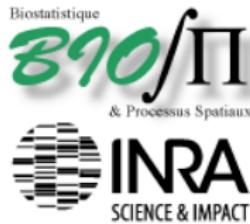


ABC avec statistiques fonctionnelles (et non-fonctionnelles)

Application en statistique spatiale

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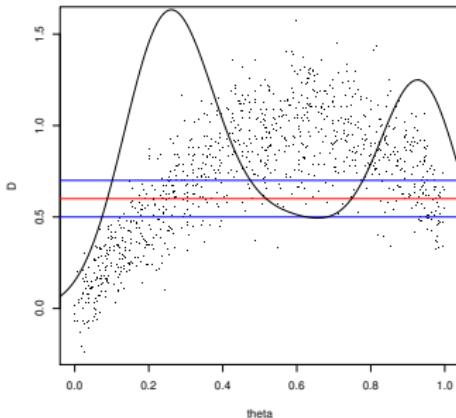


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with $\mathcal{B}_{d_{\mathbb{D}}}(\mathcal{D}, \epsilon)$: ball centered around \mathcal{D}

$x \mapsto h(x | \theta)$: p.d.f. of \mathcal{D}^* drawn under \mathcal{M}_{θ}

What is the target distribution in ABC-rejection?

Target distribution:

$$p_{d_{\mathbb{D}}, \epsilon}(\theta | \mathcal{D}) = \frac{\left(\int_{\mathcal{B}_{d_{\mathbb{D}}}(\mathcal{D}, \epsilon)} h(x | \theta) dx \right) \pi(\theta)}{\int_{\Theta} \left(\int_{\mathcal{B}_{d_{\mathbb{D}}}(\mathcal{D}, \epsilon)} h(x | \alpha) dx \right) \pi(\alpha) d\alpha}$$

- Under regularity assumptions and an appropriate distance $d_{\mathbb{D}}$, $p_{d_{\mathbb{D}}, \epsilon}(\theta | \mathcal{D})$ is a good approximation, when $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$, of the classical posterior distribution:

$$p(\theta | \mathcal{D}) = \frac{h(\mathcal{D} | \theta) \pi(\theta)}{\int_{\Theta} h(\mathcal{D} | \alpha) \pi(\alpha) d\alpha}$$

- More generally, $p_{d_{\mathbb{D}}, \epsilon}(\theta | \mathcal{D})$ may be a good approximation, when $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$, of:

$$\frac{\left(\int_{\mathcal{V}_{d_{\mathbb{D}}}(\mathcal{D})} h(x | \theta) dx \right) \pi(\theta)}{\int_{\Theta} \left(\int_{\mathcal{V}_{d_{\mathbb{D}}}(\mathcal{D})} h(x | \alpha) dx \right) \pi(\alpha) d\alpha}$$

Construction of the distance in ABC

- ▶ ABC is carried out by defining a distance between observed and simulated data sets:

$$d_{\mathbb{D}}(\mathcal{D}, \mathcal{D}_i)$$

- ▶ Classically, the distance is based on a finite set of summary statistics (to circumvent the curse of dimensionality):

$$s : \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{S}$$

$$S = s(\mathcal{D})$$

$$S_i = s(\mathcal{D}_i)$$

$$d_{\mathbb{D}}(\mathcal{D}, \mathcal{D}_i) = d_{\mathbb{S}}(S, S_i)$$

- ▶ The definition of $(s, d_{\mathbb{S}})$ determines the information taken into account in the ABC procedure and, consequently, the inference accuracy

Approaches for defining $(s, d_{\mathbb{S}})$

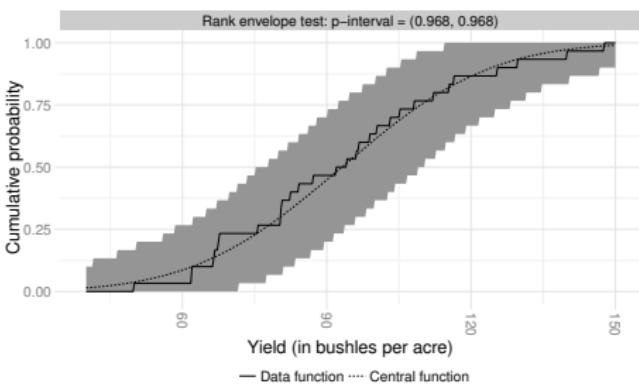
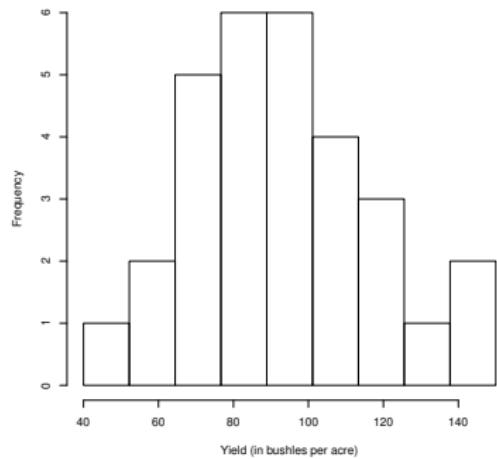
- ▶ Simply gathering a set of relevant statistics expected to be related with parameters
 - ▶ Use of the raw statistics and a mean square distance
 - ▶ Variance equalization (Beaumont et al 2002)
- ▶ "Optimization" approaches
 - ▶ Transformation into "axes" (PLS, ACP; Wegmann et al 2009)
 - ▶ Dimension reduction (or binary weighting; Barnes et al 2012, Joyce and Marjoram 2008, Nunes and Balding 2010)
 - ▶ **Optimal weighting** (Soubeyrand et al. 2013)
 - ▶ Regression-based point estimates of parameters (PEP): $\hat{\theta}(S)$ (Fearnhead and Prangle 2012, Haon-Lasportes et al. 2011)
 - ▶ Model-based PEPs (e.g. pseudo-likelihood estimates) and optimal weighting (Soubeyrand and Haon-Lasportes, 2015)

