

# Spatial Extent of Branching Brownian Motion

Kabir Ramola

Martin Fisher School of Physics,  
Brandeis University

In collaboration with Satya N. Majumdar and Grégory Schehr

October 16, 2015

# Presentation Outline

- 1 Introduction
  - Extreme Value Statistics
  - Branching Brownian Motion
- 2 Backward Fokker-Planck Equations
- 3 Solving the Equations
- 4 Results
  - Asymptotic behavior of  $p(\zeta)$  for  $\zeta \rightarrow 0$
  - Asymptotic behavior of  $p(\zeta)$  for  $\zeta \rightarrow \infty$
- 5 Monte Carlo Simulations

# Extreme Value Statistics

- Extreme value statistics has been growing in prominence.
- In many real world examples the extreme value is not independent of the rest of the set and there are **strong correlations between near-extreme values**.
- Examples include **extreme temperatures** as part of heat or cold waves, **earthquakes and financial crashes** where extreme fluctuations are accompanied by foreshocks and aftershocks.
- Particularly important in **disordered systems** where energy levels near the ground state become important at low but finite temperature.
- Although EVS of independent identically distributed (i.i.d.) variables are fully understood, **very few analytical results for strongly correlated random variables**.

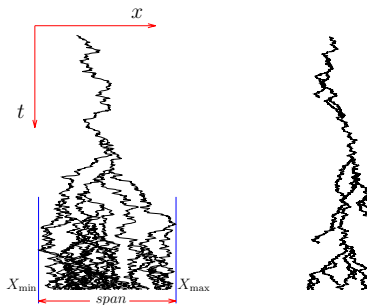
# Branching Brownian Motion

At each time step  $[t, t + \Delta t]$  the particle can:

- **A)** die with probability  $a\Delta t$
- **B)** split into two independent particles with probability  $b\Delta t$
- **C)** diffuse by a distance  $\Delta x = \eta(t)\Delta t$ , with probability  $1 - (a + b)\Delta t$ .

$$\langle \eta(t) \rangle = 0, \quad \langle \eta(t_1)\eta(t_2) \rangle = 2D\delta(t_1 - t_2) \quad (1)$$

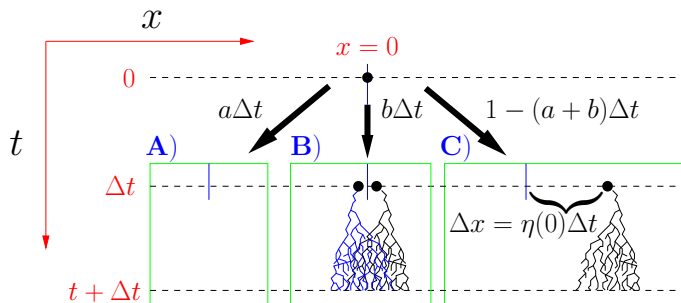
# Branching Brownian Motion



**Figure:** A realization of the dynamics of branching Brownian motion with death (left) in the supercritical regime ( $b > a$ ) and (right) in the critical regime ( $b = a$ ). The particles are numbered sequentially from right to left as shown in the inset.

# The Backward Fokker-Planck Approach

- We look at the contribution from the **first time step**  $[0, \Delta t]$  to the final time step  $t + \Delta t$



## Number of Particles in the system

- $P(n, t)$  = Probability there are exactly  $n$  particles at time  $t$ .
- Using the Backward Fokker-Planck approach

$$P(n, t + \Delta t) = [1 - (a + b)\Delta t]P(n, t) + b\Delta t \sum_{m=0}^n P(m, t)P(n - m, t) + a\Delta t \delta_{n,0}. \quad (2)$$

- In the  $\Delta t \rightarrow 0$  we have

$$\frac{\partial P(n, t)}{\partial t} = -(a + b)P(n, t) + b \sum_{m=0}^n P(m, t)P(n - m, t) + a\delta_{n,0}. \quad (3)$$

- We can solve this using standard **generating functions**.

