

REVISED COMPUTER PROGRAMS FOR TREE-RING RESEARCH

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ABSTRACT

Three computer programs that are basic to the processing and development of tree-ring chronologies are now available. They were designed to refine and replace older programs that were previously furnished by the laboratory. Program RWLIST replaces program RWLST and is used for data inspection. Programs INDEX and SUMAC replace INDXA. INDEX is used for curve fitting procedures while SUMAC does summaries of series of indices, analysis of variance and cross-correlation. The new programs represent an increase in efficiency and flexibility in use. They are written in current ANSI Fortran IV and will be readily adaptable to most computing environments.

Trois programmes pour ordinateur qui constituent la base du traitement des données et de l'élaboration de séries dendrochronologiques sont disponibles. Ils ont été travaillés pour affiner et remplacer des programmes plus anciens, autrefois fournis par le Laboratoire de Tucson. Le programme RWLIST remplace le programme RWLST, utilisé pour vérifier les données. Les programmes INDEX et SUMAC remplacent INDXA. INDEX est utilisé pour la recherche des courbes de lissage, tandis que SUMAC fait les résumés de séries d'indice, analyse de la variance et les calculs des corrélations. Ces nouveaux programmes sont plus efficaces et plus souples à l'usage. Écrits en ANSI Fortran IV normal, ils sont facilement adaptables à la plupart des ordinateurs.

Für die Bearbeitung und Entwicklung von Jahrringchronologien stehen jetzt drei Computerprogramme zur Verfügung. Sie sollen die älteren Programme, die bisher vom Laboratory of Tree-Ring Research angeboten wurden, verbessern und ersetzen. Das Programm RWLIST ersetzt das Programm RWLST und dient der Datensichtung. Die Programme INDEX und SUMAC ersetzen das Programm INDXA. Mit dem Programm INDEX werden Ausgleichslinien an die Jahrringkurven angepaßt, das Programm SUMAC summiert Indexreihen und führt Varianzanalysen und Kreuzkorrelationen durch. Die neuen Programme haben eine höhere Effizienz und Flexibilität zur Folge. Sie sind in ANSI Fortran IV geschrieben und können an die meisten Computer-systeme angepaßt werden.

One of the continuing goals of the Laboratory of Tree-Ring Research is to maintain or develop computer software that is current by international scientific standards and to make this available to the scientific community in order that replicable research efforts are possible. Most recently this has resulted in new or revised programs that are basic to the development of tree-ring chronologies and to the understanding of their statistical characteristics. The main features of each of these programs is described in the following sections.

PROGRAM RWLIST

The purpose of this program is to provide output of raw ring-width measurements and to plot their 20 year means. This permits examination of the data for the purpose of proofreading and for decision making about the type of curve fitting procedure that might be used in the subsequent development of indices. The primary differences in this program and the older RWLST concern the upgraded Fortran and a new series of error checking procedures. RWLIST will detect a variety of maladies that are notoriously common to the batch-oriented user. These involve decadal sequences that

are reversed, missing, or duplicated and decadal sequences from two or more series that have been mixed. Input to the program may be from any standard peripheral device. A sample of the output is shown in Figure 1.

PROGRAM INDEX

Program Index uses curve fitting procedures to transform ring-width measurements into indices that have a mean value per series of about 1.0. The curve fitting options are the same as those found in the older INDXA program. They include a negative exponential curve, a straight line with positive, negative or zero slope, and a least squares polynomial. The computational formulae for the indices and the several statistics that describe each series are given by Fritts (1976). Figure 2 illustrates the printed output from the program operations.

