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| draw | <i>Generic function for simulating from NHPPs given the intensity function or the cumulative intensity function.</i> |
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Description

This is a wrapper to the package's specific functions, and thus somewhat slower. For time-intensive simulations prefer one of the specific functions.

Usage

```
draw(
  Lambda = NULL,
  Lambda_inv = NULL,
  lambda = NULL,
  line_majorizer_intercept = NULL,
  line_majorizer_slope = NULL,
  line_majorizer_is_loglinear = FALSE,
```

```

    step_majorizer_vector = NULL,
    t_min = NULL,
    t_max = NULL,
    atmost1 = FALSE,
    atleast1 = FALSE
)

```

Arguments

| | |
|-----------------------------|---|
| Lambda | (function, double vector) the integrated (cumulative) rate of the NHPPP |
| Lambda_inv | (function, double vector) the inverse of 'Lambda()' |
| lambda | (function) the instantaneous rate |
| line_majorizer_intercept | The intercept alpha of the loglinear majorizer function: $\alpha + \beta * t$ or $\exp(\alpha + \beta * t)$ |
| line_majorizer_slope | The slope beta of the loglinear majorizer function: $\alpha + \beta * t$ or $\exp(\alpha + \beta * t)$ |
| line_majorizer_is_loglinear | (boolean) if TRUE the majorizer is loglinear $\exp(\alpha + \beta * t)$; if FALSE it is a linear function |
| step_majorizer_vector | (vector, double) K constant majorizing rates, one per interval; all intervals are of equal length (regular) |
| t_min | (double) the lower bound of the interval |
| t_max | (double) the upper bound of the interval |
| atmost1 | boolean, draw at most 1 event time |
| atleast1 | boolean, draw at least 1 event time in interval |

Value

a vector of event times

draw_cumulative_intensity

Simulate from a non homogeneous Poisson Point Process (NHPPP) over an interval when you know the cumulative intensity and its inverse.

Description

Sample NHPPP times using the inversion method

Usage

```
draw_cumulative_intensity(Lambda, Lambda_inv, t_min, t_max, atmost1 = FALSE)
```

Arguments

| | |
|------------|--|
| Lambda | (function, double vector) a continuous increasing R to R map which is the integrated rate of the NHPPP |
| Lambda_inv | (function, double vector) the inverse of Lambda() |
| t_min | (double) the lower bound of the time interval |
| t_max | (double) the upper bound of the time interval |
| atmost1 | boolean, draw at most 1 event time |

Value

a vector of event times (t_); if no events realize, a vector of length 0

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|----------------|---|
| draw_intensity | <i>Generic function for simulating from NHPPs given the intensity function.</i> |
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Description

Sample from NHPPs given the intensity function This is a wrapper to the package's specific functions, and thus somewhat slower. For time-intensive simulations prefer one of the specific functions.

Usage

```
draw_intensity(
  lambda,
  line_majorizer_intercept = NULL,
  line_majorizer_slope = NULL,
  line_majorizer_is_loglinear = FALSE,
  step_majorizer_vector = NULL,
  t_min = NULL,
  t_max = NULL,
  atmost1 = FALSE
)
```

Arguments

| | |
|-----------------------------|---|
| lambda | (function) the instantaneous rate |
| line_majorizer_intercept | The intercept alpha of the loglinear majorizer function: $\alpha + \beta * t$ or $\exp(\alpha + \beta * t)$ |
| line_majorizer_slope | The slope beta of the loglinear majorizer function: $\alpha + \beta * t$ or $\exp(\alpha + \beta * t)$ |
| line_majorizer_is_loglinear | (boolean) if TRUE the majorizer is loglinear $\exp(\alpha + \beta * t)$; if FALSE it is a linear function |

| | |
|-----------------------|---|
| step_majorizer_vector | (vector, double) K constant majorizing rates, one per interval; all intervals are of equal length (regular) |
| t_min | (double) the lower bound of the interval |
| t_max | (double) the upper bound of the interval |
| atmost1 | boolean, draw at most 1 event time |

