

# The differentiability of the speed of biased RWs on Galton-Watson trees

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- $\mathbf{T} :=$  a supercritical Galton-Watson tree with offspring distribution  $\{p_k\}_{k \geq 0}$ . Define the generating function  $f(s) := \sum_{k \geq 0} p_k s^k$ .
- Consider  $\lambda$ -biased RWs  $(Z^\lambda(n))$  on  $\mathbf{T}$ . ( $\lambda > 0$ )

## Lyons-Pemantle-Peres(1995,96)

Let  $q \in [0, 1)$  be the extinction probability.

- 1 The limit  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n^{-1} \cdot \text{distance}(\text{root}, Z^\lambda(n))$  exists **Annealed**( $\lambda$ )-a.s., and the limit  $v(\lambda)$  is a **deterministic** constant.
- 2 When  $\lambda \geq \mu$  or  $0 < \lambda \leq f'(q)$ , we have  $v(\lambda) = 0$ .
- 3 When  $f'(q) < \lambda < \mu$ , we have  $v(\lambda) > 0$ .

**AIM:** To analyze the **function**  $\lambda \mapsto v(\lambda)$ .

## Bowditch-T.(2019+)

Assume that there exists  $\beta > 1$  such that  $\sum_{k \geq 0} p_k \beta^k < +\infty$ .

- When  $p_0 = 0$ , the function  $\lambda \mapsto v(\lambda)$  is **differentiable** in  $(0, \mu)$ .
- When  $p_0 > 0$ , the function  $\lambda \mapsto v(\lambda)$  is **differentiable** in  $(\sqrt{f'(q)}, \mu)$ .

In either case, the derivative  $\frac{dv(\lambda)}{d\lambda}$  has an expression using **Gaussian random variables**.

## Remark

- 1 *Berger-Gantert-Nagel(2019) proved a very similar result for biased RWs on  $\mathbb{Z}^d$  with i.i.d. uniformly elliptic weights.*
- 2 *Aidekon(2013) proved the differentiability of  $\lambda \mapsto v_\lambda$  in  $(0, 1)$  when  $p_0 = 0$ .*