

Tutorial 1: simplest point process model

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In this document, we show how to fit the simplest point process model namely, Poisson process model.

Setup and R libraries

```
library(spatstat) # fitting and exploring ppm models
library(terra) # working with raster data
```

```
source("R/helper_functions.R")
```

Species data

Reading species data...

Note that the spatial coordinate system is a metric CRS...

```
occurrences <- read.csv("data/species/occurrences.csv")
head(occurrences)
```

```
##           X           Y
## 1 1852257.4 -3260237
## 2 1851901.4 -3259418
## 3 1051853.6 -4090644
## 4  667895.4 -4333839
## 5 1853470.1 -3261289
## 6 1873356.5 -3343068
```

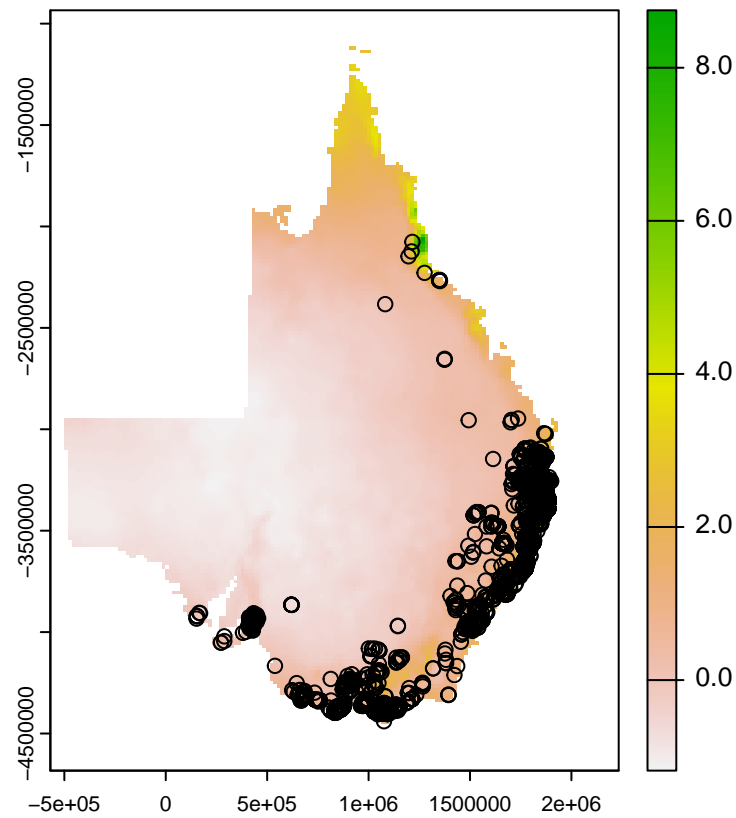
Environmental data

We read raster covariate here...

We need to centre and scale covariate to ...

```
# get the 19 bio-climatic variables
rasters <- list.files("data/rasters/", pattern = ".tif$", full.names = TRUE) |>
  terra::rast() |>
  terra::scale(center = TRUE, scale = TRUE)

# plot a few of them
plot(rasters[[1]])
points(occurrences)
```



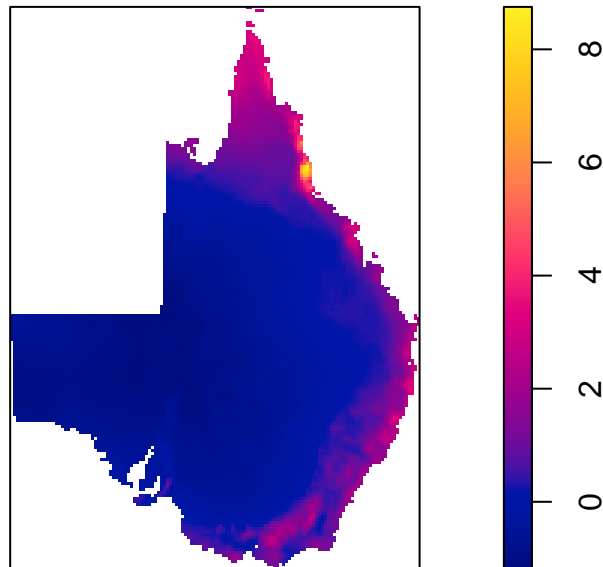
Converting everything to spatstat objects

