Ecological Example

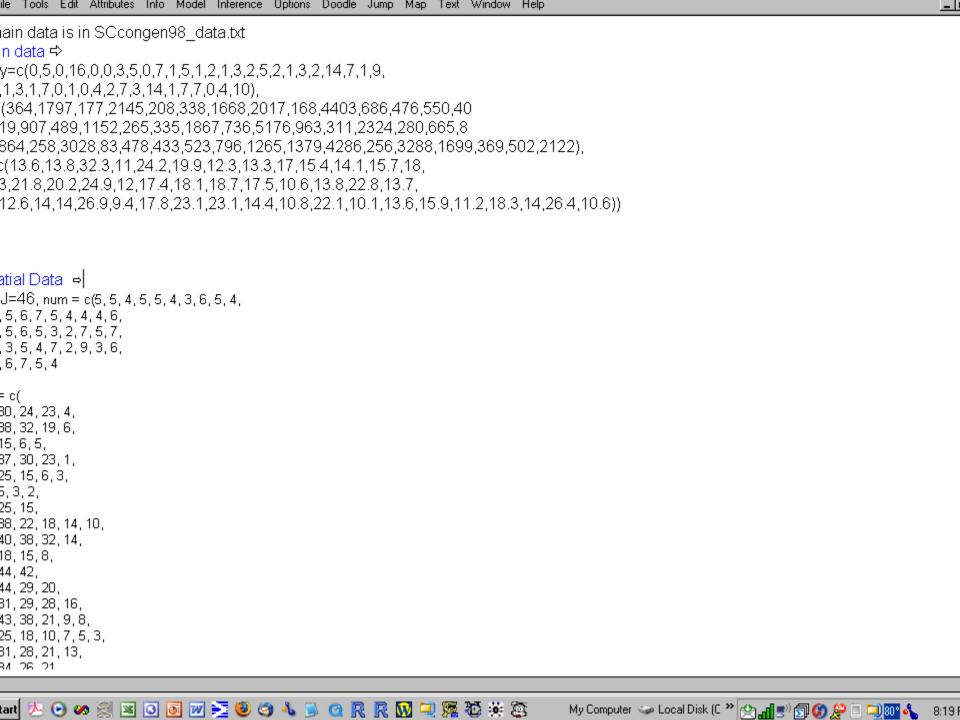
- South Carolina congenital abnormality deaths 1998 by county
- With number of deaths and number of births and % poverty per county

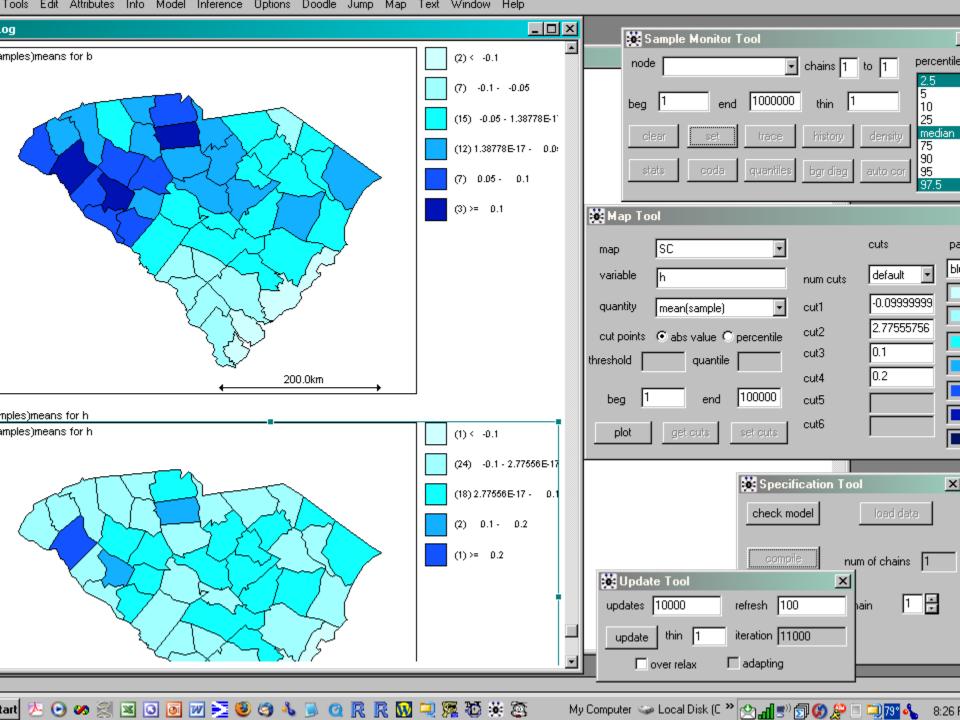
This is a binomial example:

