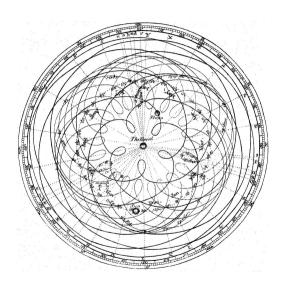
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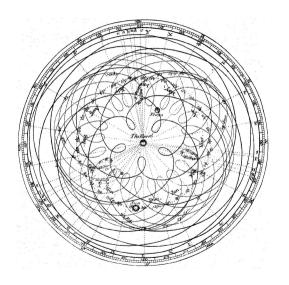
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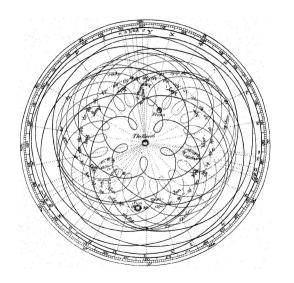
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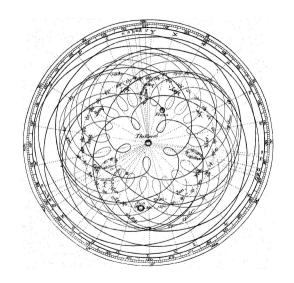
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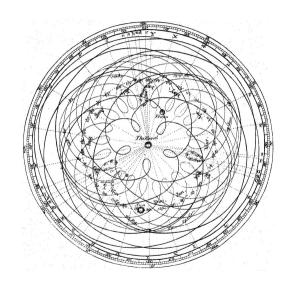
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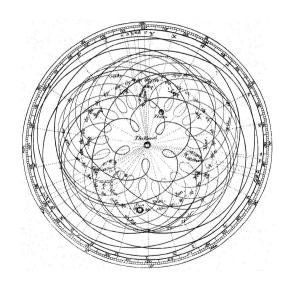
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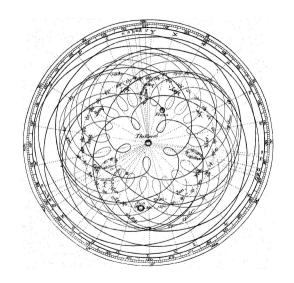
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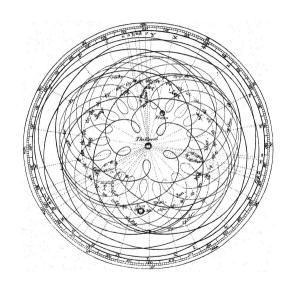
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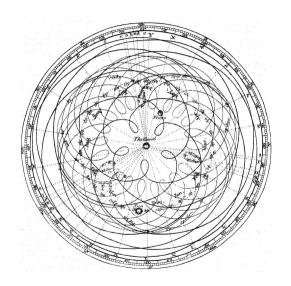
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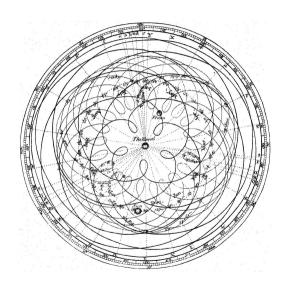
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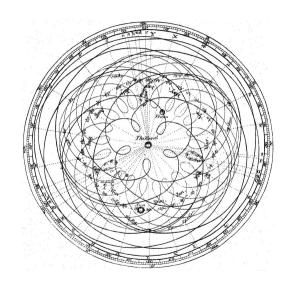
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m1 <- lm(y~x,data=dat) #Uses x to predict y
summary(m1)
```

