# Design and Analysis of Occupancy Studies Part 1b

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#### Covariates

#### Covariates can be used for:

- Compare occupancy probabilities among habitat types. For example, is the occupancy in spruce sites different than the occupancy in lodgepole pine units.
- Reduce heterogeneity. For example, detectability may differ between spruce sites and lodgepole sites.

#### Classes of covariates:

- Site covariates that don't change over a season. For example, habitat type or the area would be measured on each site. No missing values allowed for site-level covariates (why?)
- Visit (survey) covariates (typically external to the study) that
  affect all sites simultaneously on a particular visit. For
  example, rain on a visit may reduce detectability even though
  effort is same at all visits. No missing values allowed for
  external covariates (why?).

 Sampling (visit × site) covariate measured at each visit at each site. For example, the observer who worked that site at this visit Missing values allowed ONLY if a site is not surveyed on a visit. If a site is measured on a visit, the sampling covariates must be available.

The covariates operate on the column (external/visit covariates), rows (site covariates), or cell (sampling covariates) in the detection matrix.

#### Two types of covariates:

- Continuous, e.g. occupancy is a function of stem density.
   Use the value directly as the covariate.
- Discrete, e.g. occupancy in spruce or lodgepole pine.
  - Create categorical variable for category membership (Recommended if possible, e.g. in RPresence or RMark.)
  - Create indicator variables (0,1) for category membership (necessary in PRESENCE or MARK).
     If a covariate has K categories, you will need to create K - 1 indicator variables. (Not recommended in RPresence or RMark)

Modeling covariate effects is done using the *logit* (also known as the *log-odds*) link.

If we model  $\psi=\beta_0+\beta_1x$ , then as x varies, the predicted probability can be <0 or >1 which is non-sensical.

Consequently, we model the effects of covariates on the *logit* scale

$$logit\psi = \log \frac{\psi}{1 - \psi} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x$$

where log() is the natural (to the base e) logarithm.

The inverse transform is:

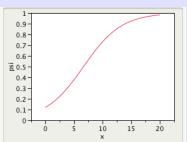
$$\psi = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-logit}}$$

Probability	logit()
.01	-4.59
.10	-2.20
.4	-0.41
.5	0
.6	0.41
.9	2.20
.99	4.59

Notice the symmetry between a probability of 0.01 and 0.99, etc.

#### Example of relationship

$$logit(\psi) = -2 + 0.3x$$



The fitted curve never goes below 0 or above 1. It is approximately linear in the central range of the covariate. This relationship can be applied to detectability or occupancy and can include more than one covariate. 10/177

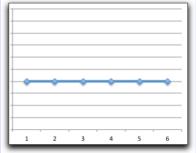
# Covariates and Design Matrices

Every covariate creates a design matrix that links the covariate values to the parameter.

- Intercept (typically the first column) is the baseline.
- Categorical covariates create columns of 1/0 with K-1 columns for K levels.
- Continuous covariates create columns with the covariate value.

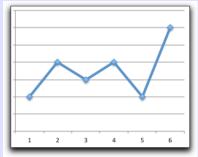
Alternate design matrices are possible.

The design matrices are typically hidden from the user when using *RPresence* or *RMark*.



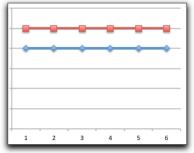
Model p(\*).

	Design
Index	matrix
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2	1
3	1
4	1
5	1
6	1



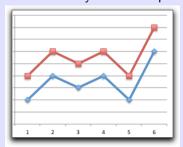
Model p(t).

	Design					
Index			ma	trix		
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2	0	1	0	0	0	0
3	0	0	1	0	0	0
4	0	0	0	1	0	0
5	0	0	0	0	1	0
6	0	0	0	0	0	1



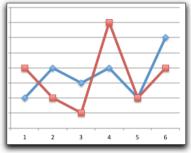
Model p(H).

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3	1	Н		
4	1	Н		
5	1	Н		
6	1	Н		



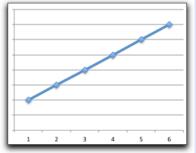
Model p(t + H).

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	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	Н
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	5	0	0	0	0	1	0	Н
	6	0	0	0	0	0	1	Н



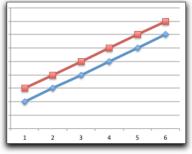
Model p(t \* H).

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4	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	(
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6	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	(



Model p(Linear).

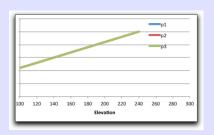
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Index	matrix
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2	2
3	3
4	4
5	5
6	6



Model p(Linear + H).

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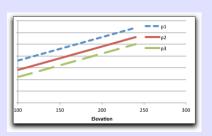
*EL* =continuous covariate (elevation); modelling detectability as elevation changes



	Design			
Index	m	atrix		
1	1	EL <sub>1</sub>		
2	1	$EL_2$		
3	1	$EL_3$		
4	1	$EL_4$		
5	1	$EL_5$		
6	1	$EL_6$		

Model p(Elev) – Lines are co-incident.

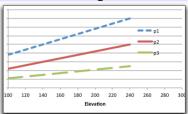
EL =continuous covariate (elevation); modelling detectability as elevation changes



Model p(t + ELEV).

	Design						
Index		matrix					
1	1	0	0	0	0	0	EL <sub>1</sub>
2	0	1	0	0	0	0	$EL_2$
3	0	0	1	0	0	0	$EL_3$
4	0	0	0	1	0	0	$EL_4$
5	0	0	0	0	1	0	$EL_5$
6	0	0	0	0	0	1	$EL_6$

*EL* =continuous covariate (elevation); modelling detectability as elevation changes



Model p(t \* Elev).

	Design					
Index		matrix				
1	1	0	0	0	EL <sub>1</sub>	0
2	0	1	0	0	0	$EL_2$
3	0	0	1	0	0	0
4	0	0	0	1	0	0

# Single Species; Single-Season

# Single-Species Single-Season Occupancy Studies

Covariates and PRESENCE

Mahoenui giant weta (*Deinacrida mahoenui*) is endemic to New Zealand and under stress from rats and other predators.

72 circular plots (3 m radius, primarily prickly gorse plants) were surveyed for weta.

Each plot surveyed 3-5 times.

Covariates to be considered:

- Observer. Three different observers and not every plot surveyed by each observer.
- Browse. Was each site browsed by goats, yes or no.

Open the Weta file and look at how the data have been entered. Detection histories include many missing values. Are these MCAR?

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0	0	0	0	-
0	0	0	0	-
0	0	0	1	-
0	0	0	0	-
0	0	0	0	-
0	0	0	0	-
0	0	0	0	-
0	0	0	0	-
0	0	0	0	-
1	1	0	0	-
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Browse covariate entered as two indicator variables (this has implications later on). No missing values allowed in site-level covariate.

Browsed	Unbrowsed	
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1	0	
0	1	
1	0	
0	1	
0	1	
0	1	

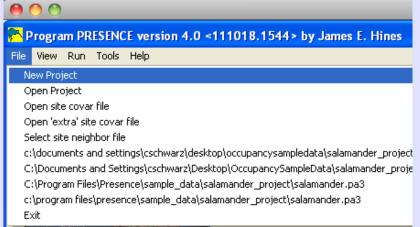
Observer covariate entered as three sets of indicator variables that span all five sampling occasions (why?), and has many missing values (why?) (this has implications later on).

Observer 1 covariate values (other observers similar):

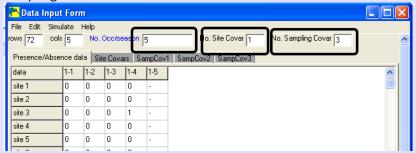
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1	0	0	0	-	
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1	0	0	0	-	
1	0	0	0	-	
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1	0	0	0	-	
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1	0	0	0	-	
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#### Start PRESENCE and start a new project:

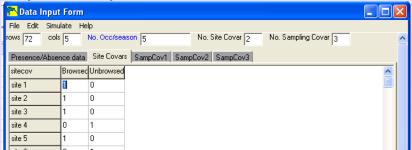


Cut and paste the detection histories and adjust the number of occasions/seasons, number of site covariates, and number of sampling covariates:

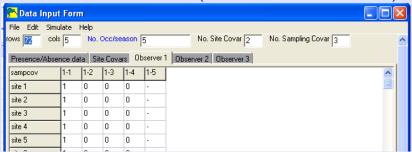




Cut and paste the site covariate. Because these are FIXED for the study, there is only one tab.