IDENT.	TREE-RING WIDTHS									
20 YR. YEAR	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
MEAN										
0.000 646							2.020	4.700	6.080	5.480
3.741 650	4.600	3.560	3.720	4.610	3.210	3.950	3.560	4.070	3.080	1.730
2.640 660	.850	.980	1.750	1.320	1.890	2.090	2.130	2.390	2.350	1.960
1.500 670	2.440	2.600	1.620	1.270	1.880	1.140	1.340	.890	1.320	1.310
1.473 680	1.050	1.350	1.710	1.200	1.750	1.420	1.140	1.520	1.610	1.420
1.210 690	.960	.870	1.030	.990	.940	1.400	.900	1.100	.650	.980
.844 700	.340	1.250	.820	1.200	.050	.880	.360	.210	.980	.460
.672 710	.990	.610	.700	.830	.590	.750	1.010	.200	.300	.830
.386 720	.770	.450	.420	.190	.080	.210	.800	.800	.700	.740
.829 730	.970	1.160	1.340	1.610	1.290	.980	2.100	1.220	.240	.540
.493 740	1.010	.360	.370	.810	.770	1.080	1.250	1.320	.390	1.060
.694 750	.750	.270	.240	.240	.860	.480	.660	.080	1.020	.860
.764 760	.760	1.080	1.070	1.140	.430	.980	1.080	.680	1.420	1.180
.959 770	.680	.880	1.390	1.020	.570	1.430	1.390	1.200	.650	.250
.945 780	1.070	.490	.380	.720	1.010	.560	.750	1.600	.960	1.130
.915 790	1.500	.420	1.160	.800	1.090	.700	.630	0.000	1.130	1.130
.495 800	1.350	1.320	1.530	1.230	.950	1.280	1.460	.740	.490	.200
1.470 810	.830	1.400	1.090	1.230	1.220	1.500	1.020	.320	.010	.490
1.163 820	1.310	1.350	2.040	1.590	1.080	.940	1.260	1.330	1.660	1.550
1.387 830	1.070	1.800	1.850	1.760	2.080	1.000	.860	.380	1.110	1.640
1.234 840	.340	1.150	1.160	1.500	1.710	1.310	.970	.990	1.350	.870
1.052 850	.440	.560	1.030	1.170	1.060	.520	1.080	.830	1.410	1.070
.851 860	.880	.890	1.970	.780	.840	.900	.790	.000	.680	.830
.652 870	.480	.600	.740	.660	.780	.490	.820	.620	.080	.440
.345 880	.380	.950	.550	.320	.210	.440	.510	.690	.590	.600
.719 890	.700	.740	.640	.950	.500	.630	1.020	.890	1.410	1.710
.656 900	1.120	.460	.610	.160	.090	.970	0.000	.010	.580	.330
.314 910	.630	.580	.700	.600	.790	.340	.290	.810	.650	.940
.684 920	.970	.580	.240	.270	.050	1.200	1.180	.440	1.140	1.160
.738 930	.450	1.000	1.140	1.010	.850	.470	1.050	.890	.830	.650
.753 940	.910	.600	.400	.290	.630	.470	.750	1.050	.970	1.190
.529 950	1.140	.370	1.330	.930	.520					

LISTING FOR SPECIMEN 101201 FROM 646 TO 954. 309 YEARS. MEAN RING WIDTH 1.044 STANDARD DEVIATION .766
 MEAN SENSITIVITY .477 FIRST ORDER AUTOCORRELATION .800

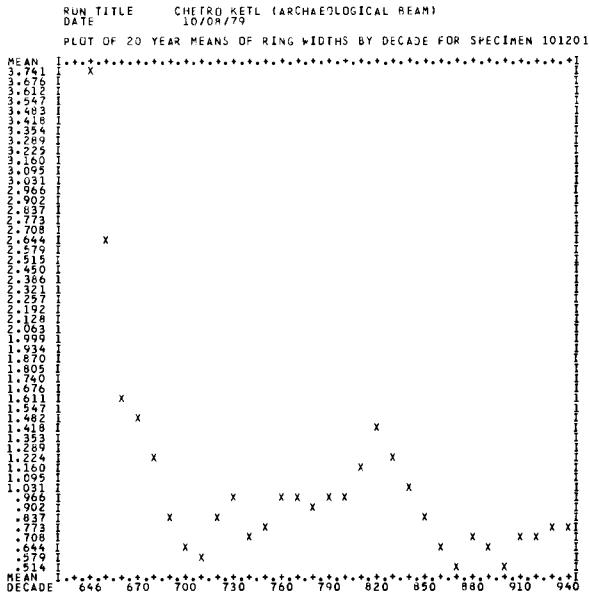


Figure 1. Output from program RWLIST.

