# **secrdesign** - sampling design for spatially explicit capture—recapture

## Murray Efford 2017-12-04

## Contents

Introduction		2
A simple example		٠
Defining scenarios		4
Detector layouts		4
The scenarios dataframe		,
Running simulations		6
Arguments of run.scenarios()		(
Customising run.scenarios()		,
More on masks		8
Summarising simulation output		ç
Extracting estimate tables from fitted models		,
Choosing the statistics to summarise		Ç
Disposing of rogue values		1
Summary method		12
Plot method		14
Additional topics	-	15
Parallel processing		15
Shortcut evaluation of precision		16
Non-uniform populations		1
Linear habitat		18
Splitting data generation and model fitting		18
Populations with sub-classes or multiple sessions		2
Limitations, tips and troubleshooting	:	22
References	:	22
Appendix 1. Default extractfn for run.scenarios.	:	24
	,	<b>.</b> .
Appendix 2. Examples	_	25
Multiple grids, varying number of occasions		25
Learned trap response		28 33
Non-uniform possums		36
Code for linear habitat		39
OTOUDOU DODUIGHOUD		U,

The R package **secrdesign** is a set of tools to assist the design of studies using spatially explicit capture–recapture (SECR). It provides convenient wrappers for simulation and model fitting functions in package **secr** to emulate many features of the 'Simulator' module of Density 5.0 (Efford 2012).

This document is a technical guide to the simulation aspects of **secrdesign**. Functions that do not rely on simulation are described in secrdesign-tools.pdf.

We assume an understanding of estimator properties such as bias, precision, and confidence interval coverage, and the use of Monte Carlo simulation to predict the performance of different sampling designs. Using **secrdesign** can be daunting because it allows for many different combinations of data generation, model fitting and summary statistics. Several examples are given to indicate the range of possibilities.

## Introduction

When designing a study you should have in mind –

- (i) a population parameter you want to measure (probably density or population size),
- (ii) one or more design variables over which you have some control (number and spacing of detectors, number of sampling occasions etc.),
- (iii) some pilot data, or parameter estimates from published studies, and
- (iv) a criterion by which to evaluate different designs. This is most likely the precision of the estimates, as this in turn determines your ability (power) to recognise changes. Cost or effort may be an explicit criterion, or the designs may be constructed to allocate constant effort in different ways.

We use 'relative standard error' (RSE) for the relative precision of an estimate. This is sometimes called the coefficient of variation (CV) of the estimate, but RSE is more appropriate. We use 'accuracy' in the sense of Williams et al. (2002 p.45) and other authors from the United States. Accuracy combines both systematic error (bias) and precision: one measure is the square root of the mean squared difference between the true value and the estimate (RMSE).

Once you have sorted out (i)—(iv) you are ready to define and compare sampling scenarios. Scenarios are specified in a dataframe that is usually constructed with make.scenarios (see The scenarios dataframe). Each scenario has an integer 'trapsindex' code that identifies a particular detector array; a list of detector arrays is constructed separately, possibly using functions such as make.grid.

Scenarios may be investigated in two ways -

- tabulation of expected counts etc. with scenarioSummary
- Monte Carlo simulation with run.scenarios.

Monte Carlo simulation is ultimately the more reliable and comprehensive route, but it is much slower.

Fig. 1 shows the sequence of steps taken in **secrdesign** to conduct simulations and summarise the results. Each step is described in detail in a later section. Typically, you will use run.scenarios() to generate data and fit SECR models, select some statistics with select.stats(), and summarise and plot the results.

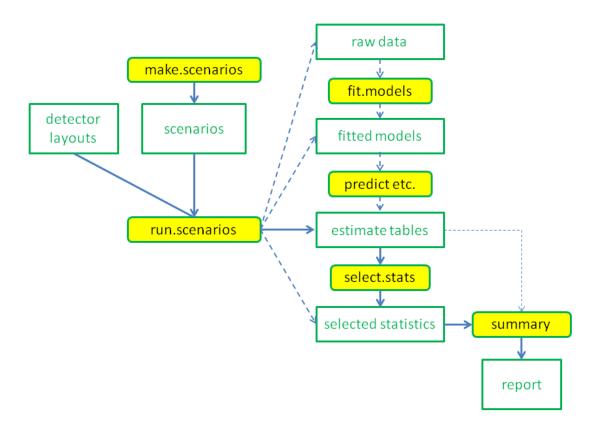


Fig. 1. Core functions in **secrdesign** (yellow) and their main inputs and outputs. Output from the simulation function run.scenarios() may be saved as whole fitted models, predicted values (parameter estimates), or selected statistics. Each form of output requires different subsequent handling. The default path is shown by solid blue arrows.

## A simple example

For an introductory example we construct a simple set of scenarios and perform some simulations. The trap layout is a default  $6 \times 6$  grid of multi-catch traps at 20-m spacing. Density takes one of two levels (5/ha or 10/ha) and detection parameters sigma and lambda0 are fixed.

```
library(secrdesign)
## Loading required package: secr
## This is secr 3.1.2. For overview type ?secr
## This is secrdesign 2.5.3. For overview type ?secrdesign
scen1 \leftarrow make.scenarios(D = c(5,10), sigma = 25, g0 = 0.2)
traps1 <- make.grid(8, 8, spacing = 25)</pre>
scenarioSummary(scen1, traps1)
##
     scenario trapsindex noccasions nrepeats D gO sigma detectfn
                                                                          En
                                                                                         Em
## 1
                                   3
                                             1 5 0.2
                                                          25
                                                                    0 27.652 22.453 19.601
            1
                        1
            2
                                   3
## 2
                        1
                                                          25
                                                                    0 55.303 44.905 39.203
                                             1 10 0.2
##
          esa CF rotRSE rotRSEB arrayN arrayspace arrayspan saturation
```

```
## 1 5.530333 1 0.2110 0.1714 64 1 9.8995 0.2369281
## 2 5.530333 1 0.1492 0.1212 64 1 9.8995 0.4172652
```

The initial summary includes the expected number of individuals (En) and recaptures (Er), and an approximate rule-of-thumb relative standard error for estimated density (rotRSE). scenarioSummary approximates the default detection function (HN) by a hazard-based detection function (HHN) with a warning that is not shown here. See ?scenarioSummary and secrdesign-tools.pdf for further details.

The simulation output is an object of class c( "estimatetables", "secrdesign", "list"). We use the summary method for estimatetables to view results, and here display only the summary output (omitting a header that describes the simulations).

#### summary(sims1)\$OUTPUT

```
## $`1`
##
                n
                      mean
               50 5.02808 0.15602
## estimate
## SE.estimate 50 1.05707 0.01865
## lcl
               50 3.35008 0.12476
## ucl
               50 7.56696 0.18881
## RB
               50 0.00562 0.03120
## RSE
               50 0.21583 0.00426
## COV
               50 0.98000 0.02000
##
## $`2`
##
                n
                       mean
                                 se
                   9.86995 0.20303
## estimate
               50
## SE.estimate 50
                   1.47010 0.01856
                   7.38442 0.17085
## lcl
               50
## ucl
               50 13.19702 0.23887
## RB
               50 -0.01301 0.02030
## RSE
               50
                   0.15023 0.00142
## COV
               50
                   0.96000 0.02799
```

In this example there is close agreement between the fast rule-of-thumb RSE and the simulation results.

Later sections show how to customize the summary and plot results.

## Defining scenarios

## **Detector layouts**

Detector layouts are specified as **secr** 'traps' objects. These may be input from text files using **read.traps** or constructed according to a particular geometry and spacing with functions such as **make.grid**, **make.circle**, **make.systematic** or **trap.builder**. See the help files for these **secr** functions for further details. The detector type (multi-catch trap, proximity detector etc.) is stored as an attribute of each 'traps' object, which may also include detector-level covariates and detector 'usage' by occasion.

Multiple layouts are combined in a single list object; component names ('grid6x6' etc.) will be used to annotate the output.

This creates square grids with the default detector type 'multi' and default spacing 20 m. See ?secr::make.grid for other options.

## The scenarios dataframe

The function make.scenarios() constructs a dataframe in which each row defines a simulation scenario. Its arguments (with defaults) are:

```
make.scenarios (trapsindex = 1, noccasions = 3, nrepeats = 1, D, g0,
    sigma, lambda0, detectfn = 0, recapfactor = 1, popindex = 1,
    detindex = 1, fitindex = 1, groups, crosstraps = TRUE)
```

Each argument except for 'groups' and 'crosstraps' may be used to specify a range of values for a parameter. Four ('trapsindex', 'popindex', 'detindex', 'fitindex') are actually surrogate numerical indices; the index is used to select one component from a list of possibilities later provided as input to run.scenarios().

By default, a scenario is formed from each unique combination of the input values (trapsindex, noccasions, nrepeats, D, g0, sigma, lambda0, detectfn, recapfactor, popindex, and fitindex) using expand.grid. For example,

```
make.scenarios (trapsindex = 1:3, noccasions = 4, D = 5, gO = 0.2, sigma = c(20,30))
     scenario trapsindex noccasions nrepeats D gO sigma detectfn recapfactor popindex
##
## 1
             1
                         1
                                     4
                                               1 5 0.2
                                                            20
                                                                       0
                                                                                    1
                                                                                              1
## 2
             2
                         2
                                     4
                                               1 5 0.2
                                                            20
                                                                       0
                                                                                    1
                                                                                              1
             3
                         3
                                     4
                                               1 5 0.2
                                                                       0
                                                                                    1
## 3
                                                            20
                                                                                              1
## 4
             4
                         1
                                     4
                                               1 5 0.2
                                                            30
                                                                       0
                                                                                    1
                                                                                              1
             5
                         2
## 5
                                     4
                                                1 5 0.2
                                                            30
                                                                       0
                                                                                    1
                                                                                              1
## 6
             6
                         3
                                               1 5 0.2
                                                            30
                                                                       0
                                                                                    1
                                                                                              1
##
     detindex fitindex
## 1
             1
                       1
## 2
             1
                       1
## 3
             1
                       1
## 4
             1
                       1
## 5
             1
                       1
## 6
```

In this case three different grids (possibly differing in number of traps) are trapped for the same number of occasions. A more interesting possibility is to vary the number of occasions inversely with the number of traps. However, if we naively set e.g., noccasions = c(8, 4, 2), this would generate all combinations of grid and number of occasions (18 different scenarios).

