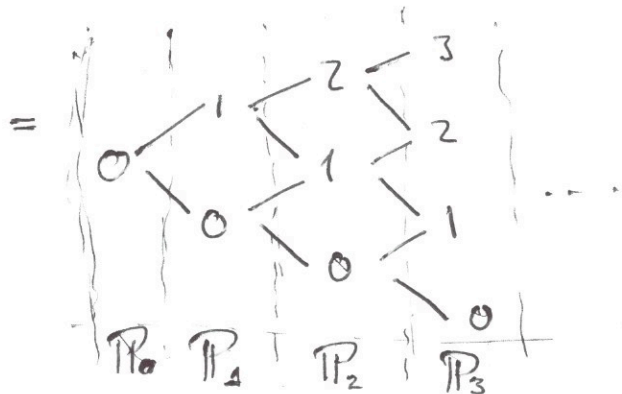


# Pascal's Triangle & Branching Graphs

Def: The Pascal triangle is a graded poset given as follows:

$$\mathbb{TP} = \bigsqcup_{n=0}^{\infty} \mathbb{TP}_n = \bigsqcup_{n=0}^{\infty} \{ (k, l) \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}^2 \mid k+l=n \}$$



Def: A normalized harmonic function,  $\psi: \mathbb{TP} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , on the  $\mathbb{TP}$  is a function that satisfies the condition

$$\psi(k, l) = \psi(k+1, l) + \psi(k, l+1)$$

and it is normalized so that  $\psi(0, 0) = 1$ . We denote

$$\mathcal{H} = \{ \psi, \text{ nor. har on } \mathbb{TP} \}$$

Claim:  $\mathcal{H}$  is a convex set

• Extreme elements of  $\mathcal{H}$  are given by

$$\psi_{\alpha}(k, l) = \alpha^k (1-\alpha)^l$$

for some  $\alpha \in [0, 1]$

◦ Any  $\psi \in \mathcal{H}$  may be written as

$$\psi_{(k,l)} = \int_0^1 \psi_{\alpha}^{(k,l)} P(d\alpha) = \int_0^1 \alpha^k (1-\alpha)^l P(d\alpha)$$

for some prob measure  $P$  on  $[0,1]$

Def: Let  $F: \mathbb{R}[x,y] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a linear functional satisfying:

(i)  $F(x^k y^l) \geq 0 \quad k, l \geq 0$

(ii)  $F$  vanishes on the principal ideal generated by  $(x+y)-1$ .

(iii)  $F(1) = 1$

We denote

$$\mathcal{F} = \{ F, \text{ lin. fun w/ (i)-(iii)} \}$$

Def: A measure  $\nu$  on  $\{0,1\}^\infty = \{(x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots) \mid x_i \in \{0,1\}\}$

is given by a coherent system of measures  $\nu^{(n)}$  on  $\{0,1\}^n = \{(x_1, \dots, x_n) \mid x_i \in \{0,1\}\}$  w.r.t. the proj. map

$$(x_1, \dots, x_n) \rightarrow (x_1, \dots, x_{n-1})$$

In particular,

$$\begin{aligned} \nu^{(n-1)}(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}) &= \nu^{(n)}(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, 0) \\ &\quad + \nu^{(n)}(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, 1) \end{aligned}$$

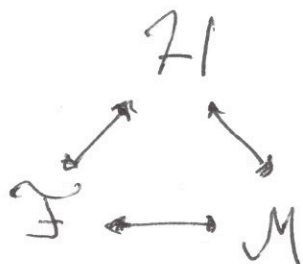
Moreover,  $\nu = \{\nu^{(n)}\}_{n=1}^\infty$  is called  $S(\infty)$ -invariant if

$$\nu^{(n)}(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \nu^{(n)}(x_{\sigma(1)}, \dots, x_{\sigma(n)}) \quad \forall \sigma \in S_n$$

