

# Multiscale Community Occupancy Model

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## 1 DESCRIPTION

A 3-level multiscale occupancy model for multiple species.

## 2 IMPLEMENTATION

The file `occ.community.multiscale.sim.R` simulates data according to the model statement below, and `occ.community.multiscale` contains the MCMC algorithm for parameter estimation.

## 3 MODEL STATEMENT

Let  $y_{ijkt}$  represent the number of detections for species  $i$  ( $i = 1, \dots, n$ ) at site  $k$  ( $k = 1, \dots, M_j$ ) in unit  $j$  ( $j = 1, \dots, R$ ) during sampling period  $t$  ( $t = 1, \dots, T_{jk}$ ). Note that sites are nested within units (or regions). Also, it is unnecessary to survey sites repeatedly through time and  $T_{jk} = 1$  is okay for some or all  $j$  and  $k$ .

$$\begin{aligned} y_{ijkt} &\sim \begin{cases} \text{Binom}(J_{jkt}, p_{ijkt}), & a_{ijkt} = 1 \\ 0, & a_{ijkt} = 0 \end{cases} \\ a_{ijkt} &\sim \begin{cases} 0, & z_{ijt} = 0 \\ 0, & z_{ijt} = 1 \text{ and } v_{\gamma,ijkt} \leq 0 \\ 1, & z_{ijt} = 1 \text{ and } v_{\gamma,ijkt} > 0 \end{cases} \\ z_{ijt} &\sim \begin{cases} 0, & v_{\beta,ijt} \leq 1 \\ 1, & v_{\beta,ijt} > 0 \end{cases} \\ v_{\beta,ijt} &\sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}'_{jt}\boldsymbol{\beta}_i, 1) \\ v_{\gamma,ijkt} &\sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{u}'_{jkt}\boldsymbol{\gamma}_i, 1) \\ p_{ijkt} &= \text{logit}^{-1}(\mathbf{w}'_{jkt}\boldsymbol{\alpha}_i) \\ \boldsymbol{\beta}_i &\sim \mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{\mu}_\beta, \sigma_\beta^2 \mathbf{I}) \\ \boldsymbol{\gamma}_i &\sim \mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{\mu}_\gamma, \sigma_\gamma^2 \mathbf{I}) \\ \boldsymbol{\alpha}_i &\sim \mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{\mu}_\alpha, \sigma_\alpha^2 \mathbf{I}) \\ \boldsymbol{\mu}_\beta &\sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \sigma_{\mu_\beta}^2 \mathbf{I}) \\ \boldsymbol{\mu}_\gamma &\sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \sigma_{\mu_\gamma}^2 \mathbf{I}) \\ \boldsymbol{\mu}_\alpha &\sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \sigma_{\mu_\alpha}^2 \mathbf{I}) \\ \sigma_\beta^2 &\sim \text{IG}(r, q) \\ \sigma_\gamma^2 &\sim \text{IG}(r, q) \\ \sigma_\alpha^2 &\sim \text{IG}(r, q) \end{aligned}$$

