Improved Partial Effects Plots for GAMs Looking at the Plankton Community

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Introduction

This notebook reprises selected analyses using GAMs, and then develops nicer partial effects plots than the mgcv defaults.

In particular, I'm interested in generating marginal plots as follows (the page numbers refer to where the "draft" marginal plots appear in the PDF of the original analysis).

- 1. Zoop density vs. Turbidity (pg. 20)
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- 3. Eurytemora density vs. Turbidity, pg. 34
- 4. Barnacle vs. Chl & Barnacle vs. Temp (combined 2-part figure), pg. 31
- 5. Acartia vs. Temp & Acartia vs. Salinity (combined 2-part figure), pg. 29

Load Libraries

```
library(tidyverse)
#> -- Attaching packages -----
                                                   ----- tidyverse 1.3.1 --
#> v ggplot2 3.3.6 v purrr 0.3.4
#> v tibble 3.1.7 v dplyr 1.0.9
#> v tidyr 1.2.0 v stringr 1.4.0
#> v readr 2.1.2
                    v forcats 0.5.1
#> -- Conflicts -----
                                                ----- tidyverse_conflicts() --
#> x dplyr::filter() masks stats::filter()
#> x dplyr::laq() masks stats::laq()
library(readxl)
library(mgcv)
                   # for GAM models
#> Loading required package: nlme
#>
#> Attaching package: 'nlme'
#> The following object is masked from 'package:dplyr':
#>
#>
      collapse
#> This is mgcv 1.8-40. For overview type 'help("mgcv-package")'.
library(ggeffects)
library(gridExtra) # or could use related functions in `cowplot`
#> Attaching package: 'gridExtra'
#> The following object is masked from 'package:dplyr':
#>
#>
      combine
```

Set Graphics Theme

This sets ggplot() graphics for no background, no grid lines, etc. in a clean format suitable for (some) publications.

```
theme_set(theme_classic())
```

Input Data

Folder References

```
data_folder <- "Original_Data"
dir.create(file.path(getwd(), 'figures'), showWarnings = FALSE)</pre>
```

Load Data

```
filename.in <- "penob.station.data EA 3.12.20.xlsx"
file_path <- file.path(data_folder, filename.in)</pre>
station_data <- read_excel(file_path,</pre>
                            sheet="Final", col_types = c("skip", "date",
                                                "numeric", "text", "numeric",
                                               "text", "skip", "skip",
                                               "skip",
                                               rep("numeric", 10),
                                               "text",
                                               rep("numeric", 47),
                                               "text",
                                               rep("numeric", 12))) %>%
 rename_with(~ gsub(" ", "_", .x)) %>%
 rename_with(~ gsub("\\.", "_", .x)) %>%
 rename_with(~ gsub("\\?", "", .x)) %>%
  rename_with(~ gsub("%", "pct", .x)) %>%
 rename_with(~ gsub("_Abundance", "", .x)) %>%
  filter(! is.na(date))
#> New names:
#> * `` -> `...61`
```

```
names(station_data)[10:12]
#> [1] "discharge_week_cftpersec" "discharg_day"
#> [3] "discharge_week_max"
names(station_data)[10:12] <- c('disch_wk', 'disch_day', 'disch_max')</pre>
```

Station names are arbitrary, and Erin previously expressed interest in renaming them from Stations 2, 4, 5 and 8 to Stations 1,2,3,and 4.

