

Lab 3: Parasite Specificity + Host Range



Today's Lab

1. Go over basics of data manipulation in R
2. Code along example working with GMPD
3. Set you free to answer your own question



What is R and why should I care about knowing how to use it?

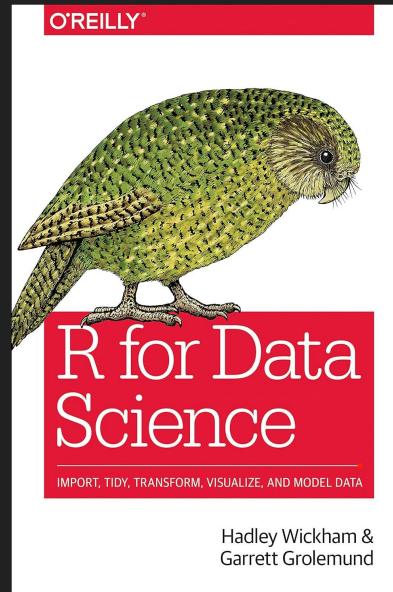
Statistical programming language

Based on precursor language called S

Good at working with data

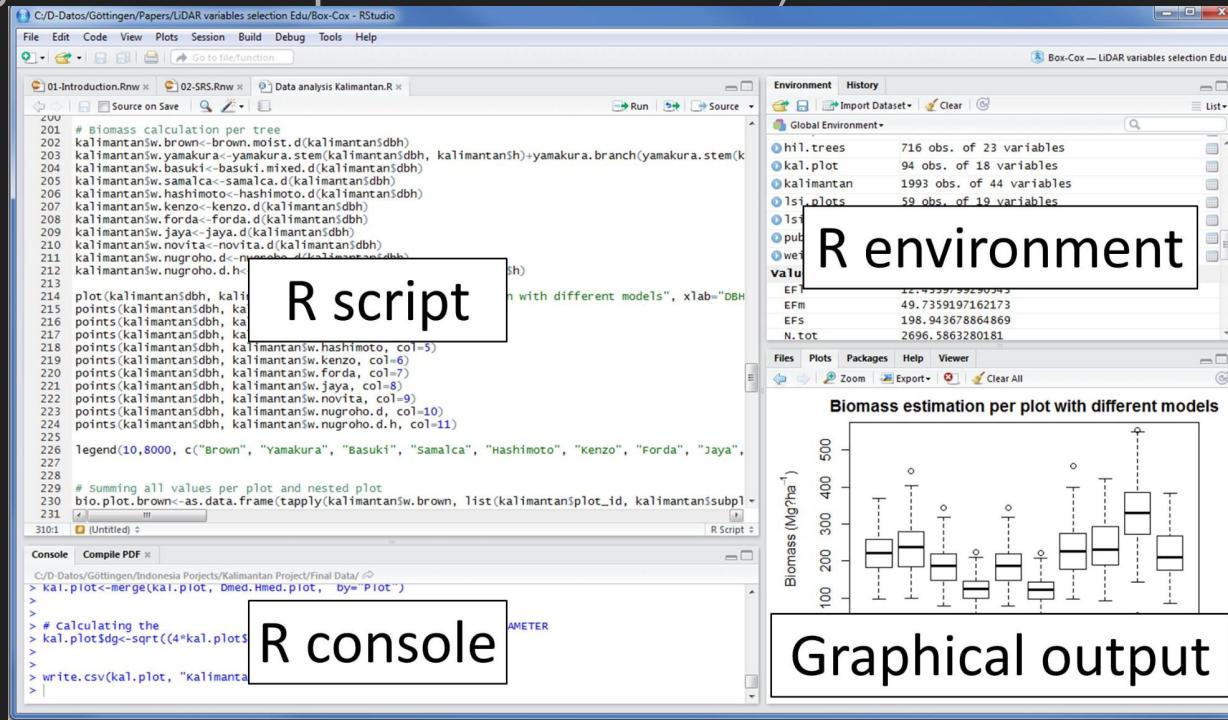
- Manipulation
- Analysis
- Visualization

Free, Open-Sourced, Reproducible!



