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# Realisability problems

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## Expected functionals

- $\xi$  is a random element in space  $\mathbb{E}$
- Distribution of  $\xi$  is uniquely specified by

$$\mathbf{E}g(\xi)$$

for all bounded continuous functions  $g$

- $g \mapsto f(g) = \mathbf{E}g(\xi)$  is a linear functional
- What if  $f(g)$  is given only for **some** functions  $g$ ?

## Classical example (Kellerer 1964)

- Let  $\mathcal{I}$  be a certain family of subsets  $I \subset \{1, \dots, d\}$
- Given probability distributions  $\mathbf{P}_I$  on  $\mathbb{R}^{\text{card}(I)}$ , does there exist a probability distribution on  $\mathbb{R}^d$  whose marginals are  $\mathbf{P}_I, I \in \mathcal{I}$ .

## Solution

- Need existence of a probability measure  $\mathbf{P}$  on  $\mathbb{R}^d$  such that

$$f(v_I) = \int v_I(x) d\mathbf{P}(x) = \int v_I(x) d\mathbf{P}_I(x)$$

for all functions  $v_I$  that depend on the coordinates with numbers from  $I$ .

- Extend  $f$  from functions of the type  $v_I$  and their linear combinations to all functions  $v$  on  $\mathbb{R}^d$ .

- In order to ensure that the extension is positive need

$$v^\#(x) = \sum_{I \in \mathcal{I}} a_i v_I(x) \geq 0 \text{ for all } x \quad \Rightarrow \quad f(v^\#) = \sum_{I \in \mathcal{I}} a_i \int v_I(x) d\mathbf{P}_I(x) \geq 0.$$

## Random sets

□  $X$  is a random closed set in space  $\mathcal{X} = \mathbb{R}^d$

□ The distribution is defined by the **capacity functional**

$$T(K) = \mathbf{P}\{X \cap K \neq \emptyset\}, \quad K \in \mathcal{K}.$$

□ A functional  $T$  on the family  $\mathcal{K}$  of compact sets is the capacity functional of a random closed set  $X$  if and only if  $T$  is upper semicontinuous and completely alternating.

□ Now assume that  $T$  is defined only on **some** compact sets.

□ If the family of test sets is sufficiently rich (separating), no problems.

## All finite sets

**Theorem.** *A completely alternating functional  $T$  defined on the family of **all finite sets** is the capacity functional of a random closed set if and only if  $T$  is upper semicontinuous on finite sets, i.e.*

$$\limsup T(K_n) \leq T(K)$$

*for each sequence  $K_n$  of finite sets that converges to a finite set  $K$  in the Hausdorff metric.*

# Singletons

One-point covering function

$$p_x = T(\{x\}) = \mathbf{P}\{x \in X\}, \quad x \in \mathcal{X}.$$

**Theorem.** *A function  $p_x$ ,  $x \in \mathcal{X}$ , with values in  $[0, 1]$  is the one-point covering function of a random closed set if and only if  $p$  is upper semicontinuous.*

*Proof.* Let  $x_n \rightarrow x$  and let  $\bar{U}_n$  be the closure of an open neighbourhood  $U_n$  of  $x$  that shrinks to  $x$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . The upper semicontinuity and monotonicity of  $T$  yield that

$$\limsup p_{x_n} \leq \limsup T(\bar{U}_n) \leq T(\{x\}) = p_x ,$$

that is  $p_x, x \in \mathcal{X}$ , is upper semicontinuous.

In the other direction, consider a random variable  $v$  uniformly distributed on  $[0, 1]$ . Then

$$X = \{x : p_x \geq v\}$$

is closed by the upper semicontinuity of  $p$  and

$$\mathbf{P}\{x \in X\} = \mathbf{P}\{v \leq p_x\} = p_x \text{ for all } x. \quad \square$$



## Two-point covering function

- Two-point covering function of a random closed set  $X$  is

$$p_{x_1, x_2} = \mathbf{P}\{x_1, x_2 \in X\}, \quad x_1, x_2 \in \mathcal{X}.$$

- If  $X$  is stationary, then  $p_{x_1, x_2}$  depends only on  $x_1 - x_2$ .
- Question: Characterise two-point covering functions of random closed sets, i.e. covariance functions of (stationary) upper semicontinuous indicator functions.

## Example (closedness condition)

- ▣ Let  $p_{x,y} = \frac{1}{4}$  and let  $p_x = \frac{1}{2}$  for all points  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ .
- ▣ While this two-point covering function corresponds, e.g., to the indicator field with independent values, it cannot be obtained as the covering function of a random **closed** set.

