

Exercise given at the end of Lecture 7.

Let μ be a critical offspring distribution on \mathbb{Z}_+ , with finite and positive variance σ^2 . Recall that for every tree τ and $k \geq 1$, $[\tau]_k = \{u \in \tau; |u| \leq k\}$ is the tree τ cut above generation k , and that \mathcal{T}_∞ denotes the μ -Galton–Watson tree conditioned to survived.

1. Let \mathcal{T}_n be a Galton–Watson tree with offspring distribution μ , conditioned on having n leaves. Show that \mathcal{T}_n converges locally in distribution to \mathcal{T}_∞ as $n \rightarrow \infty$, that is for every finite tree τ and $k \geq 0$,

$$\mathbb{P}([\mathcal{T}_n]_k = \tau) \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{P}([\mathcal{T}_\infty]_k = \tau)$$

2. Let \mathcal{D}_n be a random dissection of $\{1, e^{2i\pi/n}, \dots, e^{2i(n-1)\pi/n}\}$, chosen uniformly at random among all dissections of $\{1, e^{2i\pi/n}, \dots, e^{2i(n-1)\pi/n}\}$.

(i) Let \mathcal{F}_n denote the degree of the face adjacent to the side $[1, e^{2i\pi/n}]$ of \mathcal{D}_n . Show that

$$\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{F}_n = k) \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} (k-1) \left(\frac{2-\sqrt{2}}{2} \right)^{k-2}, \quad k \geq 3.$$

(ii) Let \mathcal{V}_n denote the number of diagonals adjacent to the vertex corresponding to the complex number 1 in \mathcal{D}_n . Show that

$$\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{V}_n = k) \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} (k+1) \cdot (2-\sqrt{2})^2 (\sqrt{2}-1)^k, \quad k \geq 0.$$