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Path Coefficient Analysis for Grain and Oil Yield in Coriander

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ABSTRACT

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The present study was conducted during rabi season in the year 2015-2016 at HCRI Venkataramannagudem, Andhra Pradesh. Thirty coriander (*Coriandrum sativum* L.) genotypes were evaluated to estimate the correlation coefficient in Randomized Complete Block Design with two replications. grain yield per plant exhibited the path analysis indicated that leaf area, fresh weight, dry weight, number of umbels per plant, number of umbellets per umbel, umbel diameter, number of schizocarps per umbel, number of schizocarps per plant, days taken to maturity, herbage yield, harvest index, thousand seed weight and oil content had direct positive effects on grain yield per plant at phenotypic and genotypic level. Therefore, great emphasis should be given for aforesaid characters while selecting for growth and yield related traits.

Introduction

Coriander (*Coriandrum sativum* L.) is a native of Mediterranean region wherefrom its spread to Europe, Asia, North and South – America and Australia. It is the most important seed spice crop cultivated throughout the world both for seed and leaf purpose. It is grown in more than fifty countries with India at ranking 1st, both in area and production followed by Mexico, China, former Soviet Union, Central America and South America (Morales-Payan, 2011). The crop grows in tropics and requires a cool but comparatively dry frost-free climate, particularly at flowering and seed formation stages (Sharma and Sharma, 2004).

It is grown in almost all the states of India either for grain or leaf or dual purpose. In India the crop is cultivated mainly in Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Orissa, Tamil Nadu and Karnataka on an area of 5.43 lakh ha with a production of 5.24 lakh metric tonnes (Tiwari, 2014). The average crop productivity is only 965 kg ha⁻¹ and is much lower in rainfed farming situation (477 kg ha⁻¹). The low productivity under rainfed situation is mainly due to terminal moisture stress that affects growth and productivity. Growing coriander in rainfed in Godavari zone farming situation demands highly productive types with short (75 days) to medium (85-100 days) duration for

cultivation. Locally grown indigenous genotypes are low in productivity and give poor returns to the farmers. Critical evaluation of available selections of improved types with high yield potential/ traits is of great value to the breeder for crop improvement (Moniruzzaman, 2013). Mengesha and Getinetalemaw (2010) evaluated some Ethiopian coriander genotypes and reported that identification and evaluation of elite or promising genotypes for yield and quality is an important crop improvement strategy. Sarada and Giridhar (2009, 2011) opined that it is possible to realize 1500 kg ha⁻¹ under rainfed conditions if a proper combination of genotypes and management are available to the farmers. Keeping this in view, the present study was undertaken to evaluate promising diverse genotypes from Godavari zone of Andhra Pradesh. Correlation will establish the extent of association between yield and its component and also bring out the relative importance gives a clear understanding of their association with yield. Keeping this in view, the present investigation was done to know the association among characters analysis in coriander.

Materials and Methods

The present investigation entitled “Evaluation of Coriander (*Coriandrum sativum* L.) Genotypes in Godavari Zone of Andhra Pradesh” was carried out during the year 2015-16 at Horticulture College and Research Institute, Dr. Y.S.R Horticultural University, Venkataramannagudem, West Godavari District. The location falls under Agro-climatic zone-10, humid, East Coast Plain and Hills (Krishna-Godavari zone) with an average annual rainfall of 900 mm at an altitude of 34 m (112 feet) above mean sea level. The geo-graphical situation is 16° 63' 120" N latitude and 81° 27' 568" E longitude. It experiences hot humid summer and mild winter. A total of thirty genotypes were taken

