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Abstract

This vignette provides an introductory tutorial to the *aftpsim* package [?] for the R software [?]. This package implements tools to handle, analyse and simulate hybridization using dominant data such as Amplified Fragment Length Polymorphism data (AFLP). *AFLPsim* also implements several genome scan methods. This vignette introduces basic functionalities of the package.

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1 Introduction

This tutorial introduces some basic functionalities of the *AFLPsim* package for R [?]. The purpose of this package is to provide tools for handling, analysing and simulating genetic markers data,

Data can be imported from a wide range of formats, including those of popular software (GENETIX, STRUCTURE, Fstat, Genepop), or from simple dataframes of genotypes. Polymorphic sites can be extracted from both nucleotide and amino-acid sequences, with special methods for handling genome-wide SNPs data with maximum efficiency.

In this tutorial, we first introduce the hybrid simulation, and then show how to performe some genome scan methods

2 Getting started

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2.1 Installing the package

Before going further, we shall make sure that *adegenet* is well installed on the computer. Current version of the package is 1.3-6. Make sure you have a recent version of R ($\geq 2.13.0$) by typing:

3 Hybrid simulation

Two functions sare used for simulate hybrids using dominant markers, depending if we have parentals data or we want a simulation from zero: hybridsim is used for randomly simulate two populations and hybridize them whereas hybridize is used for simulate hybrids from known parental populations. Note that the term 'population', here and later, is employed in a broad sense: it simply refers to any grouping of individuals.

3.1 Complete simulation

These objects can be obtained by reading data files from other software, from a data.frame of genotypes, by conversion from a table of allelic frequencies, or even from aligned DNA or proteic sequences (see 'importing data'). Here, we introduce this class using the dataset nancycats, which is already stored as a genind object:

A genind object is formal S4 object with several slots, accessed using the '@' operator (see class?genind). Note that the '\$' is also implemented for adegenet objects, so that slots can be accessed as if they were components of a list.

The structure of genind objects is described by:

```
> getClassDef("genind")
```

```
Class "genind" [package "adegenet"]
Slots:
Name:
                                                                    all.names
                         loc.names
                                                        loc.nall
Class:
              matrix
                         character factorOrNULL
                                                        intOrNum
                                                     pop.names
charOrNULL
                         ind.names
                         character factorOrNULL
Class:
          callOrNULL
Name:
           type character
                        listOrNULL
Extends: "gen", "indInfo"
```

The slightly cryptic output of this function means that genind objects possess the following slots:

- tab: a matrix of relative allele frequencies (individuals in rows, alleles in columns).
- loc.names: a vector of labels for the loci.
- loc.fac: a factor indicating which columns in @tab correspond to which marker.
- loc.nall: the number of alleles in each marker.
- all.names: a vector of labels for the alleles.
- ind.names: a vector of labels for the individuals.
- pop: a factor storing group membership of the individuals.
- pop.names: labels used for populations.
- ploidy: a single integer indicating the ploidy of the individuals.
- type: a character string indicating whether the marker is codominant (codom) or presence/absence (PA).
- other: a list storing optional information.
- call: the matched call, i.e. command used to create the object.

Slots can be accessed using '@' or '\$', although in some cases it is more convenient to use accessors (i.e. functions which return specific contents of the object) than accessing the slot directly (see section 'Using accessors').

The main slot in genind is the table of allelic frequencies of individuals (in rows) for every alleles in every loci stored in @tab. Being frequencies, data sum to one per locus, giving the score of 1 for an homozygote and 0.5 for a diploid heterozygote. The particular case of presence/absence data is described in a dedicated section (see 'Handling presence/absence data'). For instance:

> nancycats\$tab[10:18,1:10]

Individual '010' is an homozygote for the allele 09 at locus 1, while '018' is an heterozygote with alleles 06 and 09. As user-defined labels are not always valid (for instance, they can be duplicated), generic labels are used for individuals, markers, alleles and eventually population. The true names are stored in the object (components \$[...].names where \$[...] can be ind, loc, all or pop). For instance:

> nancycats\$loc.names

```
L1 L2 L3 L4 L5 L6 L7 L8 L9 "fca8" "fca23" "fca43" "fca45" "fca77" "fca78" "fca90" "fca90" "fca96" "fca97"
```

gives the true marker names, and

> nancycats\$all.names[[3]]

```
01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 10
```

gives the allele names for marker 3.

The slot 'ploidy' is an integer giving the level of ploidy of the considered organisms (defaults to 2). This parameter is essential, in particular when switching from individual frequencies (genind object) to allele counts per populations (genpop).

The slot 'type' describes the type of marker used: codominant (codom, e.g. microsatellites) or presence/absence (PA, e.g. AFLP). By default, adegenet considers that markers are codominant. Note that actual handling of presence/absence markers has been made available since version 1.2-3. See the dedicated section for more information about presence/absence markers.

Optional content can are also be stored within the object. The slot <code>@other</code> is a list that can include any additional information. The optional slot <code>@pop</code> (a factor giving a grouping of individuals) is particular in that the behaviour of many functions will check automatically its content and behave accordingly. In fact, each time an argument 'pop' is required by a function, it is first seeked in <code>@pop</code>. For instance, using the function <code>genind2genpop</code> to convert <code>nancycats</code> to a <code>genpop</code> object, there is no need to give a 'pop' argument as it exists in the <code>genind</code> object:

> head(pop(nancycats))

```
[1] 1 1 1 1 1 1
Levels: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17
> catpop <- genind2genpop(nancycats)</pre>
 Converting data from a genind to a genpop object...
...done.
> catpop
         #####################
         - Alleles counts for populations -
S4 class: genpop
@call: genind2genpop(x = nancycats)
Otab: 17 x 108 matrix of alleles counts
@pop.names: vector of 17 population names
@loc.names: vector of 9 locus names
Gloc.nall: number of alleles per locus
Gloc.fac: locus factor for the 108 columns of Gtab
Gall.names: list of 9 components yielding allele names for each locus
@ploidy: 2
@type: code
         codom
@other: a list containing: xy
```

Other additional components can be stored (like here, spatial coordinates of populations in \$xy) and processed during the conversion if the argument process.other is set to TRUE. In this case, numeric vectors with a length corresponding to the number of individuals will we averaged per groups; note that any other function than mean can be used by providing any function to the argument other.action. Matrices with a number of rows corresponding to the number of individuals are processed similarly.

Finally, a **genind** object generally contains its matched call, *i.e.* the instruction that created it. When call is available, it can be used to regenerate an object.

```
> obj <- read.genetix(system.file("files/nancycats.gtx",package="adegenet"))
Converting data from GENETIX to a genind object...
...done.
> obj$call
read.genetix(file = system.file("files/nancycats.gtx", package = "adegenet"))
> toto <- eval(obj$call)
Converting data from GENETIX to a genind object...
...done.
> identical(obj,toto)
[1] TRUE
```

3.2 genpop objects

We use the previously built genpop object:

> catpop

```
#######################
          - Alleles counts for populations -
S4 class: genpop
@call: genind2genpop(x = nancycats)
@tab: 17 x 108 matrix of alleles counts
@pop.names: vector of 17 population names
@loc.names: vector of 9 locus names
@loc.nall: number of alleles per locus
@loc.fac: locus factor for the 108 columns of @tab
@all.names: list of 9 components yielding allele names for each locus
@ploidy: 2
@type: codom
@other: a list containing: xy
> is.genpop(catpop)
[1] TRUE
> catpop$tab[1:5,1:10]
    L1.01 L1.02 L1.03 L1.04 L1.05 L1.06 L1.07 L1.08 L1.09 L1.10
                                                  0
10
0
0
                                    0
0
0
4
3
                   0
                           0
                                             0 0 0 0
```

The matrix \$tab contains alleles counts per population (here, cat colonies). These objects are otherwise very similar to genind in their structure, and possess generic names, true names, the matched call and an **@other** slot:

```
> getClassDef("genpop")
```

```
Class "genpop" [package "adegenet"]
Slots:
Name:
                 tab
                         loc.names
                                          loc.fac
                                                        loc.nall
                                                                     all.names
                         {\tt character\ factor Or NULL}
                                                                    listOrNULL
Class:
              matrix
                                                        intOrNum
Name:
         call
callOrNULL
                         pop.names
                                           ploidy
                                                      type character
                                                                    listOrNULL
                                          integer
Class:
                          character
Extends: "gen", "popInfo"
```

3.3 Using accessors

One advantage of formal (S4) classes is that they allow for interacting simply with possibly complex objects. This is made possible by using accessors, i.e. functions that extract information from an object, rather than accessing the slots directly. Another advantage of this approach is that as long as accessors remain identical on the user's side, the internal structure of an object may change from one release to another without generating errors in old scripts. Although genind and genpop objects are fairly simple, we recommend using accessors whenever possible to access their content.

