Three-year fitness of *Panicum virgatum* infected with switchgrass mosaic virus

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Ensure a clean R global environment.

```
freshr::freshr()
```

Load R packages aster and numDeriv

```
library("aster")
library("numDeriv")
```

Set global option.

```
# don't need this with R-4.0.0, it's the default there and forevermore
# but it doesn't hurt and defends against users who haven't upgraded R
options(stringsAsFactors = FALSE)
```

2 Data

##

root

```
redata <- read.csv("redata_fin.csv")
# "symp.extent" is the proportion of diseased tillers. Taken initially,
# in early summer 2017, and, for 2017 and 2018,
# taken at the end of season around the time
# we collected fitness metrics (panicle counts, lengths)

sapply(redata, class)

## PlantID Year symp.extent varb resp id
## "character" "integer" "numeric" "character" "integer" "integer"</pre>
```

```
"integer"
unique(redata$varb)
   [1] "late17.tillers"
                                  "late17.panicles"
##
                                  "late17.floret.count.total"
   [3] "late17.pans.sampled"
##
   [5] "late18.tillers"
                                  "late18.panicles"
##
   [7] "late18.pans.sampled"
                                  "late18.floret.count.total"
  [9] "late19.tillers"
                                  "late19.panicles"
## [11] "late19.pans.sampled"
                                  "late19.floret.count.total"
str(redata)
  'data.frame':
                   120 obs. of 7 variables:
                      "A" "B" "C" "D" ...
##
   $ PlantID
                : chr
##
   $ Year
                $ symp.extent: num 0.42 0.42 0.39 0.68 0.19 0.05 0.14 0.04 0.22 0.22 ...
                      "late17.tillers" "late17.tillers" "late17.tillers" "late17.tillers" ...
                : chr
##
                : int 56 45 77 79 148 114 172 157 90 219 ...
   $ resp
                : int 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 ...
   $ root
                : int 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 ...
redata$PlantID <- as.factor(redata$PlantID)</pre>
redata$Year <- as.factor(redata$Year)</pre>
```

3 Graph

We use the following aster graph for one individual.

$$y_{1} \xrightarrow{\text{Ber}} y_{2} \xrightarrow{\text{Samp}} y_{3} \xrightarrow{\text{Poi}} y_{4}$$

$$1 \xrightarrow{\text{Poi}} y_{5} \xrightarrow{\text{Ber}} y_{6} \xrightarrow{\text{Samp}} y_{7} \xrightarrow{\text{Poi}} y_{8}$$

$$y_{9} \xrightarrow{\text{Ber}} y_{10} \xrightarrow{\text{Samp}} y_{11} \xrightarrow{\text{Poi}} y_{12}$$

In this graph the "rows" are years (2017, 2018, and 2019) and the "columns" are data within years: first tillers $(y_1, y_5, \text{ and } y_9)$, then panicles $(y_2, y_6, \text{ and } y_{10})$, then sub-sampled panicles $(y_3, y_7, \text{ and } y_{11})$, and finally (the terminal nodes) floret count $(y_4, y_8, \text{ and } y_{12})$.

After initial analysis we may change some Poisson to negative binomial (a kind of over-dispersed Poisson), but first we see whether that seems necessary.

It is somewhat problematic that tiller counts for different years are for the same plant and these should be dependent. We allow for such dependence (somewhat) by putting individual effects in the model.

```
## [7] "late18.pans.sampled"
                                      "late18.floret.count.total"
## [9] "late19.tillers"
                                      "late19.panicles"
## [11] "late19.pans.sampled"
                                      "late19.floret.count.total"
pred.names <- c("initial", vars)[pred + 1]</pre>
foo <- cbind(pred.names, vars, fam)</pre>
colnames(foo) <- c("predecessor", "successor", "family")</pre>
foo
##
         predecessor
                                 successor
                                                               family
   [1,] "initial"
                                 "late17.tillers"
                                                               "2"
## [2,] "late17.tillers"
                                                               "1"
                                 "late17.panicles"
## [3,] "late17.panicles"
                                                               "1"
                                 "late17.pans.sampled"
## [4,] "late17.pans.sampled" "late17.floret.count.total"
                                                               "2"
## [5,] "initial"
                                 "late18.tillers"
                                                               "2"
## [6,] "late18.tillers"
                                                               "1"
                                 "late18.panicles"
                                                               "1"
## [7,] "late18.panicles"
                                 "late18.pans.sampled"
## [8,] "late18.pans.sampled" "late18.floret.count.total" "2"
## [9,] "initial"
                                                               "2"
                                 "late19.tillers"
                                                               "1"
## [10,] "late19.tillers"
                                 "late19.panicles"
## [11,] "late19.panicles"
                                 "late19.pans.sampled"
                                                               "1"
## [12,] "late19.pans.sampled" "late19.floret.count.total" "2"
fit <- as.numeric(grepl("floret", as.character(redata$varb)))</pre>
redata <- data.frame(redata, fit = fit)</pre>
ind <- as.factor(redata$id)</pre>
redata <- data.frame(redata, ind = ind)</pre>
redata <- subset(redata, redata$varb %in% vars)</pre>
nnode <- length(vars)</pre>
nind <- length(unique(redata$id))</pre>
nnode * nind == nrow(redata)
```

[1] TRUE

4 Initial Aster Models

4.1 Fit models (Poisson)

To start, we'll fit three models: a null model, a model with a fixed effect term for symptom extent (symp.extent) (a plant-level measure we assessed each growing season), and a third model that includes a term to describe variation at the individual level (ind).

```
anull <- aster(resp ~ varb,
    pred, fam, varb, id, root, data = redata)

aout.noind <- aster(resp ~ varb + fit : (symp.extent),
    pred, fam, varb, id, root, data = redata)

aout <- aster(resp ~ varb + fit : (symp.extent + ind),
    pred, fam, varb, id, root, data = redata)

anova(anull, aout.noind, aout)</pre>
```

```
## Analysis of Deviance Table
##
## Model 1: resp ~ varb
## Model 2: resp ~ varb + fit:(symp.extent)
## Model 3: resp ~ varb + fit:(symp.extent + ind)
    Model Df Model Dev Df Deviance P(>|Chi|)
##
## 1
               1283304
          12
## 2
          13
               1283318 1
                            14.419 0.0001463 ***
## 3
           22
               1283360 9
                            41.634 3.833e-06 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

The hypothesis test says both symp.extent and ind are statistically significant. The ind term helps us model the dependency of the tiller counts at the individual plant level, which were different among plants at the start of the experiment. Additionally, we also know (from other experiments) that there is a lot of variation in panicle lengths and floret production at the individual plant level. Therefore, going forward, we'll use the ind model as the base model as we evaluate residuals and over-dispersion.

