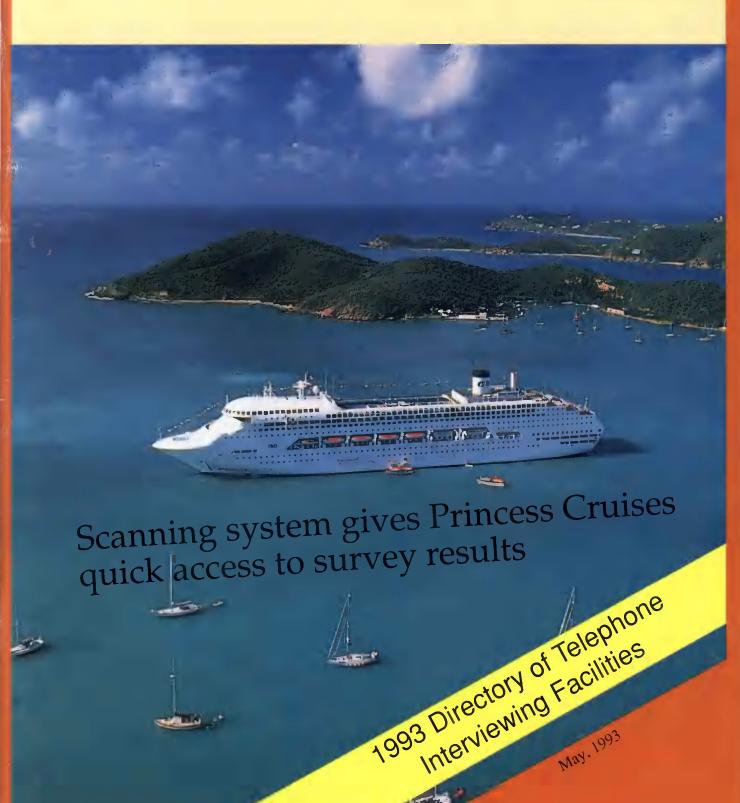
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An in-house scanning system gives Princess Cruises quick turnaround of ongoing survey results. Photo courtesy of Princess Cruises.



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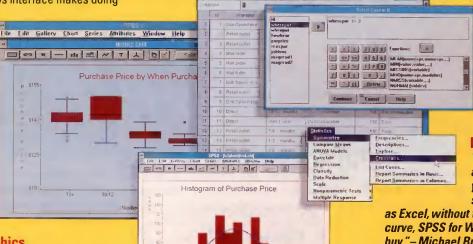
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# Scannable questionnaires give Princess Cruises

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research better and faster, many researchers are discovering that scannable questionnaires have a lot to offer. On a scannable form, instead of checking boxes or writing in answers, respondents reply by filling in dots. The completed forms are then fed into a machine that "reads" the dots.

Some large-scale users have bought their own scanning systems while others who survey sporadically send the forms to an outside firm for processing. One company, Princess Cruises, does a little of both, using an in-house system for its ongoing satisfaction survey and farming out smaller projects to Pine Company, a Santa Monica, Calif., data processing firm.

#### **Love Boats**

Princess Cruises' famous fleet of Love Boats sails to destinations around the world. The company is the third largest in the industry based on market share and carries approximately 450,000 passengers annually.

The company has had an in-house scanning system for four years. Jaime Goldfarb, Ph.D., senior market re-

## by Joseph Rydholm managing editor

searcher, Princess Cruises, says that the ability to have immediate access to the data from its on-board surveys was one of the reasons Princess made the investment in a scanning system. "Our use of scanning systems is twofold. First, to monitor on-board performance on a regular basis, we distribute a satisfaction questionnaire on all voyages. Second, in response to our operations and marketing departments, we are continually designing and implementing a number of small, custom questionnaires. In the past, we had the data keypunched. However, by farming out the questionnaires, we found that we had a lag time in processing that would last anywhere from a week to ten days. In order to reduce our processing time, we looked for a method in which we could process the forms in-house. We decided that the only feasible approach was a scannable system."

Another reason for going to scan-

nable forms was increased accuracy, Goldfarbsays. "We have found scanning to be a more accurate method of data input than keypunching. When initially considering a move to a scannable system, we ran

tests on a set of questionnaires we had already fielded. When we compared the data files resultant from the two methods to an internal review of forms, we found that although the scanned system occasionally missed marks because they had not been filled in properly, the scanned data file was still more accurate."

An additional plus is the public's comfort level with scannable forms, he says. "Because they have become so ubiquitous in society, from test questionnaires in school and college, in some ways people are more comfortable filling in bubbles than they are in having to complete a non-scannable questionnaire."

#### 185,000 forms per year

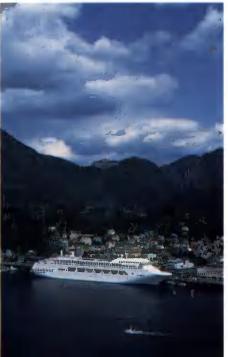
The on-board survey is distributed one per cabin prior to the last day of the cruise. Passengers are asked to place the surveys in a locked box when they are completed. The 45 question survey is



very detailed, looking at opinions of pre-cruise documents and logistics such as airport transfers to the ships, airline flights, and shore excursions. It also looks at presentation of food, quality of ingredients, variety of menu, and service areas such as stateroom service, housekeeping, and front desk performance. The surveys are distributed on every voyage of each of the nine ships in the Princess fleet. Approximately 185,000 forms are processed per year, and the response rate is between 65 and 95 percent.

"The questionnaires from every voyage are processed, and a performance report is distributed to all operations departments," Goldfarb says. "We also produce a monthly summary report that examines on-board performance by cruise destination and vessel, as well as identifying any specific problem areas that need to be addressed. If we see an area that consistently shows a deliciency in performance, we will take whatever steps are necessary to fix the problem.

"Whenever changes are made in our questionnaire, we first approach our operations people for any input they may have in order to make the forms as meaningful as possible for them. We try to make the questionnaires as actionable as possible for these operations people, so that not only can we identify problems we can also provide feedback on how these problems might be rectified."



For example, the ongoing survey has led to changes in the menu items and the on-board buffets. "At certain times during the year we've found problems with our on-board buffets in terms of presentation and variety of items that were offered. Based on that data we've changed the program of the buffets, the menus and the way the food is presented. We also found that certain food items, based on open-ended comments, tend to be less popular so we've taken those items off menus and added things that people indicated they'd prefer."

#### **Custom projects**

While Princess uses its in-house scanning capabilities for the ongoing satisfaction study, for certain surveys it has turned to Pine Company. "As I stated previously, we continually have a number of smaller custom projects that arise in response to specific operations and marketing concerns. Because of our satisfaction with scannable systems, we have wanted to continue to employ this method. However, due to time and capability constraints, we have not found it viable to design these questionnaires

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# Statistics software meets Windows

## A review of SPSS, Systat and a new non-Windows alternative

by Steven Struhl

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wo of the leading statistical software packages for PCs, SPSS and Systat, have recently been released in versions running under the Microsoft Windows operating environment. These new releases allow users to run large analyses once impossible using a PC and provide a host of other improvements upon previous versions. SPSS has also released a new version of its non-Windows program that "breaks the 640K barrier" traditionally restricting analyses on PCs, intended mainly for users with less powerful machines. In this article, we will take a look at these programs from the perspective of users who analyze survey and database data, including the programs' strengths, weaknesses, and the demands they are likely to put on your computing hardware.

#### Two minute summary

You will find both SPSS and Systat for Windows to perform accurately and nearly always reliably. They provide excellent file and data manipulation capabilities, a broad range of basic analytical tools, and many of the more advanced methods. These new releases

should serve to consolidate these two companies' strong reputations. As your needs become more specialized, though, you may start to find that each package has a few gaps—so get the literature from each company and read about them in detail before you buy.

Both programs demand a powerful PC. SPSS for Windows, in particular, is likely to perform with disappointing slowness on anything less than a 486 PC with over 4 megabytes (MB) of RAM (random access memory-the computer's working space for running programs). The new SPSS Version 5 that runs under DOS does nearly everything the Windows program does, but with a plainer screen display and a few less conveniences for the user. It also runs much more quickly on a slower machine, and so may be the package of choice for people with less powerful PCs.

SPSS for Windows is a larger program than Systat for Windows, and generally offers more options in each procedure and greater control over output. Neither program produces anything resembling a report for a management-level audience, though, and each has shortcomings in creating charts and graphics. Systat has a somewhat flashier-looking screen display, with "button bars," graphical menus, and an animated

program icon, but in spite of this SPSS is easier to use overall. Systat often makes you work a little harder to get the same result, and if you do not use the program frequently, you will probably need to refer to the manual. The onscreen help system that SPSS uses is more comprehensive—and more helpful

Systat for Windows comes as a single program (with no add-on options running under Windows), while SPSS for Windows is sold as a "base" and "options." Adding all the options you want to SPSS may get costly, so Systat is a definite leader in pricing. Neither program would ever be called cheap, though.

Beyond this, each program has its own strengths and weaknesses. But to find out about those in more detail, you will need to read the rest of the review.

#### Reviewing ground rules

Areas reviewed

We looked at the packages from the perspective of users dealing with survey and database data—information of the type market researchers, marketers and planners are likely to use—evaluating each for:

- · completeness;
- speed, efficiency and demands made on your PC;

- freedom from problems;
- ease and smoothness of operation;
- ability to communicate with other programs and with people:
  - -transferring files;
  - -graphics;
  - -suitability for reports
  - value for the money.

Performance in each area is summarized by a system of stars, ranging from 1 star for "poor" to 6 stars for "outstanding," as follows:

| $\triangle$  | poor        |
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| ☆☆   | fair        |
| ☆☆☆  | good        |
| $\Diamond \Diamond \Diamond \Diamond \Diamond$                               | very good   |
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#### Test equipment

We used these programs on three different IBM-compatible PCs, to see how (and if) they would run on a variety of hardware. Our test set consisted of a new 486-based machine, an older 386-based DX computer, and a 386-SX notebook.

These are the details about these machines (included because they may help you understand the comments about performance that follow). The 486 machine is a fairly up-to-date "heavy duty" (or "hot rod") machine, with most of the latest features. It is powered by a DX-2 type chip running at 50 Mhz, has 8 MB of RAM, and a 212 MB hard drive with an access time of 12 milliseconds. Its video is handled by an ATI Graphics Ultra card, one of the faster cards for handling Microsoft Windows.

The 386 DX machine was a "hot rod" about 4 years ago. It is equipped with 4 MB of RAM, runs at 16 Mhz, has a math coprocessor, and had the programs on an 80 MB hard drive with an access time of 22 milliseconds. Video was handled by a Tseng ET-4000 card, which is now considered to run Windows at a moderate speed.

We used the 386 notebook to try SPSS version 5 for DOS. This computer runs at 20 Mhz, comes with 2 MB of RAM, and has a 40 MB hard disk, with an access time of 13 milliseconds. Video was handled by built-in circuitry, which we identified as a variant of a standard

VGA card.

All three PCs used Stacker compression software, which "squeezes down" data and programs, effectively doubling the capacity of hard drives. The 486 computer and notebook used the SmartDrive disk caching program that comes with Windows 3.1. The older 386 computer used the Super-PC Kwik disk cache.

## REVIEW AREA 1: COMPLETENESS

The analytical tasks you need to perform on survey and database data can be put into two broad sets:

- · the core, or basic, methods, and
- the somewhat newer (and rarer) methods.

The core procedures include the methods that have been around for some time—the ones you are most likely to encounter in a course on statistics. These include such procedures as:

- · descriptive statistics;
- · data exploration;
- comparison of groups by non-parametric tests (Mann Whitney U, Chisquares, etc);
  - analysis of variance;
  - · clustering;
  - · regression;
  - · factor analysis;
  - · discriminant analysis;
  - time series analysis;
  - multidimensional scaling.

Along with actual statistical procedures, I would also include file and data manipulation in the core methods. These capabilities include the ability to merge files, select records based on various criteria, sort data, and perform mathematical transformations on data.

The newer procedures, while really not that new, tend to be less widely understood and used. These techniques include: CHAID (Chi-squared automatic interaction detection), correspondence analysis, conjoint analysis, and discrete choice analysis.

Both packages deserve a solid "excellent" in the core methods. Both include nearly every standard method you will ever need. Drawbacks are only

minor. Systat makes you hunt for a few procedures you are likely to use (more on this in the section on "Ease of Use"), and SPSS makes repeated measures analysis of variance needlessly complicated. But you should be able to get the job done with either program.

Also, be aware that to get all these procedures from SPSS, you will need to buy the "base package" and several additional modules at additional cost. Factor analysis, discriminant analysis, clustering and multidimensional scaling are parts of the "Pro Stats" module. Time series analysis is sold as "Trends." Systat includes all these in a single package.

SPSS does better with the newer techniques, but again at the expense of buying more modules. Correspondence analysis and conjoint are parts of the "Categories" module, while CHAID is another module on its own. Neither package (nor any other of which I am aware) does discrete choice analysis per se. (Discrete choice modeling is something like conjoint analysis, but allows each product to have its own attributes, and allows for more alternatives to be tested than is possible with conjoint analysis.) Systat offers a stand-alone non-Windows logit program that can analyze discrete choice problems, but no smoothly-integrated program, similar to the SPSS conjoint program, exists for setting up these problems and analyzing them. Systat otherwise does not offer anything to do other newer forms of analysis, except a "CART" program that is somewhat like CHAID, but without much of its flexibility. In summary, you can do more procedures useful for market research with SPSS, with the only complaint being that you need to buy so many extra "options" to do so.

Completeness: Core Procedures

SPSS: ជាជាជាជាជា Systat: ជាជាជាជាជា

Completeness: Newer Procedures

SPSS: ☆☆☆☆

Systat: ☆☆ (but watch for new

products)

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## DATA USE



## Data analysis improves service of Arizona Dept. of Weights & Measures

by Lois W. Sayrs

Editor's note: While this month's installment of Data Use doesn't deal with a marketing research application, it is a good example of how many of the statistical techniques regularly discussed here can be used. Lois Sayrs is senior methodologist with the Office of the Auditor General, Performance Audit Division, State of Arizona. She performed the data analysis on ADWM and developed the sampling plan.

very motorist in Arizona is familiar with the small round sticker on the gas pump at their favorite gas station. That sticker shows the consumer that the pump was inspected and is accurately delivering fuel per the price indicated on the pump. And, from October to May, the sticker also means that the octane and oxygenate levels meet state environmental quality standards. Inspecting fuel pumps is only one of the variety of functions that the Arizona Department of Weights and Measures (ADWM) performs. It also counts package contents and weighs packaged meats and poultry in grocery stores. It assesses taxi meters, propane dispensers and even oversees the disposal of used oil. Virtually any device that is used for weighing and measuring, be it mass, volume, counts or time, ADWM inspects.