## Number of Particles in the system

- The solutions are

$$P(0, t) = \frac{a(e^{bt} - e^{at})}{be^{bt} - ae^{at}}, \quad P(n \geq 1, t) = (b - a)^2 e^{(a+b)t} \frac{b^{n-1} (e^{bt} - e^{at})^{n-1}}{(be^{bt} - ae^{at})^{n+1}}. \quad (4)$$

- In the critical regime ( $b = d$ ) this reduces to

$$P(0, t) = \frac{bt}{1 + bt}, \quad P(n \geq 1, t) = \frac{(bt)^{n-1}}{(1 + bt)^{n+1}}. \quad (5)$$

- The average number of particles is

$$\langle N(t) \rangle = e^{(b-a)t}. \quad (6)$$



# The Maximum of BBM

- $Q(X, t) =$  Probability that  $X_{max} \leq X$  at time  $t$

- PDF of  $X_{max}$ :

$$P_{\text{marg}}(X, t) = \frac{\partial}{\partial X} Q(X, t). \quad (7)$$

- The initial condition is

$$Q(X, 0) = \theta(X) \quad (8)$$

- The boundary conditions are

$$Q(X, t) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{for } X \rightarrow \infty \\ 0 & \text{for } X < 0. \end{cases} \quad (9)$$

## The Maximum of BBM (Cont.)

- Using the backward Fokker-Planck approach, we have

$$Q(X, t + \Delta t) = (1 - (a + b)\Delta t) \langle Q(X - \eta(0)\Delta t, t) \rangle_{\eta(0)} + b\Delta t Q^2(X, t) + a\Delta t. \quad (10)$$

- In the  $\Delta t \rightarrow 0$  we have

$$\frac{\partial Q(X, t)}{\partial t} = D \frac{\partial^2 Q(X, t)}{\partial X^2} - (a + b)Q(X, t) + bQ^2(X, t) + a \quad (11)$$

- In terms of  $R(X, t) = 1 - Q(X, t)$ :

$$\frac{\partial R(X, t)}{\partial t} = D \frac{\partial^2 R(X, t)}{\partial X^2} + (b - a) R(X, t) - b R^2(X, t), \quad (12)$$

- Non-linear equation with no known general solution ( $a = 0$  is the famous **Fisher-Kolmogorov-Petrovski-Piscounov Equation**).

## Dimensionless Variables

It is natural to consider the evolution equations in terms of dimensionless variables as follows

$$\begin{aligned}
 x &= \frac{X}{\sqrt{D/b}}, & \left( y = \frac{Y}{\sqrt{D/b}}, \quad s = \frac{\zeta}{\sqrt{D/b}} \right), \\
 \tau &= bt, \\
 \Delta &= \frac{a}{b} - 1.
 \end{aligned} \tag{13}$$

In terms of these dimensionless variables Eq. (12) takes the simpler form

$$\frac{\partial R(x, \tau)}{\partial \tau} = \frac{\partial^2 R(x, \tau)}{\partial x^2} - \Delta R(x, \tau) - R^2(x, \tau). \tag{14}$$

For  $\Delta > 0$ : expected to approach a **stationary limit** as  $\tau \rightarrow \infty$ :

$$\mathcal{R}(x) = R(x, \tau \rightarrow \infty). \tag{15}$$

# The Maximum of BBM: Stationary Critical Solution

In the critical case  $\Delta = 0$  (S. Sawyer and J. Fleischman, Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA **76**(2), 87 (1979)):

$$\mathcal{R}(x) = \frac{1}{\left(1 + \frac{x}{\sqrt{6}}\right)^2}. \quad (16)$$

Consequently,  $\rho_{\text{marg}}(x) = -d\mathcal{R}(x)/dx$  has the asymptotic behaviors

$$\rho_{\text{marg}}(x) \sim \begin{cases} \rho_{\text{marg}}(0) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}, & x \rightarrow 0 \\ \frac{12}{x^3}, & x \rightarrow \infty. \end{cases} \quad (17)$$

