

**NETWORK ANALYSIS OF SURVEY DATA FOR
CHARACTERIZATION OF YIELD REDUCING FACTORS AND
YIELD LIMITING FACTORS OF TROPICAL RICE
ECOSYSTEMS IN SOUTH AND SOUTHEAST ASIA**

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CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

Introduction

It is estimated that the human population will increase to nine billion people by 2050 ?. This means that the food production needs to grow accordingly. With rice as the most important crop for regions with highest estimated population growth, rice will be the most important crop. Ray et al. (2013) claimed that future rice production will need to grow by 2.4 percent per year in order to meet the demands of a growing population. However, pests and diseases are significant yield reducing factors in global rice production. Oerke (2005) estimated that rice pests potentially caused losses of nearly 37 percent of global rice production. To maintain food security, we need to increase yield productivity, and decrease yield losses. Addressing these yield-reducing factors is essential for food security not only in rice consuming societies, but also for other societies globally.

Rice is predominantly grown in Asia, where thirty-one percent of global rice production comes from Southeast Asia alone (OECD/FAO, 2012). The most intensive and productive areas are irrigated, where farmers can grow at least two rice crops per year. Approximately 45 percent of the rice growing area in Southeast Asia is irrigated, with the largest irrigated areas being found in Indonesia, Vietnam, Philippines, Thailand (Mutert and Fairhurst, 2002). In South Asia, the two major rice-growing countries are

India and Bangladesh. India has the largest rice growing area globally, approximately 43 million hectares, and contributes 25 percent of global rice production alone. Combined, rice production in South and Southeast Asia contributes nearly half of global rice production. If rice production in South and Southeast Asia is threatened, it will significantly affect global rice production.

Strategies of pest and disease management take sustainability, production efficiency, and environmental protection into account (Mew et al., 2004). To achieve this, interactions between pests and human activities must be studied. A crop health survey may provide the necessary data which, together with adequate methods for analyzing this survey data, can produce preliminary information on their behaviors including major interactions (Savary et al., 1995). Savary et al. (2000b) concluded that the observed injury profiles (*i.e.*, the combination of disease and pest injury that may occur in a given farmer's field) were strongly dependent on production situation. The authors discussed that pest management strategies should be developed according to the patterns of cropping practices, and production situations. However, interactions among pests and environments under different locations or through time are difficult to elucidate, but are essential to design effective strategies of pest management.

To help visualize and understand these interactions, network analysis is a promising tool for revealing the interactions among entities within a complex system. Network analysis have been applied in many scientific branches ranging from social sciences to computer sciences to biology (cite). A network model is an abstract model composed of a set of nodes or vertices and a set of edges, links or ties connected to the nodes. Nodes usually represent entities and the edges represent their relations. For example, an ecological network of a food web presents nodes as a species (Krause et al., 2003) and

edges as ecological relationships, or consider a social network of students (nodes) in the school, where the edges are friendships (Moody, 2001).

In order to develop effective strategies of rice pest management, agronomists focus on holistic points related to crop health, but they do not focus on a particular aspects of plant protection. Savary et al. (1995, 2000a) and Savary et al. (2005) discussed that (i) cropping practices strongly associate the pattern of disease syndromes and damage caused by animal pests, (ii) production situations are strongly related to the occurrence of individual disease, and (iii) production situations (a combination of physical and socioeconomic factors that influence agricultural production) represent very large risk factors (positive or negative) for the occurrences of disease syndromes.

These studies contributed to the body of knowledge needed to address crop health management. I have a good idea of which the relation of pests and diseases affect and rice, production situation and their effect to rice yields, but we do not have a clear picture of where individual or groups of pests and diseases occur and how much effect they have on rice yield. One approach to gain more insight into the relationships of rice pests and disease in rice agroecosystems is to develop networks based on a wide range of pest and disease injuries and corresponding yield losses under different rice production situations across Asia.

I.0.1 Objectives of the study

This study aimed to develop network approaches and apply them to analyze crop health survey data conducted in countries in South and Southeast Asia (India, Indonesia, Thailand, and Vietnam).

Specifically, this research aims to:

1. develop a network model based on crop health survey data and characterize relationships among rice injuries under rice agroecosystems in South and Southeast Asia, specifically in Tamil Nadu, and Odisha; India, West Java; Indonesia, Red river delta; Vietnam, and central plain; Thailand;
2. compare the differential relationships of network models under different seasons and/or locations; and
3. apply network analysis to compare differential relationships of rice injuries in the network model under successive levels (low, medium and high) of crop cut data from different farmers' fields in South and Southeast Asia.

I.0.2 Significance of the study

This research will be a significant contribution to rice pest management and will be an innovative approach to study rice crop health survey data. By understanding the relationships of cropping practices and rice injury profiles, over different locations on an international level, this study will be beneficial to the extensionists, agronomists and researchers for employing effective pest control management. Once network models based on crop health survey data are constructed, they will be beneficial to plant health authorities and the people who related to crop protection especially for rice. The network will support them to design specific strategies for rice pest and disease management and to limit the impact of these yield reducing factors.

Moreover, the resulting network model will reveal the relationships between farmer's practices (cropping practices) with the relationships of co-occurrence patterns of rice pest injuries. The approaches help us to understand the characteristics of rice pests and diseases, which will provide the recommendations on how to design rice pest

management. Importantly, it also serves as a new approach for researchers on the subjects of crop losses and epidemiology.

I.0.3 Scope and limitation of the study

I determine co-occurrence relationships of rice injuries caused by animal pests and diseases. Data were from surveys at the farmer's rice fields in South and Southeast Asia (India, Indonesia, Thailand, Vietnam) from 2013 to 2016. The survey data were conducted by following "survey portfolio" (Savary and Castilla, 2009).

CHAPTER II

REVIEW OF LITERATURE

II.1 Literature review

The world's population is growing rapidly. It reached 6 billion people in 1999 and is anticipated to reach 8.1 billion in 2025 and 9.6 billion in 2050 (Alexandratos et al., 2012). Our long-term ability to meet growing needs for food seems uncertain. Thus, one of the greatest challenges is increasing food production in a sustainable way so that everyone can have adequate food and proper nutrition without over-exploiting the Earth's ecosystems.

Rice is predominantly produced in Asia, so much so that thirty-one percent of the rice harvested globally comes from Southeast Asia alone (OECD/FAO, 2012). The highest levels of productivity are found in irrigated areas, the most intensified rice production systems. Farmers can grow more than one rice crop per year here. Approximately 45 percent of the rice growing country in Southeast Asia is irrigated, with the largest irrigated areas been found in Indonesia, Vietnam, Philippines and Thailand (Mutert and Fairhurst, 2002). In South Asia, the two major rice-growing countries are India and Bangladesh. India has the largest rice growing area globally, about 43 million hectares, and contributes 25 percent of global rice production. Combined, rice production in South and Southeast Asia contributes around half of global rice production. If rice production in South and Southeast Asia is threatened, it will significantly affect

global rice production.

Pests in rice production are significant yield reducing factors globally. Oerke (2005) estimated that weeds, animal pests, and disease caused losses around 10.2, 15.1 and 12.2 percent of global rice production, respectively. In most Asian countries, rice yields average 3-5 t/ha. One recent survey estimated that between 120 and 200 million tons of grain are lost yearly to insects, diseases, and weeds in rice fields in tropical Asia (Willocquet et al., 2004). The mean region-wide rice yield loss due to pests was estimated at 37 percent (Savary et al., 2000a).

In crop fields, pests or so-called biotic constraints can be defined as organisms that cause plant injuries and lead potentially to economic losses. Among the pests that attack rice are microorganisms (*e.g.*, viruses, mycoplasmas, phytoplasmas, bacteria, oomycetes, and fungi) that can cause diseases, parasitic plants, weeds, invertebrates (insects, mollusks), and even vertebrates such as rats and birds can cause serious damages.

Rice Pests

Rice fields are human-managed ecosystems, which harbor diverse communities of plant, animal, and microbial species. Many of them indeed benefit with rice plants, such as predators, parasitoids, flowering plants, and soil bacteria (Norton et al., 2010). However, there are some species threatening the rice plant's health and can cause the quantity and quality losses. I briefly review some pests including weeds, animal pests, and diseases that are concerned as the important pests and disease in the rice production.

