

Galton-Watson trees and Lévy trees.

I) Scaling limits and characterizations.

II) CRT tree.

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I) Scaling limits

① Galton-Watson process (Galton-Watson (1871).)

$$Z_0 = 1, \quad Z_{n+1} = \sum_{i=1}^{Z_n} Z_{i,n} \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

$\{Z_{i,n}, i \geq 1, n \geq 1\}$ i.i.d. $\stackrel{(d)}{\sim} \{p_k: k = 0, 1, 2, \dots\}$
offspring law.

Reference book: Athreya & Ney (1971)

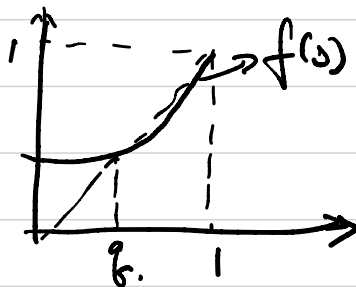
② Extinction probability.

• If $m := \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k P_k \leq 1$, then $P(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Z_n = 0) = 1$.

• If $m > 1$, then $P(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Z_n = \infty) = 1 - \underbrace{P(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Z_n = 0)}_{=q} > 0$.

$\uparrow$ is the minimum solution

of $s = f(s) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} s^k P_k$, $0 \leq s \leq 1$.



③ Galton-Watson tree

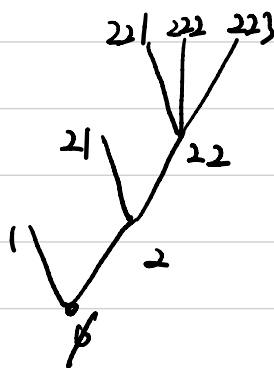
Nevai (1986): $\mathcal{W} = \bigcup_{n=0}^{\infty} (N^*)^{\otimes n}$ $N^* = \{1, 2, \dots\}$
 $(N^*)^{\otimes 0} = \emptyset.$

Def: A rooted ordered tree t is a subset of $\mathcal{W}$ such that.

i). $\emptyset \in t$

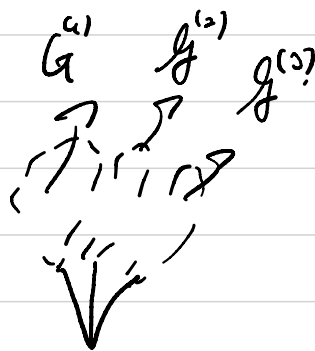
ii). $w \in t \setminus \{\emptyset\} \Rightarrow \pi(w) \in t$. $[w = (w_1, \dots, w_{k(w)}, w_n), \pi(w) = (w_1, \dots, w_{k(w)})]$

iii). $\forall w \in t$, $\exists$ a finite integer $k_w(t) \geq 0$. father of w .
such that. $0 \leq j \leq k_w(t) \Rightarrow w_j \in t$. $[k_w(t)$
= # of children of w .



$$\pi(223) = 22$$

$$k(22) = 3$$



g is a Galton-Watson tree : $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} P(k \neq g = n) = P_n, \quad n \geq 0 \\ P(g^{(i)} \in \cdot \mid k \neq g = k) = P(g \in \cdot) \\ i = 1, \dots, k \quad g^{(i)} = \text{shift } g. \end{array} \right.$

