

Spatial load balancing for EV charging customers

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- Electrical vehicle (EV) adoption is currently growing exponentially.
- Less carbon emissions, noise and other efficiency benefits.

Problems:

- Charging is power and energy intensive for the network.
- Still, charging requires a lot of time.
- We need to build a charging infrastructure to replace gas stations.

Introduction

Some open questions...

- How to estimate charging demand in a region.
- How to design the public charging infrastructure.
- How to design incentives for users to reduce network congestion.
- What can we do to exploit **flexibility** in user demand to reduce power draw.

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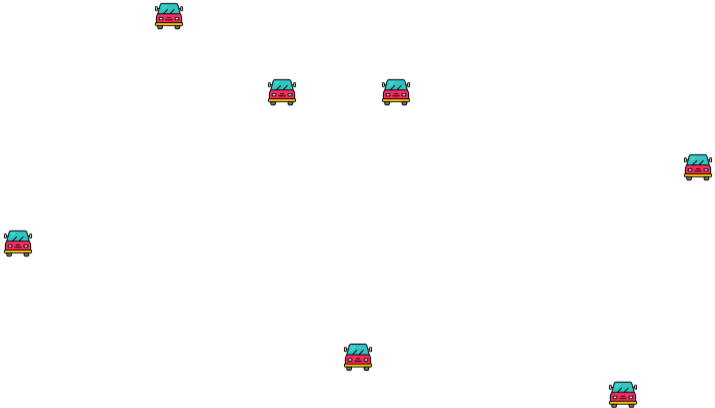
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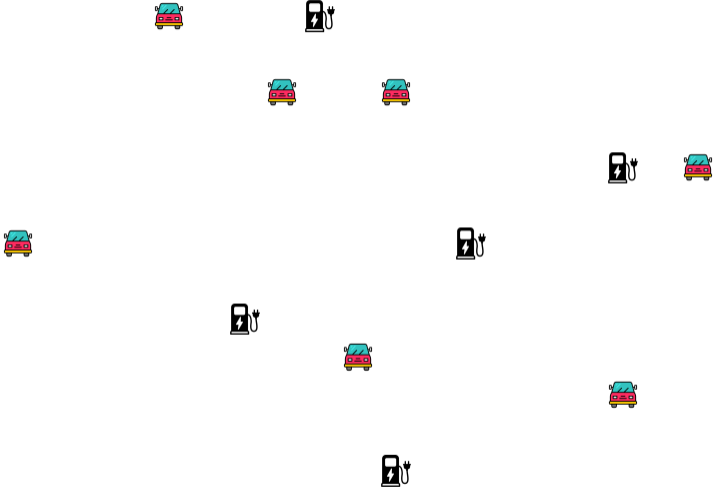
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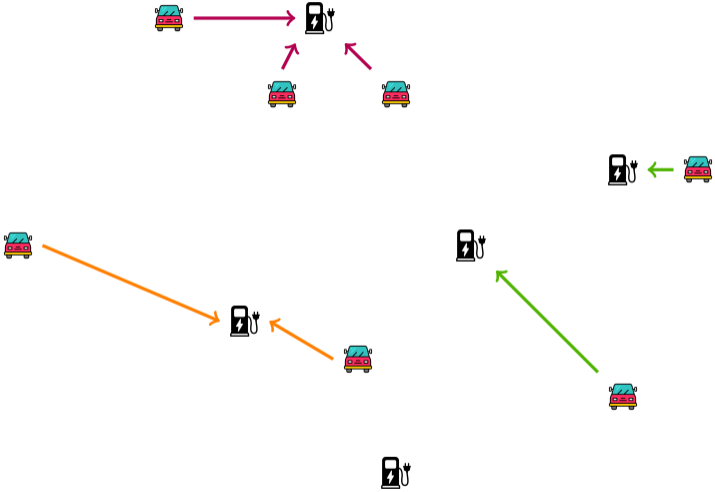
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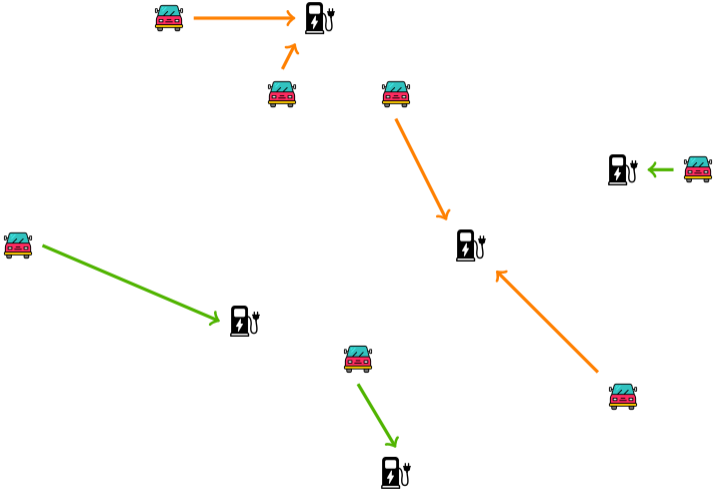
Spatially distributed servers