Weeds are plants considered as unwanted plants in the crop growing area and compete for nutrition, water, and light with crops. Weeds can be the cause of severe

yield reduction problems. In Asia, they are estimated to cause yield losses up to 80 percent, depending on rice field conditions (crop establishment, water management, field management). Weeds also reduce grain quality, and increase the production costs such as labor cost and input costs (Moody, 1991; Savary et al., 2005). The field management and environment are the big factors, which are related weed distribution and degree of infestation in rice fields. For example, in direct seeded rice fields are likely to have high weed pressure than transplanted rice fields Juraimi et al. (2013).

Rats cause serious yield reduction problems in many countries in Asia such as Bangladesh, Cambodia, People's Republic of China, India, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Thailand, and Vietnam. *Rattus argentiventer* is the major rat pest species in Southeast Asia. Other species are *R. exulans* Peale, *R. rattus* spp., *R. tanezumi*. Crop losses due to *R. argentiventer* are typically about 10 to 20 percent. Rat damage in the rice fields is easily observed when a large number of the tillers are cut. They damage to rice plants at all stages from sowing to storage. At the seedling stage, they chop down the young seedlings and also feed on the endosperm. Rat damages can be observed in both the wet and dry seasons, but they increase in rain-fed rice crops in the wet season. Wide bunds in the fields are favorable habitats. They burrow and build the tunnels and nests, which can cause bunds to collapse (Singleton, 2003).

Golden apple snail (*Pomacea canaliculata* (Lamarck)) is an exotic species in Asia. Its origin is South America. They were introduced to farmers in countries in Asia to increase their income and as a source of protein in their diet, and also as an aquarium pet (Joshi, 2007). Now they are spreading around Asia and have become a major rice pest in the areas where they have founded. Snails attack younger seedlings at deep water

levels. (Basilio, 1991) estimated that snail density at 8 snails/square meter could damage the rice seedlings up to 93 percent. However, seedlings become tolerant to snail attacks at the age of 40 days old (Sin, 2003).

Insect pests are serious threats to rice production in nearly all regions, where rice is grown. Yield losses due to insect pests based on surveys from 11 countries were estimated at 18.5 percent (Pathak and Khan, 1994). The introduction of high yielding technology in the 1960s involving rice varieties with high tillering ability, denser plant spacing, high fertilizer application and irrigation where farmers planted two or three crops per year provided abundant habitat and food sources where the insect pests can reproduce continuously throughout the year. Moreover, the use of nitrogen fertilizers increased the insects' reproductive potential (Bottrell and Schoenly, 2012). In South and South East Asia, rice is grown in warm, humid environments conducive to the survival and proliferation of key insect pests: stem borers, rice loaders, brown planthoppers, whitebacked planthoppers and green leafhoppers.

Stem borers are ubiquitous throughout rice fields in Asia and cause some damage in every rice field every year. There are six species, but rice yellow stem borer, *Scirpophaga incertulas* (Walker), is the most destructive species in Asia, which may cause 20 percent yield loss in early planted rice crops, and 80 percent in late-planted crops Ooi and Shepard (1994). The larvae bore into the stems and eat their way down to the base of the plant hollowing out the stem. If the damage occurred during the vegetative stage the central leafs do not unfold, turn browns and die off, this is called “deadheart”. If this damage occurs during the reproductive stage it results in the drying of the panicles, which may not emerge or do not produce grains. This is called “whitehead”. Yield losses from stem borer damage can reach up to 95 percent in severe infestations Pathak

and Khan (1994).

Asian rice gall midges, *Orseolia oryzae* (Wood-Mason) damaged tillers are characterized by pale green color and the stems elongated and converted into hollow tub called “onion leaf” or “silver shoot”. The Asian gall midge could cause significant yield losses of US \$ 80 million annually in India (Bennett, 2004). They are found widely in most rice ecosystems; irrigated, rain-fed wetland, upland and deepwater rice area when rice plant is growing at the tillering stage (Pathak and Khan, 1994).

Rice leaf feeders are diverse such as rice leaffolder (*Cnaphalocrocis medinalis*), rice whorl maggot (*Hydrellia philippina* Ferinoand), rice hispa (*Dicladispa viridicyanea*) (Kraatz), and rice thrips *Stenchaetothrips biformis* (Bagnall). They often attack rice in the early rice stages, causing visible injuries on a leaf. **Rice leaffolder** at the larvae stage fold the leaves by stitching the leaf margins and feed by scraping green leaf tissue. Leaves damaged by rice hispa appear irregular translucent white patches paralleling to the leaf veins. **Rice whorl maggot** at the larvae stage feed on the inner margin of unopened leaves. Damaged leaves show white or transparent patches, pinholes, and are easily broken by the wind. They are commonly found in irrigated fields, but not in upland rice. **Rice hispa** feeds green tissue on the leaf. The leaves show white streaks parallel to the midrib. The rice hispa is common in rainfed and irrigated wetland environments and is more abundant during the rainy season. **Rice thrips** are an important pest to rice at young stage (during the seedling stage or two weeks after early sowing). The damage caused by rice thrips can be observed in the dry season than wet season. Leaves damaged by thrips are curl and discolored. However, the injuries caused by these insect pests are not considered important as often does not translate into a yield loss because of plant compensation (Pathak and Khan, 1994; Shepard et al., 1995).

Rice sucking insects cause enormously economic damages directly by feeding, and indirectly by transmitting many virus diseases. Two species of planthopper, the **brown planthopper** (BPH), *Nilaparvata lugens* (Stal); and the **whitebacked planthopper** (WBPH), *Sogatella furcifera* (Horvath), infest rice. Nymphs and adults feed at the base of the tillers, then plants turn yellow and dry up, turn brown and die. At early stages of heavy infestation round and yellow, and brownish patches appear due to the drying up of the plants. This condition is called “hopperburn”. It can cover large patches in rice fields. Moreover, the BPHs can transmit rice ragged stunt and rice grassy stunt diseases. Another important planthopper pest of rice is the **smaller brown planthopper** (SBPH) *Laodelphax striatellus* Fallén, which is mainly found in temperate rice areas. can transmits rice virus diseases such as rice stripe virus disease and rice black-streaked dwarf virus disease Zhang et al. (2014). Two species of **green leafhoppers** (GLH), *Nephotettix malayanus* and *Nephotettix virescens*, infest rice. They feed on the surface of the leaf blades rather than the leaf sheaths and the middle leaves. The rice plants growing in the nitrogen rich fields are vulnerable to GLH. Plants severely damaged by GLHs showed withering, and complete drying. They can transmit many Rice tungro disease (Ling et al., 1972). They also can spread rice tungro disease. **Rice black bugs** belong to several species, but Malaysian black bug *Scotinophara coarctata* is the most common in Asia. They feed on the rice plant from seedling to maturity growth stages. Their damage can cause reddish brown or yellowing of plants. Leaves also have chlorotic lesions. Severe damage may show the symptom called “bugburn” showing wilting of tillers with no visible honeydew deposits or sooty molds. Plants are also stunted; and can develop stunted panicles, no panicles, incompletely exerted panicles, and unfilled spikelets or whiteheads at booting stage (Shepard et al., 1995).

Grain sucking insects causes serious yield losses. **Rice bugs** or slander rice bugs were found commonly two species; *Leptocorisa oratorius*, and *Leptocorisa acuta* Thunber. They are found commonly in the flowering to milk stages in all rice environments. Nymphs and adults feed on developing grain causing them deformed, spotty and empty grains. They are reported that can cause yield loss up to 30 percent. **Rice stink bugs** were reported that they damage rice grains, but the most common stink bug is *Nezara viridula* (Linnaeus). They penetrate the grain hull with their strong mouthparts to feed on the endosperm (Shepard et al., 1995).

Rice diseases result in yield reductions of 10 - 15 percent in tropical Asia (Willoquet et al., 2004). Sheath blight and brown spot are important diseases in rice in Asia, each responsible for 6 percent of yield losses, whereas rice blast, bacterial leaf blight account for 1 - 3 percent and 0.1 percent of yield losses, respectively. Sheath rot, stem rot, and those known as sheath rot complex and grain discoloration are responsible for rice yield losses ranging from 0.1 - 0.5 percent, respectively. All other diseases alone or in combination do not cause more than 0.5 - 1 percent of yield losses based on estimates (Savary et al., 2000a; Mew and Gonzales, 2002). I briefly review some rice diseases that are commonly found in South and South East Asia.

