

HOMOGENEITY ANALYSIS OF A TIME SERIES

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Time series of RE

The data set we analysed consisted of the amounts of computing time (RE) used by the members of the department of Data Theory. We took 52 weeks starting from 22-11-83. The RE have been categorised into 6 categories, ranging from very little to very much. We have chosen the exponents of 3 as the category boundaries. We did HOMALS on the 10×52 matrix of individuals \times weeks. Every week is considered as a variable with the same categories 1 to 6. (some does not occur). (Table 1). In addition we did ANACOR on the 10×74 matrix of frequencies/months for each category. A month is taken as four weeks (table 2). The number of columns of this matrix should have been 78 ($=13 \times 6$), however in four months the highest category did not occur. A second ANACOR analysis has been applied to the matrix of frequencies/semester for each category. This is the 10×24 ($24=4 \times 6$) matrix of table 3. Finally we did a PRINCALS analysis on the 10×52 matrix of RE in order to restrict the category quantifications.

The object scores or row points of the four analyses are given in figure 1. In all cases John is an outlier. This is because John hardly used computer time, every week he scored in the lowest category. A second outlier is Jacqueline. That is because she is consuming most computer time. There is another factor that plays a role. We have users with a regular pattern: Eeke, Neuféglise, Aad and John, and those with an irregular pattern: Jan, Ineke, Renée, Willem, Peter, Jacqueline. In the ANACOR semester solution we find the 'irregulars' in the lower part of the plot. They are identified by the second dimension. In the HOMALS solution the 'irregulars' also lie in a consecutive region. PRINCALS does not find the 'irregulars', neither does ANACOR applied to months.

In all cases Willem is nearest to John because he has so many ones in common with him. The same holds to a lesser extend for Jan and John. In the PRINCALS solution the position of Jan differs from his position in the other solutions. This is because PRINCALS finds something different from HOMALS and ANACOR. PRINCALS groups John, Renée, Willem and Jacqueline together, because they all have a zero start.

In the HOMALS and the ANACOR-months solution we find the effect of Paris (Psychometric Society Meeting) back, John, Aad and Neuféglise stayed at home, the rest went to the conference.

We made a plot of the category quantifications of the HOMALS solution. We collected all categories one, two, etc, together and connected them (figure 2, dimension 1; figure 3, dimension 2). Except for the first categories which are really lower in the first dimension and higher in the second dimension, the graphs do not show many systematic features. We also made a plot of the individual 'functions' in figure 4 (dimension 1) and figure 5 (dimension 2). We took the categories of the 10x52 matrix of RE and replaced the category numbers by category quantifications. Before plotting we already know the functions of John, because he scored only ones so that his functions coincide with those of category one. The other functions look rather random, they do not give us much information. Data without structure will not be structured by HOMALS or ANACOR.

The category quantifications of ANACOR and PRINCALS are given in figure 6 to 11. We plotted all the figures on the same scale. The ANACOR-months solution is a restriction of HOMALS, because we restrict the category quantifications of one month to be the same. The ANACOR-semester solution is even more restricted because in that case the quantifications for each semester are the same. Finally the PRINCALS solution is also a restriction of HOMALS because in the PRINCALS case the quantifications are restricted to ordered and identical scores for each dimension. The category quantifications of the ANACOR-months solution show very little variation, especially for category 2, 3, 4 and 5 of the first dimension (figure 6 and 7). Obviously the first categories are quantified lower than the other categories on the first dimension and higher on the second dimension. The ANACOR-semester solution shows even less variation. The only effect that is really clear is the controversy between ones and the other categories (figure 8 and 9). The PRINCALS quantifications show that the categories higher than the lowest are mostly tied (figure 10 and 11). The second dimension also shows an effect in the higher categories of week 38 for category 6 and weeks 42 and 43 of category 5. The only one who has these scores is Jacqueline. We used the ordinal measurement level in PRINCALS in order to find 'more structure'. We expected more of the distinction between high consumers of RE and low consumers. However the equal start of John, Willem, René and Jacqueline is dominating the solution (figure 1) and the other ones are grouped together. Because there is such a large difference between John and Jacqueline in amounts of computer time both they are placed on the extreme of a dimension. René shares the neighbourhood of Jacqueline because they share a nonactive period in week 45 to 48.

The fact that one person dominates a separate dimension is also seen at the HOMALS solution (dim 1 John, dim 2 Jacqueline, dim 3 Neuféglise, dim 4 Ineke, dim 5 Peter). Also the eigenvalues of this solution are badly separated from each other (except for the first one) (figure 1). The ANACOR eigenvalues are a little more separated, but the results are not convincing.

In conclusion we can say that we should not expect too much from a time series analysis. We should be critical of the data. There should be at least some obvious structure.

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Table 1. Data matrix of RE; 10 individuals x 52 weeks.

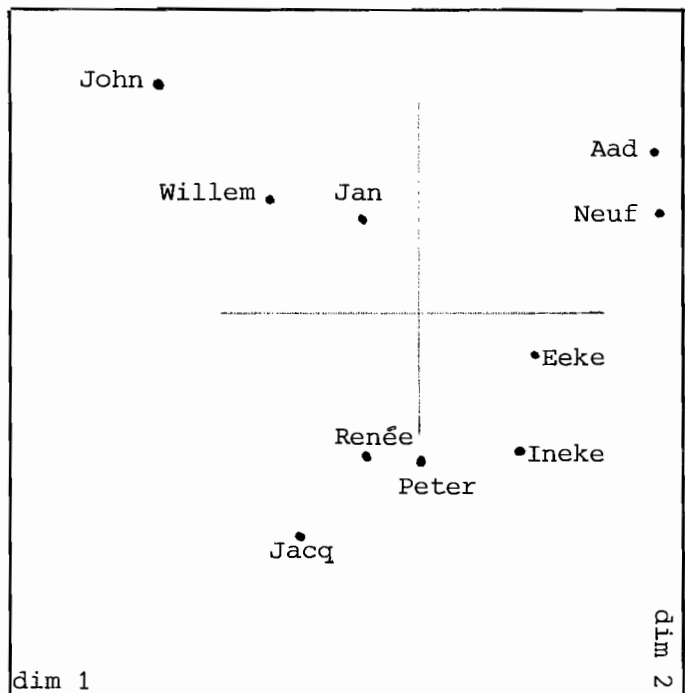
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Table 2. Frequencies of RE/month; 10 individuals x 74 categories, months 2,4,5 and 11 have 5 categories, the other months 6.

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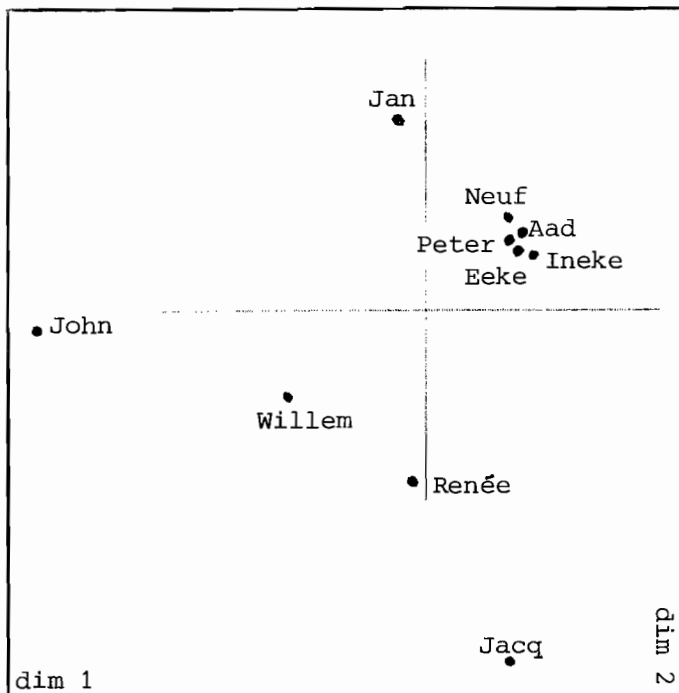
Table 3. Frequencies of RE/semester; 10 individuals x 24 categories.

