Bugs fixed in spatstat

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This vignette lists all *important* bugs detected and fixed in the spatstat package since 2010.

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1 Bug history

Thousands of bugs have been detected and fixed in spatstat during its 25-year history. We started recording the bug history in 2010.

Bugs that may have affected the user are listed in the package NEWS file, and can be searched using the R command news or the spatstat command bugfixes.

To see all bugs in the recorded history of spatstat that may have affected the user, type

> bugfixes

which currently produces a list of 772 bugs, of which 304 were detected after publication of the book [1]. To see all bugs in spatstat that were fixed after 30 June 2017, type

> bugfixes(sincedate="2017-06-30")

To see all bugs fixed after the book [1] was written, type

> bugfixes(sinceversion="1.42-0")

2 Serious bugs

Following is a list of the **most serious bugs** only, in order of potential impact.

2.1 Serious Bugs, Always Wrong, Broad Impact

- nncross.ppp: Results were completely incorrect if k > 1. (Bug introduced in spatstat 1.31-2, april 2013; fixed in spatstat 1.35-0, december 2013)
- nncross.pp3: Results were completely incorrect in some cases.

 (Bug introduced in spatstat 1.32-0, august 2013; fixed in spatstat 1.34-0, october 2013)
- cdf.test.ppm: Calculation of p-values was incorrect for Gibbs models: 1-p was computed instead of p.

(Bug introduced in spatstat 1.40-0, december 2014; fixed in spatstat 1.45-2, may 2016)

• Smooth.ppp: Results of Smooth(X, at="points", leaveoneout=FALSE) were completely incorrect.

(Bug introduced in spatstat 1.20-5, august 2010; fixed in spatstat 1.46-0, july 2016)

• rmh:

- Simulation was completely incorrect in the case of a multitype point process with an interaction that does not depend on the marks, such as ppm(betacells, ~marks, Strauss(60)) due to a coding error in the C interface.
 - (Bug introduced in spatstat 1.22-3, march 2010; fixed in spatstat 1.22-3, june 2011)
- Simulation of the Area-Interaction model was completely incorrect.
 (Bug introduced in spatstat 1.23-6, october 2011; fixed in spatstat 1.31-0, january 2013)
- Simulation of the Geyer saturation process was completely incorrect.

 (Bug introduced in spatstat 1.31-0, january 2013; fixed in spatstat 1.31-1, march 2013)
- Simulation of the Strauss-Hard Core process was partially incorrect, giving point patterns with a slightly lower intensity.
 - (Bug introduced in spatstat 1.31-0, january 2013; fixed in spatstat 1.37-0, may 2014)
- The result of simulating a model with a hard core did not necessarily respect the hard core constraint, and simulation of a model with strong inhibition did not necessarily converge. This only happened if the first order trend was large, the starting state (n.start or x.start) was not given, and the number of iterations nrep was not very large. It occurred because of a poor choice for the default starting state. (Bug was present since about 2010. Fixed in spatstat 1.40-0, december 2014)
- Simulation was incorrect in the case of an inhomogeneous multitype model with fix-all=TRUE (i.e. with a fixed number of points of each type) if the model was segregated (i.e. if different types of points had different first order trend). The effect of the error was that all types of points had the same first order trend. (Bug was present since about 2010. Fixed in spatstat 1.43-0, september 2015)
- Simulation of the Geyer saturation process was incorrectly initialised, so that the results of a short run (i.e. small value of nrep) were incorrect, while long runs were correct.
 (Bug introduced in spatstat 1.17-0, october 2009; fixed in spatstat 1.31-1, march 2013)

• nnmark, as.im.ssf: If marks(X) was a matrix rather than a data frame, the results were completely incorrect.

(Bug introduced in spatstat 1.32-0, august 2013; fixed in spatstat 1.55-1, april 2018)

• rVarGamma: Simulations were incorrect; they were generated using the wrong value of the parameter nu.ker.

(Bug introduced in spatstat 1.25-0, december 2011; fixed in spatstat 1.35-0, december 2013)

• rCauchy: Simulations were incorrect; they were generated using the wrong value of the parameter omega.