Available accessors are:

- nInd: returns the number of individuals in the object; only for genind.
- nLoc: returns the number of loci (SNPs).
- indNames[†]: returns/sets labels for individuals; only for genind.
- locNames[†]: returns/sets labels for loci (SNPs).
- alleles[†]: returns/sets alleles.
- ploidy[†]: returns/sets ploidy of the individuals.
- pop[†]: returns/sets a factor grouping individuals; only for genind.
- other[†]: returns/sets misc information stored as a list.

where † indicates that a replacement method is available using <-; for instance:

> head(indNames(nancycats),10)

```
001 002 003 004 005 006 007 008 009 010
"N215" "N216" "N217" "N218" "N219" "N220" "N221" "N222" "N223" "N224"

> indNames(nancycats) <- paste("cat", 1:nInd(nancycats),sep=".")

    head(indNames(nancycats),10)

    001 002 003 004 005 006 007 008
"cat.1" "cat.2" "cat.3" "cat.4" "cat.5" "cat.6" "cat.7" "cat.8"
    009 010
"cat.9" "cat.10"
```

Some accessors such as locNames may have specific options; for instance:

> locNames(nancycats)

returns the names of the loci, while:

```
> head(temp, 10)

[1] "fca8.117" "fca8.119" "fca8.121" "fca8.123" "fca8.127" "fca8.129"

[7] "fca8.131" "fca8.133" "fca8.135" "fca8.137"
```

returns the names of the alleles in the form 'loci.allele'.

The slot 'pop' can be retrieved and set using pop:

> temp <- locNames(nancycats, withAlleles=TRUE)</pre>

```
> obj <- nancycats[sample(1:50,10)]
> pop(obj)

[1] 2 2 1 2 4 2 3 2 2 1
Levels: 2 1 4 3

> pop(obj) <- rep("newPop",10)
> pop(obj)

[1] newPop newPop
```

An additional advantage of using accessors is they are most of the time safer to use. For instance, pop<- will check the length of the new group membership vector against the data, and complain if there is a mismatch. It also converts the provided replacement to a factor, while the command:

```
> obj@pop <- rep("newPop",10)</pre>
```

would generate an error (since replacement is not a factor).

4 Importing/exporting data

4.1 Importing data from GENETIX, STRUCTURE, FSTAT, Genepop

Data can be read from the software GENETIX (extension .gtx), STRUCTURE (.str or .stru), FSTAT (.dat) and Genepop (.gen) files, using the corresponding read function: read.genetix, read.structure, read.fstat, and read.genepop. These functions take as main argument the path (as a string of characters) to an input file, and produce a genind object. Alternatively, one can use the function import2genind which detects a file format from its extension and uses the appropriate routine. For instance:

```
> obj1 <- read.genetix(system.file("files/nancycats.gtx",package="adegenet"))
Converting data from GENETIX to a genind object...
...done.
> obj2 <- import2genind(system.file("files/nancycats.gtx", package="adegenet"))
Converting data from GENETIX to a genind object...
...done.
> all.equal(obj1,obj2)
[1] "Attributes: < Component 2: target, current do not match when deparsed >"
```

The only difference between obj1 and obj2 is their call (which is normal as they were obtained from different command lines).

4.2 Importing data from other software

Raw genetic markers data are often stored as tables with individuals in row and markers in column, where each entry is a character string coding the alleles possessed at one locus. Such data are easily imported into R as a data.frame, using for instance read.table for text files or read.csv for comma-separated text files. Then, the obtained data.frame can be converted into a genind object using df2genind.

There are only a few pre-requisite the data should meet for this conversion to be possible. The easiest and clearest way of coding data is using a separator between alleles. For instance, "80/78", "80|78", or "80,78" are different ways of coding a genotype at a microsatellite locus with alleles '80' and '78". Note that for haploid data, no separator shall be used. The only contraint when using

a separator is that the same separator is used in all the dataset. There are no contraints as to i) the type of separator used or ii) the ploidy of the data. These parameters can be set in df2genind through arguments sep and ploidy, respectively.

Alternatively, no separator may be used provided a fixed number of characters is used to code each allele. For instance, in a diploid organism, "0101" is an homozygote 1/1 while "1209" is a heterozygote 12/09 in a two-character per allele coding scheme. In a tetraploid system with one character per allele, "1209" will be understood as 1/2/0/9.

Here, we provide an example using randomly generated tetraploid data and no separator.

```
> temp <- lapply(1:30, function(i) sample(1:9, 4, replace=TRUE))
> temp <- sapply(temp, paste, collapse="")
> temp <- matrix(temp, nrow=10, dimnames=list(paste("ind",1:10), paste("loc",1:3)))
            loc 1 loc 2 loc 3 "8716" "8993" "4698"
ind 1
           ***8943" ***6442" ***855" ****18943" ***6442" ***855" ***7714" ***8445" ***7826" ***4799" ***6435" ***8331" ***5221" ***6767" ***4246" ***4579" ***1135" ***6815" ***4519" ***7765" ***7338" ****5795" ***7765" ***7338"
ind 2
ind 3
ind 4
ind 5
ind 6 ind 7
ind 8 "1693" "5137" "5669" ind 9 "7622" "7133" "4472" ind 10 "4891" "7869" "9779"
> obj <- df2genind(temp, ploidy=4, sep="")
> obj
     ######################
     ### Genind object ###
     #####################
- genotypes of individuals -
S4 class: genind
@call: df2genind(X = temp, sep = "", ploidy = 4)
Otab: 10 x 27 matrix of genotypes
@ind.names: vector of 10 individual names
@loc.names: vector of 3 locus names
@loc.nall: number of alleles per locus
@loc.fac: locus factor for the 27 columns of @tab
@all.names: list of 3 components yielding allele names for each locus
@ploidy: 4
@type: codom
Optionnal contents:
@pop: - empty -
@pop.names: - empty -
@other: - emptv -
```

obj is a genind containing the same information, but recoded as a matrix of allele frequencies (\$tab slot). We can check that the conversion was exact by converting back the object into a table of character strings (function genind2df):

```
> genind2df(obj, sep="|")

loc 1 loc 2 loc 3
ind 1 1|6|7|8 3|8|9|9 4|6|8|9
ind 2 3|4|8|9 2|4|4|6 5|7|8|8
ind 3 1|4|7|7 4|4|5|8 2|6|7|8
ind 4 4|7|9 9 3|4|5|6 1|3|3|8
ind 5 1|2|2|5 6|6|7|7 2|4|4|6
ind 6 4|5|7|9 1|1|3|5 1|5|6|8
ind 7 1|4|5|9 5|6|7|7 3|3|7|8
ind 8 1|3|6|9 1|3|5|7 5|6|6|9
ind 9 2|2|6|7 1|3|3|7 2|4|4|7
ind 10 1|4|8|9 6|7|8|9 7|7|9|9
```

4.3 Handling presence/absence data

adegenet was primarly designed to handle codominant, multiallelic markers like microsatellites. However, dominant markers like AFLP can be used as well. In such a case, only presence/absence of alleles can be deduced accurately from the genotypes. This has several consequences, like the unability to compute allele frequencies. Hence, some functionalities in adegenet won't be available for dominant markers.

From version 1.2-3 of adegenet, the distinction between both types of markers is made by the slot @type of genind or genpop objects, which equals codom for codominant markers, and PA for presence/absence data. In the latter case, the 'tab' slot of a genind object no longer contains allele frequencies, but only presence/absence of alleles in a genotype. Similarly, the tab slot of a genpop object not longer contains counts of alleles in the populations; instead, it contains the number of genotypes in each population possessing at least one copy of the concerned alleles. Moreover, in the case of presence/absence, the slots 'loc.nall', 'loc.fac', and 'all.names' become useless, and are thus all set to NULL.

Objects of type 'PA' are otherwise handled like usual (type 'codom') objects. Operations that are not available for PA type will issue an appropriate error message.

Here is an example using a toy dataset 'AFLP.txt' that can be downloaded from the adegenet website, section 'Documentation':

The function df2genind is used to obtain a genind object:

```
> obj <- genind(dat, ploidy=1, type="PA")
> obj
```

```
#####################
    - genotypes of individuals -
S4 class: genind
@call: genind(tab = dat, ploidy = 1, type = "PA")
Otab: 7 x 4 matrix of genotypes
@ind.names: vector of 7 individual names
@loc.names: vector of 4 locus names
@loc.nall: NULL
Cloc.fac: NULL
Call.names: NULL
Cploidy: 1
Ctype: PA
Optionnal contents:

@pop: - empty -

@pop.names: - empty -
@other: - empty -
> truenames(obj)
       loc1 loc2 loc3 loc4 1 0 1 1
indA
indB
                1
NA
1
0
                              1
NA
0
1
indC
           1
                        0
indD
                        ō
indE
indF
indG
```

