Design and Analysis of Nest Survival Studies Part 2 Logistic Exposure Models

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Logistic Exposure Models

- Uses only R to do analysis glm() with special link function created by Mark Herzog and Ben Bolker after the SAS code by Terry Shaffer (2004).
- Need to load a function and preprocess the data.
- Very close approximation for time/age dependent models.
- Need to have a deep understanding of R to use effectively.
- Relatively easy to add random effects.

Logistic exposure models in R I

Extension of link function for glm() and related functions. Refer to logistic.exposure.R file

```
logexp <- function(exposure = 1)</pre>
     linkfun <- function(mu) qlogis(mu^(1/exposure))
3
     ## FIXME: is there some trick we can play here to allow
4
     ## evaluation in the context of the 'data' argument?
5
6
     linkinv <- function(eta) plogis(eta) exposure
     logit_mu_eta <- function(eta) {</pre>
8
        ifelse(abs(eta)>30,.Machine$double.eps,
9
               \exp(\text{eta})/(1+\exp(\text{eta}))^2
     }
10
     mu.eta <- function(eta) {</pre>
11
       exposure * plogis(eta)^(exposure-1) *
12
13
          logit_mu_eta(eta)
     }
14
     valideta <- function(eta) TRUE
15
     link <- paste("logexp(", deparse(substitute(exposure)),
16
```

Logistic exposure models in R II

Basic idea is that survival over x days is DSR^x . PROBLEM. The exposure data is separate from the data=xxx argument in the glm() call which has implications for predictions in some cases.

Logistic exposure models in R

Basic steps in analysis:

- Input the nest data and preprocess the data (to get the proper effective sample size).
 - Expand to daily records when the nest is known to be "alive"
 - One final record when nest fails but date of failure is unknown.
 - Carefully define day and nest age.
- Define factors and covariates data frame
- Fit some model using the *glm()* function.
- Extract information from returned object in the usual way
- Model selection using the AICmodavg package.
- Obtain predictions on logit scale and transform to regular scale
- Plot/report the results

Logistic exposure models in R

Open the killdeer.xlsx workbook.

For example, here is some data:

id	FirstFound	LastPresent	LastChecked	Fate
/*A*/	1	9	9	0
/*B*/	5	5	9	1
/*C*/	5	40	40	0

. . .

Notice that Fate = 1 is a nest failure.

Open the *killdeer-le.R* script.

We read in the raw data.

Notice the fieldnames MUST match exactly as given. but the order of columns can differ. The *id* column is optional.

> head(killdata)

	id	${\tt FirstFound}$	${\tt LastPresent}$	${\tt LastChecked}$	Fate	Freq
1	/*A*/	1	9	9	0	1
2	/*B*/	5	5	9	1	1
3	/*C*/	5	40	40	0	1
4	/*D*/	9	32	32	0	1
5	/*E*/	7	8	8	0	1
6	/*F*/	3	15	15	0	

Expand the data to get the effective sample size as noted in GIM Chapter 17, page 17-8..

Each day the nest is "alive" generates a single record.

Final interval when nest fails generates a single record.

- 1 # We expand the data to generate the effective sample size
- 2 killdata2 <- expand.nest.data(killdata)</pre>
- 3 killdata2

Consider how the data are expanded:

Original data:

id FirstFound LastPresent LastChecked Fate Freq
$$1 /*A*/$$
 1 9 9 0 1

Expanded data:

		First	Last	Last			Exp	
id	${\tt Found}$	${\tt Present}$	Checked	Fate	Freq	Day	osure	Survive
/*A*/	1	9	9	0	1	1	1	1
/*A*/	1	9	9	0	1	2	1	1
/*A*/	1	9	9	0	1	3	1	1
/*A*/	1	9	9	0	1	4	1	1
/*A*/	1	9	9	0	1	5	1	1
/*A*/	1	9	9	0	1	6	1	1

/*A*/	1	9	9	0	1	7	1	1
/*A*/	1	9	9	0	1	8	1	1

Consider how the data are expanded:

Original data:

Expanded data:

			First	Last	Last			Exp	
i	d	Found	Present	${\tt Checked}$	Fate	Freq	Day	osure	Survive
/*B*/		5	5	9	1	1	7	4	0

Effective Sample Size I

What is the effective sample size?

Consider nest entry:

id	FirstFound	LastPresent	LastChecked	Fate
/*A*/	1	9	9	0
/*B*/	5	5	9	1
/*C*/	5	40	40	0

. . .

