


Multivariate analysis of genetic data — exploring group diversity —

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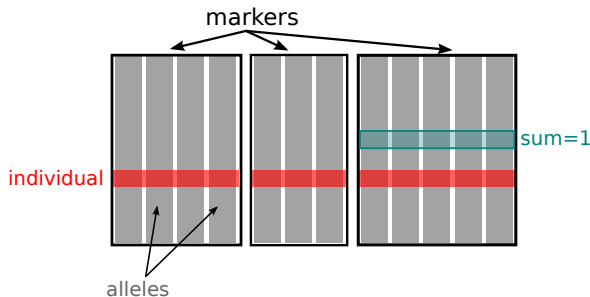
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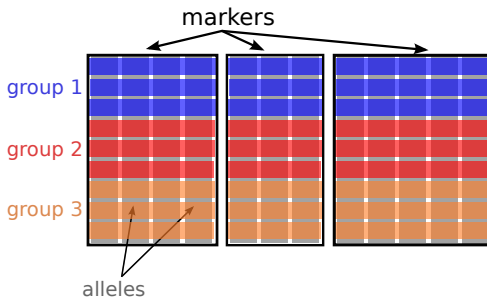
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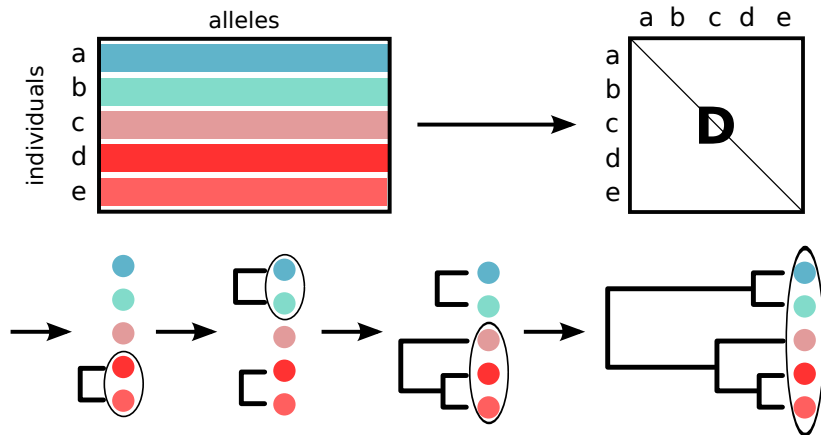
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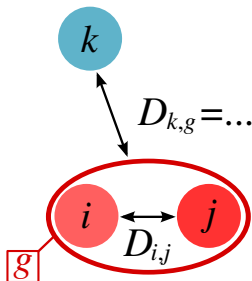
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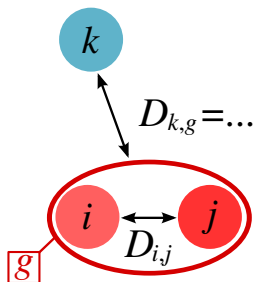