ADWM has two purposes: to protect the consumer in transactions and protect the public health. Such admirable purposes, however, also harbor the potential for unlimited government intervention, a growing bureaucracy to accommodate increasing numbers of inspections and an inflated budget at a cost of millions to taxpayers. In their oversight capacity, state legislators must evaluate requests for bigger budgets, more staff, and more services to the public.

The Performance Audit Division (PAD) of the Arizona Auditor General's Office is charged with auditing the performance and compliance with state laws and regulations of all state agencies and regulatory boards under legislative oversight. Although PAD performs audits at the special request of the legislature, PAD audited ADWM as part of the normal sunset review cycle.

(The sunset review cycle establishes a review cycle schedule for all agencies over a ten year period. Agencies will terminate or "sunset" at the end of the cycle unless there is specific legislative reauthorization.)

Legislators rely on performance audits to provide the needed information to make tough decisions. The fiscal reality of the 1990s is that state agencies like Weights and Measures have to do more with fewer resources.

Our audit of ADWM focused on three questions of partieular interest to the legislature: better enforcement, better management, and a self supporting used oil program.1 From the beginning of the audit, management issues seemed to overshadow our other concerns. Through interviews and a staff survey, we found reported allegations of racism, sexual harassment and interagency conflict that touched the highest levels of the agency. We also found rather quickly that the used oil program was not self-supporting as the legislature had hoped. But even as we were uncovering serious management issues and determining the extent to which used oil was lagging in revenue generation, our preliminary survey of inspection and enforcement data revealed another vexing problem. We learned that the enforcement and inspection reports were not used for tracking noncompliers. Indeed, the agency had no idea what the compliance rate among vendors was. Multiple inspections, each of a different type, were collected on the same reporting sheet but the information was not summarized and analyzed. And none of the information was maintained in an electronic format. These data issues led the team to generate our own electronic file using the last three years of data as the file sample.

#### 27,000 inspections

We entered over 27,000 inspections into a database file that

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>†</sup>The Used Oil Program operates in conjunction with the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) to insure that the used oil sold to resellers is not contaminated with hazardous waste. A portion of the monies collected from the reseller is returned to ADWM through ADEQ.

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contained information on vendor, inspection frequency and type, compliance and type of violation. Generating and analyzing this data set would be the most time-consuming task of the audit, exhausting about one-half of our allotted budget hours. Initially, we had several questions guiding our analysis:

Do inspections deter non-compliance?

Who were the non-compliers?

Were inspections being performed fairly and equitably throughout the state?

Even though the data would answer these questions, it raised some new ones. For example, by using simple frequency distributions, CHI-square tests of the difference of means, and analysis of variance, we found regional effects but no effect from urbanization. So, contrary to our expectations, the rural areas were inspected as frequently as the urban areas. And, although vendors in the north region were likely to be inspected more frequently than any other region, those vendors were no more likely to be in compliance. Indeed, this latter result led us to consider the relationship between compliance and inspection frequency with greater scrutiny.

By correlating inspection frequency and compliance, we found that the more ADWM inspected, the more non-compliance was found. Frequent inspections did not appear to deter violations but they did help to ferret them out. At first glance, this result may appear to support the trend we saw in the agency: an increase from 20 to 33 staff since 1987; from a \$1 miffion budget in 1987 to \$2.4 million in 1992. And, the data

seemed to support a recommendation of increasing agency staff and budget (since there are more violators, they need more staff and a bigger budget to find them). But we recognized that such a recommendation would fead the legislature down a slippery slope. How many inspections does it take to find a violator? How many to deter? What kind of violations are these frequent inspections finding? How much will it cost taxpayers to find every violator?

We found that 90% of all inspections resulted in finding a vendor in compliance. Only 10% of vendors were not in compliance but surprisingly these 10% do not account for the vast proportion of repeat inspections of the same facility. Most of the repeat inspections were of facilities who were already in compliance. Relying on CHI-square tests, we found that those vendors inspected frequently were no more fikely to be in compliance than those inspected only once annually. We concluded that first, most vendors are in compliance and, second, that non compliers are not targeted for enforcement actions. Valuable agency resources were being used to monitor a basically compliant population and noncompliers were not still not being brought into compliance.

#### Violators not deterred

Our results painted a picture of an agency that inspected frequently, that went out of its way to inspect small town gas stations and grocery stores in remote areas of the state but to no effect. Violators were not deterred. The missing ingredient, i.e., an enforcement mechanism that would deter, was not integrated into department philosophy or action. And repeat offenders were not targeted for enforcement action. So, even though the department was finding violations it was not tracking violators nor was it doing much more than inspecting to make them comply.

ADWM's philosophy of inspection had been based on the idea that finding violators alone would deter them. Our analysis, however, showed that this philosophy rested on a false assumption. Frequent inspections were not a deterrent. Deterrence requires two components: a verification mechanism and a credible threat of inflicting costs. ADWM relied upon verification alone when both verification and threat are necessary. Moreover, valuable agency resources were being wasted when the department 1) re-inspected compliers, 2) followed-up on violations but was unable to enforce compliance; and 3) did not target non-compliers for enforcement actions.

Our recommendations directly addressed the problems we found in management, the enforcement division and the used oil program. As a result of our audit work, we recommended to the Legislature that ADWM initiate a management training program, study the feasibility of raising fees on used oil collection and, for enforcement, use their statutory civil penalties to provide the missing component in deterring offenders. With civil penalties in place, the department could move to a sampling strategy (similar to the IRS) for annual inspections. The department would need to build a tracking system using data similar to the kind we generated to identify





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#### Benchmark audit

Our innovative approach has become a benchmark audit for our division. The Federal Clearinghouse on Weights and Measures was unaware of any state using a sampling strategy but informed us that most states did not have the necessary data or the analytical resources to develop and monitor a database for inspection sampling purposes. We believe that a good database, a desktop computer and a small commitment of resources to a data manager/analyst is all that is necessary to move to a sampling strategy. Most agencies have some data and some type of data manager in place already. So, improving the agency's service is only a matter of upgrading the quality of the data and the skills of the data analyst.

Some legislators feared that moving to a sampling strategy might cause currently compliant vendors to try and cheat. Or, the public, not seeing the familiar sticker on the pump might assume the pump is not operating fairly and go to another gas station. We confirmed for the legislators that deterrence requires a two-fold approach and with civil penalties in place, the sampling strategy should have a stronger effect in deterring non-compliance than the previous strategy.<sup>2</sup> The public will still see the familiar sticker on the gas pump but now this sticker will be sent to all vendors as part of their registration process with the agency. Information on the sampling strategy will be sent to vendors in their registration packet. Our recommended changes will result in saving ADWM almost \$500,000 annually in reduced staffing levels, resources will be more efficiently and effectively spent on non-compliers and the public will be better protected through a targeted inspection process. A legislative committee accepted our recommendations and they were incorporated into the 1994 budget.

#### **Robust conclusions**

The success of our audit work rested squarely on our ability to generate, manage and analyze data from a variety of sources. And, we were able to draw robust, if not definitive, conclusions about inspection activities through the use of multiple statistical techniques. Although these techniques were fairly simple (frequency distribution analysis, crosstabulations, correlations, ANOVA), they led to powerful results. But perhaps the real power of our findings lies in the recommendations they allowed us to make, and ultimately the savings to the taxpayers and the improved protection of the public. At a time when the threat of lost service is as real as a state budget deficit, it doesn't get any better than that.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> However, we recommended that ADWM oversample (one-third of the total population) so as not to move too quickly for the public and vendors. After two years of oversampling the department can decide, on the basis of our three years of data and their two years, how much the sample size can be reduced.

# Automating the coding process with neural networks

by Raymond Raud and Michael A. Fallig

Editor's note: Raymond Raud is chief engineer of Smart Software Company. Michael A. Fallig is vice president of Audits & Surveys. The authors are particularly grateful to Joel Dorfman of Audits & Surveys for introducing R. Raud to the problems of open-ended coding and continuing patronage of the project, to the colleagues in Smart Software Company for their help in preparing the article, to Irv Roshwalb for his numerous suggestions of improvement, to Robert Ruppe and his team in C.T.I.S. for patience and diligent work in testing the program.

#### Abstract

The cost and accuracy disadvantages of manually coding open-end questions can be overcome by the application of computer algorithms based on neural networks, an aspect of artificial intelligence which simulates the human brain's ability to learn. This article describes such a program and a field test's results.

or nearly 50 years researchers having been debating the advantages and disadvantages of eliciting survey responses with open versus closed-end questions (e.g., Blair, Sudman, Bradburn, Stocking 1977; Bradburn 1983; Bradburn, Sudman, and Associates 1979; Dohrenwend 1965; Dohrenwend Richardson 1963; Lazarsfeld 1944; Schuman, Presser 1981; Sheatsley 1983; Sudman Bradburn 1982). Perhaps because the

body of research suggests that one form of question is not clearly superior to the other in every situation, most investigators conclude that both forms have their place in survey research.

Findings from their nationwide field experiment led Blair, Sudman, Bradburn, and Stocking (1977) to conclude that open questions reduce the amount of under reporting of the frequency respondents reported engaging in threatening or socially sensitive behaviors (e.g., alcohol consumption, drug use, masturbation, sexual intercourse). But as Bradburn (1983) and Bradburn, Sudman, and Associates (1979) note, question form (i.e., open versus closedend) did not appear to affect reports of whether or not the respondents actually ever engaged-in the behaviors which were measured.

Sheatsley (1983) has argued that closed-end questions have several other disadvantages when compared to open questions: They suggest answers that respondents may not have thought of before; they force respondents into what may be an unnatural frame of reference; and they do not permit them to express the exact shade of their meaning (p. 207).

But, in part, because of the time and expense involved with using current methods to code open questions, both Sudman and Bradburn (1982) and Sheatsley (1983) suggest that open end questions be limited to the following situations:

(a) when there are too many catego-

ries to be listed or foreseen

- (b) when one wants the respondent's spontaneous, uninfluenced reply
- (c) to build rapport during the interview, following a long series of closed questions that may make respondents feel they have no chance to express themselves
- (d) in exploratory interviewing and pretesting, when the researcher wants to get some idea of the parameters of an issue, with the view to closing up the questions later. (Sheatsley, 1983, p. 208)

According to Schuman and Presser (1981) the common feeling has been that "open questions avoid the possibility of a response-order effect" (p. 61) while such a possibility exists with closed-questions. However, after conducting a series of field experiments using open and closed forms of the same questions they could find no evidence to support this claim for the variables they measured. Nor could the investigators find any clear evidence that open questions in general were superior to the closed-end form (Schuman & Presser, 1981, Chapter 3).

It is important to note that while Schuman and Presser could find no differences supporting the superiority of open questions, in the course of their investigations, they indeed found significant univariate differences between the responses obtained by asking questions in an open versus parallel closed fashion. More important, in the course of conducting their experiments and devising their survey instruments, they

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confirmed, by serendipity, one of the more important reasons for using the open form of a question: "closed questions constructed in an a priori way may fail to provide an appropriate set of alternatives meaningful in substance or wording to respondents" (p. 80). Just prior to fielding parallel forms of a question about the most important problems facing the U.S. today, parts of the country had been hit with an unusually cold and hard winter. The media, at the time, according to Schuman and Presser, gave heavy coverage to some of the debilitating effects of the weather.

Although the closed form of their question had been developed from open end responses (generated by respondents sampled at some earlier period of time), it did not provide closed categories about weather-related issues. According to Schuman and Presser, inspection of the answers to their February 1977 questionnaire fielding revealed why it is important to make certain, before closing a question, that the closed form has appropriate answer categories. Their finding also seems to argue for when it might be key to use an open form of a question.

About 22% of the respondents exposed to the open form of the question during their February 1977 experiment were coded into a "food and energy shortages" code. And although the closed form provided an "other specify" category, most respondents exposed to this form selected answers from among those provided on the closed-end listwhich had not included a "food and energy" code. Note that this experiment also reveals that providing an "other specify" category to an otherwise closed form of a question does not replace asking the question in its open form. Their own research, supported by findings of Belson and Duncan (1962), led Schuman and Presser to conclude:

"There is probably no adequate way to obtain a full array of responses by combining closed and open methods in a single question, because the very provision of closed alternatives discourages spontaneous responses that do not fit the listed alternatives." (p. 87)

Before continuing, it should be noted that researchers do not entirely agree on the precise definitions of open and closed questions. The general consensus is that

the definition of open questions goes beyond the simple notion that these are questions "answered in the respondent's own words" (Sudman & Bradburn, 1982). A key aspect of open questions is that the interviewer records, verbatim, in respondents' own words, the answer to the question (c. Sudman & Bradburn, 1982). In essence, for open questions, all that is provided to the interviewer is "white space" (or the computer equivalent) on which the answer is to be recorded. Then, generally after field work is completed, coders review the open end questions, "write-off" responses on to index cards or the like, sort the responses into broader categories which encompass a set of verbatims and develop a set of categories in which the verbatim answers eventually are coded. More will be said about this later.

A form of question that many may argue is an open question is the "field" coded question, which Sudman and Bradburn (1982) and others have argued is really a closed question. The question itself may be asked just like an open question, "what is your occupation," that is, without giving respondents a set of alternatives to choose from-but instead of providing "white space" it provides a list of categories not revealed to the respondent, from which the interviewer is to "on-line" code the response generated by the respondent. Many researchers, Sudman and Bradburn (1982) included (also see Sheatsley, 1983, p. 208), argue that "field" coded questions should be avoided whenever possible because there is a host of inherent problems associated with using interviewers as coders. As Sudman and Bradburn (1982) note, "the pressure of the interview situation makes it likely that greater coder error will be introduced in a field-coding situation than in office coding." (p. 153)

But office coding as it is traditionally done today in commercial research firms has potential drawbacks as well. It can be a time-consuming, labor-intensive, expensive operation developing codes, coding responses into categories, and maintaining a professional coding department. Furthermore, as coding is accomplished today, there is the potential of reliability problems—particularly with tracking studies in which different

waves of the study have been field coded at considerably different periods of time.

While office coding of open-end responses has been looked on as an expensive operation, the advent of relatively cheap computer power and with advances in an aspect of artificial intelligence known as neural networks, newer and considerably less expensive methods for coding responses have recently been developed. The remainder of this article describes this new form of coding and a series of tests which were conducted to examine the response codes developed using this new method.

