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Presentation standards

Rubric	Above Average
Comment	Mostly clearly written. Would benefit from additional figures (e.g. to explain the data structure) and tables (see below)

Introduction to the project

Rubric	Above average
Comment	

Methods exposition

Rubric	Above Average
Comment	A summary of the actual data used to create the hypervolumes would have been useful.

Quantity of work done (to-date for mid-project reports)

Rubric	Average
Comment	

Quality of underlying research (data, theory, or both)

Rubric	Average
Comment	The project suffered from lack of data so that a true hypervolume analysis could not be carried out. This was not the fault of the student. The amount of analysis and quantity of final results presented seems on the low side.

Technical quality (empirical / theoretical / computational / statistical)

Rubric	Average
Comment	Analysis has been carried out with sound methodology. It was

unclear as to whether it would be valuable to report the results for individual sampling plots rather than average them across all plots.

Discussion (or Outlook for mid-project reports)

Rubric	Average
Comment	Rather brief. Would have benefited from a more thorough criticism of the method, bringing in results from other studies using similar and contrasting methods.

Understanding of research

Rubric	Above Average
Comment	

Scientific rigour

Rubric	Average
Comment	

Originality

Rubric	Average
Comment	

Public Comments

Comment	Good project, quite well designed but with limitations caused by data availability. Methodology shows promise. Clearly written, although thesis style is more like a report than a publication, with emphasis on intro, methods and results rather than discussion.
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