – mixture with constant row sum
- 2 – normalized mixture

## The 'mix' procedures in R

We started to develop a library **MixeR** of functions in R to support the analysis of mixtures.

```
mix.Read(file, eps=1e-6)
```

Reads a mixture data from the *file* and returns it as a mixture structure. If  $|m\$sum - 1| < eps$  it sets  $m\$sta = 2$ .

```
mix.Check(m, eps=1e-6)
```

Determines the  $m\$sum$  and  $m\$sta$  of a given mixture structure  $m$ .

```
mix.Normalize(m)
```

Normalizes a given mixture structure  $m$  if  $m\$sta \geq 0$ .

```
mix.Random(nr, nc, s=1)
```

Generates a random mixture structure with  $nr$  rows,  $nc$  columns and row sum  $s$ .



## ... The 'mix' procedures in R

```
mix.Matrix(a, t)
```

Converts a matrix  $a$  with title  $t$  to a mixture structure.

```
mix.Ternary(m, lcex=1, add=FALSE, ord=1:3, ...)
```

Produces a ternary display of a given mixture structure  $m$ .

```
mix.Sub(m, k)
```

Returns a mixture structure obtained from  $m$  by extracting columns from the list  $k$ .

```
mix.Quad2Net(fnet, m)
```

Transforms a 4 column mixture  $m$  quadrays into 3d XYZ coordinates and writes them as a **Pajek** file. **Pajek** is available at

<http://vlado.fmf.uni-lj.si/pub/networks/pajek/>

## Compositional data sample space

Compositions (compounds, mixtures, alloy ...) can be represented with vectors of the portions of individual components. The portions are nonnegative and they have constant sum.

A suitable (one of) sample space for compositional data

$$\mathbf{w} = (w_1, \dots, w_D), \quad w_k \geq 0, \quad k = 1, \dots, D,$$

$$w_1 + \dots + w_D = \text{const.}$$

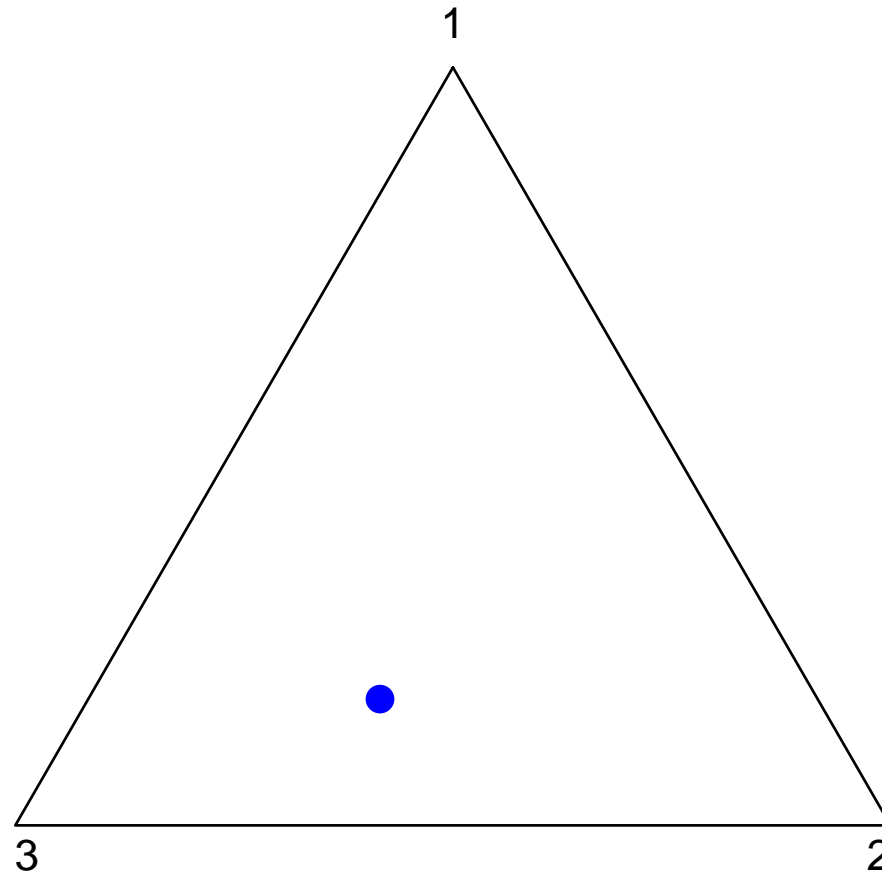
is the  $d$  - dimensional *unit simplex* ( $d := D - 1$ )

$$\mathcal{S}^d := \{\mathbf{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_D); x_k > 0, k = 1, \dots, D \wedge x_1 + \dots + x_D = 1\}$$

Any vector of positive components  $\mathbf{w} \in \mathbb{R}_+^D$  can be projected onto the simplex by the *closure operation*

$$\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{w}) = \left( \frac{w_1}{\sum w_k}, \dots, \frac{w_D}{\sum w_k} \right) \in \mathcal{S}^d.$$

## Ternary Diagram



Graphical representation of three part compositions  $\mathbf{x} = (0.17, 0.33, 0.50)$ .

