

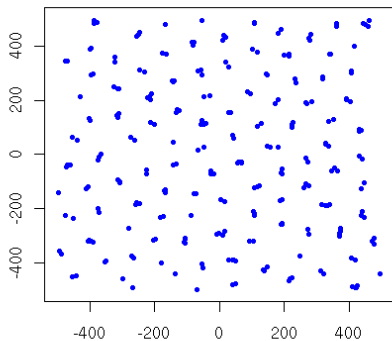
Maximum pseudo-likelihood estimator for nearest-neighbours Gibbs point processes

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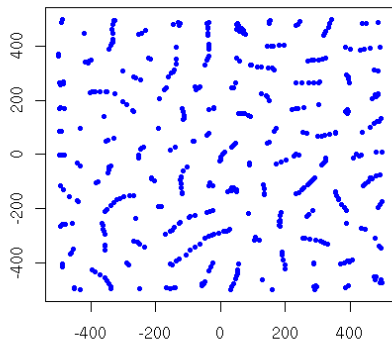
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Objective

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Point processes: definition and notation

Notation

- \mathcal{B}_b : set of bounded borelian of \mathbb{R}^d .
- $\Omega_f, \Omega, \Omega_\Lambda$: set of finite configurations of \mathbb{R}^d , set of configurations in \mathbb{R}^d , set of configurations in $\Lambda \subset \mathbb{R}^d$:
- Let $\Lambda \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ and $\varphi \in \Omega, \varphi_\Lambda := \varphi \cap \Lambda \in \Omega_\Lambda$

Point process in some bounded $\Lambda \subset \mathbb{R}^d$

A point process in Λ is a random variable Φ_Λ with values in Ω_Λ equipped with the smallest σ -field which make measurable all the maps $i_\Delta : \varphi \in \Omega_\Lambda \rightarrow |\varphi_\Delta|$ with $\Delta \subset \Lambda \in \mathcal{B}_b$.

Useful notation

$$\oint_{\Lambda} d\varphi g(\varphi) := \sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{n!} \int_{\Lambda} \cdots \int_{\Lambda} dx_1 \cdots dx_n g(\{x_1, \dots, x_n\})$$

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where $Z_{\Lambda} < +\infty$ as soon as $V(\varphi) > -K|\varphi|$ (i.e. $V(\cdot)$ is **stable**).

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$$P_{\Lambda}(F|\varphi^o) = \frac{1}{Z_{\Lambda}(\varphi^o)} \oint_{\Lambda} d\varphi \mathbf{1}_F(\varphi) \exp(-V(\varphi|\varphi_{\Lambda^c}^o))$$

where $V(\varphi|\varphi_{\Lambda^c}^o) := V(\varphi \cup \varphi_{\Lambda^c}^o) - V(\varphi_{\Lambda^c}^o)$ is the energy required to insert the points of φ in $\varphi_{\Lambda^c}^o$

Framework (of the presentation)

Restricted to stationary Gibbs point processes based on energy function related to some graph $G_2(\varphi)$:

$$V(\varphi) = \sum_{k=1}^{K_{max}} \left\{ \sum_{\xi \in G_k(\varphi)} u^{(k)}(\xi; \varphi) \right\}$$

with $G_k(\varphi)$: set of cliques of order k of φ

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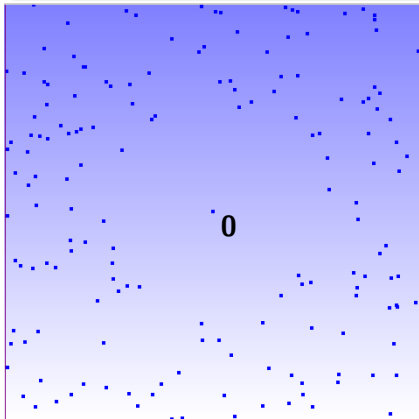
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for a general graph such as $G_2(\varphi) = Del_{2,\beta}^{\beta_0}(\varphi)$.

