
Geometric statistics of point processes: limit theory and (some) statistical learning

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We will sometimes (ab)use the same notation for the **weighted point measure** $\tilde{\Phi} := \sum_i M_i \delta_{X_i}$, where atoms of Φ are weighted by the values of their marks (possibly signed measure).

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Many interesting statistics of more complex geometric models can be represented as functions (e.g. sums) of such geometric marks.

For example: ...

Characteristics of Gilbert graph

For $R > 0$ there exist an edges between any two points $X_i, X_j \in \Phi$ iff $|X_i - X_j| \leq R$. The sum of marks M_i of points in a given bounded window may represent for example:

- Total number of edges:

$$\xi(x, \Phi) = \frac{1}{2} (\Phi(B_x(r)) - 1), \text{ where } B_x(r)$$

is the ball of radius r centered at x

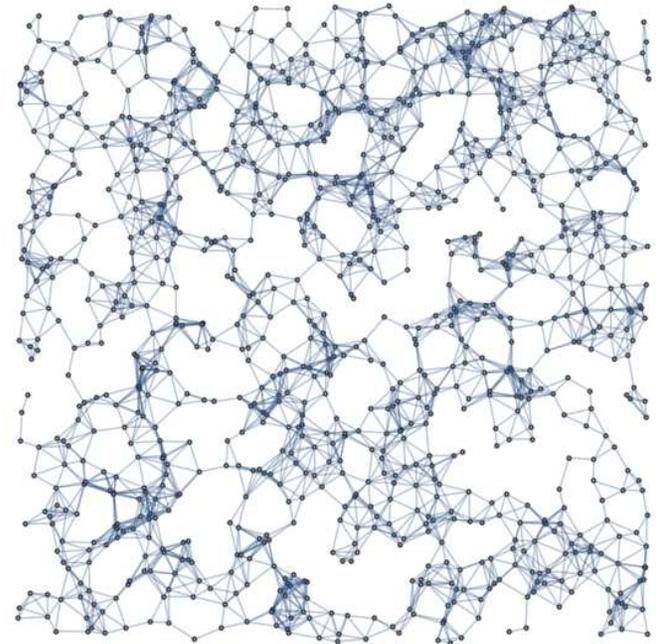
- Total edge length

$$\xi(x, \Phi) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{y \in \Phi \cap B_x(r)} |x - y|.$$

- Sub-graph Γ count

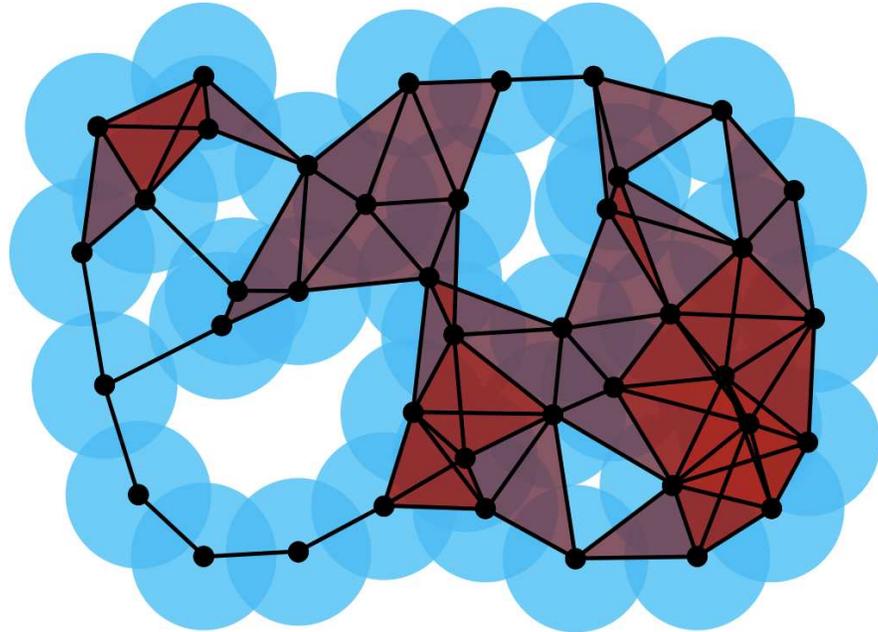
$$\xi(x, \Phi) = \frac{1}{k} \sum_{\substack{y_1, \dots, y_k \in \Phi \cap B_x(kr) \\ \text{distinct}}} \mathbf{1}(G(\{y_1, \dots, y_k\}, r) \cong \Gamma),$$

where Γ is an abstract graph with k vertexes.



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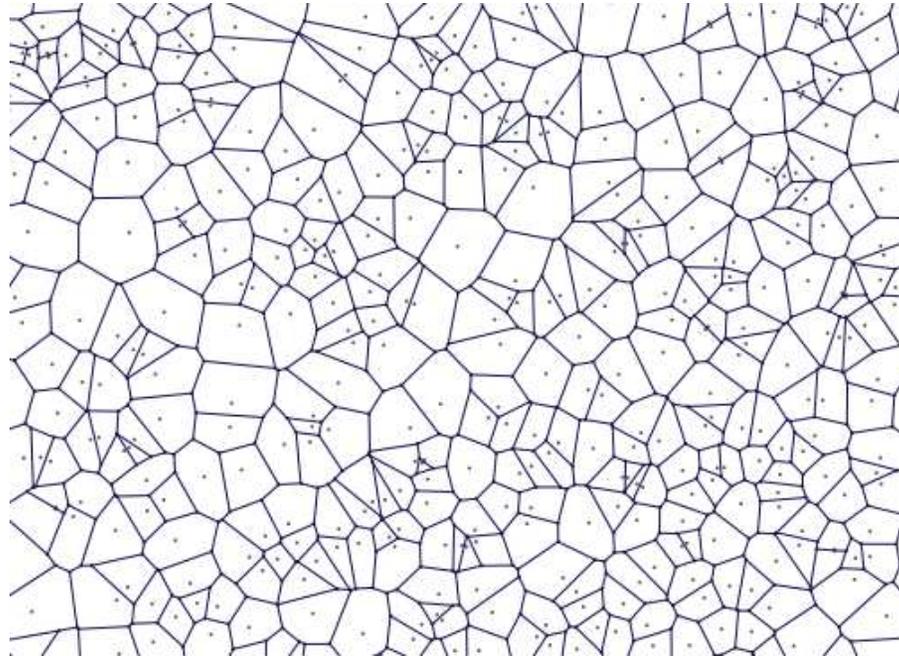
- More involved geometric and topological properties of data encoded in **Čech complex** that is an extension of the Gilbert graph allowing for higher-dimensional edges called facets.



- k -covered region volumes in the **Boolean model**.
- Morse critical points.

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- Properties of k -nearest neighbor graphs.
- In particular intrinsic volumes of faces of Voronoi tessellations



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\Rightarrow We shall define and use some (new?) mixing condition for point processes expressed in terms of the correlations functions and related to the cumulant measures.

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Mathematically, we shall study the **asymptotic of the scattering moments** of $\tilde{\Phi}$ as the scale grows infinitely small or large.

The CLT (established in the first part) is useful for large scales, and suggests how to estimate the **variance asymptotic** of $\tilde{\Phi}$, in particular to detect the **hyperuniformity** or **hyperfluctuations** (to be explained).