RUN TITLE		HIDDEN FOREST, NEV. (BRISTLECONE PINE)									
DATE		10/08/79									
IDENT.		TREE-RING INDICES									
737321											
EXPEC. YEAR	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
1.388	1550	.716	1.115	.867	1.170	1.104	1.413	1.311	.893	.569	
1.280	1560	.797	1.708	.872	1.512	.709	.844	.498	.898	1.129	
1.182	1570	.851	1.173	1.575	.812	.562	.212	.812	1.102	1.047	
1.099	1580	.982	1.301	1.154	.986	.944	.944	1.075	1.093	1.005	
1.020	1590	.765	.682	.916	1.033	1.043	1.079	1.252	1.116	.989	
.946	1600	.761	.895	1.266	.638	1.088	1.942	1.178	1.292	1.391	
.878	1610	1.731	.906	1.052	.699	1.243	1.962	1.512	1.915	2.090	
.816	1620	1.498	1.507	1.591	.721	1.291	1.202	1.005	.917	.858	
.758	1630	.409	.572	.741	.742	.965	.862	2.206	1.152	1.113	
.705	1640	1.490	1.772	1.468	.928	.920	1.118	1.363	1.136	1.421	
.639	1650	.854	1.367	.634	.749	.063	.806	1.098	1.602	.732	
.611	1660	.950	.937	.947	.736	1.024	.390	1.025	1.025	1.240	
.569	1670	.035	1.381	1.656	1.239	1.428	.564	1.081	1.790	1.710	
.531	1680	1.421	1.480	1.300	1.693	1.262	1.015	.039	1.484	1.423	
.495	1690	1.434	1.179	1.187	1.216	1.079	1.379	1.031	1.292	1.448	
.463	1700	1.405	1.567	.894	.529	1.443	2.124	1.215	1.340	.758	
.433	1710	1.063	.931	1.478	.674	1.353	.932	1.144	1.341	.932	
.405	1720	1.907	1.044	.075	1.133	1.166	1.123	1.413	1.086	.885	
.379	1730	.522	.637	.721	.296	.730	.309	.388	.832	.056	
.356	1740	.731	.877	.057	1.604	1.288	.498	1.028	.910	.867	
.334	1750	1.017	.452	.061	.701	.982	1.554	1.870	1.132	1.795	
.314	1760	1.178	.673	.743	.292	.652	.230	1.551	.948	1.479	
.296	1770	.845	.782	.958	1.308	1.212	1.776	1.542	.846	1.498	
.278	1780	.894	.784	.073	1.168	1.175	.874	.409	.785	1.096	
.263	1790	.076	.690	.889	.894	1.844	.274	.511	.254	1.600	
.249	1800	.442	.849	1.732	1.267	.740	.455	1.164	.794	1.168	
.238	1810	1.444	.849	1.566	.086	.912	1.178	.834	1.103	.976	
.223	1820	.941	1.171	1.012	1.438	.096	1.322	.740	1.201	.847	
.217	1830	.850	1.139	1.153	1.438	.096	.097	2.201	.211	.807	
.201	1840	.894	1.397	.915	1.915	1.266	.712	.971	2.206	1.084	
.192	1850	1.095	1.205	1.158	1.428	1.222	1.388	.644	1.088	1.089	
.182	1860	1.202	.769	.111	.390	1.390	1.668	.899	.734	.911	
.192	1870	.286	1.802	.393	.540	1.144	1.053	1.116	1.062	1.16	
.167	1880	1.120	1.480	.543	.121	.973	1.160	.674	1.847	2.040	
.160	1890	1.444	1.008	.821	.986	.887	1.697	.639	1.340	1.552	
.174	1900	.649	1.652	.393	.986	.932	1.157	1.798	1.849	1.072	
.148	1910	2.015	1.830	1.366	1.639	2.879	2.339	1.381	2.079	1.670	
.148	1920	1.514	2.814	1.906	1.346	1.422	1.427	2.005	1.520	2.524	
.138	1930	1.816	1.968	.954	.954	1.147	2.438	.593	2.120	.896	
.133	1940	2.036	2.207	.157	2.049	1.523	1.446	1.609	1.691	1.465	
.129	1950	1.152	.311	.747	.157	1.298	1.262	1.588	1.287	1.114	
.127	1960	2.001	1.686	1.530	.404	1.458	1.381	1.059	1.491	1.475	
.121	1970	.989	1.653	.829	1.330	.584	2.090			1.726	

