

FW 599 Special Topics: Multivariate Analysis of Ecological Data in R

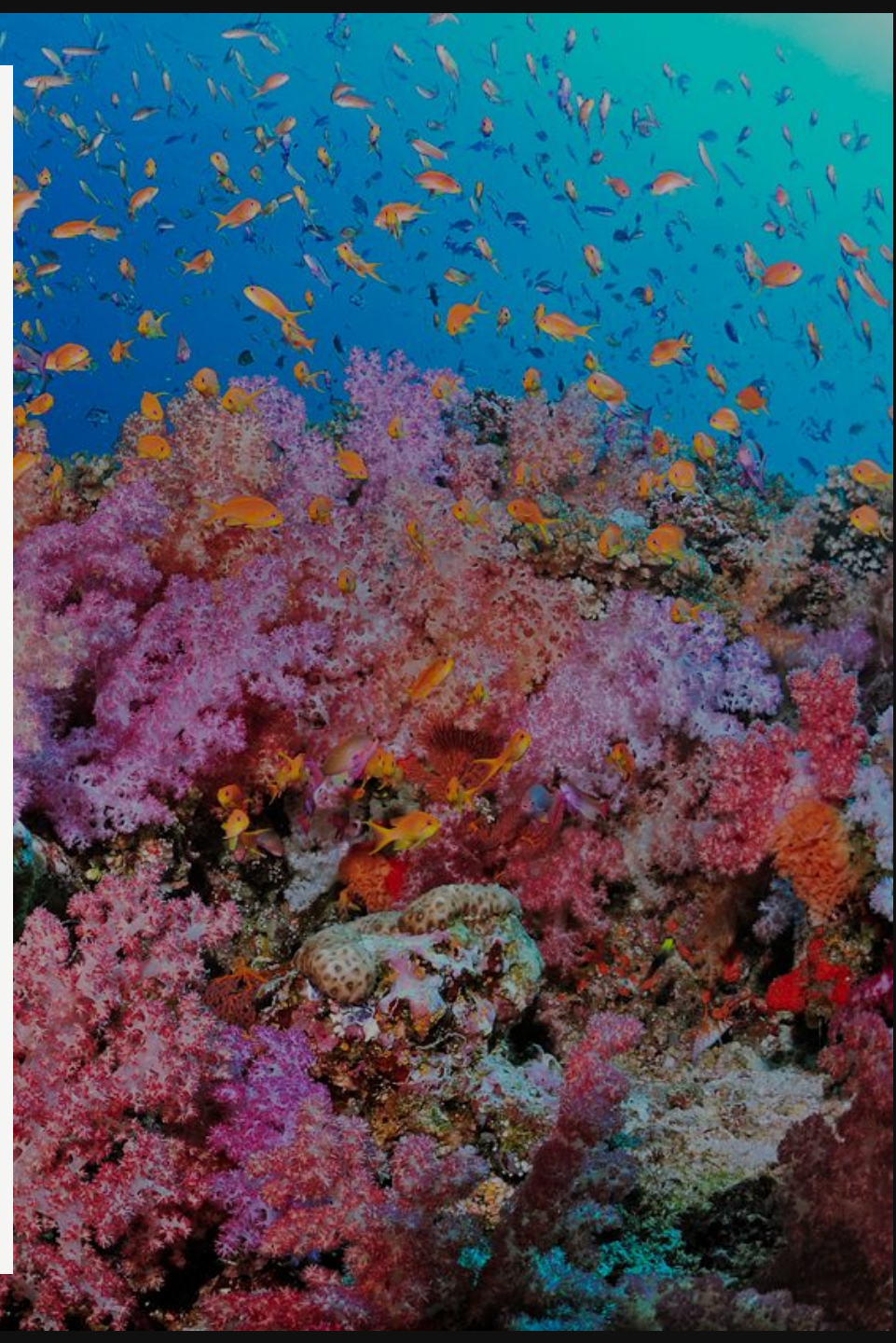
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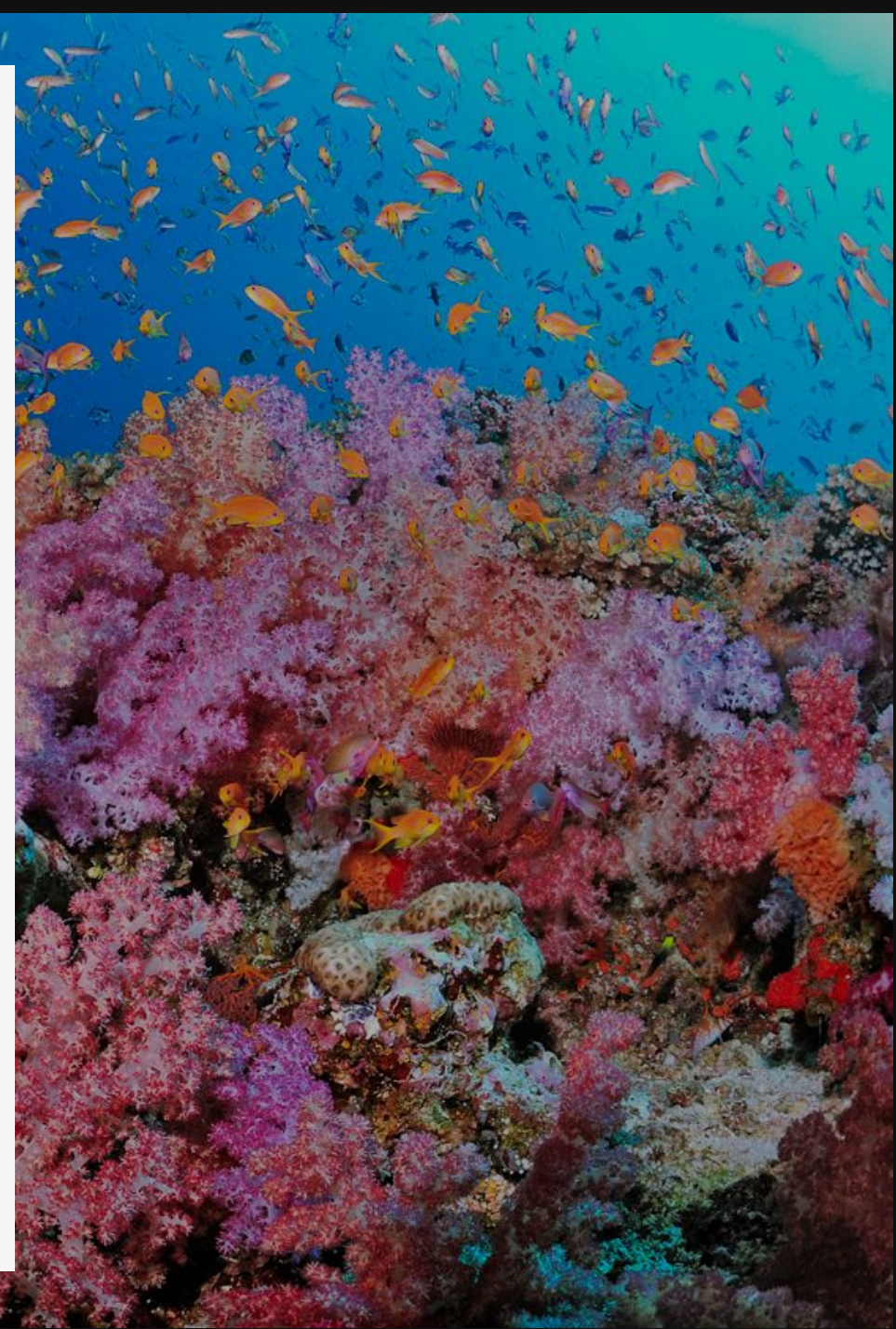


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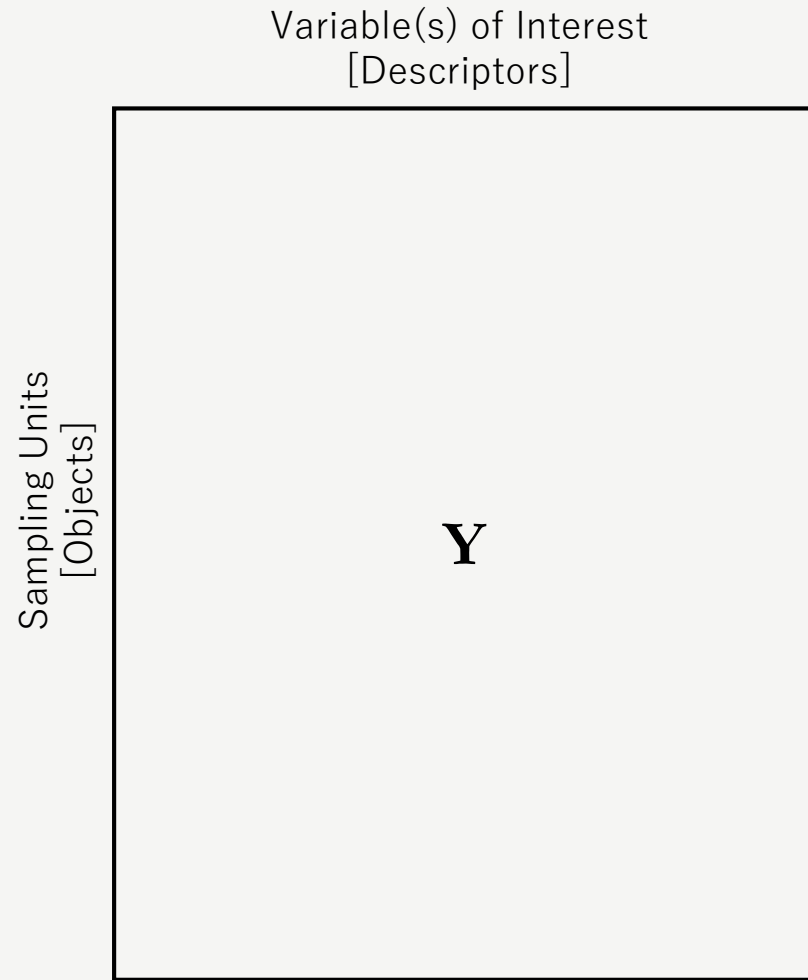
- Types of Matrices
- Matrix (Linear) Algebra
- Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors
- Association Matrices
- Q vs. R Analysis



Recap: Multivariate Data Structure

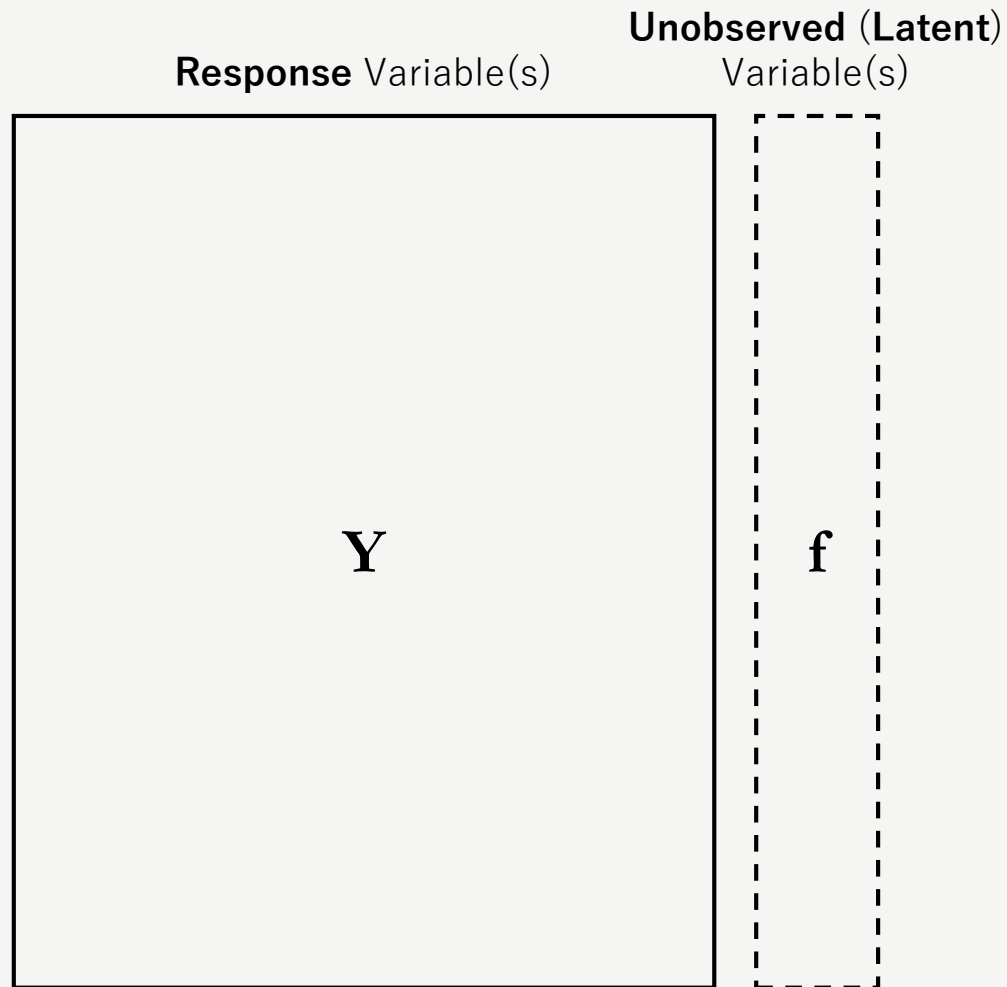


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Structural Methods: look for structure underlying the data matrix \mathbf{Y} .



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Functional Methods: relate the response variable(s) **Y** as a function of the predictor variable(s) **X**.

Response Variable(s)

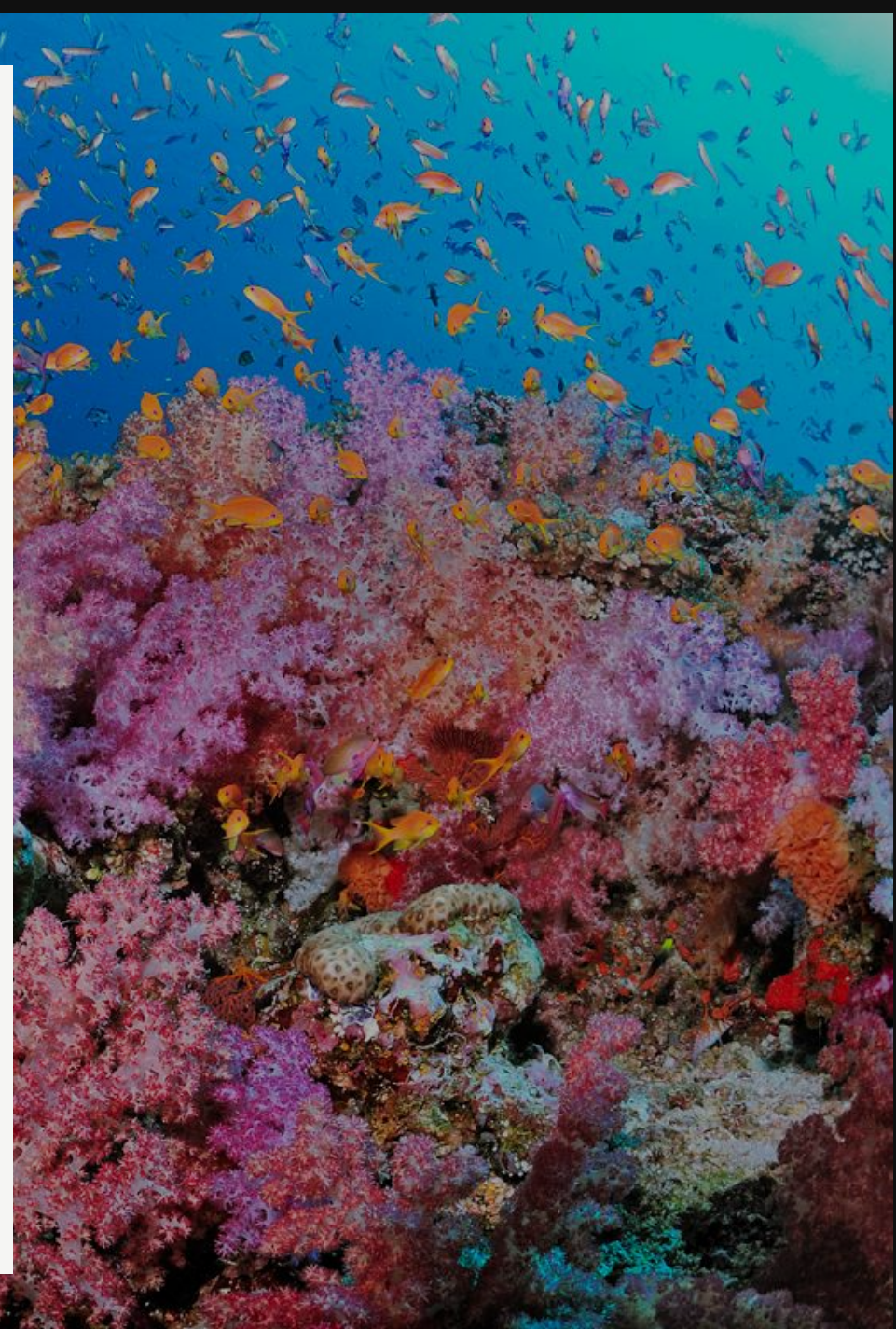
Predictor or
Explanatory Variable(s)

Y

X



Matrix Notation



Matrix Notation: Ecological Matrices

Objects (row i): Defined *a priori*. E.g., sites, locations, individuals, observations

Variable(s) of Interest
[Descriptors]

Sampling Units
[Objects]

\mathbf{x}_1

\mathbf{x}_2

\mathbf{x}_3

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\mathbf{x}_i

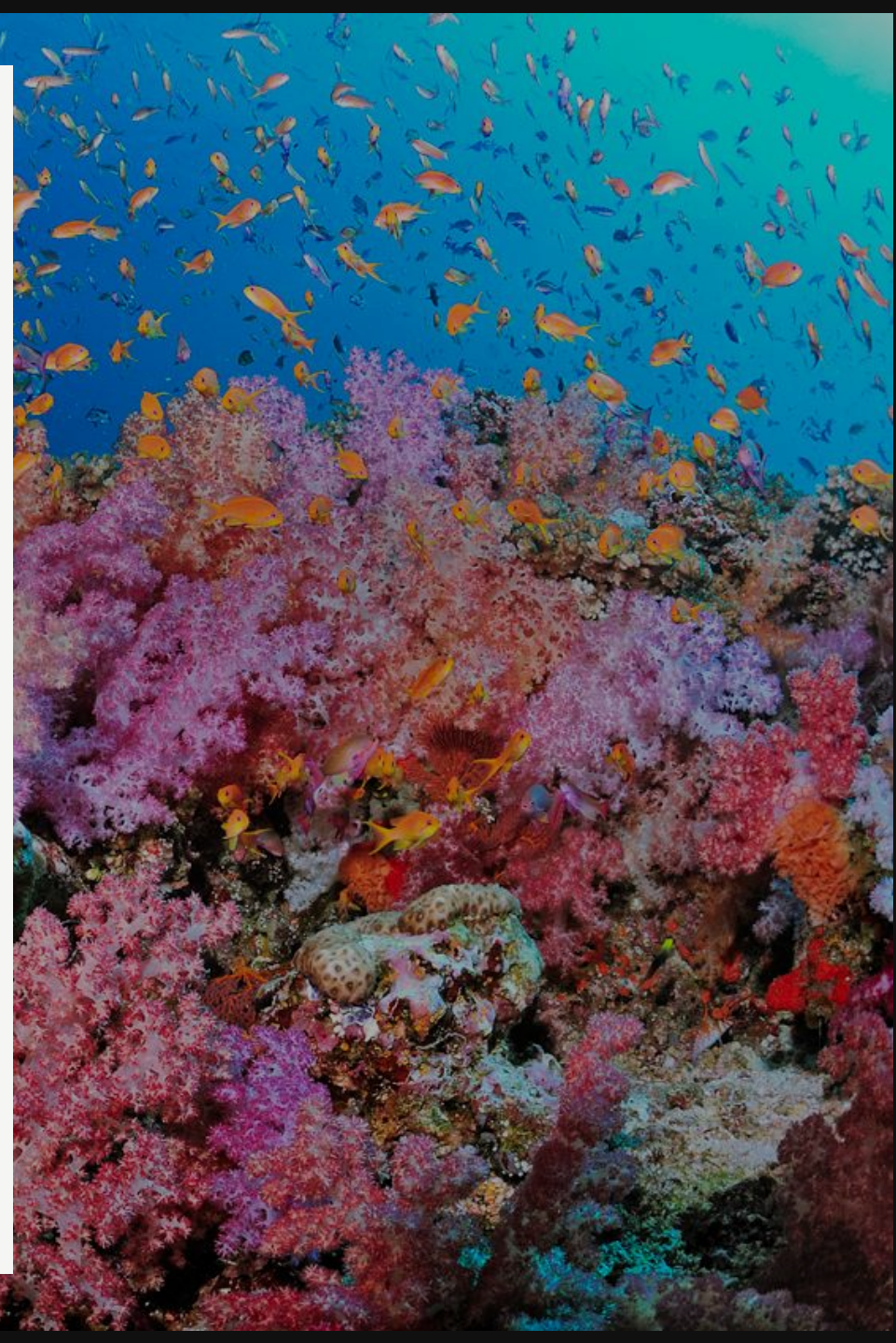
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\mathbf{x}_n

*Which variable
can be increased
to infinity?*



Matrix Notation: Ecological Matrices

Descriptors (column j): The measured or observed variable. E.g., species, traits, environmental characteristics

		Variable(s) of Interest [Descriptors]						
		y ₁	y ₂	y ₃	...	y _j	...	y _p
Sampling Units [Objects]	x ₁	y ₁₁	y ₁₂	y ₁₃	...	y _{1j}	...	y _{1p}
	x ₂	y ₂₁	y ₂₂	y ₂₃	...	y _{2j}	...	y _{2p}
	x ₃	y ₃₁	y ₃₂	y ₃₃	...	y _{3j}	...	y _{3p}

	x _i	y _{i1}	y _{i2}	y _{i3}	...	y _{ij}	...	y _{ip}

x _n	y _{n1}	y _{n2}	y _{n3}	...	y _{nj}	...	y _{np}	



Matrix Notation: Ecological Matrices

A matrix of **order** (i.e., dimensions) $n \times p$ is denoted \mathbf{Y}_{np} where any given **element** within the matrix is denoted y_{ij} .

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	\mathbf{y}_1	\mathbf{y}_2	\mathbf{y}_3	...	\mathbf{y}_j	...	\mathbf{y}_p
\mathbf{x}_1	y_{11}	y_{12}	y_{13}	...	y_{1j}	...	y_{1p}
\mathbf{x}_2	y_{21}	y_{22}	y_{23}	...	y_{2j}	...	y_{2p}
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Matrix Notation: Matrix Terminology

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Association matrices are **square matrices** where the number of rows is equal to the number of columns (which is equal to the number of objects, n or descriptors, p).