Covariates are usually specified in their image objects `spatstat::im`. Internally, this is represented as a large pixel matrix, so conversion from rasters and other image objects is usually straightforward. In order to convert to the proper format, the `maptools` helper function is useful.

```
covariates <- lapply(rasters, spatstat.geom::as.im)
names(covariates) <- names(rasters)

plot(covariates[[1]], main = names(covariates)[1])
```

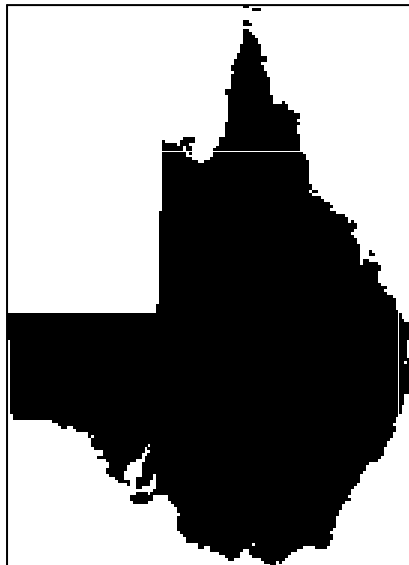
bio_12



Next, when working with **spatstat** you need an observation window (region). It is a region in which the points are assumed to be drawn from. The probability of finding locations outside of this region is assumed to be zero. Common ways to construct an **spatstat::owin** is to either take a fixed rectangle, i.e. `window <- owin(c(0, 100), c(0, 100))`, or to use an existing covariate or raster to construct the window.

```
window <- spatstat.geom::as.owin(covariates[[1]])  
plot(window)
```

window



Occurrences (or presence points) are **spatstat::ppp** objects, and basically you need a vector of x-values, a vector of y-values, and the observation window.

```
configuration <- spatstat.geom::ppp(x = occurrences$X,
                                     y = occurrences$Y,
                                     window = window)
plot(configuration)
```

configuration



Model fitting

Doing inference on the point pattern is just as easy as setting up a `glm` regression. Start by writing the formula, essentially `formula <- "configuration ~ covariates"`. In the formula, we use `polynom` to allow the user to easily specify whether to use higher order polynomials in the model.

```
formula <- configuration ~ 1 + bio_4 + bio_5 + bio_12 + bio_15
```

The fitting function (analogue of `glm`) is `ppm` and is used as follows.

```
fit <- spatstat.core::ppm(formula, covariates = covariates)
```

Checking model

The fitted regression is manipulated in the same way as a `glm` fit is, so for example you can have a look at the summary

```
summary(fit)
```

```
## Point process model
## Fitting method: maximum likelihood (Berman-Turner approximation)
## Model was fitted using glm()
## Algorithm converged
## Call:
## ppm.formula(Q = formula, covariates = covariates)
## Edge correction: "border"
```

```

## [border correction distance r = 0 ]
## -----
## Quadrature scheme (Berman-Turner) = data + dummy + weights
##
## Data pattern:
## Planar point pattern: 4958 points
## Average intensity 1.3e-09 points per square unit
## binary image mask
## 188 x 137 pixel array (ny, nx)
## pixel size: 17700 by 17700 units
## enclosing rectangle: [-497930.9, 1931687.7] x [-4449072, -1114996] units
## (2430000 x 3334000 units)
## Window area = 3.82539e+12 square units
## Fraction of frame area: 0.472
##
## Dummy quadrature points:
## 150 x 150 grid of dummy points, plus 4 corner points
## dummy spacing: 16197.46 x 22227.17 units
##
## Original dummy parameters: =
## Planar point pattern: 10731 points
## Average intensity 2.81e-09 points per square unit
## binary image mask
## 188 x 137 pixel array (ny, nx)
## pixel size: 17700 by 17700 units
## enclosing rectangle: [-497930.9, 1931687.7] x [-4449072, -1114996] units
## (2430000 x 3334000 units)
## Window area = 3.82539e+12 square units
## Fraction of frame area: 0.472
## Quadrature weights:
## (counting weights based on 150 x 150 array of rectangular tiles)
## All weights:
## range: [564000, 3.6e+08] total: 3.83e+12
## Weights on data points:
## range: [564000, 1.8e+08] total: 9.56e+10
## Weights on dummy points:
## range: [564000, 3.6e+08] total: 3.73e+12
## -----
## FITTED MODEL:
##
## Nonstationary Poisson process
##
## ---- Intensity: ----
##
## Log intensity: ~1 + bio_4 + bio_5 + bio_12 + bio_15
## Model depends on external covariates 'bio_4', 'bio_5', 'bio_12' and 'bio_15'
## Covariates provided:
## bio_12: im
## bio_15: im
## bio_4: im
## bio_5: im
##
## Fitted trend coefficients:
## (Intercept) bio_4 bio_5 bio_12 bio_15

