


Multivariate Statistical Tools in Ecology

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Why to use multivariate techniques ?



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problems as nails!"*

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Introductory notes to Multivariate Analysis Tools

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Why to use multivariate techniques ?

- **Several attributes describe each subject or each sample**
- **Examples:**
 - Effects of a chemical on soil fauna communities
 - Plant, animal or microbial communities under different treatments along with the measurement of several environmental variables
 - Monitoring data with the evaluation of several variables along time

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Why to use multivariate techniques ?

• Data matrix (part)

- **Sparse data** (many zeros)
- **Most species are infrequent** (present in a few locations)
- The **number of factors** influencing species composition is **potentially very large**
- The **number of important factors** is **typically few**
- There is **much noise** (replicate samples will vary substantially from each other)

Sample	Dip	Het	Horn	Lep	Col	Thy	Ort	Pso
C1	0	0	0	0	16	0	0	0
C2	0	0	0	0	48	0	0	0
C3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
C4	0	16	16	0	0	0	0	0
C5	0	0	0	0	64	32	0	0
PDA1	16	32	0	0	112	0	0	80
PDA2	0	0	0	0	96	0	0	16
PDA3	0	0	16	0	96	0	0	16
PDA4	0	16	0	0	208	0	0	32
PDA5	0	144	0	0	192	0	0	48
PDB1	0	16	0	0	0	0	16	0
PDB2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16
PDB3	0	0	16	0	80	0	0	0
PDB4	0	16	0	0	32	0	0	0
PDB5	0	0	0	16	80	16	0	32
PDC1	0	32	16	0	32	0	0	16
PDC2	0	0	0	0	16	0	0	0
PDC3	0	0	0	0	64	0	0	0
PDC4	0	48	0	0	16	0	16	0
PDC5	0	0	0	0	96	48	0	0
M1	0	0	32	0	0	16	0	0
M2	0	0	16	0	48	0	0	16
M3	0	0	0	0	128	16	0	16

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Why to use multivariate techniques ?

- The different measurements (variables) can separated into:
 - **‘response variables’**, e.g., number of individuals of different species, microbial parameters, physiological variables (biomarkers), ecotoxicological endpoints, presence-absence of a band (in a DGGE gel) – **measure the effect**
 - **‘explanatory variables’**, e.g., concentration of chemicals, soil/water chemical and physical variables – **they are related to the cause**

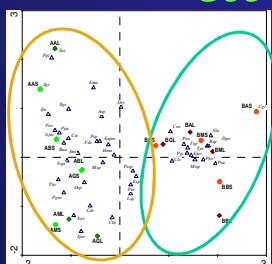
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Why to use multivariate techniques ?

Detect and represent the underlying structure of the data

(samples vs. response variables)

“See the forest out of the trees”

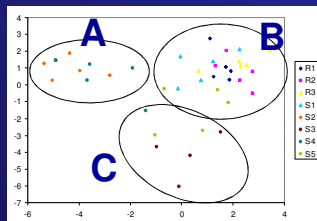


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Why to use multivariate techniques ?

Discriminate groups

(based on the response variables)

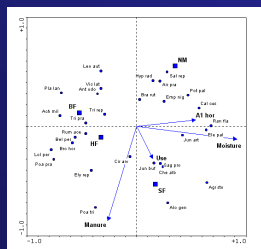


Is group A significantly different from group B or C ?

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Why to use multivariate techniques ?

Relate that structure with the explanatory variables
(response variables vs. explanatory variables)



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Why to use multivariate techniques ?

Have the **advantage** to analyse all variables **simultaneously**

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(Some) Available methods

– **Similarity analysis** (similarity or distance indices)

- Use to evaluate the **similarity between samples**; these measures can be used afterwards to **classify samples** into clusters and construct dendrograms or used **together with inferential statistics** to evaluate or discriminate groups. Ex: ANOSIM.
- Qualitative or quantitative indices (e.g., Bray-Curtis index)

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(Some) Ordination methods available

- Reduce the complexity of the data and represent it into a system of **new variables** or dimensions – **the axes**
- Used to represent and interpret the underlying structure of the data
- **Examples:**
 - Principal Component Analysis (PCA)
 - Correspondence Analysis (CA)

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(Some) Ordination methods available

Samples and species (= response variables) are projected onto a system of axes formed by linear combinations of the original variables where:

- Axis 1 explains a certain amount of variation of the data set
- Axis 2 explains a smaller amount of variation, etc

These new variables (axes) **cannot be correlated with each other**, otherwise the analysis does not work

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(Some) Ordination methods available

- **Discriminating groups** (**samples** and **response variables**)
- Different ways to reach the same end
 - **Discriminant analysis** (DA) – samples are plotted on axes “derived” from the best discriminating variables
 - **Non-Metric Multidimensional Scalling** + ANOSIM (NMDS & ANOSIM) – samples are plotted in a system based on their similarity
 - **PERMANOVA**

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(Some) Ordination methods available

- **Relationship between two data sets** (response variables and explanatory variables)
- Two ways to reach the same end
 - **Indirect analysis** (e.g., PCA, CA + passive explanatory variables)
 - **Direct analysis** (RDA, CCA): canonical or constrained analysis

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Indirect vs. Direct Analysis

Indirect

Analysis of total variation



Samples ⇔
Response variables
(e.g. species)



Interpretation with
explanatory variables
using a *posteriori*
regression

Direct

Analysis of total variation



Analysis of the
variation explained by
the explanatory
variables



Samples ⇔
Response variables
⇔ Explanatory
variables

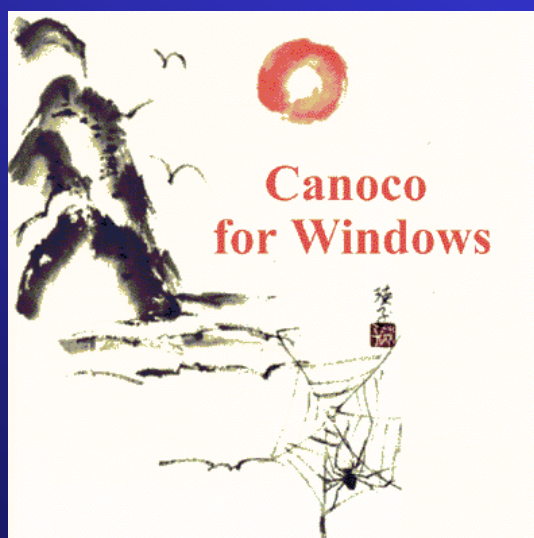
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Ordination Tools I:
Representing the
underlying structure of a
dataset
Part 1

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CANONical Community Ordination



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CANOCO response models

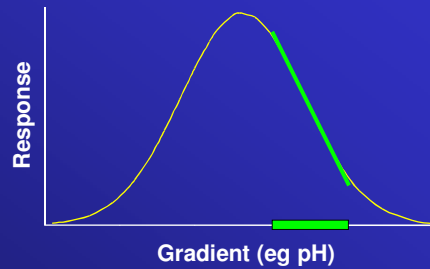
❖ Linear

PCA, RDA

Each species assumes a linear response in relation to the axis (gradient); species coordinate in the axis is the slope of that line.

Even in the presence of an unimodal response, if the gradient is small, a linear response is considered

Interpretation: biplot rule



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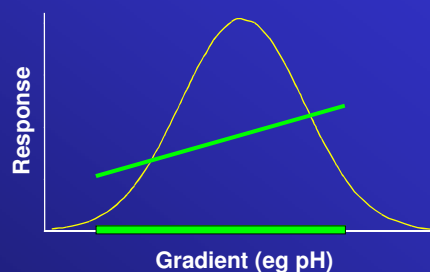
❖ Unimodal

CA, CCA, DCA

Each species assumes an unimodal response in relation to the axis (gradient); species coordinate in the axis is the centre of the curve.

This model assumes an environmental optimum for each species

Interpretation: centroid rule



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CANOCO response models

	Linear response	Unimodal response
Simple ordination	Principal Component Analysis (PCA)	Correspondence Analysis (CA)
Constrained ordination	Redundancy Analysis (RDA)	Canonical Correspondence Analysis (CCA)

Which model to choose ?

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CANOCO response models

Which model to choose ?

PCA

- ❖ Linear (grad. < 3 SD)
- ❖ Absolute data (analysis of absolute differences)

CA

- ❖ Unimodal (grad. > 4 SD)
- ❖ Relative data (analysis of compositional differences)

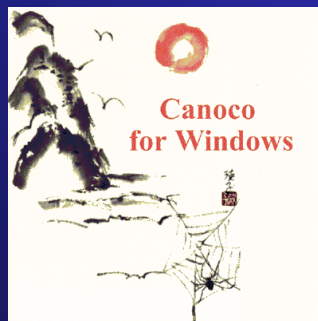
❖ Unimodal methods cannot be used when response variables are in different units. Also no empty samples allowed

❖ Variability explained by axes (questionable since way to calculate total variation is different between methods)

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CANOCO response models

Which model to choose ?



Steps in CANOCO !



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CANOCO response models

Soil fauna in different planting systems
in Brazil (Adriana Aquino – EMBRAPA, RJ)

- ❖ Data on soil macrofauna (File: [DataAdrEx1.xls](#)),
- ❖ 5 areas with different treatments: woods (M), direct plantation A, B e C (PDA, PDB, PDC), conventional plantation (C);
- ❖ 23 samples collected in all areas; 24 taxonomic groups;
- ❖ Aim: to verify the association between fauna and treatments

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CANOCO for Windows (v. 4.5)

- ❖ **Canolmp** ➔ creating input files
- ❖ **CANOCO** ➔ analysis
- ❖ **CanoDraw** ➔ creating & editing diagrams + additional options

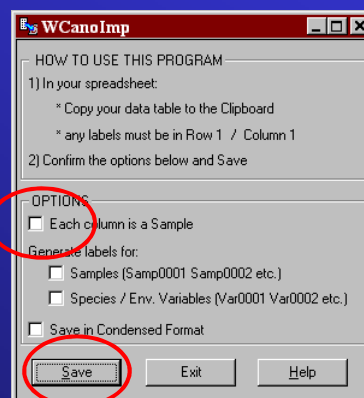
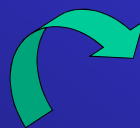
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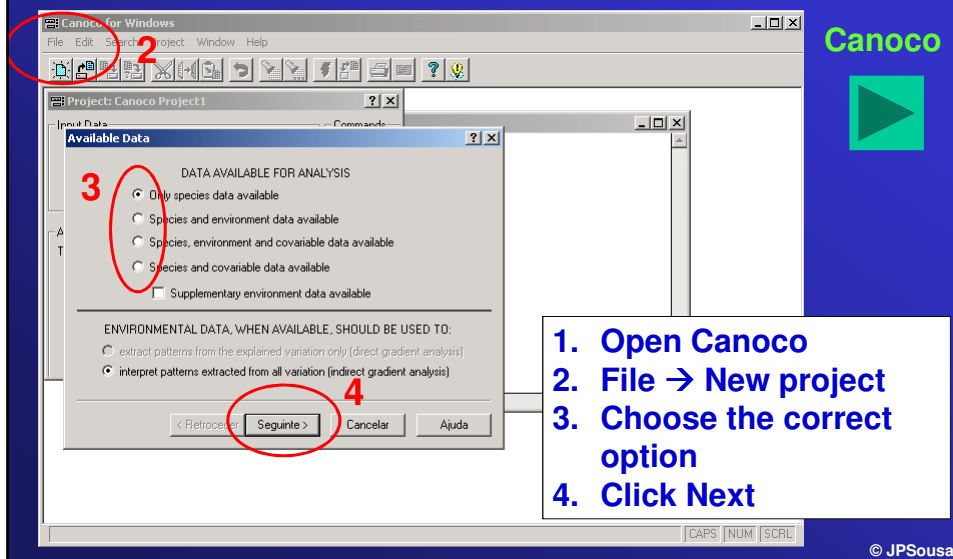
- ❖ Example **Adriana** (data input)

1. **Copy Excel matrix (species matrix)**
2. **Open Canolmp**
3. **Click "Save"**
4. **Name file (do not forget the extension .dta)**



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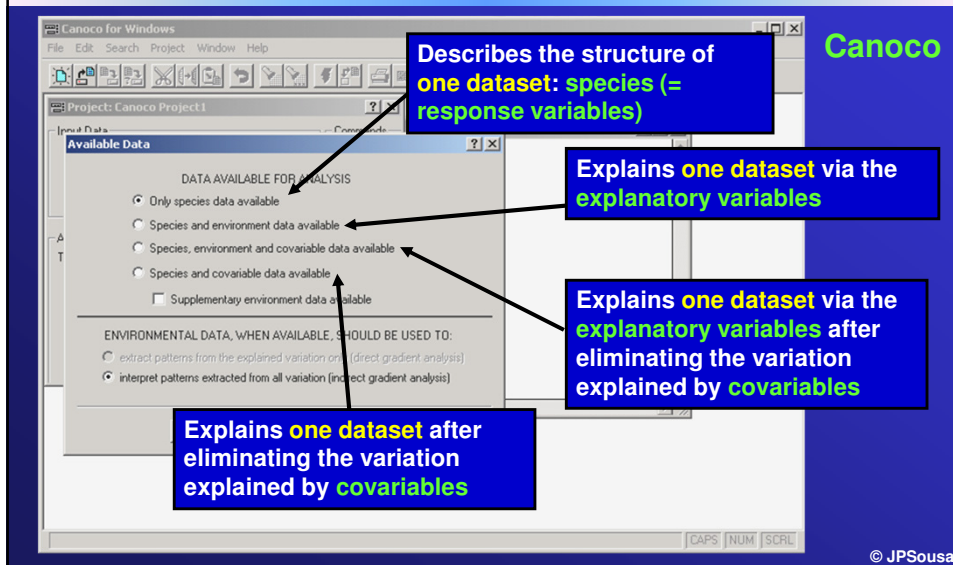


Canoco

1. Open Canoco
2. File → New project
3. Choose the correct option
4. Click Next

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Canoco

Describes the structure of **one dataset**: species (= response variables)

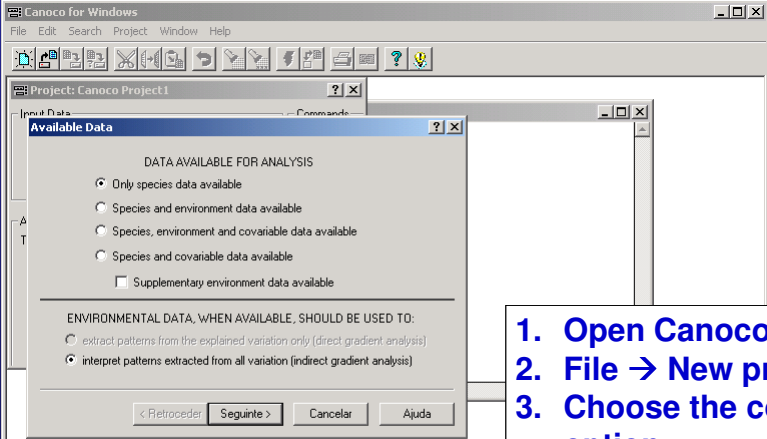
Explains **one dataset** via the explanatory variables

Explains **one dataset** after eliminating the variation explained by covariables

Explains **one dataset** after eliminating the variation explained by covariables

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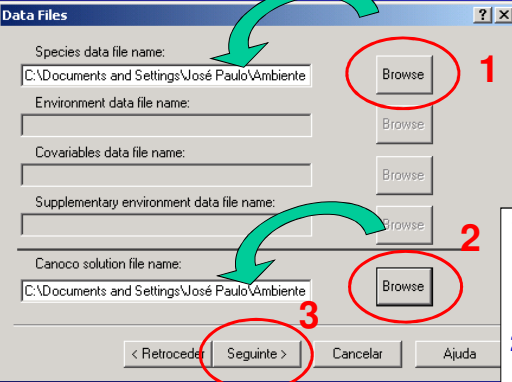


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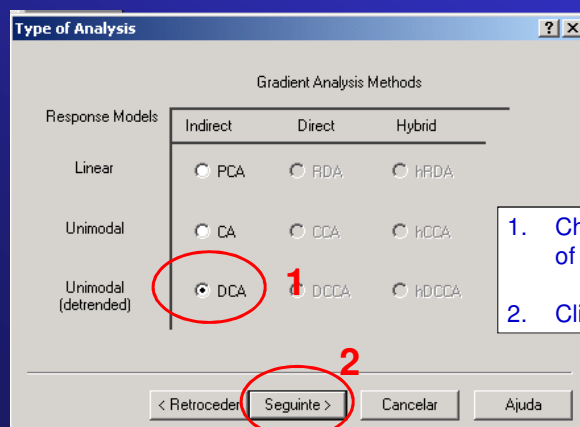


Canoco

1. Click Browse in "Species data file name" and open imported species (Species_AdrEx1.dta)
2. Click Browse in "Canoco solution file name" and name the file (e.g., AdrEx1_DCA.sol)
3. Click Next

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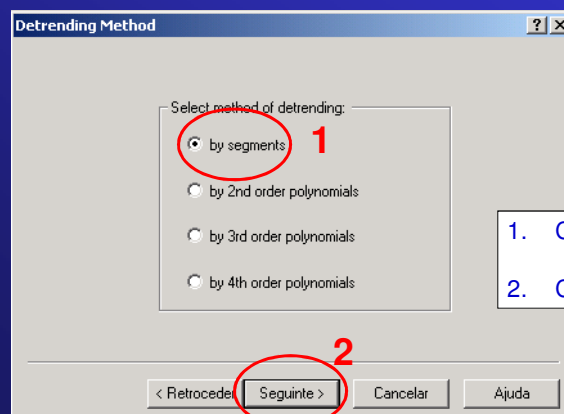
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1. Choose DCA to look the length of the gradient
2. Click Next

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1. Choose "by segments"
2. Click Next

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Methods of “detrending”

- ❖ The length of the gradient can only be obtained via “Detrending by segments”;
- ❖ In case a “normal” DCA or DCCA is wanted, choose “detrending by polynomials” – the second axis becomes not correlated with the first axis, preventing the Gutman (arch) effect and the compression of the ends of the gradient.

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Transformation of Species Data

☐ Do not transform

☐ Square-root transformation

1 ☒ Log transformation $Y' = \log(A*Y + B)$

A 1.000

B 1.000

2 ☒ Downweighting of rare species

3

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1. Choose “log transformation”
2. You have the possibility to choose “downweighting rare species” (in unimodal models)
3. Click Next

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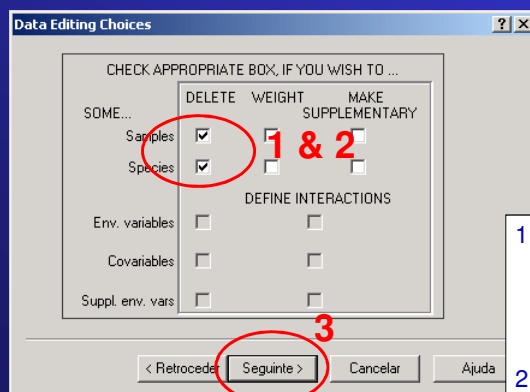
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Transformation

- ❖ Advisable when the distribution of species abundances is highly **skewed**. Prevents some few species to dominate the analysis.
- ❖ In unimodal response models rare species can influence the results. They should be **downweighted**.

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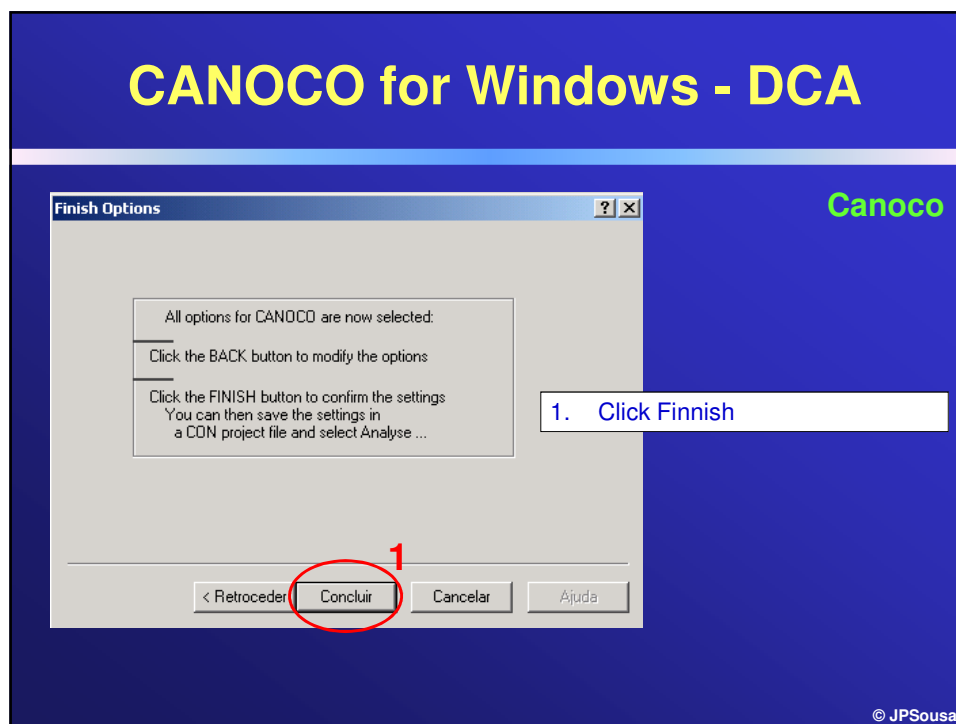


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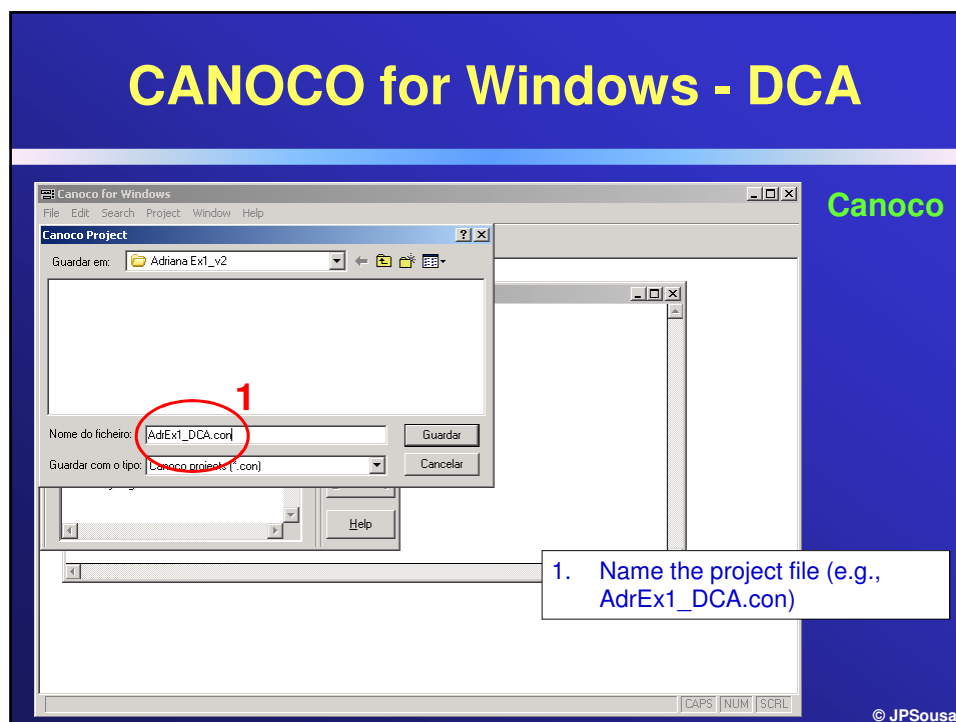
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2. In this case all species and samples should be in, so, do not select this option
3. Click Next

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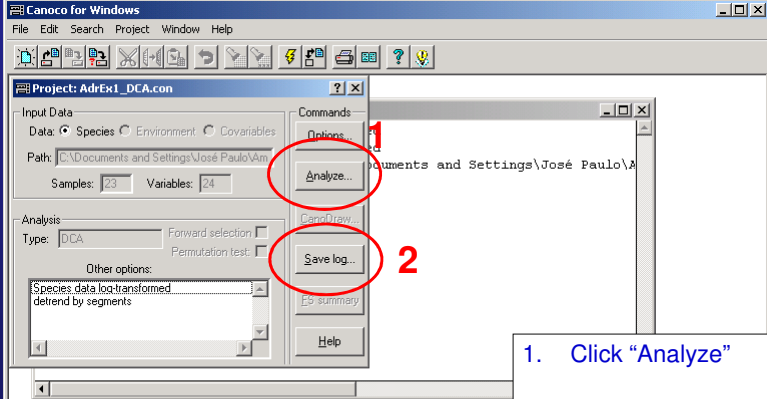


