

Multivariate Statistics in Ecology and Quantitative Genetics

Redundancy analysis

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Among those components of Y which can be linearly explained with X (multivariate linear regression) take those components which represent most of the variance.

Before applying RDA:


- Is Y increasing with increasing values of X ?
- If the variables in X are twice as high, are the variables in Y also approximately twice as high?

These questions are to check the assumption of linear dependence.

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To illustrate the output of redundancy analysis (RDA) we consider an artificial example from p. 590 of

 P. Legendre and L. Legendre.
Numerical Ecology

(We will not go into the maths of RDA)

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```

	Site	Sp1	Sp2	Sp3	Sp4	Sp5	Sp6	Depth	Coral	Sand	Other
1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0
3	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	0
4	4	11	4	0	0	8	1	4	0	0	1
5	5	11	5	17	7	0	0	5	1	0	0
6	6	9	6	0	0	6	2	6	0	0	1
7	7	9	7	13	10	0	0	7	1	0	0
8	8	7	8	0	0	4	3	8	0	0	1
9	9	7	9	10	13	0	0	9	1	0	0
10	10	5	10	0	0	2	4	10	0	0	1

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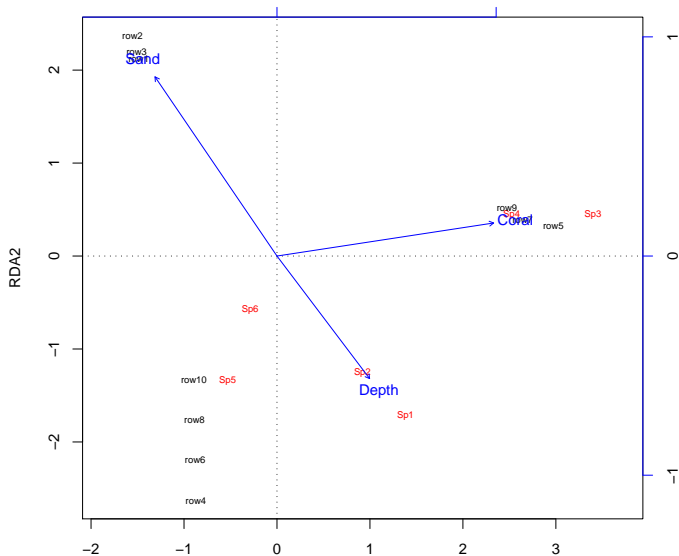
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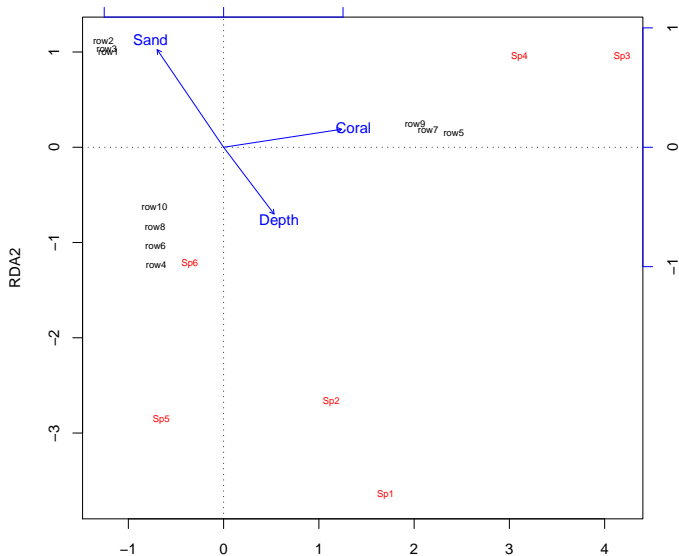
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```
library(vegan) # rda() is in this library
Resp <- fishes[,c("Sp1", "Sp2", "Sp3", "Sp4", "Sp5", "Sp6")]
Expl <- fishes[,c("Depth", "Coral", "Sand", "Other")]
myrda <- rda(Resp, Expl)
plot(myrda, scaling=2)
plot(myrda, scaling=1)
```

Correlation triplot



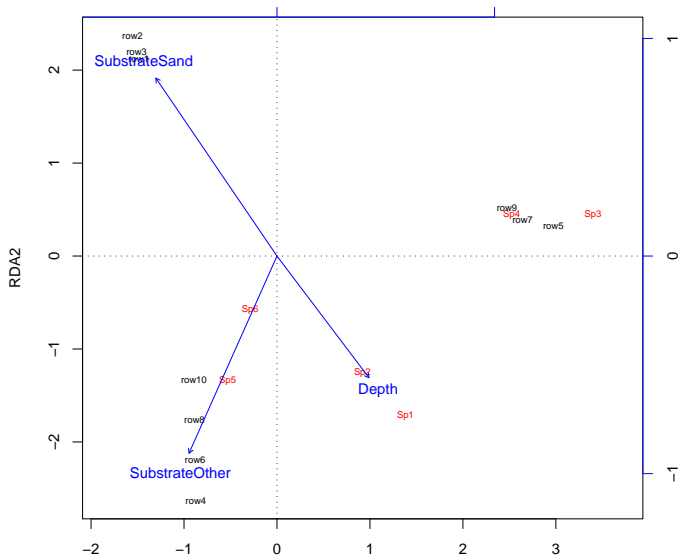
Distance triplot



If we gather the three variables 'Coral', 'Sand' and 'Other' into one factor variable 'Substrate', then R eliminates automatically the last variable.

