

Maximum likelihood estimation in a spatio-temporal marked point process

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Motivation: Dynamics of a Scots pines stand

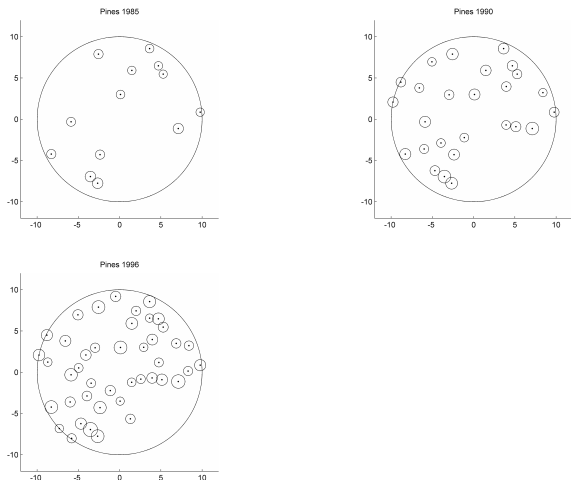


Figure: Swedish Scots pines with scaled radii (factor 10) recorded in 1985 (upper left), 1990 (right) and 1996 (lower left).

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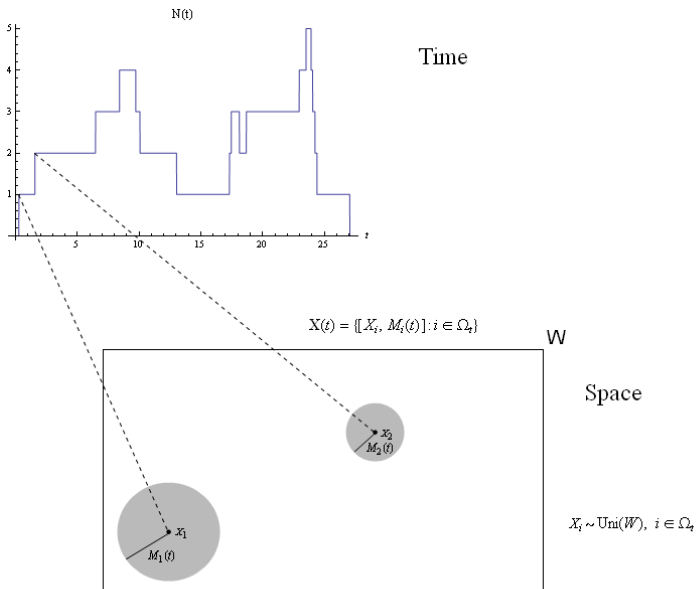
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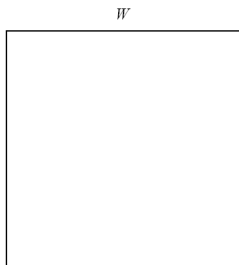
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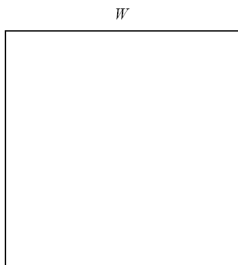
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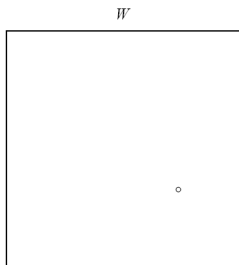
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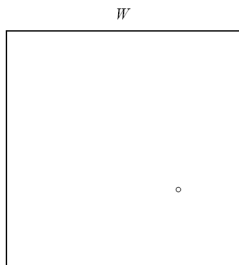
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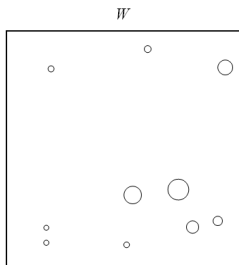
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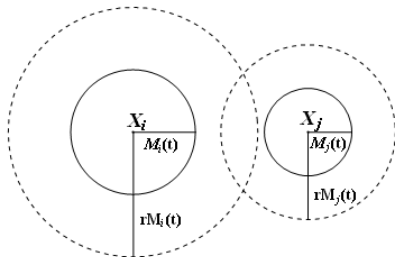
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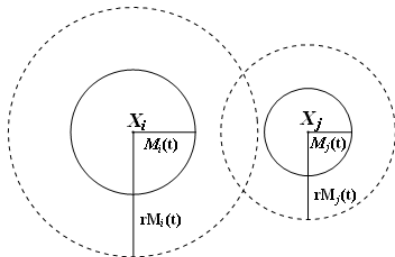
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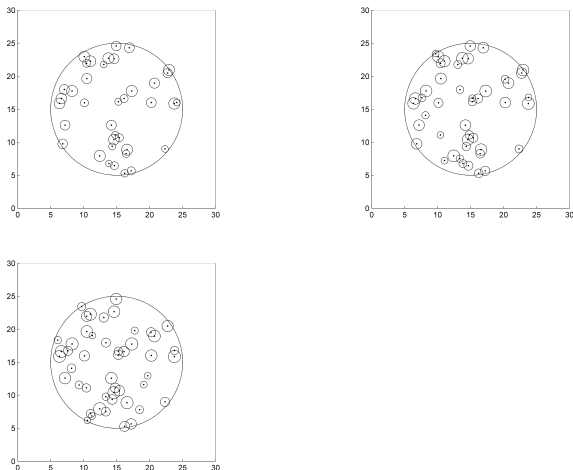