```

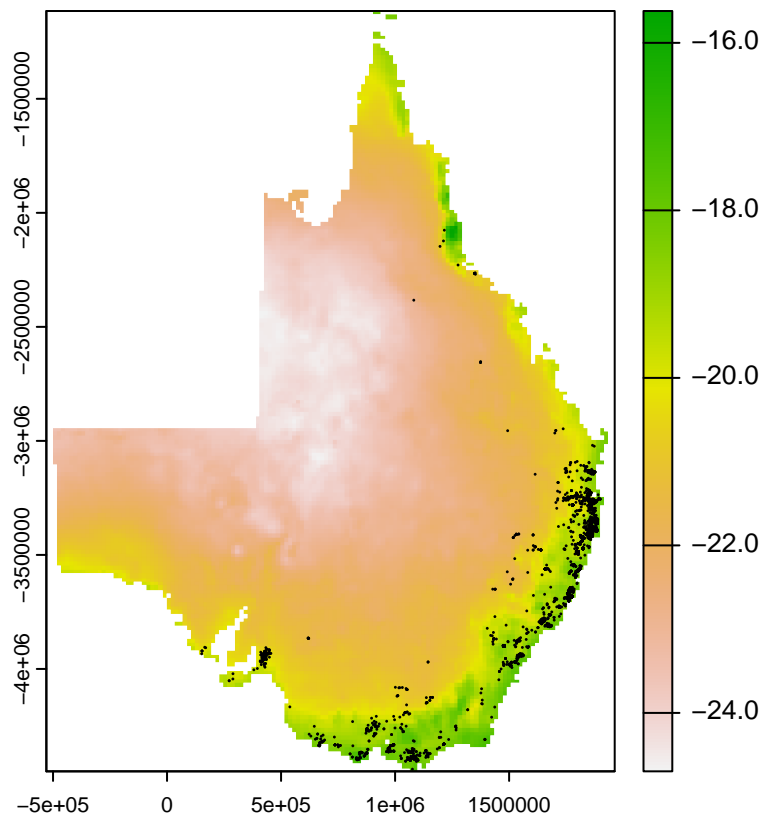
```
## -21.9410757 -0.7754387 -0.5465318 0.5613597 -1.0172469
##
##              Estimate      S.E.      CI95.lo      CI95.hi Ztest      Zval
## (Intercept) -21.9410757 0.03183788 -22.0034768 -21.8786746 *** -689.14996
## bio_4        -0.7754387 0.02883283 -0.8319500 -0.7189273 *** -26.89429
## bio_5        -0.5465318 0.02200568 -0.5896622 -0.5034015 *** -24.83594
## bio_12        0.5613597 0.00839050 0.5449146 0.5778048 *** 66.90420
## bio_15       -1.0172469 0.03624721 -1.0882901 -0.9462037 *** -28.06414
##
## ----- gory details -----
##
## Fitted regular parameters (theta):
## (Intercept)      bio_4      bio_5      bio_12      bio_15
## -21.9410757 -0.7754387 -0.5465318 0.5613597 -1.0172469
##
## Fitted exp(theta):
## (Intercept)      bio_4      bio_5      bio_12      bio_15
## 2.958775e-10 4.605017e-01 5.789543e-01 1.753055e+00 3.615891e-01
```

To look at the predicted intensity, you use the `spatstat.core::predict.ppm` function.

