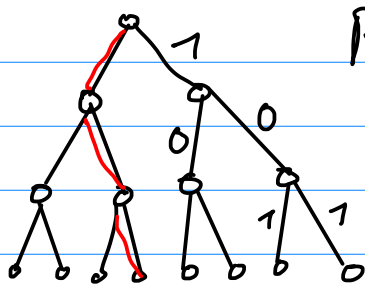


# Branching random walks, continuation

## BRW with killing / selection / interactions

Example for a BRW with  
killing:  $p(2) = 1$



$$P[X=0] = 1-p$$

$$P[X=1] = p$$

ray:  $v_0, v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots$   
 $v_{i+1}$  child of  $v_i$

$$f(\varepsilon, p) = P[\exists \text{ inf. ray s.t.}$$

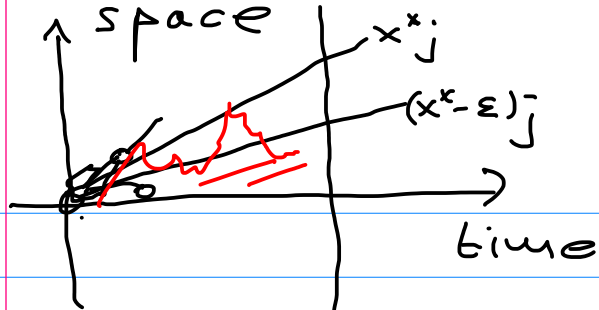
$$S_{v_j} \geq (x^* - \varepsilon)j, \forall j \geq 1]$$

$$= P[\text{"nearly optimal ray"}]$$

Q  $f(\varepsilon, p) \sim ?$  (for fixed  $p$ , as  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ )

• For  $p > \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $x^* = 1$ , with pos.

prob. there is an optimal  
ray  $\Rightarrow f(\varepsilon, p) \xrightarrow{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} 0$

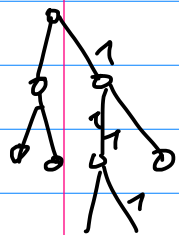


- $p = \frac{1}{2}$   $f(\epsilon, p) \sim c\epsilon$   
(R. Pemantle)

