A typical afternoon...

... covering circles with random arcs

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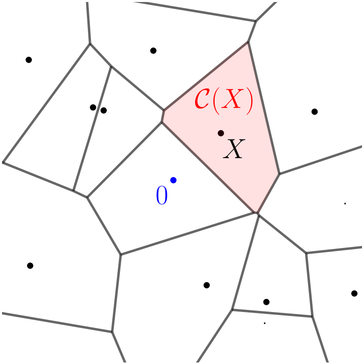
Poisson-Voronoi tessellation

Spatial Poisson point process, i.e. a uniform rain of points • on $\mathbb{R}^2$: $\Phi \cup \{0\}$.

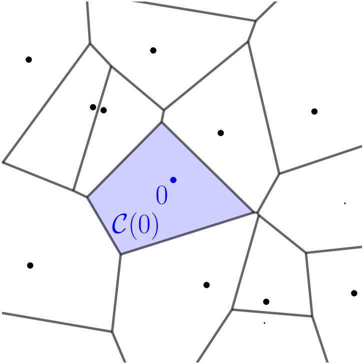
To each (random) raindrop X, associate the set :

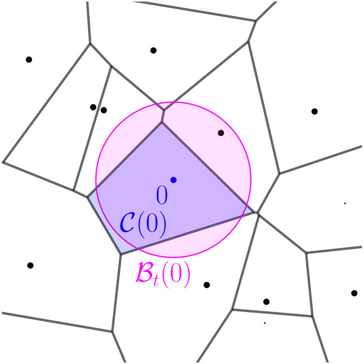
$$\mathcal{C}(X) = \{y \in \mathbb{R}^2 : \|y - X\| \leq \|y - X'\| \, \forall X' \in \Phi\}.$$



Our question:

$$\text{for } t >> 0 \text{ fixed, } \mathbb{P}\left(\mathcal{C}(0) \not\subseteq \mathcal{B}_t(0)\right) = ?$$





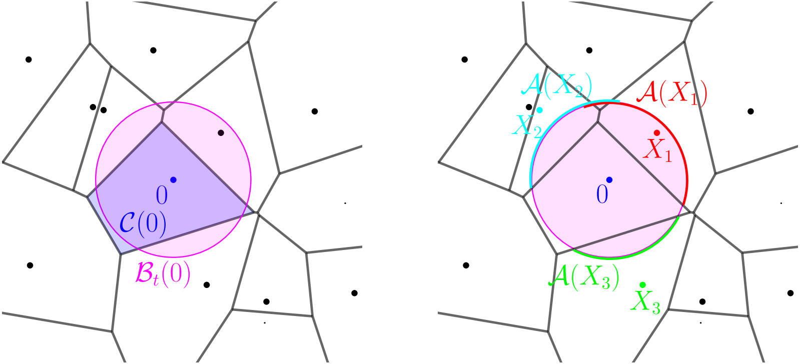
Original question:

$$\text{for } t >> 0,\ \mathbb{P}\left(\mathcal{C}(0) \not\subseteq \mathcal{B}_t(0)\right) = ?$$

Idea of Calka (2002): the raindrops $X \in \Phi \cup \mathcal{B}_{2t}(0)$ close to 0 define a random arc $\mathcal{A}(X)$ on $\partial\mathcal{B}_t(0)$... The original question is equivalent to:

$$\mathbb{P}\left(\partial\mathcal{B}_t(0) \text{ is not covered by } \{\mathcal{A}(X), X \in \Phi \cup \mathcal{B}_{2t}(0)\}\right) = ?$$

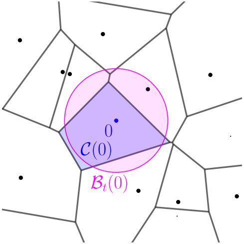
There are $N \sim \text{Poisson}(\pi(2t)^2)$ i.i.d. arcs positioned unif at random on the circle and whose lengths have density $l \in [0, \pi t] \mapsto \frac{1}{2t}\sin\left(\frac{l}{t}\right)$.



- TO DO: Bibliography! → Stevens (1939)

Calka (2002) proves that Stevens (1939) generalizes, but only gives a double bound

$$2\pi t^2 e^{-\pi t^2} \leq \mathbb{P}\left(\mathcal{C}(0) \not\subseteq \mathcal{B}_t(0)\right) \leq 4\pi t^2 e^{-\pi t^2}.$$



C. D'Errico, P. Calka, N. Enriquez: we took a completely different approach to find

$$\mathbb{P}\left(\mathcal{C}(0) \not\subseteq \mathcal{B}_t(0)\right) \underset{t\to\infty}{\sim} 4\pi t^2 e^{-\pi t^2}$$

and for the same construction in $\mathbb{R}^d$:

$$\mathbb{P}\left(\mathcal{C}(0) \not\subseteq \mathcal{B}_t(0)\right) \underset{t\to\infty}{\sim} \frac{2\pi^{\frac{d^2-1}{2}}}{(d-1)!\Gamma(\frac{d+1}{2})^{d-1}} t^{d(d-1)} e^{-\kappa_d t^d}$$

where κ_d is the volume of the unit ball in $\mathbb{R}^d$.

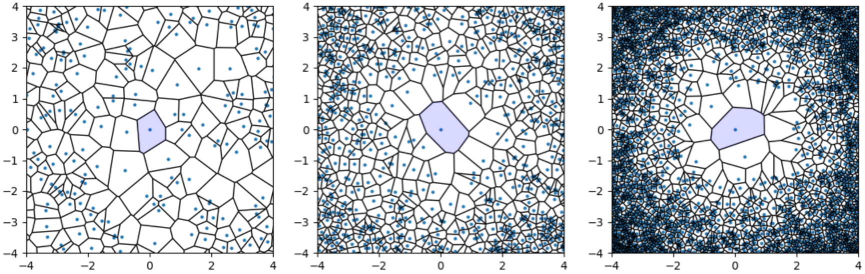
Further results and questions...

- Siegel & Holst (1980) found explicit formulas for the probability of covering the circle of circumference 1 with n arcs of i.i.d. random lengths $L_1, .., L_n \sim L$ where L is any distribution on the interval $[0, 1]$:

  $\mathbb{P}($ circle of circumference 1 is covered $) =$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^{n} (-1)^k \binom{n}{k} \int_{\{\sum_{i=1}^{k} u_i = 1\}} \left(\prod_{i=1}^{k} \mathbb{P}(L \leq u_i) \right) \left(\prod_{j=1}^{k} \int_0^{u_j} \mathbb{P}(L \leq v) dv \right)^{n-k} du_1 \cdots du_k$$

- TO DO: Asymptotic of $\uparrow$ for $n \to \infty$ for different CDF $x \mapsto \mathbb{P}(L \leq x)$?
- TO DO: Generalize S. & H. for specific distribution of N, a random number of arcs?
- TO DO: What if the density of raindrops is not uniform (but still isotropic): can we generalize Stevens/ Siegel & Holst, or can we apply a new method?



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