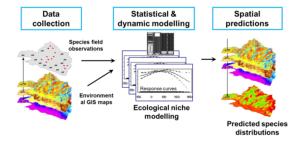
Tree-based Methods - GBM and niche modeling

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What is Environmental Niche Modeling?

- statistically predict species distribution based on known occurrences and environmental data
- useful for:
 - predicting new localities
 - understanding biological niche space
 - predicting past and future distributions





• Spea hammondii - western spadefoot toad

Response variable: binary presence (1) or absence (0)

Predictor environmental variables:

- BIO1 = Annual Mean Temperature
- BIO2 = Mean Diurnal Range (Mean of monthly (max temp min temp))
- BIO3 = Isothermality (BIO2/BIO7) (* 100)
- BIO4 = Temperature Seasonality (standard deviation *100)
- BIO5 = Max Temperature of Warmest Month
- BIO6 = Min Temperature of Coldest Month
- BIO7 = Temperature Annual Range (BIO5-BIO6)
- BIO8 = Mean Temperature of Wettest Quarter
- BIO9 = Mean Temperature of Driest Quarter
- BIO10 = Mean Temperature of Warmest Quarter
- BIO11 = Mean Temperature of Coldest Quarter
- BIO12 = Annual Precipitation
- BIO13 = Precipitation of Wettest Month
- BIO14 = Precipitation of Driest Month
- BIO15 = Precipitation Seasonality (Coefficient of Variation)
- BIO16 = Precipitation of Wettest Quarter
- BIO17 = Precipitation of Driest Quarter
- BIO18 = Precipitation of Warmest Quarter
- BIO19 = Precipitation of Coldest Quarter

Classification Trees and Environmental Niche Modeling of Spea hammondii

Single Classification Tree with Pruning

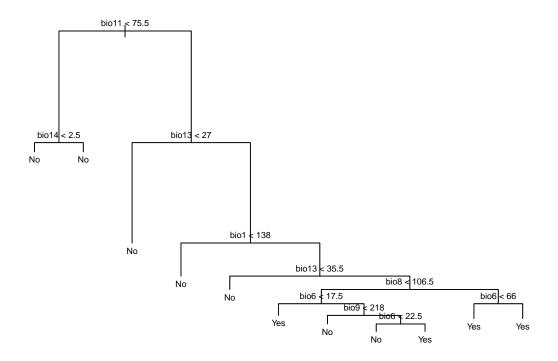
```
library(tree)
PresYN <- ifelse(present<=0.5, "No", "Yes") # converts Sales to binary Yes or No
speaYN <- data.frame(spea, PresYN)

tree.spea <- tree(PresYN~. -lat-lon-present, speaYN)</pre>
```

```
library(tree)
summary(tree.spea)
```

```
##
## Classification tree:
## tree(formula = PresYN ~ . - present - lon - lat, data = speaYN,
## subset = train)
## Variables actually used in tree construction:
## [1] "bio11" "bio14" "bio13" "bio1" "bio8" "bio6" "bio9"
## Number of terminal nodes: 11
## Residual mean deviance: 0.3824 = 46.27 / 121
## Misclassification error rate: 0.07576 = 10 / 132
```

```
plot(tree.spea)
text(tree.spea,pretty=0,cex=0.7)
```



#tree.spea

```
# split observations into training and test sets,
# build tree using training set, evaluate performance using test data
set.seed(2)
train.tree.spea <- sample(1:nrow(speaYN), 132)
test.tree.spea <- speaYN[-train,]
PresYN.test <- PresYN[-train.tree.spea]
tree.spea <- tree(PresYN~.-present-lon-lat,speaYN,subset=train)
tree.spea.pred <- predict(tree.spea, test.tree.spea, type="class")</pre>
```

table(tree.spea.pred, PresYN.test)

```
## PresYN.test
## tree.spea.pred No Yes
## No 75 3
## Yes 14 40
```

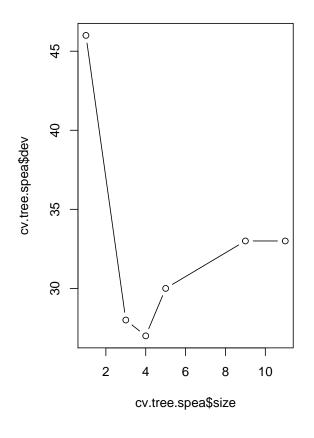
(80+36)/132 # rate of correct predictions