Functional statistics

- ▶ Functional statistics are convenient objects to describe variations in time, space and other ordered domains
- ▶ They are often used for:
 - ▶ describing patterns
 - ▶ testing hypotheses
 - ▶ fitting models

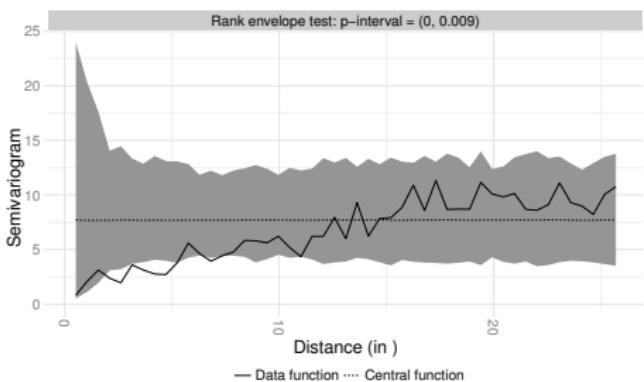
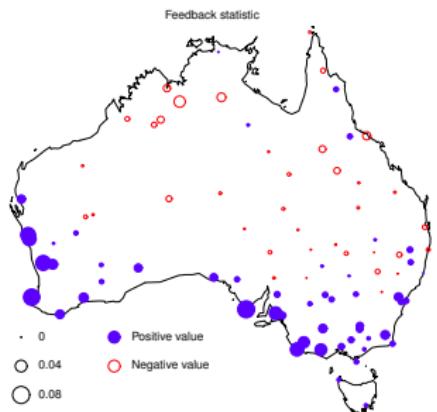
Example in distribution theory

Cumulative distribution function:



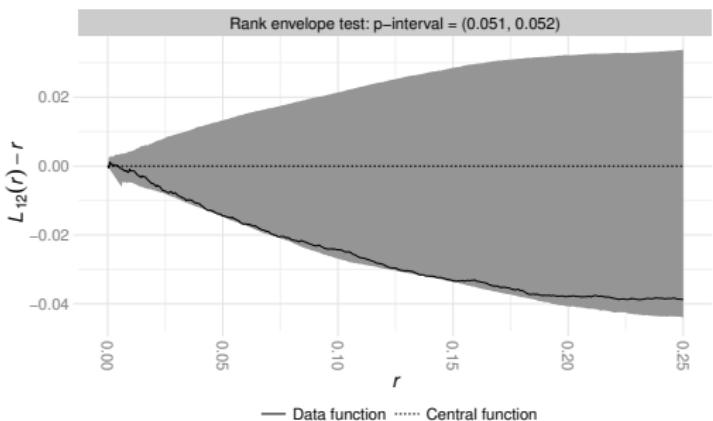
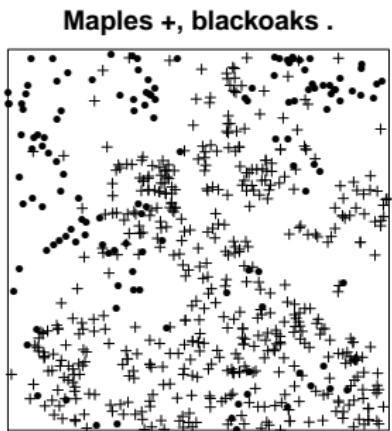
Example in geostatistics

Semivariogram:



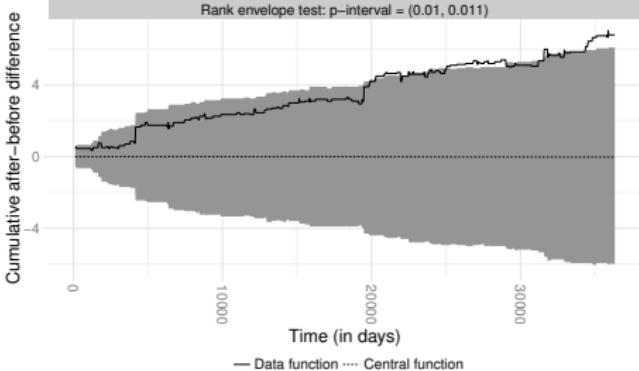
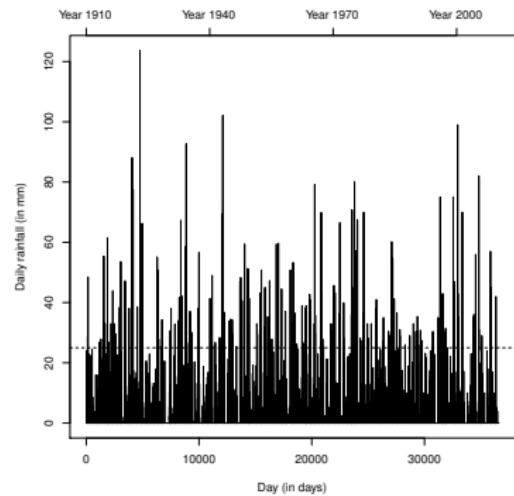
Example for spatial point processes

L_{12} -function:



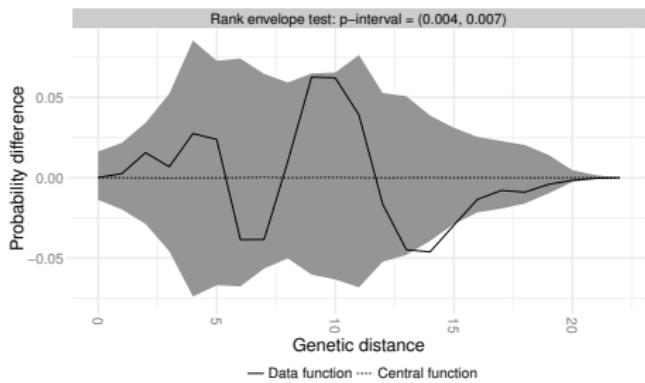
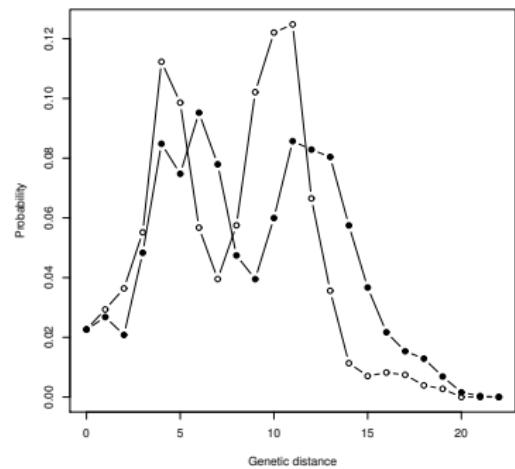
Example in time series

Cumulative after-before difference:



Example in genetics

Genetic distance:



ABC and Functional statistics

How to use functional statistics as summary statistics in ABC?

- ▶ Handling the infinite dimension
- ▶ Handling the dependencies along the support of the function

Contents

- ▶ Algorithms
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- ▶ Discussion

Exact ABC-rejection algorithm (Rubin, 1984)

A1. Carry out the next two steps, independently for i in $\{1, \dots, I\}$,

1. Generate θ_i from π and simulate \mathcal{D}_i from \mathcal{M}_{θ_i} .
2. Accept θ_i if $\mathcal{D}_i = \mathcal{D}$, reject it otherwise.

- ▶ Limitation: $P(\mathcal{D}_i = \mathcal{D})$ is low for high-dimension data and zero for continuous data
- ▶ Solution:
 - ▶ Use of a tolerance threshold ($P(\mathcal{D}_i \approx \mathcal{D})$)
 - ▶ Use of summary statistics (dimension reduction)

ABC-rejection algorithm (Pritchard et al., 1999)

A2. Carry out the next three steps, independently for i in $\{1, \dots, I\}$,

1. Generate θ_i from π and simulate \mathcal{D}_i from \mathcal{M}_{θ_i} .
2. Compute the statistics $S_i = s(\mathcal{D}_i)$, where s is a function from \mathbb{D} to the space \mathbb{S} of statistics.
3. Accept θ_i if $d(S_i, S) \leq \epsilon(\tau)$, where d is a distance over \mathbb{S} and $\epsilon(\tau) \in \mathbb{R}_+$ is a tolerance threshold for the distance between the observed statistics $S = s(\mathcal{D})$ and the simulated ones.