The alternative is to set crosstraps = FALSE. Then the vectors 'trapsindex', 'noccasions', and 'nrepeats' are locked together (if fewer values are provided in one of the vectors then it is re-used as required), and only the combination is crossed with the remaining parameter scenarios:

```
make.scenarios (trapsindex = 1:3, noccasions = c(8,4,2), D = 5, g0 = 0.2, sigma = c(20,30), crosstraps = FALSE)
```

шш						ъ	0		J - + + 6	<b></b>	
##		scenario	trapsindex	noccasions	nrepeats	ע	gυ	sigma	detectin	recapfactor	popinaex
##	1	1	1	8	1	5	0.2	20	0	1	1
##	2	2	2	4	1	5	0.2	20	0	1	1
##	3	3	3	2	1	5	0.2	20	0	1	1
##	4	4	1	8	1	5	0.2	30	0	1	1
##	5	5	2	4	1	5	0.2	30	0	1	1
##	6	6	3	2	1	5	0.2	30	0	1	1
##		${\tt detindex}$	fitindex								
##	1	1	1								
##	2	1	1								
##	3	1	1								
##	4	1	1								
##	5	1	1								
##	6	1	1								

All arguments except 'fitindex' control the generation of data. Note that 'g0' and 'lambda0' are alternatives: use the one appropriate to the detection function specified with detectfn' (see?secr::detectfn' for codes). 'D' is omitted if an inhomogeneous Poisson distribution is specified using a mask covariate (see Non-uniform populations). D is in animals / hectare (1 ha =  $0.01 \text{km}^2$ ) and sigma is in metres, as in secr.

The 'nrepeats' column refers to the number of notional independent replicates of the particular detector layout. Notional replicates are simulated by (invisibly) multiplying density (D) by this factor, and ultimately dividing it into the estimate. Think of 5 grids of automatic cameras so widely separated that no animal moves between the grids. As detections of different animals are ordinarily modelled as independent, the entire design is equivalent to 5 times the density of animals interacting with one grid. This breaks down, of course, if animals compete for traps (as with single-catch traps), and should not be used in that case except as a rough approximation.

Just as trapsindex serves as a placeholder for entire detector arrays, popindex, detindex and fitindex tell run.scenarios() which set of arguments to select from pop.args, det.args and fit.args for sim.popn, sim.capthist and secr.fit respectively. These are for more advanced use: you may not need them.

When a vector of group identifiers is provided in 'groups', the population in each scenario is a set of independently sampled groups, each defined on a separate row. Groups are initially assigned the same parameter values and other settings: it is up to the user to insert group-specific values (example at Grouped populations).

## Running simulations

The function run.scenarios() generates multiple datasets and, if requested, fits an SECR model to each one. In this section we describe its main arguments, with additional detail on habitat masks and customizing the output.

## Arguments of run.scenarios()

```
run.scenarios (nrepl, scenarios, trapset, maskset, xsigma = 4,
    nx = 32, pop.args, det.args, fit = FALSE, fit.args, chatnsim = 0,
```

```
extractfn = NULL, multisession = FALSE, ncores = 1, byscenario = TRUE,
seed = 123)
```

nrepl determines the number of replicate simulations. Make this large enough that the summary statistics have enough precision to answer your question. This is usually a matter for experimentation, remembering that precision (SE) is proportional to the square root of nrepl.

scenarios is the dataframe constructed with make.scenarios() as described in the last section.

trapset is a single 'traps' object or a list of traps objects, as described in 'Detector layouts' above.

maskset is an optional set of habitat masks, usually one per detector layout. If not specified, then masks will be constructed 'on the fly' using secr::make.mask with a 'buffer' of width xsigma × scenarios\$sigma and nx cells in the x dimension.

pop.args provides additional control over sim.popn (see ?secr::sim.popn for more). You may wish, for example, to set pop.args = list(Ndist = "fixed") to override the default of Poisson variation in the total number of simulated animals.

det.args provides additional control over sim.capthist (see ?secr::sim.capthist for more). One use is to
retain the simulated population as an attribute of the capthist object by setting det.args = list(savepopn
= TRUE); another is to set the binomN argument for count detectors. The sim.capthist arguments traps,
popn, detectpar, detectfn and noccasions are defined in the scenario or pop.args and cannot be overridden
by setting det.args.

Use fit = FALSE to generate and summarise detection data without fitting SECR models. This lets you check that your scenarios result in reasonable numbers of detected individuals (n), detections (ndet), and movements (nmov), before launching a full-blown simulation.

fit.args lets you specify how SECR models will be fitted to the simulated data. Most default arguments of secr.fit may be overridden by including them in fit.args. For example, to specify a negative exponential detection function use fit.args = list(detectfn = "EX"). If you wish to compare nspec different model specifications then fit.args should be a list of lists, one per specification, with fitindex taking values in the range 1:nspec.

The use of multisession, ncores and byscenario is discussed under Additional topics.

## Customising run.scenarios()

The output from run.scenarios() is controlled by its argument extractfn. This is a short function that is applied either (i) to each simulated raw dataset (capthist object) (fit = FALSE), or (ii) to each fitted model (fit = TRUE).

The default (builtin) extractfn (Appendix 1) behaves appropriately for either data type. It is mostly concerned with summarising raw counts when fit = FALSE. A dataframe with no rows is returned when a model fails to fit.

When fit = FALSE, the default output from each replicate is a vector of 4 summary statistics:

- n number of different individuals
- ndet total number of detections ('captures' and 'recaptures')
- nmov total number of detections at a detector other than the one where an animal was last detected
- dpa detectors per animal (average number of detectors at which each animal was recorded)

When fit = TRUE, the default output from each replicate is the result of applying predict to the fitted model, i.e. a dataframe of 'real' parameter estimates and their standard errors etc. (an empty dataframe is returned if model fitting fails). Nearly the same is achieved by setting extractfn = predict for the 'beta' coefficients set extractfn = coef. For a conditional likelihood fit it may be appropriate to set extractfn = derived. To focus on population size in the masked region, set extractfn = region. N.

The user may also choose to save the entire dataset (fit = FALSE) or the entire fitted model (secr object; fit = TRUE) for each replicate by setting extractfn = identity. For a large analysis there is a risk of exceeding memory limits in R, and saving everything is generally not a good idea. For most purposes it is sufficient to save a trimmed version of the fitted model extractfn = trim (note secr defines the function trim). However, the full model is needed for derived or region. N (see Extracting estimate tables from fitted models).

run.scenarios() sets the class¹ of its output to distinguish among fitted models ("fittedmodels"), estimate tables from predict, coef etc. ("estimatetables"), and numeric values ready for summarisation ("selectd-statistics"). Simulated data saved with fit = FALSE, extractfn = identity have class c("rawdata", "secrdesign", "list"). An attribute 'outputtype' is used to make finer distinctions among these types of output ("secrfit", "predicted", "coef", "capthist", or "numeric"). Output from extractfn = derived is treated as "predicted".

When fit = TRUE, analyses are performed with secr.fit. Other analyses may be specified by setting fit = FALSE and providing the analysis function as the value for extractfn. The function should accept a 'capthist' object as input. For example, conventional closed-population estimates may be obtained with

This applies various *nonspatial* estimators to simulated *spatial* samples. Named arguments of extractfn may be included (here, 'estimator'); these are used for all scenarios, unlike fit.args which may vary among scenarios. Summarisation of alternative analyses will usually require careful selection of 'parameter' and 'statistics' in select.stats (see Choosing the statistics to summarise).

An alternative is to write your own code along these lines:

## Completed in 0.007 minutes

```
sum1 <- function(out) {
    require(abind)
    ## collapse replicates to an array, omitting non-numeric column
    out <- do.call(abind, c(out, along = 3))[,-1,,drop = FALSE]
    ## convert array from character to numeric
    mode(out) <- "numeric"
    ## take the average over replicates (meaningless for some fields)
    apply(out, 1:2, mean, na.rm = TRUE)
    }
lapply(closedNsim$output, sum1)</pre>
```

## More on masks

A habitat mask in **secr** is a raster representation of the region near the detectors in which the centres of detected animals may lie. This excludes both nearby non-habitat, and habitat that is so distant that it is implausible any animal centred there would reach a detector. It is often convenient to define a mask to include all cells whose centre is within a certain distance of a detector - the buffer radius.

Within **secrdesign**, a mask is used both when generating populations of animals with **sim.popn** and when fitting SECR models with **secr.fit**. The extent of the mask used to generate populations is important if you are concerned with population size (for example, if you set **extractfn** = **region.N**). Then the size of

 $<sup>^{1}</sup>$ the full class is actually c(x, "secrdesign"","list") where x is as described.

the region determines the true value of the parameter of interest (N), and influences its sampling variance. The extent of the mask is less critical when density is the parameter of interest.

The default behaviour of run.scenarios() is to use a concave buffer of width xsigma  $\times$  sigma around the particular detector layout. The 'coarseness' of the mask is determined by nx; note that the default for run.scenarios (nx = 32) is coarser than the default for secr::make.mask (nx = 64). This makes for speed, and is fairly safe when the buffer width is well matched to the scale of movement (we know sigma, so the default buffer width is well-matched). The same mask is used both for generating populations and fitting models.

Users may specify their own masks in the 'maskset' list argument. If the number of masks in maskset is one or a number equal to the number of detector layouts, then a column 'maskindex' is added automatically to the scenarios dataframe (all 1, or equal to trapsindex, in the two cases). Otherwise, the user must have manually added a maskindex column to scenarios to clarify which mask should be used with which scenario.

## Summarising simulation output

run.scenarios usually takes a long time to run, but having saved its output you can quickly extract and summarise the results in many different ways.

We saw in the previous section and Fig. 1 that the output from run.scenarios for each replicate may be a fitted model, a table of parameter estimates, or a numeric vector. Summarisation across replicates (the summary method) requires output in 'selected statistics' form, so each of the other forms must be processed first<sup>2</sup>

Look again at Fig. 1: you will see that the primary input to the summary function is in the form of selected statistics. A secondary route is to automatically extract statistics from estimates tables, as shown by the dashed line in Fig. 1 – we used this in A simple example. We now address how other forms of output from run.scenarios can be processed into 'selected statistics' form.

