Analysis of community composition data using phyloseq

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Goals

- Learn about and become familiar with phyloseq R package for the analysis of microbial census data
- Exploratory Data Analysis
 - α-diversity: how diverse is my community?
 - β-diversity: how different are two communities?
 - Use a distance matrix to study structures:
 - Hierarchical clustering: how do the communities cluster?
 - Permutational ANOVA: are the communities structured by some known environmental factor (pH, height, etc)?
 - Visual assessment of the data
 - Bar plots: what is the composition of each community?
 - •Multidimensional Scaling: how are communities related?
 - Heatmaps: are there interactions between species and (groups of) communities?

Training Data

Training data comes from a real analysis provided by Stéphane Chaillou et al.

The aim was to compare meat (4 types) and seafood (4 types) bacterial communities.

We use here, an extract of these public data :

- 64 samples of 16S V1-V3
- From 8 environment types :
 - Meat → Ground Beef, Ground veal, Poultry sausage, Diced bacon
 - Seafood → Cooked schrimps, Smoked salmon, Salmon filet, Cod filet
- 508 OTUs affiliated with the Greengenes database

Training Data

→ Take a look at the data

data/chaillou/otu_table.tsv

	CDT0#LOT06	CDT0#LOT09	CDT0#LOT07	CDT0#LOT02
otu_00601	0	0	0	4
otu_01717	0	4	37	5

data/chaillou/tax_table.tsv

Kingdom	Phylum	Class	Order	•••
otu_00001 Bacteria	Proteobacteria	Gammaproteobacteria	Pseudomonadales	•••
otu_00004 Bacteria	Proteobacteria	Gammaproteobacteria	Pseudomonadales	•••

Training Data

➔ Take a look at the data

data/chaillou/sample_data.tsv

	SampleID	EnvType	Description	FoodType
BHT0.LOT01	BHT0#LOT01	BoeufHache	LOT1	Meat
BHT0.LOT03	BHT0#LOT03	BoeufHache	LOT3	Meat

data/chaillou/tree.nwk

Phyloseq

Phyloseq

- About phyloseq
- phyloseq data structure
- Other accessors
- Manipulating a phyloseq object: Filtering
- Manipulating a phyloseq object: Smoothing
- Manipulating a phyloseq object: Abundance counts
- Importing a phyloseq object

About Phyloseq

R package (McMurdie and Holmes, 2013) to analyze community composition data in a phylogenetic framework

It uses other R packages:

- Community ecology functions from vegan, ade4, picante
- Tree manipulation from ape
- Graphics from ggplot2

About Phyloseq

- Find help:
- Phyloseq comes with two vignettes

```
vignette("phyloseq-basics")
```

```
vignette("phyloseq-analysis")
```

The first one gives insights about data structure and data manipulation (Section 2), the second one about data analysis (Section 3 to 5).



Phyloseq : Let's get started

- ➔ load the phyloseq package
- library(phyloseq)
- → and some additional custom functions
- source("https://raw.githubusercontent.com/mahendramariadassou/phyloseq-extended/master/load-extra-functions.R")

The biom format natively supports

- OTU count tables (required)
- OTU description
- sample description

but each component can be stored in TSV files.

Other optional components must be stored in separate files

- phylogenetic tree in Newick format
- sequences in fasta format

→ Import biom file (from FROGS or anywhere else)

biomfile <- "data/chaillou/chaillou.biom"</pre>

```
food1 <-import_biom(biomfile)</pre>
```

food1

```
## phyloseq-class experiment-level object
## otu_table() OTU Table: [ 508 taxa and 64 samples ]
## tax_table() Taxonomy Table: [ 508 taxa by 7 taxonomic ranks ]
```

```
> Add samples metadata (optional, these can be already stored in biom file)
sampledata <-read.csv("data/chaillou/sample_data.tsv", sep="\t", row.names = 1)
sample_data(food1) <- sampledata
food1
## phyloseq-class experiment-level object
## otu_table() OTU Table: [ 508 taxa and 64 samples ]
## sample_data() Sample Data: [ 64 samples by 3 sample variables ]
## tax table() Taxonomy Table: [ 508 taxa by 7 taxonomic ranks ]</pre>
```

```
→ Add phylogenetic tree (optional)
```

```
treefile <- read.tree("data/chaillou/tree.nwk")</pre>
```

```
phy_tree(food1) <- treefile</pre>
```

food1

```
## phyloseq-class experiment-level object
```

```
## otu_table() OTU Table: [ 508 taxa and 64 samples ]
```

```
## sample_data() Sample Data: [ 64 samples by 3 sample variables ]
```

```
## tax_table() Taxonomy Table: [ 508 taxa by 7 taxonomic ranks ]
```

```
## phy_tree() Phylogenetic Tree: [ 508 tips and 507 internal nodes ]
```

→ More direct way, if sample metadata are in biom file

```
biomfile2 <- "data/chaillou/chaillou_with_sam_data.biom"</pre>
```

```
treefile <- read.tree("data/chaillou/tree.nwk")</pre>
```

```
food <-import_biom(biomfile2, treefile, parseFunction =
    parse_taxonomy_greengenes)</pre>
```

food

```
## phyloseq-class experiment-level object
## otu_table() OTU Table: [ 508 taxa and 64 samples ]
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```

Our phyloseq object food is made up of four parts:

- OTU Table
- Sample Data
- Taxomony Table
- Phylogenetic Tree

Let's have a quick look at each using the hinted at functions:

- otu_table
- sample_data
- tax_table
- phy_tree

OTU_table object is a matrix-like object

head(otu_table(food))

##OTU Table	:	[6 taxa and	64 samples]				
##		taxa are ro	ows					
##	DLT0.LOT08	DLT0.LOT05	DLT0.LOT03	DLT0.LOT07	DLT0.LOT06	DLT0.LOT01	DLT0.LOT04	DLT0.LOT10
##otu_00520	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
##otu_00555	4	0	8	3	15	4	2	0
##otu_00568	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
##otu_00566	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
##otu_00569	12	3	26	16	38	0	4	0
##otu_00545	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
##	MVT0.LOT05	MVT0.LOT01	MVT0.LOT06	MVT0.LOT07	MVT0.LOT03	MVT0.LOT09	MVT0.LOT08	MVT0.LOT10
##otu_00520	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
##otu_00555	12	17	25	31	11	40	12	4
##otu_00568	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
##otu_00566	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
##otu_00569	10	15	40	35	11	119	0	0

tax_table object is a matrix-like object

head(tax_table(food))

##Taxonomy Table: [6 taxa by 7 taxonomic ranks]:							
##	Kingdom	Phylum	Class		Order	Family	
##otu_00520	"Bacteria"	"Proteobacteria	a" "Gammaprote	obacteria"	"Enterobacteriales"	"Enterobacteriaceae"	
##otu_00555	"Bacteria"	"Proteobacteria	a" "Gammaprote	obacteria"	"Enterobacteriales"	"Enterobacteriaceae"	
##otu_00568	"Bacteria"	"Proteobacteria	a" "Gammaprote	obacteria"	"Enterobacteriales"	"Enterobacteriaceae"	
##otu_00566	"Bacteria"	"Proteobacteria	a" "Gammaprote	obacteria"	"Enterobacteriales"	"Enterobacteriaceae"	
##otu_00569	"Bacteria"	"Proteobacteria	a" "Gammaprote	obacteria"	"Enterobacteriales"	"Enterobacteriaceae"	
##otu_00545	"Bacteria"	"Proteobacteria	a" "Gammaprote	obacteria"	"Enterobacteriales"	"Enterobacteriaceae"	
##	Genus		Species				
##otu_00520	"Raoultella	1"	'Ornithinolyti	.ca"			
##otu_00555	#otu_00555 "Hafnia-Obesumbacterium"		"Alveii"				
##otu_00568 "Serratia"		"Fonticola"					
##otu_00566 "Serratia"		"Liquefaciens"					
##otu_00569	"Serratia"		'Proteamaculan	IS "			
→ Try on food1							

Sample_data object is a data.frame-like object

head(sample_data(food))

##Sample Data	a: [6	5 samples	by 3	sample	variables]:
##	EnvType	FoodType	Desc	ription	
##DLT0.LOT08	DesLardons	Meat		LOT8	
##DLT0.LOT05	DesLardons	Meat		LOT5	
##DLT0.LOT03	DesLardons	Meat		LOT3	
##DLT0.LOT07	DesLardons	Meat		LOT7	
##DLT0.LOT06	DesLardons	Meat		LOT6	
##DLT0.LOT01	DesLardons	Meat		LOT1	

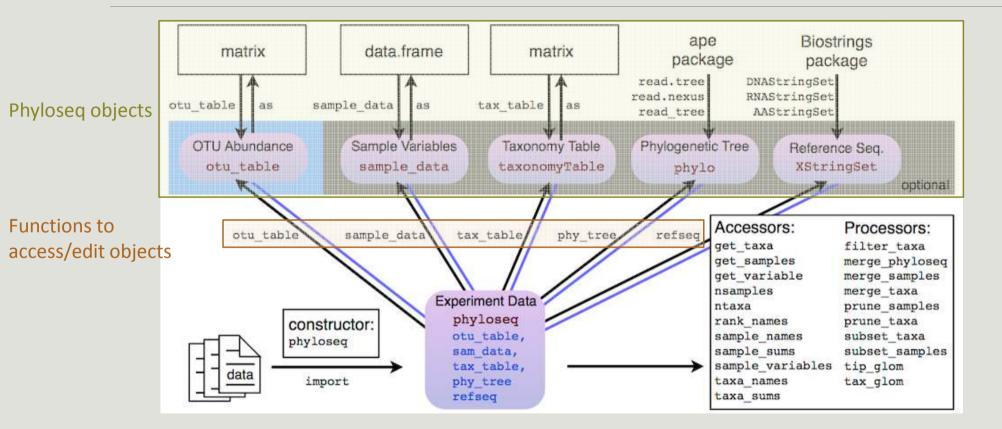
Phy_tree object is a phylo_class(tree) object
phy_tree(food)
##Phylogenetic tree with 508 tips and 507 internal nodes.

Tip labels: otu_00520, otu_00555, otu_00568, otu_00566, otu_00569, otu_00545, ...

Rooted; includes branch lengths.

A phyloseq object is made of up to 5 components (or slots):

- otu_table: an OTU abundance table
- sample_data: a table of sample metadata, like sequencing technology, location of sampling, etc
- tax_table: a table of taxonomic descriptors for each OTU, typically the taxonomic assignation at different levels (Phylum, Order, Class, etc.)
- phy_tree: a phylogenetic tree of the OTUs
- refseq: a set of reference sequences (one per OTU), not present in food



Phyloseq also offers the following accessors to extract parts of a phyloseq object:

- ntaxa / nsamples
- sample_names / taxa_names
- sample_sums / taxa_sums
- rank_names
- sample_variables
- get_taxa
- get_samples
- get_variable
 - → Try them on your own (on food) and guess what they do.

ntaxa(food)

[1] 508

ntaxa returns the number of taxa

nsamples(food)

[1] 64

nsamples returns the number of samples

```
head(sample_names(food))
```

[1] "DLT0.LOT08" "DLT0.LOT05" "DLT0.LOT03" "DLT0.LOT07" "DLT0.LOT06"

```
## [6] "DLT0.LOT01"
```

```
head(taxa_names(food))
```

[1] "otu_00520" "otu_00555" "otu_00568" "otu_00566" "otu_00569" "otu_00545"

Names of the samples and taxa included in the phyloseq object

head(sample_sums(food))

DLT0.LOT08 DLT0.LOT05 DLT0.LOT03 DLT0.LOT07 DLT0.LOT06 DLT0.LOT01 ## 11812 11787 11804 11806 11832 11857

head(taxa_sums(food))

otu_00520 otu_00555 otu_00568 otu_00566 otu_00569 otu_00545
55 395 22 13 1998 210

Total count of each sample (i.e. samples library sizes) and total count of each taxa (i.e. overall abundances across all samples)

```
rank_names(food)
```

[1] "Kingdom" "Phylum" "Class" "Order" "Family" "Genus"
"Species"

Names of the taxonomic levels available in the tax_table slot

→ Try on food1

sample_variables(food)

[1] "EnvType" "FoodType" "Description"

Names of the contextual data recorded on the samples

→ Find the

- library size of samples MVT0.LOT01, MVT0.LOT07, MVT0.LOT09
- overall abundance of OTUs otu_00520, otu_00569, otu_00527

Hint: What's the class of sample_sums(food) and taxa_sums(food)? How do you index them?