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Minimum distance assignment, does it make sense?

Spatial demand problem



Maybe it's better to balance more evenly...

Classical assignment problem

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Then one would like to solve:

$$\min \sum_{i,j} c_{ij} \gamma_{ij},$$

subject to:

$$\sum_j \gamma_{ij} = \bar{q}_i, \quad \forall i,$$

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$$\gamma_{ij} \in \{0, 1\}.$$

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Relaxation is exact if quantities are integers... [Paganini et al CDC 2022]

Classical assignment problem

A simple example...

Assume $\bar{q}_i \equiv 1$ and $\bar{s}_j \equiv 1$, and the number of cars and chargers is the same, then:

$$\min_{\Pi \geq 0} \sum_{i,j} c_{ij} \pi_{ij},$$

subject to:

$$\sum_i \pi_{ij} = 1 \quad \forall j, \quad \sum_j \pi_{ij} = 1, \quad \forall i$$

i.e. Π is a doubly stochastic matrix.

The vertices of the feasibility region are exactly the permutation matrices (Birkhoff theorem), so the solution is integer valued.

Allocation problem

If instead supply is abundant ($\sum_j \bar{s}_j \geq \sum_i \bar{q}_i$) then we can formulate:

Problem 1

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subject to:

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Dual formulation

Let's write the Lagrangian of Problem 1:

$$L_1(\Pi, \mu) = \sum_{i,j} c_{ij} \pi_{ij} + \sum_j \mu_j \left[\sum_i \pi_{ij} - \bar{s}_j \right] = \sum_{i,j} (c_{ij} + \mu_j) \pi_{ij} - \sum_j \mu_j \bar{s}_j.$$

Now minimize over Π subject to $\sum_j \pi_{ij} = \bar{q}_i$:

$$\min_{\Pi} \sum_{i,j} (c_{ij} + \mu_j) \pi_{ij} - \sum_j \mu_j \bar{s}_j,$$

subject to:

$$\sum_j \pi_{ij} = \bar{q}_i \quad \forall i.$$

Remark: the problem decouples over i .

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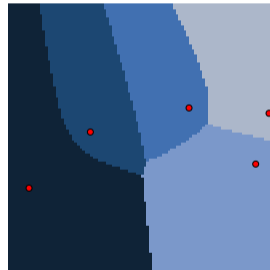
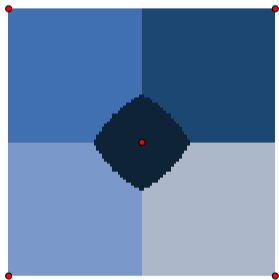
Example: Let c_{ij} be the Euclidean distance then:

- If supply \bar{s}_j is abundant, $\mu_j \equiv 0$ and the routing splits traffic along Voronoi cells.
- When congestion occurs, $\mu_j > 0$ and the attraction region of station j is such that:

$$d(x, y_j) + \mu_j \leq d(x, y_k) + \mu_k \quad \forall k \neq j$$

Examples

Gaussian distribution for demand, centered at the origin.



