# A General Framework for Central Limit Theorems of Additive Shape Parameters in Random Digital Trees (joint work with M. Fuchs) 

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- Bucket Digital Search Trees:
- A generalization of DSTs.
- Each node can store $b$ keys. Origin DSTs are $b$-DSTS with $b=1$.
- Related to many practical algorithms, such as memory management in UNIX.


## Construction of Tries


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Figure: A bucket digital search tree built from the keys $S_{1}, \ldots, S_{8}$ with bucket size $b=2$.

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$$
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$m$-ary case: The i-th key is of the same form with $A_{i, j} \in \mathcal{A}=\left\{a_{1}, \ldots, a_{m}\right\}$ for some alphabet $\mathcal{A}$ of the size m .

$$
\mathbb{P}\left(A_{i, j}=a_{k}\right)=p_{k} \text { with }
$$

$$
\sum_{i=1}^{m} p_{i}=1 \quad \text { and } 0 \leq p_{i} \leq 1 \text { for all } i
$$

## Additive Shape Parameters

Additive Shape Parameters in Tries A sequence of random variables satisfying the recurrence

$$
X_{n} \stackrel{d}{=} \sum_{r=1}^{m} X_{B_{n}^{(r)}}^{(r)}+T_{n}, \quad\left(n \geq n_{0}\right)
$$

where $n_{0} \geq 0$ is an integer, $X_{n}, X_{n}^{(1)}, \ldots, X_{n}^{(m)},\left(B_{n}^{(1)}, \ldots, B_{n}^{(m)}\right), T_{n}$ are independent and $B_{n}^{(r)}$ is the multinomial distribution.
Additive Shape Parameters in (Bucket) DSTs A sequence of random variables satisfying the recurrence

$$
X_{n+b} \stackrel{d}{=} \sum_{r=1}^{m} X_{B_{n}^{(r)}}^{(r)}+T_{n+b}, \quad\left(n \geq n_{0}\right)
$$

where $b \in \mathbb{N}$.

## Contraction Method (I)

We start with a sequence of $d$-dimensional random vectors $\left\{Y_{n}\right\}_{n \geq 0}$ satisfying the distributional recursion

$$
Y_{n} \stackrel{d}{=} \sum_{r=1}^{k} A_{r}(n) Y_{I_{r}^{(n)}}^{(r)}+b_{n}, \quad n \geq n_{0},
$$

where
(1) $I_{r}^{(n)}$ is a vector of random cardinalities with $I_{r}^{(n)} \in\{0, \ldots, n\}$

2 $\left(A_{1}(n), \ldots, A_{k}(n), b_{n}, I_{1}^{(n)}, \ldots, I_{k}^{(n)}\right),\left(Y_{n}^{(1)}\right), \ldots,\left(Y_{n}^{(k)}\right),\left(Y_{n}\right)$ are independent,
(3) $A_{1}(n), \ldots, A_{k}(n)$ are random $d \times d$ matrices,
(4) $b_{n}$ is a random $d$-dimensional vector,
(5) $\left(Y_{n}^{(1)}\right), \ldots,\left(Y_{n}^{(k)}\right)$ are identically distributed as $\left(Y_{n}\right)$.

## Contraction Method (II)

Next, we normalize the $Y_{n}$ by

$$
X_{n}:=C_{n}^{-1 / 2}\left(Y_{n}-M_{n}\right), \quad n \geq n_{0}
$$

where $M_{n} \in \mathbb{R}^{d}$ and $C_{n}$ are suitably chosen positive-definite square matrices. The normalized quantities $X_{n}$ then satisfy the modified recurrence

$$
X_{n} \stackrel{d}{=} \sum_{r=1}^{k} A_{r}(n) X_{I_{r}^{(n)}}^{(r)}+b^{(n)}, \quad n \geq n_{0},
$$

with

$$
A_{r}^{(n)}:=C_{n}^{-1 / 2} A_{r}(n) C_{I_{r}^{(n)}}^{1 / 2}, \quad b^{(n)}:=C_{n}^{-1 / 2}\left(b_{n}-M_{n}+\sum_{r=1}^{k} A_{r}(n) M_{I_{r}^{(n)}}\right)
$$

and the independence relations are as for $Y_{n}$. The normalized quantities will converge in $\zeta_{s}$ under suitable conditions.

