

1 **EXTENDING THE LATENT MULTINOMIAL MODEL**
2 **WITH COMPLEX ERROR PROCESSES AND DYNAMIC**
3 **MARKOV BASES**

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8 The latent multinomial model (LMM) of [Link et al. \(2010\)](#) pro-
9 vides a framework for modelling mark-recapture data with potential
10 identification errors. Key is a Markov chain Monte Carlo (MCMC)
11 scheme for sampling configurations of the latent counts of the true
12 capture histories that could have generated the observed data. As-
13 suming a linear map between the observed and latent counts, the
14 MCMC algorithm uses vectors from a basis of the kernel to move be-
15 tween configurations of the latent data. [Schofield and Bonner \(2015\)](#)
16 shows that this is sufficient for some models within the framework
17 but that a larger sets called Markov bases are required with complex
18 types of errors. We address two further challenges: 1) that models
19 with complex error mechanisms may not fit within the LMM frame-
20 work and 2) that Markov bases can be difficult to compute for studies
21 of even moderate size. We extend the framework to model the cap-
22 ture/demographic and error processes separately and develop a new
23 MCMC algorithm using dynamic Markov bases. Our work is moti-
24 vated by a study of Queen snakes (*Regina septemvittata*) and we
25 use simulation to compare estimates of survival rates when snakes
26 are marked with PIT tags which have perfect identification versus
27 brands which are prone to error.

28 **1. Introduction.** Standard models for data from studies of marked in-
29 dividuals require that researchers are able to identify captured individuals
30 uniquely and without error. However, these assumptions may be violated
31 in many ways. Researchers may misread marks and provide partial identi-
32 fications based on visual sightings or poor quality photographs ([McClintock](#)
33 [et al., 2014](#); [Morrison et al., 2011](#)), allelic dropout may lead to incorrect iden-
34 tifications from DNA samples ([Barker et al., 2014](#); [Lukacs and Burnham,](#)
35 [2005](#); [Wright et al., 2009](#); [Yoshizaki et al., 2011](#)), man-made tags may be
36 lost or degrade ([Cowen and Schwarz, 2006](#)), and natural marks may evolve
37 over time ([Yoshizaki et al., 2012](#)). This paper continues our investigation of
38 the application of methods from algebraic statistics to models allowing for
39 possible identification errors in mark-recapture type data.

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40 Our work is based on the latent multinomial model (LMM) first intro-
 41 duced by [Link et al. \(2010\)](#). Key to this approach was a novel Markov chain
 42 Monte Carlo (MCMC) algorithm for sampling configurations of the true
 43 captures consistent with the observed data. In [Schofield and Bonner \(2015\)](#),
 44 we showed that the original algorithm proposed by [Link et al. \(2010\)](#) may
 45 produce Markov chains that are not irreducible and hence fail to sample
 46 from the set of all configurations with positive probability under the poste-
 47 rior distribution. We described an extended MCMC algorithm incorporating
 48 Markov bases to address this issue. As one example, we presented simula-
 49 tion results from a model which we called the band-read error (BRE) model.
 50 Our original manuscript did not provide details on the implementation of
 51 the BRE model and, for simplicity, we ignored population demographics as-
 52 suming instead that all configurations of the latent counts consistent with
 53 the observed data were equally likely. In fact, the BRE model cannot easily
 54 be fit with the original LMM. Here we describe an extension of the LMM
 55 framework that is needed to fit the BRE model and other models with more
 56 complex types of errors than those considered by [Link et al. \(2010\)](#). We also
 57 address a second, practical challenge which is that Markov bases for the BRE
 58 model can only be computed for very small experiments with four capture
 59 occasions or less. Although we focus on the BRE model, the methods we
 60 develop are applicable to all models within the LMM framework including
 61 model $M_{t\alpha}$ and the multiple mark models of [Bonner and Holmberg \(2013\)](#);
 62 [McClintock et al. \(2013\)](#).

63 **2. The Latent Multinomial Model.** The LMM of [Link et al. \(2010\)](#)
 64 accounts for possible errors in the data by recasting the mark-recapture
 65 model as a missing data problem. Suppose that individuals are sampled from
 66 the population on T capture occasions. On each occasion, the individuals
 67 are identified, marked if necessary, and returned to the population. Let n_{Tot}
 68 be the number of distinct individuals captured. The raw data consist of n_{Tot}
 69 vectors in $\{0, 1\}^T$, called the capture histories, such that $\omega_{it} = 1$ if individual
 70 i was captured on occasion j . If $T = 5$ then the history $\omega_i = 01010$ indicates
 71 that the i^{th} marked individual was captured on occasions 2 and 4. We use I to
 72 denote the number of unique capture histories that can be observed during
 73 the experiment. If the population is homogeneous then the probabilities
 74 assigned to each capture history are the same for all individuals and the
 75 I -vector of counts, \mathbf{n} , recording the number of times each unique history
 76 was observed is sufficient. The likelihood is then defined by the distribution
 77 of \mathbf{n} .

78 When errors occur the distribution of \mathbf{n} may be difficult to compute

79 directly. To make the likelihood tractable, the LMM introduces a set of
 80 $J > I$ latent histories identifying the true captures for each individual and
 81 describing what errors occurred. Let \mathbf{x} be the unobserved J -vector of counts
 82 for the latent histories which is modelled by $f(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\theta})$ ¹ for some vector of
 83 parameters, $\boldsymbol{\theta}$. The likelihood can then be computed by summing $f(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\theta})$
 84 over all values of \mathbf{x} consistent with \mathbf{n} . In particular, the LMM assumes that
 85 \mathbf{n} is a linear function of \mathbf{x} so that $\mathbf{n} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}$ for some known $I \times J$ matrix \mathbf{A}
 86 and

$$(1) \quad f(\mathbf{n}|\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \sum_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{N}^J} \mathbb{1}(\mathbf{n} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x})f(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \sum_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{F}_{\mathbf{n}}} f(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\theta})$$

87 where $\mathcal{F}_{\mathbf{n}} = \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{N}^J : \mathbf{n} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}\}$ denotes the inverse image of \mathbf{n} (called the
 88 \mathbf{n} -fibre in algebraic statistics) and $\mathbb{N} = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$.

89 As an example, [Link et al. \(2010\)](#) considered a closed population model
 90 which they called model $M_{t\alpha}$. This model assumes that that all individuals
 91 have the same probability of capture on occasion t , denoted by p_t , that
 92 errors occur independently with probability $1 - \alpha$ each time an individual is
 93 captured, and that these errors result in new identities that are not observed
 94 otherwise. The latent histories for this model include the 3^T strings formed
 95 by the events:

- 96 0 – indicating that the individual was not captured,
- 97 1 – indicating that the individual was captured and correctly identified, and
- 98 2 – indicating that the individual was captured and incorrectly identified.

99 For example, the latent history $\boldsymbol{\nu}_i = 01020$ indicates that individual i was
 100 captured and correctly identified on occasion 2 and recaptured and misiden-
 101 tified on occasion 4. It is assumed that $\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{p}, \alpha$ follows a multinomial dis-
 102 tribution conditional on the true population size, N , with cell probability
 103 corresponding to the latent history $\boldsymbol{\nu}$ computed as

$$f(\boldsymbol{\nu}|\mathbf{p}, \alpha) = \prod_{t=1}^T \left[p_t^{\mathbb{1}(\nu_t > 0)} (1 - p_t)^{\mathbb{1}(\nu_t = 0)} \alpha^{\mathbb{1}(\nu_t = 1)} (1 - \alpha)^{\mathbb{1}(\nu_t = 2)} \right]$$

104 where $\mathbb{1}(\cdot)$ is the indicator function.

105 Although equation (1) makes it easier to compute $f(\mathbf{n}|\boldsymbol{\theta})$ in theory, $\mathcal{F}_{\mathbf{n}}$
 106 is often so large that exact computation is not practical. Instead, [Link et al.](#)
 107 [\(2010\)](#) proposed a Bayesian solution implemented by sampling from the
 108 joint posterior distribution of \mathbf{x} and $\boldsymbol{\theta}$. The specific MCMC algorithm uses

¹Throughout we use $f(\mathbf{y}|\boldsymbol{\beta})$ to denote the assumed model of \mathbf{y} given parameters $\boldsymbol{\beta}$, $\pi(\boldsymbol{\beta})$ the prior distribution for $\boldsymbol{\beta}$, and $\pi(\boldsymbol{\beta}|\mathbf{y})$ the posterior distribution of $\boldsymbol{\beta}$ given \mathbf{y} .

109 a block Metropolis-Hastings (MH) approach and the main challenge lies in
 110 constructing proposals of $\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{n}$ which fall inside the fibre. The algorithm
 111 starts by defining a lattice basis for the kernel of \mathbf{A} ; that is, a linearly
 112 independent set $\mathcal{B} = \{b_1, \dots, b_K\}$ such that $\forall \mathbf{b} \in \ker(\mathbf{A}) \cap \mathbb{Z}^J$ there exists
 113 $c_1, \dots, c_K \in \mathbb{Z}$ so that

$$\mathbf{b} = \sum_{k=1}^K c_k \mathbf{b}_k.$$

114 A proposal, \mathbf{x}^{prop} , is then constructed by adding an integer multiple of one
 115 of the basis vectors to the current value of \mathbf{x} . The magic of this approach is
 116 that any proposal is guaranteed to satisfy the linear constraint and to have
 117 integer entries. Note, that \mathbf{x}^{prop} may still fall outside $\mathcal{F}_{\mathbf{n}}$ since there is no
 118 guarantee that $x_j^{\text{prop}} \geq 0$ for every j .

119 [Link et al. \(2010\)](#) implied that Markov chains constructed with this algo-
 120 rithm would connect all elements in $\mathcal{F}_{\mathbf{n}}$ and hence be irreducible. In [Schofield
 121 and Bonner \(2015\)](#), we showed that this is true for model $M_{t\alpha}$ provided that
 122 the right lattice basis is chosen and extended this result to a broader class
 123 of models containing what we called simple corruptions. However, we also
 124 provided examples of more complicated models for which the algorithm does
 125 not produce irreducible Markov chains, including the BRE model. The cen-
 126 tral problem is that some pairs of elements in $\mathcal{F}_{\mathbf{n}}$ may be connected by this
 127 algorithm only by passing through intermediate configurations containing
 128 negative entries. These elements have zero probability under the posterior,
 129 and so the chain will never follow these paths.