```
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = v \sim x. data = dat)
## Residuals:
       Min
                10 Median
                                         Max
## -18.2574 -4.1262 0.0296 3.1854 25.2780
## Coefficients:
              Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept) 2.7306 0.5772 4.731 4.92e-06 ***
## x
                0.7213
                       0.1020 7.074 4.60e-11 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
## Residual standard error: 7.3 on 158 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared: 0.2405, Adjusted R-squared: 0.2357
## F-statistic: 50.04 on 1 and 158 DF, p-value: 4.6e-11
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head(model.matrix(m1))
    (Intercept)
             1 -4 248450
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coef(m1)
## (Intercept)
    2 7305689 0 7212867
pred2 <- model.matrix(m1) %*% coef(m1) #predicted = matrix * coefs</pre>
head(data.frame(pred1=predict(m1),pred2)) #same thing!
        pred1
                  pred2
    -0.3337812 -0.3337812
     6.8895819 6.8895819
     1.4174942 1.4174942
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Groups are coded by "dummy variables" (0s and 1s)

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m2 <- lm(v~site.data=dat) #Use site to predict v
head(model.matrix(m2)) #0s and 1s used to identify groups
    (Intercept) siteb sitec sited sitee sitef siteg siteh sitei sitej sitek sitel
## 1
## 2
## 3
## 4
## 5
## 6
    sitem siten siteo sitep
## 1
## 2
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coef(m2) #This uses the 1st site as the "control" group
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     7.192416 -11.998464 -14.632803
                                         1.983649
                                                    -7.765354
                                                                -4.523079
                                sitei
                                                        sitek
                                                                    sitel
##
        siteg
                     siteh
                                            sitej
    -3.439621
                -8.280601
                            -4.306456
                                        -4.085855
                                                    -5.663021
                                                                -5.155112
        sitem
                     siten
                                siteo
                                            siten
##
    -6.226642
                 8.403599
                            -8.626661
                                       -10.934182
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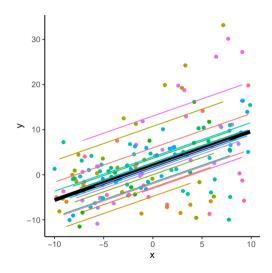
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## -2 50816 -0 71380 -0 02682 0 69401 3 01951
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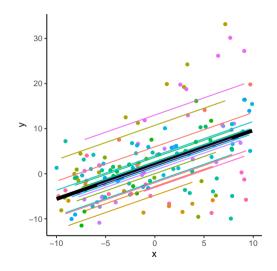
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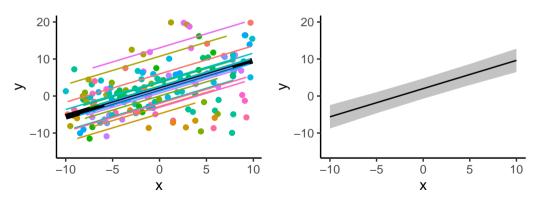


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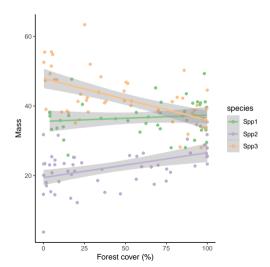
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First challenge

How does forest cover influence fish size? Maybe some of the species do better in forested streams?

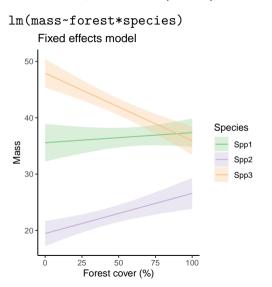
- You've weighed fish in streams with different forest covers (fishMass.csv). However, perhaps some of the variation is caused by "other things" about the site?
- Fit a mixed effects model with the fixed effects you're interested in (forest cover, species), and include site as a random intercept
- How does this compare to a simple linear model where you ignore site?