$\epsilon(\tau)$ depends on the proportion τ of accepted θ_i among the I simulated parameters (τ is called the acceptance rate)

- ▶ Question: What distance d when S is a functional statistic?
- ▶ Solution: Use of an optimized weighted distance

Weighted distance for functional statistics

- ▶ Functional statistics included in:

$$\mathbb{S} \subset \left\{ g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \int_{\mathbb{R}} g^2 < \infty \right\}.$$

- ▶ Distance between functional statistics:

$$d(S_i, S; w) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} w(r) \{S_i(r) - S(r)\}^2 dr.$$

with $w : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$

- ▶ Three weight functions:

- ▶ Constant function:

$$w_{cst}(r) = 1$$

- ▶ Inverse variance function (Beaumont et al., 2002):

$$w_{var}(r) = \begin{cases} \mathbb{V}(S_i(r))^{-1} & \text{if } \mathbb{V}(S_i(r)) > 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise;} \end{cases}$$

- ▶ Optimal function in $\mathbb{W} = \{w : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+, \int_{\mathbb{R}} w = 1\}$

ABC-rejection algorithm with functional statistics

A3. Carry out the next four steps,

1. For i in $\{1, \dots, I\}$, independently generate θ_i from π , simulate \mathcal{D}_i from \mathcal{M}_{θ_i} and compute the functional statistic $S_i = s(\mathcal{D}_i)$;
2. For j in $\{1, \dots, J\}$, independently generate θ'_j from π , simulate \mathcal{D}'_j from $\mathcal{M}_{\theta'_j}$ and compute the functional statistic $S'_j = s(\mathcal{D}'_j)$; (θ'_j, S'_j) will be used as pseudo-observed data sets (PODS);
3. Select the weight function and the acceptance rate which minimize the BMSE criterion:

$$(w_{opt}, \tau_{opt}) = \operatorname{argmin}_{w, \tau \in \mathbb{W} \times (0, 1]} \text{BMSE}_J(w, \tau)$$

$$\text{BMSE}_J(w, \tau) = \frac{1}{J} \sum_{j=1}^J \sum_{k=1}^K \frac{(\hat{\theta}'_{jk}(w, \tau) - \theta'_{jk})^2}{\mathbb{V}(\theta'_{jk})}$$

θ'_{jk} : k -th component of θ'_j

$\mathbb{V}(\theta'_{jk})$: prior variance of θ'_{jk}

$\hat{\theta}'_{jk}(w, \tau)$ point estimates (e.g. marginal posterior medians) of θ'_{jk} obtained with **A2** applied to S'_j and $\{(\theta_i, S_i) : i = 1, \dots, I\}$

4. For i in $\{1, \dots, I\}$, accept θ_i if $d(S_i, S; w_{opt}) \leq \epsilon(\tau_{opt})$.

What is the target distribution?

- ▶ The set $\Theta_{opt} = \{\theta_i : d(S_i, S; w_{opt}) \leq \epsilon(\tau_{opt}), i = 1, \dots, I\}$ of accepted parameters forms a sample from the posterior:

$$p_{d(\cdot, \cdot; w_{opt}), \epsilon(\tau_{opt})}(\theta | S) = \frac{\left(\int_{\mathcal{B}_{d(\cdot, \cdot; w_{opt})}(S, \epsilon(\tau_{opt}))} f(x | \theta) dx \right) \pi(\theta)}{\int_{\Theta} \left(\int_{\mathcal{B}_{d(\cdot, \cdot; w_{opt})}(S, \epsilon(\tau_{opt}))} f(x | \alpha) dx \right) \pi(\alpha) d\alpha}$$

with $x \mapsto f(x | \theta)$: p.d.f. of $S^* = s(\mathcal{D}^*)$ where \mathcal{D}^* is drawn under \mathcal{M}_θ

- ▶ Weighting the distance modifies the posterior under which the accepted parameters are drawn
- ▶ However, under regularity conditions and when $\epsilon(\tau_{opt}) \rightarrow 0$, the new posterior may be a good approximation of $p(\theta | S)$

Remarks

- ▶ Tuning components: $s : \mathcal{D} \mapsto S$; I (ABC simul); J (PODS); d (weighted squared difference); BMSE; optimization algo.
- ▶ Typically, I around 10^5 or 10^6 and $J = 10^3$
- ▶ Optimization algorithm:
 - ▶ w restricted to piecewise constant functions with a finite number of jumps whose locations are known
 - ▶ Constrained Nelder-Mead algorithm
- ▶ Incorporation of a pilot ABC run for restricting the sets of PODS:

$$\text{PMSE}_{\mathcal{J}}(w, \tau) = \frac{1}{|\mathcal{J}|} \sum_{j \in \mathcal{J}} \sum_{k=1}^K \frac{(\hat{\theta}'_{jk}(w, \tau) - \theta'_{jk})^2}{\mathbb{V}(\theta'_{jk})}.$$

