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moultmcmc-package	<i>The 'moultmcmc' package.</i>
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Description

Precompiled Stan models to conduct full Bayesian inference in regression models for the phenology of avian primary moult based on the approach of Underhill & Zucchini (1988) and related hierarchical models to accommodate repeated-measures data (within-season recaptures of individuals).

References

- Boersch-Supan et al. (2022) Bayesian inference for models of moult duration and timing in birds arXiv DOI:10.48550/arXiv.2205.12120
- Underhill & Zucchini (1988) A model for avian primary moult. Ibis 130:358 DOI:10.1111/j.1474-919X.1988.tb00993.x
- Stan Development Team (2022). RStan: the R interface to Stan. R package version 2.21.5. <https://mc-stan.org>

compare_plot	<i>Visual comparison of moult models</i>
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Description

Visual comparison of moult models

Usage

```
compare_plot(..., names = NULL)
```

Arguments

...	two or a moult or moultmcmc model
names	optional character vector of model names

Value

a plot comparing parameter estimates and their uncertainties

consolidate_moult_records	<i>Consolidate a mixture of continuous and categorical moult records</i>
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Description

This is a helper function to format input data for the Type 1+2 moult model.

Usage

```
consolidate_moult_records(moult_score, moult_cat)
```

Arguments

moult_score	a numeric vector of (linearized) moult scores in [0,1] (0 = old plumage, 1 = new plumage).
moult_cat	a numeric vector of categorical moult codes (1 = old plumage, 2 = moulting, 3 = new plumage)

Value

a numeric vector of scores and categorical records with values [0,1] for old, new and continuous active moult scores, and value 2 for categorical active moult records.

fixef.moultmcmc	<i>Extract Population-Level Estimates</i>
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Description

Extract the population-level ('fixed') effects from a moultmcmc object.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'moultmcmc'
fixef(object, summary = TRUE, probs = c(0.025, 0.975), pars = NULL, ...)
```

Arguments

object	a moultmcmc model
summary	logical, should posterior samples be summarised for each parameter
probs	numeric, desired quantiles for summary statistics
pars	Optional names of coefficients to extract. By default, all coefficients are extracted.
...	Currently ignored.

Value

If summary is TRUE, a matrix for the population-level effects. If summary is FALSE, a matrix with one row per posterior draw and one column per population-level effect.

loo.moultmcmc	<i>Efficient approximate leave-one-out cross-validation (LOO)</i>
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Description

Efficient approximate leave-one-out cross-validation (LOO)

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'moultmcmc'
loo(x, cores = getOption("mc.cores", 1))
```

Arguments

x	A moultmcmc model object
cores	The number of cores to use for parallelization. This defaults to the option mc.cores which can be set for an entire R session by options(mc.cores = NUMBER). The old option loo.cores is now deprecated but will be given precedence over mc.cores until loo.cores is removed in a future release. As of version 2.0.0 the default is now 1 core if mc.cores is not set, but we recommend using as many (or close to as many) cores as possible. Note for Windows 10 users: it is strongly recommended to avoid using the .Rprofile file to set mc.cores (using the cores argument or setting mc.cores interactively or in a script is fine).

Value

The loo() methods return a named list with class c("psis_loo", "loo"). See ?loo::loo

moultmcmc	<i>Bayesian inference for Underhill-Zucchini moult models and expansions</i>
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Description

