Andean bird blood data exploration

Introduction

In order to 1) select taxa for our study on the effects of gene swamping on elevational ranges; 2) inform revisions of a grant focused on the evolution of elevational ranges more broadly and 3) write a paper on the subject, we're exploring patterns of variation haemoglobin and haematocrit concentration across elevation in Andean birds.

To begin, we're interested in the relationship between elevational range breadth and the slope of change in blood variables. We have three alternate hypotheses, which might apply to all species pairs or different species pairs individually:

H1: Elevational generalists have shallower blood parameter slopes than elevational specialists Prediction: Species with broad elevational ranges show less change across elevation in haemoglobin and haematocrit concentration due to enchanced phenotypic plasticity (elevational range breadth is negatively correlated with slope of blood parameters)

H2: Elevational generalists have steeper blood parameter slopes than elevational specialists: Prediction: Species with broad elevational ranges show more change across elevation in haemoglobin and haematocrit concentration, as they have an enchanced ability to adapt to local conditions, perhaps due to reduced gene flow from range center to edge (elevational range breadth is positively correlated with slope of blood parameters)

H0: No difference in blood parameter slopes between generalists and specalists: Prediction: Adaptation across elevation unrelated to range limits (no relationship between range breadth and slope of blood parameters)

(Note: these predictions don't address *variance* in parameter slope across elevational range breadth, which may be important.)

To begin, we're going to load the data, take a look at it, and make some filtering choices.

```
# load libraries
library(tidyverse, quietly = TRUE)
library(magrittr)
source("~/Dropbox/andean_range_limits/scripts/00_functions.R")
# load data
blood_df <- read.csv("~/Dropbox/andean_range_limits/data/blood_data.csv", stringsAsFactors = FALSE)
# subset columns of interest
blood_df <- cbind.data.frame(blood_df$Scientific.name,
                             blood df$Elevation,
                             blood df$Bursa,
                             blood df$Mass.for.analyses,
                             blood_df$tHbcorr,
                             blood_df$HctBestEstimate,
                             blood_df$Latitude..degrees.S,
                             blood df$Latitude.minutes,
                             blood_df$Longitude.degrees.W,
                             blood_df$Longitude.minutes,
                             blood_df$Sex)
colnames(blood_df) <- c("species","elevation","bursa","mass","hb","hct", "lat_degrees",</pre>
                        "lat_minutes", "long_degrees", "long_minutes", "sex")
```

```
# fix longitude minutes error
blood_df$long_minutes <- blood_df$long_minutes %>% as.character() %>% as.numeric()
# fix lat long issue
blood_df$lat <- convert_lat(blood_df)*-1</pre>
blood_df$long <- convert_long(blood_df)*-1</pre>
# drop sites without locality data
blood df <- blood df[!is.na(blood df$long),]
blood_df <- blood_df[!is.na(blood_df$lat),]
# drop sites beyond plausible limits of sampling
blood_df <- blood_df[blood_df$lat>(-19),]
blood_df <- blood_df[blood_df$long<(-67),]
# drop old lat long columns
blood_df \leftarrow blood_df[,-c(7:10)]
# factor to character nonsense
blood_df$species <- as.character(blood_df$species)</pre>
blood df$elevation <- as.numeric(as.character(blood df$elevation))
blood_df$hb <-as.numeric(as.character(blood_df$hb))</pre>
# drop all missing records (elevation, haemoglobin, haematocrit)
blood df <- blood df[!is.na(blood df$elevation),]
blood_df <- blood_df[!is.na(blood_df$hb),]</pre>
blood_df <- blood_df[!is.na(blood_df$hct),]
```

Let's take a look at the head of the dataframe:

```
# simplified column names
head(blood_df)
```

```
##
                      species elevation
                                                     bursa mass hb
## 2
            Troglodytes aedon
                                   3750
                                           bursa (mm): 6x4 10.70 8.2
                                   2150 bursa (mm): 4x3 mm 17.19 8.8
## 4
        Myiothlypis coronata
## 5
     Poospiza hispaniolensis
                                   133
                                                  no bursa 11.85 4.3
## 6
      Henicorhina leucophrys
                                   2136
                                                  no bursa 15.72 7.7
## 8
         Mionectes oleagineus
                                   1395
                                                  no bursa 9.30 7.1
## 10 Henicorhina leucophrys
                                   2131
                                                  no bursa 15.95 7.8
##
            hct
                   sex
                              lat
                                       long
## 2 0.2083100
                 male -11.761883 -76.54887
## 4 0.2127072
                 male -6.049217 -78.22685
## 5 0.2204536
                 male -5.896140 -79.78522
## 6 0.2215403
                 male -6.102917 -78.34337
## 8 0.2372900 female -13.055500 -71.54667
## 10 0.2489127
                 male -6.103383 -78.34363
```

As you can see, we have columns for species, elevation, presence or absence of a bursa, mass, haemoglobin, haematocrit, collection site longitude and latitude, and sex.