## Correlation measures of point processes

- $\xi$  is a point process in  $\mathcal{X}$
- Which measures  $\rho$  on  $\mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{X}$  appear as the second-order factorial moment measure (correlation measure) of a point process.
- Kuna, Lebowitz and Speer (2011) characterised correlation measures for point processes with finite third moments or under hard-core exclusion condition.

## Plan

- Tool: extension of a positive linear functional, i.e.  $f(g) \geq 0$  if  $g \geq 0$  (w.r.t. the chosen order).
- Positivity condition: difficult computational problem.
- How to ensure that the extension is sufficiently regular and so the corresponding linear functional corresponds to a probability measure?
- Note: linear functionals on functions are not always representable as Lebesgue integral (Daniell's theory)!

## Riesz–Markov theorem

**Theorem.** Let  $\mathbb{E}$  be a *compact* space with its Borel  $\sigma$ -algebra.

Consider a vector lattice  $G$  containing constants such that each  $g \in G$  is *continuous* and a map  $f : G \mapsto \mathbb{R}$  such that  $f(1) = 1$ .

Then there exists a random element  $\xi$  in  $\mathbb{E}$  such that  $\mathbf{E}g(\xi) = f(g)$  for all  $g \in G$  if and only if  $f$  is a linear positive functional on  $G$ .

□ Note: vector lattice is a partially ordered vector space closed for maximum operation.

## Positive functionals and their extensions

□  $E$  is a vector lattice,  $G$  is a vector sub-space of  $E$  (e.g.  $E$  is generated by  $\mathbb{I}_{x_1, \dots, x_k \in F}$  for all  $k \geq 1$  and  $G$  is a linear space generated by  $\mathbb{I}_{x \in F}$ )

□  $G$  majorises  $E$  if each  $v \in E$  satisfies  $v \leq g$  for some  $g \in G$

**Theorem** (Kantorovich). *Assume that  $G$  is a **majorising** vector subspace of a vector lattice  $E$ . Then each positive linear functional on  $G$  admits a positive extension on the whole  $E$ .*

□ Regularity (e.g. continuity) of the extension is not guaranteed!

## Positivity

**Theorem.** *Assume that  $G$  can be represented as the direct sum of  $\mathbb{R}$  (i.e. constant functions) and a vector space  $G'$ . Then a linear functional  $f : G \mapsto \mathbb{R}$  with  $f(1) = 1$  is positive if and only if*

$$f(g) \geq \inf_{x \in \mathbb{E}} g(x), \quad g \in G'.$$

## Another extension theorem

**Theorem.** *Let  $f$  be a linear functional on a vector subspace  $G$  of  $E$ . If  $V$  is another vector subspace of  $E$ , then the existence of a positive extension of  $f$  onto  $G + V$  (including the positivity of  $f$  on  $G$ ) is equivalent to*

$$\sup_{g \in G, g \leq v} f(g) \leq q(v)$$

*for a linear functional  $q$  on  $V$ .*

□ Applied with  $V = \{t\chi : t \in \mathbb{R}\}$  is the one-dimensional space generated by a non-negative function  $\chi$  that does not belong to  $G$ .

Condition

$$\sup_{g \in G, g \leq \chi} f(g) = r < \infty.$$



## Regularity modulus

□ Assume that the vector space  $G$  of functions on  $\mathbb{E}$  contains constants and, for each  $g_1, g_2 \in G$ , there is  $g \in G$  such that  $(g_1 \vee g_2) \leq g$ .

□ A **regularity modulus** is a lower semicontinuous function  $\chi : \mathbb{E} \mapsto [0, \infty]$  such that

$$H_g = \{x \in \mathbb{E} : \chi(x) \leq g\}$$

is relatively compact for each  $g \in G$ .

□ Assume that each  $g \in G$  is  **$\chi$ -regular**, i.e.  $g$  is continuous on  $H_{g'}$  for each  $g'$  in  $G$ .