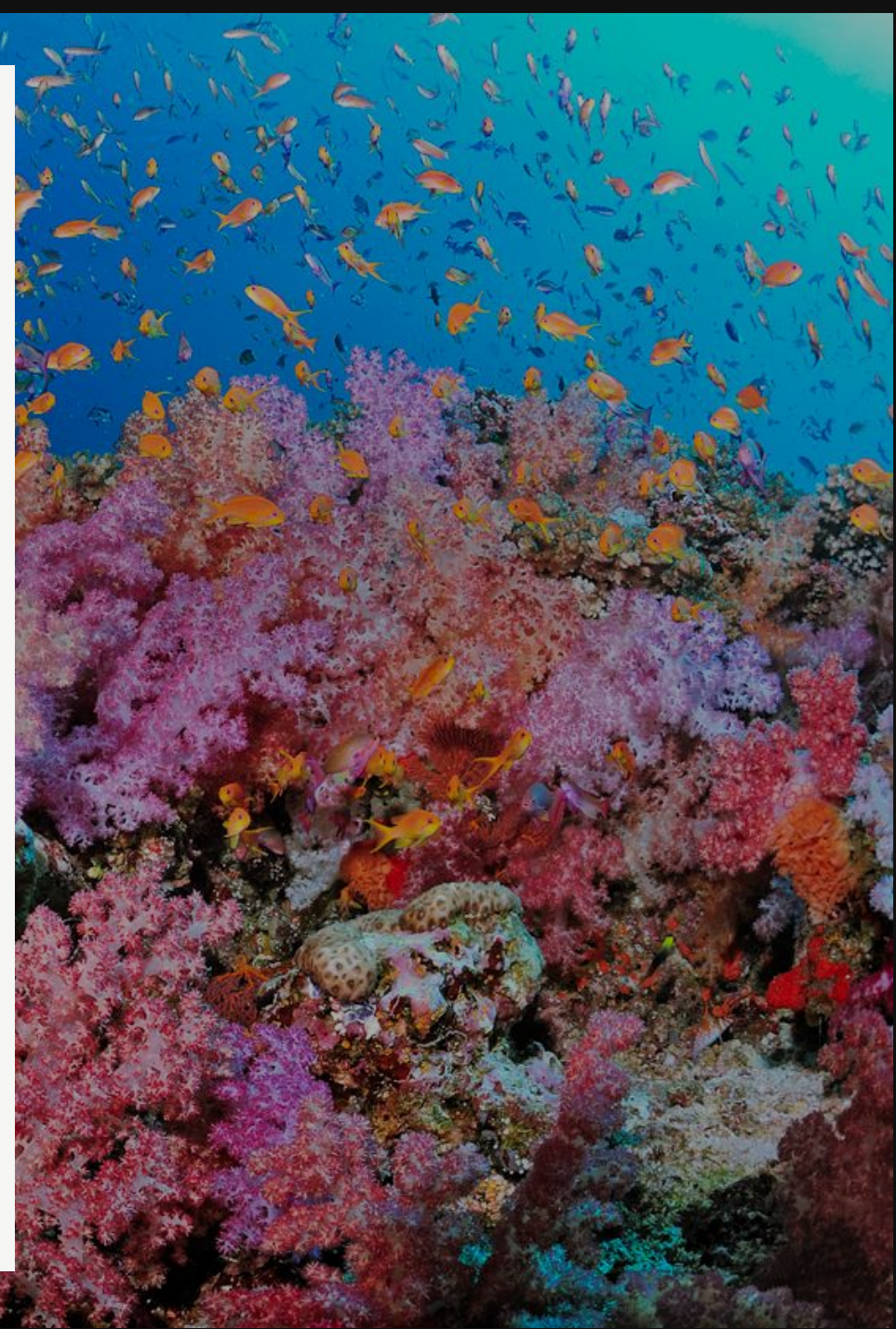
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Association matrices are almost always **symmetric**, where elements in the upper right triangle are equal to elements in the lower left triangle ($a_{ij} = a_{ji}$).

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The measure of association between an object/descriptor and itself usually takes a value of **1** (similarity) or **0** (dissimilarity/distance).

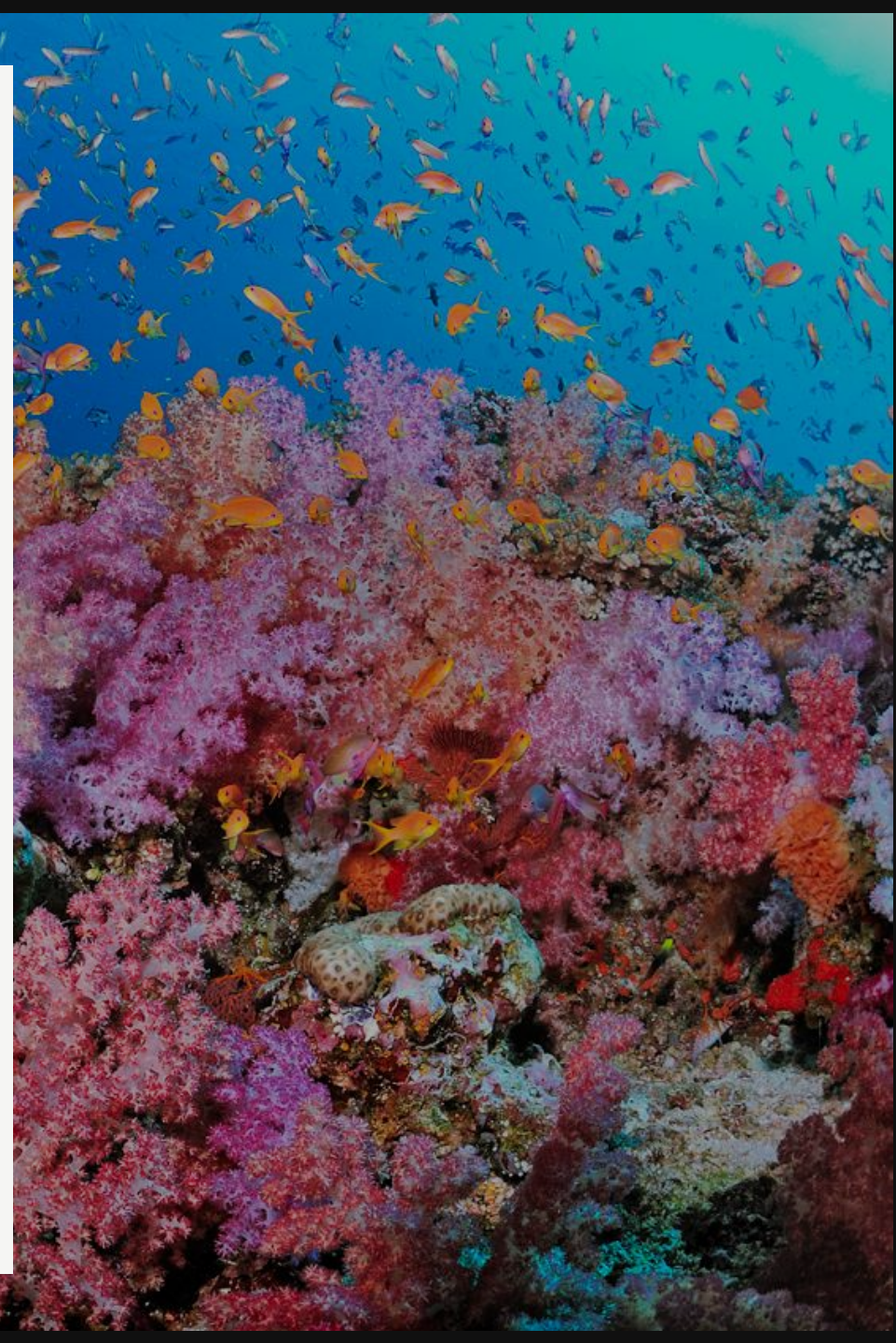
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Matrix Notation: Matrix Terminology

- A **diagonal matrix** (**D**) is a square matrix where all non-diagonal elements are zero.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 6 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 8 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

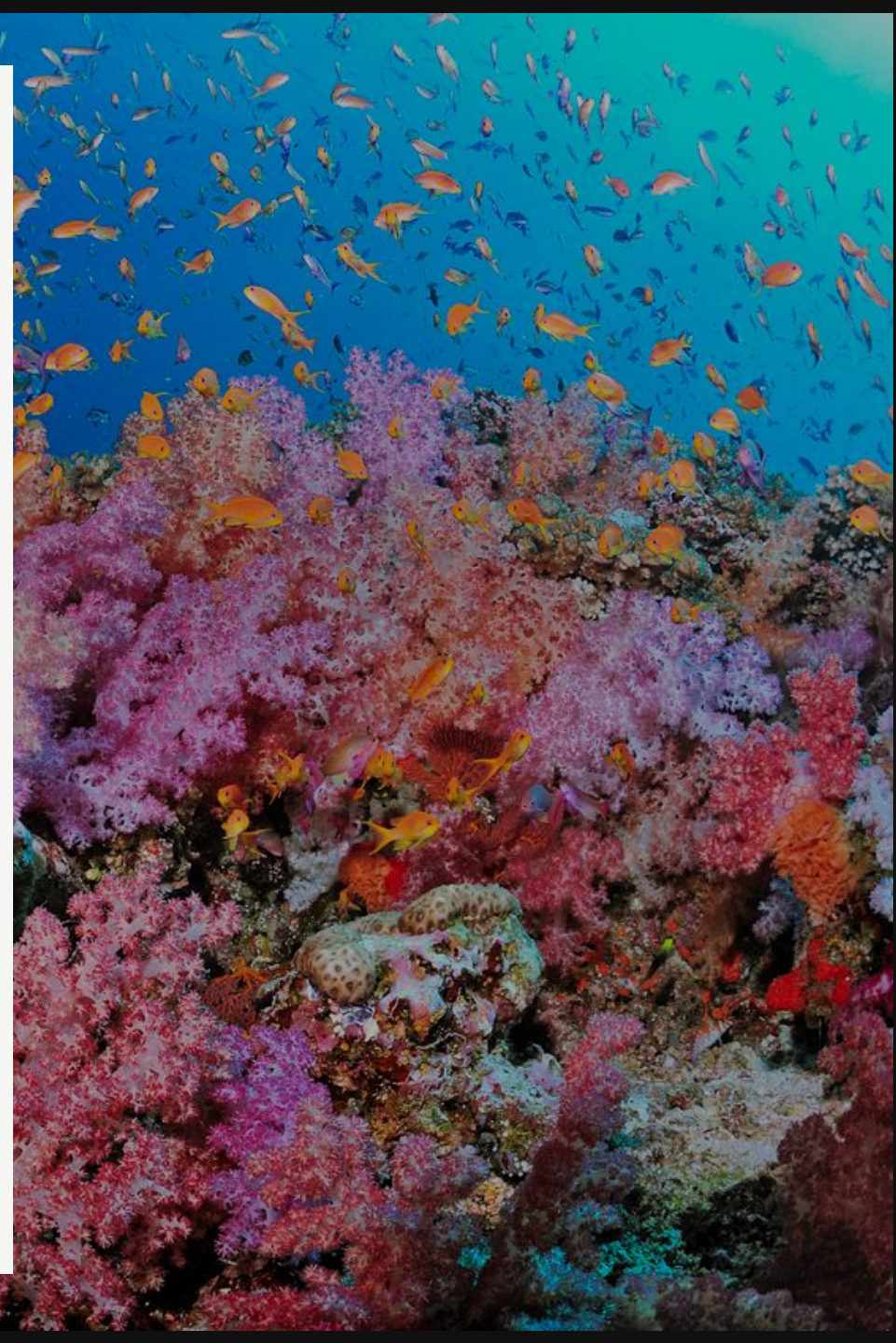


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The **trace** of a matrix is the sum of its diagonal elements. In this case, trace = 20

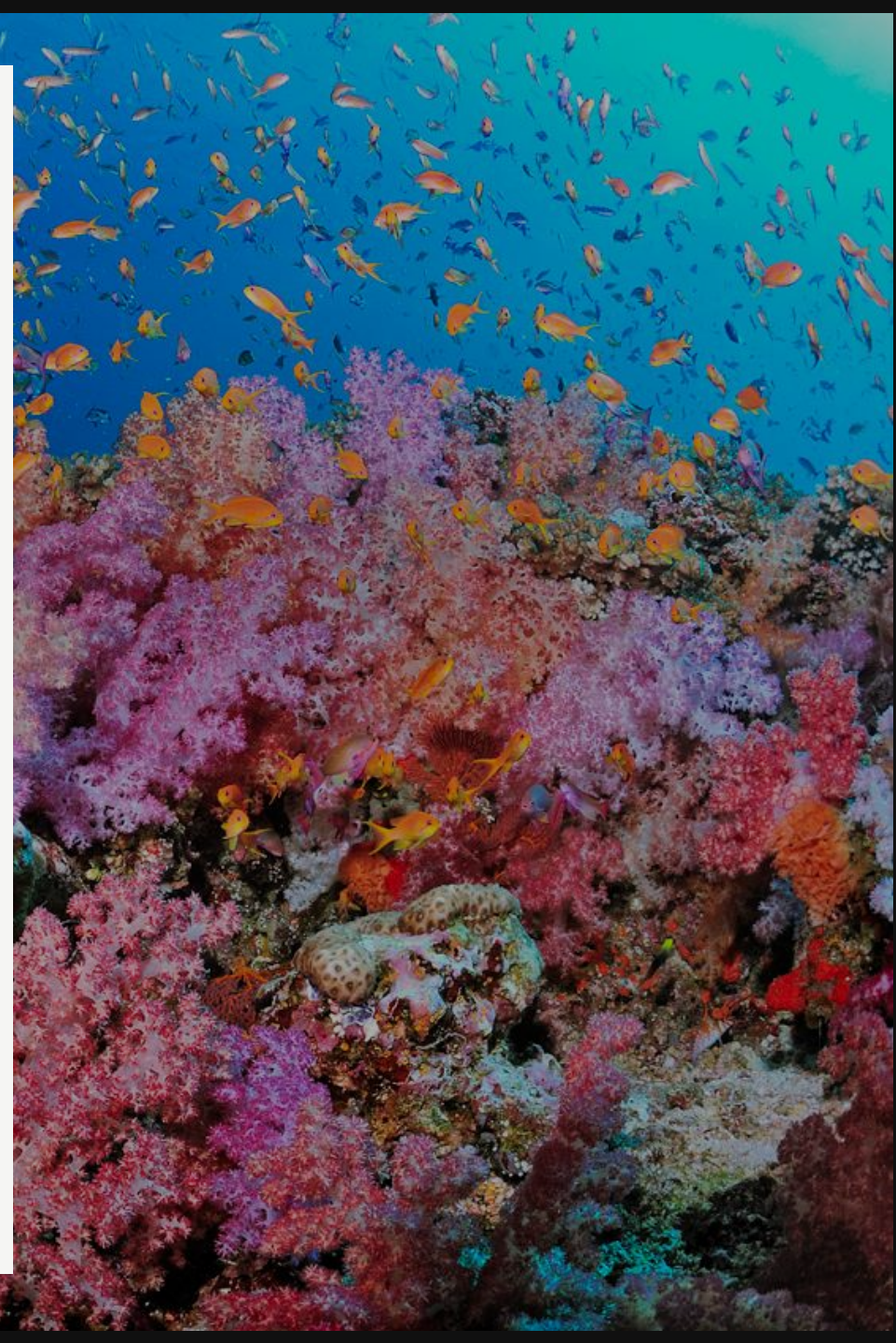


Matrix Notation: Matrix Terminology

- An **identity matrix** (**I**) is a diagonal matrix where all diagonal elements are equal to unity.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Plays the same role in matrix algebra as the scalar value 1.

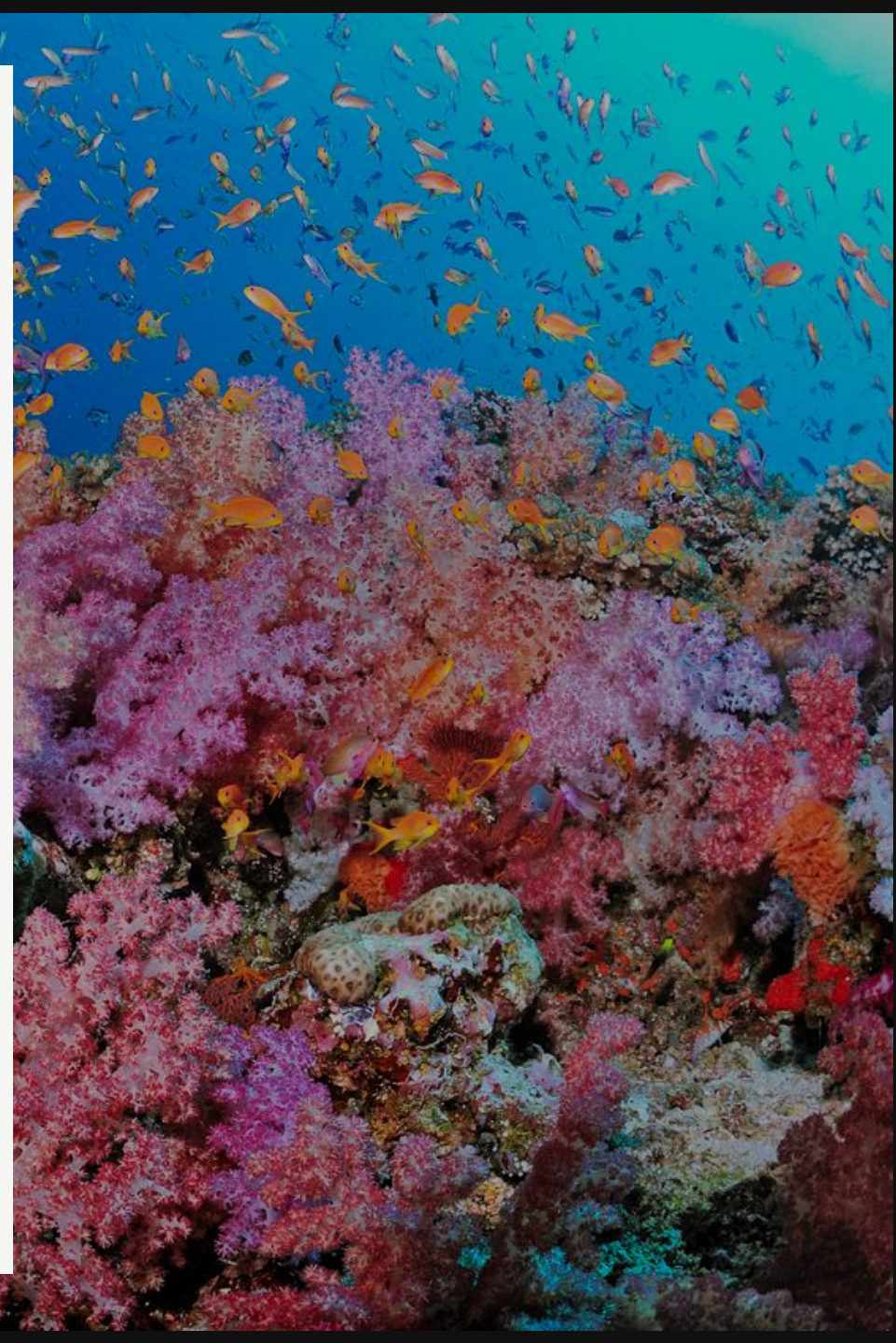


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- An **scalar matrix** is a diagonal matrix where all diagonal elements are equal.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 7 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 7 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 7 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

Plays the same role in matrix algebra as the scalar value n .



Matrix Notation: Matrix Terminology

- A **null matrix** is any matrix (square or rectangular) where all elements are 0.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$



Matrix Notation: Matrix Terminology

- The **transpose** of a matrix **B** is denoted **B'** in which ' $b_{ij} = b_{ji}$ '

$$\mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 \\ 10 & 11 & 12 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{B}' = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 7 & 10 \\ 2 & 5 & 8 & 11 \\ 3 & 6 & 9 & 12 \end{bmatrix}$$



Matrix Notation: Matrix Terminology

- A square matrix that is equal to its transpose is **symmetric**.

$$\mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 7 \\ 4 & 1 & 2 \\ 7 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

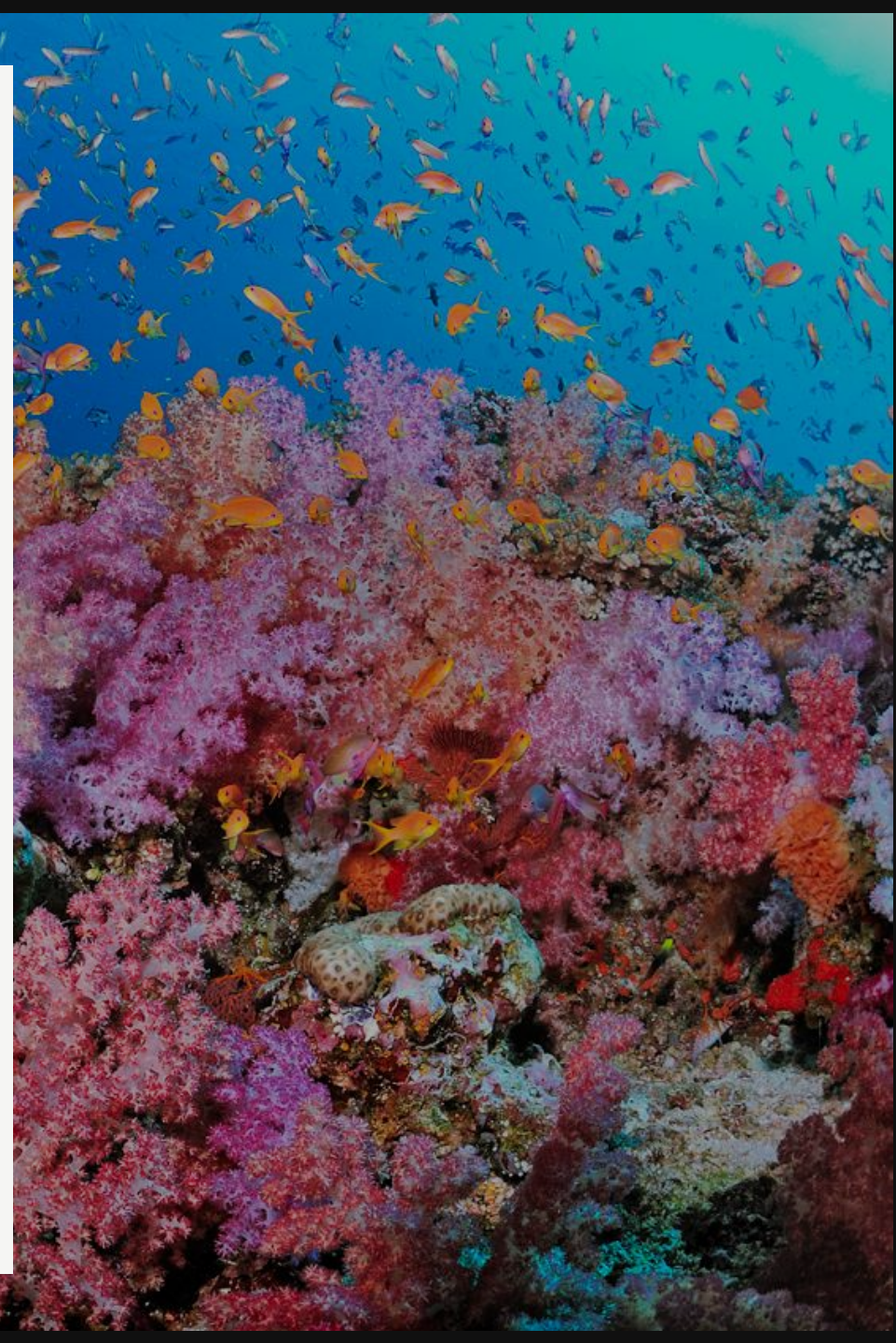
Association matrices are almost always symmetric across the diagonal



