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Genetic diversity analysis of grain yield and quality traits in rice germplasm accessions (*Oryza sativa* L.) by principal component analysis

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Abstract

The Rice germplasm provide with ample of genetic diversity and a treasury of valuable genes. It is a rich pool of important genes that plant breeders can exploit for crop improvement. Principal components with eigen values greater than 1 and variance level greater than 4 level is perceived to be the main PC. In this study, eight components exhibited Eigen values of >1 and showed cumulative variation of 75.22%. The first PC (15.83%) and second PC (15.33%) showed for cumulative variation 31.36%. The PC1 recorded 15.83%, although PC2, PC3, PC4, PC5, PC6, PC7 and PC8 displayed 15.33%, 12.64%, 9.03%, 7.4%, 5.91%, 4.61% and 4.27% variance respectively between the accessions for the characters in analysis. Genotypes Saraiphool, MTU 1010, Zinc rice-2, Chaptimathyala, Bora, Korma, R-RKM-1, Kalajeera, Jauphool, Tiltaturi and Parwatkala were found to be promising and found to be genetically divergent. Hence, these genotypes could be utilized in the hybridization programme to produce transgressive segregants.

Keywords: Soil and foliar, nitrogen, boron and salicylic, quality, Konkan

Introduction

Rice (*Oryza sativa* L.) is the most important food crop of about 3 billion people, nearly half the world's population, depends on rice for survival and main crop to fight world's hunger and poverty. In India it is cultivated in an area of 45.54 million hectares with a production of 99.18 million tones and productivity of 2177kg ha-1(Anon 2012) [2].

Rice gives a great wealth of material for genetical studies because of its wide ecological distribution and enormous discrepancies encountered for multitudinous morphological and physiological characteristic. The Rice germplasm provide with ample of genetic diversity and a treasury of valuable genes. It is a rich pool of important genes that plant breeders can exploit for crop improvement (Yadav *et al.*,2013) [14]. Traversing diversity in a land race collection is essential for identifying novel genes and hence improvement of the germplasm (Thomson *et al.*, 2007) [13].

Rice germplasm is a heritage of mankind that has evolved through several millennia of cultivation and selection by our farming ancestors. In Chhattisgarh, over 20,000 rice cultivars have been and is commonly known as *Rice Bowl of India*. Some farmers' varieties/land races/local varieties are still popular in some pockets of different parts of Chhattisgarh due to their special medicinal values which are not present in modern varieties. Medicinal values of traditional rice varieties in Chhattisgarh were available on farmer perceptions. Total thirteen rice germplasm accessions are available as medicinal rice genotypes and each having different properties to cure different health problems in human and animals. (Richhariya *et.al.*, 1978).

Analysis of related to yield and their attributing traits and their compression with the increasing population is a important aspects by which a good result may be made to fulfil the current demand. Grain yield is a complex character and is controlled by many factors. Selection for desirable types should not only be restricted to grain yield alone but other components related to grain quality should also be considered.

Any crop improvement program depends on the utilization of germplasm stock available in different research organizations institutes of the world. In different statistical analysis Principal Component Analysis (PCA) is a powerful tool in modern data analysis because it is a simple, non-parametric method for extracting relevant information from confusing data sets.

Corresponding Author: Vageeshvari Department of Genetics & Plant Breeding, IGKVV, Raipur, Chhattisgarh, India This technique was initially floated by Pearson (1901) [8] and later developed by Hotelling (1933) [4]. With minimal effort PCA provides a roadmap for how to reduce a complex data set to a lower dimension to reveal the sometimes hidden information that often underlie it (Shlens, 2009) [12]. It reduces the dimensionality of the data while retaining most of the variation in the data set. PCA accomplishes this reduction by identifying directions, called principal components, along which the variation in the data is maximal (Anderson, 1972 and Morrison, 1978) [1, 5]. By using a few components, each sample can be represented by relatively few numbers instead of by values for thousands of variables (Ringer, 2008) [10]. Thus, the primary benefit of PCA arises from quantifying the importance of each dimension for describing the variability of a data set in more interpretable and more visualized dimensions through linear combinations of variables that accounts for most of the variation present in the original set of variables. Considering the importance of PCA an investigation was carried out on rice germplasm lines with an objective to identification of the traits responsible for the yield and quality and identified diverse genotypes for further breeding programme.

Material and methods

The experimental material comprised fourty five indigenous rice germplasm (thirteen genotypes having medicinal value and other genotypes selected on the husk and grain colour basis) along with checks were grown in randomized complete block design with two replications at the Research cum Instructional Farm, Department of Genetics and Plant Breeding, College of Agriculture, Indira Gandhi Krishi Vishwavidyalaya, Raipur, Chhattisgarh during *Kharif* 2019. Crop was raised following recommended package of practices. Observations were recorded on five randomly tagged plants of each genotype per replication. Data were recorded on thirty eight quantitative and quality traits.

