## Phase transitions of composition schemes: Mittag-Leffler and mixed Poisson distributions AEC Conference (TU Wien)

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#### Examples:

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Limit law of  $X_n$  related to certain distributions:

- $\lambda_H < 0$ : scheme *not* critical as H(z) diverges at  $z = \rho_H$ (called supercritical, typically Gaussian)
- $0 < \lambda_H < 1$ : generalized Mittag-Leffler distribution (this talk!)  $(\lambda_H = 1/2, M(z) = 1$ : Rayleigh distribution)

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**Profile:** Number of  $\mathcal{H}$ -components of given size *j* Let  $H(z) = \sum_{n \ge 0} h_j z^n$  and define the discrete random variable  $X_{n,j}$ :

$$\mathbb{P}\{X_{n,j}=k\}=\frac{[z^nv^k]F_j(z,v)}{[z^n]F_j(z,1)}$$

•  $X_{n,j}$  naturally refines  $X_n$ :

$$\sum_{j\in\mathbb{N}}X_{n,j}=X_n.$$

leads to mixed Poisson distributions (also in this talk!)

# Main results

## Three different regimes

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In a pure critical composition scheme

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the core size  $X_n$  converges in distribution and moments to a beta-Mittag-Leffler:

$$\frac{X_n}{\kappa \cdot n^{\lambda_H}} \xrightarrow{d} \mathsf{BML}(\alpha, \theta, \beta),$$

where  $\alpha = \lambda_H$ ,  $\theta = -\lambda_G \lambda_H$ ,  $\beta = -\min(0, \lambda_M)$ ,  $\kappa = \frac{\tau_H}{-c_H}$ .

Moreover, we have a local limit theorem  $\mathbb{P}\{X_n = x \cdot \kappa n^{\lambda_H}\} \sim \frac{1}{\kappa n^{\lambda_H}} \cdot f(x)$ .

## The three different regimes



Bimodal case for confluent scheme:

- **1** first mode: small *k* (discrete Boltzmann)
- **2** second mode: larger  $k \approx n^{\lambda_H}$  (continuous Mittag-Leffler)

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3  $j \gg n^{\frac{\lambda_H}{1+\lambda_H}}$ : we have  $\xi_{n,j} \to 0$  and  $X_{n,j}$  converges to a Dirac distr. at 0.

## Universal phase transition for the profile



**1** For large *n* there are many small  $(j \ll n^{\frac{\lambda_H}{1+\lambda_H}})$ , some giant  $(j \sim rn^{\frac{\lambda_H}{1+\lambda_H}})$ , and no super-giant  $(j \gg n^{\frac{\lambda_H}{1+\lambda_H}})$   $\mathcal{H}$ -components of size *j*.

2 Universality of the window  $\Theta(n^{1/3})$ : ubiquitous square-root behaviour  $(\lambda_H = \frac{1}{2})$  $\Rightarrow$  universality of the window  $j = \Theta(n^{\frac{\lambda_H}{1+\lambda_H}}) = \Theta(n^{1/3}).$ 

# Applications

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- **1** Core size of **supertrees**
- 2 Returns to zero in walks and bridges with drift zero
- 3 Initial returns in coloured bridges
- 4 Sign changes in Motzkin walks
- 5 Table sizes in the Chinese restaurant process
- 6 Compositions in balanced triangular urn models
- 7 Root degree and branching structure in **bilabelled increasing trees**

See our paper for full details extending/unifying works of [Drmota, Soria 97], [Banderier, Flajolet, Schaeffer, Soria 01], [Janson 06 and 10], [Pitman 06], [Flajolet, Dumas, Puyhaubert 06], [Kuba, Panholzer 06], [James 15], [Goldschmidt, Haas, Sénizergues 20], ...

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The core size  $X_n$  in supertrees of size n has factorial moments

$$\mathbb{E}(X_n^{\underline{s}}) \sim n^{s/2} \cdot \mu_s, \qquad \mu_s = \frac{\Gamma(s - \frac{1}{2})\Gamma(-\frac{1}{4})}{\Gamma(-\frac{1}{2})\Gamma(\frac{s}{2} - \frac{1}{4})}$$

Convergence in distribution and all moments to a generalized Mittag-Leffler:

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Moreover, we have the local limit theorem  $\mathbb{P}\{X_n = x \cdot n^{1/2}\} \sim n^{-1/2}f(x)$ .