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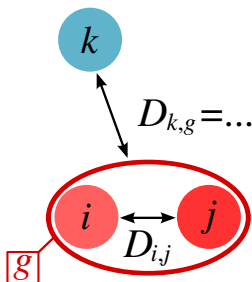
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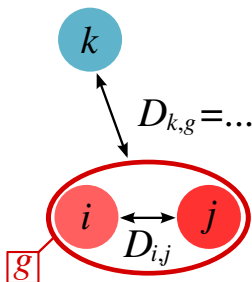
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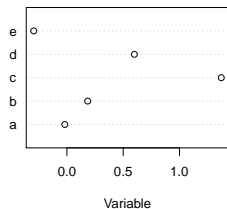
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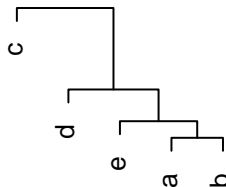
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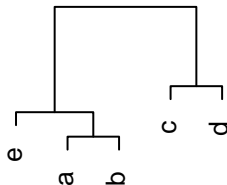
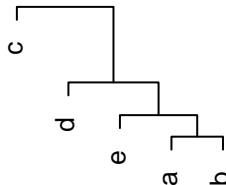
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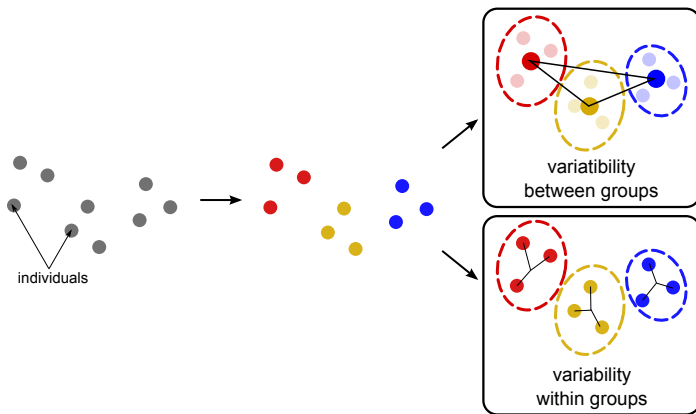
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K-means underlying model

ANOVA model:

$$\text{total var.} = (\text{var. between groups}) + (\text{var. within groups})$$



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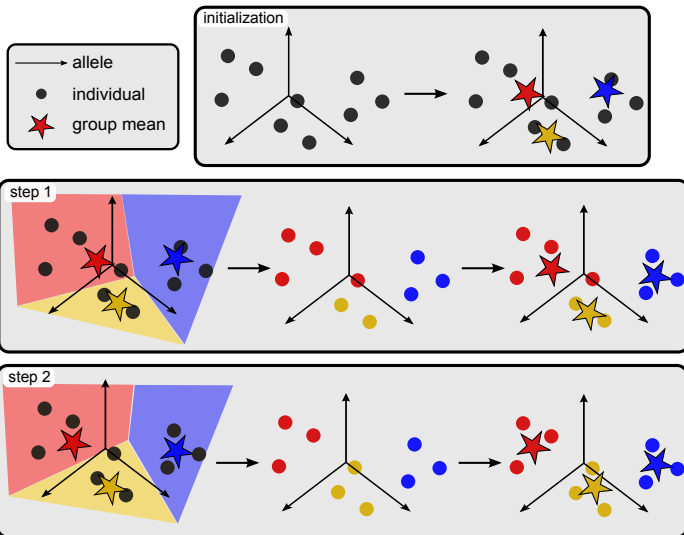
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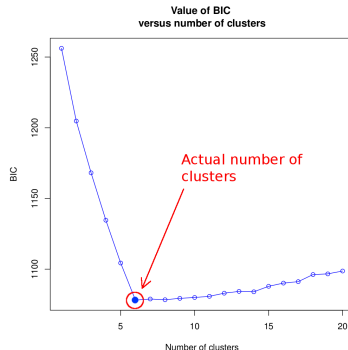
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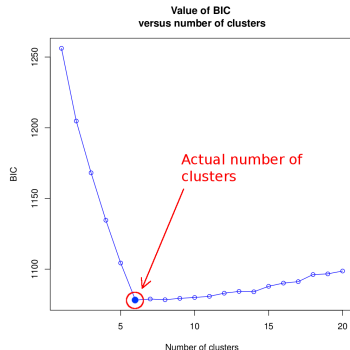
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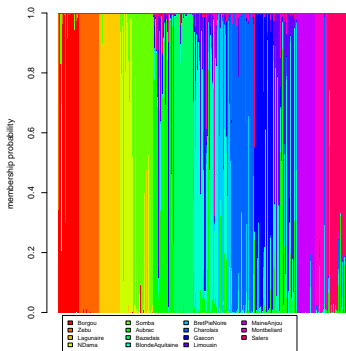
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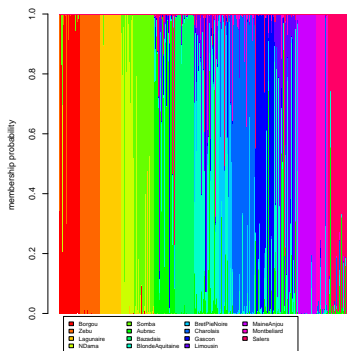