```
summary(aout, info.tol = 1e-9)
```

```
##
## Call:
## aster.formula(formula = resp ~ varb + fit:(symp.extent + ind),
      pred = pred, fam = fam, varvar = varb, idvar = id, root = root,
##
##
      data = redata)
##
                                  Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(>|z|)
##
## (Intercept)
                                 6.006e+00 5.120e-03 1172.906 < 2e-16 ***
## varblate17.panicles
                                -3.888e+00 7.796e-02 -49.870
                                                                < 2e-16 ***
## varblate17.pans.sampled
                                -4.124e+02 2.021e+00 -204.073
                                                                < 2e-16 ***
## varblate17.tillers
                                -2.292e+00 7.003e-02
                                                       -32.730
                                                                < 2e-16 ***
## varblate18.floret.count.total -3.922e-02 6.868e-03
                                                        -5.711 1.13e-08 ***
## varblate18.panicles
                                -4.008e+00 6.770e-02 -59.208
                                                               < 2e-16 ***
## varblate18.pans.sampled
                                -3.970e+02 1.852e+00 -214.407
                                                                < 2e-16 ***
## varblate18.tillers
                                -1.984e+00 6.009e-02
                                                      -33.017
                                                                < 2e-16 ***
## varblate19.floret.count.total -2.994e-01 6.916e-03
                                                      -43.283
                                                                < 2e-16 ***
## varblate19.panicles
                                -4.341e+00 5.463e-02
                                                      -79.463
                                                                < 2e-16 ***
## varblate19.pans.sampled
                                -3.078e+02 1.448e+00 -212.613
                                                                < 2e-16 ***
## varblate19.tillers
                                -1.471e+00 4.661e-02 -31.561
                                                                < 2e-16 ***
## fit:symp.extent
                                -8.189e-03 4.020e-03
                                                        -2.037 0.041653 *
## fit:ind2
                                 1.562e-03 8.528e-04
                                                         1.832 0.066964 .
## fit:ind3
                                 1.750e-03
                                           7.745e-04
                                                         2.260 0.023826 *
## fit:ind4
                                 1.578e-03 1.771e-03
                                                         0.891 0.372840
## fit:ind5
                                 8.084e-04 7.792e-04
                                                         1.037 0.299554
## fit:ind6
                                -1.225e-03 1.186e-03
                                                        -1.033 0.301691
## fit:ind7
                                 1.379e-03 8.850e-04
                                                         1.558 0.119230
## fit:ind8
                                -8.420e-04 1.125e-03
                                                        -0.748 0.454169
## fit:ind9
                                 4.081e-04 8.167e-04
                                                         0.500 0.617302
## fit:ind10
                                                         3.373 0.000744 ***
                                 2.356e-03 6.985e-04
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