## Ex. 1: Bicoloured supertrees refined

**Refined scheme:** 
$$F_j(z, v) = C(2zC(z) + (v-1)2c_{j-1}z^j)$$

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#### Theorem (Size-refined)

The number of coloured trees of size *j* in supertrees of size *n* has factorial moments of mixed Poisson type given by

$$\mathbb{E}(X_{n,j}^{\underline{s}}) = \xi_{n,j}^{s} \cdot \mu_{s} \cdot (1 + o(1)),$$

with  $\xi_{n,j} = 2(\frac{1}{4})^{j-1}c_{j-1}n^{1/2}$  and mixing distribution  $X = ML(\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{4})$ .

Furthermore, the random variable  $X_{n,j}$  possesses the three distinct asymptotic régimes (ML, MPo, Dirac), with a phase transition at  $j = \Theta(n^{1/3})$ .



#### Ex. 2: Returns to zero in walks





- Walk "=" initial bridge B(z) + final walk  $M(z) = \frac{W(z)}{B(z)}$  (not returning to 0)
- Bridge contains all returns to zero
- Decompose bridge into a sequence of "minimal bridges"  $B(z) = \frac{1}{1-A(z)}$

$$\Rightarrow \qquad W(z,u) = \frac{1}{1 - uA(z)} \frac{W(z)}{B(z)}$$

#### Ex. 2: Profile of returns to zero

#### Corollary (Size-refined counting)

Let  $X_{n,j}$  be the number of distance-j-zeroes in walks (bridges) with zero drift of length n. Then,  $X_{n,j}$  has factorial moments of mixed Poisson type

$$\mathbb{E}(X_{n,j}^{\underline{s}}) = \xi_{n,j}^{\underline{s}} \cdot \mathbb{E}(X^{\underline{s}}) \left(1 + o(1)\right),$$

with  $\xi_{n,j} = \sqrt{\frac{P(1)}{2P''(1)}} \frac{h_j}{P(1)^j} \cdot n^{1/2}$ , where X is given by

$$X = \begin{cases} Halfnormal(\sigma) & \text{for walks,} \\ Rayleigh(\sigma) & \text{for bridges,} \end{cases} \qquad \sigma = \sqrt{\frac{P(\sigma)}{P''}}$$

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| Refined                      | $F(z,v) = M(z)G(H(z) - z^{j}h_{j}(1-v))$  | mixed Poisson type phase transition               |
| Refined<br>cyclic            | $F(z,v) = -\log\left(1 - \left(H(z) - (1-v)h_j z^j/j!\right)\right)$  | mixed Poisson type<br>phase transition            |
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# Bonus

## Ex. 3: Balanced triangular Pólya urns



## Limit law for balanced triangular Pólya urns

#### Problem 1.15. [Janson 06]

Find better descriptions of the limits of triangular Pólya urns.

- Closed form of the moments known [Theorem 1.7, Janson 06]
- For  $b_0 > 0$  and  $w_0 = 0$  (or  $\beta$ ) Janson observed a moment-tilted stable law

History generating function [Flajolet, Dumas, Puyhaubert 06]:

$$F(z,u) = u^{w_0}(1-\sigma z)^{-b_0/\sigma} \left(1-u^{\alpha}\left(1-(1-\sigma z)^{\alpha/\sigma}\right)\right)^{-w_0/\alpha}$$

#### Corollary

Let  $W_n$  be the rv for the number of white balls in a balanced triangular urn with initially  $w_0 > 0$  white and  $b_0 \ge 0$  black balls. Then, we have a convergence in distr., with convergence of all moments, to a beta-Mittag-Leffler distr.

$$\frac{\mathcal{W}_n}{\alpha n^{\alpha/\sigma}} \xrightarrow[]{d}{m} \mathsf{BML}\left(\frac{\alpha}{\sigma}, \frac{w_0}{\alpha}, \frac{b_0}{\alpha}\right).$$

Same limit for urns with noninteger weights [Goldschmidt, Haas, Sénizergues 20]

## Ex. 4: Initial returns in coloured walks with zero drift

A 4-coloured bridge, with all its initial returns to zero marked by red dots:



Generating functions for *m*-colored bridges and walks:

$$B_m(z, u) = \left(\frac{1}{1 - uA(z)} - 1\right) (B(z) - 1)^{m-1}$$
$$W_m(z, u) = (1 + B_m(z, u)) \frac{W(z)}{B(z)}$$

 $\Rightarrow$  apply our blackbox theorems!