```
## sample library sizes
sample_sums(food)[c("MVT0.LOT01", "MVT0.LOT07", "MVT0.LOT09")]
## MVT0.LOT01 MVT0.LOT07 MVT0.LOT09
## 11743 11765 11739
```

```
## OTU overall abundances
taxa_sums(food)[c("otu_00520", "otu_00569", "otu_00527")]
## otu_00520 otu_00569 otu_00527
## 55 1998 58
```

head(get_variable(food, varName = "EnvType"))

[1] DesLardons DesLardons DesLardons DesLardons DesLardons DesLardons

8 Levels: BoeufHache VeauHache DesLardons MerguezVolaille ... Crevette

values for variable varName in sample data

head(get_sample(food, i = "otu_00520"))

 ##
 DLT0.LOT08
 DLT0.LOT05
 DLT0.LOT03
 DLT0.LOT07
 DLT0.LOT06
 DLT0.LOT01

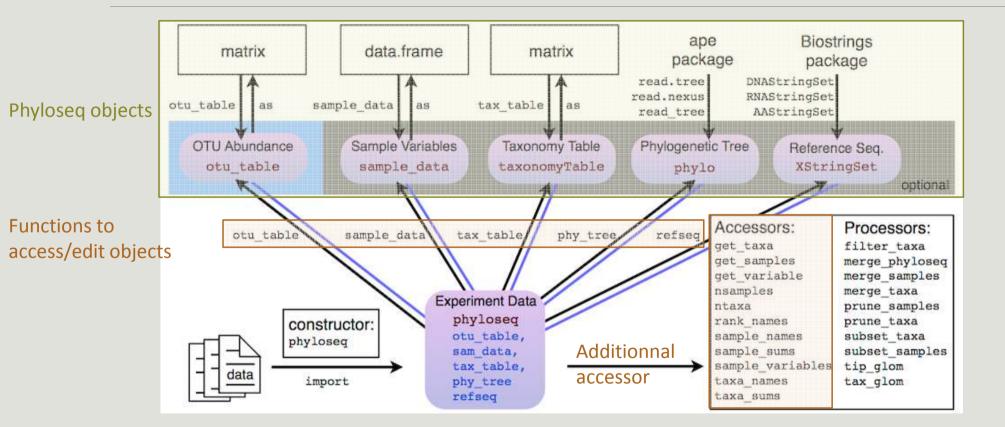
 ##
 0
 0
 0
 0
 0
 0
 0

 abundance values of OTU i in all samples (row of OTU table)
 0
 0
 0
 0
 0

head(get_taxa(food, i = "MVT0.LOT07"))

otu_00520 otu_00555 otu_00568 otu_00566 otu_00569 otu_00545
0 31 0 0 35 0

abundance values of all OTUs in sample i (column of OTU table)



Phyloseq : accessors/editors

- → How to modify part of phyloseq objects?
- Change the taxonomic rank names in food1 object. Hint : use the (high level) accessors?

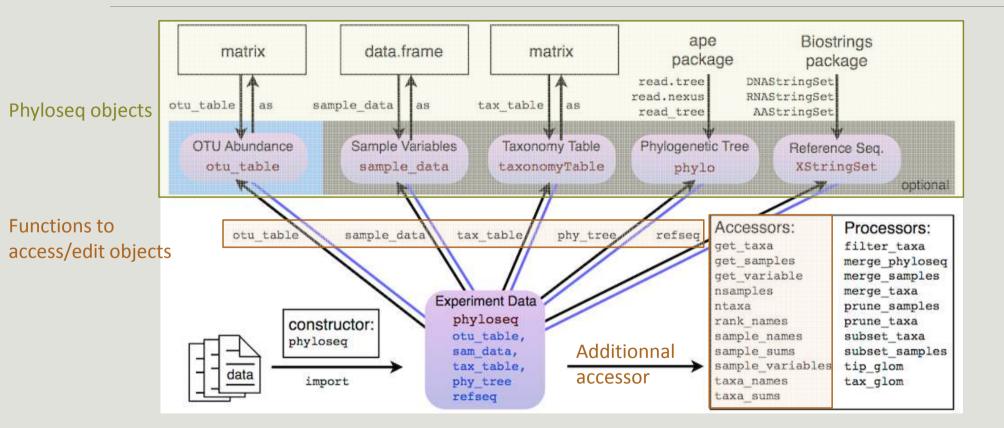
```
## desired rank names
new_rank <- c("Kingdom", "Phylum", "Class", "Order", "Family", "Genus", "Species")
## modify
colnames(tax_table(food1)) <- new_rank
## check
rank_names(food1) ## or head(tax_table(food1))
## [1] "Kingdom" "Phylum" "Class" "Order" "Family" "Genus"
    "Species"</pre>
```

Phyloseq : accessors/editors

→ How to modify part of phyloseq objects?

Change the EnvType variable order to have meat products first and seafood second.

```
## desired order
correct.order <- c("BoeufHache", "VeauHache", "DesLardons" , "MerguezVolaille",
"SaumonFume", "FiletSaumon" , "FiletCabillaud", "Crevette")
## modify and convert in factor
sample_data(food)$EnvType <- factor(sample_data(food)$EnvType,levels = correct.order)
## check
levels(get_variable(food, "EnvType"))
## [1] "BoeufHache" "VeauHache" "DesLardons" "MerguezVolaille"
## [5] "SaumonFume" "FiletSaumon" "FiletCabillaud" "Crevette"
```



Phyloseq : Filtering Functions

Prune

- prune_taxa /prune_samples prunes unwanted taxa/samples from a phyloseq object based on a vector of taxa to keep
- Taxa are passed as a vector, taxa, of character ("otu_1", "otu_4") or of logical (TRUE, FALSE, TRUE)
- Example : prune_taxa(taxa, physeq) would keep only OTUs otu_1, otu_4

Subset

- subset_taxa / subset_samples subsets unwanted taxa/samples from a phyloseq object based on conditions that must be met
- The conditions (any number) can applied to any descriptor (e.g. taxonomy) of the OTUs included in the phyloseq object, physeq
- Subset_taxa(physeq, Phylum == "Firmicutes") would keep only Firmicutes

Phyloseq : Filtering Functions

➔ Prune_samples: Keep only the first 10 samples of your phyloseq object food

```
## samplesToKeep
samplesToKeep <- sample_names(food)[1:10]
## prune_samples
prune_samples(samplesToKeep, food)
## phyloseq-class experiment-level object
## otu_table() OTU Table: [ 508 taxa and 10 samples ]
## sample_data() Sample Data: [ 10 samples by 3 sample variables ]
## tax_table() Taxonomy Table: [ 508 taxa by 7 taxonomic ranks ]
## phy_tree() Phylogenetic Tree: [ 508 tips and 507 internal nodes ]</pre>
```

Phyloseq : Filtering Functions

→ Subset_samples :Keep only samples that corresponds to "DesLardons" and "MerguezVolaille"

subset_samples(food, EnvType %in% c("DesLardons", "MerguezVolaille"))
phyloseq-class experiment-level object
otu_table() OTU Table: [508 taxa and 16 samples]
sample_data() Sample Data: [16 samples by 3 sample variables]
tax_table() Taxonomy Table: [508 taxa by 7 taxonomic ranks]
phy_tree() Phylogenetic Tree: [508 tips and 507 internal nodes]

Phyloseq : Filtering Functions

Advanced exercice : Subset and Multiple conditions combined Keep only samples with Phylum affiliation equal to Firmicutes and Class affiliation to Bacilli.

Hint : AND is coded by « & » and OR is coded by « \mid »

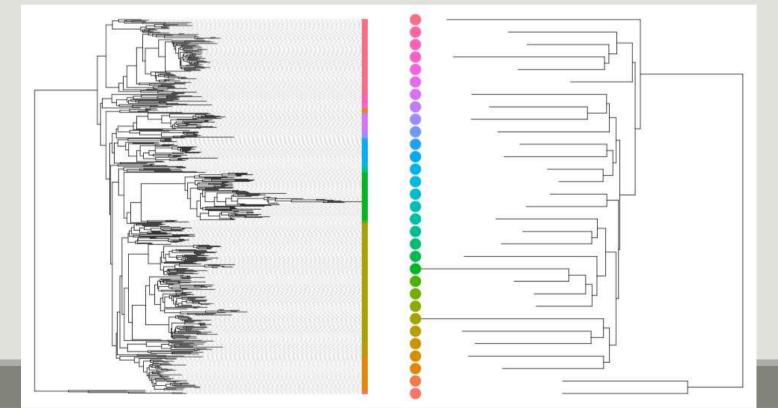
```
small.food <- subset_taxa(food, Phylum == "Firmicutes" & Class == "Bacilli")
head(tax_table(small.food)[ , c("Phylum", "Class", "Order")])
## Taxonomy Table: [6 taxa by 3 taxonomic ranks]:
## Phylum Class Order
## otu_00583 "Firmicutes" "Bacilli" "Lactobacillales"
## otu_00574 "Firmicutes" "Bacilli" "Lactobacillales"
## otu_00581 "Firmicutes" "Bacilli" "Lactobacillales"
## otu_00591 "Firmicutes" "Bacilli" "Lactobacillales"
## otu_00582 "Firmicutes" "Bacilli" "Lactobacillales"
## otu_00586 "Firmicutes" "Bacilli" "Lactobacillales"
## Unique combinations (Phylum, Class)
unique(tax_table(small.food)[ , c("Phylum", "Class")])
## Taxonomy Table: [1 taxa by 2 taxonomic ranks]:
## Phylum Class
## otu_00583 "Firmicutes" "Bacilli"
```

Phyloseq : Smoothing Functions

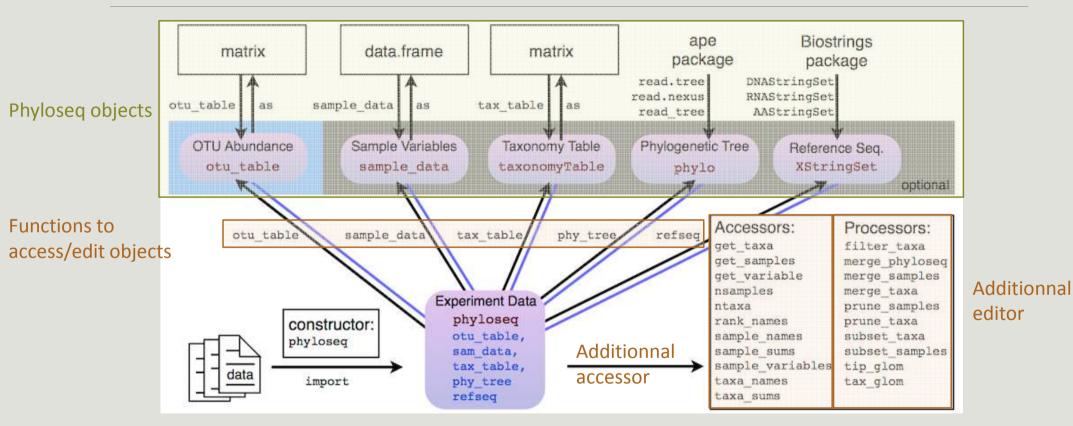
```
tax glom agglomerates OTUs at a given taxonomic level. Finer taxonomic information is lost
mergedData <- tax glom(food, "Phylum")</pre>
## check with ntaxa, tax table
ntaxa(mergedData) ## number of different phyla
## [1] 11
tax_table(mergedData)[1:2, c("Phylum", "Order", "Class")]
## Taxonomy Table: [2 taxa by 3 taxonomic ranks]:
## Phylum Order Class
## otu_01101 "Proteobacteria" NA NA
## otu_01152 "Actinobacteria" NA NA
```

Phyloseq : Smoothing Functions

The effect of tax_glom is most obvious and best understood on the phylogenetic tree (OTUs are colored by phylum).



Phyloseq Data Structure



Phyloseq : Abundance manipulation

