

# Metric space convergence under scaling of the strongly connected components of an uniform directed graph with an i.i.d. degree sequence

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## 1 Introduction

[ Mention somewhere: limit object parametrized by  $\sigma_+$  (variance BM),  $\frac{\sigma_{-+}+\nu_-}{\mu}$  (parabolic drift BM), and  $\frac{\sigma_{-+}+\nu_-}{\mu^2}$  (intensity of sampling ancestral back-edges). For directed ER, these are all 1. Maybe also worth mentioning: Two main difficulties compared to [24] 1. lots of dependence vs lots of independence, 2. unlike [24], we do not have access to results in the literature on our model, because the configuration model at criticality has not been studied before.]

### 1.1 Overview

Edges in real-world networks are often directed, such as links on the world wide web, follows on Twitter or disease transmission. When analysing networks a natural quantity to consider



$\mathbf{D}_i = (D_i^-, D_i^+)$  be the in- and out-degree of vertex  $i$ . In order for a graph with this degree sequence to exist, we require that  $\sum_{i=1}^n D_i^- = \sum_{i=1}^n D_i^+$ , so we will condition on this event. Conditional on  $(\mathbf{D}_1, \dots, \mathbf{D}_n)$ , sample a uniform digraph with this degree sequence. Denote resulting random digraph by  $\tilde{G}_n(\nu)$ . We are interested in the limit under scaling of the strongly connected components of  $\tilde{G}_n(\nu)$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

We require the degree distribution to satisfy the following properties.

1.  $\mathbb{E}[(D^- + D^+)^3] < \infty$ .
2.  $\mathbb{E}[D^-] = \mathbb{E}[D^+]$ .
3. *lattice condition*
4.  $\mathbb{E}[D^- D^+] = \mathbb{E}[D^\pm]$ .

The first condition is required to ensure the steps of a random walk used in the proof has finite variance and thus will convergence (under rescaling) to a Brownian motion.

The second condition ensures the conditioning event  $\{\sum_{i=1}^n D_i^- = \sum_{i=1}^n D_i^+\}$  is a well behaved event. In particular third condition can ensures  $\mathbb{P}(\sum_{i=1}^n D_i^- = \sum_{i=1}^n D_i^+)$ , and can be relaxed by taking a limit along integer multiples of some integer  $k$  rather than all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

The third condition is the criticality condition. [\[explain more\]](#).

We define the following parameters, that will determine the behaviour of the strongly connected components in the limit.

1.  $\mu := \mathbb{E}[D^-] = \mathbb{E}[D^+] = \mathbb{E}[D^- D^+]$
2.  $\nu_- := \frac{\mathbb{E}[(D^-)^2] - \mu}{\mu}$
3.  $\sigma_- := \left( \frac{\mu \mathbb{E}[(D^-)^3] - \mathbb{E}[(D^-)^2]^2}{\mu^2} \right)^{1/2}$
4.  $\sigma_+ := \left( \frac{\mathbb{E}[D^- (D^+)^2] - \mu}{\mu} \right)^{1/2}$
5.  $\sigma_{-+} := \frac{\mathbb{E}[(D^-)^2 D^+] - \mathbb{E}[(D^-)^2]}{\mu}$

## 1.4 Topology of convergence

In Fig. 2 [\[actually generate sccs from a poisson model\]](#) we see the largest SCC from samples of a directed configuration model. As can be seen, while the lengths of paths in the SCC are long, the actual structure of the SCC is often quite simple. In some cases the largest SCC is just a single cycle. This was confirmed in previous work by [\[insert reference for DER\]](#). There it was shown that while the lengths of paths in the SCC will scale like  $n^{1/3}$ , the actual structure of the SCC will remain finite.

To formalise this idea we will introduce metric directed multigraphs (MDMs). These are simply weighted directed multigraphs, but in our context it is more appropriate to think of the weights as lengths hence the change in naming. Formally a directed multigraph is a tuple  $M = (V, E, r)$  where

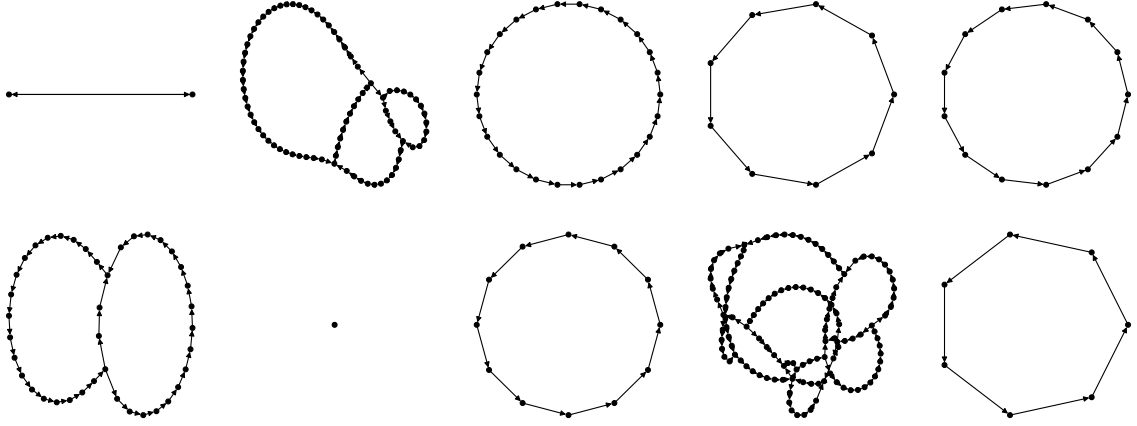


Figure 2: The largest SCC from samples of a directed configuration model with independent Poisson(1) in- and out-degrees

### 1.5 Our results

Our main result is as follows. Let  $C_i(n)$  for  $i \geq 1$  be the strongly connected components of  $\vec{G}_n(\nu)$ , listed in decreasing order of size, breaking ties arbitrarily. We view these strongly connected components as MDMs, by assigning to each edge a length of 1, and then removing all vertices of degree 2 by merging neighbouring edges and adding up their lengths. Trivial strongly connected components, which consist of an isolated vertex, are considered loops of length 0. Complete the list with an infinite repeat of  $\mathfrak{L}$ , the loop of length 0. Then, the main theorem is as follows.

**Theorem 1.1.** *There exists a sequence  $\mathcal{C} = (C_i, i \in \mathbb{N})$  of random strongly connected MDMs such that, for each  $i \geq 1$ ,  $C_i$  is either 3-regular or a loop, and such that*

$$\left( n^{-1/3} C_i(n), i \in \mathbb{N} \right) \xrightarrow{d} (\mathcal{C}_i, i \in \mathbb{N})$$

as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , with respect to the product  $d_{\vec{G}}$ -topology.

The law of the limit object places our model in the universality class of the directed Erdős-Rényi model as studied in [24]. This is the content of the following Corollary.

**Corollary 1.2.** *Consider  $\vec{G}_n(\nu)$ , with  $\nu$  such that*

$$\sigma_+ = 1 = \frac{\sigma_{-+} + \nu_-}{\mu} = \frac{\sigma_{-+} + \nu_-}{\mu^2} = 1.$$

(Note that this condition is satisfied by  $\nu(k^-, k^+) = \nu_1(k^-) \nu_2(k^+)$ , with  $\nu_i$  the law of a Poisson(1) random variable.) Let  $(C_i(n), i \geq 1)$  be the strongly connected components of  $\vec{G}_n(\nu)$ , such that by Theorem 1.1 there exists  $\mathcal{C} = (C_i, i \in \mathbb{N})$  such that

$$\left( n^{-1/3} C_i(n), i \in \mathbb{N} \right) \xrightarrow{d} (\mathcal{C}_i, i \in \mathbb{N})$$

as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , with respect to the product  $d_{\vec{G}}$ -topology. Also consider the directed Erdős-Rényi model on  $n$  vertices, in which any directed edge is present independently with probability  $1/n$ ,

which we denote by  $\vec{G}(n, 1/n)$ , and let  $(C'_i(n), i \geq 1)$  be the strongly connected components of  $\vec{G}_n(\nu)$ . Then, also

$$\left(n^{-1/3}C'_i(n), i \in \mathbb{N}\right) \xrightarrow{d} (C_i, i \in \mathbb{N})$$

as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , with respect to the product  $d_{\vec{G}}$ -topology.

Moreover, Theorem 1.1 has the following trivial corollaries, which were previously unknown.

**Corollary 1.3.** *There exists a random sequence  $(\ell_i, i \in \mathbb{N}) \in \mathbb{R}_+^\infty$ , such that for  $(L_i^n, i \in \mathbb{N})$  the total lengths in the strongly connected components of  $\vec{G}_n(\nu)$  ordered by decreasing length (appended with an infinite repeat of 0), and for  $(S_i^n, i \in \mathbb{N})$  the number of vertices in the the strongly connected components of  $\vec{G}_n(\nu)$  ordered by decreasing size (appended with an infinite repeat of 0),*

$$\left(n^{-1/3}L_i^n, n^{-1/3}S_i^n, i \in \mathbb{N}\right) \xrightarrow{d} (\ell_i, \ell_i, i \in \mathbb{N})$$

as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  in the product topology on  $(\mathbb{R}^2)^\infty$ .

**Corollary 1.4.** *For  $v, w \in \vec{G}_n(\nu)$  such that  $v \rightarrow w$ , let  $d(v, w)$  denote the length of the shortest path from  $v$  to  $w$ , and let*

$$\text{Diam}\left(\vec{G}_n(\nu)\right) = \max\{d(v, w) : v \rightarrow w\}$$

be the diameter of  $\vec{G}_n(\nu)$ . Then, the order of

$$\text{Diam}\left(\vec{G}_n(\nu)\right)$$

is at least  $O(n^{1/3})$ .

## 1.6 Previous work

The configuration model was introduced by Bollobás [5] to sample a uniformly random graph with a given degree sequence. For a discussion of the configuration model and proofs of standard results, we refer the reader to [38], Chapter 7.

Most results on the configuration model are obtained for models with a deterministic degree sequence. The phase transition for undirected setting was shown in [31], [32], [26]. The law of component sizes at criticality and in the critical window were obtained by Riordan under the assumption that the degrees are bounded [33]. Dhara, van der Hofstad, van Leeuwen and Sen showed convergence of the size and surplus edges in the critical window in the finite 3rd moment setting [17] and in the heavy-tailed regime [18]. Bhamadi, Dhara, van der Hofstad and Sen obtained metric space convergence in the critical window in [2], a result that the authors later improved to a stronger topology in [3].

Configuration models with a random degree sequence are considered in [27], [13], and [19]. Joseph showed convergence of the component sizes and surpluses of the large components under rescaling at criticality, both for degree distributions with finite third moments and for the heavy-tailed regime [27]. Conchon-Kerjan and Goldschmidt show Gromov-Hausdorff-Prokhorov convergence at criticality in these two regimes [13]. The results in [13] in the

heavy-tailed regime are extended to the critical window by Donderwinkel [19]. Our techniques are closely related to the techniques introduced in [13].

Some results have been obtained for other directed graph models. In [10], a class of inhomogeneous directed graphs is considered. Their results include a phase transition for the existence of a giant strongly connected component. This is a generalisation of [4], in which a smaller class of inhomogeneous directed graphs is considered. In [35], the tails of the degree distribution in the directed preferential attachment model are studied. Goldschmidt and Stephenson studied the directed Erdős-Rényi model, and were the first to obtain metric space convergence of the strongly connected components of a directed graph [24]. Our methods build on their techniques.

The directed configuration model was first considered by Cooper and Frieze [14]. They consider a deterministic degree sequence under a number of conditions, and show that for  $\theta$  the expected in-degree of a uniformly chosen vertex, and  $\rho$  the expected product of in-degree and out-degree of a uniformly chosen vertex, a phase transition for the strongly connected components occurs at  $d = \theta/\rho = 1$ . They show that for  $d < 1$ , with high probability, all strongly connected components contain  $O(\Delta \log(n))$  vertices, for  $\Delta$  the maximal degree. On the other hand, for  $d > 1$ , there is a unique strongly connected components that contains a positive proportion of the vertices and also  $O(n)$  edges. Their conditions are restrictive, and include finite second moments of both the in- and out-degree of a uniformly chosen vertex, and a bound of size  $n^{1/12}/\log(n)$  on the largest degree. Their proofs are based on an algorithm to explore the directed graph. The condition on the largest degree was later relaxed to  $O(n^{1/4})$  by Graf [25].

Recently, Cai and Perarnau have obtained a number of results on the directed configuration model with deterministic degrees. In [7], they show, under first and second moment conditions of the degree of a uniformly picked vertex, for  $d \neq 1$  (i.e. not at criticality), that the diameter of the model on  $n$  vertices, rescaled by  $\log(n)$  converges to a constant that they identify. Then, in [8], they show a law of large numbers for the number of vertices and edges in the largest strongly connected component, under slightly stronger moment conditions, and again not at the critical point. In [9], they study the behaviour of a random walk on a directed configuration model.

The emergence of a giant weakly connected component for the directed configuration model with a deterministic degree sequence is discussed in the physics literature by Kryven in [28]. He also studies the distribution of the in- and out-components in [29].

The directed configuration model with random in- and out-degrees is only considered by [12]. The authors consider a model in which the in- and out-degrees are two independent sequences of i.i.d. random variables drawn from two probability distributions. They propose an algorithm to sample degree sequences that correspond to a simple graph and show the limiting distribution of the degrees generated by this algorithm.

## 1.7 Proof outline

The techniques we will use to investigate the graph model are a combination of the techniques introduced by Conchon-Kerjan and Goldschmidt in [13] and the strategy of Goldschmidt and Stephenson in [24]. The former work discusses the scaling limit of an undirected uniform

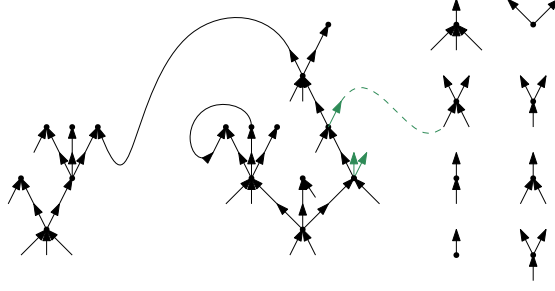


Figure 3: The green arrows represent unpaired out-half-edges of vertices that have been visited. One by one, in depth first order, these are paired to a uniform unpaired in-half-edge.

graph with i.i.d. degrees at criticality, and the latter discusses the scaling limit of the strongly connected components of a directed Erdős-Renyi graph at criticality.

To investigate the structure of the strongly connected components of a uniform graph with degree sequence  $(\mathbf{D}_1, \dots, \mathbf{D}_n)$ , conditional on  $\sum_{i=1}^n D_i^- = \sum_{i=1}^n D_i^+$ , we will use a version of the configuration model for digraphs that was introduced in [14]. The output of the configuration model, conditional on being a simple graph, is a uniform digraph with the given degree sequence.

[Description of exploration written by Zheneng] This is illustrated in Figure 3.

The exploration algorithm naturally gives rise to a forest that we will refer to as the *out-forest*, which will play a key role in studying the limit under rescaling of the strongly connected components. An important motivation for studying the out-forest is the fact that the vertex set of any strongly connected component is contained in one of the components of the out-forest. We define the out-forest in such a way that every time step in the exploration corresponds to one vertex in the out-forest. At every time step in the exploration at which we find an unseen vertex, say with out-degree  $d^+$ , we add a vertex with  $d^+$  children to the out-forest. At every time step at which we do not find a new vertex, but instead connect to a previously found vertex, we add a purple leaf to the out-forest. This is illustrated in Figure 4. We refer to the out-forest corresponding to the exploration up to time  $k$  as  $\hat{F}_n(k)$ .

A key fact is that the out-forest can be sampled without knowing what the heads of the surplus edges are, because this information does not affect the law of the out-forest. This allows us to build up the randomness of the exploration in the following layers.

1. We sample the out-forest  $(\hat{F}_n(k), k \geq 1)$ .
2. We visit the purple vertices in  $(\hat{F}_n(k), k \geq 1)$ , and for each vertex we sample whether it is the tail of a *candidate*, i.e. whether the corresponding surplus edge is possibly part of a strongly connected component.
3. We visit the tails of the candidates in depth-first order, and for each of them, sample where the head of the corresponding surplus edge is.

Then, our approach is as follows.

1. We find the limit under rescaling of  $\hat{F}_n(m_n)$  for  $m_n = O(n^{2/3})$  conditional on  $\sum_{i=1}^n D_i^- = \sum_{i=1}^n D_i^+$  and simplicity of the digraph. We do this by studying the height process and Łukasiewicz path of the out-forest.



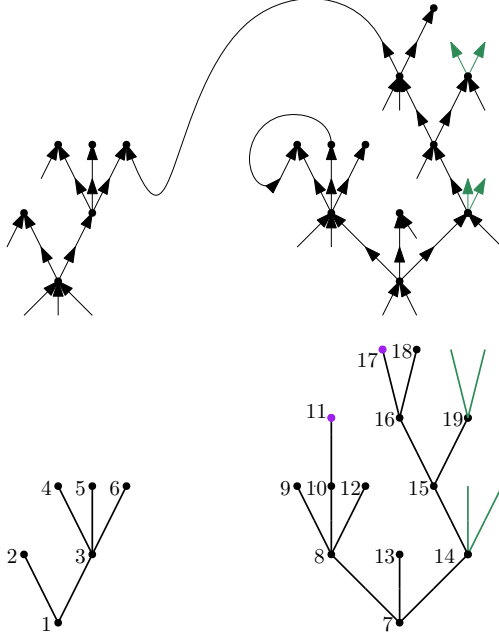


Figure 4: The out-forest is defined based on the exploration of the digraph. For each surplus edge, we add an extra leaf, which we colour purple. The labels of the vertices correspond to the time step in the exploration at which the vertex is added. The green edges lead to vertices of which the degree and colour have not yet been sampled.

2. We show that the positions of the tails of the candidates converge.
3. We show that the positions of the heads of the candidates converge.
4. We identify the tails and heads of the candidates, and recover the strongly connected components from the resulting digraph with a cutting procedure. We show that this cutting procedure converges.
5. We show that for any  $\delta > 0$ , with high probability, all strongly connected components with length larger than  $\delta n^{1/3}$  are contained in the exploration up to time  $O(n^{2/3})$ . Therefore, we can choose  $m_n$  such that, with high probability, we do not miss any large strongly connected components by not considering the exploration beyond time  $m_n$ . This finishes the proof of the convergence in the product topology.

## 1.8 Open problems

Our work contains the first results on the directed configuration model at criticality, and is the second metric space convergence result for a directed graph model (after the directed Erdős-Rényi graph was studied in [24]), so naturally, there are many interesting unresolved questions.

1. The law of our limit object is defined by three parameters that are functions of the (mixed) moments of the degree distribution. Does a different choice of parameters always give a different limit distribution? If so, are the laws absolutely continuous to one another?

2. Our methods show that the diameter of the configuration model at criticality is at least  $O(n^{1/3})$ , which is in contrast with the off-critical cases (for deterministic degrees), in which the diameter is  $O(\log(n))$  [7]. We believe that the diameter is in fact exactly  $O(n^{1/3})$ . Goldschmidt and Maazoun are working on this question for the directed Erdős-Rényi graph at criticality.
3. We conjecture that, just like the directed Erdős-Rényi graph [24], the directed configuration model gives rise to a critical window, that in some sense interpolates between subcritical and supercritical models. It would be interesting to adapt our methods to the critical window.
4. We plan to extend our understanding of the strongly connected components by studying the directed graphs that they are embedded in. A first step would be to study all vertices that can be reached from the non-trivial strongly components. This would illuminate connections between the strongly connected components and expose the fractal structure of the directed graph, which is not observed when only studying the strongly connected components themselves.
5. Another natural next step is to study the model under weaker moment conditions. The first condition to eliminate is  $\mathbb{E}[(D^-)^i(D^+)^j]$  for  $\{i, j\} = \{1, 3\}$ , which would in some sense makes the identifications less uniform on the ancestral lines. We have reason to believe that this would place the model in a different universality class, but further research is needed to confirm this. Also the heavy-tailed case is not well-understood, but given our results, it is natural to expect the limit object to be embedded in a tilted stable tree as defined in [13]. Moreover, one could define hybrid models by letting the tail-behaviour of the in- and out-degrees be different.
6. We conjecture that the inhomogeneous directed random graph model under suitable conditions is part of the same universality class as the directed Erdős-Rényi graph [24] and  $\vec{G}_n(\nu)$ . We believe that our methods and the methods of [24] can be adapted to obtain a metric space scaling limit for the inhomogeneous directed random graph model.

## 2 Sampling the MDM in the discrete and the continuum

If we forget about the directions of the edges, the resulting undirected graph is supercritical, and, with high probability, the graph contains a unique giant component with surplus going to infinity as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  (see e.g. [31], [32], [26] for a discussion of the phase transition in the undirected configuration model). This suggests that if we do not dismiss a large amount of edges, we will not be able to study the digraph in enough detail to find a metric space scaling limit of the strongly connected components. Therefore, we will not try to sample the entire digraph, but focus on the information that we need to find the strongly connected components. We start by studying the discrete graph model, with the goal of identifying which edges can be part of a strongly connected components, and how to sample them. In Subsubsection 2.1.1, we establish necessary conditions for an edge to be part of a strongly connected component. The result implies that we only need to study the out-forest, and a small subset of the surplus edges, which we call *candidates*. In Subsections 2.1.2 and 2.1.3 we study the law of the out-forest and the candidates respectively, and we define a procedure to sample both. This yields a sequence of directed multigraphs with edge lengths that the strongly connected components

are embedded in. In Subsection 2.2, we define the continuous counterpart of the sampling procedure. The resulting object will be the limit under rescaling of the sequence of directed multigraphs with edge lengths that the strongly connected components are embedded in that was constructed in Subsubsections 2.1.2 and 2.1.3.

## 2.1 The discrete case

We will discuss the different type of edges that we can encounter in the exploration. By slight abuse of notation, we call the purple vertex that corresponds to a surplus edge its tail.

### 2.1.1 Necessary conditions for an edge to be part of an SCC

Amongst the surplus edges, *ancestral surplus edges*, which are surplus edges that point from a vertex to one of its ancestors, play a special rôle. All other surplus edges are called non-ancestral. This is illustrated in Figure 5a. In Figure 5b we show how surplus edges affect the structure of the strongly connected components. This is the content of Lemma 2.1.

**Lemma 2.1.** *The following facts hold for strongly connected components.*

1. *The vertices of a strongly component are contained in one of the components of  $(\hat{F}_n(k), k \geq 1)$ .*
2. *Ancestral surplus edges are always part of a strongly connected component.*
3. *A non-ancestral surplus edge is only part of a strongly connected component if its head is an ancestor of the tail of a surplus edge that is part of a strongly connected component.*
4. *An edge in  $(\hat{F}_n(k), k \geq 1)$  is only part of a strongly connected component if its head is an ancestor of the tail of a surplus edge that is part of a strongly connected component.*
5. *For any non-trivial strongly connected component, the first surplus edge of the SCC that is explored is an ancestral surplus edge, and a component of  $(\hat{F}_n(k), k \geq 1)$  contains a strongly connected component if and only if it contains an ancestral surplus edge.*

*Proof.* We start with 1. Let  $v$  and  $w$  be two vertices in the same strongly connected component. Without loss of generality,  $v$  is explored first in depth-first order in the out-direction. Since  $v$  and  $w$  are part of the same strongly connected component, we know that there is a path from  $v$  to  $w$  in the out-direction. This implies that  $w$  will be part of the out-subtree consisting of the descendants of  $v$ . This implies that they are part of the same component of  $(\hat{F}_n(k), k \geq 1)$ . To prove 2, suppose there is an ancestral surplus edge from  $v$  to  $w$ . This implies that  $w$  is an ancestor of  $v$  in an out-component, which implies that there is a path from  $w$  to  $v$  as well. It follows that  $w$  and  $v$  are in the same strongly connected component and that the ancestral surplus edge from  $v$  to  $w$  is in this strongly connected component as well.

To prove 3, suppose we sample a non-ancestral surplus edge from  $v$  to  $w$  that is part of a strongly connected component. Then, by 2, there is a path from  $w$  to  $v$  present at the time of sampling  $(v, w)$ . Let  $(x, y)$  be the first surplus edge on this path. This implies that  $(x, y)$  is in the same strongly connected component as  $v$  and  $w$ . Moreover, the path from  $w$  to  $x$  consists of edges in the out-forest,  $x$  is a descendant of  $w$ .

Next, for 4, suppose  $(v, w)$  is an edge of  $(\hat{F}_n(k), k \geq 1)$  that is part of a strongly connected

component. This means that there is a path from  $w$  to  $v$ . Let  $(x, y)$  be the first edge on this path such that  $y$  is not a descendant of  $w$ . Then,  $(x, y)$  is a surplus edge that is part of the same strongly connected component as  $v$  and  $w$ , and  $(v, w)$  is on the path from the root to  $x$ . Finally, 2 and 3 imply 5.  $\square$

Lemma 2.1 motivates the following definition.

**Definition 2.2.** *A surplus edge is a candidate if either*

- *It is an ancestral surplus edge, or*
- *One of the descendants of its head is the tail of a candidate.*

The following corollary is at the core of our strategy to study the strongly connected components.

**Corollary 2.3.** *All edges that are part of a strongly connected component are either a candidate, or are contained in the subforest of  $(\hat{F}_n(k), k \geq 1)$  that is spanned by the tails of candidates and the roots of the out-components.*

*Proof.* This follows from Definition 2.2 and parts 1, 2, 3 and 5 of Lemma 2.1.  $\square$

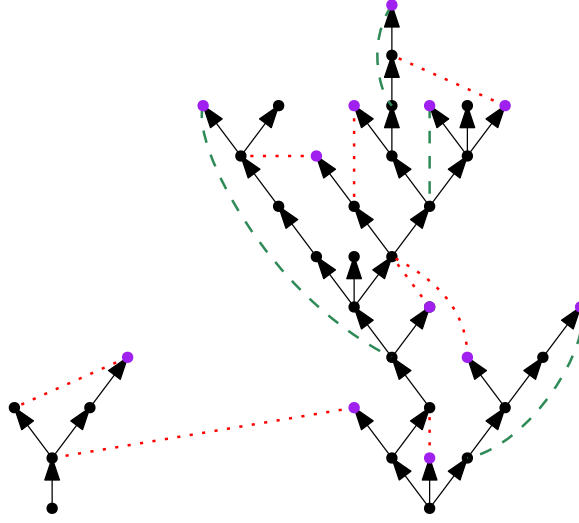
Corollary 2.3 implies that for every purple vertex, we only need to know whether it is a candidate, and if so, where its head is.

### 2.1.2 Sampling the out-forest

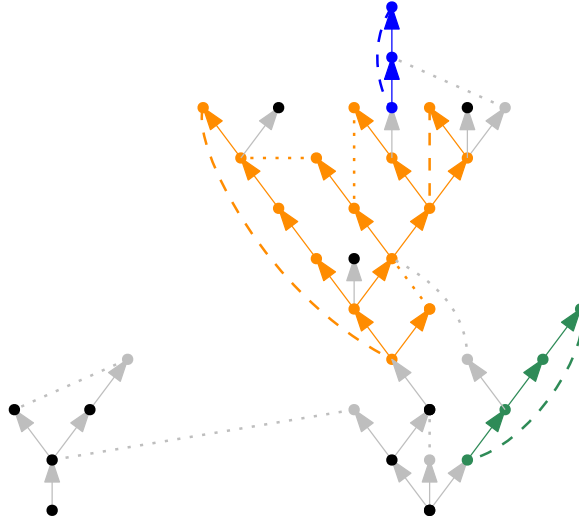
This subsection discusses how to obtain the out-forest conditional on the order in which the vertices are discovered. We will study the law of the degrees in order of discovery in Subsection 3.1. Informally, the out-forest is obtained in the following way. Suppose the degrees in order of discovery are given by  $(\hat{\mathbf{D}}_{n,1}, \dots, \hat{\mathbf{D}}_{n,n})$ . Up to time step  $k$ , suppose we have added the vertices corresponding to the first  $m \leq k$  elements of  $(\hat{\mathbf{D}}_{n,1}, \dots, \hat{\mathbf{D}}_{n,n})$  to the forest. We call these vertices *discovered*. Then, at time  $k + 1$ ,

1. If we have finished a component of the out-forest, let the next out-component have a root with out-degree  $\hat{D}_{n,m+1}^+$ .
2. Otherwise,
  - (a) With probability proportional to the total in-degree of the undiscovered vertices, i.e.  $\sum_{i=m+1}^n \hat{D}_{n,i}^-$ , let the next vertex in depth-first order be a black vertex with out-degree  $\hat{D}_{n,m+1}^+$ .
  - (b) With probability proportional to the unpaired in-half-edges of the  $l$  discovered vertices, let the next vertex in depth-first order be a purple leaf, and reduce the number of unpaired in-edges of the  $l$  discovered vertices by 1.

We make this rigorous in the following lemma.



(a) This figure illustrates an example of a depth-first exploration of two out-components with the different type of surplus edges highlighted. The ancestral surplus edges (green dashed) point from a vertex  $v$  to one of its ancestors. They are always part of a strongly connected component. The other surplus edges are depicted as red dotted lines.



(b) The non-trivial strongly connected components embedded in the components of the out-forest are depicted in orange, blue and green. The trivial strongly connected components are black. The grey edges are not part of a strongly connected component, and the grey vertices correspond to purple leaves that are not part of a strongly connected component.

Figure 5: We illustrate the different types of surplus edges and how they affect the structure of the strongly connected components.

**Lemma 2.4.** *Suppose the sequence of degrees in order of discovery  $(\hat{D}_1^n, \dots, \hat{D}_n^n)$  is given. Suppose, for  $1 \leq l \leq k$ , that up to time  $l$ ,  $\hat{P}_n(l)$  surplus edges have been sampled. Then,*

$$\left( \hat{S}_n^+(l), 1 \leq l \leq k \right) := \left( \sum_{i=1}^{l-\hat{P}_n(l)} \hat{D}_{n,i}^+ - l, 1 \leq l \leq k \right)$$

*is the Lukasiewicz path of the out-forest up to time  $k$ . Moreover, for*

$$\left( \hat{I}_n^+(l), 1 \leq l \leq k \right) := \left( \min \left\{ \hat{S}_n^+(m) : 1 \leq m \leq l \right\}, 1 \leq l \leq k \right),$$

*define*

$$\left( \hat{S}_n^-(l), 1 \leq l \leq k \right) := \left( \sum_{i=1}^{l-\hat{P}_n(l)} \hat{D}_{n,i}^- - l - \hat{I}_n^+(l) + 1, 1 \leq l \leq k \right),$$

*so that  $\hat{S}_n^-(k)$  is equal to the number of unpaired in-half-edges of discovered vertices at time  $k$ . Then, the probability that we sample a surplus edge at the  $(k+1)^{\text{th}}$  time step is given by*

$$\frac{\hat{S}_n^-(k+1)}{\sum_{i=1}^n D_i^- - k - \hat{I}_n^+(k) + 1} \mathbb{1}_{\{\hat{I}_n^+(k) = \hat{I}_n^+(k-1)\}}.$$

*Therefore, we do not need to know the position of the heads of the surplus edges to sample the out-forest.*

*Proof.* Note that if up to time  $k$ ,  $\hat{P}_n(k)$  surplus edges have been sampled, this implies that  $k - \hat{P}_n(k)$  vertices have been discovered. Thus, up to time  $k$ , the out-forest contains  $\hat{P}_n(k)$  purple leaves, and black vertices with degrees  $(\hat{D}_{n,1}^+, \dots, \hat{D}_{n,k-\hat{P}_n(k)}^+)$ , so by definition of the Lukasiewicz path, its value is indeed equal to  $\hat{S}_n^-(k)$  at time  $k$ . Moreover, up to time  $k$ , the total in-degree of the discovered vertices is equal to  $\sum_{i=1}^{k-\hat{P}_n(k)} \hat{D}_{n,i}^-$ . At every time step, we pair 1 in-half-edge of a discovered vertex, unless we start a new component.  $-\hat{I}_n^+(k)$  corresponds to the number of out-components that are finished up to time  $k$ , so the total number of unpaired in-half-edges of discovered vertices at time  $k$  is equal to  $\hat{S}_n^-(k)$ . By the same reasoning, the total number of unpaired in-half-edges is equal to  $\sum_{i=1}^n D_i^- - k - \hat{I}_n^+(k) + 1$ . The probability of sampling a surplus edge follows. We note that this probability does not depend on the position of the heads of the surplus edges, which implies that we can sample the out-forest without this information.  $\square$

### 2.1.3 Sampling the candidates

We will now study the law of the candidates conditional on  $(\hat{F}_n(k), k \geq 1)$ . As before, for each  $k$ , let  $\hat{P}_n(k)$  denote the number of purple vertices amongst the first  $k$  vertices in the out-forest, and let  $\hat{S}_n^-(k)$  denote the number of unpaired in-half-edges of discovered vertices at time  $k$ . We will first identify the tails of the candidates amongst the purple vertices, and then we will sample the position of their heads.