```
Substrate <- c(rep("Sand",3),  
              rep(c("Other","Coral"),3),"Other")  
myrda <- rda(Resp~Depth+Substrate,data=Expl)  
plot(myrda,scaling=2)
```

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- Squares/triangles cannot be compared with lines of qualitatively explanatory variables.

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- The length of lines are not important.

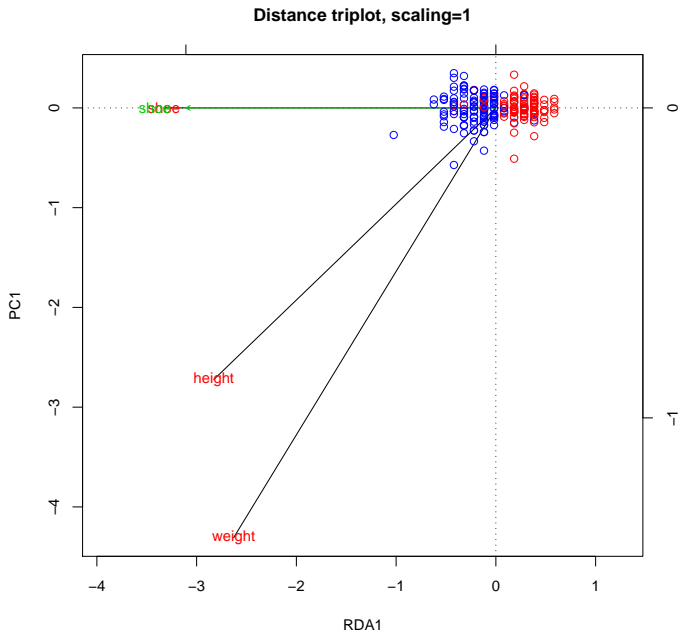
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Recall `hsw` and `fm.col` from the slides on PCA.

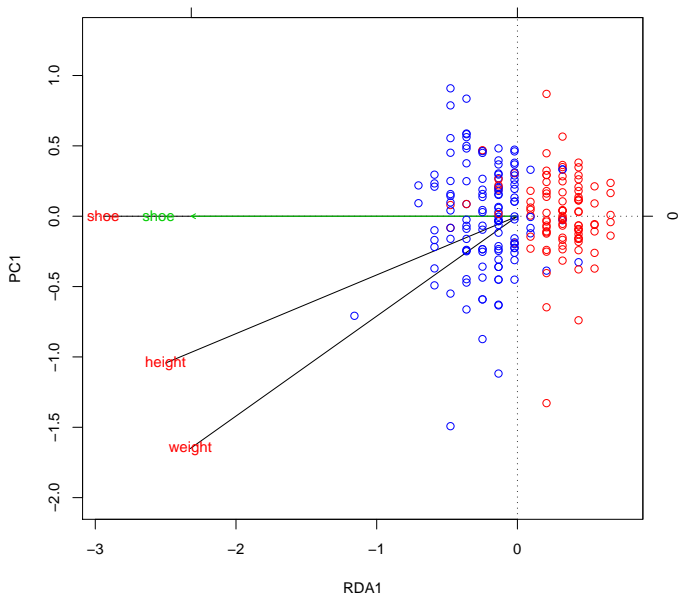
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Expl <- hsw[,c(1,2,3)]
Resp <- hsw[,c(1,2,3)]
myrda <- rda(Resp~shoe,scale=TRUE,data=Expl)

# Distance triplot
# The following command does not plot (type=None)
plot(myrda,scaling=1,type="n",main="Distance triplot")
segments(x0=0,y0=0,
         x1=scores(myrda, display="species", scaling=1)[,1],
         y1=scores(myrda, display="species", scaling=1)[,2])
text(myrda, display="sp", scaling=1, col=2)
text(myrda, display="bp", scaling=1,
     row.names(scores(myrda, display="bp")), col=3)
points(myrda,display=c("sites"),scaling=1,pch=1,col=fm.col)
```



```
# Correlation triplot
plot(myrda,scaling=2,type="n",main="Correlation triplot")
segments(x0=0,y0=0,
         x1=scores(myrda, display="species", scaling=2)[,1],
         y1=scores(myrda, display="species", scaling=2)[,2])
text(myrda, display="sp", scaling=2, col=2)
text(myrda, display="bp", scaling=2,
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points(myrda,display=c("sites"),scaling=2,pch=1,col=fm.co
```

