Training in ade4 in R - Module II: Advanced methods

Spatial Multivariate Analysis

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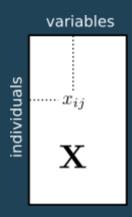
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Introduction

```
library(ade4)
library(adegraphics)
adegpar(background.col = "lightgrey")
## list()
data(mafragh)
names(mafragh)
  [1] "xy"
                           "flo"
##
                                             "env"
  [4] "partition"
                          "area"
                                             "tre"
  [7] "traits"
                          "nb"
                                             "Spatial"
                           "Spatial.contour"
  [10] "spenames"
```

- Species table (flo): abundance indexes of 56 plant species recorded for 97 sites in the Mafragh plain (Algeria)
- Spatial coordinates for the sites (xy)

Introduction

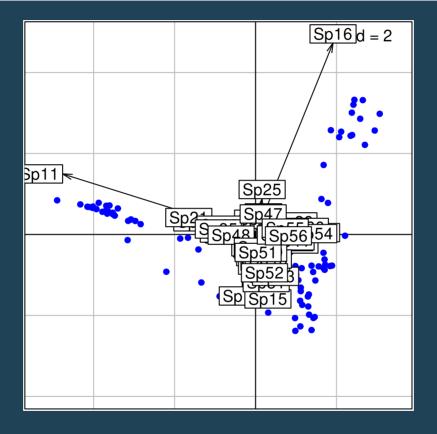


One table with p variables measured on n individuals

- quantitative (dudi.pca)
- categorical (dudi.coa or dudi.acm)
- both (dudi.mix or dudi.hillsmith)

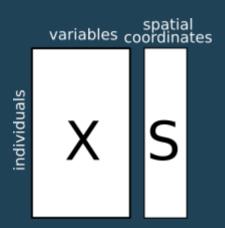
Describe the information contained in the table:

- Identify which variables are the most linked
- Identify the differences/similarities between individuals



Is community composition spatially structured?

One table and spatial information



- Identify spatial patterns
- Identify which variables are spatially structred
- Identify at which scales these spatial patterns occur

One table with p variables measured on n individuals

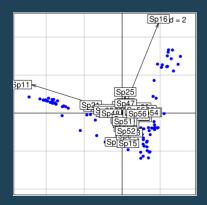
One table with spatial coordinates for the same *n* individuals

But how?

Indirect approaches



Summarize by a simple ordination method

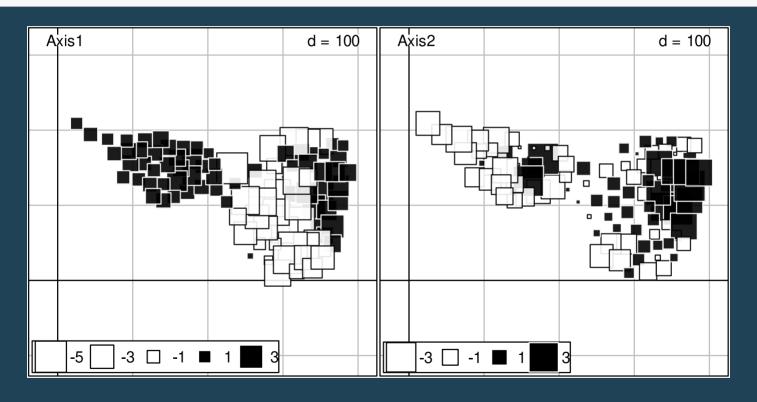


and detect spatial structures using simple tools

- Mapping
- Regression on spatial predictors (polynomials, MEM)
- Spatial autocorrelation

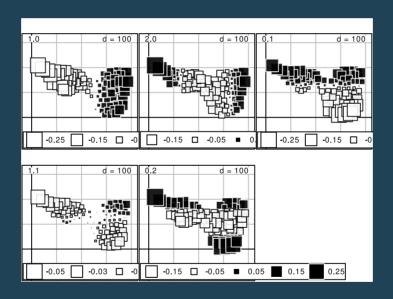
Spatial mapping

s.value(mafragh\$xy, pca_veg\$li)



Correlation with spatial predictors

```
poly.xy <- poly(as.matrix(mafragh$xy),
    degree = 2)
s.value(mafragh$xy, poly.xy)</pre>
```

