

# Modelação Ecológica

## AULA 27

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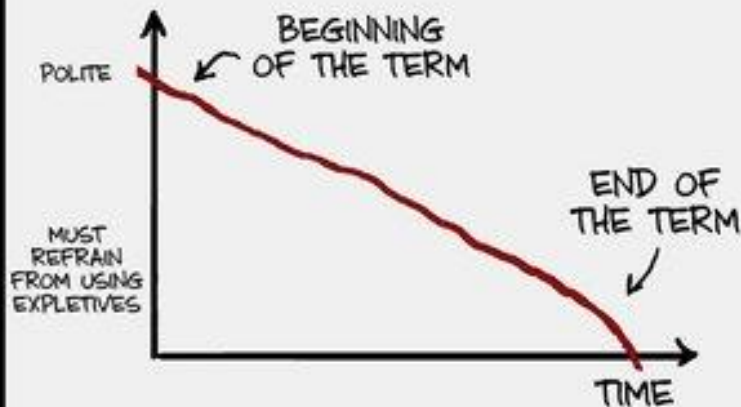
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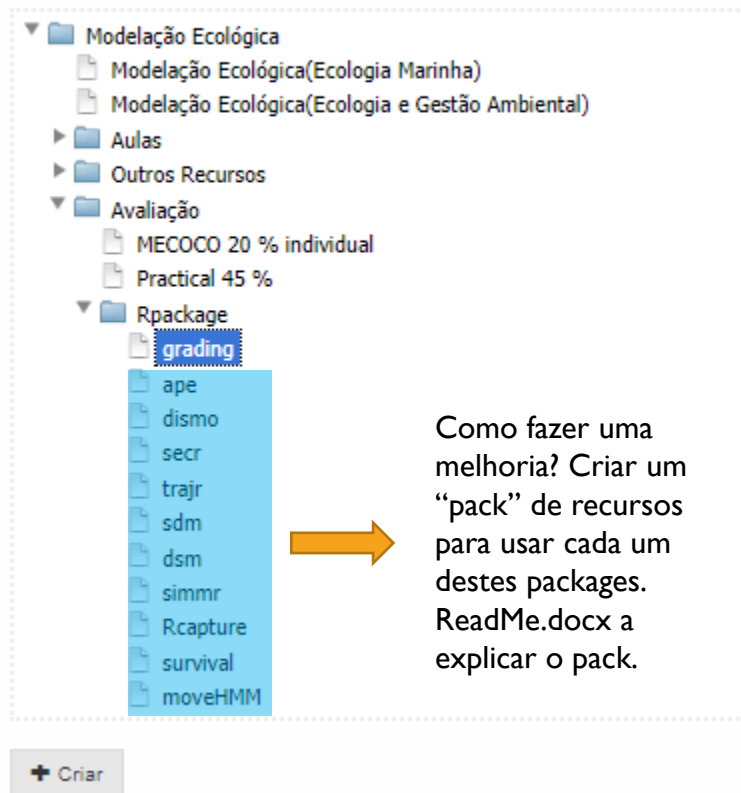
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Como fazer uma melhoria? Criar um “pack” de recursos para usar cada um destes packages. ReadMe.docx a explicar o pack.

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# SEND ME A PACKAGE WORK README DOCUMENT

Call document “Trajr\_ReadMe.docx” (adapt to your package name!)

## R package – Trajr

A brief description of your work, what is the package, what can it be used for, and what you did with it.

- A descrição do package e das suas funções pode ser consultada em:  
<https://cran.rapporter.net/web/packages/trajr/trajr.pdf>
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<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1111/eth.12739>
- O artigo modelo utilizado teve como objetivo de estudo o mimetismo de trajetórias de himenópteros por parte de espécies da família Sesiidae. Este artigo foi consultado em:  
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State explicitly the name of the file that contains the presentation slides, the report, and any other files you might have handed in

# EACH STUDENT EVALUATED, INDEPENDENTLY, EACH GROUP

We can use the data to model the grades as a function of a series of characteristics:

- Sex
  - Age
  - Final Uni classification
  - Group
  - Order of presentation
  - Before or after own presentation
  - Others? Think !
- 
- Write paper? Make R Package? Create an app for grading?

**FEEL FREE TO CONTRIBUTE WITH YOUR IDEAS, THOUGHTS & SUGGESTIONS**

**THIS WILL BECOME  
WHAT  
YOU MAKE IT BECOME**

# TODAY'S MENU

- sdm: Karlis Tohters
- Filling a GEE gap
- Wrap up, take home messages and the likes
- Anything you want to work on or ask me about

# FILLING A GEE GAP

WAY BACK FROM AULA 21 on GEEs

Revisit two datasets from FT7b4ME 20 11 2019.pdf in “Aula 19”

7. Find a GLM that best fits the data “Owls.txt”, where you are trying to explain the begging behavior of owls offspring when the parents are absent from the nest. The variable “SiblingNegotiation” represents the number of calls produced by the chicks in the nest during a 30 second period, while “BroodSize” represents the size of the brood. More details about this data can be found in Zuur et al. 2009.