## Regular extension (main theorem)

**Theorem.** *If  $f$  is a linear functional on  $G$  with  $f(1) = 1$ , then there exists a Borel random element  $\xi$  in  $\mathbb{E}$  such that*

$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{E}g(\xi) = f(g) & \text{for all } g \in G, \\ \mathbf{E}\chi(\xi) \leq r, \end{cases}$$

*for some real  $r$  if and only if*

$$\sup_{g \in G, g \leq \chi} f(g) \leq r.$$

□ Equivalent condition (if  $G = \mathbb{R} + G'$ )

$$\inf_{x \in \mathbb{E}} (\chi(x) - g(x)) + f(g) \leq r, \quad g \in G'.$$

## Family of extensions

**Theorem.** Assume that  $G$  consists of continuous functions. Let  $f$  be a linear positive functional on  $G$ .

Then the family  $\mathcal{M}$  of all Borel random elements  $\xi$  that satisfy  $\mathbf{E}g(\xi) = f(g)$  for all  $g \in G$  and  $\mathbf{E}\chi(\xi) \leq r$  is weak compact.

**Theorem.** Let  $f_n(g) \rightarrow f(g)$  for all  $g \in G$  for a sequence of linear positive functionals on  $G$  such that

$$\liminf_n \sup_{g \in G, g \leq \chi} f_n(g) < \infty.$$

Then  $f$  is realisable as a random element  $\xi$  satisfying  $\mathbf{E}g(\xi) = f(g)$  for all  $g \in G$  and  $\mathbf{E}\chi(\xi) < \infty$  and such that  $\xi$  is the weak limit of random elements realising  $f_{n_k}$  for a subsequence  $\{n_k\}$ .

## Invariant extension

□  $\theta \in \Theta$  are transformations acting on  $\mathbb{E}$

□  $f$  is a  $\Theta$ -invariant functional and  $\chi$  is regularity modulus

**Theorem.** Assume that at least one of the following conditions holds

1)  $G$  consists of continuous functions on  $\mathbb{E}$  and  $\chi$  is pointwisely approximated from below by a monotone sequence of functions  $g_n \in G$ .

2)  $\chi$  is  $\Theta$ -invariant

Then  $f$  is realisable by a  $\Theta$ -stationary random element  $\xi$  with  $\mathbf{E}\chi(\xi) \leq r$  if and only if

$$\sup_{g \in G, g \leq \chi} f(g) \leq r.$$

## Finite point processes

- $\mathcal{N}$  – locally finite counting measures with the vague topology
- $Y \in \mathcal{N}$  is a counting measure
- $\xi$  is a point process
- Functional

$$g_h(Y) = \sum_{x_i, x_j \in Y, i \neq j} h(x_i, x_j), \quad Y \in \mathcal{N},$$

$h \in \mathcal{C}_o$  – symmetric continuous with compact support

- **Correlation measure**  $\rho$  of point process  $\xi$

$$\int_{\mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{X}} h(x, y) \rho(dx, dy) = \mathbf{E} g_h(\xi), \quad h \in \mathcal{C}_o.$$

## Positivity condition

□ Functional  $f$  on  $G = \{g_h : h \in \mathcal{C}_o\}$  is positive if

$$f(g_h) \geq \inf_{Y \in \mathbb{E}} g_h(Y),$$

where  $\mathbb{E} \subseteq \mathcal{N}$ .

□ Need to ensure that the extension of  $f$  corresponds to a probability measure. Note that

- each function  $g_h$  is vague-continuous, and so is  $\chi$ -regular for any  $\chi$ ;
- $\mathcal{N}$  is locally compact.

## Bounded cardinality

- $\mathbb{E}_k$  consists of counting measures with total mass at most  $k$  on a compact space  $\mathcal{X}$ .
- $\mathbb{E}_k$  is compact,  $g_h$  is continuous and so Riesz–Markov is applicable
- Example. If  $k = 2$ , then  $\inf_{Y \in \mathbb{E}_2} g_h(Y)$  is the minimum of zero (in case  $Y$  is empty or consists of a single point) or the minimum of  $h$ .

A point process  $\xi$  realising  $\rho$  consists of coordinates of a random vector distributed according to the normalised  $\rho$  with probability  $\rho(\mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{X})$  and otherwise letting  $\xi = \emptyset$ .

## Moment condition

- For  $\alpha > 2$

$$\chi_\alpha(Y) = Y(\mathcal{X})^\alpha, \quad Y \in \mathcal{N}.$$

is a regularity modulus, since

$$\{Y \in \mathcal{N} : \chi_\alpha(Y) \leq c + g_h(Y)\} \subset \{Y \in \mathcal{N} : Y(\mathcal{X})^\alpha \leq c + c'Y(\mathcal{X})^2\}$$

- The realisability condition

$$\sup_{g \in G, g \leq \chi_\alpha} f(g) < \infty$$

ensures the existence of a point process with **finite  $\alpha$ -moment**.