Foliar diseases include brown spot, rice blast, narrow brown spot, bacterial leaf blight, bacterial leaf streak, etc.

Brown spot, caused by *Cochliobolus miyabeanus* (Ito & Kuribayashi) Drechs. ex Dastur (anamorph: *Bipolaris oryzae* (Breda de Haan) Shoemaker) is one of the most important disease of rice in Asia, which is reported across South and South-East Asian countries. The disease symptoms can be observed small oval or circular, dark brown

spots on leaves or glumes. The disease is seed-transmitted and infected seed is the primary inoculum source. The disease develops quickly in fields with scarce water supply and nutritional imbalance, particularly low nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium. Yield loss caused by this disease have been reported many rice production area (Barnwal et al., 2013). On average, the lowland rice of tropical and subtropical, Savary et al. (2006) claimed that 10 % of attainable yield was damaged by this disease.

Rice blast, caused by *Magnaporthe grisea* (Hebert) Barr) (Rossman et al., 1990) (anamorph: *Pyricularia grisea* Sacc., synonym *P. oryzae* Cavara. This fungal pathogen can overwinter in rice straw and stubble and spreads rapidly by airborne spores. The symptoms can be found on all part of the plant including leaves, leaf collars, necks, panicles, pedicels, roots, and seeds. Leaf blast symptoms are characterized by elliptical or spindle shaped lesion with whitish-gray or greenish center and brown or purple margins with yellow halo. Neck or panicle blast, which is more damaging, appear as a dark necrotic lesion covering partially or complete around the panicle base or secondary branches. It may lead to breaking of panicles resulting in few or no grain setting. Disease is favored by high nitrogen. Soils with poor silica availability are blast conducive. Blast is highly destructive in lowland rice in temperate and subtropical Asia, and upland rice in tropical Asia, Latin America and Africa (Skamnioti and Gurr, 2009; Ou, 1985).

Narrow Brown Spot, caused by the fungus *Cercospora janseana* (Racib.) O. Const., synonym: *C. oryzae* Miyake (teleomorph: *Sphaerulina oryzina* K. Hara), ^{To do (??)} characterized by small, narrow, elongated dark brown spots spreading uniformly over the leaf. Symptoms are usually extensive during the later stages of growth, with lesions appearing just prior to anthesis. Severe damage decreases the grain quality and reduces

the milling recovery, but has no significant effect on yield losses Ou (1985).

Bacterial leaf blight or bacterial blight, caused by *Xanthomonas oryzae* pv. *oryzae* (Ishiyama) Swings *et al.* (synonym: *X. campestris* pv. *oryzae* (Ishiyama) Dye is characterized by yellowing and dry leaves. The disease developed at the tips of the leaf and spread down one or both sides of the leaf and maybe through the middle leaf. The disease occurs in both tropical and temperate environments, particularly in irrigated and rainfed lowland areas. The high wind and rain were believed to aid in rapid dispersal of the pathogen. In severe epidemics, yield losses can range from 20 - 40 percent (Sonti, 1998).

Bacterial leaf streak, caused by *Xanthomonas oryzae* pv. *oryzicola* (Ishiyama) Swings *et al.* is characterized by fine translucent streak between veins. Then the streaks become yellowish-gray, the lesions coalesce, then eventually turn to brown to greyish white causing the leaves to die. This disease is common in South and South-East Asia. Severe infection results in poor grain development, broken rice and deterioration in chemical and nutritional composition Ou (1985).

Diseases on the tiller include sheath blight, stem rot and bakanae

Sheath blight, caused by *Thanatephorus cucumeris* (A.B. Frank) Donk (anamorph: *Rhizoctonia solani* Kühn) is characterized by irregular lesions usually found on the leaf sheaths (initially water-soaked to greenish gray and later becoming grayish white with a brown margin). Sclerotia (small brown-to-black, rocklike reproductive structures) may be present on the stems. Symptoms are usually observed from tillering to milk stage in a rice crop. This fungus lives in the soil and floats to the top when fields are flooded, contacts rice plants and spreads to adjacent plants. Spread of sheath blight is thus favored by dense crop canopies Ou (1985). It occurs throughout the rice growing areas. Sheath

blight causes a yield loss of 6% across lowland rice fields in tropical Asia Savary et al. (2006).

Stem rot, which is caused by *Magnaporthe salvinii*, anamorph: *Sclerotium oryzae* Catt, has been reported from most rice-growing countries. The infected plants showed initially small, irregular black lesions on the outer leaf sheath near water level. The lesions enlarge and reach the inner leaf sheath. The stems became rot causing plants lodge. The small black sclerotia, fungal reproductive can be found in the rotting stem, and carried in stubbles after harvest. The presence of this disease was reported in most of rice growing countries Ou (1985). Reviewed by Ou (1985), this disease was the most common in Vietnam, caused yield loss around 50%. In the Phillipines, yield loss was estimated range 30 to 50 % caused by this disease.

Bakanae caused by *Gibberella fujikuroi* Sawada (anamorph: *Fusarium moniliforme* J. Sheld) is commonly found throughout Asia. Infected seedlings elongate abnormally, becomes slender and the leaves turn pale yellow green. Infected plants develop roots at the upper nodes and the whole plant turns yellow. At booting stage, some infected plants die. This disease was reported that it can cause yield loss up to 20 percent in outbreak areas Ou (1985).

Panicle diseases commonly include sheath rot, dirty panicle complex or grain discoloration, and false smut.

Sheath rot, caused by *Sarocladium oryzae* (Sawada) W. Gams & D. Hawksworth (Synonym: *Acrocyldrium oryzae* Sawada), reduces grain yield by retarding or aborting panicle emergence, and producing unfilled seeds and sterile panicles. Sheath rot also reduces grain quality by causing panicles to rot and grains to become discolored. The typical sheath rot lesion starts at the uppermost leaf sheath enclosing the young panicles.

It appears oblong or as irregular spot with dark reddish, brown margins, and gray center or brownish gray throughout Ou (1985).

Dirty panicle or grain discoloration is characterized by darkening of glumes of spikelets, brown to black, including rotten glumes. This disease caused by multiple fungal species which include, (*Alternaria alternata*, *Altrernaris padwickii*, *Cochilobolus miyabeanus* (synonym: *Bipolaris oryzae*) *Cuvularia* spp., *Fusarium* spp., *Magnaporthe salvinii*, *M. grisea*, *Nigrospora oryzae*, *Sarocladium oryzae*. These pathogens contributed to deleterious effect on the quality of seed lots. Rice seedlings are poor at field emergence, and survival. Finally, they are vulnerable to pests and diseases (Ou, 1985) and (Mew and Gonzales, 2002).

False smut caused by *Villosiclava virens* gen. nov., comb. nov. (anamorph: *Ustilaginoidea virens* (Cooke) Takahashi) is characterized by the grain transformed into a mass of spore ball, which is initially orange, then become olive-green, and then greenish black at maturity (Tanaka et al., 2008). False smut of rice is reported in most rice-growing areas of the worlds. In favorable conditions, which are high humidity, and soils with high nitrogen content, yield loss caused by this disease can reach to 7 - 75 percent (Ou, 1985). Additionally, the pathogen could produce two kinds of mycotoxins; ustiloxins and ustilaginoidins. They exhibit a variety of biological activities such as antimitotic activity, cytotoxic activity Meng et al. (2015).

Viral diseases include rice grassy stunt disease, rice ragged stunt disease, and rice tungro disease, etc.

Rice grassy stunt disease, caused by *Rice grassy stunt virus* is transmitted by brown planthopper. Infected rice plants show stunting and proliferation of short, erect, and narrow leaves that are pale green or pale yellow. The virus reduces yields

by inhibiting panicle production. Plants can be infected at all growth stages. They are most vulnerable to infection at the tillering stage. Infected stubble and volunteer rice are sources of rice grassy stunt virus. The virus cannot be transmitted via brown planthopper eggs (Ou, 1985; Ling et al., 1972).

