

Cost functionals for large random trees

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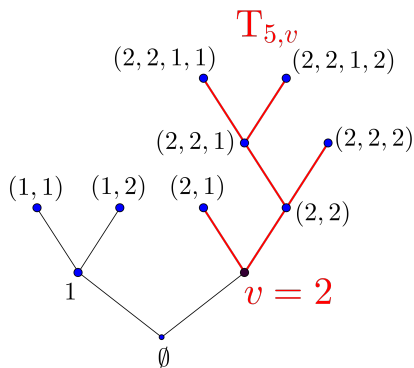
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Some notations for binary trees



- T_n rooted full binary ordered tree with n internal nodes
- $|T_n|$: the cardinal of T_n
- $L(T_n)$: the left-sub-tree of T_n
- $R(T_n)$: the right-sub-tree of T_n
- the sub-tree $T_{n,v}$ of T_n with root v

Figure: Binary trees with 5 internal nodes

Random binary trees

A **random binary tree** is a binary tree selected at random from some probability distribution on binary trees. We often used two models of probability:

- 1 **Catalan model:** random tree uniformly distributed among the full binary ordered trees with given number of internal nodes. In others words, the probability that a particular tree occurs is $\frac{1}{C_n}$ where C_n is the n^{th} Catalan number.
- 2 **Random permutation model:** binary search trees are recursive binary trees with keys associated with the internal nodes. The keys are given by a given random permutation of the numbers $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$. In the RPM model, each permutation is equally likely.

Comparison between the two models

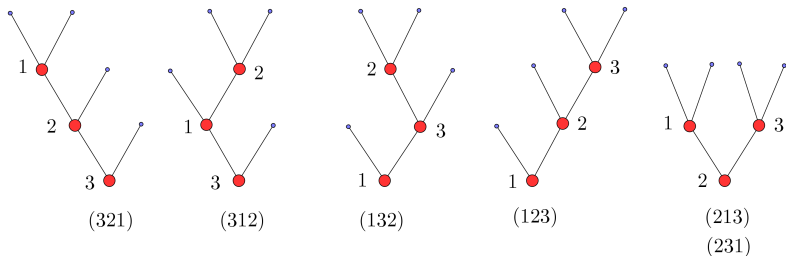


Figure: $C_3 = 5$ rooted full binary ordered trees with 3 internal nodes

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Definition of cost functionals

Additive functional

A functional F on binary trees is called an **additive functional** if it satisfies the following recurrence relation:

$$F(\mathbf{T}) = F(L(\mathbf{T})) + F(R(\mathbf{T})) + b_{|\mathbf{T}|}$$

for all trees \mathbf{T} such that $|\mathbf{T}| \geq 1$ and with $F(\emptyset) = 0$

Remark:

① $(b_n, n \geq 1)$ is called the **toll function**

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$$F(\mathbf{T}_n) = \sum_{v \in \mathbf{T}_n} b_{|\mathbf{T}_{n,v}|}$$

Some examples of additive functionals

Index	Total size	Total path length	Wiener index
Expression	$ \mathbb{T}_n $	$P(\mathbb{T}_n) = \sum_v d(\emptyset, v)$	$W(\mathbb{T}_n) = \sum_{u,v} d(u, v)$
Toll function	$b_n = 1$	$b_n = n$	$b_n = n$ and $b_n = n^2$
Additive functional	$\sum_v 1$	$P(\mathbb{T}_n) = \sum_v \mathbb{T}_{n,v} - \mathbb{T}_n $	$W(\mathbb{T}_n) = \frac{2 \mathbb{T}_n \sum_w \mathbb{T}_{n,w} }{2 \sum_w \mathbb{T}_{n,w} ^2} -$
Scaling factor		$ \mathbb{T}_n ^{-\frac{1}{2}}$	$ \mathbb{T}_n ^{-\frac{3}{2}}$
Asymptotics (a.s.)		$2 \int_0^1 e(s) ds$	$4 \int_0^1 e(s) ds - 4 \int_{[0,1]^2} ds dt m_e(s, t)$

Motivation (1)

Goal: study the asymptotics of cost functional with toll function of type $b_n = n^\beta$ for $\beta > 0$.

Question: For $\beta > 0$,

$$\underbrace{|\mathbb{T}_n|}_{\text{scaling factor}} \underbrace{\sum_{v \in \mathbb{T}_n} |\mathbb{T}_{n,v}|^\beta}_{\text{additive functional}} \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{} ?$$

- For $\beta > 0$, **Fill and Kapur** (2003) showed that this functional converges in distribution, after a suitable scaling, to a limit Z_β . The limit is characterized by its moments.
- **Fill and Janson** (2007) announced that for $\beta > \frac{1}{2}$, Z_β can be represented as a functional of the normalized Brownian excursion e .