```
rarefy_even_depth downsamples/normalizes all samples to the same depth and prunes OTUs that disappear from all samples as a result
```

```
Try on food
foodRare <- rarefy even depth(food, rngseed = 1121983)</pre>
## `set.seed(1121983)` was used to initialize repeatable random
subsampling.
## Please record this for your records so others can reproduce.
## Try `set.seed(1121983); .Random.seed` for the full vector
## ...
## Some OTUs were removed because they are no longer
## present in any sample after random subsampling
## check with sample sums
sample_sums(foodRare)[1:5]
## DLT0.LOT08 DLT0.LOT05 DLT0.LOT03 DLT0.LOT07 DLT0.LOT06
##
         11718
                     11718
                                  11718
                                              11718
                                                            11718
```

Phyloseq : Abundance manipulation

transform_sample_counts applies a function to the abundance vector of each sample. It can be useful for normalization

```
count_to_prop <- function(x) {return( x / sum(x) )}</pre>
```

→ transforms counts to proportions

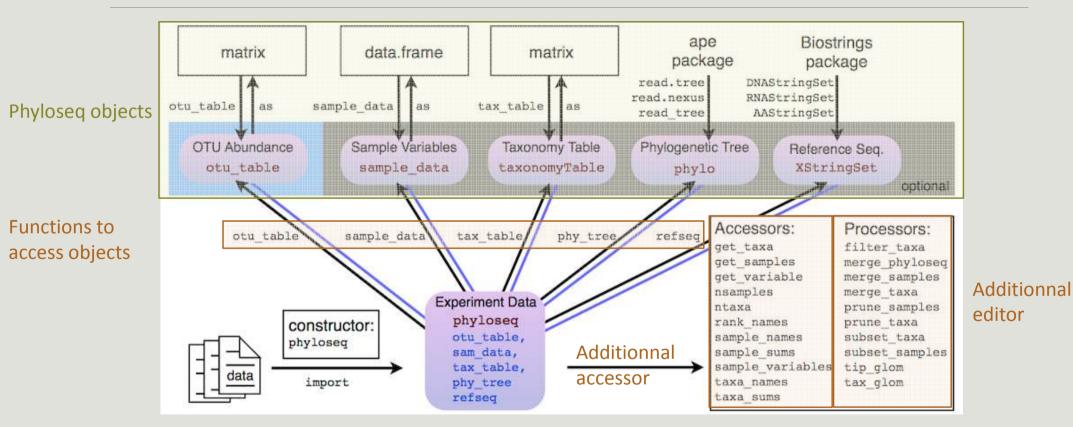
<pre>foodTrans <- transform_sample_counts(food, count_to_prop)</pre>						
<pre>sample_sums(foodTrans)[1:5] ## should be 1</pre>						
## DLT0.LOT08	B DLT0.LOT05	DLT0.LOT03	DLT0.LOT07	DLT0.LOT06		
##	. 1	1	1	1		

Phyloseq : in brief

A nice data structure to store the count table, taxonomic information, contextual data and phylogenetic tree as different components of a single R object.

- Functions to import data from biom files, giime output files or plain tabular files
- Accessors to access different component of your dataset
- Samples and taxa names are coherent between the different components
- Filters to keep only part of the dataset
- Smoothers to aggregate parts of the dataset
- Manipulators to rarefy and transform samples

Phyloseq in brief



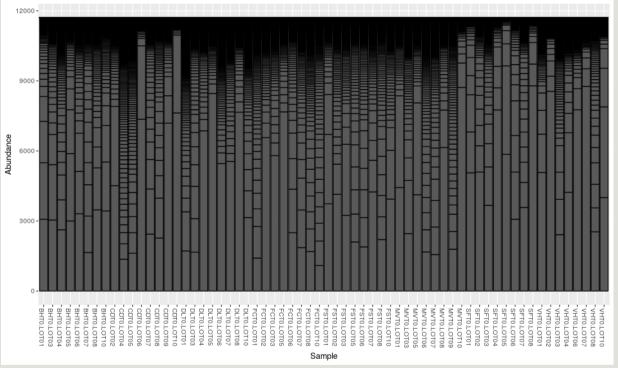
- Exploring the samples composition
- Notions of biodiversity
- α-diversity analysis
- β-diversity analysis

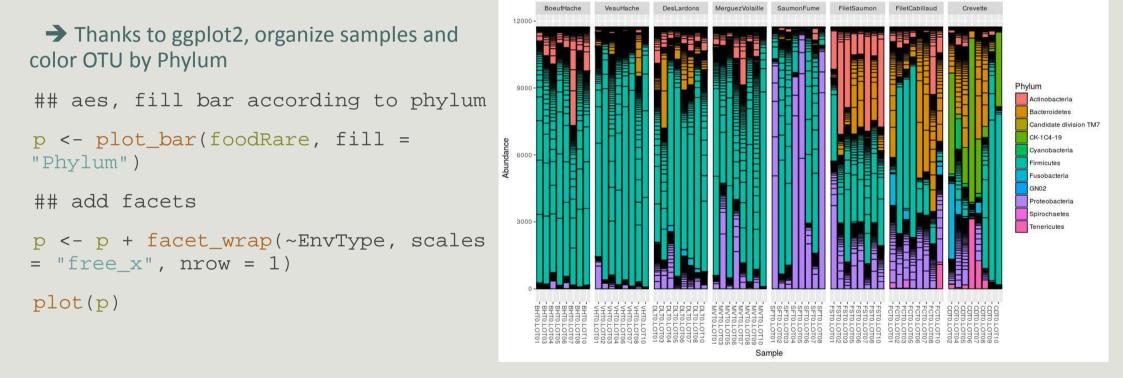
VISUALIZATION

Visualization of abundance per sample thanks to plot_bar().

```
p <- plot_bar(foodRare)</pre>
```

plot(p) ## Base graphic, ugly





→ Limitations:

- Plot bar works at the OTU-level...
- ...which may lead to graph cluttering and useless legends
- No easy way to look at a subset of the data
- Works with absolute counts (beware of unequal depths)



- Customization: plot_composition function
 - subsets OTUs at a given taxonomic level
 - aggregates OTUs at another taxonomic level
 - shows only a given number of OTUs (by default the 10 most abundant)
 - works with relative abundances

p <- plot_composition(physeq, "tax_level_selection", "tax_name_selection", "tax_level_aggregation", numberOfTaxa = NB_OTU, fill = "tax_color")



→ Select Bacteria (at Kingdom level) and aggregate by Phylum, select the 5 most abundant

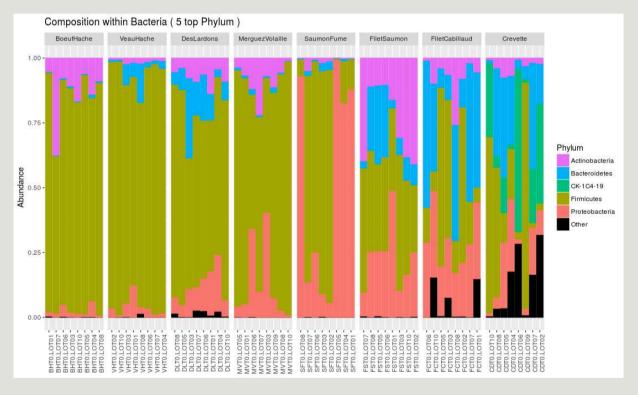
```
## plot_composition
```

```
p <- plot_composition(foodRare,
"Kingdom", "Bacteria", "Phylum",
numberOfTaxa = 5, fill = "Phylum")
```

```
## plot facetting by EnvType
```

```
p <- p + facet_wrap(~EnvType, scales
= "free_x", nrow = 1)</pre>
```

```
plot(p)
```





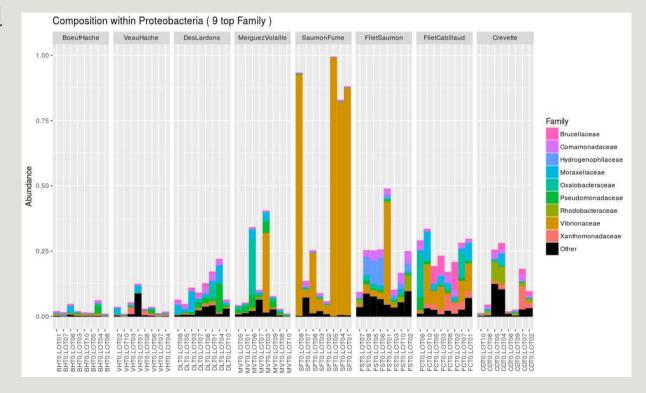
```
→ Select Proteobacteria (at Phylum level) and
aggregate by Family and select the 9 most
abundant
```

```
##plot_composition
```

```
p <- plot_composition(foodRare,
"Phylum", "Proteobacteria",
"Family", numberOfTaxa = 9, fill
= "Family")
```

```
## plot facetting
```

```
p <- p + facet_wrap(~EnvType,
scales = "free_x", nrow = 1)
plot(p)
```





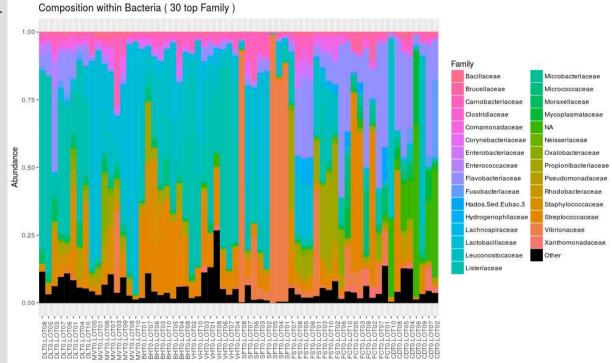
→ How to select the 30 most abundant Family ?

##plot_composition

```
p <- plot_composition(foodRare,
"Kingdom", "Bacteria", "Family",
numberOfTaxa = 30, fill =
"Family")
```

plot facetting

