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### **Gibbs-Delaunay Tessellations**

Simulation and estimation

# Section 1

Point processes

### Poisson point process

We're on  $(\mathbb{R}^d, \mathcal{B})$ , Euclidean space,  $\lambda^d$  Lebesgue measure. Denote  $\mathcal{B}_0$  the set of bounded Borel sets.

### **Definition**. Poisson point process

Let  $\mu$  be a locally finite non-atomic measure on  $\mathbb{R}^d$ . A point process  $\Phi$  satisfying

- $\Phi(B) \sim Pois(\mu(B))$  for each  $B \in \mathcal{B}_0$ ,
- $\Phi(B_1), \ldots, \Phi(B_n)$  are independent for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $B_1, \ldots, B_n \in \mathcal{B}_0$  pairwise disjoint.

is called a Poisson point process with the intensity measure  $\mu$ .

If  $\mu=z\lambda^d$  we call the process homogenous and z the intensity. For  $\Lambda\in\mathcal{B}_0$ , denote the distribution of  $\Phi\cap\Lambda$  as  $\pi^z_\Lambda$ . For the case z=1, use  $\pi_\Lambda$ .

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$$z^{N_{\Lambda}(\gamma)}e^{-H(\gamma)}\pi_{\Lambda}(d\gamma).$$

### Finite volume Gibbs point process

Take  $\Lambda \in \mathcal{B}_0$ .

### **Definition**. Finite volume Gibbs point process

The finite-volume Gibbs point process on  $\Lambda$  (fGPP) is a point process  $\Gamma$  defined by its density with respect to  $\pi_{\Lambda}$ :

$$f(\gamma) = \frac{1}{C_{\Lambda}^{z}} z^{N_{\Lambda}(\gamma)} e^{-H(\gamma)} \qquad \gamma \in \mathcal{F}_{lf},$$

where

- $\bullet$  z > 0,
- $H: \mathcal{F}_{lf} \mapsto \mathbb{R} \cup \{+\infty\}$  is a measurable function called the energy function,
- $C_{\Lambda}^z = \int z^{N_{\Lambda}} e^{-H} d\pi_{\Lambda}$  is the normalizing constant.

Denote  $P_{\Lambda}^z$  the distribution of the finite-volume Gibbs point process on  $\Lambda$ , called the finite Gibbs measure.

### Energy function H

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Typically, we require H to satisfy:

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Example (Strauss interaction): For R > 0,

$$H(\gamma) = \sum_{\{x,y\} \subset \gamma} \mathbf{1}_{[0,R]}(\|x-y\|)$$

### Local energy and GNZ equations

For  $\gamma \in \mathcal{F}_{lf}$  and  $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$ , define the local energy of x in  $\gamma$  by

$$h(x,\gamma) = H(\gamma \cup \{x\}) - H(\gamma).$$

### Proposition (Georgii, Nguyen, Zessin). GNZ equations

For any positive measurable function  $f: \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathcal{F}_{lf} \to \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$\int \sum_{x \in \gamma} f(x, \gamma \setminus \{x\}) P_{\Lambda}^{z} d(\gamma) = z \int \int_{\Lambda} f(x, \gamma) e^{-h(x, \gamma)} dx P_{\Lambda}^{z} (d\gamma).$$

### Section 2

Triangulations

### Delaunay triangulation

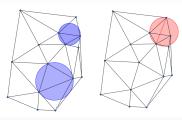
Through empty sphere property

A d+1-tuplet  $T=\{x_1,\ldots,x_{d+1}\}\subset \gamma$  satisfies the empty sphere property if the open circumscribed ball  $\mathcal{B}(T)$  does not contain any points from  $\gamma$ .

#### **Definition**. Delaunay triangulation in $\mathbb{R}^d$

A Delaunay triangulation of  $\gamma \in \mathcal{F}_{lf}$  is the set  $Del(\gamma)$  defined by

 $Del(\gamma) = \{T \subset \gamma : card(T) = d + 1, T \text{ satisfies the empty sphere property } \}.$ 



Additional assumption on  $\gamma$  (No cospherical points): no d+2 points  $x_1, \ldots, x_{d+2}$  are cospherical, i.e. there is no point  $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$  such that  $d(x, x_1) = \cdots = d(x, x_d + 2)$ .

