

Example 7.4

Disease mapping: from foundations to multidimensional modeling

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This document reproduces the analysis made at Example 7.4 of the book: “Disease mapping: from foundations to multidimensional modeling” by Martinez-Beneito M.A. and Botella-Rocamora P., published by CRC press in 2019. You can watch the analysis made with full detail at this pdf document, or even execute it if you want with the material available at <https://github.com/MigueBeneito/DMBook>. Anyway, this pdf file should be enough for following most of the details of the analysis made for this example.

The statistical analysis below has been run in R, by additionally using the library **Rmarkdown**, so be sure that you have this software installed if you want to reproduce by yourself the content of this document. In that case we advise you to download first the annex material at <https://github.com/MigueBeneito/DMBook>, open with **Rstudio** the corresponding **.Rproj** file that you will find at the folder corresponding to this example and compile the corresponding **.Rmd** document. This will allow you to reproduce the whole statistical analysis below.

This document has been executed with real data that are not provided in order to preserve their confidentiality. Slightly modified data are provided instead, as described in Chapter 1 of the book. Thus, when reproducing this document you will not obtain exactly the same results, although they should be very close to those shown here.

Libraries and data loading

```
# Libraries loading
#-----
if (!require(RColorBrewer)) {
  install.packages("RColorBrewer")
  library(RColorBrewer)
}
if (!require(rgdal)) {
  install.packages("rgdal")
  library(rgdal)
}
if (!require(pbugs)) {
  if (!require(devtools)) {
    install.packages("devtools")
    devtools::install_github("fisabio/pbugs")
  } else {
    install_github("fisabio/pbugs")
  }
}

# Data loading
#-----
# For reproducing the document, the following line should be changed to
# load('../Data/ObsOral-ET-mod.Rdata') since that file contains the
# modified data making it possible to reproduce this document.
load("../Data/ObsOral-ET.Rdata")
# load('../Data/ObsOral-mod.Rdata')
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load("../Data/ExpOral-ET.Rdata")
load("../Data/VR.Rdata")
```

