# Attractive coupling of determinantal point processes using nonsymmetric kernels

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• DPPs are a family of repulsive point processes.



- Introduced by O. Macchi in 1975 to model fermion systems in theory of quantum particles.
- Used for statistical purposes to model repulsive point data (e.g. trees, cells...)

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If K is a symmetric matrix then the DPP with kernel K is well-defined if and only if the eigenvalues of K are in [0, 1].

# Simulation of a DPP on $\{0,\frac{1}{30},\cdots,1\}^2$ with kernel

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#### Proposition (Lyons (2002))

Let  $K_1, K_2$  be two  $n \times n$  symmetric positive semidefinite matrices such that

 $0 \preccurlyeq K_1 \preccurlyeq K_2 \preccurlyeq I_n$ 

Then, the determinantal measure with kernel  $K_1$  is stochastically dominated by the determinantal measure with kernel  $K_2$ .

By Strassen's theorem, there exists a coupling  $(X, Y) \sim \mathbb{P}$  such that  $X \sim DPP(K_1)$ ,  $Y \sim DPP(K_2)$  and  $\mathbb{P}(X \subset Y) = 1$ .

Question: Is there a natural way of constructing such a coupling?

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Figure: Nest locations of two species of ants at a site in northern Greece.

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ightarrow If  $\mathbb K$  is symmetric then only negative cross-correlations are possible.

Simulation of a DPP on 
$$(\{0, \frac{1}{30}, \cdots, 1\}^2)^2$$
 with kernel  $\mathbb{K} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{K} & \mathcal{K} \\ \mathcal{K} & \mathcal{K} \end{pmatrix}$ 

where

$$K(x, y) = 0.008e^{-\frac{\|y-x\|^2}{0.023}}$$



DPP coupling simulation



Inclusion probability for the orange  $\ensuremath{\mathsf{DPP}}$  conditionally to the blue  $\ensuremath{\mathsf{DPP}}$ 

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#### Definition

We say that an  $n \times n$  matrix is a **DPP kernel** if the associated determinantal measure is a probability measure.

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#### Proposition

Let K be a DPP kernel and D be a diagonal matrix of same size. Then  $DKD^{-1}$  is also a DPP kernel and  $DPP(K) \stackrel{d}{=} DPP(DKD^{-1})$ 

#### Proof.

Direct consequence of the fact that

$$\det((D\mathcal{K}D^{-1})_{\mathcal{S}}) = \frac{\prod_{i \in \mathcal{S}} D_{i,i}}{\prod_{i \in \mathcal{S}} D_{i,i}} \det(\mathcal{K}_{\mathcal{S}})$$

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$$Y = (X \cap S^c) \cup (X^c \cap S).$$

Then Y is a DPP with kernel

$$\widetilde{K} = (I_n - D(\mathbb{1}_S))K + D(\mathbb{1}_S)(I_n - K)$$

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As a consequence we can write

$$\mathbb{P}(X = S^c) = \mathbb{P}([n] \subset Y) = \det(\widetilde{K})$$

Proposition (Generalized particle-hole involution)

Let  $X \sim DPP(K)$ . Let  $p_1, \dots, p_n \in [0, 1]^n$  and  $B_i \sim b(p_i)$  with  $B_1, \dots, B_n$  and X independent then define

 $Y = \{i \in [n] \text{ s.t. } i \in X \text{ and } B_i = 0 \text{ or } i \notin X \text{ and } B_i = 1\}$ 

Then Y is a DPP with kernel

$$(I_n - D(p))K + D(p)(I_n - K)$$

where D(p) is a diagonal matrix with  $D_{i,i} = p_i$ .

A few examples in the literature

- Schur measures on partitions (Okounkov (2000))
- One dependant process

Proposition (Borodin, A., Diaconis, P. and Fulman, J. (2009)) Let  $X_1, \dots, X_n \in \{0, 1\}$  be a 1-dependent process  $(X_i \perp X_j \text{ if } |j - i| \ge 2)$ and  $X = \{i \text{ s.t. } X_i = 1\}$ . Then X is a DPP with kernel of the form

$$\mathcal{K} = \begin{pmatrix}
* & \cdots & * \\
-1 & \ddots & \vdots \\
& \ddots & \ddots & * \\
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# Independent coupling

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Then  $\mathbb{K}$  is a DPP kernel.

If  $(X_1, X_2) \sim DPP(\mathbb{K})$  then

- $X_1 \sim DPP(K)$ ;
- $X_2 \sim DPP(K);$
- $X_1 \perp \!\!\!\perp X_2$ .

# Repulsive coupling

Proposition (Affandi et al. (2012))

Let  $K \in \mathcal{M}_n(\mathbb{R})$  such that 2K is a DPP kernel and define

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- $X_1 \cup X_2 \sim DPP(2K);$

• 
$$\mathbb{P}(X_1 \cap X_2 = \emptyset) = 1.$$

# Most attractive coupling

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#### Theorem (Coxson (1993))

The problem of testing if a given matrix is  $P_0$  is co-NP-complete.

