

Statistical estimation of the division rate of a size-structured population

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- $n(t, x)$ the "amount" of cells with size x (\neq density),
- g the "qualitative" growth rate of one cell: linear is $g = 1 \dots$
- B is the **division rate**, which depends on the size

Asymptotics of the PDE

It can be shown (Perthame Ryzhik 2005 for instance) that

- $n(t, \cdot)$ grows exponentially fast ie $I_t = \int n(t, x) dx$ asymptotically proportional to $e^{\lambda t}$,
- the renormalized $n(t, x)/I_t$ tends to a density N , which satisfies

Size-Structured Population Equation (asymptotics)

$$\begin{cases} \kappa \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (g(x)N(x)) + \lambda N(x) = \mathcal{L}(BN)(x), \\ B(0)N(0) = 0, \quad \int N(x) dx = 1, \end{cases}$$

where

- for any real-valued function $x \rightsquigarrow \varphi(x)$,
 $\mathcal{L}(\varphi)(x) := 4\varphi(2x) - \varphi(x)$.
- $\kappa = \lambda \frac{\int_{\mathbb{R}_+} xN(x) dx}{\int_{\mathbb{R}_+} g(x)N(x) dx}$.

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First result

Oracle inequality

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$$\hat{\kappa} = \hat{\lambda} \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n X_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n g(X_i) + c}.$$

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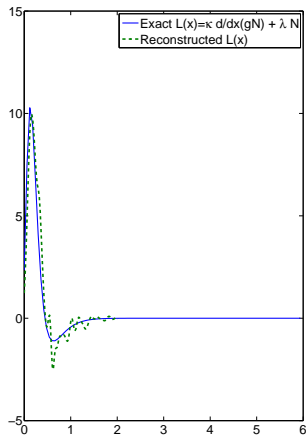
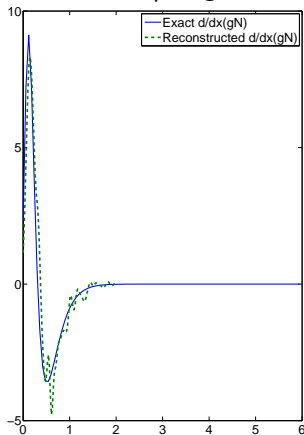
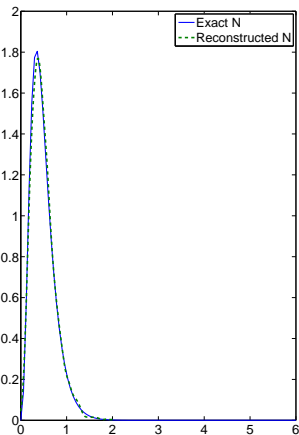
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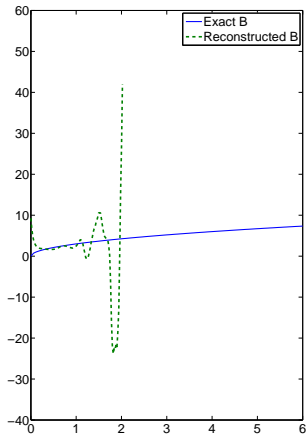
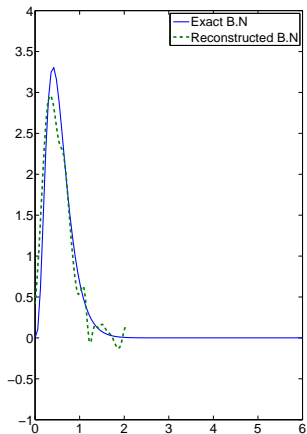
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Simulations

$n=5000$, Gaussian kernel, $B = 3\sqrt{x}$, $g = 1$.



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- Calibration of GL's method not done, comparison with the L-curve method in analysis (χ N step?)