130 Irreducible chains can always be produced by adding linear combinations
 131 of all elements in \mathcal{B} simultaneously, but the resulting proposals are likely
 132 to fall outside of $\mathcal{F}_{\mathbf{n}}$ and [Diaconis and Sturmfels \(1998\)](#) reported that this
 133 method is not efficient. Instead, [Diaconis and Sturmfels \(1998\)](#) suggested
 134 using the one-at-a-time algorithm but drawing the elements from a larger
 135 subset $\mathcal{M} \subset \ker(\mathbf{A})$ chosen to ensure that it is possible to move between any
 136 two elements of $\mathcal{F}_{\mathbf{n}}$. [Diaconis and Sturmfels \(1998\)](#) called \mathcal{M} a Markov basis
 137 and the elements of \mathcal{M} moves, and provided methodology for computing this
 138 set based on the theory of toric ideals. For simplicity, we consider the special
 139 case of the algorithm presented in [Schofield and Bonner \(2015\)](#) in which
 140 one element is selected from \mathcal{M} on each iteration of the MCMC algorithm
 141 and either added to or subtracted from the current configuration without a
 142 multiplier. Details are provided in Algorithm 1.

143 **3. Data.** As an example, we consider data from a study of queen snakes
 144 conducted in Jessamine County, Kentucky. An initial sample of 61 snakes
 145 was captured and marked in the fall of 2013 and a second sample of 41 snakes

Define a Markov basis, \mathcal{M} .

Initialise $\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(0)}$ and $\boldsymbol{x}^{(0)}$ so that $\boldsymbol{n} = \mathbf{A}\boldsymbol{x}^{(0)}$.

Set $k = 1$.

1. Update $\boldsymbol{\theta}$ conditional on $\boldsymbol{x}^{(k-1)}$. Call the result $\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}$.
2. Update \boldsymbol{x} conditional on $\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}$.
 - i) Sample \boldsymbol{b} uniformly from \mathcal{M} and c uniformly from $\{-1, 1\}$.
 - ii) Set $\boldsymbol{x}^{\text{prop}} = \boldsymbol{x}^{(k-1)} + c\boldsymbol{b}$.
 - iii) Calculate the Metropolis acceptance probability:

$$r(\boldsymbol{x}^{(k-1)}, \boldsymbol{x}^{\text{prop}} | \boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)}) = \min \left\{ 1, \frac{\pi(\boldsymbol{x}^{\text{prop}} | \boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)})}{\pi(\boldsymbol{x}^{(k-1)} | \boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)})} \cdot \frac{q(\boldsymbol{x}^{(k-1)} | \boldsymbol{x}^{\text{prop}})}{q(\boldsymbol{x}^{\text{prop}} | \boldsymbol{x}^{(k-1)})} \right\}.$$

where $q(\boldsymbol{x}' | \boldsymbol{x})$ is the probability of proposing \boldsymbol{x}' given the current state \boldsymbol{x} .

- iv) Set $\boldsymbol{x}^{(k)} = \boldsymbol{x}^{\text{prop}}$ with probability r . Otherwise, set $\boldsymbol{x}^{(k)} = \boldsymbol{x}^{(k-1)}$.

3. Increment k .

Algorithm 1: MCMC algorithm for sampling from the joint posterior distribution of $\boldsymbol{\theta}$ and \boldsymbol{x} given a fixed Markov basis, \mathcal{M} .

146 was marked in the spring of 2014. All snakes were implanted with PIT tags
 147 and a subset of 73 snakes were also branded with unique marks as described
 148 in [Winne et al. \(2006\)](#). In the summer of 2014, two technicians visited the site
 149 to locate and identify snakes approximately every two weeks. On each visit
 150 the technicians conducted searches using a PIT receiver and attempted to
 151 physically capture any snakes that were detected so that their brands could
 152 be read. The 102 snakes were re-encountered 191 times in total, an average
 153 of 1.87 per snake. The study is aimed primarily at modelling the survival and
 154 movements of the snakes in this population and in understanding impacts of
 155 snake fungal disease, an emerging pathogen about which little is yet known
 156 ([Allender et al., 2013](#); [Sleeman, 2013](#)). For illustration, we focus on modelling
 157 the apparent over-wintering survival, the probability that a snake marked
 158 in the fall of 2013 is still in the population in 2014.

159 Previous studies have found that snakes may expel PIT tags (e.g. [Roark
 160 and Dorcas, 2000](#)) and some loose tags were found at the study site. How-
 161 ever, we believe that the rate of expulsion is small and there is no reason to
 162 think that PIT tags are ever misidentified. With these assumptions capture
 163 histories formed using the PIT tag encounters can be modelled with stan-
 164 dard Cormack-Jolly-Seber (CJS) type models ignoring identification errors
 165 and tag loss (see [Lebreton et al., 1992](#); [Seber, 2002](#); [Williams, Nichols and
 166 Conroy, 2002](#), and references therein). An introduction to the CJS model is
 167 provided in Appendix A. We use the common notation p_t and ϕ_t to denote

168 the capture and survival probabilities.

169 In comparison, brands can be difficult to read and the identification of
 170 physically captured snakes is prone to error. A total of 9 branded snakes
 171 were recaptured physically during the summer of 2014. By comparing with
 172 the PIT tag records we knew that the first technician identified 8 of 9 (89%)
 173 correctly while the second technician identified only 6 of 9 (67%) correctly.
 174 The small number of physical recaptures did not allow us to compare results
 175 based on the PIT tag and brand data directly. Instead, we examine the
 176 feasibility of branding snakes by analysing simulated data generated with
 177 survival and capture probabilities obtained from the PIT tag data and error
 178 rates matching those observed from the two technicians.

179 **4. Model.** The specific model we consider both for generating and
 180 analysing the simulated data combines the standard CJS model for the de-
 181 mographic and capture processes and the BRE model of the errors. We call
 182 this combined model the CJS/BRE model. Suppose that researchers visit a
 183 location on T occasions. On each visit they capture a number of unmarked
 184 individuals, mark them, and return them to the population. At the same
 185 time, the researchers also conduct surveys to identify previously marked
 186 individuals. The assumptions of the BRE model are that:

- 187 1. all individuals are correctly identified when first captured and marked,
- 188 2. recaptured individuals are correctly identified with probability α on
 189 each occasion,
- 190 3. errors cause one marked individual to be misidentified as another
 191 marked individual, and
- 192 4. each individual can be involved in only one event on each occasion. In
 193 particular, it is not possible to mistake individual j for individual i if
 194 individual i has been captured on the same occasion.

195 Assumption 3 contrasts directly with the assumptions of model $M_{t\alpha}$ and
 196 is justified by the differences between man-made marks and natural marks.
 197 Model $M_{t\alpha}$ is intended for use with natural marks including genotypes and
 198 pigmentation patterns. The set of possible natural marks is usually unknown
 199 and the number of possible marks is so large that it is unlikely for an er-
 200 ror to reproduce the identity of another individual exactly. On the other
 201 hand, the BRE model is intended for use with man-made marks. The set
 202 of possible marks is known when using man-made marks, and this means
 203 that erroneous sightings of marks which have never been released can be
 204 detected and removed from the data prior to the analysis. The only errors
 205 that cannot be detected occur when one marked individual is mistaken for
 206 another marked individual. The fourth assumption is not realistic, but sim-

207 plifies the model and we will work to relax this in future work. We present
 208 the likelihood for this model in Section 5.1 after introducing the extended
 209 modelling framework.

210 5. Methods.

211 5.1. *Extended Framework.* The first challenge is that the CJS/BRE model
 212 does not fit easily in the framework of the LMM. Link et al. (2010) focused on
 213 models, like $M_{t\alpha}$, for which \mathbf{x} follows a multinomial distribution. Although
 214 they suggested that the methods could be applied more generally examples
 215 were not provided. The CJS/BRE model does not result in a multinomial
 216 distribution for \mathbf{x} , and it is difficult to determine the density of \mathbf{x} explicitly.

217 To address this, we extend the LMM to include a second vector of latent
 218 counts. This allows the mark-recapture process and the error mechanism
 219 to be modelled separately. Suppose, for example, that an experiment has
 220 $T = 2$ occasions and individual i is captured on both occasions, correctly
 221 identified on the first occasion, and identified as an entirely new individual
 222 on the second occasion (this is the error mechanism for model $M_{t\alpha}$). In the
 223 terminology of Link et al. (2010), individual i would have latent history
 224 $\nu_i = 12$ and would produce the recorded histories $\omega_{i1} = 10$ and $\omega_{i2} = 01$.
 225 The original LMM assigns probabilities to the latent histories, ν_i , directly by
 226 simultaneously modelling the capture and error processes. Our formulation
 227 introduces a second latent history, ξ_i , identifying the occasions on which
 228 the individual was truly captured but ignoring the errors. The new latent
 229 history would be $\xi_i = 11$ since the individual was truly captured on both
 230 occasions. We then model the joint distribution of ν_i and ξ_i by assigning
 231 probabilities first to ξ_i and second to ν_i given ξ_i . We distinguish between
 232 the two sets of latent histories by calling ν_i the latent error history and ξ_i
 233 the latent capture history.

