

Point processes for numerical integration

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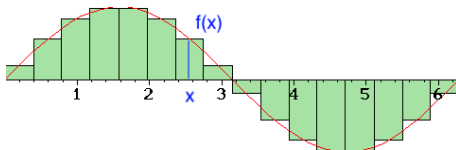
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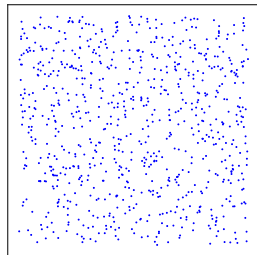


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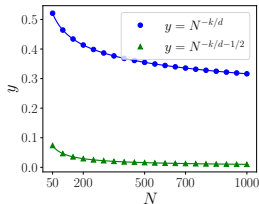
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$k = 1$ and $d = 6$

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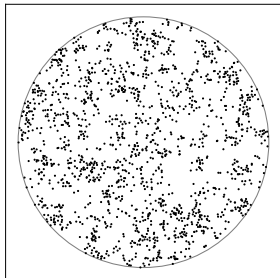
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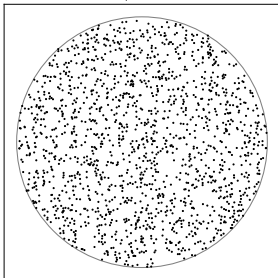
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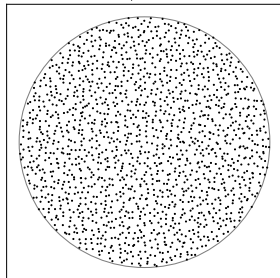
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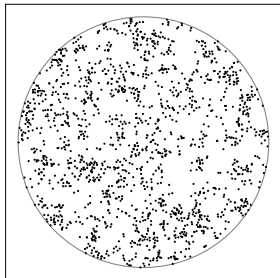


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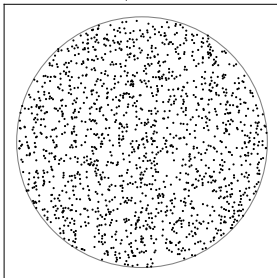


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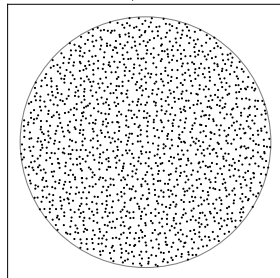
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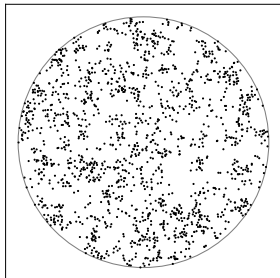


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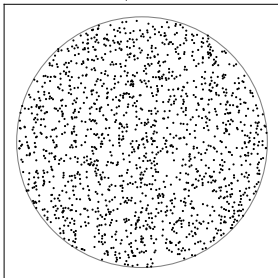
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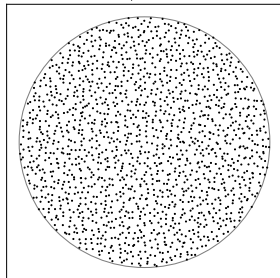
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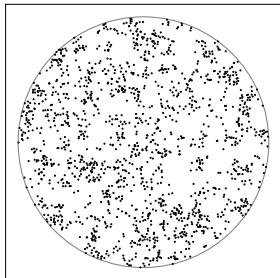
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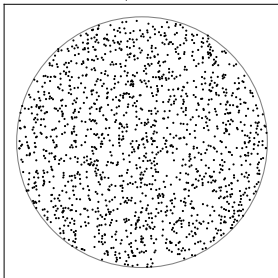
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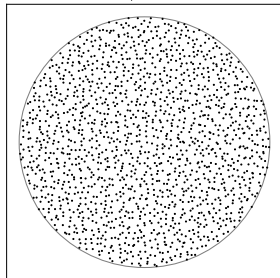
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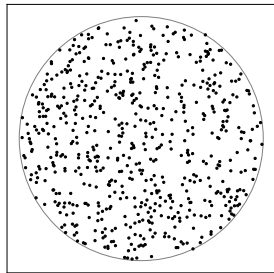
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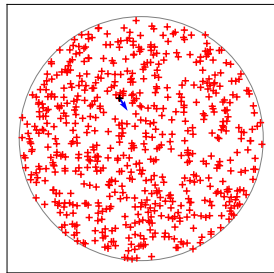


