# Characterizing insect communities using multivariate analyses

ENTMLGY 6702 Entomological Techniques and Data Analysis

# **Learning objectives**

- 1) Distinguish among different ordination techniques
- 2) Understand how to apply these methods to your data
- 3) Interpret the outputs of the ordination analyses

# Traditional taxonomic approach to study insect diversity

Measure unique "types" and compare among samples or communities

Type: taxonomic unit (species, genera, families, orders)

- 1. Abundance measures the number of individuals of each distinct type
- 2. Richness measures the number of distinct types
- 3. Evenness measures the relative abundance of each type
- 4. Diversity measures the number of types and their evenness

# **Activity**

What are the advantages and limitations to assessing communities using diversity metrics?

### Advantages of multivariate ordination methods

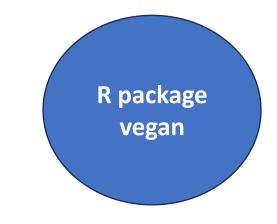
- Analysis of multiple environmental factors on many species simultaneously
- Represents sample and species relationships in a low-dimensional space along (ideally) important and interpretable environmental gradients
- Capable of handling noisy and redundant data
- Accommodates sparse data (i.e., large portion of the entries consist of zeros) because most species are infrequent

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Indirect gradient analysis (aka unconstrained ordination)

- Utilizes only the species x sample matrix
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\*Nonmetric Multidimensional Scaling and Principal Component Analysis



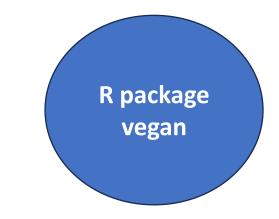
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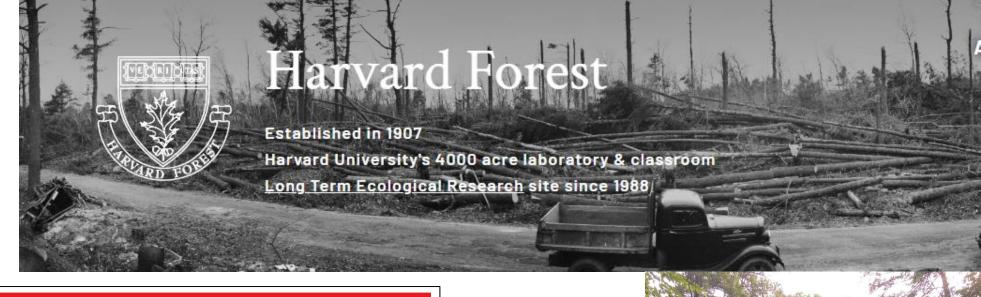
- Utilizes environmental data in addition to a species x sample matrix
- Assess whether species composition is related to measured environmental data
- \*Canonical Correspondence Analysis and Redundancy Analysis



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n = 2

90 x 90 m plots



#### **Methods in Ecology and Evolution**



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Experimentally testing the role of foundation species in forests: the Harvard Forest Hemlock Removal Experiment

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#### Harvard Forest Data Archive

HF106

Understory Vegetation in Hemlock Removal Experiment at Harvard Forest since 2003

#### Related Publications

#### Data

- hf106-01: species codes (preview)
- hf106-02: o-layer and substrate (preview)
- . hf106-03: shrub and herb cover (preview)
- hf106-04: seedling count and cover (preview)
- hf106-05: saplings (preview)
- hf106-06: species list (preview)
- hf106-07: sapling heights (preview)

#### **Environmental data:**

Shrub and herbaceous species in the understory



#### Wide format

2015 & 2018

•	year <sup>‡</sup>	block <sup>‡</sup>	plot <sup>‡</sup>	treatment <sup>‡</sup>	trap.type <sup>‡</sup>	aphful <sup>‡</sup>	aphpic <sup>‡</sup>	camchr <sup>‡</sup>	camher <sup>‡</sup>	camnea <sup>‡</sup>	camnov <sup>‡</sup>	campen <sup>‡</sup>	crelin <sup>‡</sup>	forarg <sup>‡</sup>	forase	fordol
1	2006	Ridge	4	Logged	bait	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	(	)
2	2006	Ridge	4	Logged	hand	0	2	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	(	)
3	2006	Ridge	4	Logged	litter	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(	0
4	2006	Ridge	4	Logged	pitfall	0	11	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	(	)
5	2006	Ridge	5	Girdled	bait	2	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	(	)
6	2006	Ridge	5	Girdled	hand	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	(	)
7	2006	Ridge	5	Girdled	litter	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(	)
8	2006	Ridge	5	Girdled	pitfall	4	19	0	0	0	0	13	0	0	(	)
9	2006	Ridge	6	HemlockControl	bait	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(	)
10	2006	Ridge	6	HemlockControl	hand	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(	)
11	2006	Ridge	6	HemlockControl	litter	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(	)
12	2006	Ridge	6	HemlockControl	pitfall	1	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(	)
13	2006	Ridge	7	HardwoodControl	bait	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	(	)
14	2006	Ridge	7	HardwoodControl	hand	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	(	)
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16	2006	Ridge	7	HardwoodControl	pitfall	0	18	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	(	0
17	2006	Valley	1	Girdled	bait	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	(	0
18	2006	Valley	1	Girdled	hand	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	(	0
19	2006	Valley	1	Girdled	litter	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(	0
20	2006	Valley	1	Girdled	pitfall	1	10	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	(	0
21	2006	Valley	2	Logged	bait	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	(	0
22	2006	Valley	2	Logged	hand	0	1	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	(	0
23	2006	Valley	2	Logged	pitfall	0	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(	)
24	2006	Valley	3	HemlockControl	bait	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(	0
25	2006	Valley	3	HemlockControl	hand	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	(	0
26	2006	Valley	3	HemlockControl	pitfall	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(	0
27	2006	Valley	8	HardwoodControl	bait	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	(	0
28	2006	Valley	8	HardwoodControl	hand	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(	0
29	2006	Valley	8	HardwoodControl	litter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(	)

# **Nonmetric Multidimensional Scaling (NMDS)**

Used to assess differences in species composition among sites, treatments, etc.

