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# ON THE ASYMPTOTIC OF BRANCHING REDUCED PROCESSES

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## RESUME

In this paper we investigate the subcritical and critical reduced processes generated by the Gal'ton-Watson branching processes. The limit theorems for such processes in the case when in the population at the initial moment there are a large number of particles are obtained.

**Key words:** branching process, reduced process, limit theorem.

## Introduction

Let  $\{Z(k), k \geq 0\}$ - random Gal'ton-Watson branching process starting with one particle, in which the number of immediate descendants of one particle has a generating function

$$f(s) = Es^\xi = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} p_k s^k, \quad 0 \leq s \leq 1.$$

Let  $A = f'(1) < \infty$ . Branching process  $\{Z(k), k \geq 0\}$  called subcritical, critical or supercritical if  $A < 1$ ,  $A = 1$  or  $A > 1$  respectively.

Let us denote by  $Z(m, n)$  number of particles at moment  $m$  ( $m \leq n$ ) in process  $\{Z(k), k \geq 0\}$ , whose descendants exist at the moment  $n$ . Random process  $\{Z(m, n), 0 \leq m \leq n\}$  called the reduced process generated by the Gal'ton-Watson branching process  $\{Z(k), k \geq 0\}$ . Reduced process  $\{Z(m, n), 0 \leq m \leq n\}$  called subcritical, critical or supercritical if the corresponding Gal'ton-Watson branching process  $\{Z(k), k \geq 0\}$  is accordingly. Reduced processes for Gal'ton-Watson processes were introduced by Fleischmann and Prehn [1]. Fleischmann and Sigmund-Schulze [2] proved a functional limit theorem (under the assumption  $Z(0) = 1, Z(n) > 0$ ) in which the convergence in Skorokhod space of critical reduced processes to the Yule process (with a modified time scale) has been established. Liu and Vatutin [3] proved conditional limit theorems (under conditions  $0 < Z(n) \leq \tau(n)$ ) for critical reduced processes starting with one particle ( $Z(0) = 1$ ) and with a finite variance in the number of immediate descendants of one particle, where  $\tau(n) = O(n)$ , or  $\tau(n) = o(n)$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

In this paper the conditional limit theorems for subcritical and critical reduced processes are proved.

Let us denote by  $f_n(s)$   $n$ -th iteration  $f(s)$ :

$$f_0(s) = s, \quad f_1(s) = f(s), \dots, f_n(s) = f_{n-1}(f(s)).$$

If

$$A = f'(1) = E\xi = 1, \quad \sigma^2 = f''(1) = \text{var}\xi \in (0, \infty), \quad (1)$$

then it is known (see, for example, [4]Chapter I, paragraph 9) that

$$P(Z(n) > 0 / Z(0) = 1) = 1 - f_n(0) \sim \frac{2}{\sigma^2 n} \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty, \quad (2)$$

and Yaglom's conditional limit theorem also holds:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P \left( \frac{2Z(n)}{\sigma^2 n} < y \middle| Z(0) = 1, Z(n) > 0 \right) = 1 - e^{-y}, \quad y \geq 0. \quad (3)$$

Fleischmann and Sigmund-Schulze [2] proved for critical reduced processes that for  $s \in [0, 1]$  and for anyone  $t \in [0, 1]$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} E \left[ s^{Z([nt], n)} \middle| Z(0) = 1, Z(n) > 0 \right] = \frac{(1-t)s}{1-ts}, \quad (4)$$

where is the sign  $[a]$ , hereinafter, denotes the integer part of the number  $a$ .

If

$$A = f'(1) = E\xi < 1, \quad \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} p_k k \log k < \infty, \quad (5)$$

that is known (see for example, [4], Ch. I, paragraph 9), that there is a finite number  $K > 0$  such that

$$P \left( Z(n) > 0 \middle| Z(0) = 1 \right) = 1 - f_n(0) \sim KA^n + o(A^n) \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty, \quad (6)$$

and Yaglom's conditional limit theorem also holds: there are limits

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(Z(n) = k \middle| Z(0) = 1, Z(n) > 0) = b_k, \quad (7)$$

and  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} b_k = 1$ , and the generating function

$$g(s) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} b_k s^k, \quad 0 \leq s \leq 1$$

satisfies the functional equation

$$1 - g(f(s)) = A(1 - g(s)), \quad 0 \leq s \leq 1. \quad 8$$

Joffe and Spitzer [5] proved that if  $A < 1$  and  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} p_k k \log k < \infty$ , then for anyone  $k \in N_0 = N \cup \{0\}$  there are limits