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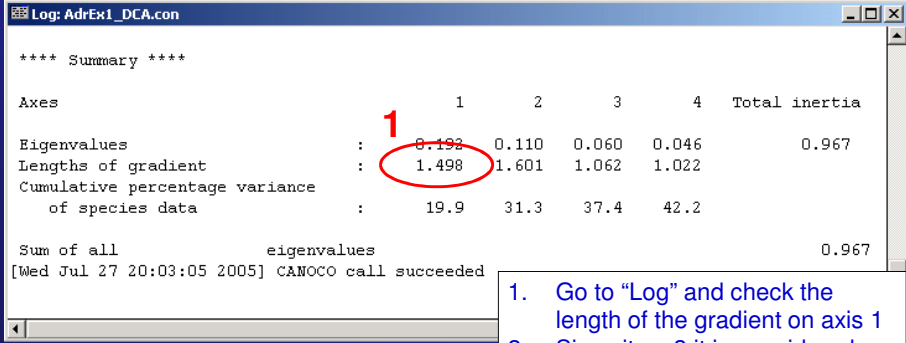


1. Click "Analyze"
2. Click "Save log" and name the file (e.g., AdrEx1_DCA.log) and save

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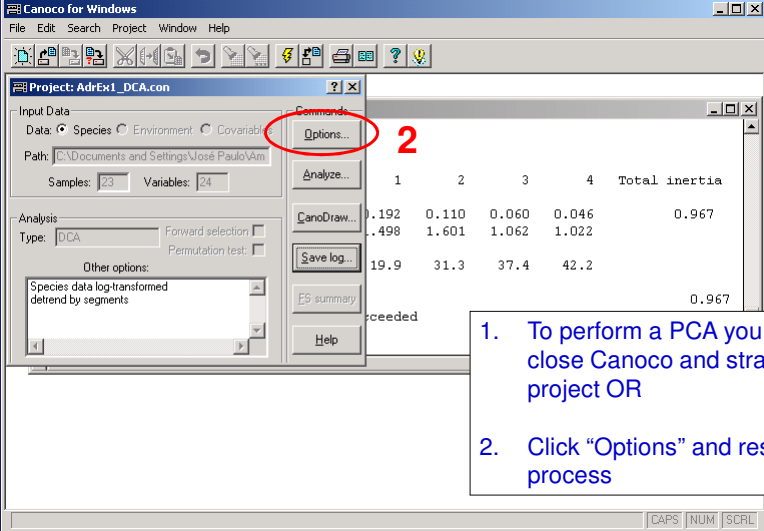
Axes                1      2      3      4      Total inertia
Eigenvalues         : 8.192  0.110  0.060  0.046      0.967
Lengths of gradient : 1.498  1.601  1.062  1.022
Cumulative percentage variance of species data : 19.9  31.3  37.4  42.2

Sum of all eigenvalues                                0.967
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1. Go to "Log" and check the length of the gradient on axis 1
2. Since its < 3 it is considered a linear response → PCA

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Project: AdrEx1_DCA.con

Input Data
Data: ☒ Species ☐ Environment ☐ Covariables
Path: C:\Documents and Settings\José Paulo\Am...
Samples: 23 Variables: 24

Analysis
Type: DCA Forward selection ☐
Permutation test: ☐

Other options:
Species data log-transformed
detrend by segments

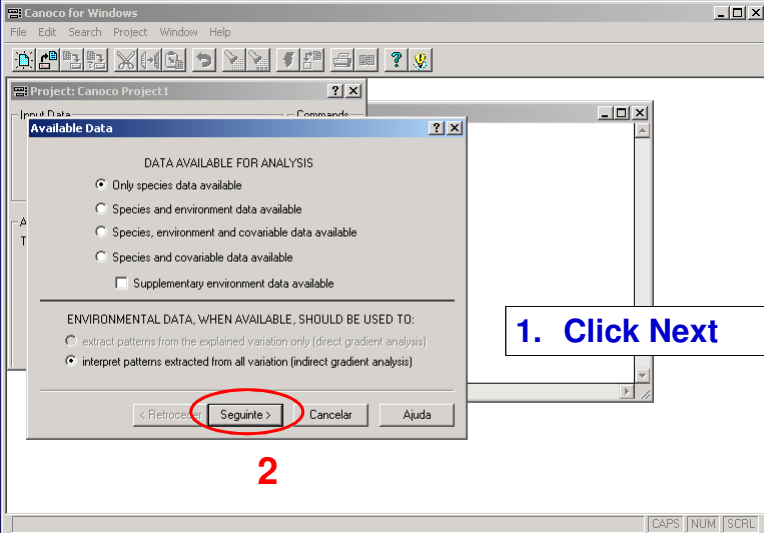
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				0.967	

- To perform a PCA you can close Canoco and start a new project OR
- Click "Options" and restart the process

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CANOCO for Windows - PCA



Canoco

Project: Canoco Project 1

Available Data

DATA AVAILABLE FOR ANALYSIS

☒ Only species data available
☐ Species and environment data available
☐ Species, environment and covariable data available
☐ Species and covariable data available
☐ Supplementary environment data available

ENVIRONMENTAL DATA, WHEN AVAILABLE, SHOULD BE USED TO:

☐ extract patterns from the explained variation only (direct gradient analysis)
☒ interpret patterns extracted from all variation (indirect gradient analysis)

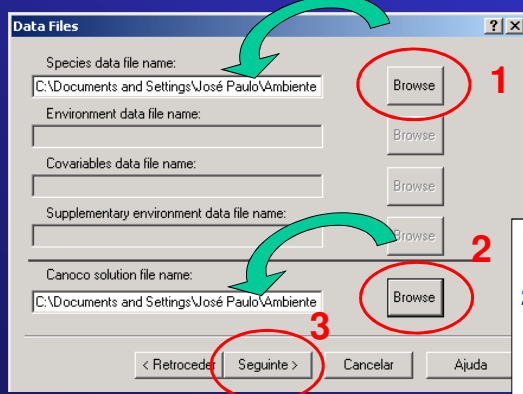
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- Click Next

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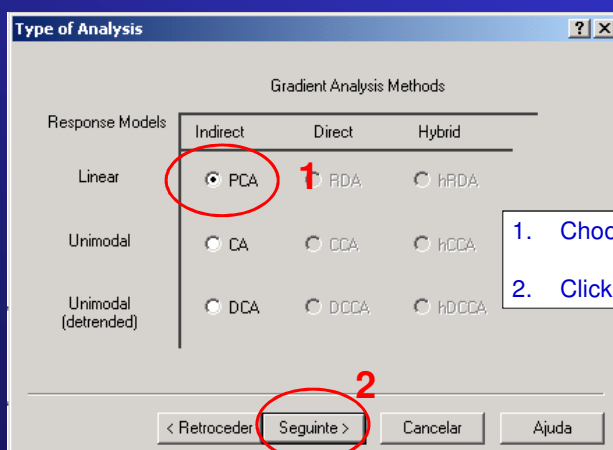


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1. Species file → no change
2. Click Browse in “Canoco solution file name” and give another name to the solution file (e.g., AdrEx1_PCA.sol)
3. Click Next

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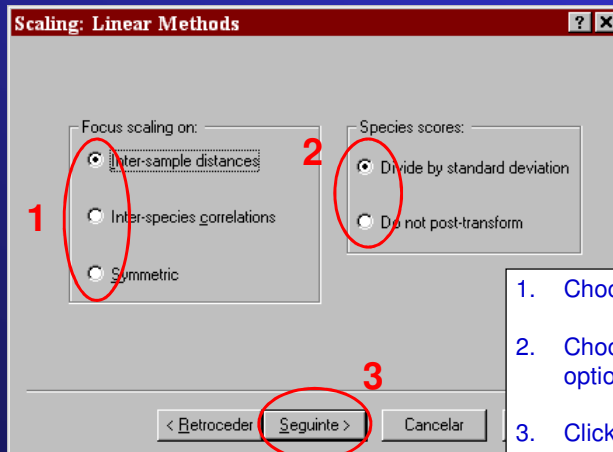


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1. Choose PCA
2. Click Next

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1. Choose the "Scaling" option
2. Choose the "Species scores" option
3. Click Next

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Scaling

- ❖ To interpret the relations between
 - Inter-sample (e.g. ecotoxicological data)
 - Inter-species (e.g. niche studies and correlation with explanatory variables)
 - or symmetric scaling
- ❖ It is not important if the eigenvalues of the axes of importance (generally the first two) are similar

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Species scores

❖ Not transformed:

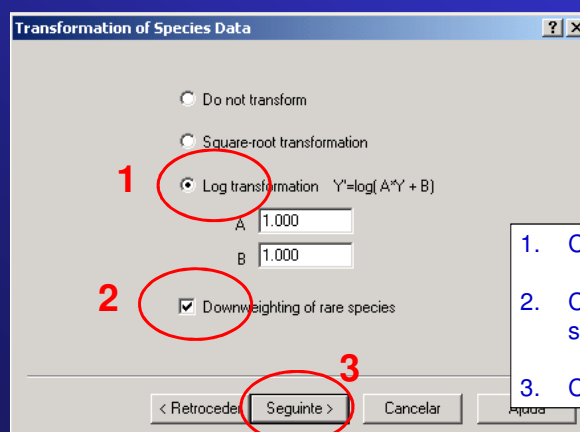
- Species scores are proportional to species SDs, therefore species with large variance (usually the dominant species) will dominate the diagram ➔ **covariance diagram** (the length of the species arrow indicates the variability of that species in the ordination space)

❖ Transformed:

- Species scores more comparable ➔ **correlation diagram** (the length of a species arrow measures the fit with the ordination axes)

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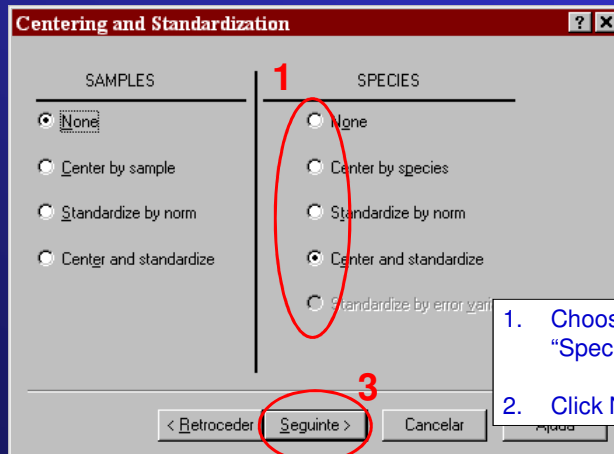


1. Choose "log transformation"
2. Choose "downweighting rare species" (in unimodal models)
3. Click Next

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Center

- Center by species:
$$y_{ki}^* = y_{ki} - y_{k+}/n$$
Mean = 0, SD does not change
- PCA based in the covariance matrix
(Common PCA) ➔ center by species

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Standardize

- Center and standardize by species:

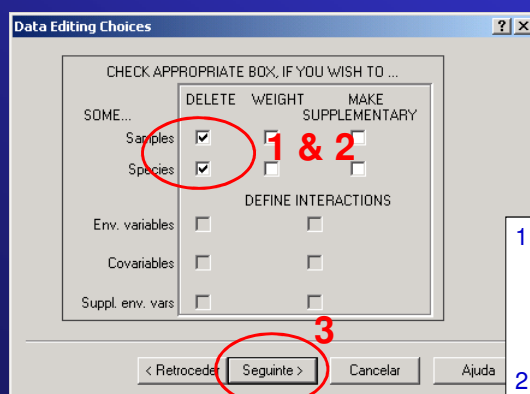
$$y_{ki}^* = (y_{ki} - y_{\text{mean}}) / s_k$$

Mean = 0, SD = 1

- PCA based in a correlation matrix
- Makes all “species” **equally important** (e.g. pH, O₂, nutrientes, etc)

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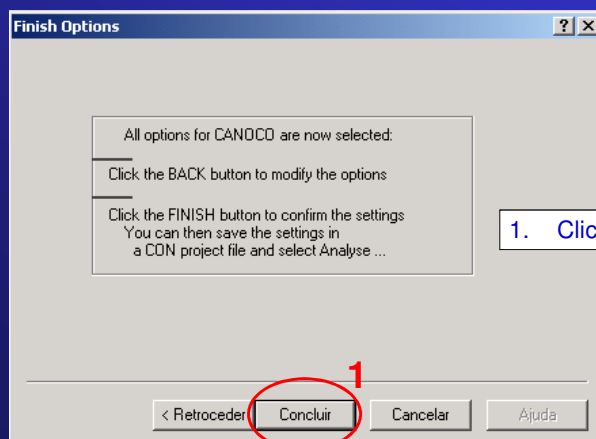


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2. In this case all species and samples should be in, so, do not select this option
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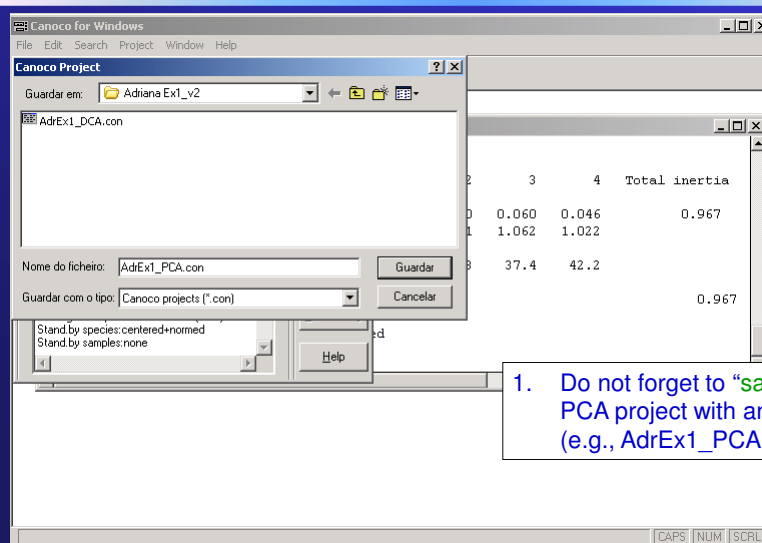


1. Click Finnish

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1. Do not forget to "save as" the PCA project with another name (e.g., AdrEx1_PCA.con)

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1. Click Analyse

2. Click "Save Log" and name the file (e.g., AdrEx1_PCA.log)

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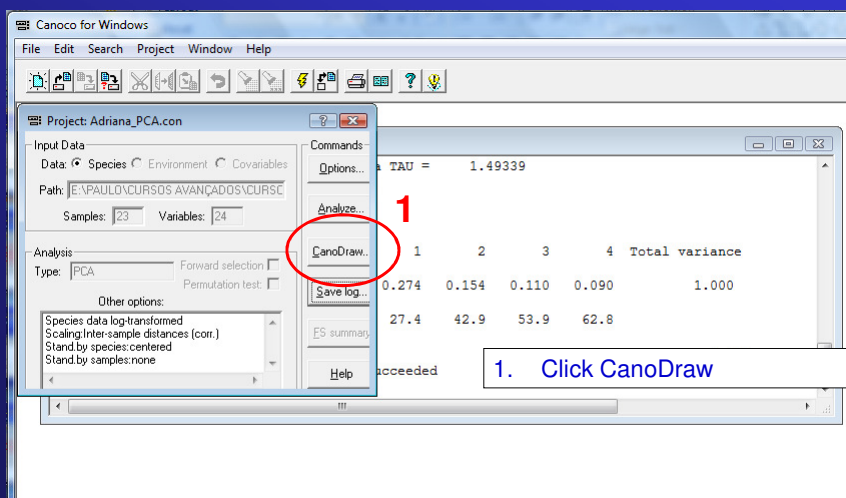
Axes	1	2	3	4	Total variance
Eigenvalues	0.274	0.154	0.110	0.090	1.000
Cumulative percentage variance of species data	27.4	42.9	53.9	62.8	

Sum of all eigenvalues 1.000
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1. Axis 1 (or PC1) explains 27.4% of total variation
2. Axis 2 explains 15,5% of total variation

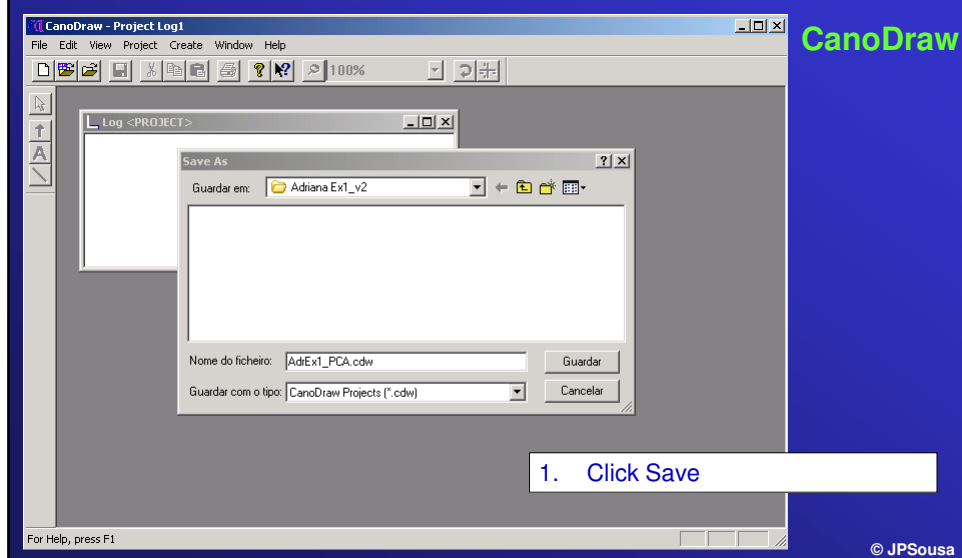
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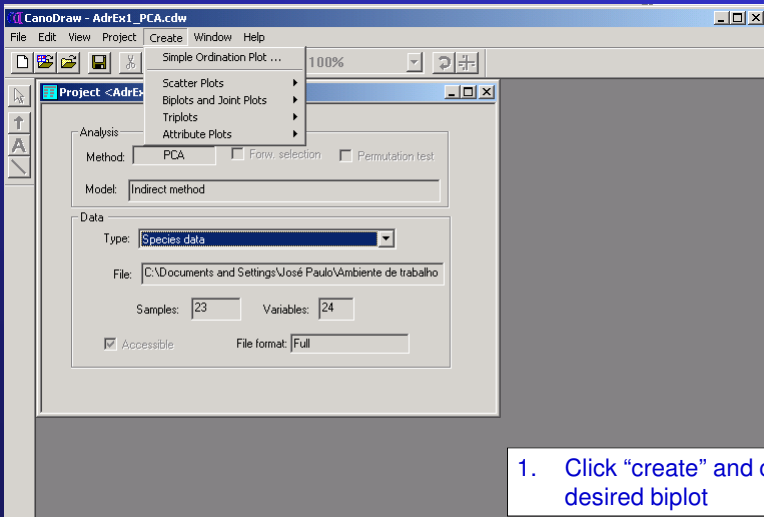
CanoDraw - PCA



