

Phylogenetic comparative methods: a statisticians perspective

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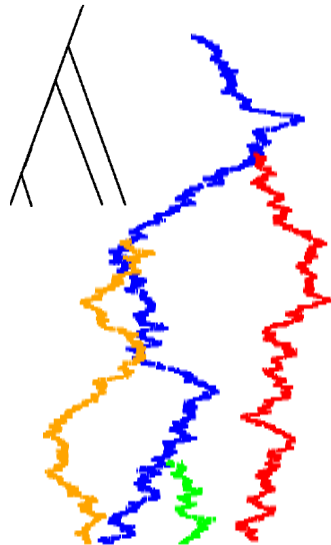
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The setup

Species evolve independently after speciation
 Trait: “average” for species

Introduction:

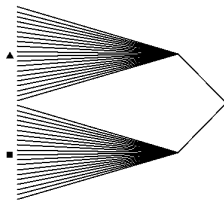
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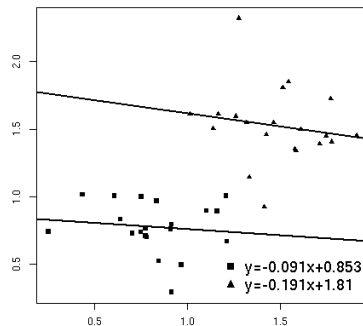
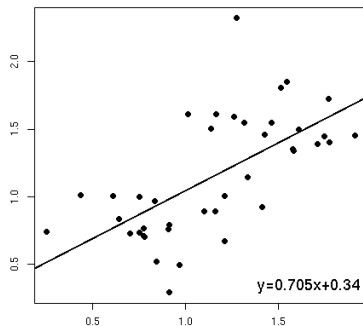
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Paradox?

See also J. Felsenstein, 1985. Phylogenies and the comparative method. Am. Nat. 125(1) 1–15

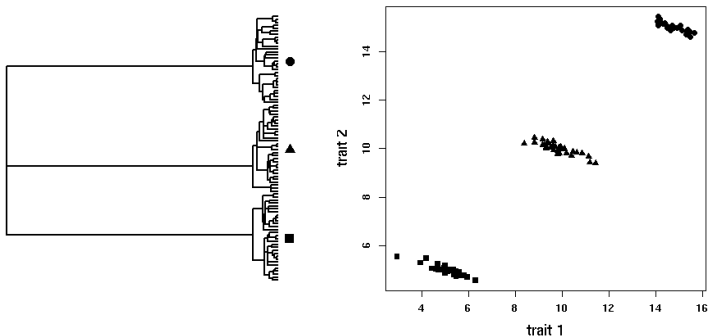


See code: `Script_01_ClusteresPhylogeny.R`



Simpson's paradox

$$\text{Cov}[Y_i, Y_j](t)$$



See code: `Script_02_SimpsonsParadox.R`

Eigendecomposition

We say that for a square matrix $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{k \times k}$, $\mathbb{R} \ni \lambda$ and $\vec{e}_\lambda \in \mathbb{R}^k$ form an eigenvalue, eigenvector pair if they satisfy:

$$\mathbf{A}\vec{e}_\lambda = \lambda\vec{e}_\lambda.$$

We say that for a square matrix $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{k \times k}$, is eigendecomposable if there are k eigenvalue, eigenvector pairs $(\lambda_i, \vec{e}_{\lambda_i})$ such that the vectors $\vec{e}_{\lambda_i}$ are linearly independent (i.e., $a_1\vec{e}_{\lambda_1} + \dots + a_k\vec{e}_{\lambda_k} = \vec{0}$ iff $a_1 = \dots = a_k = 0$). The eigenvalues may repeat themselves.

Eigendecomposition

Let $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{k \times k}$ be eigendecomposable with $(\lambda_1, \vec{e}_{\lambda_1}), \dots, (\lambda_k, \vec{e}_{\lambda_k})$ eigenvalue, eigenvector pairs. Denote

$$\mathbf{\Lambda} = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \ddots & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \dots & \dots & \dots & \lambda_k \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{P} = \begin{bmatrix} | & | & \dots & | \\ \vec{e}_{\lambda_1} & \vec{e}_{\lambda_2} & \dots & \vec{e}_{\lambda_k} \\ | & | & \dots & | \end{bmatrix}$$

then we have $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{P}\mathbf{\Lambda}\mathbf{P}^{-1}$

Not every matrix is eigendecomposable, example *defective* matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Ordinary differential equations (ODE)

Derivative: defines a functions change

Define a function by its derivative :

$$f'(x) = g(x)$$

then

$$f(x) = \int g(x)dx + C$$

fixing $f(x_0) = y_0$ gives us C

$g(x)$ can depend on f !!!!

$$f'(x) = g(x, f(x)), \quad f(x_0) = y_0$$

ODE: equation where the unknown is the function f

ODE examples

$$f'(x) = c, \quad f(0) = 0, \quad f(x) = cx$$

$$f'(x) = \alpha f(x), \quad f(0) = c_0, \quad f(x) = c_0 e^{\alpha x}$$

$$f'(x) = -\alpha f(x), \quad f(0) = c_0, \quad f(x) = c_0 e^{-\alpha x}$$

$$f'(t) = -\alpha(f(t) - \theta), \quad f(0) = x_0, \quad f(t) = x_0 e^{-\alpha t} + (1 - e^{-\alpha t})\theta$$

ODE system (multivariate ODE)

Derivatives are taken dimension by dimension.

Examples

$$f : \mathbb{R}^{k_1} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{k_2}, f(\vec{0}) = \vec{0}, f'(\vec{x}) = \vec{c}, \quad f(\vec{x}) = [\text{diag}(\vec{c})] \vec{x}$$

$$f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k, f(0) = \vec{x}_0, f'(t) = -\mathbf{A}(f(t) - \vec{\theta}), \\ f(t) = e^{-\mathbf{A}t} \vec{x}_0 + (1 - e^{-\mathbf{A}t}) \vec{\theta}$$

What is $e^{\mathbf{M}}$?

$$e^{\mathbf{M}} = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{\mathbf{M}^i}{i!}$$

$M = \mathbf{P}\mathbf{\Lambda}\mathbf{P}^{-1}$, $\mathbf{\Lambda} = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_k)$ (eigendecomposition, if exists)

$$e^{\mathbf{M}} = \mathbf{P}e^{\mathbf{\Lambda}}\mathbf{P}^{-1}$$

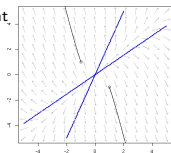
$$f'(t) = -\mathbf{A}(f(t)) \text{ 2D}$$

See code: Script_03_2DODE.R

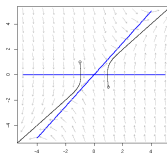
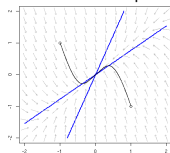
$$\lambda_1, \lambda_2 < 0$$

unstable fixed point

$$\mathbb{R} \ni \lambda_1 \neq \lambda_2 \in \mathbb{R}$$



$$\lambda_1, \lambda_2 > 0$$

 ∞ stable fixed point

$$\lambda_1 \lambda_2 < 0$$

unstable saddle point

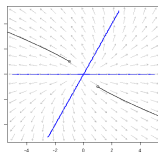
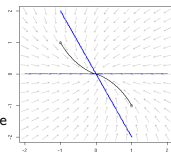
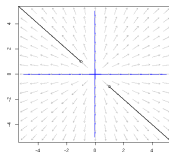
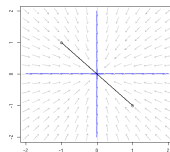
eigenvector degenerate

2 eigenvectors, star

$$\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\lambda < 0$$

unstable

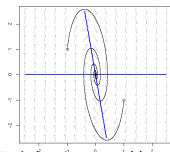
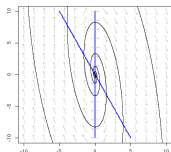
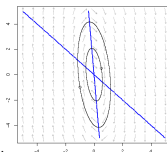
 $\lambda > 0$ ∞ stable $\lambda < 0$ unstable

$$\lambda > 0$$

 ∞ stable

$$\lambda_1, \lambda_2 \in \mathbb{C} \quad \text{Re}(\lambda) < 0$$

unstable spiral

 $\text{Re}(\lambda) > 0$ ∞ stable spiral

$$\text{Re}(\lambda) = 0$$

stable centre

ODE plotting

If ODE solvable, then direct graph

Otherwise:

1. choose small time step Δ
2. $f(t_0) = x_0$ initial condition and set $t = t_0$
3. $f(t + \Delta) = f(t) + \Delta g(t)$
4. $t = t + \Delta$
5. Repeat steps 3 and 4 until t reaches $t_{\max}$

multivariate ODE system in the exact same way

Stochastic differential equations (SDE)

Stochastic process: $X(t)$ “a collection of random variables that together form a random function of time”

Intuitive idea: ODE + random noise

But apart from special cases this does not work in this way

Special case: linear SDE (considered here)

Stochastic calculus

Itô formula

Applications:

Finance

Biology

Brownian motion

Brownian motion, $B(t)$ is a stochastic process with the following properties

1. (Independence of increments) $B(t) - B(s)$ for $t > s$ is independent of the past, that is of $B(u)$ for $0 \leq u \leq s$.
2. (Normal increments) $B(t) - B(s)$ is normally distributed with mean 0 and variance $t - s$
3. (Continuity of paths) $B(t)$ is a continuous function of $t \geq 0$

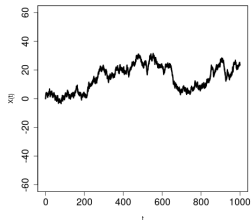
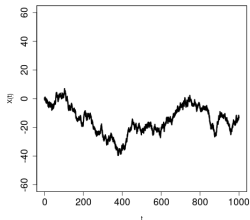
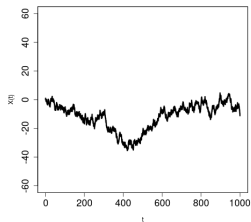
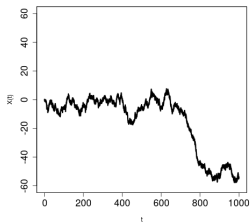
$$E[B(t)] = B(0)$$

$$\text{Var}[B(t)] = t$$

Brownian motion

$$X_0 = 0, \sigma = 1$$

See code: `Script_04_1DBMyuima.R` simulations by `yuima` R package



Diffusion type SDE

$$dX(t) = \overset{\text{"ODE"}}{\mu(t, X(t))dt} + \overset{\text{"noise"}}{\sigma(t, X(t))dB(t)} \quad X(0) = X_0$$

What is this? It is shorthand for: "white noise"

$$X(t) = \int_0^t \mu(s, X(s))ds + \int_0^t \sigma(s, X(s))dB(s)$$

The solution to an SDE is a stochastic process that satisfies the above integral equation.