```
p <- p + facet_wrap(~EnvType,
scales = "free_x", nrow = 1)
plot(p)
```

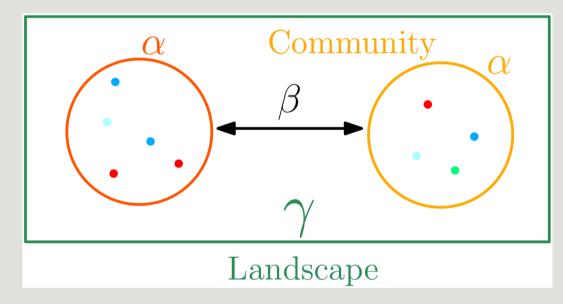


DIVERSITY INDICES

Exploring biodiversity : statistical indices

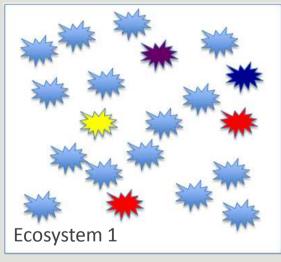
Second step, compute and compare diversity indices. Three flavors of diversity:

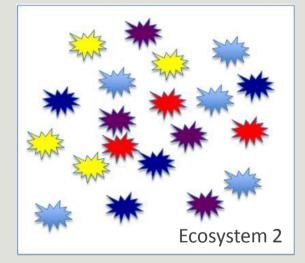
- α-diversity: diversity within a community;
- β-diversity: diversity between communities;
 - β-dissimilarities/distances
 - Dissimilarities between pairs of communities
 - Often used as a first step to computediversity
- y-diversity : diversity at the landscape scale (blurry for bacterial communities)



Exploring biodiversity : descriptors

- The richness corresponds to number of OTUs or functional groups present in communities. It caracterizes the composition
- The **diversity** takes into account the relative abundancy of species, it caracterizes the **structure**





Richness : Eco1 = Eco2 Diversity: Eco2 > Eco1

Exploring biodiversity : statistical indices

Qualitative (Presence/Absence) vs. Quantitative (Abundance)

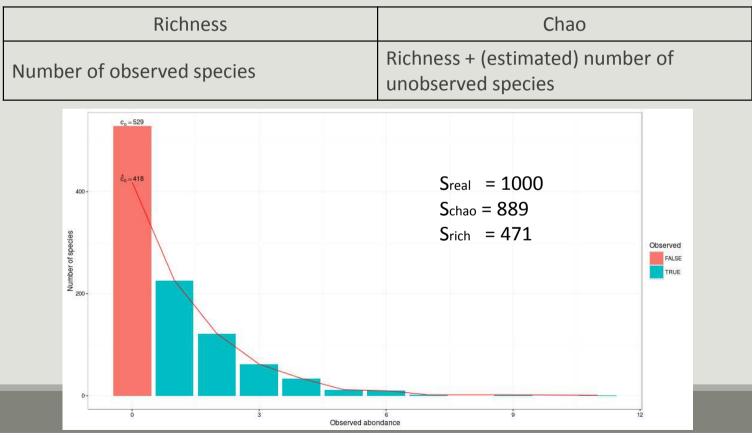
- Qualitative gives less weight to dominant species
- Qualitative is more sensitive to differences in sampling depths
- Qualitative emphasizes difference in taxa diversity rather than differences in composition

Compositional vs. Phylogenetic

- Compositional does not require a phylogenetic tree
- is more sensitive to erroneous OTU picking
- gives the same importance to all OTUs

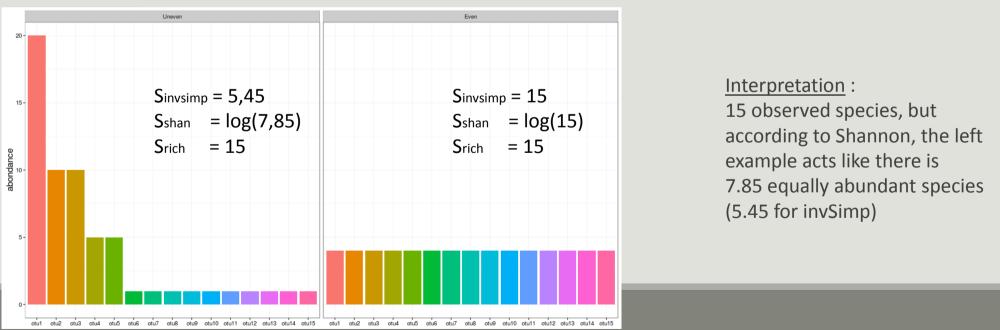
 α -DIVERSITY INDICES

 $\alpha\text{-diversity}$ is equivalent to the richness : number of species



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Shannon	Inv-Simpson		
Evenness of the species abundance	Inverse probability that two sequences sampled at		
distribution	random come from the same species		



 α -diversity indices available in phyloseq :

- Species richness : number of observed OTUs
- Chao1 : number of observed OTU + estimate of the number of unobserved OTUs
- Shannon entropy / Jensen : the width of the OTU relative abundance distribution. Roughly, it reflects our (in)ability to predict the OTU of a randomly picked bacteria
- Simpson : 1 probability that two bacteria picked at random in the community belong to different OTU
- Inverse Simpson : inverse of the probability that two bacteria picked at random belong to the same OTU

Richness are plotted with plot_richness

```
→ Try it on food
```

```
plot_richness(foodRare)
```

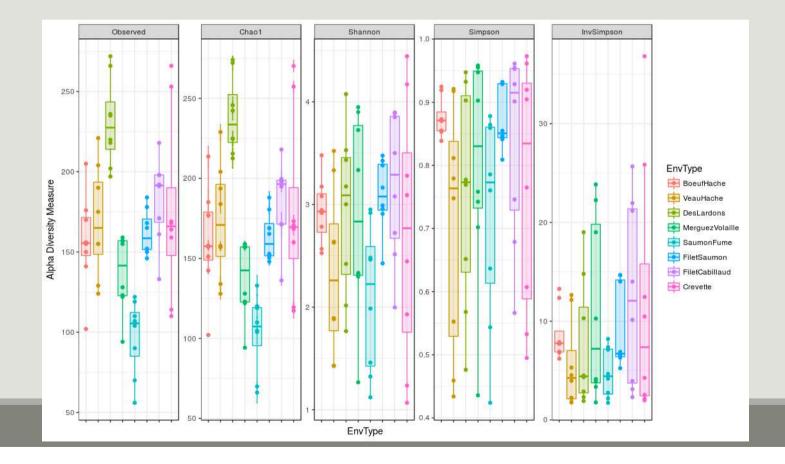
Custom it on EnvType, color EnvType, select measures as "Observed", "Chao1", "Shannon", "Simpson", "InvSimpson", and plot as boxplot

Note the x = "EnvType " passed on to the aes mapping of a ggplot.

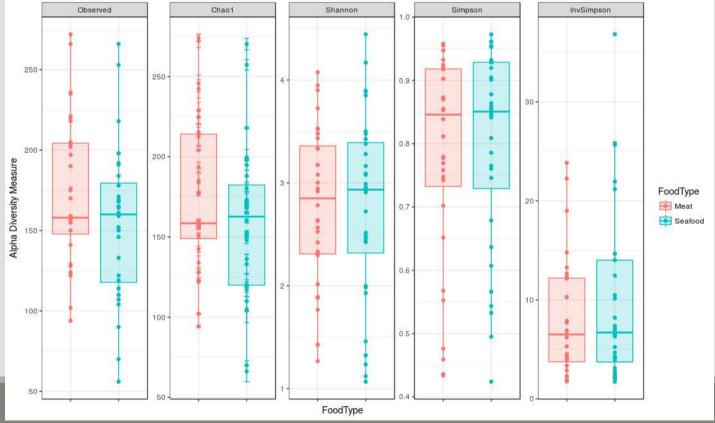
```
## plot_richness
```

```
p <- plot_richness(foodRare, color = "EnvType", x = "EnvType",
measures = c("Observed", "Chaol", "Shannon", "Simpson",
"InvSimpson"))
## plot as boxplot
p <- p + geom_boxplot(aes(fill = EnvType), alpha=0.2)</pre>
```

plot(p)



→ Try with FoodType instead of EnvType



```
Numeric values of α-diversities are given by estimate_richness (used internally by plot_richness)
alpha.diversity <- estimate_richness(foodRare, measures = c("Observed",
"Chao1", "Shannon"))</pre>
```

head(alpha.diversity)

##	Observed	Chaol	se.chaol	Shannon
## DLT0.LOT08	202	212.5000	6.024155	2.015369
## DLT0.LOT05	197	215.4545	9.049244	1.765450
## DLT0.LOT03	218	224.9545	4.521082	3.433389
## DLT0.LOT07	220	224.7143	3.779245	3.002275
## DLT0.LOT06	266	272.1818	4.171422	3.175710
## DLT0.LOT01	272	274.1176	2.148341	4.075913

write.table(alpha.diversity, "myfile.txt")

A quick ANOVA : tests if observed richness is significantly different in function of EnvType