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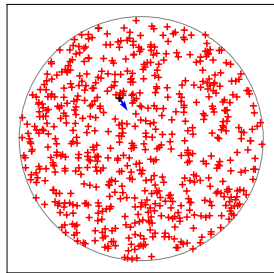
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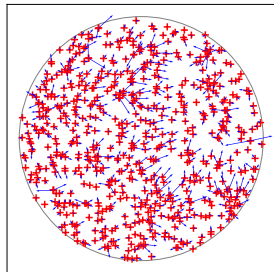
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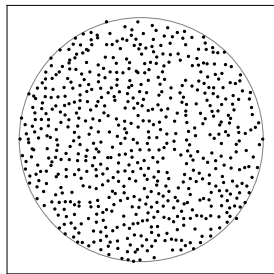
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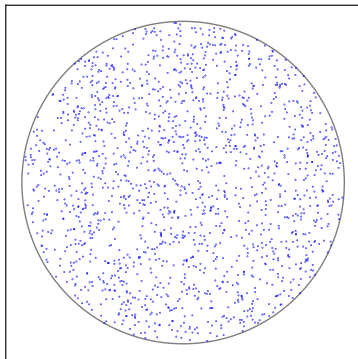
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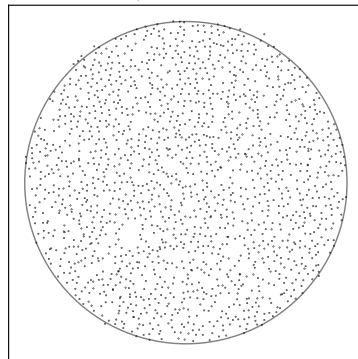
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Example

Poisson



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Proposition

For any two distinct points \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} of \mathbb{R}^d , the random vector $F_{\mathcal{P}}(\mathbf{x}) - F_{\mathcal{P}}(\mathbf{y})$ is continuous, i.e., for any $\mathbf{c} \in \mathbb{R}^d$,

$$\mathbb{P}(F_{\mathcal{P}}(\mathbf{x}) - F_{\mathcal{P}}(\mathbf{y}) = \mathbf{c}) = 0.$$

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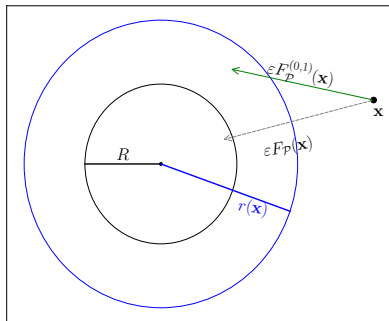
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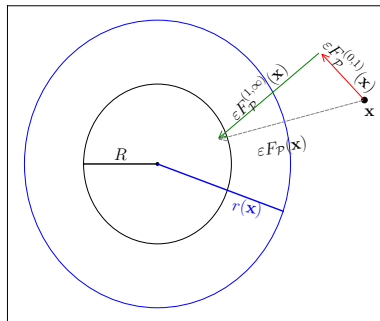
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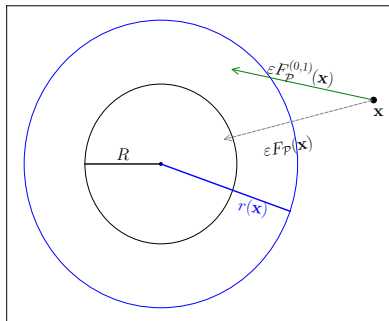
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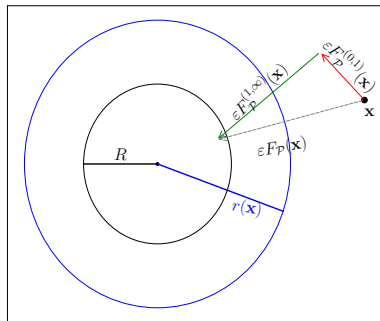
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 - 1 $\mathbf{x} + \varepsilon F_{\mathcal{P}}^{(0,1)}(\mathbf{x}) \in B(\mathbf{0}, r(\mathbf{x}))$.
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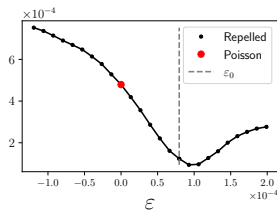
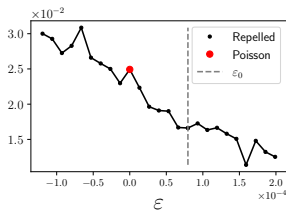
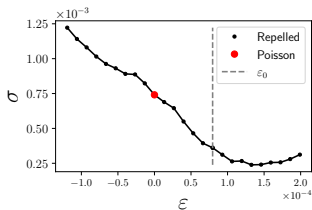
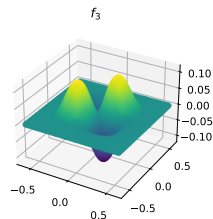
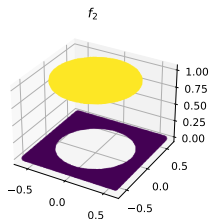
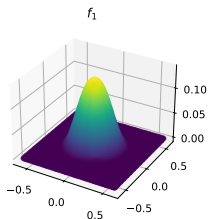
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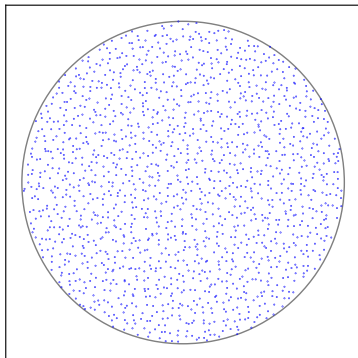
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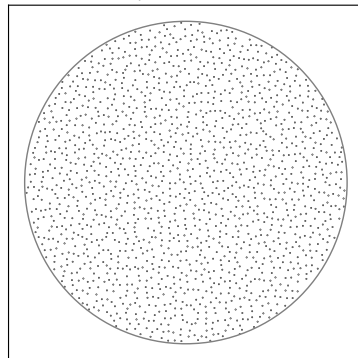
Variance for Poisson ($d = 3$)

