

Supporting Information:
Calibrating indices of avian density from non-standardized survey data:
making the most of a messy situation

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Chapter 1

Introduction

This document provides Supporting Information for the manuscript entitled “Calibrating indices of avian density from non-standardized survey data: making the most of a messy situation” by Sóllymos et al. submitted to the journal *Methods in Ecology and Evolution* (ID MEE-12-11-472).

The purpose of this document is to describe:

1. how to estimate QPAD model parameters;
2. how to retrieve the QPAD model parameter estimates reported in the paper;
3. and how to use these estimates in statistical inference and prediction.

1.1 Software requirements

- R for most of the calculations ((R Core Team, 2012), downloadable from <http://www.r-project.org/>);
- JAGS for prediction interval calculations using Markov chain Monte Carlo (MCMC) (Plummer, 2012, downloadable from <http://mcmc-jags.sourceforge.net/>);
- R extension packages: **detect** (Sóllymos et al., 2013), **dcmle** (Sóllymos, 2010) (can be installed from R console using the `install.packages` function).

1.2 Files

- **BAM_QPAD_coefs_20130226.R**: sourceable text file with estimated model parameters (available from http://dcr.r-forge.r-project.org/qpad/BAM_QPAD_coefs_20130226.R);
- **BAM_QPAD_functions_20130226.R**: sourceable text file with R functions for retrieving the information from the binary R data file (available from http://dcr.r-forge.r-project.org/qpad/BAM_QPAD_functions_20130226.R).

These files can be sourced by using the `load_BAM_QPAD()` function of the **detect** R package. This function allows the user to select versions of the estimates interactively, this way updates to these files are available upon request. Using `load_BAM_QPAD(version=1)` loads the version used in this document.

Chapter 2

Conditional multinomial maximum likelihood estimation

The estimation procedure described in the Appendix is implemented in the `cmulti` function of the **detect** R extension package. Input data specifications are described in the help page of the function (type `?cmulti` into R console).

```
library(detect)
```

```
Loading required package: Formula
```

```
Loading required package: stats4
```

```
detect 0.3-0 2013-02-26
```

2.1 Input data

Let us use 100 survey locations (n), and generate random values for the covariate x :

```
n <- 100
x <- rnorm(n)
X <- cbind(1, x)
```

The function `simfun1` is used to simulate count data (value for `tau` (Effective Detection Radius; EDR) is in units of 100 m:

```
simfun1 <- function(n = 10, phi = 0.1, c = 1, tau = 0.8, type = "rem") {
  if (type == "dis") {
    Dparts <- matrix(c(0.5, 1, NA, 0.5, 1, Inf, 1, Inf, NA),
                     3, 3, byrow = TRUE)
    D <- Dparts[sample.int(3, n, replace = TRUE), ]
    CP <- 1 - exp(-(D/tau)^2)
  } else {
    Dparts <- matrix(c(5, 10, NA, 3, 5, 10, 3, 5, NA), 3,
                     3, byrow = TRUE)
    D <- Dparts[sample.int(3, n, replace = TRUE), ]
    CP <- 1 - c * exp(-D * phi)
  }
  k <- ncol(D)
```

```

P <- CP - cbind(0, CP[, -k, drop = FALSE])
Psum <- rowSums(P, na.rm = TRUE)
PPsum <- P/Psum
Pok <- !is.na(PPsum)
N <- rpois(n, 10)
Y <- matrix(NA, ncol(PPsum), nrow(PPsum))
Ypre <- sapply(1:n, function(i) rmultinom(1, N, PPsum[i,
  Pok[i, ]]))
Y[t(Pok)] <- unlist(Ypre)
Y <- t(Y)
list(Y = Y, D = D)
}

```

Now let us simulate counts under the removal model using constant singing rate **phi**. The count matrix **Y** contains the number of unique individuals first observed in time intervals defined in the design matrix **D** which contains the endpoints of the corresponding time intervals in minutes. Note that patterns in **NA** values must match between the two matrices:

```

vv <- simfun1(n = n, phi = exp(-1.5))
head(vv$Y)

```

	[,1]	[,2]	[,3]
[1,]	7	2	1
[2,]	6	4	NA
[3,]	6	3	1
[4,]	5	1	4
[5,]	5	5	NA
[6,]	6	2	2

```
head(vv$D)
```

	[,1]	[,2]	[,3]
[1,]	3	5	10
[2,]	3	5	NA
[3,]	3	5	10
[4,]	3	5	10
[5,]	5	10	NA
[6,]	3	5	10

2.2 Removal sampling

Estimation is done using the **cmulti** function. The left hand side of the formula reads as **count | design** where **count** is a matrix with cell counts, **design** is the matrix describing the interval endpoints for the cells. The right hand side is **1** because we use a constant model, **type="rem"** stands for removal sampling:

```

m1 <- cmulti(vv$Y | vv$D ~ 1, type = "rem")
coef(m1)

log.phi_(Intercept)
-1.467

```

When covariate x affects singing rate, the estimation is as follows:

```
log.phi <- X %*% c(-2, -1) # log singing rate
vv <- simfun1(n = n, phi = exp(cbind(log.phi, log.phi, log.phi)))
m2 <- cmulti(vv$Y | vv$D ~ x, type = "rem")
coef(m2)
```

log.phi_(Intercept)	log.phi_x
-1.943	-0.935

2.3 Distance sampling

Simulation and estimation for the distance sampling model with half-normal detection function is similar. We use constant τ parameter (EDR, 100 m units, useInf for unlimited distance):

```
vv <- simfun1(n = n, tau = exp(-0.2), type = "dis")
head(vv$Y)
```

	[,1]	[,2]	[,3]
[1,]	7	1	NA
[2,]	2	6	0
[3,]	4	4	NA
[4,]	2	6	NA
[5,]	2	6	NA
[6,]	2	6	NA

```
head(vv$D)
```

	[,1]	[,2]	[,3]
[1,]	1.0	Inf	NA
[2,]	0.5	1	Inf
[3,]	0.5	1	NA
[4,]	0.5	1	NA
[5,]	0.5	1	NA
[6,]	0.5	1	NA

```
m3 <- cmulti(vv$Y | vv$D ~ 1, type = "dis")
coef(m3)
```

log.tau_(Intercept)
-0.2287

Effect of covariate x is estimated as:

```
log.tau <- X %*% c(-0.5, -0.2) # log EDR
vv <- simfun1(n = n, tau = exp(cbind(log.tau, log.tau, log.tau)),
  type = "dis")
m4 <- cmulti(vv$Y | vv$D ~ x, type = "dis")
coef(m4)
```

log.tau_(Intercept)	log.tau_x
-0.4645	-0.1977

2.4 Convenience methods

Several methods are defined for the fitted model objects to facilitate statistical inference:

```
summary(m2)

Call:
cmulti(formula = vv$Y | vv$D ~ x, type = "rem")

Removal Sampling (homogeneous singing rate)
Conditional Maximum Likelihood estimates

Coefficients:
                Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(>|z|)
log.phi_(Intercept)  -1.943      0.143  -13.6 < 2e-16
log.phi_x            -0.935      0.144   -6.5 8.2e-11

log.phi_(Intercept) ***
log.phi_x            ***
---
Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

Log-likelihood: -198
BIC = 406

summary(m4)

Call:
cmulti(formula = vv$Y | vv$D ~ x, type = "dis")

Distance Sampling (half-normal, circular area)
Conditional Maximum Likelihood estimates

Coefficients:
                Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(>|z|)
log.tau_(Intercept)  -0.4645      0.0249 -18.66 < 2e-16
log.tau_x            -0.1977      0.0259  -7.64 2.2e-14

log.tau_(Intercept) ***
log.tau_x            ***
---
Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

Log-likelihood: -156
BIC = 321

coef(m4)

log.tau_(Intercept)      log.tau_x
                -0.4645                -0.1977

vcov(m4)
```

```

              log.tau_(Intercept) log.tau_x
log.tau_(Intercept)      6.193e-04 -5.928e-05
log.tau_x                -5.928e-05  6.701e-04

AIC(m4)

[1] 316.1

confint(m4)

              2.5 %  97.5 %
log.tau_(Intercept) -0.5133 -0.4157
log.tau_x           -0.2484 -0.1469

logLik(m4)

'log Lik.' -156.1 (df=2)

