

L^p convergence and large deviations for a supercritical multi-type branching process in a random environment

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Background

- Smith and Wilkinson (1969) : i.i.d. environment, extinction.
- Athreya and Karlin (1971) : stationary and ergodic environment, fundamental limit theorems.
- Critical and subcritical cases : survival probability and conditional limit theorems ($d \geq 1$).
- Supercritical case : moderate and large deviations : Single type case ($d=1$) : Buraczewski & Dyszewski (2020) for LD, Grama, Liu & Miqueu (2017) for MD.
Multitype case ($d > 1$) : Grama, Liu & Pin (2020) for MD.

Here we focus on the supercritical case with $d > 1$, and study precise large deviation and L^p convergence

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Multi-type branching process

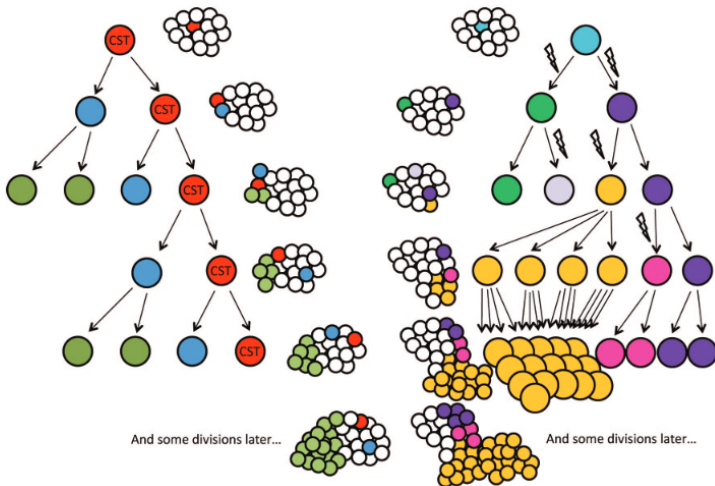


FIGURE – Division of a cancer cell

Multi-type Galton-Watson process

A d -type branching process $Z_n = (Z_n(1), \dots, Z_n(d))$ starting from $\nu \in \mathbb{N}^d \setminus \{0\}$ is defined as follows : $Z_0 = \nu$,

$$Z_{n+1} = \sum_{r=1}^d \sum_{l=1}^{Z_n(r)} N_{l,n}^r \quad n \geq 0.$$

- $Z_n(j)$ = number of particles of type j in generation n ;
- $N_{l,n}^r(j)$ = # children of type j of l -th particle of type r , of gen. n .
- **Galton-Watson process** : all $N_{l,n}^r$ are independent, and have p.g.f. indep. of n and l : for $s = (s_1, \dots, s_d) \in [0, 1]^d$,

$$f^r(s) = \mathbb{E} \left(\prod_{j=1}^d s_j^{N_{l,n}^r(j)} \right) = \sum_{k_1, \dots, k_d=0}^{\infty} p_{k_1, \dots, k_d}^r s_1^{k_1} \cdots s_d^{k_d},$$

i.e. $\mathbb{P}(N_{l,n}^r = k) = p_k^r, \quad \forall k = (k_1, \dots, k_d), n \geq 0, l \geq 1.$

Multitype branching process in a random environment

The offspring distributions of gen. n depend on the random environment ξ_n at time n . We suppose that the random environment sequence $\xi = (\xi_0, \xi_1, \dots)$ is i.i.d. Denote

$$\mathbb{P}_\xi = \mathbb{P}(\cdot | \xi) \text{ (quenched law)}, \quad \mathbb{E}_\xi = \mathbb{E}[\cdot | \xi]$$

Conditioned on ξ ,

- the r.v.'s $N_{l,n}^r$ are independent for $l \geq 1, n \geq 0, 1 \leq r \leq d$;
- each $N_{l,n}^r$ has prob. generating function depending on ξ_n :

$$f_{\xi_n}^r(\mathbf{s}) = \mathbb{E}_\xi \left(\prod_{j=1}^d s_j^{N_{l,n}^r(j)} \right) = \sum_{k_1, \dots, k_d=0}^{\infty} p_{k_1, \dots, k_d}^r(\xi_n) s_1^{k_1} \cdots s_d^{k_d}.$$

i.e. $\mathbb{P}_\xi(N_{l,n}^r = k) = p_k^r(\xi_n), \forall k = (k_1, \dots, k_d), n \geq 0, l \geq 1$.

