# Bayesian Estimation of Recruitment Trends in Alberta (BERTA) Tutorial

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### Goals

- Import both the FWIN and stocking data, and show how one might add new data to the data used in Cahill et al. 2021
- Become familiar with the run.R script
- Gain intuition for how .R and .stan scripts are working together to subset data, fit a Bayesian population dynamics model to those data, and then save a model fit with a unique file name identifier
- Improve understanding of tidyverse sub-setting, get\_fit(), future\_pwalk(), and plan() functions
- Practice debugging using browser()

#### TODO:

proofread

## **Packages**

library(rstan)

Let's load the packages we will use:

```
## Warning: package 'rstan' was built under R version 4.1.2
```

```
## Loading required package: StanHeaders
## rstan (Version 2.21.3, GitRev: 2e1f913d3ca3)
## For execution on a local, multicore CPU with excess RAM we recommend calling
## options(mc.cores = parallel::detectCores()).
## To avoid recompilation of unchanged Stan programs, we recommend calling
## rstan_options(auto_write = TRUE)
## Do not specify '-march=native' in 'LOCAL_CPPFLAGS' or a Makevars file
##
## Attaching package: 'rstan'
## The following object is masked from 'package:tidyr':
##
##
       extract
library(purrr)
library(furrr)
## Loading required package: future
library(future)
```

