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# Ordination methods

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- What is ordination?
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- Principal Coordinates Analysis (PCoA) & Principal Components Analysis (PCA)

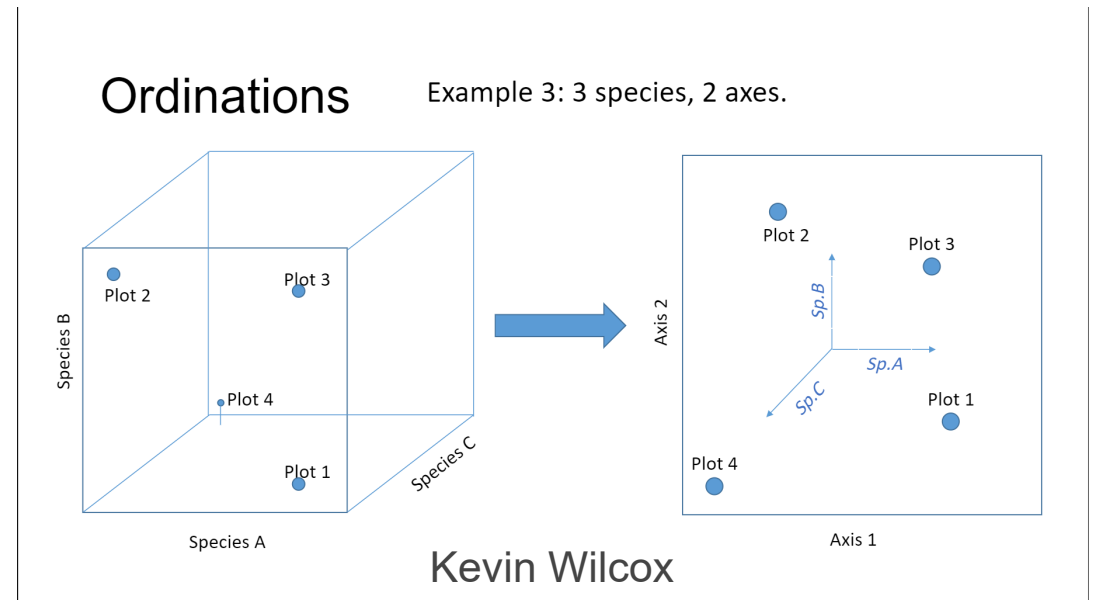
# Many types of ordination

- Becoming part of the clergy
- *Nonmetric Multidimensional Scaling (NMDS)*
- Correspondence Analysis (CA)
- Many more
- We will focus on Principal Coordinates Analysis (PCoA)

