

# Limit theorems for clocks

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If  $\xi$  is non-lattice and if  $0 < \mathbb{E}\xi_1 < \infty$ , we can define  $\mathbb{Q}_0$  under which

$$(\mathbf{b}X_{\mathbf{b}^{-\alpha t}}, t \geq 0) \stackrel{(d)}{=} (X_t, t \geq 0)$$

Actually

$$\mathbb{Q}_0 = \lim_{\alpha \downarrow 0} \mathbb{Q}_\alpha$$

We have

$$\mathbb{E}_0 f(X_1) = \frac{1}{\alpha \mathbb{E}\xi_1} \mathbb{E} \left[ I_\infty^{-1} f \left( I_\infty^{-1/\alpha} \right) \right]. \quad (5)$$

$$\text{with } I_\infty = \int_0^\infty e^{-\alpha \xi_s} ds, \quad (6)$$

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Let  $\psi$  be the Laplace exponent of  $(\xi_t)$ . It is a convex function  $(-\infty, \infty]$ -valued given by

$$\mathbb{E}(\exp m\xi_t) = \exp(t\psi(m)) \quad (m \in \mathbb{R}). \quad (9)$$

and  $\text{dom } \psi := \{m : \psi(m) < \infty\}$  is an interval which contains 0. We assume

$$\text{int dom } \psi =: (m_-, m_+) \ni 0 \quad (10)$$

$$\mathbb{E}\xi_1 =: \psi'(0) > 0. \quad (11)$$

( $\psi$  is analytical on  $(m_-, m_+)$ ). We set

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E) CBI process index  $\kappa$

branching mechanism  $\varphi(u) = -u^{\kappa+1}$

immigration mechanism  $\chi(u) = \delta(\kappa + 1)u^\kappa$

$$\psi(m) = (\kappa - (\kappa + 1)\delta - m) \frac{\Gamma(-m + \kappa)}{\Gamma(-m)}, \quad (m \in (-\infty, \kappa))$$

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# Law of Large Numbers

## Theorem

Assume (10) and (12). As  $t \rightarrow \infty$ ,

1) for all  $\alpha > 0$ ,

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Sketch of proof of 2) : By the ergodic theorem, we have that for  $f \in L^1(\mu)$  :

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But (definition + change  $e^s = r$ )

$$\int_0^T f(U_s) ds = \int_0^T f(e^{-s/\alpha} X(e^s)) ds = \int_1^{e^T} f(r^{-1/\alpha} X(r)) r^{-1} dr \quad (13)$$

so that taking  $T = \log t$ ,

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## Theorem (Caballero-R '20)

1) Under  $\mathbb{Q}_0$ , as  $T \rightarrow \infty$ ,

$$\left( (\log T)^{-1/2} \left( \int_1^{T^t} \frac{dr}{X^\alpha(r)} - \frac{t \log T}{\alpha p} \right); t \geq 0 \right) \Rightarrow (vW(t); t \geq 0) \quad (14)$$

$$p = \psi'(0), \quad v^2 = \frac{\sigma^2}{\alpha p^3}, \quad \sigma^2 = \psi''(0),$$

where  $(W_t, t \geq 0)$  is a standard Brownian motion.

2) If one of the following conditions is satisfied

2.1  $\exists m > 0 : \psi(m) < 0,$

2.2  $\exists m > \alpha : \psi(m) > 0,$

then for all  $\alpha > 0$ , under  $\mathbb{Q}_\alpha$ , as  $T \rightarrow \infty$ , (14) holds true.

## Sketch of proof of (1)

Theorem (Bhattacharya 1982 Th. 2.1)

Let  $(Y_t)$  be a stationary ergodic process with invariant probability  $\pi$ . If  $f$  is in the range of the extended generator  $\hat{A}$  of  $(Y_t)$ , then, as  $n \rightarrow \infty$

$$\left( n^{-1/2} \int_0^{nt} f(Y_s) ds \right)_{t \geq 0} \Rightarrow (\rho W(t))_{t \geq 0} \quad (15)$$

where

$$\rho^2 = -2 \int f(x)g(x)\pi(dx), \quad \hat{A}g = f. \quad (16)$$

Remark about generators.

$$L^X h(x) = x^{-\alpha} L^\xi (h \circ \exp)(\log x)$$

and if  $f_m(x) = x^m$  then

$$L^X f_m = \psi(m) f_{m-1}.$$

For (1) (“quenched FCLT”), the proof is more involved. We have to consider exponential ergodicity and some appropriate criterion. In particular, for the CBI process, we have to consider another OU process (already considered by Bertoin)

$$\tilde{U}(t) = e^{-t/\kappa} \chi(e^t - 1)$$

which is a CBI with imm. mechanism  $\chi$  and with br. mechanism  $\tilde{\varphi}(\lambda) = \varphi(\lambda) + \kappa^{-1}\lambda$ .