Matrix Notation: Vectors and Scaling

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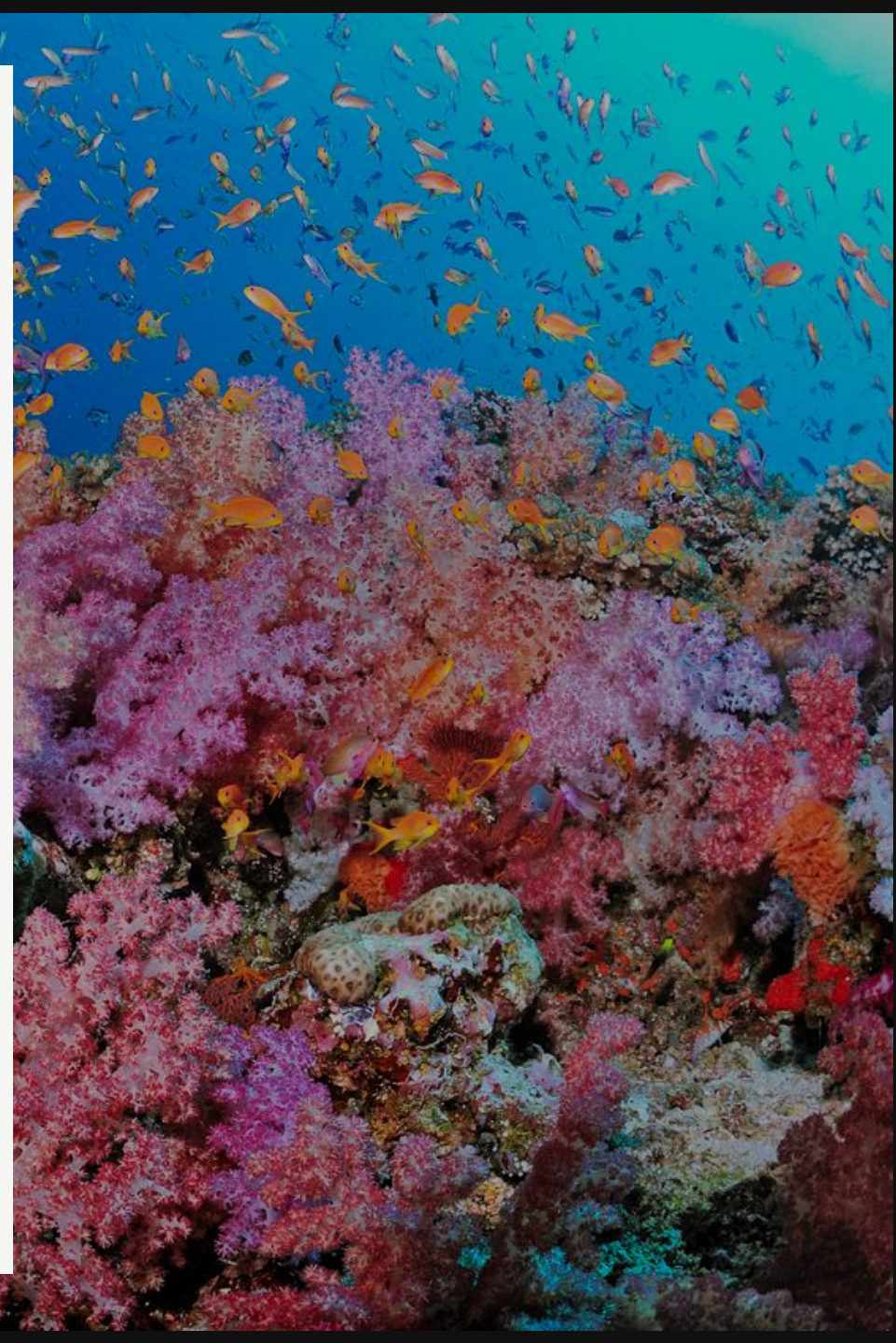


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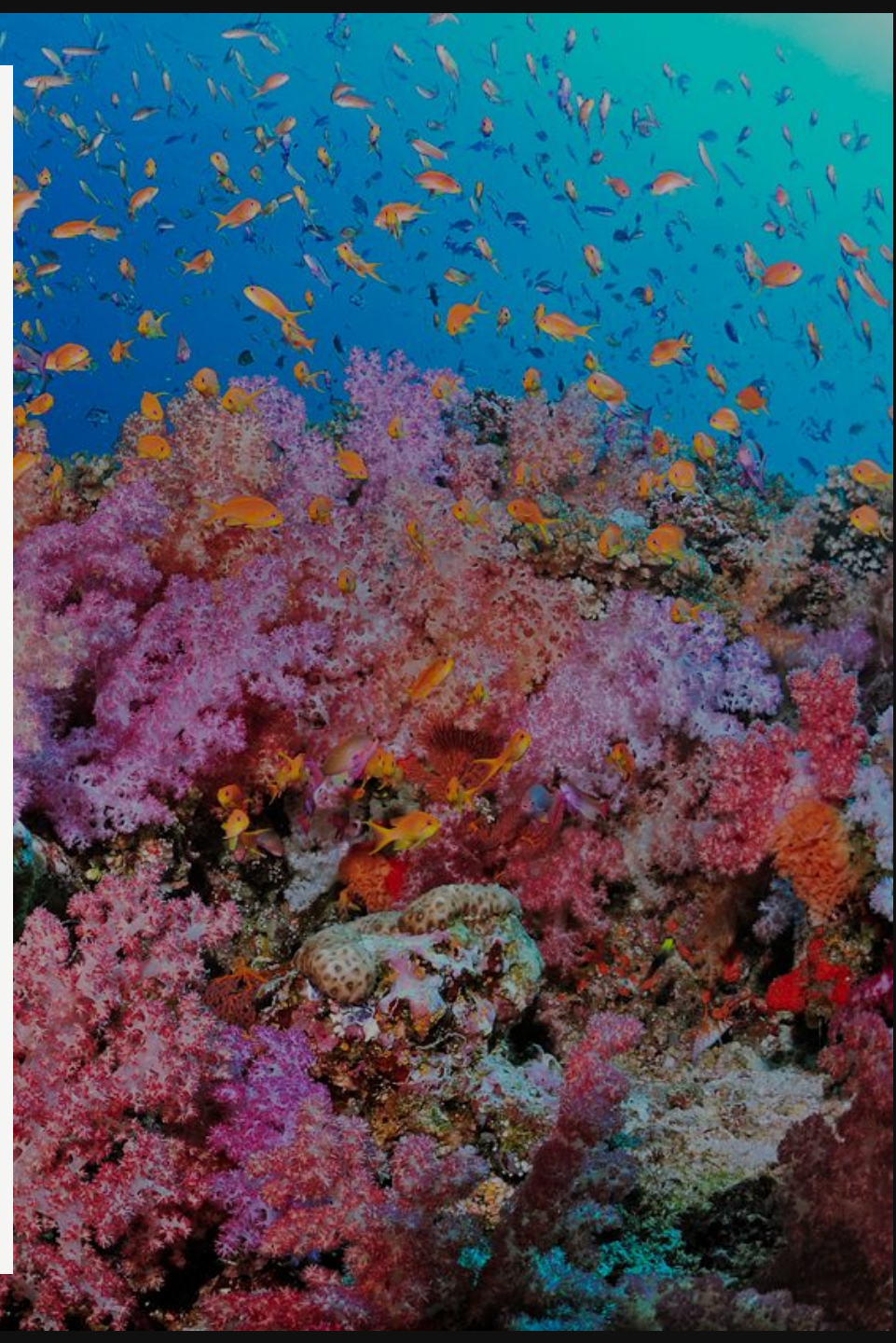
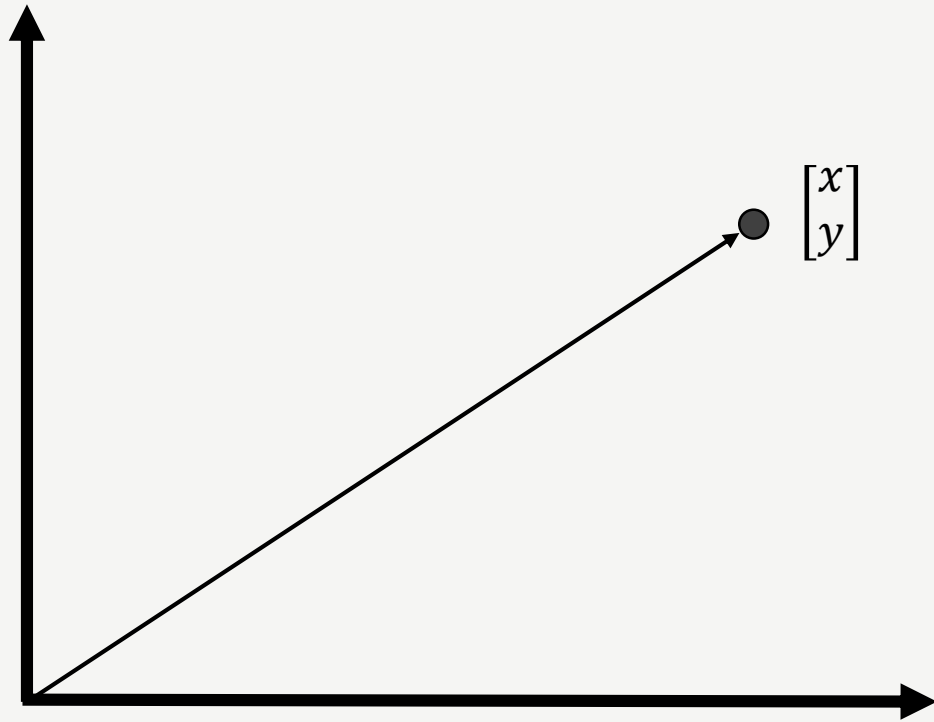
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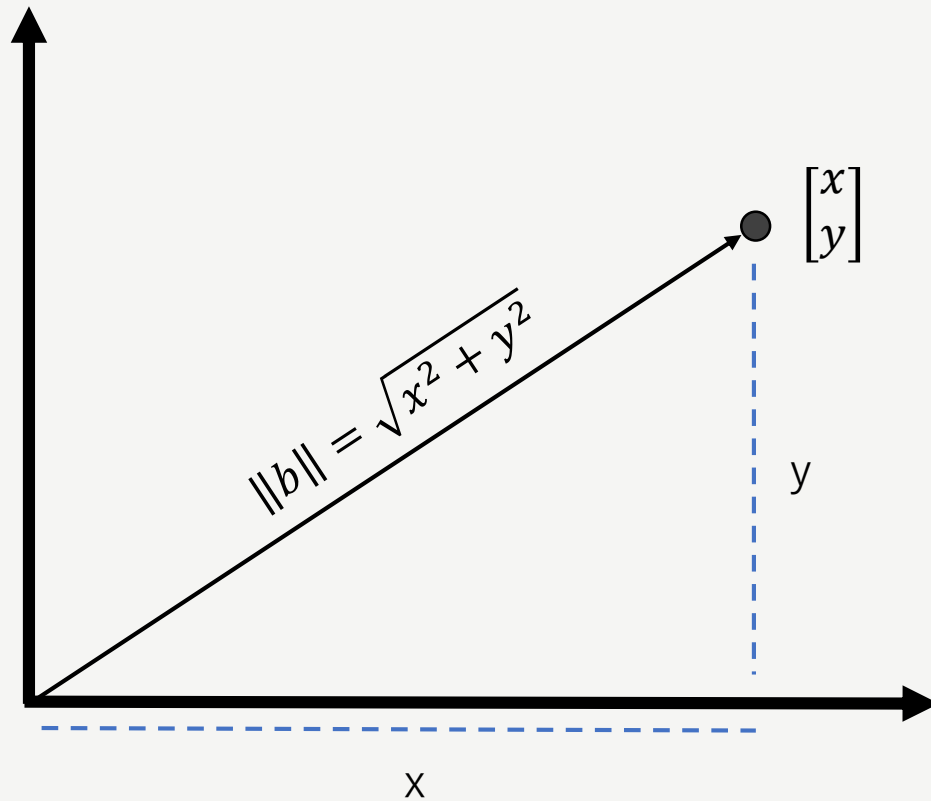
A vector graphically refers to the end-point of a line segment in n -dimensional Euclidean space.



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Thus, the length (or **norm**) of any vector ($\|\mathbf{b}\|$) can be calculated using Pythagorean's theorem



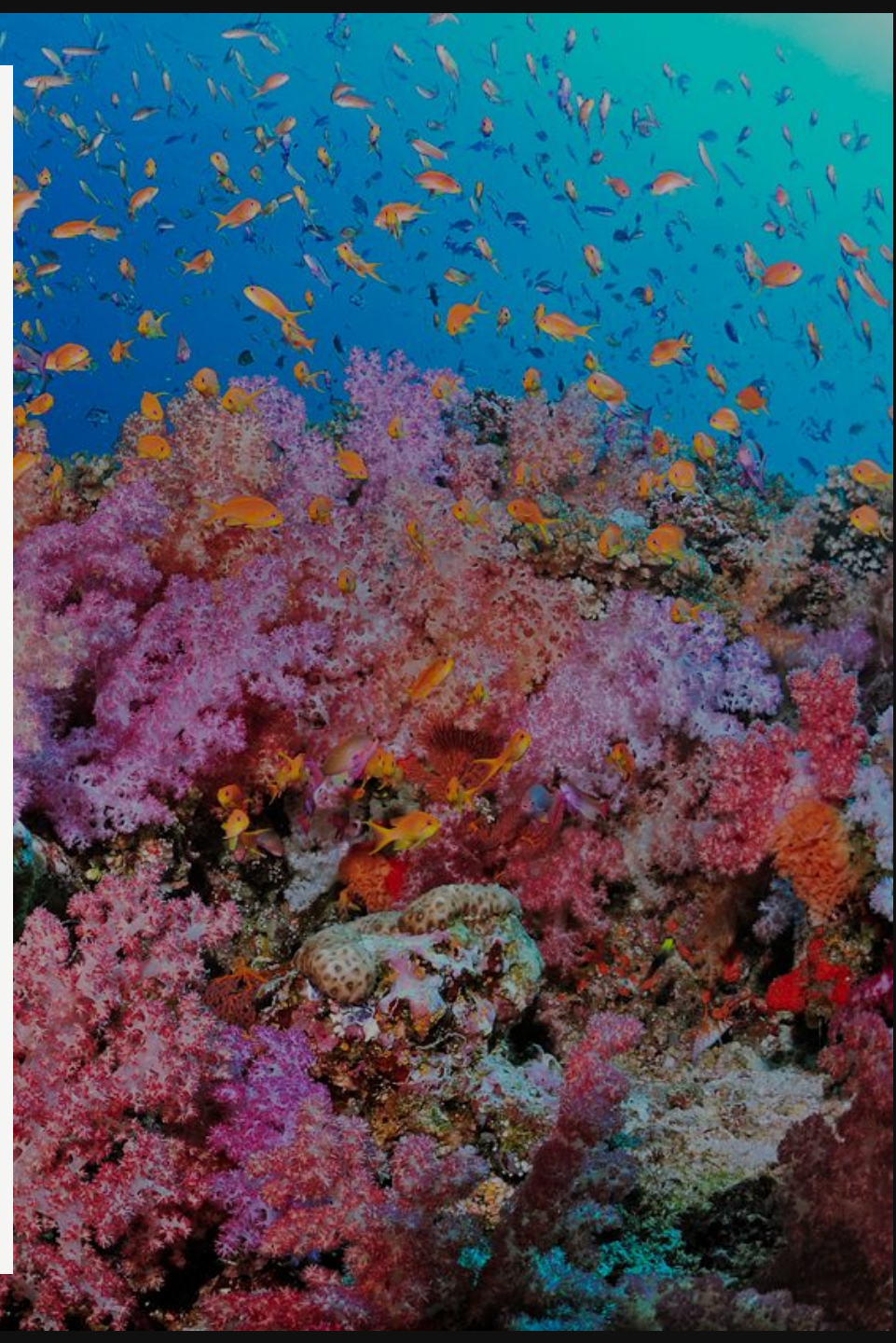
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- A **normalized** vector is scaled by the length of the vector ($\| \mathbf{b} \|$). *The length of any normalized vector in n -dimensional space is equal to 1.*



Matrix Notation: Matrix Algebra

- Matrix **addition** is the process of adding two matrices by adding their corresponding elements.

$$\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B} \text{ where } \mathbf{C}_{ij} = \mathbf{A}_{ij} + \mathbf{B}_{ij}$$

Matrices must be of the same dimensions (i.e., both matrices must have the same number of rows and columns).



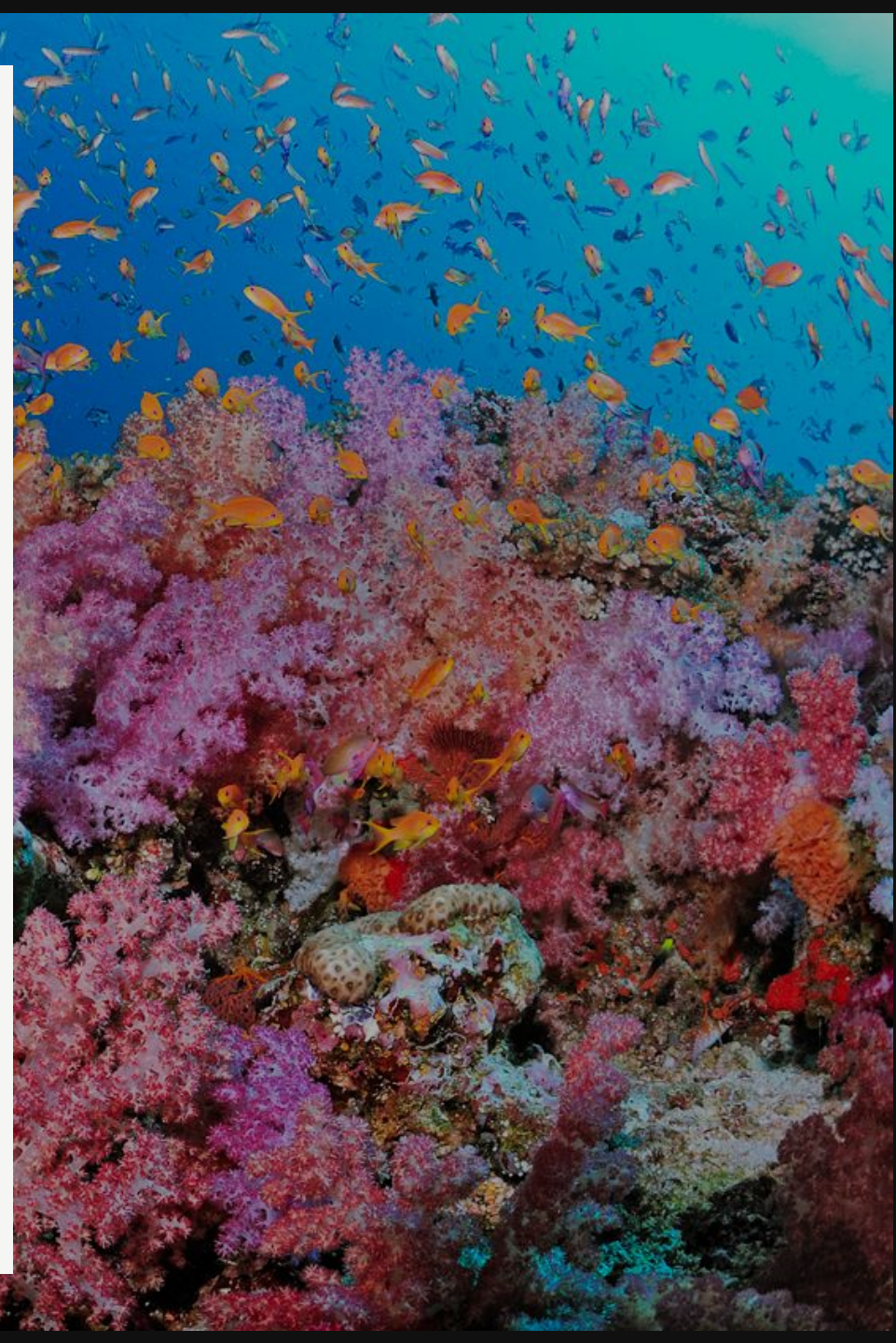
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$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ 6 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

Example application: combining environmental variables from two different datasets for the same set of sampling locations.



Matrix Notation: Matrix Algebra

- Matrix **multiplication** involves multiplying rows of the first matrix by columns of the second matrix and summing the products.

$$\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B} \text{ where } \mathbf{C}_{ij} = \sum_k \mathbf{A}_{ik} \times \mathbf{B}_{kj}$$

The number of columns in the first matrix (A) must equal the number of rows in the second matrix (B).



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$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 \times 1 + 1 \times 2 & 0 \times 1 + 2 \times 2 & 3 \times 1 + 1 \times 2 \\ 2 \times 3 + 1 \times 4 & 0 \times 3 + 2 \times 4 & 3 \times 3 + 1 \times 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 4 & 5 \\ 10 & 8 & 13 \end{bmatrix}$$

