

Exploratory data analysis

1. Data cleaning

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library(nlme)
library(readr)
library(vcd)
library(reshape2)
library(lme4)
# load data
Collection <- read_csv("ABMI_Soil_Substrate_Data_2007-2017/A_T23A_Soil_Collection_8696278229856835266.csv")
Disturbance <- read_csv("ABMI_Soil_Substrate_Data_2007-2017/A_T23B_Soil_Disturbance_6115164298572665863.csv")
Mineral <- read_csv("ABMI_Soil_Substrate_Data_2007-2017/A_T25_Mineral_Soil_408583918077381328.csv")
# transferring string data type into factors
Collection <- as.data.frame(unclass(Collection),check.names = FALSE)
Disturbance <- as.data.frame(unclass(Disturbance),check.names = FALSE)
Mineral <- as.data.frame(unclass(Mineral),check.names = FALSE)
# remove missing data
Collection <- Collection[!is.na(Collection$`ABMI Site`),]
Disturbance <- Disturbance[!is.na(Disturbance$`ABMI Site`),]
Mineral <- Mineral[!is.na(Mineral$`ABMI Site`),]
Mineral <- Mineral[!Mineral$`Total Carbon (Percent of Dry Weight)`=='VNA',]
Mineral <- Mineral[Mineral$Quadrant!='DNC',]
Mineral = droplevels(Mineral)
#
#Test whether the carbon in four direction are same
# rotation 1
Mineral1 = Mineral[Mineral$Rotation=='Rotation 1',]
# rotation 2
Mineral2 = Mineral[Mineral$Rotation=='Rotation 2',]
M1 = matrix(NA,length(unique(Mineral1$`ABMI Site`)),4)
colnames(M1) = levels(Mineral1$Quadrant)
rownames(M1) = sort(unique(Mineral1$`ABMI Site`))
M2 = matrix(NA,length(unique(Mineral2$`ABMI Site`)),4)
colnames(M2)<-levels(Mineral2$Quadrant)
for(i in rownames(M1)){
  for (j in levels(Mineral1$Quadrant)) {
    Carbon = Mineral1[which(Mineral1$`ABMI Site`==i & Mineral1$Quadrant==j),]$`Total Carbon (Percent of Dry Weight)`
    if(length(Carbon)!=0){
      M1[i,j] = mean(Carbon)
    }
  }
}
### First test whether there is a difference within the four quadrant.
# M1.new=as.matrix(na.omit(M1))
# max=apply(M1.new, 1, max)
# min=apply(M1.new, 1, min)
# # diff = max - min
# M1.new=cbind(M1.new,diff=max-min)
# # using a t-test to test whether the four direction are different.
# t.test(M1.new[, 'diff'])