(Bug introduced in spatstat 1.25-0, december 2011; fixed in spatstat 1.25-2, january 2012)

• lppm: For multitype patterns, the fitted model was completely incorrect due to an error in constructing the quadrature scheme.

(Bug introduced in spatstat 1.23-0, july 2011; fixed in spatstat 1.30-0, december 2012)

- [.lpp: The local coordinate seg was completely incorrect, when i was a window. (Bug introduced in spatstat 1.31-2, april 2013; fixed in spatstat 1.45-0, march 2016)
- lohboot: Implementation was completely incorrect.

 (Bug introduced in spatstat 1.26-1, april 2012; fixed in spatstat 1.53-2, october 2017)
- leverage.ppm, influence.ppm, dfbetas.ppm: Results were incorrect for non-Poisson processes due to a mathematical error.

(Bug introduced in spatstat 1.25-0, december 2011; fixed in spatstat 1.51-0, may 2017)

2.2 Serious Bugs, Often Completely Wrong, Moderate Impact

- bw.pcf: Results were totally incorrect due to a typo.
 (Bug introduced in spatstat 1.51-0, may 2017; fixed in spatstat 1.52-0, august 2017)
- density.ppp: The standard error (calculated when se=TRUE) was incorrect when sigma was a single numeric value. The output was equal to sqrt(sigma) times the correct answer.

 (Bug introduced in spatstat 1.41-1, february 2015; fixed in spatstat 1.57-0, october 2018)
- rthin: If P was close to 1, the result was sometimes an empty point pattern when it should have been identical to X.

(Bug introduced in spatstat 1.43-0, october 2015; fixed in spatstat 1.57-0, october 2018)

- predict.mppm: If the model included random effects, and if the library MASS was not loaded, the predictions were on the log scale (i.e. they were logarithms of the correct values). (Bug introduced in spatstat 1.43-0, october 2015; fixed in spatstat 1.55-1, april 2018)
- nnmap, nnmark: Values were incorrect if the resulting pixel image had unequal numbers of rows and columns.

(Bug introduced in spatstat 1.35-0, december 2013; fixed in spatstat 1.55-0, january 2018)

- vcov.mppm: Format was incorrect (rows/columns were omitted) in some cases. (Bug introduced in spatstat 1.45-1, may 2016; fixed in spatstat 1.55-0, january 2018)
- model.matrix.ppm, model.frame.ppm: Values were sometimes incorrect when applied to the result of subfits. To be precise, if fit was an mppm object fitted to a hyperframe that included "design covariates" (covariates that take a constant value in each row of the hyperframe), and if

futs <- subfits(fit), then model.matrix(futs[[i]]) gave incorrect values in the columns corresponding to the design covariates.

(Bug introduced in spatstat 1.45-1, may 2016; fixed in spatstat 1.55-0, january 2018)

- predict.rho2hat: Results were incorrect for a rho2hat object computed from a point pattern. (Bug introduced in spatstat 1.42-0, may 2015; fixed in spatstat 1.52-0, august 2017)
- density.ppp: Result was incorrect for non-Gaussian kernels when at="points" and leaveo-neout=FALSE.

(Bug introduced in spatstat 1.47-0, october 2016; fixed in spatstat 1.57-0, october 2018)

• envelope.ppm: If the model was an inhomogeneous Poisson process, the resulting envelope object was incorrect (the simulations were correct, but the envelopes were calculated assuming the model was CSR).

(Bug introduced in spatstat 1.23-5, september 2011; fixed in spatstat 1.23-6, october 2011)

• linearK, linearpcf, linearKinhom, linearpcfinhom and multitype versions: These functions were sometimes greatly underestimated when the network had segments shorter than 10 coordinate units.

(Bug introduced in spatstat 1.44-0, december 2015; fixed in spatstat 1.46-2, july 2016)

• nncross, distfun, AreaInter: Results of nncross were possibly incorrect when X and Y did not have the same window. This bug affected values of distfun and may also have affected ppm objects with interaction AreaInter.