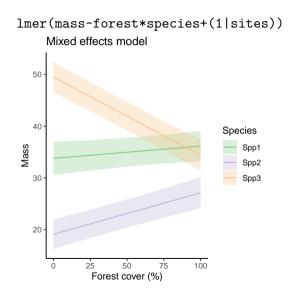


First challenge results

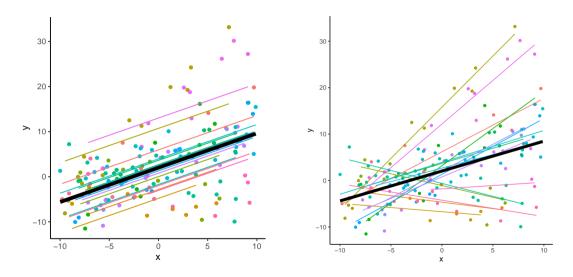
```
##
                                                                 ## Linear mixed model fit by REML ['lmerMod']
## Call:
                                                                 ## Formula: mass ~ species * forest + (1 | sites)
## lm(formula = mass ~ species * forest, data = fishDat)
                                                                       Data: fishDat
##
                                                                 ##
## Residuals:
                                                                 ## REML criterion at convergence: 807.4
       Min
                      Median
                                          Max
## -15.6767 -3.1422
                      0.0415
                              3.3364 18.4631
                                                                 ## Scaled residuals:
##
                                                                        Min
                                                                                10 Median
                                                                                                30
## Coefficients:
                                                                 ## -3 3538 -0 5868 0 0548 0 6296 2 1122
                      Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
##
## (Intercept)
                      35.57610
                                 1.68256 21.144 < 2e-16 ***
                                                                 ## Random effects:
## speciesSpp2
                     -16.13571
                                 2.02625 -7.963 4.60e-13 ***
                                                                 ## Groups Name
                                                                                         Variance Std.Dev.
## speciesSpp3
                      12.34080
                                 2.11876 5.825 3.59e-08 ***
                                                                 ## sites
                                                                             (Intercept) 25.931
                                                                                                  5.092
## forest
                       0.01792
                                 0.02413 0.743 0.4590
                                                                 ## Residual
                                                                                          8.381
                                                                                                  2.895
## speciesSpp2:forest
                     0.05348
                                 0.03152 1.697 0.0919 .
                                                                 ## Number of obs: 150, groups: sites, 15
## speciesSpp3:forest
                      -0.13769
                                 0.03187 -4.321 2.88e-05 ***
                                                                 ##
## ---
                                                                 ## Fixed effects:
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
                                                                                       Estimate Std. Error t value
##
                                                                 ## (Intercept)
                                                                                       33.78928
                                                                                                   1.63228 20.701
## Residual standard error: 5.468 on 144 degrees of freedom
                                                                 ## speciesSpp2
                                                                                      -14.65711
                                                                                                   1.13614 -12.901
## Multiple R-squared: 0.7391, Adjusted R-squared: 0.73
                                                                 ## speciesSpp3
                                                                                       15.68085
                                                                                                   1.19467 13.126
## F-statistic: 81.57 on 5 and 144 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16
                                                                 ## forest
                                                                                        0.02365
                                                                                                   0.01353 1.747
                                                                 ## speciesSpp2:forest
                                                                                        0.05650
                                                                                                   0.01720
                                                                                                            3.285
                                                                 ## speciesSpp3:forest
                                                                                       -0.17411
                                                                                                   0.01785 -9.754
                                                                 ##
                                                                 ## Correlation of Fixed Effects:
                                                                                (Intr) spcsS2 spcsS3 forest spcS2:
                                                                 ## speciesSpp2 -0.501
                                                                 ## speciesSpp3 -0.480 0.681
                                                                 ## forest
                                                                               -0.513 0.734 0.702
                                                                 ## spcsSpp2:fr 0.390 -0.815 -0.532 -0.771
                                                                 ## spcsSpp3:fr 0.387 -0.546 -0.835 -0.764 0.584
```

First challenge results (cont.)





More random effects: slopes!