#1. Merge three tables for round1
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Collection1 = Collection[Collection$Rotation=='Rotation 1',]
#identify columns contain soil core sample
n1=grep("Soil Core Sample", colnames(Collection1))
#remove those columns
Collection1_uni=unique(Collection1[ , -c(n1)])
# spread mineral
Disturbance1 = Disturbance[Disturbance$Rotation=='Rotation 1',]
Disturbance1.human = Disturbance1[Disturbance1$`Human or Natural Disturbance`=='Human',]
names(Disturbance1.human)[8]<-'Human'
Disturbance1.human$`Human or Natural Disturbance` <- NULL
# merge the collection unique table and mineral table
A=merge(x = Collection1_uni[, -c(4:5)], y = Mineral1[, -c(4:7)], by = c("Rotation", "ABMI Site", "Year", "Qua
# remove missing data
A=A[!is.na(A$`Total Carbon (Percent of Dry Weight)`),]
A$`Total Carbon (Percent of Dry Weight)` = as.numeric(A$`Total Carbon (Percent of Dry Weight)` )
A = A[A$`Slope Position`!='DNC',]
# table 2 cannot be merged because there are multiple levels of disturbance type corresponding to one q
All = A[,c(2:10,15:16)]
All = droplevels(All)
# replace column name to enable the code more clear.
colnames(All)[1] <- 'site'
colnames(All)[4] <- 'nutrient'
colnames(All)[5] <- 'species'
colnames(All)[6] <- 'stage'
colnames(All)[7] <- 'percent'
colnames(All)[8] <- 'position'
colnames(All)[9] <- 'direction'
colnames(All)[10] <- 'carbon'
# change the slope direction into appropriate category
All$slope = NA
All$direction[All$direction=='VNA'] <- NA
All$direction <- as.numeric(All$direction)
All$slope[which(All$direction < 22.5 | All$direction > 337.5)] <- 'N'
All$slope[which(All$direction > 22.5 & All$direction < 67.5)] <- 'NE'
All$slope[which(All$direction > 67.5 & All$direction < 112.5)] <- 'E'
All$slope[which(All$direction > 112.5 & All$direction < 157.5)] <- 'SE'
All$slope[which(All$direction > 157.5 & All$direction < 202.5)] <- 'S'
All$slope[which(All$direction > 202.5 & All$direction < 247.5)] <- 'SW'
All$slope[which(All$direction > 247.5 & All$direction < 292.5)] <- 'W'
All$slope[which(All$direction > 292.5 & All$direction < 337.5)] <- 'NW'
All$slope[is.na(All$direction)] <- 'FLAT'
All$direction <- NULL
All$slope <- as.factor(All$slope)
levels(All$slope)

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## [1] "E"      "FLAT" "N"      "NE"     "S"      "SE"     "SW"     "W"
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2.Linear mixed effect model

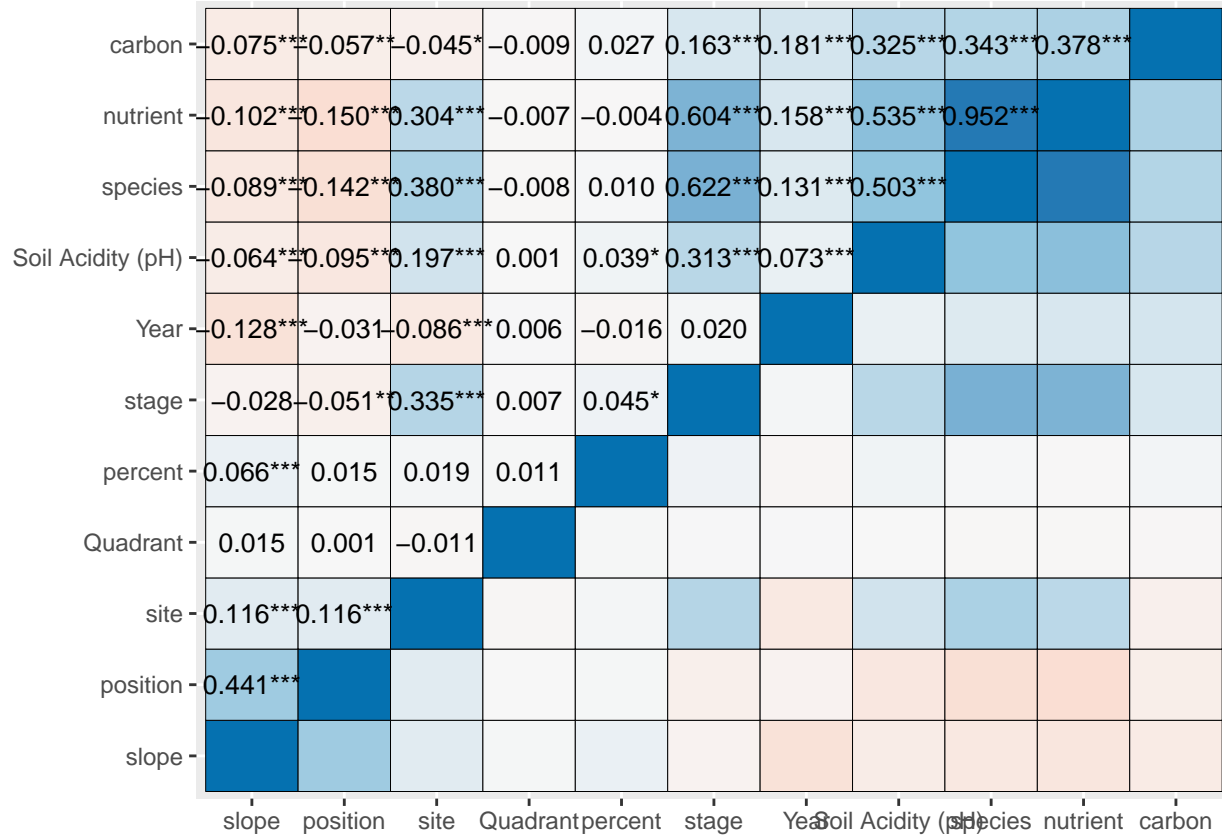
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#####MODEL FITTING#####
library('lattice')
library('kader')
library(MASS)
library(nlme)
library(lme4)