(Bug introduced in spatstat 1.9-4, june 2006; fixed in spatstat 1.25-2, january 2012)

- update.kppm:
 - Did not function correctly when several additional arguments were given.
 (Bug introduced in spatstat 1.42-2, june 2015; fixed in spatstat 1.54-0, november 2017)
 - If the call to update did not include a formula argument or a point pattern argument, then all arguments were ignored. Example: update(fit, improve.type="quasi") was identical to fit.

(Bug introduced in spatstat 1.42-2, june 2015; fixed in spatstat 1.45-0, march 2016)

- markcorrint: Results were completely incorrect.
 (Bug introduced in spatstat 1.39-0, october 2014; fixed in spatstat 1.40-0, december 2014)
- leverage.ppm, influence.ppm, dfbetas.ppm: Results were slightly incorrect for models with a hard core, due to a mathematical error.

(Bug introduced in spatstat 1.51-0, may 2017; fixed in spatstat 1.55-1, april 2018)

- Ops.msr: If the input data contained a pixel image of the smoothed density, this image was not updated; it was copied to the output unchanged. Plots of the resulting measure were incorrect. (Bug introduced in spatstat 1.52-0, august 2017; fixed in spatstat 1.55-1, april 2018)
- [.linnet: in calculating L[W] where W is a window, the code ignored segments of L that crossed W without having a vertex in W.

(Bug introduced in spatstat 1.53-0, september 2017; fixed in spatstat 1.55-1, april 2015)

• as.im.function: if the function domain was not a rectangle and the function values were categorical (factor) values, the result was an empty image.

(Bug introduced in spatstat 1.42-0, may 2015; fixed in spatstat 1.57-0, october 2018)

2.3 Bugs, Substantially Incorrect, Moderate Impact

- spatialcdf: Argument weights was ignored, unless it was a fitted model. (Bug was present since about 2010. Fixed in spatstat 1.59-0, march 2019)
- ppp: Points inside the window were erroneously rejected as lying outside the window, if the window was a polygon equivalent to a rectangle with sides longer than 10⁶ units. (Bug was present since the beginning. Fixed in spatstat 1.59-0, march 2019)
- inside.owin: All results were FALSE if the window was a polygon equivalent to a rectangle with sides longer than 10⁶ units. (Bug was present since the beginning. Fixed in spatstat 1.59-0, march 2019)
- sumouter: result was incorrect (all entries were zero) if w was missing and y was given. (Bug introduced in spatstat 1.47-0, october 2016; fixed in spatstat 1.59-0, march 2019)
- simulate.dppm, simulate.detpointprocfamily: In dimensions higher than 2, the result was shifted so that it was centred at the origin.

 (Bug introduced in spatstat 1.54-0, december 2017; fixed in spatstat 1.55-0, january 2018)
- integral.msr: If the result was a matrix, it was the transpose of the correct answer. (Bug introduced in spatstat 1.35-0, december 2012; fixed in spatstat 1.55-1, april 2018)
- density.ppp: Values of density(X, at="points") and Smooth(X, at="points") were sometimes incorrect, due to omission of the contribution from the data point with the smallest x coordinate.
 - (Bug introduced in spatstat 1.26-0, april 2012; fixed in spatstat 1.46-1, july 2016)
- multiplicity.default: The first occurrence of any value in the input was incorrectly assigned a multiplicity of 1.
 - (Bug introduced in spatstat 1.32-0, december 2013; fixed in spatstat 1.57-1, november 2018)
- update.ppm: If the argument Q was given, the results were usually incorrect, or an error was generated.
 - (Bug introduced in spatstat 1.38-0, august 2014; fixed in spatstat 1.38-1, august 2014)
- subfits: The interaction coefficients of the submodels were incorrect for Gibbs models with a multitype interaction (MultiStrauss, etc).
 - (Bug introduced in spatstat 1.35-0, december 2013; fixed in spatstat 1.45-2, may 2016)
- F3est: Estimates of F(r) for the largest value of r were wildly incorrect. (Bug was present since about 2010. Fixed in spatstat 1.48-0, december 2016)
- kppm, matclust.estpcf, pcfmodel: The pair correlation function of the Mátern Cluster Process was evaluated incorrectly at distances close to 0. This could have affected the fitted parameters in matclust.estpcf() or kppm(clusters="MatClust").
 - (Bug introduced in spatstat 1.20-2, august 2010; fixed in spatstat 1.33-0, september 2013)
- ppm: Results were incorrect for the Geyer saturation model with a non-integer value of the saturation parameter sat.
 - (Bug introduced in spatstat 1.20-0, july 2010; fixed in spatstat 1.31-2, april 2013)
- clip.infline: Results were incorrect unless the midpoint of the window was the coordinate origin.
 - (Bug introduced in spatstat 1.15-1, april 2009; fixed in spatstat 1.48-0, december 2016)