## Non-finite point processes

□ Let  $\beta : \mathcal{X} \mapsto \mathbb{R}$  be a lower semi-continuous strictly positive function.

□ Then

$$\chi_{\alpha, \beta}(Y) = \left( \sum_{x \in Y} \beta(x) \right)^{\alpha}, \quad Y \in \mathcal{N},$$

is a regularity modulus for  $\alpha > 2$ .

□ Realisability condition becomes

$$\inf_{Y \in \mathbb{E}} (\chi_{\alpha, \beta}(Y) - g_h(Y)) + \int_{\mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{X}} h(x, y) \rho(dx, dy) \leq r, \quad h \in \mathcal{C}_o.$$

# Hard-core point processes with a fixed exclusion distance

- $\mathcal{X}$  is a compact metric space with metric  $d$
- $\mathbb{E}^\varepsilon$  be the family of  $\varepsilon$ -hard-core point sets and so is a subset of  $\mathcal{N}_s$  (simple counting measures)
- $\mathbb{E}^\varepsilon$  is compact, so Riesz–Markov applies. Only positivity condition is required

$$f(g_h) \geq \inf_{Y \in \mathbb{E}^\varepsilon} g_h(Y)$$

This is a stronger condition than

$$f(g_h) \geq \inf_{Y \in \mathcal{N}_s} g_h(Y)$$

## Hard-core point process on a compact space

□ Counting measures from  $\cup_{\varepsilon>0} \mathbb{E}^\varepsilon$  (the exclusion distance is not specified)

□ Define

$$\chi_\psi^{\text{hc}}(Y) = \sum_{x_i, x_j \in Y, i \neq j} \psi(d(x_i, x_j)), \quad Y \in \mathcal{N}_s,$$

where  $\psi : (0, \infty) \mapsto [0, \infty]$  be a monotone decreasing right-continuous function, such that  $\psi(t) \rightarrow \infty$  as  $t \downarrow 0$ .

□  $\psi$  should grow at zero sufficiently fast to ensure that  $\chi_\psi^{\text{hc}}$  is a regularity modulus.

## A combinatorial lemma

□  $P_t(\mathcal{X})$  denotes the **packing number** of  $\mathcal{X}$  with metric  $d$ , i.e. the maximum number of points in the space  $\mathcal{X}$  with pairwise distance exceeding  $t$ .

**Lemma 1.** *If  $Y = \sum \delta_{x_i}$  is a counting measure of total mass  $n$ , then for all  $t > 0$ ,*

$$\sum_{i \neq j} \mathbb{I}_{d(x_i, x_j) \leq t} \geq n \left( \frac{n}{P_t(\mathcal{X})} - 1 \right).$$

*Proof.* Successive transformations of  $Y$  that decrease the value of the left-hand sum and eventually bring  $Y$  to a set of multiple points with equal multiplicities. □

## Asymptotics for the minimal number of close pairs

□  $\gamma_t(n)$  is the minimal number of pairs  $(x_i, x_j)$  with  $d(x_i, x_j) \leq t$  and  $x_i, x_j \in Y$  over all counting measures of total mass  $n$

□ Then, for  $t > 0$ ,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n^{-2} \gamma_t(n) = P_t(\mathcal{X})^{-1},$$

## Regularity modulus $\chi_\psi^{\text{hc}}$

**Lemma 2.** *Function  $\chi_\psi^{\text{hc}}$  is a regularity modulus on  $\mathcal{N}_s$  if*

$$\psi(t)/P_t(\mathcal{X}) \rightarrow \infty \quad \text{as } t \downarrow 0.$$

*Proof.* Show that the total mass of any  $Y$  from

$$\begin{aligned} H_\lambda &= \{Y \in \mathcal{N}_s : \chi_\psi^{\text{hc}}(Y) \leq \lambda Y(\mathcal{X})^2\} \\ &\subset \{Y : n^{-2} \gamma_t(n) \psi(t) \leq \lambda\} \end{aligned}$$

is bounded from above. □

## Realisability condition

**Theorem.** A locally finite measure  $\rho$  on  $\mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{X}$  is the correlation measure of a simple point process  $\xi$  such that  $\mathbf{E}\chi_{\psi}^{\text{hc}}(\xi) \leq r$  if and only if

$$f(g_h) \geq \inf_{Y \in \mathcal{N}_s} g_h(Y)$$

and

$$\int_{\mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{X}} \psi(d(x, y)) \rho(dx, dy) \leq r.$$

□ Note that  $\chi_{\psi}^{\text{hc}}$  can be approximated from below by functions  $g_h$  and so this yields the existence of invariant extensions.