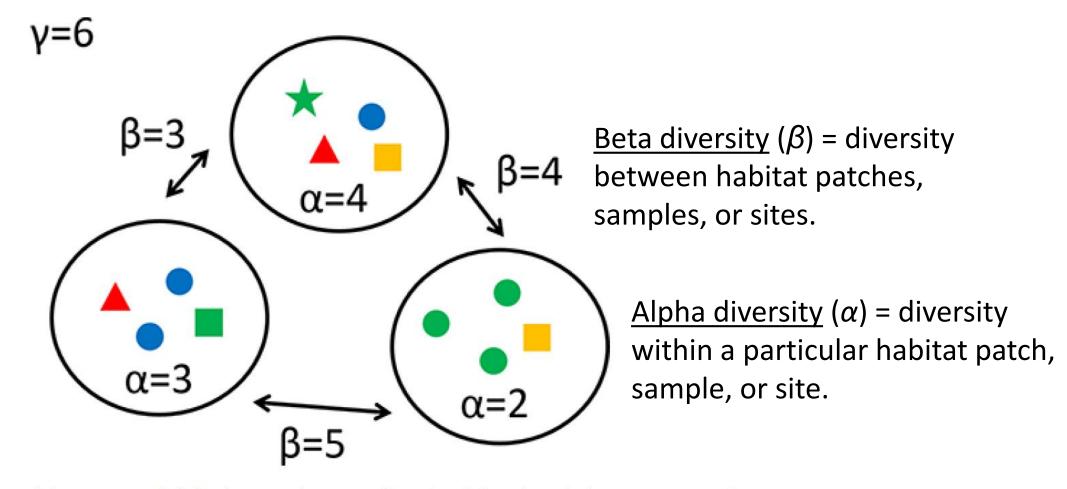
Represents (as well as possible) the ordering relationships among sites in species space

Based on a distance (dissimilarity) matrix as a measure of beta-diversity

Iterative method that maximizes the rank order correlations between the distances in the dissimilarity matrix and the distances in low-dimensional space

Robust technique – no assumptions of normality or linear relationships among variables.

Gamma diversity  $(\gamma)$  = total number of species across all habitats within a landscape



**Figure 5.** Illustration of the concept of alpha, beta, and gamma diversity. Colored symbols represent species, circles represent habitat patches, and the large rectangle represents the landscape.

#### **Beta diversity metrics**

Beta diversity ( $\beta$ ) = diversity between habitat patches, samples, or sites.

Introduced by R.H. Whittaker in 1960

"The extent of change in community composition, or degree of community differentiation, in relation to a complexgradient of environment"

$$\beta_{\text{W}} = (\gamma - \alpha)/\alpha$$

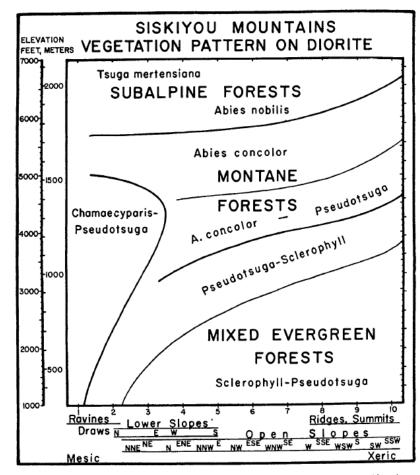


Fig. 11. Mosaic chart of vegetation on quartz diorite, central Siskiyou Mountains, Oregon.

Whittaker, R.H., 1960. Vegetation of the Siskiyou mountains, Oregon and California. *Ecological monographs*, 30(3).

# Measuring the compositional (dis)similarity among communities

Incidence-based or abundance-based dissimilarity matrix

- Sorensen (Bray-Curtis)
- Jaccard
- Euclidean

Create a matrix that compares the number of shared species to the number of unique species among two sites (pairwise)

Whittaker formula:  $\beta_W = (b + c) / (2 * a + b + c)$ 

a = number of species shared between two samples

b = number of species unique to sample 1

c = number of species unique to sample 2

#### Jaccard dissimilarity matrix

vegdist()

```
> dis.matrix.pa <- vegdist(ants4[,1:33], method = "jaccard")</pre>
> dis.matrix.pa
                                                               7
                            3
                                                      6
                                                                                         10
                                                                                                  11
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                                                                                                                    13
                                                                                                                             14
                                                                                                                                      15
2 0.5789474
  0.8823529 0.8000000
  0.7058824 0.5000000 0.6000000
  0.7368421 0.6923077 0.7142857 0.5000000
  0.5652174 0.5555556 0.8750000 0.6875000 0.7222222
  0.8235294 0.7000000 0.3333333 0.4000000 0.5714286 0.8125000
 0.5882353 0.6923077 0.7142857 0.5000000 0.4444444 0.5625000 0.5714286
9 0.722222 0.7692308 0.6666667 0.6250000 0.7000000 0.7777778 0.7142857 0.7000000
10 0.7619048 0.6428571 0.7777778 0.7272727 0.5454545 0.6842105 0.6666667 0.6666667 0.8461538
11 0.8888889 0.8181818 0.3333333 0.6666667 0.5714286 0.8823529 0.5000000 0.7500000 0.7142857 0.6666667
12 0.7368421 0.6923077 0.7142857 0.5000000 0.4444444 0.7222222 0.5714286 0.4444444 0.55555556 0.6666667 0.7500000
13 0.6315789 0.7333333 0.7777778 0.7272727 0.6666667 0.6111111 0.6666667 0.5454545 0.7500000 0.7142857 0.8000000 0.6666667
14 0.7777778 0.7619048 0.8750000 0.8333333 0.7222222 0.6086957 0.8125000 0.7222222 0.8421053 0.6111111 0.8125000 0.7222222 0.6111111
16 0.8000000 0.7857143 0.7142857 0.6666667 0.4444444 0.7894737 0.5714286 0.6000000 0.7000000 0.5454545 0.5714286 0.4444444 0.6666667 0.6470588 0.7142857
> |
```