HOMALS 10 x 52 matrix, weeks



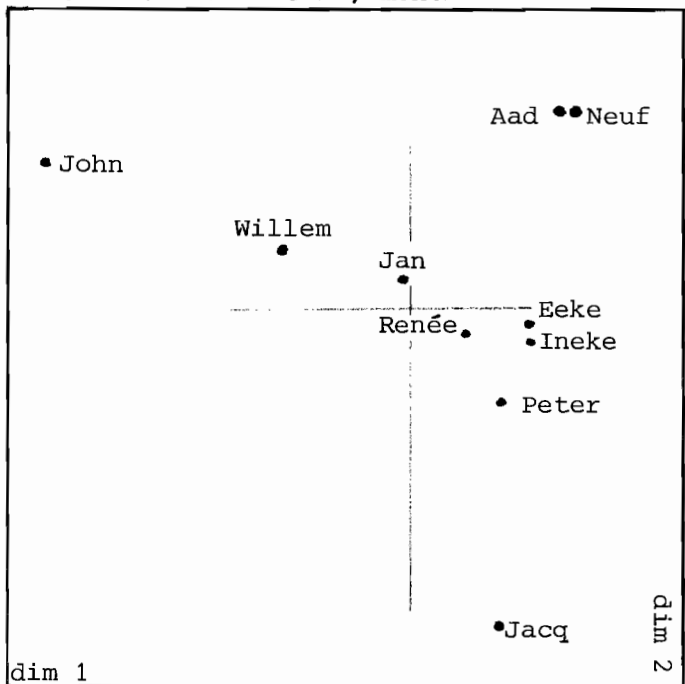
Eigenvalues: .618, .473, .460, .439, .389

PRINCALS (ordinal) 10 x 52 matrix, weeks



Eigenvalues: .459, .242

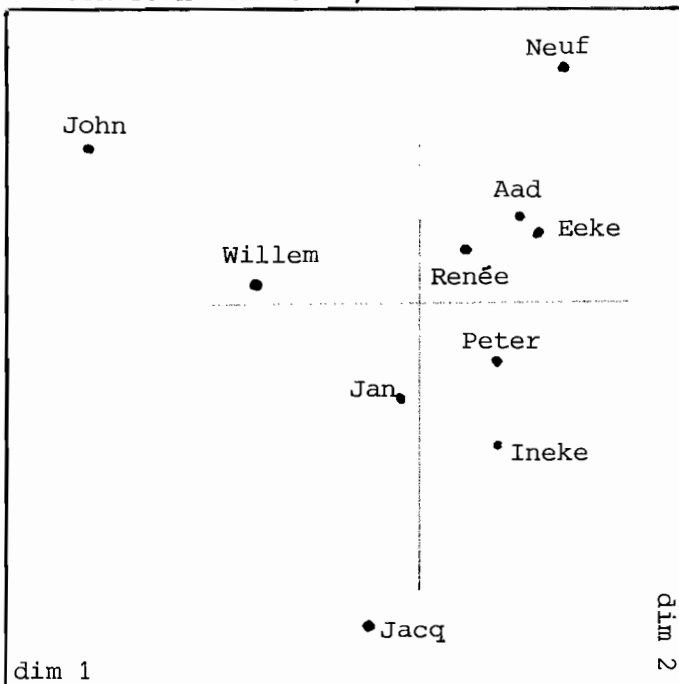
ANACOR 10 x 74 matrix, months



Eigenvalues: .596, .309, .229, .200, .178

dimension 1 reflected

ANACOR 10 x 24 matrix, semesters



Eigenvalues: .459, .189, .135, .086, .068

dimension 1 and 2 reflected

Figure 1. Time series of RE. Object scores of HOMALS and PRINCALS, row points of ANACOR.

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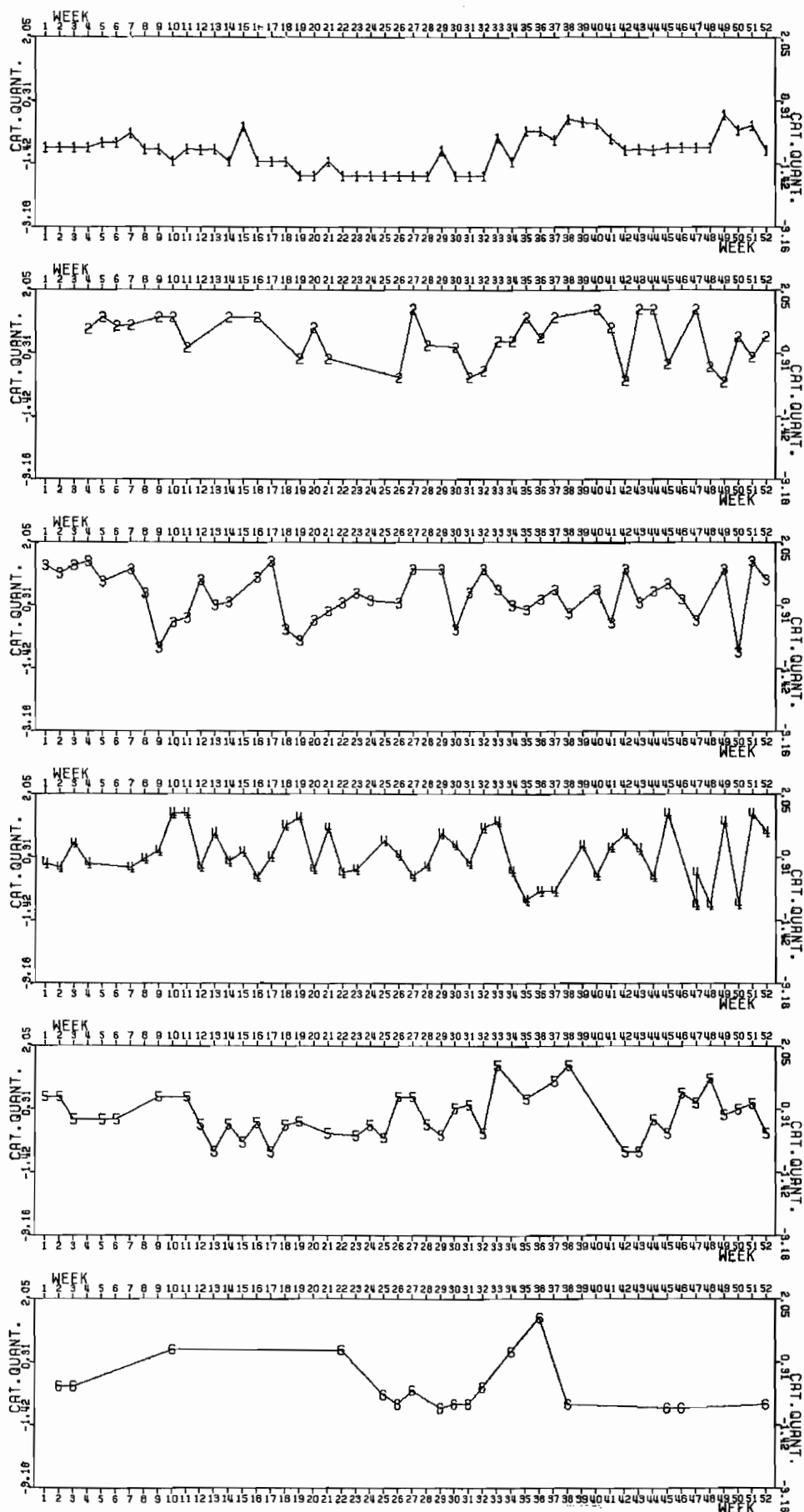


Figure 2. HOMALS 10x52 matrix RE/week.

