

Pruning of CRT subtrees

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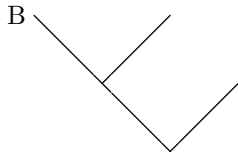
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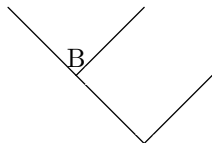
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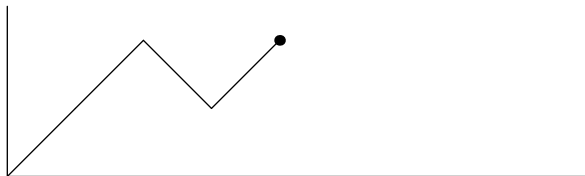
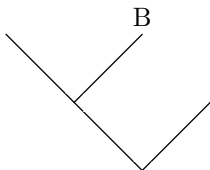
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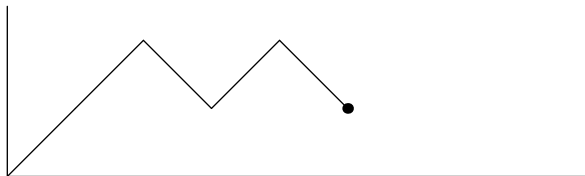
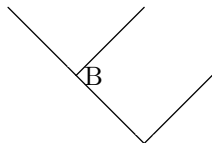
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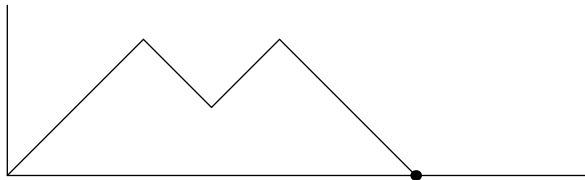
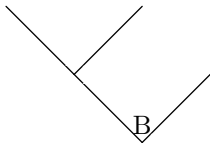
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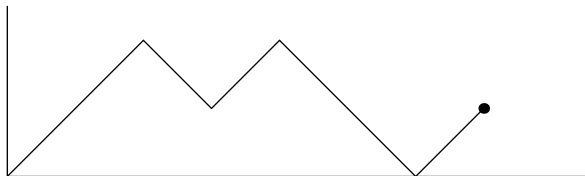
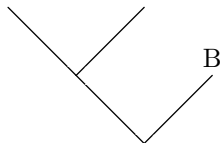
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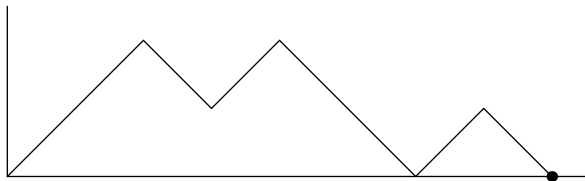
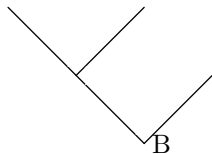
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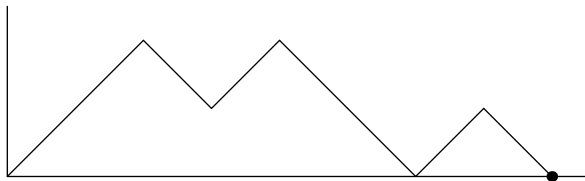
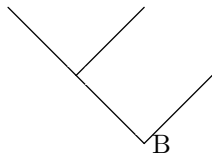
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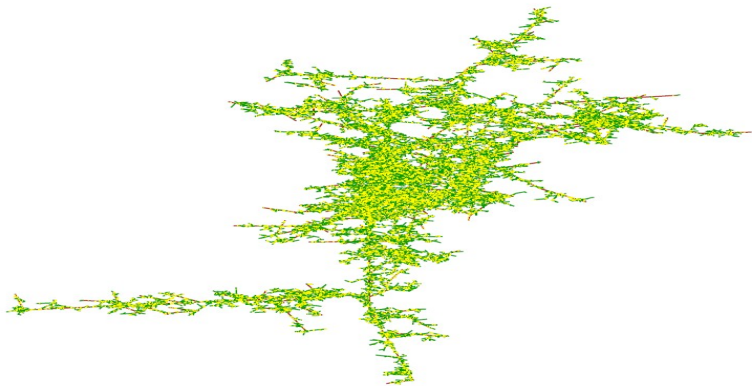
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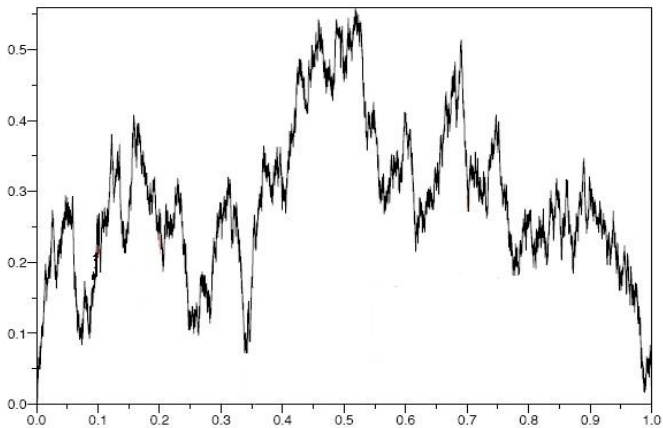