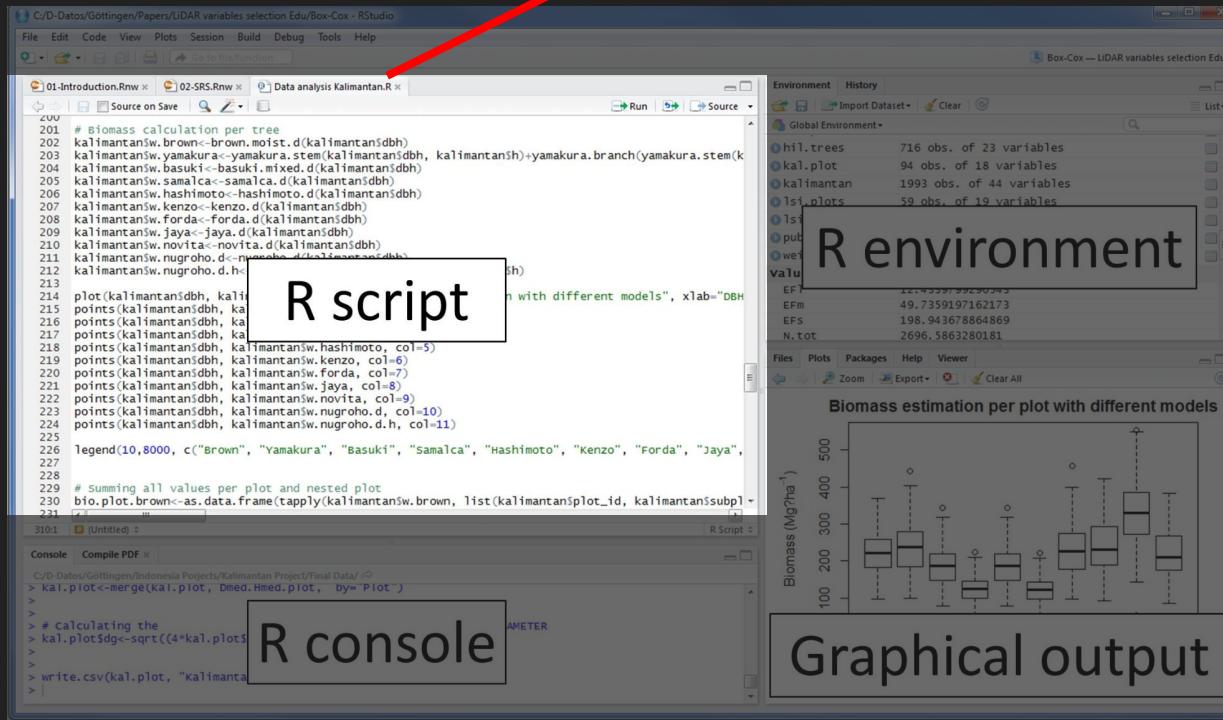
Basic Terminology

R is the language, we'll be interacting with it through **RStudio** (an IDE: Integrated Development Environment)



Basic Terminology

R Scripts: The file where your code lives! Creating scripts allows you to know exactly what you did, and reproduce it every time.



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R Environment: List of all the objects you're currently working with, loaded into your memory. Data objects, custom functions, etc.

The screenshot shows the RStudio interface with several windows open:

- R script:** A code editor window containing R code for biomass calculations and model plotting.
- R console:** A terminal window showing the execution of R commands, including the creation of a plot object named `kal.plot`.
- Environment:** A pane showing the global environment with objects like `hil.trees`, `kal.plot`, `kalimantan`, and `ls1_plots`.
- Graphical output:** A plot titled "Biomass estimation per plot with different models" showing biomass values in Mg·ha⁻¹ for various plots across different models.

Annotations with arrows point from the text labels to their corresponding RStudio components:

- A red arrow points from the text "R environment" to the Environment pane.
- A blue arrow points from the text "R script" to the R script window.
- A green arrow points from the text "R console" to the R console window.
- A yellow arrow points from the text "Graphical output" to the plot window.