Category quantifications dimension 1.

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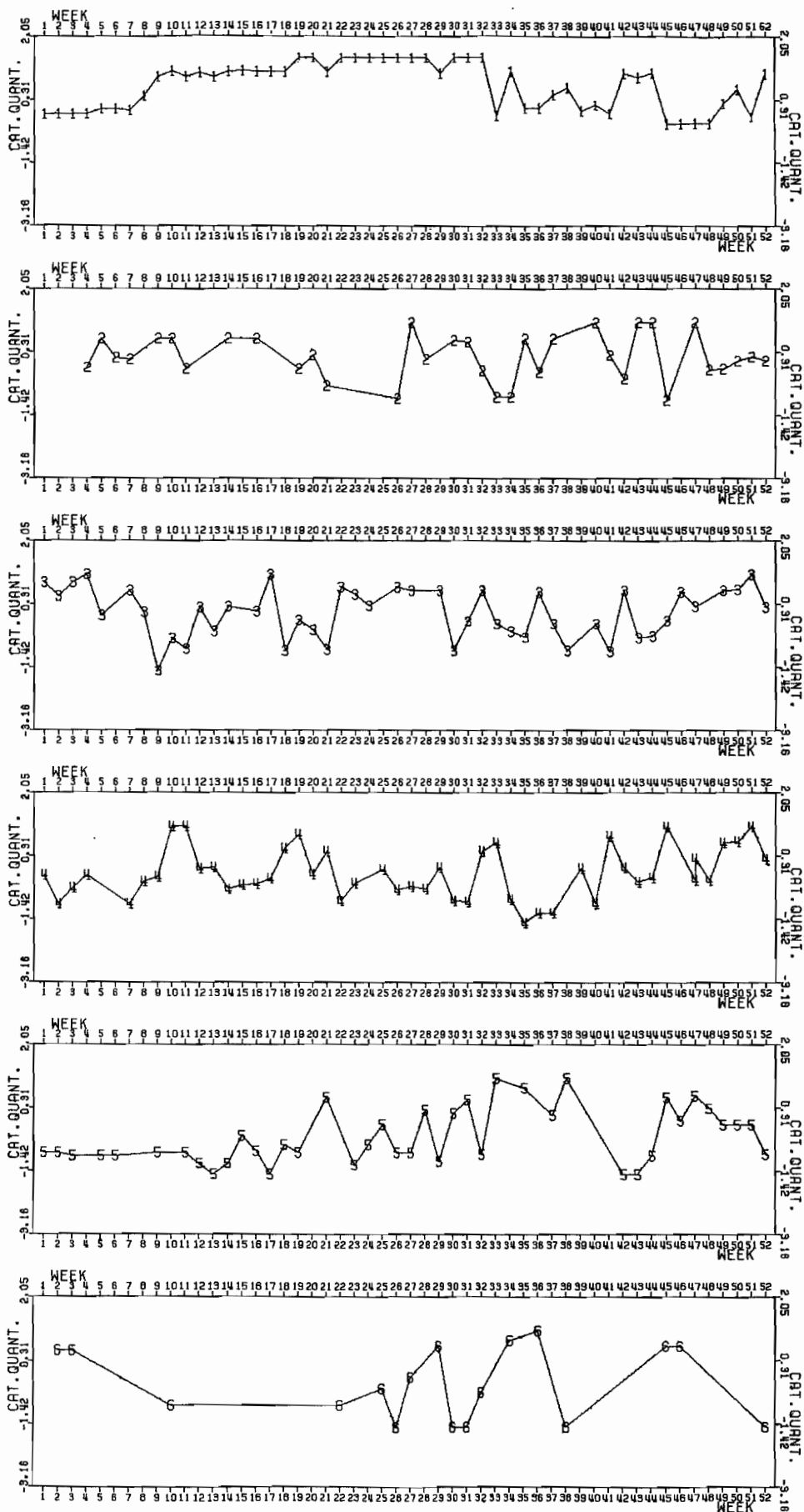


Figure 3. HOMALS 10x52 matrix RE/week.
Category quantifications dimension 2.

RE DATATHEORIE 221182-161183 INDIVIDUAL 1 TO 10
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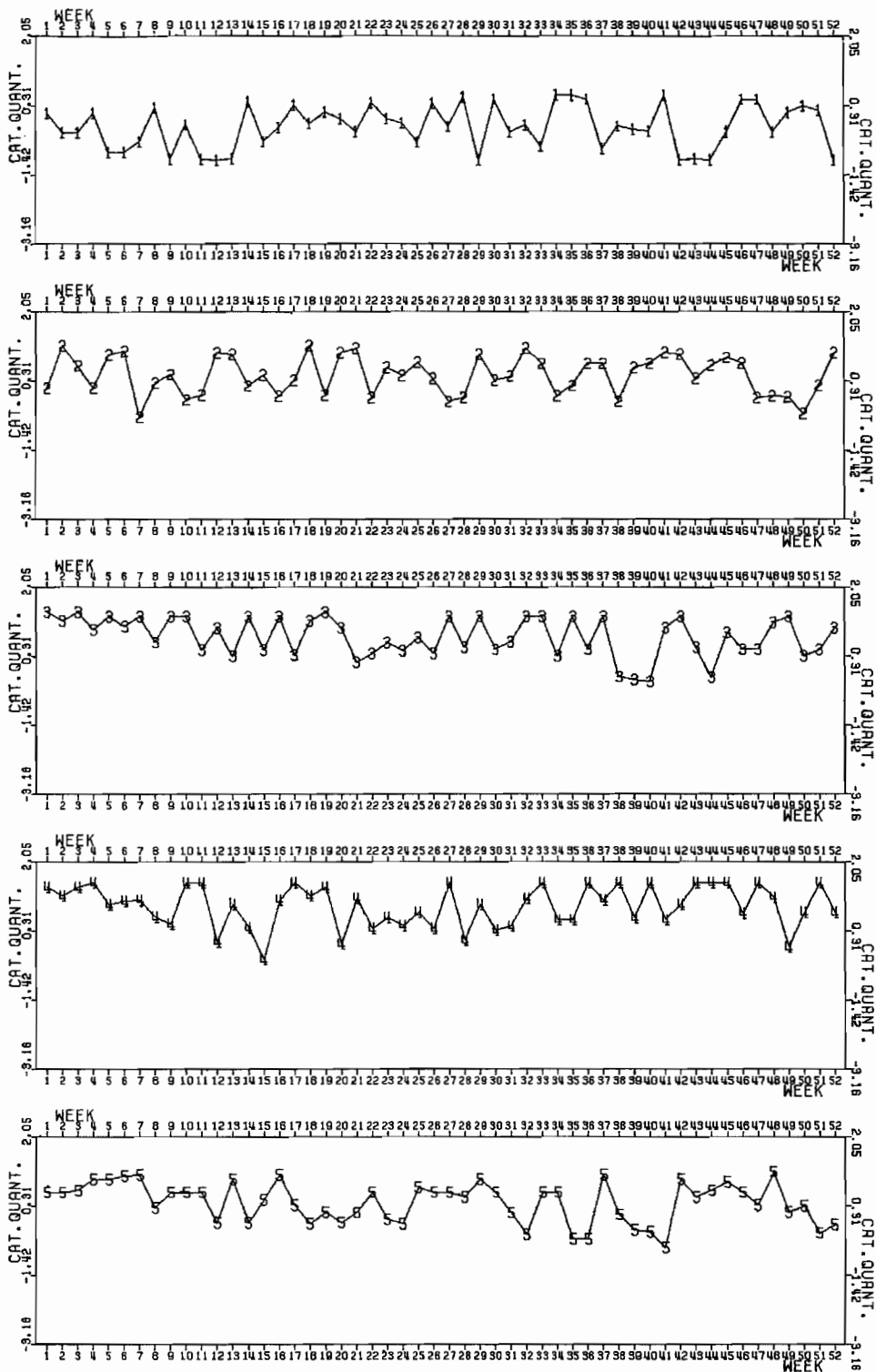