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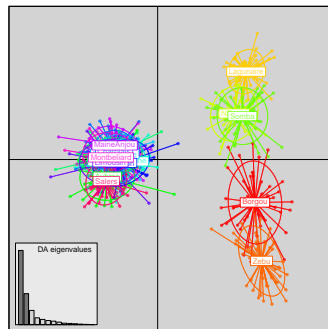
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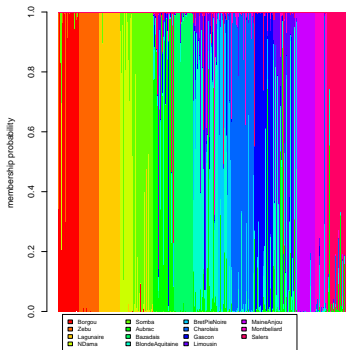


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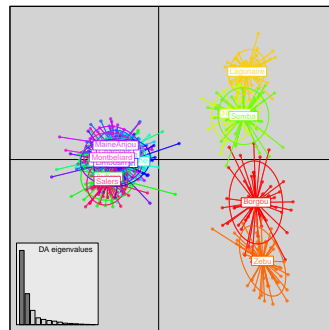
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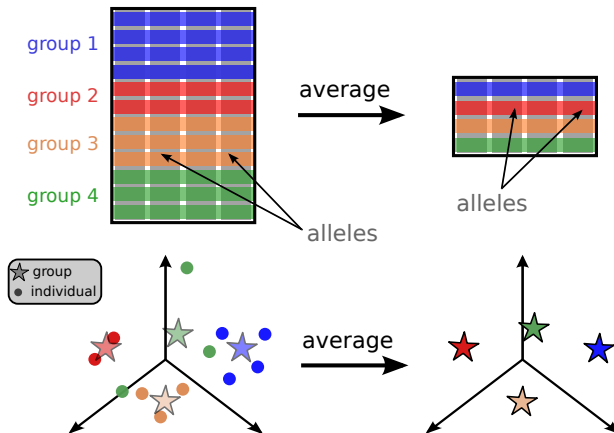


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→ multivariate analysis of group allele frequencies.