Next, lets merge these data with elevational range data from Parker et al. 1996 (what Chris calls the "Stotz" data)". We're using the parameter all.x=TRUE, which just means we aren't going to drop blood data if there's not a taxonomy match with the Stotz table.

```
stotz <- read.csv("~/Dropbox/andean_range_limits/data/stotz_elevation_data.csv")</pre>
stotz <- cbind.data.frame(stotz$GENUS, stotz$SPECIES,</pre>
                            stotz$MIN, stotz$MAX, stotz$MIDPT.ELEV)
colnames(stotz) <- c("genus", "species", "elev_min", "elev_max", "elev_midpt")</pre>
stotz$binomial <- pasteO(stotz$genus, " ", stotz$species)</pre>
blood_df <- merge(blood_df, stotz, by.x = "species", by.y = "binomial", all.x=TRUE)
head(blood_df)
                                                   bursa mass
##
                      species elevation
                                                                  hb
                                                                            hct
## 1 Accipiter superciliosus
                                    1226
                                                no bursa 87.38 16.1 0.5311627
                                                no bursa 4.48 22.0 0.6303358
       Adelomyia melanogenys
                                    2111
## 3
       Adelomyia melanogenys
                                    2147
                                                    none
                                                             NA 17.3 0.5186597
## 4
       Adelomyia melanogenys
                                    2051 no bursa found 3.62 16.6 0.5444104
                                                no bursa 4.35 16.7 0.5094254
## 5
       Adelomyia melanogenys
                                    2120
                                    2550
## 6
       Adelomyia melanogenys
                                                    none 4.65 20.4 0.6314341
##
        sex
                   lat
                            long
                                      genus
                                                 species.y elev min elev max
## 1
       male -7.408830 -76.26837 Accipiter superciliosus
                                                                   0
                                                                          1200
## 2
       male -6.102800 -78.34302 Adelomyia
                                               melanogenys
                                                                1100
                                                                          2300
## 3
       male -6.101900 -78.34317 Adelomyia
                                                                1100
                                                                          2300
                                               melanogenys
## 4 female -6.110217 -78.34162 Adelomyia
                                                                1100
                                                                          2300
                                               melanogenys
## 5
       male -6.103267 -78.34292 Adelomyia
                                                                1100
                                                                          2300
                                               melanogenys
## 6
       male -7.403833 -78.77978 Adelomyia
                                               melanogenys
                                                                1100
                                                                          2300
##
     elev_midpt
## 1
           1200
## 2
           1200
## 3
           1200
## 4
           1200
## 5
           1200
## 6
           1200
How many unique species and records are in this dataset?
length(unique(blood_df$species)) # number of unique species
## [1] 526
nrow(blood_df) # number of unique records
## [1] 3962
Next, let's do some basic filtering, and drop rows with fewer than 5 unique elevational localities, and fewer
than 15 datapoints total (admittedly a little stringent).
# drop all species with fewer than 5 unique elevational records
elev cutoff <- c()
for(i in blood_df$species){
  tmp <- blood_df[blood_df$species==i,]</pre>
  if(length(unique(tmp$elevation))>5){elev_cutoff[i] <- as.character(tmp$species[1])}</pre>
}
elev_cutoff <- as.vector(elev_cutoff)</pre>
# drop all species with fewer than 15 total records
sp_list <- c()</pre>
for(i in blood_df$species){
  tmp <- blood_df[blood_df$species==i,]</pre>
  if(nrow(tmp)>15){sp_list[i] <- as.character(tmp$species[1])}</pre>
```