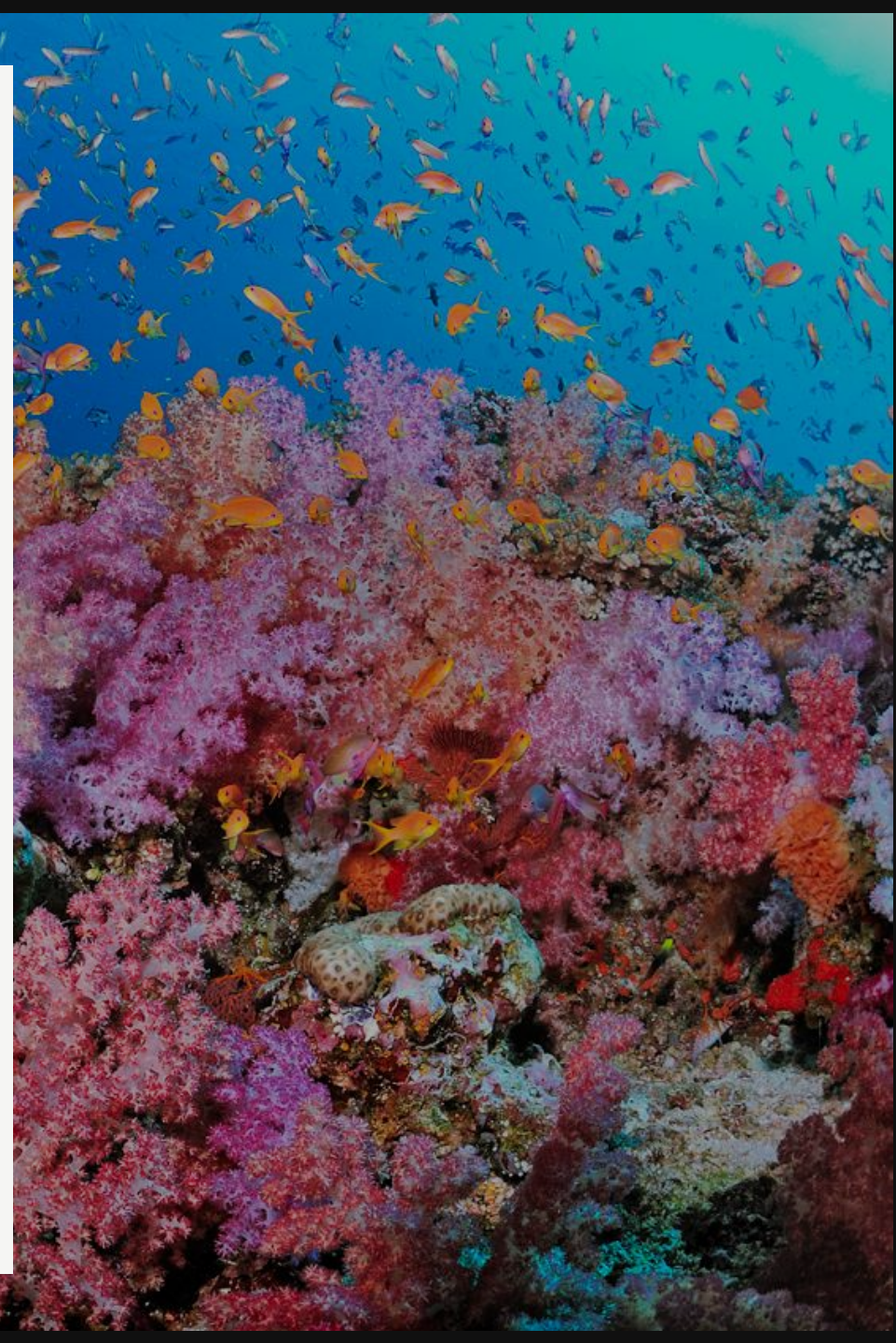
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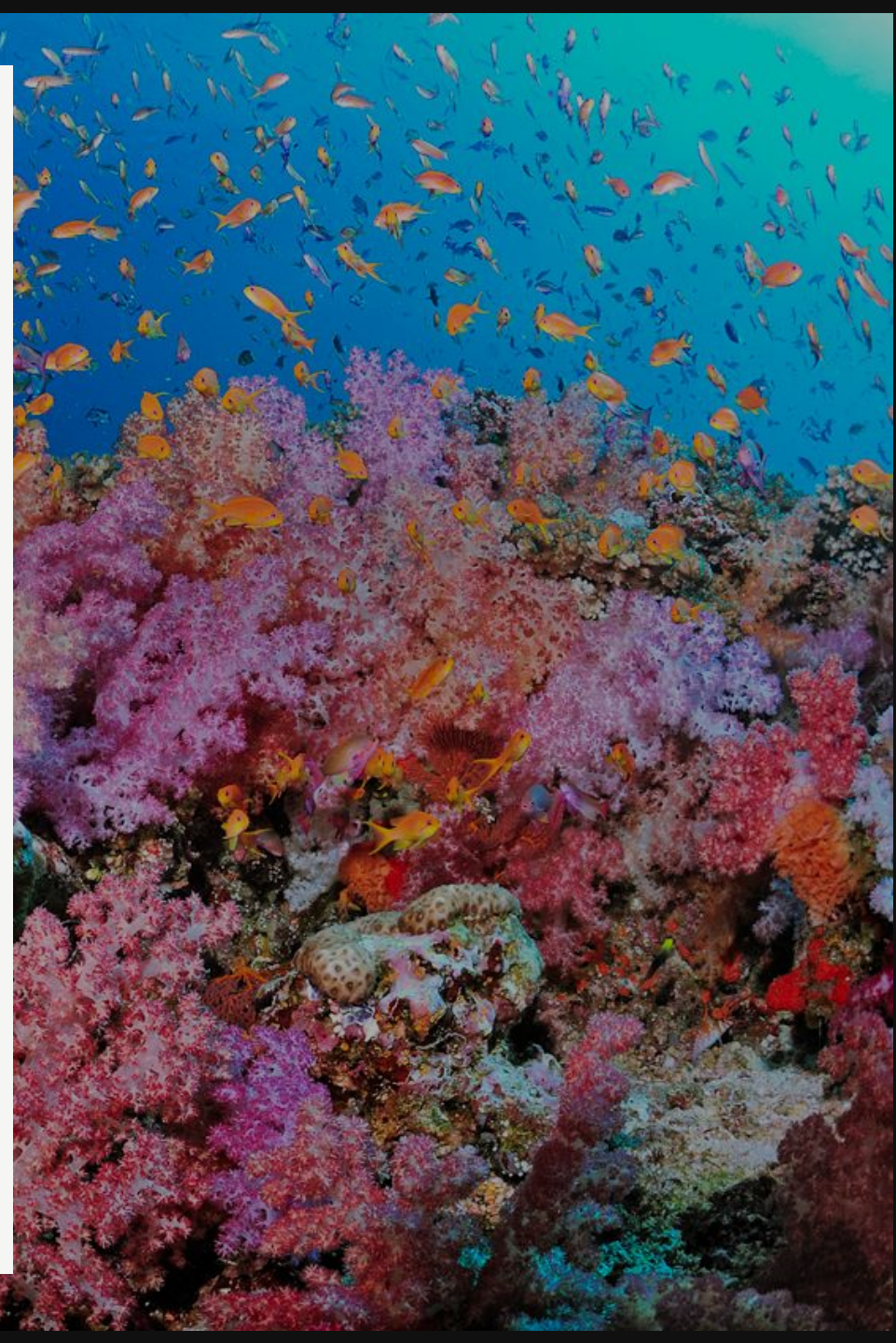
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$$\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.3 \\ 0.5 \\ 0.2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{c} = \begin{bmatrix} 10 \\ 15 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{b} \bullet \mathbf{c} = 0.3 \times 10 + 0.5 \times 15 + 0.2 \times 5 = 11.5$$

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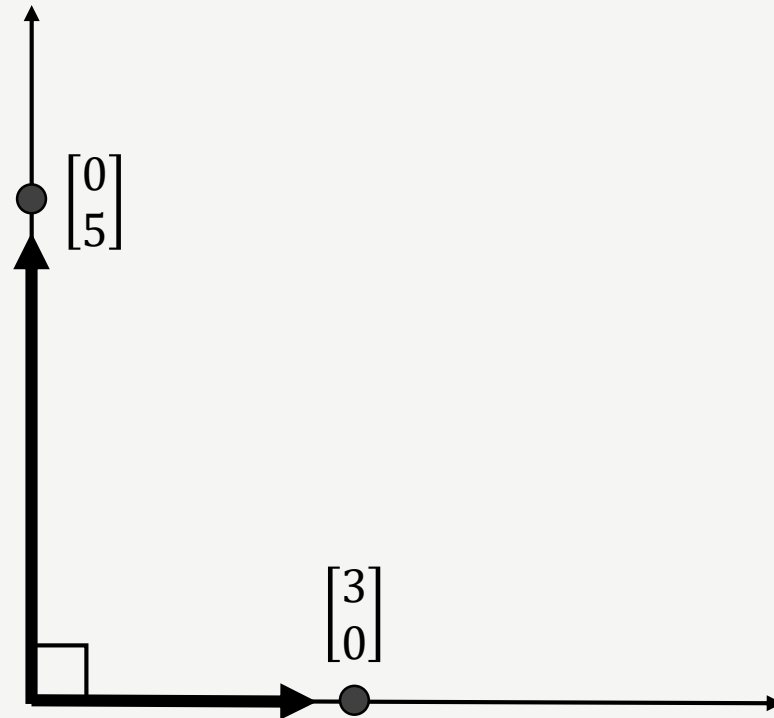
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- If the scalar product is zero, the two vectors are said to be **orthogonal** (at a 90° angle) from one-another.

$$\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

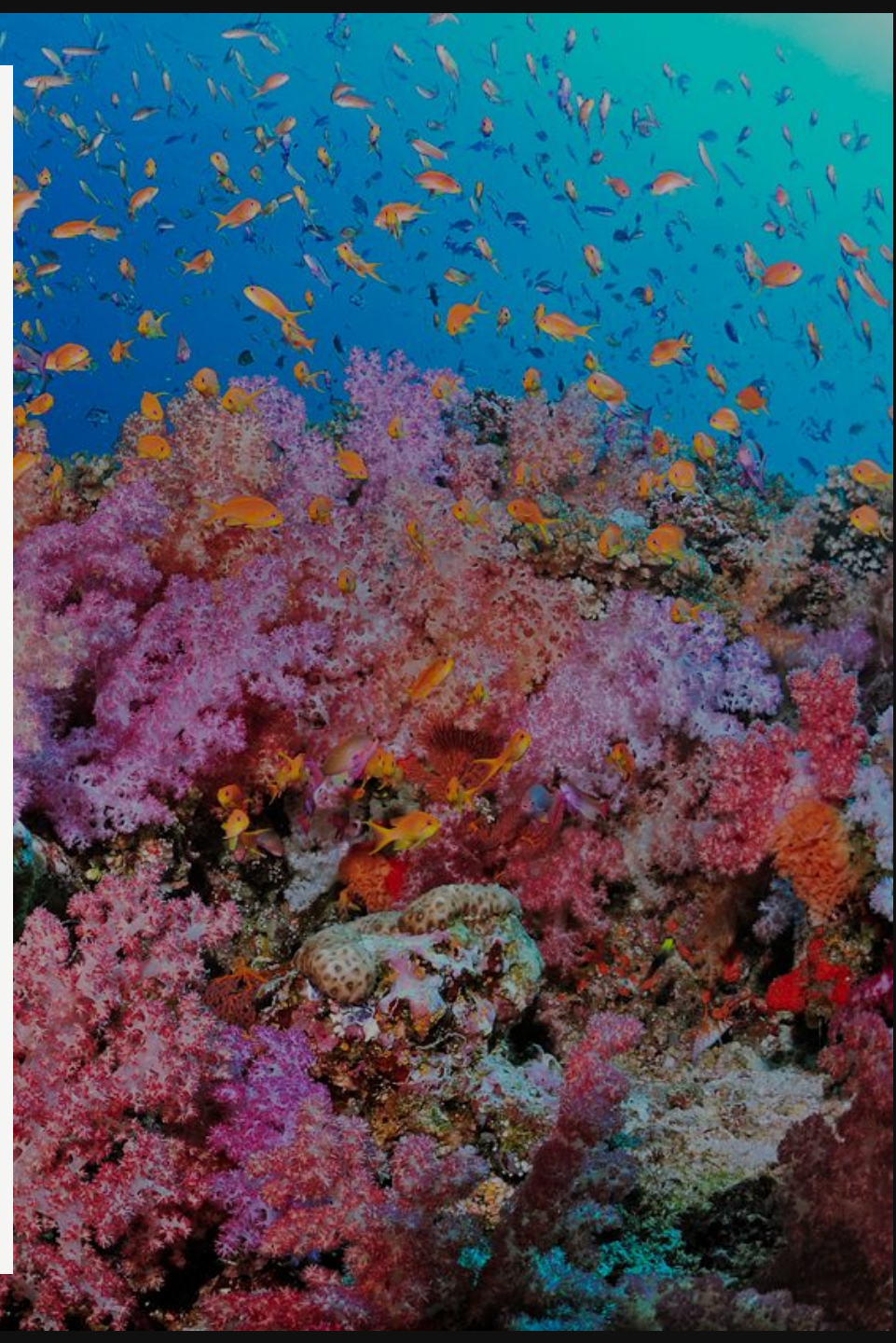
$$\mathbf{c} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{c} = \\ 3 \times 0 + 0 \times 5 = 0$$



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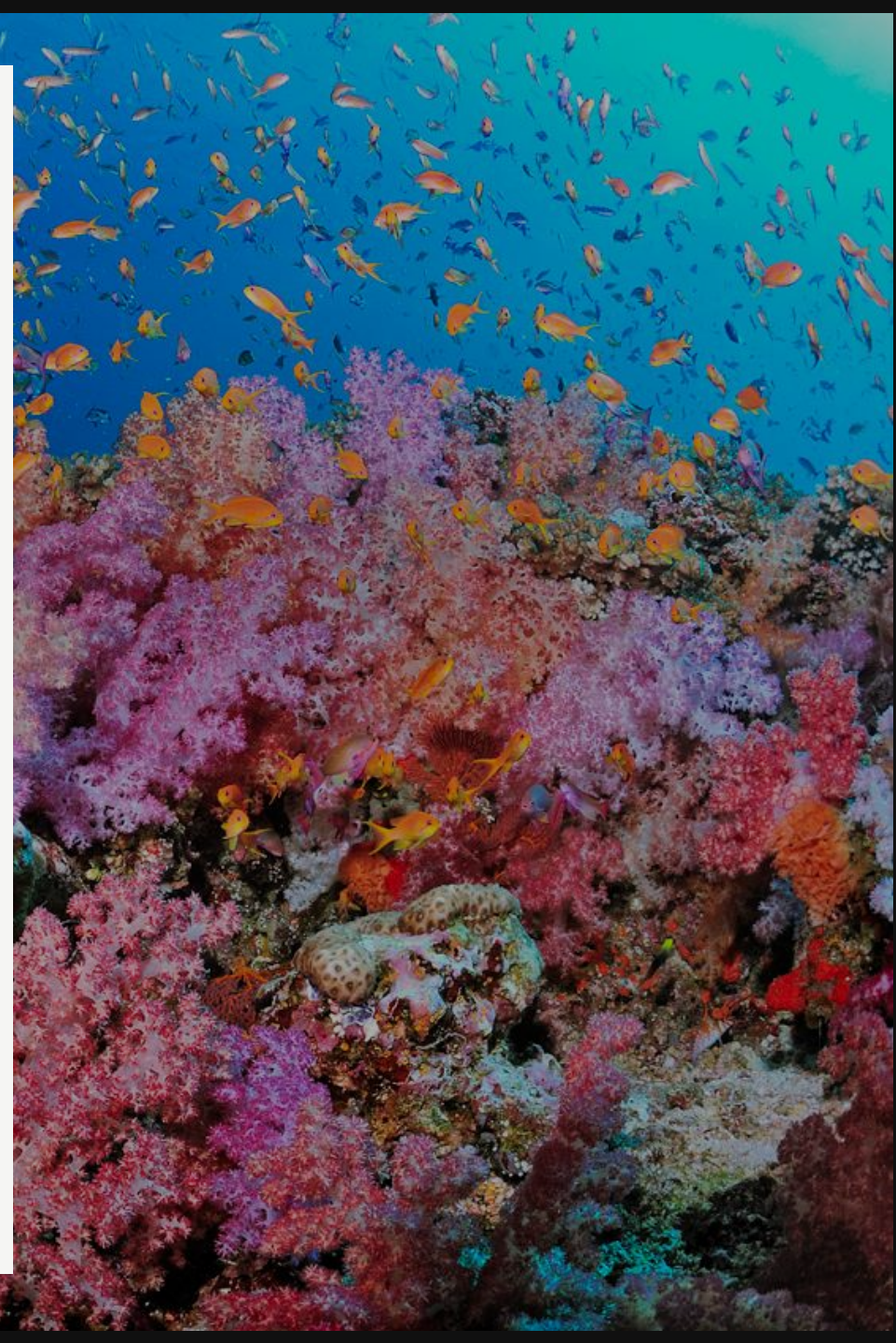
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A matrix is invertible only if its determinant is non-zero!



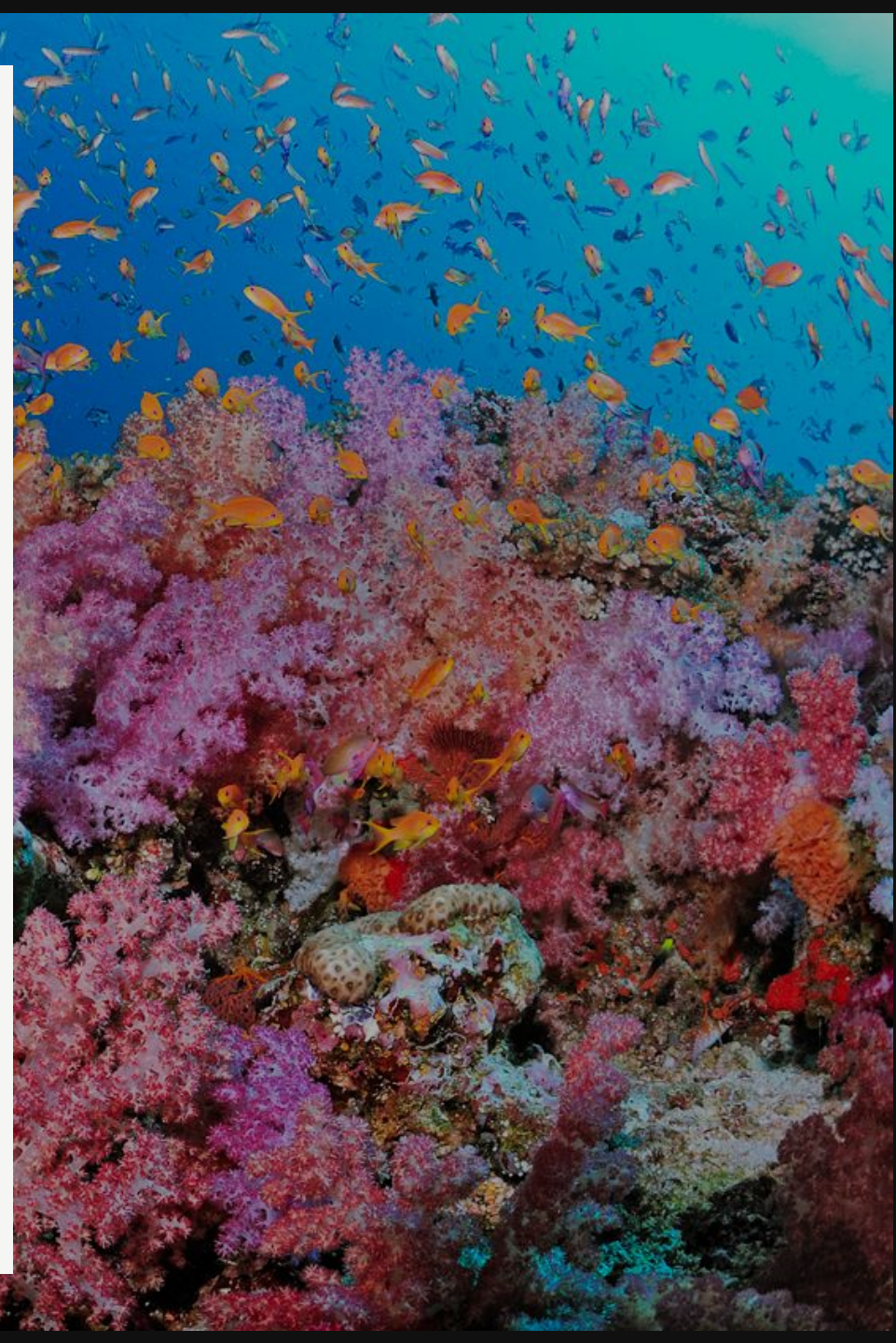
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- For a 2 x 2 matrix: $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$

$$|\mathbf{A}| = ad - bc$$

- For a 3 x 3 matrix: $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{bmatrix}$

$$|\mathbf{A}| = a(ei - fh) - b(di - fg) + c(dh - eg)$$



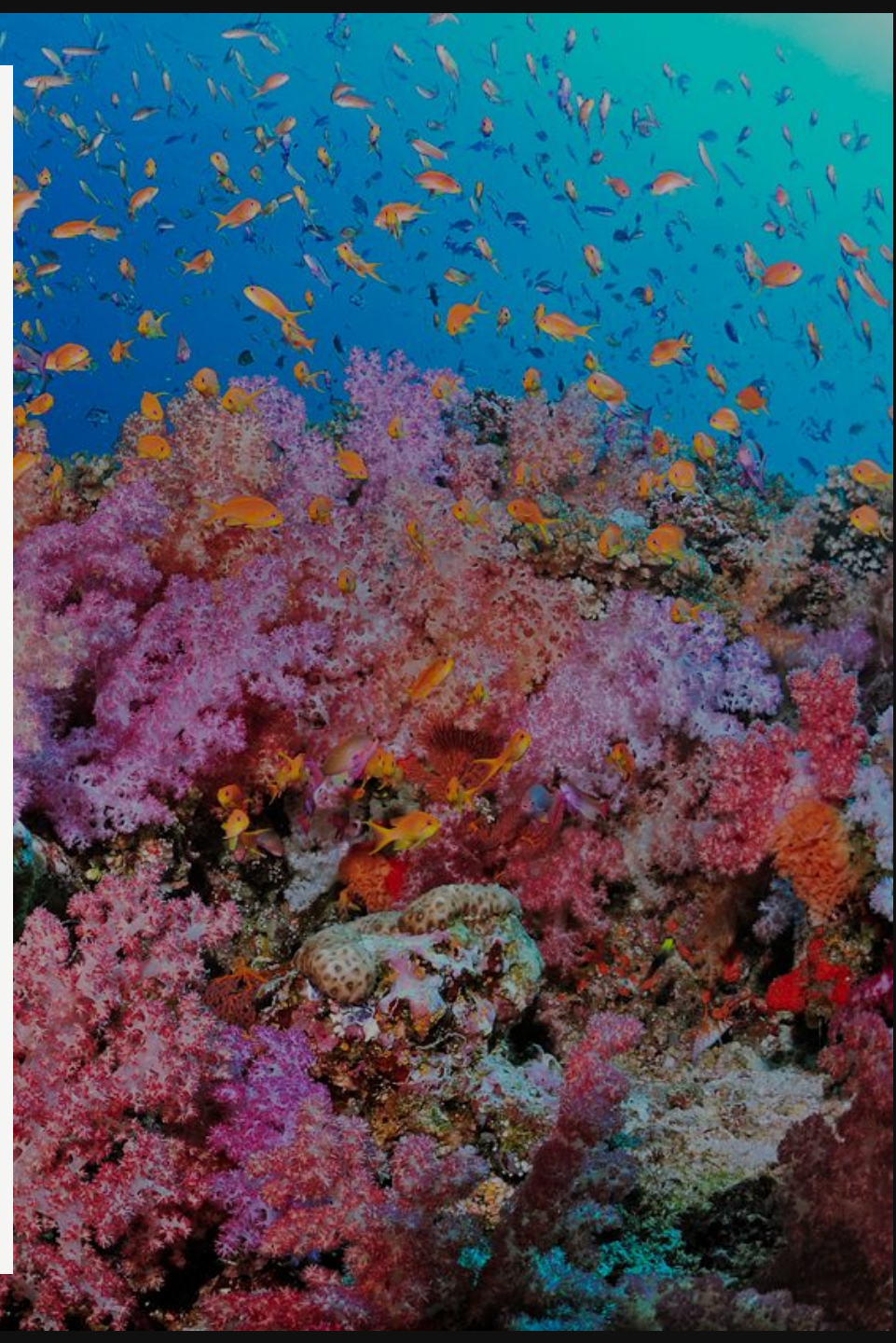
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Understanding Matrix Invertibility: A matrix is **invertible** if its determinant is non-zero. In ecological data analysis, many methods require the inversion of matrices (e.g., solving systems of linear equations, canonical correspondence analysis).