```

2.5 Joint estimation for removal and distance sampling

The following function simulates counts for the joint estimation of singing rate and distance parameters:

```

simfun12 <- function(n = 10, phi = 0.1, c = 1, tau = 0.8, type = "rem") {
  Flat <- function(x, DIM, dur = TRUE) {
    x <- array(x, DIM)
    if (!dur) {
      x <- aperm(x, c(1, 3, 2))
    }
    dim(x) <- c(DIM[1], DIM[2] * DIM[3])
    x
  }
  Dparts1 <- matrix(c(5, 10, NA, 3, 5, 10, 3, 5, NA), 3, 3,
    byrow = TRUE)
  D1 <- Dparts1[sample.int(3, n, replace = TRUE), ]
  CP1 <- 1 - c * exp(-D1 * phi)
  Dparts2 <- matrix(c(0.5, 1, NA, 0.5, 1, Inf, 1, Inf, NA),
    3, 3, byrow = TRUE)
  D2 <- Dparts2[sample.int(3, n, replace = TRUE), ]
  CP2 <- 1 - exp(-(D2/tau)^2)
  k1 <- ncol(D1)
  k2 <- ncol(D2)
  DIM <- c(n, k1, k2)
  P1 <- CP1 - cbind(0, CP1[, -k1, drop = FALSE])
  P2 <- CP2 - cbind(0, CP2[, -k2, drop = FALSE])
  Psum1 <- rowSums(P1, na.rm = TRUE)
  Psum2 <- rowSums(P2, na.rm = TRUE)
  Pflat <- Flat(P1, DIM, dur = TRUE) * Flat(P2, DIM, dur = FALSE)
  PsumFlat <- Psum1 * Psum2
  PPsumFlat <- Pflat/PsumFlat
}

```



```

PokFlat <- !is.na(PPsumFlat)
N <- rpois(n, 10)
Yflat <- matrix(NA, ncol(PPsumFlat), nrow(PPsumFlat))
YpreFlat <- sapply(1:n, function(i) rmultinom(1, N, PPsumFlat[i,
  PokFlat[i, ]]))
Yflat[t(PokFlat)] <- unlist(YpreFlat)
Yflat <- t(Yflat)
Y <- array(Yflat, DIM)
k1 <- dim(Y)[2]
k2 <- dim(Y)[3]
Y1 <- t(sapply(1:n, function(i) {
  count <- rowSums(Y[i, , ], na.rm = TRUE)
  nas <- rowSums(is.na(Y[i, , ]))
  count[nas == k2] <- NA
  count
}))
Y2 <- t(sapply(1:n, function(i) {
  count <- colSums(Y[i, , ], na.rm = TRUE)
  nas <- colSums(is.na(Y[i, , ]))
  count[nas == k2] <- NA
  count
}))
list(Y = Y, D1 = D1, D2 = D2, Y1 = Y1, Y2 = Y2)
}

```

Joint and independent estimation of constant singing rate and EDR:

```

vv <- simfun12(n = n, phi = exp(-1.5), tau = exp(-0.2))
res <- cmulti2.fit(vv$Y, vv$D1, vv$D2)
res1 <- cmulti.fit(vv$Y1, vv$D1, NULL, "rem")
res2 <- cmulti.fit(vv$Y2, vv$D2, NULL, "dis")

```

Jointly and independently estimated points estimates and standard errors are identical, the two models are orthogonal (correlation is 0):

```

round(cbind(coef.joint = res$coef, coef.indep = c(res1$coef,
  res2$coef)), 4)

      coef.joint coef.indep
[1,]    -1.4178    -1.4178
[2,]    -0.2284    -0.2284

round(cbind(SE.joint = sqrt(diag(res$vcov)), SE.indep = c(sqrt(diag(res1$vcov)),
  sqrt(diag(res2$vcov)))), 4)

      SE.joint SE.indep
[1,]    0.0657    0.0657
[2,]    0.0228    0.0228

ifelse(cov2cor(res$vcov) < 10^-10, 0, cov2cor(res$vcov))

      [,1] [,2]
[1,]     1     0
[2,]     0     1

```

Joint and independent estimation of covariate specific singing rate and EDR:

```
vv <- simfun12(n = n, phi = exp(cbind(log.phi, log.phi, log.phi)),
  tau = exp(cbind(log.tau, log.tau, log.tau)))
res <- cmulti2.fit(vv$Y, vv$D1, vv$D2, X1 = X, X2 = X)
res1 <- cmulti.fit(vv$Y1, vv$D1, X, "rem")
res2 <- cmulti.fit(vv$Y2, vv$D2, X, "dis")
```

Jointly and independently estimated points estimates and standard errors are identical, the two models are orthogonal (correlation is 0):

```
round(cbind(coef.joint = res$coef, coef.indep = c(res1$coef,
  res2$coef)), 4)

      coef.joint coef.indep
[1,]    -1.9112    -1.9112
[2,]    -0.8166    -0.8166
[3,]    -0.4914    -0.4914
[4,]    -0.2339    -0.2339

round(cbind(SE.joint = sqrt(diag(res$vcov)), SE.indep = c(sqrt(diag(res1$vcov)),
  sqrt(diag(res2$vcov)))), 4)

      SE.joint SE.indep
[1,]    0.1086    0.1086
[2,]    0.1125    0.1125
[3,]    0.0188    0.0188
[4,]    0.0200    0.0200

round(ifelse(cov2cor(res$vcov) < 10^-10, 0, cov2cor(res$vcov)),
  4)

      [,1] [,2] [,3] [,4]
[1,] 1.0000 0.7453  0    0
[2,] 0.7453 1.0000  0    0
[3,] 0.0000 0.0000  1    0
[4,] 0.0000 0.0000  0    1
```

Chapter 3

Retrieving QPAD estimates

First we need to load necessary code and data after opening R (commands can be copy-pasted from the document, # marks comments):

```
library(detect) # load detect package
# source estimates and functions
load_BAM_QPAD(version = 1)
```

```
BAM QPAD parameter estimates loaded, version 20130226
```

```
BAM QPAD access functions loaded, version 20130226
```

Print out the list of species acronyms (printing out a table linking acronyms to common and scientific names can be done by the `getBAMspeciestable` function):

```
getBAMspecieslist()
```

```
[1] "ALFL" "AMCR" "AMGO" "AMRE" "AMRO" "ATSP" "BAWW" "BBWA"
[9] "BCCH" "BHCO" "BHVI" "BLBW" "BLJA" "BLPW" "BOCH" "BRCR"
[17] "BTBW" "BTNW" "CAWA" "CCSP" "CEDW" "CHSP" "CMWA" "CONW"
[25] "CORA" "COYE" "CSWA" "DEJU" "EVGR" "FOSP" "GCKI" "GRAJ"
[33] "HAFL" "HETH" "HOWR" "LCSP" "LEFL" "LISP" "MAWA" "MOWA"
[41] "NAWA" "NOPA" "NOWA" "OCWA" "OSFL" "OVEN" "PAWA" "PHVI"
[49] "PISI" "PUFI" "RBGR" "RBNU" "RCKI" "REVI" "RUBL" "RWBL"
[57] "SAVS" "SOSP" "SWSP" "SWTH" "TEWA" "TRES" "VATH" "VEER"
[65] "WAVI" "WCSP" "WETA" "WEWP" "WIWA" "WIWR" "WTSP" "WWCR"
[73] "YBFL" "YRWA" "YWAR"
```

