

Stochastic reconstruction for inhomogeneous point processes



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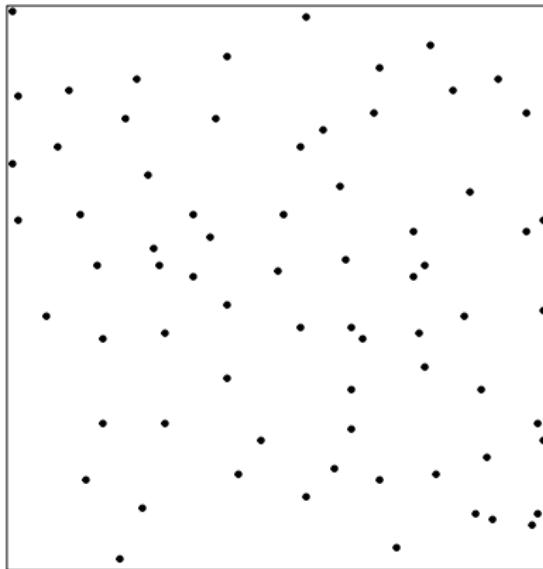
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Overview

- Planar point processes
 - ▶ Definition
 - ▶ Intensity measure
 - ▶ Summary characteristics
- Importance of simulations
- Stochastic reconstruction
 - ▶ Algorithm
 - ▶ Applications
- Inhomogeneous case

Planar point processes

- A random countable subset of the two-dimensional Euclidean space.

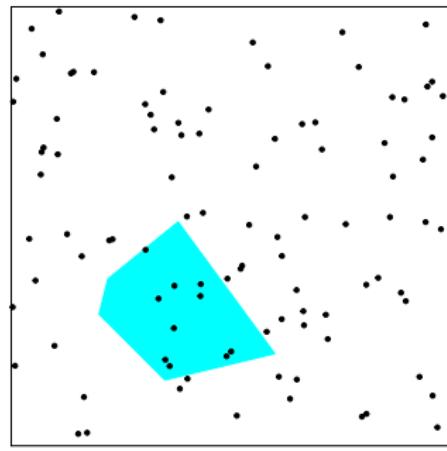


Planar point processes

- Planar point process $X \rightarrow$ random variable $X(B)$, $B \in \mathfrak{B}^2$.
- Intensity measure:

$$\Lambda(B) = \mathbb{E}[X(B)] = \int_B \lambda(u) du, B \in \mathfrak{B}^2$$

- Constant λ is called **intensity**.



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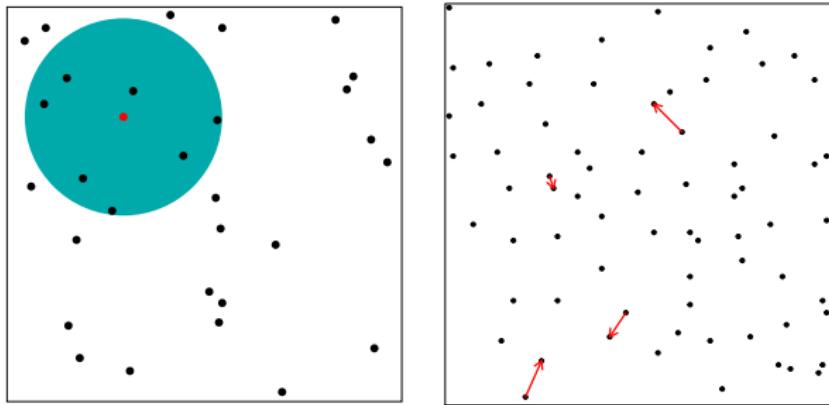
Summary characteristics:

- **numerical**

- ▶ intensity,

- **functional**

- ▶ K-function,
- ▶ nearest neighbour distance distribution function.



Importance of simulations

- Simulations may be used to:
 - ▶ test statistical hypotheses,
 - ▶ assess estimation variance,
 - ▶ ...
- Simulation methods:
 - ▶ generate samples from explicit point process model,
 - ▶ parameter estimation.

Stochastic reconstruction (Tscheschel and Stoyan 2006)

- Algorithmic procedure.
- Useful tool for generating point patterns with prescribed summary characteristic.
- No need to specify any explicit model assumptions.

Notation:

- $X, Y \dots$ point patterns
- $n_i \dots$ i -th numerical summary characteristic
- $f_j \dots$ j -th functional summary characteristic
- $R_j \dots$ constant, depends on the observation window
- $\hat{n}_i \dots$ empirical estimator of the i -th numerical s. c.
- $\hat{f}_j \dots$ empirical estimator of the j -th functional s. c.