Limit theory for geometric statistics of point processes having fast decay of correlations

based on a joint work with

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LLN and CLT for iid rv's — classic results

Y_1, Y_2, \dots independent, identically distributed rv's, $S_n = \sum_{i=1}^n Y_i$.

□ (Weak LLN) If $\mu := \mathbf{E}(Y_1)$ finite then

$$\frac{S_n}{n} \xrightarrow{\mathbf{P}} \mu \quad n \rightarrow \infty.$$

□ (CLT) If $\sigma^2 := \mathbf{Var}(Y_1) < \infty$ then

$$\frac{S_n - n\mu}{\sqrt{\mathbf{Var}(S_n)}} = \frac{S_n - n\mu}{\sqrt{n}\sigma} \Rightarrow N(0, 1).$$

Looking for LLN and LCT for dependent rv's.

Dependent sums in geometric context

$\mathcal{P} = \{X_i\} \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ — point process, geometric input data.

Consider sums

$$S_n = \sum_{X_i \in \mathcal{P}_n} \xi(X_i, \mathcal{P}_n),$$

where

- $\mathcal{P}_n = \mathcal{P} \cap W_n$ data truncated to the observation window
 $W_n = [0, n^{1/d}]^d$ of volume n .
- $\xi(X_i, \mathcal{P}_n)$ score function of the relative position of point X_i in \mathcal{P}_n .

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Special cases:

- $\xi(x, \mathcal{P}) = \xi(x)$ — linear score function, no dependence via ξ ,
- Poisson process \mathcal{P} — independent data.

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In case of linear score functions of Poisson process $S_n = \sum_{X_i \in \mathcal{P}_n} \xi(X_i)$ are Poisson-randomized sums of iid rv's hence LLN and CLT reduce to (almost) classic setting.

Stabilizing score functions

To control the dependence via the score function ξ define:

- $\mathcal{R} = \mathcal{R}(x, \mathcal{X})$ is a **stabilization radius** of ξ on data \mathcal{X} at $x \in \mathcal{X}$ if any modification of data \mathcal{X} outside the ball $B_x(\mathcal{R})$ of radius \mathcal{R} centered at x does not change the value of $\xi(x, \mathcal{X})$

$$\xi(x, \mathcal{X} \cap B_x(\mathcal{R})) = \xi\left(x, \left(\mathcal{X} \cap B_x(\mathcal{R})\right) \cup \left(\mathcal{X}' \cap B_x^c(\mathcal{R})\right)\right)$$

for any data set \mathcal{X}' , with B_x^c denoting the complement of the ball B_x .

Exponential stabilization on Poisson data

Consider translation invariant score function $\xi(x, \mathcal{X}) = \xi(x + a, \mathcal{X} + a)$ for all $a \in \mathbb{R}^d$.

□ ξ is exponentially stabilizing on Poisson input if

$$\sup_{1 \leq n \leq \infty} \mathbf{P}(\mathcal{R}(0, \mathcal{P}_n \cup \{0\}) > r) \leq c_1 e^{-c_2 r}$$

for some constants $c_1 < \infty$, $c_2 > 0$ and all $r \geq 0$.

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Theorem ...[Penrose & Yukich (2003)]...

Assume ξ is exponentially stabilizing on Poisson process with intensity λ and consider $S_n = \sum_{X_i \in \mathcal{P}_n} \xi(X_i, \mathcal{P}_n)$.

□ **(Mean)** If $\mathbf{E}(\xi^p(0, \mathcal{P} \cup \{0\})) < \infty$ for some $p > 1$ then

$$\frac{\mathbf{E}(S_n)}{n} \rightarrow \lambda \mathbf{E}(\xi(0, \mathcal{P} \cup \{0\})) \quad n \rightarrow \infty.$$

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Limit theory for Poisson data cnt'd

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□ (Variance) If $\mathbf{E}(\xi^p(\mathbf{0}, \mathcal{P} \cup \{\mathbf{0}\})) < \infty$ for some $p > 2$ then

$$\frac{\text{Var}(S_n)}{n} \rightarrow \sigma^2(\xi) < \infty \quad n \rightarrow \infty,$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma^2(\xi) = & \lambda \mathbf{E}(\xi^2(\mathbf{0}, \mathcal{P} \cup \{\mathbf{0}\})) \\ & + \lambda^2 \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \mathbf{E}(\xi(\mathbf{0}, \mathcal{P} \cup \{\mathbf{0}, x\})\xi(x, \mathcal{P} \cup \{\mathbf{0}, x\})) \\ & \quad - \left(\mathbf{E}(\xi(\mathbf{0}, \mathcal{P} \cup \{\mathbf{0}\}))\right)^2 dx. \end{aligned}$$

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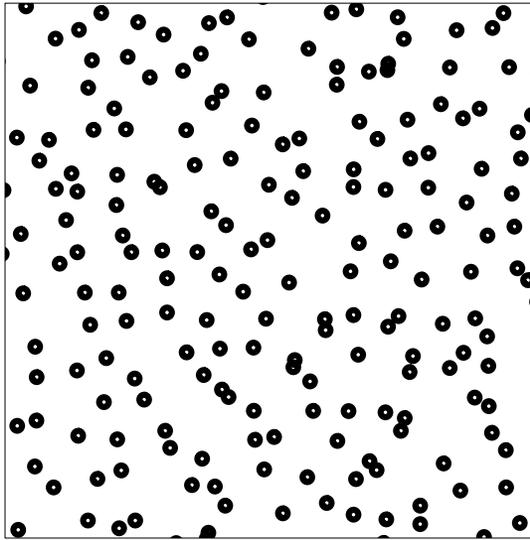
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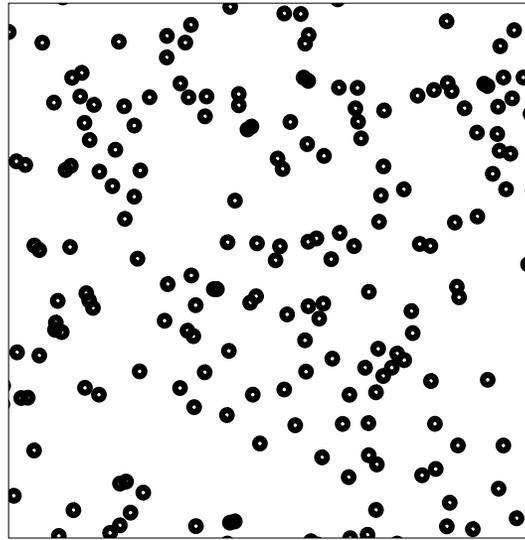
Goal: extend the theory to correlated data.