Account for variation over time in the same nest

```
> fmodelo <- formula(SiblingNegotiation~offset(LBroodSize)+FoodTreatment+ArrivalTime)
> mod1 <- geeglm(formula=fmodelo,data=owls,family = poisson,id = Nest, corstr = "ar1")
> summary(mod1)
```

```
Call:
geeglm(formula = fmodelo, family = poisson, data = owls, id = Nest,
        corstr = "ar1")
```

```
Coefficients:
                Estimate Std.err  Wald Pr(>|W|)
(Intercept)      3.70322  0.66935 30.61 3.16e-08 ***
FoodTreatmentSatiated -0.56417  0.12254 21.20 4.15e-06 ***
ArrivalTime      -0.12418  0.02691 21.30 3.93e-06 ***
---
Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

```
Estimated Scale Parameters:
                Estimate Std.err
(Intercept)    6.242    0.387
```

```
Correlation: Structure = ar1 Link = identity
```

```
Estimated Correlation Parameters:
                Estimate Std.err
alpha  0.3854  0.0582
```

```
Number of clusters: 27 Maximum cluster size: 52
```

```
> sort(with(owls,tapply(BroodSize,Nest,length)))
  Forel      Sevaz      Chevroux      Gletterens      LesPlanches      Lully
    4          4          10          15          17          17
  ChEsard      Bochet      StAubin      Seiry      Marnand      AutavauxTV
   20          23          23          26          27          28
  Yvonnand      Montet      Oleyes
   34          41          52

> length(unique(owls$Nest))
[1] 27
```

GDLV	CorcellesFavres	Henniez
10	12	13
Rueyes	Jeuss	Trey
17	19	19
Murist	Payerne	Franex
24	25	26
Lucens	Champmartin	Etrabloz
29	30	34



```
> mod.by.nestnight <- geeglm(formula=fmodelo,data=owls,family = poisson,id=NestNight,corstr="ar1")
> summary(mod.by.nestnight)
```

Call:

```
geeglm(formula = fmodelo, family = poisson, data = owls, id = NestNight,
        corstr = "ar1")
```

Coefficients:

	Estimate	Std.err	Wald	Pr(> W )	
(Intercept)	3.593	0.668	28.9	7.6e-08	***
FoodTreatmentSatiated	-0.578	0.115	25.4	4.6e-07	***
ArrivalTime	-0.122	0.027	20.3	6.6e-06	***

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Estimated Scale Parameters:

	Estimate	Std.err
(Intercept)	6.64	0.524

Correlation: Structure = ar1 Link = identity

Estimated Correlation Parameters:

	Estimate	Std.err
alpha	0.517	0.0676

Number of clusters: 277 Maximum cluster size: 18

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## Aknowledgements

Alain Zuur provided some feedback about the issue where the incorrect number of groups was being considered in the analysis. Søren Højsgaard provided very useful advice about how data is dealt with within his `geepack`, which allowed to undersatnd and solve said issue.

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```
mod.by.nestnight <- geeglm(formula=fmodelo,data=owls,family = poisson,id=NestNight,corstr="ar1")
summary(mod.by.nestnight)
```

```
##
## Call:
## geeglm(formula = fmodelo, family = poisson, data = owls, id = NestNight,
## corstr = "ar1")
##
## Coefficients:
##              Estimate Std.err Wald Pr(>|W|)
## (Intercept)      3.7119  0.6867 29.2  6.5e-08 ***
## FoodTreatmentSatiated -0.5409  0.1375 15.5  8.3e-05 ***
## ArrivalTime       -0.1249  0.0272 21.2  4.2e-06 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Estimated Scale Parameters:
##              Estimate Std.err
## (Intercept)      6.21  0.535
##
## Correlation: Structure = ar1 Link = identity
##
## Estimated Correlation Parameters:
##              Estimate Std.err
## alpha         0.382  0.0541
##
## Number of clusters: 54 Maximum cluster size: 28
```

Your task: where's this number coming from?

```
> sort(with(owls,tapply(BroodSize,Nest,length)))
```

27 × 2

Forel	Sevaz	Chevroux	GDLV	CorcellesFavres	Henniez
4	4	10	10	12	13
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Yvonnand	Montet	Oleyes			
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```
> length(unique(owls$Nest))
```