Print out the list of models used for estimating singing rates (`sra`) and effective detection radii (`edr`):

```
getBAMmodellist()
```

```
$sra
0
"INTERCEPT"
1
"INTERCEPT + JDAY"
2
"INTERCEPT + TSSR"
```

```

3
"INTERCEPT + JDAY + JDAY2"
4
"INTERCEPT + TSSR + TSSR2"
5
"INTERCEPT + JDAY + TSSR"
6
"INTERCEPT + JDAY + JDAY2 + TSSR"
7
"INTERCEPT + JDAY + TSSR + TSSR2"
8
"INTERCEPT + JDAY + JDAY2 + TSSR + TSSR2"

$edr
0
"INTERCEPT"
1
"INTERCEPT + TREE"
2
"INTERCEPT + LCC2 + LCC3 + LCC4 + LCC5"

```

Get version info:

```

getBAMversion()

[1] "2"

```

The species acronym **OVEN** stands for Ovenbird (*Seiurus aurocapilla*). This gives the estimated parameters for the Ovenbird from the models best supported by BIC:

```

summaryBAMspecies("OVEN")

BAMcorrection object for species OVEN
model.sra = 1
model.edr = 2

      Estimate Std. Error
sra_INTERCEPT  0.9005      0.20
sra_JDAY        -3.8318      0.45
edr_INTERCEPT -0.1472      0.01
edr_LCC2        -0.0777      0.01
edr_LCC3         0.0147      0.02
edr_LCC4        -0.0329      0.01
edr_LCC5        -0.0362      0.02

```

The best supported model is returned by:

```

bestmodelBAMspecies("OVEN", type = "BIC")

$sra
[1] "1"

$edr
[1] "2"

```

The type argument can take values "AIC", "BIC" or "multi" (the latter returns model IDs randomly based on model weights).

It is also possible to print out other model combinations (model IDs can be looked up from the `getBAMmodellist` function):

```
summaryBAMspecies("OVEN", model.sra = 8, model.edr = 1)
```

BAMcorrection object for species OVEN

model.sra = 8

model.edr = 1

	Estimate	Std. Error
sra_INTERCEPT	0.5055	2.85
sra_JDAY	-1.9690	12.69
sra_JDAY2	-2.0578	14.07
sra_TSSR	-0.6820	0.63
sra_TSSR2	3.1629	3.14
edr_INTERCEPT	-0.1694	0.02
edr_TREE	-0.0152	0.03

To get all possible models compared, use this:

```
selectmodelBAMspecies("OVEN")
```

\$sra

	model	logLik	df	nobs	AIC	BIC	dAIC	dBIC	weights
0	0	-5178	1	6789	10357	10364	72.467	65.644	8.697e-17
1	1	-5141	2	6789	10285	10299	0.000	0.000	4.736e-01
2	2	-5178	2	6789	10359	10373	74.378	74.378	3.346e-17
3	3	-5141	3	6789	10287	10308	2.210	9.033	1.569e-01
4	4	-5177	3	6789	10361	10381	75.904	82.727	1.560e-17
5	5	-5140	3	6789	10287	10307	1.819	8.642	1.907e-01
6	6	-5140	4	6789	10289	10316	3.895	17.541	6.755e-02
7	7	-5140	4	6789	10288	10316	3.443	17.089	8.469e-02
8	8	-5140	5	6789	10291	10325	5.762	26.231	2.656e-02

\$edr

	model	logLik	df	nobs	AIC	BIC	dAIC	dBIC	weights
0	0	-21791	1	21742	43583	43591	57.12	25.18	3.941e-13
1	1	-21791	2	21742	43585	43601	58.92	34.96	1.603e-13
2	2	-21758	5	21742	43526	43566	0.00	0.00	1.000e+00

The column `weights` indicates model weights used by `bestmodelBAMspecies` with argument `type="multi"`.

Chapter 4

Example data analysis

4.1 The Ovenbird data set

We used a data set of Ovenbirds analyzed by Lele et al. (2011) and by Sólymos et al. (2012), available from the **detect** R extension package (data set name: **oven**). The Ovenbird study was conducted in Saskatchewan, Canada. Point counts were sampled according to the standards of the North American Breeding Bird Survey (3 minutes unlimited distance counts).

First, we calculate necessary covariates for the offsets. **JDAY** is Julian day in the unit range (divided by 365), **TSSR** is calculated approximately in hours and divided by the the possible max (24):

```
oven$JDAY <- oven$julian/365
oven$TSSR <- ((oven$timeday/8) - 0.75)/24
oven$xlat <- as.numeric(scale(oven$lat)) # latitude is standardized
oven$xlong <- as.numeric(scale(oven$long)) # longitude is standardized
```

Introduce variables for protocol effects, duration (3 min) and point count radius (note that this has to be in 100 metres for density per ha, use **Inf** for unlimited distance):

```
oven$dur <- 3
oven$dist <- Inf
```

The covariates for distance sampling are derived from the proportion of forest and proportion of deciduous forest:

```
pf <- oven$pforest
pd <- oven$pdecid
pc <- pf - pd
oven$LCC <- factor(5, levels = 1:5) # 5=OH open habitat
oven$LCC[pf > 0.25 & pc > pd] <- "3" # 3=SC dense conifer
oven$LCC[pf > 0.25 & pc <= pd] <- "4" # 4=SD sparse deciduous
oven$LCC[pf > 0.6 & pc > pd] <- "1" # 1=DC dense conifer
oven$LCC[pf > 0.6 & pc <= pd] <- "2" # 2=DC dense deciduous
table(oven$LCC)
```

```
 1    2    3    4    5
66 225  25 175 400
```

4.1.1 QPAD offsets

Here is how one can calculate the offsets based on the estimates without covariate effects:

```
bc0 <- with(oven, globalBAMcorrections("OVEN", t = dur, r = dist))
summary(bc0)
```

	A	P	q
Min.	:2.2	Min. :0.73	Min. :1
1st Qu.	:2.2	1st Qu.:0.73	1st Qu.:1
Median	:2.2	Median :0.73	Median :1
Mean	:2.2	Mean :0.73	Mean :1
3rd Qu.	:2.2	3rd Qu.:0.73	3rd Qu.:1
Max.	:2.2	Max. :0.73	Max. :1

The offsets based on possible covariate effects can be calculated as:

```
bm <- bestmodelBAMspecies("OVEN", type = "BIC")
bc <- with(oven, localBAMcorrections("OVEN", t = dur, r = dist,
  jday = JDAY, tssr = TSSR, tree = pforest, lcc = LCC, model.sra = bm$sra,
  model.edr = bm$edr))
summary(bc)
```

	A	P	q
Min.	:2.00	Min. :0.649	Min. :1
1st Qu.	:2.00	1st Qu.:0.672	1st Qu.:1
Median	:2.18	Median :0.710	Median :1
Mean	:2.15	Mean :0.705	Mean :1
3rd Qu.	:2.19	3rd Qu.:0.733	3rd Qu.:1
Max.	:2.41	Max. :0.766	Max. :1

