



# Rate of Poisson approximation for nearest neighbor counts in large-dimensional Poisson point processes



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## ABSTRACT

Consider two independent homogeneous Poisson point processes  $\Pi$  of intensity  $\lambda$  and  $\Pi'$  of intensity  $\lambda'$  in  $d$ -dimensional Euclidean space. Let  $q_{k,d}$ ,  $k = 0, 1, \dots$ , be the fraction of  $\Pi$ -points which are the nearest  $\Pi$ -neighbor of precisely  $k$   $\Pi'$ -points. It is known that as  $d \rightarrow \infty$ , the  $q_{k,d}$  converge to the Poisson probabilities  $e^{-\lambda'/\lambda} (\lambda'/\lambda)^k / k!$ ,  $k = 0, 1, \dots$ . We derive the (sharp) rate of convergence  $d^{-1/2} (4/3\sqrt{3})^d$ , which is related to the asymptotic behavior of the variance of the volume of the typical cell of the Poisson–Voronoi tessellation generated by  $\Pi$ . An extension to the case involving more than two independent Poisson point processes is also considered.

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In this note, we consider two independent homogeneous Poisson point processes  $\Pi$  of intensity  $\lambda$  and  $\Pi'$  of intensity  $\lambda'$  in  $d$ -dimensional Euclidean space  $\mathbb{R}^d$ . Let  $p_{k,d}$ ,  $k = 0, 1, \dots$ , be the fraction of  $\Pi$ -points which are the nearest  $\Pi$ -neighbor of precisely  $k$  other  $\Pi$ -points, and  $q_{k,d}$ ,  $k = 0, 1, \dots$ , the fraction of  $\Pi$ -points which are the nearest  $\Pi$ -neighbor of precisely  $k$   $\Pi'$ -points. Here for given  $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^d$ , a point  $Q \in \Pi$  is called the nearest  $\Pi$ -neighbor of  $\mathbf{v}$  if  $\|Q - \mathbf{v}\|_d < \|\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}\|_d$  for all  $\mathbf{u} \in \Pi \setminus \{Q\}$  where  $\|\cdot\|_d$  denotes the Euclidean norm in  $\mathbb{R}^d$ . By ergodic-type arguments,  $p_{k,d}$  and  $q_{k,d}$  are well defined. In their Theorems 5 and 10, Newman et al. (1983) proved that

$$\lim_{d \rightarrow \infty} p_{k,d} = e^{-1}/k! \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{d \rightarrow \infty} q_{k,d} = e^{-\rho} \rho^k / k!, \tag{1}$$

where  $\rho = \lambda'/\lambda$ . (See also Newman and Rinott, 1985.)

The limit results in (1) can also be formulated in terms of a “typical point”  $Q$  of  $\Pi$ , to be translated so that  $Q = \mathbf{0} = (0, \dots, 0)$ , the origin in  $\mathbb{R}^d$ . We will refer to  $\mathbf{0}$  as the typical point of  $\Pi$ . (Note that since  $\Pi$  is a Poisson point process, its Palm distribution at  $\mathbf{0}$  is equivalent to the distribution of  $\Pi$  with an independently added point at  $\mathbf{0}$ ; see e.g. Daley and Vere-Jones (2007, Proposition 13.1.VII).) Let  $M_d$  be the number of  $\Pi$ -points which have  $\mathbf{0}$  as their nearest  $\Pi$ -neighbor, and  $N_{\rho,d}$  the number of  $\Pi'$ -points which have  $\mathbf{0}$  as their nearest  $\Pi$ -neighbor, i.e.

$$\begin{aligned} M_d &= \#\{\mathbf{u} \in \Pi : \|\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{0}\|_d < \|\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}\|_d \text{ for all } \mathbf{v} \in \Pi \setminus \{\mathbf{u}\}\}, \\ N_{\rho,d} &= \#\{\mathbf{u}' \in \Pi' : \|\mathbf{u}' - \mathbf{0}\|_d < \|\mathbf{u}' - \mathbf{v}\|_d \text{ for all } \mathbf{v} \in \Pi\} \\ &= \#(\Pi' \cap C_d), \end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

