

# Package ‘nhppp’

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**Title** Simulating Nonhomogeneous Poisson Point Processes

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**Description** Simulates events from one dimensional nonhomogeneous Poisson point processes (NH-PPPs) as per Trikalinos and Sereda (2024, <[doi:10.48550/arXiv.2402.00358](https://doi.org/10.48550/arXiv.2402.00358)> and 2024, <[doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0311311](https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0311311)>). Functions are based on three algorithms that provably sample from a target NHPPP: the time-transformation of a homogeneous Poisson process (of intensity one) via the inverse of the integrated intensity function (Cinlar E, ``Theory of stochastic processes" (1975, ISBN:0486497996)); the generation of a Poisson number of order statistics from a fixed density function; and the thinning of a majorizing NHPPP via an acceptance-rejection scheme (Lewis PAW, Shedler, GS (1979) <[doi:10.1002/nav.3800260304](https://doi.org/10.1002/nav.3800260304)>).

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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 <a href="#">loglinear</a> majorizer function: $\alpha + \beta * t$ or $\exp(\alpha + \beta * t)$
line_majorizer_slope	The slope beta of the <a href="#">loglinear</a> 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

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draw\_cumulative\_intensity

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

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### 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 <a href="#">loglinear</a> majorizer function: $\alpha + \beta * t$ or $\exp(\alpha + \beta * t)$
line_majorizer_slope	The slope beta of the <a href="#">loglinear</a> 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>
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**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>
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### 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))
```

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draw\_sc\_step\_regular *Sampling from NHPPs with piecewise constant intensities with same interval lengths (non-vectorized)*

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**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)
```



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ppp *Simulate a homogeneous Poisson Point Process in (t\_min, t\_max]*

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### 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)
```

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ppp\_exactly\_n *Simulate exactly n points from a homogeneous Poisson Point Process over (t\_min, t\_max]*

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### 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)
```

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ppp\_next\_n

*Simulate n events from a homogeneous Poisson Point Process.*

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**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	<b>[Deprecated]</b> 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</code> , <code>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</code> , <code>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>Lambda_lambda_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>Lambda_lambda_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

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`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*

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**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
)

```

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vdraw\_sc\_step\_regular *Vectorized sampling from NHPPs with piecewise constant intensities with same interval lengths*

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### 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 `(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

`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
)
```

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ztdraw\_cumulative\_intensity

*Simulate from a zero-truncated non homogeneous Poisson Point Process (zt-NHPPP) from  $(t_{min}, t_{max})$  (order statistics method)*

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**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



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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>
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**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)
```

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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>
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**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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