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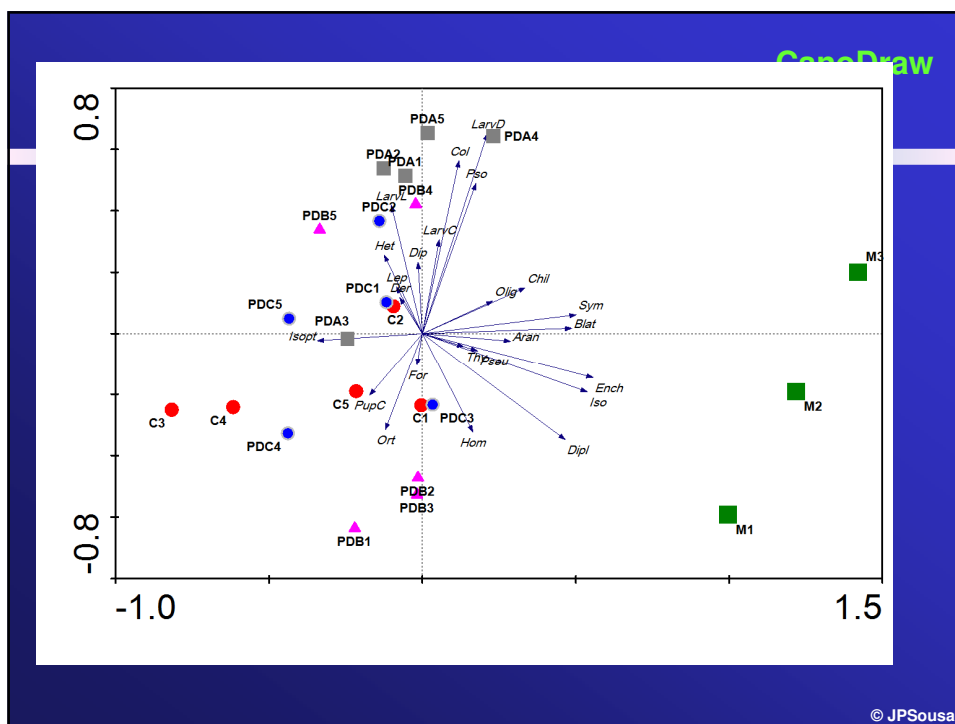
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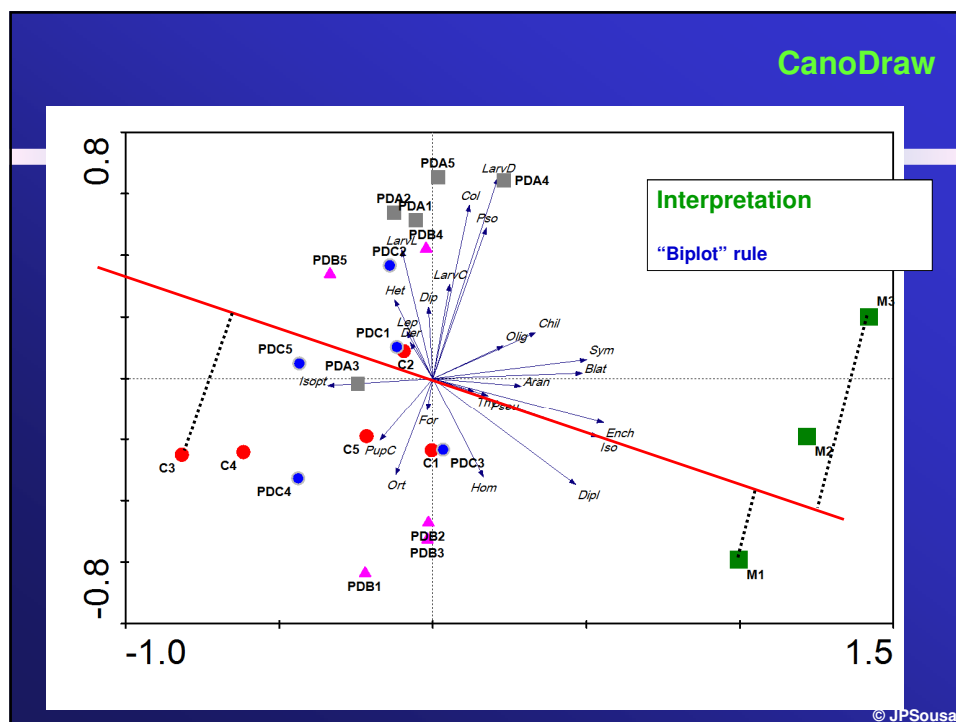
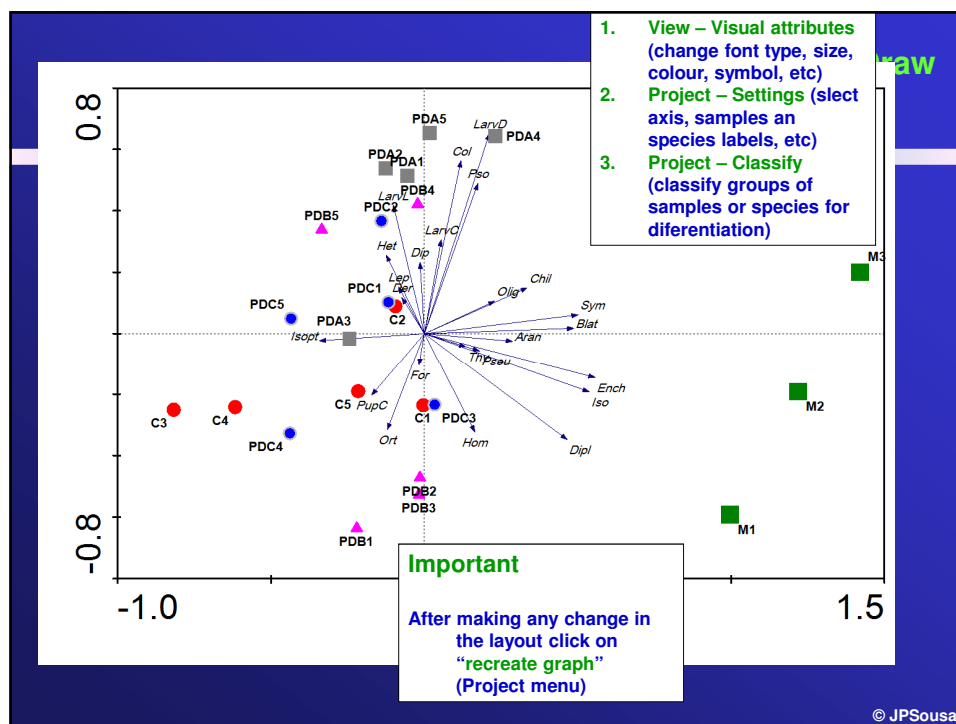
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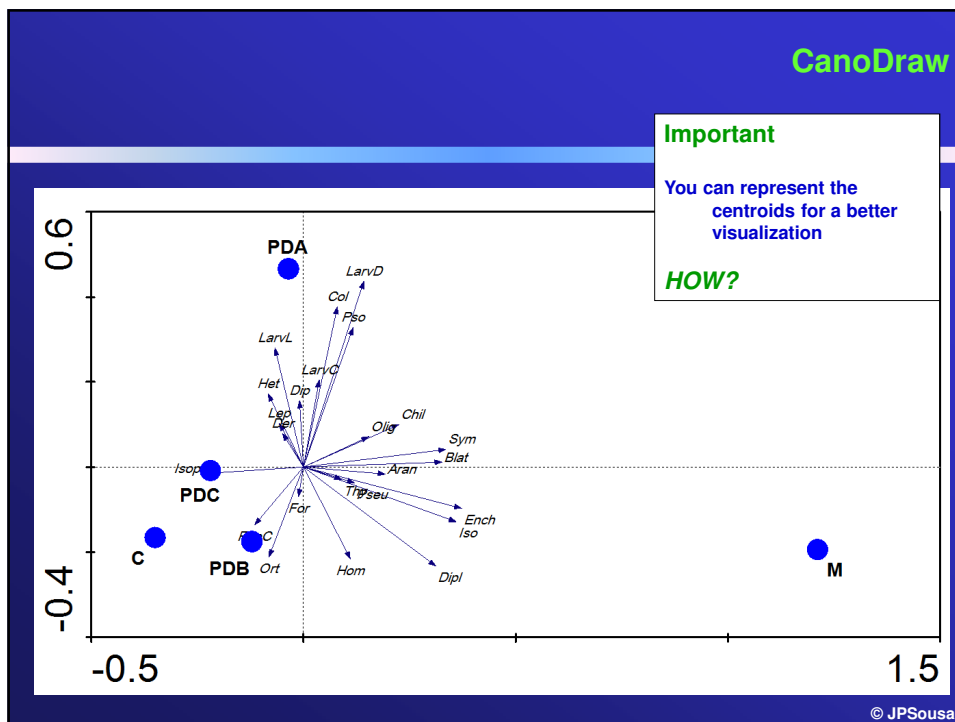
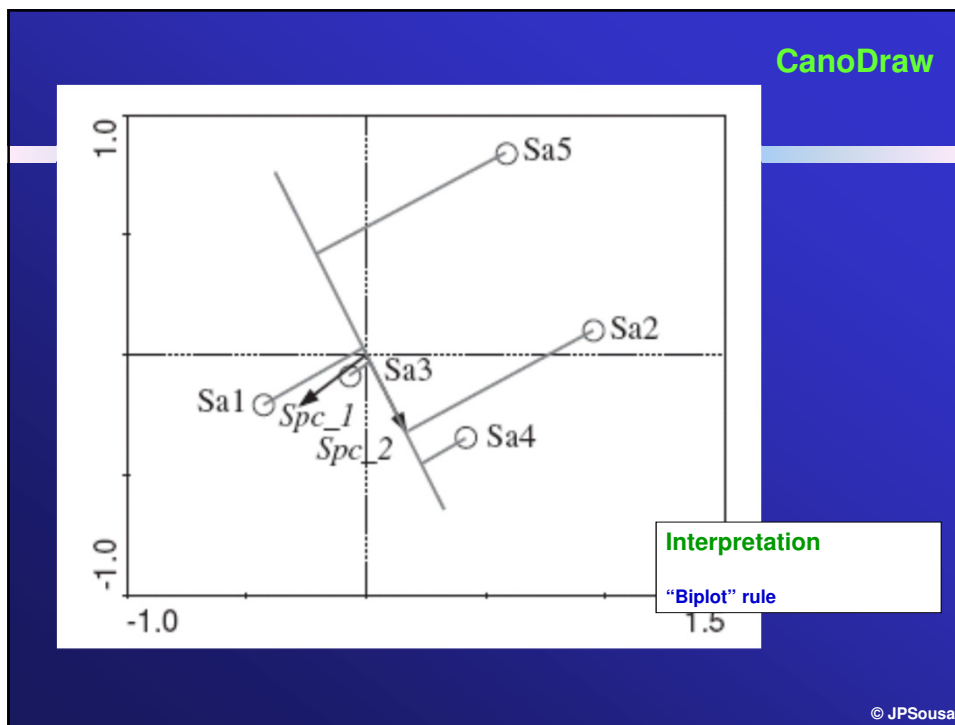


1. Click "create" and choose the desired biplot

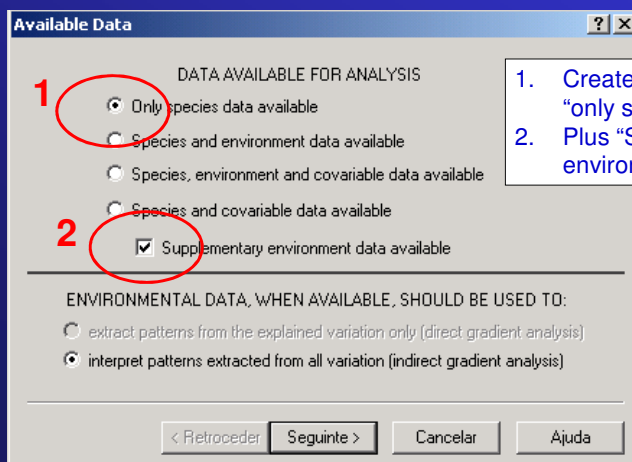
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PCA & Passive variables



The 'Available Data' dialog box is shown with the following options:

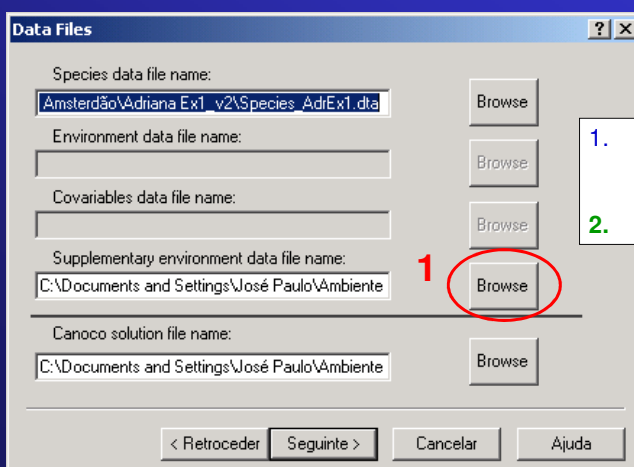
- DATA AVAILABLE FOR ANALYSIS**
 - ☒ Only species data available (circled with a red '1')
 - ☐ Species and environment data available
 - ☐ Species, environment and covariable data available
 - ☐ Species and covariable data available
 - ☒ Supplementary environment data available (circled with a red '2')
- ENVIRONMENTAL DATA, WHEN AVAILABLE, SHOULD BE USED TO:**
 - ☐ extract patterns from the explained variation only (direct gradient analysis)
 - ☒ interpret patterns extracted from all variation (indirect gradient analysis)

Buttons at the bottom: < Retroceder, Seguinte >, Cancelar, Ajuda.

1. Create another project with "only species data available"
2. Plus "Supplementary environment data available"

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The 'Data Files' dialog box is shown with the following fields and buttons:

- Species data file name: Amsterdam\Adriana Ex1_v2\Species_AdrEx1.dta (Browse)
- Environment data file name: (Browse)
- Covariables data file name: (Browse)
- Supplementary environment data file name: C:\Documents and Settings\José Paulo\Ambiente (circled with a red '1', Browse)
- Canoco solution file name: C:\Documents and Settings\José Paulo\Ambiente (Browse)

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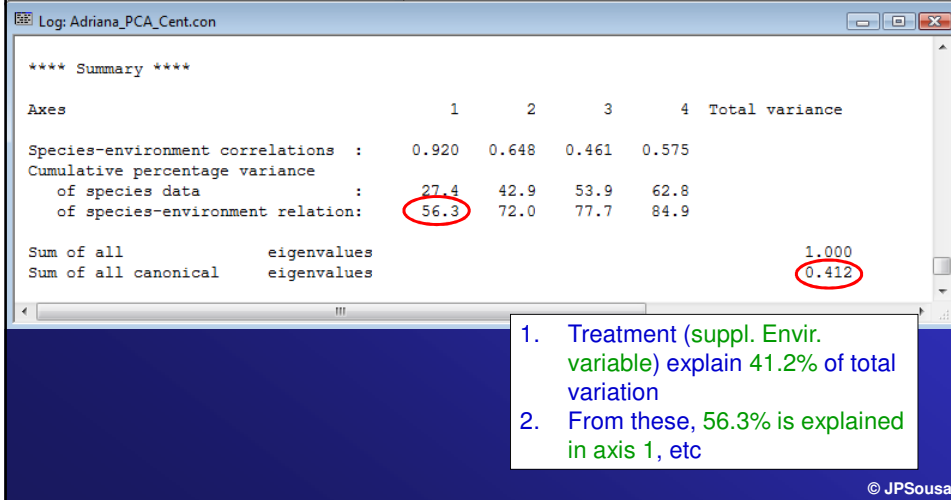
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1. Do not forget to input the supplementary environment data file
2. Other steps are similar

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PCA & Passive variables

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Soil fauna from Cork Oak (*Quercus suber*) and Eucalyptus (*Eucalyptus globulus*) stands (Sousa et al., 2003)

- ❖ Soil mesofauna data; soil pedological parameters (File **Matrizes_CA_CCA.xls**)
- ❖ 2 sites (Q e E) with four plots each (A, B, G, M) and each plot with 4 soil cores ;
- ❖ 32 samples in total with 45 collembola species identified;
- ❖ **Objective 1: verify the association between species and sites**



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Canoco

1. Open Canoco - File → New project

2. Choose correct option

3. Click Next

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Canoco

1. Click Browse in "Species data file name" and open imported species file

2. Click Browse in "Canoco solution file name" and name the file

3. Click Next

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Type of Analysis

Canoco

Gradient Analysis Methods

Response Models	Indirect	Direct	Hybrid
Linear	<input type="radio"/> PCA	<input type="radio"/> RDA	<input type="radio"/> hRDA
Unimodal	<input checked="" type="radio"/> CA	<input type="radio"/> CCA	<input type="radio"/> hCCA
Unimodal (detrended)	<input type="radio"/> DCA	<input type="radio"/> DCCA	<input type="radio"/> hDCCA

1. Choose CA
2. Click Next

< Retroceder **Seguinte >** Cancelar Ajuda

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Scaling: Unimodal Methods

1. Choose "Focus scaling" (same as in PCA)

2. Choose the "Scaling type"

3. Click Next

Focus scaling on:

- ☐ Inter-sample distances
- ☒ Inter-species distances
- ☐ Symmetric

Scaling type:

- ☒ biplot scaling (L^a)
- ☐ Hill's scaling (L^a) / (1 - L)

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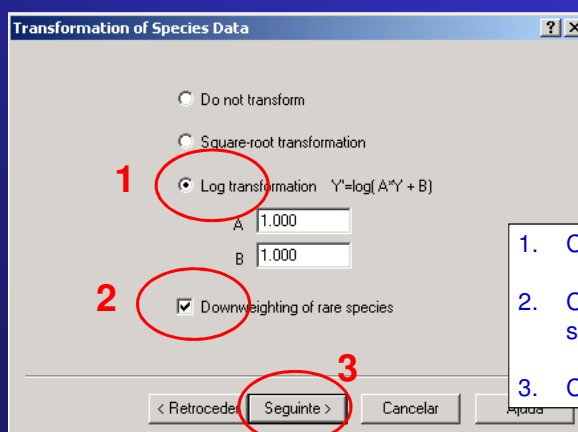
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Scaling in CA

- Hill's scaling: large gradients (>4 SD)
– interpretation via the centroid rule
- Biplot scaling: shorter gradients (± 3 SD) – interpretation via the biplot rule

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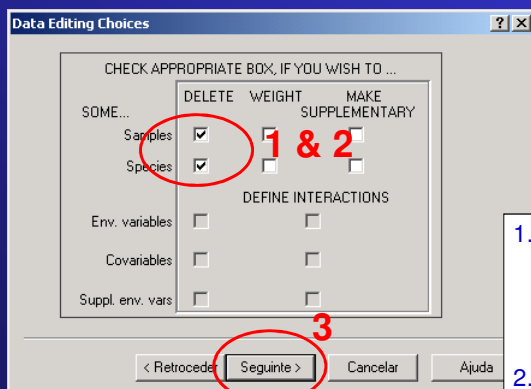


1. Choose "log transformation"
2. Choose "downweighting rare species"
3. Click Next

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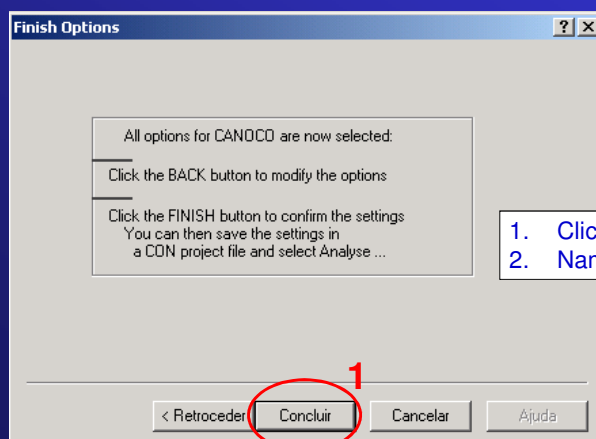


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1. This option allows to eliminate "species" or "samples" from the analysis without the need to restart the process.
2. In this case all species and samples should be in, so, do not select this option
3. Click Next

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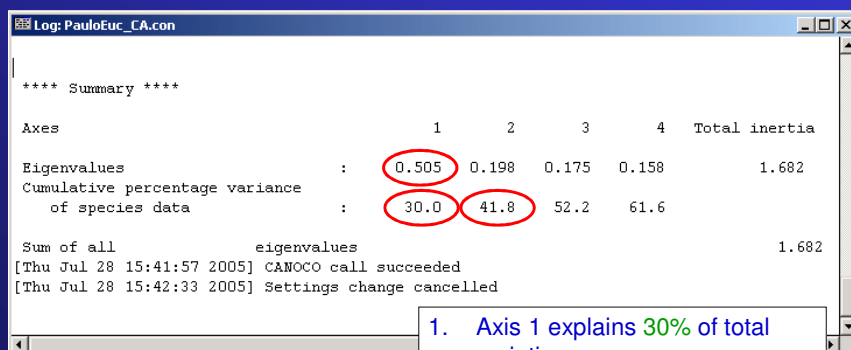


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1. Click Finish
2. Name the project file

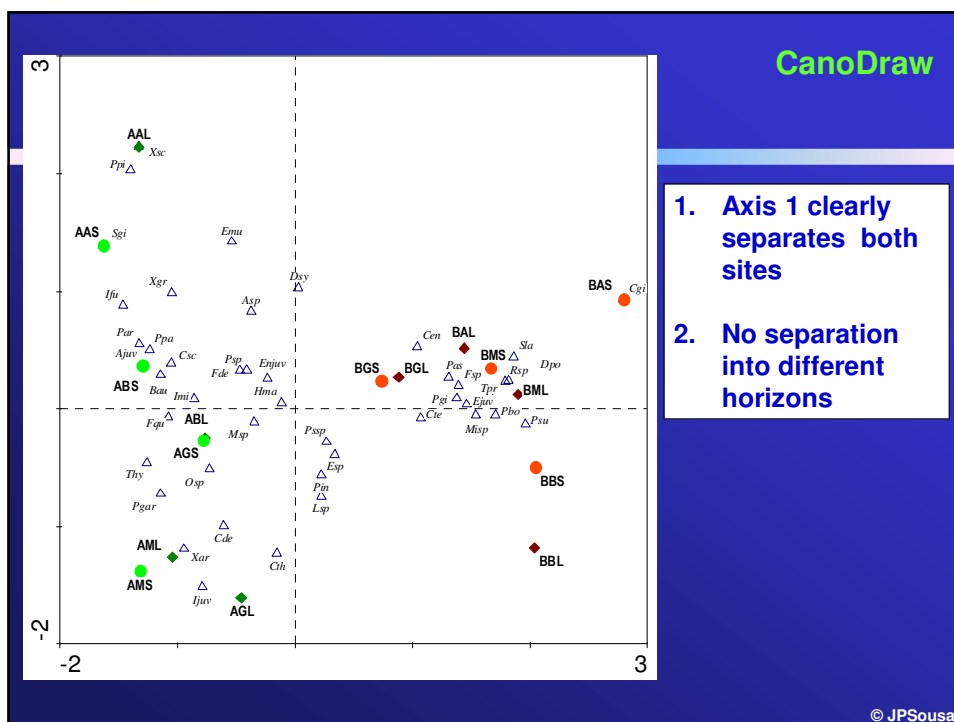
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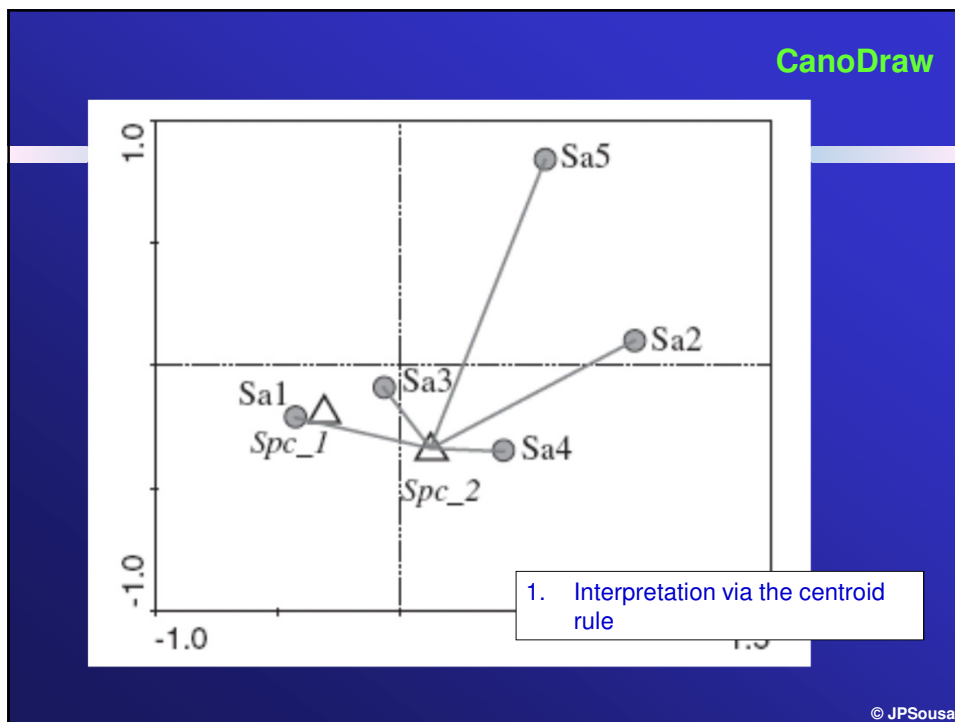
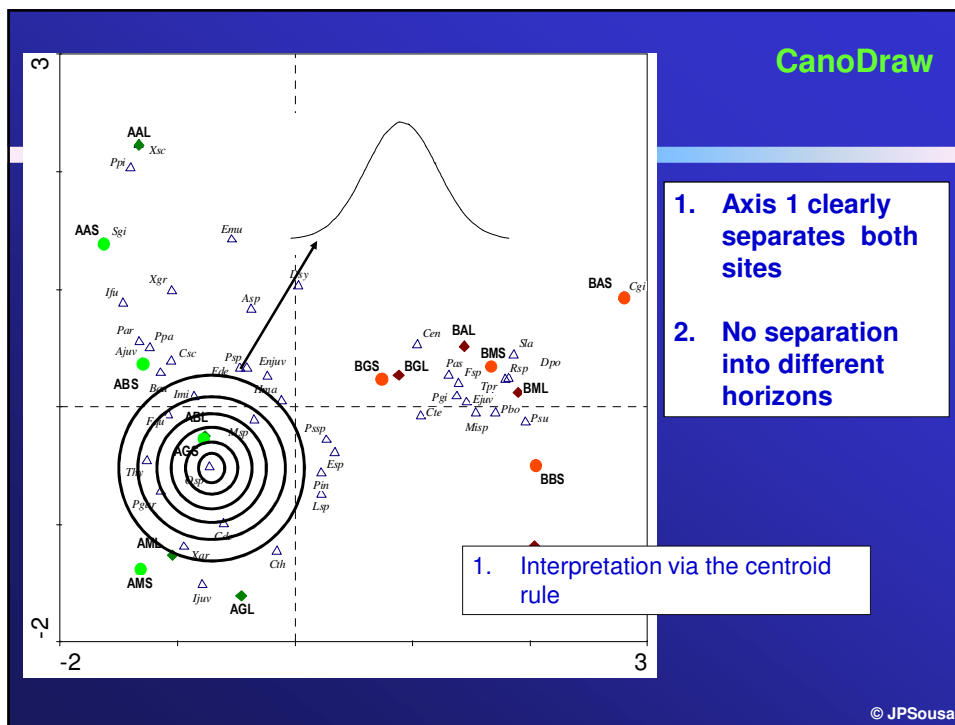
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1. Axis 1 explains 30% of total variation
2. Axis 2 explains 11,8% of total variation

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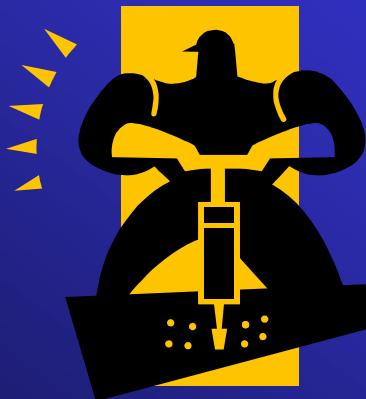
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Part 1 (1)



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Hands on !
Part 1 (2)



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Ordination Tools I:
Representing the
underlying structure of a
dataset
Part 2

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**“Non-Metric
Multidimensional Scaling”**

What is the purpose ?

- Represent samples in a ordination space
- Advantage: you can choose the metric (similarity/distance index) used to evaluate the distance among samples
- Advantage: it preserves the distances in the multidimensional space
- It constructs a configuration map of the samples in the m dimensions based on the relative similarity between samples

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How does it work ?