# Run a non-metric multidimensional scaling (NMDS) model

```
> nmds.ants.pa <- metaMDS(dis.matrix.pa, trymax = 500, autotransform = TRUE, k = 2)
Run 0 stress 0.1183155
Run 1 stress 0.1690299
Run 2 stress 0.1183155
... Procrustes: rmse 8.597158e-06 max resid 1.721618e-05
... Similar to previous best
Run 3 stress 0.169116
Run 4 stress 0.1580036
Run 5 stress 0.1183155
... New best solution
... Procrustes: rmse 5.576468e-06  max resid 1.129933e-05
... Similar to previous best
Run 6 stress 0.1305361
Run 7 stress 0.1894816
Run 8 stress 0.1496685
Run 9 stress 0.1637825
Run 10 stress 0.1493727
Run 11 stress 0.1183155
... Procrustes: rmse 2.566557e-05 max resid 4.673951e-05
... Similar to previous best
Run 12 stress 0.1305361
Run 13 stress 0.1183155
... Procrustes: rmse 5.030353e-05 max resid 9.327251e-05
... Similar to previous best
Run 14 stress 0.1305361
Run 15 stress 0.1183155
... Procrustes: rmse 1.159646e-05 max resid 2.173897e-05
... Similar to previous best
Run 16 stress 0.1305361
Run 17 stress 0.1183155
... New best solution
... Procrustes: rmse 2.715269e-06 max resid 5.792493e-06
... Similar to previous best
Run 18 stress 0.1183155
... Procrustes: rmse 7.432958e-06 max resid 1.413503e-05
... Similar to previous best
Run 19 stress 0.1183155
... Procrustes: rmse 8.136855e-05 max resid 0.000151948
... Similar to previous best
Run 20 stress 0.1787082
*** Best solution repeated 3 times
```

```
> nmds.ants.pa

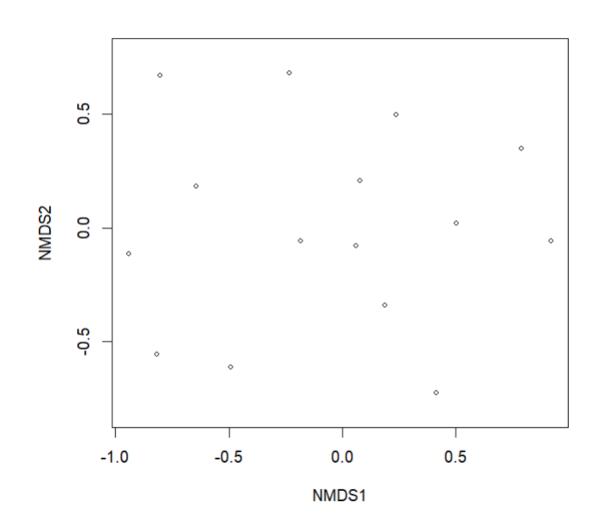
Call:
metaMDS(comm = dis.matrix.pa, k = 2, trymax = 500, autotransform = TRUE)

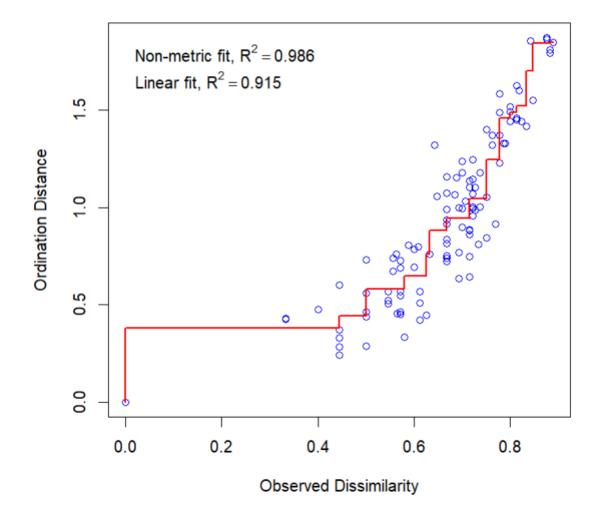
global Multidimensional Scaling using monoMDS

Data: dis.matrix.pa
Distance: jaccard

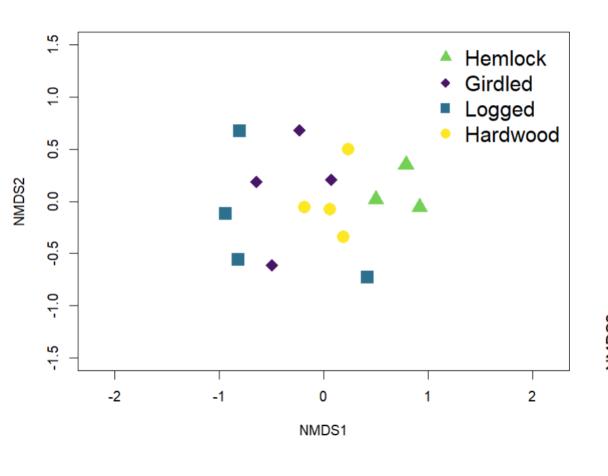
Dimensions: 2
Stress: 0.1183155
Stress type 1, weak ties
Best solution was repeated 3 times in 20 tries
The best solution was from try 17 (random start)
Scaling: centring, PC rotation, halfchange scaling
Species: scores missing
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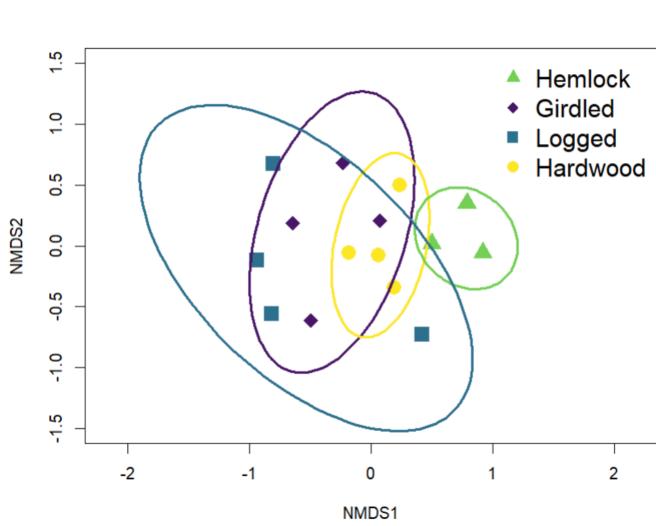
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### Visualize with a non-metric multidimensional scaling (NMDS) plot





### NMDS often paired with PERMANOVA and BETADISPER

#### Permutational multivariate analysis of variance (PERMANOVA)

- tests whether the group centroid of communities differs among a categorical grouping factor in multivariate space

#### Homogeneity of multivariate group dispersion (BETADISPER)

- tests whether the dispersion of a categorical grouping factor from its spatial medial is different between groups.
- Multivariate analogue of Levene's test for homogeneity of variances

#### **PERMANOVA**