# The Maximum of BBM: Stationary subcritical Solution

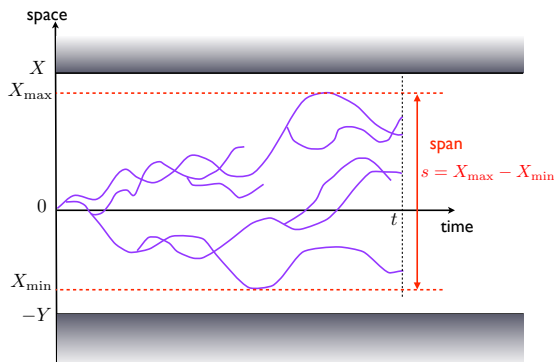
In the subcritical case  $\Delta > 0$  (S. Sawyer and J. Fleischman, Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA **76**(2), 87 (1979)):

$$\mathcal{R}(x) = \frac{3\Delta}{2} \operatorname{csch}^2 \left( \frac{\sqrt{\Delta}}{2} x + \sinh^{-1} \sqrt{\frac{3\Delta}{2}} \right). \quad (18)$$

Consequently,  $\rho_{\text{marg}}(x) = -d\mathcal{R}(x)/dx$  has the asymptotic behaviors

$$\rho_{\text{marg}}(x) \sim \begin{cases} \rho_{\text{marg}}(0) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{3} + \Delta}, & x \rightarrow 0 \\ 6\Delta^{\frac{3}{2}} e^{-2 \sinh^{-1} \sqrt{\frac{3\Delta}{2}}} \exp(-\sqrt{\Delta} x), & x \rightarrow \infty. \end{cases} \quad (19)$$

# Joint Distribution of the Maximum and Minimum



**Figure:** Schematic representation of a trajectory of the BBM confined in the box  $[-Y, X]$ . Note that  $X_{\max}$  and  $X_{\min}$  denote respectively the maximum and the minimum of the process *up to time*  $t$ . The process starts with a single particle at the origin at time  $t = 0$  and hence  $X_{\max} \geq 0$  while  $X_{\min} \leq 0$ .

# Joint Distribution of the Maximum and Minimum

- $Q(X, Y, t) =$  Joint probability that  $X_{max} \leq X$  AND  $X_{min} \geq -Y$  at time  $t$
- Using the backward Fokker-Planck approach, we have

$$Q(X, Y, t + \Delta t) = b\Delta t Q^2(X, Y, t) + a\Delta t + (1 - (b + a)\Delta t) \langle Q(X - \Delta x, Y + \Delta x, t) \rangle_{\eta(0)}, \quad (20)$$

- In the limit  $\Delta t \rightarrow 0$ , we arrive at the exact BFP evolution equation

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} Q(X, Y, t) = D \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial X} - \frac{\partial}{\partial Y} \right)^2 Q(X, Y, t) + a - (b + a) Q(X, Y, t) + b Q^2(X, Y, t). \quad (21)$$

- The initial condition is

$$Q(X, Y, 0) = \Theta(X)\Theta(Y), \quad (22)$$

- The boundary conditions are

$$Q(X, Y, t) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } X < 0, \\ 0 & \text{for } Y < 0. \end{cases} \quad (23)$$



In terms of the complimentary probability  $R(X, Y, t) = 1 - Q(X, Y, t)$ , we have

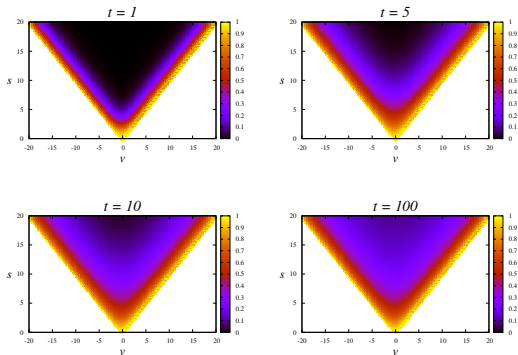
$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial R(X, Y, t)}{\partial t} = & D \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial X} - \frac{\partial}{\partial Y} \right)^2 R(X, Y, t) \\ & + (b - a) R(X, Y, t) - b R^2(X, Y, t), \end{aligned} \quad (24)$$

with the initial conditions

$$R(X, Y, 0) = \Theta(-X)\Theta(-Y). \quad (25)$$

and the boundary conditions

$$R(X, Y, t) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{for } X < 0, \\ 1 & \text{for } Y < 0. \end{cases} \quad (26)$$



**Figure:** The solutions  $R(s, v, t)$  at different times obtained by numerical integration, with  $dx = 0.1$ ,  $dt = 0.001$ ,  $D = 1$  and  $b = 0.5$ . We find that at large times this converges to a stationary bivariate function  $\mathcal{R}(s, v)$ .