Sample data realizations and their models



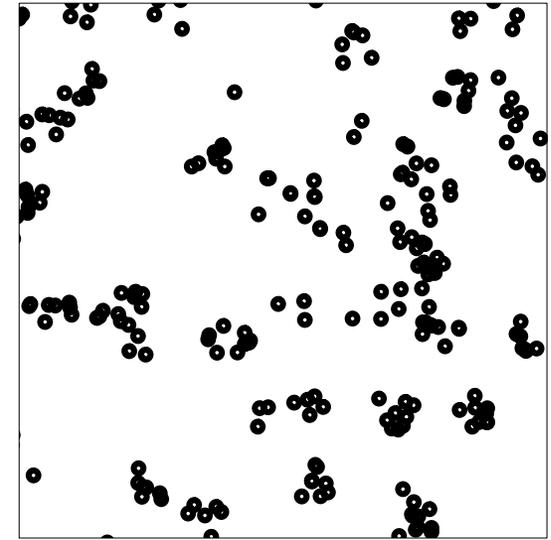
negative correlation
(hyper-)regularity
rigidity

- determinantal,
- α -determinantal $\alpha < 0$,
- Gibbsian and other hard-core,



independence

- Poisson
- Binomial



positive correlation
(hyper-)fluctuation
clustering

- permanental ,
- α -permanental $\alpha > 0$,
- cluster processes,
- Cox processes

Outline of the remaining part of the talk

- controlling correlations of points
- examples of point processes with fast decaying of correlations
- main results
- comments on previous results
- proof idea

Mixing point processes

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Mixing implies ergodicity, hence LLN for sums without boundary effects

$$\tilde{S}_n = \sum_{X_i \in \mathcal{P}_n} \xi(X_i, \mathcal{P}).$$

Too weak for LLN with boundary effects and CLT.

Stronger mixing properties

- **alpha-mixing** Total variation convergence of $(\phi(\mathcal{P} \cap U), \psi(\mathcal{P} \cap V))$ to the independence. Still not enough for CLT.
- **Brillinger mixing** Reduced cumulant (signed) measures having finite total variation. Directly usable in proofs of CLT for point counts. More difficult to verify for examples of point processes.
- **mixing of correlation functions** — our approach.

Correlation functions

Consider simple point process \mathcal{P} (no multiple points) on \mathbb{R}^d ;
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Formally $\rho^{(k)}$ is the density the corresponding factorial moment measure
 $\alpha^{(k)}(B_1 \times \dots \times B_k) = \mathbb{E}\left(\prod_{1 \leq i \leq k} \mathcal{P}(B_i)\right) =$
 $\int_{B_1 \times \dots \times B_k} \rho^{(k)}(x_1, \dots, x_k) dx_1 \dots dx_k$, where B_1, \dots, B_k are mutually
disjoint bounded Borel sets in \mathbb{R}^d .

$\{\rho^{(k)}, k \geq 1\}$ characterize the distribution of simple point process having
finite some exponential moments.

ω -mixing of correlation functions

Definition. The correlation functions are ω -mixing, with function $\omega = \omega(k, s)$ of $k = 1, 2, \dots, s \geq 0$ if for all $p, q \geq 1$

$$|\rho^{(p+q)}(x_1, \dots, x_{p+q}) - \rho^{(p)}(x_1, \dots, x_p)\rho^{(q)}(x_{p+1}, \dots, x_{p+q})| \leq \omega(p+q, s),$$

where $s := d(\{x_1, \dots, x_p\}, \{x_{p+1}, \dots, x_{p+q}\})$ separation distance between $\{x_1, \dots, x_p\}$ and $\{x_{p+1}, \dots, x_{p+q}\}$.

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We assume $\omega(k, s) \searrow 0$ when $s \rightarrow \infty$ meaning

correlation functions asymptotically factorize (some physicists say “cluster”) for large separation distance indicating asymptotic independence of \mathcal{P} .

Relations to other mixing properties

Depend on the function ω . For example:

- $\sum_k \frac{\epsilon^k}{k!} \omega(k, s) < \infty$ for some $\epsilon > 0$ and $\rightarrow 0$ as $s \rightarrow \infty$ implies α -mixing.
- $\omega(k, s) = C_k e^{-s}$ (called fast decay of correlations) implies Brillinger mixing.

Relations to other mixing properties

Some Examples of point processes having fast decay of correlations:

- determinantal and permanental processes with fast decaying kernel $K(x, y) \leq C e^{-c|x-y|}$, for $C < \infty$, $c > 0$.
- α -permanental and determinantal processes with with fast decaying kernel.
- Zero set of Gaussian entire function,
- some Gibbs point processes,
- processes with finite range dependence (e.g. Matern hard core).

Stabilizing score functions revisited

Definition. The score function ξ is **exponentially stabilizing on correlated input \mathcal{P}** if

$$\sup_{1 \leq n \leq \infty} \sup_{x_1, \dots, x_l \in W_n} \mathbf{P}_{x_1, \dots, x_l} (R^\xi(x_1, \mathcal{P}_n) > t) \leq C e^{-c_l t}$$

for some constants $C < \infty$, $c_l > 0$ and all $t \geq 0$, where $\mathbf{P}_{x_1, \dots, x_l}$ are Palm probabilities of \mathcal{P} ; play the role of conditional probabilities given \mathcal{P} has atoms at x_1, \dots, x_l .

Moment conditions revisited

Definition. Given $p \in [1, \infty)$, say that the pair (ξ, \mathcal{P}) satisfies the p -moment condition if

$$\sup_{1 \leq n \leq \infty} \sup_{1 \leq p' \leq [p]} \sup_{x_1, \dots, x_{p'} \in W_n} \mathbf{E}_{x_1, \dots, x_{p'}} \max\{|\xi(x_1, \mathcal{P}_n)|, 1\}^p \leq M_p < \infty$$

for some constant $M_p := M_p^\xi$, where $\mathbf{E}_{x_1, \dots, x_{p'}}$ are Palm expectations.

Measure valued sums

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Total mass is the previously considered sum

$$\mu_n^\xi(\mathbb{R}^d) = \mu_n^\xi(W_n) = S_n.$$

Integrals of test functions f are denoted by

$$\mu_n^\xi(f) = \int_{W_1} f(x) \mu_n^\xi(dx).$$

Main result

Theorem [BB, Yogeshwaran, Yukich (2018+)]

Assume ξ is exponentially stabilizing on point process \mathcal{P} , with intensity λ , having fast decay of correlations.

- **(Mean)** If (ξ, \mathcal{P}) satisfies p -moment condition for some $p > 1$ then for all bounded functions f on $W_1 = [0, 1]^d$

$$\left| \frac{\mathbf{E}(\mu_n^\xi(f))}{n} - \lambda \mathbf{E}_0(\xi(0, \mathcal{P})) \int_{W_1} f(x) dx \right| = O(n^{-1/d}).$$

Main result cnt'd

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Previous results

Presented approach extends some previous CLT results for **point counts** (constant marking function) of correlated point processes

- **determinantal processes** **Soshnikov (2002)**
- **determinantal and permanental processes** **Shirai & Takahashi (2003)**,
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Hence, for $k \geq 3$ and large enough these cumulants tend to 0 with $n \rightarrow \infty$, provided the variance grows as n^δ , with some $\delta > 0$.

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On scattering moments of geometrically marked point processes

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Wavelet

Following [Bruna, Mallat, Bacry, Muzy \(2015\)](#),

let ψ be a continuous, bounded, complex valued function on \mathbb{R}^d of zero

average $\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \psi(x) dx = 0$

and such that $|\psi(x)| = O(|x|^{-d})$ for $|x| \rightarrow \infty$.

