# 2023\_FireExperiment\_VegStruct.R

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#### ##### study information and libraries #####

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vegetation composition in 2x2 m plots

developed in R version 4.3.1

Database used: 2023\_FireExperiment\_Ledidi

You may want to inspect the database used (remove # in next line, will open in browser)

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clear workspace

```
rm(list = ls())
```

restore the libraries to the version used to develop the script

```
# renv::restore()
```

load required libraries

```
library(tidyverse)
```

library(multcomp)

```
## -- Attaching core tidyverse packages ----- tidyverse 2.0.0 --
## v dplyr 1.1.3
                       v readr
                                   2.1.4
## v forcats 1.0.0
                       v stringr
                                   1.5.0
## v ggplot2 3.4.4
                       v tibble
                                   3.2.1
## v lubridate 1.9.3
                       v tidyr
                                   1.3.0
## v purrr
              1.0.2
## -- Conflicts ----- tidyverse_conflicts() --
## x dplyr::filter() masks stats::filter()
## x dplyr::lag()
                   masks stats::lag()
## i Use the conflicted package (<a href="http://conflicted.r-lib.org/">http://conflicted.r-lib.org/</a>) to force all conflicts to become error
library(emmeans)
```

```
## Loading required package: mvtnorm
## Loading required package: survival
## Loading required package: TH.data
## Loading required package: MASS
## Attaching package: 'MASS'
## The following object is masked from 'package:dplyr':
##
##
       select
##
##
## Attaching package: 'TH.data'
##
## The following object is masked from 'package:MASS':
##
##
       geyser
library(multcompView)
##### read and merge the data #####
```

Show the tables in the database with explanation of contents

```
tables_link<-"https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/e/2PACX-1vSZ62o9ummnSZ0Y0Z2nwYNT6-xk9fngVpFhdYAIB2
read_csv(tables_link,show_col_types = F) %>%
    dplyr::select(Table_ID,Contents)
```

```
## # A tibble: 16 x 2
##
     Table_ID
                        Contents
##
      <chr>
                        <chr>>
## 1 MetStudyInfo
                        general information on the study
## 2 MetStill2Do
                        what still needs to be done on the database
## 3 MetTables
                        list of table in this database
## 4 MetVariables
                        explanation of variable names and category codes used in t~
                        Table of the 1 ha experimental plots, with treatments appl~
## 5 DimExpPlot
## 6 DimVegPlot
                        Table of the vegetation compositon plots, with coordinates~
## 7 DimClipPlot
                        Table of the clipping plots
## 8 DimSpecies
                        Imported table from database SerengetiSpecies, for validat~
## 9 DimExpPlotsCoords Geographic coordinates of the 100 x 100 m experimental plo~
## 10 FactVegPlotObs
                        Vegetation relevee data for the 2x2 m subplots, 3 replicat~
## 11 FactVegStruc
                        Vegetation structure transect data, recorded every 2 m alo~
## 12 FactTrees
                        Tree positions and diameter at 30 cm height along a 88 m t ^{\sim}
## 13 FactClippingBiom
                       Clipped biomass data of the repeated clipping of the grazi~
## 14 FactClipPlotVeg
                        Percentage cover per species of the clipping plots prior t~
## 15 FactClipPlotHgt
                        Vegetation height of the clipping plots
## 16 Rscripts
                        R scripts for the analysis of the data
```

show validated relations between tables in the database, that can be used in, e.g. left\_join()

