

# Lasso for Hawkes process

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## 1 Notation and definition (may be imprecise)

- $M$ , total number of neurons
- $K$ , number of bins
- $\delta$ , size
- $N_{tot}$ , total number of spikes
- $\mathbb{I}_k = ](k-1)\delta, k\delta] = ((k-1)\delta, k\delta], \forall k \in \llbracket 1, K \rrbracket$
- for any  $\theta, k \in \llbracket 1, K \rrbracket$ ,  $\theta + \mathbb{I}_k$  is an interval such that
$$\theta + \mathbb{I}_k = (\theta + \mathbb{I}_k) = ]\theta + (k-1)\delta, \theta + k\delta] = (\theta + (k-1)\delta, \theta + k\delta]$$
- for any  $\theta, k \in \llbracket 1, K \rrbracket$ ,  $\theta - \mathbb{I}_k$  is an interval such that
$$\theta - \mathbb{I}_k = (\theta - \mathbb{I}_k) = [\theta - k\delta, \theta - (k-1)\delta[ = [\theta - k\delta, \theta - (k-1)\delta]$$
- $A$  is the scope, such that  $A = K\delta$  and a maximum length. If the distance between two spikes is strictly greater than  $A$ , they don't influence each other
- $T_{\min}$  is the beginning of the study time interval
- $T^{\max}$  is the end of the study time interval
- $Int(x) = \lfloor x \rfloor$  represents the integer part of  $x$
- $\lambda^{(r)}$  is the functional intensity of neuron  $r$ , function depending on time
- $\mu^{(r)}$  is the spontaneous part of  $\lambda^{(r)}$
- $\mathcal{N}^{(l)}$  is the set of spike values of neuron  $l$
- $N_{t-\mathbb{I}_k}^{(l)} = N_{[t-k\delta, t-(k-1)\delta[}^{(l)}$  represents the number of spikes  $\theta$  of  $\mathcal{N}^{(l)}$  such that

$$\theta \in (t - \mathbb{I}_k) = [t - k\delta, t - (k-1)\delta[$$

$$N_{t-\mathbb{I}_k}^{(l)} = N_{[t-k\delta, t-(k-1)\delta[}^{(l)} = \sum_{\substack{\theta < t, \\ \theta \in \mathcal{N}^{(l)}}} \mathbb{1}_{\mathbb{I}_k}(t - \theta) \forall t$$

## 2 Problem

We want to solve several minimization problems

$$\min_{a_r \in \mathbb{R}^{(1+MK)}} \frac{1}{2} a_r^t \mathbf{G} a_r - b_r^t a_r + d_r^t |a_r| \quad (\mathcal{P}_{min}^{(r)})$$

where  $|v|$  is a vector such that  $|v|_i = |v_i| \forall i$ .

$b$  and  $d$  are matrices of size  $(1 + MK)$ -by- $M$ , so, for any  $r$ ,  $b^{(r)}$  and  $d^{(r)}$  are vectors of  $\mathbb{R}^{(1+MK)}$  and are the  $r$ th column of  $b$  and  $d$ , respectively.

In the following, We use the class *DataSpike*. A *DataSpike* instance has two public attributes:

- *\_T*: an array of double values containing all spike values independently of the neuron numbers. Values are sorted. *\_T* has only one row.
- *\_neur*: an array of integer values of the same size of *\_T* containing the neuron numbers.

In the algorithms, an instance of the class *DataSpike* is replaced by a matrix of double values with two rows.

## 3 Auxiliary functions

We define the following variables

- $\alpha$  is the first index of  $T$  such that  $T[\alpha] > T_{\min}$
- $\beta$  is the last index of  $T$  such that  $T[\beta] \leq T^{\max}$
- *depart* is the first index of  $T$  such that  $T[\text{depart}] > T_{\min} - A$
- *departbis* is the last index of  $T$  such that  $T[\text{departbis}] \leq T^{\max} - A$

*get\_low\_index* and *get\_up\_index* are functions which define  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ , ...