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where

$$C_d = \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^d : \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{0}\|_d < \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{u}\|_d \text{ for all } \mathbf{u} \in \Pi\}, \tag{3}$$

the (typical) Voronoi cell centered at  $\mathbf{0}$  generated by  $\Pi \cup \{\mathbf{0}\}$  (cf. Okabe et al., 2000). Note that  $\mathcal{L}(M_d)$ , the distribution of  $M_d$ , is independent of  $\lambda$  and  $\lambda'$ , and  $\mathcal{L}(N_{\rho,d})$  depends on  $\lambda$  and  $\lambda'$  only through  $\rho = \lambda'/\lambda$ . Then (1) is equivalent to the limit results that as  $d \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $M_d$  and  $N_{\rho,d}$  converge in distribution to  $Po(1)$  and  $Po(\rho)$ , respectively, where  $Po(\rho)$  denotes the Poisson distribution with mean  $\rho$ .

In the present note, we derive the rate of convergence for  $N_{\rho,d}$  as stated below.

**Theorem 1.** For any given  $\rho_0 > 0$ , there exists a constant  $c_1(\rho_0) > 0$  such that for all  $1 \leq d < \infty$  and  $0 < \rho \leq \rho_0$ ,

$$c_1(\rho_0)\rho^2 \frac{1}{\sqrt{d}} \left(\frac{4}{3\sqrt{3}}\right)^d \leq d_{TV}(\mathcal{L}(N_{\rho,d}), Po(\rho)) \leq c_2\rho(1 - e^{-\rho}) \frac{1}{\sqrt{d}} \left(\frac{4}{3\sqrt{3}}\right)^d, \tag{4}$$

where  $d_{TV}$  denotes the total variation distance and  $c_2 > 0$  is a constant (independent of  $\rho_0$ ).

**Proof.** Without loss of generality, assume  $\lambda = 1$ , so that  $\rho = \lambda'/\lambda = \lambda'$ . Note that  $N_{\rho,d}$  has a mixed Poisson distribution. By (2) and (3), the conditional distribution of  $N_{\rho,d}$  given  $\mu_d(C_d) = v$  is  $Po(\lambda'v) = Po(\rho v)$  where  $\mu_d(S)$  denotes the  $d$ -dimensional Lebesgue measure (volume) of measurable  $S \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ . Also,  $E[\mu_d(C_d)] = 1/\lambda = 1$ , and by Alishahi and Sharifitabar (2008, Theorem 3.1),

$$\text{var}(\mu_d(C_d)) \leq \frac{c_2}{\lambda^2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{d}} \left(\frac{4}{3\sqrt{3}}\right)^d = c_2 \frac{1}{\sqrt{d}} \left(\frac{4}{3\sqrt{3}}\right)^d \text{ for all } 1 \leq d < \infty,$$

for some constant  $c_2 > 0$ . By Barbour et al. (1992, Theorem 1.C(ii)), we have

$$\begin{aligned} d_{TV}(\mathcal{L}(N_{\rho,d}), Po(\rho)) &\leq \rho^{-1}(1 - e^{-\rho})\text{var}(\rho\mu_d(C_d)) \\ &\leq c_2\rho(1 - e^{-\rho}) \frac{1}{\sqrt{d}} \left(\frac{4}{3\sqrt{3}}\right)^d, \end{aligned}$$

establishing the upper bound.

To derive the lower bound, fix a (large)  $u > 0$  and consider the ball of volume  $u$  centered at  $\mathbf{0}$ , denoted by  $B = B_{u,d}$ . Applying Lemma 1 below with  $\alpha_1 = \rho\mu_d(C_d \cap B) \leq \rho u$ ,  $\alpha_2 = \rho\mu_d(C_d \setminus B)$ ,  $\beta_1 = E[\alpha_1] = \rho E[\mu_d(C_d \cap B)] \leq \rho u$ ,  $\beta_2 = E[\alpha_2] = \rho E[\mu_d(C_d \setminus B)] = \rho - \beta_1$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} d_{TV}(\mathcal{L}(N_{\rho,d}), Po(\rho)) &\geq P(N_{\rho,d} = 0) - e^{-\rho} \\ &= E[e^{-\rho\mu_d(C_d)}] - e^{-\rho} \\ &= E\{e^{-\alpha_1 - \alpha_2} - e^{-\beta_1 - \beta_2}\} \\ &\geq E\{e^{-\beta_1 - \beta_2}[h_1(\rho u)(\alpha_1 - \beta_1)^2 - (\alpha_1 - \beta_1)] - e^{-\alpha_1 - \beta_2}(\alpha_2 - \beta_2)\} \\ &= e^{-\rho} h_1(\rho u)\text{var}(\alpha_1) - e^{-\beta_2} E[e^{-\alpha_1}(\alpha_2 - \beta_2)] \\ &\geq e^{-\rho} h_1(\rho u)\text{var}(\rho\mu_d(C_d \cap B)) \\ &\geq e^{-\rho} h_1(\rho u)\rho^2 c \frac{1}{\sqrt{d}} \left(\frac{4}{3\sqrt{3}}\right)^d, \end{aligned}$$