- We assume that nest fate in each day is independent of nest fate in anyother day, so a span of x days is equivalent to x individual visits to a nest. So for nest A, there are effectively 8 data values for the interval from1 to 9 days.
- For the last interval, we don't know the time of failure, so this is counted as one interval.
- So for the above 3 nests, the effective sample size is
 - Nest A: 8

Effective Sample Size II

- Nest B: 1
- Nest C: 35

Note a slight error in GIM, Chapter 17, page 17-8 where they miscount by 1.

The assumption of independent fates for each day is quite strong (!)

Use glm() to analyze the data.

Notice that you analyze the SURVIVAL and not the failure (as in *RMark*).

Notice how you specify the exposure separately from the *data*=. This has (bad) implications if you subset the data.

```
This gives.
> summary(fit.Sdot)
Coefficients:
           Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(>|z|)
                        0.4085 8.708 <2e-16 ***
(Intercept) 3.5570
    Null deviance: 54.491 on 209 degrees of freedom
Residual deviance: 42.510
                          on 209 degrees of freedom
AIC: 44.51
> -2*logLik(fit.Sdot)
'log Lik.' 42.51028 (df=1)
```

This is the DSR on the LOGIT scale.

Compare with output from RMark

```
Npar : 1
## -2lnL: 42.51028
## AICc : 44.52951
##
## Beta
## estimate se lcl ucl
## S:(Intercept) 3.557002 0.4141776 2.745214 4.368791
```

Convert the logit(DSR) to DSR

We need to back transform the estimated DSR ourselves (groan).

```
DSR <- expit(coef(fit.Sdot))
DSR.se <- arm::se.coef(fit.Sdot)*DSR*(1-DSR)

cat("DSR ", DSR, "(SE ", DSR.se, ")\n")

# Find confidence intervals by taking expit of confit of c
expit(confint(fit.Sdot))</pre>
```

This uses the delta method to find the se of a function of the parameters

> expit(confint(fit.Sdot))
2.5 % 97.5 %

```
> arm::se.coef(fit.Sdot)
(Intercept)
  0.4084682
> DSR.se <- arm::se.coef(fit.Sdot)*DSR*(1-DSR)</pre>
> cat("DSR ", DSR, "(SE ", DSR.se, "\n")
DSR 0.9722669 (SE 0.01101394
> # Find confidence intervals by taking expit of confit of
> confint(fit.Sdot)
  2.5 % 97.5 %
2.835970 4.488518
> # Find confidence intervals by taking expit of confit of
```

0.9445889 0.9888876

Compare with output from RMark

```
## estimate se lcl ucl fixed
## S g1 a0 t1 0.9722669 0.0111679 0.9396425 0.9874919
```

Cls differ because of different method of computing ci of beta coefficients.

We need to compute the nest survival ourselves (groan)

```
1 # Compute the nest survival
2 days <- 39
3 NS <- DSR^days
4 NS.se <- DSR.se * days * DSR^{\wedge} (days-1)
5 cat("NS ", days," days ", NS, "(SE ", NS.se, ")\n")
  This gives.
  > cat("NS ", days," days ", NS, "(SE ", NS.se, ")\n")
  NS 39 days 0.3339133 (SE 0.1475216)
  Compare to RMark
  > mod.res$results$derived$"S Overall Survival"
     estimate se lcl ucl
  1 0.3339134 0.1495833 0.1182906 0.6519547
```

```
Linear trend in DSR
```

0.05106 - 1.204 0.228446

AIC: 44.997

-0.06149

Day

Compare to *RMark* values:

Name : S(~Time)

Results differ slight because of treatment of date for final intervals.

Linear trend in DSR - predicting DSR. We can use the predict function here because the default exposure is 1 day.

```
1 # We now want to predict the DSR for days 1..39
2 # In this case predict() will work on the logit scale, but
3 pred.data <- data.frame(Day=1:39)
4 logit.dsr.pred <- predict(fit.linear, newdata=pred.data, scale)
5
6 # put these together in a data frame
7 dsr <- cbind(pred.data, logit.dsr=logit.dsr.pred$fit, logit.8 head(dsr)
9 dsr$dsr <- expit(dsr$logit.dsr)
10 dsr$dsr.se <- dsr$logit.dsr.se* dsr$dsr * (1-dsr$dsr)
11 head(dsr)</pre>
```

This gives:

> head(dsr)

```
Day logit.dsr logit.dsr.se
                                   dsr
                                            dsr.se
      4.917891
                    1.305189 0.9927386 0.009408717
    2 4.856401
                    1.256804 0.9922816 0.009625636
3
    3 4.794910
                    1.208639 0.9917961 0.009834179
4
    4 4.733420
                    1.160720 0.9912804 0.010032802
5
    5 4.671930
                    1.113081 0.9907325 0.010219886
6
    6
       4.610440
                    1.065758 0.9901505 0.010393754
```