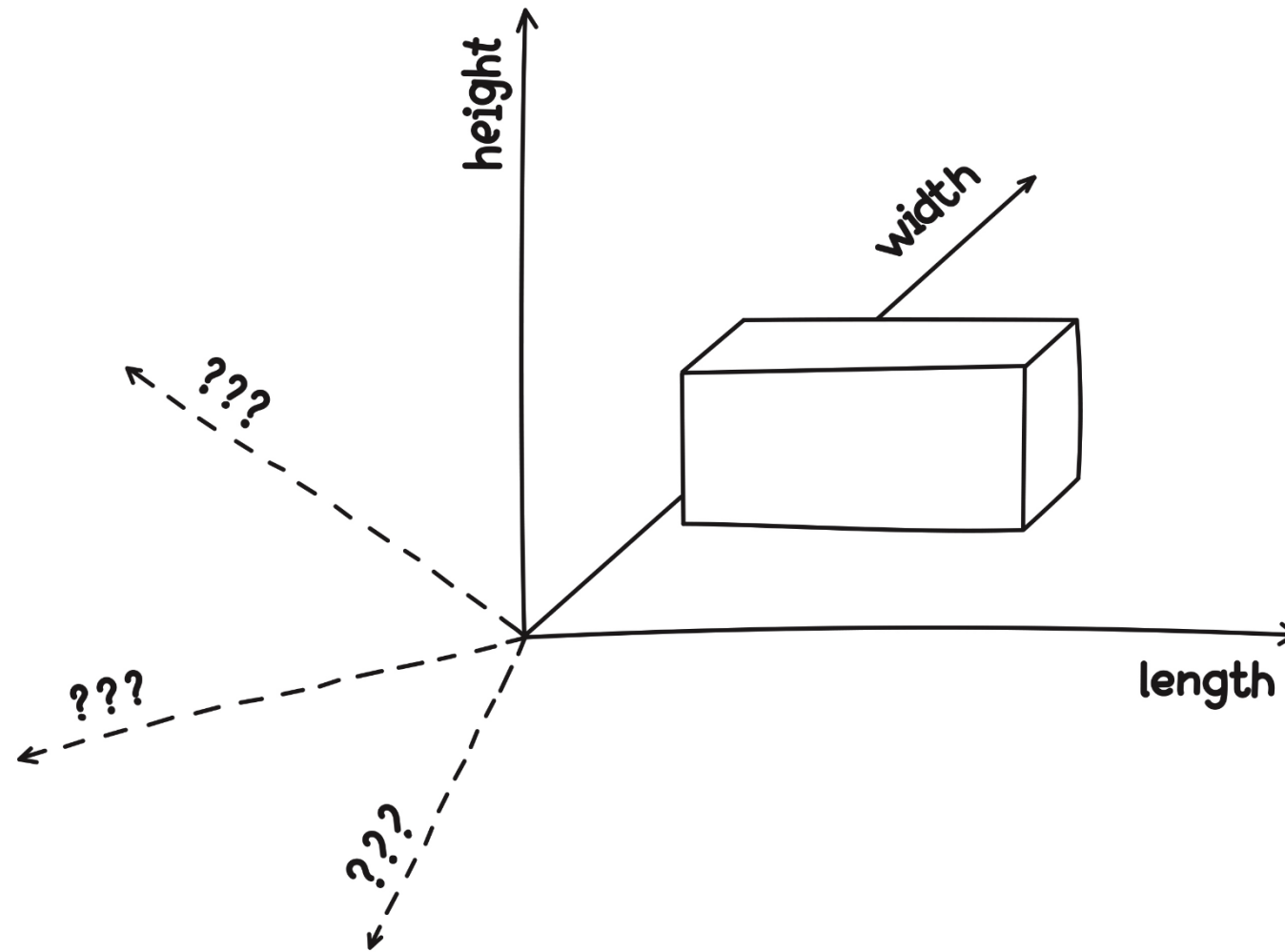


# Ordination in ecology

- A statistical technique in which data from a large number of sites or populations are represented as points in a multidimensional space.
- 2 OTUs/ASVs/Genes = 2 axes
- 3 OTUs/ASVs/Genes = 3 axes
- $n$  OTUs/ASVs/Genes =  $n$  axes
- Squish into 2 or 3 dimensions
- Mainly used for exploratory analysis and NOT hypothesis testing