If the vertex visited at time  $k$  is purple, the head of the corresponding surplus edge is a uniform pick from the  $\hat{S}_n^-(k)$  unpaired in-half-edges of discovered vertices at time  $k$ . Therefore, the probability that a purple vertex visited at time  $k$  corresponds to an ancestral surplus edge

is given by the number of unpaired in-edges on its path to the root divided by  $\hat{S}^-(k)$ . This implies that to understand the law of the position of ancestral surplus edges, we need to understand where the unpaired in-edges are.

We will study this by modifying the edge lengths in the tree: for a vertex  $v$  with in-degree  $m$ , the edges connecting it to its children will have length  $m - 1$  (unless  $v$  is the root of an out-component, then the edges connecting to its children will have length  $m$ ). The height of vertex  $w$  in this forest with edge lengths corresponds to the number of in-half-edges that can be used to form an ancestral surplus edge with tail  $w$ . We add lengths to all edges in  $(\hat{F}_n(k), k \geq 1)$  and call the resulting forest with edge lengths  $(\hat{F}^\ell(k), k \geq 1)$ . Denote the height process of  $(\hat{F}^\ell(k), k \geq 1)$  by  $(\hat{H}^\ell(k), k \geq 1)$ .

Recall that the first candidate in any component of  $(\hat{F}_n(k), k \geq 1)$  is an ancestral surplus edge. The following lemma illustrates the importance of  $\hat{H}^\ell$  in finding the first ancestral surplus edges in the out-components.

**Lemma 2.5.** *Consider the exploration of  $(\hat{F}_n(k), k \geq 1)$  at time  $k$ . If no ancestral surplus edge has been sampled in the current component, then the probability that  $k$  is the tail of an ancestral surplus edge is given by*

$$a_k = \frac{\hat{H}^\ell(k)}{\hat{S}_n^-(k)} \mathbb{1}_{\{\hat{P}_n(k) - \hat{P}_n(k-1) = 1\}}.$$

*This event is independent of the position of the heads of the surplus edges that were found before time  $k$ .*

*Proof.* We claim that if no ancestral surplus edge has been sampled in the current component, none of the ancestors of  $k$  are the head of a surplus edge. Indeed, for  $x$  an ancestor of  $k$ , all vertices that are visited since the discovery of  $x$  up to time  $k$  are descendants of  $x$ , because  $(\hat{F}_n(k), k \geq 1)$  is explored in a depth-first manner. Therefore, any surplus edge with head  $x$  sampled up to time  $k$  is ancestral. This implies that for  $d^-$  the in-degree of  $x$ , the number of unpaired in-half-edges of  $x$  at time  $k$  is equal to  $d^- - 1$  (unless  $x$  is the root of the out-component, in which case it has  $d^-$  unpaired in-half-edges).

Therefore, the number of unpaired in-half-edges corresponding to ancestors of  $k$  is equal to  $H^\ell(k)$ . Moreover, note that, by definition of the purple vertices,  $k$  is the tail of a surplus edge if and only if  $k$  is purple, i.e. if and only if  $\hat{P}_n(k) - \hat{P}_n(k-1) = 1$ . In that case, the probability that it connects to given unpaired in-half-edge of a visited vertex is equal to  $1/\hat{S}_n^-(k)$ . The stated probability follows. The independence on the position of the heads of earlier surplus edges is immediate.  $\square$

We now illustrate how to find the other candidates in a component of  $(\hat{F}_n(k), k \geq 1)$ .

**Lemma 2.6.** *Let  $T_{l_n}^n$  be a component of  $(\hat{F}_n(k), k \geq 1)$  with root  $l_n + 1$  and component length  $\sigma_n$ . Suppose the first ancestral surplus edge in  $T_{l_n}^n$  corresponds to purple vertex  $V_1^n \in [l_n + 2, l_n + \sigma_n]$ . Let  $V_1^n < k \leq l_n + \sigma_n$ , and suppose the candidates found up to time  $k$  are given by  $V_1^n, \dots, V_m^n$ . Let  $T_k^{n,mk}$  be the subtree of  $T_{l_n}^n$  spanned by  $\{l_n + 1, V_1^n, \dots, V_m^n, k\}$ , and let  $\ell(T_k^{n,mk})$  be its total length with edge lengths as defined by  $(\hat{H}^\ell(m), m \in [l_n + 1, l_n + \sigma_n])$ . Then, the probability that  $k$  is a candidate is given by*

$$\frac{\ell(T_k^{n,mk}) - l}{\hat{S}_n^-(k)} \mathbb{1}_{\{\hat{P}_n(k) - \hat{P}_n(k-1) = 1\}}.$$

*Proof.* Note that if  $k$  is purple, it gets paired to a uniform pick from the  $\hat{S}^-(k)$  unpaired in-half-edges of discovered vertices. By Definition 2.2, in that case,  $k$  is a candidate if and only if its head is in  $T_k^{n, \text{mk}}$ . Observe that  $\ell(T_k^{n, \text{mk}})$  is equal to the number of in-half-edges of  $T_k$  that can be used to form surplus edges. By the definition of a candidate, exactly  $m$  of those have been paired: one for each element in  $\{V_1^n, \dots, V_m^n\}$ . This implies that  $\ell(T_k^{n, \text{mk}}) - m$  of the  $\hat{S}^-(k)$  options will cause  $k$  to be a candidate.  $\square$

Note that the probability that a purple vertex corresponds to a candidate only depends on the out-forest and the number of candidates that have been found in the component so far. The position of the heads of the candidates can be found as follows.

**Lemma 2.7.** *Let  $T_{l_n}^n$  be a component of  $(\hat{F}_n(k), k \geq 1)$  with root  $l_n + 1$  and component length  $\sigma_n$ . Suppose its candidates are given by  $\{V_1^n, \dots, V_{N_n}^n\}$ . Then, for  $1 \leq i \leq N_n$ , suppose the heads of the surplus edges corresponding to  $V_1^n, \dots, V_{i-1}^n$  are given by  $W_1^n, \dots, W_{i-1}^n$  respectively. Then, the in-half-edge that  $V_i^n$  gets paired to is a uniform pick from the*

$$\ell(T_{V_i^n}^{n, \text{mk}}) - (i - 1)$$

*unpaired in-half-edges of  $T_{V_i^n}^{n, \text{mk}}$  that remain. Call the corresponding vertex  $W_i^n$ .*

*Proof.* Given that  $V_i^n$  is a candidate, its head will be in  $T_{V_i^n}^{n, \text{mk}}$ . Then, the distribution follows.  $\square$

Lemmas 2.4, 2.5, 2.6, and 2.7 justify the following sampling procedure.

1. Sample the out-forest  $(\hat{F}_n(k), k \geq 1)$ .
2. Fix  $T > 0$  and define a counting process  $(A_n(k), k \leq \lfloor Tn^{2/3} \rfloor)$ , with the probability of an increment at time  $k$  given by

$$a_k = \frac{\hat{H}_n^\ell(k)}{\hat{S}_n^-(k)} \mathbb{1}_{\{\hat{P}_n(k) - \hat{P}_n(k-1) = 1\}}.$$

3. For  $i \geq 1$ , set  $X_i^n = \min\{k : A_n(k) = i\}$ . Define

$$\begin{aligned} L_i^n &= \min \left\{ k \geq 1 : \hat{S}_n^+(k) = \min\{\hat{S}_n^+(l) : l \leq X_i^n\} \right\} \text{ for } i \geq 1 \\ \Sigma_i^n &= \min \left\{ k \geq 1 : \min \left\{ \hat{S}_n^+(l) : l \leq L_i^n + k \right\} < \min \left\{ \hat{S}_n^+(l) : l \leq X_i^n \right\} \right\} \text{ for } i \geq 1, \end{aligned}$$

so that for each  $i \geq 1$ ,  $(\hat{S}^+(k), k \in [L_i^n + 1, L_i^n + \Sigma_i^n])$  encodes the out-tree containing  $X_i^n$ . For each  $(l_n, \sigma_n) \in \{(L_i^n, \Sigma_i^n)\}$ , let  $T_{l_n}^n$  be the tree in  $(\hat{F}_n(k), k \geq 1)$  with root  $l_n + 1$ , and do the following.

- (a) Set  $V_1^n = \min\{m \geq 1 : A_n(m) = A_n(g) + 1\}$ , and find the other candidates  $\{V_2^n, \dots, V_{N_n}^n\}$  according to the procedure described in the statement of Lemma 2.6.



- (b) For  $V_1^n, \dots, V_{N_n}^n$ , sample their heads  $W_1^n, \dots, W_{N_n}^n$  respectively according to the procedure described in the statement of Lemma 2.7.
- (c) Let  $T^{n, \text{mk}}(l_n)$  be the subtree of  $T_{l_n}^n$  spanned by  $\{l_n + 1, V_1^n, \dots, V_{N_n}^n\}$ , say  $V_i^n \sim W_i^n$  for each  $1 \leq i \leq N_n$ , and set  $M_{l_n}^n := T^{n, \text{mk}}(l_n) / \sim$ , which we note is a directed graph with surplus  $N_n$ .

Then, all strongly connected components of  $\vec{G}_n(\nu)$  of which the first candidate is sampled before time  $\lfloor Tn^{2/3} \rfloor$  are subgraphs of  $\{M_{L_i^n}^n, i \geq 1\}$ . Call these strongly connected components, ordered by decreasing size  $(C_i^T(n), i \geq 1)$ , completed with an infinite repeat of  $\mathfrak{L}$ . Observe that we may view  $M_{L_i^n}^n$  as a finite rooted directed multigraph  $M_{L_i^n}^n$  whose edges are endowed with lengths. To be precise, in  $M_{L_i^n}^n$ , let the vertex set consist of  $L_i^n + 1, W_i^n$  for  $i \leq N_n$ , and the branch points  $V_i^n \wedge V_j^n$  for  $i \neq j \leq N_n$ . Then, we obtain  $(C_i^T(n), i \geq 1)$  by ordering the SCCs in  $\{M_{L_i^n}^n, i \geq 1\}$  by decreasing size, and completing the list with an infinite repeat of  $\mathfrak{L}$ . See Figures 6a, 6b and 6c for an illustration of this procedure.

## 2.2 The continuum case

We will now define the continuous counterpart of the sampling procedure of the out-forest and the candidates. This is a modification of the procedure defined in Subsubsection 3.2.2 of [24].

### 2.2.1 $\mathbb{R}$ -trees and their encoding

The continuum analogue of discrete trees are given by  $\mathbb{R}$ -trees. A survey paper on  $\mathbb{R}$ -trees can be found in [30]. An  $\mathbb{R}$ -tree is a compact metric space  $(\mathcal{T}, d)$  such that for every  $a, b \in \mathcal{T}$  the following two properties hold:

1. There exists a unique isometry  $i_{a,b} : [0, d(a, b)] \rightarrow \mathcal{T}$  such that  $i_{a,b}(0) = a$  and  $i_{a,b}(d(a, b)) = b$ .
2. If  $q : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathcal{T}$  is any continuous map such that  $q(0) = a$  and  $q(1) = b$  then the image of  $q$  is the same as the image of  $i_{a,b}$ .

Let  $\llbracket a, b \rrbracket$  denote the image of  $i_{a,b}$ . This is the unique path between  $a$  and  $b$ .

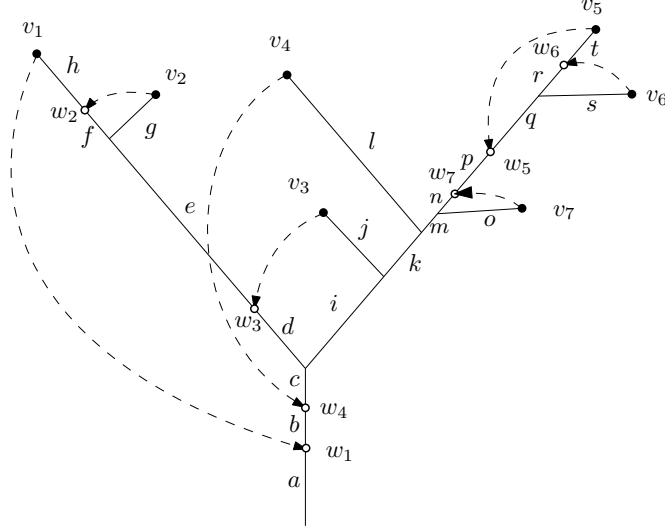
$\mathbb{R}$ -trees are often encoded by continuous excursions which can be seen as a continuous analogue of the height function of a tree. Let  $f : [0, \sigma] \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  be a continuous excursion, meaning  $f$  is continuous,  $f(0) = f(\sigma) = 0$  and  $f(x) > 0$  for all  $x \in (0, \sigma)$ . Using  $f$  we can define a pseudo-metric

$$d_f(x, y) = f(x) + f(y) - 2 \min_{s \in [x \wedge y, x \vee y]} f(s).$$

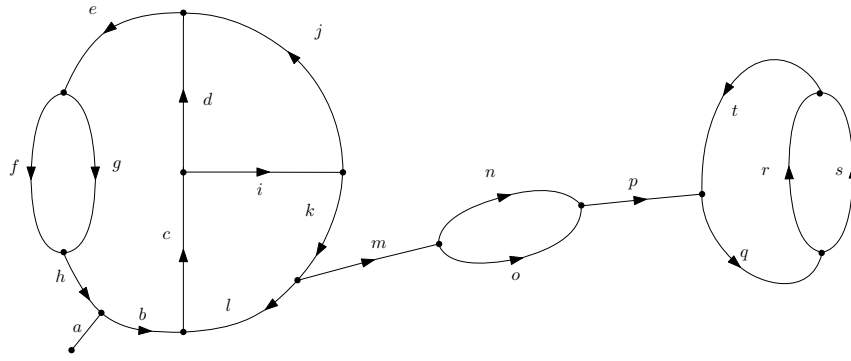
Using this we can define the quotient space

$$\mathcal{T}_f = [0, \sigma] / \{d_f = 0\}.$$

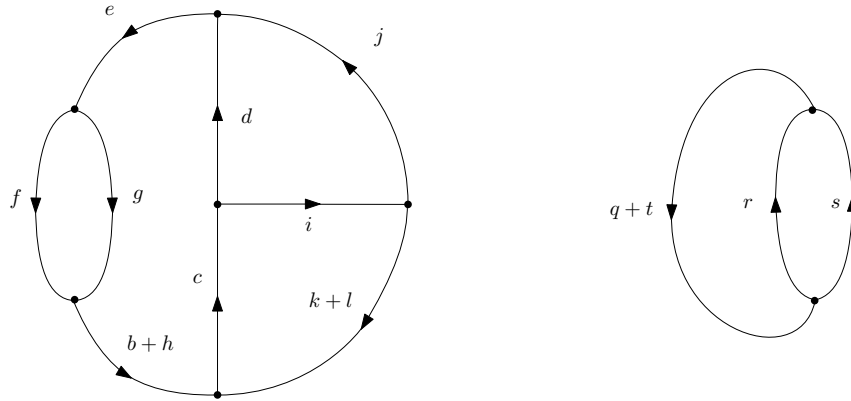
The space  $\mathcal{T}_f$  equipped with the metric  $d_f$  is the  $\mathbb{R}$ -tree encoded by the excursion  $f$ . Let  $p_f : [0, \sigma] \rightarrow \mathcal{T}_f$  be the natural projection function. Then  $\mathcal{T}_f$  inherits a distinguished root vertex  $\rho = p(0) = p(\sigma)$ .



(a) This is a subtree of an out-component spanned by the root of the out-component and the candidate tails  $(v_1, \dots, v_7)$ . Call the marked tree  $T^{\text{mk}}$ . The heads of the candidates are denoted by  $(w_1, \dots, w_7)$ .



(b) Identifying  $v_i$  with  $w_i$  for  $i \in [7]$  gives  $M$ .



(c) We find the SCCs that are contained in  $M$ .

Figure 6: We illustrate the procedure to find the strongly connected components in a component of the out-forest after finding the candidates. Figures are created by Goldschmidt and Stephenson [24]

### 2.2.2 The limit object

Let  $(B_t, t \geq 0)$  be a Brownian motion, and set

$$\left(\hat{B}_t, t \geq 0\right) = \left(B_t - \frac{\sigma_{-+} + \nu_-}{2\sigma_+ \mu} t^2, t \geq 0\right).$$

**Remark 2.8.** We note that the coefficient of the parabolic drift is negative. Indeed, the sign of the parabolic drift is the same as the sign of  $\mu - \mathbb{E}[D^+(D^-)^2]$ , and we note that

$$\frac{\mathbb{E}[(D^-)^2 D^+]}{\mathbb{E}[D^+]} - \left(\frac{\mathbb{E}[D^+ D^-]}{\mathbb{E}[D^+]}\right)^2 = \frac{\mathbb{E}[(Z^+)^2]}{\mu} - 1$$

is the variance of  $D^-$  under the law of  $\mathbf{D}$  size-biased by  $D^+$ , which is positive. Hence  $\mathbb{E}[D^+(D^-)^2]/\mu \geq 1$ , which shows that  $(\hat{B}_t)_{t \geq 0}$  is a Brownian motion with a downwards parabolic drift.

Define

$$(\hat{R}_t, t \geq 0) = \left(\hat{B}_t - \inf\{\hat{B}_s : s \leq t\}, t \geq 0\right).$$

Then, it is standard that  $\left(\frac{2}{\sigma_+} \hat{R}_t, t \geq 0\right)$  is the height process corresponding to an  $\mathbb{R}$ -forest with Łukasiewicz path  $(\sigma_+ \hat{B}_t, t \geq 0)$ . This fact also follows from the argument in Section 3. Call this forest  $(\hat{\mathcal{F}}(t), t \geq 0)$ .

Let  $(A_t, t \geq 0)$  be a Cox process of intensity

$$\frac{2(\sigma_{-+} + \nu_-)}{\sigma_+ \mu^2} \hat{R}_t$$

at time  $t$ . Then, fix  $T > 0$ , so that  $A_T < \infty$  almost surely. For  $i$  in  $[A_T]$ , set  $X_i = \min\{t : A_t = i\}$ . Define

$$\begin{aligned} L_i &= \inf\left\{t \geq 0 : \hat{B}_t = \inf\{\hat{B}_s : s \leq X_i\}\right\} \text{ for } i \in [A_T] \text{ and} \\ \Sigma_i &= \inf\left\{t \geq 0 : \inf\{\hat{B}_s : s \leq L_i + t\} < \inf\{\hat{B}_s : s \leq X_i\}\right\} \text{ for } i \in [A_T], \end{aligned}$$

so that for each  $i$  in  $[A_T]$ ,  $\left(\frac{2}{\sigma_+} \hat{R}_t, t \in [L_i, L_i + \Sigma_i]\right)$  encodes the  $\mathbb{R}$ -tree in  $(\hat{\mathcal{F}}(t), t \geq 0)$  that contains  $X_i$ . For each element of  $\{(L_i, \Sigma_i) : i \in [A_T]\}$  we will sample the candidates in the  $\mathbb{R}$ -tree. Fix  $i$ , and set  $(l, \sigma) = [L_i, \Sigma_i]$ . Let  $V_1 = \inf\{s > 0 : A(s) = A(l) + 1\}$ , so that  $l \leq V_1 \leq l + \sigma$  by definition of  $(l, \sigma)$ . Let  $\mathcal{T}_l$  be the  $\mathbb{R}$ -tree encoded by  $\left(\frac{2}{\sigma_+} \hat{R}_t, t \in [l, l + \sigma]\right)$  and let  $p_l : [l, l + \sigma] \rightarrow \mathcal{T}_l$  be the projection onto  $\mathcal{T}_l$  given by the encoding. Set

$$||\mathcal{T}_l|| = \sup\left\{\frac{2}{\sigma_+} \hat{R}_t, t \in [l, l + \sigma]\right\},$$

which we note is the height of  $\mathcal{T}_l$ .

Suppose we have found candidates  $\{V_1, \dots, V_m\}$ . For  $V_m \leq s \leq l + \sigma$ , let  $T_s^{\text{mk}}$  be the subtree

of  $\mathcal{T}_l$  spanned by  $p_l(\{l, V_1, \dots, V_m, s\})$ , and let  $|T_s^{\text{mk}}|$  be its total length. Then, let  $V_{m+1}$  be the first arrival time of a Poisson process on  $[V_m, l + \sigma]$  of intensity

$$\frac{\sigma_{-+} + \nu_-}{\mu^2} |T_s^{\text{mk}}| ds.$$

If the process does not contain a point, let  $\{V_1, \dots, V_m\}$  be the candidates of  $\mathcal{T}_l$ , and set  $N = m$ . Otherwise, we repeat the inductive step for  $\{V_1, \dots, V_{m+1}\}$ . If the induction does not terminate, we set  $N = \infty$ .

We claim that  $\mathbb{P}(N = \infty) = 0$ . Indeed, note that  $V_m \leq s \leq V_{m+1}$  implies that  $|T_s^{\text{mk}}| < (m+1)|\mathcal{T}_l|$ . Therefore,

$$\mathbb{P}(N \geq l+1, V_{m+1} - V_m < t | N \geq l) \leq \mathbb{P}(E_{m+1} < t),$$

for  $(E_k, k \geq 1)$  a sequence of exponential random variables with respective rates

$$\frac{\sigma_{-+} + \nu_-}{\mu^2} k |\mathcal{T}_l|.$$

Then,

$$\mathbb{P}(N = \infty) = \mathbb{P}(N = \infty \text{ and } \sup\{c_i : i \in \mathbb{N}\} < l + \sigma) \leq \mathbb{P}\left(\sum_{i=2}^{\infty} E_k \leq l + \sigma - V_1\right).$$

However,  $\sum_{i=2}^{\infty} E_k = \infty$  a.s., because the harmonic series diverges, so, indeed,  $\mathbb{P}(N < \infty) = 1$ . Finally, for  $1 \leq i \leq N$ , let the head corresponding to  $V_i$ , which we call  $W_i$ , be a uniform pick from the length measure on  $T_{V_i}^{\text{mk}}$ .

Let  $T_l^{\text{mk}}$  be the subtree of  $\mathcal{T}^l$  spanned by  $\{l, V_1, \dots, V_N\}$ . Then, in  $T_l^{\text{mk}}$ , set  $V_i \sim W_i$  for each  $1 \leq i \leq N$ , and set  $\mathcal{M}_l := T_l^{\text{mk}} / \sim$ . View  $\mathcal{M}_l$  as an element of  $\mathcal{G}$  in the natural way, and call it  $M_l$ . To be precise, let the vertex set of  $M_l$  consist of  $l$ ,  $W_i$  for  $i \leq N$ , and the branch points  $V_i \wedge V_j$  for  $i \neq j \leq N$ . The directions are inherited from  $\mathcal{T}^l$ , by considering all edges directed away from the root. Remove all edges that do not lie in a strongly connected component of  $M_l$  and delete any isolated vertices that are thus created. Then, for any vertices of degree 2, merge the neighbouring edges and sum their lengths. This creates a collection  $\mathcal{C}_l$  of strongly connected MDMs. Doing this for each  $(l, \sigma) \in \{[L_i, \Sigma_i]\}$  yields the collection of strongly connected MDMs  $\mathcal{C}$  that has the law of the limit in Theorem 1.1.

### 2.2.3 Properties of the limit object

We note that the limit object is encoded by 3 parameters: the real forest is encoded by a Brownian motion with variance  $\sigma_+^2$  and parabolic drift with coefficient  $-(\sigma_{-+} + \nu_-)/(2\mu)$ , and the identifications are a Cox process with intensity  $(\sigma_{-+} + \nu_-)/\mu^2$  on the length measure of the subtree spanned by the previously found candidates and the currently explored point as described in 2.2.2. The limit object that is studied in [24] corresponding to  $\lambda = 0$  (i.e. at criticality) is equal to our limit object in the case  $\sigma_+^2 = 1$ ,  $-(\sigma_{-+} + \nu_-)/(2\mu) = -1/2$ , and  $(\sigma_{-+} + \nu_-)/(\mu^2) = 1$ . Note that these three conditions are satisfied if we let  $D^-$  and  $D^+$  be independent Poisson(1) random variables. In [24], some properties of the limit object corresponding to these specific parameters are shown. A quick check shows that the proofs do not depend on the values of the parameters, so we deduce that the properties also hold for our limit object. Let  $\mathcal{M} := \bigcup_{L_i} \mathcal{M}_{L_i}$ .

**Corollary 2.9.** 1. The number of complex connected components of  $\mathcal{M}$  has finite expectation.

2. The number of loops of  $\mathcal{M}$  is a.s. finite.

*Proof.* The proof is analogous to the proof of Theorem 4.5 in [24].  $\square$

**Corollary 2.10.** The strongly connected components of  $\mathcal{M}$  all have different lengths almost surely.

*Proof.* The proof is analogous to the proof of Proposition 4.6 in [24].  $\square$

Write  $\mathcal{C}$  for the strongly connected components of  $\mathcal{M}$  and  $\mathbf{C}_l$  for those of  $\mathcal{M}_l$ , in decreasing order of length, with  $\mathcal{M}_l$  as defined in Subsubsection 2.2.2. Write  $\mathcal{C}_{\text{cplx}}$  for the list of complex components of  $\mathcal{C}$  in decreasing order of length. For sequences  $(K_1, \dots, K_j)$  and  $(J_1, \dots, J_k)$  of directed multigraphs, write  $(J_1, \dots, J_k) \equiv (K_1, \dots, K_j)$  if  $j = k$  and  $J_i$  is isomorphic to  $K_i$  for each  $i \leq j$ . Extend this notation naturally to the case where one or both of the sequences has edge lengths by ignoring the edge lengths.

**Corollary 2.11.** Let  $K_1, \dots, K_j$  be a finite sequence consisting of 3-regular strongly connected directed multigraphs or loops. We have

$$\mathbb{P}[\mathcal{C}_l \equiv (K_1, \dots, K_j)] > 0.$$

Assuming that  $K_1, \dots, K_j$  are all complex, we also have that

$$\mathbb{P}[\mathcal{C}_{\text{cplx}} \equiv (K_1, \dots, K_j)] > 0.$$

Let  $(e_i, 1 \leq i \leq K)$  be an arbitrary ordering of the edges of  $K_1, \dots, K_j$ . Then, conditionally on  $\mathcal{C}_l \equiv (K_1, \dots, K_j)$ , (resp.  $\mathcal{C}_{\text{cplx}} \equiv (K_1, \dots, K_j)$ ),  $\mathcal{C}_l$  (resp.  $\mathcal{C}_{\text{cplx}}$ ) gives lengths  $(\ell(e_i), 1 \leq i \leq K)$  to these edges, and their joint distribution has full support in

$$\left\{ \mathbf{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_K) \in \mathbb{R}_+^K : \forall 1 \leq i \leq K-1, \sum_{j: e_j \in E(K_i)} x_j \geq \sum_{j: e_j \in E(K_{i+1})} x_j \right\}.$$

*Proof.* The proof is analogous to the proof of Theorem 6.1 in [24].  $\square$

### 3 Convergence of the out-forest

In this section, we will show that the Łukasiewicz path and height process corresponding to the forest  $\hat{F}_n(m_n)$  converge under rescaling, for  $m_n = O(n^{2/3})$ . The main result of this section is as follows.

**Theorem 3.1.** As before, let  $(\hat{F}_n(k), k \geq 1)$  be the sequence of out-forests given by the exploration, where we set  $\hat{F}_n(k+1) = \hat{F}_n(k)$  if all in-half-edges have been paired at time  $k$ . Let  $(\hat{S}_n^+(k), \hat{H}_n(k), k \geq 1)$  be the Łukasiewicz path and height process corresponding to  $(\hat{F}_n(k), k \geq 1)$ . Let  $\hat{S}_n^-(k)$  denote the number of unpaired in-half-edges of vertices that are

seen at time  $k$ . Let  $\hat{P}_n(k)$  be the number of purple vertices seen in the first  $k$  time steps. Moreover, let  $(B_t)_{t \geq 0}$  be a Brownian motion, and define

$$(\hat{B}_t, t \geq 0) := \left( B_t - \frac{\sigma_{-+} + \nu_-}{2\sigma_+ \mu} t^2, t \geq 0 \right).$$

Set

$$(\hat{R}_t, t \geq 0) = \left( \hat{B}_t - \inf \left\{ \hat{B}_s : s \leq t \right\}, t \geq 0 \right).$$

Then,

$$\left( n^{-1/3} \hat{S}_n^+ \left( \lfloor n^{2/3} t \rfloor \right), n^{-1/3} \hat{H}_n \left( \lfloor n^{2/3} t \rfloor \right), t \geq 0 \right) \xrightarrow{d} \left( \sigma_+ \hat{B}_t, \frac{2}{\sigma_+} \hat{R}_t, t \geq 0 \right)$$

in  $\mathbb{D}(\mathbb{R}_+, \mathbb{R})^2$ , and

$$\left( n^{-2/3} \hat{S}_n^- \left( \lfloor n^{2/3} t \rfloor \right), n^{-1/3} \hat{P}_n \left( \lfloor n^{2/3} t \rfloor \right), t \geq 0 \right) \xrightarrow{p} \left( \nu_- t, \frac{\nu_-}{2\mu} t^2, t \geq 0 \right)$$

in  $\mathbb{D}(\mathbb{R}_+, \mathbb{R})^2$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

We prove Theorem 3.1 by studying two other forests that are related to  $\hat{F}_n(m_n)$  via a change of measure.

The proof is structured as follows.

1. Let  $(\hat{\mathbf{D}}_{n,1}, \dots, \hat{\mathbf{D}}_{n,n})$  denote the degree tuples in order of discovery. Fix  $m$  and let  $(\mathbf{Z}_1, \dots, \mathbf{Z}_m)$  be i.i.d. elements of  $\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\mathbf{Z}_i := (Z_i^-, Z_i^+)$  such that

$$\mathbb{P}(Z_i^- = k^-, Z_i^+ = k^+) = \frac{k^- \mathbb{P}(D^- = k^-, D^+ = k^+)}{\mu}.$$

Then, we show that the law of  $(\hat{\mathbf{D}}_{n,1}, \dots, \hat{\mathbf{D}}_{n,m})$  conditionally on  $\sum_{i=1}^n D_i^- = \sum_{i=1}^n D_i^+$  is absolutely continuous to  $(\mathbf{Z}_1, \dots, \mathbf{Z}_m)$ , and we show the convergence of the Radon-Nikodym derivative  $\phi_m^n$  for  $m = O(n^{2/3})$ . This is the content of Subsection 3.1.

2. Then, 1 is the motivation to sample i.i.d. copies of  $\mathbf{Z}$ ,  $(\mathbf{Z}_i, i \geq 1)$ , and to study a Galton-Watson forest with offspring distributed as  $Z_1^+$ . Call this forest  $(F(k), k \geq 1)$ . The convergence of the Łukasiewicz path of  $(F(k), k \geq 1)$  under rescaling follows from Donsker's theorem.
3. In Subsection 3.3, we modify  $(F(k), k \geq 1)$  to include purple leaves. We add extra randomness, similarly to the procedure described in Lemma 2.4, such that at some time steps, a purple leaf is added. We call the resulting forest  $(F_n^p(k), k \geq 1)$ . We respect the order of the degrees in  $(F(k), k \geq 1)$ , in the sense that for any  $k$ , the  $k^{\text{th}}$  black vertex in  $(F_n^p(k), k \geq 1)$  has the same number of children as the  $k^{\text{th}}$  vertex in  $(F(k), k \geq 1)$ .  $(F_n^p(k), k \geq 1)$  depends on  $n$ , because the probability of finding a purple vertex depends on  $n$ . We then show that the Łukasiewicz path and height process corresponding to  $(F_n^p(k), k \geq 1)$  converge under rescaling, jointly with the convergence of the Łukasiewicz path and height process corresponding to  $(F(k), k \geq 1)$  under rescaling up to time  $O(n^{2/3})$ .
4. We use the measure change to translate the convergence of the encoding processes of  $(F_n^p(k), k \geq 1)$  under rescaling to the convergence of the encoding processes of  $(\hat{F}_n(k), k \geq 1)$  under rescaling up to time  $O(n^{2/3})$ . This yields Theorem 3.1.