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(Z(n) = k \middle| Z(0) = cA^{-n} + o(A^{-n})) = d_k(c),$$

where  $c > 0$  is constant,

$$d_k(c) \geq 0, \quad \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} d_k(c) = 1$$

and

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} d_k(c) s^k = e^{-Kc(1-g(s))},$$

where  $K > 0$  from the relation (6), and the function  $g(s)$  the same as in (8).

In what follows we need the following lemmas.

**Lemma 1.** The following formula hold

$$E[Z(m, n) \middle| Z(0) = k, Z(n) > 0] = \frac{k(1 - f_{n-m}(0))}{1 - f_n^k(0)} A^m. \quad (9)$$

**Lemma 2.** The following formula hold

$$\begin{aligned} \text{var}[Z(m, n) \middle| Z(0) = k, Z(n) > 0] &= \frac{k(1 - f_{n-m}(0))^2 \text{var} Z(m)}{1 - f_n^k(0)} + \\ &+ \frac{k f_{n-m}(0)(1 - f_{n-m}(0)) A^m}{1 - f_n^k(0)} - \frac{k^2 f_n^k(0)(1 - f_{n-m}(0))^2 A^{2m}}{(1 - f_n^k(0))^2}, \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

**Proof of Lemma 1.** It is easy to verify that

$$\begin{aligned} E \left[ s^{Z(m,n)} / Z(0) = 1 \right] &= E \left[ E \left[ s^{Z(m,n)} / Z(0) = 1, Z(m) \right] \right] = \\ &= E \left[ [f_{n-m}(0) + (1 - f_{n-m}(0))s]^{Z(m)} / Z(0) = 1 \right] = \\ &= f_m(f_{n-m}(0) + (1 - f_{n-m}(0))s) = f_m(\varphi_{n-m}(s)), \end{aligned}$$

where  $\varphi_k(s) = f_k(0) + (1 - f_k(0))s$ .

Now, according to the additivity property of branching processes, we have

$$E \left[ s^{Z(m,n)} / Z(0) = k \right] = \left\{ E \left[ s^{Z(m,n)} / Z(0) = 1 \right] \right\}^k = f_m^k(\varphi_{n-m}(s)). \quad (11)$$

In the last relation we take the left derivative at the point  $s = 1$ :

$$\begin{aligned} E[Z(m,n) / Z(0) = k] &= \left[ E \left[ s^{Z(m,n)} / Z(0) = k \right] \right]'_{s=1} = [f_m^k(\varphi_{n-m}(s))]_{s=1}' = \\ &= k f_m^{k-1}(\varphi_{n-m}(s)) f_m'(\varphi_{n-m}(s))|_{s=1} (1 - f_{n-m}(0)) = \\ &= k f_m'(1) (1 - f_{n-m}(0)) = k A^m (1 - f_{n-m}(0)). \end{aligned}$$

Now, taking into account (11), we have

$$E \left[ s^{Z(m,n)} / Z(0) = k, Z(n) > 0 \right] = \frac{[f_m(\varphi_{n-m}(s))]^k - f_n^k(0)}{1 - f_n^k(0)}. \quad (12)$$

Here  $I(A)$  denotes indicator of the event  $A$ . Taking left derivatives from both sides of the last relation at the point  $s = 1$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} E[Z(m,n) / Z(0) = k, Z(n) > 0] &= \left[ E \left[ s^{Z(m,n)} / Z(0) = k, Z(n) > 0 \right] \right]'_{s=1} = \\ &= \frac{k [f_m(1)]^{k-1} f_m'(1) (1 - f_{n-m}(0))}{1 - f_n^k(0)} = \frac{k (1 - f_{n-m}(0))}{1 - f_n^k(0)} A^m, \end{aligned}$$

that proves the validity of the relationship (9).

Proof of Lemma 1 is complete.