## Perturbations

The *perturbation operation*

$$\mathbf{x} \circ \mathbf{y} = \mathcal{C}(x_1 y_1, \dots, x_D y_D) \quad \text{defined on } \mathcal{S}^d \times \mathcal{S}^d$$

and the *scalar (power) multiplication*

$$\alpha \diamond \mathbf{x} = \mathcal{C}(x_1^\alpha, \dots, x_D^\alpha) \quad \text{defined on } \mathbb{R} \times \mathcal{S}^d$$

induce a vector space structure in to the unit simplex.

$(\mathcal{S}^d, \circ, \diamond)$  **is a vector space.**

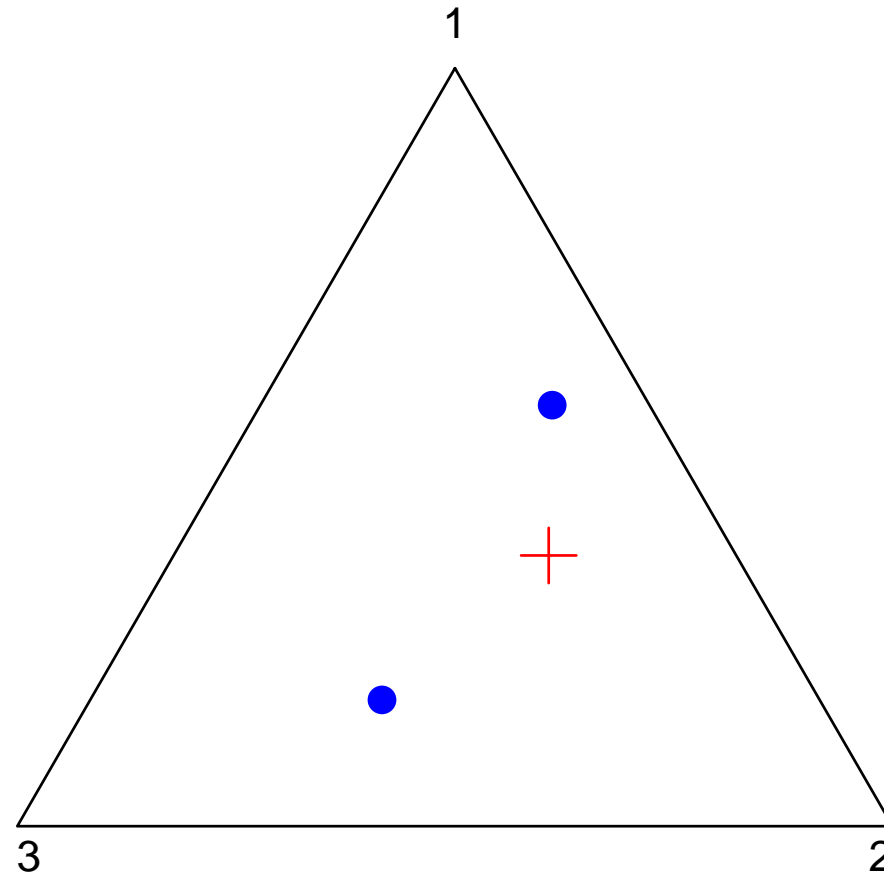
The *neutral element* of this vector space is the *barycenter*

$$\mathbf{e}_D := \left( \frac{1}{D}, \dots, \frac{1}{D} \right) = \mathcal{C}(1, \dots, 1)$$

and the *inverse element* of a composition  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{S}^d$  is