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Sketch of proof : Gartner-Ellis.

### Lemma

For  $\theta \in (-\psi(m_+), -\psi(m_0))$ , as  $t \rightarrow \infty$  we have

$$\frac{1}{\log t} \log \mathbb{E}_\alpha \exp(\theta H^{(X)}(t)) \rightarrow L(\theta) \quad (19)$$

with

$$L(\theta) = -m \iff \theta = -\psi(m). \quad (20)$$

Sketch of proof of the lemma : define an auxiliary process via Girsanov.

For  $m \in (m_-, m_+)$  let

$$\psi_m(\theta) = \psi(m + \theta) - \psi(m),$$

and let  $\{(\xi_t, t \geq 0); \mathbb{P}^m\}$  be a Lévy process starting from 0 with exponent  $\psi_m$  (Esscher transform). At last, let  $\{(X_t, t \geq 0); (\mathbb{Q}_\alpha^m)_{\alpha > 0}\}$  be the associated pssMp .

From the remark about generators, we have

$$\mathbb{Q}_a^m | \mathcal{F}_t = \left( \frac{X_t}{a} \right)^m \exp \left( -\psi(m) \int_0^t \frac{ds}{X_s} \right) \cdot \mathbb{Q}_a | \mathcal{F}_t, \quad (t \geq 0). \quad (21)$$

hence

$$\mathbb{E}_a \exp \left( -\psi(m) \int_0^t \frac{ds}{X_s} \right) = a^m \mathbb{E}_a^m [(X_t)^{-m}] \quad (22)$$

and, due to the scaling property

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hence, as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ ,

$$\log \mathbb{E}_a \exp \left( -\psi(m) \int_0^t \frac{ds}{X_s} \right) = -m \log t + m \log a + \log \mathbb{E}_0^m [(X_1)^{-m}] + o(1)$$

Explicit rate functions :

$$\text{A) (Bessel clock) : } I(x) = \frac{(1 - 2\sqrt{ax})^2}{8x}, (x > 0).$$

Poissonian examples

$$\text{B) } I(x) = \left( \sqrt{b(1 - dx)} - \sqrt{ax} \right)^2, (0 \leq x \leq d^{-1})$$

$$\text{C) } I(x) = \left( \sqrt{b(1 + x)} - \sqrt{ax} \right)^2, (x \geq 0)$$

$$\text{D) } I(x) = \left( \sqrt{b(x - 1)} - \sqrt{ax} \right)^2, (x \geq 1)$$

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The issue is that  $f_{-\alpha}$  is not continuous, so we cannot apply a contraction.

Let us look at the simplest case (Bessel clock). Assume that  $2(1 + \nu) = d$  is an integer. Then the generator of  $U$  is the Laguerre one :

$$L^U(h) = 2xh'' + (d - x)h',$$

$\mu^U$  is the  $\chi_d^2$  and the rate function for the occupation measure is

$$I_2(\mu) = - \int_0^\infty h(x) L^U(h)(x) \mu^U(dx)$$

with  $h^2 = d\mu/d\mu^U$ .

The variational problem

$$\inf \left\{ - \int h(x) L^U(h)(x) \mu^U(dx); \int h^2(x) f_{-1}(x) \mu^U(dx) = y, \int h^2(x) \mu^U(dx) = 1 \right\}$$

via Lagrange multipliers has a unique admissible solution

$$h(x) = Cx^m$$

where  $\psi'(m) = y^{-1}$ . It tells us that the optimal occupation measure is  $h^2 \mu^U$ . Moreover the distribution  $\mathbb{Q}_a^m$  could be interpreted as optimal for the third level LDP.

Thanks for your attention!



Happy birthday Jean!