- Constructs a representation of the samples
- Compare the distances among them (in the diagram) with the values on the (di)similarity matrix
- Evaluates the relation between these two measures with a regression
- Evaluates the reliability of the regression (stress)
- Changes representation to reduce stress
- Repeats process until convergence

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Stress values →

Stress < 0.05 – excellent representation (low possibility of a wrong interpretation)

Stress < 0.1 – good representation (3D diagrams do not bring any additional information)

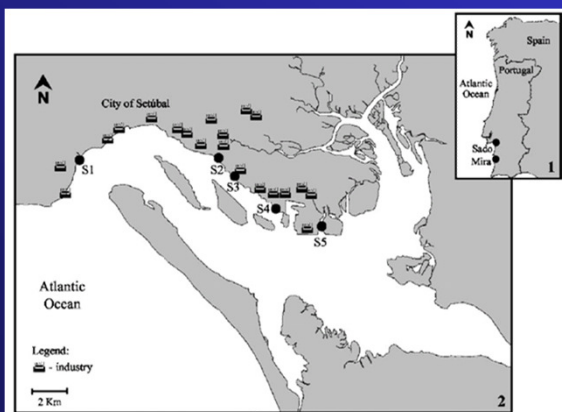
Stress < 0.2 – 2D diagram of certain utility (advisable to complement interpretation with other method)

Stress > 0.3 – non acceptable representation (samples are randomly placed in the diagram)

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Example



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WinKyst

Input file (response variables)

Data transformations

Select similarity/distance metric

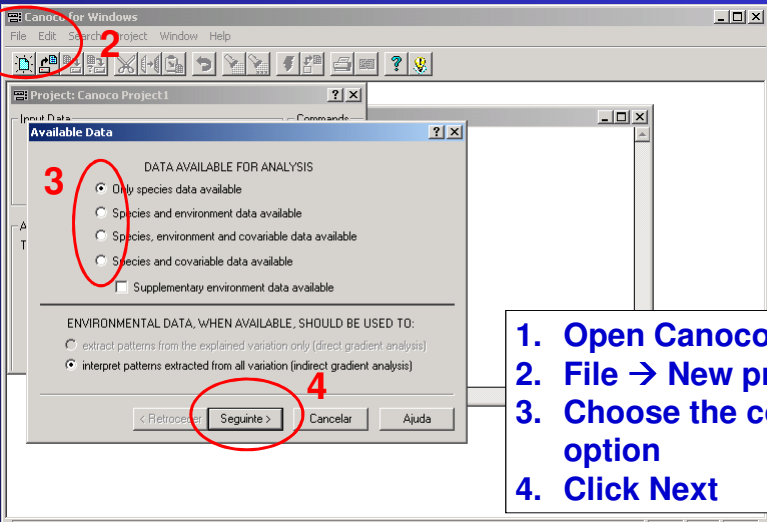
Select N° of axes to obtain the coordinates

Apply perturbations

Output file with the coordinates

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The screenshot shows the 'Canoco for Windows' application window. The 'Available Data' dialog box is open, displaying options for data availability and environmental data usage. Red circles and numbers highlight the following steps:

1. Open Canoco
2. File → New project
3. Choose the correct option (radio button for 'Only species data available')
4. Click Next (button labeled 'Seguinte >')

The 'Available Data' dialog box contains the following text:

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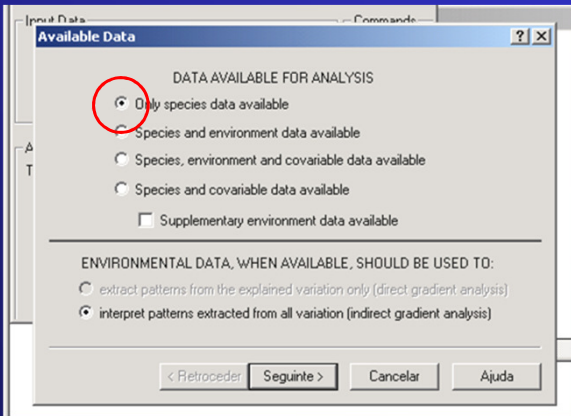
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Canoco logo: A green play button icon.

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This is a close-up of the 'Available Data' dialog box from the previous slide. The 'Only species data available' radio button is circled in red.

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Species data file name: C:\Documents and Settings\José Paulo\Ambiente

Environment data file name:

Covariables data file name:

Supplementary environment data file name:

Canoco solution file name: C:\Documents and Settings\José Paulo\Ambiente

< Retroceder Seguinte > Cancelar Ajuda

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1. Click Browse in "Species data file name" and open the output WinKyst file
2. Click Browse in "Canoco solution file name" and name the file
3. Click Next

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Type of Analysis

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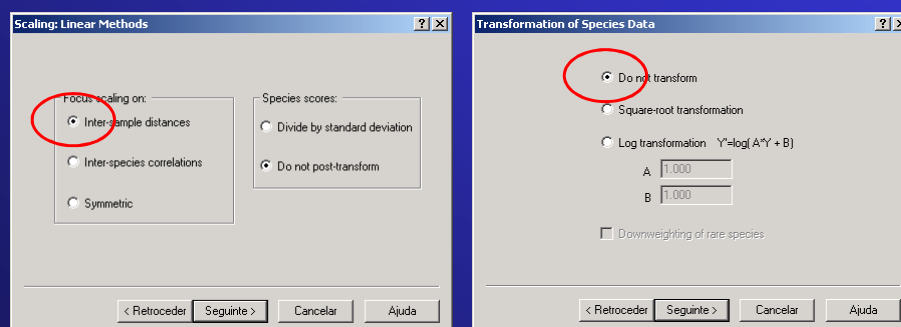
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1. Choose PCA
2. Click Next

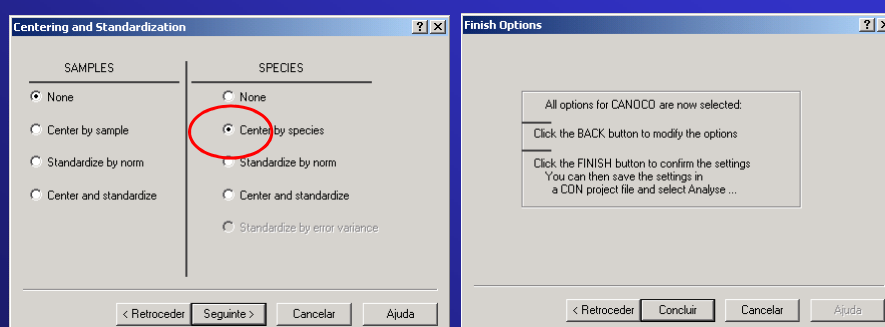
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1. Click Analyse

2. Click "Save Log"

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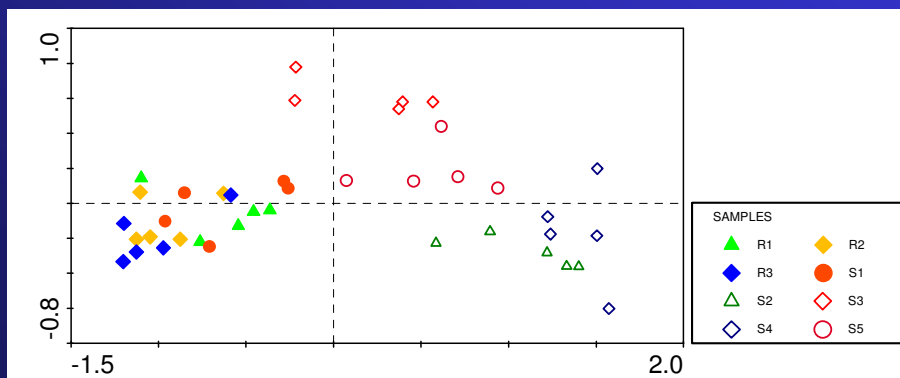
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1. Click CanoDraw and follow the steps to have a sample plot

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Final stress is 0.04639

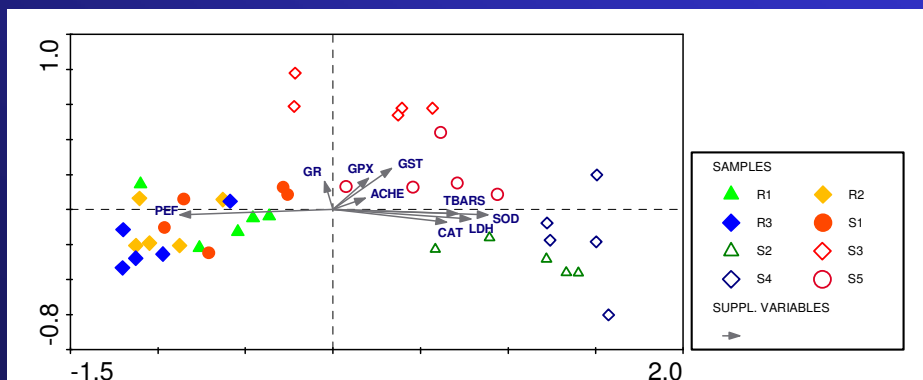


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To represent response variables
information use original data file
as "supplementary variables" in
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Final stress is 0.04639



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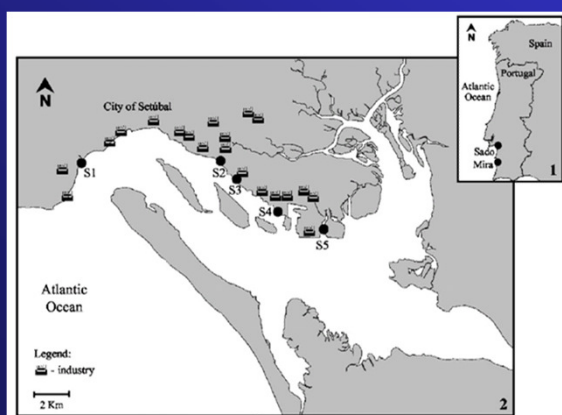
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NMDS (using PRIMER v.5)

Example



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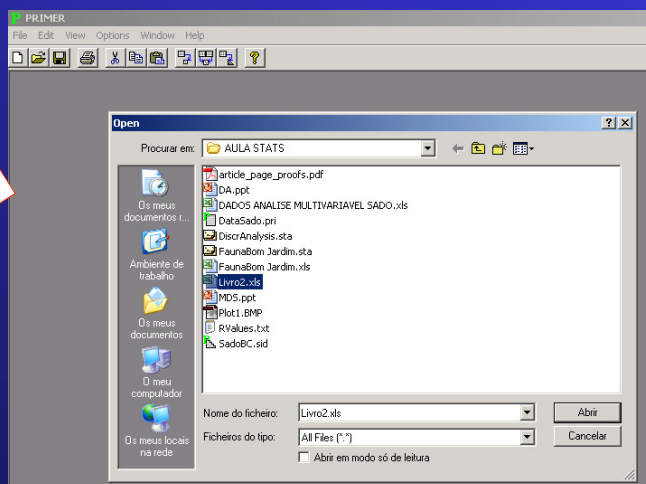
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Example

Import data

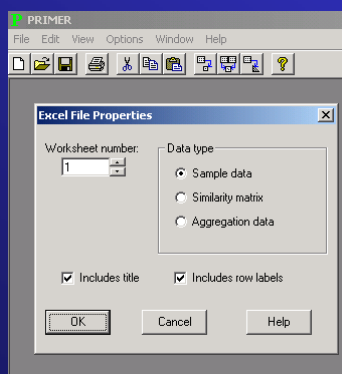


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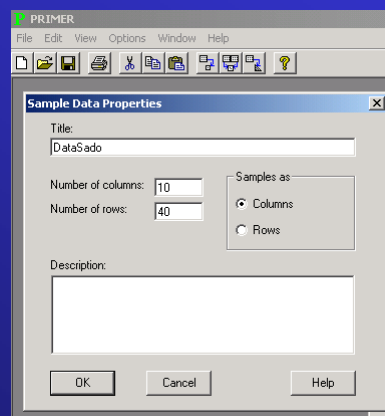


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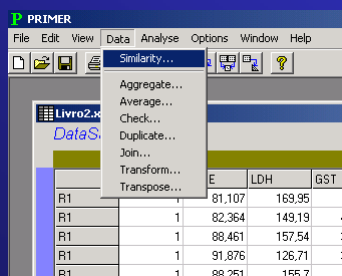


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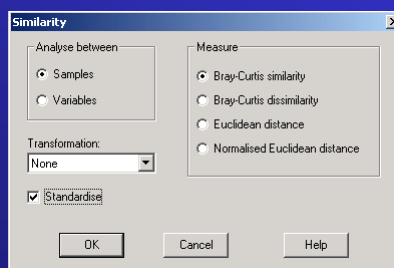


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Similarity Analysis



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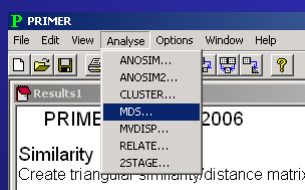
Similarity Matrix

Similarity

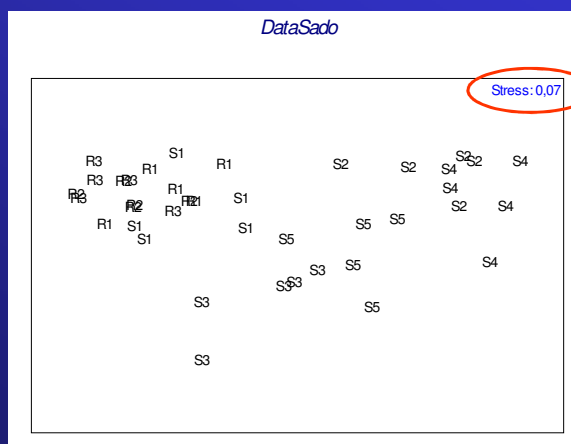
	R1	R1	R1	R1	R1	R2	R2	R2	R2	R2	R3	F
R1												
R1	94.62											
R1	95.646	97.389										
R1	91.891	93.864	95.088									
R1	96.216	96.142	98.116	94.501								
R2	92.86	96.494	95.981	95.984	95.212							
R2	93.063	96.176	96.135	94.709	95.553	96.758						
R2	93.383	96.826	96.631	95.244	95.865	96.808	98.552					
R2	90.493	94.646	93.428	95.619	93.316	95.494	96.153	95.782				
R2	96.457	95.371	98.042	94.81	98.442	95.417	95.058	95.744	92.547			
R3	91.17	94.853	94.229	94.679	93.018	97.267	96.048	94.924	95.129	93.469		
R3	93.079	97.523	96.531	94.97	95.773	98.444	97.263	97.678	95.949	95.506	96.761	
R3	91.198	95.617	94.547	94.681	93.921	97.165	96.272	96.371	97.229	93.433	96.732	
R3	91.172	94.489	93.483	96.543	93.027	96.152	95.675	95.661	98.44	93.224	96.004	
R3	95.036	95.75	96.781	96.017	97.359	96.066	95.763	95.951	93.312	98.149	94.427	
S1	91.809	94.413	94.637	95.015	95.061	94.977	96.062	96.754	95.053	94.466	92.846	
S1	93.191	94.373	95.227	97.754	95.575	96.449	95.497	96.004	95.313	96.257	95.034	

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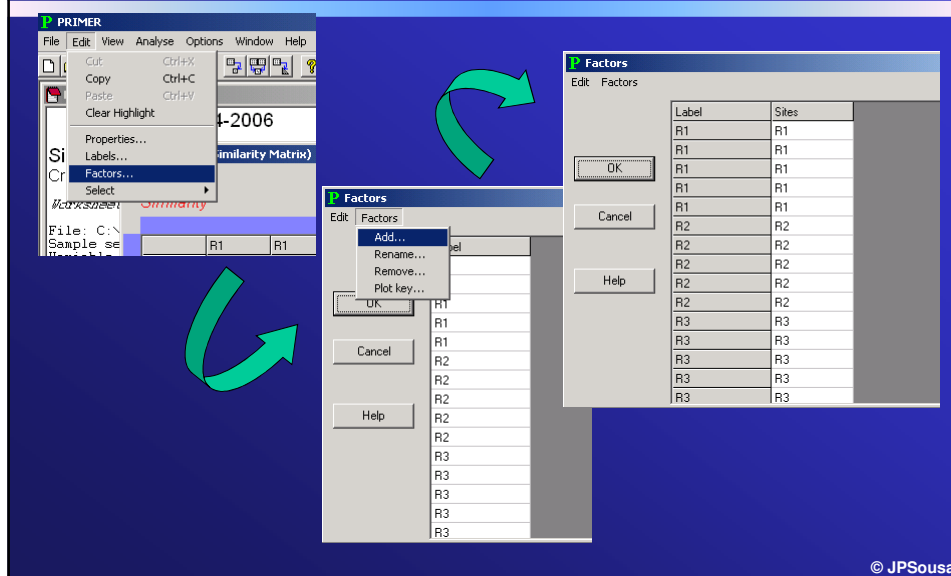
“ANOSIM” in Primer v.5

Discriminating groups →

1. Test differences between the average rank similarity within groups (r_W) vs. between groups (r_B)
2. H_0 : No differences between groups
3. Calculate R values based on that comparison
4. Recalculate R values after permutations
5. Calculate the probability associated with the global R value

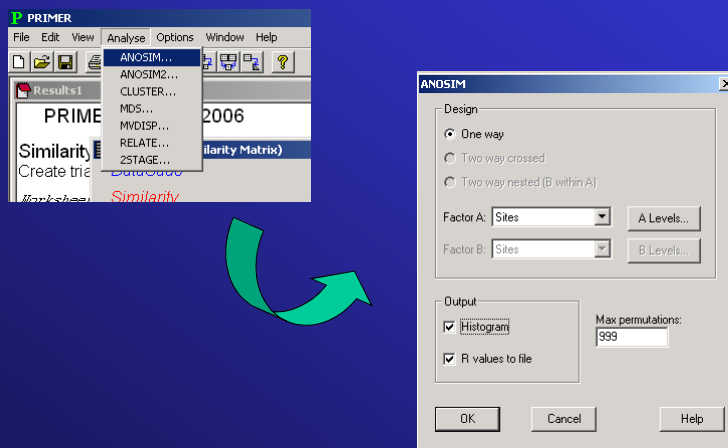
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Global Test

Global R value: 0,699

Significance value: 0,1% (0,001)

Nº of permutations: 999

Nº of permuted values equal or higher than global R: 0

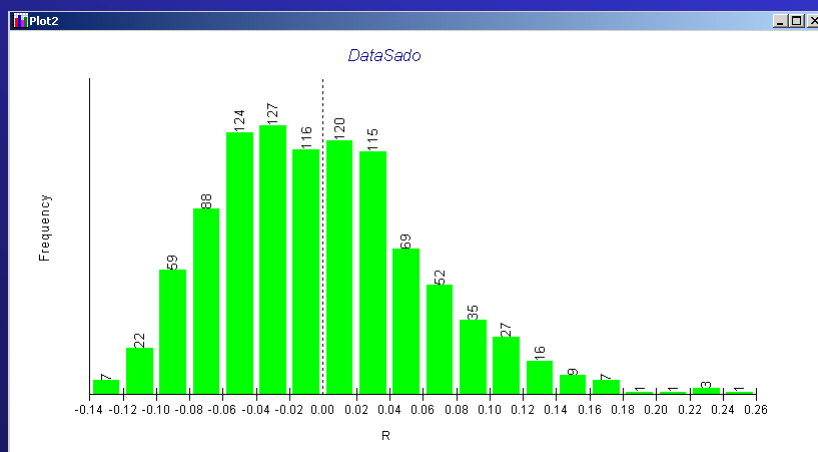
Reject H0

Look at “pairwise” tests !



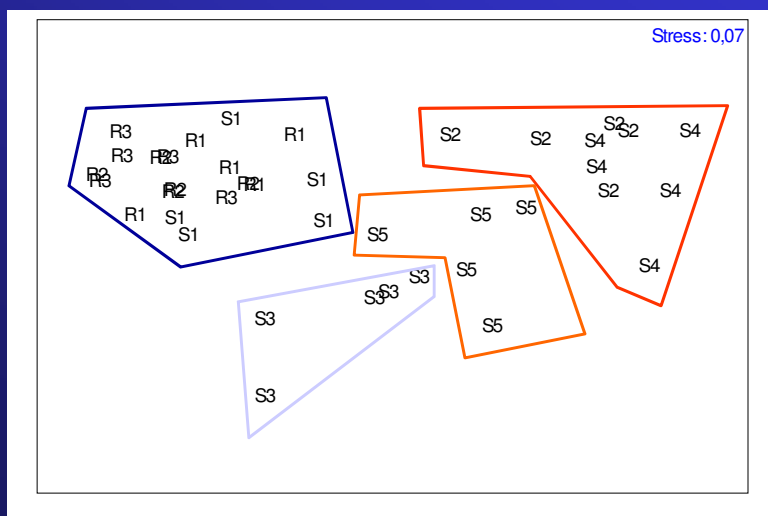
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Jaccard Coefficient

- only shared presences contribute to similarity
- ignores shared absences or 0-0 matches

$$S^J = \frac{a}{a + b + c}$$

SU 1

	SU 2	
	Present	Absent
Present	a	b
Absent	c	d

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Jaccard Coefficient

- number of shared species as proportion of total number of species in the two SUs
- ranges from 0 (no species in common) to 1 (the SUs have identical species lists)

$$S^J = \frac{a}{a + b + c}$$

SU 1

	SU 2	
	Present	Absent
Present	a	b
Absent	c	d

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Part 3



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Ordination Tools II: Discriminating groups of samples/subjects Part 2

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DISCRIMINANT ANALYSIS

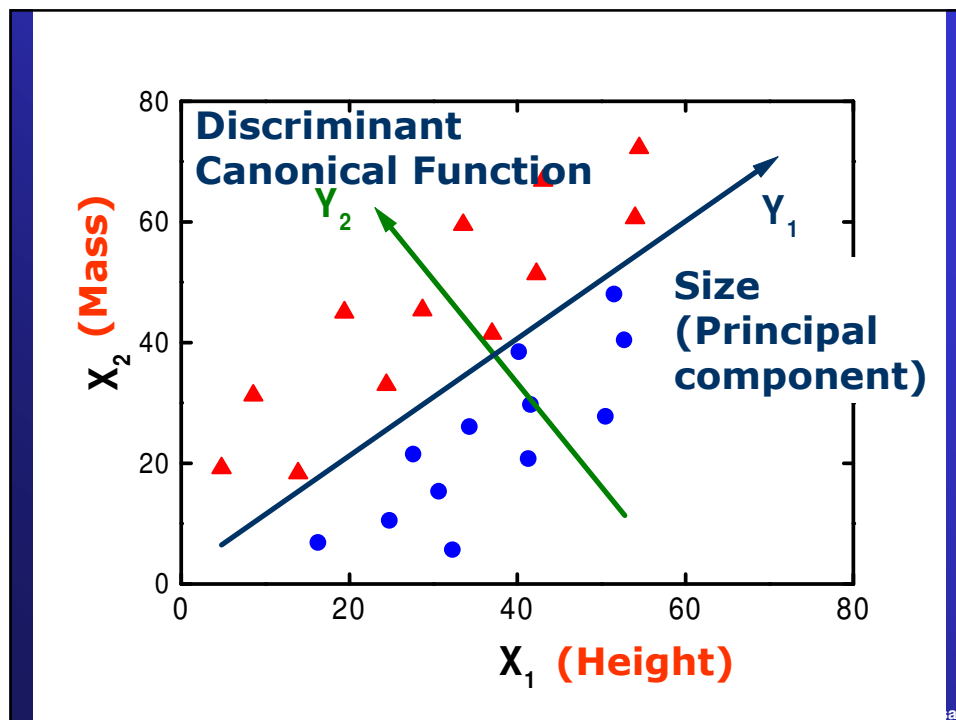
What for ?

- Discriminate groups of samples (e.g., treatments, sites, etc)

How does it work ?