- ▶ Optimization of the acceptance rate when w_{cst} or w_{var} is used

$$\tau_{cst} = \operatorname{argmin}_{\tau \in (0,1]} \text{BMSE}_J(w_{cst}, \tau)$$

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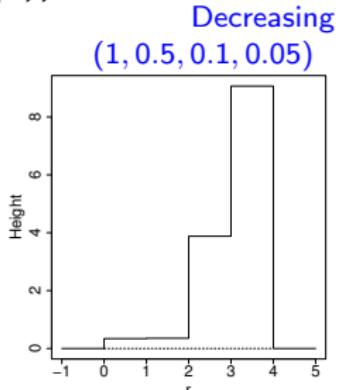
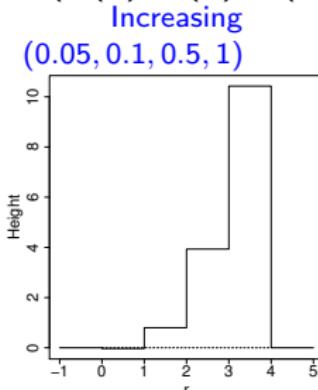
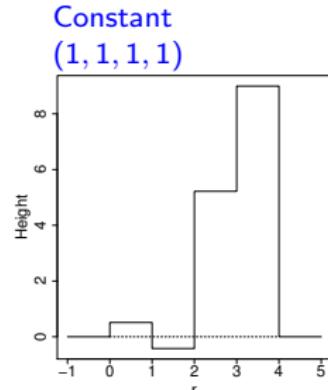
Application 1: simple step model

- ▶ Functional statistic:

$$S(r) = \begin{cases} \theta |r|^2 + \varepsilon(|r|) & \text{if } r \in [0, 4) \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

$$\varepsilon(n) \underset{\text{indep.}}{\sim} \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma(n)), \quad n = 1, \dots, 4$$

- ▶ This function has 4 positive steps whose heights are: $\varepsilon(0)$, $\theta + \varepsilon(1)$, $4\theta + \varepsilon(2)$ and $9\theta + \varepsilon(3)$
- ▶ The first step $S(0) = \varepsilon(0)$ does not bring information on θ
- ▶ Three noise structures $(\sigma(0), \sigma(1), \sigma(2), \sigma(3))$:



ABC tuning

- ▶ $I = 10^5$, $J = 10^3$

- ▶ Weight function:

$$w(r) = \begin{cases} w_n & \text{if } r \in [n, n+1), \forall n \in \{0, 1, 2, 3\} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

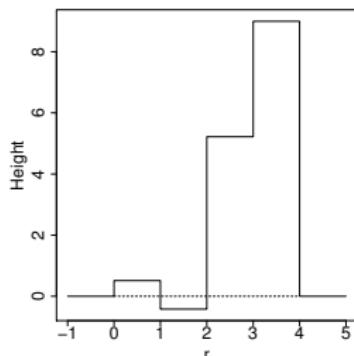
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- ▶ Distance function:

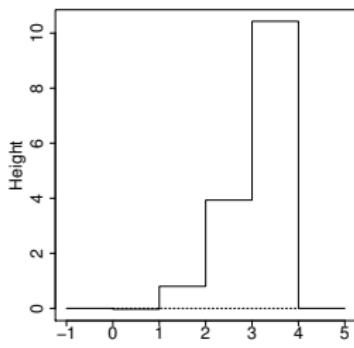
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Three ABC runs

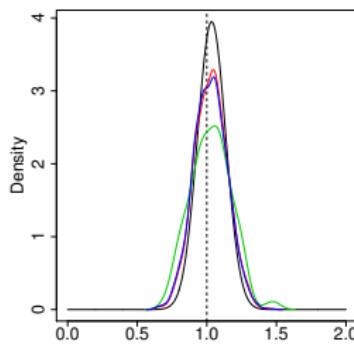
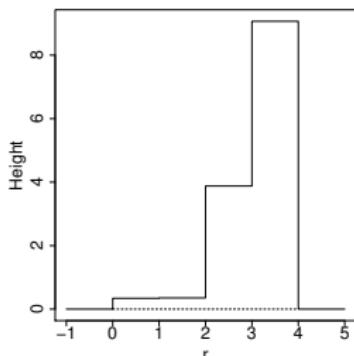
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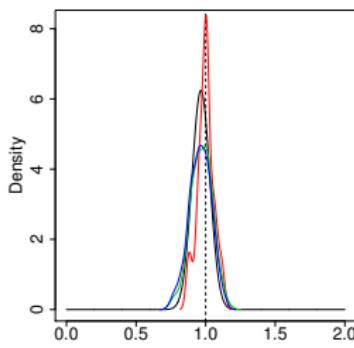
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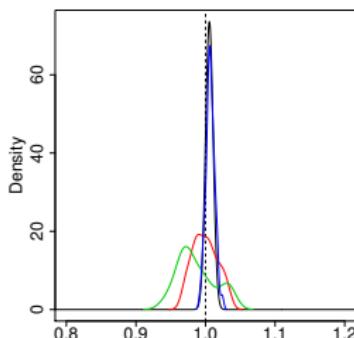
Decreasing noise