```
data <- cbind(sample_data(foodRare), alpha.diversity)
foodRare.anova <- aov(Observed ~ EnvType, data)
summary(foodRare.anova)
## Df Sum Sq Mean Sq F value Pr(>F)
## EnvType 7 81674 11668 11.51 5.96e-09 ***
## Residuals 56 56774 1014
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 `***' 0.001 `**' 0.01 `*' 0.05 `.' 0.1 ` ' 1
```

There is a significant effect of environment type on richness

A quick ANOVA : tests if Shannon indices is significantly different in function of EnvType

<pre>foodRare.anova <- aov(Shannon ~ EnvType, data)</pre>							
<pre>summary(foodRare.anova)</pre>							
##	Df	Sum Sq	Mean Sq	F value	Pr(>F)		
## EnvType	7	7.91	1.1300	1.771	0.111		
## Residuals	56	35.72	0.6379				

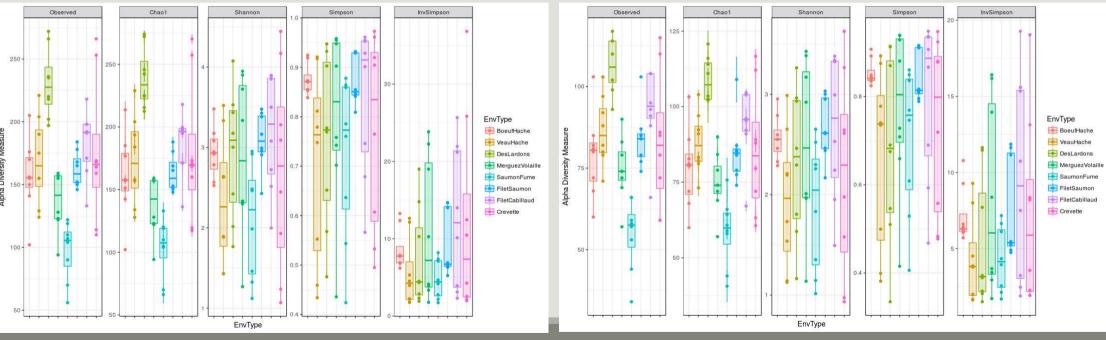
EnvType effect on Shannon diversity is not significant

Interpretation

- Many taxa observed in Deslardons (high Chao1, high Observed)...
- ...but low Shannon and Inverse-Simpson
- → communities dominated by a few abundant taxa
- Environments differ a lot in terms of richness...
- ...but not so much in terms of Shannon diversity
- → Effective diversities are quite similar

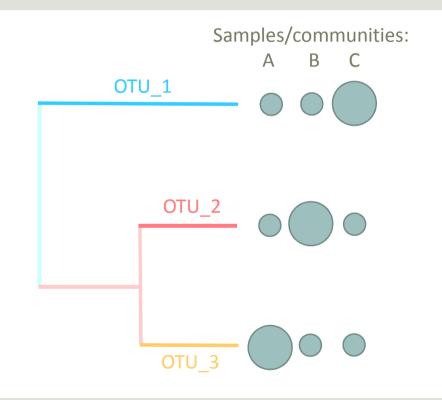
WARNING : Many diversities (richness, Chao) depend a lot on rare OTUs. Do not trim rare OTUs before computing them as it can drastically alter the result.

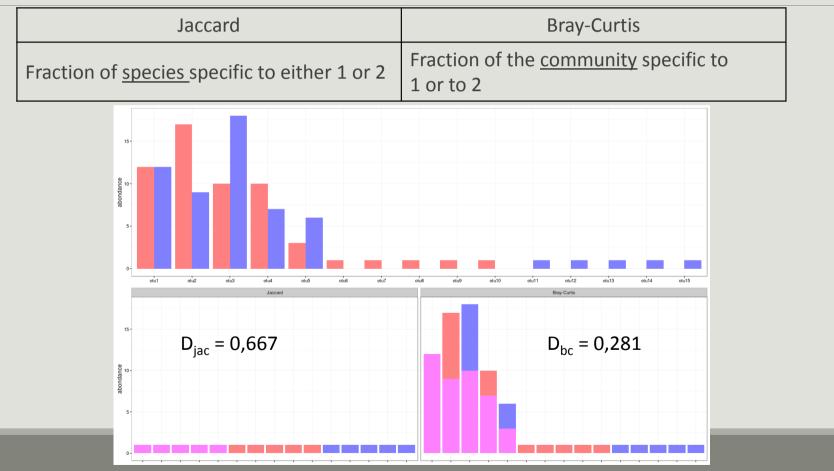
 α -diversity: without (left) and with (right) trimming on rare OTU (total abundance < 500)

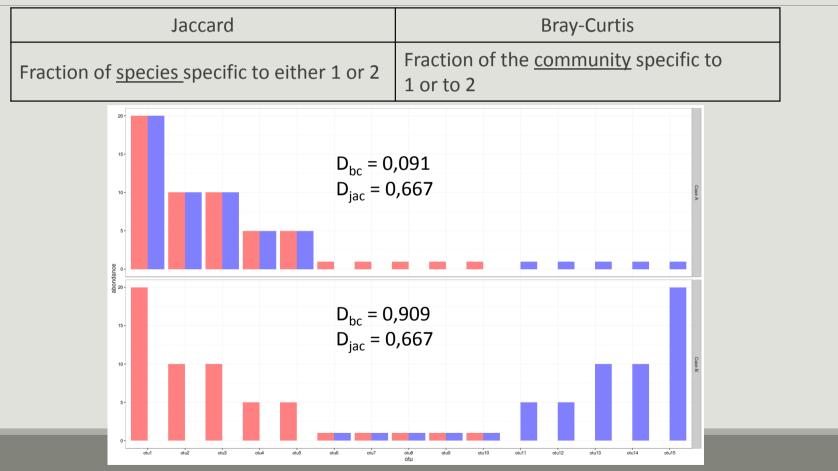


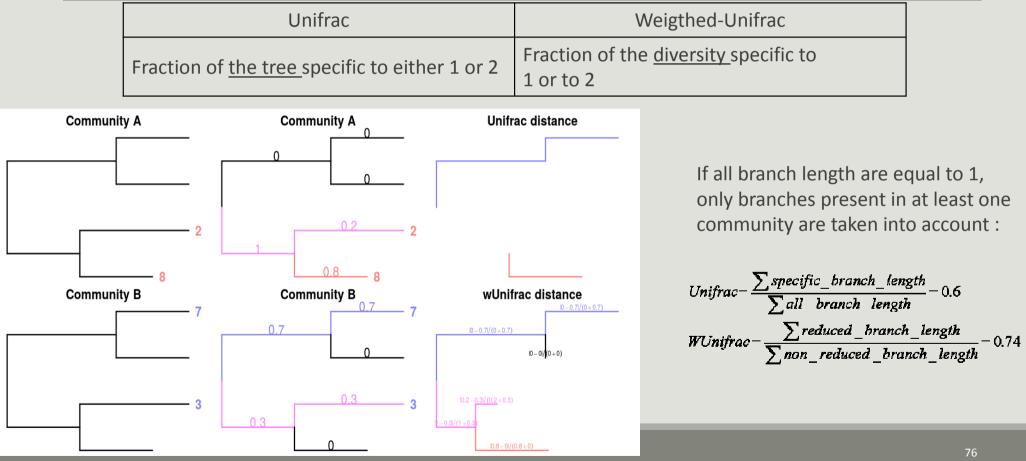
 β -DIVERSITY INDICES

- Many diversities (both compositional and phylogenetic) offered by Phyloseq through the generic distance function.
- Different dissimilarities capture different features of the communities:
- qualitatively, communities are very similar
- quantitatively they are very different
- phylogeneticaly two communities seems to be closer than the third one.

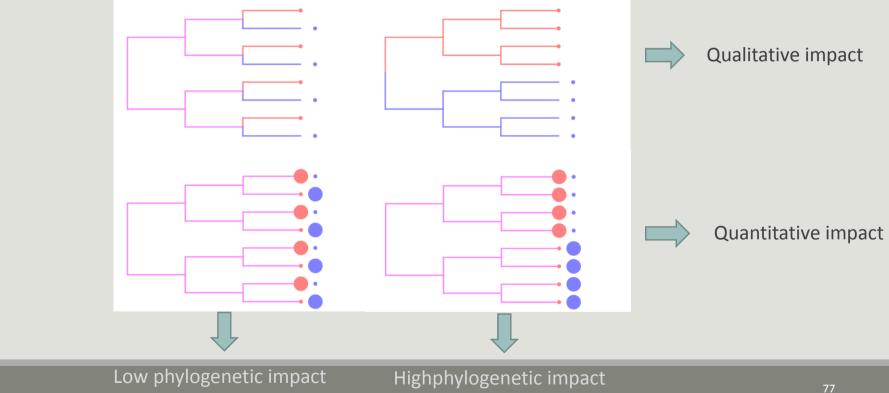


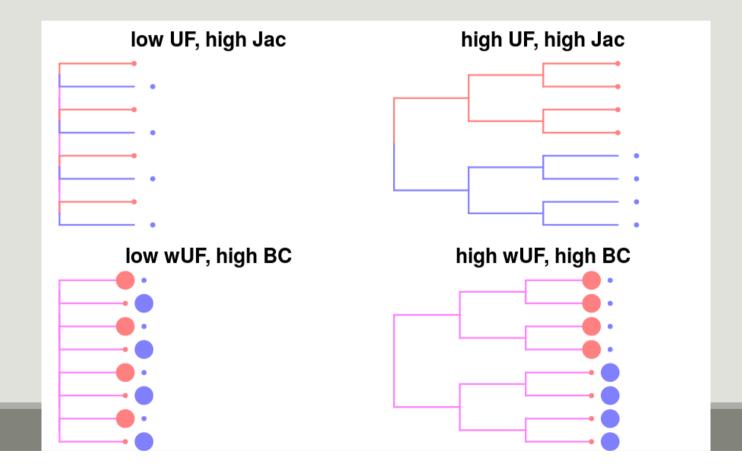






→ What do you conclude in terme of Jaccard, Bray Curtis, Unifrac and weigthed Unifrac values?





```
Dissimilarities are computed with distance
dist.bc <- distance(foodRare, method = "bray") ## Bray-Curtis</pre>
All available distances are available with
distanceMethodList ## or distance("list") depending on phyloseq version
## $UniFrac
## [1] "unifrac" "wunifrac"
## $DPCoA
## [1] "dpcoa"
## $JSD
## [1] "jsd"
## $vegdist
## [1] "manhattan" "euclidean" "canberra" "bray" "kulczynski " "jaccard" "gower"
"altGower" "morisita" "horn"
## [11] "mountford" "raup" "binomial" "chao" "cao"
## $betadiver
## [1] "w" "-1" "c" "wb" "r" "I" "e" "t" "me" "j" "sor" ...
```

- Bray-Curtis, Jaccard and Kulczynski are good at detecting underlying ecological gradients
- Morisita-Horn, Cao and Jensen-Shannon are good at handling different sample sizes
- All take value in [0; 1] except JSD and Cao.

→ Compute Jaccard, Bray Curtis, Unifrac and weighted Unifrac distance

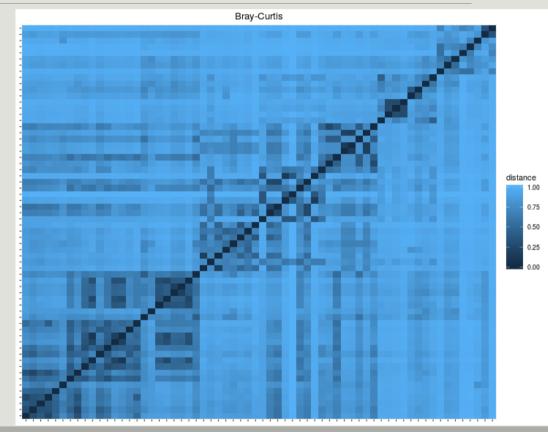
 β -diversity indices can be visualized thanks to a color matrix.

custom function to implement

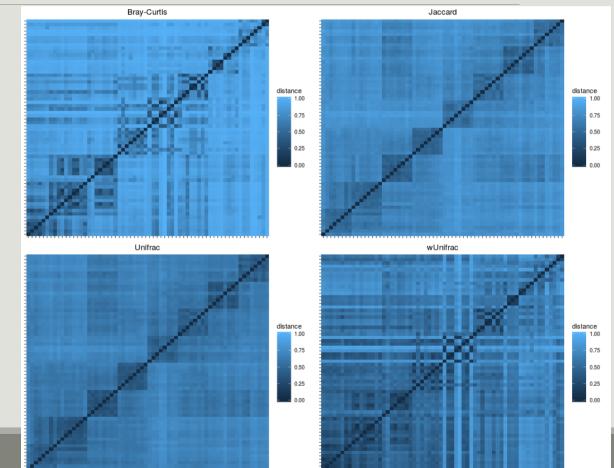
p <- plot_dist_as_heatmap(dist.bc, title = "Bray-Curtis")

plot(p)

→ Try it on the other distance matrices



- Jaccard lower than Bray-Curtis
 abundant taxa are not shared
- Jaccard higher than Unifrac
- communities' taxa are distinct but phylogenetically related
- Unifrac higher than weighted Unifrac
- abondant taxa in both communities are phylogenetically closed



In general, qualitative diversities are more sensitive to factors that affect presence/absence of organisms (such as pH, salinity, depth, etc) and therefore useful to study and define bioregions (regions with little of no flow between them)...

 ... whereas quantitative distances focus on factors that affect relative changes (seasonal changes, nutrient availability, concentration of oxygen, depth, etc) and therefore useful to monitor communities over time or along an environmental gradient

Different distances capture different features of the samples

There is no "one size fits all"

Exploring the structure

Exploring the structure

ORDINATION

- Each community is described by OTUs abundances
- OTUs abundance may be correlated
- PCA finds linear combinations of OTUs that
 - are uncorrelated
 - capture well the variance of community composition

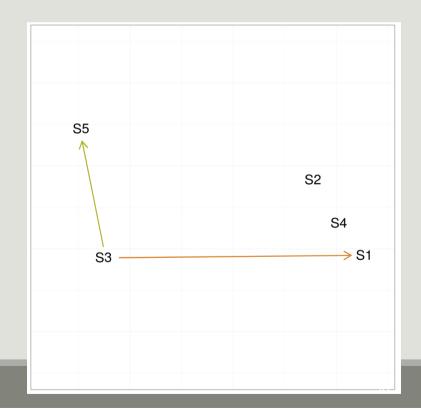
But variance is not a very good measure of β -diversity

The Multidimensionnal Scaling (MDS or PCoA) is equivalent to a principal component Analysis (PCA) but preserves the β -diversity instead of the variance.

The MDS try to represent samples in two dimensions

→ The samples ordination

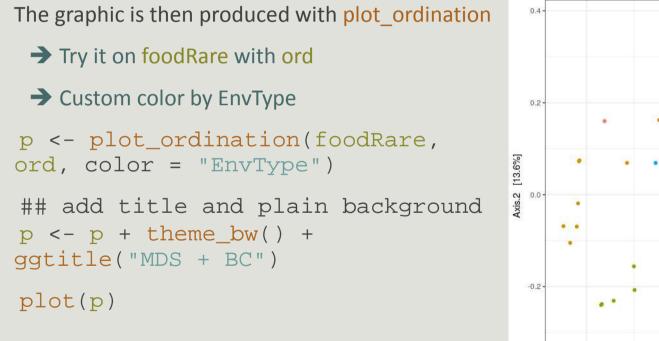
	Distance Matrix				
	S1	S2	S3	S4	S5
S1	0.00	2.21	6.31	0.99	7.50
S2	2.21	0.00	5.40	1.22	5.74
S3	6.31	5.40	0.00	5.75	3.16
S4	0.99	1.22	5.75	0.00	6.64
S5	7.50	5.74	3.16	6.64	0.00

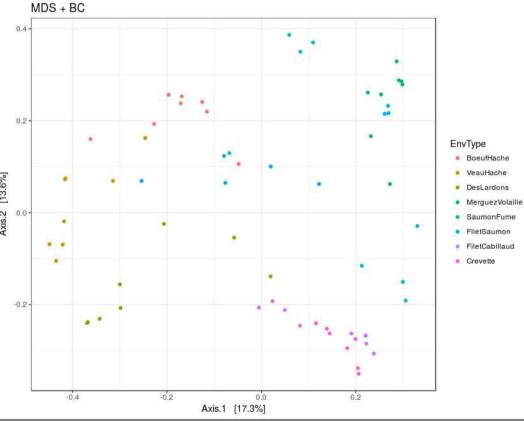


Ordination is done through the ordinate function

You can pass the distance either by name (and phyloseq will call distance) :