The factor() function by default sorts levels before assigning numeric codes, so a convenient way to replace the existing station codes with sequential numbers is to create a factor and extract the numeric indicator values with as.numeric().

```
#> 2 2013-05-28 00:00:00 2013 May
                                        5 Spring 13.9 2
#> 3 2013-05-28 00:00:00 2013 May
                                            5 Spring
                                                     8.12 3
                                                                              3
#> 4 2013-05-28 00:00:00 2013 May
                                            5 Spring
                                                      2.78 4
                                                                              4
#> 5 2013-07-25 00:00:00 2013 July
                                            7 Summer 22.6 1
                                                                              1
#> 6 2013-07-25 00:00:00 2013 July
                                            7 Summer 13.9 2
#> # ... with 68 more variables: depth <dbl>, disch_wk <dbl>, disch_day <dbl>,
      disch_max <dbl>, tide_height <dbl>, Full_Moon <dbl>, Abs_Moon <dbl>,
      Spring_or_Neap <chr>, ave_temp_c <dbl>, ave_sal_psu <dbl>,
#> # ave turb ntu <dbl>, ave do maperl <dbl>, ave DO Saturation <dbl>,
     ave_chl_microgperl <dbl>, sur_temp <dbl>, sur_sal <dbl>, sur_turb <dbl>,
#> #
\# sur_do <dbl>, <math>sur_chl <dbl>, bot_temp <dbl>, bot_sal <dbl>, bot_turb <dbl>,
\# #> # bot_do <dbl>, bot_chl <dbl>, max_temp <dbl>, max_sal <dbl>, ...
```

Subsetting to Desired Data Columns

I base selection of predictor variables here on the ones used in the manuscript.

```
base data <- station data %>%
     rename(Date = date,
                       Station = station,
                       Year = year) %>%
     select(-c(month, month_num)) %>%
     mutate(Month = factor(as.numeric(format(Date, format = '%m')),
                                                                                                                                levels = 1:12.
                                                                                                                               labels = month.abb),
                        DOY = as.numeric(format(Date, format = '%j')),
                        season = factor(season, levels = c('Spring', 'Summer', 'Fall')),
                        is_sp_up = season == 'Spring' & Station == 1,
                        Yearf = factor(Year)) %>%
     rename(Season = season,
                       Density = combined_density,
                       Temp = ave_temp_c,
                       Sal = ave_sal_psu,
                        Turb = sur_turb,
                        AvgTurb = ave_turb_ntu,
                        DOsat = ave DO Saturation,
                        Chl = ave chl microgperl,
                        RH = Herring
                        ) %>%
     select(Date, Station, Year, Yearf, Month, Season, is_sp_up, DOY, riv_km,
                        disch_wk, disch_day, disch_max,
                        Temp, Sal, Turb, AvgTurb, DOsat, Chl,
                        Fish, RH,
                        Density, H, SEI,
                        Acartia, Balanus, Eurytemora, Polychaete, Pseudocal, Temora) %>%
     arrange(Date, Station)
head(base_data)
#> # A tibble: 6 x 29
#> Date
                                                                  Station Year Yearf Month Season is_sp_up DOY riv_km
#> <dttm>
                                                                  < fct > < dbl > < fct > < fct > < fct > < dbl > < db
#> 1 2013-05-28 00:00:00 1
                                                                                   2013 2013 May Spring TRUE
                                                                                                                                                                                   148 22.6
                                                                         2013 2013 May Spring FALSE 148 13.9
#> 2 2013-05-28 00:00:00 2
```

```
#> 3 2013-05-28 00:00:00 3
                                  2013 2013 May
                                                   Spring FALSE
                                                                      148
                                                                            8.12
#> 4 2013-05-28 00:00:00 4
                                                                            2.78
                                  2013 2013
                                             May
                                                   Spring FALSE
                                                                      148
#> 5 2013-07-25 00:00:00 1
                                             Jul
                                                                           22.6
                                  2013 2013
                                                   Summer FALSE
                                                                      206
#> 6 2013-07-25 00:00:00 2
                                  2013 2013 Jul
                                                                          13.9
                                                   Summer FALSE
                                                                      206
#> # ... with 20 more variables: disch_wk <dbl>, disch_day <dbl>, disch_max <dbl>,
      Temp <dbl>, Sal <dbl>, Turb <dbl>, AvgTurb <dbl>, DOsat <dbl>, Chl <dbl>,
      Fish <dbl>, RH <dbl>, Density <dbl>, H <dbl>, SEI <dbl>, Acartia <dbl>,
      Balanus <dbl>, Eurytemora <dbl>, Polychaete <dbl>, Pseudocal <dbl>,
#> #
       Temora <dbl>
```

```
rm(station_data)
```

Complete Cases

This drops only two samples, one for missing Zooplankton data, one for missing fish data. We need this reduced data set to run The step() function. It makes little sense to try stepwise model selection if each time you add or remove a variable, the sample you are studying changes. Since fish is never an important predictor, we will want need to refit models after stepwise elimination to use the most complete possible data set.