#### Data

We will work with the Fall Walleye Index Netting (FWIN) dataset used in Cahill et al. (2021), which included all Alberta lakes with  $\geq 3$  FWIN surveys during 2000-2018. Life history parameters  $\omega$ ,  $A_{50}$ ,  $L_{\infty}$ , vbk, and  $\beta_{wl}$  were obtained using hierarchical modeling methods described in Cahill et al. (2020), and these values represent lake-specific averages.

```
data <- readRDS(here::here("data/BERTA-wide-0-25.rds"))
glimpse(data)</pre>
```

```
## Rows: 236
## Columns: 46
## Groups: name [55]
## $ WBID
                                                    <int> 3526, 3526, 3526, 3526, 3916, 3916, 3916, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 39690, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 39690, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3969, 3960, 3960, 3960, 3960, 3960, 3960, 3960, 3960, 3960, 3960, 3960, 3960, 3960, 3960, 3960, 3960, 3960
## $ year
                                                    <dbl> 5, 6, 13, 19, 6, 11, 14, 9, 12, 15, 17, 7, 12, 17, 4, 11, 1~
                                                    <chr> "milk river ridge reservoir", "milk river ridge reservoir",~
## $ name
                                                    <int> 18, 20, 11, 12, 8, 12, 10, 11, 12, 12, 12, 18, 15, 15, 4, 6~
## $ nnet
## $ n
                                                    <int> 201, 283, 232, 158, 189, 117, 132, 357, 171, 186, 201, 373,~
## $ effort
                                                    <dbl> 18.0, 20.0, 11.0, 12.0, 8.0, 6.0, 5.0, 11.0, 6.0, 6.0, 6.0, ~
## $ X_TTM_c
                                                    <dbl> 676088.4, 676088.4, 676088.4, 676088.4, 652638.4, 652638.4, ~
## $ Y_TTM_c
                                                    <dbl> 5469124, 5469124, 5469124, 5469124, 6050150, 6050150, 60501~
## $ p_aged
                                                    <dbl> 1.0000000, 1.0000000, 1.0000000, 0.9430380, 1.0000000, 0.98~
## $ omega
                                                    <dbl> 12.22278, 12.22278, 12.22278, 12.22278, 13.93477, 13.93477,~
                                                    <dbl> 56.72357, 56.72357, 56.72357, 56.72357, 51.38603, 51.38603,~
## $ linf
```

```
## $ vbk
                           <dbl> 0.2154797, 0.2154797, 0.2154797, 0.2154797, 0.2711781, 0.27~
## $ a50
                           <dbl> 7, 7, 7, 7, 4, 4, 4, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 4, 4, 4, 4, 5, 5,~
                           <dbl> 3.409773, 3.409773, 3.409773, 3.409773, 3.100920, 3.100920,~
## $ beta wl
                           <dbl> -112.5735, -112.5735, -112.5735, -112.5735, -112.6363, -112~
## $ X_long
## $ Y_lat
                           <dbl> 49.36904, 49.36904, 49.36904, 49.36904, 54.59751, 54.59751,~
## $ Area Ha
                           <dbl> 1355.0, 1355.0, 1355.0, 1355.0, 527.1, 527.1, 527.1, 970.7,~
                           <int> 1605, 1605, 1605, 1605, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1
## $ DD5
                          <dbl> NA, NA, NA, NA, 27.5, 27.5, 27.5, 27.4, 27.4, 27.4, 27.4, 1~
## $ Max Depth
## $ Mean_Depth <dbl> NA, NA, NA, NA, 14.3, 14.3, 14.3, 9.2, 9.2, 9.2, 9.2, 6.9, ~
## $ '1'
                           <dbl> 23, 21, 5, 2, 0, 4, 4, 2, 10, 3, 23, 24, 5, 6, 1, 18, 0, 0,~
## $ '2'
                           <dbl> 13, 67, 43, 6, 0, 4, 7, 24, 4, 14, 41, 11, 5, 10, 7, 14, 0,~
## $ '3'
                           <dbl> 18, 55, 13, 8, 5, 17, 44, 53, 5, 12, 14, 16, 5, 4, 15, 13, ~
## $
        '4'
                           <dbl> 30, 46, 10, 11, 3, 16, 13, 78, 4, 8, 17, 50, 11, 2, 7, 5, 1~
                           <dbl> 27, 35, 17, 13, 41, 3, 8, 15, 12, 0, 8, 55, 5, 37, 17, 9, 1~
## $ '5'
## $
        '6'
                           <dbl> 26, 20, 16, 30, 80, 1, 23, 6, 26, 11, 7, 38, 5, 18, 0, 7, 7~
## $
        '7'
                           <dbl> 16, 11, 18, 40, 45, 2, 11, 8, 37, 1, 4, 27, 6, 15, 0, 5, 8,~
## $
        '8'
                           <dbl> 23, 10, 14, 11, 9, 1, 3, 4, 4, 12, 4, 39, 4, 5, 2, 1, 6, 45~
## $ '9'
                           <dbl> 16, 7, 20, 8, 2, 1, 1, 14, 1, 23, 0, 7, 8, 12, 0, 4, 4, 85,~
## $ '10'
                           <dbl> 6, 1, 14, 3, 2, 18, 1, 26, 3, 38, 7, 10, 17, 7, 3, 4, 3, 3,~
## $ '11'
                           <dbl> 0, 1, 3, 6, 0, 30, 1, 38, 6, 9, 16, 23, 6, 1, 0, 5, 3, 1, 0~
## $ '12'
                           <dbl> 0, 0, 0, 3, 0, 12, 0, 45, 2, 3, 25, 39, 1, 3, 0, 2, 1, 0, 0~
## $ '13'
                           <dbl> 0, 0, 1, 2, 1, 0, 5, 3, 14, 2, 5, 3, 9, 0, 2, 0, 0, 0, 0~
## $ '14'
                           <dbl> 0, 1, 1, 0, 1, 1, 6, 18, 7, 5, 3, 1, 0, 4, 0, 1, 1, 1, 0, 0~
       '15'
## $
                           <dbl> 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 2, 10, 5, 4, 1, 0, 1, 5, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0~
## $ '16'
                           <dbl> 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 2, 2, 3, 8, 2, 0, 1, 4, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, ~
## $ '17'
                           <dbl> 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 3, 3, 12, 3, 0, 7, 3, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0~
## $ '18'
                           <dbl> 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 2, 10, 3, 0, 1, 4, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0~
## $
        '19'
                           <dbl> 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 2, 0, 1, 0, 3, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, ~
## $
       '20'
                           <dbl> 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 2, 4, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, ~
## $
       '21'
                           <dbl> 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 3, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0
        '22'
## $
                           <dbl> 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 2, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, ~
## $
        <sup>23</sup>
                           ## $ '24'
                           ## $ '25'
                           ## $ lake
                           <dbl> 1, 1, 1, 1, 2, 2, 2, 3, 3, 3, 3, 4, 4, 4, 5, 5, 5, 5, 6, 6, ~
```