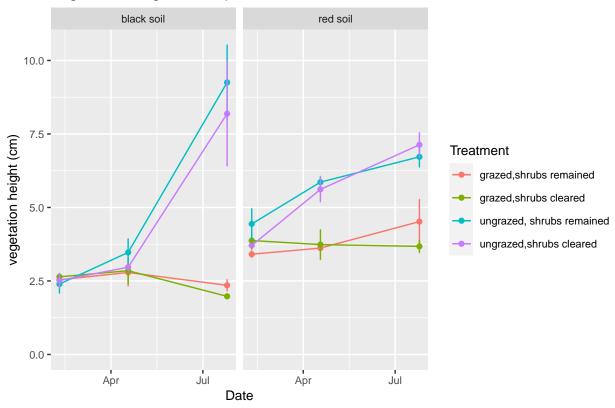
```
relations_link<-"https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/e/2PACX-1vSZ62o9ummnSZ0Y0Z2nwYNT6-xk9fngVpFhdYA
read_csv(relations_link, show_col_types = F) |>
    dplyr::filter(relational=="yes") |>
    dplyr::arrange(Variable_ID, Table_ID)
```

```
## # A tibble: 11 x 4
     Variable_ID Table_ID
##
                                     relational explanation
##
      <chr>
                  <chr>
                                                <chr>>
## 1 ClipPlot_ID DimClipPlot
                                                Clipping plot ID, plots are 50 x 5~
                                     yes
## 2 ClipPlot_ID DimExpPlotsCoords yes
                                                Clipping plot ID, plots are 50 x 5~
## 3 ExpPlot_ID DimClipPlot
                                                Experimental plot (100x100 m) ID
                                     yes
## 4 ExpPlot_ID DimExpPlot
                                                Experimental plot (100x100 m) ID
                                     yes
## 5 ExpPlot_ID
                                                Experimental plot (100x100 m) ID
                  DimVegPlot
                                     yes
## 6 SpCode2
                  DimSpecies
                                                2-letter species code (for large a~
                                     yes
## 7 SpCode6
                  DimSpecies
                                     yes
                                                6-letter species code
## 8 SpCode6
                  FactVegPlotObs
                                                6-letter species code
                                     yes
## 9 VegPlotObsID FactVegPlotObs
                                                vegetation plot observation ID
                                     yes
## 10 VegPlot_ID
                  DimVegPlot
                                                vegetation plot ID (3 vegetation p~
                                     yes
## 11 VegPlot_ID
                                                vegetation plot ID (3 vegetation p~
                  FactVegPlotObs
                                     yes
# Read the relevant data tables from the database
DimExpPlot_link<-"https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/e/2PACX-1vSZ62o9ummnSZ0Y0Z2nwYNT6-xk9fngVpFhdY.
DimExpPlot<- read_csv(DimExpPlot_link, show_col_types = F)</pre>
FactVegStruc_link<-"https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/e/2PACX-1vSZ62o9ummnSZ0Y0Z2nwYNT6-xk9fngVpFh
FactVegStruc<- read_csv(FactVegStruc_link, show_col_types = F) |>
  mutate(Date=lubridate::dmy(Date),
         FirstDate=lubridate::dmy(FirstDate))
show the unique dates in the dataset
unique(sort(FactVegStruc$FirstDate))
## [1] "2023-02-09" "2023-04-18" "2023-07-25"
# merge the data tables based on the database relations (common variables)
VegStruct <- left_join(FactVegStruc,DimExpPlot, by="ExpPlot_ID") |>
  mutate(Treatment=factor(Treatment,levels=c("G","SG","FB","SFB")),
         Treatment=dplyr::recode_factor(Treatment, "G"="grazed, shrubs remained", "SG"="grazed, shrubs clear
                                        "FB"="ungrazed, shrubs remained", "SFB"="ungrazed, shrubs cleared
         SoilCat=dplyr::recode_factor(factor(SoilCat), "black"="black soil", "red"="red soil"))
names(VegStruct) # show all variable names in the combined table
## [1] "Date"
                      "FirstDate"
                                    "ExpPlot_ID"
                                                                "VegHgt_cm"
                                                  "Distance_m"
## [6] "DomBelow"
                      "DomAbove"
                                    "Burned_p"
                                                  "PlotCode"
                                                                "Block"
## [11] "SoilCat"
                      "Treatment"
                                    "Grazed"
                                                  "Burned"
                                                                "BushCleared"
str(VegStruct)
## tibble [3,240 x 15] (S3: tbl_df/tbl/data.frame)
                : Date[1:3240], format: "2023-02-09" "2023-02-09" ...
## $ FirstDate : Date[1:3240], format: "2023-02-09" "2023-02-09" ...
## $ ExpPlot_ID : chr [1:3240] "KA2" "KA2" "KA2" "KA2" ...
## $ Distance_m : num [1:3240] 6 8 10 12 14 16 18 20 22 24 ...
## $ VegHgt_cm : num [1:3240] 2 2 1.5 2.5 2.5 2 1.5 1.5 1 2.5 ...
## $ DomBelow : chr [1:3240] "grass" "grass" "grass" "grass" ...
## $ DomAbove : chr [1:3240] "none" "none" "mone" "woody" ...
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## $ Burned_p : num [1:3240] 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 ...
## $ PlotCode : chr [1:3240] "KA2-FB" "KA2-FB" "KA2-FB" "KA2-FB" ...
## $ Block : chr [1:3240] "A" "A" "A" "A" ...
## $ SoilCat
               : Factor w/ 2 levels "black soil", "red soil": 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 ...
## $ Treatment : Factor w/ 4 levels "grazed, shrubs remained",..: 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 ...
## $ Grazed : chr [1:3240] "no" "no" "no" "no" ...
## $ Burned : chr [1:3240] "yes" "yes" "yes" "yes" ...
## $ BushCleared: chr [1:3240] "no" "no" "no" "no" ...
##### summarize and plot the data #####
# Summarize and plot the mean vegetation height per treatment over time
fig01<-VegStruct %>%
 group_by(ExpPlot_ID, SoilCat,Treatment,FirstDate) |>
 # calculate first the mean height per plot per block
 summarize(VegHgt_cm=mean(VegHgt_cm,na.rm=T)) |>
 group_by(SoilCat,Treatment,FirstDate) |>
 # calcuate the mean height per treatment and soil category
 summarize(mean=mean(VegHgt_cm,na.rm=T),
           sd=sd(VegHgt_cm,na.rm=T),
           n=n(),
           se=sd/sqrt(n)) |>
 arrange(FirstDate,SoilCat,Treatment) |>
 ggplot(data=_, aes(x=FirstDate,y=mean,col=Treatment)) +
       scale_fill_manual(values=c("#757575", "#ef756a")) +
 geom line(linewidth=0.5)
 geom_point(size=1.5) +
 geom_errorbar(aes(ymin = mean-se, ymax = mean+se),
                               width=0.5,linewidth=0.5) +
 xlab('Date') +
 ylab('vegetation height (cm)') +
 ylim(0,NA) +
 ggtitle('Vegetation height development') +
 facet_wrap(~SoilCat) +
 theme(text = element_text(size=10))
## 'summarise()' has grouped output by 'ExpPlot_ID', 'SoilCat', 'Treatment'. You
## can override using the '.groups' argument.
## 'summarise()' has grouped output by 'SoilCat', 'Treatment'. You can override
## using the '.groups' argument.
```