Reduced Data

The low salinity spring samples are doing something rather different, and they complicate model fitting. Models are far better behaved if we exclude a few extreme samples. These are low salinity low zooplankton samples. We have two complementary ways to specify which samples to omit, without just omitting "outliers". The first is to restrict modeling to "marine" samples over a certain salinity, and the other is to omit spring upstream samples, which include most of the problematic samples.

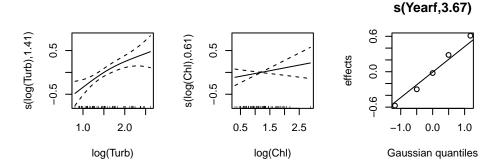
Total Zooplankton Density

I fit the simplified model without Station. The full model has the same concurvity problems as before, and here the model fails to converge. While I could alter the convergence criteria to search for a solution, we know the model that includes Station will have concurvity problems, so there is little point.

Reduced Complexity Model

```
density_gam_reduced<- gam(log(Density) ~</pre>
                        \#s(Temp, bs="ts", k = 5) +
                        \#s(Sal, bs="ts", k = 5) +
                        s(log(Turb), bs="ts", k = 5) +
                        s(log(Chl), bs="ts", k = 5) +
                        \#s(log1p(Fish),bs="ts", k = 5) +
                        s(Yearf, bs = 're'),
                      data = drop_low, family = 'gaussian')
summary(density_gam_reduced)
#>
#> Family: gaussian
#> Link function: identity
#>
#> Formula:
\# log(Density) ~ s(log(Turb), bs = "ts", k = 5) + s(log(Chl), bs = "ts",
      k = 5) + s(Yearf, bs = "re")
#> Parametric coefficients:
            Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
#>
#> (Intercept) 8.1283 0.2307 35.23 <2e-16 ***
#> Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
\#> Approximate significance of smooth terms:
                 edf Ref.df F p-value
#> ---
#> Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
\#> R-sq. (adj) = 0.561 Deviance explained = 60.8\%
\#> GCV = 0.26018 Scale est. = 0.22853 n = 55
```

```
oldpar <- par(mfrow = c(2,3))
plot(density_gam_reduced)
par(oldpar)</pre>
```



Combined Graphic

As far as I have been able to tell, you need to build up the combined plots for our mixed model GAMS piecewise. The easiest way is to pull marginal means for each marginal predictor and then assemble them using grid.arrange() (for display) or arrangeGrob() (for saving with ggsave()).

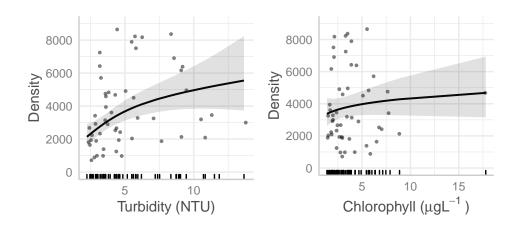
```
ggp1 <- ggemmeans(density_gam_reduced, terms = 'Turb')
#> Loading required namespace: emmeans
#> Model has log-transformed response. Back-transforming predictions to original response scale. Standa
ggp2 <- ggemmeans(density_gam_reduced, terms = 'Chl')
#> Model has log-transformed response. Back-transforming predictions to original response scale. Standa
```

The instructions to authors suggests figure widths should line up with columns, and proposes figure widths should be:

 $39~\mathrm{mm} \sim 1.54$ inches $84~\mathrm{mm} \sim 3.30$ inches $129~\mathrm{mm} \sim 5.04$ inches $174~\mathrm{mm} \sim 6.85$ inches

With height not to exceed 235 mm (9.25 inches).