Dual function

Define now:

$$\gamma_i(C, \mu) = \arg \min_{z \in \Delta} \sum_{j=1}^n (c_{ij} + \mu_j) z_j.$$

where Δ is the unit simplex, then:

$$\pi_{ij}^*(C, \mu) = \bar{q}_i \gamma_{ij}(C, \mu),$$

and

$$D_1(\mu) = \sum_i \bar{q}_i \min_j (c_{ij} + \mu_j) - \sum_j \mu_j \bar{s}_j,$$

piecewise-linear and concave, with super-gradient

$$\partial_j D_1 = \sum_i \bar{q}_i \gamma_{ij}(c_{ij} + \mu_j) - \bar{s}_j.$$

Explicit congestion penalty

We may also use a soft constraint on \bar{s}_j :

Problem 2

$$\min_{\Pi \geq 0, s \geq 0} \sum_{i,j} c_{ij} \pi_{ij} + \sum_j \phi_j(s_j),$$

subject to:

$$\sum_j \pi_{ij} = \bar{q}_i, \quad \forall i,$$

$$\sum_i \pi_{ij} = s_j, \quad \forall j.$$

Here $\phi_j(\cdot)$, increasing and convex, $\phi_j(0) = 0$, measures congestion at node j .

Explicit congestion

Lagrangian duality

Problem 2 is always feasible, and extends the range to $s_j > \bar{s}_j$ which amounts to **waiting for service**. Its Lagrangian is:

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- The minimum over Π is the same as before.
- The minimum over s is the negative of the Fenchel transform of ϕ :

$$\phi_j^*(\mu_j) = \min_{s_j} \{ \mu_j s_j - \phi_j(s_j) \}.$$

The dual function becomes:

$$D_2(\mu) = \sum_i \bar{q}_i \min_j (c_{ij} + \mu_j) - \sum_j \phi_j^*(\mu_j).$$

If ϕ_j is increasing and differentiable, then the optimum should satisfy:

$$\phi_j'(s_j^*) = \mu_j,$$

and we have the following gradient:

$$\partial_j D_2(\mu) = \sum_i \bar{q}_i \gamma_{ij} (c_{ij} + \mu_j) - [\phi_j']^{-1}(\mu_j).$$

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The previous analysis considered a “one-shot” allocation, but in practice:

- Requests will arrive asynchronously.
- The system should generate **incentive compatible congestion signals**.
- If demand is stationary, the dynamics should converge to an equilibrium consistent with what a central planner would do.

Here is when queueing theory and fluid models come into play!

System model

- Each location i receives a flow of requests at rate $r_i(t)$ requests/sec.
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- The state variable $s_j(t)$ reflects the current assignment of station j ; if it exceeds capacity \bar{s}_j , we allow the possibility of waiting for service.
- The state evolution corresponds to the fluid queue

$$\dot{s}_j = a_j - d_j(s_j),$$

where d_j is the departure rate from station j , $d_j(0) = 0$.

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Adding congestion signals

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- Let c_{ij} be the **transport time** from $i \rightarrow j$ (e.g. $\frac{1}{v}d(x_i, y_j)$)
- Let μ_j be the **waiting time** at server j .
- Then $c_{ij} + \mu_j$ is the total delay before service.
- Selfish drivers then split according to

$$r_{ij}(t) = r_i \gamma_{ij}(C, \mu(t))$$

with γ_{ij} as before.

A natural fluid model for the *waiting time* would be:

$$\mu_j := \frac{[s_j - \bar{s}_j]^+}{d_j(s_j)}$$

- $[s_j - \bar{s}_j]^+$ is the excess number of requests at station j , i.e. the queue.
- Dividing by the departure rate we get the time to get service.

The complete dynamics in the occupation state variable s_j are then:

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Remark: We still need to model the departure rate. We developed two different choices:

- **Sojourn-time model** → customers have fixed sojourn times.
- **Service-time model** → customers have fixed service requirements.

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Sojourn time model

- Assume users have a *time budget* that must be split between reaching the station, waiting for service and getting service.
- In order to maximize service time, selfish users will seek to minimize $c_{ij} + \mu_j$.
- If T is the average sojourn time, the departure rate is:

$$d_j(t) = \frac{1}{T} s_j(t),$$

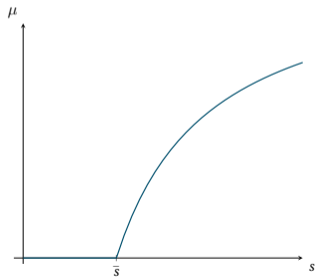
- The queueing delay (congestion price) becomes:

$$\mu_j(s_j) = \frac{[s_j - \bar{s}_j]^+}{d_j(s_j)} = T \left[1 - \frac{\bar{s}_j}{s_j} \right]^+.$$