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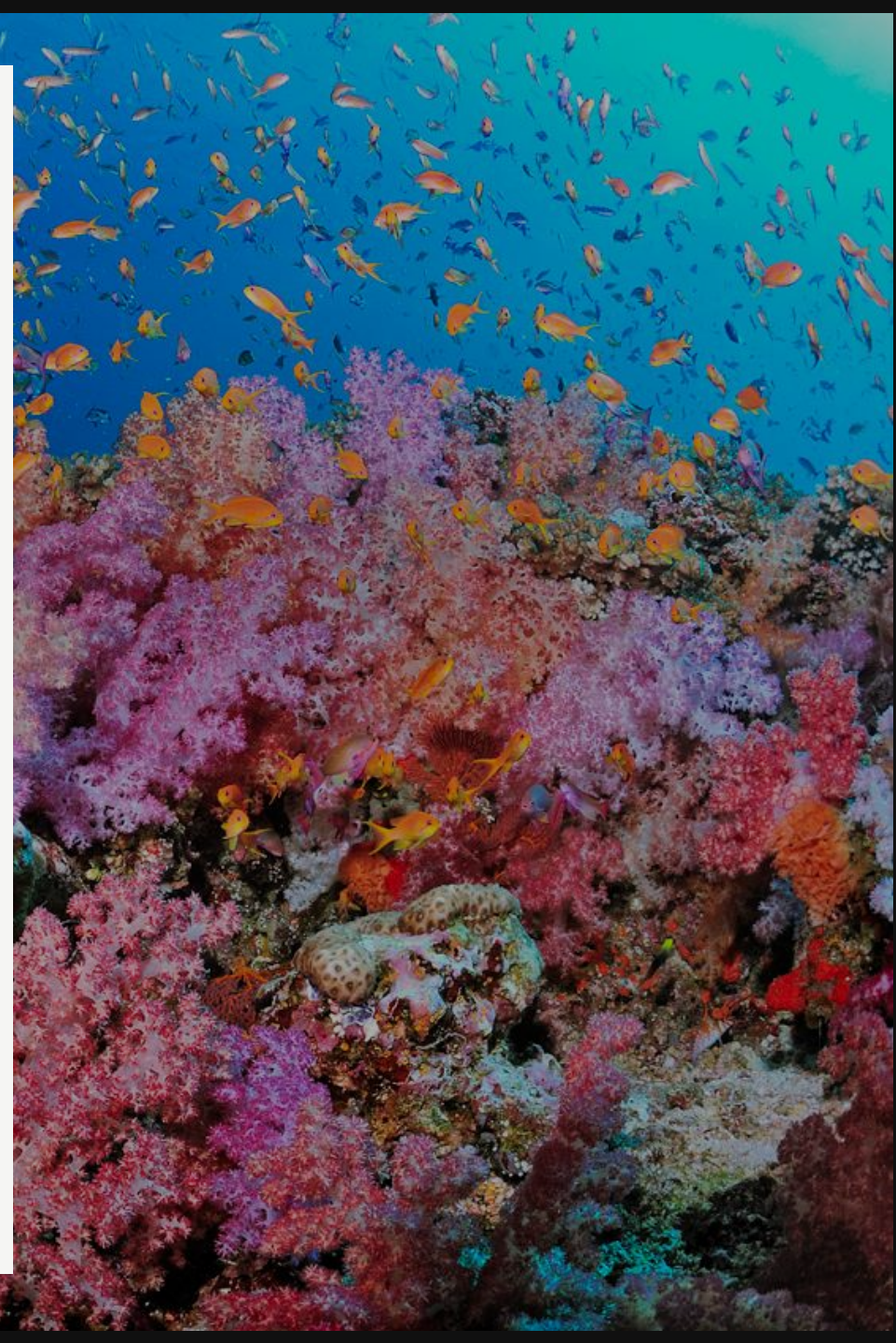
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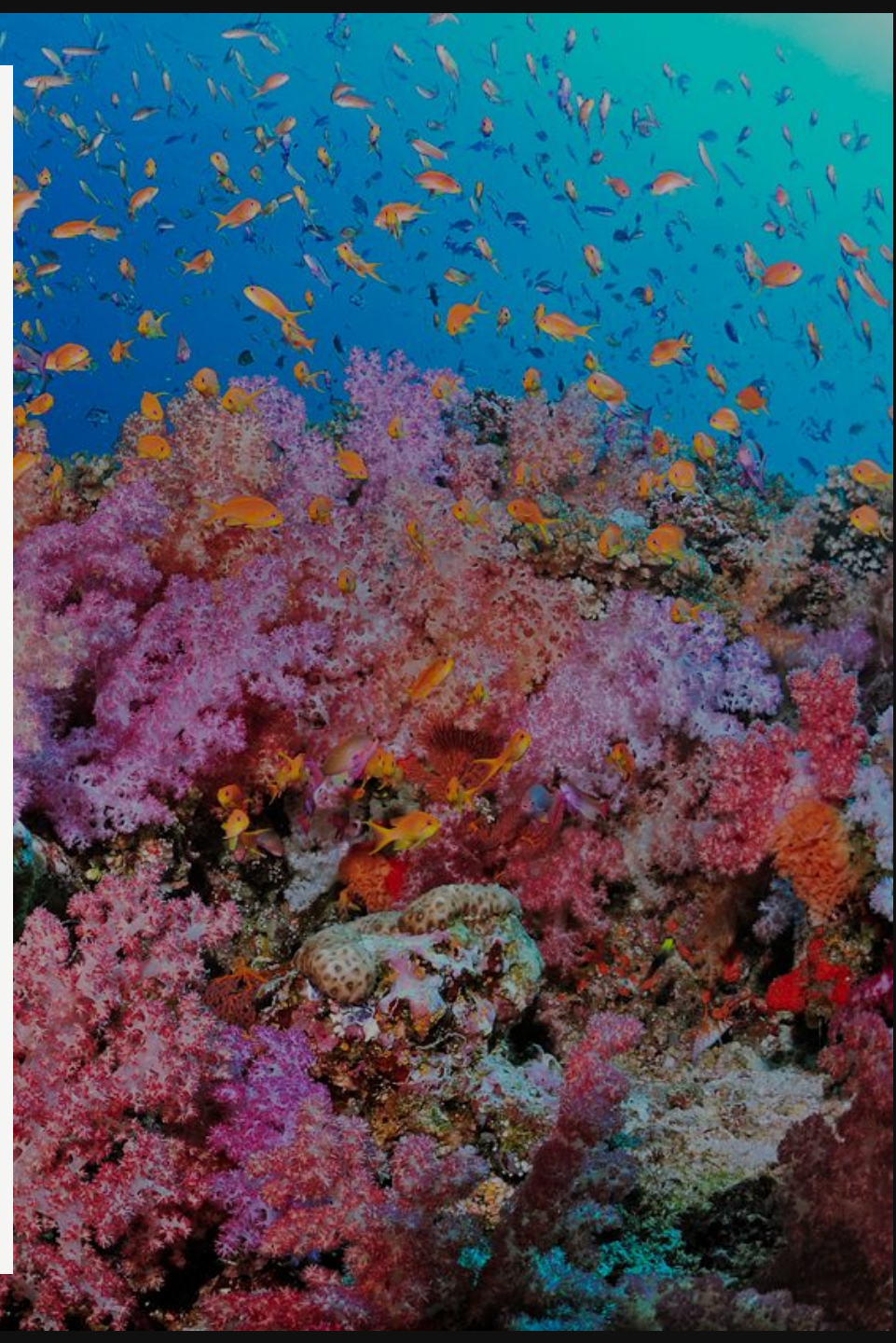
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A matrix with a rank lower than its order has a determinant of zero and is not invertible.



Matrix Notation: Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors

- **Eigenvalues** (λ) are scalars that satisfy the equation $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{v} = \lambda \mathbf{u}$, where \mathbf{A} is a square matrix (for example, an association matrix) and \mathbf{u} is a non-zero vector.
- **Eigenvectors** (\mathbf{u}) are non-zero vectors that, when multiplied by the matrix \mathbf{A} , result in a vector that is a scalar multiple of itself.



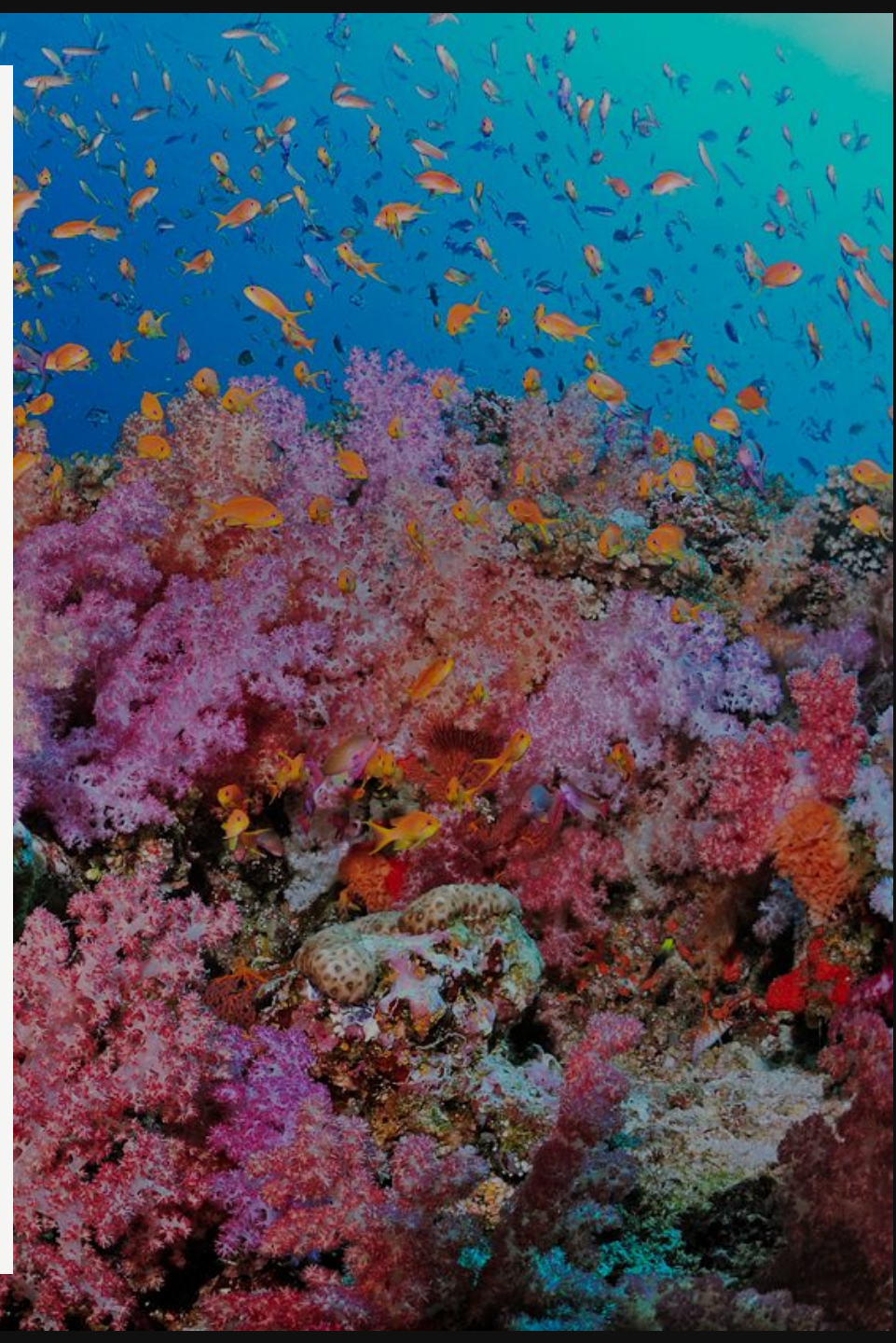
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- i.e., generate a diagonal matrix equivalent to the square matrix **\mathbf{A}**



Matrix Notation: Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors

- Solving for eigenvalues and eigenvectors:

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$



Matrix Notation: Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors

- Solving for eigenvalues and eigenvectors:
 - 1) Form the characteristic equation

$$|\mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I}| = \begin{bmatrix} 4 - \lambda & 1 \\ 2 & 3 - \lambda \end{bmatrix} = 0$$



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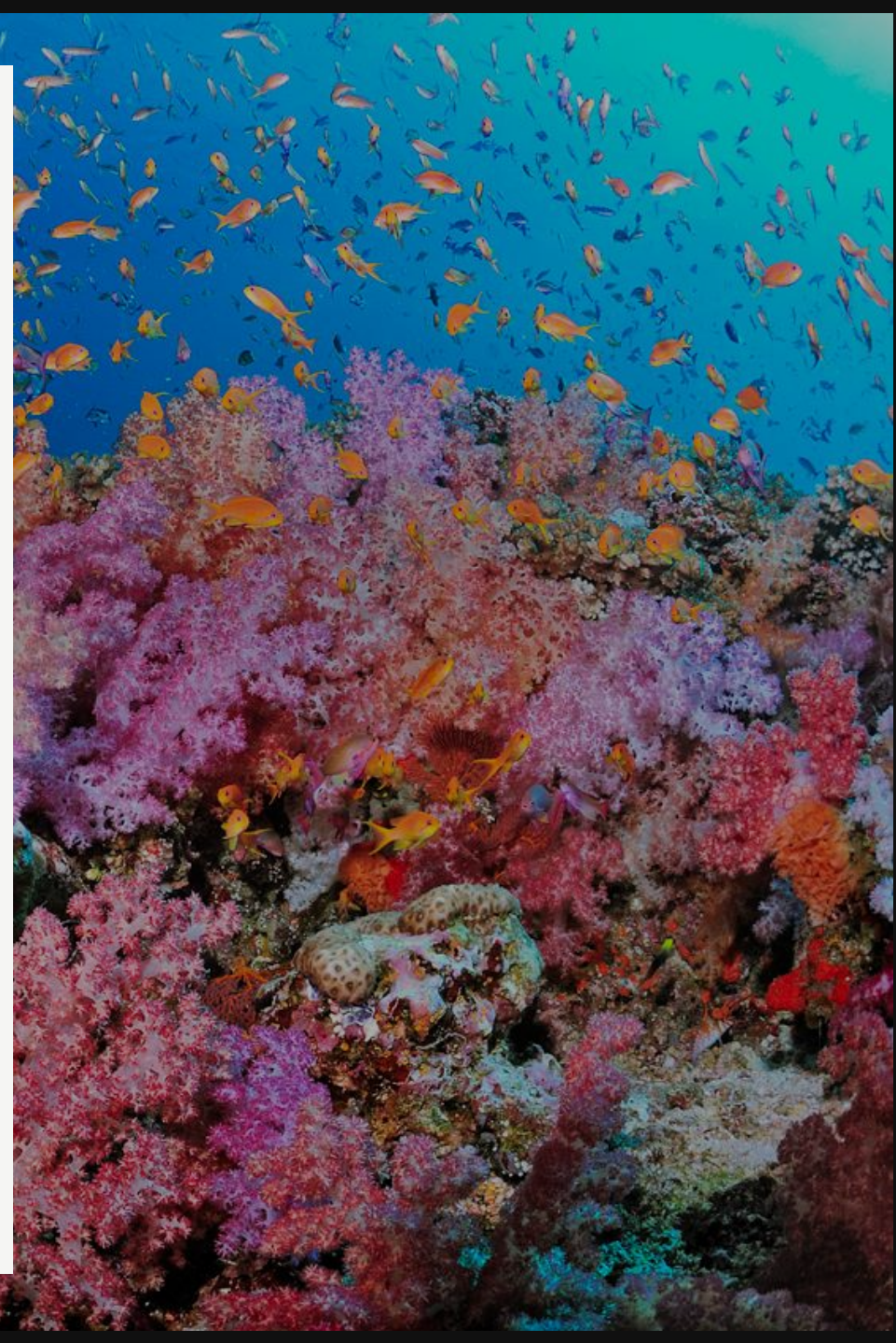
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$$(4 - \lambda) \times (3 - \lambda) - 2 \times 1 = 0$$

$$\lambda^2 - 7\lambda + 10 = 0$$

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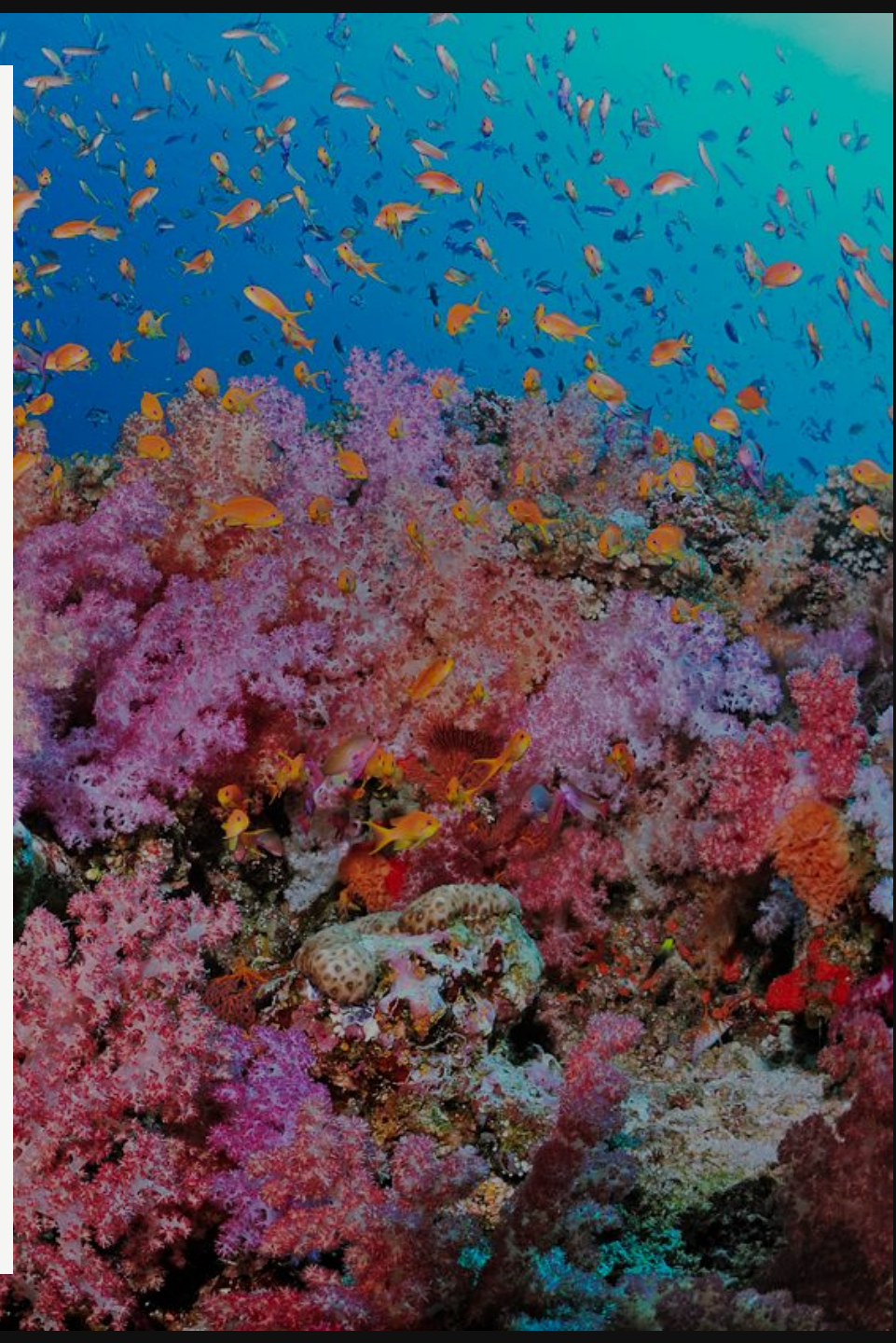
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$$\lambda_1 = 2, \lambda_2 = 5$$



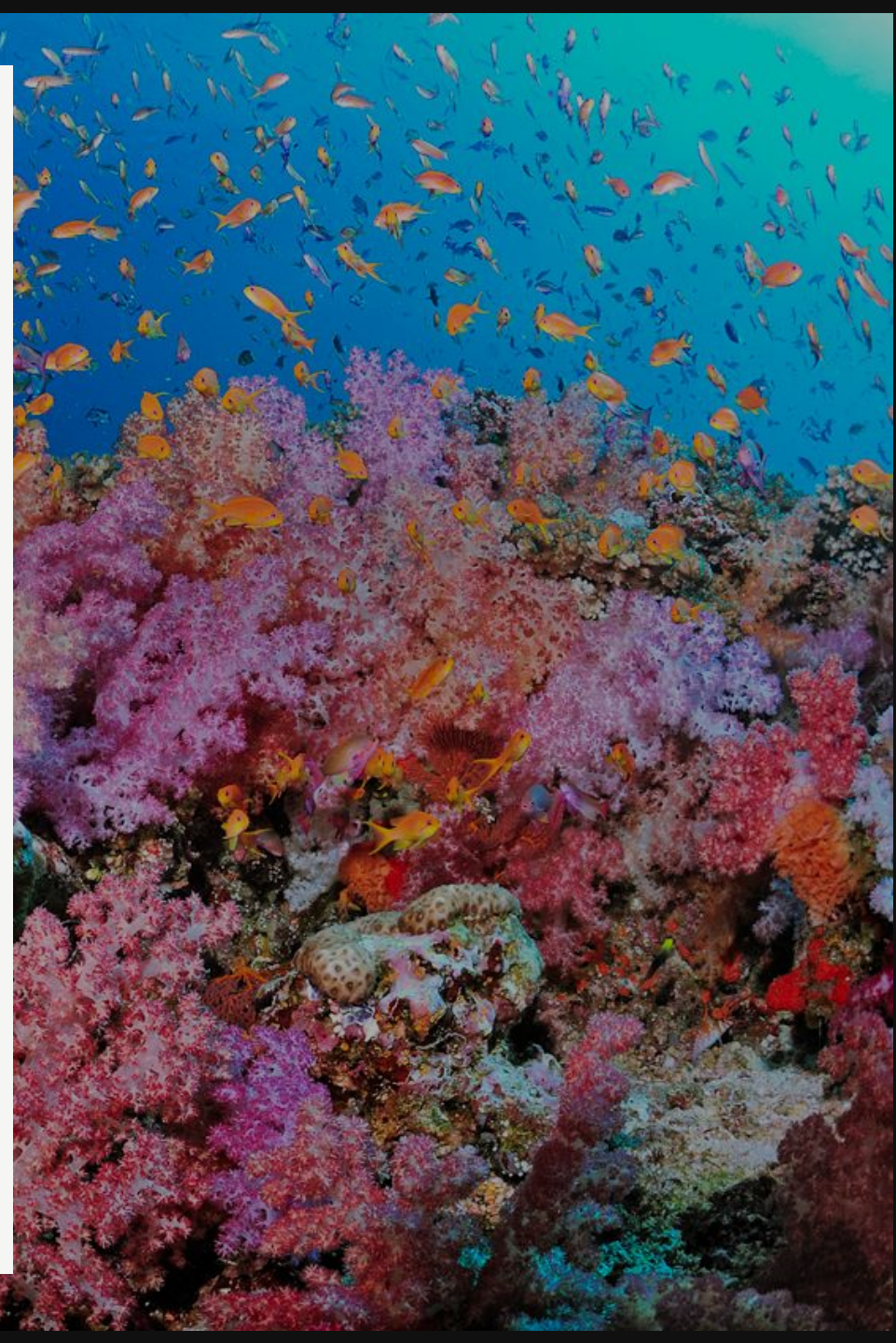
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- Solving for eigenvalues and eigenvectors:

3) Solve for eigenvectors (\mathbf{u})

$$(\mathbf{A} - \lambda \mathbf{I})\mathbf{u} = 0$$

$$(\mathbf{A} - \lambda_1 \mathbf{I}) = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (\mathbf{A} - \lambda_2 \mathbf{I}) = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 2 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$



