

## Introduction to Distance Sampling

### Line transect analysis of duck nests with Distance

1. You should get very similar estimates of density from different models, provided those models fit the data well. Remember you have
  - the  $\chi^2$  goodness-of-fit statistic (why are there 3 of these?)
  - the Kolomogorov-Smirnov and Cramer von Mises tests
  - q-q plot
  - The negative exponential model does not fit

| Model                             | $\hat{D}$ (nests/km <sup>2</sup> ) | 95% c.i. for $D$ |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------|
| Half-normal (no adjustments)      | 49.7                               | (44.2, 55.9)     |
| Fourier series (uniform + cosine) | 51.0                               | (44.9, 58.0)     |
| Hazard-rate (no adjustments)      | 49.4                               | (42.3, 57.7)     |

Compare with 48.6 nests / km<sup>2</sup> and 48.7 nests / km<sup>2</sup> from computations done by hand in earlier exercise.