Ref: Le Gall (2006): Random trees and applications. Prob. Surveys. Vol 2.
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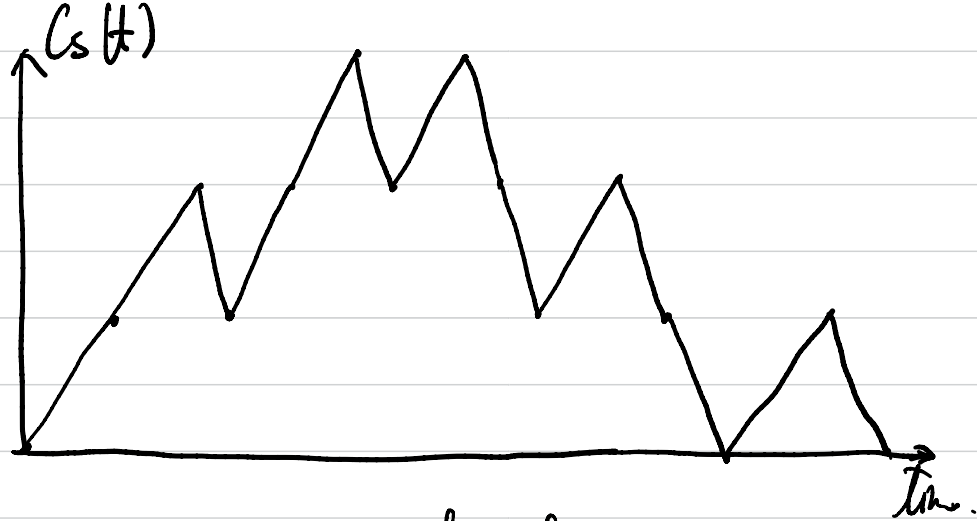
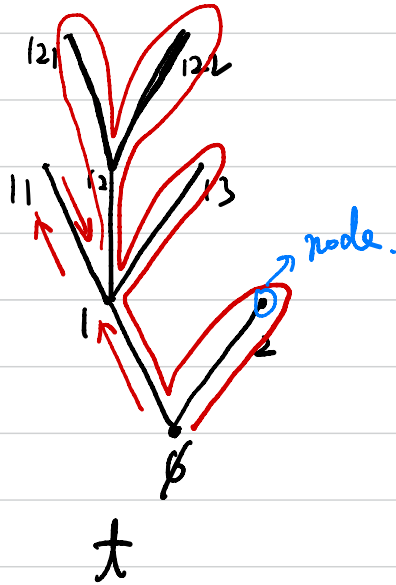
• If $\mathcal{G}$ is a GW tree with offspring law $\{P_k: k=0,1,\dots\}$

then $Z_n = \#\{w \in \mathcal{G} : |w| = n\}$ $|w| = k$ if $w = (w_1, \dots, w_k)$
height of w in $\mathcal{G}$.
is a GW process.

• For a fixed tree t , if $\mathcal{G}$ is a GW tree, then

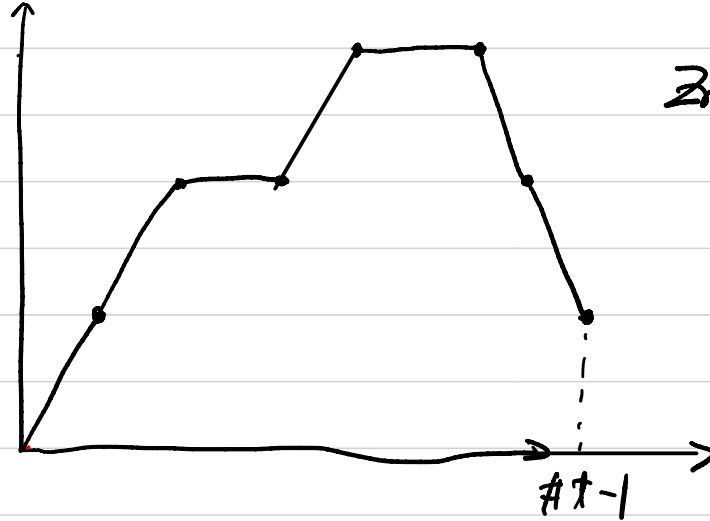
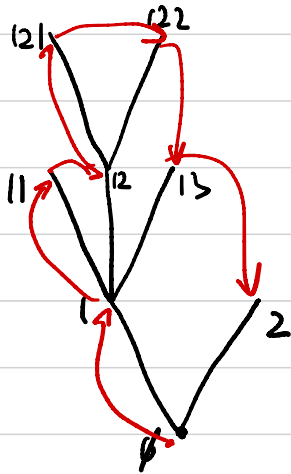
$$P(\mathcal{G} = t) = \prod_{w \in t} P_{k_w}(t).$$

④ Some functions contour function



Contour functions
 $\{C_s(t) : 0 \leq s \leq 2(\#t - 1)\}$
 $\#t = \# \text{ of nodes of } t$

Height function.

