Microbiome diversity analysis

Analysis of alpha and beta diversity using phyloseq R package

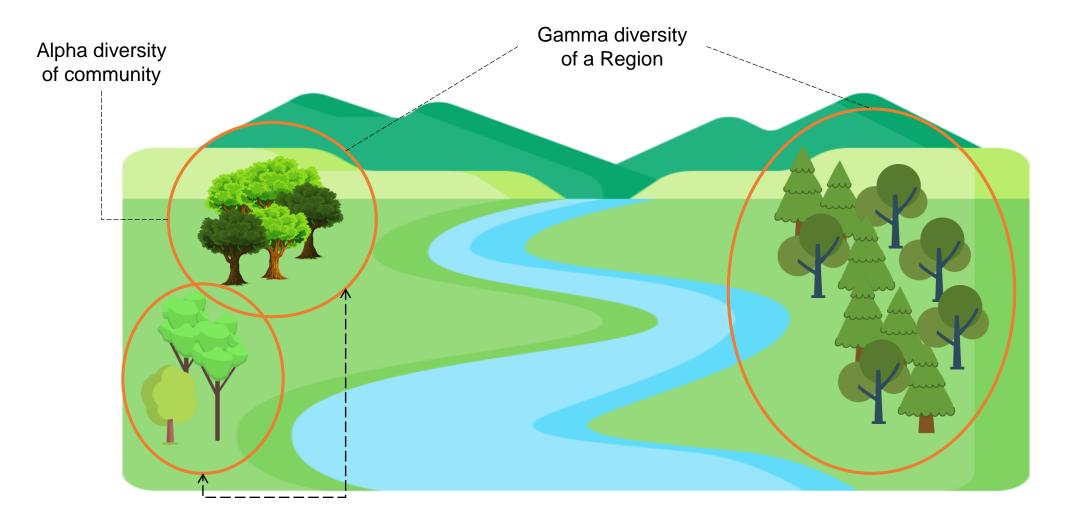
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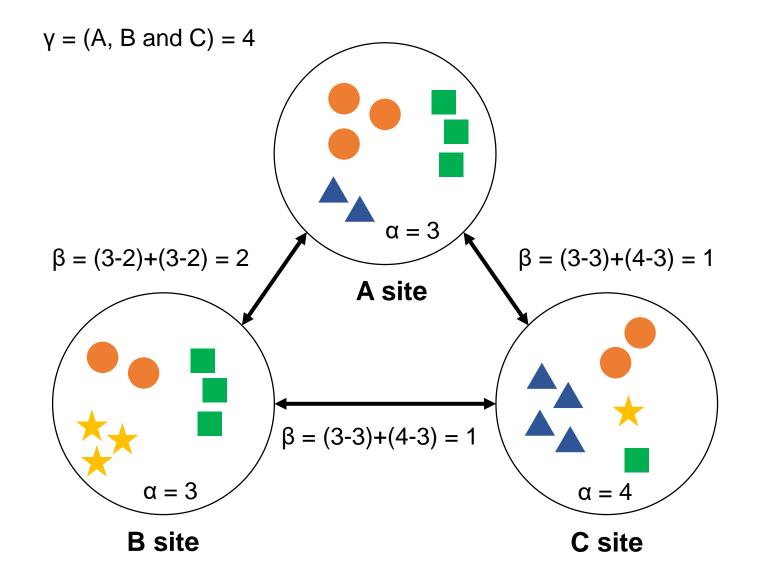
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1. Diversity



Beta diversity between communities

1. Diversity



2. Alpha diversity

- Within-sample diversity
- Two components of alpha diversity
 - Richness (number of taxonomic groups)
 - Evenness (distribution of abundances of the groups)

2-1. Observed OTU or Taxa (Richness)

- Count of different species/OTUs

2-2. Shannon's diversity Index

- p_i : ratio of i species, S: number of speices in a sample
- Consider both species richness and evenness
- Associated with entropy concept (Shannon diversity)
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- Quantify the uncertainty in predicting the taxa identity of an individual selected at random from the sample

$$H = -\sum_{i=1}^{3} p_i \ln p_i$$

2. Alpha diversity

2-3. Simpson's index

$$D = \sum_{i=1}^{S} p_i^2$$

$$Gini-Simpson = 1 - D$$

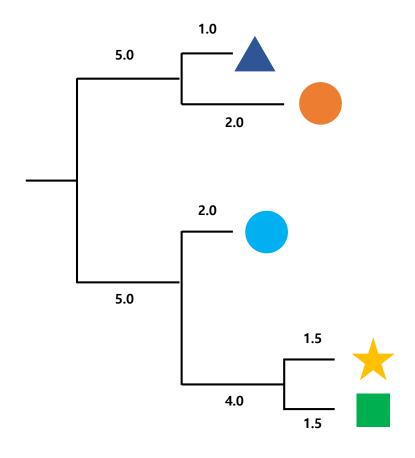
Inverse Simpson =
$$\frac{1}{D}$$

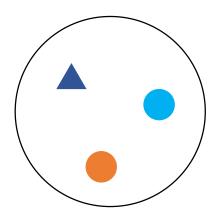
- p_i: ratio of i species
- Probability that two individuals belong to the same taxa randomly chosen
- Higher D value suggest that community has low diversity
- More sensitive to evenness than richness
- So called, Simpson's evenness index.

