Death and taxa

time-invariant differences in mammal species duration

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Differences in species duration

Framework

- ► How do different species-level ecological traits relate to differences in species duration?
- ► How do time of origination and phylogenetic history contribute to differences in species duration?
- Does extinction risk vary with species duration?
- Is the current biodiversity crisis consistent with intensification of background or sometimes else (e.g. mass extinction)?

System and traits of interest

- Mammal species
 - ▶ ~ 2000
- North America
- Cenozoic
 - ► ~ 65 My
- duration in 2 My bins
- georeferenced occurrences

- Covariates of interest
 - bioprovince occupancy
 - body size
 - dietary category: carnivore, herbivore, insectivore, omnivore
 - locomotor category: arboreal, ground dwelling, scansorial
- Structure
 - origination cohort
 - phylogenetic position

Body size

Hypotheses

- ▶ increase body size, decrease reproductive rate, increase extinction risk.
- increase body size, increase geographic range, decrease extinction risk.
- no effect.

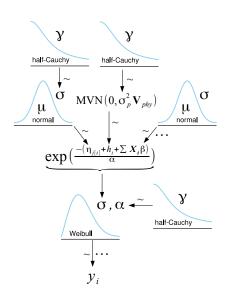
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Locomotor category

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Bayesian survival model



Survival function

Covariate effects

Origination cohort effect

Variance partitioning coefficients

Current biodiversity crisis

Concerns

Conclusions

Posterior predictive checks: deviance residuals

Posterior predictive checks: point check