234 Generally, we let \mathbf{n} be the I -vector of counts for the observable histories,
 235 \mathbf{x} the J -vector of counts for the latent error histories, and \mathbf{z} the K -vector of
 236 counts for the latent capture histories. As in Link et al. (2010), we assume
 237 that $\mathbf{n} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}$ for some known matrix \mathbf{A} . Further, we assume that $\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{B}\mathbf{x}$ for
 238 some known matrix \mathbf{B} . The complete data likelihood is then constructed in
 239 two stages: 1) modelling the process of capturing, marking, and recapturing
 240 individuals to define $f(\mathbf{z}|\boldsymbol{\theta})$ and 2) modelling the error process conditional
 241 on the true captures to define $f(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{z}, \boldsymbol{\theta})$. We expect the parameters in the
 242 two components to be disjoint and label them as $\boldsymbol{\theta}_1$ and $\boldsymbol{\theta}_2$. The posterior
 243 distribution of the complete data and parameters is

$$\pi(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\theta}_1, \boldsymbol{\theta}_2 | \mathbf{n}) \propto \mathbb{1}(\mathbf{n} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}) f(\mathbf{x} | \mathbf{z}, \boldsymbol{\theta}_2) f(\mathbf{z} | \boldsymbol{\theta}_1) \pi(\boldsymbol{\theta}_1) \pi(\boldsymbol{\theta}_2)$$

244 where $\pi(\boldsymbol{\theta}_1)$ and $\pi(\boldsymbol{\theta}_2)$ represent priors assumed to be independent. For
 245 convenience we identify entries in the vectors of counts, \mathbf{n} , \mathbf{x} , and \mathbf{z} , both by
 246 index and by the corresponding history. For example, n_i represents the count
 247 for the i th element of \mathbf{n} using some implicit ordering while $n_{\boldsymbol{\omega}}$ represents
 248 the count of history $\boldsymbol{\omega}$. This allows us to define sums in two equivalent ways
 249 as either $n_{\text{Tot}} = \sum_{i=1}^I n_i$ or $n_{\text{Tot}} = \sum_{\boldsymbol{\omega} \in \{0,1\}^T / \mathbf{0}} n_{\boldsymbol{\omega}}$. A table summarising
 250 our notation for the extended LMM is provided in Appendix B.

251 To fit the CJS/BRE into the extended framework we need to 1) identify
 252 the sets of observable histories, latent error histories, and latent capture his-
 253 tories, 2) construct the constraint matrices, and 3) define the components
 254 of the likelihood function. As with the CJS model, the set of observable
 255 histories includes the $I = 2^T - 2$ in $\{0, 1\}^T$ excluding the zero history and
 256 the history ending with a single capture. The latent capture histories also
 257 belong to the same set so that $K = 2^T - 2$ as well. In defining the latent
 258 error histories, four events can occur on each occasion after an individual is
 259 marked. The i th individual may be not resighted (event 0), resighted and
 260 correctly identified (event 1), or resighted and incorrectly identified (event
 261 2). Finally, another marked individual may be captured and incorrectly iden-
 262 tified as individual i (event 3). Events 2 and 3 represent false negative and
 263 false positive resightings. A total of 4^T possible histories can be constructed
 264 from these events but many of these can be ignored in the likelihood. We first
 265 remove the zero history and the three histories with a single non-zero event
 266 on the final occasion, since these histories do not contribute to the likelihood
 267 of the CJS model. Assuming that individuals are correctly identified when
 268 first captured we can also ignore any history whose leading non-zero entry
 269 is not 1. This leaves $J = (4^T - 4)/3$ that contribute to the likelihood.

270 Next, we construct the constraint matrices. One factor that makes the
 271 CJS/BRE model more complicated than model $M_{t\alpha}$ is that it contains con-
 272 straints on \mathbf{x} beyond those imposed by the observed counts. In particular,
 273 the number of false positive and false negative captures on occasion t must
 274 be the same for all $t = 2, \dots, T$. The \mathbf{A} matrix is constructed as

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A}_1 \\ \mathbf{A}_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

275 where \mathbf{A}_1 is a $(2^T - 2) \times J$ matrix modelling the relationship between \mathbf{x} and
 276 \mathbf{n} that is defined similar to the matrix \mathbf{A}' in Link et al. (2010), and \mathbf{A}_2 is a
 277 $(T - 1) \times J$ matrix constraining the number of false positives and negatives
 278 on the final $T - 1$ occasions. Mathematically,

$$A_{1ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \omega_{it} = \mathbf{1}(\nu_{jt} = 1) + \mathbf{1}(\nu_{jt} = 3) \text{ for all } t = 1, \dots, T \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

279 and

$$A_{2tj} = \begin{cases} -1 & \text{if } \nu_{j,t+1} = 2 \\ 1 & \text{if } \nu_{j,t+1} = 3 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

280 The t th row of \mathbf{A}_2 computes the difference between the number of 2s and
281 3s in the latent error histories, and the vector \mathbf{n} must also be extended by
282 concatenating $T - 1$ extra 0s corresponding to the added constraints. The
283 matrix \mathbf{B} is defined such that $B_{jk} = 1$ if the j th latent capture history has
284 the same pattern of captures as the k th latent error history. That is

$$B_{jk} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \xi_{kt} = \mathbb{1}(\nu_{jt} = 1) + \mathbb{1}(\nu_{jt} = 2) \text{ for all } t = 1, \dots, T \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}.$$

285 Finally, we define the distributions of \mathbf{z} and $\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{z}$. For the CJS/BRE model
286 $\boldsymbol{\theta}_1 = \{\boldsymbol{\phi}, \mathbf{p}\}$ and $\boldsymbol{\theta}_2 = \{\alpha\}$. Let a_t denote the number of individuals first cap-
287 tured and marked on occasion t , M_t the number of individuals marked before
288 occasion t , and m_t the number of these individuals resighted on occasion t .
289 Then \mathbf{z} is product multinomial with density

$$(2) \quad f(\mathbf{z}|\boldsymbol{\phi}, \mathbf{p}) = \frac{\prod_{t=1}^{T-1} a_t!}{\prod_{k=1}^K z_k!} \prod_{k=1}^K f(\boldsymbol{\xi}_k|\boldsymbol{\phi}, \mathbf{p})^{z_k}$$

290 where $f(\boldsymbol{\xi}_k|\boldsymbol{\phi}, \mathbf{p})$ denotes the probability assigned to history $\boldsymbol{\xi}_k$ by the stan-
291 dard CJS model. To construct the second component of the likelihood we
292 consider occasions $t = 2, \dots, T$ separately first modelling the number of er-
293 rors that occur, $e_t(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{j=1}^J x_j \mathbb{1}(\nu_{jt} = 2) = \sum_{j=1}^J x_j \mathbb{1}(\nu_{jt} = 3)$, and then
294 modelling the exact configuration of false positives and false negatives given
295 $\mathbf{e} = (e_1, \dots, e_T)'$ to obtain a specific configuration of \mathbf{x} . Under the assump-
296 tions in Section 4, $e_t \leq m_t^* = \min(m_t, M_t - m_t)$ and follows the (possibly)
297 truncated binomial with density

$$f(e_t|\mathbf{z}, \alpha) \propto \binom{m_t}{e_t} (1 - \alpha)^{e_t} \alpha^{m_t - e_t}, \quad e_t = 0, \dots, m_t^*.$$

298 We further assume that all assignments of false positives and false negatives
299 are equally likely conditional on e_t . For each $t = 2, \dots, T$ there are $\binom{m_t}{e_t}$ and
300 $\binom{M_t - m_t}{e_t}$ ways to select the false negatives and false positives and so

$$f(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{e}, \mathbf{z}) = \mathbb{1}(\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{B}\mathbf{x}) \prod_{t=2}^T \left[\binom{m_t}{e_t} \binom{M_t - m_t}{e_t} \right]^{-1}.$$

301 The second component of the likelihood is

$$f(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{z}, \alpha) = \mathbb{1}(\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{B}\mathbf{x}) \frac{\prod_{k=1}^K z_k!}{\prod_{j=1}^J \mathbf{x}_j!} \prod_{t=2}^T \left[\frac{(1-\alpha)^{e_t} \alpha^{m_t - e_t}}{\binom{M_t - m_t}{e_t} \sum_{e_t=0}^{m_t^*} \binom{m_t}{e_t} (1-\alpha)^{e_t} \alpha^{m_t - e_t}} \right]$$

302 where the initial term accounts for the many relabellings of the marked
303 individuals that would produce the same counts in \mathbf{x} and \mathbf{z} .

304 The joint posterior distribution is completed by specifying a prior distri-
305 bution. [Link et al. \(2010\)](#) noted that the observed histories contain almost
306 no information about the error rate and so assigned α a very informative
307 prior. Alternatively, information about α could be obtained from double
308 observers or double tags, as in the queen snake study. For convenience,
309 we simply fix α to the known value in our analysis of the simulated data
310 and remove α from the posterior distribution. Finally, we assume that the
311 prior chosen for ϕ and \mathbf{p} is positive over the entire unit hypercube so that
312 $\pi(\phi, \mathbf{p}) > 0$ if and only if $\phi \in (0, 1)^{T-1}$ and $\mathbf{p} \in (0, 1)^{T-1}$. In particular,
313 we assume independent, uniform priors in our simulation study such that
314 $\pi(\phi, \mathbf{p}) \propto \mathbb{1}(\phi \in (0, 1)^{T-1}) \cdot \mathbb{1}(\mathbf{p} \in (0, 1)^{T-1})$.

315 **5.2. Dynamic Markov Bases.** The second challenge in fitting the CJS/BRE
316 model is that the Markov basis grows very quickly with the number of oc-
317 casions and could only be computed for small values of T with `4ti2`, a com-
318 monly used free software package for algebraic statistics ([Hemmecke et al.,](#)
319 [2013](#)). Addition of the second vector of latent counts does not complicate
320 matters because \mathbf{z} is a deterministic function of \mathbf{x} . Consistent proposals for
321 \mathbf{x} and \mathbf{z} could, in theory, be constructed by defining a Markov basis, \mathcal{M} ,
322 sampling a move $\mathbf{b} \in \mathcal{M}$, and setting $\mathbf{x}^{\text{prop}} = \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b}$ and $\mathbf{z}^{\text{prop}} = \mathbf{B}\mathbf{x}^{\text{prop}}$.
323 However, `4ti2` ran out of memory on a computer with 8 GB of RAM before
324 completing the calculations when $T \geq 5$.