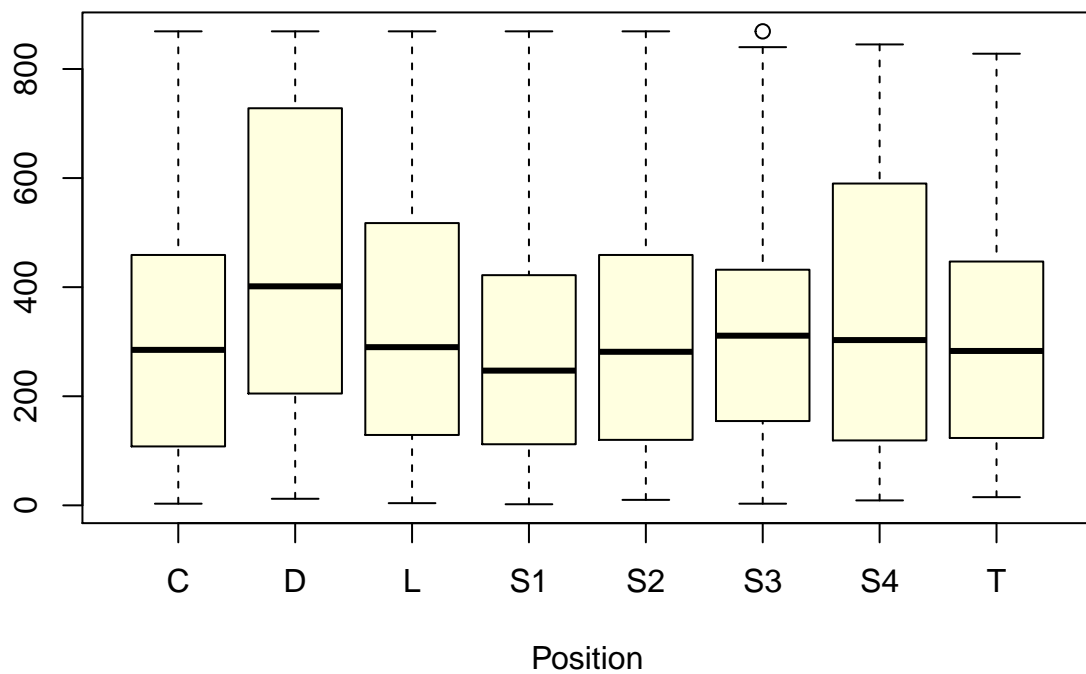
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library(sjPlot)
require(car)
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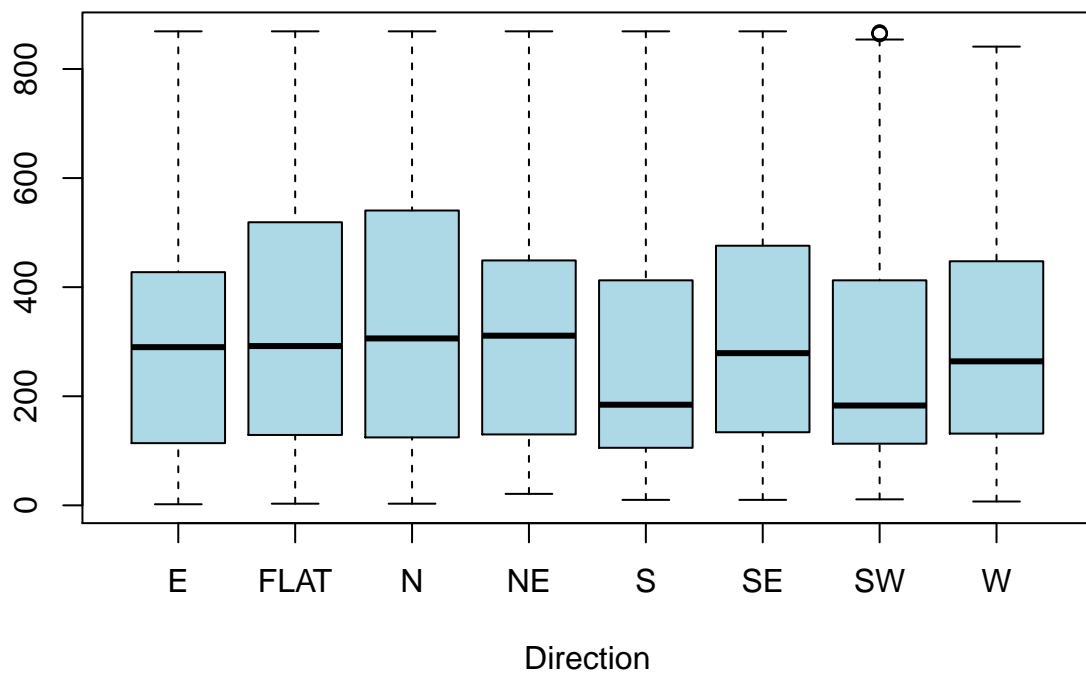
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# correlation plot to visualize any linear association between carbon and else
DF=All[,c(9,1:8,10,11)]
DF[] <- lapply(DF,as.integer)
sjp.corr(DF)
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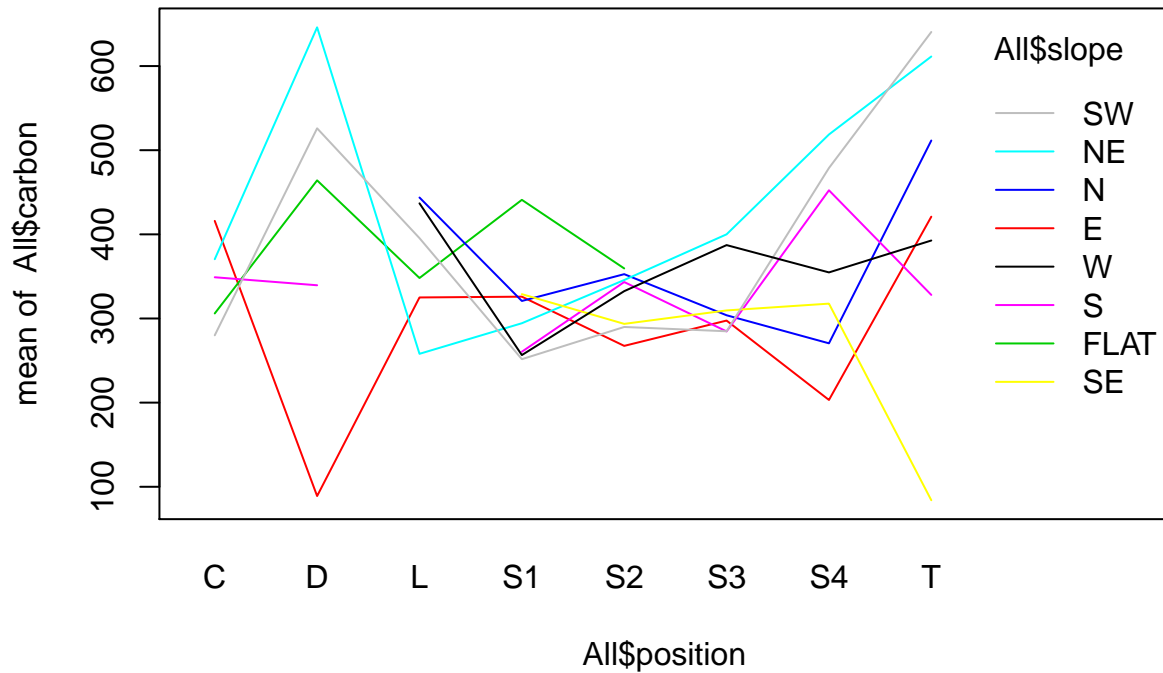
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# visualize the data
boxplot(carbon ~ position,col="lightyellow",xlab='Position',All)
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boxplot(carbon ~ slope,col="lightblue",xlab='Direction',All)
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interaction.plot(All$slope,All$carbon,col = 2:9, lty = 1)
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#FULL model
lmer1 = lmer(logit(carbon/100) ~ position*slope + (1|site),data = All)
# reduced model 1 (no interaction)
lmer2 = lmer(logit(carbon/100) ~ position+slope+ (1|site),data = All)
# reduced model 2 (no slope direction)
lmer3 = lmer(logit(carbon/100) ~ position + (1|site),data = All)
# reduced model 3 (no position)
lmer4 = lmer(logit(carbon/100) ~ slope + (1|site),data = All)