### 3.1 The measure change and its convergence

**Lemma 3.2.** *For all  $m \leq n$  there exists a function  $\phi_m^n : (\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N})^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that*

$$\mathbb{E} \left[ u \left( \hat{\mathbf{D}}_{n,1}, \dots, \hat{\mathbf{D}}_{n,m} \right) \middle| m \leq R_n, \Delta_n = 0 \right] = \mathbb{E} [u(\mathbf{Z}_1, \dots, \mathbf{Z}_m) \phi_m^n(\mathbf{Z}_1, \dots, \mathbf{Z}_m)].$$

for all bounded measurable test functions  $u : (\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . Define

$$\Phi(n, m) = \phi_m^n(\mathbf{Z}_1, \dots, \mathbf{Z}_m).$$

Further let  $(W^-, W^+)$  be a pair of correlated standard Brownian motions with correlation  $\text{Corr}(Z_i^-, Z_i^+)$  and define

$$\Phi(t) = \exp \left( -\frac{\sigma_-}{\mu} \int_0^t s dW_s^- - \frac{\sigma_-^2}{6\mu^2} t^3 \right).$$

Then for all  $T > 0$ ,

$$\left( \Phi(n, \lfloor Tn^{2/3} \rfloor), \left( n^{1/3} Y^- \left( \lfloor n^{2/3} t \rfloor \right) \right)_{t \in [0, T]} \right) \xrightarrow{(d)} (\Phi(t), (\sigma_+ W_t^+)_{t \in [0, T]})$$

in  $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{D}([0, T], \mathbb{R})$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Moreover  $(\Phi(n, \lfloor Tn^{2/3} \rfloor))_{n \geq 1}$  is a uniformly integrable sequence of random variables.

### 3.2 Convergence of the degrees in order of discovery

Recall that

$$\hat{Y}^+(k) = \sum_{i=1}^k (\hat{D}_{n,i}^+ - 1)$$

encodes the out-degrees in order of discovery, while

$$\hat{Y}^-(k) = \sum_{i=1}^k (\hat{D}_{n,i}^- - 1)$$

encodes the in-degrees in order of discovery. We will study these processes via the measure change that we defined in Subsection 3.1. Recall that

$$Y^+(k) = \sum_{i=1}^k (Z_i^+ - 1),$$

and

$$Y^-(k) = \sum_{i=1}^k (Z_i^- - 1).$$

We will first examine the joint distribution under rescaling of these processes, which is the content of the following lemma.

**Lemma 3.3.** *We have*

$$\left(n^{-2/3}Y^-\left(\lfloor n^{2/3}t \rfloor\right), t \geq 0\right) \xrightarrow{P} (\nu_-t, t \geq 0)$$

in  $\mathbb{D}(\mathbb{R}_+, \mathbb{R})^2$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Moreover,

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(n^{-1/3}\left(Y^-\left(\lfloor n^{2/3}t \rfloor\right) - n^{2/3}\nu_-t\right), n^{-1/3}Y^+\left(\lfloor n^{2/3}t \rfloor\right), t \geq 0\right) \\ & \xrightarrow{d} \left(\frac{\sigma_{-+}}{\sigma_+}B_t^1 + \left(\sigma_-^2 - \frac{\sigma_{-+}^2}{\sigma_+^2}\right)^{1/2}B_t^2, \sigma_+B_t^1, t \geq 0\right) \end{aligned}$$

in  $\mathbb{D}(\mathbb{R}_+, \mathbb{R})^2$ , as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , with  $(B_t^1)_{t \geq 0}$  and  $(B_t^2)_{t \geq 0}$  two independent standard Brownian motions.

*Proof.* The first statement follows from the fact that  $(Y^-(k), k \geq 1)$  is a random walk with steps of mean  $\nu_-$ . Then, by Donsker's Theorem in two dimensions (see e.g. Theorem 7.1.4 in [22]), we get that

$$\left(n^{-1/3}\left(Y^-\left(\lfloor n^{2/3}t \rfloor\right) - n^{2/3}\nu_-t\right), n^{-1/3}Y^+\left(\lfloor n^{2/3}t \rfloor\right), t \geq 0\right)$$

converges to a Gaussian process with covariance matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} \sigma_-^2 & \sigma_{-+} \\ \sigma_{-+} & \sigma_+^2 \end{pmatrix} t,$$

which proves the first statement.  $\square$

We are now able to examine the effect of the change of measure on  $(Y^-(k), Y^+(k), k \geq 1)$ . This is the content of the following theorem.

**Theorem 3.4.** *For  $T > 0$ ,*

$$\left(n^{-2/3}\hat{Y}^-\left(\lfloor n^{2/3}t \rfloor\right), n^{-1/3}\hat{Y}^+\left(\lfloor n^{2/3}t \rfloor\right), 0 \leq t \leq T\right) \xrightarrow{d} (\nu_-t, \sigma_+\hat{B}_t, 0 \leq t \leq T)$$

in the Skorokhod topology as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , where  $(\hat{B}_t, t \geq 0)$  is distributed as follows. For  $F$  a suitable test function, and for  $(B_t)_{t \geq 0}$  a Brownian motion,

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{E}\left[F(\sigma_+\hat{B}_t, 0 \leq t \leq T)\right] \\ & = \mathbb{E}\left[\exp\left(-\frac{\sigma_{-+}}{\sigma_+\mu}\int_0^T s dB_s - \frac{\sigma_{-+}^2 T^3}{6\sigma_+^2 \mu^2}\right) F(\sigma_+B_t, 0 \leq t \leq T)\right]. \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* Firstly, we use the results of Proposition ?? [refer to result Zheneng] and Lemma 3.3, and repeat the proof of Theorem 4.1 in [13] to find that for  $Y^{[n,-]}(t) := n^{-1/3}Y^-\left(\lfloor n^{2/3}t \rfloor\right) - n^{1/3}\nu_-t$  and  $Y^{[n,+]}(t) := n^{-1/3}Y^+\left(\lfloor n^{2/3}t \rfloor\right)$ , for  $F$  a bounded continuous test-function and  $(\mathbf{B}_t, t \geq 0)$  a two-dimensional Gaussian process with covariance matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} \sigma_-^2 & \sigma_{-+} \\ \sigma_{-+} & \sigma_+^2 \end{pmatrix} t,$$



we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{E} \left[ F(Y^{[n,-]}(t), Y^{[n,+]}(t), 0 \leq t \leq T) \right] \\ & \rightarrow \mathbb{E} [\Phi(T) F(\mathbf{B}_t, 0 \leq t \leq T)] \end{aligned}$$

as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . We may and will define  $(\mathbf{B}_t, t \geq 0)$  by letting  $(B_t^1, t \geq 0)$  and  $(B_t^2, t \geq 0)$  be two independent Brownian motions, and setting

$$(\mathbf{B}_t, t \geq 0) = \left( \frac{\sigma_{-+}}{\sigma_+} B_t^1 + \left( \sigma_-^2 - \frac{\sigma_{-+}^2}{\sigma_+^2} \right)^{1/2} B_t^2, \sigma_+ B_t^1, t \geq 0 \right).$$

Hence, for  $F$  a suitable test function,

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{E} \left[ F(Y^{[n,+]}(t), 0 \leq t \leq T) \right] \\ & \rightarrow \mathbb{E} \left[ \exp \left( -\frac{1}{\mu} \int_0^T sd \left( \frac{\sigma_{-+}}{\sigma_+} B_s^1 + \left( \sigma_-^2 - \frac{\sigma_{-+}^2}{\sigma_+^2} \right)^{1/2} B_s^2 \right) - \frac{T^3 \sigma_-^2}{6\mu^2} \right) F(\sigma_+ B_t^1, 0 \leq t \leq T) \right] \\ & = \mathbb{E} \left[ \exp \left( -\frac{\sigma_{-+}}{\sigma_+ \mu} \int_0^T sd B_s^1 - \frac{\sigma_{-+}^2 T^3}{6\sigma_+^2 \mu^2} \right) F(\sigma_+ B_t^1, 0 \leq t \leq T) \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Combining this with the first statement of Lemma 3.3 yields the result.  $\square$

The following lemma characterises the distribution of  $(\hat{B}_t, 0 \leq t \leq T)$ .

**Lemma 3.5.** *For  $(\hat{B}_t, 0 \leq t \leq T)$  as in the statement of Theorem 3.4, we have*

$$(\sigma_+ \hat{B}_t, 0 \leq t \leq T) \stackrel{d}{=} \left( \sigma_+ B_t - \frac{\sigma_{-+}}{2\mu} t^2, 0 \leq t \leq T \right)$$

for  $(B_t)_{t \geq 0}$  a Brownian motion.

*Proof.* Firstly, we have that for any  $t \in [0, T]$  and  $\theta > 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E} \left[ \exp(-\theta \sigma_+ \hat{B}_t^+) \right] &= \mathbb{E} \left[ \exp \left( -\frac{\sigma_{-+}}{\sigma_+ \mu} \int_0^t sd B_s - \frac{\sigma_{-+}^2 t^3}{6\sigma_+^2 \mu^2} - \theta \sigma_+ B_t \right) \right] \\ &= \mathbb{E} \left[ \exp \left( -\frac{\sigma_{-+}}{\sigma_+ \mu} \int_0^t \left( s + \frac{\sigma_{-+}^2 \theta \mu}{\sigma_{-+}} \right) dB_s - \frac{\sigma_{-+}^2 t^3}{6\sigma_+^2 \mu^2} \right) \right] \\ &= \exp \left( -\frac{\sigma_{-+}^2}{2\sigma_+^2 \mu^2} \int_0^t \left( s + \frac{\sigma_{-+}^2 \theta \mu}{\sigma_{-+}} \right)^2 ds - \frac{\sigma_{-+}^2 t^3}{6\sigma_+^2 \mu^2} \right) \\ &= \exp \left( \frac{\sigma_{-+}^2 t}{2} \theta^2 + \frac{\sigma_{-+} t^2}{2\mu} \theta \right) \\ &= \mathbb{E} \left[ \exp \left( -\theta \left( \sigma_+ B_t - \frac{\sigma_{-+}}{2\mu} t^2 \right) \right) \right] \end{aligned}$$

for  $(B_t)_{t \geq 0}$  a Brownian motion. Then, more generally, for  $m > 0$ ,  $0 = t_0 \leq t_1 \leq \dots \leq t_m = T$ , and  $\theta_1, \dots, \theta_m \in \mathbb{R}_+$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
& \mathbb{E} \left[ \exp \left( - \sum_{i=1}^m \theta_i (\sigma_+ \hat{B}_{t_i} - \sigma_+ \hat{B}_{t_{i-1}}) \right) \right] \\
&= \prod_{i=1}^m \mathbb{E} \left[ \exp \left( - \frac{\sigma_{-+}}{\sigma_+ \mu} \int_{t_{i-1}}^{t_i} s dB_s - \frac{\sigma_{-+}^2 (t_i^3 - t_{i-1}^3)}{6 \sigma_+^2 \mu^2} - \theta_i \sigma_+ (B_{t_i} - B_{t_{i-1}}) \right) \right] \\
&= \prod_{i=1}^m \exp \left( - \frac{\sigma_{-+}^2}{2 \sigma_+^2 \mu^2} \int_{t_{i-1}}^{t_i} \left( s + \frac{\sigma_+^2 \theta_i \mu}{\sigma_{-+}} \right)^2 ds - \frac{\sigma_{-+}^2 (t_i^3 - t_{i-1}^3)}{6 \sigma_+^2 \mu^2} \right) \\
&= \prod_{i=1}^m \exp \left( \frac{\sigma_+^2 (t_i - t_{i-1})}{2} \theta_i^2 + \frac{\sigma_{-+} (t_i^2 - t_{i-1}^2)}{2 \mu} \theta_i \right) \\
&= \mathbb{E} \left[ \exp \left( - \sum_{i=1}^m \theta_i \left( \sigma_+ (B_t - B_{t_i}) - \frac{\sigma_{-+}}{2 \mu} (t_i^2 - t_{i-1}^2) \right) \right) \right],
\end{aligned}$$

which proves the result.  $\square$

### 3.3 Adding purple vertices to a Galton-Watson forest

In this subsection we define  $(F_n^p(k), k \geq 1)$  and show that its Łukasiewicz path and height process converge under rescaling. Moreover, we will show that this convergence holds jointly with the convergence under rescaling of the number of purple vertices seen up to time  $k$  and the number of seen, but unused in-half-edges up to time  $k$ . The following lemma motivates the definition of  $(F_n^p(k), k \geq 1)$ .

**Lemma 3.6.** *Consider an eDFS of a configuration model on  $n$  vertices, with the total number of in-half-edges equal to  $\mu n$ . Suppose the number of unpaired in-half-edges of discovered vertices at step  $k$  in the exploration is equal to  $S_n^-(k)$ , suppose  $(S_n^+(l), 1 \leq l \leq k)$  encodes the Łukasiewicz path of the out-forest up to time  $k$ , and set*

$$I_n^+(k) = \inf \{ S_n^+(l), 1 \leq l \leq k \}.$$

*Then, the probability that, in the  $(k+1)^{th}$  time step, we sample a surplus edge is given by*

$$p_{k+1} := \frac{S_n^-(k)}{\mu n - k - I_n^+(k) + 1} \mathbb{1}_{\{I_n^+(k) = I_n^+(k-1)\}}.$$

*Proof.* This is a slight adaptation of Lemma 2.4, with  $(\hat{\mathbf{D}}_{n,1}, \dots, \hat{\mathbf{D}}_{n,m})$  replaced by  $(\mathbf{Z}_1, \dots, \mathbf{Z}_m)$ , and  $\sum_{i=1}^n \hat{D}_i^-$  replaced by its mean  $\mu n$ .  $\square$

We will now define  $(F_n^p(k), k \geq 1)$  and its Łukasiewicz path  $(S_n^+(k), k \geq 1)$  as a function of  $(Y^-(k), Y^+(k), k \geq 1)$  and extra randomness.

1. Set  $P_n(1) = 0$ ,  $S_n^+(1) = Z_1^+ - 1$ ,  $S_n^-(1) = Z_1^-$ .
2. Suppose we are given  $(P_n(l), S_n^+(l), S_n^-(l), 1 \leq l \leq k)$ . Define  $I^+(k) = \min\{S_n^+(l), l \leq k\}$ . Then, with probability  $p_{k+1}$ , independent from everything else, set  $P_n(k+1) = P_n(k) + 1$ . Otherwise, set  $P_n(k+1) = P_n(k)$ .

3. Set

$$S_n^+(k+1) = Y^+(k+1 - P_n(k+1)) - P_n(k+1),$$

and

$$S_n^-(k+1) = Y^-(k+1 - P_n(k+1)) - P_n(k+1) - I^+(k) + 1.$$

Let  $(F_n^p(k), k \geq 1)$  be the forest with Łukasiewicz path  $(S_n^+(k), k \geq 1)$  in which the  $k^{\text{th}}$  vertex is purple if and only if  $P^n(k) - P^n(k-1) = 1$ .

### 3.3.1 Convergence of the Łukasiewicz path

To show the convergence of the Łukasiewicz path corresponding to  $(F_n^p(k), k \geq 1)$ , we will first examine the limit of  $(P_n(k), k \geq 1)$  under rescaling. We will first prove tightness, after which we will show convergence.

**Lemma 3.7.** *For every  $T > 0$ ,*

$$\left( n^{-1/3} P_n \left( \lfloor n^{2/3} T \rfloor \right) \right)_{n \geq 1}$$

*is tight.*

*Proof.* Set  $m = \lfloor n^{2/3} T \rfloor$  and fix  $\epsilon > 0$ . It is trivial that for any  $k \leq m$ ,  $S^-(k) \leq \sum_{i=1}^k Z_i^- = Y^-(k) + k$ . Moreover,  $\mu n - k - I^+(l) + 1 > \mu n - k$ . Therefore,

$$p_k \leq \frac{Y^-(k) + k}{\mu n - k},$$

and note that this upper bound is increasing in  $k$ . Consequently, conditionally on  $(Y^+(j), Y^-(j), j \geq 1)$ ,  $n^{-1/3} P_n(m)$  is stochastically dominated by a binomial random variable with parameters  $m$  and

$$\frac{Y^-(m) + m}{\mu n - m} \wedge 1.$$

Since  $(Y^-(k) + k, k \geq 1)$  is a random walk with steps of finite mean,  $(n^{-2/3}(Y^-(m) + m))_{n \geq 1}$  is tight. Therefore,

$$\left( n^{1/3} \frac{Y^-(m) + m}{\mu n - m} \right)_{n \geq 1}$$

is tight, which proves the statement.  $\square$

**Lemma 3.8.** *We have*

$$\left( n^{-1/3} P_n(\lfloor n^{2/3} t \rfloor), t \geq 0 \right) \xrightarrow{p} \left( \frac{\nu_-}{2\mu} t^2, t \geq 0 \right)$$

*in  $D(\mathbb{R}_+, \mathbb{R})$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .*

*Proof.* Fix  $T > 0$ . Recall that

$$p_{k+1} = \frac{S_n^-(k)}{\mu n - k - I^+(k) + 1} \mathbb{1}_{\{I^+(k) = I^+(k-1)\}}.$$

Define  $M^+(k) = \min\{Y^+(l) : l \leq k\}$  so that  $0 \geq I^+(k) \geq M^+(k) - P_n(k)$ . Then, by Lemma 3.7, Lemma 3.3, and the continuous mapping theorem,  $(n^{-1/3}I^+(\lfloor n^{2/3}t \rfloor))_{n \geq 1}$  is tight for all  $t > 0$ . We will now argue that the indicator, which ensures that the roots are never purple, does not have an effect on  $(P_n(k), k \leq m)$  on the scale that we are interested in. Let  $t > 0$ , and set  $m = \lfloor n^{2/3}t \rfloor$ . Define

$$\begin{aligned} E^p(m) &:= \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} \frac{S_n^-(k)}{\mu n - k - I^+(k) + 1} \mathbb{1}_{\{I^+(k) \neq I^+(k-1)\}} \\ &\leq I^+(m) \frac{Y^-(m) + m}{\mu n - m}, \end{aligned}$$

so since  $I^+(m)$  is of order  $n^{1/3}$  and  $\frac{Y^-(m)+m}{\mu n - m}$  is of order  $n^{-1/3}$ ,  $(E^p(m))_{n \geq 1}$  is tight for all  $t \geq 0$ . This means that if we allow the roots to be purple, with high probability, we would only sample  $O(1)$  purple roots up to time  $O(n^{2/3})$ . This does not affect  $(P_n(k), k \leq m)$  on the scale that we are interested in.

Then, the convergence in Lemma 3.3, the tightness of  $(n^{-1/3}I^+(\lfloor n^{2/3}t \rfloor))_{n \geq 1}$  and Lemma 3.7 imply that

$$\begin{aligned} &\left( n^{1/3} \frac{S_n^-(\lfloor n^{2/3}t \rfloor)}{\mu n - \lfloor n^{2/3}t \rfloor - I^+(\lfloor n^{2/3}t \rfloor) + 1}, t \geq 0 \right) \\ &= \left( n^{1/3} \frac{Y^-(\lfloor n^{2/3}t \rfloor) - P_n(\lfloor n^{2/3}t \rfloor) - I^+(\lfloor n^{2/3}t \rfloor) + 1}{\mu n - \lfloor n^{2/3}t \rfloor - I^+(\lfloor n^{2/3}t \rfloor) + 1}, t \geq 0 \right) \quad (1) \\ &\xrightarrow{p} \left( \frac{\nu_-}{\mu} t, t \geq 0 \right) \end{aligned}$$

in  $D(\mathbb{R}_+, \mathbb{R})$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Then, by the continuous mapping theorem and the tightness of  $(E^p(m))_{n \geq 1}$ ,

$$\left( n^{-1/3} \sum_{i=0}^{\lfloor n^{2/3}t \rfloor} p_k, t \geq 0 \right) \xrightarrow{p} \left( \frac{\nu_-}{2\mu} t^2, t \geq 0 \right)$$

in  $D(\mathbb{R}_+, \mathbb{R})$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

Let  $\mathcal{G} = (\mathcal{G}_k, k \geq 1)$  denote the filtration such that  $\mathcal{G}_k$  contains the information on the shape of the forest until time  $k$ , including the colours of the vertices. Then,

$$M_n(k) := \sum_{i=1}^k (\mathbb{1}_{\{P_n(i) - P_n(i-1) = 1\}} - p_i)$$

is a martingale in  $\mathcal{G}$ . We claim that  $(n^{-1/3}M_n(\lfloor n^{2/3}t \rfloor), t \geq 0)$  converges to  $(0, t \geq 0)$  in probability in  $D(\mathbb{R}_+, \mathbb{R})$ . Indeed, for any  $t \geq 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[n^{-2/3}M_n(\lfloor n^{2/3}t \rfloor)^2] &= n^{-2/3} \sum_{i=1}^{\lfloor n^{2/3}t \rfloor} \mathbb{E}[\mathbb{E}[(\mathbb{1}_{\{P_n(i) - P_n(i-1) = 1\}} - p_i)^2 | \mathcal{G}_{i-1}]] \\ &= n^{-2/3} \sum_{i=1}^{\lfloor n^{2/3}t \rfloor} \mathbb{E}[p_i - p_i^2] \rightarrow 0. \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$\left(n^{-1/3}P_n(\lfloor n^{2/3}t \rfloor), t \geq 0\right) = \left(n^{-1/3} \sum_{i=1}^{\lfloor n^{2/3}t \rfloor} \mathbb{1}_{\{P_n(i)-P_n(i-1)=1\}}, t \geq 0\right) \xrightarrow{d} \left(\frac{\nu_-}{2\mu}t^2, t \geq 0\right),$$

which proves the statement.  $\square$

The convergence of  $P_n$  under rescaling implies the convergence of  $S^+$  and  $S^-$  under rescaling, which is the content of the following corollary.

**Corollary 3.9.** *Let  $(B_t, t \geq 0)$  be a Brownian motion. We have*

$$\left(n^{-1/3}Y^+\left(\lfloor n^{2/3}t \rfloor\right), n^{-1/3}S_n^+\left(\lfloor n^{2/3}t \rfloor\right), t \geq 0\right) \xrightarrow{d} \left(\sigma_+B_t, \sigma_+B_t - \frac{\nu_-}{2\mu}t^2, t \geq 0\right)$$

in  $\mathbb{D}(\mathbb{R}_+, \mathbb{R})^2$  and

$$\left(n^{-2/3}S_n^-\left(\lfloor n^{2/3}t \rfloor\right), t \geq 0\right) \xrightarrow{p} (\nu_-t, t \geq 0)$$

in  $\mathbb{D}(\mathbb{R}_+, \mathbb{R})$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

*Proof.* This follows from Lemmas 3.3 and 3.8 and the expressions

$$S_n^{p,+}(k+1) = Y^+[k+1 - P_n(k+1)] - P_n(k+1),$$

and

$$S_n^{p,-}(k+1) = Y^-[k+1 - P_n(k+1)] - P_n(k+1) - I^+(k) + 1.$$

$\square$

### 3.3.2 Convergence of the height process

We will extend Corollary 3.9 to joint convergence under rescaling with the height process corresponding to  $(F_n^p(k), k \geq 1)$ , which is the content of this subsection. We prove the following proposition.

**Proposition 3.10.** *Let  $(H^+(k), k \geq 1)$  be the height process corresponding to  $(F^p(k), k \geq 1)$ . Let  $(B_t, t \geq 0)$  be a Brownian motion, and define*

$$(B_t^+, t \geq 0) = \left(B_t - \frac{\nu_-}{2\mu\sigma_+}t^2, t \geq 0\right).$$

Set

$$(R_t^+, t \geq 0) = (B_t^+ - \inf\{B_s^+ : s \leq t\}, t \geq 0).$$

Then,

$$\left(n^{-1/3}Y^+\left(\lfloor n^{2/3}t \rfloor\right), n^{-1/3}S_n^+\left(\lfloor n^{2/3}t \rfloor\right), n^{-1/3}H_n^+\left(\lfloor n^{2/3}t \rfloor\right), t \geq 0\right) \xrightarrow{d} \left(\sigma_+B_t, \sigma_+B_t^+, \frac{2}{\sigma_+}R_t^+, t \geq 0\right)$$

in  $\mathbb{D}(\mathbb{R}_+, \mathbb{R})^3$ , and

$$\left(n^{-2/3}S_n^-\left(\lfloor n^{2/3}t \rfloor\right), t \geq 0\right) \xrightarrow{p} (\nu_-t, t \geq 0)$$

in  $\mathbb{D}(\mathbb{R}_+, \mathbb{R})$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

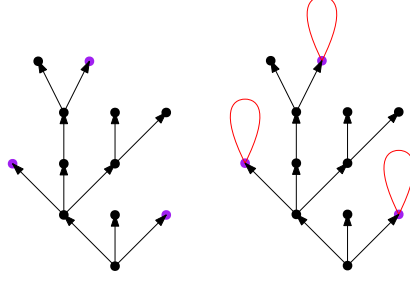


Figure 7: Given a component of  $(F_n^p(k), k \geq 1)$  (see left figure), we modify it by sampling independent red Galton-Watson trees with offspring distributed as  $Z^+$  and identifying each purple vertex with a root of a red tree. The resulting tree (see right figure) is a Galton-Watson tree, and the resulting forest  $(F_n^{pr}(k), k \geq 1)$  is a Galton-Watson forest.

The difficulty in proving this proposition is the fact that  $(F_n^p(k), k \geq 1)$  is not a Galton-Watson forest, because the probability of sampling a purple vertex changes as time progresses. The theory of convergence of height processes under rescaling is well-developed for Galton-Watson processes (see e.g. [20]), but this is not the case for more general processes. We will adapt a technique that Broutin, Duquesne and Wang developed in [6] to show the convergence of the height process of inhomogeneous random graphs under rescaling. The key idea is that  $(F_n^p(k), k \geq 1)$  itself is not a Galton-Watson forest, but we can embed it in a Galton-Watson forest, say  $(F^{pr}(k), k \geq 1)$ , which will be equal to  $(F_n^p(k), k \geq 1)$  with extra red vertices. We then show convergence under rescaling of the height process corresponding to  $(F^{pr}(k), k \geq 1)$ , and use this to obtain height process convergence for  $(F_n^p(k), k \geq 1)$ .

We start by defining  $(F^{pr}(k), k \geq 1)$ . Informally, we obtain  $(F^{pr}(k), k \geq 1)$  by modifying  $(F_n^p(k), k \geq 1)$  in such a way that the sub-tree consisting of the descendants of a purple vertex has the same law as a sub-tree consisting of the descendants of a black vertex. We do this by sampling extra Galton-Watson trees with offspring distributed as  $Z^+$ , of which we colour all vertices red, and identifying their roots with the purple vertices. The resulting forest is a black-purple-red Galton-Watson forest in which the black-purple forest is embedded. This is illustrated in Figure 7.

The formal procedure is as follows. Suppose we are given  $(Y^+(k), S^+(k), P_n(k), k \geq 1)$ , which encode  $(F_n^p(k), k \geq 1)$ .

1. Let  $(Y^{red}(k), k \geq 1)$  be an independent copy of  $(Y^+(k), k \geq 1)$ . We let  $(Y^{red}(k), k \geq 1)$  encode the red pendant subtrees.
2. Define  $\theta_n(k) = k + \min\{j : Y^{red}(j) = -P_n(k-1)\} - P_n(k-1)$ .
3. Set  $\Lambda_n(k) = \max\{j : \theta_n(j) \leq k\} - P_n(\max\{j : \theta_n(j) \leq k\})$ .
4. We now define

$$(Y^{pr}(k), k \geq 1) = (Y^+(\Lambda_n(k)) + Y^{red}(k - \Lambda_n(k)), k \geq 1) \quad (2)$$

and we let  $(F^{pr}(k), k \geq 1)$  be the Galton-Watson process encoded by  $(Y^{pr}(k), k \geq 1)$ , in which  $P_n(\max\{j : \theta_n(j) \leq k\})$  of the first  $k$  vertices are blue,  $\Lambda_n(k)$  of the first  $k$  vertices are black, and the rest is red. We let  $(H^{pr}(k), k \geq 1)$  be the height process corresponding to  $(F^{pr}(k), k \geq 1)$ .

We claim that the forest consisting of the black and blue vertices in  $F^{pr}(\theta_n(k))$  is, by construction, equal to  $F^p(k)$ . Moreover,  $(F^{pr}(k), k \geq 1)$  is a Galton-Watson forest. We make the following observations.

1. We claim that

$$\theta_n(k) = \min\{l : F^p(k) \text{ is a subforest of } F^{pr}(l)\}.$$

Indeed, note that  $\min\{j : Y^{red}(j) = -P_n(k-1)\}$  is equal to the number of vertices in the first  $P_n(k-1)$  trees in the forest encoded by  $Y^{red}$ , so

$$\min\{j : Y^{red}(j) = -P_n(k-1)\} - P_n(k-1)$$

is equal to the number of red vertices we add to  $F^p(k)$ . Then,  $\theta_n(k)$  is the index in  $(F^{pr}(k), k \geq 1)$  of the  $k^{th}$  black or purple vertex.

2. Note that  $\Lambda_n(k)$  is the number of blue vertices amongst the first  $k$  vertices. This follows from the fact that  $\max\{j : \theta_n(j) \leq k\}$  is the number of blue or purple vertices amongst the first  $k$  vertices.
3. By the argument above,  $(\Lambda_n(k), k \geq 1)$  only takes steps of size 0 or 1. Both  $(Y^+(k), k \geq 1)$  and  $(Y^{red}(k), k \geq 1)$  are random walks with steps distributed as  $Z^+ - 1$ , so, by construction,  $(Y^{pr}(k), k \geq 1)$  is a random walk with steps distributed as  $Z^+ - 1$ , so  $(F^{pr}(k), k \geq 1)$  is a Galton-Watson forest with offspring distributed as  $Z^+$ .
4. By construction,  $(H^{pr}(\theta_n(k)), k \geq 1)$  is the height process corresponding to  $(F_n^p(k), k \geq 1)$ . Moreover,

$$(S^+(k), k \geq 1) = (Y^{pr}(\theta_n(k)) - E(\theta_n(k)), k \geq 1), \quad (3)$$

where  $E(k)$  counts the red children of the  $k^{th}$  vertex in  $(F^{pr}(k), k \geq 1)$ .

Considering the construction above and Corollary 3.9, in order to prove Proposition 3.10, it is sufficient to prove the following proposition.

**Proposition 3.11.** *There exists a process  $(D_t, t \geq 0)$  such that*

$$\begin{aligned} & \left( n^{-1/3} \left[ Y^{pr} \left( \theta_n \left( \lfloor n^{2/3} t \rfloor \right) \right) - E \left( \lfloor n^{2/3} t \rfloor \right) \right], n^{-1/3} H^{pr} \left( \theta_n \left( \lfloor n^{2/3} t \rfloor \right) \right), t \geq 0 \right) \\ & \xrightarrow{d} \left( \sigma_+ D_t, \frac{2}{\sigma_+} (D_t - \inf \{D_s, s \leq t\}), t \geq 0 \right) \end{aligned}$$

in  $\mathbb{D}(\mathbb{R}_+, \mathbb{R})^2$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  and  $\left( \frac{2}{\sigma_+} (D_t - \inf \{D_s, s \leq t\}), t \geq 0 \right)$  is the height process corresponding to  $(\sigma_+ D_t, t \geq 0)$ .

We postpone the proof to Appendix A.

### 3.4 Applying the measure change to prove Theorem 3.1

We will combine the convergence of the measure change under rescaling, which is the content of Theorem XXX, and the convergence of the encoding processes of  $(F^p(k), k \geq 1)$ , which is the content of Proposition 3.10, to prove Theorem 3.1.