```
[1] 27
```

WRAP UP, TAKE HOME MESSAGES  
AND THE LIKES

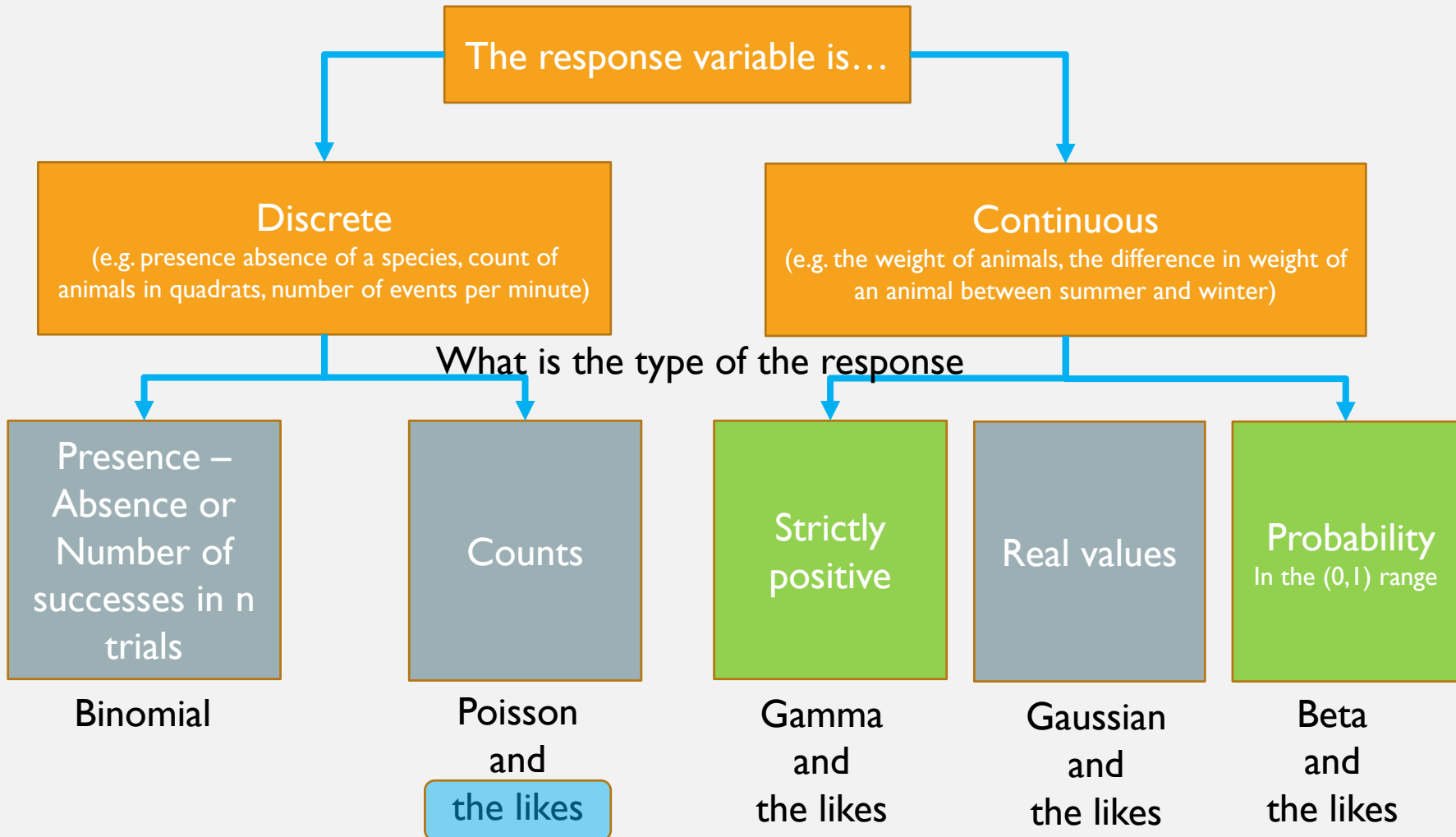


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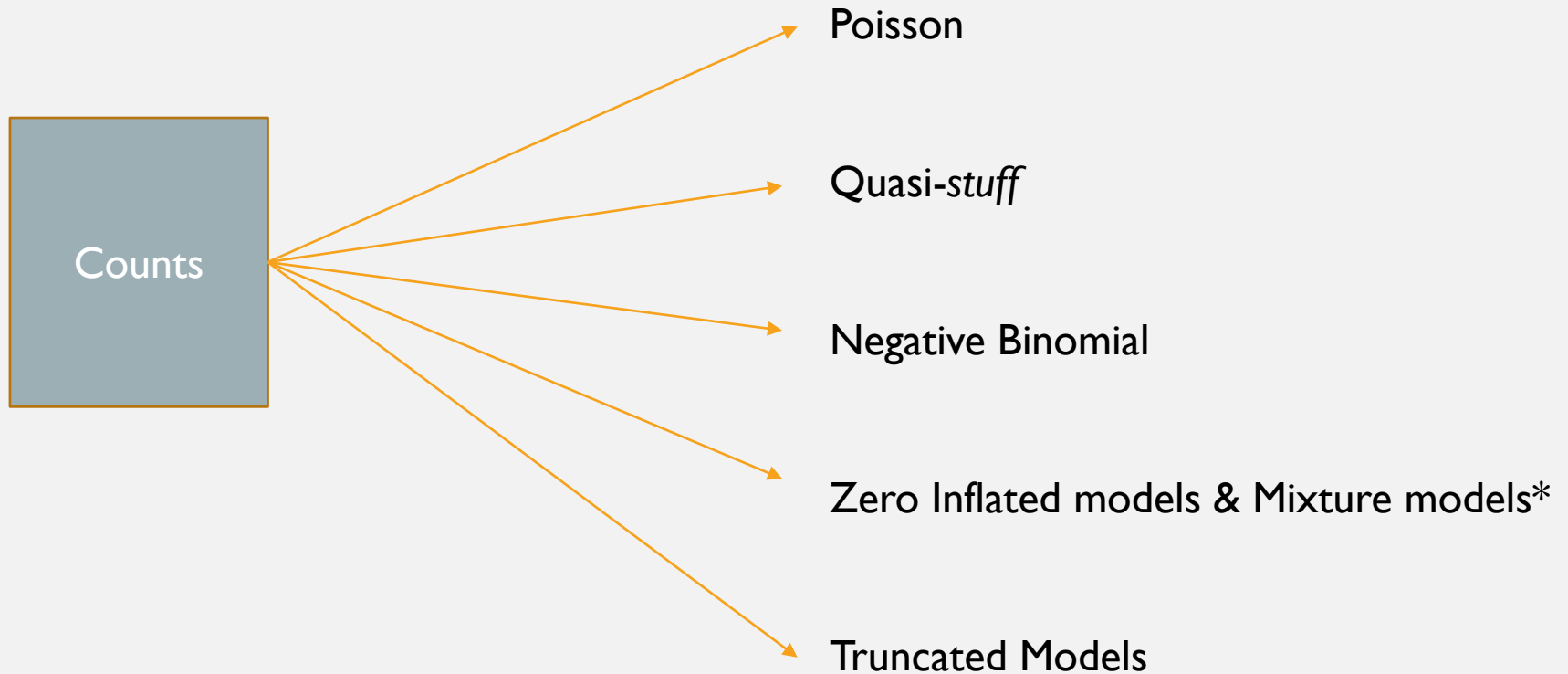
- A cornerstone for statistical ecology
- The basis is the linear model (LM)
- Sometimes relationships are not linear and responses are constrained
- We can extend the LM it by using Generalized Linear Models (GLM)
  - Different distributions for the response
  - A link function (allows the relationship NOT to be linear on the response scale, but still linear on the scale of the link function)
- If the response is not linear, we can extend the GLM it with smooth additive functions, leading to a generalized additive model (GAM)

When modelling a response variable, what we want is a model that describes the data, eventually as a function of covariates.

Therefore, the first step is to decide what will be the distribution of the response variable. In other words, what to use in the family argument of most modelling functions in R (like `glm`, `gam`, etc.). There are a couple of big questions that need answering:



When modelling counts (very frequent biological data)

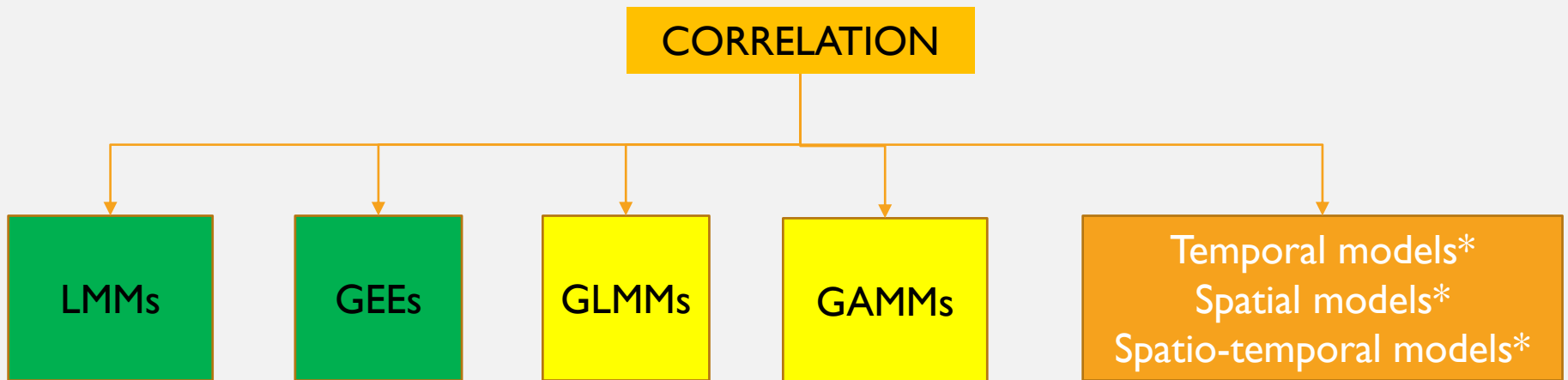


\* These are available even for situations where the data are not counts!

LMs, GLMs and GAMs all share a common assumption: independent observations

Biological/Ecological data rarely is ever independent: observations are collected:

1. over space → spatial correlation
2. over time → temporal correlation
3. within individuals units or blocks → (unstructured) correlation