## 4 FULL-CONDITIONAL DISTRIBUTIONS

### 4.1 Occupancy state ( $z_{ijt}$ )

$$\begin{aligned}
[z_{ijt} \mid \cdot] &\propto \prod_{k=1}^{M_j} [a_{ijk t} \mid v_{\gamma, ijk t}, z_{ijt}] [z_{ijt} \mid v_{\beta, ijk t}] \\
&\propto \prod_{k=1}^{M_j} \text{Bern}(a_{ijk t} \mid v_{\gamma, ijk t})^{z_{ijt}} 1_{\{a_{ijk t}=0\}}^{1-z_{ijt}} \text{Bern}(z_{ijt} \mid v_{\beta, ijk t}) \\
&\propto \prod_{k=1}^{M_j} \left( \theta_{ijk t}^{a_{ijk t}} (1 - \theta_{ijk t})^{1-a_{ijk t}} \right)^{z_{ijt}} \left( 1_{\{a_{ijk t}=0\}}^{1-z_{ijt}} \right) \psi_{ijt}^{z_{ijt}} (1 - \psi_{ijt})^{1-z_{ijt}} \\
&\propto \left( \psi_{ijt} \prod_{k=1}^{M_j} \theta_{ijk t}^{a_{ijk t}} (1 - \theta_{ijk t})^{1-a_{ijk t}} \right)^{z_{ijt}} \left( (1 - \psi_{ijt}) \prod_{k=1}^{M_j} 1_{\{a_{ijk t}=0\}} \right)^{1-z_{ijt}} \\
&= \text{Bern}(\tilde{\psi}_{ijt}),
\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\tilde{\psi}_{ijt} = \frac{\psi_{ijt} \prod_{k=1}^{M_j} \theta_{ijk t}^{a_{ijk t}} (1 - \theta_{ijk t})^{1-a_{ijk t}}}{\psi_{ijt} \prod_{k=1}^{M_j} \theta_{ijk t}^{a_{ijk t}} (1 - \theta_{ijk t})^{1-a_{ijk t}} + (1 - \psi_{ijt}) \prod_{k=1}^{M_j} 1_{\{a_{ijk t}=0\}}},$$

$\psi_{ijt} = \Phi(\mathbf{x}'_{jt} \boldsymbol{\beta}_i)$ , and  $\theta_{ijk t} = \Phi(\mathbf{u}'_{jkt} \boldsymbol{\gamma}_i)$ .

### 4.2 Use state ( $a_{ijk t}$ )

Note that the mixture specification for  $a_{ijk t}$  in the model statement above is equivalent to  $a_{ijk t} \sim \text{Bern}(z_{ijt} \theta_{ijk t})$ , an alternate specification that simplifies the update for  $a_{ijk t}$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
[a_{ijk t} \mid \cdot] &\propto [y_{ijk t} \mid p_{ijk t}, a_{ijk t}] [a_{ijk t} \mid v_{\gamma, ijk t}, z_{ijt}] \\
&\propto \text{Binom}(y_{ijk t} \mid J_{jkt}, p_{ijk t})^{a_{ijk t}} \left( 1_{\{y_{ijk t}=0\}}^{1-a_{ijk t}} \right) \text{Bern}(a_{ijk t} \mid v_{\gamma, ijk t})^{z_{ijt}} \\
&\propto \left( p_{ijk t}^{y_{ijk t}} (1 - p_{ijk t})^{J_{jkt} - y_{ijk t}} \right)^{a_{ijk t}} \left( 1_{\{y_{ijk t}=0\}}^{1-a_{ijk t}} \right) (z_{ijt} \theta_{ijk t})^{a_{ijk t}} (1 - z_{ijt} \theta_{ijk t})^{1-a_{ijk t}} \\
&\propto \left( (z_{ijt} \theta_{ijk t}) p_{ijk t}^{y_{ijk t}} (1 - p_{ijk t})^{J_{jkt} - y_{ijk t}} \right)^{a_{ijk t}} \left( (1 - z_{ijt} \theta_{ijk t}) 1_{\{y_{ijk t}=0\}} \right)^{1-a_{ijk t}} \\
&= \text{Bern}(\tilde{\theta}_{ijk t}),
\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\tilde{\theta}_{ijk t} = \frac{z_{ijt} \theta_{ijk t} p_{ijk t}^{y_{ijk t}} (1 - p_{ijk t})^{J_{jkt} - y_{ijk t}}}{z_{ijt} \theta_{ijk t} p_{ijk t}^{y_{ijk t}} (1 - p_{ijk t})^{J_{jkt} - y_{ijk t}} + (1 - z_{ijt} \theta_{ijk t}) 1_{\{y_{ijk t}=0\}}}$$

and  $\theta_{ijk t} = \Phi(\mathbf{u}'_{jkt} \boldsymbol{\gamma}_i)$ .