325 We avoid this problem by using dynamic Markov bases. [Dobra \(2012\)](#) de-
326 fined a dynamic Markov basis to be a collection of sets of local moves, $\mathcal{M}(\mathbf{x})$,
327 which connect each $\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{F}_n$ to a relatively small number of neighbours. A
328 proposal is generated on the k th iteration of the MCMC algorithm by sam-
329 pling a move from $\mathcal{M}(\mathbf{x}^{(k-1)})$. This avoids the need to compute the entire
330 Markov basis *a priori*. The method [Dobra \(2012\)](#) described for constructing
331 $\mathcal{M}(\mathbf{x})$ applies generally to all models with constraints of the form $\mathbf{n} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}$
332 and, possibly, further bounds on the counts in individual cells. In short, local
333 moves are generated by permuting the counts in a random selection of “free”
334 cells – entries of \mathbf{x} whose values are not fixed by the information in \mathbf{n} and
335 the cell bounds. The method we describe is specific to the mark-recapture
336 framework but produces a dynamic Markov basis containing intuitive moves

337 that are easily sampled. Further comparison with [Dobra \(2012\)](#) is provided
338 in Section 8.

339 The dynamic Markov basis we propose allows the chain to move through
340 \mathcal{F}_n using operations that either add or remove errors from the current con-
341 figuration. Each of these operations modifies four entries in the vector of
342 counts for the latent error histories, increasing two counts and decreasing
343 two counts. Errors are added by decreasing the counts for a pair of histories
344 with a 0 and 1 on some occasion, t , and increasing the counts of the corre-
345 sponding histories formed by changing the 0 in the first history to a 2 and
346 the 1 in the second history to a 3. Errors are removed using the opposite
347 operation.

348 To make this explicit, define

$$\mathcal{X}_{vt}(\mathbf{x}) = \{\boldsymbol{\nu} : \nu_s = 1 \text{ for some } s < t, \nu_t = v, \text{ and } x_{\boldsymbol{\nu}} > 0\}$$

349 to be the set of latent error histories with an initial capture before occasion
350 t , event v on occasion t , and positive entry in \mathbf{x} . Moves in $\mathcal{M}(\mathbf{x})$ modify the
351 counts for one history drawn from each of the sets $\mathcal{X}_{0t}(\mathbf{x})$, $\mathcal{X}_{1t}(\mathbf{x})$, $\mathcal{X}_{2t}(\mathbf{x})$,
352 and $\mathcal{X}_{3t}(\mathbf{x})$, for some common t and are divided into two classes: $\mathcal{M}_1(\mathbf{x})$
353 containing the moves that add errors and $\mathcal{M}_2(\mathbf{x})$ containing the moves that
354 remove errors. A key advantage of this approach is that moves in $\mathcal{M}_1(\mathbf{x})$
355 and $\mathcal{M}_2(\mathbf{x})$ can be sampled without ever having to construct the entire
356 sets. Moves in $\mathcal{M}_1(\mathbf{x})$ are denoted by $\mathbf{b}^+(\boldsymbol{\nu}_0, \boldsymbol{\nu}_1, \boldsymbol{\nu}_2, \boldsymbol{\nu}_3)$ and are generated
357 by sequentially sampling

- 358 1. $\boldsymbol{\nu}_1 \in \chi_1(\mathbf{x}) = \bigcup_{t=2}^T \mathcal{X}_{1t}(\mathbf{x})$
- 359 2. $s \in \{t : \nu_{1t} = 1\}$
- 360 3. $\boldsymbol{\nu}_0 \in \mathcal{X}_{0s}(\mathbf{x})$,

361 all uniformly, and setting

$$\nu_{2t} = \begin{cases} 2 & \text{if } t = s \\ \nu_{0t} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad \text{and} \quad \nu_{3t} = \begin{cases} 3 & \text{if } t = s \\ \nu_{1t} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} .$$

362 More compactly, $\boldsymbol{\nu}_2 = \boldsymbol{\nu}_0 + 2\boldsymbol{\delta}_t$ and $\boldsymbol{\nu}_3 = \boldsymbol{\nu}_1 + 2\boldsymbol{\delta}_t$ where $\boldsymbol{\delta}_t$ represents the
363 J -vector with a single 1 in entry t . Indexing by name, as described in Section
364 5.1, the corresponding move has entries

$$(3) \quad \mathbf{b}_{\boldsymbol{\nu}}^+(\boldsymbol{\nu}_0, \boldsymbol{\nu}_1, \boldsymbol{\nu}_2, \boldsymbol{\nu}_3) = \begin{cases} -1 & \text{if } \boldsymbol{\nu} = \boldsymbol{\nu}_0 \text{ or } \boldsymbol{\nu} = \boldsymbol{\nu}_1 \\ 1 & \text{if } \boldsymbol{\nu} = \boldsymbol{\nu}_2 \text{ or } \boldsymbol{\nu} = \boldsymbol{\nu}_3 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} .$$

365 Similarly, moves in $\mathcal{M}_2(\mathbf{x})$ are denoted by $\mathbf{b}_{\boldsymbol{\nu}}^-(\boldsymbol{\nu}_0, \boldsymbol{\nu}_1, \boldsymbol{\nu}_2, \boldsymbol{\nu}_3)$ and are gener-
366 ated by sequentially sampling:

- 367 1. $\nu_2 \in \chi_2(\mathbf{x}) = \bigcup_{t=1}^T \mathcal{X}_{2t}(\mathbf{x})$
 368 2. $s \in \{t : \nu_{2t} = 2\}$
 369 3. $\nu_3 \in \mathcal{X}_{3s}(\mathbf{x})$

370 and setting $\nu_0 = \nu_2 - 2\delta_t$ and $\nu_1 = \nu_3 - 2\delta_t$. The corresponding move has
 371 entries

$$(4) \quad b_{\nu}^{-}(\nu_0, \nu_1, \nu_2, \nu_3) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \nu = \nu_0 \text{ or } \nu = \nu_1 \\ -1 & \text{if } \nu = \nu_2 \text{ or } \nu = \nu_3 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} .$$

372 On the k^{th} iteration of our MCMC algorithm a proposal, \mathbf{x}^{prop} , is gener-
 373 ated by choosing whether to add or remove an error from the current con-
 374 figuration, $\mathbf{x}^{(k-1)}$ with equal probability and sampling a move as described
 375 above. The proposal density when adding an error is

$$(5) \quad q(\mathbf{x}^{\text{prop}} | \mathbf{x}^{(k-1)}) = \frac{.5}{\#\chi_1(\mathbf{x}^{(k-1)}) \cdot \#\{t : \nu_{1t} = 1\} \cdot \#\chi_{0s}(\mathbf{x}^{(k-1)})}$$

376 and when removing an error is

$$(6) \quad q(\mathbf{x}^{\text{prop}} | \mathbf{x}^{(k-1)}) = \frac{.5}{\#\chi_2(\mathbf{x}^{(k-1)}) \cdot \#\{t : \nu_{2t} = 2\} \cdot \#\chi_{3s}(\mathbf{x}^{(k-1)})}$$

377 where $\#\mathcal{S}$ denotes the cardinality of \mathcal{S} . If we propose to add an error and
 378 $\mathbf{x}^{(k-1)}$ contains no errors, $\chi_3(\mathbf{x}^{(k-1)}) = \emptyset$, or if we propose to remove an
 379 error and \mathbf{x} contains no correct identifications, $\chi_3(\mathbf{x}^{(k-1)}) = \emptyset$, then we set
 380 $\mathbf{x}^{(k)} = \mathbf{x}^{(k-1)}$ and continue to the next iteration. Full details are provided in
 381 Algorithm 2. Proof that the resulting chains converge to the joint posterior
 382 distribution of \mathbf{x} , ϕ , and \mathbf{p} is provided [Supplement A](#).

383 **6. Results.** In our analysis of the queen snake data we fit an initial
 384 CJS model to the original PIT tag data (Model 1). We then simulated data
 385 mimicking what might be observed from the branding data by generating
 386 new data from the estimated demographic parameters and adding errors
 387 following the BRE model using the observed identification rates, $\alpha = 8/9$
 388 and $\alpha = 6/9$. We refit the CJS model to each data set to assess the effects
 389 of errors that are not modelled (Model 2), and then fit the CJS/BRE model
 390 to the each data set using the methods described in Section 5 (Model 3).
 391 One hundred simulated data sets were generated for each value of α .

392 Analysis of the PIT tag data using maximum likelihood methods in Pro-
 393 gram MARK ([White and Burnham, 1999](#)) strongly supported a simplified
 394 CJS model which allowed the capture probabilities to vary independently

Initialise $\boldsymbol{\phi}^{(0)}$ and $\boldsymbol{p}^{(0)}$.

Initialise $\boldsymbol{x}^{(0)}$ so that $\boldsymbol{n} = \boldsymbol{A}\boldsymbol{x}^{(0)}$ and set $\boldsymbol{z}^{(0)} = \boldsymbol{B}\boldsymbol{x}^{(0)}$.

Set $k = 1$.

1. Update $\boldsymbol{\phi}$ and \boldsymbol{p} conditional on $\boldsymbol{z}^{(k-1)}$. Call the results $\boldsymbol{\phi}^{(k)}$ and $\boldsymbol{p}^{(k)}$.
2. Update \boldsymbol{x} and \boldsymbol{z} conditional on $\boldsymbol{\phi}^{(k)}$ and $\boldsymbol{p}^{(k)}$ as follows.
 - i) With probability .5 sample \boldsymbol{b} from $\mathcal{M}_1(\boldsymbol{x}^{(k-1)})$. If $\mathcal{M}_1(\boldsymbol{x}^{(k-1)}) = \emptyset$ then set $\boldsymbol{x}^{(k)} = \boldsymbol{x}^{(k-1)}$ and continue to step v).
Otherwise sample \boldsymbol{b} from $\mathcal{M}_2(\boldsymbol{x}^{(k-1)})$. If $\mathcal{M}_2(\boldsymbol{x}^{(k-1)}) = \emptyset$ then set $\boldsymbol{x}^{(k)} = \boldsymbol{x}^{(k-1)}$ and continue to step v).
 - ii) Set $\boldsymbol{x}^{\text{prop}} = \boldsymbol{x}^{(k-1)} + \boldsymbol{b}$.
 - iii) Calculate the Metropolis acceptance probability:

$$r(\boldsymbol{x}, \boldsymbol{x}^{\text{prop}} | \boldsymbol{\phi}^{(k)}, \boldsymbol{p}^{(k)}, \alpha) = \min \left\{ 1, \frac{\pi(\boldsymbol{x}^{\text{prop}} | \boldsymbol{n}, \boldsymbol{\phi}^{(k)}, \boldsymbol{p}^{(k)}, \alpha)}{\pi(\boldsymbol{x}^{(k-1)} | \boldsymbol{n}, \boldsymbol{\phi}^{(k)}, \boldsymbol{p}^{(k)}, \alpha)} \cdot \frac{q(\boldsymbol{x}^{(k-1)} | \boldsymbol{x}^{\text{prop}})}{q(\boldsymbol{x}^{\text{prop}} | \boldsymbol{x}^{(k-1)})} \right\}.$$

- iv) Set $\boldsymbol{x}^{(k)} = \boldsymbol{x}^{\text{prop}}$ with probability $r(\boldsymbol{x}, \boldsymbol{x}^{\text{prop}} | \boldsymbol{\phi}^{(k)}, \boldsymbol{p}^{(k)}, \alpha)$ and $\boldsymbol{x}^{(k)} = \boldsymbol{x}^{(k-1)}$ otherwise.
- v) Set $\boldsymbol{z}^{(k)} = \boldsymbol{B}\boldsymbol{x}^{(k)}$

3. Increment k .

Algorithm 2: Proposed algorithm for sampling from the posterior distribution of the CJS/BRE model using the dynamic Markov basis.