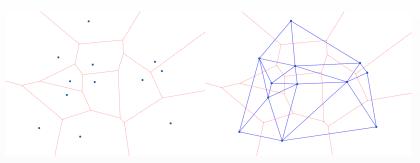
d(x, y) is the Euclidean distance between points x and y.

## Delaunay triangulation

Through Voronoi tessellation

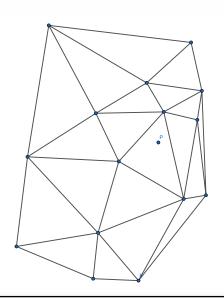
For  $x \in \gamma$ , the Voronoi cell of x in  $\gamma$  is

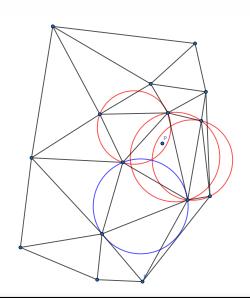
$$C(x,\gamma) = \{ z \in \mathbb{R}^d : \|x - z\| \le \|y - z\| \ \forall y \in \gamma \}.$$

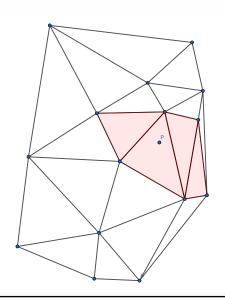


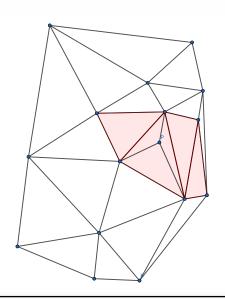
Then the Delaunay triangulation can be defined as

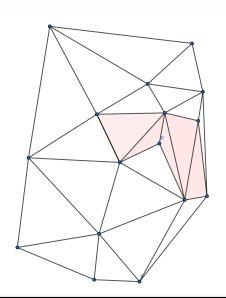
$$Del(\gamma) = \{\{x,y\} \subset \gamma: C(x,\gamma) \cap C(y,\gamma) \neq \emptyset\}.$$

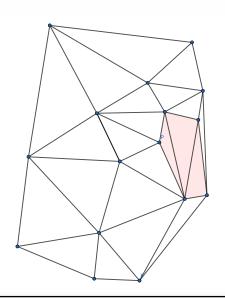


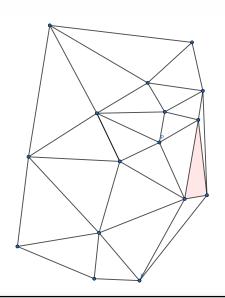


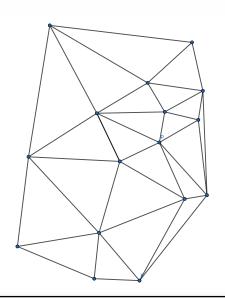












### Delaunay triangulation in 2D

Geometric predicates, 2D

In 2D, for  $p_1, \ldots, p_4$ , with  $p_i = (x_i, y_i)$ , such that

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where 
$$w_i = x_i^2 + y_i^2, i = 1, ..., 4$$



### Delaunay triangulation in 3D

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In 3D, for  $p_1, \ldots, p_5$  with  $p_i = (x_i, y_i, z_i)$ , such that

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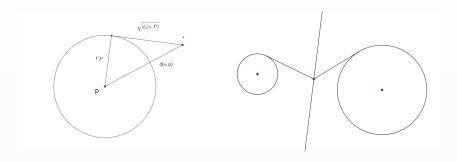
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$$w_i = x_i^2 + y_i^2 + z_i^2$$
,  $i = 1, ..., 5$ .