### 4.3 Occupancy state auxiliary variable ( $v_{\beta, ijk t}$ )

$$\begin{aligned}
[v_{\beta, ijk t} \mid \cdot] &\propto [z_{ijt} \mid v_{\beta, ijk t}] [v_{\beta, ijk t} \mid \boldsymbol{\beta}_i] \\
&\propto (1_{\{z_{ijt}=0\}} 1_{\{v_{\beta, ijk t} \leq 0\}} + 1_{\{z_{ijt}=1\}} 1_{\{v_{\beta, ijk t} > 0\}}) \times \mathcal{N}(v_{\beta, ijk t} \mid \mathbf{x}'_{jt} \boldsymbol{\beta}_i, 1) \\
&= \begin{cases} \mathcal{TN}(\mathbf{x}'_{jt} \boldsymbol{\beta}_i, 1)_{-\infty}^0, & z_{ijt} = 0 \\ \mathcal{TN}(\mathbf{x}'_{jt} \boldsymbol{\beta}_i, 1)_0^{\infty}, & z_{ijt} = 1 \end{cases}
\end{aligned}$$

#### 4.4 Use state auxiliary variable ( $v_{\gamma,ijkt}$ )

$$\begin{aligned}
[v_{\gamma,ijkt} \mid \cdot] &\propto [a_{ijkt} \mid v_{\gamma,ijkt}, z_{ijt}] [v_{\gamma,ijkt} \mid \gamma_i] \\
&\propto (1_{\{a_{ijkt}=0\}} 1_{\{v_{\gamma,ijkt} \leq 0\}} + 1_{\{a_{ijkt}=1\}} 1_{\{v_{\gamma,ijkt} > 0\}})^{z_{ijt}} \times \mathcal{N}(v_{\gamma,ijkt} \mid \mathbf{u}'_{jkt} \gamma_i, 1) \\
&= \begin{cases} \mathcal{TN}(\mathbf{u}'_{jkt} \gamma_i, 1)_0^0, & z_{ijt} = 1 \text{ and } a_{ijkt} = 0 \\ \mathcal{TN}(\mathbf{u}'_{jkt} \gamma_i, 1)_{\infty}^{\infty}, & z_{ijt} = 1 \text{ and } a_{ijkt} = 1 \end{cases}
\end{aligned}$$

#### 4.5 Occupancy coefficients ( $\beta_i$ )

$$\begin{aligned}
[\beta_i \mid \cdot] &\propto [\mathbf{v}_{\beta,i} \mid \beta_i] [\beta_i \mid \boldsymbol{\mu}_\beta, \sigma_\beta^2] \\
&\propto \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{v}_{\beta,i} \mid \mathbf{X} \beta_i, \mathbf{1}) \mathcal{N}(\beta_i \mid \boldsymbol{\mu}_\beta, \sigma_\beta^2 \mathbf{I}) \\
&\propto \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{v}_{\beta,i} - \mathbf{X} \beta_i)' (\mathbf{v}_{\beta,i} - \mathbf{X} \beta_i) \right\} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} (\beta_i - \boldsymbol{\mu}_\beta)' (\sigma_\beta^2 \mathbf{I})^{-1} (\beta_i - \boldsymbol{\mu}_\beta) \right\} \\
&\propto \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} (-2 \mathbf{v}'_{\beta,i} \mathbf{X} \beta_i + \beta_i' \mathbf{X}' \mathbf{X} \beta_i) \right\} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} (-2 (\boldsymbol{\mu}'_\beta (\sigma_\beta^2 \mathbf{I})^{-1}) \beta_i + \beta_i' (\sigma_\beta^2 \mathbf{I})^{-1} \beta_i) \right\} \\
&\propto \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} (-2 (\mathbf{v}'_{\beta,i} \mathbf{X} + \boldsymbol{\mu}'_\beta (\sigma_\beta^2 \mathbf{I})^{-1}) \beta_i + \beta_i' (\mathbf{X}' \mathbf{X} + (\sigma_\beta^2 \mathbf{I})^{-1}) \beta_i) \right\} \\
&= \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A}^{-1} \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{A}^{-1}),
\end{aligned}$$