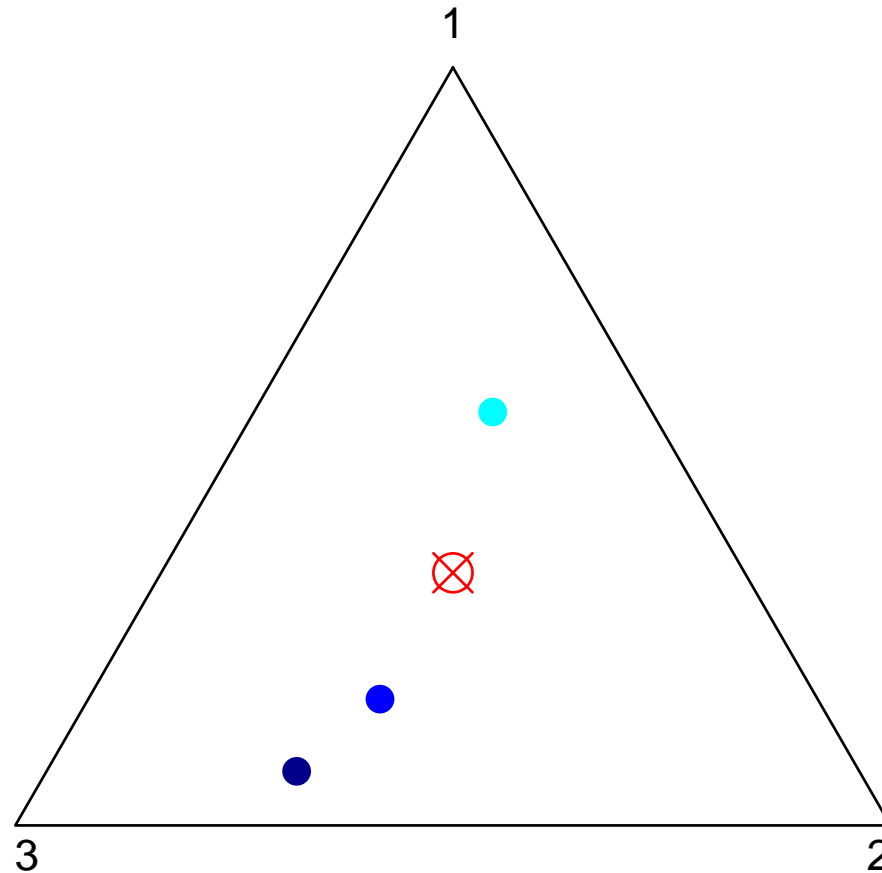
$$\mathbf{x}' := \mathcal{C}\left(\frac{1}{x_1}, \dots, \frac{1}{x_D}\right) = -1 \diamond \mathbf{x}.$$

## Perturbations



Perturbation operation of compositions  $\mathbf{x} = (0.17, 0.33, 0.50)$  and  $\mathbf{y} = (0.56, 0.33, 0.11)$  is  $\mathbf{x} \circ \mathbf{y} = (0.36, 0.43, 0.21)$ .

