

Lec 23

$$\phi_Z(s) = P(Z=0) + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} s^k P(Z=k)$$

$$\text{so } \phi_Z(0) = P(Z=0)$$

$$\leq \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} s^k = \frac{s}{1-s}$$

$\xrightarrow{s \rightarrow 0} 0$

$$\phi_Z(1) = E[1^Z] = 1$$

$\phi_Z \nearrow$ strictly unless $P(Z=0)=1$

$$\phi'_Z(s) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k s^{k-1} P(Z=k)$$

silly: $X_n = 0$
 $\forall n \geq 1$

$$\text{so } \phi'_Z(1) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k P(Z=k) = E[Z] = \mu$$

$$\phi''_Z(s) = \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k(k-1) s^{k-2} P(Z=k)$$

> 0 unless $P(Z \geq 2) = 0$ so $P(Z \in \{0, 1\}) = 1$
but then either $P(Z=1) = 1$ & $X_n = 1 \forall n$

or $P(Z=1) < 1$ and so

$\mu = E[Z] < 1$ (weighted average of 0 & 1)

$\nearrow$ not case being considered

Summary:

$$\Phi_Z(0) = p(0) \quad , \quad \Phi_Z(1) = 1$$

$$\Phi'_Z(1) = \mu, \quad \Phi_Z \text{ strictly } \nearrow$$

$$\Phi''_Z > 0$$

assumption $p(0) < 1$ //

assumption $p(0) + p(1) < 1$ //

so Φ_Z strictly concave

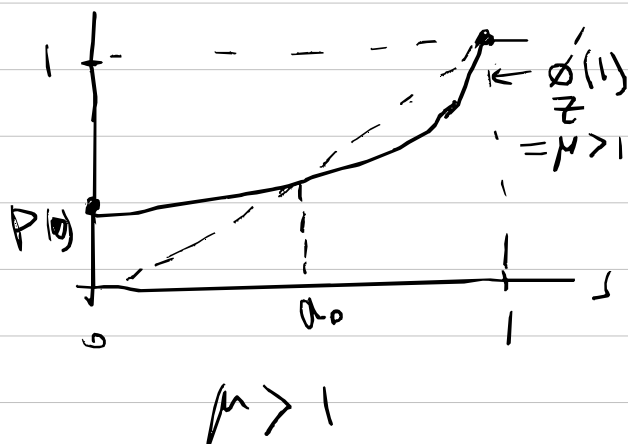
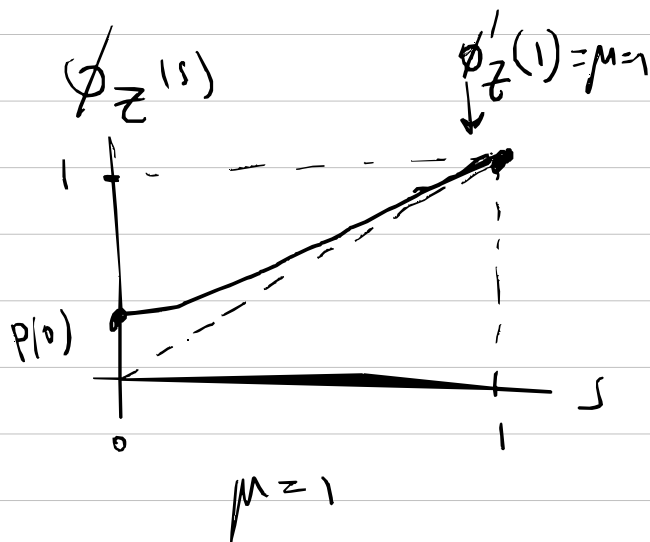
Will also assume $p(0) > 0$ //

Φ_Z is continuous

$$\hookrightarrow P(Z=0) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow X_{n+1} \geq X_n \quad \forall n$$

so no extinction

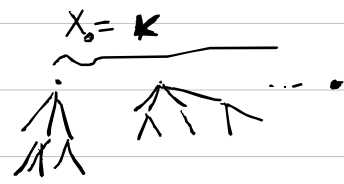


Let $a = P(\exists n : X_n = 0 \mid X_0 = 1)$

$\triangleq$ prob. of extinction

Q $a = 1$ or < 1 ?

$$P(\text{extinction} | X_0 = k) = a^k$$

(each tree is independent:  an each gets extinct w/ prob. a
for extinction, we need all trees to end)

$$a = P(\text{extinction} | X_0 = 1) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} p(k) \underbrace{P(\text{ext.} | X_1 = k)}_{= P(\text{ext.} | X_0 = k)} = a^k$$

So a solves:

$$\boxed{\Phi(s) = s, s \in [0, 1]} \quad \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} p(k) a^k = \Phi(a)$$

So when $\mu = 1$, the only possibility is $a = 1$ (the only solution in $[0, 1]$ of $\Phi(s) = s$)

But when $\mu > 1$, there are two options: $a = a_0 \in (0, 1)$ or $a = 1$
Which one is it?

Will prove in a bit
for now: from picture

Say $\mu > 1$:

Is $P(\text{extinction}) = 1$ or a_0 ??

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both solve $\Phi(s) = 1$

$$E[a_0^{X_{n+1}} | X_n = k] = E[a_0^{Z_1^{(n)} + \dots + Z_k^{(n)}}]$$
$$= E[a_0^{Z_1^{(n)}} \dots a_0^{Z_k^{(n)}}]$$

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indep.

$$= E[a_0^{Z_1^{(n)}}] \dots E[a_0^{Z_k^{(n)}}] = \Phi(a_0)^k \xrightarrow{\text{b/c } \Phi(a_0) = a_0} a_0^k$$

So by law of total prob.:

$$E[a_0^{X_{n+1}}] = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} P(X_n = k) E[a_0^{X_{n+1}} | X_n = k]$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} P(X_n = k) a_0^k = E[a_0^{X_n}]!$$

$$\text{So } E[a_0^{X_n}] = E[a_0^{X_{n-1}}] = \dots = E[a_0^{X_0}]$$

$X_0 = 1 \rightarrow a_0$

$$P(X_n=0) \leq \sum_{k \geq 0} a_0^k P(X_n=k) \quad \left(\begin{array}{l} \text{b/c} \\ k=0 \text{ gives} \\ P(X_n=0) \\ \text{and all other} \\ k \text{ give } \geq 0 \end{array} \right)$$

$$= E[a_0^{X_n}] = a_0$$

$$n \rightarrow \infty : P(\text{extinction}) \leq a_0 < 1$$

So not 1.

Only other option now: $P(\text{extinction}) = a_0$

Summary:

$$1) \mu < 1 : P(\text{extinction}) = 1$$

Includes: $P(Z=0) = 1$ & $P(Z=0) + P(Z=1) = 1$
w/ $P(Z(0) = 0) > 0$

$$2) \mu \geq 1 :$$

Silly case: $P(Z=0) = 0 \rightarrow X_{n+1} \geq X_n$ $P(\text{ext.}) = 1$

So now: $0 < P(Z=0) < 1$ & $P(Z=0) + P(Z=1) < 1$

$$\text{Then: } \mu = 1 \Rightarrow P(\text{extinction}) = 1$$

$$\mu > 1 \Rightarrow P(\text{extinction}) = a \in (0, 1)$$

$$a \text{ solves } \Phi(a) = a$$