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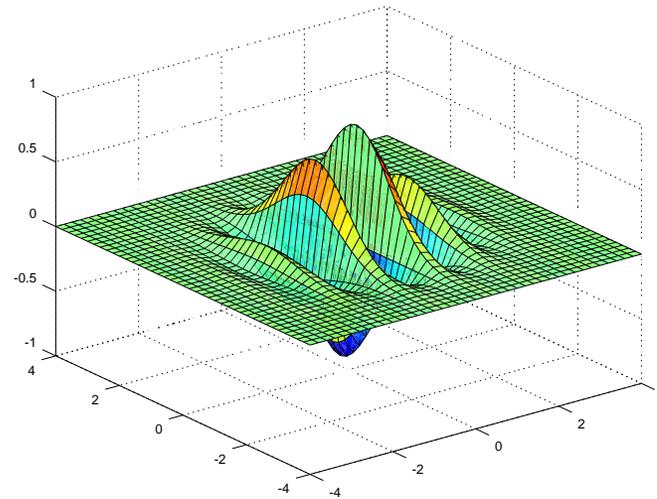
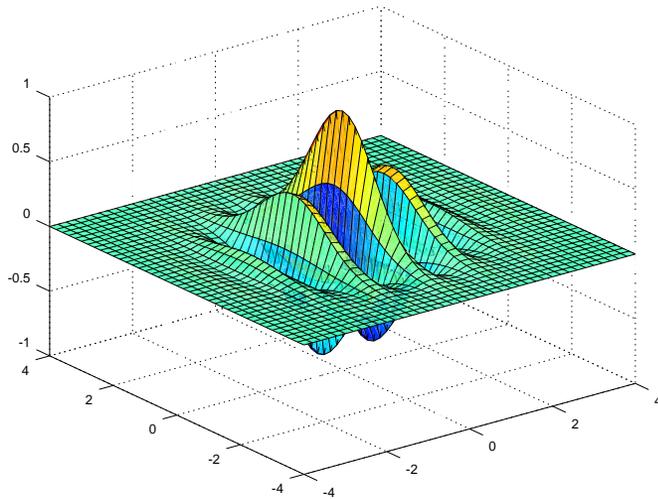
We call ψ (d -dimensional) **mother wavelet**.

Example: 2D Morlet wavelet

Morlet wavelet on the plane

$$\psi(x) = \exp(i \omega \cdot x) \exp(-|x|^2/2),$$

where i is the imaginary unit and $\omega \cdot x$ is the scalar product of some nonzero vector parameter $\omega \in \mathbb{R}^2$, called spatial frequency, with $x \in \mathbb{R}^2$.



Real and Imaginary part of the Morlet wavelet with $\omega = (5.5, 0)$.

Scaling and rotating the mother wavelet

Consider a discrete family of re-scaled and rotated wavelets

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Some application example will be given in the second part of this talk.

Outline of the remaining part

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Small scale limit

Theorem. Assume the second order correlation function $\rho^2(x, y)$ of Φ exists and denote by $\kappa(\cdot)$ the reduced second order correlation (i.e., $\rho^2(x, y) = \lambda\kappa(x - y)$). Assume $\int_B |\mathbb{E}^{0,u}(m(\mathbf{0}, \Phi))\kappa(u)| du < \infty$, where $\mathbb{E}^{0,u}$ is two-point Palm expectation of Φ . Then, as $j \rightarrow -\infty$

$$\bar{S}(j) = \lambda \mathbb{E}^0[m(\mathbf{0}, \Phi)] + O(2^{jd} \int_B \mathbb{E}^{0,2^j u}[m(\mathbf{0}, \Phi)]\kappa(2^j u) du).$$

The scattering moments at small scales converge to the **intensity** $\lambda \mathbb{E}^0[m(\mathbf{0}, \Phi)]$ of the **random measure** $\tilde{\Phi}$. The speed of convergence depends on the reduced second order correlation (more repulsion faster convergence).

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Large scale limit, volume order variance scaling

Proposition: When $\tilde{\Phi}$ exhibits volume order variance scaling (e.g. Poisson case) then $\text{Var}(Y_j) \sim 2^{jd}$ and

$$\lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} 2^{jd/2} \bar{S}_j = \sqrt{2/\pi} \|\psi\|_2^2 \sqrt{\sigma^2},$$

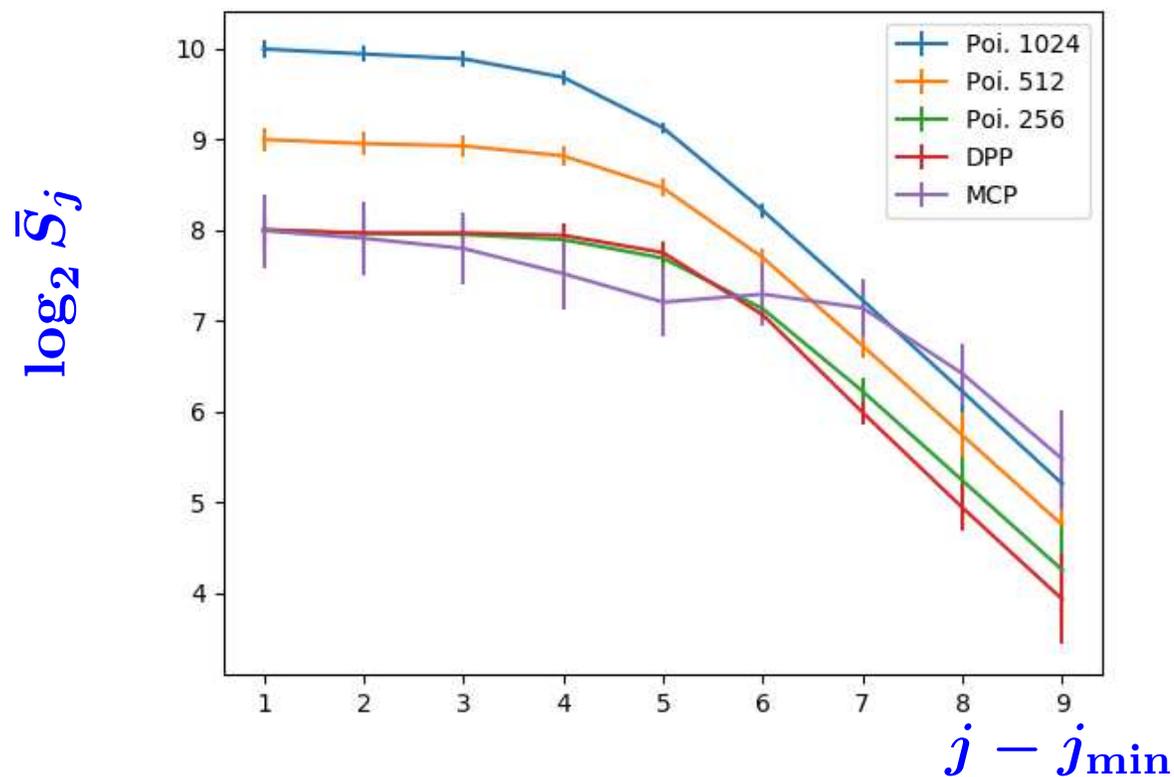
where $\sigma^2 = \lambda \mathbb{E}^0[m^2(\mathbf{0}, \Phi)] + \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \mathbb{E}^{0,x}[m(\mathbf{0}, \Phi)m(x, \Phi)] \lambda \kappa(x) - (\lambda \mathbb{E}^0[m(\mathbf{0}, \Phi)])^2 dx$.