*Proof.* Proof of [Theorem 3.1](#) Recall that  $\hat{P}_n(k)$  denotes the number of purple vertices in  $\hat{F}_n(k)$ . Set  $\hat{I}_n(k) = \min\{\hat{S}_n^+(l) : l \leq k\}$ . Then, as shown in [Lemma 2.4](#), the probability that the  $(k+1)^{th}$  vertex in  $(\hat{F}_n(k), k \geq 1)$  is purple is given by

$$q_{k+1} := \frac{\hat{S}^-(k)}{\sum_{i=0}^n D_i^- - k - \hat{I}_n(k)} \mathbb{1}_{\{\hat{I}_n(k-1) = \hat{I}_n(k)\}}.$$

In order to use the results on  $(F^p(k), k \geq 1)$ , we would like to replace the term  $\sum_{i=0}^n D_i^-$  in the denominator by  $\mu n$ . Therefore, define a new forest  $(\hat{F}'_n(k), k \geq 1)$  in which the probability that the  $(k+1)^{th}$  vertex is a purple leaf is

$$q'_{k+1} := \frac{\hat{S}^-(k)}{\mu n - k - \hat{I}'_n(k)} \mathbb{1}_{\{\hat{I}'_n(k-1) = \hat{I}'_n(k)\}},$$

where  $\hat{P}'_n(k)$  is the number of purple vertices in  $\hat{F}'_n(k)$ , and  $\hat{I}'_n(k)$  is the number of components in  $\hat{F}'_n(k)$ . We claim that there exists a coupling such that

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\lfloor n^{2/3}T \rfloor} |q_i - q'_i| \xrightarrow{p} 0$$

as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Indeed, by the convergence in [Theorem 3.4](#),

$$\left( n^{-2/3} \sum_{i=1}^{\lfloor n^{2/3}T \rfloor} \hat{D}_i^n \right)_{n>0}$$

is tight. Moreover, with a slight adaptation to the proof of [Lemma 3.7](#), we can show that  $\left( n^{-1/3} \hat{P}'_n(\lfloor n^{2/3}T \rfloor) \right)_{n>0}$  is tight. This, combined with the convergence under rescaling of  $(\hat{Y}_n^+(k), k \geq 1)$ , implies that also  $\left( n^{-1/3} \hat{I}'_n(\lfloor n^{2/3}T \rfloor) \right)_{n>0}$  is tight. Since  $D_1^-, \dots, D_n^-$  are i.i.d. random variables with mean  $\mu$  and finite variance,  $\left( n^{-1/2} \left( \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} D_i^- - \mu n \right) \right)_{n>0}$  is tight. By using the trivial identity  $a/b - c/d = (b(a-c) - c(d-b))/bd$ , this implies that  $\left( n^{2/3} \max_{k \leq \lfloor n^{2/3}T \rfloor} |q_k - q'_k| \right)_{n>0}$  is tight, which implies that there exists a coupling such that  $\left( \max_{k \leq \lfloor n^{2/3}T \rfloor} |\hat{P}_n(k) - \hat{P}'_n(k)| \right)_{n>1}$  and  $\left( \max_{k \leq \lfloor n^{2/3}T \rfloor} |\hat{I}_n(k) - \hat{I}'_n(k)| \right)_{n>1}$  are tight, which implies that, again by  $a/b - c/d = (b(a-c) - c(d-b))/bd$ ,  $\left( n^{5/6} \max_{k \leq \lfloor n^{2/3}T \rfloor} |q_k - q'_k| \right)_{n>0}$  is tight, which implies that

$$\sum_{i=0}^{\lfloor n^{2/3}T \rfloor} |q_i - q'_i| \xrightarrow{p} 0$$

as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Therefore, under the right coupling,

$$\mathbb{P} \left( \max_{k \leq \lfloor n^{2/3}T \rfloor} |\hat{P}_n(k) - \hat{P}'_n(k)| > 0 \right) \rightarrow 0.$$

In other words, we can couple  $(\hat{F}_n(k), k \geq 1)$  and  $(\hat{F}'_n(k), k \geq 1)$  in such a way that we do not see the difference on the scale that we are interested in. Therefore, we can show



convergence under rescaling of the encoding processes of  $(\hat{F}'_n(k), k \geq 1)$  instead. To avoid further complicating notation, we will from now on refer to its encoding processes as

$$(\hat{S}_n^+(k), \hat{H}_n, \hat{S}_n^-(k), \hat{P}_n(k), k \leq \lfloor n^{2/3}T \rfloor).$$

Then, these processes are constructed out of sample paths of  $(\hat{Y}^+(k), \hat{Y}^-(k), k \leq \lfloor n^{2/3}T \rfloor)$  and independent randomness in the exact same way as the sample paths of

$$(S_n^+(k), H_n^+(k), S_n^-(k), k \leq \lfloor n^{2/3}T \rfloor)$$

are constructed out of sample paths of  $(Y^+(k), Y^-(k), k \leq \lfloor n^{2/3}T \rfloor)$  and independent randomness. We will use the following notation:

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{S}_{(n)}^+ &:= \left( n^{-1/3} \hat{S}_n^+ \left( \lfloor n^{2/3}t \rfloor \right), 0 \leq t \leq T \right) \\ \hat{H}_{(n)} &:= \left( n^{-1/3} \hat{H}_n \left( \lfloor n^{2/3}t \rfloor \right), 0 \leq t \leq T \right) \\ \hat{Y}_{(n)}^+ &:= \left( n^{-1/3} \hat{Y}^+ \left( \lfloor n^{2/3}t \rfloor \right), 0 \leq t \leq T \right) \\ S_{(n)}^+ &:= \left( n^{-1/3} S_n^+ \left( \lfloor n^{2/3}t \rfloor \right), 0 \leq t \leq T \right) \\ H_{(n)}^+ &:= \left( n^{-1/3} H_n^+ \left( \lfloor n^{2/3}t \rfloor \right), 0 \leq t \leq T \right) \\ Y_{(n)}^+ &:= \left( n^{-1/3} Y^+ \left( \lfloor n^{2/3}t \rfloor \right), 0 \leq t \leq T \right). \end{aligned}$$

**[Change letter measure change to match notation Zheneng]** Let  $f : D([0, T], \mathbb{R})^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a bounded, continuous test-function. Then,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E} \left[ f \left( \hat{Y}_{(n)}^+, \hat{S}_{(n)}^+, \hat{H}_{(n)} \right) \right] &= \mathbb{E} \left[ \mathbb{E} \left[ f \left( \hat{Y}_{(n)}^+, \hat{S}_{(n)}^+, \hat{H}_{(n)} \right) \middle| \hat{Y}_{(n)}^+ \right] \right] \\ &= \mathbb{E} \left[ \Phi(n, \lfloor n^{2/3}t \rfloor) \mathbb{E} \left[ f \left( Y_{(n)}^+, S_{(n)}^+, H_{(n)}^+ \right) \middle| Y_{(n)}^+ \right] \right] \\ &= \mathbb{E} \left[ \Phi(n, \lfloor n^{2/3}t \rfloor) f \left( Y_{(n)}^+, S_{(n)}^+, H_{(n)}^+ \right) \right], \end{aligned}$$

where we use that  $\mathbb{E} \left[ f \left( \hat{Y}_{(n)}^+, \hat{S}_{(n)}^+, \hat{H}_{(n)} \right) \middle| \hat{Y}_{(n)}^+ \right]$  is a bounded, adapted function of  $\hat{Y}_{(n)}^+$ , and that  $\Phi(n, \lfloor n^{2/3}t \rfloor)$  is the measure change from  $Y_{(n)}^+$  to  $\hat{Y}_{(n)}^+$ . Then, using Proposition XXX, Proposition XXX **[Refer to results Zheneng of existence of the measure change and convergence of the measure change]** and Proposition 3.10, following the proof of Theorem 4.1 in [13] gives us that

$$\begin{aligned} &\mathbb{E} \left[ f \left( \hat{Y}_{(n)}^+, \hat{S}_{(n)}^+, \hat{H}_{(n)} \right) \right] \\ &\rightarrow \mathbb{E} \left[ \Phi(t) f \left( \sigma_+ B_t, \sigma_+ B_t^+, \frac{2}{\sigma_+} R_t^+, 0 \leq t \leq T \right) \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Since

$$(B_t^+, t \geq 0) = \left( B_t - \frac{\nu_-}{2\sigma_+\mu} t^2, t \geq 0 \right),$$

Lemma 3.5 implies the convergence under rescaling of  $(\hat{S}_n^+(k), \hat{H}_n(k), k \geq 0)$ . By Proposition 3.10,  $S_n^-$  converges in distribution to a deterministic process under scaling, which will not be effected by the measure change. This completes the proof.  $\square$

### 3.5 Convergence of the out-forest holds conditionally on the multigraph being simple

We will now show that the parts of the multigraph we observe up until the timescale in which we are interested are with high probability simple. We will then use an argument by Joseph [27] to show that this implies that Theorem 3.1 holds conditional on the resulting multigraph being simple. We let  $B_n(k)$  be the number of self-loops and edges created parallel to an existing edge in the same direction as that edge, up until discovery of the  $k^{\text{th}}$  vertex of  $(\hat{F}_n(k), k \geq 1)$ . We call these anomalous edges.

**Proposition 3.12.** *Suppose  $\beta < 1$ . Then we have*

$$\mathbb{P}\left(B_n(\lfloor n^\beta \rfloor) > 0\right) \rightarrow 0$$

as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

**Remark 3.13.** *We adapt the proof of Lemma 7.1 of [27] and of Proposition 5.3 of [13] to the directed setting. An extra complication is caused by the conditioning on*

$$\left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n D_i^- = \sum_{i=1}^n D_i^+ \right\}$$

*We remark that in both papers, the proof of the aforementioned result is not fully correct, because the authors use a wrong expression for the probability of sampling an anomalous edge. However, the argument below can be adapted to the setting of [27] and [13] to yield a correct proof.*

*Proof.* Note that we can only show the convergence of the Radon-Nikodym derivative up to time  $O(n^{2/3})$ , so it is not straightforward to use the measure change to prove results on a time scale  $O(n^\beta)$ . Therefore, for the proof of this lemma, we will use a different method, that was introduced by Joseph in [27] referred to as *Poissonization*. We note that  $(\hat{\mathbf{D}}_{n,1}, \dots, \hat{\mathbf{D}}_{n,n})$  (before conditioning on  $\sum_{i=1}^n D_i^- = \sum_{i=1}^n D_i^+$ ) are distributed as the jumps ordered by jump time in a Poisson process  $\Pi^0$  with intensity measure  $\pi^0$  on  $\mathbb{R}_+ \times \mathbb{N}^2$  such that

$$\pi^0(dt, k_1, k_2) = n\mathbb{P}(D^- = k_1, D^+ = k_2)k_1 \exp(-k_1 t)dt$$

conditionally on  $\Pi^0(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{N}, \mathbb{N}) = n$ . The intensity of this process is not constant in  $t$ , so we perform a time change. Define

$$\mathcal{L}_{\mathbf{D}}(x, y) = \mathbb{E} \left[ \exp(-xD^- - yD^+) \right],$$

and set

$$\psi(t) = (1 - \mathcal{L}(\cdot, 0))^{-1},$$

so that for

$$\pi_n(dt, k_1, k_2) := \mathbb{P}(D^- = k_1, D^+ = k_2)k_1 \exp(-k_1 \psi(t/n)) \psi'(t/n)dt$$

on  $(0, n) \times \mathbb{N}^2$ , we have that for  $t \in (0, n)$ , there exists a probability measure  $P_t$  on  $\mathbb{N}^2$  such that

$$\pi_n(dt, k_1, k_2) = P_t(D^+ = k_1, D^+ = k_2)dt.$$

This is a trivial adaptation of Lemma 4.1 of [27]. Let  $\Pi_n$  be a decorated point process with intensity  $\pi_n$ . Now, let  $\hat{\Pi}_n$  be a random measure, which is a decorated point process with intensity  $\pi_n$ , conditionally on

1.  $N_n := \hat{\Pi}_n((0, n), \mathbb{N}, \mathbb{N}) = n$ , and
2.  $\Delta_n := \int_{(0, n) \times \mathbb{N}^2} (k_1 - k_2) \hat{\Pi}_n(dt, k_1, k_2) = 0$ .

Then, the points of  $\hat{\Pi}_n$  ordered by time are distributed as  $(\hat{\mathbf{D}}_{n,1}, \dots, \hat{\mathbf{D}}_{n,n})$  conditionally on  $\sum_{i=1}^n D_i^- = \sum_{i=1}^n D_i^+$ . Let  $\hat{\pi}_t^n$  be the marginal density of  $\hat{\Pi}_n$  at time  $t$ , so that there is a probability measure  $\hat{P}_t^n$  on  $\mathbb{N}^2$  and a measure  $\lambda_t^n$  on  $\mathbb{R}_+$  such that

$$\hat{\pi}_t^n(dt, k_1, k_2) = \lambda_t^n(dt) \times \hat{P}_t^n(D^- = k_1, D^+ = k_2).$$

Note that due to the conditioning,  $\lambda_t^n(dt)$  can be unequal to  $dt$ . However, we claim that, also after conditioning, with high probability, we will have seen between  $n^\beta$  and  $3n^\beta$  jumps at time  $2n^\beta$ . Indeed,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{P}\left(\Pi_n\left((0, 2n^\beta), \mathbb{N}, \mathbb{N}\right) \notin (n^\beta, 3n^\beta) \mid \Delta_n = 0, N_n = n\right) &\leq \frac{\mathbb{P}\left(\sum_{i=1}^{n^\beta} E_i > 2n^\beta \text{ or } \sum_{i=1}^{3n^\beta} E_i < 2n^\beta\right)}{\mathbb{P}(\Delta_n = 0, N_n = n)} \\ &= O(n^{1/2} \exp(-n)) \end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

for  $(E_1, E_2, \dots)$  i.i.d. exponential random variables with rate 1, where the order follows from Cramér's Theorem and the local limit theorem.

We will use this set-up to show that with high probability, we do not sample anomalous edges in the first  $n^\beta$  time steps of the eDFS. We distinguish between the following types of anomalous edges.

Self-loops occur when the out-half-edge of a vertex is paired to an in-half-edge of the same vertex. Let  $B_n^1(k)$  be the number of self-loops that are found up to time  $k$ . For  $v$  explored up to time  $\lfloor n^\beta \rfloor$ , a vertex with in-degree  $d_v^-$  and out-degree  $d_v^+$ , there are  $d_v^- d_v^+$  possible combinations of an in-half-edge and an out-half-edge that form a self-loop connected to  $v$ . Any of these combinations of half-edges is paired with probability bounded above by

$$\frac{1}{\sum_{i=\lfloor n^\beta \rfloor + 1}^n \hat{D}_i^-}.$$

Parallel edges occur when an out-half-edge of a vertex is paired to an in-half-edge of one of its previously explored children. Let  $B_n^2(k)$  be the number of parallel edges that are found up to time  $k$ . For any vertex  $v$  with in-degree  $d_v^-$ , and a parent  $p(v)$  with out-degree  $d_{p(v)}^+$ , there are at most  $d_v^- d_{p(v)}^+$  possible combinations of an in-half-edge and an out-half-edge that form a parallel edge from  $p(v)$  to  $v$ . Again, any of these combinations of half-edges is paired with probability bounded above by

$$\frac{1}{\sum_{i=\lfloor n^\beta \rfloor + 1}^n \hat{D}_i^-}.$$

The last type of anomalous edges is a surplus edge with multiplicity greater than 1. Let  $B_n^3(k)$  be the number of surplus edges with multiplicity greater than 1 that are found up to time  $k$ . For a vertex  $w$  with out-degree  $d_w^+$  and a vertex  $v$  with in-degree  $d_v^-$ , a multiple surplus edge from  $w$  to  $v$  can only occur if  $v$  is discovered before  $w$ . In that case, there are at most  $(d_w^+)^2 (d_v^-)^2$  possible pairs of combinations of half-edges, and each of these pairs appears with probability bounded above by

$$\left( \frac{1}{\sum_{i=\lfloor n^\beta \rfloor + 1}^n \hat{D}_i^-} \right)^2.$$

Let  $p(i)$  denote the index of the parent of the vertex with index  $i$ . Also, denote

$$\mathcal{G}^n = \sigma \left( \hat{D}_1^-, \hat{D}_1^+, \dots, \hat{D}_n^-, \hat{D}_n^+ \right).$$

Then, by a conditional version of Markov's inequality,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{P} \left( B_n^1(\lfloor n^\beta \rfloor) > 0 \middle| \mathcal{G}^n \right) &\leq \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{\lfloor n^\beta \rfloor} \hat{D}_i^- \hat{D}_i^+}{\sum_{i=\lfloor n^\beta \rfloor+1}^n \hat{D}_i^-} \wedge 1, \\ \mathbb{P} \left( B_n^2(\lfloor n^\beta \rfloor) > 0 \middle| \mathcal{G}^n \right) &\leq \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{\lfloor n^\beta \rfloor} \hat{D}_i^- \mathbb{E} \left[ \hat{D}_{p(i)}^+ \middle| \mathcal{G}^n \right]}{\sum_{i=\lfloor n^\beta \rfloor+1}^n \hat{D}_i^-} \wedge 1, \\ \mathbb{P} \left( B_n^3(\lfloor n^\beta \rfloor) > 0 \middle| \mathcal{G}^n \right) &\leq \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{\lfloor n^\beta \rfloor} \sum_{j < i} (\hat{D}_i^+)^2 (\hat{D}_j^-)^2}{\left( \sum_{i=\lfloor n^\beta \rfloor+1}^n \hat{D}_i^- \right)^2} \wedge 1, \end{aligned}$$

where we note that  $p(i)$  is not adapted to  $\mathcal{G}^n$ , because ancestral relations in the tree also depend on surplus edges. However, we observe that by the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^{\lfloor n^\beta \rfloor} \hat{D}_i^- \mathbb{E} \left[ \hat{D}_{p(i)}^+ \middle| \mathcal{G}^n \right] &\leq \left( \sum_{i=1}^{\lfloor n^\beta \rfloor} (\hat{D}_i^-)^2 \right)^{1/2} \left( \sum_{i=1}^{\lfloor n^\beta \rfloor} \mathbb{E} \left[ \hat{D}_{p(i)}^+ \middle| \mathcal{G}^n \right]^2 \right)^{1/2} \\ &\leq \left( \sum_{i=1}^{\lfloor n^\beta \rfloor} (\hat{D}_i^-)^2 \right)^{1/2} \left( \sum_{i=1}^{\lfloor n^\beta \rfloor} (\hat{D}_i^+)^3 \right)^{1/2} \end{aligned}$$

where the last inequality follows from the conditional Jensen inequality and the fact that a vertex with out-degree  $d^+$  that is discovered before time  $n^\beta$  is the parent of at most  $d^+$  vertices that are discovered before time  $n^\beta$ .

We will show that

$$\mathbb{P} \left( B_n^1(\lfloor n^\beta \rfloor) + B_n^2(\lfloor n^\beta \rfloor) + B_n^3(\lfloor n^\beta \rfloor) > 0 \middle| \mathcal{G}^n \right) \xrightarrow{p} 0 \quad (5)$$

as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Then, the proposition follows from the bounded convergence theorem. By the observations above, and the fact that

$$\sum_{i=\lfloor n^\beta \rfloor+1}^n \hat{D}_i^- = \sum_{i=1}^n D_i^- - \sum_{i=1}^{\lfloor n^\beta \rfloor-1} \hat{D}_i^-,$$

it is sufficient to show that as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ,

$$\frac{1}{n} \int_{(0, 2n^\beta) \times \mathbb{N}^2} k_1 k_2 \hat{\Pi}_n(dt, k_1, k_2) \xrightarrow{p} 0, \quad (6)$$

$$\frac{1}{n} \int_{(0, 2n^\beta) \times \mathbb{N}^2} k_1 \hat{\Pi}_n(dt, k_1, k_2) \xrightarrow{p} 0, \quad (7)$$

$$\frac{1}{n} \int_{(0, 2n^\beta) \times \mathbb{N}^2} k_1^2 \hat{\Pi}_n(dt, k_1, k_2) \xrightarrow{p} 0, \quad (8)$$

$$\frac{1}{n} \int_{(0, 2n^\beta) \times \mathbb{N}^2} k_2^2 \hat{\Pi}_n(dt, k_1, k_2) \xrightarrow{p} 0, \text{ and} \quad (9)$$

$$\frac{1}{n} \int_{(0, 2n^\beta) \times \mathbb{N}^2} k_2^3 \hat{\Pi}_n(dt, k_1, k_2) \xrightarrow{p} 0. \quad (10)$$

We will show 6. The proof of the other equations is analogous.

We start with the proof of 6. Note that by (4), for  $\hat{E}_t^n$  the expectation under  $\hat{P}_t^n$ , it is sufficient if we show that for some  $C$ ,

$$\hat{E}_t^n \left[ \hat{D}_t^- \hat{D}_t^+ \right] < C \quad (11)$$

for all  $n$  and  $t < 2n^\beta$ . We note that

$$\hat{E}_t^n \left[ \hat{D}_t^- \hat{D}_t^+ \right] = E_t^n \left[ \hat{D}_t^- \hat{D}_t^+ | \Delta_n = 0, N_n = n \right] = E_t^n \left[ \hat{D}_t^- \hat{D}_t^+ \frac{\mathbb{P} \left[ \Delta_n = 0, N_n = n | \hat{D}_t^-, \hat{D}_t^+ \right]}{\mathbb{P} [\Delta_n = 0, N_n = n]} \right].$$

By the fact that  $\Pi_n$  is a decorated point process, we have that for  $k_1, k_2$  in  $\mathbb{N}$ ,

$$\mathbb{P} \left[ \Delta_n = 0, N_n = n | \hat{D}_t^- = k_1, \hat{D}_t^+ = k_2 \right] = \mathbb{P} [\Delta_n = k_2 - k_1, N_n = n - 1],$$

so that, since  $N_n \sim \text{Poisson}(n)$ , and since on  $N_n = n - 1$  (resp.  $N_n = n$ ),  $\Delta_n$  is the sum of  $n - 1$  (resp.  $n$ ) i.i.d. mean 0 random variables with finite variance, there exists a  $C'$  such that

$$\frac{\mathbb{P} \left[ \Delta_n = 0, N_n = n | \hat{D}_t^- = k_1, \hat{D}_t^+ = k_2 \right]}{\mathbb{P} [\Delta_n = 0, N_n = n]} < C'$$

for all  $k_1, k_2, t$  and  $n$ . Therefore, if we show that for some  $C''$

$$E_t^n \left[ \hat{D}_t^- \hat{D}_t^+ \right] < C''$$

for all  $n$  and  $t < 2n^\beta$ , (11) follows. We note that by definition of  $\pi_n(dt, k_1, k_1)$ ,

$$E_t^n \left[ \hat{D}_t^- \hat{D}_t^+ \right] = \frac{\frac{d^3}{dx^2 dy} \mathcal{L}_{\mathbf{D}}(x, y) |_{(\psi(t/n), 0)}}{\frac{d}{dx} \mathcal{L}_{\mathbf{D}}(x, y) |_{(\psi(t/n), 0)}}.$$

By definition of  $\mathcal{L}_{\mathbf{D}}(x, y)$  and  $\psi(s)$ , we find that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d^3}{dx^2 dy} \mathcal{L}_{\mathbf{D}}(x, y)_{(s, 0)} &= -\mathbb{E}[(D^-)^2 D^+] + o(1), \\ \frac{d}{dx} \mathcal{L}_{\mathbf{D}}(x, y)_{(s, 0)} &= -\mathbb{E}[D^-] + o(1), \text{ and} \\ \psi(s) &= \frac{s}{\mu} + o(s) \end{aligned}$$

as  $s \rightarrow 0$ . We refer the reader to the proof of Lemma A.1 in [27] for the details of a similar argument in the undirected setting. This implies that

$$E_t^n [\hat{D}^- \hat{D}^+] = \frac{\mathbb{E}[(D^-)^2 D^+]}{\mathbb{E}[D^-]} + o(1)$$

uniformly in all  $t \leq 2n^\beta$ , and (11) follows.

By applying the same techniques, (7), (8), (9) and (10) follow as well, which proves the statement.  $\square$

**Corollary 3.14.** *Theorem 3.1 holds conditionally on the resulting multigraph being simple.*

*Proof.* Let  $\rho(n) = \inf\{k \geq 1 : B_n(k) > 0\}$ , and note that the event that the multigraph formed by the configuration model on  $n$  vertices is simple is equal to  $\{\rho(n) = \infty\}$ . Proposition 3.12 shows that we do not observe any anomalous edges far beyond the timescale in which we explore the largest components of the out-forest. This allows us to conclude that all of the results we prove using the exploration up to time  $O(n^{2/3})$  are also true conditionally on  $\{\rho(n) = \infty\}$ . This follows from the proof of Theorem 3.2 in [27].  $\square$

All results that follow are obtained by studying the exploration up to time  $O(n^{2/3})$ , so will also be true conditionally on the resulting directed multigraph being simple.

## 4 Convergence of the strongly connected components under rescaling

In this section, we will use the convergence of the out-forest that we obtained in Section 3 to show that the strongly connected components ordered by decreasing length converge under rescaling in the  $d_{\vec{\mathcal{G}}}$ -product topology. The structure of the argument is as follows.

### 4.1 Convergence of the out-components that contain an ancestral surplus edge

In this subsection, we will prove that the components of  $\hat{F}_n(\lfloor n^{2/3}t \rfloor)$  that contain an ancestral surplus edge converge under rescaling. Recall the definition of  $(A_n(k), k \geq 1)$  from Subsection 2.1.3, and recall that the components in  $(\hat{F}_n(k), k \geq 1)$  that contain a non-trivial strongly connected component correspond to the components in  $(\hat{F}_n(k), k \geq 1)$  on which  $(A_n(k), k \geq 1)$  increases. Moreover, if  $(A_n(k), k \geq 1)$  increases on a component, the law of the first increase time corresponds to the position of the first ancestral surplus edge in the component.

We first study the convergence of  $(\hat{H}_n^\ell(k), k \geq 1)$  under rescaling. This is an extension of Theorem 3.1.

**Lemma 4.1.** *Let  $(B_t, t \geq 0)$  be a Brownian motion, and define*

$$(\hat{B}_t, t \geq 0) := \left( B_t - \frac{\sigma_{-+} + \nu_-}{2\sigma_+ \mu} t^2, t \geq 0 \right),$$

and

$$(\hat{R}_t, t \geq 0) = \left( \hat{B}_t - \inf \left\{ \hat{B}_s : s \leq t \right\}, t \geq 0 \right).$$

Then,

$$\begin{aligned} & \left( n^{-1/3} \hat{S}_n^+ \left( \lfloor n^{2/3} t \rfloor \right), n^{-1/3} \hat{H}_n \left( \lfloor n^{2/3} t \rfloor \right), n^{-1/3} \hat{H}_n^\ell \left( \lfloor n^{2/3} t \rfloor \right), t \geq 0 \right) \\ & \xrightarrow{d} \left( \sigma_+ \hat{B}_t, \frac{2}{\sigma_+} \hat{R}_t, \frac{2(\sigma_{+-} + \nu_-)}{\sigma_+ \mu} \hat{R}_t, t \geq 0 \right) \end{aligned}$$

in  $\mathbb{D}(\mathbb{R}_+, \mathbb{R})^3$ , jointly with

$$\left( n^{-2/3} \hat{S}_n^- \left( \lfloor n^{2/3} t \rfloor \right), n^{-1/3} \hat{P}_n \left( \lfloor n^{2/3} t \rfloor \right), t \geq 0 \right) \xrightarrow{p} \left( \nu_- t, \frac{\nu_-}{2\mu} t^2, t \geq 0 \right)$$

in  $\mathbb{D}(\mathbb{R}_+, \mathbb{R})^2$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

*Proof.* We use Theorem 1 in [16] by de Raphélis, that shows convergence of the height process of a Galton-Watson forest with edge-lengths under a few conditions on the degree and edge length distribution. We will apply this result to the black-purple-red Galton-Watson forest  $(F^{pr}(k), k \geq 1)$ , as defined in Subsubsection 3.3.2.

We equip  $(F^{pr}(k), k \geq 1)$  with edge lengths in the following manner. For a purple or red vertex with out degree  $d^+$ , sample its in-degree with law  $Z^-$  conditioned on  $Z^+ = d^+$ . The in-degree of the black vertices is encoded by  $(Y^-(k), k \geq 1)$ . Then, for a vertex with in-degree  $d^-$ , let the edges connecting it to its children have length  $d^- - 1$  (unless it is the root of the component, then let the edges connecting to its children will have length  $d^-$ ). Call the resulting forest with edge lengths  $(F^{pr,\ell}(k), k \geq 1)$ , and let  $(H^{pr,\ell}(k), k \geq 1)$  be the corresponding height process.

We will translate the conditions of Theorem 1 in [16] to our setting and check them. The conditions are as follows.

1.  $\mathbb{E}[Z^+] = 1$
2.  $1 < \mathbb{E}[(Z^+)^2] < \infty$
3.  $\mathbb{E}[Z^+ \mathbb{1}_{\{Z^- > x\}}] = o(x^{-2})$  as  $x \rightarrow \infty$

Under these conditions, using the notation from Subsubsection 3.3.2,

$$\begin{aligned} & \left( n^{-1/3} Y^{pr} \left( \lfloor tn^{2/3} \rfloor \right), n^{-1/3} H^{pr} \left( \lfloor tn^{2/3} \rfloor \right), n^{-1/3} H^{pr,\ell} \left( \lfloor tn^{2/3} \rfloor \right), t \geq 0 \right) \\ & \xrightarrow{d} \left( \sigma_+ B_s, \frac{2}{\sigma_+} R_s, \frac{2(\sigma_{+-} + \nu_-)}{\mu \sigma_+} R_s, t \geq 0 \right) \end{aligned} \tag{12}$$

in  $D(\mathbb{R}_+, \mathbb{R})^3$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Then, we observe that the rest of the argument in Subsubsection 3.3.2 and Subsection 3.4 can be extended to include the height process with edge lengths. This yields the result.

Therefore, to finish the proof, we need the conditions of Theorem 1 in [16] to hold. The conditions are equivalent to

1.  $\mathbb{E}[D^+ D^-] = \mathbb{E}[D^-]$

2.  $1 < \frac{\mathbb{E}[(D^+)^2 D^-]}{\mathbb{E}[D^-]} < \infty$
3.  $\mathbb{E}[D^+ D^- \mathbb{1}_{D^- > x}] = o(x^{-2})$  as  $x \rightarrow \infty$ .

Note that the first and second condition follow directly from the assumptions, and the third condition is implied by  $\mathbb{E}[D^+(D^-)^3] < \infty$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 4.2.** *We have, jointly with the convergence in Lemma 4.1,*

$$\left(A_n \left(\lfloor tn^{2/3} \rfloor\right), t \geq 0\right) \xrightarrow{d} (A_t, t \geq 0),$$

as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , where  $(A_t, t \geq 0)$  is a Cox process of intensity

$$\frac{2(\sigma_{-+} + \nu_-)}{\sigma_+ \mu^2} \hat{R}_t$$

at time  $t$ . The convergence is in  $D(\mathbb{R}_+, \mathbb{R})$ .

*Proof.* By definition,  $(A_n(k), k \geq 1)$  is a counting process with compensator

$$\begin{aligned} A_n^{comp}(k) &= \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{\hat{H}^\ell(i)}{\hat{S}_n^-(i)} \mathbb{1}_{\{\hat{P}_n(i) - \hat{P}_n(i-1) = 1\}} \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^{\hat{P}_n(k)} \frac{\hat{H}^\ell(\min\{l : \hat{P}_n(l) \geq k\})}{\hat{S}_n^-(\min\{l : \hat{P}_n(l) \geq k\})}, \end{aligned}$$

By Theorem 14.2.VIII of Daley and Vere-Jones [15], the claimed convergence under rescaling of  $(A_n(k), k \geq 1)$  follows if we show that

$$\left(A_n^{comp} \left(\lfloor tn^{2/3} \rfloor\right), t \geq 0\right) \xrightarrow{d} \left(\frac{2(\sigma_{-+} + \nu_-)}{\sigma_+ \mu^2} \int_0^t \hat{R}_v dv, t \geq 0\right) \quad (13)$$

in  $\mathbb{D}(\mathbb{R}_+, \mathbb{R})$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  jointly with the convergence in Lemma 4.1. Therefore, we will now prove that (13) holds. By

$$\left(n^{-1/3} \hat{P}_n \left(\lfloor n^{2/3} t \rfloor\right), t \geq 0\right) \xrightarrow{p} \left(\frac{\nu_-}{2\mu} t^2, t \geq 0\right)$$

in  $\mathbb{D}(\mathbb{R}_+, \mathbb{R})$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , we get that

$$\begin{aligned} \left(n^{-2/3} \min\{l \geq 1 : n^{-1/3} \hat{P}_n(l) \geq t\}, t \geq 0\right) &\xrightarrow{p} \left(\min\left\{s > 0 : \frac{\nu_-}{2\mu} s^2 \geq t\right\}, t \geq 0\right) \\ &=: (p^{-1}(t), t \geq 0) \end{aligned}$$

in  $\mathbb{D}(\mathbb{R}_+, \mathbb{R})$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , because  $\left(\frac{\nu_-}{2\mu} t^2, t \geq 0\right)$  is strictly increasing. Then, Lemma 4.1, Lemma A.2, Slutsky's lemma and the continuous mapping theorem imply that

$$\begin{aligned} &\left(\sum_{j=1}^{\lfloor n^{1/3} t \rfloor} \frac{\hat{H}^\ell(\min\{l : \hat{P}_n(l) \geq k\})}{\hat{S}_n^-(\min\{l : \hat{P}_n(l) \geq k\})}, t \geq 0\right) \\ &\xrightarrow{d} \left(\frac{2(\sigma_{-+} + \nu_-)}{\sigma_+ \mu} \int_0^t \frac{\hat{R}_{p^{-1}(s)}}{\nu_- p^{-1}(s)} ds, t \geq 0\right). \end{aligned}$$

If we combine this with the convergence under rescaling of  $(P_n(k), k \geq 1)$  and apply Lemma A.2, some simple analysis then yields (13), which proves the statement.  $\square$



## 4.2 Finding the important components in the out-forest

In this subsection, we will show that, conditionally on the convergence under rescaling in Proposition 4.2, the sequence of components in  $(\hat{F}_n(k), k \leq \lfloor Tn^{2/3} \rfloor)$  that contain ancestral surplus edges converges as well under rescaling. Lemma 4.3 is a statement about extracting excursion intervals from deterministic functions with marks, which we will apply to the sample paths of  $(\hat{S}_n^+(k), k \geq 1)$  and the increase times of  $(A_n(k), k \geq 1)$ . The lemma tells us that if the sample paths and increase times converge under rescaling, the beginnings and endpoints of the excursions above the running infimum that contain the increase times converge as well.