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Suppose that y wasn't just higher or lower at each site, but that the effect of x on y was higher or lower at each site

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- σ , σ_{int} , σ_{slope} = variance terms

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##
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##
## Scaled residuals:
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##
## Random effects:
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Model matrices

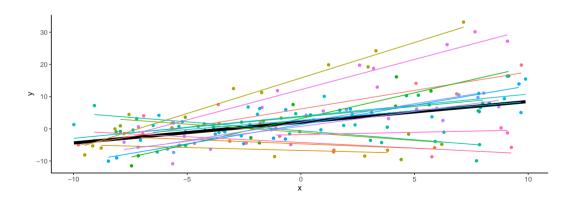
X: Fixed effects model matrix

U: Random intercept model matrix

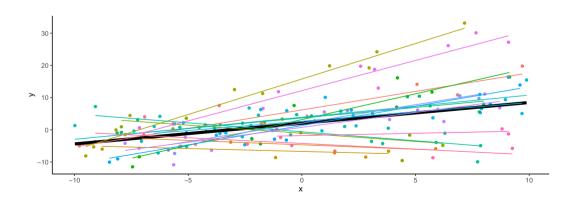
U_{x} : Random slope model matrix

```
sitea siteb sitec sited sitee sitef siteg siteh sitei
                                0.00 - 4.25
                                0.00
                                      0.00
                             0 - 1.82
                                      0.00
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```

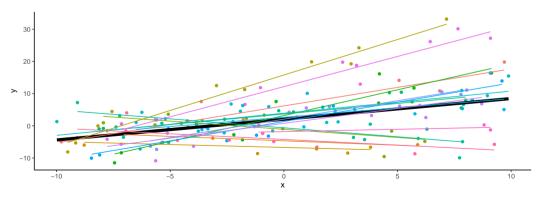
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- Changes in intercepts and slopes are *normally distributed*, and in this example are *correlated* with each other



"My supervisor told me to just use site as a fixed effect. Why can't I do that?"

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- You can do it this way, but you may encounter the following problems:
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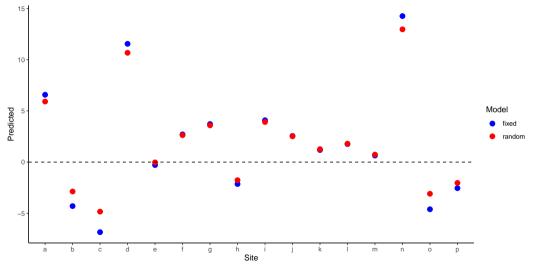
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Example of partial pooling effect (shrinkage)



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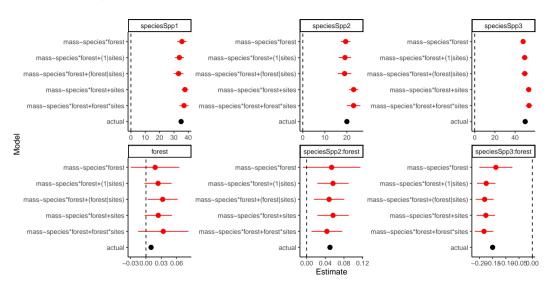
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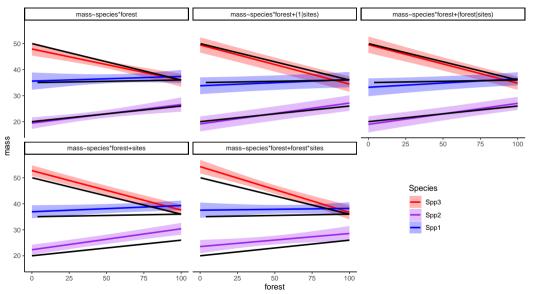
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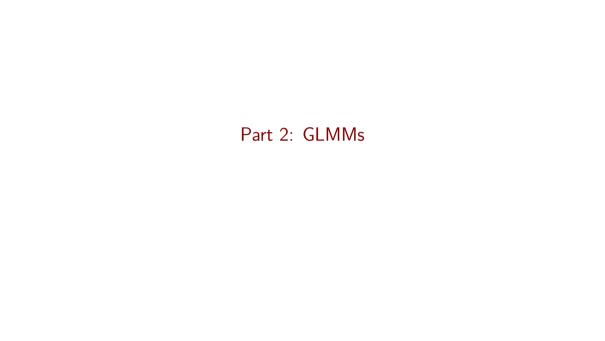
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Second challenge results



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What if my response variable is non-normal?

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glmm2 <- glmmTMB(y~x+(x|site),data=dat2,family=nbinom2())
summary(glmm2) #Similar results, but quicker</pre>
```