Black: exact Bayes



Red: w_{cst}



Green: w_{var}

Blue: w_{opt}

Series of ABC runs

Average BMSE ($\times 1000$) and SD for the simple step model (based on 500 runs) and # of times that each weight fct provided the lowest BMSE:

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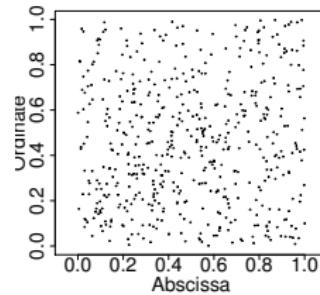
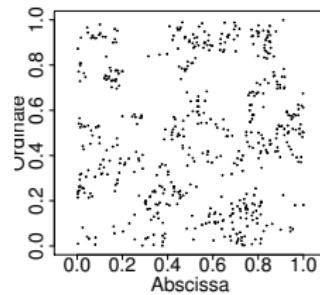
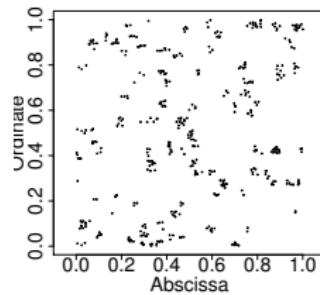
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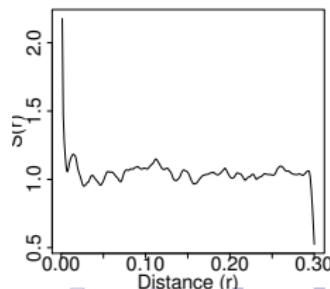
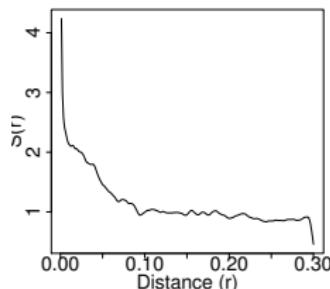
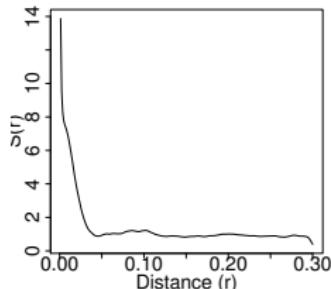
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Application 2: modified Thomas process

- Model:
 - Parent points: homogenous Poisson p.p. with intensity λ
 - Daughter points (the observed points): Poisson number (with mean μ) of points spread around each parent point x with a 2D-, isotropic normal distribution $\mathcal{N}(x, \sigma^2 \mathbf{Id})$



- Functional statistic: empirical pair-correlation function:



ABC tuning

- ▶ $I = 10^5$, $J = 10^3$
- ▶ Weight function with 21 jumps:

$$w(r) = \begin{cases} w_n & \text{if } r \in \left[\frac{0.3n}{20}, \frac{0.3(n+1)}{20}\right), \forall n \in \{0, 1, \dots, 19\} \\ 0 & \text{if } r < 0 \text{ or } r \geq 0.3, \end{cases}$$

$$w_0, \dots, w_{19} \geq 0 \text{ and } \int_{\mathbb{R}} w(r) dr = \sum_{n=0}^{19} (0.3/20) w_n = 1$$

- ▶ Distance function:

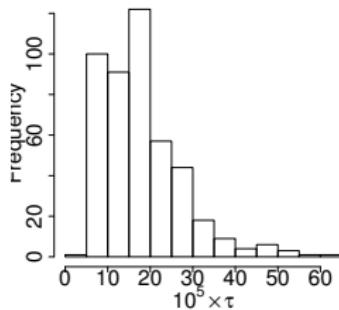
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Series of ABC runs

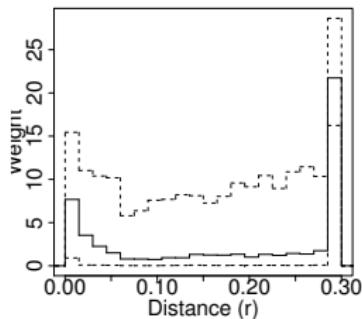
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	w_{cst}	w_{var}	w_{opt}
BMSE	0.651 (0.024)	0.942 (0.031)	0.365 (0.025)
Lowest BMSE frequency	0	0	500
$10^5 \times \tau$	18 (7)	35 (13)	18 (9)