## Distribution of the Span

- The distribution of the span  $s = X_{max} - X_{min}$  is given by

$$P(s, t) = \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty dXdY \delta(X + Y - s) P(X, Y, t). \quad (27)$$

- In terms of the dimensionless variables

$$P(\zeta, \tau) = \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty dx dy \delta(x + y - \zeta) P(x, y, \tau). \quad (28)$$

- 

$$p_{\text{uncorr}}(\zeta) = \int_0^\zeta p_{\text{marg}}(x) p_{\text{marg}}(\zeta - x) dx. \quad (29)$$

# Change of Variables

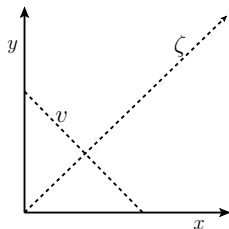
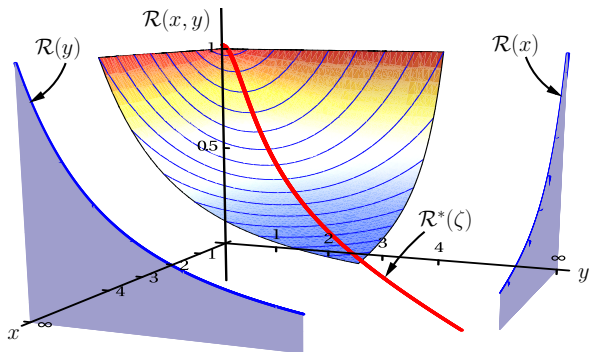


Figure: The change of variables  $\{x, y\} \rightarrow \{\zeta, \nu\}$ .

Next, it is convenient to make a change of variables

$$\begin{aligned}\zeta &= x + y, \\ \nu &= x - y,\end{aligned}\tag{30}$$

with  $\zeta \in [0, \infty)$  and  $\nu \in [-\zeta, \zeta]$ .  $\zeta$  **represents the dimensionless span of the process.**



**Figure:** Graph depicting the stationary joint cumulative probability  $\mathcal{R}(x, y)$ . The limiting distributions correspond to the marginal probabilities of the maximum and minimum  $\mathcal{R}(x) = \mathcal{R}(x, y \rightarrow \infty)$  and  $\mathcal{R}(y) = \mathcal{R}(x \rightarrow \infty, y)$  respectively.

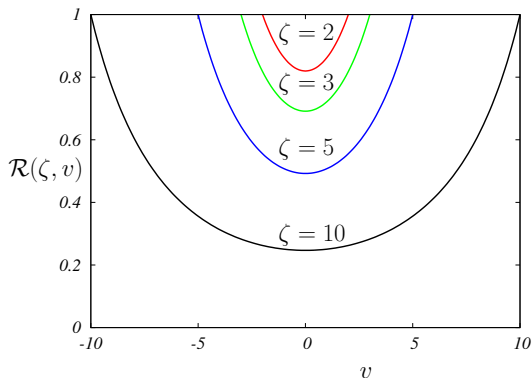
- In terms of these new variables Eq. (24) becomes

$$4 \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial v} \right)^2 \mathcal{R}(\zeta, v) - \Delta \mathcal{R}(\zeta, v) - \mathcal{R}^2(\zeta, v) = 0, \quad (31)$$

valid in the regime  $v \in [-\zeta, +\zeta]$  and  $\zeta \in [0, +\infty)$ .

- For a fixed  $\zeta$ , Monotonically decreasing  $v \in [-\zeta, 0]$ , Monotonically increasing  $v \in [0, \zeta]$ .
- Assuming analyticity around the minimum at  $v = 0$  gives the condition

$$\left. \frac{\partial \mathcal{R}(\zeta, v)}{\partial v} \right|_{v=0} = 0. \quad (32)$$



**Figure:**  $\mathcal{R}(\zeta, v)$  as a function of  $v \in [-\zeta, +\zeta]$  for different values of  $\zeta$ . For fixed  $\zeta$ ,  $\mathcal{R}(\zeta, v)$  is a smooth non-monotonic function, symmetric around  $v = 0$  in  $-\zeta \leq v \leq +\zeta$ , and has a minimum at  $v = 0$ .