$\int_0^T X(s)dB(s)$ is a "special" integral—Ito integral
 $X(t)$ such that $\int_0^T E[X(s)^2] ds < \infty$, then $E\left[\int_0^T X(s)dB(s)\right] = 0$

In some special cases we know what the distribution of $X(t)$.

SDE examples

$$dX(t) = dB(t) \quad X(t) = X_0 + B(t), \quad X(t) \sim \mathcal{N}(X_0, t)$$

$$dX(t) = \sigma dB(t) \quad X(t) = X_0 + \sigma B(t), \quad X(t) \sim \mathcal{N}(X_0, \sigma^2 t)$$

$$dX(t) = \mu dt + \sigma dB(t) \quad X(t) = X_0 + \mu t + \sigma B(t), \quad X(t) \sim \mathcal{N}(X_0 + \mu t, \sigma^2 t)$$

$$dX(t) = \mu dt + \sigma dB(t) \quad X(t) = X_0 + \mu t + \sigma B(t), \quad X(t) \sim \mathcal{N}(X_0 + \mu t, \sigma^2 t)$$

linear type SDE:

$$dX(t) = (c(t) + d(t)X(t))dt + \sigma(t)dB(t) \quad \text{denote } h(t) = \int_0^t d(s)ds$$

$$X(t) = e^{h(t)}X_0 + e^{h(t)} \int_0^t e^{-h(s)}c(s)ds + e^{h(t)} \int_0^t e^{-h(s)}\sigma(s)dB(s)$$

$$d(t) \equiv d \quad X(t) = e^{Dt}X_0 + \int_0^t e^{d(t-s)}c(s)ds + \int_0^t e^{d(t-s)}\sigma(s)dB(s)$$

Ornstein–Uhlenbeck (OU) process

$$dX(t) = -\alpha(X(t) - \theta)dt + \sigma dB(t), \quad X(0) = X_0$$

$$E[X(t)] = e^{-\alpha t}X_0 + (1 - e^{-\alpha t})\theta \xrightarrow{\alpha > 0} \theta$$

$$\text{Var}[X(t)] = \frac{\sigma^2}{2\alpha}(1 - e^{-2\alpha t}) \xrightarrow{\alpha > 0} \frac{\sigma^2}{2\alpha}$$

$\alpha > 0$: converges (weakly) to $\mathcal{N}(\theta, \sigma^2/(2\alpha))$

Half-life time to lose half of ancestral

$$\exp(-\alpha t_{0.5}) = 0.5 \text{ then } t_{0.5} = \ln 2/\alpha$$

T.F. Hansen, 1997. Stabilizing selection and the comparative analysis of adaptation. *Evolution* 51, 1341-1351

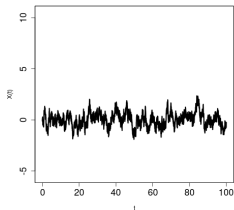
Interest rates model (Vašíček model)

OU trajectories

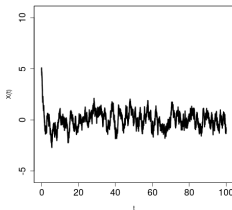
$$\theta = 0, \alpha = 1, \sigma = 1$$

See code: `Script_05_1D0Uyuima.R` simulations by `yuima` R package

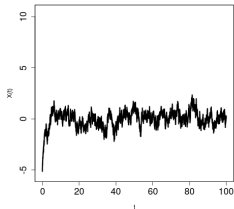
$$X_0 = 0$$



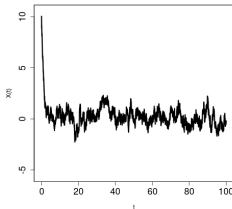
$$X_0 = 5$$



$$X_0 = -5$$



$$X_0 = 10$$



Multivariate SDEs

Same as ODEs:

“derivative” / Itô integral taken dimension by dimension.

Diffusion type SDE

$$d\vec{X}(t) = \vec{\mu}(t, \vec{X}(t))dt + \mathbf{\Sigma}(t, \vec{X}(t))d\vec{B}(t) \quad \vec{X}(0) = \vec{X}_0$$

$$\vec{X}(t) = \int_0^t \vec{\mu}(s, \vec{X}(s))ds + \int_0^t \mathbf{\Sigma}(s, \vec{X}(s))d\vec{B}(s)$$

Multivariate SDE examples

$$d\vec{X}(t) = d\vec{B}(t) \quad \vec{X}(t) = \vec{X}_0 + \vec{B}(t), \quad \vec{X}(t) \sim \mathcal{N}(\vec{X}_0, t)$$

$$d\vec{X}(t) = \mathbf{\Sigma} d\vec{B}(t) \quad \vec{X}(t) = \vec{X}_0 + \mathbf{\Sigma} \vec{B}(t), \quad \vec{X}(t) \sim \mathcal{N}(\vec{X}_0, \mathbf{\Sigma} \mathbf{\Sigma}^T t)$$

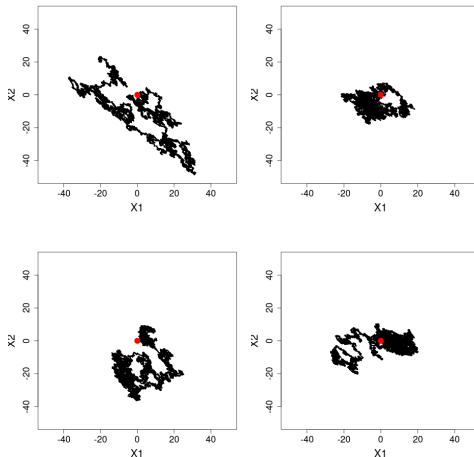
$$d\vec{X}(t) = \vec{\mu} dt + \mathbf{\Sigma} d\vec{B}(t) \\ \vec{X}(t) = \vec{X}_0 + \vec{\mu} t + \mathbf{\Sigma} \vec{B}(t), \quad \vec{X}(t) \sim \mathcal{N}(\vec{X}_0 + \vec{\mu} t, \mathbf{\Sigma} \mathbf{\Sigma}^T t)$$

$$d\vec{X}(t) = \vec{\mu} dt + \mathbf{\Sigma} d\vec{B}(t) \\ \vec{X}(t) = \vec{X}_0 + \vec{\mu} t + \sigma \vec{B}(t), \quad \vec{X}(t) \sim \mathcal{N}(\vec{X}_0 + \vec{\mu} t, \mathbf{\Sigma} \mathbf{\Sigma}^T t)$$

2D Brownian motion

$$\vec{X}_0 = (0, 0)^T, \quad \Sigma \Sigma^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -0.5 \\ -0.5 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \Sigma = (\text{chol}(\Sigma \Sigma^T))^T$$

See code: `Script.06.2DBMyuima.R`, simulations by `yuima` R package



Multivariate linear SDEs

$$d\vec{X}(t) = (\vec{c}(t) + \mathbf{D}(t)\vec{X}(t))dt + \mathbf{\Sigma}(t)d\vec{B}(t)$$

$$\vec{X}(t) = \mathbf{\Phi}(t)\vec{X}_0 + \mathbf{\Phi}(t) \int_0^t \mathbf{\Phi}^{-1}(s)\vec{c}(s)ds + \mathbf{\Phi}(t) \int_0^t \mathbf{\Phi}^{-1}(s)\mathbf{\Sigma}(s)d\vec{B}(s)$$

where $\mathbf{\Phi}(t)$ is the solution (fundamental matrix) of

$$\frac{d\mathbf{\Phi}(t)}{dt} = \mathbf{D}(t)\mathbf{\Phi}(t) \quad \mathbf{\Phi}(0) = \mathbf{I}$$

If $\mathbf{D}(t) \equiv \mathbf{D}$

$$\vec{X}(t) = e^{\mathbf{D}t}\vec{X}_0 + \int_0^t e^{\mathbf{D}(t-s)}\vec{c}(s)ds + \int_0^t e^{\mathbf{D}(t-s)}\mathbf{\Sigma}(s)d\vec{B}(s)$$

Multivariate Ornstein–Uhlenbeck process

$$d\vec{X}(t) = -\mathbf{A}(\vec{X}(t) - \vec{\theta})dt + \mathbf{\Sigma}d\vec{B}(t), \quad \vec{X}(0) = \vec{X}_0$$

$$\mathbb{E} [\vec{X}(t)] = e^{-\mathbf{A}t} \vec{X}_0 + (1 - e^{-\mathbf{A}t}) \vec{\theta}$$

$$\text{Var} [\vec{X}(t)] = \int_0^t e^{\mathbf{A}s} \mathbf{\Sigma} \mathbf{\Sigma}^T e^{\mathbf{A}^T s} ds$$

If all eigenvalues of $\mathbf{A}$ have positive real part then, converges (weakly) to normal with mean $\vec{\theta}$ and $\text{Var} [\vec{X}(\infty)]$

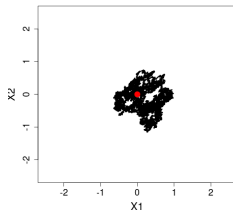
Half-lives can be calculated in eigenvector space

