Totally Ordered Measured Trees and Splitting Trees with Infinite Variation

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The Model

Consider a population in which individuals live for a certain lifetime during which they reproduce at constant rate *b*. At each reproduction event only one offspring is produced. Assume that that the lifetimes of different individuals are independent and with law Λ .



Three associated branching processes

- ▶ $Z^c = (Z_t^c, t \ge 0)$: Z_t^c is the number of individuals alive at time t
- ▶ $Z^d = (Z_n^d, n \in \mathbb{N})$: Z_n^d size of the *n*-th generation.
- ▶ $Z^J = (Z_n^J, n \in \mathbb{N})$: Sum of lifetimes of individuals at generation *n*.



Extinction (or finitude) criteria

The genealogical or chronological trees are finite almost surely if and only if

$$m = b \int_0^\infty r \Lambda(dr) \le 1.$$
 $\begin{cases} m < 1 & ext{subcritical} \\ m = 1 & ext{critical} \\ m > 1 & ext{supercritical} \end{cases}$

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Theorem, Lambert (2010)

In the supercritical case, the contour of a Splitting Tree truncated at height r is a (spectrally positive) compound Poisson process with random initial state and jump distribution with law Λ , a jump rate of b, **reflected under** r and stopped upon reaching zero.

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First motivation

How can one describe the chronology in the case of continuum trees?

- What would be the link between a continuum splitting tree model and Lévy processes?
- Can one make sense and describe the associated genealogy?



The population has individuals of two types:

Prolific type Those who have descendants on every generation Non-prolific type Those who don't.



Figure: Left: the first 7 generations of an infinite plane tree. Generations increase from left to right. On each generation, labels (lexicographically) increase from bottom to top. (Hence, the tree is $\{\emptyset, 1, 2, 3, 11, 12, 21, 22, 31, 32, 33, \ldots\}$). Right: the prolific individuals are identified by black circles. Notice that the root has three subtrees above it: two finite ones and an infinite one.



Let $(Z_n^1, n \ge 0)$ be the quantity of prolific individuals in generation *n* of a supercritical Galton-Watson tree.

Let $(Z_n^2, n \ge 0)$ be the quantity of non-prolific individuals at generation n.

Classical Result

The process $((Z_n^1, Z_n^2), n \ge 0)$ is a two-type branching process.



Motivation 2:

Is there a continuum tree analogue of a two-type decomposition in a setting related to Lévy trees?

Preliminaries: The tree coded by a càdlàg function



$$d_x(t_1, t_2) = x_{t_1} + x_{t_2} - 2\min_{t \in [t_1, t_2]} x_t.$$

Fact: d_x is a pseudo-distance.

Let \sim_x be the equivalence relation defined by

 $t_1 \sim_x t_2$ if and only if $d_x(t_1, t_2) = 0$

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and define τ_x to be the set of equivalence classes. ρ_x is the class of ζ . **Fact:** (τ_x, d_x, ρ_x) is a compact rooted real tree.

Jean-François Le Gall, Random real trees, Ann. Fac. Sci. Toulouse Math. (6) 15 (2006), no. 1, 35–62. MR: 2225746 Thomas Duquesne, The coding of compact real trees by real valued functions, http://arxiv.org/abs/math/0604106, 2008

Real trees

Definition

An \mathbb{R} -tree (or real tree) is a metric space (τ, d) satisfying the following properties:

Completeness (τ, d) is complete.

Existence of geodesics For all $\sigma_1, \sigma_2 \in \tau$ there exists a unique isometric embedding

 $\phi_{\sigma_1,\sigma_2}: [0, d(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)] \to \tau$

such that $\phi(0) = \sigma_1$ and $\phi(d(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)) = \sigma_2$.

Lack of loops For every injective continuous mapping $\phi : [0,1] \to \tau$ such that $\phi(0) = \sigma_1$ and $\phi(1) = \sigma_2$, the image of [0,1] under ϕ equals the image of $[0, d(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)]$ under $\phi_{\sigma_1, \sigma_2}$.

A triple (τ, d, ρ) consisting of a real tree (τ, d) and a distinguished element $\rho \in \tau$ is called a **rooted tree**.

A. W. M. Dress and W. F. Terhalle, The real tree, Adv. Math. 120 (1996), no. 2, 283–301. MR: 1397084 Steven N. Evans, Jim Pitman, and Anita Winter, Rayleigh processes, real trees, and root growth with re-grafting, Probab. Theory Related Fields 134 (2006), no. 1, 81–126. MR: 2221786

Genealogical partial order

If (τ, d, ρ) is a rooted tree and $\sigma_1, \sigma_2 \in \rho$, we define the **closed interval** $[\sigma_1, \sigma_2]$ to be the image of $[0, d(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)]$ under $\phi_{\sigma_1, \sigma_2}$.