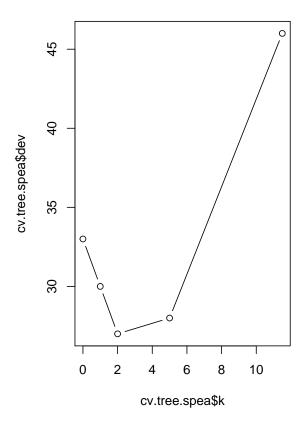
[1] 0.8787879

```
# cv.tree() performs cross-validation to determine optimal level of tree complexity
set.seed(3)
cv.tree.spea <- cv.tree(tree.spea, FUN=prune.misclass)
names(cv.tree.spea)
cv.tree.spea # k refers to the cost-complexity parameter
# dev refers to cross-validation error rate in this instance
# tree with 4 nodes has lowest CV-error rate, at 27</pre>
```

CV error v. Terminal nodes

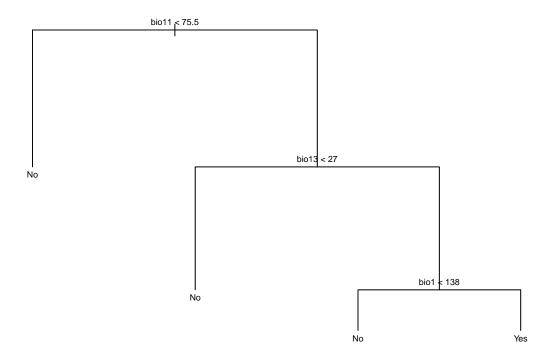
CV error v. Cost complexity





```
# prune tree to 4 terminal nodes
prune.tree.spea <- prune.misclass(tree.spea, best=4)</pre>
```

```
par(mfrow=c(1,1))
plot(prune.tree.spea)
text(prune.tree.spea, pretty=0, cex=0.7) # returns bio11, bio13, and bio1
```



summary(prune.tree.spea)

```
##
## Classification tree:
## snip.tree(tree = tree.spea, nodes = c(2L, 15L))
## Variables actually used in tree construction:
## [1] "bio11" "bio13" "bio1"
## Number of terminal nodes: 4
## Residual mean deviance: 0.594 = 76.03 / 128
## Misclassification error rate: 0.1212 = 16 / 132
tree.spea.pred <- predict(prune.tree.spea,</pre>
                          test.tree.spea,
                          type="class")
table(tree.spea.pred, PresYN.test)
##
                 PresYN.test
## tree.spea.pred No Yes
              No 75
##
##
              Yes 14 40
```

(75+40)/132

[1] 0.8712121

4-node dataset has as good or slightly lower prediction rate as the unpruned

Boosted Regression Tree method of Elith et al

```
library(dismo)
# https://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/dismo/vignettes/brt.pdf
spea train <- spea[train,]</pre>
spea_test <- spea[-train,]</pre>
cvdev <- cbind(rep(NA, 10), rep(NA, 10), rep(NA, 10), rep(NA, 10), rep(NA, 10))
colnames(cvdev) <- c("tc01", "tc02", "tc03", "tc05", "tc10")</pre>
tc <- c(1,2,3,5,10)
for (j in 1:5){
  for (i in 1:10){
    mm <- gbm.step(data=spea_train,</pre>
                    gbm.x=4:22,
                    gbm.y=1,
                    family="bernoulli",
                    tree.complexity=tc[j],
                    learning.rate=0.001,
                    bag.fraction=0.5,
                    n.folds=5,
                    silent=T)
    cvdev[i,j] <- mm$cv.statistics$deviance.mean</pre>
cvdev.long <- gather(as.data.frame(cvdev), "tc", "cvdev", 1:5)</pre>
cvdevplot <- ggplot(cvdev.long, aes(x=tc, y=cvdev, fill=tc)) +</pre>
  geom_dotplot(binaxis="y", stackdir="center",
                stackratio=1.5, dotsize=0.8)
cvdevplot + theme_classic() # tree complexity of 5 looks best here
bestmodel <- gbm.step(data=spea_train,</pre>
                        gbm.x=4:22,
                        gbm.y=1,
                        family="bernoulli",
                        tree.complexity=5,
                        learning.rate=0.001,
                       bag.fraction=0.5,
                       n.folds=5,
                       silent=T)
spea.simp <- gbm.simplify(bestmodel, n.drops=10)</pre>
bestmodel.simp <- gbm.step(data=spea_train,</pre>
```

