

# Dirichlet Random Samplers for Multiplicative Structures

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# 1. RANDOM combinatorial structures

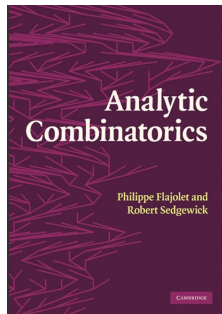
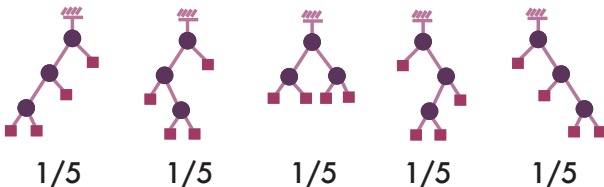
**combinatorial structures:** symbolically specified (with “grammars”) using operators

- ▶ + (disjoint union),  $\times$  (Cartesian product)
- ▶ Seq (sequence), Set (set), etc.

automatically get (**counting**) generating function [Flajolet & Sedgewick 2009]

**random generation:** given specification, draw these objects randomly [randomly = say there are  $C_n$  objects of size  $n$ , I want to pick/**construct** one with probability  $1/C_n$ ]

- ▶ **binary trees:**  $\mathcal{B} = \mathcal{Z} + \mathcal{B} \times \mathcal{B}$   
 $\Rightarrow B(z) = z + B(z)^2 = \frac{1 - \sqrt{1 - 4z}}{2} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n z^n$



## some of the many applications

- ▶ **analysis:** study specific properties/statistics of huge
  - ▶ generate many random objects, and **empirically** study properties
  - ▶ **compare real data** with (randomly generated) uniform data: in genetics, in **poetry** [Gasparov 1987]
- ▶ **testing:** generate input for algorithm/server to test robustness and ability to withstand heavy loads [Mougenot *et al.* 2009]
- ▶ **entertainment:** create objects (trees, trains, etc.) or environments (buildings, forests, cities, etc.) for video games or movies

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ADDITIVE (traditional objects)

MULTIPLICATIVE<sup>1</sup> (this talk)

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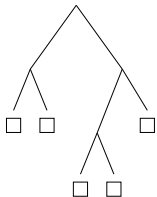
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**unique** atom  $\mathcal{Z}$  of unit size 1

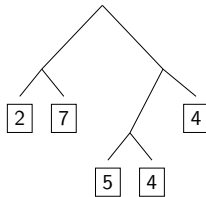
**infinity** of atoms,  $\mathcal{Z}_m$  ( $m \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ )

$$\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{Z} + \mathcal{A} \times \mathcal{A}$$



$$1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 = 5$$

$$\mathcal{M} = \mathcal{I} \setminus \mathcal{Z}_1 + \mathcal{M} \times \mathcal{M}$$



$$2 \times 7 \times 5 \times 4 \times 4 = 1120$$

Ordinary GF or Exponential GF

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k z^k$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{a_k}{k!} z^k$$

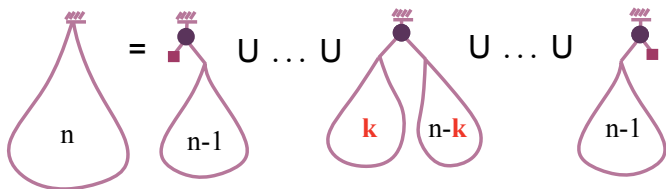
Dirichlet GF

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k \frac{1}{k^s}$$

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<sup>1</sup>First considered from a symbolic/combinatoric perspective by Hwang (1994).