```
-1.0
Terms added sequentially (first to last)
Permutation: free
Number of permutations: 999
                                                                              NMDS1
adonis2(formula = dis.matrix.pa \sim ants4treatment, permutations = 999)
               Df SumOfSqs R2
                                       F Pr(>F)
ants4\streatment 3
                  1.4433 0.41295 2.8137 0.001 ***
Residual
               12 2.0518 0.58705
Total
              15 3.4950 1.00000
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
> pairwise.adonis(dis.matrix.pa, ants4$treatment)
                             pairs Df SumsOfSqs F.Model R2 p.value p.adjusted sig
                 Logged vs Girdled 1 0.2406823 0.9936814 0.1420827
                                                                    0.442
                                                                               1.000
1
          Logged vs HemlockControl 1 0.8663977 5.4361524 0.4753480
                                                                    0.037
                                                                               0.222
3
         Logged vs HardwoodControl 1 0.3708324 1.8426037 0.2349480
                                                                    0.062
                                                                               0.372
         Girdled vs HemlockControl 1 0.6411288 4.5565102 0.4316304
                                                                               0.174
                                                                    0.029
        Girdled vs HardwoodControl 1 0.2146477 1.1756126 0.1638345
                                                                    0.395
                                                                               1.000
6 HemlockControl vs HardwoodControl 1 0.5528551 5.5425213 0.4801829
                                                                               0.144
                                                                    0.024
```

> adonis2(dis.matrix.pa ~ ants4\$treatment, permutations = 999)

Permutation test for adonis under reduced model

Hemlock

Girdled

Logged Hardwood

1.0

#### **BETADISPER**

> anova(ants.beta.pa)

Response: Distances

HardwoodControl-Girdled

HemlockControl-Girdled

Logged-HardwoodControl

Logged-HemlockControl

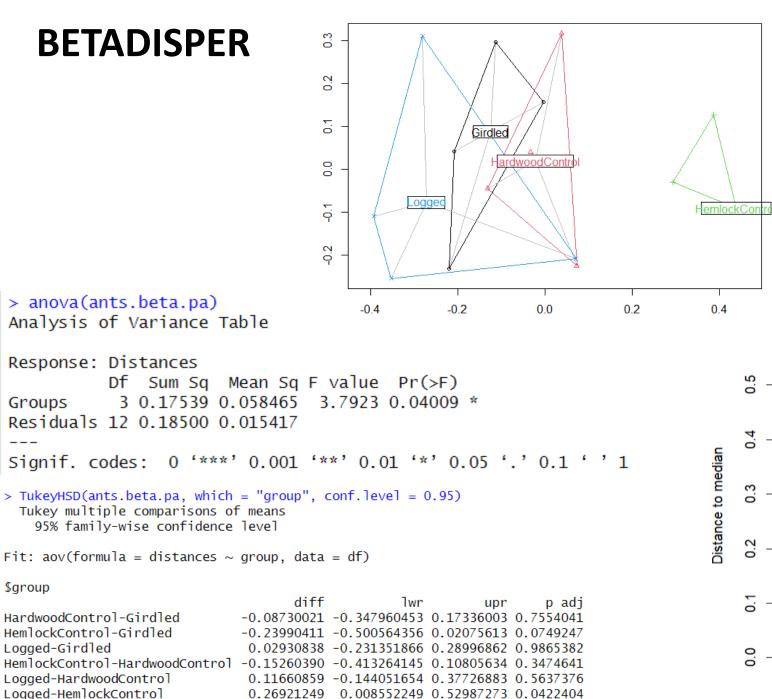
Logged-Girdled

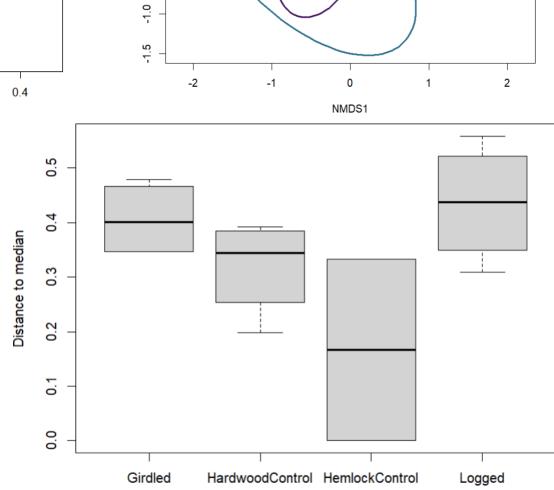
Groups

\$group

Analysis of Variance Table

Tukey multiple comparisons of means 95% family-wise confidence level





Hemlock Girdled

Logged Hardwood

1.5

1.0

0.5

-0.5

NMDS2 0.0

# **Principal Component Analysis (PCA)**

Used to assess relationships among variables along a reduced number of axes

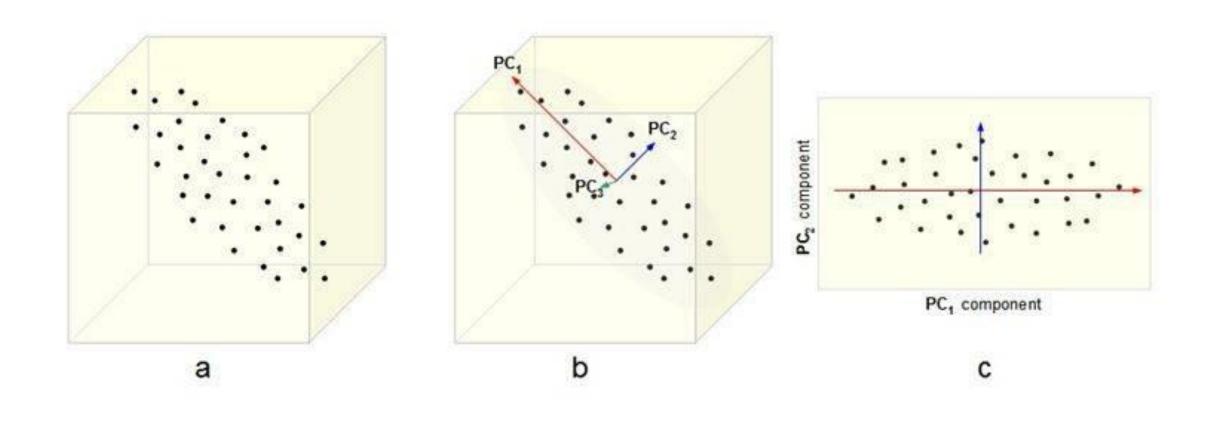
Eigenvector-based method

Eigen decomposition of a dispersion matrix (linear covariances or correlations)

Requires raw, quantitative data

Descriptive / exploratory

# **Principal Component Analysis (PCA)**



3D 2D

#### Understory shrub and herbaceous vegetation

Wide format

2015 & 2018

•	year <sup>‡</sup>	block <sup>‡</sup>	trt <sup>‡</sup>	plot <sup>‡</sup>	amesp <sup>‡</sup>	anequi <sup>‡</sup>	arahis <sup>‡</sup>	aranud <sup>‡</sup>	aritri <sup>‡</sup>	berthu <sup>‡</sup>	braari <sup>‡</sup>	carpen <sup>‡</sup>	carsp <sup>‡</sup>
1	2003	ridge	girdled	5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
2	2003	ridge	hardwood	7	0.0	0.0	0.0	52.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.5	0.0
3	2003	ridge	hemlock	6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
4	2003	ridge	logged	4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
5	2003	valley	girdled	1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
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# **Principal Component Analysis (PCA)**

1.156e-01 5.185e-02 1.063e-03

\* Sites are unscaled: weighted dispersion equal on all dimensions

> herb.pca <- rda(herb3[,5:23], scale = FALSE)</pre>

Proportion Explained 8.101e-06 3.632e-06 7.445e-08 Cumulative Proportion 1.000e+00 1.000e+00 1.000e+00

\* Species are scaled proportional to eigenvalues

\* General scaling constant of scores: 21.51154

Scaling 2 for species and site scores

> summary(herb.pca)

call:

Eigenvalue