Compare to RMark values:

```
## S g1 a0 t1 0.9928771 0.0094787 0.9097296 0.9994816

## S g1 a1 t2 0.9924229 0.0097027 0.9126190 0.9993915

## S g1 a2 t3 0.9919398 0.0099182 0.9153905 0.9992862

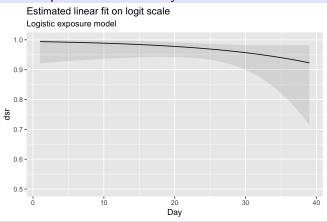
## S g1 a3 t4 0.9914263 0.0101238 0.9180448 0.9991630

## S g1 a4 t5 0.9908803 0.0103177 0.9205823 0.9990191

## S g1 a5 t6 0.9902999 0.0104980 0.9230028 0.9988512
```

Results differ slight because of treatment of date for final intervals.

We can plot in the usual way.



Why is the fit curved?

Quadratic trend in DSR - similar to linear trend.

We can use the predict function here because the default exposure is 1 day.

Consult code.

S varies in first/second half of the study.

This gives

```
Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(>|z|)
(Intercept) 3.8604 0.7077 5.455 4.89e-08 ***
studyhalf2nd -0.4986 0.8666 -0.575 0.565
```

AIC: 46.173

Compare to RMark results

Ambiguity about interval that straddle the boundary between first and second half as the *Day* variable is the midpoint of the interval.

The predictions are made in the usual way.

Model averaging – use AICcmodavg package (or similar packages)

Open the killdeer-modavg-le.r script.

We will compare four models

Data read in the usual way.

Expand data in the usual way.

Add relevant variables to the data frame.

```
killdata <- readxl::read_excel("Killdeer.xlsx",
                                    sheet="killdeer")
   head(killdata)
3
4
5
   # We expand the data to generate the effective sample size
   killdata2 <- expand.nest.data(killdata)</pre>
   head(killdata2)
8
9
   # Add the Day2 term and the first/second half variables
   killdata2$Day2 <- (killdata2$Day-20)^2
10
   killdata2$studyhalf <- car::recode(killdata2$Day,
11
                  " lo:20='1st': 21:hi='2nd'")
12
```

Create the model set. Order of the potential models is not important

```
model.list.csv <- textConnection(</pre>
   " S
3
    ~1
4
    ~Day
5
    ~Day+Day2
    "studyhalf
   ")
8
   model.list <- read.csv(model.list.csv, header=TRUE, as.is="
   model.list$model.number <- 1:nrow(model.list)</pre>
10
   model.list
11
```

Fit all of the models in the model set:

```
model.fits <- plyr::dlply(model.list, c("S", "model.number")</pre>
                         function(x,input.data, input.ddl){
2
3
     cat("\n\n***** Starting ", unlist(x), "\n")
4
5
     fit <- glm(formula=as.formula(paste("Survive", eval(x$S))</pre>
            family=binomial(link=logexp(input.data$Exposure)),
6
            data=input.data)
8
     fit
9
10
   },input.data=killdata2)
```

R successively fits the models and stores results in a big list

Compute the AIC table.

1 AICcmodavg::aictab(model.fits)

Model selection based on AICc:

	K	AICc	Delta_AICc	AICcWt	Cum.Wt	LL
~Day+Day2.3	3	43.88	0.00	0.37	0.37	-18.88
~1.1	1	44.53	0.65	0.27	0.64	-21.26
~Day.2	2	44.69	0.82	0.25	0.89	-20.32
~studvhalf.4	2	46.23	2.35	0.11	1.00	-21.09

Get model average value of DSR using custom model averaging facilities.

Multi-step process

- Estimate the DSR for each model at each day
- Extract model information
- Use custom model averaging function.

1. Estimate DSR for each model for each day

```
1 pred.data <- data.frame(Day=1:39)</pre>
   pred.data$Day2 <- (pred.data$Day-20)^2 # we need to match
   pred.data$studyhalf <- car::recode(pred.data$Day,</pre>
4
                             " lo:20='1st'; 21:hi='2nd'")
5
   dsr.indiv <- plyr::ldply(model.fits, function(x,pred.data)
6
      # get the predictions on the logit scale and then back
       logit.dsr.pred <- predict(x, newdata=pred.data,</pre>
8
9
                    se.fit=TRUE)
10
        # put these together in a data frame
11
       dsr <- cbind(pred.data, logit.dsr=logit.dsr.pred$fit,</pre>
12
13
                  logit.dsr.se=logit.dsr.pred$se.fit)
       dsr$dsr <- expit(dsr$logit.dsr)</pre>
14
       dsr$dsr.se <- dsr$logit.dsr.se* dsr$dsr * (1-dsr$dsr)</pre>
15
       dsr
16
   },pred.data=pred.data)
17
```