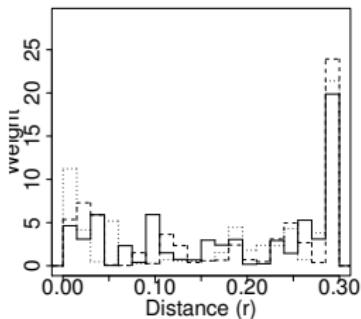
Distrib. of τ_{opt}



Pointwise median of w



3 ex. of w

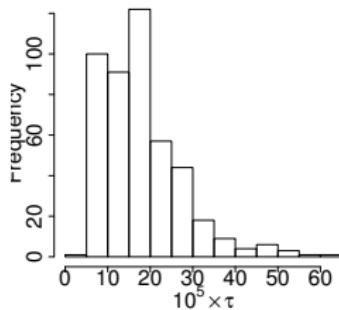


Series of ABC runs

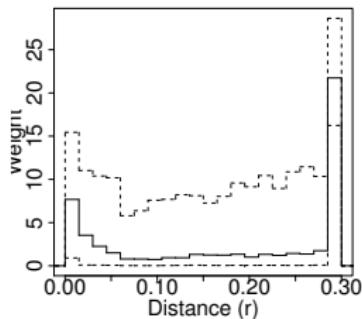
Average BMSE and SD for the modified Thomas process (based on 500 runs) and # of times that each weight function provides the lowest BMSE

	w_{cst}	w_{var}	w_{opt}
BMSE	0.651 (0.024)	0.942 (0.031)	0.365 (0.025)
Lowest BMSE frequency	0	0	500
$10^5 \times \tau$	18 (7)	35 (13)	18 (9)

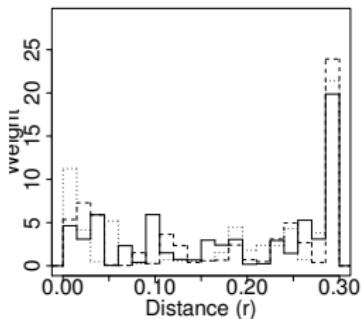
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Pointwise median of w

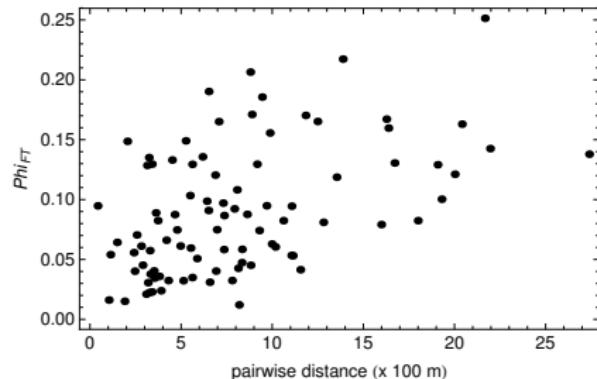
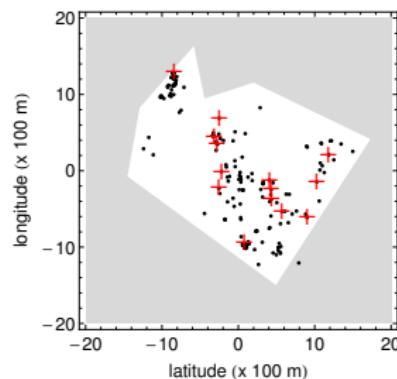


3 ex. of w



Application 3: dispersal model for pollen

- ▶ Data: genotypes of seeds collected from trees at known locations
- ▶ Functional statistic: genetic differentiation $\Phi_{FT,mm'}^{obs}$ between the pollen pools of mother trees m and m'
- ▶ 14 mother trees \Rightarrow 91 pairs of mothers



- ▶ Model: relatively complex model including
 - ▶ a parametric dispersal kernel for pollen proportional to:

$$\exp \left\{ - \left(\frac{r}{a} \right)^b \right\}$$

ABC tuning

- ▶ $I = 10^5$ or $I = 10^6$, $J = 10^3$, $|\mathcal{J}| = 250$
- ▶ Weight function with 21 jumps:

$$w(r) = \begin{cases} w_n & \text{if } r \in [r_n, r_{n+1}), \forall n \in \{0, 1, \dots, 19\} \\ 0 & \text{if } r < 0 \text{ or } r \geq r_{20}, \end{cases}$$

$w_0, \dots, w_{19} \geq 0$ and $\int_{\mathbb{R}} w(r) dr = \sum_{n=0}^{19} (r_{n+1} - r_n) w_n = 1$

- ▶ Distance function:

$$\begin{aligned} d(S_i, S'_j; w) &= \int_{\mathbb{R}} w(r) \{S_i(r) - S'_j(r)\}^2 dr \\ &\approx \sum_{k=1}^{91} w(\tilde{r}_k) \{S_i(\tilde{r}_k) - S'_j(\tilde{r}_k)\}^2 \end{aligned}$$

where $\{\tilde{r}_k : k = 1, \dots, 91\}$ are the 91 inter-mother distances

BMSE and PMSE values for varying simulation number

BMSE and PMSE obtained for the estimation of the pollen dispersal parameters with $I = 10^5$ and $I = 10^6$