}

```
sp_list <- as.vector(sp_list)</pre>
# find overlap in filters
sp_list <- intersect(sp_list, elev_cutoff)</pre>
# subset down to "good" species
blood_df_sub <- blood_df[blood_df$species %in% sp_list,]</pre>
length(unique(blood_df_sub$species)) # number of unique species
## [1] 53
nrow(blood_df_sub) # number of unique records
## [1] 1700
Which species failed to pick up elevational range data?
blood_df_sub[is.na(blood_df_sub$elev_min),]$species %>% unique() %>% length()
## [1] 12
Bummer. Let's take a look them:
missing <- blood_df_sub[is.na(blood_df_sub$elev_min),]$species %>% unique()
print(missing)
   [1] "Anairetes nigrocristatus"
                                       "Anairetes reguloides"
  [3] "Cinclodes albiventris"
                                       "Diglossa brunneiventris"
   [5] "Diglossa mystacalis"
                                       "Lepidothrix coeruleocapilla"
##
  [7] "Lepidothrix coronata"
                                       "Myiothlypis coronata"
##
  [9] "Myiothlypis luteoviridis"
                                       "Pipraeidea bonariensis"
## [11] "Spinus magellanicus"
                                       "Troglodytes aedon"
All can be explained by taxonomic changes and / or typos. Eyeballing the Stotz data, we can fill in the gaps
tediously (I'll spare you the code for now).
blood_df_sub[blood_df_sub$species==missing[1],][12] <- 2350 #Anairetes nigrocristatus
blood_df_sub[blood_df_sub$species==missing[1],][13] <- 4200 #Anairetes nigrocristatus
blood df_sub[blood_df_sub$species==missing[2],][12] <- 0</pre>
                                                              #Anairetes reguloides
blood_df_sub[blood_df_sub$species==missing[2],][13] <- 2900 #Anairetes reguloides
blood_df_sub[blood_df_sub$species==missing[3],][12] <- 0</pre>
                                                              #Cinclodes albiventris
blood_df_sub[blood_df_sub$species==missing[3],][13] <- 4900 #Cinclodes albiventris
blood_df_sub[blood_df_sub$species==missing[4],][12] <- 2000 #Diglossa brunneiventris
blood_df_sub[blood_df_sub$species==missing[4],][13] <- 4200 #Diglossa brunneiventris
blood df sub[blood df sub$species==missing[5],][12] <- 2500 #Diglossa mystacalis
blood df sub[blood df sub$species==missing[5],][13] <- 3600 #Diglossa mystacalis
blood_df_sub[blood_df_sub$species==missing[6],][12] <- 800
                                                              #Lepidothrix coeruleocapilla
blood_df_sub[blood_df_sub$species==missing[6],][13] <- 1900 #Lepidothrix coeruleocapilla
blood_df_sub[blood_df_sub$species==missing[7],][12] <- 0</pre>
                                                              #Lepidothrix coronata
blood_df_sub[blood_df_sub$species==missing[7],][13] <- 1400 #Lepidothrix coronata
blood_df_sub[blood_df_sub$species==missing[8],][12] <- 1400 #Myiothlypis coronata
blood_df_sub[blood_df_sub$species==missing[8],][13] <- 2800 #Myiothlypis coronata
blood_df_sub[blood_df_sub$species==missing[9],][12] <- 2400 #Myiothlypis luteoviridis
blood_df_sub[blood_df_sub$species==missing[9],][13] <- 3400 #Myiothlypis luteoviridis
blood_df_sub[blood_df_sub$species==missing[10],][12] <- 0
                                                               \#Pipraeidea\ bonariensis
blood_df_sub[blood_df_sub$species==missing[10],][13] <- 3000 #Pipraeidea bonariensis
blood_df_sub[blood_df_sub$species==missing[11],][12] <- 0
                                                               #Spinus magellanicus
```

```
blood_df_sub[blood_df_sub$species==missing[11],][13] <- 3500 #Spinus magellanicus
blood_df_sub[blood_df_sub$species==missing[12],][12] <- 0 #Troglodytes aedon
blood_df_sub[blood_df_sub$species==missing[12],][13] <- 4600 #Troglodytes aedon
```

Now how many gaps are there?

```
missing <- blood_df_sub[is.na(blood_df_sub$elev_min),]$species %>% unique()
length(missing)
```

```
## [1] O
```

None! Perfect.