Figure: Simulated on $W = [0, 30] \times [0, 30]$ (radii scaled by a factor of 10), sampled at $T_1 = 22$ (top left), $T_2 = 27$ (right), $T_3 = 33$ (bottom left) in the circular region.

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- $\mathbb{X}(t)$ is observed at $0 < T_1 < \dots < T_n$ as $\{\mathbf{X}_j\}_{j=1}^n$.
- Estimate the parameters $\Lambda = (\alpha, \mu, \lambda, K, c, r, \sigma)$:
 - Immigration-death parameters: α, μ
 - Spatial growth and interaction parameters: $\psi = (\lambda, K, c, r)$
 - Diffusion parameter: $\sigma > 0$
- Aim: Simultaneous ML-estimation of Λ
- $\mathbb{X}(t)$ is a Markov process:
 - $(M_1(t), \dots, M_N(t))$ is a Markov process (diffusion)
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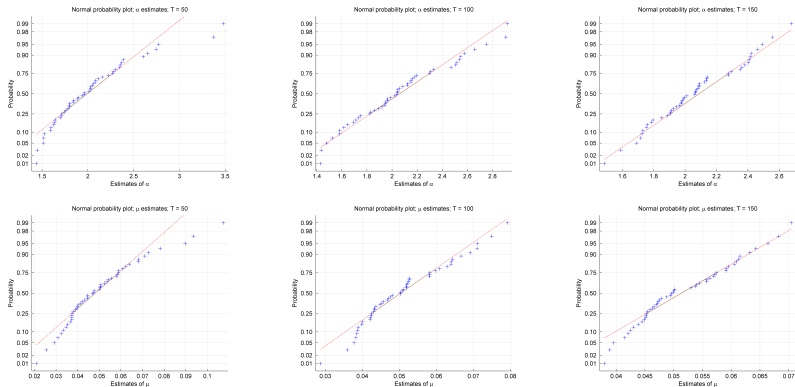
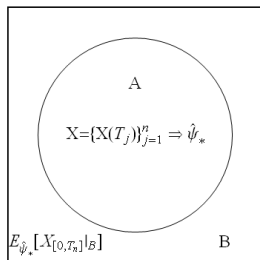


Figure: Normal probability plots of the estimates of $(\alpha_0, \mu_0) = (0.4, 0.01)$ based on 50 sample paths sampled at times $T_k = kt$, $t = 1, k = 1, \dots, T$. Upper row: The estimates of α_0 at final times $T = 50$ (left), $T = 100$ (middle) and $T = 150$ (right). Lower row: The estimates of μ_0 at final times $T = 50$ (left), $T = 100$ (middle) and $T = 150$ (right).

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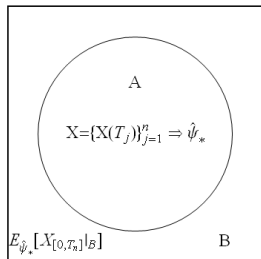
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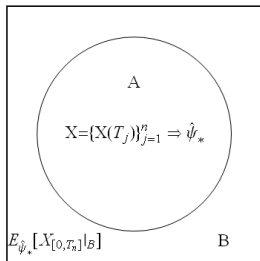
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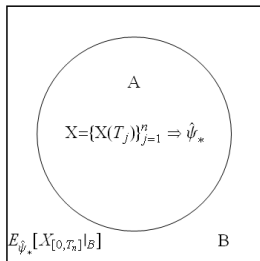
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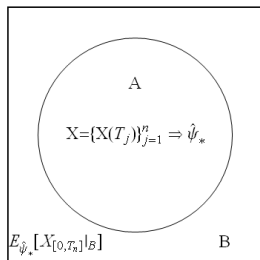
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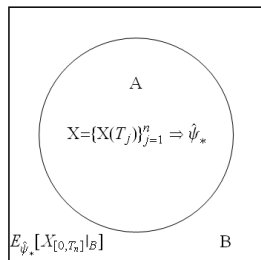
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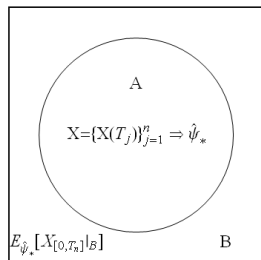
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