- Fortunately, Eq. (31) can be integrated with respect to  $v$  upon multiplying by a factor  $2\frac{\partial\mathcal{R}(\zeta, v)}{\partial v}$ , yielding

$$\left(\frac{\partial\mathcal{R}(\zeta, v)}{\partial v}\right)^2 = \frac{\Delta}{4}\mathcal{R}^2(\zeta, v) + \frac{1}{6}\mathcal{R}^3(\zeta, v) + \kappa(\zeta), \quad (33)$$

where  $\kappa(\zeta)$  is a yet unknown integration constant.

- To fix  $\kappa(\zeta)$ , we use the condition in Eq. (32) and arrive at

$$\left(\frac{\partial\mathcal{R}(\zeta, v)}{\partial v}\right)^2 = \frac{\Delta}{4}(\mathcal{R}^2(\zeta, v) - \mathcal{R}^2(\zeta, 0)) + \frac{1}{6}(\mathcal{R}^3(\zeta, v) - \mathcal{R}^3(\zeta, 0)) \quad (34)$$



- This equation can be conveniently expressed as

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{\mathcal{R}(\zeta, 0)}} \mathcal{G} \left( \frac{3\Delta/2}{\mathcal{R}(\zeta, 0)}, \frac{\mathcal{R}(\zeta, \nu)}{\mathcal{R}(\zeta, 0)} \right) = \frac{\nu}{\sqrt{6}}, \quad (35)$$

where the bivariate function  $\mathcal{G}$  is defined by the integral

$$\mathcal{G}(\gamma, z) = \int_1^z \frac{dx}{\sqrt{(x^3 - 1) + \gamma(x^2 - 1)}}, \quad (36)$$

- The above function  $\mathcal{G}(\gamma, z)$  can then be expressed as

$$\mathcal{G}(\gamma, z) = \frac{1}{(3 + 2\gamma)^{1/4}} \mathbf{F} \left[ \tan^{-1} \sqrt{\frac{z-1}{\sqrt{3+2\gamma}}}, \frac{2\sqrt{3+2\gamma} - (3+\gamma)}{4\sqrt{3+2\gamma}} \right], \quad (37)$$

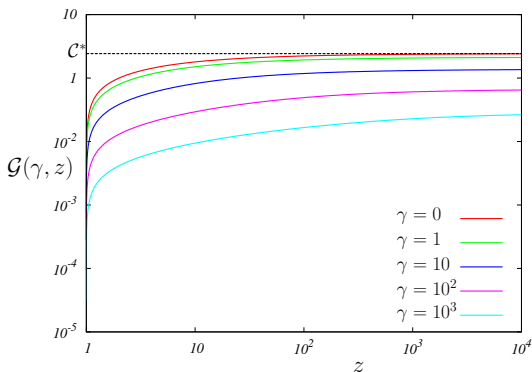
where  $z \geq 1$ ,  $\gamma \geq 0$  and  $\mathbf{F}$  is the elliptic integral of the first kind.

$$\mathbf{F}(\phi, k) = \int_0^\phi \frac{d\theta}{\sqrt{1 - k \sin^2 \theta}} \quad (38)$$

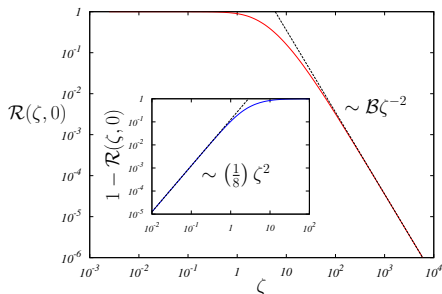
- Next, inserting the boundary condition  $\mathcal{R}(\zeta, \pm\zeta) = 1$  in the above equation we have

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{\mathcal{R}(\zeta, 0)}} \mathcal{G} \left( \frac{3\Delta/2}{\mathcal{R}(\zeta, 0)}, \frac{1}{\mathcal{R}(\zeta, 0)} \right) = \frac{\zeta}{\sqrt{6}}. \quad (39)$$