Z_n reduces to the Galton-Watson process if $\xi_n = c$ (const.) $\forall n$.

Lyapunov exponent for products of mean matrices

For $n, k \geq 0$, consider $M_{k,n} := M_k \cdots M_n$, where M_n is the mean matrix of the offspring distributions at gen. n :

$$\begin{aligned} M_n(i, j) &= \mathbb{E}_\xi [Z_{n+1}(j) | Z_n = e_i] = \frac{\partial f_{\xi_n}^i}{\partial s_j}(1) \\ &= \mathbb{E}_\xi \#\{\text{children of type } j \text{ of a type } i \text{ particle of gen. } n\} \end{aligned}$$

Assume $\mathbb{E} \log^+ \|M_0\| < +\infty$. The **Lyapunov exponent** of (M_n) is defined by

$$\gamma = \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{1}{n} \mathbb{E} \log \|M_{0,n-1}\| = \inf_{n \geq 1} \frac{1}{n} \mathbb{E} \log \|M_{0,n-1}\|.$$

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Classification

We say that the multi-type branching process (Z_n) in the random environment ξ is :

- sub-critical if $\gamma < 0$ $(\|Z_n\| \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow +\infty]{} 0 \text{ } \mathbb{P}\text{-a.s.})$
- critical if $\gamma = 0$ $(\|Z_n\| \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow +\infty]{} 0 \text{ } \mathbb{P}\text{-a.s.})$
- supercritical if $\gamma > 0$ $(\mathbb{P}(\|Z_n\| \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow +\infty]{} +\infty) > 0.)$

Here we only consider the supercritical regime, i.e. $\gamma > 0$.

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Objective

We write Z_n^i for Z_n when $Z_0 = e_i$, that is, when the process starts with one initial particle of type i .

We focus on the supercritical regime ($\gamma > 0$), and search for :

- asymptotic properties of

$$Z_n^i(j) = \# \text{ particles of type } j \text{ of gen. } n, \text{ when } Z_0 = e_i$$

by studying the L^p convergence of $\frac{Z_n^i(j)}{\mathbb{E}_\xi Z_n^i(j)} = \frac{Z_n^i(j)}{M_{0,n-1}(i,j)}$;

- asymptotic properties of

$$\|Z_n\| = Z_n(1) + \cdots + Z_n(d) = \text{population size of gen. } n$$

by establishing a **precise large deviation result** of type Bahadur-Rao : for $q > \gamma$,

$$\mathbb{P}(\log \|Z_n\| > qn) \sim ?$$

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Furstenberg- Kesten condition, law of large numbers

Condition **FK** (Furstenberg- Kesten)

There exists a constant $C > 1$ such that

$$1 \leq \frac{\max_{1 \leq i, j \leq d} M_0(i, j)}{\min_{1 \leq i, j \leq d} M_0(i, j)} \leq C \quad \mathbb{P}\text{-a.s.}$$

Recall $\gamma = \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{1}{n} \mathbb{E} \log \|M_{0, n-1}\|$ (Lyapunov exponent)

LLN for the components $M_{0, n-1}(i, j)$ (Furstenberg-Kesten 1960)

Assume condition **FK** and $\mathbb{E} \log^+ \|M_0\| < +\infty$. Then

$$\forall i, j \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{1}{n} \log M_{0, n-1}(i, j) = \gamma \quad \mathbb{P}\text{-a.s.}$$

Kesten-Stigum type theorem (Grana-Liu-Pin, AAP 2023)

Assume condition **FK**, $\gamma > 0$, and $\xi = (\xi_n)_{n \geq 0}$ i.i.d. Then there exist random variables $W^i \in [0, \infty)$ such that for all $1 \leq j \leq d$,

$$\frac{Z_n^i(j)}{\mathbb{E}_\xi Z_n^i(j)} = \frac{Z_n^i(j)}{M_{0,n-1}(i,j)} \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow +\infty]{\mathbb{P}} W^i$$