> head(plotdata.indiv)

```
S model.number Day Day2 studyhalf logit.dsr logit.dsr.se
1 ~1
                        361
                                  1st
                                       3.557002
                                                    0.4084693
2 ~1
                                  1st 3.557002
                        324
                                                    0.4084693
3 ~1
                     3
                        289
                                  1st 3.557002
                                                    0.4084693
4 ~1
                                  1st 3.557002
                     4
                        256
                                                    0.4084693
5 ~1
                     5
                        225
                                  1st 3.557002
                                                    0.4084693
6 ~1
                     6
                        196
                                      3.557002
                                                    0.4084693
                                  1st
```

2. Extract model information (log likelihood, number of parameters, sample size)

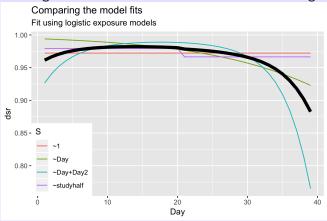
```
model.info <- plyr::ldply(model.fits, function(x){</pre>
       #browser()
       logL <- logLik(x)</pre>
       K <- length(coef(x))</pre>
4
       nobs <- nrow(x$data)</pre>
5
       data.frame(logL=logL, K=K, nobs=nobs)
6
  })
  model.info
  > model.info
              S model.number
                                    logL K nobs
                             1 -21.25514 1 210
  1
  2
                            2 -20.31785 2 210
           ~Day
  3
                            3 -18.88091 3 210
      ~Day+Day2
    "studyhalf
                            4 -21.08636 2 210
```

3. Use Custom model averaging function for each day

```
dsr.ma <- plyr::ddply(dsr.indiv, c("Day"), function(x, mode
      # merge the model information with the estimates
2
3
      x <-merge(x, model.info)
4
      # get the model averaged values
5
      #browser()
      ma <- AICcmodavg::modavgCustom(x$logL, x$K,
6
                        modnames=x$S,
8
                        nobs=x$nobs,
9
                        estimate=x$dsr, se=x$dsr.se)
      data.frame(dsr=ma$Mod.avg.est,
10
11
            dsr.se=ma$Uncond.SE,
12
            dsr.lcl=ma$Lower.CL,
            dsr.ucl=ma$Upper.CL)
13
   },model.info=model.info)
14
```

The individual DSR values are model averaged:

Plotting the individual curves and the model averaged curve.



It is also possible to model average the derived parameters such as nest success in a similar way (not shown)

Exercise - Sherry - 1 - logistic exposure model





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Impacts of nest predators and weather on reproductive success and population limitation in a long-distance migratory songbird

Thomas W. Sherry, Scott Wilson, Sarah Hunter and Richard T. Holmes

Exercise - Sherry - 1 - logistic exposure model

- Refer to first paragraph under Results Experimental nest protection.
 - Find DSR for control nests and nests with baffles separately.
 - Estimate nest success for 20 days
- Refer to second paragraph under Results Annual and seasonal effects.
 - Fit linear and quadratic effect of date (relative to 27 May).
- Ompare constant, linear, quadratic trends in DSR using model averaging.

Covariates

Often the influence of covariates on the DSR is of interest.

Covariates can be:

- Categorical e.g. habitat type
- Continuous, e.g. distance from water

Covariates can operate at the

- Nest level are are fixed for the duration of the nest, e.g. distance from water
- Day level and are common to all nests, e.g. linear trend in DSR
- Nest x Day level where each nest's covariates vary over the days, e.g. nest-age, mowing

The **Nest x Day** covariates are easier to implement with logistic exposure models compared to *MARK* and *RMark*.

Covariates

Hypotheses about covariates

- Is there evidence of an effect? Look at estimates/se and model selection table
- Estimate DSR at levels of covariates

Covariates

Nest-level covariates.

- Continuous covariates
 - Enter as a numeric columns in the nest data frame.
 - Specify variable name in formula, e.g. *Survive* ~ *Distance*).
- Categorical covariates
 - Enter as an alphanumeric columns in the nest data frame and declare as a factor.
 - Specify variable name in formula, e.g. Survive ~ Treatment).

Nest level categorical covariates - logexp() models I

Read in the mallard dataset.

