

# Sakura Blossom Prediction Model for Japan\*

## Forecasting Sakura Blossom Using Bayesian Spline Regression

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\*Code and data are available at: <https://github.com/Jie-jiao05/Sakura-Blossom-Prediction-Model>.

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## 1 Introduction

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Why it matters paragraph

Telegraphing paragraph: The remainder of this paper is structured as follows. Section 2....

## 2 Data

### 2.1 Overview

We use the statistical programming language R (R Core Team 2023).... Our data (**shelter?**).... Following Alexander (2023), we consider...

Overview text

### 2.2 Measurement

Some paragraphs about how we go from a phenomena in the world to an entry in the dataset.

### 2.3 Outcome variables

Add graphs, tables and text. Use sub-sub-headings for each outcome variable or update the subheading to be singular.

Some of our data is of penguins (Figure 1), from (**palmerpenguins?**).

Talk more about it.

And also planes (**?@fig-planes**). (You can change the height and width, but don't worry about doing that until you have finished every other aspect of the paper - Quarto will try to make it look nice and the defaults usually work well once you have enough text.)

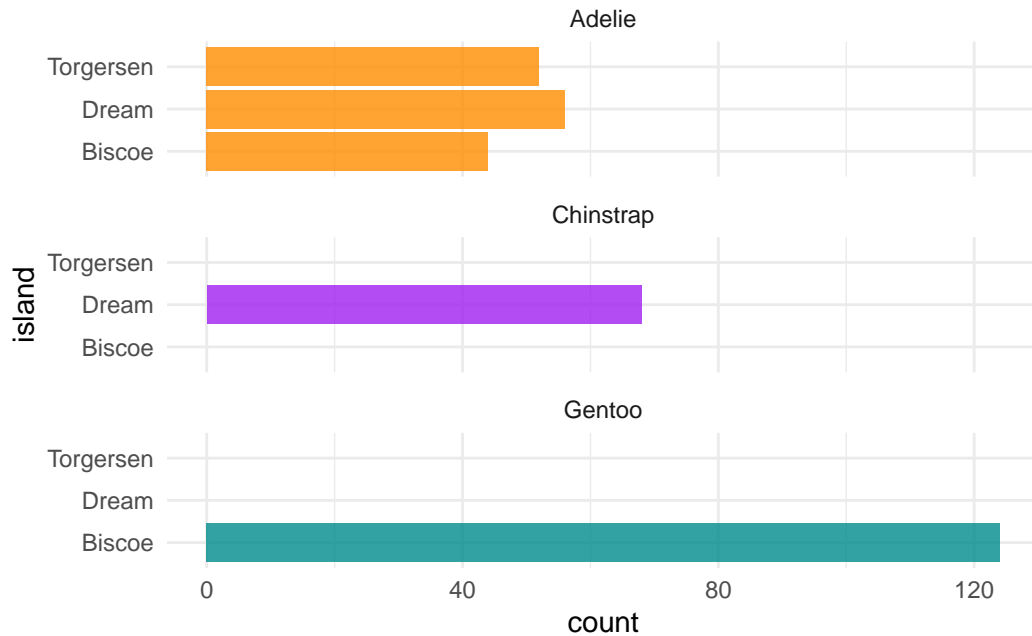


Figure 1: Bills of penguins

Talk way more about it.

## 2.4 Predictor variables

Add graphs, tables and text.

Use sub-sub-headings for each outcome variable and feel free to combine a few into one if they go together naturally.

## 3 Model

The goal of our modelling strategy is twofold. Firstly,...

Here we briefly describe the Bayesian analysis model used to investigate... Background details and diagnostics are included in [Appendix B](#).