where the last two inequalities follow from Lemma 2 (with  $S_1 = B$  and  $S_2 = \mathbb{R}^d \setminus B$ ) and Lemma 3 (with  $u \geq u_0$  and  $c > 0$  and  $u_0 < \infty$  appearing in the statement of Lemma 3). Noting that  $h_1$  is nonincreasing, we have for all  $1 \leq d < \infty$  and  $0 < \rho \leq \rho_0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} d_{TV}(\mathcal{L}(N_{\rho,d}), Po(\rho)) &\geq ce^{-\rho_0} h_1(\rho_0 u)\rho^2 \frac{1}{\sqrt{d}} \left(\frac{4}{3\sqrt{3}}\right)^d \\ &= c_1(\rho_0)\rho^2 \frac{1}{\sqrt{d}} \left(\frac{4}{3\sqrt{3}}\right)^d, \end{aligned}$$

where  $c_1(\rho_0) = ce^{-\rho_0} h_1(\rho_0 u)$ . The proof is complete.  $\square$

**Remark 1.** The lower and upper bounds in (4) may be expressed as

$$\begin{aligned} \inf_{1 \leq d < \infty, 0 < \rho \leq \rho_0} d_{TV}(\mathcal{L}(N_{\rho,d}), Po(\rho)) / \left[ \rho^2 \frac{1}{\sqrt{d}} \left(\frac{4}{3\sqrt{3}}\right)^d \right] &> 0, \\ \sup_{1 \leq d < \infty, \rho > 0} d_{TV}(\mathcal{L}(N_{\rho,d}), Po(\rho)) / \left[ \rho(1 - e^{-\rho}) \frac{1}{\sqrt{d}} \left(\frac{4}{3\sqrt{3}}\right)^d \right] &< \infty. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $N_{\rho,d}$  has a mixed Poisson distribution, we may apply Barbour et al. (1992, Theorem 3.F) to obtain a lower bound for  $d_{TV}(\mathcal{L}(N_{\rho,d}), Po(\rho))$ , which, however, involves the third and fourth moments of  $\mu_d(C_d)$ . As no good estimates of these higher-order moments are available, we make use of Lemmas 1–3 to derive the lower bound in (4) which only involves the second moment of  $\mu_d(C_d \cap B_{u,d})$ .

**Lemma 1.** For  $u > 0, 0 \leq \alpha_1, \beta_1 \leq u$ , and  $\alpha_2, \beta_2 \in \mathbb{R}$ , we have

$$e^{-\alpha_1-\alpha_2} - e^{-\beta_1-\beta_2} \geq e^{-\beta_1-\beta_2} [h_1(u)(\alpha_1 - \beta_1)^2 - (\alpha_1 - \beta_1)] - e^{-\alpha_1-\beta_2}(\alpha_2 - \beta_2),$$

where  $h_1(u) := \inf_{0 < |x| \leq u} (e^{-x} - 1 + x)/x^2 > 0$ .