*** STATISTICS FOR INDICES ***

NUMBER OF YEARS	426	MEAN RING WIDTH	.444
FIRST ORDER AUTOCORRELATION	.298	MEAN INDEX VALUE	1.021
STANDARD DEVIATION	.532	SUM OF INDICES	435.098
MEAN SENSITIVITY	.295	SUM OF 50. OF INDICES	564.870
NUMBER OF ABSENT RINGS	0	PERCENT OF ABSENT RINGS	0.0

CURVE FIT OPTION 0
 NEGATIVE EXPONENTIAL CURVE (Y = AEXP(-BX)+D)
 16 ITERATIONS WERE REQUIRED
 COEFFICIENTS OF THE EQUATION ARE --
 A = 1.514
 B = 1.098
 C = 1.079

Figure 2. Output from program INDEX.

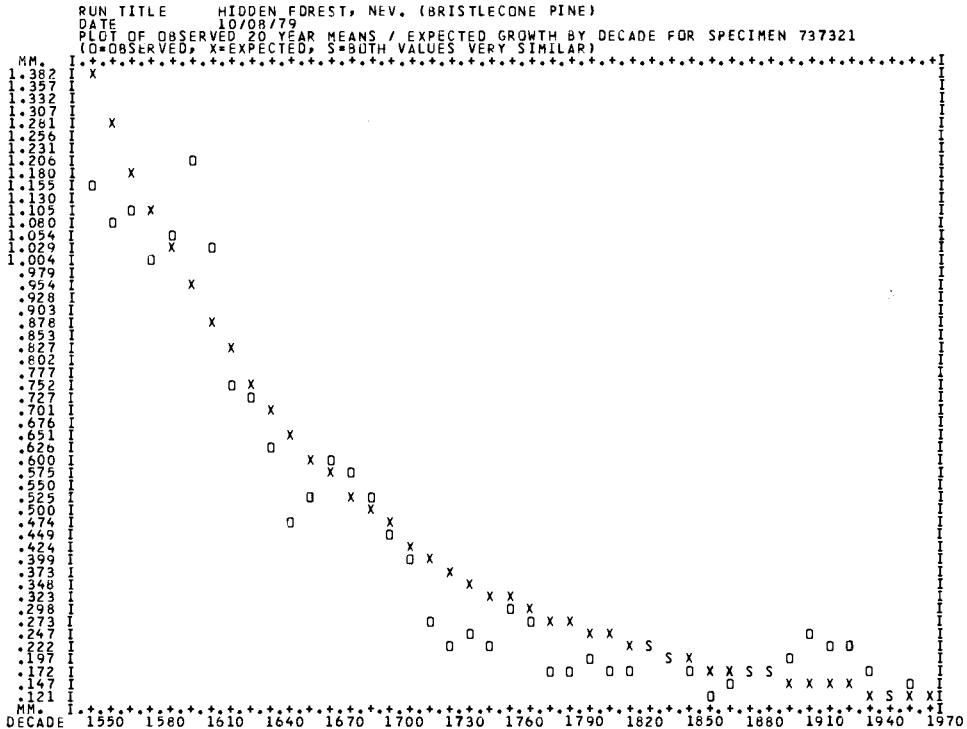


Figure 3. Printer plot from program INDEX.

upon the problem at hand. The rationale for these procedures, the associated statistical formulae, and examples of their usage are given by Fritts (1976).

