

EEB 5301 Homework 4

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Problem 1

Problem 2

Part a

```
specnumber(dune.sum1)
```

```
## 1 2 4 5
## 20 19 13 21
```

As moisture increases, species richness decreases from moisture level 1 to level 4, but then suddenly increases at level 5. The most rich is level 5 while level 4 is the least rich.

Part b

```
sort(diversity(dune.sum1))
```

```
## 4 1 2 5
## 2.486948 2.702316 2.765128 2.784814
```

According to Shannon's Index, the moisture level is ranked $5 > 2 > 1 > 4$ in order of high diversity to lowest.

Part c

```
sort(exp(diversity(dune.sum1)))
```

```
## 4 1 2 5
## 12.02452 14.91423 15.88107 16.19680
```

```
sort(1/(diversity(dune.sum1, index = "simpson")))
```

```
## 2 5 1 4
## 1.076037 1.078662 1.085145 1.097556
```

The effective number of species between Simpson's and Shannon's index are almost flipped. Moisture level 4 has the lowest effective number of species according to Shannon's index while the level 4 is considered the having the highest effective number of species according to Simpson's.

Part d