Now read in the stocking data, which was used for plotting and not fitted in the .stan model. Note these stocking records go from 1980-2018, and values represent the number of Walleye stocked per hectare:

```
stocking <- readRDS(here::here("data/stocking_matrix_ha.rds"))
glimpse(stocking)</pre>
```

```
## num [1:106, 1:39] 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 ...
## - attr(*, "dimnames")=List of 2
## ..$ : chr [1:106] "berry creek reservoir" "jensen reservoir" "milk river ridge reservoir" "travers
## ..$ : NULL
```

# Adding new data to the .rds

Here are a few important notes to how one might add new data into this .rds file setup.

First, year in these files are indexed from year 2000, which was when the first FWIN survey in Alberta occurred. Thus, year = 1 is 2000, year = 2 is 2001, etc.

Consequently, if one wanted to add new data to the BERTA-wide-0-25.rds file from e.g., 2022, they would create a new row in the .rds that

- declares the value in the year slot as 2022 2000 + 1 = 23
- repeats the name for that lake as per the names in name slot
- sets the number of nets (nnets) as the sum of full nets (each net equal to 1) and half nets (each worth 0.5)
- calculate the proportion of fish aged in that survey in the p\_aged slot
- put the catch at each age from 0 to 25 in columns labelled '1', '2', ..., '25'
- all other columns just need to be copied for the lake of interest

To add new information to the stocking dataframe, note that rows are lakes and columns are the number of Walleye stocked per hectare during 1980-2018. Thus, if you want to add stocking values after 2018 you'd add columns for the lake(s) of interest. These are indexed from 1980 because BERTA hindcasts to reconstruct recruitment trends in years pre-FWIN.

## Create a wrapper function

Once the data are read into R, we can write a wrapper function called get fit() that does the following:

- subsets all the data to data for a specific lake
- creates the appropriate tagged list data structures as input into the Stan model
- creates appropriate input for parameters for our Stan model
- runs the model for a particular combination of priors (e.g., which  $\alpha_r$ ), structural control parameters (e.g., Ricker vs. Beverton-Holt stock-recruit), and Stan run parameter values (i.e., how many iterations, warmup, chains?)
- saves this model run with a unique identifier file name

This may seem like a pain, but coding this way will help us later on when we need to run multiple models on different data sets. The wrapper function is:

There is too much code in this function to show it all here. The entire function can be seen at:

https://github.com/ChrisFishCahill/managing-irf-complexity/blob/main/r-code/run.R#L28-L187

Let's break get\_fit() down into pieces. Note these next lines won't run because we are jumping inside a function.

The first few lines of get\_fit() are:

```
rec_ctl <- match.arg(rec_ctl)
cat(
    crayon::green(</pre>
```

```
clisymbols::symbol$tick
),
  fitted = "model fitted = ", which_lake, rec_ctl,
  sep = " "
)
cat("\n")
```

This code is ensuring that the variable rec\_ctl is either "ricker" or "bev-holt" via match\_arg(). Next, this code is printing which lake and recruitment model is being fitted to the console via cat(). This isn't super important and realistically can be omitted or ignored by most users.

