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# HAWKES PROCESSES

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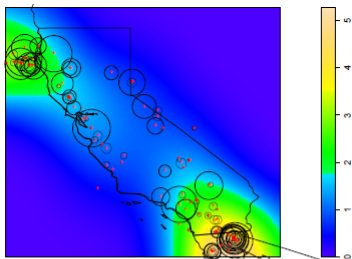
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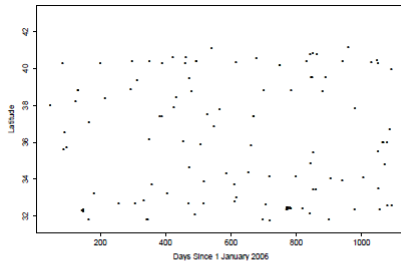
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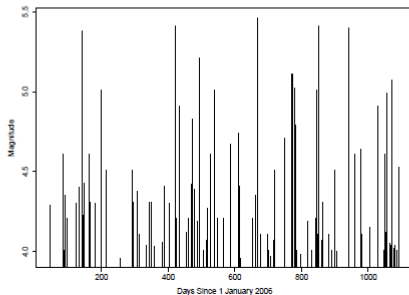
# Introduction



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## Definition 1

**(Point process)** Let  $\{T_i, i \in \mathbb{N}\}$  be a sequence of non-negative random variables such that  $\forall i \in \mathbb{N}, T_i < T_{i+1}$ . Then  $\{T_i, i \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is a (simple) point process.

## Definition 2

**(Counting process)** A counting process is a stochastic process  $(N(t) : t \geq 0)$  taking values in  $\mathbb{N}_0$  that satisfies  $N(0) = 0$ , is almost surely finite, and is a right-continuous step function with increments of size  $+1$ . Denote by  $(\mathcal{H}(u) : u \geq 0)$  the history of the arrivals up to time  $u$ .

# Background

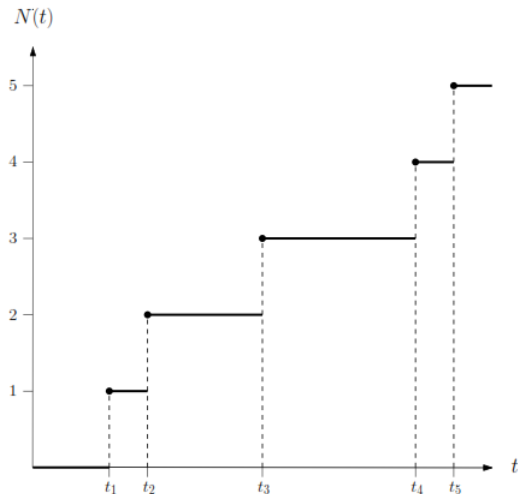


Figure 1: Point process  $\{t_1, t_2, \dots\}$  and corresponding counting process  $N(t)$ .

## Definition 3

**(Inhomogeneous Poisson Process)** Consider  $(N(t) : t \geq 0)$  a counting process and that satisfies

$$\mathbb{P}(N(t+h) - N(t) = m | N(t)) = \begin{cases} \lambda(t)h, & \text{if } m = 1 \\ o(h), & \text{if } m > 1 \\ 1 - \lambda(t)h + o(h), & \text{if } m = 0 \end{cases}$$

Then  $N(t)$  is called a inhomogeneous Poisson process with  $\lambda : \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ .

## Definition 4

**(Hawkes process)** Consider  $(N(t) : t \geq 0)$  a counting process, with associated history  $\mathcal{H}(t) : t \geq 0$ , that satisfies

$$\mathbb{P}(N(t+h) - N(t) = m | \mathcal{H}(t)) = \begin{cases} \lambda^*(t)h + o(h), & \text{if } m = 1 \\ o(h), & \text{if } m > 1 \\ 1 - \lambda^*(t)h + o(h), & \text{if } m = 0 \end{cases}$$

Suppose the process' conditional intensity function is of the form

$$\lambda^*(t) = \lambda + \int_0^t \mu(t-u) dN(u)$$

for some  $\lambda > 0$  and  $\mu : (0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  which are called the background intensity and excitation function respectively. Suppose that  $\mu(\cdot) \neq 0$ , then a process  $N(\cdot)$  is a Hawkes process.



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**Algorithm 1** Generate an inhomogeneous Poisson process by thinning.