where  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{X}' \mathbf{X} + (\sigma_\beta^2 \mathbf{I})^{-1}$ ,  $\mathbf{b}' = \mathbf{v}'_{\beta,i} \mathbf{X} + \boldsymbol{\mu}'_\beta (\sigma_\beta^2 \mathbf{I})^{-1}$ ,  $\mathbf{v}_{\beta,i} = \{v_{\beta,ijkt}, \forall j, t\}$ , and  $\mathbf{X} = \{\mathbf{x}'_{jkt}, \forall j, t\}$ .

#### 4.6 Use coefficients ( $\gamma_i$ )

$$\begin{aligned}
[\gamma_i \mid \cdot] &\propto [\mathbf{v}_{\gamma,i} \mid \gamma_i, z_{ijt}] [\gamma_i \mid \boldsymbol{\mu}_\gamma, \sigma_\gamma^2] \\
&\propto \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{v}_{\gamma,i} \mid \mathbf{U} \gamma_i, \mathbf{1})^{z_{ijt}} \mathcal{N}(\gamma_i \mid \boldsymbol{\mu}_\gamma, \sigma_\gamma^2 \mathbf{I}) \\
&= \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A}^{-1} \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{A}^{-1}),
\end{aligned}$$

where  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{U}' \mathbf{U} + (\sigma_\gamma^2 \mathbf{I})^{-1}$ ,  $\mathbf{b}' = \mathbf{v}'_{\gamma,i} \mathbf{U} + \boldsymbol{\mu}'_\gamma (\sigma_\gamma^2 \mathbf{I})^{-1}$ ,  $\mathbf{v}_{\gamma,i} = \{v_{\gamma,ijkt}, \forall j, k, t : z_{ijt} = 1\}$ , and  $\mathbf{U} = \{\mathbf{u}'_{jkt}, \forall j, k, t : z_{ijt} = 1\}$ . Note that the full condition for  $\gamma_i$  only includes instances of  $j$ ,  $k$ , and  $t$  such that  $z_{ijt} = 1$ .

#### 4.7 Detection coefficients ( $\alpha_i$ )

$$\begin{aligned}
[\alpha_i \mid \cdot] &\propto \prod_{j=1}^R \prod_{k=1}^{M_j} \prod_{t=1}^{T_{jk}} [y_{ijkt} \mid p_{ijkt}, a_{ijkt}] [\alpha_i \mid \boldsymbol{\mu}_\alpha, \sigma_\alpha^2] \\
&\propto \prod_{j=1}^R \prod_{k=1}^{M_j} \prod_{t=1}^{T_{jk}} \text{Binom}(y_{ijkt} \mid J_{jkt}, p_{ijkt})^{a_{ijkt}} \mathcal{N}(\alpha_i \mid \boldsymbol{\mu}_\alpha, \sigma_\alpha^2 \mathbf{I}).
\end{aligned}$$

The update for  $\alpha_i$  proceeds using Metropolis-Hastings. Note that the product over  $j$ ,  $k$ , and  $t$  only includes instances of  $j$ ,  $k$ , and  $t$  such that  $a_{ijkt} = 1$ .