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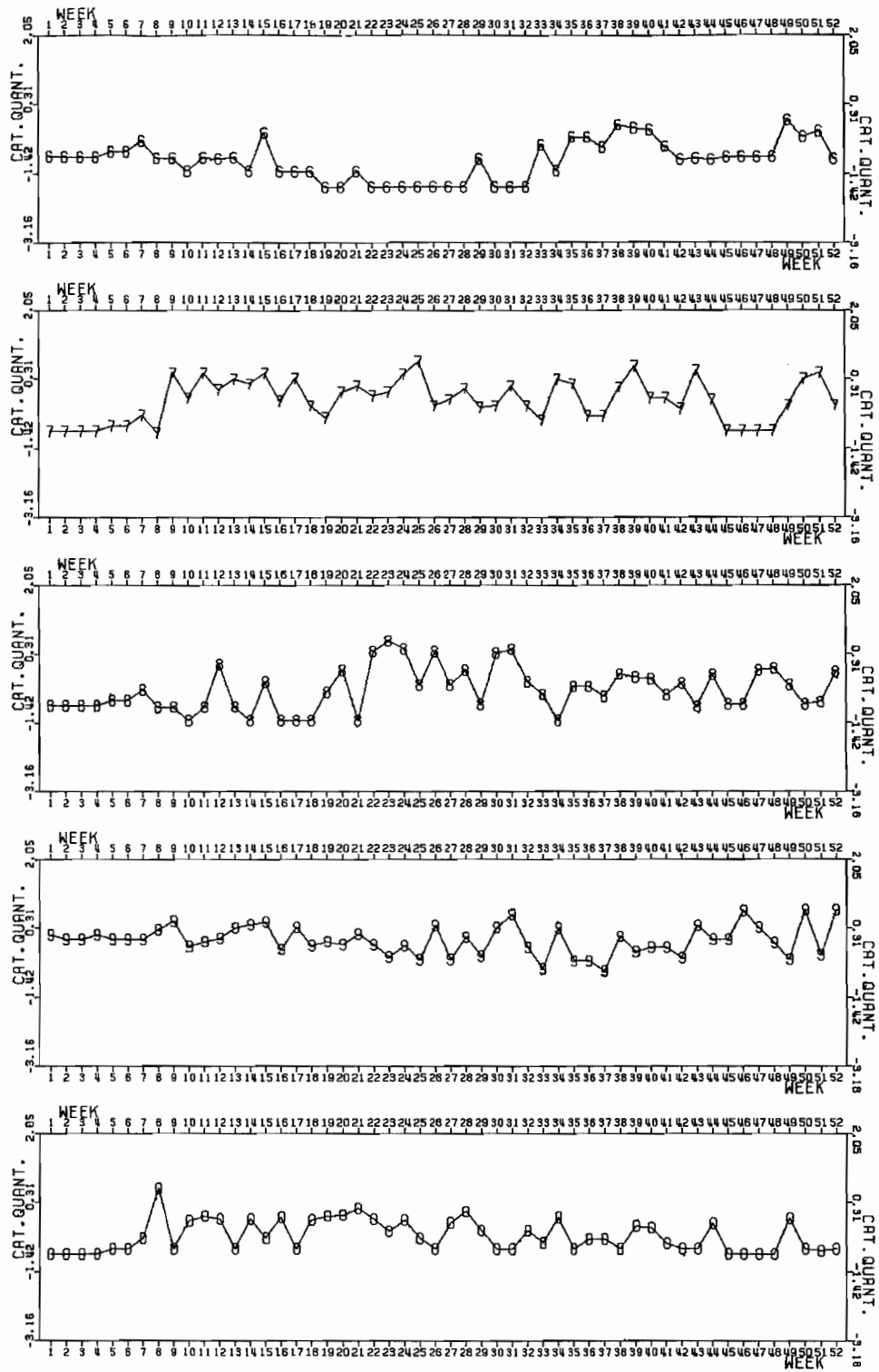


Figure 4. HOMALS 10x52 matrix RE/week.
Individual functions, dimension 1.

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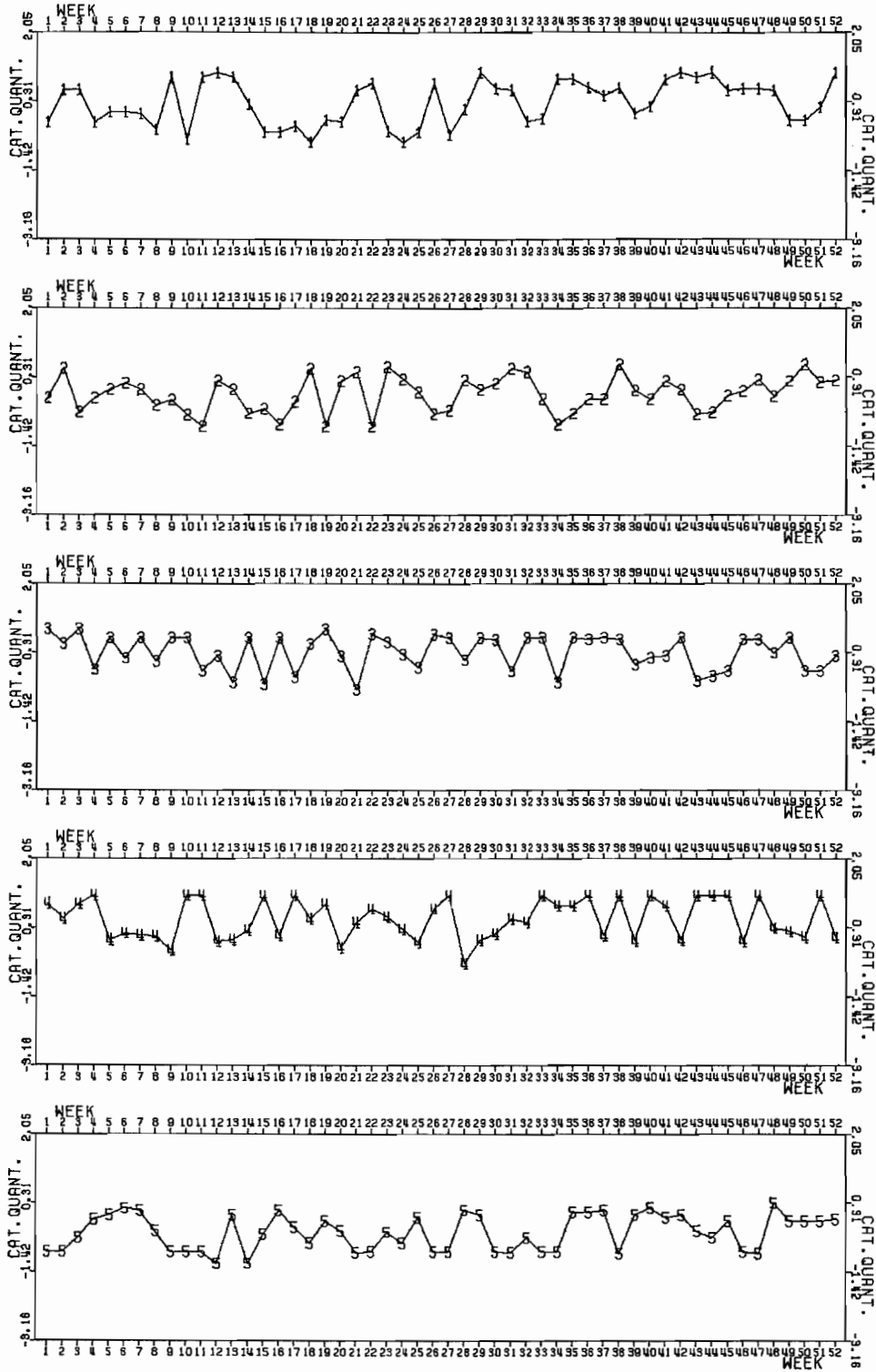


