Numerical taxonomy. The principles and practice of numerical classification.

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Abstract : On a chart showing the development of numerical taxonomy in t chapter of this book the authors characterize 1963 as the year of publicatio "Principles of Numerical Taxonomy" [HcA 35, 280]. This was indeed a pionee the subject, and the present volume is an extensively revised, updated and version of it, sufficient to justify a change in title and in the ordination of the

names."Principles" have disappeared from the main title but are still promin
development. This is surely right, since most of the "practices" are carried c
computer. The authors insist on a phenetic rather than a phyletic or cladistic
taxonomy, and maintain the superiority of a polythetic approach to classifica
that attributes of the taxonomic units should be incorporated simultaneousl
scheme rather than one at a time. Perhaps more controversial is the princip
attributes should be equally weighted when used for classification. Howeve
distinctions should be drawn. Firstly, weighting is correctly distinguished fro
standardization of attributes to unit range or variance, which is often desira
the word "classification" is restricted to the formation of taxa and does not i
identification, the assignment of taxonomic units to predefined taxa. Identifi
discrimination techniques are the subject of a completely new chapter, in w
of attributes, as in discriminant analysis, and monothetic methods, especially
keys, play an important part.hNumerical taxonomy has developed so greatly
ten years that the book is now necessarily more of a reference work than it
There is an extensive bibliography, and two very useful appendices of refe
applications and techniques respectively. The chapters on phylogeny and p
phenetics are new, and non-biological applications of numerical taxonomy a
chapter, though hardly long enough to cover the increasing use of clusterin
discrimination techniques in a wide variety of applications.iThe central part o
chapters four and five. In chapter four, the whole range of similarity and dis
coefficients is surveyed and compared. This is in general well-presented, a
practice of converting all attributes into two-state characters seems to be u
emphasized in view of methods now available for combining quantitative, m
two-state characters into a single coefficient. Chapter five describes cluster
ordination techniques, again as a survey of methods in use. The different e
different methods are informatively presented, and the distinction between
and clustering kept clear. The traditional nomenclature for taxonomic rank is
favour of the "phenon", to which is attached a quantitative measure of simil
experimental scientists may well be daunted by a book which expects of the
knowledge of statistics and of elementary set and graph theory, as well as c
algebra", especially when the authors' own presentation of the mathematics
occasionally careless. (The matrix algebra, in fact, plays only a minor role an
passed over fairly easily). However, numerical taxonomy is here to stay, and
numerate will find the book a valuable guide to the state of the subject toda
MARTIN.e<new para>ADDITIONAL ABSTRACT:<new para>In this new, re-org
[RAM 43, 3114] the authors present an up-to-date theoretical basis for num
taxonomy and discuss its aims, procedures and applications, both biological
biological. There is an extensive appendix listing publications on application

systematics, a 60 pp. bibliography and author and subject indexes.<new para>ADDITIONAL ABSTRACT:<new para>This book replaces Principles of N Taxonomy, published by the same authors in 1963, and deals also with app in biology and in other fields. There is an extensive bibliography and an app biological taxa (including ca. 10 tree genera) to which numerical taxonomic m been applied.

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