395 across all occasions but constrained survival to be equal on the final 8 occa-
 396 sions. The estimated survival probabilities were $\hat{\phi}_1 = 0.66$, $\hat{\phi}_2 = 1.00$, and
 397 $\hat{\phi}_3 = \dots = \hat{\phi}_9 = 0.93$. Clearly the overwintering survival rate, ϕ_1 , has the
 398 largest effect on the population and is of most interest.

399 Figure 1 compares the bias of the posterior means and the width and
 400 coverage of the central 95% credible intervals (CIs) for the three models.
 401 Fitting the standard CJS model to the data without errors (Model 1) pro-
 402 vides an estimate of ϕ_1 that is almost unbiased and 95% CIs with coverage
 403 above the nominal value. Fitting the same CJS model to the data with er-
 404 rors (Model 2) produced very poor results. When $\alpha = 8/9$ the estimated
 405 bias of $\hat{\phi}_1$ was 0.15 (23%) and the coverage of ϕ_1 was only 47%. The bias
 406 increased one and a half times to 0.24 (36%) and the coverage dropped to
 407 only 6% when α decreased to 6/9. In comparison, the posterior mean of ϕ_1
 408 from the CJS/BRE model (Model 3) was negligibly biased for both levels
 409 of error and coverage of the 95% CI again exceeded the nominal rate. As
 410 expected, credible intervals from Model 3 were wider than those from Model
 411 1 to account for the extra uncertainty introduced by the errors. All models
 412 produced estimates of ϕ_2 that were biased because the true parameter lies

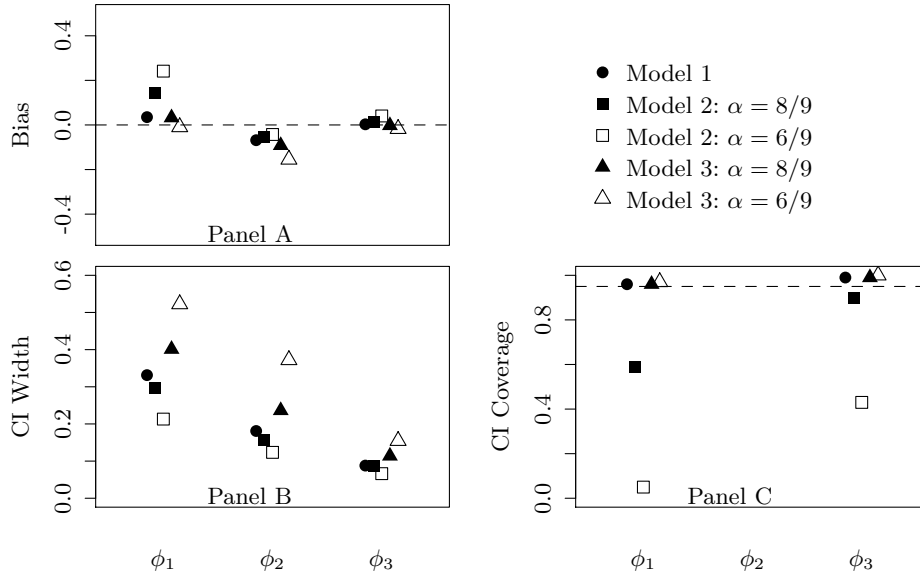


FIG 1. Results of the analysis of the queen snake data. The three panels present the estimate bias of the posterior means (Panel A) and the estimated width (Panel B) and coverage probability (Panel C) of the 95% credible interval for the survival probabilities for the three models described in Section 6. The different models are indicated by the shape of the plotting symbol. The rates of error are for Models 2 and 3 indicated by the colour of the symbol. Coverage of ϕ_2 is not reported because the true parameter lies on the boundary of the parameter space.

413 on the boundary of the parameter space. Coverage of this parameter was
 414 zero for all models and is not reported. The posterior mean of ϕ_2 from Model
 415 3 was significantly more biased than that of Model 1, underestimating ϕ_2
 416 by 9% when $\alpha = 8/9$ and 16% when $\alpha = 6/9$. This is due to there being
 417 more significant shrinkage toward the prior mean of 0.50 when there is more
 418 uncertainty in the data.

419 **7. Computational Efficiency.** Not only does the dynamic Markov
 420 basis allow us to fit the CJS/BRE model when T is large, but it also leads
 421 to more efficient sampling when the full Markov basis can be computed.
 422 To illustrate this, we present results from analysing a single simulated data
 423 set with $T = 4$ capture occasions (the largest number for which we can
 424 compute the Markov basis using `4ti2`). Data was generated for a sample
 425 of 30 individuals with constant survival probability $\phi_1 = \phi_2 = \phi_3 = .8$,
 426 constant capture probability $p_2 = p_3 = p_4 = .5$, and error rate $\alpha = .5$.

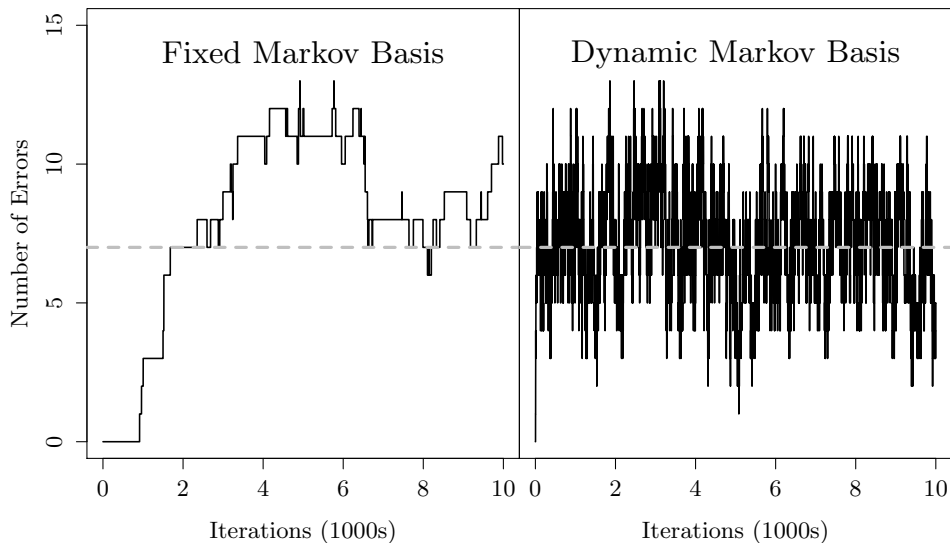


FIG 2. Comparison of the chains sampling from the posterior distribution of the CJS/BRE model applied to the simulated data. The figures trace the number of errors in \mathbf{x} for the algorithms using the fixed basis (left) and dynamic basis (right). The grey dotted lines represent the true number of errors in the data set.

427 Samples from the joint posterior distribution of \mathbf{x} and \mathbf{z} were then drawn
 428 using Step 1 Algorithm 1 and Step 2 of of Algorithm 2 while keeping ϕ and
 429 \mathbf{p} fixed at their true values.

430 We assessed how well the chains mixed by comparing the acceptance
 431 rates and the number of unique solutions for \mathbf{x} identified. The chain con-
 432 structed using Algorithm 1 identified a total of 79 unique configurations
 433 among the 7,500 values of \mathbf{x} sampled after the burn-in phase. Less than 1%
 434 of the proposed configurations were accepted. In comparison, the chain con-
 435 structed with Algorithm 2 identified 2548 unique configurations and 38%
 436 of the proposed configurations were accepted. Figure 2 provides traceplots of
 437 the chains using the number of errors in the configurations sampled on each
 438 accept/reject step as a metric. These summaries all make it clear that the
 439 chain constructed from Algorithm 2 is mixing and moving through the fibre
 440 much more quickly than the chain constructed from Algorithm 1.

441 **8. Discussion.** The results in Section 6 clearly illustrate the problems
 442 with misidentification. The overwintering survival probability was overesti-
 443 mated by 23% or 36% depending on the error rate and coverage of the 95%

444 CIs was always less than 50%. In comparison, estimates from the CJS/BRE
 445 model were almost unbiased and the credible intervals had above nomi-
 446 nal coverage. The extra uncertainty in the error does increase the posterior
 447 variances and the obvious recommendation is to reduce error rates experi-
 448 mentally by using marks that are clearer or tagging individuals twice. Un-
 449 certainty could also be reduced by pairing observers or simply by increasing
 450 the number of hours spent in the field to raise capture rates. Of course, these
 451 measures would increase expense, and we are currently assessing the costs
 452 and benefits of these options.