- *get\_low\_index* function works as follows:

$\text{get\_low\_index}(x, T) = \gamma$  where  $\gamma$  is the first index of  $T$  such that  $T[\gamma] > x$

- *get\_up\_index* function works as follows:

$\text{get\_up\_index}(x, T) = \gamma$  where  $\gamma$  is the last index of  $T$  such that  $T[\gamma] \leq x$

*get\_k* function works as follows:

$$\text{get\_k}(x, \delta) = \begin{cases} k = \text{Int}(\frac{x}{\delta}) + 1 = \lfloor \frac{x}{\delta} \rfloor + 1 & \text{if } x > k\delta, \\ k = \text{Int}(\frac{x}{\delta}) = \lfloor \frac{x}{\delta} \rfloor & \text{if } x \equiv k\delta \end{cases}$$

or  $\text{get\_k}(x, \delta) = k \geq 1$  such that  $x \in \mathbb{I}_k = ](k-1)\delta, k\delta]$

For example  $\text{get\_k}(1.5\delta, \delta) = 2$  and  $\text{get\_k}(\delta, \delta) = 1$ .

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**Algorithm 1** *get\_low\_index* function

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**Usage:** get\_low\_index(x, T)

**Description:** Computation of ind, the first index in  $T$  such that  $T[ind] > x$

**Input:** x; scalar value

**Output:** ind - integer

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1: ind  $\leftarrow$  1
2: n  $\leftarrow$  length(T)
3: while (ind < (n+1)) do
4:   if (T[ind]  $\leq$  x) then
5:     ind  $\leftarrow$  ind+1
6:   else
7:     break
8: return ind
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**Algorithm 2** *get\_up\_index* function

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**Usage:** get\_up\_index(x, T)

**Description:** Computation of ind, the last index in  $T$  such that  $T[ind] \leq x$

**Input:** x; scalar value

**Output:** ind - integer

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1: ind  $\leftarrow$  length(T)
2: while (ind  $\geq$  1) do
3:   if (T[ind] > x) then
4:     ind  $\leftarrow$  ind-1
5:   else
6:     break
7: return ind
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**Algorithm 3** *get\_k* function

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**Usage:** get\_k(x, delta, eps)

**Description:** Computation of k such that  $x \in \mathbb{I}_k = ](k-1)\delta, k\delta]$

**Input:** x; scalar value

**Input:** delta;  $\delta$

**Input:** eps; for numerical precision, default value 1e-12 (optional argument)

**Output:** k; integer

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1: k  $\leftarrow$  floor(x/delta) + 1
2: if  $|k * delta - x| < eps$  then
3:   return k
4: if  $|(k-1) * delta - x| < eps$  then
5:   return k-1
6: return k
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## 4 Computation of $\mathbf{b}$

$$b^{(r)} = \begin{pmatrix} \#^{(r)} = \#\{T : T_{\min} < T \leq T^{\max}, T \in \mathcal{N}^{(r)}\} \\ \dots \\ \int_{T_{\min}}^{T^{\max}} N_{[t-k\delta, t-(k-1)\delta]}^{(l)} dN_t^{(r)} = \int_{T_{\min}}^{T^{\max}} N_{t-\mathbb{I}_k}^{(l)} dN_t^{(r)} = \sum_{\substack{T_{\min} < T \leq T^{\max}, \\ T \in \mathcal{N}^{(r)}}} \sum_{\substack{\theta < T, \\ \theta \in N^{(l)}}} \mathbf{1}_{\mathbb{I}_k}(T - \theta) \\ \dots \end{pmatrix}$$

### WARNING

- In what follows, numbering starts at 1 (think Matlab/Octave and R) and you should be careful when it differs.
- In what follows  
 $for(i = \alpha : \beta)$  is empty if  $\alpha > \beta$  (unlike what happens in R)

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**Algorithm 4** Computation of  $b$ 

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**Usage:** compute\_b(M, K, Tmin, Tmax, DS, delta)

**Description:** Computation of  $b$  - numbering of neurons and  $k$  starts at 1

**Input:** M; integer - number of neurons

**Input:** K; integer - number of bins

**Input:** Tmin - minimum time

**Input:** Tmax - maximum time

**Input:** DS - DataSpike: matrix with two rows, the first one contains spike values (every spikes in a single row), the second one contains the neuron numbers to identify them in the first one