$$y_i \sim bin(p_i, n_i)$$

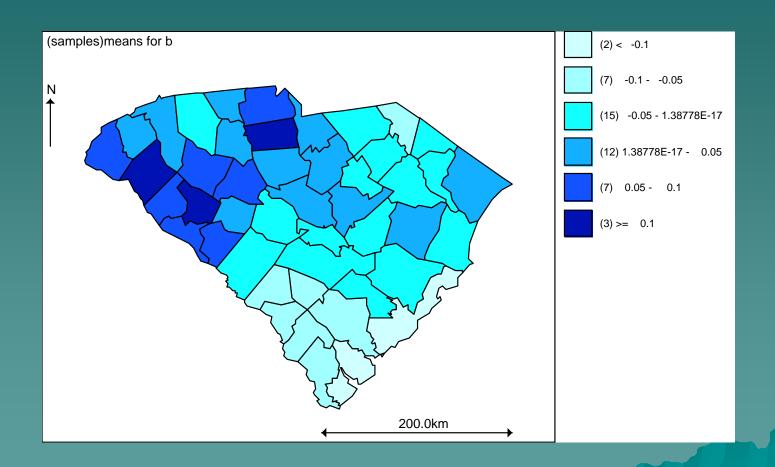
 $\log it(p_i) = \alpha_0 + \beta x_i + v_i + u_i$

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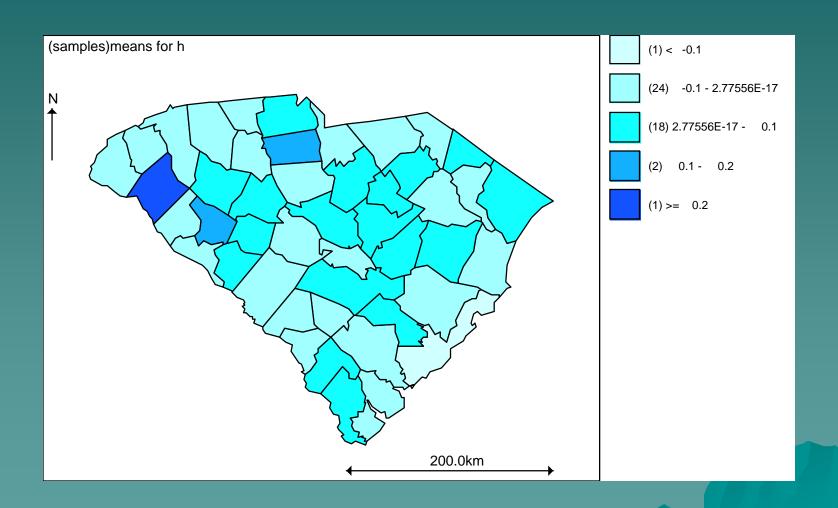




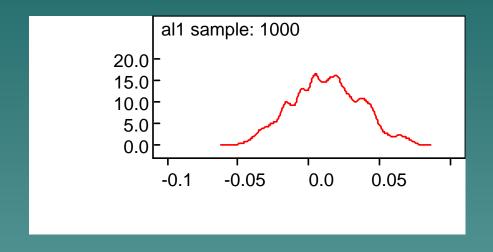
CAR (CH) component



UH component



Is %poverty significant?



Node statistics								
node	mean	sd	MC error	2.5%	median	97.5%	start	sample
al1	0.01258	0.02437	0.003607	-0.03415	0.01262	0.06251	11001	1000

CAR and other models

- The CAR model is available on WinBUGS
- Other correlation models can also be used and are available: for example a full Multivariate Normal model can be used (similar to Bayesian Kriging). A proper CAR can also be used

Dependencies

adjacency: 2,3,4,6,8 neighbors of

hence

$$\overline{\mu}_{\delta_i} = \sum_{j \in_{\delta_i}} \mu_j / n_{\delta_i}$$

$$\overline{\mu}_{\delta_1} = (\mu_2 + \mu_3 + \mu_4 + \mu_6 + \mu_8) / 5$$
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