

a

OTU Table:

Relative Abundance Data:

Multinomial Template:

	Ocean_1	Ocean_2
OTU1	5	5
OTU2	11	12
OTU3	40	40

	Ocean_1	Ocean_2	Ocean_1/Ocean_2
OTU1	0.09	0.09	1.02
OTU2	0.20	0.21	0.93
OTU3	0.71	0.70	1.02

Original Approach:
constant (20)
applied to OTU1

	Ocean_1	Ocean_2
OTU1-TP	100	5
OTU2	11	12
OTU3	40	40

	Ocean_1	Ocean_2	Ocean_1/Ocean_2
OTU1-TP	0.66	0.09	7.55
OTU2-TN?	0.07	0.21	0.35
OTU3-TN?	0.26	0.70	0.38

Balanced Approach:
constant (20) applied
to OTU1, and OTU1d
(d=duplicate)

	Ocean_1	Ocean_2
OTU1-TP	100	5
OTU1d-TP	5	100
OTU2	11	12
OTU3	40	40

	Ocean_1	Ocean_2	Ocean_1/Ocean_2
OTU1-TP	0.64	0.03	20.12
OTU1d-TP	0.03	0.64	0.05
OTU2-TN	0.07	0.07	0.92
OTU3-TN	0.26	0.25	1.00

b

Multinomial Template/Environment

OTU table

Original Approach:

	Ocean_1	Ocean_2
OTU1	5	5
OTU2	11	12
OTU3	40	40

sample from multinomial →

	Ocean_1	Ocean_2
OTU1	100	5
OTU2	11	12
OTU3	40	40

Compositional Approach:

	Ocean_1	Ocean_2
OTU1	100	5
OTU2	11	12
OTU3	40	40

sample from multinomial →

	Ocean_1	Ocean_2
OTU1	43	5
OTU2	2	12
OTU3	11	40