fig01 # show resulting figure

## Vegetation height development



save the figure to a png file at good resolution

```
ggsave(filename="./figures/fig01.png",plot=fig01,width=1920, height=1080, units='px')
# show dates
unique(VegStruct$FirstDate)
```

```
## [1] "2023-02-09" "2023-04-18" "2023-07-25"
```

#### ##### statistical tests #####

test the significance of differences between the treatments on the last date using a three-way ANOVA

```
model01<-VegStruct |>
  filter(FirstDate=="2023-07-25") |>
  lm(VegHgt_cm~SoilCat*Grazed*BushCleared,data=_)
anova(model01)
```

```
## Analysis of Variance Table
## Response: VegHgt_cm
                                Df Sum Sq Mean Sq F value
                                                               Pr(>F)
## SoilCat
                                       0.9
                                               0.9
                                                     0.0983
                                                              0.75400
## Grazed
                                 1 5989.2 5989.2 684.8795 < 2.2e-16 ***
## BushCleared
                                       9.5
                                               9.5
                                                     1.0904
                                                              0.29663
```

```
## SoilCat:Grazed
                                1 949.2
                                           949.2 108.5415 < 2.2e-16 ***
## SoilCat:BushCleared
                                   28.9
                                           28.9 3.3052
                                                            0.06934 .
                               1
## Grazed:BushCleared
                                         184.4 21.0848 4.914e-06 ***
                                1 184.4
## SoilCat:Grazed:BushCleared
                                     2.8
                                             2.8
                                                   0.3229
                                                            0.57001
                                1
## Residuals
                             1073 9383.3
                                             8.7
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
#### test the differences with a Tukey test
calculate a variable representing the groups to be compared
VegStruct <- VegStruct |>
 mutate(groups=interaction(SoilCat,Treatment))
compute one-way anova on this variable
model02<-VegStruct |>
  filter(FirstDate=="2023-07-25") |>
  lm(VegHgt_cm~groups,data=_)
anova(model02)
## Analysis of Variance Table
## Response: VegHgt_cm
              Df Sum Sq Mean Sq F value
               7 7078.1 1011.15 114.57 < 2.2e-16 ***
## groups
## Residuals 1073 9470.1
                           8.83
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
calculate tukey tests
tukey <- emmeans::emmeans(model02, "groups", type = "response")</pre>
multcomp::cld(tukey, Letter="abcdefg")
                                                       df lower.CL upper.CL
## groups
                                        emmean
                                                  SE
## black soil.grazed, shrubs cleared
                                          1.98 0.256 1073
                                                              1.48
                                                                       2.48
## black soil.grazed, shrubs remained
                                          2.35 0.255 1073
                                                              1.85
                                                                       2.85
## red soil.grazed, shrubs cleared
                                          3.67 0.255 1073
                                                              3.17
                                                                       4.17
## red soil.grazed, shrubs remained
                                          4.52 0.256 1073
                                                              4.02
                                                                       5.02
## red soil.ungrazed, shrubs remained
                                         6.72 0.257 1073
                                                              6.22
                                                                       7.22
                                                              6.63
                                                                       7.63
## red soil.ungrazed, shrubs cleared
                                          7.13 0.256 1073
## black soil.ungrazed, shrubs cleared
                                          8.24 0.256 1073
                                                              7.74
                                                                       8.74
## black soil.ungrazed, shrubs remained 9.25 0.256 1073
                                                              8.75
                                                                       9.75
##
   .group
##
    a
##
     a
##
     b
##
##
##
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## d
## d
##
## Confidence level used: 0.95
## P value adjustment: tukey method for comparing a family of 8 estimates
## significance level used: alpha = 0.05
## NOTE: If two or more means share the same grouping symbol,
## then we cannot show them to be different.
## But we also did not show them to be the same.
```

this means that four groups are different, while bush clearing within grazing and bush clearing within ungrazed is not significantly different