2D OU trajectories

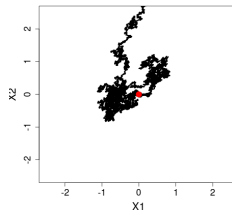
$$\text{OU: } \vec{\theta} = (0, 0)^T, \mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0.5 \\ -0.5 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}\boldsymbol{\Sigma}^T = \begin{bmatrix} 0.4 & 0.15 \\ 0.15 & 0.4 \end{bmatrix}$$

See code: `Script_07_2DOUyuima.R`, simulations by `yuima` R package

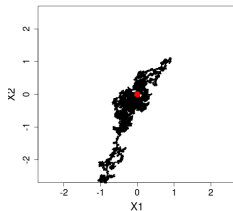
$$\vec{X}_0 = (0, 0)$$



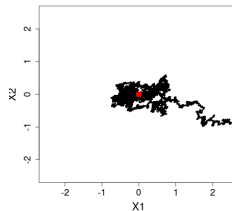
$$\vec{X}_0 = (5, 5)$$



$$\vec{X}_0 = (-5, -5)^T$$



$$\vec{X}_0 = (5, -5)^T$$



“Random mean” process—special “singular” case

$$\begin{aligned} dy(t) &= -\alpha(y(t) - (bx(t) + \theta)) + \sigma_y dB_y(t) \\ dx(t) &= \sigma_x dB_x(t) \end{aligned} \quad (1D)$$

$$\begin{aligned} d\vec{Y}(t) &= -\mathbf{D} \left(\vec{Y}(t) - (\mathbf{B}\vec{X}(t) + \vec{\theta}) \right) + \mathbf{\Sigma}_y dB_y(t) \\ d\vec{X}(t) &= \mathbf{\Sigma}_x dB_x(t) \end{aligned} \quad (mv)$$

No stationary distribution:

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha & b \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{D} & \mathbf{B} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{have } 0\text{s as eigenvalues.}$$

Stable “residual processes”:

$$y(t) - (bx(t) + \theta), \quad \vec{Y}(t) - (\mathbf{B}\vec{X}(t) + \vec{\theta})$$

Simulating SDEs

$$dX(t) = \mu(t, X(t))dt + \sigma(t, X(t))dB(t) \quad X(0) = X_0$$

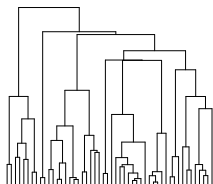
Euler–Maruyama method:

1. choose small time step Δ
2. $X(0) = X_0$ initial condition and set $t = t_0$
 If transition density known (e.g. linear—normal),
 $X(t)|X_0 \sim f(\cdot, t, X_0)$
3. $X(t + \Delta) = X(t) + \epsilon$, $\epsilon \sim f(\cdot, \Delta, X_t)$

Else

- 2'. Set $B(0) = 0$
- 3'. Draw $\epsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \Delta)$
- 3''. $X(t + \Delta) = \mu(\Delta, X(t))\Delta + \sigma(\Delta, X(t))\epsilon$
4. $t = t + \Delta$
5. Repeat steps 3/(3',3'') and 4 until t reaches $t_{\max}$

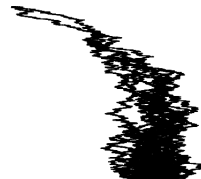
Phylogenetic BM and OU



$n = 50$



BM



OU

See code: `Script_08_BMPmvSLOUCH.R`
simulations by `TreeSim` and `mvSLOUCH` R package

Phylogenetic Brownian motion model

$$X(t)|X(0) \sim \mathcal{N}(X(0), \sigma^2 t)$$

Pairs of tip measurements (X_1, X_2) are NOT independent

$$\text{Cov}[X_1, X_2] = \sigma^2 t_{12} \quad t_{12} \text{ shared path length}$$

PROOF

Law of total covariance:

$$\text{Cov}[Y, Z] = \text{E}[\text{Cov}[Y, Z|U]] + \text{Cov}[\text{E}[Y|U], \text{E}[Z|U]]$$

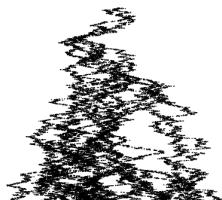
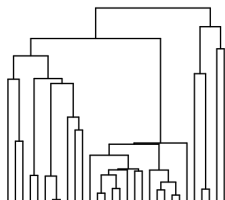
$$\begin{aligned} \text{Cov}[X_1, X_2] &= \text{E}[\text{Cov}[X_1, X_2|X_{\text{anc}_{12}}]] + \text{Cov}[\text{E}[X_1|X_{\text{anc}_{12}}], \text{E}[X_2|X_{\text{anc}_{12}}]] \\ &= 0 + \text{Cov}[X_{\text{anc}_{12}}, X_{\text{anc}_{12}}] = \text{Var}[X_{\text{anc}_{12}}] = \sigma^2 t_{12} \end{aligned}$$

$$\vec{X} = (X_1, \dots, X_n)^T \sim \mathcal{N}(\vec{1}X(0), \sigma^2 \mathbf{T})$$

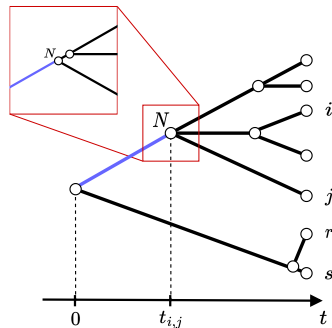
T: matrix of shared branch lengths

Phylogenetic Brownian motion model (Felsenstein 1985)

- ▶ $d\vec{X}_t = \Sigma_x dB_t$, $\vec{X}_0 = \vec{X}_0$; $\Sigma := \Sigma_x \Sigma_x^T$
- ▶ $E[\vec{X}](t) = \vec{X}_0$, $\text{Var}[X](t) = \Sigma t \rightarrow \infty$
- ▶ $\mathbf{V} := \text{Var}[\mathbf{X}] = \mathbf{T} \otimes \Sigma$



See code Script_09_simBrownianSkirt.R.



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A regression perspective (BM)

$$\vec{X} = \vec{1}X_0 + \epsilon, \quad \epsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2 \mathbf{T})$$

GLS estimates:

$$\hat{X}_0 = \left(\vec{1}^T \mathbf{T}^{-1} \vec{1} \right)^{-1} \vec{1}^T \mathbf{T}^{-1} \vec{X}$$

$$\hat{\sigma}^2 = (\vec{X} - \vec{1}X_0)^T \mathbf{T}^{-1} (\vec{X} - \vec{1}X_0)$$

Independent contrasts: algorithm to calculate the GLS estimates

J. Felsenstein, 1985. Phylogenies and the comparative method. Am. Nat. 125(1) 1–15

OU distribution of phylogenetic sample

$$X(t)|X(0) \sim \mathcal{N}(e^{-\alpha t}X(0) + (1 - e^{-\alpha t})\theta, \frac{\sigma^2}{2\alpha}(1 - e^{-2\alpha t}))$$

Pairs of tip measurements (X_1, X_2) are NOT independent

$$\text{Cov}[X_1, X_2] = \frac{\sigma^2}{2\alpha}(e^{-2\alpha t_{12}} - e^{-2\alpha t}) \quad t_{12} \text{ shared path length}$$

PROOF

Law of total covariance (same approach as BM)

Easy to generalize for piecewise linear θ (notational issues)

Interacting traits — slouch

- ▶ Adaptation to a randomly fluctuating optimum
- ▶ Allometry $y = ax^b \rightarrow \log y = \log a + b \cdot \log x$
- ▶ Hansen, Pienaar, Orzack (2008)

▶

$$\begin{aligned} dy(t) &= -\alpha \left(x(t) - \psi(t) - \sum_{l=1}^k b_l x_l(t) \right) dt \\ &\quad + \sigma_y dB_y(t) \\ dx_l(t) &= \sigma_l dB_l(t) \end{aligned}$$

Interacting traits — mvSLOUCH

- ▶ Coadaptation of traits



$$d\vec{X}(t) = \mathbf{\Sigma} d\vec{B}_x(t)$$



$$d\vec{Y}(t) = -\mathbf{A} \left(\vec{Y}(t) - \vec{\psi}(t) \right) dt + \mathbf{\Sigma}_y d\vec{B}_y(t)$$



$$\begin{aligned} d\vec{Y}(t) &= -\mathbf{A} \left(\vec{Y}(t) - \vec{\psi}(t) - \mathbf{B}\vec{X}(t) \right) dt \\ &\quad + \mathbf{\Sigma}_y d\vec{B}_y(t) \\ d\vec{X}(t) &= \mathbf{\Sigma} d\vec{B}_x(t) \end{aligned}$$

Interacting trait: OUOU

$$d\vec{Y}(t) = -\mathbf{A} \left(\vec{Y}(t) - \vec{\psi}(t) \right) dt + \mathbf{\Sigma}_y d\vec{B}_y(t)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} dy_1(t) \\ \vdots \\ dy_k(t) \end{bmatrix} = - \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_1 & -\alpha_1\alpha_{12} & \dots & -\alpha_1\alpha_{1k} \\ -\alpha_2\alpha_{21} & \alpha_2 & \dots & -\alpha_2\alpha_{2k} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ -\alpha_k\alpha_{k1} & \dots & -\alpha_k\alpha_{k(k-1)} & \alpha_k \end{bmatrix} \left(\begin{bmatrix} y_1(t) \\ \vdots \\ y_k(t) \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} \psi_1(t) \\ \vdots \\ \psi_k(t) \end{bmatrix} \right) dt + \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_{11} & \sigma_{12} & \dots & \sigma_{1k} \\ \sigma_{21} & \sigma_{22} & \dots & \sigma_{2k} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \sigma_{k1} & \dots & \sigma_{k(k-1)} & \sigma_{kk} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} W_1(t) \\ \vdots \\ W_k(t) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$dy_1(t) = -\alpha_1 (y_1(t) - (\alpha_{12}y_2(t) + \dots + \alpha_{1k}y_k(t) + \psi_1(t))) dt + \sigma_{11}dW_1 + \dots \sigma_{1k}dW_k$$

$$\vdots$$

$$dy_k(t) = -\alpha_k (y_k(t) - (\alpha_{k1}y_1(t) + \dots + \alpha_{kk-1}y_{k-1}(t) + \psi_k(t))) dt + \sigma_{k1}dW_1 + \dots \sigma_{kk}dW_k$$