## Contraction Method (III)

## Theorem

Let $\left(X_{n}\right)$ be normalized as before and $s$-integrable and $0<s \leq 3$. Assume that as $n \rightarrow \infty$,
(1) $\left(A_{1}^{(n)}, \ldots, A_{k}^{(n)}, b_{n}\right) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{L}_{s}}\left(A_{1}^{*}, \ldots, A_{k}^{*}, b^{*}\right)$,
(2) $\mathbb{E} \sum_{r=1}^{k}\left\|A_{r}^{*}\right\|_{o p}^{s}<1$, and
(3) $\mathbb{E}\left[\mathbf{1}_{\left\{l_{l}^{(n)} \leq l\right\} \cup\left\{l_{l}^{(n)}=n\right\}}\left\|A_{r}^{(n)}\right\|_{o p}^{s}\right] \rightarrow 0$ for all $l \in \mathbb{N}$ and $r=1, \ldots, k$.
Then $\left(X_{n}\right)$ converges to a limit $X$,

$$
\zeta_{s}\left(X_{n}, X\right) \rightarrow 0, \quad n \rightarrow \infty .
$$

## Derive the Functional Equations (I)

Consider the moment generating function for $X_{n}$ :

$$
M_{n}(y):=\mathbb{E}\left(e^{X_{n} y}\right)
$$

The recurrence gives us

$$
M_{n}(y)=\mathbb{E}\left(e^{T_{n} y}\right) \sum_{j_{1}+\cdots+j_{m}=n} \pi_{j_{1}, \ldots, j_{m}} M_{j_{1}}(y) \cdots M_{j_{m}}(y), \quad\left(n \geq n_{0}\right),
$$

where

$$
\pi_{j_{1}, \ldots, j_{m}}=\binom{n}{j_{1} \cdots j_{m}} p_{1}^{j_{1}} \cdots p_{m}^{j_{m}} .
$$

Now, we can get the recurrences for the first and second moment of $X_{n}$ by computing $M_{n}^{\prime}(0)$ and $M_{n}^{\prime \prime}(0)$.

## Derive the Functional Equations (II)

We define the poissonized generating functions as the following

$$
\begin{array}{ll}
\tilde{f}_{1}(z)=e^{-z} \sum_{n \geq 0} \mathbb{E}\left(X_{n}\right) \frac{z^{n}}{n!}, & \tilde{f}_{2}(z)=e^{-z} \sum_{n \geq 0} \mathbb{E}\left(X_{n}^{2}\right) \frac{z^{n}}{n!} \\
\tilde{h}_{1}(z)=e^{-z} \sum_{n \geq 0} \mathbb{E}\left(T_{n}\right) \frac{z^{n}}{n!}, & \tilde{h}_{2}(z)=e^{-z} \sum_{n \geq 0} \mathbb{E}\left(T_{n}^{2} \frac{z^{n}}{n!},\right.
\end{array}
$$

Then the recurrence relation we get from the moment generating function become

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \tilde{f}_{1}(z)=\sum_{r=1}^{m} \tilde{f}_{1}\left(p_{r} z\right)+\tilde{h}_{1}(z), \\
& \tilde{f}_{2}(z)=\sum_{r=1}^{m} \tilde{f}_{2}\left(p_{r} z\right)+\sum_{r \neq s} \tilde{f}_{1}\left(p_{r} z\right) \tilde{f}_{1}\left(p_{s} z\right)+\tilde{h}_{2}(z)+\tilde{g}(z) .
\end{aligned}
$$