Large scale limit — variance scaling classification

When $j \rightarrow \infty$

- $\log \bar{S}_j \sim -jd/2$ indicates Poisson-like variance asymptotic,
- $\log \bar{S}_j \lesssim -jd/2$ indicates hyperuniformity (e.g. Ginibre),
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Examples; $d = 2$: volume order variance scaling



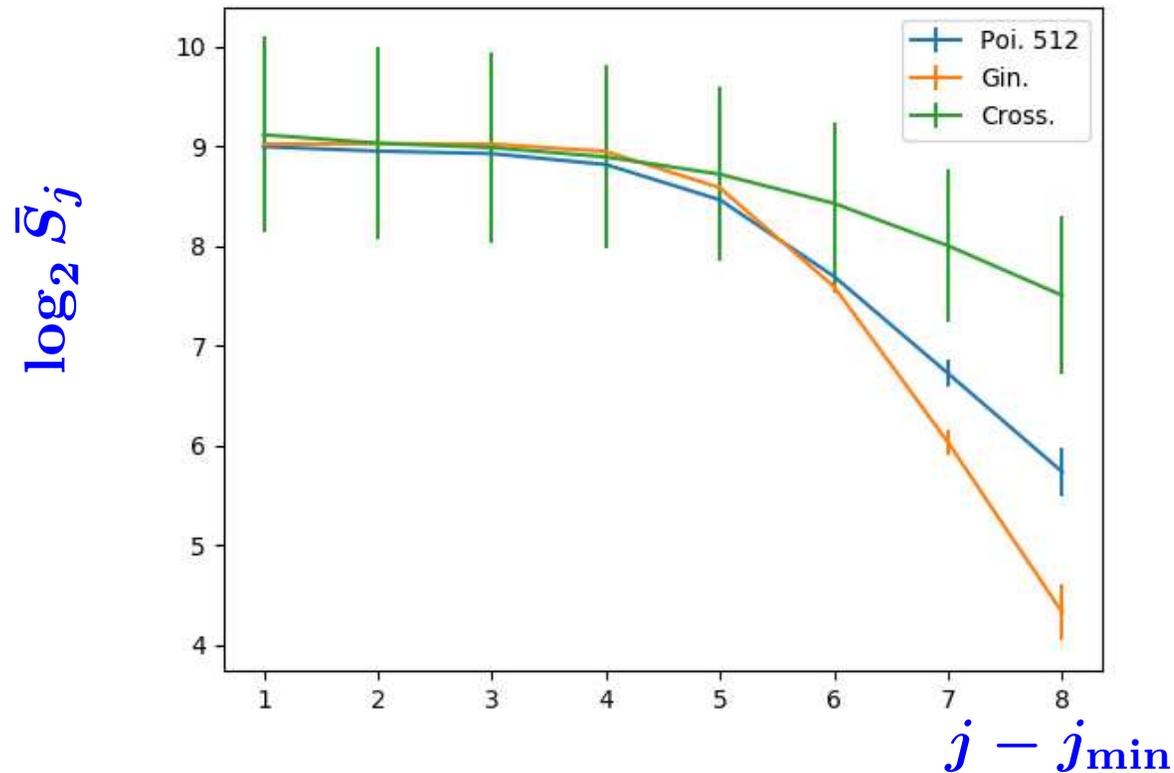
Poi. — Poisson process, DPP — Gaussian determinantal process, MCP — Matérn cluster process; all non-marked ($m(x, \phi) = 1$).

Note $\log_2(\bar{S}_{j_{\min}}) = \log_2(\lambda)$; e.g. $\log_2(512) = 9$, etc.

For large j , $\log_2(\bar{S}_j) \sim \frac{-j^2}{2} = -j$.

Error bars — 95% confidence intervals calculated on 500 realizations.