```
rda(X = herb3[, 5:23], scale = FALSE)
                                                                                                  sit15
                                                                                Ś
                                                                                                                    mitrep
                                                                                                                     sit2 sit10
Partitioning of variance:
              Inertia Proportion
                                    Total variance
Total
                14276
Unconstrained
                14276
                                                                                                                                     15
                                                                                        -10
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Eigenvalues, and their contribution to the variance
                                                                                                                   PC1
Importance of components:
                                        PC2
                                                  PC3
                                                                       PC5
                                                                                                                           PC10
                             PC1
                                                             PC4
                                                                                  PC6
                                                                                            PC7
                                                                                                       PC8
                                                                                                                  PC9
                                                                                                                                     PC11
                                                                                                                                                PC12
Eigenvalue
                       1.158e+04 1701.3633 431.56315 272.20286 189.27388 55.837588 24.243215 1.225e+01 6.2733470 2.4520883 1.041e+00 2.706e-01
Proportion Explained 8.111e-01
                                    0.1192
                                              0.03023
                                                        0.01907
                                                                                       0.001698 8.584e-04 0.0004394 0.0001718 7.293e-05 1.896e-05
                                                                   0.01326
                                                                             0.003911
Cumulative Proportion 8.111e-01
                                    0.9303
                                              0.96049
                                                        0.97956
                                                                   0.99282
                                                                            0.996728
                                                                                      0.998427 9.993e-01 0.9997245 0.9998963 1.000e+00 1.000e+00
                                       PC14
                            PC13
                                                 PC15
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10

2

sit8

sit16

sit9

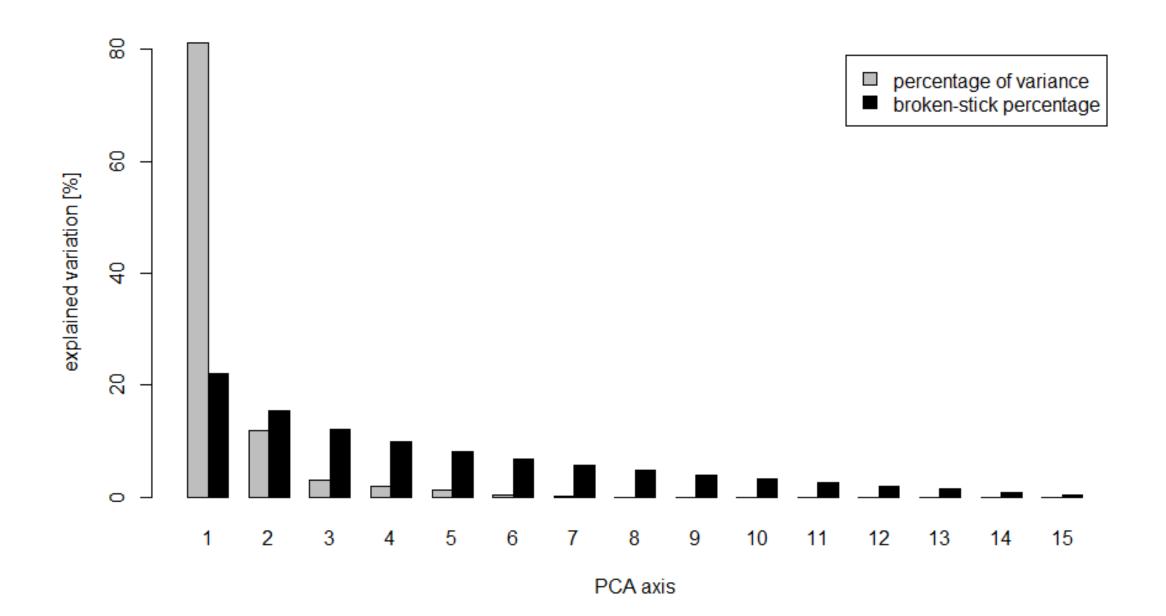
Axes 1 & 2 represent 93% of the variation

sit3

sit1

ztot.cover

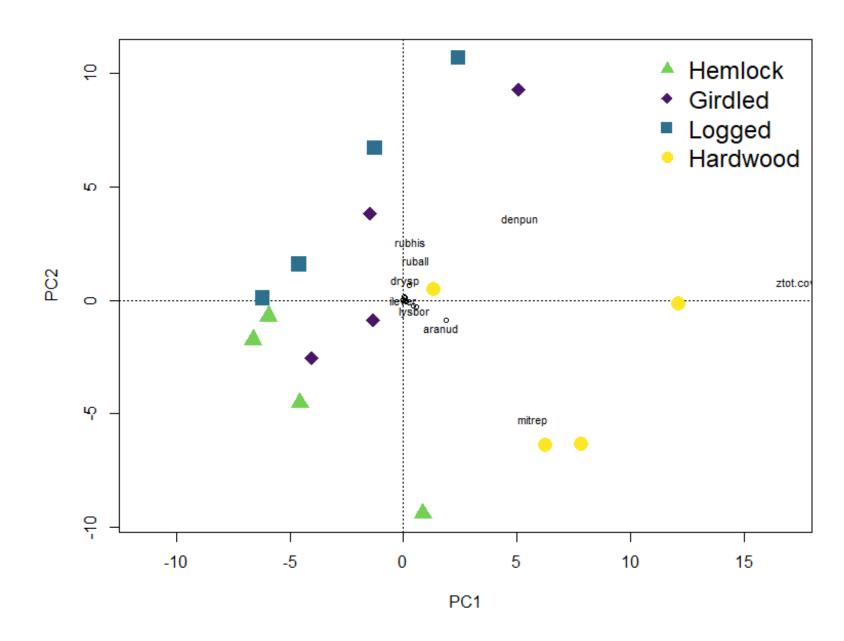
# Principal Component Analysis (PCA) - Broken Stick Method