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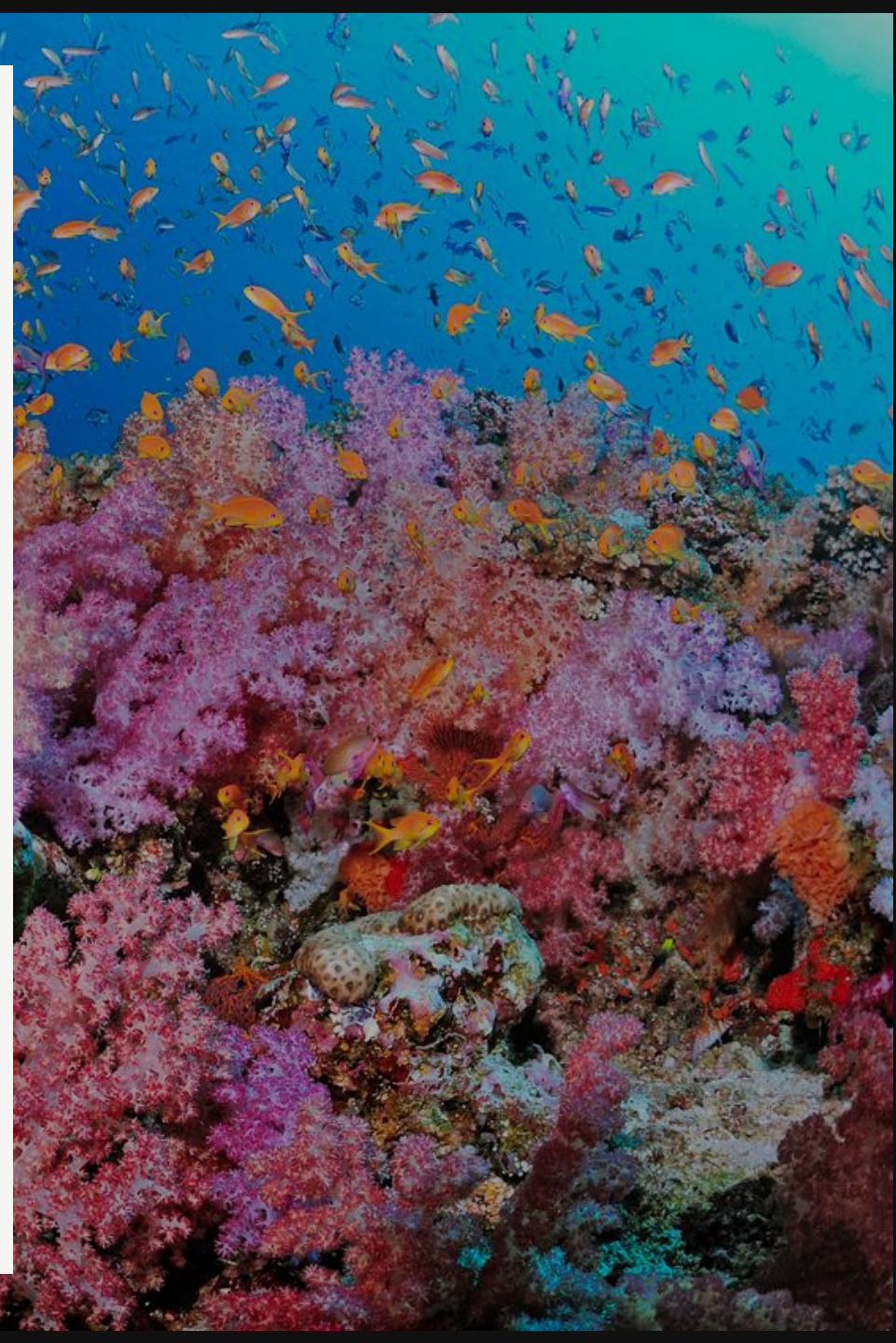
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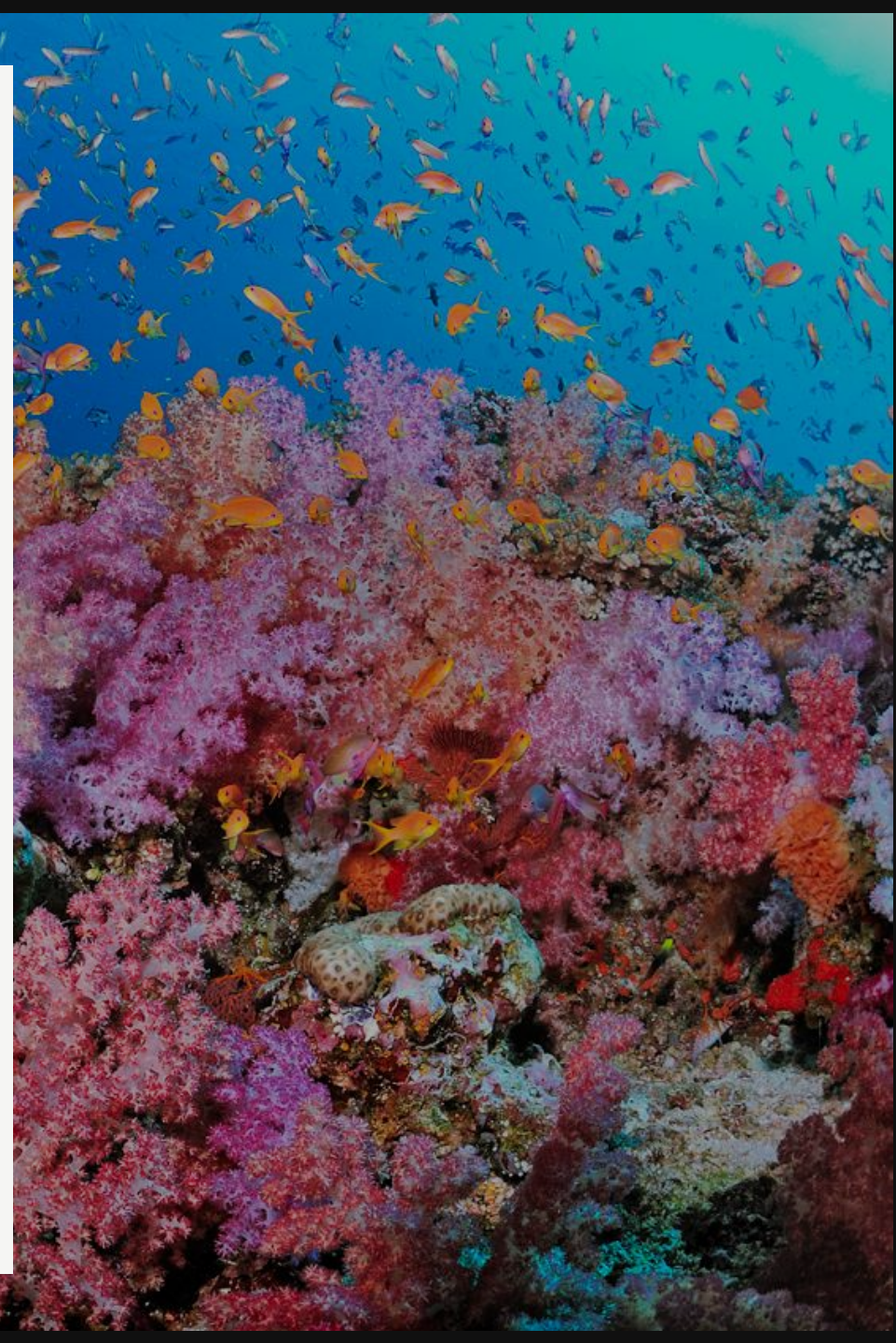
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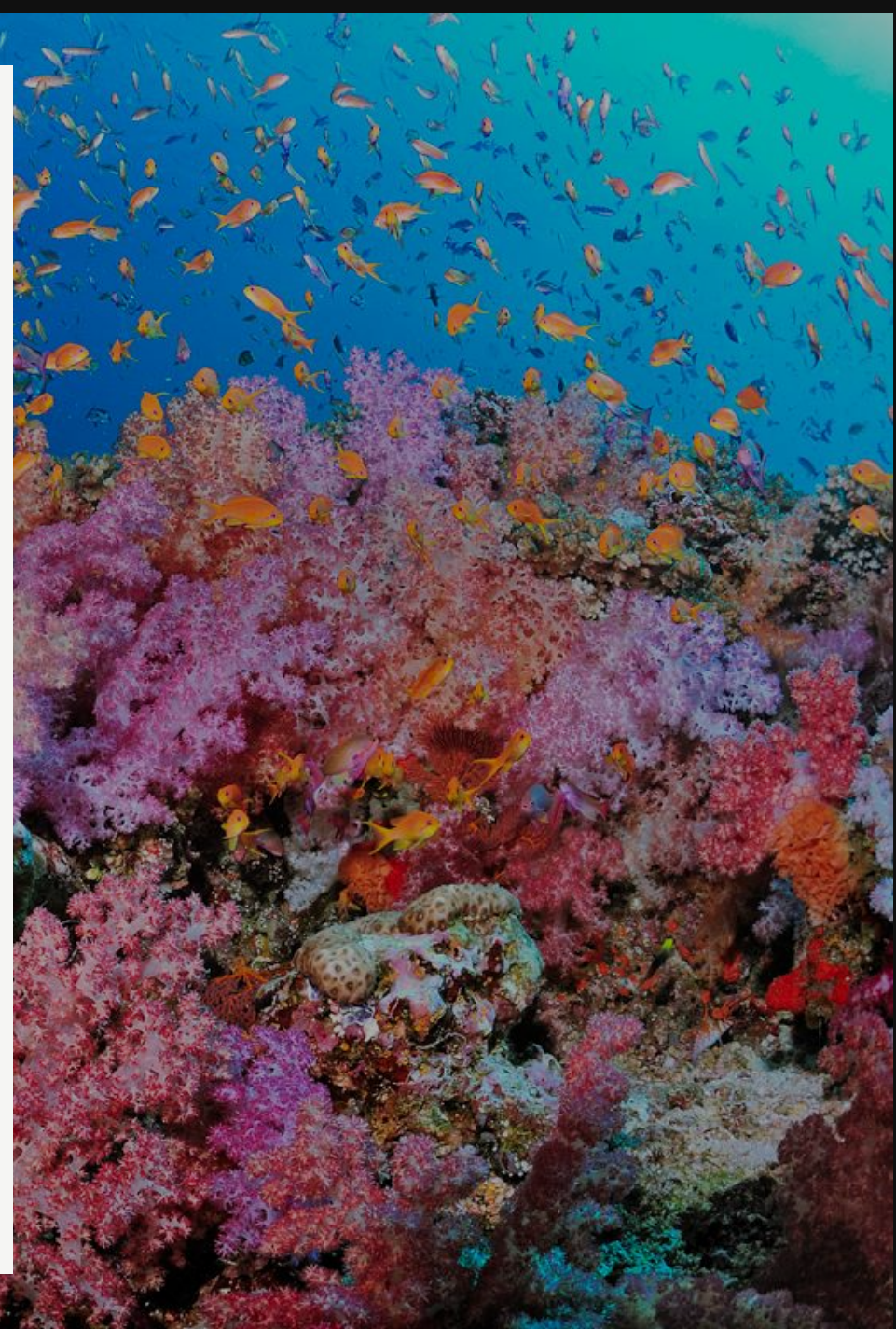
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Properties:

1. The sum of the eigenvalues (λ) equals the trace of the matrix \mathbf{A} .
2. The product of the eigenvalues (λ) equals the determinant of the matrix \mathbf{A} .
3. Eigenvectors (\mathbf{u}) corresponding to distinct eigenvalues (λ) are linearly independent.
4. Eigenvectors (\mathbf{u}) are orthogonal.



Association Matrices



Association Matrices: A Very Special Square (Usually) Matrix

An **association matrix (A)** assesses the degree of resemblance among objects (*Q-mode*) or descriptors (*R-mode*) for all element pairs.

Producing an association matrix is the first step in the numerical analysis of ecological data!



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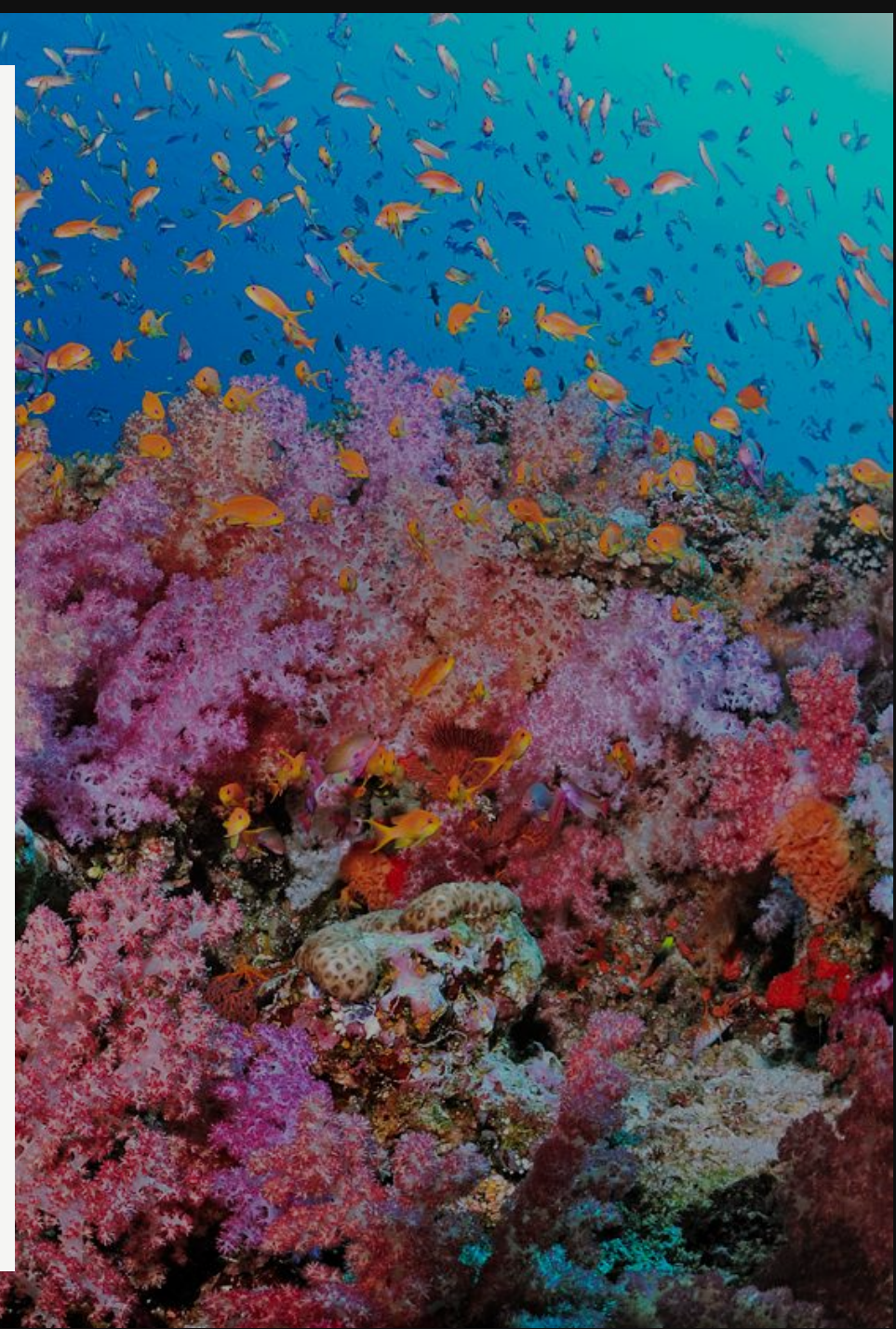
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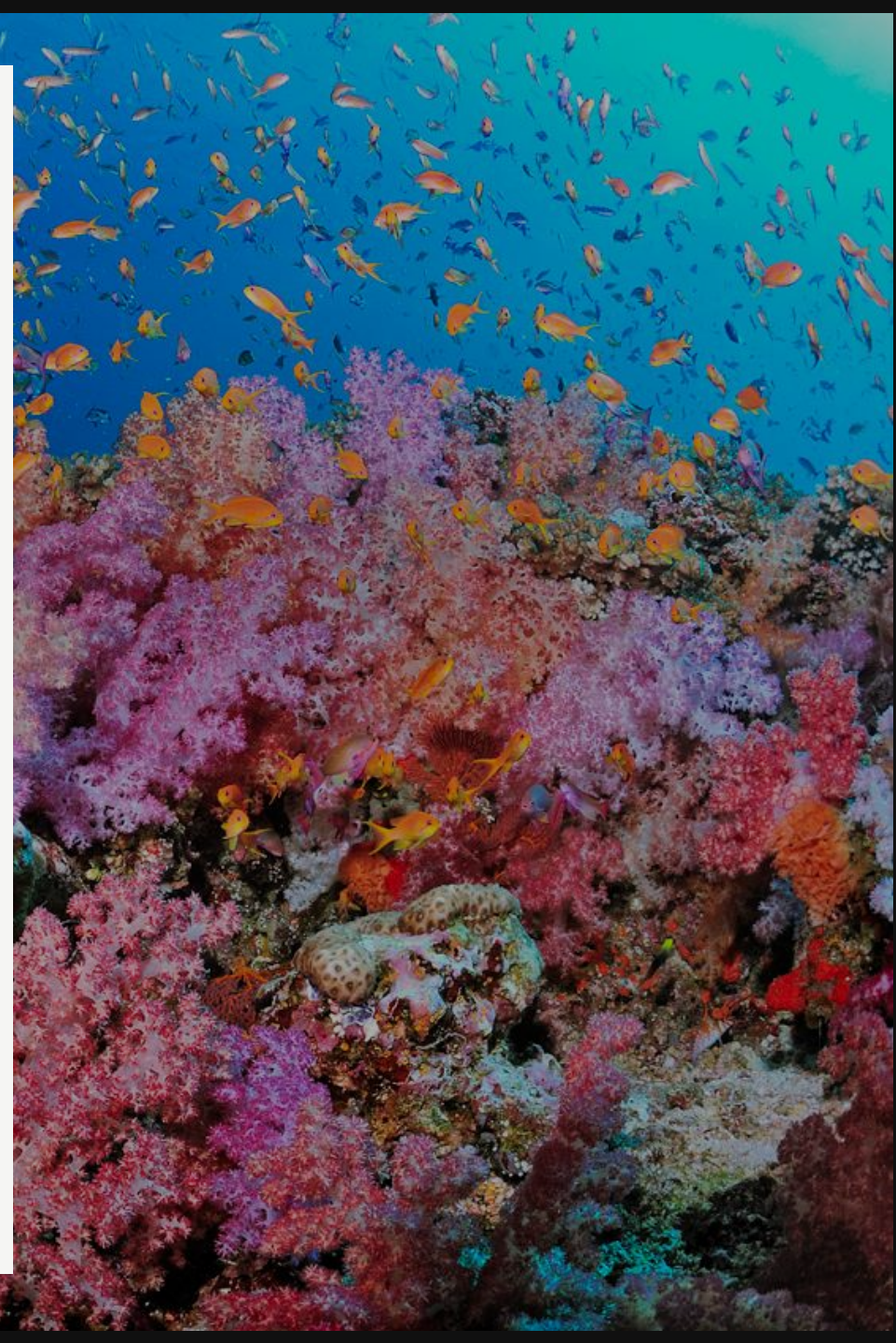
Most scientists do not consider the absence of a species at two sites to provide useful information.



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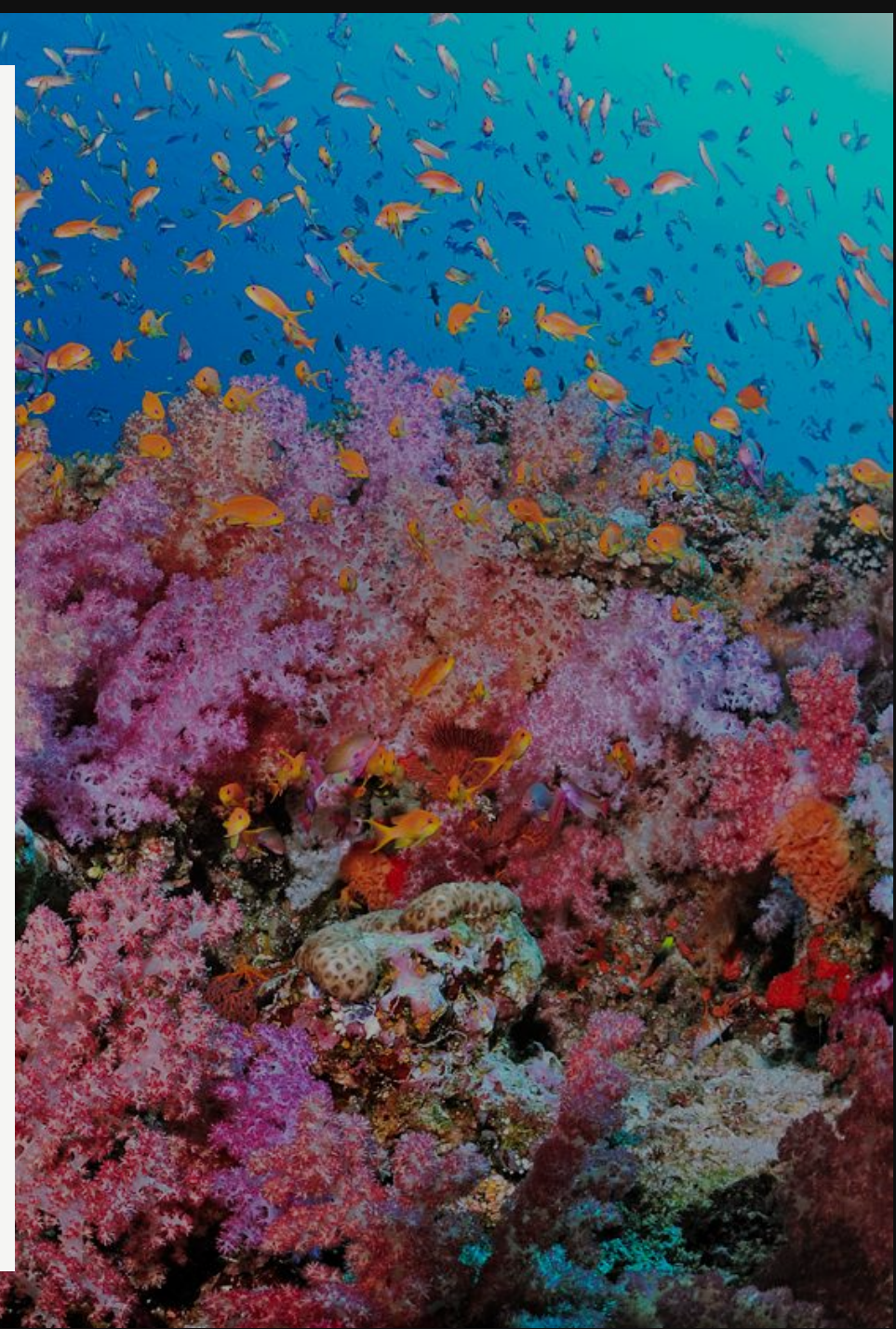
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- **Symmetrical** association coefficients treat a zero value for a pair of objects as a complete similarity.
- **Asymmetrical** association coefficients ignore double zeros or treat them differently.