## Extracting estimate tables from fitted models

The methods predict, coef, derived' andregion.N' for the 'fittedmodels' class are provided to extract estimates of 'real' parameters from each fitted model. These are direct analogues of predict, coef, derived and region.N' in \*\*secr\*\*. Here, they apply across all replicates of all scenarios and return an object of classestimatetables'.

In each case, the result is a dataframe or list of dataframes for each replicate. Rows correspond to estimated parameters (or 'R.N' and 'E.N' for region.N) and columns to the respective estimates, standard errors, and confidence limits (with some variations).

The ... argument of the functions predict, coef, derived and region. N lets you pass arguments such as alpha to the corresponding secr function (e.g., predict.secr or derived.secr).

We can skip this step for the output from our simple example as it is already in 'estimatetables' form.

#### Choosing the statistics to summarise

Given tabular output from predict() or derived(), we must select replicate-specific numerical quantities for further summarisation.<sup>3</sup> This is the role of select.stats(), which has arguments –

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Processing happens silently using default settings of select.stats() when summary is applied directly to 'estimate tables' output.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>If run.scenarios() has been used with fit = FALSE, then the output from each replicate is probably already in the form of selected statistics (the default raw data summaries 'n', 'ndet', 'nmov' and 'dpa') and select.stats() is not relevant. The same may also apply with a user-provided extractfn when fit = TRUE.

```
select.stats(object, parameter = "D", statistics)
```

The parameter of interest defaults to density ("D"); others such as "g0" or "sigma" may be substituted, so long as they appear in the input object. To check which parameters are available use

```
find.param(object)
```

The task of select.stats() is to reduce each replicate to a vector of numeric values - we can think of the result as a replicate × values matrix for each scenario (Fig. 2). A later step (see Summary method) computes statistics ('fields') such as mean and SE for each column in the matrix.

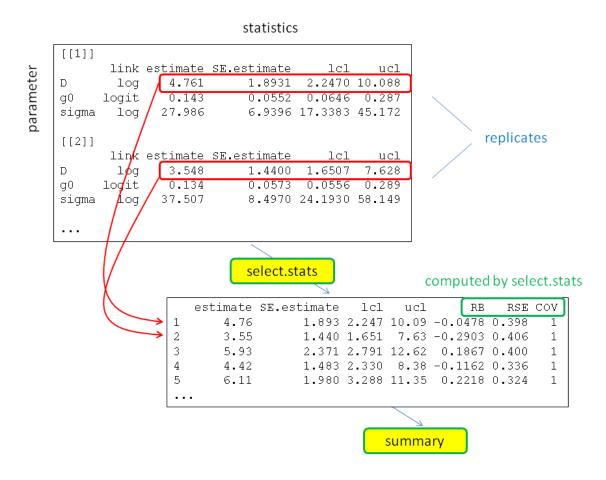


Fig. 2. Operation of select.stats for one scenario. Each replicate contributes one row to a replicates  $\times$  statistics matrix.

Here we describe the replicate-specific statistics that form the numeric vector. These may be simply 'estimate', 'SE.estimate', 'lcl' and 'ucl' as output from predict.secr. Additionally, when fit = TRUE, we can include statistics derived from the estimates of a parameter (Table 1). To describe these we use 'true' to stand for the known value of a real parameter, and 'estimate' for the estimate from a particular replicate.

Table 1. Computed statistics available in select.stats()

Statistic	Short name	Value
110001410 407141011	RSE ERR	(estimate – true) / true SE.estimate / estimate abs(estimate – true)
Coverage indicator	COV	(estimate $> lcl$ ) & (estimate $< ucl$ )

- 1. Also called 'normalized bias'
- 2. Also called 'coefficient of variation'

We use ('lcl', 'ucl') to represent a confidence interval for 'estimate'. Usually these are 95% intervals, but the level may be varied by setting the argument 'alpha' in predict (e.g., alpha = 0.1 for a 90% interval). Intervals from predict.secr are symmetrical on the link scale, and hence asymmetrical on the natural scale. Note also the argument loginterval in derived; the default loginterval = TRUE gives an asymmetrical interval on the natural scale.

The coverage indicator COV is a binary value (0/1); this becomes interesting later when averaged over a large number of replicates to give a coverage proportion. The absolute deviation ERR also comes into its own later as the basis for RMSE. In a sense the same is true of replicate-specific RB: RB should be reported only as an average over a large number of replicates.

Returning to our simple example, we apply select.stats() to focus on the density parameter "D".

```
## $`1`
                                                   RSE COV
     estimate
                   1c1
                            ucl
                                          R.B
## 1 5.151808 3.368614 7.878947
                                  0.03036167 0.2193337
## 2 5.855274 4.016081 8.536738
                                 0.17105476 0.1941624
## 3 4.482258 2.949922 6.810564 -0.10354842 0.2159012
                                                          1
## 4 4.883662 3.270895 7.291628 -0.02326768 0.2066668
##
## $`2`
##
     estimate
                   lcl
                            ucl
                                          RB
                                                   RSE COV
## 1 9.409474 7.045666 12.56633 -0.05905264 0.1484146
## 2 9.166823 6.787851 12.37957 -0.08331768 0.1542019
                                                          1
## 3 9.134215 6.781993 12.30227 -0.08657850 0.1528000
                                                          1
## 4 9.165342 6.812591 12.33062 -0.08346582 0.1522293
```

The two scenarios yield two replicates × statistic matrices, from which we display the first 4 rows.

## Disposing of rogue values

Simulation output may contain rogue values due to idiosyncracies of model fitting. For example, nonidentifiability due to inadequate data can result in spurious extreme estimates of the sampling variance. The median (chosen as a field value in summary) is recommended as a robust alternative to the mean when there are some

extreme estimates. Another way to deal with the problem is to set statistics to NA when a simulation fails. The function validate sets selected 'target' statistics to NA for replicates in which another test statistic is out-of-range or NA:

```
x <- validate (x, test, validrange = c(0, Inf), targets = test)
```

The permissable bounds are usually arbitrary, and the method should be used with care. The keyword "all" may be used for targets to indicate all columns.

validate accepts a selected statistics object (x) as input and returns a modified selected statistics object as output. See Learned trap response for an application.

## Summary method

The summary method for 'selected statistics' objects reports both header information on the simulation scenarios and user-selected summaries of the pre-selected statistics.

```
summary (object, dec = 5, fields = c("n", "mean", "se"), alpha = 0.05,
type = c("list", "dataframe", "array"), ...)
```

Here the summary statistics are called 'fields' to distinguish them from the 'statistics' in each column of the numeric replicate  $\times$  value matrix for each scenario (see Choosing the statistics to summarise). The task of the summary method is to compute the 'field' value for each 'statistic', summarising across replicates to give a 'statistic'  $\times$  'field' matrix for each scenario. The choice of 'fields' is shown in Table 2.

Table 2. Statistic fields available in the summary method for selected tatistics objects.

Field	Description
n	number of non-missing values
mean	mean
se	standard error
$\operatorname{sd}$	sample standard deviation
$\min$	minimum
max	maximum
lcl	lower $100(1-\alpha)$ % confidence limit
ucl	upper $100(1-\alpha)$ % confidence limit
${ m rms}$	root mean square
median	median
qxxx	xxx/1000 quantile
qyyy	yyy/1000 quantile

The summary fields 'lcl' and 'ucl' are for a simple Wald interval  $(\hat{\mu} + z_{\alpha/2}\hat{SE}(\hat{\mu}), \hat{\mu} + z_{1-\alpha/2}\hat{SE}(\hat{\mu}))$  where  $z_{\alpha}$  is the  $100\alpha$ -percentile of a standard normal distribution (e.g.,  $z_{0.975} = 1.96$ ). [Do not confuse these with the confidence limit statistics of the same name that are symmetrical only on the link scale].

Quantiles are specified as 'qxxx' and 'qyyy' where xxx and yyy are integers between 1 and 999 corresponding to quantiles 0.001 to 0.999. For example, 'q025' refers to the 2.5% quantile.

Applying the 'rms' field to the absolute deviation of an estimate (ERR) provides the root-mean-square-error 'RMSE'.

To recap – a summary value is reported for each combination of a selected statistic, computed for each replicate, and a 'field' that summarises the statistic across replicates, potentially resulting in a table with this structure:

#### 

Cells are left blank for combinations that are unlikely to be meaningful. 'rms' is useful with ERR (i.e. RMSE), but not when applied to other statistics. 'n', 'mean' and 'se' summarise the COV indicator, but other potential summaries are (almost) meaningless.

Apply this to the selected statistics from our simple example:

```
summary(stats1, c('n', 'mean', 'se', 'median'))
## run.scenarios(nrepl = 50, scenarios = scen1, trapset = traps1,
       fit = TRUE, fit.args = list(detectfn = "HHN"), seed = 345)
##
##
## Replicates
                 50
## Started
                 17:18:49 01 Dec 2017
## Run time
                 3.171 minutes
## Output class selectedstatistics
##
## $constant
##
               value
## trapsindex
                   1
## noccasions
                   3
## nrepeats
                   1
                 0.2
## g0
                  25
## sigma
## detectfn
                   0
## recapfactor
                   1
## popindex
                   1
## detindex
                   1
## fitindex
                   1
## maskindex
##
## $varying
    scenario D
##
##
           1 5
           2 10
##
##
## $detectors
##
   trapsindex trapsname
##
             1
                  traps1
##
## $fit.args
   fitindex detectfn
                  HHN
##
           1
##
## OUTPUT
##
```

```
## $1
##
   1
##
                   mean
                                median
## estimate 50 5.02808 0.15602 5.04639
## lcl
            50 3.35008 0.12476 3.29861
            50 7.56696 0.18881 7.68861
##
  ucl
## RB
            50 0.00562 0.03120 0.00928
            50 0.21583 0.00426 0.21136
## RSE
## COV
            50 0.98000 0.02000 1.00000
##
## $2
##
   2
##
                                   median
              n
                    mean
                              se
                                 9.91979
## estimate 50 9.86995 0.20303
## lcl
            50 7.38442 0.17085 7.37450
## ucl
            50 13.19702 0.23887 13.34368
## RB
            50 -0.01301 0.02030 -0.00802
## RSE
               0.15023 0.00142
                                 0.14992
## COV
            50
               0.96000 0.02799 1.00000
```