Rice ragged stunt disease, caused by *Rice ragged stunt virus* is transmitted by brown planthopper. Leaves of infected plants have a ragged appearance. Rice ragged stunt virus infection is particularly high in tropical conditions where rice is planted all year around and provides a continuous host for the brown plant hopper vector. Infected stubble and volunteer rice are sources of rice grassy stunt virus. The disease reduces yield by causing partially exerted panicles, unfilled grains and plant density loss. Infected crops will have significant yield losses of up to 80 percent (Ling et al., 1972).

Rice tungro disease, caused by *Rice tungro spherical virus* and *Rice tungro bacilliform virus*, is transmitted by green leafhoppers. Tungro disease can occur during all growth stages of the rice plant. It is most frequently seen during the vegetative phase. Plants are most vulnerable at tillering stage. It causes leaf discoloration, stunted growth, reduced tiller numbers and sterile or partly filled grains. Tungro is one of the most damaging and destructive diseases of rice in South and Southeast Asia. In severe cases, Tungro susceptible varieties infected at an early growth stage can have as high as 100 percent yield loss (Ou, 1985).

Farmers encountered an estimated average of 37 percent of their yield loss because of pests and disease. This proportion will be reduced when the farmers have efficient pest management. An important concept applied in pest management is “disease triangle”^{To do (??)}, which explains that an occurrence of plant disease epidemic need three components, virulent pest, susceptible plant and conducive environment. At the farm

level, we emphasize the interactions at population level. These interactions depend on not only the physical, biological environment but also man-made activities (Fig.??). According to Savary et al. (2006), pest management tetrahedral first discussed by Zadoks and Schein (1979) consists of four elements, a pest, crop, the environment and human. Human is recognized the important role in agroecosystem and should be considered to sustainable pest management (Zadoks, 1985). Humans are not limited to farmers, but also included to farmers' communities, social networks, agro-technology suppliers, food-chain stakeholders, research and extension, and policy-makers.

The interactions between human activities and pathogens are considered indirect, but often very strong. For example, crop establishment (e.g., a crop rotation, the choice of a varieties, a crop establishment method), water and nutrient management, and pesticide use are strongly linked to the pest and disease outbreak Zadoks and Schein (1979). This is of importance to design effective pest control management, which is involved the sustainable plant protection (IPM). Moreover, IPM strategies are field-dependent due to the fact that the combination of pests and diseases is vary from different location and crop management practices Mew et al. (2004); Savary et al. (2012). According to Savary et al. (2000a,b), The amount of yield reduction varies from the different the injury profiles.

Common techniques for analysis of survey data

Methodologies used to interpret the survey data are developed for studies of the relationships for injuries - yield losses. The development of theses studied started focusing on single-disease (pest) pathosystem to more complex. The classic analytical approaches aim to assess group-wise differences, either in a univariate *i.e.* parameter-

by-parameter fashion or using multivariate techniques (*e.g.* multivariate analysis of variance (MANOVA), correspondence analysis (CA), multiple correspondence analysis (MCA), or principle component analysis (PCA)). Univariate methodologies are frequently used to reduce a possibly large number of measured analyses to only those that show the strongest response under the investigated conditions. Examples for such univariate approaches are significance testing methods and simple linear regression model. However, univariate methods fail to apply to different production situation or the scope that model can be applied.

Therefore, multivariate analysis methods seek to capture not only changes of a single pest. Probably the most prominent multivariate analysis techniques applied in the field of survey data are principal component analysis, cluster analysis and correspondence analysis. These analyses do not always; and to yield loss estimate^{To do (??)}. They can inform us the close relationship between changing production situations and shift crop health syndromes (changes in the dynamics of group disease or crop-limiting factors in an area)^{To do (??)}.

Farmers' fields survey datasets are of immense value to plant pathologists; they, however, are generally heterogeneous in format (being qualitative or quantitative) and/or precision. A number of methods, some now old and seldom used, and other more recent and comparatively easier to use, are available to process this type of information. The approached used to analyst these data included three main steps: cluster analysis, multiple correspondence analysis and logistic regression.

Cluster analysis represents another unsupervised multivariate technique suitable for the analysis of survey data with hierarchical cluster analysis and *k*-means clustering being the most prominent representatives. In general, clustering methods group

and visualize samples according to intrinsic similarities in their measurements, irrespective of sample groupings.

Survey in the field of epidemiological research

To do (??)

The rice crop system is complex that the number of components is large and their interaction are complex **To do (??)**. The dynamic of the system is encompassed by a growing crop, its physical environment, its diseases and pests, and farmers' actions, which influence the whole system. The number of rice pests (diseases, insects, and weeds) to be considered and the levels at which they vary from field to field. A rationale is often deduced to delineate the limits of the system to be addressed **To do (??)**.

A survey is a useful tool to provide an adequate account of this diversity and deal with the several pests or variables affecting crop production, which are essential components of systems research in plant protection Zadoks and Schein (1979). Field surveys generate information at the level of the population of crop stands rather than of the individual plot, field, or orchard. Such surveys raise questions regarding variation in injury and its relationships to crop management, crop environment, crop performance, and the occurrence of multiple injuries.

Application of surveys can be found in a huge diversity of research fields, including crop characteristic, cropping practices and single disease or multiple disease and insect. The pest are measurable biological variable that can be used for characterize the injuries profiled (disease and insect injuries syndrome) to stratify farmer's fields account into the characteristic of their production situations.

Savary et al. (1995) emphasized field surveys as the basic means for acquiring

information and expanding knowledge to higher scales. Conversely, field surveys and the associated analytical approaches provide a framework in which to characterize disease intensities and their relationships with attributes (including crop management) of the environments where injuries occur; but they usually do not generate crop loss data *per se*.

The concept of production situation described the set of factors - physical, biological, and socioeconomic - that determine agricultural production^{To do (??)}. This concept is used here within the restricted scope of an individual rice field and from the limited view point of plant protection. A quick overview of the variables listed in the following survey procedure indicates how this concept is operationalized in a survey: this list includes a few key components of rice crop management (which reflect the physical and socioeconomic environments of a crop and their interactions) and a series of rice pests (that is, insects, pathogens, and weeds).

This approach has the considerable advantage of providing quantitative estimate of the contribution of each constraint to the total yield loss. They study may be considered among the first series, where a set of pest constraints of a crop, simultaneously with environmental variables, and variables representing the current cropping practices were considered. Pests only considered some of the “yield determining variables”. the approaches may also be considerate an attempt to incorporated the concept of production situation *i.e.* the set of environment that lead to a given yield output of the system^{To do (??)}.

The applications of network analysis have increased exponentially over the past two decades in various disciplines. Even though documented applications of network analysis in plant pathology are still relatively sparse, network applications in the social

sciences, systems biology and ecology have been increasingly found. Here I review the empirical works that exist and argue that network analysis is a promising approach for exploring questions in the context of plant pathology.

Network Analysis

Introduction to network analysis

Network analysis is used for determining relationships between elements of interest. It offers toolkits for visualizing data in a network model and measuring its properties, and network thinking (Proulx et al., 2005). It has been widely used by various branches of science, such as social sciences, ecology, biology, computer science, and many others to study the interactions between elements, *e.g.*, the relationships of students in school (Moody, 2001), species in food webs (Krause et al., 2003), interactions of genes or proteins in cells (Guimera and Amaral, 2005), or the connections of computer in the network (Pastor-Satorras and Vespignani, 2001; Newman, 2006).