**Lemma 4.3.** *Let  $(f_n(t), t \geq 0)$  for  $n \geq 1$ , and  $(f(t), t \geq 0)$  be functions in  $\mathbb{D}(\mathbb{R}_+, \mathbb{R})$ , such that*

$$(f_n(t), t \geq 0) \rightarrow (f(t), t \geq 0)$$

*in  $\mathbb{D}(\mathbb{R}_+, \mathbb{R})$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Assume that  $(f(t), t \geq 0)$  is continuous, that  $f(t) \rightarrow -\infty$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ , and that the local minima of  $(f(t), t \geq 0)$  are unique. Moreover, let  $(x_i^n)_{1 \leq i \leq m}$ , for  $n \geq 1$ , and  $(x_i)_{1 \leq i \leq m}$  be elements of  $\mathbb{R}^m$  such that for all  $i \in [m]$ ,  $x_i^n \rightarrow x_i$  in  $\mathbb{R}$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , and such that  $f(x_i) - \inf\{f(s) : s \leq x_i\} > 0$  for all  $i \in [m]$ . Define*

$$\begin{aligned} l_i^n &= \inf\{t \geq 0 : f_n(t) = \inf\{f_n(s) : s \leq x_i^n\}\} \text{ for } i \in [m], n \geq 1 \\ \sigma_i^n &= \inf\{t \geq 0 : \inf\{f_n(s) : s \leq l_i^n + t\} < \inf\{f_n(s) : s \leq x_i^n\}\} \text{ for } i \in [m], n \geq 1 \\ l_i &= \inf\{t \geq 0 : f(t) = \inf\{f(s) : s \leq x_i\}\}, \text{ and} \\ \sigma_i &= \inf\{t \geq 0 : \inf\{f(s) : s \leq l_i + t\} < \inf\{f(s) : s \leq x_i\}\}. \end{aligned}$$

*For  $S = \{(a_i, b_i), i \in [m]\}$ , let  $\text{ord}(S)$  be a sequence consisting of the elements of  $S$  put in increasing order of  $a_i$ , with ties broken arbitrarily, and concatenated with  $(0, 0)_{i \geq 1}$  so that  $\text{ord}(S) \in (\mathbb{R}^2)^\infty$ . Then,*

$$\text{ord}(\{(l_i^n, \sigma_i^n) : 1 \leq i \leq m\}) \rightarrow \text{ord}(\{(l_i, \sigma_i) : 1 \leq i \leq m\})$$

*in  $(\mathbb{R}^2)^\infty$  in the  $\ell_1$ -topology as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .*

*Proof.* First, note that  $l_i^n$ ,  $\sigma_i^n$ ,  $l_i$ , and  $\sigma_i$  are well-defined for all  $i \in [m]$ ,  $n \geq 1$  by  $f(t) \rightarrow -\infty$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$  and the convergence of  $f_n$  to  $f$ .

Fix  $i$ . We will first show that  $l_i^n \rightarrow l_i$  and  $\sigma_i^n \rightarrow \sigma_i$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Firstly, note that by the assumption that  $f(x_i) - \inf\{f(s) : s \leq x_i\} > 0$  and the continuity of  $f$ ,  $l_i < x_i < l_i + \sigma_i$ . Fix  $0 < \epsilon < \min\{x_i - l_i, l_i + \sigma_i - x_i\}/2$ . We claim that the following conditions are sufficient for  $l_i^n \rightarrow l_i$  and  $\sigma_i^n \rightarrow \sigma_i$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . For all  $n$  large enough,

1.  $l_i + \epsilon < x_i^n < l_i + \sigma_i - \epsilon$
2.  $\inf\{f_n(s) : s \in (l_i - \epsilon, l_i + \epsilon)\} < \inf\{f_n(s) : s \in [l_i + \epsilon, l_i + \sigma_i - \epsilon]\},$
3.  $\inf\{f_n(s) : s \in (l_i - \epsilon, l_i + \epsilon)\} < \inf\{f_n(s) : s \in [0, l_i - \epsilon]\},$
4.  $\inf\{f_n(s) : s \in (l_i + \sigma_i - \epsilon, l_i + \sigma_i + \epsilon)\} < \inf\{f_n(s) : s \in [0, l_i + \sigma_i - \epsilon]\}$

Indeed, condition 1, 2 and 3 imply  $|l_i^n - l_i| < \epsilon$ , while condition 1, 2 and 4 imply  $|(l_i^n + \sigma_i^n) - (l_i + \sigma_i)| < \epsilon$ . Note that the condition 1 holds for  $n$  large enough by definition of  $\epsilon$  and the convergence of  $x_i^n$  to  $x_i$ . To show the other conditions, define

$$\begin{aligned}\delta_1 &= \inf \{f(s) : s \in [l_i + \epsilon, l_i + \sigma_i - \epsilon]\} - \inf \{f(s) : s \in (l_i - \epsilon, l_i + \epsilon)\} \\ \delta_2 &= \inf \{f(s) : s \in [0, l_i - \epsilon]\} - \inf \{f(s) : s \in (l_i - \epsilon, l_i + \epsilon)\} \\ \delta_3 &= \inf \{f(s) : s \in [0, l_i + \sigma_i - \epsilon]\} - \inf \{f(s) : s \in (l_i + \sigma_i - \epsilon, l_i + \sigma_i + \epsilon)\}\end{aligned}$$

By uniqueness of local minima and the definition of  $l_i$  and  $\sigma_i$ ,  $\delta := \min\{\delta_1, \delta_2, \delta_3\}/3 > 0$ . Then, note that for  $n$  large enough,  $\sup\{|f_n(s) - f(s)| : s \leq l_i + \epsilon\} < \delta$ , which implies conditions 2, 3, and 4 for such  $n$ .

Since  $i$  was arbitrary, and  $m$  is finite, we find that

$$(l_i^n, \sigma_i^n)_{1 \leq i \leq m} \rightarrow (l_i, \sigma_i)_{1 \leq i \leq m}$$

in  $\mathbb{R}^{2m}$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

We now claim that  $l_i^n \rightarrow l_i$  and  $l_j^n \rightarrow l_j$  implies that  $l_i^n = l_j^n$  for  $n$  large enough. Indeed, by definition of  $l_i^n$ ,  $l_j^n$  and  $\sigma_i^n$ , we have that  $l_i^n < l_j^n$  implies that  $l_j^n - l_i^n \geq \sigma_i^n$ , and by the argument above,  $\sigma_i^n \rightarrow \sigma_i > 0$ , so  $l_i^n - l_j^n \rightarrow 0$  can only hold if  $l_i^n = l_j^n$  for  $n$  large enough. This implies that

$$\#\{(l_i^n, \sigma_i^n) : 1 \leq i \leq m\} \rightarrow \#\{(l_i, \sigma_i) : 1 \leq i \leq m\}.$$

Then, the result follows.  $\square$

We now apply this result to our process to extract the excursion intervals that contain the marks representing ancestral backedges.

**Proposition 4.4.** *Fix  $T > 0$ . Use notation as before. For  $i \in [A_n(\lfloor Tn^{2/3} \rfloor)]$ , set  $X_i^n = \min\{k : A_n(k) = i\}$ . Similarly, for  $i$  in  $[A_T]$ , set  $X_i = \min\{t : A_T = i\}$ . Define, for  $n \geq 1$ ,*

$$\begin{aligned}L_i^n &= \min \left\{ k \geq 1 : \hat{S}_n^{p,+}(k) = \min\{\hat{S}_n^{p,+}(l) : l \leq X_i^n\} \right\} \text{ for } i \in [A_n(\lfloor Tn^{2/3} \rfloor)] \\ \Sigma_i^n &= \min \left\{ k \geq 1 : \min \left\{ \hat{S}_n^{p,+}(l) : l \leq L_i^n + k \right\} < \min \left\{ \hat{S}_n^{p,+}(l) : l \leq X_i^n \right\} \right\} \text{ for } i \in [A_n(\lfloor Tn^{2/3} \rfloor)] \\ L_i &= \inf \left\{ t \geq 0 : \sigma_+ \hat{B}_t = \inf\{\sigma_+ \hat{B}_s : s \leq X_i\} \right\} \text{ for } i \in [A(T)] \text{ and} \\ \Sigma_i &= \inf \left\{ t \geq 0 : \inf\{\sigma_+ \hat{B}_s : s \leq L_i + t\} < \inf\{\sigma_+ \hat{B}_s : s \leq X_i\} \right\} \text{ for } i \in [A(T)].\end{aligned}$$

Then, for  $\text{ord}$  defined as in the statement of Lemma 4.3, we get that

$$\text{ord} \left( \left\{ \left( n^{-2/3} L_i^n, n^{-2/3} \Sigma_i^n \right) : 1 \leq i \leq A_n(\lfloor Tn^{2/3} \rfloor) \right\} \right) \xrightarrow{d} \text{ord}(\{(L_i, \Sigma_i) : 1 \leq i \leq A_T\})$$

in the  $\ell_1$ -topology on  $(\mathbb{R}^2)^\infty$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , jointly with the convergence in Proposition 4.2.

*Proof.* By Skorokhod's representation theorem, we may work on a probability space where the convergence in Proposition 4.2 holds almost surely, and claim that we can apply Lemma 4.3 to the sample paths of  $(n^{-1/3} \hat{S}_n^p(\lfloor n^{2/3} t \rfloor), t \geq 0)$  with marks

$$\left( n^{-2/3} X_n^i \right)_{1 \leq i \leq A_n(\lfloor Tn^{2/3} \rfloor)}.$$

We check the conditions. Firstly, note that by  $A_n(\lfloor Tn^{2/3} \rfloor) \rightarrow A(T)$  almost surely as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , we can pick  $n$  large enough such that  $A_n(\lfloor Tn^{2/3} \rfloor) = A(T)$ , where we ignore events of 0 probability. Furthermore, we observe that  $(\hat{B}_t, t \geq 0)$  is a Brownian motion with negative parabolic drift, so the sample paths of  $(\sigma_+ \hat{B}_t, t \geq 0)$  are continuous and drift to  $-\infty$  almost surely. By the local absolute continuity of  $(\hat{B}_t, t \geq 0)$  to a Brownian motion, its local minima are almost surely unique. By

$$(A_n(\lfloor tn^{2/3} \rfloor), t \leq T) \xrightarrow{a.s.} (A(t), t \geq 0)$$

in  $\mathbb{D}(\mathbb{R}_+, \mathbb{R})$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , we observe that for all  $i \in [A_T]$ ,  $n^{-2/3}X_i^n \rightarrow X_i$  almost surely in  $\mathbb{R}$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . The intensity of  $(A_t, t \geq 0)$  at time  $t$  is proportional to  $\hat{R}_t$ , so  $\hat{R}_{X_i} > 0$  for all  $i$  almost surely. This allows us to apply Lemma 4.3, and the convergence follows.  $\square$

### 4.3 Convergence of the set of candidates

By Proposition 4.4, we know that the intervals that encode the out-components that contain an ancestral surplus edge converge under rescaling. This convergence holds jointly with the convergence under rescaling of the first time step at which an ancestral surplus is found in each of these components. We will show that the positions of the other candidates in a component converge as well under rescaling. Recall the procedure to sample candidates that is described in Subsubsection 2.6.

The following proposition shows convergence under rescaling of the sequence of tails of the candidates on a particular component of  $(\hat{F}_n(k), k \geq 1)$ .

**Proposition 4.5.** *Fix  $T > 0$ . By Skorokhod's representation theorem, we may work on a probability space where the convergence in Propositions 4.2 and 4.4 holds almost surely. Let  $(l, \sigma) \in \{(L_i, \Sigma_i) : i \leq A_T\}$ , so that, for each  $n$  large enough, we can find a  $(l_n, \sigma_n) \in \{(L_i^n, \Sigma_i^n) : i \leq A_n(\lfloor Tn^{2/3} \rfloor)\}$ , such that  $(l_n, \sigma_n) \rightarrow (l, \sigma)$ . Set  $V_1 = \inf\{t \in [l, l + \sigma] : A(t) = A(l) + 1\}$ , and similarly, set  $V_1^n = \min\{l_n < k \leq l_n + \sigma_n : A_n(k) = A_n(l_n) + 1\}$ , which are well-defined by definition of  $l, \sigma, l_n$  and  $\sigma_n$ . Then, by construction,  $\{l_n + 1, \dots, l_n + \sigma_n\}$  encodes a component of  $(\hat{F}_n(k), k \geq 1)$ . Call this component  $T_{l_n}^n$ . We apply the procedure defined in 2.6 to find the tail of candidates in  $T_{l_n}^n$ . Let  $\mathbf{C}_n(l_n)$  denote the sequence of tails of candidates in  $T_{l_n}^n$ . Similarly,  $[l, l + \sigma]$  encodes a component of  $(\hat{F}(t), t \geq 0)$ . Call this component  $\mathcal{T}_l$ , and apply procedure in Subsubsection 2.2.2 to find the tails of candidates in  $\mathcal{T}_l$ , and denote its sequence of tails of candidates by  $\mathbf{V}(l)$ . Then, jointly with the convergence in Proposition 4.4,*

$$n^{-2/3}\mathbf{V}_n(l_n) \xrightarrow{d} \mathbf{V}(l)$$

in the  $\ell_1$  topology.

*Proof.* We will find a coupling such that  $n^{-2/3}\mathbf{V}_n(l_n) \xrightarrow{a.s.} \mathbf{V}(l)$ . By the convergence in Propositions 4.2 and 4.4,  $n^{-2/3}V_1^n \xrightarrow{a.s.} V_1$ . In general, let  $V_m^n$  denote the  $m^{\text{th}}$  candidate that is found in  $T_{l_n}^n$ , and let  $V_m$  denote the  $m^{\text{th}}$  candidate that is found in  $\mathcal{T}_l$ . Suppose that, for some  $m$ , we have found a coupling such that

$$n^{-2/3}(V_1^n, \dots, V_m^n) \xrightarrow{a.s.} (V_1, \dots, V_m). \quad (14)$$

Then,  $V_{m+1}^n$  is distributed as the position of the first jump of a counting process  $K_{m+1}^n(k)$  on  $[0, \infty)$  with compensator

$$K_{comp, m+1}^n(k) = \sum_{i=V_m^n+1}^k \frac{\ell(T_i^{n, \text{mk}}) - m}{\hat{S}^-(i)} \mathbb{1}\{P_n(i) = P_n(i-1) + 1\}$$

for  $k \in [V_m^n + 1, l_n + \sigma_n]$  and 0 otherwise, where  $T_i^{n, \text{mk}}$  is the subtree of  $T_{l_n}^n$  spanned by  $\{l_n + 1, V_1^n, \dots, V_m^n, i\}$ . Moreover,  $V_{m+1}$  is the first jump in a counting process  $K_{m+1}(t)$  on  $[0, \infty)$  with compensator

$$K_{comp, m+1}(t) = \int_{V_m}^t \frac{\sigma_{-+} + \nu_-}{\mu^2} |T_s| ds$$

for  $t \in [V_m, L + \Sigma]$  and 0 otherwise, where  $T_s$  is the subtree of  $\mathcal{T}_l$  spanned by  $\{l, V_1, \dots, V_m, s\}$ , and  $|T_s|$  is its length as encoded by  $\left(\frac{2}{\sigma_+} \hat{R}_t, t \geq 0\right)$ . By the convergence under rescaling of  $(\hat{H}^\ell(k), k \geq 1)$  in Lemma 4.1, and by Proposition 4.4, we get that the metric structure of  $T_{l_n}^n$  with distances defined by  $(\hat{H}^\ell(k), k \geq 1)$ , and its projection onto  $[n^{-2/3}(l_n + 1), n^{-2/3}(l_n + \sigma_n)]$ , converge under rescaling to the metric structure of  $\mathcal{T}_l$  with distances defined by

$$\left(\frac{2(\sigma_{-+} + \nu_-)}{\sigma_+ \mu} \hat{R}_t, t \geq 0\right)$$

and its projection onto  $[l, \sigma]$ . This, combined with (14) implies that

$$\left(n^{-1/3} \ell\left(T_{\lfloor tn^{2/3} \rfloor}^{n, \text{mk}}\right), V_m \leq t \leq l + \sigma\right) \xrightarrow{a.s.} \left(\frac{\sigma_{-+} + \nu_-}{\mu^2} |T_t^{\text{mk}}|, V_m \leq t \leq l + \sigma\right)$$

in  $\mathbb{D}([V_m, l + \sigma], \mathbb{R}_+)$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Then, a similar argument as used in the proof of Proposition 4.2 implies that

$$\left(K_{comp, m+1}^n\left(\lfloor tn^{2/3} \rfloor\right), V_m \leq t \leq l + \sigma\right) \xrightarrow{a.s.} (K_{comp, m+1}(t), V_m \leq t \leq l + \sigma),$$

$\mathbb{D}(\mathbb{R}_+, \mathbb{R}_+)$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , which implies that

$$(K_{m+1}^n(\lfloor tn^{2/3} \rfloor), t \geq 0) \xrightarrow{d} (K_{m+1}(t), t \geq 0)$$

in  $\mathbb{D}(\mathbb{R}_+, \mathbb{R}_+)$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , and in particular, we can find a coupling such that  $K_m(\infty) > 0$  if and only if  $K_m^n(\infty) > 0$  for all  $n$  large enough, and such that on this event,

$$n^{-2/3} V_{m+1}^n \xrightarrow{a.s.} V_{m+1}.$$

If  $K_m(\infty) = 0$ , set  $\mathbf{V}(l) = (V_1, \dots, V_m)$ ,  $\mathbf{V}_n(l_n) = (V_1^n, \dots, V_m^n)$ , and the statement follows. If  $K_m(\infty) > 0$ , apply the induction step to  $(V_1, \dots, V_{m+1})$  and  $(V_1^n, \dots, V_{m+1}^n)$ . The fact that  $|\mathbf{V}(l)| < \infty$  almost surely, as shown in Subsubsection 2.2.2, implies that the induction terminates.  $\square$

The following proposition shows that the law of the heads of the candidates converges as well under rescaling, and that the convergence holds in the pointed Gromov-Hausdorff topology.

**Proposition 4.6.** *Suppose the convergence in Propositions 4.2, 4.4 and 4.5 holds almost surely. Then, for  $\mathbf{V}_n(l_n) = (V_1^n, \dots, V_{N_n}^n)$ ,  $\mathbf{V}(l) = (V_1, \dots, V_N)$ , let  $W_i^n$  be the index of the vertex that the surplus edge corresponding to  $V_i^n$  connects to. Similarly, let  $W_i$  be the index of the vertex that the surplus edge corresponding to  $V_i$  connects to. Then,*

$$\begin{aligned} & \left( n^{-1/3} T_{l_n}^n, n^{-2/3}(l_n + 1), \left( n^{-2/3} V_1^n, n^{-2/3} W_1^n \right) \dots, \left( n^{-2/3} V_{N_n}^n, n^{-2/3} W_{N_n}^n \right) \right) \\ & \xrightarrow{d} (\mathcal{T}_l, l, (V_1, W_1), \dots, (V_N, W_N)) \end{aligned}$$

in the  $2M + 1$ -pointed Gromov-Hausdorff topology.

*Proof.* For  $S$  a subset of the vertices of  $T_{l_n}^n$ , let  $T_{l_n}^n(S)$  denote the subtree of  $T_{l_n}^n$  spanned by  $S$ . By definition, for  $m \leq N_n$ ,  $W_m^n$  is the vertex corresponding to a uniform unpaired in-half-edge of the vertices in  $T_{l_n}^n(\{l_n + 1, V_1^n, \dots, V_m^n\})$ . By

$$\left( \frac{\hat{H}_n^\ell(\lfloor tn^{2/3} \rfloor)}{\hat{H}_n(\lfloor tn^{2/3} \rfloor)}, t \geq 0 \right) \xrightarrow{a.s.} \left( \frac{\sigma_{-+} + \nu_-}{2\mu}, t \geq 0 \right)$$

the law of  $W_m^n$  converges to the law of a uniform vertex in  $T_{l_n}^n(\{l_n + 1, V_1^n, \dots, V_m^n\})$ . Note that, by Theorem 3.1 and Propositions 4.4, 4.5, we know that

$$\left( n^{-1/3} T_{l_n}^n, n^{-2/3} l_n + 1, n^{-2/3} V_1^n, \dots, n^{-2/3} V_m^n \right) \xrightarrow{a.s.} (\mathcal{T}_l, l, V_1, \dots, V_m)$$

in the  $m + 1$ -pointed Gromov-Hausdorff topology. Since the relation

$$|T_{l_n}^n(\{l_n + 1, V_1^n, \dots, V_m^n\})| = |T_{l_n}^n(\{l_n + 1, V_1^n, \dots, V_m^n, W_m^n\})|$$

passes to the limit, with  $|\cdot|$  denoting the length in the tree as encoded by  $(\hat{H}_n(k), k \geq 1)$ , the limit in distribution of  $n^{-2/3} W_m^n$  is a uniform point on the subtree of  $\mathcal{T}_l$  spanned by  $(l, V_1, \dots, V_m)$ , which is equal to the law of  $W_m$ , which proves the statement.  $\square$

The proof of Propositions 4.5 and 4.6 implies the following corollary.

**Corollary 4.7.** *By Skorokhod's representation theorem, we may work on a probability space where the convergence in Propositions 4.5 and 4.6 holds almost surely. Let  $T^{n,mk}(l_n)$  be the subtree of  $T_{l_n}^n$  spanned by  $\{l_n + 1, V_1^n, \dots, V_{N_n}^n\}$ , and similarly, let  $T^{mk}(l)$  be the subtree of  $\mathcal{T}_l$  spanned by  $\{l, V_1, \dots, V_N\}$ . Then, also*

$$\begin{aligned} & \left( n^{-1/3} T^{n,mk}(l_n), n^{-2/3}(l_n + 1), \left( n^{-2/3} V_1^n, n^{-2/3} W_1^n \right) \dots, \left( n^{-2/3} V_{N_n}^n, n^{-2/3} W_{N_n}^n \right) \right) \\ & \rightarrow \left( T^{mk}(l), l, (V_1, W_1), \dots, (V_N, W_N) \right) \end{aligned}$$

almost surely in the  $2M + 1$ -pointed Gromov-Hausdorff topology as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Also the total length in the trees converges, i.e.

$$n^{-1/3} |T^{n,mk}(l_n)| \rightarrow |T^{mk}(l)|$$

almost surely as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

We now identify the vertices that are part of a candidate as described in Subsubsection 2.1.3. In  $T^{n,\text{mk}}(l_n)$ , set  $V_i^n \sim W_i^n$  for each  $1 \leq i \leq N_n$ , and set  $M_{l_n}^n := T^{n,\text{mk}}(l_n)/\sim$ . Moreover, in  $T^{\text{mk}}(l)$ , set  $V_i \sim W_i$  for each  $1 \leq i \leq N$ , and set  $\mathcal{M}_l := T^{\text{mk}}(l)/\sim$ . View both as elements of  $\vec{\mathcal{G}}$  in the natural way. To be precise, in  $M_{l_n}^n$ , let the vertex set consist of  $l_n + 1$ ,  $W_i^n$  for  $i \leq N_n$ , and the branch points  $V_i^n \wedge V_j^n$  for  $i \neq j \leq N_n$ . Similarly, in  $\mathcal{M}_l$ , let the vertex set consist of  $l$ ,  $W_i$  for  $i \leq N$ , and the branch points  $V_i \wedge V_j$  for  $i \neq j \leq N$ . Then, the following proposition follows.

**Proposition 4.8.** *On the probability space where the convergence in Propositions 4.5 and 4.6 holds almost surely,  $n^{-1/3}M_{l_n}^n \xrightarrow{\text{a.s.}} \mathcal{M}_l$  in  $\vec{\mathcal{G}}$ .*

*Proof.* The proof is analogous to the proof of Proposition 5.6 in [24].  $\square$

**Corollary 4.9.** *On the probability space where the convergence in Propositions 4.5 and 4.6 holds almost surely, the strongly connected components in  $n^{-1/3}M_{l_n}^n$ , listed in decreasing order of length, converge to the strongly connected components in  $\mathcal{M}_l$ , listed in decreasing order of length, in  $\vec{\mathcal{G}}$  almost surely as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .*

*Proof.* This follows from Proposition 5.3 in [24]. This proposition requires that the lengths of the strongly connected components in  $\mathcal{M}_l$  have different lengths almost surely, which is the content of Corollary 2.10.  $\square$

**Corollary 4.10.** *Let  $T > 0$ , and let  $(C_i^T(n), i \geq 1)$  be the strongly connected components in  $(G_n(k), k \geq 1)$  with a candidate with label at most  $\lfloor Tn^{2/3} \rfloor$  ordered by length. Similarly, let  $(\mathcal{C}_i^T, i \geq 1)$  be the strongly connected components in  $\vec{G}_n(\nu)$  with a candidate with label at most  $T$  ordered by length. Then,*

$$\left(n^{-1/3}C_i^T(n), i \geq 1\right) \xrightarrow{d} (\mathcal{C}_i^T, i \geq 1)$$

*in the  $\vec{\mathcal{G}}$  product topology as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .*

*Proof.* This follows from Proposition 4.4, Corollary 4.9, and the fact that all SCCs in the limit object have a different length by Corollary 2.10.  $\square$

Finally, we claim that we can choose  $T$  large enough such that all SCCs with large size are explored before time  $T$ . This is the content of the following lemma. The proof is in the same spirit as Lemma 9 in [1] by Aldous.

**Lemma 4.11.** *For  $\delta > 0$  and  $I$  an interval, let  $\text{SCC}(n, I, \delta)$  denote the number of SCCs whose vertices have at total of at least  $\delta n^{1/3}$  in-edges (including those which are not part of the SCC) and whose time of first discovery is in  $n^{2/3}I$ . Then,*

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \limsup_n \mathbb{P}(\text{SCC}(n, (s, \infty), \delta) \geq 1) = 0 \text{ for all } \delta > 0.$$

*Proof.* Fix  $\delta > 0$ . Suppose there is a strongly connected component  $C$  with  $vn^{1/3}$  total in-edges. Conditionally on this fact, the in-edges that are paired up to the first in-edge of  $C$  is paired, are uniform picks (without replacement) from the total set of in-edges. Denote the

time of discovery of the first in-edge of  $C$  times  $n^{-2/3}$  by  $\Xi_n$ . Then,  $\Xi_n \xrightarrow{d} \text{Exp}(v)$ . Fix  $\epsilon > 0$ . We have that, by the memoryless property at time  $s$ ,

$$\mathbb{P}(SCC(n, (s, 2s), \delta) = 0 | SCC(n, (s, \infty), \delta) \geq 1)$$

is asymptotically bounded from above by  $\exp(-s\delta)$  by the memoryless property at time  $s$ , so that we can find an  $s > 0$  such that for all  $n$  large enough,

$$\mathbb{P}(SCC(n, (s, \infty), \delta) \geq 1 \text{ and } SCC(n, (s, 2s), \delta) = 0) < \epsilon.$$

We claim that, by possibly increasing  $s$  and  $n$ , we also get that

$$\mathbb{P}(SCC(n, (s, 2s), \delta) = 0) > 1 - \epsilon,$$

which proves the statement. Firstly, we observe that the ratio of the length of an  $SCC$  and its total in-degree are asymptotically equal to  $\frac{\sigma_{-+} + \nu_{-}}{2\mu}$  by the proof of Proposition 4.6. Then, note that it is clear from the description of the limit process that, for  $s$  large enough, with probability at most  $\epsilon/2$ , an  $SCC$  with total length at least  $\frac{\mu}{\sigma_{-+} + \nu_{-}}\delta$  is discovered after time  $s$ . By the convergence of the exploration process on compact time intervals, by choosing  $n$  large enough, we can then ensure that

$$\mathbb{P}(SCC(n, (s, 2s), \delta) = 0) > 1 - \epsilon.$$

We conclude that

$$\mathbb{P}(SCC(n, (s, \infty), \delta) \geq 1) \leq 2\epsilon.$$

□

Note that the size of a  $SCC$  is bounded from below by the total number of in-edges of vertices in the  $SCC$ . Then, Theorem 1.1 follows from Corollary 4.10 and Lemma 4.11.

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## A Proof of Proposition 3.11

Recall the notation from Subsubsection 3.3.2. We will show that there exists a process  $(D_t, t \geq 0)$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} & \left( n^{-1/3} \left[ Y^{pr} \left( \theta_n \left( \lfloor n^{2/3} t \rfloor \right) \right) - E \left( \lfloor n^{2/3} t \rfloor \right) \right], n^{-1/3} H^{pr} \left( \theta_n \left( \lfloor n^{2/3} t \rfloor \right) \right), t \geq 0 \right) \\ & \xrightarrow{d} \left( \sigma_+ D_t, \frac{2}{\sigma_+} (D_t - \inf \{D_s, s \leq t\}), t \geq 0 \right) \end{aligned}$$

in  $\mathbb{D}(\mathbb{R}_+, \mathbb{R})^2$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  and  $\left( \frac{2}{\sigma_+} (D_t - \inf \{D_s, s \leq t\}), t \geq 0 \right)$  is the height process corresponding to  $(\sigma_+ D_t, t \geq 0)$ .

The next lemma show that the pathwise construction of  $(Y^{pr}(k), H^{pr}(k), k \geq 1)$  converges to the continuous counterpart of the pathwise construction.

**Lemma A.1.** Let  $(B_t, t \geq 0)$  and  $(B_t^{red}, t \geq 0)$  be two independent Brownian motions and let

$$\theta(t) := t + \inf \left\{ s \geq 0 : \sigma_+ B_s^{red} < -\frac{\nu_-}{2\mu} t^2 \right\},$$

and  $\Lambda(t) = \inf\{s \geq 0 : \theta(s) > t\}$ . Define

$$(B_t^{pr}, t \geq 0) := \left( B_{\Lambda(t)} + B_{t-\Lambda(t)}^{red}, t \geq 0 \right). \quad (15)$$

Then, for

$$(R_t^{pr}, t \geq 0) := (B_t^{pr} - \inf\{B_s^{pr}, s \leq t\}, t \geq 0),$$

$((2/\sigma_+)R_t^{pr}, t \geq 0)$  is the height process corresponding to  $(\sigma_+ B_t^{pr}, t \geq 0)$ . Moreover,

$$\left( n^{-1/3} Y^{pr} \left( \lfloor n^{2/3} t \rfloor \right), n^{-1/3} H^{pr} \left( \lfloor n^{2/3} t \rfloor \right), t \geq 0 \right) \xrightarrow{d} \left( \sigma_+ B_t^{pr}, \frac{2}{\sigma_+} R_t^{pr}, t \geq 0 \right) \quad (16)$$

in  $D(\mathbb{R}_+, \mathbb{R})^2$ , jointly with

$$\left( n^{-1/3} Y^+ \left( \lfloor n^{2/3} t \rfloor \right), n^{-1/3} Y^{red} \left( \lfloor n^{2/3} t \rfloor \right), t \geq 0 \right) \xrightarrow{d} \left( \sigma_+ B_t, \sigma_+ B_t^{red}, t \geq 0 \right)$$

in  $D(\mathbb{R}_+, \mathbb{R})^2$  and

$$\left( n^{-2/3} \Lambda_n \left( \lfloor n^{2/3} t \rfloor \right), n^{-2/3} \theta_n \left( \lfloor n^{2/3} t \rfloor \right), t \geq 0 \right) \xrightarrow{d} (\Lambda(t), \theta(t), t \geq 0)$$

in  $D(\mathbb{R}_+, \mathbb{R})^2$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . In particular,

$$\left( n^{-1/3} Y^{pr} \left( \theta_n \left( \lfloor n^{2/3} t \rfloor \right) \right), n^{-1/3} H^{pr} \left( \theta_n \left( \lfloor n^{2/3} t \rfloor \right) \right), t \geq 0 \right) \xrightarrow{d} \left( \sigma_+ B_{\theta(t)}^{pr}, \frac{2}{\sigma_+} R_{\theta(t)}^{pr}, t \geq 0 \right) \quad (17)$$

in  $D(\mathbb{R}_+, \mathbb{R})^2$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  jointly with the convergence above.

In the proof of Lemma A.1 we use the following, straightforward, technical result.