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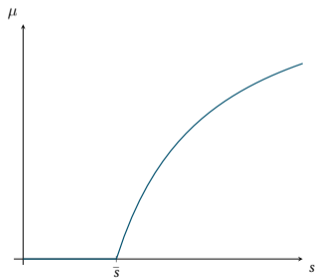
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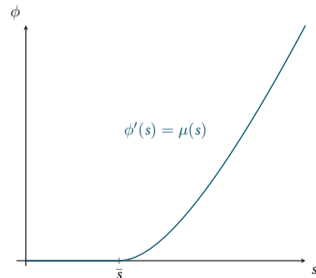
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Penalty function:

$$\phi_j(s_j) := \begin{cases} 0 & s_j \leq \bar{s}_j, \\ T \left(s_j - \bar{s}_j + \bar{s}_j \log \left(\frac{\bar{s}_j}{s_j} \right) \right) & s_j > \bar{s}_j. \end{cases}$$



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Theorem

The following are equivalent:

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So the distributed load balancing equilibrium solves:

$$\min_{\Pi \geq 0} \sum_{i,j} c_{ij} \pi_{ij} + \sum_j \phi_j(s_j),$$

with the preceding barrier function.

Theorem

The dual function $D_2(\mu)$ for Problem 2 is non-decreasing along trajectories of $\mu(t)$ arising from the sojourn-time dynamics.

Proof:

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Combined with a LaSalle type of argument, we get asymptotic stability.

Service time model

- Assume users arrive at location i with rate r_i .
- They have a *service requirement*, with average service time T_0 .
- The number of tasks in service at station j is $\min\{s_j, \bar{s}_j\}$ so the departure rate is:

$$d_j(t) = \frac{\min\{s_j, \bar{s}_j\}}{T_0}.$$

- The congestion signal becomes:

$$\mu_j(s_j) = \frac{[s_j - \bar{s}_j]^+}{d_j(s_j)} = T_0 \left[\frac{s_j}{\bar{s}_j} - 1 \right]^+.$$

Service time model

Complete dynamics

The complete dynamics are:

$$\dot{s}_j = \sum_i r_i \gamma_{ij} - d_j,$$

$$d_j = \frac{1}{T_0} \min\{s_j, \bar{s}_j\},$$

$$\mu_j = T_0 \left[\frac{s_j}{\bar{s}_j} - 1 \right]^+,$$

$$\gamma_{ij} = \arg \min_j \{c_{ij} + \mu_j\}$$

Service time model

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This is *exactly* Problem 1 feasibility condition!

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Theorem

Let $\bar{q}_i = r_i T_0$ and that the stability condition holds, then:

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$$s_j^* = \begin{cases} \sum_i \pi_{ij}^* & \text{if } \mu_j^* = 0; \\ \bar{s}_j \left(1 + \frac{\mu_j^*}{T_0}\right) & \text{if } \mu_j^* > 0; \end{cases}$$

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Service time model

Equilibrium

Remark: Note the difference between the equilibrium occupation s^* per station, and the allocation of Problem 1, \hat{s} . The latter will always be bounded by capacity, whereas the former will exceed it at congested stations.

Remark: Part (b) requires condition $\sum_j \bar{s}_j \geq \sum_i \bar{q}_i$ for feasibility of Problem 1 and therefore existence of equilibria. Substituting $\bar{q}_i = r_i T_0$ we arrive at the stability condition stated prior to the theorem.

Service time model

Stability

The dynamic analysis in this case strongly parallels that of the previous problem.

Proposition

The dual function $D_1(\mu)$ for Problem 1 with $\bar{q}_i = r_i T_0$ is non-decreasing along trajectories.

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We now present some simulations for the sojourn time model:

- Cars arrive as a Poisson process of intensity $r = 4$ EV/min. in the square $[0, 1] \times [0, 1]$.
- Spatial distribution is a centered Gaussian.
- Exponential sojourn times with $T = 60$ min.
- Average number of customers: $rT = 240$.
- Car speed is $v = 0.1$, so the maximum travel time is ≈ 7 min.