#### Using neural networks for coding

Abstraction and learning are typical features of human brain. Corresponding algorithms are required for an openended questions coding program. Artificial intelligence, a recent direction in computer engineering, derives its algorithms from the simulation of functioning of human brain. Expert systems (an artificial intelligence approach) rely on the pragmatic relationships between events and objects in the application area. These relationships are usually expressed in the form of rules, hence the other name: rule-based systems. The rules represent the practical knowledge of experts in the field. Expert systems have found extensive applications in various areas combining the "common sense" of experts with the conventional mathematical models and data processing algorithms (for example, Keon 1991). The major effort in building an expert system goes into capturing and organizing the expert's knowledge. In many cases the knowledge is on a deep intuitive level and difficult to formulate in precise terms. This complicates the task even further. An earlier project to automate the coding process with computers has been reported by Pratt, Mays (1989). Expert systems technology was partially used in this project.

Neural network, another strategy of artificial intelligence, simulates the human brain's ability to learn and draw abstractions from the data. Thus, neural network does not require the participation of a domain expert in the learning process. The technology is applicable also in areas without experts or where

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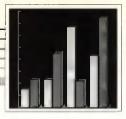
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- Eight state northeast region was up 1.5%
- Ten state midwestern region was up 2.7%
- Ten state mountain region was down 5.2%
- Five state western region was down 4.9%
- $\bullet$  Seventeen state southern region was up 6.6%

## If the public could dictate economic policy...

What priorities do Americans want government officials and economists to consider in establishing economic policies? Low prices, a criterion favored by many economists, or some other criteria?

These questions are addressed in a study by an Indiana University marketing professor and NFO Research, Inc., of Greenwich, Conn. This study, conducted in November 1992, asked 5,000 representative households throughout the country to assign priorities on what the government should consider in setting economic policies. Those partici-

pating in the survey were asked to assign a number from "5" (highest priority) to "1" (lowest) for each of several factors such as "job security for Americans" and "ability to compete internationally."

Number one priority: job security, with a "highest priority" (a rating of 5) score of 61%. Pride in country is second with a score of 52%. Next: lowest price for consumers (51%), self-sufficiency for military needs (49%), self-sufficiency for all essential goods (46%), ability to compete internationally (38%), preservation of U.S. technology (37%), and high wages/salaries for Americans (27%).

Priorities for most factors are the highest among those in the oldest age groups. For example, the priorities assigned to pride in country rises from 42% among those under 35 to 62% among those 55 and over. The priorities assigned to job security rise from 57% among those under 35 to 62% among those 55 and over.

An exception to the age trends is lowest prices, more likely to be assigned the highest priority by those in the younger than those in the older age groups (54% to 49%).

Priorities tend to drop with annual household income. Thus, 65% of those in the under \$15,000 income group assign the highest priority to job security compared to 56% among those whose income is at least \$50,000. A major exception to this income trend is international competitiveness: 31% of the lowest income group assign this factor the highest priority compared to 44% in the highest income group.

## Study profiles tennis players

Males account for nearly six out of

every ten (59%) tennis players aged 12 and over, but a slightly greater percentage of female players say tennis is their favorite sport: 25% for females, 22% for males.

These were among the facts that emerged from a national study of recreational tennis players sponsored by the Tennis Industry Association (TIA). Following are some of the characteristics of tennis players the study uncovered. (Note: Data from compatible studies conducted in 1988 and 1989 by TIA is also included. "Players" refers to those who played at least four times in 1992; "heavy players" played 21 or more times.)

The study found that 22.6 million Americans 12 and over (11% of the total) played tennis at least once in 1992 and that 13.7 million (7%) played four or more times.

The average 1992 household income of players aged 18 or over was \$55,400, up from \$52,000 in 1989. Household income for heavy players in 1992 was \$60,800, up from \$55,100 in 1989.

Nearly three of four (71%) players over the age of 35 hold a college or higher degree.

For most players, tennis is not expensive. Most (68%) play most frequently on public courts; 60% play for free.

The recession has not reduced memberships in private clubs or centers but it seems to have sharply impacted how much is spent to play there. The percentage of players who were members was 17% in both 1989 and 1992, but the average amount spent dropped from \$643 in 1989 to \$381 in 1992. About 30% of heavy players belong and their average expenditure fell from \$691 to \$426.

The average age of players is 31.6 years, up from 30.1 in 1989. The per-

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41% of players have been active in the sport for more than 10 years.

Only one in four played in a competitive match in 1992, while 13% took a paid lesson and 16% hit against a ball machine. For heavy players, the figures were 44%, 20% and 23%.

Four in ten players (39%) purchased a new racquet within the past three years, spending an average of \$94. Only 22% had their racquet restrung in the past year (37% for heavy players).

Asked in an open-ended question what they like most about tennis, 40% mentioned exercise, 28% mentioned competition against oneself or others and 21% said it was "just fun."

Six in ten (62%) said they would like to have played more tennis last year and 40% players plan to play more in 1993. Lack of time is the most frequently cited (79%) impediment to play, followed by a preference for other activities (61%) and difficulty in finding suitable partners (56%).

This is the third national study of recreational tennis participation conducted by Audits & Surveys for the Tennis Industry Association. An initial sample of 4,000 households was interviewed to obtain data on the incidence of tennis playing in the population as a whole. Then, 1,000 tennis-playing households were interviewed to discover attitudes and activities of those who played four or more times in 1992. The surveys were conducted during September and October.

## Americans say companies should stay in touch with customers

Most Americans think it's important for companies to stay in touch with their customers, according to a new national survey released by Maritz Marketing Research Inc. Staying in touch could pay big dividends. Seventy percent of respondents in the telephone study rated maintaining contact with customers high in importance (ratings of 8, 9 or 10 on a scale of 1-10). However, most customers never actually receive any communication.

Industries included in the survey were automotive, financial, insurance, long-

distance providers, and utilities. In addition to asking how important is it for companies to stay in touch, respondents were asked if they had been contacted in the past year to announce new products, check on satisfaction, or seek input about future products. They were also asked if they expect companies to approach them about these subjects.

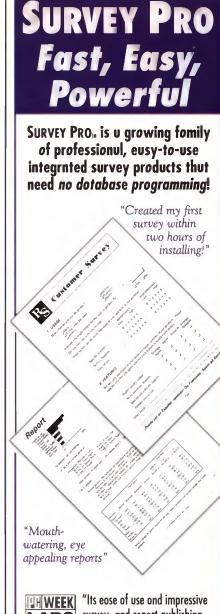
Across all industries, the level of people expecting contact is always greater than the level of those actually receiving contact. There were also significant variations by industry. For example, 72% of automotive customers expect to be approached about satisfaction; but only 29% are contacted. As a contrast, regarding new products 67% of long distance customers expect to be contacted and 65% are notified. Long distance providers led all industries in actual contact with customers, including communications about satisfaction (36%) and future products (31%).

In general, the percentage of customers who expect announcements about new products (57-67%) is about equal to those who expect contact about satisfaction (62-72%). In reality, companies are more likely to contact customers about new products (32-65%) than about satisfaction (12-36%).

"Companies probably view contacting customers about new products as a direct sales activity, so it may be given more importance," says Maritz' Rick Cottrell, who directed the study. "However, many American firms are also discovering that assuring customer satisfaction is a proven strategy for increasing revenues.

"The survey shows it's important for companies to stay in touch with customers and that many customers expect contact," says Cottrell. "The results of two additional questions suggest a competitive advantage can be gained by maintaining contact with customers."

In the automotive portion of the survey, respondents were asked if they would choose a company known for staying in touch with customers or choose another firm. Eighty-seven percent would choose a company that stays in touch. Additionally, 68% would go out of their way to find a dealership who sells that company's product. "This indicates that ongoing contact is likely to build customer loyalty," Cottrell says.





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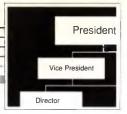
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David Leach has been named western region vice president of SRG International Ltd., based in White Plains, NY. Leach will work from the Los Angeles area.

Gene Topper has been named senior vice president of the Chicago-based *Blackstone Group*. Topper will oversee new business development and project management.

Karen Malecha and Don Koenig have joined *Rockwood Research*, St. Paul. Malecha joins the analysis group as senior project director; Koenig has





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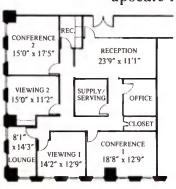


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Clarion Marketing & Communications has spun off its qualitative market research division to form Groups Plus Inc. The new company offers focus group research, one-on-one in-depth interviews and the Ideaonics idea-generation methodology. Thomas Greenbaum, who developed Ideaonics, will head the new company. Greenbaum was formerly executive vice president of qualitative research at Clarion. Clarion, an independent subsidiary of D'Arcy Masius Benton & Bowles, will concentrate on long-term growth strategic marketing. Groups Plus is located at 23 Hubbard Road, Wilton, CT. Phone 203-834-1126.

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ASI Market Research Inc.. and National Family Opinion Research (NFO) are jointly producing a new advertising copy testing method. The new system combines NFO's single-play videotape technology with ASI's validated testing methodology and normative databases. The method will be administered through targeted samples of consumers drawn from the 425,000-household NFO panel. Using the NFO panel, specific samples of consumers can be selected for copy testing. For more information, call Roger Fleschsig at 513-247-2048.

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Market Decisions has added In-Store Media Evaluation (ISME) to its custom sales research services. The ISME is designed to enable manufacturers to achieve testing accuracy for successful program implementation. The service measures cost effectiveness of any in-store medium compared with normal shelf conditions, with matched panel testing incorporated into the design and conducted in a concurrent

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## Updates of MapInfo

MapInfo Corp. is shipping MapInfo Version 2.1 for Windows desktop mapping software, along with MapBasic 2.I, an upgrade to its programming language for custom desktop mapping applications. The company is also announcing the MapInfo SQL DataLink, an optional module for MapInfo Version 2.1 for Windows, that allows users and developers to query and retrieve data from remote corporate databases. MapInfo 2.1 new features include new on-line help that uses Microsoft Windows engine for fast, comprehensive, contextsensitive support; faster performance with fewer screen redraws; and greater file support and handling with support for dBASE IV and Excel 4.0 file formats. MapBasic 2.1 has added 20 new development commands, new dialog commands and SQL DataLink commands. SQL DataLink can access to data from a broad range of databases, including Oracle, Sybase, Paradox and Novell's Netware SQL. For more information, call 518-274-6000.

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Trax Softworks Inc. has made available Cypress, a Microsoft Windows-based interface to Dow Jones News/Retrieval. Cypress offers News/Retrieval users an alternative to the slash commands normally used for the on-line information service; lists that eliminate the need to memorize symbols; and a user-customizable toolbar for one-step execution of commands and capture facility. For more information, call 310-649-5800.

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## Products target purchasing hahits

Ruf Corp. has released Smart Targets and Smart TargetsPlus. The two-tiered methodology uses 500 indicators of brand preferences and purchasing habits to link 85 million households with products, services and brands they are most likely to buy. The products were developed using demographic and behavior-oriented characteristics, which eliminate privacy concerns associated with credit-based information. Ruf Corp. developed the products in cooperation with national list and information provider TRW Target Marketing Services, and Simmons Market Research Bureau.

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## Creative Research Systems and Advanced Research Services develop digital audio to capture voice responses

s a method of increasing the dynamism of presentations Creative Research Systems of Petaluma, Calif., and Advanced Research Services of Malibu, Calif., have jointly developed a system of obtaining audio responses to interview questions through the use of digital audio.

Scott Tallal, founder of Advanced Research Services, was looking for a way to integrate the impact of the sound bite with the statistical validity of the research interview. Since starting his own company five years ago Tallal has made a major effort to make his client presentations as appealing as possible. These have included sophisticated graphics and color charts to illustrate key points. But since most of the interviews were conducted by phone, the sound content which held the detail and nuances of answers to open-ended questions was lost when transcribed to paper questionnaires or computer screens. Tallal believed adding the actual voice of the respondent to the report would add substantial value to the interpretation of data and impact to his presenta-

As a long time user of the PC based THE SURVEY SYSTEM tabulation package, Tallal approached its creator, Dr. Hank Zucker of Creative Research Systems to see if voice recording could be incorporated into the program. The SURVEY SYSTEM already had the capacity to record typed verbatim text from surveys and this seemed to be a logical expansion. Zucker began working on this development in 1989.

After three years Zucker was able to introduce the Voice Capture Module in 1992.

Upon completing the development phase the product was taken into the field for testing and further refinement. Included was the introduction of the product to Tallal's clients, who became enthusiastic supporters.

A major benefit is its ability to group "voice verbatims" by content and demographics for playback purposes. Some of Advanced Research Services clients have ordered their own sound kit

to regroup and playback voice verbatims on their own PC's.

According to Tallal, an unanticipated bonus has been the improved efficiency of interviews. Voice recording openended questions saves about 30 seconds a question, when compared to writing or typing in the answer. Over the period of a year, that can add up to a lot of telephone time and money saved. For more information contact Bill Eaton of Creative Research Systems at 707-765-1001.

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in-house. Pine Company has been a great resource for us in conducting these types of studies," Goldfarb says.

One of those smaller studies looked at satisfaction with booking of shore excursions, the trips and tours passengers can take when their vessel reaches port. Passengers book shore excursions two ways, either prior to the cruise through their travel agent or Princess or through the shore excursion office on each Princess vessel. "From our standard on-board surveys we've gotten some feedback that (the booking process) is one of our weaker areas. In response we designed a survey that looked in detail at the various attributes affecting shore excursions to try to remedy any problems we might be having."

#### Coding open-ends

One way Princess is seeking to make the questionnaires more valuable is by coding the open-ended comments passengers make on the satisfaction questionnaire. "With Pine Company's help we have recently begun to code the open-ended comments we receive on our on-board satisfaction questionnaires. We have found that this coding adds to the reliability of our scanned data, as well as providing insight into the actual cause of problems."

In general, Goldfarb says there aren't really any special things to consider when writing a questionnaire that will be scanned, although certain kinds of questions may take up a lot of room on the form. "If you're going to do any kind of age or geographic segmentation, scannable systems do tend to take up a lot of space on your questionnaire because you have to give a full array of numbers for people to fill in. Whereas on a keypunch form you can just ask them for their ZIP code and it only takes up a line. That is something that we've contended with although there are some new scannable systems that can now read hand written material and we're looking at these systems in order to avert these limitations."

Ben Pine, president of Pine Company, says that the next advances in scanning will be in improving the sys-

tems' intelligent character recognition, to allow for reading open-ended questions.