One can see that for instance, the summary of this object is more simple (no numbers of alleles per locus, no heterozygosity):

```
> pop(obj) <- rep(c('a','b'),4:3)
> summary(obj)

# Total number of genotypes: 7

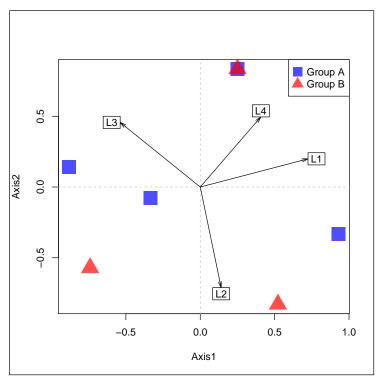
# Population sample sizes:
a b
4 3

# Percentage of missing data:
[1] 7.142857

But we can still perform basic manipulation, like converting our object into a genpop:
> obj2 <- genind2genpop(obj)

Converting data from a genind to a genpop object...
...done.
> obj2
```

```
######################
         - Alleles counts for populations -
S4 class: genpop
@call: genind2genpop(x = obj)
@tab: 2 x 4 matrix of alleles counts
@pop.names: vector of 2 population names
@loc.names: vector of 4 locus names
@loc.nall: NULL
@loc.fac: NULL
@loc.fac: NULL
@all.names: NULL
@ploidy: 1
@type: PA
@other: - empty -
> truenames(obj2)
  loc1 loc2 loc3 loc4
2 2 3 3
2 2 2 1
To continue with the toy example, we can proceed to a simple PCA. NAs are
first replaced:
> objNoNa <- na.replace(obj,met=0)</pre>
 Replaced 2 missing values
> objNoNa@tab
  L1 L2 L3 L4
1 0 1 1
0 1 1 1
1 1 0 1
                0
    0
1
1
0
            0
        1
0
1
Now the PCA is performed and plotted:
> library(ade4)
> pca1 <- dudi.pca(objNoNa,scannf=FALSE,scale=FALSE)
> temp <- as.integer(pop(objNoNa))
> myCol <- transp(c("blue","red"),.7)[temp]
> myPch <- c(15,17)[temp]</pre>
> plot(pca1$11, col=myCol, cex=3, pch=myPch)
> abline(h=0,v=0,col="grey",lty=2)
> s.arrow(pca1$c1, add.plot=TRUE)
> legend("topright", pch=c(15,17), col=transp(c("blue","red"),.7), leg=c("Group A","Group B"), pt.cex=2)
```



More generally, multivariate analyses from ade4, sPCA (spca), DAPC (dapc), the global and local tests (global.rtest, local.rtest), or the Monmonier's algorithm (monmonier) will work just fine with presence/absence data. However, it is clear that the usual Euclidean distance (used in PCA and sPCA), as well as many other distances, is not as accurate to measure genetic dissimilarity using presence/absence data as it is when using allele frequencies. The reason for this is that in presence/absence data, a part of the information is simply hidden. For instance, two individuals possessing the same allele will be considered at the same distance, whether they possess one or more copies of the allele. This might be especially problematic in organisms having a high degree of ploidy.

4.4 SNPs data

In adegenet, SNP data can be handled in two different ways. For relatively small datasets (up to a few thousand SNPs) SNPs can be handled as usual codominant markers such as microsatellites using genind objects. In the case of genome-wide SNP data (from hundreds of thousands to millions of SNPs), genind objects are no longer efficient representation of the data. In this case, we use genlight objects to store and handle information with maximum efficiency and minimum memory requirements. See the vignette adegenet-genomics for more information. Below, we introduce only the case of SNPs handled using genind objects.

The most convenient way to convert SNPs into a genind is using df2genind, which is described in the previous section. Let dat be an input matrix, as can be read into R using read.table or read.csv, with genotypes in row and SNP loci in columns.

obj is a genind containing the SNPs information, which can be used for further analysis in adegenet.

4.5 Extracting polymorphism from DNA sequences

This section only covers the cases of relatively small datasets which can be handled efficiently using genind objects. For bigger (near full-genomes) datasets, SNPs can be extracted from *fasta* files into a genlight object using fasta2genlight. See the vignette *adequent-genomics* for more information.

DNA sequences can be read into R using the *ape* package [?], and imported into *adegenet* using DNAbin2genind. There are several ways *ape* can be used to read in DNA sequences. The easiest one is reading data from a usual format such as FASTA or Clustal using read.dna. Other options include reading data directly from GenBank using read.GenBank, or from other public databases using the *seqinr* package and transforming the alignment object into a DNAbin using as.DNAbin. Here, we illustrate this approach by re-using the example of read.GenBank. A connection to the internet is required, as sequences are read directly from a distant database.

```
> class(myDNA)
```

[1] "DNAbin"

In adegenet, only polymorphic loci are conserved; importing data from a DNA sequence to adegenet therefore consists in extracting SNPs from the aligned sequences. This conversion is achieved by DNAbin2genind. This function allows one to specify a threshold for polymorphism; for instance, one could retain only SNPs for which the second largest allele frequency is greater than 1% (using the polyThres argument). This is achieved using:

Here, out of the 1,045 nucleotides of the sequences, 318 SNPs where extracted and stored as a genind object. Positions of the SNPs are stored as names of the loci:

```
> head(locNames(obj))
L001 L002 L003 L004 L005 L006
"11" "13" "26" "31" "34" "39"
```

4.6 Extracting polymorphism from proteic sequences

Alignments of proteic sequences can be exploited in *adegenet* in the same way as DNA sequences (see section above). Alignments are scanned for polymorphic sites, and only those are retained to form a genind object. Loci correspond to the position of the residue in the alignment, and alleles correspond to the different amino-acids (AA). Aligned proteic sequences are stored as objects of class alignment in the *seqinr* package [?]. See ?as.alignment for a description of this class. The function extracting polymorphic sites from alignment objects is alignment2genind.

Its use is fairly simple. It is here illustrated using a small dataset of aligned proteic sequences:

The six aligned protein sequences (mase.res) have been scanned for polymorphic sites, and these have been extracted to form the genind object x. Note that several settings such as the characters corresponding to missing values (i.e., gaps) and the polymorphism threshold for a site to be retained can be specified through the function's arguments (see ?alignment2genind).

The names of the loci directly provides the indices of polymorphic sites:

Now that polymorphic sites have been converted into a genind object, simple distances can be computed between the sequences. Note that adegenet does not implement specific distances for protein sequences, we only use the simple Euclidean distance. Fancier protein distances are implemented in R; see for instance dist.alignment in the seqinr package, and dist.ml in the phangorn package.

Here is an example for genpop using a dataset from ade4:

```
> library(ade4)
> data(microsatt
> microsatt$tab[10:15,12:15]
           INRA32.168 INRA32.170 INRA32.174 INRA32.176
Mtbeliard
                     Ō
                                 Ō
                                             Ō
NDama
                                 0
5
0
Normand
                                             0
                                                         2
Parthenais
Somba
Vosgienne
```

microsatt\$tab contains alleles counts per populations, and can therefore be used to make a genpop object. Moreover, column names are set as required, and row names are unique. It is therefore safe to convert these data into a genpop using the constructor:

```
# Number of populations: 18

# Number of alleles per locus:
L1 L2 L3 L4 L5 L6 L7 L8 L9
8 15 11 10 17 10 14 15 12

# Number of alleles per population:
01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18
39 69 51 59 52 41 34 48 46 47 43 56 57 52 49 64 56 67

# Percentage of missing data:
[1] 0
```

4.7 Exporting data

Genotypes in genind format can be exported to the R packages genetics (using genind2genotype) and hierfstat (using genind2hierfstat). The package genetics is now deprecated, but the implemented class genotype is still used in various packages. The package hierfstat does not define a class, but requires data to be formated in a particular way. It has been removed from CRAN as of R version 2.13.0 for maintainance issues, but is supposed to be back eventually.

Here are examples of how to use these functions:

```
> obj <- genind2genotype(nancycats)</pre>
> class(obj)
[1] "data.frame"
> obj[1:4,1:5]
> class(obj$fca8)
[1] "genotype" "factor"
> obj <- genind2hierfstat(nancycats)</pre>
> class(obj)
[1] "data.frame"
> obj[1:4,1:5]
      pop fca8 fca23 fca43 fca45
1 NA 409 404 103
1 NA 909 407 205
cat.2
           NA
913
                 409
                        505
                              101
                        405
```

A more generic way to export data is to produce a data.frame of genotypes coded by character strings. This is done by genind2df:

However, some software will require alleles to be separated. The argument sep allows one to specify any separator. For instance:

> genind2df(nancycats,sep="|")[1:5,1:5]

```
        pop
        fca8
        fca23
        fca43
        fca45

        cat.1
        1
        <NA>
        136|146
        139|139
        116|120

        cat.2
        1
        <NA>
        146|146
        139|145
        120|126

        cat.3
        1
        135|143
        136|146
        141|141
        116|116

        cat.4
        1
        133|135
        138|138
        139|141
        116|126

        cat.5
        1
        133|135
        140|146
        141|145
        126|126
```

Note that tabulations can be obtained as follows using '\t' character.

