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# Data set used in this lecture

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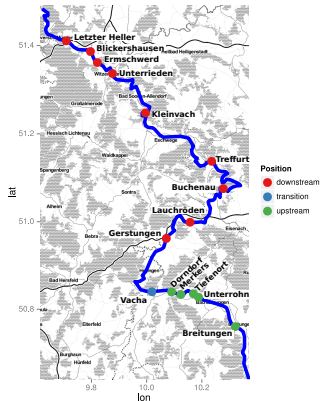
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Macroinvertebrate data from the River Werra<sup>1</sup>

**Aim :** Effect of anthropogenic salinisation on macroinvertebrate communities

- ▶ upstream - downstream design
- ▶ salt brine discharge around Vacha
- ▶ Do the communities differ between up- and downstream?
- ▶ Not the original data (proprietary).



<sup>1</sup>Bäthe, Jürgen, and Eckhard Coring. Biological Effects of Anthropogenic Salt-load on the Aquatic Fauna: A Synthesis of 17 Years of Biological Survey on the Rivers Werra and Weser. Limnologia - Ecology and Management of Inland Waters 41(2): 125-133.

# First impression of the data

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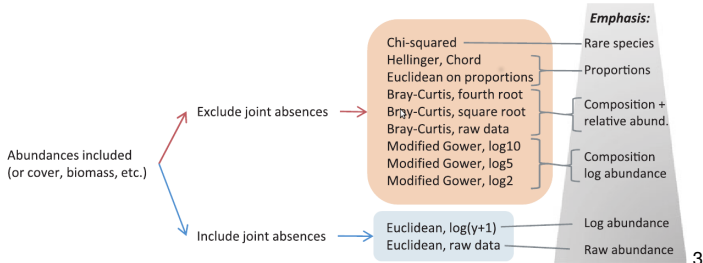
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<sup>3</sup>Anderson MJ, Crist TO, Chase JM, Vellend M, Inouye BD, Freestone AL, et al. Navigating the multiple meanings of beta diversity: a roadmap for the practicing ecologist. Ecology Letters. 2011;14(1):19–28.



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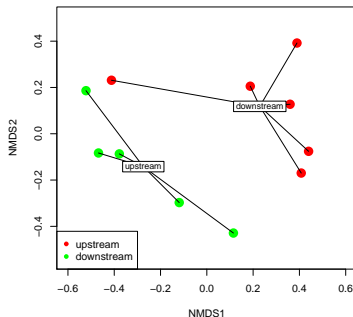
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- ▶ NMDS Bray-Curtis-Distance and  $x^{0.25}$  transformation.

- ▶ upstream and downstream sites clearly separate in NMDS.
- ▶ Spread looks similar.
- ▶ Indication of a difference between upstream and downstream.



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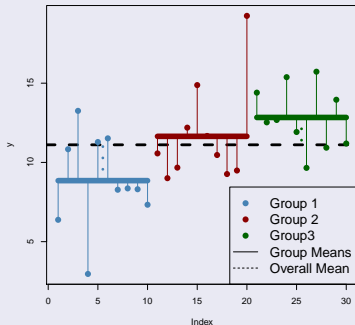
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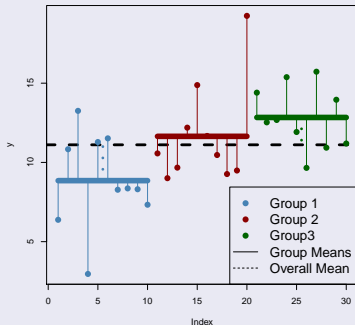
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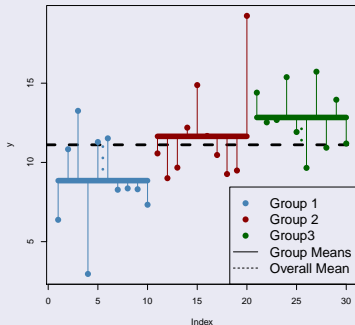
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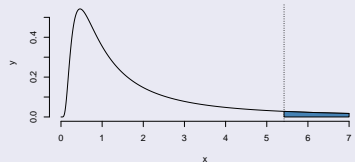
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F-distribution



# Distance-based MANOVA

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Distance-based MANOVA is analogous!

