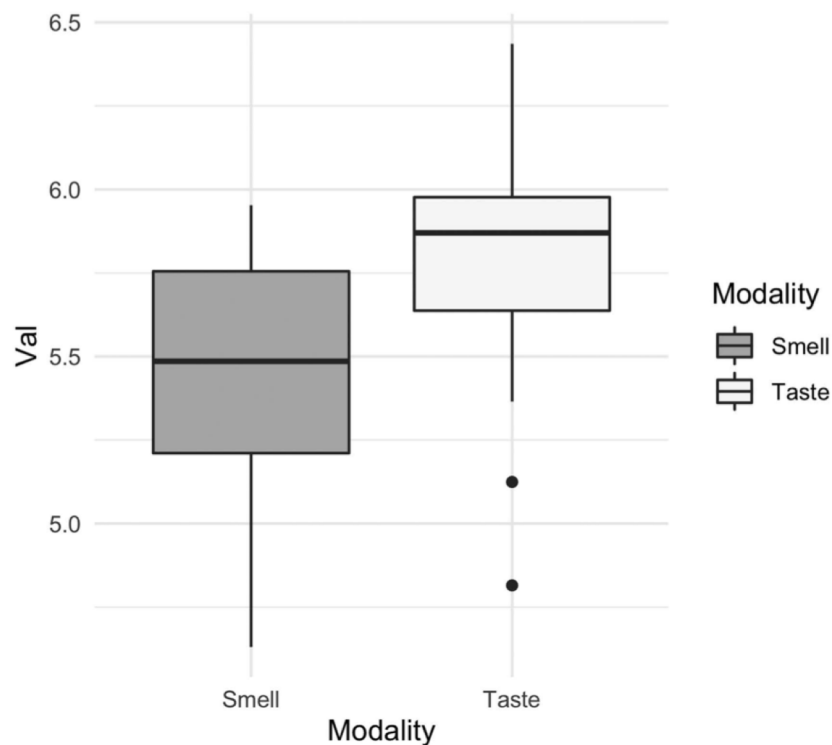


Categorical predictors

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Emotional valence of taste and smell words

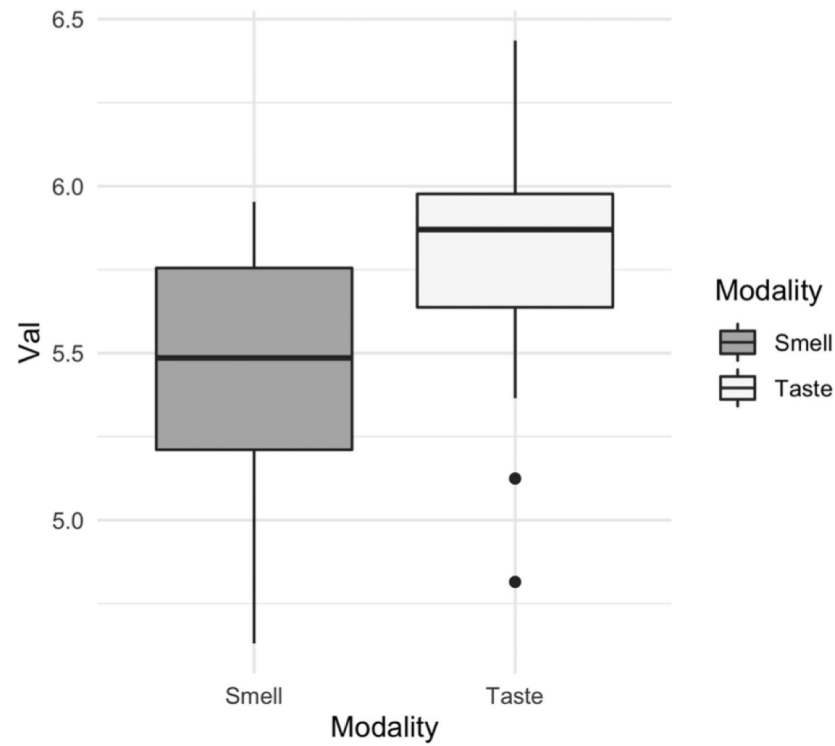
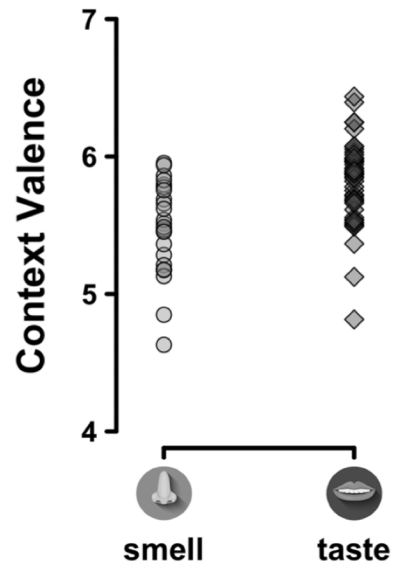


- Winter, B. (2016). Taste and smell words form an affectively loaded part of the English lexicon. *Language, Cognition and Neuroscience*, 31(8), 975-988.
- Adjectives associated with smell (e.g., *rancid*) occurs more commonly with negative nouns (e.g., *sweat*) than adjectives associated with taste (e.g., *sweet - smile*).

