Bayesian Subnational Estimation using Complex Survey Data: Case Study (Kenya 2014 DHS)

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- Download and work with real DHS data (Kenya 2014 DHS)
 - Birth records and GPS data, both require registration with DHS.
 - URL: https://dhsprogram.com/data/dataset/Kenya_ Standard-DHS_2014.cfm?flag=0
- We will map sampled clusters to county-level map of Kenya,
 - Both province and county maps are available online and are needed in modeling.
 - URL: http://spatialdata.dhsprogram.com/boundaries/

Overview of the models

- The target of these examples is to estimate yearly U5MR from 1985 to 2014 and projections to 2019, using one DHS survey.
- We will explore two types of models: smoothed direct modeling, and cluster-level modeling.
- The estimates will be compared to the direct estimates.
- We also discuss the reduced form of both models for national estimates.
- We will perform bias adjustment as well to illustrate some additional functionalities in SUMMER.
- We will also show how to examine model components.

Preview of results: Direct estimates



Preview of results: Smoothed direct model



Preview of results: Cluster-level model



Learning objectives

- Understand the workflow of estimating U5MR.
- Understand function arguments in SUMMER.
- Understand output of SUMMER.
- Use visualization tools to evaluate and interpret fitted models.

Now we will switch to R

All codes and documentations are available on

http://faculty.washington.edu/jonno/space-station.html

Additional Resources

- Mercer, L., Wakefield, J., Pantazis, A., Lutambi, A., Mosanja, H., and Clark, S. (2015). Small area estimation of childhood mortality in the absence of vital registration. Annals of Applied Statistics
- Li, Z. R., Hsiao, Y., Godwin, J., Martin, B. D., Wakefield, J., and Clark, S. J. (2019). Changes in the spatial distribution of the under five mortality rate: small-area analysis of 122 DHS surveys in 262 subregions of 35 countries in Africa. *PLoS One*.
- Wakefield, J. and Fuglstad, G.-A. and Riebler, A. and Godwin, J. and Wilson, K. and Clark, S.J. (2018). Estimating under five mortality in space and time in a developing world context. *Statistical Methods in Medical Research*.
- SUMMER vignettes on CRAN: https: //cran.r-project.org/web/packages/SUMMER/index.html