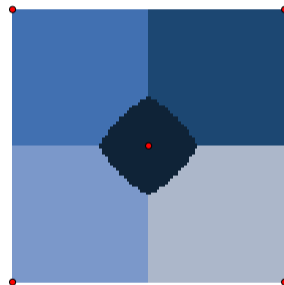
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- Stations located at the center of the square and on the vertices.
 - $\bar{s}_j \equiv 60$ amounts to 300 chargers.
 - The central location **becomes congested** due to high demand in the region.
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- Problem 2 equilibrium:

$$s_1^* = 64.4, \quad s_j^* = 42.4, \quad j = 2, \dots, 5,$$

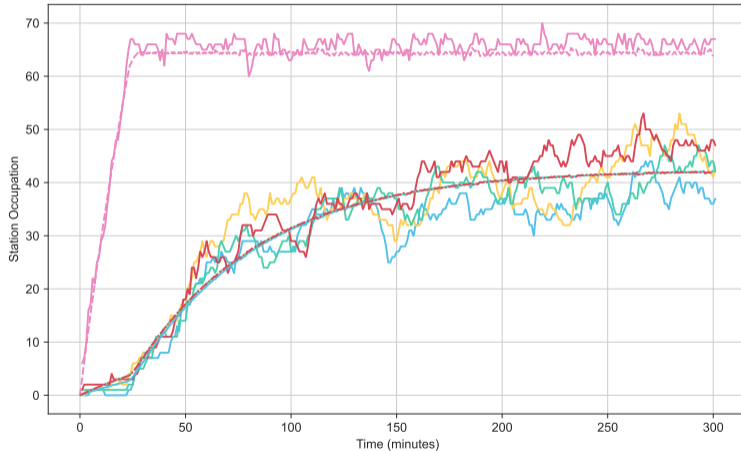
and the congestion price $\mu_1 = 4.1$ minutes.



Attraction regions

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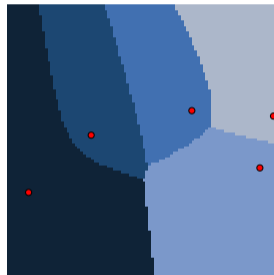
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Example 2: randomly chosen locations

- Again 5 stations, but located at random points in the square.
- Rest of the parameters as before.
- Problem 2 equilibrium:

$$s_1^* = 48.9, s_2^* = 61.8, s_3^* = 61.6,$$
$$s_4^* = 49.5, s_5^* = 12.3.$$

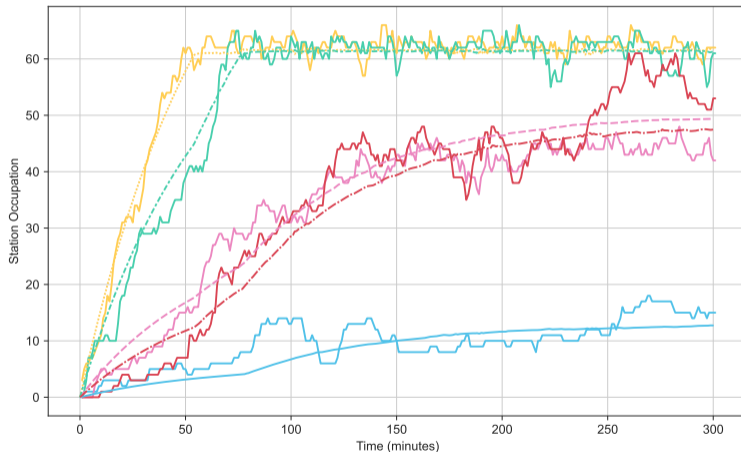
- Two stations become congested (the ones near the center of the region).
 $\mu_2^* \approx 1.7$ and $\mu_3^* \approx 1.5$ according to Problem 2.



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Open questions

- Space is discretized in our model, but it works great for distributed arrivals.
- Show convergence of the underlying stochastic model to the fluid limit.
 - Should be fairly straightforward, but devil is in the details...
- Diffusion approximations around equilibrium?
 - Switching equations pose an issue (the $\min\{s_j, \bar{s}_j\}$ term)...
- Consider abandonments, incoming vehicles, etc. etc.

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Motivation:

- We would like to know **how much energy** will EV cars need and where.
- **Idea:** use current consumption measures at gas stations.
- Convert to kilometers and then to energy using efficiencies.

Spatial estimation

Main problem

- Let $\mathcal{X} \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ be a region of the plane.
- Assume you have a *demand density* $g(x) : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ that you want to estimate.