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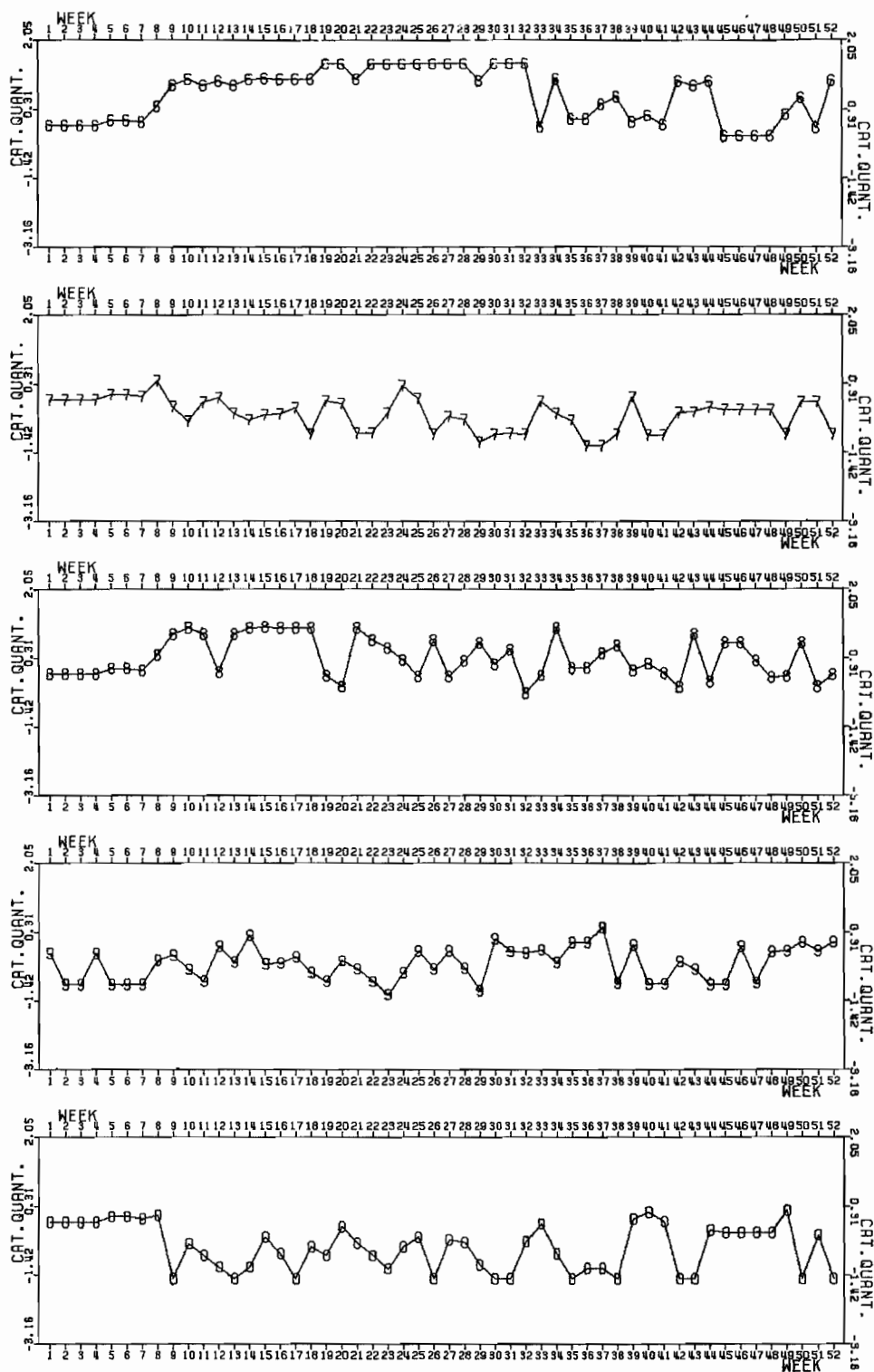


Figure 5. HOMALS 10x52 matrix RE/week.

Individual functions, dimension 2.