## Plot method

Use the plot method to visualize the distributions of 'selected statistics' that you have simulated. You may plot either (i) histograms of the selected statistics (type = "hist") or (ii) the estimate and confidence interval for each replicate (type = "CI"). One histogram is plotted for each combination of scenario and statistic—you may want to select a subset of scenarios and statistics, and use the graphics options mfcol or mfrow to control the layout. For type = "CI" the statistics must include 'estimate', 'lcl' and 'ucl' (or 'beta', 'lcl' and 'ucl' if outputtype = "coef").

```
par(mfrow = c(2,2))
plot(stats1, type = "hist", statistic = "estimate")
plot(stats1, type = "CI")
```

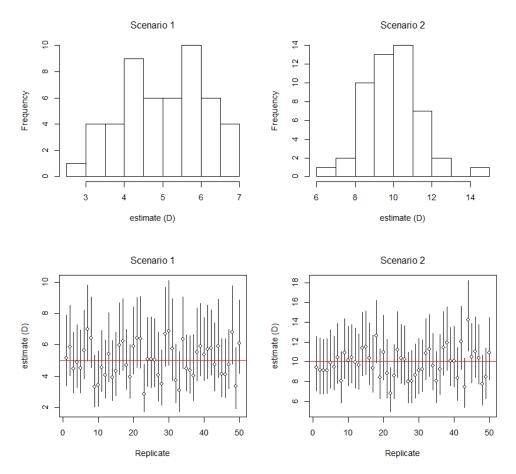


Fig. 3. Plot method applied to a 2-scenario 'selected statistics' object with type = "hist" (top) and type = "CI" (bottom)

## Additional topics

## Parallel processing

Setting ncores > 1 causes run.scenarios() to run separate scenarios on separate cores (given the default byscenario = TRUE). This uses the R package parallel. Technically, it relies on Rscript, and communication between the master and worker processes is via sockets. As stated in the R parallel documentation "Users of Windows and Mac OS X may expect pop-up dialog boxes from the firewall asking if an R process should accept incoming connections". It appears to be safe to accept these.

Use parallel::detectCores() to get an idea of how many cores are available on your machine; this may (in Windows) include virtual cores over and above the number of physical cores. If you use the maximum available cores for run.scenarios() then expect any other processes on the machine to slow down!

Running one scenario per core is suboptimal if scenarios differ widely in how long they take to run: the system waits for the slowest. Setting byscenario = FALSE provides a way around this: replicates within a scenario are divided among cores, instead of all replicates going to one core.

Random number generation for multiple cores uses the "L'Ecuyer-CMRG" random number generator as described in ?RNG.

## Shortcut evaluation of precision

fitindex method

The asymptotic variance (and hence RSE) of a maximum likelihood estimate is typically obtained from the curvature of the likelihood computed numerically at the fitted value of the parameter(s) (i.e., at the MLE). Fitting SECR models is slow. An alternative estimate of the RSE that is sufficient for most purposes may be got from the curvature of the likelihood computed at the known 'true' value(s) of the parameter(s). This is much faster as it does not require the model to be fitted.

secr.fit may be 'tricked' into providing this variance estimate by setting method = "none" and providing the true values as the start vector. run.scenarios() makes this easy by assuming that if you specify method = "none" you wish to use start = "true". However, this works only when there is a 1:1 relationship between 'beta' and 'real' parameters; it does not work when 'recapfactor' is specified.

```
sims2 <- run.scenarios(nrepl = 50, trapset = traps1, scenarios = scen1,</pre>
    fit = TRUE, fit.args = list(method = "none"))
## Completed scenario 1
## Completed scenario 2
## Completed in 0.571 minutes
summary(sims2)
## run.scenarios(nrepl = 50, scenarios = scen1, trapset = traps1,
       fit = TRUE, fit.args = list(method = "none"))
##
##
## Replicates
                 50
## Started
                 17:22:00 01 Dec 2017
## Run time
                 0.571 minutes
## Output class selectedstatistics
##
## $constant
##
               value
## trapsindex
                    1
## noccasions
                    3
## nrepeats
                    1
                 0.2
## g0
## sigma
                  25
## detectfn
                   0
## recapfactor
                    1
## popindex
                    1
## detindex
                    1
## fitindex
                    1
## maskindex
##
## $varying
##
    scenario D
##
           1
             5
##
           2 10
##
## $detectors
##
    trapsindex trapsname
##
             1
                  traps1
##
## $fit.args
```

```
##
            1
                none
##
##
  OUTPUT
##
## $1
##
    1
##
                  n
                        mean
                                   se
## estimate
                50 5.00000 0.00000
   SE.estimate 50 1.06702 0.00572
  lcl
                50 3.30672 0.00705
##
  ucl
                50 7.56210 0.01658
## RB
                 0
                         NA
                                  NA
##
  RSE
                50 0.21340 0.00114
  COV
##
                 0
                         NA
                                  NA
##
## $2
    2
##
##
                         mean
                                    se
                  n
## estimate
                50 10.00000 0.00000
## SE.estimate 50
                    1.48331 0.00397
## lcl
                50
                    7.48916 0.00573
## ucl
                50 13.35301 0.01022
## RB
                 0
                          NA
                                   NΑ
## RSE
                    0.14833 0.00040
                50
## COV
                 0
                          NA
                                   NA
```

Each estimate of RSE is essentially the same as before (see summary(stats1) in Summary method), but the run time is reduced by nearly 80%. Note the true value of density appears as a constant 'estimate' in the summary. Care is needed with this method as its performance in extreme cases has not been investigated fully.

## Non-uniform populations

The simulated population by default has a uniform (homogeneous) Poisson distribution. To generate and sample from a spatially inhomogeneous population we use the 'IHP' option for argument model2D in secr::sim.popn. This involves three steps:

- 1. Create a habitat mask object with the desired extent.
- 2. Add to the mask a covariates dataframe with one or more columns defining pixel-specific densities.
- 3. In run.scenarios() specify a list of pop.args including model2D = "IHP" and D = "XX" where XX is the name of the particular mask covariate you wish to use for density, and name your mask in the 'maskset' argument.

A full demonstration is given in Appendix 2 (Non-uniform possums).

To visualize simulated populations you should set **savepopn = TRUE** in det.args and later extract the population attribute from the capthist object (for example, with a custom extractfn).

To compare several inhomogeneous distributions, specify several pop.args lists and use the popindex argument in make.scenarios(). The distribution may be varied simply by using the sim.popn() argument D to select different covariates of one mask.

The columns 'nrepeats' and 'D' in the scenarios argument of run.scenarios are ignored when model2D = "IHP". 'D' is replaced by the average density over the mask, which is used as the 'true' value of density in computing RB, RSE etc. in summaries. For stratified analyses you will have to define your own extractfn.

## Linear habitat

**secrdesign** may be used to simulate sampling of populations in linear habitats as implemented in R package **secrlinear**. The procedure is similar to that for non-uniform (inhomogeneous Poisson) populations as described in the previous section: one or more masks must be provided, but in this case they will be of type 'linearmask'.

The steps are:

- 1. Create linear habitat mask objects with the desired extent.
- 2. Create detector layouts and a scenario dataframe as usual.
- 3. Add a 'maskindex' column to the scenarios dataframe identifying which mask is to be used in each scenario (may be omitted for a single mask).
- 4. In run.scenarios() specify your mask(s) in the maskset argument.

Density may be specified in the scenario dataframe as a constant number of animals per km, and in this case the 'nrepeats' column is respected.

Density also may be modelled as inhomogeneous, i.e. varying along the length of the linear mask. The mechanism for this is like that for two dimensions: use a list of pop.args including model2D = "linear" and D = "XX" where XX is the name of the particular mask covariate you wish to use for density. In this case, the columns 'nrepeats' and 'D' in the scenarios dataframe are ignored, as for the 'IHP' option.

With a linear mask, run.scenarios defaults to secrlinear::networkdistance for the distance function (secr.fit argument details\$userdist).

#### Splitting data generation and model fitting

Each new detector layout or new model specification (in a fit.args list) defines a new scenario. The default procedure is to generate new data (both animal locations and simulated detection histories) for each scenario. To compare different models applied to the same dataset, save raw data from an initial call to run.scenarios() with fit = FALSE, extractfn = identity, and separately fit a list of models with fit.models. You can also peek at the raw data with the summary method.

```
scen3 <- make.scenarios(D = c(5,10), sigma = 25, g0 = 0.2)
traps3 <- make.grid()</pre>
raw3 <- run.scenarios(nrepl = 50, trapset = traps3, scenarios =
    scen3, fit = FALSE, extractfn = identity)
## Completed scenario 1
## Completed scenario 2
## Completed in 0.008 minutes
summary(raw3)
## Completed scenario 1
## Completed scenario 2
## Completed in 0.005 minutes
## fit.models(rawdata = object)
##
## Replicates
## Started
                 17:22:35 01 Dec 2017
## Run time
                 0.005 minutes
## Output class selectedstatistics
```

```
##
## $constant
##
               value
## trapsindex
## noccasions
## nrepeats
                   1
## g0
                 0.2
                  25
## sigma
## detectfn
                   0
## recapfactor
## popindex
## detindex
                   1
## fitindex
                   1
## maskindex
##
## $varying
##
   scenario D
##
           1 5
##
           2 10
##
## $detectors
   trapsindex trapsname
##
                  traps1
             1
##
## OUTPUT
## $1
##
##
                mean
        50 15.36000 0.60391
## n
## ndet 50 28.80000 1.16374
## nmov 50 12.30000 0.63391
## dpa 50 1.78397 0.02972
## rse
       50 0.38835 0.00838
##
## $2
## 2
##
                mean
         n
        50 27.80000 0.68512
## ndet 50 51.84000 1.43665
## nmov 50 21.74000 0.78601
## dpa 50 1.75619 0.02021
## rse 50 0.28414 0.00430
## fit and summarise models
sims3 <- fit.models(raw3, fit.args = list(list(model = g0~1),</pre>
    list(model = g0~T)), fit = TRUE, ncores = 4, byscenario = FALSE)
## Completed scenario 1.1
## Completed scenario 1.2
## Completed scenario 2.1
## Completed scenario 2.2
## Completed in 1.737 minutes
```