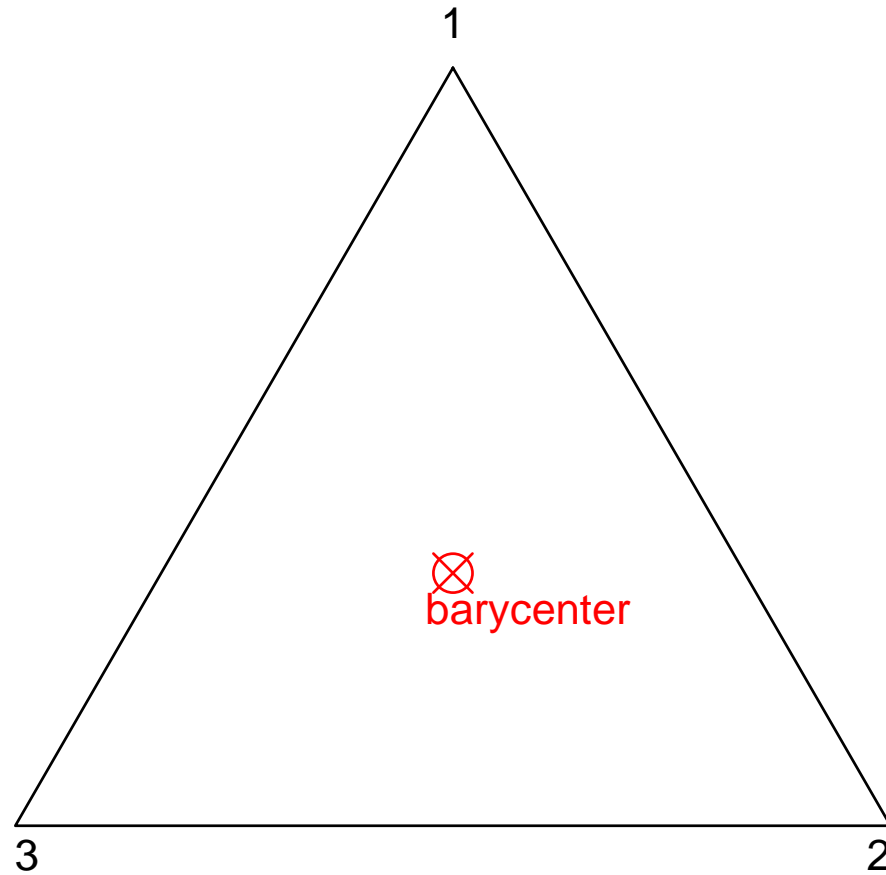
## The scalar (power) multiplication



The scalar (power) multiplication of composition  $\mathbf{x}$ :

$$2 \diamond \mathbf{x}, -1 \diamond \mathbf{x}.$$

# Barycenter



Ternary Diagram with the barycenter e.

## Subcomposition

If we are interested only in some of measured properties – only in some part of the composition

$$\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_D)$$

we just skip the no more observed components and in order to keep the unit sum constraint we divide with the new sum:

For the  $S \subset \{1, 2, \dots, D\}$  and  $s := |S|$  we get the mapping

$$\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{S}^d \longrightarrow \mathbf{x}_S \in \mathcal{S}^s$$

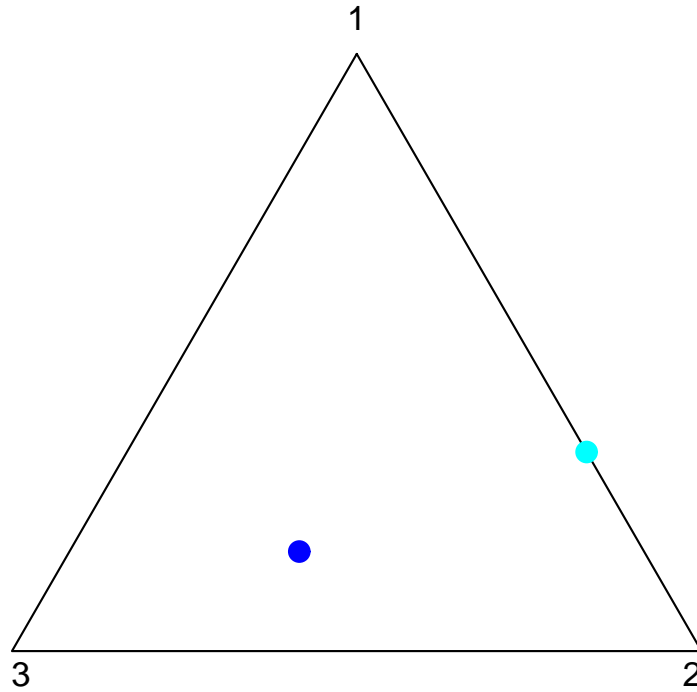
defined with

$$\mathbf{x}_S := \frac{1}{\sum_{i \in S} x_i} (x_{i_1}, \dots, x_{i_s})$$

and we call  $\mathbf{x}_S$  the *subcomposition* of the composition  $\mathbf{x}$ .



## ...Subcomposition



Two part subcomposition.