453 Although we have focused on the CJS/BRE model, we believe that the
 454 methods presented in Section 5 should be applicable to broad range of mark-
 455 recapture models with possible errors. As a second example, we describe the
 456 application of these methods to model $M_{t\alpha}$ in Supplement B. However, the
 457 framework described in Section 5.1 can incorporate more complex mod-
 458 els of both the capture and error processes than the original LMM and is
 459 particularly useful when the distribution of the joint histories described by
 460 the combining processes is intractable. The algorithm based on dynamic
 461 Markov bases presented in Section 5.2 essentially entails moving through
 462 \mathcal{F}_n by adding or removing errors one at a time, and we expect that the
 463 same procedure can be applied to an even broader set of models, with two
 464 important caveats. First, it must be possible to write the model in terms of
 465 the two linear constraints described in the extended framework. This will
 466 not always be the case and does not happen if we extend the BRE model so
 467 that individual i can be captured on occasion t and another individual can
 468 be captured and identified as individual i at the same time. We are working
 469 to extend these models to allow for such events. The second caveat is that
 470 the Markov chains derived from the new algorithm may not be irreducible if
 471 the posterior distribution assigns probability zero to some elements in \mathcal{F}_n .
 472 This might occur if certain configurations of the errors can be ruled out *a*
 473 *priori*, and would require the Markov basis to be expanded further.

474 An important issue that remains is how the connectivity of \mathcal{F}_n and the
 475 efficiency of the chains are affected by different dynamic Markov bases. In
 476 the methods of Dobra (2012), moves are generated on each iteration of the
 477 MCMC algorithm by sampling $M \in \{1, 2, \dots, J\}$ according to some density
 478 $g(\cdot)$, randomly sampling a permutation function $\delta(\cdot)$ from the set of all
 479 permutations of the indices of \mathbf{x} , and sequentially resampling the counts in
 480 the first M cells in $\delta(\mathbf{x})$ to maintain the linear constraint. The moves in our
 481 dynamic Markov basis comprise a subset of these moves for which 1) $M = 4$,
 482 2) the set of permutations is restricted so that the first four cells belong to
 483 $\xi_{0t}(\mathbf{x})$, $\xi_{1t}(\mathbf{x})$, $\xi_{2t}(\mathbf{x})$, and $\xi_{3t}(\mathbf{x})$ respectively for some t , and 3) the counts in

484 these cells are modified by adding or subtracting the vector $(-1, -1, 1, 1)'$.
 485 Both bases connect the fibre and produce irreducible Markov chains. The
 486 basis of [Dobra \(2012\)](#) contains many more moves and has the advantage
 487 that the chains will sometimes make larger jumps in \mathcal{F}_n . However, this will
 488 probably reduce the acceptance rate. Exploring the balance between these
 489 extremes to produce efficient samples is a topic requiring further research.

APPENDIX A: CORMACK-JOLLY-SEBER MODEL

490 The basic assumptions of the CJS model are that (see e.g. [Seber \(2002,](#)
 491 pg. 196)):

- 492 1. Each individual alive on occasion t survives to occasion $t + 1$ with
 493 probability ϕ_t .
- 494 2. Each individual alive on occasion t is captured with probability p_t .
- 495 3. All individuals are correctly identified when captured (i.e., marks are
 496 not lost or misread).
- 497 4. All events are independent.

498 Given these assumptions, probabilities are assigned to the capture histories
 499 conditional on the first release of each individual. For example, the proba-
 500 bility assigned to the history $\omega = 01010$ is

$$f(\omega|\phi, \mathbf{p}) = \phi_2(1 - p_3)\phi_3p_4(\phi_4(1 - p_5) + (1 - \phi_4)).$$

501 The final term accounts for the possibility that the individual was not ob-
 502 served on occasion 5 either because it did not survive or survived and was
 503 not captured. The likelihood can then be written as a product multinomial
 504 so that:

$$f(\mathbf{n}|\phi, \mathbf{p}) \propto \prod_{i=1}^I f(\omega_i|\phi, \mathbf{p})^{n_i}.$$

APPENDIX B: NOTATION

Algebraic Statistics and Markov Bases:

\mathcal{F}_n	n -fibre, $\mathcal{F}_n = \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{N}^J : \mathbf{n} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}\}$.
\mathcal{B}	Lattice basis for $\ker(\mathbf{A})$.
\mathcal{M}	Markov basis for $\ker(\mathbf{A})$.
$\mathcal{M}(\mathbf{x})$	Dynamic Markov basis for $\ker(\mathbf{A})$ computed at \mathbf{x} .

Extended LMM:

n_{Tot}	Number of distinct individuals captured and marked.
ω_i	Observed capture history for the i^{th} marked individual.
ν_i	Latent error history for the i^{th} marked individual.
ξ_i	Latent capture history for the i^{th} marked individual.
\mathbf{n}	Observed vector of counts for the observable histories (indexed by either i and ω).
\mathbf{x}	Unknown vector of counts for the latent error histories (indexed by either j and ν).
\mathbf{z}	Unknown vector of counts for the latent capture histories (indexed by either k and ξ).
I	Length of \mathbf{n} . For the CJS/BRE model $I = 2^T - 2$.
J	Length of \mathbf{x} . For the CJS/BRE model $J = (4^T - 1)/3 - 1$.
K	Length of \mathbf{z} . For the CJS/BRE model $K = 2^T - 2$.
\mathbf{A}	$I \times J$ matrix mapping \mathbf{x} onto \mathbf{n} , $\mathbf{n} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}$.
\mathbf{B}	$K \times J$ matrix mapping \mathbf{x} onto \mathbf{z} , $\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{B}\mathbf{x}$.
θ_1	Parameters in the model of \mathbf{z} .
θ_2	Parameters in the conditional model of \mathbf{x} given \mathbf{z} .

Band-Read Error Model:

p_t	Capture probability: the probability that an individual alive on occasion t is captured, $t = 2, \dots, T$.
ϕ_t	Survival probability: the probability that an individual is alive on occasion $t+1$ given that it was alive on occasion t , $t = 1, \dots, T-1$.
α	Correct identification rate: the probability that a captured individual is identified correctly.

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SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL

507 **Supplement A: Proof of Convergence**
 508 (<http://www.e-publications.org/ims/support/download/imsart-ims.zip>). Proof
 509 that the chains generated by Algorithm 2 converge to the correct distribu-
 510 tion.

511 **Supplement B: Model $M_{t\alpha}$**
 512 (<http://www.e-publications.org/ims/support/download/imsart-ims.zip>). Ap-

513 plication of the extended framework with dynamic Markov bases to model
 514 $M_{t\alpha}$.

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1 SUPPLEMENT TO
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9 **Supplement A: Proof of Convergence.** To prove that chains gener-
 10 ated from Algorithm 2 from the manuscript converge to the correct distri-
 11 bution, we need to satisfy three conditions: 1) that Step 1 produces chains
 12 which converge to $\pi(\phi, \mathbf{p}|\mathbf{z})$ for any \mathbf{z} such that $\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{B}\mathbf{x}$ for some $\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{F}_n$, 2)
 13 that Step 2 produces chains which converge to $\pi(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{n}, \phi, \mathbf{p}, \alpha)$ for any ϕ and
 14 \mathbf{p} in the parameter space, and 3) that the joint posterior distribution satis-
 15 fies the positivity condition of (Robert and Casella, 2010, pg. 345). Sampling
 16 from $\pi(\phi, \mathbf{p}|\mathbf{z})$ is equivalent to sampling from the posterior distribution for
 17 a simple CJS model. This is now standard (Link et al., 2002, see e.g.), and
 18 so we assume that Condition 1 is satisfied. It is also simple to show that the
 19 positivity constraint is satisfied given that the prior distributions for ϕ and
 20 \mathbf{p} are positive over all of $(0, 1)^T \times (0, 1)^{T-1}$, as assumed in Section 5 of the
 21 original manuscript. It remains to show that Condition 2 holds.

22 We assume here that \mathcal{F}_n contains at least two elements. The fibre always
 23 contains at least one element with no errors which we denote by \mathbf{x}^\emptyset . The
 24 entries of this element are

$$x_\nu^\emptyset = \begin{cases} n_\nu & \text{if } \nu \text{ is observable} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} .$$

25 Cases in which $\mathcal{F}_n = \{\mathbf{x}^\emptyset\}$ arise when no errors could have occurred, for
 26 example, if no individuals were ever recaptured. These situations are easily
 27 identified and there is no need to sample from the joint posterior of both \mathbf{x}
 28 and θ in such cases since $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}^\emptyset$ with probability one.

29 Some useful results that are easy to prove are:

- 30 1. that any configuration of the latent error histories within the fibre has
 31 positive probability under the conditional posterior for all values of
 32 the parameters in the parameter space,

33 LEMMA 1. *If $\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{F}_n$ then $\pi(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{n}, \phi, \mathbf{p}, \alpha) > 0$ for all values of ϕ and*
 34 *\mathbf{p} in the parameter space.*

35 2. that the local sets within the dynamic Markov basis are symmetric,

36 LEMMA 2. *Let $\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{F}_n$. If $\mathbf{b}^+ \in \mathcal{M}_1(\mathbf{x})$ then $-\mathbf{b}^+ \in \mathcal{M}_2(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b}^+)$ and*
 37 *if $\mathbf{b}^- \in \mathcal{M}_2(\mathbf{x})$ then $-\mathbf{b}^- \in \mathcal{M}_1(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b}^-)$.*

38 3. that all proposals remain inside \mathcal{F}_n ,

39 LEMMA 3. *Let $\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{F}_n$. If $\mathbf{b} \in \mathcal{M}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathcal{M}_1(\mathbf{x}) \cup \mathcal{M}_2(\mathbf{x})$ then $\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b} \in$*
 40 *\mathcal{F}_n .*

41 4. that there is a unique element \mathbf{x}^\emptyset in \mathcal{F}_n with no errors.

42 LEMMA 4. *Suppose that $\mathbf{x}^\emptyset \in \mathcal{F}_n$. Then $e_t(\mathbf{x}^\emptyset) = 0 \forall t = 2, \dots, T$ if*
 43 *and only if*

$$x_\nu^\emptyset = \begin{cases} n_\nu & \text{if } \nu \text{ is observable} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} .$$

44 First we establish irreducibility. Proposition 1 implies that there is a path
 45 connecting any two elements in the fibre while Proposition 2 implies that
 46 each step, and hence the entire path, has positive probability under the
 47 transition kernel. Together, these show that that the chains are irreducible.

