Spatial multivariate methods

in practice

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Spatial data in R

Several packages allows to deal with spatial objects in R.

- The package sp provides classes to manage spatial objects with or without data
- Spatial weighting matrices can be defined and managed with spdep
- Spatial multivariate methods are implemented in adespatial
- Spatial objects can be used as arguments in adegraphics functions to create maps

```
library(ade4)
library(adegraphics)
library(adespatial)
library(spdep)
```

adespatial

A package for spatial multivariate analysis interfacing ade4 and spdep

More details in the vignette:

https://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/adespatial/vignettes/tutorial.html

or

```
vignette("tutorial", package = "adespatial")
```

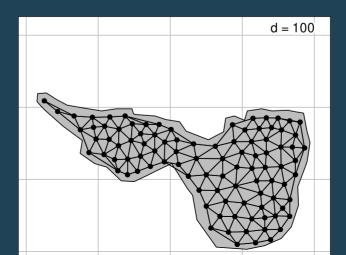
Spatial data

- Classes are provide in R to deal with spatial data (raster, polygons, lines, points)
- We will use implementations in sp package but it will be replaced by sf in the future
- Import/export functions allows to interface with GIS software
- Spatial proximities are managed by spdep functionalities

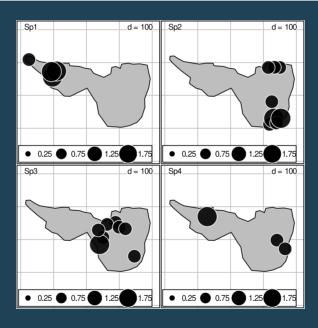
Spatial weighting matrix

A two-step procedure:

- define a binary neighboring matrix (nb object)
- consider optional non-binary weights and standardization to define a spatial weighting matrix (listw object)



Spatial mapping



Spatial autocorrelation

Compute Moran's index for the five first species:

```
moran.randtest(mafragh$flo[, 1:5], lw)
## class: krandtest lightkrandtest
## Monte-Carlo tests
## Call: moran.randtest(x = mafragh$flo[, 1:5], listw = lw)
##
  Number of tests: 5
##
  Adjustment method for multiple comparisons:
                                               none
  Permutation number:
                        999
                 Obs Std.Obs Alter Pvalue
##
    Test
## 1 Sp1 0.33419967 6.2609725 greater 0.001
## 2 Sp2 0.38260466
                      6.4149302 greater 0.001
## 3 Sp3 0.16729450 3.1369718 greater 0.005
## 4 Sp4 -0.03331651 -0.5116528 greater 0.935
## 5 Sp5 0.06837558 1.5901807 greater 0.080
```

Multispati

Perform the analysis

```
pca_veg <- dudi.pca(mafragh$flo, scale = FALSE, scannf = FALSE)
ms_veg <- multispati(pca_veg, lw, scannf = FALSE)</pre>
```

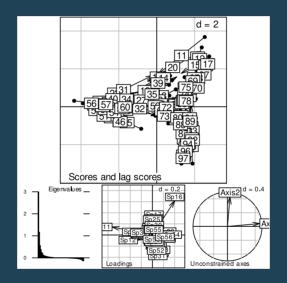
Have a look to the summary

summary(ms_veg)

```
##
## Multivariate Spatial Analysis
  Call: multispati(dudi = pca_veg, listw = lw, scannf = FALSE)
##
## Scores from the initial duality diagram:
##
                             ratio
                     cum
            var
                                        moran
## RS1 5.331174 5.331174 0.2834660 0.4947964
  RS2 1.972986 7.304159 0.3883725 0.4435555
##
  Multispati eigenvalues decomposition:
##
            eig
                     var
                             moran
## CS1 2.992293 4.862003 0.6154445
## CS2 1.164390 1.885904 0.6174172
```

Plot the results

```
g1 <- plot(ms_veg)</pre>
```

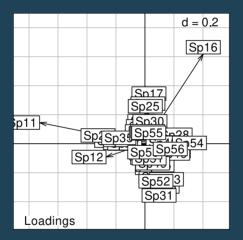


```
names(g1)
```

[1] "row" "eig" "loadings" "Xax"

Loadings for variables

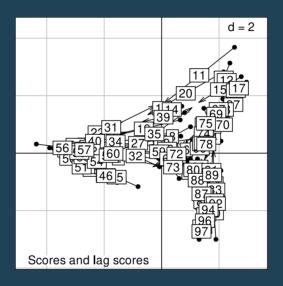
g1\$loadings



 \mathbf{A}^* : coefficients (loadings) for the variables of \mathbf{X} (ms_veg\$c1)

