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Introduction

















































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Vivid field:

- many tools (martingales, analytic combinatorics, contraction, stochastic approximation, ...),
- many experts (see above, and more),
- many challenges: more colors, subset samplings, non tenable (non trivial positivity constraint), non time homogeneous, ...

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 for every odd step, and replacement matrix $M_2 := \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ for every even step.

Caveat: different from multidrawing models

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Many known distributions for (non-periodic) urn models



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Some examples with red $\alpha = 0.5$, blue $\alpha = 1$, and green $\alpha = 2$:



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Half-normal for $\alpha = 1$

This talk!

[Janson 2010]: area of the supremum process of the Brownian motion

- [Peköz, Röllin, Ross 2016]: preferential attachments in graphs
- [Khodabin, Ahmadabadi 2010]: generalization of special functions

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0.8 0.6 0.4 0.2 0 i 2 3 4 Density: $f(x; 1, 3) = \frac{3 e^{-x^3}}{\Gamma(1/3)}$

uniform distribution

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Moreover, they satisfy linear differential equations, i.e., they are D-finite.

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The support of the distribution plays a role. There is a unique distribution with such moments if the Carleman's condition holds:

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with $\delta = p/(p+\ell)$, and where $\text{Beta}(b_0, w_0)$ is the law with support [0, 1] and density $\frac{\Gamma(b_0+w_0)}{\Gamma(b_0)\Gamma(w_0)} x^{b_0-1}(1-x)^{w_0-1}.$

Young Tableaux

Limiting objects

Classical dream: universality via limiting objects for combinatorial stuctures:

- Dyck paths ~→ Brownian motion (Bachelier, Einstein)
- Trees ~→ Continuous random trees (Aldous)
- Domino tilings ~→ Gaussian Free Field (Kenyon)
- Planar maps ~→ Brownian map (Marckert, Mokkadem: existence, Le Gall: triangulations, Miermont: quadrangulations)
- Self-avoiding processes ~→ SLE (Schramm, Lawler, Werner)
- Young tableaux \rightsquigarrow ?
 - Fluctuations in the corners of rectangular shapes: Gaussian
 - Fluctuations along the edge of square shapes: Tracy–Widom limit law

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Periodic Pólya urns | Young Tableaux

Random Young Tableaux as Random Surfaces

400







200

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Key result

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$$1+X_n\stackrel{\mathcal{L}}{=} E_{\mathcal{T}}(v_{n\ell}).$$





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The general result for Pólya urns

Theorem (The product generalized gamma distribution for balanced periodic triangular urns)

Let $p \ge 1$ and $\ell_1, \ldots, \ell_p \ge 0$ be non-negative integers. Consider a periodic Pólya urn of period p with replacement matrices M_1, \ldots, M_p given by

$$M_j := egin{pmatrix} 1 & \ell_j \ 0 & 1+\ell_j \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then, the renormalized distribution of black balls is asymptotically for $n \to \infty$ given by the following product of independent distributions:

$$\frac{p^{\delta}}{p+\ell} \frac{B_n}{n^{\delta}} \xrightarrow{\mathcal{L}} \operatorname{Beta}(b_0, w_0) \prod_{\substack{i=1, \\ i\neq \ell_1+\dots+\ell_j+j \text{ with } 1\leq j\leq p-1}}^{p+\ell-1} \operatorname{GenGamma}(b_0+w_0+i, p+\ell).$$
with $\ell = \ell_1 + \dots + \ell_p$, $\delta = p/(p+\ell)$, and $\operatorname{Beta}(b_0, w_0) = 1$ when $w_0 = 0$.

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