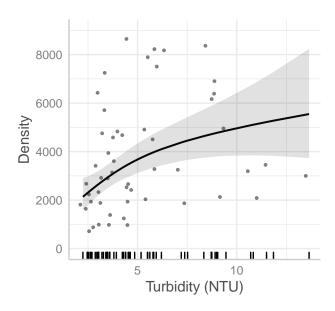
RMarkdown / knitr likes figure dimensions in inches. 174 mm is about 6.85 inches



#plt3

Requested Graphic

```
scale_y_continuous( limits = c(0,9000), breaks = c(0, 2000, 4000, 6000, 8000))
#> Scale for 'y' is already present. Adding another scale for 'y', which will
#> replace the existing scale.
plt
#> Warning: Removed 3 rows containing missing values (geom_point).
```



Shannon Diversity

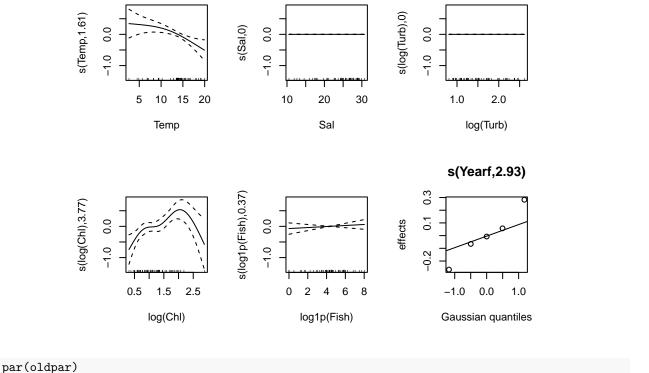
Model on Reduced Data

```
#> Formula:
\#> H \sim s(Temp, bs = "ts", k = 5) + s(Sal, bs = "ts", k = 5) + s(log(Turb),
bs = "ts", k = 5) + s(log(Chl), bs = "ts", k = 5) + s(log1p(Fish),
     bs = "ts", k = 5) + s(Yearf, bs = "re")
#>
#> Parametric coefficients:
             Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
#> (Intercept) 1.3310 0.1142 11.66 3.1e-15 ***
#> Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
#> Approximate significance of smooth terms:
                      edf Ref.df F p-value
#> s(Temp)
               1.615e+00 4 4.222 0.002901 **
                              4 0.000 0.257386
#> s(Sal)
               2.259e-08
                              4 0.000 0.608480
\#> s(log(Turb)) 1.369e-08
                          4 11.002 0.000252 ***
#> s(log(Chl)) 3.767e+00
                            4 0.167 0.197576
#> s(log1p(Fish)) 3.675e-01
               2.929e+00 4 2.802 0.008131 **
#> s(Yearf)
#> ---
#> Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
\# R-sq.(adj) = 0.417 Deviance explained = 51.1%
\#> GCV = 0.2 Scale est. = 0.1648 n = 55
```

```
anova(shannon_gam_no_low)
#> Family: qaussian
#> Link function: identity
#>
#> Formula:
\#> H \sim s(Temp, bs = "ts", k = 5) + s(Sal, bs = "ts", k = 5) + s(log(Turb),
      bs = "ts", k = 5) + s(log(Chl), bs = "ts", k = 5) + s(log1p(Fish),
      bs = "ts", k = 5) + s(Yearf, bs = "re")
#> Approximate significance of smooth terms:
                       edf Ref.df F p-value
#>
                1.615e+00 4.000e+00 4.222 0.002901
#> s(Temp)
                2.259e-08 4.000e+00 0.000 0.257386
#> s(Sal)
#> s(log(Turb)) 1.369e-08 4.000e+00 0.000 0.608480
#> s(log(Chl)) 3.767e+00 4.000e+00 11.002 0.000252
#> s(log1p(Fish)) 3.675e-01 4.000e+00 0.167 0.197576
            2.929e+00 4.000e+00 2.802 0.008131
\#>s(Yearf)
```

Plot the GAM

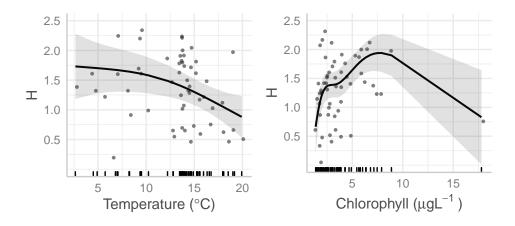
```
oldpar <- par(mfrow = c(2,3))
plot(shannon_gam_no_low)</pre>
```