## Functional Equations for the Poissonized Variance

Use the idea of Poissonized variance and the functional equations for the first and second moment of $X_{n}$, we get:

$$
\tilde{V}_{X}(z)=\sum_{r=1}^{m} \tilde{V}_{X}\left(p_{r} z\right)+\tilde{V}_{T}(z)+\tilde{\phi}_{1}(z)+\tilde{\phi}_{2}(z)
$$

where

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \tilde{\phi}_{1}(z)=\tilde{g}(z)-2 \tilde{h}_{1}(z) \sum_{r=1}^{m} \tilde{f}_{1}\left(p_{r} z\right)-2 z \tilde{h}_{1}^{\prime}(z) \sum_{r=1}^{m} p_{r} \tilde{f}_{1}^{\prime}\left(p_{r} z\right), \\
& \tilde{\phi}_{2}(z)=z \sum_{r<s} p_{r} p_{s}\left(\tilde{f}_{1}^{\prime}\left(p_{r} z\right)-\tilde{f}_{1}^{\prime}\left(p_{s} z\right)\right)^{2} .
\end{aligned}
$$

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## Definition

We let $\epsilon, \epsilon^{\prime} \in(0,1)$ be arbitrarily small numbers. An entire function $\tilde{f}$ is said to be JS-admissible, denoted by $\tilde{f} \in \mathscr{J} \mathscr{S}_{\alpha, \beta}$, if the following two conditions hold for $|z| \geq 1$.
(I) There exists $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$ such that uniformly for $|\arg (z)| \leq \epsilon$,

$$
\tilde{f}(z)=\mathcal{O}\left(|z|^{\alpha}\left(\log _{+}|z|^{\beta}\right),\right.
$$

where $\log _{+} x:=\log (1+x)$.
(O) Uniformly for $\epsilon \leq|\arg (z)| \leq \pi$,

$$
f(z):=e^{\tilde{\tilde{f}}} \tilde{f}(z)=\mathcal{O}\left(e^{\left(1-\epsilon^{\prime}\right)|z|}\right) .
$$

## Lemma for the Functional Equations

Let $\tilde{f}(z)$ and $\tilde{h}(z)$ be entire functions satisfying a functional equation of the form

$$
\tilde{f}(z)=\sum_{r=1}^{m} \tilde{f}\left(p_{r} z\right)+\tilde{h}(z)
$$

where $h=-\sum_{r=1}^{m} p_{r} \log p_{r}$. If $\tilde{h}(z) \in \mathscr{J} \mathscr{S}_{\alpha, \gamma}$ with $0 \leq \alpha<1$ and $\tilde{f}(0)=\tilde{f}^{\prime}(0)=0$, then

$$
\tilde{f}(z)=\frac{1}{h} \sum_{\omega_{k} \in \mathcal{Z}<-\alpha-\epsilon} G\left(\omega_{k}\right) z^{-\omega_{k}}+\mathcal{O}\left(z^{\alpha+\epsilon}\right)
$$

where the sum expression is infinitely differentiable and

$$
G(\omega)=\int_{0}^{\infty} z^{\omega-1} \tilde{h}(z) d z=\mathscr{M}[\tilde{h} ; \omega] .
$$

## Asymptotic for Mean and Variance

 If $\tilde{h}_{1}(z) \in \mathscr{J} \mathscr{S}_{\alpha_{1}, \gamma_{1}}$ with $0 \leq \alpha_{1}<1$, then$$
\mathbb{E}\left(X_{n}\right)=\frac{1}{h} \sum_{\omega_{k} \in \mathcal{Z}_{<-\alpha_{1}-\epsilon}} G_{E}\left(\omega_{k}\right) n^{-\omega_{k}}+\mathcal{O}\left(n^{\alpha_{1}+\epsilon}\right)
$$

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$$
G_{E}(\omega)=\mathscr{M}\left[\tilde{h}_{1} ; \omega\right]=\int_{0}^{\infty} \tilde{h}(z) z^{\omega-1} d z
$$