The next chunk of code is:

```
#filter the run data from all data, re-order it
run_data <- data %>% filter(name %in% which_lake)
run_data <-
    within(run_data, lake <-
        as.numeric(interaction(
            run_data$WBID,
            drop = TRUE, lex.order = F
        )))
run_data <- run_data[order(run_data$lake), ]</pre>
```

This first line subsets all available data via %>% and filter(), and returns data corresponding to the variable which\_lake.

The next few lines of code are simply re-ordering the data to ensure FWIN catch data for a given lake are in ascending order in terms of years via within() and order()

Once we have subset the FWIN data, we subset the stocking data in a similar way:

```
# stocking stuff was run in different versions, now just for plotting:
run_stocking <- stocking[which(rownames(stocking) %in% which_lake), ]

# Add ten years of zero for short term projections
proj_stock <- rep(0, 10)
run_stocking <- round(c(run_stocking, proj_stock)) #add to stocking data (for plots)</pre>
```

The extra lines for proj\_stock simply add zeros to the end of the stocking data for a given lake. These were important when we were attempting to fit a stocking survival parameter in previous versions of the model, but are no longer used except for plotting.

The next chunk of get\_fit() is

```
# Set up the Rbar years
suppressMessages(
    survey_yrs <- run_data %>%
        group_by(lake) %>%
        summarise(
        min_yr = min(year) + length(initial_yr:(t - 1)),
        max_yr = max(year) + length(initial_yr:(t - 1))
        ) %>%
    as.numeric()
)
```

```
survey_yrs <- survey_yrs[2:3]
# summarize the life history relationships
suppressMessages(
  life_hist <- run_data %>%
    group_by(lake) %>%
    summarize(
    a50 = unique(a50),
    vbk = unique(vbk),
    linf = unique(linf),
    wl_beta = unique(beta_wl)
  )
)
```

This code is calculating the first and last FWIN survey years for the lake of interest (top chunk) and summarizing that lake's life history parameters (bottom chunk). These chunks are wrapped in supressMessages() because dplyr was returning some goofy messages and it was driving me bonkers.

Now that we have subsetted the data and calculated the necessary values from all available data, we can create a tagged data list for Stan:

```
Fseq \leftarrow seq(from = 0.01, to = 1.0, by = 0.01)
# declare the tagged data list for stan
stan data <- list(</pre>
 n_surveys = nrow(run_data),
 n_ages = length(Ages),
 n_obs = nrow(run_data) * length(Ages),
  n_years = length(initial_yr:2028),
  n_lakes = length(unique(run_data$lake)),
  caa = run_data[, which(colnames(run_data) %in% Ages)],
  prop_aged = run_data$p_aged,
  effort = run_data$effort,
  lake = run_data$lake,
  year = run_data$year + length(initial_yr:(t - 1)),
  ages = Ages,
  survey_yrs = survey_yrs,
  which_year = 1996 - initial_yr + 2, # which integer corresponds to year = 1997
  v_prior_early = 0.3,
  v_prior_late = 0.1,
  prior_sigma_v = c(0.1, 0.5),
  RO_{mean} = log(6),
  R0_{sd} = log(3),
  ar_sd = 0.1,
  prior_mean_w = 0,
  prior_sigma_w = 1.2,
  vbk = life_hist$vbk,
  linf = life_hist$linf,
  a50 = life_hist$a50,
  wl_beta = life_hist$wl_beta,
  lbar = 57.57, # From cahill et al. 2020
  M = 0.1,
  theta = 0.85, # Lorenzen M exponent
  phi = 2.02, # vulnerability parameter (nets)
 psi = 2, # vulnerability parameter (angling)
```

```
G_bound = c(0, Inf),
get_SSB_obs = 1L,
obs_cv_prior = 0.15,
SSB_penalty = 0,
prior_sigma_G = 1,
Rinit_ctl = 0,
length_Fseq = length(Fseq),
Fseq = Fseq,
rec_ctl = ifelse(rec_ctl == "ricker", 0, 1),
cr_prior = cr_prior
)
```