anova(lmer1,lmer2,lmer3,lmer4)
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## Data: All
## Models:
## lmer3: logit(carbon/100) ~ position + (1 | site)
## lmer4: logit(carbon/100) ~ slope + (1 | site)
## lmer2: logit(carbon/100) ~ position + slope + (1 | site)
## lmer1: logit(carbon/100) ~ position * slope + (1 | site)
##      Df      AIC      BIC logLik deviance Chisq Chi Df Pr(>Chisq)
## lmer3 10 6765.8 6826.0 -3372.9 6745.8
## lmer4 10 6804.8 6865.0 -3392.4 6784.8 0.000      0      1.0000
## lmer2 17 6775.9 6878.2 -3371.0 6741.9 42.871      7 3.532e-07 ***
## lmer1 59 6809.2 7164.1 -3345.6 6691.2 50.689     42 0.1682
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
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anova(lmer1,lmer2) # interaction effect is not significant
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## Data: All
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## Models:
## lmer2: logit(carbon/100) ~ position + slope + (1 | site)
## lmer1: logit(carbon/100) ~ position * slope + (1 | site)
##      Df      AIC      BIC logLik deviance Chisq Chi Df Pr(>Chisq)
## lmer2 17 6775.9 6878.2 -3371.0 6741.9
## lmer1 59 6809.2 7164.1 -3345.6 6691.2 50.689 42 0.1682

