

Nonparametric tests to compare the first-order structure of inhomogeneous spatial point processes

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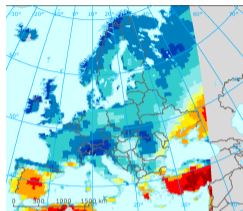


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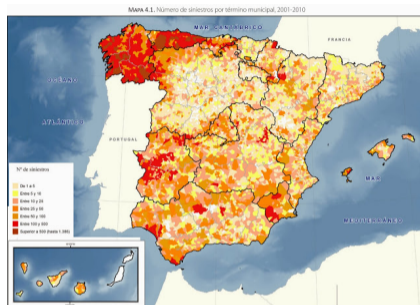
Introduction

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Average meteorological forest fire danger, 1981–2010

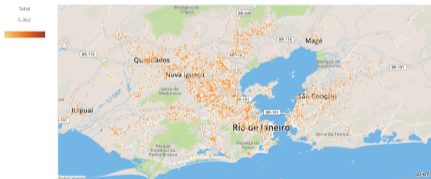
Seasonal Severity Rating



- High wildfire incidence in the North-West of Spain.
- Climate conditions are not the reason.
- **Particular features**
 - > **80%** of wildfires are **arson**.
 - < 5% of wildfires have natural cause.
 - \approx 70% of wildfires affected < 1 ha.
- **Aim:** understand the behavior of wildfires to improve fire prevention and fighting plans.

- Spatial location and time of ignition of the **104225** wildfires registered in Galicia in the period 1999-2014. Classified by burned area and cause of ignition.
- **Do arson and natural wildfires have the same spatial distribution?**

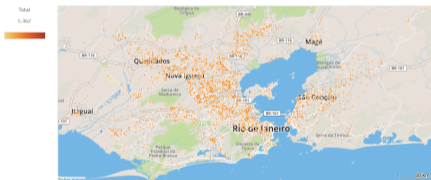
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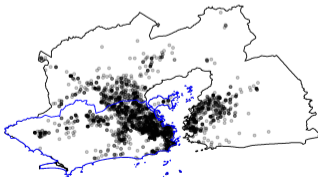
- The **Fogo cruzado** app was released in 2016 with two aims
 - Help Rio residents to avoid stray bullets.
 - Create a database with the gunfire reports collected by *Fogo cruzado*.



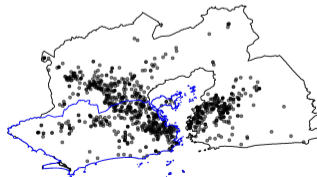
<https://fogocruzado.org.br> 

- 5945 gunfires recorded in the R o de Janeiro metropolitan area during 2017.
- Information provided:
 - GPS coordinates, date and time of occurrence.
 - Indicator of police presence.
 - Number of police and civil mortal or injured victims, if any.
- **Do gunfire with and without mortal victims have the same spatial distribution?**

Without mortal victims



With mortal victims



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- A **spatial point processes (SPP)** is a stochastic process governing the location of a finite number of **events** $\mathbf{X} = \{\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_N\}$ in \mathbb{R}^2 .
- A **spatial point pattern** is a realization of a SPP, commonly observed on a bounded domain.
- A SPP can be **marked** and/or depend on **covariates**.
- A **MULTITYPE SPP** is a SPP with categorical marks defining different types of events.

Example: Arson and natural wildfires in Galicia (1999-2014).

- Let $\mathbf{X} = \{\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_N\}$ be a spatial point pattern.
- The **first-order intensity function**

$$\lambda(\mathbf{x}) = \lim_{|dx| \rightarrow 0} \left\{ \frac{E[N(dx)]}{|dx|} \right\}$$

- Intuitively, $\lambda(\mathbf{x})|dx|$ is the probability for dx to contain exactly one event of \mathbf{X} .
- A point process is **homogeneous** if its first-order intensity is constant, $\lambda(\mathbf{x}) = \lambda > 0$, and **inhomogeneous** otherwise.
- **Inhomogeneous spatial Poisson point process (IPP)**
 - Inhomogeneous intensity.
 - Independent events (Poisson)

The kernel intensity estimator is **inconsistent**.

