

Estimating the pollen backward  
dispersion function using genetic  
markers

# The backward dispersion function ?

- Forward dispersion function:

”where does the pollen go when flying from a father tree at 0 ?”

- Backward dispersion function:

”where does the pollen grain observed on the seed of a mother tree at 0 come from?”

# Model

- trees = stationary point process  $X$
- genotypes of trees = marks  $M$
- genotype of seeds attached to trees = marks  $G$

# Assumptions

- genotypes are randomly independently distributed among trees
- the loci are independent
- the two alleles at a given locus are independent
- a seed receives an allele from the father, the other from the mother
- the allele received from a given parent (father or mother) is chosen randomly among the two alleles of the parent

# Data

- sample some trees and genotype them
- sample some seeds on these trees

locations of other trees unknown

# What do researcher in pollen dispersion do ?

$X$  Poisson

- $f(x - y)$  = probability density to find the father of a flower at  $y$  at position  $x$
- copaternity  $Q(A, B)$  = probability that two flowers on trees at  $A$  and  $B$  have the same father
- adjust parameters by least square between  $Q(A, B)/Q(A, A)$  and its estimator

## Computing $Q(A, B)$

$$Q(A, B) = \int_x f(x - A) \quad f(x - B) \quad \frac{1}{\lambda} dx$$

tree pollinating  $A$  is at  $x$       tree pollinating  $B$  falls within the same region      around  $x$  there are  $\lambda dx$  trees

- self-pollination not taken into account
- dependence between the two pollination events is not taken into account
- Poisson necessary to drop  $\lambda$  in  $Q(A, B)/Q(A, A)$

# What do we want to estimate ?

$$1_{\{\text{pollinator of } A \text{ is at } x\}} = 1_{\{x \in X\}} 1_{\{x \text{ pollinates } A\}}$$

- $p(\text{the pollinator of } A \text{ is at } x) = \lambda h(x; A) r(x - A), x \neq A$
- $p(\text{the pollinator of } A \text{ is at } x) = h(x; A), \quad x = A$
  
- $\lambda$  intensity of  $X$
- $r(u), u \in \mathbb{R}$  pair correlation function
- $h(y; 0)$  probability that a tree at  $y$  pollinates 0

$$\implies f(x) = 1_{\{x \neq 0\}} \lambda h(x; 0) r(x), \quad F(0) = h(0; 0)$$



# Looking at the copaternity

$$1_{\{\text{pollinator of } A \text{ is at } x\}} 1_{\{\text{pollinator of } B \text{ is at } x\}} = 1_{\{x \in X\}} 1_{\{x \text{ pollinates } A\}} 1_{\{x \text{ pollinates } B\}}$$

- $p(\text{the pollinator of } A \text{ and } B \text{ is at } x) = \lambda h^{(2)}(x; A, B) r(x; A, B),$   
 $x \neq A, x \neq B,$
- $p(\text{the pollinator of } A \text{ is at } x) = h^{(2)}(x; A, B),$   
 $x = A \text{ or } x = B$

- $$h^{(2)}(x; A, B) = \mathbb{E}(1_{\{x \text{ pollinates } A\}} 1_{\{x \text{ pollinates } B\}} \mid x \in X)$$

$$\neq \mathbb{E}(1_{\{x \text{ pollinates } A\}} \mid x \in X) \mathbb{E}(1_{\{x \text{ pollinates } B\}} \mid x \in X)$$

$$= h(x; A)h(x; B)$$
- $\lambda r(x; A, B)$  intensity of the Palm measure with respect to  $A$  and  $B$ .

$$Q(A, B) = 2h^{(2)}(x; A, B) + \lambda \int_x h^{(2)}(x; A, B)r(x; A, B)dx$$

## Conclusion

- No self-pollination taken into account
- what is estimated is not what is wanted

# Estimating $f(x)$

## Assumptions

- $X$  stationary isotropic point process
- marks  $M$  are independent
- No self-pollination
  
- $\lambda$  and  $r(x)$  classically
- estimate  $h(x; 0)$  through observations of the genotypes of  $x$ ,  $0$  and seeds on  $0$

# Non parametric estimation

- $(m_1, m_2)$  the alleles of the tree at  $O$
- $(k_1, k_2)$  the alleles of the tree at  $B$
- $(g_1, g_2)$  the alleles of a seed on the tree at  $O$
- $\alpha_g$  the allele frequency of  $g$  in the tree population
- $F = \{\text{the father gives the first allele}\}$
- $C = \{O \text{ carries } (m_1, m_2), B \text{ carries } \dots\}$

$$P(g_1 | C \cap F) = \frac{1}{2}h(x)(1_{\{g_1=k_1\}} + 1_{\{g_1=k_2\}}) + (1 - h(x))\alpha_{g_1}.$$

$$P((g_1, g_2) | C) = a_1 \alpha_{g_1} h(x) + a_2 \alpha_{g_2} h(x) + b h(x) + c_1 \alpha_{g_1} + c_2 \alpha_{g_2} \quad (1)$$