for evaluation study out of which fifteen genotypes were sourced from HRS Devihosur (Haveri) Karnataka (Ranibennur-1, Ranibennur-2, Ranibennur-3, Byadagi-1, Hangel-1, Hangel-2, Savanur-1, Savanur-2, Savanur-3, Hirekerur-1, Hirekerur-2, Hirekerur-3, Shiggaon-1, Shiggaon-2, Shiggaon-3) whereas, the rest of the accessions were sourced from HRS Lam Guntur, Andhra Pradesh (LCC-200, LCC-331, LCC-321, LCC-323, LCC-325, LCC-334, LCC-335, LCC-316, LCC-328, LCC-320, LCC-317, LCC-319 and LCC-322; and two checks viz., AD-1 (local check) and Suguna (commercial check). The experiment was laid out in RBD with two replications and thirty genotypes. The observations were recorded on various growth, seed yield and quality parameters. The crop was raised at a plant spacing of 30 cm x 15 cm. The seed were sown during 2nd of November and harvested during 2nd fortnight of February. A basal fertilizer dose of 35 kg N, 35 kg P₂O₅ and 35 kg K₂O ha⁻¹ was given at the time of soil preparation each year. Soil was prepared to a fine tilth and the seed sown in rows using a labor. At 20 days after sowing (DAS), the plants were thinned 15 cm apart to maintain a uniform plant population. Need-based plant protection measures were taken up to raise a healthy crop. Plants were uprooted at harvest. Threshing was done with wooden sticks and seeds winnowed to remove any impurities. Five randomly selected plants from each replication were used for recording of yield attributes. Path coefficients for all possible pairs for seed yield were also computed.

Results and Discussion

In plant breeding, it is very difficult to have complete knowledge of all component traits of yield. The residual effect permits precise explanation about the pattern of interaction of other possible components of yield. In other words, residual effect measures the role of

possible independent variables which were not included in the study of dependent variable.

Plant height (cm)

Plant height recorded negligible and low negative direct effects (-0.047 and -0.172, respectively) at both genotypic and phenotypic levels on grain yield per plant, while the trait had a positive and significant correlation coefficient (0.260, 0.274) with grain yield per plant both at genotypic and phenotypic levels. Plant height exerted moderate and low positive indirect effects *via* fresh (0.201) and dry weights (0.147) of whole plant, and low negative indirect effects *via* days taken to maturity (-0.167).

It is inferred by these results that the negative indirect effects were not completely neutralized by the traits contributing towards positive indirect effect and hence the net negative and low range direct effect was shown by plant height on grain yield per plant in coriander. Similar results were obtained by Meena *et al.*, (2014) in coriander and Bandela *et al.*, (2014) for positive direct effect of plant height on seed yield per plant. Banerjee and Kole (2004) also reported negative indirect effects exerted by plant height on pod yield per plant via number of seed per pod in fenugreek.

Number of primary branches per plant

The trait had negligible negative direct effect (-0.072, -0.028) on dependent variable both at genotypic and phenotypic level. The trait had moderate positive indirect effects through fresh weight (0.246), dry weight (0.145), and moderate negative indirect effects through harvest index (-0.170) and days taken to maturity (-0.135). Negative indirect effect of number of primary branches per plant on grain yield per plant was also reported by Maurya *et al.*, (2015) in fenugreek.

Number of secondary branches

At genotypic and phenotypic levels, the character exhibited moderate negative direct effect (-0.224, 0.261 respectively) on grain yield per plant. The trait showed low positive indirect effect through fresh weight (0.107), and had low negative indirect effects through oil content (-0.121). The negative indirect effect could not completely antagonize the positive indirect effect and thus there was a net positive direct effect of this trait on grain yield. Such positive direct effect of number of secondary branches per plant on grain yield per plant was also reported by Anubha *et al.*, (2013) in fenugreek. Similar results were obtained by Mourya *et al.*, (2015) in fenugreek for grain yield per plant for exertion of direct effect on grain yield per plant.

Number of leaves

This trait showed low positive direct effect on grain yield per plant at genotypic level (0.139) and low negative direct effect at phenotypic level (-0.102). The trait had negligible positive indirect effect on grain yield per plant through days taken to 50% flowering (0.064), number of secondary branches (0.038), oil content (0.030), and moderate negative indirect effect through days taken to maturity (-0.215).