Interacting traits — mvSLOUCH

- ▶ Eigenvalues of $\mathbf{A}$ — λ
- ▶ all $\lambda > 0$ — adaptation
- ▶ evolutionary regression $E \left[\vec{Y} | \vec{X} \right] (t)$
- ▶ optimal regression $\mathbf{B}$
- ▶ $E \left[\vec{Y} | \vec{X} \right] (t) \rightarrow \mathbf{B}$ in OUBM mode

Regression description

- ▶ *Evolutionary* regression : $E \left[\vec{Y} | \vec{X} \right] (t)$
- ▶ *Limiting* regression : $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} E \left[\vec{Y} | \vec{X} \right] (t),$
- ▶ *Optimal* regression mvOUBM :

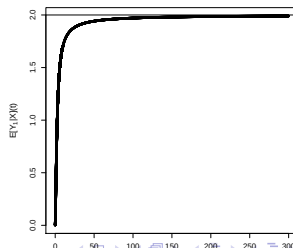
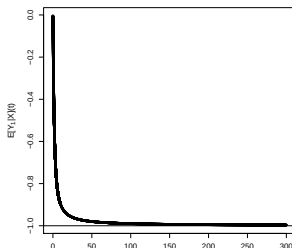
$$\begin{aligned} dy(t) &= -\alpha(y(t) - (\psi(t) + bx(t)))dt + \sigma_{yy}dB_y(t) \\ dx(t) &= \sigma_{xx}d\vec{B}_x(t) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} d\vec{Y}(t) &= -A(\vec{Y}(t) - (\vec{\psi}(t) + \mathbf{B}\vec{X}(t)))dt + \mathbf{\Sigma}_{yy}d\vec{B}_y(t) \\ d\vec{X}(t) &= \Sigma_{xx}d\vec{B}_x(t) \end{aligned}$$

OUBM *Evolutionary regression*

- ▶ $E[y|x](t) = (1 - \frac{1-e^{-\alpha t}}{\alpha t})bx(t) + \text{intercept}$
- ▶ $(1 - \frac{1-e^{-\alpha t}}{\alpha t})b \rightarrow b$
- ▶ $E[\vec{Y}|\vec{X}](t) = (\mathbf{I} - t^{-1}(\mathbf{I} - e^{-t\mathbf{A}})\mathbf{A}^{-1})\mathbf{B}\vec{X}(t) + \text{intercept}$
- ▶ $(\mathbf{I} - t^{-1}(\mathbf{I} - e^{-t\mathbf{A}})\mathbf{A}^{-1})\mathbf{B} \rightarrow \mathbf{B}$

$$\alpha = 1, b = -1 \quad \mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -0.5 \\ -0.25 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$



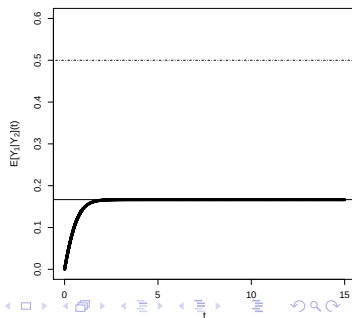
Regression — convergence to optimal always?

$$dY(t) = -\alpha_y(Y(t) - (\psi_y + b_1X(t)))dt + \sigma_y dW_y(t) + \sigma_{yx}dW_x(t)$$

$$dX(t) = -\alpha_x(X(t) - \psi_x)dt + \sigma_x dW_x(t)$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \text{coefficient}(E[Y(t)|X(t)]) = \frac{\alpha_y}{\alpha_x + \alpha_y} b_1 + 2 \frac{\alpha_x}{\alpha_x + \alpha_y} \frac{\sigma_{yx}}{\sigma_x}$$

- ▶ $\alpha_y = 1$
- ▶ $\alpha_x = 2$
- ▶ $b_1 = 0.5$
- ▶ $\sigma_{yx} = 0$
- ▶ $\frac{\alpha_y}{\alpha_x + \alpha_y} b_1 = \frac{1}{6}$

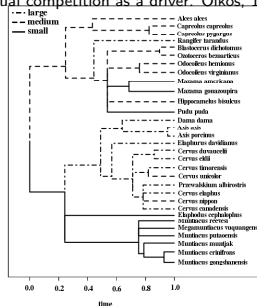


Plard et. al. (2011) — Cervidae

Fig 2A in K. Bartoszek, J. Pienaar, P. Mostad, S. Andersson, and T. F. Hansen. A phylogenetic comparative method for studying multivariate adaptation. *J. Theor. Biol.*, 314:204-215, 2012.
 phylogeny after F. Plard, C. Bonenfant, and J.M. Gaillard, J.M. Revisiting the allometry of antlers among deer species: male-male sexual competition as a driver. *Oikos*, 120:601-606, 2011.

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- ▶ antler length, male and female body size
- ▶ breeding group size, mating strategy

Why multivariate models are needed

Plard et. al. (2011) OLS explains the data best,
i.e., *no* phylogenetic effects, but only compared to BM.
Multivariate phylogenetic OU not available at that time.

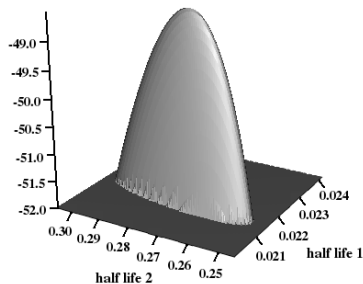


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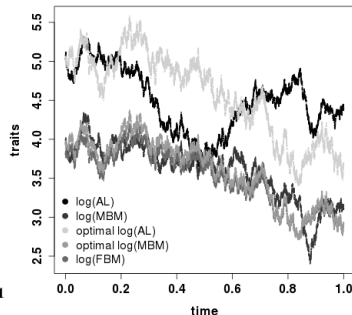
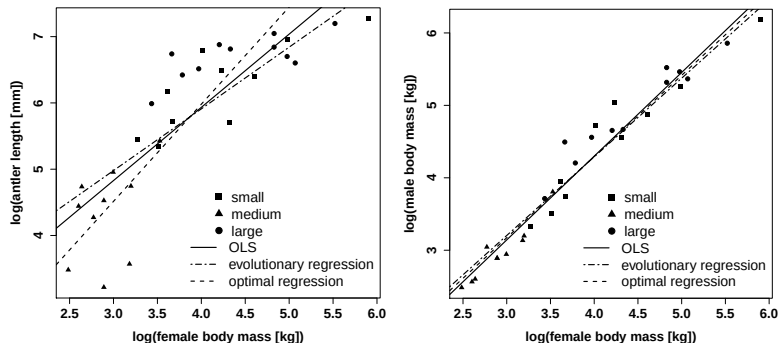


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mvSLOUCH analysis

Figs. 2C, D in K. Bartoszek, J. Pienaar, P. Mostad, S. Andersson, and T. F. Hansen. A phylogenetic comparative method for studying multivariate adaptation. *J. Theor. Biol.*, 314:204-215, 2012.



- ▶ antler length = female body size + breeding group size
- ▶ male body size = female body size + breeding group size
- ▶ female body size : BM

Maximum likelihood estimation (phylogenetic BM)

$$\vec{\mu} = \vec{1} \otimes \vec{X}_0 \quad \mathbf{V} := \text{Var}[\mathbf{X}] = \mathbf{T} \otimes \mathbf{\Sigma}$$

$$\log(\mathcal{L}(\vec{\mathbf{X}}|\vec{\mu}, \mathbf{V})) = -\frac{K}{2} \log(2\pi) - \frac{1}{2} \log|\mathbf{V}| - \frac{1}{2} (\vec{\mathbf{X}} - \vec{\mu})^T \mathbf{V}^{-1} (\vec{\mathbf{X}} - \vec{\mu})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\vec{X}}(0) &= \left(\left(\vec{1}_n^T \mathbf{T}^{-1} \vec{1}_n \right)^{-1} \vec{1}_n^T \mathbf{T}^{-1} \otimes \mathbf{I}_k \right) \vec{X}, \\ \hat{\mathbf{\Sigma}} &= n^{-1} \left(\left(\mathbf{X} - \vec{1}_n \vec{X}^T(0) \right)^T \mathbf{T}^{-1} \left(\mathbf{X} - \vec{1}_n \vec{X}^T(0) \right) \right) \end{aligned}$$

The log-likelihood

$$\mathcal{L}(\vec{\mathbf{X}}|\mathbb{T}, \text{model}) = -\frac{1}{2} \left(K \log(2\pi) + \log |\mathbf{V}| + \left((\vec{\mathbf{X}} - \vec{\mu}) \mathbf{V}^{-1} (\vec{\mathbf{X}} - \vec{\mu}) \right) \right)$$

N tips

K all observed traits in all tip species

$\mathbf{V} \in \mathbb{R}^{K \times K}$

- ▶ Construction is a bottleneck: $\mathbf{V} \in O(K^2)$
- ▶ Calculating $\mathbf{V}^{-1} \in \Omega(K^{2.373})$
- ▶ Calculating $|\mathbf{V}| \in \Omega(K^{2.373})$

a few traits

< 1000 species

PCMBase, mvSLOUCH: Integrating out internal node values

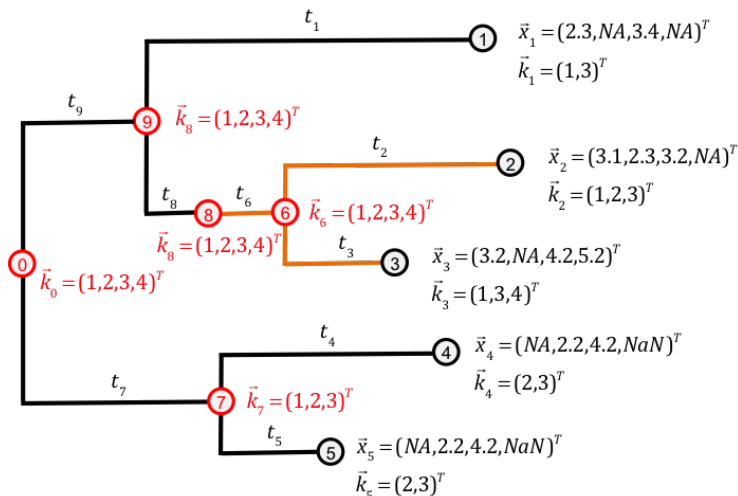


Fig. 1 in V. Mitov, K. Bartoszek, G. Asimomitis, and T. Stadler. Fast likelihood calculation for multivariate Gaussian phylogenetic models with shifts. Theor. Pop. Biol. 131:66-78, 2020.