Not necessary that categorical variables be declared as factors

Nest level categorical covariates -logexp() models I

Use the categorical variable in the model

Nest level categorical covariates -logexp() models II

```
Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(>|z|)
(Intercept)
           2.86293
                    0.09508
                            30.111
                                   <2e-16 ***
HabitatP 0.22268
                    0.12234
                             1.820
                                   0.0687 .
HabitatR 0.21111
                    0.22719
                             0.929
                                   0.3528
HabitatW 0.09291
                    0.23509
                             0.395
                                   0.6927
```

Residual deviance: 1564.0 on 6122 degrees of freedom AIC: 1572

Nest level categorical covariates -logexp() models III

Compare to *RMark* output:

```
> summary(mod.res)
Output summary for Nest model
```

Name : S(~Habitat)

Npar: 4

-21nL: 1563.951 AICc: 1571.957

Beta

	estimate	se	lcl	ucl
S:(Intercept)	2.8629313	0.0992682	2.6683656	3.0574970
S:HabitatP	0.2226790	0.1273492	-0.0269255	0.4722835
S:HabitatR	0.2111142	0.2356356	-0.2507317	0.6729600
S:HabitatW	0.0929137	0.2454492	-0.3881667	0.5739941

Nest level categorical covariates -logexp() models I

DO NOT TRUST the output from the summary table as it depends on the (hidden) contrast matrix used to set up the indicator variables.

Values can change depending on user's configuration without warning.

Two options:

- Make predictions as before for simple models
- Use the emmeans package (with some modification for the custom link function) as the results are independent of the (hidden) contrast matrix or reference level used.

The latter is preferred when need to average levels of other factors (i.e. marginal estimates)

Nest level categorical covariates -logexp() models I

```
Using the predict()
   # You can make predictions just as before
   pred.data <- data.frame(Habitat=unique(malldata2$Habitat))</pre>
   logit.dsr.pred.hab <- predict(mod.hab,</pre>
3
              newdata=pred.data, se.fit=TRUE)
4
5
   # put these together in a data frame
   dsr.hab <- cbind(pred.data,
8
              logit.dsr=logit.dsr.pred.hab$fit,
9
              logit.dsr.se=logit.dsr.pred.hab$se.fit)
   dsr.hab$dsr <- expit(dsr.hab$logit.dsr)</pre>
10
   dsr.hab$dsr.se <- dsr.hab$logit.dsr.se* dsr.hab$dsr *
11
             (1-dsr.hab$dsr)
12
```

13

dsr.hab

Nest level categorical covariates -logexp() models II

This gives

W 2.955842

4

0.21500819 0.9505389 0.010108552

Nest level categorical covariates -logexp() models III

RMark output

```
## S gN a0 t1 0.9459833 0.0050725 0.9351340 0.9551051
## S gP a0 t1 0.9562953 0.0033341 0.9492739 0.9623833
## S gR a0 t1 0.9558094 0.0090265 0.9343297 0.9704853
## S gW a0 t1 0.9505390 0.0105538 0.9252465 0.9675738
```

Nest level categorical covariates -logexp() models I

Using the emmeans package

- Set up the reference grid (the emmeans object)
- Get the CLD, or Pairwise differences on logit scale
- Get the CLD or pairwise effects on regular scale after regridding for custom link function

Nest level categorical covariates -logexp() models II

```
1 # extract the logit(DSR) for each habitat using emmeans
   mod.hab.emmo <- emmeans::emmeans(mod.hab, ~Habitat)</pre>
   dsr.logit <- CLD(mod.hab.emmo)</pre>
   dsr.logit
4
5
   # Compute the multiple comparison on the ordinary scale
   # We need to update the transformation so we can get answer
   mod.hab.rg <- update(ref_grid(mod.hab, at=list(exposure=1))</pre>
8
9
               tran = logexp())
10
   mod.hab.emmo2 <- emmeans::emmeans(mod.hab.rg, ~Habitat)</pre>
11
12
   CLD (mod.hab.emmo2)
   dsr <- CLD(mod.hab.emmo2, type="response") # on DSR scale
13
14
   dsr
```

Nest level categorical covariates -logexp() models III

On logit scale:

```
Habitat emmean SE df asymp.LCL asymp.UCL .group
N 2.86 0.0951 Inf 2.68 3.05 1
W 2.96 0.2150 Inf 2.53 3.38 1
R 3.07 0.2063 Inf 2.67 3.48 1
P 3.09 0.0770 Inf 2.93 3.24 1
```

Results are given on the logexp(1) (not the response) scale Confidence level used: 0.95

P value adjustment: tukey method for comparing a family of significance level used: alpha = 0.05