We denote

$$\mathcal{M} = \{ \nu, S(\infty)\text{-inv measure on } \{0,1\}^{\infty} \}$$

Lemma: There is a three way bijection



Ps:

$$(\nu \mapsto \psi)$$

Introduce the events (sets)

$$C_{k,l} = \{ \vec{x} \in \{0,1\}^{\infty} \mid x_1 = \dots = x_k = 1, x_{k+1} = \dots = x_{k+l} = 0 \}$$

$$\sigma \cdot C_{k,l} = \{ \sigma \cdot \vec{x} \mid \vec{x} \in C_{k,l} \}$$

$$\Rightarrow \psi(k,l) := \nu(C_{k,l}) = \nu(\sigma \cdot C_{k,l})$$

Note  $C_{k,l} = \sigma \cdot C_{k+1,l} \cup C_{k,l+1}$  for  $\sigma = (k+1, k+l+1)$

$$\text{By coherence of } \nu \Rightarrow \nu(C_{k,l}) = \nu(\sigma \cdot C_{k+1,l}) + \nu(C_{k,l+1}) \\ = \nu(C_{k+1,l}) + \nu(C_{k,l+1})$$

$$\Rightarrow \psi(k,l) = \psi(k+1,l) + \psi(k,l+1)$$

$\Rightarrow \psi$  is harmonic on  $\mathbb{P}$ .

( $\Psi \mapsto \nu$ )

Set  $\nu^{(n)}(x_1, \dots, x_n) := \Psi(k, l)$  if  $k$  ones &  $l$  zeros

$$\Rightarrow \nu^{(n+1)}(x_1, \dots, x_n, 0) + \nu^{(n+1)}(x_1, \dots, x_n, 1)$$

$$= \Psi(k, l+1) + \Psi(k+1, l)$$

$$= \Psi(k, l)$$

$$= \nu^{(n)}(x_1, \dots, x_n)$$

$\Rightarrow \{\nu^{(n)}\}_{n \geq 0}$  is coherent.

( $\Psi \leftrightarrow F$ )

Set  $F(x^k y^l) := \Psi(k, l)$  and extend linearly

$$F([(x+y)-1] x^k y^l)$$

$$= F(x^{k+1} y^l + x^k y^{l+1} - x^k y^l)$$

$$= F(x^{k+1} y^l) + F(x^k y^{l+1}) - F(x^k y^l)$$

$$= \Psi(k+1, l) + \Psi(k, l+1) - \Psi(k, l)$$

$$= 0$$

$\Rightarrow F$  vanishes on the ideal  $(x+y)-1$ .



Cor  $\circ \{ \psi_\alpha(k, l) = \alpha^k (1-\alpha)^l \mid \alpha \in [0, 1] \}$  are the extremes of  $\mathcal{H}$ .

$\circ \{ \psi_\alpha^{(n)}(1, \dots, 1, 0, \dots, 0) = \alpha^k (1-\alpha)^l \mid \alpha \in [0, 1] \}$  are the extremes for  $\mathcal{M}$ .

$\circ \{ F_\alpha(x) = \alpha \mid \alpha \in [0, 1] \}$  are the extremes on  $\mathcal{F}$ .

All of these are equivalent statements.

Claim:  $F \in \mathcal{F}$  is extreme if it is multiplicative. That is,

$$F(x^k y^l) = F(x)^k F(y)^l,$$

meaning that  $F$  is an algebra homomorphism on  $\mathbb{R}[x, y]$  satisfying (i) - (iii).

Pf:

( $F$  extreme  $\Rightarrow F$  mult)

Case 1:  $F(x) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow 0 \leq F(x^{k+l}) = F(x x^k y^l) \leq \frac{F(x (x+y)^{k+l})}{\binom{k+l}{k}} = \binom{k+l}{k} F(x) = 0$$

Since  $F((x+y)^{k+l} - \binom{k+l}{k} x^k y^l) \geq 0$ .