Motivation (2)

- We study

$$\underbrace{|\mathbf{T}_n|^{-\frac{1}{2}}}_{\text{scaling factor}} \underbrace{\sum_{v \in \mathbf{T}_n} |\mathbf{T}_{n,v}| f\left(\frac{|\mathbf{T}_{n,v}|}{|\mathbf{T}_n|}\right)}_{\text{normalized additive functional}}$$

for f satisfying smooth conditions

- Aim:** derive an invariance principle for such tree functionals
- Model:** Catalan model

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Brownian tree associated to the normalized Brownian excursion

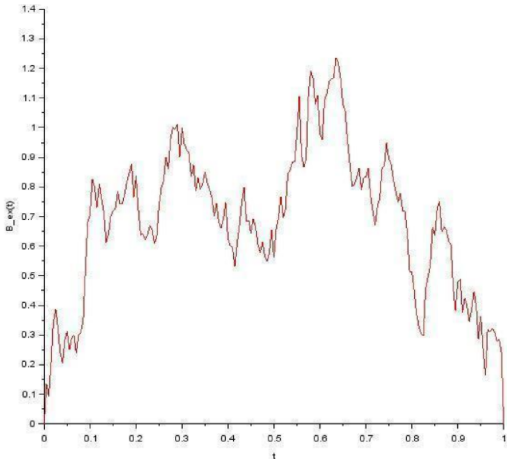
Let e be a **normalized Brownian excursion** on $[0, 1]$ i.e. a standard Brownian motion on $[0, 1]$ conditioned on being nonnegative on $[0, 1]$ and on taking the value 0 at 1.

For $s, t \in [0, 1]$, $s < t$, we define

$$d_e(s, t) = e(s) + e(t) - 2 \inf_{s < u < t} e(u)$$

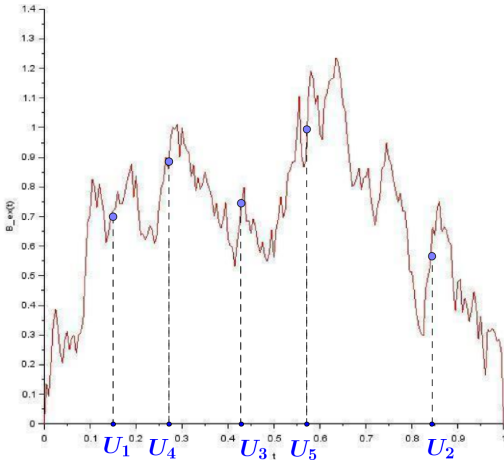
The **Browian tree** is defined as $\mathcal{T}_e = [0, 1] / \sim_e$ where $s \sim_e t \Leftrightarrow d_e(s, t) = 0$ and we let d_e be the induced distance on the quotient. We denote by \mathbf{p} the canonical projection from $[0, 1]$ to \mathcal{T}_e .

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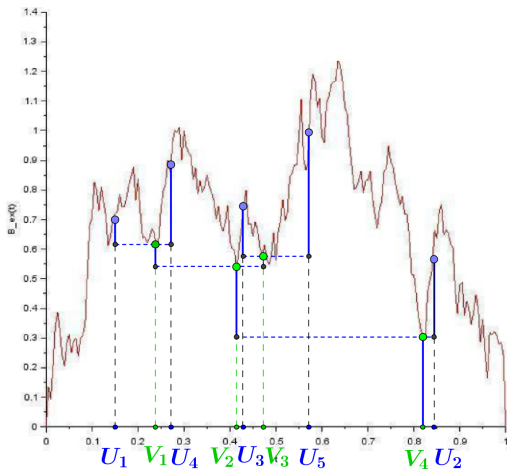
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- $(V_i)_{1 \leq i \leq 4}$ such that

$$e(V_i) = \min_{u \in [U_{(i)}, U_{(i+1)}]} e(u)$$

Natural embedding of binary trees into the Brownian excursion e (2)