Statistical analysis: Principal Component analysis was also used to determined genetic variability for these traits. Genotypic means were used for the PCA with respect to each trait. Each data analysis was conducted by using SAS (Statistical Analysis System) version 9.2.

Results and Discussion

The analysis of variance indicated the existence of highly significant differences among genotypes for all the characters studied. This indicated presence of high variability among the genotypes, which provides ample scope for selection for different quantitative characters and quality traits for rice improvement. Significant variation in all the traits studied indicated the presence of high genetic diversity among all the genotypes of rice.

PCA was performed on rice genotypes for quantitative and quality traits to identify the important components and genotypes identified for better characters related to rice improvement programmes. In this study, eight components exhibited Eigen values of >1 and showed cumulative variation of 75.22% (Table 1). The first PC (15.83%) and second PC (15.33%) showed for cumulative variation 31.36%. Principal components, Eigen values, percentage contribution of every variable to overall variance and major contributing characteristics for each major component is described in table 1.

The important characters of PC1 and PC2 were the quality traits, PC3 and PC 4 were quantitative traits, PC5, PC6, PC7and PC8 were combination of quantitative and quality traits describe in table 1. Characters that have both positive and negative impacts on the PCs can be said to be the key source of variability and have mainly contributed to the differentiation of the rice genotypes. High-variability characters are required to have high range of gene transfer during crop improvement program (Nachimuthu *et al.*, 2014) ^[6]. Therefore, these traits can be used in the choice of diverse genotypes from specific principal component. The outcomes of the current study were consistent with the findings of Sao *et al.*, (2019) ^[11], Ojha *et al.*, (2017) ^[7] and Gaur *et al.*, (2017) ^[3].

The distribution of rice genotypes based on the first and second PC exhibited the phenotypic variation among the population and explains how these widely dispersed along both the axes. PCA scatter diagram showing the dispersion of rice genotypes across PC1 and PC2 and also shown in Fig. 1. The genotype wise scatter diagram of the rice genotypes (scores) across the first two PC axes (Fig.2) revealed that genotypes Saraiphool (31), MTU 1010 (42), Zinc rice-2 (43), Chaptimathyala (44), Bora (14), Korma (17), R-RKM-1 (19), Kalajeera (20), Jauphool (21), Tiltaturi (22) and Parwatkala (23) were very divergent for the characters under analysis.

The derived information of this research on rice genotypes would be very useful to select potentially breeding lines for future rice improvement programme. A good hybridization breeding program can be initiated by the selection of genotypes *viz.*, Saraiphool, MTU 1010, Zinc rice-2, Chaptimathyala, Bora, Korma, R-RKM-1, Kalajeera, Jauphool, Tiltaturi and Parwatkala were found to be promising and found to be genetically divergent. (Table 2).

Table 1: Eigen value, percentage of variance and eigen vector of fourty rice germplasm accessions for yield and grain quality traits

Traits	Principal component									
	PC1	PC2	PC3	PC4	PC5	PC6	PC7	PC8		
Eigen values	5.54	5.43	4.42	3.16	2.59	2.06	1.61	1.49		
% of Variance	15.83	15.33	12.64	9.03	7.4	5.91	4.61	4.27		
Cumulative%	15.83	31.36	44	53.03	60.43	66.34	70.95	75.22		
Component Matrix	Factor loading value									
Days to 50% flowering	0.08	-0.12	0.17	-0.33	-0.09	0.08	0.29	0.11		
Plant height (cm)	0.05	-0.07	0.25	-0.29	0.12	0.13	-0.06	-0.18		
Flage leaf length (cm)	0.10	-0.05	0.07	-0.19	0.32	0.10	0.04	-0.05		
Leaf length of blad (cm)	-0.03	0.02	0.29	0.08	0.24	0.14	-0.29	-0.09		
Leaf width of blad (cm)	0.04	-0.05	0.22	0.06	-0.12	0.09	-0.02	0.02		
Panicle length (cm)	0.06	-0.21	0.18	-0.16	-0.03	0.24	-0.25	-0.08		
Number of effective panicles per plant	-0.07	-0.06	0.06	0.42	0.19	0.26	0.01	0.22		
number of non-effective panicles/ plant	-0.12	-0.09	0.13	0.19	-0.25	0.17	-0.08	-0.04		
Total number of tiller per plant	-0.07	-0.07	0.06	0.42	0.17	0.27	0.00	0.22		
Number of filled spikelets per panicle	0.21	-0.23	0.25	-0.11	0.10	0.08	0.06	0.03		