## A direct condition on $\rho$

**Theorem.** A locally finite measure  $\rho$  on  $\mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{X}$  is a correlation measure of a simple point process  $\xi$  if

$$f(g_h) \geq \inf_{Y \in \mathcal{N}_s} g_h(Y)$$

and

$$r = \int_{\mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{X}} P_{d(x,y)}(\mathcal{X}) \rho(dx, dy) < \infty.$$

In this case, for every  $r' > r$ , there exists  $\xi$  such that

$$\mathbf{E} \sum_{x_i, x_j \in \xi, i \neq j} P_{d(x_i, x_j)}(\mathcal{X}) \leq r'.$$

for every  $r' > r$ .

If furthermore  $\Theta$  is a group of continuous transformations on  $\mathcal{X}$  that leave  $\rho$  invariant, then  $\xi$  can be chosen  $\Theta$ -stationary.



## Non-compact case ( $\mathbb{R}^d$ )

- Usual positivity condition

$$f(g_h) \geq \inf_{Y \in \mathcal{N}_s} g_h(Y)$$

- Regularity condition

$$\int_{B_n \times B_n} \|x - y\|^{-d} \rho(dx, dy) < \infty$$

for each ball  $B_n$  of radius  $n$ .

## Random binary functions

- $\mathbb{E}$  is the family of all subsets of  $\mathcal{X}$  with the topology of pointwise convergence
- Random indicator function  $\xi$
- Let  $G$  be a family of continuous (for pointwise convergence) functionals on  $\mathbb{E}$ .
- A linear functional  $f$  on  $G$  is realisable, i.e.  $f(g) = \mathbf{E}g(\xi)$  if and only if  $f$  is positive, i.e.

$$f(g) \geq \inf_{F \subset \mathcal{X}} g(F), \quad g \in G.$$

## Example: one-point covering function

- $G$  generated by constants and  $g_x(F) = \mathbb{1}_{x \in F}$
- $f : G \mapsto \mathbb{R}$  is determined by  $f(g_x) = p_x$ .
- Positivity condition  $p_x \in [0, 1]$
- Note that  $\xi$  is the indicator of a not necessarily closed random set.

## Example: two-point covering function (covariance)

□  $G$  generated by constants and  $g_{x,y}(F) = \mathbb{1}_{x,y \in F}$ ,  $x, y \in \mathcal{X}$ .  
 $f : G \mapsto \mathbb{R}$  is determined by  $f(g_{x,y}) = p_{x,y}$ , i.e. two-point covering probabilities.

□  $f$  is positive if and only if

$$\sum_{ij=1}^n a_{ij} p_{x_i, x_j} \geq \inf_{F \subset \mathcal{X}} \sum_{ij=1}^n a_{ij} \mathbb{1}_{x_i, x_j \in F}$$

□ Equivalently,  $\sum_{ij=1}^n a_{ij} p_{x_i, x_j} \geq 0$  for all corner-positive matrices  $(a_{ij})$  (nonnegative sums of all main minors), McMillan (1955), Shepp (1967)

□ If  $a_{ij} = a_i a_j$ , we recover the positive-definiteness of  $p_{x,y}$  (only necessary condition).

## Covariances in the product form

**Theorem.** Assume that  $\mathcal{X}$  is a separable space. A function

$$p_{x_1, x_2} = \begin{cases} p_{x_1} p_{x_2} & \text{if } x_1 \neq x_2, \\ p_{x_1} & \text{if } x_1 = x_2 \end{cases}$$

is a two-point covering function of a random closed set if and only if  $p_x$ ,  $x \in \mathcal{X}$ , is an upper semicontinuous function with values in  $[0, 1]$  such that each point  $x$  with  $p_x \in (0, 1)$  has an open neighbourhood  $U$  such that  $p_y > 0$  only for at most a countable number of  $y \in U$  and

$$\sum_{y \in U} p_y < \infty.$$

# Functionals

□  $\nu$  is a  $\sigma$ -finite reference measure on  $\mathcal{X}$

□ Define

$$g_h(F) = \int_{F \times F} h(x, y) \nu(dx) \nu(dy)$$
$$f(g_h) = \int_{\mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{X}} p_{x,y} h(x, y) \nu(dx) \nu(dy).$$

□  $p_{x,y}$  is weakly realisable if there exists random set  $X$  such that  $\mathbf{E}g_h(X) = f(g_h)$  for all  $h$ .