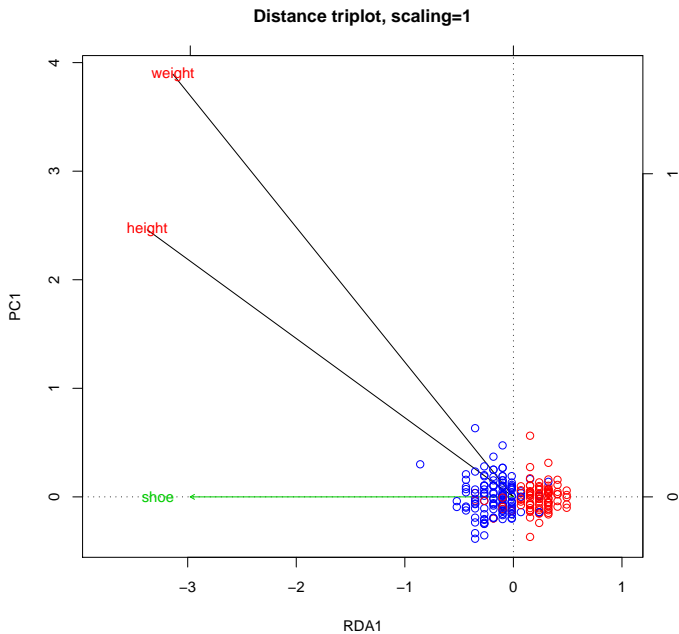
Correlation triplot, scaling=2



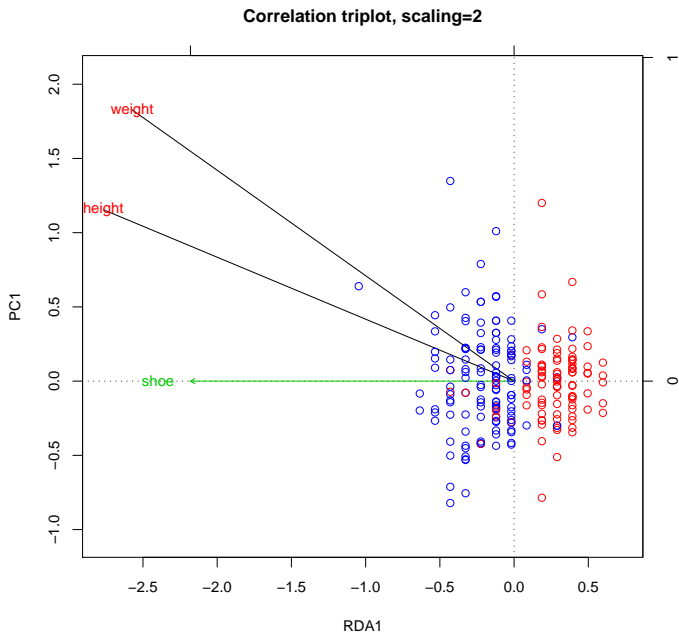
Now without shoe as response variable:

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- Which factors influence the species richness on sandy beaches?
- Data from the dutch National Institute for Coastal and Marine Management (RIKZ: Rijksinstituut voor Kust en Zee)
- see also
 - 📖 Zuur, Ieno, Smith (2007) *Analysing Ecological Data*. Springer

	richness	angle2	NAP	grainsize	humus	week
1	11	96	0.045	222.5	0.05	1
2	10	96	-1.036	200.0	0.30	1
3	13	96	-1.336	194.5	0.10	1
4	11	96	0.616	221.0	0.15	1
.
.
21	3	21	1.117	251.5	0.00	4
22	22	21	-0.503	265.0	0.00	4
23	6	21	0.729	275.5	0.10	4
.
.
43	3	96	-0.002	223.0	0.00	3
44	0	96	2.255	186.0	0.05	3
45	2	96	0.865	189.5	0.00	3

Meaning of the Variables

index i index of sampling station

richness Number of species that were found in a plot.

angle1 angle of the station

angle2 slope of the beach at the plot

exposure index composed of wave action etc.