- intensity.ppm: Result was incorrect for Gibbs models if the model was exactly equivalent to a Poisson process (i.e. if all interaction coefficients were exactly zero).

 (Bug introduced in spatstat 1.28-1, june 2012; fixed in spatstat 1.47-0, october 2016)
- funxy: Did not correctly handle one-line functions. The resulting objects evaluated the wrong function in some cases.

(Bug introduced in spatstat 1.45-0, march 2016; fixed in spatstat 1.46-0, july 2016)

- kernel.moment: Result was incorrect for kernel="cosine" and kernel="optcosine". (Bug introduced in spatstat 1.45-2, may 2016; fixed in spatstat 1.56-0, june 2018)
- [.msr: Format was mangled if the subset contained exactly one quadrature point. (Bug introduced in spatstat 1.21-3, january 2011; fixed in spatstat 1.56-0, june 2018)
- tess: If a list of tiles was given, and the tiles were pixel images or masks, their pixel resolutions were ignored, and reset to the default 128 × 128. (Bug fixed in spatstat 1.56-0, june 2018)
- nnorient: crashed if the point pattern was empty.
 (Bug introduced in spatstat 1.40-0, december 2015; fixed in spatstat 1.57-0, october 2018)

2.4 Partially Incorrect

- beachcolours, beachcolourmap: The number of colours was not always equal to ncolours. (Bug introduced in spatstat 1.32-0, august 2013; fixed in spatstat 1.59-0, march 2019)
- extractbranch.lpp: Point pattern coordinates were sometimes erroneously set to NA. (Bug introduced in spatstat 1.42-0, may 2015; fixed in spatstat 1.59-0, march 2019)
- rotmean: When result="im" the resulting image did not have the same dimensions as the input. (Bug introduced in spatstat 1.42-2, june 2015; fixed in spatstat 1.58-0, january 2019)
- quadratcount.ppp: Sometimes issued an incorrect warning that data points were outside the tessellation, when tess was a tessellation represented by a pixel image. (Bug fixed in spatstat 1.59-0, march 2019)
- quadrat.test: the p-value was NA if one of the observed counts was zero, for the Cressie-Read tests with CR not equal to 1 or -1.

(Bug introduced in spatstat 1.38-0, august 2014; fixed in spatstat 1.59-0, march 2019)

• rotmean: If argument origin was given, and if result="im" was specified, the resulting image was wrongly displaced.

(Bug introduced in spatstat 1.42-2, june 2015; fixed in spatstat 1.58-0, january 2019)

- runifpointx: Result was mangled when n=0 or n=1. (Bug introduced in spatstat 1.50-0, march 2017; fixed in spatstat 1.58-0, january 2019)
- model.matrix.ppm: The attribute assign was omitted in some cases.
 (Bug introduced in spatstat 1.45-1, may 2016; fixed in spatstat 1.55-0, january 2018)
- density.ppp: If the smoothing bandwidth sigma was very small (e.g. less than the width of a pixel), results were inaccurate if the default resolution was used, and completely incorrect if a user-specified resolution was given.

(Bug introduced in spatstat 1.26-0, april 2012; fixed in spatstat 1.52-0, august 2017)

- selfcrossing.psp: y coordinate values were incorrect.
 (Bug introduced in spatstat 1.23-2, august 2011; fixed in spatstat 1.25-3, february 2012)
- Geyer: For point process models with the Geyer interaction, vcov.ppm and suffstat sometimes gave incorrect answers.