Bayesian inference for Underhill-Zucchini moult models and expansions

Usage

```
moultmcmc(
  moult_column,
  date_column,
  id_column = NULL,
  start_formula = ~1,
  duration_formula = ~1,
  sigma_formula = ~1,
  type = 2,
  lump_non_moult = FALSE,
  data,
  init = "auto",
  flat_prior = TRUE,
  beta_sd = 0,
  log_lik = FALSE,
  use_phi_approx = FALSE,
  active_moult_recaps_only = TRUE,
  same_sigma = FALSE,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

moult_column	the name the column in data containing moult indices, i.e. a numeric vector of (linearized) moult scores in [0,1] (0 = old plumage, 1 = new plumage; for model types 1-5), numerical moult codes (1 = old plumage, 2 = moulting, 3 = new plumage; for model type 1), or a mixed column created by consolidate_moult_records for model type 12.
date_column	the name the column in data containing sampling dates, encoded as days since an arbitrary reference date, i.e. a numeric vector
id_column	(optional) factor identifier. Usually a season-individual combination to encode within-season recaptures, defaults to NULL. When provided moultmcmc will attempt to fit the relevant recaptures model.
start_formula	model formula for start date
duration_formula	model formula for duration
sigma_formula	model formula for start date sigma
type	integer (one of 1,2,3,4,5,12) referring to type of moult data and consequently model to be fitted (see details)
lump_non_moult	logical; should pre- and post-moult observations be treated as indistinguishable? if TRUE and type %in% c(1,2,12), the relevant lumped model will be fitted (see details).
data	Input data frame must contain a numeric column "date" and a column "moult_cat" which is a numeric vector of categorical moult codes (1 = old plumage, 2 = moulting, 3 = new plumage).
init	Specification of initial values for all or some parameters. Can be the string "auto" for an automatic guess based on the data, or any of the permitted rstan options: the digit 0, the strings "0" or "random", or a function. See the detailed documentation for the init argument in rstan::stan .
flat_prior	use uniform prior on start date and duration (TRUE) or vaguely informative truncated normal prior (FALSE). Defaults to TRUE.
beta_sd	use zero-centred normal priors for regression coefficients other than intercepts? If <= 0 the stan default of improper flat priors is used.
log_lik	boolean retain pointwise log-likelihood in output? This enables model assessment and selection via the loo package. Defaults to FALSE, can lead to very large output arrays when sample size is large.
use_phi_approx	logical flag whether to use stan's Phi_approx function to calculate the "old" likelihoods
active_moult_recaps_only	logical flag whether to ignore repeated observations outside the active moult phase
same_sigma	logical flag, currently unused
...	Arguments passed to rstan::sampling (e.g. iter, chains).

Details

type refers to the type of moult data available (see Underhill and Zucchini (1998) and Underhill, Zucchini and Summers (1990)).

type = 1 sample is representative of entire population (not yet moulting, in moult, and birds which have completed moult). For type 1 data, any value between 0 and 1 (> 0 and < 1) can be used as the moult index for birds in active moult. The value used does not matter, only the fact that they are in moult. type = 2 (default) sample is representative of entire population (not yet moulting, in moult, and birds which have completed moult). Moulting scores are required.

type = 3 sample is representative only of birds in moult. Individuals with moult scores 0 or 1 are ignored.

type = 4 sample is representative only of birds in moult and those that have completed moult. Individuals with moult scores 0 are ignored.

type = 5 sample is representative only of birds that have not started moult or that are in moult. Individuals with moult scores 1 are ignored.

Value

An object of class stanfit returned by `rstan::sampling`

moult_plot

moult_plot generic

Description

moult_plot generic

Usage

```
moult_plot(...)
```

Arguments

... ...

Value

...

moult_plot.moult *Moult plot for moult model*

Description

Moult plot for moult model

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'moult'
moult_plot(x, prob = 0.95, plot_data = TRUE, plot = TRUE, ...)
```

Arguments

x	moult model object created with moult::moult
prob	coverage probability of active moult in the sampled population
plot_data	logical, if TRUE plot observations
plot	logical, if TRUE (default) return a plot, else return a dataframe with start and end dates of moult based on model intercepts
...	not currently used

Value

a plot or data.frame

moult_plot.moultmcmc *Moult plot for moultmcmc model*

Description

Moult plot for moultmcmc model

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'moultmcmc'
moult_plot(
  x,
  prob = 0.95,
  prob_ci = NULL,
  plot_data = TRUE,
  plot = TRUE,
  newdata = NULL,
  col.data = NULL,
  ...
)
```


Arguments

x	moultmcmc model object
prob	coverage probability of active moult in the sampled population
prob_ci	coverage probability of credible interval
plot_data	logical, if TRUE plot observations
plot	logical, if TRUE (default) return a plot, else return a dataframe with start and end dates of moult based on model intercepts
newdata	optional data.frame of conditions to plot (passed to predict.moultmcmc)
col.data	optional, name of column in model data to colour data points
...	not currently used

Value

a plot or data.frame

namedList	<i>internal helper function to create a named list</i>
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Description

original version by Ben Bolker: <https://stackoverflow.com/a/16951524>

Usage

```
namedList(...)
```

Arguments

... args

Value

a named list

predict.moultmcmc *Predict method for moultmcmc models*

Description

Predict method for moultmcmc models

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'moultmcmc'
predict(
  object,
  newdata = NULL,
  predict.type = "parameters",
  summary = TRUE,
  intervals = 0.1,
  prob = 0.95,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

object	a fitted moultmcmc model
newdata	data.frame with explanatory variables for which to make predictions
predict.type	specifies form of predictions, see details.
summary	logical, if TRUE (default) return a data.frame of posterior means, otherwise return a list of arrays of the full posterior sample of the predicted quantity (with one list element per predicted quantity and array dimensions nrow(newdata) * number of posterior draws)
intervals	not currently used
prob	nominal coverage probability of credible interval
...	further arguments

Value

a data.frame or list, depending on input arguments

ranef.moultmcmc	<i>Extract Individual-Level Estimates</i>
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Description

Extract the individual-level ('random') effects from a moultmcmc object.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'moultmcmc'
ranef(object, summary = TRUE, probs = c(0.025, 0.975), pars = NULL, ...)
```

Arguments

object	a moultmcmc model
summary	logical, should posterior samples be summarised for each parameter
probs	numeric, desired quantiles for summary statistics
pars	Optional names of coefficients to extract. By default, all coefficients are extracted.
...	Currently ignored.