#### Corollary

The random variable  $X_n$  counting the number of initial returns in a m-coloured walk (resp. bridge) of length n satisfies

$$\mathbb{E}(X_n^{\underline{s}}) \sim n^{s/2} \left(\frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^n \mu_s, \quad \sigma = \sqrt{\frac{P(1)}{P''(1)}}, \quad \mu_s = \begin{cases} \frac{\Gamma(s+1)\Gamma((m+1)/2)}{\Gamma((m+s+1)/2)}, & \text{for walks,} \\ \frac{\Gamma(s+1)\Gamma(m/2)}{\Gamma((m+s)/2)}, & \text{for bridges} \end{cases}$$

The random variable  $X_n/n^{1/2}$  converges in distribution with convergence of all moments to the product of a Rayleigh and a scaled beta distribution:

$$\frac{X_n}{n^{1/2}} \stackrel{d}{\longrightarrow} X, \qquad \qquad X \stackrel{d}{=} \mathsf{Rayleigh}(\sigma) \cdot B^{1/2},$$

with independent random variables

$$Rayleigh(\sigma) \quad and \quad B = \begin{cases} \mathsf{Beta}\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{m}{2}\right), & \text{for walks,} \\ \mathsf{Beta}\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{m-1}{2}\right), & \text{for bridges.} \end{cases}$$

We have the local limit theorem  $\mathbb{P}\{X_n = x \cdot n^{1/2}\} \sim n^{-1/2} \cdot f_X(x)$ , where, for bridges

$$f_X(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi\sigma^2}} \Gamma\left(\frac{m}{2}\right) e^{-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}} U\left(\frac{m}{2} - 1, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}\right),$$

where U(a, b, x) is the confluent hypergeometric function of the second kind. For walks, one replaces m by m + 1.

## Ex. 5: Sign changes in Motzkin walks with zero drift

A Motzkin walk (i.e., step set  $S = \{-1, 0, 1\}$ ) with 4 sign changes marked in red.



#### Corollary (Size-refined counting)

Let  $X_{n,j}$  be the number of distance-j-sign changes in Motzkin walks/bridges of length n with zero drift. Then,  $X_{n,j}$  has factorial moments of mixed Poisson type

$$\mathbb{E}(X^{\underline{s}}_{n,j}) = \xi^s_{n,j} \cdot \mathbb{E}(X^s) \left(1 + o(1)\right),$$

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#### Phase transitions of composition schemes | Applications

#### Ex. 6: Tables in the Chinese restaurant process

- Studied by Aldous, Pitman, Yor, ...
- Discrete-time stochastic process: at time n a set partition of  $\{1, \ldots, n\}$ 
  - Start at time *n* = 1 with the partition {{1}}
  - Given partition  $T = \{t_1, \ldots, t_k\}$  of [n] either add n + 1 to  $t_i \in T$  with prob.

$$\mathbb{P}\{n+1 \hookrightarrow t_i\} = \frac{|t_i| - \alpha}{n+\theta}, \quad 1 \le i \le k,$$

• or as a new singleton block with remaining probability.



Embedding into plane-oriented recursive trees [Kuba, Panholzer 16]  $\Rightarrow$  Number of tables with *j* customers  $\stackrel{d}{=}$  branches of size *j* 

#### Theorem (Size-refined counting)

Let a > 0, b > -1. The random variable  $X_{n,j}$  counting the number of tables with j customers in a Chinese restaurant process of parameter

$$\alpha = \frac{1}{1+a} \qquad \qquad \theta = \frac{b}{1+a},$$

with a total of n - 1 customers possesses our three distinct asymptotic régimes, with a phase transition at  $j = \Theta(n^{1/(a+2)})$ :

I For  $j \ll n^{\frac{1}{a+2}}$  we have  $\xi_{n,j} = \frac{\alpha n^{\alpha}}{j} {j-1-\alpha \choose j-1} \to \infty$  and  $\frac{X_{n,j}}{\xi_{n,j}}$  converges in distr. with convergence of all moments, to a generalized Mittag-Leffler distr.:

$$\frac{X_{n,j}}{\xi_{n,j}} \xrightarrow{d} X \quad \text{with} \quad X \stackrel{d}{=} \mathsf{ML}(\alpha, \theta).$$