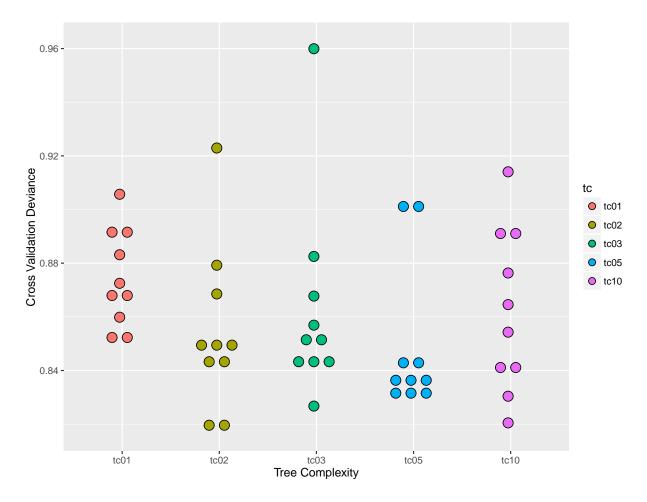
library(ggplot2)

```
##
## Attaching package: 'ggplot2'

## The following object is masked from 'package:randomForest':
##
## margin

cvdevplot + labs(x="Tree Complexity", y="Cross Validation Deviance")
```

`stat_bindot()` using `bins = 30`. Pick better value with `binwidth`.



```
# tree complexity of 5 looks best here
bestmodel$cv.statistics$deviance.mean
```

[1] 0.8608191

bestmodel.simp\$cv.statistics\$deviance.mean

[1] 0.8390673

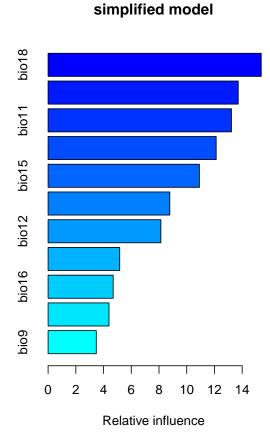
```
par(mfrow=c(1,2))
summary(bestmodel, main="full model")
```

```
## var rel.inf
## bio18 bio18 14.799994
## bio11 bio11 11.032991
## bio1 bio1 11.021977
## bio13 bio13 10.630306
## bio15 bio15 9.532248
## bio8 bio8 6.985348
## bio12 bio12 6.963616
## bio10 bio10 4.213796
```

```
## bio16 bio16 3.893484
## bio9
         bio9 3.627175
## bio19 bio19 3.202177
## bio4
         bio4
               2.715925
## bio6
         bio6
               2.574758
## bio2
         bio2 2.543840
## bio5
         bio5
              1.665150
               1.520659
## bio7
         bio7
## bio17 bio17
               1.234143
## bio3
         bio3
               1.065813
## bio14 bio14 0.776600
```

summary(bestmodel.simp, main="simplified model")

full model bio18 bio13 bio12 bio9 bio6 bio7 0 2 4 6 8 10 12 14 Relative influence



var rel.inf
bio18 bio18 15.374319
bio13 bio13 13.715635
bio11 bio11 13.226314
bio1 bio1 12.125256
bio8 bio8 8.779849
bio12 bio12 8.135073
bio10 bio10 5.167207

```
## bio16 bio16 4.695085
## bio4 bio4 4.392838
## bio9 bio9 3.475481
```

par(mfrow=c(1,1))

Both models show highest importance for BIO18 (precipitation of warmest quarter)

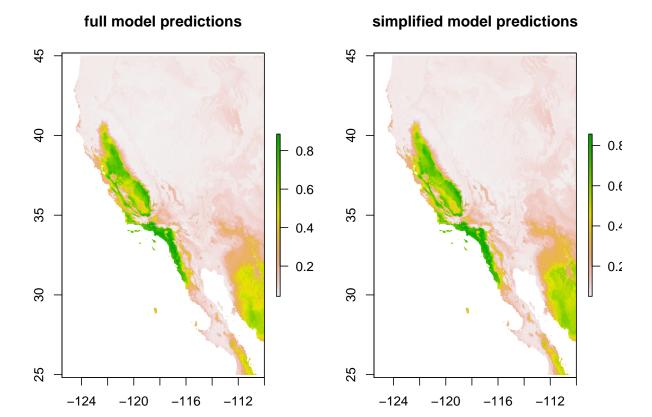
Full model top 5:

- bio18 (precipitation of warmest quarter)
- bio11 (mean temp of coldest quarter)
- bio1 (annual mean temperature)
- bio13 (precipitation of wettest month)
- bio15 (precipitation seasonality [coefficient of variation])

Simplified model top 5: bio18, bio13, bio11, bio1, bio15

Pruned tree: bio11, bio13, bio1

```
par(mfrow=c(1,2))
plot(spea.predict,
    main="full model predictions")
plot(spea.predict.simp,
    main="simplified model predictions")
```

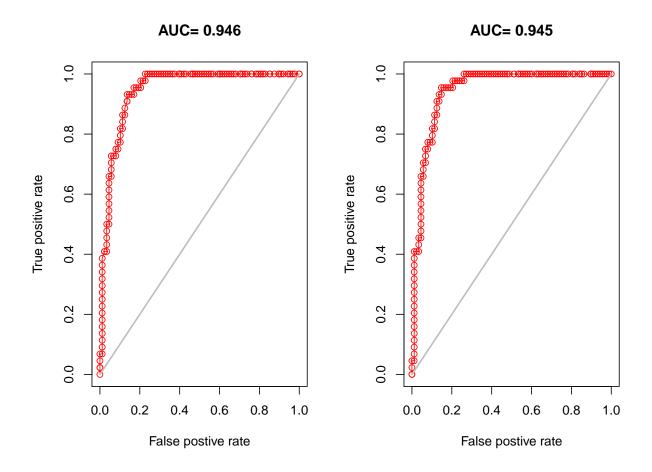


Model evaluation

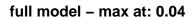
```
ee <- evaluate(
  p=spea_test[spea_test[,1]==1,2:3],
  a=spea_test[spea_test[,1]==0,2:3],
  model=model,
  n.trees=model$gbm.call$best.trees,
 type="response",
 x=bclimRaster)
# from raster brick and then calculate the response
ee.simp <- evaluate(</pre>
  p=spea_test[spea_test[,1]==1,2:3],
  a=spea_test[spea_test[,1]==0,2:3],
  model=model,
  n.trees=bestmodel.simp$gbm.call$best.trees,
  type="response",
  x=bclimRaster)
# ee <- evaluate(p=spea[1:88,2:3],
# a=spea[89:264,2:3],
# model=model,
# n.trees=model$gbm.call$best.trees,
```

```
par(mfrow=c(1,2))

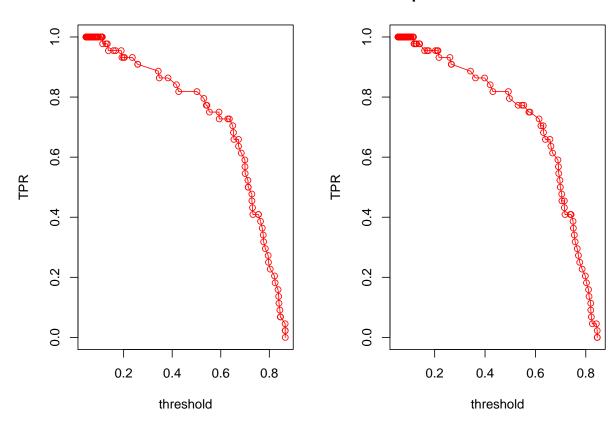
plot(ee, "ROC", main="full model")
plot(ee.simp, "ROC", main="simplified model")
```



plot(ee, "TPR", main="full model")
plot(ee.simp, "TPR", main="simplified model")



simplified model - max at: 0.05

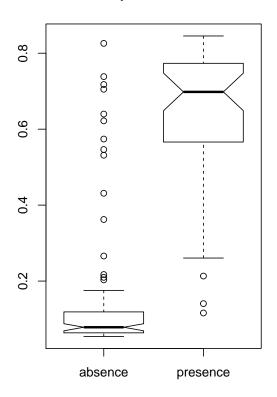


boxplot(ee, main="full model")
boxplot(ee.simp, main="simplified model")

full model

absence presence

simplified model



density(ee)
density(ee.simp)

