

HIERARCHICAL MODELING!!

DAY 3

DAY 3 Board work

* Modeling the effect of light variation on sapling height

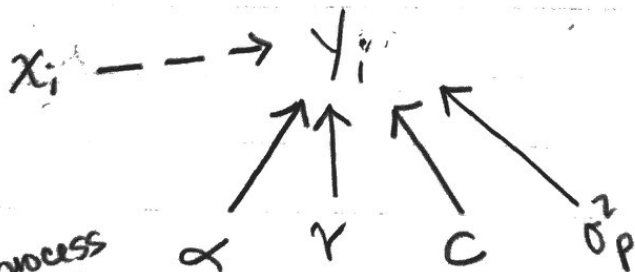
$$\mu_i = g(\alpha, r, c, x_i) = \frac{\alpha (x_i - c)}{\frac{\alpha}{r} + (x_i - c)}$$

↗ asymptote ↖

r = slope @ low light (competitive ability)
 c = light level at which growth is zero
 (x-axis intercept)

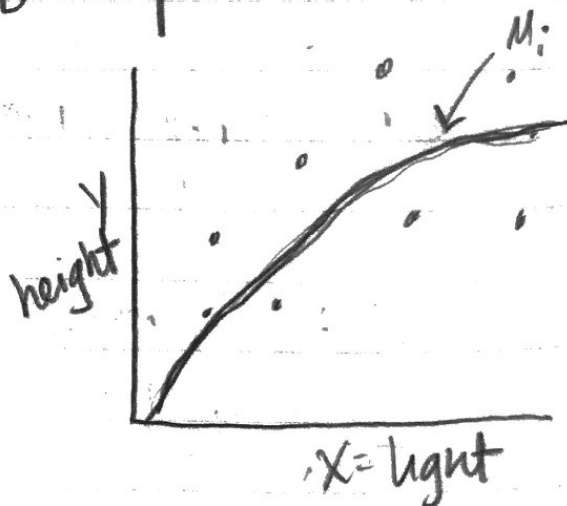
$y = \Delta \text{height}$ = DV variable (measured perfectly)
 For now x_i also measured perfectly

Priors on α mean = 35
 sd = 4.25



$p = \text{process}$

$$[\alpha, r, c, \sigma_p^2 | y_i]$$



σ_p^2 = The stuff that influences the response that is not included in the Model

Remember:

$$y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i + \epsilon_i$$

$$\epsilon_i \sim \text{normal}(0, \sigma^2)$$

Have to use normal

IS THE SAME AS

$$\mu_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i$$

$$y_i \sim \text{normal}(\mu_i, \sigma^2)$$

same

can use any dist for y_i

Factor using the DAG as a guide

$$[\alpha, \tau, c, \sigma_p^2 | \underline{y}] \propto [\alpha, \tau, c, \sigma_p^2, \underline{y}] \quad (\text{joint})$$

only random variables can be in the posterior

$$\propto \prod_{i=1}^n [y_i | g(\alpha, \tau, c, x_i), \sigma_p^2] \quad (\text{likelihood})$$

$$\times [\alpha][\tau][c][\sigma_p^2] \quad (\text{priors})$$

★ Simple Bayesian Model because there are no random variables that are on both sides of the conditional system

★ You can ignore the marginal (denom) because of,

Choose Distributions

$$y_i \sim \text{normal} \left(g(\alpha, r, c, x_i), \sigma_p^2 \right)$$

$$\alpha \sim \text{gamma} \left(\frac{35^2}{4.5^2}, \frac{35}{4.5^2} \right)$$

$$r \sim \text{uniform}(0.1, 200)$$

$$c \sim \text{normal}(0, 10000)$$

↑ needs to be scaled
appropriately relative to
the mean

$$\sigma_p^2 \sim \text{inversegamma}(.001, .001)$$

↳ could put a uniform on
 σ because it's easier to
think about sd, rather
than var

$$\sigma \sim \text{uniform}(0, 100)$$

↳ coding use precision
 $\uparrow \leftarrow 1/\sigma^2$

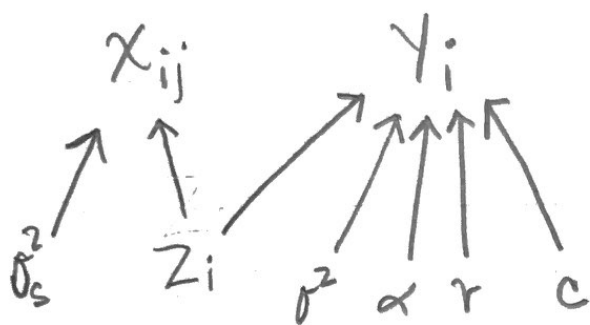
— x_i doesn't go in the posterior because it's
known and putting a prior on it makes
no sense

Errors in the variables

$i = \text{tree}$

$j = \text{leaves (observations)}$

* What if x arises from a dist (because it is not "perfectly" known)



you could estimate sigma at each tree ($\sigma_{s,i}^2$)

[→ Do not have to assume homoskedasticity :)]

$Z_i = \text{mean light seen by the tree}$

$\mu_i = g(\alpha, r, c, Z_i)$
 response depends on true light measured w/ uncertainty

matrix (row for each tree)

$$[\alpha, r, c, \sigma_p^2, Z, \sigma_s^2 | \underline{Y}, \underline{X}] \propto [\alpha, r, c, \sigma_p^2, Z, \underline{Y}, \sigma_s^2, \underline{X}]$$

$$\propto \prod_{i=1}^n [Y_i | g(\alpha, r, c, Z_i), \sigma_p^2] \times \prod_{j=1}^8 [X_{ij} | Z_i, \sigma_s^2]$$

$$\times [\alpha][r][c][\sigma_p^2][Z_i][\sigma_s^2]$$

* generally, you need more subscripts at top of your DAGs (X_{ij} vs. Z_i). If not the case, this is an indication something might be wrong.

need to add distributions on σ_s^2 & Z_i