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**INPUT:**  $T$  is the time to simulate;  
 $\lambda(\cdot)$  is the intensity function;  
 $M$  is bounded value;

**OUTPUT:** The vector  $P$  containing the times of occurrences  
 $\{t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n\}$ ;

**Require:**  $\lambda(\cdot) \leq M$  on  $[0, T]$ .

**Step 1:** Set  $P \leftarrow []$ ,  $t \leftarrow 0$

**Step 2:** while  $t < T$  do

- a. Generate next candidate point  $E \leftarrow \text{Exp}(M)$ ,  $t \leftarrow t + E$
- b. Keep it with some probability  $U \leftarrow \text{Unif}(0, M)$
- c. if  $t < T$  and  $U \leq \lambda(t)$  then  $P \leftarrow [P, t]$

# Simulation Algorithms - Inhomogeneous Poisson

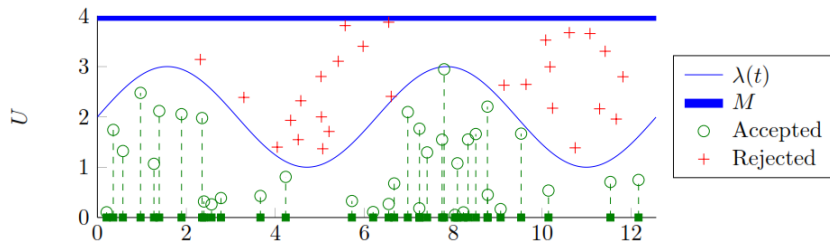


Figure 2: Inhomogeneous Poisson.

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**Algorithm 2** Generate a Hawkes process by thinning.

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**INPUT:**  $T$  is the time to simulate;

$\lambda^*(.)$  is the conditional intensity function;

**OUTPUT:** The vector  $P$  containing the times of occurrences  $\{t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n\}$ ;

**Require:**  $\lambda^*(.)$  non-increasing in periods without any arrivals.

**Step 1:** Set  $\varepsilon \leftarrow 10^{-10}$ ,  $P \leftarrow []$ ,  $t \leftarrow 0$

**Step 2:** while  $t < T$  do

- a. Find new upper bound:  $M \leftarrow \lambda^*(t + \varepsilon)$
  - b. Generate next candidate point  $E \leftarrow \text{Exp}(M)$ ,  $t \leftarrow t + E$
  - c. Keep it with some probability  $U \leftarrow \text{Unif}(0, M)$
  - d. if  $t < T$  and  $U \leq \lambda^*(t)$  then  $P \leftarrow [P, t]$
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# Simulation Algorithms - Intensity-based Hawkes Process

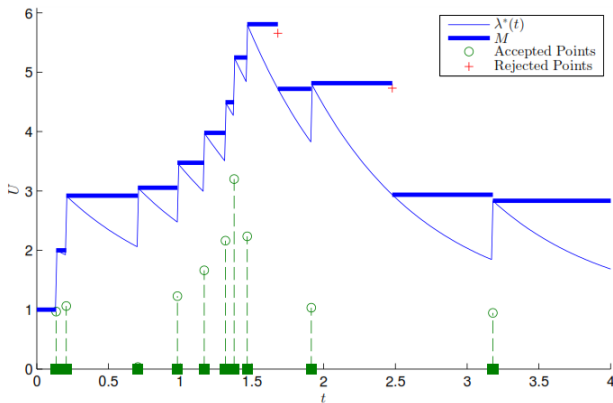


Figure 3: Intensity-based Hawkes Process.

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**Algorithm 3** Generate a Hawkes process by clusters.

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**INPUT:**  $T$  is the time to simulate;

$(\lambda, \alpha, \beta)$  are parameters of the conditional intensity function;

**OUTPUT:**  $P$  is the union of all the clusters  $\{C_1, C_2, \dots, C_k\}$ ;

**Step 1:** Set  $P \leftarrow \{\}$

**Step 2:** Generate the immigrants:

a.  $k \leftarrow \text{Poi}(\lambda T)$

b.  $C_1, C_2, \dots, C_k$  independent and identically distributed  $\text{Unif}(0, T)$

**Step 3:** Generate the descendants:

a.  $D_1, D_2, \dots, D_k$  independent and identically distributed  $\text{Poi}(\alpha/\beta)$

**Step 4:** for  $i \leftarrow 1$  to  $k$  do

a. if  $D_i > 0$  then

a.1  $E_1, E_2, \dots, E_{D_i}$  independent and identically distributed  $\text{Exp}(\beta)$

a.2  $P \leftarrow P \cup \{C_i + E_1, C_i + E_2, \dots, C_i + E_{D_i}\}$

**Step 5:** Remove descendant outside  $[0, T]$

$$P \leftarrow \{P_i : P_i \in P, P_i \leq T\}$$

**Step 6:** Add in immigrants and sort:  $P \leftarrow \text{Sort} (P \cup \{C_1, C_2, \dots, C_k\})$

# Simulation Algorithms - Cluster-based Hawkes Process

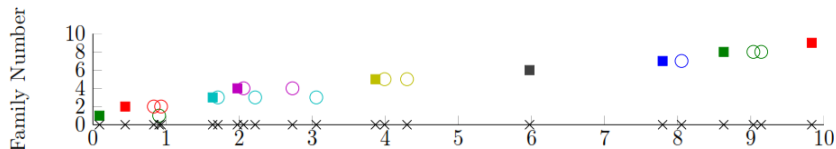


Figure 4: Cluster-based Hawkes Process.

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