\* Often implemented in a Bayesian framework!



## OTHER MODELS (VERY USEFUL FOR ECOLOGICAL DATA)

- Distance Sampling
- (Spatially Explicit) Capture-Recapture
- Occupancy
- Species Distribution Models
- Movement Models

Focus on the specific application

- State Space Models\*
- Hidden Markov Models
- Point Process Models\*
- Hierarchical Models\*

Focus on the methodological aspects – hidden process models

\* Often implemented in a Bayesian framework!

REVIEW

## Bayesian inference in ecology

### Abstract

Bayesian inference is an important statistical tool that is increasingly being used by ecologists. In a Bayesian analysis, information available before a study is conducted is summarized in a quantitative model or hypothesis: the prior probability distribution. Bayes' Theorem uses the prior probability distribution and the likelihood of the data to generate a posterior probability distribution. Posterior probability distributions are an epistemological alternative to *P*-values and provide a direct measure of the degree of belief that can be placed on models, hypotheses, or parameter estimates. Moreover, Bayesian information-theoretic methods provide robust measures of the probability of alternative models, and multiple models can be averaged into a single model that reflects uncertainty in model construction and selection. These methods are demonstrated through a simple worked example. Ecologists are using Bayesian inference in studies that range from predicting single-species population dynamics to understanding ecosystem processes. Not all ecologists, however, appreciate the philosophical underpinnings