Combined Graphic

As far as I have been able to tell, you need to build up the combined plots for our mixed model GAMS piecewise. The easiest way is to pull marginal means for each marginal predictor and then assemble them using grid.arrange() (for display) or arrangeGrob() (for saving with ggsave()).

```
ggp1 <- ggemmeans(shannon_gam_no_low, terms = 'Temp')
ggp2 <- ggemmeans(shannon_gam_no_low, terms = 'Chl')</pre>
```



#plt3

Single Species Models

Model Choice

Our model alternatives are similar to the choices we had for the Total Density model. The problem is, we can't use any of the continuous data distributions in GAMS with zero values (at least relying on the canonical link functions) because $(\log(0) = -\ln f; 1/0 = \ln f, 1/0*0 = \ln f)$. The easiest solution is to add some finite small quantity to the density data, and predict that. Here we predict $\log(\text{Density} + 1)$ using Gaussian models.

Automating Analysis of Separate Species

I'm going to automate analysis of all selected species by using a "nested" Tibble. This is a convenient alternative to writing a "for" loop to run multiple identical analyses.

I create a "long" data source, based on the reduced data set that omits low salinity samples.

Next, I create a function to run the analysis. This function takes a data frame or tibble as an argument. The tibble mush have data columns with the correct names.

The initial model fits for some species had a lot of wiggles in them, to an extent that I thought did not make much scientific sense, so I decided to reduce the dimensionality of the GAM smoothers, by adding the parameter k=4. Lowe numbers constrain the GAM to fit smoother lines.

Next, I create the nested tibble, and conduct the analysis on each species....

```
spp_analysis <- spp_data %>%
  group_by(Species) %>%
  nest() %>%
  mutate(gam_mods = map(data, my_gam))
```

And finally, output the model results. I can do that in a "for" loop, but it's Awkward to look through a long list of output, so I step through each species in turn.

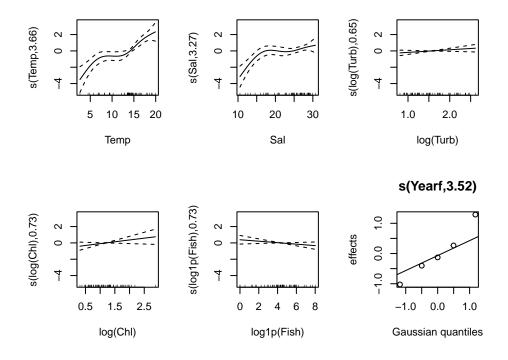
Acartia

```
spp = 'Acartia'
mod <- spp_analysis$gam_mods[spp_analysis$Species == spp][[1]]
summary(mod)
#>
#> Family: gaussian
#> Link function: identity
#>
#>
Formula:
#> log1p(Density) ~ s(Temp, bs = "ts", k = 5) + s(Sal, bs = "ts",
#> k = 5) + s(log(Turb), bs = "ts", k = 5) + s(log(Chl), bs = "ts",
#> k = 5) + s(log1p(Fish), bs = "ts", k = 5) + s(Yearf, bs = "re")
#>
#> Parametric coefficients:
#> Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
```

```
#> (Intercept) 6.598 0.371 17.78 <2e-16 ***
#> ---
#> Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
#> Approximate significance of smooth terms:
#>
                    edf Ref.df
                                  F p-value
#> s(Temp)
                 3.6631
                            4 31.950 < 2e-16 ***
                            4 7.570 0.000232 ***
#> s(Sal)
                 3.2713
#> s(log(Turb))
                 0.6538
                              0.637 0.076037 .
#> s(log(Chl))
                 0.7323
                              1.316 0.055331 .
#> s(log1p(Fish)) 0.7316
                            4 0.610 0.080622 .
#> s(Yearf)
                 3.5153
                            4 11.237 6.14e-07 ***
#> ---
#> Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
#>
\#> R-sq. (adj) = 0.763 Deviance explained = 81.8%
\#> GCV = 0.93657 Scale est. = 0.70553 n=55
```