We can now define the genealogical partial order \preceq by stating that

$$\sigma_1 \preceq \sigma_2$$
 if and only if $\sigma_1 \in [\rho, \sigma_2]$.

Because a tree has no loops, there is a unique element, denoted $\sigma_1 \wedge \sigma_2$ such that

$$[\rho, \sigma_1] \cap [\rho, \sigma_2] = [\rho, \sigma_1 \wedge \sigma_2].$$

Totally Ordered Measured (TOM) trees

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A totally ordered real tree is called **measured** if there exists a measure μ on the Borel sets of τ satisfying:

Mes1 for every σ (that is not the \leq -first element of $\tau)$ and every h> 0,

 $\mu(\{\tilde{\sigma} \leq \sigma : d(\rho, \tilde{\sigma}) \leq h + d(\rho, \sigma)\}) \in (0, \infty).$



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$$\mathbf{c} = \left(\left(\tau, \mathbf{d}, \rho \right), \leq, \mu \right).$$

We will be exclusively interested in locally compact TOM trees. In the compact case, μ is finite.

The exploration process and the contour

Theorem

Let **c** be a compact TOM tree and let $m = \mu(\tau)$. There is a unique càdlàg function $f_{\mathbf{c}} : [0, m] \to [0, \infty)$ with no negative jumps such that the tree coded by $f_{\mathbf{c}}$ is isomorphic to **c**.

The function f_c is called the **contour** of the tree.

The function that sends t to $[t]_f$ is called the **exploration** process.



Amaury Lambert and Gerónimo Uribe Bravo, Totally ordered measured trees and splitting trees with infinite variation, arXiv:1607.02114

Topological remarks on the set(!) of compact TOM trees

Distance between compact TOM trees c_1 and c_2 in terms of the distance of their contours f_1 and f_2 :

Suppose that the supports of f_i is $[0, m_i]$ and that $m_1 < m_2$, say.

First extend f_1 to $[0, m_2]$ by declaring it constant on $[m_1, m_2]$. We then define

$$d(\mathbf{c}_1,\mathbf{c}_2) = d_{m_2}(f_1,f_2) + |m_2 - m_1|,$$

where d_{m_2} is the Skorohod J_1 distance on $[0, m_2]$ defined as

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$$\mathbf{c_n} = ((\tau_n, d_n, \rho_n), \leq_n, \mu_n) \rightarrow \mathbf{c} \text{ implies } ((\tau_n, d_n, \rho_n), \mu_n) \rightarrow ((\tau, d, \rho), \mu)$$

in the Gromov-Hausdorff-Prokhorod topology:

$$d_{GHP}(((\tau_1, d_1, \rho_1), \mu_1), ((\tau_n, d_n, \rho_n), \mu_n)) \\ = \inf_{\phi_1, \phi_2, \tau} \left[d_H^{\tau}(\phi_1(\tau_1), \phi_2(\tau_2)) + d^{\tau}(\phi_1(\rho_1), \phi_2(\rho_2)) + d_P^{\tau}(\mu_1 \circ \phi_1^{-1}, \mu_2 \circ \phi_2^{-1}) \right]$$

Compact TOM trees with the splitting property

Let $X = (X_t, t \ge 0)$ be a Lévy process with no negative jumps (spLp) and Laplace exponent Ψ :

$$\mathbb{E}(e^{-uX_t})=e^{-t\Psi(u)}$$

Recall that if $\underline{X}_t = \min_{s \le t} X_s$ then $X - \underline{X}$ is a strong Markov process. If

$$\Psi'(0+) = -\mathbb{E}(X_1) \geq 0$$

then $X_t \to -\infty$ as $t \to \infty$ or X oscilates and so $X - \underline{X}$ is recurrent. Let *n* be the law of excursions of $X - \underline{X}$ away from zero. Let $\mathbf{C} = ((\tau_X, d_X, \rho_X), \leq, \mu)$ be the tree coded by X under *n*.



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C has sojourn **a** if
$$\mu([\rho, \sigma]) = a d(\rho, \sigma)$$
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Theorem

Under *n*, **C** has the following splitting property: for any t > 0 and on the set $\{\mu(\tau_X)\} > t$, the trees coming off to the right of $[\rho, \Phi(t)]$ fall according to a Poisson random measure with intensity Leb $\times n$. Also, almost surely, **C** has sojourn $a = \lim_{\lambda \to \infty} \lambda / \Psi(\lambda)$. Conversely, if *n* is a σ -finite measure on compact TOM trees with the splitting property, concentrated on binary trees with sojourn *a*, the law of the contour is the excursion law of a Lévy process which does not drift to infinity above its cumulative minimum process.

