

ICrAData v2.3

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The name of the application ICrADData stands for InterCriteria Analysis Data. For basic information about the algorithms see the presentation in `docs` directory, for details see the articles in `external` directory.

1 Application

The application is written in C/C++. Start the application from `ICrADData.sh` on Linux, `ICrADData.exe` on Windows.

The basic example is already loaded:

```
x;E;F;G;H;I
A;6;5;3;7;6
B;7;7;8;1;3
C;4;3;5;9;1
D;4;5;6;7;8
```

For the example to process, select Semicolon separator and mark the Headers. Then click the button Analysis to make the calculations and view the plot.

If headers exist, note that the first element on the first row must be present, even though it does not affect the data. Otherwise the application reports error “All column sizes per row must match (including the header)”.

2 Algorithms

There are Variants and Methods. Variants are the algorithms by which the matrix is processed. Usually that is a single matrix, also known as Standard ICrA Method.

The other methods must be applied to at least three matrices. There is matrix count `MatCnt` option for that.

Standard ICrA Method: applies the base algorithm (ICrA Variant) over a single matrix, and displays the result.

Aggregated ICrA Method: requires at least three matrices, the input matrix is split by the `MatCnt` option. The base algorithm is applied over each matrix. Then is applied an aggregation over the matrix count: average of all elements at each (i, j) index, maximum/minimum of all elements at each (i, j) index.

Criteria Pair ICrA Method: requires at least three matrices, the input matrix is split by the `MatCnt` option. The base algorithm is applied over each matrix. This result is written as rows of two new matrices, one for μ and one for ν . The intermediary step is two matrices with number of rows equal the matrix count, number of columns equal the number of elements of upper triangular matrix from the base algorithm.

A criteria pair (special method) is applied to these two matrices, which results in a new ICrA matrix, that is displayed. This special method applies the base algorithm over an Ordered Pair (this functionality is used only here).

ICrADData v1.7 has the capability to load data files as Ordered Pair, which is not yet implemented in the 2.x branch.

3 Result

Table view can be changed by the drop down menus. The values for Alpha and Beta refresh the tables and the plot. Table and plot colors:

- $\mu > \alpha$ and $\nu < \beta$ – Positive Consonance – green,
- $\mu < \beta$ and $\nu > \alpha$ – Negative Consonance – red,
- all other cases – Dissonance – magenta.

The Export button allows saving the input or result matrix in several different ways:

- input – save the input matrix with these parameters,
- μ and ν – μ data is saved in the upper triangular part of the result matrix, ν data is saved in the lower triangular part of the result matrix, this option saves the result matrix the way it is stored in memory,
- $(\mu; \nu)$ – save the result matrix as a full mirror matrix – values for $(\mu; \nu)$ are repeated in the upper/lower part of the saved matrix file,
- vector upper – save the result matrix as a vector – headers, values, indexes – per each cell per row, iterate over the upper triangular part of the result matrix,
- vector lower – save the result matrix as a vector – headers, values, indexes – per each cell per row, iterate over the lower triangular part of the result matrix, different ordering of the elements compared to vector upper.

4 Plot

There are three number selectors:

- Points – size of the plot points.
- Matrix break point – apply Jump when matrix rows are greater than this value, also a clock is displayed until the calculations complete.
- Jump after matrix break point – skip this many elements when drawing the plot, very useful for big data, change it to redraw the plot.

The options drop down menu:

- Color/Marks/Grid/Text are displayed in the right panel.
- Button TeX saves the plot in TeX format with 9 parameters: Alpha, Beta, Points, Matrix break, Jump after matrix break, Color, Marks, Grid, Text. If there are too many points on the plot, the TeX file might be so large, that it does not compile. Then increase the Jump to 50 so that TeX makes the PDF file.
- Button PNG saves the plot in PNG format as displayed in the right panel.

5 Configuration

The application creates the file `config.ini` on the first startup. After that, options can be changed and the application reads the file on next startup. There are two options:

- scale – default value as reported by the operating system, if the application user interface looks too small, increase this value to 1.2 or 1.4 for a better experience, scale $\in [0.1, 5.0]$, real value,
- colors – full brightness 0, moderately bright 1, semi bright 2, semi dark 3 (default), moderately dark 4, full darkness 5, colors $\in [0, 5]$, integer value.