## summary(sims3)

```
## fit.models(rawdata = raw3, fit = TRUE, fit.args = list(list(model = g0 ~
       1), list(model = g0 ~ T)), ncores = 4, byscenario = FALSE)
## Replicates
## Started
                 17:22:35 01 Dec 2017
## Run time
                 1.737 minutes
## Output class selectedstatistics
## $constant
##
               value
## trapsindex
                   1
## noccasions
## nrepeats
                   1
## g0
                 0.2
## sigma
                  25
## detectfn
                   0
## recapfactor
                   1
## popindex
                   1
## detindex
                   1
## maskindex
##
## $varying
## scenario D fitindex
        1.1 5
##
                       1
                       2
##
        1.2 5
##
         2.1 10
                       1
                       2
##
         2.2 10
##
## $detectors
## trapsindex trapsname
##
            1
                 traps1
##
## $fit.args
## fitindex model
##
        1 ~ g0 1
##
           2 ~ g0 T
##
## OUTPUT
## $1.1
## 1.1
##
                       mean
                                 se
## estimate
               50 5.46452 0.29218
## SE.estimate 50 1.86874 0.05836
## lcl
              50 2.87787 0.19784
               50 10.55931 0.40310
## ucl
## RB
              50 0.09290 0.05844
## RSE
              50 0.36939 0.01385
## COV
              50 0.90000 0.04286
##
## $1.2
## 1.2
```

```
##
                 n
                        mean
                                   se
## estimate
               50
                   5.34777 0.29288
## SE.estimate 50
                    1.83693 0.06191
               50
                   2.80467 0.19622
## lcl
##
  ucl
               50 10.34912 0.41909
                   0.06955 0.05858
## RB
                   0.36773 0.01074
## RSE
               50
## COV
                50
                   0.88000 0.04642
##
## $2.1
##
    2.1
##
                        mean
## estimate
                50
                   9.58835 0.32383
## SE.estimate 50
                   2.43988 0.05416
## 1cl
                50
                   5.88488 0.24301
## ucl
                50 15.69643 0.42323
## RB
                  -0.04117 0.03238
## RSE
                   0.26214 0.00586
  COV
                   0.96000 0.02799
##
               50
##
## $2.2
    2.2
##
##
                 n
                        mean
                                   se
## estimate
               50
                   9.52179 0.32507
## SE.estimate 50
                   2.43182 0.05463
## lcl
                50
                   5.83418 0.24359
                50 15.61520 0.42566
## ucl
## RB
                50 -0.04782 0.03251
## RSE
                   0.26320 0.00589
## COV
               50
                   0.96000 0.02799
```

Here, scen3 describes two scenarios, and in the call to fit.models each of these is split into two new scenarios, one for each component of fit.args.

The arguments 'scen' and 'repl' of fit.models let you select particular scenarios and replicates for fitting (secrdesign  $\geq 2.3.0$ ).

It is not possible within **secrdesign** precisely to evaluate the application to the same animal distribution (population) of differing detector layouts or specifications for the fitted model (cf Fewster and Buckland 2004). Comparisons inevitably include variance from the varying number and placement of animals, and the sampling process; this variance may be reduced by fixing the number of individuals (pop.args = list(Ndist = "fixed")).

#### Populations with sub-classes or multiple sessions

Simulation of structured populations is introduced in **secretarized** 2.2.0 and is still experimental.

The 'groups' argument of make.scenarios replicates rows so that within a scenario there is one row for each group. Group-specific parameter values are inserted by the user.

Rows sharing the same scenario number are recognised by run.scenarios as subclasses (groups). Each subclass is generated as a separate capthist object. The argument multisession determines whether the capthist objects corresponding to subclasses are pooled for analysis (using secr::rbind.capthist) or treated as multiple distinct sessions (using secr::MS.capthist).

The original sub-class of each individual is recorded as an individual covariate named "group". This is a

factor. It may ignored in the fitted model, or used in such secr.fit arguments as 'groups' and 'hcov', or included in models directly as an individual covariate when CL = TRUE. (If the output from predict.secr is not a single dataframe then you will have to write a custom extractfn).

An example is given in Appendix 2 (Grouped populations).

## Limitations, tips and troubleshooting

secrdesign has some limitations (Surprise!).

- 1. A progress message is output only on the completion of each scenario, which can be annoying, and when using multiple cores even this message is lost. It is strongly recommended that you start by generating summaries of raw data only (run.scenarios() with fit = FALSE), and confirm that your scenarios are realistic by reviewing the simulated number of detected individuals, total number of detections, etc. If these are inadequate or unrealistically large then there's no point going on. Then, try fitting with just a few replicates on one core to be sure you have specified the model you intended and to assess the likely run time. Only then submit a run with a large number of replicates on multiple cores.
- 2. Only 2-parameter detection functions are allowed for data generation. This excludes the hazard-rate function, the cumulative gamma, and some others.
- 3. The default extractfn does does not handle models that produce more than one estimates table per replicate (e.g., finite mixture models). A custom extractfn is needed; it should either produce a numeric vector of 'selected statistics' or mimic single-dataframe output from predict().
- 4. The function secr::sim.capthist that generates detection histories for secrdesign has limited capacity for simulating temporal, behavioural or other heterogeneity in detection probability. Heterogeneity may be simulated as discrete subclasses (see preceding section). Only a simple permanent learned response is allowed in run.scenarios ('recapfactor').
- 5. As noted before, the same mask is used for generating populations and fitting models. It would be possible to replace the maskset component of a 'rawdata' object before running fit.models, but this is not recommended.
- 6. It is easy to forget the random number seed. Consider replacing the default value.
- 7. The method for fitting a fixed-N model (distribution = binomial) is somewhat fragile: it can fail when given a start value for D that is less than the minimum density observed (i.e. the number of distinct individuals divided by the mask area). This can easily happen when a population is simulated with pop.args = list(Ndist = "poisson") (the default) and sampled with high detection probability, but secr.fit is called with (distribution = "binomial"). The solution is to use pop.args = list(Ndist = "fixed").
- 8. If your summaries do not include enough significant digits, increase the 'dec' argument of summary.selectedstatistics!

## References

Borchers, D. L. and Efford, M. G. (2008) Spatially explicit maximum likelihood methods for capture–recapture studies. *Biometrics* **64**, 377–385.

Cooch, E. and White, G. (eds) (2014) *Program MARK: A Gentle Introduction*. 13th edition. Available online at http://www.phidot.org/software/mark/docs/book/.

Efford, M. G. (2012) DENSITY 5.0: software for spatially explicit capture—recapture}. Department of Mathematics and Statistics, University of Otago, Dunedin, New Zealand http://www.otago.ac.nz/density.

Efford, M. G., Borchers D. L. and Byrom, A. E. (2009) Density estimation by spatially explicit capture–recapture: likelihood-based methods. In: D. L. Thomson, E. G. Cooch, M. J. Conroy (eds) *Modeling Demographic Processes in Marked Populations*. Springer. Pp 255–269.

Efford, M. G., Dawson, D. K. and Borchers, D. L. (2009) Population density estimated from locations of individuals on a passive detector array. *Ecology* **90**, 2676–2682.

Efford, M. G. and Fewster, R. M. (2013) Estimating population size by spatially explicit capture–recapture.  $Oikos\ 122,\ 918–928.$ 

Fewster, R. M. and Buckland, S. T. (2004) Assessment of distance sampling estimators. In: S. T. Buckland, D. R. Anderson, K. P. Burnham, J. L. Laake, D. L. Borchers and L. Thomas (eds) *Advanced distance sampling*. Oxford University Press, Oxford, U. K. Pp. 281–306.

Williams, B. K., Nichols, J. D. and Conroy, M. J. (2002) Analysis and management of animal populations. Academic Press, San Diego

## Appendix 1. Default extractfn for run.scenarios.

```
defaultextractfn <- function(x) {</pre>
    if (inherits(x, 'try-error')) {
        ## null output: dataframe of 0 rows and 0 columns
        data.frame()
    else if (inherits(x, 'capthist')) {
        ## summarised raw data
        counts <- function(CH) {</pre>
            ## for single-session CH
            if (nrow(CH)==0) { ## 2015-01-24
                if (sighting(traps(CH)))
                     c(n = 0, ndet = 0, nmov = 0, dpa = 0,
                      unmarked=0, nonID = 0, nzero = 0)
                else
                     c(n=0, ndet=0, nmov=0, dpa = NA)
            }
            else {
                n <- nrow(CH)
                ndet <- sum(abs(CH)>0)
                r <- ndet - n
                nmoves <- sum(unlist(sapply(moves(CH), function(y) y>0)))
                ## detectors per animal
                dpa <- if (length(dim(CH)) == 2)</pre>
                     mean(apply(abs(CH), 1, function(y) length(unique(y[y>0]))))
                     mean(apply(apply(abs(CH), c(1,3), sum)>0, 1, sum))
                if (sighting(traps(CH))) {
                     unmarked <- if (is.null(Tu <- Tu(CH))) NA else sum(Tu)
                     nonID <- if (is.null(Tm <- Tm(CH))) NA else sum(Tm)</pre>
                     nzero <- sum(apply(abs(CH),1,sum) == 0)</pre>
                     c(n = n, ndet = ndet, nmov = nmoves, dpa = dpa,
                       unmarked=unmarked, nonID = nonID, nzero = nzero)
                }
                else
                     c(n=n, ndet=ndet, nmov=nmoves, dpa = dpa, rse = sqrt(1/n + 1/r))
            }
        }
        if (ms(x))
            unlist(lapply(x, counts))
        else {
            gp <- covariates(x)$group</pre>
            if (is.null(gp))
                counts(x)
            else
                unlist(lapply(split(x,gp,dropnullocc=TRUE), counts))
    }
    else if (inherits(x,'secr') & (!is.null(x$fit))) {
        ## fitted model:
        ## default predictions of 'real' parameters
        out <- predict(x)</pre>
```

```
if (is.data.frame(out))
        else {
            warning ("summarising only first session, group or mixture class")
            out[[1]]
        }
    }
    else
        ## null output: dataframe of 0 rows and 0 columns
        data.frame()
}
```

## Appendix 2. Examples

Here we give some annotated examples of simulation code and selected output. Running this code with reduced nrepl, and viewing the output, will give you an idea of how secrdesign works.