**Lemma A.2.** If  $h_n \rightarrow h$  and  $f_n \rightarrow f$  in  $\mathbb{D}(\mathbb{R}_+, \mathbb{R})$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , and  $h_n$  and  $h$  are monotone non-decreasing and  $h$  is continuous, then

$$h_n \circ f_n \rightarrow h \circ f$$

and

$$f_n \circ h_n \rightarrow f \circ h$$

in  $\mathbb{D}(\mathbb{R}_+, \mathbb{R})$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

*Proof.* Using the characterization of convergence in the Skorokhod topology given in Proposition 3.6.5 in [22] by Ethier and Kurtz, the result follows immediately.  $\square$



*Proof of Lemma A.1.* Firstly, note that by  $(Y^{pr}(k), k \geq 1)$  encoding a critical Galton-Watson forest with offspring variance  $\sigma_+^2$ , the proof of Theorem 1.8 in [30] gives us that for  $(B_s^*, s \geq 0)$  a Brownian motion,

$$\left(n^{-1/3}Y^{pr}\left(\lfloor n^{2/3}s \rfloor\right), n^{-1/3}H^{pr}\left(\lfloor n^{2/3}s \rfloor\right), s \geq 0\right) \xrightarrow{d} \left(\sigma_+B_s^*, \frac{2}{\sigma_+}(B_s^* - \inf\{B_u^* : u \leq s\}), s \geq 0\right) \quad (18)$$

in  $D(\mathbb{R}_+, \mathbb{R})^2$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , and  $\left(\frac{2}{\sigma_+}(B_s^* - \inf\{B_u^*, u \leq s\}), s \geq 0\right)$  is the height process corresponding to  $(\sigma_+B_s^*, s \geq 0)$ . Moreover, [11] and the fact that  $(Y^+(k), k \geq 1) \stackrel{d}{=} (Y^{red}(k), k \geq 1) \stackrel{d}{=} (Y^{pr}(k), k \geq 1)$  imply that

$$\begin{aligned} &\left(n^{-1/3}Y^{red}\left(\lfloor n^{2/3}s \rfloor\right), n^{-2/3}\inf\left\{k : n^{-1/3}Y^{red}(k) \leq -x\right\}, s \geq 0, x \geq 0\right) \\ &\xrightarrow{d} \left(\sigma_+B_s^{red}, \inf\left\{u : \sigma_+B_u^{red} < -x\right\}, s \geq 0, x \geq 0\right) \end{aligned} \quad (19)$$

in  $D(\mathbb{R}_+, \mathbb{R})^2$  and

$$\left(n^{-1/3}Y^+\left(\lfloor n^{2/3}t \rfloor\right), t \geq 0\right) \xrightarrow{d} (\sigma_+B_t, t \geq 0)$$

in  $D(\mathbb{R}_+, \mathbb{R})$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Since  $(P_n(k), k \geq 1)$  is non-decreasing, applying Lemma A.2, and combining the convergence in (19) with Lemma 3.8 gives that also

$$\left(n^{-2/3}\inf\left\{k : Y^{red}(k) \leq -P_n\left(\lfloor n^{2/3}t \rfloor - 1\right)\right\}, t \geq 0\right) \xrightarrow{d} \left(\inf\left\{u : \sigma_+B_u^{red} < -\frac{\nu_-}{2\mu}t^2\right\}, t \geq 0\right)$$

in  $D(\mathbb{R}_+, \mathbb{R})$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  jointly with the convergence in (19), and therefore,

$$\left(n^{-2/3}\theta_n\left(\lfloor n^{2/3}t \rfloor\right), t \geq 0\right) \xrightarrow{d} (\theta(t), t \geq 0) \quad (20)$$

in  $D(\mathbb{R}_+, \mathbb{R})$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  jointly with the convergence in (19). Recall that

$$\Lambda_n(k) = \max\{j : \theta_n(j) \leq k\} - P_n(\max\{j : \theta_n(j) \leq k\}).$$

By definition, for all  $n$ ,  $(\theta_n(k), k \geq 1)$  and  $(\theta(t), t \geq 0)$  are strictly increasing, so

$$\left(n^{-2/3}\max\{j : \theta_n(j) \leq \lfloor n^{2/3}t \rfloor\}, t \geq 0\right) \xrightarrow{d} (\Lambda(t), t \geq 0)$$

in  $D(\mathbb{R}_+, \mathbb{R})$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  jointly with the convergence in (19) and (20). Since  $\max\{j : \theta_n(j) \leq \lfloor n^{2/3}t \rfloor\}$  is of order  $n^{2/3}$ , Lemma 3.7 implies that also

$$\left(n^{-2/3}\Lambda_n\left(\lfloor n^{2/3}t \rfloor\right), t \geq 0\right) \xrightarrow{d} (\Lambda(t), t \geq 0)$$

in  $D(\mathbb{R}_+, \mathbb{R})$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  jointly with the convergence in (19) and (20).

To finish the proof, we examine the construction of  $(Y^{pr}(k), k \geq 1)$  in (2) and the construction of  $(B_s^{pr}, s \geq 0)$  in (15). Note that  $\Lambda_n(k)$  and  $k - \Lambda_n(k)$  are non-decreasing. Again, by Lemma A.2, this implies that

$$\left(n^{-1/3}Y^{pr}\left(\lfloor n^{2/3}t \rfloor\right), t \geq 0\right) \xrightarrow{d} (B_t^{pr}, t \geq 0)$$

in  $D(\mathbb{R}_+, \mathbb{R})$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  jointly with all earlier mentioned converging random variables. Combining this with the convergence in (18) proves (16). The fact that  $(\theta_n(k), k \geq 1)$  is non-decreasing and Lemma A.2 then imply (17).  $\square$

**Lemma A.3.** *We have that*

$$\left(n^{-1/3}S^+\left(\lfloor n^{2/3}t \rfloor\right), n^{-1/3}H^+\left(\lfloor n^{2/3}t \rfloor\right), t \geq 0\right) \xrightarrow{d} \left(\sigma_+ B_{\theta(t)}^{pr}, \frac{2}{\sigma_+} \left(B_{\theta(t)}^{pr} - \inf\{B_s^{pr} : s \leq \theta(t)\}\right), t \geq 0\right)$$

in  $D(\mathbb{R}_+, \mathbb{R})^2$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

*Proof.* By (3), and by Lemma A.1, it is sufficient to show that for any  $T > 0$ ,

$$n^{-1/3} \max_{k \leq \lfloor n^{2/3}T \rfloor} E(k) \xrightarrow{p} 0.$$

We remind the reader that  $E(k)$  counts the number of red children of  $k^{th}$  vertex in  $(F^{pr}(k), k \geq 1)$ , so

$$n^{-1/3} \max_{k \leq \lfloor n^{2/3}T \rfloor} E(k) \leq n^{-1/3} \max_{k \leq \theta_n(\lfloor n^{2/3}T \rfloor)} (Y^{red}(k) - Y^{red}(k-1) + 1),$$

which converges to 0 by tightness of  $(n^{-2/3}\theta^n(\lfloor n^{2/3}T \rfloor))_{n \geq 1}$  and the fact that

$$\left(n^{-1/3}Y^{red}\left(\lfloor n^{2/3}t \rfloor\right), t \geq 0\right)$$

converges in distribution to a continuous process in  $D(\mathbb{R}_+, \mathbb{R})$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .  $\square$

The following lemma is the last ingredient in the proof of Proposition 3.11.

**Lemma A.4.** *We have that with probability 1,*

$$\left(\frac{2}{\sigma_+} \left(B_{\theta(t)}^{pr} - \inf\{B_s^{pr} : s \leq \theta(t)\}\right), t \leq T\right) = \left(\frac{2}{\sigma_+} \left(B_{\theta(t)}^{pr} - \inf\{B_{\theta(s)}^{pr} : s \leq t\}\right), t \leq T\right),$$

which is continuous, and it is the height process corresponding to  $(\sigma_+ B_{\theta(t)}^{pr}, t \leq T)$ .

*Proof.* From [30], we know that  $\left(\frac{2}{\sigma_+} R_t^{pr}, t \geq 0\right)$  is the height process corresponding to  $(\sigma_+ B_t^{pr}, t \geq 0)$ . By definition of the height process, we prove the statement if we show that with probability 1,  $(B_{\theta(t)}^{pr}, t \geq 0)$  is continuous, and for all  $t \geq 0$ , for all  $s$  so that  $\theta(t-) < s < \theta(t)$ ,  $B_s^{pr} > B_{\theta(t)}^{pr}$ . Recall that  $(B_t, t \geq 0)$  and  $(B_t^{red}, t \geq 0)$  are two independent Brownian motions,

$$\theta(t) = t + \inf \left\{ s \geq 0 : \sigma_+ B_s^{red} < -\frac{\nu_-}{2\mu} t^2 \right\},$$

and  $\Lambda(t) = \inf\{s \geq 0 : \theta(s) > t\}$ . Then,

$$(B_t^{pr}, t \geq 0) := (B_{\Lambda(t)} + B_{t-\Lambda(t)}^{red}, t \geq 0).$$

Firstly, note that the jumps of  $\theta$  correspond to excursions above the infimum of  $B^{red}$ . With probability 1, for all these excursions, the minimum on the excursion is only attained at the endpoints. This can be seen by uniqueness of local minima of Brownian motion. We will assume that this holds.

Now fix  $t$  such that  $\theta(t-) \neq \theta(t)$  and let  $s \in (\theta(t-), \theta(t))$ . Observe that  $\Lambda$  is equal to  $t$

on  $[\theta(t-), \theta(t)]$ . For  $[\theta(t-), \theta(t))$  this follows by definition of  $\Lambda$ , and for  $\theta(t)$  this follows by  $(\theta(u) : u \geq 0)$  being strictly increasing. This implies that

$$s - \Lambda(s) < \theta(t) - \Lambda(\theta(t)) = \inf \left\{ u \geq 0 : \sigma_+ B_u^{red} < -\frac{\nu_-}{2\mu} t^2 \right\}.$$

By our assumption on the minima on the excursions above the infimum of  $B^{red}$ , this implies that

$$B_{s-\Lambda(s)}^{red} > -\frac{\nu_-}{2\mu} t^2 = B_{\theta(t)-\Lambda(\theta(t))}^{red},$$

where the last equality follows from continuity of  $B^{red}$ . Combining this with  $\Lambda(s) = \Lambda(\theta(t))$  implies that  $B_s^{pr} > B_{\theta(t)}^{pr}$ .

Finally,

$$B_{\theta(t-)}^{pr} = B_{\Lambda(\theta(t-))} + B_{\theta(t-)-\Lambda(\theta(t-))}^{red} = B_t + B_{\theta(t-)-t}^{red}$$

and by continuity of  $(B_s^{red}, s \geq 0)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} B_{\theta(t-)-t}^{red} &= B^{red} \left( \liminf_{s \uparrow t} \{u : B_u^{red} < -\frac{\nu_-}{2\mu} s^2\} \right) \\ &= \lim_{s \uparrow t} B^{red} \left( \inf \left\{ u : B_u^{red} < -\frac{\nu_-}{2\mu} s^2 \right\} \right) \\ &= -\frac{\nu_-}{2\mu^2} t^2 \\ &= B_{\theta(t)-t}^{red}, \end{aligned}$$

so  $B_{\theta(t-)}^{pr} = B_{\theta(t)}^{pr}$ . □

## B Multivariate triangular local limit theorem

[rewrite the intro]

### B.1 Lattices

Before we state the theorem, we introduce some definitions and theory about lattices. This section will borrow heavily from the textbook by Schrijver [36]. Suppose we are working in the space  $\mathbb{R}^d$ . Then a set  $\Lambda$  is a *lattice* if there exists a basis  $\{\mathbf{a}_1, \dots, \mathbf{a}_d\}$  of  $\mathbb{R}^d$  such that

$$\Lambda = \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^d n_i \mathbf{a}_i : (n_1, \dots, n_d) \in \mathbb{Z}^d \right\}.$$

The basis can be summarised by the  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  with columns  $\mathbf{a}_1, \dots, \mathbf{a}_d$ , meaning  $A_{ij} = a_i^{(j)}$ . Then  $\{\mathbf{a}_1, \dots, \mathbf{a}_d\}$  is a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^d$  if and only if  $A$  is invertible.

The vectors  $\mathbf{a}_1, \dots, \mathbf{a}_d$  define a  $d$ -dimensional parallelepiped

$$\left\{ \sum_{i=1}^d \lambda_i \mathbf{a}_i : (\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_d) \in [0, 1]^d \right\}$$

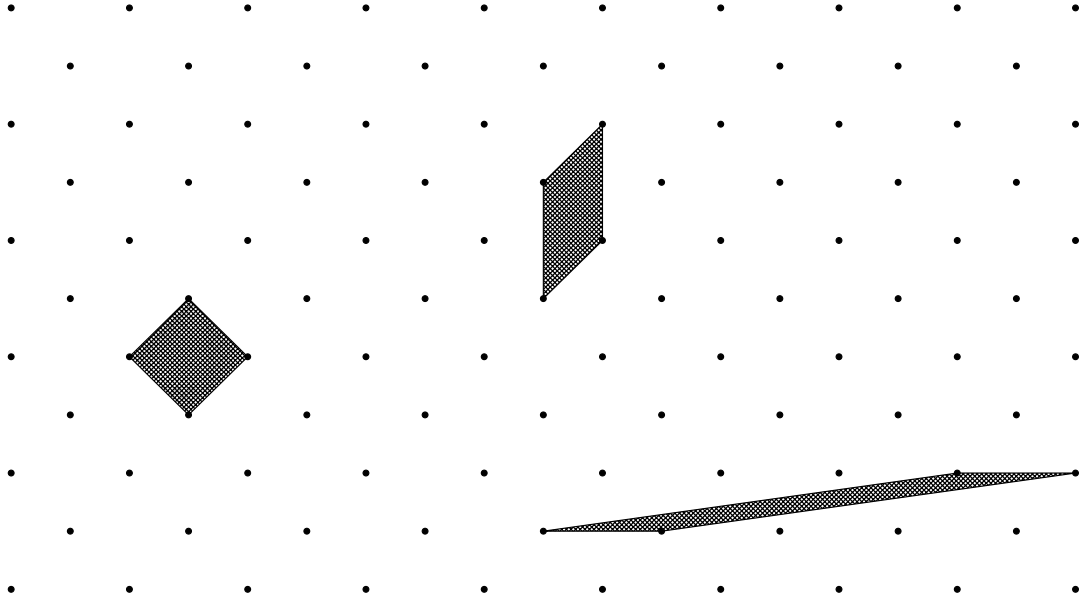


Figure 8: A lattice with three possible choices of fundamental region shaded

which is sometimes called the *fundamental region* of the lattice. The choice of basis generating a lattice  $\Lambda$  is not unique. This can be seen in Fig. 8 where three different choices of the fundamental region are drawn. It turns out two matrices correspond to the same lattice if and only if they are obtainable from each other through multiplication by a unimodular matrix. A square matrix  $U$  is *unimodular* if it has integer entries and has determinant  $\pm 1$ . [36, Theorem 4.3] shows that the inverse of a unimodular matrix will also be unimodular, and in particular also has integer entries. The following is then a rephrasing of [36, Corollary 4.3a]:

**Lemma B.1.** *Let  $A$  and  $B$  be invertible matrices. Then the columns of  $A$  and the columns of  $B$  generate the same lattice if and only if there exists a unimodular matrix  $U$  such that  $A = UB$ .*

Suppose a lattice  $\Lambda$  is generated by the columns of  $A$ . Define

$$\det(\Lambda) = |\det(A)|.$$

Then the preceding lemma shows this is well defined even though the choice of  $A$  is not unique. The quantity  $\det(\Lambda)$  is the volume of any choice of the fundamental region.

A canonical choice of matrix generating a lattice is obtainable when the points of the lattice are rational. An invertible matrix  $B$  is in *Hermite normal form* if it is lower triangular with non-negative entries. Then the following is a rephrasing of [36, Corollary 4.3b]:

**Lemma B.2.** *Let  $A$  be an invertible matrix with rational entries. Then there exists a unique unimodular matrix  $U$  such that  $UA$  is in Hermite normal form.*

This gives us the following corollary:

**Lemma B.3.** Suppose  $\Lambda \subseteq \mathbb{Z}^d$  is a lattice. Then there exists a lower triangular matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} p_1 & & & 0 \\ p_{2,1} & \ddots & & \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \\ p_{d,1} & \cdots & p_{d,d-1} & p_d \end{pmatrix}$$

with non-negative integer entries such that  $\Lambda$  is generated by the columns of  $A$ .

We say a  $\mathbb{R}^d$ -valued random variable  $\mathbf{X}$  is *non-degenerate* if  $\mathbf{X}$  is not supported in a  $(d-1)$ -dimensional affine subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^d$ . Further  $\mathbf{X}$  is *lattice valued* if there a translation of a lattice containing the support of  $\mathbf{X}$ .

If  $\mathbf{X}$  is non-degenerate and lattice valued, we wish to define the smallest lattice on which  $\mathbf{X}$  lives. Let  $\mathcal{S}$  be the support of  $\mathbf{X}$  and fix an arbitrary  $\mathbf{c} \in \mathcal{S}$ . Then the *main lattice* of  $\mathbf{X}$  is the smallest lattice containing  $\mathcal{S} - \mathbf{c}$ . Since  $\mathbf{X}$  is non-degenerate, such a lattice is unique and given by

$$\Lambda = \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^m k_i(\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{c}) : m \geq 1 \text{ and } k_i \in \mathbb{Z}, \mathbf{x}_i \in \mathcal{S} \text{ for all } i = 1, \dots, m \right\}.$$

The strong aperiodicity condition we imposed on  $D^- - D^+$  in ?? can then be stated as saying  $D^- - D^+$  has main lattice  $\mathbb{Z}$ .

The main lattice of  $\mathbf{X}$  is related to the periodicity of its characteristic function. The following lemma is an adaptation of [37, P.67, T1].

**Lemma B.4.** Suppose the main lattice of  $\mathbf{X}$  is  $\mathbb{Z}^d$  and let  $\phi$  be the characteristic function of  $\mathbf{X}$ , such that  $\phi(\mathbf{u}) = e^{i\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{X}}$ . Then  $|\phi(\mathbf{u})| = 1$  if and only if every coordinate of  $\mathbf{u}$  is a multiple of  $2\pi$ .

*Proof.* If every coordinate of  $\mathbf{u}$  is a multiple of  $2\pi$  then  $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{X}$  has support in  $t + 2\pi\mathbb{Z}$  for some  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ . Therefore  $e^{i\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{X}}$  is constant and therefore  $|\phi(\mathbf{u})| = 1$ .

For the converse, by Jensen's inequality

$$|\mathbb{E}[e^{i\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{X}}]| \leq \mathbb{E}[|e^{i\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{X}}|] = 1.$$

More importantly to achieve equality, it must be the case that  $e^{i\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{X}}$  is almost surely constant. Therefore there exists  $t \in \mathbb{R}$  such that

$$\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{x} \in t + 2\pi\mathbb{Z}$$

for all  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{S}$ . Then fixing an arbitrary  $\mathbf{c} \in \mathcal{S}$ ,

$$\mathbf{u} \cdot (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{c}) \in 2\pi\mathbb{Z}$$

for all  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{S}$ . Since the fundamental lattice of  $\mathbf{X}$  is  $\mathbb{Z}^d$ , there exists  $\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_m \in \mathcal{S}$  and  $k_1, \dots, k_m \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that

$$\sum_{i=1}^m k_i(\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{c}) = (1, 0, \dots, 0).$$

Therefore

$$u^{(1)} = \sum_{i=1}^m k_i \mathbf{u} \cdot (\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{c}) \in 2\pi\mathbb{Z}.$$

Repeating this argument for the other coordinates of  $\mathbf{u}$  shows all coordinates of  $\mathbf{u}$  are multiples of  $2\pi$ .  $\square$

## B.2 Triangular local limit theorem

Throughout this chapter  $\|\mathbf{u}\|$ , for  $\mathbf{u} \in \mathbb{R}^d$ , will denote the Euclidean norm

$$\|\mathbf{u}\| = \left( \sum_{i=1}^d \{u^{(i)}\}^2 \right)^{1/2}.$$

**Theorem B.5.** *For each  $n \geq 1$  let  $\mathbf{X}_n$  be an  $\mathbb{R}^d$  valued random variable and*

$$\mathbf{X}_{n,1}, \mathbf{X}_{n,2}, \dots, \mathbf{X}_{n,n}$$

*be i.i.d. copies of  $\mathbf{X}_n$ . Assume that the following holds:*

1. *There exists a non-degenerate  $\mathbb{R}^d$ -valued random variable  $\mathbf{X}$  such that*

$$\mathbf{X}_n \xrightarrow{(d)} \mathbf{X} \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

2. *For all  $n$ ,  $\mathbf{X}_n$  and  $\mathbf{X}$  have a common main lattice  $\Lambda$ .*

3.  *$(\|\mathbf{X}_n\|^2)_{n \geq 1}$  is a uniformly integrable sequence of random variables. Explicitly*

$$\lim_{L \rightarrow \infty} \sup_n \mathbb{E} [\|\mathbf{X}_n\|^2 \mathbb{1} \{ \|\mathbf{X}_n\|^2 > L \}] = 0. \quad (21)$$

*Then  $\mathbf{X}$  has finite second moment. Also if  $\mathbf{c}_n$  is defined such that  $\mathbf{c}_n + \Lambda$  contains the support of  $\sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{X}_{n,i}$  then uniformly for  $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbf{c}_n + \Lambda$*

$$\mathbb{P} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{X}_{n,i} = \mathbf{y} \right) = n^{-d/2} \det(\Lambda) f(\mathbf{x}_n) + o(n^{-d/2}) \quad \text{where } \mathbf{x}_n = \frac{\mathbf{y} - n\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{X}_n]}{\sqrt{n}}$$

*and  $f$  is the density of a  $N(0, \text{Cov}(\mathbf{X}))$  distribution. This means that*

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sup_{\mathbf{y} \in \mathbf{c}_n + \Lambda} \left| n^{d/2} \mathbb{P} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{X}_{n,i} = \mathbf{y} \right) - \det(\Lambda) f(\mathbf{x}_n) \right| = 0.$$

We now make a few remarks. Firstly  $\text{Cov}(\mathbf{X})$  is non-degenerate, meaning it is invertible, since we assume that  $\mathbf{X}$  is non-degenerate. In particular this ensures  $N(0, \text{Cov}(\mathbf{X}))$  has a density  $f$ , explicitly given by

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^d \det(\text{Cov}(\mathbf{X}))}} \exp \left( -\frac{1}{2} \mathbf{x} \cdot \text{Cov}(\mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{x} \right).$$

Secondly, since the  $\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2, \dots$  do not necessarily live in the same probability space we should not technically refer to the sequence  $(\|\mathbf{X}_n\|_{n \geq 1}^2)$  as uniformly integrable. However the condition in Eq. (21) is still well defined.

Finally, while the local limit theorem holds for all  $\mathbf{y}$  on the appropriate lattice, the error term will dominate if  $\mathbf{y}$  deviates too far from the mean of  $\sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{X}_i$ . Specifically consider a sequence  $\mathbf{y}_n$  such that

$$\|\mathbf{y}_n - n\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{X}_n]\| = \omega(\sqrt{n}).$$

Let  $\lambda_{\max}$  be the maximum eigenvalue of  $\text{Cov}(\mathbf{X})$ . Then

$$\left(\frac{\mathbf{y}_n - n\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{X}_n]}{\sqrt{n}}\right) \cdot \text{Cov}(\mathbf{X})^{-1} \left(\frac{\mathbf{y}_n - n\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{X}_n]}{\sqrt{n}}\right) \geq \frac{1}{\lambda_{\max}} \frac{\|\mathbf{y}_n - n\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{X}_n]\|^2}{n} \rightarrow \infty$$

as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Thus the local limit theorem only tells us that

$$\mathbb{P}\left(\sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{X}_i = \mathbf{y}_n\right) = o(n^{-d/2})$$

meaning we lose the precise characterisation of the leading order term in how this probability decays.

Before we prove our main theorem, we first prove a series of lemmas. Firstly we show the condition in Eq. (21) still holds when we centre the random variables.

**Lemma B.6.** *Suppose we are in the setting of Theorem B.5. Define  $\hat{\mathbf{X}}_n = \mathbf{X}_n - \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{X}_n]$ . Then*

$$\lim_{L \rightarrow \infty} \sup_n \mathbb{E} \left[ \|\hat{\mathbf{X}}_n\|^2 \mathbb{1} \left\{ \|\hat{\mathbf{X}}_n\|^2 > L \right\} \right] = 0.$$

*Proof.* The condition in Eq. (21) shows that  $M = \sup_n \mathbb{E}[\|\mathbf{X}_n\|^2] < \infty$ . By Jensen's inequality,  $\sup_n \|\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{X}_n]\|^2 \leq M$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \|\hat{\mathbf{X}}_n\|^2 &= \|\mathbf{X}_n - \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{X}_n]\|^2 \leq 2\|\mathbf{X}_n\|^2 + 2\|\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{X}_n]\|^2 \\ &\leq 2\|\mathbf{X}_n\|^2 + 2M. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \sup_n \mathbb{E} \left[ \|\hat{\mathbf{X}}_n\|^2 \mathbb{1} \left\{ \|\hat{\mathbf{X}}_n\|^2 > L \right\} \right] &\leq 2 \sup_n \mathbb{E} \left[ \|\mathbf{X}_n\|^2 \mathbb{1} \left\{ \|\mathbf{X}_n\|^2 \geq \frac{1}{2}L - M \right\} \right] \\ &\quad + 2M \sup_n \mathbb{P} \left( \|\mathbf{X}_n\|^2 \geq \frac{1}{2}L - M \right). \end{aligned}$$

By Eq. (21)

$$\lim_{L \rightarrow \infty} \sup_n \mathbb{E} \left[ \|\mathbf{X}_n\|^2 \mathbb{1} \left\{ \|\mathbf{X}_n\|^2 \geq \frac{1}{2}L - M \right\} \right] = 0.$$

By Markov's inequality

$$\sup_n \mathbb{P} \left( \|\mathbf{X}_n\|^2 \geq \frac{1}{2}L - M \right) \leq \frac{2M}{L - 2M} \rightarrow 0$$

as  $L \rightarrow \infty$ . The claimed result follows.  $\square$

Next we show that the condition in Eq. (21) ensures that the means and covariances of the  $\mathbf{X}_n$  converge to those of  $\mathbf{X}$ .

**Lemma B.7.** *Suppose we are in the setting of Theorem B.5. Then  $\mathbf{X}$  has finite second moments. Further*

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{X}_n] = \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{X}] \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \text{Cov}(\mathbf{X}_n) = \text{Cov}(\mathbf{X}).$$

*Proof.* By Skorokhod's representation theorem WLOG the  $\mathbf{X}_n$  and  $\mathbf{X}$  are in the same probability space and  $\mathbf{X}_n \rightarrow \mathbf{X}$  almost surely as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Now that the  $\mathbf{X}_n$  are in the same probability space, the assumption in Eq. (21) shows that  $\{\|\mathbf{X}_n\|^2\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is a uniformly integrable sequence. In particular by Vitali's convergence theorem this shows  $\mathbb{E}[\|\mathbf{X}\|^2] = \lim_n \mathbb{E}[\|\mathbf{X}_n\|^2]$  and thus is finite. Then

$$\|\mathbf{X}_n - \mathbf{X}\|^2 \leq 2\|\mathbf{X}_n\|^2 + 2\|\mathbf{X}\|^2$$

thus  $\{\|\mathbf{X}_n - \mathbf{X}\|^2\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is also an uniformly integrable sequence. Hence

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{E}[\|\mathbf{X}_n - \mathbf{X}\|^2] = 0$$

by Vitali's convergence theorem again, showing that  $\mathbf{X}_n \rightarrow \mathbf{X}$  in  $L^2$ . Therefore the corresponding means and covariances converge, as required.  $\square$

Our proof of the local limit theorem will use characteristic functions. The following lemma shows that we have a normal central limit theorem. This will be applied in the form of uniform convergence of characteristic functions on compact sets.

**Lemma B.8.** *Suppose we are in the setting of Theorem B.5. Then*

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n (\mathbf{X}_{n,i} - \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{X}_n]) \xrightarrow{(d)} N(0, \Sigma)$$

as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

*Proof.* We use the Lindeberg-Feller central limit theorem. We will use the notation  $\Sigma = \text{Cov}(\mathbf{X})$ ,  $\Sigma_n = \text{Cov}(\mathbf{X}_n)$ ,  $\hat{\mathbf{X}}_{n,i} = \mathbf{X}_{n,i} - \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{X}_n]$  and  $\hat{\mathbf{X}}_n = \mathbf{X}_n - \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{X}_n]$ . We will reduce the problem to the one-dimensional case. By the Cramér-Wold device it is sufficient to show that

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{u} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{X}}_{n,i} \xrightarrow{(d)} N(0, \mathbf{u} \cdot \Sigma \mathbf{u})$$

for all  $\mathbf{u} \in \mathbb{R}^d$ . Define

$$A_{n,i} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \mathbf{u} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{X}}_{n,i}.$$

Then by the version of the Lindeberg-Feller central limit theorem stated by Durrett in [21, P.128-129, Theorem 3.4.10], to complete the proof it suffices to check that

1.  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E}[A_{n,i}^2] = \mathbf{u} \cdot \Sigma \mathbf{u}$ .
2. For all  $\epsilon > 0$ ,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E}[A_{n,i}^2 \mathbb{1}_{\{|A_{n,i}| > \epsilon\}}] = 0$ .



To check condition (1),

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E}[A_{n,i}^2] = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{E}[(\mathbf{u} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{X}}_n)^2] = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbf{u} \cdot \Sigma_n \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{u} \cdot \Sigma \mathbf{u}$$

by Lemma B.7. To check condition (2), for all  $\epsilon > 0$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E}[A_{n,i}^2 \mathbb{1}_{\{|A_{n,i}| > \epsilon\}}] &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{E}[(\mathbf{u} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{X}}_n)^2 \mathbb{1}_{\{(\mathbf{u} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{X}}_n)^2 > \epsilon^2 n\}}] \\ &\leq \|\mathbf{u}\|^2 \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{E}\left[\|\hat{\mathbf{X}}_n\|^2 \mathbb{1}_{\{\|\hat{\mathbf{X}}_n\|^2 > \frac{\epsilon^2}{\|\mathbf{u}\|^2} n\}}\right] \\ &\leq \|\mathbf{u}\|^2 \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sup_k \mathbb{E}\left[\|\hat{\mathbf{X}}_k\|^2 \mathbb{1}_{\{\|\hat{\mathbf{X}}_k\|^2 > \frac{\epsilon^2}{\|\mathbf{u}\|^2} n\}}\right] \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

by Lemma B.6. □

The last lemma we prove provides bounds on the absolute value of the characteristic functions of  $\mathbf{X}_n$ . This will be used to apply the dominated convergence theorem in the main proof.

**Lemma B.9.** *Suppose we are in the setting of Theorem B.5. Moreover assume that the common main lattice  $\Lambda$  is  $\mathbb{Z}^d$ . Let  $\phi_n(\mathbf{u}) = \mathbb{E}[\exp(\mathbf{u} \cdot (\mathbf{X}_n - \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{X}_n]))]$  be the characteristic function of  $\hat{\mathbf{X}}_n = \mathbf{X}_n - \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{X}_n]$ . Then there exist  $\delta, c > 0$ ,  $\rho \in (0, 1)$  and  $N$  such that for all  $n \geq N$*

1.  $|\phi_n(\mathbf{u})| \leq 1 - c\|\mathbf{u}\|^2$  for all  $\mathbf{u} \in S(\delta)$ , and
2.  $|\phi_n(\mathbf{u})| \leq \rho$  for all  $\mathbf{u} \in S(\pi) \setminus S(\delta)$

where, for all  $r > 0$ ,  $S(r) = [-r, r]^d$ .

*Proof.* Firstly we use an analytical lemma stated by Durrett in [21, P.116, Lemma 3.3.19]. By that lemma, there exists a constant  $A > 0$  such that

$$|e^{ix} - (1 + ix - \frac{1}{2}x^2)| \leq A \min\{|x|, 1\}x^2$$

for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then applying this with  $x = \mathbf{u} \cdot (\mathbf{X}_n - \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{X}_n])$

$$|\phi_n(\mathbf{u})| \leq |1 - \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{u} \cdot \text{Cov}(\mathbf{X}_n)\mathbf{u}| + R_n(\mathbf{u})$$

where

$$R_n(\mathbf{u}) \leq A \mathbb{E}[\min\{|\mathbf{u} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{X}}_n|, 1\}(\mathbf{u} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{X}}_n)^2].$$

We provide bounds on  $R_n$  and  $|1 - \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{u} \cdot \text{Cov}(\mathbf{X}_n)\mathbf{u}|$ , starting with  $|1 - \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{u} \cdot \text{Cov}(\mathbf{X}_n)\mathbf{u}|$ .