The stuff in stan\_data corresponds to the inputs in the data{} section of the BERTA\_singe\_lake.stan file that we will ultimately call below. Before we do that, we need to declare one more function to pass start values for our estimated parameters to Stan:

```
# create a function for start values
vk \leftarrow c(0.3, 0.3)
inits <- function() {</pre>
  list(
    v = jitter(vk, amount = 0.1),
    R0 = jitter(15, amount = 2),
    G = jitter(1, amount = 0.1),
    w = jitter(rep(
      length(1980:2028)-2
    ),
    amount = 0.1
    ),
    sigma_w = jitter(0.5, amount = 0.05),
    ar = jitter(0.5, amount = 0.01)
  )
}
```

Technically, this inits() function is not needed to run the model because rstan will randomly choose start values if the user does not declare them explicitly, but specifying starting values *greatly* improves the numerical performance of the chains in this particular model. Also note that jitter() simply "jitters" the values by a small amount:

```
# run it once
inits()$v

## [1] 0.3741091 0.3787387

# run it again and note slighly different results vs. previous call
inits()$v
```

## [1] 0.2351159 0.2700025

This is useful for initializing starting values for parameters on different chains at slightly different locations.

Now we have successfully subset the data for a specific lake, created the appropriate stan\_data list, and even created an inits() function to declare starting values for the Bayesian model. We can now call a compiled Stan model m via:

```
# run the model
fit <-
 rstan::sampling(
    data = stan_data,
    pars =
      c(
        "ar_mean_kick", "F_ratio", "Fmsy", "MSY",
        "G", "cr", "ar", "SPR", "br",
        "SBR", "sbr0_kick", "R0", "v", "SSB",
        "R2", "SSB_obs", "caa_pred", "b_ratio", "w"
      ),
    iter = n_iter,
    warmup = n_warmup,
    chains = n_chains,
    init = inits,
    control = list(
      adapt_delta = 0.999,
      max_treedepth = 15
    )
 )
```

Here, the pars argument simply tells Stan which parameters to monitor, iter determines the number of iterations to run the model for, chains specifies the number of chains to run, and init is an argument that accepts a function or list of start values for parameters in your model.

The parameters in the control part of sampling() control technical aspects of the MCMC sampling algorithm. We should discuss selection of the control arguments in person.

Once the stan model runs, we save a fit via:

```
# create name and save .rds files for each run
if (rec_ctl == "ricker") {
  my_name <- paste0(which_lake, "_ricker.rds")</pre>
if (rec_ctl == "bev-holt") {
 my_name <- paste0(which_lake, "_bh.rds")</pre>
}
stan file <- "fits/"
stan_file <- str_c(stan_file, my_name)</pre>
stan_file <- stan_file %>% gsub(" ", "_", .)
if (cr_prior == 6) {
  stan_file <- stan_file %>% gsub(".rds", "_cr_6.rds", .)
}
if (cr_prior == 12) {
  stan_file <- stan_file %>% gsub(".rds", "_cr_12.rds", .)
if (file.exists(stan_file)) {
  return(NULL)
} else {
  saveRDS(fit, file = stan_file)
}
```

There is a lot of hogwash going on in here about manipulating strings via gsub() and pasteO(), but what you need to know is that this chunk of code saves the Bayesian model fit to a specific .rds file in the fits

folder. These .rds files have names like pigeon\_lake\_ricker\_cr6.rds. We can call a specific .rds file for plotting or harvest control rule development or whatever later on.

Note how this will break if you start using informative priors other than 6 or 12. How could you fix this issue?

Now that we've done all this work, it is dead simple to fit a single BERTA model to any lake in the FWIN database:

That's it for get\_fit().

## Functional programming with {purrr} and {furrr}

purrr and furrr are functional programming toolkits for R.

