

Exploring different turnover metrics

Cape vs SWA publication

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Table 1: Glossary

Symbol	Description	Derivation
A	No. species in site 1	
B	No. species in site 2	
$J (\equiv a)$	No. species shared by sites 1 & 2	$ A \cap B $
b	No. species exclusively in site 1	$ A - J $
c	No. species exclusively in site 2	$ B - J $

Definitions of turnover &/or similarity

Jaccard distance (`vegan::vegdist(x, method = "Jaccard")`)

$$\beta_{d_J} = \frac{A + B - 2J}{A + B - J}$$

Jaccard similarity (Koleff et al. 2003. *J. Anim. Ecol.* 72(3))

$$\beta_{s_J} = \frac{a}{a + b + c}$$

(Note: $\beta_{d_J} = 1 - \beta_{s_J}$)

β_g distance (Gaston et al. 2001 in Koleff et al. 2003. *J. Anim. Ecol.* 72(3))

$$\beta_{d_g} = \frac{b + c}{a + b + c}$$

β_{gl} distance (Lennon et al. 2001 *J. Anim. Ecol.* 70(6))

$$\beta_{d_{gl}} = \frac{2|b - c|}{2a + b + c}$$

Expressing turnover in common terms

As above,

$$\beta_{d_J} = \frac{A + B - 2J}{A + B - J}$$

Thus, given the identities in Table 1,

$$\begin{aligned}
\beta_{d_g} &= \frac{b+c}{a+b+c} \\
&= \frac{(A-J) + (B-J)}{J + (A-J) + (B-J)} \\
&= \frac{A+B-2J}{A+B-J} \\
\therefore \beta_{d_g} &\equiv \beta_{d_J}
\end{aligned}$$

And,

$$\begin{aligned}
\beta_{d_{gt}} &= \frac{2|b-c|}{2a+b+c} \\
&= \frac{2|(A-J) - (B-J)|}{2J + (A-J) + (B-J)} \\
&= \frac{2|A-B|}{A+B}
\end{aligned}$$

Also, Bray-Curtis distance (`vegan::vegdist(x, method = "bray")`) can be derived from Jaccard distance, as, given by `?vegan::vegdist`

$$\beta_{d_J} = \frac{2\beta_{d_{BC}}}{1 + \beta_{d_{BC}}}$$

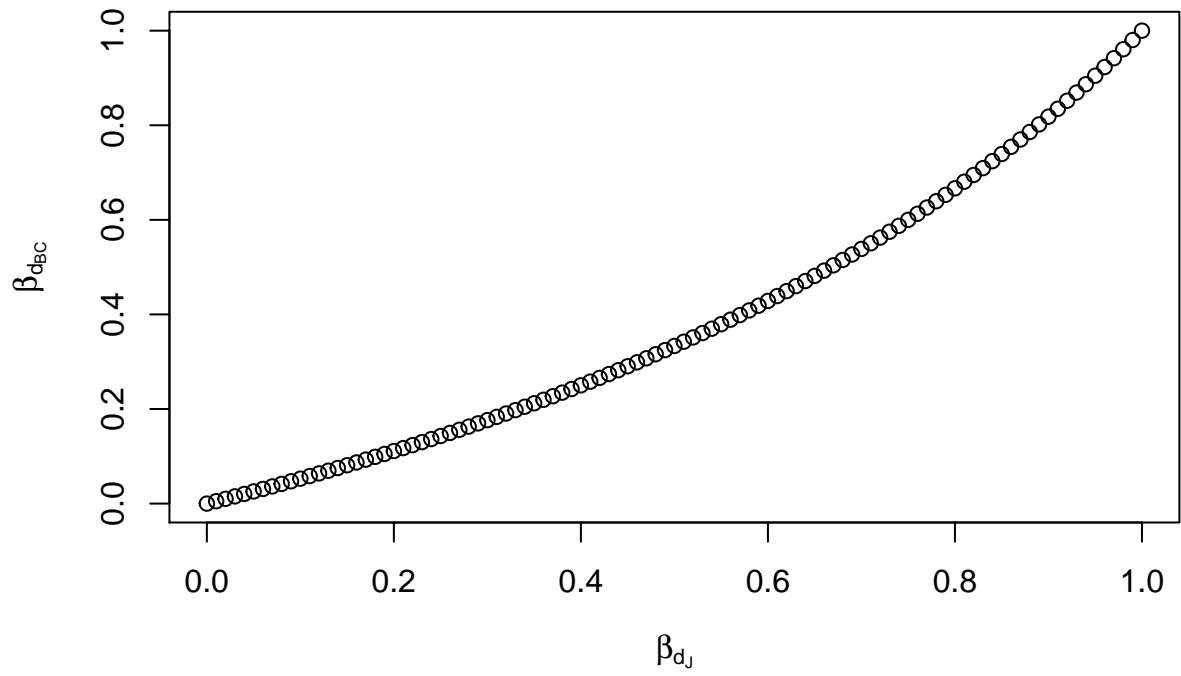
Thus,

$$\beta_{d_{BC}} = \frac{-\beta_{d_J}}{\beta_{d_J} - 2}$$

Also, as in Table 1, let $b = |A - J|$ and $c = |B - J|$. Thus,

$$|A \cup B| = a + b + c = J + |A - J| + |B - J| = A + B - J$$

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