STAT 414 - Part 2 Update

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## Introduction

Every fall, monarch butterflies migrate from the western United States to coastal California in search of forested areas where they cluster in large numbers. It is hypothesized that the butterflies seek these habitats or groves because they offer a particular microclimate regarding temperature, humidity, and light. Within each grove, butterflies often cluster at the same tree (and even branch), year after year, spurring scientists to hypothesize that these areas are selected for their microclimatic characteristics over other areas within the same grove. Saniee and Villablanca (2022) tested this hypothesis directly by installing weather station ‘arrays’ at the butterfly clustering sites (‘cluster’) and four orthogonal positions from the butterflies (NW, NE, SW, SE). They repeated these weather station arrays at eight overwintering groves along an N-S gradient along the California coast.

Our research question investigates whether climatic conditions are significantly different at the cluster site compared to the four controls (NW, NE, SW, SE) and whether they are consistent across groves at cluster sites.

df <- suppressMessages(read\_csv('allgr\_array\_KianaRawdat.csv'))  
head(df)

# A tibble: 6 × 21  
 ...1 array month.day temp.avg hum.avg dew.pt.avg light.avg light.min  
 <dbl> <chr> <chr> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>  
1 1 Cluster 01-01 11.7 46.6 -1.45 26005. 0  
2 2 Cluster 01-02 9.36 57.2 -0.605 25292. 0  
3 3 Cluster 01-03 10.4 62.5 1.62 25430. 0  
4 4 Cluster 01-04 10.6 71.1 3.56 22243. 0  
5 5 Cluster 01-05 9.77 88.7 7.71 766. 0  
6 6 Cluster 01-06 12.4 94.5 10.9 12197. 0  
# ℹ 13 more variables: light.max <dbl>, temp.min <dbl>, temp.max <dbl>,  
# temp.std <dbl>, light.std <dbl>, dew.pt.std <dbl>, hum.std <dbl>,  
# hum.max <dbl>, hum.min <dbl>, dp.max <dbl>, dp.min <dbl>, daynum <dbl>,  
# grove <chr>

## Weight observations based on time of season

The monarch overwintering season occurs from the beginning of October through the end of February. Weather can be unpredictable at the beginning and end of the season (fall and spring), and butterflies either arrive at groves or leave to begin breeding; thus, they generally occur in low numbers. The highest counts of butterflies occur around Thanksgiving and Christmas, or approximately in the middle of the season. Scientists are usually most “concerned” about storms during this time.

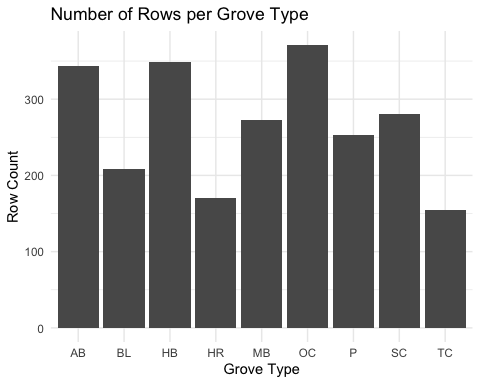
One idea to account for this is to weigh observations based on how far away they are from the middle of the season. We could derive day of the season (seasonDay) from the date column (10/1 = 1, 10/2 = 2), then grand mean center our seasonDay variable. If we take the absolute value of seasonDay, days near the middle of the season would be small, and days toward the beginning or end would be large. We could weigh by dividing one by seasonDay.

We are presenting this idea to see if it is worth pursuing or if it is a route we should take with caution.

## Unequal samples across groves

Since not all groves have the same number of observations throughout the overwintering season, should we restrict our analysis to dates where the groves have data? A benefit is that it may provide a better comparison of conditions across sites, but it could also reduce our sample size and miss important data in grove specific conditions on unmonitored dates.

grove\_counts <- df %>%  
 count(grove)  
  
# Plot the counts as a bar chart  
ggplot(grove\_counts, aes(x = grove, y = n)) +  
 geom\_bar(stat = "identity") +  
 labs(title = "Number of Rows per Grove Type", x = "Grove Type", y = "Row Count") +  
 theme\_minimal()

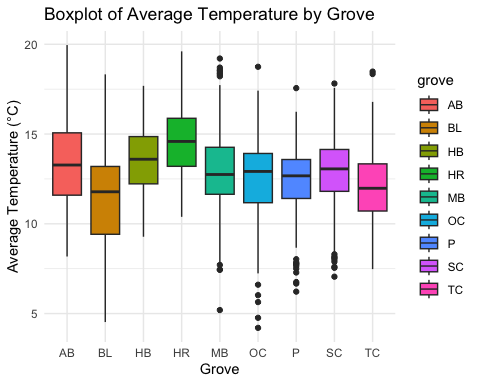


## Exploratory plots of response variables

Below are box plots of the response variables we plan to test by grove.