Nest level categorical covariates -logexp() models IV

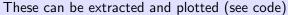
Nest level categorical covariates -logexp() models V

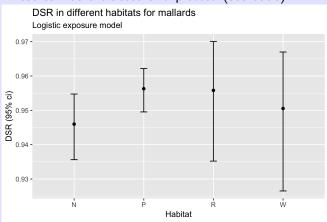
Compared to RMark output:

```
## S gN a0 t1 0.9459833 0.0050725 0.9351340 0.9551051
## S gP a0 t1 0.9562953 0.0033341 0.9492739 0.9623833
## S gR a0 t1 0.9558094 0.0090265 0.9343297 0.9704853
## S gW a0 t1 0.9505390 0.0105538 0.9252465 0.9675738
```

Former ci are wider to account for multiple comparisons.

Nest level categorical covariates





Nest level categorical covariates I

"Testing" for covariate effects (standard null hypothesis testing) is NOT recommended as does not provide useful information.

Better to get estimates use AIC with a null model to see the weight of evidence, followed by model averaging.

Fit a null model and do AIC.

This gives

```
K AICc Delta_AICc AICcWt Cum.Wt LL Mod2 1 1569.12 0.00 0.81 0.81 -783.56 Mod1 4 1571.96 2.84 0.19 1.00 -781.98
```

RMark gives:

> collect.models(type="Nest")

	model	npar	AICc	${\tt DeltaAICc}$	weight	${\tt Deviance}$
2	S(~1)	1	1569.117	0.000000	0.805384	1567.116
1	S(~Habitat)	4	1571.957	2.840582	0.194616	1563.951

Not much evidence for an impact of habitat on the DSR relative to the null model.

Nest level continuous covariates I

Use the continuous variable in the model directly. You may wish to standardize covariates that take large values.

Example, effect of cover (Robel height) on DSR

```
1 mod.rob <- glm(Survive~Robel,
2 family=binomial(link=logexp(malldata2$Exposure)),
3 data=malldata2)summary(mod.rob)</pre>
```

Nest level continuous covariates II

```
Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(>|z|)

(Intercept) 2.90884 0.16827 17.287 <2e-16 ***

Robel 0.02727 0.04499 0.606 0.544

-

AIC: 1570.8
```

Estimated slope (on logit scale) is .027 (SE .047) and 95% ci for slope includes zero.

Nest level continuous covariates III

RMark output:

```
> summary(mod.rob)
Output summary for Nest model
Name : S(~Robel)
```

Npar: 2 -21nL: 1566.773

AICc : 1570.775

Beta

estimate se lcl ucl S:(Intercept) 2.9088384 0.1744305 2.5669545 3.2507222 S:Robel 0.0272703 0.0466152 -0.0640954 0.1186361

Nest level continuous covariates I

We can get predictions of DSR at different Robel heights in the usual way.

```
pred.data <- data.frame(Robel=seq(min(malldata2$Robel),</pre>
2
             max(malldata2$Robel), length.out=50))
3
   logit.dsr.pred.rob <- predict(mod.rob, newdata=pred.data,</pre>
              se.fit=TRUE)
4
5
   # put these together in a data frame
   dsr.rob <- cbind(pred.data,
              logit.dsr=logit.dsr.pred.rob$fit,
8
              logit.dsr.se=logit.dsr.pred.rob$se.fit)
9
   dsr.rob$dsr <- expit(dsr.rob$logit.dsr)</pre>
10
   dsr.rob$dsr.se <- dsr.rob$logit.dsr.se* dsr.rob$dsr *</pre>
11
              (1-dsr.rob$dsr)
12
   dsr.rob
13
```

Nest level continuous covariates II

This gives

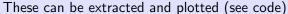
```
Robel logit.dsr logit.dsr.se
                                                    dsr.se
                                          dsr
  0.6250000
              2.925881
                         0.14202616 0.9491111 0.006859751
2
  0.8010204
              2.930681
                         0.13477235 0.9493425 0.006481385
3
  0.9770408
              2.935482
                         0.12759770 0.9495728 0.006109926
4
   1.1530612
              2.940282
                         0.12051636 0.9498022 0.005745981
5
   1.3290816
              2.945082
                         0.11354576 0.9500305 0.005390305
6
   1.5051020
                         0.10670764 0.9502579 0.005043838
              2.949882
```

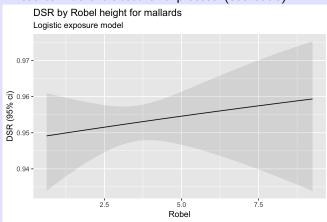
Nest level continuous covariates III

RMark gives:

Robel index	es	stimate	se	lcl	ucl fixe
0.6250000	1	0.9491111	0.007112088	0.9332221	0.9613761
0.8010204	1	0.9493425	0.006720197	0.9344286	0.9610059
0.9770408	1	0.9495729	0.006335469	0.9356051	0.9606383
1.1530612	1	0.9498022	0.005958547	0.9367506	0.9602748
1.3290816	1	0.9500306	0.005590208	0.9378640	0.9599167
1.5051020	1	0.9502580	0.005231429	0.9389436	0.9595660

Nest level continuous covariates





Nest level continuous covariates I

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Better to get estimates use AIC with a null model to see the weight of evidence, followed by model averaging.

Nest level continuous covariates I

Fit a null model and do AIC in the usual way.

```
K AICc Delta_AICc AICcWt Cum.Wt LL Mod2 1 1569.12 0.00 0.7 0.7 -783.56 Mod1 2 1570.77 1.66 0.3 1.0 -783.39
```

RMark gives

```
collect.models(type="Nest")
    model npar    AICc DeltaAICc    weight Deviance
1    S(~1)    1 1569.117    0.000000    0.6961759 1567.116
2 S(~Robel)    2 1570.775    1.658307    0.3038241 1566.773
```

Not much evidence for an impact of Robel height on the DSR relative to the null model.

Sampling occasion covariates

These covariates apply to the sample occasions for all nests.

Add these to the data frame in the usual way for each nest and proceed similarly.





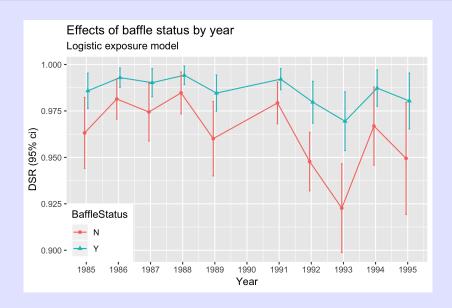
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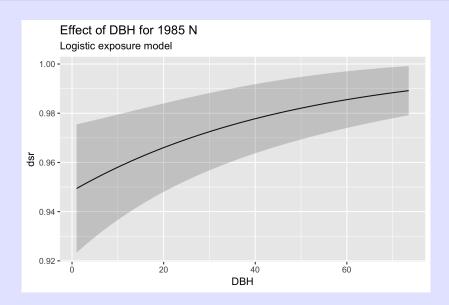
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Impacts of nest predators and weather on reproductive success and population limitation in a long-distance migratory songbird

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- Refer to Table 1a.
 - Reproduce Table 1a (use the model averaging).
 - Create a graphic for the model averaged results of Table 1a.
 - Plot the DSR by DBH for one year & baffle status





Nest x Time covariates - logexp() models

These covariates vary by nest for each day of the study. These are unlikely to be used in nest studies except for **Nest Age**.

Much simpler in the logistic exposure models because you have a record for each day in the study for each nest (after expansion).

Some approximation is done for last interval where failure of a nest occurs but the time of the failure is unknown. The midpoint of the interval is used for the time of the study and nest age.

Age effects - logexp() models

The variable **AgeDay1** for the age of the nest on the first day of the season. The variable **AgeDay1** in the datafile is then used to generate a variable **NestAge** for every day for every nest when the data is expanded. in the modelling.

Including age effects - logexp() models

Open the *killdeer.xlsx* workbook. Open the *killdeer-age.R* script.

We read in the raw data and expand the data

Notice the fieldnames MUST match exactly as given. but the order of columns can differ. The *id* column is optional.

Including age effects - logexp() models I

Look at expanded data and ages

	Firet					
id	Found	LastPresent	LastChecked	AgeDay1	Day	NestAge
/*A*/	1	9	9	0	1	0
/*A*/	1	9	9	0	2	1
/*A*/	1	9	9	0	3	2
/*A*/	1	9	9	0	4	3
/*A*/	1	9	9	0	5	4
/*A*/	1	9	9	0	6	5
/*A*/	1	9	9	0	7	6
/*A*/	1	9	9	0	8	7
/*B*/	5	5	9	-2	7	4
/*C*/	5	40	40	-3	5	1
	/*A*/ /*A*/ /*A*/ /*A*/ /*A*/ /*A*/ /*B*/	/*A*/ 1 /*B*/ 5	id Found LastPresent /*A*/ 1 9 /*B*/ 5 5	id Found LastPresent LastChecked /*A*/ 1 9 9 /*A*/ 5 5 9	id Found LastPresent LastChecked AgeDay1 /*A*/ 1 9 9 0 /*B*/ 5 5 9 -2	id Found LastPresent LastChecked AgeDay1 Day /*A*/

Including age effects - logexp() models II

/*C*/	5	40	40	-3	6	2
/*C*/	5	40	40	-3	7	3
/*C*/	5	40	40	-3	8	4
/*C*/	5	40	40	-3	9	5

Note that age assigned to midpoint of last interval.