Value

a vector of event times

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|----------------|--|
| draw_sc_linear | <i>Special case: Simulate from a non homogeneous Poisson Point Process (NHPPP) from (t_min, t_max) with linear intensity function (inversion method)</i> |
|----------------|--|

Description

Sample NHPPP times from a linear intensity function using the inversion method, optionally using an rstream generator

Usage

```
draw_sc_linear(intercept, slope, t_min, t_max, atmost1 = FALSE)
```

Arguments

| | |
|-----------|---|
| intercept | (double) the intercept |
| slope | (double) the slope |
| t_min | (double) lower bound of the time interval |
| t_max | (double) upper bound of the time interval |
| atmost1 | boolean, draw at most 1 event time |

Value

a vector of event times (t_); if no events realize, a vector of length 0

Examples

```
x <- draw_sc_linear(intercept = 0, slope = 0.2, t_min = 0, t_max = 10)
```

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|-------------------|--|
| draw_sc_loglinear | <i>Special case: Simulate from a non homogeneous Poisson Point Process (NHPPP) from (t_min, t_max) with log-linear intensity function (inversion method)</i> |
|-------------------|--|

Description

Sample NHPPP times from an log linear intensity function using the inversion method, optionally using an `rstream` generator

Usage

```
draw_sc_loglinear(intercept, slope, t_min, t_max, atmost1 = FALSE)
```

Arguments

| | |
|------------------------|---|
| <code>intercept</code> | (double) the intercept in the exponent |
| <code>slope</code> | (double) the slope in the exponent |
| <code>t_min</code> | (double) lower bound of the time interval |
| <code>t_max</code> | (double) upper bound of the time interval |
| <code>atmost1</code> | boolean, draw at most 1 event time |

Value

a vector of event times (`t_`); if no events realize, a vector of length 0

Examples

```
x <- draw_sc_loglinear(intercept = 0, slope = 0.2, t_min = 0, t_max = 10)
```

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|--------------|---|
| draw_sc_step | <i>Simulate a piecewise constant-rate Poisson Point Process over (t_min, t_max] (inversion method) The intervals need not have the same length.</i> |
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Description

Simulate a piecewise constant-rate Poisson Point Process over (`t_min`, `t_max`] (inversion method)
The intervals need not have the same length.

Usage

```
draw_sc_step(lambda_vector, time_breaks, atmost1 = FALSE, atleast1 = FALSE)
```

Arguments

| | |
|---------------|--|
| lambda_vector | (scalar, double) K constant rates, one per interval |
| time_breaks | (vector, double) K+1 time points defining K intervals of constant rates: [t_1 = range_t[1], t_2): the first interval [t_k, t_{k+1}): the k-th interval [t_{K}, t_{K+1} = range_t[2]): the K-th (last) interval |
| atmost1 | boolean, draw at most 1 event time |
| atleast1 | boolean, draw at least 1 event time |

Value

a vector of event times t if no events realize, it will have 0 length

Examples

```
x <- draw_sc_step(lambda_vector = rep(1, 5), time_breaks = c(0:5))
```

draw_sc_step_regular *Sampling from NHPPs with piecewise constant intensities with same interval lengths (non-vectorized)*

Description

Sampling from NHPPs with piecewise constant intensities with same interval lengths (non-vectorized)

Usage

```
draw_sc_step_regular(
  Lambda_vector = NULL,
  lambda_vector = NULL,
  t_min = NULL,
  t_max = NULL,
  atmost1 = FALSE,
  atleast1 = FALSE
)
```

Arguments

| | |
|---------------|---|
| Lambda_vector | (scalar, double) K integrated intensity rates at the end of each interval |
| lambda_vector | (scalar, double) K constant intensity rates, one per interval |
| t_min | (scalar, double) lower bound of the time interval |
| t_max | (scalar, double) upper bound of the time interval |
| atmost1 | boolean, draw at most 1 event time |
| atleast1 | boolean, draw at least 1 event time |

Value

a vector of event times t if no events realize, it will have 0 length

Examples

```
x <- draw_sc_step_regular(Lambda_vector = 1:5, t_min = 0, t_max = 5)
```

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|--------------------|--|
| get_step_majorizer | <i>Piecewise constant (step) majorizer for K-Lipschitz functions over an interval (vectorized over the breaks argument).</i> |
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Description

Return a piecewise constant (step) majorizer for K-Lipschitz functions over an interval. The function is vectorized over the breaks argument. The returned object has the same dimensions as breaks.