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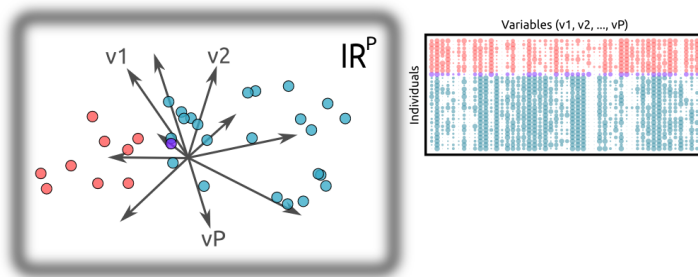
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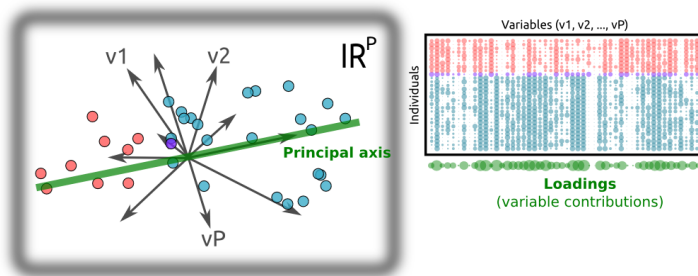
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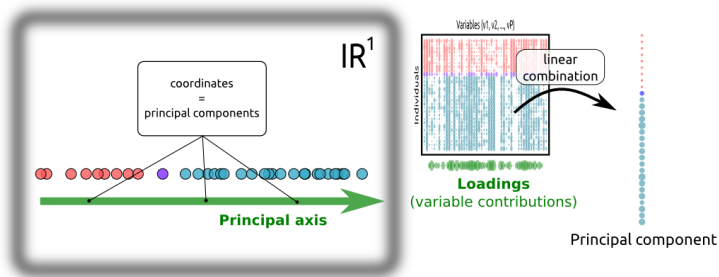
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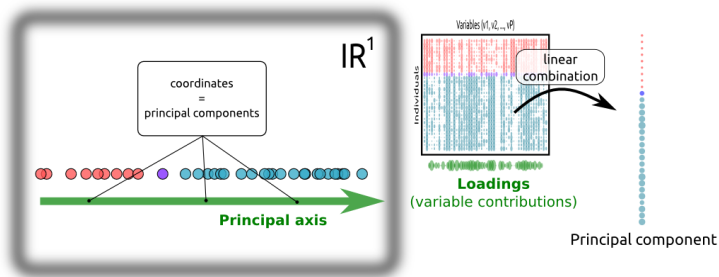
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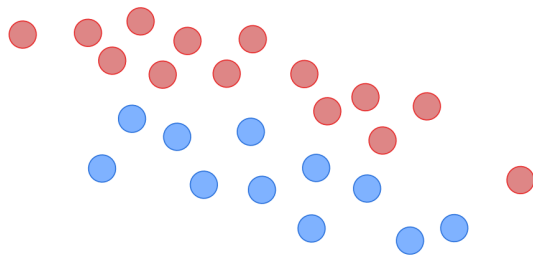
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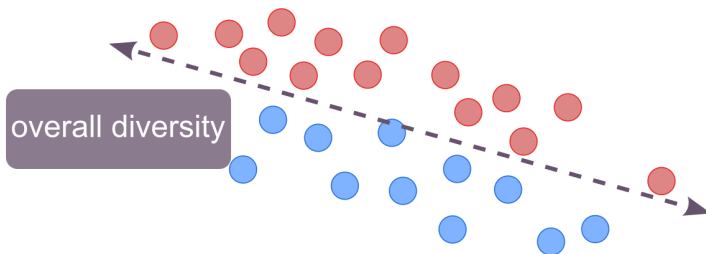
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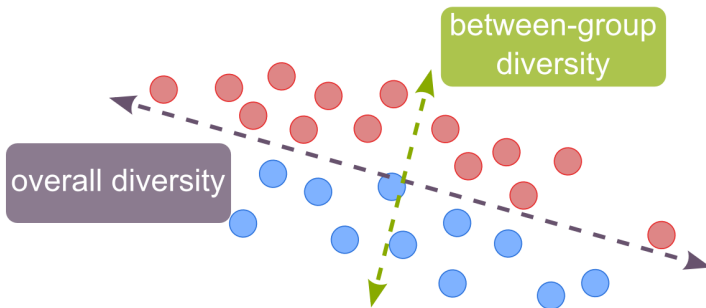
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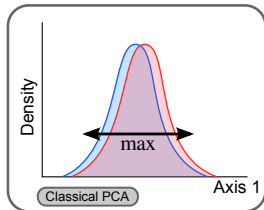
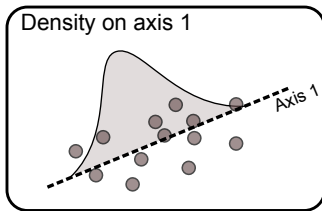
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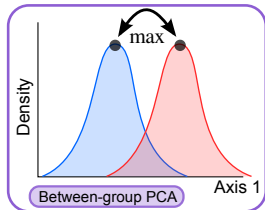
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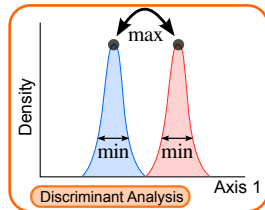
From PCA to DA: increasing group differentiation