4.2 Get Conditional and Unconditional Mean Value Parameters

```
pout.cond <- predict(aout, model.type = "conditional",</pre>
     is.always.parameter = TRUE, gradient = TRUE)
xi <- pout.cond$fit
class(xi)
## [1] "numeric"
length(xi) == nind * nnode
## [1] TRUE
xi <- matrix(xi, nrow = nind)
colnames(xi) <- vars</pre>
##
         late17.tillers late17.panicles late17.pans.sampled
##
    [1,]
                               0.8130624
                109.6623
                                                    0.04443901
   [2,]
##
                113.1557
                               0.8188337
                                                    0.08046659
   [3,]
                114.5872
##
                               0.8210970
                                                    0.09445717
##
   [4,]
                108.8709
                               0.8117036
                                                    0.03588178
##
   [5,]
                117.4830
                               0.8255067
                                                    0.12149555
   [6,]
                113.9266
                               0.8200595
                                                    0.08805372
   [7,]
##
                123.2334
                                                    0.17066907
                               0.8336490
##
    [8,]
                115.6305
                               0.8227111
                                                    0.10438804
##
   [9,]
                114.7692
                               0.8213806
                                                    0.09620495
##
   [10,]
               125.6813
                               0.8368890
                                                    0.18997002
##
         late17.floret.count.total late18.tillers late18.panicles
##
    [1,]
                           404.3292
                                           138.8843
                                                           0.7991133
   [2,]
                           404.9614
                                           140.3235
##
                                                           0.8011737
##
   [3,]
                           405.1370
                                           142.4651
                                                           0.8041626
##
   [4,]
                           404.1064
                                           134.6663
                                                           0.7928213
##
   [5,]
                           405.4191
                                           142.2782
                                                           0.8039053
##
   [6,]
                           405.0598
                                           140.0113
                                                           0.8007304
##
   [7,]
                           405.8165
                                           151.9228
                                                           0.8163542
##
   [8,]
                           405.2480
                                           140.2137
                                                           0.8010180
   [9,]
##
                                                           0.8011329
                           405.1573
                                           140.2947
## [10,]
                           405.9472
                                           149.9400
                                                           0.8139256
##
         late18.pans.sampled late18.floret.count.total late19.tillers
    [1,]
                   0.07374258
##
                                                 389.5105
                                                                 180.9998
   [2,]
##
                   0.08560038
                                                 389.6725
                                                                 184.5408
   [3,]
##
                   0.10269359
                                                 389.8735
                                                                 187.0294
##
   [4,]
                   0.03714979
                                                 388.7862
                                                                 176.8308
##
   [5,]
                   0.10122746
                                                 389.8574
                                                                 183.7563
##
   [6,]
                   0.08305444
                                                 389.6395
                                                                 181.2938
##
   [7,]
                   0.17112048
                                                 390.4634
                                                                 188.1139
##
    [8,]
                   0.08470643
                                                 389.6610
                                                                 181.7812
##
   [9,]
                   0.08536599
                                                 389.6695
                                                                 185.6416
##
  [10,]
                   0.15765326
                                                 390.3653
                                                                 191.0123
##
         late19.panicles late19.pans.sampled late19.floret.count.total
##
    [1,]
                0.7425412
                                    0.08407609
                                                                  300.3656
##
   [2,]
               0.7474814
                                    0.10758842
                                                                  300.6382
##
   [3,]
               0.7508413
                                    0.12340281
                                                                  300.7933
##
   [4,]
               0.7364712
                                    0.05475488
                                                                  299.9053
##
   [5,]
               0.7464032
                                    0.10248368
                                                                  300.5839
```

```
##
  [7,]
               0.7522778
                                    0.13012098
                                                                 300.8540
##
  [8,]
               0.7436478
                                    0.08937021
                                                                 300.4325
## [9,]
               0.7489787
                                    0.11465373
                                                                 300.7098
## [10,]
               0.7560367
                                    0.14757983
                                                                 301.0001
pout.unco <- predict(aout, gradient = TRUE)</pre>
mu <- pout.unco$fit</pre>
mu <- matrix(mu, nrow = nind)</pre>
colnames(mu) <- vars</pre>
mu
##
         late17.tillers late17.panicles late17.pans.sampled
##
               109.6623
                                89.16228
   [1,]
                                                     3.962284
   [2,]
               113.1557
                                92.65569
                                                      7.455688
  [3,]
                                94.08721
##
               114.5872
                                                     8.887212
  [4,]
               108.8709
                                88.37091
                                                      3.170905
##
  [5,]
               117.4830
                                96.98300
                                                     11.783003
   [6,]
               113.9266
                                93.42656
                                                     8.226556
##
  [7,]
               123.2334
                               102.73342
                                                     17.533416
##
   [8,]
               115.6305
                                95.13048
                                                     9.930485
##
  [9,]
               114.7692
                                94.26916
                                                     9.069160
## [10,]
               125.6813
                               105.18129
                                                     19.981292
##
         late17.floret.count.total late18.tillers late18.panicles
##
   [1,]
                           1602.067
                                           138.8843
                                                            110.9843
##
   [2,]
                           3019.266
                                           140.3235
                                                            112.4235
                                           142.4651
##
  [3,]
                           3600.538
                                                            114.5651
## [4,]
                           1281.383
                                           134.6663
                                                            106.7663
##
  [5,]
                           4777.054
                                           142.2782
                                                            114.3782
##
  [6.]
                           3332.247
                                           140.0113
                                                            112.1113
##
  [7,]
                           7115.350
                                           151.9228
                                                            124.0228
##
   [8,]
                           4024.309
                                           140.2137
                                                            112.3137
##
   [9,]
                                           140.2947
                           3674.436
                                                            112.3947
  [10,]
                           8111.349
                                           149.9400
                                                            122.0400
##
         late18.pans.sampled late18.floret.count.total late19.tillers
                    8.184266
##
   [1,]
                                                3187.858
                                                                180.9998
##
   [2,]
                     9.623494
                                                3750.011
                                                                184.5408
##
  [3,]
                    11.765102
                                                4586.901
                                                                187.0294
## [4,]
                    3.966348
                                                1542.061
                                                                176.8308
##
  [5,]
                                                4513.854
                                                                183.7563
                    11.578217
##
   [6,]
                    9.311345
                                                3628.068
                                                                181.2938
##
   [7,]
                    21.222849
                                                8286.746
                                                                188.1139
##
   [8,]
                    9.513691
                                                3707.115
                                                                181.7812
##
   [9,]
                    9.594683
                                                3738.756
                                                                185.6416
## [10,]
                    19.240005
                                                7510.630
##
         late19.panicles late19.pans.sampled late19.floret.count.total
##
    [1,]
                134.3998
                                     11.299811
                                                                 3394.075
##
   [2,]
                 137.9408
                                     14.840837
                                                                 4461.723
   [3,]
                 140.4294
                                     17.329381
                                                                 5212.561
##
  [4,]
                                                                 2138.556
                130.2308
                                     7.130771
##
   [5,]
                137.1563
                                     14.056280
                                                                 4225.092
##
  [6,]
                134.6938
                                     11.593826
                                                                 3482.685
##
  [7,]
                141.5139
                                    18.413932
                                                                 5539.904
## [8,]
                                                                 3629.576
                135.1812
                                     12.081169
   [9,]
                139.0416
                                    15.941643
                                                                 4793.808
```

0.08607541

300.3913

[6,]

0.7429587

##

[10,] 144.4123 21.312350 6415.020

4.3 Correct for Sub-sampling

4.3.1 Point Estimates

The fundamental relationship between conditional and unconditional means is

$$\mu_j = \mu_{p(j)} \xi_j$$

So we get unconditional means by multiplying together the corresponding conditional mean and the unconditional mean for the predecessor.