- Identification of discriminant variables
- Use of those variables to create “discriminant functions”
- Discriminate groups according to those functions

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Discriminant Analysis

Selection of discriminant variables

Aim → select ' m ' discriminating variables from ' p ' variables

How? → minimizing the statistic Λ de Wilks



$$\Lambda_p = SSE_p / SST_p$$

Attention to colinearity ! → Not allowed

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Discriminant Analysis

Estimating discriminant functions

PCA → Axes maximize total variation

DA → Axes maximize differences between groups



Discriminating
function

$$\lambda_i = SSG_i / SSE_i$$

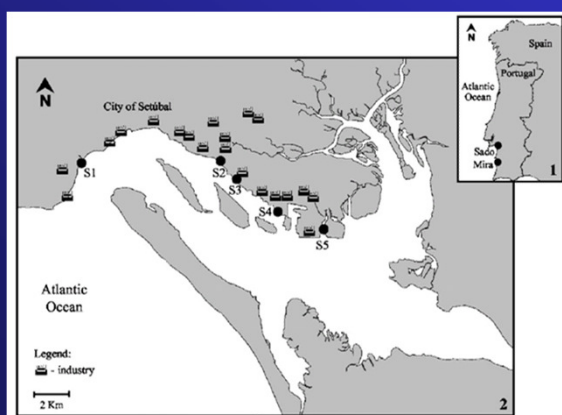


$$D_i = w_{i1}X_1 + w_{i2}X_2 + \dots + w_{ip}X_p \quad (i = 1, \dots, m)$$

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Discriminant Analysis (Statística)

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Discriminant Analysis (Statística)

Example

STATION	Estuary	ACHE	LDH	GST	SOD	CAT	GPX	GR	TBARS
R1	1	81,11	169,95	42,53	14,98	13,79	7,37	7,75	0,59
R1	1	82,36	149,19	40,73	14,68	19,21	8,67	9,87	0,58
R1	1	88,46	157,54	39,95	15,46	18,29	8,95	9,26	0,54
R1	1	91,88	126,71	34,33	17,90	13,57	7,16	7,35	0,32
R1	1	88,25	155,70	42,14	17,60	18,97	7,76	7,74	0,52
R2	2	86,29	136,63	36,62	15,28	14,96	6,09	7,25	0,56
R2	2	86,09	138,67	45,02	11,20	16,82	8,35	6,30	0,65
R2	2	80,14	129,89	42,43	13,18	16,01	7,39	8,37	0,62
R2	2	93,45	126,54	40,51	10,95	18,82	7,31	6,35	0,32
R2	2	84,54	151,77	39,88	17,17	14,31	7,34	9,36	0,24
R3	3	88,36	136,63	35,70	7,88	13,70	8,02	6,10	0,42
R3	3	84,79	138,67	38,56	13,23	17,65	6,80	7,84	0,31
R3	3	87,81	129,89	39,45	12,96	17,37	8,16	6,88	0,55
R3	3	93,63	126,54	39,14	11,95	13,76	7,65	6,62	0,54
R3	3	90,06	149,45	41,22	20,14	13,83	7,74	9,27	0,41
S1	4	86,23	136,11	45,15	23,75	19,04	6,43	6,43	0,44
S1	4	92,65	135,83	39,04	17,60	13,78	6,54	8,01	0,46
S1	4	79,78	164,13	43,07	19,80	14,51	8,69	9,00	0,46
S1	4	76,52	148,61	36,09	12,99	14,27	5,92	6,40	0,51
S1	4	88,83	152,64	38,52	23,05	13,34	8,83	7,24	0,59
S2	5	91,02	214,79	42,19	46,06	23,85	9,12	6,44	0,74
S2	5	93,88	178,86	39,69	41,72	22,26	11,31	8,21	0,77
S2	5	83,59	213,75	45,53	44,91	21,79	10,96	8,75	1,15
S2	5	89,84	179,34	43,09	40,18	20,25	9,70	5,66	0,75

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Discriminant Analysis

Import data

Statistica

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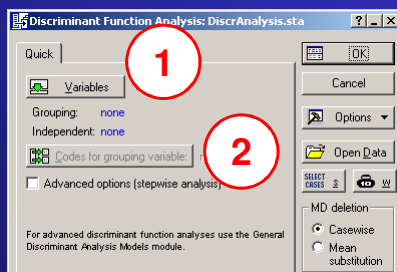
Discriminant Analysis (Statistica)

Example

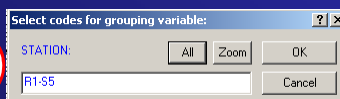
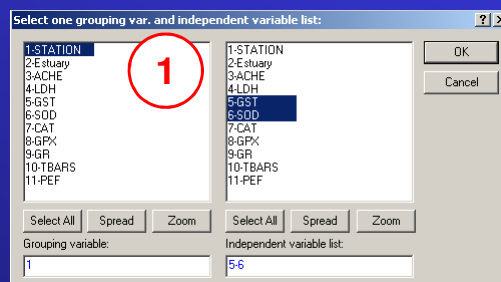
	R2									
6	R2	2	86,29	136,6						
7	R2	2	86,09	138,6						
8	R2	2	80,14	129,89	42,43	13,18	16,01	7,39	8,37	0
9	R2	2	93,45	126,54	40,51	10,95	18,82	7,31	6,35	0

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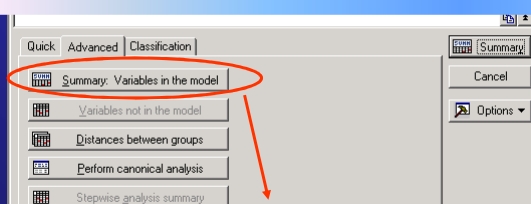
1. Select variables (grouping and independent variable)
2. Code groups



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Discriminant Analysis (Statistica)



Discriminant Function Analysis Summary (DiscrAnalysis)
No. of vars in model: 2; Grouping: STATION (8 grps)
Wilks' Lambda: ,02653 approx. F (14,62)=22,761 p<0.

	Wilks' Lambda	Partial Lambda	F-remove (7,31)	p-level	Toler.
N=40					
GST	0,134331	0,197485	17,99631	0,000000	0,975977
SOD	0,196234	0,135187	28,33018	0,000000	0,975977

High value indicates that the variable is not co-linear with the other variable

Wilks – the smaller the better! Significance values indicate that the variable can act as a discriminant variable.

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Discriminant Analysis (Statistica)

Chi-Square Tests with Successive Roots Removed (DA)

Roots Removed	Eigen-value	Canonical R	Wilks' Lambda	Chi-Sqr.	df	p-level
0	6,447271	0,930442	0,026528	123,4044	14	0,000000
1	4,061649	0,895788	0,197564	55,1375	6	0,000000

Standardized Coefficients for Canonical Variab

Variable	Root 1	Root 2
GST	0,03584	-1,01160
SOD	-1,00493	0,12138
Eigenval	6,44727	4,06165
Cum.Prop	0,61350	1,00000

**Factor Structure Matrix
Correlations Variables
(Pooled within-groups)**

Variable	Root 1	Root 2
GST	-0,119915	-0,992784
SOD	-0,999373	-0,035410

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Discriminant Analysis (Statistica)

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1	4,061649	0,895788	0,197564	55,1375	6	0,000000

High value indicates that the discriminant variables can discriminate the groups well

Wilks – the smallest the better! Significance values indicate that the groups along the two discriminant functions are really discriminated (H0 rejected). Each discriminating function is significant

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Discriminant Analysis (Statistica)

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	Root 1	Root 2
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Eigenval	6,44727	4,06165
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Standardized Coefficients

Indicate the contribution of each variable for the definition of the discriminant function

SOD is more important along discriminant function 1
GST is more important along discriminant function 2

Variable	Factor Structure Matrix Correlations Variables (Pooled within-groups)	
	Root 1	Root 2
GST	-0,119915	-0,992784
SOD	-0,999373	-0,035410

Canonical Correlation Coefficients

Indicate the correlation of each variable with the discriminant function

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Discriminant analysis (STATISTICA)

Discriminant Function Analysis Results: DADOS ANALISE MULTIVARIÁVEL SADO

Number of variables in the model: 2

Wilks' Lambda: ,0265284 approx. F (14,62)

Quick Advanced Classification

Summary: Variables in the model

Variables not in the model

Distances between groups

Perform canonical analysis

Stepwise analysis summary

STATION	Squared Mahalanobis Distances (DADOS ANALISE MULTIVARIÁVEL SADO)							
	R1	R2	R3	S1	S2	S3	S4	S5
R1	0,00000	0,61053	0,61851	0,73247	43,30727	38,07450	27,63473	9,61372
R2	0,61053	0,00000	0,43714	2,47374	52,74130	36,16661	34,79658	9,68986
R3	0,61851	0,43714	0,00000	2,63411	53,71437	44,22431	36,31717	13,69249
S1	0,73247	2,47374	2,63411	0,00000	32,77863	35,68392	19,40099	8,02383
S2	43,30727	52,74130	53,71437	32,77863	0,00000	59,30965	2,15763	35,94738
S3	38,07450	36,16661	44,22431	35,68392	59,30965	0,00000	41,43731	9,87520
S4	27,63473	34,79658	36,31717	19,40099	2,15763	41,43731	0,00000	20,56692
S5	9,61372	9,68986	13,69249	8,02383	35,94739	9,87520	20,56692	0,00000

STATION	F-values; df = 2,31 (DADOS ANALISE MULTIVARIÁVEL SADO)							
	R1	R2	R3	S1	S2	S3	S4	S5
R1		0,59145	0,59918	0,70958	41,95391	36,88467	26,77114	9,31329
R2	0,59145		0,42348	2,39643	51,09314	35,03641	33,70918	9,38705
R3	0,59918	0,42348		2,55180	52,03579	42,84230	35,18225	13,16772
S1	0,70958	2,39643	2,55180		31,75429	34,57849	18,79471	7,77309
S2	41,95391	51,09314	52,03579	31,75429		57,45622	2,09021	34,82404
S3	36,88467	35,03641	42,84230	34,57849	57,45622		40,14239	9,56660
S4	26,77114	33,70918	35,18225	18,79471	2,09021	40,14239		19,92420
S5	9,31329	9,38705	13,16772	7,77309	34,82404	9,56660	19,92420	

STATION	p-levels (DADOS ANALISE MULTIVARIÁVEL SADO)							
	R1	R2	R3	S1	S2	S3	S4	S5
R1		0,559647	0,555500	0,499664	0,000000	0,000000	0,000000	0,000680
R2	0,559647		0,658498	0,107711	0,000000	0,000000	0,000000	0,000649
R3	0,555500	0,658498		0,094205	0,000000	0,000000	0,000000	0,000073
S1	0,499664	0,107711	0,094205		0,000000	0,000000	0,000005	0,001836
S2	0,000000	0,000000	0,000000	0,000000		0,000000	0,140748	0,000000
S3	0,000000	0,000000	0,000000	0,000000	0,000000		0,000000	0,000581
S4	0,000000	0,000000	0,000000	0,000005	0,140748	0,000000		0,000003
S5	0,000680	0,000649	0,000073	0,001836	0,000000	0,000581	0,000003	

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Discriminant Analysis (Statistica)

Squared Mahalanobis Distances (DiscrAnalysis.sta)

	R1	R2	R3	S1	S2	S3	S4	S5
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p-levels (DiscrAnalysis.sta)

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S1	0,499664	0,107711	0,094205		0,000000	0,000000	0,000005	0,001836
S2	0,000000	0,000000	0,000000	0,000000		0,000000	0,140748	0,000000
S3	0,000000	0,000000	0,000000	0,000000	0,000000		0,000000	0,000581
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Group 1:
R1=R2=R3=S1

Group 2:
S2=S4

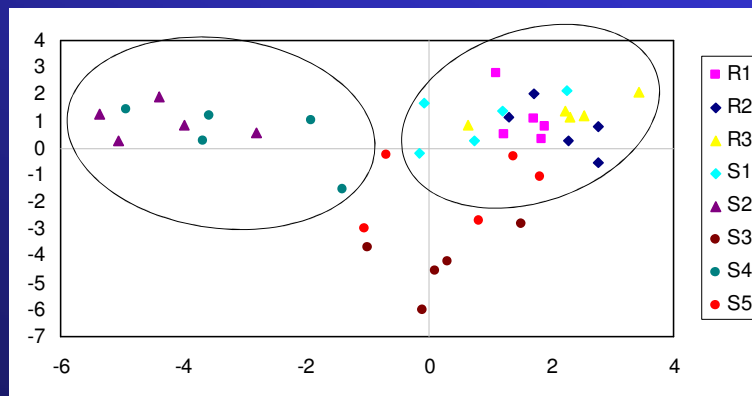
Group 3:
S3

Group 4:
S5

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Discriminant Analysis (Statistica)

GST (detoxification processes)



SOD (antioxidant defence status)

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Discriminant Analysis (Statistica)

Perform a setpwise analysis
using all variables



Can we have a better
discrimination?

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Discriminant Analysis (Statistica)

	Wilks'	Partial	F-remove	p-level	Toler.	1-Toler.
PEF	0,002117	0,427767	4,777580	0,001608	0,704428	0,295572
GST	0,002235	0,405169	5,243232	0,000888	0,864383	0,135617
SOD	0,002240	0,404305	5,262073	0,000867	0,809208	0,190792
GPX	0,002373	0,381509	5,789902	0,000456	0,821138	0,178862
TBARS	0,001204	0,752326	1,175754	0,351494	0,873572	0,126428
ACHE	0,001425	0,635340	2,049863	0,088144	0,507946	0,492054
LDH	0,001274	0,710864	1,452639	0,229325	0,605079	0,394921
CAT	0,001190	0,760971	1,121823	0,380890	0,846854	0,153146

These 4 variables are
not significant

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Discriminant Analysis (Statistica)

Roots removed	Eigen-	Canonicl	Wilks'	Chi-Sqr.	df	p-level
0	22,38807	0,978388	0,000905	217,2191	56	0,000000
1	10,32528	0,954831	0,021177	119,5001	42	0,000000
2	1,69329	0,792910	0,239835	44,2620	30	0,045147
3	0,28793	0,472819	0,645944	13,5483	20	0,852640
4	0,15967	0,371062	0,831928	5,7043	12	0,930249
5	0,02912	0,168211	0,964764	1,1120	6	0,981007
6	0,00719	0,084518	0,992857	0,2222	2	0,894832

Axis 4 and higher are not significant

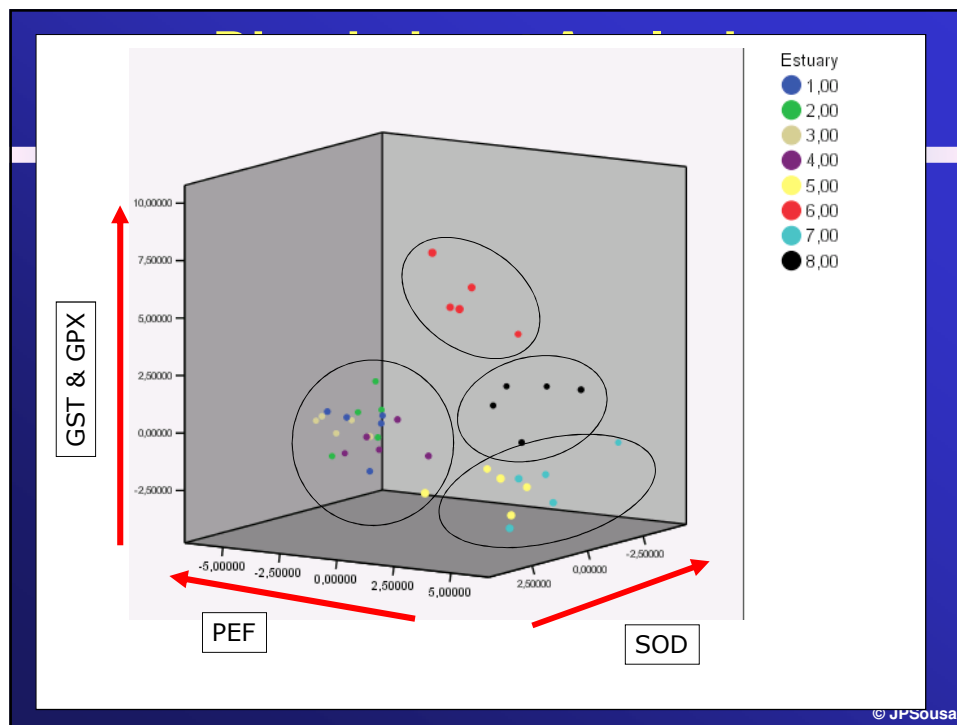
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Discriminant Analysis (Statistica)

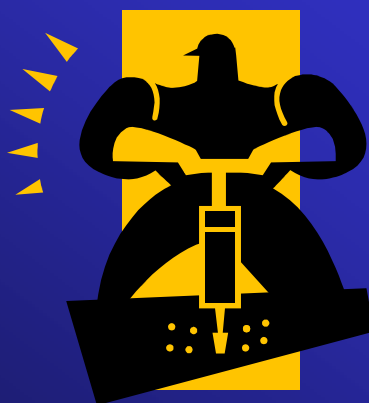
Std coefficients			
	Root 1	Root 2	Root 3
PEF	-0,70350	0,30259	-0,582558
GST	-0,00158	0,81686	0,306950
SOD	0,48437	-0,41628	-0,710880
GPX	0,14087	0,80706	-0,466914
Eigenval	22,38807	10,32528	1,693290
Cum.Prop	0,64167	0,93760	0,986131

Factor structure matrix			
	Root 1	Root 2	Root 3
PEF	-0,631882	-0,007909	-0,414397
GST	0,156296	0,570653	0,266978
SOD	0,503298	-0,101250	-0,619335
GPX	0,106174	0,517622	-0,474907

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DISCRIMINANT ANALYSIS



Hands On !
Part 4



Multivariate Statistical Tools in Ecology
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Ordination Tools III: Relationship between response variables and explanatory variables

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Relationship between two data sets

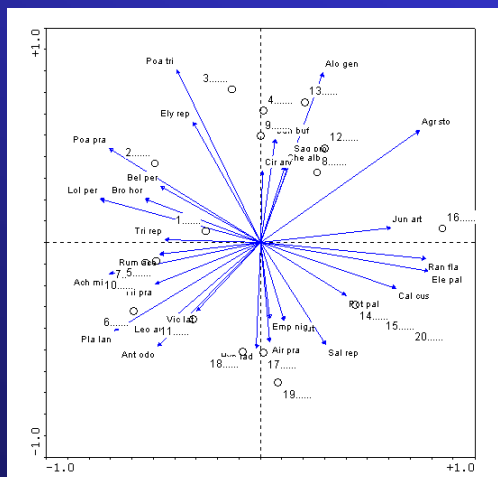
– Indirect Gradient Analysis

- Starts with a normal ordination where the coordinates of a particular axis can be interpreted as an environmental gradient;
- Regression techniques can be used to verify that link between response and explanatory variables;
- No direct input from the explanatory variables in the defining the positions in the ordination plot.

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Indirect Gradient Analysis

(example PCA – vegetation in managed dune systems - Batterink & Wijffels, 1983)

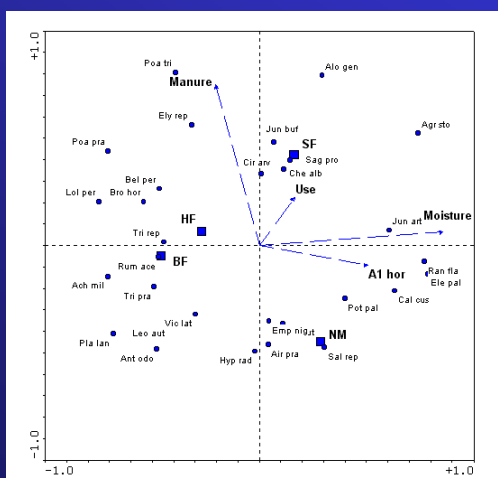


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Indirect Gradient Analysis

(example PCA – vegetation in managed dune systems - Batterink & Wijffels, 1983)

Passive
explanatory
variables
added *a posteriori*



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Indirect Gradient Analysis

(Passive Explanatory Variables)

- Passive explanatory variables help in the **interpretation of already extracted axes.**
- Passive explanatory variables are **projected on top of the ordination plot**

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Relationship between two data sets

– Direct Gradient Analysis

- Used to detect, interpret and predict the underlying structure of the data set based on the explanatory variables (**e.g., community composition based on management, land-use, vegetation structure, etc = environmental variables**);
- Starts with two datasets that are represented simultaneously in the ordination plot; the relationships between the datasets are derived from that diagram, i.e., **the diagram represents the variability explained by the explanatory variables**;
- There is a direct input of the explanatory variables in the analysis

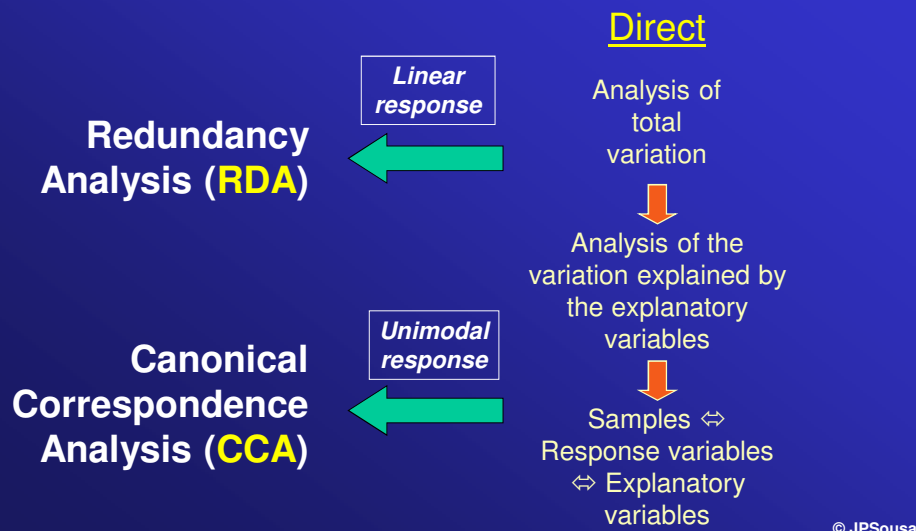
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(example RDA – vegetation in managed dune systems - Batterink & Wijffels, 1983)



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Relationship between response variables and explanatory variables



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Soil fauna from Cork Oak (*Quercus suber*) and Eucalyptus (*Eucalyptus globulus*) stands (Sousa et al., 2003)

- ❖ Soil mesofauna data; soil pedological parameters (File Matrizes_CA_CCA.xls)
- ❖ 2 sites (Q e E) with four plots each (A, B, G, M) and each plot with 4 soil cores ;
- ❖ 32 samples in total with 45 collembola species identified;
- ❖ Objective: to evaluate the association between species and soil parameters



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Available Data

1

DATA AVAILABLE FOR ANALYSIS

- ☐ Only species data available
- ☒ Species and environment data available
- ☐ Species, environment and covariable data available
- ☐ Species and covariable data available
- ☐ Supplementary environment data available

2

ENVIRONMENTAL DATA, WHEN AVAILABLE, SHOULD BE USED TO:

- ☒ extract patterns from the explained variation only (direct gradient analysis)
- ☐ interpret patterns extracted from all variation (indirect gradient analysis)

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1. Create a project with "species and Env. data available"
2. Select Direct Gradient Analysis



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Data Files

Species data file name:
nte de trabalho\EMBRAPA\PauloEuc\Pontos.dta **Browse**

Environment data file name:
C:\Documents and Settings\José Paulo\Ambiente **Browse**