$I = 10^5$

	w_{cst}	w_{var}	w_{opt}	p -value
BMSE	1.009	1.051	0.974	7.9×10^{-4}
PMSE (without pilot ABC)	0.101	0.102	0.100	0.57
PMSE (with pilot ABC)	0.097	0.099	0.087	5.4×10^{-5}

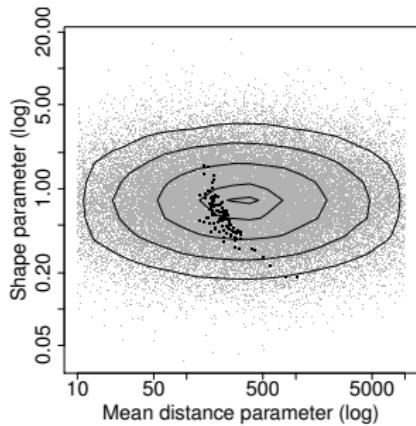
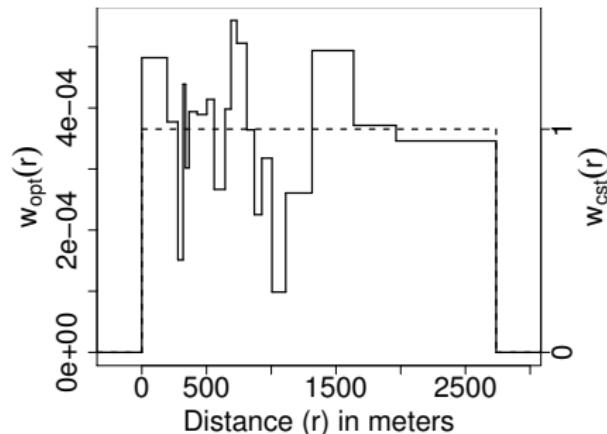
$I = 10^6$

	w_{cst}	w_{var}	w_{opt}	p -value
BMSE	0.977	0.981	0.938	1.1×10^{-4}
PMSE (without pilot ABC)	0.092	0.094	0.089	0.11
PMSE (with pilot ABC)	0.090	0.094	0.083	1.8×10^{-4}

Last column: p -value of the paired t-test comparing the average MSEs obtained with w_{opt} and w_{cst}

Optimal weight function and posterior distributions

Using Algorithm **A3** with pilot ABC and $(I, J, |\mathcal{J}|) = (10^6, 10^3, 250)$:



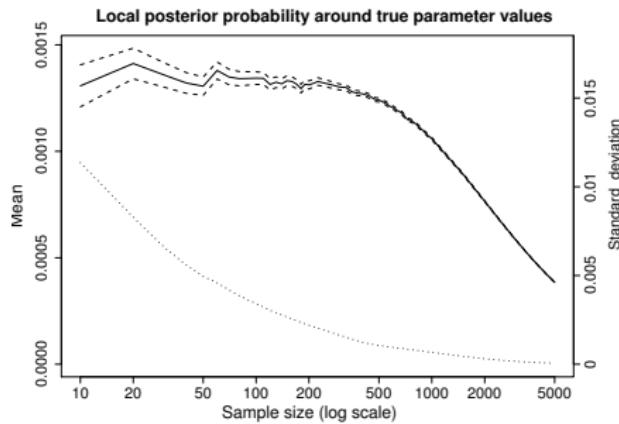
Posterior sample size: 113

Discussion

- ▶ Our approach can be applied to non-functional statistics
 - ▶ One weight per summary statistic (Application 1)
 - ▶ However, being able to sort the summary statistics with a covariate (time, distance...) allows us to reduce the number of weights to be optimized
 - ▶ Even if the dependence in the covariate is weak (Application 3)
- ▶ Trade-off between optimizing the weights and making more simulations
- ▶ Investigation around the size of the posterior sample
 - ▶ More simulations \Rightarrow larger size
 - ▶ Alternative: replacing the BMSE by a criterion leading to larger sizes
 - ▶ However, the BMSE-based optimal size is appropriate for handling the bias-variance trade-off

Illustration of the bias-variance trade-off

- ▶ Model: $\mathcal{D}_1, \dots, \mathcal{D}_{100} \stackrel{\text{indep.}}{\sim} \mathcal{N}\left(\begin{pmatrix} \mu \\ \mu \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \rho \\ \rho & 1 \end{pmatrix}\right)$
- ▶ Summary statistics:
 - ▶ average of the first components of the \mathcal{D}_n ($n = 1, \dots, 100$)
 - ▶ number of times that the two components of \mathcal{D}_n have the same signs
- ▶ Bias-variance trade-off:



- ▶ Application of Algorithm **A3** with $(I, J) = (5 \times 10^4, 10^3)$: posterior sample size = 585