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Preface

The performance of wireless systems depends strongly on the locations of the users or nodes. In modern networks, these locations are subject to considerable uncertainty and thus need to be modeled as a stochastic process of points in the two- or three-dimensional space.

The area of mathematics providing such models and methods to analyze their properties is *stochastic geometry*, in particular point process theory. Hence wireless network modeling and analysis is a very natural application of stochastic geometry, and, indeed, the last decade has witnessed a significant growth in this area. The goal of this book is to make the mathematical theory accessible to graduate students, researchers, and practitioners who are working in the field of wireless networks. This not only includes a coherent presentation of the theory as it applies to wireless networks, but also enables the reader to understand the related research articles and to define and solve new problems. The field is young enough to leave many opportunities for exciting and relevant new results. Indeed, not all the theoretical concepts covered in this book have found applications to wireless networks yet.

It is assumed that the reader has a solid background in basic probability and perhaps has had some exposure to point processes in one dimension, most likely in the form of traffic models for queueing theory.

While being rigorous, the book is not pedantic and does not dwell on measure-theoretic details. The interested reader can always study these intricacies from the mathematical literature; others may simply take measure theory for granted. For example, while the Radon–Nikodým theorem is mentioned on several occasions, it is not essential to follow the exposition. The many examples should illustrate the theoretical concepts and help develop a good intuition. To assist in this process, problems are included at the end of each chapter, some of which are based on the R statistical software for simulation and numerical studies. Also, many chapters have a dedicated applications section at the end, where the theory in that chapter is used to solve pertinent problems in wireless networking.

To the extent that it exists, standard terminology is used. Unfortunately, the notation is hardly consistent in the literature, which is a consequence of the fact that researchers from many different areas have made important contributions to the theory. Consequently, to help the reader understand books and articles

with their specific terminology and definitions, different names and conventions are mentioned as appropriate.

The first part of the book gives an introduction to stochastic geometry, in particular point process theory. In order to be consistent with the application, the focus is on simple point processes on the Euclidean space \mathbb{R}^d . Particular care is given to the functionals and their relationships, to higher-order statistics, and Palm distributions, covered in Chapters 4, 6, and 8. These are the topics that are perhaps the most difficult to learn from the mathematical literature. Chapter 5 is entirely devoted to important applications in wireless networks, in particular those modeled using Poisson point processes.

The second part of the book discusses percolation theory, connectivity, and coverage. It uses the material from Part I to model the locations of the points or nodes, but then focuses on how or whether they are connected or whether a certain region is covered by a set of nodes if each node can cover a certain small area around itself. Connectivity is closely tied to percolation, which is the question of the existence of giant components in a network. Many results for the continuous case (for which points sit in \mathbb{R}^d) are based on arguments from discrete percolation, i.e., percolation on trees or lattices, which is discussed in Chapter 10. The next chapter introduces random geometric graphs and continuum percolation, while the last two chapters provide an introduction to connectivity and coverage problems.

The book is suitable both for self-learners and as a textbook for a graduate course, e.g., for a one-semester course on point process theory (Part I only), or for a course that covers both parts. In the latter case, some chapters in Part I will probably have to be discussed in less detail. For example, it is possible to leave out the sections on Gibbs processes, Janossy measures, and the Papangelou conditional intensity without losing the context. In a quarter-based system, each part could serve as a basis for a course.

Anticipating the use of the book as a textbook for a graduate course, I have refrained from using fonts that are not easily reproduced on a black- or white-board. As a consequence, x may denote a generic (deterministic) location in \mathbb{R}^d and also an element of a point process (and thus a random variable). It should always be clear what is meant from the context and the use of the term location on the one hand and point on the other.