Scores for individuals and lagged scores

g1\$row

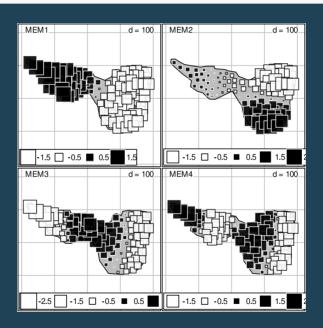


mem_sub

- **XQA**: scores of individuals (ms_veg\$li)
- WXQA: lagged scores (ms_veg\$ls)

Moran's Eigenvectors Maps

```
me <- mem(lw)
s.value(mafragh$xy, me[, 1:4], Sp = mafragh$Spatial.contour)</pre>
```



Variable selection

```
mem_sub <- mem.select(mafragh$flo, lw)</pre>
```

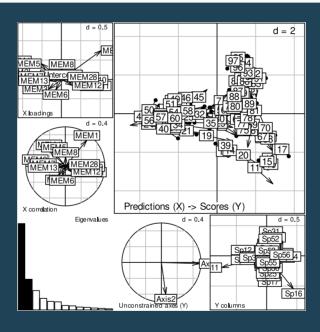
Procedure stopped (alpha criteria): pvalue for variable 14 is 0.051000 (>

mem_sub\$summary

```
variables order
                                               AdiR2Cum pvalue
##
                               R2
                                       R2Cum
## 1
           MEM1
                     1 0.09111155 0.09111155 0.0815443
                                                         0.001
##
           MEM4
                    4 0.05227241 0.14338396 0.1251581
                                                         0.001
  2
##
  3
           MEM2
                    2 0.05057350 0.19395745 0.1679561
                                                         0.001
## 4
           MEM5
                     5 0.03852474 0.23248219 0.1991119
                                                         0.001
## 5
          MEM11
                    11 0.02368647 0.25616866 0.2152988
                                                         0.005
## 6
           MEM3
                                                         0.003
                    3 0.02339942 0.27956808 0.2315393
##
           MEM7
                     7 0.02291725 0.30248533 0.2476246
                                                         0.002
##
  8
          MEM10
                    10 0.02175612 0.32424145 0.2628089
                                                         0.003
## 9
           MEM6
                     6 0.01692771 0.34116916 0.2730142
                                                         0.014
           MEM8
## 10
                    8 0.01560389 0.35677306 0.2819792
                                                         0.016
          MEM13
                                                         0.026
##
  11
                   13 0.01530752 0.37208057 0.2908204
##
  12
          MEM12
                   12 0.01412745 0.38620803 0.2985235
                                                         0.029
          MEM28
                    28 0.01390115 0.40010918 0.3061504
                                                         0.038
## 13
```

Spatial RDA

rda_spat <- pcaiv(pca_veg, mem_sub\$MEM.select, scannf = FALSE)
plot(rda_spat)</pre>



Variation partitioning

```
varipart(pca veg$tab, mem sub$MEM.select, mafragh$env)
```

```
## Variation Partitioning
## class: varipart list
##
  Test of fractions:
## class: krandtest lightkrandtest
  Monte-Carlo tests
  Call: varipart(Y = pca_veg$tab, X = mem_sub$MEM.select, W = mafragh$env)
##
  Number of tests:
##
  Adjustment method for multiple comparisons:
                                                 none
  Permutation number:
                        999
                  Obs Std.Obs Alter Pvalue
##
       Test
## 1 ab(X) 0.4001092 16.692070 greater 0.001
      bc(W) 0.2366554 7.976584 greater 0.001
## 2
  3 abc(XW) 0.4851531 11.827304 greater 0.001
##
##
  Individual fractions:
##
                                             d
  0.24849774 0.15161144 0.08504395 0.51484688
```

Your turn

- 1. Create a Rmd or a R file
- 2. Load the irishdata data set from ade4
- 3. See ?irishdata for details
- 4. Perform a PCA on the data table irishdata\$tab
- 5. Define a spatial weighting matrix from irishdata\$Spatial using poly2nb
- 6. Compute Moran's index of autocorrelation for the PCA scores
- 7. Perform MULTISPATI analysis
- 8. Interpret