Plot GAM

```
oldpar <- par(mfrow = c(2,3))
plot(mod)</pre>
```

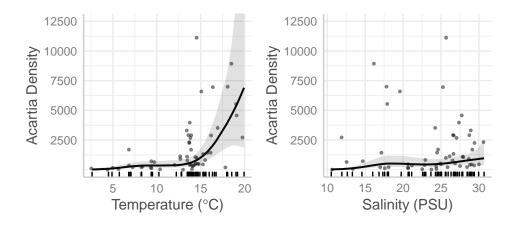


Combined Graphic

```
ggp1 <- ggemmeans(mod, terms = 'Temp')
#> Model has log-transformed response. Back-transforming predictions to original response scale. Standa
ggp2 <- ggemmeans(mod, terms = 'Sal')
#> Model has log-transformed response. Back-transforming predictions to original response scale. Standa
```

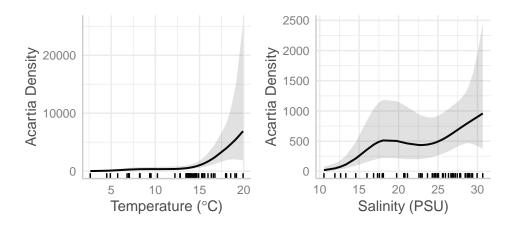
```
plt1 <- plot(ggp1, add.data = TRUE,</pre>
     dot.alpha = 0.5, dot.size = 1) +
  geom_rug(aes(y = NULL)) +
  ggtitle('') +
  xlab(expression("Temperature (" * degree * "C)")) +
  ylab('Acartia Density') +
  scale_y_continuous(breaks = c(1:5*2500)) +
  coord_cartesian(ylim = c(0, 12500))
#> Scale for 'y' is already present. Adding another scale for 'y', which will
#> replace the existing scale.
plt2 <- plot(ggp2, add.data = TRUE,</pre>
     dot.alpha = 0.5, dot.size = 1) +
  geom_rug(aes(y = NULL)) +
  xlab(expression("Salinity" ~ "(PSU)")) +
  ylab('Acartia Density') +
 ggtitle('') +
  scale_y_continuous(breaks = c(1:5*2500)) +
  coord_cartesian(ylim = c(0, 12500))
#> Scale for 'y' is already present. Adding another scale for 'y', which will
#> replace the existing scale.
plt3 <- grid.arrange(plt1, plt2, # alternatives here from cowplot and other pacj=hages,
             ncol = 2, nrow = 1)
```

Version 1



#plt3

Version 2



#plt3

```
grphc <- arrangeGrob(plt1, plt2, ncol = 2, nrow = 1) #generates graphic
ggsave(file='figures/Acartia v2.png', grphc, type='cairo',</pre>
```

```
width = 5, height = 2.5)
ggsave('figures/Acartia v2.pdf', grphc, device = cairo_pdf,
    width = 5, height = 2.5)
```

Balanus

```
spp = 'Balanus'
mod <- spp_analysis$gam_mods[spp_analysis$Species == spp][[1]]</pre>
summary(mod)
#>
#> Family: qaussian
#> Link function: identity
#> Formula:
\# log1p(Density) ~ s(Temp, bs = "ts", k = 5) + s(Sal, bs = "ts",
     k = 5) + s(loq(Turb), bs = "ts", k = 5) + s(loq(Chl), bs = "ts",
       k = 5) + s(log1p(Fish), bs = "ts", k = 5) + <math>s(Yearf, bs = "re")
#>
#>
#> Parametric coefficients:
               Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
#> (Intercept) 3.6930 0.6478 5.701 8.74e-07 ***
#> ---
#> Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
#> Approximate significance of smooth terms:
                         edf Ref.df F p-value
#> s(Temp)
                 9.192e-01 4 2.998 0.00414 **
                                  4 0.000 0.52552
                  1.782e-10
#> s(Sal)
#> s(log(Turb)) 1.967e+00 4 1.779 0.06016 .

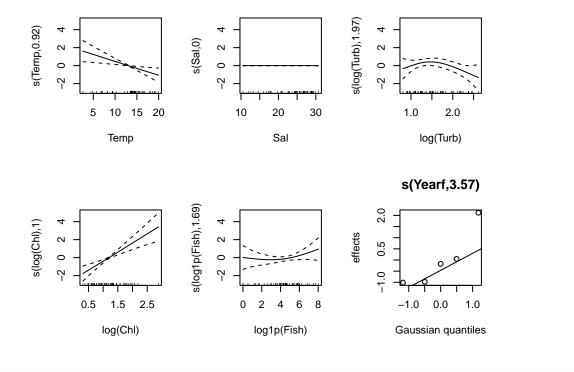
#> s(log(Chl)) 1.004e+00 4 14.125 2.07e-05 ***

#> s(log1p(Fish)) 1.686e+00 4 0.691 0.22444

#> s(Yearf) 3.568e+00 4 7.912 1.75e-05 ***
#> ---
#> Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
\#> R-sq.(adj) = 0.581 Deviance explained = 65.2%
\#> GCV = 2.7021 Scale est. = 2.2038 n = 55
```