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Max. diversity
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Max. separation of
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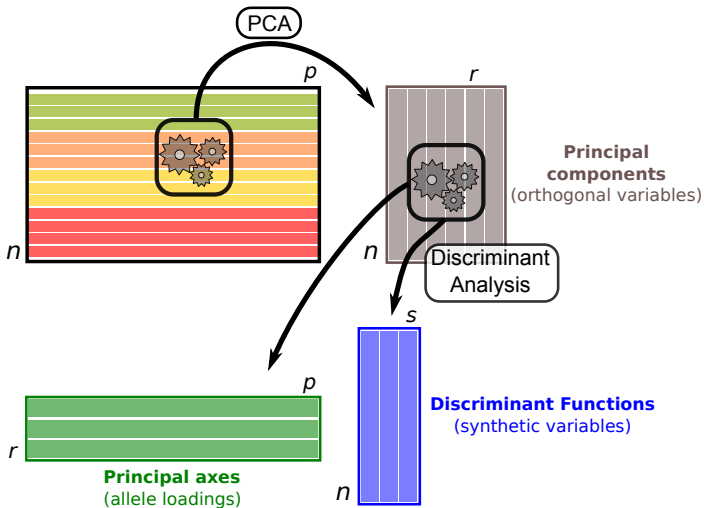
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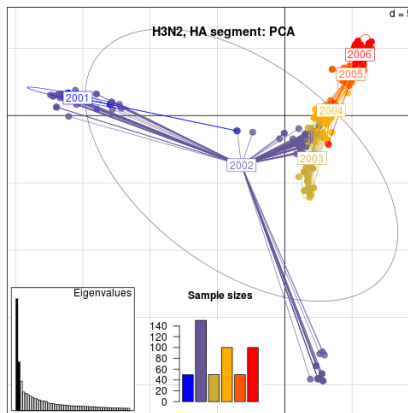
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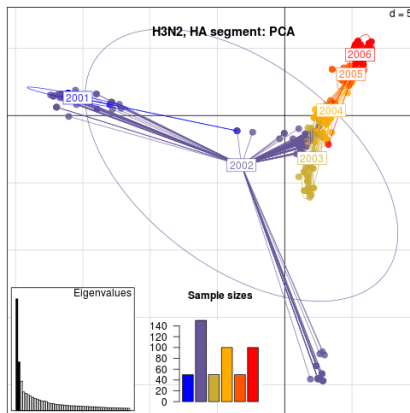
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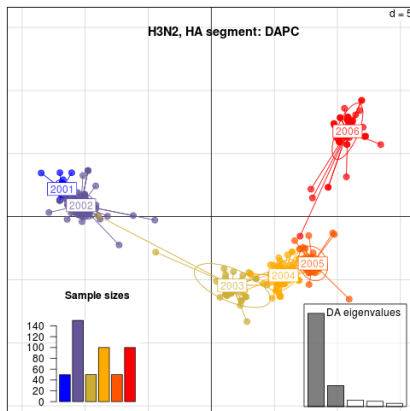
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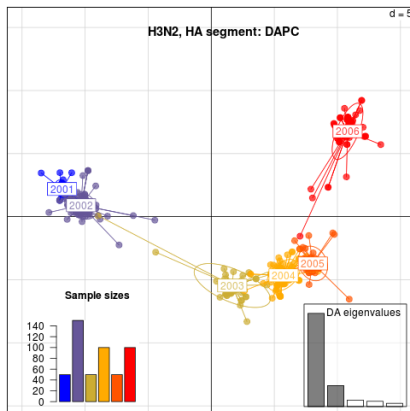
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Other features

DAPC can be used to:

- provides group assignment probabilities
- can use supplementary individuals
- can predict group membership of new data
- can be used for variable selection



Time to get your hands dirty (again)!



The pdf of the practical is online:

<http://adegenet.r-forge.r-project.org/>

or

Google → adegenet → documents → “Workshop Glasgow, August 2015”