Prediction maps

```
pred <- spatstat.core::predict.ppm(fit, covariates = covariates, dimyx = c(1024, 1024))
```

```
plot(log(rast(pred)))
points(configuration, pch = 16, cex = 0.2)
```



Post prediction checks

Here, we use K function to assess the clustering on the residual of the model. There are other functions such as L function and g function.

```
k_func <- spatstat.core::envelope(Y = fit,
                                fun = spatstat.core::Kinhom,
                                correction = "translate",
                                normpower = 2)

## Generating 99 simulated realisations of fitted Poisson model ...
## 1, 2, [etd 4:43] 3, [etd 4:21] 4,
## [etd 4:16] 5, [etd 4:14] 6, [etd 4:12] 7, [etd 4:09] 8,
## [etd 4:05] 9, [etd 4:01] 10, [etd 4:00] 11, [etd 3:58] 12,
## [etd 3:53] 13, [etd 3:51] 14, [etd 3:49] 15, [etd 3:46] 16,
## [etd 3:43] 17, [etd 3:40] 18, [etd 3:38] 19, [etd 3:35] 20,
## [etd 3:33] 21, [etd 3:31] 22, [etd 3:29] 23, [etd 3:25] 24,
## [etd 3:23] 25, [etd 3:19] 26, [etd 3:16] 27, [etd 3:12] 28,
## [etd 3:10] 29, [etd 3:08] 30, [etd 3:06] 31, [etd 3:03] 32,
## [etd 3:00] 33, [etd 2:58] 34, [etd 2:55] 35, [etd 2:53] 36,
## [etd 2:50] 37, [etd 2:48] 38, [etd 2:45] 39, [etd 2:42] 40,
## [etd 2:40] 41, [etd 2:37] 42, [etd 2:34] 43, [etd 2:32] 44,
## [etd 2:29] 45, [etd 2:26] 46, [etd 2:24] 47, [etd 2:21] 48,
## [etd 2:18] 49, [etd 2:15] 50, [etd 2:13] 51, [etd 2:10] 52,
## [etd 2:07] 53, [etd 2:05] 54, [etd 2:02] 55, [etd 1:59] 56,
## [etd 1:56] 57, [etd 1:53] 58, [etd 1:51] 59, [etd 1:48] 60,
## [etd 1:45] 61, [etd 1:43] 62, [etd 1:40] 63, [etd 1:37] 64,
## [etd 1:35] 65, [etd 1:32] 66, [etd 1:29] 67, [etd 1:26] 68,
## [etd 1:24] 69, [etd 1:21] 70, [etd 1:18] 71, [etd 1:15] 72,
## [etd 1:13] 73, [etd 1:10] 74, [etd 1:08] 75, [etd 1:05] 76,
## [etd 1:02] 77, [etd 59 sec] 78, [etd 57 sec] 79, [etd 54 sec] 80,
## [etd 51 sec] 81, [etd 49 sec] 82, [etd 46 sec] 83, [etd 43 sec] 84,
## [etd 41 sec] 85, [etd 38 sec] 86, [etd 35 sec] 87, [etd 32 sec] 88,
## [etd 30 sec] 89, [etd 27 sec] 90, [etd 24 sec] 91, [etd 22 sec] 92,
## [etd 19 sec] 93, [etd 16 sec] 94, [etd 13 sec] 95, [etd 11 sec] 96,
## [etd 8 sec] 97, [etd 5 sec] 98, [etd 3 sec] 99.
##
## Done.

plot(k_func)
```

k_func