4.2 Inference: point estimation

4.2.1 Poisson GLM

Here is the general way how one can specify the offsets and estimate density, for example here using Poisson generalized linear model (GLM):

```
(mod <- glm(count ~ pforest + xlong, oven, family = poisson("log"),
  offset = corrections2offset(bc)))
```

```
Call: glm(formula = count ~ pforest + xlong, family = poisson("log"),
  data = oven, offset = corrections2offset(bc))
```

Coefficients:

(Intercept)	pforest	xlong
-2.5651	2.6349	-0.0715

Degrees of Freedom: 890 Total (i.e. Null); 888 Residual

Null Deviance: 1260

Residual Deviance: 871 AIC: 1510

Such models are suitable for calculating point predictions for example for mapping density, but do not take into account the uncertainty associated with the singing rate and EDR estimates underlying the offsets:

```
X <- model.matrix(~pforest + xlong, data.frame(pforest = 10:0/10,
  xlong = 0))
summary(drop(exp(X %*% coef(mod))))
```

	Min.	1st Qu.	Median	Mean	3rd Qu.	Max.
	0.0769	0.1500	0.2870	0.3980	0.5600	1.0700

4.2.2 Negative Binomial GLM

The Negative Binomial model is useful in case of overdispersion due to e.g. missing covariate. The Negative Binomial GLM also uses the log link so the usual offset works. Care must be taken because the offset argument of the `glm.nb` function in the **MASS** library (Venables and Ripley, 2002) is not available. So the offset must be defined as part of the formula:

```
library(MASS)
(modNB <- glm.nb(count ~ pforest + xlong + offset(corrections2offset(bc)),
  oven))
```

```
Call: glm.nb(formula = count ~ pforest + xlong + offset(corrections2offset(bc)),
  data = oven, init.theta = 1.974529194, link = log)
```

Coefficients:

	pforest	xlong
(Intercept)	-2.6161	2.7226
		-0.0654

Degrees of Freedom: 890 Total (i.e. Null); 888 Residual

Null Deviance: 986

Residual Deviance: 673 AIC: 1490

```
round(cbind(Pois = coef(mod), NegBin = coef(modNB)), 3)
```

	Pois	NegBin
(Intercept)	-2.565	-2.616
pforest	2.635	2.723
xlong	-0.072	-0.065

4.2.3 Poisson–Lognormal mixed effects model

Poisson mixed effects models can be fitted for example via the **lme4** package (Bates et al., 2012) using random intercept for routes:

```
library(lme4)
```

Loading required package: *Matrix*

Loading required package: *lattice*

Attaching package: 'lme4'

The following object is masked from 'package:stats':

AIC, BIC

```
mod4 <- glmer(count ~ pforest + xlong + (1 | route), oven, family = "poisson",
  offset = corrections2offset(bc))
round(cbind(Pois = coef(mod), NegBin = coef(modNB), PLn = fixef(mod4)),
  3)
```

	Pois	NegBin	PLn
(Intercept)	-2.565	-2.616	-2.695
pforest	2.635	2.723	2.587
xlong	-0.072	-0.065	-0.093

4.2.4 Logistic regression

For detection/non-detection situations, here is the suggested modification. Note that probability of having 1 means probability of observing non-zero (> 0) counts within the sampling area. using the complementary log-log link is related to density from Poisson GLM with log link:

```
mod01 <- glm(ifelse(count > 0, 1, 0) ~ pforest + xlong, oven,
  family = binomial("cloglog"), offset = corrections2offset(bc))
round(cbind(Pois = coef(mod), NegBin = coef(modNB), PLn = fixef(mod4),
  Bin = coef(mod01)), 3)
```

	Pois	NegBin	PLn	Bin
(Intercept)	-2.565	-2.616	-2.695	-2.818
pforest	2.635	2.723	2.587	2.697
xlong	-0.072	-0.065	-0.093	-0.048

4.2.5 Zero-inflated count models

It is possible to use offsets in the count distribution of zero-inflated models, such as zero-inflated Poisson or zero-inflated Negative Binomial model as implemented in the `zeroinfl` function of the `pscl` package (Zeileis et al., 2008):

```
library(pscl)
```

Loading required package: *mvtnorm*

Loading required package: *coda*

Attaching package: 'coda'

The following object is masked from 'package:lme4':

HPDinterval

Loading required package: *gam*

Loading required package: *splines*

Loaded gam 1.06.2

Loading required package: *vcd*

Loading required package: *grid*

Loading required package: colorspace
Classes and Methods for R developed in the
Political Science Computational Laboratory
Department of Political Science
Stanford University
Simon Jackman
hurdle and zeroinfl functions by Achim Zeileis

```
modZIP <- zeroinfl(count ~ pforest + xlong | 1, oven, dist = "poisson",
  offset = corrections2offset(bc))
modZINB <- zeroinfl(count ~ pforest + xlong | 1, oven, dist = "negbin",
  offset = corrections2offset(bc))
round(cbind(Pois = c(coef(mod), ZI = NA), NegBin = c(coef(modNB),
  NA), PLn = c(fixef(mod4), NA), Bin = c(coef(mod01), NA),
  ZIP = coef(modZIP), ZINB = coef(modZINB)), 3)
```

	Pois	NegBin	PLn	Bin	ZIP	ZINB
(Intercept)	-2.565	-2.616	-2.695	-2.818	-2.273	-2.350
pforest	2.635	2.723	2.587	2.697	2.612	2.649
xlong	-0.072	-0.065	-0.093	-0.048	-0.049	-0.054
ZI	NA	NA	NA	NA	-1.114	-1.368

4.2.6 Classification and regression trees (CART)

This is how a CART model can be specified using the offset approach using the **rpart** package (Therneau et al., 2012) (Fig. 4.1):

```
library(rpart)
(cart <- rpart(count ~ pforest + xlong + offset(corrections2offset(bc)),
  data = oven, method = "poisson"))
```

n= 891

```
node), split, n, deviance, yval
  * denotes terminal node
```

```
1) root 891 1263.00 0.34530
  2) pforest< 0.3616 489 306.00 0.08857
    4) pforest< 0.1168 283 66.45 0.02534 *
    5) pforest>=0.1168 206 189.50 0.17530 *
  3) pforest>=0.3616 402 607.10 0.66790
    6) pforest< 0.8529 222 307.70 0.48770
      12) xlong< -0.579 57 62.90 0.27310
        24) xlong>=-1.146 30 19.11 0.10200 *
        25) xlong< -1.146 27 30.53 0.47910 *
      13) xlong>=-0.579 165 232.20 0.56110 *
    7) pforest>=0.8529 180 263.10 0.89020
      14) xlong>=0.03288 60 70.00 0.47220 *
      15) xlong< 0.03288 120 165.10 1.08500 *
```

```
opar <- par(xpd = NA)
plot(cart)
```

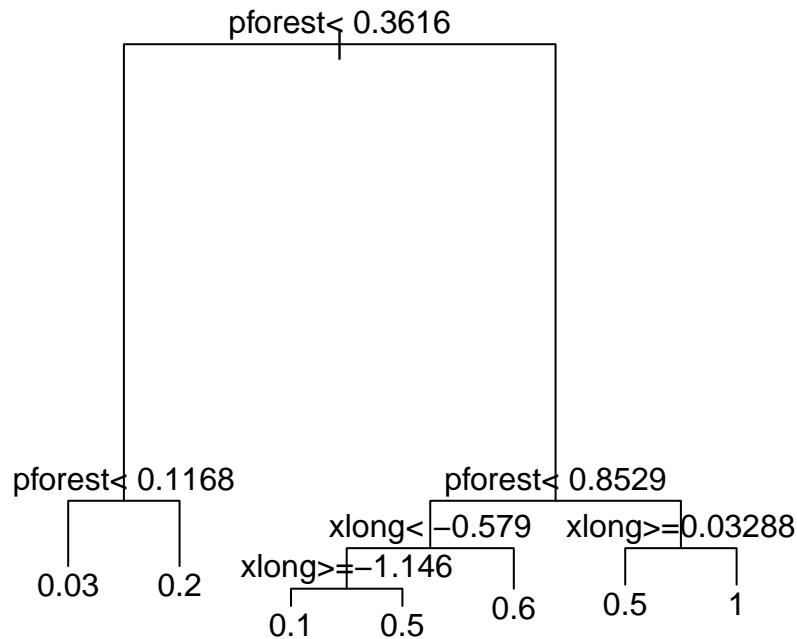


Figure 4.1: Regression tree analysis of the Ovenbird data set using QPAD offsets.

```
text(cart)
par(opar)
```