**Proof of Lemma 2.** By virtue of (12) we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left\{ E \left[ s^{Z(m,n)} / Z(0) = k, Z(n) > 0 \right] \right\}'' &= \frac{k(k-1) [f_m(\varphi_{n-m}(s))]^{k-2} [f_m'(\varphi_{n-m}(s))]^2 (1 - f_{n-m}(0))^2}{1 - f_n^k(0)} + \\ &+ \frac{k [f_m(\varphi_{n-m}(s))]^{k-1} f_m''(\varphi_{n-m}(s)) (1 - f_{n-m}(0))^2}{1 - f_n^k(0)}. \end{aligned}$$

Consequently

$$\begin{aligned} E[Z(m,n)(Z(m,n) - 1) / Z(0) = k, Z(n) > 0] &= \frac{k(1 - f_{n-m}(0))^2}{1 - f_n^k(0)} f_m''(1) + \\ &+ \frac{k(k-1)(1 - f_{n-m}(0))^2}{1 - f_n^k(0)} A^{2m}. \end{aligned}$$

Now, substituting the last expression and (9) into the formula

$$\begin{aligned} \text{var}[Z(m,n) / Z(0) = k, Z(n) > 0] &= \\ &= E[Z(m,n)(Z(m,n) - 1) / Z(0) = k, Z(n) > 0] + E[Z(m,n) / Z(0) = k, Z(n) > 0] - \\ &- [E[Z(m,n) / Z(0) = k, Z(n) > 0]]^2 \end{aligned}$$

we arrive at relation (10).

The proof of Lemma 2 is complete.

### Formulation of the results.

**Theorem 1.** Let the condition (5) be satisfied. Then for  $s \in [0, 1]$  and for anyone  $t \in [0, 1]$

$$E \left[ s^{Z([nt], n)} / Z(0) = 1, Z(n) > 0 \right] \rightarrow s \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

**Corollary 1.** Let condition (5) is satisfied. Then for anyone  $t \in [0, 1]$

$$P(Z([nt], n) = 1 / Z(0) = 1, Z(n) > 0) \rightarrow 1 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

**Theorem 2.** Let condition (1) is satisfied and  $Z(0) = \psi(n)$  with probability 1, where  $\psi(n) = o(n)$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Then for  $s \in [0, 1]$  and for anyone  $t \in [0, 1]$

$$E \left[ s^{Z([nt], n)} / Z(0) = \psi(n), Z(n) > 0 \right] \rightarrow \frac{(1-t)s}{1-ts} \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty. \quad (13)$$

**Corollary 2.** Under the conditions of the theorem 2

$$P(Z([nt], n) = k / Z(0) = \psi(n), Z(n) > 0) \rightarrow (1-t)t^k, \quad k \in N. \quad (14)$$

**Theorem 3.** Let  $A < 1$ ,  $\sum p_k k \log k < \infty$  and  $Z(0) = \psi(n)$  with probability 1, where  $\psi(n)$  such that  $A^n \psi(n) \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Then for  $s \in [0, 1]$  and for anyone  $t \in [0, 1]$

$$E \left[ s^{Z([nt], n)} / Z(0) = \psi(n), Z(n) > 0 \right] \rightarrow s \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

**Corollary 3.** Under the conditions of the theorem 3

$$P(Z([nt], n) = 1 / Z(0) = \psi(n), Z(n) > 0) \rightarrow 1 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

**Theorem 4.** Let  $A < 1$ ,  $\sum p_k k \log k < \infty$  and  $Z(0) = \psi(n)$  with probability 1, where  $A^n \psi(n) \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Then for  $m \in N$ ,  $s \in [0, 1]$  and for anyone  $t \in [0, 1]$

$$E \left[ s^{Z(n-m, n)} / Z(0) = \psi(n), Z(n) > 0 \right] \rightarrow 1 - A^{-m} (1 - g(\varphi_m(s))) \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty,$$

where  $g(s)$  satisfies equation (8),  $\varphi_m(s) = f_m(0) + (1 - f_m(0))s$ .

**Remark 1.** From Corollary 1 it follows that if it is known that the population has not degenerated by the moment  $n$ , then at the moment  $nt$  there is almost certainly only one particle whose descendants will survive until the moment  $n$ . It should be noted that the number of particles at the moment  $nt$  in the branching process  $\{Z(k), k \geq 0\}$  itself differs significantly from the degenerate distribution law in unity.