Newman (2003) loosely categorized four types of networks based on different complex data. The first category is social network, representing sets or groups of people forming some patterns of contacts or interactions between them such as the patterns of friendship or business relationships. Analyzing the structure of whole social entities gives us the perspectives from a social network, which enables us to explain the patterns observed. Moody (2001) analyzed the social behaviors in high school students using social network approaches. (Kasari et al., 2011) applied network analysis to compare the social relationships and friendships between children with and without autism spectrum disorder (ADS). The second type of network is an information network or knowledge network. The classic example of this network is the network of citations

between academic papers (Newman, 2003). The articles cited other papers, which have related topics. They formed a citation network that has vertices as articles and direct links as citations. The citation network visualizes the structure and the movement of the information. The third category, technological network, is object connected network, or man-made network which represents a physical connection between objects. This network is mostly applied for illustrating physical structures and systems such as the electrical power grid, the connections of rivers, transport systems, etc. The fourth category of network is a biological network. It represents the biological systems such as genes to genes, genes to protein, protein to protein interactions, which enable biologists understand the connections and interactions between individual constituents including genes, proteins, and metabolites at the level of the cell, tissue and organ to ultimately describe the entire organism system. Biologists use biological networks in various branches of biology at different levels (from a single molecule to an entire organism). For example, Yang et al. (2014); Barabási and Oltvai (2004) studied in the patterns of gene expression in different conditions and different types of cells (normal cells and cancer cells) in order to characterize the genes that change and do not change following the particular conditions; Freilich et al. (2010) applied a molecular ecological network analysis to study the communities of soil microorganisms. Networks revealed the complex relationships between microbial species in soils and their communities. Moreover, network analysis enables ecologists to understand ecological properties and predict the ecological roles of species in a soil ecosystem. Although the application of each type of network approach varies, all four categories of networks share a common empirical focus on relational structure and a similar set of mathematical analysis.

Network analysis can be a powerful tool to study plant disease. Moslonka-

Lefebvre et al. (2011); Jeger et al. (2007) applied network models and concepts to study disease spreads in regional networks of plant nurseries and garden centers of *Phytophthora ramorum*, the oomycete causing Sudden Oak Death in the West Coast of the USA and leaf blight and dieback in many ornamental shrubs both in America and Europe. The result could be applied to design measures to control plant disease epidemic from movement of infected material among plant nurseries. Shaw and Pautasso (2014) recently reviewed critically about network analysis to plant disease management (*i.e.*, to design ways to reduce the flow of disease in traded plants, to find the best sites to monitor as warning sites for annually reinvading diseases, to understand the fundamentals of how plant pathogen spreads in different structures of simulated trade network models) To do (??). Windram et al. (2014) reviewed the applications of network analysis in molecular plant pathology. Network models were applied to reveal plant defense mechanism during plant-pathogen interactions.

Concepts, principles, and methods of network analysis

A network represents relationships between of elements of interest, which are defined by links (edges) among nodes (vertices). Nodes can be units of interests or studies, and links represent interactions between nodes. Network analysis aims to identify the patterns of associations among nodes, not only features or attributes of particular nodes.

Network analysis follows three principles. Nodes and their behaviors are mutually dependent, not autonomous; links between nodes can be channels for transmission of both material (*e.g.*, money, disease) and non-material (*e.g.*, information, knowledge, relationship, interaction) and; persistent pattern of association among nodes create structure that can define, enable, or restrict the behavior of a node.

Network models have two different structures depending on goals of the representation and analysis (Borgatti et al., 2013). Flow models, commonly named directed graphs, represent the network as a system of pathways along which something move such as transportation networks (*e.g.*, highways, railways, and airlines) or communication networks. Since flow networks show the directions of movement between nodes, thus these networks are interesting to study their behaviors. Analysis of flow networks can identify which nodes are more active or which ones are more important connectors. Jeger et al. (2007); Shaw and Pautasso (2014) applied such network models to study plant disease spread. Architectural models, or undirected graphs, are mainly used to determine the structure of the network, seeking to discern whether specific structures lead to similar outcomes or whether nodes in similar network positions behave in similar ways. Ecological applications related to the ecology and spatial structure of “community” tend to be organized and analyzed as architectural models. For example, Faust and Raes (2012) studied networks of soil microbial interactions. Network models can describe how microbial populations change over time, which will require the use of dynamic models of microbial communities. Beyond these basic principles, network analysis enables the calculation of structural properties of nodes, groups, or the entire network.

Measuring network properties

A network is made up of nodes and links from relational data. It is constructed from an adjacency matrix, which is obtained from analysis using metric algebra techniques. The row and column headings for an adjacency matrix are identical, listing the names of the components involved in the network. In the simplest case, the cells of the matrix are coded with “1” if a link exists between the node or “0” if no edge exists.

However, a link can be valued. Value indicates a characteristic of the relationship that the research has quantified. The values may be binary, such as whether two friends recognize each other, or variable strength (*e.g.*, the number of mutual friends between two friends). A network link need not imply positive or cooperative interaction; they can also be a negative or competitive interaction between two individuals.

The distribution of links in a network suggests two important structural characteristics: centrality (importance) of nodes in the network and division of the network into subgroups. Variants of centrality in a network include degree, closeness, and betweenness. Degree centrality of a node is the sum of the value of the links between that node and every other node in the network. This measure tells us how well-connected a particular node is to the other nodes. Closeness centrality is calculated using the length of the path between a node and every other node. This measure could estimate the time required for information or resources to propagate to a given node in a network. Betweenness centrality corresponds to the number of paths in the network that pass through a particular node, and therefore measures the dependence of a network on a particular node for maintaining connectedness (Toubiana et al., 2013). Deng et al. (2012); Newman (2003); Toubiana et al. (2013) are recommended references for descriptions of the theory and uses, as well as the formal calculation of these measures.

The unique values of network analysis

There are four key points that will help to understand network analysis 1) how it differs from traditional approaches of scientific research; 2) how it relates to those traditional approaches; 3) how networks are constructed, manipulated and measured; and 4) what value network analysis offers beyond traditional approaches.

The first point of network analysis is that there are two types of data represented in the network graphs; technical and relational data. The first is data characterizing the actors or variables being studied referring to attributes. Attributes describe characteristics of individual actors or variables, for example their race, income or physical location, and are the primary variables considered in traditional approaches. The second type of data is relational data, that is, data about the relationships between individual nodes. For example, Lazega and Pattison (1999) represented the network model of cooperation among lawyers in three law firms, through the exchange of various type of resources among them. This model consisted of over 70 lawyers in three different offices in three different cities. Relational data reflected to resources exchange and additional attribute information were included type of practice, genders, and seniority of each lawyers.

Relationships are also referred to as edges (links) in network analysis. Edges cannot be attributed to any single actor. Rather, edges only exist between nodes. This leads to the second point about network analysis that it requires a different conceptual approach. Because edges only exist between nodes, it is useful to think of edges existing in a separate dimension from nodes, who are connected in physical space. This dimension is sometimes referred to as relational space. To visualize the difference, think of someone far away with whom you correspond regularly, say using a phone, email, or Facebook. Even though the two of you are not physically close, you have a strong relationship. The two of you are distant in physical space but close in relational space. This notion of relational space is in part what means when he refers to the space of flows as something distinct from the space of places (Castells, 2001).

The third point that distinguishes network analysis from other approaches is it involves different methods of analysis. Because traditional research methods con-

sider variable attributes in a wide variety of statistical analyses such as measures of center (*e.g.*, mean, median, etc.) and dispersion (*e.g.*, standard deviation, range, etc.), these methods are sometimes referred to as variable analysis, whereas, network analysis models relational data and to measure various characteristics of network structure. For example, for lawyers data (Lazega and Pattison, 1999), it is natural to ask to what extent two lawyers that both work with third lawyer are likely to with each other as well. This notion corresponds to the social network concept of transitivity and can be captured numerically through an enumeration of proportion of vertex triples that form triangles, so-called cluster coefficient.

The idea that network structure may be correlated with variable attributes and behaviors is the fourth point to consider in comparing network analysis to other approaches. In network analysis, the arrangement of the network in relational space is basically correlated with the behavior and attributes of those variables. For example, in the network created by Lazega and Pattison (1999) lawyers of the same firm may share similar attributes such as office location or department, and lawyers in similar roles within that network may share similar behaviors. Basically, conventional approaches measure various attributes of variable (nodes in a network) and attempts to discern something about the relationships between actors (edges in a network) based on those attributes. When the network structure is simple and the differences in node attributes are clear, the conventional analytic approach is sufficient. However when relationships are complex or node attributes are more nuanced, clear answers using conventional analysis may prove elusive. As a result, network analysis offers a tool to help researchers visualize the large network and disentangle some of the relational complexities within the network, just as cluster analysis and multivariate analysis for help research disentangle the

complex data.

Networks and Plant Pathology

Recently, a broad expansion of applications of network analysis has occurred across many disciplines. It has been evaluated as a promising tool to study a complex system. Plant pathologists have applied network analysis for their research. Moslonka-Lefebvre et al. (2011); Jeger et al. (2007); Windram et al. (2014) supported that network analysis can be fruitful models in many applications relevant to plant pathology because of its generality and flexibility. For example, the network of main fresh cut flowers movements among European countries was determined the likelihood of introduction of new pathogens and other organisms associated with plants (Eagling, 2007), and plant-pathogen interaction network models were applied to present plant defense mechanisms (Dietz et al., 2010).