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Let L be an  $n \times n$  matrix. Then L is a  $P_0$  matrix if and only if one of the following assertions is satisfied:

• 
$$\forall p \in \{0,1\}^n, \det (D(p)I_n + (I_n - D(p))L) \ge 0$$

**②** 
$$\forall p \in ]0, 1[^n, \det (D(p)I_n + (I_n - D(p))L) > 0$$

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Let  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}^*$  be an eigenvalue of a  $P_0$  matrix L of size  $n \times n$  then

$$|\arg(\lambda)| \leqslant \pi - \frac{\pi}{n}.$$

In particular, if  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$  then  $\lambda \ge 0$ .



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Let  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$  be an eigenvalue of a DPP kernel K of size  $n \times n$  then

$$\lambda \in \mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{C}}\left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{\tan\left(\frac{\pi}{n}\right)}i, \ \frac{1}{2\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{n}\right)}\right) \cup \mathcal{B}_{\mathbb{C}}\left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{\tan\left(\frac{\pi}{n}\right)}i, \ \frac{1}{2\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{n}\right)}\right).$$

In particular, if  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$  then  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$ .



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Let L be an  $n \times n$  matrix. If one of the following assertions is satisfied then L is a  $P_0$  matrix.

- For all  $i \in [n]$ ,  $L_{i,i} \ge 0$  and  $L_{i,i} > \sum_{j \neq i} |L_{i,j}|$ .
- **2**  $L + L^T$  is positive semi-definite.

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<u>Remark</u>: If  $K = \frac{1}{2}I_n + M$  is symmetric then K is a DPP kernel if and only if  $||M||_2 \leq \frac{1}{2}$ . So, this condition includes all symmetric DPP kernels!

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 $\Rightarrow$  The set of DPP kernels is a star-convex set centered at  $\frac{1}{2}I_n$  and containing the ball with center  $\frac{1}{2}I_n$  and radius  $\frac{1}{2}$  for the  $||.||_2$  norm.

An additional result

#### Definition

Let  $M \in \mathcal{M}_n(\mathbb{C})$  and  $S \subset [n]$  such that  $M_S$  is invertible. With the right permutation of rows and columns we can write M as  $\begin{pmatrix} M_S & M_{S,S^c} \\ M_{S^c,S} & M_{S^c} \end{pmatrix}$ . We define the **principal pivot transform** of M relative to S as

$$ppt(M, S) := \begin{pmatrix} M_{S}^{-1} & -M_{S}^{-1}M_{S,S^{c}} \\ M_{S^{c}}, SM_{S}^{-1} & M_{S^{c}} - M_{S^{c}}, SM_{S}^{-1}M_{S,S^{c}} \end{pmatrix}$$
  
Let  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^{n}$  written as  $x = \begin{pmatrix} x_{S} \\ x_{S^{c}} \end{pmatrix}$  and  $y = \begin{pmatrix} y_{S} \\ y_{S^{c}} \end{pmatrix}$ . Then,  
 $\begin{pmatrix} y_{S} \\ y_{S^{c}} \end{pmatrix} = M \begin{pmatrix} x_{S} \\ x_{S^{c}} \end{pmatrix} \Leftrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} x_{S} \\ y_{S^{c}} \end{pmatrix} = ppt(M, S) \begin{pmatrix} y_{S} \\ x_{S^{c}} \end{pmatrix}$ 

#### Proposition

Let  $X \sim DPP(K)$ ,  $S \subset [n]$  and define

$$Y = (X \cap S^c) \cup (X^c \cap S) \sim DPP(\widetilde{K}).$$

Assume that  $I_n - K$  and  $I_n - \widetilde{K}$  are invertible and define

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The Particle-Hole involution theorem is therefore closely linked to

Theorem (Tsatsomeros (2000))

Let  $M \in \mathcal{M}_n(\mathbb{R})$  be a  $P_0$  matrix and  $S \subset [n]$  such that  $M_S$  is invertible. Then, ppt(M, S) is a  $P_0$  matrix.

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# Simulation algorithm

Define 
$$K_{\bullet,i} := \begin{pmatrix} K_{1,i} \\ \vdots \\ K_{n,i} \end{pmatrix}$$
 and  $K_{i,\bullet} := \begin{pmatrix} K_{i,1} & \cdots & K_{i,n} \end{pmatrix}$ .

#### Proposition

If  $X \sim DPP(K)$  then

$$X|i \notin X \sim DPP\left(K - rac{1}{K_{i,i} - 1}K_{ullet,i}K_{i,ullet}
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 $X|i \in X \sim DPP\left(K - rac{1}{K_{i,i}}K_{ullet,i}K_{i,ullet}
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# Simulation algorithm

Algorithm 1: Poulson (2020) **Data:** K, a DPP kernel of size  $n \times n$ .  $X = \emptyset$ . for i = 1 to n do  $p_i = K_{i,i}$  $B \sim b(p_i)$ if B = 1 then  $X = X \cup \{i\}$  $K = K - \frac{1}{K_{i,i}} K_{\bullet,i} K_{i,\bullet}$ else  $K = K - \frac{1}{K_{i,i}-1} K_{\bullet,i} K_{i,\bullet}$ return X

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# General construction

Let K be a symmetric matrix with eigenvalues in [0, 1].
Let (X<sub>1</sub>, X<sub>2</sub>) ~ DPP(K) with

$$\mathbb{K} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathsf{K} & \mathsf{M} \\ \mathsf{N} & \mathsf{K} \end{pmatrix}$$

Since

$$\mathbb{P}(i \in X_1, j \in X_2) - \mathbb{P}(i \in X_1)\mathbb{P}(j \in X_2) = -M_{i,j}N_{j,i},$$

then in order to have positive cross correlations we thus need to have  $M_{i,i}N_{i,i} \leq 0$  for all *i*.