To correct for sub-sampling, we want to do the same thing except we want to leave out the sub-sampling arrows. That is

$$\mu_{\text{florets}} = \mu_{\text{panicles}} \xi_{\text{florets}}$$

So first we obtain these quantities.

```
is.florets <- grep("floret", vars)
is.panicles <- grep("panicles", vars)
is.florets</pre>
```

```
## [1] 4 8 12
```

is.panicles

```
## [1] 2 6 10
```

```
mu.panicles <- mu[ , is.panicles]
xi.florets <- xi[ , is.florets]
mu.florets <- mu.panicles * xi.florets
mu.florets</pre>
```

```
##
         late17.panicles late18.panicles late19.panicles
##
    [1,]
                36050.92
                                 43229.54
                                                  40369.09
                37521.98
##
   [2,]
                                 43808.35
                                                  41470.29
##
   [3,]
                38118.21
                                 44665.89
                                                  42240.21
                35711.25
##
   [4,]
                                 41509.28
                                                  39056.89
##
   [5,]
                39318.76
                                 44591.20
                                                  41226.97
##
  [6,]
                37843.34
                                 43683.01
                                                  40460.86
##
  [7,]
                41690.92
                                 48426.38
                                                  42575.03
##
   [8,]
                38551.44
                                 43764.27
                                                  40612.82
## [9,]
                38193.84
                                 43796.78
                                                  41811.18
## [10,]
                42698.05
                                 47640.18
                                                  43468.14
```

Then (the best surrogate of) fitness (in these data) is the sum of these for each individual.

```
mu.fit <- rowSums(mu.florets)
mu.fit</pre>
```

```
## [1] 119649.5 122800.6 125024.3 116277.4 125136.9 121987.2 132692.3 122928.5
## [9] 123801.8 133806.4
```

4.4 Standard Errors

For reasons that will soon become apparent, we make an R function to do the preceding calculation.

```
foo <- function(x) {
    # x is xi and mu strung out as one vector</pre>
```

```
xi <- x[1:length(xi)]
mu <- x[- (1:length(xi))]
xi <- matrix(xi, nrow = nind)
mu <- matrix(mu, nrow = nind)
mu.panicles <- mu[ , is.panicles]
xi.florets <- xi[ , is.florets]
mu.florets <- mu.panicles * xi.florets
mu.fit <- rowSums(mu.florets)
}</pre>
```

And we check that it does indeed give the same calculation as above.

```
ximu <- c(xi, mu)
all.equal(foo(ximu), mu.fit)</pre>
```

```
## [1] TRUE
```

In order to derive standard errors using the delta method, we need Jacobian matrices (matrices of partial derivatives). Rather than do any calculus, we let R package numDeriv figure out the Jacobian matrix for this transformation. We also need the Jacobian matrix for the transformation from the "coefficients" vector to the vector ximu.

```
jac.foo <- jacobian(foo, ximu)
jac.ximu <- rbind(pout.cond$gradient, pout.unco$gradient)</pre>
```

Now the chain rule from multivariate calculus says the Jacobian for the overall transformation is the product of the Jacobians for the parts.

```
jac.total <- jac.foo %*% jac.ximu</pre>
```

Now the delta method says the variance-covariance matrix of all the fitnesses (the vector estimate mu.fit) is $JI^{-1}J^{T}$, where J is the overall Jacobian matrix jac.total and I is Fisher information for the "coefficients" vector

```
V <- jac.total %*% solve(aout$fisher) %*% t(jac.total)</pre>
```

and the standard errors are square roots of the variances (the diagonal elements of V)

```
se <- sqrt(diag(V))
bar.pois <- cbind(mu.fit, se)
colnames(bar.pois) <- c("Estimate", "SE")</pre>
```

Table 1: Estimated Fitness with Standard Error for Different Individuals (Poisson Distributions for Tillers and Florets)

Estimate	SE
119649.5	2702.672
122800.6	2903.538
125024.3	3037.413
116277.4	2478.442
125136.9	3062.308
121987.2	2865.781
132692.3	3495.365
122928.5	2927.697
123801.8	2965.634
133806.4	3547.607

5 Checking for Over-dispersion

Following the theory for the negative binomial distribution, if the conditional mean value parameter is ξ and the shape parameter is α and the data are y, then the conditional variance is

$$\xi \left(1 + \frac{\xi}{\alpha}\right)$$

We use this to estimate the shape parameter. Let A be a set of nodes all of which we think might be negative binomial with the same shape parameter, and let $\hat{\xi}$ be the estimated conditional mean value parameter vector assuming the Poisson distribution. Then we equate empirical conditional variance with the formula above

$$\sum_{j \in A} (y_j - y_{p(j)}\hat{\xi}_j)^2 = \sum_{j \in A} y_{p(j)}\hat{\xi}_j \left(1 + \frac{\hat{\xi}_j}{\alpha}\right)$$
 (*)

where p(j) is the predecessor of j. The right-hand side is a decreasing function of α and has infimum

$$\sum_{j \in A} y_{p(j)} \hat{\xi}_j \tag{**}$$

So long as the left-hand side of (*) is greater than (**) there will be a unique solution for α . Otherwise there is no solution, in which case the y_j values are under-dispersed rather than over-dispersed, and negative binomial is not appropriate.

5.1 Tillers

5.1.1 Observed and Conditional Mean Values

We assume the three arrows to the tillers nodes have the same over-dispersion. For these arrows, the predecessor is the constant 1. We have $y_{p(j)} = 1$ in (*) and (**).

```
is.tiller <- grepl("tiller", redata$varb)
y.tiller <- redata$resp[is.tiller]
xi.tiller <- xi[is.tiller]</pre>
```

5.1.2 Pearson Residuals

So-called Pearson residuals are deviations from the (estimated) mean divided by the (estimated) standard error. For Poisson (which we used for the fitted model we are diagnosing now) the standard deviation is the square root of the mean, hence

```
resid.pois.t <- (y.tiller - xi.tiller) / sqrt(xi.tiller)
stem(resid.pois.t, scale = 2)</pre>
```

```
##
     The decimal point is at the |
##
##
##
     -7 | O
##
     -6 | 554
##
     -5 | 1
     -4 | 700
##
##
     -3 | 953
     -2 | 9430
##
##
     -1 |
##
     -0 | 44
      0 | 0
##
##
      1 |
```

```
##
      2 | 28
##
      3 | 588
##
       4 | 47
##
      5 I
##
       6 |
##
      7 | 124
##
       8 | 34
resid.pois.tills <- stem(resid.pois.t, scale = 2)</pre>
##
##
     The decimal point is at the |
##
##
     -7 | 0
     -6 | 554
##
     -5 | 1
##
##
     -4 | 700
##
     -3 | 953
##
     -2 | 9430
##
     -1 |
     -0 | 44
##
      0 | 0
##
##
      1 |
##
      2 | 28
      3 | 588
##
       4 | 47
##
##
      5 I
##
      6 |
##
      7 | 124
##
      8 | 34
We do not expect such large residuals in such a small sample. Thus we think we need negative binomial.
5.1.3 Estimating Shape Parameter for Tillers
lhs <- sum((y.tiller - xi.tiller)^2)</pre>
rhs.min <- sum(xi.tiller)</pre>
lhs > rhs.min
## [1] TRUE
Thus we can fit negative binomial. Write a function the zero of which is our estimate of the shape parameter.
baz <- function(alpha) lhs - sum(xi.tiller * (1 + xi.tiller / alpha))</pre>
Then we find two points where this function has opposite signs and feed it to R function uniroot.
baz(1)
```

```
## $root
```

uout

baz(10)

