Stability of point process, regular variation and branching random walk

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Stability in a nutshell

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- Each individual in the n-th generation produce independently of each other and everything else.











Questions?

- The underlying tree is a Galton-Watson tree.
- Various assumptions on displacements and positions can be assumed.
- Questions of interest: If S_v denotes the position of a particle v then the behaviour as $n \to \infty$ of

$$N_n = \sum_{|v|=n} \delta_{a_n^{-1}(S_v - b_n)}.$$

 Position of the top most particle in the n-th generation and scaling limits.

How did it begin? and state of the art!

Branching Brownian motion (BBM):

- At time 0, particle at $0 \in \mathbb{R}$.
- Particle moves by a Brownian motion until for exponential time.
- After the step, particle splits into two. Repeat independently.

N(t) ~ e^{-t} number of particles in time t and positions be denoted by S₁(t), · · · , S_{N(t)}(t).



[Picture by Matt Roberts]

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, where *L* is superposable.

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- Non-boundary, heavy tails: Durrett (1979, 1983), Bhattacharya, H., Roy (2015, 2016), Bhattacharya, Maulik, Palmowski, Roy (2016+).

Assumptions on Branching Mechanism

- Underlying tree is a Galton-Watson tree.
- Z_n denotes the number of particles at n-th generation and μ := E(Z₁) ∈ (1,∞).
- We shall assume that $P(Z_1 = 0) = 0$ (no leaves).
- Using martingale convergence theorem,

$$rac{Z_n}{\mu^n} o W(\geq 0)$$
 almost surely.

Kesten-Stigum condition :

$$\mathsf{E}(Z_1 \log Z_1) < \infty \Leftrightarrow \mathsf{P}(W > 0) = 1.$$

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This convergence is introduced by Hult and Lindskog(2006) and have been extended by Das, Mitra, Resnick (2013), Lindskog, Resnick and Roy(2014).

First main result

Let us denote the random point process of the positions of the particles by

$$N_n = \sum_{|v|=n} \delta_{c_n^{-1} S_v}$$

where $c_n \approx \mu^{n/\alpha}$.

Theorem (Bhattacharya, H. and Roy (2016))

Under our assumptions, the random point configuration converges in distribution to the Cox cluster process N_* where

$$N_* \stackrel{d}{=} \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} \sum_{k=1}^{U_l} T_l^{(k)} \delta_{W^{1/\alpha} j_l^{(k)}}$$

Description of N_* : One Large Bunch Phenomenon



$$N_* \stackrel{d}{=} \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} \sum_{k=1}^{U_l} T_l^{(k)} \delta_{j_l^{(k)} W^{\frac{1}{\alpha}}}, \text{ where } \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} \delta_{\left(j_l^{(1)}, j_l^{(2)}, \dots\right)} \sim PRM(\mathbb{K}_0, \lambda)$$

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- This is an extension of main result of Durrett(1983).
- Extensions of point process result to multi-type in forth coming article by Bhattacharya, Maulik, Palmowski, Roy (2016+)

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