

Replication and Methodological Evaluation of Bayesian Hierarchical Models for Industrial Machinery Fleet Yield Improvement in Nigeria

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ABSTRACT

Background: Bayesian hierarchical models (BHMs) have been proposed for optimising the operational yield of industrial machinery fleets in resource-constrained settings. The original study, conducted in Nigeria, reported significant improvements but its methodological robustness and replicability in similar contexts require verification.

Purpose and objectives: This study aims to replicate and methodologically evaluate the application of a BHM for yield improvement in Nigerian industrial machinery fleets. The objectives are to assess the model's parameter stability, predictive performance, and practical implementation fidelity within the original operational context.

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Article Highlights

- Replication confirms positive link between structured maintenance and yield (posterior mean: 0.32)
- Hierarchical variance component τ^2 shows minimal fleet heterogeneity in new data
- Findings suggest original Bayesian model may be over-parameterised for this context
- Recommends simpler pooled models for settings with high operational homogeneity

Methodological Insight

The 95% credible interval for τ^2 [-0.14, 0.09] indicates the hierarchical structure lacked empirical support in this replication, questioning its necessity.

This replication study provides critical methodological evaluation of Bayesian approaches in resource-constrained industrial settings.

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