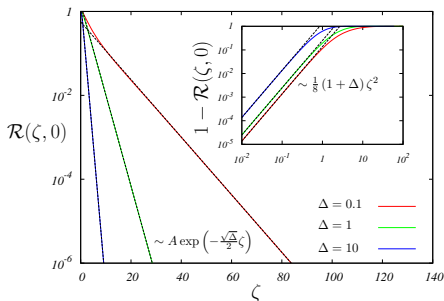
- This is an **implicit equation** for  $\mathcal{R}(\zeta, 0)$ , the solution of which can then be injected in Eq. (35) to solve for  $\mathcal{R}(\zeta, \nu)$  for all  $\zeta$  and  $\nu$ .



**Figure:** The function  $\mathcal{G}(\gamma, z)$  for different values of  $\gamma$ . For large  $z$ ,  $\mathcal{G}(\gamma, z)$  saturates to a  $\gamma$  dependent constant  $\mathcal{C}(\gamma)$ . The case  $\gamma = 0$  corresponds to the function  $\mathcal{G}(0, z)$  analyzed in the critical case. The limiting behaviors are  $\mathcal{G}(0, z) \rightarrow 0$  as  $z \rightarrow 1$  and  $\mathcal{G}(0, z) \rightarrow \mathcal{C}^* = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{3} \frac{\Gamma(\frac{1}{6})}{\Gamma(\frac{2}{3})} \approx 2.4286$  as  $z \rightarrow \infty$ .



**Figure:** The function  $\mathcal{R}(\zeta, 0)$  versus  $\zeta$  in the critical regime, showing the limiting behaviors  $\mathcal{R}(\zeta, 0) \rightarrow 1$  as  $\zeta \rightarrow 0$  and  $\mathcal{R}(\zeta, 0) \rightarrow \frac{\mathcal{B}}{\zeta^2}$  as  $\zeta \rightarrow \infty$  (dashed line).  $\mathcal{B} \approx 35.3901$ . **Inset:** Plot of  $1 - \mathcal{R}(\zeta, 0)$  showing the limiting behavior  $1 - \mathcal{R}(\zeta, 0) \sim \left(\frac{1}{8}\right) \zeta^2$  as  $\zeta \rightarrow 0$  (dashed line).



**Figure:** Asymptotic behavior of  $\mathcal{R}(\zeta, 0)$  in the subcritical regime. The plot shows  $\mathcal{R}(\zeta, 0)$  for different values of  $\Delta$ . The dashed lines representing the asymptotic exponential behavior  $\mathcal{R}(\zeta, 0) \sim A \exp\left(-\frac{\sqrt{\Delta}}{2}\zeta\right)$  as  $\zeta \rightarrow \infty$  are indistinguishable from the theoretically obtained curves as they match exactly. **Inset:** Plot of  $1 - \mathcal{R}(\zeta, 0)$  showing the limiting behavior  $1 - \mathcal{R}(\zeta, 0) \sim \frac{1}{8}(1 + \Delta)\zeta^2$  as  $\zeta \rightarrow 0$  (dashed lines).

## $\zeta \rightarrow 0$ Asymptotics

- To leading order in  $\zeta$  we have

$$\mathcal{R}(\zeta, 0) = 1 - \frac{1}{8}(1 + \Delta)\zeta^2 + \mathcal{O}(\zeta^4). \quad (40)$$

- Therefore

$$\mathcal{R}(\zeta, \nu) = 1 - \frac{1}{8}(1 + \Delta)(\zeta^2 - \nu^2) + \mathcal{O}(\zeta^4, \nu^4). \quad (41)$$

- And hence

$$\rho(\zeta, \nu) = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \nu^2} - \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \zeta^2} \right) \mathcal{R}(\zeta, \nu) = \frac{1}{4}(1 + \Delta) + \mathcal{O}(\zeta^2, \nu^2). \quad (42)$$

- And finally

$$\rho(\zeta) = \frac{1}{2}(1 + \Delta)\zeta + \mathcal{O}(\zeta^3), \quad (43)$$