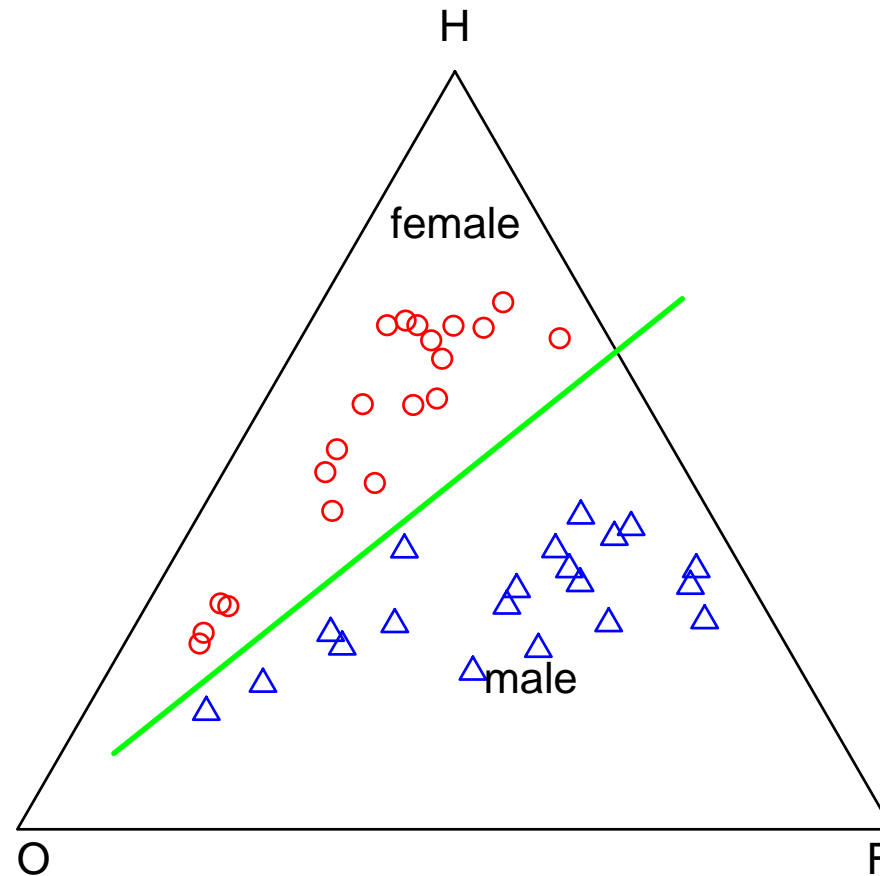
## ...Subcomposition

```
> h <- mix.Read("house.dat"); h
```

```
$tit  
[1] "Household budget survey"  
$sum  
[1] NA  
$sta  
[1] 0  
$mat  
      H      F      O      S  
M1  497  591  153  291  
M2  839  942  302  365  
.....  
W19 382   77  230  147  
W20 1090  59  313  177  
attr(,"class")  
[1] "mixture"
```

```
> mix.Ternary(h)
```

## ...Subcomposition



The three part subcomposition of Household data.

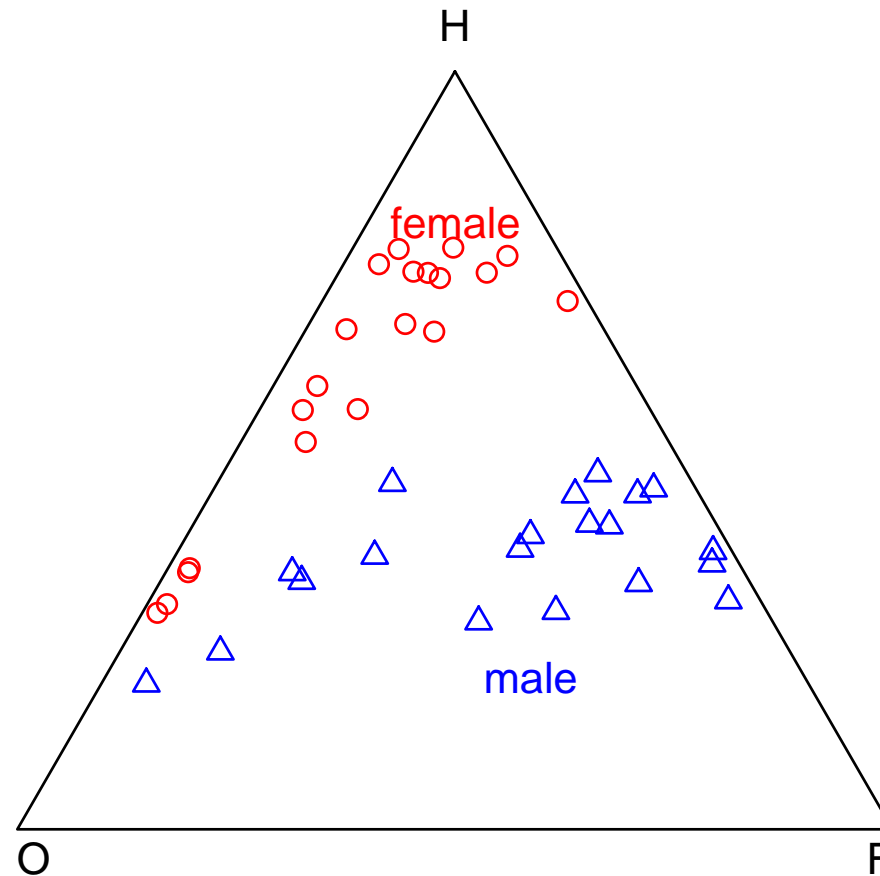
## ...Subcomposition

```
> h4 <- mix.Sub(h,4) ; h4
```

```
$tit  
[1] "Household budget survey"  
$sum  
[1] 1  
$sta  
[1] 2  
$mat  
      H      F      O  
M1 0.4004835 0.47622885 0.12328767  
M2 0.4027844 0.45223236 0.14498320  
.....  
W19 0.5544267 0.11175617 0.33381713  
W20 0.7455540 0.04035568 0.21409029  
attr(,"class")  
[1] "mixture"
```

```
> mix.Ternary(h4)
```

## ...Subcomposition



The three part HOF subcomposition of Household data.

