# Introduction to non-metric multidimensional scaling

## **Getting started**

## Load packages

Let's load the packages.

```
library(MASS)
library(vegan)
#library(labdsv)
library(tidyverse)
theme_set(theme_bw(base_size = 14))

## Define the repository from which we get the data
repo_url <- "https://raw.githubusercontent.com/elahi/phd_elahi/master/northeast_pacific_wall_surveys/data/"</pre>
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#### The data

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dat <- read.csv(paste(repo_url, "sjc_sessile_130513_mds.csv", sep = ""))</pre>
glimpse(dat)
## Observations: 864
## Variables: 80
## $ orig.order <int> 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 1...
           <fct> ONO_45, ONO_46, ONO_48, ONO_49, ON1_17, ON1_84, ON1_85, ...
## $ transect
           ## $ site
           ## $ real.date <int> 39424, 39424, 39424, 39424, 39424, 39424, 39424, 39424, ...
## $ comm.date <int> 39426, 39426, 39426, 39426, 39426, 39426, 39426, 39426, ...
           ## $ month
           <fct> u_con, u_con, u_con, u_rem, u_rem, u_rem, u_rem, ...
## $ urch
## $ chit
           <fct> c_con, c_rem, c_rem, c_con, c_rem, c_con, c_rem, c_con, ...
## $ treat
           <fct> u_con.c_con, u_con.c_rem, u_con.c_rem, u_con.c_con, u_re...
           <int> 19, 2, 2, 19, 1, 8, 1, 8, 2, 2, 19, 19, 8, 8, 1, 1, 2, 2...
## $ treat.ch
## $ BASP
           <dbl> 0.079606649, 0.190481341, 0.172054104, 0.061217549, 0.01...
## $ CCAP
           <dbl> 0.035354718, 0.041103299, 0.105456213, 0.034009749, 0.00...
## $ EALM
           <dbl> 0.438070709, 0.383017847, 0.295735901, 0.408116994, 0.76...
## $ RFSP
           ## $ OPCA
           <dbl> 0.0000000, 0.0000000, 0.0000000, 0.0000000, 0.0000000, 0...
## $ RBSP
           <dbl> 0.004682744, 0.004326663, 0.006877579, 0.000000000, 0.00...
## $ AGFI
           <dbl> 0.0000000, 0.0000000, 0.0000000, 0.0000000, 0.0000000, 0...
           ## $ BFSP
## $ DICL
           ## $ Cris
           ## $ HEPA
           ## $ PHPA
           ## $ BRUP
## $ HBCO
           <dbl> 0.035120581, 0.006489995, 0.151306740, 0.015871216, 0.00...
           <dbl> 0.032779209, 0.151433207, 0.112448418, 0.034009749, 0.00...
## $ SPS1
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## $ SPS3
      ## $ SPS8
      <dbl> 0.000000000, 0.000000000, 0.006877579, 0.000000000, 0.00...
## $ SPS9
## $ SPS10
      ## $ SPOT
      <dbl> 0.000000000, 0.000000000, 0.004585053, 0.002267317, 0.00...
## $ MSP1
      ## $ SYSP
      ## $ SCUN
      <dbl> 0.002458441, 0.000000000, 0.006877579, 0.000000000, 0.00...
## $ BRSH
      <dbl> 0.014048232, 0.012979989, 0.022925264, 0.024940483, 0.03...
## $ EUBI
      ## $ DELI
      ## $ HYSP
      ## $ EPSC
      <dbl> 0.0000000, 0.0000000, 0.0000000, 0.0000000, 0.0000000, 0...
## $ BAEL
      <dbl> 0.000000000, 0.004326663, 0.002407153, 0.022673166, 0.00...
      ## $ MEFA.t
## $ GERU
      ## $ DOCO
## $ DOFE
      ## $ TUBE
      <dbl> 0.051744322, 0.002163332, 0.006877579, 0.000000000, 0.00...
## $ PSOC
      <dbl> 0.002926715, 0.006598161, 0.002407153, 0.018138533, 0.00...
## $ VECO
      <dbl> 0.007024116, 0.019469984, 0.011462632, 0.000000000, 0.00...
      ## $ BACR
      ## $ PSCH
## $ TETR
      <dbl> 0.000117069, 0.000000000, 0.000000000, 0.000000000, 0.00...
## $ CHHA
      <dbl> 0.002341372, 0.000000000, 0.000000000, 0.000000000, 0.00...
## $ POMA
      ## $ META
      <dbl> 0.084991805, 0.028231476, 0.000000000, 0.034123115, 0.03...
## $ PYST
      ## $ PEAN
      ## $ CLHU
      ## $ DICA
      ## $ TCM3
## $ DITR
      ## $ EUPU
      ## $ SYPA
      ## $ APPO
      <dbl> 0.000000000, 0.004326663, 0.000000000, 0.00000000, 0.00...
## $ APSO
## $ TCM2
      ## $ TCOT