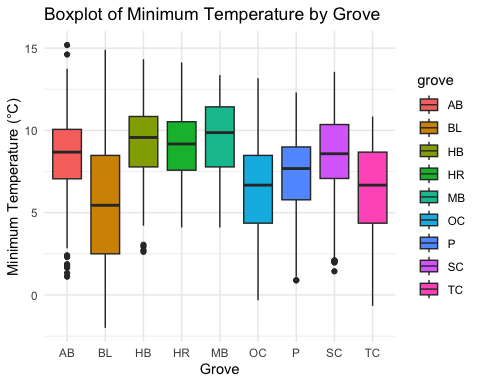
#Reponse variables by Grove  
  
# Boxplot for Average Temperature by Grove  
ggplot(df, aes(x = grove, y = temp.avg, fill = grove)) +  
 geom\_boxplot() +  
 labs(title = "Boxplot of Average Temperature by Grove",  
 x = "Grove", y = "Average Temperature (°C)") +  
 theme\_minimal()

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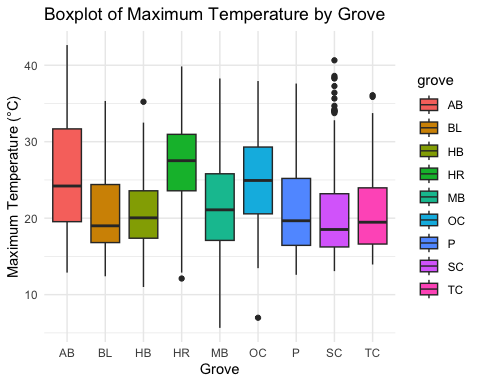
# Boxplot for Minimum Temperature by Grove  
ggplot(df, aes(x = grove, y = temp.min, fill = grove)) +  
 geom\_boxplot() +  
 labs(title = "Boxplot of Minimum Temperature by Grove",  
 x = "Grove", y = "Minimum Temperature (°C)") +  
 theme\_minimal()

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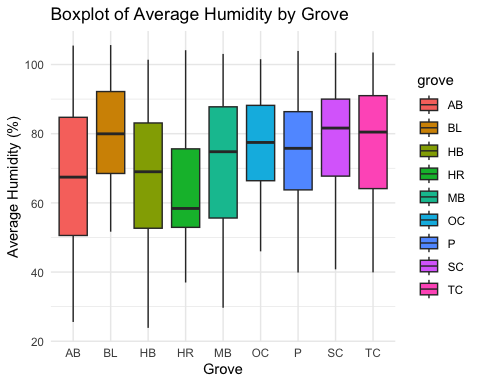
# Boxplot for Maximum Temperature by Grove  
ggplot(df, aes(x = grove, y = temp.max, fill = grove)) +  
 geom\_boxplot() +  
 labs(title = "Boxplot of Maximum Temperature by Grove",  
 x = "Grove", y = "Maximum Temperature (°C)") +  
 theme\_minimal()

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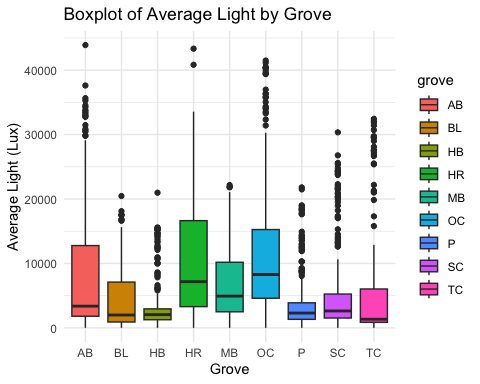
# Boxplot for Average Humidity by Grove  
ggplot(df, aes(x = grove, y = hum.avg, fill = grove)) +  
 geom\_boxplot() +  
 labs(title = "Boxplot of Average Humidity by Grove",  
 x = "Grove", y = "Average Humidity (%)") +  
 theme\_minimal()