anova(lmer2,lmer3)# slope direction effect is not significant

## Data: All
## Models:
## lmer3: logit(carbon/100) ~ position + (1 | site)
## lmer2: logit(carbon/100) ~ position + slope + (1 | site)
##      Df      AIC      BIC logLik deviance Chisq Chi Df Pr(>Chisq)
## lmer3 10 6765.8 6826.0 -3372.9 6745.8
## lmer2 17 6775.9 6878.2 -3371.0 6741.9 3.9064 7 0.7905

anova(lmer2,lmer4)# position effect is very significant

## Data: All
## Models:
## lmer4: logit(carbon/100) ~ slope + (1 | site)
## lmer2: logit(carbon/100) ~ position + slope + (1 | site)
##      Df      AIC      BIC logLik deviance Chisq Chi Df Pr(>Chisq)
## lmer4 10 6804.8 6865.0 -3392.4 6784.8
## lmer2 17 6775.9 6878.2 -3371.0 6741.9 42.871 7 3.532e-07 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

anova(lmer4,lmer3)# same conclusion

## Data: All
## Models:
## lmer4: logit(carbon/100) ~ slope + (1 | site)
## lmer3: logit(carbon/100) ~ position + (1 | site)
##      Df      AIC      BIC logLik deviance Chisq Chi Df Pr(>Chisq)
## lmer4 10 6804.8 6865 -3392.4 6784.8
## lmer3 10 6765.8 6826 -3372.9 6745.8 38.965 0 < 2.2e-16 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

lm1=lm(logit(carbon/100) ~ position+Year,data = All)
summary(lm1)