SPP intensity	Density in \mathbf{R}^2
$\hat{\lambda}_H(x) = p_H(x)^{-1} H ^{-1/2} \sum_{i=1}^N k\left(H^{-1/2}(x - X_i)\right)$	$\hat{f}_H(x) = N^{-1} H ^{-1/2} \sum_{i=1}^N k\left(H^{-1/2}(x - X_i)\right)$

Consistent estimator

- Cuccala (2006) defined the **density of event locations** as $\lambda_0(x) = \lambda(x)/m$, where $m = \int_W \lambda(x) dx$. The kernel estimator of $\lambda_0(\cdot)$ is

$$\hat{\lambda}_{0,H}(x) = (p_H(x)\mathbf{N})^{-1} |H|^{-1/2} \sum_{i=1}^N k\left(H^{-1/2}(x - \mathbf{x}_i)\right) \mathbf{I}[\mathbf{N} \neq \mathbf{0}]$$

- The Bandwidth matrix, H , is selected by a **PLUG IN** algorithm (Fuentes-Santos *et al*, 2016).



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- The intensities of two point processes, \mathbf{X}_1 and \mathbf{X}_2 , with the same spatial structure are proportional,

$$\mathcal{H}_0 : \lambda_1(x) = \omega \lambda_2(x)$$

- **Nonparametric tests**

- Kolmogorov-Smirnov type test (Zhang and Zhuang, 2017)
- Cramer von Mises type statistic (Fuentes-Santos *et al.*, 2017).
- Regression test based on the relative risk function. Analogous to the log-ratio based separability test (Fuentes Santos *et al.*, 2018).



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Nonparametric comparison of SPP

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 - Kolmogorov-Smirnov test
 - Cramer von Mises test
 - Relative-risk based regression test

- If two point processes, $\mathbf{X}_1 = \{\mathbf{x}_i\}_{i=1}^{N_1}$ and $\mathbf{X}_2 = \{\mathbf{x}_j\}_{j=N_1+1}^N$, have the same spatial structure, then $\exists \omega > 0$

$$\mathcal{H}_0 : \lambda_1(x) = \omega \lambda_2(x); \forall x \in W$$

- Equivalently, under \mathcal{H}_0 there exists a $\omega > 0$ such that for any Borel set $A \in \mathcal{B}(W)$, $\mathbb{E}[N_1(A)] = \omega \mathbb{E}[N_2(A)]$.
- The proportionality parameter ω in \mathcal{H}_0 can be estimated as $\hat{\omega} = N_1(W) / N_2(W)$
- Let

$$D_{\hat{\omega}}(A) = N_1(A) - \hat{\omega} N_2(A) = N_1(W) \left[\frac{N_1(A)}{N_1(W)} - \frac{N_2(A)}{N_2(W)} \right]$$

under \mathcal{H}_0 , $|D_{\hat{\omega}}(A)|$ is close to 0 for any $A \in \mathcal{B}(W)$.

- For a given π -system, \mathcal{P} , we define the **test statistic**

$$\hat{T} = \frac{1}{\zeta} \sqrt{\frac{N_1(W) N_2(W)}{N_1(W) + N_2(W)}} \sup_{A \in \mathcal{P}} \left| \frac{N_1(A)}{N_1(W)} - \frac{N_2(A)}{N_2(W)} \right|$$

where the normalizing constant ζ is estimated as.

$$\hat{\zeta}^2 = \frac{1}{K-1} \sum_{i=1}^K \left[\frac{(N_1(W_i) - \hat{N}_1(W_i))^2}{\hat{N}_1(W_i)} + \frac{(N_2(W_i) - \hat{N}_2(W_i))^2}{\hat{N}_1(W_2)} \right]$$

- for a partition $\{W_i\}_{i=1}^K$, $\hat{N}_1(W_i) = \hat{\omega} (N_1(W_i) - N_2(W_i)) / (1 + \hat{\omega})$, and $\hat{N}_2(W_i) = \hat{N}_1(W_i) / \hat{\omega}$.
- Zhang and Zhuang (2017) proved that the null distribution of \hat{T} converges to a Brownian bridge.