## 2. INTUITIVE WAY of generating trees



$$b_n = \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} b_k \cdot b_{n-k}$$

$k$  with prob.  $(b_k \cdot b_{n-k})/b_n$

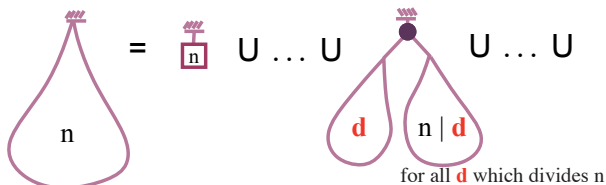
To generate tree of size  $n$ :

- ▶ pick  $k$  (following a certain law)
- ▶ recursively generate subtrees of size  $k$  and  $n - k$

Called “recursive method” [Nijenhuis & Wilf 1978], [Flajolet *et al.* 1994].

Precalculate  $b_1, \dots, b_n$  (# trees of size  $n$ ) to generate obj. up to size  $n$   
 $\implies O(n^2)$  time preprocessing,  $O(n^2)$  aux. memory,  $O(n)$  generation.

cannot be extended (efficiently) to multiplicative objects



$$b_n = 1 + \sum_{\substack{d|n \\ 1 < d < n}} b_d \cdot b_{n/d}$$

**PROBLEMS** of efficiency

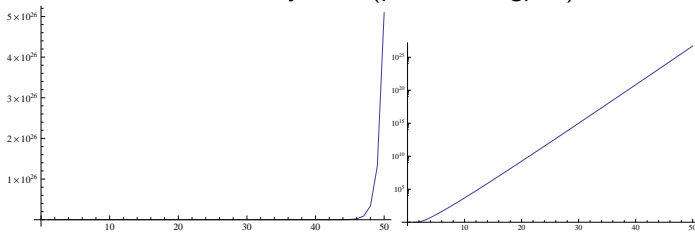
- ▶ sizes (wrt. number of “nodes”) exponentially larger than for additive objects
- ▶ requires **factor decomposition** which is (too) costly

**PROBLEMS** of quality

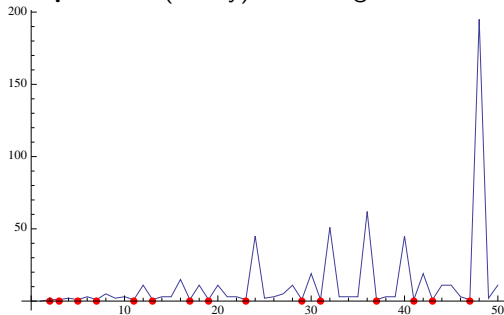
- ▶ size distribution is highly irregular

# size distributions (# obj. of given size)

**additive** binary trees (plot then logplot)



**multiplicative** (binary) branching factorizations



### 3. ANALYTIC RANDOM SAMPLING

best way of calculating  $b_n$  coefficients: extract from generating function<sup>2</sup>

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**Boltzmann sampling** consists instead in taking a biased average of the coefficients by **evaluating the function**

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**RECURSIVE** version [Flajolet *et al.* 1994]

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RTree(n) := {  
  if n = 1 then return Leaf  
  else  
    k from distr.  $\mathbb{P}[K = k] = (b_k \cdot b_{n-k})/b_n$   
    return Node(RTree(k), RTree(n - k))  
}
```

**"BOLTZMANN"** vers. [Duchon *et al.* 02]

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ATree(z) := {  
  if Ber(z/B(z)) = 1 then return Leaf  
  else  
    return Node(ATree(z), ATree(z))  
}
```

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- ▶ in "Boltzmann"/analytic random sampling, the **randomization** is **global**: the same law is calculated in all recursive calls
  - ▶ size is approximate, but **uniformity** given size is preserved
  - ▶ no preprocessing,  **$O(n)$  generation complexity**

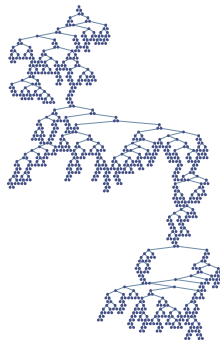
<sup>2</sup>Typically using the holonomic decomposition.