The major differences between SUMAC and the summary processing sectors of INDXA concern increased flexibility in the types of input stream that are possible, simplification of input directives, revised output print format and increased efficiency of operation. There are three types of summary processing that SUMAC does. The first of these is one of the most common types of analysis encountered, i.e., ring-width data from one site are available that represent replicated series of two or more samples per tree. In this case program INDEX is loaded, executed, and the resulting indices are written to intermediate disk storage. Program SUMAC is then loaded and executed. It reads the indices from intermediate storage and then develops a new data file that can be directly instead of sequentially accessed in search of any series. The program then develops tree summaries, matched specimen summaries and a site summary. Data sets that contain replicated series from several sites may also be processed as long as the number of samples per tree and the number of trees per site are constant. In this case additional summaries across samples for all sites and across trees for all sites would be produced. The printed output from a final site summary is shown in Figure 4. Options are present that permit any or all summaries to be punched or stored on other devices.

The second type of summary processing in SUMAC is designed to do the same tasks as those described above but the data being input are indices that have been produced by INDEX or INDXA that have been stored as physical card images. The third summary procedure is designed to do summaries of indices for single specimens and/or multiple specimen summaries. For example, site summaries and tree summaries developed at different times may be input to produce an areal or regional chronology.

The cross-correlation procedures and output do not vary substantially from those found in INDXA. The analysis of variance procedures remain constant but the output

SOURCE OF VARIATION		ANALYSIS OF VARIANCE						
		RAW SUM OF SQUARES	CORRECTED SUM OF SQUARES	DEGREES OF FREEDOM	MEAN SQUARE	VARIANCE COMPONENT	PERCENTAGE VARIANCE COMPONENT	
GROUP MEANS	(G)	ONLY ONE GROUP IS BEING USED						
CORE CLASS MEANS	(C)	3101.201	.197	1.000	.197			
TREE MEANS IN GROUPS (T X G)		3111.260	10.257	9.000	1.140			
CORE MEANS IN GROUPS (C X G)		ONLY ONE GROUP IS BEING USED						
CORE MEANS WITH TREES IN GROUPS (C X T/G)		3121.044	9.587	9.000	1.065			
SUBSAMPLE	(C X T/G)	SUBSAMPLING NOT USED						
MEAN INDICES IN TOTAL CHRONOLOGY	(Y)	3987.785	886.782	149.000	5.952	.291	76.622	
CHRONOLOGIES OF GROUPS	(Y X G)	ONLY ONE GROUP IS BEING USED						
CHRONOLOGIES OF TREES IN GROUPS	(Y X T/G)	4174.441	176.399	1341.000	.132	.041	10.905	
CHRONOLOGIES OF CORE CLASSES	(Y X C)	3993.243	5.261	149.000	.035	-.001	-.353	
CHRONOLOGIES OF CORE CLASSES WITH GROUPS	(Y X C X G)	ONLY ONE GROUP IS BEING USED						
CHRONOLOGIES OF CORES WITH TREES IN GROUPS	(Y X C X T/G)	4254.807	65.322	1341.000	.049	.049	12.826	
SUBSAMPLE	(Y X C X T/G)	SUBSAMPLING NOT USED						
TOTAL SUM =		3101.00	N OF ELEMENTS =		3000.			
ERROR SQ. OF Y =		.0059	ERROR OF Y =		.0769			

Figure 5. ANOVA output from program SUMAC.

print format has been extensively revised. It follows the tabular presentation of Fritts (1976: 288). An example is shown in Figure 5.

The new programs are written in Fortran IV that conforms to ANSI standards at the present time. They have been extensively tested on a Control Data Corporation Cyber 175 using a Fortran compiler (FTN version 4.6), under the SCOPE and NOS/BE operating systems. No major difficulty should be encountered in adapting the programs for use on other computing systems.

A detailed operating manual for the programs (Graybill 1979), a tape with the Fortran source statements, test data and sample output can be ordered for a nominal processing fee. Please direct inquiries to:

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