Fitting GLMMs

```
## Generalized linear mixed model fit by maximum likelihood (Laplace## Family: nbinom2 ( log )
  Approximation) [glmerMod]
                                                                ## Formula:
                                                                                    v \sim x + (x \mid site)
## Family: Negative Binomial(5.1294) ( log )
                                                                ## Data: dat2
## Formula: v ~ x + (x | site)
##
     Data: dat2
                                                                        ATC
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                                                                ## Random effects:
##
##
                                                                ##
## Scaled residuals:
                                                                ## Conditional model:
      Min
               10 Median
                                     Max
                                                                ## Groups Name
                                                                                      Variance Std.Dev. Corr
## -1.3745 -0.7098 -0.3946 0.5108 2.5367
                                                                    site (Intercept) 1.43543 1.1981
##
                                                                ##
                                                                           v
                                                                                      0.02892 0.1701 0.92
## Random effects:
                                                                ## Number of obs: 160, groups: site, 16
## Groups Name
                     Variance Std. Dev. Corr
                                                                ##
   site (Intercept) 1.43500 1.1979
                                                                ## Dispersion parameter for nbinom2 family (): 5.12
##
          v
                     0.02878 0.1697 0.92
                                                                ##
## Number of obs: 160, groups: site, 16
                                                                ## Conditional model:
##
                                                                               Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(>|z|)
## Fixed effects:
                                                                ## (Intercept) 0.34132
                                                                                          0.32172 1.061 0.2887
              Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(>|z|)
                                                                               0.11026
                                                                                          0.04697 2.348 0.0189 *
                                                                ## x
## (Intercept) 0.32746
                         0.32166 1.018 0.3087
                                                                ## ---
## v
              0.10830
                         0.04681 2.314 0.0207 *
                                                                ## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
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##
## Correlation of Fixed Effects:
## (Intr)
## v 0 799
```