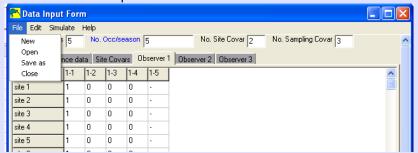


Cut and paste the three observer covariate sets. Because these vary by occassion and by site, you need a separate covariate set for each observer. Rename the covariate (look under the Edit menu item).



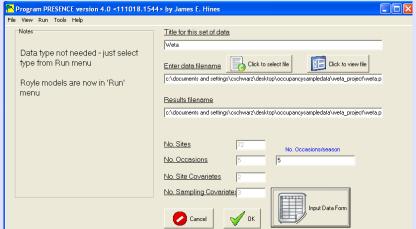


Create a new folder, and save the detection histories and covarariates into \*.pao files

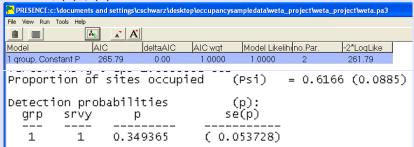




Check that you are ready to go:



Fit the  $\psi(*), p(*)$  model and look at estimates.



Fitting a model where occupancy varies by browse. [Doesn't make sense to model occupancy as a function of observer - why?] There are several (equivalent) ways to do this.

Cell-effects approach.

$$logit(\psi) = \alpha_1 + \alpha_2(browse)$$

This requires a design matrix with an initial column of 1's (for  $\alpha_1$ ) and a second column of 0/1's to indicate if browsed (for  $\alpha_2$ ).

 $\alpha_1$  is interpreted as the logit(occupancy) for the (baseline) of unbrowsed and  $\alpha_2$  is the difference in logits between unbrowsed and browsed.

Models where occupancy varies by browse.

Cell-means approach.

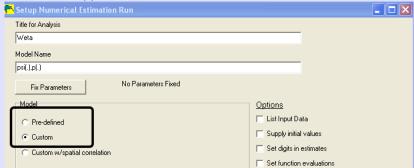
$$logit(\psi) = \alpha_1(unbrowsed) + \alpha_2(browsed)$$

This requires a design matrix with initial columns of 0/1's to indicate UNbrowsed, and second column of 0/1's to indicate Browsed.

 $\alpha_1$  is interpreted as the logit (occupancy) for the unbrowsed sites and  $\alpha_2$  is interpreted as the logit(occupancy) for the browsed sites directly.

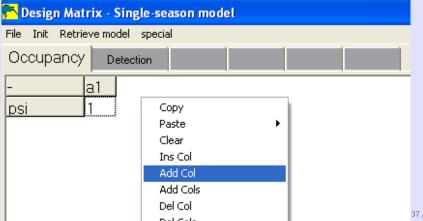


Cell-effects approach: Fit Custom Model



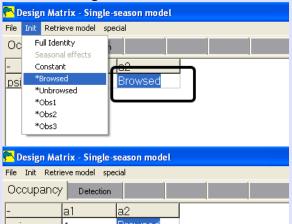


Cell-effects approach: Add a second column to design matrix for occupancy



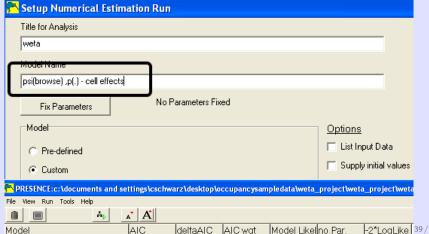


Cell-effects approach: Place the *Browse* covariate in second column of design matrix.





Cell-effects approach: Run the model (give a sensible model name)



Cell-effects approach: Look at the estimates –  $\alpha_2$  is the difference in logit(occupancy) between the two browse classes.

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Untransformed Estimates of coefficients for covariates (Beta's)

estimate std.error

Al psi : -0.076044 0.432172

A2 psi.Browsed : 1.225278 0.720562

B1 p1 : -0.622255 0.236644
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$$\begin{split} logit(\psi_{unbrowsed}) = & \alpha_1(1) + \alpha_2(0) = -0.076 \\ & \psi_{unbrowsed} = 1/(1 + exp(-(-0.076)) = 0.4810 \\ & logit(\psi_{browsed} = & \alpha_1(1) + \alpha_2(1) = -0.076 + 1.23 = 1.1493 \\ & \psi_{browsed} = & 1/(1 + exp(-(1.1493)) = 0.7594. \end{split}$$

Cell-effects approach: Look at the estimates for each site. Site 1=browsed, Site 4=unbrowsed.

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Individual Site estimates of <psi>>
                                      estimate
                                                Std.err
                                                           95% conf. interval
psi
                                        0.7594
                                                 0.1198
                                                             0.4660 - 0.9194
psi
                                       0.7594
                                                 0.1198
                                                             0.4660 - 0.9194
psi
                                       0.7594
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                                                             0.4660 - 0.9194
psi
                4 site 4
                                        0.4810
                                                 0.1079
                                                             0.2843 - 0.6837
psi
                 5 site 5
                                                             0.4660 - 0.9194
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Cell-effects approach:  $\alpha_2$  is the difference in logit(occupancy) between the two browse classes or  $\exp \alpha_2$  is the ODDS-RATIO of occupancy in browsed vs. unbrowsed sites.

The odds of occupancy in browsed sites are exp(1.23) = 3.42 times larger than in unbrowsed sites.

The 95% c.i. for the odds ratio is found as  $(\exp(1.24 - 2 \times 0.72), \exp(1.24 + 2 \times 0.72) = (0.82, 14.6)$ . Note that this covers the value of 1, so there isn't very strong evidence of a browse effect.

The  $\triangle AIC$  is also within 2 units of the model with no browse effect, so the evidence for a browse effect is minimal.



Cell-means approach: Fit a custom model, create two columns in the design matrix for  $\psi$  but now use the browse/unbrowsed indicator variables directly:





Cell-means approach: Fit the model, notice that the AIC results are identical between the two approaches.



Cell-means approach: Now the estimates for each browse class are given directly:

$$\begin{split} logit(\psi_{unbrowsed}) = & \alpha_1(0) + \alpha_2(1) = -0.076 \\ & \psi_{unbrowsed} = 1/(1 + exp(-(-0.076)) = 0.4810 \\ & logit(\psi_{browsed} = & \alpha_1(1) + \alpha_2(0) = 1.1493 \\ & \psi_{browsed} = & 1/(1 + exp(-(1.1493)) = 0.7594. \end{split}$$

### Which approach is better?

- For a single covariate, it makes no difference.
- ullet For more than one covariate, use the cell effects approach where a factor with m levels has m-1 indicator variables and columns in the design matrix. Otherwise you can end up with a design matrix that is not full rank.

Try fitting a model where detectability also depends on browse status of the site. i.e.  $\psi(browse)$ , p(browse). Hint: You can retrieve the design matrices from models already done.

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Try fitting a model where detectability also depends on browse status of the site

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Occupancy	Detec	tion								
-	b1	b2								
p1	1	Browsed								
p2	1	Browsed								
8q	1	Browsed								
p4	1	Browsed								
p5	1	Browsed								

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Try fitting a model where detectability also depends on browse status of the site. What does  $\Delta AIC$  tell you?



Try fitting a model where detectability also depends on browse status of the site. Can you estimate the actual occupancy and detection probabilities in browsed/unbrowsed sites?

Try fitting a model where detectability also depends on browse status of the site. Estimates of occupancy and detection in the two types of sites.