Pine says that his company usually sticks to handling the printing and processing of the forms and doesn't develop the questionnaires but will offer suggestions if clients need help. "Generally we want our clients to develop the questions. We'll type them in and print them out and make them look good. But most of our customers are sophisticated research people and they know how to develop a questionnaire.

"We don't get into the analysis of the data but we help them to see things and make suggestions on how they might look at their data so they get something that's actionable and not just stacks and stacks of paper."

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For researchers considering buying

"When we went through our last round of purchasing this new scanner we had the companies lend us their machine for two week periods. Otherwise, it's very difficult to differentiate, because when the companies come in and do their demos all the machines look great. Having them there for a longer period of time gives you a better feel for how the machine performs."

an in-house scanning system, Goldfarb recommends asking manufacturers to do a test processing run of survey forms on their machines. "There are a number of different scanning systems on the market, ranging widely in cost. Although most are very similar in their operation, there are differences. You should opt for the scanner that you feel most comfortable with and, obviously, the one that best fits within your price range."

Goldfarb also suggests that researchers buy a system that appears to have



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more features than may be needed initially. Chances are you'll grow into it. "The features of scanners vary across makes and models. Although we don't necessarily recommend that you purchase the most expensive machine—we certainly didn't—we do recommend that you consider buying a machine that has more features than you might see an immediate use for, because your appreciation of these features will grow as you become more familiar with the advantages of scanning technologies."

And, if possible, try it before you buy it. "When we went through our last round of purchasing this new scanner we had the companies lend us their machine for two week periods. Otherwise, it's very difficult to differentiate, because when the companies come in and do their demos all the machines look great. Having them there for a longer period of time gives you a better feel for how the machine performs.

"The initial setup of a scanning system can be somewhat frustrating as it involves a number of complexities," Goldfarb continues. "For example, scanners themselves basically all produce a

similar type of data file. Generally this is an ASCII file that can be read by whatever type of software you use to process data. We have had an application written for us that produces our performance reports at the touch of a button. However, it took us a bit of time to have the application tailored so that it

gave us exactly what we were looking for. Further, in addition to the scanner itself, each scanning company has its own software package that is used to define the way that the questionnaires are read. Insuring that this form definition is correct is sometimes a difficult process."

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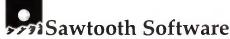
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#### REVIEW AREA 2: SPEED, EFFICIENCY, AND DEMANDS MADE ON YOUR PC

SPSS is a large program. The base and two or three extra modules will take up about 20 MB of hard disk space, and it needs a lot of RAM to run well. SPSS advises that you set up a large "permanent Windows swap file" on your hard

disk to reach peak performance. They recommend 8 MB of RAM and a 10 MB swap file. They probably should also recommend a 486-based PC. SPSS will run on an older 386-based machine with 4 MB of RAM, but it can be maddeningly slow. For instance, on our 386 running at 16 Mhz, it took 90 seconds from the time of clicking on the program's icon—signaling to Windows that we wanted to start it—until it loaded and was ready to run. SPSS Inc. says in its literature that you can run the pro-

gram on a 286-based "AT" machine, but this must be in theory only—given that it will take an "AT" anywhere from 4 to 100 times longer than a 386 computer to perform most tasks.

Systat is comparatively more compact, although not a small program in absolute terms. It takes about 7 MB of hard disk space, and includes nearly all the procedures in the SPSS base package and "Pro Stats" modules, with a few extras such as time series analysis and canonical correlation. On the older 386-based PC, it loaded more quickly and seemed somewhat more responsive in redrawing the screen than did SPSS for Windows. It still was not speedy overall, though, and took about the same time for difficult calculations as did SPSS.

We did speed tests, keeping careful track of timings for such procedures as discriminant analysis, factor analysis, and clustering, using the different programs on the different machines. Because of the great differences in speed we observed, it is really not necessary to show a table of results. The bottom line is simple:

- SPSS for Windows and Systat for Windows on a large 486-based computer: very fast.
- SPSS for Windows and Systat for Windows on an older 386-based computer: very slow.
- SPSS version 5 for DOS: very fast on a large 486-based computer, fairly fast on a slower 386-based computer.

The more calculations required, the worse the Windows programs fared on the older 386-based machine. For instance, as a kind of torture test, we gave all the machines a factor analysis problem that included a Varimax rotation of the factors requiring 99 iterations to converge. Even if you are not overly familiar with factor analysis, you can probably guess that having the PC run through the procedure 99 times-and test the results each time—is likely to take a while. On the 486-based machine, both Systat and SPSS for Windows got through the entire analysis in 1 to 1-1/2 minutes. On the 386-based machine, the time was about 17 min-



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utes. SPSS for DOS took much less time than either Windows-based program on the older machine, finishing in about seven minutes.

More computationally efficient procedures, such as discriminant analysis, can be completed on a 486-based PC almost immediately. For instance, a complete discriminant analysis with 2220 cases and 40 variables took about 20 seconds of computation on the 486-based machine, including generating about 30 pages of output.

#### Memory management

The two programs take different approaches, with the one chosen by SPSS for Windows the more unusual. Systat for Windows automatically uses all available RAM, including the "swap file" that Windows can set up on the hard disk as if it were extra memory—as do many other Windows programs. For instance, Systat reported that the 486-based computer—with 8 MB of hard disk space set aside as a "permanent Windows swap file," and 8 MB of RAM—had 14 MB of work space free. This is enough for all but the most enormous of computational problems.

SPSS, though, reports it is setting aside a portion of RAM for a work space, with the default amount one-half a megabyte, or 512K. On our 486-based computer with 8 MB of RAM, I overrode this default and set aside 5 MB as work space. You can instruct the program in advance to set up a work space bigger than the actual amount of memory (RAM) your computer has. However, on our test 486-based computer with 8 MB of RAM, the absolute most we could squeeze out was a 9.0 MB work space. Since I have encountered only one problem in the last 15 years that required more than 9 MB of memory, this should still be plenty. In fact, SPSS, Inc. says 1 MB to 2 MB will handle nearly all the problems related to survey data that you are likely to encounter. In practice, the number of variables you are analyzing matters much more than the number of cases (or observations, or people) in determining how much memory you will need. Factor analysis and some clustering methods (the noniterative or hierarchical methods) are

most memory-hungry.

It may seem like most of the advantages fall on Systat's side at first. But the SPSS method has its benefits as well: assuming you have a reasonablesize problem, you can keep working in the "foreground" while SPSS processes a big batch of commands you submitted in the "background." For instance, I edited some command files and output while SPSS was busy executing a long list of repetitive commands, with no apparent slowing down of the 486-based computer. While Systat for Windows is

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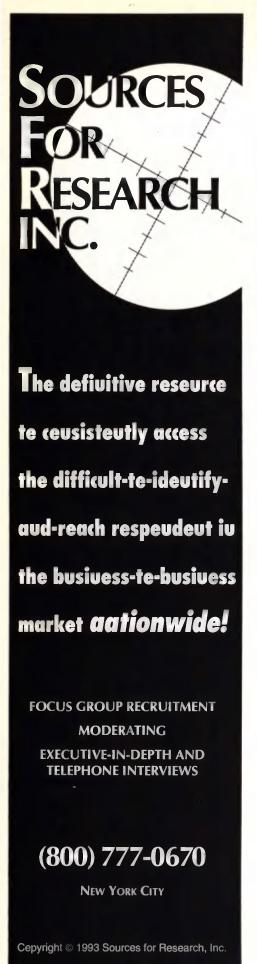
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With less RAM, the work space SPSS for Windows sets aside is not very capacious. We were able to squeeze out something under I MB from our 386based system (about 700K) by decreasing the size of the memory-based SmartDrive disk cache. This is about three times the work space that the old DOS-based SPSS managed, but you may find problems too large for this, as we did. Using this computer—with 4 MB of RAM and a 3 MB swap file—a factor analysis with 150 variables needed more than the available memory. The new SPSS/PC+ Version 5 for DOS sets up its own disk-based swap file each time it runs. It created a much larger work space on this same PC than did SPSS for Windows-over 2 MB in to-

If you have an immense problem and need the most efficient use of memory in your PC, either Systat or SPSS 5 for DOS would be your best choice. Either of these use less memory for their operation than does SPSS for Windows. You may like the SPSS for Windows method of allocating a portion of memory as work space, though, if your computer has plenty of memory, since it effectively allows you to do two (or more) things at once.

Because SPSS for Windows and SPSS 5 for DOS differ in speed and demands on your system, ratings for them appear separately below.

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## REVIEW AREA 3: FREEDOM FROM PROBLEMS

The news is all good here. Both SPSS for Windows and Systat for Windows were among the most reliable releases for Windows I have yet encountered.

Windows programs have been notoriously poor in this regard, though, with even solid companies releasing products that were almost impossible to use. Word Perfect, for instance, needed three releases to clean up the serious problem areas in its Windows product—and it still does not match the preeminence of its non-Windows forerunner. Some other programs (which will remain nameless) showed a lot of promise, but after six months to a two years on the market still do not work properly.

Neither SPSS nor Systat was flawless, but even their initial releases caused few problems. Within a few months, each brought out a "maintenance release" (also known as a "bug fix"), to address the few problem areas each had.

Once SPSS for Windows was running, we found it caused no problems, aside from occasional annoyances with the screen display. Corners of windows occasionally "disintegrated," leaving the once-square edges a mess of fragments on the screen, and text sometimes seemed to disappear until the window holding it was moved or redrawn. Returning to a window after visiting another might land you far in the middle where no text was to be found.

SPSS for Windows had some sporadic but serious problems getting started on our test 486-based PC. These may be problems specific to PCs based on Micronics "motherboards" (main boards), and could be a Windows, rather than SPSS-based, problem. Nonetheless, I observed it at least six times, and so it merits a warning. If SPSS for Windows seemed to start very slowly requiring 3 to 5 times as long as in previous sessions—then reported it could not find all the work space memory it previously had, that was a signal for serious trouble. If this ever happens to you, you must exit the program at once, save any work in any other programs open, and then exit Windows entirely. Trying to run SPSS for Windows when it starts this way can crash your entire system, losing any work you have not

I could not find any systematic reason for SPSS behaving this way on start-up, and it could be caused by many things hardware or Windows itself as mentioned above, or even a problem with other applications not releasing memory when they exit and SPSS starts. Since Gateway 2000 PCs and several other popular brands use Micronics motherboards, this caution may apply to them. Whatever the cause of the problem, be on guard for it.

Systat for Windows fell sway to a few non-repeatable errors, some of which shut down the program entirely. We once managed to get Systat to crash Windows entirely by deliberately mistreating it (all in the name of science). We entered the same variable name on both sides of an analysis of variance procedure when it could only exist on one, then told Systat to run the problem. Our advice based on this experience: exercise some caution about how you specify models in Systat.

The packing materials that came with Systat had some stern warnings about other programs, including Stacker (a program that uses on-the-fly data compression to double the effective capacity of your hard disk), which Systat says is not fully compatible with Windows. Systat, Inc., says this is a standard warning that Microsoft recommends, but we found Systat to have no discernible problems with this or any other program.

We had only one or two non-repeatable errors with SPSS 5 for DOS. Not a perfect record, but nearly so.

Freedom from errors

SPSS for Windows: Systat for Windows:

SPSS 5 for DOS:

## REVIEW AREA 4: EASE AND SMOOTHNESS OF OPERATION

"Real Stats. Real Easy," advertisements for SPSS announce. Systat makes similar, but more grammatical, claims for its software. As is the case so often, the real answer to the question of ease is: "Yes, but..."

SPSS for Windows and Systat for Windows have gone far, far from the world of their distant forebears, programs that ran on the room-sized computers of the 1960s and 1970s. For instance, I can remember the marvelous experiences inherent in punching decks of computer cards to run SPSS analyses

in the handy "overnight batch" mode at the computer center (just shortly after Roman gladiator times). I also can remember the great relief I felt (joy almost, if this feeling can exist in the context of computers) when hardware advanced to the point where it could send error messages back to you on the screen, often after a wait of mere minutes. (Of course, the messages were all things like "804R: A FILE CANNOT BE OPENED, ERRORS IN PARAMETERS, HANDLES," when what they really meant was, "You forgot the pe-

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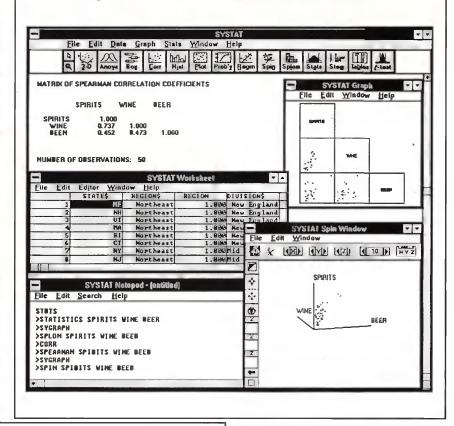
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riod in the file name, again, you big dummy.")

As I said, things have really changed. The Windows interface of the two programs are both handsome, in different ways, and give you the ability to see data, investigate patterns and relationships, and perform rapid "what-if" analyses with unprecedented ease. Somewhat more advanced analyses may leave you more or less frustrated, though, depending on your level of statistical expertise and familiarity with each program.

Let's start with Systat for Windows. If you stick to the basics, you can do everything by pushing buttons and pulling down slick-looking graphical menus. Results appear automatically in an output window, which you can edit and save as an ASCII file. Request a chart, like a histogram, and a graphics window appears with a high-resolution chart. You can annotate the chart onscreen and save it for later use. (See the accompanying Systat screen shot for an idea of what Systat looks like with several of its windows open.) You can get

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your data into view at any time, and edit it on-screen as needed. Systat saves all commands you issued, even buttons you pushed, in the form of a command log that you can recall, edit, and reuse, in a "Notepad" window.

The problem is that you will probably not want to buy as powerful a program as Systat if all you care about is the basics. Try to do something not on the menus or button bars, and you will find the "learning curve" can become relatively steep. A few aspects of the program almost seem designed to frustrate the infrequent user. For instance, if you want to do a discriminant analysis, you will not find it on any of the menus, nor will you find it listed in the on-screen help. Turning to the manual, you find that discriminant analysis is performed by a specific set of procedures done in analysis of variance (ANOVA). It is entirely possible to do discriminant analysis as a part of ANOVA, and SPSS even offers this as an option in its ANOVA module. Systat says its procedure is better than "canned routines," and perhaps it is for an experienced

Systat user with some statistical expertise, but it most assuredly is not otherwise.