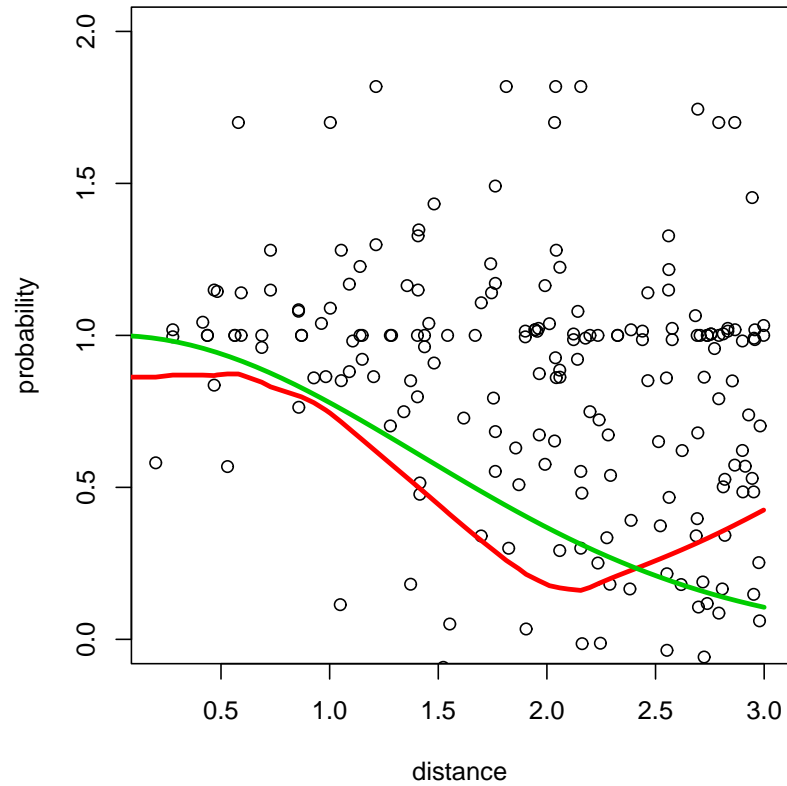
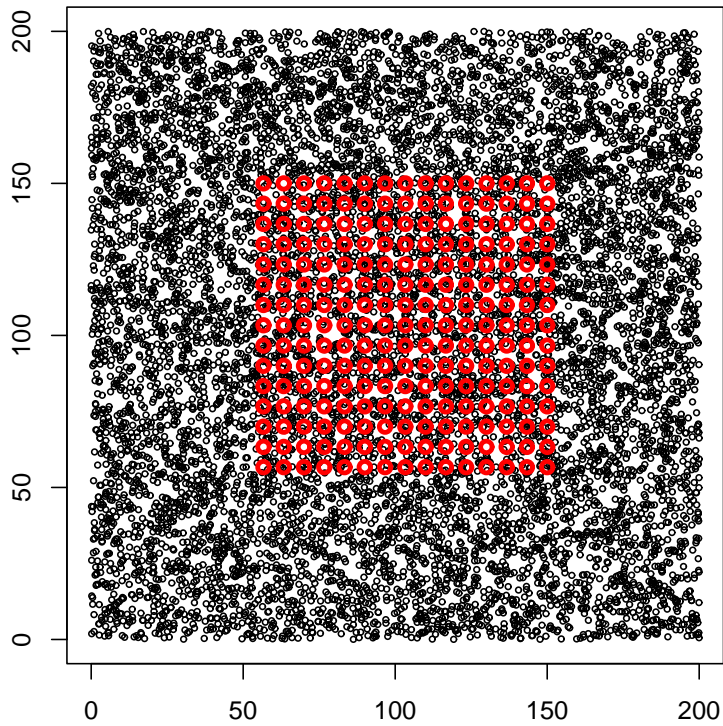
with

$$\begin{aligned} a_1 &= -\frac{1}{4} (1_{\{g_2=m_1\}} + 1_{\{g_2=m_2\}}) \\ a_2 &= -\frac{1}{4} (1_{\{g_1=m_1\}} + 1_{\{g_1=m_2\}}) \\ b &= \frac{1}{8} (1_{\{g_1=k_1\}} + 1_{\{g_1=k_2\}}) (1_{\{g_2=m_1\}} + 1_{\{g_2=m_2\}}) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{8} (1_{\{g_2=k_1\}} + 1_{\{g_2=k_2\}}) (1_{\{g_1=m_1\}} + 1_{\{g_1=m_2\}}) \\ c_1 &= \frac{1}{4} (1_{\{g_2=m_1\}} + 1_{\{g_2=m_2\}}) = -a_1 \\ c_2 &= \frac{1}{4} (1_{\{g_1=m_1\}} + 1_{\{g_1=m_2\}}) = -a_2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\hat{h}(x) = \frac{\sum_i \sum_k \sum_{g_1} \sum_{g_2} K_u(x- | x_i - y_i |) U_i(g_1, g_2)}{2G^2 \sum_i \sum_k K_u(x- | x_i - y_i |)}$$