**Input:** delta -  $\delta$

**Output:**  $b$  -  $(1+M*K)$ -by- $M$  matrix

**Output:** low - array of size Ntot(=length(T)), taking into account the scope

**Output:** cnt - array of size M, containing  $\#^{(r)}$

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1: T ← DS[1,]                                # first row of DS: all spike values
2: neur ← DS[2,]                              # second row of DS: neuron numbers
3: Ntot ← length(T)                          # total number of spikes
4: A ← K * δ                                # scope
5: b ← matrix(0, nrow=(1+M*K), ncol= M)      # init of b
6: low ← vector(mode='integer', length=Ntot)  # init of low - for the State
7: cnt ← vector(mode='integer', length=M)     # init of cnt - for the algo
8: ilow ← 1
9: eps ← 1.e-12                             # for numerical precision
10: for (i=1:Ntot) do                         # loop over spikes
11:   t ← T[i]; r ← neur[i]
12:   while (|T[ilow] - t| > A) do
13:     ilow ← ilow+1
14:   low[i] ← ilow
15:   if (Tmin < t ≤ Tmax) then
16:     cnt[r] ← cnt[r]+1
17:   for (j=ilow:(i-1)) do
18:     if (|t - T[j]| < eps) then
19:       break
20:     k ← get_k((t-T[j])/delta)+1           # more complex than integer part
21:     l ← neur[j]
22:     b[(l-1)*K+k+1, r] += 1
23: b[1,] ← cnt                               # 1st line of b
24: return b, low, cnt
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## 5 Computation of G

G is a matrix of size  $(1 + MK)$ -by- $(1 + MK)$

- First row or first column of G

$$\begin{aligned}
G_{0,l,k} &= \int_{T_{\min}}^{T^{\max}} N_{[t-k\delta, t-(k-1)\delta[}^{(l)} dt \\
&= \int_{T_{\min}}^{T^{\max}} \sum_{\substack{\theta < t, \\ \theta \in \mathcal{N}^{(l)}}} \mathbb{1}_{\mathbb{I}_k}(t - \theta) dt \simeq \int_{T_{\min}}^{T^{\max}} \sum_{\substack{(t-A) \leq \theta < t, \\ \theta \in \mathcal{N}^{(l)}}} \mathbb{1}_{\mathbb{I}_k}(t - \theta) dt \\
&\simeq \int_{T_{\min}}^{T^{\max}} \sum_{\substack{(t-A) \leq \theta < t, \\ \theta \in \mathcal{N}^{(l)}}} \mathbb{1}_{\mathbb{I}_k + \theta}(t) dt \\
G_{0,l,k} &= \int_{T_{\min}}^{T^{\max}} N_{[t-k\delta, t-(k-1)\delta[}^{(l)} dt \simeq \sum_{\substack{\theta \in \mathcal{N}^{(l)}, \\ (T_{\min}-A) \leq \theta < T^{\max}}} (\min(T^{\max}, k\delta + \theta) - \max(T_{\min}, (k-1)\delta + \theta))
\end{aligned}$$

- Inner part of G

$$\begin{aligned}
G_{l_1, l_2, k_1, k_2} &= \int_{T_{\min}}^{T^{\max}} N_{[t-k_1\delta, t-(k_1-1)\delta[}^{(l_1)} N_{[t-k_2\delta, t-(k_2-1)\delta[}^{(l_2)} dt \\
G_{(l_1, k_1), (l_2, k_2)} &= \int_{T_{\min}}^{T^{\max}} \left( \sum_{\substack{\tau \in \mathcal{N}^{(l_1)}, \\ \tau < t}} \mathbb{1}_{\mathbb{I}_{k_1} + \tau}(t) \right) \left( \sum_{\substack{\theta \in \mathcal{N}^{(l_2)}, \\ \theta < t}} \mathbb{1}_{\mathbb{I}_{k_2} + \theta}(t) \right) dt \\
&\simeq \int_{T_{\min}}^{T^{\max}} \left( \sum_{\substack{\tau \in \mathcal{N}^{(l_1)}, \\ t-A \leq \tau < t}} \mathbb{1}_{\mathbb{I}_{k_1} + \tau}(t) \right) \left( \sum_{\substack{\theta \in \mathcal{N}^{(l_2)}, \\ t-A \leq \theta < t}} \mathbb{1}_{\mathbb{I}_{k_2} + \theta}(t) \right) dt \\
&= \sum_{\substack{\tau \in \mathcal{N}^{(l_1)}, \theta \in \mathcal{N}^{(l_2)}, \\ (T_{\min}-A) \leq \tau < T^{\max}, \\ (T_{\min}-A) \leq \theta < T^{\max}}} \int_{T_{\min}}^{T^{\max}} \mathbb{1}_{\mathbb{I}_{k_1} + \tau}(t) \mathbb{1}_{\mathbb{I}_{k_2} + \theta}(t) dt \\
&= \sum_{\substack{\tau \in \mathcal{N}^{(l_1)}, \theta \in \mathcal{N}^{(l_2)}, \\ (T_{\min}-A) \leq \tau < T^{\max}, \\ (T_{\min}-A) \leq \theta < T^{\max}}} \int_{T_{\min}}^{T^{\max}} \mathbb{1}_{(\mathbb{I}_{k_1} + \tau) \cap (\mathbb{I}_{k_2} + \theta) \cap ]T_{\min}, T^{\max}]}(t) dt
\end{aligned}$$