[1] -573518.5

[1] 34305.9

uout <- uniroot(baz, c(1, 10), tol = sqrt(.Machine\$double.eps))</pre>

```
## [1] 6.631457
##
## $f.root
## [1] 0
##
## $iter
## [1] 8
##
## $init.it
## [1] NA
##
## $estim.prec
## [1] 0.002350784
```

Looks like we want negative binomial with shape parameter 6.6314567 for this first arrow.

```
## [[1]]
## [1] "bernoulli"
##
## [[2]]
## [1] "poisson"
##
## [[3]]
## [1] "negative.binomial(size = 6.63145669255945)"
```

5.1.4 Model fitting

Now do everything all over again, and check for over-dispersion for florets.

```
aout <- aster(resp ~ varb + fit : (symp.extent + ind),
    pred, fam, varb, id, root, data = redata, famlist = famlist)</pre>
```

```
## Warning in aster.default(x, root, pred, fam, modmat, parm, type, famlist, :
## Algorithm did not converge
```

To avoid convergence trouble, let's bump up the max iterations and then see if convergence comes more easily after we finalize the shape parameter estimates.

```
aout <- aster(resp ~ varb + fit : (symp.extent + ind),
    pred, fam, varb, id, root, data = redata, famlist = famlist, maxiter = 20000)</pre>
```

5.2 Florets

Now we look at terminal arrows, using the same shape parameter for all years.

5.2.1 Observed, Predecessors, and Conditional Mean Values

```
is.floret <- grep("floret.count.total", redata$varb)
is.floret.pred <- grep("pans.sampled", redata$varb)
y.floret <- redata$resp[is.floret]</pre>
```

```
y.floret.pred <- redata$resp[is.floret.pred]</pre>
xi.floret <- xi[is.floret]</pre>
5.2.2 Pearson Residuals
resid.pois.f <- (y.floret - y.floret.pred * xi.floret) / sqrt(y.floret.pred * xi.floret)
summary(resid.pois.f)
      Min. 1st Qu. Median
##
                                Mean 3rd Qu.
## -36.646 -9.606
                     1.307
                               1.047 10.897 72.895
stem(resid.pois.f, scale = 2)
##
##
     The decimal point is 1 digit(s) to the right of the |
##
     -3 | 70
##
##
     -2 | 5
     -1 | 86550
##
     -0 | 988754
##
      0 | 1145799
##
##
      1 | 013347
##
      2 | 08
##
      3 I
##
      4 |
##
      5 I
##
      6 I
      7 | 3
##
resid.pois.florets <- stem(resid.pois.f, scale = 2)</pre>
##
     The decimal point is 1 digit(s) to the right of the |
##
##
     -3 | 70
##
##
     -2 | 5
     -1 | 86550
##
     -0 | 988754
##
##
      0 | 1145799
      1 | 013347
##
##
      2 I 08
      3 I
```

We do not expect such large residuals (more than 4 standard deviations from the mean) in such a small sample. Thus we think we need negative binomial.

5.2.3 Estimating Shape Parameter for Florets

##

##

##

##

4 |

5 |

6 |

7 | 3

```
lhs.f <- sum((y.floret - y.floret.pred * xi.floret)^2)
rhs.min.f <- sum(y.floret.pred * xi.floret)
lhs.f > rhs.min.f
```

```
## [1] TRUE
Thus we can fit negative binomial. Write a function the zero of which is our estimate of the shape parameter.
baz.f <- function(alpha) lhs.f -</pre>
    sum(y.floret.pred * xi.floret * (1 + xi.floret / alpha))
Then we find two points where this function has opposite signs and feed it to R function uniroot.
baz.f(1)
## [1] -4097496
baz.f(10)
## [1] 37998248
uout.f <- uniroot(baz.f, c(1, 10), tol = sqrt(.Machine$double.eps))</pre>
uout.f
## $root
## [1] 1.096015
## $f.root
## [1] 0.0002074242
##
## $iter
## [1] 7
##
## $init.it
## [1] NA
##
## $estim.prec
## [1] 7.450581e-09
Looks like we want negative binomial with shape parameter 1.0960151 for these terminal arrows.
famlist <- c(famlist, list(fam.negative.binomial(uout.f$root)))</pre>
famlist
## [[1]]
## [1] "bernoulli"
## [[2]]
## [1] "poisson"
##
## [[3]]
## [1] "negative.binomial(size = 6.63145669255945)"
##
## [[4]]
## [1] "negative.binomial(size = 1.09601506363191)"
fam[grep("floret", vars)] <- 4</pre>
```

5.2.4 Model Fitting

Fit model with NB distributions for tillers and florets

[1] 3 1 1 4 3 1 1 4 3 1 1 4

```
aout <- aster(resp ~ varb + fit : (symp.extent + ind),
    pred, fam, varb, id, root, data = redata, famlist = famlist)</pre>
```

5.3 Redo Conditional and Unconditional Mean Value Parameters

5.4 Redo Jacobian matrices

```
jac.foo <- jacobian(foo, ximu)
jac.ximu <- rbind(pout.cond$gradient, pout.unco$gradient)
jac.total <- jac.foo %*% jac.ximu</pre>
```

5.5 Estimate fitness

Re-do the delta method to estimate fitness.

```
V <- jac.total %*% solve(aout$fisher) %*% t(jac.total)
se <- sqrt(diag(V))
bar.nb1 <- cbind(foo(ximu), se)
colnames(bar.nb1) <- c("Estimate", "SE")</pre>
```

Table 2: Estimated Fitness with Standard Error for Different Individuals (Initial Negative Binomial Distributions for Tillers and Florets)

Estimate	SE
89147.71	23208.04
112386.97	28338.03
128489.18	32061.15
62850.23	17022.06
128860.78	31942.63
106362.79	26877.86
181763.34	44533.71
113017.06	28360.42
119496.72	29896.84
189029.06	45572.24

6 Re-estimating over-dispersion for final model

Now that we have fit the ind model with two negative binomial distributions, we

- re-estimate ξ ,
- re-estimate the negative binomial shape parameters based on this new $\hat{\xi}$.