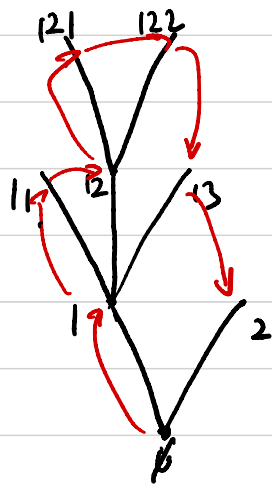


$$Z_n = \# \{ s \in \mathbb{Z}^+ : H_s = n \}$$

lexicographical order $\rightarrow$

Lukasiewicz path.

$$t \mapsto (k_{u_0}, k_{u_1}, \dots, k_{t-1}) =: (m_1, \dots, m_n) \quad X_n = \sum_{i=1}^n (m_i - 1) \quad X_\emptyset = 0$$



$$\vec{m} := (2, 3, 0, 2, 0, 0, 0, 0)$$

Prop. $V(k) = P_{k+1}, k = -1, 0, 1, 2, \dots$

$S_0 = 0, (S_n: n \geq 0)$ is a RW with step size $\{V(k): k = -1, 0, 1, \dots\}$

Then L-Path of a GW tree $\stackrel{d}{=} (S_0, S_1, \dots, S_T)$

$$T := \inf \{n \geq 1, S_n = -1\}$$

Prop: $L_t(n) = \# \{j \in \{0, \dots, n-1\} : x_j = \min_{j \leq k \leq n} x_k\}$

④ Scaling limits.

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} RW \Rightarrow \text{Lévy} \\ \text{GW process} \Rightarrow \text{CSBP} \\ \text{GW tree} \Rightarrow \text{Lévy tree} \end{array} \right.$

Ib)

$$\psi(\lambda) = 2\lambda + \beta\lambda^2 + \int_{(0,+\infty)} (e^{-\lambda r} - 1 + \lambda r) \pi(dr), \quad \lambda \geq 0.$$

$2 \in \mathbb{R}$, $\beta \geq 0$, $\pi(dr)$ is a σ -finite measure on $(-, +\infty)$ $\int r \wedge r^2 \pi(dr) < \infty$.

ψ -Lévy process: $E^x [e^{-\lambda X(t)}] = e^{t\psi(\lambda)}$, $t \geq 0, \lambda \geq 0$, $X(0) = 0$.

ψ -continuous state branching processes.

$$E[e^{-\lambda Y_t} | Y_0 = y] = e^{-y U_t(\lambda)}, \quad y > 0.$$

$$\frac{\partial U_t(\lambda)}{\partial t} = -\psi(U_t(\lambda)).$$

0) Scaling limit of GW processes. $\lambda > 0$.

• $\{P_k^{(n)} : k=0,1,2,\dots\}_{n \geq 1}$ prob measures

• $Y^{(n)} = (Y_k^{(n)})_{k \geq 0}$ be a GW process with $Y_0^{(n)} = \lfloor n\lambda \rfloor$

• $\nu^{(n)}\left(\frac{k+1}{n}\right) = P_k^{(n)}$, $k \geq 0$, prob. measure on $[0, \infty)$

• $(\gamma_n, n=1,2,\dots)$: a non-decreasing sequence of positive numbers.
 $\gamma_n \rightarrow \infty$

• Define. $G^{(n)}(\lambda) = n \cdot \gamma_n [g^{(n)}(e^{-\gamma_n}) - e^{-\gamma_n}]$.

$$g^{(n)}(s) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} s^k \cdot P_k^{(n)}.$$

A1). $G^{(n)}(\lambda) \rightarrow f(\lambda)$ uniformly on bounded interval

A2). $(\frac{1}{n} Y_{[t_n, t]}, t \geq 0) \xrightarrow{d} (Y_t^{f, g}, t \geq 0)$ $n \rightarrow \infty$

A3). $\exists$ a prob. measure ν on $[0, \infty)$ s.t.