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**Algorithm 5** Computation of  $G$ 

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**Usage:** compute\_G(M, K, Tmin, Tmax, T, neur, delta, A)**Description:** Computation of b - numbering of neurons and k starts at 1**Input:**  $\delta$ ; delta**Input:** M; integer - number of neurons**Input:** K; integer - number of bins**Input:** Tmin - minimum time**Input:** Tmax - maximum time**Input:** T - flattened array of spike values (every spikes in a single row)**Input:** neur - array of neuron numbers to identify them in T**Input:** delta - size**Input:** A - scope, maximum distance to be taken into account**Output:** b - array of size  $(1+M*K)*M$ 

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1: G  $\leftarrow$  matrix(0, nrow=(1+M*K), ncol= (1+M*K))           # init of G
2: G[1,1]  $\leftarrow T^{\max} - T_{\min}$ 
3: A  $\leftarrow K * \delta$                                            # scope
4: depart  $\leftarrow$  get_low_index( $(T_{\min} - A)$ , T)
5:  $\beta \leftarrow$  get_up_index( $T^{\max}$ , T)
6: for (i in depart: $\beta$ ) do
7:   ti  $\leftarrow$  T[i];  $l_1 \leftarrow$  neur[i]
8:   for (k in (1:K)) do                                           # 1st row and 1st column of G
9:      $x_1 \leftarrow \min(T^{\max}, ti + k \delta)$ 
10:     $x_2 \leftarrow \max(T_{\min}, ti + (k - 1) \delta)$ 
11:     $dx = x_1 - x_2$ 
12:    if ( $dx > 0$ ) then
13:      G[1,  $(l_1 - 1) * K + k + 1$ ] += dx
14:      G[ $(l_1 - 1) * K + k + 1$ , 1] += dx
15:    for (j in (low[i]:(i-1))) do                                   # inner part of G,  $l_1 \neq l_2$ 
16:      tj  $\leftarrow$  T[j];  $l_2 \leftarrow$  neur[j]
17:      for ( $k_1$  in (1:K)) do
18:        for ( $k_2$  in (1:K)) do
19:           $x_1 \leftarrow \min(T^{\max}, ti + k_1 \delta, tj + k_2 \delta)$ 
20:           $x_2 \leftarrow \max(T_{\min}, ti + (k_1 - 1) \delta, (tj + (k_2 - 1) \delta))$ 
21:           $dx = x_1 - x_2$ 
22:          if ( $dx > 0$ ) then
23:            G[ $(l_1 - 1) * K + k_1 + 1, (l_2 - 1) * K + k_2 + 1$ ] += dx
24:            G[ $(l_2 - 1) * K + k_2 + 1, (l_1 - 1) * K + k_1 + 1$ ] += dx
25:      for ( $k_1$  in 1:K) do                                           #  $l_1 = l_2$ 
26:         $x_1 \leftarrow \min(T^{\max}, ti + k_1 \delta)$ 
27:         $x_2 \leftarrow \max(T_{\min}, ti + (k_1 - 1) \delta)$ 
28:         $dx = x_1 - x_2$ 
29:        if ( $dx > 0$ ) then                                           # diagonal part
30:          G[ $(l_1 - 1) * K + k_1 + 1, (l_1 - 1) * K + k_1 + 1$ ] += dx
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31:      for ( $k_2$  in  $(k_1+1):K$ ) do                                     # extradiagonal part
32:           $x_2 \leftarrow \max(T_{\min}, ti + (k_2 - 1) \delta)$ 
33:           $dx = x_1 - x_2$ 
34:          if ( $dx > 0$ ) then
35:               $G[(l_1-1)*K+k_1+1, (l_1-1)*K+k_2+1] += dx$ 
36:               $G[(l_1-1)*K+k_2+1, (l_1-1)*K+k_1+1] += dx$ 
37: return G

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## 6 Computation of d

For  $d$  we need the following quantity

$$\mu_2^{(r)} = \left( \begin{array}{c} \dots \\ \int_{T_{\min}}^{T_{\max}} \left( N_{[t-k\delta, t-(k-1)\delta[}^{(l)} \right)^2 dN_t^{(r)} = \int_{T_{\min}}^{T_{\max}} (N_{t-\mathbb{I}_k}^{(l)})^2 dN_t^{(r)} \\ \dots \end{array} \right)$$