Covariables data file name:
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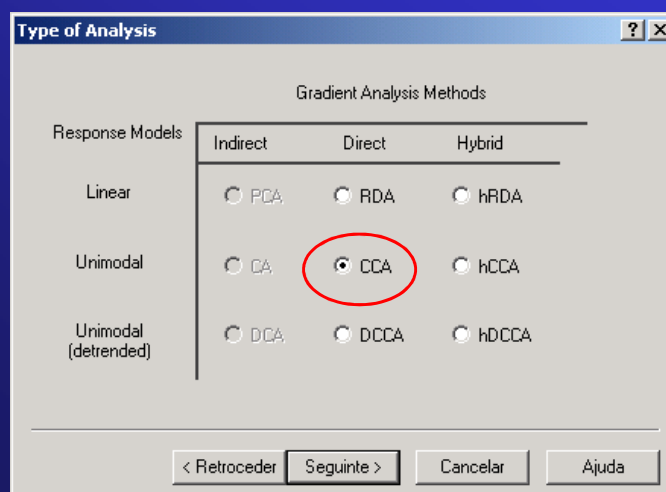
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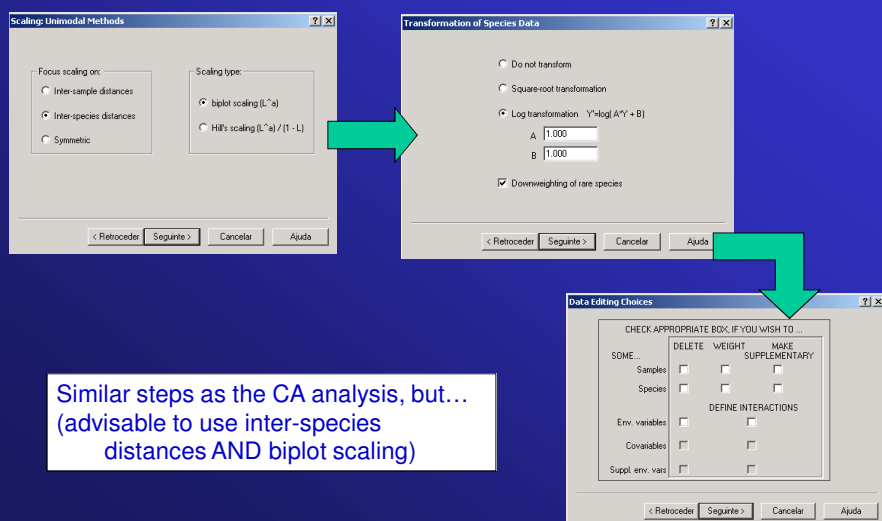
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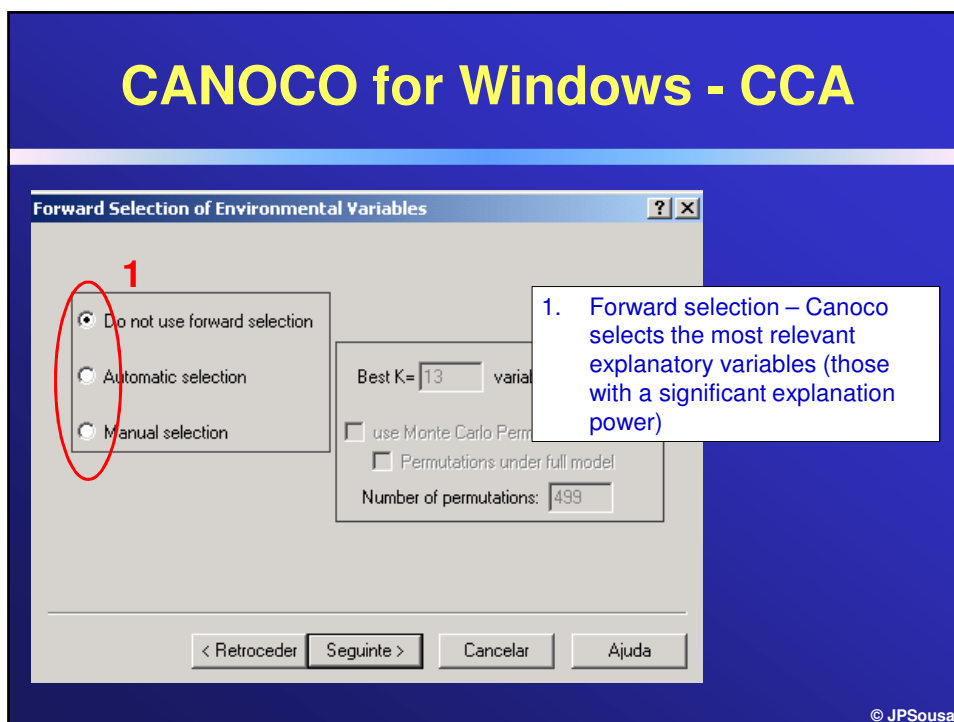
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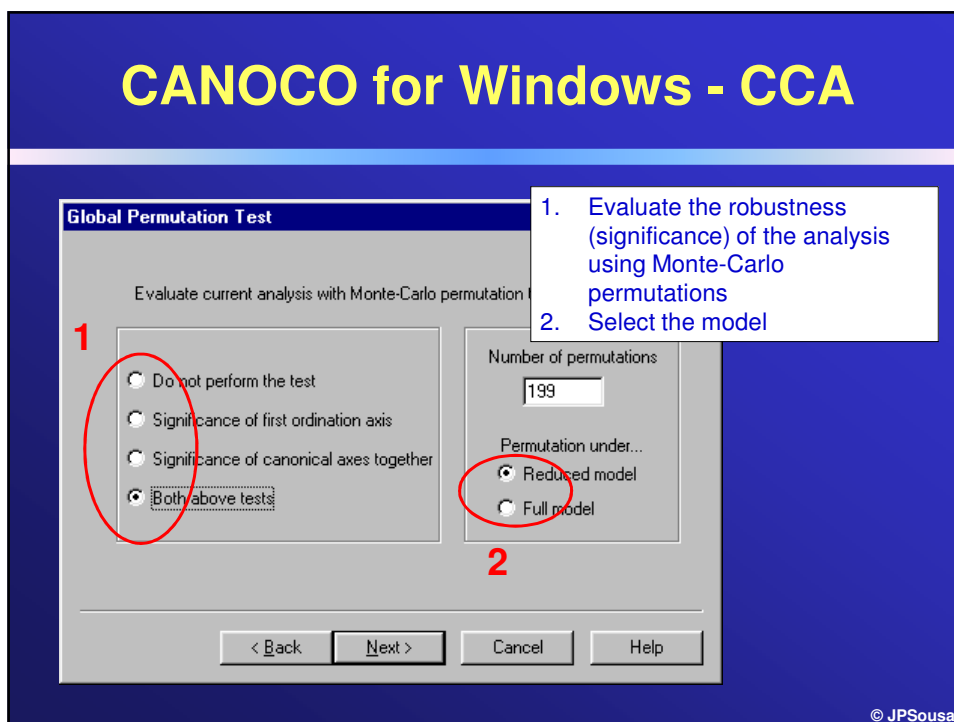
Similar steps as the CA analysis, but...
(advisable to use inter-species
distances AND biplot scaling)

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Test the significance of the first canonical axes

- **Null hypothesis:**
 - Species **ARE NOT** correlated with the environmental variables
- **Is the relation between species and environmental variables stronger than that expected by chance ?**

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Test the significance of the axes: basic idea

H0: species not correlated to environment

- Calculate F value (F0) for the available data based on the % variance explained
- Calculate the reference distribution of F values by permutation (F1.....Fk)
- Calculate the significance level:

$$p = (1 + n) / (1 + N); \quad n = \text{n}^\circ \text{ of permutation where } F > F_0, \\ N = \text{total n}^\circ \text{ of permutations}$$

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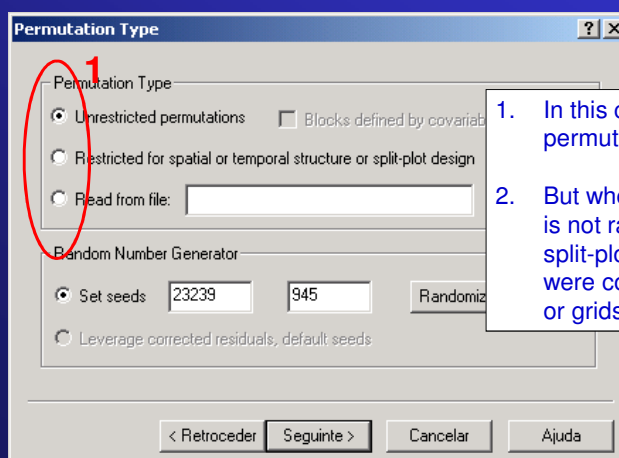
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Full vs. Reduced Model

- Use the reduced model:
 - Exact in most situations
 - So powerful as the full-model

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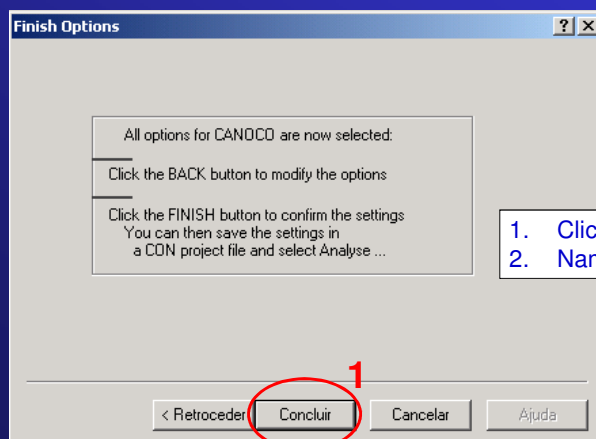
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1. In this case use "Unrestricted permutations"
2. But when the sampling design is not random (e.g., blocks, split-plot) or when samples were collected along transects or grids, use other options.

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1. Click Finnish
2. Name project file

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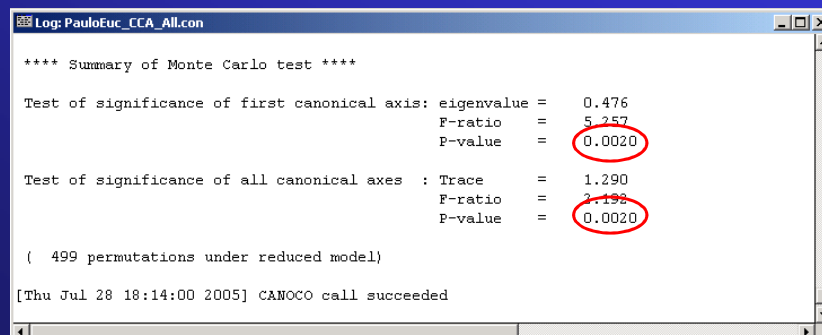
**** Summary ****

Axes	1	2	3	4	Total inertia
Eigenvalues :	0.476	0.196	0.143	0.097	2.104
Species-environment correlations :	0.951	0.933	0.883	0.915	
Cumulative percentage variance					
of species data :	22.6	31.9	38.7	43.3	
of species-environment relation:	36.9	52.1	63.2	70.6	
Sum of all eigenvalues					2.104
Sum of all canonical eigenvalues					1.290

1. Not considering environmental variables, axis 1 explains 22,6% of total variation, etc
2. Environmental variables explain 61,3% of total variation (1,29*100/2,104). From this %, 36,9% is explained in axis 1

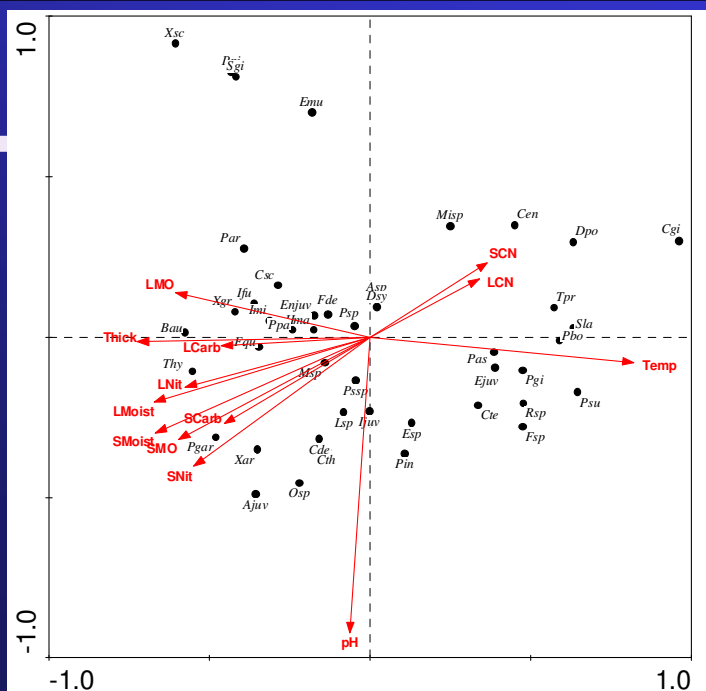
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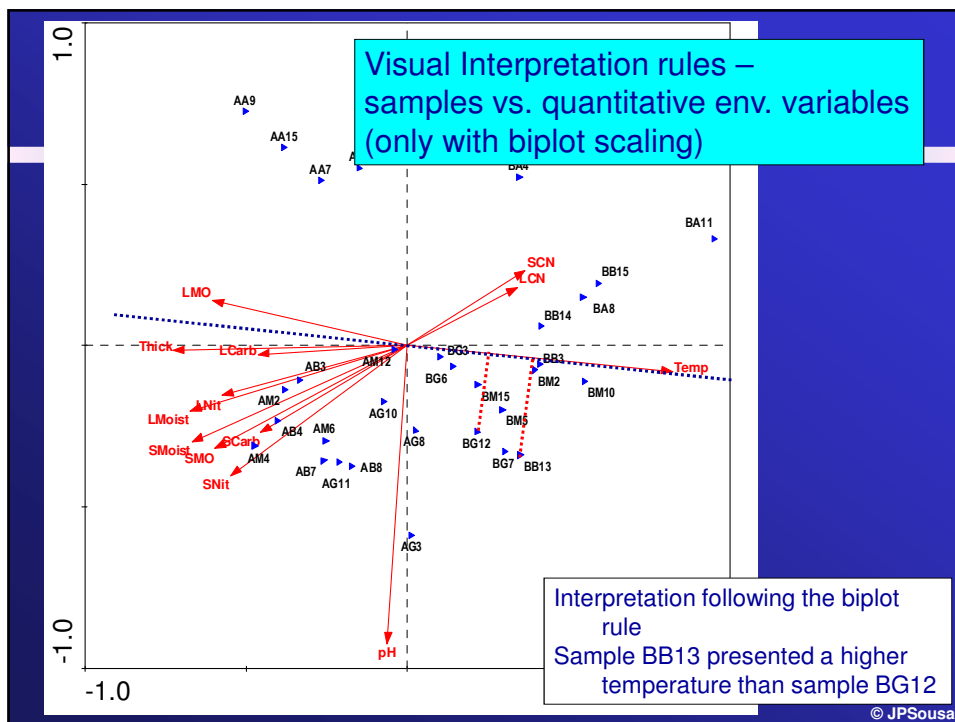
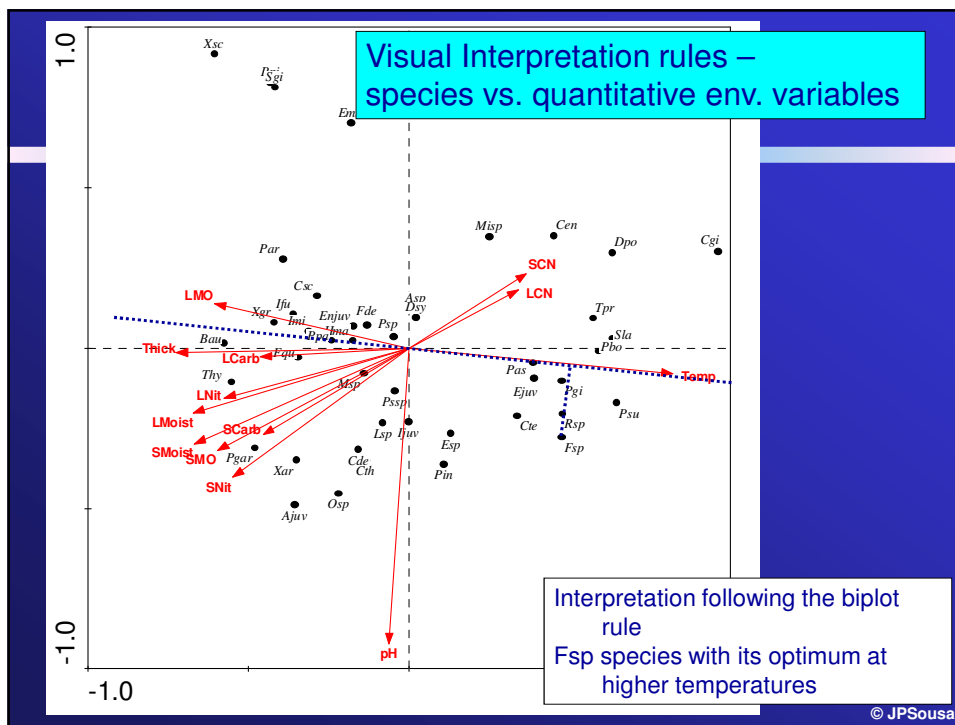


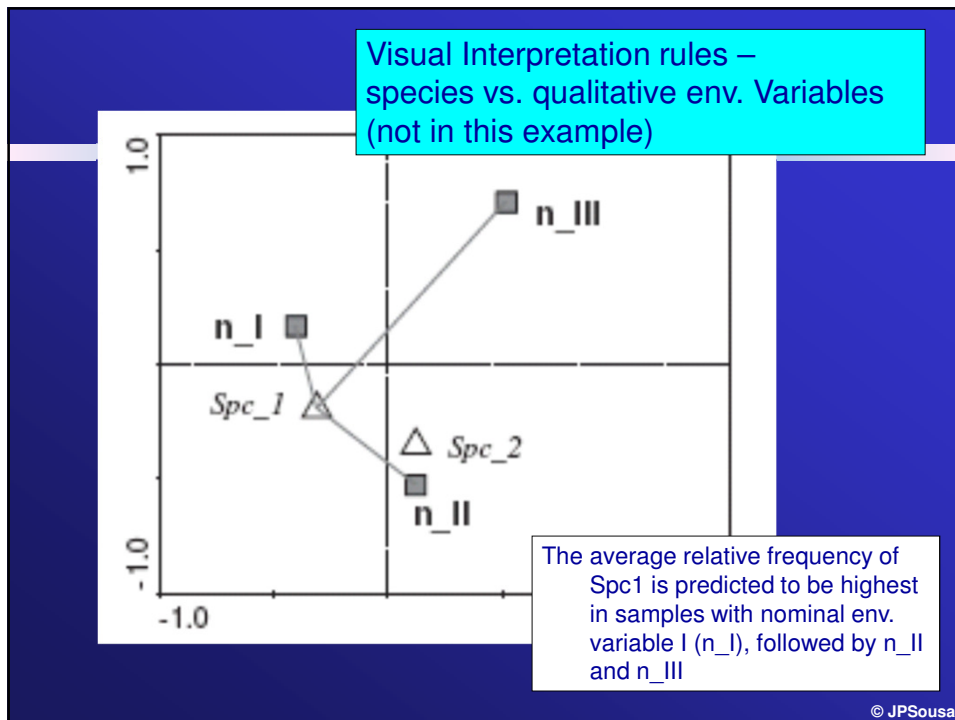
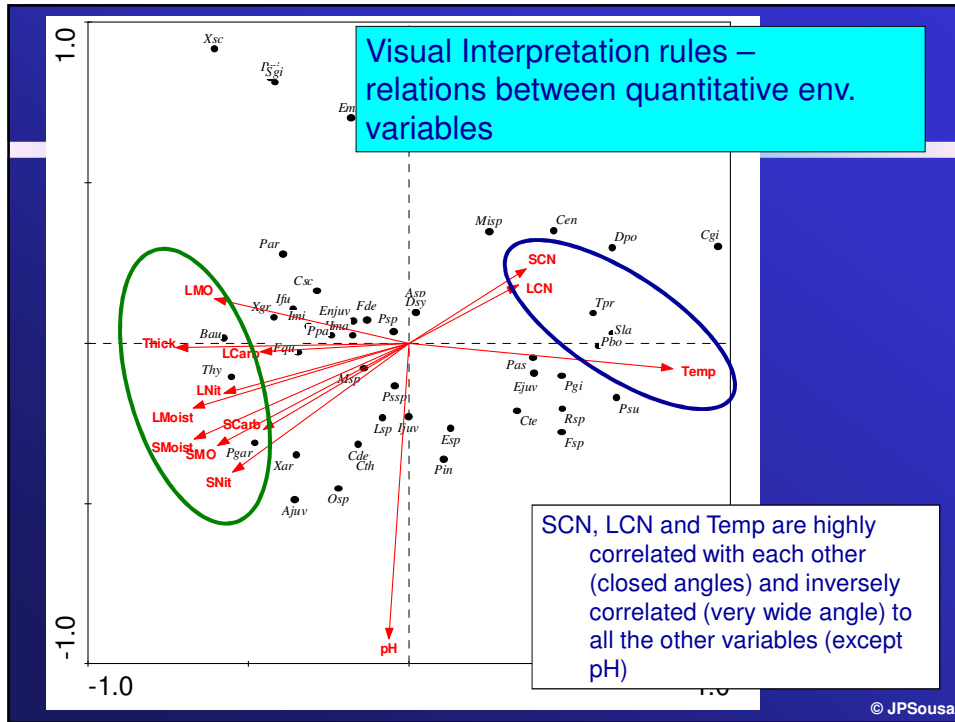
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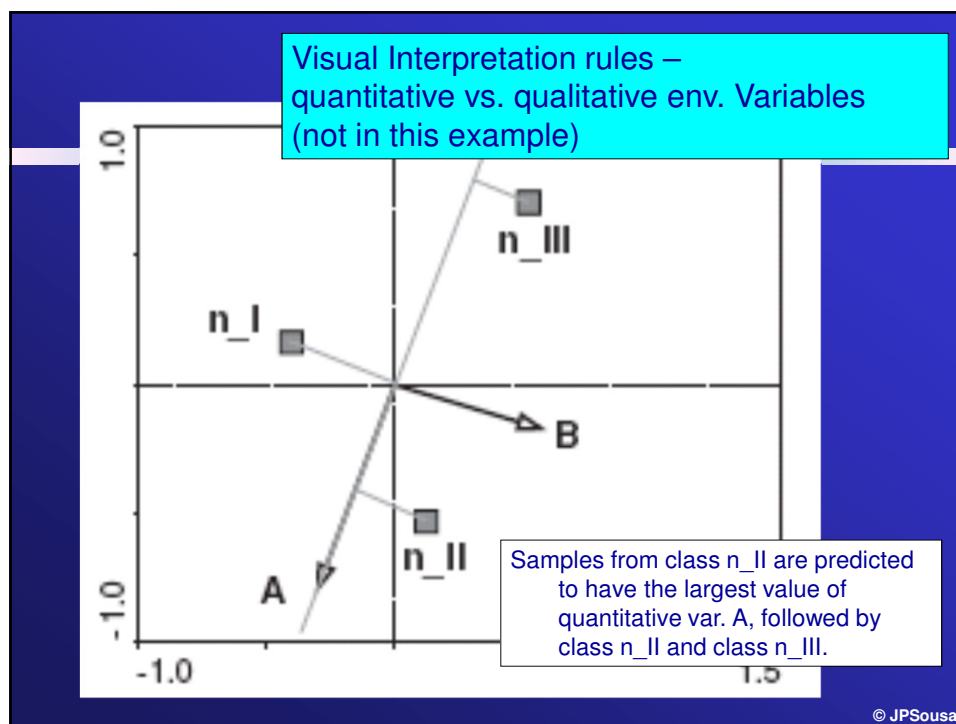
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Interpretation aids - CCA

SPEC AX1	1.0000					
SPEC AX2	-0.0235	1.0000				
SPEC AX3	0.0492	-0.0741	1.0000			
SPEC AX4	0.0596	-0.0293	0.0239	1.0000		
ENVI AX1	0.9512	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	1.0000	
ENVI AX2	0.0000	0.9333	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	1.0000
ENVI AX3	0.0000	0.0000	0.8831	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
ENVI AX4	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.9149	0.0000	0.0000
Thick	-0.6904	-0.0140	-0.2021	-0.1378	-0.7259	-0.0150
LMoist	-0.6398	-0.1884	0.5115	0.1612	-0.6726	-0.2019
LCarb	-0.4404	-0.0255	0.0894	0.5917	-0.4630	-0.0273
LNit	-0.5476	-0.1450	0.1201	0.2141	-0.5757	-0.1554
LCN	0.3244	0.1676	-0.0211	0.5584	0.3410	0.1796
LMO	-0.5755	0.1289	0.0501	0.3173	-0.6050	0.1381
Temp	0.7810	-0.0748	0.2749	0.0367	0.8211	-0.0801
pH	-0.0597	-0.8617	-0.0389	-0.1225	-0.0628	-0.9233
SMoist	-0.6361	-0.2791	0.2624	0.0870	-0.6687	-0.2991
SCarb	-0.4335	-0.2517	-0.3031	0.1861	-0.4558	-0.2696
SNit	-0.5221	-0.3766	-0.1891	0.1526	-0.5489	-0.4035
SCN	0.3476	0.2165	-0.0488	-0.0592	0.3655	0.2320
SMO	-0.5686	-0.2985	-0.1973	0.1896	-0.5978	-0.3199

“Intraset correlation coefficients” (LOG file):
Correlations between environmental variables and the samples
scores derived from the environmental variables (SamE)

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Interpretation aids - CCA

WCanoImp produced data file
CCA Canonical axes: 4 Covariables: 0 Scaling: -2
Downweight
Log-transformation
Regr: Regression/canonical coefficients for standardized variables

N	NAME	AX1	AX2	AX3	AX4
	EIG	0.4757	0.1960	0.1429	0.0965
1	Thick	-0.3416	0.0276	-0.1159	-0.4806
2	LMoist	-0.3719	-0.6898	1.3120	-0.1122
3	LCarb	-0.4146	0.3118	-0.5769	-0.1800
4	LNit	0.2820	0.2243	-0.0898	1.8059
5	LCN	0.4699	-0.2263	0.0883	1.3578
6	LMO	0.2363	-0.3006	0.6103	-0.9634
7	Temp	0.4993	-0.2010	0.5609	-0.1700
8	pH	0.2919	-1.1881	-0.0853	-0.1194
9	SMoist	-0.2500	0.8233	-0.1227	-0.0853
10	SCarb	-1.2368	-0.6302	-1.2741	2.1764
11	SNit	1.4096	0.0068	1.2554	-3.2106
12	SCN	1.2220	0.6502	0.6278	-2.0815
13	SMO	-0.0678	0.2597	-0.2504	0.7503

"Canonical coefficients" (SOL file):

Coefficients derived from multiple regression of the species-derived sample scores (Samp) on the standardized environmental variables.