Leaf area (cm²)

Leaf area recorded low and negligible positive direct effect (0.141, 0.022 respectively) at both genotypic and phenotypic levels. The trait showed low positive indirect effect on grain yield per plant through fresh weight (0.104), while the character had low negative indirect effect through harvest index (-0.145).

Fresh weight of whole plant (g)

This trait exhibited high positive direct effect on grain yield per plant at genotypic (0.315)

and phenotypic (0.374). The trait showed moderate positive indirect effect on dependent variable through dry weight (0.201), while the character had low negative indirect effects through harvest index (-0.135) and days taken to maturity (-0.130).

Dry weight of whole plant (g)

This trait showed moderate and negligible direct effect at genotypic level (0.234) and (0.070) at phenotypic level on grain yield per plant. It exerted moderate positive indirect effect *via* fresh weight (0.270); and low negative indirect effect *via* days taken to maturity (-0.173). Similar results were obtained by Bandela *et al.*, (2014) for positive direct effect of dry weight of whole on seed yield per plant in coriander.

Days taken to 50% flowering

Negligible and moderate negative direct effect on grain yield per plant was recorded for this trait at genotypic level (-0.094) and (-0.226) at phenotypic level. It exerted high positive indirect effect *via* days taken to maturity (0.379); and low negative indirect effects *via* harvest index (-0.189) and dry weight (-0.112). Similar results were obtained by Mourya *et al.*, (2015) in fenugreek for grain yield per plant for exertion of direct effects on grain yield per plant.

Number of umbels per plant

The trait exhibited low positive direct effect on dependent variable at genotypic (0.158) and phenotypic (0.197) levels respectively. It exerted low positive indirect effects *via* dry weight (0.136) and fresh weight (0.124), and low negative indirect effect *via* harvest index (-0.116). Similar results were obtained by Mourya *et al.*, (2015) in fenugreek for grain yield per plant for exertion of direct effects on grain yield per plant.

Number of umbellets per umbel

Number of umbellets per umbel recorded low positive direct effect at genotypic level (0.175) and (0.182) at phenotypic levels on dependent variable respectively. It showed negligible positive indirect effects through fresh weight (0.062), dry weight (0.044) and herbage yield (0.042), and negligible negative indirect effect through days taken to maturity (-0.090) and oil content (-0.072).

Umbel diameter (cm)

The character showed low positive direct effect on grain yield per plant at genotypic level (0.167) and phenotypic level (0.189). It exerted negligible positive indirect effects *via* harvest index (0.086) and number of umbellets per umbel (0.074) and low negative indirect effect through days taken to maturity (-0.119).

Number of schizocarps per umbel

Negligible and low positive direct effect on grain yield per plant was recorded for this trait at genotypic level (0.012) and (0.119) at phenotypic level. It had low positive indirect effect through fresh weight (0.135); and low negative indirect effect through harvest index (-0.198).

Number of schizocarps per plant

The trait recorded low positive direct effect on grain yield per plant at both genotypic and phenotypic levels (0.195, 0.144) respectively. However it exerted a low positive indirect effect *via* fresh weight (0.101); and low negative indirect effect *via* days taken to maturity (-0.114).

Similar results were obtained by Patahk *et al.*, (2014) in fenugreek for grain yield per plant for exertion of direct effects on grain yield per plant.

Table.1 Genotypic path coefficients among different characters of coriander genotypes