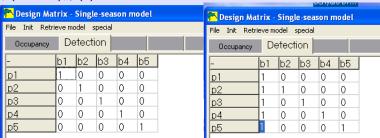
	<pre><psi> estimate</psi></pre>	Std.err 0.1277 0.1277 0.1277 0.1191	95% conf. interval 0.4438 - 0.9236 0.4438 - 0.9236 0.4438 - 0.9236 0.2692 - 0.7048
Individual Site estimates of Site pl 1 site 1 pl 2 site 2 pl 3 site 3 pl 4 site 4	<pl><p1> estimate <li>: 0.3519</li> <li>: 0.3519</li> <li>: 0.3519</li> <li>: 0.3452</li> </p1></pl>	Std.err 0.0689 0.0689 0.0689 0.0860	95% conf. interval 0.2309 - 0.4954 0.2309 - 0.4954 0.2309 - 0.4954 0.2000 - 0.5263



Try fitting a model where detectability depends on the visit  $\psi(browse)$ , p(t).



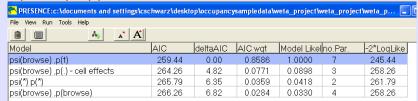
Try fitting a model where detectability depends on the visit  $\psi(browse)$ , p(t).



Either design matrix works (why?) but have different interpretation of estimates (why?).



Try fitting a model where detectability depends on the visit  $\psi(browse)$ , p(t). Estimate temporal effects.



Try fitting a model where detectability depends on the observer, but NOT on time  $\psi(browse)$ , p(observer). Hint: 3 observers need 2 NEW indicator columns. What does the intercept now mean?



Try fitting a model where detectability depends on the observer, but NOT on time  $\psi(browse)$ , p(observer).

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Occupancy Detection										
_	b1	b2	b3							
p1	1	Obs1	Obs2							
p2 p3	1	Obs1	Obs2							
8q	3 1		Obs2							
p4	1	Obs1	Obs2	56						

Try fitting a model where detectability depends on the observer, but NOT on time  $\psi(browse)$ , p(observer). Interpret the estimates.

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Model	AIC	deltaAIC	AIC wqt	Model Like	no.Par.	-2*LoqLike					
psi(browse) .p(t)	259.44	0.00	0.6958	1.0000	7	245.44					
psi(browse) .p(observer)	262.04	2.60	0.1896	0.2725	5	252.04					
psi(browse) ,p(.) - cell effects	264.26	4.82	0.0625	0.0898	3	258.26					
psi(*) p(*)	265.79	6.35	0.0291	0.0418	2	261.79					
psi(browse) .p(browse)	266.26	6.82	0.0230	0.0330	4	258.26					
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B2 p1.0bs1 B3 p1.0bs2			-1.02 -0.27		0.4324						
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#### Joint effects of covariates.

Suppose that detectability depended both on occasion effects and observer effects. There are two types of models:

- Additive models. Observers vary among themselves, but are consistent among occasions. For example, one observer has a lower (and consistent) detectability in all occasions even though the detectability varies over occasions. Notation is p(t + obs). Append columns for each covariate.
- Interaction models. Observers are not consistent over occasions. In some days, observer 1 is worst; on other days observer 2 is worst, etc. Notation is p(t \* obs). Append columns and then append multiplication of columns.



Fit the model:  $\psi(browse)$ , p(observer + time).

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Model:  $\psi(browse)$ , p(observer + time).

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File Init Retrieve model special											
Occupancy Detection											
-	b1	b2	b3	b4	b5	b6	b7				
p1	1	0	0	0	0	Obs1	Obs2				
p2	1	1	0	0	0	Obs1	Obs2				
8q	1	0	1	0	0	Obs1	Obs2				
p4	1	0	0	1	0	Obs1	Obs2				
p5	1	0	0	0	1	Obs1	Obs2				

Model:  $\psi(browse)$ , p(observer + time).

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Model	AIC	deltaAIC	AIC wqt	Model Likel	no.Par.	-2*LoqLike					
psi(browse) ,p(t + obs)	257.60	0.00	0.6358	1.0000	9	239.60					
psi(browse) ,p(t)	259.44	1.84	0.2534	0.3985	7	245.44					
psi(browse) ,p(observer)	262.04	4.44	0.0691	0.1086	5	252.04					
psi(browse) ,p(.) - cell effects	264.26	6.66	0.0228	0.0358	3	258.26					
psi(*) p(*)	265.79	8.19	0.0106	0.0167	2	261.79					
psi(browse) ,p(browse)	266.26	8.66	0.0084	0.0132	4	258.26					

Examine and interpret the estimates.



Fit the model:  $\psi(browse)$ , p(observer \* time).

Fit the model:  $\psi(browse)$ , p(observer \* time). Notice how "columns are multiplied" after the intercept column.

Posign Matrix - Single-season model															
File Init Retr	File Init Retrieve model special														
Occupancy Detection Detection															
-	b1	b2	b3	b4	b5	b6	b7	b8	b9	b10	b11	b12	b13	b14	b15
p1	1	0	0	0	0	Obs1	Obs2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
p2	1	1	0	0	0	Obs1	Obs2	Obs1	Obs2	0	0	0	0	0	0
p3	1	0	1	0	0	Obs1	Obs2	0	0	Obs1	Obs2	0	0	0	0
p4	1	0	0	1	0	Obs1	Obs2	0	0	0	0	Obs1	Obs2	0	0
p5	1	0	0	0	1	Obs1	Obs2	0	0	0	0	0	0	Obs1	Obs2

Fit the model:  $\psi(browse)$ , p(observer \* time).

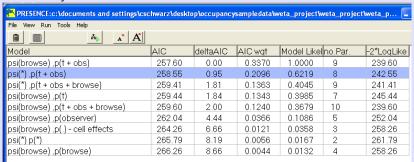
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Model	AIC	deltaAIC	AIC wat	Model Likel	no.Par.	-2*LogLike					
psi(browse) ,p(t + obs)	257.60	0.00	0.3955	1.0000	9	239.60					
psi(browse) ,p(t * obs)	257.69	0.09	0.3781	0.9560	17	223.69					
psi(browse) ,p(t)	259.44	1.84	0.1576	0.3985	7	245.44					
psi(browse) ,p(observer)	262.04	4.44	0.0429	0.1086	5	252.04					
psi(browse) ,p(.) - cell effects	264.26	6.66	0.0142	0.0358	3	258.26					
psi(*) p(*)	265.79	8.19	0.0066	0.0167	2	261.79					
psi(browse) ,p(browse)	266.26	8.66	0.0052	0.0132	4	258.26					

This model has same support as additive model, so don't include in final model table.

### Fit the following models:

- $\psi(browse)$ , p(observer + time + browse).
- $\psi(*)$ , p(observer + time + browse).
- $\psi(*)$ , p(observer + time).

### What do you conclude?



# Single Species; Single-Season

# Single-Species Single-Season Occupancy Studies

Covariates and RPresence

Site-level covariates (both continuous and categorical)

Create a data frame with site level covariates. E.g.

Categorical covariates should be alpha-numeric and not simple numerical codes.

#### Site-level covariates.

• Specify site-level covariates when creating the \*.pao object with the *unitcov* argument.

Model building. Continuous or categorical variables specified the same way.

```
fit1 <- RPresence::occMod(model=list(psi~aspect, p~1),
type="so", data=...)
fit2 <- RPresence::occMod(model=list(psi~elevation, p~1)
type="so", data=...)</pre>
```

• AIC table is constructed in the usual way:

```
1 model.set <-RPresence::createAicTable(... list of model</pre>
```

Model averaging takes place in the usual way.

- For each site for each model, the covariates for that site are used to make a prediction.
- 1 psi.ma <- RPresence::modAvg(model.set, param="psi")</pre>
  - Append the site covariates to the predictions
- 1 psi.ma <- cbind(psi.ma, site.covar)</pre>
  - Mske a plot
- 1 ggplot(data=psi.ma, aes(x=..., y=estimate)+
- geom\_point()

Visit (Survey)-level covariates. The value of the covariate is applicable to ALL sites on this visit.

Visit  $\times$  Site (Sampling) covariates. The value of the covariate is specific to that site on that visit.

Both are entered in the same way by creating a data.frame for every combination of site and visit.