Let  $\lambda_{\min n}$  and  $\lambda_{\max n}$  be the minimum and maximum eigenvalues of  $\text{Cov}(\mathbf{X}_n)$  respectively. Then by standard theory for quadratic forms

$$\lambda_{\min n} \|\mathbf{u}\|^2 \leq \mathbf{u} \cdot \text{Cov}(\mathbf{X}_n)\mathbf{u} \leq \lambda_{\max n} \|\mathbf{u}\|^2.$$

Moreover let  $\lambda_{\min}$  and  $\lambda_{\max}$  be the minimum and maximum eigenvalues of  $\text{Cov}(\mathbf{X})$  respectively. The eigenvalues of a matrix are continuous in its entries and  $\text{Cov}(\mathbf{X}_n) \rightarrow \text{Cov}(\mathbf{X})$  by Lemma B.7. Therefore  $\lambda_{\min n} \rightarrow \lambda_{\min}$  and  $\lambda_{\max n} \rightarrow \lambda_{\max}$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

We have assumed that  $\text{Cov}(\mathbf{X})$  is non-degenerate thus  $\lambda_{\min} > 0$ . Hence there exists  $N$  such that for all  $n \geq N$

$$\frac{1}{2}\lambda_{\min} \leq \lambda_{\min n} \leq \lambda_{\max n} \leq 2\lambda_{\max}.$$

There also exists  $\delta_1 > 0$  sufficiently small that  $\lambda_{\max}\|\mathbf{u}\|^2 < 1$  for all  $\mathbf{u} \in S(\delta_1)$ . Then for all  $n \geq N$  and  $\mathbf{u} \in S(\delta_1)$ ,

$$\left|1 - \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{u} \cdot \text{Cov}(\mathbf{X}_n)\mathbf{u}\right| = 1 - \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{u} \cdot \text{Cov}(\mathbf{X}_n)\mathbf{u} \leq 1 - \frac{1}{4}\lambda_{\min}\|\mathbf{u}\|^2. \quad (22)$$

To bound  $R_n$ , by the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality

$$R_n(\mathbf{u}) \leq AE_n(\mathbf{u})\|\mathbf{u}\|^2 \quad \text{where} \quad E_n(\mathbf{u}) = \mathbb{E}[\min\{\|\mathbf{u}\|\|\hat{\mathbf{X}}_n\|, 1\}\|\hat{\mathbf{X}}_n\|^2].$$

Then for all  $L > 0$ , splitting the expectation into the case where  $\|\hat{\mathbf{X}}_n\|^2 \leq L^2$  and the case when  $\|\hat{\mathbf{X}}_n\|^2 > L^2$

$$\begin{aligned} \sup_n E_n &\leq L^2 \min\{\|L\mathbf{u}\|, 1\} + \sup_n \mathbb{E} \left[ \|\hat{\mathbf{X}}_n\|^2 \mathbf{1} \left\{ \|\hat{\mathbf{X}}_n\|^2 > L^2 \right\} \right] \\ &\rightarrow \sup_n \mathbb{E} \left[ \|\hat{\mathbf{X}}_n\|^2 \mathbf{1} \left\{ \|\hat{\mathbf{X}}_n\|^2 > L^2 \right\} \right] \end{aligned}$$

as  $\mathbf{u} \rightarrow 0$ . This holds for all  $L > 0$ , hence taking the limit  $L \rightarrow \infty$  and using Lemma B.6 we obtain that  $\lim_{L \rightarrow \infty} E_n = 0$ . Thus there exists  $\delta_2$  such that for all  $\mathbf{u} \in S(\delta_2)$

$$R_n(\mathbf{u}) \leq \frac{1}{8}\lambda_{\min}\|\mathbf{u}\|^2. \quad (23)$$

Thus setting  $\delta = \min\{\delta_1, \delta_2\}$ , for all  $n \geq N$  and  $\mathbf{u} \in S(\delta)$

$$|\phi_n(\mathbf{u})| \leq 1 - c\|\mathbf{u}\|^2,$$

where  $c = \frac{1}{8}\lambda_{\min}$ .

We now address the second bound. let  $\phi$  be the characteristic function of  $\mathbf{X}$ . We assume  $\mathbf{X}$  has main lattice  $\mathbb{Z}^d$ , thus  $|\phi(\mathbf{u})| = 1$  if and only if every entry of  $\mathbf{u}$  is a multiple of  $2\pi$  by Lemma B.4. In particular  $|\phi(\mathbf{u})| < 1$  for all  $\mathbf{u} \in S(\pi) \setminus S(\delta)$ .  $\phi$  is continuous and  $S(\pi) \setminus S(\delta)$  is compact. Therefore there exists  $\epsilon > 0$  such that  $\sup_{\mathbf{u} \in S(\pi) \setminus S(\delta)} |\phi(\mathbf{u})| \leq 1 - \epsilon$ .

Since  $\mathbf{X}_n \xrightarrow{(d)} \mathbf{X}$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $\phi_n \rightarrow \phi$  uniformly on compact sets. Therefore there exists  $N$  such that for all  $n \geq N$

$$\sup_{\mathbf{u} \in S(\pi) \setminus S(\delta)} |\phi_n(\mathbf{u})| \leq \rho = 1 - \frac{1}{2}\epsilon. \quad \square$$

We are finally ready to prove Theorem B.5

*Proof of Theorem B.5.* We first address the case where the main lattice of  $\mathbf{X}$  and all  $\mathbf{X}_n$  is  $\mathbb{Z}^d$ . The main trick in the proof is to notice that if  $n$  is integer valued then

$$\mathbf{1}\{n = 0\} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^{inu} du.$$

For all  $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbf{c}_n + \mathbb{Z}^d$ ,  $\sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{X}_{n,i} - \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{Z}^d$  therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{P}\left(\sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{X}_{n,i} = \mathbf{y}\right) &= \mathbb{E}\left[\frac{1}{(2\pi)^d} \int_{S(\pi)} e^{i\mathbf{u} \cdot (\sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{X}_{n,i} - \mathbf{y})} d\mathbf{u}\right] \\ &= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^d} \int_{S(\pi)} \phi_n(\mathbf{u})^n e^{-i\mathbf{u} \cdot (\mathbf{y} - n\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{X}_n])} d\mathbf{u}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\phi_n(\mathbf{u}) = \mathbb{E}[e^{i\mathbf{u} \cdot (\mathbf{X}_n - \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{X}_n])}]$  and  $S(r) = [-r, r]^d$  for all  $r > 0$ . Recall

$$\mathbf{x}_n = n^{-1/2}(\mathbf{y} - n\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{X}_n]).$$

Then changing variables with  $\mathbf{s} = \sqrt{n}\mathbf{u}$ ,

$$n^{d/2} \mathbb{P}\left(\sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{X}_{n,i} = \mathbf{y}\right) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^d} \int_{S(\pi\sqrt{n})} \phi_n(\mathbf{s}/\sqrt{n})^n e^{-i\mathbf{s} \cdot \mathbf{x}_n} d\mathbf{s}.$$

By the Fourier inversion theorem

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^d} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \psi(\mathbf{s}) e^{-i\mathbf{s} \cdot \mathbf{x}} d\mathbf{s}$$

where  $\psi$  is the characteristic function of the  $N(0, \text{Cov}(\mathbf{X}))$  distribution. Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \sup_{\mathbf{y} \in \mathbf{c}_n + \Lambda} \left| n^{d/2} \mathbb{P}(\sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{X}_{n,i} = \mathbf{y}) - f(\mathbf{x}_n) \right| \\ = \sup_{\mathbf{y} \in \mathbf{c}_n + \Lambda} \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \left( \mathbb{1}_{S(\pi\sqrt{n})}(\mathbf{s}) \phi_n(\mathbf{s}/\sqrt{n})^n - \psi(\mathbf{s}) \right) e^{-i\mathbf{s} \cdot \mathbf{x}_n} d\mathbf{s} \right| \\ \leq \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \left| \mathbb{1}_{S(\pi\sqrt{n})}(\mathbf{s}) \phi_n(\mathbf{s}/\sqrt{n})^n - \psi(\mathbf{s}) \right| d\mathbf{s}. \end{aligned}$$

We apply the dominated convergence theorem. To dominate the integrand, first note that  $\psi$  is integrable. Secondly let  $\delta$ ,  $c$ ,  $\rho$  and  $N$  be as in Lemma B.9. For all  $n \geq N$  and for all  $\mathbf{s} \in S(\delta\sqrt{n})$ ,

$$|\phi_n(\mathbf{s}/\sqrt{n})|^n \leq (1 - c\|\mathbf{s}\|^2/n)^n \leq e^{-c\|\mathbf{s}\|^2}.$$

Let  $C = -\log(\rho)$ . Note if  $\mathbf{s} \in S(\pi\sqrt{n})$  then  $\|\mathbf{s}\|^2 \leq \pi^2 dn$ . Thus for all  $n \geq N$  and  $\mathbf{s} \in S(\pi\sqrt{n}) \setminus S(\delta\sqrt{n})$

$$|\phi_n(\mathbf{s}/\sqrt{n})|^n \leq e^{-Cn} \leq e^{-\frac{C}{\pi^2 d} \|\mathbf{s}\|^2}.$$

Hence for all  $n \geq N$ ,

$$\left| \mathbb{1}_{S(\pi\sqrt{n})}(\mathbf{s}) \phi_n(\mathbf{s}/\sqrt{n})^n - \psi(\mathbf{s}) \right| \leq e^{-c\|\mathbf{s}\|^2} + e^{-\frac{C}{\pi^2 d} \|\mathbf{s}\|^2} + |\psi(\mathbf{s})|$$

where, in particular, the right hand side is integrable. By Lemma B.8,

$$\phi_n(\mathbf{s}/\sqrt{n})^n \rightarrow \psi(\mathbf{s})$$

as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  for all  $\mathbf{s} \in \mathbb{R}^d$ . Thus for all  $\mathbf{s} \in \mathbb{R}^d$

$$\mathbb{1}_{S(\pi\sqrt{n})}(\mathbf{s}) \phi_n(\mathbf{s}/\sqrt{n})^n \rightarrow \psi(\mathbf{s})$$

as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Hence by the dominated convergence theorem

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sup_{\mathbf{y} \in \mathbf{c}_n + \Lambda} \left| n^{d/2} \mathbb{P} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{X}_{n,i} = \mathbf{y} \right) - f(\mathbf{x}_n) \right| = 0,$$

as required.

Finally we generalise to any main lattice  $\Lambda$ . Suppose that  $\Lambda$  is generated by the columns of the invertible matrix  $A$ . Then  $A$ , viewed as a linear transform, is a isomorphism mapping  $\mathbb{Z}^d$  to  $\Lambda$ . Then  $\tilde{\mathbf{X}}_n = A^{-1} \mathbf{X}_n$  and  $\tilde{\mathbf{X}} = A^{-1} \mathbf{X}$  have common main lattice  $\mathbb{Z}^d$ . We can check that  $\tilde{\mathbf{X}}_n$  satisfies the assumptions of Theorem B.5. Let  $\tilde{\Sigma} = \text{Cov}(\tilde{\mathbf{X}})$ . Then uniformly for  $\mathbf{x}$  in the translation of  $\Lambda$  containing the support of  $\sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{X}_{n,i}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{P} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{X}_{n,i} = \mathbf{y} \right) &= \mathbb{P} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \tilde{\mathbf{X}}_{n,i} = A^{-1} \mathbf{y} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2\pi n)^d \det \tilde{\Sigma}}} \exp \left( -\frac{1}{2} (A^{-1} \mathbf{x}_n)^T \tilde{\Sigma}^{-1} (A^{-1} \mathbf{x}_n) \right) + o(n^{-d/2}) \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2\pi n)^d \det \tilde{\Sigma}}} \exp \left( -\frac{1}{2} \mathbf{x}_n^T (A \tilde{\Sigma} A^T)^{-1} \mathbf{x}_n \right) + o(n^{-d/2}). \end{aligned}$$

Moreover

$$\tilde{\Sigma} = \text{Cov}(\tilde{\mathbf{X}}) = \text{Cov}(A^{-1} \mathbf{X}) = A^{-1} \text{Cov}(\mathbf{X}) (A^{-1})^T.$$

Therefore

$$\det(\tilde{\Sigma}) = \det(A)^{-2} \det(\text{Cov}(\mathbf{X})) = \det(\Lambda)^{-2} \det(\text{Cov}(\mathbf{X}))$$

and so

$$\mathbb{P} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{X}_{n,i} = \mathbf{y} \right) = \frac{\det(\Lambda)}{\sqrt{(2\pi n)^d \det(\text{Cov} \mathbf{X})}} \exp \left( -\frac{1}{2} \mathbf{x}_n^T \text{Cov}(\mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{x}_n \right) + o(n^{-d/2}),$$

as required.  $\square$

### B.3 Non-triangular local limit theorem

The local limit theorem for non-triangular arrays of lattice valued random variables, proven by Rvačeva [34] and Gamkrelidze [23], is a direct corollary of the triangular case. For sake of completeness, we state it below.

**Theorem B.10.** *Let  $\mathbf{X}$  be a non-degenerate  $\mathbb{R}^d$  valued random variable. Assume the following holds:*

1.  $\mathbf{X}$  is lattice valued with main lattice  $\Lambda$ .
2.  $\mathbf{X}$  has finite second moments with covariance matrix  $\Sigma$ .

Let  $\mathbf{X}_1, \dots, \mathbf{X}_n$  be i.i.d. copies of  $\mathbf{X}$  and  $\mathbf{c}$  be an arbitrary vector in the support of  $\mathbf{X}$ . Then uniformly for  $\mathbf{y} \in n\mathbf{c} + \Lambda$ ,

$$\mathbb{P} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{X}_i = \mathbf{y} \right) = n^{-d/2} \det(\Lambda) f(\mathbf{x}_n) + o(n^{-d/2}), \quad \text{where } \mathbf{x}_n = \frac{\mathbf{y} - n\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{X}]}{\sqrt{n}}$$

and  $f$  is the density of a  $N(0, \text{Cov}(\mathbf{X}))$  distribution. This means that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sup_{\mathbf{y} \in n\mathbf{c} + \Lambda} \left| n^{d/2} \mathbb{P} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{X}_i = \mathbf{y} \right) - \det(\Lambda) f(\mathbf{x}_n) \right| = 0.$$

## C Analysis of the measure change

We recall some notation and the lemma we wish to prove.  $\mathbf{D}_1, \mathbf{D}_2, \dots$  are i.i.d. copies of  $(D^-, D^+)$  a  $\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$ -valued random variable. We assume  $\mathbb{E}[D^-] = \mathbb{E}[D^+]$  and call this quantity  $\mu$ . We will use the notation

$$\Xi_n^\pm = \sum_{i=1}^n D_i^\pm \quad \text{and} \quad \Delta_n = \Xi_n^- - \Xi_n^+.$$

Let  $p = \mathbb{P}(D^- > 0)$  and define

$$\mathcal{I}_n = \{i \in [n] : D_i^- > 0\} \quad \text{and} \quad R_n = |\mathcal{I}_n|.$$

Let  $\Sigma_n : [R_n] \rightarrow \mathcal{I}_n$  be a random bijection between two random sets with law

$$\mathbb{P}(\Sigma_n = \sigma \mid \mathbf{D}_1, \dots, \mathbf{D}_n) = \prod_{i=1}^{R_n} \frac{D_{\sigma(i)}^-}{\sum_{j=i}^{R_n} D_{\sigma(j)}^-}$$

for any bijection  $\sigma : [R_n] \rightarrow \mathcal{I}_n$ . Then define  $\hat{\mathbf{D}}_{n,i} = \mathbf{D}_{\Sigma_n(i)}$  for  $i = 1, \dots, R_n$ . This is referred to as the size-biased ordering by in-degree of  $\mathbf{D}_1, \dots, \mathbf{D}_n$ . We will be comparing this against a sequence of i.i.d.  $\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$ -valued random variables  $\mathbf{Z}_1, \mathbf{Z}_2, \dots$  where each  $\mathbf{Z}_i$  has law

$$\mathbb{P}(Z_i^- = k^-, Z_i^+ = k^+) = \frac{k^-}{\mu} \Pr(D^- = k^-, D^+ = k^+).$$

We wrote

$$Y^+(n) = \sum_{i=1}^n (Z_i^+ - 1)$$

for the centered random walk corresponding to the  $(Z_n^+)_{n \geq 1}$ . Then the following lemma asserts existence of a measure change under conditioning of equal in- and out-degrees, moreover it gives the scaling limit of the measure change.

**Lemma 3.2.** *For all  $m \leq n$  there exists a function  $\phi_m^n : (\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N})^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that*

$$\mathbb{E} \left[ u \left( \hat{\mathbf{D}}_{n,1}, \dots, \hat{\mathbf{D}}_{n,m} \right) \mid m \leq R_n, \Delta_n = 0 \right] = \mathbb{E} [u(\mathbf{Z}_1, \dots, \mathbf{Z}_m) \phi_m^n(\mathbf{Z}_1, \dots, \mathbf{Z}_m)].$$

for all bounded measurable test functions  $u : (\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . Define

$$\Phi(n, m) = \phi_m^n(\mathbf{Z}_1, \dots, \mathbf{Z}_m).$$

Further let  $(W^-, W^+)$  be a pair of correlated standard Brownian motions with correlation  $\text{Corr}(Z_i^-, Z_i^+)$  and define

$$\Phi(t) = \exp \left( -\frac{\sigma_-}{\mu} \int_0^t s \, dW_s^- - \frac{\sigma_-^2}{6\mu^2} t^3 \right).$$

Then for all  $T > 0$ ,

$$\left( \Phi(n, \lfloor Tn^{2/3} \rfloor), \left( n^{1/3} Y^- \left( \lfloor n^{2/3} t \rfloor \right) \right)_{t \in [0, T]} \right) \xrightarrow{(d)} (\Phi(t), (\sigma_+ W_t^+)_{t \in [0, T]})$$

in  $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{D}([0, T], \mathbb{R})$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Moreover  $(\Phi(n, \lfloor Tn^{2/3} \rfloor))_{n \geq 1}$  is a uniformly integrable sequence of random variables.

We remark that the criticality condition is what ensures  $(Y^+(n))_{n \geq 0}$  is a centered random walk. However the previous result will hold without the criticality condition provided we recenter  $(Y^+(n))_{n \geq 0}$  appropriately. Hence for the rest of this section, let  $\nu_\pm = \mathbb{E}[Z_i^\pm]$  and we will not impose the criticality assumption  $\nu_+ = 1$ .

### C.1 Exact form of the measure change

We first establish the exact form of the measure change when we condition on the exact value of  $R_n$  but not  $\Delta_n = 0$ .

**Lemma C.1.** *For all  $r \leq n$  and test functions  $u : (\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N})^r \times \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,*

$$\mathbb{E} \left[ u \left( \hat{\mathbf{D}}_{n,1}, \dots, \hat{\mathbf{D}}_{n,r}, \sum_{i \in \mathcal{I}_n^c} D_i^+ \right) \middle| R_n = r \right] = \mathbb{E} \left[ u \left( \mathbf{Z}_1, \dots, \mathbf{Z}_r, \sum_{i=1}^{n-r} E_i^+ \right) \psi_r(\mathbf{Z}_1, \dots, \mathbf{Z}_r) \right]$$

where

$$\psi_r(\mathbf{k}_1, \dots, \mathbf{k}_r) = \frac{1}{p^r} \prod_{i=1}^r \frac{(r-i+1)\mu}{\sum_{j=i}^r k_j^-}.$$

*Proof.* For any  $\mathbf{k}_1, \dots, \mathbf{k}_m \in \mathbb{N}^+ \times \mathbb{N}$  for all  $i$  and  $s \in \mathbb{N}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{P} \left( \hat{\mathbf{D}}_{n,1} = \mathbf{k}_1, \dots, \hat{\mathbf{D}}_{n,r} = \mathbf{k}_r, \sum_{i \in \mathcal{I}_n^c} D_i^+ = s, R_n = r \right) \\ &= \sum_{\substack{I \subseteq [n] \\ |I|=r}} \sum_{\sigma: [r] \rightarrow I} \mathbb{P} \left( \mathbf{D}_{\Sigma_n(1)} = \mathbf{k}_1, \dots, \mathbf{D}_{\Sigma_n(r)} = \mathbf{k}_r, \sum_{i \in \mathcal{I}_n^c} D_i^+ = s, \mathcal{I}_n = I, \Sigma_n = \sigma \right) \end{aligned}$$

where the second summation is taken over all bijections  $\sigma : [r] \rightarrow I$ . We examine a single summand.

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{P} \left( \mathbf{D}_{\Sigma_n(1)} = \mathbf{k}_1, \dots, \mathbf{D}_{\Sigma_n(r)} = \mathbf{k}_r, \sum_{i \in \mathcal{I}_n^c} D_i^+ = s, \mathcal{I}_n = I, \Sigma_n = \sigma \right) \\ &= \mathbb{P} \left( \mathbf{D}_{\Sigma_n(j)} = \mathbf{k}_j \text{ for } j = 1, \dots, r, \sum_{i \in \mathcal{I}_n^c} D_i^+ = s, D_i^- = 0 \text{ for } i \in I^c, \Sigma_n = \sigma \right) \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^r \frac{k_i^-}{\sum_{j=i}^r k_j^-} \times \prod_{i=1}^r \nu_{\mathbf{k}_i} \times \mathbb{P} \left( \sum_{i \in \mathcal{I}_n^c} D_i^+ = s, D_i^- = 0 \text{ for } i \in I^c \right). \end{aligned}$$

We have

$$\mathbb{P} \left( \sum_{i \in \mathcal{I}_n^c} D_i^+ = s, D_i^- = 0 \text{ for } i \in I^c \right) = (1-p)^{n-r} \mathbb{P} \left( \sum_{i=1}^{n-r} E_i^+ = s \right).$$

Also

$$\begin{aligned} & \prod_{i=1}^r \frac{k_i^-}{\sum_{j=i}^r k_j^-} \times \prod_{i=1}^r \nu_{\mathbf{k}_i} = \prod_{i=1}^r \frac{k_i^-}{\mu} \nu_{\mathbf{k}_i} \times \prod_{i=1}^r \frac{\mu}{\sum_{j=i}^r k_j^-} \\ &= \mathbb{P}(\mathbf{Z}_1 = \mathbf{k}_1, \dots, \mathbf{Z}_r = \mathbf{k}_r) \times \prod_{i=1}^r \frac{\mu}{\sum_{j=i}^r k_j^-}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{P} \left( \hat{\mathbf{D}}_{n,1} = \mathbf{k}_1, \dots, \hat{\mathbf{D}}_{n,r} = \mathbf{k}_r, \sum_{i \in \mathcal{I}_n^c} D_i^+ = s, R_n = r \right) \\ &= \binom{n}{r} \times r! \times \prod_{i=1}^r \frac{\mu}{\sum_{j=i}^r k_j^-} \times (1-p)^{n-r} \times \mathbb{P} \left( \mathbf{Z}_1 = \mathbf{k}_1, \dots, \mathbf{Z}_r = \mathbf{k}_r, \sum_{i=1}^{n-r} E_i^+ = s \right) \\ &= \binom{n}{r} p^r (1-p)^{n-r} \times \frac{1}{p^r} \prod_{i=1}^r \frac{(r-i+1)\mu}{\sum_{j=i}^r k_j^-} \times \mathbb{P} \left( \mathbf{Z}_1 = \mathbf{k}_1, \dots, \mathbf{Z}_r = \mathbf{k}_r, \sum_{i=1}^{n-r} E_i^+ = s \right). \end{aligned}$$

Finally dividing by  $\mathbb{P}(R_n = r) = \binom{n}{r} p^r (1-p)^{n-r}$  gives the desired measure change.  $\square$

Using the previous lemma we can prove existence and give an exact form of the desired measure change  $\phi_m^n$ .

**Lemma C.2.** *For all  $m \leq n$  and test functions  $u : (\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N})^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,*

$$\mathbb{E} \left[ u \left( \hat{\mathbf{D}}_{n,1}, \dots, \hat{\mathbf{D}}_{n,m} \right) \middle| R_n \geq m, \Delta_n = 0 \right] = \mathbb{E} [u(\mathbf{Z}_1, \dots, \mathbf{Z}_m) \phi_m^n(\mathbf{Z}_1, \dots, \mathbf{Z}_m)]$$

where

$$\phi_m^n(\mathbf{k}_1, \dots, \mathbf{k}_m) = \frac{1}{\mathbb{P}(R_n \geq m, \Delta_n = 0)} \mathbb{E} \left[ \mathbb{1} \left\{ \Delta_{n-m} = \sum_{i=1}^m (k_i^+ - k_i^-) \right\} \prod_{i=1}^m \frac{(n-i+1)\mu}{\sum_{j=1}^m k_j^- + \Xi_{n-m}^-} \right]$$

*Proof.* By Lemma C.1, for all  $r \geq m$

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{E} \left[ u \left( \hat{\mathbf{D}}_{n,1}, \dots, \hat{\mathbf{D}}_{n,m} \right) \mathbb{1}_{\{\Delta_n = 0\}} \middle| R_n = r \right] \\ &= \mathbb{E} \left[ u(\mathbf{Z}_1, \dots, \mathbf{Z}_m) \mathbb{1} \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^r (Z_i^- - Z_i^+) - \sum_{i=1}^{n-r} E_i^+ = 0 \right\} \frac{1}{p^r} \prod_{i=1}^r \frac{(r-i+1)\mu}{\sum_{j=i}^r Z_j^-} \right] \\ &= \mathbb{E} \left[ u(\mathbf{Z}_1, \dots, \mathbf{Z}_m) \mathbb{E} \left[ \mathbb{1} \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^r (Z_i^- - Z_i^+) - \sum_{i=1}^{n-r} E_i^+ = 0 \right\} \frac{1}{p^r} \prod_{i=1}^r \frac{(r-i+1)\mu}{\sum_{j=i}^r Z_j^-} \middle| \mathbf{Z}_1, \dots, \mathbf{Z}_m \right] \right] \\ &= \mathbb{E} [u(\mathbf{Z}_1, \dots, \mathbf{Z}_m) \tilde{\gamma}_r^{n,m}(\mathbf{Z}_1, \dots, \mathbf{Z}_m)] \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\gamma}_r^{n,m}(\mathbf{k}_1, \dots, \mathbf{k}_m) &= \mathbb{E} \left[ \mathbb{1} \left\{ \sum_{i=m+1}^r (Z_i^- - Z_i^+) - \sum_{i=1}^{n-r} E_i^+ = \sum_{i=1}^m (k_i^+ - k_i^-) \right\} \times \right. \\ & \quad \left. \frac{1}{p^m} \prod_{i=1}^m \frac{(r-i+1)\mu}{\sum_{j=i}^m k_j^- + \sum_{j=m+1}^r Z_j^-} \frac{1}{p^{m-r}} \prod_{i=m+1}^r \frac{(r-i+1)\mu}{\sum_{j=i}^r Z_j^-} \right] \\ &= \mathbb{E} \left[ \mathbb{1} \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^{r-m} (Z_i^- - Z_i^+) - \sum_{i=1}^{n-r} E_i^+ = \sum_{i=1}^m (k_i^+ - k_i^-) \right\} \times \right. \\ & \quad \left. \frac{1}{p^m} \prod_{i=1}^m \frac{(r-i+1)\mu}{\sum_{j=i}^m k_j^- + \sum_{j=1}^{r-m} Z_j^-} \frac{1}{p^{m-r}} \prod_{i=1}^{r-m} \frac{(r-i+1)\mu}{\sum_{j=i}^{r-m} Z_j^-} \right] \end{aligned}$$

since  $(\mathbf{Z}_i)_{i=m+1}^r$  has the same law as  $(\mathbf{Z}_i)_{i=1}^{r-m}$ . Then applying Lemma C.1 again shows

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\gamma}_r^{n,m}(\mathbf{k}_1, \dots, \mathbf{k}_m) &= \mathbb{E} \left[ \mathbb{1} \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^{r-m} (\hat{D}_{n-m,i}^- - \hat{D}_{n-m,i}^+) - \sum_{i \in \mathcal{I}_{n-m}^c} D_i^+ = \sum_{i=1}^m (k_i^+ - k_i^-) \right\} \times \right. \\ & \quad \left. \frac{1}{p^m} \prod_{i=1}^m \frac{(r-i+1)\mu}{\sum_{j=i}^m k_j^- + \sum_{j=1}^{r-m} \hat{D}_{n-m,j}^-} \middle| R_{n-m} = r-m \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Conditional on  $R_{n-m} = r-m$  we have

$$\sum_{j=1}^{r-m} (\hat{D}_{n-m,j}^- - \hat{D}_{n-m,j}^+) - \sum_{i \in \mathcal{I}_{n-m}^c} D_i^+ = \Delta_{n-m} \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{j=1}^{r-m} \hat{D}_{n-m,j}^- = \Xi_{n-m}^-$$

therefore

$$\tilde{\gamma}_r^{n,m}(\mathbf{k}_1, \dots, \mathbf{k}_m) = \mathbb{E} \left[ \frac{1}{p^m} \prod_{i=1}^m \frac{(r-i+1)\mu}{\sum_{j=i}^m k_j^- + \Xi_{n-m}^-} \mathbb{1}_{A_n} \middle| R_{n-m} = r-m \right].$$

where

$$A_n(\mathbf{k}_1, \dots, \mathbf{k}_m) = \left\{ \Delta_{n-m} = \sum_{i=1}^m (k_i^+ - k_i^-) \right\}.$$

Hence

$$\mathbb{E} \left[ u \left( \hat{\mathbf{D}}_{n,1}, \dots, \hat{\mathbf{D}}_{n,m} \right) \mathbb{1}_{\{R_n \geq m, \Delta_n = 0\}} \right] = \mathbb{E} \left[ u(\mathbf{Z}_1, \dots, \mathbf{Z}_m) \tilde{\phi}_m^n(\mathbf{Z}_1, \dots, \mathbf{Z}_m) \right]$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\phi}_m^n(\mathbf{k}_1, \dots, \mathbf{k}_m) &= \sum_{r=m}^n \binom{n}{r} p^r (1-p)^{n-r} \mathbb{E} \left[ \frac{1}{p^m} \prod_{i=1}^m \frac{(r-i+1)\mu}{\sum_{j=i}^m k_j^- + \Xi_{n-m}^-} \mathbb{1}_{A_n} \middle| R_{n-m} = r-m \right] \\ &= \sum_{l=1}^{n-m} \binom{n}{l+m} p^{l+m} (1-p)^{n-m-l} \mathbb{E} \left[ \frac{1}{p^m} \prod_{i=1}^m \frac{(l+m-i+1)\mu}{\sum_{j=i}^m k_j^- + \Xi_{n-m}^-} \mathbb{1}_{A_n} \middle| R_{n-m} = l \right]. \end{aligned}$$

We wish to view the sum as an expectation over  $R_{n-m}$ . In order to do this we rewrite the expression such that we are taken a sum over the probabilities of a  $B(n-m, p)$  distribution. We can calculate

$$\frac{\binom{n}{l+m} p^{l+m} (1-p)^{n-m-l}}{\binom{n-m}{l} p^l (1-p)^{n-m-l}} = p^m \prod_{i=1}^m \frac{(n-i+1)}{(l+m-i+1)}.$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\phi}_m^n(\mathbf{k}_1, \dots, \mathbf{k}_m) &= \sum_{l=1}^{n-m} \binom{n-m}{l} p^l (1-p)^{(n-m-l)} \mathbb{E} \left[ \prod_{i=1}^m \frac{(n+m-i+1)\mu}{\sum_{j=i}^m k_j^- + \Xi_{n-m}^-} \mathbb{1}_{A_n} \middle| R_{n-m} = l \right] \\ &= \mathbb{E} \left[ \mathbb{E} \left[ \prod_{i=1}^m \frac{(n+m-i+1)\mu}{\sum_{j=i}^m k_j^- + \Xi_{n-m}^-} \mathbb{1}_{A_n} \middle| R_{n-m} \right] \right] \\ &= \mathbb{E} \left[ \prod_{i=1}^m \frac{(n+m-i+1)\mu}{\sum_{j=i}^m k_j^- + \Xi_{n-m}^-} \mathbb{1}_{A_n} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Finally dividing by  $\mathbb{P}(R_n \geq m, \Delta_n = 0)$  yields the desired form of  $\phi_m^n$ .  $\square$

## C.2 Asymptotic bound of the measure change from below

In Lemma 3.2 we see the correct scaling to in order to get a sensible scaling limit is  $m = \Theta(n^{2/3})$ . This will be used to prove the out-components scale as  $n^{2/3}$ . The following result, which is an analogue of [13, Lemma 6.7], describes the asymptotic behaviour of the measure change when  $m = \Theta(n^{2/3})$ .

**Lemma C.3.** *Define*

$$s^\pm(i) = \sum_{j=1}^i (k_i^\pm - \nu_\pm).$$



Suppose we are given  $\epsilon \in (0, 1/6)$  and that  $\mathbf{k}_1, \dots, \mathbf{k}_m$  are such that

$$\max_{i=1, \dots, m} |s^\pm(i)| \leq m^{\frac{1}{2} + \epsilon}. \quad (24)$$

Then in the regime  $m = \Theta(n^{2/3})$

$$\phi_m^n(\mathbf{k}_1, \dots, \mathbf{k}_m) \geq \exp \left( \frac{1}{\mu n} \sum_{i=0}^m (s^-(i) - s^-(m)) - \frac{\sigma_-}{6\mu^2} \frac{m^3}{n^2} \right) + o(1).$$

where the  $o(1)$  term is independent of  $\mathbf{k}_1, \dots, \mathbf{k}_m$  satisfying our assumptions.