Usage

```
get_step_majorizer(fun, breaks, is_monotone = TRUE, K = 0)
```

Arguments

| | |
|-------------|--|
| fun | A function object with a single argument x . If x is a matrix, fun should be vectorized over it. |
| breaks | (vector or matrix) The set of $M+1$ boundaries for the M subintervals in x . If breaks is a matrix, each row is treated as a separate set of breaks. |
| is_monotone | (boolean) Is the function monotone? (Default is TRUE.) |
| K | (double) A non-negative number for the Lipschitz cone. (Default is 0.) |

Value

A vector of length M with the values of the piecewise constant majorizer

Examples

```
get_step_majorizer(fun = abs, breaks = -5:5, is_monotone = FALSE, K = 1)
```

ppp *Simulate a homogeneous Poisson Point Process in (t_min, t_max]*

Description

Simulate a homogeneous Poisson Point Process in (t_min, t_max]

Usage

```
ppp(rate, t_min, t_max, atmost1 = FALSE, tol = 10^-6)
```

Arguments

| | |
|---------|--|
| rate | (scalar, double) constant instantaneous rate |
| t_min | (scalar, double) the lower bound of the time interval |
| t_max | (scalar, double) the upper bound of the time interval |
| atmost1 | boolean, draw at most 1 event time |
| tol | the probability that we will have more than the drawn events in (t_min, t_max] |

Value

a vector of event times t if no events realize, it will have 0 length

Examples

```
x <- ppp(rate = 1, t_min = 0, t_max = 10, tol = 10^-6)
```

ppp_exactly_n *Simulate exactly n points from a homogeneous Poisson Point Process over (t_min, t_max]*

Description

Simulate exactly n points from a homogeneous Poisson Point Process over (t_min, t_max]

Usage

```
ppp_exactly_n(n, t_min, t_max)
```

Arguments

| | |
|-------|---|
| n | (int) the number of points to be simulated |
| t_min | (double) the lower bound of the time interval |
| t_max | (double) the upper bound of the time interval |

Value

a vector of event times of size n

Examples

```
x <- ppp_exactly_n(n = 10, t_min = 0, t_max = 10)
```

ppp_next_n

Simulate n events from a homogeneous Poisson Point Process.

Description

Simulate n events from a homogeneous Poisson Point Process.

Usage

```
ppp_next_n(n = 1, rate = 1, t_min = 0, rng_stream = deprecated())
```

Arguments

| | |
|------------|---------------------------------------|
| n | scalar number of samples |
| rate | scalar instantaneous rate |
| t_min | scalar for the starting time value |
| rng_stream | [Deprecated] an rstream object |

Value

a vector with event times t (starting from t_min)

Examples

```
x <- ppp_next_n(n = 10, rate = 1, t_min = 0)
```

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| vdraw | <i>Vectorized generic function for simulating from NHPPPs given the intensity function or the cumulative intensity function</i> |
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Description

This is a wrapper to the package's specific functions, and thus slightly slower. For time-intensive simulations prefer one of the specific functions.