(Bug introduced in spatstat 1.27-0, may 2012; fixed in spatstat 1.30-0, december 2012)

• leverage.ppm, influence.ppm, dfbetas.ppm: Calculations were incorrect for a Geyer model fitted using an edge correction other than "border" or "none".

(Bug introduced in spatstat 1.25-0, december 2011; fixed in spatstat 1.51-0, may 2017)

• leverage.ppm, influence.ppm, dfbetas.ppm: Results were slightly incorrect for models fitted using the border correction.

(Bug introduced in spatstat 1.25-0, december 2011; fixed in spatstat 1.54-0, november 2017)

• leverage.ppm: The mean leverage value (shown as a contour level in plot.leverage.ppm) was slightly incorrect for Gibbs models.

(Bug introduced in spatstat 1.25-0, december 2011; fixed in spatstat 1.54-0, november 2017)

• vcov.ppm, suffstat: These functions sometimes gave incorrect values for marked point process models.

(Bug introduced in spatstat 1.27-0, may 2012; fixed in spatstat 1.29-0, october 2012)

• diagnose.ppm: When applied to a model obtained from subfits(), in the default case (oldstyle=FALSE) the variance calculations were incorrect. Consequently the dotted lines representing significance bands were incorrect. An error or warning about negative variances occurred sometimes. However, calculations with oldstyle=TRUE were correct. The default has now been changed to oldstyle=TRUE for such models.

(Bug introduced in spatstat 1.35-0, december 2013; fixed in spatstat 1.45-0, march 2016)

• Smooth.ppp: Results for at="points" were garbled, for some values of sigma, if X had more than one column of marks.

(Bug introduced in spatstat 1.38-0, october 2014; fixed in spatstat 1.46-0, july 2016)

• linearK, linearKinhom: If any data points were located exactly at a vertex of the linear network, the weights for Ang's correction were incorrect, due to numerical error. This sometimes produced infinite or NA values of the linear K function.

(Bug introduced in spatstat 1.23-0, july 2011; fixed in spatstat 1.27-0, may 2012)

- Kinhom, Linhom: the results were not renormalised (even if renormalise=TRUE) in some cases. (Bug introduced in spatstat 1.21-0, december 2010; fixed in spatstat 1.37-0, may 2014)
- Kinhom, Linhom: Ignored argument reciplambda2 in some cases.

 (Bug introduced in spatstat 1.39-0, october 2014; fixed in spatstat 1.40-0, december 2014)
- Kinhom, Linhom: Calculations were incorrect if lambda was a fitted point process model. (Bug introduced in spatstat 1.38-0, august 2014; fixed in spatstat 1.38-1, august 2014)
- integral.linim, integral.linfun:
 - results were inaccurate because of a bias in the distribution of sample points.
 (Bug introduced in spatstat 1.41-0, february 2015; fixed in spatstat 1.47-0, october 2016)

- results were inaccurate if many of the segment lengths were shorter than the width of a pixel.
 - (Bug introduced in spatstat 1.41-0, february 2015; fixed in spatstat 1.48-0, december 2016)
- results were wildly inaccurate in some extreme cases where many segments were very short. (Bug introduced in spatstat 1.41-0, february 2015; fixed in spatstat 1.54-0, november 2017)
- predict.ppm: Calculation of the conditional intensity omitted the edge correction if correction='translate' or correction='periodic'.
 - (Bug introduced in spatstat 1.17-0, october 2009; fixed in spatstat 1.31-3, may 2013)
- varblock: Calculations were incorrect if more than one column of edge corrections was computed.
 - (Bug introduced in spatstat 1.21-1, november 2010; fixed in spatstat 1.39-0, october 2014)
- scan.test Results were sometimes incorrect due to numerical instability (a 'Gibbs phenomenon'). (Bug introduced in spatstat 1.24-1, october 2011; fixed in spatstat 1.26-1, april 2012)
- relrisk: When at="pixels", a small fraction of pixel values were sometimes wildly inaccurate, due to numerical errors. This affected the range of values in the result, and therefore the appearance of plots. (Bug fixed in spatstat 1.40-0, december 2014)
- predict.slrm: Results of predict(object, newdata) were incorrect if the spatial domain of newdata was larger than the original domain.