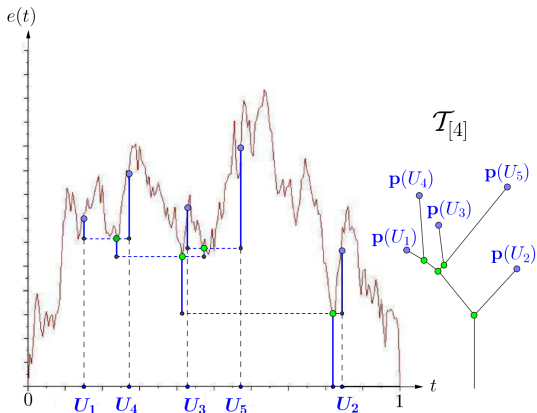


Figure: The Brownian excursion and $\mathcal{T}_{[n]}$ for $n = 4$

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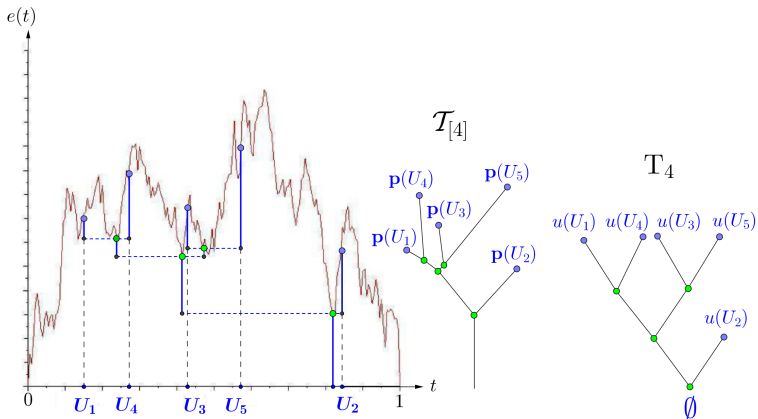
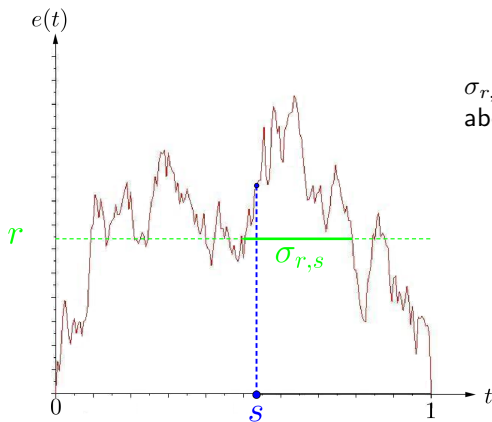


Figure: The Brownian excursion, $\mathcal{T}_{[n]}$ (for $n = 4$) and \mathcal{T}_n

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Length of a subexcursion



$\sigma_{r,s}$ = length of the excursion of e
above level r straddling s

$$\sigma_{r,s} = \int_0^1 dt \mathbf{1}_{\{\min_e(s,t) \geq r\}}$$

Invariance principle

Let

$$A_n(f) = |\mathbb{T}_n|^{-\frac{3}{2}} \sum_{v \in \mathbb{T}_n} |\mathbb{T}_{n,v}| f \left(\frac{|\mathbb{T}_{n,v}|}{|\mathbb{T}_n|} \right)$$

and

$$\Phi_e(f) = \int_0^1 ds \int_0^{e_s} dr f(\sigma_{r,s})$$

Theorem

A.s., $\forall f \in \mathcal{C}^0((0, 1])$ s.t. $\lim_{x \downarrow 0^+} x^a f(x) = 0$ for some $0 \leq a < \frac{1}{2}$, we have:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} A_n(f) = 2 \Phi_e(f)$$

Application for $f(x) = x^{\beta-1}$

For $\beta > 0$ and $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$, we set:

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Lemma

If $\beta > \frac{1}{2}$,

$$\text{a.s. } Z_\beta < +\infty \text{ and } \mathbb{E}[Z_\beta] < +\infty$$

Otherwise,

$$\text{a.s. } Z_\beta = +\infty$$

Fluctuations of the invariance principle

Theorem

Let $f \in \mathcal{C}([0, 1])$ be locally Lipschitz continuous on $(0, 1]$ with $\|x^a f'\|_{\text{esssup}} < +\infty$ for some $a \in (0, 1)$. We have

$$\left(\underbrace{|T_n|^{1/4}}_{\text{speed of CV}} (A_n - 2\Phi_e)(f), A_n \right) \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{\mathcal{L}} \left(\sqrt{2} \sqrt{\Phi_e(xf^2)} G, 2\Phi_e \right),$$

where $G \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$ and is independent of the excursion e

Results and ongoing work

- **Results:**
 - invariance principle for more general additive functional
 - recover some classical results on additive functional (e.g. total size, total path length ...)
 - fluctuations coming from the approximation of the branch lengths by their mean.
- **Ongoing work:** study asymmetric cost functionals depending on the cardinal of the left and right sub-tree of each nodes.

Thank you for your attention !