**Proof.** Since  $e^{-x} \geq 1 - x$  for  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} e^{-\alpha_1-\alpha_2} - e^{-\beta_1-\beta_2} &= e^{-\beta_2} [e^{-\alpha_1} e^{-(\alpha_2-\beta_2)} - e^{-\beta_1}] \\ &\geq e^{-\beta_2} [e^{-\alpha_1} (1 - (\alpha_2 - \beta_2)) - e^{-\beta_1}] \\ &= e^{-\beta_1-\beta_2} [e^{-(\alpha_1-\beta_1)} - 1] - e^{-\alpha_1-\beta_2}(\alpha_2 - \beta_2) \\ &\geq e^{-\beta_1-\beta_2} [h_1(u)(\alpha_1 - \beta_1)^2 - (\alpha_1 - \beta_1)] - e^{-\alpha_1-\beta_2}(\alpha_2 - \beta_2), \end{aligned}$$

where the last inequality follows from the definition of  $h_1(u)$  and  $|\alpha_1 - \beta_1| \leq u$ , completing the proof.  $\square$

**Lemma 2.** For two measurable subsets  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  of  $\mathbb{R}^d$ , let  $\alpha_1 = \rho \mu_d(C_d \cap S_1), \alpha_2 = \rho \mu_d(C_d \cap S_2)$  and  $\beta_2 = E[\alpha_2] = \rho E[\mu_d(C_d \cap S_2)]$ . Then  $E[e^{-\alpha_1}(\alpha_2 - \beta_2)] \leq 0$ , i.e.  $e^{-\alpha_1}$  and  $\alpha_2$  are nonpositively correlated.

**Proof.** For any integrable random variables  $X$  and  $Y$  with  $E|XY| < \infty$ ,

$$E[(X - EX)(Y - EY)] = E[X(Y - EY)] = E[(X - EX)Y].$$

Noting that  $\alpha_2 = \rho \int_{S_2} \mathbf{1}_{C_d}(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x}$  where  $\mathbf{1}_{C_d}$  denotes the indicator function of  $C_d$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} E[e^{-\alpha_1}(\alpha_2 - \beta_2)] &= E[(e^{-\alpha_1} - E[e^{-\alpha_1}])\alpha_2] \\ &= E \left[ (e^{-\alpha_1} - E[e^{-\alpha_1}]) \rho \int_{S_2} \mathbf{1}_{C_d}(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x} \right] \\ &= \rho \int_{S_2} E[(e^{-\alpha_1} - E[e^{-\alpha_1}])\mathbf{1}_{C_d}(\mathbf{x})] d\mathbf{x} \\ &= \rho \int_{S_2} P(\mathbf{x} \in C_d) E[e^{-\alpha_1} - E[e^{-\alpha_1}] \mid \mathbf{x} \in C_d] d\mathbf{x} \\ &= \rho \int_{S_2} P(\Pi \cap B(\mathbf{x}) = \emptyset) \{E[e^{-\alpha_1} \mid \Pi \cap B(\mathbf{x}) = \emptyset] - E[e^{-\alpha_1}]\} d\mathbf{x} \end{aligned} \tag{5}$$

where the last equality follows from the fact that  $\mathbf{x} \in C_d$  if and only if  $\Pi \cap B(\mathbf{x}) = \emptyset$ , with  $B(\mathbf{x}) := \{\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^d : \|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{x}\|_d \leq \|\mathbf{x}\|_d\}$  (the ball of radius  $\|\mathbf{x}\|_d$  centered at  $\mathbf{x}$ ). We claim that the conditional distribution of  $\mu_d(C_d \cap S_1)$  given  $\Pi \cap B(\mathbf{x}) = \emptyset$  is stochastically larger than the (unconditional) distribution of  $\mu_d(C_d \cap S_1)$ . To show this, we make use of the following simple coupling argument. Note by the independence properties of the Poisson process that the conditional distribution of  $\mu_d(C_d \cap S_1)$  given  $\Pi \cap B(\mathbf{x}) = \emptyset$  is the same as the (unconditional) distribution of  $\mu_d(C^* \cap S_1)$  where  $C^*$  denotes the Voronoi cell centered at  $\mathbf{0}$  generated by  $(\Pi \setminus B(\mathbf{x})) \cup \{\mathbf{0}\}$ . Since  $C_d$  and  $C^*$  are defined on the same probability space, we have  $C_d \subset C^*$  for every realization of  $\Pi$ , so that  $\mu_d(C_d \cap S_1) \leq \mu_d(C^* \cap S_1)$  with probability 1. It follows that the (unconditional) distribution of  $\mu_d(C_d \cap S_1)$  is stochastically smaller than the conditional distribution of  $\mu_d(C_d \cap S_1)$  given  $\Pi \cap B(\mathbf{x}) = \emptyset$ . Since  $e^{-\alpha_1} = f(\mu_d(C_d \cap S_1))$  with  $f(x) = e^{-\rho x}$  (a decreasing function), we have

$$E[e^{-\alpha_1} \mid \Pi \cap B(\mathbf{x}) = \emptyset] \leq E[e^{-\alpha_1}],$$

which together with (5) implies that  $E[e^{-\alpha_1}(\alpha_2 - \beta_2)] \leq 0$ . The proof is complete.  $\square$