```
ord <- ordinate(foodRare, method = "MDS", distance = "bray")
or by passing a distance matrix directly (useful if you already computed it)
dist.bc <- distance(foodRare, method = "bray")
ord <- ordinate(foodRare, method = "MDS", distance = dist.bc)</pre>
```







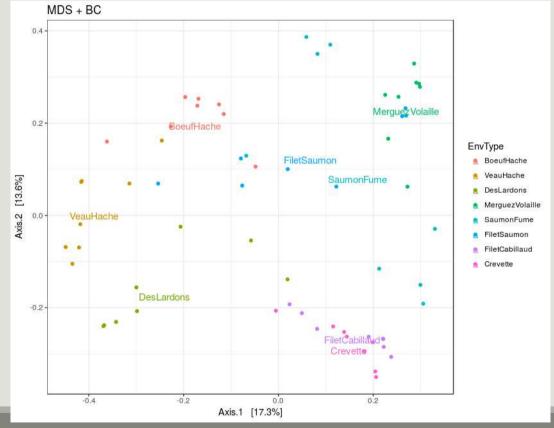
Custom plot_samples function is built around plot_ordination to represent groups (extra replicate parameter)

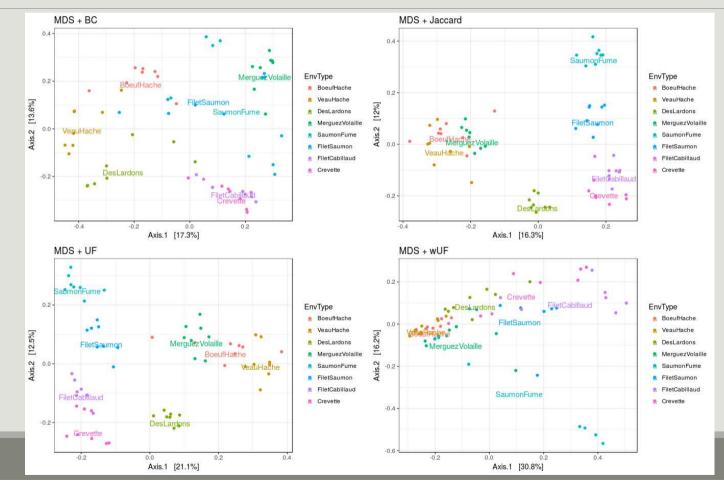
→ Try it on food and ord, and choose EnvType for color and replicate

```
p <- plot_samples(foodRare, ord,
color = "EnvType", replicate =
"EnvType")
```

add title

```
p <- p + theme_bw() +
ggtitle("MDS + BC")
plot(p)</pre>
```





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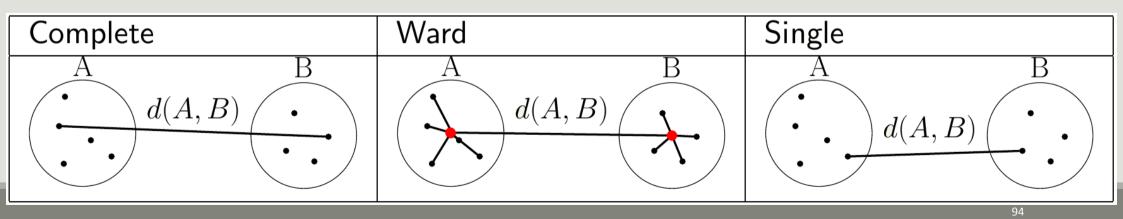
- Qualitative distances (Unifrac, Jaccard) separate meat products from seafood ones
- → detected taxa segregate by origin
- DesLardons is somewhere in between
- \rightarrow contamination induced by sea salt
- Quantitative distances (wUnifrac) exhibit a gradient meat seafood (on axis 1) with DesLardons in the middle and a gradient SaumonFume - everything else on axis 2
- Large overlap between groups in terms of relative composition but less so in term of species composition (a side effect of undersampling?)
- Note the difference between wUniFrac and Bray-Curtis for the distances between BoeufHache and VeauHache
- Warning The 2-D representation captures only part of the original distances

Exploring the structure

CLUSTERING

The clustering aims to represent samples in a tree based on a distance matrix and a linkage function:

- Complete linkage: tends to produce compact, spherical clusters and guarantees that all samples in a cluster are similar to each other
- Ward: tends to also produces spherical clusters but has better theoretical properties than complete linkage
- single: friend of friend approach, tends to produce banana-shaped or chains-like clusters



→ Choose a distance (among Jaccard, Bray-Curtis, Unifrac, etc)

→ Choose a linkage function

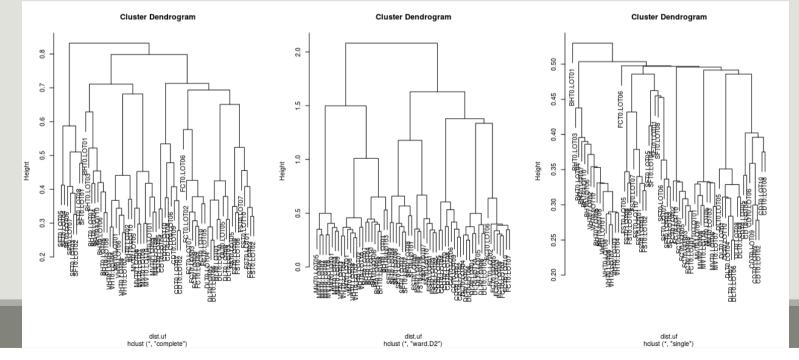
- complete ("complete"): tends to produce compact, spherical clusters and guarantees that all samples in a cluster are similar to each other
- ward ("ward.D2"): tends to also produces spherical clusters but has better theoretical properties than complete linkage
- single ("single"): friend of friend approach, tends to produce banana-shaped or chains-like clusters

→ Feed to hclust and plot

clustering <- hclust(distance.matrix, method = "linkage.function")</pre>

plot(clustering)

par(mfcol = c(1, 3)) ## To plot the three clustering trees side-by-side plot(hclust(dist.uf, method = "complete")) plot(hclust(dist.uf, method = "ward.D2")) plot(hclust(dist.uf, method = "single"))

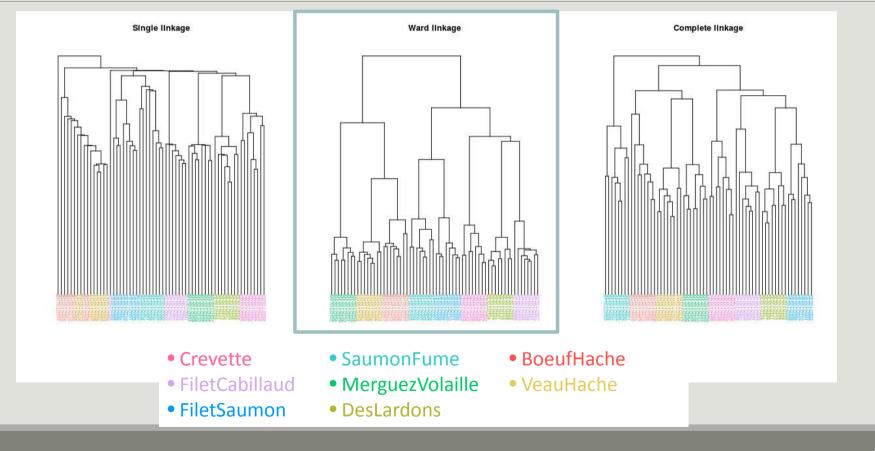


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With some effort (see companion R script), we can produce better dendrograms and color sample by food type.

```
## Env types
envtype <- get_variable(foodRare, "EnvType")
## automatic color palette: one color per different sample type
palette <- hue_pal()(length(levels(envtype)))
## Map sample type to color
tipColor <- col_factor(palette, levels = levels(envtype))(envtype)
## Change hclust object to phylo object and plot
par(mar = c(0, 0, 2, 0))
dist.uf <- distance(foodRare, method = "unifrac")## if not already done
clust.uf <- as.phylo(hclust(dist.uf, method = "complete"))
plot(clust.uf, tip.color = tipColor, direction = "downwards",
main = "Ward linkage")
```



Remarks

- Consistent with the ordination plots, clustering works quite well for the UniFrac distance for some linkage (Ward)
- Clustering is based on the whole distance whereas ordination represents parts of the distance (the most it can with 2 dimensions)

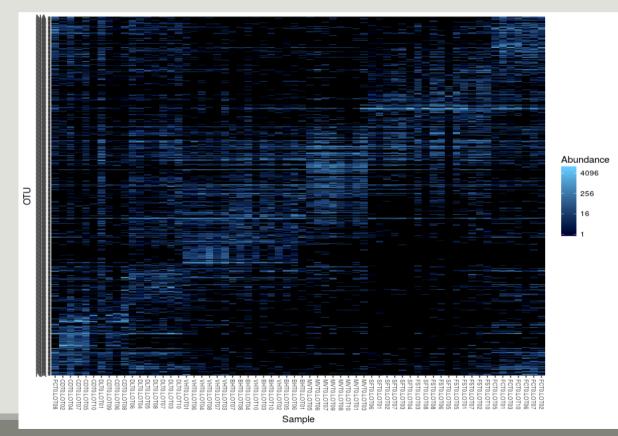
Exploring the structure

HEATMAP

- The heatmap is an other representation of the distance matrix
- It tries to reveal if there is a structure between group of OTU and group of samples
- plot_heatmap is a versatile function to visualize the count table:
 - Finds a meaningful order of the samples and the OTUs
 - Allows the user to choose a custom order
 - Allows the user to change the color scale
 - Produces a gpplot2 object, easy to manipulate and customize

→ Try it on food

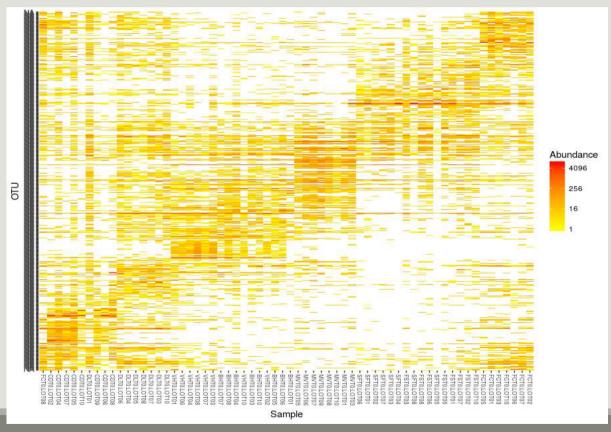
p <- plot_heatmap(foodRare)
plot(p)</pre>



Change color scale in plot_heatmap