of Bayesian inference. In particular, Bayesians and frequentists differ in their definition of probability and in their treatment of model parameters as random variables or estimates of true values. These assumptions must be addressed explicitly before deciding whether or not to use Bayesian methods to analyse ecological data.

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May 1, 2019

By Francisco Lima

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Greater Ani (*Crotophaga major*) is a cuckoo species whose females occasionally lay eggs in conspecific nests, a form of parasitism recently explored [\[source\]](#)

If there was something that always frustrated me was not fully understanding Bayesian inference. Sometime last year, I came across an article about a TensorFlow-supported R package for Bayesian analysis, called *greta*. Back then, I searched for *greta* tutorials and stumbled on this [blog post](#) that praised a textbook called *Statistical Rethinking: A Bayesian Course with Examples in R and Stan* by Richard McElreath. I had found a solution to my lingering frustration so I bought a copy straight away.

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## Poisson regression fitted by glm(), maximum likelihood, and MCMC

October 29, 2013

By petrkeil

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The goal of this post is to demonstrate how a simple statistical model (Poisson log-linear regression) can be fitted using three different approaches. I want to demonstrate that both frequentists and Bayesians use the same models, and that it is the fitting procedure and the inference that differs. This is also for those who understand the likelihood methods and do not have a clue about MCMC, and vice versa. I use an ecological dataset for the demonstration.