#### 4.8 Mean of occupancy coefficients ( $\mu_\beta$ )

$$\begin{aligned}
[\mu_\beta | \cdot] &\propto \prod_{i=1}^n [\beta_i | \mu_\beta, \sigma_\beta^2] [\mu_\beta] \\
&\propto \prod_{i=1}^n \mathcal{N}(\beta_i | \mu_\beta, \sigma_\beta^2 \mathbf{I}) \mathcal{N}(\mu_\beta | \mathbf{0}, \sigma_{\mu_\beta}^2 \mathbf{I}) \\
&\propto \exp \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n \left( -\frac{1}{2} (\beta_i - \mu_\beta)' (\sigma_\beta^2 \mathbf{I})^{-1} (\beta_i - \mu_\beta) \right) \right\} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} (\mu_\beta - \mathbf{0})' (\sigma_{\mu_\beta}^2 \mathbf{I})^{-1} (\mu_\beta - \mathbf{0}) \right\} \\
&\propto \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \left( -2 \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \beta_i' (\sigma_\beta^2 \mathbf{I})^{-1} \right) \mu_\beta + \mu_\beta' \left( n (\sigma_\beta^2 \mathbf{I})^{-1} \right) \mu_\beta \right) \right\} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \left( \mu_\beta' (\sigma_{\mu_\beta}^2 \mathbf{I})^{-1} \mu_\beta \right) \right\} \\
&\propto \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \left( -2 \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \beta_i' (\sigma_\beta^2 \mathbf{I})^{-1} \right) \mu_\beta + \mu_\beta' \left( n (\sigma_\beta^2 \mathbf{I})^{-1} + (\sigma_{\mu_\beta}^2 \mathbf{I})^{-1} \right) \mu_\beta \right) \right\} \\
&= \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A}^{-1} \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{A}^{-1}),
\end{aligned}$$

where  $\mathbf{A} = n (\sigma_\beta^2 \mathbf{I})^{-1} + (\sigma_{\mu_\beta}^2 \mathbf{I})^{-1}$ ,  $\mathbf{b}' = \beta' (\sigma_\beta^2 \mathbf{I})^{-1}$ , and  $\beta$  is the vector sum  $\sum_{i=1}^n \beta_i$ .

#### 4.9 Mean of use coefficients ( $\mu_\gamma$ )

$$\begin{aligned}
[\mu_\gamma | \cdot] &\propto \prod_{i=1}^n [\gamma_i | \mu_\gamma, \sigma_\gamma^2] [\mu_\gamma] \\
&\propto \prod_{i=1}^n \mathcal{N}(\gamma_i | \mu_\gamma, \sigma_\gamma^2 \mathbf{I}) \mathcal{N}(\mu_\gamma | \mathbf{0}, \sigma_{\mu_\gamma}^2 \mathbf{I}) \\
&= \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A}^{-1} \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{A}^{-1}),
\end{aligned}$$

where  $\mathbf{A} = n (\sigma_\gamma^2 \mathbf{I})^{-1} + (\sigma_{\mu_\gamma}^2 \mathbf{I})^{-1}$ ,  $\mathbf{b}' = \gamma' (\sigma_\gamma^2 \mathbf{I})^{-1}$ , and  $\gamma$  is the vector sum  $\sum_{i=1}^n \gamma_i$ .

#### 4.10 Mean of detection coefficients ( $\mu_\alpha$ )

$$\begin{aligned}
[\mu_\alpha | \cdot] &\propto \prod_{i=1}^n [\alpha_i | \mu_\alpha, \sigma_\alpha^2] [\mu_\alpha] \\
&\propto \prod_{i=1}^n \mathcal{N}(\alpha_i | \mu_\alpha, \sigma_\alpha^2 \mathbf{I}) \mathcal{N}(\mu_\alpha | \mathbf{0}, \sigma_{\mu_\alpha}^2 \mathbf{I}) \\
&= \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{A}^{-1} \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{A}^{-1}),
\end{aligned}$$

where  $\mathbf{A} = n (\sigma_\alpha^2 \mathbf{I})^{-1} + (\sigma_{\mu_\alpha}^2 \mathbf{I})^{-1}$ ,  $\mathbf{b}' = \alpha' (\sigma_\alpha^2 \mathbf{I})^{-1}$ , and  $\alpha$  is the vector sum  $\sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i$ .