# **Principal Component Analysis (PCA)**

Axis 1: 81.1%

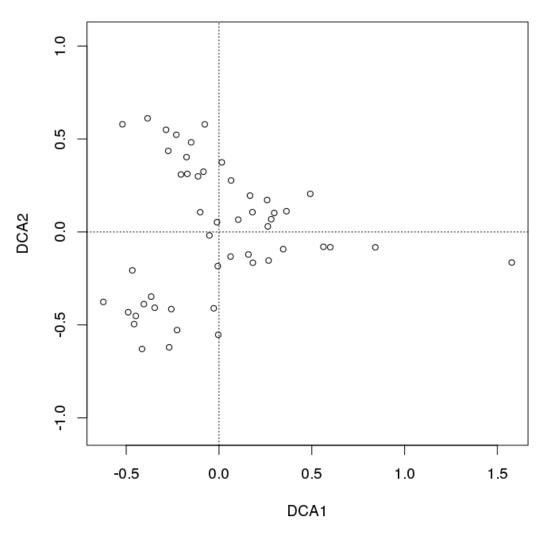
Axis 2: 11.9%



# **Principal Component Analysis (PCA)**

Arch or horseshoe effect – distortion in ordination diagram

- 1) Use sample scores on PCA axes as environmental predictor variables
- 2) Identify environmental variables highly correlated with PCA axes



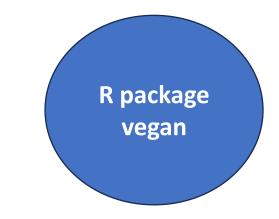
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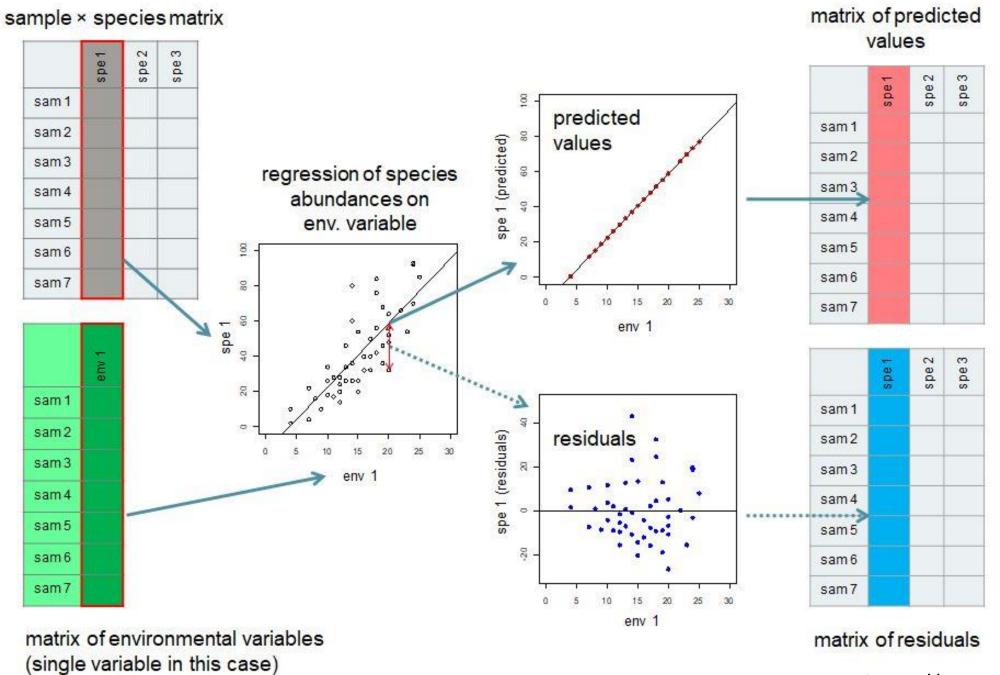
Used to assess whether species composition is related to measured environmental variables

Explores relationships between two matrices – response and predictor

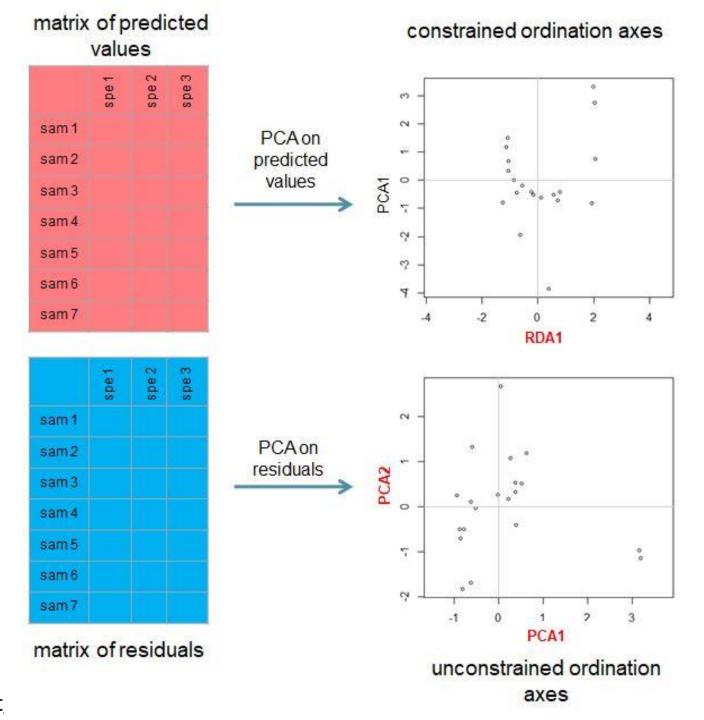
Combines multiple regression with classical ordination