# N-space



# Distance matrix

- Pairwise distances

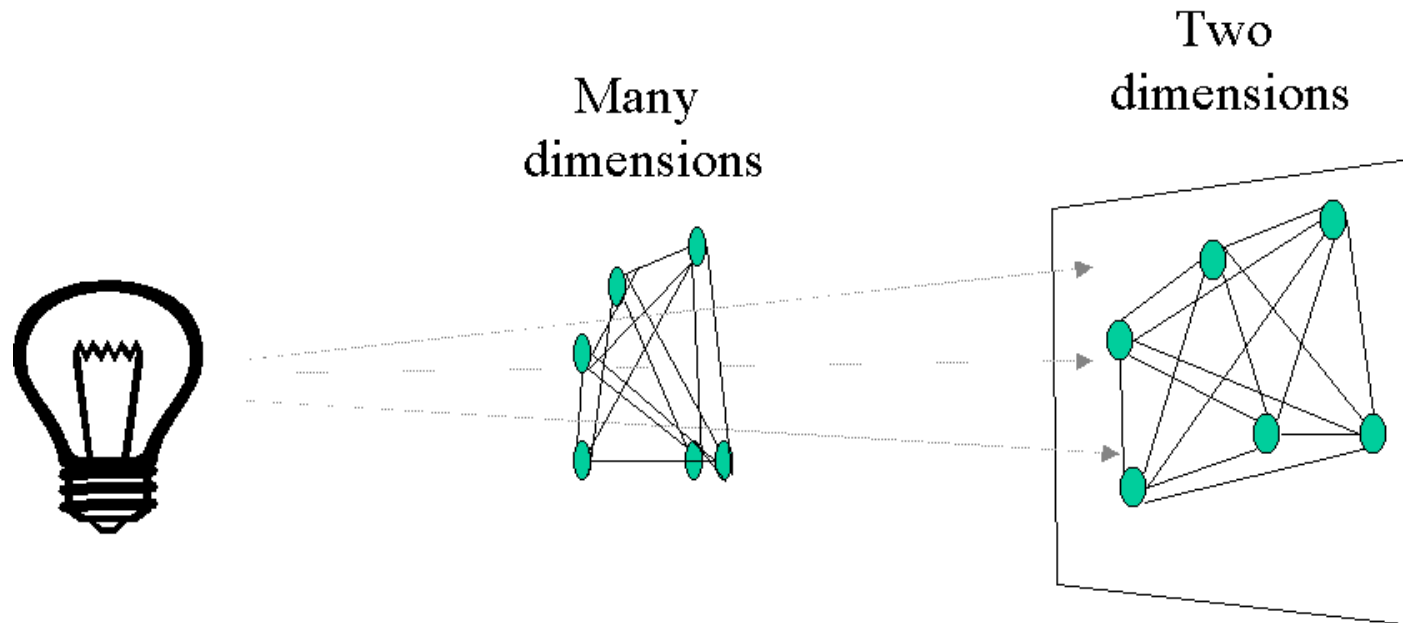
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BLG	0.35	0.26	0.29	0.30	0.32	0.33	0.38		0.31	0.34	0.51	0.48	0.37	0.47
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DXG	0.43	0.39	0.44	0.46	0.37	0.38	0.44	0.34	0.25		0.35	0.39	0.28	0.27
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LC	0.55	0.50	0.54	0.58	0.40	0.45	0.57	0.47	0.34	0.27	0.18	0.46	0.25	

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# Principal Coordinates Analysis - PCoA

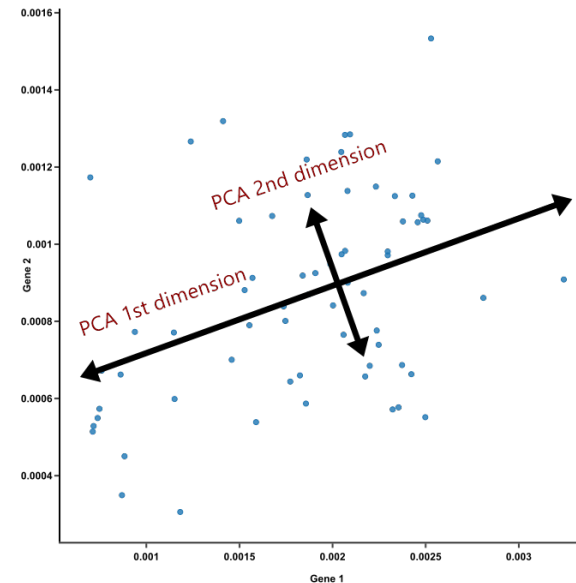
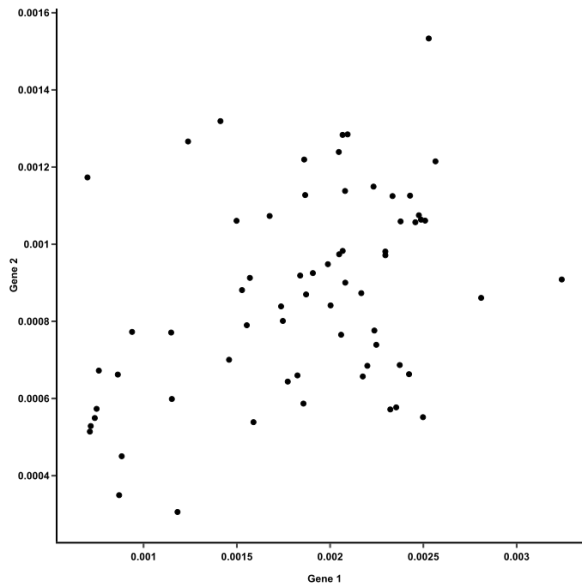
- Principal Coordinates Analysis (PCoA) incorporates the distance between all samples
- Displays a image (often 2D) with matrix rotated so first axis shows maximal variance
  - The maximum variation uncorrelated with axis 1 is projected on the second axis
- Principal Components Analysis (PCA) is a PCoA here the distance metric is Euclidean