#### purrr

This package is extremely powerful and helps with iteration. If we wanted to iterate a simple function for multiple inputs we might go about it in base R by

- writing a simple function
- looping through that function
- examining the output of looping through that function

The following silly example demonstrates this:

```
# let's write a silly function
silly_func <- function(x){
  result <- x + 1
  result
}

# does the function behave as expected?
silly_func(1)</pre>
```

```
## [1] 2
```

```
silly_func(2)
```

## [1] 3

```
# now let's loop through silly_func() 10 times:
n_times <- 10
result <- rep(NA, n_times)

for(i in 1:n_times){
   result[i] <- silly_func(i)
}

# print the output
print(result)</pre>
```

#### ## [1] 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11

That works fine, now let's do this exact same thing again using a simple map() function from {purrr}. Why we do this will make more sense in a bit.

```
# create an input vector to iterate across
which_i <- 1:n_times

# iterate across that vector using map(), store as `result2`
result2 <-
    which_i %>%
    map(silly_func)

#view the output
print(unlist(result2))
```

#### ## [1] 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11

A few things are important here. The first is that map() takes in a single argument (in our case which\_i), and iterates silly\_func() for each value in the vector which\_i. It then returns a *list* corresponding to the outputs for each iteration. This is why I used unlist() to print result2. With the exception of this list output, we can see that the for-loop above and map() produce the same output. Cool.

Now, map() is one of the simplest {purrr} functions, but there is a whole family of useful functions in this package. Some of these functions return lists, others return data frames, and some are even able to pass multiple values to functions that require more than a single input. See this link and poke around to explore some of the different options available:

#### https://purrr.tidyverse.org/

The functions in {purrr} that allow users to pass more than one argument to a function are preceded by the letter 'p'. This is handy because the get\_fit() function we wrote above has many function arguments. Two such functions in {purrr} are called pmap() and pwalk(). Here's how to use them:

```
# create another silly function that requires two inputs and outputs their sum:
silly_func_2 <- function(x,y){
   return(x + y)
}

# create an input vector for each x, y
input_df <- tibble(x = 1:5, y = 1:5) # tibble more or less the same as data.frame
str(input_df)</pre>
```

```
## tibble [5 x 2] (S3: tbl_df/tbl/data.frame)
## $ x: int [1:5] 1 2 3 4 5
## $ y: int [1:5] 1 2 3 4 5
# iterate across tibble using pmap()
input_df %>%
 pmap(silly_func_2)
## [[1]]
## [1] 2
##
## [[2]]
## [1] 4
## [[3]]
## [1] 6
##
## [[4]]
## [1] 8
## [[5]]
## [1] 10
# iterate across tibble using pwalk()
input_df %>%
 pwalk(silly_func_2)
# note: no output
```

Thus, the 'walk' bit just means that this function is the silent analog of 'map'. Phrased differently, pwalk() is running exactly the same thing as pmap(), but it isn't storing the results anywhere or printing them out to the console. Why might this be useful?

## Okay, but why all this {purrr} stuff?

So far nothing that we have done is particularly necessary or beneficial; however, when we have complex functions and lots of things to iterate across {purrr} becomes very useful.

First, it is often (slightly) faster than using for loops in R:

```
# increase amount of things to iterate across to show timing difference:
input_df <- tibble(x = 1:500, y = 1:500)

# loop through silly_func_2 the old way and time it:
system.time(
   for (i in 1:nrow(input_df)) {
      for(j in 1:nrow(input_df)) {
        silly_func_2(i,j)
      }
   }
}</pre>
```

```
##
      user
            system elapsed
##
      0.16
              0.00
                       0.16
# compare with purrr
system.time(
    input_df %>%
      pmap(silly_func_2)
##
            system elapsed
      user
         0
##
                  0
```

So that's pretty darn cool. Speedy iteration. Why is one of these faster than the other?

The second reason you might want to code things using this functional programming logic is because there is a second package, called {furrr}, that extends most of the {purrr} commands into a 'future' supported backend.

