Homework 5

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You will be working with one of the following demographic datasets:

1. *Rhizoglyphus robini* (mites): <https://datadryad.org/resource/doi:10.5061/dryad.df98r> *Note: this dataset does not include the initial size of new recruits. Assume the lowest 10th percentile of size at time t represents a reasonable guess for initial size values*
2. *Drosophyllum lusitanicum* (sundews): <https://datadryad.org/resource/doi:10.5061/dryad.rq7t3> *Note: this dataset does not include the initial size of new recruits. Assume the lowest 10th percentile of size at time t represents a reasonable guess for initial size values*
3. *Poa alsodes* (grass): <https://datadryad.org/resource/doi:10.5061/dryad.nf515>
4. Guppies: <https://datadryad.org/resource/doi:10.5061/dryad.mc5m6> *Note: these data do not include information on survival. All the guppies in the experiment seem to have survived. Make up reasonable values for the survival regression and substitute those values for estimation via glm*

## Question 1:

Fit models representing growth, survival, reproduction, and initial size to your data set. The predictor variable will be size at time t (except for intial size), and response variables will be size at time t+1 (growth), survival, and number of recruits. For the initial size regression, you will use an intercept-only regression:

example\_data<-rnorm(1000,mean=5,sd=0.1)  
  
#regression with only an intercept  
intercept\_only<-glm(example\_data~1)  
  
estimated\_mean<-coef(intercept\_only)[1]  
  
estimated\_sd<-sqrt(summary(intercept\_only)$dis)

For each of your vital rate regressions, include (a) a plot with a curve overlaid on the raw data, (b) a statement for the effect of size on the response variable, and (c) store the estimated values as objects. For an example of (c):

fish.size<-c(114, 117, 90)  
fish.sizeT2<-c(108, 110, 100)  
  
m1=lm(fish.sizeT2~fish.size)  
  
intercept=coef(m1)[1]  
  
slope=coef(m1)[2]  
  
sd.val=summary(m1)$sigma  
#NOTE if using glm, extract sd using sqrt(summary(intercept\_only)$dis)

### Question 2: For each vital rate, there is a function that represents the probability density of a size transition. Here are the functions for growth and recruitment:

Note that the input to the functions are size.y (size at time t+1), size.x (size at time t), and parameters from the glms.

#growth function  
g\_yx<-function(size.y,size.x,intercept,slope,sd.val){  
   
 growth.prob=dnorm(size.y,mean=intercept+slope\*size.x,sd=sd.val)  
 return(growth.prob)  
}  
  
############### function for reproduction (poisson)  
F\_yx=function(size.x,size.y,intercept.recruits,sd.recruits,poisson.intercept,poisson.slope) {  
 size.y=dnorm(size.y,mean=intercept.recruits,sd=sd.recruits)  
 recruit.num=exp(poisson.intercept+poisson.slope\*size.x)  
 return(size.y\*recruit.num)  
}

Fill in the missing line for the survival function:

s\_x<-function(size.x,binom.intercept,binom.slope){  
   
 **#MISSING LINE IS HERE!**   
   
 return(pred.survival)  
}

## Question 3: use source("IPM\_calcs.R") to load scripts that can calculate population growth rate and plot the IPM kernel from your stored functions. Specifically, the functions you will be using are:

ipm\_kernel=bigmatrix(intercept,slope,sd.val,binom.intercept,binom.slope,intercept.recruits,sd.recruits,poisson.intercept,poisson.slope,L,U)

myimage(ipm\_kernel,sp="Species Name:")

Note that in the bigmatrix function, the arguments in the function are the stored values from your regression models. L is the minimum observed size of your organism, and U is the maximum observed size. In the myimage function, the arguments are the output of bigmatrix and the name of your study species followed by “:”

(also note that you will not be able to use the source function unless the R script “IPM\_calcs.R” is stored in your working directory)

## Question 4:

How does your population growth rate differ from the rate in the published paper? Why? (keep this brief:a 1-3 sentence response is expected)

## Question 5: For intial size, replace the normal distribution with a gamma.

You will need to run an intercept-only regression with a gamma glm *and* modify the Fyx function. How does your population growth rate change?

## Question 6: What functions would you change in the above code to parameterize an individual-based model (IBM) for your study species?

(hint: change “d” to “r”)

## Question 7: Please describe the biological questions and data you will be using for your individual project at the end of class.

What challenges do you foresee in your analysis?