Value

If summary is TRUE, a matrix for the individual-level effects. If summary is FALSE, a matrix with one row per posterior draw and one column per individual-level effect.

recaptures	<i>Simulated moult scores for 235 individuals with no heterogeneity in duration</i>
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Description

A dataset containing the moult scores and capture dates for a simulated population of passerines including recaptures

Usage

```
recaptures
```

Format

A data frame with 299 rows and 13 variables:

id individual identifier
sample_size number of observations for the said individual
start_date individual moult initiation date
duration individual duration
set simulation set
date_sampled observation date (days since January 01)
pfmg_sampled true PFMG at sampling occasion
pfmg_with_error PFMG incorporating measurement error, if any
sampling_bias descriptor of sampling bias type, if any
prop_recaptured_individuals proportion of individuals with more than 1 capture
rel_tau_sd relative population standard deviation of the moult duration
obs_error measurement error
scenario simulation scenario

Source

P. Boersch-Supan

recaptures2	<i>Simulated moult scores for 235 individuals with heterogeneity in durations</i>
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Description

A dataset containing the moult scores and capture dates for a simulated population of passerines including recaptures. Simulation is based on an underlying population moult start date of 196.83, moult duration of 77.80 days and a population standard deviation of the start date of 8.1 days.

Usage

recaptures2

Format

A data frame with 299 rows and 13 variables:

id individual identifier
sample_size number of observations for the said individual
start_date individual moult initiation date
duration individual duration

set simulation set
date_sampled observation date (days since January 01)
pfmg_sampled true PFMG at sampling occasion
pfmg_with_error PFMG incorporating measurement error, if any
sampling_bias descriptor of sampling bias type, if any
prop_recaptured_individuals proportion of individuals with more than 1 capture
rel_tau_sd relative population standard deviation of the moult duration
obs_error measurement error
scenario simulation scenario

Source

P. Boersch-Supan

residual_plot *residual_plot generic*

Description

residual_plot generic

Usage

```
residual_plot(...)
```

Arguments

... ...

Value

...

```
residual_plot.moult    Residual plot for moult model
```

Description

This function displays a plot that shows where observed dates and moult scores fall relative to the predictions of the fitted model. Active moult observations should generally fall within +/- 3 start-date standard deviations of the regression line.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'moult'
residual_plot(x, plot = TRUE, ...)
```

Arguments

<code>x</code>	moult model object created with <code>moult::moult</code>
<code>plot</code>	logical, if TRUE (default) return a plot, else return a data.frame with calculated quantities
<code>...</code>	not currently used

Value

a plot

```
siskins    Moult records of Eurasian Siskins
```

Description

A dataset containing simulated moult scores and capture dates of Eurasian Siskins (*Spinus spinus*), based on a sub-urban Scottish population.

Usage

```
siskins
```

Format

A data frame with 299 rows and 3 variables:

yday sampling date (days since Jan 01)
pfmg PFMG at sampling occasion
id individual identifier
start_date "true" individual start date
duration "true" individual moult duration

Source

Philipp Boersch-Supan

References

Insley et al. (in prep). Breeding and moult phenology of siskins in the Scottish Highlands.

summary.moultmcmc	<i>Summary method for moultmcmc models</i>
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Description

Summary method for moultmcmc models

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'moultmcmc'
summary(object, ...)
```

Arguments

object	a moultmcmc object
...	passed to summary_table

Value

a summary table

summary_table	<i>Summary table generic</i>
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Description

Summary table generic

Usage

```
summary_table(...)
```

Arguments

...	...
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Value

...

```
summary_table.moult  Summary Table for moult model
```

Description

Summary Table for moult model

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'moult'
summary_table(x, prob = 0.95, tidy_names = TRUE, ...)
```

Arguments

x	moult model object created with moult::moult
prob	nominal coverage probability of confidence interval
tidy_names	adjust default parameter names from moult() to follow consistent nomenclature of model.matrix()
...	not currently used

Value

a tibble

Examples

```
## Not run: m1 <- moult::moult(Mindex ~ Day, data = sanderlings)
## Not run: summary_table(m1)
```

```
summary_table.moultmlcmc
Summary Table
```

Description

Summary Table

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'moultmlcmc'
summary_table(
  x,
  pars = x$stanfit@sim$pars_oi,
  prob = 0.95,
  include = TRUE,
  ...
)
```


Arguments

x	moultmcmc fit object
pars	A character vector of parameter names. The default is all parameters for which samples are saved. If include = FALSE, then the specified parameters are excluded from the printed summary.
prob	nominal coverage probability of credible interval
include	Logical scalar (defaulting to TRUE) indicating whether to include or exclude the parameters named by the pars argument.
...	Additional arguments passed to the summary method for stanfit objects.

Value

a tibble

weavers_processed	<i>Moult records of Southern Masked Weavers</i>
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Description

A dataset containing the moult scores and capture dates for Southern Masked Weavers (*Ploceus velatus*) from the Western Cape, South Africa.

Usage

```
weavers_processed
```

Format

A data frame with 5282 rows and 6 variables:

RDate sampling date (calendar date)

Sex SAFRING sex code

Year Sampling Year

Moult feather scores for primaries

pfmg Proportion of feather mass grown

day sampling date (days since August 01 of each year)

Source

Erni et al. 2013

References

Oschadleus 2005, Patterns of primary moult in the weavers, Ploceidae. University of Cape Town.

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