$$(Y^{(n)})^{*[0, t_n]} \rightarrow \mu. \quad \text{and} \quad \int e^{-\lambda x} \nu(dx) = e^{f(\lambda)}$$

Prop. If $\int_0^\infty \frac{dx}{f(x)} < \infty$ and $\int_{(0, \varepsilon]} \frac{dx}{|f(x)|} = \infty$ for $\varepsilon > 0$.
 Grey (p > 0 or $\int_0^\infty \lambda \pi(d\lambda) < \infty$) $\rightarrow$ conservative

then (A1), (A2) and (A3) are equivalent.

See Theorem 3.4 in Grimvall (1974 b.p).

② Gg to lery trees/forest.

• $g^{(n)} : [nx] \text{ GW trees with offspring dist. } p^{(n)}$

• If $\sum k p_k^{(n)} \leq 1$, then define contour functions

$(C^{(n)}(t) : t \geq 0) = \text{concatenating of } (C_1^{(n)}(t), C_2^{(n)}(t), \dots ?$

Prop. If $\sum k p_k^{(n)} \leq 1$ and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} g_{[1/\gamma_n]}^{(n)}(0)^n > 0$,

then $(\frac{1}{\gamma_n} C^{(n)}(\gamma_n t), t \geq 0) \xrightarrow{d} H^{\hat{t}}$.

$(\frac{1}{\gamma_n} H^{(n)}(n \gamma_n t), t \geq 0) \xrightarrow{d} \text{height function}$

implies
Gg of excursion
tree

③ height function of the Lévy tree. [Grey and Conservatore]

• Recall $\{X(t): t \geq 0\}$ be the Lévy process with

$$\mathbb{E}[e^{-\lambda X(t)}] = e^{t\psi(\lambda)}, \quad X(0) = 0.$$

• $\forall t \geq 0$.

$$H_t = \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \int_0^t \mathbb{1}_{\{X_s < I_t^s + \varepsilon\}} ds.$$

$$I_t^s = \inf_{s \leq r \leq t} X_r.$$

Recall: $H_t(n) = \#\{j \in \{0, \dots, n-1\} : X_j = \inf_{j \leq l \leq n} X_l\}$

• If $\psi(\lambda) = \beta \lambda^2$, then H_t is a reflected BM.

④ tree and forest.

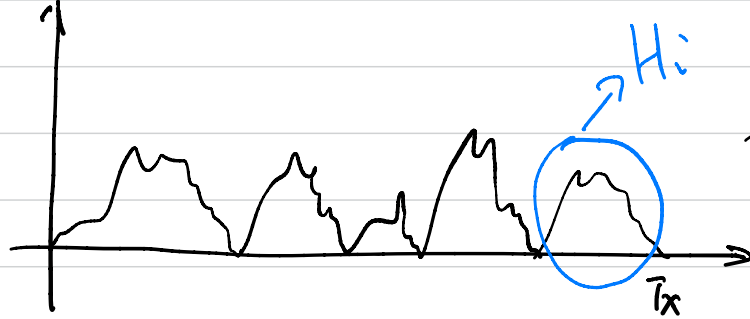
Boston: Lévy processes.

Let δ : Poisson process attached to M_k process

$X-I = \{X_t - \inf_{s \leq t} X_s\}$ is a strong Markov process with regular point 0.

$N^H[\cdot]$: excursion measure of $X-I/H$. ($N^H[dH]$)

$U(g_i, d_i) = \{s \geq 0, X_s - I_s \geq 0\} = \{s \geq 0: H_s > 0\}$ $\downarrow$
 σ -finite measure.



$\delta_{H_i}(dH)$

is a Poisson Random measure
 $\sim X \cdot N^H[dH]$.

⑥ local time and CSBP

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \mathbb{E} \left[\sup_{s \leq t} \left| \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \int_0^s dr \cdot \mathbb{1}_{\{a < H_r \leq a+\varepsilon\}} - L_s^a \right| \right] = 0$$

$$\text{and } \int_0^s g(H_r) dr = \int_{R_t} g(a) L_s^a da, \quad s \geq 0.$$

$$T_x = \inf \{ t \geq 0 : I_t \leq -x \} = \inf \{ s \geq 0 : X_s = -x \}$$

Then $\{Z_a = L_{T_x}^a, a \geq 0\}$ is a ψ -CSBP starting from x .