# Principal Components Analysis - PCA

- Principal Components Analysis (PCA) is a rotation of the original data matrix
- Maximum variance is projected or "extracted" along the first axis
  - The maximum variation uncorrelated with axis 1 is projected on the second axis
  - The maximum variation uncorrelated with the first and second axis is projected on the third axis
  - Etc.



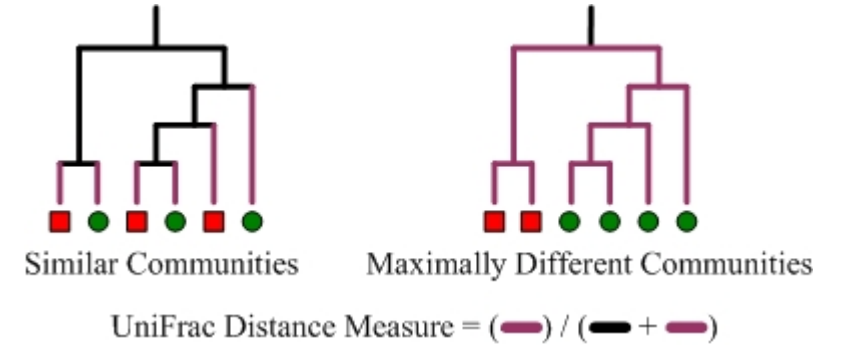
# All those zeroes...

- Excess of zero skews results

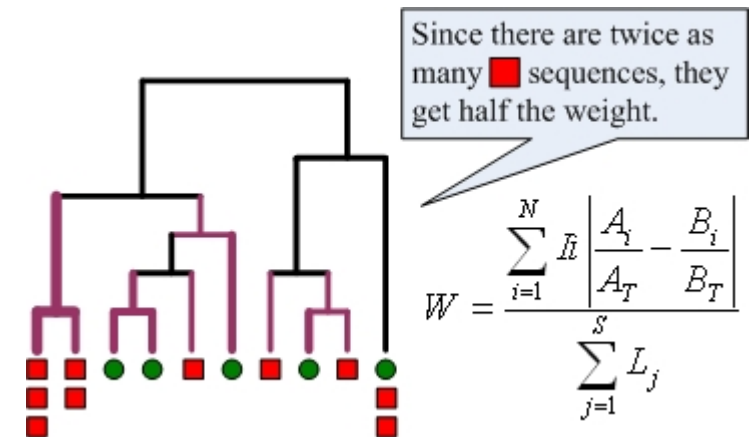
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# Unifrac

- Distance metric
  - The distance between the two samples is calculated as (the sum of "unshared" branch lengths)/(the sum of all tree branch lengths)
  - i.e. the fraction of total branch length which is unshared.
- Weighted Unifrac incorporates abundance
- Has good separation power ([Thorsen et al., 2016](#))



## Unweighted



# Example