### Laguerre-Delaunay triangulation

Power metric

- Generators are not points, but spheres.
- $\gamma = \{P_1, \dots, P_n\} = \{(p_1, r_{p_1}), \dots, (p_n, r_{p_n})\}$  can be thought of as marked point process.
- Metric is not Euclidean, but power distance.

$$d_p(x,P) = d(x,p)^2 - r_P^2$$



### Laguerre-Delaunay triangulation

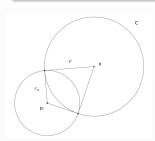
Inscribed sphere and cospherical spheres

#### **Definition**. Inscribed sphere

A sphere  $C = (x, \rho)$  is inscribed among d + 1 spheres  $P_1, \dots, P_{d+1}$  if

$$\rho^2 = d_p(x, P_1) = d_p(x, P_2) = \dots = d_p(x, P_{d+1})$$

The spheres  $P_1, \ldots, P_{d+1}$  are cospherical to the sphere C.



 $P_1, \ldots, P_{d+1}$  are cospherical  $\Rightarrow C$  intersects  $P_i, i = 1, \ldots, d+1$  at a right angle.

#### **Definition**. Empty sphere, empty sphere property

The inscribed sphere is called an empty sphere if no sphere from  $\gamma$  intersects C at an acute angle and if no sphere from  $\gamma$  is contained in C.

Spheres  $P_1, \ldots, P_{d+1}$  satisfy the empty sphere property if their inscribed sphere is an empty sphere.

### **Definition**. Laguerre-Delaunay triangulation in $\mathbb{R}^d$

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### Interlude: CGAL



- Computational Geometry Algorithms Library
- C++ library for geometric computation.
- Has fast implementations of both 3D Delaunay and 3D Laguerre-Delaunay triangulations (called Regular triangulation).
- Offers exact arithmetic for both geometric constructions and geometric predicates.

	Delaunay	Delaunay	Regular	Regular
		Fast location		No hidden points
Construction from $10^2$ points	0.00054	0.000576	0.000948	0.000955
Construction from $10^3$ points	0.00724	0.00748	0.0114	0.0111
Construction from $10^4$ points	0.0785	0.0838	0.122	0.117
Construction from $10^5$ points	0.827	0.878	1.25	1.19
Construction from $10^6$ points	8.5	9.07	12.6	12.2
Construction from ${f 10}^7$ points	87.4	92.5	129	125

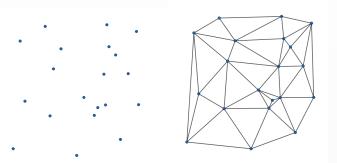
# Section 3

# Random triangulations

### Poisson-Delaunay triangulation

### **Definition**. Poisson-Delaunay triangulation in $\mathbb{R}^d$

The Poisson-Delaunay triangulation of the Poisson point process  $\Phi$  is the set  $Del(\Phi)$ .



### Gibbs-Laguerre-Delaunay triangulation

### **Definition**. Gibbs-Laguerre-Delaunay triangulation in $\mathbb{R}^d$

The Gibbs-Laguerre-Delaunay triangulation of the finite marked Gibbs point process  $\Gamma$  is the set  $\mathcal{L}Del(\Gamma)$ .

Geometric aspects of the triangulation can be used to define *H*. In general, the energy can have the form

$$\textit{H}(\gamma) = \sum_{\textit{T} \in \mathcal{L}\textit{Del}(\gamma)} \textit{V}_{1}(\textit{T}) + \sum_{\textit{\{\textit{T},\textit{T'}\}} \subset \mathcal{L}\textit{Del}(\gamma)} \textit{V}_{2}(\textit{T},\textit{T'})$$

to take interaction into account.  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  can be any functions from d-dimensional simplices to  $\mathbb{R} \cup \{+\infty\}$ .

