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On the Asymptotics of Big Components in a Generalized Allocation Scheme

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Let us consider non-negative integer random variables η_1, \ldots, η_N with a joint distribution defined by the sequence $b = (b_0, b_1, b_2, \ldots)$ and the parameter n as follows. For all integer non-negative numbers k_1, \ldots, k_N which sum is equal to n we have

$$\mathsf{P}\{\eta_1 = k_1, \dots, \eta_N = k_N\} = \frac{b_{k_1} \cdots b_{k_N}}{\sum_{j_1 + \dots + j_N = n} b_{j_1} \cdots b_{j_N}}.$$
(1)

In [1] it was shown that probabilities (1) can be represented as

$$\mathsf{P}\{\eta_1 = k_1, \dots, \eta_N = k_N\} = \mathsf{P}\{\xi_1 = k_1, \dots, \xi_N = k_N | \xi_1 + \dots + \xi_N = n\},$$
(2)

where ξ_1, ξ_2, \ldots are independent identically distributed random variables such that

$$\mathsf{P}\{\xi_1 = k\} = x^k b_k / B(x), \quad B(x) = \sum_k x^k b_k,$$

and the parameter x depends on N, n in such a way that simplifies obtaining of the corresponding local limit theorems for the sum of random variables ξ_1, \ldots, ξ_N (usually we determine x by the equation $\mathsf{E}\xi_1 = n/N$) [2].

If $\eta_1, \ldots, \eta_N, \xi_1, \ldots, \xi_N$ satisfy (2) then we say that these random variables form a *generalized allocation* scheme [1]. In books [1, 3, 4] one can find several examples of combinatorial tasks which can be reduced to a generalized allocation scheme. This allows us to resolve these tasks using asymptotical methods of the Probability theory when $N \to \infty$. Latest investigations [4, 5] show the value of such approach.

Let $\eta_{(1)} \leq \cdots \leq \eta_{(N)}$ be a variational series of random variables η_1, \ldots, η_N . If p = o(N) as $N \to \infty$ then the component $\eta_{(N-p)}$ is called *big*. Recently interest in the research of limit distributions of big components of the generalized allocation scheme has been growing [6,7].

Further we suppose that the support of b (supply) has a maximum span of 1, $b_0 > 0$ and the radius of convergence of $\sum_k x^k b_k$ equals 1. By $\mathfrak{B}_N(\alpha)$ we denote a binomial random variable with parameters N and α . For a non-negative integer r denote $P_r = \sum_{k>r} x^k b_k / B(x)$.

Let m be a minimal natural number such that $gcd(supp(b_0, ..., b_m)) = 1$. Below the symbols $C_1, C_2, ...$ denote some positive constants.

Theorem 1. Let $N, n \to \infty$ in such a way that $n/N \le C_1 < \sup_x \mathsf{E}\xi_1$. Let also the parameter x satisfy the equation $n/N = \mathsf{E}\xi_1$, and the following conditions be valid: (a) $b_k \le C_2 b_l$ for all k and all l < k such that $b_l > 0$; besides as $k \ge k_0$ we have $b_k > 0$; (b) $Nx^m \to \infty$; $0 < x \le C_3 < 1$; (c) $p^3 = o(ND\xi_1)$; (d) $C_4(p+1) \le NP_r \le C_5(p+1)$; $r \ge m$, $b_r > 0$; (e) $C_6 \le b_k/b_{k+1} \le C_7$ as $k \ge k_0$. Then (A) for $n/N \ge C_8$ and any fixed integer h

$$\mathsf{P}\{\eta_{(N-p)} \le r+h\} = (1+o(1))\mathsf{P}\{\mathfrak{B}_N(P_{r+h}) \le p\}$$

(B) for n = o(N) we have

$$\begin{split} \mathsf{P}\{\eta_{(N-p)} = r\} &= (1+o(1))\mathsf{P}\{\mathfrak{B}_N(P_r) \le p\};\\ \mathsf{P}\{\eta_{(N-p)} = r^+\} &= (1+o(1))(1-\mathsf{P}\{\mathfrak{B}_N(P_r) \le p\}), \end{split}$$

where $r^+ = \min\{k \mid k > r, b_k > 0\}.$

From this theorem follow some known results about the asymptotics of distributions of the components $\eta_{(N-p)}$ of the Galton—Watson forest [5] for a fixed p. Besides this theorem gives us analogous results for $p \to \infty$ non-rapidly (see the condition (c)), and the asymptotics of big components of the random recursive forest for n = O(N) [6].

Theorem 1 does not give us full description of the limit distribution of big components because from the condition $n/N \leq C_1$ it follows that the parameter x does not approach the critical point — radius of convergence of B(x).

Now there is an obvious need to create a common theory that would describe the behaviour of components of a generalized allocation scheme (2) in all zones of the range of parameters N, n with sufficiently weak conditions for the sequence b.

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