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The screenshot shows the RStudio interface with three main components highlighted:

- R script**: The left pane displays an R script titled "Data analysis Kalimantan.R". It contains code for biomass calculations per tree, model fitting, and plotting. A red arrow points from the "R script" label to the script pane.
- R console**: The bottom-left pane shows the R console with command-line input and output. A red arrow points from the "R console" label to the console pane.
- Graphical output**: The bottom-right pane displays a box plot titled "Biomass estimation per plot with different models". The y-axis is labeled "Biomass (Mg?ha⁻¹)" and ranges from 100 to 500. The x-axis categories are "Brown", "Yamakura", "Basuki", "Salca", "Hashimoto", "Kenzo", "Forda", "Jaya", and "Novita". A red arrow points from the "Graphical output" label to the plot area.

R Console: Shows the most recent code and commands you've run. You can also type a run code here, but it's not recorded like in a script.

R environment

Graphical output

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Other Stuff: There are a few tabs here, all of them useful. Most of the names are self-explanatory, and we'll go over them in class

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- R script:** Displays the R code used for data analysis. The code includes biomass calculations per tree, a plot of biomass estimation per plot with different models, and a legend for the plot.
- R console:** Displays the command-line history and output, including the creation of a data frame from a nested plot and the merging of datasets.
- R environment:** Shows the global environment with objects like `hil.trees`, `kal.plot`, `kalimantan`, `lspLOTS`, and `N.Tot`. It also displays summary statistics for `hil.trees`.

Annotations with arrows point to the **R environment** pane and the **Graphical output** pane.

R environment

Graphical output

```
hil.trees    716 obs. of 23 variables
kal.plot      94 obs. of 18 variables
kalimantan   1993 obs. of 44 variables
lspLOTS      59 obs. of 19 variables
N.Tot        2696.5863280181
```

Biomass estimation per plot with different models

Biomass ($Mg\text{ha}^{-1}$)

Model	Min	Q1	Median	Q3	Max
Brown	~150	~200	~250	~300	~450
Yamakura	~150	~200	~250	~300	~450
Basuki	~150	~200	~250	~300	~450
Samalca	~150	~200	~250	~300	~450
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Hosts: Ungulates,
Carnivores, and
Primates



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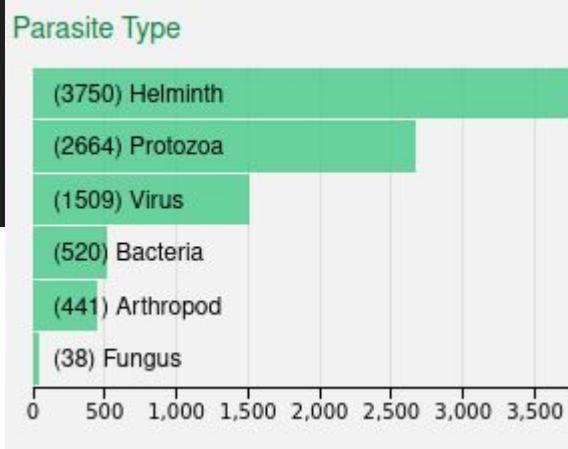
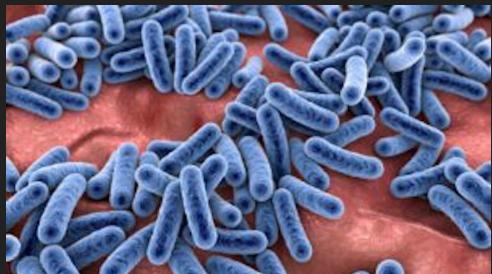
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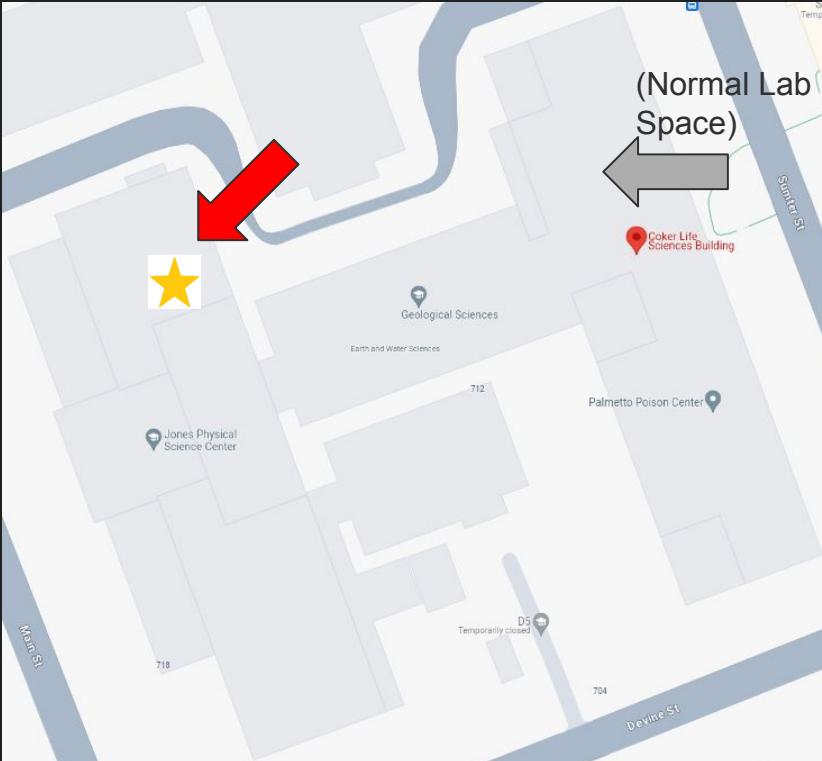
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Where is lab today?