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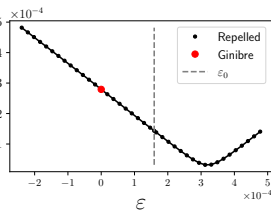
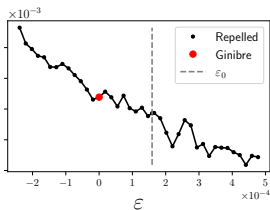
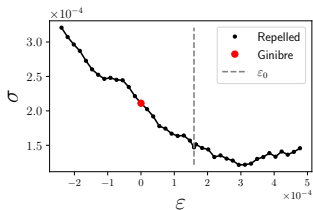
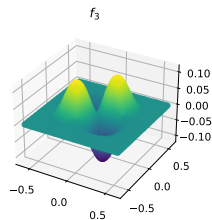
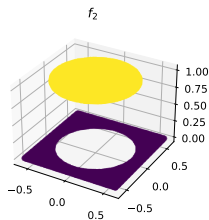
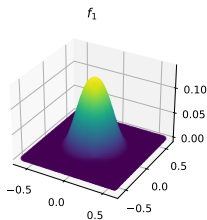
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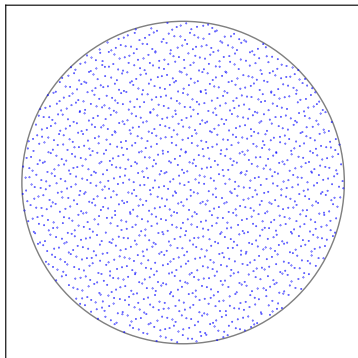
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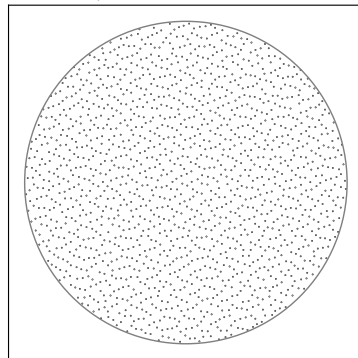
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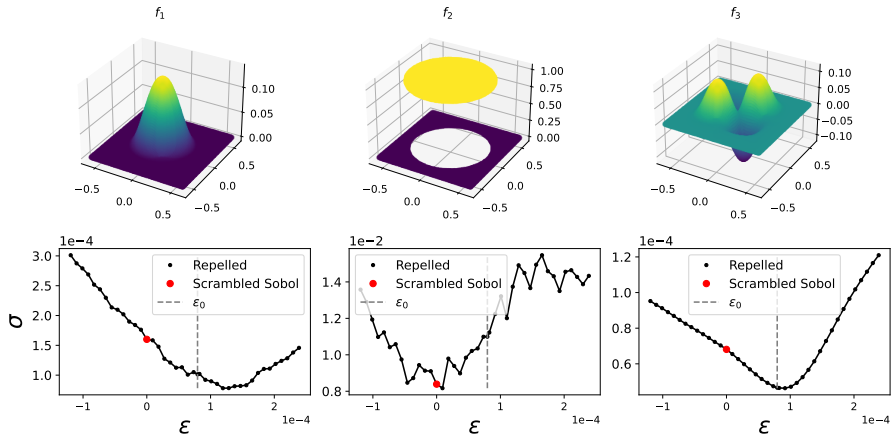
Scrambled Sobol