Usage

```
vdraw(
  lambda = NULL,
  lambda_args = NULL,
  Lambda_maj_matrix = NULL,
  lambda_maj_matrix = NULL,
  Lambda = NULL,
  Lambda_inv = NULL,
  Lambda_args = NULL,
  Lambda_inv_args = NULL,
  t_min = NULL,
  t_max = NULL,
  rate_matrix_t_min = NULL,
  rate_matrix_t_max = NULL,
  tol = 10^-6,
  atmost1 = FALSE,
  atleast1 = FALSE,
  atmostB = NULL
)
```

Arguments

| | |
|-------------------|--|
| lambda | (function) intensity function, vectorized |
| lambda_args | (list) optional arguments to pass to lambda |
| Lambda_maj_matrix | (matrix) integrated intensity rates at the end of each interval |
| lambda_maj_matrix | (matrix) intensity rates, one per interval |
| Lambda | (function, double vector) an increasing function which is the integrated rate of the NHPPP. It should take a vectorized argument t for times and an optional arguments list. |
| Lambda_inv | (function, double vector) the inverse of Lambda(), also in vectorized form It should take a vectorized argument z and an optional arguments list. |
| Lambda_args | (list) optional arguments to pass to Lambda. |

| | |
|--------------------------------|---|
| <code>Lambda_inv_args</code> | (list) optional arguments to pass to <code>Lambda_inv()</code> . |
| <code>t_min</code> | (scalar vector column matrix) is the lower bound of a subinterval of <code>(rate_matrix_t_min, rate_matrix_t_max]</code> . If set, times are sampled from the subinterval. If omitted, it is equivalent to <code>rate_matrix_t_min</code> . |
| <code>t_max</code> | (scalar vector column matrix) is the upper bound of a subinterval of <code>(rate_matrix_t_min, rate_matrix_t_max]</code> . If set, times are sampled from the subinterval. If omitted, it is equivalent to <code>rate_matrix_t_max</code> . |
| <code>rate_matrix_t_min</code> | (scalar vector column matrix) is the lower bound of the time interval for each row of <code>(Lambdallambda)_maj_matrix</code> . The length of this argument is the number of point processes that should be drawn. |
| <code>rate_matrix_t_max</code> | (scalar vector column matrix) the upper bound of the time interval for each row of <code>(Lambdallambda)_maj_matrix</code> . The length of this argument is the number of point processes that should be drawn. |
| <code>tol</code> | (scalar, double) tolerance for the number of events |
| <code>atmost1</code> | boolean, draw at most 1 event time |
| <code>atleast1</code> | boolean, draw at least 1 event time |
| <code>atmostB</code> | If not NULL, draw at most B (B>0) event times. NULL means ignore. |

Value

a vector of event times

`vdraw_cumulative_intensity`

Vectorized simulation from a non homogeneous Poisson Point Process (NHPPP) from (t_{min}, t_{max}) given the cumulative intensity function and its inverse

Description

Sample NHPPP times using the cumulative intensity function and its inverse.

Usage

```
vdraw_cumulative_intensity(
  Lambda,
  Lambda_inv,
  t_min,
  t_max,
  Lambda_args = NULL,
  Lambda_inv_args = NULL,
  tol = 10^-6,
  atmost1 = FALSE,
  atleast1 = FALSE
)
```

Arguments

| | |
|-----------------|---|
| Lambda | (function, double vector) an increasing function which is the integrated rate of the NHPPP. It should take a vectorized argument t for times and an optional arguments list. |
| Lambda_inv | (function, double vector) the inverse of Lambda(), also in vectorized form It should take a vectorized argument z and an optional arguments list. |
| t_min | (scalar vector column matrix) the lower bound of the interval for each sampled point process The length of this argument is the number of point processes that should be drawn. |
| t_max | (scalar vector column matrix) the upper bound of the interval for each sampled point process The length of this argument is the number of point processes that should be drawn. |
| Lambda_args | (list) optional arguments to pass to Lambda. |
| Lambda_inv_args | (list) optional arguments to pass to Lambda_inv(). |
| tol | the tolerance for the calculations. |
| atmost1 | boolean, draw at most 1 event time per sampled point process. |
| atleast1 | boolean, draw at least 1 event time |

Value

a matrix of event times with one row per sampled point process.

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|-----------------|---|
| vdraw_intensity | <i>Vectorized sampling from a non homogeneous Poisson Point Process (NHPPP) from an interval (thinning method) with piecewise constant majorizers (C++)</i> |
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Description

Vectorized sampling from a non homogeneous Poisson Point Process (NHPPP) from an interval (thinning method) with piecewise constant majorizers. The majorizers are step functions over equal-length time intervals.