This means any of the {furrr} commands can be used in conjunction with the {future} package to run your iteration computations in parallel in a really easy way. This can be done using the following code, which first runs a version using base R and then runs a version using {furrr} functionals and compares the run time for both methods:

```
# let's make the number of iterations even bigger!
input_df \leftarrow tibble(x = 1:50000, y = 1:50000)
# loop through silly_func_2 the old way and time it:
system.time(
  for (i in 1:nrow(input_df)) {
    silly_func_2(x = input_df[i, 1], y = input_df[i, 2])
  }
)
            system elapsed
##
      user
##
     18.67
              0.00
                     18.83
# set up a parallel processing plan using future and plan
future::plan(multisession)
# compare with furrr--note the future_pmap vs. pmap from previous code chunk
system.time(
    input_df %>%
      future_pmap(silly_func_2)
)
##
            system elapsed
      user
##
      0.16
              0.00
```

Okay, so now we are just playing dirty. Using {furrr} we just ran the same calculation on a laptop in a fraction of the time it took to do that same calculation using a base R loop. Obviously this isn't entirely an apples to apples comparison, but the point stands that this is fast and powerful way to code. How is this working?

## How does all that relate to using BERTA and get\_fit()

Rather than looping through silly functions, can we use this functional programming knowledge to do something useful like assess lakes across a landscape?

Here's how we can use all of the tricks from above to greatly speed up our computations for the BERTA assessment models. First we declare a few variables for the Stan model, and then a to\_fit dataframe to iterate across:

```
# declare some indeces for stan model
Ages <- 2:20
t <- 2000 # first survey year
max_a <- max(Ages)</pre>
rec_a <- min(Ages)</pre>
initial_yr <- t - max_a + rec_a - 2
add_year <- initial_yr - 1</pre>
# declare HMC run parameters
n_{iter} = 2000
n_{chains} = 4
n_{\text{warmup}} = n_{\text{iter}/2}
# which lakes were the contract lakes?
contract_lakes <- c("lac ste. anne", "baptiste lake",</pre>
                      "pigeon lake", "calling lake",
                      "moose lake", "lake newell"
)
# create a tibble to iterate through, where columns correspond
# to function arguments in get_fit()
to_fit <- tibble(which_lake = contract_lakes)</pre>
to_fit$n_iter <- n_iter</pre>
to_fit$n_chains <- n_chains
to_fit$n_warmup <- n_warmup</pre>
to_fit$rec_ctl <- "ricker"</pre>
to_fit$cr_prior <- 6</pre>
to_fit2 <- to_fit</pre>
to fit2$rec ctl <- "bev-holt"
to_fit <- rbind(to_fit, to_fit2)</pre>
to_fit3 <- to_fit</pre>
to_fit3$cr_prior <- 12
to_fit <- rbind(to_fit, to_fit3)</pre>
str(to_fit)
## tibble [24 x 6] (S3: tbl_df/tbl/data.frame)
```

Note that the columns in to\_fit must match the function arguments in get\_fit() exactly. Once we have this set up, we call plan(), get\_fit(), and future\_pwalk():

Boom, we just ran 6 lakes x 2 stock-recruitment relationships x 2 informative priors for compensation ratio = 24 Bayesian models in only a few lines of code. We also saved each of these runs in the fits folder.

On my laptop this takes around 8.7 hours if you don't use {furrr} and {future}, but only 5.5 hours using the functional programming sneakery.

How could you add another lake to the analysis? Or an entirely different set of lakes?

## Debugging basics using browser()

For all the benefits of functional programming, it is certainly harder to debug code when errors inevitably arise. This means you should have a working knowledge of browser() and a few other Rstudio tricks. Discuss this in person.

## **Resources:**

```
https://purrr.tidyverse.org/
https://homerhanumat.github.io/r-notes/purrr-higher-order-functions-for-iteration.html
https://adv-r.hadley.nz/debugging.html
https://whattheyforgot.org/debugging-r-code.html
```