Notes on 1D plot covariances

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The number of objects in pixel i is N_i .

In the absense of clustering, N_i is just a poisson sampling so the the covariance matrix is

$$Cov_{\mathbf{w}=\mathbf{0}}(N_i, N_j) = \delta_{ij}\bar{N}$$
(1)

where δ_{ij} is the Kronecker delta function, and \bar{N} is the average number count per pixel.

Since $w_{\text{true}}(\theta)$ is just the covariance of the overdensity field. When we add clustering, the covariance of N_i looks something like this

$$Cov(N_i, N_j) = \delta_{ij}\bar{N} + \bar{N}w_{true}(\theta_{ij})$$
(2)

where θ_{ij} is the separation between pixel i and j. I think we are assuming the noise on \bar{N} itself is small in the second term for now. It is a little unclear to me right now what to do when i = j as there will be some beyond poission noise coming from the sample variance of the clustering. Maybe this depends on the size of the pixel? I will come back to this later.....

For the 1d plots we are summing many pixels in an SP bin k. We will call this sum $N^{(SP)}$ and we will call the number of pixels in SP bin k, N_k^{pix} .

$$N_k^{(SP)} = \sum_{i \text{ in } k} N_i \tag{3}$$

In the absence of clustering, the covariance of this would be

$$Cov_{\mathbf{w}=\mathbf{0}}(N_k^{SP}, N_l^{SP}) = \delta_{kl} \bar{N} N_k^{pix}$$
(4)

with clustering it is

$$Cov(N_k^{SP}, N_l^{SP}) = Cov(\sum_{i \text{ in } k} N_i, \sum_{j \text{ in } l} N_j)$$
(5)

$$Cov(N_k^{SP}, N_l^{SP}) = \sum_{i \text{ in } k} \sum_{j \text{ in } l} Cov(N_i, N_j)$$
(6)

$$Cov(N_k^{SP}, N_l^{SP}) = \sum_{i \text{ in } k j \text{ in } l} \left[\delta_{ij} \bar{N} + \bar{N} w_{\text{true}}(\theta_{ij}) \right]$$
 (7)

$$Cov(N_k^{SP}, N_l^{SP}) = \delta_{kl} \bar{N} N_k^{pix} + \sum_{\theta} N_{kl}^{(pix pairs)}(\theta) \bar{N} w_{true}(\theta) + (i = j \text{ term?})$$
 (8)

where $N_{\text{pix pairs}}(\theta)$ is the number of pairs of pixels separated by θ which can be obtained from treecorr. Assuming your $w(\theta)$ and pair counts are in discrete bins.

If there is an actual systematic signal, I think we could just use the real number counts as the poisson term

$$Cov(N_k^{SP}, N_l^{SP}) = \delta_{kl} N_k^{SP} + \sum_{\theta} N_{kl}^{(\text{pix pairs})}(\theta) \bar{N} w_{\text{true}}(\theta) + (i = j \text{ term?})$$
(9)