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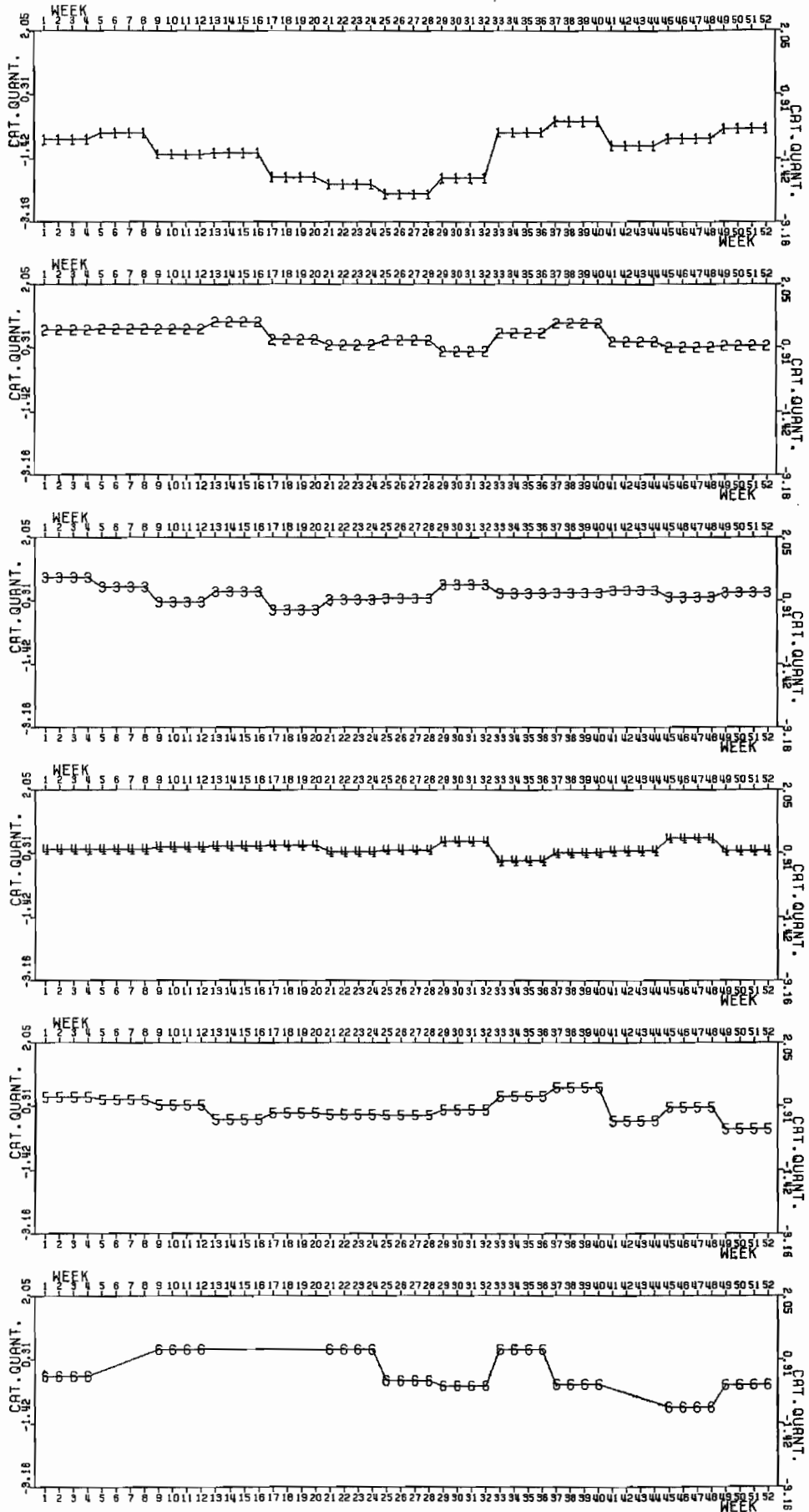


Figure 6. ANACOR 10x74 matrix frequencies/month.
Category quantifications, dimension 1.

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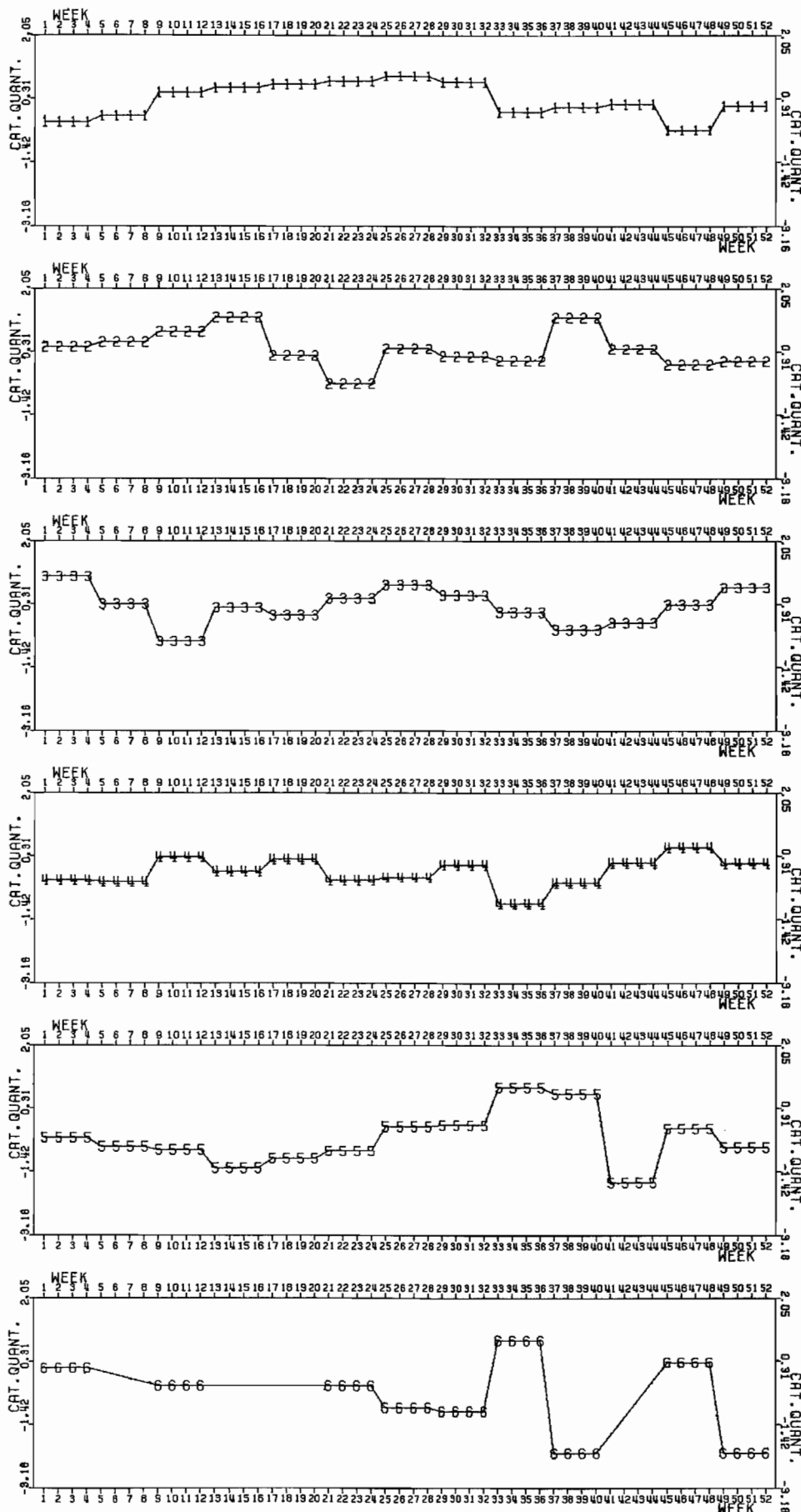


Figure 7. ANACOR 10x74 matrix frequencies/month.

