

CATEGORIAL PREDICTORS AND CONTRASTS

We can also use categorical predictors to estimate per-group averages.

- K_i : caloric content of milk in several monkey groups
- $CLADE$: categorical variable for the monkey groups

$$K_i \sim \text{Normal}(\mu_i, \sigma)$$

$$\mu_i = \alpha_{CLADE[i]}$$

$$\alpha_i \sim \text{Normal}(0, 0.5)$$

$$\sigma \sim \text{Exponential}(1)$$

PER CLADE MILK CONTENT

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