48 PROPOSITION 1. *For any distinct $\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2 \in \mathcal{F}_n$ there exists a sequence of*
 49 *moves $\mathbf{b}_1, \dots, \mathbf{b}_L$ such that:*

- 50 1. $\mathbf{b}_{L'} \in \mathcal{M}\left(\mathbf{x}_1 + \sum_{l=1}^{L'-1} \mathbf{b}_l\right)$ for all $L' = 1, \dots, L$
- 51 2. $\mathbf{x}_1 + \sum_{l=1}^{L'} \mathbf{b}_l \in \mathcal{F}_n$ for all $L' = 1, \dots, L-1$, and
- 52 3. $\mathbf{x}_2 = \mathbf{x}_1 + \sum_{l=1}^L \mathbf{b}_l$,

53 where we take $\mathbf{x}_1 + \sum_{l=1}^0 \mathbf{b}_l = \mathbf{x}_1$.

54 PROOF. Our proof follows by (reverse) induction on the number of errors.
 55 Suppose that $e_t(\mathbf{x}_1) > 0$ for some t . Then $\mathcal{X}_{2t}(\mathbf{x}_1)$ and $\mathcal{X}_{3t}(\mathbf{x}_1)$ are both non-
 56 empty and $\exists \mathbf{b}_{11}^- \in \mathcal{M}_2(\mathbf{x}_1)$. Then $e_t(\mathbf{x}_1 + \mathbf{b}_{11}^-) = e_t(\mathbf{x}_1) - 1$ and $\mathbf{x}_1 + \mathbf{b}_{11}^- \in \mathcal{F}_n$
 57 by Lemma 3. Repeating this procedure $L_1 = \sum_{t=2}^T e_t(\mathbf{x}_1)$ times, we find
 58 $\mathbf{b}_{11}^-, \dots, \mathbf{b}_{1L_1}^-$ such that

- 59 1. $\mathbf{b}_{1L'}^- \in \mathcal{M}_2(\mathbf{x}_1 + \sum_{l=1}^{L'-1} \mathbf{b}_{1l}^-)$ for $L' = 1, \dots, L_1$,
- 60 2. $\mathbf{x}_1 + \sum_{l=1}^{L'} \mathbf{b}_{1l}^- \in \mathcal{F}_n$ for all $L' = 1, \dots, L_1$, and

61 3. $e_t(\mathbf{x}_1 + \sum_{l=1}^{L_1} \mathbf{b}_{1l}^-) = 0$.

62 It follows from Lemma 4 that $\mathbf{x}_1 + \sum_{l=1}^{L_1} \mathbf{b}_{1l}^- = \mathbf{x}^\emptyset$. By the same argument,
 63 $\exists \mathbf{b}_{21}^-, \dots, \mathbf{b}_{2L_2}^-$ such that

- 64 1. $\mathbf{b}_{2l}^- \in \mathcal{M}_2(\mathbf{x}_2 + \sum_{l=1}^{L'-1} \mathbf{b}_{2l}^-)$ for $L' = 1, \dots, L_2$,
 65 2. $\mathbf{x}_2 + \sum_{l=1}^{L'} \mathbf{b}_{2l}^- \in \mathcal{F}_n$ for all $L' = 1, \dots, L_2$, and
 66 3. $\mathbf{x}_2 + \sum_{l=1}^{L_2} \mathbf{b}_{2l}^- = \mathbf{x}^\emptyset$.

67 Moreover, $-\mathbf{b}_{2,L_2-l+1}^- \in M_1(\mathbf{x}^\emptyset + \sum_{l=0}^{L'-1} -\mathbf{b}_{2,L_2-l}^-)$ for all $L' = 1, \dots, L_2$
 68 by Lemma 2. Then the sequence $\mathbf{b}_1, \dots, \mathbf{b}_L$ where $L = L_1 + L_2$, $\mathbf{b}_l = \mathbf{b}_{1l}^-$
 69 for $l = 1, \dots, L_1$, and $\mathbf{b}_{L_1+l} = -\mathbf{b}_{2,L_2-l+1}^-$ for $l = 1, \dots, L_2$ satisfies the
 70 conditions of the proposition. Note that half of this argument suffices if
 71 either $\mathbf{x}_1 = \mathbf{x}^\emptyset$ or $\mathbf{x}_2 = \mathbf{x}^\emptyset$. \square

72 PROPOSITION 2. Let $\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{F}_n$. If $\mathbf{b} \in \mathcal{M}(\mathbf{x})$ then $P(\mathbf{x}^{(k+1)} = \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b} | \mathbf{x}^{(k)} =$
 73 $\mathbf{x}) > 0$.

74 PROOF. Suppose that $\mathbf{b} \in \mathcal{M}_1(\mathbf{x})$ and let $\mathbf{x}' = \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b}$. Then $-\mathbf{b} \in \mathcal{M}_2(\mathbf{x}')$
 75 by Lemma 2. Direct calculation of equations (5) and (6) shows that both
 76 $q(\mathbf{x}' | \mathbf{x}) > 0$ and $q(\mathbf{x} | \mathbf{x}') > 0$. Combined with Lemma 1 it follows that
 77 $r(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}' | \phi^{(k)}, \mathbf{p}^{(k)}, \alpha)$ (defined in Step 2, Substep iii of Algorithm 2) is positive
 78 and hence that $P(\mathbf{x}^{(k+1)} = \mathbf{x}' | \mathbf{x}^{(k)} = \mathbf{x}) = q(\mathbf{x}' | \mathbf{x}) \cdot r(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}' | \phi^{(k)}, \mathbf{p}^{(k)}, \alpha) > 0$.
 79 A similar argument shows that $P(\mathbf{x}^{(k+1)} = \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b} | \mathbf{x}^{(k)} = \mathbf{x}) > 0$ for all
 80 $\mathbf{b} \in \mathcal{M}_2(\mathbf{x})$. \square

81 We establish aperiodicity by showing that there is positive probability of
 82 holding at \mathbf{x}^\emptyset .

83 PROPOSITION 3. If $\mathbf{x}^{(k)} = \mathbf{x}^\emptyset$ then $P(\mathbf{x}^{(k+1)} = \mathbf{x}_0 | \mathbf{x}^{(k)} = \mathbf{x}_0) \geq .5$.

84 PROOF. The set $\mathcal{M}_2(\mathbf{x}^\emptyset)$ is empty since there are no errors to remove from
 85 \mathbf{x}^\emptyset . However, Algorithm 2 still proposes to draw a move from $\mathcal{M}_2(\mathbf{x}^\emptyset)$ with
 86 probability .5. When this occurs we set $\mathbf{x}^{(k+1)} = \mathbf{x}^{(k)}$ so that $P(\mathbf{x}^{(k+1)} =$
 87 $\mathbf{x}^\emptyset | \mathbf{x}^{(k)} = \mathbf{x}^\emptyset) \geq .5$. \square

88 This shows that \mathbf{x}^\emptyset is an aperiodic state and hence that the entire chain is
 89 aperiodic (Cinlar, 1975, pg. 125)

90 Since the fibre is finite, irreducibility and aperiodicity are sufficient to en-
 91 sure that the chains have a unique stationary distribution which is also the
 92 limiting distribution (see Cinlar, 1975, Corollary 2.11). That this distribu-
 93 tion is equal to the target distribution is guaranteed by the detailed balance

94 condition of the MH algorithm which holds under Proposition 4 (Liu, 2004,
95 pg. 111).

96 PROPOSITION 4. *If $q(\mathbf{x}'|\mathbf{x}) > 0$ then $q(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{x}') > 0$ for all $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}' \in \mathcal{F}_n$.*

97 PROOF. Suppose that $q(\mathbf{x}'|\mathbf{x}) > 0$. Then either $\mathbf{x}' - \mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{M}_1(\mathbf{x})$ or $\mathbf{x}' -$
98 $\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{M}_2(\mathbf{x})$. If $\mathbf{x}' - \mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{M}_1(\mathbf{x})$ then $\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}' \in \mathcal{M}_2(\mathbf{x}')$ by Lemma 2 and
99 $q(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{x}') > 0$. Similarly, if $\mathbf{x}' - \mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{M}_2(\mathbf{x})$ then $\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}' \in \mathcal{M}_1(\mathbf{x}')$ and
100 $q(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{x}') > 0$. \square

101 This completes our proof that the Markov chains produced by Algorithm
102 2 have unique limiting distribution $\pi(\mathbf{x}, \phi, \mathbf{p}|\mathbf{n}, \alpha)$ so that realisations from
103 the tail of a converged chain can be used to approximate properties of the
104 joint posterior distribution of \mathbf{x} , ϕ , and \mathbf{p} .

105 **Supplement B: Model $M_{t\alpha}$.** Here we show how the model described
106 by Link et al. (2010) can be fit into the extended model using a dynamic
107 Markov basis to sample from the posterior distribution. Model $M_{t\alpha}$ extends
108 the standard closed population model with time dependent capture prob-
109 abilities by allowing for individuals to be misidentified. Specifically, $M_{t\alpha}$
110 assumes that individuals are identified correctly with probability α on each
111 capture and that errors do not duplicate observed marks in that one marked
112 individual cannot be identified as another marked individual and that the
113 same error can never occur twice. This means that each error creates a new
114 recorded history with a single non-zero entry. For example, suppose that
115 $T = 3$ and that individual i is captured on the first occasion, recaptured
116 and misidentified on the second occasion, and not captured on the third oc-
117 casion. The true capture history for this individual, including errors, is 120,
118 where the event 2 denotes that the individual was captured and misidenti-
119 fied. The individual would then contribute two recorded histories, 100 and
120 010, to the observed data set.