5 Basics of data analysis

5.1 Manipulating the data

Data manipulation is meant to be particularly flexible in *adegenet*. First, as genind and genpop objects are basically formed by a data matrix (the Qtab slot), it is natural to subset these objects like it is done with a matrix. The [operator does this, forming a new object with the retained genotypes/populations and alleles:

```
> data(microbov)
> toto <- genind2genpop(microbov)</pre>
 Converting data from a genind to a genpop object...
...done.
> toto
        - Alleles counts for populations -
S4 class: genpop
@call: genind2genpop(x = microbov)
Otab: 15 x 373 matrix of alleles counts
@pop.names: vector of   15 population names
@loc.names: vector of   30 locus names
Gloc.names. Vector of 30 locus names
Gloc.nall: number of alleles per locus
Gloc.fac: locus factor for the 373 columns of Gtab
@all.names: list of 30 components yielding allele names for each locus @ploidy: 2
@ploidy: 2
@type: codom
Oother: a list containing: coun breed spe
> toto@pop.names
                 01
                                                                                 04
                                       02
                                                            03
                                  "Zebu"
                                                  "Lagunaire"
                                                                            "NDama"
                                       06
                                                   "Bazadais"
            "Somba'
                                                                "BlondeAquitaine
                                "Aubrac
                                                                        "Limousin"
    "BretPieNoire"
                                                     "Gascon"
                          "Montbeliard"
> titi <- toto[1:3,]</pre>
  titi@pop.names
                    2 3
"Zebu" "Lagunaire"
```

The object toto has been subsetted, keeping only the first three populations. Of course, any subsetting available for a matrix can be used with genind and genpop objects. In addition, we can subset loci directly using the generic marker names:

```
> tata <- titi[,loc="L03"]
> tata

#############################

### Genpop object ###
######################
- Alleles counts for populations -

S4 class: genpop
@call: .local(x = x, i = i, j = j, loc = "L03", drop = drop)

@tab: 3 x 12 matrix of alleles counts

@pop.names: vector of 3 population names
@loc.names: vector of 1 locus names
@loc.nall: number of alleles per locus
@loc.fac: locus factor for the 12 columns of @tab
@all.names: list of 1 components yielding allele names for each locus
@ploidy: 2
@type: codom
@other: a list containing: coun breed spe
```

Now, tata only contains the 12 alleles of the third marker of titi.

To simplify the task of separating data by marker, the function **seploc** can be used. It returns a list of objects (optionnaly, of data matrices), each corresponding to a marker:

```
> data(nancycats)
> sepCats <- seploc(nancycats)
> class(sepCats)
[1] "list"
> names(sepCats)
[1] "fca8" "fca23" "fca43" "fca45" "fca77" "fca78" "fca90" "fca96" "fca37"
> sepCats$fca45
    #####################
    - genotypes of individuals -
S4 class: genind
@call: .local(x = x)
Otab: 237 x 9 matrix of genotypes
@ind.names: vector of 237 individual names
@loc.names: vector of 1 locus names
@loc.nall: number of alleles per locus
@loc.fac: locus factor for the 9 columns of @tab
@all.names: list of 1 components yielding allele names for each locus
@ploidy: 2
@type: codom
Optionnal contents:
@pop: factor giving the population of each individual
@pop.names: factor giving the population of each individual
@other: a list containing: xy
```

The object sepCats\$fca45 only contains data of the marker fca45.

Following the same idea, seppop allows one to separate genotypes in a genind object by population. For instance, we can separate genotype of cattles in the dataset microbov by breed:

```
> data(microbov)
> obj <- seppop(microbov)</pre>
> class(obj)
[1] "list"
> names(obj)
 [1] "Borgou"
                                "Zebu"
                                                                                  "NDama"
                                                         "Lagunaire"
 [5] "Somba"
                                "Aubrac"
                                                         "Bazadais"
                                                                                  "BlondeAquitaine"
                                "Charolais"
      "BretPieNoire"
                                                         "Gascon"
                                                                                  "Limousin"
      "MaineAnjou"
                                "Montbeliard"
                                                         "Salers"
> obj$Borgou
    ######################
    - genotypes of individuals -
S4 class: genind
Ccall: .local(x = x, i = i, j = j, treatOther = ...1, quiet = ...2, drop = drop)
@tab: 50 x 373 matrix of genotypes
@ind.names: vector of 50 individual names
@loc.names: vector of 30 locus names
@loc.nall: number of alleles per locus
@loc.fac: locus factor for the 373 columns of @tab
@all.names: list of 30 components yielding allele names for each locus
@ploidy: 2
@type: codom
Optionnal contents:
Opop: factor giving the population of each individual Opop.names: factor giving the population of each individual
Oother: a list containing: coun breed spe
```

The returned object obj is a list of genind objects each containing genotypes of a given breed.

A last, rather vicious trick is to separate data by population and by marker. This is easy using lapply; one can first separate population then markers, or the contrary. Here, we separate markers inside each breed in obj:

```
> obj <- lapply(obj,seploc)</pre>
> names(obj)
 [1] "Borgou"
                           "Zebu"
                                                "Lagunaire"
                                                                      "NDama"
 [5] "Somba"
                           "Aubrac"
                                                "Bazadais"
                                                                      "BlondeAquitaine"
[9] "BretPieNoire"
[13] "MaineAnjou"
                           "Charolais"
                                                "Gascon"
                                                                      "Limousin'
                           "Montbeliard"
                                                "Salers"
```

```
> class(obj$Borgou)
[1] "list"
> names(obj$Borgou)
       "INRA63"
                                                  "ILSTS5"
                      "TNRA5"
                                    "ETH225"
                                                                 "HEL5"
                                                                               "HEL1"
                                                                                             "TNRA35"
  [1]
[8]
                                    "ETH10"
"HEL13"
                     "INRA23"
                                                  "HEL9"
                                                                "CSSM66"
                                                                              "INRA32"
                                                                                             "ETH3"
"MM12"
       "ETH152"
                                                  "INRA37"
       "BM2113"
                                                                "BM1818"
                                                                              "ILSTS6"
                     "BM1824"
       "CSRM60"
                      "ETH185"
                                    "HAUT24"
                                                  "HAUT27"
                                                                 "TGLA227"
                                                                              "TGLA126"
                                                                                             "TGLA122"
       "TGLA53"
                     "SPS115"
> obj$Borgou$INRA63
    ######################

    genotypes of individuals -

S4 class: genind
@call: .local(x = x)
@tab: 50 x 9 matrix of genotypes
@ind.names: vector of 50 individual names
@loc.names: vector of 1 locus names
@loc.nall: number of alleles per locus
@loc.fac: locus factor for the 9 columns of @tab
@all.names: list of 1 components yielding allele names for each locus
@ploidy: 2
@type: codom
Optionnal contents:
Opop: factor giving the population of each individual Opop.names: factor giving the population of each individual
Oother: a list containing: coun breed spe
```

For instance, obj\$Borgou\$INRA63 contains genotypes of the breed Borgou for the marker INRA63.

Lastly, one may want to pool genotypes in different datasets, but having the same markers, into a single dataset. This is more than just merging the <code>@tab</code> components of all datasets, because alleles can differ (they almost always do) and markers are not necessarily sorted the same way. The function <code>repool</code> is designed to avoid these problems. It can merge any <code>genind</code> provided as arguments as soon as the same markers are used. For instance, it can be used after a <code>seppop</code> to retain only some populations:

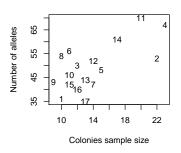
```
> obj <- seppop(microbov)</pre>
> names(obj)
 [1] "Borgou"
                         "Zebu"
                                             "Lagunaire"
                                                                "NDama"
 [5] "Somba"
                         "Aubrac"
                                             "Bazadais"
                                                                "BlondeAquitaine"
                         "Charolais"
 [9] "BretPieNoire"
                                             "Gascon"
                                                                "Limousin"
[13] "MaineAnjou"
                         "Montbeliard"
                                             "Salers"
```

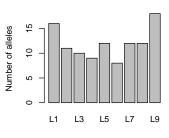
5.2 Using summaries

Done!

Both genind and genpop objects have a summary providing basic information about data. Informations are both printed and invisibly returned as a list.

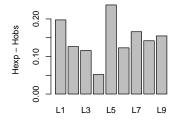
```
> names(toto)
[1] "N"
                  "pop.eff" "loc.nall" "pop.nall" "NA.perc"
                                                                                    "Hexp"
                                                                      "Hobs"
> par(mfrow=c(2,2))
> plot(toto$pop.eff,toto$pop.nall,xlab="Colonies sample size",ylab="Number of alleles",main="Alleles numbers and
> text(toto$pop.eff,toto$pop.nall,lab=names(toto$pop.eff))
> barplot(toto$loc.nall,ylab="Number of alleles", main="Number of alleles per locus")
> barplot(toto$Hexp-toto$Hobs,main="Heterozygosity: expected-observed",ylab="Hexp - Hobs")
> barplot(toto$pop.eff,main="Sample sizes per population",ylab="Number of genotypes",las=3)
    Alleles numbers and sample sizes
                                              Number of alleles per locus
```

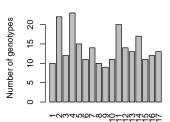




Heterozygosity: expected-observe

Sample sizes per population





Is mean observed H significantly lower than mean expected H?