Usage

```
vdraw_intensity(
  lambda = NULL,
  lambda_args = NULL,
  Lambda_maj_matrix = NULL,
  lambda_maj_matrix = NULL,
  rate_matrix_t_min = NULL,
  rate_matrix_t_max = NULL,
  t_min = NULL,
```

```

    t_max = NULL,
    tol = 10^-6,
    atmost1 = FALSE,
    atleast1 = FALSE,
    atmostB = NULL
  )

```

Arguments

lambda (function) intensity function, vectorized

lambda_args (list) optional arguments to pass to lambda

Lambda_maj_matrix (matrix) integrated intensity rates at the end of each interval

lambda_maj_matrix (matrix) intensity rates, one per interval

rate_matrix_t_min (scalar | vector | column matrix) is the lower bound of the time interval for each row of (Lambdallambda)_maj_matrix. The length of this argument is the number of point processes that should be drawn.

rate_matrix_t_max (scalar | vector | column matrix) the upper bound of the time interval for each row of (Lambdallambda)_maj_matrix. The length of this argument is the number of point processes that should be drawn.

t_min (scalar | vector | column matrix) is the lower bound of a subinterval of (rate_matrix_t_min, rate_matrix_t_max]. If set, times are sampled from the subinterval. If omitted, it is equivalent to rate_matrix_t_min.

t_max (scalar | vector | column matrix) is the upper bound of a subinterval of (rate_matrix_t_min, rate_matrix_t_max]. If set, times are sampled from the subinterval. If omitted, it is equivalent to rate_matrix_t_max.

tol (scalar, double) tolerance for the number of events

atmost1 boolean, draw at most 1 event time

atleast1 boolean, draw at least 1 event time

atmostB If not NULL, draw at most B (B>0) event times. NULL means ignore.

Value

a matrix of event times (columns) per draw (rows) NAs are structural empty spots

Examples

```

x <- vdraw_intensity(
  lambda = function(x, ...) 0.1 * x,
  lambda_maj_matrix = matrix(rep(1, 5), nrow = 1),
  rate_matrix_t_min = 1,
  rate_matrix_t_max = 5
)

```

vdraw_sc_step_regular *Vectorized sampling from NHPPs with piecewise constant intensities with same interval lengths*

Description

Simulate a piecewise constant-rate Poisson Point Process over $(t_{\min}, t_{\max}]$ (inversion method) where the intervals have the same length (are "regular").

Usage

```
vdraw_sc_step_regular(
  lambda_matrix = NULL,
  Lambda_matrix = NULL,
  rate_matrix_t_min = NULL,
  rate_matrix_t_max = NULL,
  t_min = NULL,
  t_max = NULL,
  tol = 10^-6,
  atmost1 = FALSE,
  atmostB = NULL,
  atleast1 = FALSE
)
```

Arguments

lambda_matrix (matrix) intensity rates, one per interval

Lambda_matrix (matrix) integrated intensity rates at the end of each interval

rate_matrix_t_min
(scalar | vector | column matrix) is the lower bound of the time interval for each row of $(\text{Lambdallambda})_{\text{maj_matrix}}$. The length of this argument is the number of point processes that should be drawn.

rate_matrix_t_max
(scalar | vector | column matrix) the upper bound of the time interval for each row of $(\text{Lambdallambda})_{\text{maj_matrix}}$. The length of this argument is the number of point processes that should be drawn.

t_min (scalar | vector | column matrix) is the lower bound of a subinterval of $(\text{rate_matrix_t_min}, \text{rate_matrix_t_max}]$. If set, times are sampled from the subinterval. If omitted, it is equivalent to rate_matrix_t_min .

t_max (scalar | vector | column matrix) is the upper bound of a subinterval of $(\text{rate_matrix_t_min}, \text{rate_matrix_t_max}]$. If set, times are sampled from the subinterval. If omitted, it is equivalent to rate_matrix_t_max .