### 3.1 Model set-up

Define  $y_i$  as the number of seconds that the plane remained aloft. Then  $\beta_i$  is the wing width and  $\gamma_i$  is the wing length, both measured in millimeters.

$$y_i | \mu_i, \sigma \sim \text{Normal}(\mu_i, \sigma) \tag{1}$$

$$\mu_i = \alpha + \beta_i + \gamma_i \tag{2}$$

$$\alpha \sim \text{Normal}(0, 2.5) \tag{3}$$

$$\beta \sim \text{Normal}(0, 2.5) \tag{4}$$

$$\gamma \sim \text{Normal}(0, 2.5) \tag{5}$$

$$\sigma \sim \text{Exponential}(1) \tag{6}$$

We run the model in R (R Core Team 2023) using the `rstanarm` package of (`rstanarm?`). We use the default priors from `rstanarm`.

#### 3.1.1 Model justification

We expect a positive relationship between the size of the wings and time spent aloft. In particular...

We can use maths by including latex between dollar signs, for instance  $\theta$ .

## 4 Results

Our results are summarized in Table 1.

## 5 Discussion

### 5.1 First discussion point

If my paper were 10 pages, then should be be at least 2.5 pages. The discussion is a chance to show off what you know and what you learnt from all this.

### 5.2 Second discussion point

Please don't use these as sub-heading labels - change them to be what your point actually is.

Table 1: Explanatory models of flight time based on wing width and wing length

First model	
(Intercept)	1.12 (1.70)
length	0.01 (0.01)
width	−0.01 (0.02)
Num.Obs.	19
R2	0.320
R2 Adj.	0.019
Log.Lik.	−18.128
ELPD	−21.6
ELPD s.e.	2.1
LOOIC	43.2
LOOIC s.e.	4.3
WAIC	42.7
RMSE	0.60

### **5.3 Third discussion point**

### **5.4 Weaknesses and next steps**

Weaknesses and next steps should also be included.

## Appendix

### A Additional data details

### B Model details

#### B.1 Posterior predictive check

In `?@fig-ppcheckandposteriorvsprior-1` we implement a posterior predictive check. This shows...

In `?@fig-ppcheckandposteriorvsprior-2` we compare the posterior with the prior. This shows...

Examining how the model fits, and is affected by, the data

#### B.2 Diagnostics

Figure 2a is a trace plot. It shows... This suggests...

Figure 2b is a Rhat plot. It shows... This suggests...

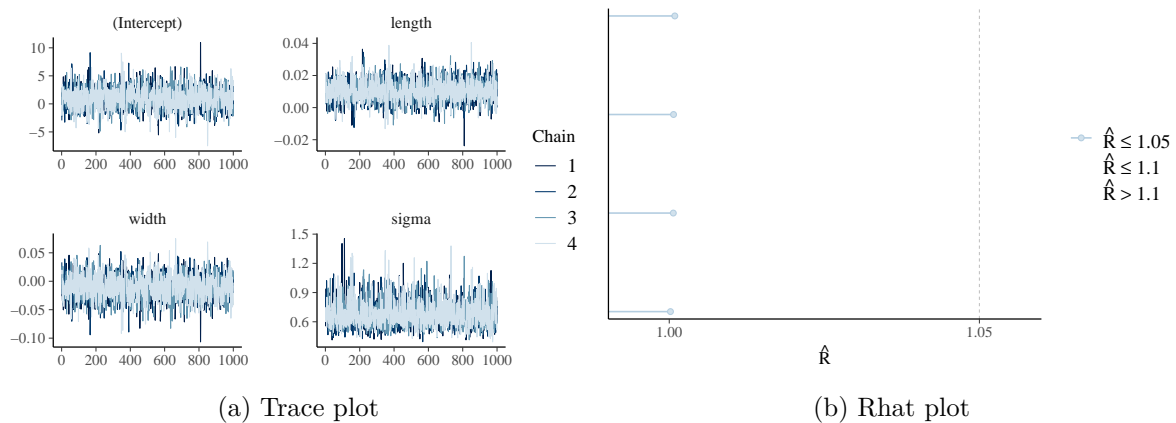


Figure 2: Checking the convergence of the MCMC algorithm

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