A simple two parameter distribution for modelling

neuronal activity and capturing neuronal

association

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7 Abstract

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Recent developments in electrophysiological technology have lead to an increase in the size of electrophysiological datasets. Consequently, there is a requirement for new analysis techniques that can make use of these new datasets, while remaining easy to use in practice. In this work, we fit the Conway-Maxwell-binomial distribution to spiking data read from a mouse exposed to visual stimuli.

1 Introduction

- Motivate by pointing out how much computational power it can require to calculate nth order correlations.
- Point out that we don't necessarily need to measure correlations anyway.

- 2 Results
- 3 Discussion
- 19 4 Data
- Details from data cortex lab here.
- 5 Methods
- Details about all kinds of things here.
 - 5.1 Binning data

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- We binned the spiking data into very small bins.
 - 6 Discussion
- Point out that the Conway-Maxwell-binomial distribution could be used to measure
- activity and association without having to sort the voltage traces into spikes. That
- does defeat the purpose slightly, however.

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