Unstable when environmental variables are correlated to each other

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Interpretation aids - CCA

1. VIF – variance inflation factor (indicator of colinearity)
2. VIF > 20 colinear variables, therefore **redundant**

	and. dev.	inflation factor
2 SPEC AX2	0.0000	1.4519
3 SPEC AX3	0.0000	1.1950
4 SPEC AX4	0.0000	1.2232
5 ENVI AX1	0.0000	1.1499
6 ENVI AX2	0.0000	1.3810
7 ENVI AX3	0.0000	1.1153
8 ENVI AX4	0.0000	1.0802
1 Thick	2.7135	1.0521
2 LMoist	49.6527	0.9425
3 LCarb	31.1398	1.9826
4 LNit	1.5065	7.0048
5 LCN	21.2830	33.3312
6 LMO	53.5694	32.5846
7 Temp	16.5237	16.7075
8 pH	5.5979	10.2575
9 SMoist	43.6898	2.5362
10 SCarb	15.8552	2.0585
11 SNit	0.6977	7.1993
12 SCN	23.5541	38.9587
13 SMO	24.9756	69.0495
		28.2549
		10.4947

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Auxiliary tables:

Both the **Canonical coefficients (SOL file)** and the **Intraset correlation coefficients (LOG file)** are used in the interpretation of the community structure based on the environmental variables (they measure the contribution of each environmental variable).

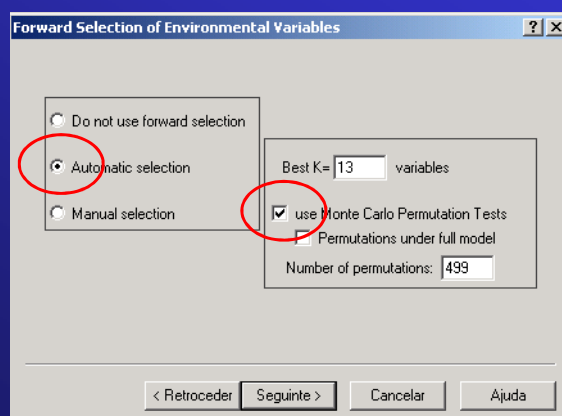
Be careful with MULTICOLINEARITY !

In case of Correlated environmental variables **DO NOT USE THE CANONICAL COEFFICIENTS !**

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CCA with Forward selection

1. All steps similar except "Forward selection"



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CCA with Forward selection

Resultados da Forward selection

Marginal Effects

Variable	Var.N	Lambda1
Temp	7	0.34
LMOist	2	0.28
Thick	1	0.28
SMoist	9	0.26
LMO	6	0.21
SMO	13	0.21
SNit	11	0.21
LNit	4	0.19
pH	8	0.18
LCarb	3	0.16
SCarb	10	0.15
LCN	5	0.12
SCN	12	0.12

Conditional Effects

Variable	Var.N	LambdaA	P	F
Temp	7	0.34	0.002	5.86
LMOist	2	0.19	0.002	3.39
pH	8	0.17	0.002	3.51
Thick	1	0.09	0.016	1.77
LCarb	3	0.08	0.040	1.60
SCN	12	0.07	0.026	1.53
SMoist	9	0.06	0.168	1.26
SCarb	10	0.05	0.266	1.19
LCN	5	0.05	0.236	1.18
LNit	4	0.06	0.196	1.22
SNit	11	0.05	0.440	1.03
LMO	6	0.04	0.386	1.05
SMO	13	0.04	0.664	0.83

Marginal effects

Variables are ordered according to the variation they explain

Conditional effects

Variables are ordered according to their entrance in the model

Differences between effects are due to correlations between variables. In case of uncorrelated variables, the result would be the same

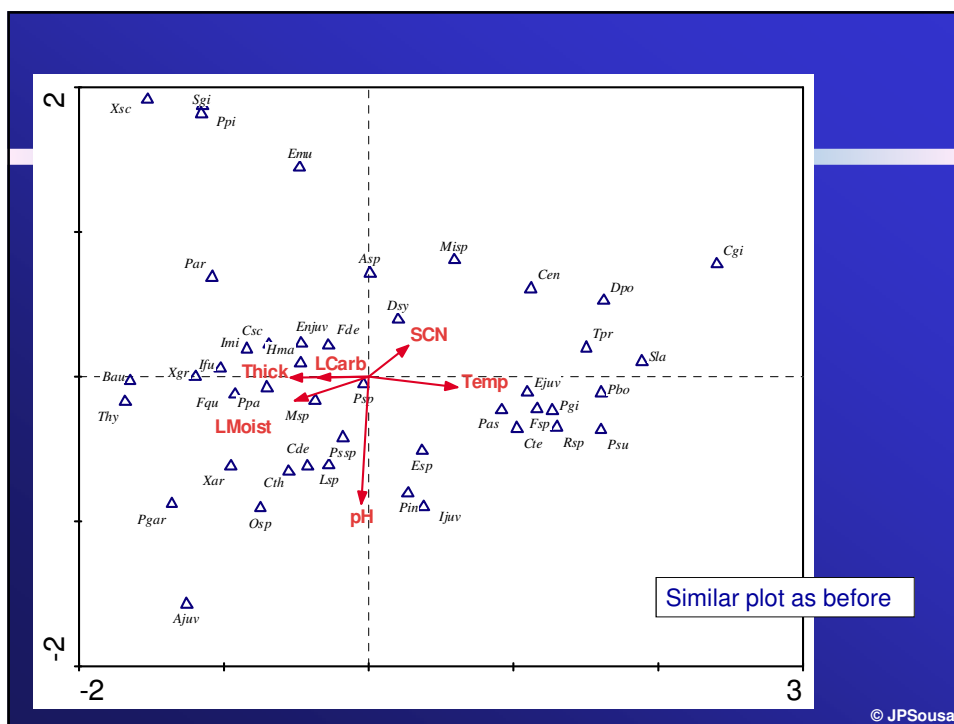
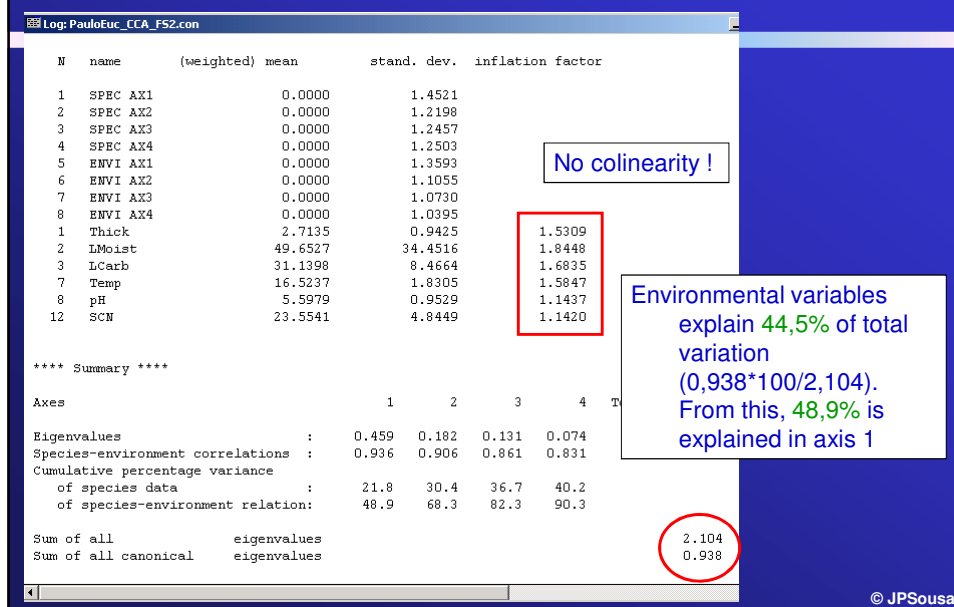
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CCA with Forward selection

After selection of variables a new “normal” CCA is done only with the selected variables

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CCA with Forward selection



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Hands on !
Part 5



PRESENCE - ABSENCE DATA

How to relate "species" data to environmental variables ?

- The **PCoA** (Principal Coordinate Analysis) or the **NMDS** (Non-metric Multidimensional Scaling) methods can be two possible solutions to **relate presence-absence data to environmental variables**
- The principle is to use **the similarity between samples** to create a representation in an ordination space and then, to perform an **indirect (in the case of an NMDS)** or **direct (in the case of the PCoA)** analysis in CANOCO using **these coordinates as "species data"**.

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PRESENCE - ABSENCE DATA

How to relate "species" data to environmental variables ?

1. Calculate the ordination coordinates in PrCoord (for a PCoA) or in WinKyst (for a NMDS).
2. In the case of presence-absence data use qualitative similarity coefficients (Jaccard or Sorensen)
3. In the case of quantitative data use quantitative similarity coefficients (e.g. Bray Curtis, Hellinger, etc).
4. Use the result of that analysis as the "species data" in an indirect PCA (in case of a NMDS) or a dbRDA (case of a PCoA) + explanatory variables as "environmental variables" + species (original matrix) as "supplementary environmental variables"

For the use of WinKyst and how to do a NMDS and how to do an indirect PCA – see example on Lecture 2

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CANOCO for Windows - dbRDA

Soil fauna from Cork Oak (*Quercus suber*) and Eucalyptus (*Eucalyptus globulus*) stands (Sousa et al., 2003)

❖ Soil mesofauna data; soil pedological parameters (File Matrizes_CA_CCA.xls)



❖ 2 sites (Q e E) with four plots each (A, B, G, M) and each plot with 4 soil cores ;


❖ 32 samples in total with 45 collembola species identified;

❖ Objective: to evaluate the association between species and soil parameters (using a dbRDA)

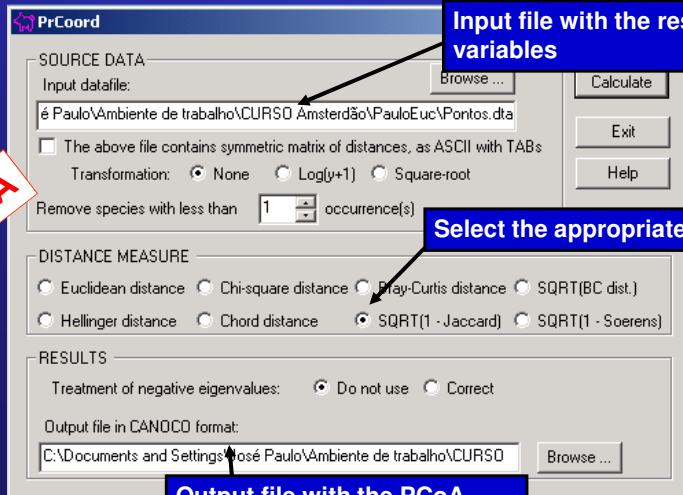
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How to relate "species" data to environmental variables ?




dbRDA



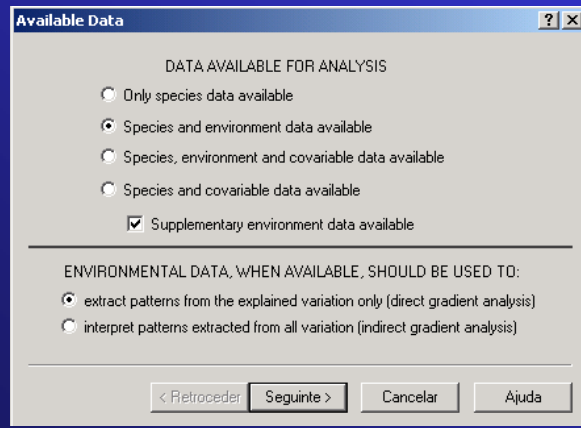
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PRESENCE - ABSENCE DATA

How to relate "species" data to environmental variables ?



dbRDA



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PRESENCE - ABSENCE DATA

How to relate "species" data to environmental variables ?

Data Files

Species data file name:
SO ESALQ\WinKyst\TABLE01-NMS_jaccard.dta Browse

Environment data file name:
C:\Documents and Settings\José Paulo\Ambiente Browse

Covariables data file name:
 Browse

Supplementary environment data file name:
C:\Documents and Settings\José Paulo\Ambiente Browse

Canoco solution file name:
C:\Documents and Settings\José Paulo\Ambiente Browse

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Input file with the PCoA coordinates (output of PrCoord)

Environmental variables file

Response variables file

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How to relate "species" data to environmental variables ?

Type of Analysis

Gradient Analysis Methods

Response Models	Indirect	Direct	Hybrid
Linear	<input type="radio"/> PCA	<input checked="" type="radio"/> RDA	<input type="radio"/> HRDA
Unimodal	<input type="radio"/> CA	<input type="radio"/> CCA	<input type="radio"/> HCCA
Unimodal (detrended)	<input type="radio"/> DCA	<input type="radio"/> DCCA	<input type="radio"/> HDCCA

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Scaling: Linear Methods

Focus scaling on:

- ☒ Inter-sample distances
- ☐ Inter-species correlations
- ☐ Symmetric

Species scores:

- ☐ Divide by standard deviation
- ☒ Do not post-transform

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dbRDA

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How to relate "species" data to environmental variables ?

Transformation of Species Data

☒ Do not transform

☐ Square-root transformation

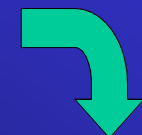
☐ Log transformation $Y = \log(A \cdot Y + B)$

A

B

☐ Downweighting of rare species

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Centering and Standardization

SAMPLES	SPECIES
<input checked="" type="radio"/> None	<input type="radio"/> None
<input type="radio"/> Center by sample	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Center by species
<input type="radio"/> Standardize by norm	<input type="radio"/> Standardize by norm
<input type="radio"/> Center and standardize	<input type="radio"/> Center and standardize
	<input type="radio"/> Standardize by error variance

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How to relate "species" data to environmental variables ?

Data Editing Choices

CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX, IF YOU WISH TO ...

SOME...	DELETE	WEIGHT	MAKE SUPPLEMENTARY
Samples	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Species	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Env. variables	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Covariables	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Suppl. env. vars	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

DEFINE INTERACTIONS

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Forward Selection of Environmental Variables

☒ Do not use forward selection

☐ Automatic selection

☐ Manual selection

Best K = variables

☒ Use Monte Carlo Permutation Tests

☐ Permutations under full model

Number of permutations:

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PRESENCE - ABSENCE DATA

How to relate "species" data to environmental variables ?

Global Permutation Test

Evaluate current analysis with Monte-Carlo permutation test?

☐ Do not perform the test
☒ Significance of first ordination axis
☐ Significance of canonical axes together
☐ Both above tests

Number of permutations: 499

Permutation under...
☒ Reduced model
☐ Full model

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H0: No influence of env. variables on community composition

Permutation Type

Permutation Type

☒ Unrestricted permutations ☐ Blocks defined by covariables
☐ Restricted for spatial or temporal structure or split-plot design
☐ Read from file: Browse...

Random Number Generator

☒ Set seeds: 23239 945 Randomize...
☐ Leverage corrected residuals, default seeds

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Project: Matrices_dbRDA.con

Input Data

Data: ☒ Species ☐ Environment ☐ Covariables

Path: C:\Documents and Settings\José Paulo\Am

Samples: 32 Variables: 31

Analysis

Type: RDA Forward selection ☐

Permutation test: ☒

Other options:

Scaling: Inter-sample distances (covar.)

Stand by species: centered

Stand by samples: none

Commands

Options... Analyze... CanoDraw... Save log... ES summary Help

ABSENCE DATA

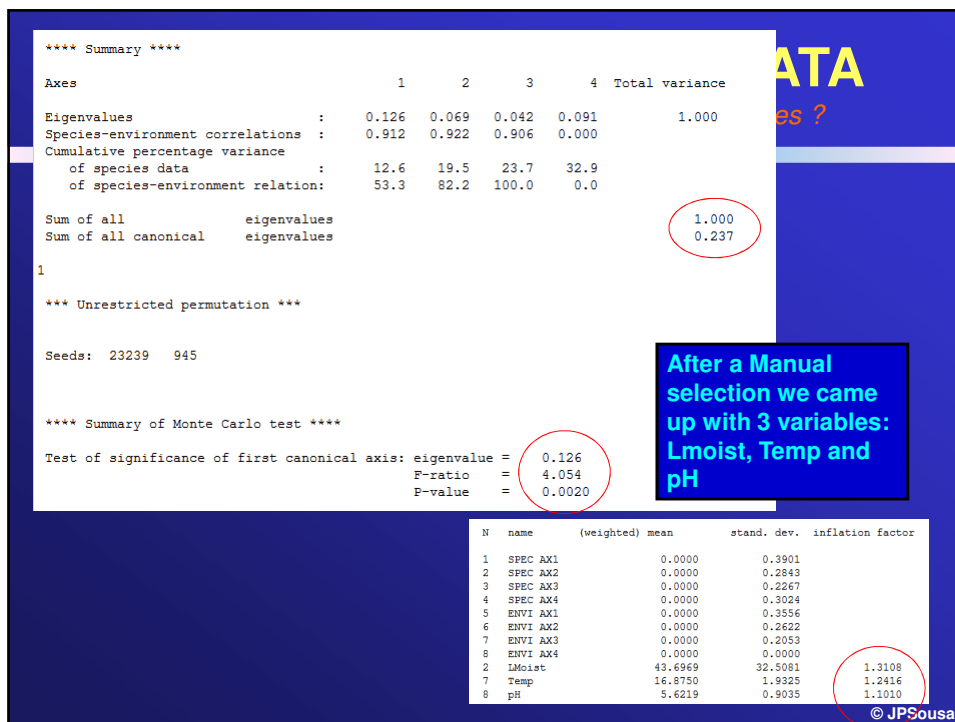
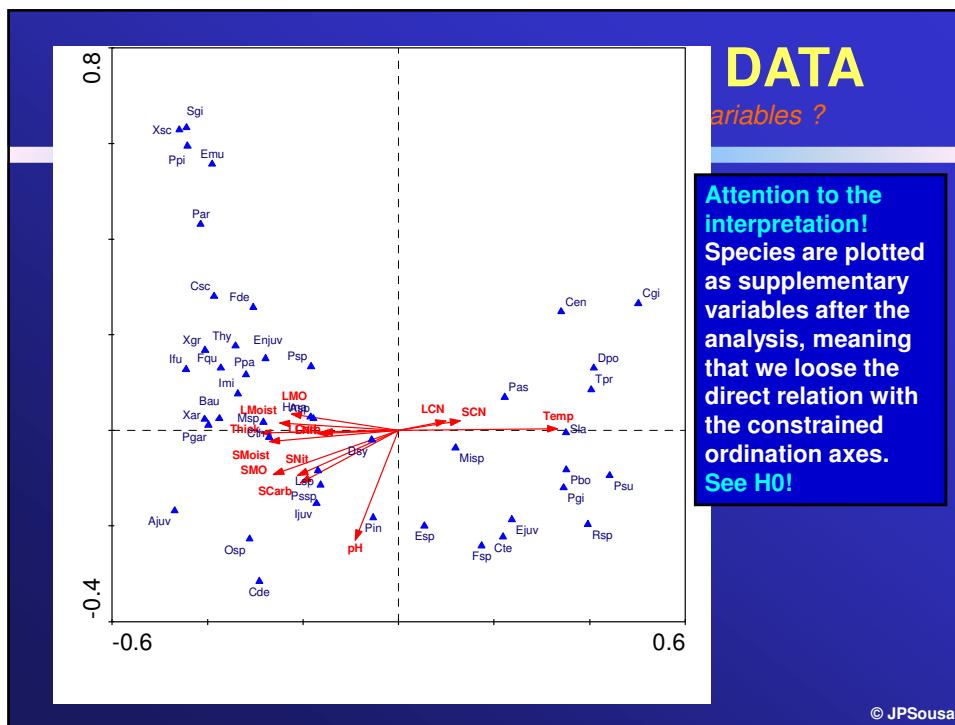
data to environmental variables ?

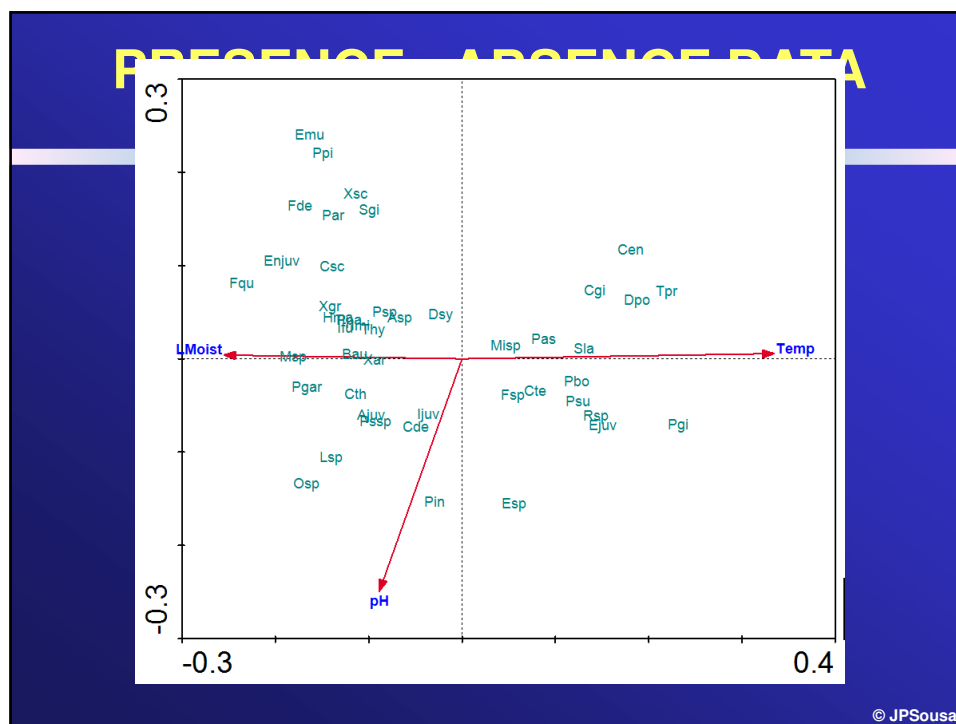
**** Summary ****

Axes	1	2	3	4	Total variance
Eigenvalues	0.142	0.081	0.051	0.043	1.000
Species-environment correlations	0.955	0.959	0.913	0.844	
Cumulative percentage variance					
of species data	14.2	22.3	27.3	31.7	
of species-environment relation:	26.9	42.2	51.8	59.9	
Sum of all eigenvalues					1.000
Sum of all canonical eigenvalues					0.528

**** Summary of Monte Carlo test ****

Test of significance of first canonical axis: eigenvalue = 0.142
 F-ratio = 2.978
 P-value = 0.0020





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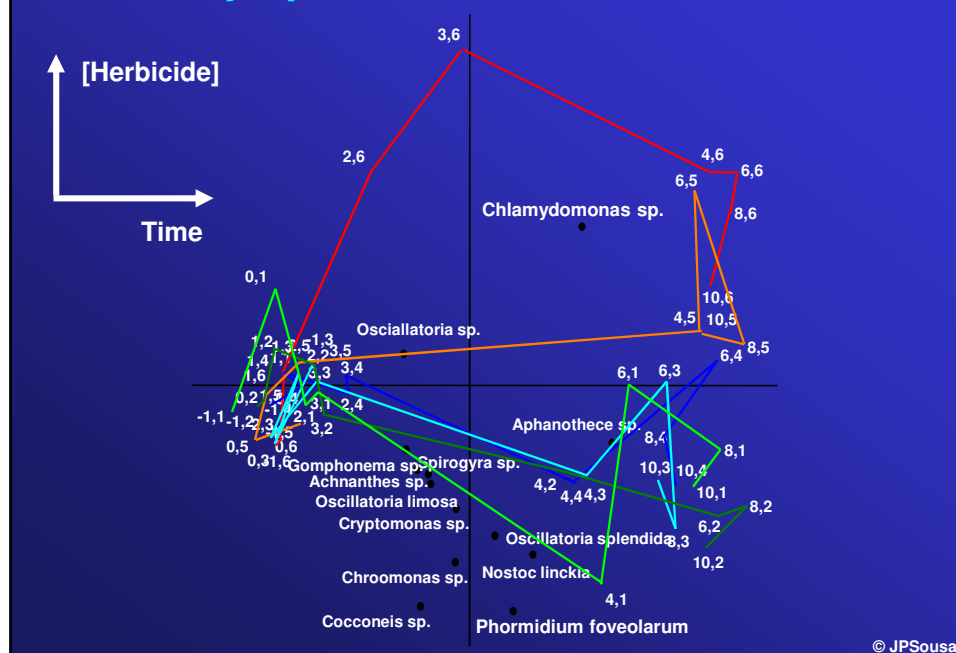
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PRINCIPAL RESPONSE CURVES (PRC)

- Interesting method when having a **REFERENCE** treatment/site + **several** treatments/sites & **time** sampling.
- We are interested **NOT** in the changes over time of each treatment **BUT** on the changes between treatments and control over time
- Time complicates the analysis!

