

Quantifying the limits to population forecasts

An example using the Yellowstone bison population

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MAIN GOALS

1. Fit Bayesian state-space model for bison population dynamics **with** an environmental covariate
2. Compare out-of-sample forecasts with and without known environmental conditions
3. Partition forecast uncertainty into components

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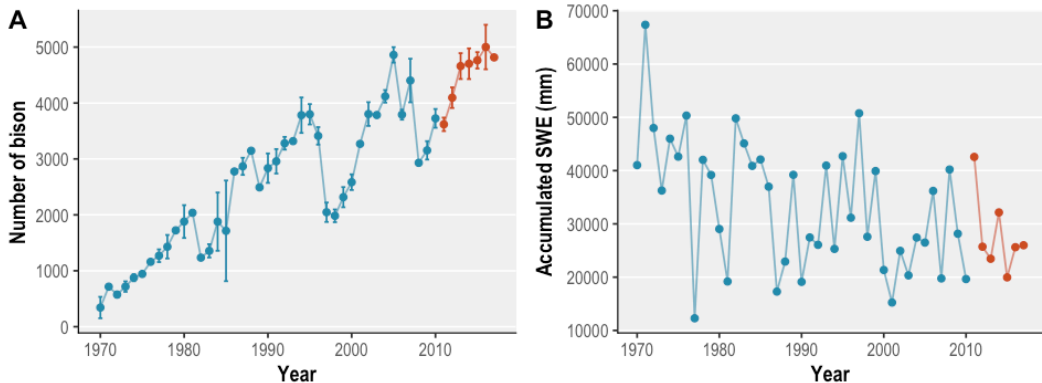
The data



TIME SERIES OF BISON COUNTS (1970 - 2017)

Response Bison counts

Covariate Accumulated snow water equivalent (West Yellowstone SNOTEL)



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The model





GOMPERTZ POPULATION GROWTH

$$z_t \sim \text{Normal}(r + b_0 z_{t-1})$$



FONTS AND SPACING

The document uses the **Noto** family – <https://www.google.com/get/noto/>

Main body Noto Sans (or Serif)

Maths Noto Sans

Code Noto Mono

The linespread value has been increased to about 1.3



SERIF FONT THEME

The default font theme is sans serif. You can change the [template/pl.tex](#) first line to:

```
@@ -1,4 +1,4 @@  
- \documentclass[11pt, compress, aspectratio=1610]{beamer}  
+ \documentclass[11pt, compress, aspectratio=1610, serif]{beamer}  
  
\usetheme{pl}
```




COLORS

The structure elements are in green, inline code is in `blue`, and alerted text in **orange**.

The background is off-white: it will *look* like it's white, but with less eyestrain.

The foreground is not-quite-black either.

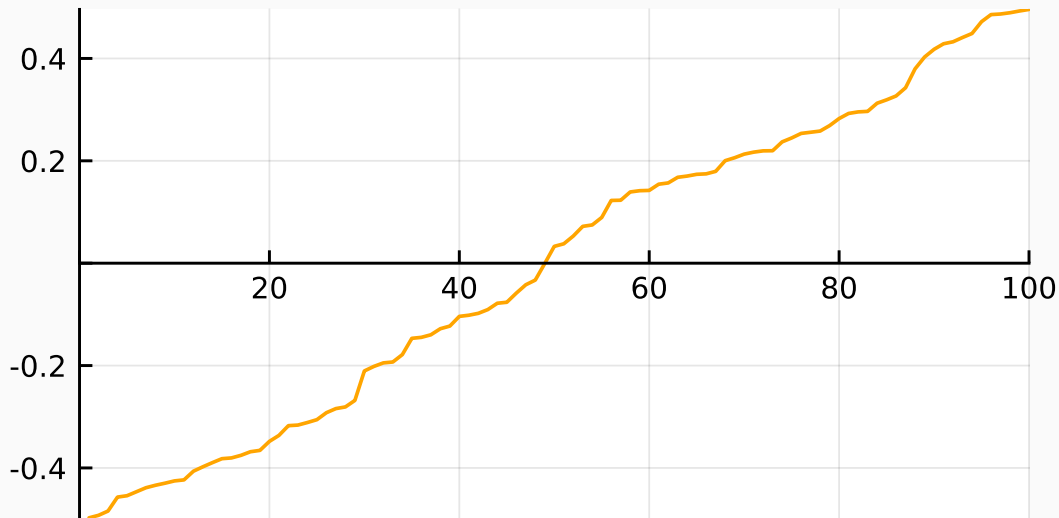


TABLES

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25645	top	16.3	00:02.03	1/1
25642	bash	0.0	00:00.01	1
25641	login	0.0	00:00.02	2
25634	mdworker	0.0	00:00.07	3
25624	mdworker	0.0	00:00.14	4
25591	mdworker	0.0	00:00.14	3
25571	com.apple.iC	0.0	00:00.31	5
25414	installd	0.0	00:00.52	2
25366	com.apple.We	0.0	00:00.07	4



USING IMAGES





The Input family of fonts has some support for Greek and mathematical symbols:

$$\frac{1}{N} \frac{d}{dt} N = N (r - aN)$$

You can use `\alert` within math blocks.

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Using sections





SECTION TITLES

Every section will have a small band with the background image.

They are first-level headers in markdown:

```
# Section
```

```
## Slide-title
```

```
Slide content
```



CODE HIGHLIGHTING

There is a customized color scheme for code highlighting.

```
α = 2.0
b, c = "abc", 'c'
# This code does nothing (useful)
for i in 1:10
    rand()
    @elapsed println("i:\t$i")
end
```

We can also use **unicode characters**.



VISUAL COUNTER

The circle next to the title of each slide moves forward at every slide (including the section changes).

It is a useful visual key for how much slides are left.



OUTPUT

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BACKGROUND IMAGE

The background image is generated from the `makebackground.jl` file. It's the k-nearest neighbour graph of a series of random points.

The file is `background.png` – it can be replaced by any file **as long as** the replacement file is in the 16:10 format (for example, a 1600×1000 image).



FINAL SLIDE

The final slide displays the background picture.

This is to avoid the awkward “Switching to black” thing that happens when there are no slides left.

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Reproducible documents





IT'S IN THE MAKEFILE

Documents `slides.Jmd` and `slides.Rmd` will be detected.

They will be converted to `slides.md` using either `R/knitr` or `Julia/Weave.jl`.

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Specific commands





CROPPED IMAGES

The `\roundpicture` command will display a picture, resized to fit into a circle:

```
\roundpicture{images/nb.png}{Optional text}
```

Note that the image **must** be a square.