	PH60	NPB60	NSB60	NL60	LA60	FW60	DW60	DT50F	NUPP	NULPU	UD	NSPU	NSPP	DTM	HY	HI	1000SW	OC	
PH60	-0.047	-0.025	-0.017	0.011	-0.009	-0.030	-0.029	0.017	-0.027	-0.012	0.003	-0.016	-0.008	0.016	-0.024	0.004	-0.015	-0.010	
NPB60	-0.038	-0.072	-0.023	-0.008	-0.031	-0.056	-0.044	0.019	-0.029	-0.016	-0.002	-0.033	-0.020	0.020	-0.029	0.012	-0.027	-0.014	
NSB60	-0.083	-0.073	-0.224	0.038	-0.090	-0.076	-0.075	0.033	-0.073	-0.005	-0.008	-0.050	-0.026	0.030	-0.085	-0.021	0.015	0.063	
NL60	-0.033	0.015	-0.024	0.139	-0.015	-0.018	-0.014	-0.096	-0.019	0.003	0.016	0.021	0.019	-0.060	0.009	-0.024	-0.061	0.010	
LA60	0.027	0.062	0.056	-0.015	0.141	0.046	0.051	-0.001	0.038	0.005	-0.034	0.015	-0.013	-0.017	0.052	-0.020	-0.003	-0.007	
FW60	0.201	0.246	0.107	-0.041	0.104	0.315	0.270	-0.093	0.124	0.062	-0.008	0.135	0.101	-0.082	0.229	-0.043	0.203	0.071	
DW60	0.147	0.145	0.079	-0.023	0.084	0.201	0.234	-0.112	0.136	0.044	0.002	0.096	0.039	-0.081	0.181	0.001	0.051	-0.053	
DT50F	0.034	0.025	0.014	0.064	0.001	0.028	0.045	-0.094	0.016	0.010	-0.016	0.012	0.008	-0.072	0.049	0.018	-0.008	0.003	
NUPP	0.090	0.065	0.052	-0.022	0.043	0.062	0.092	-0.026	0.158	-0.022	-0.033	0.051	-0.014	0.009	0.044	-0.018	0.040	0.003	
NULPU	0.044	0.040	0.004	0.003	0.006	0.035	0.033	-0.019	-0.025	0.175	0.074	0.032	0.015	-0.032	0.071	0.006	0.011	-0.030	
UD	-0.011	0.005	0.006	0.019	-0.040	-0.004	0.001	0.028	-0.035	0.070	0.167	-0.005	0.023	-0.040	-0.032	0.014	0.005	-0.012	
NSPU	0.004	0.005	0.003	0.002	0.001	0.005	0.005	-0.002	0.004	0.002	0.000	0.012	0.004	-0.001	0.003	-0.002	0.005	0.001	
NSPP	0.032	0.054	0.023	0.027	-0.018	0.062	0.032	-0.016	-0.017	0.017	0.026	0.060	0.195	-0.045	0.042	-0.005	0.056	-0.017	
DTM	-0.167	-0.135	-0.066	-0.215	-0.060	-0.130	-0.173	0.379	0.028	-0.090	-0.119	-0.029	-0.114	0.496	-0.213	-0.091	0.069	-0.084	
HY	0.054	0.042	0.039	0.006	0.038	0.075	0.080	-0.054	0.029	0.042	-0.020	0.027	0.022	-0.045	0.104	0.026	0.005	-0.053	
HI	-0.094	-0.170	0.093	-0.176	-0.145	-0.135	0.006	-0.189	-0.116	0.033	0.086	-0.198	-0.027	-0.183	0.255	0.922	-0.009	-0.494	
1000SW	0.007	0.008	-0.001	-0.009	0.000	0.014	0.005	0.002	0.005	0.001	0.001	0.009	0.006	0.003	0.001	0.000	0.021	0.001	
OC	0.093	0.081	-0.121	0.030	-0.022	0.096	-0.098	-0.014	0.009	-0.072	-0.031	0.023	-0.037	-0.073	-0.218	-0.211	0.021	0.429	
Residual value	0.11422																		
PH60	Plant height at 60DAS						DT50F	Days taken to 50% flowering						DTM	Days taken to maturity				
NPB60	Number of primary branches at 60DAS						NUPP	Number of umbels per plant						HY	Herbage yield				
NSB60	Number of secondary branches at 60DAS						NULPU	Number of umbillets per umbel						HI	Harvest index				
NL60	Number of leaves at 60DAS						UD	Umbel diameter						1000SW	1000 seed weight				
LA60	Leaf area at 60DAS						NSPU	Number of schizocarps per umbel						OC	Oil content				
FW60	Fresh weight at 60DAS						NSPP	Number of schizocarps per plant						GYPP	Grain yield per plant				
DW60	Dry weight at 60DAS																		