The development of network analysis challenges conventional approaches to uncover rational complexities of plant pathology studies. Two fields of research relevant to plant pathology presented particularly strong growth and proved that network analysis has significant potential to augment traditional analysis methods. The first is plant disease epidemiology, which investigates questions related to plant disease spread. The second is plant molecular biology, which investigates questions related to biological networks.

Using Network analysis to understand plant disease spread

Network analysis challenges conventional approaches of studies in plant disease epidemiology, especially underling the spatiotemporal flow of plants and their pathogens (Pautasso et al., 2010). When plant pathological studies were restricted to

a single geographical location, there was a limit to thinking about the connections or relationships between plants or fields in different locations. However, network analysis can enlarge the view of studies and can consider whether or not plant pathogens are moving from one field to others in the regions of interest. For example, networks of plant disease spread in trade networks presented the flows of plant disease from infected units (infected plants or epidemic areas) to susceptible units (susceptible plants or areas).

Network models of epidemic development

The idea of plant epidemics is that the probability of infection embedded in the connection or the contact patterns between susceptible/infected plants, and it forms as the networks. Pautasso et al. (2010) showed a network model of epidemic development (susceptible-infected-susceptible model) in a directed network. In the network model, vertices were represented plant, and their attributes were presented the infectious status (healthy or infected). The epidemic is started at a single node, then nodes with a connection from the starting infected node will be infected at the next time step with a certain probability of transmission. In turn, already infected nodes will be infected at the next time step depending on their infection status and on a certain probability of persistence. The probability of infection transmission is the same for all connections between infected nodes and susceptible nodes over times. Similarly, the probability of infection persistence is the same for infected nodes in a certain network replicate. For each network structure, the two probabilities of persistence and transmission define an epidemic threshold, which is independent of the starting node of the epidemic. This epidemiological model does not result in either susceptible or infected nodes, as nodes will have a infection status along a continuum. Key quantities for epidemiological dynamics

in networks were reviewed in Moslonka-Lefebvre et al. (2011).

Analysis of plant trade network

Phytophthora ramorum epidemic networks in the horticultural trade are an example of the application of network models in the study of plant disease spread (Harwood et al., 2009; ?). Simulations of spread of *P. ramorum* in different network structures (random, small-world and scale-free network) were found that epidemic threshold, the boundary between a no epidemic an epidemic outcome, is significantly lower for scale-free network, a network is dominated by a small number of nodes with many connections, compared to local, random and small-world network structure. Modeling suggested that was possible to control an epidemic by changing the structure of network, without having to decrease the probability of infection persistence at a nursery site and/or of transmission between sites. Simulation showed that correlation coefficient between link in and out nodes increased with connectivity level for all the structures investigated and underlined the importance of targeted control towards node with more connections than others.

Regardless of the network structure and connectivity level, epidemic threshold is negatively correlated to the correlation coefficient between link in and out nodes, (Moslonka-Lefebvre et al., 2009). In presence of high-connected nodes, the most effective way to control disease spread is to move from two-way to a one-way network. That is move from network where overall there is positive correlation among links-in and -out to one where the correlations are negative. In practice this would mean that a nursery network would be dominated by major node, which receives plant materials from many production sites but supply relatively few retail sites, or by major nodes which received plant materials from a few production sites but supply many retail sites.

However, the scenario where there are major nodes which both receive plant material from many production sites and supply many retail sites is the most problematic control. The better way to control should target towards the cluster (group of nodes), not only to high-connected nodes.

The last point, the modeling of disease spread in small-size directed networks showed that increasing the proportion of wholesalers (*i.e.*, traders without a preponderance of incoming or outgoing links) tends to decrease the epidemic threshold in local, random, and small-world network. The opposite result is obtained for the proportions of produces and retails. Scale free networks appear instead to be tolerant to changes in these hierarchical categories as the epidemic threshold in this case is governed by the presence of hub rather than by the features of the majority of nodes in the network (Pautasso et al., 2010).

Network models to design strategies of plant disease management

Due to globalization, plant trades among countries are increasing and convenient. They potentially caused risks to plant health when they were not under good control. To control the risks of plant disease epidemic through plant trade, network models were applied to present the flows of trade network of plants and plant products across the world and within countries and to develop strategies of plant disease management (Pautasso, 2015). Networks could be found hubs or highly connected nodes, which represented locations or countries where imported and exported plants or plant parts. Hubs or highly connected nodes were targets for control disease flows in the scenarios that network presented because they were considered to the likelihood of pathogens actually infecting along particular links. Strategies for disease management should be designed by focusing on links to and from hubs, nodes which have high degree of connectivity,

so that it increases efficiency to control plant pathogen spreads. The strategies may aim to remove them from the network (Jeger et al., 2007; Moslonka-Lefebvre et al., 2011). Alternatively, strategies may pay attention on them in order to prevent disease spreads. ? suggested placing quarantine efforts on hubs or on connections between major hubs.

Additionally, Pautasso et al. (2008) showed the good examples, which are co-occurrence networks of the *Phytophthora ramorum* infected plant genera different environments. The networks may be helpful in identifying host taxa playing an important role in spreading a certain disease in the seminatural environment, in crop plants, and plants in the trade. Combining genetic network analysis and data on trace forward and trace back on movement of plants nursery trade supported to identified confidentially *P. ramorum* migration. From this approach, it was clear that the pathogen was introduced originally from nurseries, which *P. ramorum* populations in nurseries are genetically ancestral to all Californian forest populations.

Using Network analysis to understand molecular plant pathology

For understanding mechanisms of plant-pathogen interactions, network analysis offers tools to visualize interactions of biological components including genes, proteins, and metabolites, which are related to plant-pathogen interactions. Network concepts enable us to characterize interplay of those components following the properties of network structure. Analyzing structural properties of networks may provide useful clues about the biological functions of individual genes, genes complexes, proteins, protein complexes, pathways they participate in.

Presenting biological data with network model

Networks are used in different contexts as ways to represent relationships between entities, such as interactions between genes, proteins or metabolites. Wu et al.

(2007) gave the example of a network model built from gene-for-gene relationships between rice and various avirulence genes of the pathogen *Xanthomonas oryzae* pv. *oryzae* causing bacterial leaf blight of rice. Nodes represented isogenic lines of rice and weighted edges reflected the number of shared genes with high resistance (with respect to avirulence genes) in the two isogenic lines of rice. For a plant breeder, this graph can help in identifying particularly promising genes for developing a disease resistant variety.

Network analysis to study biological systems

Network analyses have been applied to visualize the myriad information and analyze the complex relationships. To better understand the collective impact of genes on complex traits and determine what governs their organization, biologists are most likely to apply gene co-expression networks (Usadel et al., 2009). Co-expression networks most commonly use the Pearson's correlation coefficient to establish linear pairwise correlations between gene pairs in an adjacency matrix. Another associative metric that can be used is the Spearman correlation coefficient, which captures nonlinear correlations between genes to be uncovered (??). Once a co-expression network has been generated, identifying modules by clustering can help extract biological meanings weership, to study the relationships between modules, and to compare the network topology of different network.

Differential Network Analysis

Networks can respond differently under various environments or with external signals. They can be simplified by focusing on key components and capture only the essential components differently responding between environments in which they play a key role in the modeled response (Pe'er and Hacohen, 2011). Networks are examined

by adding or deleting some variables. This allows predicting interactions or components that change following the changed structure of networks.

Differential network analysis is applied to identify and describe differences between two networks under different conditions. Differential networks from different data sets with different conditions might display different interactions from the single network based on the whole data set, which are disregarded the conditions. The strongest interactions in differential networks are not necessarily those that are strong in the single network. Conversely, they may be weak or absent in single network. Compared between differential networks under different environment conditions, the differential interactions can be implied that they are a result of response to environmental conditions. Moreover, it can be implied that environments influence on the interaction between pairs of nodes contributing to the differential interactions.