4.2.7 Boosted regression trees

This code snippet demonstrates how the offsets can be specified using the **gbm** R package (Ridgeway, 2013) (Fig. 4.2). Of course one might want to use more covariates in such cases, and more advanced settings for determining learning rate e.g. through the **dismo** R package (Hijmans et al., 2013):

```
library(gbm)

Loading required package: survival
Loaded gbm 2.0-8

oven$off <- corrections2offset(bc)
(brt <- gbm(count ~ pforest + xlong + offset(off), data = oven,
  distribution = "poisson"))
```

Iter	TrainDeviance	ValidDeviance	StepSize	Improve
1	1.7366	nan	0.0010	0.0002
2	1.7357	nan	0.0010	0.0004
3	1.7349	nan	0.0010	0.0004
4	1.7344	nan	0.0010	0.0002
5	1.7334	nan	0.0010	0.0005
6	1.7327	nan	0.0010	0.0004
7	1.7321	nan	0.0010	0.0003
8	1.7312	nan	0.0010	0.0004
9	1.7305	nan	0.0010	0.0003
10	1.7300	nan	0.0010	0.0002
20	1.7219	nan	0.0010	0.0004
40	1.7052	nan	0.0010	0.0004
60	1.6907	nan	0.0010	0.0004
80	1.6766	nan	0.0010	0.0001
100	1.6634	nan	0.0010	0.0004

```
gbm(formula = count ~ pforest + xlong + offset(off), distribution = "poisson",
     data = oven)
```

A gradient boosted model with poisson loss function.

100 iterations were performed.

There were 2 predictors of which 1 had non-zero influence.

```
plot(brt)
```

4.2.8 Regularization approaches

This example shows the regularized Poisson GLM using the elastic net penalty using the **glmnet** R package (Friedman et al., 2010) (Fig. 4.3):

```
library(glmnet)
```

Loaded glmnet 1.9-3

```
enet <- glmnet(model.matrix(mod), mod$y, family = "poisson",
               offset = corrections2offset(bc))
```

```
coef(enet)
```

4 x 55 sparse Matrix of class "dgCMatrix"

```
[[ suppressing 55 column names 's0', 's1', 's2' ... ]]
```

```
(Intercept) -1.063 -1.1573 -1.246 -1.3310 -1.411 -1.4876
(Intercept) .      .      .      .      .      .
pforest      .      0.2278 0.430 0.6116 0.776 0.9256
xlong        .      .      .      .      .      .
```

```
(Intercept) -1.560 -1.629 -1.694 -1.755 -1.813 -1.868
(Intercept) .      .      .      .      .      .
pforest      1.063 1.188 1.304 1.410 1.509 1.600
xlong        .      .      .      .      .      .
```

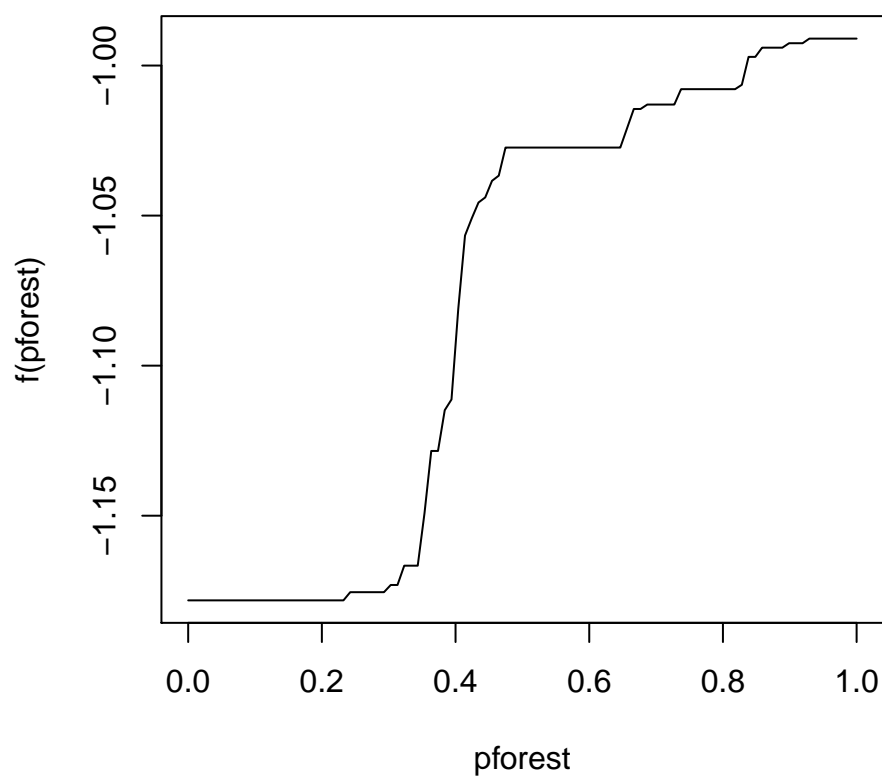


Figure 4.2: Influence plot for the proportion of forest based on the boosted regression tree analysis of the Ovenbird data set using QPAD offsets.

```

(Intercept) -1.920 -1.968 -2.013 -2.056 -2.096 -2.133
(Intercept) . . . . .
pforest 1.684 1.761 1.833 1.900 1.961 2.018
xlong . . . . .

(Intercept) -2.168 -2.200 -2.230 -2.258 -2.284 -2.308
(Intercept) . . . . .
pforest 2.070 2.119 2.163 2.204 2.242 2.277
xlong . . . . .

(Intercept) -2.329090 -2.34873 -2.36684 -2.38351 -2.39885
(Intercept) . . . . .
pforest 2.308253 2.33641 2.36219 2.38579 2.40738
xlong -0.004871 -0.01096 -0.01647 -0.02147 -0.02601

(Intercept) -2.41296 -2.42592 -2.43782 -2.44867 -2.45869
(Intercept) . . . . .
pforest 2.42714 2.44521 2.46174 2.47676 2.49057
xlong -0.03013 -0.03387 -0.03726 -0.04035 -0.04315

(Intercept) -2.4679 -2.47627 -2.48397 -2.49102 -2.49747
(Intercept) . . . . .
pforest 2.5032 2.51473 2.52527 2.53489 2.54368
xlong -0.0457 -0.04801 -0.05012 -0.05204 -0.05378

(Intercept) -2.50336 -2.50876 -2.51362 -2.51812 -2.5222
(Intercept) . . . . .
pforest 2.55170 2.55902 2.56561 2.57171 2.5773
xlong -0.05536 -0.05681 -0.05812 -0.05932 -0.0604

(Intercept) -2.52601 -2.5294 -2.53258 -2.53545 -2.53806
(Intercept) . . . . .
pforest 2.58237 2.5870 2.59124 2.59510 2.59862
xlong -0.06139 -0.0623 -0.06312 -0.06386 -0.06454

(Intercept) -2.54037 -2.54255 -2.54454 -2.54636 -2.54802
(Intercept) . . . . .
pforest 2.60173 2.60466 2.60734 2.60978 2.61200
xlong -0.06516 -0.06573 -0.06624 -0.06671 -0.06714

(Intercept) -2.54953
(Intercept) .
pforest 2.61403
xlong -0.06753

plot(enet)