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Ex: Phytoplankton vs. Herbicide - PCA



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Phytoplankton vs. Herbicide: PCA

- Results in the analysis (biplot) **not easy to understand or communicate**
- Results show **treatment effects only** in the **two highest concentrations**
- Results **allow some interpretation** back to species level

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Principal Response Curves

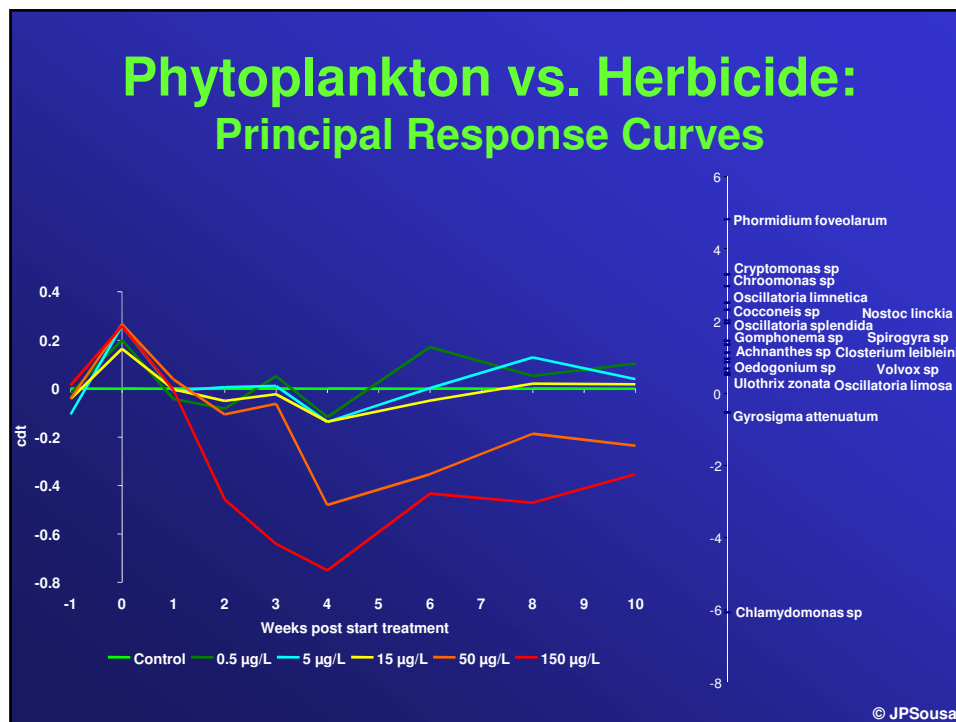
- Particular RDA technique
- PRC model:

$$y_{d(i)tk} = y_{0tk} + b_k * c_{dt} + e_{d(i)tk}$$

Where:

$y_{d(i)tk}$: log-abundance of species k in replicate i of treatment d at time t
 y_{0tk} : mean log-abundance of species k in the control ($d=0$) at time t
 c_{dt} : score of treatment d at time t (the response)
 b_k : weight of species k
 $e_{d(i)tk}$: error term

Van den Brink & Ter Braak (1999) *ET&C*, 18:138-148
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Principal Response Curves

Example:

- Effect of contaminated run-off water from agricultural fields on freshwater invertebrates along time (**File StreamData.xls**)
- One **contaminated stream** (mainly with endosulfan) + one **reference stream**
- Sampling along four times



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Principal Response Curves

Available Data

DATA AVAILABLE FOR ANALYSIS

☐ Only species data available

☐ Species and environment data available

☒ Species, environment and covariable data available

☐ Species and covariable data available

☐ Supplementary environment data available

ENVIRONMENTAL DATA, WHEN AVAILABLE, SHOULD BE USED FOR:

☒ extract patterns from the explained variation only (direct gradient analysis)

☐ interpret patterns extracted from all variation (indirect gradient analysis)

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1. Do a RDA
2. "Species", "Environmental" and "Covariables" matrices



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Data Files

Species data file name:

Environment data file name:

Covariables data file name:

Supplementary environment data file name:

Canoco solution file name:

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Type of Analysis

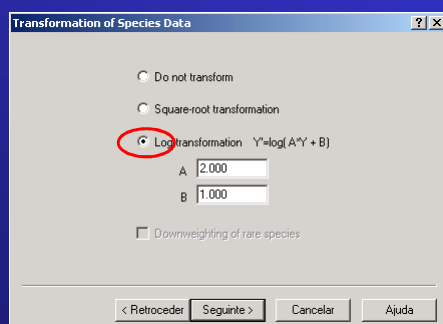
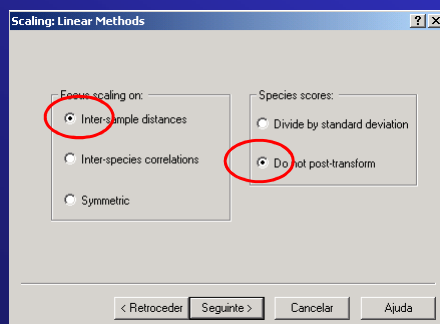
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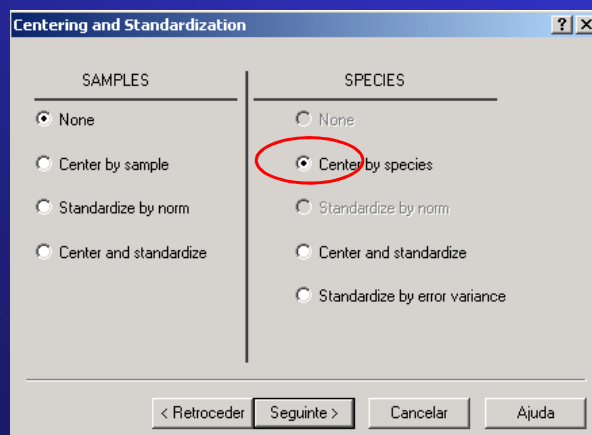
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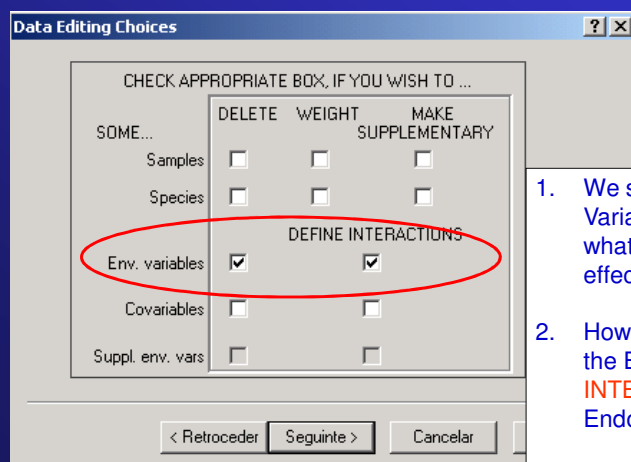
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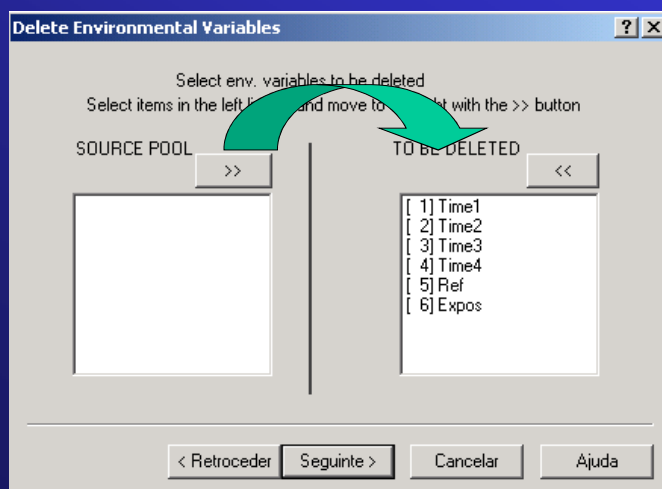
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1. We should place as Env. Variables the treatments (from what we would like to see the effect of)
2. However the treatment is not the Endosulfan ONLY but the **INTERACTION** between Endosulfan and Time
3. We have to delete variables and define interactions

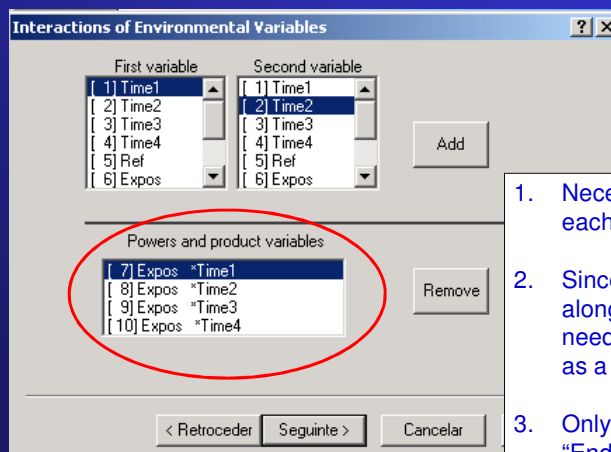
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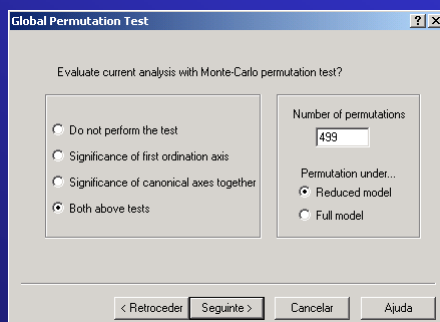
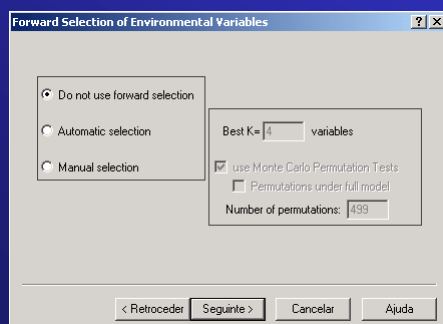
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1. Necessary to obtain the Cdt of each new variable
2. Since the Reference values along time are always 0, no need to define the Reference as a new variable
3. Only necessary to define "Endosulfan * Time" as new variables

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The image shows two overlapping dialog boxes from a statistical software package. The 'Permutation Type' dialog on the left has 'Restricted for spatial or temporal structure or split-plot design' selected. The 'Permutation Restrictions' dialog on the right has 'Split-plot design' selected. Both dialogs have 'Retroceder', 'Seguinte >', 'Cancelar', and 'Ajuda' buttons at the bottom.

1. In this case we cannot randomly permute the samples, since they are grouped in treatments
2. So, we define the whole plots and we permute samples between each whole plot

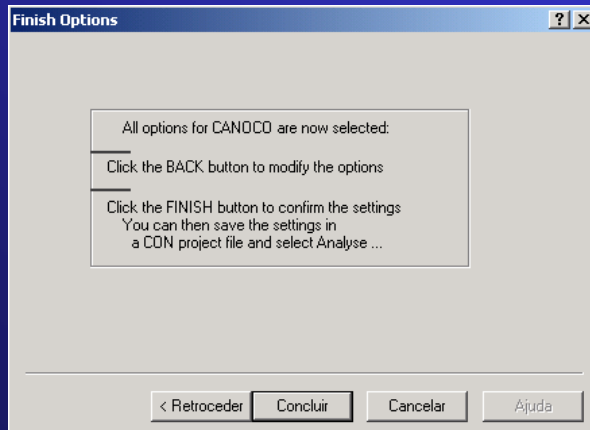
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The image shows two overlapping dialog boxes for split-plot design. 'Split-Plot Design - I' on the left allows selecting the number of split-plots (1 to 11) and defining the ordering rule (take 1 sample, skip next 11 samples). 'Split-Plot Design - II' on the right allows selecting permutation levels for whole-plots and split-plots. Both dialogs have 'Retroceder', 'Seguinte >', 'Cancelar', and 'Ajuda' buttons at the bottom.

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... ect...

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To calculate Cdt (the treatment PRC) we need:

- Canonical Coefficients (SOL file)
- Treatment SD (LOG file)
- TAU – total species SD (LOG file)
- $Cdt = (CanCoef * TAU) / SD$
- Control Cdt along time is always “0”

To construct the species interpretation aid we need the
Bk's of the species (Species scores of SOL file)



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	LOG FILE	LOG FILE	SOL FILE	
	SD	TAU	RegCoef	Cdt
Exp*Time1	0,2836	1,33447	0,0465	0,218804
Exp*Time2	0,2836	1,33447	0,1304	0,613593
Exp*Time3	0,2836	1,33447	0,2478	1,166014
Exp*Time4	0,2836	1,33447	0,4078	1,918889

Cdt = RegCoef*TAU/SD

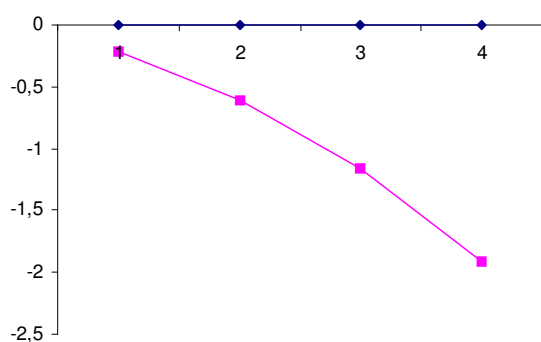
Partição Variabilidade	LOG FILE
% Tempo	24,7
% Tratamento	22,6
% Residual	52,7

**** Summary of Monte Carlo test ****

Test of significance of first canonical axis: eigenvalue = 0.175
F-ratio = 18.189
P-value = 0.0020

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	SOL FILE
Jap_ Kut	1,7904
Che_ sp	1,3256
Ate_ aus	1,2392
Ecn_ sp	1,1366
Bae_ sp	1,1169
Tas_ sp	0,9959
Moll usc	0,5436
Olig och	0,5257
Othe r	0,407
Prat ya	0,3541
Chi_ spp	0,3282

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Part 6



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Partition of Variation

❖ Interest in evaluating the importance of different explanatory variables in explaining the response variables:

• Ex: verify the importance of forest type or vegetation cover in explaining the species composition of soil fauna communities

• Ex: verify the influence of space and metal concentration in influencing the allele frequency in *Orchesella cincta*

❖ % of variation of the response variables explained by each environmental variable (or groups of environmental variables)

❖ Done via several CCA/RDA and playing with co-variables

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Hands on ! Allele frequency

Allele frequency in *Orchesella cincta*

- ❖ Data on MT allele promoter frequencies (File: [Thierry_data.xls](#));
- ❖ Several sites (divided in to 4 site types) in Belgium;
- ❖ Allele frequencies & Explanatory variables (pH, Metals & Spatial variables).



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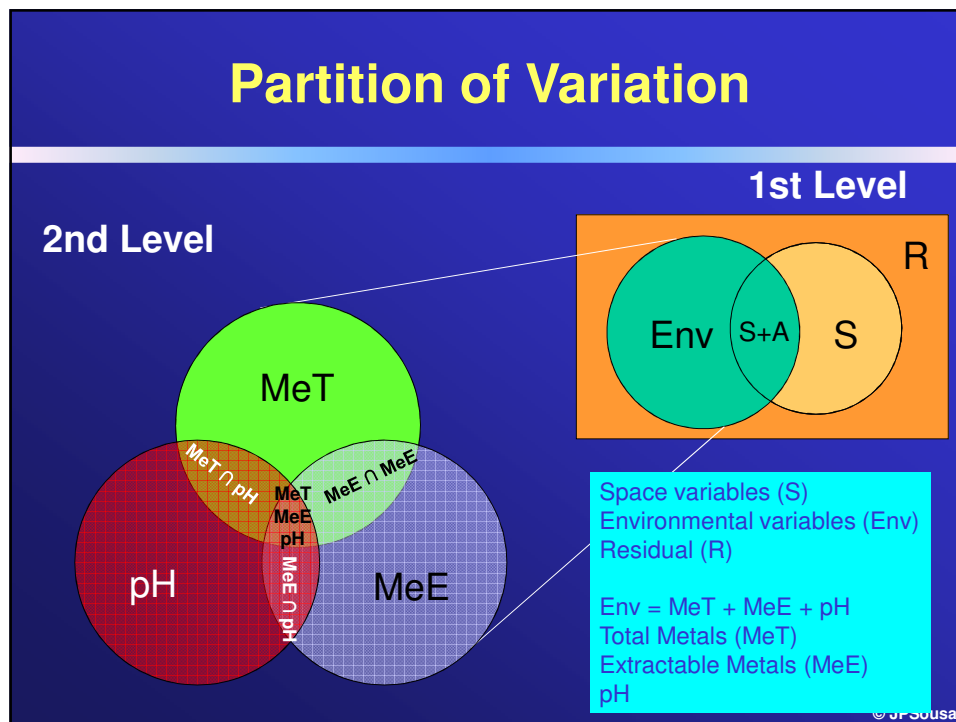


Hands on ! Allele frequencies

Aims of the Exercise:

1. Evaluate the importance of spatial variables and environmental variables in explaining allele frequency data
2. Evaluate the influence of the different environmental variables (pH, total metals & extractable metals) in explaining allele frequency

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Step 1 – Select variables from each group

- Perform a CCA/RDA using “forward selection” for each group of variables, i.e., spatial coordinates, total metals, available metals and pH– **selected variables**
- Take care not to have unbalanced groups – **over weighting !**
- Confirm the results using Monte-Carlo permutations

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Step 2 – Perform variance partition on 1st level

Use only selected variables; Species matrix is always the same

- Perform a CCA/RDA with all selected environmental and spatial variables (no co-variables) – % total var. explained (Env + E&S + S)
- Perform a CCA/RDA with all selected environmental variables (spatial variables as co-variables) – Env
- Perform a CCA/RDA with all selected spatial variables (environmental variables as co-variables) – S
- Calculate shared variance (E&S) by the difference



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Step 3 – Perform Level 2 decomposition of variance

Use only selected variables; Species matrix is always the same

- Use the same principle to calculate each partition of the variation
- Do not forget to use ALWAYS space variables as co-variables in the analysis
- Variables entering as co-variables are those we wish to rule out their influence



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Example

Calculate %var. explained by MeT entering into account with the interaction with other variables (green circle)

Environmental matrix: Selected MeT;

Co-variable matrix: space variables

Exemple

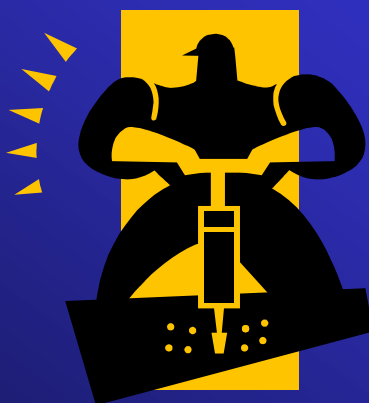
Calculate %var. explained **ONLY** by MeT, not entering into account with the interaction with other variables (part of the green circle)

Environmental matrix: Selected MeT;

Co-variable matrix: space variables + selected MeE + pH

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Summarizing the Week

❖ Methods allowing the interpretation of the underlying structure of the data (**PCA, CA, NMDS**)

❖ Allows to visualize how **samples are related based on the response variables** and which response variables are more related to the groups of samples

❖ Important aspects to take care of:

- Data transformations (e.g., Log for response variables with large variance)
- Scaling (species vs. samples)
- Centering and standardizing in PCA (mandatory when variables are in different units)

• **Don't forget - length of the gradient with a DCA**

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Summarizing the Week

❖ Methods allowing to discriminate groups of samples ('*a priori*' or '*a posteriori*' defined groups) (**ANOSIM, DA**)

❖ ANOSIM works based on all response variables (advantage to select the distance metric to use)

❖ DA works based on the discriminant variables; the aim is to keep it simple but having the highest discriminating power as possible; pay attention to:

- Significance of discriminant variable (selection criteria is important)
- Significance of discriminating functions (axis)
- Std canonical coefficients of the variables for each axis
- Pay attention to colinearity!

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Summarizing the Week

❖ Methods allowing to relate response variables to explanatory variables by "direct gradient analysis" (**RDA; CCA**)

❖ The key point is the variable selection;

- Check for significant variables
- Pay attention to collinearity!
- Check for the significance of the model
- Check for the % variance explained by the model and the % explained in the first axis
- Pay attention to the permutation scheme!

❖ Final model may be a "compromise solution" regarding explaining a bit less but having a good % explained in axis 1!

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Summarizing the Week

❖ Methods allowing to evaluate time changes in relative responses of treatments when compared to a control situation (**Principal Response Curves - PRC**)

❖ The key point is the permutation model

❖ You have to have all samples in every sampling times

❖ Pay attention to the numerical output (Cdt and Bk values) and decide if you have to multiply by -1.

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Summarizing the Week

❖ Methods allowing to the contribution of different groups of explanatory variables in explaining the response variables (*Decomposition of variance*)

❖ STEP 1 is variable selection (pay attention to the unbalanced number of variables in each group). Selection criteria is the same as in any RDA/CCA

❖ STEP 2 is to verify the influence of Space and Environment (level 1 of decomposition)

❖ STEP 3 is to verify the influence of the different groups of Env variables (level 2 of decomposition).

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In the SOLUTION file

Spec: Species scores – Species scores

Samp: Sample scores – Samples scores derived from species scores. Point "ORIGIN" represents the origin in the original species space before centering has been applied

Cfit: Cumulative fit per species as fraction of variance of species – Relative contribution of each axis to the variance of that species. A "%EXPL" represents the Cfit considering all axes together.

SqRL: Squared residual length per sample with s axes - distance between sample point and its location in the s-dimensional plane (the lower the better). The "%FIT" represents how well the samples fit into the s-dimensional plane.

Regr: Regression/canonical coefficients for standardized variables – Are the coefficients derived from multiple regression of the species-derived sample scores (Samp) on the standardized environmental variables. Unstable when environmental variables are correlated to each other

tVal: t-values of regression coefficients – t-values for the Regr. When lower than 2.1 implies that the variable does not contribute much to the fit of the species data. This is important when selecting a sub-set of variables explaining the species data (another way as doing a forward selection of environmental variables). FR EXPLAINED – the fraction of the variance explained by the axis (= to variance expl in the summary in SOL file)

StBi: Species coordinates for t-value biplot

EtBi: Environmental coordinates for t-value biplot

CorE: Inter-set correlations of environmental variables with axes – Correlation between the environmental variables with the samples scores derived from species data (Samp). FR EXTRACTED – the fraction of the variance of Env.Variables extracted by each axis

BipE: Biplot scores of environmental variables –

CenE: Centroids of environmental variables (mean.gt.0) in ordination diagram -

SamE: Sample scores which are linear combinations of environmental variables - Samples scores derived from environmental variables. The "%FIT" represents how well the samples fit into the s-dimensional plane.

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In the LOG file

SPEC AX1 – Axis (representing the sample scores) derived from species data

ENV AX1 – Axis (representing the sample scores) derived from environmental data

Corr “Env.Var” vs. “SPEC AX1” – Inter-set correlations (=CorE on SOL file)

Corr “Env.Var” vs. “ENV AX1” – Intra-set correlations

Corr “SPEC AX1” vs. “ENV AX1” – Species-environmental correlation

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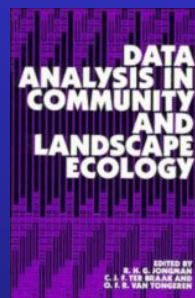
Some important literature



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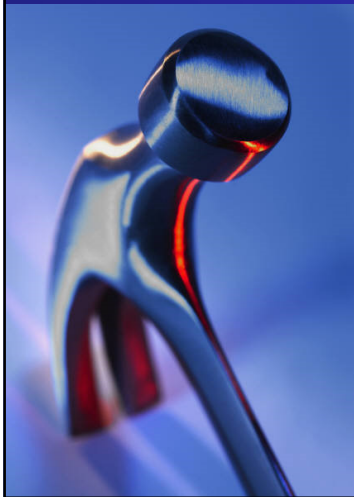
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