$\mathcal{G}_{LInv}$ family of models

1. after branching the traits evolve independently in all descending lineages,
2. $\vec{x}(t)$, conditional on $\vec{x}(s)$, $s < t$, is Gaussian with

$$2.1 \quad E[\vec{x}(t)|\vec{x}(s)] = \vec{\omega} + \Phi \vec{x}(s)$$

$$2.2 \quad \text{Var}[\vec{x}(t)|\vec{x}(s)] = \mathbf{V}_{s,t}$$

$\vec{\omega}$, Φ , $\mathbf{V}_{s,t}$ may depend on s and t but **NOT** on $\vec{x}(\cdot)$

Pruning algorithm

Calculating $\mathbf{V}(Tree, \Theta)$ is time-consuming

Faster algorithm:

$X(t) \in \mathbb{R}^k$, state space

i inner node,

$L^i(s)$: likelihood of subtree rooted at i with $X(\text{at node } i) = s$

$$L^i(s) = \prod_{o: \text{daughter of } i} \int_{\mathbb{R}^k} f_{s \rightarrow x}(t_o) L^o(x) dx$$

and for a leaf j

$$L^j(s) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } s \text{ is leaf } j\text{'s state} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Provided one can calculate $\int_{\mathbb{R}^k} f_{s \rightarrow x}(t_o) L^o(x) dx$.

Theorem: density representation

$$pdf(\vec{x}_i | \vec{x}_j) = \exp \left[\vec{x}_i^T \mathbf{A}_i \vec{x}_i + \vec{x}_i^T \vec{b}_i + \vec{x}_j^T \mathbf{C}_i \vec{x}_j + \vec{x}_j^T \vec{d}_i + \vec{x}_j^T \mathbf{E}_i \vec{x}_i + f_i \right],$$

$\mathbf{A}_i$, $\vec{b}_i$, $\mathbf{C}_i$, $\vec{d}_i$, $\mathbf{E}_i$, f_i do not depend on $\vec{x}_j$ and

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{A}_i &= -\frac{1}{2} \mathbf{V}_i^{-1} \in \mathbb{R}^{k_i \times k_i} \\ \vec{b}_i &= \mathbf{V}_i^{-1} \vec{\omega}_i \in \mathbb{R}^{k_i} \\ \mathbf{C}_i &= -\frac{1}{2} \Phi_i^T \mathbf{V}_i^{-1} \Phi_i \in \mathbb{R}^{k_j \times k_j} \\ \vec{d}_i &= -\Phi_i^T \mathbf{V}_i^{-1} \vec{\omega}_i \in \mathbb{R}^{k_j} \\ \mathbf{E}_i &= \Phi_i^T \mathbf{V}_i^{-1} \in \mathbb{R}^{k_j \times k_i} \\ f_i &= -\frac{1}{2} \vec{\omega}_i^T \mathbf{V}_i^{-1} \vec{\omega}_i - \frac{k_i}{2} \log(2\pi) - \frac{1}{2} \log |\mathbf{V}_i| \in \mathbb{R}. \end{aligned}$$

Theorem: recursion for the likelihood

$$pdf(\mathbf{X}_j | \vec{x}_j, \mathbb{T}, \Theta) = \exp(\vec{x}_j^T \mathbf{L}_j \vec{x}_j + \vec{x}_j^T \vec{m}_j + r_j)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{L}_j^{tips} &= \sum \mathbf{C}_i, \\ \vec{m}_j^{tips} &= \sum \vec{d}_i + \mathbf{E}_i \vec{x}_i, \\ r_j^{tips} &= \sum \vec{x}_i^T \mathbf{A}_i \vec{x}_i + \vec{x}_i^T \vec{b}_i + f_i, \\ \mathbf{L}_j^{non-tips} &= \sum \left(\mathbf{C}_i - (1/4) \mathbf{E}_i (\mathbf{A}_i + \mathbf{L}_i)^{-1} \mathbf{E}_i^T \right), \\ \vec{m}_j^{non-tips} &= \sum \left(\vec{d}_i - (1/2) \mathbf{E}_i (\mathbf{A}_i + \mathbf{L}_i)^{-1} (\vec{b}_i + \vec{m}_i) \right), \\ r_j^{non-tips} &= \sum \left(f_i + r_i + \frac{k_i}{2} \log(2\pi) - \frac{1}{2} \log(|(-2)(\mathbf{A}_i + \mathbf{L}_i)|) \right. \\ &\quad \left. - (1/4) (\vec{b}_i + \vec{m}_i)^T (\mathbf{A}_i + \mathbf{L}_i)^{-1} (\vec{b}_i + \vec{m}_i) \right) \end{aligned}$$

Phylogenetic regression: calculating matrix–vector products

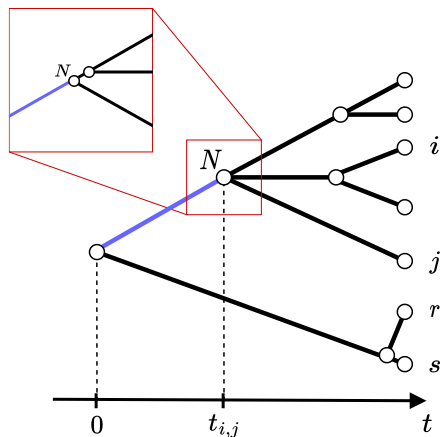
$$\log(\mathcal{L}(\vec{\mathbf{X}}|\vec{\mu}, \mathbf{V})) = -\frac{K}{2} \log(2\pi) - \frac{1}{2} \log |\mathbf{V}| - \frac{1}{2} (\vec{\mathbf{X}} - \vec{\mu})^T \mathbf{V}^{-1} (\vec{\mathbf{X}} - \vec{\mu})$$

Setting $\vec{\mu} = \vec{\mathbf{X}} = \vec{0}$ will give $\log |\mathbf{V}|$ and then notice

$$\vec{u}_1^T \mathbf{V}^{-1} \vec{u}_2 = \frac{1}{2} \left(\vec{u}_1^T \mathbf{V}^{-1} \vec{u}_1 + \vec{u}_2^T \mathbf{V}^{-1} \vec{u}_2 - (\vec{u}_1 - \vec{u}_2)^T \mathbf{V}^{-1} (\vec{u}_1 - \vec{u}_2) \right)$$

$$\vec{\mu} = \vec{0}, \vec{\mathbf{X}} = \vec{u}_1, \vec{u}_2, \vec{u}_1 - \vec{u}_2$$

Short branch problem



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mvSLOUCH: returns

$$\log(\mathcal{L}(\vec{\mathbf{X}}|\vec{\mu}, \mathbf{V})) = -\infty$$

$$\text{Var}[X](t) = \mathbf{\Sigma}t$$

$$(\text{Var}[X](t))^{-1} = \mathbf{\Sigma}^{-1}t^{-1}$$

Short branch problem: solutions

Non-tip branches

1. extend branch to some numerically sensible minimal length
2. **mvSLOUCH**, **PCMBase**, **PCMFit**: collapse branch into a polytomy
3. rescale whole tree

Tip branches

1. extend branch to some numerically sensible minimal length
2. keep one branch with average of traits from the two tips
3. keep one branch with the left traits from the two tips
4. keep one branch with the right traits from the two tips

Missing values (normal model)

Multitrait setting

Often measurements on some traits in some species are missing
 Removing the whole species wastes the observed traits.

Notation: $\vec{X} = (\vec{X}_1^T, \dots, \vec{X}_n^T)^T$

Normal distribution framework:

- Remove entries of $E[\vec{X}] = \vec{\mu}(Tree, \Theta)$ corresponding to missing values
- Remove rows and columns of $Var[\vec{X}] = \mathbf{V}(Tree, \Theta)$ corresponding to missing values

Measurement error (normal model)

The tip measurements are usually averages for a species

Hence natural intra-species variability present

Calculate for each species its variance

Add the variances to $\mathbf{V}(Tree, \Theta)$'s (block) diagonal

Estimating ancestral characters (BM, OU)

Difficult to estimate ancestral state if no fossil data

BM: $\hat{X}_0$ is a linear combination of tips

$\text{Var} [\hat{X}_0] \rightarrow 0$, as BM's variance $\rightarrow \infty$

OU: estimation is difficult or impossible

wide confidence intervals due to $e^{-\alpha t} X_0$ in mean
if θ constant, then one cannot distinguish

Model selection

Models: Competing phylogenies, evolutionary models e.t.c.