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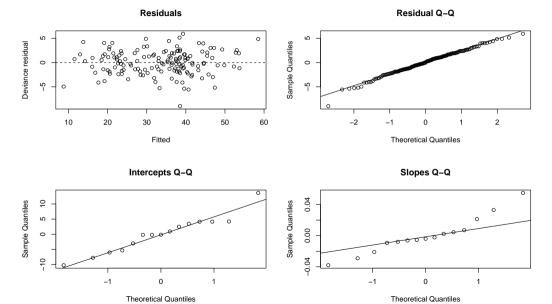
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#Example with LMMs (fish model from before)
devRes <- residuals(m2,type='deviance') #Get deviance residuals
m2RE <- ranef(m2)$sites #Get matrix of random effects (intercept + slope)
par(mfrow=c(2,2))
#Plots deviance residuals + 0 line
plot(fitted(m2),devRes,xlab='Fitted',ylab='Deviance residual',main='Residuals')
abline(h=0,lty=2)
qqnorm(devRes,main='Residual Q-Q'); qqline(devRes) #Deviance residual Q-Q
qqnorm(m2RE[,1],main='Intercepts Q-Q'); qqline(m2RE[,1]) #Intercepts
qqnorm(m2RE[,2],main='Slopes Q-Q'); qqline(m2RE[,2]) #Slopes Q-Q
par(mfrow=c(1,1))</pre>
```

Residual checks for LMMs/GLMMs (cont.)

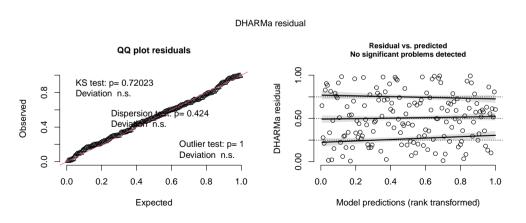


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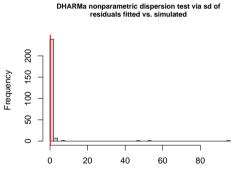
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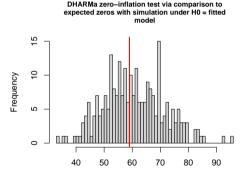
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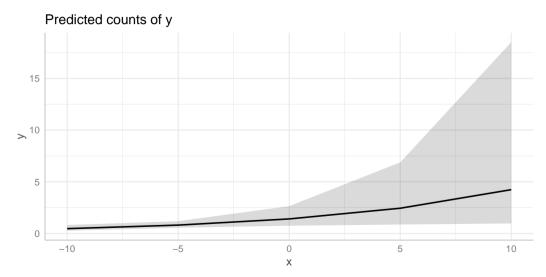


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DHARMa nonparametric dispersion test via sd of residuals fitted ###. DHARMa zero-inflation test via comparison to expected zeros witl ## simulated ## simulation under HO = fitted model

Partial residual plots for glmmTMB models

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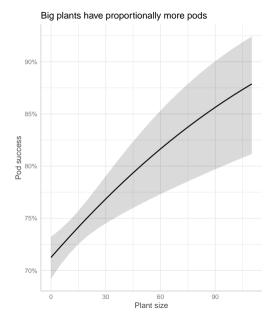
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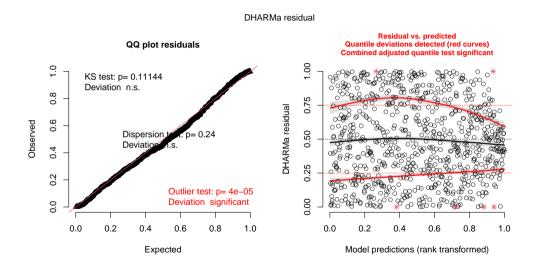
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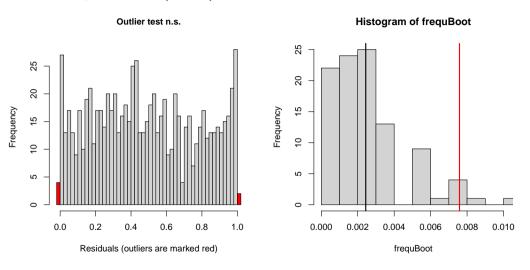
```
## Family: binomial (logit)
## Formula:
## cbind(Pods, Missing) ~ Year + VegMass + Distance + (VegMass |
      Field/Plot)
## Data: canolaDat
##
       ATC
               BIC logLik deviance df.resid
    7455.3 7502.1 -3717.7 7435.3
##
## Random effects:
##
## Conditional model:
                         Variance Std.Dev. Corr
## Groups
              Name
## Plot:Field (Intercept) 0.2525897 0.50258
##
              VegMass
                         0.0005972 0.02444 -0.83
## Field
          (Intercept) 0.0510166 0.22587
             VegMass
                         0.0001530 0.01237 -0.21
## Number of obs: 791, groups: Plot:Field, 246; Field, 59
##
## Conditional model:
               Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(>|z|)
##
                                   0.235 0.814090
## (Intercept) 3.678e+01 1.564e+02
## Year
              -1.781e-02 7.764e-02 -0.229 0.818560
## VegMass 9.758e-03 2.650e-03 3.683 0.000231 ***
              -5.661e-05 1.026e-04 -0.552 0.580994
## Distance
## Signif. codes:
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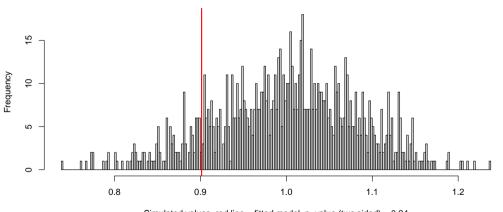
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DHARMa bootstrapped outlier test

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DHARMa nonparametric dispersion test via sd of residuals fitted vs. simulated



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- Some other sage advice

Step 1: was the term "important"?

