

Ecological diversity of human microbiome

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This script investigates ecological diversity in human microbiome Publicly available data of Human Microbiome Project are used in this exercise

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Load libraries

```
library(vegan)
```

```
## Loading required package: permute
```

```
## Loading required package: lattice
```

```
## This is vegan 2.5-7
```

```
library(ggplot2)
library(ape)
library(rmarkdown)
library(knitr)
```

Set working directory

Read data

Load sample_info, a tab-delimited file

Load microbial species abundances, , a tab-delimited file

```
sample_info <- read.delim('data/metadata.txt', sep = "\t", row.names = 1)
Microbial_Species <- read.delim('data/Microbial_Species.txt', sep = "\t", row.names = 1)
dim(sample_info)
```

```
## [1] 2355    3
```

```
dim(Microbial_Species)
```

```
## [1] 2355 1091
```

Calculate similarity between samples based on microbial species abundance

```
veg_dist <- as.matrix(vegdist(Microbial_Species, method="bray"))
```

Write the distance matrix in your computer as a tab-delimited file

```
write.table( veg_dist, 'data/bray_distance.txt', sep = "\t", eol = "\n",  
            na = "", col.names = NA, quote= F, row.names = T)
```

Ecological diversity

Create a data frame to hold statistics

```
diversity_data <-  
  setNames(data.frame(matrix(  
    nrow = dim(Microbial_Species)[1], ncol = 4,  
  )), c("Sample", "Group", "Alpha_diversity", "Beta_diversity"))  
rownames(diversity_data) <- rownames(Microbial_Species)
```

Alpha diversity(within sample diversity)

```
shannon <- diversity(Microbial_Species, "shannon")  
  
diversity_data$Alpha_diversity <- shannon  
diversity_data$Body_area <- sample_info[rownames(Microbial_Species), "Body_area"]
```

Kruska Wallis test

if microbial alpha diversity is different among human body areas

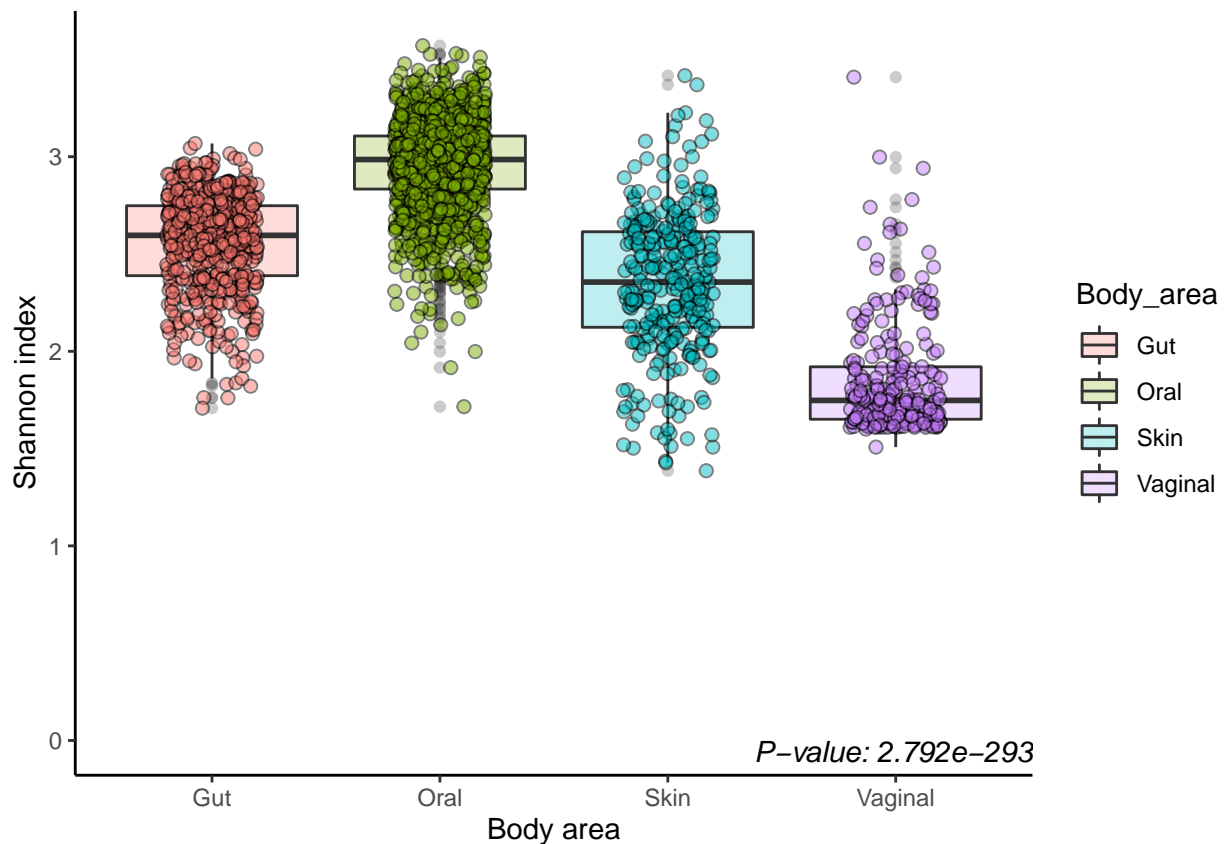
```
res_kruskal.test <- kruskal.test(diversity_data$Alpha_diversity, sample_info$Body_area)  
pvalue <- res_kruskal.test$p.value
```

Visualization

ggplot2 for manuscript quality figures

```
alpha_plot <- ggplot2::ggplot(
  data = diversity_data, ggplot2::aes(factor(Body_area), y=Alpha_diversity)) +
  ggplot2::geom_boxplot(ggplot2::aes(fill = Body_area), alpha=0.25) +
  ggplot2::geom_point(ggplot2::aes(fill = Body_area), size=2, alpha=0.5,
    shape = 21, colour = "black",
    position = ggplot2::position_jitterdodge(),
    show.legend = F) +
  ggplot2::annotate(
    geom = "text",
    x = Inf,
    y = 0,
    hjust = 1,
    vjust = 1,
    label = sprintf(
      "P-value: %1.3e",
      pvalue
    ),
    color = "black",
    size = 4,
    fontface = "italic"
  )+
  xlab("Body area") + ylab("Shannon index")+
  theme_classic()
```

alpha_plot



Save the plot with specifics

```
ggsave("analysis/alpha_diversity.pdf", alpha_plot, width = 5.6, height = 3.6,  
        units = "in", dpi = 350 )
```