Contradictions and Consensus — Clusters of Opinions on E-books

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Abstract

Q methodology was used to determine attitudes and opinions about e-books among a group of faculty, graduate students, and undergraduates at Miami University of Ohio. Oral interviews formed the basis for a collection of opinion statements concerning e-books versus print. These statements were then ranked by a second group of research participants. Factor analysis of these rankings found four distinct factors that reveal clusters of opinions on e-books: Book Lovers, Technophiles, Pragmatists, and Printers. Two of the four factors take a more ideological approach in their understanding of e-books: Book Lovers have an emotional attachment to the printed book as an object, while Technophiles feel just as strongly about technology. In contrast, the other two factors are more utilitarian: Printers might find e-books more palatable if usability were improved, while Pragmatists are comfortable with both print and e-book formats.

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This book presents a particular model for decisionmaking we call Formal Consensus. Formal Consensus has a clearly defined structure. It requires a commitment to active cooperation, disciplined speaking and listening, and respect for the contributions of every member. If the objection is not based upon the foundation, or is in contradiction with a prior decision, it is not valid for the group, and therefore, out of order. Formal Consensus is desirable in larger groups. If the structure is vague, decisions can be difficult to achieve. Of course, there will be varying
opinions on the best way to accomplish these goals. However, there must be a unifying base, a common starting point, which is recognized and accepted by all. Nonviolence. Consensus clustering (or aggregated clustering) is a more robust approach that relies on multiple iterations of the chosen clustering method on sub-samples of the dataset. By inducing sampling variability with sub-sampling, this provides us with metrics to assess the stability of the clusters and our parameter decisions (i.e., K and linkage) as well as a nice visual component in the form of a heatmap. Consensus clustering sudo code. As the name says, consensus clustering gains a consensus on an observation's cluster assignment based on their assignments in all the iterations of the clustering E-Books and Other Special Offers. 7 Day Prayer Challenge for Spouses. A Different Kind of Christian. And that’s where the book ends, which makes it a mystery how Mark thinks that the resurrection story ever got out. Did Mary Magdalene cry at the tomb? That makes sense—the tomb was empty and Jesus’s body was gone. The consensus of scholarly textual critics are that the earliest most reliable documents of Mark end at 16:8. But if you are saying that there could be an earlier version that is unknown, ok...then we don’t know. But by all apparent indications Mark ends there and the rest was added.