

# Statistic Test on the Relationship Between Oceanic Environment and Fishery Abundance

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#### The process of abstracting and solving a statistical problem



Wild C. 2018. The place of data analysis in problem solving. The University of Auckland. 3 p.

### Source of data for the study of relationship between environment and fishes



#### **Caution on pseudoreplication**

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#### PSEUDOREPLICATION AND THE DESIGN OF ECOLOGICAL FIELD EXPERIMENTS<sup>1</sup>

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Abstract. Pseudoreplication is defined as the use of inferential statistics to test for treatment effects with data from experiments where either treatments are not replicated (though samples may be) or replicates are not statistically independent. In ANOVA terminology, it is the testing for treatment effects with an error term inappropriate to the hypothesis being considered. Scrutiny of 176 experimental studies published between 1960 and the present revealed that pseudoreplication occurred in 27% of them, or 48% of all such studies that applied inferential statistics. The incidence of pseudo-replication is especially high in studies of marine benthos and small mammals. The critical features of controlled experimentation are reviewed. Nondemonic intrusion is defined as the impingement of chance events on an experiment in progress. As a safeguard against both it and preexisting gradients, interspersion of treatments is argued to be an obligatory feature of good design. Especially in small experiments, adequate interspersion can sometimes be assured only by dispensing with strict randomization procedures. Comprehension of this conflict between interspersion and randomization is aided by distinguishing pre-layout (or conventional) and layout-specific alpha (probability of type I error). Suggestions are offered to statisticians and editors of ecological journals as to how ecologists' understanding of experimental design and statistics might be improved.

Key words: experimental design; chi-square; R. A. Fisher; W. S. Gossett; interspersion of treatments; nondemonic intrusion; randomization; replicability; type I error.

#### 1. Simple pseudoreplication



#### 2. Sacrificial Pseudoreplication





 $Y_1 Y_2 Y_3$ 



3. Temporal Pseudoreplication



#### **General data matrix**







Oceanographic data (physical & chemical variables)

	V1	٧2	٧3	٧4	٧5	sp1	sp2	sp3	sp4	sp5	 sp20
site1	0.1	18	3	312	0.3	0	1	0	1	0	 1
site2	0.2	15	4	526	0.1	1	0	0	0	1	 0
site3	0.6	14	1	489	0.2	0	1	1	1	1	 0
site4	0.05	19	2	523	0.5	0	0	0	0	1	 1
site5	0.4	13	3	214	0.6	1	1	1	1	1	 0
site6	0.8	12	4	265	0.4	1	1	0	1	0	 1
site7	0.2	15	1	236	0.8	0	0	1	0	0	 0
site8	0.1	17	3	541	0.1	0	1	1	1	0	 1
site9	0.6	16	2	845	0.3	0	0	1	1	0	 0
site10	0.1	18	1	126	0.1	1	1	0	0	1	 0
site100	0.04	15	3	235	0.6	1	1	1	1	0	 0

#### **General data matrix**



Data of fisheries resources (numbers, weight, CpUE, Present'& Absence) D2 sp3 sp4 sp5 ... sp20





**Oceanographic data** 

(physical & chemical

variables)

## Analytical approaches

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Explanatory variables											
Variables to be explained (Responses)											



#### **Diversity indices**

- Richness: Simply the number of species found in each site
- Shannon index:  $H' = -\sum_{i=1}^{R} p_i \ln p_i$ , where  $p_i$  is the proportion of characters belonging to the i<sup>th</sup> type of letter in the string of interest.
- Simpson index:  $\lambda = \sum_{i=1}^{R} p_i^2$  where *R* is richness, i.e. the total number of species in the dataset, and this index can be presented as "Inverse Simpson index":  $\frac{1}{\lambda} = \frac{1}{\sum_{i=1}^{R} p_i^2}$
- Eveness:  $J' = \frac{H'}{H'_{max}}$ , where H' is the number derived from the Shannon diversity index and H'<sub>max</sub> is the maximum possible value of H' and  $H'_{max} = -\sum_{i=1}^{S} \frac{1}{S} \ln \frac{1}{S} = \ln S$ , where S is number of species

#### **Diversity indices**

- *Alpha diversity*: the species diversity within a community at a small scale or local scale, generally the size of one ecosystem.
- *Beta diversity*: the species diversity between two communities or ecosystems, i.e. comparative approach.
- Gamma diversity: species diversity is compared among many ecosystems.