Now let's classify each species as either an elevational specialist (range size <1500m), generalist (range size >2500m), or neither (range size 1500-2499 m; or data deficient)

```
blood_df_sub$elev_range <- NA
blood_df_sub$elev_range <- blood_df_sub$elev_max-blood_df_sub$elev_min
blood_df_sub$elev_guild <- NA
blood_df_sub$elev_guild[blood_df_sub$elev_range<1500] <- "specialist"
blood_df_sub$elev_guild[blood_df_sub$elev_range>2500] <- "generalist"
blood_df_sub$elev_guild[is.na(blood_df_sub$elev_guild)] <- "neither"
```

How many datapoints in each category do we have?

```
table(blood_df_sub$elev_guild)
```

```
##
## generalist neither specialist
## 583 514 603
```

Finally, let's extract slope angle from a raster file, so we can calculate an average for each species. (Note we have a lot of missing data in these columns; really just a placeholder for future analyses)

```
# load raster libraries
library(raster)
library(sp)

# get raster
peru_elev <- raster("~/Dropbox/andean_range_limits/data/PER_msk_alt.grd")
peru_terrain <- terrain(peru_elev, opt = c("slope"), unit = "degrees")

# load elevation data
pts <- as.matrix(cbind(blood_df_sub$long, blood_df_sub$lat))
pts <- SpatialPoints(pts)
proj <- CRS("+proj=longlat +datum=WGS84 +ellps=WGS84 +towgs84=0,0,0")
proj4string(pts) <- proj
slope <- raster::extract(peru_terrain, pts, method='bilinear', small=TRUE)
blood_df_sub$slope <- slope</pre>
```

Next, let's calculate the slope of haemoglobin and haematocrit—and the average slope angle for different species—using the blood_slope() function I've written.

```
# create new dataframe
slope_df <- blood_slope(blood_df_sub)
head(slope_df)</pre>
```

```
## species sample_size unique_elevations slope_hb
## 1 Adelomyia melanogenys 32 17 0.0014337486
```

```
Aglaeactis castelnaudii
                                       17
                                                         12 -0.0022028155
## 3
                                       37
            Amazilia amazilia
                                                          8 -0.0024519797
## 4 Ampelion rubrocristatus
                                       16
                                                          9 0.0005221640
## 5 Anairetes nigrocristatus
                                       18
                                                          8 -0.0002924637
## 6
         Anairetes reguloides
                                       45
                                                         16 0.0007764490
##
     variance hb
                     error hb
                                  slope hct variance hct
                                                            error hct
## 1 0.147949908 0.0006281850 2.791040e-05 0.047171169 2.290206e-05
## 2 0.123459357 0.0015155020 -2.951376e-05
                                             0.032999739 4.125124e-05
## 3 0.034125161 0.0022049864 -1.985758e-04 0.116896975 9.225635e-05
## 4 0.038415147 0.0006982090 2.152376e-05 0.137514673 1.440640e-05
## 5 0.002179807 0.0015643329 -7.995263e-06 0.002263038 4.196960e-05
## 6 0.195390914 0.0002402808 1.430529e-05 0.109207943 6.230508e-06
     elev_range elev_guild avg_slope
           1200 specialist 11.325820
## 1
## 2
           1100 specialist 7.218237
## 3
           1200 specialist 1.307283
## 4
           1250 specialist 15.642449
## 5
           1850
                  neither 9.359105
## 6
           2900 generalist 14.318950
```

As a first pass, let's look at the relationship between slope of haemoglobin and haematocrit across elevation and range breadth:

```
# all slope values
lm(slope_hb ~ elev_range, slope_df) %>% summary()
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = slope_hb ~ elev_range, data = slope_df)
## Residuals:
##
                             Median
                      1Q
                                            30
                                                       Max
  -0.0113407 -0.0010060 -0.0003381
                                    0.0006753
##
## Coefficients:
##
                 Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept) 1.238e-03 1.052e-03
                                       1.177
                                                 0.245
## elev_range -4.117e-08 4.656e-07 -0.088
                                                 0.930
## Residual standard error: 0.003616 on 51 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared: 0.0001533, Adjusted R-squared: -0.01945
## F-statistic: 0.007818 on 1 and 51 DF, p-value: 0.9299
lm(slope_hct ~ elev_range, slope_df) %>% summary()
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = slope_hct ~ elev_range, data = slope_df)
##
## Residuals:
                      1Q
                             Median
                                            30
                                                       Max
## -3.319e-04 -3.655e-05 -1.017e-05
                                    1.464e-05
                                                1.201e-03
##
## Coefficients:
##
                 Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
```