with

$$\begin{aligned} U_i(g_1, g_2) &= \frac{\hat{P}^{(A,i,k)}(g_1, g_2) - c_1^{(A,i,k)} \alpha_{g_1} - c_2^{(A,i,k)} \alpha_{g_2}}{a_1^{(A,B,i,k)} \alpha_{g_1} + a_2^{(A,B,i,k)} \alpha_{g_2} + b^{(A,B,i,k)}} \\ &\quad + \frac{\hat{P}^{(B,i,k)}(g_1, g_2) - c_1^{(B,i,k)} \alpha_{g_1} - c_2^{(B,i,k)} \alpha_{g_2}}{a_1^{(B,A,i,k)} \alpha_{g_1} + a_2^{(B,A,i,k)} \alpha_{g_2} + b^{(B,A,i,k)}} \end{aligned}$$



$$\lambda = 0.25$$

$$\alpha = (0.1, 0.1, 0.4, 0.4)$$

father = nearest tree

15 x 15 couples

# Parametric estimation

$$P((g_1^{(A,i,k)}, g_2^{(A,i,k)}) \mid C_{A,B,i}) = P_{2,i,k} h_\theta(d(A_i, B_i)) + P_{2,i,k} (1 - h_\theta(d(A_i, B_i)))$$

$B$  is not the father

$$P_{1,i,k} = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^L \prod_{l \leq L} \left\{ \alpha_{g_{2,l}^{(A,i,k)}} \left( 1_{g_{1,l}^{(A,i,k)} = m_{1,l}^{(A,i)}} + 1_{g_{1,l}^{(A,i,k)} = m_{2,l}^{(A,i)}} \right) \right. \\ \left. + \alpha_{g_{1,l}^{(A,i,k)}} \left( 1_{g_{2,l}^{(A,i,k)} = m_{1,l}^{(A,i)}} + 1_{g_{2,l}^{(A,i,k)} = m_{2,l}^{(A,i)}} \right) \right\}$$

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## Conclusion

- parametric and non-parametric estimations can be performed
- no need to use second order statistics
- interest in confronting this estimation with one based on second order stat?
- convergence... strong mixing
- confidence intervals block-bootstrap



# self-pollination

$i(x) = P(\text{the tree at } 0 \text{ is the father of its flower} \mid x \neq 0)$

$\epsilon(x) = P(\text{the father of the flower at } 0 \notin \{0, x\})$

$$1 = h(x) + i(x) + \epsilon(x)$$

$$P((g_1, g_2) \mid C) = ah(h) + bi(x) + c$$

- $h(x)$  and  $i(x)$  estimated in the same way
- self-pollination estimated as  $1 - \lambda \int_x h(x)r(x)dx$
- $i(x)$  can be used to choose the self-pollination model

# genetic dependance of trees

- no self-pollination
- $\lambda r_x(y)$  intensity of the Palm measure with respect to 0 and  $x$ .
- $h_x(y)$  the probability that a tree at  $y$  pollinates a given seed at 0 knowing that trees are present at 0 and  $x$ ,
- $P_x((l_1(y), l_2(y)) \mid C)$  the probability that the tree at  $y$  carries genotype  $(l_1(y), l_2(y))$  knowing the genotypes of the trees at 0 and  $x$ .

$$P(g_1 \mid C \cap F) = \frac{h(x)}{2} (1_{\{g_1=k_1\}} + 1_{\{g_1=k_2\}}) + \lambda \int_y r_x(y) h_x(y) \sum_{l_1, l_2} P_x((l_1(y), l_2(y)) = (l_1, l_2) \mid C) \frac{1}{2} (1_{\{g_1=l_1\}} + 1_{\{g_2=l_2\}}) dy$$

# Conclusion(1)

- estimate effectively  $f(x)$
- no need to impose Poisson assumption
- possible to estimate furthermore with self-pollination, spatial genetic dependance(?)
- focus on  $h(x)$  instead of  $f(x)$
  
- link between  $i(x)$  (self-pollination knowing a tree at  $x$ ) and self-pollination ?
- estimate  $h_x(y)$  (opening toward classical forward dispersion function) knowing  $h(x)$  ?

## Conclusion(2)

- use of Campbell theorems
- $0, A \in X$
- $1 = P(\text{flower at } 0 \text{ pollinated})$   
 $= 1_{\{A \text{ pollinates}\}} + \sum_{x \in X \setminus \{0, A\}} 1_{\{x \text{ pollinates}\}}$
- Austerlitz and al focus on the second term and forget the first term
- we focus on the first term and consider the second one as noise  
 $\implies$  How to combine ?