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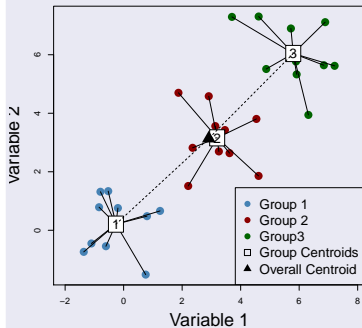
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## ... to multivariate ANOVA



- ▶ Partitioning into variance components:

$$SS_{total} = SS_{group} + SS_{residual}$$

- ▶ **centroids**
- ▶ p-value by **permutations**

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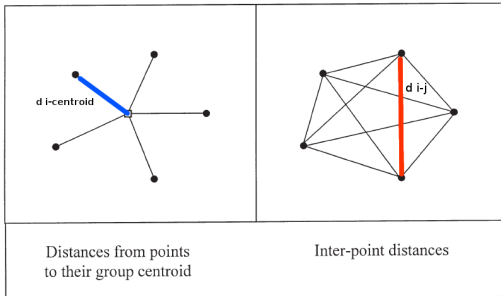
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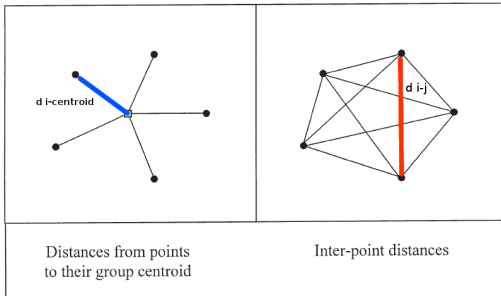
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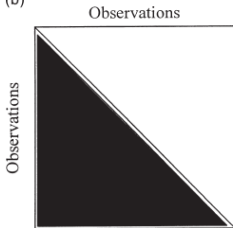
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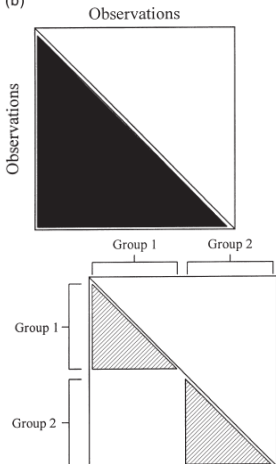
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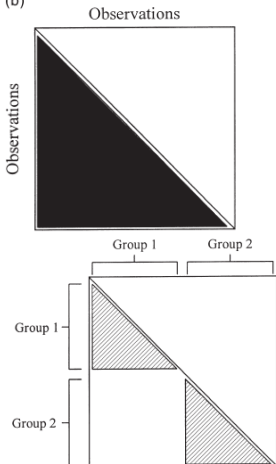
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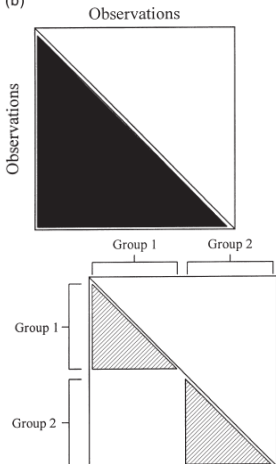
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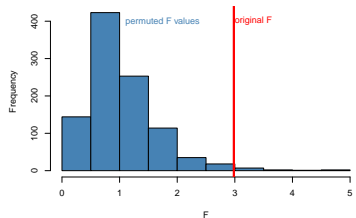
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Histogramm of permuted F values



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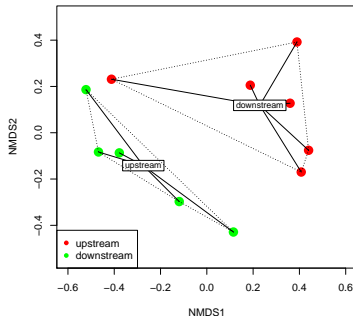
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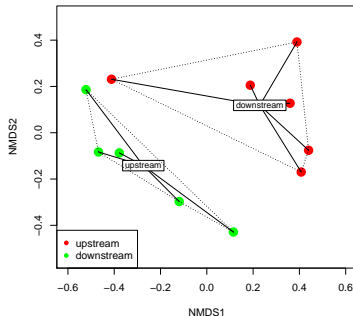
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*use* R!.