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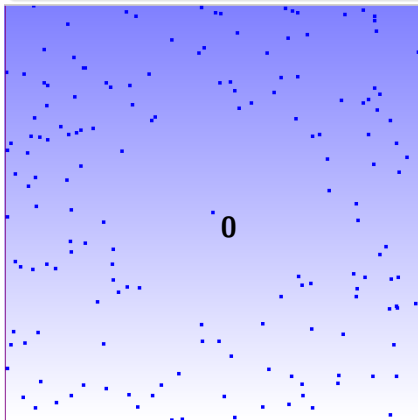
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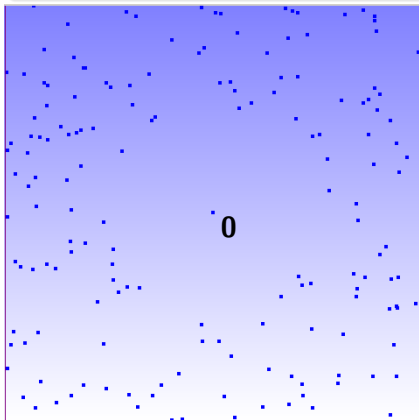
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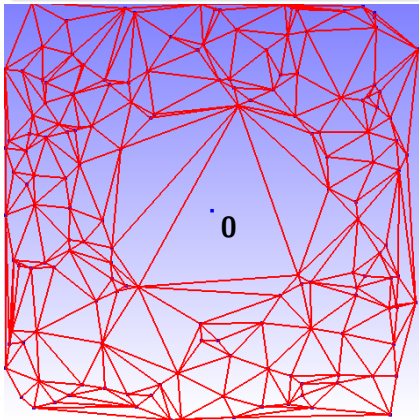
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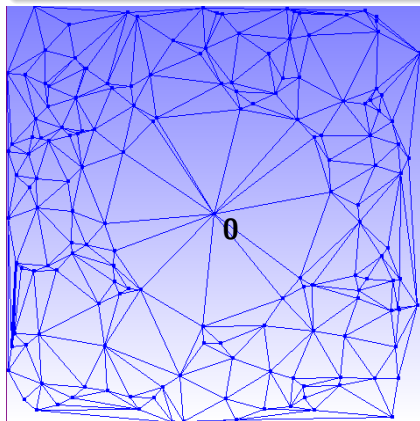
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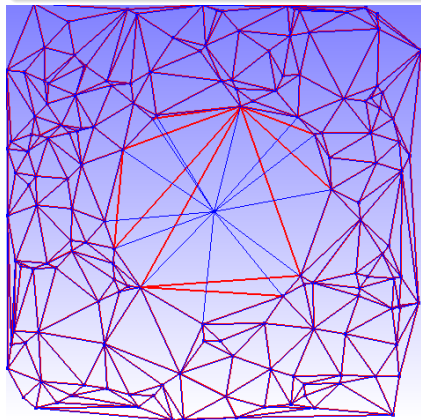


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Main example: multi-Strauss pairwise interaction function

Let $d_1 < d_2 < \dots < d_{p+1}$ some **fixed** realnumbers. Define for $i = 2, \dots, p+1$,

$$u_i(\|\xi\|) = \mathbf{1}(\|\xi\| \in]d_{i-1}, d_i]).$$

Thus, for our two Gibbs models

$$V(\varphi; \boldsymbol{\theta}) = \theta_1 |\varphi| + \sum_{i=2}^{p+1} \theta_i u_i(\varphi),$$

where $u_i(\varphi)$ is interpreted as

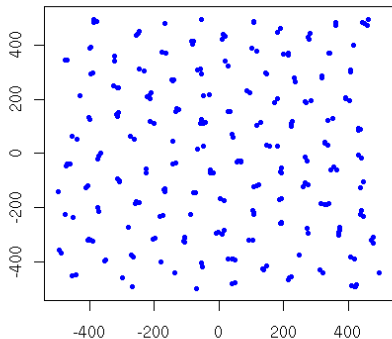
- (when $G_2(\varphi) = \mathcal{P}_2(\varphi)$) the number of points of φ in the class of distances $]d_{i-1}, d_i]$.
- (when $G_2(\varphi) = Del_{2,\beta}^{\beta_0}(\varphi)$) the number of Delaunay edges of φ in the class of distances $]d_{i-1}, d_i]$.