Table.2 Phenotypic path coefficients among different characters of coriander genotypes

	PH60	NPB60	NSB60	NL60	LA60	FW60	DW60	DT50F	NUPP	NULPU	UD	NSPU	NSPP	DTM	HY	HI	1000SW	OC
PH60	-0.172	-0.080	-0.065	0.009	-0.041	-0.107	-0.101	0.028	-0.098	-0.053	-0.004	-0.062	-0.029	0.039	-0.072	0.011	-0.058	-0.038
NPB60	-0.013	-0.028	-0.014	-0.004	-0.011	-0.019	-0.016	0.006	-0.009	-0.005	-0.001	-0.010	-0.008	0.004	-0.015	0.003	-0.016	-0.011
NSB60	-0.099	-0.129	-0.261	-0.019	-0.082	-0.071	-0.100	-0.008	-0.071	-0.046	-0.006	-0.059	-0.040	0.000	-0.122	-0.032	-0.111	-0.018
NL60	0.006	-0.013	-0.008	-0.102	-0.002	0.007	-0.002	0.019	0.005	-0.025	-0.013	-0.025	-0.012	0.013	-0.008	0.008	0.004	-0.010
LA60	0.005	0.008	0.007	0.000	0.022	0.007	0.007	0.002	0.006	0.002	-0.001	0.003	-0.001	-0.001	0.007	-0.003	0.001	0.000
FW60	0.232	0.251	0.101	-0.026	0.121	0.374	0.290	-0.081	0.145	0.070	-0.003	0.155	0.117	-0.080	0.220	-0.047	0.179	0.080
DW60	0.041	0.040	0.027	0.001	0.021	0.054	0.070	-0.024	0.036	0.012	0.000	0.028	0.011	-0.016	0.049	0.002	0.021	-0.007
DT50F	0.037	0.048	-0.007	0.041	-0.017	0.049	0.077	-0.226	0.015	-0.040	-0.036	-0.005	0.017	-0.168	0.093	0.022	-0.041	0.008
NUPP	0.112	0.065	0.054	-0.010	0.052	0.077	0.102	-0.013	0.197	-0.011	-0.031	0.065	-0.018	0.016	0.038	-0.019	0.041	0.003
NULPU	0.057	0.032	0.032	0.045	0.014	0.034	0.032	0.032	-0.010	0.182	0.060	0.049	0.013	-0.005	0.046	0.015	0.038	-0.021
UD	0.004	0.005	0.004	0.024	-0.005	-0.001	-0.001	0.030	-0.030	0.062	0.189	-0.001	0.030	-0.029	-0.024	0.013	0.007	-0.008
NSPU	0.043	0.044	0.027	0.030	0.015	0.050	0.047	0.002	0.040	0.032	-0.001	0.119	0.034	0.002	0.028	-0.019	0.045	0.005
NSPP	0.024	0.043	0.022	0.017	-0.009	0.045	0.023	-0.011	-0.013	0.010	0.023	0.041	0.144	-0.029	0.035	-0.003	0.040	-0.002
DTM	-0.086	-0.059	0.000	-0.048	-0.009	-0.081	-0.088	0.282	0.031	-0.010	-0.057	0.006	-0.076	0.379	-0.100	-0.049	0.086	-0.034
HY	0.088	0.112	0.099	0.017	0.063	0.125	0.149	-0.087	0.041	0.053	-0.026	0.050	0.051	-0.056	0.211	0.046	0.067	-0.031
HI	-0.052	-0.096	0.101	-0.063	-0.099	-0.103	0.025	-0.080	-0.080	0.069	0.054	-0.128	-0.018	-0.106	0.178	0.815	0.047	-0.335
1000SW	-0.031	-0.051	-0.039	0.003	-0.005	-0.044	-0.027	-0.016	-0.019	-0.019	-0.003	-0.034	-0.025	-0.021	-0.029	-0.005	-0.091	-0.029
OC	0.077	0.135	0.023	0.035	-0.003	0.074	-0.033	-0.013	0.005	-0.040	-0.015	0.015	-0.005	-0.031	-0.051	-0.143	0.112	0.348
Residual value	0.176																	
PH60	Plant height at 60DAS					DT50F	Days taken to 50% flowering					DTM	Days taken to maturity					
NPB60	Number of primary branches at 60DAS					NUPP	Number of umbels per plant					HY	Herbage yield					
NSB60	Number of secondary branches at 60DAS					NULPU	Number of umbellets per umbel					HI	Harvest index					
NL60	Number of leaves at 60DAS					UD	Umbel diameter					1000SW	1000 seed weight					
LA60	Leaf area at 60DAS					NSPU	Number of schizocarps per umbel					OC	Oil content					
FW60	Fresh weight at 60DAS					NSPP	Number of schizocarps per plant					GYPP	Grain yield per plant					
DW60	Dry weight at 60DAS																	