Trying to do a canonical correlation leads to similar complaints, but here the usually excellent Systat manual will let you down. The example, which has been carried through several generations of Systat, gives the inexperienced user absolutely no idea that you must use plus signs or commas on the right (independent) side of the equation, while these are strictly verboten on the left (dependent) side. The error messages Systat sends you when you make this "mistake" unfortunately are on the order of "804R: A FILE CANNOT BE OPENED..."

Many of Systat's best features are not found on the menus, as well. For instance, you cannot access any of its awesome file and data manipulation capabilities except by typing them as commands.

The manuals that come with Systat's programs, like those with the SPSS programs, have long and deservedly enjoyed a reputation for excellence. Their

writing styles are clear, and each contains many interesting and useful pieces of information. Sometimes, though, Systat seems to assume you know a lot. For instance, try to get a "frequency distribution" for a variable. This seems easy enough, but you cannot find this term in the on-screen help system, or in any of the three Systat manuals. You will not even find a hint on the order of: "Frequencies, frequency distributions: See 'Tables' for information." Instead, you thumb through the index, perhaps trying "counts," "distributions," "statistics," "tabulate," and "tables" (nothing listed there). At last, you begin to page through the manuals, where finally, in the Statistics volume, under "Tables," you can find the information you need, in the form of a complete discussion of tabulation.

Systat also seems to assume a ready familiarity with statistical concepts they deem important. For instance, if you are a little rusty about the meaning of the "A Matrix" and "C Matrix" in linear models, you will keep paging through the manual until you find the one place

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where these are discussed in some detail. More explicit guidance about where to find such explanations, in the index and the text—and possibly even ex-

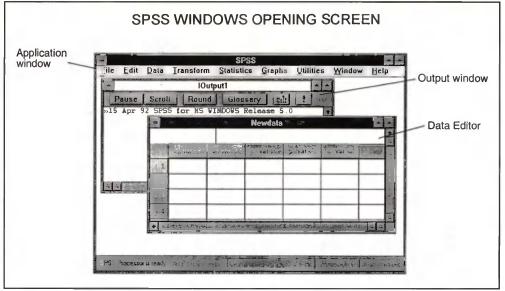
plaining such concepts more than once in the manuals—would prove highly helpful to many users.

Once you page through the manual as needed, Systat will usually do whatever you require. It has some intriguing features, like an option to state how many factors in a factor analysis (or how many functions in a discriminant analysis) you want to rotate. You can go from simple analysis of variance to repeated measures analysis of variance just by checking a box that ap-

pears on the screen—a remarkably elegant method. Sometimes Systat makes you do extra work, though. For instance, every time you run a procedure that generates new variables—cluster groups, or discriminant scores, or factor

scores, for instance—these must be saved into a new file. Unlike SPSS, Systat does not append these variables onto the end of the file you have open.

ment of cluster centers from one iteration to the next. Presumably, you could cut out the output produced by Systat, massage it, and feed it back into the



You must later go back and append the variables manually. This is not hard in itself, but can lead to a proliferation of tiny files during, for instance, a segmentation analysis. Since file manipulation cannot be done from Systat's menus, if you are an infrequent user of Systat, you will need to look up and type in the required file-merge commands. High on my "wish list" for Systat, then, is the ability to append new variables to the end of your open working file at all times—just as you can do with SPSS.

The common procedure I found weakest in Systat was its implementation of K-means (iterative) clustering. Systat does not provide any test for stopping the procedure. Instead, you must type in some number of iterations that you guess will be enough for the solution to become stable, and let the program run. The familiar Windows hour-glass then appears, and you wait until Systat is done, during which time you get no clue as to its progress (such as a counter showing which iteration the program is busy attacking). Finally, a raft of caseby-case statistics fly by, which you cannot stop or suppress. In the form presented, these numbers seemed less than useful for evaluating the goodness of a solution. Unfortunately, Systat does not provide such useful summary statistics as the size of each cluster generated (unless you count cases by hand), or a statistic testing the separation of cluster centers, or some description of moveprogram as a data file, and so derive some of this information yourself. This seems like stretching the do-it-yourself ethic past its limit, though, particularly if you need to evaluate five or ten alternative clustering schemes.

My wish list for Systat also includes case counters or iteration counters in all procedures, so that (using a slower machine, anyhow) you do not start to worry that the program has "frozen." Knowing what is happening also has the subjective effect of making the procedure seem to take less time.

Now on to SPSS for Windows. This program is organized around three basic windows: data, commands, and output. (The accompanying screen shot gives you an idea of what you will see when you open SPSS for Windows.) Once you get the hang of switching windows, operations are quite simple. You can do nearly all procedures, from simple to fairly complex, using the menus SPSS provides. (About the only helpful option I found missing from the menus and their accompanying pop-up "dialogue boxes" is the rotation of discriminant functions. This serves to clarify the identity of the discriminant functions as the does the rotation of factors in factor analysis.) You can select items from menus, then select a box saying "paste" to put the SPSS command-language equivalents into the command window. You then can select any portions of the command you like,

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Any time you want to see all available analytical options, you can highlight a command and select a menu item saying "Syntax." The complete command appears in a "Help" window, and can then easily be copied—in whose or in part—into the command window. SPSS treats the "help" window as a separate application, so it has an annoying tendency to disappear behind the windows with your work in them. This is the standard procedure for "help" in Windows programs, but it still can be frustrating. (Microsoft, are you listening?) Otherwise, the help is almost always to the point and helpful. (About the only glaring exception is the help item that tells you the syntax of the TEMPO-RARY command is "Temporary." You do not get the information you really need, i.e., that if you use "temporary" before a transformation or selection command, that transformation or selection will affect only the one command following. That explanation appears in the manual, but not on the screen.)

I found repeat measures analysis of variance to be the weak link in SPSS procedures. To do something as simple as, say, testing pre-to-post changes in responses to a concept, while controlling for the number of packages of test product each respondent has used, you must go to the MANOVA procedure, which means buying the "Advanced Stats" modufe. MANOVA models are never that easy compared to most other analyses, and in SPSS these analyses have sometimes been harder than they had to be. High on my SPSS wish list would be including simple repeated measures analyses along with other simple ANOVA problems, where they belong, and augmenting and improving examples of MANOVA analyses.

With this exception, you should find a lot to like in the operation of SPSS for Windows, even if you do not use it often—and especially if you have a fast computer. More experienced users who take the time to get used to Systat likely will rate it nearly as fast and straightforward as SPSS for Windows, but others may find it somewhat frustrating, especially going beyond the basics.

What about SPSS/PC+ Version 5 for DOS? This program still has the same "look and feel" as the old SPSS PC



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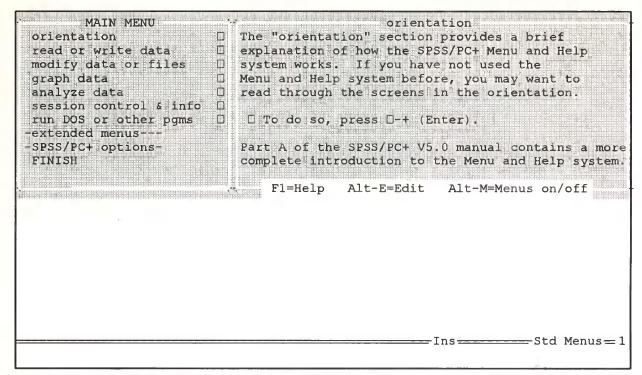
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programs—although you may notice that it seems to be running more quickly and smoothly. (See the accompanying screen shot, which will be familiar to all established SPSS users.) It does not have all the nice amenities of SPSS for Windows and Systat for Windows. For instance, this program will not prohibit you from selecting a variable of the wrong type for your analysis (such as a character or "string" variable in a regression), as the two Windows programs will. Rather, it will try to run the analysis, then tell you something (not too well specified) went wrong. Functionally, though, this program and the full Windows versions are very similar. About the only real difference I found: SPSS 5 for DOS makes you do iterations in its K-means clustering procedure "by hand," while the Windows program has this automated. The DOS program now keeps track of the "convergence" of your solutions, though, which itself is a vast advance over old versions of SPSS—you now have a handy way to know when to stop running more iterations. The biggest single improvement, in my opinion, is that SPSS/PC+ Version 5 for DOS allows you to call up and edit your data file, just as in the Windows program. In older versions of SPSS for PCs, this was not possible. The SPSS/PC+ 5 for DOS screen interface is perfectly adequate but once you have seen the Windows program, it is hard to go back.

In the ratings below, you will find two ratings for Systat, because it is a program that expert users should take to quickly. Others likely will find it a mixture of nice time-saving ideas and frustration.

☆☆☆☆ (for expert users) ☆☆☆ (for infrequent users) SPSS 5 for DOS: ☆☆☆☆☆

#### RATING AREA 5: ABILITY TO COMMUNICATE WITH OTHER PROGRAMS AND WITH PEOPLE

#### Transferring files

Both SPSS and Systat have come far from their earlier days—when transferring files to and from other programs was rarely a consideration. Still, (relying on their standard built-in capabilities) both have some distance to go. Each program still saves data in a proprietary file format unlike anything else. Each program can import files from leading database and spreadsheet programs (like Lotus and dBase), assuming these files do not violate implicit

rules for formats. For instance, both programs will get confused by two-line (or longer) spreadsheet column labels; even a blank row after spreadsheet column headings will cause similar problems. Systat seemed to do a little better importing ASCII data files than did the SPSS programs—but none handled irregularities well.

Both programs still do not recognize the existence of other statistics programs. Trying to open a Systat file with SPSS or an SPSS file with Systat leads to an "error" message like the old standby: "804R: A FILE CANNOT BE OPENED..." Do not expect the wizardry you find in programs such as Microsoft Word, which guess (usually correctly) what type of file you are trying to open.

If you are willing to spend more, both SPSS and Systat offer highly similar, and exceptional, file transfer programs. Using one of these programs you can read and write over 60 file formats, and so send files back and forth to associates loyal to the competition, or who think Y-Stat or RATS or INGRES is the only way to go. These add-on transfer programs also have great facilities for reading ASCII data, and allow you to define the locations of labels and data in spreadsheet programs. If SPSS and Systat had these capabilities built in, I would not hesitate to give them "outstanding" rat-

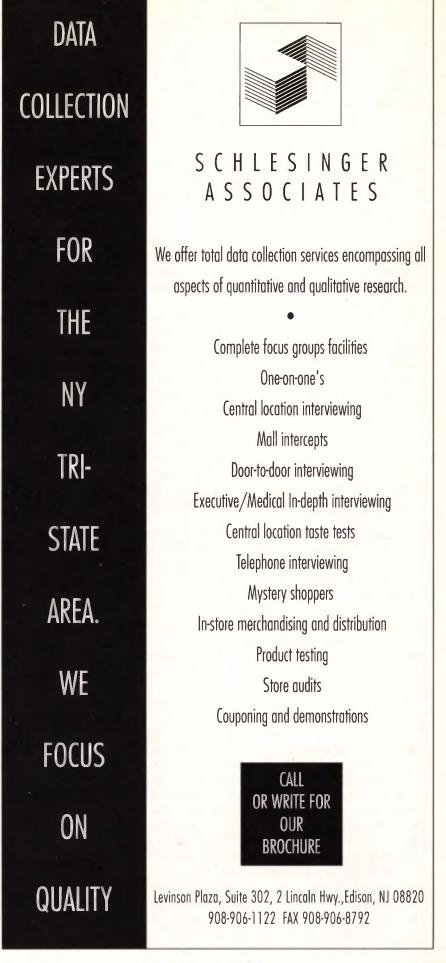
ings in file transfer abilities. As it is, you will need to increase your software budget by \$300 to \$400 to reach this level of performance. Unadorned, both SPSS and Systat fall a little short of the mark compared to the most up-to-date programs in ability to transfer data.

#### Graphics

Systat for Windows graphics will look highly familiar to users of the most recent DOS version of Systat. You will have essentially the same capabilities, with the addition of better on-screen annotation abilities. Systat creates "vector"-based charts, and can use the True Type fonts built into Windows 3.1, so its charts will print at the best resolution your printer can manage.

People who did not mind a command-driven graphing package liked Systat graphics in the DOS package and will like the graphics in Systat for Windows. My bias has always been to have as complete control as possible by "tweaking" the chart on-screen, so I quickly lose patience with programs that expect me to write a description of the chart I want, then rewrite as needed. (If, for instance, I do not like where the title of the graph falls by default, I expect to be able to drag it to a preferable spot on-screen.) The charts you get from Systat are acceptable, but not nearly the superb quality that a number of Windows-based charting packages can provide. You can save Systat's charts as Windows Metafiles (.WMF) graphics format, and later import them into other applications, such as Micrografx Draw, that give you precise control over touching-up operations.

SPSS for Windows graphics seem somewhat slicker at first, but you run into trouble when you try to do anything with them. You can change many things on-screen (such as colors and type faces), but you can reposition fewer-and certain options you select may simply refuse to do anything. (For instance, you can select 3-D effects for the bars on histograms, but nothing happens.) Perhaps least conveniently, the SPSS chart format (.CHT) is not compatible with any other program. To get an SPSS chart into a presentation or report, you must open the entire SPSS program, then use the Windows clipboard to cut and paste between applications. Because SPSS is a big program, having it and another application open at the same time can tax your PC. Even the 486-based PC,



running at 50 Mhz, with 8 MB of RAM, strained while cutting and pasting 5 SPSS charts. Use of a completely proprietary file format, and inability to export charts to any known format, both are throwbacks to the bad old days of computing. In addition, some useful types of charts, like the discriminant territorial map, remain "characterbased," i.e., they look like they were made on a typewriter. You probably will like SPSS graphics if you need only a few charts, and you are not very picky about chart layouts. I use graphics extensively, and want my charts "just so," so this is one area in which I found SPSS for Windows disappointing.

SPSS Version 5 for DOS links to Harvard Graphics and another charting program called Axum. Axum is perhaps the most powerful charting program that has not migrated to the Windows environment, and you can, with some patience, get it to do remarkable things. SPSS sells a special version of this charting program, and they say that their DOS graphics module will link to a copy of Axum that you already own. Windows-based programs have surpassed Axum in ease of use, and in quality of text, but Axum still can give you some fine charts in two and three dimensions. Axum also will export charts to a fair number of formats—and so is far more flexible in this regard than SPSS for Windows.

None of these programs has built-in all the charting options particularly useful to market researchers. For instance, none can automatically put labels near points on a scatter-plot (useful for multivariate mapping), as Delta Graph Professional almost can do. Similarly, none of them can automatically put labels along vectors—but then this is still a "by-hand" operation in all other programs.