Response 1Response 2Response 3IIIResponse nSample 1IIIIISample 2IIIIISample 3IIIIISample 1IIIII

#### **Diversity indices**

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#### Assemblages and diversity of fishes in Singapore's marinas

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Table 1. Average number of fishes caught per trap set, number of species (S), number of families (F), Margalef diversity index (D), Shannon's diversity index (H') and Pielou's evenness Index (J') of fishes in ONE°15 Marina Club (OMC), Marina at Keppel Bay (MKB), Raffles Marina (RM).

Site	Average Catch (± s.e.)	S	F	D	H'	η,
OMC	$11.2 \pm 6.7$	29	18	8.15	1.99	0.59
MKB	$9.4 \pm 8.9$	26	16	7.21	2.37	0.73
RM	$28.4 \pm 10.0$	26	19	8.65	1.63	0.50



#### abundance/biomass comparison (ABC)



- Rank the fisheries resources according to the abundance
- calculate the cumulative % abundance and % biomass as abundance rank
- The disturbance level of the community was evaluated both by the ABC curve and W-statistic value, in which

$$W = \sum_{i=1}^{S} \frac{(B_i - A_i)}{[50(S - 1)]}$$

• where S is the number of species, Ai is abundance value of the each of species rank i, and Bi is biomass value of each species rank, i.

# Principle analysis on fishery resources abundance/biomass comparison (ABC)

Yemane, D., Field, J. G., and Leslie, R. W. 2005. Exploring the effects of fishing on fish assemblages using Abundance Biomass Comparison (ABC) curves. – ICES Journal of Marine Science, 62: 374–379.

The possible effect of fishing on dominance patterns in the South African south coast demersal trawl fishery is assessed using Abundance Biomass Comparison (ABC) curves for the period 1986–2003. The ABC method compares the ranked distribution of abundance among species against the similar distribution of biomass among species. The temporal pattern in the ABC curves and the W-statistic for two depth groups (<100 m and 101-200 m), and for the whole area combined, shows a gradient of change in the demersal assemblages from neutral (W  $\geq$  0) towards negative (W < 0), suggesting a disturbed or stressed condition. This corresponds to the onset of longline fishing effort in 1994, still ongoing in 2003, superimposed upon declining trawl effort in the same region. The ABC method shows promise as a guide for assessing the effects of fishing on fish communities, being based on established r- and k-selection theory. More modelling and comparative work is needed to establish acceptable ranges for the W-statistic, and their application in an ecosystem approach to fisheries management.



Figure 2. Long-term trend in the total fishing effort of the demersal trawl fishery and longline fishery (from MCM data, and Japp, 1989).



#### Hypothesis testing on oceanic environment and fisheries data



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Baran E., Warry F. 2008 Simple data analysis for biologists. WorldFish Center and the Fisheries Administration. Phnom Penh, Cambodia. 67 p.

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#### Principle statistical tests on the relationship between variables





Common relationships (y ~ f(x)):

- (Length) TL ~ f(FL): TL = a + b(FL)
- (Length) (dL/dt) ~ f(FL): (dL/dt) = a b(L)
- (Reproduction): Fe ~ f(L): Fe = a + b(L)
- (Catch) CpUE ~ f(effort): CpUE = a b(effort)
- (Mortality) Z ~ f(effort): Z = a + b(effort)

• And so on....

General equation for simple linear regression

 $y = a \pm b(x)$ 

y = Response variable

x = Predictor or explanatory variable

a = y-intercept

Correlation coefficient (r) and Coefficient of determination (r<sup>2</sup>)



b = Slope





#### **Rule of thumb for Curvilinear regression**

- Check if the relation between predictor and response is not "linear", via "scatter pot
- Check the possible form(s) of relationship
- Analysis could be done through "transformed" values, i.e. making the linear relationship, OR analysis through "fit" the relationship by using "Non-linear least square methods." or "Maximum likelihood methods" or "Bayesian estimation"





# Pelagic fish abundance in relation to regional environmental variation in the Gulf of Finland, northern Baltic Sea

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Peltonen, H., Luoto, M., Pääkkönen, J.-P., Karjalainen, M., Tuomaala, A., Pönni, J., and Viitasalo, M. 2007. Pelagic fish abundance in relation to regional environmental variation in the Gulf of Finland, northern Baltic Sea. – ICES Journal of Marine Science, 64: 487–495.