      ## $ BOVI
      <dbl> 0.000117069, 0.000000000, 0.000000000, 0.000000000, 0.00...
## $ Chel
      ## $ Core
      ## $ CNFI
      ## $ HAIG
      ## $ Stye
      ## $ ASPA
      ## $ TSV1
      ## $ TSV2
      ## $ TSOT
      ## $ INOT
      ## $ OTHE
      <dbl> 0.098454694, 0.129908058, 0.036680422, 0.335562861, 0.01...
## $ SHEL
## $ FUZZ
      <dbl> 0.070358230, 0.015143321, 0.055020633, 0.009069267, 0.10...
      <dbl> 0.039803325, 0.000000000, 0.000000000, 0.000000000, 0.00...
## $ RUBB
dim(dat)
summary(dat)
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colnames(dat)
str(dat)
## subset 1009 data (to best match NEPWS sampling)
dat1 <- subset(dat, dat$month=="1009")</pre>
dim(dat1)
colnames (dat1)
# create spp matrix (including ON and PG)
abun <- dat1[,13:75]
summary(abun)
# transform matrix
abun.sq <- sqrt(abun)
# presence/absence
abun.pa <- decostand(abun, method="pa")
# create group matrix
group <- dat1[,1:12]
# Perform the NMDS in 2 dimensions on raw data
abun.MDS2 = metaMDS(abun, distance="bray", k=2, engine = 'monoMDS', autotransform=FALSE, noshare=0.1, tryma
abun.MDS2$stress # stress = 0.225
# Perform the NMDS in 2 dimensions on sqrt data
abun.sq.MDS2 = metaMDS(abun.sq, distance="bray", k=2, engine = 'monoMDS', autotransform=FALSE, noshare=0.1,
abun.sq.MDS2$stress # stress = 0.236
# Perform the NMDS in 2 dimensions on sqrt data
abun.pa.MDS2 = metaMDS(abun.pa, distance="bray", k=2, engine = 'monoMDS', autotransform=FALSE, noshare=0.1,
abun.pa.MDS2$stress # stress = 0.241
# plot 3 panels
par(mfrow=c(1,3), pty="s", mar=c(1,1,1,1), oma=c(2,4,2,1))
plot(abun.MDS2$points, col=c(group$site), xaxt='n', yaxt='n', xlab='', ylab='', main="Raw cover")
plot(abun.sq.MDS2$points, col=c(group$site), xaxt='n', yaxt='n', xlab='', ylab='', main="Square root")
plot(abun.pa.MDS2$points, col=c(group$site), xaxt='n', yaxt='n', xlab='', ylab='', main="Presence-Absence")
legend("topright", legend=levels(group$site), pch=1, col=c(1:3), bty='y')
# now do the same for the NEPWS data (pa only)
dat2 <- read.csv(paste(repo_url, "NEPWS_channel_130513.csv", sep = ""), header=TRUE, na.strings="NA")
colnames (dat2)
# create spp matrix (including ON and PG)
abun2 <- dat2[,15:87]
summary(abun2)
# create group matrix
group2 <- dat2[,1:14]
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group2
# Perform the NMDS in 2 dimensions on raw data
nepws.MDS2 = metaMDS(abun2, distance="bray", k=2, engine = 'monoMDS', autotransform=FALSE, noshare=0.1, try
nepws.MDS2$stress # stress = 0.264
# compare both PA plots
par(mfrow=c(1,2), pty="s", mar=c(1,1,1,1), oma=c(2,4,2,1))
plot(nepws.MDS2$points, col=c(group$site), xaxt='n', yaxt='n', xlab='', ylab='', main="NEPWS")
legend("topright", legend=levels(group2$site), pch=1, col=c(1:3), bty='y')

plot(abun.pa.MDS2$points, col=c(group$site), xaxt='n', yaxt='n', xlab='', ylab='', main="Presence-Absence_%
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### **More Practice**

- 7. Mutate the data frame so that it includes a new variable that contains the average speed, avg\_speed traveled by the plane for each flight (in mph). **Hint:** Average speed can be calculated as distance divided by number of hours of travel, and note that air\_time is given in minutes. Make a scatterplot of avg\_speed vs. distance. **Hint:** Use geom\_point(). Describe the relationship between average speed and distance.
- 8. Replicate the following plot. **Hint:** The data frame plotted only contains flights from American Airlines, Delta Airlines, and United Airlines, and the points are colored by carrier. Include the code you used to create the plot, as well as the plot itself.

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