#### Suitability for reports

These programs mainly do calculations, run procedures, and then give you all the information you will ever need to know about what happened. In most cases, all you will ever need to know is far more than you will want to put into a formal report, or presentation. SPSS usually gives you a little more control over output than Systat, but you will need to do plenty to the pages of material you get before it is presentable to any non-technical audience. SPSS, at least, has plans to do far more to make

output flexible and customized. But for now, there is still a large, and critical, gap between the data that come out and the meaning of the data to most audiences who need to use the information. Sometimes it seems as if statistics programs still have an implicit model of their users as solitary workers struggling in isolated towers for the truth—and this simply is not so. Results are useless if not communicated intelligibly. There is plenty of room for work here. Let's hope some of it gets done soon.

Transferring files

Recall that both SPSS and Systat have add-on (i.e., extra cost) file transfer programs that increase their performance to the exceptional range (all six stars, or 公公公公公公!) If your budget can stand the extra expense, you will find these file transfer programs outstanding, if not indispensable.

Graphics: for more casual users SPSS for Windows: ☆☆☆\* Systat for Windows: ☆☆☆☆☆ SPSS 5 for DOS: ☆☆☆☆☆

Graphics: for "picky users"
SPSS for Windows: ☆☆\*
Systat for Windows: ☆☆☆
SPSS 5 for DOS: ☆☆☆

Suitability for formal reports
SPSS for Windows: ☆☆
Systat for Windows: ☆☆
SPSS 5 for DOS: ☆☆

## RATING AREA 6: VALUE FOR THE MONEY

Here I tread into dangerous territory. After all, Systat for Windows costs nearly as much as a mail-order entry-level 486-SX computer, while SPSS for Windows with a few options added will come to about the price of a powerful, fully-loaded 486-based system. SPSS/PC+ version 5 for DOS with options will cost nearly as much. Yet I am prepared to call all these programs at least "good" values. Most likely you are asking the logical question, namely, "Why?"

The answer lies in what these programs can do. As a first point, statistical analyses, done by anybody (competent) other than you will cost plenty on the open market. The ratio of expense of these programs to the expense of having analyses done elsewhere is all in favor of buying the programs. If you can do one entire segmentation study yourself, you will pay for any of these programs at least twice over. Then there is the question of substitutability. If you know how to use these programs, they will give you answers that you cannot get anyplace else.

I could also give you the arguments sometimes offered by software companies (not necessarily these two): writing software is still done largely "by hand," even with recyclable, modular programs on the rise. Plenty of development time goes into a large, specialized application—ten "person-years" of time, twenty person-years, or more. If markets for a program are relatively small, the cost of developing the software must be spread over fewer buyers. These arguments are all interesting, supposedly, but the point remains that the manufacturers would not sell a single copy (all person-years invested notwithstanding) if the software did not do things that justify its cost. This is the real essence of this software. If you are a professional who must answer hard questions about data, you cannot go to Lotus, or dBase, or Quattro Pro, and so on, to get all answers you need. You must use a program like one of these. Before new programs like these, you always faced severe limitations in the size of problems you could handle on a PC. Now you should be able to tackle any question that arises from survey data-and nearly all that arise from any data base. Is this worth the expenditure? The first time you encounter a problem too large for your old PC programs, you will be very likely to say "yes."

A last word should follow about SPSS/PC+ Version 5 for DOS and notebook or lap top computers. At first, this program seems almost too good to be true for owners of such PCs. Again, the answer is that it almost is. It takes less space on your hard disk than the last version of SPSS, runs better, can use extended memory, and does more things than any previous SPSS PC program. So, what's the catch? Unfortunately, to use extended memory, this program needs a 386-based machine with a full 2

<sup>\* (</sup>mainly because of poor compatibility with other programs)

MB of RAM. This means that if you have a notebook computer with 2 MB of RAM, to get SPSS version 5 to run, you will need to disable any other program using any part of that RAM.

For instance, on the test notebook computer, we had to turn off the SmartDrive disk cache program entirely before SPSS had enough memory to run. The program was still fairly speedy without the disk cache, but the un-cached hard drive spent a lot of time grinding away, and as a result, the computer's battery ran down quickly. Also, you need to turn the disk cache on or off at the time you turn the computer on, so to use SPSS 5 and other programs, we installed two different start-ups (two of CONFIG.SYS sets AUTOEXEC.BAT files) that we switched between. It is really a much better idea to expand your notebook computer's memory beyond 2 MB if you want to run this program. It worked very comfortably on another computer with 4 MB of memory—and this probably is what you will need to reach good performance. Unfortunately, the cost of extra memory for lap top and notebook

computers has still not dropped in many cases—so you may well face another expense if you want to use this program on such a computer.

As a reminder, if your notebook comes with 4MB of RAM, Systat for Windows will run comfortably with this much memory at hand as well. Speed is another matter. You most likely will need at least a 486-SLC type notebook for Systat for Windows to run at a good speed.

Let's close this review with the last ratings. I finally felt that SPSS just missed an "excellent" rating for value, mainly because you need to buy 3 modules to get the analytical tools I find essential, and 5 or 6 modules in total to get a nearly complete suite of analytical tools for survey and database data. You cannot get quite as much with Systat, but the "cost per tool" is somewhat

Value for the money SPSS for Windows: Systat for Windows: SPSS 5 for DOS:

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#### **Neural Network**

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only intuitive knowledge is available. A typical application for a neural network is pattern recognition. Optical character recognition is a perfect example. Starting from some level of education, we all know how different characters look. We are often able to recognize them relatively fast even from very obscure handwriting. Yet, we cannot explain how we do that. Neural networks are trained to recognize the characters using the graphical representation of the text. Once trained, the network is able to recognize a similar font or handwriting quickly.

Open ended question coding is similar to pattern recognition. First, the coder records the word patterns and abstracts the repetitive concepts (ideas) they express. Then he or she applies this knowledge to the classification of responses. This similarity led to the idea of building a neural network for open ended question coding.

The search for an efficient learning algorithm for word patterns and the results of this effort are described below in the form of a case study. The feasibility of neural network technology for the open-ended coding is the topic of discussion.

#### Learning in neural networks

Before getting into the details of the learning algorithms, let's review briefly the general terminology of neural networks. A neural network consists of equal basic processing units—neurons. All neurons of a network operate in parallel. They process the data in units meaningful for the application. Being equal it also takes them the same time to process the same amount of data—a processing cycle. The neurons are connected to the outside world and to each other by data channels. Each channel carries one data unit for each processing cycle. A neuron has many input channels and a single output channel. The neuron calculates its reaction to the data units in its input channels and forwards it into the output channel in one processing cycle. The internal state of the

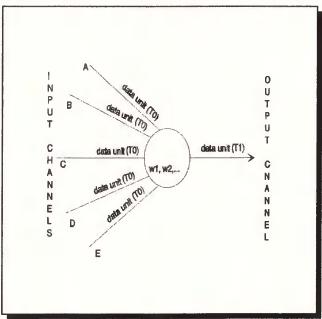


Figure 1 A neuron

neuron is defined with the values of its state variables. They are involved in the calculation of output. The neuron on figure 1 at the moment T0 has data in its input channels A, B, C, D and E and it puts out the reaction at T1—a processing cycle later.

The neurons in the network are organized in layers. A neural network also has its input and output channels. The neurons fed directly from the input channels of the network are called the input layer. The neurons feeding the output channels of the network are called the output layer. The layers between the input and output layers are not directly visible from the inputs or outputs of the network. They are called hidden layers. The data from each input channel of the network is fanned out into the input channels of the network's input layer. See figure 2 for an example. The output channels, in turn, are fanned out into the input channels of the next

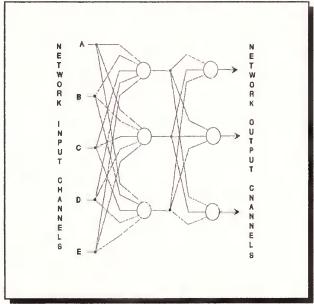


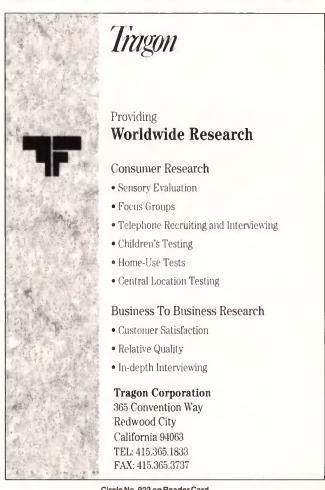
Figure 2 A two layer Neural Network

layer. The number of layers of the network is theoretically unlimited. In practical applications, up to three layers are used. The processing in the network occurs in parallel. For the network in figure 2 it takes one processing cycle for the input layer to calculate its reactions and another for the next layer to get the network's reactions out. Although the data units in the input of all neurons of a layer are the same their reactions will vary because the internal variable's values are different. The state variables of all the neurons in the network constitute the memory of the network.

There are two phases in the data processing with a neural network. First, the learning (or training) phase, in which the network is processing data and at the same time the neurons are adjusting their reactions so that certain combinations of data units in the input (data patterns) will induce certain reactions in the output of the network. Learning occurs by changing the network's memory—internal variables of the neurons. Second, the data processing phase, in which the network's memory remains stable. Consequently, the same reactions will appear in the output of the network in response to the same data patterns in the input.



Neural network technology incorporates several different ways to simulate the human learning process. New algorithms are announced weekly. A full explanation of all variations is outside the scope of this article. A popular overview of some variations can be found in Caudill, 1990. We will analyze two main approaches to the learning process from the aspect of applicability to the open ended question coding. Those are: learning from the examples and learning



from the data.

For further discussion, we need to associate some terms of neural networks with the terms of the coding process. The answer text serves as input to the neural network. It consists of words, which are the individual data units. The reaction of the network is a code corresponding to the particular text in the input of the network. The learning phase of our neural network corresponds to the development of the code list. The neural network's data processing is the actual coding of the answers.

#### Learning from examples

The first approach, learning from the examples, is one of the most developed classes of learning algorithms. The training set (the examples) contains the input as well as correct reactions to the input—the output. The learning process starts with a randomly initiated memory of the neural network providing randomly correct reactions to the input. As in the human learning process, correct "guesses" are rewarded and the incorrect ones "penalized." The best known back propagation type of learning means modification of the neuron's memory according to the expected reaction to the input. In other words, the knowledge about the correctness of the output is propagated back through the network layer by layer, starting from the output layer. Each neuron will modify its memory according to the feedback given to accommodate expected reaction to the known input from the source data.

The method assumes that the real data contains the same (or similar) combinations of input data. Obviously, the speed and quality of learning depend heavily on the volume and composition of the training set. The method works well for applications where such sets can be compiled with a reasonable effort. It assumes also that the distribution of various input patterns is stable and predictable.

Good application examples are the character recognition programs where the set of possible input is relatively stable and predictable. The construction of the training set is straightforward also. To be useful for open ended question coding, a representative subset of answers should be coded manually first. That subset would serve as the training sample for the rest of the coding process. Effectiveness of learning and quality of coding would depend on the composition of the training sample. The automated process would include: representative training sample selection and manual coding of the selected sample. The training sample selection for our application is complicated: the sample has to include word patterns with low number of occurrence, the unique ideas, and the common ideas expressed with unique words.

#### Learning from the data

The second approach suggests un-supervised learning from the data. The corresponding networks are called self-organizing or Kohonen-type networks after the name of the first researcher in that domain. The method is based on the idea that similar input data patterns are saved in the memory of neurons through repetitive occurrence and thus cause the same reactions. A similar process is probably going on in the newborn child's brain while he or she is learning to distinguish the surrounding objects. Note that the child is able to recognize the objects much earlier than he or she learns their names in the language. Correspondingly, exact reaction (its value) of a neural network to an input data pattern can not be

pre-determined. Matching and similar patterns, if they occur frequently, are saved in the network's memory. They are recognized next time in the input and the network returns the same output. The reactions to the different input patterns are different too. That reaction (output) will thus identify the input.

Here's how the self-organizing network operates and learns. A neuron saves in its internal memory a data pattern it considers its "own." In each processing cycle the neuron determines the "similarity" of the pattern in its input to its "own" pattern. The "similarity" is a value proportional to the distance between its "own" pattern and the input pattern. The network arbiter collects the "similarity" values from the neurons and determines the most similar neuron—the winner. The winner has the privilege of learning and generating the network's output. Learning in general terms means adjusting its "own" pattern so, that the "similarity" with the current input pattern increases.

Since the same input data is used for learning, the training set selection problem does not exist. In addition, the distinction between learning and processing phases becomes fuzzy. While calculating its reactions to the input data the network is also continuously learning from it. Thus, the learning speed depends on the composition of the input data and on the desired quality of processing. The algorithm is statistical in nature. Therefore, patterns with a low number of occurrences may not create sufficient trace in the network's memory to be distinguishable.

#### Our learning approach

Learning from data is appealing due to its practical characteristics—a fully automatic training process without the need for the complicated training sample selection and manual coding phases. The self-organizing network works in open ended coding as follows. First, the network scans the text of answers and saves the repetitive word patterns in its memory. It saves the patterns so that groups of answers with similar word patterns are recognized by distinct output values—codes. Besides learning, the network codes the answers in parallel. The learning phase can be interrupted as soon as the desired coding quality level is reached. Learning speed depends on the number of different word patterns (codes in the code list) one would like to count, the frequency of those patterns in the text, desired quality of coding.

The algorithm works well for the patterns that appear frequently in the text. Conversely, the network has trouble coding responses with unique ideas and also with the answers where common ideas are expressed in unique word patterns. Unique ideas can be ignored as statistically meaningless. Unique word patterns with common ideas are typical for open-ended studies. Therefore, a solution has to be found for them.

#### The program

The features of the program with the self-organizing learning algorithm tailored to the open ended questions coding are described in this section. The first challenge is building a meaningful bridge between the terms of the application and the terms of the technology. An effective and practically useful algorithm for the goal, we studied the characteristics of the data. The results provide for an efficient algorithm with a self-organizing neural network in the core of automatic

#### Building the algorithm

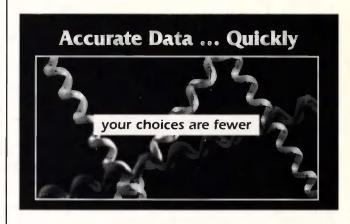
Identification of data units in the input channels of the neuron and the neuron's data processing algorithm are the key issues of the algorithm. To find the efficient assignment of data units we experimented with a simple scheme on many open ended answer files. Each word was treated as an autonomous entity discarding the semantic structure of the sentence. Analysis of results showed that the coding error due to this simplification was generally below one percent and never exceeded 1.5 percent. We decided to ignore the semantic structure of the sentence for the first version of the program.