Stochastic reconstruction

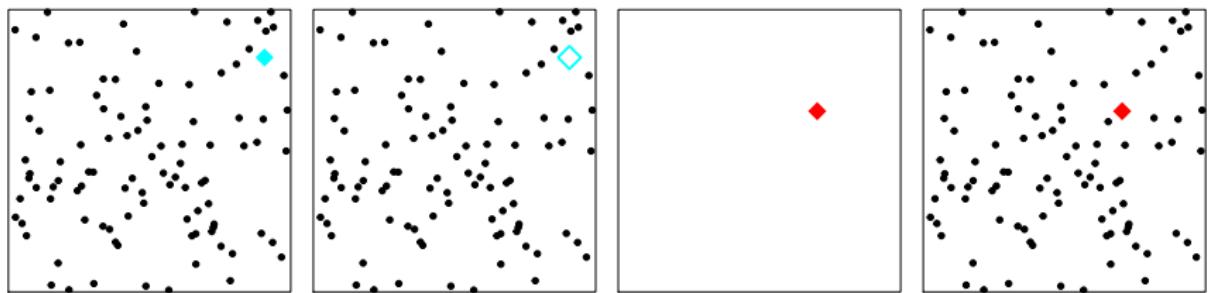
$$E_{n_i}(X, Y) = [\hat{n}_i(X) - \hat{n}_i(Y)]^2$$

$$E_{f_j}(X, Y) = \int_0^{R_j} [\hat{f}_j(r, X) - \hat{f}_j(r, Y)]^2 dr$$

- Energy functional:

$$E(X, Y) = \sum_{i=1}^I E_{n_i}(X, Y) + \sum_{j=1}^J E_{f_j}(X, Y)$$

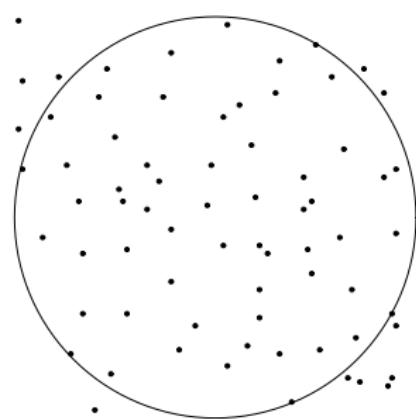
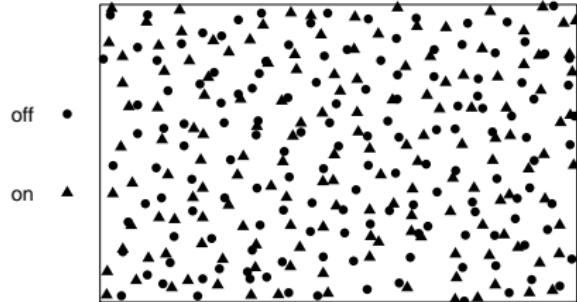
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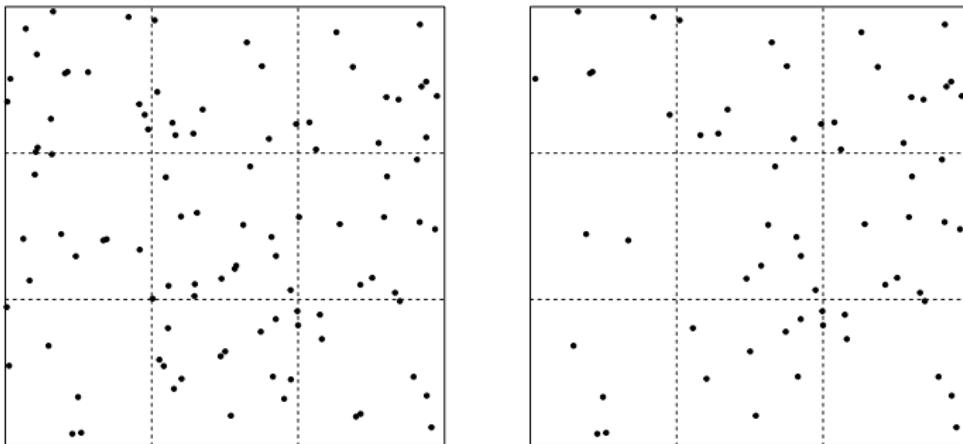
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Applications:

- test of independence of two different patterns
 - ▶ Getzin, Wiegand and Hubbell (2014)
- conditional reconstruction
 - ▶ Pommerening (2006)
 - ▶ Tscheschel and Chiu (2008)



Inhomogeneous case



Modifications of the algorithm:

- initial configuration + generating new points,
- quality of the reconstruction,
- energy functional.

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