121 *Extended Formulation.* As with the CJS/BRE model, we cast model
122 $M_{t\alpha}$ into the new framework by 1) identifying the sets of observable capture
123 histories, latent error histories, and latent capture histories, 2) constructing
124 the linear constraints matrices for the corresponding count vectors, and 3)
125 identifying the components of the likelihood function. For an experiment
126 with T occasions, the set of observable capture histories contains all 2^{T-1}
127 histories in $\{0, 1\}^T$ excluding the unobservable zero history, the set of latent
128 error histories includes all 3^T histories in $\{0, 1, 2\}^T$, and the set of latent
129 capture histories includes all 2^T histories in $\{0, 1\}^T$. The matrix \mathbf{A} is defined

130 exactly as in Link et al. (2010): $A_{ij} = 1$ if the i^{th} observable history is
 131 observed from the j^{th} latent error history and $A_{ij} = 0$ otherwise. Similarly,
 132 $B_{kj} = 1$ if the k^{th} latent capture history has the same pattern of captures as
 133 the j^{th} latent error history. Mathematically, let $\boldsymbol{\omega}_i$, $\boldsymbol{\nu}_j$, and $\boldsymbol{\xi}_k$ represent the
 134 i^{th} , j^{th} , and k^{th} observable history, latent error history, and latent capture
 135 history for some implicit orderings. Then

$$A_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \omega_{it} = I(\nu_{jt} = 1) \text{ for all } t = 1, \dots, T \\ & \text{or if } \omega_i = \boldsymbol{\delta}_t \text{ and } \nu_{jt} = 2 \text{ for some } t \in \{1, \dots, T\} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

136 and

$$B_{kj} = \begin{cases} 1 & \xi_{kt} = I(\nu_{jt} = 1) + I(\nu_{jt} = 2) \text{ for all } t = 1, \dots, T \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} .$$

137 Here $\boldsymbol{\delta}_t$ represents t^{th} column of the $T \times T$ identity matrix (i.e., the vector
 138 with a single 1 in the t^{th} entry). Finally, the two components of the likelihood
 139 function are

$$\pi(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{p}) = \frac{N!}{\prod_{\boldsymbol{\xi} \in \mathcal{Z}} z_{\boldsymbol{\xi}}!} \prod_{\boldsymbol{\xi} \in \mathcal{Z}} \left[\prod_{k=1}^K p_k^{I(\xi_k=1)} (1-p_k)^{I(\xi_k=0)} \right]^{z_{\boldsymbol{\xi}}}$$

140 and

$$\pi(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\alpha}) = \frac{\prod_{\boldsymbol{\xi} \in \mathcal{Z}} z_{\boldsymbol{\xi}}!}{\prod_{\boldsymbol{\nu} \in \mathcal{X}} x_{\boldsymbol{\nu}}!} \prod_{\boldsymbol{\nu} \in \mathcal{X}} \left[\prod_{k=1}^K \alpha^{I(\nu_k=1)} (1-\alpha)^{I(\nu_k=2)} \right]^{x_{\boldsymbol{\nu}}}$$

141 Here $N = \sum_{\boldsymbol{\xi} \in \mathcal{Z}} z_{\boldsymbol{\xi}}^T$ represents the true population size. Note that the prod-
 142 uct of these two contributions exactly reconstructs the single likelihood func-
 143 tion for $M_{t\alpha}$ defined by Link et al. (2010, eqns 6 and 7).

144 *Dynamic Moves.* We can again generate a dynamic Markov basis by
 145 selecting from a set of moves which add or remove errors from the current
 146 configuration. An extra step is also needed on each iteration of the algorithm
 147 to update the count of the unobserved individuals, $\boldsymbol{\nu}_0$.

148 Let $\chi_{\nu t}(\mathbf{x}) = \{\boldsymbol{\nu} : \nu_t = \nu \text{ and } x_{\boldsymbol{\nu}} > 0\}$ be the set of latent error histories
 149 with event ν on occasion t and positive counts in \mathbf{x} . As with the CJS/BRE
 150 model, we define $\mathcal{M}(\mathbf{x})$ as the union of two sets: $\mathcal{M}_1(\mathbf{x})$ containing moves

151 which add errors and $\mathcal{M}_2(\mathbf{x})$ containing moves which remove errors. Each
 152 move in the dynamic Markov basis modifies the counts of three latent error
 153 histories. Moves in $\mathcal{M}_1(\mathbf{x})$ are defined by sampling one history $\boldsymbol{\nu}_0 \in \chi_{0t}(\mathbf{x})$
 154 for some t and are denoted by $\mathbf{b}(\boldsymbol{\nu}_0)$. The other two latent error histories,
 155 $\boldsymbol{\nu}_1$ and $\boldsymbol{\nu}_2$, are defined by setting $\boldsymbol{\nu}_1 = \delta_t$ and $\boldsymbol{\nu}_2 = \boldsymbol{\nu}_0 + 2\delta_t$. The move $\mathbf{b}(\boldsymbol{\nu}_0)$
 156 is then defined by setting

$$b_{\boldsymbol{\nu}}(\boldsymbol{\nu}_0) = \begin{cases} -1 & \text{if } \boldsymbol{\nu} = \boldsymbol{\nu}_0 \text{ or } \boldsymbol{\nu} = \boldsymbol{\nu}_1 \\ 1 & \text{if } \boldsymbol{\nu} = \boldsymbol{\nu}_2 \end{cases} .$$

157 Similarly, moves in $\mathcal{M}_2(\mathbf{x})$, denoted by $\mathbf{b}(\boldsymbol{\nu}_2)$, are defined by sampling a
 158 history $\boldsymbol{\nu}_2 \in \chi_{2t}(\mathbf{x})$ for some t , setting

$$\boldsymbol{\nu}_1 = \delta_t$$

159 and

$$\nu_{0s} = \begin{cases} 0 & s = t \\ \nu_{2s} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad t = 1, \dots, T.$$

160 The move $\mathbf{b}(\boldsymbol{\nu}_2)$ is then defined by setting

$$b_{\boldsymbol{\nu}}(\boldsymbol{\nu}_2) = \begin{cases} -1 & \text{if } \boldsymbol{\nu} = \boldsymbol{\nu}_2 \\ 1 & \text{if } \boldsymbol{\nu} = \boldsymbol{\nu}_0 \text{ or } \boldsymbol{\nu} = \boldsymbol{\nu}_1 \end{cases} .$$

161 If we assume that the decision to add or remove an error are each chosen with
 162 probability .5 and that histories are sampled uniformly from $\chi_{0\cdot} = \bigcup_{t=1}^T \chi_{0t}$
 163 and $\chi_{2\cdot} = \bigcup_{t=1}^T \chi_{2t}$, when adding or removing an error respectively, then the
 164 proposal densities for the moves $\mathbf{x}' = \mathbf{x}^{(k-1)} + \mathbf{b}(\boldsymbol{\nu}_0)$ and $\mathbf{x}' = \mathbf{x}^{(k-1)} + \mathbf{b}(\boldsymbol{\nu}_2)$
 165 are given by

$$q(\mathbf{x}' | \mathbf{x}^{(k-1)}) = \frac{.5}{\#\chi_{0\cdot}(\mathbf{x}^{(k-1)}) \cdot \#\{t : \nu_{0t} = 1\}}$$

166 and

$$q(\mathbf{x}' | \mathbf{x}^{(k-1)}) = \frac{.5}{\#\chi_{2\cdot}(\mathbf{x}^{(k-1)}) \cdot \#\{t : \nu_{2t} = 2\}} .$$

167 As in the algorithm for the CJS/BRE, we retain $\mathbf{x}^{(k-1)}$ with probability 1
 168 if an empty set is encountered in one of these processes or if the selected
 169 move reduces any of the counts in \mathbf{x} below zero. Details of the full algo-
 170 rithm for sampling from the posterior distribution of model $M_{t\alpha}$ are given
 171 in Algorithm 3.

Initialise $\mathbf{p}^{(0)}$ and α .
 Initialise $\mathbf{x}^{(0)}$ so that $\mathbf{n} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}^{(0)}$ and set $\mathbf{z}^{(0)} = \mathbf{B}\mathbf{x}^{(0)}$.
 Set $k = 1$.

1. Update \mathbf{p} and α conditional on $\mathbf{x}^{(k-1)}$ and $\mathbf{z}^{(k-1)}$. Call the results $\mathbf{p}^{(k)}$ and $\alpha^{(k)}$.
2. Update \mathbf{x} and \mathbf{z} conditional on and $\mathbf{p}^{(k)}$ and $\alpha^{(k)}$ as follows.
 - i) With probability .5 sample \mathbf{b} from $\mathcal{M}_1(\mathbf{x}^{(k-1)})$. If $\mathcal{M}_1(\mathbf{x}^{(k-1)}) = \emptyset$ then set $\mathbf{x}^{(k)} = \mathbf{x}^{(k-1)}$ and continue to step v).
 Otherwise sample \mathbf{b} from $\mathcal{M}_2(\mathbf{x}^{(k-1)})$. If $\mathcal{M}_2(\mathbf{x}^{(k-1)}) = \emptyset$ then set $\mathbf{x}^{(k)} = \mathbf{x}^{(k-1)}$ and continue to step v).
 - ii) Set $\mathbf{x}^{\text{prop}} = \mathbf{x}^{(k-1)} + \mathbf{b}$. If $x'_j < 0$ for any $j = 1, \dots, J$ set $\mathbf{x}^{(k)} = \mathbf{x}^{(k-1)}$ and continue to step v).
 - iii) Calculate the Metropolis acceptance probability:

$$r(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}^{\text{prop}} | \mathbf{p}^{(k)}, \alpha) = \min \left\{ 1, \frac{\pi(\mathbf{x}^{\text{prop}} | \mathbf{n}, \mathbf{p}^{(k)}, \alpha)}{\pi(\mathbf{x}^{(k-1)} | \mathbf{n}, \mathbf{p}^{(k)}, \alpha)} \cdot \frac{q(\mathbf{x}^{(k-1)} | \mathbf{x}^{\text{prop}})}{q(\mathbf{x}^{\text{prop}} | \mathbf{x}^{(k-1)})} \right\}.$$

- iv) Set $\mathbf{x}^{(k)} = \mathbf{x}^{\text{prop}}$ with probability $r(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}^{\text{prop}} | \mathbf{p}^{(k)}, \alpha)$ and $\mathbf{x}^{(k)} = \mathbf{x}^{(k-1)}$ otherwise.
- v) Set $\mathbf{z}^{(k)} = \mathbf{B}\mathbf{x}^{(k)}$

3. Increment k .

Algorithm 3: Proposed algorithm for sampling from the posterior distribution of Model $M_{t\alpha}$ using the dynamic Markov basis.

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