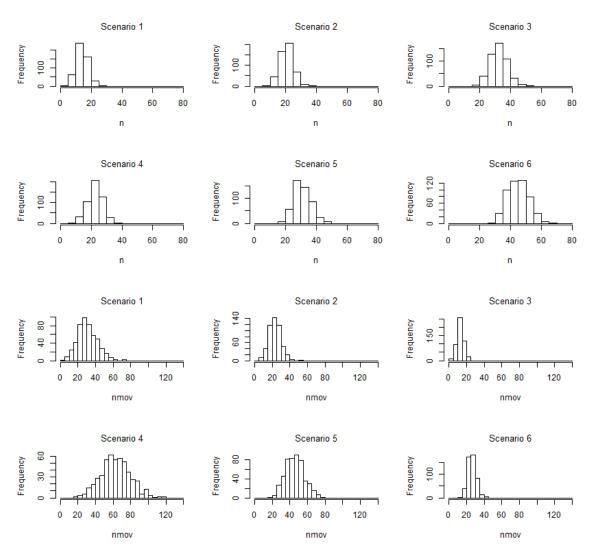
## Multiple grids, varying number of occasions

This is the example from the main text, slightly extended

```
traps4 <- list(grid6x6 = make.grid(6,6),</pre>
               grid8x9 = make.grid(8,9),
               grid12x12 = make.grid(12,12)
scen4 \leftarrow make.scenarios (trapsindex = 1:3, noccasions = c(8,4,2), D = 5,
    g0 = 0.2, sigma = c(20,30), crosstraps = FALSE)
sims4 <- run.scenarios(nrepl = 500, trapset = traps4, scenarios =</pre>
     scen4, fit = FALSE, ncores = 3)
## Completed in 0.513 minutes
class(sims4)
                    ## just peeking
## [1] "selectedstatistics" "secrdesign"
                                                   "list"
find.stats(sims4)
                    ## just peeking
## [1] "n"
              "ndet" "nmov" "dpa" "rse"
summary(sims4)
## run.scenarios(nrepl = 500, scenarios = scen4, trapset = traps4,
##
       fit = FALSE, ncores = 3)
##
## Replicates
                 500
## Started
                 17:24:20 01 Dec 2017
## Run time
                 0.513 minutes
## Output class selectedstatistics
## $constant
               value
## nrepeats
## D
                   5
```

```
## g0
                 0.2
## detectfn
                   0
## recapfactor
## popindex
                   1
## detindex
## fitindex
                   1
##
## $varying
    scenario trapsindex noccasions sigma maskindex
##
                                       20
           1
                      1
                                  8
                                                   1
##
           2
                       2
                                  4
                                       20
                                                   2
##
           3
                      3
                                  2
                                       20
                                                   3
##
           4
                      1
                                  8
                                       30
                                                   4
                      2
           5
                                                   5
##
                                  4
                                       30
##
           6
                      3
                                  2
                                       30
                                                   6
##
## $detectors
    trapsindex trapsname
##
                 grid6x6
             1
##
                 grid8x9
             2
##
             3 grid12x12
##
## OUTPUT
##
## $1
##
                 mean
           n
        500 14.57400 0.16815
## ndet 500 51.45400 0.71026
## nmov 500 31.36600 0.50628
        500 2.78102 0.01919
## dpa
## rse
        500 0.32077 0.00227
##
## $2
##
##
           n
                 mean
        500 21.32800 0.19896
## ndet 500 48.25000 0.50361
## nmov 500 23.69600 0.30534
## dpa 500 2.04600 0.00939
## rse 500 0.29717 0.00165
##
## $3
##
    3
##
                 mean
           n
        500 32.79600 0.25612
## n
## ndet 500 47.69400 0.39459
## nmov 500 13.31400 0.16687
        500 1.40546 0.00405
## rse
        500 0.32102 0.00195
##
## $4
##
  4
##
           n
                 mean
```

```
500 23.16000 0.21425
## ndet 500 93.15600 0.99874
## nmov 500 63.43600 0.76735
## dpa 500 3.37465 0.01877
## rse 500 0.24506 0.00136
##
## $5
## 5
##
                mean
                          se
          n
## n
       500 31.34400 0.24730
## ndet 500 81.16000 0.70469
## nmov 500 46.24600 0.47272
## dpa 500 2.40957 0.00952
## rse 500 0.23152 0.00099
##
## $6
## 6
##
                mean
          n
       500 45.45600 0.30255
## n
## ndet 500 73.76600 0.49468
## nmov 500 26.58400 0.21597
## dpa 500 1.58586 0.00312
## rse 500 0.24199 0.00086
par(mfrow = c(4,3), cex=0.8, mgp=c(2.2,0.6,0))
plot(sims4, statistic = "n", breaks = seq(0,80,5))
                                                       ## animals
plot(sims4, statistic = "nmov", breaks = seq(0,140,5)) ## movements
```



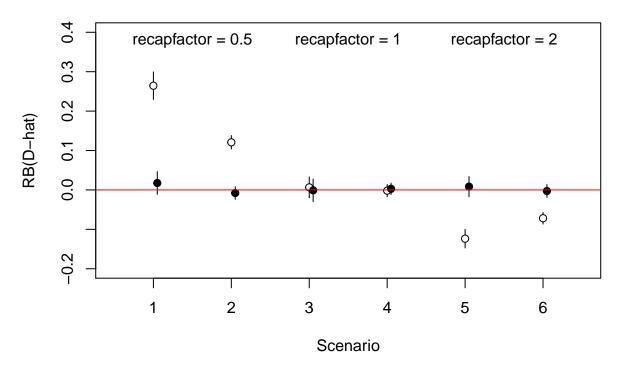
**Fig. 4.** Numbers of individuals (n) and movements (nmov) from six scenarios differing in trap number, number of sampling occasions and scale of movement.

## Learned trap response

Here we assess the bias in  $\hat{D}$  caused by ignoring a learned trap response.

```
## select statistics and throw out any replicates with SE > 100, if any
stats5 <- select.stats(sims5)
stats5 <- validate(stats5, "SE.estimate", c(0,100), "all")</pre>
```

```
## Dropping O value(s) for scenario 1
## Dropping 0 value(s) for scenario 2
## Dropping 0 value(s) for scenario 3
## Dropping O value(s) for scenario 4
## Dropping O value(s) for scenario 5
## Dropping O value(s) for scenario 6
## Dropping O value(s) for scenario 7
## Dropping O value(s) for scenario 8
## Dropping O value(s) for scenario 9
## Dropping O value(s) for scenario 10
## Dropping O value(s) for scenario 11
## Dropping O value(s) for scenario 12
sum5 <- summary(stats5, fields = c("n","mean","se","lcl","ucl", "median"))</pre>
## plot
plot(c(0.5,6.5), c(-0.2,0.4), type = "n", xlab = "Scenario", ylab = "RB(D-hat)")
for (i in 1:12) {
    xv \leftarrow if (i \le 6) i else (i-6)+0.05
    segments (xv, sum5$0UTPUT[[i]]["RB","lc1"], xv, sum5$0UTPUT[[i]]["RB","uc1"])
    ptcol <- if (i<=6) "white" else "black"</pre>
    points(xv, sum5$OUTPUT[[i]]["RB","mean"], pch = 21, bg = ptcol)
}
abline(h = 0, col="red")
text(c(1.5,3.5,5.5), rep(0.38,3), paste("recapfactor", c(0.5,1,2), sep = " = "))
```