#### **02 Logistic regression**

- Sometimes, you fisheries abundance data, i.e. response, is nominal and/or ordinal scales
- Response could be Binary (presence/ absence, Y/ N, Dead/ Not-dead) OR Nominal scale (species composition) OR
  Ordinal scale (Likert score)
- No assumptions on Normality and Homoscedasticity

$$\ell = \log_b \frac{p}{1-p} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \beta_2 x_2$$

$$g(x) = a \pm b_1(x_1) \pm b_2(x_2) \pm b_3(x_3) \pm \dots \pm b_k(x_k)$$



### **02 Logistic regression**

(a)

1.0

0.9

0.8

0.7

0.4

0.3

0.2

0.1

0.0

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6 0.5

#### Modelling skewed data with many zeros: A simple approach combining ordinary and logistic regression

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Figure 1. Estimates of (a) probability of presence, (b) expected abundance given presence and (c) expected abundance of Ecklonia (dashed lines are 95% confidence limits), plotted against abundance of Evechinus. The predictions are for an average site (M, A and F set to 9.22 km, 0.72 km and 32.68 km, respectively). Abundance is measured in individuals per m<sup>2</sup>



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15 Chlorophyll a concentration (mg m<sup>-3</sup>)

10

5

25

30

#### **03 Multiple regression**

**General equation for simple linear regression** 

$$y = a \pm b_1(x_1) \pm b_1(x_1) \pm b_2(x_2) \dots \pm b_n(x_n)$$

y = Response variable); x = Predictor variables;

a = y-intercept and b = regression coefficients



#### Example in Fisheries Biology (y ~ f(x1, X2, X3)):

- (Mortality)  $M \sim f(L_{\infty}, K, temp.)$ :  $\ln M = -a b_1 \ln L_{\infty} + b_2 \ln K + b_3 \ln(temp)$
- (Consumption) Q/B ~  $f(W_{\infty}$ , temp., Aspect ratio, Food): Q/B = a  $b_1 lnW_{\infty}$  +  $b_2 ln(temp)$  +  $b_3 lnA$  +  $b_4 F$
- (Swimming speed)  $S_r \sim f(SL, Aspect ratio, Mode of swim): \log_{10}S_r = a b_1 \log_{10}SL + b_2 \log_{10}A + b_3 \log_{10}M$
- and so on.....

### **03 Multiple regression**

#### Rule of thumb for Multiple regression

- Check if there are any confound among the predictors, i.e. each predictor variable should be independent to each other.
- Number of the sample should be at least 10 times เท่าของจำนวนตัวแปรที่เป็น Predictors
- Try first the Multiple Linear Model (MLR), thus transformation of some Predictors may be necessary.
- Suggesting Backward stepwise fitting
- If the Response variables are binary or nominal or rank, use (Multiple) Logistic Regression



### **03 Multiple regression**

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#### Influence of surface oceanographic variability on abundance of the western winter-spring cohort of neon flying squid *Ommastrephes bartramii* in the NW Pacific Ocean

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Table 1. Ommastrephes bartramii. Regression model between proportion of favourable-sea surface temperature areas (PFSSTA) and catch per unit effort (CPUE)

Model	95 % CI	р
$CPUE = \alpha_0 + \alpha_1 P_1 - \alpha_2 P_2$		
$\alpha_0 = -9.5350$	-18.8267 to -0.2433	0.045
$\alpha_1 = 20.0663$	5.2710 to 34.8616	0.014
$\alpha_2 = -12.7812$	-24.8188 to -0.7436	0.040
$P_1 = PFSSTA$ of Februar $P_2 = 4^{th}$ root of continue Aug-Nov	ry on spawning ground d product of PFSSTA fron	n
Multiple = 0.77, $\mathbb{R}^2 = 0$ 5.1627, Significance $F = 0$	0.60, Residual SD = 4.34 0.0419	26, <i>F</i> =

AINLEY ET AL.: DISTRIBUTION OF YOUNG ROCKFISH CalCOFI Rep., Vol. 34, 1993

#### OCEANIC FACTORS INFLUENCING DISTRIBUTION OF YOUNG ROCKFISH (SEBASTES) IN CENTRAL CALIFORNIA: A PREDATOR'S PERSPECTIVE