0.124

1.565

(Intercept) 8.378e-05 5.353e-05

```
## elev_range -2.130e-08 2.369e-08 -0.899
                                                  0.373
##
## Residual standard error: 0.000184 on 51 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared: 0.0156, Adjusted R-squared: -0.003699
## F-statistic: 0.8084 on 1 and 51 DF, p-value: 0.3728
Not much going on. Let's look at the relationship between slope of haemoglobin and haematocrit across
elevation and average slope (mountainside) angle:
# all slope values
lm(slope_hb ~ avg_slope, slope_df) %>% summary()
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = slope_hb ~ avg_slope, data = slope_df)
## Residuals:
                              Median
##
                       1Q
                                                        Max
## -0.0110975 -0.0010384 -0.0001442 0.0006546 0.0200670
##
## Coefficients:
##
                Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept) 8.888e-04 1.416e-03
                                       0.628
                                                0.533
                                                0.841
## avg slope
               2.937e-05 1.457e-04
                                       0.202
##
## Residual standard error: 0.003615 on 51 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared: 0.0007957, Adjusted R-squared:
## F-statistic: 0.04061 on 1 and 51 DF, p-value: 0.8411
lm(slope_hct ~ avg_slope, slope_df) %>% summary()
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = slope_hct ~ avg_slope, data = slope_df)
##
## Residuals:
                              Median
##
                       1Q
                                             3Q
                                                        Max
## -3.709e-04 -3.721e-05 -1.155e-05 1.361e-05
                                                 1.168e-03
##
## Coefficients:
                 Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
##
## (Intercept) 1.123e-04 7.187e-05
                                        1.562
                                                  0.125
## avg_slope
              -7.790e-06 7.396e-06 -1.053
                                                  0.297
## Residual standard error: 0.0001835 on 51 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared: 0.02129,
                                     Adjusted R-squared:
## F-statistic: 1.109 on 1 and 51 DF, p-value: 0.2972
A significant positive effect of slope angle on haematocrit concentration, but it explains almost no variation.
Lastly, let's take a look at the overall trends:
##
                    species elev_range avg_slope
                                                           slope
                                                                   parameter
## 101
           Tangara vassorii
                                   1100 11.453370 -6.638685e-07 haematocrit
## 102
         Thalurania furcata
                                   1700 2.634674 3.134388e-05 haematocrit
```

4600 7.834778 7.715896e-06 haematocrit

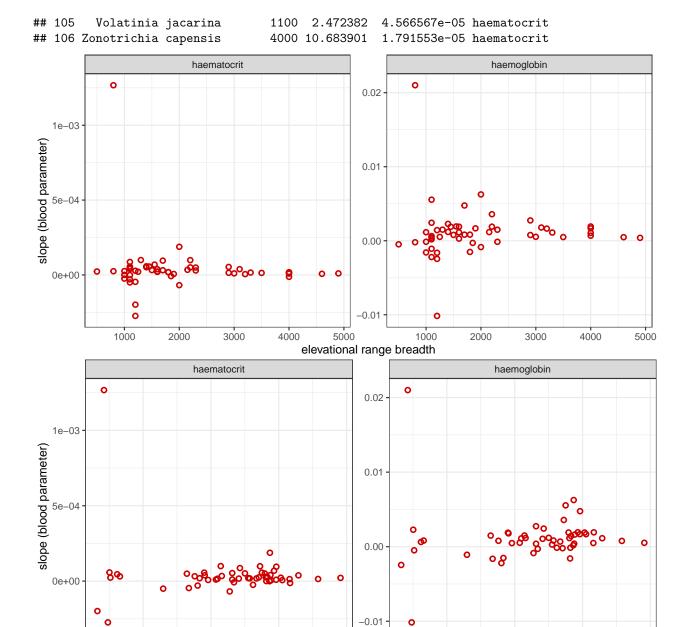
3100 7.635238 3.860865e-05 haematocrit

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Troglodytes aedon

Turdus chiguanco



So—at least given our current filtering assumptions, and at the level of all species in the dataset—it seems like we can't reject **H0**.