**2** For  $j \sim r \cdot n^{\frac{1}{a+2}}$ ,  $r \in (0, \infty)$ , we have  $\xi_{n,j} \to \xi$ , and the  $X_{n,j}$  converges in distr. with convergence of all moments, to a mixed Poisson distr.:

$$X_{n,j} \xrightarrow{d} MPo(\xi X).$$

**3** For  $j \gg n^{\frac{1}{a+2}}$ ,  $\xi_{n,j} \to 0$ , and  $X_{n,j}$  converges to a Dirac distribution at 0.

## Pure case: simplifications

1 
$$\lambda_M \ge 0$$
 (which includes  $F(z, u) = G(uH(z))$ ):  
 $X_1 \stackrel{d}{=} BML(\lambda_H, -\lambda_G\lambda_H, 0) \stackrel{d}{=} ML(\lambda_H, -\lambda_G\lambda_H)$   
In particular, for  $\lambda_G = -1$  and  $\lambda_H = \frac{1}{2}$ :  
 $X_1 \stackrel{d}{=} Rayleigh$   
Sequence scheme [Drmota, Soria 97]  
2  $\lambda_M < 0, \lambda_G = -1, \text{ and } \lambda_H - \lambda_M = 1$ :  
 $X_2 \stackrel{d}{=} BML(\lambda_H, \lambda_H, 1 - \lambda_H) \stackrel{d}{=} ML(\lambda_H)$ .  
In particular, for  $\lambda_H = \frac{1}{2}$ :  
 $X_2 \stackrel{d}{=} Halfnormal$   
Sequence scheme [Wallner 20]

Note that  $\lambda_{G} = -1$  "=" sequences of  $\mathcal{H}$ -components

 $f_{X_1}(x) = \frac{x}{2} \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{4}\right)$ 

 $f_{X_2}(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{4}\right)$ 

#### Composition scheme: degenerate case

#### Theorem

In a degenerate critical composition scheme

$$F(z, u) = G(uH(z))M(z)$$

the core size  $X_n$  converges for  $0 < \lambda_G < 1$  and  $\lambda_M < \lambda_G \lambda_H$  to a Boltzmann distribution:

$$\mathbb{P}\{X_n=k\}\to\mathbb{P}\{\mathcal{B}_G(\rho_G)=k\}=\frac{g_k\rho_G^k}{G(\rho_G)}.$$

The case  $\lambda_G > 1$  is similar.

# Definition (Boltzmann distribution $\mathcal{B}_G(x)$ ) Let $G(z) = \sum_{n \ge 0} g_n z^n$ be a generating function and x > 0 inside the radius of convergence. Then, the Boltzmann distribution $\mathcal{B}_G(x)$ is defined by $\mathbb{P}\{X = n\} = \frac{g_n x^n}{G(x)}, \quad n \ge 0.$

#### Composition scheme: confluent case

#### Theorem

In a confluent (i.e.,  $0 < \lambda_G < 1$  and  $\lambda_M = \lambda_G \lambda_H$ ) ext. crit. comp. scheme

$$F(z,u) = G(uH(z))M(z)$$

the core size  $X_n$  is a convex combination of a Boltzmann distribution  $\mathcal{B}_G(\rho_G)$ and an asymptotically continuous random variable  $Z_n$ :

$$X_n \sim \operatorname{Be}(p) \cdot \mathcal{B}_G(\rho_G) + (1 - \operatorname{Be}(p)) \cdot Z_n, \qquad \frac{Z_n}{\kappa \cdot n^{\lambda_H}} \xrightarrow{d} \operatorname{ML}(\lambda_H, -\lambda_G \lambda_H),$$

where  $p = \frac{c_M G(\rho_G)}{c_M G(\rho_G) + \tau_M c_G(-c_H/\rho_G)^{\lambda_G}}$ , and indep. rv's Be(p),  $\mathcal{B}_G(\rho_G)$ ,  $Z_n$ , and ML.



Figure: Core size in first part of pairs of supertrees:  $\frac{1}{2} \mathcal{B}_{C}(\frac{1}{4}) + \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{n} ML(\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{4})$ .