Take  $(\epsilon = \frac{1}{n}) \quad u = \frac{1}{\epsilon}$

$P_{\frac{1}{2}}[\exists \text{ ray only 1's up to level } n]$

$\sim \frac{2}{n}$

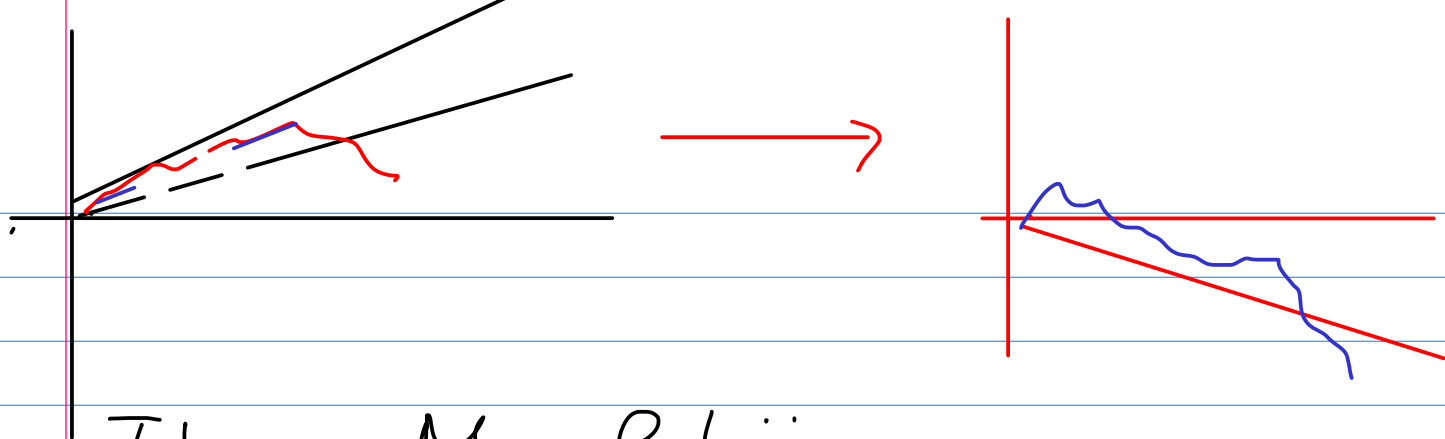


( $P[\text{crit. GW process survives up to gen. } n] \sim \frac{2}{n}$ )

- For  $p < \frac{1}{2}$ ,  
 $\log f(\epsilon, p) \sim \frac{-c(p)}{\sqrt{\epsilon}}$  for  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$   
(NG, Y. Hu, Z. Shi)

Idea:

Replace large deviations for endpoint with large deviations for the whole path.



Thm von Mogulskii

$Y_1, Y_2, \dots$  iid  $E[Y_i] = 0, E|Y_1|^{2+\delta} < \infty$

$$S_n = \sum_{i=1}^n Y_i$$

$g_1(\cdot), g_2(\cdot)$  cont.

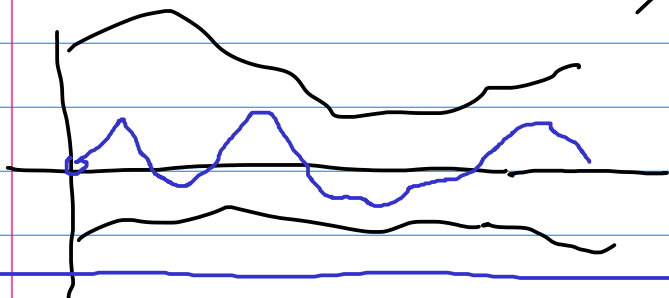
$$g_1(0) < 0 < g_2(0)$$

$$g_1 < g_2$$

$$\frac{a_n^2}{2} \log P \left[ +g_1\left(\frac{i}{n}\right) \leq \frac{S_i}{a_n} \leq g_2\left(\frac{i}{n}\right), 1 \leq i \leq n \right]$$

$$\rightarrow -J(g_1, g_2, \sigma^2)$$

Here  $a_n \rightarrow \infty, \frac{a_n}{\sqrt{n}} \rightarrow 0$

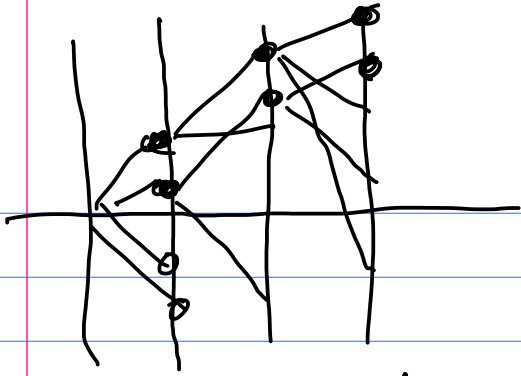


N-BRW

Example with selection

- keep only the  $N$  individuals with the largest positions

Brouet / Devida / Moeller / Meunier



$$M_{n,N} = \max_{v \in D_{n,N}} S_v$$

$$x_N^* \leq x^*$$

Then  $\frac{M_{n,N}}{n} \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{} x_N^*$  a.s.

Thm J. Bérard, J.-B. Gouérou

$$p(2) = 1, \quad \mathbb{E}[e^{\lambda X}] < \infty \quad \forall \lambda \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$x^* - x_N^* \sim \frac{\text{const}}{(\log N)^2} \quad \text{for } N \rightarrow \infty$$

→ J. Bérard P. Maillard for heavy-tailed  $X$ , i.e.

$$\mathbb{P}[X > t] \sim \frac{1}{t^\alpha} \quad 0 < \alpha < 2$$

Heuristics: The foll. two events are comparable:

(1) BRW with killing at slope  $x^* - \varepsilon$ , starting with  $N$  particles, survives

(2)  $N$ -BRW moves at a speed  $\geq x^* - \varepsilon$ .