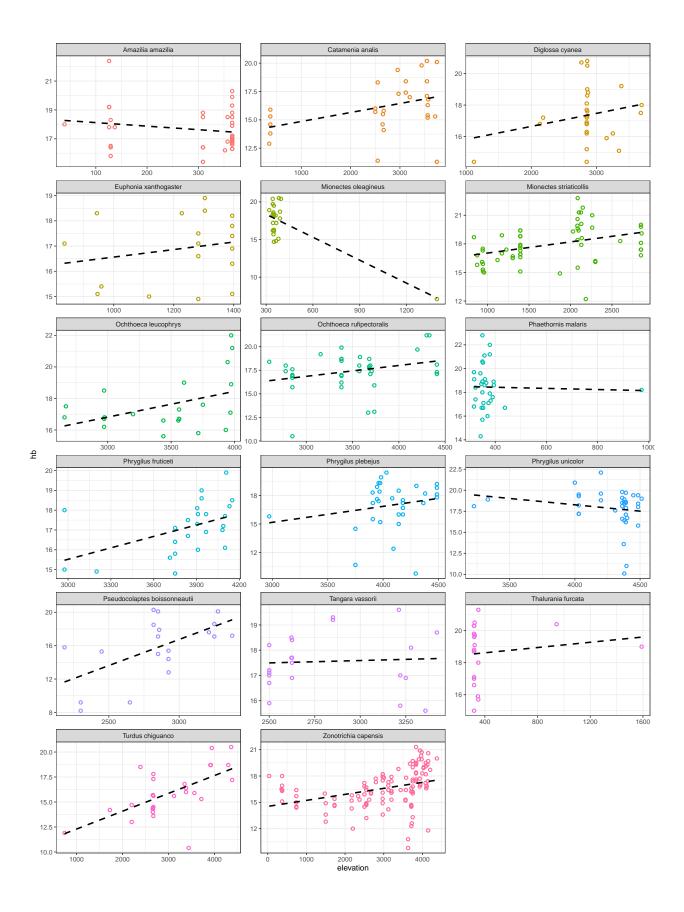
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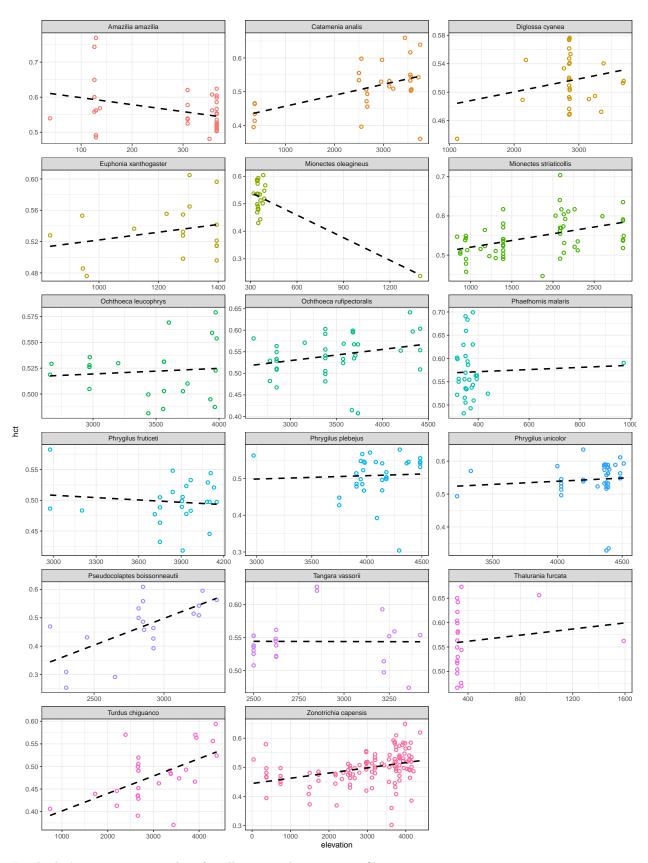
average mountain slope angle

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Species-specific plots

Finally, let's plot raw data from some species we're interested in:





Lastly, let's export scatter plots for all species that pass our filters.

```
multispecies_hb <- ggplot(blood_df_sub, aes(x=elevation, y=hb)) +</pre>
  facet_wrap(~species,scales="free") +
  geom_point(pch=21,stroke=1,aes(color=species),show.legend = FALSE) +
  geom_smooth(method="lm",se=FALSE,linetype="dashed",color="black") +
  theme_bw() +
  xlab("elevation")+
  ylab("hb")
pdf("~/Dropbox/andean_range_limits/figures/multispecies_hb.pdf",width=24,height=20)
multispecies_hb
dev.off()
## pdf
##
multispecies_hct <- ggplot(blood_df_sub, aes(x=elevation, y=hct)) +</pre>
  facet_wrap(~species,scales="free") +
  geom_point(pch=21,stroke=1,aes(color=species),show.legend = FALSE) +
  geom_smooth(method="lm",se=FALSE,linetype="dashed",color="black") +
  theme_bw() +
  xlab("elevation")+
  ylab("hct")
pdf("~/Dropbox/andean_range_limits/figures/multispecies_hct.pdf",width=24,height=20)
multispecies_hct
dev.off()
## pdf
##
```