Plot GAM

```
oldpar <- par(mfrow = c(2,3))
plot(mod)</pre>
```

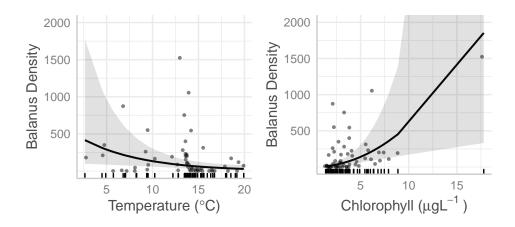


par(oldpar)

Combined Graphic

```
ggp1 <- ggemmeans(mod, terms = 'Temp')
#> Model has log-transformed response. Back-transforming predictions to original response scale. Standa
ggp2 <- ggemmeans(mod, terms = 'Chl')
#> Model has log-transformed response. Back-transforming predictions to original response scale. Standa
```

Version 1



#plt3

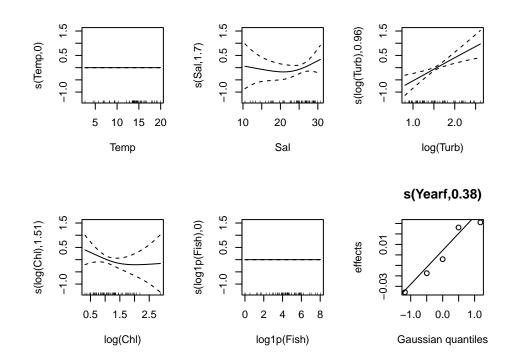
Eurytemora

```
spp = "Eurytemora"
mod <- spp_analysis$gam_mods[spp_analysis$Species == spp][[1]]
summary(mod)
#>
#> Family: gaussian
#> Link function: identity
#>
#> Formula:
#> log1p(Density) ~ s(Temp, bs = "ts", k = 5) + s(Sal, bs = "ts",
#> k = 5) + s(log(Turb), bs = "ts", k = 5) + s(log(Chl), bs = "ts",
```

```
k = 5) + s(log1p(Fish), bs = "ts", k = 5) + <math>s(Yearf, bs = "re")
#>
#>
#> Parametric coefficients:
#>
               Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
#> (Intercept)
               6.5275
                            0.1297
                                     50.34
                                             <2e-16 ***
#> ---
#> Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
#> Approximate significance of smooth terms:
                                       F p-value
#>
                        edf Ref.df
#> s(Temp)
                  8.514e-10
                                 4 0.000 0.522777
#> s(Sal)
                  1.698e+00
                                 4 0.439 0.360992
                                 4 3.326 0.000375 ***
#> s(log(Turb))
                  9.561e-01
#> s(log(Chl))
                                 4 0.541 0.241190
                  1.509e+00
                                 4 0.000 0.340527
#> s(log1p(Fish)) 4.650e-10
#> s(Yearf)
                  3.805e-01
                                 4 0.101 0.368007
#> ---
#> Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
#>
\# R-sq. (adj) = 0.241 Deviance explained = 30.5\%
\#> GCV = 0.91936 Scale est. = 0.8267 n = 55
```

Plot GAM

```
oldpar <- par(mfrow = c(2,3))
plot(mod)</pre>
```



```
par(oldpar)
```

Requesed gRaphic