Can be used to test hypotheses via permutation tests

Linear (RDA) or unimodal (CCA)



https://www.davidzeleny.net/



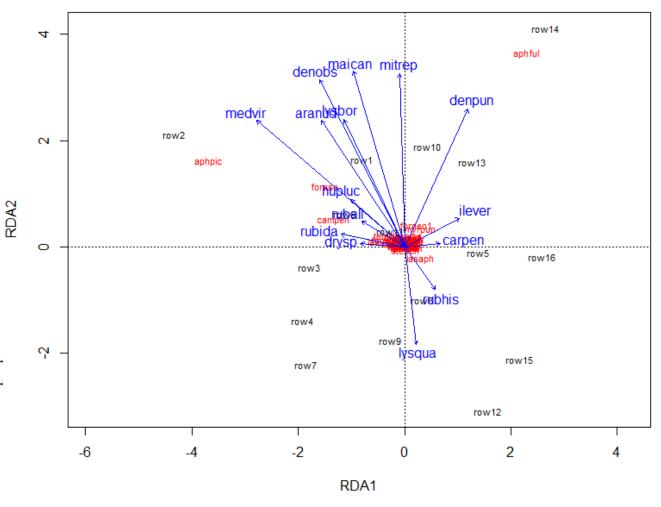
#### **RDA**

Axis 1: 42.2%

Axis 2: 32.2%

```
> ants.rda <- rda(ants3[,6:38] ~ ., herb3[,5:23])
> ants.rda
Call: rda(formula = ants3[, 6:38] ~ aranud + carpen +
lysqua + maican + medvir + mitrep + ruball + rubhis +
= herb3[, 5:23])

Inertia Proportion Rank
Total 208.5 1.0
```



Inertia is variance Some constraints or conditions were aliased because they were redundant

1.0

0.0

```
Eigenvalues for constrained axes:
```

208.5

0.0

RDA1 RDA2 RDA3 RDA4 RDA5 RDA6 RDA7 RDA8 RDA9 RDA10 RDA11 RDA12 RDA13 RDA14 RDA15 87.96 67.27 21.84 15.90 6.54 3.11 2.15 1.57 0.88 0.56 0.38 0.15 0.09 0.06 0.02

Constrained

Unconstrained

### **RDA** – Hypothesis testing

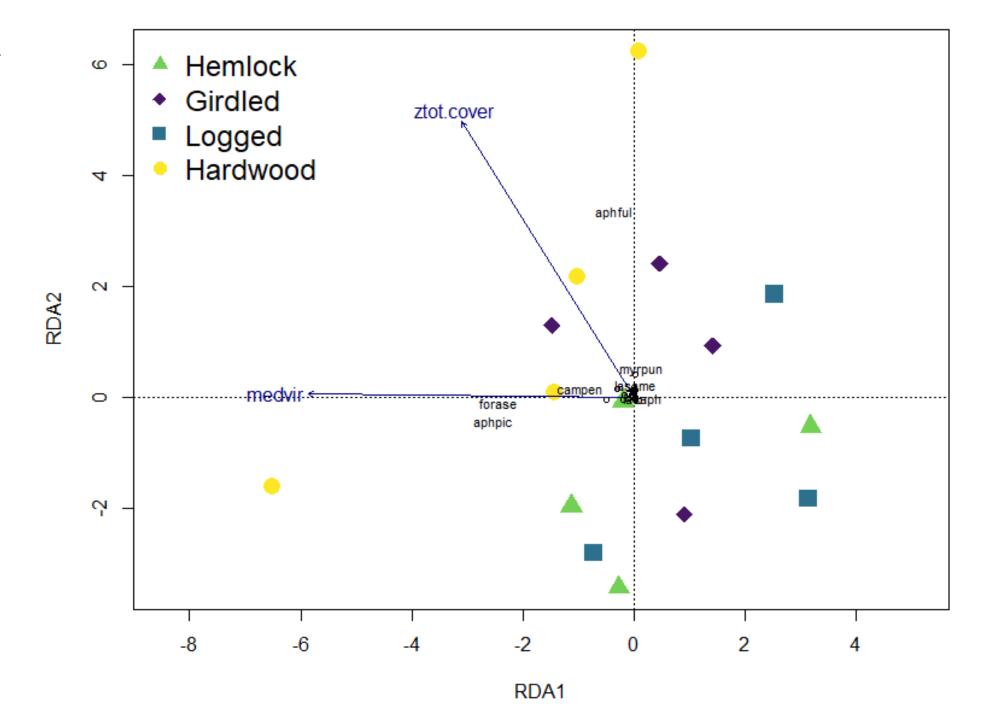
+ vaccor 1 81.917 0.3266 0.905

#### Axis 2: 21.6% ordistep() summary() Step: ants3[, 6:38] ~ medvir + ztot.cover Partitioning of variance: Inertia Proportion F Pr(>F) Total 208.46 1.0000 - ztot.cover 1 83.792 5.2702 0.005 \*\* Constrained 97.27 0.4666 - medvir 1 84.307 5.8684 0.005 \*\* Unconstrained 111.19 0.5334 Signif. codes: 0 '\*\*\*' 0.001 '\*\*' 0.01 '\*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 Eigenvalues, and their contribution to the variance F Pr(>F) + ilever 1 80.670 1.3260 0.200 Importance of components: + rubida 1 80.546 1.4292 PC3 RDA1 PC1 PC2 RDA2 + ruball 1 80.856 1.1715 0.365 Eigenvalue 52.1979 45.0741 48.4266 27.9073 16.47123 6.55 + hupluc 1 81.062 1.0034 0.380 Proportion Explained 0.2504 0.2162 0.2323 0.1339 0.07901 0.03 + drysp 1 81.006 1.0486 0.410 Cumulative Proportion 0.2504 0.4666 0.6989 0.8328 0.91182 0.94 + lysbor 1 81.174 0.9127 0.455 PC11 PC12 PC13 + lysqua 1 81.236 0.8625 0.465 Eigenvalue 0.287031 0.1298173 0.0595555 + uvuses 1 81.210 0.8837 0.505 Proportion Explained 0.001377 0.0006227 0.0002857 + carpen 1 81.231 0.8664 0.515 Cumulative Proportion 0.999092 0.9997143 1.0000000 + denobs 1 81.322 0.7937 0.545 + rubhis 1 81.298 0.8130 0.565 Accumulated constrained eigenvalues + maican 1 81.404 0.7284 0.595 + vacang 1 81.369 0.7558 0.610 Importance of components: + mitrep 1 81.574 0.5934 0.730 RDA2 RDA1 + aranud 1 81.807 0.4119 0.855 Eigenvalue 52.1979 45.0741 + denpun 1 81.870 0.3628 0.880 Proportion Explained 0.5366 0.4634

Cumulative Proportion 0.5366 1.0000

Axis 1: 25%

**RDA** 



#### **CCA**

CCA1

CCA2

CCA3

CCA4

CCA5

Axis 1: 20.9%

Axis 2: 17.1%

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CCA2
         0
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                                     -2
                                                                                                    CCA1
```

