Pan-STARRS1: Completeness Masks for Clustering

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Outline

Brief revision of galaxy clustering
Selecting galaxies in Pan-STARRS
First clustering measurement
The need for completeness masks
Generating completeness masks

Galaxy Clustering

Galaxies aren't uniformly distributed in space
Simplest measure:

$$w(\theta) + 1 = N_{DD}(\theta) / N_{RR}(\theta)$$

 Measures density variations

 Roughly fit with a power law of slope ~-0.8

Image Credit: 2DFRGS Survey

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The Randoms



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Sample Selection

 Selection in apparent magnitude based on psphot (11/2011) Kron Magnitudes

Star/Galaxy separation based on conservative cut of EXT_NSIGMA > 10.0



Early Results



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Gama data from Christodoulou

Sample Selection – Mark 2

 Found clustered false detections when compared to DR8

 Mask out low coverage regions & mask area around bright stars



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Updated Clustering



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Detection Efficiency

- Depth varies across the image
- Adds extra terms to the correlation function
- Need to remove this
- Empirically infer the effect from data
- Or model detectability



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Use overlapping region to empirically relate an SNR like measurement to depth, apply to whole field

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Aside: Fake Image Server

- Extended sources
- Fake warped backgroundsPS1 psf

PSFAKE



The PS1 fake image server

| Home | Add Fakes to Real PS1 Images | New Fake Image | Job Queue | Logout |

Welcome

This tool adds fake sources to PS1 stacks. An example source file is available here

Add Fake Sources to a PS1 Stack



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Variance Maps Vs. Detections



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18<mag<20

Variance Maps vs. Detections



Variance Maps Vs. Detections



Results so Far



Modulate the Randoms



Conclusions & Further Work

- Measured angular clustering in SAS2
- Developed methods to avoid false positives
- Showed detection efficiency strongly depends on the variance
- Need to complete work on detection efficiency & correct randoms
- Need to properly separate between stars/galaxies & junk

Thanks For Listening!

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