This data frame must be sorted by visit and then by site within visit, i.e. all sites for visit 1, then all sites for visit 2, etc. Add covariate values (continuous or categorical. If a site is not visited on a survey, you can set the covariate to NA

Add to the \*pao object

```
weta.pao <- RPresence::createPao(input.history,
unitcov=site_covar,
survcov=survey.cov,
title='weta SSSS')</pre>
```

#### Example of survey covariates for observers

	visit	site	0bs
1	1	1	01
2	1	2	01
3	1	3	01
15	1	15	01
16	1	16	<na></na>
17	1	17	<na></na>
18	1	18	<na></na>
19	1	19	<na></na>
20	1	20	01
21	1	21	01
22	1	22	01

Mahoenui giant weta (*Deinacrida mahoenui*) is endemic to New Zealand and under stress from rats and other predators.

72 circular plots (3 m radius, primarily prickly gorse plants) were surveyed for weta.

Each plot surveyed 3-5 times.

Covariates to be considered:

- Observer. Three different observers and not every plot surveyed by each observer.
- Browse. Was each site browsed by goats, yes or no.

Getting the data into RPresence.

```
1. Capture History
```

Get  $n_{sites} \times n_{visit}$  data.frame (or matrix) of 1, 0, or NAs

Detection histories include many missing values. Are these MCAR?

Getting the data into RPresence.

#### 2. Site Covariates

Get  $n_{sites} \times n_{site-covariates}$  data.frame of site covariates.

- Continuous covariates occupy 1 column
- Categorical covariates can either be alpha-numeric code or a set of indicator variables.

With modern software, the former is preferred.

Getting the data into RPresence.

#### 2. Site Covariates

Getting the data into RPresence.

- 2. Site Covariates
- > head(site\_covar)

Browsed Unbrowsed BrowCat

1	1.00	0	В
2	1.00	0	В
3	1.00	0	В
4	0	1.00	N
5	1.00	0	В
6	0	1 00	M

Browse covariate can be entered as two indicator variables (this has implications later on) or as a categorical variable (preferred). No missing values allowed in site-level covariates.

Getting the data into RPresence.

3. Visit Covariates

Get  $n_{visit-covariates}$  sets of  $n_{sites} \times n_{visits}$  data.frame of visit covariates.

- Continuous covariates have values in each cell
- Categorical covariates can either be alpha-numeric codes or a set of indicator variables.

With modern software, the former is preferred.

Getting the data into RPresence.

3. Visit Covariates

Notice how I created a single categorical covariate for observer number (preferred)

Getting the data into RPresence.

3. Visit Covariates

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These must be stacked into a vector of length  $n_{sites} \times n_{visits}$  where values for visit 1 appear first (for all sites), then for visit 2, etc

```
survey.cov <- data.frame(
    site=rep(1:nrow(input.history) , ncol(input.history)),
    visit=rep(1:ncol(input.history), each=nrow(input.history)</pre>
```

```
visit=rep(1:ncol(input.history), each=nrow(input.hist
obs1 =as.vector(unlist(obs1)),
```

```
obs2 =as.vector(unlist(obs2)),
obs3 =as.vector(unlist(obs3)),
Obs =paste("0",as.vector(unlist(Obs)),sep=""), # n
```

head(survey.cov)

survey.cov\$Obs[ grepl("NA",survey.cov\$Obs)] <- NA</pre>

Notice how *obs* was forced to be alphanumeric so *RPresence* will not treat it as a continuous variable.

Getting the data into RPresence.

3. Visit Covariates

These must be stacked into a vector of length  $n_{sites} \times n_{visits}$  where values for visit 1 appear first (for all sites), then for visit 2, etc

> head(survey.cov)
 site visit obs1 obs2 obs3 obs
1 1 1 1 0 0 1
2 2 1 1 0 0 1
3 3 1 1 0 0 1
4 4 1 1 0 0 1

RPresence will treat as continuous variables.

Final column is a categorical covariate with values of "O1",

"O2","O3" (be sure that these are alpha-number codes, otherwise

Getting the data into *RPresence*. Finally, create the \*.pao object.

```
weta.pao <- RPresence::createPao(input.history,
unitcov=site_covar,
survcov=survey.cov,
title='weta SSSS')
weta.pao</pre>
```

```
Fit the \psi(*), p(*) model and look at estimates.
```

type="so", data=weta.pao)
summary(mod.pdot.)

4 summary(mod.pdot)
5

# look at estimated occupancy probability. RPresence gives
mod.pdot.psi <-mod.pdot\$real\$psi[1,] # occupancy probabil
mod.pdot.psi

9
10 # look at the estimated probability of detection. It gives
11 mod.pdot.p <- mod.pdot\$real\$p[seq(1, by=nrow(input.histo:

13
14 # alternatively

mod.pdot.p

6

12

15

# alternatively
RPresence::print\_one\_site\_estimates(mod.pdot. site = 19)/177

Fit the  $\psi(*), p(*)$  model and look at estimates.

```
AIC=265.7872
-2*log-likelihood=261.7872
                                   num. par=2
>
> mod.pdot.psi
                        se lower_0.95 upper_0.95
            est
                                         0.770157
unit1 0.6165958 0.08854195 0.4356219
>
> mod.pdot.p
                            se lower_0.95 upper_0.95
                est
unit1_1-1 0.3493651 0.05372869 0.2525413 0.4604435
. . .
```

Fitting a model where occupancy varies by browse. It doesn't make sense to model occupancy as a function of observer - why?

There are several (equivalent) ways to do this.

Models where occupancy varies by browse.

Cell-means approach.

$$logit(\psi) = \alpha_1(unbrowsed) + \alpha_2(browsed)$$

This requires a design matrix with initial columns of 0/1's to indicate UNbrowsed, and second column of 0/1's to indicate Browsed.

 $\alpha_1$  is interpreted as the logit (occupancy) for the unbrowsed sites and  $\alpha_2$  is interpreted as the logit(occupancy) for the browsed sites directly.

Only useful for models with a single categorical covariate for a parameter.

Models where occupancy varies by browse.

Cell-effects approach.

$$logit(\psi) = \alpha_1 + \alpha_2(browse)$$

This requires a design matrix with an initial column of 1's (for  $\alpha_1$ ) and a second column of 0/1's to indicate if browsed (for  $\alpha_2$ ).

 $\alpha_1$  is interpreted as the logit(occupancy) for the (baseline) of unbrowsed and  $\alpha_2$  is the difference in logits between unbrowsed and browsed.

Can be used with any number of categorical covariates. Trick is figuring out which is the reference class used (corresponding to the  $\alpha_1$  term)

#### Cell-means approach:

```
mod.pdot.psiB.1 <- RPresence::occMod(
model=list(psi~-1+Browsed+Unbrowsed, p~1),
type="so", data=weta.pao)

or (prefered)

mod.pdot.psiB.4 <- RPresence::occMod(
model=list(psi~-1+BrowCat, p~1),
type="so", data=weta.pao)</pre>
```

No need for you to define indicator variables with the latter model.

```
Cell-means approach: Results (same for ALL models)
> summary(mod.pdot.psiB.1)
AIC=264.2643
-2*log-likelihood=258.2643
num. par=3
>
> mod.pdot.psiB.1.psi[1:5,]
             est
                         se lower_0.95 upper_0.95
unit1 0.7593708 0.1198231 0.4660490
                                         0.9194190
. . .
unit4 0.4809982 0.1078853 0.2843322
                                         0.6837339
. . .
Probability of Occupancy for Browsed areas is 0.75; that of
unbrowwed areas 0.48
```

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```
Cell-means approach:
Look at design matrix
# This is the logit occupancy for each browse category
mod.pdot.psiB.1$dmat$psi
mod.pdot.psiB.1$beta$psi
> mod.pdot.psiB.1$dmat$psi
    а1
                   a2
psi "psi.Browsed" "psi.Unbrowsed"
>
> mod.pdot.psiB.1$beta$psi
  psi.coeff
 1.149233
2 - 0.076044
```

#### Cell-means approach:

$$logit(\psi_{unbrowsed}) = \alpha_1(0) + \alpha_2(1) = -0.076$$
  
 $\psi_{unbrowsed} = 1/(1 + exp(-(-0.076)) = 0.4810$   
 $logit(\psi_{browsed} = \alpha_1(1) + \alpha_2(0) = 1.1493$   
 $\psi_{browsed} = 1/(1 + exp(-(1.1493)) = 0.7594.$ 

Cell-means approach: Estimate the odds ratio

Odds of Occupancy for Browsed areas is 3.41x that of unbrowsed areas.

#### Cell-effects approach:

```
mod.pdot.psiB.2 <- RPresence::occMod(
model=list(psi~Browsed, p~1),
type="so", data=weta.pao)

or (prefered)

mod.pdot.psiB.3 <- RPresence::occMod(
model=list(psi~BrowCat, p~1),
type="so", data=weta.pao)</pre>
```

No need for you to define indicator variables with the latter model.

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```
Cell-effects approach:
Look at design matrix
# This is the logit occupancy for each browse category
mod.pdot.psiB.3$dmat$psi
mod.pdot.psiB.3$beta$psi
> mod.pdot.psiB.1$dmat$psi
    а1
                   a2
psi "psi.Browsed" "psi.Unbrowsed"
>
> mod.pdot.psiB.3$dmat$psi
    a1 a2
psi "1" "psi.BrowCatN"
> mod.pdot.psiB.3$beta$psi
```

#### Cell-effects approach:

$$\begin{aligned} logit(\psi_{unbrowsed}) = & \alpha_1(1) + \alpha_2(0) = -0.076 \\ & \psi_{unbrowsed} = 1/(1 + exp(-(-0.076)) = 0.4810 \\ & logit(\psi_{browsed} = & \alpha_1(1) + \alpha_2(1) = -0.076 + 1.23 = 1.1493 \\ & \psi_{browsed} = & 1/(1 + exp(-(1.1493)) = 0.7594. \end{aligned}$$

```
Cell-effects approach: Estimate the odds ratio
```

```
mod.pdot.psiB.3.oddsratio.browse <-
exp( sum(c(0,-1)*mod.pdot.psiB.1$beta$psi))
mod.pdot.psiB.3.oddsratio.browse</pre>
```

```
> mod.pdot.psiB.3.oddsratio.browse
[1] 3.405113
```

Odds of Occupancy for Browsed areas is 3.41x that of unbrowsed areas.

Odds of Occupancy for Browsed areas is 3.41x that of unbrowsed areas.

Standard errors for the log(odds ratio) can also be found (contact me) and is 0.72.

Then the 95% c.i. for the odds ratio is found as  $(\exp(1.24 - 2 \times 0.72), \exp(1.24 + 2 \times 0.72) = (0.82, 14.6).$ 

Note that this covers the value of 1, so there isn't very strong evidence of a browse effect.

The  $\triangle AIC$  is also within 2 units of the model with no browse effect, so the evidence for a browse effect is minimal.

#### Which approach is better?

- For a single covariate, it makes no difference.
- ullet For more than one covariate, use the cell effects approach where a factor with m levels has m-1 indicator variables and columns in the design matrix. Otherwise you can end up with a design matrix that is not full rank.

Try fitting a model where detectability also depends on browse status of the site. i.e.  $\psi(browse)$ , p(browse).

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```
1 mod.pB.psiB <- RPresence::occMod(
2 model=list(psi~BrowCat, p~BrowCat),
3 type="so", data=weta.pao)</pre>
```

Model  $\psi(browse)$ , p(browse).

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```
Estimated occupancy by browse:
mod.pB.psiB.psi <-mod.pB.psiB$real$psi # occupancy probab</pre>
mod.pB.psiB.psi[1:5,]
> # This is the logit occupancy for each browse category
> mod.pB.psiB.psi[1:5,]
                       se lower_0.95 upper_0.95
            est
unit1 0.7565126 0.1276939 0.4439733 0.9236045
. . .
unit4 0.4839101 0.1190770
                           0.2691584 0.7047733
```

Model  $\psi(browse)$ , p(browse).

. . .

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```
Estimated detection by browse:
mod.pB.psiB.p <-mod.pB.psiB$real$p</pre>
                                      # detection probability
mod.pB.psiB.p[1:5,]
> # This is the logit occupancy for each browse category
> mod.pB.psiB.p[1:5,]
                             se lower_0.95 upper_0.95
                 est
unit1_1-1 0.3518920 0.06891346 0.2309473 0.4953761
. . .
unit4_1-1 0.3451663 0.08600807
                                  0.2000208
                                             0.5263392
```

Try fitting a model where detectability depends on the visit  $\psi(browse)$ , p(t).

mod.pt.psiB <- RPresence::occMod(</pre>

Model  $\psi(browse)$ , p(t).

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```
model=list(psi~BrowCat, p~factor(visit)),
type="so", data=weta.pao)

mod.pt.psiB$real$psi[1:5,]
mod.pt.psiB$real$p[seq(1, by=nrow(input.history), length.org)
```

Not clear why SURVEY doesn't work now (?) but we have a *visit* covariate that we defined earlier. Be sure to declare it as a factor

so that it is not treated as a continuous covariates.

```
Model \psi(browse), p(t).
> mod.pt.psiB$real$psi[1:5,]
                       se lower_0.95 upper_0.95
            est
unit1 0.7699149 0.1232454 0.4611357 0.9290003
. . .
unit4 0.4931709 0.1116897
                           0.2884113
                                       0.7002475
. . .
> mod.pt.psiB$real$p[seq(1, by=nrow(input.history),
      length.out=ncol(input.history)),]
                            se lower_0.95 upper_0.95
                est
unit1 1-1 0.3520562 0.09836946 0.18920071
                                            0.5585270
unit1_1-2 0.3175294 0.08921332 0.17192709
                                           0.5104317
unit1_1-3 0.1694830 0.06707655 0.07424149
                                           0.3417958
unit1_1-4 0.3115815 0.08815339 0.16822898
                                            0.5031897 107/177
```

Try fitting a model where detectability depends on the observer, but NOT on time  $\psi(browse)$ , p(observer). Hint: 3 observers need 2 NEW indicator columns. What does the intercept now mean?

```
Model ψ(browse), p(observer).

1 mod.p0.psiB <- RPresence::occMod(
2 model=list(psi~BrowCat, p~obs),
3 type="so", data=weta.pao)</pre>
```

Needed to insert non-missing values when no visit occur.

```
Model \psi(browse), p(observer).
> mod.pO.psiB$real$psi[1:5,]
                      se lower_0.95 upper_0.95
            est
unit1 0.7535936 0.1163803 0.4723969 0.9126370
unit4 0.4846713 0.1084314 0.2865457 0.6877352
...> mod.pO.psiB$real$p[seq(1, by=nrow(input.history), length
               est
                      se lower_0.95 upper_0.95
unit1_1-1 0.2235210 0.06272749 0.1241580 0.3689096
unit1_1-2 0.4462478 0.08080860 0.2980129 0.6047011
unit1 1-3 0.3786094 0.07998710 0.2383368 0.5426237
unit1_1-4 0.4462478 0.08080860 0.2980129 0.6047011
unit1_1-5 0.2235210
                        NaN
                                     NaN
                                                NaN
```

Visit 5 at site 1 was missed so the estimate at this time point is

#### Joint effects of covariates.

Suppose that detectability depended both on occasion effects and observer effects. There are two types of models:

- Additive models. Observers vary among themselves, but are consistent among occasions. For example, one observer has a lower (and consistent) detectability in all occasions even though the detectability varies over occasions. Notation is p(t + obs). Append columns for each covariate.
- Interaction models. Observers are not consistent over occasions. In some days, observer 1 is worst; on other days observer 2 is worst, etc. Notation is p(t \* obs). Append columns and then append multiplication of columns.

This is easily done in *RPresence* without having to physically create the extra columns using standard modelling notation of *R*.