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- If two point processes, \mathbf{X}_1 and \mathbf{X}_2 , have the same spatial structure \Rightarrow their densities of event locations are equal. Thus

$$\mathcal{H}_0 : \lambda_{01}(x) = \lambda_{02}(x)$$

- Conditional on $N_1 = n_1$ and $N_2 = N - N_1 = n_2$, \mathbf{X}_1 and \mathbf{X}_2 are random samples of the bivariate distributions with densities $\lambda_{01}(\cdot)$ and $\lambda_{02}(\cdot)$.
- Following Duong *et al.*, (2012) we propose a squared discrepancy measure as test statistic (Fuentes-Santos *et al.*, 2017)

$$T = \int_W (\lambda_{01}(x) - \lambda_{02}(x))^2 dx = \psi_{0,1} + \psi_{0,2} - (\psi_{0,12} + \psi_{0,21})$$

where $\psi_{0,j} = \int_W \lambda_{0j}(x)^2 dx$ and $\psi_{0,ij} = \int_W \lambda_{0i}(x) \lambda_{0j}(x) dx$, for $j = 1, 2$.



DUONG, T., GOUD, B., AND SCHAUER, K. (2012) Closed-form density-based framework for automatic detection of cellular morphology changes.. Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America, 109(22): 8382-8387



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- Our test statistic is:

$$\hat{T} = \hat{\psi}_{0,1} + \hat{\psi}_{0,2} - (\hat{\psi}_{0,12} + \hat{\psi}_{0,21})$$

where

$$\hat{\psi}_{0,1} = \frac{1}{n_1^2} \sum_{i_1=1}^{n_1} \sum_{i_2=1}^{n_1} k_{G_1}(\mathbf{x}_{i_1} - \mathbf{x}_{i_2}), \quad \hat{\psi}_{0,2} = \frac{1}{n_2^2} \sum_{j_1=n_1+1}^n \sum_{j_2=n_1+1}^n k_{G_2}(\mathbf{x}_{j_1} - \mathbf{x}_{j_2})$$
$$\hat{\psi}_{0,12} = \frac{1}{n_1 n_2} \sum_{i=1}^{n_1} \sum_{j=n_1+1}^n k_{G_1}(\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}_j), \quad \hat{\psi}_{0,21} = \frac{1}{n_1 n_2} \sum_{i=1}^{n_1} \sum_{j=n_1+1}^n k_{G_2}(\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}_j)$$

- **Calibration:**

- $\hat{T} \rightarrow N(\mu_T, \sigma_T)$ under \mathcal{H}_0 .
- Smooth bootstrap.

- **Algorithm**

1. Compute the test statistic \hat{T} for the observed patterns \mathbf{X}_1 and \mathbf{X}_2 .
 2. Estimate the first-order intensity, $\hat{\lambda}_H(x)$, of the unmarked pattern $\mathbf{X} = \{\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2\}$.
 3. For $b = 1, \dots, B$:
 - 3.1 Generate a bivariate spatial point process $\mathbf{X}_b^* = \{\mathbf{X}_{1,b}^*, \mathbf{X}_{2,b}^*\}$ where for $j = 1, 2$, $\mathbf{X}_{j,b}^*$ are realizations of spatial Poisson point processes with first-order intensities $n_j \hat{\lambda}_{0,H}(x)$, being n_j the number of event in \mathbf{X}_j .
 - 3.2 Compute \hat{T}_b^* .
 4. Obtain the **empirical p-value** according to the relative position of \hat{T} in the ordered sample $\hat{T}_{(b)}^*$, $b = 1, \dots, B$.
- Use plug-in algorithms to obtain the bandwidth matrices H and $G_j, j = 1, 2$.

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- Let \mathbf{X} be a bivariate point process with type 1 (cases), $\mathbf{X}_1 = \{\mathbf{x}_i\}_{i=1}^{N_1}$, and type 2 (controls), $\mathbf{X}_2 = \{\mathbf{x}_j\}_{j=N_1+1}^N$, events.
- If \mathbf{X}_1 and \mathbf{X}_2 have the same first-order structure, then the relative risk of observing a case ($\mathbf{x} \in \mathbf{X}_1$) is spatially invariant.

$$r(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{\lambda_{01}(\mathbf{x})}{\lambda_{02}(\mathbf{x})} = \frac{f(\mathbf{x})}{g(\mathbf{x})}$$

Conditional on $N_j = n_j$, \mathbf{X}_1 and \mathbf{X}_2 are random samples of the distributions with densities f and g , respectively.