Moreover, $\max_{1 \leq i \leq d} \mathbb{P}(W^i = 0) < 1$ (W^i non-degenerate) iff

$$\max_{1 \leq i, j \leq d} \mathbb{E} \left(\frac{Z_1^i(j)}{M_0(i,j)} \log^+ \frac{Z_1^i(j)}{M_0(i,j)} \right) < +\infty. \quad (*)$$

When (*) holds, then for all $1 \leq i \leq d$, a.s. $\mathbb{E}_\xi W^i = 1$ and

$$\{W^i = 0\} = \{\|Z_n^i\| \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow +\infty]{} 0\}, \quad \{W^i > 0\} = \{\|Z_n^i\| \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow +\infty]{} +\infty\}.$$

A similar version is found for stationary and ergodic environment.

Remarks

- ① (G-W case) When $\xi_0 = \xi_1 = \dots = c$ (*const.*), it is equivalent to the theorem of **Kesten-Stigum (1966)**, as

$$M^n(i, j) \sim \rho^n u(i) v(j),$$

where M is the mean matrix with spectral radius $\rho > 1$, u, v are the right and left eigenvectors ($Mu^T = \rho u^T$, $vM = \rho v$) with $u, v > 0$, $\|u\| = \langle u, v \rangle = 1$ (Perron-Frobenius Th).

- ② (Single type case) When $d = 1$, due to Athreya-Karlin (1971, sufficiency) and Tanny (1988, necessity)
- ③ It is a **bridge linking MBPRE and products of random matrices**.
- ④ It gives the **exponential increasing of $Z^i(j)$** since it implies

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{1}{n} \log Z_n^i(j) = \gamma > 0 \quad \mathbb{P}\text{-a.s.}$$

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L^p -convergence of the normalized population L^p -convergence of the normalized population : NSC

$$I := \{s \in \mathbb{R} : \max_{1 \leq i, j \leq d} \mathbb{E} M_0(i, j)^s < +\infty\},$$

$$\kappa(s) := \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} (\mathbb{E} \|M_{0, n-1}\|^s)^{1/n} \text{ exists, is finite for } s \in I.$$

Theorem (Grama-Liu-Pin 2022)

Assume (FK). Let $p > 1$ be such that $1 - p \in I$. Then

$$\bar{Z}_n^i(j) := \frac{Z_n^i(j)}{M_{0, n-1}(i, j)} \xrightarrow{L^p} W^i \quad \text{for all } 1 \leq i, j \leq d$$

if and only if

$$\max_{1 \leq i, j \leq d} \mathbb{E} \left(\frac{Z_1^i(j)}{M_0(i, j)} \right)^p < +\infty \quad \text{and} \quad \kappa(1 - p) < 1.$$

L^p -convergence of the normalized population L^p -convergence of $(\bar{Z}_n^i(j))$: historic notes

- For $d \geq 1$, **Cohn (Ann. Prob. 1989)** claimed that if for some constants $c_1, C_1, C_2 > 0$,

$$c_1 \leq M_0(i, j) \leq C_1, \quad \mathbb{E}_\xi(Z_1^i(j))^2 \leq C_2$$

and $\mathbb{E}|\log \sum_{i=1}^d (1 - \mathbb{P}(\|Z_1^i\| = 0))| < \infty$, then

$$\frac{Z_n^i(j)}{\mathbb{E}_\xi Z_n^i(j)} \text{ converges in } L^2.$$

By our theorem, **the essential quantitative condition $\kappa(-1) < 1$ is missing** in his claim.

- For $d = 1$, Afanasyev (2001) obtained a sufficient condition (which is not necessary); Guivarc'h and Liu (2001) got the NSC : with M_n = mean of the offspring distribution of gen. n ,

$$\frac{Z_n}{M_{0,n-1}} \text{ conv. in } L^p \Leftrightarrow \mathbb{E}\left(\frac{Z_1}{M_0}\right)^p < +\infty \text{ and } \mathbb{E}M_0^{1-p} < 1.$$

Exponential L^p -convergence

Theorem (Grama-Liu-Pin 2022)

There exist $\delta \in (0, 1)$ and $C \in (0, \infty)$ such that $\forall n \geq 1$,

$$\mathbb{E}|\bar{Z}_n^i(j) - W^j|^p \leq C\delta^n$$

- We have an expression of δ , but the optimal value of δ is not known.
- For $d = 1$, Huang and Liu (2014) found the optimal value of δ .

