

# *Acitelli Codebook*

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148 Married Couples, 296 Persons

This describes the pairwise dataset, but file is also available as individual and dyad.

## **Couple-Level Variables**

Coupleid      each couple has 1 couple id

Yearsmar      each couple has 1 value for years married (centered; 11.214 subtracted)

## **Actor or “A” Respondent Variables**

Gender\_A      -1 Female; 1 Male

SelfPos\_A      Mean of positive self variables (uncentered)

OtherPos\_A      Mean of positive partner variables (uncentered)  
(both variables the average of Cooperative, Mature, Friendly, Hard Working and Care about Others)

Satisfaction\_A      Mean of four variables (theoretical range from 1 to 4)

Tension\_A      Mean of two disagreement and tension (theoretical range from 1 to 4)

SimHob\_A      Perception of having similar hobbies (1 = very true; 0 = somewhat true; -1 = not at all true)

## **Partner or “P” Variables**

Gender\_P      -1 Female; 1 Male

SelfPos\_P      Mean of positive self variables (uncentered)

OtherPos\_P      Mean of positive partner variables (uncentered)  
(both variables the average of Cooperative, Mature, Friendly, Hard Working and Care about Others)

Satisfaction\_P      Mean of four variables (theoretical range from 1 to 4)

Tension\_P      Mean of two disagreement and tension (theoretical range from 1 to 4)

SimHob\_P      Perception of having similar hobbies (1 = very true; 0 = somewhat true; -1 = not at all true)

Gender      String variable with Husband and Wife

Partnum      A variable to distinguish the two members (1 and 2)

## Descriptive Statistics

	N	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std. Deviation
Yearsmar	296	-11.21	15.04	.0000	7.70663
Partnum	296	1.00	2.00	1.5000	.50085
Gender_A	296	-1.00	1.00	.0000	1.00169
SelfPos_A	296	2.60	5.00	4.1865	.41246
OtherPos_A	296	2.60	5.00	4.2635	.49842
Satisfaction_A	296	1.17	4.00	3.6047	.49642
Tension_A	296	1.00	4.00	2.4307	.68725
SimHob_A	296	-1.00	1.00	.0777	.64627
Gender_P	296	-1.00	1.00	.0000	1.00169
SelfPos_P	296	2.60	5.00	4.1865	.41246
OtherPos_P	296	2.60	5.00	4.2635	.49842
Satisfaction_P	296	1.17	4.00	3.6047	.49642
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Valid N (listwise)	296				