(1) Prob. is  $1 - (1 - p(\varepsilon))^N$

$\Rightarrow$  (2)  $x^* - x_N^*$  should be of order  $\varepsilon = \varepsilon(N)$  with  $\varepsilon$  s.t.

$$f(\varepsilon) \approx \frac{1}{N}$$

But since  $f(\varepsilon) \approx e^{-\frac{c}{\sqrt{\varepsilon}}} \approx \frac{1}{N}$   
have  $\varepsilon \approx \frac{c}{(\log N)^2}$ .

### L-BRW

- keep only the individuals within (spatial) distance  $L$  to  $M_n$ , remove all the others.

$$x_L^* = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{M_{n,L}}{n}$$

clear:

$$x_L^* \leq x^*$$

Conj BDM

$$x_L^* \approx x_{L=\log N}^*$$

$$x^* - x_L^* = \frac{c}{L^2}$$

Then for L-BRM by M. Pain.

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BRW with interactions

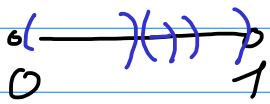
Q Take a BRW with some  $X \stackrel{d}{=} N(0, 1)$ . Fix  $R \in \mathbb{R}$

- kill two particles if they come closer than  $R$ .

Q Is the survival probability strictly positive? Open!

## Fragmentation process

$(I_t)_{t \geq 0}$   
Fix  $\alpha > 0$ .



$I_t$  is collection of disjoint intervals  $\in (0, 1)$

An interval  $(a, b)$  with  $v = b - a$  splits\* into  $m$  subintervals

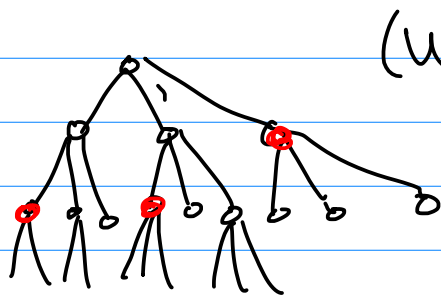
\* at rate  $v^\alpha$   $(a, a + \frac{v}{m}, a + \frac{2v}{m}, \dots, b)$

$N_t(j) = \#$  intervals  $(a, b)$  at time  $t$  s.t.  $b - a = m^{-j}$

- Multitype branching process  
Types in  $\mathbb{N}_0$ . Particles die at rate  $q_j$ , replaced by  $m$  offspring of type  $j+1$ .  
( $q > 0$  fixed)

$N_t(j) = \# \text{ particles of type } j \text{ present at time } t$

• Tree-indexed RW



$(W_e)$  indep.

$W_e \stackrel{d}{=} \text{Exp}(q^u)$

if  $e$  goes from level  $u-1$  to level  $u$ .

Say  $v$  is alive at

time  $t$  if  $S_v \leq t, S_{v_i} > t$

$\forall 1 \leq i \leq m$

$v_i$  child of  $v$

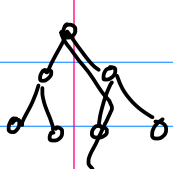
Study  $N_t = \sum_{u \geq 0} N_t(u)$

- Work in progress with P. Duszewski, S. Johnston, J. Pouchon, D. Schmid

Thm Breunau / Duval

$q < 1: \mathbb{E}[N_t] \sim t^\beta$  where  $\beta = \frac{\log m}{\log \frac{1}{q}}$

$q = m^{-\alpha} = t^{-\frac{1}{\alpha}}$



$\mathbb{E}[N_t] = \sum_{e=0}^{\infty} m^e e^{-q^e t}$

- $q > 1$  "explosive"
  - $q = 1$  "classical"
  - $q < 1$  "slow"
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