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#### TABLE 2

#### Backward Regression of January + February Upwelling Index (UI), February Sea Level (SL), and March Sea-Surface Temperature (SST) with Rockfish Prevalence in the Murre Diet

Model	<b>R</b> <sup>2</sup>	F	Р	
UI, UI <sup>2</sup> , SST, SL	0.58	6.81	0.0035	
UI, UI <sup>2</sup> , SST	0.59	9.17	0.0013	
UI, UI², SL	0.60	9.50	0.0011	
UI, UI <sup>2</sup>	0.61	14.03	0.0004	
SL, SST	0.23	3.55	0.0547	
UI	0.11	3.11	0.0971	
SL	0.28	7.54	0.0144	
SST	0.11	3.08	0.0986	

 $R^2$  values were adjusted by the degrees of freedom and sample size (n = 18 years).

# **04 LOESS (LOWESS)**

#### LOESS (LOWESS)

- LOESS (locally estimated scatterplot smoothing) AND LOWESS (locally weighted scatterplot smoothing) are known as moving regressions.
- Non-parametric regression; LOESS uses Linear polynomial, meanwhile LOWESS uses Quadratic polynomial
- Fitting simple models to localized subsets of the data to build up a function that describes the deterministic part of the variation in the data, point by point.



### **04 LOESS (LOWESS)**

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Spatio-temporal variations in abundance and assemblage patterns of fish larvae and their relationships to environmental variables in Sirindhron Reservoir of the Lower Mekong Basin, Thailand

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Fig. 5. Bivariate plots of the five environmental variables against fish larval abundance in Sirindhorn Reservoir. The Lowess curves (solid lines) were used to fit the data





Fig. 6. Bivariate plots of the six environmental variables against species richness of fish larvae in Sirindhorn Reservoir. The Lowess curves (solid lines) were used to fit the data

# 04.1 CART (Classification and Regression Tree)

#### CART (Classification And Regression Tree)

- Non-parametric machine learning technique for regression and classification problems., which are easy to be interpreted.
- Regression Tree for "Quantitative" response AND Classification Tree for "Qualitative" response
- The resulting tree is composed of decision nodes, branches and leaf nodes. The tree is placed from upside to down, so the root is at the top and leaves indicating the outcome is put at the bottom.
- Each decision node corresponds to a single input predictor variable and a split cutoff on that variable. The leaf nodes of the tree are the outcome variable which is used to make predictions.
- The tree grows from the top (root), at each node the algorithm decides the best split cutoff that results to the greatest purity (or homogeneity) in each subpartition.
- Beware on overfitting / high variance / low bias-tree





## 04.1 CART (Classification and Regression Tree)



Predicting fish assemblages and diversity in shallow lakes in the Yangtze River basin

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Fig. 6. CART model predicting fish community pattern and richness in studied lakes. Biotic and abiotic variable identifications refer to Section "Materials and methods". (A) Predicting fish assemblages. (B) Predicting relative abundance. (C) Predicting Shannon index. (D) Predicting species richness. The overall percentage of successful prediction is 60.7%, 63.9%, 59.3% and 56.5%, respectively.

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### Use of different approaches to model catch per unit effort (CPUE) abundance of fish

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Fig. 3 Classification Tree and Associated Results for Predicting CPUE abundance

### 04.1 Ordination (Co-inertia analysis)

#### **CART (Classification And Regression Tree)**

84(11), pp.3078-3089.

- Also known as "Double-PCA", PCA: Principal Component Analysis, since it ordinates and studies the relationship between the two set of variables, i.e. oceanic environments and fishes in our course.
- Analyses species-environment tables, and attempts to find new axes in both so that the covariance between the new sets of scores is maximised.
- The maximized covariance means a maximal correlation and • maximal standard deviations of the new environmental and species scores.
- Interpretation: High when two structures vary simultaneously ٠ (and also when they vary inversely) AND Low when they vary independently or do not vary.



Species

Env. variables

## **04.1 Ordination (Co-inertia analysis)**

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#### Effects of an anti-salt intrusion dam on tropical fish assemblages

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Fig. 6. Results of the co-inertia analysis of environmental variables to fish species found in the study (showing only the ecologically dominant species)