> bartlett.test(list(toto\$Hexp,toto\$Hobs))

```
Bartlett test of homogeneity of variances
data: list(toto$Hexp, toto$Hobs)
Bartlett's K-squared = 0.047, df = 1, p-value = 0.8284
```

> t.test(toto\$Hexp,toto\$Hobs,pair=T,var.equal=TRUE,alter="greater")

```
sample estimates:
mean of the differences
       0.1460936
```

5.3 Testing for Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium

The Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium test is implemented for genind objects. The function to use is HWE.test.genind, and requires the package *genetics*. Here we first produce a matrix of p-values (res="matrix") using parametric test. Monte Carlo procedure are more reliable but also more computer-intensive (use permut=TRUE).

```
> toto <- HWE.test.genind(nancycats,res="matrix")
> dim(toto)

[1] 17 9
```

One test is performed per locus and population, *i.e.* 153 tests in this case. Thus, the first question is: which tests are highly significant?

Here, only 4 tests indicate departure from HW. Rows give populations, columns give markers. Now complete tests are returned, but the significant ones are already known.

5.4 Measuring and testing population structure (a.k.a F statistics)

Population structure is traditionally measured and tested using F statistics, in particular Fst. Since version 2.13.0 of R, the package *hierfstat*, which implemented most F statistics and related tests, has been removed from CRAN for maintenance issues. As a consequence, *adegenet* has lost a few functionalities, namely general F statistics (function fstat) and a test of overall population structure (gstat.randtest).

However, it is still possible to compute pairwise Fst using adegenet. Pairwise Fst is frequently used as a measure of distance between populations. The function pairwise.fst computes Nei's estimator [?] of pairwise Fst, defined as:

$$Fst(A,B) = \frac{H_t - (n_A H_s(A) + n_B H_s(B))/(n_A + n_B)}{Ht}$$

where A and B refer to the two populations of sample size n_A and n_B and respective expected heterozygosity $H_s(A)$ and $H_s(B)$, and H_t is the expected heterozygosity in the whole dataset. For a given locus, expected heterozygosity is computed as $1 - \sum p_i^2$, where p_i is the frequency of the *i*th allele, and the \sum represents summation over all alleles. For multilocus data, the heterozygosity is simply averaged over all loci. These computations are achieved for all pairs of populations by the function pairwise.fst; we illustrate this on a subset of individuals of nancycats (computations for the whole dataset would take a few tens of seconds):

The resulting matrix is Euclidean when there are no missing values:

```
> is.euclid(matFst)
```

[1] TRUE

It can therefore be used in a Principal Coordinate Analysis (which requires Euclideanity), used to build trees, etc.

5.5 Estimating inbreeding

Inbreeding refers to an excess of homozygosity in a given individual due to the mating of genetically related parents. This excess of homozygosity is due to the fact that there are non-negligible chances of inheriting two identical alleles from a recent common ancestor. Inbreeding can be associated to a loss of fitness leading to "inbreeding depression". Typically, loss of fitness is caused by recessive deleterious alleles which have usually low frequency in the population, but for which inbred individuals are more likely to be homozygotes.

The inbreeding coefficient F is defined as the probability that at a given locus, two identical alleles have been inherited from a common ancestor. In the absence of inbreeding, the probability of being homozygote at one loci is (for diploid individuals) simply $\sum_i p_i^2$ where i indexes the alleles and p_i is the frequency of allele i. This can be generalized incorporating F as:

$$p(\text{homozygote}) = F + (1 - F) \sum_{i} p_i^2$$

and even more generally, for any ploidy π :

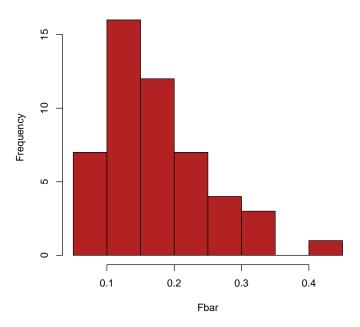
$$p(\text{homozygote}) = F + (1 - F) \sum_{i} p_{i}^{\pi}$$

This therefore allows for computing the likelihood of a given state (homozygote/heterozygote) in a given genotype (log-likelihood are summed across loci for more than one marker).

This estimation is achieved by inbreeding. Depending on the value of the argument res.type, the function returns a sample from the likelihood function (res.type='sample') or the likelihood function itself, as a R function (res.type='function'). While likelihood functions are quickly obtained and easy to display graphically, sampling from the distributions is more computer intensive but useful to derive summary statistics of the distributions. Here, we illustrate inbreeding using the microbov dataset, which contains cattle breeds genotypes for 30 microsatellites; to focus on breed Salers only, we use seppop:

```
@loc.fac: locus factor for the 373 columns of @tab
@all.names: list of 30 components yielding allele names for each locus
@ploidy: 2
@type: codom
Optionnal contents:
@pop: factor giving the population of each individual
@pop.names: factor giving the population of each individual
Oother: a list containing: coun breed spe
We first compute the mean inbreeding for each individual, and plot the resulting
distribution:
> temp <- inbreeding(sal, N=100)</pre>
> class(temp)
[1] "list"
> head(names(temp))
[1] "FRBTSAL9087" "FRBTSAL9088" "FRBTSAL9089" "FRBTSAL9090" "FRBTSAL9091" [6] "FRBTSAL9093"
> head(temp[[1]],20)
[1] 0.039678134 0.141240944 0.070507608 0.234807712 0.156165261 0.024079789 [7] 0.225947433 0.292017608 0.112180178 0.073623489 0.003804735 0.061665423 [13] 0.280750497 0.111344944 0.195517196 0.180942706 0.027672535 0.150688659 [19] 0.129528576 0.344924239
temp is a list of values sampled from the likelihood distribution of each
individual; means values are obtained for all individuals using sapply:
> Fbar <- sapply(temp, mean)
> hist(Fbar, col="firebrick", main="Average inbreeding in Salers cattles")
```

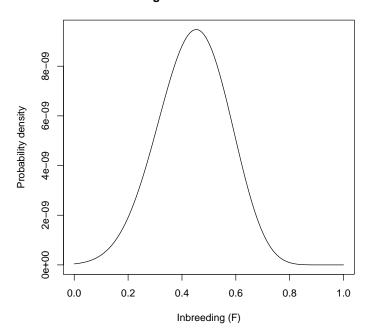
Average inbreeding in Salers cattles



We can see that some individuals (actually, a single one) have higher inbreeding (>0.4). We can recompute inbreeding for this individual, asking for the likelihood function to be returned:

The output object F can seem a bit cryptic: it is an function embedded within a hidden environment. This does not matter, however, since it is easily represented:

Inbreeding of individual FRBTSAL9266



Indeed, this individual shows subsequent inbreeding, with about 50% chances of being homozygote through inheritance from a common ancestor of its parents.

6 Multivariate analysis

6.1 General overview

Multivariate analysis consists in summarising a strongly multivariate information into a few synthetic variables. In genetics, such approaches are useful to get a simplified picture of the genetic diversity obersved amongst individuals or populations. A review of multivariate analysis in population genetics can be found in [?]. Here, we aim at providing an overview of some applications using methods implemented in *ade4* and *adeqenet*.

Useful functions include:

- scaleGen (adegenet): centre/scale allele frequencies and replaces missing data; useful, among other things, before running a principal component analysis (PCA).
- dudi.pca (ade4): implements PCA; can be used on transformed allele frequencies of individuals or populations.
- dudi.ca (ade4): implements Correspondance Analysis (CA); can be used on raw allele counts of populations (@tab slot in genpop objects).
- dist.genpop (adegenet): implements 5 pairwise genetic distances between populations
- pairwise.fst (adegenet): implements pairwise F_{ST} , which is also a Euclidean distance between populations.
- dist (stats): computes pairwise distances between multivariate observations; can be used on raw or transformed allele frequencies.
- dudi.pco (ade4): implements Principal Coordinates Analysis (PCoA); this methods finds synthetic variables which summarize a Euclidean distance matrix as best as possible; can be used on outputs of dist, dist.genpop, and pairwise.fst.
- is.euclid (ade4): tests whether a distance matrix is Euclidean, which is a pre-requisite of PCoA.
- cailliez (ade4): renders a non-Euclidean distance matrix Euclidean by adding a constant to all entries.
- dapc (adegenet): implements the Discriminant Analysis of Principal Components (DAPC [?]), a powerful method for the analysis of population genetic structures; see dedicated vignette (adegenet-dapc).
- sPCA (adegenet): implements the spatial Principal Component Analysis (sPCA [?]), a method for the analysis of spatial genetic structures; see dedicated vignette (adegenet-dapc).

• glPca (adegenet): implements PCA for genome-wide SNP data stored as genlight objects; see dedicated vignette (adegenet-genomics).