Fit the model:  $\psi(browse)$ , p(observer + time).

```
Model: ψ(browse), p(observer + time).

1 mod.pOpV.psiB <- RPresence::occMod(
2 model=list(psi~BrowCat, p~obs+factor(visit)),
3 type="so", data=weta.pao)</pre>
```

Needed to insert non-missing values when no visit occur. Note use of *factor()* function for the visit.

unit1\_1-2 0.4050194 0.11960192 2.046700e-01 0.6429452

unit1\_1-3 0.1799850 0.08137467 6.932630e-02

unit1\_1-4 0.4254702 0.12515624 2.135160e-01

unit1\_1-5 0.6247542 6.55569910 2.622312e-24

 $\begin{array}{c} 0.6688850 \\ 1.0000000_{4/177} \end{array}$ 

0.3927389

#### Fit the following models:

- $\psi(browse)$ , p(observer + time + browse).
- $\psi(*)$ , p(observer + time + browse).
- $\psi(*)$ , p(observer + time).

#### Construct the AIC table.

```
models <-list (mod.pdot,
                  mod.pdot.psiB.1,
3
                  mod.pB.psiB,
4
                  mod.pt.psiB,
5
                  mod.pO.psiB,
6
                  mod.pOpV.psiB,
                  mod.pOpVpB.psiB,
8
                  mod.pOpVpB.psi.,
9
                  mod.pOpVpB.psi.
10
   results <- RPresence:: createAicTable (models)
11
   summary(results)
12
```

What do you conclude from the AIC table?

```
> summary(results)
```

```
Model DAIC
                                                        wgt
1
                  psi(BrowCat)p(factor(visit)) 0.00 0.2289
            psi(BrowCat)p(obs P factor(visit)) 0.16 0.2110
3
            psi(BrowCat)p(obs P factor(visit)) 0.16 0.2110
4
            psi(BrowCat)p(obs P factor(visit)) 0.16 0.2110
  psi(BrowCat)p(obs P factor(visit) P BrowCat) 2.16 0.0776
6
                            psi(BrowCat)p(obs) 4.61 0.0229
              psi(-1 P Browsed P Unbrowsed)p() 4.83 0.0205
8
                                       psi()p() 6.35 0.0096
                        psi(BrowCat)p(BrowCat) 6.82 0.0075
```

Model averaging of the  $\psi$  values.

```
1 RPresence::modAvg(results, param="psi")[1:5,]
```

```
est se lower_0.95 upper_0.95 unit1 0.7659572 0.1224557 0.4617713 0.9258388 unit2 0.7659572 0.1224557 0.4617713 0.9258388 unit3 0.7659572 0.1224557 0.4617713 0.9258388 unit4 0.5029083 0.1155986 0.2901462 0.7146223 unit5 0.7659572 0.1224557 0.4617713 0.9258388 ...
```



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Covariates and MARK

Using MARK software is similar except design matrix is for ALL parameters ( $\psi$  and p)

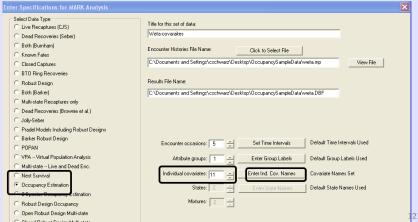
You will need to construct the \*.inp file with the following format: hhhhh 1 br o1-1 o1-2 o1-3 o1-4 o1-5 o2-1 o2-2 o2-3 o2-4 o2-5 ;

- where
  - hhhhh is the detection history; Use "." if missing data.
  - 1 indicates a count of 1 site with this detection history;
  - br is 1/0 if browsed or not-browsed;
  - o1-1 ... o1-5 is 1/0 if observer 1 took a reading at site at time i; Use 0.0 if missing data in history (ignored);
  - 02-1 ... o2-5 is 1/0 if observer 2 took a reading at site at time i; Use 0.0 if missing data in history (ignored);
  - ";" terminates the input line.

Look at the weta.inp file in the OccupancySampleData folder.

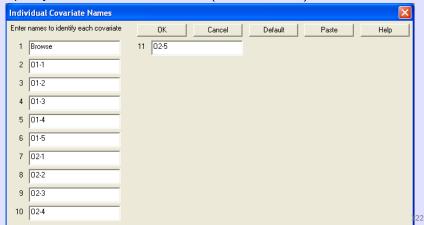


Start *MARK*; Select Occupancy Modeling; Select the data file; Specify the number of covariates (11 in this case) and name them:





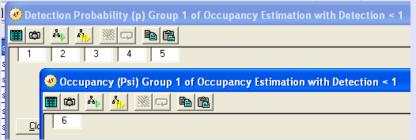
Start *MARK*; Select Occupancy Modeling; Select the data file; Specify the number of covariates (11 in this case) and name them:





Model  $\psi(*), p(*)$  using a DESIGN matrix.

Set PIMS to separate numbers for each parameter (default).









For model  $\psi(*)$ , p(\*) change DESIGN matrix to the following (why?):



Select RUN; specify model name; add to results table in usual way; look at estimates:

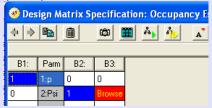
⊗ Results Browser: Occupancy Estimation with Detection < 1												
Model	AICc	Delta AICc	AICc Weight	Model Likelihood	No. Par.	Deviance	-2Log(L)					
{psi(browse), p(t + observer}	260.5027	0.0000	0.28995	1.0000	9	239.5994	239.5994					
{psi(*), p(t + observer}	260.8323	0.3296	0.24589	0.8481	8	242.5466	242.5466					
{psi(browse), p(t)}	261.1868	0.6841	0.20595	0.7103	7	245.4368	245.4368					
{psi(*), p(t + observer + browse}	262.3180	1.8153	0.11699	0.4035	9	241.4147	241.4147					
{psi(browse), p(observer}	262.9512	2.4485	0.08524	0.2940	5	252.0421	252.0421					
{psi(browse) p(*)}	264.6172	4.1145	0.03706	0.1278	3	258.2643	258.2643					
{psi(*) p(*)}	265.9611	5.4584	0.01893	0.0653	2	261.7872	261.7872					

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Rea	l Function Param	meters of {psi(*)	p(*)} 95% Confidence	e Interval
Parameter	Estimate	Standard Error	Lower	Upper
1:p 2:Psi	0.3493651 0.6165958	0.0537299 0.0885440	0.2525377 0.4356143	0.4604481 0.7701624

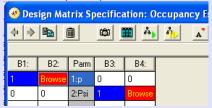


For model  $\psi(browse)$ , p(\*) change DESIGN matrix to the following (why?):





For model  $\psi(browse)$ , p(browse) change DESIGN matrix to the following (why?):



For model  $\psi(browse)$ , p(t) change DESIGN matrix to the following (why?):

B1: p Int	B2: p t1	B3: p t2	B4: pt3	B5: p t4	Parm	B6: Psi Int	B7:
1	1	0	0	0		0	0
1	0	1	0	0	2:p	0	0
1	0	0	1	0	3:p	0	0
1	0	0	0	1	4:p	0	0
1	0	0	0	0	5:p	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	6:Psi		Browse



For model  $\psi(browse)$ , p(observer) change DESIGN matrix to the following (why?):

	- , - ,										
B1: pInt	B2: p t1	B3: p t2	Parm	B4: PsiInt	B5:						
1	01-1	02-1	1:p	0	0						
1	01-2	02-2	2:p	0	0						
1	01-3	02-3	3:p	0	0						
1	01-4	02-4	4:p	0	0						
1	01-5	02-5	5:p	0	0						
0	0	0	6:Psi		Browse						
0				-	-						

For model  $\psi(browse)$ , p(t + observer) change DESIGN matrix to the following (why?):

B1: p Int	B2:	B3:	B4:	B5:	B6: pt1	B7: p t2	Parm	B8: Psi Int	B9:	
1		0	0	0			1:p	0	0	
1	0		0	0			2:p	0	0	
1	0	0		0			3:p	0	0	
1	0	0	0				4:p	0	0	
1	0	0	0	0			5:p	0	0	
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6:Psi		Browse	



Fit 
$$\psi(browse)$$
,  $p(t + observer + browser)$ :



Model  $\psi(*)$ , p(t + observer + browser) DESIGN matrix is (why?) :

-											
B1: p Int	B2:	B3:	B4:	B5:	B6: pt1	B7: p t2	B8:	Parm	B9: Psi Int		
1	1	0	0	0	01-1		Browse		0		
	0	1	0	0	01-2		Browse	2:p	0		
	0	0	1	0	01-3		Browse	3:p	0		
	0	0	0	1	01-4	02-4	Browse	4:p	0		
	0	0	0	0	01-5		Browse	5:p	0		
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6:Psi			



Results window similar to PRESENCE. AIC is corrected for small sample sizes. Perform model averaging, etc.