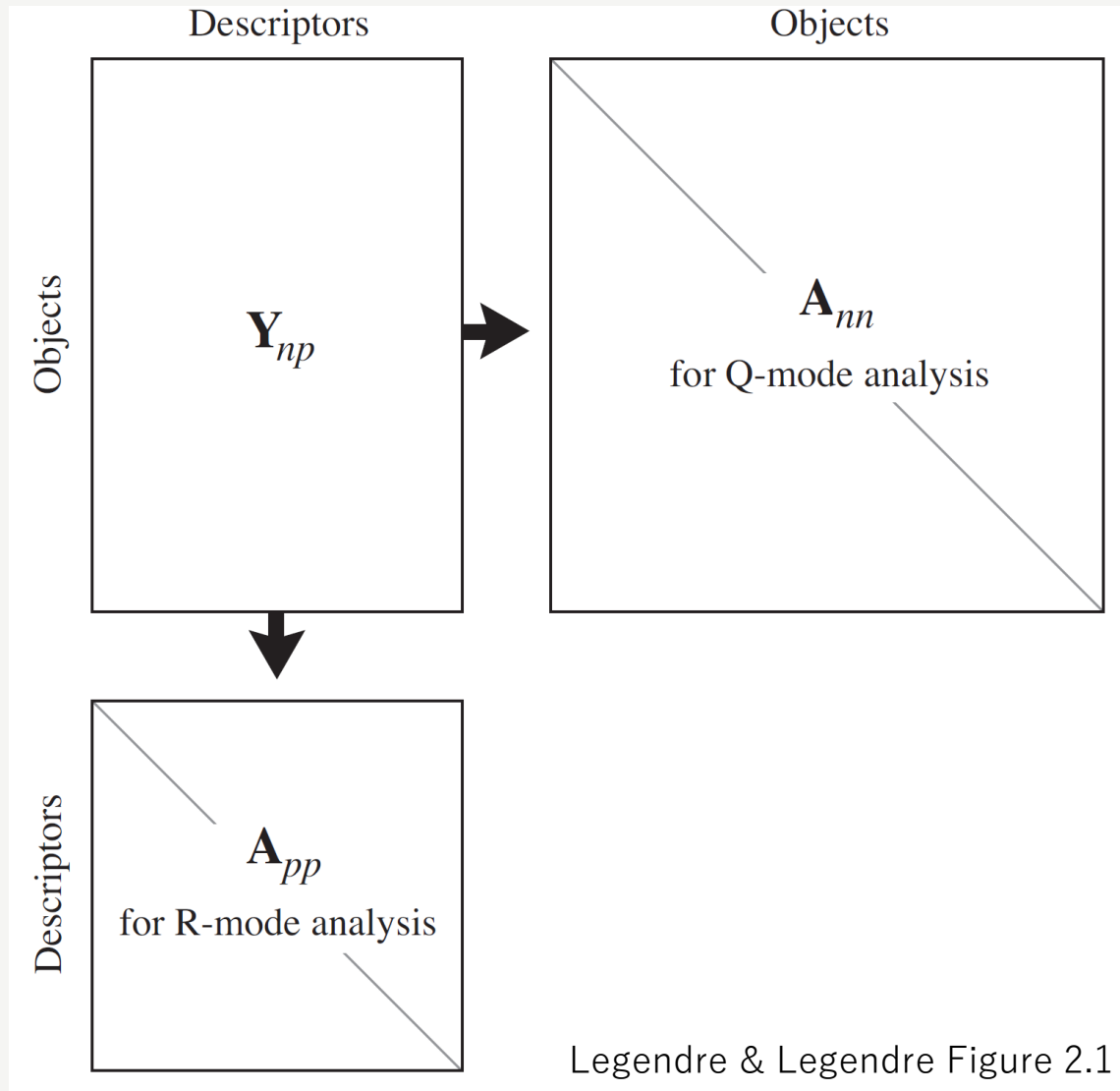


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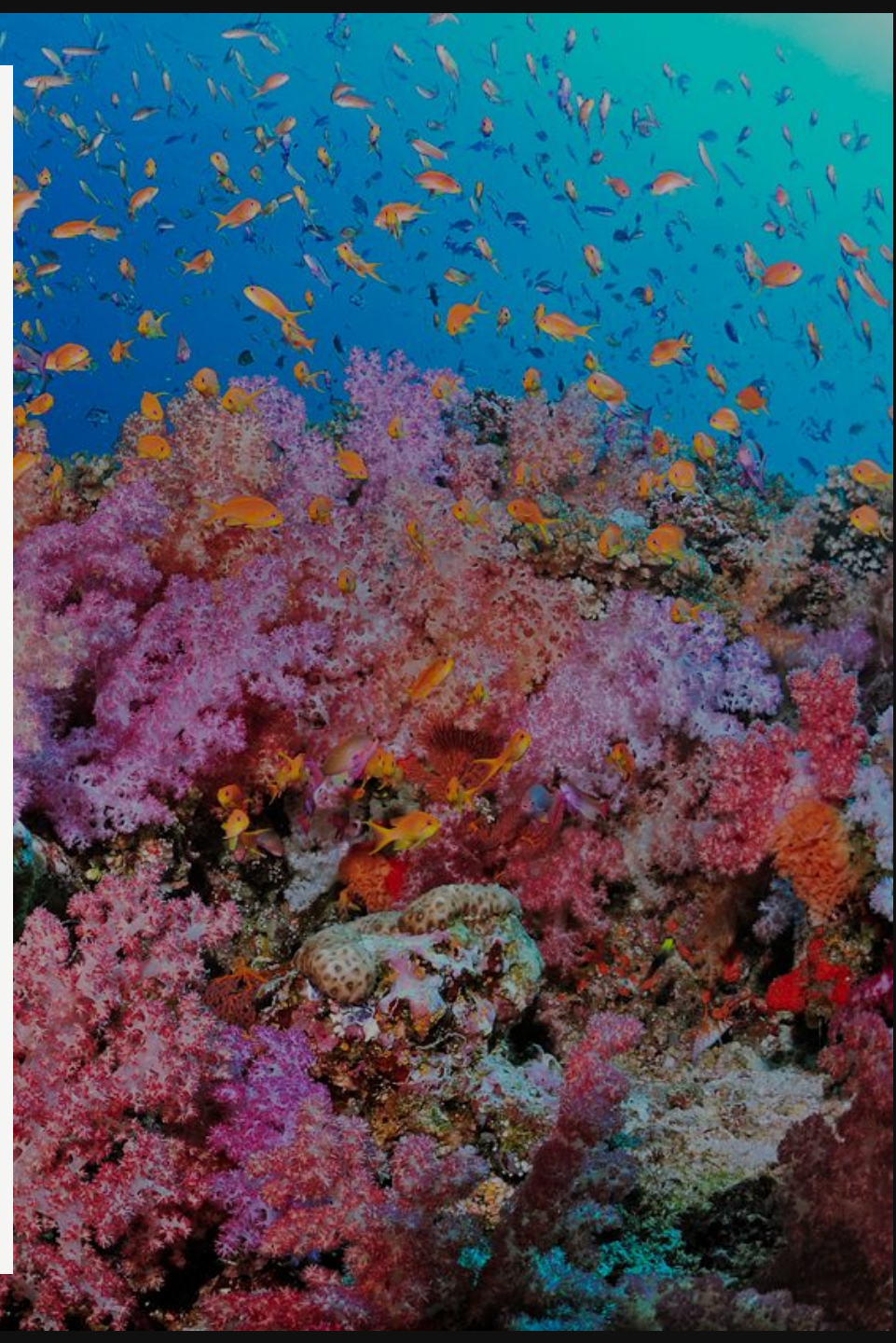


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Association Matrices: Relationships Among Objects (Q Mode)

- Binary, presence/absence
- Quantitative, metric
- Quantitative, semimetric



Association Matrices: Simple Matching Coefficient

		Object \mathbf{x}_2	
		1	0
Object \mathbf{x}_1	1	a	b
	0	c	d

$$S(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2) = \frac{a + d}{a + b + c + d}$$

Use: Binary or presence/absence data

Association Type: Similarity

Range: 0–1

Symmetrical: Yes

Metric: Yes



Association Matrices: Jaccard's Coefficient

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		1	0
Object \mathbf{x}_1	1	a	b
	0	c	d

$$S(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2) = \frac{a}{a + b + c}$$

Use: Binary or presence/absence data

Association Type: Similarity

Range: 0–1

Symmetrical: No

Metric: Yes



Association Matrices: Sørensen Coefficient

		Object \mathbf{x}_2	
		1	0
Object \mathbf{x}_1	1	a	b
	0	c	d

$$S(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2) = \frac{2a}{2a + b + c}$$

Use: Binary or presence/absence data

Association Type: Similarity

Range: 0–1

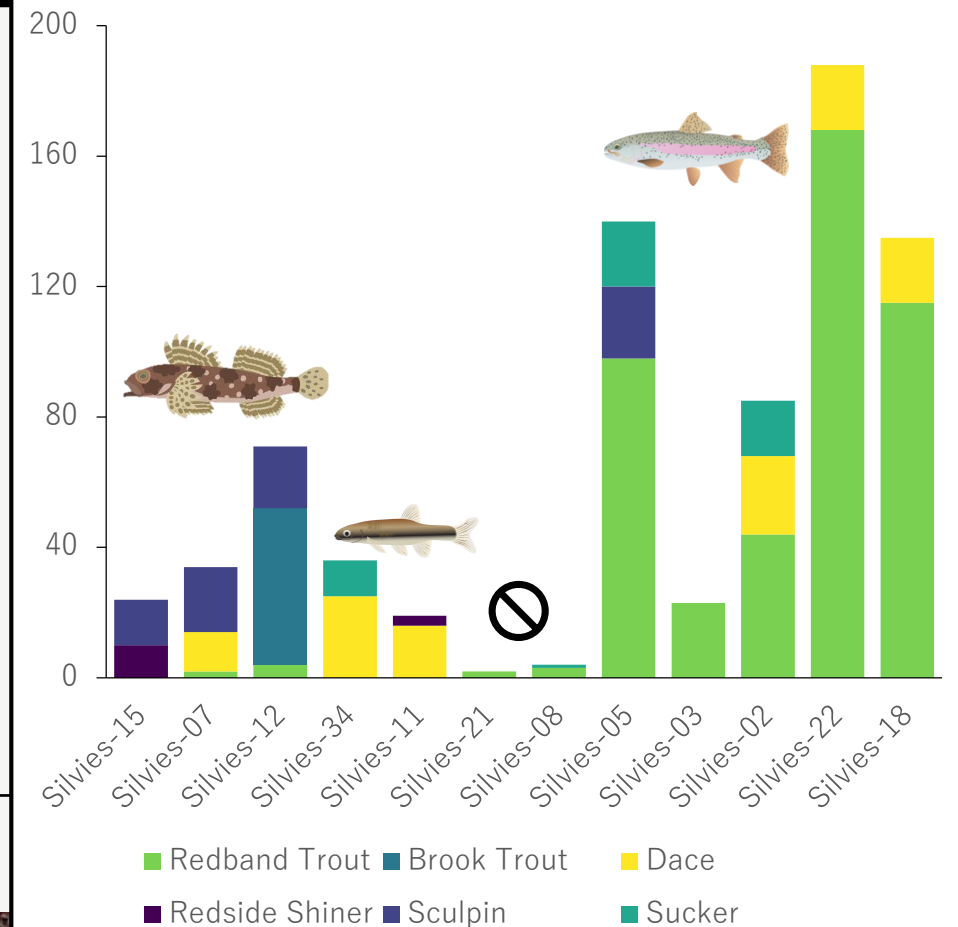
Symmetrical: No

Metric: Semimetric



Association Matrices: Example Dataset

Site ID	Redband Trout	Brook Trout	Dace	Redside Shiner	Sculpin	Sucker
Silvies-15	0	0	0	10	14	0
Silvies-07	2	0	12	0	20	0
Silvies-12	4	48	0	0	19	0
Silvies-34	0	0	25	0	0	11
Silvies-11	0	0	16	3	0	0
Silvies-21	2	0	0	0	0	0
Silvies-08	3	0	0	0	0	1
Silvies-05	98	0	0	0	22	20
Silvies-03	23	0	0	0	0	0
Silvies-02	44	0	24	0	0	17
Silvies-22	168	0	20	0	0	0
Silvies-18	115	0	20	0	0	0



Association Matrices: Euclidean Distance

$$D(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2) = \sqrt{\sum_{j=1}^p (y_{1j} - y_{2j})^2}$$

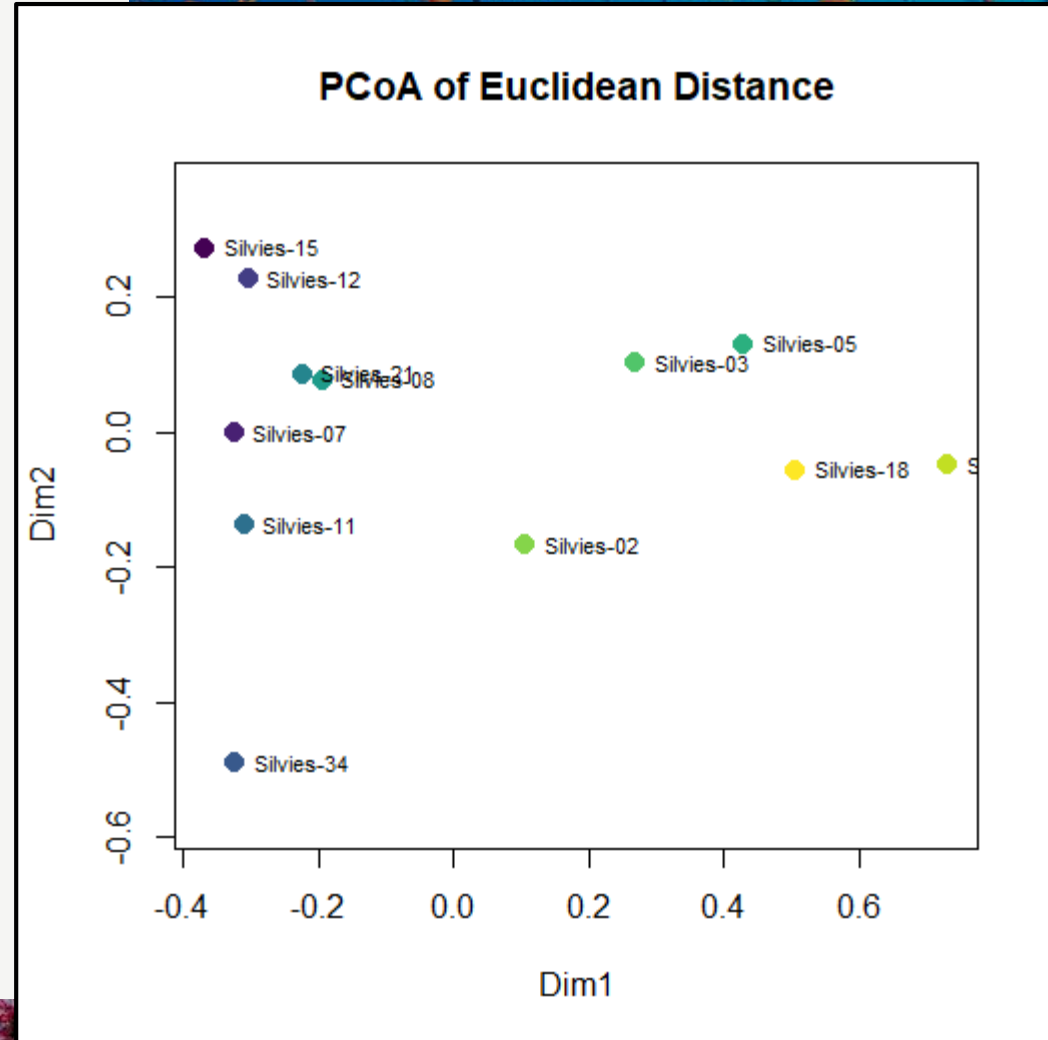
Use: Quantitative environmental data (*do not use for species abundance*)

Association Type: Distance

Range: $0-\infty$ (value depends on descriptor scale)

Symmetrical: Yes

Metric: Yes



Association Matrices: Manhattan Distance

$$D(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2) = \sum_{j=1}^p |y_{1j} - y_{2j}|$$

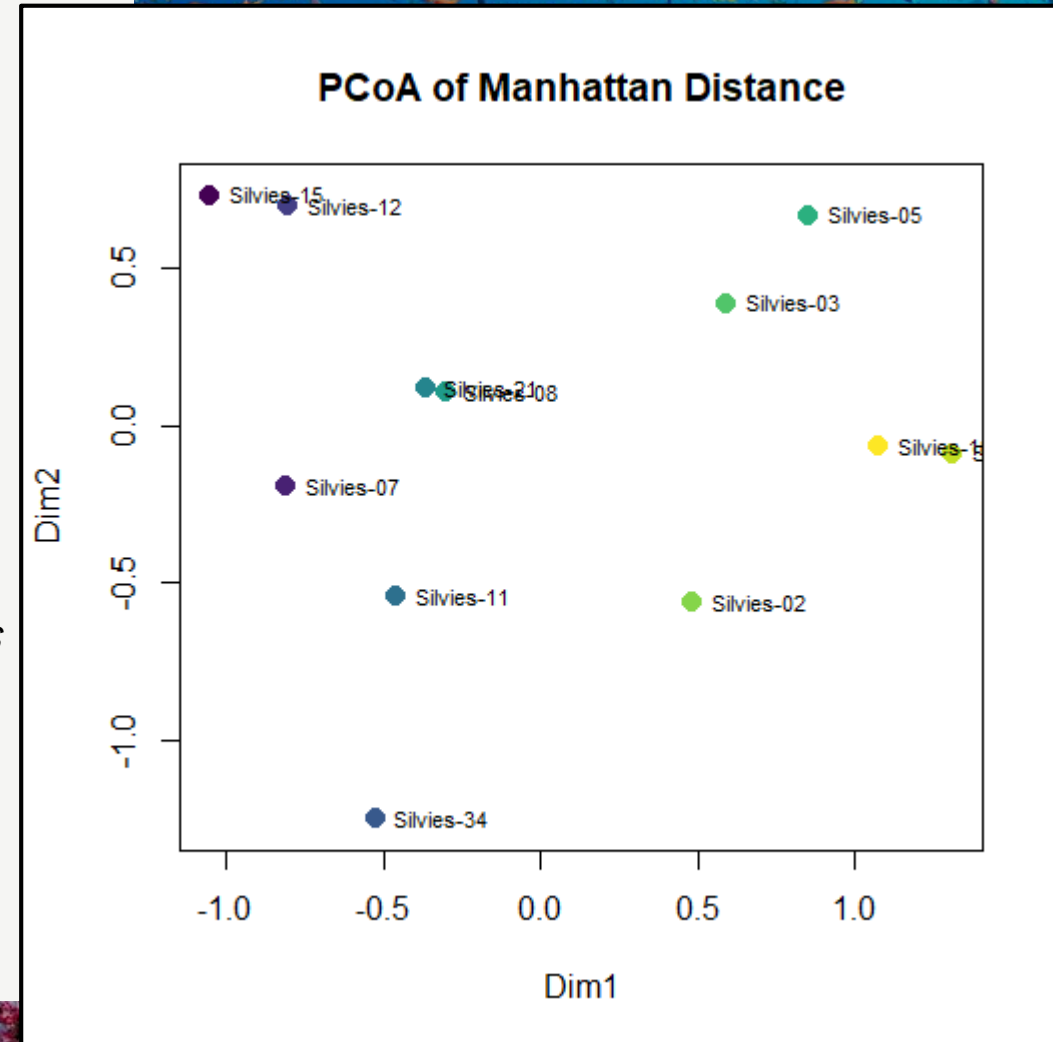
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Association Type: Distance

Range: $0-\infty$ (value depends on descriptor scale)

Symmetrical: Yes

Metric: Yes



Association Matrices: Canberra Distance

$$D(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2) = \sum_{j=1}^p \left[\frac{|y_{1j} - y_{2j}|}{(y_{1j} + y_{2j})} \right]$$

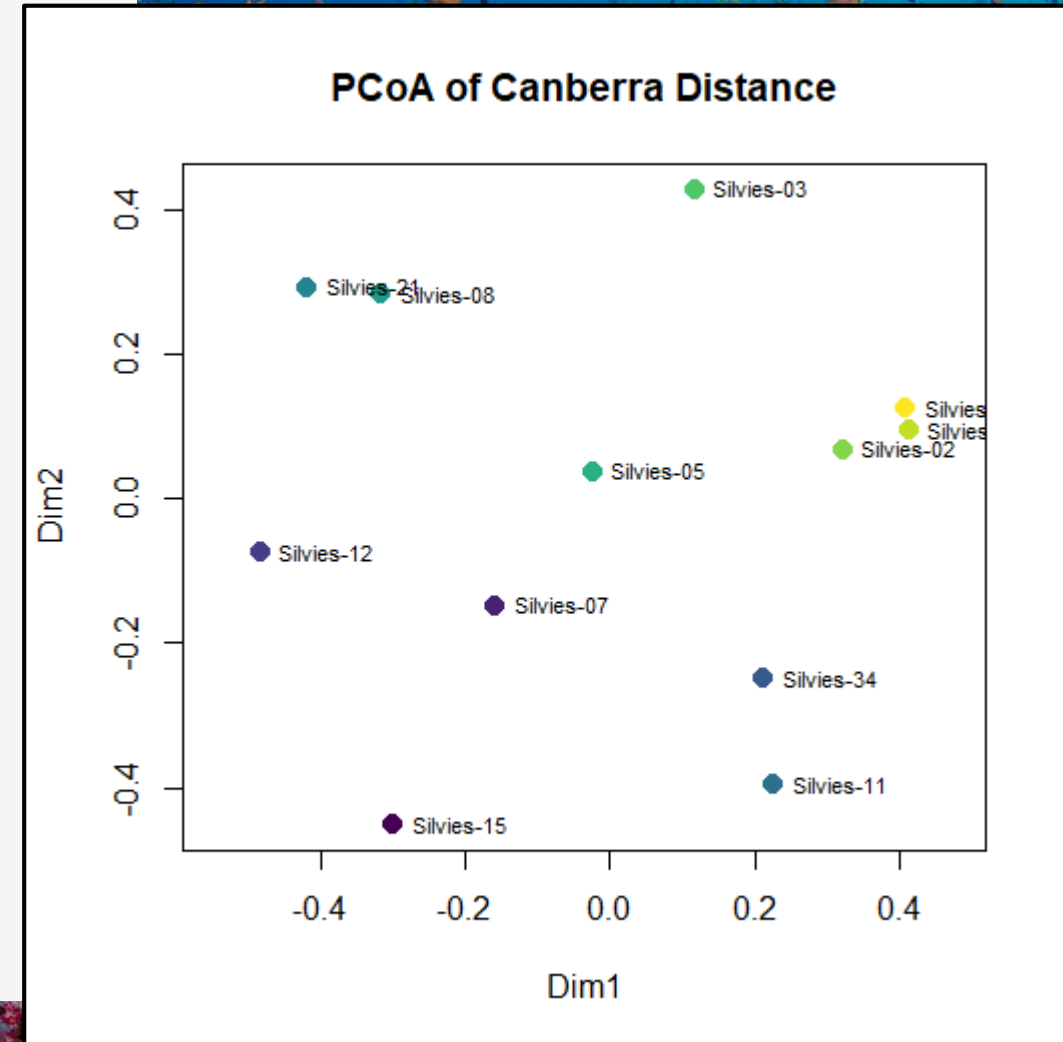
Use: Quantitative data; *rarer species contribute more to differences than abundant species*

Association Type: Distance

Range: $0 - \infty$ (value depends on descriptor scale)

Symmetrical: No

Metric: Yes



Association Matrices: Chi-square Coefficients

$$D(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2) = \sqrt{\sum_{j=1}^p \frac{1}{y_{+j}} \left(\frac{y_{1j}}{y_{1+}} - \frac{y_{2j}}{y_{2+}} \right)^2}$$

χ^2 Metric

Use: Quantitative data; *rarer species contribute more to differences than abundant species*

Association Type: Distance

Range: $0 - \sqrt{2}$

Symmetrical: No

Metric: Yes



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$$D(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2) = \sqrt{y_{++}} \sqrt{\sum_{j=1}^p \frac{1}{y_{++}} \left(\frac{y_{1j}}{y_{1+}} - \frac{y_{2j}}{y_{2+}} \right)^2}$$

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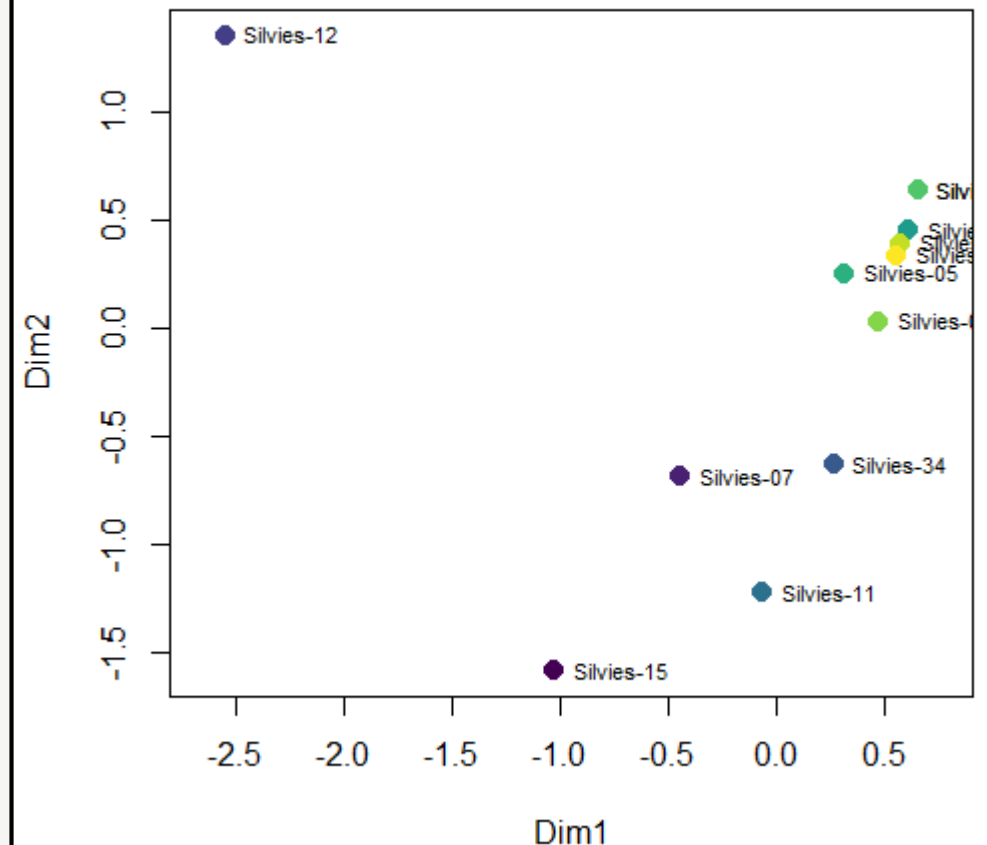
Association Type: Distance

