

1 Methods

1.1 Species information

1.1.1 Spatial occurrence

1.2 Spatial model of species diversity

Define y_i as the number of species present in grid cell i , where $i = 1, \dots, N$. Also define λ is the inverse-scale or “rate” parameter of the Poisson distribution; α as a constant; and s_i as the effect of spatial autocorrelation on species diversity.

$$\begin{aligned} y_i &\sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda) \\ \lambda &= \alpha + s_i. \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

Individual grid cells, and their relation, are an example of areal data CITATION. Given In order to model the effect of grid cell location, I use a multivariate normal conditional autoregressive (CAR) prior for the spatial term s . A CAR prior has multiple different variables, some of which are defined based on the spatial structure of the data. \mathbf{W} is an adjacency matrix where the off-diagonal terms are 0 or 1, 1 indicating that the two grid cells are adjacent. The diagonal of \mathbf{W} is all zeros as a cell cannot be adjacent to itself. \mathbf{D}_w is a diagonal matrix where the diagonal elements are equal to the total number of cells that cell i is adjacent too CITATIONS.

A CAR prior is defined as

$$s \sim \text{MVN}(0, \sigma^2(\mathbf{D}_w - \rho\mathbf{W})^{-1}) \tag{2}$$

where ρ can be weakly interpreted as the “strength” of spatial autocorrelation and σ is a normalizing scale parameter for the covariance matrix CITATION.

1.2.1 Zero-Inflated

Define θ and the probability of observing a cell with 0 species, and a $1 - \theta$ is the probability from observing a cell with $\text{Poisson}(\lambda)$ species. The probability

function is then defined as

$$p(y_t|\theta, \lambda_t) = \begin{cases} \theta + (1 - \theta) \times \text{Poisson}(0|\lambda_t) & \text{if } y_t = 0, \text{ and} \\ (1 - \theta) \times \text{Poisson}(y_t|\lambda_t) & \text{if } y_t > 0. \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

1.2.2 Hurdle

Define θ and the probability of observing a cell with 0 species, and a $1 - \theta$ is the probability from observing a cell with $\text{Poisson}(\lambda)$ species. The probability function is then defined as

$$p(y_i|\theta, \lambda_i) = \begin{cases} \theta & \text{if } y_i = 0 \\ (1 - \theta) \frac{\text{Poisson}(y_i|\lambda_i)}{1 - \text{PoissonCDF}(0|\lambda_i)} & \text{if } y_i > 0, \end{cases} \quad (4)$$

where PoissonCDF is the cumulative density function for the Poisson distribution.