#### 4.11 Variance of occupancy coefficients ( $\sigma_\beta^2$ )

$$\begin{aligned}
[\sigma_\beta^2 \mid \cdot] &\propto \prod_{i=1}^n [\beta_i \mid \mu_\beta, \sigma_\beta^2] [\sigma_\beta^2] \\
&\propto \prod_{i=1}^n \mathcal{N}(\beta_i \mid \mu_\beta, \sigma_\beta^2 \mathbf{I}) \text{IG}(\sigma_\beta^2 \mid r, q) \\
&\propto \prod_{i=1}^n |\sigma_\beta^2 \mathbf{I}|^{-1/2} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \left( (\beta_i - \mu_\beta)' (\sigma_\beta^2 \mathbf{I})^{-1} (\beta_i - \mu_\beta) \right) \right\} (\sigma_\beta^2)^{-(q+1)} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{r\sigma_\beta^2} \right\} \\
&\propto (\sigma_\beta^2)^{-(qX \times n)/2} \exp \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n \left( -\frac{1}{2\sigma_\beta^2} (\beta_i - \mu_\beta)' (\beta_i - \mu_\beta) \right) \right\} (\sigma_\beta^2)^{-(q+1)} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{r\sigma_\beta^2} \right\} \\
&\propto (\sigma_\beta^2)^{-((qX \times n)/2 + q + 1)} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{\sigma_\beta^2} \left( \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (\beta_i - \mu_\beta)' (\beta_i - \mu_\beta)}{2} + \frac{1}{r} \right) \right\} \\
&= \text{IG} \left( \left( \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (\beta_i - \mu_\beta)' (\beta_i - \mu_\beta)}{2} + \frac{1}{r} \right)^{-1}, \frac{qX \times n}{2} + q \right),
\end{aligned}$$

where  $qX$  is the column dimension of  $\mathbf{X}$  (or length of  $\beta_i$ ).

#### 4.12 Variance of use coefficients ( $\sigma_\gamma^2$ )

$$\begin{aligned}
[\sigma_\gamma^2 \mid \cdot] &\propto \prod_{i=1}^n [\gamma_i \mid \mu_\gamma, \sigma_\gamma^2] [\sigma_\gamma^2] \\
&\propto \prod_{i=1}^n \mathcal{N}(\gamma_i \mid \mu_\gamma, \sigma_\gamma^2 \mathbf{I}) \text{IG}(\sigma_\gamma^2 \mid r, q) \\
&= \text{IG} \left( \left( \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (\gamma_i - \mu_\gamma)' (\gamma_i - \mu_\gamma)}{2} + \frac{1}{r} \right)^{-1}, \frac{qU \times n}{2} + q \right),
\end{aligned}$$

where  $qU$  is the column dimension of  $\mathbf{U}$  (or length of  $\gamma_i$ ).

#### 4.13 Variance of detection coefficients ( $\sigma_\alpha^2$ )

$$\begin{aligned}
[\sigma_\alpha^2 \mid \cdot] &\propto \prod_{i=1}^n [\alpha_i \mid \mu_\alpha, \sigma_\alpha^2] [\sigma_\alpha^2] \\
&\propto \prod_{i=1}^n \mathcal{N}(\alpha_i \mid \mu_\alpha, \sigma_\alpha^2 \mathbf{I}) \text{IG}(\sigma_\alpha^2 \mid r, q) \\
&= \text{IG} \left( \left( \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (\alpha_i - \mu_\alpha)' (\alpha_i - \mu_\alpha)}{2} + \frac{1}{r} \right)^{-1}, \frac{qW \times n}{2} + q \right),
\end{aligned}$$

where  $qW$  is the column dimension of  $\mathbf{W}$  (or length of  $\alpha_i$ ).