##
## Call:
## lm(formula = logit(carbon/100) ~ position + Year, data = All)
##
## Residuals:
##      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
## -4.4644 -0.6069  0.1374  0.7667  1.8601
##
## Coefficients:
##              Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept) -1.643e+02  1.511e+01 -10.871 < 2e-16 ***
## positionD    4.651e-01  1.490e-01  3.121  0.00182 **
## positionL    1.085e-01  1.150e-01  0.944  0.34530

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## positionS1 -2.021e-02 1.185e-01 -0.171 0.86455
## positionS2 7.494e-02 1.303e-01 0.575 0.56537
## positionS3 7.170e-02 1.364e-01 0.526 0.59909
## positionS4 -3.350e-02 2.151e-01 -0.156 0.87622
## positionT 1.098e-01 1.740e-01 0.631 0.52793
## Year 7.978e-02 7.516e-03 10.616 < 2e-16 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 0.9853 on 3016 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared: 0.04923, Adjusted R-squared: 0.04671
## F-statistic: 19.52 on 8 and 3016 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16

logLik(lm1)

## 'log Lik.' -4242.938 (df=10)

lm1=lm(logit(carbon/100) ~ position+Year+site,data = All)
summary(lm1)

##
## Call:
## lm(formula = logit(carbon/100) ~ position + Year + site, data = All)
##
## Residuals:
##      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
## -4.2468 -0.6340  0.1102  0.7537  2.0178
##
## Coefficients:
##              Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept) -1.704e+02  1.509e+01 -11.292 < 2e-16 ***
## positionD    4.536e-01  1.484e-01  3.057 0.00225 **
## positionL    1.198e-01  1.145e-01  1.046 0.29561
## positionS1   -3.708e-02  1.180e-01 -0.314 0.75330
## positionS2    7.103e-02  1.298e-01  0.547 0.58414
## positionS3    2.902e-02  1.360e-01  0.213 0.83102
## positionS4   -6.755e-02  2.142e-01 -0.315 0.75249
## positionT    9.423e-02  1.732e-01  0.544 0.58649
## Year          8.271e-02  7.502e-03 11.025 < 2e-16 ***
## site          2.015e-04  3.792e-05  5.316 1.14e-07 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 0.9809 on 3015 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared: 0.05806, Adjusted R-squared: 0.05525
## F-statistic: 20.65 on 9 and 3015 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16

lm1=lm(logit(carbon/100) ~ position+Year+as.factor(site),data = All)

# the variation between site to site should be considered in the model
# adding the effect of Year
lmer2.y = lmer(logit(carbon/100) ~ position + Year + slope + (1|site),data = All)
lmer3.y = lmer(logit(carbon/100) ~ position + Year + (1|site),data = All)
anova(lmer2,lmer2.y)

## Data: All

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## Models:
## lmer2: logit(carbon/100) ~ position + slope + (1 | site)
## lmer2.y: logit(carbon/100) ~ position + Year + slope + (1 | site)
##      Df      AIC      BIC logLik deviance Chisq Chi Df Pr(>Chisq)
## lmer2   17 6775.9 6878.2 -3371.0   6741.9
## lmer2.y 18 6732.8 6841.1 -3348.4   6696.8 45.099      1 1.873e-11 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

anova(lmer3,lmer3.y) # it improves the model fit significantly

## Data: All
## Models:
## lmer3: logit(carbon/100) ~ position + (1 | site)
## lmer3.y: logit(carbon/100) ~ position + Year + (1 | site)
##      Df      AIC      BIC logLik deviance Chisq Chi Df Pr(>Chisq)
## lmer3   10 6765.8 6826.0 -3372.9   6745.8
## lmer3.y 11 6725.2 6791.4 -3351.6   6703.2 42.636      1 6.594e-11 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

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