Besides the procedures themselves, graphic functions are also often of the utmost importance; these include:

- scatter (ade4,adegenet): generic function to display multivariate analyses; in practice, the most useful application for genetic data is the one implemented in adegenet for DAPC results.
- s.label (ade4): function used for basic display of principal components.
- loadingplot (adegenet): function used to display the loadings (i.e., contribution to a given structure) of alleles for a given principal component; annotates and returns the most contributing alleles.
- s.class (ade4): displays two quantitative variables with known groups of observations, using inertia ellipses for the groups; useful to represent principal components when groups are known.
- s.chull (ade4): same as s.class, except convex polygons are used rather than ellipses.
- s.value (ade4): graphical display of a quantitative variable distributed over a two-dimensional space; useful to map principal components or allele frequencies over a geographic area.
- colorplot (adegenet): graphical display of 1 to 3 quantitative variables distributed over a two-dimensional space; useful for combined representations of principal components over a geographic area. Can also be used to produce color versions of traditional scatterplots.
- transp (adegenet): auxiliary function making colors transparent.
- num2col (adegenet): auxiliary function transforming a quantitative variable into colors using a given palette.
- assignplot (adegenet): specific plot of group membership probabilities for DAPC; see dedicated vignette (adegenet-dapc).
- compoplot (adegenet): specific 'STRUCTURE-like' plot of group membership probabilities for DAPC; see dedicated vignette (adegenet-dapc).
- add.scatter (ade4): add inset plots to an existing figure.
- add.scatter.eig (ade4): specific application of add.scatter to add barplots of eigenvalues to an existing figure.

In the sections below, we briefly illustrate how these tools can be combined to extract information from genetic data.

6.2 Performing a Principal Component Analysis on genind objects

The tables contained in genind objects can be submitted to a Principal Component Analysis (PCA) to seek a summary of the genetic diversity among the sampled individuals. Such analysis is straightforward using adegenet to prepare data and ade4 for the analysis per se. One has first to replace missing data (NAs) and transform the allele frequencies in an appropriate way. These operations are achieved by scaleGen. NAs are replaced by the mean allele frequency; different scaling options are available (argument method), but in general centring is sufficient since allele frequencies have inherently comparable variances.

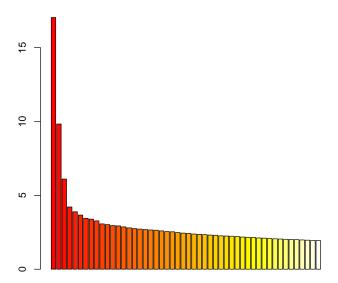
```
> data(microbov)
  sum(is.na(microbov$tab))
Γ1<sub>1</sub> 6325
There are 6325 missing data. They will all be replaced by scaleGen:
> X <- scaleGen(microbov, missing="mean")</pre>
> class(X)
[1] "matrix"
> dim(X)
[1] 704 373
> X[1:5,1:5]
AFBIBOR9505 -0.03801312 -0.05379728
AFBIBOR9506 -0.03801312 -0.05379728
AFBIBOR9507 -0.03801312 -0.05379728
                                         -0.101009
                                                     -1.061893 0.5498659
-1.061893 -0.8769237
                                         -0.101009
-0.101009
                                                     -1.061893 0.5498659
```

Note that alternatively, we could have used na.replace to replace missing data, and then left the centring/scaling to dudi.pca.

The analysis can now be performed. We disable the scaling in dudi.pca, which would erase the scaling choice made earlier in scaleGen. Note: in practice, retained axes can be chosen interactively by removing the arguments scannf=FALSE,nf=3.

```
> pca1 <- dudi.pca(X,cent=FALSE,scale=FALSE,scannf=FALSE,nf=3)
> barplot(pca1$eig[1:50],main="PCA eigenvalues", col=heat.colors(50))
```

PCA eigenvalues



> pca1

```
Duality diagramm
class: pca dudi
$call: dudi.pca(df = X, center = FALSE, scale = FALSE, scannf = FALSE,
    nf = 3)
$nf: 3 axis-components saved
$rank: 343
eigen values: 17.04 9.829 6.105 4.212 3.887 ...
  vector length mode
                        content
1 $cw
         373
                 numeric column weights
2 $1w
         704
                 numeric row weights
3 $eig
         343
                 numeric eigen values
  1 $tab
2 $1i
3 $11
4 $co
5 $c1
              704
                        row coordinates
             704
373
                        row normed scores
                        column coordinates
column normed scores
              373
other elements: cent norm
```

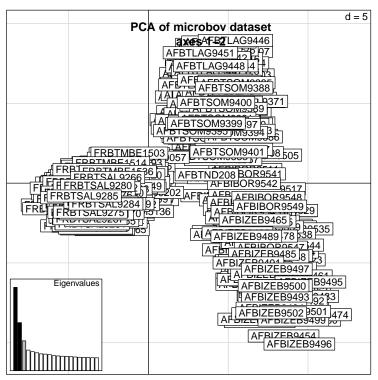
The output object pca1 is a list containing various information; of particular interest are:

- \$eig: the eigenvalues of the analysis, indicating the amount of variance represented by each principal component (PC).
- \$1i: the principal components of the analysis; these are the synthetic variables summarizing the genetic diversity, usually visualized using scatterplots.

• \$c1: the allele loadings, used to compute linear combinations forming the PCs; squared, they represent the contribution to each PCs.

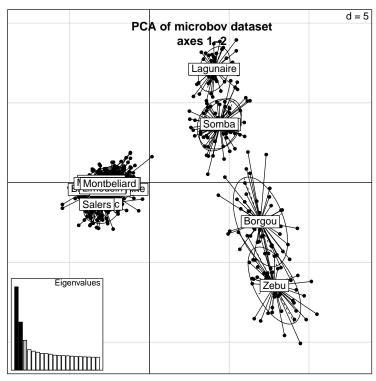
The basic scatterplot for this analysis can be obtained by:

```
> s.label(pca1$li)
> title("PCA of microbov dataset\naxes 1-2")
> add.scatter.eig(pca1$eig[1:20], 3,1,2)
```



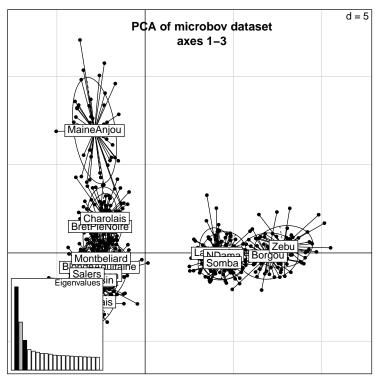
However, this figure can largely be improved. First, we can use s.class to represent both the genotypes and inertia ellipses for populations.

```
> s.class(pca1$li, pop(microbov))
> title("PCA of microbov dataset\naxes 1-2")
> add.scatter.eig(pca1$eig[1:20], 3,1,2)
```



This plane shows that the main structuring is between African an French breeds, the second structure reflecting genetic diversity among African breeds. The third axis reflects the diversity among French breeds:

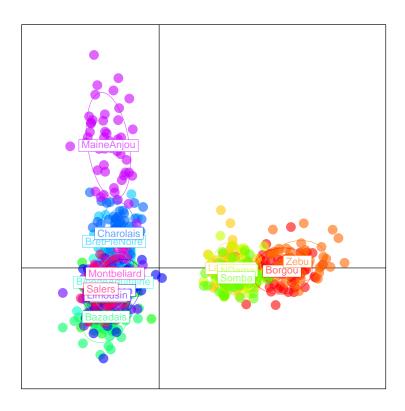
```
> s.class(pca1$li,pop(microbov),xax=1,yax=3,sub="PCA 1-3",csub=2)
> title("PCA of microbov dataset\naxes 1-3")
> add.scatter.eig(pca1$eig[1:20],nf=3,xax=1,yax=3)
```



Overall, all breeds seem well differentiated.

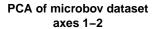
However, we can yet improve these scatterplots, which are fortunately easy to customize. For instance, we can remove the grid, choose different colors for the groups, use larger dots and transparency to better assess the density of points, and remove internal segments of the ellipses:

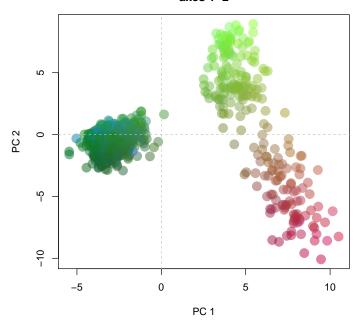
```
> col <- rainbow(length(levels(pop(microbov))))
> s.class(pca1$li, pop(microbov),xax=1,yax=3, col=transp(col,.6), axesell=FALSE, cstar=0, cpoint=3, grid=FALSE)
```



Let us now assume that we ignore the group memberships. We can still use color in an informative way. For instance, we can recode the principal components represented in the scatterplot on the RGB scale:

```
> colorplot(pca1$li, pca1$li, transp=TRUE, cex=3, xlab="PC 1", ylab="PC 2")
> title("PCA of microbov dataset\naxes 1-2")
> abline(v=0,h=0,col="grey", lty=2)
```



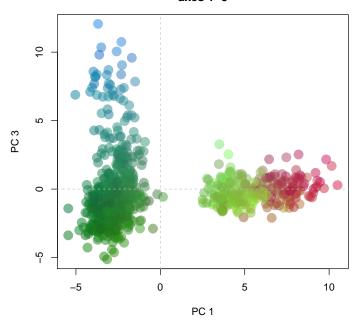


Colors are based on the first three PCs of the PCA, recoded respectively on the red, green, and blue channel. In this figure, the genetic diversity is represented in two complementary ways: by the distances (further away = more genetically different), and by the colors (more different colors = more genetically different).

