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So

1) How do we want to do this? It’s in the google drive as a .RMD  - but, I can also move all of this to GitHub.

2) THIS IS A SHITTY ROUGH DRAFT. No referencing really yet (I need to add in a bibtex library for us to work with - maybe I’ll even do that after I hit send). I’m sure the spelling is off. And I’ve only compiled it to HTML (if you’d prefer, I can do pdf, but I figured we’d start here).

3) My questions for you

 • I wrote this kinda casual. I think the tone would help a novice reader. Good choice? Y/n? Or will this make too many people roll their eyes.

 • What is missing here?

 • Are there techniques that should be included that are not?

 • Do I need more examples? I almost wrote more, but then begged off.

 • I included two different notation styles in the first model presentation, but then dropped the snail one. Good choice? Y/n?

 • DAG figures - a-ok, or terrible?

 • Do I need to fully introduce DAGs or can I just reference that work out to other papers? I should probably do something short. Hrm. I am attaching a recent Grace paper that might largely do the job for us. Although there’s also some other references. Hrm. Yeah, I should do something, but how much?

 • The “discussion” might be a bit weak. I got philosophical. But. It might also be fun.

4) As you make comments/additions

 • Please make notes in Red so I know they are yours. I showed an example of using span to make red text (you might already know this, but not everyone does, so, I included it).

 • Edit away. I trust your edits, and I can always diff them later to see what they are.

 • The target audience is novice/moderately advanced learners. Not the Ben Bolkers of the world. Or the you or me types. Trying to keep it at that level. (Hence the tone - but - see above)

 • Target journal - Methods in Ecology and Evolution? Or, this might make a nice Oikos forum piece. Or just plain ole’ Ecology. I dunno - thoughts?

5) Long-term thoughts

 • As we go forward, is this just from the two of us, or do we bring others in as authors. I’m fine either way? Particularly as we have our ARES paper (which this will hopefully cut down) next!

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