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Proof ; L^p -convergence of the fundamental martingaleThe difficulty for the proof of L^p convergence of $\bar{Z}_n^i(j)$

- (\bar{Z}_n^i) is not a martingale.
- To overcome the difficulty, we study the L^p convergence of the fundamental martingale which has similar properties :
Assume $M_0 > 0$ a.s. For $0 \leq n \leq k$, let
 $\rho_{n,k}$ = spectral radius of $M_{n,k}$, $U_{n,k} > 0$ and $V_{n,k} > 0$ be the right and left eigenvectors :

$$M_{n,k} U_{n,k}^T = \rho_{n,k} U_{n,k}^T, \quad V_{n,k} M_{n,k} = \rho_{n,k} V_{n,k},$$

such that $\|U_{n,k}\| = \langle U_{n,k}, V_{n,k} \rangle = 1$. By Hennion (1997),

$$U_{n,\infty} = \lim_{k \rightarrow +\infty} U_{n,k} > 0, \quad M_n U_{n+1,\infty}^T = \lambda_n U_{n,\infty}^T$$

where $\|U_{n,\infty}\| = 1$, $(U_{n,\infty})$ and (λ_n) are stationary and ergodic. By Grama-Liu-Pin (2023), with $\lambda_{0,n-1} = \pi_{i=0}^{n-1} \lambda_i$,

$$W_n^i = \frac{\langle Z_n^i, U_{n,\infty} \rangle}{\lambda_{0,n-1} U_{0,\infty}(i)} \text{ is a martingale, } W_n^i \xrightarrow{\text{a.s.}} W^i.$$

Proof of the L^p convergence of W_n^i

- 1 We start with $1 < p \leq 2$. We show that

$$\mathbb{E}_\xi |W_{n+1}^i - W_n^i|^p \leq C \sigma_n(p) (\lambda_{0,n-1} U_{0,\infty}(i))^{1-p},$$

with $C > 0$ a constant, $\sigma_n(p) = \max_{1 \leq j \leq d} \mathbb{E}_\xi |W_{n,1}^j - 1|^p$, and

$(W_{n,k}^j)_{k \geq 0}$ the martingale associated to a branching process starting with one particle of type j in the shifted environment $T^n \xi = (\xi_n, \xi_{n+1}, \dots)$.

- 2 We take the expectation conditioned on $T^n \xi$:

$$\mathbb{E}_{T^n \xi} |W_{n+1}^i - W_n^i|^p \leq C \sigma_n(p) \mathbb{E}_{T^n \xi} (\lambda_{0,n-1} U_{0,\infty}(i))^{1-p}.$$

- 3 We show that for all $s \in I$, there is a constant C_s such that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}_{T^n \xi} (\lambda_{0,n-1} U_{0,\infty}(i))^s &= \mathbb{E}_{T^n \xi} \langle M_{0,n-1} U_{n,\infty}, \mathbf{e}_i \rangle^s \\ &\leq \sup_{\|x\|=\|y\|=1} \mathbb{E} \langle M_{0,n-1} x, y \rangle^s \\ &\leq C_s \kappa(s)^n. \end{aligned}$$

Proof of the L^p convergence of W_n^i

④ We get

$$\mathbb{E}|W_{n+1}^i - W_n^i|^p \leq C\mathbb{E}\sigma_0(p)\kappa(1-p)^n.$$

⑤ For $p > 2$, we use an argument by induction.

⑥ To show that the condition is necessary, consider the transfer operator P_s such that for $s \in I$ and all $\varphi \in \mathcal{C}(S)$,

$$P_s\varphi(x) := \mathbb{E}[\|xM_0\|^s \varphi(x \cdot M_0)], \quad x \in S,$$

where $x \cdot M_0 = xM_0/\|xM_0\|$ is the direction of the vector xM_0 . We prove that $\kappa(s)$ is the spectral radius of P_s , and there exists a strictly positive eigenfunction $r_s \in \mathcal{C}(S)$:

$$P_s r_s = \kappa(s)r_s.$$

Using the properties of the eigenfunction r_{1-p} and the recursive relation satisfied by W^i (due to the branching property), we obtain $\kappa(1-p) < 1$ (strict inequality).