## Centered data set

The *geometric mean* of the set of compositions

$$X = \{\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_N\} \subset \mathcal{S}^d$$

is defined

$$G(X) := \mathcal{C}(g_1, \dots, g_D) \quad \text{where} \quad g_k := \left( \prod_{j=1}^N x_{jk} \right)^{1/N}$$

is the geometric mean of the components  $k = 1, \dots, D$ .

Geometric mean is the adequate measure of central tendency for compositional data:

- $G(\mathbf{y} \circ X) = \mathbf{y} \circ G(X)$  for all  $\mathbf{y} \in \mathcal{S}^d$ ,
- $G(\lambda \diamond X) = \lambda \diamond G(X)$  for all  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ .

## ... Centered data set

In case that the data set  $\mathbf{X}$  is near to the corner – this happens when one of the components of the data set is near to 1 it is very difficult to establish if there are differences between the points.

If we perturb the data set  $\mathbf{X}$  by the  $-1 \diamond G(\mathbf{X})$  the result data set is centered, i.e. the center of the set  $-1 \diamond G(\mathbf{X}) \circ \mathbf{X}$  is the barycenter of the simplex

$$G(-1 \diamond G(\mathbf{X}) \circ \mathbf{X}) = \mathbf{e}.$$

Now we can observe the real pattern of the data (in Aitchison's geometry!).

## EXAMPLE: Household budget survey

```
> mix.Gmean(h4)
```

```
$tit  
[1] "Geometric mean of the data"  
$sum  
[1] 1  
$sta  
[1] 2  
$mat  
      H      F      O  
[1,] 0.5656061 0.1909976 0.2433962  
$class  
[1] "mixture"
```

```
> mix.InvGmean(h4)
```

```
$tit  
[1] "Inverse geometric mean of the data"  
$sum  
[1] 1  
$sta  
[1] 2  
$mat  
      H      F      O  
[1,] 0.1591056 0.4711635 0.3697309  
$class  
[1] "mixture"
```

```
> pert(mix.Gmean(h4)$mat, mix.InvGmean(h4)$mat)
```

```
[1] 0.3333333 0.3333333 0.3333333
```



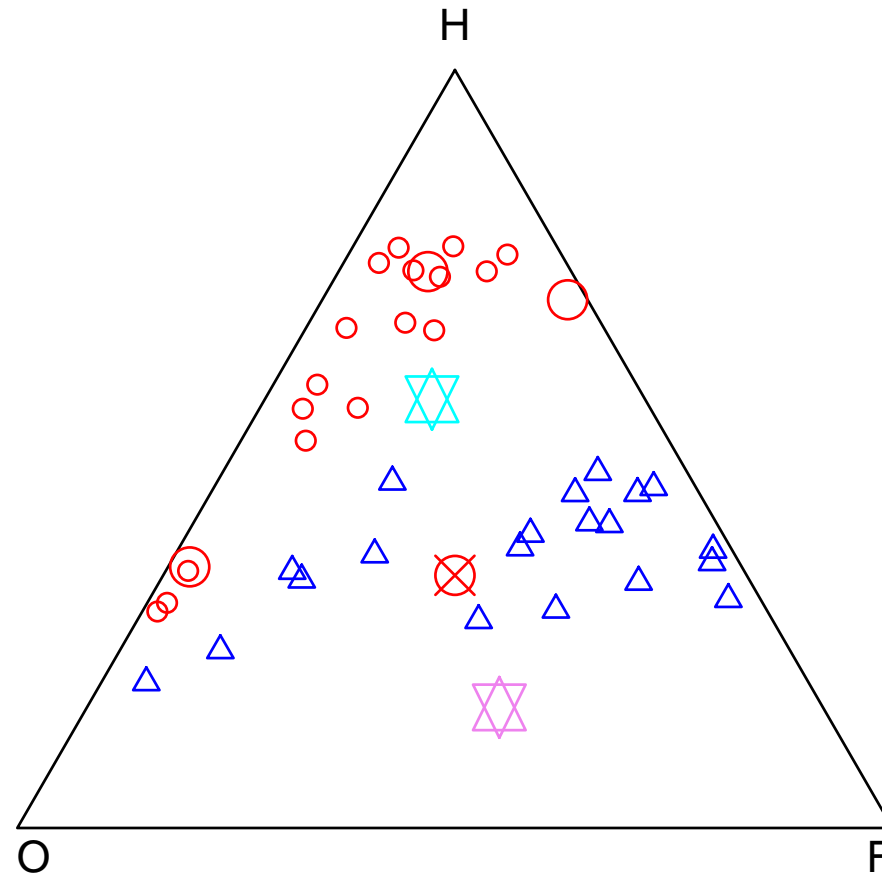
## EXAMPLE: Household budget survey

```
> G <- mix.Matrix(rbind(mix.Unitn(3)$mat, mix.Gmean(h4)$mat,
> + mix.InvGmean(h4)$mat, h4$mat), "Barycenter, Gmean, InvGmean
```

```
$tit
[1] "Barycenter, Gmean, InvGmean, HOF Data"
$sum
[1] 1
$sta
[1] 2
$mat
      H          F          O
M1  0.3333333 0.3333333 0.3333333
M2  0.5656061 0.1909976 0.2433962
M3  0.1591056 0.4711634 0.3697309
M4  0.4004835 0.4762288 0.1232876
M5  0.4027844 0.4522323 0.1449832
.....
W19 0.5544267 0.1117561 0.3338171
W20 0.7455540 0.0403556 0.2140902
$class
[1] "mixture"
```

```
> t <- c(rep(1,20),rep(2,20))
> spol <- c("blue", "red")
> liki <- c(22,2)
> mix.Ternary(G,col=c("red","cyan","violet",spol[t]),
> + pch=c(13,11,11,liki[t]), cex=c(rep(2,3),rep(1,20)))
```