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(psi(browse) p(browse))	266.8576	6.3549	0.01194	0.0417	4	258.2606	258.2606			

# Single-Species Single-Season Occupancy Studies

Covariates and RMark

#### Site-level covariates.

- Continuous covariates
  - Enter as a numeric columns in the history data frame.
  - Specify variable name in formula, e.g.  $Psi = list(formula = \sim Area)$ .
- Categorical covariates
  - Enter as a alphanumeric columns in the history data frame and declare as a factor.
  - Specify the categorical covariates in the groups= option in the process.data() function.
  - Specify variable name in formula, e.g.  $Psi = list(formula = \sim Browse)$ .

Visit (Survey)-level covariates. The value of the covariate is applicable to ALL sites on this visit.

- Continuous covariates
  - Enter as a numeric columns in the ddl for p
  - Specify variable name in formula, e.g.
     p = list(formula =~ temperature).
- Categorical covariates
  - Enter as a alphanumeric columns in the ddl for p
  - Specify variable name in formula, e.g.
     p = list(formula = ~ snowing) where snowing is coded as y/n.
- 1 my.ddl <- make.design(my.data)</pre>
- 2 my.ddl\$p\$snowing <- .....
- 3 my.ddl\$p\$temperature <- ....</pre>
- 4
- 5 RMark::mark(my.data, ddl=my.ddl, ....)

Visit  $\times$  Site (Sampling)-level covariates. The value of the covariate is applicable to a particular visit at a particular site.

#### THIS IS MESSY!

- Continuous covariates
  - Need a separate column for each visit names as CovName1
     CovName2 CovName3 ... in the input.history
  - Specify variable name in formula, e.g.
     p = list(formula = ~ CovName).
- Categorical covariates (MESSY)
  - You must create K-1 indicator variables for the K categories.

- Need  $K-1 \times n.visits$  columns labelled as Cov21 Cov22 Cov23 ... where CovIV represents the indicator variable I for visit V for the covariates and I ranges from  $2, \ldots, K$  and V ranges from  $1, \ldots, n.visits$ .
- Specify variable name in formula, e.g.  $p = list(formula = \sim Cov2 + Cov3 + Cov4...)$ .

The *make.time.factor()* is helpful here.

Mahoenui giant weta (*Deinacrida mahoenui*) is endemic to New Zealand and under stress from rats and other predators.

72 circular plots (3 m radius, primarily prickly gorse plants) were surveyed for weta.

Each plot surveyed 3-5 times.

Covariates to be considered:

- Observer. Three different observers and not every plot surveyed by each observer.
- Browse. Was each site browsed by goats, yes or no.

Getting the data into RMark.

```
1. Capture History
```

Get  $n_{sites} \times n_{visit}$  data.frame (or matrix) of 1, 0, or NAs

```
sheet="detection_histor
na="-",
col_names=FALSE) # no
```

input.data <- readxl::read\_excel(file.path("..","weta.xls")</pre>

5 input.history <- data.frame(freq=1,</pre>

ch=apply(input.data[,1:5],1,pas
input.history\$ch <- gsub("NA",".", input.history\$ch, fixed:</pre>

8 head(input.history)

Detection histories include many missing values. Are these MCAR? Check the detection histories carefully.

Getting the data into RMark.

#### 2. Site Covariates

Get  $n_{sites} \times n_{site-covariates}$  data.frame of site covariates.

- Continuous covariates occupy 1 column
- Categorical covariates can either be alpha-numeric code or a set of indicator variables.

With modern software, the former is preferred.

Getting the data into RMark.

2a. Site Covariates categorical and/or continuous) are added to the input.history data frame

```
site_covar <- readxl::read_excel("Weta_pg116.xls",
sheet="site_covar",
na="-",
col_names=TRUE) # notice

# Create an alternate site level covariate that is a categ
input.history$BrowCat <-factor( site.covar$BrowsCat)
xtabs(~BrowCat, data=input.history, exclude=NULL, na.action)</pre>
```

NO MISSING Values allowed for site-level convariates

Getting the data into RMark.

2b. Visit level covariates (same for all sites) entered using *ddl* as seen earlier.

Getting the data into RMark.

3. Visit x Site Covariates - HARD

Getting the data into RMark.

3. Visit x Site Covariates - HARD

Must create (# levels-1)  $\times$  (# times) covariates in data frame.

E.g. Observer21 Observer31 Observer22 Observer32 Observer23

Observer33 Observer24 Obsever34 Observer25 Observer35

See code in weta.R

```
Getting the data into RMark.
```

Finally, process the data in the usual way.

NOTE: categorical site-level covariates (e.g. browse category) must be entered as a "group" variable.

Visit level covariates are entered using *ddl*'s. (not shown here). SitexVisit covariates are tedious.

```
weta.data <- process.data(data=input.history,
group="BrowCat",
model="Occupancy")
summary(weta.data)</pre>
```

Fit the  $\psi(*)$ , p(\*) model and look at estimates.

```
mod.fit1 <- RMark::mark(weta.data,</pre>
                            model="Occupancy",
3
                            model.parameters=list(
                              Psi =list(formula=~1),
                                     =list(formula=~1)
5
8
   # look at estimated occupancy probability.
   get.real(mod.fit1, "Psi", se=TRUE)
10
11
   # look at the estimated probability of detection. It gives
12
   get.real(mod.fit1, "p", se=TRUE)
13
```

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#### Single Species; Single-Season - Covariates - RMark

```
Fit the \psi(*), p(*) model and look at estimates.
```

```
# Name : p(~1)Psi(~1)
```

```
Npar: 2
-21nL: 261.7871
```

se

Psi	gN	<b>a</b> 0	t1		12	2	2 0.616	35958	3 0.08	38544	1 0
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 ucl fixed
 note group age time Age

 Psi gB a0 t1 0.7701624
 B 0 1 0

 Psi gN a0 t1 0.7701624
 N 0 1 140/1

**RMARK** 

#### Single Species; Single-Season - Covariates - RMark

```
Fit the \psi(*), p(*) model and look at estimates.
```

```
> get.real(mod.fit1, "p", se=TRUE)
          all.diff.index par.index estimate
```

1 0.3493651 0.0537299 0.5

p gB a0 t1

p gB a4 t5

p gN a0 t1 6

p gN a4 t5 10 ucl fixed

p gB a0 t1 0.4604481 p gB a4 t5 0.4604481

p gN a0 t1 0.4604481

1 0.3493651 0.0537299 0.3 1 0.3493651 0.0537299 0.3

1 0.3493651 0.0537299 0.3 note group age time Age Time

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В

Fitting a model where occupancy varies by browse. It doesn't make sense to model occupancy as a function of observer - why?

Fit the  $\psi(Browse)$ , p(\*) model and look at estimates.

No need for you to define indicator variables when using site-level categorical variables with *RMark*.

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#### Single Species; Single-Season - Covariates - RMark

```
Fit the \psi(Browse), p(*) model and look at estimates.
```

```
# Name : p(~1)Psi(~1)
```

```
Npar: 3
-21nL: 258.2643
```

AICc: 264.6172

```
>get.real(mod.fit2, "Psi", se=TRUE)
```

all.diff.index par.index estimate

Psi gB a0 t1 11 2 0.7593708 0.1198262 (
Psi gN a0 t1 12 3 0.4809980 0.1078863 (

all.diff.index par.index estimate

se

se

ucl fixed note group age time Age Time Psi gB a0 t1 0.9194233 B 0 1  $_{150/177}$ 

Try fitting a model where detectability also depends on browse status of the site. i.e.  $\psi(browse)$ , p(browse).