 (Bug introduced in spatstat 1.21-0, november 2010; fixed in spatstat 1.25-3, february 2012)
- Lest: The variance approximations (Lotwick-Silverman and Ripley) obtained with var.approx=TRUE were incorrect for Lest (although they were correct for Kest) due to a coding error.

 (Bug introduced in spatstat 1.24-1, october 2011; fixed in spatstat 1.24-2, november 2011)
- bw.diggle: Bandwidth was too large by a factor of 2. (Bug introduced in spatstat 1.23-4, september 2011; fixed in spatstat 1.23-5, september 2011)
- pair correlation functions (pcf.ppp, pcfdot, pcfcross etc:) The result had a negative bias at the maximum r value, because contributions to the pcf estimate from interpoint distances greater than max(r) were mistakenly omitted. (Bugs fixed in spatstat 1.35-0, december 2013)
- Kest, Lest: Gave incorrect values in very large datasets, due to numerical overflow. 'Very large' typically means about 1 million points in a random pattern, or 100,000 points in a tightly clustered pattern. [Overflow cannot occur unless there are at least 46,341 points.]
- bw.relrisk: Implementation of method="weightedleastsquares" was incorrect and was equivalent to method="leastsquares".
 - (Bug introduced in spatstat 1.21-0, november 2010; fixed in spatstat 1.23-4, september 2011)
- triangulate.owin: Results were incorrect in some special cases.
 (Bug introduced in spatstat 1.42-2, june 2015; fixed in spatstat 1.44-0, december 2015)
- crosspairs: If X and Y were identical point patterns, the result was not necessarily symmetric (on some machines) due to numerical artifacts.

 (Bug introduced in spatstat 1.35-0, december 2013; fixed in spatstat 1.44-0, december 2015)
- bdist.tiles: Values were incorrect in some cases due to numerical error. (Bug fixed in spatstat 1.29-0, october 2012)

- Kest.fft: Result was incorrectly normalised.
 (Bug introduced in spatstat 1.21-2, january 2011; fixed in spatstat 1.44-0, december 2015)
- crossdist.ppp: Ignored argument squared if periodic=FALSE. (Bug fixed in spatstat 1.38-0, july 2014)
- polygon geometry: The point-in-polygon test gave the wrong answer in some boundary cases. (Bug fixed in spatstat 1.23-2, august 2011)
- MultiStraussHard: If a fitted model with MultiStraussHard interaction was invalid, project.ppm sometimes yielded a model that was still invalid. (Bug fixed in spatstat 1.42-0, may 2015)
- pool.envelope: Did not always respect the value of use.theory.
 (Bug introduced in spatstat 1.23-5, september 2011; fixed in spatstat 1.43-0, september 2015)
- nncross.lpp, nnwhich.lpp, distfun.lpp: Sometimes caused a segmentation fault. (Bug introduced in spatstat 1.44-0, december 2015; fixed in spatstat 1.44-1, december 2015)
- anova.ppm: If a single object was given, and it was a Gibbs model, then adjust was effectively set to FALSE.
 - (Bug introduced in spatstat 1.39-0, october 2014; fixed in spatstat 1.44-1, december 2015)
- [.linim: the result sometimes had the wrong class.
 (Bug introduced in spatstat 1.53-0, september 2017; fixed in spatstat 1.55-1, april 2015)
- is.subset.owin: sometimes gave the wrong result for polygonal windows due to numerical rounding error. (Bug was always present. Fixed in spatstat 1.59-0, march 2019)
- plot.tess: the legend showed the tile names in lexicographical order, rather than their original order.
 - (Bug introduced in spatstat 1.55-1, april 2018; fixed in spatstat 1.59-0, march 2019)
- rThomas, rMatClust, rCauchy, rVarGamma: If the simulation window was not a rectangle, the attribute Lambda was a numeric vector, rather than a pixel image as intended.

 (Bug introduced in spatstat 1.43-0, october 2015; fixed in spatstat 1.59-0, march 2019)

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