

# Depth and height of Scaled Attachement Random Recursive Trees (SARRT)

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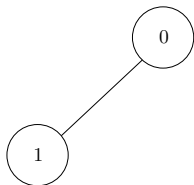
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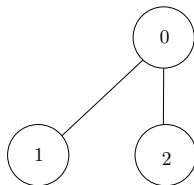
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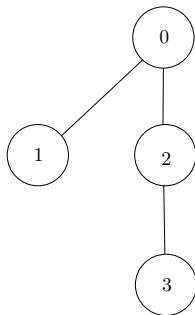
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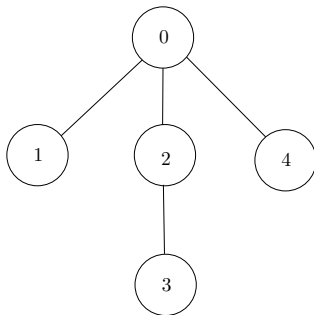
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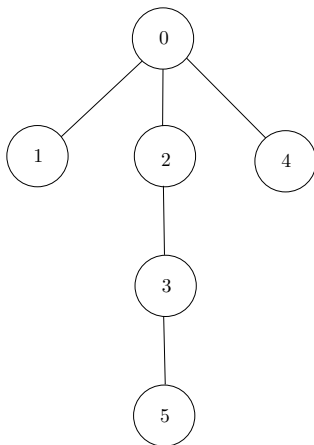
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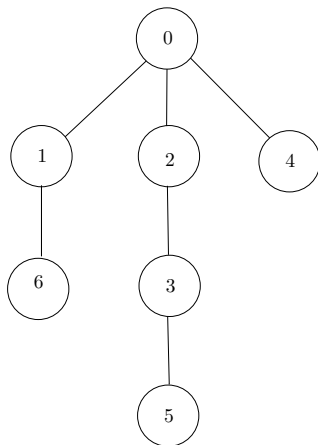
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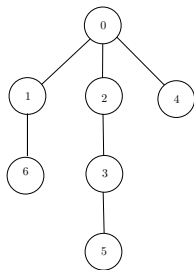
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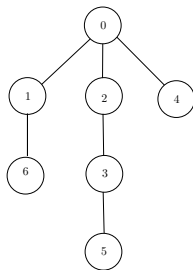
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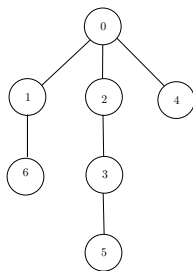
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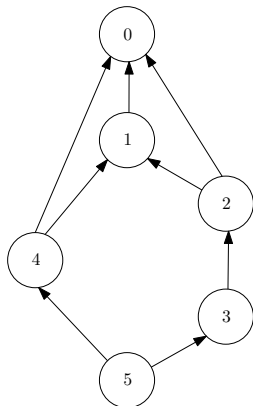
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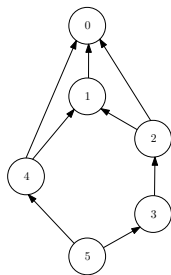
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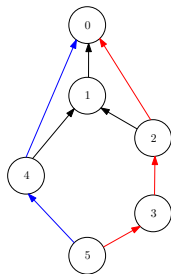
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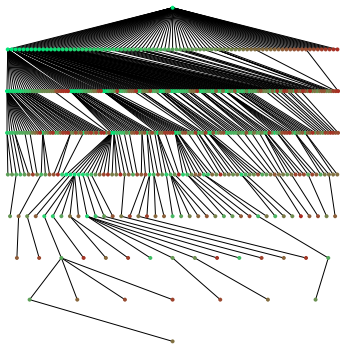
- ▶ Fix  $X \in (0, 1)$
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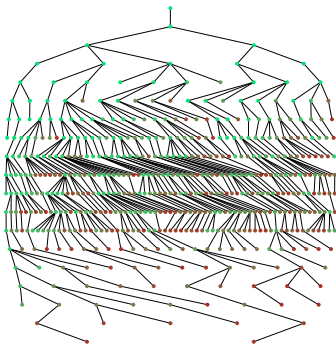
- ▶  $X = U$ : Uniform RRT
- ▶  $X = \min(U_1, U_2)$ :  $D_n =$  length of greedy shortest path from  $n$  to  $0$  in a 2-URRD

# SARRTs

SARRT with  $X = U^2$



SARRT with  $X = U^{1/2}$



## SARRTs: our results

Theorem (First obtained by Mahmoud (2009) for min/max of uniforms)

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# Renewal theory gives $D_n$

Theorem (Renewal theorem)

$$\frac{N(t)}{t} \xrightarrow{\mathcal{P}} \frac{1}{\mathbf{E}\{-\log X\}} \quad \text{as } t \rightarrow \infty$$

Recalling  $D_n \approx N(\log n)$ :