## The geometric mean and it's inverse



The geometric mean and it's inverse of the three part subcomposition of the House data.

## Centered Data

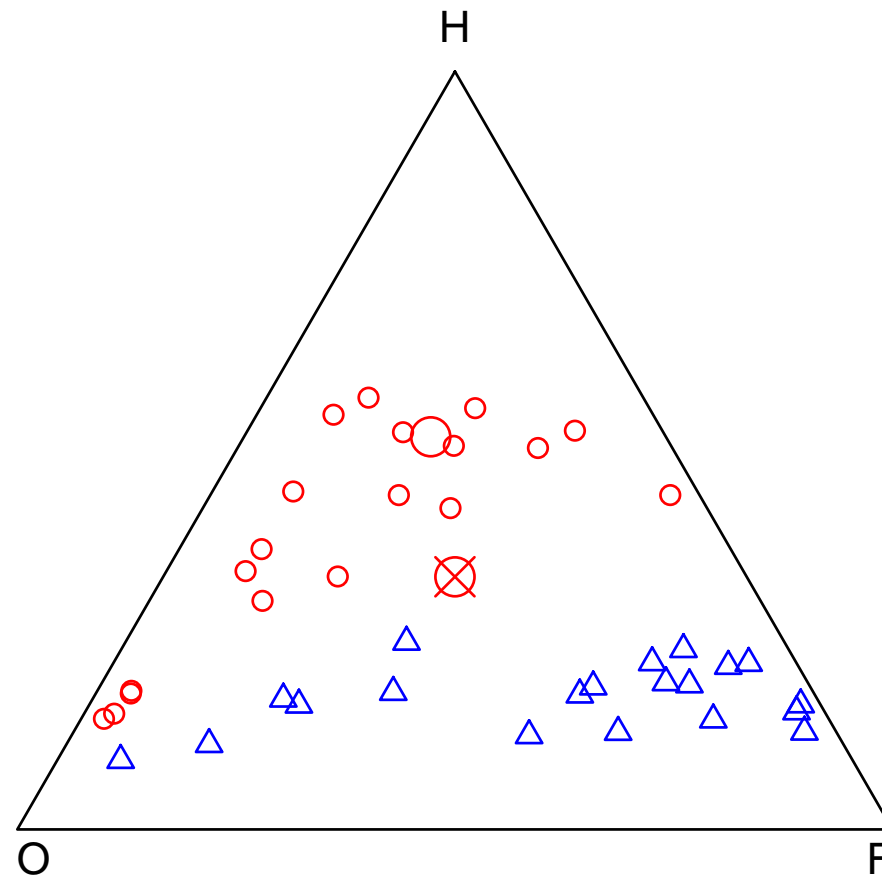
```
> mix.Center(h4)
```

```
$tit
[1] "Centered Data"
$sum
[1] 1
$sta
[1] 2
$mat
      H          F          O
M1 0.19095658 0.67243738 0.13660604
M2 0.19374839 0.64418881 0.16206280
.....
W19 0.33377082 0.19923327 0.46699592
W20 0.54716950 0.08770685 0.36512365
$class
[1] "mixture"
```

```
> G1 <- mix.Matrix(rbind(mix.Unitn(3)$mat, mix.Center(h4)$mat),
> + "Barycenter and Centered Data")
```