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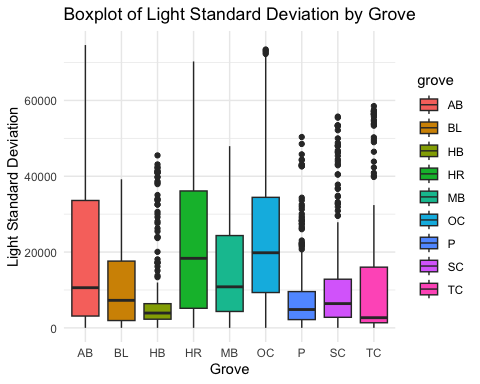
# Boxplot for Average Light by Grove  
ggplot(df, aes(x = grove, y = light.avg, fill = grove)) +  
 geom\_boxplot() +  
 labs(title = "Boxplot of Average Light by Grove",  
 x = "Grove", y = "Average Light (Lux)") +  
 theme\_minimal()

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(`stat\_boxplot()`).



# Boxplot for Light Variability (Std Dev) by Grove  
ggplot(df, aes(x = grove, y = light.std, fill = grove)) +  
 geom\_boxplot() +  
 labs(title = "Boxplot of Light Standard Deviation by Grove",  
 x = "Grove", y = "Light Standard Deviation") +  
 theme\_minimal()

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## Preliminary models

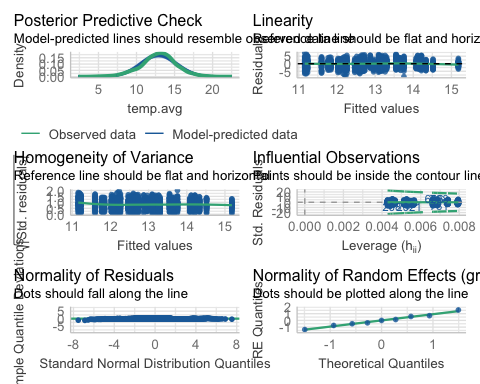
Below are a few preliminary models to test our questions. These likely will change in the final report, but we provide them here to give a sense of how we plan to approach the investigation.

### Arrays as fixed effect

model1 <- lmer(temp.avg ~ array + (1 | grove), data = df)  
summary(model1, corr = FALSE)

Linear mixed model fit by REML ['lmerMod']  
Formula: temp.avg ~ array + (1 | grove)  
 Data: df  
  
REML criterion at convergence: 10386.3  
  
Scaled residuals:   
 Min 1Q Median 3Q Max   
-3.9984 -0.6595 0.0637 0.6528 3.3479   
  
Random effects:  
 Groups Name Variance Std.Dev.  
 grove (Intercept) 0.7796 0.8829   
 Residual 4.5834 2.1409   
Number of obs: 2373, groups: grove, 9  
  
Fixed effects:  
 Estimate Std. Error t value  
(Intercept) 12.9618 0.3104 41.763  
arrayNE -0.3667 0.1391 -2.636  
arrayNW -0.4395 0.1378 -3.190  
arraySE 0.6640 0.1388 4.782  
arraySW -0.4016 0.1390 -2.889

check\_model(model1)



### Grove as fixed effect

model2 <- lmer(temp.avg ~ grove + (1 | array), data = df)  
summary(model2, corr = FALSE)

Linear mixed model fit by REML ['lmerMod']  
Formula: temp.avg ~ grove + (1 | array)  
 Data: df  
  
REML criterion at convergence: 10370  
  
Scaled residuals:   
 Min 1Q Median 3Q Max   
-3.9835 -0.6658 0.0623 0.6524 3.3600   
  
Random effects:  
 Groups Name Variance Std.Dev.  
 array (Intercept) 0.208 0.4561   
 Residual 4.583 2.1409   
Number of obs: 2373, groups: array, 5  
  
Fixed effects:  
 Estimate Std. Error t value  
(Intercept) 13.4506 0.2344 57.392  
groveBL -2.0033 0.1923 -10.420  
groveHB 0.1209 0.1639 0.738  
groveHR 1.0124 0.2007 5.044  
groveMB -0.4655 0.1735 -2.682  
groveOC -0.9669 0.1607 -6.017  
groveP -1.1043 0.1780 -6.206  
groveSC -0.6006 0.1722 -3.489  
groveTC -1.3787 0.2071 -6.657

check\_model(model2)