We can represent the diversity on the third axis similarly:

```
> colorplot(pca1$li[c(1,3)], pca1$li, transp=TRUE, cex=3, xlab="PC 1", ylab="PC 3") > title("PCA of microbov dataset\naxes 1-3") > abline(v=0,h=0,col="grey", lty=2)
```





6.3 Performing a Correspondance Analysis on genpop objects

Being contingency tables, the @tab slot in genpop objects can be submitted to a Correspondance Analysis (CA) to seek a typology of populations. The approach is very similar to the previous one for PCA. Missing data are first replaced during convertion from genind, but one could create a genpop with NAs and then use na.replace to get rid of missing observations.

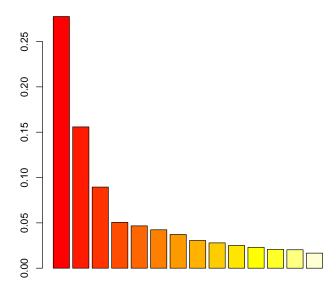
```
> data(microbov)
> obj <- genind2genpop(microbov,missing="chi2")

Converting data from a genind to a genpop object...

Replaced 0 missing values
...done.

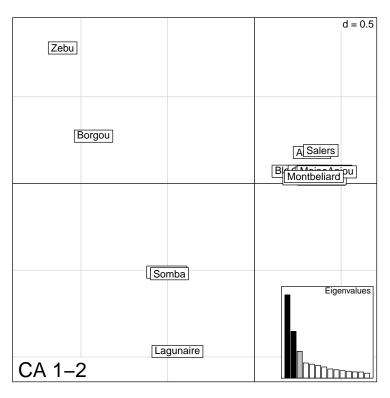
> ca1 <- dudi.coa(as.data.frame(obj$tab),scannf=FALSE,nf=3)
> barplot(ca1$eig,main="Correspondance Analysis eigenvalues", col=heat.colors(length(ca1$eig)))
```

Correspondance Analysis eigenvalues

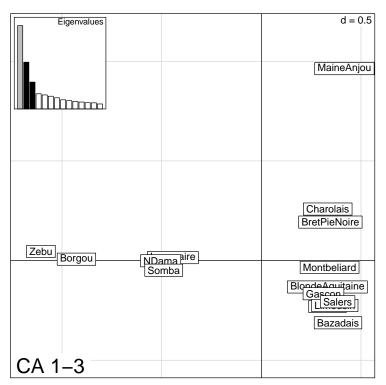


Now we display the resulting typology using a basic scatterplot:

```
> s.label(ca1$li,lab=obj$pop.names,sub="CA 1-2",csub=2)
> add.scatter.eig(ca1$eig,nf=3,xax=1,yax=2,posi="bottomright")
```



> s.label(ca1\$li,xax=1,yax=3,lab=obj\$pop.names,sub="CA 1-3",csub=2)
> add.scatter.eig(ca1\$eig,nf=3,xax=2,yax=3,posi="topleft")



As in the PCA above, axes are to be interpreted separately in terms of continental differentiation, and between-breeds diversity. Importantly, as in any analysis carried out at a population level, all information about the diversity within populations is lost in this analysis. See the vignette on DAPC for an individual-based approach which is nontheless optimal in terms of group separation (adegenet-dapc).

7 Spatial analysis

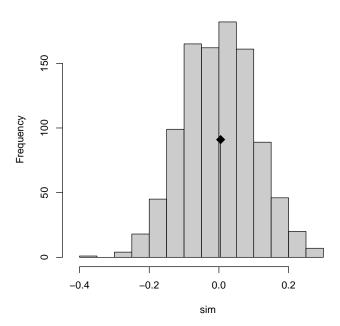
The R software probably offers the largest collection of spatial methods among statistical software. Here, we briefly illustrate two methods commonly used in population genetics. Spatial multivariate analysis is covered in a dedicated vignette; see *adequent-spca* for more information.

7.1 Isolation by distance

7.1.1 Testing isolation by distance

Isolation by distance (IBD) is tested using Mantel test between a matrix of genetic distances and a matrix of geographic distances. It can be tested using individuals as well as populations. This example uses cat colonies from the city of Nancy. We test the correlation between Edwards' distances and Euclidean geographic distances between colonies.

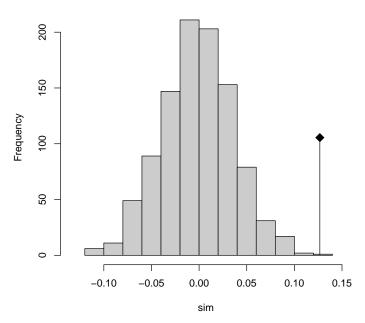
Histogram of sim



The original value of the correlation between the distance matrices is represented by the dot, while histograms represent permuted values (i.e., under the absence of spatial structure). Significant spatial structure would therefore result in the original value being out of the reference distribution. Here, isolation by distance is clearly not significant.

Let us provide another example using a dataset of individuals simulated under an IBD model:

Histogram of sim

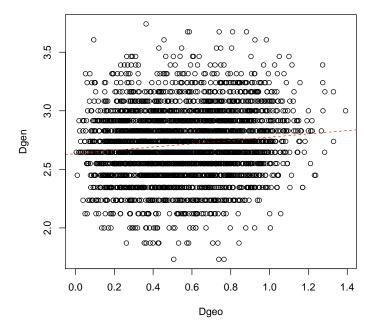


This time there is a clear isolation by distance pattern.

7.1.2 Cline or distant patches?

The correlation between genetic and geographic distances can occur under a range of different biological scenarios. Classical IBD would result in continuous clines of genetic differentiation and cause such correlation. However, distant and differentiated populations would also result in such a pattern. These are slightly different processes and we would like to be able to disentangle them. A very simple first approach is simply plotting both distances:

```
> plot(Dgeo, Dgen)
> abline(lm(Dgen~Dgeo), col="red",lty=2)
```



Most of the time, simple scatterplots fail to provide a good picture of the data as the density of points in the scatterplot is badly displayed. Colors can be used to provide better (and prettier) plots. Local density is measured using a 2-dimensional kernel density estimation (kde2d), and the results are displayed using image; colorRampPalette is used to generate a customized color palette:

```
> dens <- kde2d(Dgeo,Dgen, n=300, lims=c(-.1, 1.5,-.5,4))
> myPal <- colorRampPalette(c("white","blue","gold", "orange", "red"))
> plot(Dgeo, Dgen, pch=20,cex=.5)
> image(dens, col=transp(myPal(300),.7), add=TRUE)
> abline(lm(Dgen*Dgeo))
> title("Isolation by distance plot")
```

The scatterplot clearly shows one single consistent cloud of point, without discontinuities which would have indicated patches. This is reassuring, since the data were actually simulated under an IBD (continuous) model.

7.2 Using Monmonier's algorithm to define genetic boundaries

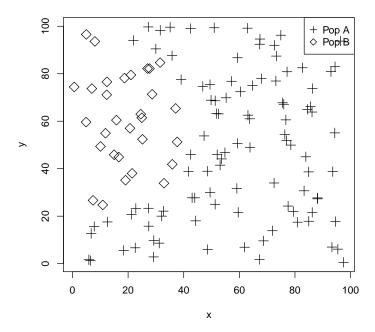
Monmonier's algorithm [?] was originally designed to find boundaries of maximum differences between contiguous polygons of a tesselation. As such, the method was basically used in geographical analysis. More recently, [?]

suggested that this algorithm could be employed to detect genetic boundaries among georeferecend genotypes (or populations). This algorithm is implemented using a more general approach than the initial one in *adegenet*.

Instead of using Voronoi tesselation as in the original version, the functions monmonier and optimize.monmonier can handle various neighbouring graphs such as Delaunay triangulation, Gabriel's graph, Relative Neighbours graph, etc. These graphs define spatial connectivity among locations (of genotypes or populations), with couple of locations being neighbours (if connected) or not. Another information is given by a set of markers which define genetic distances among these 'points'. The aim of Monmonier's algorithm is to find the path through the strongest genetic distances between neighbours. A more complete description of the principle of this algorithm will be found in the documentation of monmonier. Indeed, the very purpose of this tutorial is simply to show how it can be used on genetic data.