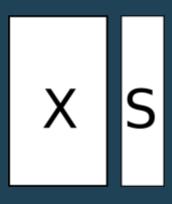


```
cor(pca_veg$li, poly.xy)
```

```
## Axis1 -0.2866398 0.30645089 0.40249089 -0.03318448 -0.1706804 ## Axis2 0.5047664 0.01762275 -0.08345049 0.25974753 -0.3269496
```

Introducing spatial information in multivariate methods

Need of direct and explicit spatial multivariate methods



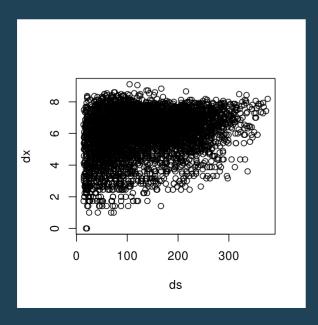
Spatial information:

- symmetric ($n \times n$)
 - Distances matrix
 - Spatial weighting matrix
- raw data ($n \times p$)
 - (Polynomials of) Geographic coordinates
 - Spatial eigenvectors (MEM)

Space as distances

- ullet Compute spatial distances $\mathbf{D_S}$
- ullet Compute faunistic distances ${f D}_{f X}$
- Study their link

```
dx <- dist(mafragh$flo)
ds <- dist(mafragh$xy)
plot(dx ~ ds)</pre>
```



```
mantel.randtest(dx, ds)
```

```
## Monte-Carlo test
## Call: mantel.randtest(m1 = dx, m2 = d
##
## Observation: 0.2327358
##
## Based on 999 replicates
## Simulated p-value: 0.001
## Alternative hypothesis: greater
##
## Std.Obs Expectation Vari
## 8.0283347374 -0.0008646799 0.000846
```

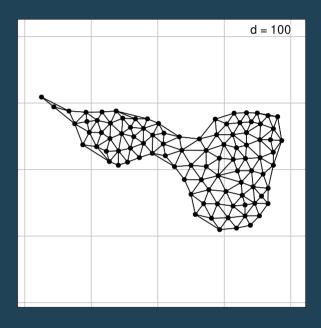
Spatial Weighting Matrix

$$\mathbf{W} = [w_{ij}]$$

 $w_{ij}=1 ext{ if sites } i ext{ and } j ext{ are neighbors}$ $w_{ij}=0 ext{ otherwise}$

Options:

- Non-binary weights
- Standardization



Spatial autocorrelation

Moran's index

$$MC(\mathbf{x}) = rac{n \sum_{(2)} w_{ij} (x_i - ar{x}) (x_j - ar{x})}{\sum_{(2)} w_{ij} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - ar{x})^2} ext{ where } \sum_{(2)} = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n ext{ with } i
eq j.$$

In matrix notation

$$MC(\mathbf{x}) = rac{n}{\mathbf{1}^{ op}\mathbf{W}\mathbf{1}}rac{\mathbf{z}^{ op}\mathbf{W}\mathbf{z}}{\mathbf{z}^{ op}\mathbf{z}}.$$

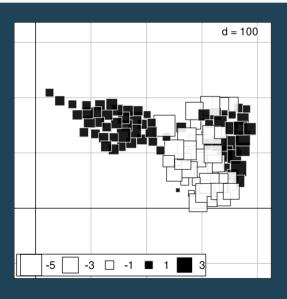
where $\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{x} - \bar{x}$. With row-standardization

$$MC(\mathbf{x}) = rac{\mathbf{z}^{ op} \mathbf{ ilde{z}}}{\mathbf{z}^{ op} \mathbf{z}}$$

It is a measure of the link between the original variable (${f z}$) and its lagged version (${f ilde z}$)

Moran's index and scatterplot

```
library(adespatial)
library(spdep)
s.value(mafragh$xy, pca_veg$li[,
```

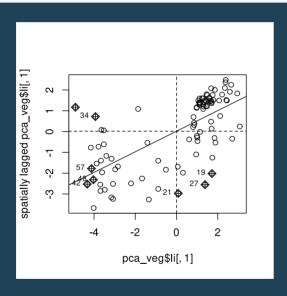


```
moran.randtest(pca_veg$li[, 1], n
```

```
## Monte-Carlo test
## Call: moran.randtest(x = pca_veg$li[,
##
## Observation: 0.4947964
##
## Based on 999 replicates
## Simulated p-value: 0.001
## Alternative hypothesis: greater
##
## Std.Obs.statistic Expectation
## 8.383910406 -0.014727811
```