**Fig. 5** Relative bias of SECR density estimate from null model (filled circles) and g0∼b model (open circles) when data were generated with negative, zero, or positive learned response.

```
## look at extended output
sum5
## run.scenarios(nrepl = 500, scenarios = scen5, trapset = traps5,
##
       fit = TRUE, fit.args = list(list(model = g0 ~ 1), list(model = g0 ~
##
           b)), ncores = 6)
##
## Replicates
                 500
                 17:33:02 02 Dec 2017
## Started
                 91.061 minutes
## Run time
                 selectedstatistics
## Output class
##
## $constant
##
              value
## noccasions
                  5
## nrepeats
                  1
                  5
## D
## g0
                0.2
## sigma
                 25
## detectfn
                  0
## popindex
                  1
## detindex
##
## $varying
## scenario trapsindex recapfactor fitindex maskindex
```

```
##
                                0.5
                                           1
           1
                      1
##
           2
                      2
                                0.5
                                           1
##
           3
                      1
                                1.0
                                           1
                                                     1
           4
                      2
##
                                1.0
                                           1
                                                     2
##
           5
                      1
                                2.0
                                           1
                                                     1
##
           6
                      2
                                2.0
                                                     2
                                           1
           7
                      1
##
                                0.5
                                                     1
                      2
                                           2
##
           8
                                0.5
                                                     2
##
          9
                      1
                                1.0
                                           2
                                                     1
##
          10
                      2
                                           2
                                                     2
                                1.0
##
          11
                      1
                                2.0
                                           2
                                                     1
                      2
                                           2
                                                     2
##
          12
                                2.0
##
## $detectors
   trapsindex trapsname
##
            1
                grid6x6
##
             2 grid10x10
##
## $fit.args
##
   fitindex model
##
          1 ~ g0 1
##
           2 \sim g0 b
##
## OUTPUT
##
## $1
##
                                  se
                                          lcl
                                                   ucl
                                                         median
                       mean
                 n
              500 6.32217 0.08920 6.14734 6.49699 6.13434
## SE.estimate 500 1.96970 0.02066 1.92921 2.01019 1.91197
              500 3.50322 0.06041 3.38483
## lcl
                                              3.62162 3.37427
## ucl
              500 11.52957 0.13354 11.26785 11.79130 11.16455
## RB
              500 0.26443 0.01784 0.22947
                                             0.29940
                                                      0.22687
## RSE
              500 0.32530 0.00314 0.31914 0.33146 0.31211
## COV
              500 0.87000 0.01506 0.84049 0.89951
                                                      1.00000
##
## $2
##
   2
##
                                 se
                                        lcl
                                                ucl median
                       mean
              500 5.60377 0.04398 5.51758 5.68996 5.59366
## estimate
## SE.estimate 500 1.01244 0.00455 1.00352 1.02136 1.01381
## lcl
              500 3.94601 0.03588 3.87569 4.01633 3.93719
               500 7.96549 0.05269 7.86221 8.06877 7.95375
## ucl
              500 0.12075 0.00880 0.10352 0.13799 0.11873
## RB
## RSE
              500 0.18341 0.00076 0.18192 0.18490 0.18088
              500 0.88400 0.01434 0.85590 0.91210 1.00000
## COV
##
## $3
##
##
                                 se
                                         lcl
                 n
                      mean
              500 5.03246 0.06759 4.89999 5.16492 4.98136
## estimate
## SE.estimate 500 1.49518 0.01317 1.46937 1.52099 1.48622
## lcl
              500 2.85808 0.04706 2.76585 2.95031 2.80786
              500 8.92463 0.09436 8.73970 9.10956 8.84277
## ucl
```

```
500 0.00649 0.01352 -0.02000 0.03298 -0.00373
              500 0.31024 0.00242 0.30549 0.31499 0.30036
## RSE
## COV
              500 0.94200 0.01046 0.92149 0.96251 1.00000
##
## $4
##
                                        lcl
                                               ucl median
                      mean
                                se
                n
              500 4.99059 0.03967 4.91284 5.06835 4.90610
## SE.estimate 500 0.88241 0.00374 0.87508 0.88974 0.87671
## lcl
              500 3.54017 0.03272 3.47604 3.60431 3.46570
## ucl
              500 7.04158 0.04690 6.94966 7.13349 6.92608
              500 -0.00188 0.00793 -0.01743 0.01367 -0.01878
## RB
## RSE
              500 0.17959 0.00073 0.17815 0.18102 0.17888
## COV
              500 0.94000 0.01063 0.91916 0.96084 1.00000
##
## $5
## 5
##
                                se
                                       lcl
                                               ucl median
               n
                      mean
              500 4.38165 0.06039 4.26330 4.50001 4.29384
## estimate
## SE.estimate 500 1.28323 0.01036 1.26293 1.30353 1.28837
## lcl
              500 2.50823 0.04294 2.42408 2.59238 2.43474
              500 7.71061 0.08070 7.55245 7.86877 7.68428
## 110]
## RB
              500 -0.12367 0.01208 -0.14734 -0.10000 -0.14123
              500 0.30713 0.00244 0.30235 0.31190 0.29786
## RSE
              500 0.93600 0.01096 0.91453 0.95747 1.00000
## COV
## $6
##
##
                                se
                                       lcl
                                               ucl
                                                      median
                      mean
              500 4.64075 0.03776 4.56674 4.71476 4.64673
## estimate
## SE.estimate 500 0.81774 0.00357 0.81075 0.82473 0.81724
## lcl
              500 3.29584 0.03112 3.23483 3.35684 3.29534
## ucl
              500 6.54036 0.04470 6.45276 6.62796 6.55043
              500 -0.07185 0.00755 -0.08665 -0.05705 -0.07065
## RR
## RSE
              500 0.17904 0.00073 0.17761 0.18047 0.17696
## COV
              500 0.93400 0.01111 0.91222 0.95578 1.00000
##
## $7
## 7
##
                                       1c1
                     mean
                               se
                                               ucl
              500 5.08763 0.07369 4.94319 5.23207 4.98121
## estimate
## SE.estimate 500 1.77119 0.02686 1.71854 1.82383 1.69433
## lcl
              500 2.65465 0.04730 2.56195 2.74736
                                                   2.56097
## ucl
              500 9.95563 0.14511 9.67122 10.24003 9.65926
## RB
              500 0.01753 0.01474 -0.01136 0.04641 -0.00376
              500 0.36149 0.00388 0.35389 0.36910 0.34136
## RSE
## COV
              500 0.95600 0.00918 0.93800 0.97400 1.00000
##
## $8
## 8
##
                n
                      mean
                                se
                                       lcl
                                              ucl median
              500 4.96048 0.04070 4.88072 5.04024 4.92782
## SE.estimate 500 0.92198 0.00457 0.91302 0.93094 0.92029
             500 3.45869 0.03282 3.39436 3.52302 3.41335
## lcl
```

```
500 7.12171 0.04953 7.02462 7.21879
                                                        7.09260
## ucl
               500 -0.00790 0.00814 -0.02386 0.00805 -0.01444
## RB
                                      0.18720 0.19028
  RSE
                    0.18874 0.00079
  COV
               500
                    0.95200 0.00957
                                      0.93324 0.97076
                                                        1.00000
##
##
## $9
##
##
                         mean
                                           lcl
                                                    ucl
                                                          median
                  n
               500
                    4.99471 0.07265
                                      4.85232 5.13710
                                                        4.79112
  estimate
  SE.estimate 500
                    1.62794 0.02174
                                      1.58534 1.67054
                                                        1.55636
## 1c1
               500
                    2.70060 0.04766
                                      2.60717 2.79402
                                                        2.54435
## ucl
               500
                    9.35869 0.12433
                                      9.11502 9.60237
                                                        8.97275
##
  RB
               500 -0.00106 0.01453 -0.02954 0.02742 -0.04178
## RSE
               500 0.33742 0.00291
                                      0.33172 0.34311
## COV
               500 0.94800 0.00994
                                      0.92852 0.96748
                                                        1.00000
##
## $10
##
    10
##
                  n
                        mean
                                  se
                                          lcl
                                                   ucl
                                                         median
## estimate
               500 5.01399 0.03668
                                     4.94210 5.08587
                                                       4.97408
## SE.estimate 500 0.90888 0.00389
                                     0.90126 0.91649
                                                       0.90842
               500 3.52647 0.02986
                                     3.46794 3.58500
## lcl
                                     7.04854 7.22140
## ucl
               500 7.13497 0.04410
                                                       7.10889
               500 0.00280 0.00734 -0.01158 0.01717 -0.00518
## RB
## RSE
               500 0.18363 0.00073
                                     0.18221 0.18506
                                                       0.18231
  COV
               500 0.97600 0.00685
                                     0.96257 0.98943
##
## $11
##
    11
##
                                          lcl
                  n
                        mean
                                  se
                                                    ucl
                                                          median
## estimate
               500 5.04224 0.06524
                                     4.91438
                                              5.17011
                                                        4.89449
  SE.estimate 500 1.65677 0.05525
                                     1.54849
                                               1.76506
                                                        1.53358
## lcl
               500 2.76299 0.04447
                                     2.67584
                                               2.85015
## ucl
               500 9.69966 0.36094
                                     8.99224 10.40709
                                                        8.94337
## RB
               500 0.00845 0.01305 -0.01712
                                              0.03402
                                                       -0.02110
## RSE
               500 0.33531 0.00762 0.32038
                                              0.35024
                                                        0.31145
##
  COV
               500 0.97000 0.00764
                                    0.95503
                                              0.98497
##
## $12
##
    12
##
                  n
                         mean
                                   se
                                           lcl
                                                    ucl
                                                          median
               500
                    4.98609 0.04169
                                      4.90438 5.06779
                                                        4.95851
  estimate
## SE.estimate 500
                    0.90085 0.00430
                                      0.89242 0.90929
                                                        0.90171
## lcl
                    3.51110 0.03398
                                      3.44451 3.57770
               500
                                                        3.48590
## ucl
               500
                    7.08761 0.05006
                                      6.98950 7.18572
                                                        7.08376
## RB
               500 -0.00278 0.00834 -0.01912 0.01356 -0.00830
## RSE
               500
                    0.18362 0.00076
                                      0.18213 0.18511
                                                        0.18219
## COV
               500
                    0.94800 0.00994
                                      0.92852 0.96748
                                                        1.00000
```

## Non-uniform possums

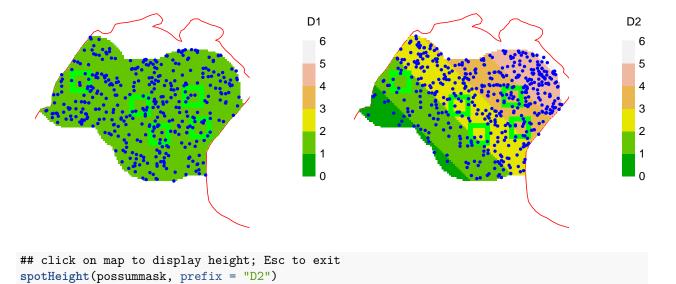
Code to illustrate the use of homogeneous and inhomogeneous density models.

```
## add covariates to builtin secr object possummask
## D1 is homogeneous density
## D2 is artificial SW - NE gradient in density
xy <- apply(possummask,1,sum) / 500</pre>
covariates(possummask)[, "D1"] <- 2</pre>
covariates(possummask)[, "D2"] <- xy - mean(xy) + 2.5</pre>
## Note that this object already had a covariates dataframe
## -- if it didn't we would use
## covariates(possummask) <- data.frame ( D1 = ..., D2 = ...)</pre>
## specify scenarios
## anticipate two different sets of arguments for sim.popn
## with popindex = 1:2
scen6 <- make.scenarios (g0 = 0.2, sigma = 45, noccasions = 5,
   popindex = 1:2)
## specify alternate models for distribution of animals
poplist <- list(list(model2D = "IHP", D = "D1"),</pre>
                list(model2D = "IHP", D = "D2"))
## run scenarios and summarise
## we use the trap layout from the builtin secr object possumCH
sims6 <- run.scenarios (500, scen6, traps(possumCH), possummask,</pre>
   pop.args = poplist)
## Completed scenario 1
## Completed scenario 2
## Completed in 2.961 minutes
summary(sims6)
## run.scenarios(nrepl = 500, scenarios = scen6, trapset = traps(possumCH),
##
       maskset = possummask, pop.args = poplist)
## Replicates
                 500
## Started
               18:52:05 01 Dec 2017
               2.961 minutes
## Run time
## Output class selectedstatistics
##
## $constant
##
               value
## trapsindex
## noccasions
                   5
## nrepeats
                  1
                 0.2
## g0
## sigma
                 45
## detectfn
                  0
## recapfactor
```

```
## detindex
## fitindex
                    1
## maskindex
##
## $varying
    scenario
##
               D popindex
           1 2.0
##
                         1
           2 2.5
                         2
##
##
## $detectors
##
   trapsindex trapsname
##
             1
                   traps1
##
##
   $pop.args
    popindex model2D D
##
           1
                  IHP D1
##
           2
                  IHP D2
##
## OUTPUT
##
## $1
##
##
           n
                  mean
                             se
        500 111.86600 0.46103
## n
## ndet 500 272.89200 1.12915
## nmov 500 143.05000 0.67248
        500
  dpa
              2.18628 0.00429
        500
##
   rse
              0.12355 0.00025
##
## $2
##
    2
##
                   mean
           n
                             se
## n
        500 139.70400 0.48521
## ndet 500 330.40400 1.12189
## nmov 500 169.37400 0.68597
## dpa 500
              2.12850 0.00358
## rse 500
              0.11166 0.00019
To visualize individual realisations of the distribution of animals, use fit = FALSE (the default), det.args
= list(savepopn = TRUE), and save the entire capthist object (extractfn = identity). Here we create a
single replicate.
sims6a <- run.scenarios (1, scen6, traps(possumCH), possummask,
    pop.args = poplist, det.args = list(savepopn = TRUE),
    extractfn = identity)
## Warning in if (detector(traps) %in% c("single", "multi")) {: the condition has length
\#\# > 1 and only the first element will be used
## Completed scenario 1
## Warning in if (detector(traps) %in% c("single", "multi")) {: the condition has length
## > 1 and only the first element will be used
## Completed scenario 2
## Completed in 0.007 minutes
```

```
## sims6a$output is now a list (one component per scenario) of lists
## (one component per replicate) of simulated capthist objects, each
## with its 'popn' object embedded as an attribute

pop1 <- attr(sims6a$output[[1]][[1]], "popn")
pop2 <- attr(sims6a$output[[2]][[1]], "popn")
par(mfrow = c(1,2), mar=c(1,1,1,6))
plot(possummask, covariate = "D1", dots = FALSE, breaks = 0:6)
plot(traps(possumCH), detpar = list(col = 'green', pch = 15), add = TRUE)
plot(pop1, frame = FALSE, add = TRUE, col = "blue", pch = 16, cex = 0.6)
plot(possummask, covariate = 'D2', dots = FALSE, breaks = 0:6)
plot(traps(possumCH), detpar = list(col = 'green', pch = 15), add = TRUE)
plot(pop2, frame = FALSE, add = TRUE, col = "blue", pch = 16, cex = 0.6)</pre>
```