```

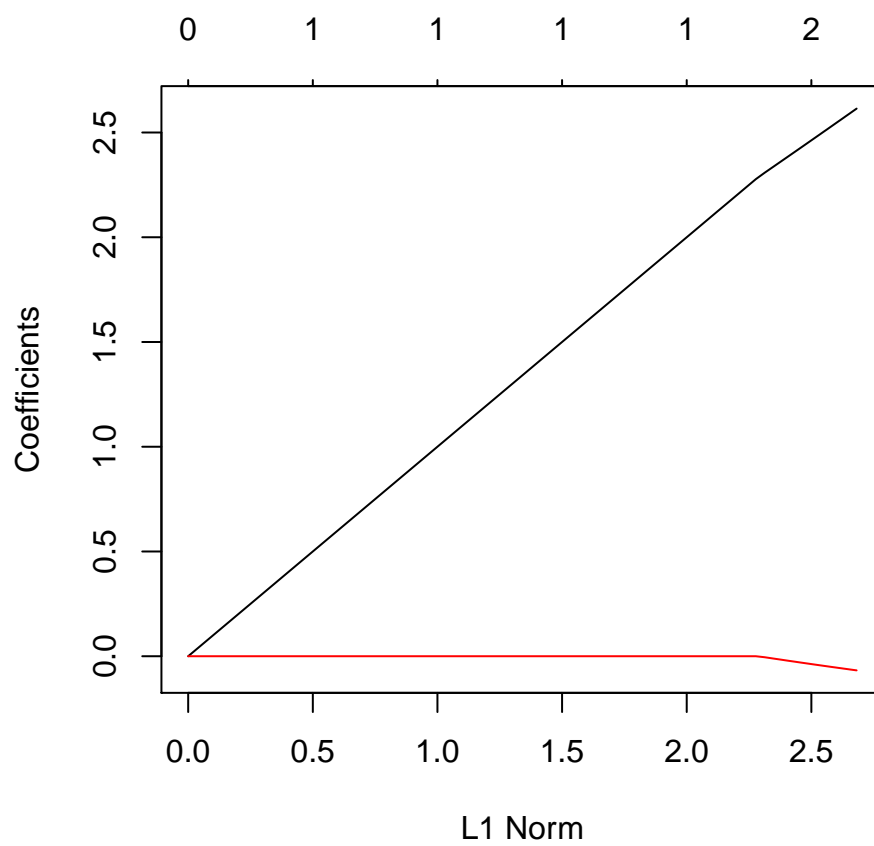


Figure 4.3: Coefficient profile from regularized Poisson GLM analysis of the Ovenbird data set based on QPAD offsets.

4.3 Inference: parameter uncertainty

4.3.1 Non-parametric bootstrap

Here is a simple implementation of the non-parametric bootstrap for Poisson GLM using fixed offset. The `hbootindex` function creates indices for the bootstrap iterations by taking into account the grouped nature of the data set. It resamples routes first, then resamples stops within the resampled routes.

```
set.seed(1234)
Bi <- hbootindex(oven$route, B = 199)

Loading required package: pbapply

modB <- t(sapply(1:length(Bi), function(i) {
  bc <- with(oven, localBAMcorrections("OVEN", t = dur, r = dist,
    jday = JDAY, tssr = TSSR, tree = pforest, lcc = LCC,
    model.sra = bm$sra, model.edr = bm$edr))
  coef(glm(count ~ pforest + xlong, oven[Bi[[i]], ], family = "poisson",
    offset = corrections2offset(bc)[Bi[[i]]]))
}))
```

See how standard errors compare between Wald-type and bootstrap approach:

```
round(cbind(wald_fixed = sqrt(diag(vcov(mod))), boot_fixed = sqrt(diag(cov(modB)))),
      3)
```

	wald_fixed	boot_fixed
(Intercept)	0.117	0.254
pforest	0.149	0.313
xlong	0.040	0.084

To incorporate uncertainty w.r.t. singing rate and distance sampling parameter estimates, one can use nonparametric bootstrap to generate offsets. These offsets will represent the uncertainty in singing rate and distance sampling parameter estimates, so the error can be propagated through the GLM.

For this, we can use the `boot` argument in the functions `globalBAMcorrections` and `localBAMcorrections` making the call `B` times:

```
modB1 <- t(sapply(1:length(Bi), function(i) {
  bc <- with(oven, localBAMcorrections("OVEN", t = dur, r = dist,
    jday = JDAY, tssr = TSSR, tree = pforest, lcc = LCC,
    model.sra = 5, model.edr = 1, boot = TRUE))
  coef(glm(count ~ pforest + xlong, oven[Bi[[i]], ], family = "poisson",
    offset = corrections2offset(bc)[Bi[[i]]]))
}))
```

We can compare standard errors again:

```
round(cbind(wald_fixed = sqrt(diag(vcov(mod))), boot_fixed = sqrt(diag(cov(modB))),
  boot_boot = sqrt(diag(cov(modB1)))), 3)
```


	wald_fixed	boot_fixed	boot_boot
(Intercept)	0.117	0.254	0.257
pforest	0.149	0.313	0.315
xlong	0.040	0.084	0.084

The error in offsets can be propagated through other related count models similarly.

It is also possible to take into account model selection uncertainty in the QPAD estimates by randomly choosing among the possible singing rate and distance models based on model weights (with and without the parametric bootstrap procedure in the offsets switched by the `boot` argument):

```
modB2 <- t(sapply(1:length(Bi), function(i) {
  mm <- bestmodelBAMspecies("OVEN", type = "multi")
  bc <- with(oven, localBAMcorrections("OVEN", t = dur, r = dist,
    jday = JDAY, tssr = TSSR, tree = pforest, lcc = LCC,
    model.sra = mm$sra, model.edr = mm$edr, boot = FALSE))
  coef(glm(count ~ pforest + xlong, oven[Bi[[i]], ], family = "poisson",
    offset = corrections2offset(bc)[Bi[[i]]]))
}))
modB3 <- t(sapply(1:length(Bi), function(i) {
  mm <- bestmodelBAMspecies("OVEN", type = "multi")
  bc <- with(oven, localBAMcorrections("OVEN", t = dur, r = dist,
    jday = JDAY, tssr = TSSR, tree = pforest, lcc = LCC,
    model.sra = mm$sra, model.edr = mm$edr, boot = TRUE))
  coef(glm(count ~ pforest + xlong, oven[Bi[[i]], ], family = "poisson",
    offset = corrections2offset(bc)[Bi[[i]]]))
}))
round(cbind(wald_fixed = sqrt(diag(vcov(mod))), boot_fixed = sqrt(diag(cov(modB))),
  boot_boot = sqrt(diag(cov(modB1))), boot_multi = sqrt(diag(cov(modB2))),
  boot_bmulti = sqrt(diag(cov(modB2)))), 3)

      wald_fixed boot_fixed boot_boot boot_multi
(Intercept)    0.117      0.254      0.257      0.254
pforest        0.149      0.313      0.315      0.313
xlong          0.040      0.084      0.084      0.084
      boot_bmulti
(Intercept)    0.254
pforest        0.313
xlong          0.084
```

It is clear that the uncertainty in this case is driven by parameter uncertainty, and not model uncertainty w.r.t. the offsets used.