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Under some hypotheses on the generating function, a Dirichlet sampler for  $\mathcal{C}$  can generate an object of size  $n$ , with some error  $\varepsilon \in (0, 1)$ , in  **$O(\log(n)^2)$  worst-case time complexity**.

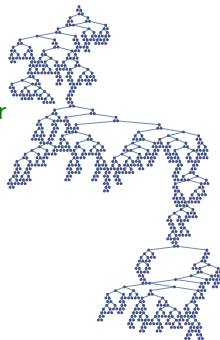


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- ▶ Zeta-distributed atoms sampled in  $O(1)$  [Devroye 1986]
- ▶ resorts to analytic number theory: specifically **Delange's Tauberian theorem**, as equivalent of **Flajolet-Odlyzko transfer theorem** in additive combinatorics
- ▶ **tuning of control parameter** completely different: in Boltzmann sampling, direct inversion of expected value; here expected value is infinite and requires *ad-hoc* tuning informed from theorem



ordered factorizations,  $\mathcal{F} := \text{Seq}(\mathcal{I} \setminus \mathcal{Z}_1)$

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 $\Gamma D_s[\mathcal{F}] := \{$   
     $\lambda \leftarrow \zeta(s) - 1;$   
     $K \in \text{Geo}(\lambda);$   
    return  $(\underbrace{\Gamma D_s[\mathcal{I} \setminus \mathcal{Z}_1], \dots, \Gamma D_s[\mathcal{I} \setminus \mathcal{Z}_1]}_{K \text{ times}})$   
}
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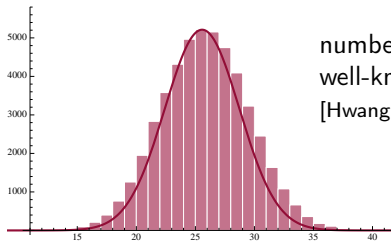
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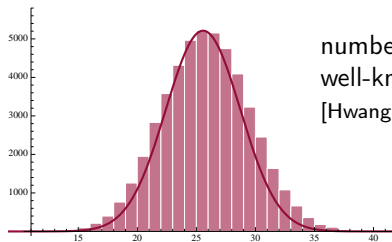
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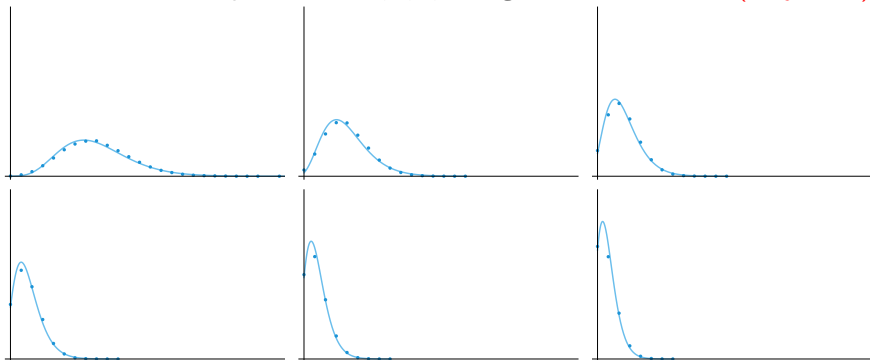
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number of factors equal to  $m = 2, 3, 4, \dots$  is **gamma distributed** (conjecture)



## 4. parting words

- ▶ non-trivial extension of Boltzmann sampling to multiplicative combinatorics
- ▶ first automatic random generation method for multiplicative objects (where previous techniques were limited to exhaustive generation of specific objects)
- ▶ could assist in their exploration
- ▶ through this work we have gained a lot of insight into what makes Boltzmann sampling tick, and hope to extend the concept in generality to what we suggest be called “**Analytics Random Sampling**”

The slides + Mathematica notebook with simulations:

<http://lip6.fr/Jeremie.Lumbroso/Talks/Analco2012/> (case sens.)