The objective of differential network analysis is to identify the different interactions, that may reveal when condition has changed. For example, the differential network analysis of gene co-expression networks to understand the differences between human and chimpanzee brain was focused on how expression patterns of genes were different in human and chimpanzee brains. These networks are contrasted to find a) non-preserved modules (group of genes with sharing similar expression profiles and presumably similar functions), b) differentially occurred genes, and c) differentially connected genes. The result showed that

Dynamic Network

Biological systems are highly dynamic. They must continuously respond to external signals or the internal state of the system. The responses can be altered slowly or quickly over time (Pe'er and Hachohen, 2011). Thus, realistically the corresponding

biological network models must evolve as well. It seems clear that dynamic networks enable us to see and understand the systems and how their dynamic effects change over time. Some understandings previously have been obtained from studies of dynamics of large networks, for example, gene expression or metabolic fluxes network (Ideker and Krogan, 2012).

The main goal of dynamic network analysis moves away from single network analysis, which characterizes absolute properties of the system. It aims to concentrate on a specific dynamic response. Rather than answer what the key factors in the system, it answers what parts of the system are most affected by perturbation. Most commonly, dynamic networks are applied when the edges among a set of vertices or the sets of vertices itself are changing as a function of time. For example,

Summary

This literature review presented a brief introduction of network analysis and concise concepts and methods^{To do (??)}. Briefly, a network is usually represented by sets of nodes (or vertices) connected by edges (or links) in various ways. Networks can be categorized to four types, social network, information, technology network, and biological network. Even though four types of networks are described and applied in different context, they share a common empirical focus on relational structure and a similar set of mathematical analyses. Network models are cable of presenting unique values, which traditional approaches cannot present. Network analysis was discussed as applied to two broad areas of study of plant diseases. It firstly was applied to study plant disease epidemics. For example, networks of *P. ramorum* spread through plant nurseries trade. The results enabled us to understand the directions and processes of disease spread.

Additionally, they could predict the movement of disease flows, and improve the implementation of plant disease policy. Secondly, molecular plant pathology showed two applications of network applications. The first use is to apply networks to model large and complex biological datasets. Another use is the consideration network structure to understand biological system. Emergent properties of network structure influences may be identified, measured and analyzed to yield better explanations of the experiments being observed. While numbers of documented plant pathological studies using network analysis are sparse, the literature presented in this review showed a clear and compelling case for plant pathologists to expand the understanding of and use network concepts and methods. Biological networks are context-specific and dynamic in nature. Under different conditions, the topology of the network changes. Network approaches (differential network, dynamic network analysis) are successful to yield insight on biological system under different conditions or dynamic processes. Network analysis concepts and methods augment existing approaches and provide tools for exploring complex relationships, which have been widely acknowledged as influential but difficult to measure using traditional methods.

CHAPTER III

Evaluation of correlation methods for constructing a network of rice injuries of rice crop health survey data

III.1 Evaluation of correlation methods for co-occurrence network construction of rice crop health survey data

Introduction

Rice is not threatened by one but by many pests in a season. A combination of injuries caused by diseases and rice pests can be thought of as a crop health syndrome. The combinations of injuries depend on the production situation (*i.e.*, the cultural practices, inputs used to produce a rice crop) as a range of agroecosystem (Savary et al., 2006).

A characterization study based on survey data collected in South and South East Asia (Savary et al., 2000b) showed the patterns of injury profiles (combinations of injuries by rice pests, IN) were common and different across sites. The result indicated that sheath blight, brown spot and leaf blast are the important diseases were commonly found in some sites, causing yield loss between 1 to 10%, and among insect injuries, stem borer causing yield losses of 2.3%. The patterns of injury profiles were clustered in five groups. For example, cluster1 (IN1) was characterized by comparatively high

incidence of stem rot, sheath blight, plant hopper, and whorl maggot injuries, but low brown spot, and absence of bacterial leaf blight, leaf blast, and neck blast.

Networks are ubiquitous systems in nature, technology and society (Newman, 2003). A network is defined as one or more sets of nodes connected by links in various ways. A node can represent the individual units depending on the context. Links or edges are the connections between nodes, which may be directed or undirected. Network models are now becoming increasingly interesting and useful in social science, biology, and ecology. The network applications relevant to plant pathology were also increasingly studied (Moslonka-Lefebvre et al., 2011).

Network analysis is a promising tool frequently used to describe the pairwise relationships of a large number of variables. For example, association networks or correlation networks were represented by their association or correlation (adjacency) matrices, which rows and columns denote nodes, and matrix entries denote links. They were widely applied in biological studies (Toubiana et al., 2013; Barabási and Oltvai, 2004)

In this chapter, selecting the most suitable correlation methods for correlation network construction is important since different correlation measures lead to different network structure and provide different information. I evaluated four correlation methods, including Pearson, Spearman rank correlation, Kendall correlation (Prokhorov, 2001) and Biweight mid-correlation, to associate rice injuries.

Materials and methods

Survey data

Survey data collected in 450 farmers' fields in irrigated lowland rice growing

areas across South and Southeast Asia, Central Plain; Thailand (CTP), Odisha; India (ODS), Red River Delta; Vietnam (RRD), Tamil Nadu; India (TMN), and West Java; Indonesia (WJV) were collected from 2013 - 2015. The number of survey were summarize in Table III.1.

Production environment	year						Total
	2013		2014		2015		
	DS	WS	DS	WS	DS	WS	
Central Plain, Thailand	20	20	14	21	15	12	102
Odisha, India	15	12	15	16	15	15	88
Red River Delta, Vietnam	15	15	15	15	15	15	90
Tamil Nadu, India	15	15	15	14	15	15	89
West Java, Indonesia	15	15	14	15	15		74
Total	80	77	73	81	75	57	443

Table III.1: Number of farmers' fields surveyed by production environment and year

The survey procedure and data were based on a standardized protocol described in “A survey portfolio to characterize yield-reducing factors in rice” developed by Savary and Castilla (2009). Twenty-nine rice injuries were collected including the injuries caused by animal pests, and pathogens, which are harmful to rice plants, and importantly considered to reduce yield productivity. They were evaluated at booting and ripening stage according to survey procedure. They expressed in different unites depending on nature of injuries found to particular plant organs.

Injuries on leaves such as bacterial leaf blight (BLB), bacterial leaf streak (BLS), brown spot (BS), leaf blast (LB), leaffolder injury (LF), leaf miner injuries (LM), leaf scald (LS), narrow brown spot (NBS), rice hispa injury (RH), red stripe (RS), rice thrip injury (RTH), and whorl maggot injury (WM) were determined as a proportion of injured leaves. Injuries on tillers or hills such as deadhead (DH), dirty panicle (DP), false smut (FS), neck blast (NB), panicle mite injury (PM), rice bug injury (RB), rat injury (RT), sheath rot (SHR), sheath blight (SHB), stem rot (SR), silver shoot (SS), and white-

head (WH), were determined as a proportion of injured tillers or panicles. Systemic injuries such as Bug burn (BB), grassy stunt (GS), hopper burn (HB), ragged stunt (RGS), tungro (RTG) were determined as the percentage of area affected. The rice injury lists were showed in Table III.2.

