

Death and Taxa

time-invariant differences in mammal species durations

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Question

Why do taxa go extinct at different rates?

Motivating questions

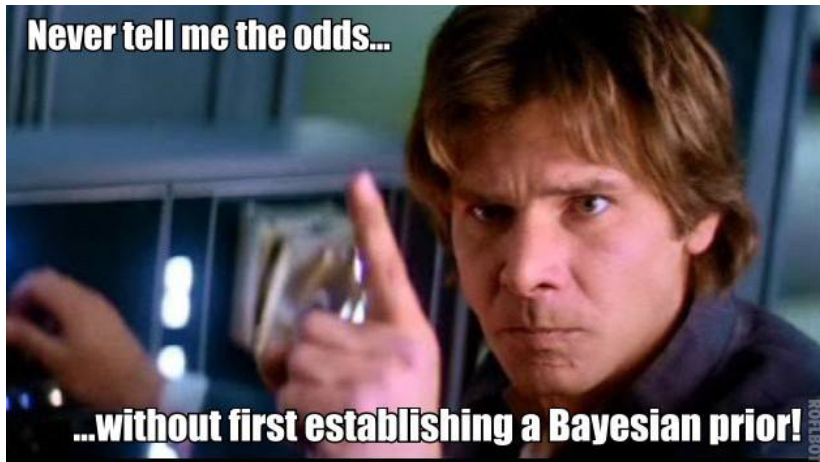
- ▶ How do mammal species traits affect extinction risk?
 - ▶ How do shared time of origination or evolutionary history relate?
- ▶ How do my findings compare to current risk factors?
- ▶ Is species extinction risk age-independent?

Relationship between range size and extinction risk

Hypotheses of effects of dietary category

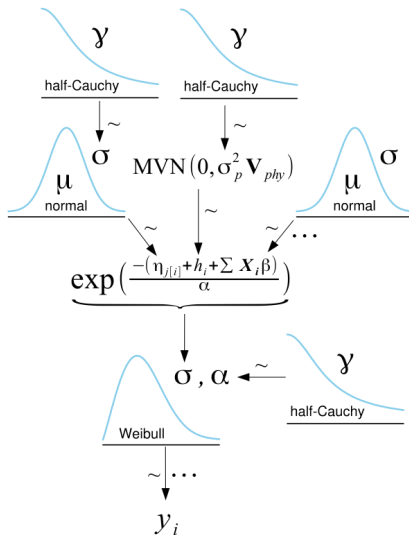
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Hierarchical Bayesian modeling approach

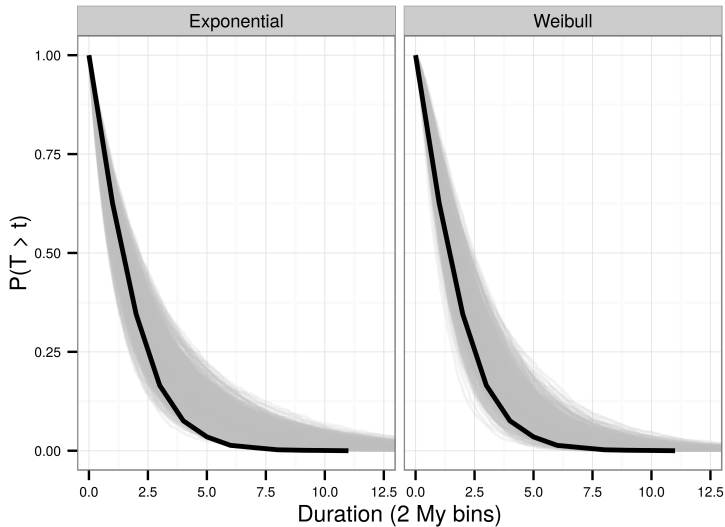


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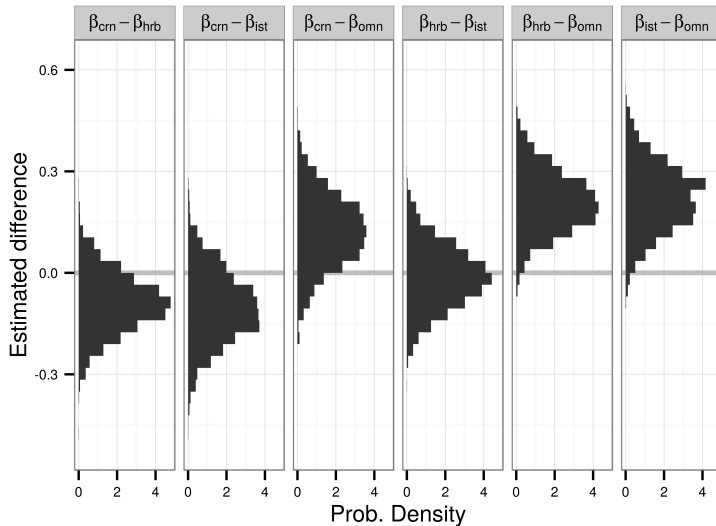
Survival model diagram