- The log relative risk functions $\log \rho(\mathbf{x}) = \log(f(\mathbf{x})/g(\mathbf{x}))$ can be estimated as follows

$$\hat{\rho}(\mathbf{x}) = \log \left(\frac{\hat{f}_h(\mathbf{x}) + \delta}{\hat{g}_h(\mathbf{x}) + \delta} \right),$$

where $\hat{f}_h(\mathbf{x})$ and $\hat{g}_h(\mathbf{x})$ are kernel estimators, with bandwidth h , and δ is a stabilizing constant.

- In the regression framework (Bowman & Azzalini, 1997)
 - Response variable $\{y_i = \hat{\rho}(\mathbf{x}_i); i = 1, \dots, n\}$
 - Explanatory variable $\{x_i; i = 1, \dots, n\}$
- We should discriminate between the following competing hypotheses

$$\mathcal{H}_0 : E(y_i) = \mu \rightarrow \bar{y} = \sum_{i=1}^n y_i$$

$$\mathcal{H}_1 : E(y_i) = m(x_i) \rightarrow \hat{m}(x_1, x_2) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n w_{g_1}(x_{i1} - x_1) w_{g_2}(x_{i2} - x_2) y_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n w_{g_1}(x_{i1} - x_1) w_{g_2}(x_{i2} - x_2)}$$

- **Test statistic**

$$F = \frac{(RSS_0 - RSS_1) / (df_1 - df_0)}{RSS_1 / df_1}$$

- RSS_0 and RSS_1 are the residual sums of squares for \bar{y} and $\hat{m}(x)$.
- df_0 and df_1 denote the degrees of freedom for error under each hypothesis.



- Bandwidth selection for $\hat{\rho}(x)$ (LSCV).
- Bandwidth selection for $\hat{m}(x)$ (CV).
- Calibration method
 - χ^2 approximation if the errors are normal.
 - **Permutation test**: under \mathcal{H}_0 the pairing of any particular x and y is completely random.
 - **Smooth bootstrap**.

Permutation test

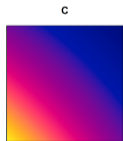
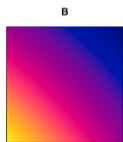
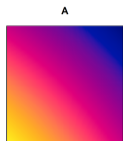
- Simulate random pairings of the observed values of X and Y .
- Compute F for each simulated pairing.
- The **empirical p-value** of the test is the proportion of simulated F -statistics larger than that obtained from the observed data.

Simulation study

- 1000 realizations of multitype inhomogeneous Poisson and non-Poisson point processes with $m = 500$.
- Test different degrees of departure from \mathcal{H}_0 .
- Test whether the asymmetry in the number of events in \mathbf{X}_1 and \mathbf{X}_2 affects the test.
- Two π -systems in the KS-test for any $W = [u_1, u_2] \times [v_1, v_2]$:
 - $KS_1: [u_1, t_1] \times [v_1, t_2]$ for $(t_2, t_2) \in W$
 - $KS_2: [u_1, t] \times [v_1, t]$ for $(t, t) \in W$
- Type 1 error under \mathcal{H}_0 and power under \mathcal{H}_1 with $\alpha = 0.05$.

- **Software:** R-packages spatstat, ks and sm.



