# Introduction to multivariate analysis — applications in genomics —

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Species assemblage #2









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Variables (v1, v2, ..., vP)

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# How many principal components to retain?

#### Choice based on "screeplot": barplot of eigenvalues



Retain only "significant" structures... but not trivial ones.

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## Usual summary of an analysis: the biplot



#### Biplot: principal components (points) + loadings (arrows)

- groups of individuals
- discriminating variables (longest arrows)
- magnitude of the structures

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#### PCA of genetic data + colored maps of principal components

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Signatures of Human expansion out-of-Africa.

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- Discriminant Analysis (DA)
- Canonical Correlation Analysis (CCA)
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