The complete code of this post is available here on [GitHub](#)

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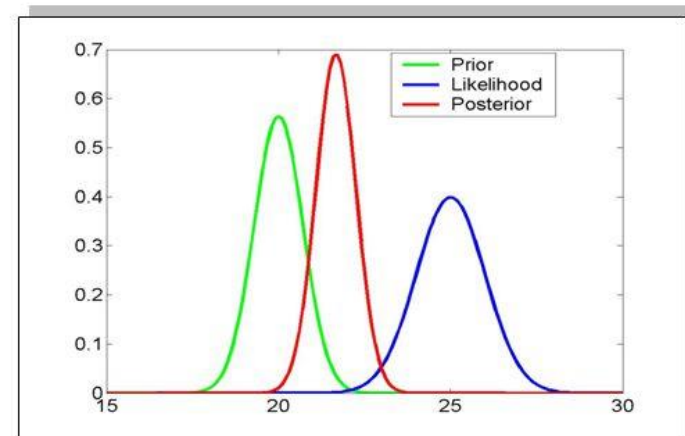
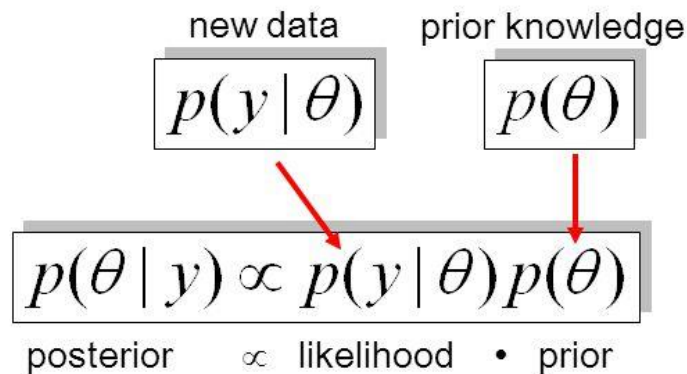
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Inferences are not only based on the data. We know things about our process even before collecting the data. Why not use that to help our inferences?

We do that via a prior distribution...

Inferences are then based on a posterior distribution

## Bayesian statistics



Bayes theorem allows one to formally incorporate prior knowledge into computing statistical probabilities.

Priors can be of different sorts: empirical, principled or shrinkage priors.

The “posterior” probability of the parameters given the data is an optimal combination of prior knowledge and new data, weighted by their relative precision.

# Agent Based Models!

Simulating reality allows us to gain insight

Comparing simulated reality with observed data allows you to make inferences about the processes that might have generated the data

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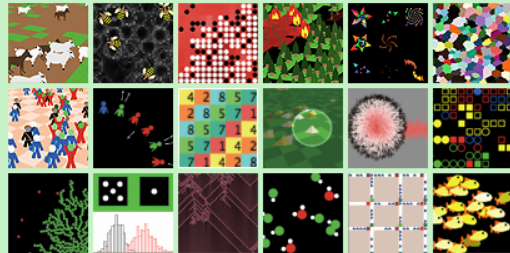
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# Approximate Bayesian Computation

A process that formally can link Agent Based Models and the Bayesian Paradigm, useful for when we want to make formal inferences but we can't specify a likelihood, yet we can simulate the process that generated the data