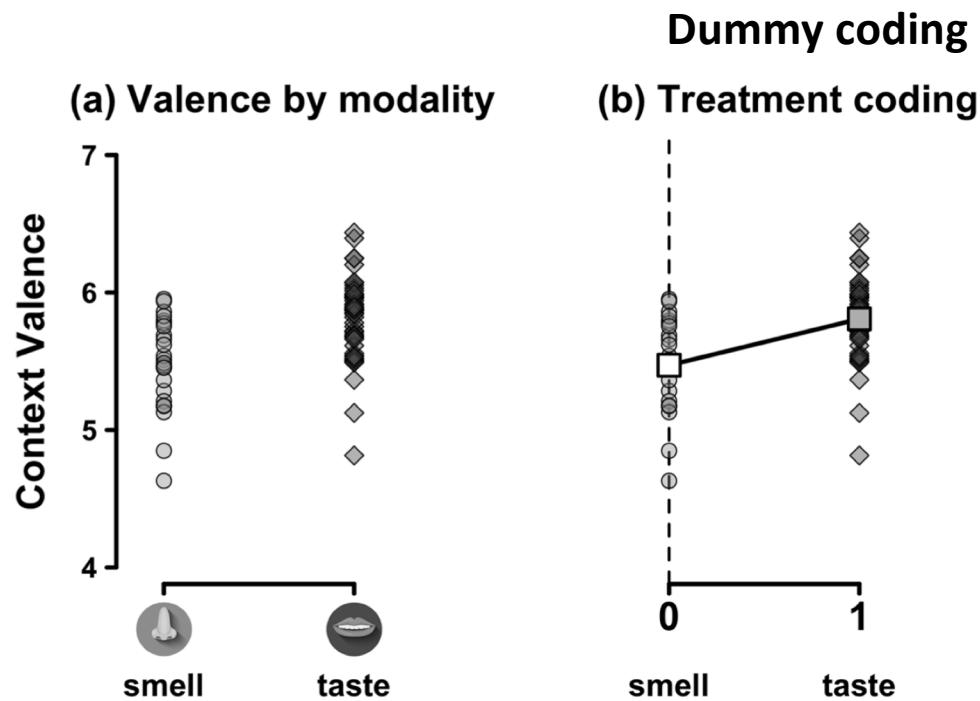


Coding categorical predictors

(a) Valence by modality



Coding categorical predictors



$$\text{context valence} = 5.5 + 0.3 * \text{modality}$$

(smell words) (change from smell to taste)



smell

$$\text{Modality} = 0 \rightarrow 5.5 + 0.3 * 0 = 5.5$$





taste

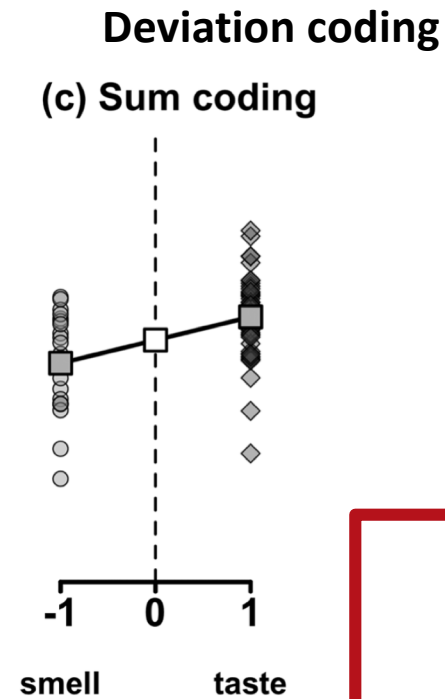
$$\text{Modality} = 1 \rightarrow 5.5 + 0.3 * 1 = 5.8$$



Coding categorical predictors

 Modality = -1 → $5.6 + 0.17 * -1 = 5.43$
smell

 Modality = +1 → $5.6 + 0.17 * +1 = 5.77$
taste



Categorical predictors with more than two levels

contr . treatment (2)

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2
1 0
2 1

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contr . treatment (5)

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  2 3 4 5
1 0 0 0 0
2 1 0 0 0
3 0 1 0 0
4 0 0 1 0
5 0 0 0 1

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	term	estimate
1	(Intercept)	5.58
2	ModalitySmell	-0.11
3	ModalitySound	-0.17
4	ModalityTaste	0.23
5	ModalityTouch	-0.05



Other coding schemes

`contr.helmert(4)`

	[, 1]	[, 2]	[, 3]
1	-1	-1	-1
2	1	-1	-1
3	0	2	-1
4	0	0	3



Summary

- Contrasts
 - Two levels:
 - Treatment or dummy coding (default in R)
 - Sum or deviation coding
 - More than two levels:
 - +
 - Helmert coding
- Reference level becomes the intercept (default in R: first in alphabet).
- Report which coding scheme you used in your write up.