Moran's index and scatterplot

moran.plot(pca_veg\$li[, 1], nb2li

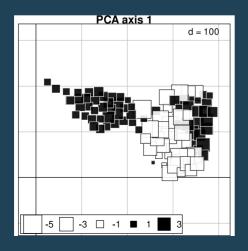


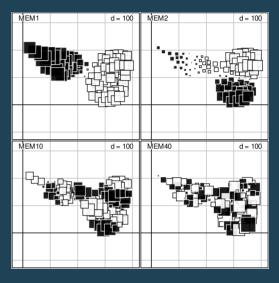
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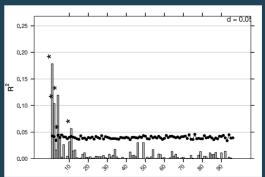
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##
## Observation: 0.4947964
##
## Based on 999 replicates
## Simulated p-value: 0.001
## Alternative hypothesis: greater
##
## Std.Obs.statistic Expectation
## 7.741228586 -0.005461975
```

Moran's Eigenvector Maps

- Eigenvectors of the doublycentred spatial weighting matrix
- Orthogonal vectors maximizing the spatial autocorrelation
- They can be used as spatial predictors in correlation or regression models (e.g., scalogram)





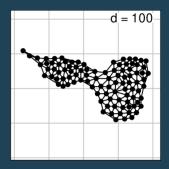


Spatial multivariate methods

- **MULTISPATI** integrates a spatial weighting matrix in standard multivariate methods. It identifies spatial structures instead of structures.
- **MEM-based models** introduces spatial predictors in correlation or regression-based approaches (e.g., redundancy analysis, variation partitioning)

Multispati





This analysis maximizes the product

$$MC_{\mathbf{D}}(\mathbf{XQa}) \cdot \|\mathbf{XQa}\|_{\mathbf{D}}^{2}$$

and thus finds a linear combination of variables maximizing a compromise between:

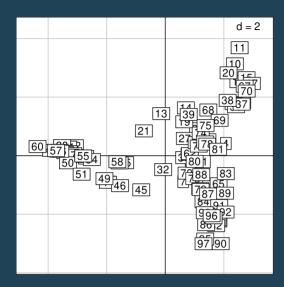
- ullet the criteria optmized in the standard analysis ($\|\mathbf{X}\mathbf{Q}\mathbf{a}\|_{\mathbf{D}}^2$)
- spatial autocorrelation ($MC_{\mathbf{D}}(\mathbf{XQa})$)

It corresponds to a coinertia analysis between the original table ${f X}$ and its lagged version ${f ilde X}={f W}{f X}.$

Multispati

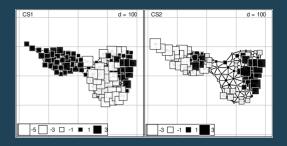
```
ms1 <- multispati(pca_veg, nb2listw(mafragh$nb), scannf = FALSE,</pre>
     nfposi = 2, nfnega = 0)
summary(ms1)
##
## Multivariate Spatial Analysis
  Call: multispati(dudi = pca_veg, listw = nb2listw(mafragh$nb), scannf = FAL
       nfposi = 2, nfnega = 0)
##
##
## Scores from the initial duality 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
```

s.label(ms1\$li)

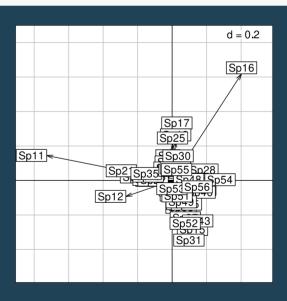


maximization of the product of variance and Moran's I

s.value(mafragh\$xy, ms1\$li, nb =

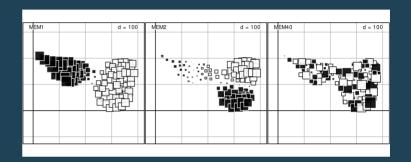


s.arrow(ms1\$c1)



MEM-based models





Spatial eigenvectors can be used as predictors in regression models (e.g., redundancy analysis)

- As there is a high number of predictors, variable selection should be preformed prior to the analysis
- When other predictors are considered, variation partitioning can be used. This approach based on combination of several RDA models allows to evaluate the relative contribution of spatial and other predictors to explain the response table (variation partitioning).
- see adespatial tutorial for more details