**Fig. 6.** Simulated homogeneous (left) and inhomogeneous (right) distributions of brushtail possums at Waitarere, New Zealand. Traps in green (each hollow grid 180 m square).

#### Code for linear habitat

Code to illustrate the use of linear habitat models. This assumes you have the package **secrlinear**. Some warnings and messages are suppressed.

```
library(secrlinear)
```

```
startbuffer = 200, endbuffer = 200, by = 60)
trplist <- list(spacing30 = trp1, spacing60 = trp2)</pre>
## create a scenarios dataframe
scen7 \leftarrow make.scenarios(D = c(50,200), trapsindex = 1:2,
                        sigma = 25, g0 = 0.2)
## we specify a mask, rather than construct it 'on the fly',
## and must manually add column 'maskindex' to the scenarios
scen7$maskindex <- c(1,1)</pre>
## we will use a non-Euclidean distance function...
det.arg <- list(userdist = networkdistance)</pre>
## run the scenarios and summarise results
sims7 <- run.scenarios(nrepl = 500, trapset = trplist,</pre>
    maskset = linmask, det.args = list(det.arg),
    scenarios = scen7, seed = 345, fit = FALSE)
## Completed scenario 1
## Completed scenario 2
## Completed scenario 3
## Completed scenario 4
## Completed in 2.384 minutes
summary(sims7)
## run.scenarios(nrepl = 500, scenarios = scen7, trapset = trplist,
       maskset = linmask, det.args = list(det.arg), fit = FALSE,
##
       seed = 345)
##
## Replicates
                 500
                 18:55:04 01 Dec 2017
## Started
## Run time
                 2.384 minutes
## Output class selectedstatistics
## $constant
               value
## noccasions
## nrepeats
                 0.2
## g0
## sigma
## detectfn
## recapfactor
## popindex
## detindex
## fitindex
## maskindex
##
## $varying
## scenario trapsindex
##
           1
                      1 50
```

```
2
                 2 50
##
##
        3
                  1 200
##
         4
                  2 200
##
## $detectors
## trapsindex trapsname
## 1 spacing30
           2 spacing60
##
##
## $det.args
## detindex userdist
   1 userdistfn
##
## OUTPUT
##
## $1
## 1
      n mean
##
## n 500 90.89600 0.40609
## ndet 500 152.00400 0.78590
## nmov 500 46.61200 0.38376
## dpa 500 1.44977 0.00294
## rse 500 0.16683 0.00050
##
## $2
##
       n mean se
       500 59.17200 0.34544
## ndet 500 75.11200 0.46533
## nmov 500 6.58000 0.12055
## dpa 500 1.10159 0.00174
## rse 500 0.28971 0.00164
##
## $3
## 3
       n mean se
##
      500 357.76000 0.84627
## ndet 500 600.05000 1.58310
## nmov 500 185.14600 0.76737
## dpa 500 1.45224 0.00144
## rse 500 0.08338 0.00012
##
## $4
## 4
       n mean se
       500 236.1240 0.67737
## n
## ndet 500 300.3580 0.93013
## nmov 500 26.6360 0.25583
## dpa 500 1.1024 0.00090
## rse 500 0.1417 0.00039
```

## Grouped populations

This example demonstrates the simulation of a structured population - nominally females and males with a 2:1 sex ratio.

First we form a scenarios dataframe with 2 groups and two levels of 'noccasions', and manually adjust the 'male' parameter values:

```
##
     scenario group trapsindex noccasions nrepeats D gO sigma
## 1
                   F
                               1
                                          4
                                                    1 8 0.3
## 2
                                           4
                                                    1 4 0.2
                                                                40
             1
                   М
                               1
## 3
             2
                   F
                               1
                                          8
                                                    1 8 0.3
                                                                30
## 4
             2
                   М
                               1
                                           8
                                                    1 4 0.2
                                                                40
```

Next we set up a trapping grid, a habitat mask, and a customized extract function for multi-class output from a hybrid mixture model:

```
grid <- make.grid(8, 8, spacing = 30)
mask <- make.mask(grid, buffer = 160, type = 'trapbuffer')
## extracts total density and proportion from output for the first group (F)
exfn <- function(x) {
    if (inherits(x, 'secr') & !is.null(x$fit)) {
        pred <- predict(x)
        pred[[1]][c('D','pmix'),]
    }
    else data.frame()
}</pre>
```

It is desirable to check the raw simulations. We specify the mask, rather than relying on one constructed automatically, to ensure the same mask is used for both females and males.

```
raw8 <- run.scenarios(20, scen8, trapset = list(grid), fit = FALSE, maskset = list(mask))
## Completed scenario 1
## Completed scenario 2
## Completed in 0.065 minutes
summary(raw8)
## run.scenarios(nrepl = 20, scenarios = scen8, trapset = list(grid),</pre>
```

```
## trapsindex
## nrepeats
                   1
## detectfn
## recapfactor
                   1
## popindex
                   1
## detindex
                   1
## fitindex
## maskindex
##
## $varying
    scenario group noccasions D gO sigma
##
                 F
                             4 8 0.3
           1
           1
                             4 4 0.2
##
                 М
                                        40
                 F
##
           2
                             8 8 0.3
                                        30
##
           2
                             8 4 0.2
                                        40
##
## $detectors
    trapsindex trapsname
##
             1
                  traps1
##
## OUTPUT
##
## $1
##
##
                   mean
## F.n
          20
             75.20000 1.36034
## F.ndet 20 190.25000 3.88037
## F.nmov 20
              99.45000 2.54277
## F.dpa 20
               2.22321 0.02309
## F.rse
          20
               0.14883 0.00141
## M.n
          20
              46.85000 1.36358
## M.ndet 20 118.20000 3.97995
## M.nmov 20
              65.80000 2.65924
               2.35099 0.03109
## M.dpa 20
## M.rse
         20
               0.18951 0.00290
##
## $2
##
##
                   mean
            n
## F.n
          20 87.45000 2.67392
## F.ndet 20 401.20000 12.42379
## F.nmov 20 270.85000
                       9.20505
## F.dpa 20
               3.48190
                        0.04598
## F.rse
         20
               0.12183
                        0.00202
          20
              53.25000
## M.n
                        1.38007
## M.ndet 20 226.80000
                        7.18646
## M.nmov 20 158.30000
                        5.61253
## M.dpa 20
               3.55734
                        0.05052
## M.rse
         20
               0.15756
                        0.00210
Now fit the models...
sims8 <- run.scenarios(20, scen8, trapset = list(grid), fit = TRUE, extractfn = exfn,
                       fit.args = list(model = list(g0~h2, sigma~h2), hcov = 'group'),
                       maskset = list(mask), ncores = 4, byscenario = FALSE)
```

```
## Completed scenario 1
## Completed scenario 2
## Completed in 18.195 minutes
   and check the summary output for density ('D') and sex ratio (proportion female 'pmix') without
repeating the header information:
summary(select.stats(sims8,'D'))$OUTPUT
## $`1`
##
                n
                      mean
                                 se
## estimate
               20 11.63774 0.23427
## SE.estimate 20 1.14811 0.01201
               20 9.59652 0.21187
## lcl
## ucl
               20 14.11414 0.25702
## RB
               20 -0.03019 0.01952
## RSE
               20 0.09901 0.00097
## COV
               20 0.95000 0.05000
##
## $`2`
##
                      mean
                n
               20 11.64039 0.23081
## estimate
## SE.estimate 20 1.04109 0.01184
               20 9.77242 0.20890
## ucl
               20 13.86615 0.25358
## RB
               20 -0.02997 0.01923
## RSE
               20 0.08975 0.00088
## COV
               20 0.95000 0.05000
summary(select.stats(sims8,'pmix'))$OUTPUT
## $`1`
##
                     mean
                n
                                se
## estimate
               20 0.68365 0.00725
## SE.estimate 20 0.04533 0.00063
## lcl
               20 0.58899 0.00799
## ucl
               20 0.76520 0.00617
## RB
                0
                        NA
                                NA
               20 0.06659 0.00152
## RSE
## COV
                0
                        NA
                                NA
##
## $`2`
##
                n
                     mean
               20 0.67844 0.00958
## estimate
## SE.estimate 20 0.04042 0.00062
## lcl
               20 0.59468 0.01030
               20 0.75208 0.00846
## ucl
```

## RB

## RSE

## COV

0

0

NA

20 0.05999 0.00163

NA

NA

NA