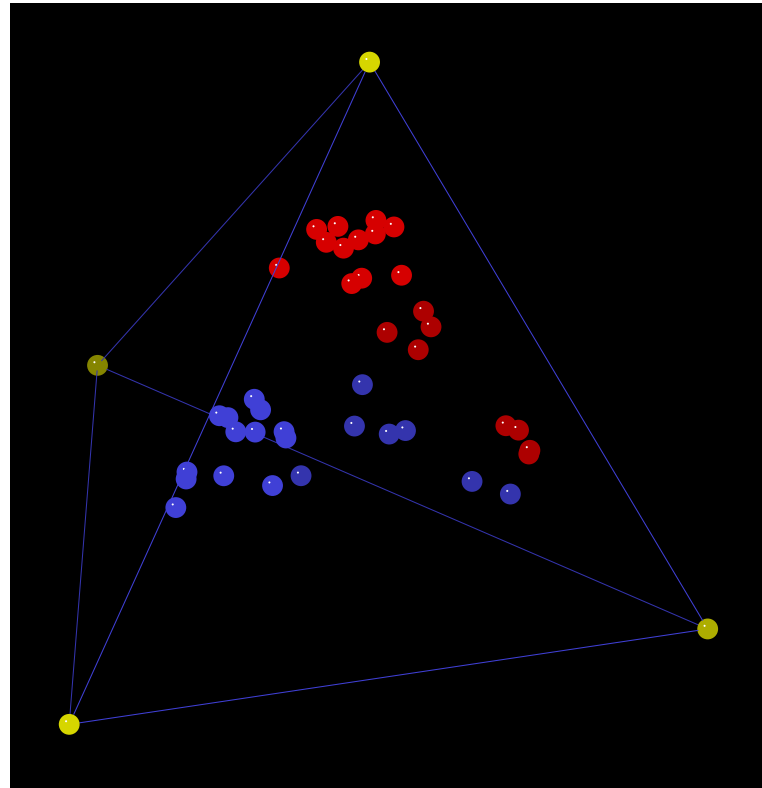
```
> mix.Ternary(G1,col= c("red",spol[t]),
> + pch=c(13,like[t]),cex=c(rep(2,1),rep(1,20)))
```

## Centered subcomposition



Centered HOF three part subcomposition of the House data with the barycenter.

## Tetrahedral display



Snapshot of **Kinimage** view of tetrahedral display of Household budget survey

K. Urner: **Quadrays and XYZ**; T. Ace: **Quadray formulas**; **Mage viewer**.

## Conclusions

From the abstract we resume:

We need an R library for compositional data analysis comprehending compositional concepts yet not applied originally in R. Programming in R

**operations on compositions** such as perturbation, power multiplication, subcomposition, distances ...

**various logratio transformations of compositions** to transform compositions into real vectors that are amenable to standard multivariate statistical analysis,

**compositional concepts** such as complete subcompositional independence, the relation of compositions to bases, logcontrast models ... and

**graphical presentation of compositions** in ternary diagrams and tetrahedrons

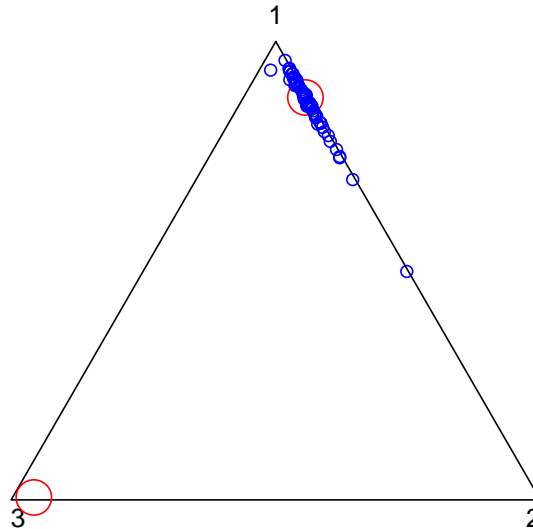
## ... Conclusions

will provide an GNU library for compositional data analysis.

And we conclude:

We have managed the first and the last item. The rest is our goal in future.

## Appendix



The geometric mean and its inverse of the three part subcomposition of the Labour data.