Assume $G_n^{(n)} \approx n r_n [g^{(n)}(e^{-r_n}) - e^{-r_n}] \rightarrow Y(x)$

and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(Y_{[n, \delta]}^{(n)} = 0) > 0, \forall \delta > 0.$

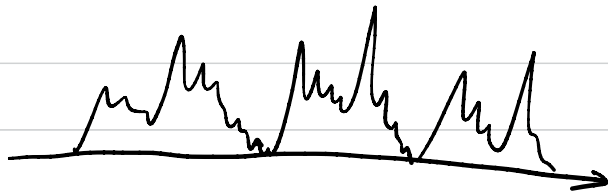
Then $\forall a > 0,$

$$P\left[\frac{1}{r_n} H^{(n)}(2nr_n t) \mid H(\underbrace{G^{(n)}}_{\downarrow}) > [ar_n]\right] \rightarrow N^Y[dH \mid H(\tau) > a]$$

a GW tree [NOT a sequence]

① metric space (T, d_H, m_T) $\rightarrow$ mass measure.

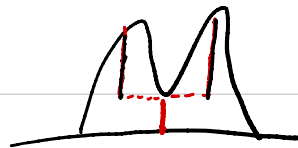
= mass measure
of Leb. meas.
under $f \rightarrow T_f$.
happy



γ -leg forest.

(T, d_{GH}) = tree space equipped Gromov-Hausdorff distance.

$$d_f(s, t) = f(s) + f(t) - 2 \inf_{\pi \in L(s, t)} g(\pi)$$



$$T_f = [0, +\infty) / \sim \quad \text{quotient space.}$$

$$[T_f, d_f) \text{ is an } \mathbb{R}\text{-tree.}$$

$$d_{GH}(T', T) = \inf \{ d_{Haus}(\psi(T), \psi(T')) \vee \delta(\psi(p), \psi(p')) \}$$



taken over all isometric embeddings

$$\psi: T \rightarrow E$$

(E, δ)

$$\psi': T' \rightarrow E.$$

Assume $G_n^{(\lambda)} \approx n r_n [g^{(n)}(e^{-\lambda_n}) - e^{-\lambda_n}] \rightarrow Y(\lambda)$

and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(Y_{[n, \delta]}^{(n)} = 0) > 0, \quad \forall \delta > 0.$

Then $\forall a > 0,$

$$P\left[\frac{1}{r_n} g^{(n)} \mid H(g^{(n)}) > [a r_n]\right] \rightarrow \underbrace{N^{\gamma}[d\tau \mid H(\tau) > a]}$$

meas measure of $N^{\gamma}[d\tau]$
under $H \rightsquigarrow T_H$

⑦ Degree of branchy point



• if $\int \frac{dn}{r} = a$ then $\deg = 3$ (only binary branchy points?)

if $\int \frac{dn}{r} > 0$, then $\deg \in \{3, +\infty\}$

• if $\deg$ of $v = +\infty$, then $\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{n(v, \varepsilon)}{v(\varepsilon)} = \exists = \text{jump size of } \chi$.

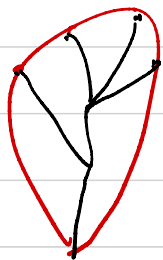
• v is determined by $\int_{r(a)}^{\infty} \frac{dn}{r} = a$.