The Question:

What are predictors of parasite richness across mammalian hosts?

Data I've given you

Host traits: extracted from PanTHERIA

Morphometric data: Adult body mass, neonatal body mass, adult forearm length, basal metabolic rate...

Pace of Life data: Gestation length, litter size, age at eyes opening, age at first reproduction...

Life-History/ecological data: Habitat breadth, population density, trophic level

Geographic Range: Total range size, mean latitude, max/min latitude, temperature or PET across range...

Read the MetaData!!!

PanTHERIA: a species-level database of life history, ecology, and geography of extant and recently extinct mammals

Ecological Archives E090-184

Kate E. Jones , Jon Blieby, Marcel Cardillo, Susanne A. Fritz, Justin O'Dell, C. David L. Orme, Kamran Safi, Wes Sechrest, Elizabeth H. Boakes, Chris Carbone, Christina Connolly, Michael J. Cutts, Janine K. Foster, Richard Grenyer, Michael Habib, Christopher A. Plaster, Samantha A. Price



Data I've given you

Host phylogenetic information

Based on Phylogenetic Tree From Upham, Esselstyn, and Jetz (2019).

How do we convert this to something we can use for prediction?

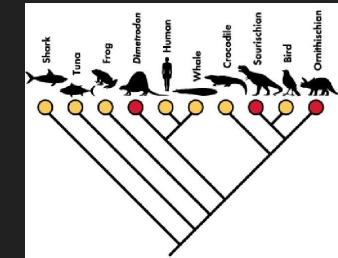
Different approaches, but the one I chose was eigenvalue decomposition