Table III.2: Variables describing individual fields in surveys of rice injuries in five production environments in tropical Asia

Injury variables	Acronym	Description
Bug burn	BB	maximum percentage of bugburn in a one-sqm area
Bacterial leaf blight	BLB	area under the progress curve of the mean percentage of leaves w
Bacterial leaf blight	BLS	area under the progress curve of the mean percentage of leaves w
Brown spot	BS	area under the progress curve of the mean percentage of leaves w
Deadheart	DH	maximum percentage of tillers with deadheart
Dirty panicle	DP	maximum percentage of panicles with dirty panicle
False smut	FS	maximum percentage of panicles with false smut
Grassy stunt	GS	maximum percentage of grassy stunt disease in a one-sqm area
Hopper burn	HB	maximum percentage of hopperburn in a one-sqm area
Leaf blast	LB	area under the progress curve of the mean percentage of leaves w
Leaffolder	LF	area under the progress curve of the mean percentage of leaves w
Leafminer	LM	area under the progress curve of the mean percentage of leaves w
Leaf scald	LS	area under the progress curve of mean percentage of leaves with
Neck blast	NB	maximum percentage of panicles with neck blast
Narrow brown spot	NBS	area under the progress curve of the mean percentage of leaves w
Panicle mite injury	PM	maximum percentage of tillers with panicle mite injury
Rice bug injury	RB	maximum percentage of panicles with rice bug injury
Ragged stunt	RGS	maximum percentage of grassy stunt disease in a one-sqm area
Rice hispa	RH	area under the progress curve of the mean percentage of leaves w
Rat injury	RT	maximum percentage of tillers with rat injury
Red stripe	RS	area under the progress curve of mean percentage of leaves with
Rice tungro	RTG	maximum percentage of tungro in a one-sqm area
Rice thrip injury	RTH	area under the progress curve of the mean percentage of leaves w
Sheath blight	SHB	maximum percentage of tillers with sheath blight
Sheath rot	SHR	maximum percentage of tillers with sheath rot
Stem rot	SR	maximum percentage of tillers with stem rot
Silver shoot	SS	maximum percentage of tillers with silvershoot
Whitehead	WH	maximum percentage of panicles with whitehead
Whorl maggot injury	WM	area under the progress curve of the mean percentage of leaves w

Before analysis, data were compacted over time during crop growth. Two types of data were computed, depending on the natures of injuries Savary and Castilla (2009). One is an area under injury progress curve (AUIPC) used for injury variables, which

present on the leaves, and for weed infestation. Another is the maximum level at any of the two observations used for injury variables that can be observed on tillers, panicles, and hills, and insect pest count. The area under injury progress curve (AUIPC) (Campbell et al., 1990) were calculated by the mid-point method using the following equation:

$$AUIPC = \sum \frac{1}{2(X_i + X_{i-1})(T_i - T_{i-1})} \quad (III.1)$$

where X_i is percentage (%) of leaves, tillers or panicles injured due to rice pests (e.g., leaf blast, leaf folder), or number of insects (e.g., plant hoppers, leaf hoppers) per quadrat, or percentage (%) of weed infestation (ground coverage) at the i th observation, T_i is time in rice development stage units (dsu) on a 0 to 100 scale (10: seedling, 20: tillering, 30: stem elongation, 40: booting, 50: heading, 60: flowering, 70: milk, 80: dough, 90: ripening, 100: fully mature) at the i th observation and n is total number of observations.

Evaluation In this study, correlation measures including, Pearson, Spearman, Kendal and Biweight mid-correlation (Wilcox, 2012) were evaluated to discover the true functionally related variables in crop health survey data. The data will have to follow the assumption of correlation measures. The correlation measures will also be able to effectively capture biological relationships that are well published. I proposed three steps for correlation methods selection:

- **Testing** whether or not the data are normally distributed by visual assessments and statistical tests. I examined the distribution of values of rice injuries in crop health survey data, and tested the hypothesis hypothesis that the sample comes from a population which has a normal distribution by performed Shapiro-Wilk test.

- **Comparing** correlation measures by testing similarity of correlation coefficients.

I evaluated the similarity of correlation coefficients of different correlation measures by using the Euclidean distance, and perform clustering analysis.

- **Identifying** the most suitable correlation measure that can capture biological relationships between variables confirm with the published relationships.

Result

Checking and testing the distribution of crop health survey data

To determine normality of the survey data, I presented the histograms showing distribution of value of rice injuries, calculated summary statistics, and performed Shapiro-Wilk test. The distribution of value of rice injuries were visualized in histogram in Fig. The histograms depicted the distribution of values of injuries. Apparently, histograms showed that values of injuries were skewed to the left. Common values of the injuries were 0. A few farmers' fields presenting in high values of injuries were relatively low. The distribution of most injuries are described power law or long tails.

The summary statistics, and the result of Shapiro-Wick test of each injury were calculated and summarized in Table. As can be seen, from the previous observations that rice injuries histograms tend to be positively skewed, the median values of injuries were considered due to their insensitivity to outliers. Median of injuries were almost 0, except LF. According to Doane and Seward (2011), skewness and kurtosis values were more than 0, which mean that the values of injuries were asymmetrically distributed with a long tail to the right. The normality is defined as p value 0.01 in Shapiro-Wilk testing. That test indicates that values of injuries were not normally distributed.

Comparing correlation coefficients of rice injuries from four correlation

methods

I performed pair-wise analysis between each of injuries using all four correlation methods (Pearson, Spearman, Kendall correlation, and Biweight mid-correlation). I examined the similarity of correlation coefficients and clustered according to hierarchical clustering using Euclidean distance. The result was shown in Figure. Two groups of correlation methods. The first is parametric correlation measures (Pearson correlation and Biweight mid-correlation) and the second group is nonparametric correlation measure (Spearman correlation and Kendall correlation). Next, output for each method was sorted by P -values in ascending order and cut off at P -value < 0.05 (Table to). Spearman method could capture 193 pairwise relationships, following with Biweight-mid correlation Pearson method captures and Kendall, which could captured 128, 122, and 72, respectively.

Identify the most suitable correlation measure

According to the previous results, the group of parametric correlation measures was selected out because these measures required the data normally distributed. So I would consider the correlation measures in the group of rank based methods that do not required normality. Compared between Spearman and Kendall correlation, the pair-wise relationships of rice injuries were captured differently from each correlation method. Dirty panicle – brown spot relationship was captured by Spearman correlation methods, but not by Kendall methods. This relationship was report in many studies (Ou, 1985; Barnwal et al., 2013).

III.1.1 Discussion

An important criteria to select the suitable correlation measures is to check normality of the variables analysed because an vital assumption in Pearson's contribution is the normality of the variables analysed, which could be true only for quantitative variables. Pearson's correlation coefficient is a measure of the strength of the linear relationship between two such variables. Thus, it is worth to check and test this assumption. Based on visual assessment by histograms, all the variables show left skewed clearly. Skewness and kurtosis values were higher than zero. These indicated that the populations were not non-normal distribution Doane and Seward (2011). Visual inspection of the distribution may be used for assessing normality, although this approach is usually unreliable and does not guarantee that the distribution is normal(Ghasemi et al., 2012). So normality tests were suggested such as Kolmogorov-Smirnov test, Shapiro-Wilk test. Some researchers recommend the Shapiro-Wilk test as the best choice for testing the normality of data(Peat and Barton, 2005). Shapiro-Wilk test showed that these results were in accord with skewness and kurtosis values.

Evaluation of four correlation measures, including Pearson, Spearman, Kendall correlation, and Biweight mid-correlation by determining similarity of correlation coefficients from each methods. The results showed two groups clustered according to hierarchical clustering using Euclidean distance. The Spearman and Kendall correlation were grouped in rank-base methods, and another group is non-rank-based correlations including Pearson correlation and Biweight mid-correlation. From the previous result of testing normality of data, it suggested that the data did not meet the assumption of parametric correlation methods, such as Pearson' method. However, Pearson correlation coefficient is sensitive to outliers. Biweight midcorrelation is considered to

be a good alternative to Pearson correlation since it is more robust to outliers (Wilcox, 2012). Among the four correlation methods, Spearman and Kendall are nonparametric rank-based methods. The rank-based methods are nonparametric (distribution-free) statistics, which uses ranks for correlation and therefore provides a robust measure of a monotonic relationship between two continuous random variables. For this reason, they are particularly suitable for identifying the injuries that increase or decline in monotonic trends in survey data collected during a biological process or developmental stage.

Although we can opt for a method based on its principle of statistical operation without paying attention to the biological models in a given data set, this may not lead to a coordination network that will reveal biological knowledge (Kumari et al., 2012). The appropriate correlation measures for studied data should closely associate to the prior knowledge of biological correlation. For this study, relationship between dirty panicle and brow spot was detected by Spearman correlation but not by other correlation methods.

III.1.2 Conclusions

The analyses I have performed clearly demonstrate the distinct and common performance of four correlation methods. Pearson has been widely used in correlation analyses (Zhang and Horvath, 2005). However, Pearson correlation also limit to be suitable to normally distributed data, and capture the linear relationships. Biweight mid-correlation is more robust to outlier than Pearson methods, but for this survey data, its output when compared with Pearson methods were not different (in same cluster). The Spearman, Kendall methods performed very well and can capture many relationships in this survey data. Chosen between these methods, Spearman could capture and identify

biologically or functionally associated injuries.

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