Section 4

Simulation

### Specification of the GLD model

Our model is the GDL triangulation in  $\mathbb{R}^{3}$  with the energy function of the form

$$H(\gamma) = \sum_{T \in \mathcal{L}Del_{\Lambda}(\gamma)} V_{1}(T),$$

with  $V_1$  defined as

$$V_1(T) = \begin{cases} \infty & \text{if } a(T) \le \epsilon, \\ \infty & \text{if } R(T) \ge \alpha, \\ \theta Sur(T) & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$
 (1)

#### where

- a(T) is the area of the smallest face of the tetrahedron T.
- R(T) is the circumradius of T.
- *Sur*(*T*) is the surface area of the tetrahedron.

Futhermore,  $W = [0, W_0]$  is the weight proposal interval, where  $W_0 > 0$  is the maximum weight.

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#### **Birth-Death-Move algorithm**

Denote  $\Lambda$  the observation window and  $\Delta$  the simulation window,  $\Lambda \subset \Delta$ .  $\Lambda_W := \Lambda \times [0, W]$ . Choose move variance  $\sigma^2 > 0$ .

- **①** Start with a permissible initial configuration  $\gamma_0 \subset \Delta \times W$ .
- ② Denote  $n = card(\gamma_0 \cap \Lambda)$ .
- In each step, with probability 1/3:
  - **Birth**: Generate a new point  $x \in \Lambda_W$  uniformly. Accept with probability  $\frac{zf(\gamma_0 \cup \{x\})}{(n+1)f(\gamma_0)}$ ,
  - **Death**: Choose  $x \in \gamma_0$  uniformly. Accept with probability  $\frac{nf(\gamma_0 \setminus \{x\})}{zf(\gamma_0)}$ ,
  - Move: Choose  $x \in \gamma_0$  uniformly and generate  $y \in \Lambda_w$  with the distribution  $\mathcal{N}(x, \sigma^2 I)$ . Accept with probability  $\frac{f(\gamma_0 \setminus \{x\} \cup \{y\})}{f(\gamma_0)}$ .
- **1** Denote the new configuration  $\gamma_1$ , set  $\gamma_0 \leftarrow \gamma_1$  and go to 2.

### Comparison with Poisson-Delaunay

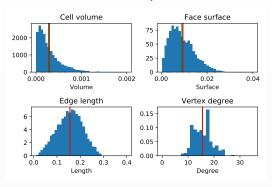
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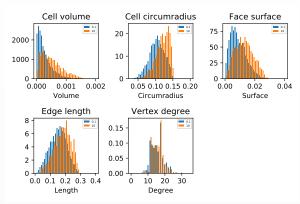


Realization of a GLD model with parameters  $\theta=0.1, z=500, \alpha=0.15, \epsilon=0, W_0=0.001$ . Red line is the expected value for Poisson-Delauany.

## Role of the parameter $\theta$

 $\theta$  positive

The model prefers configurations with lower energy.  $\theta$  multiplies the total surface area of all cells, thus with higher  $\theta$ , the cells are forced to become large.



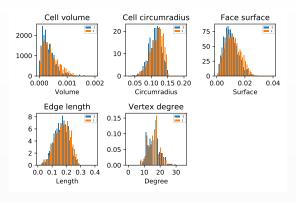
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## Role of the parameter $\theta$

 $\theta$  negative

The model prefers configurations with lower energy.

- $\theta > 0$ . The sum needs to be minimized  $\Rightarrow$  fewer larger tetrahedra.
- $\theta$  < 0. The sum needs to be maximized  $\Rightarrow$  many smaller tetrahedra.



Realization of two GLD models. Blue:  $\theta=-2$ , orange:  $\theta=2$ . Other parameters are  $z=500, \alpha=0.15, \epsilon=0, W_0=0.001$  for both models.

Section 5

Estimation

#### We have 4 parameters to estimate

- Hard-core parameters.
  - The minimum face area  $\epsilon$ .
  - the maximum circumradius  $\alpha$ .
- Smooth parameters.
  - The multiplier of Sur(T),  $\theta$ ,
  - the intensity of the underlying Poisson point process, z.