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Notation

General notation

\emptyset	the empty set
\mathbb{N}	natural numbers $\{1, 2, \dots\}$
\mathbb{N}_0	$\mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$
$[n]$	the set $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$
\mathbb{R}^d	d -dimensional Euclidean space
\mathbb{R}^+	non-negative real numbers
\circ	concatenation of functions
\otimes	product of measures
o	origin of \mathbb{R}^d
$ \cdot \equiv \nu_d$	Lebesgue measure (of appropriate dimension)
$\ x\ $	Euclidean metric of $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$
$\lfloor x \rfloor$	largest integer smaller than or equal to $x \in \mathbb{R}$
$\#\{\cdot\}$	number of elements in set
Φ	point process on \mathbb{R}^d as random countable set or counting measure
φ	locally finite countable subset of \mathbb{R}^d or counting measure
\mathcal{N}	space of counting measures
N	point process as random counting measure
\mathfrak{N}	σ -algebra of counting measures
\mathbb{M}	mark space
$\hat{\Phi}$	marked point process; point process on $\mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{M}$
$\hat{\mathcal{N}}$	space of counting measures on $\mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{M}$
$\hat{\mathfrak{N}}$	σ -algebra of $\mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{M}$
\mathcal{B}^d	Borel σ -algebra in \mathbb{R}^d
\mathcal{B}	$= \mathcal{B}^1$
$\mathbb{P}, \mathbb{P}, P$	probability measures
\mathbb{P}_o	Palm distribution
$\mathbb{P}_o^!$	reduced Palm distribution
Ψ	non-negative random measure (possibly a point process)
\mathcal{M}	space of non-negative random measures
\mathfrak{M}	σ -algebra of random measures

$\mathbf{1}(\cdot)$	indicator function
$\mathbf{1}_A(x)$	$\equiv \mathbf{1}(x \in A)$, indicator function of condition $x \in A$
$\delta(x)$	Dirac delta function
$\delta_x(A)$	$\equiv \mathbf{1}_A(x) \equiv \int_A \delta(y - x)dy$, Dirac measure at point x
$b(x, r)$	d -dimensional (closed) ball of radius r centered at x
c_d	$\triangleq b(o, 1) $, volume of d -dimensional unit ball
Λ	intensity measure (or first-order moment measure)
$\hat{\Lambda}$	intensity measure of marked point process
$\lambda(x)$	intensity function
$\lambda(x, \Phi)$	Papangelou conditional intensity
\mathcal{V}	$[0, 1]$ -valued functions v with $1 - v$ of bounded support
\mathcal{U}	non-negative-valued functions of bounded support
$\mathcal{L}_X(s)$	Laplace transform $\mathbb{E}(e^{-sX})$ of random variable X
$\mu^{(2)}$	second-order moment measure
$\alpha^{(2)}$	second-order factorial moment measure
$\varrho^{(2)}$	second moment density (or second-order product density)
g	pair correlation function
$\ell, \tilde{\ell}$	path loss function, radial path loss function
\mathcal{K}	reduced second moment measure
K	Ripley's K function
$S[f]$	sum of $f(x)$, where $x \in \Phi$
$G[v]$	probability generating functional for $v \in \mathcal{V}$
$L_\Psi[u]$	Laplace functional for $u \in \mathcal{U}$ of random measure Ψ
$V(B)$	vacancy indicator of $B \in \mathcal{B}^d$
$V(x)$	Voronoi cell of point x
$\sum_{x, y \in A}^{\neq}$	double sum $\sum_{x \in A} \sum_{y \in A; x \neq y}$
A_x	translation of set A by x : $A_x \triangleq \{y \in A: y + x\}$
$A \oplus B$	Minkowski addition $\{x \in A, y \in B: x + y\}$
$A \star B$	Cartesian product of sets including only distinct points
$\ x - A\ $	minimum distance $\min_{y \in A} \{\ x - y\ \}$
p_c	critical probability in percolation models
\triangleq	definition
$\stackrel{d}{=}$	equality in distribution

Abbreviations

PPP	Poisson point process
BPP	binomial point process
a.s.	almost surely (with probability 1)
a.a.s.	asymptotically almost surely
iid	independent and identically distributed
fidi	finite-dimensional
pdf	probability density function
cdf	cumulative distribution function
pgfl	probability generating functional
FKG (inequality)	inequality named after Fortuin, Kasteleyn, and Ginibre
BK (inequality)	inequality named after van den Berg and Kesten
LR (crossing)	left–right (crossing) in percolation models
TB (crossing)	top–bottom (crossing) in percolation models
RGG	random geometric graph
MAC	medium access control (for channel access)