Moreover, if $\tilde{V}_{T}(z) \in \mathscr{J} \mathscr{S}_{\alpha_{2}, \gamma_{2}}$ with $0 \leq \alpha_{2}<1$ and $\tilde{h}_{2}(z) \in \mathscr{J} \mathscr{S}$, then

$$
\operatorname{Var}\left(X_{n}\right) \sim \frac{1}{h} \sum_{\omega_{k} \in \mathcal{Z}_{=-1}} G_{V}\left(\omega_{k}\right) n^{-\omega_{k}}
$$

where the sum expression is infinitely differentiable and

$$
G_{V}(\omega)=\mathscr{M}\left[\tilde{V}_{T}+\tilde{\phi}_{1}+\tilde{\phi}_{2} ; \omega\right]=\int_{0}^{\infty}\left(\tilde{V}_{T}(z)+\tilde{\phi}_{1}(z)+\tilde{\phi}_{2}(z)\right) z^{\omega-1} d z
$$

## General Central Limit Theorem for

## Tries

## Theorem

Suppose that $\tilde{h}_{1}(z) \in \mathscr{J} \mathscr{S}_{\alpha_{1}, \gamma_{1}}$ with $0 \leq \alpha_{1}<1 / 2, \tilde{h}_{2}(z) \in \mathscr{J} \mathscr{S}$ and $\tilde{V}_{T}(z) \in \mathscr{J} \mathscr{S}_{\alpha_{2}, \gamma_{2}}$ with $0 \leq \alpha_{2}<1$. Moreover, we assume that $\left\|T_{n}\right\|_{s}=o(\sqrt{n})$ with $2<s \leq 3$ and $\mathbb{V}\left(X_{n}\right) \geq c n$ for all n large enough and some $c>0$. Then, as $n \rightarrow \infty$,

$$
\frac{X_{n}-\mathbb{E}\left(X_{n}\right)}{\sqrt{\mathbb{V}\left(X_{n}\right)}} \xrightarrow{d} \mathcal{N}(0,1) .
$$

## Differential Functional Equations for DSTs

By similar computations, we get that

$$
\tilde{f}_{1}(z)+\tilde{f}_{1}^{\prime}(z)=2 \tilde{f}_{1}\left(\frac{z}{2}\right)+\tilde{\tau}_{1}(z)
$$

and

$$
\begin{aligned}
\tilde{V}(z)+\tilde{V}^{\prime}(z)= & 2 \tilde{V}\left(\frac{z}{2}\right)+\tilde{V}_{T}(z)+\tilde{\lambda}(z)-4 \tilde{\tau}_{1}(z) \tilde{f}_{1}\left(\frac{z}{2}\right) \\
& -2 z \tilde{\tau}_{1}^{\prime}(z) \tilde{f}_{1}^{\prime}\left(\frac{z}{2}\right)+z \tilde{f}_{1}^{\prime \prime}(z)^{2}
\end{aligned}
$$

where $\tilde{V}_{T}(z)=\tilde{\tau}_{2}(z)-\tilde{\tau}_{1}(z)^{2}-z \tilde{\tau}_{1}^{\prime}(z)^{2}$.

## General Central Limit Theorems for DSTs

Theorem
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## Lower Bound for Variance

Consider two nonnegative sequence $\left\{\alpha_{i}\right\}$ and $\left\{\beta_{i}\right\}$ satisfying a recurrence of the form

$$
\alpha_{n+1}=\sum_{i=1}^{m} a_{i} \sum_{j=0}^{n} f\left(n, j, p_{i}\right) \alpha_{j}+\beta_{n}, \quad\left(n \geq n_{0}\right),
$$

where $a_{1}, \ldots, a_{m}$ are positive real numbers, $p_{i} \in(0,1)$ for all $1 \leq i \leq m$ and $f(n, j, p)$ is a nonnegative-valued function. We assume that there exists some $j^{\prime} \geq n_{0}$ such that $\beta_{j^{\prime}}>0$. We also assume that $f(n, j, p)$ satisfies that $\sum_{j=0}^{n} f(n, j, p)=1$ and there exists $n_{1} \geq n_{0}$ such that for all $n>n_{1}$ and $p<1$,

$$
\sum_{|j-p n|>p n^{\tau}} f(n, j, p)=\mathcal{O}\left(n^{\tau-1}\right)
$$

for some constant $1>\tau>0$, then $\alpha_{n}=\Omega\left(n^{\lambda}\right)$ with $\lambda$ being the unique real root of $F(z)=1-\sum_{i=1}^{m} a_{i} p_{i}^{z}$.