So,

$$F(x^{k+1}y^l) = 0 = F(x)F(x^k y^l)$$

Case 2  $F(x) > 0$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow F(x^k y^l) &= F((x+y)(x^k y^l)) \\ &= F(x^{k+1} y^l) + F(x^k y^{l+1}) \\ &= F(x) \frac{F(x^{k+1} y^l)}{F(x)} + F(y) \frac{F(x^k y^{l+1})}{F(y)} \\ &= F(x) F_x(x^k y^l) + F(y) F_y(x^k y^l) \end{aligned}$$

with  $F_x(x^k y^l) := \frac{F(x^{k+1} y^l)}{F(x)}$  &  $F_y(x^k y^{l+1}) := \frac{F(x^k y^{l+1})}{F(y)}$ .

Note that  $F_x, F_y \in \mathcal{F}$ . Then, we must have

$$F_x(x^k y^l) = F(x^k y^l)$$

since  $F$  is extreme

$$\Rightarrow F(x^k y^l) = \frac{F(x^{k+1} y^l)}{F(x)} \Rightarrow F(x^{k+1} y^l) = F(x)F(x^k y^l)$$

( $F$  mult  $\Rightarrow F$  extreme)

Let  $E \subset \mathcal{F}$  be the set of extreme functionals in  $\mathcal{F}$ .

$$\Rightarrow F(\mathcal{J}) = \int_E G(\mathcal{J}) P(dG)$$

For same prob measure on  $E$ .

$$\Rightarrow \left( \int_E G(\mathcal{J}) P(dG) \right)^2 = F(\mathcal{J})^2 = F(\mathcal{J}^2) = \int G(\mathcal{J})^2 \cdot P(dG)$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_E \left( G(\mathcal{J}) - \int_E G(\mathcal{J}) P(dG) \right)^2 P(dG) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow P(G) = \begin{cases} 1 & G=G' \\ 0 & G \neq G' \end{cases} \Rightarrow F=G' \Rightarrow F \text{ is extreme.}$$

Rem: We may construct

$$\Psi(k, l) = \int_0^1 \alpha^k (1-\alpha)^l P(d\alpha)$$

explicitly. We need the following observations

$$\circ \Psi(k_0, l_0) = \sum_{k+l=n} \dim((k_0, l_0) \rightarrow (k, l)) \Psi(k, l)$$

with

$$\begin{aligned} \dim((k_0, l_0) \rightarrow (k, l)) &= \binom{k+l-k_0-l_0}{k-k_0} \\ &= \# \text{ paths in } \mathbb{P} \text{ from } (k_0, l_0) \text{ to } (k, l). \end{aligned}$$

- $M^{(n)}(k, l) = \dim((0, 0) \rightarrow (k, l)) \psi(k, l)$   
 $= \binom{k+l}{k} \psi(k, l)$

is a prob measur on  $\mathbb{P}^{(n)}$

- $\frac{\dim((k_0, l_0) \rightarrow (k, l))}{\dim((0, 0) \rightarrow (k, l))} = \left(\frac{k}{k+l}\right)^{k_0} \left(\frac{l}{k+l}\right)^{l_0} + O\left(\frac{1}{k+l}\right)$

Then,

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi(k_0, l_0) &= \sum_{k+l=n} \left( \frac{\dim((k_0, l_0) \rightarrow (k, l))}{\dim((0, 0) \rightarrow (k, l))} \right)^{\alpha} \dim((0, 0) \rightarrow (k, l)) \psi(k, l) \\ &= \sum_{k+l=n} \left(\frac{k}{k+l}\right)^{k_0} \left(\frac{l}{k+l}\right)^{l_0} M^{(n)}(k, l) + O\left(\frac{1}{n}\right) \end{aligned}$$

Set

$$P^{(n)}(\alpha) = \sum_{k+l=n} M^{(n)}(k, l) \mathbb{1}\left(\alpha = \frac{k}{k+l}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow P^{(n)} \rightarrow P \quad \text{for some subseq}$$

since the set of prob meas are "compact"

$$\therefore \Psi(k_0, l_0) = \int_0^1 \alpha^{k_0} (1-\alpha)^{l_0} P(d\alpha)$$