R function for calculating the DIC criterion of the models fitted

The function below computes the DIC criterion for disease mapping models fitted with WinBUGS. It returns DIC values comparable to those reported by INLA, in contrast to WinBUGS. See annex material for Example 4.3.

```
# Arguments: Simu.sSMRs: matrix of dimensions n.IterXn.Units where
# n.Iter are the number of MCMC iterations saved and n.Units the number
# of spatial units in the analysis. You will typically find this as a
# submatrix of the sims.matrix element of any bugs object. O: Vector of
# length n.Units with the observed deaths per spatial unit. E: Vector
# of length n.Units with the expected deaths per spatial unit.
DICPoisson = function(Simu.sSMRs, O, E) {
  mu = t(apply(Simu.sSMRs/100, 1, function(x) {
    x * E
  }))
  D = apply(mu, 1, function(x) {
    -2 * sum(O * log(x) - x - lfactorial(O))
  })
  Dmean = mean(D)
  mumean = apply(Simu.sSMRs/100, 2, mean) * E
  DinMean = -2 * sum(O * log(mumean) - mumean - lfactorial(O))
  # if(save==TRUE){return(c(Dmedia,Dmedia-DenMedia,2*Dmedia-DenMedia))}
  cat("D=", Dmean, "pD=", Dmean - DinMean, "DIC=", 2 * Dmean - DinMean,
      "\n")
}

# WinBUGS code for the autoregressive Spatio-temporal model
Autoregressive = function() {
  for (i in 1:nmuni) {
    for (j in 1:nperiods) {
      Obs[i, j] ~ dpois(lambda[i, j])
      # Modelling of the mean for every municipality and period
      log(lambda[i, j]) <- log(Exp[i, j]) + log.theta[i, j]
      # log-sSMR for every municipality and period
      log.theta[i, j] <- inter.mean + sd.inter * inter[j] + ST[i,
        j]
    }
  }

  # Spatio-temporal effect for the first period
  for (i in 1:nmuni) {
    ST[i, 1] <- pow(1 - ro * ro, -0.5) * BYM[i, 1]
    BYM[i, 1] <- sd.het * psi[i, 1] + sd.spat * phi[1, i]
    psi[i, 1] ~ dnorm(0, 1)
  }
  phi[1, 1:nmuni] ~ car.normal(map[], w[], nvec[], 1)
  # Spatio-temporal effect for the subsequent periods
  for (j in 2:nperiods) {
    for (i in 1:nmuni) {
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      ST[i, j] <- ro * ST[i, j - 1] + BYM[i, j]
      BYM[i, j] <- sd.het * psi[i, j] + sd.spat * phi[j, i]
      psi[i, j] ~ dnorm(0, 1)
    }
    phi[j, 1:nmuni] ~ car.normal(map[], w[], nvec[], 1)
  }

  # Prior distribution for the mean risk for every municipality and
  # period
  inter.mean ~ dflat()
  # Prior distribution for the global time trend
  inter[1:nperiods] ~ car.normal(mapT[], wT[], nvecT[], 1)
  # Prior distribution for the precision parameters in the model
  sd.inter ~ dunif(0, 5)
  sd.het ~ dunif(0, 5)
  sd.spat ~ dunif(0, 5)
  # Prior distribution for the temporal dependence parameter
  ro ~ dunif(-1, 1)
}

nperiods.12 = 12
adjT.12 = c(rbind(2:nperiods.12, 1:(nperiods.12 - 1)))
numT.12 = c(1, rep(2, nperiods.12 - 2), 1)
indexT.12 = c(1, cumsum(numT.12))

data = list(Obs = ObsOral, Exp = ExpOral, nmuni = length(VR.wb$num), nperiods = nperiods.12,
  w = rep(1, length(VR.wb$adj)), nvec = VR.wb$num, map = VR.wb$adj, wT = rep(1,
    length(adjT.12)), nvecT = numT.12, mapT = adjT.12)
inits = function() {
  list(ro = runif(1, -1, 1), inter.mean = rnorm(1, 0, 1), sd.inter = runif(1,
    0, 0.5), sd.het = runif(1, 0, 0.5), sd.spat = runif(1, 0, 0.5),
    psi = matrix(rnorm(nperiods.12 * data$nmuni, 0, 1), ncol = nperiods.12,
      nrow = data$nmuni), phi = matrix(rnorm(nperiods.12 * data$nmuni,
        0, 1), nrow = nperiods.12, ncol = data$nmuni))
}
param = c("log.theta", "inter.mean", "sd.inter", "sd.het", "sd.spat", "ro")
ResultOral = pbugs(data = data, inits = inits, parameters = param, model.file = Autoregressive,
  n.iter = 5000, n.burnin = 1000, DIC = F, n.chains = 3, bugs.seed = 1)
# Computing time
ResultOral$exec_time

## Time difference of 57.99719 mins

# Result summaries
summary(ResultOral$summary[, "Rhat"])

##      Min. 1st Qu.  Median    Mean 3rd Qu.    Max.
## 0.9995  1.0008  1.0024  1.0033  1.0048  1.0305

summary(ResultOral$summary[, "n.eff"])

##      Min. 1st Qu.  Median    Mean 3rd Qu.    Max.
##      70.0   440.0   860.0   723.7  1000.0  1000.0

round(ResultOral$summary["ro", ], 3)

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##      mean      sd    2.5%    25%    50%    75%    97.5%    Rhat    n.eff
##    0.961    0.025    0.905    0.950    0.967    0.978    0.993    1.019  180.000
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# DIC
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DICPoisson(100 * exp(ResultOral$sims.matrix[, grep("log.theta", dimnames(ResultOral$sims.matrix)[[2]])]
            t(ObsOral), t(ExpOral))
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## D= 7222.411 pD= 110.3808 DIC= 7332.792
```

Variance decompositions

```
nIter = dim(ResultOral$sims.list$log.theta)[1]
components = matrix(nrow = nIter, ncol = 4)
for (i in 1:nIter) {
  m = mean(ResultOral$sims.list$log.theta[i, , ])
  S = apply(ResultOral$sims.list$log.theta[i, , ] - m, 1, mean)
  T = apply(ResultOral$sims.list$log.theta[i, , ] - m, 2, mean)
  ST = ResultOral$sims.list$log.theta[i, , ] - (m + matrix(rep(S, length(T)),
    ncol = length(T)) + matrix(rep(T, length(S)), ncol = length(T),
    byrow = T))
  components[i, ] = c(m, var(S), var(T), var(as.vector(ST)))
}
aux = apply(components, 2, mean)
aux[2:4]/sum(aux[2:4])
```

```
## [1] 0.7309678 0.1607251 0.1083071
```