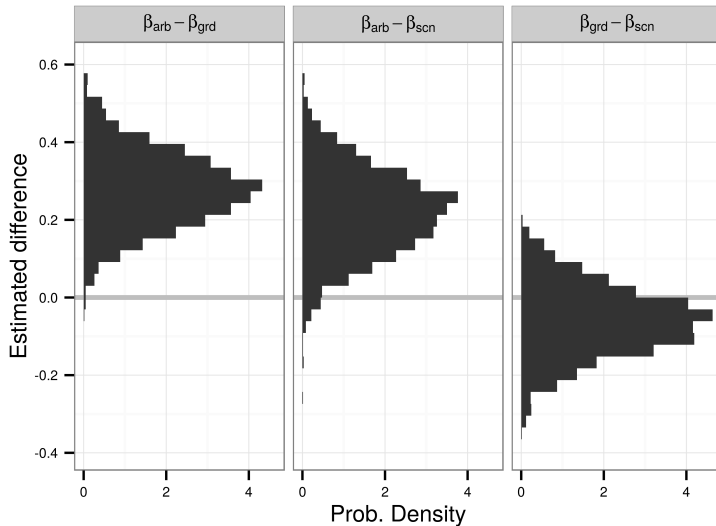
Pattern of species survival under two models



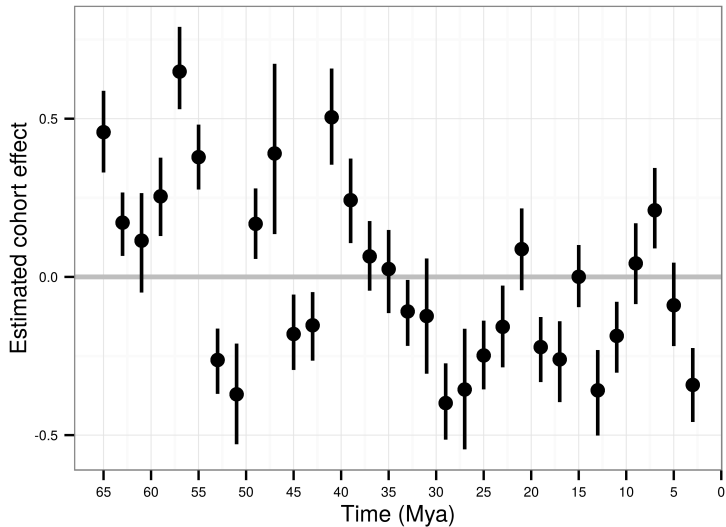
Effect of dietary category on extinction risk



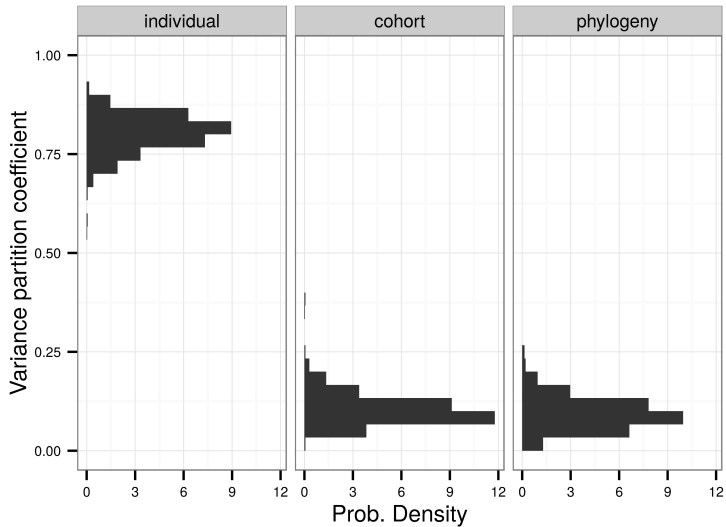
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Difference in risk between origination cohorts



Three sources of variance



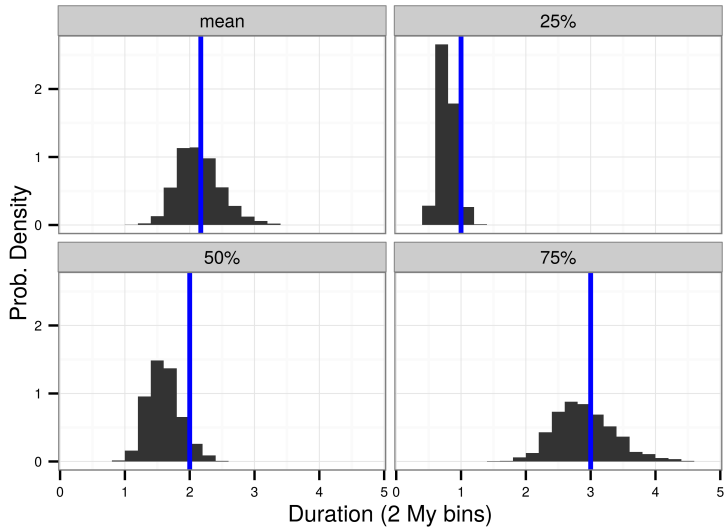
Comparison with the Recent

Conclusions

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Further posterior predictive checks



Concerns regarding estimation of α