**Remark 2.** Comparison of statement (4) with the result of Theorem 2 leads to the conclusion that if at the beginning of the development of the population there are  $\varphi(n) = o(n)$  particles, then the number of particles at the moment  $nt$  that have descendants at the moment  $n$ , have in the asymptotic such a distribution as a process starting with one particle.

### Proof of the results.

**Proof of Theorem 1.** According to Taylor's formula

$$f_{[nt]}(\varphi_{n-[nt]}(s)) = f_{[nt]}(1) - f'_{[nt]}(\theta(n, s)) \left( K(1-s)A^{n-[nt]} + o\left(A^{n-[nt]}\right) \right), \quad (15)$$

where  $\theta(n, s)$  such that  $1 - KA^{n-[nt]} \leq \theta(n, s) \leq 1$ .

From (15), according the fact that  $f'_{[nt]}(1) = A^{[nt]}$ , we get

$$f_{[nt]}(\varphi_{n-[nt]}(s)) = 1 - K(1-s)A^n + o(A^n). \quad (16)$$

By virtue of (12) and (16), we have

$$\begin{aligned} E \left[ s^{Z([nt],n)} / Z(0) = 1, Z(n) > 0 \right] &= \frac{f_{[nt]} (f_{n-[nt]}(0) + (1 - f_{n-[nt]}(0)) s) - f_n(0)}{1 - f_n(0)} \sim \\ &\sim \frac{1 - K(1-s)A^n + o(A^n) - 1 + KA^n + o(A^n)}{KA^n + o(A^n)} \rightarrow s \end{aligned}$$

as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , which completes the proof of the theorem 1.

**Proof of Theorem 2.** By virtue of (11), we have

$$E \left[ s^{Z(m,n)} / Z(0) = \psi(n) \right] = [f_m(\varphi_{n-m}(s))]^{\psi(n)}. \quad (17)$$

Since the critical Galton–Watson process degenerates with probability 1, then

$$f_n(0) \rightarrow 1 \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty. \quad (18)$$

Therefore uniformly converges for  $s \in [0, 1]$  and for anyone  $t \in [0, 1]$

$$\varphi_{n-[nt]}(s) \rightarrow 1 \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty. \quad (19)$$

By virtue of (18) and (19), we can choose a natural number  $r = r(t, s)$  so that the chain of inequalities holds

$$f_r(0) \leq \varphi_{n-[nt]}(s) \leq f_{r+1}(0). \quad (20)$$

taking into account relation (2) we have

$$\varphi_{n-[nt]}(s) \sim 1 - \frac{2(1-s)}{\sigma^2(1-t)n} \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty. \quad (21)$$

Now relations (2), (20) and (21) allow us to conclude that

$$\frac{1}{r+1} \leq \frac{1-s}{n(1-t)} \leq \frac{1}{r}.$$

Hence,

$$r \sim \frac{n(1-t)}{1-s} \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty. \quad (22)$$

From here and from (20) we obtain

$$f_{[nt]+r}(0) = f_{[nt]}(f_r(0)) \leq f_{[nt]}(\varphi_{n-[nt]}(s)) \leq f_{[nt]}(f_{r+1}(0)) = f_{[nt]+r+1}(0)$$

which in turn allows us to conclude

$$f_{[nt]}(\varphi_{n-[nt]}(s)) \sim f_{[nt]+r}(0) \quad (23)$$

Therefore, from (12), (22)-(23) and (2), using the asymptotic relation

$$e^{-x} \sim 1 - x, \quad x \rightarrow 0, \quad (24)$$

we get

$$\begin{aligned} E \left[ s^{Z([nt],n)} / Z(0) = \psi(n), Z(n) > 0 \right] &= \frac{e^{-\frac{\psi(n)}{n} \cdot \frac{2}{\sigma^2} \cdot \frac{1-s}{1-st}} - e^{-\frac{2}{\sigma^2} \cdot \frac{\psi(n)}{n}}}{1 - e^{-\frac{2}{\sigma^2} \cdot \frac{\psi(n)}{n}}} + o(1) \sim \\ &\sim \frac{1 - \frac{2}{\sigma^2} \cdot \frac{\psi(n)}{n} \cdot \frac{1-s}{1-st} - 1 + \frac{2}{\sigma^2} \cdot \frac{\psi(n)}{n}}{\frac{2}{\sigma^2} \cdot \frac{\psi(n)}{n}} 1 - \frac{1-s}{1-st} = \frac{s(1-t)}{1-st} \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty. \end{aligned}$$

The proof of Theorem 2 is complete.