And we do this repeatedly until the estimates of shape parameters converge. We'll use the initial estimates for the NB shape parameters as the starting point for the model.

```
shapes.save <- lapply(famlist, function(x) x$size)</pre>
shapes.save <- unlist(shapes.save)</pre>
for (i in 1:7) {
xi <- predict(aout, model.type = "conditional", is.always.parameter = TRUE)</pre>
# tillers
xi.tiller <- xi[is.tiller]</pre>
lhs <- sum((y.tiller - xi.tiller)^2)</pre>
rhs.min <- sum(xi.tiller)</pre>
stopifnot(lhs > rhs.min)
baz <- function(alpha) lhs - sum(xi.tiller * (1 + xi.tiller / alpha))</pre>
uout <- uniroot(baz, c(2, 20), tol = sqrt(.Machine$double.eps),</pre>
    extendInt = "yes")
famlist[[3]] <- fam.negative.binomial(uout$root)</pre>
# florets
xi.floret <- xi[is.floret]</pre>
lhs <- sum((y.floret - y.floret.pred * xi.floret)^2)</pre>
rhs.min <- sum(y.floret.pred * xi.floret)</pre>
stopifnot(lhs > rhs.min)
baz <- function(alpha) lhs -</pre>
    sum(y.floret.pred * xi.floret * (1 + xi.floret / alpha))
uout <- uniroot(baz, c(1/2, 2), tol = sqrt(.Machine$double.eps),</pre>
    extendInt = "yes")
famlist[[4]] <- fam.negative.binomial(uout$root)</pre>
aout <- aster(resp ~ varb + fit : (symp.extent + ind),</pre>
    pred, fam, varb, id, root, data = redata, famlist = famlist,
    maxiter = 20000)
shapes.tmp <- lapply(famlist, function(x) x$size)</pre>
shapes.save <- rbind(shapes.save, unlist(shapes.tmp))</pre>
rownames(shapes.save) <- NULL</pre>
colnames(shapes.save) <- c("tillers", "florets")</pre>
```

Let's take a look at where the shape parameters converged for the negative binomial model.

Table 3: Estimated shape parameters of negative binomial distributions, each row one iteration

tillers	florets
6.6315	1.0960
11.9381	1.2094
10.1647	1.1872
10.6408	1.1950

tillers	florets
10.5046	1.1930
10.5430	1.1936
10.5322	1.1935
10.5352	1.1935

The initial NB shape parameter for tillers was 6.631, and it converged at 10.535. The change in the shape parameter for florets was less drastic. Initially, it was 1.096, and it converged at 1.193.

7 Evaluating final model

The famlist was automatically updated during the convergence process, so we just need to rerun the null and final model in order to compare them.

```
anull <- aster(resp ~ varb, pred, fam, varb, id, root, data = redata, famlist = famlist)
aout <- aster(resp ~ varb + fit : (symp.extent + ind),</pre>
    pred, fam, varb, id, root, data = redata, famlist = famlist)
anova(anull,aout)
## Analysis of Deviance Table
## Model 1: resp ~ varb
## Model 2: resp ~ varb + fit:(symp.extent + ind)
     Model Df Model Dev Df Deviance P(>|Chi|)
## 1
           12
                 -14909
## 2
           22
                 -14889 10
                             19.719
                                       0.03203 *
## ---
```

With the final shape parameters for tillers and florets for the ind model, we didn't have any convergence trouble. We also see that our final model is still explaining a significant amount of variation relative the null.