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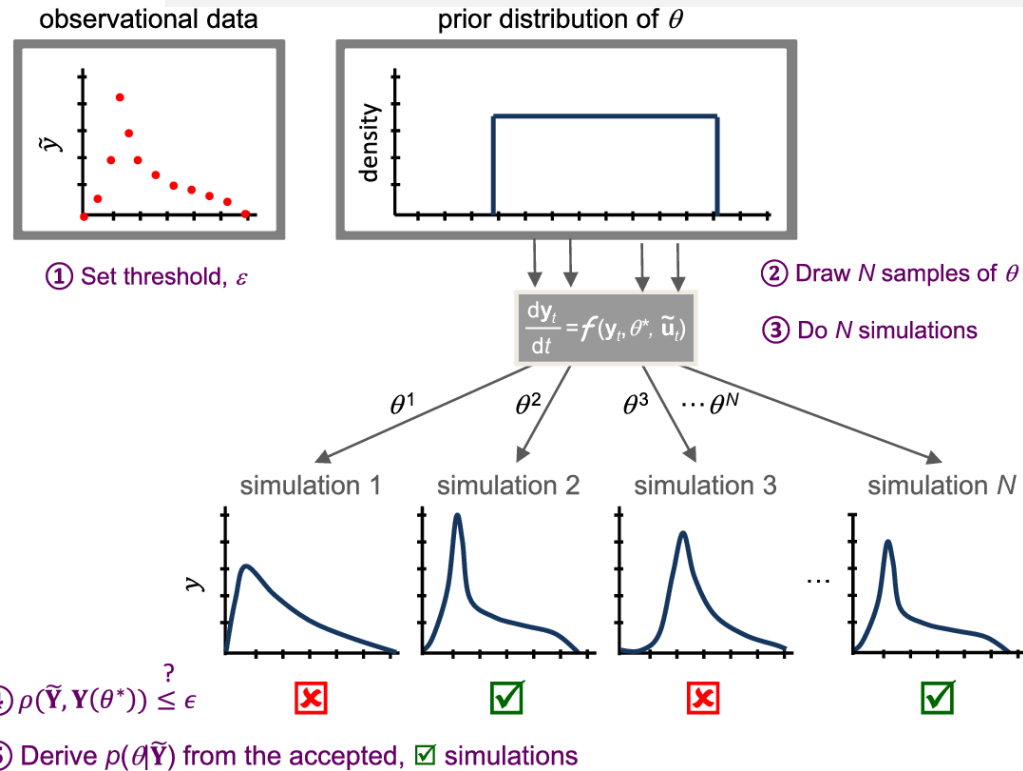
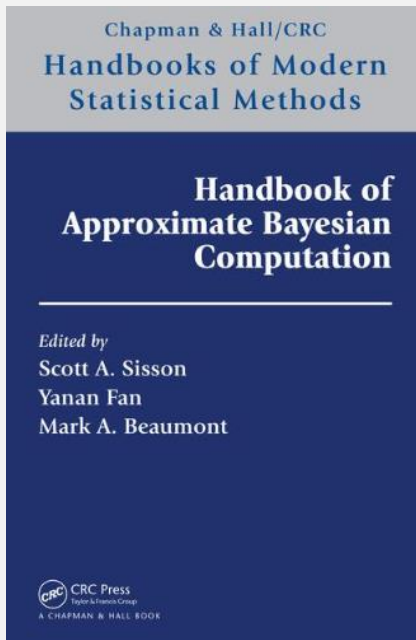
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## Approximate Bayesian Computation

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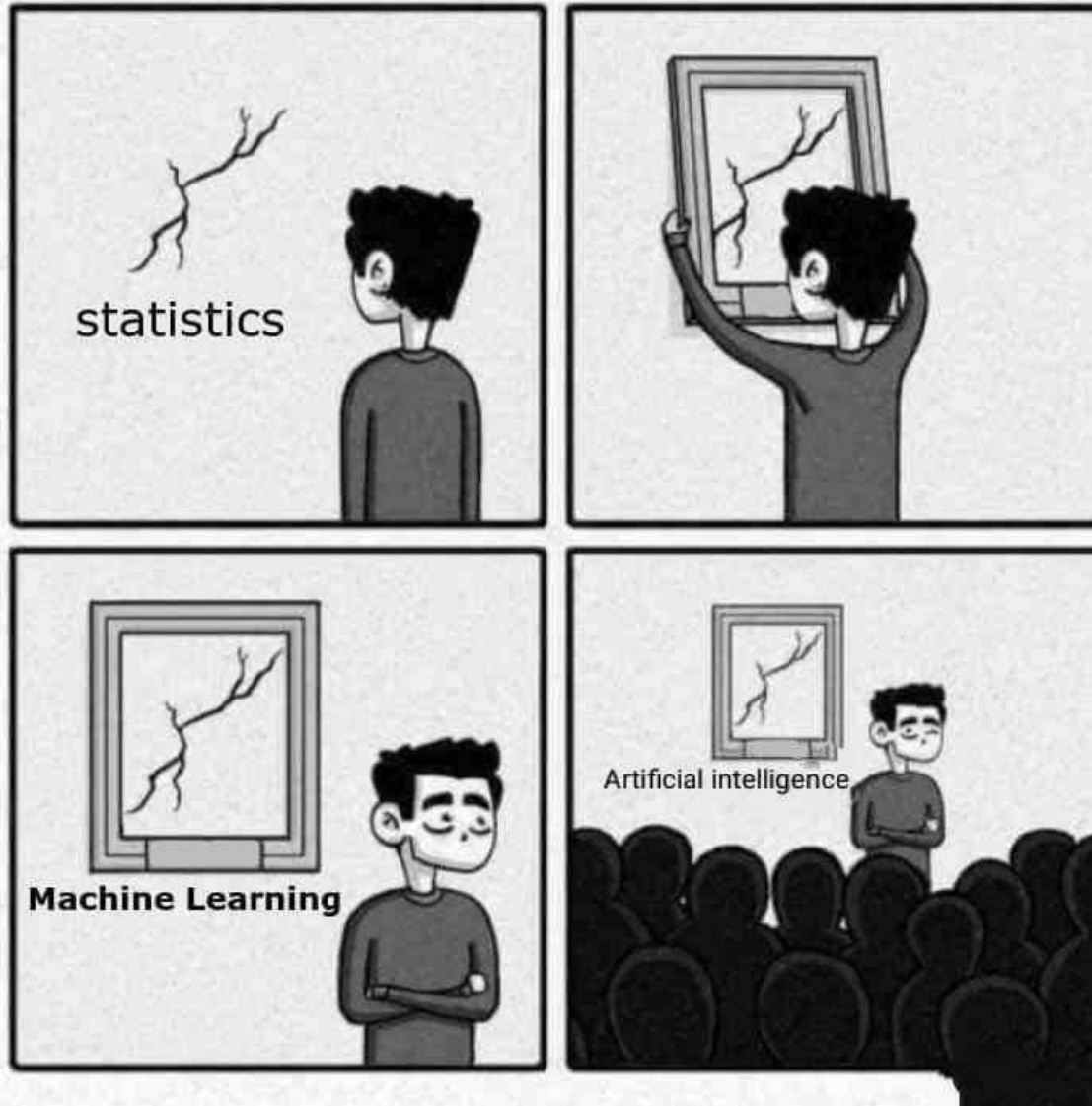
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# Applications for deep learning in ecology



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## Abstract

1. A lot of hype has recently been generated around deep learning, a novel group of artificial intelligence approaches able to break accuracy records in pattern recognition. Over the course of just a few years, deep learning has revolutionized several research fields such as bioinformatics and medicine with its flexibility and ability to process large and complex datasets. As ecological datasets are becoming larger and more complex, we believe these methods can be useful to ecologists as well.

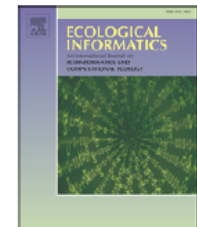
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## A PRACTICAL GUIDE TO MACHINE LEARNING IN ECOLOGY

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Recently, I was exploring techniques to interpolate some missing environmental data, and stumbled across something called 'random forest' analysis. Random what now? I did a little digging and came across the massive and insanely complicated field of machine learning. I couldn't find a concise guide to machine learning techniques, or when I might want to use one or the other, so I thought I would cobble together a brief guide on my own. Below is a rough stab at explaining and exploring different machine learning techniques, from CARTs to GBMs, using R.