• $n(v, \varepsilon) = \# \{T_v : H(T_v) > \varepsilon\}$

⑧ Poissonian sampling

Let $\Xi \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ be a PRM on $[0, \infty) \times \mathbb{R}^d$ with mass measure $\mu(dx)$.



$$\mathcal{T}_\lambda = \bigcup_{1 \leq i \leq \lambda} \mathcal{T}_i$$

is a continuous time GW trees under $N^d[\mathbb{R}^d / \mu(dx)]$

life time $\sim \exp(-\psi'(\psi^{-1}(\lambda)))$

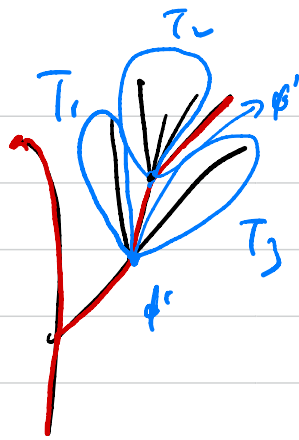
$$\text{offspring law} \sim g_{\psi, \lambda}(z) = z + \frac{\psi((1+z)\psi^{-1}(\lambda))}{\psi^{-1}(\lambda)\psi'(\psi^{-1}(\lambda))}$$

• Growth process. $\mathcal{T}_\lambda \xrightarrow{\lambda \rightarrow \infty} \gamma$ a.e.

⑨ Re construction.

Given $\mathcal{T}_\lambda$.

$$\mathcal{T} \setminus \mathcal{T}_\lambda = \{T_v\}$$



What is the distribution of $\{T_i\}$ [$T_i = T_i^0 \cup \{x_i\}$]

Prop. Under $N^Y[\cdot | \mu_\lambda \geq 1]$, conditionally on $\mathcal{T}_\lambda$.

τ is distributed as

$$\tilde{\mathcal{T}}_\lambda \otimes_{i \in \mathbb{I}} (\tau_i, x_i) \otimes_{x \in \text{Br}(\tilde{\mathcal{T}}_\lambda)} (\tau_x, x).$$

• $\tilde{\mathcal{T}}_\lambda \supseteq \mathcal{T}_\lambda$ $\hookrightarrow$ branching points of $\tilde{\mathcal{T}}_\lambda$.

• $\sum_{i \in \mathbb{I}} \delta(x_i, \tau_i)$ is a Poisson point measure on $\tilde{\mathcal{T}}_\lambda \times \mathbb{T}$ with intensity $\underbrace{\int \gamma_\lambda(x)}_{\text{length measure}} (dx) \times [2\beta N^Y[d\tau] + \int_0^\infty r\alpha(dr) p_r^Y(d\tau)]$

$$\gamma_y = \gamma(\cdot + y^*(\lambda)) - \lambda$$

" $\cdot$ " l.b. measure of arc.

• Conditionally on $\sum_{i \in I} \delta(x_i, T_i)$

$(T_x', x \in \text{Br}(\hat{f}_\lambda))$ are independent with $T_x' \stackrel{d}{=}$

$$\int_0^{+\infty} \Gamma_{\mu(x), \lambda}^x(dr) P_r^{\gamma_0}(d\tau)$$

$$\Gamma_{d, \lambda}^x(dr) = \mathbb{I}_{\{d=2\}} = \frac{2A}{\gamma''(\eta)} \cdot \delta_0(dr) + \frac{\gamma^d e^{-\gamma \eta}}{(\gamma^{(d)}(\eta))} \pi(dr)$$

$$\eta = \eta^r(\lambda).$$

Height function

For fixed t , $H_t = \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \cdot \int_0^t \mathbb{1}_{\{X_s \leq L_s^t + \varepsilon\}} ds$

For $t > 0$, $\hat{X}_s^t = X_{t-s} - X_{(t-s)-}$, $0 \leq s \leq t$, $\hat{X}_t^t = X_t$

$$\{\hat{X}_s^t, 0 \leq s \leq t\} \stackrel{d}{=} \{X_s, 0 \leq s \leq t\}$$

$$\hat{S}_s^t = \sup_{r \leq s} \hat{X}_r^t \quad \downarrow s \mapsto t-s.$$

$$\{s \in [0, t]: X_{s-} \leq \inf_{s \leq r \leq t} X_r\} \stackrel{d}{=} \{s \in [0, t]: \hat{S}_s^t = \hat{X}_s^t\}$$

$H_t = P_t(\hat{X}^t)$, $t \geq 0$

$\hookrightarrow$ local time at 0 up to time t .