**Remark 2.** It is shown in Yao (2010) that for any measurable subsets  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  of  $\mathbb{R}^d$ ,  $\mu_d(C_d \cap S_1)$  and  $\mu_d(C_d \cap S_2)$  are nonnegatively correlated. We can use the same argument as in the proof of Lemma 2 to show more generally that for any nondecreasing function  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f(\mu_d(C_d \cap S_1))$  and  $\mu_d(C_d \cap S_2)$  are nonnegatively correlated provided that  $E[|f(\mu_d(C_d \cap S_1))|] < \infty$  and  $E[|f(\mu_d(C_d \cap S_1))|\mu_d(C_d \cap S_2)] < \infty$ .

**Lemma 3.** Assume  $\lambda = 1$  (the intensity of  $\Pi$ ). Then there exist constants  $c > 0$  and  $u_0 < \infty$  such that for all  $u \geq u_0$  and  $1 \leq d < \infty$ ,

$$\text{var}(\mu_d(C_d \cap B_{u,d})) \geq c \frac{1}{\sqrt{d}} \left( \frac{4}{3\sqrt{3}} \right)^d,$$

where  $B_{u,d} \subset \mathbb{R}^d$  denotes the ball of volume  $u$  centered at  $\mathbf{0}$ .

**Proof.** We need several results in Alishahi and Sharifitabar (2008, Sections 3 and 4). By Alishahi and Sharifitabar (2008, Remark 3.2), there exists a constant  $c' > 0$  such that

$$\text{var}(\mu_d(C_d)) \geq c' \frac{1}{\sqrt{d}} \left( \frac{4}{3\sqrt{3}} \right)^d \quad \text{for all } 1 \leq d < \infty. \tag{6}$$

Define  $R_d(u) = \mu_d^{d-1}(C_d \cap \partial B_{u,d}) / \mu_d^{d-1}(\partial B_{u,d})$  where  $\mu_d^{d-1}$  denotes the  $(d - 1)$ -dimensional Hausdorff measure (surface area) in  $\mathbb{R}^d$  and  $\partial B_{u,d}$  denotes the boundary of  $B_{u,d}$  (which is a  $(d - 1)$ -dimensional sphere). By Alishahi and Sharifitabar (2008, Lemmas 4.1 and 4.2),

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_d(C_d \setminus B_{u,d}) &= \mu_d(C_d) - \mu_d(C_d \cap B_{u,d}) = \int_u^\infty R_d(v) dv, \\ E[R_d(v)] &= e^{-v}, \quad \text{and} \quad E[\mu_d(C_d \setminus B_{u,d})] = \int_u^\infty e^{-v} dv, \end{aligned}$$

so that

$$\begin{aligned} \text{var}(\mu_d(C_d \setminus B_{u,d})) &= E \left[ \int_u^\infty (R_d(v) - e^{-v}) dv \right]^2 \\ &\leq E \left[ \int_u^\infty v^2 (R_d(v) - e^{-v})^2 dv \int_u^\infty v^{-2} dv \right] \\ &= u^{-1} \int_u^\infty v^2 \text{var}(R_d(v)) dv \\ &\leq u^{-1} \int_u^\infty c'' v^3 e^{-v} \frac{1}{\sqrt{d}} \left( \frac{4}{3\sqrt{3}} \right)^d dv \\ &= c'' \left( u^{-1} \int_u^\infty v^3 e^{-v} dv \right) \frac{1}{\sqrt{d}} \left( \frac{4}{3\sqrt{3}} \right)^d \end{aligned} \tag{7}$$

where the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality is applied to the inner  $(dv)$  integral to yield the first inequality and the second inequality follows from the fact that

$$\text{var}(R_d(v)) \leq c'' v e^{-v} \frac{1}{\sqrt{d}} \left( \frac{4}{3\sqrt{3}} \right)^d \quad \text{for all } 1 \leq d < \infty$$