A simple scheme follows from this decision. All different words from all answers of a file of answers make up the dictionary. Each word of the dictionary represents a particular in the inputs of the neural network. The value of this word in an answer is "true" if the word is present and "false" otherwise. A closer look at the mix of words shows the following: majority of the words are present in the text only once, thus useless for coding, prepositions, pronouns, substantives, articles—functional words, are also useless for coding, there are a number of misspelled variations of the same word in the text and there is no simple way to recognize them automatically, a set of words are aliases, thus only one could represent the group, a number of words can be considered aliases in the context of the particular open ended question.

A common set of functional words, aliases and even common misspellings can be compiled. Using this syntactic knowledge the program automatically eliminates the functional words, replaces the synonyms with one form and replaces the misspelled forms with correct ones. The operator's help is required to identify the remaining misspelled words and, most important, the context dependent aliases.

The operator in the role of an expert is introducing new syntactic and semantic knowledge of the language as well as the application domain of the study. Automatic and human assisted operations on words are called dictionary operations. The words remaining in the dictionary after the dictionary operations are called the selector words. The algorithm uses only selector words as input for the neural network.

The network's structure and operation for open ended coding is discussed next. Each neuron in the network has its unique identification number. The neuron's internal memory contains a word pattern the neuron considers its "own," Our neural network has one hidden (processing) self-organizing layer. Each neuron gets all the network's inputs. For each processing cycle the text of one answer is fed into the network. All neurons compare themselves to the input. The network returns the identification number of the most similar neuron—the winner. The similarity is defined as a ratio of matching words to the total number of words in the answer text. In order to increase the similarity in the learning phase, the winner adds words to its short term memory or replaces less useful ones. There are several other processes active concurrently as well. They simulate the human brain's forgetting process as well as the anchoring of significant words in the neuron's long-term memory. In technical terms they eliminate the insignificant word associations and manage neuron's memory. During the learning process each neuron



becomes the representative of a word pattern. The word patterns are the potential codes on the code sheet.

#### The coding process and neural network

Done with the general algorithm, we will discuss the coding process with the program and the role of the neural network. All tasks of a coding project: dictionary generation and manipulation, code list generation, code list editing and printing, coding of answers, coded file review and editing, are supported by the program.

First, the program builds the dictionary as a list of different words from the answer text. It flags the common non-selector words and joins common alias words before presenting the dictionary for review and editing by the operator. The dictio-



nary appears in the form of two lists. Both the non-selector list and the selector list may contain sub-lists of aliases. The

operator can move words from one list to another, join words to alias group sub-lists or break them out if required.

Code list generation normally follows the work with the dictionary. Least similar answers in the set are used to initialize the neural network for the code list generation. The program trains the network, processing all answers in the file once in each training run. It keeps track of the learning activity over the run calculating a training index. Stabilization of the index signals the end of the learning process. Finally, the pro-

gram translates the network's memory into a code list. Each code in the list is defined as a boolean expression of words associated with a code number. Semantically these are the words used to express a concept in a set of answers. The words of the code definition are joined with the boolean operations "and" and "or." The operator can review and edit the code list in this format. The operator can by-pass the code list generation if a previously developed code list should be used for coding. This is typically the case for continuing studies.

The neural network assigns codes to the word patterns, but coding of ideas and concepts is usually required. Abstraction of concepts from the word patterns by the operator is expected at this point. Besides the verbatim of the study, it depends also on the goal of the study,

level of detail required and other aspects not explicitly present in the answers. Therefore, we opted for an interactive approach. The operator has to review the code list, identify the word patterns of the same concept and assign the same code number to those patterns.

Once the code list is finalized the coding is fully automatic. The pro-

gram loads the network with edited code definitions from the list. A modified processing algorithm is loaded into the neurons as well. The new algorithm is evaluating the boolean expression of the corresponding code in addition to the quantitative "closeness" measure calculated by the earlier algorithm. For processing, the program reads the answers and

each neuron calculates its boolean value and the similarity. The coding operation is supported in two modes: Single code per response mode selects only the most similar code if several neurons return "true"; Multiple codes per response counts all neurons with the boolean value "true" as relevant.

Finally, the coded file is available for the review and editing by the operator. Here the operator can overwrite the codes assigned

by the program if he so chooses. The program collects also some code distribution statistics. Those are the number of

| Feature  | Manual | Semi-<br>automatic | Automatic |
|--|--------|--------------------|-----------|
| Identification of aliases and misspelled words         |        | 1                  |           |
| Identification of selector words                       |        | 1                  |           |
| Identification of repetitive phrases and word patterns |        |                    | 1         |
| Word pattern based code list development               |        |                    | 1         |
| Abstraction of word patterns into concepts             | 1      |                    |           |
| Code label development                                 | 1      |                    |           |
| Coding for the best code                               |        |                    | 1         |
| Coding for multiple codes                              |        |                    | 1         |

answers in the code group and maximum dissimilarity of the answers under the code.

In summary, the program uses a neural network for both key phases—code list development and coding. Although significant operations are automated by the program, full automation is not achieved. The automation of operations is summarized in table 1.

#### The field trial

In order to determine the potential impact of the automation to the open ended questions coding a set of field tests was conducted. The evaluation of following characteristics was set for the goal of the field study: autocoding quality and

| Characteristics     | Coder 1 (Lilly) | Coder 2 (Pat)                   | Coder 3 (Robert) |
|---------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|------------------|
| Professional coding | None            | None                            | None             |
| Computer            | General         | None                            | Programmer       |
| Autocoding program  | 2 Months        | 1 day lecture<br>1 day practice | 1 Month          |
| English Language    | 2 Years         | Native                          | 2 Months         |

speed in comparison with manual coding; the influence of previous computer and coding skills; the significance of special training.

#### The experiment

The answers to three questions were used for the field test.

| Test Number Files of responses | Manual |           | Coder I (Lilly) |           | Coder 2 (Pat) |           | Coder 3 (Robert) |           |     |
|--------------------------------|--------|-----------|-----------------|-----------|---------------|-----------|------------------|-----------|-----|
|                                | Hours  | Resp/hour | Hours           | Resp/hour | Hours         | Resp/hour | Hours            | Resp/hour |     |
| ABC                            | 440    | 10        | 44              | 1         | 440           | 5         | 88               | 3.5       | 126 |
| XYZ                            | 352    | 8         | 44              | 1.5       | 235           | 6         | 59               | 4         | 88  |
| вотн                           | 588    | 10        | 60              | N/A       | N/A           | 1         | 588              | 1         | 588 |

The first file was compiled from the answers to the question

"Why did you choose ABC as your soft drink supplier?" (referred to below as file ABC). The second one asked the same question from XYZ customers (referred to as XYZ). The third file included the responses to the question "What were your primary reasons for selecting your supplier?" (referred to as BOTH). The code list developed for the first two questions was used for the third file.

Three people coded the files independently. Their experience, relevant to the test is summarized in table 2.

Table 3 compares the time spent on the code list development and coding of the test files. The data in the manual coding column includes 2.5 hours of code list development for each of the first two files. The productivity of coding increased from 1.3 up to 10 times on first two files of the test.

| Manual Code Sheet                                       | Coder I (Lilly)                           | Coder 2 (Pat)  | Coder 3 (Robert)   |  |
|---|---|--|--|--|
| Previous supplier; Always<br>there; Preceded ms         | They were supplier already                | ABC was stready at location;<br>I was not there at the time<br>of decision | I wasn't there at the<br>time; ABC was here when I<br>started    |  |
| Low cheaper rates; offer discounts                      | Good prices                               | Good; lower; cheaper;<br>hetter prices                                     | Low; good prices,<br>chesper, best offer                         |  |
| Popular, well known,<br>universal;                      | Popular, good product                     | Popular; well known Good; popular, cust demand; raquest; m                 |  |  |
| High customer demand                                    | Customer demand<br>Customers like ABC     | Cususmer like; prefer; request;<br>demand                                  | NOT USED   |  |
| National account; contract with the supplier;           | National account:<br>contract             | National contract; account;<br>owner;<br>corporate decision                | Corporate decision; national account; owner's decision; contract |  |
| Decision made at corporate office                       | Corporate decision                        | NOT USED   | NOT USED   |  |
| Good, top quality                                       | NOT USED                                  | Good quality product   | NOT USED   |  |
| Prompt service; efficient                               | Good service                              | Good; prompt; efficient service  | Good; excellent; efficient;<br>prompt service                    |  |
| Courteous employees; good customer service              | NOT USED                                  | NOT USED   | NOT USED   |  |
| NOT USED  | Variety of goods                          | Variety of goods   | Variety of goods   |  |
| Good variety of services offered                        | NOT USED                                  | NOT USED   | NOT USED   |  |
| Convenient, good location                               | Convenient; No choice (Only game in town) | Convenient; convenient location; service                                   | NOT USED   |  |
| Better then other suppliers                             | Well known vendor                         | NOT USED   | NOT USED   |  |
| Satisfy needs; no reason the change to another supplier | NOT USED                                  | NOT USED   | NOT USED   |  |
| Service Machines  | ABC supplies the machine                  | ABC supplies machine Machines - size, m changer, etc.                      |  |  |
| % of commission   | NOT USED                                  | NOT USED   | NOT USED   |  |
| Other   | Other                                     | Other  | Other  |  |
| Don't know; no comment                                  | Don't know                                | Don't know; no reason<br>don't remember                                    | Don't know; no reason; can't<br>remember;                        |  |

Table 4 Comparison of Code Lists for ABC File

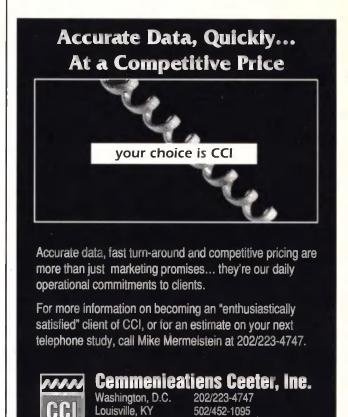
Strong linear correlation with the experience of working with the program is noticeable.

The third file, "BOTH" represents a tracking study. Coder 1 was not asked to code the third file, but the productivity increase was significant (almost 10 times) for coders 2 and 3.

#### **Detailed characteristics of automated coding**

The code list development and coding results of the ABC file are covered in detail in this section. Table 4 summarizes the code labels produced by the participants and compares to the labels from the manual process. We boxed the groups that were labeled differently by the participants but were based on the same word patterns.

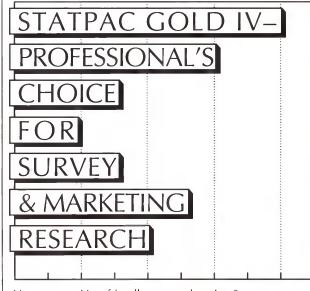
Table 5 shows the summary statistics of coding. Same code groups are boxed again for easier comparison. Due to the semi-automatic operations the differences in the results are from fractions of percentage points up to 4 percent. The variations of the results are in the same range between the participants of the test and the manual coder. Since the automatically generated code list is open for editing each coder introduces his personal view into the results. In our



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tests a subset of answers contained several ideas. The multicode mode of the program was not used in the tests. Therefore, the

| Code Label  | Manual | Coder I<br>(Lilly) | Coder 2<br>(Pat) | Coder 3<br>(Robert) |
|---|--------|--------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Previous supplier, Always there;<br>Preceded me         | 26.90% | 31.36%             | 29.77%           | 31.14%              |
| Low cheaper rates; offer discounts                      | 6.37%  | 6.14%              | 6.14%            | 6.14%               |
| Popular, well known, universal,                         | 12.32% | 21.36%             | 10.68%           | 23.41%              |
| High customer demand                                    | 9.65%  | 2.27%              | 8.86%            | 0.00%               |
| National account; contract with the supplier;           | 2.67%  | 2.73%              | 11.14%           | 9.55%               |
| Decision made at corporate office                       | 7.39%  | 6_14%              | 0.00%            | 0.00%               |
| Good, top quality                                       | 5.54%  | 0.00%              | 5.45%            | 0.00%               |
| Prompt service;efficient                                | 6.37%  | 9.55%              | 7.95%            | 11.36%              |
| Courteous employees; good customer service              | 2.46%  | 0.00%              | 0.00%            | 0.00%               |
| Variety of goods  | 0.00%  | 1,36%              | 1.59%            | 1.36%               |
| Good variety of services offered                        | 1.85%  | 0.00%              | 0.00%            | 0.00%               |
| Convenient, good location                               | 1.44%  | 2.05%              | 1,59%            | 0.00%               |
| Better than other suppliers                             | 1.64%  | 2.05%              | 0.00%            | 0.00%               |
| Satisfy needs, no reason the change to another supplier | 2.87%  | 0.00%              | 0.00%            | 0.00%               |
| Service Machines  | 1.64%  | 2.50%              | 3.18%            | 2,50%               |
| % of commission   | 0.62%  | (1.00%             | 0.00%            | 0.00%               |
| Other   | 1,64%  | 3.41%              | 2.95%            | 4.55%               |
| Don't know; no comment                                  | 8.62%  | 9.09%              | 10.68%           | 10.00%              |

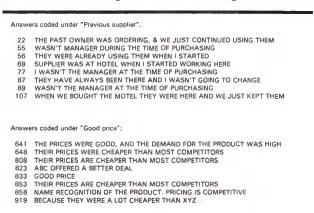
Table 5 Coding Statistics

participants had to guide the program to choose the most important concept from the answer. Subjective priorities explain most of the differences among the test participants.

In general, the test participants seem to have difficulties in isolating relatively small groups (less than 2 percent from the total). All the test participants failed to isolate one significant group "Satisfies needs; no reason for change to another supplier" with 2.87% of responses. Later analysis did not reveal the cause of these phenomena. The algorithm posi-

tively isolated the word patterns even if they were present only in two responses. The participants chose to join it with other, similar word patterns. This could be due to the lack of previous training in open ended questions coding.

The consistency of code development is illustrated with figure 3. The codes boxed in table 4 (same concept, different labels) are combined for the charting purposes. The groups of codes with high correlation are on one end of the chart. The variation in the code development among them is in the order of single percentage points. Inconsistent code groups are on the other side of the chart. Some of the reasons for these variations were discussed earlier. Reasons for the differences between manual coding and automatic coding are addressed



Panel I Consistent Coding Results

below.