Conditions for products of positive random matrices

Denote by $\Gamma_\mu = [\text{supp } \mu]$ the smallest closed semigroup generated by g in the support of μ . Usual conditions :

- ① **(A1) Allowability** : every $g \in \Gamma_\mu$ has the property that every row and every column of g has a strictly positive entry.
- ② **(A2) Positivity** : Γ_μ contains at least one strictly positive matrix.
- ③ **(A3) Non-arithmeticity** : the measure μ is non-arithmetic.

The measure μ is said to be *arithmetic*, if $\exists t > 0, \beta \in [0, 2\pi)$ and a real function ϑ defined on $\mathcal{S} := \{v \in \mathbb{R}_+^d : \|v\| = 1\}$ such that for any $g \in \Gamma_\mu$ and any $x \in V(\Gamma_\mu)$,

$$\exp[it \log |gx| - i\beta + i\vartheta(g \cdot x) - i\vartheta(x)] = 1,$$

where $V(\Gamma_\mu) = \overline{\{v_g \in \mathcal{S} : g \in \Gamma_\mu, g \text{ is proximal}\}}$. (denote by λ_g the dominant eigenvalue, v_g the associated eigenvector with unit norm). **This coincides with the usual arithmetic property when $d = 1$: $\log |g_1| \in (\beta + 2\pi\mathbb{Z})/t$ a.s..**

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The functions $\kappa(\mathbf{s})$ and Λ^*

Set $\mathcal{S} = \{\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}_+^d : \|\mathbf{v}\| = 1\}$,

$$I = \{\mathbf{s} \in \mathbb{R} : \mathbb{E}(\|M_0\|^{\mathbf{s}}) < \infty\}$$

For any $\mathbf{s} \in I$ the limit

$$\kappa(\mathbf{s}) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\mathbb{E}\|M_{0,n-1}\|^{\mathbf{s}})^{\frac{1}{n}} \quad (= \mathbb{E}M_0^{\mathbf{s}} = \mathbb{E}e^{\mathbf{s} \log M_0} \text{ when } d = 1)$$

exists and is finite. Introduce the Fenchel-Legendre transform of the convex function $\Lambda(\mathbf{s}) = \log \kappa(\mathbf{s})$, $\mathbf{s} \in I$ by

$$\Lambda^*(q) = \sup_{\mathbf{s} \in I} \{\mathbf{s}q - \Lambda(\mathbf{s})\}, \quad q \in \mathbb{R}.$$

We have $\Lambda^*(q) = \mathbf{s}q - \Lambda(\mathbf{s})$ if $q = \Lambda'(\mathbf{s})$ for some $\mathbf{s} \in I$.

Bahadur-Rao type large deviations

Theorem

Let $0 < s \in I^\circ$ (interior of I) and $q = \Lambda'(s)$. Assume (A1), (A2), (A3) and that one of the following conditions holds :

(H1) $s < 1$, $\mathbb{E}\left[\mathbb{E}[\|Z_1\|^{\frac{s}{s-\delta_s}} \mid \xi]^s\right]^{s-\delta_s} < \infty$ for some $\delta_s \in (0, s)$;

(H2) $s = 1$ and $\mathbb{E}[\|Z_1\|^{1+\delta_1}] < \infty$ for some $\delta_1 > 0$;

(H3) $s > 1$ and $\exists \delta_s > 0$ such that $\mathbb{E}[\|Z_1\|^{s+\delta_s}] < \infty$ and

$$\max_{1 \leq i, j \leq d} \mathbb{E} \left(\frac{\|M_0\|^{s+\delta_s}}{M_0(i, j)^{s+\delta_s}} Z_1^i(j)^{s+\delta_s} \right) < \infty.$$

Then there is a constant $C_j(s) \in (0, \infty)$ such that

$$\mathbb{P}[\|Z_n^i\| \geq e^{nq}] \sim \frac{C_j(s)}{\sqrt{n}} e^{-n\Lambda^*(q)} \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

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Why true ?