Problem:

You can only have an estimate of:

$$y_i = \int_{V_i} g(x) dx$$

where V_i is a cell associated to measurement site s_i .

Example: s_i are the gas stations, you only have access to total demand, V_i is the “attraction region” of the gas station.

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Radial basis functions

- We use Gaussian Radial Basis Functions to approximate $g(x)$.
- Using a sum of squares loss:

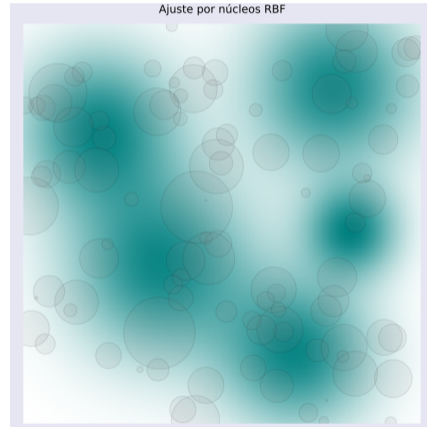
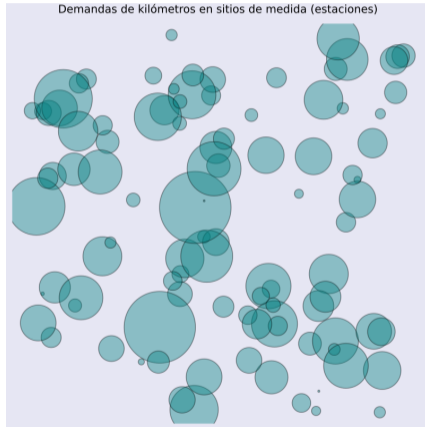
$$\mathcal{L} = \sum_i \left[\int_{V_i} g(x; \theta) dx - y_i \right]^2$$

we can perform gradient descent.

- Nice Montecarlo trick to estimate the integrals, relates to stochastic gradient descent.

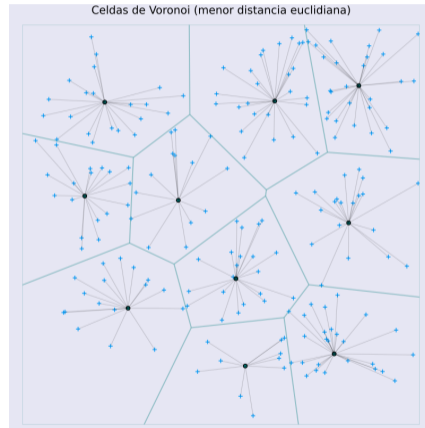
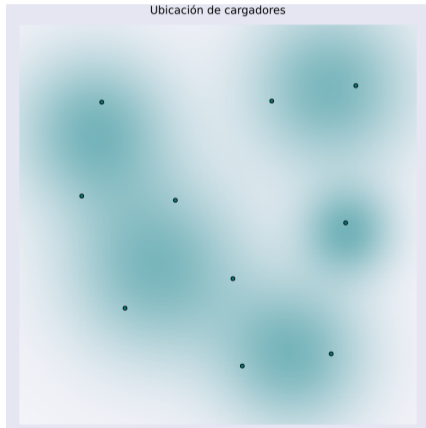
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More detailed model

A second model distinguishes among requests:

- Requests come from a spatial Poisson process of intensity $\lambda(x)$.
- Each request needs some exponential amount of service of parameter ν .
- You only have access to:

$$y_i = \sum_n \sigma_n \mathbf{1}_{\{n \in V_i\}}$$

where σ_n are the (iid) individual requests.

Spatial estimation

Maximum likelihood approach

- For the second model, there is a *hidden variable* which is the number of requests.
- Using ideas from hidden Markov models, we can perform a maximum likelihood estimation of both $\lambda(x)$ and ν .
- For the $\lambda(x; \theta)$ we use RBFs again.

Outline of the talk

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Dynamic queueing model

Stability results

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Estimating spatially distributed demand

Final remarks

Take home messages...

- EVs are popping up, we have to prepare the infrastructure.
- We showed how a simple routing rule can handle congestion.
- Lagrangian duality decentralizes the problem using natural congestion signals.
- The algorithm is incentive compatible, so users' choices are natural.
- We also discussed how to estimate demand in order to build the correct infrastructure.

Thank you!

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