## (Generalized) Mittag-Leffler distribution

A positive random var.  $S_{\alpha}$  follows a stable law of parameter  $\alpha \in (0,1)$  if  $\mathbb{E}(e^{-tS_{\alpha}}) = e^{-t^{\alpha}}.$ 

• A random variable  $M_{\alpha}$  follows a **Mittag-Leffler distribution** ML( $\alpha$ ) if

$$M_{\alpha} \stackrel{d}{=} (S_{\alpha})^{-\alpha}.$$

 $\Rightarrow$  Its MGF  $\mathbb{E}(e^{xM_{\alpha}})$  is the Mittag-Leffler function  $E_{\alpha}(x) = \sum_{k \ge 0} \frac{x^k}{\Gamma(1+\alpha k)}$ .

#### Definition ([Pitman 06, James 15])

Let  $\alpha \in (0,1)$  and  $\theta > -\alpha$ . Then, the generalized Mittag-Leffler distribution  $ML(\alpha, \theta)$  is uniquely defined by its moments

$$\mathbb{E}(X^{s}) = \frac{\Gamma\left(s + \frac{\theta}{\alpha} + 1\right)\Gamma(\theta + 1)}{\Gamma(\alpha s + \theta + 1)\Gamma\left(\frac{\theta}{\alpha} + 1\right)} = \frac{\Gamma\left(s + \frac{\theta}{\alpha}\right)\Gamma(\theta)}{\Gamma(\alpha s + \theta)\Gamma\left(\frac{\theta}{\alpha}\right)}.$$

ML(α, 0) = M<sub>α</sub>
ML(1/2, 0): half-normal distribution |N(0, σ<sup>2</sup>)| of parameter σ = √2
ML(1/2, 1/2): Rayleigh distribution of parameter √2

#### Beta-Mittag-Leffler distribution

The distributions of *critical composition schemes* will be the **beta-Mittag-Leffler** distributions BML( $\alpha, \theta, \beta$ ) defined as

$$Z \stackrel{d}{=} Y \cdot B^{lpha}$$

where  $Y \stackrel{d}{=} ML(\alpha, \theta)$  and  $B \stackrel{d}{=} Beta(\theta, \beta)$  are independent, such that  $0 < \alpha < 1$ ,  $\theta > 0$ , and  $\beta \ge 0$ .

#### Lemma

The beta-Mittag-Leffler distribution BML $(\alpha, \theta, \beta)$  has the following moments  $\mathbb{E}(Z^{s}) = \frac{\Gamma\left(s + \frac{\theta}{\alpha}\right)\Gamma\left(\theta + \beta\right)}{\Gamma\left(\alpha s + \theta + \beta\right)\Gamma\left(\frac{\theta}{\alpha}\right)}.$ 

One has the following identity

$$Z \stackrel{d}{=} \mathsf{ML}(\alpha, \theta) \operatorname{\mathsf{Beta}}(\theta, \beta)^{\alpha} \stackrel{d}{=} \mathsf{ML}(\alpha, \theta + \beta) \operatorname{\mathsf{Beta}}(\frac{\theta}{\alpha}, \frac{\beta}{\alpha}).$$

distribution with moments of Gamma type [Janson 10]

explicit representation of its density by integrals or hypergeometric functions

## Mixed Poisson distribution

- First introduced for actuarial math./insurance modelling [Dubourdieu 39]
- studied by Lundberg under the name "compound Poisson processes"
- used in bacteriology [Neyman 39]
- unimodality properties [Masse, Theodorescu 05]
- tail asymptotics [Willmot, Lin 01]

#### Definition

Let X be a nonneg. random variable with cumulative distribution function U. Then, Y has a **mixed Poisson distribution with mixing distribution** U and scale parameter  $\xi \ge 0$ , if its probability mass function is given for  $\ell \ge 0$  by

$$\mathbb{P}\{Y=\ell\}=\frac{\xi^{\ell}}{\ell!}\int_{\mathbb{R}^+}X^{\ell}e^{-\xi X}dU=\frac{\xi^{\ell}}{\ell!}\mathbb{E}(X^{\ell}e^{-\xi X}).$$

Notation:  $Y \stackrel{d}{=} \mathsf{MPo}(\xi U)$  or  $Y \stackrel{d}{=} \mathsf{MPo}(\xi X)$ .

Important:  $\mathbb{E}(Y^{\underline{s}}) = \xi^{s} \mathbb{E}(X^{s}), \quad s \geq 1.$