- 1 Intuition : if $Z_0 = v$, Z_n behaves like $\mathbb{E}_\xi Z_n = vM_{0,n-1}$,
- 2 More precisely, there is a **bridge between the branching process (Z_n^i) and the products of random matrices $M_{0,n-1}$** , due to the Kesten-Stigum type theorem (Grama-Liu-Pin AAP 2023) :

$$\frac{Z_n^i(j)}{\mathbb{E}_\xi Z_n^i(j)} = \frac{Z_n^i(j)}{M_{0,n-1}(i,j)} \xrightarrow{P} W_i \in (0, \infty) \text{ on } \{|Z_n| \rightarrow \infty\}$$

- 3 For large deviations and Gaussian approximation on **products of random matrices**, see Xiao-Grama-Liu (SPA 2020, JEMS 2022, AoP 2023).

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Proof of large deviations

For the proof, we need a measure change argument of Cramer type and a L^p convergence theorem for Z_n under the changed measure.

Proof : measure change and L^p convergence under the changed measure

The operator P_s , eigenmeasure ν_s & eigenfunction r_s

For any $s \in I$, define the transfer operator P_s : for any bounded measurable function φ on \mathcal{S} ,

$$P_s \varphi(x) := \mathbb{E}[\|xM_0\|^s \varphi(x \cdot M_0)], \quad x \in \mathcal{S}.$$

The operator P_s has a unique probability eigenmeasure ν_s on \mathcal{S} and a unique (up to a scaling constant) strictly positive and continuous eigenfunction r_s on \mathcal{S} , corresponding to the eigenvalue $\kappa(s)$:

$$P_s r_s = \kappa(s) r_s, \quad P_s \nu_s = \kappa(s) \nu_s.$$

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Measure change formula

Set

$$q_n^s(v, M_{0,n-1}) = \frac{e^{s \log \|v M_{0,n-1}\|} r_s(v \cdot M_{0,n-1})}{\kappa(s)^n r_s(v)}.$$

Since $P_s r_s = \kappa(s) r_s$, $\int q_n^s(v, M_{n-1} \dots M_0) d\mathbb{P} = 1$, for any $n \geq 1$.
So $q_n^s(v, M_{0,n-1}) d\mathbb{P}$ is a probability measure on

$\mathcal{F}_n = \sigma\{\xi_k, N_{k,j}^r : 1 \leq k < n, j \geq 1, 1 \leq r \leq d\}$, with $\mathcal{F}_0 = \{\emptyset, \Omega\}$.

By the Kolmogorov extension theorem, it can be extended to a probability measure, say \mathbb{Q}_s^v , on (Ω, \mathcal{F}) , so that for any bounded \mathcal{F}_n -measurable random variable Y , we have

$$\mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{Q}_s^v}(Y) = \mathbb{E}\left[q_n^s(v, M_{0,n-1}) Y\right]. \quad (1)$$

Proof : measure change and L^p convergence under the changed measure L^p convergence under \mathbb{Q}_s^v For any $s \in I$, $v \in \mathcal{S}$ and $z \in \mathbb{C}$ with $s + \Re z \in I$, let

$$\kappa_s(z) := \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{Q}_s^v} \|M_{0,n-1}\|^z)^{\frac{1}{n}} = \frac{\kappa(s+z)}{\kappa(s)}.$$

Theorem 2.

Assume condition **(FK)**. Let $p > 1$ be such that $1 - p \in I$. If

$$\max_{1 \leq i, j \leq d} \mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{Q}_s^{e_j}} \left(\frac{Z_1^i(j)}{M_0(i, j)} \right)^p < +\infty \quad \text{and} \quad \kappa_s(1 - p) < 1, \quad (2)$$

then $\frac{Z_n^i(j)}{(M_0 \cdots M_{n-1})(i, j)} \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow +\infty} W_s^i$ in $L^p(\mathbb{Q}_s^{e_j})$.

Proof : measure change and L^p convergence under the changed measure

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