Plot

```
par(mfrow = c(2, 2))
par(mar = c(5, 4, 4, 2) + 0.1)
Ts = matrix(nrow = nIter, ncol = 12)
Ss = matrix(nrow = nIter, ncol = 540)
for (i in 1:nIter) {
  m = mean(ResultOral$sims.list$log.theta[i, , ])
  Ts[i, ] = apply(ResultOral$sims.list$log.theta[i, , ] - m, 2, mean)
  Ss[i, ] = apply(ResultOral$sims.list$log.theta[i, , ] - m, 1, mean)
}
aux = apply(ResultOral$sims.list$log.theta, c(2, 3), mean)

plot(exp(apply(Ts, 2, mean)), type = "l", axes = F, xlab = "Years", ylab = "Relative Risk",
     ylim = c(0.5, 1.9), main = "Relative risk time trends")
for (i in 1:540) {
  lines(exp(aux[i, ]), col = "gray")
}
lines(exp(apply(Ts, 2, mean)), type = "l")
lines(exp(apply(Ts, 2, quantile, 0.025)), type = "l", lty = 2)
lines(exp(apply(Ts, 2, quantile, 0.975)), type = "l", lty = 2)
axis(1, 1:12, labels = c("88-89", "", "92-93", "", "96-97", "", "00-01",
  "", "04-05", "", "08-09", ""))
axis(2, at = c(0.6, 0.8, 1, 1.2, 1.4, 1.6, 1.8))
box()
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STs = array(dim = c(1002, 540, 12))
for (i in 1:nIter) {
  m = mean(ResultOral$sims.list$log.theta[i, , ])
  S = apply(ResultOral$sims.list$log.theta[i, , ] - m, 1, mean)
  T = apply(ResultOral$sims.list$log.theta[i, , ] - m, 2, mean)
  STs[i, , ] = ResultOral$sims.list$log.theta[i, , ] - (m + matrix(rep(S,
    length(T)), ncol = length(T)) + matrix(rep(T, length(S)), ncol = length(T),
    byrow = T))
}
aux.ST = apply(STs, c(2, 3), mean)

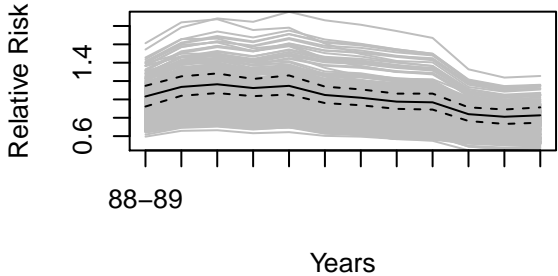
plot(exp(aux.ST[1, ]), type = "l", axes = F, xlab = "Years", ylab = "Relative Risk",
  ylim = c(0.9, 1.12), main = "Spatio-temporal terms")
for (i in 1:540) {
  lines(exp(aux.ST[i, ]), col = "gray")
}
for (i in 1:540) {
  if (mean(exp(Ss[, i])) > 1.5) {
    lines(exp(aux.ST[i, ]), col = brewer.pal(7, "BrBG")[1])
  }
}
axis(1, 1:12, labels = c("88-89", "", "92-93", "", "96-97", "", "00-01",
  "", "04-05", "", "08-09", ""))
axis(2, at = c(0.94, 0.97, 1, 1.03, 1.06, 1.09))
box()

par(mar = c(1, 1, 2, 1) + 0.1)
cut1 = cut(exp(aux.ST[, 1]), c(0, 0.94, 0.97, 1.03, 1.06, 10))
plot(VR.cart, col = brewer.pal(5, "BrBG")[5:1][cut1])
title("Spatio-temporal component\n1st season", cex = 0.75)
legend(x = "bottomright", fill = brewer.pal(7, "BrBG"), legend = c(">106",
  "103-106", "103-97", "94-97", "<94"), cex = 0.65, inset = 0.03, title = "sSMR")

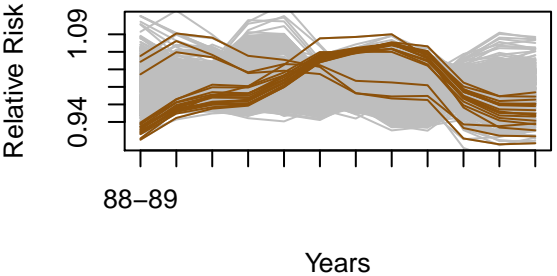
cut2 = cut(exp(aux.ST[, 12]), c(0, 0.94, 0.97, 1.03, 1.06, 10))
plot(VR.cart, col = brewer.pal(5, "BrBG")[5:1][cut2])
title("Spatio-temporal component\n12th season", cex = 0.75)
legend(x = "bottomright", fill = brewer.pal(7, "BrBG"), legend = c(">106",
  "103-106", "103-97", "94-97", "<94"), cex = 0.65, inset = 0.03, title = "sSMR")

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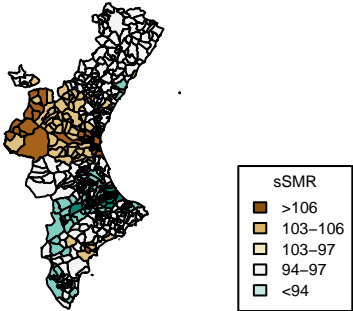
Relative risk time trends



Spatio-temporal terms



**Spatio-temporal component
1st season**



**Spatio-temporal component
12th season**