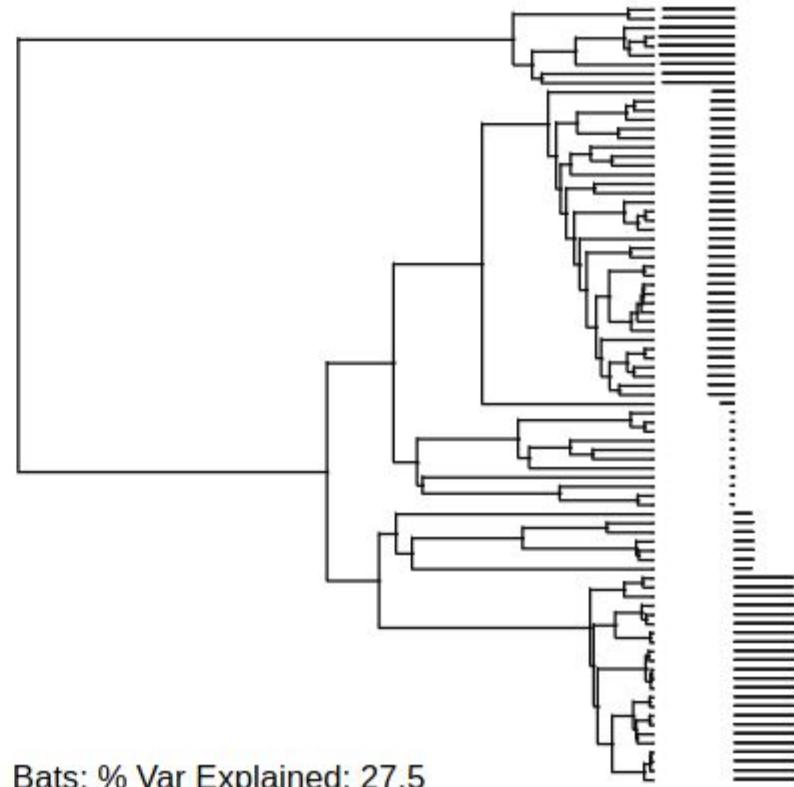
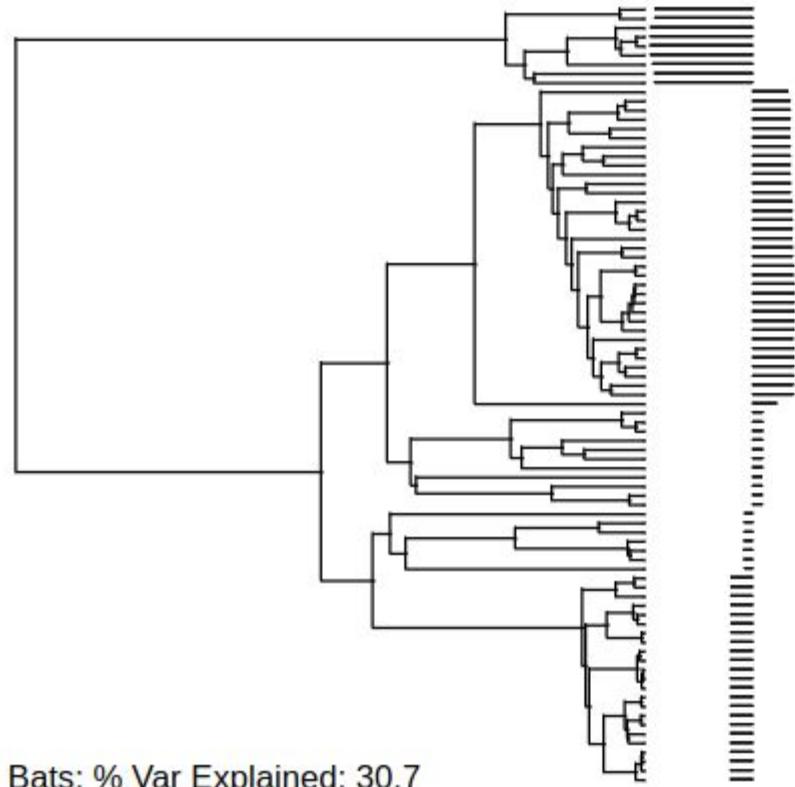
Long story short, a way of condensing a complicated phylogeny into a series of continuous axis. You lose information doing this, but what's left can still be quite useful!

Inferring the mammal tree: Species-level sets of phylogenies for questions in ecology, evolution, and conservation

Nathan S. Upham , Jacob A. Esselstyn, Walter Jetz 

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Generalized Linear Models

Really a general term, describing a really simple framework

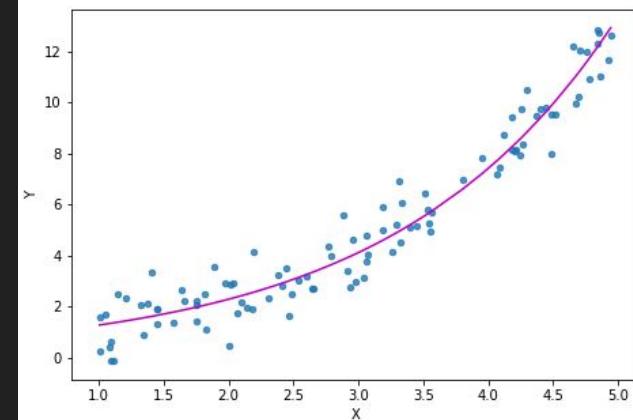
Data = Model + Error

$$\hat{Y} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X$$

If this looks like linear regression, that's because it is!