Finally, the actual coding results. As mentioned earlier, the coding is practically instantaneous with the program. In addition, as we discovered in the tests, it is also more consistent with the code list. Thus, leading to higher quality results. To support this statement, we included some examples from the ABC file. Panel 1 shows a sample of consistently coded responses. Although the wordings of the

code labels do not match exactly, the results line up nicely. Panel 2 lists some of the responses where the participants ended up with different codes than the manual coder. In some cases, all assigned codes are relevant, but different concepts were considered to be primary. In other cases the errors of manual coder are obvious.

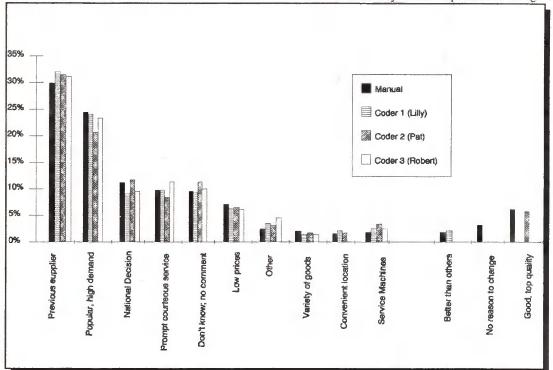


Figure 3 Code List Consistency

#### Conclusions of the test

Although the test can not be considered conclusive, some of the practical aspects of the program are evident: favorable automated coding appears to be more consistent (higher quality) than manual coding. Automated coding is significantly faster. Training and experience in the use of the program significantly increases the productivity. Computer literacy is not a prerequisite. Neutral: Some errors are inevitable whichever method is used. Both methods are subjective in creating the code labels. Negative: It requires re-orientation of current coding staff.

#### **Conclusions**

Neural network technology is mature enough to be used in various complex applications thus far considered to be unapproachable for computers. Building the applications some-

Coding inconsistancies:

11B BEST PRODUCT GREAT PRODUCT better than other supplier.

popular/good product good/quality product Robert good/popular product, customer demand request

1048 BECAUSE OF THEIR PROMPT AND VERY EFFICIENT SERVICE TOWARDS OUR COMPANY

previous supplier/has always been there/not mgr. at time of purchasing

good/prompt/efficient service Robert good/excellent/efficient/prompt service, convenient

PRIOR HISTORY, IT WAS HERE AND WE CARRIED IT OVER

popular/well known/universal Lilly

they were the supplier already
ABC already at location/not here at time of purchase

Robert wasn't there at time/previous supplier/was her when I started

#### Different primery concepts and interpretation:

120 VERY LOW PRICE, LEASING EQUIPMENT IS CONVENIENT AND DELIVERY IS PROMPT

prompt service/efficient

Lilly

convenient/convenient location/service Robert good/excellent/efficient/prompt service, convenient

WE BELIEVE IT'S BETTER THAN XYZ.

Manual batter than other suppliers Lilly popular/good product

good/quality product

Robert

TO GIVE THE CUSTOMERS A VARIED SELECTION

Manual good variety of services offered

Lilly wide variety

Robert wide selection variety

times takes creativity and innovation, but it pays off with significant support to the intellectual performance of a human operator. Better results in the eode list development can probably be expected from a multi-layer network and from an algorithm taking the consideration the semantical structure of the sentences.

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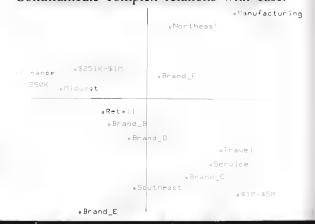
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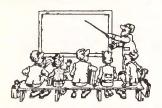
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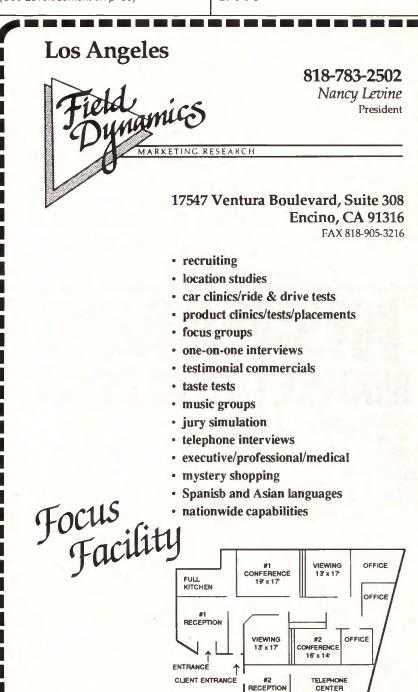
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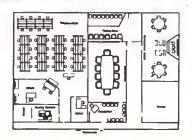
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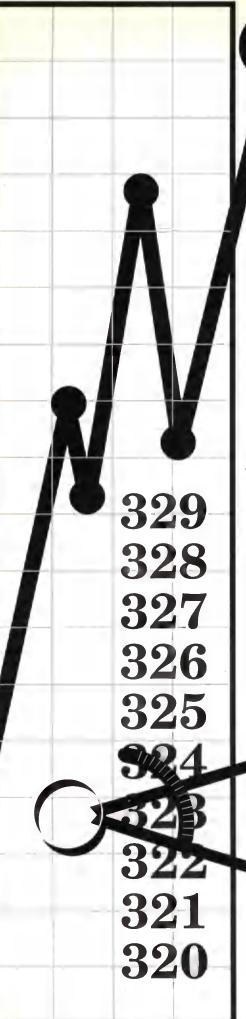
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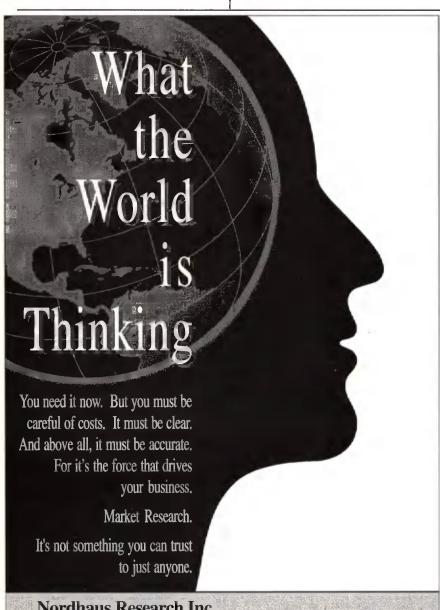
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Contact: Lou Roth
100-60-100-100
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On-Line Communications, Inc. 291 Wall Street
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The Customer Center, Inc. Horace Kelly & Ascts. 3528 Vest Mill Road Winston-Salem, NC 27103 Ph. 919/768-7368 Fax 919/768-7428 Contact: Jane Emerson 22-0-22-22

FGI 700 Eastowne Drive Chapel Hill, NC 27514 Ph. 919/493-1670 Fax 919/490-8829 Contact: Lenny Lind 90-90-90-90

M/A/R/C Northline Ave., Ste. 661 Greensboro, NC 27408 Ph. 919/855-6700 Fax 919/294-3253 Contact: Grace Atkins 74-74-74-74

The Telephone Centre, Inc. 1605 Spring Garden St. Greensboro, NC 27403 Ph. 919/574-3000 Fax 919/574-3007 Contact: Liz Winter 65-65-65-65

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QFact Marketing Research 9908 Carver Road Cincinnati, OH 45242 Ph. 513/891-2271 Fax 513/791-7356 Contact: Mary Swart/Nan Moore 22-6-22-22

Quick Test 11 Triangle Park Dr. Cincinnati, OH 45246 Ph. 513/772-0134 Fax 513/772-1125 Contact: Barbara Riggs 31-28-31-31 Research & Results, Inc. 4941 Paddock Rd. Cincinnati, OH 45237 Ph. 513/242-6700 Fax 513/242-1337 Contact: Barbara Newman 18-0-18-0

Service Industry Research Sys. 2330 Victory Pkwy. Cincinnati, OH 45206 Ph. 513/751-5556 Fax 513/751-1303 Contact: Mirjana Popovich 32-24-32-32

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Cleveland Field Resources, Inc. 781 Beta Dr., #E Mayfield Village, OH 44143 Ph. 216/473-9941 Fax 216/473-0428 Contact: Daniel McCafferty 15-12-15-15 691 Richmond Road Cleveland, OH 44143 Ph. 800/950-9010 Fax 216/461-9525

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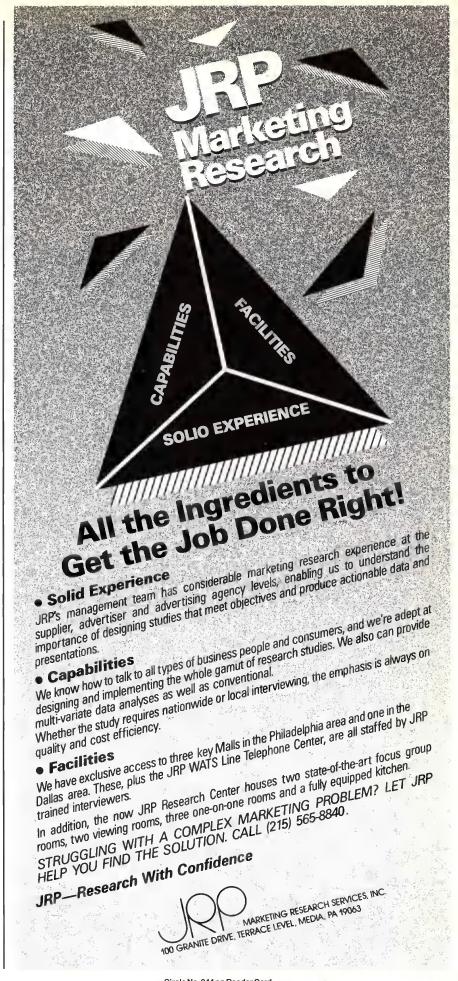
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Decision Analyst, Inc. 2221 East Lamar Blvd. Arlington, TX 76006 Ph. 817/640-6166 or 800/272-5974 Fax 817/640-6567 Contact: Ramona Pearcey 51-38-51-0

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Focus On Dallas 12240 Inwood Rd., #400 Dallas, TX 75244 Ph. 214/960-5850 Fax 214/960-5859 Contact: Kelly Lynn Ireland 15-0-0-0

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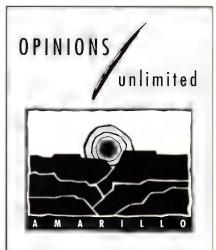
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researchers can expect to obtain from them. Pope frequently adds helpful advice on avoiding common pitfalls in the various research areas. The book closes with some equally helpful chapters, including "Ten Tips on Being a Savvy Research Client" and "How to Work with a Research Company."

These and other chapters offer researchers a nice side benefit because they may serve as good primers for people you work with who aren't familiar with how, for example, ad research is done. Pope explains things with very little jargon, so non-researchers can understand what he's talking about. If you need to justify the decision to use or not to use a technique or to explain to management what RDD and CATI are, "Practical Marketing Research" will come in handy.

#### Competitive intelligence

This month's second book is about research of a different kind, albeit one that some market researchers know very well: competitive intelligence. "Analyzing Your Competition" is published by FIND/SVP, a New York consulting and research firm that specializes in information research.

Part of almost any research project is finding out what your competition is doing and measuring the opinions of its customers—especially if they also happen to be your customers. That's where competitive intelligence (CI) comes in. In conjunction with marketing research, a comprehensive CI effort can tell you a great deal about the other players in your industry. As author Tim Powell states in the preface: "...95

percent of competitive business information comes from publicly available sources. The companies who really excel at Cl are not the ones with secret CI techniques, or even those who practice corporate espionage. The companies who are most successful at Cl are those who are able to use this information to see trends and anticipate future moves and who are able to act on this information. Integrating Cl findings into the decision-making fabric of the organization is key for success."

#### Many sources

While there are firms, such as FIND/SVP, that will do the searching for you, if you have access to a good library, you have access to many sources of Cl. The bulk of "Analyzing Your Competition" is made up of listings of these sources and of the names, addresses and phone numbers of hundreds of other information sources you can write or call, from the State of Texas Patent Depository to the Office of Thrift Supervision.

The book's nearly 300 pages are divided into chapters and subsections focusing on information types (e.g., securities information, products, management, advertising and promotion) and various private, federal, state and international sources. Fortunately, Powell gives some guidance, both in introductory chapters and throughout the book, on how to use the information once you get your hands on it.

"Practical Marketing Research" (\$32.95, hardcover, 314 pages), by Jeffrey L. Pope, is published by AMACOM Books, New York (800-538-4761).

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Back in February I reviewed "State of the Art Market ing Research" by Al Blankenship and George Breen, a weighty tome written to bring readers up to date on the latest techniques used in the research field. While the book did that quite well, I felt its real strength was its practical bent. The authors dispensed advice based on real world experiences that researchers could identify with and understand.

Jeff Pope does the same thing—in fewer pages—in an updated edition of his book "Practical Marketing Research." Pope, co-founder and partner of Custom Research, Inc., Minneapolis, gives readers the benefit of his years of working with clients on all manner of research projects. As a research provider, he's no doubt been hammered by clients to keep costs down. Thus the book contains several tips on how to make your research more cost- and time-efficient. Most are of the common sense variety but good ideas can always stand repeating. Here's an example from a chapter on how to develop a data processing plan:

"There is nearly always the temptation in working up a data processing plan to want to run 'everything by everything,' to cross-tab every question by the responses to nearly every other question. The computer makes this feasible, and it often seems like a good precaution 'just in case.' This is nearly always the wrong approach. It wastes money, of course; but more important, it buries you under piles of tables that become an obstacle to thorough analysis. It's usually impossible to get an overview and understanding of the results when you're slogging through hundreds of computer tables."

After brief sections on the role of research in business and choosing an interviewing method, Pope walks through the research process step by step, dispensing suggestions on ways to cut costs, develop a questionnaire, and handle the task of coding. The best entries in this section are the chapters on writing a readable research report, estimating research costs, and picking the right kind of question.

#### Common pitfalls

The next section, titled "Solving Specific Marketing Problems," includes of overviews of many types of research, from ad research and package testing to international research. Each of these chapters is brief and to the point, summarizing the most popular methods used and the kinds of information

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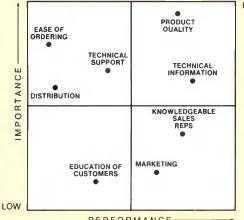
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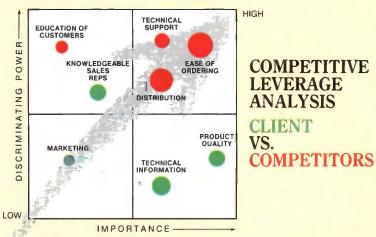
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