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In linear models, this is done using an ANOVA F-test (also shown at the bottom of a summary() statement):

But wait, there's more!

Unfortunately, if we have more than 1 term in the model, the order of terms can change your answer:

```
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lmMod2 <- lm(mpg~gear+disp,data=mtcars)</pre>
anova(lmMod1)
## Analysis of Variance Table
## Response: mpg
           Df Sum Sq Mean Sq F value Pr(>F)
## disp 1 808.89 808.89 73.9959 1.788e-09 ***
## gear 1 0.14 0.14 0.0132
                                     0.9093
## Residuals 29 317.01 10.93
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
anova (1mMod2)
## Analysis of Variance Table
## Response: mpg
           Df Sum Sq Mean Sq F value Pr(>F)
## gear 1 259.75 259.75 23.762 3.595e-05 ***
## disp 1 549.28 549.28 50.248 8.465e-08 ***
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## ---
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```
## Single term deletions

## model:

## mpg - gear + disp

## Df Sum of Sq RSS AIC F value Pr(>F)

## <a href="mailto:safe">safe</a>

## cone> 317.01 79.383

## gear 1 0.14 317.16 77.397 0.0132 0.9093

## disp 1 549.28 866.30 109.552 50.2476 8.465e-08 ***

## ---

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##
#Model:
## mpg ~ gear * disp
## 
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## 
mps ~ gear 
m
```

 Anova from the car package tests other terms after interactions, but the meaning isn't the same. I prefer to keep things simple and just use drop1()

```
## Anova Table (Type II tests)
##

## Response: mpg
## Sum Sq Df F value Pr(>F)
## gear 0.14 1 0.0145 0.90502
## disp 549.28 1 55.2038 4.312e-08 ***
## gear:disp 38.41 1 3.8604 0.05943 .
## disp 549.28 28
## ---
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```
drop1(m1,test='Chisq')
## Single term deletions
##
## Model:
## mass - species * forest - 1 + (1 | sites)
## npar AIC LRT Pr(Chi)
## <none> 806.04
## species:forest 2 932.51 130.47 < 2.2e-16 ***
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- Unfortunately, different numbers of data points change your likelihood, so this can wreck LRTs. This happens a lot if you have NAs in your predictor columns, so clean up your data before using it in models.

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```
library(multcomp)
mod <- lm(mass-species,data=fishDat)
sppComp <- glht(mod,linfct=mcp(species= "Tukey"))
cld(sppComp) #Letter display
## Spp1 Spp2 Spp3</pre>
```

Step 3: How well did your model fit your data?

In a simple linear model, a common measure of model fit is adjusted R^2 , which can be found in the summary() statement

```
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = mass ~ species * forest - 1, data = fishDat)
## Residuals:
                 10 Median
       Min
                                          Max
## -15.6767 -3.1422 0.0415 3.3364 18.4631
## Coefficients:
                     Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## speciesSpp1
                    35.57610
                                1.68256 21.144 < 2e-16 ***
## speciesSpp2
                    19.44039
                                1.12903 17.219 < 2e-16 ***
## speciesSpp3
                    47.91690
                                1.28769 37.212 < 2e-16 ***
                     0.01792
                                0.02413 0.743
## forest
                                                 0.4590
## speciesSpp2:forest 0.05348
                                0.03152 1.697
                                                 0.0919
## speciesSpp3:forest -0.13769
                                0.03187 -4.321 2.88e-05 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 5.468 on 144 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared: 0.9766. Adjusted R-squared: 0.9756
## F-statistic: 1002 on 6 and 144 DF. p-value: < 2.2e-16
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```
library(MuMIn)
r.squaredGLMM(m1)

## R2m R2c
## [1,] 0.7094007 0.9290197

library(r2glmm)
r2beta(m1, method = 'nsj',partial=FALSE)

## Effect Rsq upper.CL lower.CL
## 1 Model 0.96 0.969 0.951
```

 Size of the random effects (variance components) can give you an idea of how large the between-group variance was compared to residual variance. Useful for planning future field work or experiments!

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