Number of unfilled spikelets per panicle	0.15	-0.25	0.17	-0.02	-0.21	-0.16	-0.17	0.27
Total number of grains per panicle	0.21	-0.25	0.25	-0.10	0.01	0.02	0.00	0.10
Spikelet fertility%	-0.05	0.14	-0.03	-0.06	0.37	0.25	0.25	-0.29
1000 grain weight (g)	0.08	0.30	0.18	-0.13	0.04	-0.06	-0.11	0.01
Biological yield per plant (g)	-0.02	-0.08	0.13	0.15	0.37	-0.23	-0.02	0.16
Grain yield per plant (g)	0.13	0.00	0.24	0.20	0.14	-0.14	0.42	0.15
Harvesting index (%)	0.15	0.09	0.12	0.07	-0.23	0.08	0.48	0.01
Paddy length (cm)	0.27	0.25	0.08	0.04	-0.02	0.07	-0.19	0.03
Paddy width (cm)	-0.07	0.31	0.18	-0.13	0.10	-0.10	0.03	0.08
Paddy L/B ratio	0.30	-0.07	-0.11	0.16	-0.10	0.13	-0.18	-0.05
Brown rice length (mm)	0.32	0.21	0.02	0.07	-0.09	0.14	-0.05	-0.01
Brown rice width (mm)	-0.16	0.27	0.22	-0.06	-0.05	0.11	-0.06	0.27
Brown rice L/B ratio	0.37	0.03	-0.14	0.10	-0.03	-0.03	0.00	-0.17
Kernel length (mm)	0.31	0.21	0.10	0.07	0.06	0.08	-0.04	0.01
Kernel width (mm)	-0.17	0.28	0.17	-0.09	-0.04	0.11	-0.11	0.25
Kernel L/B ratio	0.37	-0.03	-0.06	0.14	0.08	-0.01	0.05	-0.15
Cooked rice length (mm)	0.13	0.27	0.09	0.06	-0.10	-0.19	-0.02	0.05
Cooked rice width (mm)	-0.04	0.16	0.24	0.14	-0.31	-0.04	0.05	-0.16
Cooked rice L/B ratio	0.14	0.03	-0.21	-0.10	0.28	-0.11	-0.07	0.22
Elongation ratio	-0.09	-0.06	-0.02	-0.16	-0.08	0.41	0.21	-0.03
Hulling%	-0.13	-0.04	0.25	0.18	0.06	-0.22	-0.01	-0.38
Milling%	-0.13	-0.06	0.29	0.18	0.01	-0.22	0.05	-0.34
Head rice recovery%	0.04	-0.14	0.05	-0.04	0.01	-0.25	0.21	0.27
Gel consistency (mm)	0.01	-0.20	0.10	-0.08	0.02	-0.22	-0.21	0.02
Amylose content	0.06	0.20	0.03	-0.11	0.15	-0.15	0.03	-0.06

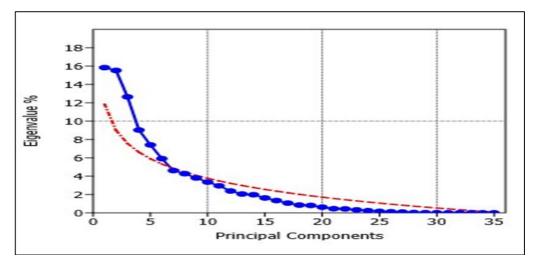


Fig 1: Two dimensional PCA diagram showing the dispersion of rice germplasm lines

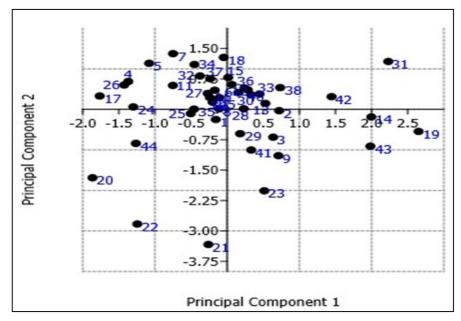


Fig 2: Scree Test for Component Analysis

PC 4 S. No. **PCI** PC2 PC3 PC 5 PC6 PC7 PC8 R-RKM-1 Davar Parwatkala Bhejari Suldhan Soth Bora **IR64** 1 2 Madhuraj dhan-55 Saraiphool Barhasal Raj banko Kujjii Karhani Kujjii Jauphool 3 Bora Saraiphool Aalcha Karhani Resari Hundar Swarna Kujjii Zinc rice-2 4 Karela Sathaka Korma Aalcha Kal much Nagkeshar Hundar MTU 1010 Resari Bora Bora Gathuwan Laycha Soth Laycha Mehardhan Danwar Kal much Maharaji Jauphool Sathi Sathi Korma 7 Chepti gurmatiya Zinc rice-2 MTU 1010 Zinc rice-2 Hundar Jauphool Raj banko Lal banko 8 MTU 1010 Kal much Karhani Lal banko Sathi Karhani Parwatkala Zinc rice-2 9 Raj banko Nagpuri gurmatiya Khutbuti Danwar Kujjii Lal banko Davar Bhejari 10 Aalcha Sathi Korma R-RKM-1 Davar Tilkaturi Karela Swarna

Table 2: List of selected accession in each principal component on the basis of top 10 PC score

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