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# Materials and Methods

## 2 Taxon occurrence information

### Supertree inference

## 4 Model specification

Define  $y$  as a  $N \times T$  matrix of the observed 0/1 occurrence of species  $i$  at time  $t$ , and  $z$  as a  $N \times T$  matrix of the “true” 0/1 occurrence of species  $i$  at time  $t$ . The observation presence of a taxon  $y_{i,t}$  is modeled as following a Bernoulli distribution defined

$$y_{i,t} \sim \text{Bernoulli}(\rho_t z_{i,t}) \quad (1)$$

where  $\rho$  is a length  $T$  vector of the probability that a species is observed at time  $t$  given that it is present at time  $t$  ( $\rho_t = \Pr(y_{.t} = 1 | x_{.t} = 1)$ ).

Observation probability  $\rho_t$  is modeled as Bernoulli distributed variable with probability equal to the inverse logit transformed length  $T$  vector  $\rho'$  (Eq. 2). The elements of  $\rho'$  are modeled as exchangeable draws from a Normal distribution with location  $\rho''$  and scale  $\sigma_{\rho'}$ ; these are given weakly informative Normal and half-Cauchy priors, respectively.

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_t &\sim \text{Bernoulli}(\text{logit}^{-1}(\rho'_t)) \\ \rho'_t &\sim \mathcal{N}(\rho'', \sigma_{\rho'}) \\ \rho'' &\sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1) \\ \sigma_{\rho'} &\sim \text{C}^+(1) \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

The “true” presence/absence states of taxa  $z$  are modeled as a logistic regression (Eq. 3) where the probability of being present ( $z = 1$ ) is a function of individual-level and group-level effects. The intercept of this regression  $\alpha$  is a length  $T$  vector which varies by time  $t$  (Eq. 4). Individual-level covariates are a  $N \times D$  matrix  $x$  whose regression coefficients are the length  $D$  column vector  $\beta$ .

18 These regression coefficients are given independent weakly informative Normally distributed priors.

$$\begin{aligned}
z_{i,1} &\sim \text{Bernoulli}(\alpha_1 + x_i\beta) \\
z_{i,t} &\sim \text{Bernoulli}\left(\text{logit}^{-1}(z_{i,t-1}(\alpha_t + x_i\beta) + \left(\prod_{k=1}^{t-1} 1 - z_{i,k}\right)(\alpha_t + x_i\beta))\right) \\
\beta &\sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1).
\end{aligned} \tag{3}$$

Note that the product term ensures that loss is an absorbing state so that once a species has left  
20 the system it cannot return (i.e. extinction) (?).

The value of  $\alpha_t$  is itself defined as a regression (Eq. 4). The intercept of the this group-level  
22 regression is defined as  $\mu$ . The effect of plant regime  $p$  is modeled as the length  $P$  vector  $\phi$  whose  
elements are draws from a Normal distribution with a location of 0 and scale of  $\sigma_\phi$ . The group-level  
24 covariates corresponding to global climate values of interest is defined as the  $T \times U$  matrix  $u$  where  
 $\gamma$  is a length  $U$  column vector of regression coefficients. Finally  $\sigma_\mu$  is positive real value.  $\mu$ , the  
26 elements of  $\gamma$ ,  $\sigma_\mu$ , and  $\sigma_\phi$  are all given weakly informative independent priors (Eq. 4).

$$\begin{aligned}
\alpha_t &\sim \mathcal{N}(\mu + \phi_{p[t]} + u_t\gamma, \sigma_\mu) \\
\mu &\sim \mathcal{N}(0, 5) \\
\sigma_\mu &\sim \text{C}^+(1) \\
\phi_p &\sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma_\phi) \\
\sigma_\phi &\sim \text{C}^+(1) \\
\gamma &\sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)
\end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

## Posterior inference and model adequacy

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