8 Final fitness estimates

##

8.1 Get Conditional and Unconditional Mean Value Parameters

late17.tillers late17.panicles late17.pans.sampled

Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

```
[1,]
##
                90.67461
                                0.8187365
                                                     0.07986425
##
    [2,]
                                0.8213544
                                                     0.09604337
               105.28175
##
    [3,]
               110.67019
                                0.8221456
                                                     0.10091307
    [4,]
##
                85.22798
                                0.8175307
                                                     0.07237712
##
    [5,]
               124.38953
                                0.8238506
                                                     0.11137532
##
    [6,]
               108.97500
                                0.8219051
                                                     0.09943399
##
    [7,]
               145.55836
                                0.8258509
                                                     0.12359413
    [8,]
##
               116.43644
                                0.8229112
                                                     0.10561608
##
    [9,]
               111.89728
                                0.8223151
                                                     0.10195526
##
   [10,]
               157.88888
                                0.8267688
                                                     0.12918153
##
         late17.floret.count.total late18.tillers late18.panicles
##
    [1,]
                            307.3460
                                            125.2207
                                                             0.8018327
##
    [2,]
                            364.3105
                                            133.3189
                                                             0.8027668
##
   [3,]
                            381.5037
                                            143.5432
                                                             0.8037956
##
   [4,]
                            280.9967
                                            102.9123
                                                             0.7984990
##
    [5,]
                            418.5753
                                            143.7408
                                                             0.8038141
##
    [6,]
                            376.2781
                                            132.4406
                                                             0.8026710
##
    [7,]
                            462.1763
                                            194.4716
                                                             0.8073089
##
    [8,]
                            398.1430
                                                             0.8027903
                                            133.5357
##
    [9,]
                            385.1878
                                            133.0589
                                                             0.8027386
##
   [10,]
                            482.2485
                                            178.7573
                                                             0.8064384
##
         late18.pans.sampled late18.floret.count.total late19.tillers
##
    [1,]
                   0.08937983
                                                  346.1512
                                                                  163.5410
##
    [2,]
                   0.09472708
                                                                  188.0090
                                                  365.2839
##
    [3,]
                   0.10060202
                                                  386.3426
                                                                  205.2266
    [4,]
                   0.07019538
                                                  277.5825
                                                                  135.8233
##
    [5,]
                   0.10070720
                                                  386.7200
                                                                  182.9424
                                                                  167.5384
    [6,]
                   0.09417931
                                                  363.3227
##
   [7,]
                   0.12055089
                                                  458.3223
                                                                  205.0083
##
    [8,]
                   0.09486116
                                                  365.7640
                                                                  170.6834
##
    [9,]
                   0.09456566
                                                  364.7059
                                                                  195.7690
##
   [10,]
                   0.11562430
                                                  440.4627
                                                                  226.4587
##
         late19.panicles late19.pans.sampled late19.floret.count.total
##
                0.7451543
                                     0.09655191
    [1,]
                                                                   276.6657
##
    [2,]
                0.7471616
                                     0.10607578
                                                                   302.1346
##
    [3,]
                0.7482871
                                     0.11139389
                                                                   316.4095
##
   [4,]
                0.7420068
                                     0.08151413
                                                                   236.6059
##
   [5,]
                0.7467900
                                     0.10431668
                                                                   297.4219
##
    [6,]
                0.7455223
                                     0.09830178
                                                                   281.3375
##
   [7,]
                0.7482740
                                     0.11133216
                                                                   316.2436
    [8,]
                                                                   284.8583
                0.7457997
                                     0.09961978
##
    [9,]
                0.7476934
                                     0.10859044
                                                                   308.8791
## [10,]
                0.7494395
                                     0.11682196
                                                                   331.0277
pout.unco.f <- predict(aout, gradient = TRUE)</pre>
mu <- pout.unco.f$fit</pre>
mu <- matrix(mu, nrow = nind)</pre>
colnames(mu) <- vars</pre>
mu
         late17.tillers late17.panicles late17.pans.sampled
##
##
   [1,]
                90.67461
                                  74.23861
                                                       5.929011
##
   [2,]
               105.28175
                                  86.47362
                                                       8.305218
    [3,]
                                  90.98700
##
               110.67019
                                                       9.181778
   [4,]
                85.22798
                                  69.67649
                                                       5.042984
```

```
[5,]
##
               124.38953
                                102.47839
                                                      11.413563
##
    [6,]
               108.97500
                                 89.56711
                                                      8.906015
    [7,]
##
               145.55836
                                120.20950
                                                      14.857189
##
    [8,]
               116.43644
                                 95.81684
                                                      10.119799
##
    [9,]
               111.89728
                                 92.01482
                                                       9.381395
##
   [10,]
               157.88888
                                130.53761
                                                      16.863048
         late17.floret.count.total late18.tillers late18.panicles
##
    [1,]
##
                            1822.258
                                            125.2207
                                                            100.40607
##
    [2,]
                            3025.678
                                            133.3189
                                                            107.02402
##
    [3,]
                            3502.882
                                            143.5432
                                                            115.37937
    [4,]
                            1417.062
                                            102.9123
                                                             82.17538
##
    [5,]
                            4777.436
                                            143.7408
                                                            115.54086
##
    [6,]
                            3351.138
                                            132.4406
                                                            106.30625
##
   [7,]
                            6866.640
                                            194.4716
                                                            156.99862
##
    [8,]
                            4029.127
                                            133.5357
                                                            107.20119
##
    [9,]
                            3613.599
                                            133.0589
                                                            106.81150
##
   [10,]
                                            178.7573
                            8132.179
                                                            144.15673
##
         late18.pans.sampled late18.floret.count.total late19.tillers
##
    [1,]
                     8.974277
                                                 3106.457
                                                                 163.5410
##
    [2,]
                    10.138073
                                                 3703.275
                                                                 188.0090
                                                                 205.2266
##
    [3,]
                    11.607398
                                                 4484.432
##
   [4,]
                     5.768332
                                                 1601.188
                                                                 135.8233
    [5,]
##
                    11.635796
                                                 4499.795
                                                                 182.9424
##
    [6,]
                    10.011850
                                                 3637.532
                                                                 167.5384
##
    [7,]
                    18.926324
                                                 8674.356
                                                                 205.0083
    [8,]
                    10.169230
                                                 3719.538
                                                                 170.6834
##
    [9,]
                    10.100700
                                                 3683.785
                                                                 195.7690
   [10,]
##
                    16.668020
                                                 7341.641
                                                                 226.4587
##
         late19.panicles late19.pans.sampled late19.floret.count.total
##
    [1,]
                 121.8633
                                     11.766132
                                                                   3255.285
##
    [2,]
                 140.4731
                                     14.900797
                                                                   4502.047
##
    [3,]
                 153.5684
                                     17.106582
                                                                   5412.685
   [4,]
##
                 100.7818
                                      8.215139
                                                                   1943.750
##
   [5,]
                                     14.251701
                                                                   4238.768
                 136.6196
##
    [6,]
                 124.9036
                                     12.278243
                                                                   3454.330
##
   [7,]
                 153.4024
                                     17.078621
                                                                   5401.004
##
   [8,]
                 127.2956
                                     12.681160
                                                                   3612.334
##
   [9,]
                 146.3752
                                     15.894944
                                                                   4909.616
## [10,]
                 169.7171
                                     19.826680
                                                                   6563.180
```