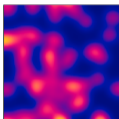


		KS test		T test	F test	
		KS_1	KS_2	SB	PT	SB
$m_1 = 250$ $m_2 = 250$	A - A	0.035	0.040	0.048	0.060	0.060
	A - B	0.134	0.120	0.104	0.310	0.368
	A - C	0.356	0.423	0.546	0.358	0.728
$m_1 = 500/3$ $m_1 = 1000/3$	A - A	0.040	0.041	0.042	0.058	0.064
	A - B	0.141	0.122	0.088	0.166	0.394
	A - C	0.432	0.400	0.334	0.870	0.762

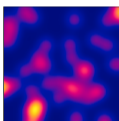
- The KS-test ($K = 6$) is slightly conservative.
- Better calibration with the T -test for symmetric designs.
- The F -test with bootstrap calibration outperforms its competitors in terms of power.

$$W = [-10, 10]^2$$

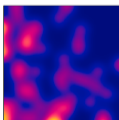
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B



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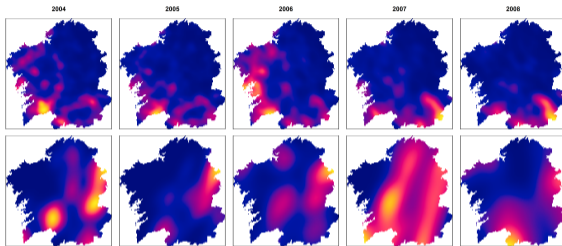
		KS test		T test	F test	
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$m_1 = 250$ $m_2 = 250$	A - A	0.046	0.042	0.094	0.044	0.040
	A - B	0.004	0.002	1.000	1.000	1.000
	A - C	0.392	0.376	1.000	1.000	1.000
$m_1 = 500/3$ $m_1 = 1000/3$	A - A	0.040	0.041	0.042	0.058	0.064
	A - B	0.642	0.798	1.000	1.000	1.000
	A - C	0.022	0.004	1.000	1.000	1.000

- The T -test for symmetric designs is anticonservative.
- The KS -test fails in the detection of some alternative hypothesis.
- High power with the T and F tests.

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Real data problems

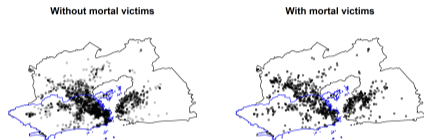
- **Data:** Arson and natural wildfires from 2004 to 2008
- **Null hypotheses:** the spatial distribution of wildfires does not depend on their cause.
- **To implement the tests:**
 - **KS:** Adapt partitions in $\hat{\zeta}$, K , to the sparseness of events.
 - **T:** Kernel estimators with 2-stages plug-in bandwidth matrices.
 - **F:** CV bandwidths in the relative-risk and kernel regression estimators.
 - **T and F:** $B = 200$ for calibration.



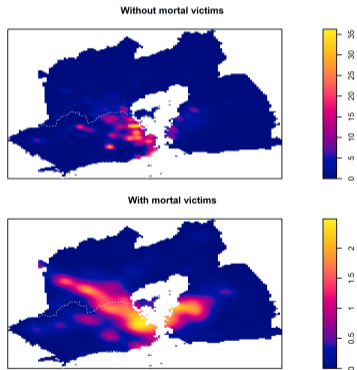
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
KS_1	>0.05	>0.05	>0.05	>0.05	>0.05
T	<0.005	<0.005	<0.005	<0.005	<0.005
F	<0.005	<0.005	<0.005	<0.005	<0.005

- The KS-test ($K = 3$) does not detect differences between arson and natural fires.
- T and F reject the null hypothesis.

- **5945** gunfires recorded in the Río de Janeiro metropolitan area during 2017. **1141** with mortal victims.



- **Null hypotheses:** gunfire with and without mortal victims have the same spatial distribution.
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KS_1	KS_2	T	F
<0.05	>0.05	<0.005	<0.005

- The results of the KS test depend on the π -system used.
- T and F reject the null hypothesis.

Conclusions

- **Simulation study**

- The three tests have a good performance under \mathcal{H}_0
- The **KS-test** does not detect some alternative hypothesis in non-Poisson point processes.
- The **relative risk based test** is the best in terms of power.

- **Application to real data**

- Data sparseness limits the performance of the **KS-test**.
- The spatial distribution of wildfires depends on their cause.
- Gunfire with and without mortal victims have different spatial structure.

- **Potential limitations:**

- We need to check and improve, if needed, the performance of T and F for small point processes.
- T and F have **HIGH COMPUTATIONAL COST** for large datasets.

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