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# Abstract

1. Ecologists often have lots of questions about lots of stuff
2. We evaluated a bunch of things using sophisticated methods and carried out complicated statistical tests
3. We discovered a bunch of things that we didn’t already know but suspected
4. Our research has greatly advanced out knowledge about stuff and will make a significant contribution to something and someone

**Key-words**: stuff, something

# Introduction

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Ecologists have long recognized that some combinations of species are regularly found together, while other combinations occur infrequently (Elton 1946; Cole 1949).

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Cole (1949) and Elton (1946) both found that blah blah blah

# Methods

To evaluate the …

As with Pielou’s Evenness (Pielou & Pielou 1967), Shannon’s diversity index (Shannon 1948) is normally calculated from species abundance values; however, for our purposes it is calculated from the column totals (species richness per sample) using the following equation…

where denotes which set of values we are using to calculate the index (observed, minimal or maximal), and is the proportion of species that occur in each sample .

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<https://rpruim.github.io/s341/S19/from-class/MathinRmd.html>

Statistical analyses were carried out in R 3.4.0 (R Core Team 2017). All code along with the simulation algorithms used are available on Zenodo / GitHub <https://link_to_archived_release_or_GitHub.com>.

# Results

# Discussion

# References

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# Tables

**Table 1.** Mean body mass of penguins on different islands over time.

# Figure Captions

**Figure 1**. Pretty coloured dots about penguins

**Figure 2**. Wow, even prettier plot about penguins that shows stuff

# Figures

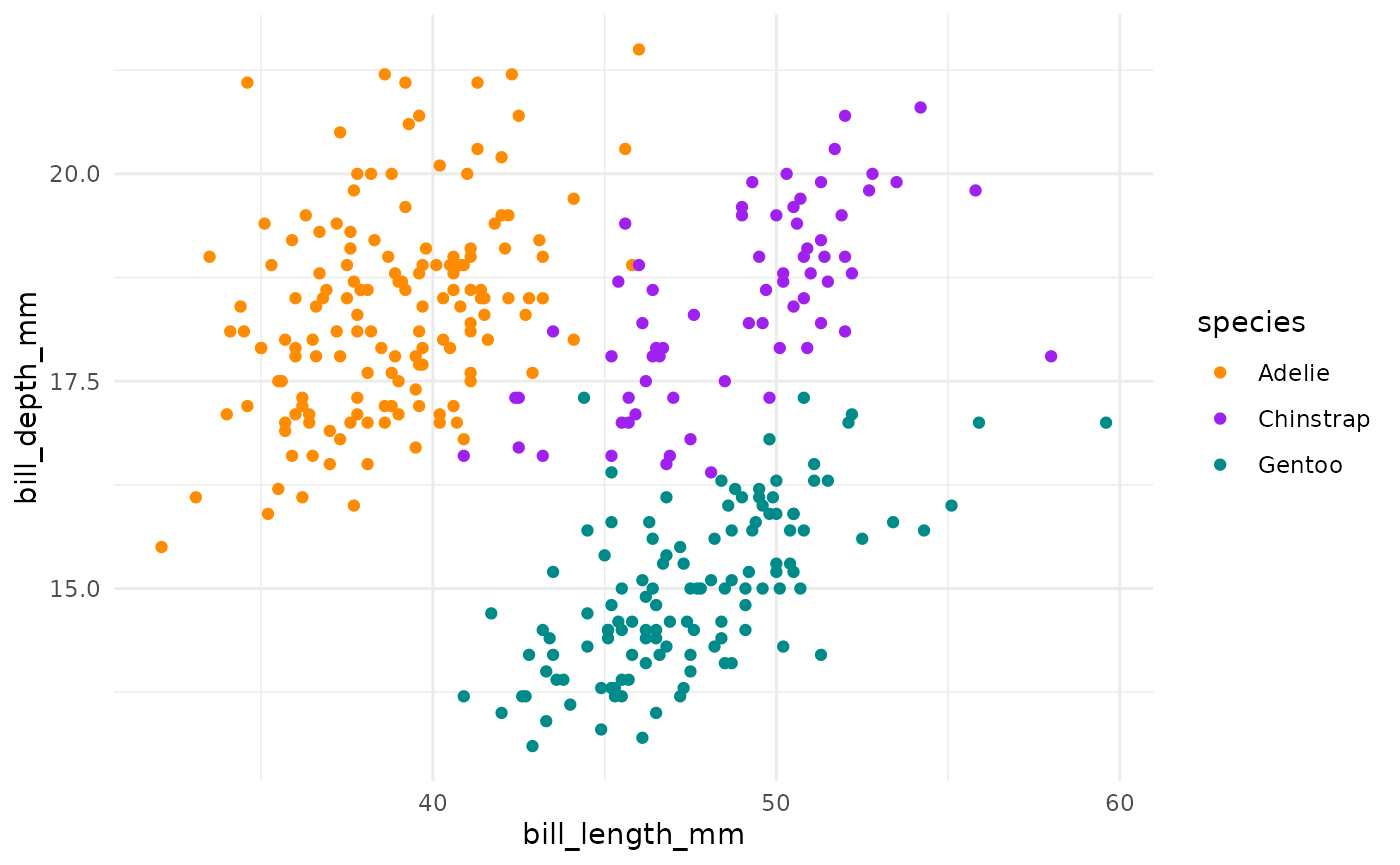


Figure 1.

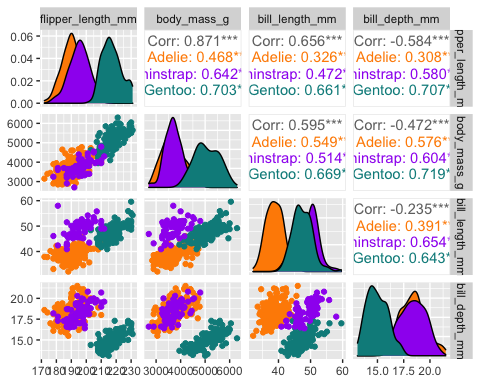
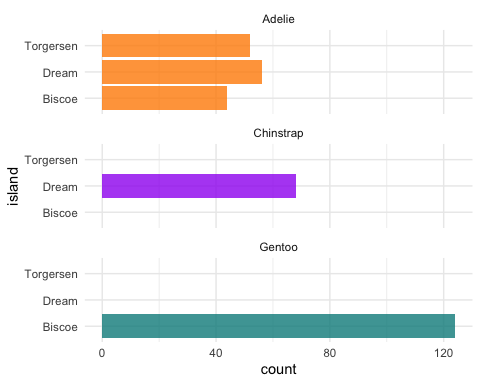


Figure 2.

Figure 3.

# plot counts of penguins by island and subspecies  
ggplot(penguins, aes(x = island, fill = species)) +  
 geom\_bar(alpha = 0.8) +  
 scale\_fill\_manual(values = c("darkorange","purple","cyan4"),   
 guide = "none") +  
 theme\_minimal() +  
 facet\_wrap(~species, ncol = 1) +  
 coord\_flip()



# Appendices