```
p <- plot_heatmap(foodRare,
  low = "yellow", high = "red",
  na.value = "white")
```

plot(p)

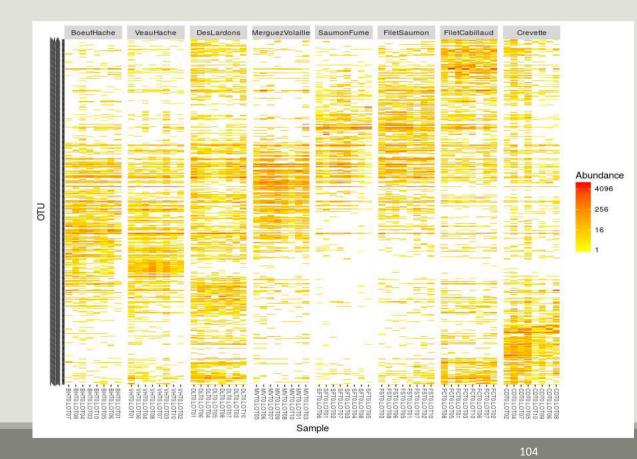


```
p <- plot_heatmap(foodRare,
  low = "yellow", high = "red",
  na.value = "white")
```

➔ Facet your plot by EnvType

```
p <- p + facet_grid(~EnvType,
scales = "free_x")
```

plot(p)



➔ Use scale_fill_gradient layers of ggplot2 to change color scale

```
p <- plot_heatmap(foodRare)</pre>
```

```
p <- p +
scale_fill_gradient2(low =
"#1a9850", mid = "#ffffbf",
high = "#d73027", na.value =
white", trans = log_trans(4),
midpoint = log(100, base = 4))
p <- p + facet_grid(~EnvType,
scales = "free_x")
plot(p)</pre>
```



- Block-like structure of the abundance table
- Interaction between (groups of) taxa and (groups of) samples
- Core and condition-specific microbiota
- → Classification of taxa and use of custom taxa order to highlight structure

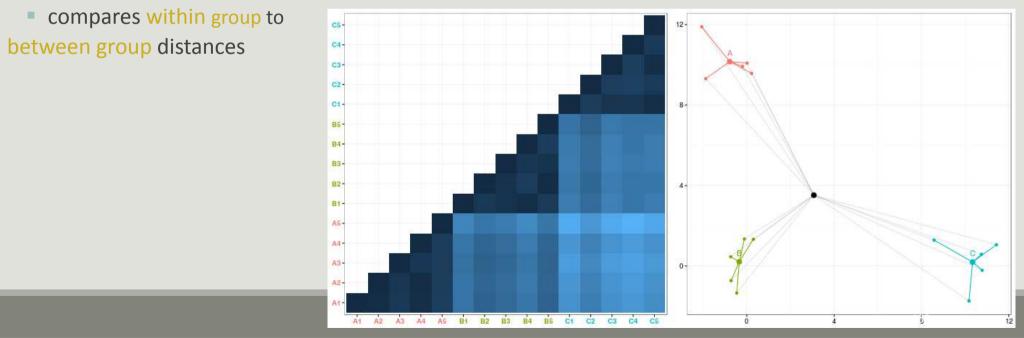
Diversity partitioning

Diversity partitioning

Are the structures seen linked to metadata ? Do the metadata have an effect on our communities composition ?

To answer these questions, **multivariate analyses**:

tests composition differences of communities from different groups using a distance matrix



Diversity partitioning : CAP

Constrained Analysis of Principal Coordinates (CAP) tries to :

- Find associations between community composition and environmental variables (pH, group)
- Quantify differences between groups of samples

<u>How it works</u>: Regress a distance matrix against some covariates using the standard R syntax for linear models.

- Project distance matrix on metadata variables
 communities are constrained to depend on metadata
- Look if constrained distance fit to non-constrained distance

```
## convert sample_data to data.frame
metadata <- as(sample_data(foodRare), "data.frame")
cap <- capscale(dist.uf ~ EnvType, data = metadata)</pre>
```

Diversity partitioning : CAP

```
cap
## Call:
## capscale(formula = dist.uf ~ EnvType, data = metadata)
##
                                                          Environment type explains roughly
##
                 Inertia Proportion Eigenvals Rank
                                                          62% of the total variation between
                12.39764
## Total
                             1.00000 12.42360
## Constrained 7.66026
                             0.61788
                                     7.66073
                                                  7
                                                          samples (as measured by Unifrac)
## Unconstrained 4.73738
                                      4.76287
                             0.38212
                                                  56
## Imaginary
                                       -0.02595
                                                  4
## Inertia is squared Unknown distance
##
## Eigenvalues for constrained axes:
## CAP1
          CAP2
                 CAP3
                        CAP4
                               CAP5
                                       CAP6
                                              CAP7
## 2.4953 1.4544 1.1004 0.9350 0.7181 0.5074 0.4501
## Eigenvalues for unconstrained axes:
## MDS1
          MDS2
                 MDS3
                        MDS4
                               MDS5
                                      MDS6
                                              MDS7
                                                     MDS8
## 0.4494 0.2990 0.2672 0.2378 0.2176 0.2000 0.1745 0.1626
## Showed only 8 of all 56 unconstrained eigenvalues)
```

Diversity partitioning : CAP

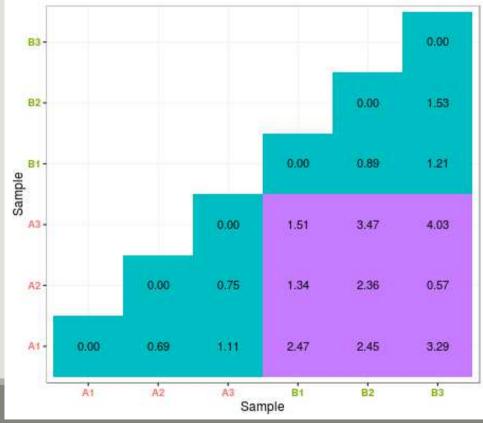
```
## test the confidence of CAP
anova <- anova(cap, permutations = 999)
## Permutation test for capscale under reduced model
## Permutation: freeNumber of permutations: 999
## Model: capscale(formula = dist.uf ~ EnvType, data = metadata)
## Df SumOfSqs F Pr(>F)
## Model 7 7.6603 12.936 0.001 ***
## Residual 56 4.7374
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 `***' 0.001 `**' 0.01 `*' 0.05 `.' 0.1 ` ' 1
```

Diversity partitioning : Multivariate ANOVA

Idea : test differences in the community composition from different groups using a distance matrix

How it works ?

- No projection of distance matrix, but compute sum of square distance
- Variance analysis



Diversity partitioning : Multivariate ANOVA

```
metadata <- as(sample data(foodRare), "data.frame")</pre>
adonis(dist.uf ~ EnvType, data = metadata, perm = 9999)
##
## Call:
## adonis(formula = dist.uf ~ EnvType, data = metadata, permutations = 9999)
## Permutation: free
                                                  Environment type explains roughly
## Number of permutations: 9999
                                                  62% of the total variation.
## Terms added sequentially (first to last)
##
## Df SumsOfSqs MeanSqs F.Model R2 Pr(>F)
## EnvType 7 7.6603 1.0943 12.936 0.61788 1e-04 ***
## Residuals 56 4.7374 0.0846 0.38212
## Total 63 12.3976
                                         1.00000
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 `***' 0.001 `**' 0.01 `*' 0.05 `.' 0.1 ` ' 1
```



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Installing Phyloseq

```
From bioconductor
```

```
## try http if https is not available
```

```
source("https://bioconductor.org/biocLite.R")
```

```
biocLite("phyloseq")
```

```
From developer's website
install.packages("devtools") ## If not installed previously
library("devtools")
install_github("phyloseq", "joey711")
```

- It is possible to build a phyloseq object from plain tabular files
- Since OTUs/sample names are not always consistent (unlike in a biom), some care must be taken
- Otherwise the phyloseq objects consists only of OTUs and samples with consistent names and may end up empty
- Import each component separately
- Convert to correct base R data type (matrix for otu_table and tax_table, data.frame for sample_data)
- Convert to phyloseq data type (otu_table, tax_table, sample_data)
- Check name consistency
- Build phyloseq object

```
Import each component
sampledata <- read.csv("data/manual/sampledata.tsv", sep = "nt",
row.names = 1)
taxtable <- read.csv("data/manual/taxtable.tsv", sep = "nt",
row.names = 1)
otutable <- read.csv("data/manual/otutable.tsv", sep = "nt",
row.names = 1)
tree <- read.tree("data/manual/tree.phy")</pre>
```

Convert to base R type

taxtable <- as.matrix(taxtable)
otutable <- as.matrix(otutable)</pre>

Convert to phyloseq base type sampledata <- sample data(sampledata)</p>

```
taxtable <- tax_table(taxtable)
otutable <- otu table(otutable, taxa are rows = TRUE)</pre>
```

Check name consistency

Abundance table and sample data (sample names)

```
all(colnames(otutable) %in% rownames(sampledata)) ## sample names
## [1] TRUE
```

```
    Abundance table and taxonomy table (taxa names)
    all(rownames(otutable) %in% rownames(taxtable)) ## taxa names
    ## [1] TRUE
```

Abundance table and tree leaves (taxa names)

```
all(rownames(otutable) %in% tree$tip.label) ## taxa names
## [1] TRUE
```

Build object

manualData <- phyloseq(sampledata, otutable, taxtable, tree)
manualData</pre>

phyloseq-class experiment-level object

otu_table() OTU Table: [500 taxa and 26 samples]

- ## sample_data() Sample Data: [26 samples by 6 sample variables]
- ## tax_table() Taxonomy Table: [500 taxa by 7 taxonomic ranks]
- ## phy_tree() Phylogenetic Tree: [500 tips and 499 internal nodes]

- Specify a sample wise, OTU wide condition (e.g. abundance greater than 2, in the top ten OTUs, etc)
- Specify a number of samples A
- Select only OTUs satisfying condition in at least A samples (usually to prune them)

```
Examples (what do they do?)
condition <- function(x) { x > 0 }
taxaToKeep <- genefilter_sample(food, condition, 5)
prune_taxa(taxaToKeep, food)
condition <- function(x) {order(x, decreasing = TRUE) <= 250 }
taxaToKeep <- genefilter_sample(food, condition, 3)
prune_taxa(taxaToKeep, food)</pre>
```

First example

- condition is TRUE if a taxa is present in a sample
- condition must be met 5 times
- → Select taxa that appear in at least 5 samples

Second example

- condition is TRUE if a taxa is among the 250 most abundant ones in the sample
- condition must be met 3 times
- → Select taxa that are very abundant (top 250) in at least 3 samples

- Specify an OTU wise, sample wide on the OTU abundance vector condition (e.g. overall abundance greater than 3, etc)
- Selects only OTUs satisfying condition (usually to prune them)
- Works on an OTU-by-OTU basis. Beware of bad normalizations

```
Examples (what do they do?)
condition <- function(x) { sum(x > 0) >= 5 }
taxaToKeep <- filter_taxa(food, condition)
prune_taxa(taxaToKeep, food)</pre>
```

```
condition <- function(x) { sum(x) >= 100 }
taxaToKeep <- filter_taxa(food, condition)
prune_taxa(taxaToKeep, food)</pre>
```

First example

- condition is TRUE if a taxa has at least 5 positive counts (across samples)
- → Select taxa that appear in at least 5 samples

Probably better done with genefilter_sample

Second example

condition is TRUE if a taxa has global abundance at least 100

Select taxa with overall abundance at least 100 (beware of unequal sample sizes)

Probably done better with sample_sums

Go further : phyloseq smoothing

merge_samples merges samples according to a factor by summing their abundances (beware of different group sizes and library sizes)

