

Homework 7 - Spatial Point Process

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Worksheet: Spatial point process

Please turn in the assignment as a link to a GitHub repo containing this worksheet as a PDF file and your code.

Background

We're going to simulate and analyze data from a clustered spatial point process. The file `generate_clustered_pt_proc.R` will be used to generate the data. We will use the `Kest()` and `envelope()` functions from the `spatstat` package to analyze the data.

Q1: Simulate some data using `generate_clustered_pt_proc.R`.

Q1.1: Which parameter(s) control the spatial extent of clusters

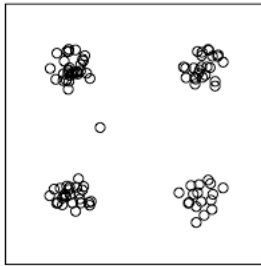
The coordinates in lines 12-16 and the matrix that defines the center location and the distance vector can control the spatial extent of clusters (Line 19 and 20).

Q1.2: Which parameter(s) control the strength of clustering (i.e., density within clusters relative to outside of clusters)

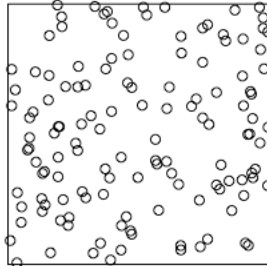
The size and relative strength of clusters is controlled by the value at center, effect range, and background variables.

Q1.3 Generate point pattern data from a complete spatial randomness (CSR) process and a clustered process and paste the two plots below.

output_ppp



output_csr

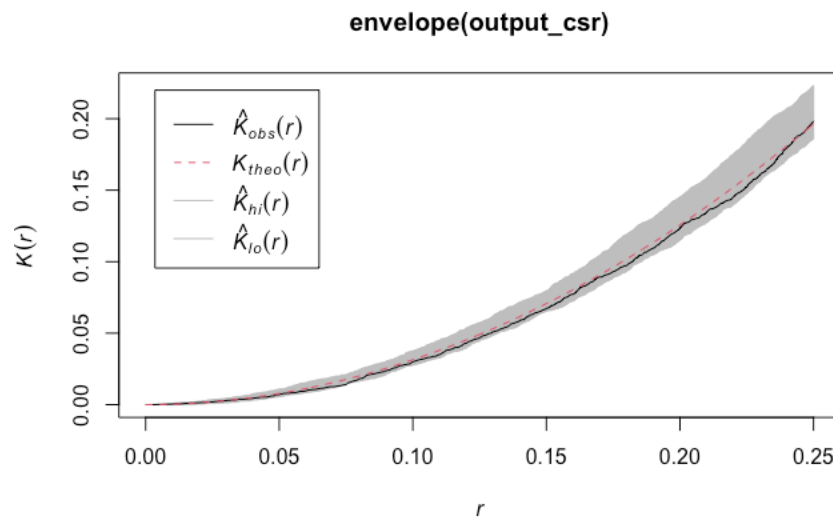


Q2: Use the quadrat test to determine whether each of these plots differs significantly from CSR. You can either code this yourself or, if that seems daunting, use the `quadrat.test()` function in the `spatstat` library. Report the Chi-square statistic and p value for each plot above.

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quadrat.test(output_ppp, alternative = "clustered")  
X2 = 291.5, df = 24, p-value < 2.2e-16
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quadrat.test(output_csr, alternative = "regular")  
X2 = 22.244, df = 24, p-value = 0.4355
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Q3: Describe the degree of clustering at different spatial scales using a Ripley's K plot. Either code it yourself using eq. 2.8 from Fortin and Dale or use the `Kest()` function in the `spatstat` library and the `envelope()` function to generate an envelope for the null expectation for K for CSR data. Paste the plot below.



Q4: Can you generate spatial point process data that are clustered at smaller spatial scales but random at larger scales? Paste a plot of the spatial point pattern and a plot of Ripley's K below.

Didn't have time to complete this question.