## The Internal Nodes of Tries

$N_{n}^{(k)}$ : The number of internal nodes of outdegree $k$ in a trie built on $n$ keys.
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$$
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Lemma
$Z_{n}$ is not deterministic for $n$ large enough.
proof
Find two examples.

## Recurrence of $Z_{n}$

We derive the recurrence for $Z_{n}$ from $N_{n}^{(k)}$ :

$$
N_{n}^{(k)} \stackrel{d}{=} \sum_{i=1}^{m}\left(N_{I_{n}^{(i)}}^{(k)}\right)^{(i)}+T_{n}^{(k)}, \quad(n \geq 2)
$$

with the initial conditions $N_{0}^{(k)}=N_{1}^{(k)}=0$ and

$$
T_{n}^{(k)}= \begin{cases}1, & \text { if } \#\left\{1 \leq i \leq m: I_{n}^{(i)} \neq 0\right\}=k ; \\ 0, & \text { otherwise }\end{cases}
$$

Consequently,

$$
Z_{n} \stackrel{d}{=} \sum_{i=1}^{m} Z_{I_{n}^{(i)}}^{(i)}+T_{n}, \quad(n \geq 2)
$$

where $Z_{0}=Z_{1}=0$ and

$$
T_{n}=\sum_{k=1}^{m} a_{k} T_{n}^{(k)} .
$$

## The Lower Bound of the Variance of

$Z_{n}$
Theorem
We have, $\operatorname{Var}\left(Z_{n}\right) \geq c n$ with $c>0$ for all $n$ large enough. proof

- Set $\mu_{n}=\mathbb{E}\left(Z_{n}\right)$ and

$$
M_{n}(y)=\mathbb{E}\left(e^{\left(Z_{n}-\mu_{n}\right) y}\right)
$$

- From the recurrence, we get

$$
\operatorname{Var}\left(Z_{n}\right)=\sigma_{n}^{2}=\sum_{i=1}^{m} \sum_{j=0}^{n}\binom{n}{j} p_{i}^{j}\left(1-p_{i}\right)^{n-j} \sigma_{j}^{2}+\eta_{n}, \quad(n \geq 2)
$$

- Check that $\eta_{n}>0$ for some $n>2$, then apply the lemma.


## Main Theorem from the Framework

Theorem
We have, as $n \rightarrow \infty$,

$$
\mathbb{E}\left(Z_{n}\right) \sim n P\left(\log _{1 / a} n\right), \quad \operatorname{Var}\left(Z_{n}\right) \sim n Q\left(\log _{1 / a} n\right)
$$

where $a>0$ is a suitable constant and $P(z), Q(z)$ are infinitely differentiable, 1-periodic functions (possibly constant). Moreover, $\operatorname{Var}\left(Z_{n}\right)>0$ for all $n$ large enough and

$$
\frac{Z_{n}-\mathbb{E}\left(Z_{n}\right)}{\sqrt{\operatorname{Var}\left(Z_{n}\right)}} \xrightarrow{d} N(0,1) .
$$

## Proof

Check all the conditions in the framework.

## Bivariate Setting

Set

$$
\operatorname{Var}\left(N_{n}^{\left(k_{1}\right)}\right) \sim n Q^{\left(k_{1}\right)}\left(\log _{1 / a} n\right), \quad \operatorname{Var}\left(N_{n}^{\left(k_{2}\right)}\right) \sim n Q^{\left(k_{2}\right)}\left(\log _{1 / a} n\right)
$$

and

$$
\Sigma_{n}=\left(\begin{array}{cc}
n Q^{\left(k_{1}\right)}\left(\log _{1 / a} n\right) & n Q^{\left(k_{1}, k_{2}\right)}\left(\log _{1 / a} n\right) \\
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\end{array}\right)
$$

Lemma
The correlation coefficient $\rho\left(N_{n}^{\left(k_{1}\right)}, N_{n}^{\left(k_{2}\right)}\right)$ is not -1 or 1 for all $n$ large enough.
proof
Check examples.