NAP altitude of the plot compared to the mean sea level.

grainsize average diameter of sand grains

humus fraction of organic material

week in which of 4 weeks was this plot probed.

(many more variables in original data set)

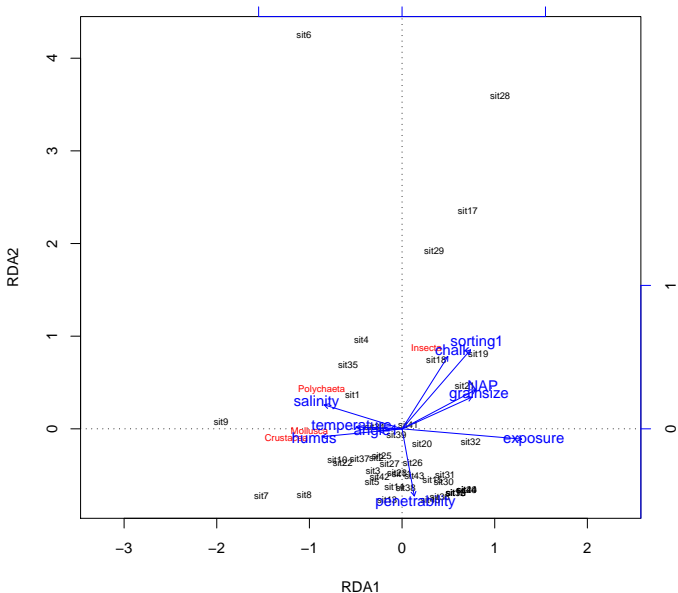
```
library(vegan)
RIKZ <- read.table("RIKZGroups.txt", header = TRUE)
Species <- RIKZ[,2:5]
#Data were square root transformed
Species.sq <- sqrt(Species)

I1 <- rowSums(Species) #Could be used to drop sites with
                        #of 0.

ExplVar <- RIKZ[, c("angle1","exposure","salinity",
                    "temperature","NAP","penetrability",
                    "grainsize","humus","chalk",
                    "sorting1")]

RIKZ_RDA<-rda(Species.sq, ExplVar, scale=T)
plot(RIKZ_RDA,scaling=2)
```

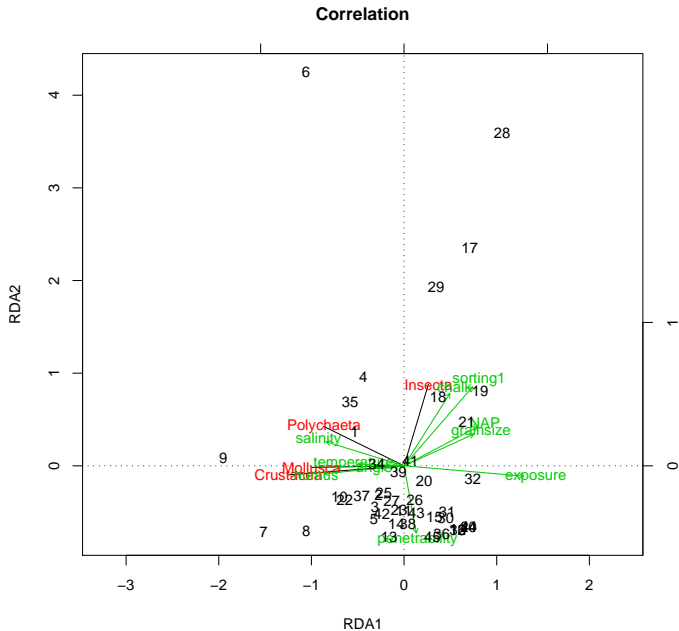
Correlation biplot



A different triplot

```
# Correlation biplot, scaling=2
plot(RIKZ_RDA, scaling=2, main="Correlation", type="n")
segments(x0=0, y0=0,
         x1=scores(RIKZ_RDA, display="species", scaling=2),
         y1=scores(RIKZ_RDA, display="species", scaling=2))
text(RIKZ_RDA, display="sp", scaling=2, col=2)
text(RIKZ_RDA, display="bp", scaling=2,
     row.names(scores(RIKZ_RDA, display="bp")), col=3)
text(RIKZ_RDA, display=c("sites"), scaling=2, labels=row.names(scores(RIKZ_RDA, display="sites")))

cor(Species.sq, ExplVar)
```

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Have a try for yourself:

```
anova(RIKZ_RDA)  
step(RIKZ_RDA)  
dropterm(RIKZ_RDA)
```