for some constant  $c'' > 0$  (cf. Alishahi and Sharifitabar, 2008, p. 929). Since  $\mu_d(C_d \cap B_{u,d}) + \mu_d(C_d \setminus B_{u,d}) = \mu_d(C_d)$ , it follows from Minkowski's inequality, (6) and (7) that for all  $1 \leq d < \infty$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{\text{var}(\mu_d(C_d \cap B_{u,d}))} &\geq \sqrt{\text{var}(\mu_d(C_d))} - \sqrt{\text{var}(\mu_d(C_d \setminus B_{u,d}))} \\ &\geq \left\{ (c')^{1/2} - \left( c'' u^{-1} \int_u^\infty v^3 e^{-v} dv \right)^{1/2} \right\} \left\{ \frac{1}{\sqrt{d}} \left( \frac{4}{3\sqrt{3}} \right)^d \right\}^{1/2}. \end{aligned}$$

So for all (large)  $u$  satisfying  $c' > c'' u^{-1} \int_u^\infty v^3 e^{-v} dv$ , we have

$$\text{var}(\mu_d(C_d \cap B_{u,d})) \geq h_2(u) \frac{1}{\sqrt{d}} \left( \frac{4}{3\sqrt{3}} \right)^d \quad \text{for all } 1 \leq d < \infty,$$

where  $h_2(u) = [(c')^{1/2} - (c'' u^{-1} \int_u^\infty v^3 e^{-v} dv)^{1/2}]^2$ . Observing that  $h_2(u) \rightarrow c' > 0$  as  $u \rightarrow \infty$ , the proof is complete.  $\square$

**Remark 3.** According to Alishahi and Sharifitabar (2008, Remark 3.1), the constant  $c_2$  in (4) may be taken to be 5. Since  $1 - e^{-\rho} \leq \rho$ , (4) may be rewritten as

$$c_1(\rho_0)\rho^2 \frac{1}{\sqrt{d}} \left( \frac{4}{3\sqrt{3}} \right)^d \leq d_{TV}(\mathcal{L}(N_{\rho,d}), Po(\rho)) \leq c_2\rho^2 \frac{1}{\sqrt{d}} \left( \frac{4}{3\sqrt{3}} \right)^d$$

for all  $1 \leq d < \infty$  and  $0 < \rho \leq \rho_0$ . This indicates that  $\rho^2 d^{-1/2} (4/3\sqrt{3})^d$  is the rate of Poisson approximation for small  $\rho$  and large  $d$ .

**Remark 4.** Theorem 1 indicates that the rate of Poisson approximation for  $N_{\rho,d}$  is closely related to the asymptotic behavior of  $\text{var}(\mu_d(C_d))$  as  $d \rightarrow \infty$ . While Newman et al. (1983) showed that  $M_d$  converges in distribution to  $Po(1)$ , it remains an open problem to determine the rate of convergence for  $M_d$ . More generally, let  $M_{d,k}$  be the number of  $IT$ -points which have

$\mathbf{0}$  (the typical point of  $\Pi$ ) as their  $k$ th nearest  $\Pi$ -neighbor, and  $N_{\rho,d,k}$  the number of  $\Pi'$ -points which have  $\mathbf{0}$  as their  $k$ th nearest  $\Pi$ -neighbor,  $k = 1, 2, \dots$ . Note that  $M_{d,1} = M_d$  and  $N_{\rho,d,1} = N_{\rho,d}$ . It is shown in Yao and Simons (1996, Theorem 1) and Yao (2010, Remark 11) that for all  $k$ , as  $d \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $M_{d,k}$  and  $N_{\rho,d,k}$  converge in distribution to  $Po(1)$  and  $Po(\rho)$ , respectively. It will also be of interest to determine the rates of convergence for  $k \geq 2$ .