## Bivariate Limit Law

Theorem
Assume that $\left(k_{1}, k_{2}, m\right) \notin\{(1,2,2),(2,3,3)\}$. Then, $\Sigma_{n}$ is positive definite for $n$ large enough and, as $n \rightarrow \infty$,

$$
\Sigma_{n}^{-1 / 2}\binom{N_{n}^{\left(k_{1}\right)}-\mathbb{E}\left(N_{n}^{\left(k_{1}\right)}\right)}{N_{n}^{\left(k_{2}\right)}-\mathbb{E}\left(N_{n}^{\left(k_{2}\right)}\right)} \xrightarrow{d} N\left(0, I_{2}\right),
$$

where $I_{2}$ denotes the $2 \times 2$ identity matrix.

## Proof

By checking the required conditions for the contraction method.

## 2-Protected Nodes in DSTs

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- Proposed by Cheon and Shapiro.
- Studied under Planar trees, Motzkin trees, ternary trees, $k$-ary trees (mean), binary search trees (CLT), $k$-ary search trees (some probabilistic properties), DSTs (mean).
- Janson and Devroye extend the concept to protected fringe subtree.


## Distribution Recurrence of 2-protected Nodes in DSTs

Let $L_{n}$ be the number of 2-protected nodes in a DST built on $n$ keys, then under the Bernoulli model, 2-protected nodes in DSTs satisfies the recurrence

$$
L_{n+1} \stackrel{d}{=} L_{B_{n}}+L_{n-B_{n}}^{*}+T_{n}, \quad(n \geq 3)
$$

where $B_{n}=\operatorname{Binomial}(n, 1 / 2)$ and

$$
T_{n}= \begin{cases}0, & B_{n}=1 \vee n-1 \\ 1, & \text { Otherwise }\end{cases}
$$

$\Longrightarrow$ The framework can be applied here.

## Results from the Framework

Theorem
We have that

$$
\mathbb{E}\left(L_{n}\right)=\frac{n}{\log 2} \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \frac{G_{E}\left(2+\chi_{k}\right)}{\Gamma\left(2+\chi_{k}\right)} n^{\chi_{k}}+\mathcal{O}\left(n^{\epsilon}\right) \quad \text { as } n \rightarrow \infty,
$$

and

$$
\mathbb{V}\left(L_{n}\right) \sim \frac{n}{\log 2} \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \frac{G_{V}\left(2+\chi_{k}\right)}{\Gamma\left(2+\chi_{k}\right)} n^{\chi_{k}}
$$

as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

Moreover,

$$
\frac{L_{n}-\mathbb{E}\left(L_{n}\right)}{\sqrt{\operatorname{Var}\left(L_{n}\right)}} \xrightarrow{d} \mathcal{N}(0,1) .
$$

## Expression of $G_{E}(\omega)$

We have that

$$
G_{E}(\omega)=\kappa(-\omega) \Gamma(\omega) \Gamma(1-\omega)+\frac{Q\left(2^{\omega-1}\right)}{Q(1)} \Gamma(-\omega) \Gamma(\omega+1)
$$

where

$$
\begin{aligned}
\kappa(\omega)= & \frac{8 \cdot 2^{4 l}-32 \cdot 2^{3 l}+46 \cdot 2^{2 l}-32 \cdot 2^{l}+9}{2^{1-l \omega}\left(2 \cdot 2^{l}-1\right)^{2}\left(2^{l}-1\right)^{3}} \\
& -\frac{2^{\omega+l+3}\left(\omega\left(2^{l+1}-1\right)+2^{l+1}-2\right)}{\left(2 \cdot 2^{l}-1\right)^{2}} \\
& +\frac{2^{l}\left(2^{l}\left(\omega^{2}+3 \omega-2\right)-2^{l+1}\left(\omega^{2}+4 \omega-2\right)+\omega^{2}+5 \omega+2\right)}{4\left(2^{l}-1\right)^{3}} .
\end{aligned}
$$