**Proof of Theorem 3.** Taking (6) into account and applying relation (24) we have

$$\begin{aligned} E[Z([nt], n)/Z(0) = \psi(n), Z(n) > 0] &= \frac{\psi(n)(1 - f_{n-[nt]}(0))}{1 - f_n^{\psi(n)}(0)} A^{[nt]} = \\ &= \frac{\psi(n)(KA^{n-[nt]} + o(A^{n-[nt]}))}{1 - (1 - KA^n + o(A^n))^{\psi(n)}} A^{[nt]} \sim \frac{\psi(n)(KA^n + o(A^n))}{\psi(n)KA^n + o(\psi(n)A^n)} \rightarrow 1 \end{aligned} \quad (25)$$

as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Further, according to (10), (6), (24) we have

$$\begin{aligned} \text{var}[Z([nt], n)/Z(0) = \psi(n), Z(n) > 0] &= \frac{\psi(n)(1 - f_{n-[nt]}(0))^2 \text{var}Z([nt])}{1 - f_n^{\psi(n)}(0)} + \\ &+ \frac{\psi(n)f_{n-[nt]}(0)(1 - f_{n-[nt]}(0))A^{[nt]}}{1 - f_n^{\psi(n)}(0)} - \frac{\psi^2(n)f_n^{\psi(n)}(0)(1 - f_{n-[nt]}(0))^2 A^{2[nt]}}{(1 - f_n^{\psi(n)}(0))^2} \sim \\ &\sim \frac{\sigma^2 KA^{n-[nt]}}{A(1 - A)} \rightarrow 0 \end{aligned} \quad (26)$$

as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Now from (25) and (26) as well as from Chebyshev's inequality the statement of Theorem 3 follows.

**Proof of Theorem 4.** According (6), (12) and (16) we have for any  $m \in N$

$$\begin{aligned} E[s^{Z(n-m, n)} / Z(0) = \psi(n), Z(n) > 0] &= \frac{f_{n-m}^{\psi(n)}(\varphi_m(s)) - f_n^{\psi(n)}(0)}{1 - f_n^{\psi(n)}(0)} \sim \\ &\sim \frac{(1 - K(1 - g(\varphi_m(s)))A^{n-m} + o(A^n))^{\psi(n)} - (1 - KA^n + o(A^n))^{\psi(n)}}{1 - (1 - KA^n + o(A^n))^{\psi(n)}} \sim \\ &\sim \frac{1 - K(1 - g(\varphi_m(s)))\psi(n)A^{n-m} + o(\psi(n)A^n) - 1 + K\psi(n)A^n + o(\psi(n)A^n)}{K\psi(n)A^n + o(\psi(n)A^n)} \sim \\ &\sim 1 - A^{-m}(1 - g(\varphi_m(s))) \end{aligned}$$

as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , which completes the proof of the theorem 4.

The proofs of the corollary follows immediately from the continuity theorem for generating functions.

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### REZYUME

Ushbu maqolada biz Gal'ton-Votson tarmoqlanuvchi jarayonlarining subkritik va kritik bo'lgan hollarini o'rganamiz. Bunday jarayonlar uchun populyatsiyada boshlang'ich momentda juda ko'p zarrachalar mavjud bo'lganda limit teoremlar olingan.

**Kalit so'zlar:** tarmoqlanish jarayon, qisqartirilgan jarayon, limit teorema.

### РЕЗЮМЕ

В данной работе исследуются докритические и критические редуцированные процессы, порождаемые ветвящимися процессами Гальтона-Уотсона. Получены предельные теоремы для таких процессов в случае, когда в популяции в начальный момент имеется большое число частиц.

**Ключевые слова:** ветвящийся процесс, предельная теорема.