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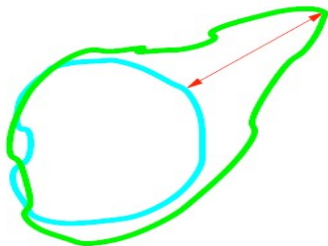
Tree space: Gromov-Hausdorff distance

Q: What is a random tree? (σ -algebra?)

Hausdorff distance: A, B , non-empty, closed subsets of a Polish metric space (X, d) .

$$d_H(A, B) = \inf\{\varepsilon > 0, A \subset B^\varepsilon \text{ and } B \subset A^\varepsilon\},$$

with $A^\varepsilon = \{x \in X, \inf_{y \in A} d(x, y) < \varepsilon\}$, the ε -halo set of A .



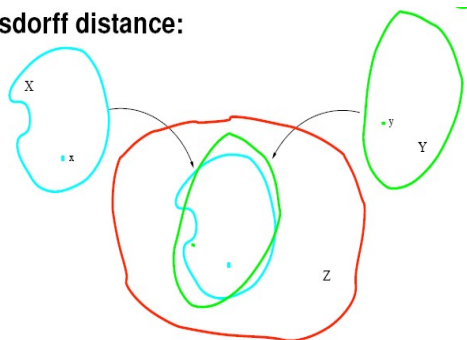
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Let (X, d, \emptyset) and (X', d', \emptyset') be two **compact** rooted metric spaces, and define:

$$d_{\text{GH}}(X, X') = \inf_{\Phi, \Phi', Z} (d_{\text{H}}^Z(\Phi(X), \Phi'(X')) + d^Z(\Phi(\emptyset), \Phi'(\emptyset'))),$$

where the infimum is taken over all isometric embeddings $\Phi : X \hookrightarrow Z$ and $\Phi' : X' \hookrightarrow Z$ into some common Polish metric space (Z, d^Z)

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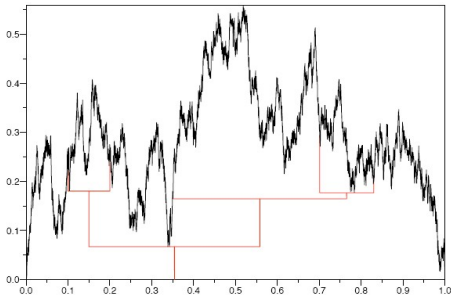
- The result recover the main result in Duquesne and Winkel (2007).
- This gives that the limit tree obtained in Duquesne and Winkel (2007) satisfies the definition given in Abraham and Delmas (2012).

- The proof is based on Girsanov transformation (??).
- We first prove that for ψ is (sub)critical

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by approximating contour process by contour functions of $\tau(\lambda)$ and using the fact $d_{\text{GH}}^c(T_f, T_g) \leq 6\|f - g\|$.

- Then by connections to subcritical trees, we get the desired result for supercritical case.



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Define the **subtree process**

$$\tau_\theta(\lambda) = \tau(\mathbf{0}, \lambda) \cap T_\theta.$$

Proposition

$\tau_\theta(\lambda)$ is a Galton-Watson real tree.

$$\lim_{\lambda \rightarrow \infty} \sup_{\theta \geq 0} d_{GH}^c(T_\theta, \tau_\theta(\lambda)) = 0 \quad a.e.$$

For further applications of above results; work in progress and see you on next workshop.

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