Nested models: R^2 , likelihood ratio

$$R^2 = RSS_{\text{model}} / RSS_{\text{under null model}}$$

$$2(\mathcal{L}_1 - \mathcal{L}_0) \sim \chi^2_{K_1 - K_0}$$

Information criteria

The lower the better

Akaike Information Criterion (AIC), corrected (AIC_c) for sample size (n)

$$AIC = -2\mathcal{L} + 2K \quad AIC_c = AIC + \frac{2K(K+1)}{n-K-1}$$

Bayesian/Schwarz Information Criterion (BIC):

$$BIC = -2\mathcal{L} + K \log n$$

Bayes factor (difficult to compute, BIC approximation for logs)

$$B_{ij} = \frac{P(\text{Data}|M_i)}{P(\text{Data}|M_j)}$$

We have R competing models, $i = 1, \dots, R$.

$$\Delta AIC_{C_i} = AIC_{C_i} - AIC_{C_{\min}}$$

$$\Delta AIC_i = AIC_i - AIC_{\min}$$

$0 < \Delta < 4$ or $0 < \Delta < 7$: plausible	$\Delta AIC_i \leq 2$	substantial support (evidence)
	$4 \leq \Delta AIC_i \leq 7$	considerably less support
$\Delta > 14$: implausible	$\Delta AIC_i > 10$	essentially no support

Fig. 2 of K. P. Burnham, D. R. Anderson, K. P. Huyvaert, 2011. AIC model selection and multimodel inference in behavioral ecology: some background, observations, and comparisons. Behav. Ecol. Sociobiol. 65:23–35
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doi:10.1007/10.1177/0049124104268644

AIC : contains large scaling constants, e.g., $AIC_1 = 300000$, $AIC_2 = 300020$
only ΔAIC_i : interpretable as strength of evidence (Burnham & Anderson 2004)

Model averaging

We have a large number of competing models

$$\Delta\{A/B\}IC_i = \{A/B\}IC_i - \min\{A/B\}IC$$

$$\text{weight of model } i \ w_i = \frac{\exp(-1/(2\Delta_i))}{\sum_r \exp(-1/(2\Delta_r))}$$

Model-averaged estimate of numerical parameter

$$\hat{\theta} = \frac{\sum_i w_i l_{\theta}(M_i) \hat{\theta}_i}{\sum_i w_i l_{\theta}(M_i)}$$

where

$$l_{\theta}(M_i) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if parameter } \theta \text{ belongs to model } M_i \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Summarizing a model

Likelihood in itself does not say much

Plot support surface in some parameters' directions

Report parametric bootstrap confidence intervals

Calculate regression confidence intervals for Θ_{lin} conditional on $\Theta_{non-lin}$

$R^2 = RSS_{model} / RSS_{null \ model}$, but what is null model?

If one can partition traits: predictors/responses:
conditional density of responses on predictors

Half-lives (in eigenspace)

Model selection

Competing models: e.g. BM versus OU

BM: neutral evolution

OU: adaptive evolution

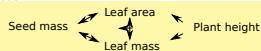
OU:

different levels of θ (environments)
assumptions on **A**

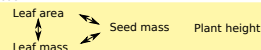
Look at AIC, AIC_c, BIC

Functional traits in angiosperms

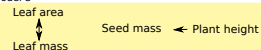
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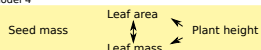
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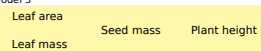
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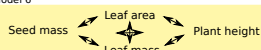
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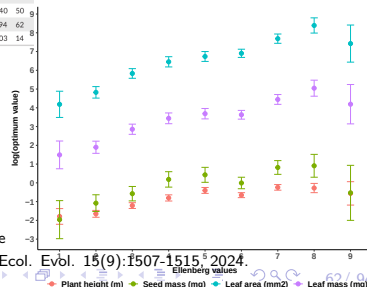
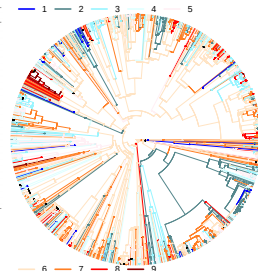


Model 6



Model		A				Model		A			
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	SM	?	+	?	?		SM	0	+	?	?
	LA	?	?	+	?		LA	0	?	+	?
	LM	?	?	?	+		LM	0	?	?	+
3	PH	+	0	0	0	4	PH	+	0	0	0
	SM	?	+	0	0		SM	0	+	0	0
	LA	0	0	+	?		LA	?	0	+	?
	LM	0	0	?	+		LM	?	0	?	+
5	PH	+	0	0	0	6	PH	?	?	?	?
	SM	0	+	0	0		SM	?	?	?	?
	LA	0	0	+	0		LA	?	?	?	?
	LM	0	0	0	+		LM	?	?	?	?

	Σ_{yy} diagonal				Σ_{yy} upper-triangular			
Model	LogLik	AIC _c	R ²	df	LogLik	AIC _c	R ²	df
1	-10,598.94	21,305.04	0.052	53	-10,607.68	21,334.80	0.05	59
2	-9968.793	20,038.615	0.076	50	-9747.051	19,407.392	0.054	56
3	-9996.868	20,088.645	0.077	47	-9024.085	18,155.326	0.035	53
4	-10,373.82	20,844.58	0.082	48	-9918.165	19,945.529	0.105	54
5	-9995.955	20,080.709	0.088	44	-9533.795	19,168.618	0.040	50
6	-8156.907	16,427.104	0.088	56	-8127.739	16,381.058	0.094	62
BM	—	—	—	—	-10,912.55	21,853.19	0.003	14



	Directions (eigenvectors)			
Model 6	$\vec{e}_1$	$\vec{e}_2$	$\vec{e}_3$	$\vec{e}_4$
PH	0.007	0.015	-0.686	0.184
SM	-0.046	0.351	-0.353	0.863
LA	0.122	-0.668	-0.367	0.351
LM	0.991	-0.656	-0.52	0.313
Half-life	0.0002 %	0.033 %	0.407 %	2.028 %
(CI no seed)	(0.107 %, 72.392 %)	(7.416 %, 80.331 %)	(26.214 %, 192.568 %)	(66.732 %, 1630.682 %)
(CI seed)	(0.00015 %, 0.00033 %)	(0.0262 %, 0.065 %)	(0.333 %, 1.111 %)	(0.489 %, 2.613 %)

Figs. 2,3, S5 and Tabs. 1,2 in K. Bartoszek et. al. Fast **mvSLOUCH**: Multivariate Ornstein-Uhlenbeck-based models of trait evolution on large phylogenies. Meth. Ecol. Evol. 15(9):1507-1515 2024.

Some conclusions from simulations

- ▶ Usually good identifiability BM v OUOU v OUBM
- ▶ Difficult to identify type of $\mathbf{A}$ (e.g., model 4 v 6)
- ▶ Diagonal $\mathbf{A}$ constraint has mixed effects
- ▶ Measurement error makes model identifiability worse
- ▶ Σ_{yy} , $\vec{\psi}$: consistently estimated
- ▶ $\mathbf{A}$, half-lives, correlations, regressions: unclear

Tab. A3 in K. Bartoszek, J. Fuentes-González, V. Mitov, J. Pienaar, M. Piwczyński, R. Puchałka, K. Spalik, and K. L. Voje. Analytical advances alleviate model misspecification in non-Brownian multivariate comparative methods. *Evolution* 78(3):389-400, 2024.

Tree height: 1

$n \ k = 4$	32	64	128	256	512	1024	2048
required runs	100	100	102	101	104	108	123
# OUBM1ML	53	37	36	37	28	28	33
average $t_{\frac{1}{2}}$	83.426	2.16	158.944	10.546	64.467	29.872	20.737
variance $t_{\frac{1}{2}}$	346334.532	16.109	781932.156	734.702	58073.927	14208.496	923.464
median $t_{\frac{1}{2}}$	0.527	0.867	1.287	1.71	3.208	4.698	7.652
lower quartile $t_{\frac{1}{2}}$	0.388	0.527	0.89	1.38	2.093	3.376	4.546
upper quartile $t_{\frac{1}{2}}$	0.894	1.258	2.044	3.583	6.892	7.642	19.362
$\%t_{\frac{1}{2}} > 1$	18.868%	37.838%	66.667%	89.189%	96.429%	100%	100%
$\%t_{\frac{1}{2}} > 2$	13.208%	16.216%	25%	45.946%	78.571%	92.857%	100%
$\%t_{\frac{1}{2}} > 3$	13.208%	16.216%	19.444%	32.432%	50%	82.143%	96.97%

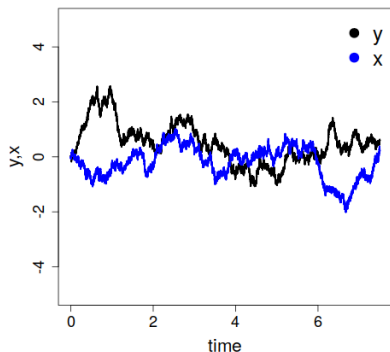
Half-life “time to lose half of ancestral state”, $E[X_{OU}^{1D}(t)] = e^{-\alpha t}X_0 + (1 - e^{-\alpha t})\theta$
 $\exp(-\alpha t_{0.5}) = 0.5$ then $t_{0.5} = \ln 2 / \alpha$

Simulated under 4-dimensional standard BM, but AIC_c preferred OUBM

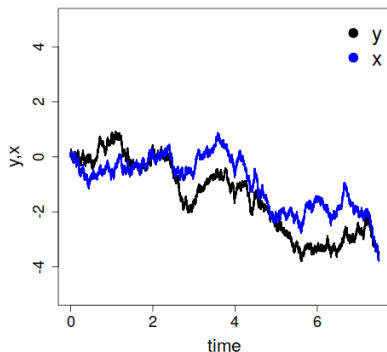
A: constant diagonal

Increasing dimension improves the identifiability of BM

$$\begin{aligned} dy(t) &= -0.01(y(t) - x(t))dt + dB_y(t) \\ dx(t) &= dB_x(t) \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned} dy(t) &= dB_y(t) + 0.75dB_x(t) \\ dx(t) &= 0.66dB_x(t) \end{aligned}$$



See code `Script_10_simOUBMsmallBM.R`.