4.3.2 Bayesian and frequentist approach to hierarchical modeling

In the next example we consider a Poisson-Lognormal generalized linear mixed model with a random intercept for routes, which also incorporates detectability related uncertainty.

This model uses a global maximization technique called data cloning (Lele et al., 2007, 2010), which takes advantage of Bayesian MCMC techniques for maximum likelihood estimation. The software implementation is described in Sólymos (2010). Note that using a single clone is identical to the Bayesian hierarchical modeling.

```

library(dcmle) # load dcmle package

Loading required package: dclone
Loading required package: R2WinBUGS
Loading required package: parallel
dclone 1.8-1 2012-09-03
Loading required package: rjags
Linked to JAGS 3.3.0
Loaded modules: basemod, bugs
dcmle 0.2-2 2012-07-06

Attaching package: 'dcmle'
The following objects are masked from 'package:coda':
    chanames, crosscorr.plot, gelman.diag,
    geweke.diag, heidel.diag, raftery.diag, varnames

load.module("glm") # load glm module for JAGS

module glm loaded

model <- function() {
  for (i in 1:n) {
    Y[i] ~ dpois(lam[i])
    log(lam[i]) <- inprod(X[i, ], beta) + E[gr[i]] + log(A[i] *
      p[i])
    p[i] <- 1 - exp(-3 * phi[i])
    A[i] <- 3.141593 * tau[i]^2
    log(phi[i]) <- inprod(Z1[i, ], theta01)
    log(tau[i]) <- inprod(Z2[i, ], theta02)
  }
  for (j in 1:m) {
    E[j] ~ dnorm(0, 1/exp(log.sigma)^2)
  }
  for (k in 1:np) {
    beta[k] ~ dnorm(pr[k], 1)
  }
  log.sigma ~ dnorm(-2, 0.01)
  theta01 ~ dmnorm(theta1, Sigma1)
  theta02 ~ dmnorm(theta2, Sigma2)
}

dat <- list(Y = oven$count, X = model.matrix(~pforest + xlong,
  oven), np = 3, n = nrow(oven), m = length(unique(oven$route)),
  gr = dciid(as.integer(as.factor(oven$route))), pr = coef(mod),
  theta1 = coefBAMspecies("OVEN", bm$sra, bm$edr)$sra, Z1 = model.matrix(~JDAY,
    oven), Sigma1 = solve(vcovBAMspecies("OVEN", bm$sra,
    bm$edr)$sra), theta2 = coefBAMspecies("OVEN", bm$sra,
    bm$edr)$edr, Z2 = model.matrix(~LCC, oven), Sigma2 = solve(vcovBAMspecies("OVEN",
    bm$sra, bm$edr)$edr))

dcf <- makeDcFit(model = model, data = dat, params = c("beta",
  "log.sigma"), multiply = c("n", "m"), unchanged = c("np",
  "pr", "theta1", "theta2", "Sigma1", "Sigma2"))

cl <- makePSOCKcluster(3) # parallel computing for speed up
K <- c(1, 2) # sequence for the number of clones to use
parLoadModule(cl, "glm") # load glm module for JAGS on workers

```

```

[[1]]
NULL

[[2]]
NULL

[[3]]
NULL

dcm <- dcmle(dcf, n.clones = K, n.iter = 1000, cl = cl, partype = "parchains")

Fitting model with 1 clone

Parallel computation in progress

Loading required package: snow

Attaching package: 'snow'
The following objects are masked from 'package:parallel':
  clusterApply, clusterApplyLB, clusterCall,
  clusterEvalQ, clusterExport, clusterMap,
  clusterSplit, makeCluster, parApply, parCapply,
  parLapply, parRapply, parSapply, splitIndices,
  stopCluster

Fitting model with 2 clones

Parallel computation in progress

Warning: chains convergence problem, see R.hat values

stopCluster(cl) # close cluster
dcm

Call:
dcmle(x = dcf, n.clones = K, cl = cl, n.iter = 1000, partype = "parchains")

Coefficients:
  beta[1]  beta[2]  beta[3] log.sigma
-2.56782  2.57360 -0.07926 -7.54143

```

The model reveals results similar to the GLM example above, Proportion of forest cover around points had a significant positive effect on density, while longitude had a negative non-significant effect. The estimate of the route level random effect was 0.56 (SE 0.1).

4.4 Prediction

Point predictions (unconditional on the observations) and associated prediction intervals can be calculated by the same MCMC technique:

```
pmodel <- function() {
  for (i in 1:n) {
    Y[i] ~ dpois(lam[i])
    log(lam[i]) <- inprod(X[i, ], tmp[1:np]) + E[i]
    E[i] ~ dnorm(0, 1/exp(tmp[np + 1])^2)
  }
  tmp[1:(np + 1)] ~ dmnorm(cf, Sig)
}

pf <- 10:0/10
ND <- expand.grid(pforest = pf, xlong = c(-1.8, 0, 1.8))
Xnew <- model.matrix(~pforest + xlong, ND)
## grouping is random (so this is at region and not route
## level)
dat1 <- list(X = Xnew, np = 3, n = nrow(Xnew), cf = coef(dcm),
  Sig = solve(vcov(dcm)))
dcf2p1 <- makeDcFit(model = pmodel, data = dat1, params = c("lam"))
pm1 <- dcmle(dcf2p1, n.clones = 1)

Compiling model graph
  Resolving undeclared variables
  Allocating nodes
  Graph Size: 330

Initializing model

pm1 <- as.matrix(pm1)
ND$mean <- colMeans(pm1)
ND$c11 <- apply(pm1, 2, quantile, probs = 0.025)
ND$c12 <- apply(pm1, 2, quantile, probs = 0.975)
## drawing the figure
op <- par(las = 1)
plot(mean ~ pforest, ND, col = as.integer(as.factor(ND$xlong)),
  ylim = c(0, max(ND$c12)), type = "n", xlab = "Proportion of forest",
  ylab = "Density (males / ha)", axes = FALSE)
polygon(c(pf, rev(pf)), c(ND$c11[ND$xlong > 0], rev(ND$c12[ND$xlong <
  0])), border = NA, col = "grey")
polygon(c(pf, rev(pf)), c(ND$mean[ND$xlong > 0], rev(ND$mean[ND$xlong <
  0])), border = NA, col = "black")
lines(pf, ND$mean[ND$xlong == 0], col = "white", lwd = 2)
box(bty = "1")
axis(1, tck = 0.02)
axis(2, tck = 0.02)
par(op)
```

Predicted density in areas with 100% forest cover was 1.05 males / ha ranging from 0.9 to 1.25 depending on longitude. This prediction almost equals the density estimate of 0.99 (95% confidence limits, 0.85-1.12) by Bayne (2000) based on territory mapping in the same region (Fig. 4.4).