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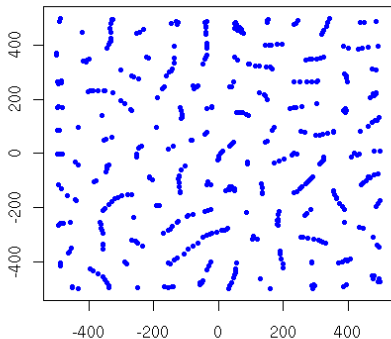
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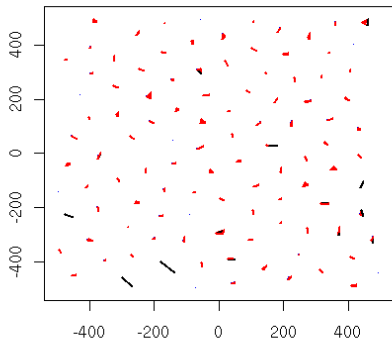


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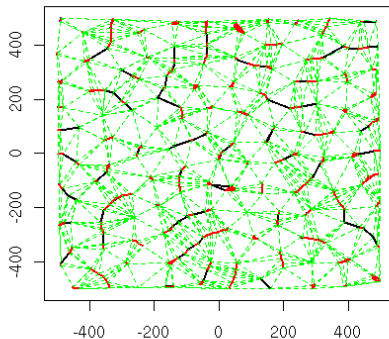
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Inference method

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- Pseudo-likelihood function (Jensen and Møller (1991))

$$PL_{\Lambda}(\varphi; \theta) = \exp\left(-\int_{\Lambda} \exp(-V(x|\varphi; \theta)) dx\right) \prod_{x \in \varphi_{\Lambda}} \exp(-V(x|\varphi \setminus x; \theta)).$$

- Log-pseudo-likelihood function

$$LPL_{\Lambda}(\varphi; \theta) = -\int_{\Lambda} \exp(-V(x|\varphi; \theta)) dx - \sum_{x \in \varphi_{\Lambda}} V(x|\varphi \setminus x; \theta)$$

Different contributions to asympt. results (when $G_2(\varphi) = \mathcal{P}_2(\varphi)$)

- Jensen and Møller (1991): consistency of the MPLE, exponential family.
- Jensen and Kunsch (1994): asymptotic normality of the MPLE, exponential family $\theta = (z, \beta)$
- Mase (1995, 1999): consistency and asymptotic normality, $\theta = (z, \beta)$ Ruelle's class of superstable pairwise interaction p.p.

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C₃ For all $\theta \in \Theta \setminus \theta^*$,

$$P_{\theta^*} \left(\{ \varphi, V(0|\varphi; \theta) \neq V(0|\varphi; \theta^*) \} \right) > 0$$

C₄ For all $\theta, \theta' \in \Theta$, there exists $c > 0$ such that P_{θ^*} -a.s.

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where $g(\cdot, \cdot)$ is a function such that for all x ,
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Asymptotic normality: assumptions - general case (1)

N₁ The point process is observed in a domain

$\Lambda_n \oplus D = \cup_{x \in \Lambda_n} \mathcal{B}(x, D)$, where $\Lambda_n \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ can be decomposed into $\cup_{i \in I_n} \Lambda_{(i)}$ where for $i = (i_1, i_2)$

$$\Lambda_{(i)} = \left\{ z \in \mathbb{R}^2, \tilde{D} \left(i_j - \frac{1}{2} \right) \leq z_j \leq \tilde{D} \left(i_j - \frac{1}{2} \right), j = 1, 2 \right\}$$

for some $\tilde{D} > 0$. As $n \rightarrow +\infty$, we also assume that $\Lambda_n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ such that $|\Lambda_n| \rightarrow +\infty$ and $\frac{|\partial \Lambda_n|}{|\Lambda_n|} \rightarrow 0$