```
> ants.cca <- cca(ants3[,6:38] ~ ., herb3[,5:23])
> ants.cca
Call: cca(formula = ants3[, 6:38] ~ aranud + carpen + denobs + denpun + drysp + hupluc + ilever + lysbor + lysqua +
maican + medvir + mitrep + ruball + rubhis + rubida + uvuses + vacang + vaccor + ztot.cover, data = herb3[, 5:23])
              Inertia Proportion Rank
Total
                1.365
                           1.000
Constrained
                1.365
                           1.000
                                   15
Unconstrained
                0.000
                           0.000
Inertia is scaled Chi-square
Some constraints or conditions were aliased because they were redundant
Eigenvalues for constrained axes:
```

CCA7

CCA8

0.28630 0.23364 0.17296 0.16450 0.10762 0.10227 0.08938 0.07098 0.05823 0.02451 0.01893 0.01702 0.00947 0.00639 0.00249

CCA6

CCA10

CCA9

CCA11

CCA12

CCA13

CCA14

CCA15

### CCA – Hypothesis testing

# ordistep() Step: ants3[, 6:38] ~ denobs + medvir

```
F Pr(>F)
- denobs 1 66.879 1.9527 0.025 *
- medvir 1 66.991 2.0583 0.025 *
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.'
                           F Pr(>F)
                  AIC
```

```
+ ruball
             1 66,547 1,6765 0,115
+ ilever
             1 66,958 1,3295 0,170
+ rubida
             1 66.854 1.4170 0.185
+ drysp
             1 66.871 1.4023 0.205
+ denpun
             1 66.997 1.2970 0.215
+ mitrep
             1 66.993 1.3011 0.240
+ ztot.cover
            1 67.017 1.2811 0.240
             1 67.098 1.2135 0.305
+ uvuses
+ lysbor
             1 67.626 0.7851 0.565
+ aranud
             1 67.810 0.6388 0.595
             1 67.998 0.4909
                              0.715
+ vaccor
+ hupluc
             1 67.685 0.7381 0.740
+ rubhis
             1 68.005 0.4858 0.795
             1 67.799 0.6477 0.800
+ carpen
+ maican
             1 68.085 0.4230 0.830
             1 68.146 0.3757 0.845
+ vacang
+ lysqua
             1 68.012 0.4799 0.890
```

#### summary()

```
Partitioning of scaled Chi-square:
             Inertia Proportion
              1.3647
Total
                        1.0000
Constrained
              0.3415
                     0.2502
Unconstrained 1.0232
                     0.7498
```

Eigenvalues, and their contribution to the scaled Chi-square

#### Importance of components:

```
CA2
                        CCA1
                               CCA2
                                       CA1
                                                     CA3
                                                             CA4
Eigenvalue
                     0.1891 0.1523 0.2528 0.2107 0.1418 0.10901
Proportion Explained 0.1386 0.1116 0.1852 0.1544 0.1039 0.07988
Cumulative Proportion 0.1386 0.2502 0.4354 0.5898 0.6937 0.77362
                          CA12
                                   CA13
```

Eigenvalue 0.007006 0.003804 Proportion Explained 0.005134 0.002787 Cumulative Proportion 0.997213 1.000000

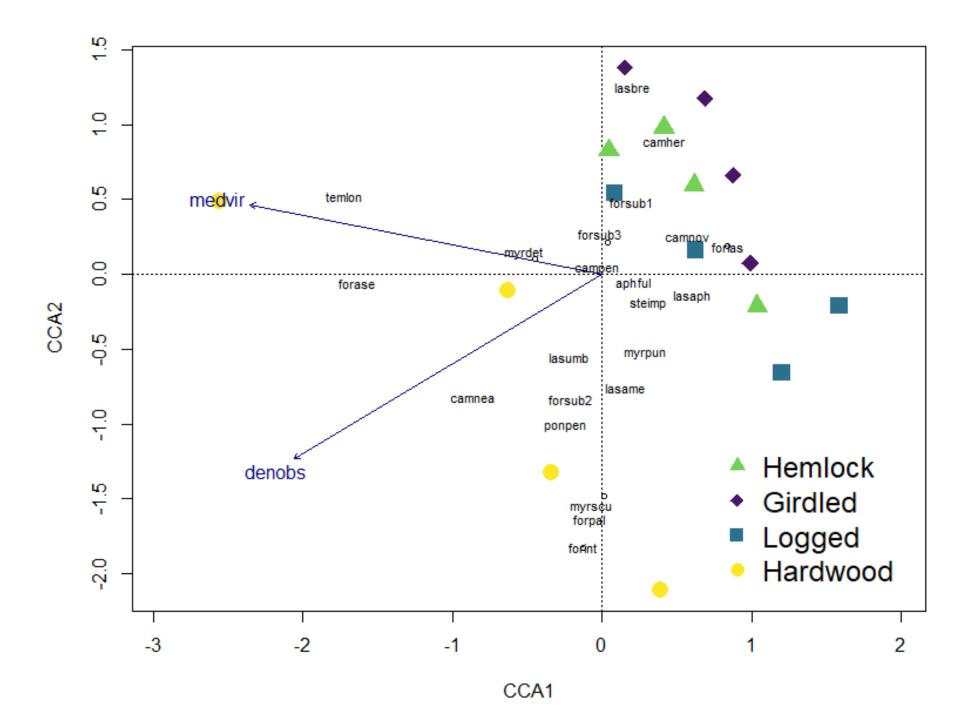
#### Accumulated constrained eigenvalues Importance of components:

```
CCA1
                               CCA2
Eigenvalue
                      0.1891 0.1523
Proportion Explained 0.5540 0.4460
Cumulative Proportion 0.5540 1.0000
```

Axis 1: 13.8%

Axis 2: 11.1%

**CCA** 



#### How do I know which to use: RDA or CCA?

#### Linear vs unimodal

Detrended correspondence analysis (DCA) to determine the length of the first axis

```
> DCA <- decorana(ants3[,6:38])
> DCA
call:
decorana(veg = ants3[, 6:38])
Detrended correspondence analysis with 26 segments.
Rescaling of axes with 4 iterations.
Total inertia (scaled Chi-square): 1.3647
                       DCA1
                              DCA2
                                      DCA3
                                              DCA4
Eigenvalues
                     0.2666 0.1445 0.13070 0.12551
Additive Eigenvalues 0.2666 0.1444 0.12278 0.12724
Decorana values
                     0.2863 0.1062 0.06828 0.01932
Axis lengths
                     1.9859 1.2712 1.10724 1.02441
```

RDA: Axis length < 4

CCA: Axis length > 4