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Method 1: 
$$N = -M$$

Proposition

The kernel

$$\mathbb{K} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathsf{K} & \mathsf{M} \\ -\mathsf{M} & \mathsf{K} \end{pmatrix}$$

is a DPP kernel if and only if the symmetric matrix

$$\widetilde{\mathbb{K}} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathsf{K} & \mathsf{M} \\ \mathsf{M} & \mathsf{I}_n - \mathsf{K} \end{pmatrix}$$

has eigenvalues in [0,1]. In particular,

$$(X_1, X_2) \sim DPP(\mathbb{K}) \Leftrightarrow (X_1, X_2^c) \sim DPP(\widetilde{\mathbb{K}}).$$

<u>Method 2</u>: M and -N are symmetric positive semidefinite and commute with K

There exist an orthogonal matrix P and  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n \in [0, 1]$ ,  $\mu_1, \dots, \mu_n \in \mathbb{R}_+$  and  $\nu_1, \dots, \nu_n \in \mathbb{R}_-$  such that

$$K = PD(\lambda)P^T, \ M = PD(\mu)P^T$$
 and  $N = PD(\nu)P^T$ 

hence  $\mathbb{K} = \frac{1}{2}I_{2n} + \mathbb{M}$  where

$$\mathbb{M} = \begin{pmatrix} P & 0 \\ 0 & P \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} D(\lambda - 1/2) & D(\mu) \\ D(\nu) & D(\lambda - 1/2) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} P^{T} & 0 \\ 0 & P^{T} \end{pmatrix}$$

The 2*n* singular values squared of  $\mathbb{M}$  corresponds to the eigenvalues of  $\mathbb{MM}^T$  and thus the 2 eigenvalues of the *n* matrices

$$egin{pmatrix} (\lambda_i - 1/2)^2 + \mu_i^2 & (\mu_i + 
u_i)(\lambda_i - 1/2) \ (\mu_i + 
u_i)(\lambda_i - 1/2) & (\lambda_i - 1/2)^2 + 
u_i^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

which are

$$(\lambda_i - 1/2)^2 + \frac{1}{2} \left( \mu_i^2 + \nu_i^2 \pm |\mu_i + \nu_i| \sqrt{4 \left(\lambda_i - \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + (\mu_i - \nu_i)^2} \right)$$

 $\Rightarrow$  Taking  $\mu_i$  and  $\nu_i$  such that this expression is  $\leq \frac{1}{4}$  yields a DPP kernel.

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DPP coupling simulation



Inclusion probability for the orange DPP conditionally to the blue DPP

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$$(\{0, \frac{1}{30}, \dots, 1\}^2)^2$$
 with kernel  $\mathbb{K} = \begin{pmatrix} K & M \\ N & K \end{pmatrix}$  where  $K(x, y) = \frac{0.02}{\left(1 + \left(\frac{\|y - x\|}{0.075}\right)^2\right)^{1.1}}$  and  $M, N$  generated by the second method.



Figure: DPP coupling simulation

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- There is a natural way of constructing DPP couplings but it requires nonsymmetric kernels to get attraction.
- There is a lot in common between the theory of DPPs and the theory of *P*<sub>0</sub> matrices.
- An easy way to generate a DPP kernel is to take  $K = \frac{1}{2}I_n + M$  with  $||M||_2 \leq \frac{1}{2}$ .
- We still need to find a way to control the strength of attraction in DPP couplings generated this way.

# Thank you!

#### Proposition

Let  $K_1, K_2 \in \mathcal{M}_n(\mathbb{R})$  be a DPP kernel and define

$$\mathbb{K} = \begin{pmatrix} K_1 & I_n - K_2 \\ -K_1 & K_2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

If  $\mathbb{K}$  is a DPP kernel then if  $(X_1, X_2) \sim DPP(\mathbb{K})$  then  $X_1 \sim DPP(K_1)$ ,  $X_2 \sim DPP(K_2)$  and  $X_1 \subset X_2$  almost surely.

Simulations shows that it works in a lot of case when  $0 \preccurlyeq K_1 \preccurlyeq K_2 \preccurlyeq I_n$  but not always.

Open problem: For which  $K_1 \preccurlyeq K_2$  is  $\mathbb{K}$  a DPP kernel?

#### Remark

# If $K = \frac{1}{2}(I_n - M)$ is a DPP kernel such that $I_n - K$ is invertible then $L = (I_n - M)(I_n + M)^{-1}$ is the **Cayley transform** of M.