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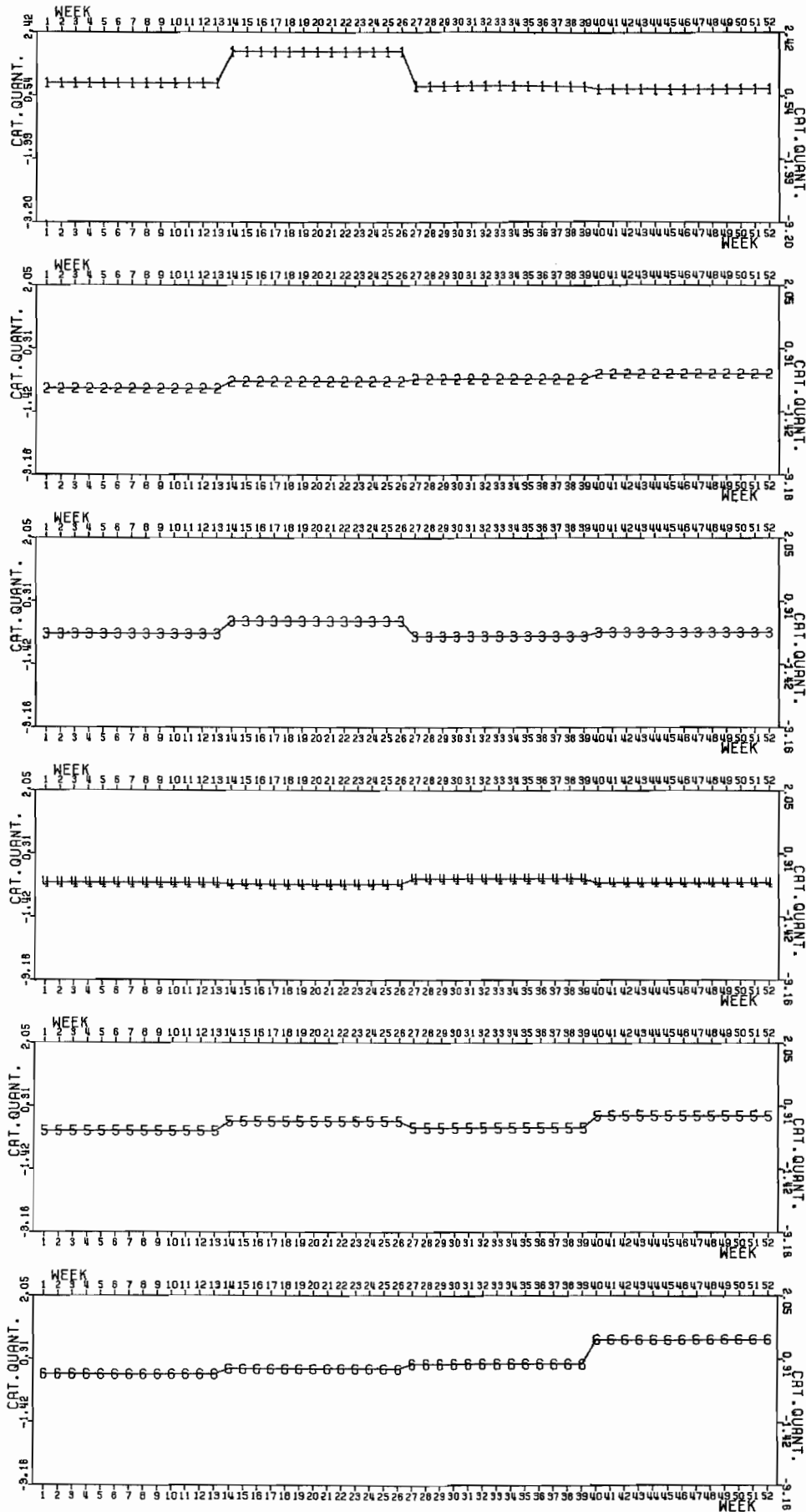


Figure 8. ANACOR 10x24 matrix frequencies/semester.

Category quantifications, dimension 1.

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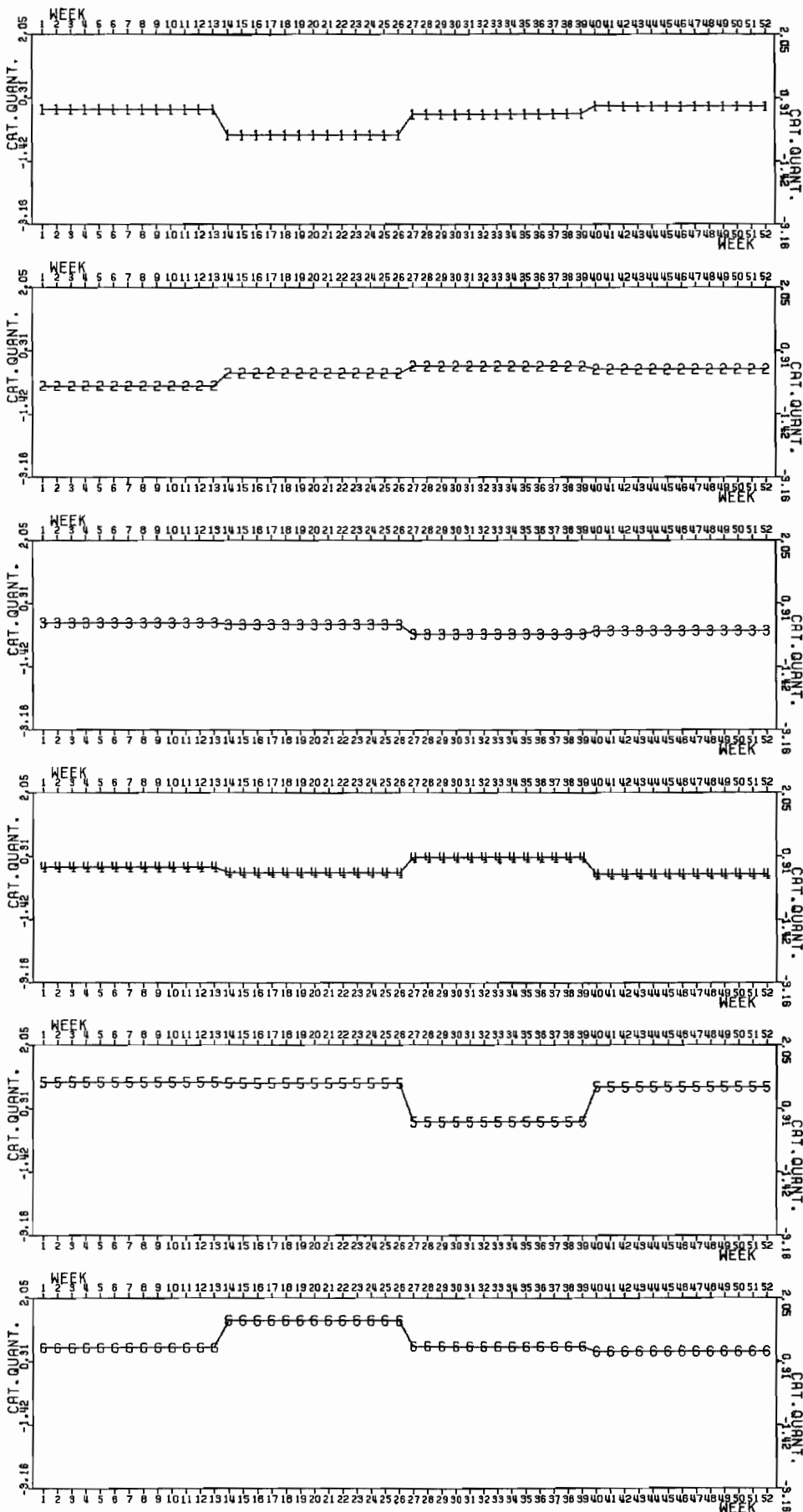


Figure 9. ANACOR 10x24 matrix frequencies/semester.