Days taken to maturity

The trait exhibited high positive direct effect on dependent variable at genotypic level (0.496) and phenotypic level (0.379). It exerted negligible positive indirect effects *via* number of secondary branches (0.030), number of primary branches (0.020) and plant height (0.016); and low negative indirect effect *via* harvest index (-0.183).

Herbage yield (g)

Low and High moderate direct effect on grain yield per plant was recorded for this character (0.104) at genotypic level and (0.211) at phenotypic level.

It showed moderate positive indirect effects on dependent variable through harvest index (0.255) and fresh weight (0.229); and moderate negative indirect effects *via* oil content (-0.218) and days taken to maturity (-0.213).

Harvest index (%)

The trait recorded high positive direct effect on grain yield per plant at genotypic level (0.922) and at phenotypic level (0.815), with significance and positive correlation coefficient of 0.648 at genotypic level.

However the trait exerted negligible positive indirect effects on grain yield per plant *via* herbage yield (0.026) and umbel diameter (0.014); and moderate negative indirect effect *via* oil content (-0.218). Similar results were obtained by Bandela *et al.*, (2014) for positive direct effect of dry weight of whole on seed yield per plant in coriander.

Thousand-grain weight (g)

The trait recorded negligible positive direct effect on grain yield per plant at genotypic level (0.021) and negligible negative direct

effect on grain yield per plant at phenotypic level (-0.091). However the trait exerted moderate positive indirect effects on grain yield per plant *via* fresh weight (0.203); and negligible negative indirect effect *via* number of leaves (-0.061), number of primary branches (-0.027) and plant height (-0.015). Similar results were obtained by Mourya *et al.*, (2015) in fenugreek for grain yield per plant for exertion of direct effects on grain yield per plant.

Oil content (%)

The trait recorded high positive direct effect on grain yield per plant both at genotypic level (0.429) and at phenotypic level (0.348).

However the trait exerted negligible positive indirect effects on grain yield per plant *via* fresh weight (0.071) and number of secondary branches (0.063); and high negative indirect effect *via* harvest index (-0.494).

The path analysis indicated that leaf area, fresh weight, dry weight, number of umbels per plant, number of umbellets per umbel, umbel diameter, number of schizocarps per umbel, number of schizocarps per plant, days taken to maturity, herbage yield, harvest index, thousand seed weight and oil content had direct positive effects on fruit yield per plant at phenotypic and genotypic levels (Table 1 and 2).

Based on the results of path analysis, the present study revealed that major emphasis should be laid on selection process with more number of leaves, leaf area, fresh weight, dry weight, number of umbels per plant, number of umbellets per umbel, umbel diameter, number of schizocarps per plant, days taken to maturity, herbage yield, harvest index and oil content and there should be economic balance among these traits to get higher grain yield per plant.

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