Examples: hyperuniformity and hyperfluctuation

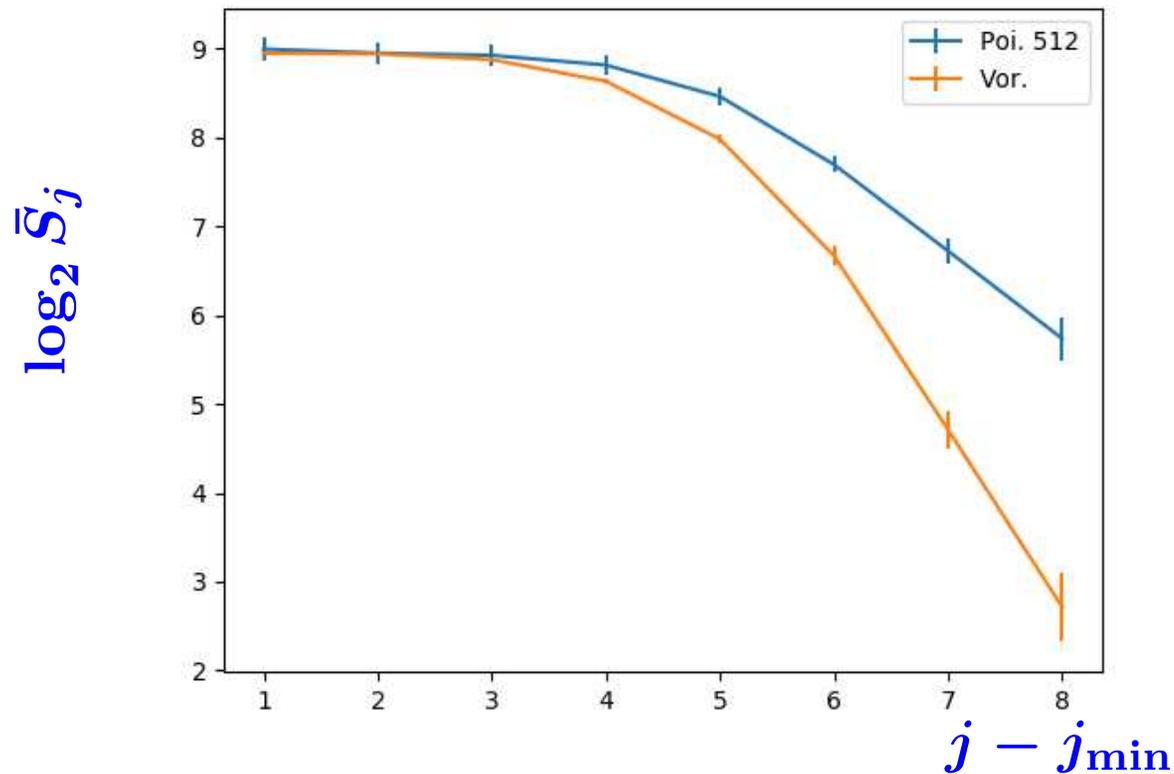


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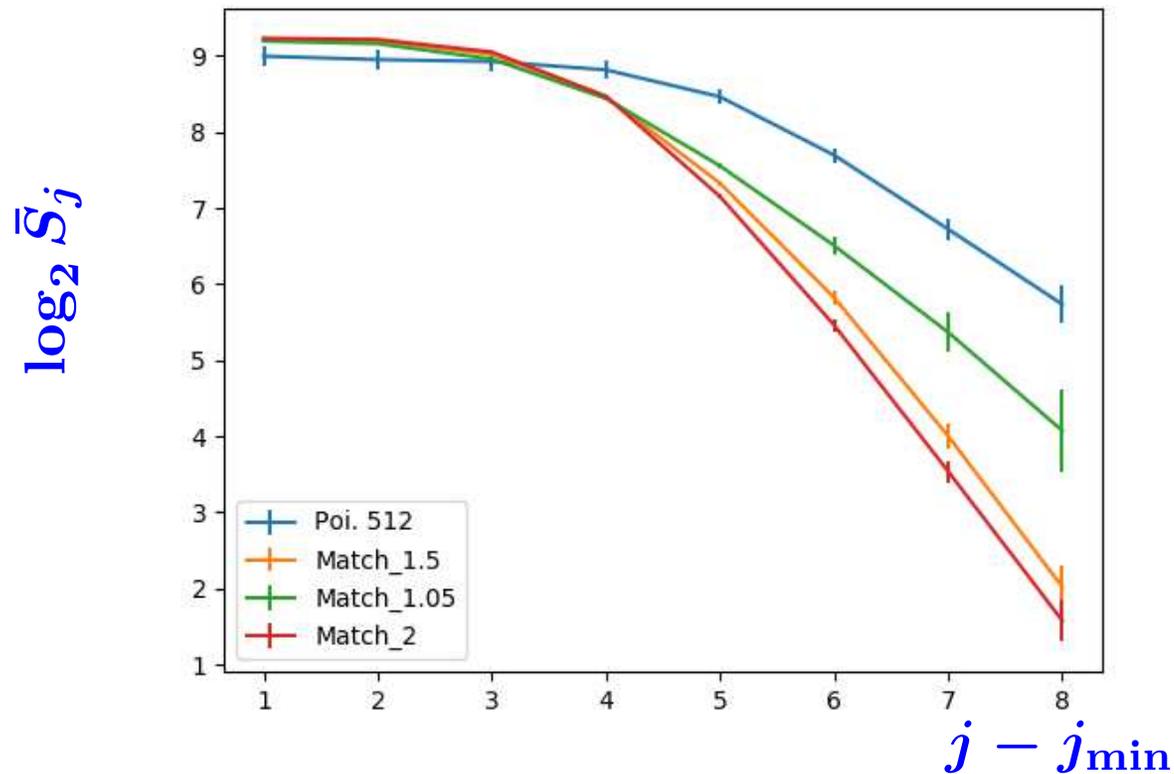
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Hyperuniform (dependent) thinning of Poisson of intensity $\lambda > 1$ obtained as its stable matching to the square lattice of intensity 1 on 2D; see [Klatt, Last, Yogeshwaran \(2018\)](#).

Statistical learning of geometric marks

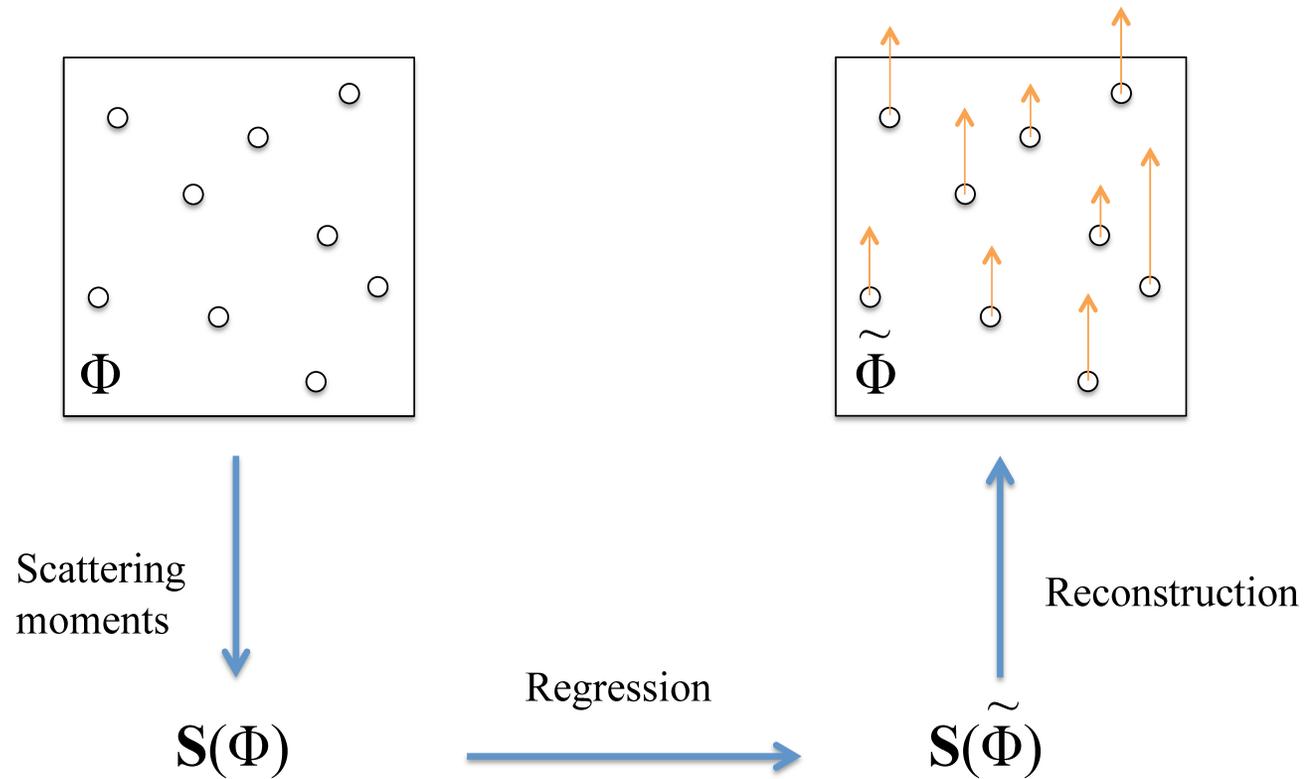
Problem of learning of geometric marks

Suppose the marking function m is not known explicitly.

One observes only some realizations of the marked point process $\tilde{\Phi}$ with points restricted to some finite observation window W . Denote these realizations by $\tilde{\phi}_k = \sum_i \delta_{(x_i(k), m_i(k))}$, with $x_i(k) \in W$, $k = 1, \dots$.

The problem consists in learning the function m so as to be able to calculate approximations of the unobserved marks $m_i = m(x_i, \phi)$ for a new realization $\phi = \sum_i \delta_{x_i}$ of (only points) of the point process Φ .

Learning and reconstructing in a nut-shell



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Linear regression — brief reminder of a well known statistical approach

Let $X_k := \hat{S}2\phi_k$ and $Y_k := \hat{S}\tilde{\phi}_k$, $k = 1, \dots, n$, be the scattering transforms of n realizations of marked point patterns $\tilde{\phi}_k$. (In X_k only points are considered, while in Y_k points with marks).

One is looking for a common, linear relation between X_k and Y_k for all samples k , represented by some matrix \mathbb{B} and vector β_0 such that

$$\mathbb{B}X_k + \beta_0 \approx Y_k \quad \text{for all } k = 1, \dots, n. \quad (1)$$

Linear ridge regression — brief reminder

Denote by $\beta(p)$ the p th line of the matrix \mathbb{B} in (1). For $p = (j, \theta)$ it corresponds to the scattering moment in Y_k at scale 2^j and angle θ .

Similarly, let $\beta_0(p)$ be the p th component for the vector β_0 . Let $Y_k(p) := S\tilde{\phi}_k(p)$ be the $p = (j, \theta)$ -component of S_k . The **linear ridge model** consists in **minimizing the regularized sum of the squared residuals**

$$\sum_{k=1}^n [\beta(p)X_k + \beta_0(p) - Y_k(p)]^2 + \lambda(p)\|\beta(p)\|^2,$$

for some (Tikhonov) regularization parameters $\lambda(p) \geq 0$ (usually needed in high dimensional regression problems). These parameters are chosen (by the cross-validation) to minimize this squared residuals on the validation set, a subset of the training set. where $\|\cdot\|$ is the Euclidean norm.