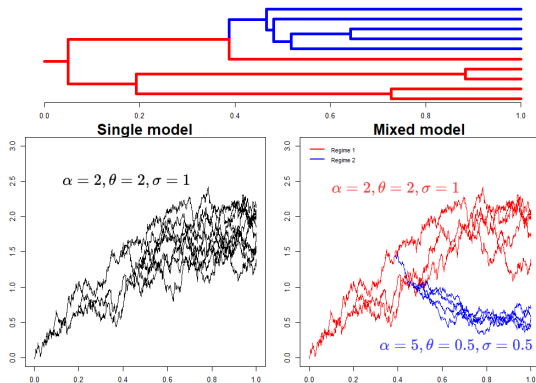
Multiple regimes

- ▶ **ouch, slouch, mvSLOUCH, mvMORPH, SURFACE:**
optima vary over the tree
- ▶ **OUwie:** OU parameters can vary (with restrictions) over the tree
- ▶ **PCMBase, PCMFit, glinvc, bgphy:** whole models can vary over the tree
- ▶ **SURFACE, PCMFit:** identify regime placements

MGPM

PCMFit: Mixed Gaussian phylogenetic models (MGPM)

$$dX(t) = -\alpha(X(t) - \theta)dt + \sigma dW(t)$$



graphic by Bayu Brahmantio

Bayesian MGPM

github.com/bayubeta/bgphy

likelihood: PCMBase

Bayesian parameter inference:

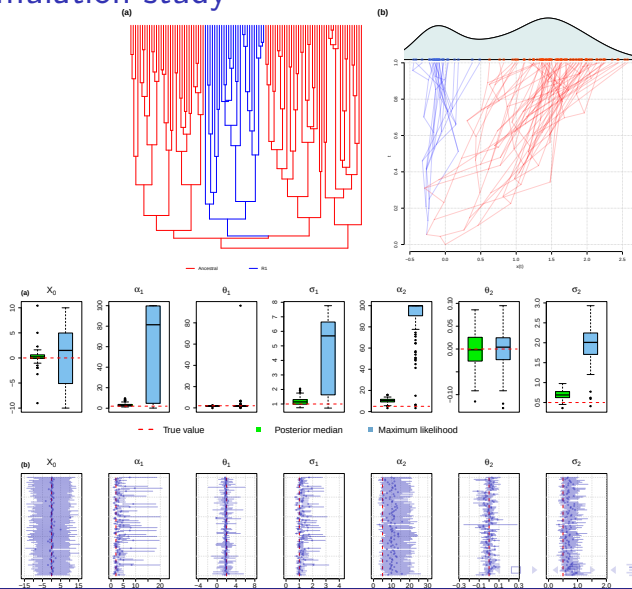
Laplace's approximation

self-normalized importance sampling

Widely Available Information Criterion

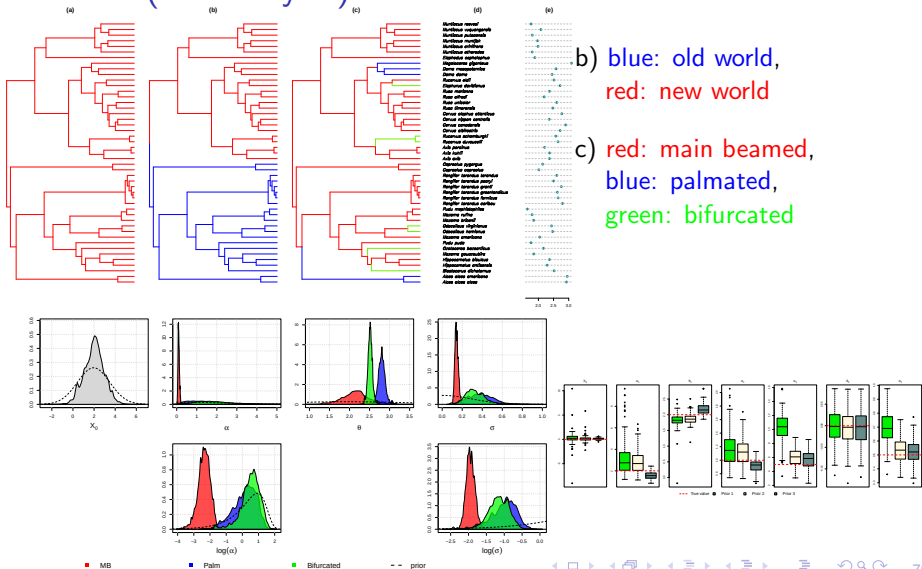
Simulation study

Figs. 2 and 5 in B. Brahmantio, K. Bartoszek, E. Yapar. Bayesian inference of mixed Gaussian phylogenetic models. arXiv:2410.11548, 2024.



Antlers (1D analysis)

Figs. 4,8,9 in B. Brahmantio, K. Bartoszek, E. Yapar. Bayesian inference of mixed Gaussian phylogenetic models.arXiv:2410.11548, 2024.



R packages (a primer)

mvSLOUCH

PCMBase; PCMBaseCpp

PCMFit <https://github.com/venelin/PCMFit>

GLSME

pcmabc

glinvci

github.com/bayubeta/bgphy

slouch ouch

caper ape

geiger OUwie

mvMORPH bayou

surface rphylopars

PhylogeneticEM diversitree

RPANDA

Code examples

mvSLOUCH: vignette in package

PCMFit: tutorials <https://venelin.github.io/PCMFit/>

bgphy: README <https://github.com/bayubeta/bgphy>

PCMBase: tutorials <https://venelin.github.io/PCMBase/>

glinvci: README <https://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/glinvci/readme/README.html>

References: inference packages

mvSLOUCH:

K.B., J.P., P.M., S.A., T.F.H. A phylogenetic comparative method for studying multivariate adaptation. *J. Theor. Biol.* 314:204-215, 2012.

K.B., J.T.G., J.F.-G., V.M., J.P., M.P., R.P., K.S., K.L.V. Fast mvSLOUCH: Multivariate Ornstein–Uhlenbeck–based models of trait evolution on large phylogenies. *Meth. Ecol. Evol.* 15(9):1507-1515, 2024.

PCMFIt:

V.M., K.B., T.S. Automatic generation of evolutionary hypotheses using mixed Gaussian phylogenetic models. *PNAS* 116:16921-16926, 2019.

bgphy:

B.B., K.B., E.Y. Bayesian inference of mixed Gaussian phylogenetic models. *arXiv*:2410.11548, 2024.

References: properties

Model **identifiability**, parameter **estimability**:

K.B., J.F.-G., V.M., J.P., M.P., R.P., K.S., K.L.V. **Model Selection Performance in Phylogenetic Comparative Methods under multivariate Ornstein–Uhlenbeck Models of Trait Evolution.** *Syst. Biol.* 72(2):275-293, 2023.

K.B., J.F.-G., V.M., J.P., M.P., R.P., K.S., K.L.V. **Analytical advances alleviate model misspecification in non–Brownian multivariate comparative methods.** *Evolution* 78(3):389-400, 2024.

Very recent **review** of PCMs:

J.P., K.B., B.B., J.L.F., J.F.-G., B.T.K., T.F.H., W.H.C.K., K.L.V. **Phylogenetic Comparative Methods for Studying Adaptation: The Adaptation-Inertia Framework.** *J. Evol. Biol.* voaf113, in press.

References: computational engines

PCMBase:

V.M., K.B., G. Asimomitis, T. Stadler **Fast likelihood calculation for multivariate Gaussian phylogenetic models with shifts.** *Theor. Pop. Biol.* 131:66-78, 2020.

glinvci:

W.H.C.K. **Exact Expressions for the Log-likelihood's Hessian in Multivariate Continuous-Time Continuous-Trait Gaussian Evolution along a Phylogeny.** *arXiv*:2405.07394, 2024.

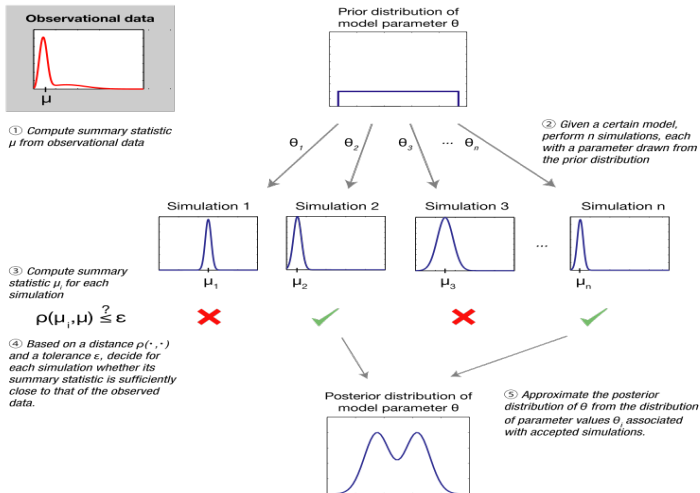
pcmabc: trait dependent speciation

cran.r-project.org/web/packages/pcmabc/index.html

K. Bartoszek and P. Liò. Modelling trait-dependent speciation with Approximate Bayesian Computation. Acta Physica Polonica B Proceedings Supplement. 12(1):25-47, 2019.

Stochastic model for trait X_t

Birth and death rates functions of X_t



M. Sunnøaker, A. G. Busetto, E. Numminen, J. Corander, M. Foll and C. Dessimoz (2013), Approximate Bayesian Computation, PLoS Comput Biol 9(1): e1002803.
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Approximate_Bayesian_computation CC BY 2.5

pcmabc: trait dependent speciation

Stochastic model for trait X_t

Birth and death rates functions of X_t

Birth and death rates $\lambda(t, X_t), \mu(t, X_t)$

Estimation: ABC

Distance between phylogenies:

TV distance between exps

`treedist::wRF.dist()`

Distance between trait samples:

$$\sqrt{((\text{Var}_1 - \text{Var}_2)/(\text{Var}_1 + \text{Var}_2))^2 + ((E_1 - E_2)/(E_1 + E_2))^2}$$

User interface

PCM_ABC()

↑ simulate_phylproc()

↑ simulate_phenotype_**on**_tree()

↑ simulate_sde_**on**_branch()

User interface: PCM_ABC()

PCM_ABC(...,par0,phenotype.**model**,fbirth,fdeath=NULL,...)