- To be compared with

$$\rho_{\text{uncorr}}(\zeta) \sim \left( \frac{2}{3} + \Delta \right) \zeta, \text{ when } \zeta \rightarrow 0. \quad (44)$$

## $\zeta \rightarrow \infty$ Asymptotics: Critical

- we obtain

$$\mathcal{R}(\zeta, 0) = \frac{\mathcal{B}}{\zeta^2} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{\zeta^4}\right), \quad (45)$$

where

$$\mathcal{B} = 6 \mathcal{C}^{*2} \approx 35.3901, \quad \text{with} \quad \mathcal{C}^* = \frac{\sqrt{\pi} \Gamma(\frac{1}{6})}{3 \Gamma(\frac{2}{3})}. \quad (46)$$

- Hence, in the scaling limit  $\zeta \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $\nu \rightarrow \infty$  keeping  $\zeta/\nu$  fixed

$$\mathcal{G}\left(0, \frac{\mathcal{R}(\zeta, \nu)}{\mathcal{R}(\zeta, 0)}\right) = \mathcal{C}^* \frac{\nu}{\zeta}. \quad (47)$$

- Inverting the above Eq. (47), we get

$$\frac{\mathcal{R}(\zeta, \nu)}{\mathcal{R}(\zeta, 0)} = \mathcal{F}\left(\mathcal{C}^* \frac{\nu}{\zeta}\right), \quad (48)$$

where  $\mathcal{F}(z)$  is defined as the inverse function of  $\mathcal{G}(0, z)$ .



$$\mathcal{R}(\zeta, \nu) = \frac{\mathcal{B}}{\zeta^2} \mathcal{F} \left( \mathcal{C}^* \frac{\nu}{\zeta} \right). \quad (49)$$

Inserting this expression into the expression for  $\rho(\zeta, \nu)$  yields

$$\begin{aligned} \rho(\zeta, \nu) = & -\frac{\mathcal{B}}{2} \left[ \frac{6}{\zeta^4} \mathcal{F} \left( \mathcal{C}^* \frac{\nu}{\zeta} \right) + 6\mathcal{C}^* \frac{\nu}{\zeta^5} \mathcal{F}' \left( \mathcal{C}^* \frac{\nu}{\zeta} \right) \right. \\ & \left. + \mathcal{C}^{*2} \left( \frac{\nu^2}{\zeta^6} - \frac{1}{\zeta^4} \right) \mathcal{F}'' \left( \mathcal{C}^* \frac{\nu}{\zeta} \right) \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (50)$$

- The span distribution is then

$$\begin{aligned} \rho(\zeta) = & -\frac{1}{\zeta^3} \left( \frac{\mathcal{B}}{\mathcal{C}^*} \right) \int_0^{\mathcal{C}^*} dz \left[ 6\mathcal{F}(z) + 6z\mathcal{F}'(z) + \right. \\ & \left. (z^2 - \mathcal{C}^{*2}) \mathcal{F}''(z) \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (51)$$

- Hence, we obtain

$$\rho(\zeta) \sim \frac{\mathcal{A}}{\zeta^3} \quad \text{for large } \zeta, \quad (52)$$



- We can integrate this exactly!

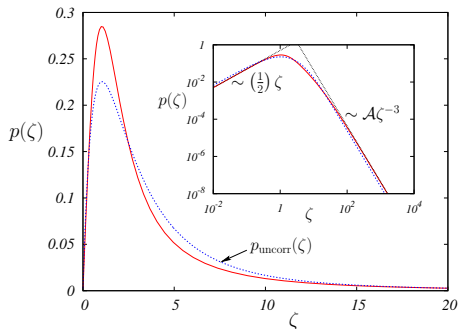
$$\mathcal{A} = 8\pi\sqrt{3} = 43.53118\dots \quad (53)$$