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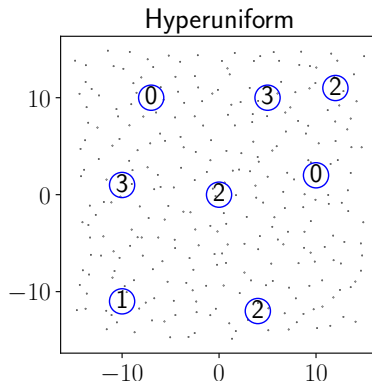
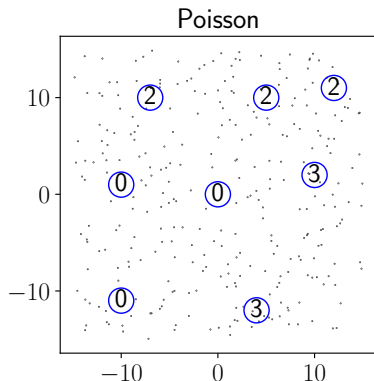
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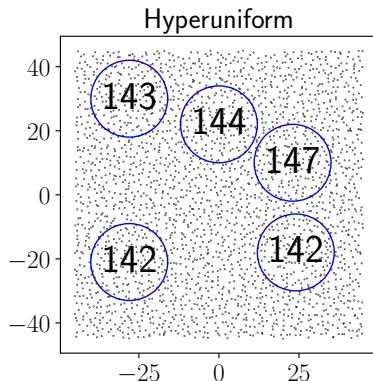
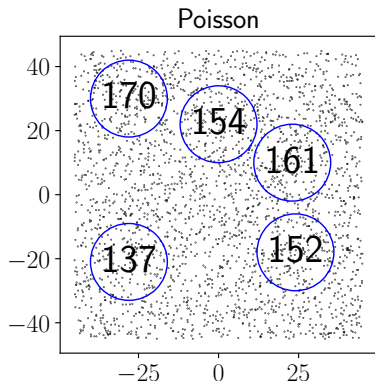
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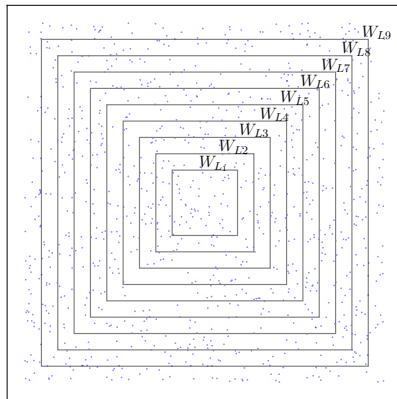
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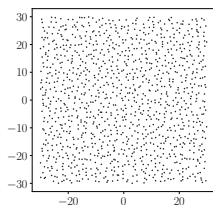
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- Asymptotic confidence interval of level ζ

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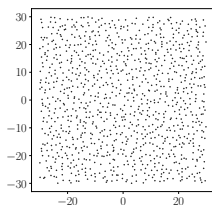
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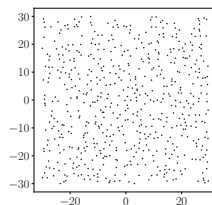
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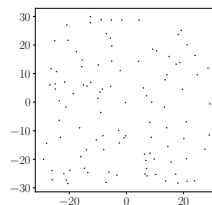
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