# Asymptotic behaviour of large random stack-triangulations 

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## Outline

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Convergence of planar maps
Uniform law and normalized convergence

Other types of convergence

Perpectives

## Definition of planar maps

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Map $=$ Metric space with graph distance.

## Maps and faces

Faces $=$ connected components of the sphere without the edges or the map.
Triangulation $=$ map whose faces are all of degree 3 .
Quadrangulation $=$ map whose faces are all of degree 4.


Figure: Two quadrangulations and two triangulations

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Which definition of convergence?

## Two notions of convergence : local convergence

$B_{m}(r)=$ ball of radius $r$ centered at the root of $m$.

## Definition

Let $m$ and $m^{\prime}$ be two planar maps, the local distance between them is:

$$
d_{L}\left(m, m^{\prime}\right)=\inf \left\{\frac{1}{1+r} \text { where } B_{m}(r) \sim B_{m^{\prime}}(r)\right\},
$$

Local convergence $=$ Convergence of the balls centered at the root.

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To study the overall behavior of the map, we have to normalize it :
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## Harris walk of a tree




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## Continuum Random Tree - CRT

A normalized brownian excursion $\mathbf{e}=\left(\mathbf{e}_{t}\right)_{t \in[0,1]}$ is a brownian motion conditioned to satisfy $\mathcal{B}_{0}=0, \mathcal{B}_{1}=0$ and $\mathcal{B}(t)>0$ for every $\left.t \in\right] 0,1[$.


CRT $=$ Tree obtained from a normalized brownian excursion.
It is denoted ( $\mathcal{T}_{2 \mathrm{e}}, d_{2 \mathrm{e}}$ ).

## Convergence towards the CRT

Uniform law on stack-triangulations with $2 n$ faces $\Rightarrow$ uniform law $\mathbb{U}_{3 n-2}^{\text {ter }}$ on the set of ternary trees with $3 n-2$ nodes.

## Proposition (Aldous)

Under $\mathbb{U}_{3 n+1}^{\mathrm{ter}}$, for the Gromov-Hausdorff topologogy :

$$
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- Vertex of the tree $=$ a word



## Type of faces and nodes



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We show :

$$
P\left(\sup \left|d_{m_{n}}(u, v)-\frac{2}{11} d_{T_{n}}\left(u^{\prime}, v^{\prime}\right)\right| \geq n^{1 / 3}\right) \underset{n \rightarrow \infty}{\longrightarrow} 0
$$

## Convergence of scaled stack-triangulations

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Study of the trees under the historical law $=$ study of increasing trees [Broutin, Devroye, McLeish, de la Salle 08]

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$$

Study of the trees under the historical law = study of increasing trees
... [Broutin, Devroye, McLeish, de la Salle 08]

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Under $\mathbb{U}_{2 n}^{\triangle}$ :
Theorem (A.,Marckert '08)
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Ingredients :

- Local convergence of Galton-Watson trees towards a tree with a unique infinite spine.
- Definition of an infinite planar map similar to the UIPT of Angel and Schramm.


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but more general models resist. . .


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