The  $1/6$  upper bound on  $\epsilon$  is used to show certain terms that arise in the proof will decay to 0, but the exact value of  $1/6$  is unimportant. Rather  $\epsilon$  should be thought of as a positive constant we can make arbitrarily small to make the proof work. We also explain the condition in Eq. (24). In Lemma 3.2 we evaluate  $\phi_m^n$  as

$$\phi_m^n(\mathbf{Z}_1, \dots, \mathbf{Z}_m).$$

Thus the condition in Eq. (24) corresponds to the event

$$\max_{i=1, \dots, m} \left| \sum_{j=1}^i (Z_j^\pm - \nu_\pm) \right| \leq m^{1/2 + \epsilon}.$$

This is saying that the centered random walks corresponding to  $Z_i^+$  and  $Z_i^-$  do not deviate by more than  $m^{1/2 + \epsilon}$  in the first  $m$  steps. This will occur with high probability and thus Eq. (24) is not a restrictive condition to take.

The fact that we only prove a lower bound may seem strange at first. The idea is that since we are dealing with a measure change, as long as the lower bound will have expectation 1 in the limit, this shows that we have not lost a significant amount of mass. The following lemma adapted from [13, Lemma 4.8] makes this formal.

**Lemma C.4.** *Let  $(X_n, Y_n, Z_n)_{n \geq 1}$  be a sequence of  $[0, \infty) \times [0, \infty) \times S$ -valued random variables where  $S$  is a metric space. Suppose there exists a  $[0, \infty) \times S$ -valued random variable  $(Y, Z)$  such that the following holds:*

1.  $(Y_n, Z_n) \xrightarrow{(d)} (Y, Z)$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .
2.  $X_n \geq Y_n$  almost surely for all  $n$ .
3.  $\mathbb{E}[X_n] = 1$  for all  $n$  and  $\mathbb{E}[Y] = 1$ .

Then  $(X_n, Z_n) \xrightarrow{(d)} (Y, Z)$  also. Moreover  $(X_n)_{n \geq 1}$  is a sequence of uniformly integrable random variables.

*Proof.* We first show  $X_n - Y_n \rightarrow 0$  in  $L^1$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Since  $X_n \geq Y_n$ ,

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{E}[X_n - Y_n] = \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{E}[X_n - Y_n] = 1 - \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{E}[Y_n].$$

Thus it suffices to show  $\liminf_n \mathbb{E}[Y_n] \geq 1$ . This follows since

$$\liminf_n \mathbb{E}[Y] = \liminf_n \mathbb{E}[Y_n \wedge 0] \geq \mathbb{E}[Y \wedge 0] = \mathbb{E}[Y] = 1$$

where the first and second equalities follow from non-negativity of  $Y_n$  and  $Y$ , and the inequality follows by Portmanteau's theorem.

In particular  $X_n - Y_n \xrightarrow{(d)} 0$  a constant and thus can be included in the joint convergence statement. This means

$$(X_n - Y_n, Y_n, Z_n) \xrightarrow{(d)} (0, Y, Z)$$

as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Then by applying the continuous mapping theorem we obtain the desired result that

$$(X_n, Z_n) \xrightarrow{(d)} (Y, Z).$$

We now prove the uniform integrability. By Skorokhod's representation theorem we can assume that  $X_n \rightarrow Y$  almost surely. Then  $\mathbb{E}[X_n] = \mathbb{E}[Y] = 1$  for all  $n$  thus in fact  $X_n \rightarrow Y$  in  $L^1$  by Scheffe's lemma. This gives the required uniform integrability.  $\square$

### C.2.1 Exponential tilting

Note that

$$\mathbb{E}[Z^- - Z^+] = \frac{1}{\mu} \mathbb{E}[D^- D^+ - (D^-)^2]$$

and thus is, in general, non-zero even if  $\mathbb{E}[D^- - D^+] = 0$ . The deviation of the  $Z_i^\pm$  around their mean is controlled by the assumption in Eq. (24). If  $\mathbf{k}_1, \dots, \mathbf{k}_n$  satisfy Eq. (24) and  $m = \Theta(n^{2/3})$  then

$$\sum_{i=1}^m (k_i^- - k_i^+) = s^-(m) - s^+(m) + (\nu_+ - \nu_-)m = \Theta(n^{2/3}).$$

In contrast  $\Delta_{n-m}$  is centered, so

$$\{\Delta_{n-m} = \sum_{i=1}^m (k_i^+ - k_i^-)\}$$

is looking at the event that  $\Delta_{n-m}$  takes a value at distance  $n^{2/3}$  away from its mean. As remarked in Appendix B, the local limit theorem provides no information at distances  $\omega(n^{1/2})$  from the mean since the error term will dominate.

To shift the mean of  $\Delta_{n-m}$  we will introduce a sequence of exponentially tilted measures. The next result defines this tilt and then gives asymptotic expansions for cumulant generating function of  $D^-$ , the mean of  $D^-$  and the mean of  $D^+$  under this tilting.

**Lemma C.5.** *Define an measure  $\mathbb{P}_\theta$ , for  $\theta \geq 0$ , by its Radon–Nikodym derivative*

$$\frac{d\mathbb{P}_\theta}{d\mathbb{P}} = \exp(-\theta D^- - \alpha(\theta)) \quad \text{where} \quad \alpha(\theta) = \log \mathbb{E}[e^{-\theta D^-}].$$

*Then as  $\theta \downarrow 0$  we have*

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha(\theta) &= -\mu\theta + \frac{1}{2} \text{Var}(D^-)\theta^2 - \frac{1}{6} \mathbb{E}[(D^- - \mu)^3] \theta^3 + o(\theta^3), \\ \mathbb{E}_\theta[D^-] &= \mu - \text{Var}(D^-)\theta + \mathcal{O}(\theta^3), \\ \text{and } \mathbb{E}_\theta[D^+] &= \mu - \text{Cov}(D^-, D^+)\theta + \mathcal{O}(\theta^3). \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* Since  $\mathbb{E}[|D^-|^3] < \infty$  and  $D^-$  is non-negative, by the dominated convergence theorem

$$\mathbb{E}[(D^-)^3 \exp(-\theta D^-)] = \mathbb{E}[(D^-)^3] + o(1) \quad (25)$$

as  $\theta \downarrow 0$ . Integrating Eq. (25) with respect to  $\theta$  and applying Fubini's theorem gives

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^\theta \mathbb{E}[(D^-)^3 e^{-\theta' D^-}] d\theta' &= \int_0^\theta (\mathbb{E}[(D^-)^3] + o(1)) d\theta \\ \iff \mathbb{E}\left[\int_0^\theta (D^-)^3 e^{-\theta' D^-} d\theta'\right] &= \mathbb{E}[(D^-)^3] \theta + o(\theta) \\ \iff \mathbb{E}[(D^-)^2] - \mathbb{E}[(D^-)^2 e^{-\theta D^-}] &= \mathbb{E}[(D^-)^3] \theta + o(\theta) \\ \iff \mathbb{E}[(D^-)^2 e^{-\theta D^-}] &= \mathbb{E}[(D^-)^2] - \mathbb{E}[(D^-)^3] \theta + o(\theta). \end{aligned}$$

Repeating this method yields

$$\mathbb{E}[D^- e^{-\theta D^-}] = \mu - \mathbb{E}[(D^-)^2] \theta + \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{E}[(D^-)^3] \theta^2 + o(\theta^2), \quad (26)$$

$$\text{and } \mathbb{E}[e^{-\theta D^-}] = 1 - \mu\theta + \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{E}[(D^-)^2] \theta^2 - \frac{1}{6} \mathbb{E}[(D^-)^3] \theta^3 + o(\theta^3). \quad (27)$$

Similarly integrating the equation

$$\mathbb{E}[(D^-)^2 D^+ \exp(-\theta D^-)] = \mathbb{E}[(D^-)^2 D^+] + o(1)$$

twice gives

$$\mathbb{E}[D^+ e^{-\theta D^-}] = \mu\theta - \mathbb{E}[D^- D^+] \theta + \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{E}[(D^-)^2 D^+] \theta^2 + o(\theta^2). \quad (28)$$

Eq. (27) gives the expansion of the normalising constant of the measure change. Combining this with Eq. (26) and Eq. (28) yields the expansions for  $\mathbb{E}_\theta[D^-]$  and  $\mathbb{E}_\theta[D^+]$  respectively. Taking the logarithm of Eq. (27) gives the expansion of the cumulant generating function  $\alpha(\theta)$ .  $\square$

To achieve the centering of  $\Delta_{n-m}$  we desire, let us define a sequence of tilted measures  $\mathbb{P}_n$  defined by their Radon–Nikodym derivative

$$\frac{d\mathbb{P}_n}{d\mathbb{P}} = \exp(-\theta_n \Xi_{n-m}^- - (n-m)\alpha(\theta_n)) \quad (29)$$

where  $\theta_n = \frac{m}{\mu n}$ . This factorises and so  $\mathbf{D}_1, \dots, \mathbf{D}_n$  remain i.i.d. under this tilting and each  $\mathbf{D}_i$  has the law of  $\mathbf{D}$  under  $\mathbb{P}_{\theta_n}$ . Applying Lemma C.5 we can compute that

$$\mathbb{E}_n[\Delta_{n-m}] = m(\nu_+ - \nu_-) + \mathcal{O}(n^{1/3}).$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^m (k_i^+ - k_i^-) - \mathbb{E}_n[\Delta_{n-m}] &= s^-(m) - s^+(m) + \left[ m(\nu_+ - \nu_-) - \mathbb{E}_n[\Delta_{n-m}] \right] \\ &= \mathcal{O}(n^{1/3+\epsilon}) \end{aligned}$$

which is within the  $\mathcal{O}(n^{1/2})$  range from the mean where the local limit theorem yields useful information. Thus  $\theta_n = \frac{m}{\mu n}$  is the correct tilting to take.

### C.2.2 Local limit results

We wish to determine the local limit behaviour of  $\Delta_n$  under the untilted measure and  $\Delta_{n-m}$  under the tilted measures. In the latter case, we wish to show the behaviour remains the same even when conditioning on  $\Xi_{n-m}^-$  having fluctuations of order  $\mathcal{O}(n^{1/2+\epsilon})$  about its tilted mean. The way we show this is to first show a bivariate local limit theorem.

$(D^- - D^+, D^-)$  is  $\mathbb{Z}^2$  valued and thus certainly lattice valued. Further in the degenerate case where  $D^- = D^+$  almost surely, the total in-degree and total out-degree will be equal almost surely and thus the conditioned and non-conditioned case are the same. So the proof of Lemma 3.2 will be the same as for [13, Proposition 4.3]. Hence WLOG assume  $(D^- - D^+, D^-)$  is non-degenerate. Let  $\Lambda$  be the main lattice of  $(D^- - D^+, D^-)$ . Then by Lemma B.3 there exist  $p, q, r \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$  such that  $\Lambda$  is generated by the columns of

$$\begin{pmatrix} p & 0 \\ r & q \end{pmatrix}$$

We have assumed that  $D^- - D^+$  has main lattice  $\mathbb{Z}$  and therefore  $p = 1$ . Conditional on  $D^- - D^+$  taking some value,  $D^-$  will have main lattice  $q\mathbb{Z}$ . Let  $\sigma^2$  be the variance of  $D^- - D^+$  and  $\Sigma$  be the covariance matrix of  $(D^- - D^+, D^-)$ .

$\mathbb{P}(R_n < m)$  will decay exponentially thus the asymptotic behaviour of  $\mathbb{P}(R_n \leq m, \Delta_n = 0)$  is dictated by the  $\Delta_n = 0$  event. This can be handled by the standard local limit theorem.

**Lemma C.6.** *As  $n \rightarrow \infty$*

$$\mathbb{P}(R_n \geq m, \Delta_n = 0) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2 n}} (1 + o(1)).$$

*Proof.*  $R_n \sim B(n, p)$  for  $p > 0$  thus for sufficiently large  $n$ ,  $m \leq \frac{1}{2}pn$ . So by Hoeffding's inequality

$$\mathbb{P}(\Delta_n = 0) - \mathbb{P}(R_n \geq m, \Delta_n = 0) \leq \mathbb{P}(R_n < m) \leq \mathbb{P}(|R_n - np| < \frac{1}{2}pn) \leq e^{-cn}$$

for some  $c > 0$ . Let  $X = D^- - D^+$ . This is assumed to have finite variance  $\sigma$  and main lattice  $\mathbb{Z}$ . Moreover  $X$  is centered and 0 is in the main lattice  $\mathbb{Z}$ . Thus

$$\mathbb{P}(R_n \geq m, \Delta_n = 0) = \mathbb{P}(\Delta_n = 0) + o(n^{-1/2}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2 n}} (1 + o(1))$$

where the second equality is by Theorem B.10. □

Next we show the local limit theorem holds for  $(\Delta_{n-m}, \Xi_{n-m}^-)$  under the tilting.

**Lemma C.7.** *Let  $\mathbf{c}_n \in \mathbb{Z}^2$  be such that  $\mathbf{c}_n + \Lambda$  contains the support of  $(\Delta_{n-m}, \Xi_{n-m}^-)$ . Then uniformly for  $(x, y) \in \mathbf{c}_n + \Lambda$*

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{P}_n(\Delta_{n-m} = \mathbb{E}[\Delta_{n-m}] + x, \Xi_{n-m}^- = \mathbb{E}[\Xi_{n-m}^-] + y) \\ = \frac{q}{2\pi \det(\Sigma)^{1/2} n} \exp\left(\frac{-1}{2n} \begin{pmatrix} x & y \end{pmatrix} \Sigma \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}\right) + o(n^{-1}) \end{aligned}$$

as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\mathbf{X}_{n1}, \dots, \mathbf{X}_{nn}$  have the same distribution as

$$\begin{pmatrix} D_1^- - D_1^+ \\ D_1^- \end{pmatrix}, \dots, \begin{pmatrix} D_n^- - D_n^+ \\ D_n^- \end{pmatrix}$$

under the tilted measure  $\mathbb{P}_n$ . Then since  $\theta_n = o(1)$ , it is simple to show that  $\mathbf{X}_{n1}$  tends weakly in law to  $\mathbf{X} = (D^- - D^+, D^-)$  under the non-tilted measure. The measure change does not change the support of the random variables and thus all  $\mathbf{X}_{n1}$  and  $\mathbf{X}$  have the same main lattice  $\Lambda$ . Finally we check the uniform integrability condition. Since  $\theta_n = o(1)$ ,  $M = -\inf_n \alpha(\theta_n) < \infty$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \sup_n \mathbb{E}[\|\mathbf{X}_{n1}\|^2 \mathbb{1}\{\|\mathbf{X}_{n1}\|^2 \geq L\}] &= \sup_n \mathbb{E}[e^{-\theta_n D^- - \alpha(\theta_n)} \|\mathbf{X}\|^2 \mathbb{1}\{\|\mathbf{X}\|^2 \geq L\}] \\ &\leq e^M \mathbb{E}[\|\mathbf{X}\|^2 \mathbb{1}\{\|\mathbf{X}\|^2 \geq L\}] \\ &\rightarrow 0 \end{aligned}$$

as  $L \rightarrow \infty$  since  $\mathbf{X}$  is assumed to have finite second moment. Thus the desired result follows from Theorem B.5. There is a slight change in that we have  $n - m$  terms in the summations for  $\Delta_{n-m}$  and  $\Xi_{n-m}^-$  rather than  $n$  terms, but since  $m = \Theta(n^{2/3})$  this will not matter asymptotically.  $\square$

Now we show the  $\mathbb{P}(\Delta_{n-m} = \sum_{i=1}^m (k_i^+ - k_i^-))$  will have the same asymptotic behaviour as  $\mathbb{P}(\Delta_n = 0)$  even when we condition on  $\Xi_{n-m}^-$  not ‘varying too much’ about its tilted mean. We only prove a lower bound, but this is sufficient for proving Lemma C.3.

**Lemma C.8.** *Under the assumptions of Lemma C.3,*

$$\mathbb{P}_n \left( \Delta_{n-m} = \sum_{i=1}^m (k_i^+ - k_i^-), |\Xi_{n-m}^- - \mathbb{E}_n[\Xi_{n-m}^-]| \leq n^{\frac{1}{2}+\epsilon} \right) \geq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2 n}} (1 + o(1))$$

*Proof.* For convenience let

$$P_n = \mathbb{P}_n \left( \Delta_{n-m} = \sum_{i=1}^m (k_i^+ - k_i^-), |\Xi_{n-m}^- - \mathbb{E}_n[\Xi_{n-m}^-]| \leq n^{\frac{1}{2}+\epsilon} \right).$$

Define

$$a_n = \sum_{i=1}^m (k_i^+ - k_i^-) - \mathbb{E}_n[\Delta_{n-m}].$$

Also let

$$L_n = \left\{ y : \left( \sum_{i=1}^m (k_i^+ - k_i^-), y \right) \in \mathbf{c}_n + \Lambda \right\}.$$

$L_n$  has a simpler representation. Fix any  $y_0 \in L_n$ . Then

$$\Lambda \text{ is generated by the columns of } \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ r & q \end{pmatrix} \implies L_n = y_0 + q\mathbb{Z}.$$

Fix arbitrary  $M > 0$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} P_n &= \sum_{\substack{y \in L_n \\ |y| \leq n^{1/2+\epsilon}}} \mathbb{P}_n(\Delta_{n-m} = \mathbb{E}_n[\Delta_{n-m}] + a_n, \Xi_{n-m}^- = \mathbb{E}_n[\Xi_{n-m}^-] + y) \\ &\geq \sum_{\substack{y \in L_n \\ |y| \leq Mn^{1/2}}} \mathbb{P}_n(\Delta_{n-m} = \mathbb{E}_n[\Delta_{n-m}] + a_n, \Xi_{n-m}^- = \mathbb{E}_n[\Xi_{n-m}^-] + y) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $n$  sufficiently large. By Lemma C.7, using that the error is uniform, we have that

$$P_n \geq \sum_{\substack{y \in L_n \\ |y| \leq Mn^{1/2}}} \frac{q}{2\pi \det(\Sigma)^{1/2} n} \exp\left(\frac{-1}{2n} \begin{pmatrix} a_n \\ y \end{pmatrix} \cdot \Sigma^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} a_n \\ y \end{pmatrix}\right) + o(n^{-1/2})$$

To factorise this we make a change of variables. There exists  $c$  such that

$$\text{Cov}(D^- - c(D^- - D^+), D^- - D^+) = 0.$$

Let  $\tau^2$  be the variance of  $D^- - c(D^- - D^+)$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{q}{2\pi \det(\Sigma)^{1/2} n} \exp\left(\frac{1}{2n} \begin{pmatrix} a_n \\ y \end{pmatrix} \cdot \Sigma^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} a_n \\ y \end{pmatrix}\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2n}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \frac{a_n^2}{n}\right) \frac{q}{\sqrt{2\pi\tau^2n}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\tau^2} \frac{(y - ca_n)^2}{n}\right). \end{aligned}$$

We now examine the asymptotic behaviour of  $a_n$ . By Lemma C.5,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}_n[\Delta_{n-m}] &= (n-m)\mathbb{E}_{\theta_n}[D^- - D^+] \\ &= -(\nu_- - \nu_+)m + \mathcal{O}(n^{1/3}). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$a_n = s_+(m) - s_-(m) + \mathcal{O}(n^{1/3}) = \mathcal{O}(n^{1/3+\epsilon})$$

by the assumption in Eq. (24). Thus

$$P_n \geq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2n}}(1 + o(1)) \sum_{\substack{y \in L_n \\ |y| \leq Mn^{1/2}}} \frac{q}{\sqrt{2\pi\tau^2n}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\tau^2} \frac{(y - ca_n)^2}{n}\right) + o(n^{-1/2})$$

Note that

$$\sum_{\substack{y \in L_n \\ |y| \leq Mn^{1/2}}} \frac{q}{\sqrt{2\pi\tau^2n}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\tau^2} \frac{(y - ca_n)^2}{n}\right) = \sum_{\substack{y \in L_n \\ |y| \leq Mn^{1/2}}} \frac{q}{\sqrt{n}} g\left(\frac{y - ca_n}{\sqrt{n}}\right)$$

where

$$g(z) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\tau^2}} \exp\left(\frac{-z^2}{2\tau^2}\right).$$

Since  $a_n = \mathcal{O}(n^{1/3+\epsilon})$ , for  $n$  sufficiently large

$$\sum_{\substack{y \in L_n \\ |y| \leq Mn^{1/2}}} \frac{q}{\sqrt{2\pi\tau^2 n}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\tau^2} \frac{(y - ca_n)^2}{n}\right) \geq \sum_{\substack{z \in L_n - ca_n \\ |z| \leq \frac{1}{2}Mn^{1/2}}} \frac{q}{\sqrt{n}} g\left(\frac{z}{\sqrt{n}}\right) \quad (30)$$

$$= \sum_{\substack{z \in \tilde{L}_n \\ |z| \leq \frac{1}{2}M}} \frac{q}{\sqrt{n}} g(z) \quad (31)$$

where

$$\tilde{L}_n = \frac{L_n - ca_n}{\sqrt{n}}.$$

Then  $\tilde{L}_n \cap [-\frac{1}{2}M, \frac{1}{2}M]$  is a partition of  $[-\frac{1}{2}M, \frac{1}{2}M]$  where adjacent points are distance  $q/\sqrt{n}$  apart from each other. Thus Eq. (31) is a Riemann sum approximation of an integral. Hence

$$\sum_{\substack{y \in L_n \\ |y| \leq Mn^{1/2}}} \frac{q}{\sqrt{2\pi\tau^2 n}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\tau^2} \frac{(y - ca_n)^2}{n}\right) \geq (1 + o(1)) \int_{-\frac{1}{2}M}^{\frac{1}{2}M} g(z) dz.$$

Thus

$$P_n \geq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2 n}} (1 + o(1)) \int_{-\frac{1}{2}M}^{\frac{1}{2}M} g(z) dz.$$

This holds for all  $M > 0$  and  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(z) dz = 1$  therefore

$$P_n \geq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2 n}} (1 + o(1))$$

as required.  $\square$

### C.2.3 Proving an asymptotic lower bound

We are now ready to prove Lemma C.3.

*Proof of Lemma C.3.* Firstly

$$\prod_{i=1}^m \frac{(n-i+1)\mu}{\sum_{k=i}^m k_i^- + \Xi_{n-m}^-} = \exp(X_n - Y_n)$$

where

$$X_n = \sum_{i=1}^m \log\left(1 - \frac{i-1}{n}\right) \quad \text{and} \quad Y_n = \sum_{i=1}^m \log\left(\frac{\sum_{k=i}^m k_i^- + \Xi_{n-m}^-}{\mu n}\right).$$

Note

$$\sum_{j=i}^m k_j^- = s^-(m) - s^-(i-1) + (m-i+1)\nu_-$$

and define

$$\Omega_n^- = \Xi_{n-m}^- - (n-m)\mu + (\nu_- + \mu)m.$$

Then  $\Omega_n^-$  is almost the centering of  $\Xi_{n-m}^-$  under  $\mathbb{P}_n$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} Y_n &= \sum_{i=1}^m \log \left( \frac{s^-(m) - s^-(i-1) + (m-i+1)\nu_- + \Omega_n^- + \mu n - \nu_- m}{\mu n} \right) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^m \log (1 + A_n^i + B_n + C_n^i) \end{aligned}$$

where

$$A_n^i = -\frac{1}{\mu n} [s^-(i-1) - s^-(m)], \quad B_n = \frac{1}{\mu n} \Omega_n^-, \quad C_n^i = -\frac{\nu_-}{\mu n} (i-1).$$

When expanding  $\log(1 + A_n^i + B_n + C_n^i)$ , the summation contributes order  $m = O(n^{2/3})$ . Thus we keep terms of order  $\Omega(n^{-2/3})$  in the expansion. Write

$$\mathcal{E}_n = \left\{ |\Omega_n^-| \leq 2n^{\frac{1}{2}+\epsilon} \right\}$$

On the event  $\mathcal{E}_n$ , we can check that the  $A_n, B_n, C_n^i$  and  $(C_n^i)^2$  terms are the only ones in the expansion which have order  $\Omega(n^{-2/3})$ . Moreover

$$\sum_{i=1}^m C_n^i = -\frac{\nu_-}{2\mu} \frac{m^2}{n} + o(1) \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{i=1}^m (C_n^i)^2 = \frac{\nu_-^2}{3\mu^2} \frac{m^3}{n^2} + o(1).$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} Y_n &= \sum_{i=1}^m (A_n^i + B_n + C_n^i - \frac{1}{2}(C_n^i)^2) + o(1) \\ &= -\frac{1}{\mu} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=0}^m (s^-(i) - s^-(m)) + \frac{1}{\mu} \frac{m}{n} \Omega_n^- - \frac{\nu_-}{2\mu} \frac{m^2}{n} - \frac{\nu_-^2}{6\mu^2} \frac{m^3}{n^2} + o(1), \end{aligned}$$

where we use that  $\sum_{i=1}^m (s^-(i-1) - s^-(m)) = \sum_{i=0}^m (s^-(i) - s^-(m))$ .

Similarly we can expand  $X_n$  as

$$X_n = -\frac{1}{2} \frac{m}{n} - \frac{1}{3} \frac{m^3}{n^2} + o(1).$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} \prod_{i=1}^m \frac{(n-i+1)\mu}{\sum_{k=i}^m k_i^- + \Xi_{n-m}^-} &\geq \exp \left( \frac{1}{\mu} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^m (s^-(i) - s^-(m)) \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \frac{1}{\mu} \frac{m}{n} \Omega_n^- + \frac{\nu_- - \mu}{2\mu} \frac{m^2}{n} + \frac{\nu_-^2 - \mu^2}{6\mu^2} \frac{m^3}{n^2} \right) \mathbb{1}_{\mathcal{E}_n} \end{aligned}$$

In addition using Lemma C.5, the measure change can be expanded as

$$\frac{d\mathbb{P}_n}{d\mathbb{P}} = \exp \left( -\frac{1}{\mu} \frac{m}{n} \Omega_n^- + \frac{\nu_- - \mu}{2\mu} \frac{m^2}{n} + \frac{\nu_-^2 - \mu^2}{6\mu^2} \frac{m^3}{n^2} + \frac{\sigma_-}{6\mu^2} \frac{m^3}{n^2} + o(1) \right).$$



Hence

$$\begin{aligned}
& \phi_m^n(\mathbf{k}_1, \dots, \mathbf{k}_m) \\
&= \frac{1}{\mathbb{P}(R_m \geq n, \Delta_n = 0)} \mathbb{E} \left[ \prod_{i=1}^m \frac{(n-i+1)\mu}{\sum_{k=i}^m k_i^- + \Xi_{n-m}^-} \mathbb{1}_{A_n} \right] \\
&\geq \frac{1}{\mathbb{P}(R_n \geq m, \Delta_n = 0)} \mathbb{E}_n \left[ \exp \left( \frac{1}{\mu n} \sum_{i=1}^m (s^-(i) - s^-(m)) - \frac{\sigma_-}{6\mu^2} \frac{m^3}{n^2} + o(1) \right) \mathbb{1}_{\mathcal{E}_n \cap A_n} \right] \\
&\geq \exp \left( \frac{1}{\mu n} \sum_{i=1}^m (s^-(i) - s^-(m)) - \frac{\sigma_-}{6\mu^2} \frac{m^3}{n^2} \right) (1 + o(1)) \frac{\mathbb{P}_n(\mathcal{E}_n \cap A_n)}{\mathbb{P}(R_m \geq n, \Delta_n = 0)}.
\end{aligned}$$

By Lemma C.5 we have that

$$\Omega_n^- = \Xi_{n-m}^- - \mathbb{E}_n[\Xi_{n-m}^-] + \mathcal{O}(n^{1/3}).$$

In particular for all sufficiently large  $n$ ,

$$\mathbb{P}_n(\mathcal{E}_n \cap A_n) \geq \mathbb{P}_n \left( |\Xi_{n-m}^- - \mathbb{E}[\Xi_{n-m}^-]| \leq n^{1/2+\epsilon}, \Delta_{n-m} = \sum_{i=1}^m (k_i^+ - k_i^-) \right).$$

Thus by Lemma C.6 and Lemma C.8,

$$\frac{\mathbb{P}_n(\mathcal{E}_n \cap A_n)}{\mathbb{P}(R_n \geq m, \Delta_n = 0)} \geq 1 + o(1)$$

as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , which gives the desired final result.  $\square$

### C.3 Convergence of the measure change

We are now ready to prove the main result of this section.

*Proof of Lemma 3.2.* Existence of the measure change is covered by Lemma C.2. In this proof we will write

$$S^\pm(n) = \sum_{i=1}^n (Z_i^\pm - \nu_\pm)$$

for the centered random walks with step size  $Z_i^\pm$ . Also define

$$\Gamma(n, m) = \exp \left( \frac{1}{\mu n} \sum_{i=0}^m (S^-(i) - S^-(m)) - \frac{\sigma_-}{6\mu^2} \frac{m^3}{n^2} \right).$$

Then by Donsker's invariance principle,

$$\left( n^{-1/3} S^-(\lfloor tn^{2/3} \rfloor), n^{-1/3} S^+(\lfloor tn^{2/3} \rfloor) \right)_{t \geq 0} \xrightarrow{(d)} (\sigma_- W_t^-, \sigma_+ W_t^+)_{t \geq 0}.$$

in  $\mathbb{D}([0, \infty), \mathbb{R}^2)$  where  $(W_t^-, W_t^+)_{t \geq 0}$  are a pair of correlated standard Brownian motions with correlation  $\text{Corr}(Z_i^-, Z_i^+)$ . We can write

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=0}^{\lfloor Tn^{2/3} \rfloor} S^-(i) &= n^{-2/3} \int_0^{\lfloor Tn^{2/3} \rfloor + 1} n^{-1/3} S^-(\lfloor u \rfloor) du \\
&= \int_0^{n^{-2/3}(\lfloor Tn^{2/3} \rfloor + 1)} n^{-1/3} S^-(\lfloor sn^{2/3} \rfloor) ds.
\end{aligned}$$

Thus by the continuous mapping theorem

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=0}^{\lfloor Tn^{2/3} \rfloor} (S^-(i) - S^-(m)) \xrightarrow{(d)} \int_0^T (W_s^- - W_T^-) ds = - \int_0^T s dW_s^-.$$

Hence

$$\left( \Gamma(n, \lfloor Tn^{2/3} \rfloor), \left( n^{-1/3} Y^+(\lfloor tn^{2/3} \rfloor) \right)_{t \in [0, T]} \right) \xrightarrow{(d)} (\Phi(T), (W_t^+)_{t \in [0, T]})$$

in  $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{D}([0, T], \mathbb{R})$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Define the event

$$E_m = \left\{ \max_{i=1, \dots, m} |S^-(i)| \leq m^{1/2+\epsilon} \quad \text{and} \quad \max_{i=1, \dots, m} |S^+(i)| \leq m^{1/2+\epsilon} \right\}$$

for  $\epsilon \in (0, 1/6)$ . The processes  $(S^\pm(n))_{n \geq 0}$  are discrete martingales. Therefore by Doob's maximal inequality

$$\mathbb{P} \left( \max_{i=1, \dots, m} |S^\pm(i)| > m^{1/2+\epsilon} \right) \leq \frac{\mathbb{E}[(S^\pm(m))^2]}{m^{1+2\epsilon}} = \frac{\sigma_\pm^2}{m^{2\epsilon}} \rightarrow 0$$

as  $m \rightarrow \infty$ . Thus  $\mathbb{P}(E_n) \rightarrow 1$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . By Lemma C.3, it is the case that

$$\Phi(n, m) \geq (\Gamma(n, m) + o(1)) \mathbb{1}_{E_m}$$

where the  $o(1)$  term can be bounded by a deterministic  $o(1)$  term. We still have that

$$\left( (\Gamma(n, \lfloor Tn^{2/3} \rfloor) + o(1)) \mathbb{1}_{E_{\lfloor Tn^{2/3} \rfloor}}, \left( n^{-1/3} Y^+(\lfloor tn^{2/3} \rfloor) \right)_{t \in [0, T]} \right) \xrightarrow{(d)} (\Phi(T), (W_t^+)_{t \in [0, T]})$$

and  $\mathbb{E}[\Phi(T)] = 1$  by a standard stochastic calculus calculation. Therefore by Lemma C.4 we get that the desired result that

$$\left( \Phi(n, \lfloor Tn^{2/3} \rfloor), \left( n^{-1/3} Y^+(\lfloor tn^{2/3} \rfloor) \right)_{t \in [0, T]} \right) \xrightarrow{(d)} (\Phi(T), (W_t^+)_{t \in [0, T]})$$

and that  $(\Phi(n, \lfloor Tn^{2/3} \rfloor))_{n \geq 1}$  is a uniformly integrable sequence.  $\square$

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