```
mergedData <- merge_samples(food, "EnvType")
## Warning in asMethod(object): NAs introduits lors de la conversion automatique
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mergedData
## phyloseq-class experiment-level object
## otu_table() OTU Table: [ 508 taxa and 8 samples ]
## sample_data() Sample Data: [ 8 samples by 3 sample variables ]
## tax_table() Taxonomy Table: [ 508 taxa by 7 taxonomic ranks ]
## phy_tree() Phylogenetic Tree: [ 508 tips and 507 internal nodes ]
sample_names(mergedData)
## [1] "BoeufHache" "VeauHache" "DesLardons" "MerguezVolaille"
## [5] "SaumonFume" "FiletSaumon" "FiletCabillaud" "Crevette"</pre>
```

Go further : phyloseq smoothing

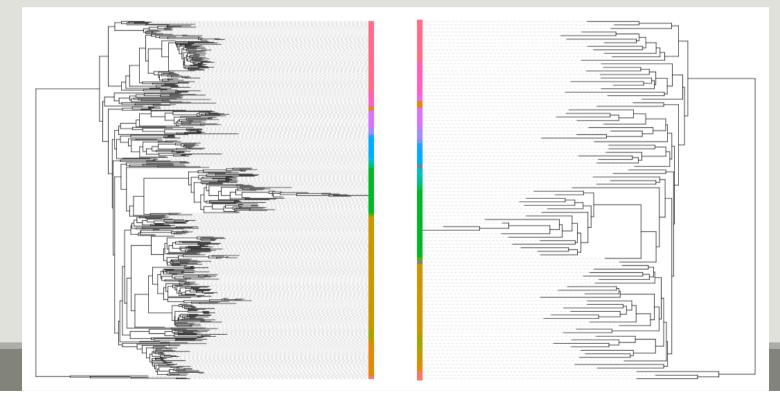
Unfortunately, merging the contextual data is hard to do automatically in a meaningful way and information is lost in the process...

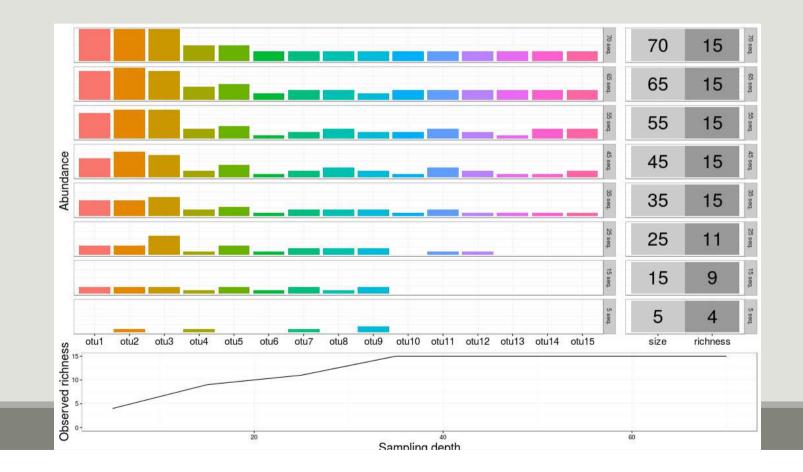
```
sample_data(mergedData)[1:2, ]
## Sample Data: [2 samples by 3 sample variables]:
## EnvType FoodType Description
## BoeufHache 1 NA NA
## VeauHache 2 NA NA
sample_data(food)[1:2, ]
## Sample Data: [2 samples by 3 sample variables]:
## EnvType FoodType Description
## DLT0.LOT08 DesLardons Meat LOT8
## DLT0.LOT05 DesLardons Meat LOT5
```

Go further : phyloseq smoothing

tip_glom agglomerates OTUs at a given height in the tree

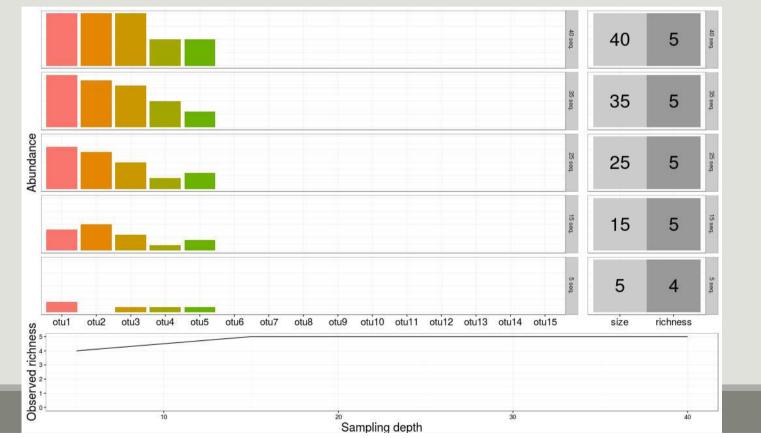
```
mergedData <- tip_glom(food, h = 0.3)</pre>
```





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.. After filtering on rare OTUs



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Why?

- diversity indices are heavily influenced by sampling depths
- rarefaction curves assess if sampling has exhausted the diversity

How?

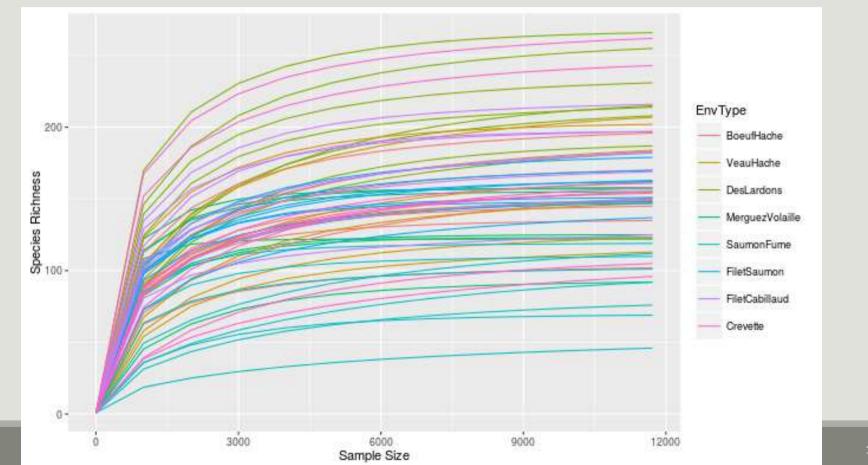
- Rarefy all samples to the same depth (optional, for speed here)
- Use custom function ggrare and specify a step size

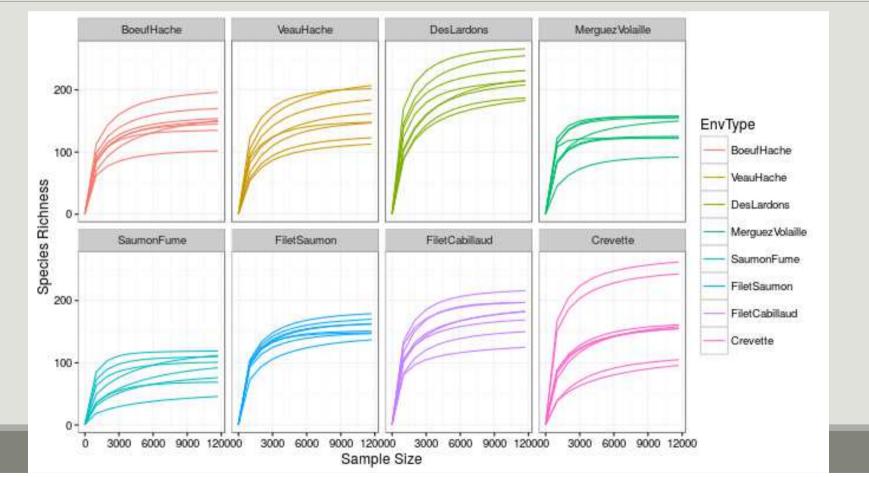
```
food <- rarefy_even_depth(food, rngseed = 1121983)</pre>
```

```
p <- ggrare(food, step = 1000, color = "SampleType", se = FALSE)</pre>
```

To distinguish different environments easily, use facetting (and plain background)

```
plot(p + facet_wrap(~EnvType) + theme_bw())
```





Go further : use your own color palette

We already order the food types to make graphs easy to read:

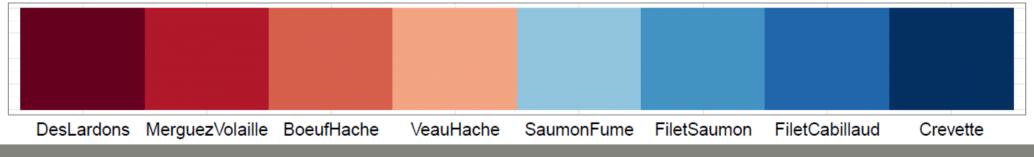
levels(sample_data(food)\$EnvType)

[1] "BoeufHache" "VeauHache" "DesLardons" "MerguezVolaille"

[5] "SaumonFume" "FiletSaumon" "FiletCabillaud" "Crevette"

Likewise, we're going to use a custom color palette

```
foodPalette <- c("#67001f", "#b2182b", "#d6604d", "#f4a582",
"#92c5de", "#4393c3", "#2166ac", "#053061")
```

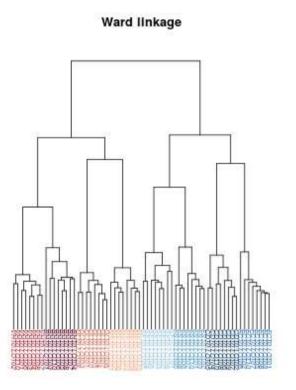


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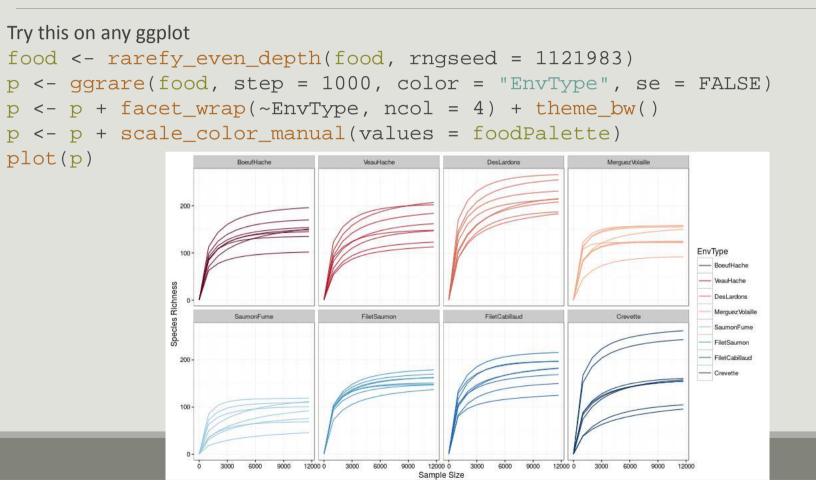
```
Try this palette on clustering plot
## Map sample type to color
tipColor <- col_factor(foodPalette, levels =
    levels(envtype))(envtype)</pre>
```

```
## Change hclust object to phylo object and
plot
clust.uf <- as.phylo(hclust(dist.uf, method =
   "ward.D2"))</pre>
```

```
plot(clust.uf, tip.color = tipColor, direction
    = "downwards", main = "Ward linkage")
```



Go further : use your own color palette



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Go further : heatmap order

```
Custom OTU order in function of prevalence
prevalence <- estimate_prevalence(food, "EnvType")
get in a different format to estimate correlations
correlationData <- estimate_prevalence(food, "EnvType", format = "wide")
correlationData <- t(correlationData)
correlation <- cor(correlationData, method="pearson")
clustering sample and order OTU according to the tree
otu.clust <- hclust(as.dist(1-correlation), method = "complete")
otuOrder <- otu.clust$labels[otu.clust$order]
plot
p <- plot_heatmap(food, taxa.order = otuOrder)
p <- p + facet_grid(~EnvType, scales = "free", space = "free")
p <- p + scale_fill_gradient2(low="#la9850", mid = "#ffffbf", high="#d73027",
na.value = "white", trans = log_trans(4), midpoint = log(100,base= 4 ))
plot(p)
```

Go further : heatmap order