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```
Model \psi(browse), p(browse).
```

Estimated detection by browse:

```
# Npar : 4
```

>get.real(mod.fit3, "p", se=TRUE)

all.diff.index par.index estimate

p gB a0 t1

p gB a4 t5 5 1 0.3518919 0.0689239 0.5

se

1 0.3518919 0.0689239 0.3

2 0.3451663 0.0860159 0.5

p gN a0 t1

p gN a4 t5 10 2 0.3451663 0.0860159/107.5

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Fitting a model where detectability depends on the observer, but NOT on time  $\psi(browse)$ , p(observer). Hint: 3 observers need 2 NEW indicator columns. What does the intercept now mean?

Model  $\psi(browse)$ , p(observer).

Npar: 5

-2lnL: 252.0421 AICc: 262.9512

p gB a0 t1 0.4189906

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ucl fixed

```
Model \psi(browse), p(observer).
What do we get if ask for estimates of p?
get.real(mod.fit4, "p", se=TRUE)
            all.diff.index par.index estimate
                                                          se
                                     1 0.3027271 0.0546476 0.5
p gB a0 t1
                          5
                                     5 0.2921418 0.0547807 0.3
p gB a4 t5
                          6
                                     1 0.3027271 0.0546476 0.5
p gN a0 t1
                                     5 0.2921418 0.0547807 0.3
p gN a4 t5
                         10
```

p gB a4 t5 0.4095578 B 4 5 4<sub>159/177</sub>4

note group age time Age Time

В



Model  $\psi(browse)$ , p(observer).

We need to estimate the value of p at specified value of the covariates.

What are the parameter index numbers that refer to p?

```
>ddl = make.design.data(weta.data)
```

>ddl\$p # see the index numbers

	par . maon	modor. Indon	9-0 ab	۳60	0	60		DI ON OGO	
1	1	1	В	0	1	0	0	В	
2	2	2	В	1	2	1	1	В	
3	3	3	В	2	3	2	2	В	
4	4	4	В	3	4	3	3	В	
5	5	5	В	4	5	4	4	В	
6	6	6	N	0	1	0	0	N	

par, index model, index group age time Age Time BrowCat

Model  $\psi(browse)$ , p(observer).

Create the value of the observer variables for which we want predictions

```
obs.df <-data.frame(Observer21=c(0.1.0).
                        Observer22=c(0.1.0).
3
                        Observer23=c(0.1.0).
                        Observer24=c(0,1,0),
5
                        Observer25=c(0.1.0).
                        Observer31=c(0,0,1),
6
                        Observer32=c(0.0.1).
                        Observer33=c(0.0.1).
8
9
                        Observer34=c(0.0.1).
10
                        Observer35=c(0.0.1)
```



```
Model \psi(browse), p(observer). Make predictions
```

#### Joint effects of covariates.

Suppose that detectability depended both on occasion effects and observer effects. There are two types of models:

- Additive models. Observers vary among themselves, but are consistent among occasions. For example, one observer has a lower (and consistent) detectability in all occasions even though the detectability varies over occasions. Notation is p(t + obs). Append columns for each covariate.
- Interaction models. Observers are not consistent over occasions. In some days, observer 1 is worst; on other days observer 2 is worst, etc. Notation is p(t \* obs). Append columns and then append multiplication of columns.

This is easily done in RMark without having to physically create the extra columns using standard modelling notation of R.

Fit the following additional models:

- $\psi(browse)$ , p(observer + time + browse).
- $\psi(*)$ , p(observer + time + browse).
- $\psi(*)$ , p(observer + time).

Construct the AIC table.

1 collect.model(type="Occupancy")

8 0.3296085 0.27905031

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What do you conclude from the AIC table?

```
Model DAIC
                                                         wgt
                                                      model 1
5
            p(~time + Observer2 + Observer3)Psi(~BrowCat)
8
                  p(~time + Observer2 + Observer3)Psi(~1)
        p(~time + BrowCat + Observer2 + Observer3)Psi(~1)
4
                   p(~Observer2 + Observer3)Psi(~BrowCat)
 p("time + BrowCat + Observer2 + Observer3)Psi("BrowCat)
2
                                        p(~1)Psi(~BrowCat)
                                              p(~1)Psi(~1)
3
                                  p(~BrowCat)Psi(~BrowCat)
  DeltaAICc
                weight
                         Deviance
5 0.0000000 0.32904560
                         239.5994
```

242.5466

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# Single Species; Single-Season - Covariates - Summary and Cautions

#### Creating data frames for covariates

- ullet Covariates for  $\psi$  are straightforward.
- Covariates for p are tricky:
  - Different order among the packages. Documentation is weak on this point.
  - For all packages except JAGS, you can leave missed visits in the data.frame

Try not to have too many covariates with smallish datasets.

# Single Species; Single-Season - Covariates - Summary and Cautions

#### Specifying models.

- PRESENCE and MARK require you create your own design matrices.
- RPresence, RMark, unmarked have a simple model syntax using categorical variables
- JAGS used model.matrix() function to help you.

May be difficult to understand what the  $\beta$  parameters mean.

Time-varying covariates must be available at all measured sites at all times regardless of detection. Do NOT use covariates that depend on a detection, e.g. type of tree that birds was detected in because no detection implies no covariate.

Numerical difficulties arise if covariate values are too large and too dispersed.

- Subtract a large constant. e.g. use year-2000 as covariate.
- Divide by a large constant, e.g. use ha rather than m<sup>2</sup>.
- Shrink the range, e.g. standardize by subtracting mean and dividing by std deviation

These actions do NOT affect AIC etc, but can make final interpretation a bit tricky as you need to unstandardized the final estimates.

Occupancy of American Toads. Extracted from

Darryl I. MacKenzie, et al. 2002.

Estimating site occupancy rates when detection probabilities are less than one.

Ecology 83:2248-2255.

doi:10.1890/0012-

9658(2002)083[2248:ESORWD]2.0.CO;2]

29 sites with 82 sampling occasions in 2000.

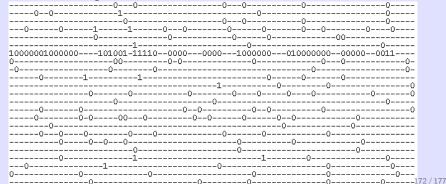
Volunteers visited sites and recorded presence/absence of toads by calls.

Habitat (type of pond, permanent or ephemeral) and temperature at visit recorded.

29 sites with 82 sampling occasions in 2000.

Volunteers visited sites and recorded presence/absence of toads by calls.

Lots of missing data!



Because of the spareness of the data, fit the following models:

- $\psi$ (Habitat), p(Temperature)
- $\psi(*)$ , p(Temperature)
- $\psi(Habitat), p(*)$
- ψ(\*), p(\*)

CAUTION: How many columns do you need for each covariate (why?)

Final Results:

Model	AIC	deltaAIC	AIC wat	Model Likeli	no.Par.	-2*LoqLike
psi(Habitat).p(Temp)	183.16	0.00	0.3032	1.0000	4	175.16
psi(*),p(Temp)	183.58	0.42	0.2458	0.8106	3	177.58
psi(Habitat),p(*)	183.65	0.49	0.2373	0.7827	3	177.65
1 group, Constant P	183.86	0.70	0.2137	0.7047	2	179.86
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What is total model weight for habitat effects? Temperature effects?

Brook trout: 77 streams, 3 segments/stream. Collected via electrofishing three 50 m sections of streams at sites in the Upper Chattachochee River basin.

#### Covariates.

- elevation.
- cross sectional area each occasion

What effect (if any) of elevation on occupancy? Do p(t) (or equivalent) models make sense in this setting?

## Single Species; Single-Season - Grossbeaks

An occupancy study was made on Blue Grosbeaks (*Guiraca caerulea*) on 41 old fields planted to longleaf pines (*Pinus palustris*) in southern Georgia, USA.

Surveys were 500 m transects across each field and were completed three times during the breeding season in 2001.

#### Columns in the file are:

- field field number
- v1, v2, v3 detection histories for each site on each of 3 visit during the 2001 breeding season.
- field.size size of the files
- *bqi* Enrollment in bobwhite quail initiative; does occupancy increase if field belongs to this initiative?
- crop.hist crop history
- crop1, crop2 indicator variables for the crop history

#### Single Species; Single-Season - Exercise

Fit models using the covariates given in the file.