

Supporting information S1 to **“Methods to detect spatial biases in tracking studies caused by differential representativeness of individuals, populations, and time”**

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Description:

Here we show (1) the process to generate the simulated datasets for the power and performance tests of the IndEffectTest function, (2) the process to test the function and (3) the results of the test on different sampling sizes and sampling frequencies. The results of the power tests for different levels of individual site fidelity are shown in the main test. The code for all functions can be found in the *functions* folder, and the code for the different performance tests in the *simulations* folder of the GitHub repository at https://github.com/VirginiaMorera/Tracking_data_analysis

Generating the simulated datasets

In order to generate the simulated tracks, correlated random walk movement models were used via the `state.CRW()` and `simulate()` functions in the package 'SiMRiv' (Quaglietta L 2019). We generated a dataset of 10 trips for 10 different individuals (100 trips in total).

To simulate the effect of individual site fidelity (animals have a strong preference for a section of the available area), for each individual we generate a resistance surface (package 'raster') with a "hole" of null resistance (hereafter *allowed area*). Then, we generate the 10 tracks for each individual within that resistance surface, so the positions will be predominantly in the *allowed area*, thus simulating the preference for that area. To generate datasets with decreasing degrees of ISF, we sequentially decrease the level of resistance in the resistance surface outside the *allowed area*, from 1 (maximum level of resistance) to 0 (no resistance outside the *allowed area*, either). A detailed walkthrough of the process can be found at http://rpubs.com/V_Morera-Pujol/supmat.

Testing the function

Three different types of tests were performed using simulated datasets. First of all, to test whether the function would detect individual site fidelity, at varying degrees of fidelity, we generated datasets with sequentially decreasing levels of fidelity and run the test in each of them, then comparing the results. We did this for datasets simulating foraging trios from central-place foraging individuals, but from a hypothetical non-colonial species (trips with different origins for each individual, Fig. S1). The results of the power test are shown and discussed in the main text.

Additional tests

With a dataset simulating high ISF for a simulated non-colonial species, and performed additional tests for the effect of sampling frequency (original dataset, subset every 5th position, and subset every 10th position), and for different levels of sampling effort unbalance among individuals. Our results on the sampling frequency test indicate that the function is able to detect ISF in the original dataset as well as a dataset thinned for every 5th and every 10th location. Lastly, our results on the sampling unbalance test demonstrate that the ISF test is also robust to sampling unbalances. All the code and results of the power test, sampling frequency and sampling unbalance tests can be found in the detailed walkthrough at http://rpubs.com/V_Morera-Pujol/supmat.

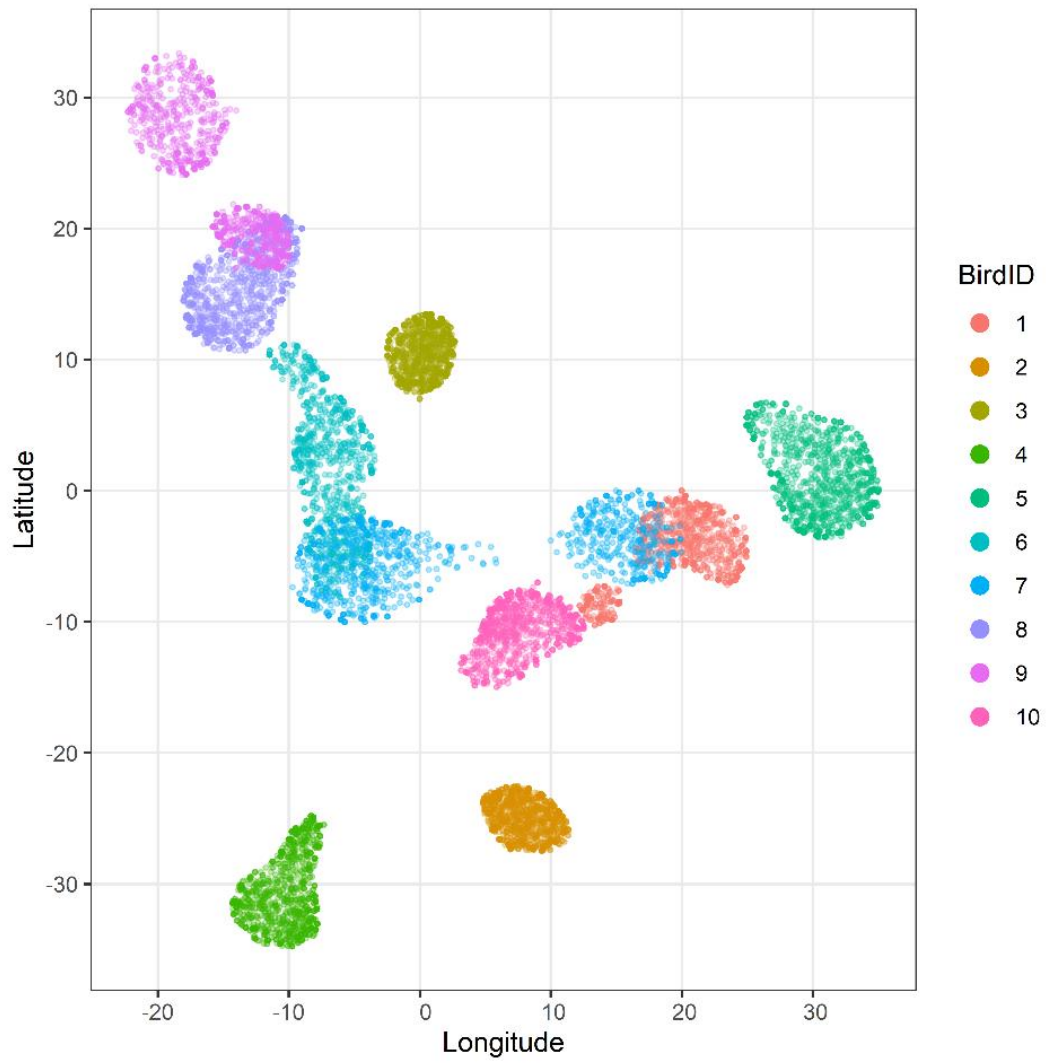


Fig. S1. Simulated datasets for 10 individuals (10 tracks for each individual, 100 positions per track)