Construction of locally compact TOM trees

Truncation

Fix a truncation level r.

$$\begin{split} \tau \text{ goes to} \\ \tau^r &= \{ \sigma \in \tau : d(\sigma, \rho) \leq r \}. \\ f_r &= f \circ C_r \text{ where } C^r \text{ is the inverse} \\ \text{of } \int_0^{\cdot} \mathbf{1}_{f(s) \leq r} \, ds. \end{split}$$

Compatibility under truncation

A sequence (τ_n) is compatible under pruning if for some levels $r_n \to \infty$, $\tau_n = \tau_{n+1}^{r_n}$.

Proposition

There exists a unique locally compact TOM tree τ such that $\tau^{r_n} = \tau_n$.

Pruning

Select $B \subset \tau$ and let

$$\tilde{B} = \{ \sigma \in \tau : \sigma \preceq \tilde{\sigma} \text{ for some } \tilde{\sigma} \in B \}$$

Let $\tau^B = \tau \setminus \tilde{B}$. $f^B = f \circ C^B$ where C^B is the inverse of Leb $\left\{ s \leq \cdot : [s] \in \tilde{B}_n \right\}$.

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A sequence (τ_n) is compatible under pruning if there exists $B_n \subset \tau_{n+1}$ such that $\tau_{n+1}^{B_n} = \tau_n$.

Proposition

If $\inf \{d(\sigma, \rho) : \sigma \in B_n\} \to \infty$, there exists a unique locally compact TOM tree τ such that every τ_n is the pruning of τ .

Locally Compact Splitting trees

Let $X = (X_t, t \ge 0)$ be a supercritical (possibly killed) Lévy process with no negative jumps (spLp) and Laplace exponent Ψ

$$\begin{split} \mathbb{E} \big(e^{-uX_t} \big) &= e^{-t\Psi(u)} \quad b = \sup \left\{ \lambda \geq 0 : \Psi(\lambda) = 0 \right\} \quad \text{supercritical: } \mathbf{b} > \mathbf{0}. \\ \Psi^{\#}(\lambda) &= \Psi(\lambda + b) \end{split}$$

Measure on excursions *n* Excursion measure of *X* above its cumulative minimum process:

$$n = n^{\#} + b\mathbb{P}^{\rightarrow}$$

Measure on bounded and finite excursions n^r

$$n^r = n^{\#,r} + b\mathbb{Q}^{\to,r}$$

where $q^{\rightarrow,r}$ is the concatenation of $\mathbb{P}^{\rightarrow,r}$ and independent copies of \mathbb{P}_r^r until one reaches zero.

Measure on compact TOM trees η^r Law of tree under n^r . **Proposition:** $(\eta^r, r \ge 0)$ are consistent under truncation.

Locally Compact Splitting trees

Theorem

There exists a unique measure η^{Ψ} on locally compact TOM trees whose truncation at level *r* equals η^r .

The measure η^{Ψ} satisfies the splitting property, is concentrated on binary trees, has constant sojourn

$$a = \lim_{\lambda o \infty} rac{\lambda}{\Psi(\lambda)},$$

and assigns finite measure to non-compact TOM trees. η^{Ψ} charges non-compact trees if and only if Ψ is supercritical.

Conversely, if a non-zero measure κ on locally compact TOM trees has the splitting property, is concentrated on binary trees and there exists $a \geq 0$ such that under κ the tree has sojourn a almost everywhere, then there exists a spectrally positive Lévy process with Laplace exponent Ψ such that $\kappa = \eta^{\Psi}$.

Infinite lines of descent

Infinite line of descent

An infinite line of descent is an isometry from $[0,\infty)$ into a real tree τ .

Proposition

On a locally compact TOM tree $\tau,$ let

 $\mathscr{I} = \{ \sigma \in \tau : \sigma \text{ has an infinite line of descent} \}.$

Then: $\mathscr{I} = \emptyset$ if and only if τ is compact.

Otherwise: there exists a plane tree τ_I and a collection of infinite lines of descent $(I_u : u \in \tau_I)$ such that

- 1. $\bigcup_{u \in \tau_l} I_u([0,\infty)) = \mathscr{I}$
- 2. $I_u \cap I_v = \emptyset$ unless $u = \pi(v)$, in which case the only common point is $I_v(0)$.



Yule tree decomposition

Theorem

Let Ψ be the Laplace exponent of a spLp drifting to ∞ . Let *b* be the largest root of Ψ and define $\Psi^{\#}(\lambda) = \Psi(\lambda + b)$. Let Υ be the law of the projective limit of: the concatenation of a Ψ -Lévy process conditioned to stay positive time-changed to remain below *r* followed by a $\Psi^{\#}$ -Lévy process started at *r*, time-changed to remain below *r* and killed when it reaches zero.