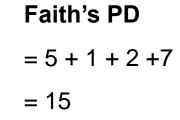
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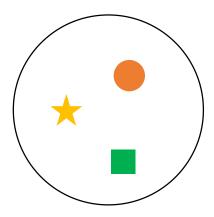
2-4. Faith's phylogenetic diversity

- Sum of branch length between observed species in the phylogenetic tree









3. Rarefaction

- Low sampling depth vs High sampling depth
- Briefly, it is unfair
- Amplicon sequencing data is not total DNA sequence data
- Randomly choose observations without replacement from our samples up to a specific depth

| | Sample 1 | Sample 2 | | | Sample 1 | Sample 2 |
|-----------|----------|----------|-------------|-----------|----------|----------|
| Species 1 | 148 | 36 | | Species 1 | 34 | 36 |
| Species 2 | 53 | 10 | | Species 2 | 23 | 10 |
| Species 3 | 2 | 4 | Rarefaction | Species 3 | 1 | 4 |
| Species 4 | 48 | 24 | | Species 4 | 18 | 24 |
| Species 5 | 6 | 3 | | Species 5 | 1 | 3 |
| Total | 257 | 77 | | Total | 77 | 77 |

Is it fair to compare samples with different sequencing depth?

Can say that the Species 3 exists more in Sample 2 than in Sample 1?

- Between-sample diversity
- How different is it between different communities

4-1. Bray-Curtis Dissimilarity

$$BC = 1 - \frac{2Cij}{S_i + Sj}$$

- Measure the compositional dissimilarity between the communities of two samples
- C_{ij} is sum of the lesser values for given taxa in common between sample i and j
- S_i and S_j are the total number of taxa counted in i and j, respectively
- Ranges between 0 (two samples share all taxa) and 1 (two samples do not share any taxa)
- Computed pairwise between all samples

4-2. Jaccard distance

- Based on presence or absence of species
- Ratio between the number of members that are common between the two samples and the number of members that are distinct
- Ranges between 0 (the communities are identical) and 1 (the two communities are different)

Jaccard coefficient
$$J(i,j) = \frac{|i \cap j|}{|i \cup j|}$$

Jaccard distance $Jd(i,j) = 1 - J(i,j)$

4-3. UniFrac distance

- Based on phylogenetic tree, UniFrac distance is calculated as sum of the branch length
- Measure community dissimilarity based on the presence or absence of branch
- -> Unweighted UniFrac

$$UU(A,B) = \frac{sum\ of\ unique\ branch\ length}{sum\ of\ observed\ branch\ length} = fraction\ of\ total\ unshared\ branch\ lengths$$

- Consider the abundance of sequences
- -> Weighted UniFrac

$$WU(A,B) = \sum_{i}^{n} b_{i} * \left| \frac{A_{i}}{A_{T}} - \frac{B_{i}}{B_{T}} \right|$$

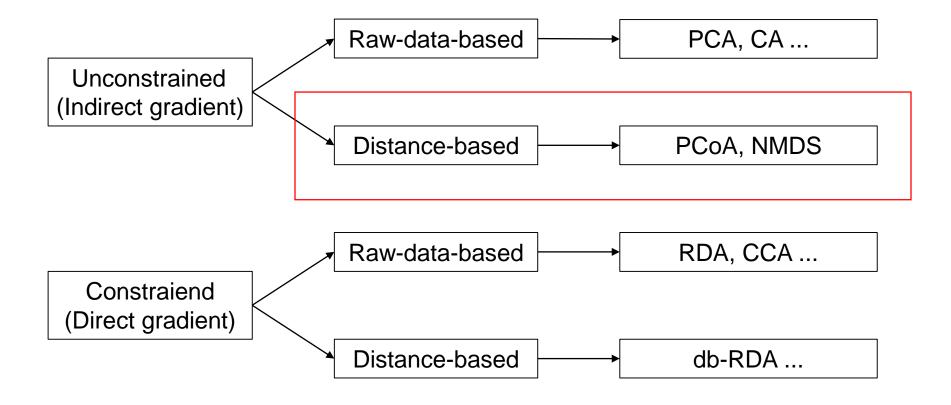
- n is the total number of branches in the tree
- b_i is the length of branch i
- A_i and B_i are the numbers of sequences that descend from branch i in A and B
- A_T and B_T are the total numbers of sequences in A and B

4-4. Summary

| | Consider abundance | Not consider abundance (Presence/Absence) | |
|----------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------------------|--|
| Not consider phylogenetic relationship | Bray-Curtis | Jaccard | |
| Consider phylogenetic relationship | Weighted UniFrac | Unweighted UniFrac | |

5. Ordination

- Statistical method for transforming multidimensional data into a concise and interpretable form for visualization and analysis purposes
- Represent sample and species relationships in a low-dimensional space



5. Ordination

Distance-based approach

- Rely on a square, symmetric distance matrix or similarity matrix

PCoA (Principal Coordinates Analysis)

- To describe the data by reducing the dimensions of a distant matrix among objects
- Maximize linear correlation distance measures and distance in the ordination
- Cannot indicate combinations of variables

NMDS (Nonmetric Multidimensional Scaling)

- To describe data by reducing the number of dimensions
- To discover nonlinear relationships
- Maximizing the rank-order correlation between distance measures and distance in ordination space
- Points are moved to minimize: stress (a measure of the mismatch between the two kinds of distance)
- To increase the likelihood of finding the correct solution

Thank you!

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