N₂ $V(0|\cdot; \theta)$ is twice times differentiable in $\theta = \theta^*$ and for all $j, k = 1, \dots, p + 1$, there exists $\varepsilon > 0$ such that the variables

$$\frac{\partial V}{\partial \theta_j}(0|\cdot; \theta^*)^{3+\varepsilon} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial \theta_j \partial \theta_k}(0|\cdot; \theta^*) \in L^1(P_{\theta^*})$$

Asymptotic normality: assumptions - general case (2)

N₃

The matrix

$$\underline{\Sigma}(\tilde{D}, \theta^*) = \tilde{D}^{-2} \sum_{|i| \leq [\frac{D}{2}] + 1} \mathbf{E}_{\theta^*} \left(\mathbf{LPL}_{\Lambda_0}^{(1)}(\Phi; \theta^*) \mathbf{LPL}_{\Lambda_i}^{(1)}(\Phi; \theta^*)^T \right)$$

is symmetric and definite positive.

The vector $\mathbf{LPL}_{\Lambda_j}^{(1)}(\varphi; \theta)$ is defined for $j = 1, \dots, p + 1$ by

$$\left(\mathbf{LPL}_{\Lambda_j}^{(1)}(\varphi; \theta) \right)_j = \int_{\Lambda_{(j)}} \frac{\partial V}{\partial \theta_j}(x|\varphi; \theta) \exp(-V(x|\varphi; \theta)) dx - \sum_{x \in \varphi_{\Lambda_{(j)}}} \frac{\partial V}{\partial \theta_j}(x|\varphi \setminus x; \theta).$$

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where for $i = 1, \dots, p + 1$, $(\mathbf{V}^{(1)}(0|\varphi; \theta^*))_i = \frac{\partial V}{\partial \theta_i}(0|\varphi; \theta^*)$.

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N₅ There exists a neighborhood \mathcal{W} of θ^* such that $V(\cdot; \theta)$ is twice times continuously differentiable for all $j, k = 1, \dots, p + 1$, we have

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A useful corollary

A particular class of exponential family

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$$-K_1 \leq u_i(x|\varphi) \leq K_2, \quad \text{for } i = 1, \dots, p + 1.$$

Assumption **M** $\implies \mathbf{C}_{2,4}^{\text{exp}}$ and $\mathbf{N}_{2,5}^{\text{exp}}$.

Corollary

Assume P_{θ^*} stationary, then under Assumption **M** and $\mathbf{C}_3^{\text{exp}}$, the consistency is valid. And in addition under Assumption \mathbf{N}_3 the asymptotic normality is ensured.

Back to the multi-Strauss pairwise interaction p.p.

$$V(\varphi; \theta) = \theta_1 |\varphi| + \sum_{i=2}^{p+1} \theta_i \sum_{\xi \in Del_{2,\beta}^{\beta_0}(\varphi)} \mathbf{1}(\|\xi\| \in]d_{i-1}, d_i]).$$

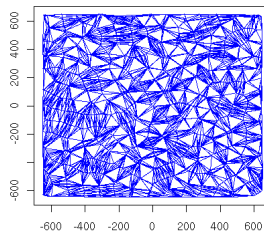
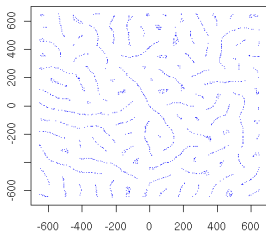
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- Assumption \mathbf{M} : proved in Bertin, Billiot and Drouilhet (1999).
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$[-450, 450]^2$	2.041	0.056	4.144	0.436

Perspectives

- concerning the multi-Strauss pairwise interaction point process based on the Delaunay graph: automatic estimation of the different d_i , $i = 1, \dots, p + 1$.
- A larger simulation study is needed:
 - ① to compare models based on the Delaunay graph and the complete graph.
 - ② to investigate other nearest-neighbour models, models based on cliques of order larger than 2, marked nearest-neighbour Gibbs point processes,...
- Nonparametric estimation of the pairwise interaction function for nearest-neighbour Gibbs point processes.

