The accumulated persistence function, a useful functional summary statistic for topological data analysis

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- One-dim. alternatives provide selected information: Bubenik's dominant function λ₁; the silhoutte (Chazal et al., 2013: a weighted average of Bubenik's functions); kernel estimate of the intensity function for the persistent diagram (Chen et al., 2015).

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NB: For each dimension k, $PD_k \leftrightarrow RRPD_k$ (where k = 0 if connected components are considered, k = 1 if holes, k = 2 if voids...).

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NB: APF_k is a 1-dim. function! Apply methods from functional data analysis...

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Classical functional summary functions for aggregated, completely random or regular point clouds

• Ripley's K-function for a stationary point process $X \subset \mathbb{R}^2$:

$$K(r) = \frac{\mathrm{E}\left[\text{``Number of further points in } B(0, r)\text{''} \mid 0 \in \mathbf{X}\right]}{\mathrm{E}\left[\text{``Number of points per unit area''}\right]}, \quad r \ge 0.$$

• The empty space function:

$$F(r) = P(\mathbf{X} \cap B(0, r) \neq \emptyset), \quad r \ge 0.$$





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- We repeated all this 500 times.

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- Large values are critical for \mathcal{H}_0 .
- Problem: the asymptotic distribution of KS_{r_1,r_2} known but intractable. \Rightarrow Bootstrap procedure.

Theorem

Assume that $\lambda \in (0,1)$ such that $r_1/r \to \lambda$ as $r \to \infty$. Under mild conditions, using a bootstrap method where we resample B times,

• if \mathcal{H}_0 is true,

$$\lim_{r \to \infty} \lim_{B \to \infty} \mathbb{P}\left(KS_{r_1, r_2} > \hat{q}^B_\alpha\right) = \alpha,$$

• if \mathcal{H}_0 is not true and $\sup_{m \in [T_1, T_2]} |E \{A_{D_0} - A_{E_0}\}(m)| > 0$,

$$\lim_{r \to \infty} \lim_{B \to \infty} \mathbb{P}\left(KS_{r_1, r_2} > \hat{q}^B_\alpha\right) = 1.$$

Example: Brain artery trees dataset (Bendich et al., 2016)

- Subjects: 46 women and 49 men. Each subject/tree graph has $\approx 10^5$ nodes.
- Bendich *et al.* (2016) wanted to capture how the arteries bend through space and to detect age and gender effects.
- The age effect was clearly revealed \Rightarrow we focus on the gender effect.



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- We consider two settings:
 - (A) We use only the 100 largest lifetimes as in Bendich et al. (2016).
 - (B) We use all topological features.

Estimated *p*-values of the two-sample test statistic KS_{r_1,r_2} :

	AP	F_0	APF_1		
	I = [0, 137]	I = [0, 60]	I = [0, 25]	I = [15, 25]	
Setting (A)	5.26	3.26	3.18	2.72	
Setting (B)	7.67	3.64	20.06	1.83	

- As in Bendich *et al.* (2016): Usually better results when k = 1 (holes). In comparison with Bendich *et al.* (2016), we see a very clear gender effect.
- Good detection when k = 0 (connected components). In contrast to Bendich *et al.* (2016), we see a clear gender effect.
- Problem with APF_1 on I = [0, 25] partly dues to outliers (further studies required).

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Perspectives:

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- Use voids (k = 2) to study brain artery trees.

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