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State of the art

NDVI-Biomass relationship in microphytobenthic studies : a review

Standardized framework choosen

The non-linear function choosen here has to be asymptotic

$$B_{a,b,c}(NDVI) = \frac{1}{c} ln\left(\frac{b}{a+b-NDVI}\right) \tag{1}$$

From linear assumptions to the non-linear framework

It's often made the assumption that the relationship between NDVI and biomass is linear such as :

$$B_{\alpha,\beta}(NDVI) = \alpha NDVI + \beta$$

Which is the linearization of the non-linear function around a point, if the NDVI range is small enough.

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\begin{aligned}
B_{a,b,c}(NDVI) &= \frac{1}{c} ln\left(\frac{b}{a+b-(x+NDVI_{mean})}\right) \\
&= \frac{1}{c}\left[ln\left(\frac{b}{a+b-NDVI_{mean}}\right) - ln\left(1-\frac{x}{a+b-NDVI_{mean}}\right)\right] \\
&= \frac{1}{c}\left[ln\left(\frac{b}{a+b-NDVI_{mean}}\right) + \frac{x}{a+b-NDVI_{mean}}\right] \\
&= \frac{1}{c}\left[ln\left(\frac{b}{a+b-NDVI_{mean}}\right) + \frac{NDVI-NDVI_{mean}}{a+b-NDVI_{mean}}\right] \\
&= \left[\frac{1}{c(a+b-NDVI_{mean})}\right] NDVI \\
&+ \left[\frac{1}{c} ln\left(\frac{b}{a+b-NDVI_{mean}}\right) - \frac{NDVI_{mean}}{c(a+b-NDVI_{mean})}\right]
\end{aligned}
\tag{2}
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So we have

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\alpha = \frac{1}{c(a+b-NDVI_{mean})} \tag{3}
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and

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\beta = \frac{1}{c} ln\left(\frac{b}{a+b-NDVI_{mean}}\right) - \frac{NDVI_{mean}}{c(a+b-NDVI_{mean})} \tag{4}
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To find a,b and c we have 3 unknowns and 2 equations. We must add another constraint, let's assume

Scaling Bias