Then the law η^{Ψ} of the splitting tree associated to Ψ decomposes as:

$$\eta^{\Psi} = \eta^{\Psi^{\#}} + b\Upsilon_{\text{tree}}.$$

The measure Υ_{tree} is obtained recursively from the law $\Upsilon:$

- ▶ On a tree T_{\emptyset} with law Υ , graft iid trees T_1, T_2, \ldots , (law Υ) at rate b
- ▶ Repeat the procedure on each of the grafted trees.... and so on.

Corollary

The tree of infinite lines of descent is a Yule tree.

The genealogy of a splitting tree



 H_t^n = generation of the individual visited at time t.

Codes the genealogy associated to the chronological tree. For general Lévy processes X, let Z stand for X or for X^r :

$$H_t = \lim_{\varepsilon \to 0} \frac{\#\text{Trees to the left of } [0, \phi(t)] \text{ of measure } > \varepsilon}{n(\text{Measure } > \varepsilon)}$$

Theorem (Duquesne-Le Gall)

For subcritical Lévy processes satisfying Grey's condition $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} 1/\Psi(u) \ du < \infty$, the height process H admits a continuous modification.

Thomas Duquesne and Jean-François Le Gall, Random trees, Lévy processes and spatial branching processes, Astérisque (2002), no. 281, vi+147. MR: 1954248

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The genealogy of a splitting tree

Theorem

For any Lévy process satisfying Grey's condition $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} 1/\Psi(u) \, du < \infty$, the height process H under n^r admits a continuous modification. These height processes code trees compatible under pruning.

The genealogy of a splitting tree

 $Z_a^1 = \# \{ \sigma \in \Gamma : \sigma \text{ has an infinite line of descent and } d(\sigma, \rho) = a \}.$

Theorem

Under γ^{lc} , the process Z^1 is a non-decreasing branching process with values in \mathbb{N} and jumps in $\{1, 2, \ldots\}$ which starts at 1.

Jump rate b

jump distribution determined by

$$\mathbb{P}igl(\Delta Z_{T_1}^1=kigr)=rac{1}{\Phi^{\uparrow}(b)}\left[\mathbf{1}_{k=1}eta b+\int_0^\inftyrac{(bx)^{k+1}}{(k+1)!}e^{-bx}\,\pi(dx)
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onumber \ \Phi^{\uparrow}(eta)=eta b+\int_0^\infty(1-e^{-by}-bye^{-by})\,\pi(dy)\,.$$

 $\mathsf{A}\mapsto \mu(\{\sigma\in\tau:\mathsf{d}(\sigma,\rho)\in\mathsf{A}\})$

admits a càdlàg density Z^2 . Finally, the process $Z = (Z^1, Z^2)$ is a two-type branching process with values in $\mathbb{N} \times [0, \infty)$ started at (1, 0).

On the two-dimensional branching process

 Z^2 does not influence the behavior of Z^1

$$X^1=ig(X^{1,1},X^{1,2}ig)$$
 and X^2

(with values in $\mathbb{N} \times [0,\infty)$ and \mathbb{R} respectively)

$$Z_t^1 = 1 + X_{\int_0^t Z_s^1 \, ds}^{1,1} \qquad \qquad Z_t^2 = X_{\int_0^t Z_s^2 \, ds}^2 + X_{\int_0^t Z_s^1 \, ds}^{1,2}.$$

if Z starts at (k, x) then,

$$Z_t \approx X_t^{k,x} = (k + X_{kt}^{1,1}, x + X_{xt}^2 + X_{kt}^{1,1}) \quad t \to 0.$$

$$\Psi^1(\lambda_1,\lambda_2) = -\log \mathbb{E}\Big(e^{-\lambda_1 X_1^{1,1} - \lambda_2 X_1^{1,2}}\Big) \quad \text{and} \quad \Psi^2(\lambda) = -\log \mathbb{E}\Big(e^{-\lambda X_t^2}\Big)$$

$$\begin{split} \Psi^2 &= \Psi^{\#} \\ X^1 \text{ has drift coefficient } (0,b) \\ \pi^1(dx,dk) &= \beta \, \delta_{(1,0)}(dk,dx) + \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \delta_l(dk) \, \pi(dx) \, e^{-bx} \frac{(bx)^{l+1}}{(l+1)!}. \\ \text{M. Emilia Caballero, José Luis Pérez Garmendia, and Gerónimo Uribe Bravo, Affine processes on $\mathbb{R}^m_+ \times \mathbb{R}^n$ and multiparameter time changes, arXiv e-prints (2015). To appear in Ann. Inst. H. Poincaré$$