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Reconstruction — tricky optimization problem

Knowing non-marked configuration $\phi = \sum_i \delta_{x_i}$ and having calculated approximations $\hat{\mathbf{S}}\tilde{\phi}$ of its marked scattering moments, we estimate unknown marks $m_i = m(x_i, \phi)$ by looking for a solution to the following minimization problem

$$\arg \min_{\tilde{\phi}': \phi' = \phi} \|\hat{\mathbf{S}}\tilde{\phi}' - \hat{\mathbf{S}}\tilde{\phi}\|^2, \quad (3)$$

where we minimize over all arbitrarily marked configurations $\tilde{\phi}'$ sharing the points with given ϕ (hence over unknown marks) and $\hat{\mathbf{S}}\tilde{\phi}'$ denotes the scattering moment calculated for $\tilde{\phi}'$. It should be noted that (3) is a **non convex optimization problem**. To solve it we use L-BFGS-B algorithm, see **Byrd, Lu, Nocedal (1995)**. This is a steepest descent algorithm for which it is important to optimize (via cross-validation) the number of iterations.

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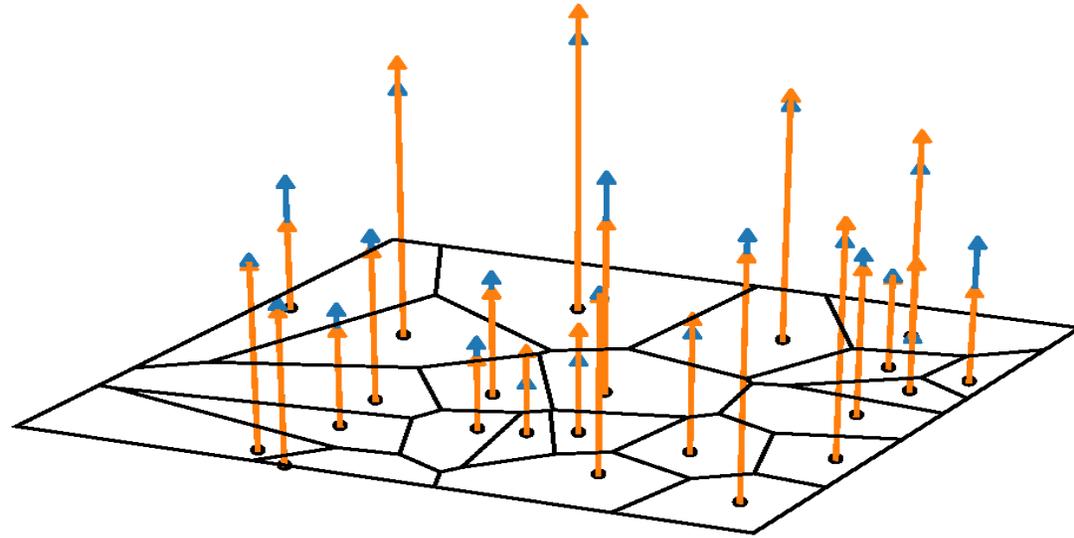
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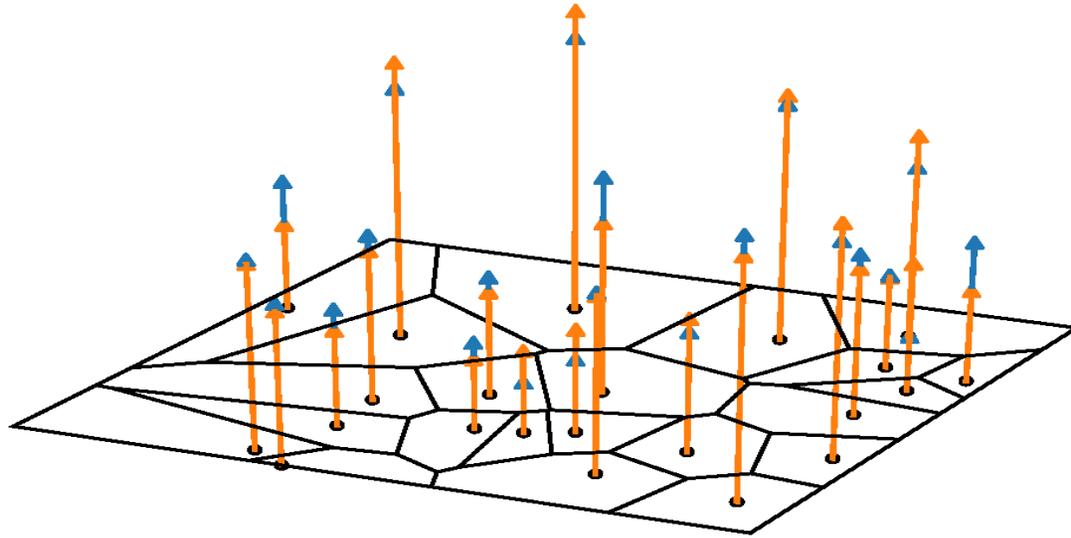
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Voronoi cell surface area reconstruction example



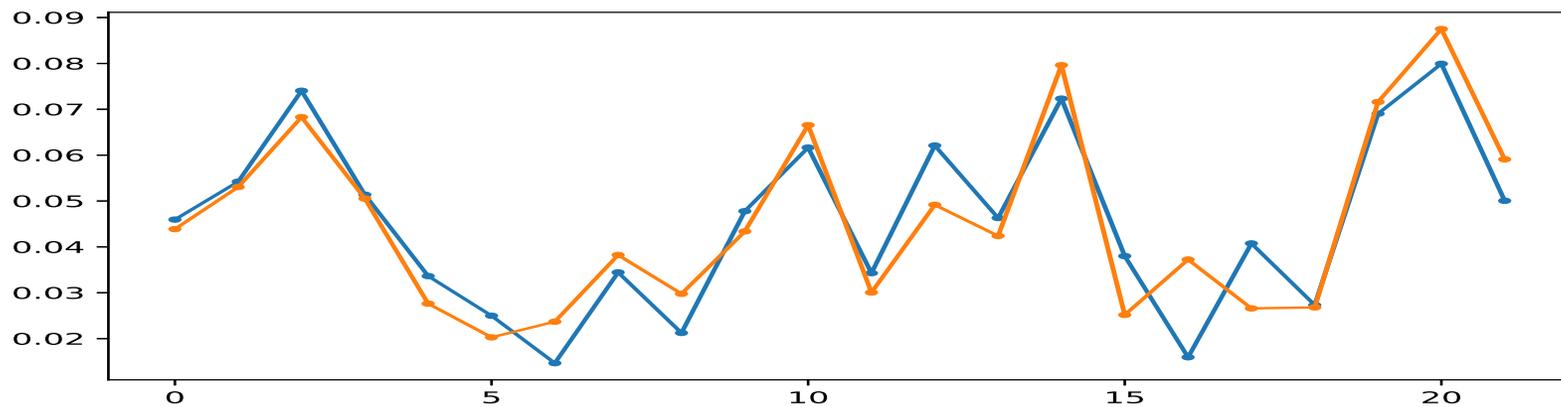
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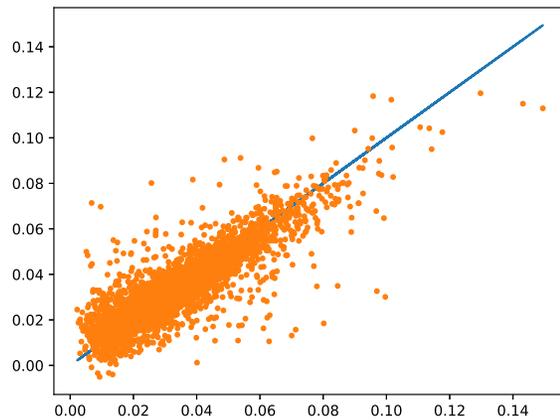