- Thus the leading asymptotic behavior for large  $\zeta$  is

$$p(\zeta) \sim \frac{8\pi\sqrt{3}}{\zeta^3} . \quad (54)$$

- To be compared with

$$p_{\text{uncorr}}(\zeta) \sim \frac{24}{\zeta^3} . \quad (55)$$



**Figure:** Theoretical stationary PDF of the dimensionless span  $p(\zeta)$  (solid line) in the critical regime.

## $\zeta \rightarrow \infty$ Asymptotics: Subcritical

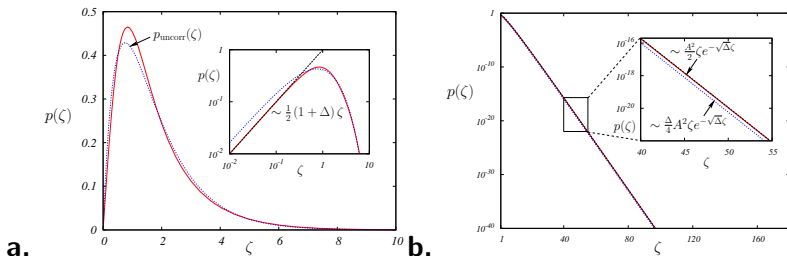
- Here we get

$$p(\zeta) \sim \frac{A^2}{2} \zeta \exp(-\sqrt{\Delta} \zeta), \quad \zeta \rightarrow \infty. \quad (56)$$

where  $A = 12 \Delta \exp\left[-2 \sinh^{-1}\left(\sqrt{3\Delta/2}\right)\right]$ .

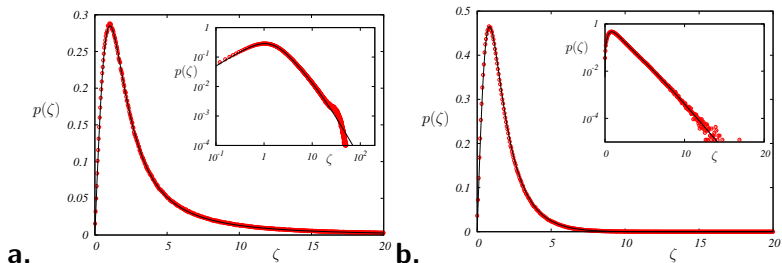
- To be compared with

$$p_{\text{uncorr}}(\zeta) \sim \frac{\Delta}{4} A^2 \zeta \exp(-\sqrt{\Delta} \zeta). \quad (57)$$

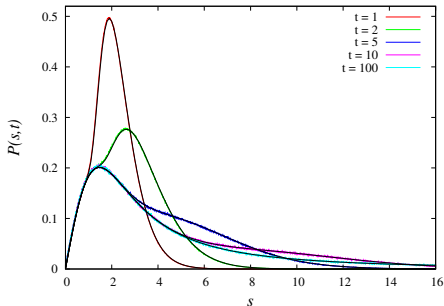


**Figure:** Theoretical stationary PDF of the dimensionless span  $p(\zeta)$  in the subcritical regime.

# Monte Carlo Simulations



**Figure:** **a.** Probability distribution function of the dimensionless span  $p(\zeta)$  extracted from Monte Carlo simulations (open circles) in the critical case ( $\Delta = 0$ ). Here  $t = 100$ ,  $D = 1$ ,  $a = b = 1$ , and  $dt = 0.0001$ . The data is averaged over  $5 \times 10^7$  realizations. **b.** Probability distribution function of the dimensionless span  $p(\zeta)$  extracted from Monte Carlo simulations (open circles) in the subcritical regime. Here  $t = 100$ ,  $D = 1$ ,  $a = 2$ ,  $b = 1$  (i.e.  $\Delta = 1$ ), and  $dt = 0.0001$ .



**Figure:** Finite time span PDF  $P(s, t)$  obtained from Monte Carlo simulations at different times with  $dt = 0.0001$ ,  $D = 1$  and  $b = 0.5$ . The data is averaged over  $5 \times 10^7$  realizations. The bold lines represent the PDFs obtained from our numerical integration of the two dimensional non-linear partial differential equation. We find a perfect agreement between the PDFs obtained by both techniques.

## Conclusion

- We obtained exact **analytical results for the span distribution** of one dimensional BBM.
- This was possible by **looking at the stationary regime**.
- We found that **correlations between the maximum and minimum persist in the stationary regime**.
- It will be interesting to extend our analysis to **convex hulls in higher dimensional BBM**.

# Acknowledgements

A. Kundu, S. Gupta, A. Gudyma, C. Texier, B. Derrida.



Thank You.