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7 Credits

This software application contains statically compiled code from:

- FLTK 1.4 <http://www.fltk.org/>
- ZLIB 1.2 <http://sourceforge.net/projects/libpng/files/zlib/>
- LIBPNG 1.6 <http://sourceforge.net/projects/libpng/files/libpng16/>

Application compiled by:

- ICraData.out – GCC 9.3.0 <http://gcc.gnu.org/>
- ICraData.exe – MinGW 17.1/GCC 9.2.0 <http://nuwen.net/mingw.html>

8 Changelog

- Version 2.3 (August 16, 2020) [C/C++]
 - New: added proper extension when saving files
 - New: added file filters to the native file chooser
 - Fix: scale and colors removed from the user interface, since changing scale is not intended to be dynamic, they can be changed from `config.ini`
- Version 2.2 (June 24, 2020) [C/C++]
 - New: scale and colors can be changed from the application
 - New: scale is applied to multiple monitor setup

- New: native file chooser is enabled for file operations
- Fix: save file is now working
- Fix: second table now applies Alpha, Beta, Digits, Width
- Fix: added `\\` at the end of line for TeX export
- Version 2.1 (June 21, 2020) [C/C++]
 - User interface optimized, to reflect the 1.x branch
 - Multi-threaded code is enabled, for much faster calculations
 - The application is HiDPI aware, check config.ini
- Version 1.7 (June 10, 2020) [Java]
 - User interface optimized, to reflect the 2.x branch
- Version 2.0 (January 2, 2020) [C/C++]
 - Application rewrite, from the codebase of ICrADData v1.6
- Version 1.6 (June 20, 2019)
 - Panels can be resized all the way by their separators (with the mouse)
 - Plot options changed to check boxes Colors, Ticks, Grid, Text, options also reflected in the PNG/TeX export
 - Added coloring of the plot points
- Version 1.5 (June 7, 2019)
 - Added alternative coloring of the table cell data
- Version 1.4 (July 27, 2018)
 - Button Save File now always asks for the file name
 - Button Save Copy is now Save Draft, and makes a backup of the input data
 - Backup is created every 15 minutes and on application exit
 - Added function Save to the button View Data
- Version 1.3 (July 22, 2018)
 - Importing headers through copy/paste from MS Excel now works
 - Added loading of CSV files
 - Added option for row/column header names
 - Changed the table colors in three main colors
 - Added option for screenshot in Export
- Version 1.2 (May 14, 2018)
 - Table column selection marks all respective plot points in blue color
 - Added headers to all matrices when using the button View Data
 - Export button is now two buttons PNG/TeX

- Version 1.1 (March 16, 2018)
 - Saving the working directory when using Open File, Save File, Export
- Version 1.0.0 (January 25, 2018)
 - Ordered pair comparisons:
 - greater: $(a_1, b_1) > (a_2, b_2)$ when $a_1 \geq a_2, b_1 < b_2$ or $a_1 > a_2, b_1 \leq b_2$
 - less: $(a_1, b_1) < (a_2, b_2)$ when $a_1 \leq a_2, b_1 > b_2$ or $a_1 < a_2, b_1 \geq b_2$
 - Improved the TeX/PNG export of the plot
 - Message is displayed for insufficient memory
- Version 0.9.9 (November 12, 2017)
 - Second Order ICrA, with option for matrix count
 - Aggregated ICrA, with option for aggregation and matrix count
 - Saving the parameters of the input data when using Save File/Save Copy
 - Added new plot view – Text, on the left of button Export
 - Added TeX export for the plot
- Version 0.9.8 (September 6, 2017)
 - Added option to export the matrix by rows or columns as a vector
 - Added option for header separator - tab, semicolon, comma
- Version 0.9.7 (August 22, 2017)
 - Ordered pair (μ, ν) for the input data: separate matrices for μ and for ν
 - Added option to transpose the input matrix data
 - Added header to the data export
 - Added TeX & separator for the data export
 - Added option to select the size of the plot points
 - Point selection (with the mouse) on the plot shows the respective cell from the table
- Version 0.9.6 (June 18 2017)
 - Application can calculate the distance from (μ, ν) to $(1,0)$
 - Alternative view: showing table (μ, ν) and distance table
 - Added option to select the number of digits after the decimal point
 - Added option to select the names of the criteria
 - Cell selection (with the mouse) in the table shows the point on the plot
- Version 0.9.5 (June 12, 2017)
 - Application renamed from ICAData to ICrAData
 - Synchronized scrolling of both tables
 - Plot can be dragged by the mouse
- Version 0.9.4 (June 4, 2017)

- User interface redesigned
- Version 0.9.3 (May 31, 2017)
 - Added fifth algorithm – Weighted
- Version 0.9.2 (July 20, 2016)
 - Added exporting of vectors (elements from the upper triangular matrix)
 - The algorithm Intended is renamed to Unbiased
- Version 0.9.1 (May 21, 2016)
 - Matrix export was too slow for very big input data
- Version 0.9 (April 24, 2016)
 - Added fourth algorithm – Balanced
 - Added plot color – black/white
- Version 0.7 (April 10, 2016)
 - Data can be loaded by copy-paste from another software
 - Added an option to export the matrices
 - Added two more algorithms – ν -biased, Intended
 - Fixed the problems from the initial version
- Version 0.5 (April 3, 2016)
 - Initial version
 - Base algorithm – μ -biased

9 Download

Download the application from these links:

<http://intercriteria.net/software/>

<http://justmathbg.info/icradata.html>