<https://jonlefcheck.net/2015/02/06/a-practical-guide-to-machine-learning-in-ecology/>



# CURRENT TRENDS IN ECOLOGICAL STATISTICS ARE DETACHED FROM ECOLOGISTS' STATISTICAL TEACHING

"...Ainda ensinamos estatística como há 20 anos atrás..." –  
Maria do Rosário Oliveira, 2019

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# SO WHAT SHOULD WE AIM TO TEACH BIOLOGY STUDENTS? (SOME RANDOM THOUGHTS)

- Data: collection, processing, management
- **Think before acting**
- Randomness, variability, confounding
- **Uncertainty is a good thing**
- Models are not truth
- Decisions under uncertainty lead to errors
- R programming, dynamic reports and reproducible research
- Data visualization (if you can't plot it... is it real?)
- Regression models: GLMs, GAMs, GLMMs, GAMMs
- Bayesian paradigm
- The limitations of statistics

It can take a lifetime to master modelling, but you do get better by practicing



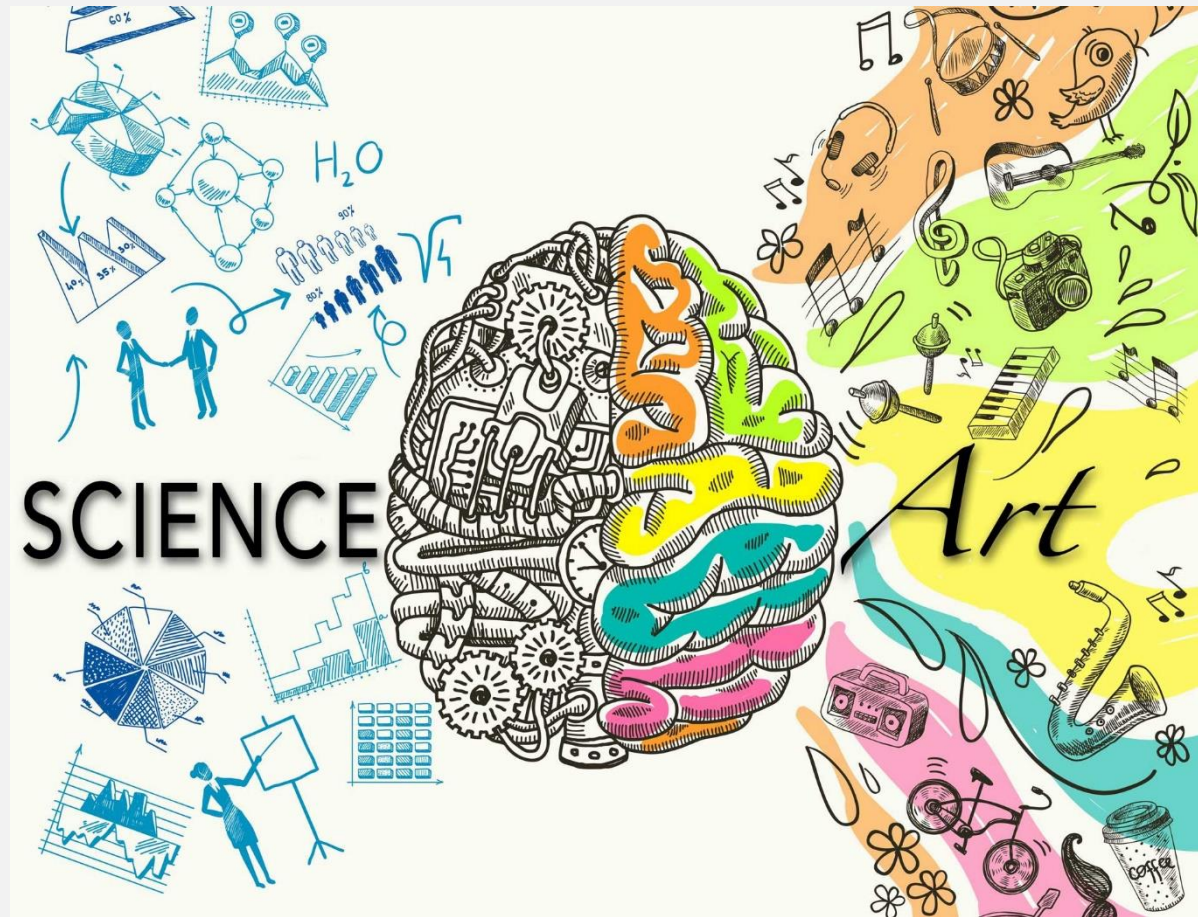
DON'T PRACTICE UNTIL YOU GET IT RIGHT. PRACTICE UNTIL YOU CAN'T GET IT WRONG.

You practice and you get better. It's very simple."

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# Modelling can be as much of a science as an art 😊





# Some of the most amazing ecological statisticians that I know started as biologists...



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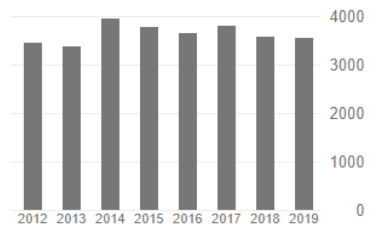
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