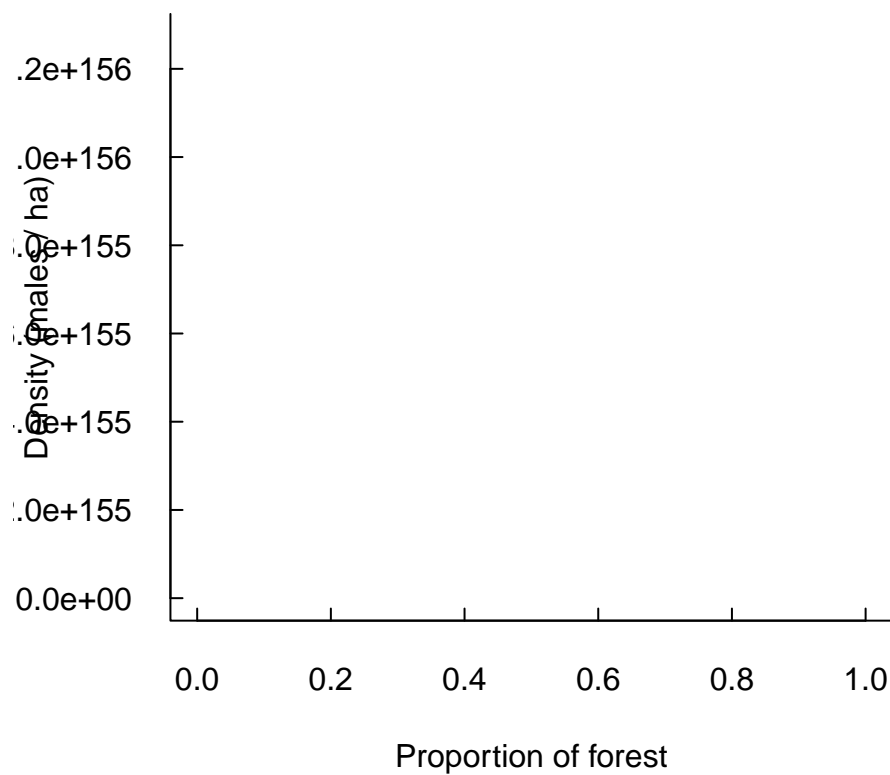


Figure 4.4: Predicted density of Ovenbird as a function of forest cover, based on a generalized linear mixed model (GLMM) fitted to a data set from Saskatchewan, Canada. Grey shade represents 95% prediction intervals incorporating uncertainties related to the random effect and the detectability corrections. Black shade indicates range of variation in mean predictions due to longitude, white line represents the prediction at the centroid of the study area.

Point predictions conditional on the observations and associated prediction intervals given the observations can be calculated in a similar manner (Fig. 4.5).

```
dat2 <- list(Y = dat$Y, X = dat$X, np = 3, n = nrow(dat$X), cf = coef(dcm),
  Sig = solve(vcov(dcm)))
dcf2p2 <- makeDcFit(model = pmodel, data = dat2, params = c("lam"))
pm2 <- dcmle(dcf2p2, n.clones = 1, n.chains = 1)

Compiling model graph
  Resolving undeclared variables
  Allocating nodes
  Graph Size: 8052

Initializing model

pm2 <- as.matrix(pm2)
pp <- data.frame(mean = colMeans(pm2), c11 = apply(pm1, 2, quantile,
  probs = 0.025), c12 = apply(pm1, 2, quantile, probs = 0.975))
summary(pp)
```

	mean	c11	c12
Min.	:0.0896	Min. :0.00e+00	Min. : 1.84e+91
1st Qu.:	:0.1207	1st Qu.:0.00e+00	1st Qu.:2.09e+103
Median	:0.2218	Median :0.00e+00	Median :1.09e+113
Mean	:0.4687	Mean :2.31e-85	Mean :3.86e+154
3rd Qu.:	:0.7638	3rd Qu.:0.00e+00	3rd Qu.:1.11e+120
Max.	:1.6202	Max. :7.63e-84	Max. :1.27e+156

```
boxplot(pp$mean ~ dat$Y, xlab = "Observed counts", ylab = "Predicted mean density")
```

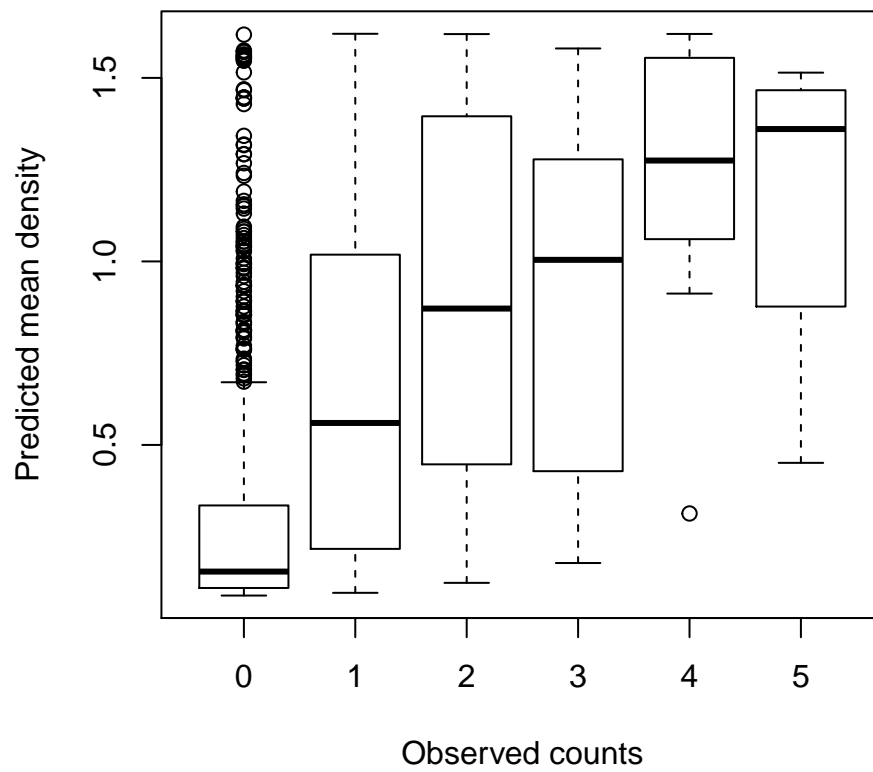


Figure 4.5: The relationship between observed counts and predicted mean density conditional on the observations based on the Ovenbird data set (males / ha).

Chapter 5

Calculating offsets based on independent estimates

Using the estimates derived from our extensive BAM data can help in data deficient situations, but the QPAD approach for using offsets allows the use of custom derived estimates. The only requirement is that estimates need to be consistent with the QPAD approach.

One can create a table with corrections using independently derived point estimates for singing rates (`phi`) and distance parameter (`tau`):

```
customBAMcorrections(r = rep(c(0.5, 1), 2), t = rep(c(5, 10),
  each = 2), phi = seq(0.5, 0.8, len = 4), tau = seq(0.5, 0.8,
  len = 4))
```

	A	p	q
1	0.7854	0.9179	0.6321
2	3.1416	0.9502	0.3376
3	0.7854	0.9991	0.7833
4	3.1416	0.9997	0.5058

Similarly, one can supply a vector of values for `phi` and `tau`:

```
customBAMcorrections(r = rep(c(0.5, 1), 2), t = rep(c(5, 10),
  each = 2), phi = seq(0.5, 0.8, len = 4), tau = seq(0.5, 0.8,
  len = 4))
```

	A	p	q
1	0.7854	0.9179	0.6321
2	3.1416	0.9502	0.3376
3	0.7854	0.9991	0.7833
4	3.1416	0.9997	0.5058

Custom values can be derived from fitted models based on the conditional likelihood estimating procedure:

```
head(customBAMcorrections(r = rep(1, n), t = rep(10, n), phi = fitted(m2),
  tau = fitted(m4)))
```

	A	p	q
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1	3.142	0.8813	0.4122
2	3.142	0.4927	0.2790
3	3.142	0.8619	0.4030
4	3.142	0.4489	0.2656
5	3.142	0.3200	0.2240
6	3.142	0.9980	0.5465

Chapter 6

Further examples

Further examples can be found at the BAM website (<http://www.borealbirds.ca>) under the Results tab.

These include spatial maps of expected mean abundance for Bird Conservation Regions (BCRs) within provinces and territories of Canada, and relative densities within various land cover classes per spatial units. Information is available for 70 bird species.

For example, the Ovenbird results (density estimates, habitat associations, and more) are available at the BAM website.

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