Category quantifications, dimension 2

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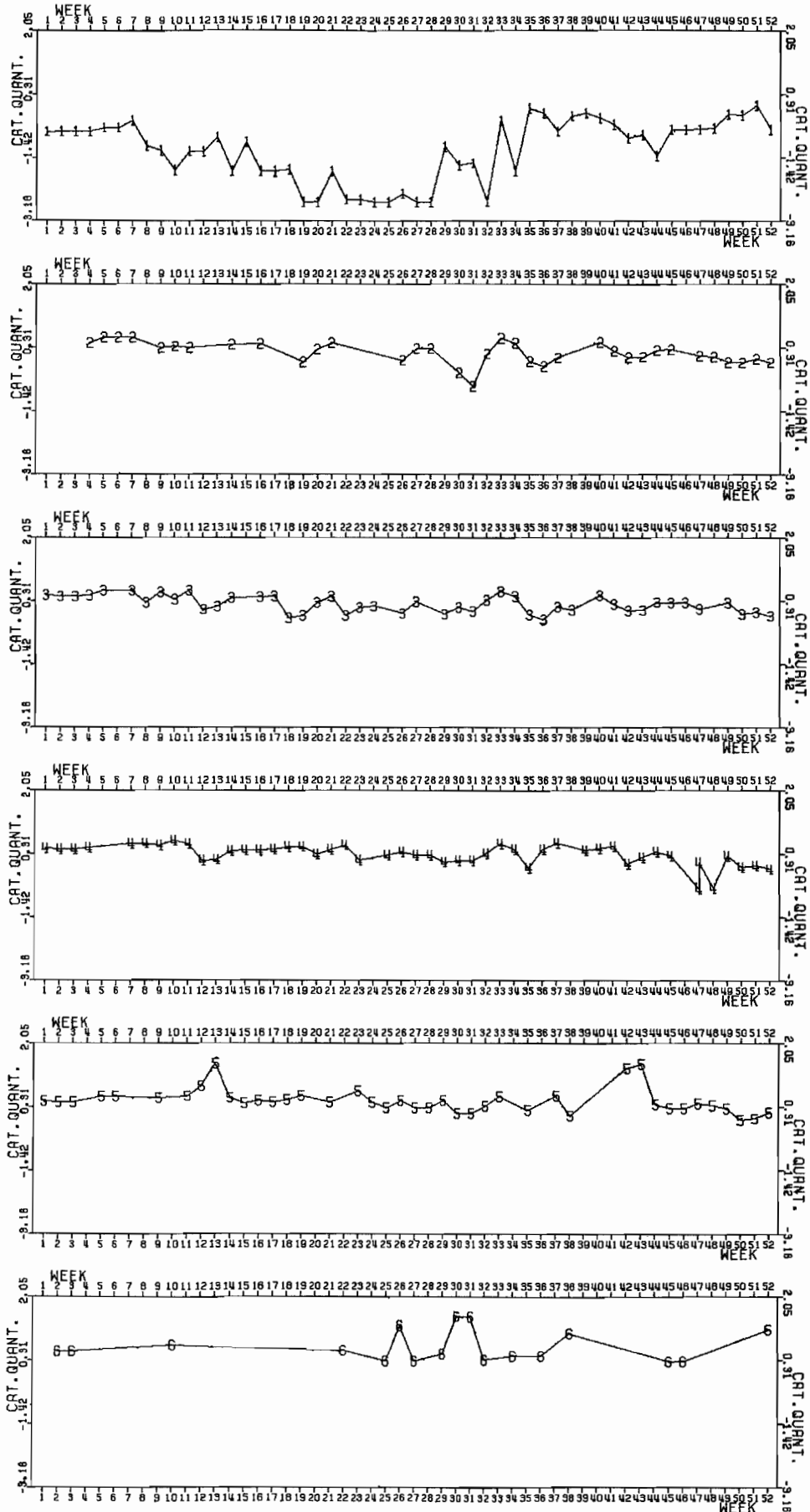


Figure 10. PRINCALS 10x52 matrix RE/week.

Category quantifications, dimension 1.

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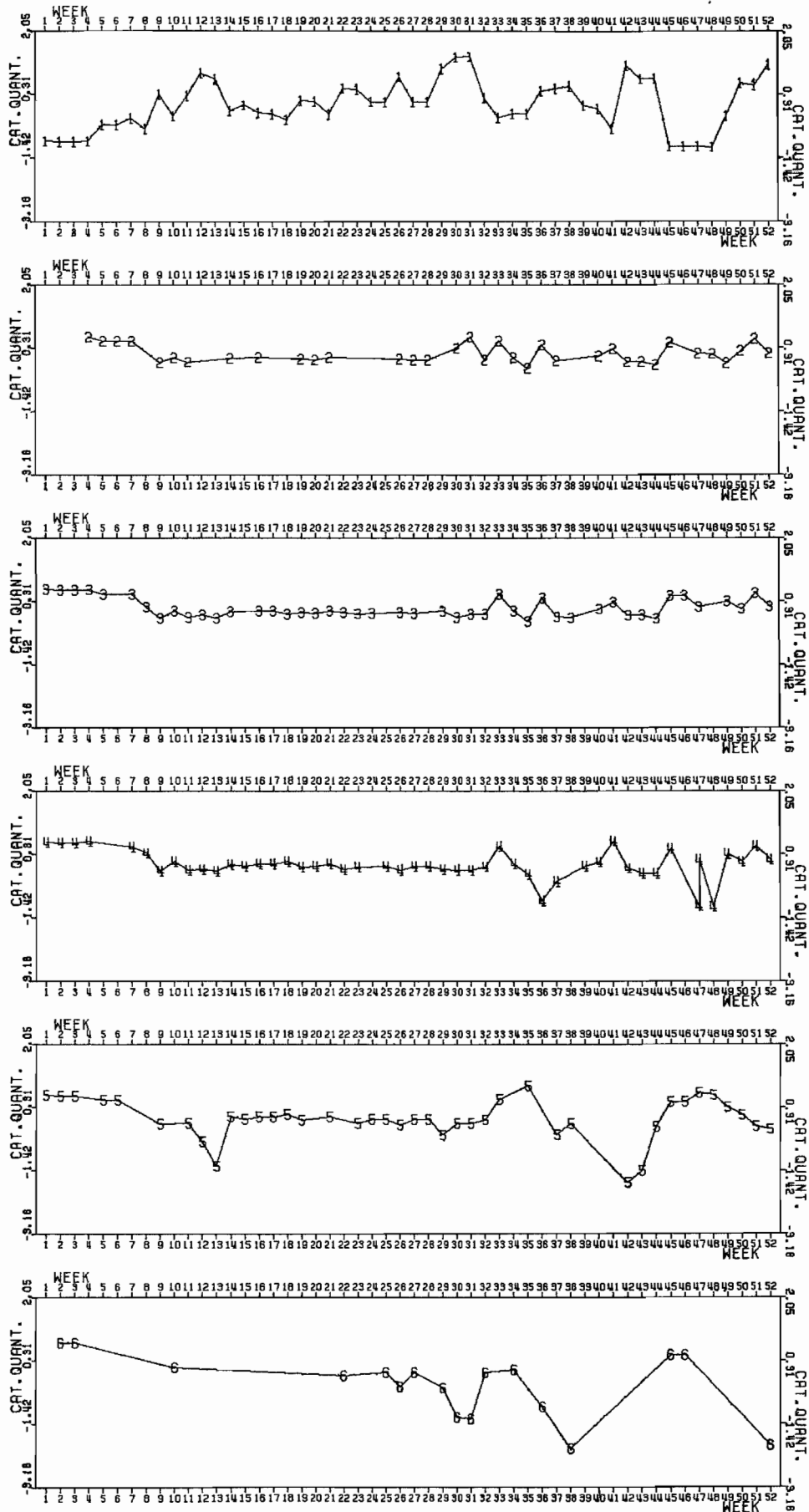


Figure 11. PRINCALS 10x52 matrix RE/week.
Category quantifications, dimension 2.