**Remark 5.** Consider  $m + 1$  independent homogeneous Poisson point processes in  $\mathbb{R}^d$ ,  $\Pi$  of intensity  $\lambda$ ,  $\Pi_i$  of intensity  $\lambda_i$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, m$ . Again referring to  $\mathbf{0}$  as the typical point of  $\Pi$ , let  $N_{\rho,d}^i$  be the number of  $\Pi_i$ -points which have  $\mathbf{0}$  as their nearest  $\Pi$ -neighbor,  $i = 1, \dots, m$ , where  $\rho = (\rho_1, \dots, \rho_m) = (\lambda_1/\lambda, \dots, \lambda_m/\lambda)$ . Let  $\Pi' = \cup_{i=1}^m \Pi_i$  and  $N_{\rho_{total},d} = \sum_{i=1}^m N_{\rho,d}^i$ , where  $\rho_{total} = \sum_{i=1}^m \rho_i$ . Then  $\Pi'$  is a homogeneous Poisson point process of intensity  $\sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i$ , independent of  $\Pi$ , and  $N_{\rho_{total},d}$  is the number of  $\Pi'$ -points which have  $\mathbf{0}$  as their nearest  $\Pi$ -neighbor. By (4), we have

$$c_1(\rho_0)\rho_{total}^2 \frac{1}{\sqrt{d}} \left(\frac{4}{3\sqrt{3}}\right)^d \leq d_{TV}(\mathcal{L}(N_{\rho_{total},d}), Po(\rho_{total})) \leq c_2\rho_{total}(1 - e^{-\rho_{total}}) \frac{1}{\sqrt{d}} \left(\frac{4}{3\sqrt{3}}\right)^d \tag{8}$$

for all  $1 \leq d < \infty$  and  $0 < \rho_{total} \leq \rho_0$ . Since each  $\Pi'$ -point is a  $\Pi_i$ -point with probability  $\rho_i/\rho_{total}$ , the conditional distribution of  $(N_{\rho,d}^1, \dots, N_{\rho,d}^m)$  given  $N_{\rho_{total},d} = n$  is multinomial with parameters  $n, \rho_i/\rho_{total}, i = 1, \dots, m$ . Denote by  $Z_\rho^1, \dots, Z_\rho^m$ ,  $m$  independent Poisson random variables with respective means  $\rho_1, \dots, \rho_m$ . Let  $Z_{\rho_{total}} = Z_\rho^1 + \dots + Z_\rho^m$ , which is  $Po(\rho_{total})$ . Since the conditional distribution of  $(Z_\rho^1, \dots, Z_\rho^m)$  given  $Z_{\rho_{total}} = n$  is also multinomial with parameters  $n, \rho_i/\rho_{total}, i = 1, \dots, m$ , it follows that

$$P(N_{\rho,d}^i = j_i, i = 1, \dots, m) - P(Z_\rho^i = j_i, i = 1, \dots, m) = [P(N_{\rho_{total},d} = n) - P(Z_{\rho_{total}} = n)] \binom{n}{j_1 \dots j_m} \frac{\rho_1^{j_1} \dots \rho_m^{j_m}}{\rho_{total}^n}$$

for all  $(j_1, \dots, j_m) \in A_n = \{(\ell_1, \dots, \ell_m) : \ell_i \geq 0, \ell_1 + \dots + \ell_m = n\}$ , implying that

$$\sum_{(j_1, \dots, j_m) \in A_n} |P(N_{\rho,d}^i = j_i, i = 1, \dots, m) - P(Z_\rho^i = j_i, i = 1, \dots, m)| = |P(N_{\rho_{total},d} = n) - P(Z_{\rho_{total}} = n)|.$$

So,

$$d_{TV}(\mathcal{L}(N_{\rho,d}^1, \dots, N_{\rho,d}^m), \mathcal{L}(Z_\rho^1, \dots, Z_\rho^m)) = d_{TV}(\mathcal{L}(N_{\rho_{total},d}), \mathcal{L}(Z_{\rho_{total}})),$$

which together with (8) yields the following corollary.

**Corollary 1.** For any  $\rho_0 > 0$ , there exists a constant  $c_1(\rho_0) > 0$  such that

$$c_1(\rho_0)\rho_{total}^2 \frac{1}{\sqrt{d}} \left(\frac{4}{3\sqrt{3}}\right)^d \leq d_{TV}(\mathcal{L}(N_{\rho,d}^1, \dots, N_{\rho,d}^m), Po(\rho_1) \times \dots \times Po(\rho_m)) \leq c_2\rho_{total}(1 - e^{-\rho_{total}}) \frac{1}{\sqrt{d}} \left(\frac{4}{3\sqrt{3}}\right)^d,$$

for all  $1 \leq d < \infty$  and  $0 < \rho_{total} \leq \rho_0$ .

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