□  $p_{x,y}$  is strongly realisable if there exists  $X$  with  $p_{x,y} = \mathbf{P}\{x, y \in X\}$ .

## Difficulties

- Aim to realise a random closed set
- The family  $\mathcal{F}$  of closed sets is compact in the Fell topology
- The functional  $g_h$  is not continuous
- The finite point covering probabilities do not generate the Fell  $\sigma$ -algebra (only for the subfamily of regular closed sets).

## $\varepsilon$ -neighbourhoods

- $\mathcal{F}^\varepsilon$  is the family of  $\varepsilon$ -neighbourhoods of closed sets in  $\mathbb{R}^d$
- $G$  is generated by constants and the functions  $g_h$ , which are shown to be continuous on  $\mathcal{F}^\varepsilon$ .

**Theorem.** *A function  $p_{x,y}$ ,  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^d$ , is weakly realisable by a random closed set  $X$  with realisations in  $\mathcal{F}^\varepsilon$  for some  $\varepsilon > 0$  if and only if*

$$f(g_h) \geq \inf_{F \in \mathcal{F}^\varepsilon} g_h(F), \quad h \in \mathcal{C}_0.$$



## $\varepsilon$ -neighbourhoods of varying $\varepsilon$

Regularity modulus

$$\chi(F) = \inf\{\varepsilon > 0 : F \in \mathcal{F}^{1/\varepsilon}\}$$

**Theorem.** *A function  $p_{x,y}$ ,  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^d$ , is weakly realisable by a random closed set  $X$  such that  $\mathbf{E}\chi(X) \leq r$  if and only if*

$$\inf_{F \in \mathcal{F}^0} [\chi(F) - g_h(F)] + f(g_h) \leq r, \quad h \in \mathcal{C}_o.$$

*If  $p_{x,y} = S_{x-y}$ ,  $x, y \in \mathcal{X} = \mathbb{R}^d$ , with an even continuous function  $S$ , then  $p_{x,y}$  is strongly realisable by a stationary random closed set  $X$ .*

## Convexity restriction

- $\mathcal{C}$  is the family for convex closed sets
- A functional  $f(g_h)$  is realisable as the covariance of a convex random closed set if and only if

$$f(g_h) \geq \inf_{F \in \mathcal{C}} g_h(F).$$

- For sets from the convex ring the regularity modulus is the smallest number of convex components.

## One-dimensional case

□ Assume  $\mathcal{X} = [0, 1]$

□ Let  $\chi(F)$  be the number of convex components of  $F$

**Theorem.** *If  $p_{x,y}$  is a function of  $x, y \in [0, 1]$  such that*

$$\sup_{\varphi \in \mathcal{C}_0^1, 0 \leq \varphi \leq 1} \int_{\mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{X}} p_{x,y} \varphi'(x) \varphi'(y) dx dy = \infty,$$

*then there is no random closed set  $X$  satisfying  $\mathbf{E}\chi(X)^2 < \infty$  having  $p_{x,y}$  as its two-point covering function.*

## Contact distribution function

$$T_X(B_r(x)) = \mathbf{P}\{X \cap B_r(x) \neq \emptyset\}$$

is related to the spherical contact distribution function

$$H_X(r; x) = \mathbf{P}\{d(x, X) \leq r \mid x \notin X\}, \quad r \geq 0.$$

## Realisability of capacity functionals on balls

**Theorem.** *A function  $\tau_x(r)$ ,  $r \geq 0$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$ , is realisable as  $T_X(B_r(x))$  for a random closed set  $X$  if and only if*

$$f(g) = \sum_{i=1}^q a_i \tau_{x_i}(r_i) \geq 0$$

*for each non-negative function*

$$g(F) = \sum_{i=1}^q a_i \mathbb{1}_{B_{r_i}(x_i) \cap F \neq \emptyset} \geq 0, \quad F \in \mathcal{F}.$$

## Example: two-points

**Theorem.** *Let  $x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{R}^d$ , with  $l = \|x_1 - x_2\|$ , and let  $\tau_{x_1}(r)$  and  $\tau_{x_2}(r)$  be cumulative distribution functions of two sub-probability measures on  $\mathbb{R}_+$ . Then there exists a random closed set  $X$  such that*

*$\tau_{x_i}(r) = T_X(B_r(x_i))$  for  $r \geq 0$  and  $i = 1, 2$  if and only if for all  $r \geq 0$*

$$\tau_{x_1}(\max(r - l, 0)) \leq \tau_{x_2}(r) \leq \tau_{x_1}(r + l).$$

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