#### This is done through a two-step procedure

- **1** Estimate the hardcore parameters  $(\epsilon, \alpha)$  directly.
- Estimate the smooth parameters  $(\theta, z)$  by Maximum Pseudo-Likelihood Estimation (MPLE) using the estimates  $(\hat{\epsilon}, \hat{\alpha})$ .

[Dereudre, Lavancier (2009)] only proves consistence for a single parameter (although experimentally both work).

Thanks to the fact that the hardcore parameter  $\alpha$  satisfies

if 
$$\alpha < \alpha'$$
 then  $\forall \Lambda$ ,  $H_{\Lambda}^{\epsilon,\alpha,\theta}(\gamma) < \infty \Rightarrow H_{\Lambda}^{\epsilon,\alpha',\theta}(\gamma) < \infty$ ,

its consistent estimator is

$$\hat{\alpha} = \inf\{\alpha > 0, H_{\Lambda}(\gamma) < \infty\},\$$

which in practice is estimated as

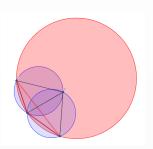
$$\hat{\alpha} = \max\{r(T), T \in Del_{\Lambda}(\gamma)\}.$$

The estimate  $\hat{\alpha}$  is then used in the pseudo-likelihood function in the second estimation step.

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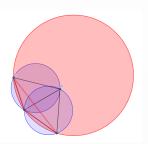
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However [Dereudre, Lavancier (2009)] proved that GNZ still holds if we restrict ourselves to removable points.

We say a point  $x \in \gamma$  is removable if  $H(\gamma \setminus \{x\}) < \infty$ . Denote  $\mathcal{R}^{\alpha}(\gamma)$  the set of removable points in  $\gamma$ .

2. Maximum pseudolikelihood

The pseudolikelihood function is

$$PLL_{\Lambda_W}(\gamma, z, \alpha, \theta) = \int_{\Lambda_W} z \exp(-h^{\alpha, \theta}(x, \gamma)) dx + \sum_{x \in \mathcal{R}^{\alpha}(\gamma) \cap \Lambda_W} (h^{\alpha, \theta}(x, \gamma \setminus \{x\}) - \ln(z)),$$

The estimates  $\hat{\theta}$  and  $\hat{z}$  are obtained through minimizing the  $PLL_{\Lambda_W}$  function.

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Differentiation yields the estimate  $\hat{z}$ 

$$\hat{z} = \frac{\operatorname{card}(\mathcal{R}^{\hat{\alpha}}(\gamma) \cap \Lambda_{W})}{\int_{\Lambda_{W}} \exp\left(-h^{\hat{\alpha},\theta}(x,\gamma)\right) dx},$$

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$$(\hat{z}, \hat{\theta}) = \operatorname{argmin}_{z,\theta} PLL_{\Lambda_W}(\gamma, z, \hat{\alpha}, \theta).$$

Differentiation yields the estimate  $\hat{z}$ 

$$\hat{z} = \frac{\operatorname{card}(\mathcal{R}^{\hat{\alpha}}(\gamma) \cap \Lambda_{W})}{\int_{\Lambda_{W}} \exp\left(-h^{\hat{\alpha},\theta}(x,\gamma)\right) dx},$$

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After some manipulation, we obtain the equation

$$\int_{\Lambda_W} \exp\left(-\theta h^{\hat{\alpha},1}(x,\gamma)\right) (h^{\hat{\alpha},1}(x,\gamma)-c) dx = 0.$$

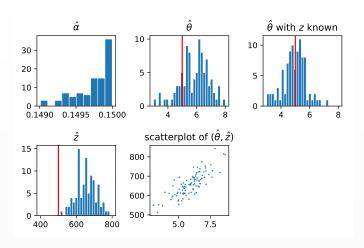
where c is the RHS of (2), which is independent of  $\theta$ .

After  $\hat{\theta}$  is estimated, we then obtain the estimate  $\hat{z}$  with  $\hat{\theta}$  instead of  $\theta$ .

All integrals are estimated by MC-integration.

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For Gibbs-Delaunay



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