Let's take the example from the function's manpage and detail it. The dataset used is sim2pop.

```
> data(sim2pop)
> sim2pop
    #######################
    ### Genind object ###
- genotypes of individuals -
S4 class: genind
@call: old2new(object = sim2pop)
Otab: 130 x 241 matrix of genotypes
@ind.names: vector of 130 individual names
@loc.names: vector of 20 locus names
@loc.nall: number of alleles per locus
@loc.fac: locus factor for the 241 columns of @tab
Call.names: list of 20 components yielding allele names for each locus Cploidy: 2
@ploidy: 2
@type: codom
Optionnal contents:
Opop: factor giving the population of each individual Opop.names: factor giving the population of each individual
@other: a list containing: xy
> summary(sim2pop$pop)
P01 P02
      30
> temp <- sim2pop$pop
> levels(temp) <- c(3,5)
> temp <- as.numeric(as.character(temp))</pre>
> plot(sim2pop$other$xy,pch=temp,cex=1.5,xlab='x',ylab='y')
> legend("topright",leg=c("Pop A", "Pop B"),pch=c(3,5))
```



There are two sampled populations in this dataset, with inequal sample sizes (100 and 30). Twenty microsatellite-like loci are available for all genotypes (no missing data). monmonier requires several arguments to be specified:

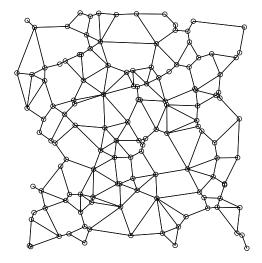
> args(monmonier)

The first argument (xy) is a matrix of geographic coordinates, already stored in sim2pop. Next argument is an object of class dist, which is the matrix of pairwise genetic distances. For now, we will use the classical Euclidean distance between allelic profiles of the individuals. This is obtained by:

> D <- dist(sim2pop\$tab)

The next argument (cn) is a connection network. Routines for building such networks are scattered over several packages, but all made available through the function chooseCN. Here, we disable the interactivity of the function (ask=FALSE) and select the second type of graph which is the graph of Gabriel (type=2).

> gab <- chooseCN(sim2pop\$other\$xy,ask=FALSE,type=2)</pre>



The obtained network is automatically plotted by the function. It seems we are now ready to proceed to the algorithm.

> mon1 <- monmonier(sim2pop\$other\$xy,D,gab)</pre>

monthres1.png

This plot shows all local differences sorted in decreasing order. The idea behind this is that a significant boundary would cause local differences to decrease abruptly after the boundary. This should be used to choose the *threshold*

difference for the algorithm to stop extending the boundary. Here, there is no indication af an actual boundary.

Why do the algorithm fail to find a boundary? Either because there is no genetic differentiation to be found, or because the signal differentiating both populations is too weak to overcome the random noise in genetic distances. What is the F_{st} between the two samples?

```
> pairwise.fst(sim2pop)
```

2 0.02343044

This value would be considered as very weak differentiation ($F_{ST} = 0.023$). Is it significant? We can easily ellaborate a permutation test of this F_{ST} value; to save computational time, we use only a small number of replicates to generate F_{ST} values in absence of population structure:

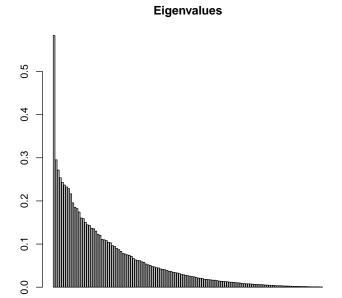
```
> replicate(10, pairwise.fst(sim2pop, pop=sample(pop(sim2pop))))
```

```
[1] 0.003415881 0.003854108 0.003596763 0.002876525 0.003622251 0.003674871 [7] 0.003217733 0.004649165 0.002878169 0.003510433
```

 F_{ST} values in absence of population structure would be one order of magnitude lower (more replicate would give a very low p-value — just replace 10 by 200 in the above command). In fact, the two samples are indeed genetically differentiated.

Can Monmonier's algorithm find a boundary between the two populations? Yes, if we get rid of the random noise. This can be achieved using a simple ordination method such as Principal Coordinates Analysis.

```
> library(ade4)
> pco1 <- dudi.pco(D,scannf=FALSE,nf=1)
> barplot(pco1$eig,main="Eigenvalues")
```



We retain only the first eigenvalue. The corresponding coordinates are used to redefine the genetic distances among genotypes. The algorithm is then re-run.

> D <- dist(pco1\$li)

> mon1 <- monmonier(sim2pop\$other\$xy,D,gab)</pre>

monthres2.png

```
# List of paths of maximum differences between neighbours #
$call:monmonier(xy = sim2pop$other$xy, dist = D, cn = gab, scanthres = FALSE)
# Object content #
Class: monmonier
$nrun (number of successive runs): 1
$run1: run of the algorithm
$threshold (minimum difference between neighbours): 0.8154
$xy: spatial coordinates
$cn: connection network
      # Runs content #
# Run 1
# First direction
Class:
$path:
Point_1 14.98299 93.81162
$values:
 2.281778
# Second direction
Class: list
$path:
Point_1 14.98299 93.81162
Point_2 30.74508 87.57724
Point_3 33.66093 86.14115
$values:
   2.281778 1.617905 1.95322 ...
```

This may take some time... but never more than five minutes on an 'ordinary' personnal computer. The object mon1 contains the whole information about the boundaries found. As several boundaries can be seeked at the same time (argument nrun), you have to specify about which run and which direction you want to get informations (values of differences or path coordinates). For instance:

It can also be useful to identify which points are crossed by the barrier; this can be done using coords.monmonier:

> coords.monmonier(mon1)

```
$run1

$run1$dir1

x.hw y.hw first second

Point_1 14.98299 93.81162 11 125

$run1$dir2

x.hw y.hw first second

Point_2 30.74508 87.57724 44 128

Point_3 33.66093 86.14115 20 128

Point_4 35.28914 81.12578 68 128

Point_6 38.07622 71.47532 68 122

Point_7 41.97494 70.02783 35 122

Point_7 41.97494 70.02783 35 122

Point_9 42.20206 59.59613 22 122

Point_10 42.48613 52.55145 22 124

Point_11 40.08702 48.61795 13 124

Point_12 39.20791 43.89978 13 127

Point_13 38.81236 40.34516 62 127

Point_14 37.32112 36.35265 62 130

Point_15 37.96426 30.82105 94 130

Point_16 32.79703 28.00517 16 130

Point_17 30.12832 28.60376 85 130

Point_18 20.92496 29.21211 63 119

Point_19 16.05811 22.72600 61 126

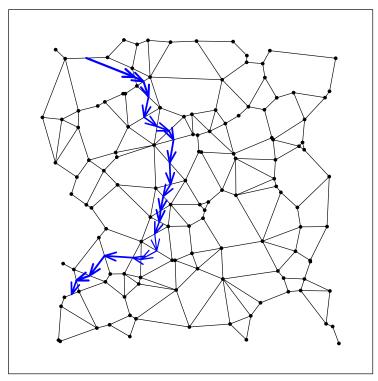
Point_20 11.72524 21.15519 89 126

Point_21 10.18696 16.61536 74 89
```

The returned dataframe contains, in this order, the x and y coordinates of the points of the barrier, and the identifiers of the two 'parent' points, that is, the points whose barycenter is the point of the barrier.

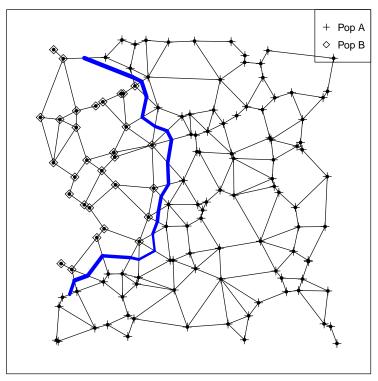
Finally, you can plot very simply the obtained boundary using the method plot:

> plot(mon1)



see arguments in **?plot.monmonier** to customize this representation. Last, we can compare the infered boundary with the actual distribution of populations:

```
> plot(mon1,add.arrows=FALSE,bwd=8)
> temp <- sim2pop$pop
> levels(temp) <- c(3,5)
> temp <- as.numeric(as.character(temp))
> points(sim2pop$other$xy,pch=temp,cex=1.3)
> legend("topright",leg=c("Pop A", "Pop B"),pch=c(3,5))
```



Not too bad...

8 Simulating hybridization

The function hybridize allows to simulate hybridization between individuals from two distinct genetic pools, or more broadly between two genind objects. Here, we use the example from the manpage of the function, to go a little further. Please have a look at the documentation, especially at the different possible outputs (outputs for the software STRUCTURE is notably available).

```
> temp <- seppop(microbov)</pre>
> names(temp)
 [1] "Borgou"
                           "Zebu"
                                                                     "NDama"
                                                "Lagunaire"
 [5] "Somba"
                           "Aubrac"
                                                "Bazadais"
                                                                     \verb"BlondeAquitaine""
     "BretPieNoire"
"MaineAnjou"
                           "Charolais"
[9]
[13]
                                                "Gascon"
"Salers"
                                                                     "Limousin"
                           "Montbeliard"
> salers <- temp$Salers
> zebu <- temp$Zebu
> zebler <- hybridize(salers, zebu, n=40, pop="zebler")
```

A first generation (F1) of hybrids 'zebler' is obtained. Is it possible to perform a backcross, say, with 'salers' population? Yes, here it is:

```
> F2 <- hybridize(salers, zebler, n=40)
> F3 <- hybridize(salers, F2, n=40)
> F4 <- hybridize(salers, F3, n=40)</pre>
```

Finally, note that despite this example shows hybridization between diploid organisms, hybridize is not retrained to this case. In fact, organisms with any even level of ploidy can be used, in which case half of the genes is taken from each reference population. Ultimately, more complex mating schemes could be implemented... suggestion or (better) contributions are welcome!

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