tol (scalar, double) tolerance for the number of events

atmost1 boolean, draw at most 1 event time

atmostB If not NULL, draw at most B ($B > 0$) event times. NULL means ignore.

atleast1 boolean, draw at least 1 event time

Value

a vector of event times t if no events realize, it will have 0 length

Examples

```
x <- vdraw_sc_step_regular(
  Lambda_matrix = matrix(1:5, nrow = 1),
  rate_matrix_t_min = 100,
  rate_matrix_t_max = 110,
  atmost1 = FALSE
)
```

ztdraw_cumulative_intensity

Simulate from a zero-truncated non homogeneous Poisson Point Process (zt-NHPPP) from (t_min, t_max) (order statistics method)

Description

Sample zero-truncated NHPPP times using the order statistics method, optionally using an `rstream` generator

Usage

```
ztdraw_cumulative_intensity(Lambda, Lambda_inv, t_min, t_max, atmost1 = FALSE)
```

Arguments

| | |
|-------------------------|--|
| <code>Lambda</code> | (function, double vector) a continuous increasing \mathbb{R} to \mathbb{R} map which is the integrated rate of the NHPPP |
| <code>Lambda_inv</code> | (function, double vector) the inverse of <code>Lambda()</code> |
| <code>t_min</code> | (double) the lower bound of the time interval |
| <code>t_max</code> | (double) the upper bound of the time interval |
| <code>atmost1</code> | (boolean) draw at most 1 event time |

Value

a vector of at least 1 event times

| | |
|------------------|--|
| ztdraw_sc_linear | <i>Simulate size samples from a zero-truncated non homogeneous Poisson Point Process (zt-NHPPP) from (t_min, t_max) with linear intensity function</i> |
|------------------|--|

Description

Sample zero-truncated NHPPP times from a linear intensity function using the inversion method, optionally using an rstream generator

Usage

```
ztdraw_sc_linear(intercept, slope, t_min, t_max, atmost1 = FALSE)
```

Arguments

| | |
|-----------|---|
| intercept | (double) the intercept |
| slope | (double) the slope |
| t_min | (double) the lower bound of the time interval |
| t_max | (double) the upper bound of the time interval |
| atmost1 | (boolean) draw 1 event time |

Value

a vector of at least 1 event times

Examples

```
x <- ztdraw_sc_linear(intercept = 0, slope = 0.2, t_min = 0, t_max = 10)
```

| | |
|---------------------|---|
| ztdraw_sc_loglinear | <i>Simulate from a zero-truncated non homogeneous Poisson Point Process (zt-NHPPP) from (t_min, t_max) with a log-linear intensity function</i> |
|---------------------|---|

Description

Sample zt-NHPPP times from an log-linear intensity function

Usage

```
ztdraw_sc_loglinear(intercept, slope, t_min, t_max, atmost1 = FALSE)
```

Arguments

| | |
|-----------|---|
| intercept | (double) the intercept in the exponent |
| slope | (double) the slope in the exponent |
| t_min | (double) the lower bound of the time interval |
| t_max | (double) the upper bound of the time interval |
| atmost1 | boolean, 1 event time |

Value

a vector of at least 1 event times

Examples

```
x <- ztdraw_sc_loglinear(intercept = 0, slope = 0.2, t_min = 0, t_max = 10)
```

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| ztppp | <i>Simulate a zero-truncated homogeneous Poisson Point Process over (t_min, t_max]</i> |
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Description

Simulate a zero-truncated homogeneous Poisson Point Process over (t_min, t_max]

Usage

```
ztppp(rate, t_min, t_max, atmost1 = FALSE)
```

Arguments

| | |
|---------|---|
| rate | (scalar, double) constant instantaneous rate |
| t_min | (scalar, double) lower bound of the time interval |
| t_max | (scalar, double) upper bound of the time interval |
| atmost1 | boolean, draw at most 1 event time |

Value

a vector of event times of size size

Examples

```
x <- ztppp(t_min = 0, t_max = 10, rate = 0.001)
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