- ▶ par0=**list**(phenotype.**model**.params=**list**(...),
birth.params=**list**(),death.params=**list**())
- ▶ phenotype.**model**(time,params,X0,**step**): can be a wrapper
around simulate_sde_on_branch(); evolution independent on
each branch,
returns matrix; rows: dimensions, first row time; columns:
samples at time point
- ▶ fbirth(c(t,X),birth.params), fdeath(c(t,X),birth.params)
return a number, **t** is relative to branch start

User interface: `simulate_phylproc()`

```
simulate_phylproc (... , simul.params, X0, fbirth , fdeath=NULL,
fbirth .params=NULL, fdeath.params=NULL,
fsimulphenotype="sde.yuima", ...)
```

returns: phylogeny + traits' full trajectory/on tips only

- ▶ `simul.params`: input list for `fsimulphenotype`
- ▶ `X0`: traits' value at root
- ▶ `fbirth (c(t,X), birth.params), fdeath(c(t,X), birth.params)`
- ▶ `fbirth.params=list (...), fdeath.params=list (...)` : named
- ▶ `fsimulphenotype="sde.yuima"` :
`fsimulphenotype <-simulate_sde_on_branch`

User interface: `simulate_phenotype_on_tree()`

```
simulate_phenotype_on_tree( phyltree , fsimulphenotype ,  
simul.params, X0, step)
```

```
if ( fsimulphenotype == "sde.yuima" ) {  
    fsimulphenotype <- simulate_sde_on_branch  
}
```

User interface: `simulate_sde_on_branch()`

`simulate_sde_on_branch(branch.length, model.yuima, X0, step)`

- ▶ **model.yuima**: output of `yuima::setModel()`,
`yuima::setYuima(model=model.yuima,...)`
- ▶ **X0**: `yuima::simulate (... , xinit =X0,...`
- ▶ **step**: `ns<-branch.length/step`
`yuima::setSampling(Terminal=branch.length,n=numsteps)`

Interface with YUIMA

```
simulate_OU_sde<-function(t, params, X0, step){
  A <- c(paste("-", params$a11, " )
  ....*(x1-(", params$psi1, " )", sep="" ))

  S <- matrix( params$s11, 1,1)
  yuima.1d <- yuima::setModel(drift = A,
    diffusion = S, state.variable=c("x1"),
    solve.variable=c("x1") )
  simulate_sde_on_branch(t, yuima.1d, X0, step)
}
fbirth_rate_constrained<-function(x, params, ...) {
  x<-x[2]; params$b/(1+exp(-x))}
PCM_ABC(..., phenotype.model=simulate_OU_sde,
  fbirth=fbirth_rate_constrained, ...)
```

Interface with YUIMA

$$dx_1(t) = -a_{11}(x_1(t) - \psi_1)dt + s_{11}dB(t)$$

```
A <- c(paste("(-", params$a11, ")
      ", sep="" ))
```

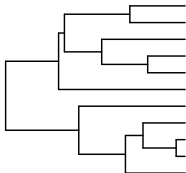
```
S <- matrix( params$s11, 1,1)
```

```
model.yuima <- yuima::setModel(drift = A,
diffusion = S, state.variable=c("x1"),
solve.variable=c("x1") )
```

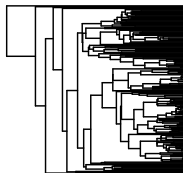
Trait dependent speciation (tree height: 1)

$$dX_t = -3(X_t - \theta)dt + 0.25dW_t, \text{ birth rate: } 10 \cdot |\sin(X_t)|$$

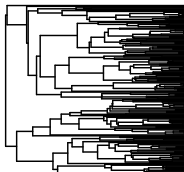
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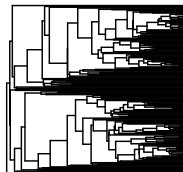
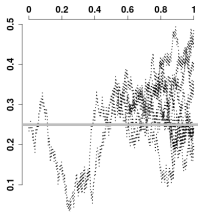


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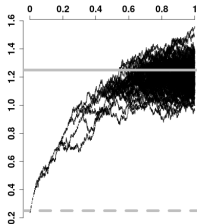
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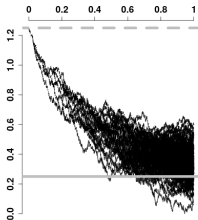
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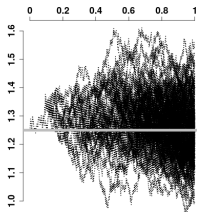
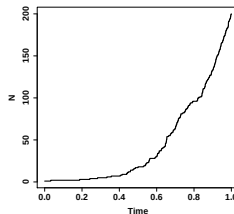
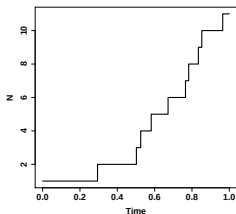


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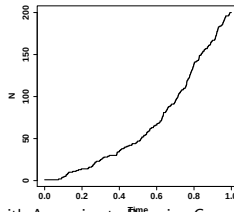
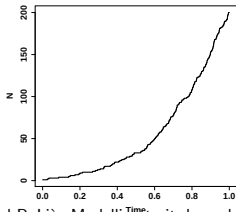
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Trait independent speciation (ABC)

```
# simulation+reestimation repeat 170 times ,
# tree: 200 tips
PCM_ABC(phyltree , data , par0 , simulate_OU_sde ,
fbirth , NULL , X0=0 , step=0.001 , abcsteps=1000 ,
eps=0.2 , tree.fixed=TRUE ,
dist_method=c("variancemean" , NA))
```

$$dX_t = -\alpha(X_t - \theta)dt + \sigma dW_t = -X_t dt + dW_t$$

$$\hat{\alpha} = 2.352 \pm 2.069, \hat{\sigma} = 1.319 \pm 0.626, \\ v_y = \frac{\sigma^2}{2\alpha}, \hat{v}_y = 0.521 \pm 0.270, \hat{\theta} = 0.027 \pm 0.311$$

Trait independent speciation (ABC)

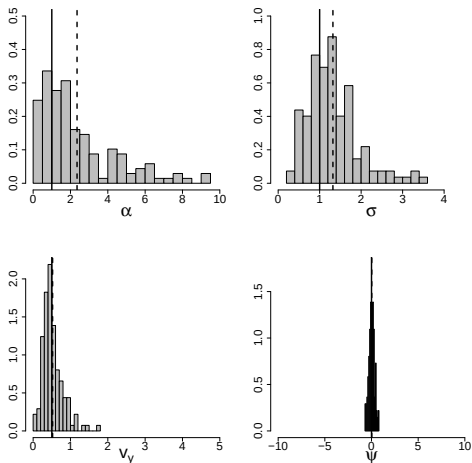


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  dist_method=c( "variancemean" , "wRF.dist" ) )
```

$dX_t = -\alpha(X_t - \theta)dt + \sigma dW_t = -X_t dt + dW_t$
 birth rate: $scale/(1 + \exp(-X_t)) = 5/(1 + \exp(-X_t))$

$$\hat{\alpha} = 1.928 \pm 1.601, \hat{\sigma} = 1.415 \pm 0.842, \hat{v}_y = 0.731 \pm 0.647,$$

$$\hat{\theta} = 0.589 \pm 4.233, \hat{scale} = 6.523 \pm 5.567$$

Trait dependent speciation (ABC)

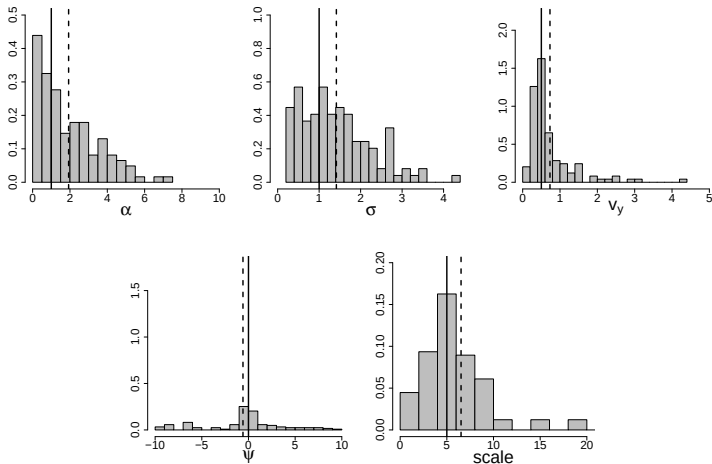


Fig. 5 in K. Bartoszek and P. Liò. Modelling trait-dependent speciation with Approximate Bayesian Computation. Acta Phys. Pol. B Proc. Supp. 12(1):25-47, 2019.

Trait independent speciation (ML)

$$A=\mathbf{diag}(1:4); S_{yy}=\mathbf{diag}(1,4,4); X0=Psi=\mathbf{matrix}(0,4,1)$$

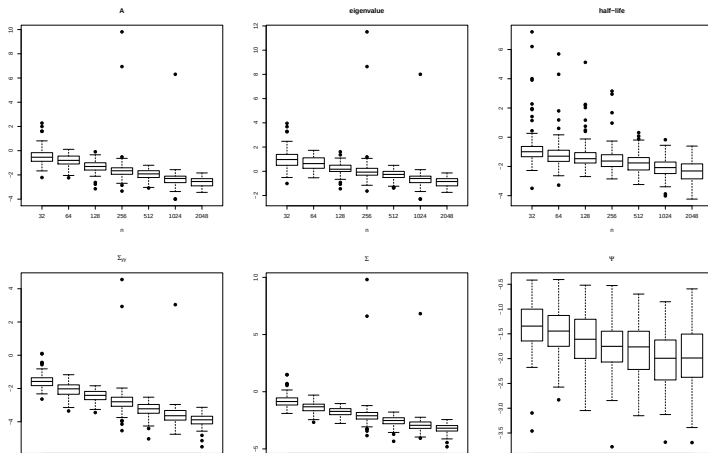


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YUIMA workshop

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YUIMA R package for simulation and inference for SDEs
(also Lévy processes)

lecturers from Japan, Italy, Switzerland

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YUIMA: <https://yuimaproject.com/>