Theorem (Depth of a SARRT)

$$\frac{D_n}{\log n} \xrightarrow{\mathcal{P}} \frac{1}{\mathbf{E}\{-\log X\}}$$

Remark: can get a central limit theorem for  $D_n$  (also in Mahmoud, 2009)

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# Height upper bound

Union bound:

$$\mathbf{P}\{H_n > t\} \leq n \cdot \mathbf{P}\{D_n > t\}$$

Chernoff-type bound gives

$$\mathbf{P}\{D_n > c \log n\} \leq n^{-1+c-c \log c}$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{P}\{H_n > c \log n\} &\leq n^{c-c \log c} \\ &\rightarrow 0 \quad \text{for } c > e \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

# Height lower bound: looking for deep nodes

$i$  is deep node:  $D_i > (e - \varepsilon) \log n$

Objective:

$$\mathbf{P} \{ \exists \text{ deep node} \} \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{} 1$$

# Height lower bound: expected number of deep nodes

Recall Chernoff-type bound

$$\mathbf{P}\{D_n > c \log n\} \leq n^{-1+c-c \log c}$$

This is tight (using Cramér's Theorem):

$$\mathbf{P}\{D_n > c \log n\} \approx n^{-1+c-c \log c}$$

For  $c = e - \varepsilon$ ,

$$\mathbf{P}\{D_n > (e - \varepsilon) \log n\} \geq n^{-1+\delta}$$

$$\mathbf{E}\{|\{i : D_i > (e - \varepsilon) \log n\}|\} \geq n^\delta$$

# Height lower bound: second moment

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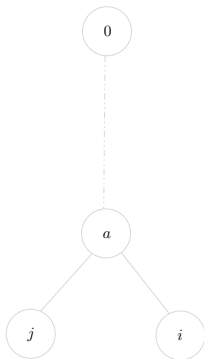
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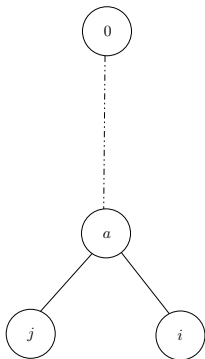
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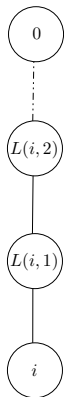
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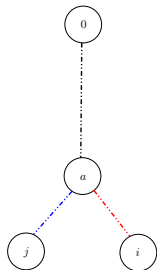


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By bounding the collision probability:

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbf{P}\{i \text{ and } j \text{ good deep}\} \\ &= \mathbf{P}\{\text{no collision at } \leq t \text{ and } i, j \text{ good deep}\} \\ &+ \sum_{\rho=1}^t \mathbf{P}\{\text{collision at } \rho \text{ and } i, j \text{ good deep}\} \\ &\vdots \\ &\sim \mathbf{P}\{i \text{ good deep}\} \mathbf{P}\{j \text{ good deep}\} \end{aligned}$$

for well chosen parameters  $\square$





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- ▶ SARRT with attachment  $X$ : node  $i$  picks one parent  $[iX_i]$
- ▶ URRT = SARRT with  $X = U$

## Theorem

$$\frac{D_n}{\log n} \xrightarrow{\mathcal{P}} \frac{1}{\mathbf{E}\{-\log X\}}$$

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If  $X$  has a density, then there exists an explicit  $\alpha_{\max}(X)$

$$\frac{H_n}{\log n} \xrightarrow{\mathcal{P}} \alpha_{\max}$$

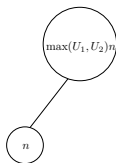
## Application: distances for 2-URRD

- ▶ Five natural distances
- ▶ For each one:  $D_n$ ,  $\max_{1 \leq i \leq n} D_i$  and  $\min_{n/2 \leq i \leq n} D_i$
- ▶ The table of constants  $\frac{\square_n}{\log n} \xrightarrow{\mathcal{P}} \alpha$

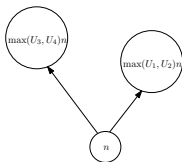
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Greedy shortest	0	2/3	1.673...
Random	0	1	e
Greedy longest	0.373...	2	4.311...
Longest	2.155...(BF)	4.311...	2e (TX96)

# Open problem

- ▶ Random binary search tree (RBST)



- ▶ Greedy best-of-two choices RBST



- ▶ Height same as SARRT with  $X = \min(\max(U_1, U_2), \max(U_3, U_4))$ ?

# Extra

Definition of  $\alpha_{\max}$

$$\alpha_{\max} = \inf \left\{ c > \frac{1}{\mathbf{E} \{-\log X\}} : \Psi(c) > 1 \right\}$$

where

$$\Psi(c) = c \cdot \sup_{\lambda \in \mathbb{R}} \left\{ -\frac{\lambda}{c} - \log \mathbf{E} \{ X^\lambda \} \right\}$$