Range: $0 - \sqrt{2y_{++}}$

Symmetrical: No

Metric: Yes

PCoA of Chi-Square Distance



Association Matrices: Percentage Difference/Bray-Curtis Dissimilarity

$$D(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2) = \frac{\sum_{j=1}^p |y_{1j} - y_{2j}|}{\sum_{j=1}^p (y_{1j} + y_{2j})}$$

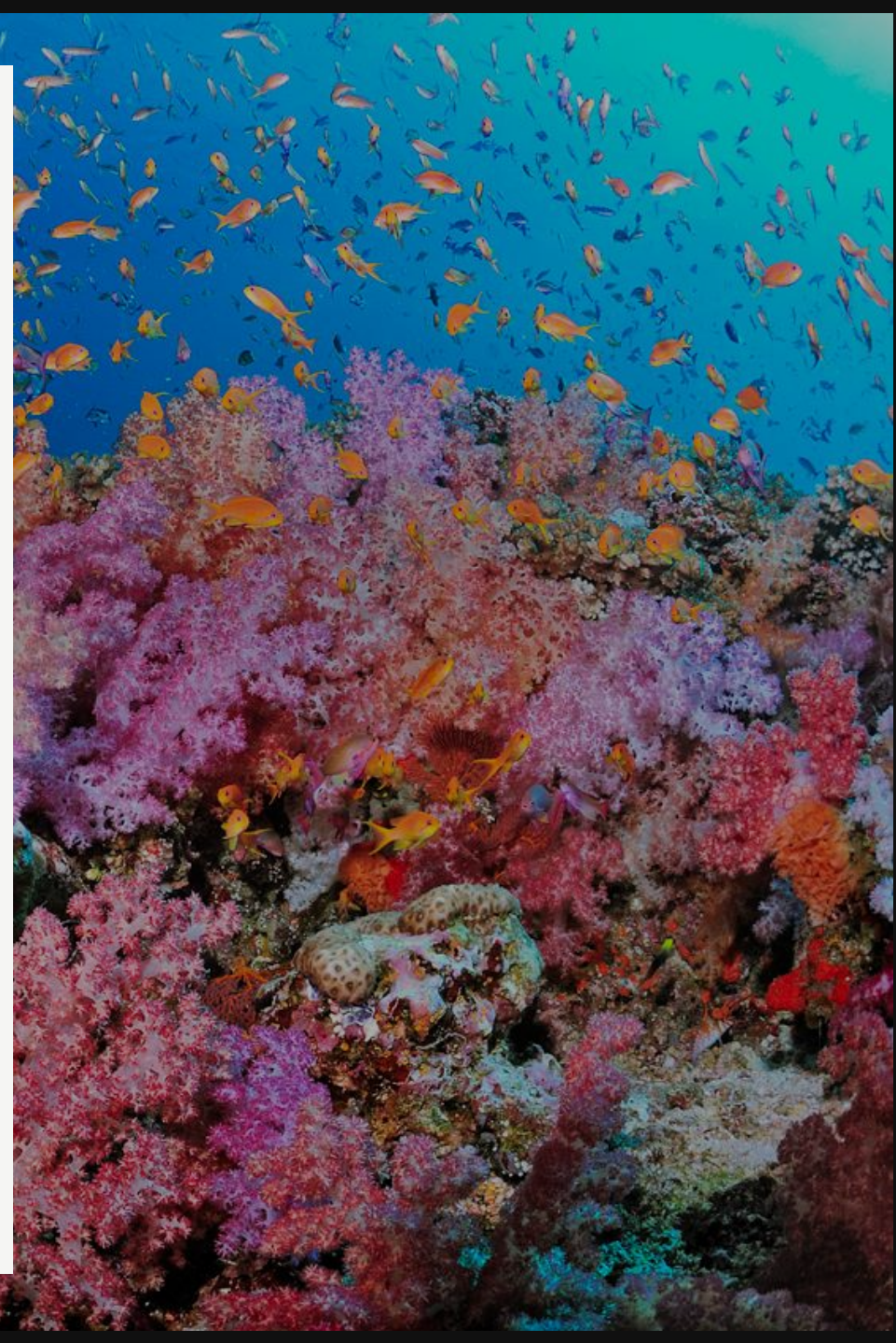
Use: Quantitative data; *particularly suited to species abundance*

Association Type: Distance (Similarity = 1-D)

Range: 0–1

Symmetrical: No

Metric: Semimetric



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$$D(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2) = \frac{\sum_{j=1}^p |y_{1j} - y_{2j}|}{\sum_{j=1}^p (y_{1j} + y_{2j})} = 1 - \frac{2W}{A + B}$$

Where A and B are the sums of abundances of all species at each of the two sites and W is the sum of the minimum abundances of the species.

Use: Quantitative data; *particularly suited to species abundance*

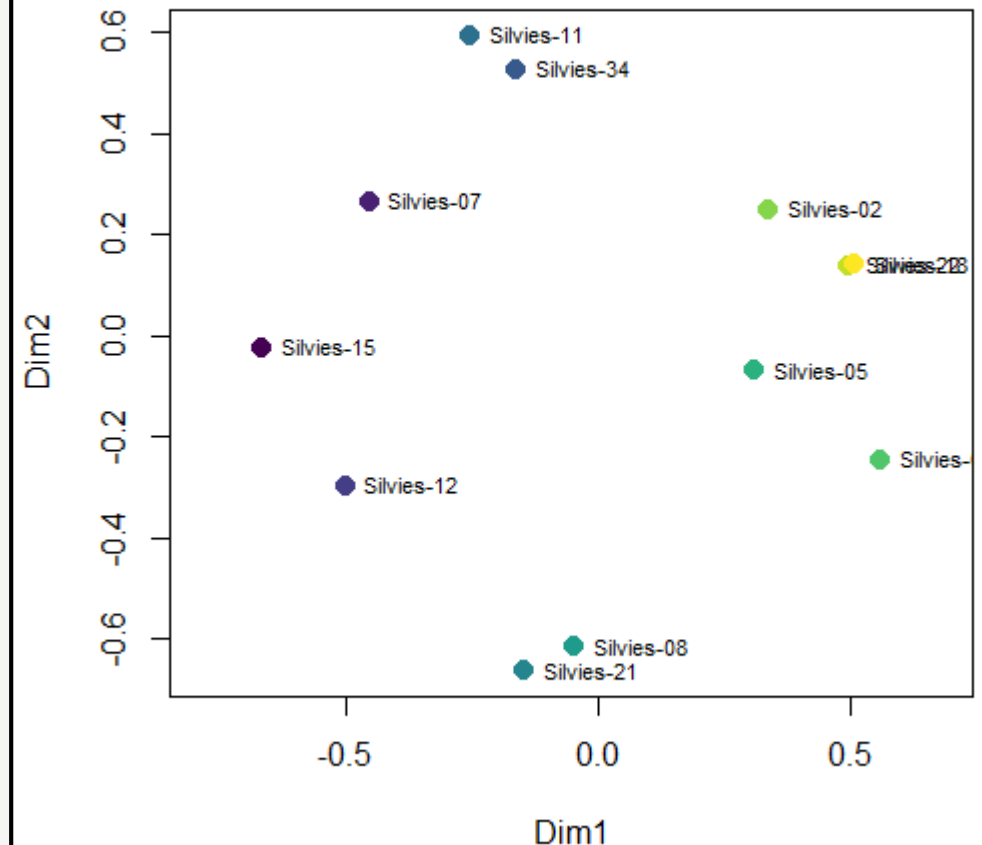
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Association Matrices: Gower's Coefficient

$$D(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2) = \frac{1}{p} \sum_{j=1}^p \text{partial similarity}_{x1,x2}$$

Where the “partial similarity” value depends on data type.

Use: Quantitative descriptors of mixed types

Association Type: Similarity

Range: 0–1

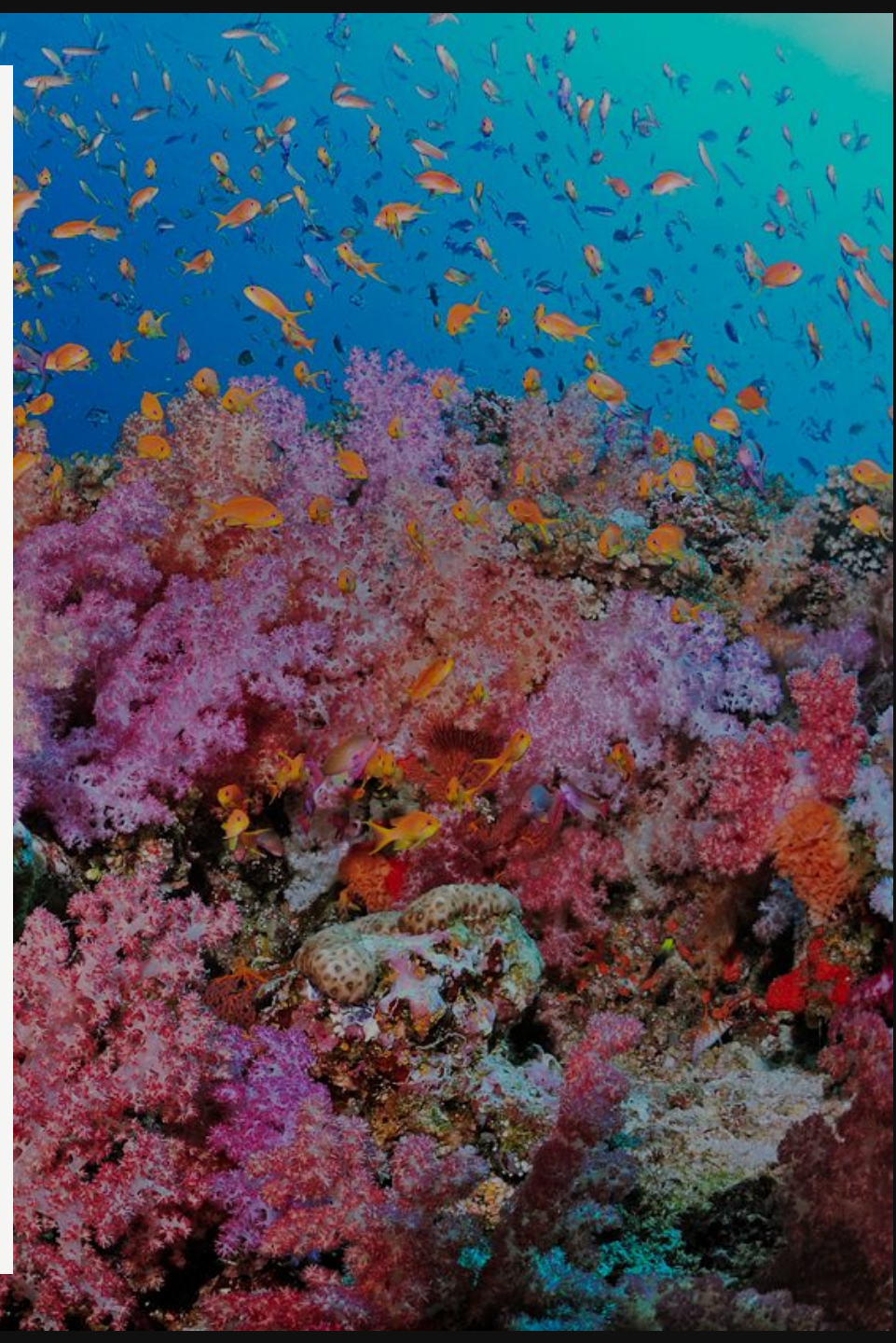
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Pearson's correlation coefficient is a **parametric** measure of dependence.

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Range: -1 – 1 where 0 indicates complete independence



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Spearman's r is a **nonparametric** measure of dependence whereby values are ranked prior to calculating Pearson's correlation coefficient.

Use: Quantitative descriptors (standardized) or species abundances

Range: -1 – 1 where 0 indicates complete independence



Association Matrices: Relationships Among Descriptors (R Mode)

- Pearson's correlation coefficient
- Spearman's r
- **Kendall's tau**

Kendall's tau is a **nonparametric** measure of dependence and is also a “rank” correlation coefficient.

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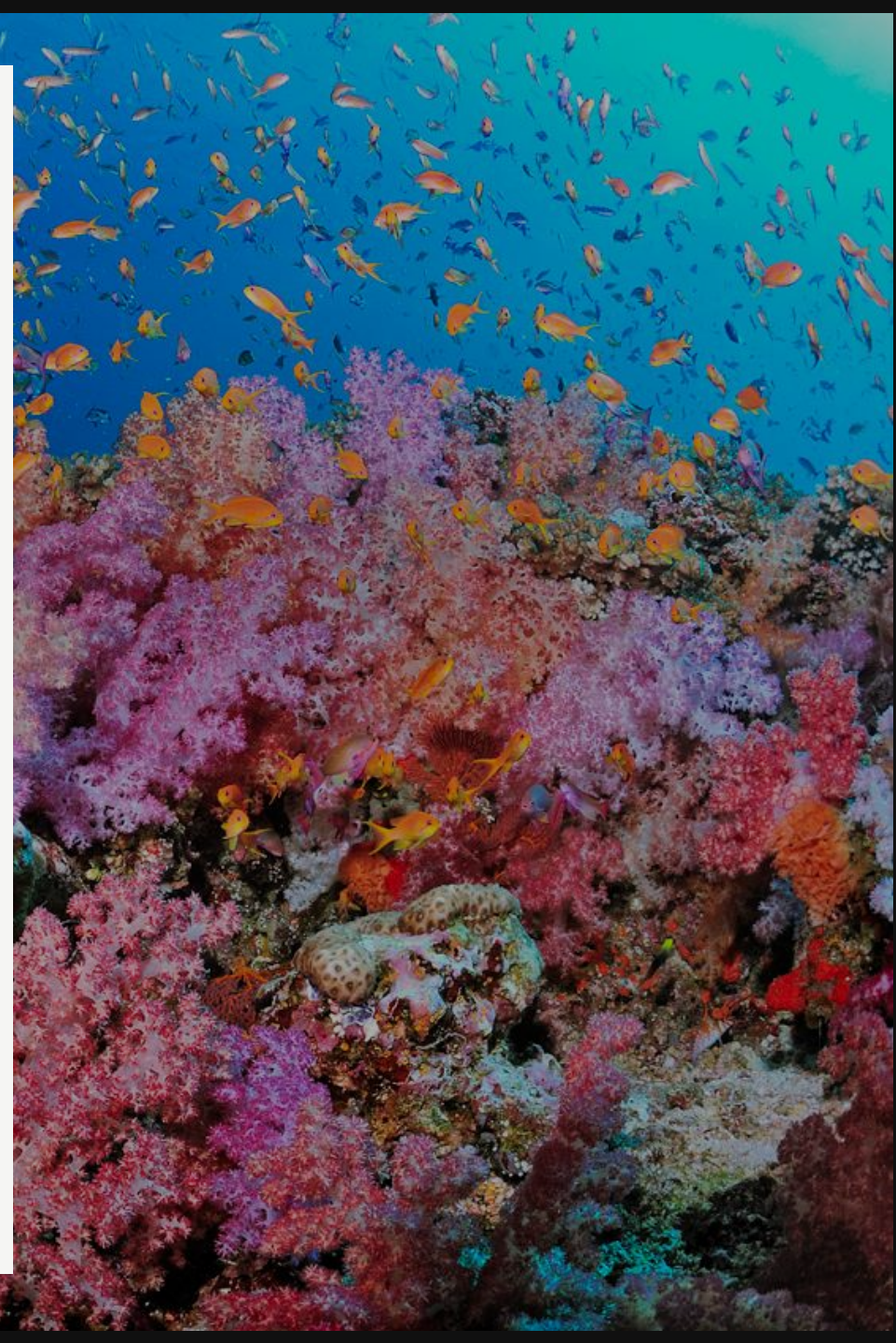
These coefficients are *not* to be used for Q-mode analysis.



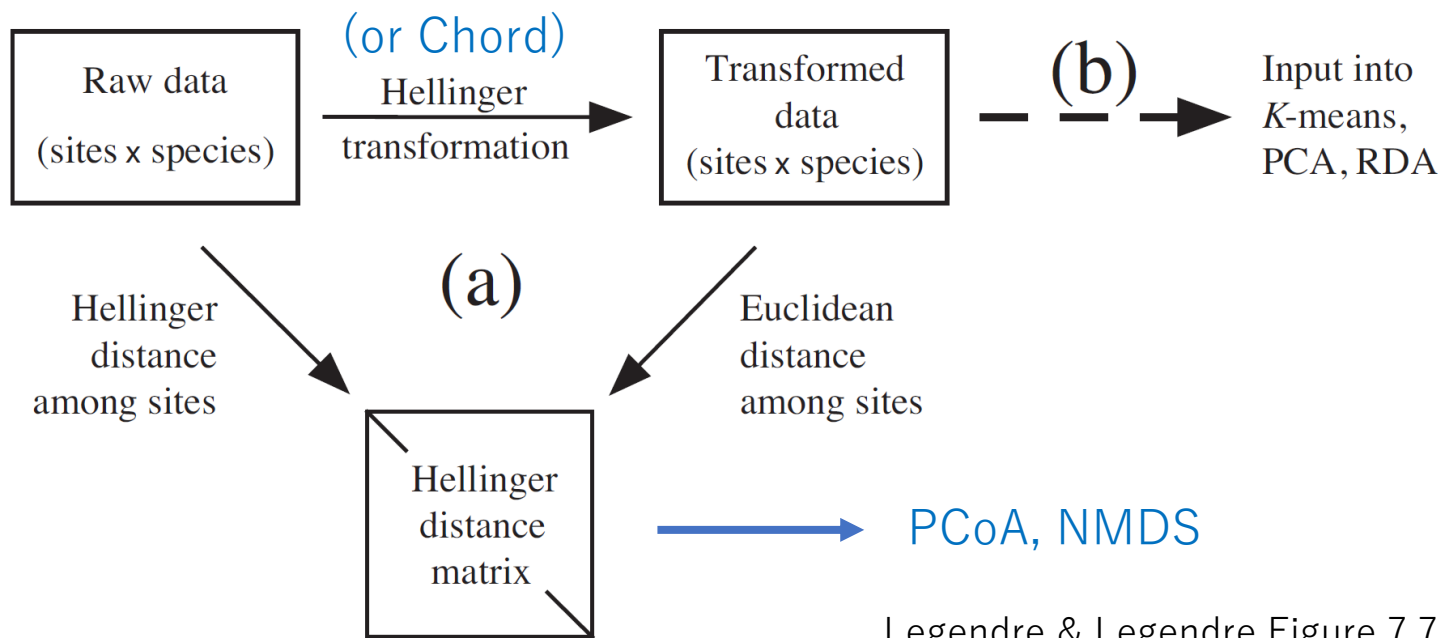
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Simple matching, Jaccard, and Sørensen's coefficients can be used for R-mode analysis of presence/absence data.



Association Matrices: Transformations Revisited



Legendre & Legendre Figure 7.7



Association Matrices: Hellinger Distance

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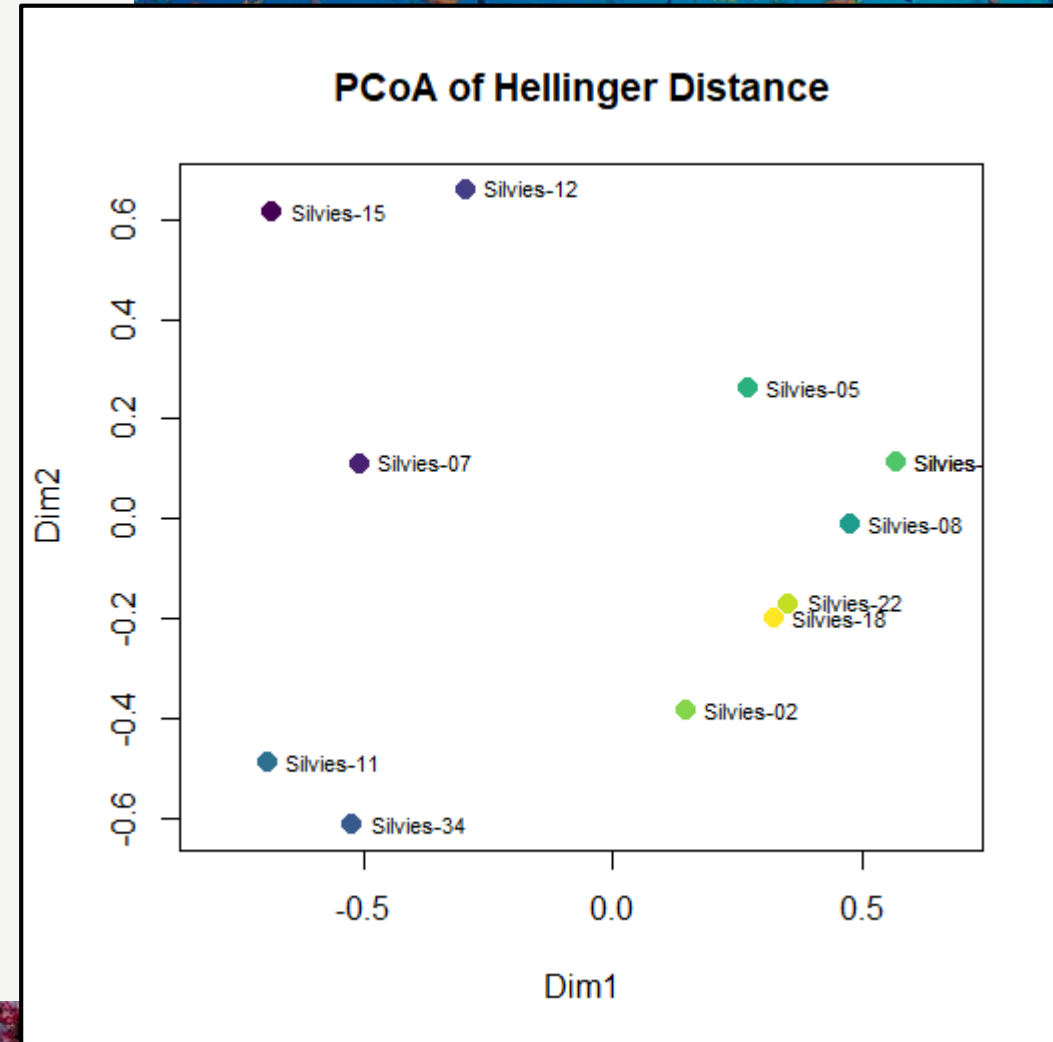
Use: Quantitative data; *well suited for species abundances*

Association Type: Distance

Range: $0 - \sqrt{2}$

Symmetrical: No

Metric: Yes



Conclusion: Summary of Key Points

- An **association matrix (A)** assesses the degree of resemblance among:
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 - Descriptors (**R-mode**) for all element pairs
- Association matrices are almost always **square** and **symmetrical**
- **Similarity** matrices indicate complete similarity when the coefficient = 1, while **difference** matrices are vice versa
 - **Distance** matrices may not have a pre-determined upper bound
- The **double zero problem** occurs when concurrent absences count toward the association coefficient



Questions?