The “Generalized” form however just means that we’re specific about our assumptions about error distributions in a way that means we don’t just have to use continuous numerical predictors.

R takes care of the majority of this for us, but we need to know how to interpret them



Generalized Linear Models in R

In R, we can make a glm with the `glm()` function (go figure!)

?glm() will show you that there's many arguments, but the most important ones for our purposes are the "formula" and "data"

When you use `summary()` to look at a glm model, it'll look something like this...

This has a lot of information, but the ones I want you to look at for interpretation are...

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    data = hostDat)  
  
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3. Akaike Information Criterion (AIC)

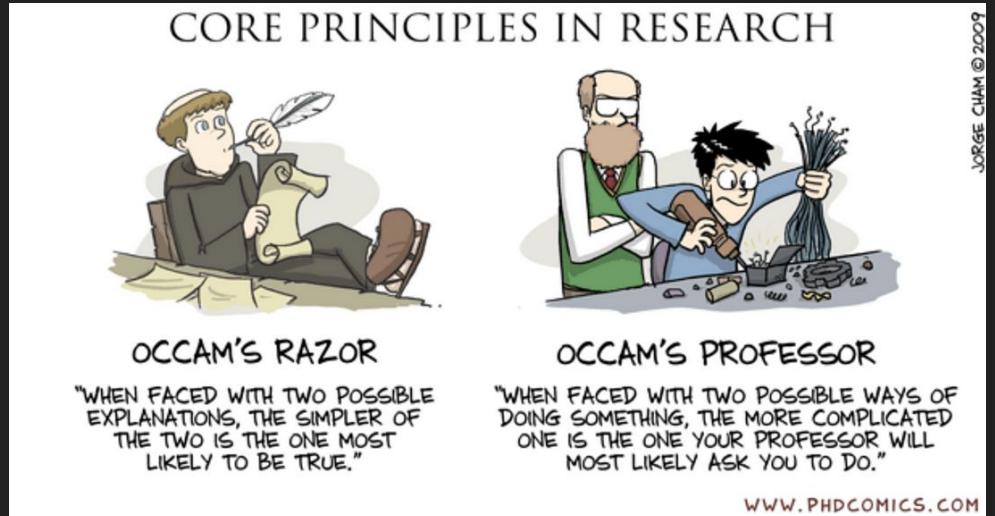
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Model Comparison through AIC

When we're comparing models, there's often a tradeoff between **goodness of fit** and **parsimony**.

The idea of **parsimony** stem's from Occam's razor-when comparing among equally supported explanations, the one that requires the fewest assumptions is usually correct.

There are many ways you can evaluate model performance in light of these two ideas, but one of the most common is **AIC**



Model Comparison through AIC

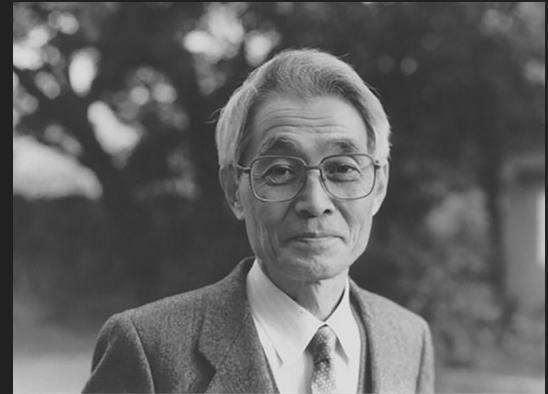
AIC: Akaike Information Criterion

$$AIC = 2k - 2\ln(\hat{L})$$

AIC = Akaike information criterion

k = number of estimated parameters in the model

\hat{L} = maximum value of the likelihood function for the model



The lower the AIC score, the better.

Models are penalized by the number of parameters (k), but rewarded by goodness of fit (L)

Model with the lowest AIC score generally has most support given the data, though if the difference between models is <2 you can't really distinguish between them

Note: You can only compare models trained on the same data! (Otherwise the comparison is meaningless!)

Mystery Host(s)

How many parasites do you think they have?



We can make a guess using the `predict()` function!