8.2 Correcting for Sub-sampling

8.2.1 Point Estimates

```
is.florets <- grep("floret", vars)
is.panicles <- grep("panicles", vars)
is.florets

## [1] 4 8 12
is.panicles

## [1] 2 6 10

mu.panicles <- mu[ , is.panicles]
xi.florets <- xi[ , is.florets]</pre>
```

```
mu.florets <- mu.panicles * xi.florets</pre>
mu.florets
##
          late17.panicles late18.panicles late19.panicles
##
    [1,]
                 22816.94
                                   34755.68
                                                     33715.39
##
   [2,]
                 31503.25
                                                     42441.80
                                   39094.15
## [3,]
                 34711.88
                                   44575.96
                                                     48590.51
## [4,]
                 19578.86
                                   22810.45
                                                     23845.56
## [5,]
                 42894.93
                                   44681.97
                                                     40633.66
## [6,]
                 33702.14
                                   38623.47
                                                     35140.06
## [7,]
                 55557.98
                                   71955.96
                                                     48512.53
## [8,]
                 38148.81
                                   39210.34
                                                     36261.22
## [9,]
                 35442.99
                                   38954.79
                                                     45212.23
## [10,]
                 62951.56
                                   63495.66
                                                     56181.05
Now calculate the final fitness estimates.
mu.fit <- rowSums(mu.florets)</pre>
mu.fit
    [1] 91288.01 113039.20 127878.35 66234.87 128210.55 107465.67 176026.47
   [8] 113620.36 119610.00 182628.26
Check
ximu <- c(xi, mu)
all.equal(foo(ximu), mu.fit)
## [1] TRUE
Final Jacobian matrices
jac.foo <- jacobian(foo, ximu)</pre>
jac.ximu <- rbind(pout.cond.f$gradient, pout.unco.f$gradient)</pre>
jac.total <- jac.foo %*% jac.ximu</pre>
Delta method for final fitness estimates.
V <- jac.total %*% solve(aout$fisher) %*% t(jac.total)</pre>
The standard errors are square roots of the variances (the diagonal elements of V)
se.final <- sqrt(diag(V))</pre>
bar.final <- cbind(mu.fit, se.final)</pre>
colnames(bar.final) <- c("Estimate", "SE")</pre>
```

Table 4: Estimated Fitness with Standard Error for Different Individuals (Final Negative Binomial Distributions for Tillers and Florets

SE
19816.16
23636.53
26353.40
15136.14
26297.39
22584.03
35303.11
23671.55

Estimate	SE
119610.00 182628.26	$24776.94 \\ 36099.52$

Caution: Standard errors involving negative binomial arrows do not account for estimating the shape parameters of these negative binomial distributions. Whenever such are presented, some academic weasel wording must be emitted to refer to this fact. More precisely, the standard errors in Table 3 assume the size parameters of the negative binomial distributions are known rather than estimated. They do correctly account for sampling variability under that assumption, asymptotically (for sufficiently large sample size).

9 Comparing Pearson residuals for models

```
is.tiller <- grepl("tiller", redata$varb)</pre>
y.tiller <- redata$resp[is.tiller]</pre>
xi.tiller <- xi[is.tiller]</pre>
resid.t.final <- (y.tiller - xi.tiller) /
    sqrt(xi.tiller * (1 + xi.tiller / famlist[[3]]$size))
summary(resid.t.final)
##
       Min. 1st Qu.
                         Median
                                     Mean
                                            3rd Qu.
                                                         Max.
## -1.77192 -0.87328 -0.24797 -0.07649
                                            0.72515
                                                      2.14036
stem(resid.t.final, scale = 1)
##
##
     The decimal point is at the |
##
##
     -1 | 876
##
     -1 | 321
     -0 | 997765
##
##
     -0 | 4432
##
      0 | 12
      0 | 666778
##
##
      1 | 11122
##
      1 |
      2 | 1
##
Compare these to the Pearson residuals for tillers from the initial Poisson model.
stem(resid.pois.t, scale = 2)
##
##
     The decimal point is at the |
##
##
     -7 | O
##
     -6 | 554
##
     -5 | 1
     -4 | 700
##
##
     -3 | 953
##
     -2 | 9430
##
     -1 |
     -0 | 44
##
##
      0 | 0
```

##

1 |

```
##
       2 | 28
##
       3 | 588
##
       4 | 47
       5 I
##
##
      6 |
##
       7 | 124
##
       8 | 34
```

The residual analysis for the original model (with Poisson arrows for tillers and florets) clearly showed the model did not fit the data because the residuals were far larger than standard normal (which they would be only for very large sample sizes, which we do not have here, but still the residuals are far larger than they should be). The residual analysis for the final model (with negative binomial arrows for tillers and florets) shows no lack of fit of the model data because the residuals are the same size as standard normal residuals would be, although not quite standard normal in distribution, perhaps. But there isn't anywhere else in aster models to go. So we declare this model fits and move on (at least as far as tillers are concerned).

On to florets.

```
resid.f.final <-
    (y.floret - y.floret.pred * xi.floret) /
    sqrt(y.floret.pred * xi.floret * (1 + xi.floret / famlist[[4]]$size))
summary(resid.f.final)
##
        Min.
                1st Qu.
                            Median
                                         Mean
                                                3rd Qu.
                                                              Max.
## -2.164408 -0.654005 -0.006392 0.134414
                                               0.738515
                                                          4.545859
stem(resid.f.final, scale = 2)
##
##
     The decimal point is at the |
##
##
     -2 | 2
     -1 | 5
##
##
     -1 \mid 2
##
     -0 | 9887755
##
     -0 | 444300
##
      0 | 333
      0 | 577889
##
##
      1 | 234
      1 | 5
##
      2 |
##
##
      2 |
      3 I
##
##
      3 |
##
      4 |
      4 | 5
##
Compare these to initial residuals from Poisson model
stem(resid.pois.f, scale = 2)
```

```
##
##
     The decimal point is 1 digit(s) to the right of the |
##
##
     -3 | 70
     -2 | 5
##
     -1 | 86550
##
     -0 | 988754
##
```

```
##
      0 | 1145799
##
      1 | 013347
      2 | 08
##
##
      3 |
##
      4 |
      5 I
##
##
      6 |
      7 | 3
##
```

We still have the one outlier. Clearly that one observation does not fit either Poisson or negative binomial model. But the final model shows no other issues. The residuals are (except for the outlier) about the same size as standard normal residuals.