Including age effects - logexp() models I

Fit a model with DSR as a function of nest age

```
1 mod.age <- glm(Survive~NestAge,
2 family=binomial(link=logexp(killdata2$Exposure)),
3 data=killdata2)
4 summary(mod.age)</pre>
```

Including age effects - logexp() models II

This gives the output

```
Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(>|z|)
(Intercept) 3.89120 0.79883 4.871 1.11e-06 ***
NestAge -0.02589 0.04996 -0.518 0.604
```

-AIC: 46.257

Including age effects - logexp() models III

RMark output:

S:NestAge

> summary(mod.res)

Name : S(~NestAge)

Output summary for Nest model

```
Npar : 2
-2lnL: 42.38081
AICc : 46.43878
```

estimate

S:(Intercept) 3.7952906 0.7988475 2.2295494 5.3610318

se

-0.0188125 0.0516282 -0.1200038 0.0823789

ucl

lcl

Analysis of killdeer data with nest age I

We predict the relationship between DSR and nest age in the usual way.

```
1 # predict surival as a function of nest age
2 pred.data <- data.frame(NestAge=1:10)
3 logit.dsr.pred.age <- predict(mod.age, newdata=pred.data, section of the secti
```

Analysis of killdeer data with nest age II

> head(dsr.age)

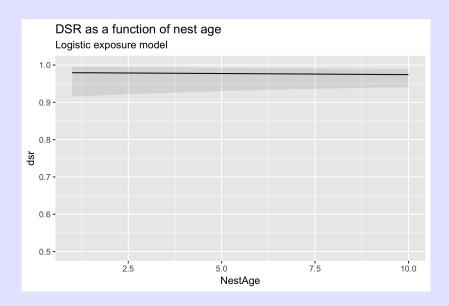
```
NestAge logit.dsr logit.dsr.se
                                        dsr
                                                dsr.se
           3.865309
                       0.7563272 0.9794737 0.01520592
2
          3.839419
                       0.7147924 0.9789467 0.01473193
3
                       0.6744015 0.9784064 0.01424829
          3.813528
4
          3.787638
                       0.6353727 0.9778526 0.01376021
5
        5 3.761747
                       0.5979726 0.9772849 0.01327448
6
           3.735857
                       0.5625264 0.9767030 0.01279988
```

Analysis of killdeer data with nest age III

RMark output

Differences due to last interval.

Analysis of killdeer data with nest age



Analysis of killdeer data with nest age

Use model averaging to investigate if nest age is a useful covariate.

```
K AICc Delta_AICc AICcWt Cum.Wt LL Mod2 1 44.53 0.00 0.71 0.71 -21.26 Mod1 2 46.31 1.79 0.29 1.00 -21.13
```

RMark output

```
> collect.models(type="Nest")
```

```
model npar AICc DeltaAICc weight Deviance
1 S(~1) 1 44.52951 0.000000 0.7220459 42.51028
2 S(~NestAge) 2 46.43878 1.909265 0.2779541 42.38081
```





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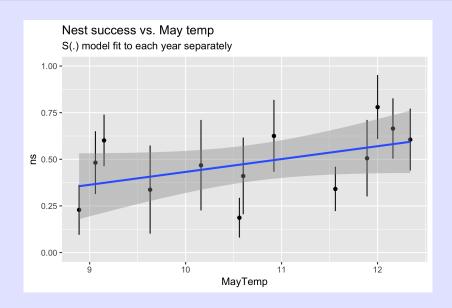
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Refer to Table 1b.

- Reproduce Table 1b
- 2 Look at estimated beta from top model and compare to results in paper.

Refer to Figure 2.

• Reproduce Figure 2. Note that they analyzed each year separately with a simple $S\sim 1$ model.



Summary - logexp() models I

- Uses basis R functions with custom link function.
- Some slight differences in results from MARK or RMark when using models with NestAge or Date because last interval is assigned middle time/age in model rather than individual ages/dates for each day in the interval.
- Need more experience with R and understanding of basic R functions.
- Goodness-of-fit is underdeveloped for nest success models, but see http://www.montana.edu/rotella/nestsurv/
- Random effects can be (easily) implemented for logistic exposure models (and Bayesian methods (contact me)