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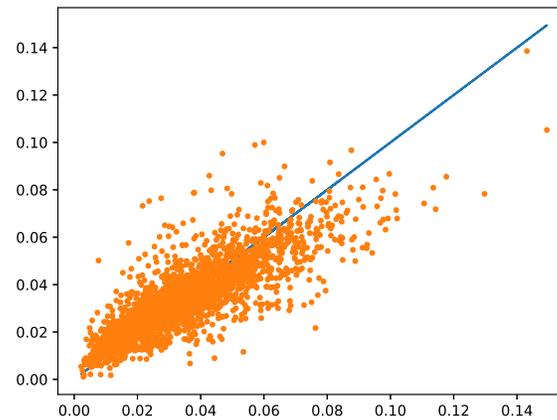
1D lexicographic representation of points to see better



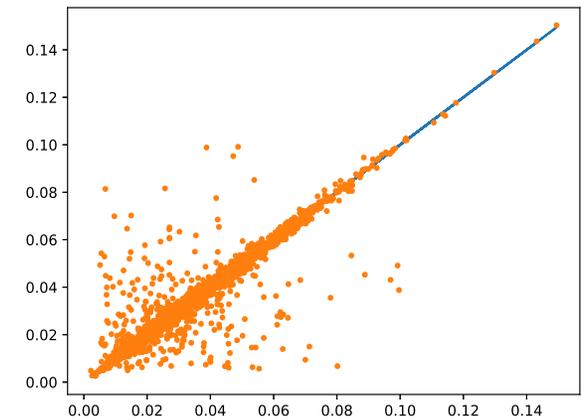
Voronoi cell surface area Q-Q plots



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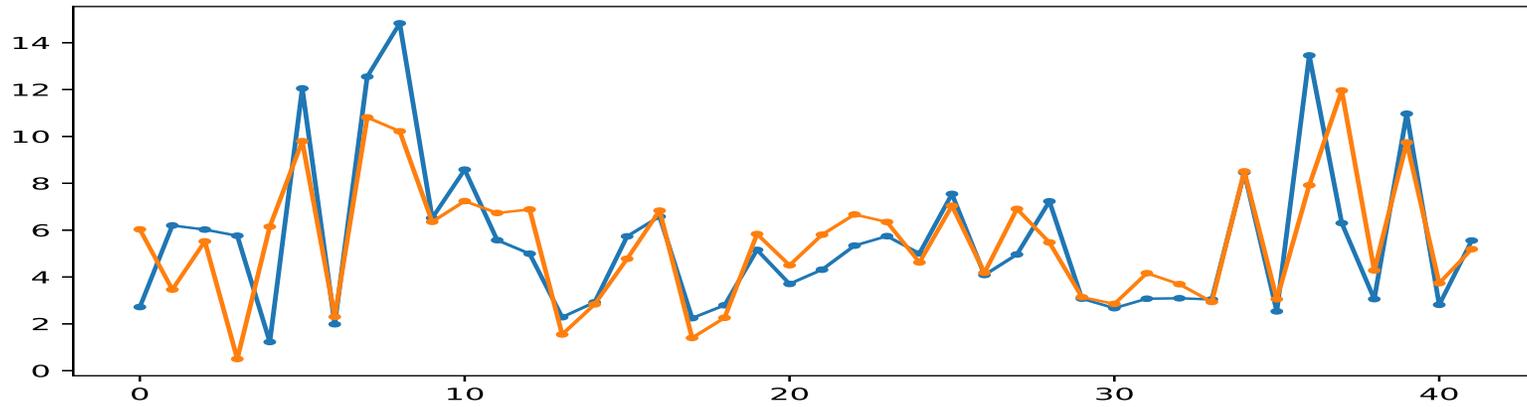
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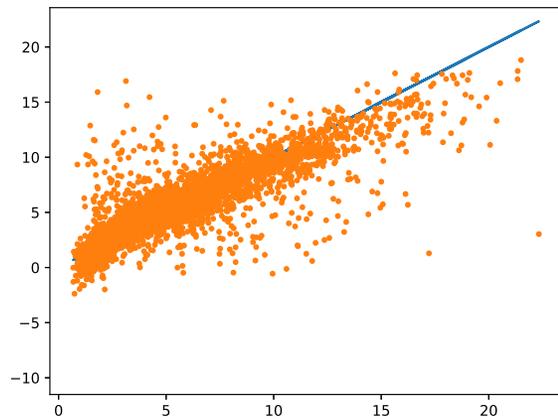
(c)

Reconstructed marks vs true values for all points of 100 test images. Reconstruction from (a) estimated moments, (b) exact moments, (c) benchmark based on distance matrix representation.

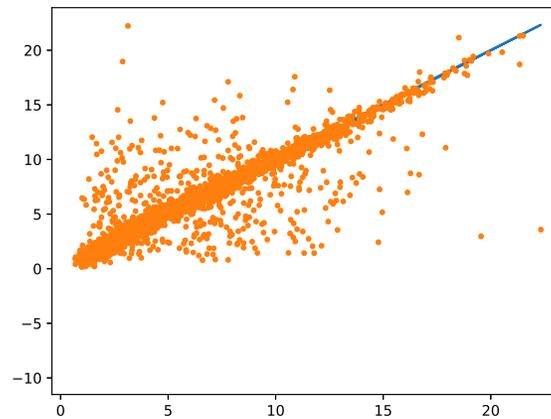
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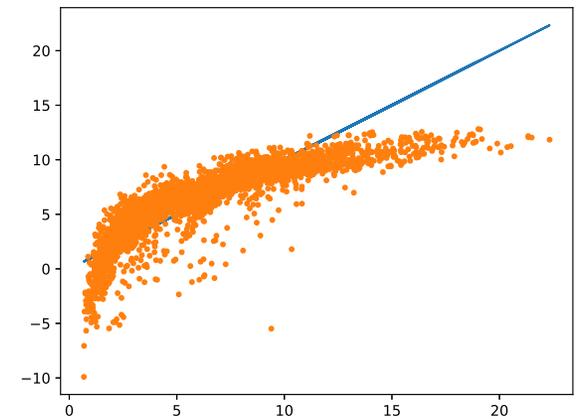
Reconstructed image example.



(a)



(b)



(c)

Q-Q plot: (a) estimated moments, (b) exact moments, (c) benchmark.

Conclusions

- Scattering moments are nonlinear and noncommuting operators, computing at different scales the modulus of a wavelet transform.
- At small scale they capture the intensity of point processes, at large scale their variance scaling.
- Numerical evidences confirm that they can capture (in statistically exploitable way) existing rigidity. For example, they allow one to estimate values of marks given locations of points.
- More work required to understand better these, apparently statistically useful, operators.

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